

Critical Review

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It is about the presentation given by Santiago Badia on November 9th 2016, on the topic “Recent advances in large scale finite element solvers”.

The presenter was confident on what he was presenting and tried his best to give his message to his audience. Although the topic of presentation itself is a bit difficult, but his way of presenting made it easier for the audience to grasp most of it. As the topic is very technical and he was describing an advance technical method, he should have spent beginning few minutes explaining the background of his topic (e.g: why we need FEM?) to ease the audience’s understanding whose background doesn’t match with the topic.

He started his presentation with his left hand holding his neck for almost half a minute and then directly putting the hand on the pocket. This was not expected from a presenter of his calibre as it shows un-professionalism from his part.

He was prepared for his presentation well enough which was reflected from the way he presented. He was professional in the sense that he dressed up casual and answered questions at the end quite smartly. His English was loud and clear and easy to follow.

Although he did quite good presenting his topic, he couldn’t engage the audience either by asking questions or telling jokes etc. He was mostly looking towards the slides all the time and less towards the audience and even when he did, he only focused on the audiences sitting on the left side of the room.

It also felt like he wanted to cover lot of things in 1 hr of presentation, so he was a bit fast in speaking, which sometimes made the audience difficult to keep the focus. Add to this, he was in a constant motion in front of the slides, which is sometimes disturbing.

The slides were mostly well organised and concise except few, where tables and graphs were a bit difficult to follow. He tried to go deep into the topic trying to explain all the results of his research which was interesting. A final conclusion slide was missing which would have been nice to wrap up the lecture.

Overall, he did a pretty good job presenting smartly and efficiently with confidence.