



Computational research methods for increased fuel flexibility

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Premixed flame front?



Courtesy of: O.Ranta A.Janak A.Zeeshan O.Blomstedt



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Computational Team of Prof. Ville Vuorinen

2 post-docs, 7 PhD students

On-going research projects using LES CFD

- Turbulence and engine combustion
- Boilers and black liquor sprays
- Applied heat transfer
- Engine sprays

Education and background

- M.Sc.(Tech.): Computational Physics (2004)
- PhD: LES of Sprays (2010)
- **Post-doc:** Compressible flow LES (2010-2016)
- Assistant Professor: CFD in energy (2014-)

Experience

- 35 journal publications
- 2 supervised PhD thesis on engine CFD defended in 2016
- 10+ year experience in CFD/LES methods
- Developer of various LES codes



Vuorinen et al., Phys. Fluids (2014)





Outline

1) Solution to wall heat transfer as computational "bottle-neck"

2) New insight to temperature stratification during compression

3) Ignition and potential of Large Eddy Simulation for predicting cycle-to-cycle variations



Advanced Wall Heat Transfer Model by Nuutinen et al. (2014) and Extension to LES by K.Keskinen et al. (2017)

Imbalance wall functions with density and material property variation effects applied to engine heat transfer computational fluid dynamics simulations International J of Engine Research 2014, Vol. 15(3) 307–324 © IMechE 2013 Reprints and permissions: sagepub.co.uk/journalsPermissions.nav DOI: 10.1177/1468087413481779 jer:sagepub.com

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Main Objective: Fast, Accurate Simulations on Coarse Resolution

Fine Grid – Long Time Coarse Grid – Short Time Image: Strain S





Main Objective: Fast, Accurate Simulations on Coarse Resolution













Comp.Fluids, J.P. Keskinen et al. (2015)

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z = 10 mm

z = 20 mm

z = 30 mm

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(to be submitted in 2017)

Phys.Fluids, Schmidt et al. (2015)





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Proc.Comb.Inst. (2015)

























































Why Are There Cycle-to-Cycle Variations in PressureTrace?Courtesy of M.Ghaderi-Masouleh/Aalto
(to be submitted in 2017)



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Conclusions

- Wall heat transfer \rightarrow good models may enable fast LES
- Stratification \rightarrow significant
- Wall stratification → significant, linkage to methane slip, combustion irregularities
- LES \rightarrow insight to details



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