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**Physics-Based vs. Data-Driven Modeling for Turbulence and Combustion** SHARATH GIRIMAJI<sup>1</sup>, Ocean and Aerospace Engineering, Texas AM University — Honoring Ted O'Brien: Ted O'Brien had a long and distinguished career in modeling and computing chemically reacting turbulent flows. He made important contributions toward modeling/computation of auto-ignition in turbulent mixtures, conditional scalar dissipation, PDF (probability density function) methods and mapping closure methods. Currently, drive toward use of data-driven models is pervasive in nearly all fields involving complex phenomena including turbulent combustion. This presentation will discuss some of the benefits and challenges of using data-driven models for prediction of reacting turbulent flows. For a variety of turbulence and combustion features, we will compare the strengths and weaknesses of data-driven modeling against that of physics-based modeling. Specifically we will examine the general capabilities of data-driven approaches for handling (i) distant interactions - specifically non-local effects due to the elliptic nature of pressure and (ii) purely local process of chemical reactions. The talk will conclude with some recommendations on synergistically combining physics-based and data-driven approaches for developing predictive tools for turbulence and combustion.

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