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Call for Papers

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Abstract Submission Guidelines

Prospective authors are asked to submit their work electronically through the AIAA SciTech website prior to the published deadline (www.aiaa.org/SciTech). Authors may submit either an extended abstract of 1,000 words or a draft of the paper. Draft papers must include a 100- to 200-word abstract.

The manuscript, whether an extended abstract or draft paper, must include a discussion on the background and motivation for the work, as well as an explanation of the paper's main contributions to the particular area(s) of interest, including examples of results. The inclusion of the paper in the conference will depend solely on the quality and detail of the submitted manuscript.

The scope of the Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Technologies discipline encompasses M&S of aerospace vehicles in a system or system of systems context (e.g., flight simulators, airspace simulations, space operations simulations, systems analysis). See Topics of Interest below for more details. A paper that solely covers M&S methods for a single engineering discipline like structures or applied aerodynamics should be submitted to that discipline. If a paper with a

single-discipline M&S topic is submitted to this call, then it will be moved to the appropriate discipline or rejected if the discipline is not represented at SciTech.

Each submission will be reviewed by at least three members of the Modeling and Simulation Technical Committee. Authors submitting extended abstracts are encouraged to include as many details about their work as possible to help reviewers make informed evaluations.

At each conference, members of the Modeling and Simulation Technical Committee sit in the audience and judge all presentations as the first step of their selection of a best paper at the conference. The papers associated with the best presentations in each session will be evaluated further. The best overall paper will be awarded at the conference the following year and winners receive a cash award.

Topics of Interest

Authors are invited to submit technical papers that address topics either directly in or in support of modeling and simulation of aerospace vehicles, particularly related to flight simulator technologies, including:

- 1. Modeling and Simulation of Air Vehicle Dynamics, Systems, and Environments**

Papers are sought that describe the modeling and real-time simulation of vehicle dynamics and vehicle systems, and the environments in which they operate. This includes but is not limited to, fixed-wing aircraft, rotorcraft, uninhabited aerial systems (UAS), and urban air mobility (UAM) vehicles. Non-real-time simulations will also be considered providing the work is in support of real-time simulation. Furthermore, multi-disciplinary modeling and simulation that spans across domains is increasingly popular. Papers are sought in the area of novel modeling and simulation approaches across domains such as structural dynamics, flight mechanics, and aerodynamics. There is a strong preference for papers that demonstrate integration with real-time, real-time capable or human-in-the-loop vehicle simulations.

- 2. Modeling and Simulation of Space Vehicle Dynamics, Systems, and Environments**

Papers are sought that describe the modeling and real-time simulation of vehicle dynamics and vehicle systems, and the environments in which they operate. This includes but is not limited to, spacecraft, and rockets. Non-real-time simulations will also be considered providing the work is in support of real-time simulation. Furthermore, multi-disciplinary modeling and simulation that spans across domains is increasingly popular. Papers are sought in the area of novel modeling and simulation approaches across domains such as structural dynamics, flight mechanics, and aerodynamics. There is a strong preference for papers that demonstrate integration with real-time, real-time

capable, or human-in-the-loop vehicle simulations.

3. Design, Development, Testing, and Validation of X-in-the-Loop Simulation and LVC (Live, Virtual, and Constructive)

Papers are sought on the development and use of model-in-the-loop, software-in-the-loop, processor-in-the-loop, and hardware-in-the-loop simulations.

Papers are encouraged that discuss novel tools, techniques, and methodologies that decrease the development time or increase the capabilities of X-in-the-loop or real-time simulations, and the quality of models. Papers that address testing and validation methodologies for flight simulators, or discuss regulatory issues and experiences are of particular interest. Topics of interest span from model or software in the loop simulation development to system integration laboratories for hardware-in-the-loop testing of modern fly-by-wire systems, integration and testing of modern avionics and synthetic vision systems, and autonomous flight systems integration and testing.

Additionally, combining constructive simulations, virtual simulators, and live vehicles & environments (LVC) permits the blending of engineering, test, training, and operations activities to achieve shortened life cycles, address increasing complexity and scale in the system of systems (e.g., the National Airspace System), and improve training outcomes. Topics of interest include but are not limited to LVC architectures, immersing constructive and virtual elements in a live operating environment (shadow mode), immersing live elements in a virtual environment, simultaneous execution of digital twin(s) with live operation, and integration of simulation with ground or flight test.

4. Modeling and Simulation for Certification and Qualification

Modeling and simulation have become essential tools in the qualification and certification processes of new commercial aircraft and the emerging market for commercial crewed spacecraft. In addition, the introduction of autonomous aircraft in civil airspace, such as uninhabited aerial systems (UAS) and urban air mobility (UAM) vehicles, requires novel certification approaches based on modeling and simulation. Papers are sought that describe the use of modeling and simulation for certification and qualification of new aircraft. Topics of interest include but are not limited to, expanding the use of simulation for handling quality certification of new and derivative aircraft designs, the use of simulation for the certification of autonomous aircraft, and the design of flight tests to validate these simulations.

5. Human Factors, Perception, and Cueing

Papers are sought in the broad area of human factors, perception, and cueing systems. Of particular interest are the human perception of the essential cues in flight and the reproduction of these cues in a simulator. A related topic is the application of existing knowledge on perception and cueing for understanding and measuring simulation fidelity. Papers on human factors related to the pilot-vehicle interface, novel methods to

model human performance and behavior, new pilot training evaluation techniques, and novel data processing and visualization techniques applied to (human-in-the-loop) simulations are of special interest.

6. Simulation of Air Traffic Management (ATM)

Papers are sought that describe the use of simulations in air traffic management concept development, testing, and analysis. Topics of interest include but are not limited to, simulation studies that investigate air traffic management automation concepts and decision support tools, airspace and airport traffic modeling methods, and model validation and verification experiences and methods.

7. Model and Simulation Integration

Papers are sought that discuss model and simulation integration. In particular interest are papers discussing integrating commercial off-the-shelf tools into existing simulation development and execution processes. Application of networked/distributed simulations and the development of standards that facilitate interaction of diverse simulation environments are encouraged.

8. Modeling and Simulation for Aerospace Cybersecurity

Network-based architectures are ubiquitous in aviation and space systems, including aerospace vehicles and their command and control systems. Securing these systems from unfriendly actors is a significant and growing concern. Papers are sought on modeling and simulation methods and environments that assess robustness of the networked systems to threats and provide methods of protection. Furthermore, papers are sought on the application of modeling and simulation for cybersecurity of aerospace systems. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, modeling of cyber threats as fault scenarios in flight simulators, and the use of simulators to evaluate prevention, rejection, detection, and mitigation of cyberattacks. A related topic is the cybersecurity of the modeling and simulation environment itself, including information assurance, data protection, and the simulator as a potential attack vector into the system under test.

9. Simulator Hardware and Facilities

Papers are sought involving all aspects in the design, development, and use of motion systems, visual systems, and other simulator hardware, as well as image generation. Papers that discuss novel motion configurations and hardware and the application of motion for research and training are highly encouraged. Papers on motion and visual system technologies that improve simulation fidelity and effectiveness are also highly encouraged. In addition, papers are sought on the development of new simulator facilities.

10. Simulation-Based Software Development and Verification

Papers are sought that demonstrate the use of simulation for the design, development, and testing of aerospace software systems. This topic also includes simulation-based validation and verification of software solutions.

11. Adapting New Technology to Modeling and Simulation Infrastructure for Aerospace

Papers are sought describing the adaptation or assessment of new technologies to modeling and simulation infrastructure for aerospace. New technologies may include but are not limited to extended reality, cloud technology, new messaging middleware, game engines, social network platforms (including chat, video conferencing, and 3D virtual worlds), hybrid computing architectures (e.g., CPU-GPU), and artificial intelligence & machine learning.

12. Modeling and Simulation for Autonomous Guidance, Navigation and Control (joint GNC/MST)

The GNC and MST Technical Committees invite papers in modeling and simulations topics in guidance, navigation, and control. In particular, papers that address hardware-in-the-loop simulation for GNC algorithm verification, human-in-the-loop modeling and simulation for autonomous systems GNC are encouraged. Advancements in edge computing technologies and human-machine interfacing for GNC of autonomous systems are also sought.

Note that submission to this joint track requires adherence to the GNC requirement of a full draft manuscript, which must include sufficient detail to allow informed evaluation by the assigned reviewers. Extended abstracts will be returned without review. Full draft manuscripts must not exceed a total length of 25 pages, formatted in accordance with the AIAA SciTech manuscript template.

Examples of specific topics for this area include the following:

- **Certification/assurance of Flight Control Software:** Hardware in the loop simulations, use of the digital twin for GNC algorithm development and certification.
- **Modeling and Simulation for Autonomy:** Edge computing for autonomous GNC applications, human-machine interfacing for autonomy, human-in-the-loop modeling and simulation for autonomous GNC, agent-based modeling and simulation for autonomous systems GNC.
- **Simulation Techniques for V&V of GN&C Algorithms:** High fidelity modeling and simulation for GNC algorithm testing and verification, testing of learning-based GNC software, hybrid simulation techniques for GNC V&V.

13. Other Modeling and Simulation Topics

Not every novel application or advancement of modeling and simulation for aerospace vehicles may be covered in the prior subtopics. Authors may use this subtopic if their work doesn't fit well with other subtopics listed.