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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— the Introduction and the Scope have been revised; the scope is re-stated to concentrate on the simulation requirements of the flight control system of space system;

— the definition of “control system” in 3.1.2 has been revised;

— the title of 4.1 and Figure 1 have been revised as “simulation system scheme of control system”;

— some statements have been added in 8.1 to explain the usage requirements of actual hardware devices for prototype phase simulation;

— the previous Annex B has been deleted;

— the Bibliography has been added.

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Introduction

Simulation is an important means to design, analyse and validate the space control system, and it is widely used in each phase of control system development. The objective of simulation is to demonstrate that the proposed or designed system will function as desired; and the simulation allows engineers and technical decision makers to evaluate the feasibility, validity and rationality of the design scheme more accurately.

This document provides space control system engineers, simulation engineers and customers with guidance for using simulation to support their system engineering tasks. This document is intended to help reduce the development time and cost of space control system design and also enhance its quality and reliability. This document focuses on the requirements and recommendations during simulation. It does not prescribe how the requirements are to be met, nor does it specify who the responsible team is for conforming to the requirements.

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Space systems — Simulation requirements for control system

1 Scope

This document establishes the requirements for simulation of the space control system, including the objective, architecture and procedure, etc. This document is applicable to four phases of control system development, including conceptual design, detailed design, prototype and integrated system.

The control system referred to in this document is the flight control system for guidance, navigation and control (GNC) of space systems which include launch vehicle, satellite and spaceship, etc. This document establishes a minimum set of requirements for simulation of the flight control system, and provides guidance to engineers on what to simulate in each phase of control system development. The requirements are generic in nature because of their broad applicability to all types of simulations. Implementation details of the requirements are addressed in project-specific standards, requirements, and handbooks, etc.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1.1
accuracy
measure of how close a value is to the “true” value

[SOURCE: ISO 14952-1:2003, 2.1]

3.1.2
control system
system designed to give the controlled plant the specified control objectives, and including relevant functions of controller, sensor and actuator

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the word “controller” is used to designate the flight control computer which manages the flight dynamic behaviour of space system.

3.1.3
emulator
prototype of the flight equipment, which has the identical input/output interfaces as the flight equipment and has similar operating behaviour

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3.1.4
fidelity
degree to which a model or *simulation* (3.1.9) reproduces the state and behaviour of a real-world object or the perception of a real-world object, feature, condition, or chosen standard in a measurable or perceivable manner

3.1.5
hardware-in-the-loop simulation
HITL simulation
kind of *simulation* (3.1.9), in which some *simulation models* (3.1.11) of the *control system* (3.1.2) are implemented by real equipment

3.1.6
mathematical simulation
kind of *simulation* (3.1.9), in which all the *simulation models* (3.1.11) of the *control system* (3.1.2) are implemented by software

3.1.7
real-time simulation
kind of *simulation* (3.1.9), in which the time scale of dynamic process in the *simulation model* (3.1.11) strictly equals to that of the real system

3.1.8
reliability
ability of an item to perform a required function under given conditions for a given time interval

Note 1 to entry: It is generally assumed that the item is in a state to perform this required function at the beginning of the time interval.

Note 2 to entry: Generally, reliability performance is quantified using appropriate measures. In some applications these measures include an expression of reliability performance as a probability, which is also called reliability.

[SOURCE: ISO 10795:2019, 3.198]

3.1.9
simulation
use of a similar or equivalent system to imitate a real system, so that it behaves like or appears to be the real system

3.1.10
control system simulation
complex progress of building *simulation* (3.1.9) system based on the mathematical model of the *control system* (3.1.2), testing the model, solving the system dynamic equations, imitating dynamic behaviours of the control system, and taking qualitative and quantitative analysis and research about the scheme, structure, parameters, and performance of the control system

3.1.11
simulation model
equivalent model in the *simulation* (3.1.9) system, which is transformed from the mathematical model of the *control system* (3.1.2) by means of simulation software or hardware

3.1.12
simulation plan
document in which the content, operate steps and implement method of all *simulation* (3.1.9) items are specified

3.1.13
stability
ability of a system submitted to bound external disturbances to remain indefinitely in a bounded domain around an equilibrium position or around an equilibrium trajectory

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3.1.14
validation
confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that the requirements for a specific intended use or application have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: The objective evidence needed for a validation is the result of a test or other form of determination such as performing alternative calculations or reviewing documents.

Note 2 to entry: The word "validated" is used to designate the corresponding status.

Note 3 to entry: The use conditions for validation can be real or simulated.

[SOURCE: ISO 10795:2019, 3.243]

3.1.15
verification
confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that specified requirements have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: The objective evidence needed for a verification can be the result of an inspection or of other forms of determination such as performing alternative calculations or reviewing documents.

Note 2 to entry: The activities carried out for verification are sometimes called a qualification process.

Note 3 to entry: The word "verified" is used to designate the corresponding status.

[SOURCE: ISO 10795:2019, 3.244]

3.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms given in Table 1 apply.

Table 1 — Abbreviated terms

CM	configuration management
HITL	hardware-in-the-loop
M&S	modelling and simulation
V&V	verification and validation

4 Control system simulation

4.1 Simulation system scheme of control system

The control system is one of the most important systems of launch vehicle, satellite, spaceship, etc.

Generally, the simulation system scheme of the control system is illustrated in Figure 1.

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