System of Systems Explorations of Urban Air Mobility Aircraft Design and Operations: An Overview of the Conceptual Vehicle Design Approach in HorizonUAM

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- Studies on conceptual vehicle design and fleet operations
- Consideration of different use cases, technologies, and scenarios

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System of systems simulation framework for urban air mobility aircraft architecture design and fleet assessment by combining conceptual aircraft design with agent-based simulation. The framework was demonstrated and further developed based on [1].

2. Collaborative Vehicle Design

The workflow is initiated by the top level aircraft requirements derived from the HorizonUAM use cases. Through collaboration, iterative design loops are computed between aircraft architecture, onboard systems and cabin concepts. The aircraft performance is then used as input to the aircraft agent model in the fleet simulations.



4. Tiltrotor Vehicle- and Fleet-level Results



Sensitivity of vehicle passenger capacity and cruise speed on the fleet-level metrics. [4]



Derivation of optimal top level aircraft requirements for the tiltrotor vehicle concept. [4]



Multidisciplinary workflow with the project partners involved in HorizonUAM. [2]

3. Agent-Based Simulation

This agent-based simulation is powered by an in-house modeling and simulation toolkit. The urban air mobility use case includes the main stakeholders relevant to the concept of operations, considering the following models and model interactions:



System of systems stakeholder interactions modeled in the agent-based simulation. [3]

Tiltrotor vehicle concept based on optimal top level aircraft requirements. Credits: DLR.

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