

5th Workshop on Avionics Systems and Software Engineering (AvioSE'23)

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Abstract: Systems and software engineering in aerospace is subject to special challenges. For their resolution the AvioSE'23 workshop connects academia and industry with selected scientific presentations of high quality, motivating keynote talks, and an interactive panel discussion.

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1 Scope and History

Considerable advances for aerospace applications are expected with the introduction of new technologies. However, aerospace requirements do not allow the application of these straight away due to regulations and certification. Technologies and methods need to be amended or extended for meeting these. The resulting challenges are addressed in the workshop.

The AvioSE'19⁴ edition dealt with general issues and AvioSE'20⁵ addressed development tools. AvioSE'21⁶ tackled topics for the deployment of AI to avionics. AvioSE'22⁷ handled safe and secure avionics architectures (e.g. Integrated Modular Avionics, platforms, multi-core, networks, clouds, middleware).

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2 Workshop Objectives

The workshop accelerates the bidirectional transfer of knowledge between academia and industry. It provides a platform for researchers to present new methods, tools, and technologies from avionics systems and software engineering, e.g. model-based development, model-based methods, requirements engineering, formal methods, and virtual methods. These contributions are presented in a scientific format, but the small character of the workshop allows in-depth discussions. This in turn increases the precision and future adjustment of the works. Thus, the workshop provides the enabling platform for the stakeholders to discuss technical, but also process, and educational topics. Further, the forum offers the forming of research consortia, once specific issues have been identified, for which project partners share their research competence.

AvioSE'23 motivates researchers through keynote talks by three invited speakers. The keynotes highlight a dedicated topic, summarize its state-of-the-art, and emphasize urgent challenges.

A current topic is selected and addressed interactively by inviting all participants to discuss aspects and needs of modern avionics. We are connecting academics and professionals in a panel discussion with invited experts from academia, industry, and authorities. The expected outcome is the identification of current and future challenges as well as ideas on how to address these. The panel members' statements can be challenged by the audience. Major conclusions of the panel discussion are made available on a virtual platform.

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