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AI Certification and the Role of Simulation in Verification

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- <u>G-34/WG-114 (comprised of 500+ members)</u> promotes and standardizes Artificial Intelligence in the entire aviation ecosystem (both Airborne and Ground) addressing both manned and UAS.

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- Works In Progress and deliverables:
 - AS6983 / ED-xxx Process Standard for Development and Certification/Approval of Aeronautical Safety-Related Products Implementing
 - AI AIR6987 / ER-xxx Artificial Intelligence in Aeronautical Systems: Taxonomy
 - AIR6988 / ER-022 Artificial Intelligence in Aeronautical Systems: Statement of Concerns
 - AIR6994 / ER-xxx Artificial Intelligence in Aeronautical Systems: Use Cases
 Considerations



SAE G-34 /EUROCAE WG-114 High Level Overview

Immediate Concerns

- Gap Analysis with Existing Standards
- Data Assurance
- Methodology Performance Requirements
- Verification and Validation

References:

EC / EASA => High level objectives / framework for ML development and approval





G34/ WG114 => detailed technical industry standards for ML development and approval



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Deliverables

- SOC (Statement of Concerns) ER/AIR
- Taxonomy, Use Cases ER/AIR
- Std Issue 1: ML (Offline Learning) ED/AS
- Std Issue 2: Other AI Technologies ED/AS

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Al Licensing – How do we certify pilots?

- Ground School Curriculum
- Flight Instruction
- The Check Ride

Deconstructed, the tools we use to trust pilots can be used to trust Al



The Role of Simulation – The Virtual Check-ride

- Extend Model Based Engineering, AI/ML, and the Digital Twin to its Fullest Extent
- Validate performance requirements of the simulation environment
 - Digital correctness of the environment
 - Digital correctness of the flight model
 - Digital correctness of the aircraft systems
 - Human or AI/ML system overlay
- How do we know that a system is sufficiently detailed and correct so that it can stand in as facsimile to the real world?
- Purpose of design:
 - Substantially shrink development costs while preserving robustness and safety assurance



Aviation Certification Architecture and its Planned Evolution





Thank You

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