

Special Issue

Novel Airfoils and Analysis for Emerging Aerospace Vehicles

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue on “Novel Airfoils and Analysis for Emerging Aerospace Vehicles” seeks unique contributions on novel airfoils or methodologies to analyze airfoil aerodynamics that in theory or practice are likely to improve the aerodynamics and flight performance of UAM ‘air taxi’ or hypersonic aircraft. We are interested in novel airfoil designs that offer some aerodynamic, aerothermal, or aeroacoustic benefit in conjunction with their integration on a finite wing; such as reduced boundary layer shock interaction, wave drag, or aerodynamic heating. For low speed UAM aircraft, we are interested in how distributed electric propulsion with open rotors or ducted fans can be leveraged to produce airfoils and wings with unique design features to improve the aerodynamic efficiency or mitigate aeroacoustic noise (e.g., related to vortex shedding), which is critical for UAV aircraft to operate in an urban metro. Finally, we are also seeking to publish studies that use modern numerical codes to analyze airfoils for these new emerging aerospace vehicles.

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