

Special Issue

Computational Fluid Dynamics for Next-Generation Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue welcomes studies that explore innovative Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) approaches for wind forecasting in Urban Air Mobility applications. We encourage submissions that propose novel methods for mitigating the impact of turbulence and wind gusts on UAV flight. While the issue is primarily focused on CFD-based forecasting techniques—such as traditional Finite Volume Solvers, Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs), and real-time strategies like Reduced Order Models—other relevant studies, including turbulence assessments and validation efforts, are also welcomed. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- AI-based wind forecasting
- Urban CFD-based wind prediction systems
- 3D modelling tailored for CFD simulations
- Wind turbulence assessments and CFD model validation
- Reduced Order Modelling and real-time wind forecasting
- Aerodynamic characterization of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

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