





Imagining The Fundamentals of Space Exploration

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Spacecraft Simulation Challenges





Complex Orbital Dynamics





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Autonomous Algorithm Simulation

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Software Challenges

Monolithic Simulation



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How to verify and validate?

How to reuse code?

How to reduce development costs?

How to continually improve?



Academic - Industry Challenges









New Integrated Collaborations





Developed a close mission analysis and research collaboration that directly engages graduate students in challenging mission.





Basilisk Astrodynamics Simulation Framework







Basilisk Software Architecture (Analysis)



- Monte-Carlo Capability
- Speeds up to 700-1000x
- Software Realtime Mode
- ISC Open Source License













Basilisk Software Architecture (Flatsat)













Message Passing Interface for BSK Modules













Sample Spacecraft Simulation Setup









Spacecraft Environment Integration









Monte-Carlo Multi-Processing

- Ability to run Monte-Carlo simulations with a range of dispersion
- Data is retained between runs
- Takes advantage of multi-core processors and hyper-threading lacksquare















BSK Simulation Research







Momentum Exchange Devices



Reaction Wheels

Static Imbalance

Dynamic Imbalance







Control Moment Gyros



Double Gimbal Control Moment Gyros

Physics Based Imbalance Modeling

Solved the imbalanced RW spacecraft dynamics in a manner that complies with power rate and angular momentum conservation.





Flexible/Hinged Panel Modeling



Solved the spacecraft dynamics in a general, closed-form manner for a series of hinged panels.











Depletable Mass and Fuel Tank Modeling







GPU Based Solar and Atmospheric Pressure Drag



CAD model with material properties





Use GPU to evaluate forces and torques using custom vertex shaders









Drag forces can be rapidly computed on complex, time-varying geometries at speeds suitable for even hardware in-the-loop scenarios.









Distributed Basilisk or Black Lion







Heterogeneous Distributed Simulation Capability



Basilisk Visualization

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