

#### SVM's VSS2025 Abstract Instructions

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- Abstract titles shall be in all capital letters.
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- Use Calibri or Times New Roman font for text and Symbol font for symbols; any other fonts
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