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NASA Update
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- **By 2050**
 - 70% of the world's population will live in urban areas
 - Global GDP will likely double
 - Over half of the world's middle class will live in China and India
- **Demand for mobility increases with income**
 - Demand for high speed mobility increasing share
 - Inter and Intra Urban
- **Convergence changes how we live and work**
 - Physical, virtual and hybridized access anywhere, anytime

Global Growth in Aviation



2017

4 BILLION

PASSENGER TRIPS

2036

7.8 BILLION

PASSENGER TRIPS

41,030

New Aircraft Deliveries

\$6.1 Trillion

Market Value

Asia-Pacific
Market is Nearly

40%

of New Aircraft
Deliveries

78%

of New Aircraft
Deliveries are
Single Aisle Class
(including Regional
Jets)

Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Flight



WHY?

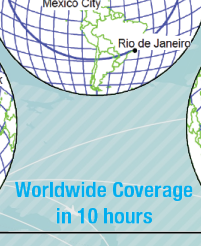
Commercial supersonic flight represents a potentially large new market for aircraft manufacturers and operators world-wide

Speed that redefines a 12 hour work day—there and back with 2 hours minimum on location

Assuming Mach 1.8,
4,500 nm range
capability

Westbound from New York

Eastbound from New York

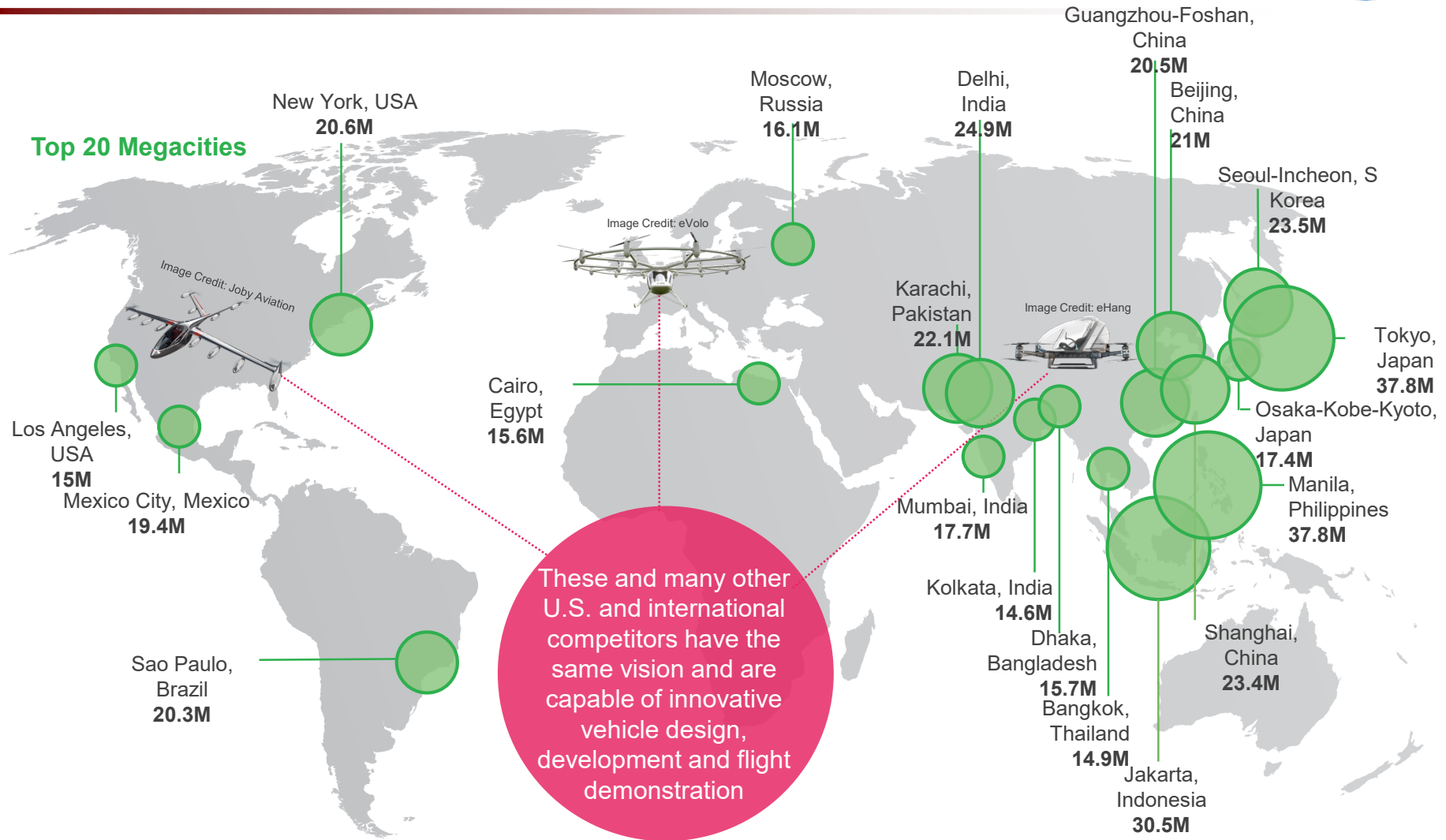


Worldwide Coverage
in 10 hours

- Global demand for air travel is growing, which places a demand on speed
- Supersonic air travel offers many benefits including personal productivity and well-being for travelers; rapid for transport time-critical cargo
- Large potential market predicted: - business aircraft followed by larger commercial aircraft

Urban Air Mobility

Global Race to Achieve Leadership



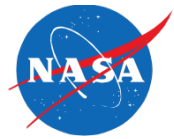
Large projected market—McKinsey analysis of demand by 2030 in 15 major U.S. cities:

- 500 Million annual UAS package deliveries
- 750 Million annual passenger trips

Extrapolation to the global market would likely increase demand by 5 to 10x

NASA Aeronautics Strategic Implementation Plan

Continues to Guide NASA Aeronautics Investment



Key Trends (Not Exhaustive)

Increasingly Urbanized World

Rising Global Middle Class Driven by Asia-Pacific

Urban Transportation Increasingly Congested

Aviation Mega-Drivers



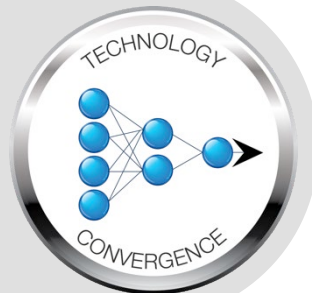
Continuing Pressure to Reduce Noise and Local Air Quality Impacts

Aviation Industry Sets Challenging CO₂ Reduction Goals through Mid-Century



Networked Com and Sensors, Embedded Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data Converging with Traditional Systems and Technologies

On-Demand Service Models Disrupting Traditional Industries



Analysis & Community Dialogue



**Industry / Gov't Execs
What's Needed?**



**Industry / Gov't SMEs
What's Possible?**



Systems Analysis

Strategic Thrusts



**Safe, Efficient Growth in
Global Operations**



**Innovation in Commercial
Supersonic Aircraft**



**Ultra-Efficient Commercial
Aircraft**



**Transition to Alternative
Propulsion and Energy**



**In-Time System-Wide
Safety Assurance**



**Assured Autonomy for
Aviation Transformation**

Community Vision

NASA Aeronautics Programs and Projects



NASA Mission Directorates

**Aeronautics Research
(ARMD)**

**Human Exploration and Operations
(HEOMD)**

**Science
(SMD)**

**Space Technology
(STMD)**

ARMD PROGRAMS

Jay Dryer: Director

Advanced Air Vehicles

Projects

- Advanced Air Transport Technology
- Advanced Composites
- Revolutionary Vertical Lift Technology
- Commercial Supersonic Technology
- Hypersonic Technology



Aerosciences Evaluation & Test Capability Office

Akbar Sultan: Director

Airspace Operations and Safety

Projects

- Airspace Technology Demonstrations
- UAS Traffic Management
- System-Wide Safety
- ATM-X



Dr. Ed Waggoner: Director

Integrated Aviation Systems

Projects

- Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration in the National Airspace System
- Flight Demonstrations and Capabilities
- Low Boom Flight Demonstrator



X-planes/test environment

Dr. John Cavolowsky: Director

Transformative Aeronautics Concepts

Projects

- Convergent Aeronautics Solutions
- Transformational Tools and Technologies
- University Innovation



Critical cross-cutting tool development



FY 2019 Budget Request - Aeronautics

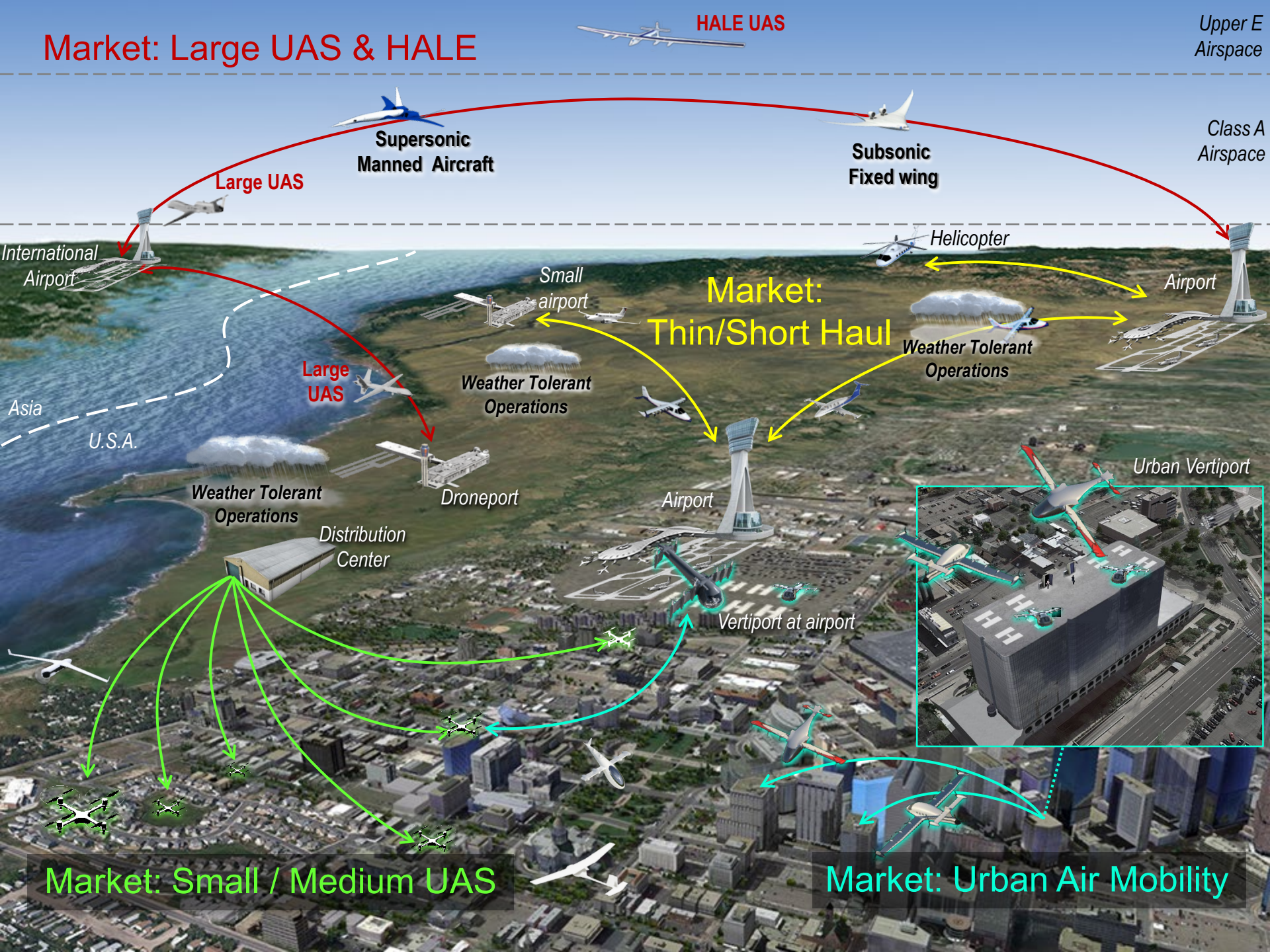
\$ Millions	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Aeronautics	\$656.0	\$685	\$633.9	\$608.9	\$608.9	\$608.9	\$608.9
Airspace Operations and Safety (AOSP)	140.6		90.8	96.2	120.4	122.7	122.9
Advanced Air Vehicles (AAVP)	274.6		230.6	248.5	257.1	257.8	258.3
Integrated Aviation Systems (IASP)	125.0		189.2	154.1	106.6	103.3	102.5
Transformative Aeronautics Concepts (TACP)	115.8		123.3	110.1	124.9	125.1	125.1

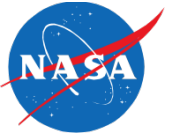
FY 2017 reflects funding amounts specified in Public Law 115-31, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017. Table does not reflect emergency supplemental funds also appropriated in FY 2017, totaling \$184 million.

Market: Large UAS & HALE

HALE UAS

Upper E
Airspace





supersonics

value via speed at cruise

NASA Supersonics Strategy

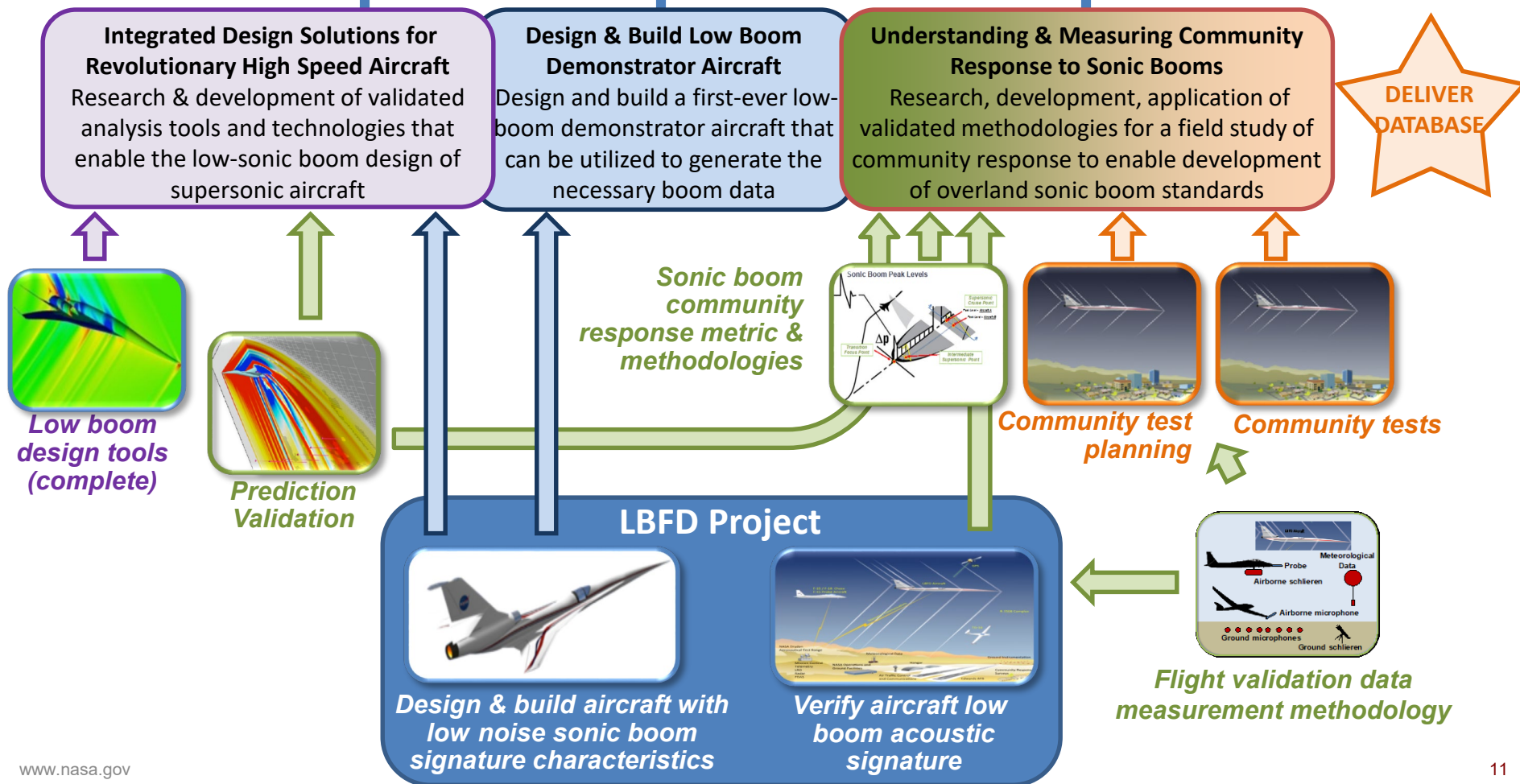


**STRATEGIC THRUST,
OUTCOME, &
CRITICAL
COMMITMENT**

Strategic Thrust 2: Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft

Outcome (2015 – 2025): Supersonic Overland Certification Standard Based on Acceptable Sonic Boom Noise

Critical Commitment: Deliver a flight validated community response database to ICAO



NASA'S LOW-BOOM FLIGHT DEMONSTRATOR

Design Parameters

- Length: 96 ft
- Span: 29.5 ft
- Speed: Mach 1.42 (940 mph)
- Altitude: 55,000 ft

X plane approach focuses efforts on defining minimum set of key requirements that can be met in the most cost effective design



X-59 QueSST (Quiet SuperSonic Technology)

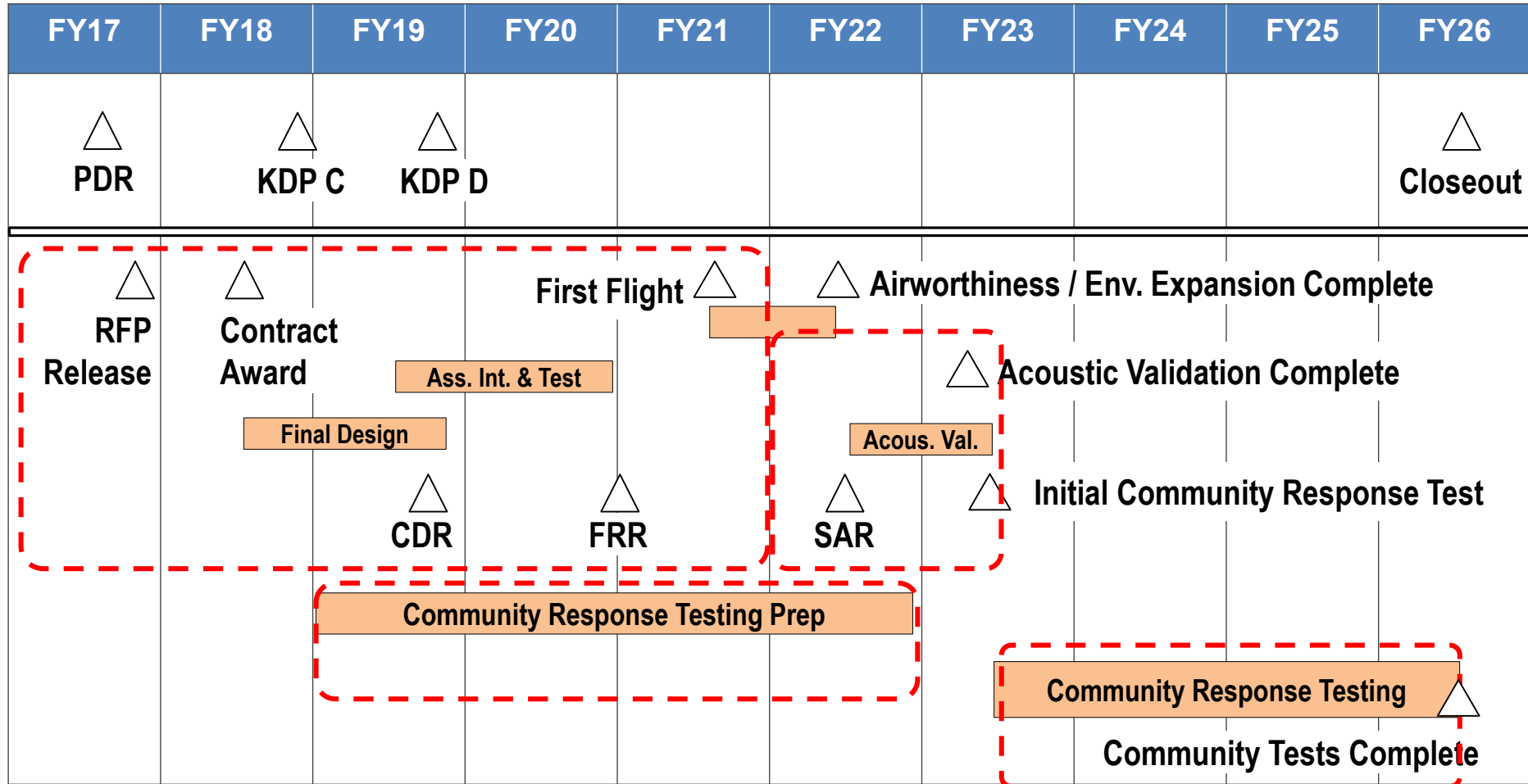
Key Requirements

- The acoustic signal of the X-plane must effectively replicate that of future larger supersonic commercial aircraft.
- The X-plane must conduct community overflight tests in a manner representative of typical flight operations of future aircraft.

Derived Requirements

- New airframe design to achieve desired acoustic signal, with smallest size that meets key acoustic requirements
- Use of components from existing aircraft to reduce cost (F-18 engine, T-38 canopy and cockpit, F-16 landing gear, etc.)
- Payload capacity: single pilot/flight test instrumentation

LBFD Project Life Cycle



Major Reviews

PDR, Preliminary Design Review
FRR, Flight Readiness Review

CDR, Critical Design Review
SAR, System Acceptance Review



vertical lift

value through accessibility

Emerging Aviation Markets

Global Race to Achieve Leadership



Urban Air Mobility Example



Ehang - China



E-Volo - Germany



Joby - US

And many other U.S. and international competitors have the same vision and are capable of innovative vehicle design, development and flight demonstration

The race to capture the market will be won based on...

- Ability to safety certify innovative aviation technologies and configurations
- Achieving equitable community noise standards
- Enabling safe airspace access at high densities
- Achieving safe vertiport infrastructure standards

But most demonstrations and early market growth are overseas – all four key issues easier to manage in many other countries. The U.S. must lead or fall behind.

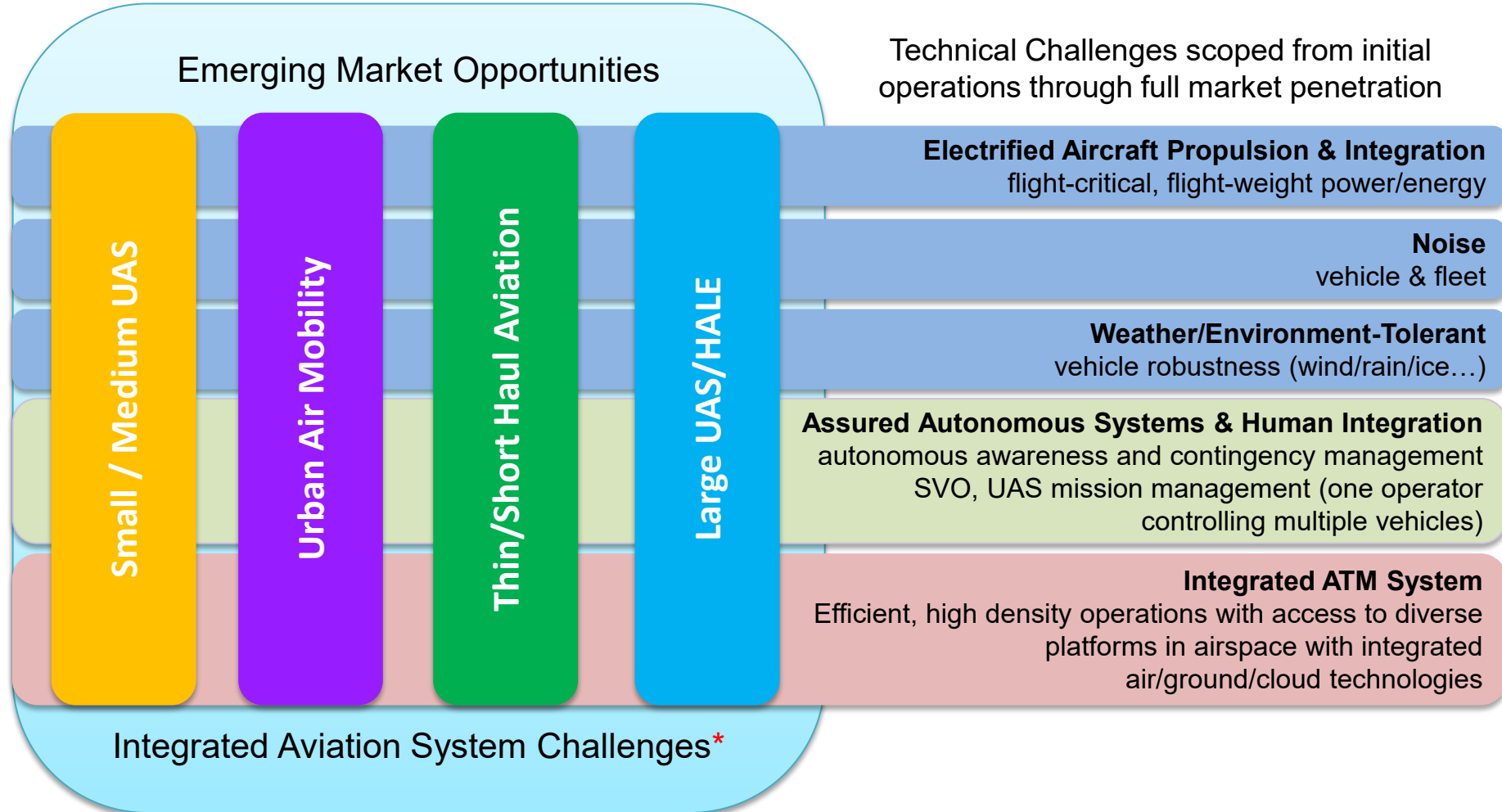
NASA is adjusting its portfolio to address the issues, support FAA and industry to accelerate U.S. competitive posture, and do it through a technically sound, sustainable and scalable approach

Emerging Markets - Integrated Challenges

NASA ARMD Programs pivoting to address complex challenges



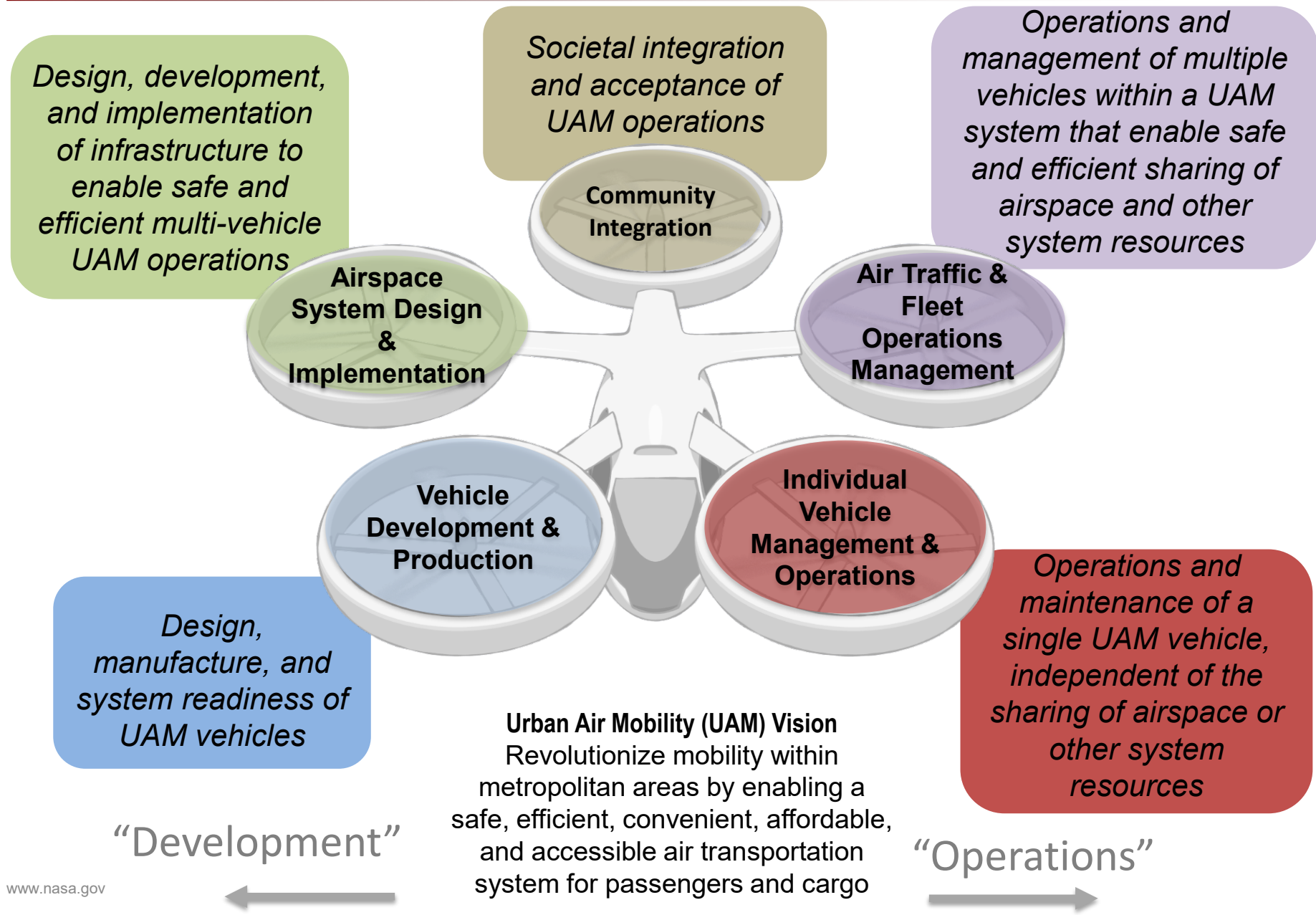
ARMD has developed a holistic understanding of the challenges for enabling the enormous potential of emerging aviation global market opportunities



* Only showing small a/c emerging markets; fully integrated aviation system captures all air vehicles

NASA UAM Vision and Framework

Policy, Certification, and Technical Challenges For Operating in the National Airspace System



Open, publicly-available reference configurations for Urban Air Mobility



NOT “BEST” DESIGNS; NO INTENT TO BUILD AND FLY

- Cover a wide range of technologies and missions
- Provide focus for trade studies and system analysis
- Assess failure modes and hazards of concept vehicle EAP architectures

Quadrotor “Air Taxi”

- One passenger (250-lb payload)
- 50-nm range
- electric quadrotor



Tilt wing “Airliner”

- Fifteen passengers (3000-lb payload)
- $8 \times 50 = 400$ -nm range
- turbo-electric tiltwing



Lift+Cruise Air Taxi

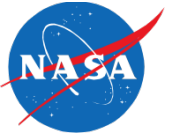
- Six passengers (1200-lb payload)
- $2 \times 37.5 = 75$ nm range
- turboelectric Lift + Cruise VTOL



Side by Side “Vanpool”

- Six passengers (1200-lb payload)
- $4 \times 50 = 200$ -nm range
- hybrid side-by-side helicopter





subsonics (transports)
the 24/7 global backbone
of air transportation
now and into the foreseeable future

Subsonic Transport Technology Strategy



Prove out transformational, integrated propulsion and airframe technologies

Energy usage
reduced by
more than
60%

Harmful
emissions
reduced by
more than
90%

Objectionable
noise reduced
by more than
65%

**Current
Generation**

**Next Generation
-Transitional-**

**Future Generations
-Transformational-**



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**Create technology
pathway for new
capabilities**



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2040

2030

2020

Technology Maturation for UEST Markets



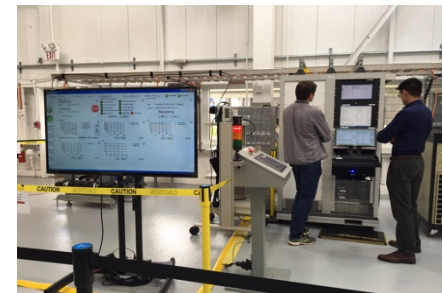
- Suite of 5 Key Technologies coupled into Transformative Configurations will have a tremendous impact:
 - Light Weight, Very High Aspect Ratio Wings
 - Tailored Unconventional Structures
 - Propulsion – Airframe Integration, especially Boundary Layer Ingestion
 - Electrified Aircraft Propulsion
 - Small Core Turbine Engines
- ARMD is advancing these key technologies to create market opportunities



Very High Aspect Ratio Wing



Boundary Layer Ingestion



Electrified Aircraft Propulsion

Flight Research and Demonstrations

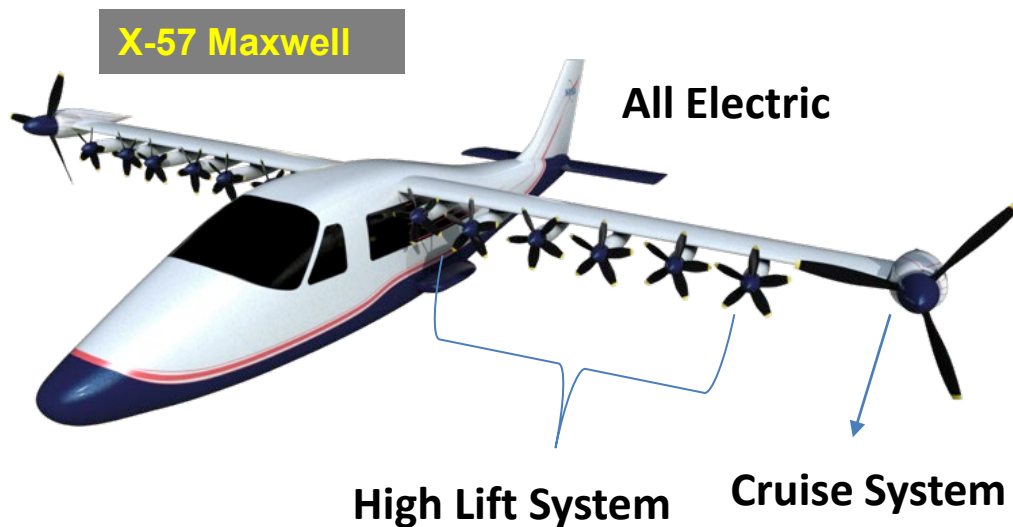
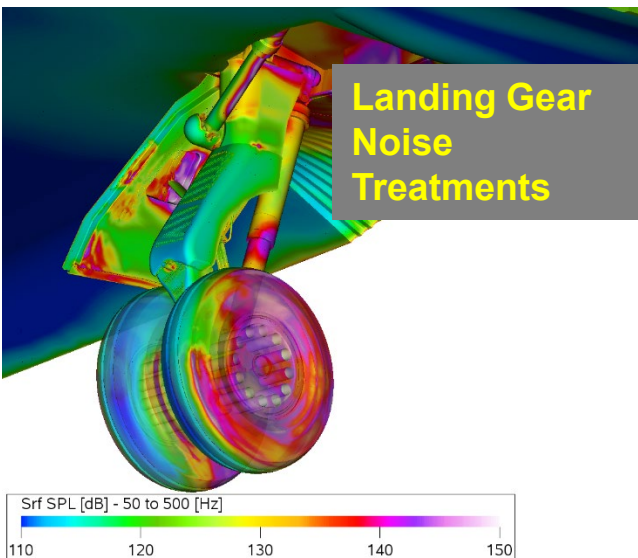
recent and ongoing



**X-56 Performance
Adaptive Aeroelastic Wing**



Adaptive Compliant Trailing Edge II



DAWN OF NEW ERA OF AVIATION

Exciting times

Investing in our future - laying the groundwork for Aviation in 2040
Many challenges... present many opportunities... across many markets

Technologies

Many broadly applicable and some uniquely enabling technologies
Convergence from other sectors into aviation

Vehicles, Operations, Energy, Smart Systems

Bringing new value through the air