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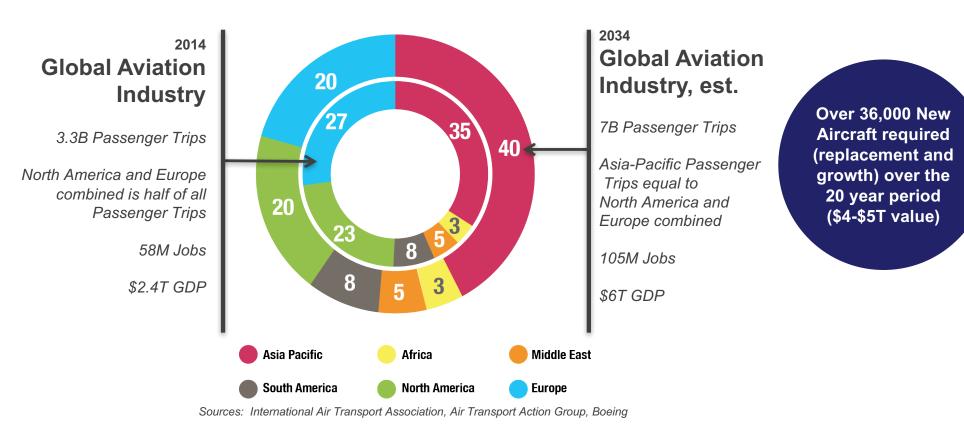


- Summary/Refresher NASA Strategic Planning
- FY2018 Budget Guidance
- New Aviation Horizons

# Global Growth in Aviation: Opportunities and Challenges



**Global Air Passengers by Region (% of Total)** 



#### Major Opportunities / Growing Challenges

Competitiveness—New state backed entrants, e.g., COMAC (China); Growing global R&D Environment—Very ambitious industry sustainability goals; Large technology advances needed Mobility—More speed to connect the worlds' major cities; Opportunity for commercial supersonic flight

### **U.S. Technological Leadership Required!**



### **Three Mega-Drivers**







### Six Strategic Research & Technology Thrusts

# Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations

 Enable full NextGen and develop technologies to substantially reduce aircraft safety risks



### **Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft**

Achieve a low-boom standard

### **Ultra-Efficient Commercial Vehicles**

 Pioneer technologies for big leaps in efficiency and environmental performance



## **Transition to Alternative Propulsion and Energy\***

 Characterize drop-in alternative fuels and pioneer low-carbon propulsion technology



### **Real-Time System-Wide Safety Assurance**

Develop an integrated prototype of a real-time safety monitoring and assurance system



### Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation

Develop high impact aviation autonomy applications



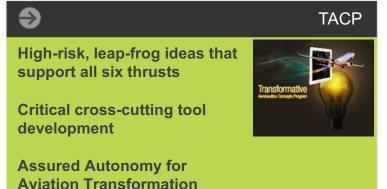
# **Research Programs align with Strategic Thrusts**

#### Airspace Operations & Safety

SEEDLING PROGRAM



#### **Transformative Aeronautical Concepts**



**Integrated Aviation** 

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# FY 2018 President's Budget Request

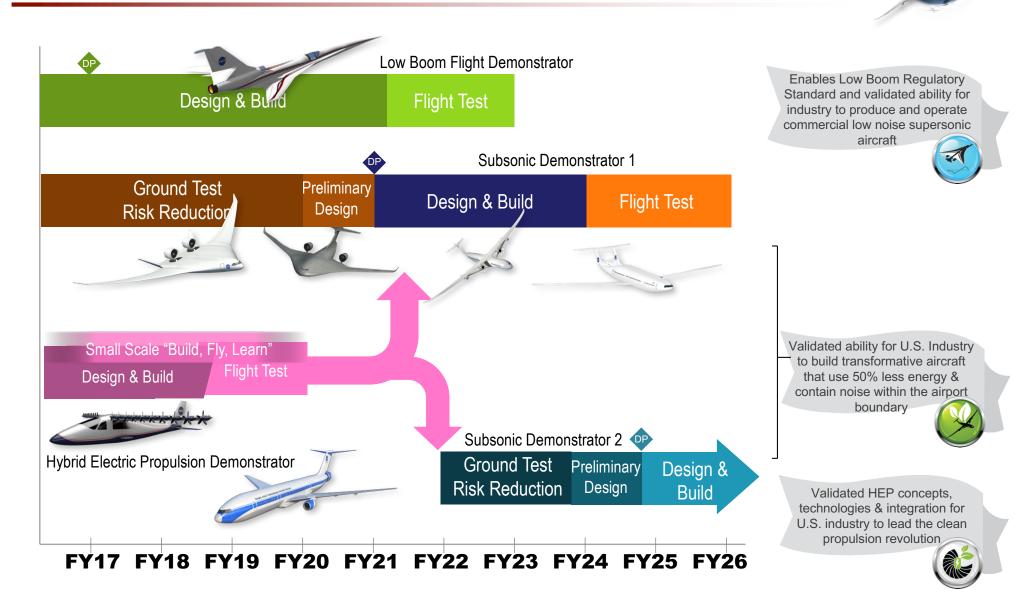


\$ Millions	Enacted FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Aeronautics	\$633.8	\$660.0	\$624.0	\$624.4	\$624.4	\$624.4	\$624.4
Airspace Operations and Safety	147.1		108.7	107.7	107.1	107.8	109.7
Advanced Air Vehicles	254.9		232.7	223.8	233.2	236.7	241.8
Integrated Aviation Systems	128.3		173.5	178.5	167.8	139.2	132.9
Transformative Aeronautics Concepts	103.5		109.2	114.5	116.3	140.7	139.9

- Integrated Aviation Systems Program funds the design and build of the Low Boom Flight Demonstrator as part of the New Aviation Horizons Initiative
- Continues to robustly fund UAS related investments

# FY 2018 President's Budget Request

New Aviation Horizons Flight Demo Plan



# Vision for Commercial Supersonic Flight



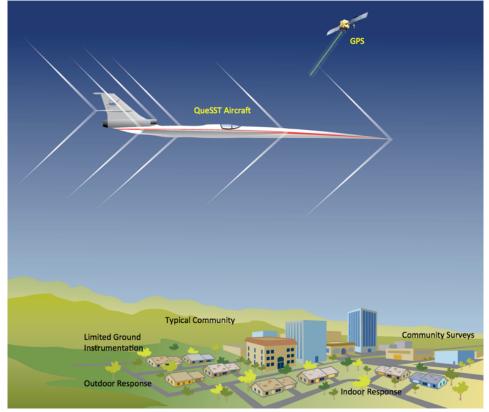
- The emerging potential commercial supersonic transport market has generated renewed interest in civil supersonic aircraft
  - Evidence of this growing interest is shown through start-ups' willingness to enter the market given restrictions in overland flight and other challenges
- Current restrictions dramatically limit market potential for supersonic commercial aircraft
- The vision of the Supersonics Community is a future where fast air travel is available for a broad spectrum of the traveling public.
  - Future supersonic aircraft will not only be able to fly overland without creating an "unacceptable situation" but compared to Concorde and SST will be more efficient and affordable

Overland flight restrictions based on noise are viewed as the main barrier to this vision

# Low Boom Flight Demonstrator Tests Three Required Elements



- 1. Validated hardware for overflight testing (supersonic acoustic signature generator)
  - Design & build a Low Boom Demonstrator of sufficient size that the acoustic data are representative of a commercial supersonic transport aircraft
- 2. Development of test methodology that allows data to be gathered that accurately represents the community response to supersonic overland flight
- **3. Community response data** that is fully representative of a demographically diverse, non-biased population



# NASA's Low-Boom Supersonic Technology Ready For Flight



#### **FIELD & LAB STUDIES**

Studies show the potential for acceptable low boom noise.



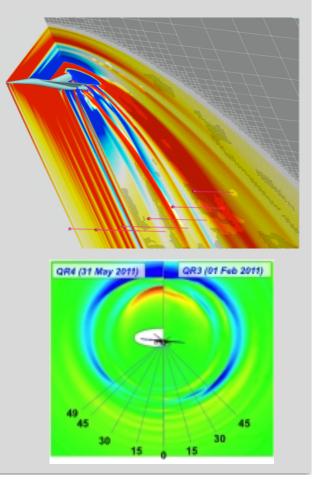
Low-Boom Flight Simulation using F-18 Dive Maneuver



Sonic Boom Acceptability Studies using Ground Simulators and in the Field

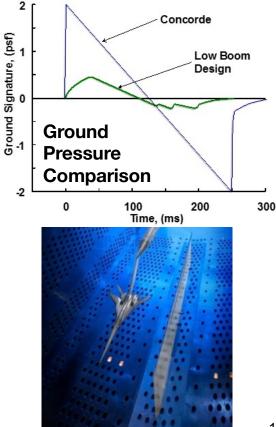
### **MODELING TOOLS**

New advances in modeling tools allows design of new low-boom configurations.



### **GROUND TESTING**

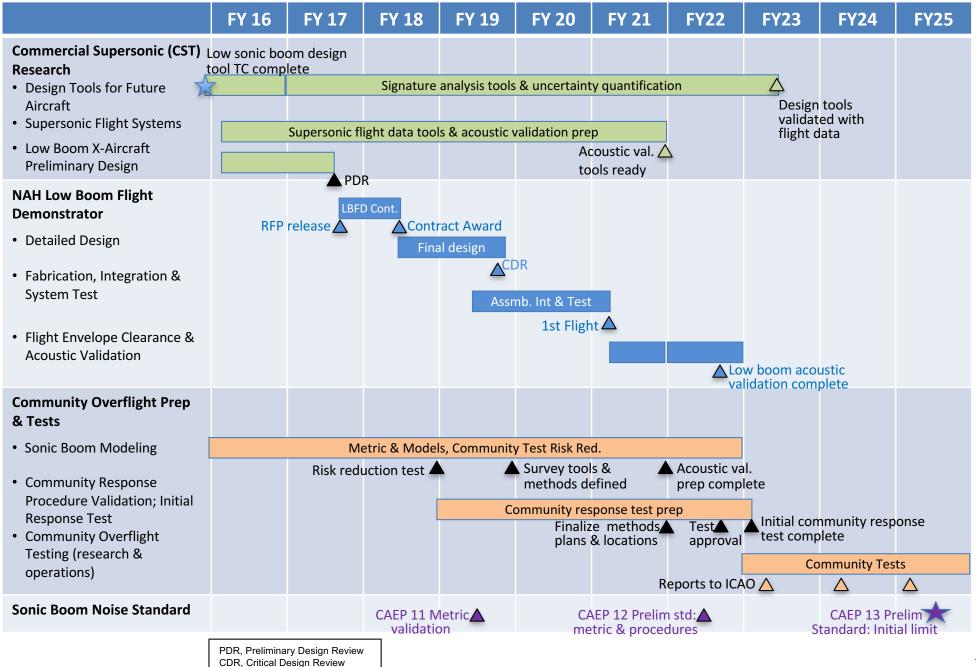
Extensive wind tunnel tests indicate that these new designs show the low-boom characteristics as predicted.



# **NAH Demonstration and NASA Research Plans**

Alignment Supports Development of En Route Noise Standard





# Low Noise Propulsion for Low Boom Aircraft



# Design tools and innovative concepts for integrated supersonic propulsion systems with noise levels of 10 EPNdB less than FAR 36 Stage 4 demonstrated in ground test.

Deliverables: 1) Validated noise prediction and system modeling tools for design of N+2 supersonic airliner
2) Integrated aircraft solutions meeting airport noise requirements with viable range and low boom

3) Validation of acoustic performance and predicted design trades.

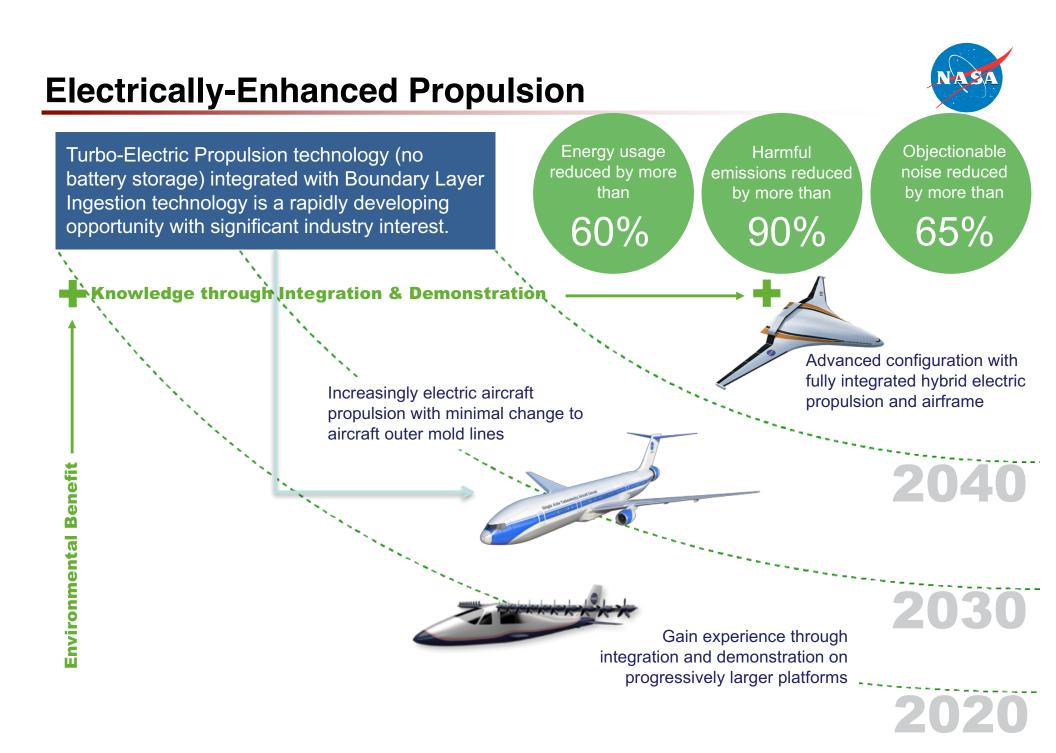
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Tool and model development	Initial nozzle tests complete	Aft-deck noise database acquired	Isolated nozzles, system models validated.	Inlet and fan effects assessment	
Initial nozzle designs assessed computationally	Test results for isolated nozzle met expectations First empirical models for three-stream and IVP	New models used in optimization studies	Integrated acoustic test articles created and tested.	Alternative propulsion installation benefits assessed	
	nozzle systems	Final candidate nozzles identified	System predictions, acoustic goal validated.	New candidate technologies for additional noise reduction	



Integration of noise prediction, innovative nozzles, and system modeling to achieve aggressive goals.

# **Ultra-efficient Subsonic Demonstrators Break Barriers**





# **Gas-Electric Propulsion Concept**

# Objective

Establish viable concept for 5-10 MW hybrid gas-electric propulsion system for a commercial transport aircraft (TRL 2)

# **Technical Areas and Approaches**

#### Propulsion System Conceptual Design

 Early selection of system concepts that allow drill-down in issues of system interaction concept refinement

#### Integrated Subsystems

- Develop flight control and mission operations methodology for distributed propulsion
- Explore component interactions, power management, and fault management

#### High Efficiency/Power Density Electric Machines

- Explore conventional and non-conventional topologies
- Integrate novel thermal management
- Demonstrate component maturation

#### Flight-weight Power System and Electronics

- Develop/demonstrate powertrain systems and components
- High voltage, MW power electronics, transmission, protection

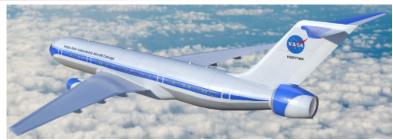
#### **Enabling Materials**

- Insulators and conductors for high power and altitude components
- Nanocomposite magnetic materials for targeted machines and drives

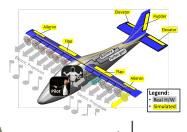
# Benefit/Payoff

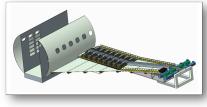
- Enable paradigm shift from gas-turbine to electrified propulsion
- Reduce fuel & energy consumption, emissions, and noise





Exploring Tube-and-Wing Architectures





Powertrain, Controls & Flight Simulation Testbeds and Advanced CFD

Superconducting and Ambient Motor Designs

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Advanced Materials & Novel Designs for Flightweight Power





Investing In Our Future - Investments in NASA's cutting edge aeronautics research today are investments in a cleaner, safer, quieter and faster tomorrow for American aviation:

- NASA is entering the Administration transition with a strong portfolio with good stakeholder support.
- No decisions have been made regarding the New Aviation Horizons (X-Plane) Initiative – support expressed for low boom demonstrator.
- The X-57 distributed propulsion electric aircraft making progress.

