



# Overview of the NASA N+3 Advanced Transport Aircraft Concept Studies

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# Outline

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- National and NASA Context
- Study Background
- Study Highlights by Team
- Concluding Remarks

# The National and NASA context



- National Aeronautics R&D Policy (2006) and Plan (2007, 2010 update)
  - “**Mobility** through the air is vital...”
  - “Assuring **energy** availability and efficiency ...” and “The **environment** must be protected...”
  - “Aviation is vital to national security and homeland defense”
- NextGen: The Next Generation Air Transportation System
  - Revolutionary transformation of the airspace, **the vehicles that fly in it, and their operations, safety, and environmental impact**
- NASA Strategic Plan
  - Sub-Goal 3E: “By 2016, develop multidisciplinary analysis and design **tools and new technologies enabling better vehicle performance** in multiple flight regimes and within a variety of transportation system architectures.” (updated)



# NASA Aeronautics Programs in FY2010



## Fundamental Aeronautics Program

Conduct cutting-edge research that will produce innovative concepts, tools, and technologies to enable revolutionary changes for vehicles that fly in all speed regimes.

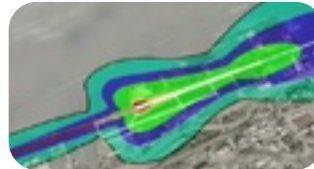
## Integrated Systems Research Program

Conduct research at an integrated system-level on promising concepts and technologies and explore/assess/demonstrate the benefits in a relevant environment



## Airspace Systems Program

Directly address the fundamental ATM research needs for NextGen by developing revolutionary concepts, capabilities, and technologies that will enable significant increases in the capacity, efficiency and flexibility of the NAS.



## Aviation Safety Program

Conduct cutting-edge research that will produce innovative concepts, tools, and technologies to improve the intrinsic safety attributes of current and future aircraft.



## Aeronautics Test Program

Preserve and promote the testing capabilities of one of the United States' largest, most versatile and comprehensive set of flight and ground-based research facilities.

Fundamental Aeronautics Program  
Subsonic Fixed Wing Project

# Fundamental Aeronautics Program Overview



**Goal:** The overarching goal of the FA Program is to achieve technological capabilities necessary to overcome national challenges in air transportation including reduced noise, emissions, and fuel consumption, increased mobility through a faster means of transportation, and the ability to ascend/descend through planetary atmospheres. These technological capabilities will enable design solutions for the performance and environmental challenges of future air vehicles – vehicles that fly through any atmosphere at any speed.

## *Subsonic Fixed Wing (SFW)*

Develop improved prediction methods and technologies that enable dramatic improvements in noise and emissions reduction, and increased performance (fuel burn and reduced field length) characteristics of subsonic/transonic aircraft.

## *Subsonic Rotary Wing (SRW)*

Radically improve the transportation system using rotary wing vehicles by increasing speed, range, and payload while decreasing noise and emissions.

## *Supersonics*

Eliminate environmental and performance barriers that prevent practical supersonic vehicles (cruise efficiency, noise and emissions, performance, boom acceptability).

## *Hypersonics*

Enable airbreathing access to space and high mass entry into planetary atmosphere.



# National Challenges: Energy and Environment



## Fuel Efficiency

- In 2008, U.S. major commercial carriers burned 19.6B gallons of jet fuel. DoD burned 4.6B gallons
- At an average price of \$3.00/gallon, fuel cost was \$73B



## Emissions

- 40 of the top 50 U.S. airports are in non-attainment areas that do not meet EPA local air quality standards for particulate matter and ozone
- The fuel consumed by U.S. commercial carriers and DoD releases more than 250 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere each year



## Noise

- Aircraft noise continues to be regarded as the most significant hindrance to NAS capacity growth.
- FAA's attempt to reconfigure New York airspace resulted in 14 lawsuits.
- Since 1980 FAA has invested over \$5B in airport noise reduction programs



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# N+3 Advanced Concept Studies

## Fundamental Aeronautics Broad Objectives

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- **Stimulate thinking** to determine potential aircraft solutions to significant problems of the future (performance, environmental, operations)
- Identify advanced **airframe and propulsion concepts**, as well as corresponding enabling technologies for commercial aircraft anticipated for entry into service in the **2030-35 timeframe**, market permitting
- Identify **key driving technologies** (traded at the system level) for fundamental research investments
- Prime the pipeline for future, **revolutionary aircraft** technology developments



# N+3 Advanced Concept Study NRA

## Fundamental Aeronautics: Subsonic Fixed Wing & Supersonics



- 29 Nov 07 bidders conf
- 15 Apr 08 solicitation
- 29 May 08 proposals due
- 2 July 08 selections made
- 1 Oct 08 contract start
- Phase I: 18 Months
  - 6 (4 SFW) awards
- Phase II: 18-24 Months with significant technology demonstration
  - details TBD

NASA AERONAUTICS RESEARCH MISSION DIRECTORATE  
FUNDAMENTAL AERONAUTICS PROGRAM  
SUBSONIC FIXED WING AND SUPERSONICS PROJECTS  
PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Advanced Concept Studies for Subsonic and Supersonic  
Commercial Transports Entering Service in the 2030-35 Period

Thursday, November 29, 2007, 1 to 5 pm  
L'Enfant Plaza Hotel  
480 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C.

Win this NRA solicitation, NASA is seeking to stimulate innovation and foster the pursuit of revolutionary conceptual designs for aircraft that could enter into service in the 2030-35 period. The focus is on both subsonic and supersonic transports that can overcome significant performance and environmental challenges for the benefit of the general public. Furthermore, these conceptual studies will identify key technology development needs that will enable such vehicles. Additional details including specific metrics and objectives, vehicle classes, range and speed of technologies of interest, and expectations for proposals will be provided at this meeting.

To register, visit: [www.aeronautics.nasa.gov](http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov).

# NASA Subsonic Transport System Level Metrics

.... technology for dramatically improving noise, emissions, & performance



CORNERS OF THE TRADE SPACE	N+1 (2015) <sup>***</sup> Technology Benefits Relative to a Single Aisle Reference Configuration	N+2 (2020) <sup>***</sup> Technology Benefits Relative to a Large Twin Aisle Reference Configuration	N+3 (2025) <sup>***</sup> Technology Benefits
Noise (cum below Stage 4)	- 32 dB	- 42 dB	- 71 dB
LTO NOx Emissions (below CAEP 6)	-60%	-75%	better than -75%
Performance: Aircraft Fuel Burn	-33%**	-50%**	better than -70%
Performance: Field Length	-33%	-50%	exploit metroplex* concepts

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Technology Readiness Level for key technologies = 4-6

<sup>\*\*</sup> Additional gains may be possible through operational improvements

<sup>\*</sup> Concepts that enable optimal use of runways at multiple airports within the metropolitan areas

N+1 "Conventional"



N+2 Hybrid Wing/Body



N+3 Generation



# SFW N+3 Requirements








- Develop a [Future Scenario](#) for commercial aircraft operators in the 2030-35 timeframe
- Develop an [Advanced Vehicle Concept](#) to fill a broad, primary need within the future scenario
- Assess [Technology](#) Risk - establish suite of enabling technologies and corresponding technology development roadmaps; a risk analysis must be provided to characterize the relative importance of each technology toward enabling the N+3 vehicle concept, and the relative difficulty anticipated in overcoming development challenges.
- Establish [Credibility and Traceability](#) of the proposed advanced vehicle concept(s) benefits. Detailed System Study must include:
  - A current technology reference vehicle and mission
  - A 2030-35 technology conventional configuration vehicle and mission
  - A 2030-35 technology advanced configuration vehicle and mission

# SFW N+3 NRA Teams



-   imagination at work 
  - Subsonic Ultra Green Aircraft Research (SUGAR)

-   Rolls-Royce   
  - Silent, Efficient, Low-Emission Commercial Transport (SELECT)

-  imagination at work  
  - Small Commercial Efficient & Quiet Air Transportation for 2030-2035

-  Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
  - Aircraft & Technology Concepts for N+3 Subsonic Transport

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# N+3 Advanced Concepts NRA Phase 1 Studies (SFW)



**Description:** Completed four 18-month “Advanced Concept Studies for Commercial Subsonic Transport Aircraft Entering Service in the 2030-35 Period” intended to stimulate far-term thinking towards future aircraft needs, and identify key technology needs to meet the challenges.

**Results:** Phase 1 final reports submitted March 31, 2010; final reviews held April 20-23, 2010

- Trends
  - Lower cruise speeds at higher altitude (~40-45k ft)
  - Heading toward BPR 20 (or propeller) with small, high efficiency core
  - Higher AR and laminar flow to varying degrees
- Uniquely enabling concepts/techs emerged (strut/truss, double bubble, hybrid-electric (battery) propulsion for example)
- Broadly applicable technology advances needed (for example lightweight materials, high temp materials, gust load alleviation)
- Energy: conventional/biofuel most prevalent, plus hybrid electric

**Impact:** Results will be used as key information to guide future investment in the SFW project, also basis for Phase 2 proposals currently under evaluation.

Boeing, GE, GaTech



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NG, RR, Tufts, Sensis, Spirit



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GE, Cessna, GaTech

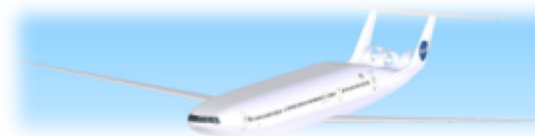


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# Boeing SUGAR



Credit: NASA/Boeing



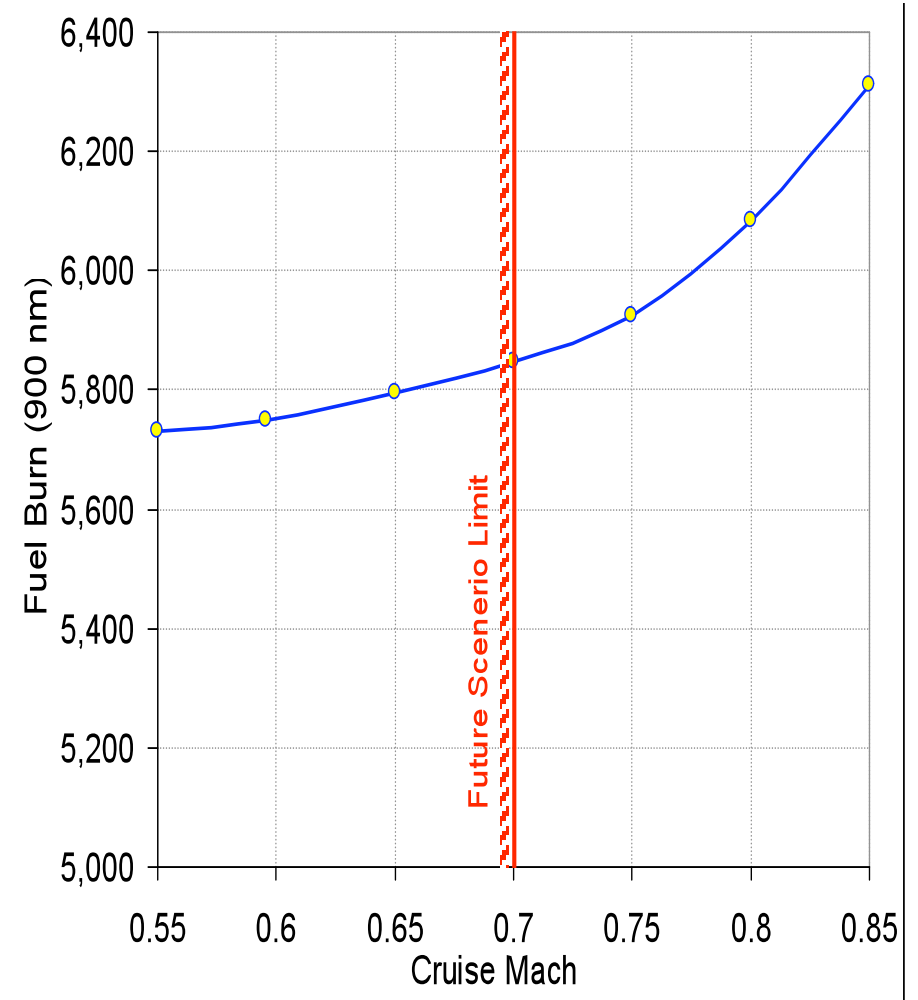
# Boeing SUGAR

## scenario derived vehicle requirements



Boeing Current Market Outlook based; growth tied to GDP growth (robust over time)

2030 Fleet			
	Regional	Medium	Large
Number of Aircraft	2,675	22,150	7,225
Family Midpoint # of Seats	70	154	300
Avg. Distance	575	900	3,300
Max Distance	2,000	3,500	8,500
Avg. Trips/day	6.00	5.00	2.00
Avg. MPH	475	500	525
Fleet Daily Air Miles (K)	8,500	100,000	55,000
Daily Miles	3,200	4,500	7,600
Daily Hours	6.92	9.23	13.96





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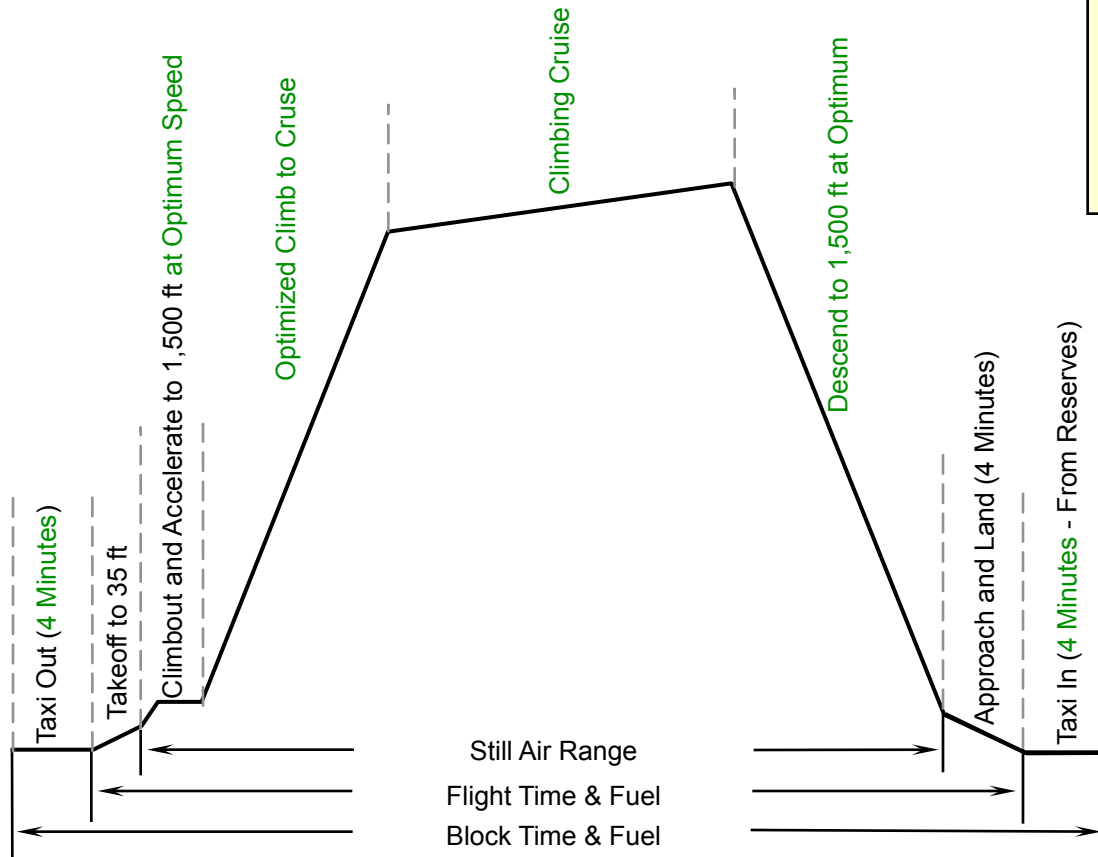
N+3 reference mission rules change due to projected NextGen ATS



17.5% fuel burn savings due both operational changes, and cycled vehicle changes

## Mission

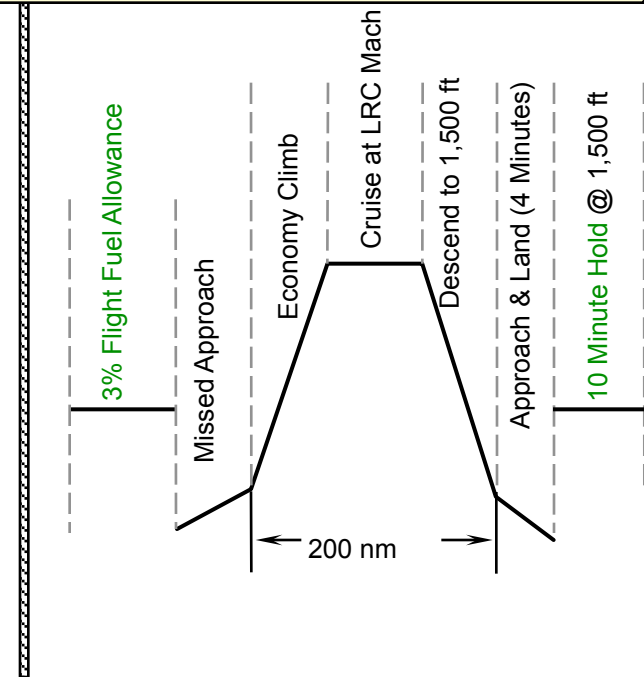
Nominal Performance  
Standard Day  
Fuel Density: 6.7 lb/US Gallon



## Reserves

### Changes:

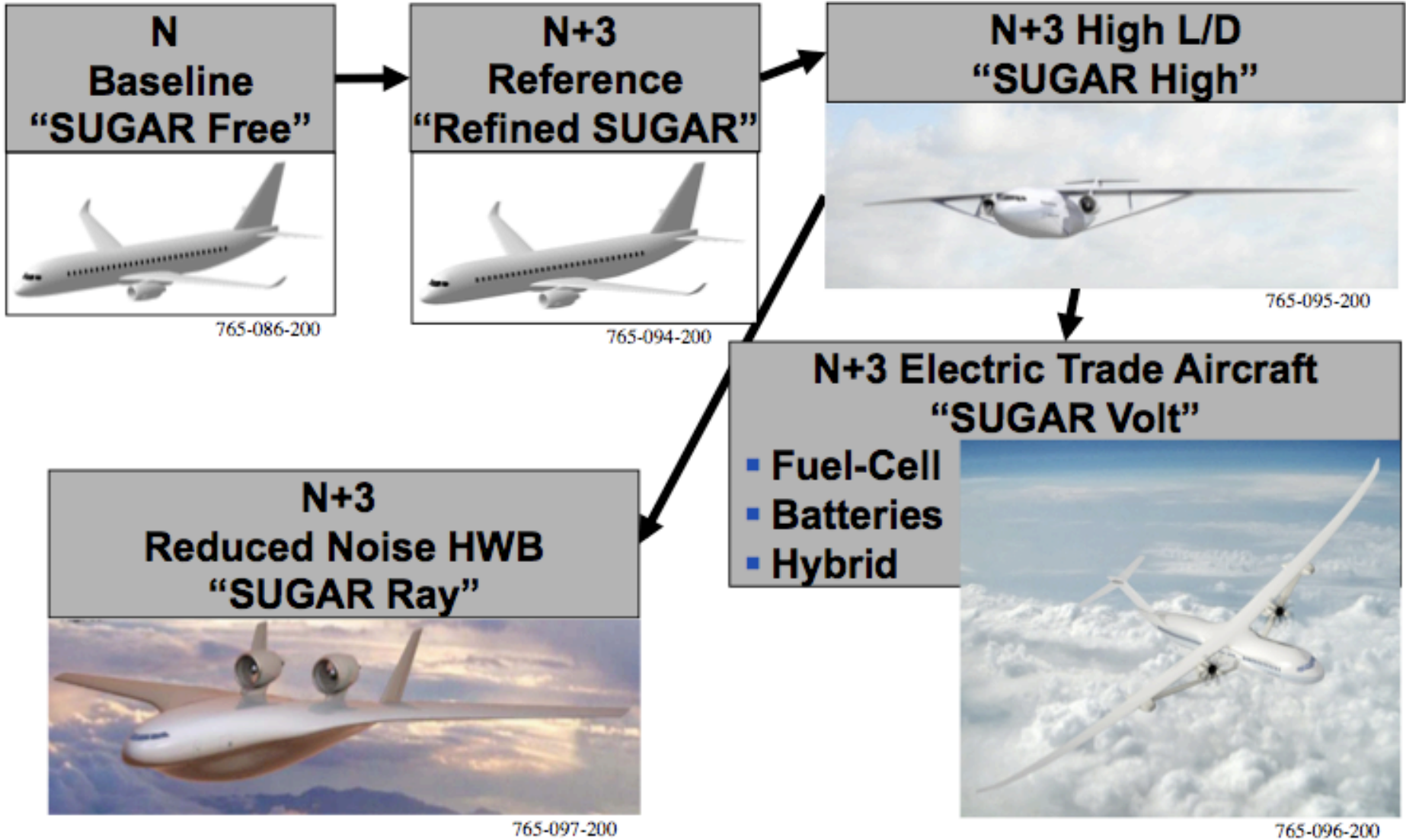
- Shorter taxi times
- Optimized climb
- Cruise climb
- Eliminated loiter
- Reduced reserve flight fuel allowance
- Reduced hold time





# Boeing SUGAR focus concepts

Downselect to 5 concepts for detailed study; large number of trade/sensitivity studies within this set



# Boeing SUGAR Volt Propulsion Trades

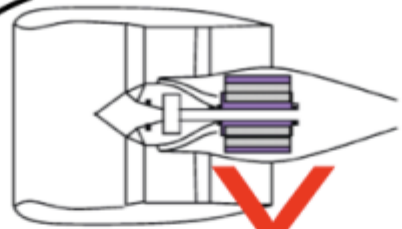


Multiple propulsion concepts, including multiple electric variants

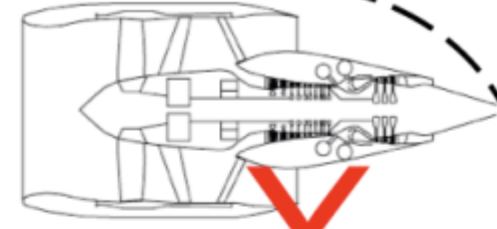


**CFM56**  
 Conventional GT  
 SUGAR Free  
 61" / 5  
 27,000 lbf  
 Base  
 Base  
 Base

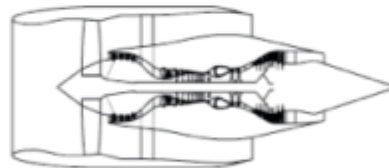
Airframe  
 Fan diameter / BPR  
 Thrust (SLS/+27)  
 Cruise SFC  
 Propulsion system weight  
 Emissions (relative to CAEP/6)



**"eFan"**  
 All-electric  
 SUGAR Volt  
 90" / 19  
 25,500 lbf  
 -100%  
 7,000 lb class  
 -100%

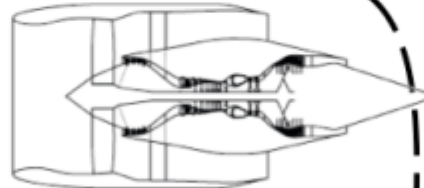


**"fFan"**  
 GT-fuel cell hybrid  
 SUGAR Volt  
 89" / ~10  
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 -15-25% class  
 15-20K lb class  
 TBD

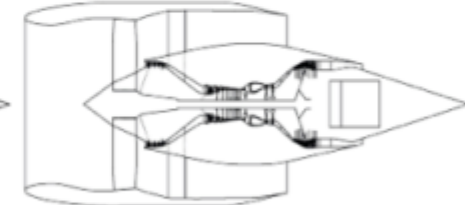


**"gFan"**  
 Gas turbine  
 Refined SUGAR  
 70" / 9  
 18,900 lbf  
 -21%  
 6411 lb  
 -58%

Airframe  
 Fan diameter / BPR  
 Thrust (SLS/+27)  
 Cruise SFC  
 Propulsion system weight  
 Emissions (relative to CAEP/6)



**"gFan+"**  
 Advanced GT  
 SUGAR High  
 77" / 13  
 18,900 lbf  
 -28%  
 7096 lb  
 -72%



**"hFan"**  
 GT-electric hybrid  
 SUGAR Volt  
 89" / 18  
 25,600 lbf  
 -28% GT mode (-100% elec. Mode)  
 10475 lb  
 better than -72%

**Selected**

# Boeing SUGAR

## Summary against Goals



**SUGAR Volt offers the most potential**

Goals	Refined SUGAR		SUGAR High		SUGAR Volt		SUGAR Ray	
	Base	Opport.	Base	Opport.	Base	Opport.	Base	Opport.
Fuel Burn -70%	-44%	-54%	-39%	-58%	-63%	-90%	-43%	
GHG -70%	-72%	-77%	-69%	-79%	-81%	-95%	-75%	
Energy -70%	-44%	-54%	-39%	-58%	-56%		-43%	
LTO NOx Emissions -75% CAEP 6	-58%		-72%		-79%	-89%	-72%	
Noise 55 DNL (1.8 nm)	6 nm		4.7 nm		<4.7 nm		2.5 nm	
Noise -71 dB								
Field Length (ave. mission)	5500 ft	4900 ft	6000 ft	5300 ft	4400-6000 ft	4000 ft		



Far from goal



Does not meet goal



Nearly meets or meets goal



Exceeds goal

# Boeing SUGAR Technology Ranking



**Top 2 recommendations center on additional study of hybrid electric propulsion & strut/truss bracing**

Ranking	Technology or Technology Group	Goals
Game-Changing	Hybrid Electric Propulsion & High Performance Modular Batteries	Noise, Emissions, Fuel Burn, TOFL
Critical	Advanced Combustors	Emissions
Critical	Biofuels	Emissions
Critical	NextGen ATM	Emissions, Fuel Burn
Critical	Engine Noise Treatments	Noise
Critical	Aero Technologies (Inc. Laminar Flow)	Noise, Emissions, Fuel Burn, TOFL
Important	Engine Technologies	Fuel Burn
Important	Airframe Acoustic Technologies	Noise
Important	Airframe Materials & Structures	Fuel Burn
Important	Advanced Subsystems	Emissions, Fuel Burn

**“A wide portfolio of technologies is needed to achieve the NASA N+3 goals”**

# Northrop Grumman SELECT



Credit: NASA/Northrop Grumman



# Northrop Grumman SELECT

## scenario derived vehicle requirements



**Weighted scenarios/goals (King Carbon, NIMBY, Bright Bold Tomorrow), exploit metroplex for capacity**

- NextGen alone is not sufficient
- By engaging Metroplex fields with 5000' runways (or greater), a huge addition in capacity and attendant reduction in delay is achieved
- Substantial future delays will be seen (or attendant price increases, congestion, frustration) if not implemented soon
- For the broadest capability, a range of 1600 nm is sufficient
- Passenger count of 120 will serve primary Metroplex mission
- Cruising at Mach 0.75 or greater will best utilize N+3 airframes

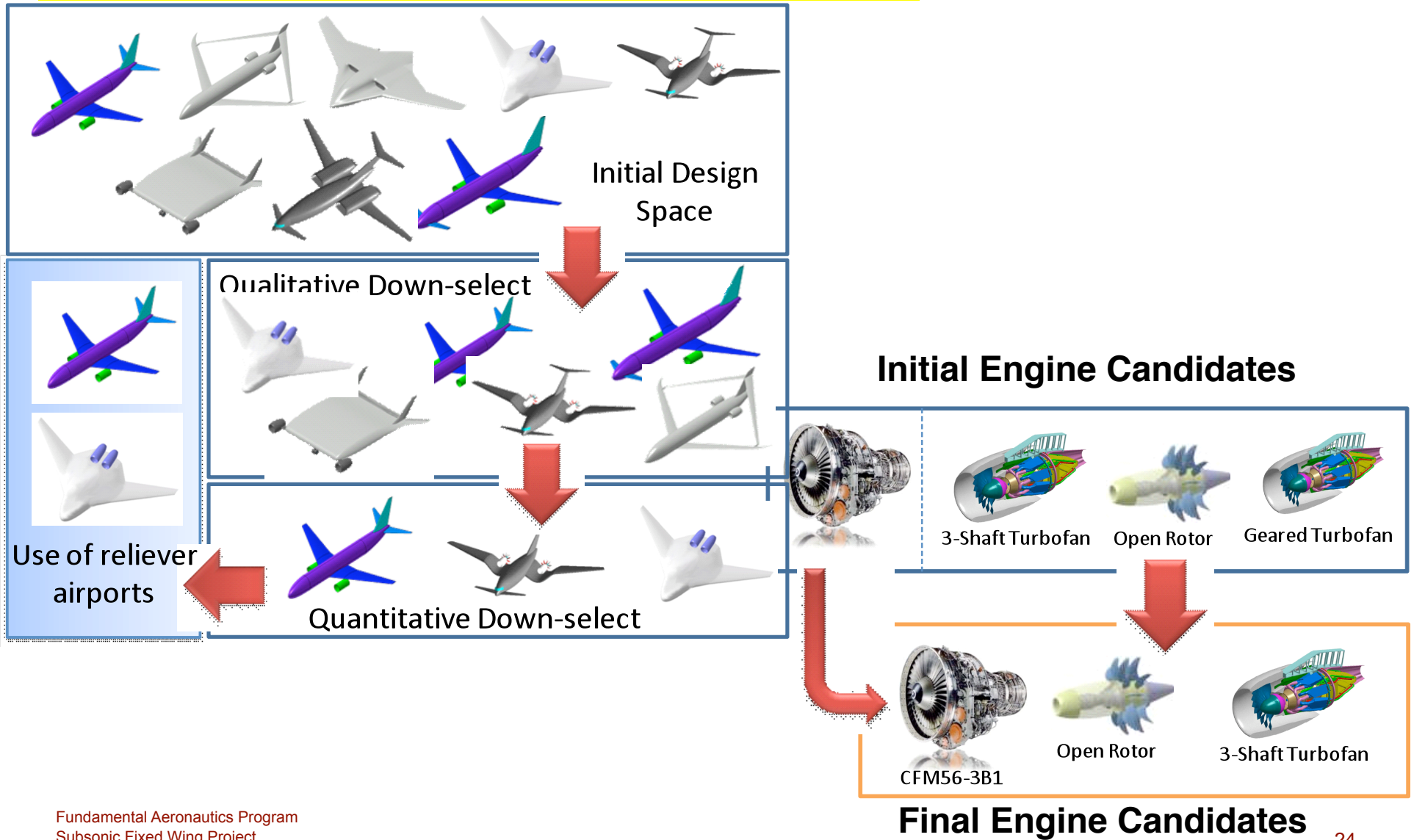
Mission Requirements	
Range (with reserves):	1600 nm
Passengers:	120
Balanced Field Length (Sea Level/Standard Day):	5000 ft
Landing Distance (Sea Level/Standard Day):	5000 ft
Minimum Cruise Mach:	0.75

# Northrop Grumman SELECT

vehicle and engine concepts



Downselect from many ideas to a few concepts for detailed study





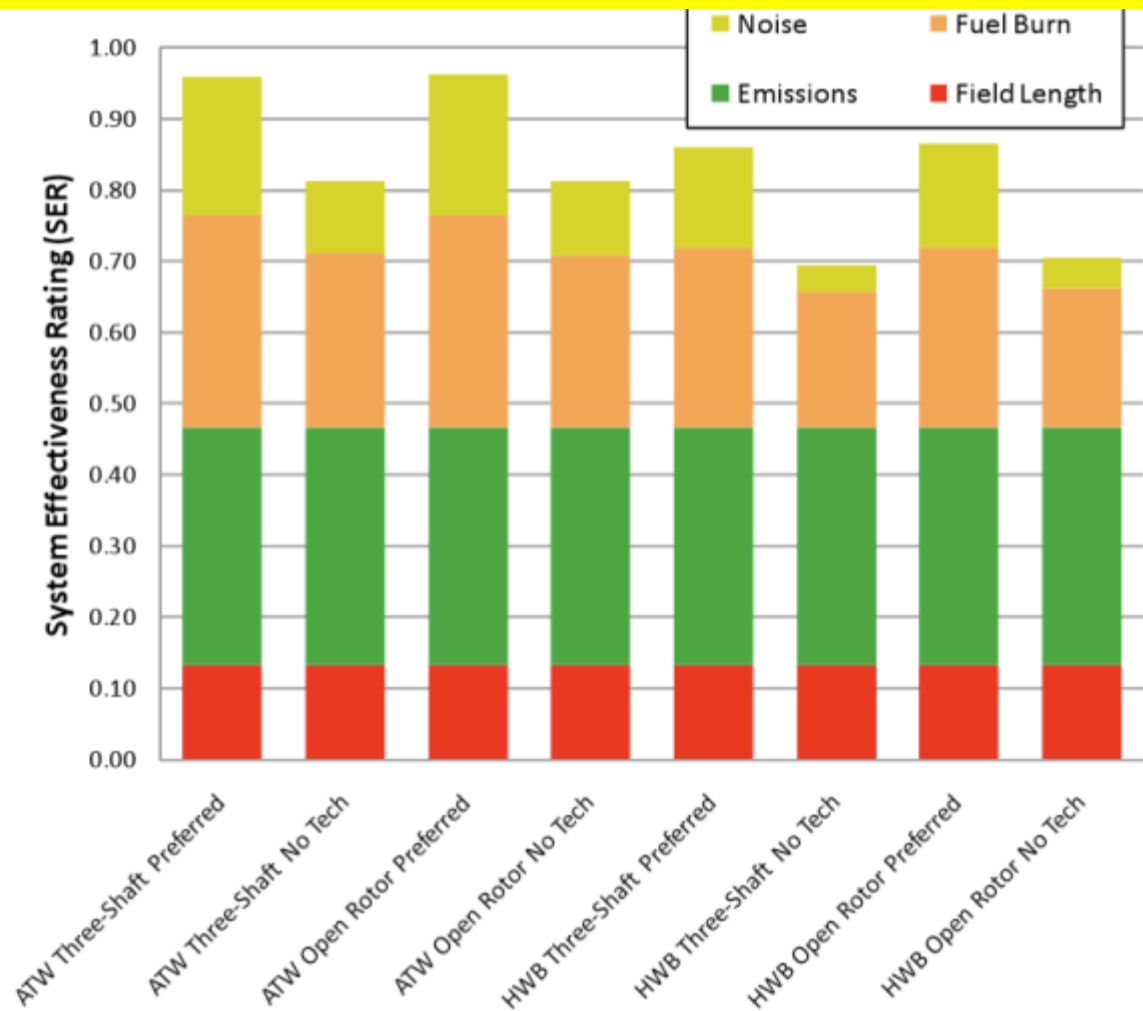
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**ATW (Adv Tube/Wing) is preferred concept for this mission; open rotor if < ~3 EPNdB over 3-shaft TF**

- The ATW exhibits better system-level performance than the HWB
- The ATW open rotor configuration performs slightly better than the ATW three-shaft turbofan
  - Assuming the two engines have the same noise output

***The ATW is the preferred configuration***



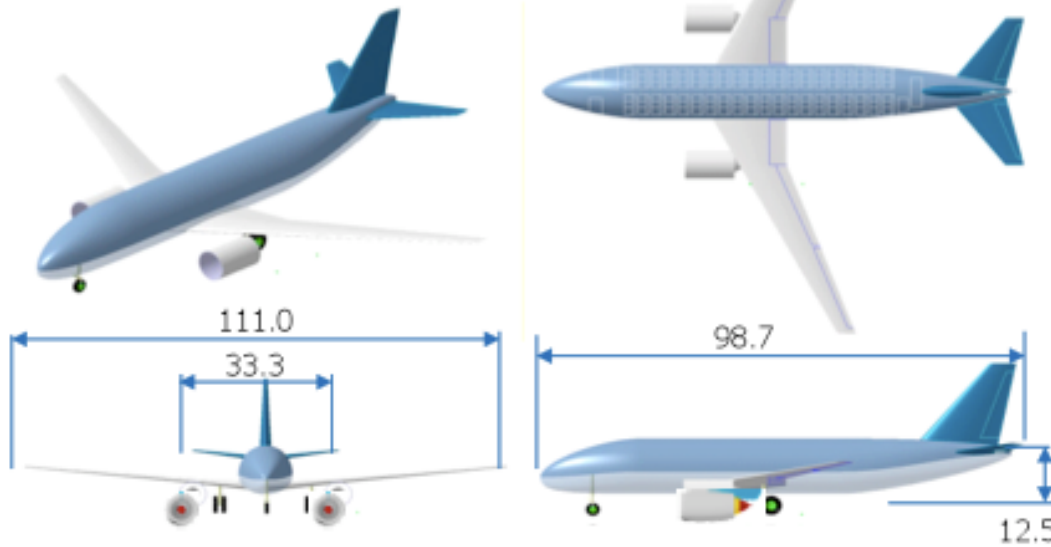
# Northrop Grumman SELECT

preferred concept



**“revolutionary in performance, if not in appearance”**

Phase 1 Preferred Configuration Summary	
Range (With Reserves):	1,600 nm
Passengers:	120
Field Length Capability:	5,000 ft
Cruise Altitude:	45,000 ft
Design Mach Number:	0.75
Ramp Gross Weight:	80478 lb
Zero Fuel Weight:	71,333 lb
Operating Empty Weight:	46,133 lb
Empty Weight:	43,666 lb
Wing Aspect Ratio:	12.7
Cruise Specific Fuel Consumption:	0.451 pph/lb



## Technology Suite

- Three-Shaft Turbofan Engine
- Ultra-High Bypass Ratio ~18
- CMC Turbine Blades
- Lean-Burn CMC Combustor
- Intercooled Compressor Stages
- Swept Fan Outlet Guide Vanes
- Fan Blade Sweep Design
- Lightweight Fan/Fan Cowl
- Compressor Flow Control
- Active Compressor Clearance Control
- Shape Memory Alloy Nozzle
- Swept Wing Laminar Flow
- Large Integrated Structures
- Aeroservoelastic Structures
- Ultrahigh Performance Fibers
- Carbon Nanotube Electrical Cables
- 3-D Woven Pi Preform Joints
- Advanced Metallics
- Landing Gear Fairings
- Advanced Acoustic Inlet Liner

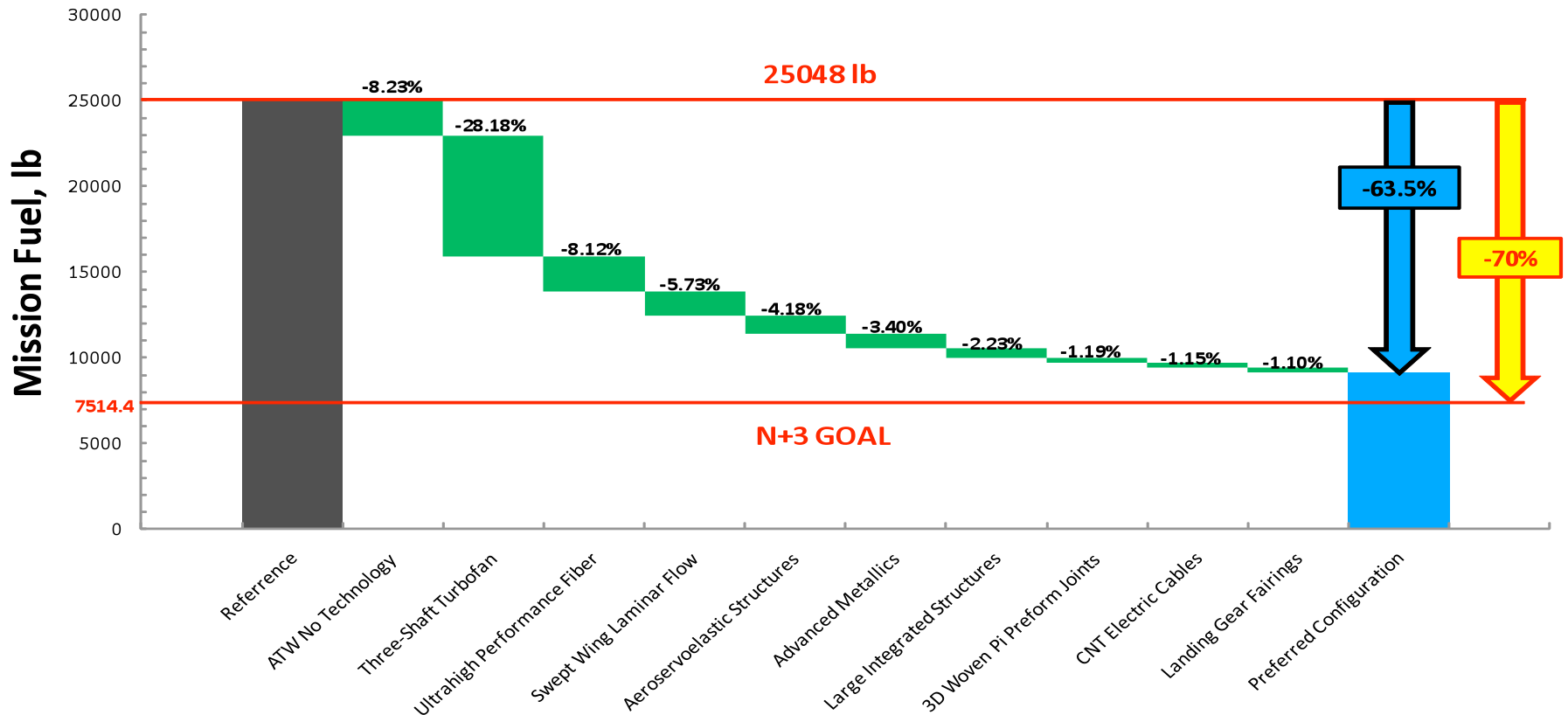
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fuel burn reduction and technology suite



large overall benefit from many “smaller” technologies cycling into design together; propulsion largest

- Overall fuel reduction represents technology set applied as a group
- Propulsion system resulted in largest overall fuel burn reduction
- Aerodynamics, structures, and propulsion disciplines all important towards achieving fuel burn reduction

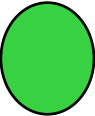
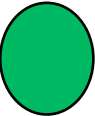
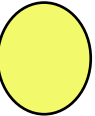
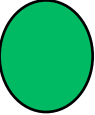


# Northrop Grumman SELECT

Summary against Goals



Once again – revolutionary in performance, if not in appearance – need to understand

Performance Criteria	N+3 Goal (2030-2035 EIS) Relative to Reference Vehicle	Phase I Achievement		
		Absolute	% of Goal	
Noise (Cum Below Stage 4)	-71 dB	-70 dB	98%	
LTO NOx Emissions (Below CAEP/6)	Better than -75%	-91%	121%	
Fuel Burn	Better than -70%	-64%	91%	
Field Length	Exploit Metroplex	Exploited Metroplex		

# GE/Cessna



**Credit: NASA/General Electric**



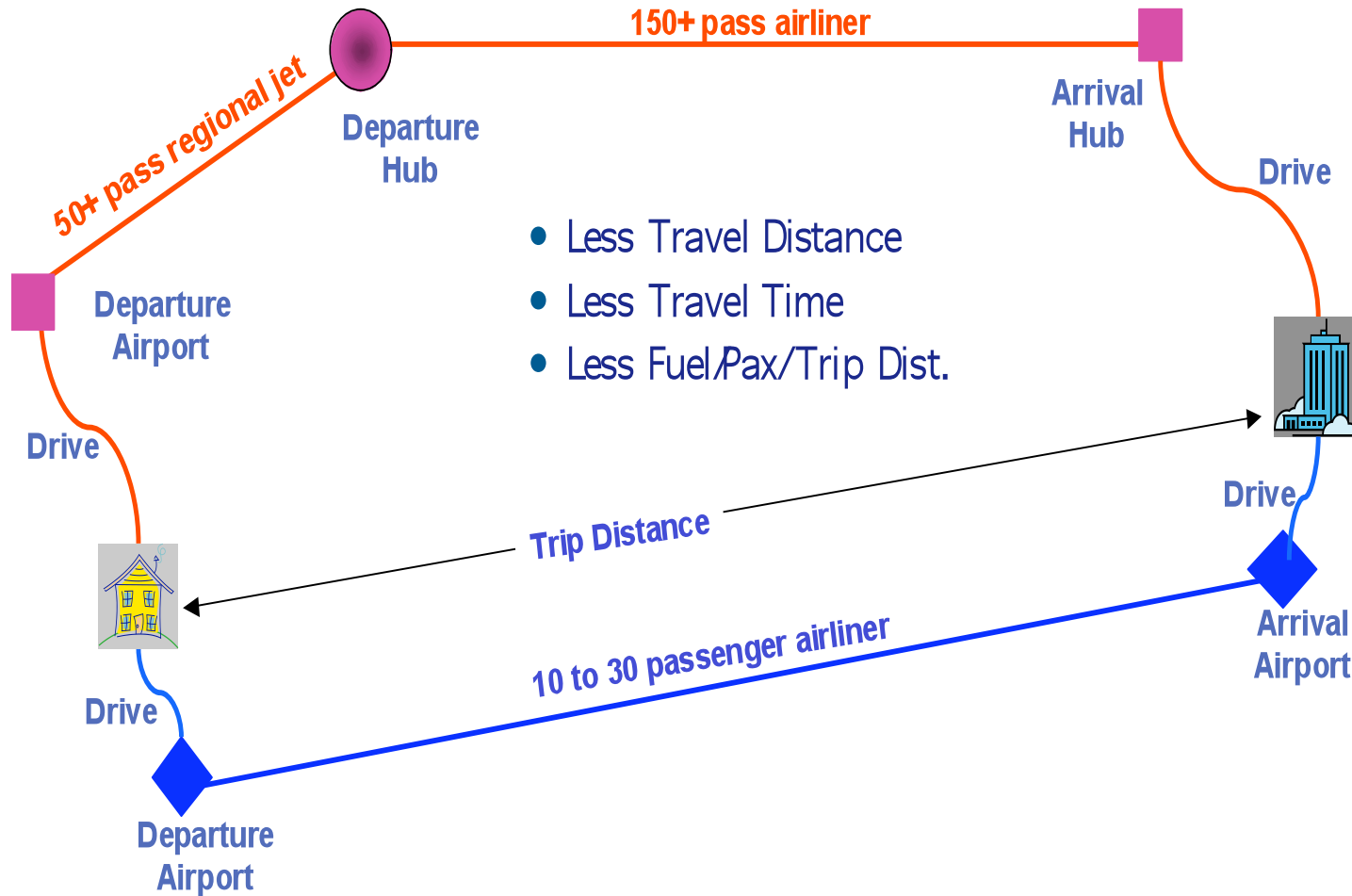
# GE/Cessna

scenario derived vehicle requirements



Distributed point to point to off load overwhelmed hub and spoke, min 3X price to garner 14% air market

## Point-to-Point Travel for 2035

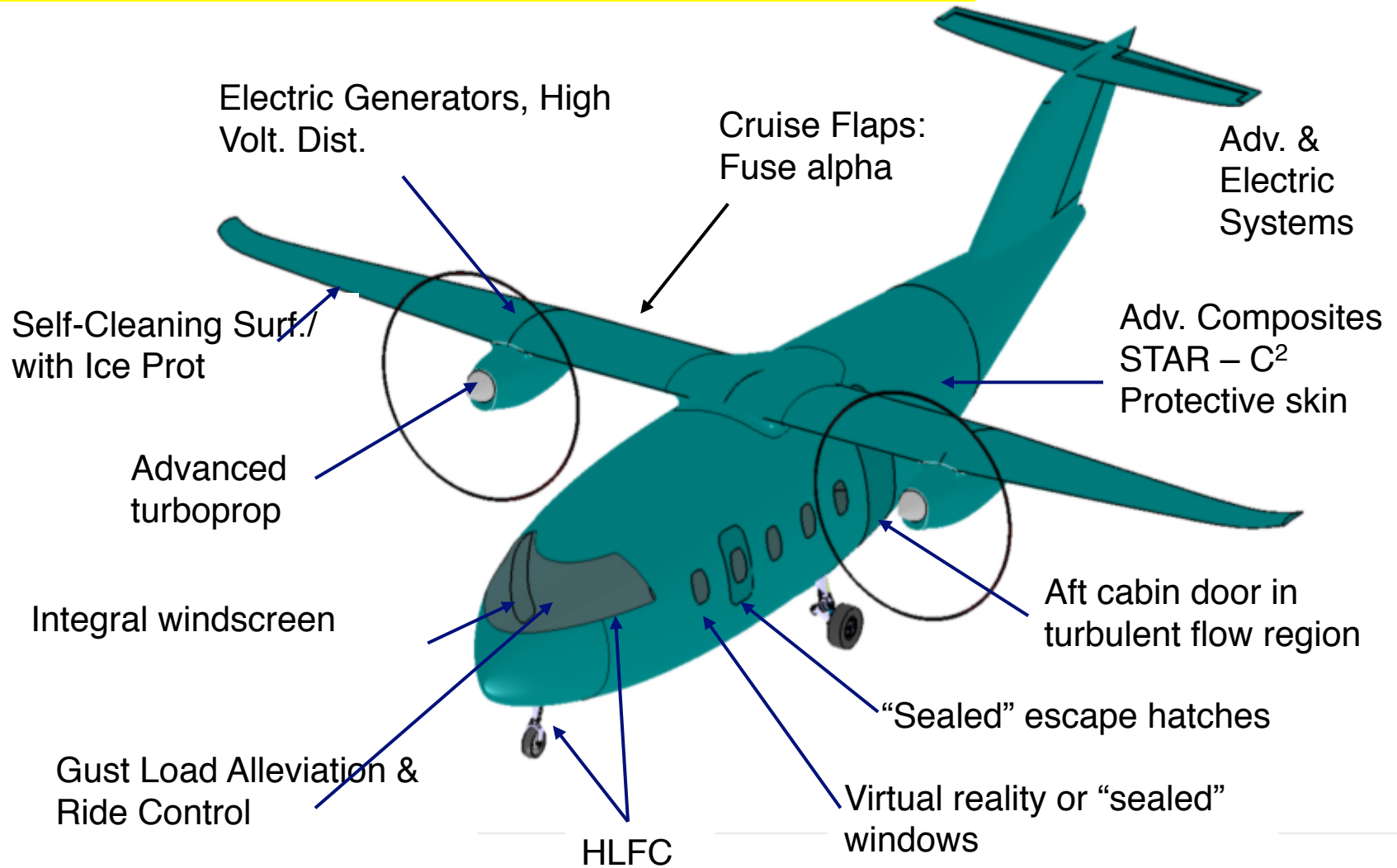


# GE/Cessna

technologies



Laminar flow and techs for lightweight structure, systems, propulsion  
M.55, 800nm, 20pax

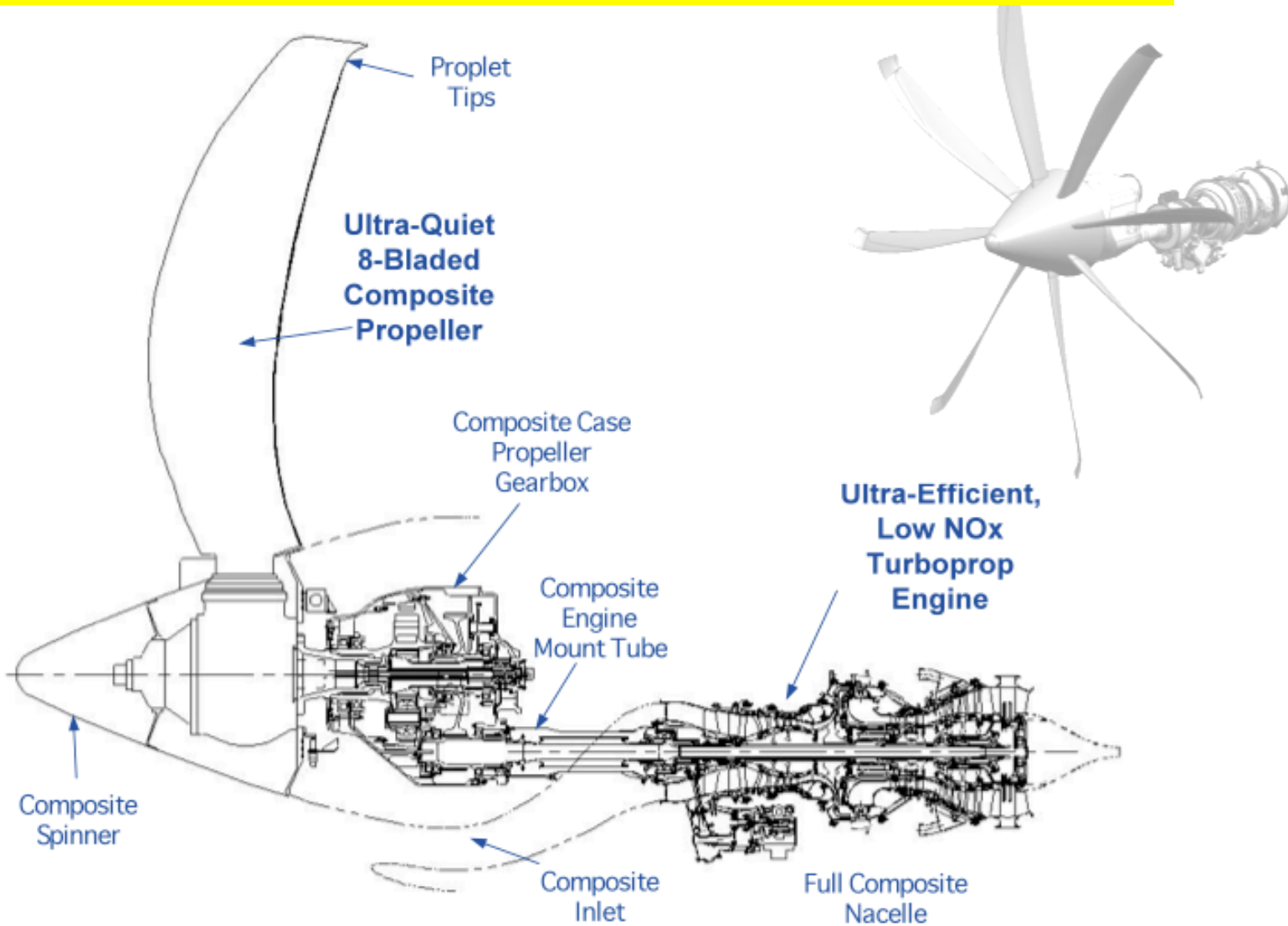


# GE/Cessna

engine concept – Ultra Quiet and Efficient Turboprop (UQETP)



**Innovative low noise propeller is key to minimizing noise and community acceptance**





# GE/Cessna

## summary against goals



Combination of advanced configuration and technologies - significant progress against all goals

	<u>TOGW</u> lb	<u>Thrust</u> lbf	<u>Fuel Burn</u> lb/mission	<u>LTO NOx</u> g/LTO/Pax	<u>LTO Noise</u> EPNdB Cum	<u>Field Length</u> Landing, T/O
Baseline Airliner	24973	4557.5	3516	43	-20	4000
<b>B20 w/ 2008 TF</b>	<b>BASE</b>	<b>BASE</b>	<b>BASE</b>	<b>BASE</b>	<b>BASE</b>	<b>BASE</b>
Advanced Airliner	14550	3203.8	1088	10.5	-75	
<b>A20 w/ 2030 ATP</b>	<b>-42%</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>-69%</b>	<b>-75%</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Adv Reference Airliner	17511.1	4090.4	1669	17.3	-41	
<b>AR20 w/ 2030 ARTF</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-53%</b>	<b>-59%</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Advanced Propulsion Only	22267	5197	1800	20.6	-62	
<b>B20 w/ 2030 ATP</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>+14%</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>+23%</b>
Advanced Airframe Only	16437.6	3287.8	2135	31.9	-32	
<b>A20 w/ 2008 TF</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-39%</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>+6%</b>



Credit: NASA/MIT

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**GDP based growth, similar to Boeing Current Market Outlook; detailed assessment metroplex field length**

**Size**

- **Domestic:** 180 passengers @ 215 lbs/pax (737-800)
- **International:** 350 passengers @ 215 lbs/pax (777-200LR)
- Multi-class configuration
- Increased cabin baggage

**Range**

- **Domestic:** US transcontinental; max range 3,000 nm with reserves
- **International:** Transpacific; max range 7,600 nm with reserves

**Speed**

- **Domestic:** Minimum of Mach 0.72
- **International:** Minimum of 0.8
- Driven by fuel efficiency

**Runway Length**

- **Domestic:** 5,000 ft balanced field
- **International:** 9,000 ft balanced field

**Fuel & Emissions**

- N+3 target: 70% fuel burn improvement
- Meet N+3 emission target (75% below CAEP/6 NOx restriction)
- Consider alternative fuels and climate impact

**Noise**

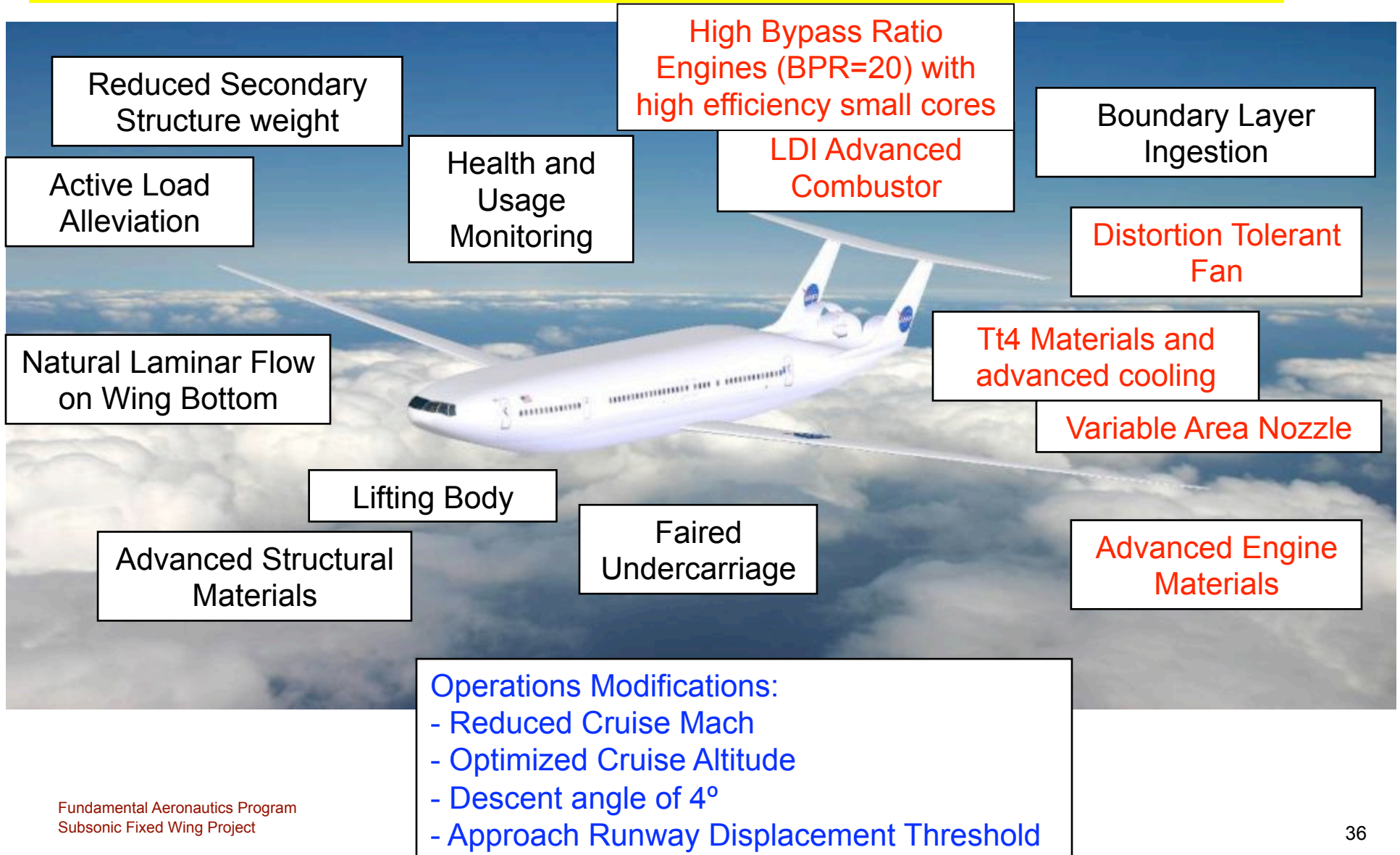
- N+3 target: (-71 dB cumulative below FAA Stage 4 limits)

**Other**

- Compatibility with NextGen
- Wake vortex robustness
- Meet or exceed future FAA and JAA safety targets



**Novel configuration plus suite of airframe, propulsion and operational characteristics combined**



# MIT D8.5 – Double Bubble Configuration

summary against goals



**D8.5 configuration w/ adv techs meets 3 of 4 goals**

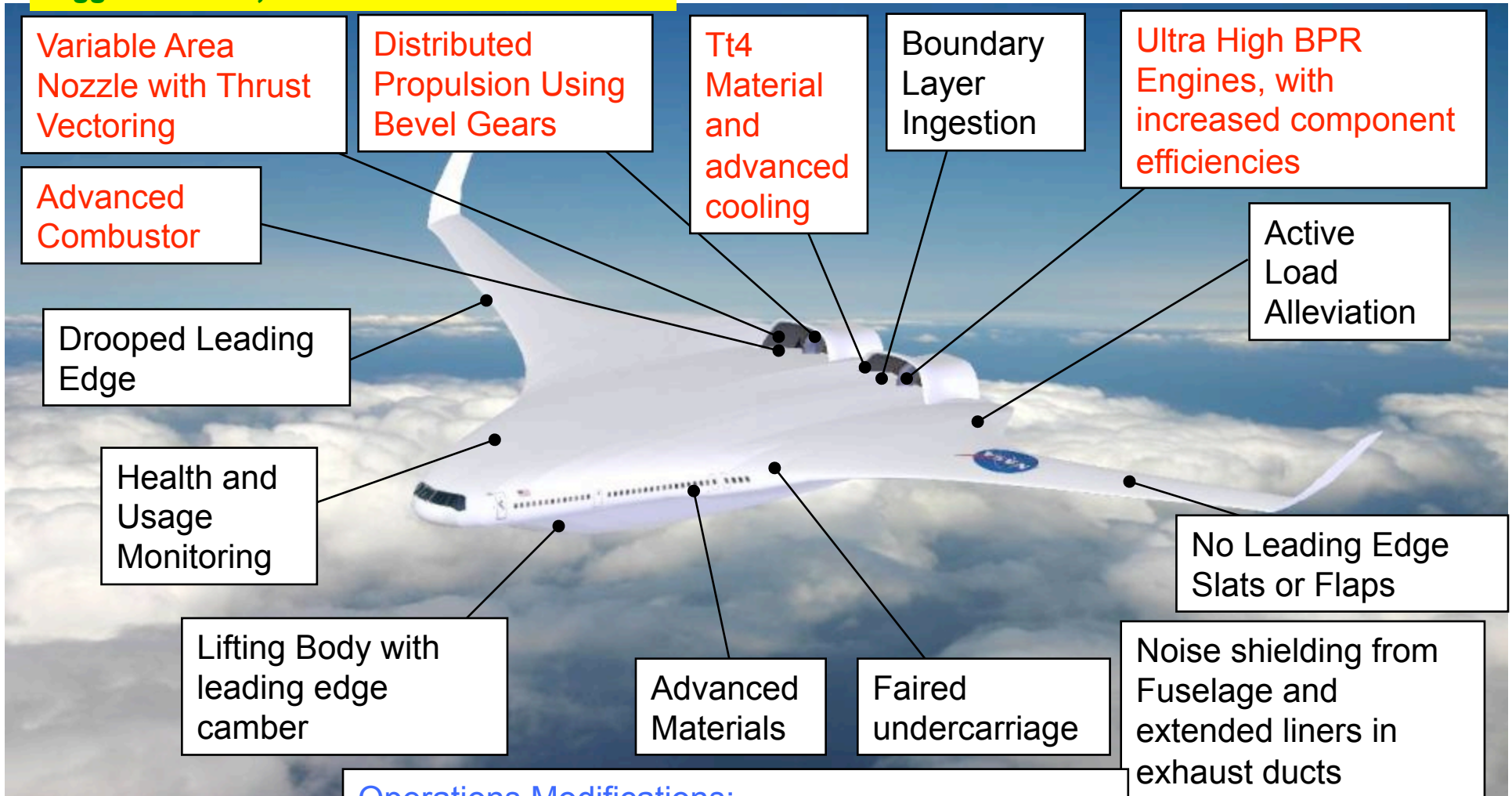


**Mission**  
 Payload: 180 PAX  
 Range: 3000 nm

Metric	737-800 Baseline	N+3 Goals % of Baseline	D8.5
Fuel Burn (PFEI) (KJ/kg-km)	7.43	2.23 (70% Reduction)	<b>2.17</b> <b>(70.8% Reduction)</b>
Noise (EPNdB below Stage 4)	277	202 (-71 EPN db Below Stage 4)	213 (-60 EPNdB Below Stage 4)
LTO Nox (g/kN) (% Below CAEP 6)	43.28 (31% below CAEP 6)	75% below CAEP 6	<b>10.5 (87.3% below 6)</b>
Field Length (ft)	7680 for 3000 nm mission	5000 (metroplex)	<b>5000 (metroplex)</b>



### Bigger is better, and faster is better for HWB



- Operations Modifications:
- Optimized Cruise Altitude
  - Descent angle of 4°
  - Approach Runway Displacement Threshold

# MIT H3.2 Hybrid Wing Body Configuration

summary against goals



**H3.2 configuration w/ adv techs further from goals, but studied at lower fidelity than D-series**



**Mission**  
 Payload: 354 PAX  
 Range: 7600 nm

Metric	777-200 LR Baseline	N+2 Goals % of Baseline	N+3 Goals % of Baseline	H3.2
Fuel Burn (PFEI) (KJ/kg-km)	5.94	3.58 (40% Reduction)	1.79 (70% reduction)	2.75 (54% reduction)
Noise (EPNdB below Stage 4)	288	246 (-42 EPNdB)	217(-71 EPNdB)	242 (-46 EPNdB Below Stage 4)
LTO Nox (g/kN) (% Below CAEP 6)	67.9	24.5 (75% below CAEP 6)	>24.5 (75% below CAEP 6)	18.6 (81% below CAEP 6)
Field Length (ft)	10,000	4375 (50%)	metroplex	9000

# N+3 Advanced Concepts NRA Phase 1 Studies (SFW)



**Description:** Completed four 18-month “Advanced Concept Studies for Commercial Subsonic Transport Aircraft Entering Service in the 2030-35 Period” intended to stimulate far-term thinking towards future aircraft needs, and identify key technology needs to meet the challenges.

**Results:** Phase 1 final reports submitted March 31, 2010; final reviews held April 20-23, 2010

- Trends
  - Lower cruise speeds at higher altitude (~40-45k ft)
  - Heading toward BPR 20 (or propeller) with small, high efficiency core
  - Higher AR and laminar flow to varying degrees
- Uniquely enabling concepts/techs emerged (strut/truss, double bubble, hybrid-electric (battery) propulsion for example)
- Broadly applicable technology advances needed (for example lightweight materials, high temp materials, gust load alleviation)
- Energy: conventional/biofuel most prevalent, plus hybrid electric

**Impact:** Results will be used as key information to guide future investment in the SFW project, also basis for Phase 2 proposals currently under evaluation.

Boeing, GE, GaTech



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M.70

NG, RR, Tufts, Sensis, Spirit



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GE, Cessna, GaTech

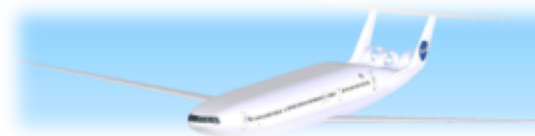


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MIT, Aurora, P&W, Aerodyne



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7600nm  
M.83



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# Outline

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- National and NASA Context
- Study Background
- Study Highlights by Team
- Concluding Remarks

# SFW N+3 NRA Phase 2

what's next?

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- 5 Proposals Submitted by April 19, 2010
- 3 Task Areas
  - Experimental and Higher-Fidelity Exploration of Key Technologies
  - N+3 Advanced Vehicle Concept Study
  - N+4 Advanced Vehicle Concept Study
- Start work October 2010
  - 2-3 years, total \$5-6M/year

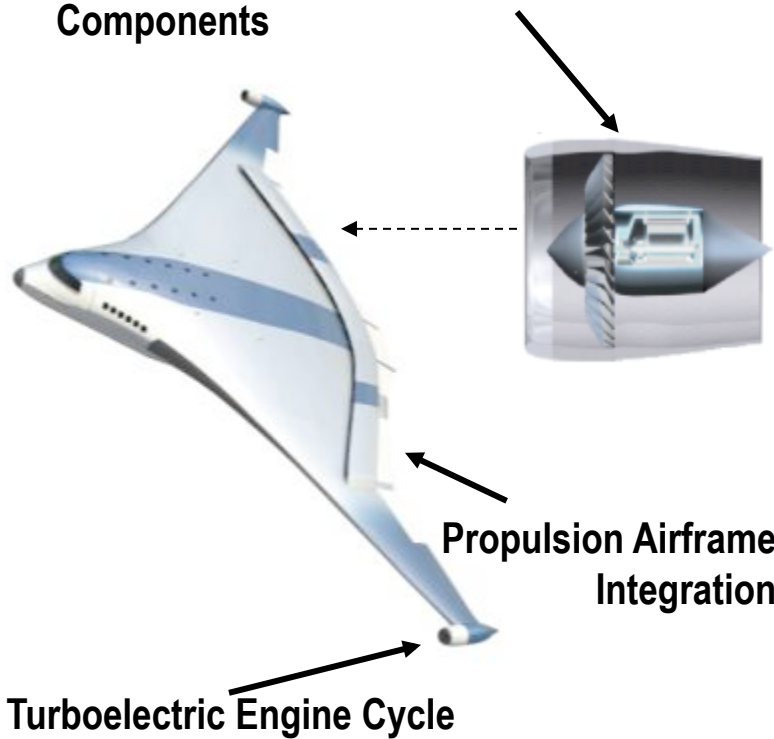
# Additional N+3 Studies



## Distributed Turboelectric Propulsion

NASA In-house

Lightweight High Temperature Superconducting Components



## Truss-Braced Wing (TBW) Research

NASA In-house, NIA, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech



High Span Truss-Braced Wing with Fold  
Goldschmied Propulsor  
Laminar Flow

# SFW N+3 Goals – Final Thoughts



- Noise – tied to regulation, Stage 4
  - Drive towards National goal of noise within airport boundaries
  - Review -71 dB cum below Stage 4 – *is it the right level in this timeframe?*
- Emissions – LTO NOx tied to regulation, CAEP 6
  - Other emittants not regulated, yet
  - CO2 - a global climate change metric...
  - H2O, contrail, cirrus
  - NOx at cruise
  - .... *add additional environmental metrics, but what levels?*
- Fuel Burn – no regulation
  - -70% from current day reference, user defined depending on mission
  - MIT energy intensity metric, added climate impact metric
  - Boeing, added life cycle CO2
  - ..... *split energy efficiency and CO2/GHG into 2 goals*
- Field Length – exploit metroplex
  - Idea = enhance capacity/availability by accessing under utilized existing airports/runways to off load hub in metro area
  - 5000' field length for domestic operations (payload/range) seems to be worthy goal to have a positive impact on capacity/availability
  - ..... *probably a lower level metric, but 5000' is a good target*

