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Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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Source of non-partisan information on environmental, energy, and climate policies



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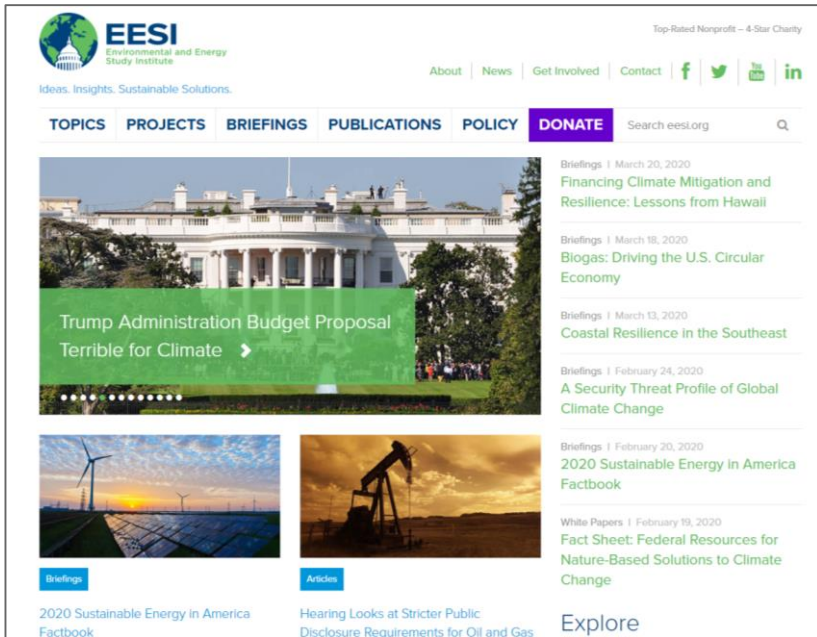
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Sustainable Aviation Fuels: A Market Opportunity

Chris Tindal

**Assistant Director,
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Alternative Fuels Initiative
(CAAFI)**



First flight from continuous commercial production of SAF, 10 March 2016

Fuel from World Energy - Paramount (HEFA-SPK 30/70 Blend).

**Only facility offering continuous production of SAF at present.
Other batch production is occurring due to extreme customer interest.**

CAAFI - Public/Private Partnership

A reflection of the 26+B usg U.S. Jet “market pull”

An aviation industry coalition established to facilitate and promote the introduction of alternative aviation fuel

Goal is development of non-petroleum, drop-in, jet fuel production with:

- * *Equivalent safety & performance*
- * *Comparable cost*
- * *Environmental improvement*
- * *Security of energy supply for aviation*

*Synthetic jet fuels,
primarily from
renewable sources*

Enables its diverse stakeholders to build relationships, share and collect data, identify resources, and direct research, development and deployment of alternative jet fuels



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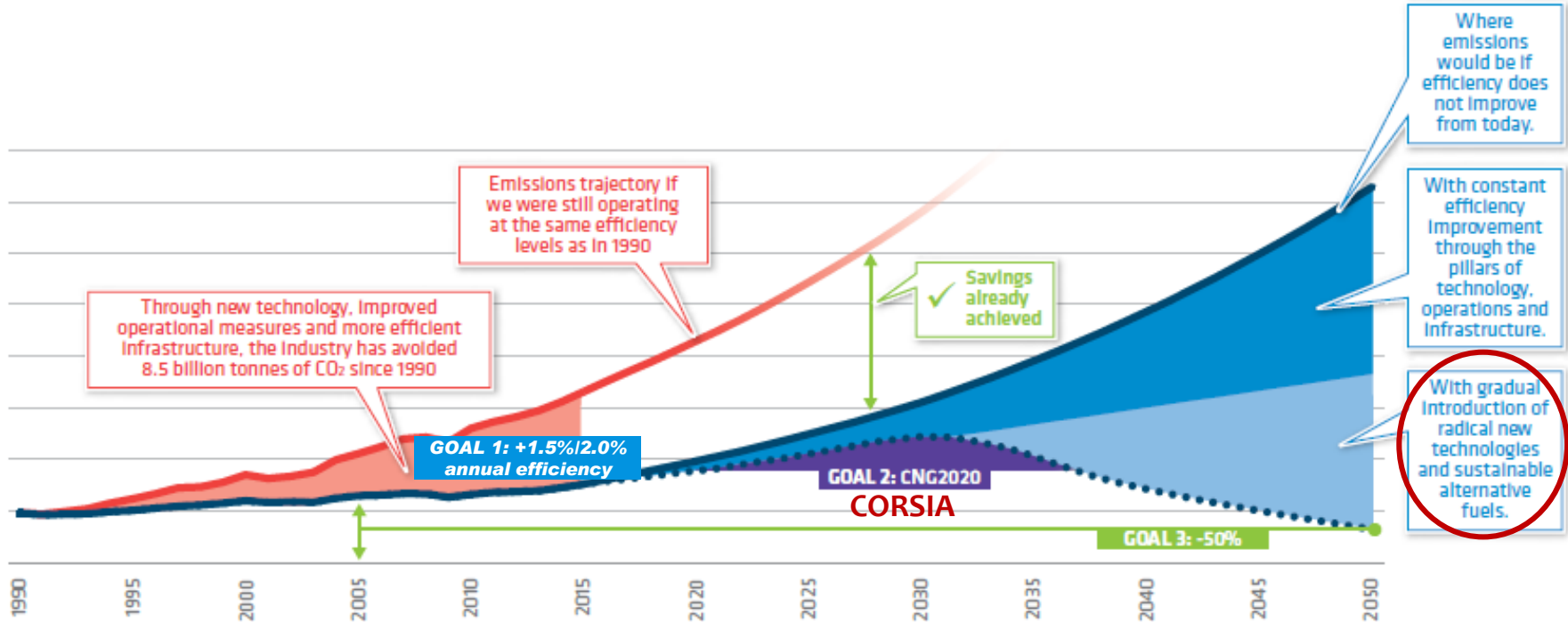
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SAF a key component of the Technology Pillar; enabler for GHG containment strategy

Industry Annual GHG emissions



Courtesy of ATAG: www.atag.org/our-publications/latest-publications.html
Beginner's Guide to Sustainable Aviation Fuel
Business Aviation made similar commitments

COMMERCIAL AVIATION
ALTERNATIVE FUELS INITIATIVE

SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel)

a.k.a. aviation biofuel, biojet, alternative aviation fuel

Aviation Fuel: Maintains the certification basis of today's aircraft and jet (gas turbine) engines by delivering the properties of ASTM D1655 – Aviation Turbine Fuel – **enables drop-in approach – no changes to infrastructure or equipment, obviating incremental billions of dollars of investment**

Sustainable: Doing so while taking Social, Economic, and Environmental progress into account, **especially addressing GHG reduction**

How: Creating synthetic jet fuel with biochemical and thermochemical processes by starting with a different set of carbon molecules than petroleum ... **a synthetic comprised of molecules essentially identical to petroleum-based jet (in whole or in part)**

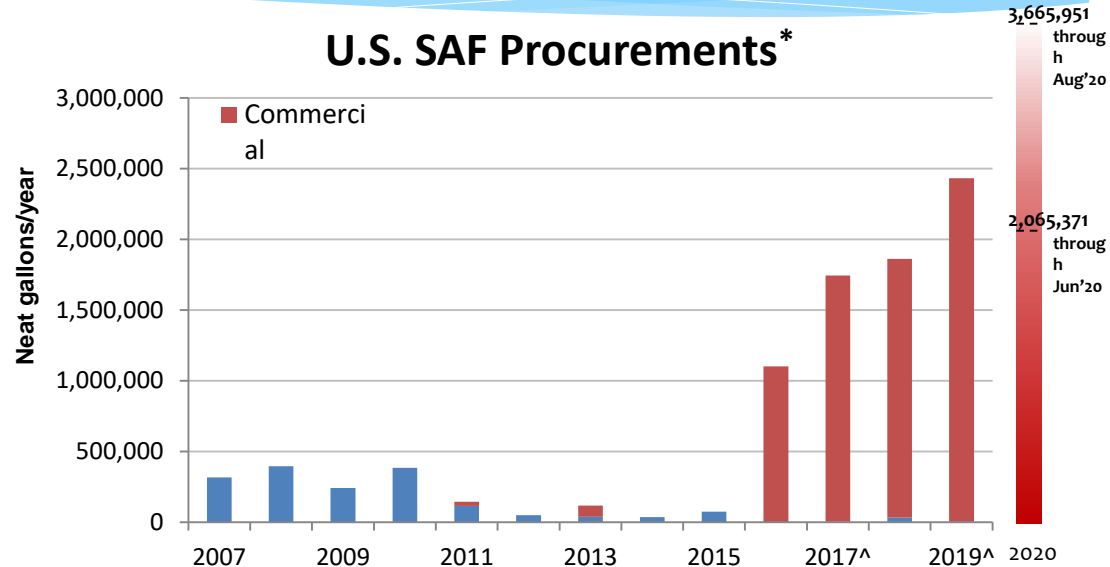
SAF Progress - Technical

- * **SAF are becoming increasingly technically viable**
 - * **Aviation now knows we can utilize numerous production pathways**
(7 approved, 6 in-process, >15 in pipeline)
 - * **Enabling use of all major sustainable feedstocks**
(lipids, sugars, lignocellulose, hydrogen & carbon sources, circular-economy byproduct streams)
 - * **Utilizing thermo-chemical and bio-chemical conversion processes to produce pure hydrocarbons, followed by standard refinery processes**
 - * **Following blending with petro-jet, SAF is drop-in, indistinguishable from petro-jet**
 - * **Some future pathways expected to produce SAF blending components that will need less, or zero, blending**
 - * **Expanding exploration of renewable crude co-processing with refineries**
 - * **Continuing streamlining of qualification – time, \$, methods**

Where we stand on U.S. SAF consumption

Initiation under way, still early

- * Four years of sustained commercial use
- * Commercial & General Aviation engaged
- * Two facilities in operation
- * Two facilities under construction, others in development
- * Cost delta still a challenge, with policies favoring renewable diesel
- * **In spite of that ... we still have \$6.5 B in airline offtake commitments for >350M gpy ... with more in development**



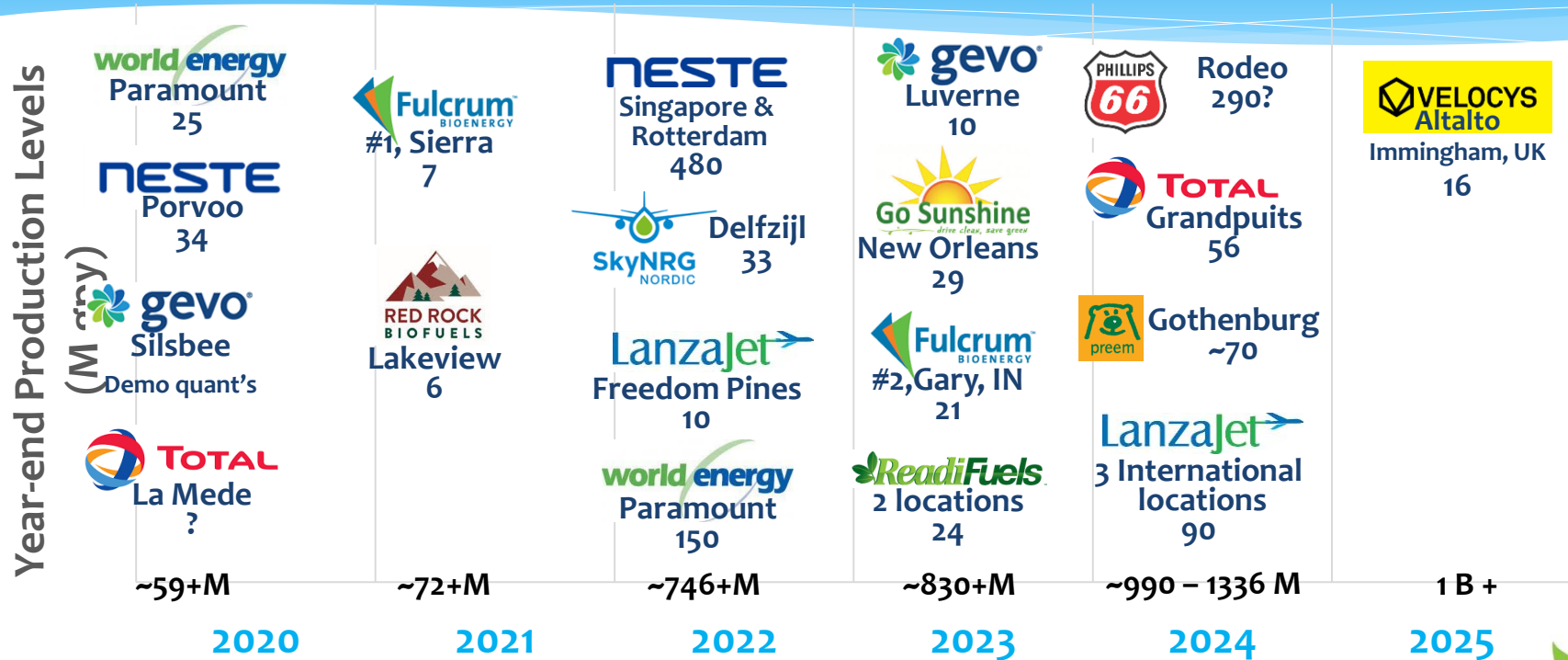
Credit: FAA

*Reflects voluntarily reported data on use by U.S. airlines, U.S. government, manufacturers, other fuel users, and foreign carriers uplifting at U.S. airports.

^2017-2019 calculation includes reported EPA RFS2 RINs for jet fuel.

Worldwide SAF production capacity forecast

Announced intentions*



* Not comprehensive; CAAFI estimates (based on technology used & public reports) where production slates are not specified

SAF offtake agreements

Beyond numerous demonstration programs



- Initial 40M gpy nameplate facility
With 25M gpy SAF capacity



* 24Oct'18: Moving forward with \$350M Paramount expansion to enable 306M gpy total capacity & jet capacity of 150M gpy; Fuel production expected by YE'22

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Beyond numerous demonstration programs

NESTE

Porvoo *

- Initial 34M gpy capacity



Neat quantities not announced

Porvoo SAF Q4'18 restart supplied to:

Swedish Airports - SAS;

Mobile, Hamburg – Airbus;

Frankfort – Lufthansa;

Amsterdam – KLM;

Zurich – WEF;

Helsinki – Finnair;

Stockholm – Emirates, Swedavia;

SFO - American, Alaska, and JetBlue

SFO, London – Signature FBO

* Moving forward with significant expansion at Singapore and feasibility study at Rotterdam to enable ~480M gpy by 2023

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Beyond numerous demonstration programs



* 3-4 facilities, utilizing ethanol conversion bolt-on approach

+	 / 	=	<p>neat quantities Up to 1M gpy, 5 yrs+ / France & EU supply;</p>
+	 	=	<p>Various Business Aviation airports FBOs</p>
+	  	=	<p>10M gpy, from 2022/2023 term/blend unspecified</p>
+	 	=	<p>Unspecified SAF distribution rights</p>
+		=	<p>Unspecified SAF distribution rights</p>

SAF offtake agreements – pg 4

Beyond numerous demonstration programs

 #1 Sierra *	+		=	neat quantities 37.5M gpy	10 yr agreements
	+		=	90-180 M gpy	
	+		=	50 M gpy	
	+	 	=	Project Development, License, and Offtake	

* Initial 11M gpy nameplate facility, remainder at 2-3X in size

* Per statements made at ABLC 2020
 #2 Gary, IN @ 3x capacity
 Then replication in Houston, UK, WA state, CA state, Australia
 Additional sites aligned with investor airlines' US focal cities previously discussed

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Beyond numerous demonstration programs

	+		≡	neat quantities
	+		≡	3 M gpy each, 7 yrs (Bay Area, CA)
	+		≡	10M gpy, 10 yrs (JFK)
	+		≡	4M gpy, 10 yrs (LAX)
	+		≡	24M gpy, 10 yrs
	+		≡	SAF Supply collaboration
	+		≡	Freedom Pines, supply from 2022,
	+		≡	10M gpy nameplate
	+		≡	UK DfT F4C Funding: ATJ Development
			≡	

* 100M gpy by 2024 from 4 facilities

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Beyond numerous demonstration programs

neat quantities



Gothenburg
Refinery



SAS



Long-term supply negotiation (from 2023).
Fueling all domestic flights by 2030.



Air
transat



Detail tbd; Montreal East pilot
facility approaching
completion

Airline commitments of greater ambition

FedEx

Obtain 30% of jet fuel from alternative sources by 2030; 06Nov'17

UNITED

First U.S. Airline to Pledge to Reduce Own Emissions by 50% (vs. 2005) by 2050; 13Sep'18. \$40M SAF Investment Fund; 27Oct'19

SpiceJet

Commits to flying 100 M passengers on SAF by 2030; 23Sep'19

AIRFRANCE

Horizon 2030: offset 100% of domestic CO₂ from 2020; reduce 2030's CO₂/pax-km by 50% from 2005; R&D for French SAF industry; 01Oct'19

IAG INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES GROUP

Net-zero carbon by 2050, offsetting all domestic emissions by 2020; 10Oct'19



QANTAS

Net-zero carbon by 2050, CNG from 2020 on all emissions, \$33M investment in SAF by 2030, matching of customer offsets; 25Nov'19

NZC'50

FINNAIR

Reduce its net emissions by 50% from 2019 by the end of 2025, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 at the latest; 09Mar'20

SAS

SAF corresponding to the total jet consumption used in all SAS domestic flights, by the year 2030; 14Nov'19

amazon Prime Air

Net Zero by 2040, and 100% renewable operations by 2025

norwegian

Improve carbon efficiency by 45% by 2030 (16-28% SAF usage, or up to 500M liters)

Multiple airlines now committing to net zero carbon by 2050 (NZC'50).
Pressure to look at more progress by 2035.

Commitments of Greater Ambition

Airlines using passenger booking options to offset cost



Customer option to pay for incremental price of SAF of €29.50 on any flight



Customer option to pay for incremental price of SAF in 20-min blocks of flight time for €10 / block (up to 80% CO₂ reductions); fuel being allocated to future flights



Lufthansa



Compensaid – calculates specific cost of SAF for specific flights and enables customer to pay for incremental price On select flights, CHF80 to offset carbon, 5% of which goes to SAF via Compensaid



Customer option to pay for incremental price of SAF for 3 categories of flight: intra-Finland (€10), intra-EU (€20), International (€65); fuel being allocated to future flights

Other commitments of greater ambition



Norway's government introduces 0.5 % blending mandate for advanced aviation biofuels from 2020; 04Oct'18



Netherlands committed to transition all military aircraft to 20/80 AJF blend by 2030 and 70% by 2050; 23Jan'19



France, in alignment with EU Green Deal goals, announces SAF targets: 2% of SAF from 2025, 5% in 2030 and 50% in 2050; 27Jan'20



DG Move have now put together a comprehensive "roadmap" as a potential way forward for an integrated approach for policy intending to foster SAF commercialization in the European Union - ReFuelEU



Sweden's government introduces GHG reduction mandate for jet fuel, from -0.8% in 2021 to -27% in 2030; Fossil free by 2045; 11Sep'20

SAF progress – Significant commercial pull !

- * First facilities on-line, producing SAF at various run-rates
- * Commercial agreements being pursued, fostered by policy and other unique approaches
- * Line of sight to first billion gallons, but reflecting only 1% of market need
- * Making progress, but still significant challenges – only modest production: **focus on enabling commercial viability**
- * Potential for acceleration a function of engagement, offtakes, first facilities' success replication, **policy**, ...
- * ... and additional technologies that lower production cost, lower capital, enable byproduct revenue

SAF: from a diverse set of world-wide feedstocks

Wastes, residues, purpose grown, circular-economy byproducts



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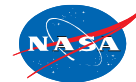
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NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate
Overview for the Environment & Energy Study Institute (EESI)

Barbara Esker, Deputy Director
Advanced Air Vehicles Program
November 18, 2020

NASA Aeronautics Strategies for Research

<https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/sip-2019-v7-web.pdf>



Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations

- Achieve safe, scalable, routine, high-tempo airspace access for all users



Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft

- Achieve practical, affordable commercial supersonic air transport



Ultra-Efficient Subsonic Transports

- Realize revolutionary improvements in economics and environmental performance for subsonic transports with opportunities to transition to alternative propulsion and energy.



Safe, Quiet, and Affordable Vertical Lift Air Vehicles

- Realize extensive use of vertical lift vehicles for transportation and services including new missions and markets



In-Time System-Wide Safety Assurance

- Predict, detect and mitigate emerging safety risks throughout aviation systems and operations

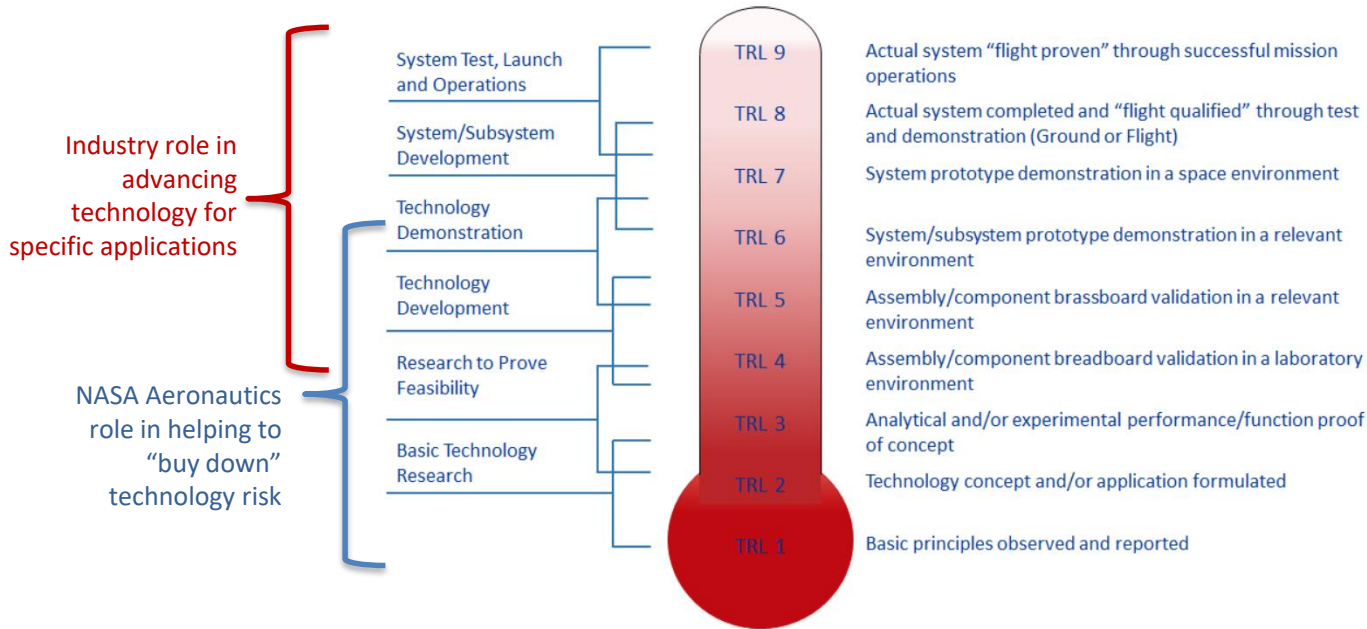


Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation

- Safely implement autonomy in aviation applications

NASA Aeronautics Strategies for Research

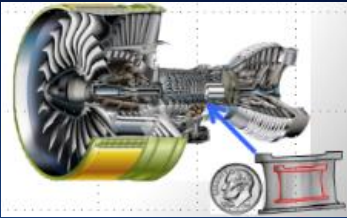
Technology Readiness Level, TRL



Additional points –

- NASA & FAA coordination so that the right technical data and insights are available to support eventual certification and regulatory decisions
- Infusion of technology into a fleet takes time. Technology availability is only one piece of a broader business decision.

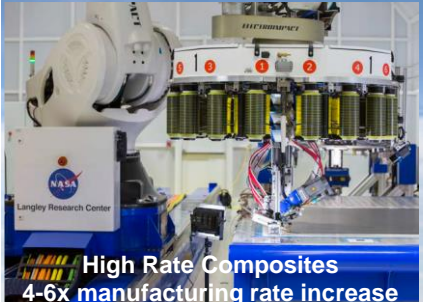
Technology to Help Enable the Next Generation of Subsonic Transports



Small Core Gas Turbine
5%-10% fuel burn benefit



Electrified Aircraft Propulsion
Up to 5% fuel burn and potential maintenance benefit



High Rate Composites
4-6x manufacturing rate increase



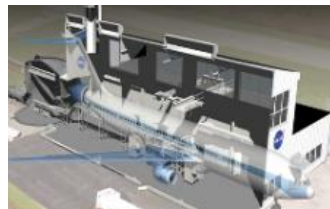
Transonic Truss-Braced Wing
7%-10% fuel burn benefit

Four Key Subsonic Transport Technologies

Create new “S” curve for the next 50 years of subsonic transports

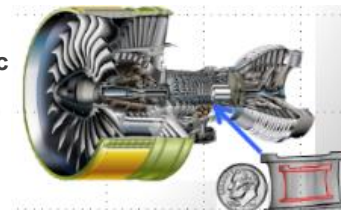
Electrified Aircraft Propulsion

- Improved efficiency/emissions
- Mild hybrid systems promising for early 2030s



Electrified Aircraft Propulsion

synergistic



Small Core Gas Turbine

Small Core Gas Turbine

- Increased gas turbine efficiency
- Facilitates airframe integration – conventional or EAP

Transonic Truss-Braced Wing

- Increased aerodynamic and structural efficiency
- Propulsion system integration and high-rate production



High-Rate Composites

synergistic



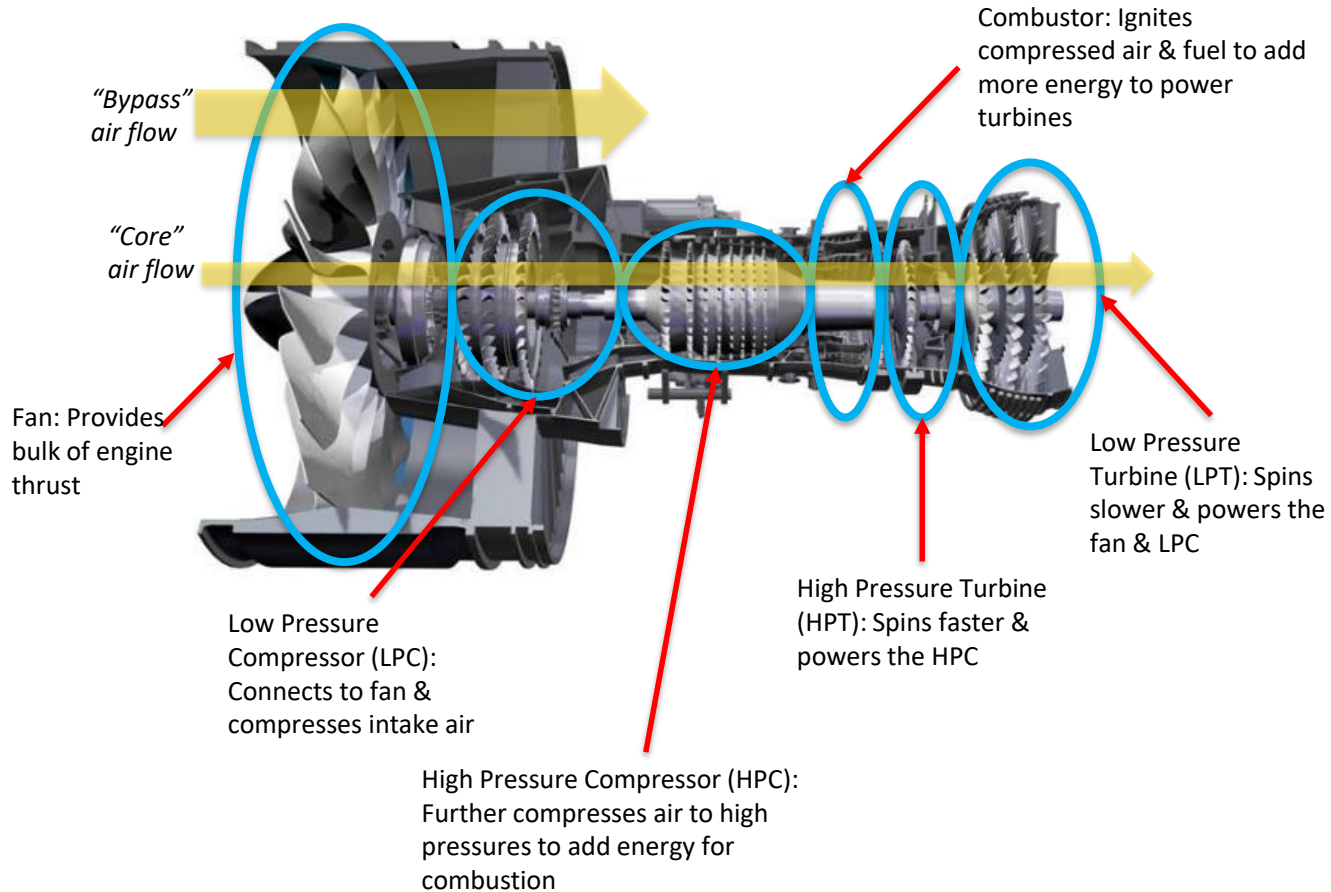
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High-Rate Composites

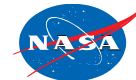
- Critical to U.S. competitiveness via reduced delivery time
- Reduced time/cost to market with increased performance

ARMD is advancing these key technologies to create market opportunities

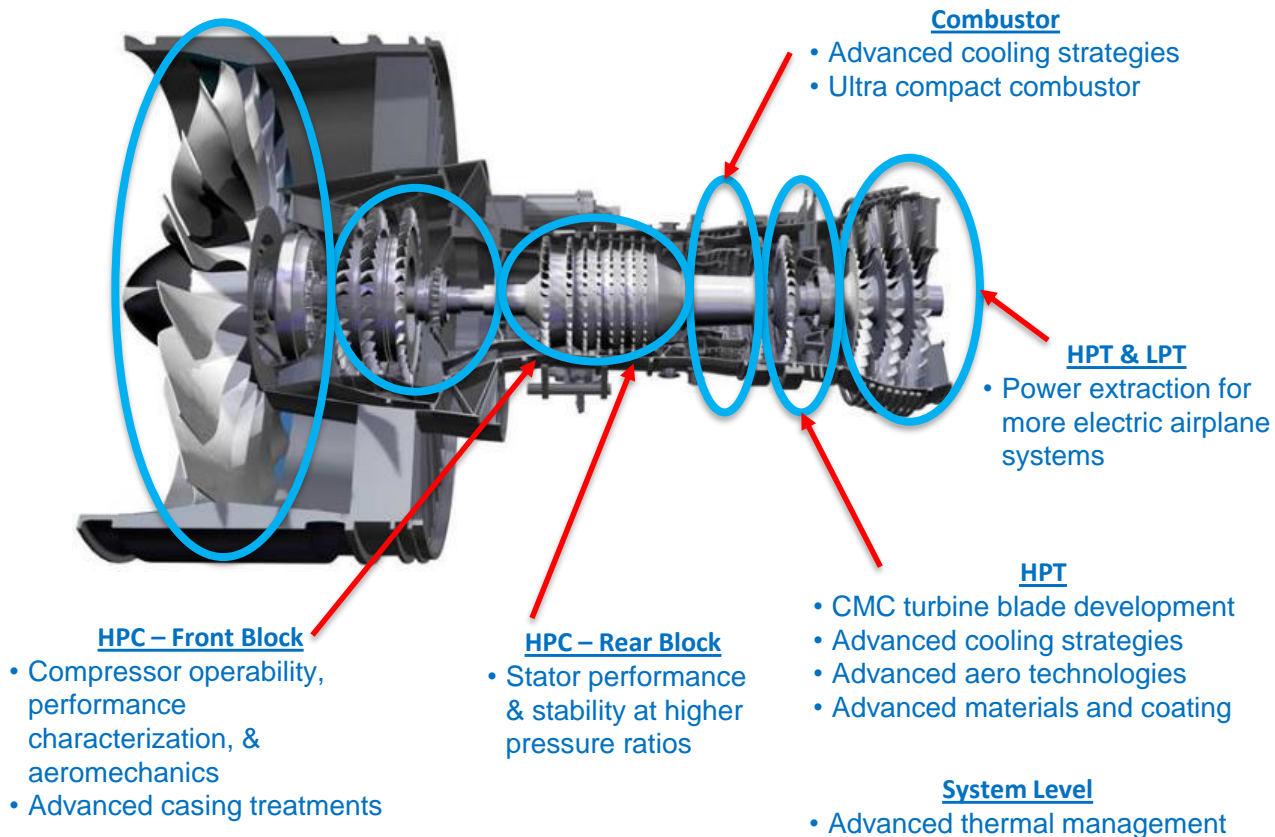
Turbofan Engine Overview



Hybrid Thermally-Efficient Core Technologies



NASA has engaged industry to determine candidate technologies



Transport-Class, Electrified Aircraft Propulsion Advancing Technical & Integration Readiness

0 Early conceptualization & identification of KPP's/ technology gaps; component advancement; ground test capability gap assessment

2009-2015
TRL 1-2
NASA in-house & NASA-sponsored university/industry efforts advancing MW motors & inverters for EAP

1 Ground testing of key electrical components (work is ongoing but must accelerate)

2016-2018+
TRL ~3
NASA in-house & industry efforts raise the TRL level of motors and inverters

2 Integrate in a flight system (likely existing airframe) – leveraging experience from X-57

2018-2020
TRL ~4
NASA in-house & industry efforts leading to ground demo of TRL 4 level end-to-end power system

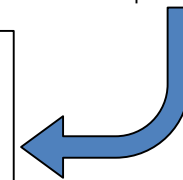
3 Flight Experiments in relevant environment

- Key data informing product decisions
- Knowledge to support certification
- Learning to inform further fundamental research

2021-2023
TRL 5-6
Flight demo of end-to-end MW EAP power system with application to transport aircraft.

New project: Electrified Powertrain Flight Demonstration (EPFD) Project
To reduce the technology risks of a MW-class electrified powertrain by demonstrating key elements in a relevant flight environment

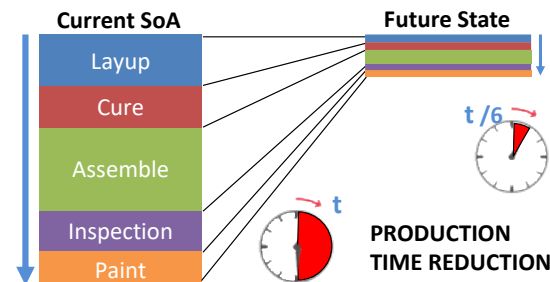
Project planning and formulation efforts underway



High Rate Composite Manufacturing

Game-changing manufacturing/delivery rate needed to meet single aisle demand

- Goal: enable 4-6X manufacturing rate increase for composite airframe structures (~15 → ~100/month)
- Shift from focus on weight to balance rate, cost, & weight
- Demonstrate high-rate manufacturing concepts at full scale (TRL/Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) 3+)
 - Evolving State of the Art (SoA) thermosets
 - Thermoplastics
 - Resin Transfer Molding
 - Materials, processes, and architectures
- Demonstrate model-based engineering tools for efficient design, development, and certification
- Partner with Industry and FAA for realistic requirements
 - Leverage industry expertise and efforts



Rapid prototype and evaluation of manufacturing concepts, down-select at smaller scale, and mature concepts at larger scale

Transonic Truss-Braced Wing Technology

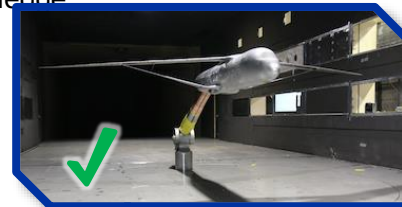
Non-linear Aeroelastics Test

- Verify modes & nonlinear behavior
- Validate high-fidelity finite element model



High-Speed Test (M=0.745)

- Leverage first test & build knowledge



High-Speed Test (M=0.745)

- First high-speed performance test



High-Speed Test (M=0.80)

- New design
- Higher cruise Mach



High-Lift System Test

- First high-lift TTBW test
- 8% scale model

TRL 1

TRL 6



Phase I - Phase II (2008-2014)

- Conceptual design studies (TRL 1)
- Reduce wing weight uncertainty (TRL 2)

Phase III (2014-2016)

- M=.745 High-Speed Design (TRL 2)

Phase IV (2016-2019)

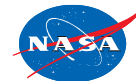
- M=0.80 Design,
- High-Lift System Design (TRL 2)

Phase V (2020-2022)

- Buffet Test (TRL 4)
- High-Lift Test #2

University Leadership Initiative

Engaging the University Community



3 rounds of solicitations – seeking & awarding proposals addressing all Strategic Thrusts

- 13 awards with 47 universities
- 5 HBCUs and 5 MSIs
- 240 proposals submitted
- 191 different proposing Principal Investigators
- 1631 team members
- 1170 different people
- 20-50 students per team





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