



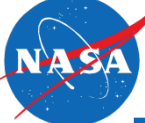
# UAS Integration in the NAS Detect and Avoid Subproject

Kitty Hawk – NASA Collaboration Discussion

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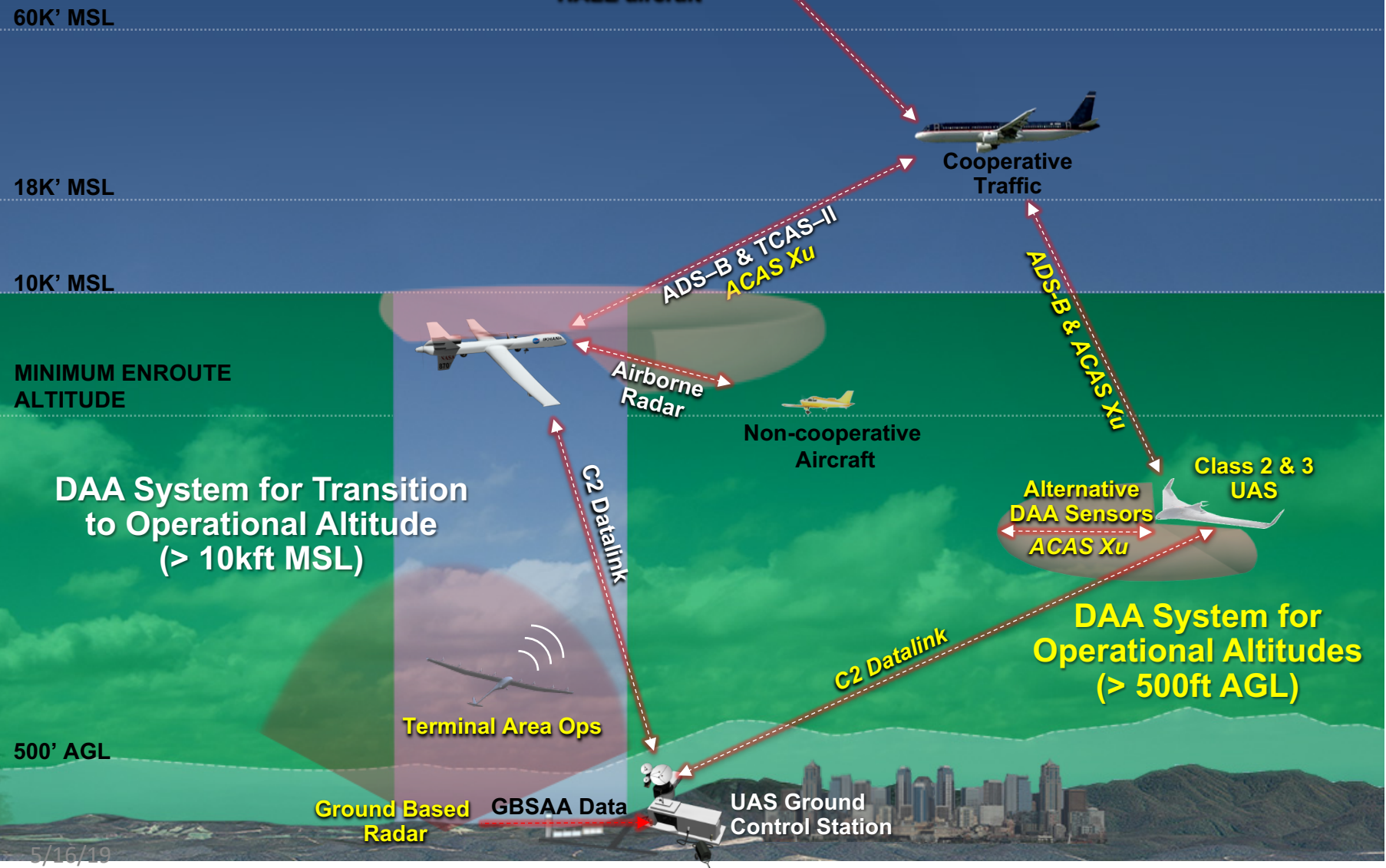
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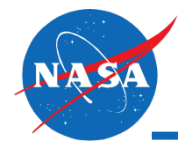




# DAA Operational Environments

**Legend**  
 Current Research Areas (FY14- FY16)  
 Proposed Research Areas (FY17 – FY20)





## See and Avoid: FAR Sec. 91.113

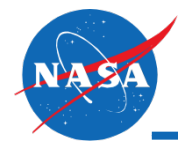
*General.* When weather conditions permit, regardless of whether an operation is conducted under instrument flight rules or visual flight rules, vigilance shall be maintained by each person operating an aircraft so as to **see and avoid** other aircraft. When a rule of this section gives another aircraft the right-of-way, the pilot shall give way to that aircraft and may not pass over, under, or ahead of it unless **well clear**.

Piloted “see and avoid” = UAS “detect and avoid”

Pilots vision replaced by sensors (on- or off- board or both)

Pilot judgment of well clear = mathematical expression of well clear

Horz Miss Distance = 4000ft; Vert Miss Distance = 450ft;  
modTau = 35sec



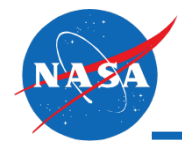
# DAA (grossly over-simplified)

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## Three Technical Areas:

- Human Systems Integration
  - Displays
  - Guidance
  - Alerting
  - Human in the loop simulations
- Modeling and simulation
  - Fast time simulations (ACES)
  - Well clear definition(s) and analysis
- Guidance and Control
  - Avoidance algorithm (DAIDULUS)
  - Terminal area focus simulations





# Human in the Loop (HITL) Simulation Facility

## Vigilant Spirit Ground Control Station



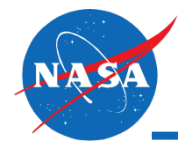
ATC

Sim Manager Pseudo Pilot









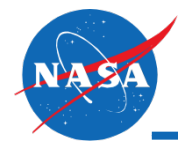
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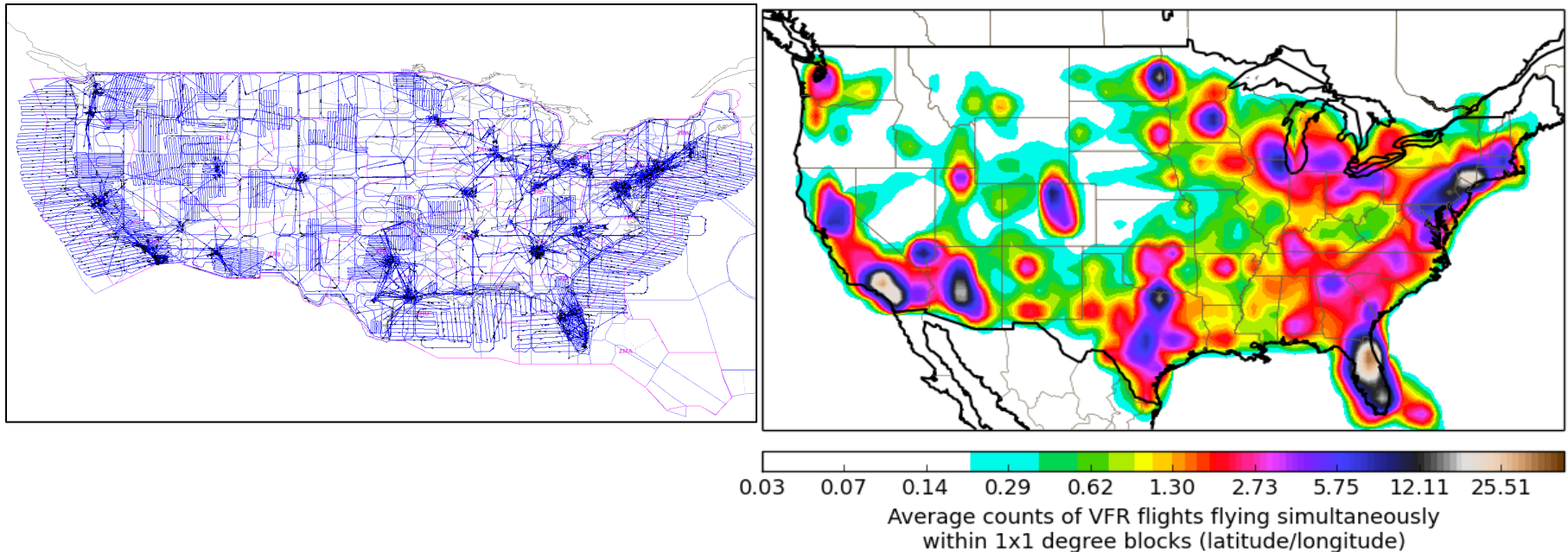
# DAA Alerting Structure

| Symbol                                                                              | Name                                                  | Alert Meaning & Expected Pilot Response                                                                                            | Aural Verbiage                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|    | Resolution Advisory<br>(ACAS Xu/TCAS II systems only) | <b><i>Collision Imminent</i></b><br>Immediately comply with guidance and then contact ATC                                          | “Climb/Descend” x2<br>“Turn Left/Right” x2 |
|    | Warning Alert                                         | <b><i>Loss of DAA Well Clear Imminent</i></b><br>Immediately maneuver to avoid loss of well clear and then contact ATC             | “Traffic, Maneuver Now” x2                 |
|    | Corrective Alert                                      | <b><i>Loss of DAA Well Clear in ~30-60 seconds</i></b><br>Coordinate with ATC and then maneuver to avoid loss of well clear        | “Traffic, Avoid”                           |
|   | Preventive Alert                                      | <b><i>Currently DAA Well Clear but Close in Altitude</i></b><br>Monitor altitude separation for potential increase in threat level | “Traffic, Monitor”                         |
|  | Guidance Traffic                                      | <b><i>Currently DAA Well Clear but Generating Peripheral Guidance</i></b><br>Monitor for potential increase in threat level        | N/A                                        |
|  | Remaining Traffic                                     | <b><i>Traffic Within Surveillance Range</i></b><br>No associated guidance                                                          | N/A                                        |

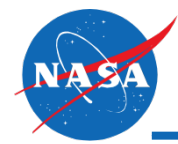


# Airspace Concept Evaluation System (ACES)

- 26,500 hours of projected UAS mission trajectories in one day overlaid with each of 21 days' radar recorded visual flight rules (VFR) traffic

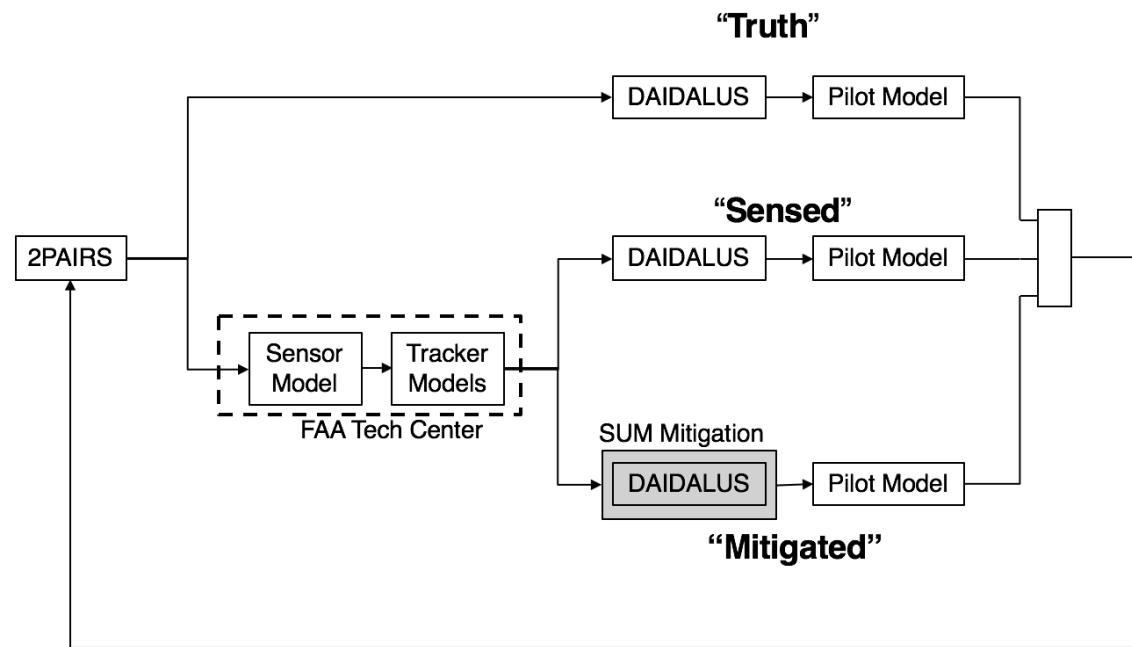


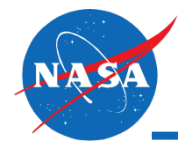




# DAIDALUS and Unmanned Batch Simulation (UBS)

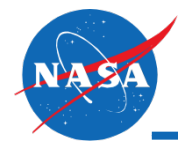
- Detect and Avoid Alerting Logic for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (DAIDALUS) Algorithm
  - The system can generate or ingest truth vectors or generate vectors involving ADS-B, Mode S, or airborne radar sensor uncertainty
  - With a simple, rules-based pilot model, UBS can test the ability to follow maneuver guidance generated by DAIDALUS to avoid intruders





# Characteristics of UAS Missions

| Mission Type                        | Unmanned Aircraft          | Cruise Altitude                  | Cruise Speed (KTAS) | Flight Pattern                                                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aerial Imaging and Mapping          | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 3000 ft. AGL                     | 44 to 51            | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| Air Quality Monitoring              | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 4k,5k, and 6k ft. AGL            | 74 to 89            | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| On-Demand Air Taxi at Low Altitude  | Cirrus SR22T               | 6k-11k MSL                       | 153 to 166          | Point-to-Point                                                        |
| On-Demand Air Taxi at High Altitude | Cessna Mustang             | 11k-32k MSL                      | 156 to 340          | Point-to-Point                                                        |
| Airborne Pathogen Tracking          | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 3k ft., 5k ft., to 10k ft. AGL   | 72 to 97            | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| Border Patrol                       | Predator-B (MQ-9)          | 5k ft., 10k ft., and 15k ft. AGL | 129 to 173          | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| Cargo Delivery                      | Cessna 208                 | 7k, 8k, 9k, 10k ft MSL           | 137 to 172          | Point-to-Point                                                        |
| Flood Inund. Mapping                | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 4,000 ft. AGL                    | 46 to 51            | Grid pattern                                                          |
| Flood Stream Flow                   | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 4,000 ft. AGL                    | 46 to 51            | Grid pattern and/or along stream direction                            |
| Law Enforcement                     | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 3,000 ft. AGL                    | 44 to 51            | Three types of pattern: 1) grid pattern, 2) random, 3) outward spiral |
| Maritime Patrol                     | Global Hawk (RQ4A)         | 5,000 ft. to 35,000 ft. AGL      | 151 to 321          | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| News Gathering                      | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 1,500 ft. and 3,000 ft. AGL      | 44 to 51            | Random-path: e.g., police-chase;<br>Circular orbit:                   |
| Point Source Emission               | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 3,000 ft. AGL                    | 72 to 80            | Round-the-clock                                                       |
| Spill Monitoring                    | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 3,000 ft. to 10,000 ft. AGL      | 72 to 93            | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| Strategic Wildfire Monitoring       | Predator-B (MQ-9)          | 31,000 MSL                       | 209                 | Grid pattern                                                          |
| Tactical Fire Monitoring            | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 3,000 ft. AGL                    | 72 to 75            | Circular flight path following the perimeter of a wildfire            |
| Traffic Monitoring                  | Shadow (RQ-7B)/NASA Sierra | 1,500 ft. AGL                    | 58 to 84            | Geo-spatial monitoring flight path                                    |
| Weather Data Collection             | Global Hawk                | 5,000 ft. to 35,000 ft. AGL      | 151 to 321          | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |
| Wildlife Monitoring                 | Aerosonde Mk 4.7           | 3,000 ft. AGL                    | 44 to 51            | Radiator-grid pattern                                                 |



# Phase 1

- Ikhana with large General Atomics RADAR
- TSO-C211 (DAA) and TSO-C212 (ATAR)
- No Chase COA





## FOCI

- Low Space, Weight and Power (SWaP) Sensors
- Smaller UAS (class 2 & 3)
- Terminal Area Operations

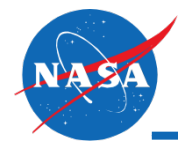
Tiger Shark with Honeywell RADAR Panels



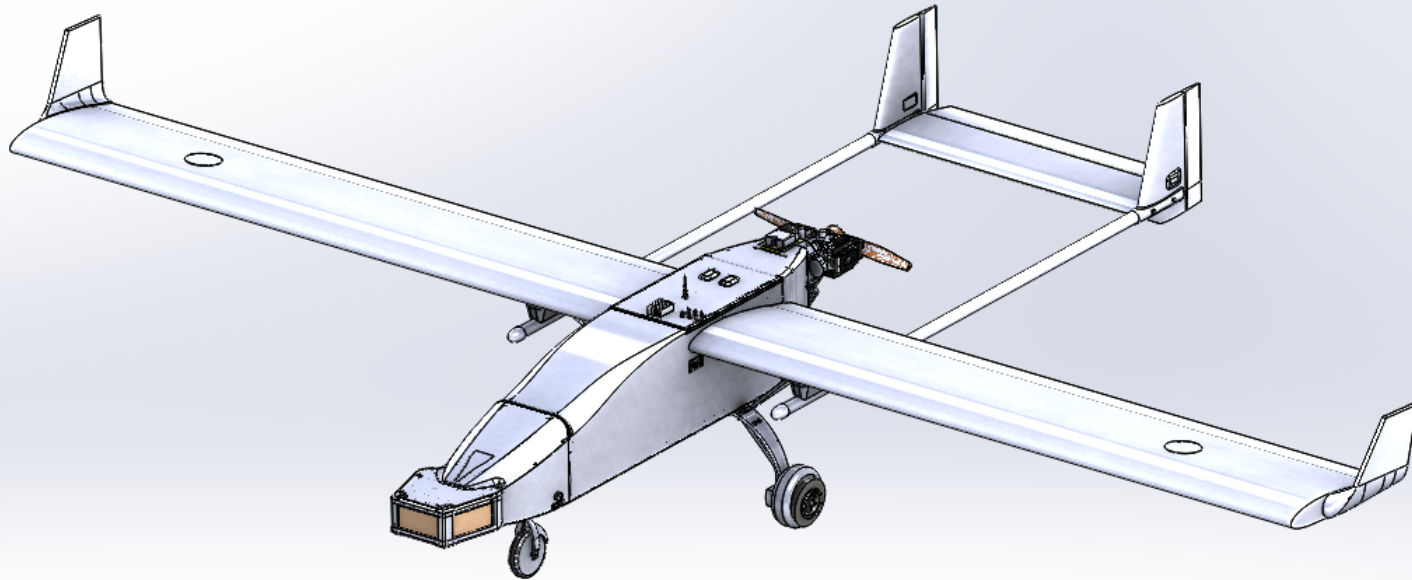
- Characterize RADAR: 64 Encounters
  - Priority: 17 high, 20 medium, 27 low
  - Procedure:
    - UAS and intruder fly planned course
- DAA Encounters: 72 Encounters
  - RADAR Range Requirement: ~2 nmi
  - Priority: 17 high, 22 medium, 33 low
  - Procedure:
    - UAS and intruder begin at specified entry criteria
    - UAS pilot detects DAA alerting and guidance
    - UAS pilot holds for prescribed interval of time
    - UAS pilot initiates horizontal maneuver to within 15 degrees of edge of heading band



- Large Twin: KingAir 200
- Small Single: T-34C Mentor
- Small: TG-14 M

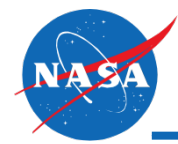


# Navmar Applied Science Corp (NASC) TigerShark

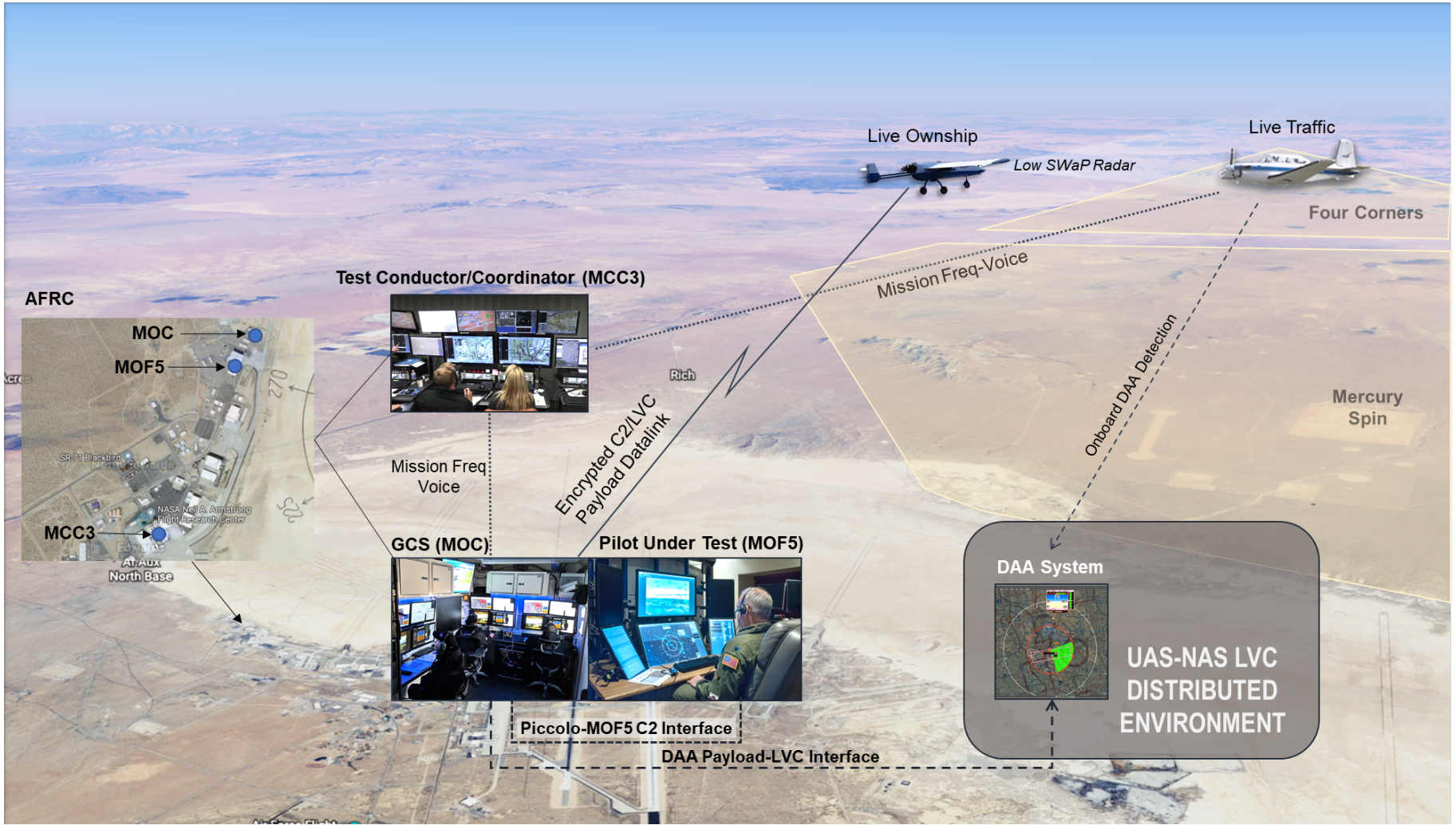


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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Wingspan                   | 22'       |
| Length                     | 15'       |
| Maximum Take Off Weight    | 500 lbs   |
| Payload Capacity           | 100 lbs   |
| Maximum Operating Altitude | >14K ft   |
| Maximum Endurance          | 8-12 hrs* |
| Maximum Speed              | 80 kts*   |

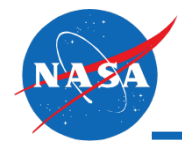




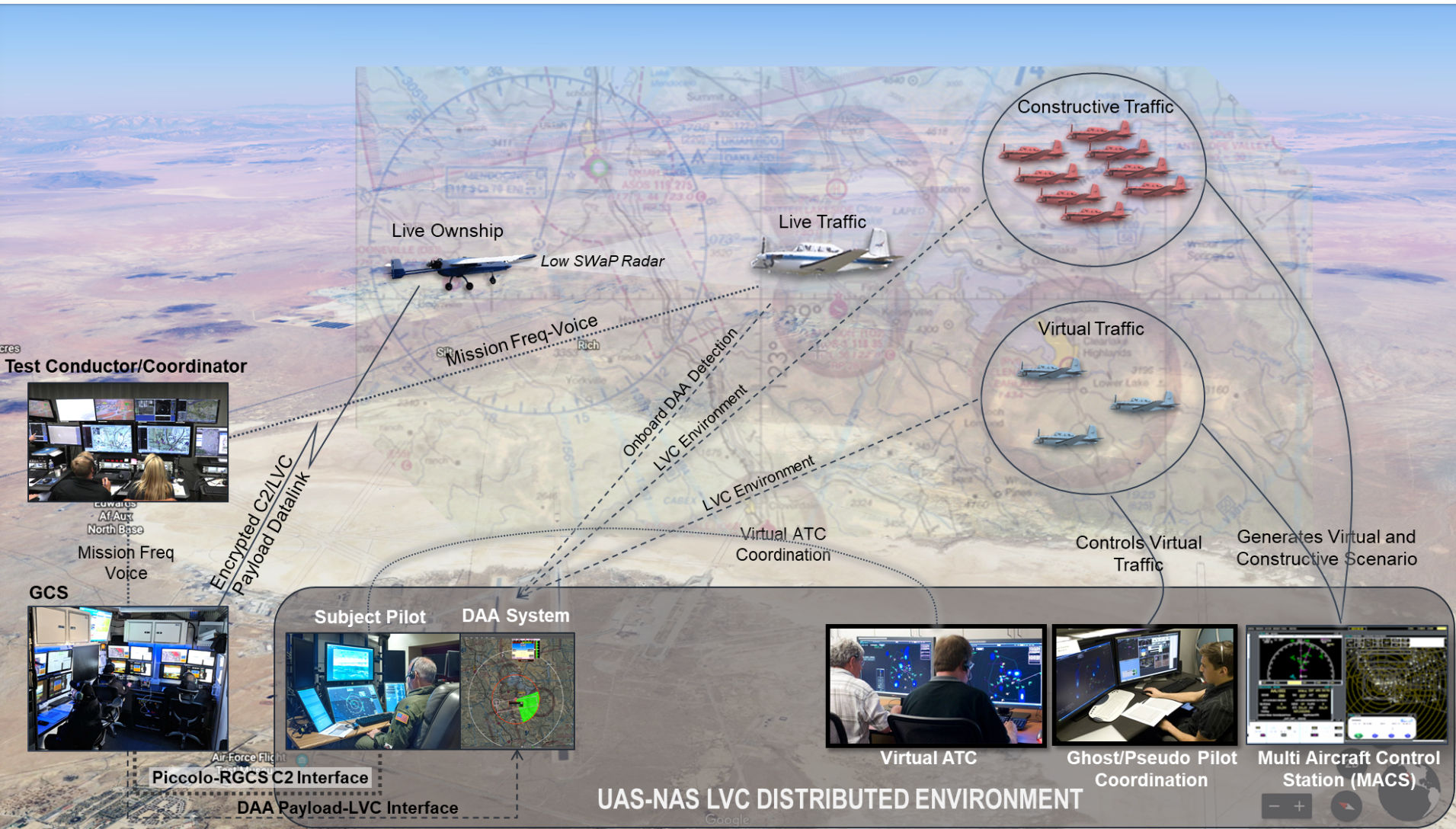
# Scripted Encounters CONOPS

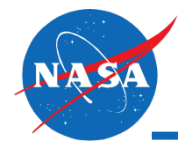






# Full Mission CONOPS

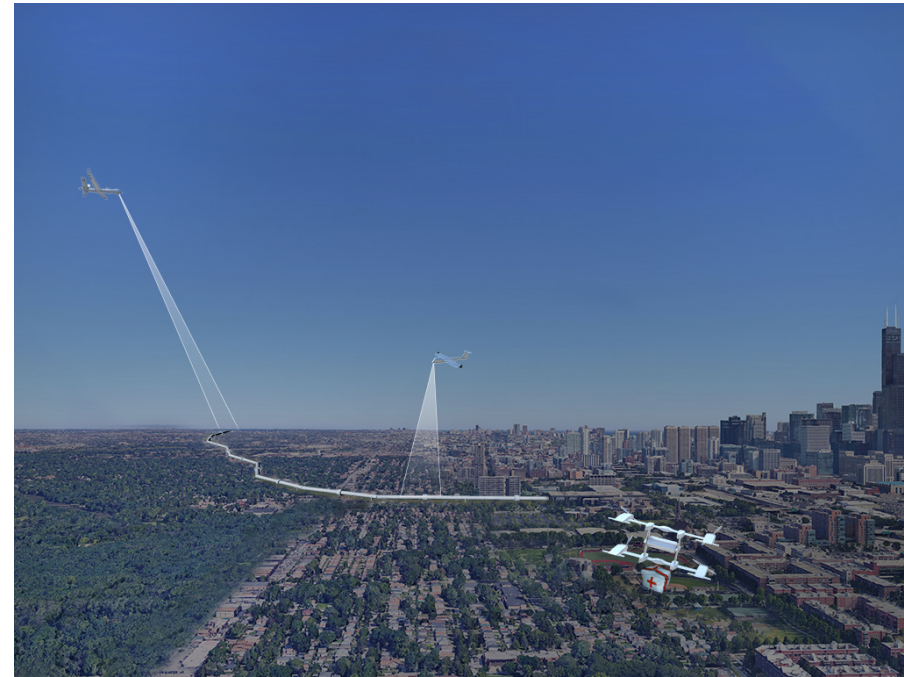
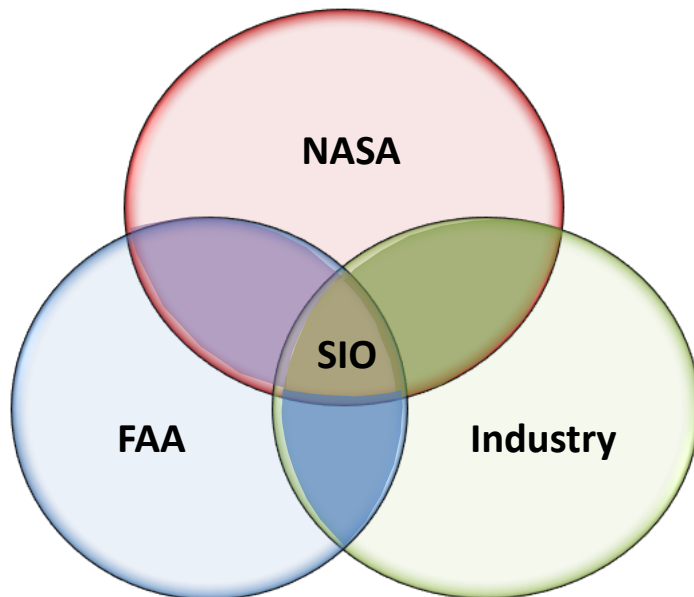




# Systems Integration Operationalization (SIO) Overview

**Goal:** Accelerate routine commercial UAS operations in the National Airspace System (NAS)

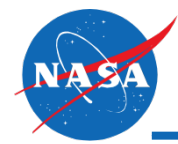
- Work toward FAA Type Certification
- Obtain approval to operate in the NAS for a FY2020 demonstration
- Demonstrate integrated Detect and Avoid (DAA) and Command and Control (C2) technologies



**Method:** Partnership with industry

- Industry provides UAS development, integration, testing, operations, and begin certification process
- NASA provides subject matter expertise in DAA, C2, airworthiness, and certification
- NASA will keep the FAA informed of Type Certification efforts via the Research Transition Team (RTT)





# Selected SIO Partners

## Bell

**Mission:** Medical supply transportation in urban areas

**Vehicle:** Autonomous Pod Transport - 70 (APT-70)

**SIO Demonstration Locations:** Remote field urban area in Texas



## General Atomics

**Mission:** Infrastructure inspection in IFR-Like airspace

**Vehicle:** SkyGuardian

**SIO Demonstration Location:** Southern California and Arizona



## PAE ISR

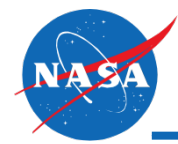
**Mission:** Infrastructure inspection in VFR-Like airspace

**Vehicle:** Resolute Eagle

**SIO Demonstration Location:** Pendleton UAS Range







# Future

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- Close out
  - FT 6 & All Data Collection - Dec 2019
  - SIO Flights – Summer 2020
  - Final Phase 2 MOPS (RTCA SC-228) Oct 2020
  - ICAO Human Factors Chapter (RPAS Panel)
- Apply concepts to UAM (manned and unmanned and transition)
- Scale to multiple UAS control
- Integrate with Human Autonomy Teaming