

# Vertiport Automation System- System Design Review (SDR)

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# Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Missions



- UML - 4
- UML - 3
- UML - 2

*Develop validated AAM System Architectures that define safe, certifiable, and scalable AAM operations.*

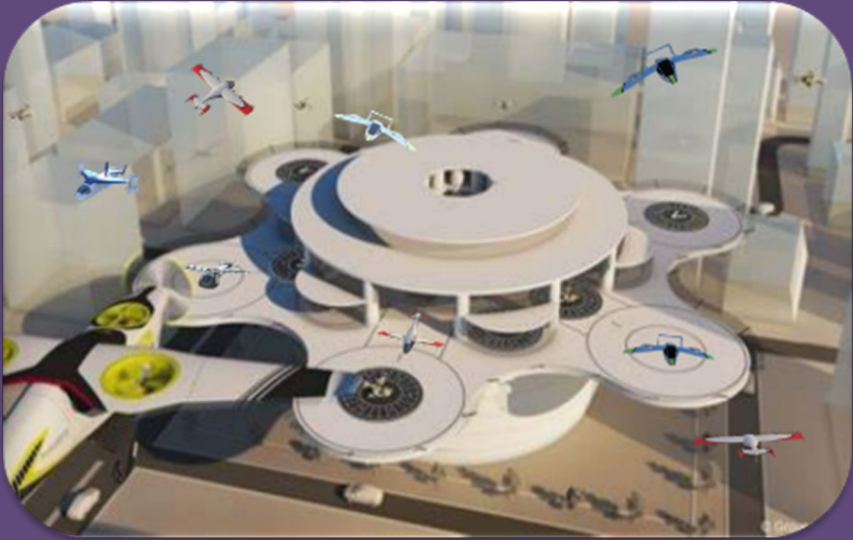


# **NASA Sponsored: Vertiport Automation System Task**





# NYUAST Vertiport Automation System Task



## Vertiport Automation System

*The intent of this task is to accelerate concept development, technology development, and standardization around vertiport infrastructure and automation.*

*This task forms the basis for research that will inform policy decisions and system design decisions.*

### Scope of Work

- Perform a **trade study and analysis of existing technologies** that would support high density vertiport operations using automation.
  - Vertiports serving UAS cargo delivery and small passenger-carrying aircraft (< 10 passengers) are of interest.
  - Particular focus on vertiport infrastructure, vehicle, and airspace services sensors and automation technologies that would enable large volumes of traffic in and out of a vertiport
- Scope the **use cases** for all tasks to align with vertiport and operations requirements associated with heavy lift UAS cargo delivery eVTOL operations and passenger carrying eVTOL operations.
- **Develop a concept of operations** for a specific location(s) to develop relevant requirements, considerations, barriers, and enabling technologies to best inform operationalization of vertiports and maturation of vertiport automation technologies.
- **Develop a vertiport automation system architecture** and software specification to incorporate infrastructure, vehicle, and airspace technologies to enable proposed eVTOL business models for passenger carrying and heavy-lift UAS cargo delivery operations.



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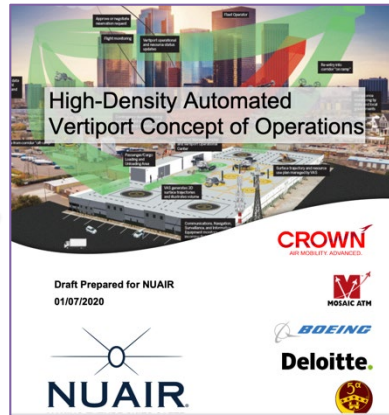
## Vertiport Automation Trade Study



Completed

- Public Release
- FAA-NASA Community Integration Working Group (FAA ARP, AFS)
- NASA AAM HDV Technical Scope

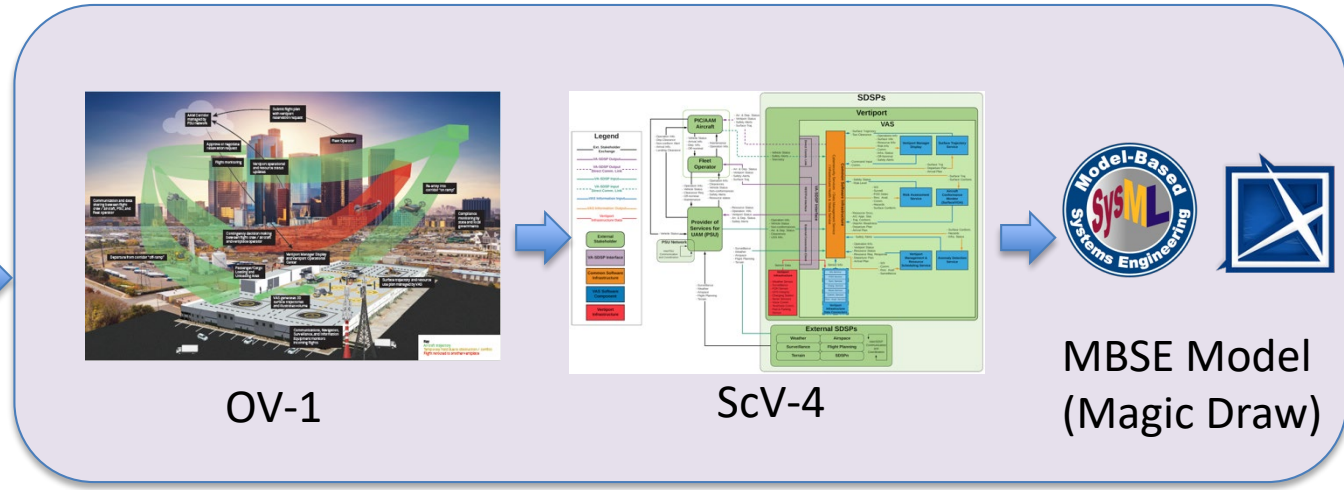
## High-Density Automated Vertiport CONOPS



Completed

- Public Release
- ASTM F38.02 Vertiport Automation SDSP
- FAA-NASA Conops Working Group –UAM CONOPS v2.0
- FAA-NASA Community Integration Working Group – Vertiport AC
- NASA AAM Concept Development
- NASA AAM HDV – Partnership Engagement

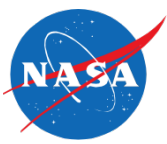
## Vertiport Automation SDSP Architecture



In Work – Contractor Development

- Public Release
- ASTM F38.02 Vertiport Automation SDSP
- FAA-NASA Conops Working Group
- NASA AMIO System Architecture
- NASA AAM HDV and ATM-X Technology Development

In Consideration



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# **Advance Air Mobility Project: High Density Vertiplex (HDV) Subproject**



# AAM Project Organization

Integrated Aviation Systems  
Program (IASP)

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)  
Project Office

National Campaign Subproject

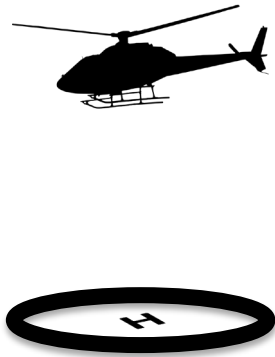
Automated Flight and  
Contingency Management

High Density Vertiplex



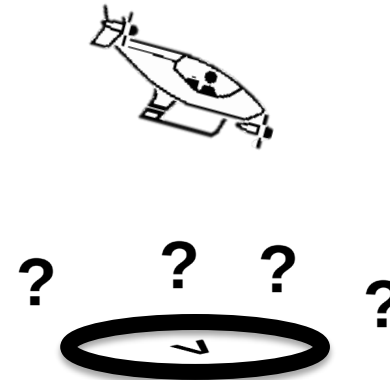
# Industry Need for Vertiport Technology

*HDV is developing technologies and requirements to support industry infrastructure and automation needs and FAA vertiport design guidance development*



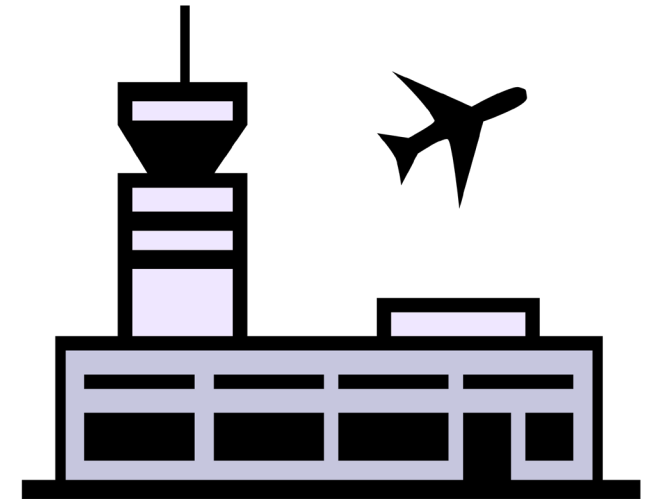
## Heliports

- Low throughput operations
- Limited infrastructure needed
- FAA Guidance and State/Local Government Oversight
- Operations managed mostly by aircraft Operators



## Vertiports

- Moderate-High throughput operations
- Infrastructure and Automation Needed
- FAA Guidance and State/Local Government Oversight
- Operations intended to be managed by vertiport Operators, PSUs, aircraft/fleet operators aided by automation
- Interoperability with UAM, UTM, and ATM



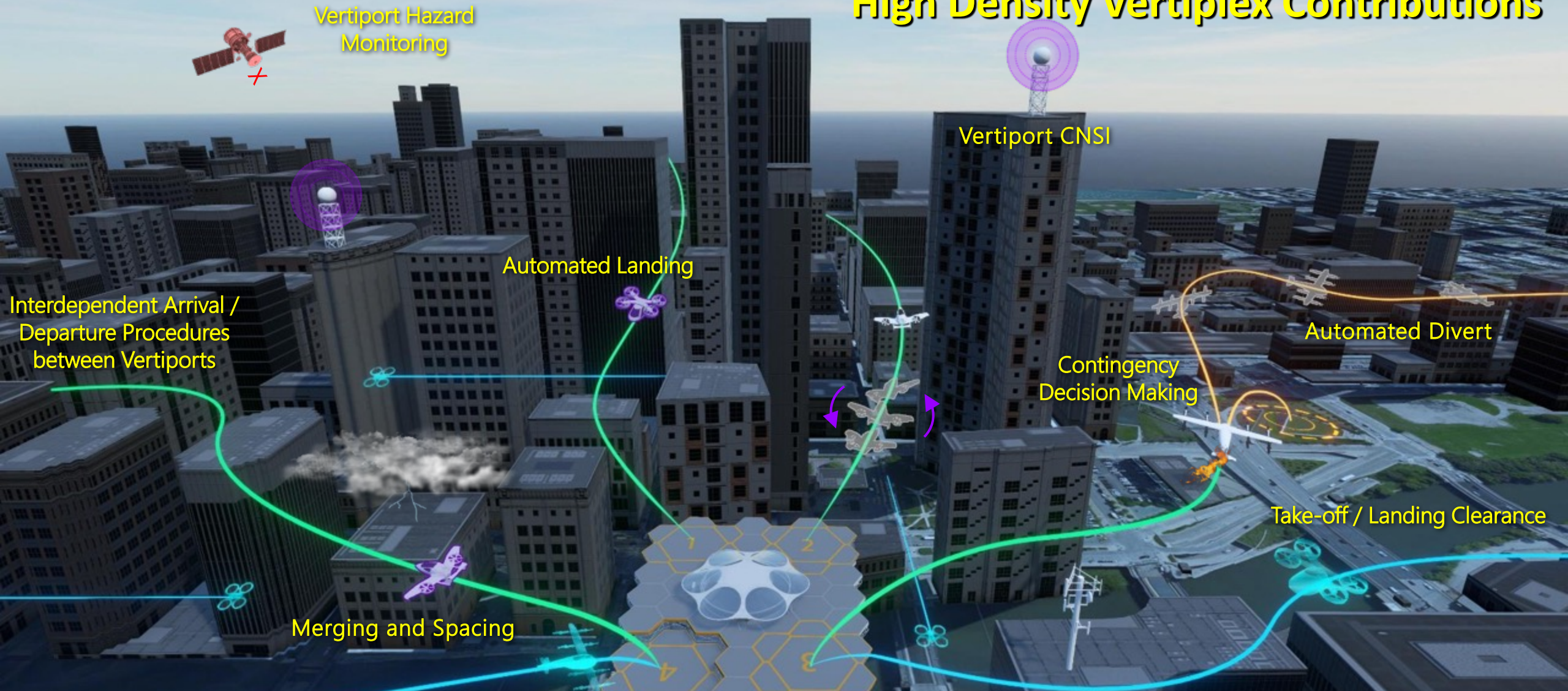
## Airports

- High throughput operations
- Infrastructure and automation
- FAA Regulations and Oversight
- Operations managed by airport operator, ATC, procedures, and aided by automation
- Interoperability with ATM



# NASA NC-3 High Volume Vertiports OV-1

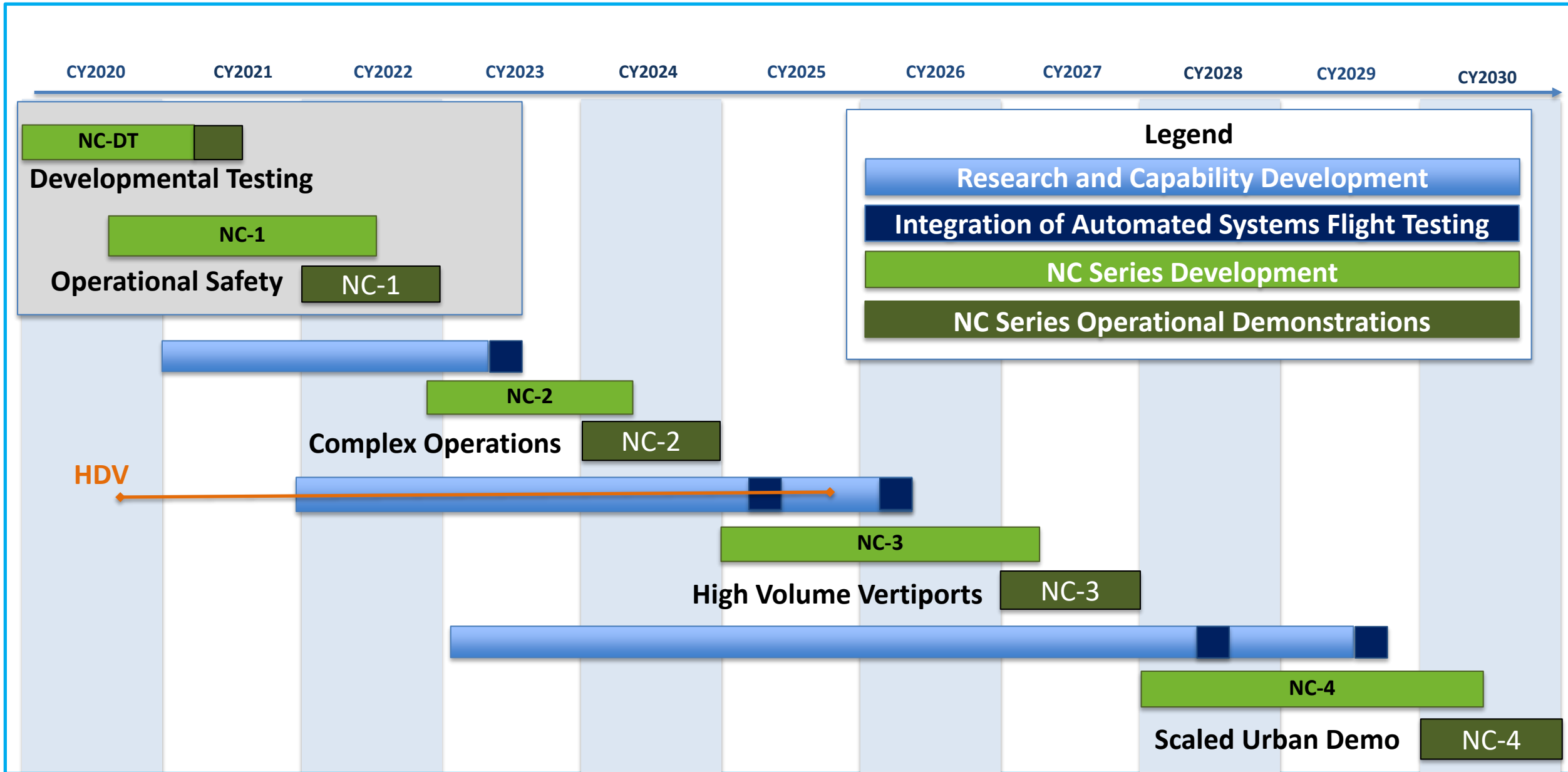
## High Density Vertiplex Contributions



*HDV technologies addressing key UML-4 challenges will enable NC-3 vehicle-airspace-vertiport automation*



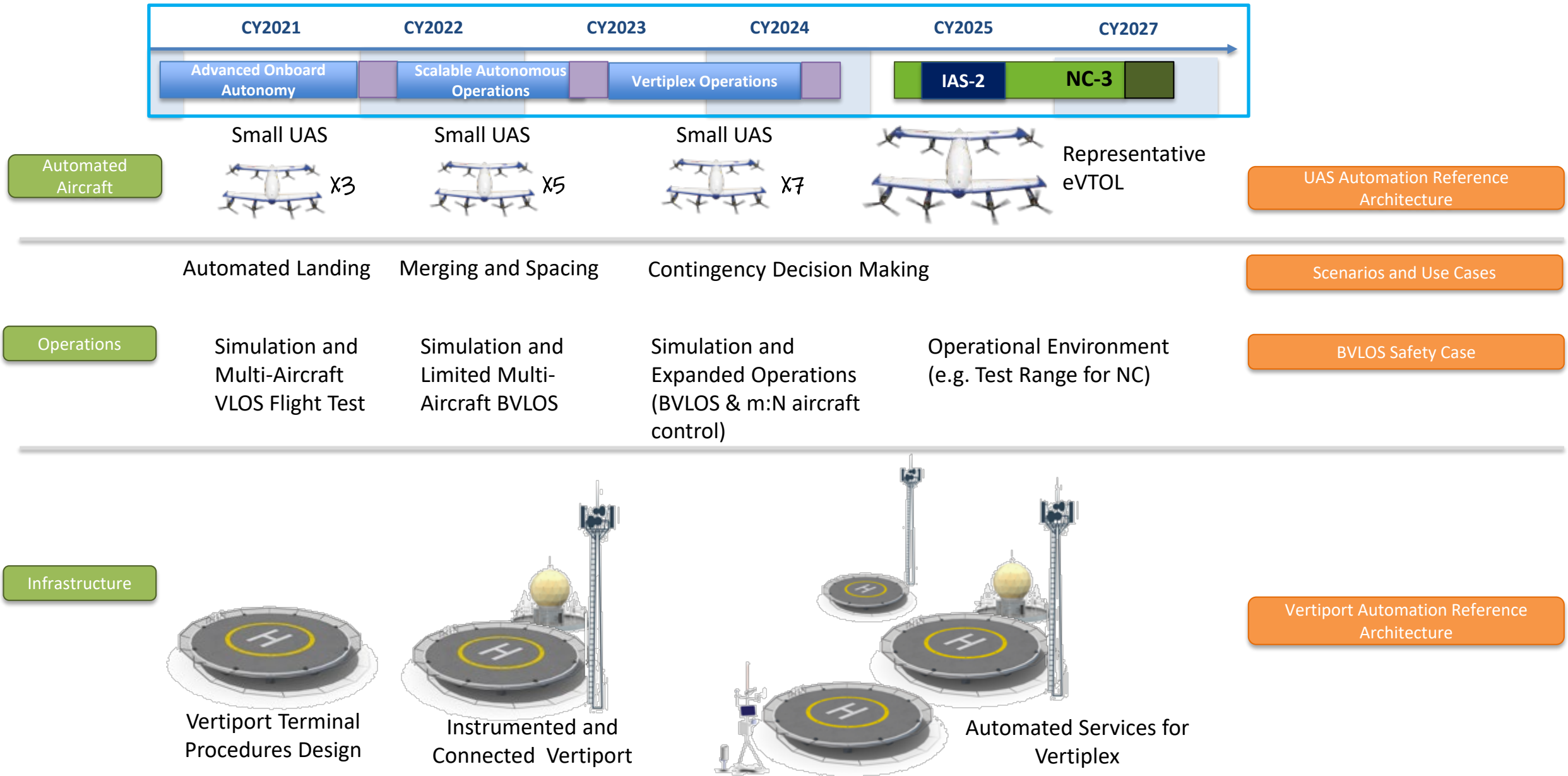
# National Campaign Execution







# HDV Research Flow to National Campaign





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# Vertiport Automation System Design Review





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## NASA's Objectives

- **Tell Us:** NASA highly encourages industry participation, feedback, and thoughts on the proposed Vertiport Automation Concepts and Architecture
  - Tell us what works for your business cases
  - Tell us what doesn't work for your business cases
  - Tell us what we are missing
  - Tell us what your priorities are
  - Tell if certain decisions (e.g. technology, policy/regulation, etc.) have big impacts on your development, business case, etc.
  - Tell us where you see challenges ahead
  - Tell us if we need to speed up (and yet at the same time slow down)
- **Join Us:** NASA sees this as the start of many discussions to mature and accelerate vertiport development and automation
  - **Concepts:** Advanced Air Mobility Ecosystem Community Integration Working Group Meetings
  - **Standards:** ASTM Vertiport Standard (WK59317, Ballot F38 21-02), ASTM Vertiport Automation Supplemental Data Service Provider (WK75981)
  - **Research and Development:** NASA Announcement for Collaborative Opportunities (ACO-2 released, ACO-3 to be released soon)
- **Share with Us:** Discussions on Vertiport Automation should not end today, NASA encourages participants to continue the discussions with us.
  - Existing or planned research and development activities that you have that could inform the vertiport automation requirements and standards
  - Feedback on the CONOPS, Vertiport Automation Architecture, the workshop, or future directions NASA should be considering for vertiport research