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NASA Aeronautics Sustainable Aviation Overview

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NASA Aeronautics – Vision for Aviation in the 21st Century



Global

Sustainable

Transformative

ARMD continues to evolve and execute the Aeronautics Strategy
<https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch/strategy>

6 Strategic Thrusts



Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations



Safe, Quiet, and Affordable Vertical Lift Air Vehicles



Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft



In-Time System-Wide Safety Assurance



Ultra-Efficient Subsonic Transports

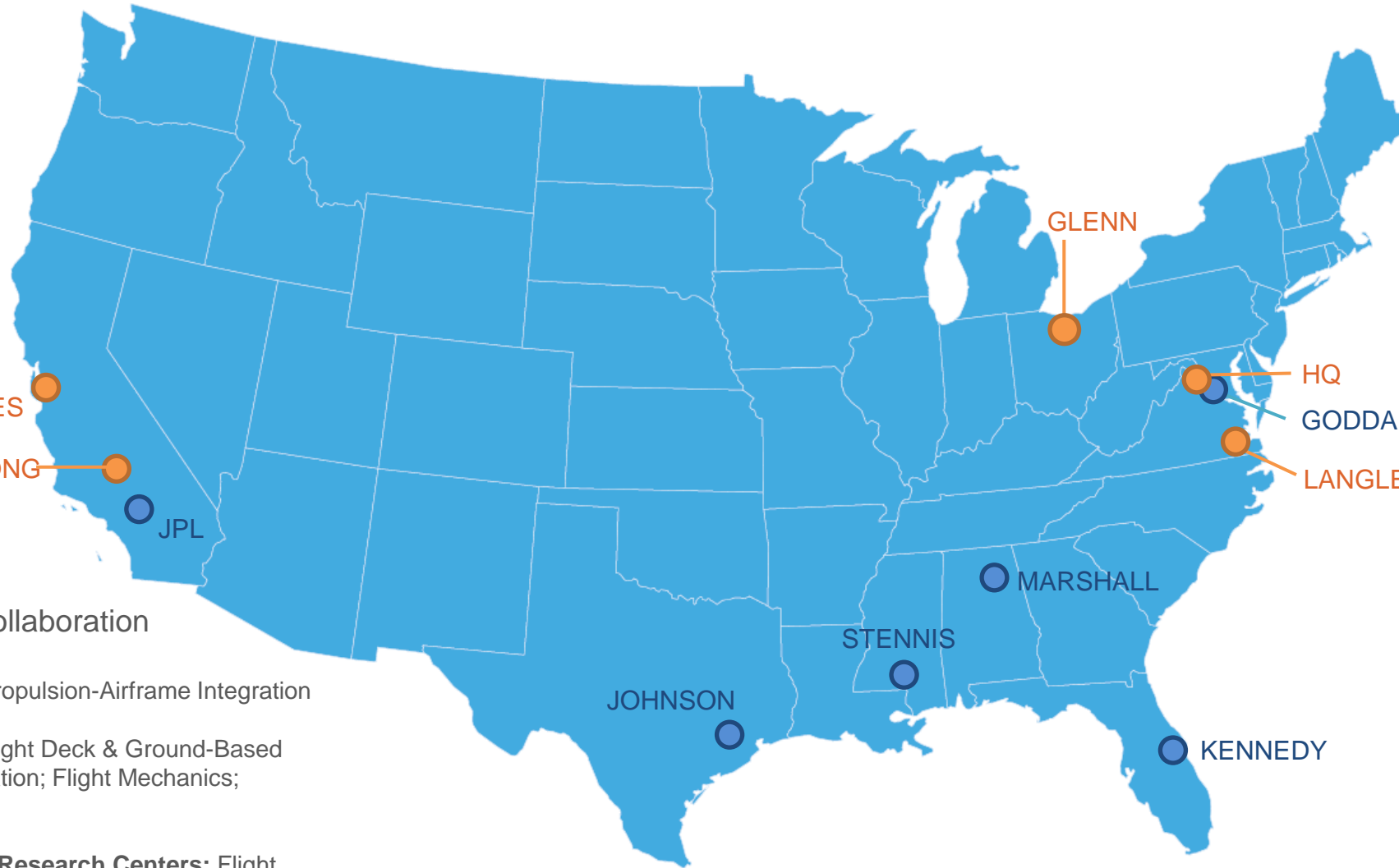


Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation



Where Does NASA Aeronautics Research Happen?

Aeronautics research takes place at four of NASA's centers.



AMES



ATM Research and Technology & Integration

ARMSTRONG



Flight Research

GLENN



Propulsion Research and Technology

LANGLEY



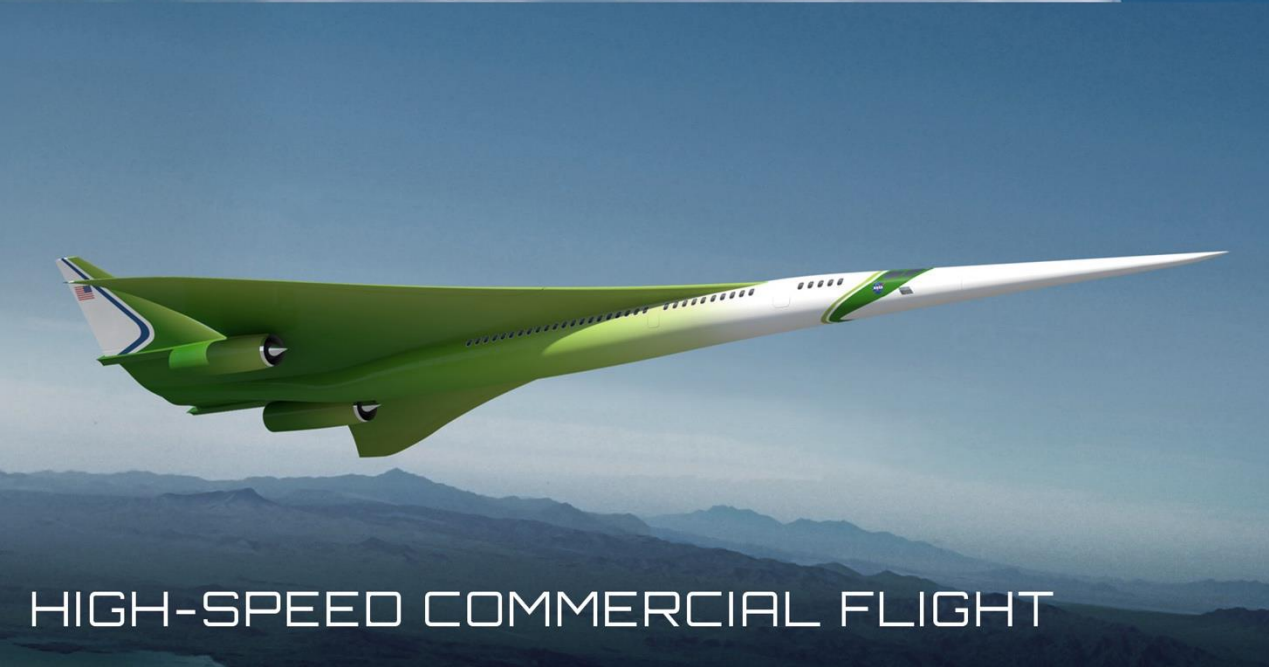
Vehicle Research and Technology



ULTRA-EFFICIENT TRANSPORT



FUTURE AIRSPACE



HIGH-SPEED COMMERCIAL FLIGHT



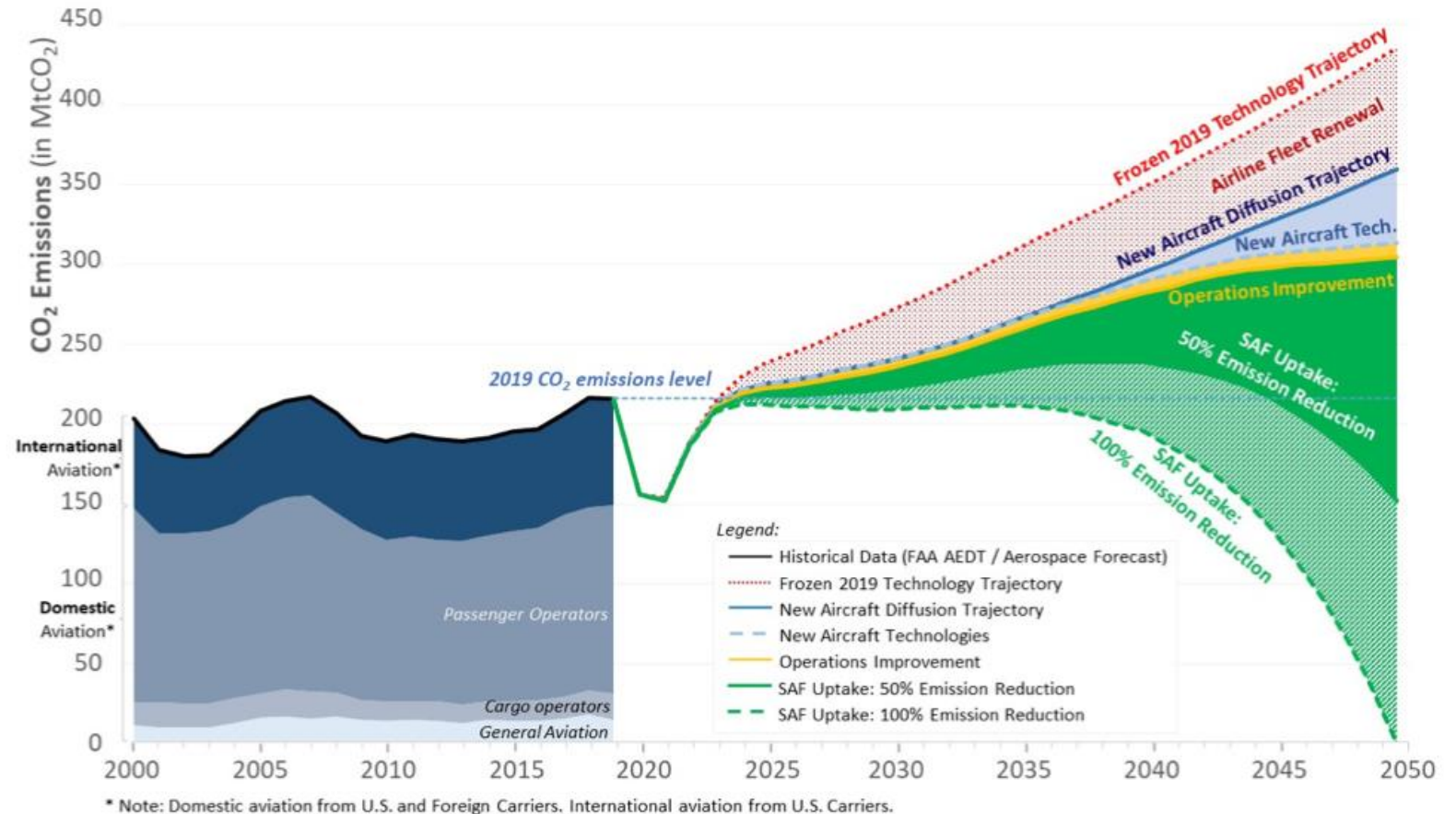
ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY

Global Context for Sustainable Aviation



U.S. Government Aviation Climate Action Plan

To address the U.S. economy-wide goal of net-zero GHG emissions by 2050, the U.S. aviation-sector is pursuing a basket of measures



More than 97% of U.S. aviation CO₂ emissions is from the combustion of jet fuel. 80% of domestic aviation emissions and 94% of international aviation emissions come from en-route operations above 10k ft.

Sustainable Flight National Partnership

Next Generation Capability



Advance engine efficiency and emission reduction

Enable integrated trajectory optimization

Advance airframe efficiency

Enable use of 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuels

ENABLE 25 – 30% ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS in NEXT GENERATION TRANSPORTS with the CAPACITY TO UTILIZE 100% SAF and FLY OPTIMAL TRAJECTORIES

Long-Term Transport Technology & Innovation



Generational studies to define the path to net-zero emissions & inform future technology investments



Prior SFW

N+2 Studies, ERA for the 2020s Impact

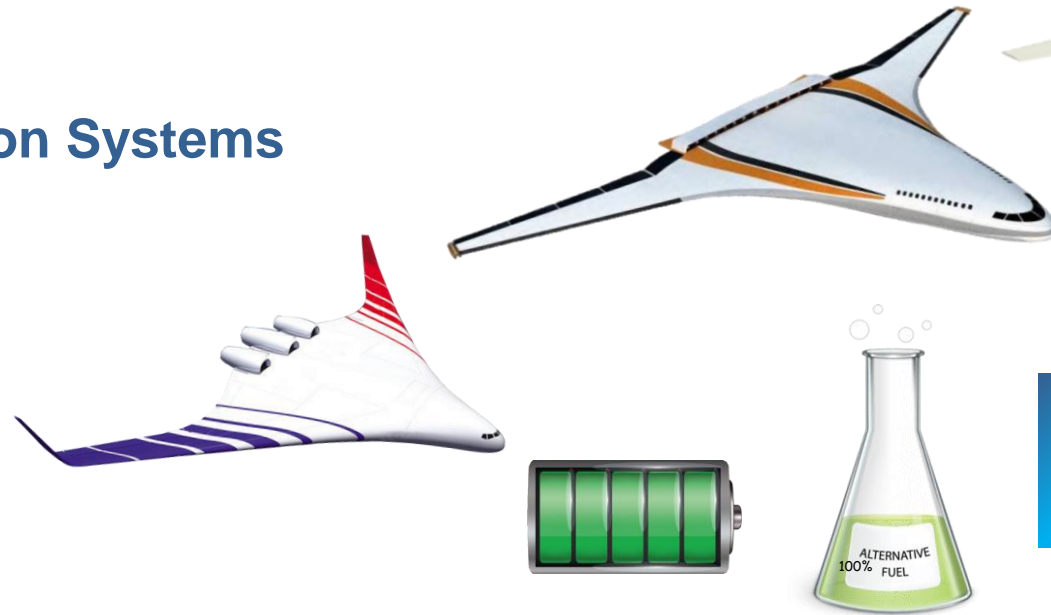
N+3 Adv Concept Studies SFNP for 2030s Impact

Concept Studies and Technology Development Needed for 2040s Impact



Opportunities to Define Future Aviation Systems and Concepts

- Advanced Concept Studies for 2040+ EIS
- Net-Zero Emissions Concepts
- Promising Technology & Architectures
- Support Aviation Community with NASA-unique Contributions



Key Challenges for NASA Aeronautics



Workforce



Evolving work environments



Digital Transformation at NASA



Technology Convergence



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANGING WORLD

NASA's International Collaborations

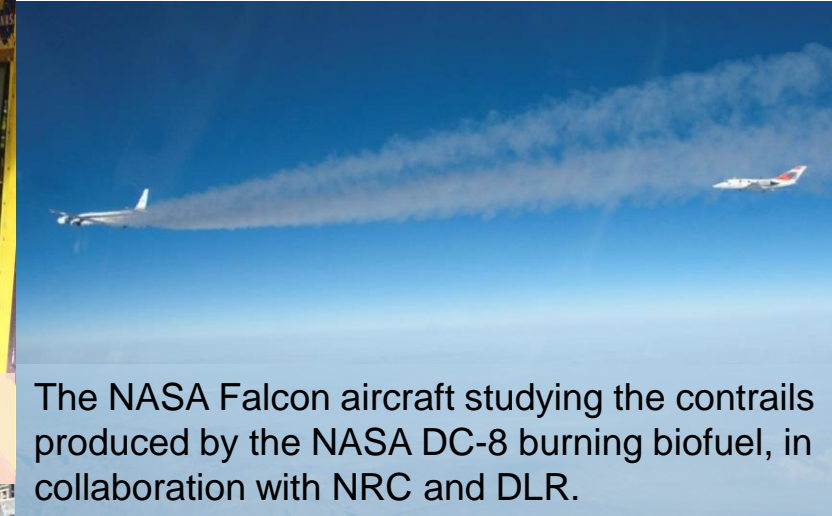


Common areas for collaboration:

- Aviation safety
- Icing
- Noise
- Wind tunnel testing



Icing collaboration with NRC in NASA GRC's Icing Research Tunnel



The NASA Falcon aircraft studying the contrails produced by the NASA DC-8 burning biofuel, in collaboration with NRC and DLR.

NASA collaborates to implement emission reduction commitments by governments around the world.

NASA and counterpart government research organizations work together to coordinate global issues in the **International Forum for Aviation Research**, including work on sustainable aviation, advanced air mobility, and supersonics.



Air traffic management collaboration with DLR

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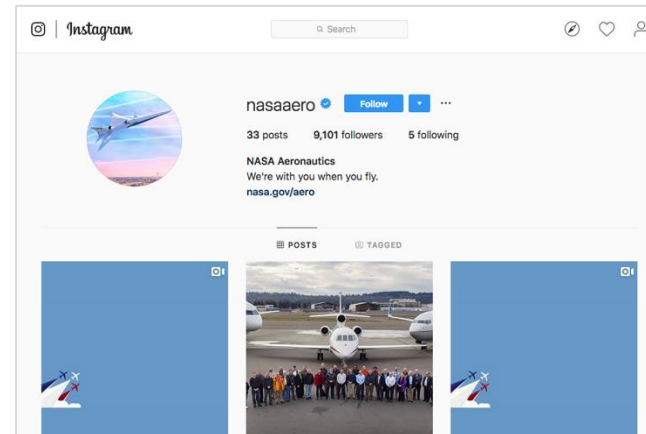
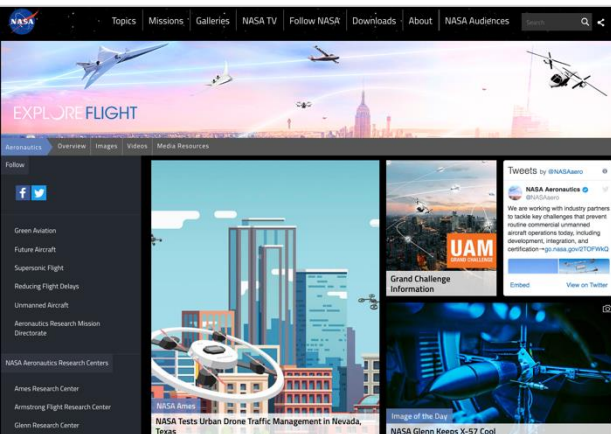
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