



# An Overview of NASA Sustainable Aviation

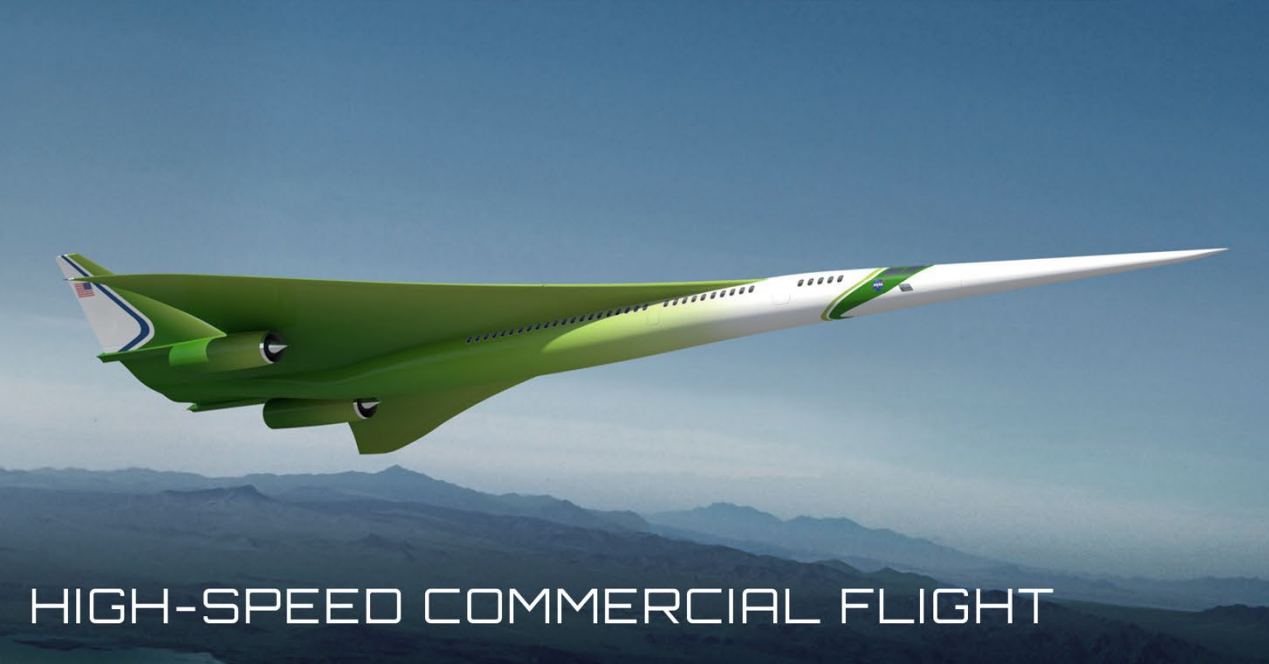
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ULTRA-EFFICIENT TRANSPORT



FUTURE AIRSPACE



HIGH-SPEED COMMERCIAL FLIGHT



ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY

# U.S. Aviation Climate Action Plan

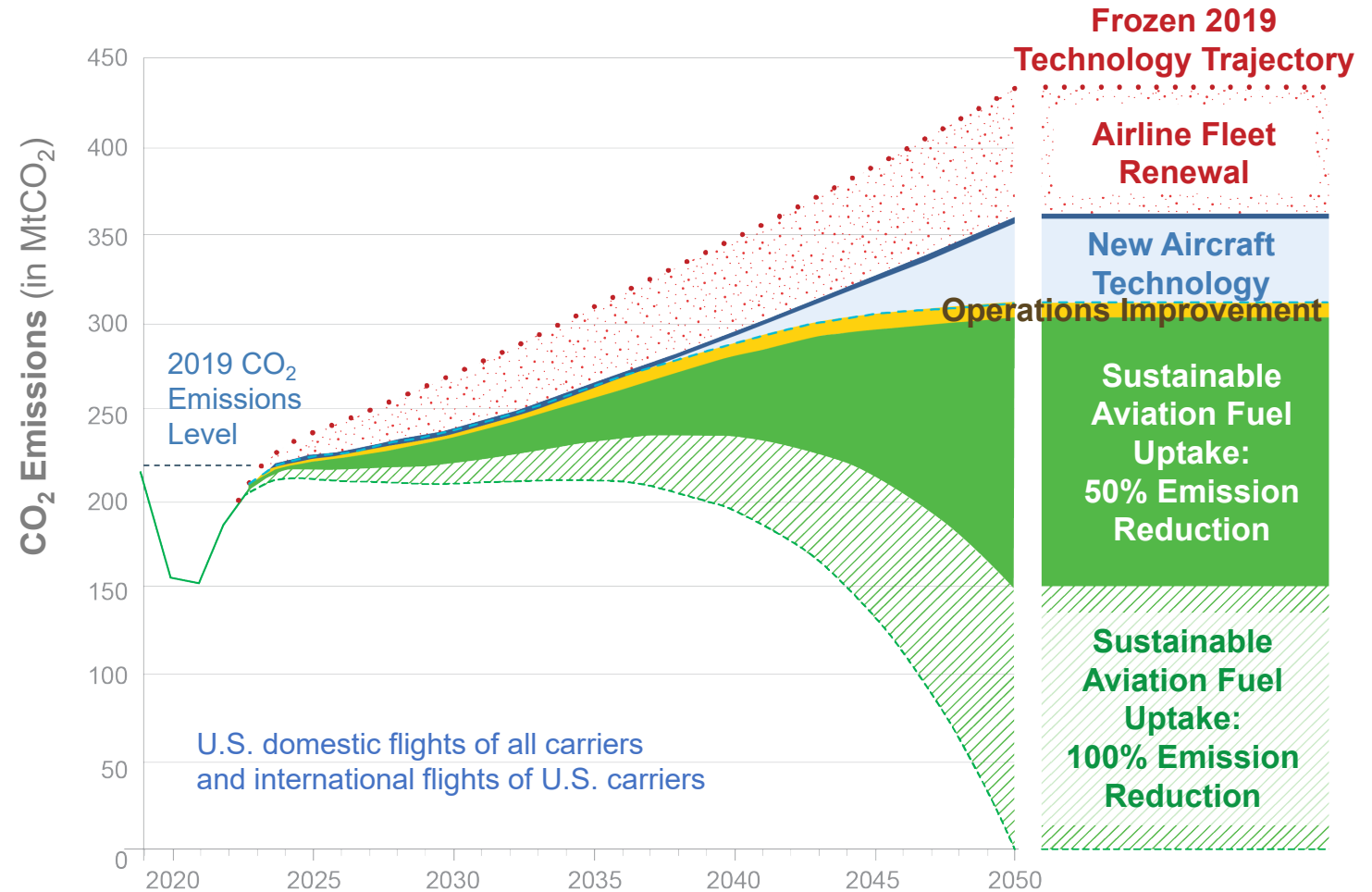
## Global Context for Sustainable Aviation



U.S. aviation goal is to achieve **net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.**

U.S. Aviation Climate Action Plan is aligned with

- U.S. economy-wide goal
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- Air Transport Action Group



The U.S. is working with the global community to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 using a common basket of measures.

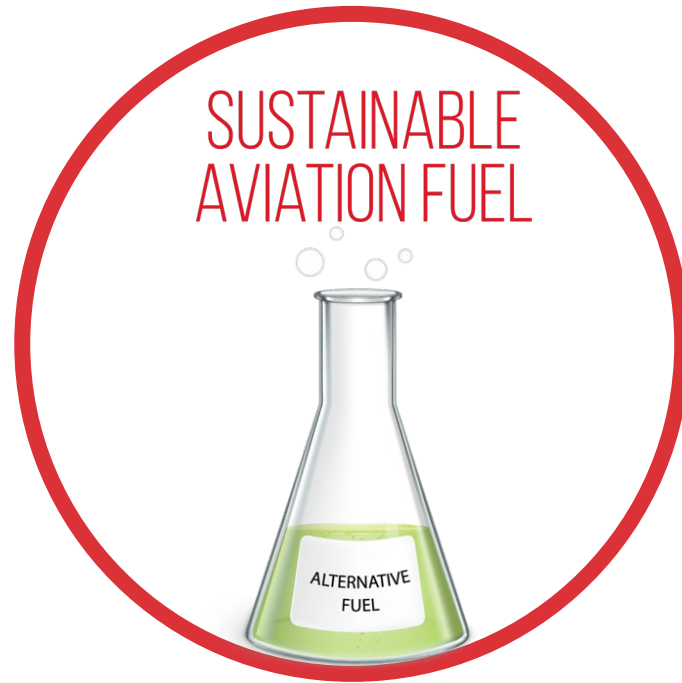
# Aviation Pillars for a Sustainable Future



Global Aviation Industry GOAL: net-zero carbon emissions by 2050



NASA = Primary Role



NASA = Supporting Role



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# Sustainable Flight National Partnership

Next-Generation Capability on the Path to Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050



Advance engine efficiency and emission reduction

Enable integrated trajectory optimization



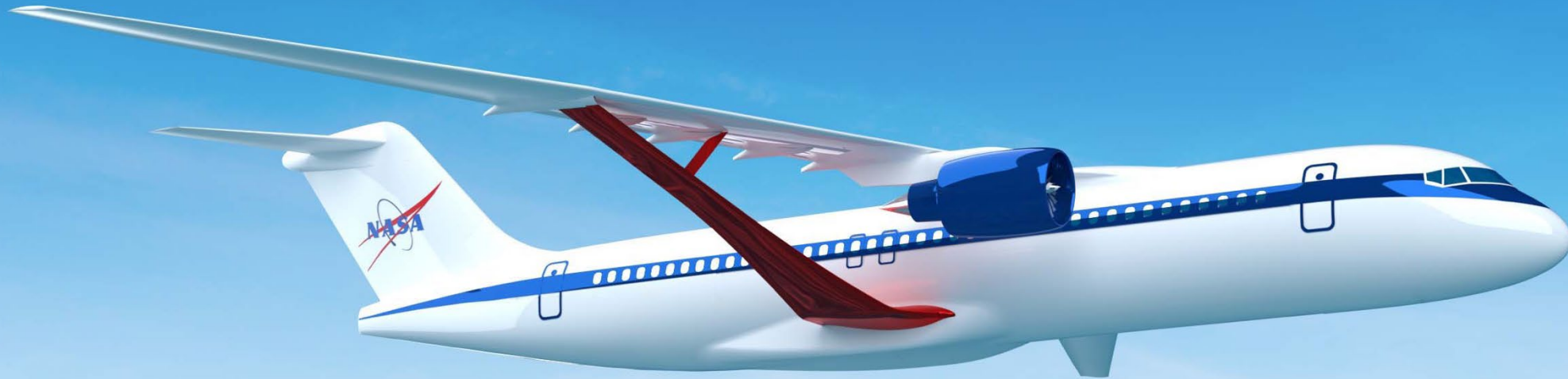
Advance airframe efficiency and manufacturing rate

Enable use of 100% sustainable aviation fuels

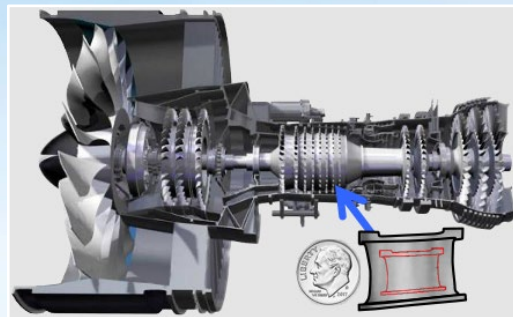
Achieve net-zero greenhouse emissions by 2050 through 25-30% energy efficiency improvements in next-generation transports, 100% sustainable aviation fuel, and optimal trajectories.

# Subsonic Transport Technologies

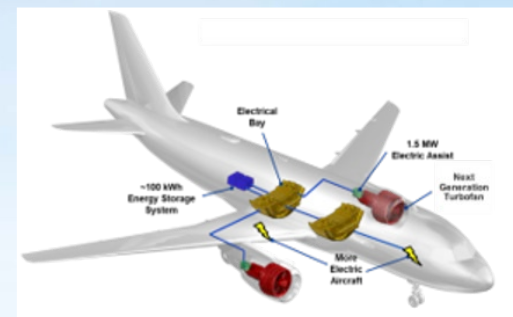
Ensure U.S. industry is the first to establish the new “S Curve” for the next 50 years of transports



**Transonic Truss-Braced Wing**  
5-10% fuel burn benefit



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



**Electrified Aircraft Propulsion**  
~5% fuel burn and maintenance benefit



**High-Rate Composite Manufacturing**  
4x-6x manufacturing rate increase

# Subsonic Transports: Integrated Technology Development



FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
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Technology Readiness Target

Model Based Systems Analysis & Engineering



Sustainable Flight Demonstrator (SFD)

Flight Test

AATT - Transonic Truss Braced Wing

TC Completion

Hi-Rate Composite Aircraft Manufacturing (HiCAM)

Mfg Demo & Structural Test

Hybrid Thermally Efficient Core (HyTEC)

Core Demonstration & Test

Electrified Powertrain Flight Demonstration (EPFD) Flight Tests

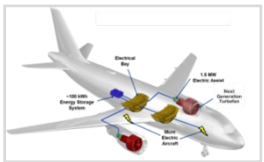
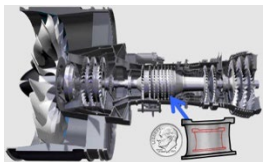
AATT - Electrified Aircraft Propulsion Integrated Ground Test

TC Completion

Achieve TRL 6 in time for industry product decision-making

Leverage the Asset  
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Future Spirals

Planned  
Notional



# Sustainable Aviation Fuels



Enable the use of 100% sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and reduce climate impact



Photo Credit: Boeing / Paul Weatherman



Flight-test planning underway

## Scope

- Support adoption of high-blend ratio sustainable aviation jet fuels

## Benefits

- Reduced aviation environmental impact
- Reduced uncertainty for climate impact of aviation-induced cloudiness
- Improved efficiency/emissions with drop-in synthetic and biofuels

## Approach

- Characterize high-blend sustainable aviation jet fuel emissions on ground and in flight



# NASA AACES 2050 Studies

## Advanced Aircraft Concepts for Environmental Sustainability

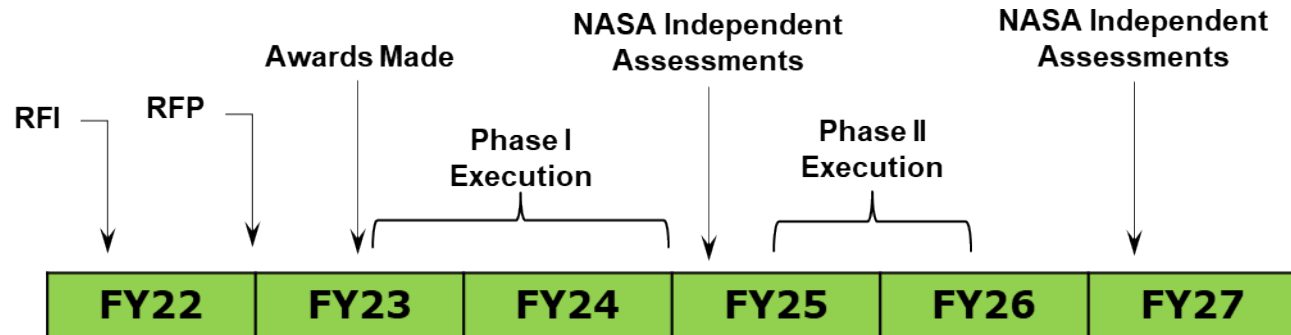


FY10-15 ERA N+2 for the 2020s Impact

FY09 N+3 Adv Concept Studies Target 2030-35 Impact

### **FY23 “N+4” AACES Studies - Explore 2020s. Demo 2030s. Impact 2040s**

- 2040s Marketplace (payload/range/speed), 2050 Environmental Goals
- Alternative Energy Scenarios (LH2, LNG, Increased Electrification, 100% SAF)
- Advanced Airframes (clean energy compatible, shielding, adaptive, unconventional structures)
- Alternative propulsion (clean energy compatible, BLI, distributed propulsion, hybrid electric)
- Tools & Methods for Reduced Lifecycle Cost & Environmental Impact



RFI Released 5/19/22, RFP Fall 2022, Awards Early CY23

