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Enabling Airspace Integration of Advanced Air Mobility as Operations Scale

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The Rapid Transformation of Aviation



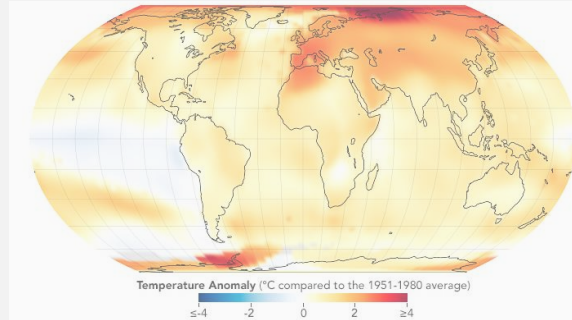
Drivers for the Future Aviation Ecosystem

Economic Growth



- **Global competition**
- **Leadership ~\$9T UAM market by 2050¹**

Sustainability



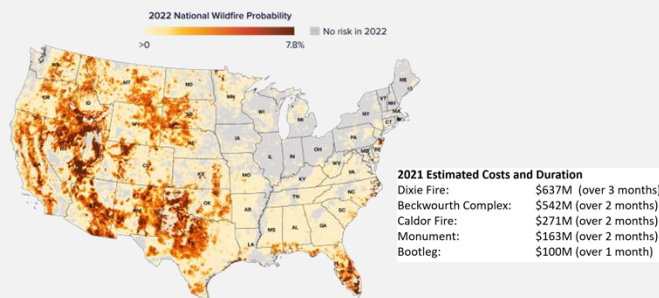
- **Climate change**
- **Meet Net Zero 2050 Goals**

Greater Mobility



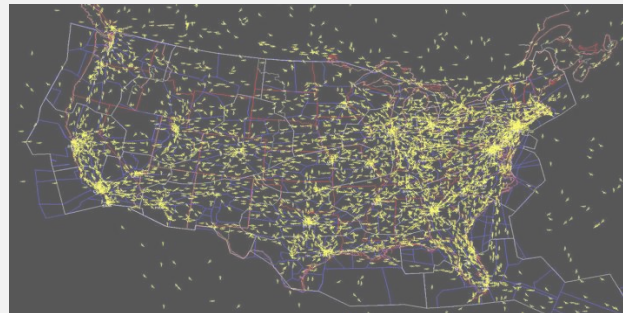
- **Slow pace in meeting market demand**
- **Diverse, scalable mobility solutions**

Public Benefit



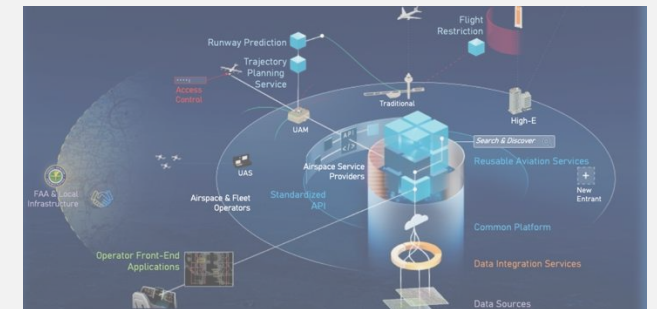
- **Inability to leverage aviation capabilities**
- **Unleash new humanitarian solutions**

Maintain Safety



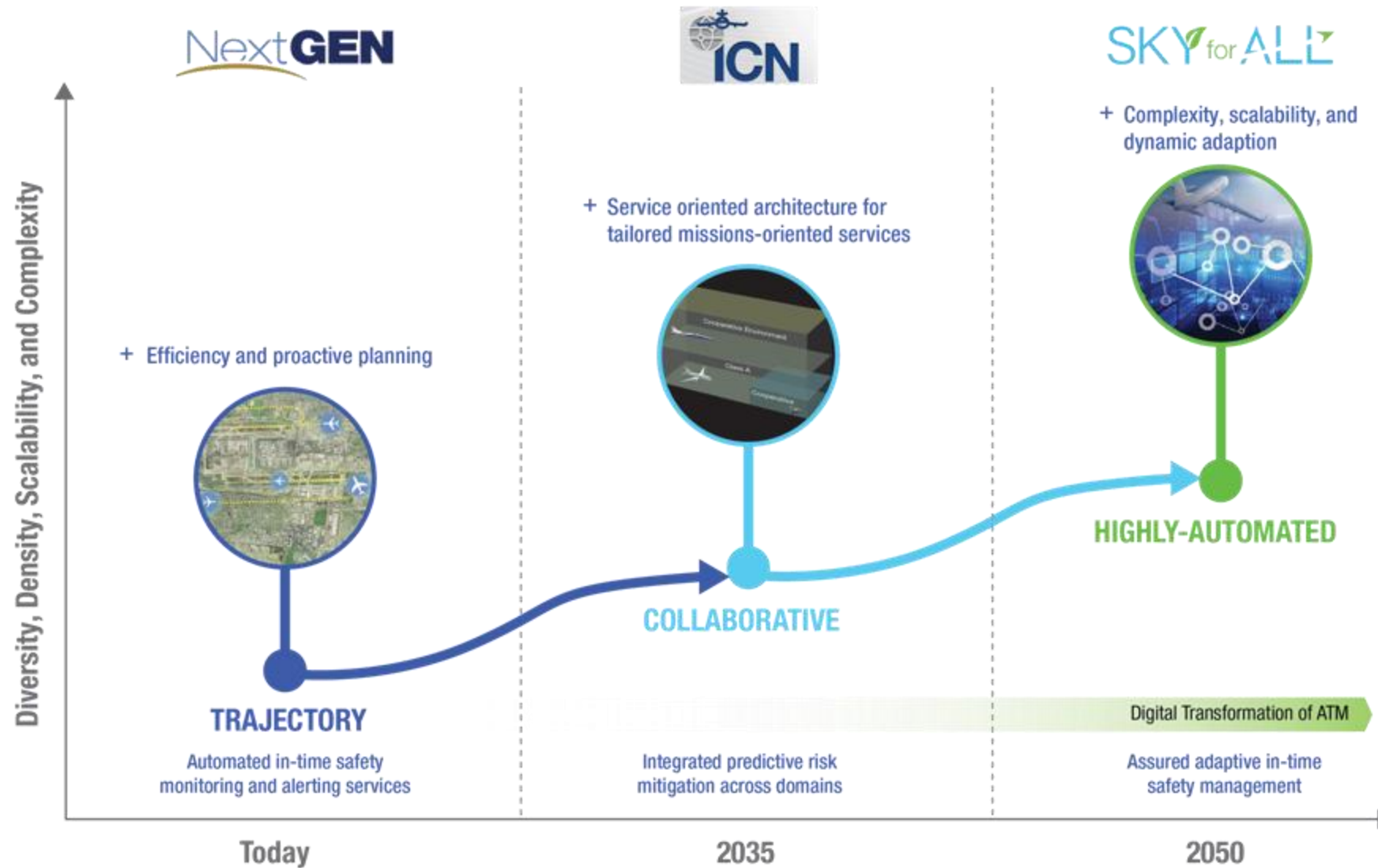
- **Growing complexity threatens safety**
- **Develop next generation of safety**

Emerging Innovation



- **Integration complexity delays benefits**
- **Adapt at the pace of innovation**

The Path to a Sky for All



xTM is a New Air Traffic Management Paradigm



Enabling Integration of New Operations

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Special Approvals

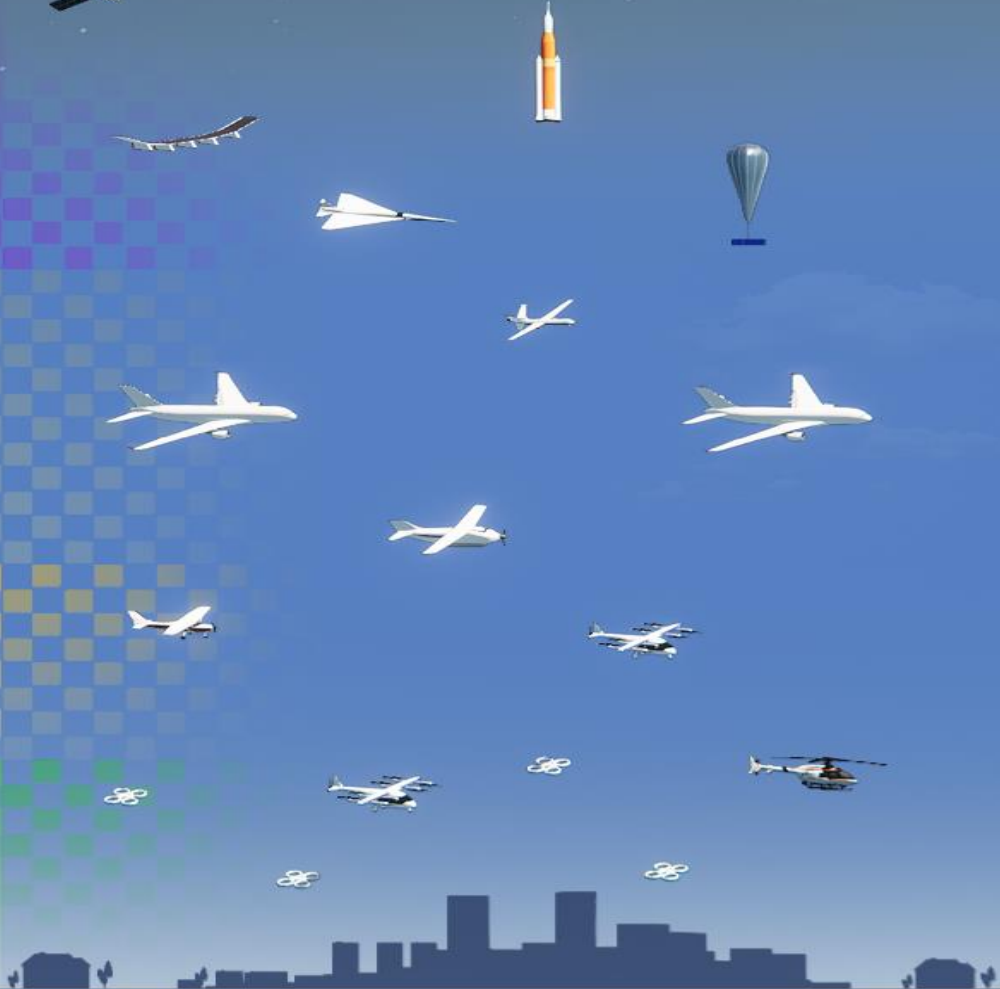
Info-Centric
NAS

FUTURE
Sky for All

ETM Traffic Management

UAM Traffic Management

UAS Traffic Management



Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (sUAS)



- Allied Market Research predicted that the global sUAS package delivery market will grow to \$32.1 billion by 2031
- sUAS will support other missions such as infrastructure inspection and agriculture
- sUAS will also be used for public safety services

Current State of Small UAS Operations

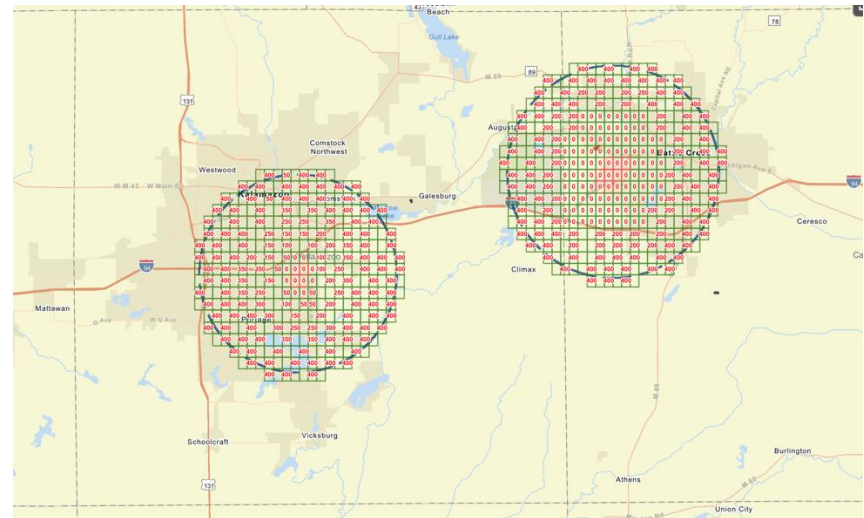
Part 107

- Operations within visual line of sight
- Less than 55 pounds
- Below 400 feet above ground level
- Cannot operate above non-participants
- Must yield right of way to other aircraft



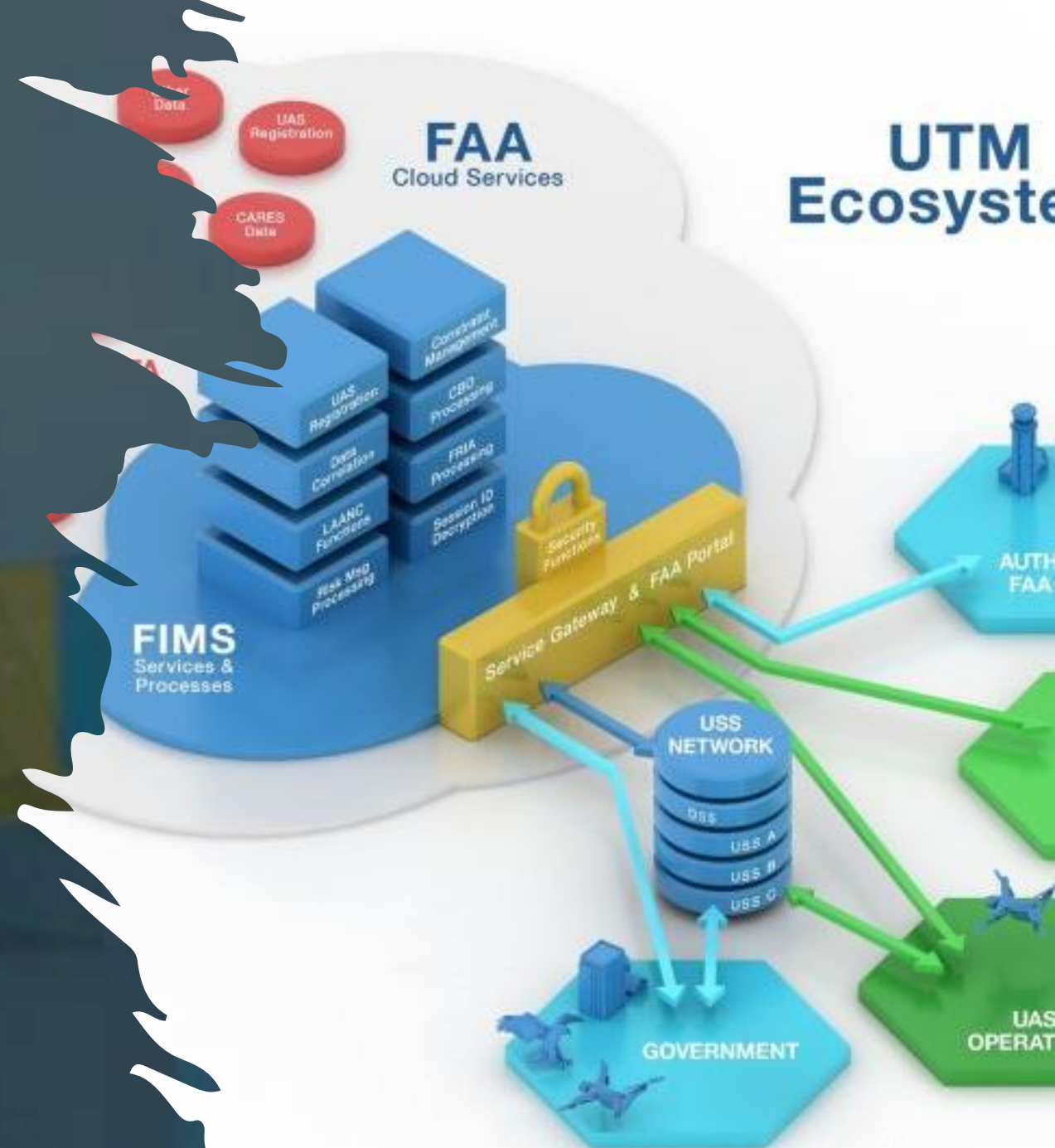
Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC)

- Coordinates access to controlled airspace near airports
- Automated process for near-real time approvals



UAS Traffic Management (UTM)

- UTM was designed by NASA to provide strategic deconfliction between sUAS
- UTM uses a service-based architecture that is a paradigm shift from the conventional air traffic management system



Rulemaking for BVLOS Operations

- UAS BVLOS ARC published in March 2022 provides recommendations for rulemaking
- FAA released a request for comments on different conflict management approaches in May 2023
- The May 2024 FAA reauthorization act requires a proposed Beyond visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) rule within 4 months and a final rule within 16 months of publishing the proposed rule
- The UAS BVLOS ARC recommend a risk-based approach consistent with the kinetic energy of light sport aircraft

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
SYSTEMS
BEYOND VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT
AVIATION RULEMAKING
COMMITTEE

MARCH 10, 2022

FINAL REPORT



Leverage Public-Private Partnership for UTM Implementation



Show UTM is Safe and Effective



Build Public Acceptance for UTM-Enabled BVLOS



Advance UAS Integration Efforts



Catalyze a Durable and Enduring Ecosystem



Influence Future Policy through Data and Findings

FAA UTM Key Site in North Texas

- Multiple operators conducting sUAS operations at scale in shared airspace
- Demonstrate the use of UTM for strategic deconfliction
- Exercise approval process for services

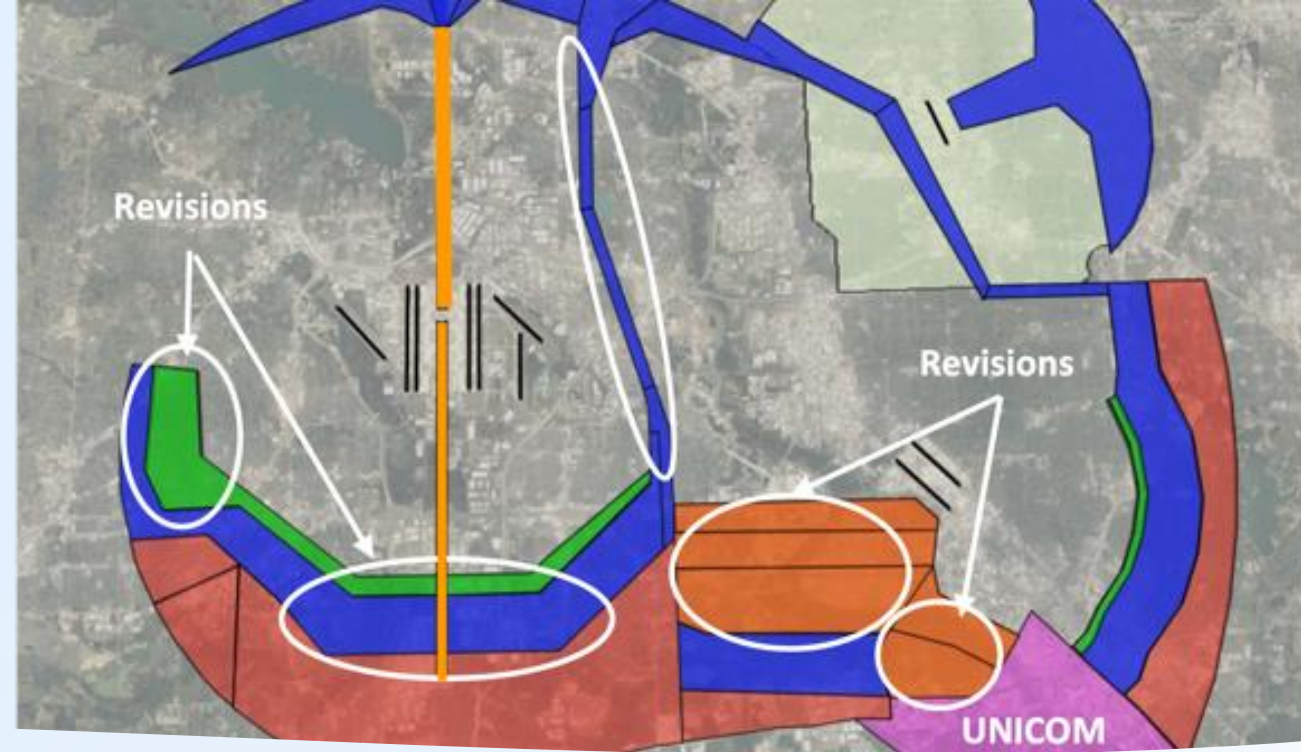
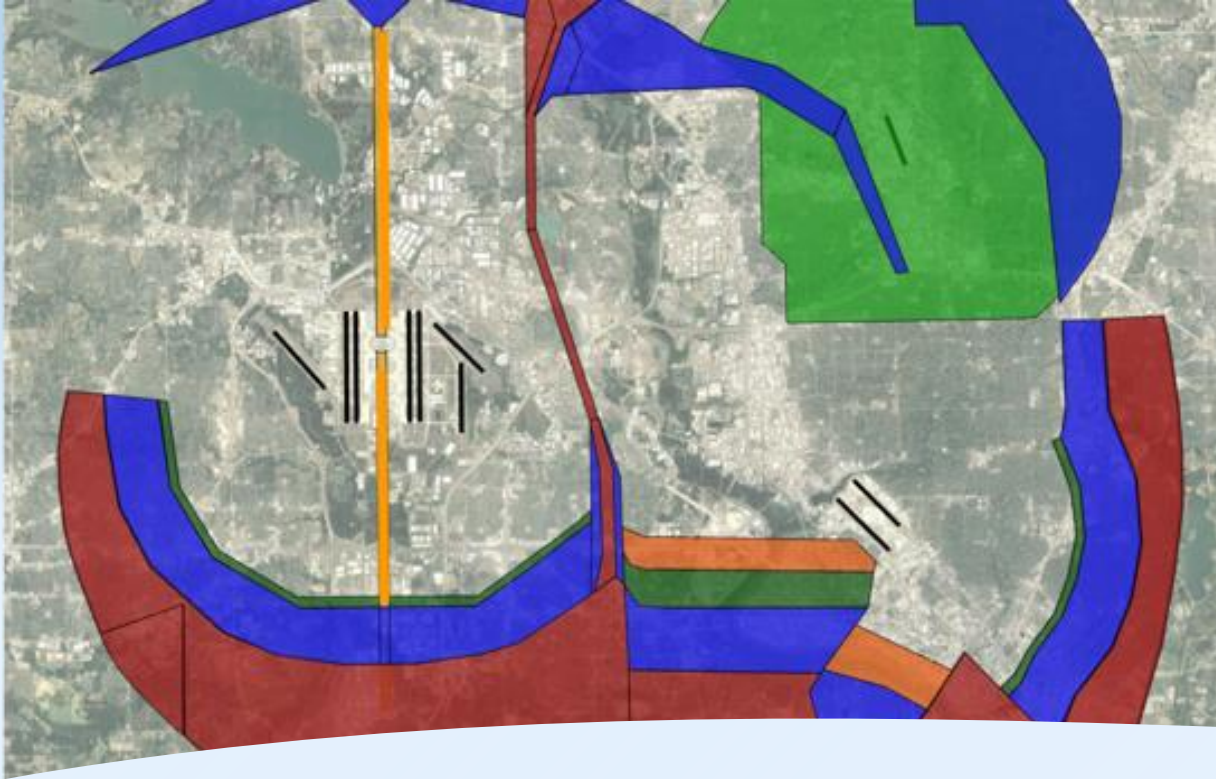
Urban Air Mobility

An aerial night view of a city with a dense skyline. Several aircraft are shown in flight: a large white helicopter-like plane in the center, a smaller propeller plane to the left, a jet to the top left, a small propeller plane to the top right, and a drone-like aircraft on the right. White lines arc across the sky, connecting the aircraft and suggesting a network of flight paths. The city lights are visible below, and the sky is a mix of orange and blue from the sunset or sunrise.

- Allied Market Research predicted that the global urban air mobility (UAM) market will reach \$30.7 billion by 2031
- Expected to provide an alternate method of transportation across urban areas
- Will use new eclectic vertical takeoff and landing aircraft

Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Aircraft





Airspace Integration for Urban Air Mobility

- Minimize disruption of current aviation operations
- Avoid excessive noise above neighborhoods
- Maintain acceptable Air Traffic Controller workload
- Routes that enable economic viability

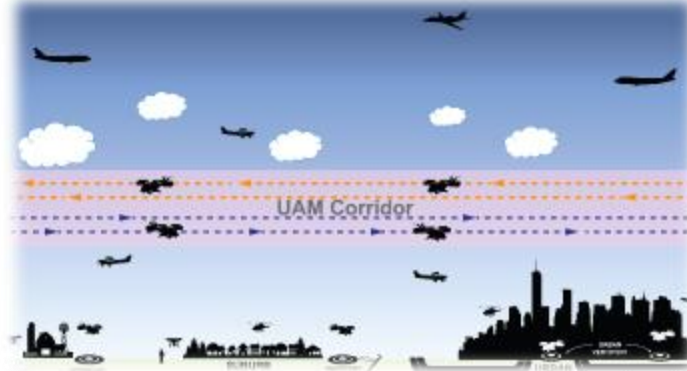
Major Needs and Barriers

Near Term



- Lower density initial operations
- Visual Flight Rules
- Visual Meteorological Conditions
- Defined routes

Mid-Term



- Consistent with FAA UAM ConOps
- Medium density
- Instrument meteorological conditions
- UAM corridors
- Reduced separation

Far-Term



- High density
- Instrument meteorological conditions
- Separation provided by services and automation

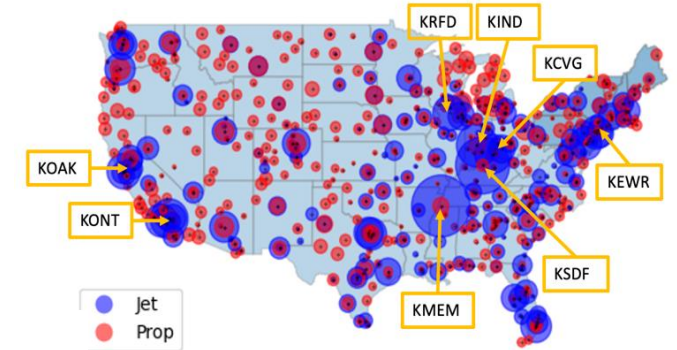
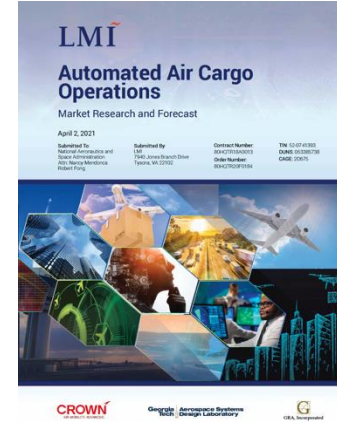
Large Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems

Opportunity for Regional Air Mobility



“increase the safety, accessibility, and affordability of regional travel while building on the extensive and underutilized federal, state, and local investment in our nation’s local airports”

Regional Cargo is an Initial Use Case



A 2021 market study indicated:

- Most promising use case was regional cargo distribution
- There are benefits to remotely piloted operations
- The strongest business case was remotely supervised

Industry is Developing Increasingly Automated Aircraft for Regional Cargo

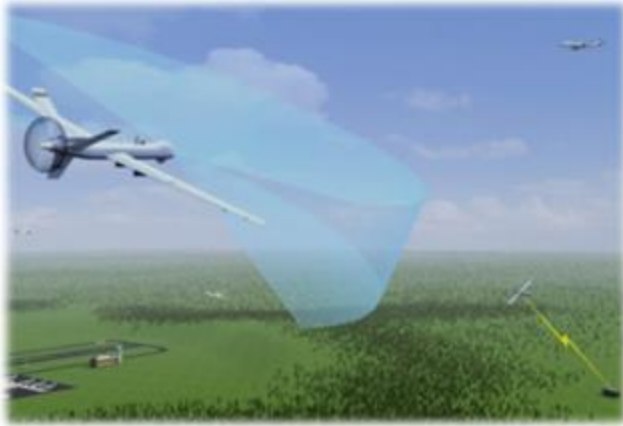


Desire to quickly progress from remotely piloted to remotely supervised (e.g., m:N)

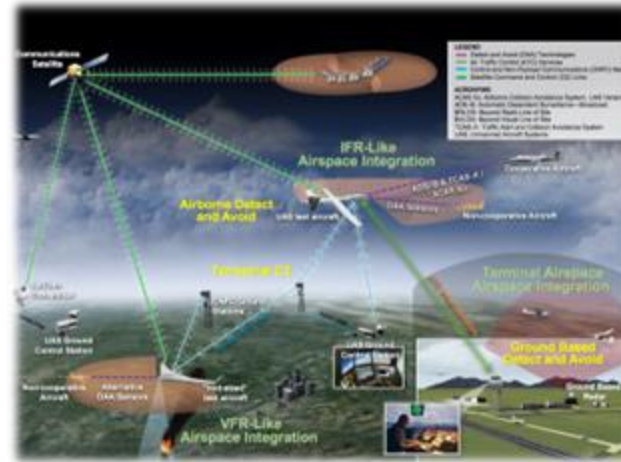


Operations using existing airports require airspace integration with IFR and VFR traffic

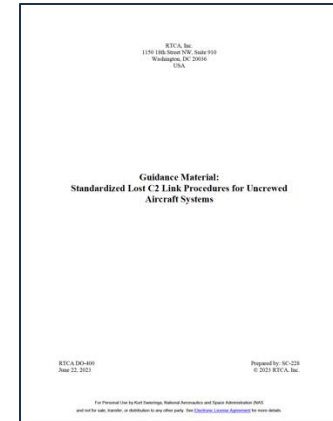
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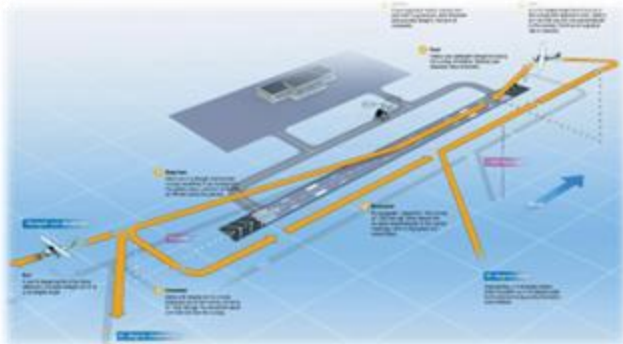
Detect and Avoid (DAA)



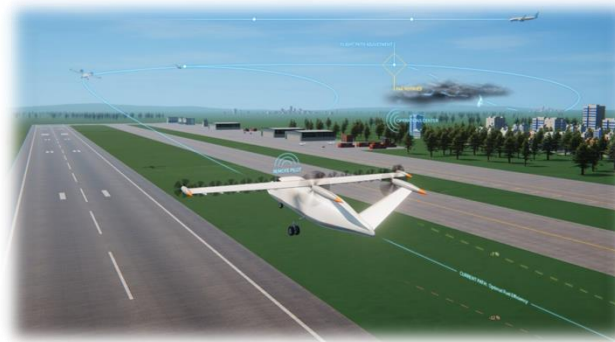
Command and Control (C2)



Standardized Lost C2 Link Procedures



Traffic Pattern Integration at non-towered airports



Automated landing without CAT III ILS



Automated surface operations

Community Benefits

Acceleration of NAS Modernization



Cooperative service-based architecture to facilitate industry innovation

Improved Use of NAS Data



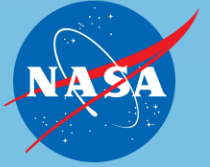
Data and advanced algorithms to increase efficiency and environmental sustainability

Integration of Diverse Aircraft and Missions



Concepts, requirements, and reference implementations to enable airspace integration of diverse aircraft and missions

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration



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Aviation Ecosystem Transformation



SKY for ALL

Current State

