



# 2021 NASA System Analysis Symposium Introduction

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# Systems Analysis Symposium

## Objectives

An annual gathering of NASA's system analysis researchers, analysts and their colleagues to exchange results and views about strategic aeronautics related issues

To distribute results of strategic systems analysis studies to the NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD)

To obtain peer review about study assumptions and conclusions

To get feedback from the NASA Aeronautics community prior to writing final reports that support ARMD strategic planning activities

To generate ideas for possible future strategic studies needed by ARMD

## Symposium Objectives

# Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate

## Strategic Overview

### Strategic Implementation Plan



<https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch/strategy>

### Mega Drivers



### Strategic Thrusts



**Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations**



**Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft**



**Ultra-Efficient Subsonic Transports**



**Safe, Quiet, and Affordable Vertical Lift Air Vehicles**



**In-Time System-Wide Safety Assurance**

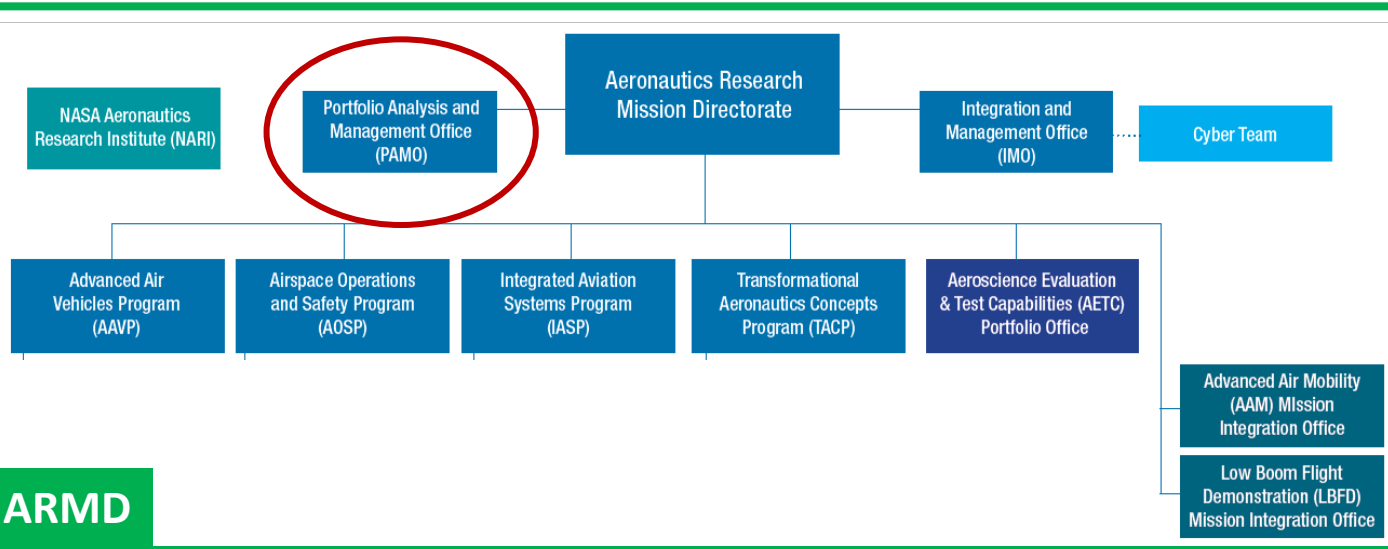


**Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation**



# Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate

Where is PAMO in ARMD?



**Portfolio Analysis and Management Office (PAMO)**  
**Director**  
William Harrison

**Strategy (PAMO-S)**  
**Team Lead**  
Naseem Saiyed

**Resources (PAMO-R)**  
**Team Lead**  
Cathy Delaney

**Systems Analysis/  
Decision Support**  
Dr. Sharon Monica Jones

**Intercenter Systems  
Analysis Team (ISAT)**  
**Team Lead**  
Dr. Eric Hendricks (GRC)

## ISAT Leadership Group

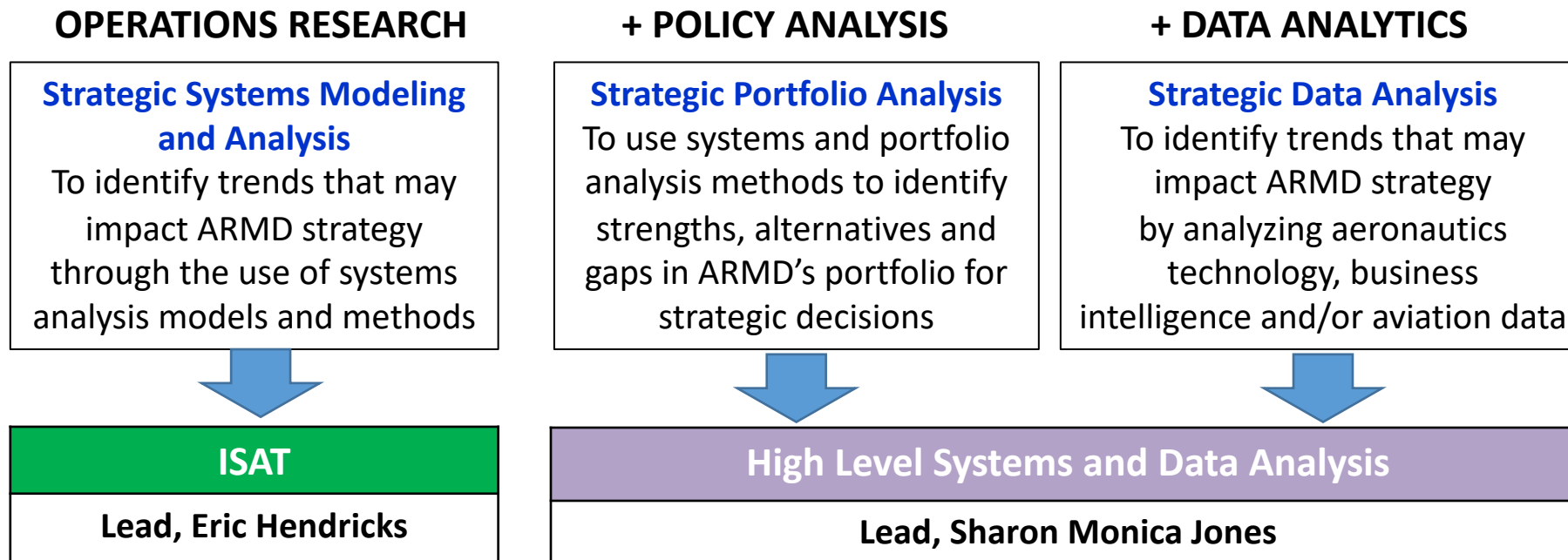
- Dr. Sharon Monica Jones
- Phil Arcara (LaRC)
- Dr. Susie Go (ARC)
- Xiao-Yen Wang (GRC)
- Dr. Eric Hendricks (GRC)
- Ty Marien (LaRC)
- Mark Guynn (LaRC)
- Jon Seidel (GRC)



# Systems Analysis and Decision Support

## Strategic Systems Analysis Overview

### SYSTEMS ANALYSIS =



# Systems Analysis and Decision Support

## Team Members

High Level Systems and Data Analysis
Lead, Dr. Sharon Monica Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical Modeling and Analysis</li> <li>• Top Down Systems Analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Data and Trend Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bailey Ethridge (AMA)</li> </ul> <b>High Level Systems Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dell Ricks (AMA)</li> </ul> <b>Safety, Multi-Modal and Manufacturing Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Larry Barr (Volpe)</li> <li>• Dr. Seamus McGovern (Volpe)</li> </ul> <b>Life Cycle Cost and Policy Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacob Wishart (Volpe)</li> <li>• David Pace (Volpe)</li> <li>• Max Litvack-Winkler (Volpe)</li> <li>• Kendall Mahavier (Volpe)</li> <li>• Gina Solman (Volpe)</li> </ul>

\*FTE support **not** provided by PAMO Systems Analysis/ISAT

Intercenter Systems Analysis Team (ISAT)
Lead, Dr. Eric Hendricks and GRC POC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems Analysis and Conceptual Modeling</li> <li>• Conceptual Level SMEs</li> </ul>
<b>LaRC POC, Fleet Analysis and Advanced Concepts (supersonic/hypersonic)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ty Marien</li> </ul> <b>Safety and Autonomy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ersin Ansel*</li> </ul> <b>Acoustics, Propulsion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Berton*</li> </ul> <b>ATM/Airspace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Borchers and Jerry Smith</li> </ul> <b>Certification, MBSE, Electric Aircraft and Advanced Concepts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nick Borer and Nat Blaesser</li> </ul> <b>AAM/UAMs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Michael Patterson* and Jerry Smith*</li> </ul> <b>Supersonics/Hypersonics, and Fleet Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon Seidel and Dr. Wu Li</li> </ul> <b>Propulsion, Fuels and Rotary Wing Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Snyder</li> </ul>

# Strategic Systems Analysis

## Categories of Activities

### Mega Drivers

- Strategic systems analyses to support the two-year ARMD Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) update cycle
- Outputs include trends, scenarios, ideal characteristics and assumptions

### What's Next

- Investigates new concepts that yield compelling benefits in a particular focus area
- Goal is to provide some benefit over state-of-the-art to motivate technical challenges and spur new approaches

### Just In Time

- Internal capability to answer strategic questions that are necessary for annual strategic planning discussions and other ARMD strategy tasks
- Includes all types of strategic systems analyses



**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

## Symposium Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	PERSON
<b>10:00 AM – 10:20 AM</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome	Steve Clarke, ARMD Deputy Associate Administrator
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Objectives/Agenda	Sharon Monica Jones (PAMO), Manager, ARMD System Analysis
<b>10:20 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>ISAT</b>	
10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Intercenter Systems Analysis Team (ISAT)	Eric Hendricks (GRC), ISAT Lead
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	"What's Next" for • Airworthiness Certification • Regional Mobility	Nick Borer (LaRC)
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Strategic Systems Modeling and Analyses • Global Demand Modeling Study • High-Speed Market Studies	Ty Marien (LaRC) Jon Seidel (GRC)
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	H2 / DeCarbonization Studies: History and Ongoing	Chris Snyder (GRC)
<b>12:00 PM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

## Wednesday, November 10, 2021 (cont'd)

## Symposium Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	PERSON
<b>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>HIGH LEVEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS</b>	
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Just-in Time Systems and Market Analyses	Seamus McGovern (Volpe)
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	COVID-19 Impact on Domestic Commercial Aviation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-Modal Economic Analysis</li><li>• Policy Analysis</li></ul>	Max Litvack-Winkler (Volpe) Gina Solman (Volpe)
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>2:00 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>PROGRAM AND MISSION LEVEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS</b>	
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Analysis of the Electrical Grid for UAM	David Thipphavong (PAMO)
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exploration of Operations Limits and Emissions For Early UAM Missions	Michael Patterson (LaRC) Dan DeLaurentis (Purdue Univ.)
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	ARMD Model Based Systems Engineering/Analysis Overview	Eric Hendricks (GRC) Jesse Quinlan (LaRC)
<b>3:30 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>WRAP UP</b>	
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Eric Hendricks (GRC) Sharon Monica Jones (PAMO)

# Systems Analysis Symposium

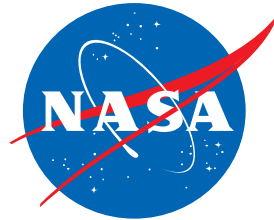
## Meeting Logistics

- Question and answer sessions
  - Last five to ten minutes of each presentation time slot
  - Questions can be submitted via conference i/o tool:

<https://arc.cnf.io/>  
(select the ARMD System Analysis Symposium session)

- Presenters (MS Teams attendees)
  - Please keep microphones muted
  - Turn off camera when not speaking
  - Use the “raise your hand” feature and wait to be acknowledged by Moderator
  - Agency employees can access symposium slides on the internal ARMD SharePoint







# **Intercenter Systems Analysis Team (ISAT) Overview**

**Dr. Eric Hendricks, Glenn Research Center  
Presentation to Systems Analysis Symposium  
November 10, 2021**

# Intercenter Systems Analysis Team (ISAT) Overview



- ISAT was created in 2013 to support ARMD's Strategy, Architecture and Analysis Office under Bob Pearce
  - Initially called the Integrated Systems Analysis & Assessment Capability (ISAAC)
- Team is a diverse, yet integrated, collection of NASA systems analysts that partner with external research organizations for studies as needed
- ISAT has conducted a variety of systems analysis studies that simultaneously consider:
  - Vehicle design
  - Airspace operations
  - Safety
  - Environmental effects
  - Market/economic viability and impacts

## ISAT Mission

Provide systems analysis studies and data to support strategic planning and decision making within the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD)

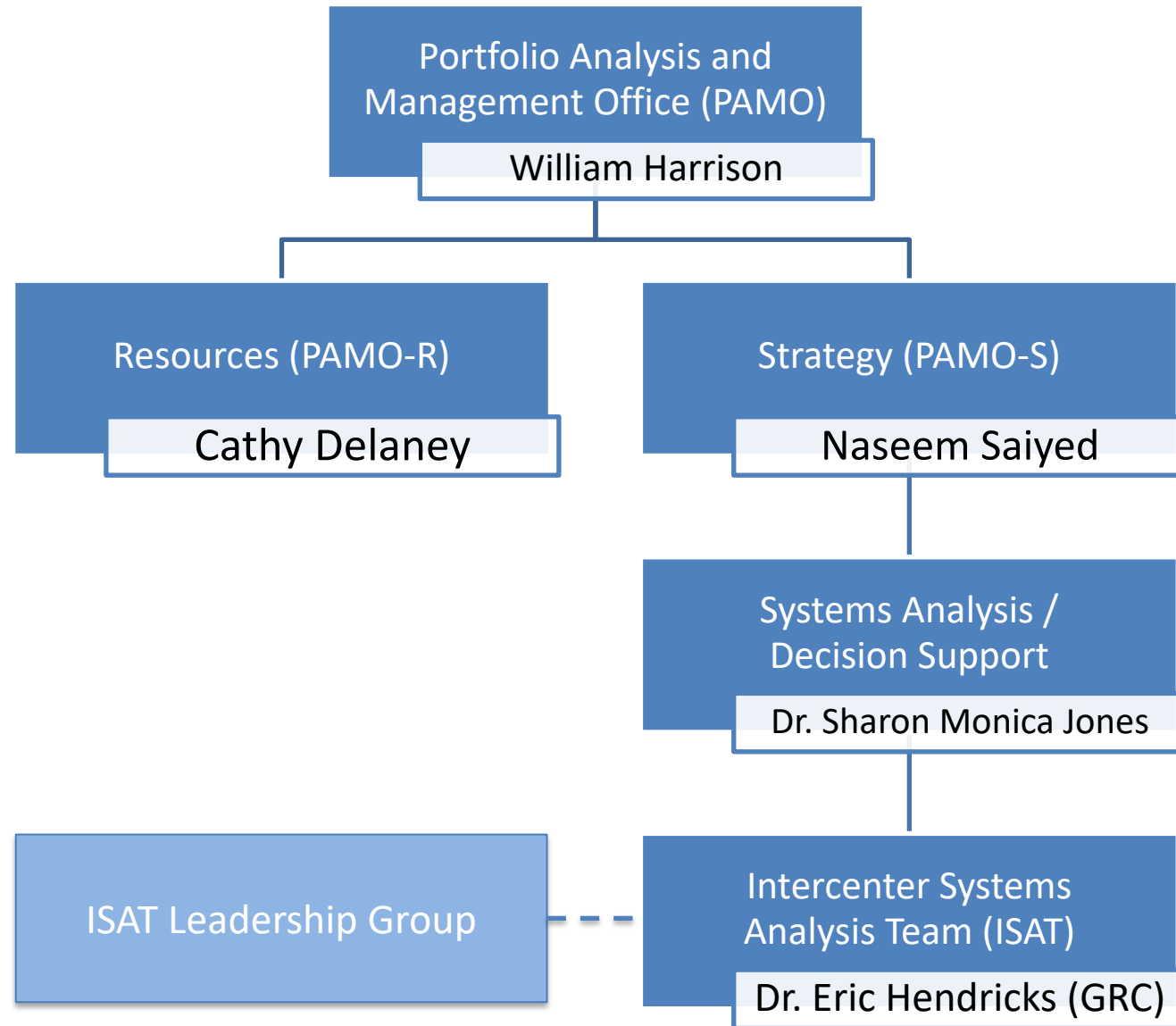
**Mega Driver Studies**

**What's Next Studies**

**Just In Time Studies**

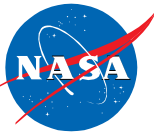


# Where ISAT “Sits” within NASA ARMD



# ISAT Team Members

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- **ISAT Lead** – Eric Hendricks (GRC)
- **Fleet Analysis and Advanced Concepts** - Ty Marien (LaRC)
- **Safety and Autonomy** - Ersin Ansel (LaRC)
- **Acoustics and Propulsion** - Jeff Berton (GRC)
- **ATM/Airspace** - Paul Borchers (ARC), Jerry Smith (LaRC)
- **Certification, MBSE Electric Aircraft and Advanced Concepts** - Nick Borer (LaRC), Nat Blaesser (LaRC)
- **AAM/UAMs** - Michael Patterson (LaRC), Jerry Smith (LaRC)
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## Current External Partners

Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Purdue, NREL, AMA

# Sample of Previous ISAT Work



Study Title	Timeframe
Low Carbon Propulsion Options Study	FY14
Projected Global Emissions Due to Commercial Aviation	FY16
Thin Haul Commuter Economics	FY16
Technology Influence on NAS Safety Nets	FY17
Autonomous Cargo Delivery Using Electric Aircraft	FY17
Supersonic Aircraft Demand/Environmental Impact Analysis	FY17
Advanced Technology Certification Gap Analysis (UAM)	FY18
On-Demand Mobility Landing Site Feasibility/Fare Model Analysis	FY18/19
US Demand for a Low-Boom Supersonic Transport Aircraft	FY18/19



# Recent and Ongoing ISAT Studies



Study Title	Timeframe
Commercial Hypersonics - Mission Capabilities/Requirements Definition/Economics	FY20
What's Next for Airworthiness Certification: Model-Based Aircraft Certification	FY19/20
What's Next in Regional Mobility: Advanced Regional Air Mobility	FY21/22
Global Demand Modeling	FY21/22
Supersonic Transport Scheduling and Fleet Analysis	FY22
H2 / DeCarbonization: History and Ongoing	FY21
What's Next in Regional Mobility: Electrified Aircraft Regional Airport Impact	FY22/23
Further Exploration of Operations Limits for Advanced Air Mobility Missions	FY22



# What's Next (in) ...?

Finding the next possible “big ideas” in selected problems

Nick Borer

Aeronautics Systems Analysis Branch

10 November 2021

# What Is “What’s Next?”



- ISAT’s “What’s Next” studies trace back to a hallway conversation at SciTech 2018
- Typical systems analysis studies consider existing needs and shortcomings, and suggest gaps or otherwise identify approaches to ameliorate them
- Idea behind “What’s Next” is to hypothesize advanced concepts that may either fill gaps or perhaps even address latent, uncharacterized needs, and see how these may drive future NASA investments



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# What's Happening with “What's Next”



- Two major themes evaluated to date
- “What's Next in Airworthiness Certification”
  - Initiated in late 2018
  - Three contracted studies completed – last one ended May 2021
  - Collaborated with the X-57 project
- “What's Next in Regional Mobility”
  - Initiated in 2020
  - Two contracted studies underway
  - Collaborating with the AAM project, other potential collaborations in work



# WHAT'S NEXT IN AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION

# Introduction



- ARMD has embraced emerging markets for Advanced Air Mobility, introducing a challenge and an opportunity
  - 2013 Small Airplane Revitalization Act mandated streamlined airworthiness certification
  - Global movement in small airplane standard development towards adoption of performance-based standards
  - Requires support of industry (both established & emerging) and research community to further develop standards
- Key questions considered for “What’s Next in Airworthiness Certification”
  - **KQ1**: Can we identify gaps in airworthiness certification today for new and emerging technologies [that are in NASA’s portfolio]?
  - **KQ2**: Can we identify how certification rules and standards impact the design and development of aircraft with advanced technologies?
  - **KQ3**: What is NASA’s role to address these gaps/impacts?
- Partnered with FDC/X-57 to serve as “advanced technology surrogate” for this study
  - Detailed, publicly available data on design, design rationale, and performance
  - X-57 is currently going through NASA airworthiness processes
  - Ancillary benefit: led to pivot in X-57 project goals to better align with US research/industry needs



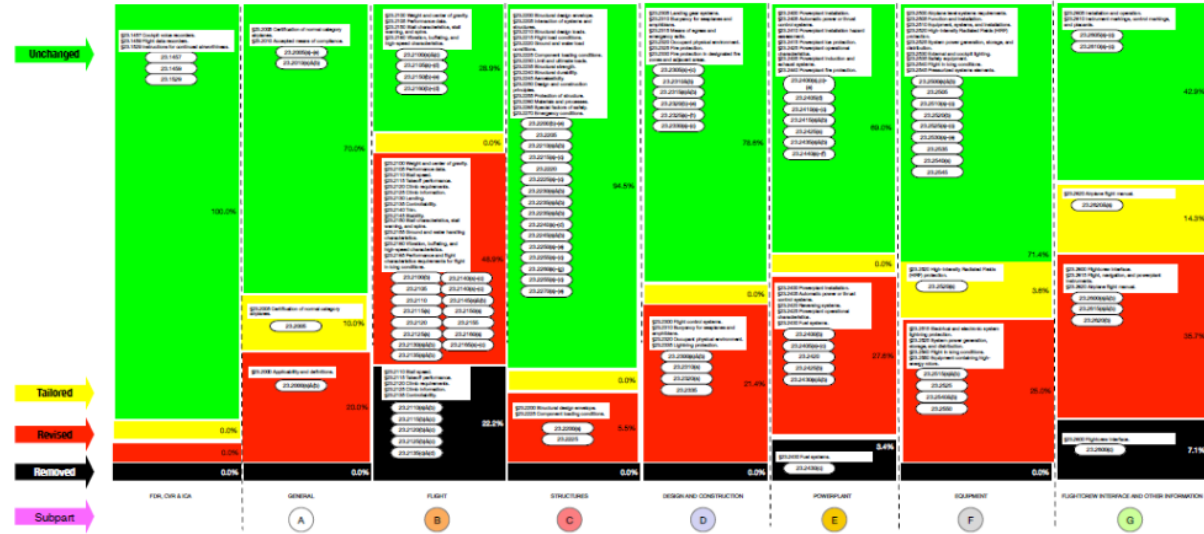


# Certification Challenges with New Technologies

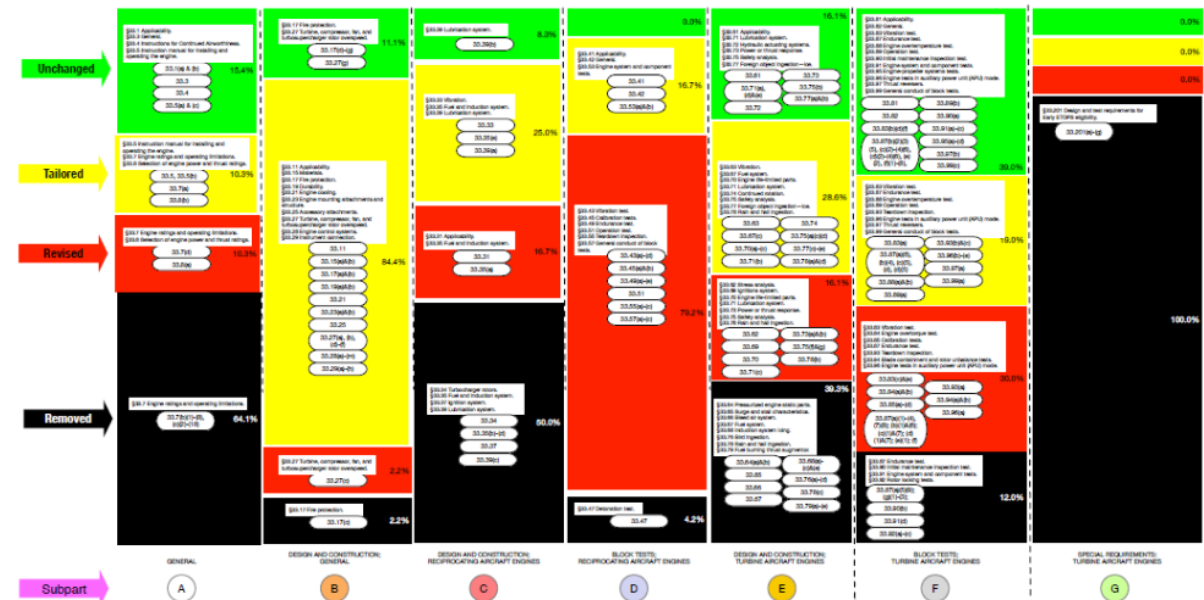


- NIA/HS Advanced Concepts, “Initial Assessment of Aircraft Certification Procedures for Emerging Technologies”
  - POP: July 2018-January 2019
  - Compared applicability of current rules and standards to X-57-like platform, as compared to airframe airworthiness (Part 23) and engine airworthiness (Part 33) requirements
  - Delivered [Certification Rules and Standards Review](#) (pre-KQ1), [Certification Gap Analysis](#) Report (KQ1), [Certification Coordination Roadmap](#) (pre-KQ3)

Assessment of Applicability of New Vehicle Concepts to 14 CFR 23, Airworthiness Standards: Normal Category Airplanes



Assessment of Applicability of Electric Propulsion to 14 CFR 33, Airworthiness Standards: Aircraft Engines



# Certification Planning



- NIA/HS Advanced Concepts, “Support the X-57 Project Office on Standards Development,” April 2019-May 2021\*
  - *\*Leveraged existing task order; new tasks related to ISAT added September 2019*
  - Developed an Airworthiness Validation Plan (KQ2) and Cross-Reference to Certification Checklist (KQ1), included efforts of eight subject matter experts and industry engagement at three events (KQ3)
  - Final report summarized in Final Airworthiness Validation Plan delivered May 2021

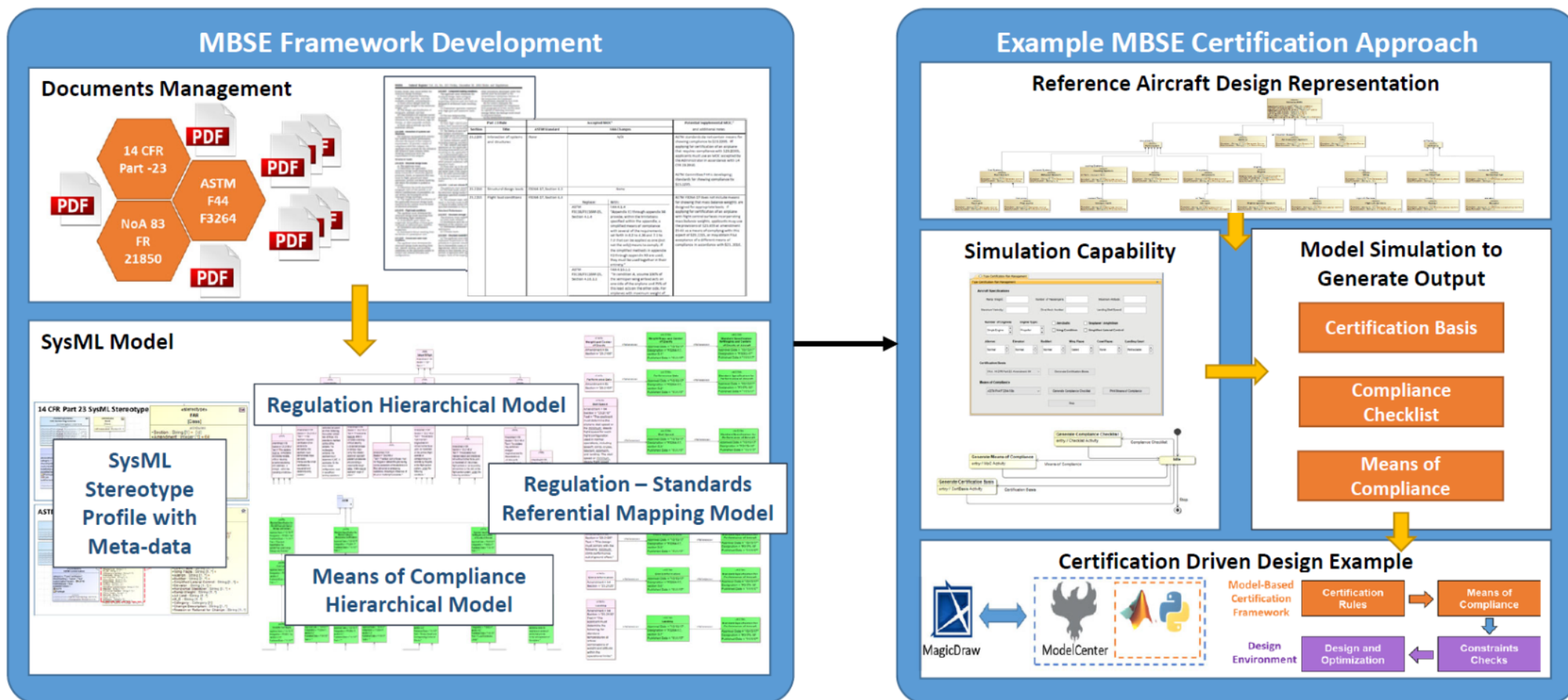
Subpart B—Flight	Note
(d) Performance data determined in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section must account for losses due to atmospheric conditions, cooling needs, and other demands on power sources.	Applies to X-57
§23.2110 Stall speed. The applicant must determine the airplane stall speed or the minimum steady flight speed for each flight configuration used in normal operations, including takeoff, climb, cruise, descent, approach, and landing. The stall speed or minimum steady flight speed determination must account for the most adverse conditions for each flight configuration with power set at—	Applies to X-57 Stall speed determination in all configs required including takeoff and landing engines-propellers and cruise engines-props only. Stall speeds are gathered during stall characteristics investigation used to determine the low-speed flight characteristics score, SLsc. X-57 minimum SLsc is 150.
(a) Idle or zero thrust for propulsion systems that are used primarily for thrust; and  NOTE: CM system would be considered the primary thrust producing system. FAA consensus would be required.	CM/HLP use and power settings need to be defined for each config and agreed to by FAA. HLP on/off power off speeds required for approach and landing conditions.
(b) A nominal thrust for propulsion systems that are used for thrust, flight control, and/or high-lift systems.  NOTE: Both (a) and (b) subparagraph power settings are required for stall speed determination. It is not either (a) or (b). HLP system would fall into the high-lift system category while the CM system would fall into the thrust producing category for those conditions where a “power-on” stall condition must be considered.	CM/HLP use and power settings need to be defined for TO and Landing configs using both CM/HLP if HLM considered High Lift systems. FAA consensus required.
§23.2115 Takeoff performance.	Applies to X-57
(a) The applicant must determine airplane takeoff performance accounting for—	Applies to X-57
(1) Stall speed safety margins;	
(2) Minimum control speeds; and	
(3) Climb gradients.	
(b) For single engine airplanes and levels 1, 2, and 3 low-speed multiengine airplanes, takeoff performance includes the determination of ground roll and initial climb distance to 50 feet (15 meters) above the takeoff surface.	Applies to X-57
(c) For levels 1, 2, and 3 high-speed multiengine airplanes, and level 4 multiengine airplanes, takeoff performance includes a determination the following distances after a sudden critical loss of thrust—	NA



# Model-Based Aircraft Certification



- NIA/Georgia Tech, “Model-Based Certification of Aircraft,” April-December 2019
  - Developed initial Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) framework for use in assessing advanced technology concepts (pre-KQ2), presented to ASTM F44 (pre-KQ3)





# Work Product Summary and Impact



- This effort has helped ARMD identify how NASA can impact development of airworthiness procedures for new technologies
  - Directly influenced FDC/X-57 project objectives, interfacing with other projects (AAM), laid groundwork for others (EPFD)
  - Co-hosted certification workshop in coordination with FAA
- Publicly available reports to date, more to come:
  - NASA/CR-2019-220406, [Certification Rules and Standards Review](#) (2019)
  - NASA/CR-2019-220407, [Certification Gap Analysis](#) Report (2019)
  - NASA/CR-2019-220408, [Certification Coordination Roadmap](#) (2019)
  - AIAA-2019-3344, [A Model-Based System Engineering Approach to Normal Category Airplane Airworthiness Certification](#) (2019)
  - AIAA-2020-3096, [A Model-Based Aircraft Certification Framework for Normal Category Airplanes](#) (2020)
  - Airworthiness Validation Plan – delivered May 2021, not yet gone through public release process
- Other related research spinoffs
  - AIAA-2019-3576, [Development of a Certification Module for Early Aircraft Design](#) (2019)
  - M. Bendarkar, [An Integrated Framework to Evaluate Off-Nominal Requirements and Reliability of Novel Aircraft Architectures in Early Design](#), Ph.D. Dissertation
  - AIAA-2021-1723, [Evaluation of Off-Nominal Performance and Reliability of a Distributed Electric Propulsion Aircraft during Early Design](#) (2021)
- MagicDraw MBSE database for Normal Category Airplanes available for NASA/US Government use
  - Used as example application for Langley-funded project into model-based systems standards (MoSSEC)



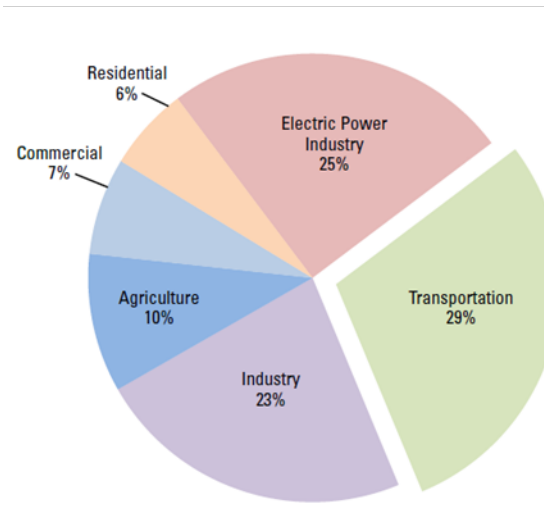
# WHAT'S NEXT IN REGIONAL (AIR) MOBILITY



# Introduction



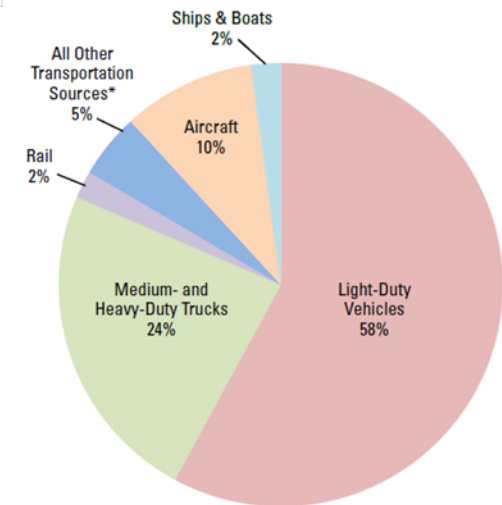
- Small commuter aircraft will be some of the earliest adopters of electrified aircraft propulsion
- Hypothesized that this trend could squeeze single-aisle transports
  - Original key question: Can small, electrified commuter aircraft combined with system-level improvements in power distribution infrastructure disrupt the current dominance of Single-Aisle class aircraft?
- Focus has shifted to regional cargo and passenger markets either not served (latent demand) or served by ground transportation
  - Leverages 5,000+ public-use airports that already exist in the United states as origin/destination pairs and renewable energy hubs



Share of U.S. GHG Emissions by Sector, 2019<sup>3,4</sup>

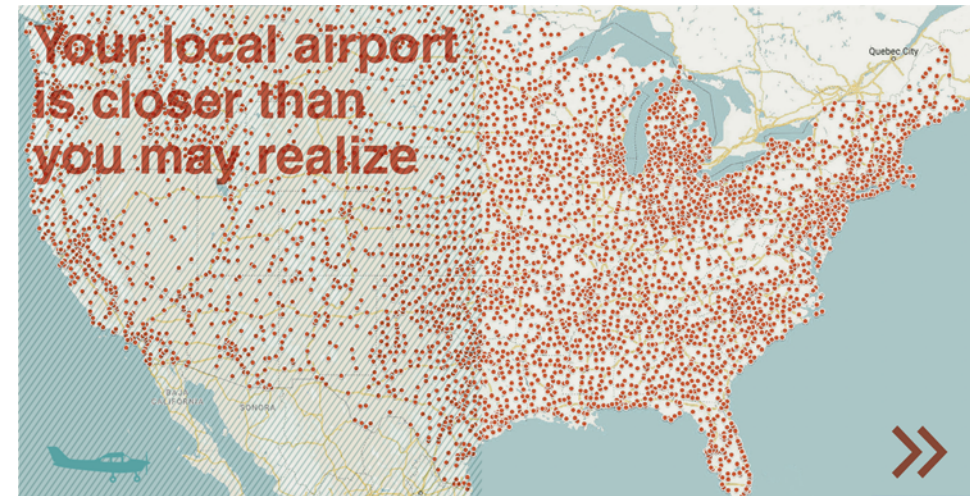
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United States Environmental Protection Agency



Share of U.S. Transportation Sector GHG Emissions by Source, 2019<sup>4,5</sup>

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NASA: Regional Air Mobility

# Regional Air Mobility (RAM)

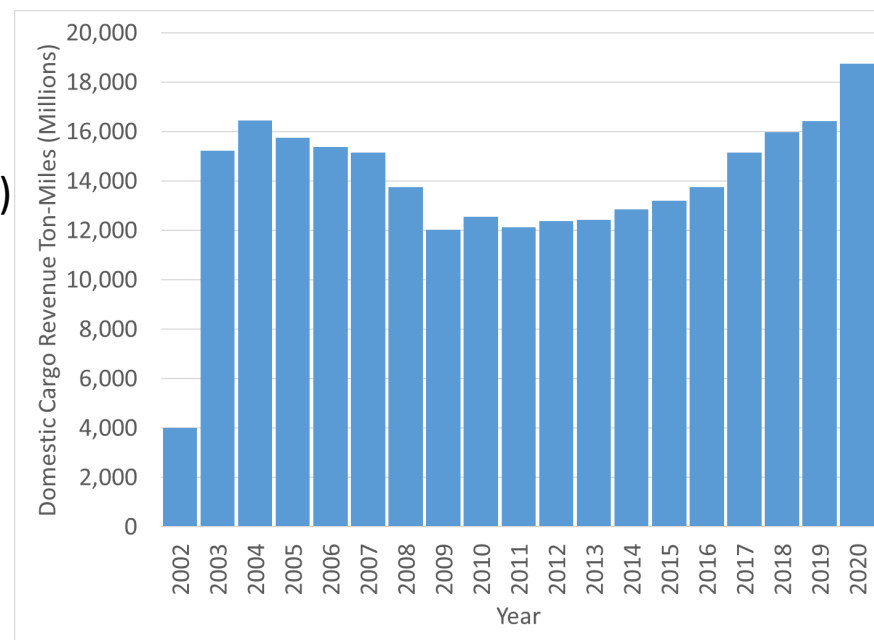
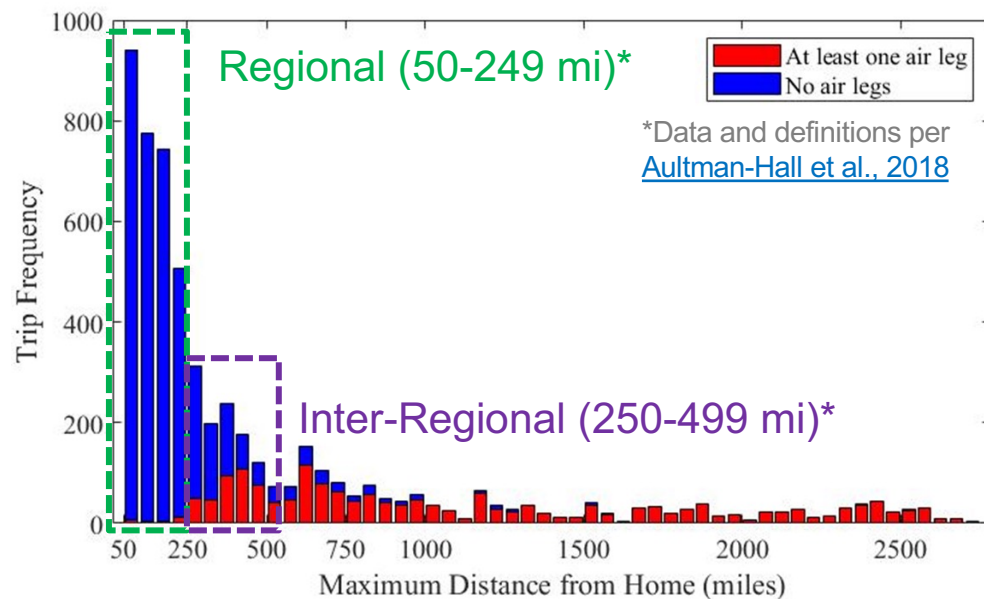


- Increased interest in this transportation segment
  - NASA-led [Regional Air Mobility white paper](#) released in April 2021
  - McKinsey [commentary](#) on regional aviation
  - Multiple OEMs pursuing electrified regional S/CTOL aircraft
- Opportunities for air cargo, next-day delivery increasing
- Underserved passenger market
  - 90% of the population of the US lives within a 30-minute drive of a regional airport
  - 70% of passenger tours over 50 miles are less than 500 miles
  - Air travel only serves 10% of this market (and virtually none under 250 miles)



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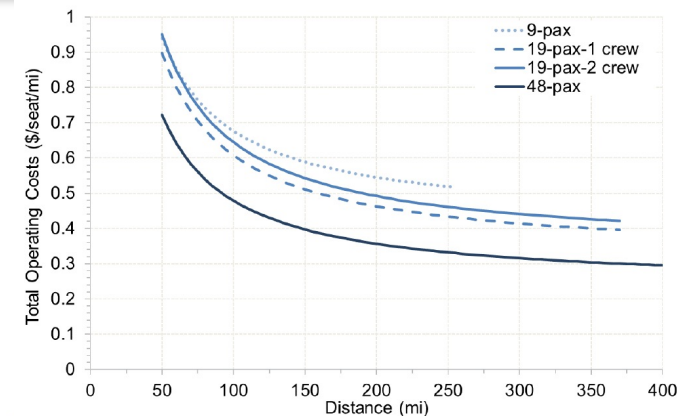


Domestic Cargo Data from [Bureau of Transportation Statistics](#)

# Advanced Regional Air Mobility Study: Fleet Modeling



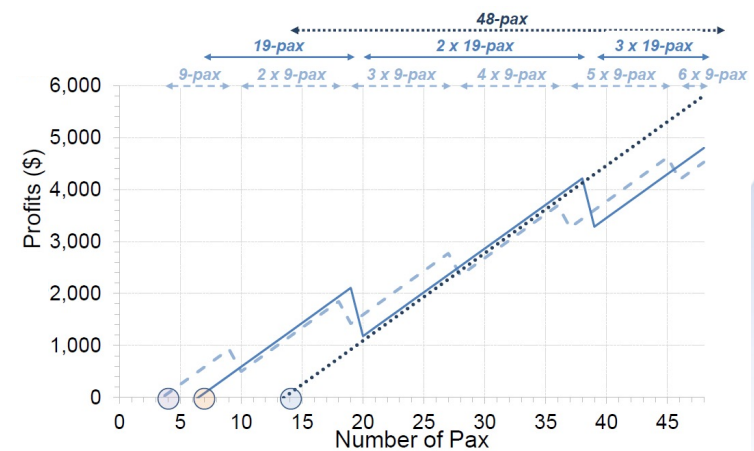
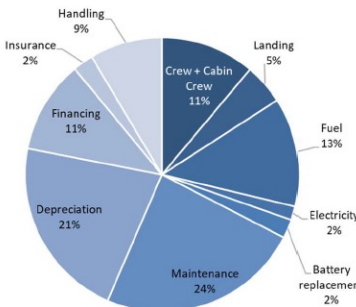
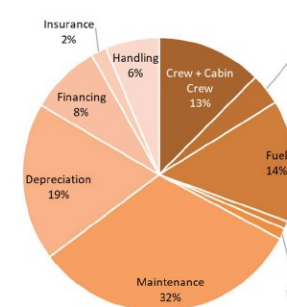
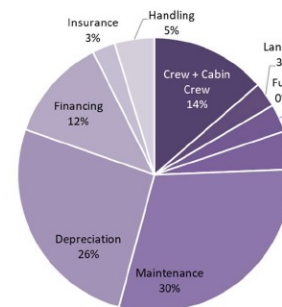
- Kicked off study in late 2020 with NIA/Georgia Tech to take a comprehensive look at the regional air mobility market in the mid-Atlantic Region
- Modeling four advanced regional aircraft
  - 5-passenger all-electric (in work)
  - 9-passenger all-electric
  - 19-passenger hybrid-electric
  - 48-passenger hybrid-electric
- Including variety of modeling assumptions, including battery energy density, utilization, simplified vehicle operations (e.g., single-pilot operations for up to 19 pax) and energy costs in various scenarios
- Also tracking fleet metrics – profits, costs, emissions



9-pax electric

19-pax hybrid electric

48-pax hybrid electric

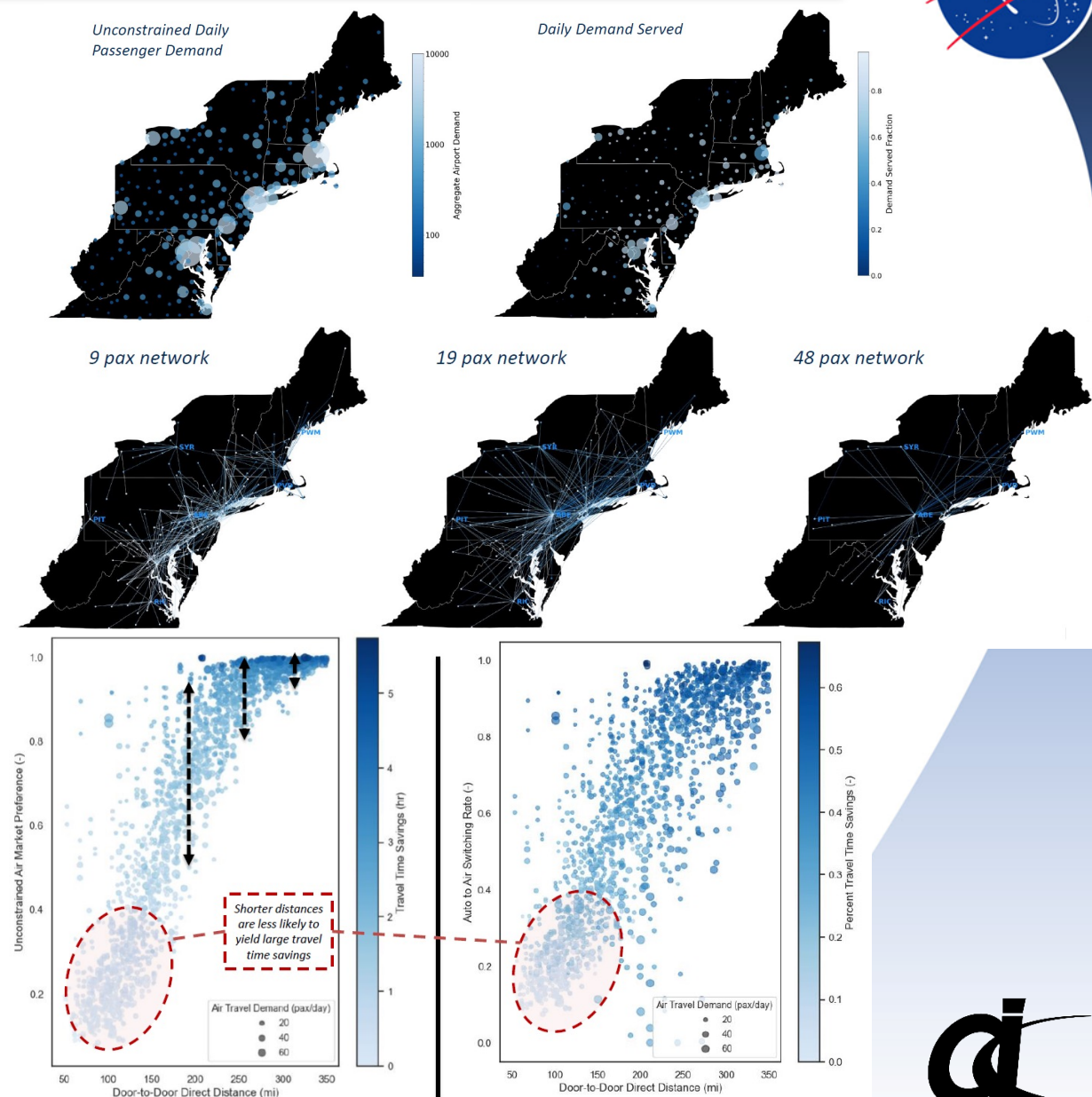




# Advanced Regional Air Mobility Study: Passenger Demand



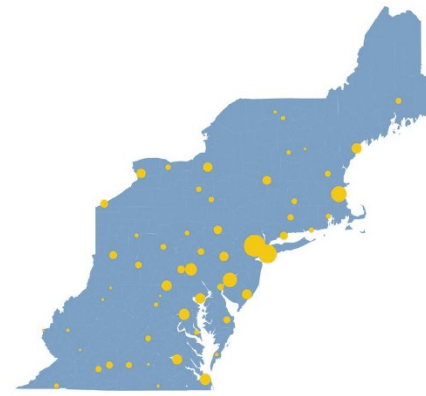
- Modeling operations at ~200 airports in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions of the United States
- Merged demand data from multiple sources to try to estimate both air and ground travel demand
  - Traveler Analysis Framework from the Federal Highway Administration helps to capture ground transportation demand
  - DB1B market database to understand airfares
- “All demand models are wrong, but some are useful”
  - Evaluating multiple scenarios to bound passenger demand and response to changes in pricing



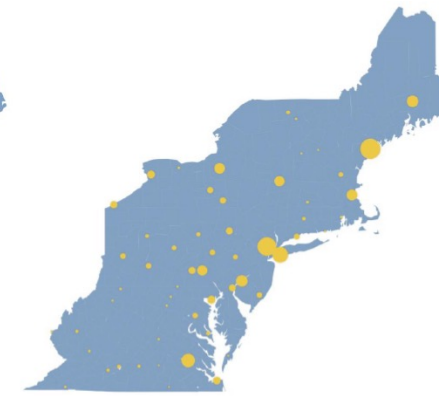
# Advanced Regional Air Mobility Study: Cargo Demand



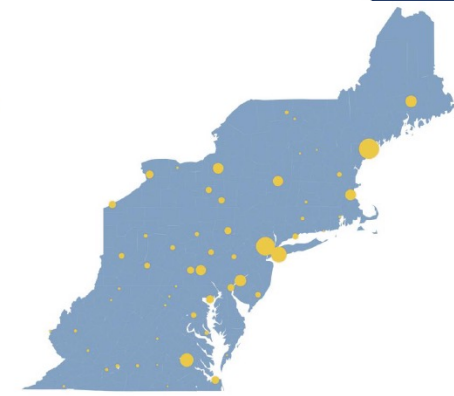
- Introduced cargo demand as means to potentially increase aircraft utilization
- Cargo data much more closely held than passenger data
- Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) zone data used to estimate air cargo demand by filtering likely air cargo commodities
- Multiple scenarios used to generate air cargo demand
- Cargo demand for regional air routes is roughly of same order as passenger demand when defined in terms of mass



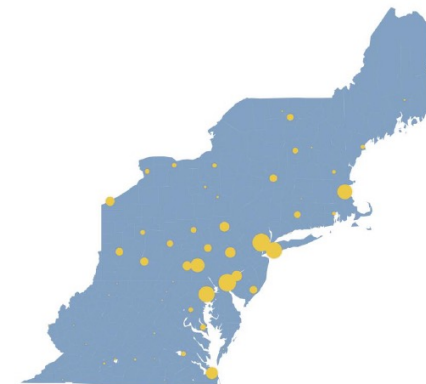
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Cargo Weight Transported (kg): 13,997,115



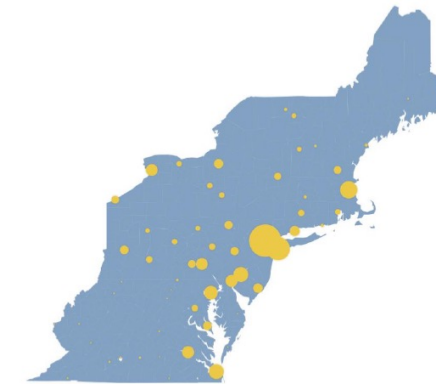
Scenario 2  
Cargo Weight Transported (kg): 12,186,063



Scenario 3  
Cargo Weight Transported (kg): 13,513,844



Scenario 4  
Cargo Weight Transported (kg): 1,163,645



Scenario 5  
Cargo Weight Transported (kg): 4,787,260

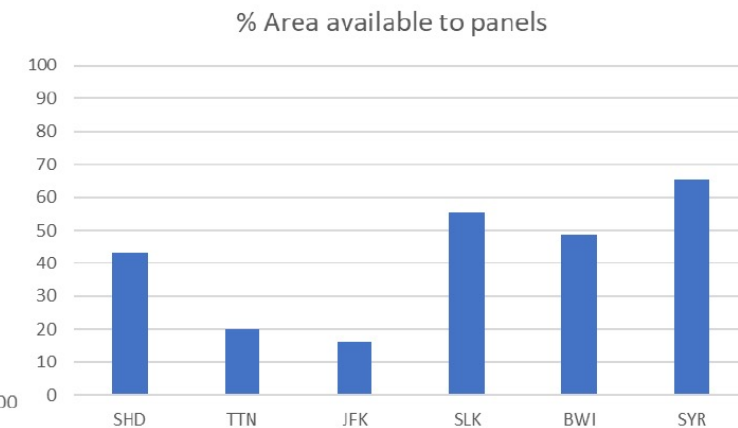
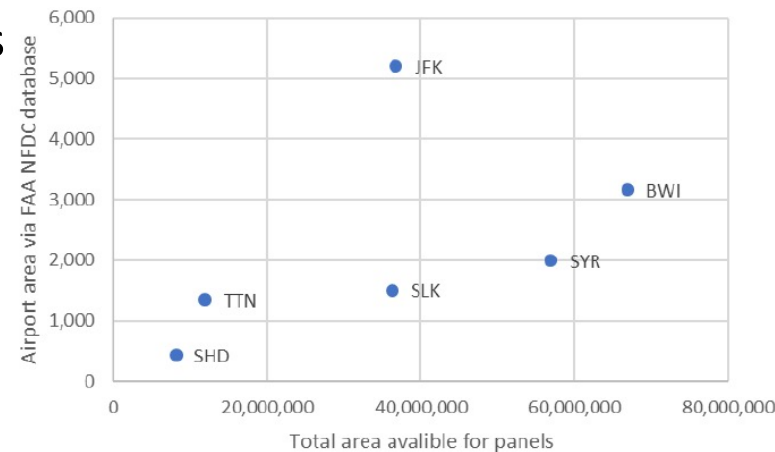
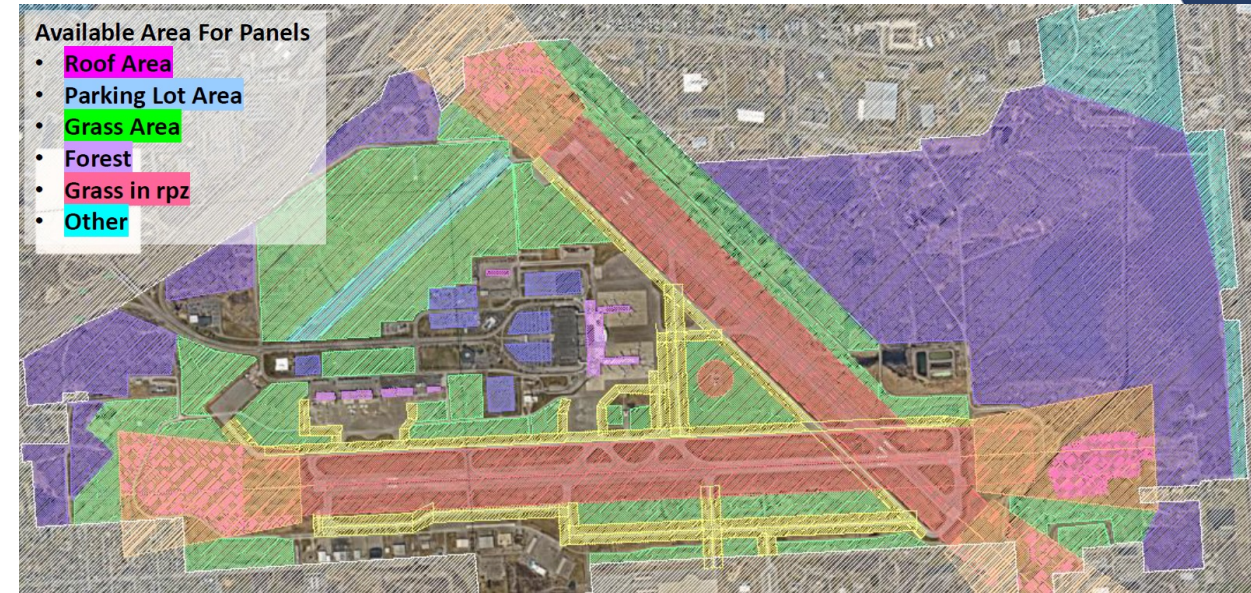




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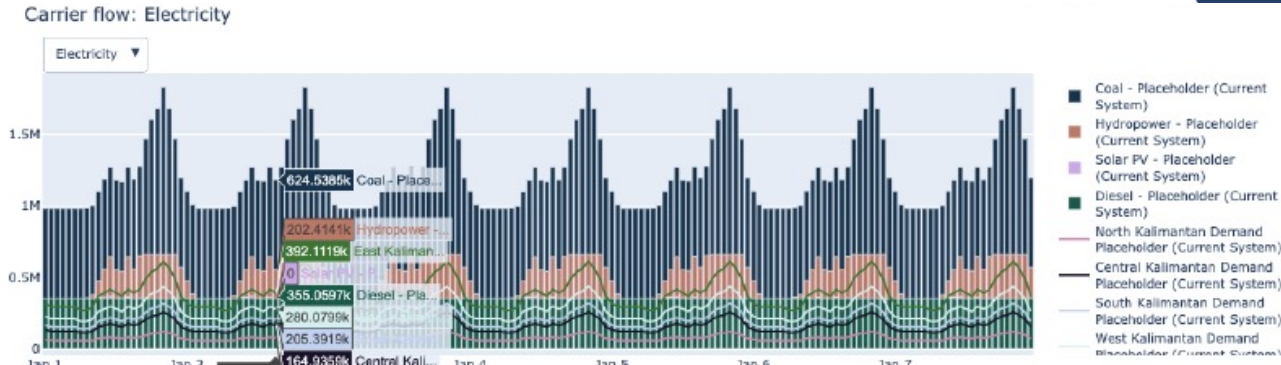


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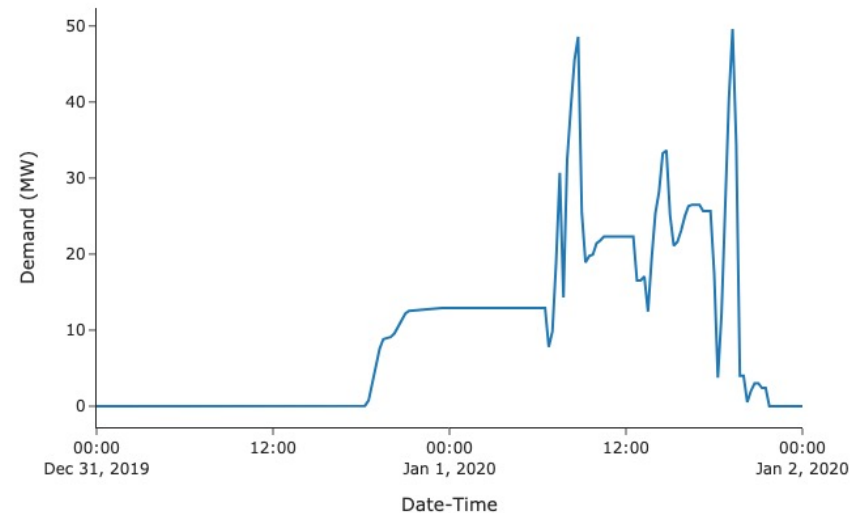
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# What's Next (in) ...?

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# What Is “What’s Next?”



- ISAT’s “What’s Next” studies trace back to a hallway conversation at SciTech 2018
- Typical systems analysis studies consider existing needs and shortcomings, and suggest gaps or otherwise identify approaches to ameliorate them
- Idea behind “What’s Next” is to hypothesize advanced concepts that may either fill gaps or perhaps even address latent, uncharacterized needs, and see how these may drive future NASA investments



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# What's Happening with “What's Next”



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- “What's Next in Airworthiness Certification”
  - Initiated in late 2018
  - Three contracted studies completed – last one ended May 2021
  - Collaborated with the X-57 project
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  - Initiated in 2020
  - Two contracted studies underway
  - Collaborating with the AAM project, other potential collaborations in work



# WHAT'S NEXT IN AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION

# Introduction



- ARMD has embraced emerging markets for Advanced Air Mobility, introducing a challenge and an opportunity
  - 2013 Small Airplane Revitalization Act mandated streamlined airworthiness certification
  - Global movement in small airplane standard development towards adoption of performance-based standards
  - Requires support of industry (both established & emerging) and research community to further develop standards
- Key questions considered for “What’s Next in Airworthiness Certification”
  - **KQ1**: Can we identify gaps in airworthiness certification today for new and emerging technologies [that are in NASA’s portfolio]?
  - **KQ2**: Can we identify how certification rules and standards impact the design and development of aircraft with advanced technologies?
  - **KQ3**: What is NASA’s role to address these gaps/impacts?
- Partnered with FDC/X-57 to serve as “advanced technology surrogate” for this study
  - Detailed, publicly available data on design, design rationale, and performance
  - X-57 is currently going through NASA airworthiness processes
  - Ancillary benefit: led to pivot in X-57 project goals to better align with US research/industry needs

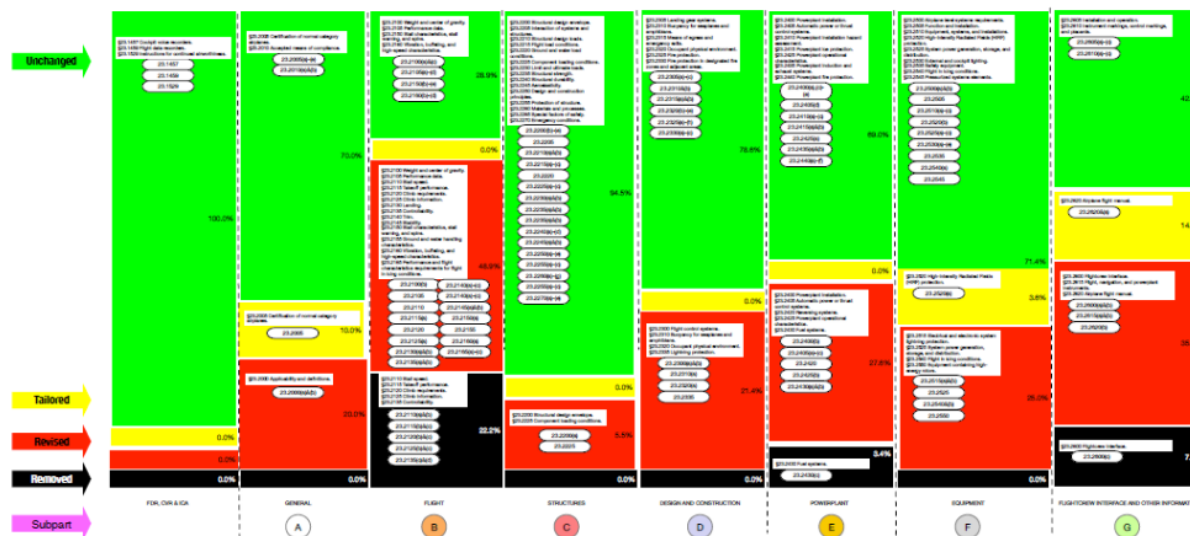


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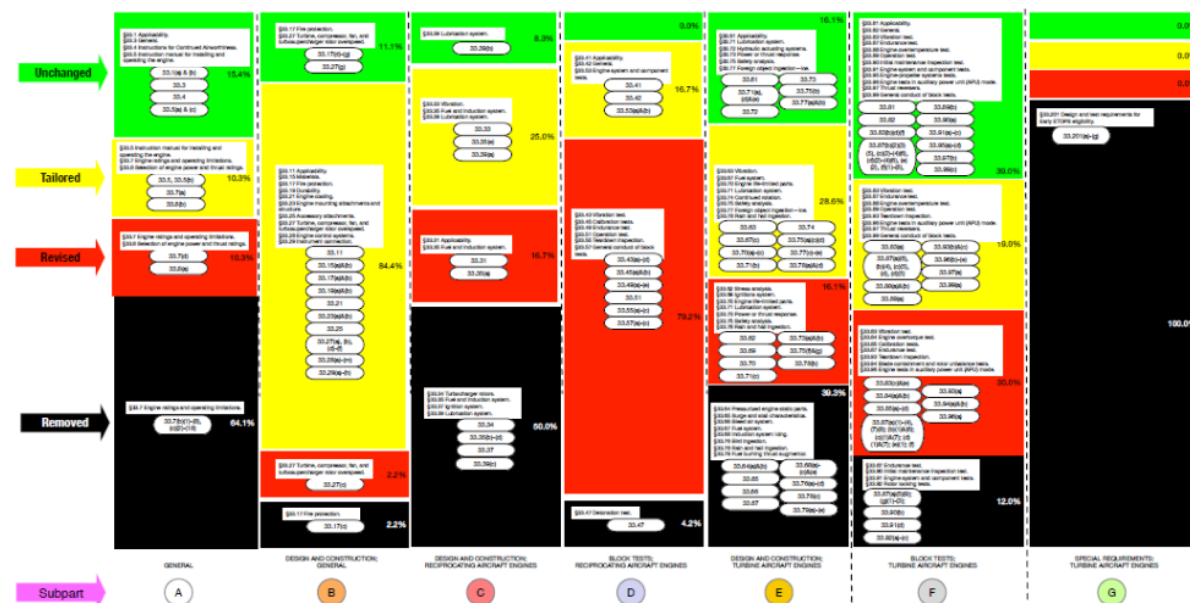


- NIA/HS Advanced Concepts, “Initial Assessment of Aircraft Certification Procedures for Emerging Technologies”
  - POP: July 2018-January 2019
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Assessment of Applicability of New Vehicle Concepts to 14 CFR 23, Airworthiness Standards: Normal Category Airplanes



Assessment of Applicability of Electric Propulsion to 14 CFR 33, Airworthiness Standards: Aircraft Engines



# Certification Planning



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  - *\*Leveraged existing task order; new tasks related to ISAT added September 2019*
  - Developed an Airworthiness Validation Plan (KQ2) and Cross-Reference to Certification Checklist (KQ1), included efforts of eight subject matter experts and industry engagement at three events (KQ3)
  - Final report summarized in Final Airworthiness Validation Plan delivered May 2021

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(2) Minimum control speeds; and	
(3) Climb gradients.	
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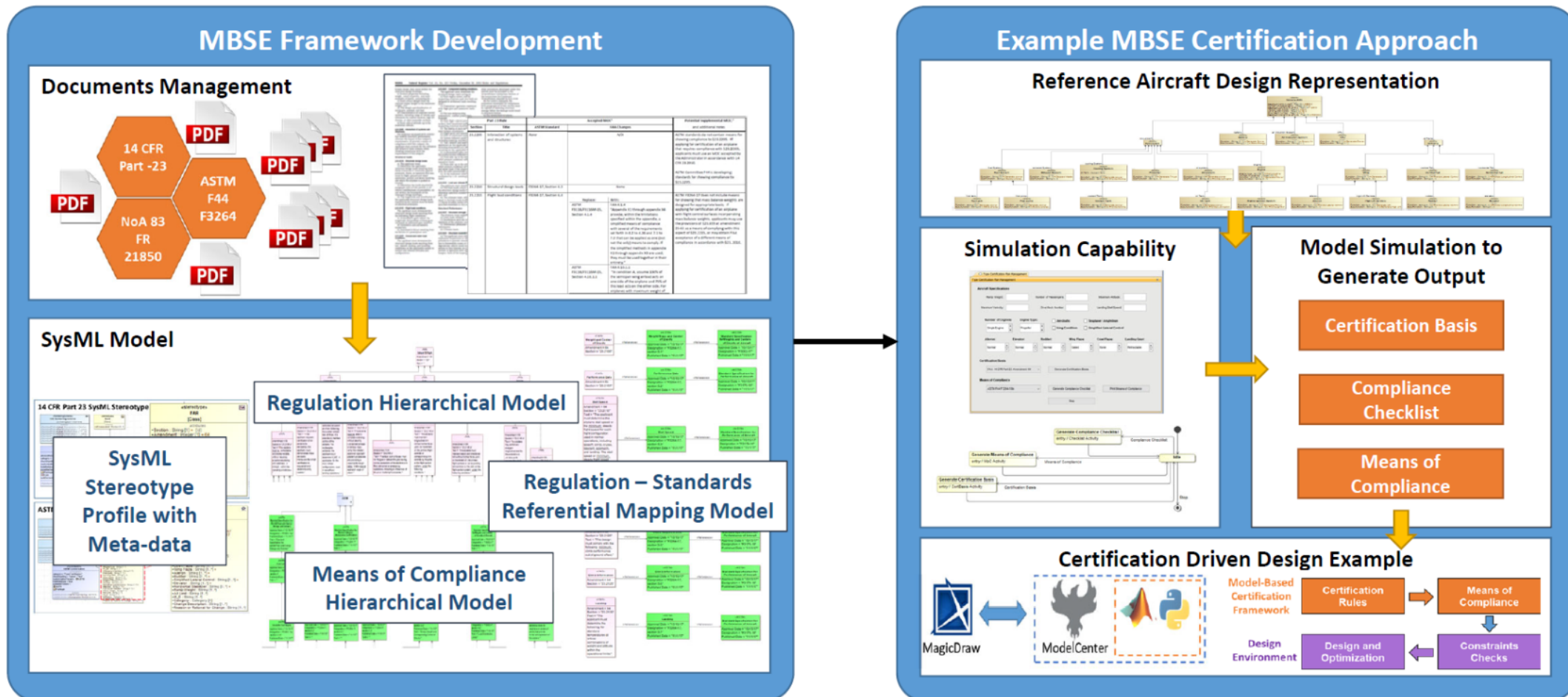




# Model-Based Aircraft Certification



- NIA/Georgia Tech, “Model-Based Certification of Aircraft,” April-December 2019
  - Developed initial Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) framework for use in assessing advanced technology concepts (pre-KQ2), presented to ASTM F44 (pre-KQ3)





# Work Product Summary and Impact



- This effort has helped ARMD identify how NASA can impact development of airworthiness procedures for new technologies
  - Directly influenced FDC/X-57 project objectives, interfacing with other projects (AAM), laid groundwork for others (EPFD)
  - Co-hosted certification workshop in coordination with FAA
- Publicly available reports to date, more to come:
  - NASA/CR-2019-220406, [Certification Rules and Standards Review](#) (2019)
  - NASA/CR-2019-220407, [Certification Gap Analysis](#) Report (2019)
  - NASA/CR-2019-220408, [Certification Coordination Roadmap](#) (2019)
  - AIAA-2019-3344, [A Model-Based System Engineering Approach to Normal Category Airplane Airworthiness Certification](#) (2019)
  - AIAA-2020-3096, [A Model-Based Aircraft Certification Framework for Normal Category Airplanes](#) (2020)
  - Airworthiness Validation Plan – delivered May 2021, not yet gone through public release process
- Other related research spinoffs
  - AIAA-2019-3576, [Development of a Certification Module for Early Aircraft Design](#) (2019)
  - M. Bendarkar, [An Integrated Framework to Evaluate Off-Nominal Requirements and Reliability of Novel Aircraft Architectures in Early Design](#), Ph.D. Dissertation
  - AIAA-2021-1723, [Evaluation of Off-Nominal Performance and Reliability of a Distributed Electric Propulsion Aircraft during Early Design](#) (2021)
- MagicDraw MBSE database for Normal Category Airplanes available for NASA/US Government use
  - Used as example application for Langley-funded project into model-based systems standards (MoSSEC)

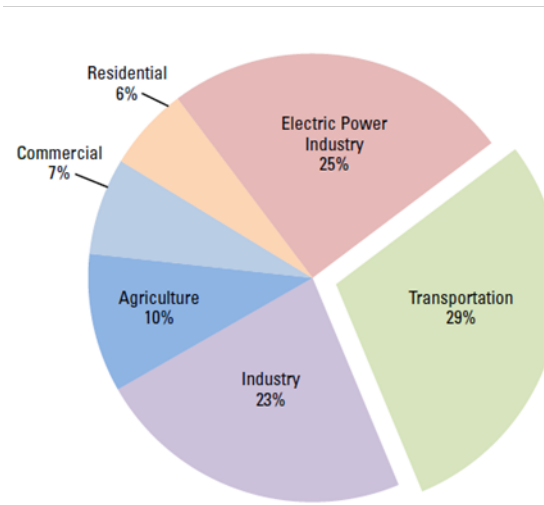


# WHAT'S NEXT IN REGIONAL (AIR) MOBILITY

# Introduction



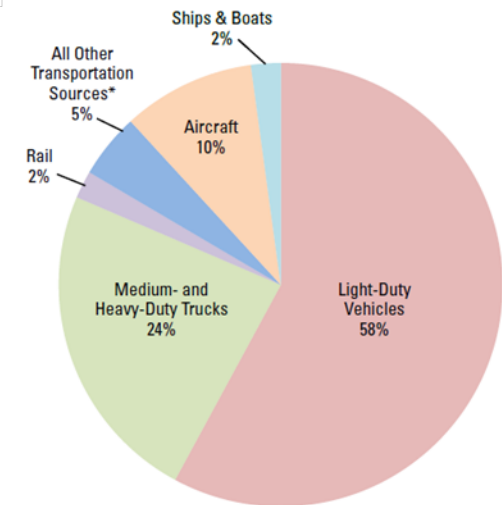
- Small commuter aircraft will be some of the earliest adopters of electrified aircraft propulsion
- Hypothesized that this trend could squeeze single-aisle transports
  - Original key question: Can small, electrified commuter aircraft combined with system-level improvements in power distribution infrastructure disrupt the current dominance of Single-Aisle class aircraft?
- Focus has shifted to regional cargo and passenger markets either not served (latent demand) or served by ground transportation
  - Leverages 5,000+ public-use airports that already exist in the United states as origin/destination pairs and renewable energy hubs



Share of U.S. GHG Emissions by Sector, 2019<sup>3,4</sup>

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NASA: Regional Air Mobility

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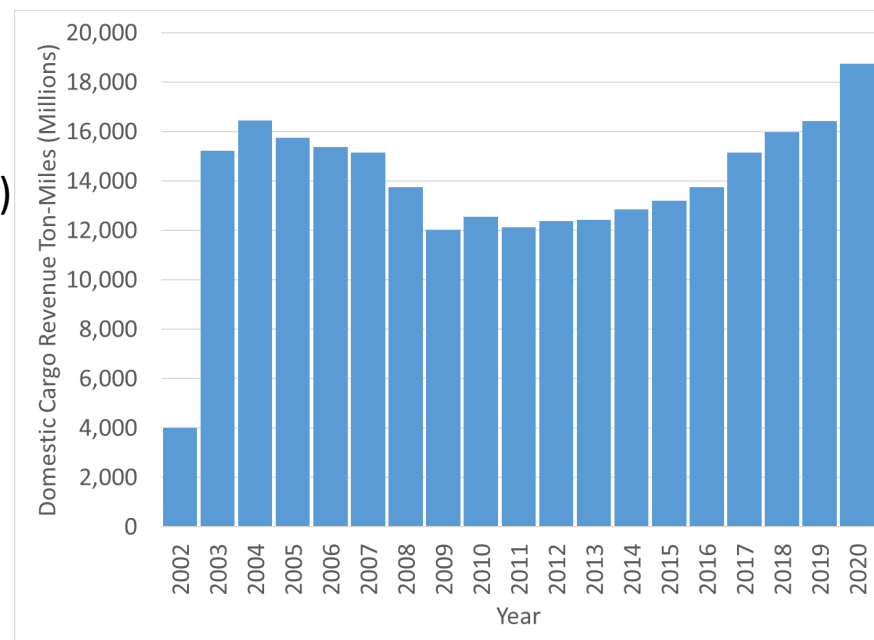
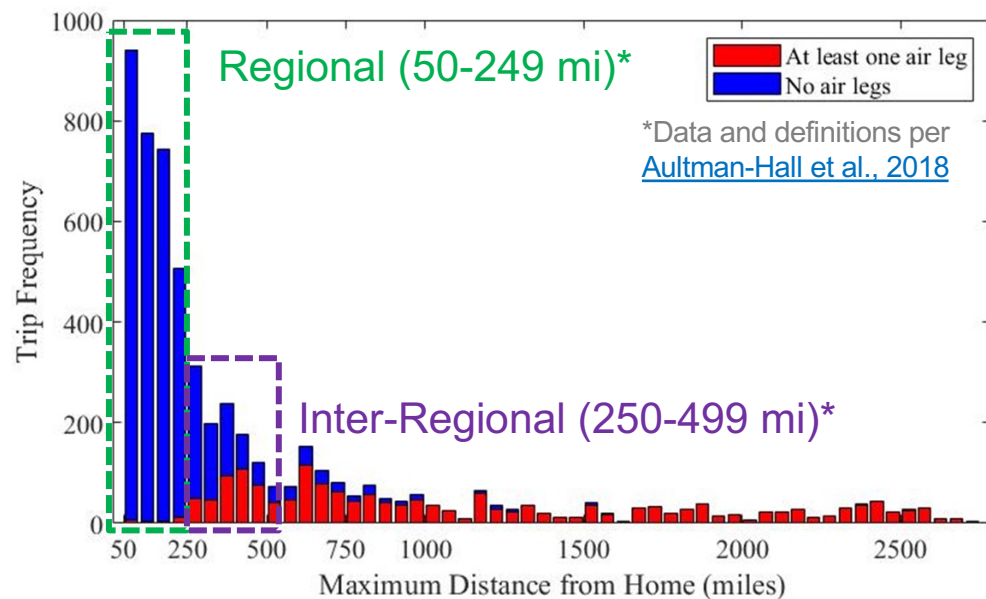


- Increased interest in this transportation segment
  - NASA-led [Regional Air Mobility white paper](#) released in April 2021
  - McKinsey [commentary](#) on regional aviation
  - Multiple OEMs pursuing electrified regional S/CTOL aircraft
- Opportunities for air cargo, next-day delivery increasing
- Underserved passenger market
  - 90% of the population of the US lives within a 30-minute drive of a regional airport
  - 70% of passenger tours over 50 miles are less than 500 miles
  - Air travel only serves 10% of this market (and virtually none under 250 miles)



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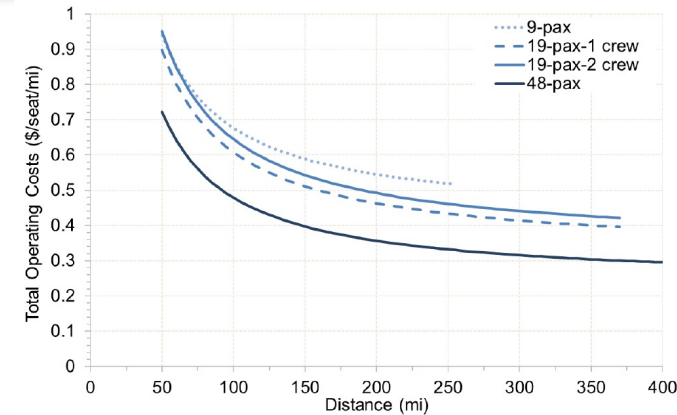
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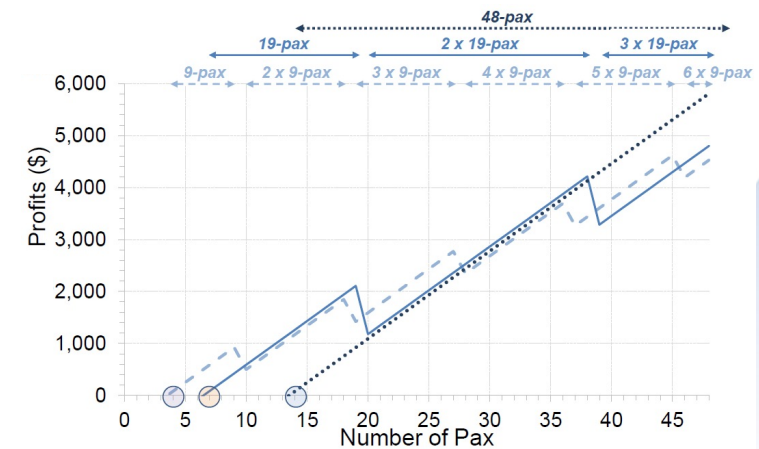
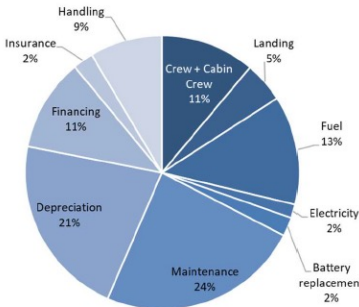
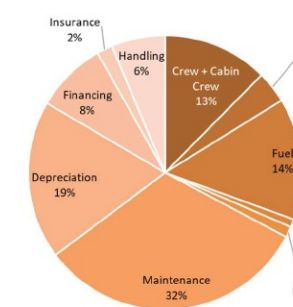
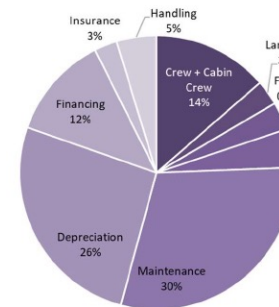
- Kicked off study in late 2020 with NIA/Georgia Tech to take a comprehensive look at the regional air mobility market in the mid-Atlantic Region
- Modeling four advanced regional aircraft
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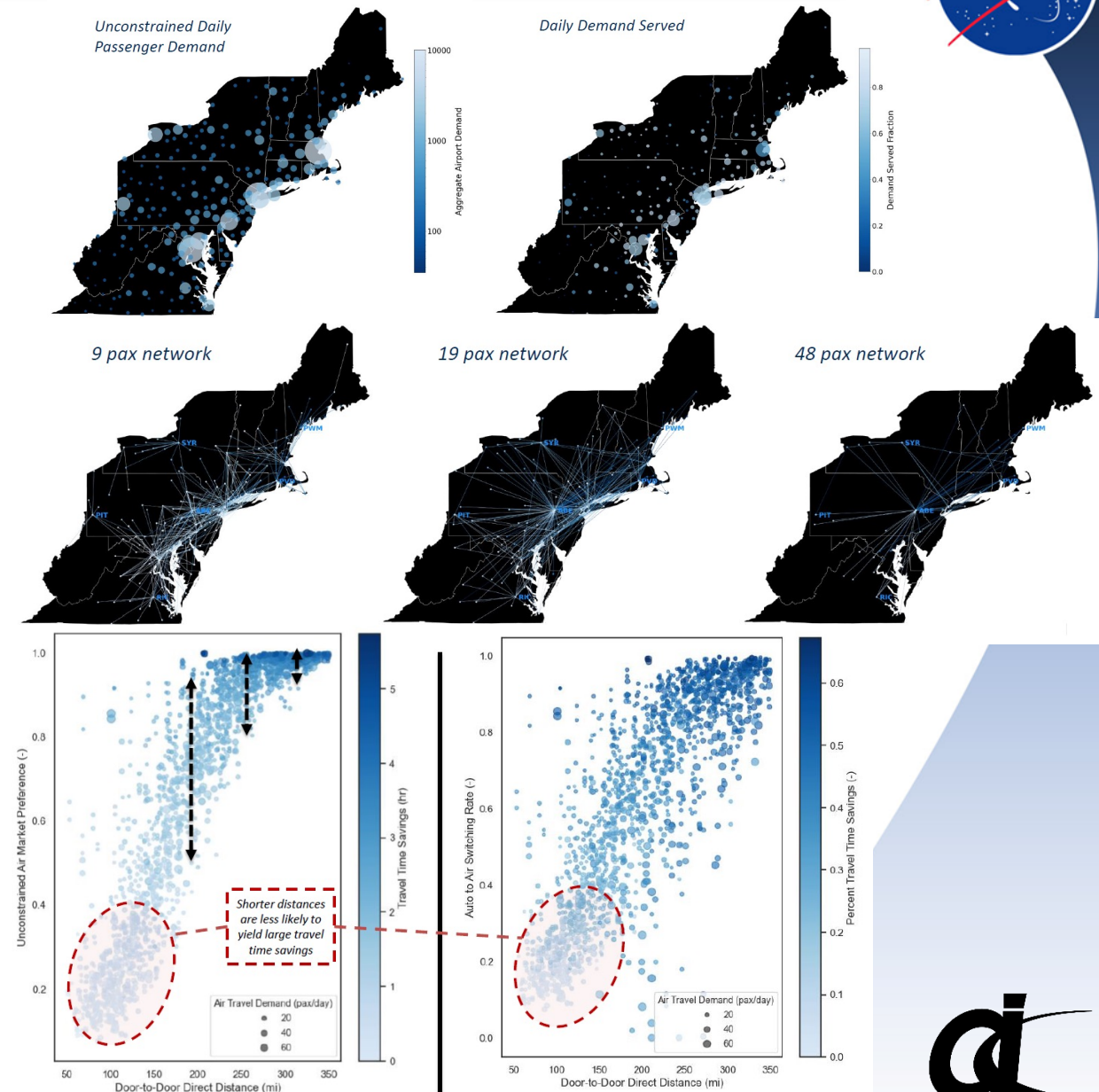




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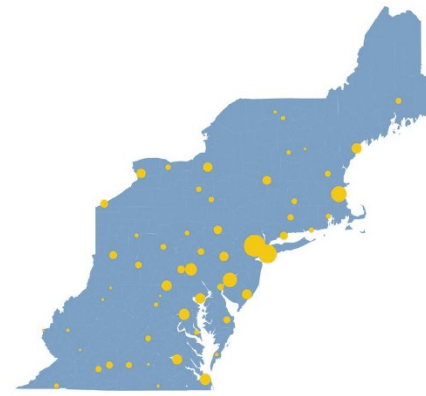
- Modeling operations at ~200 airports in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions of the United States
- Merged demand data from multiple sources to try to estimate both air and ground travel demand
  - Traveler Analysis Framework from the Federal Highway Administration helps to capture ground transportation demand
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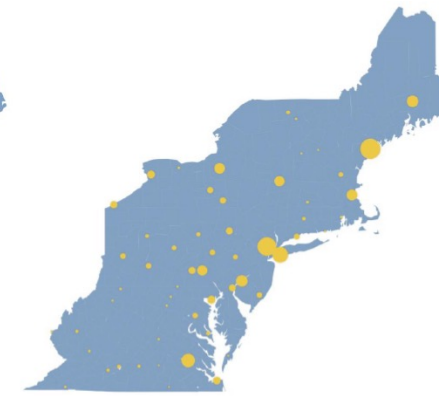
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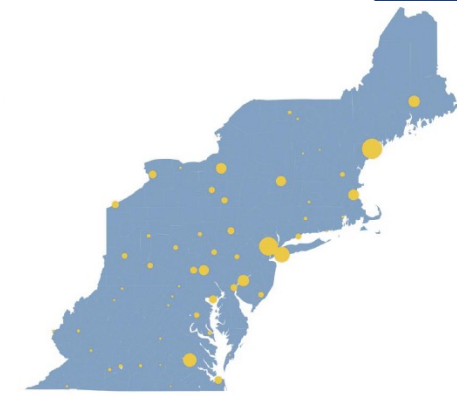
- Introduced cargo demand as means to potentially increase aircraft utilization
- Cargo data much more closely held than passenger data
- Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) zone data used to estimate air cargo demand by filtering likely air cargo commodities
- Multiple scenarios used to generate air cargo demand
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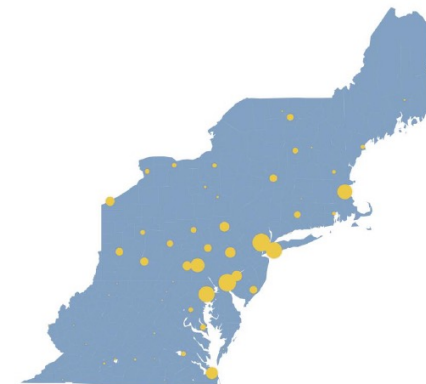
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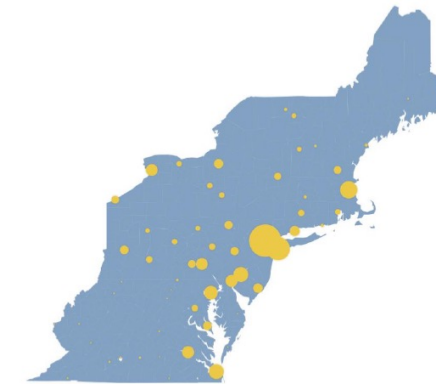
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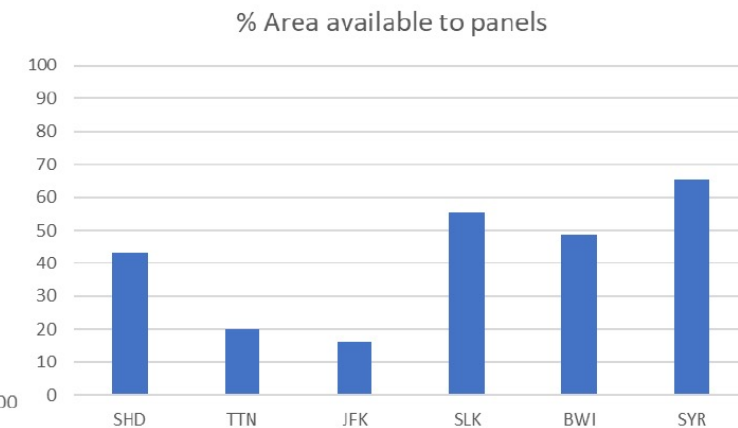
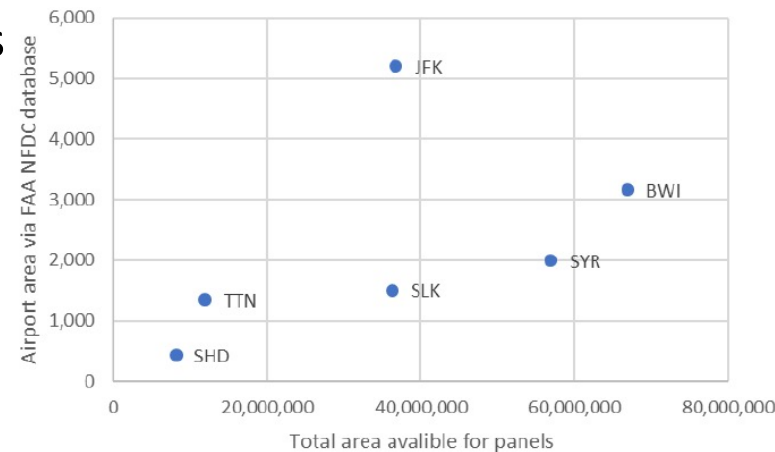
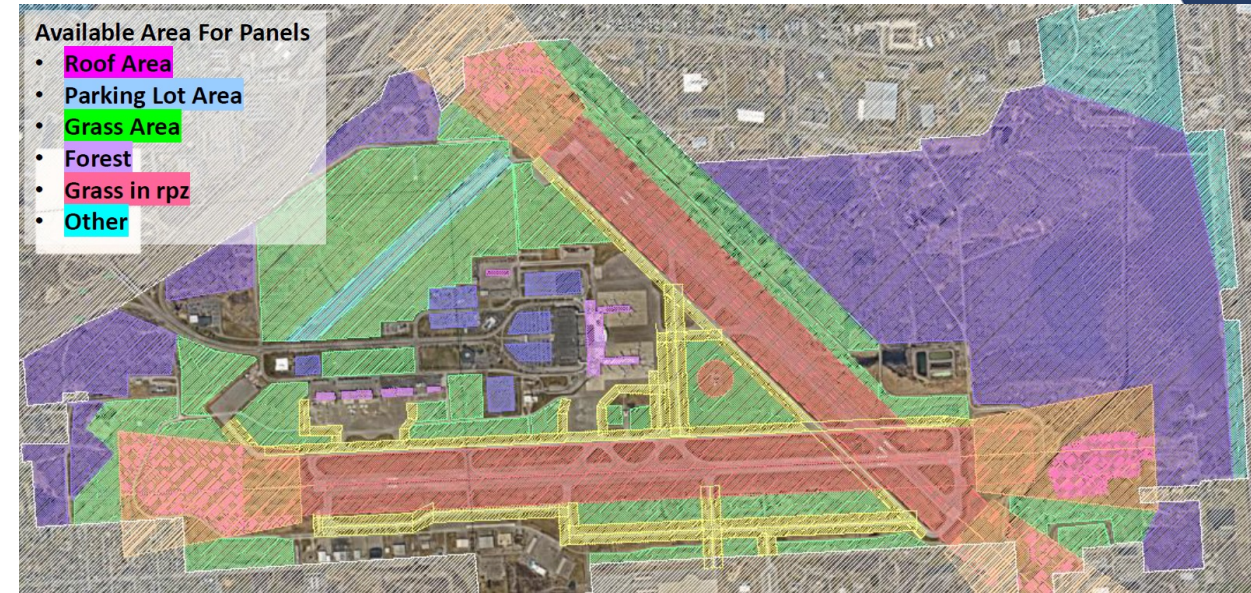




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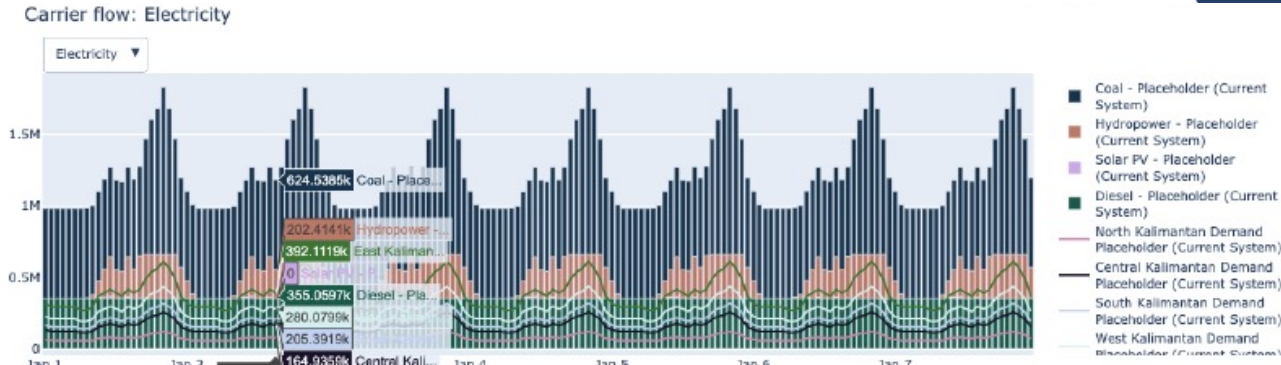


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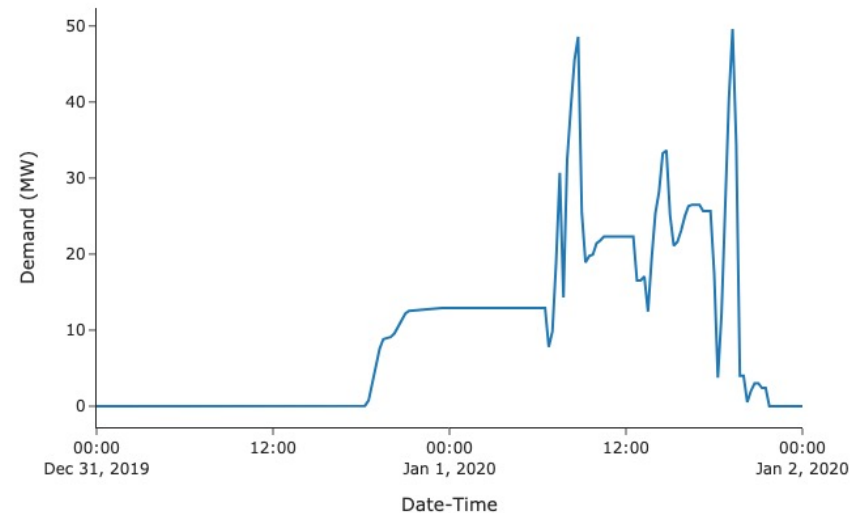
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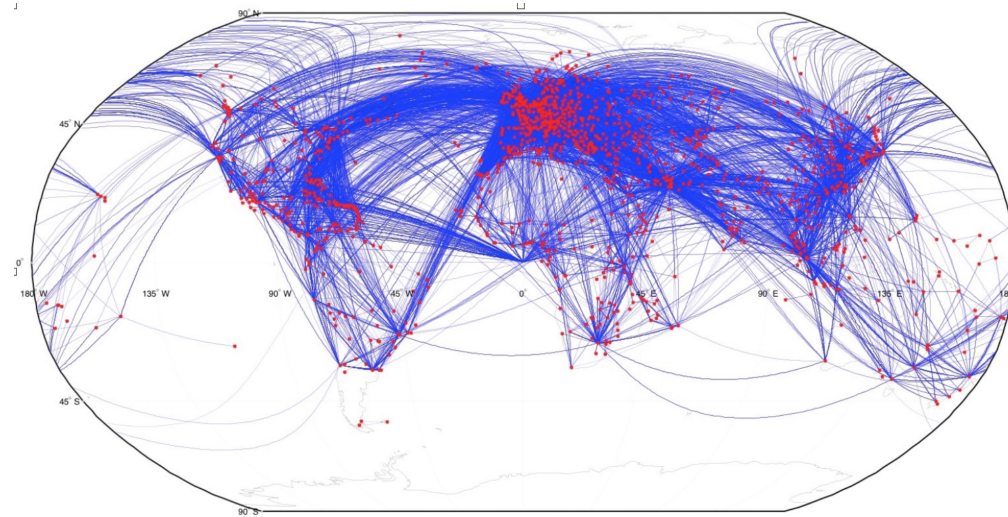


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# Global Demand Modeling Study



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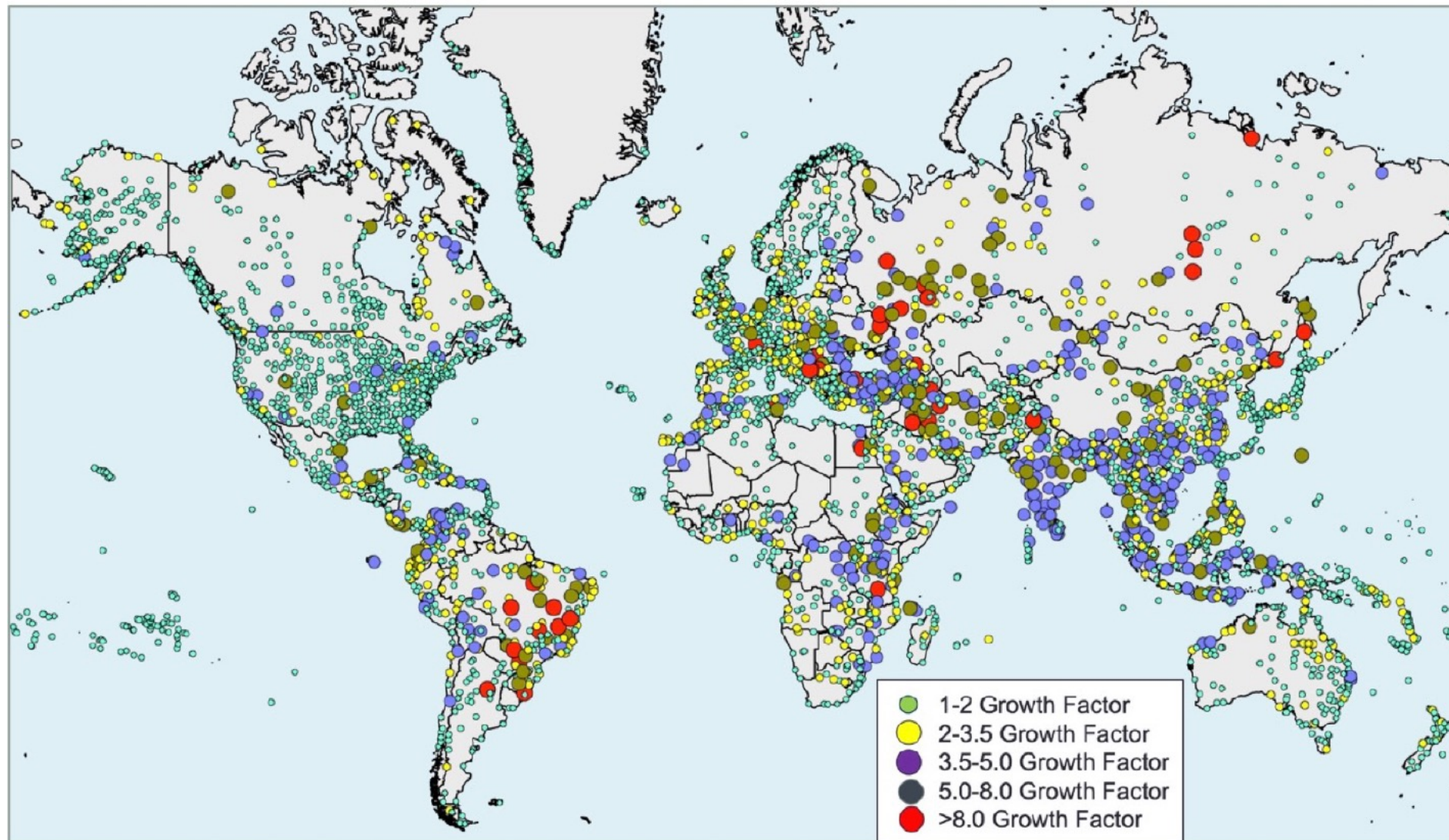
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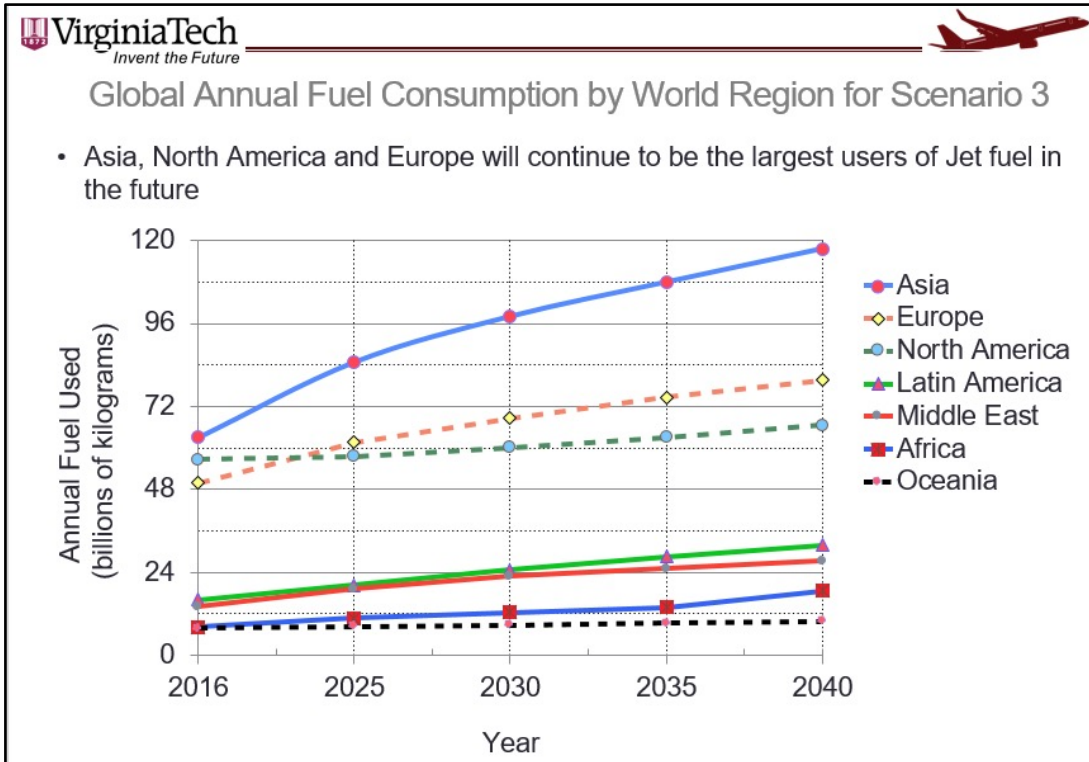
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  - In 2017, a fleet evolution and operations model was added. GDM was used to forecast the fuel burn and emissions for the worldwide commercial fleet out to 2040.
- *ISAT Mega-Drivers Modeling*: Revisit the socioeconomic & environmental Mega-Drivers embodied in the *ARMD Strategic Implementation Plan*, exploring a next level of analysis across the global aviation landscape.
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# GDM Airports

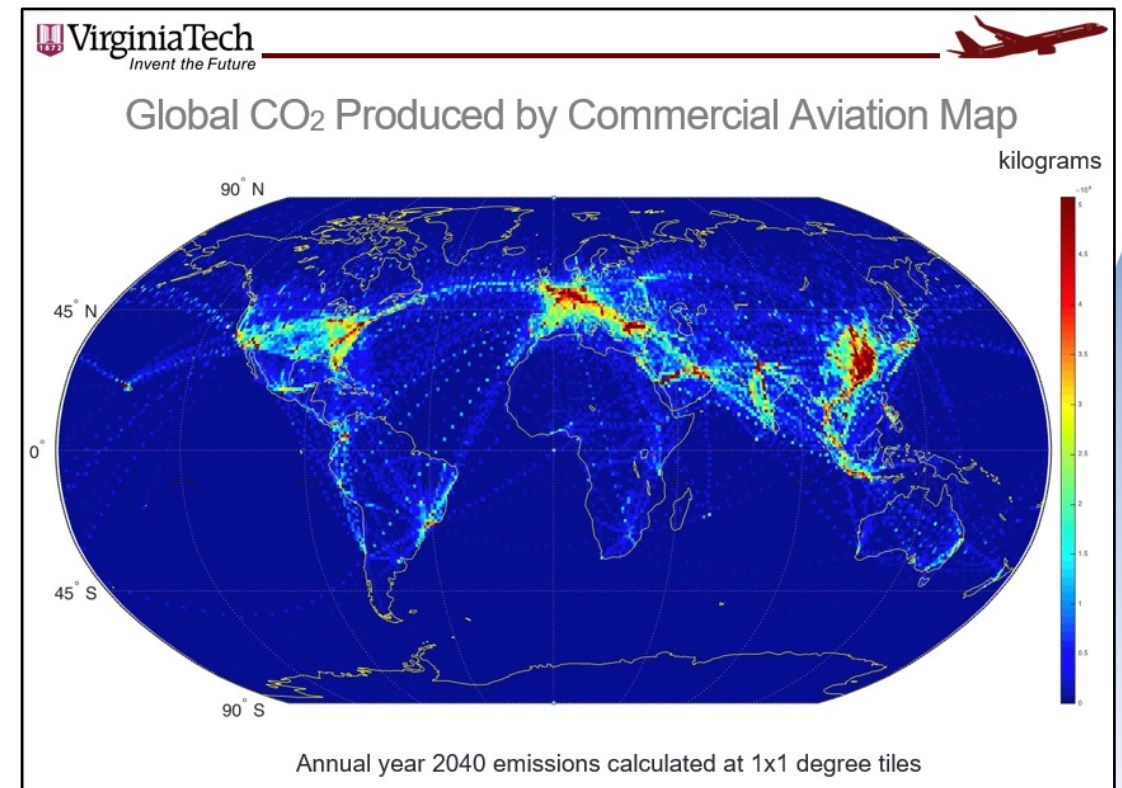




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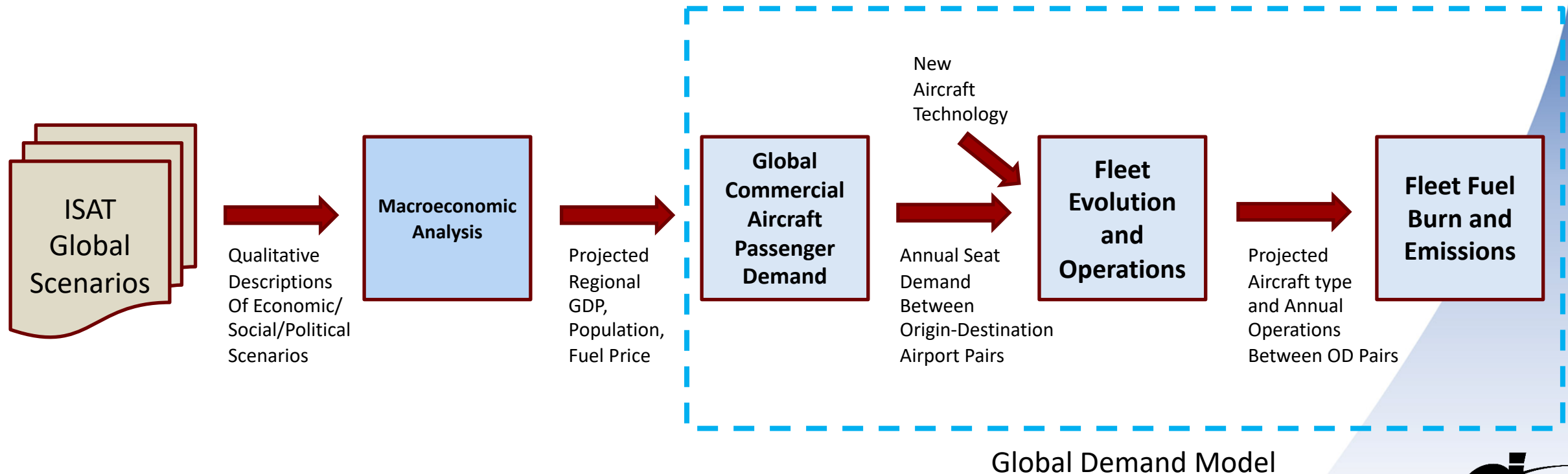
GDM forecasts global passenger demand for commercial aviation. More importantly, GDM forecasts commercial aircraft fleet fuel burn and emissions between OD pairs, which can be aggregated in various ways.



# Mega-Drivers Modeling



The Global Demand Model fits into the larger goal of translating the ISAT global scenarios into quantitative impacts on global passenger demand, aircraft fleet operations, fuel burn, & emissions



# FY21 Study Tasks

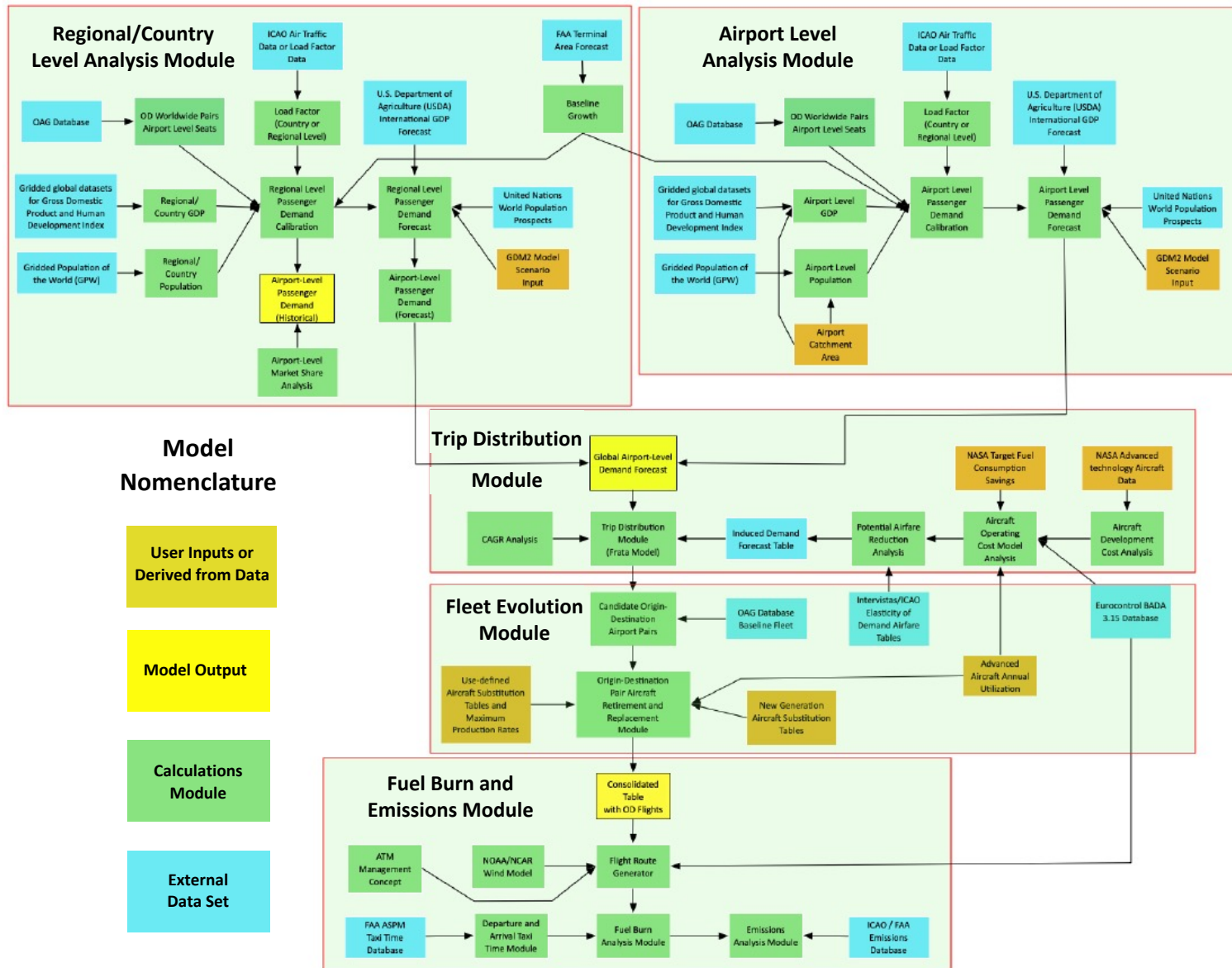
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- Explore the connections between the ISAT scenarios and inputs into the GDM, including possible shocks to the transportation system.
- Implement an airfare elasticity of demand model
- Work to improve the demand prediction models
- Update GDM with latest databases & recalibrate the model to the new data
- Update the aircraft fleet evolution model the latest information and projections



# GDM Description



- GDM is composed of 5 modules:
- 1) Regional/Country Level Analysis
  - 2) Airport Level Analysis
  - 3) Trip Distribution
  - 4) Fleet Evolution
  - 5) Fuel Burn and Emissions



# GDM Databases



GDM uses historical databases containing airline operations, GDP, and population to create regression models for passenger demand.

Databases containing projections for GDP and population are used to forecast future demand and aircraft operations.

These databases were updated to the most recent available versions.

Dataset	Relevance of Data	GDM Data
Official Airline Guide	Provides seats, frequencies and aircraft types worldwide	1996 – 2019
Gridded global datasets for Gross Domestic Product and Human Development Index	GDP PPP data available worldwide at 30-second resolution.	1990, 2000, 2015 Version 3
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) International GDP Forecast	Provides world country forecasts of GDP	1980 - 2031 Version 01/2020
Gridded Population of the World (GPW)	Population reported at 30-second resolution	2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020 Version 4.11
United Nations World Population Prospects	World population estimates	1950 – 2100 Version 2019
Terminal Area Forecast (TAF)	FAA forecasts for US airports	2019



# Airfare Elasticity Modeling



*Price elasticity* of demand is a measure of the change in the quantity purchased of a product in relation to a change in its price.

Airfare price elasticity values were found in an ICAO report for a number of world regions.

Values are a ratio of % change in amount demanded to the % change in its price.

For example, a 10% reduction in airfare for the domestic North America market should result in an 8% increase in demand.

Price Elasticity Table

	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America	Middle East	North America	Southwest Pacific
Africa	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48
Asia	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.76	0.76	0.48	0.76
Europe	1.10	0.72	1.12	1.10	1.10	0.96	1.10
Latin America	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Middle East	0.48	0.76	1.10	1.00	0.86	0.80	0.86
North America	0.80	0.48	0.96	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Southwest Pacific	0.48	0.76	1.10	1.00	0.86	0.80	0.78

- Weighted average values were calculated from combining OAG 2019 region to region distribution and ICAO available price elasticity values.

# Exogenous effects



In order to better model global future scenarios, we asked Virginia Tech to look at adding exogenous shocks to the air transportation system. They focused on the following historical events to allow similar shocks to be inserted into the demand forecast:

- 9/11
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Impact of low-cost carriers in Europe
- Introduction of the B787 into the fleet

Dummy variables were used in the regression analyses to correct the seat demand due to exogenous events.

# Fleet Evolution and Aircraft Replacement



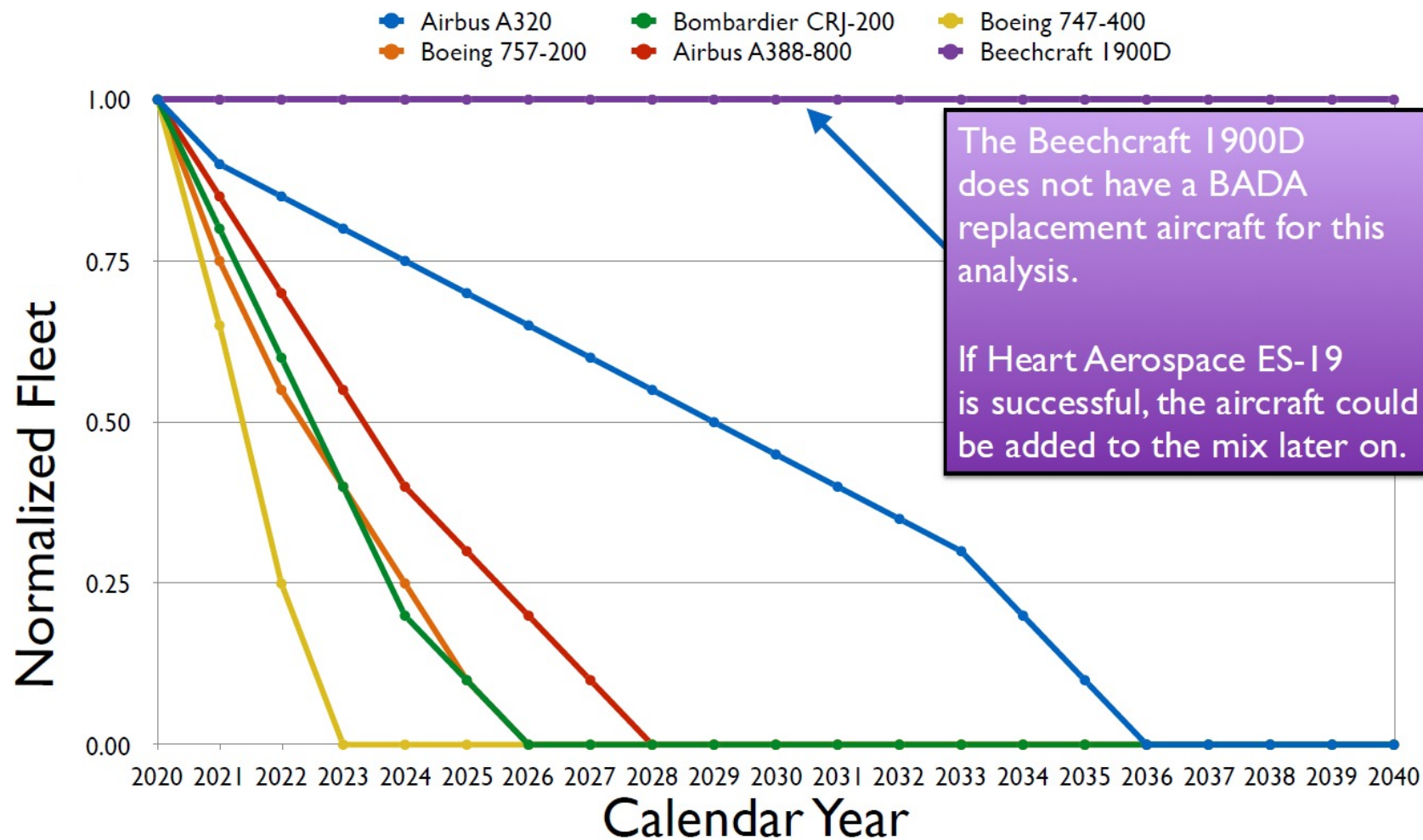
Based on historical OAG data, GDM forecasts the aircraft models and annual operations between OD pairs.

The Fleet Evolution module retires and replaces existing aircraft with N+1 (e.g., B737-Max 7, A321neo) and N+2 aircraft. The N+2 aircraft are based on performance models from the Environmentally Responsible Aviation (ERA) project.

Retiring Aircraft	Replacement Aircraft	Updated Year of Full Retirement	Remarks
Airbus 310	Airbus 330-900	2022	Few A310 left in passenger service (only operations in Iran and Afghanistan with 23 daily flights)
Airbus 340-600	Airbus 350	2024	56 daily flights in 2019
Boeing 717-200	Boeing 777-300 Embraer E2 190	2028	977 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 737-300	Boeing 737-7Max	2026	440 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 737-500	Boeing 737-7Max	2026	470 flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 747-400	Boeing 777-300 Airbus 350X	2022	151 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 757-200	Boeing 787-8 Airbus 330-900	2026	614 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 767-200	Boeing 787-8	2026	193 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Boeing 767-300	Boeing 787-8 Airbus A330-900	2026	436 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Bombardier Regional Jet CRJ-200	Bombardier (Mitsubishi) Regional Jet CRJ-700 Embraer E170	2026	Large fleet retirements due to economics of 50 seat aircraft
Embraer E135	Bombardier (Mitsubishi) Regional Jet CRJ-700 Embraer E170	2026	Large fleet retirements due to economics of 50 seat aircraft
McDonnell Douglas MD-82	Boeing 737-8Max	2025	914 daily flights worldwide in 2019
Airbus 380-800	Boeing 777X and Airbus 350X	2028	After Covid-19 most A 380s will retire (340 daily flights worldwide in 2019)

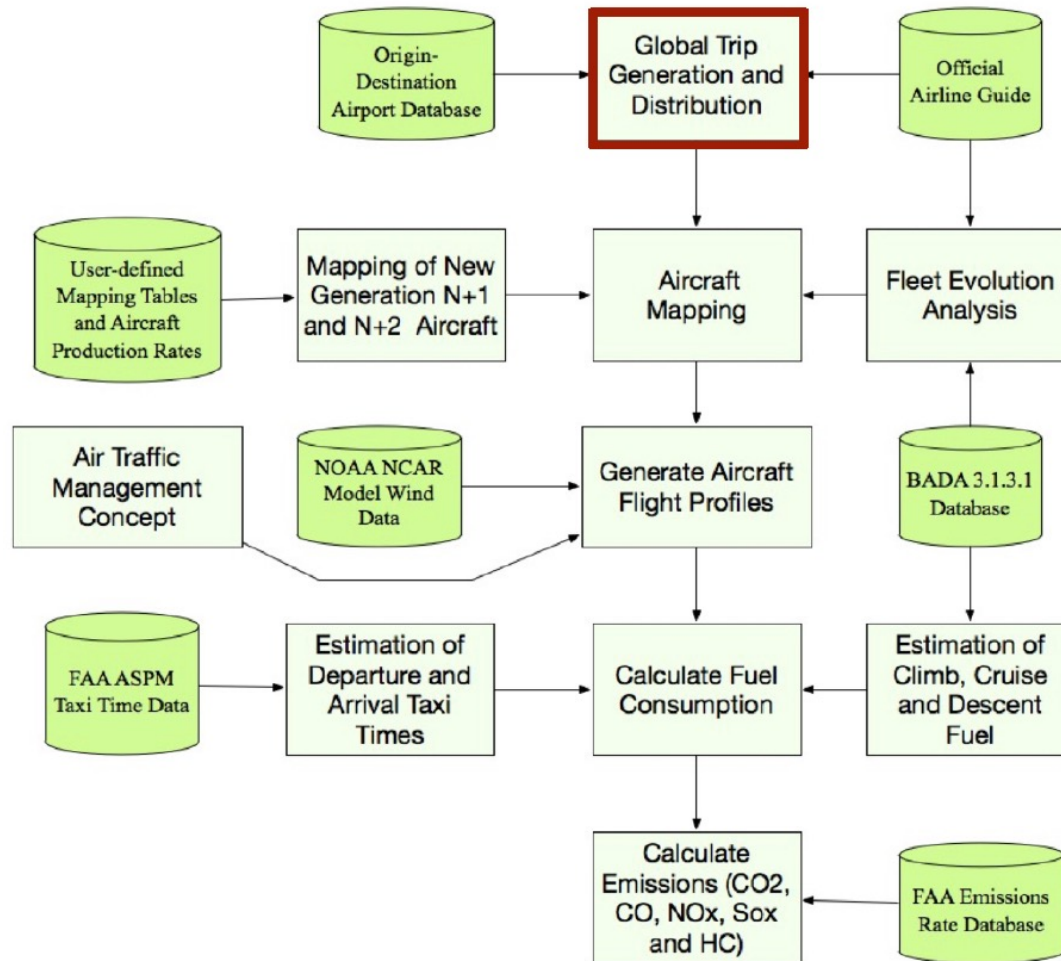


# Fleet Evolution and Aircraft Replacement



The amount of time required to replace an aircraft model is a function of the number existing aircraft in the fleet and the assumed production rates of the replacement aircraft.

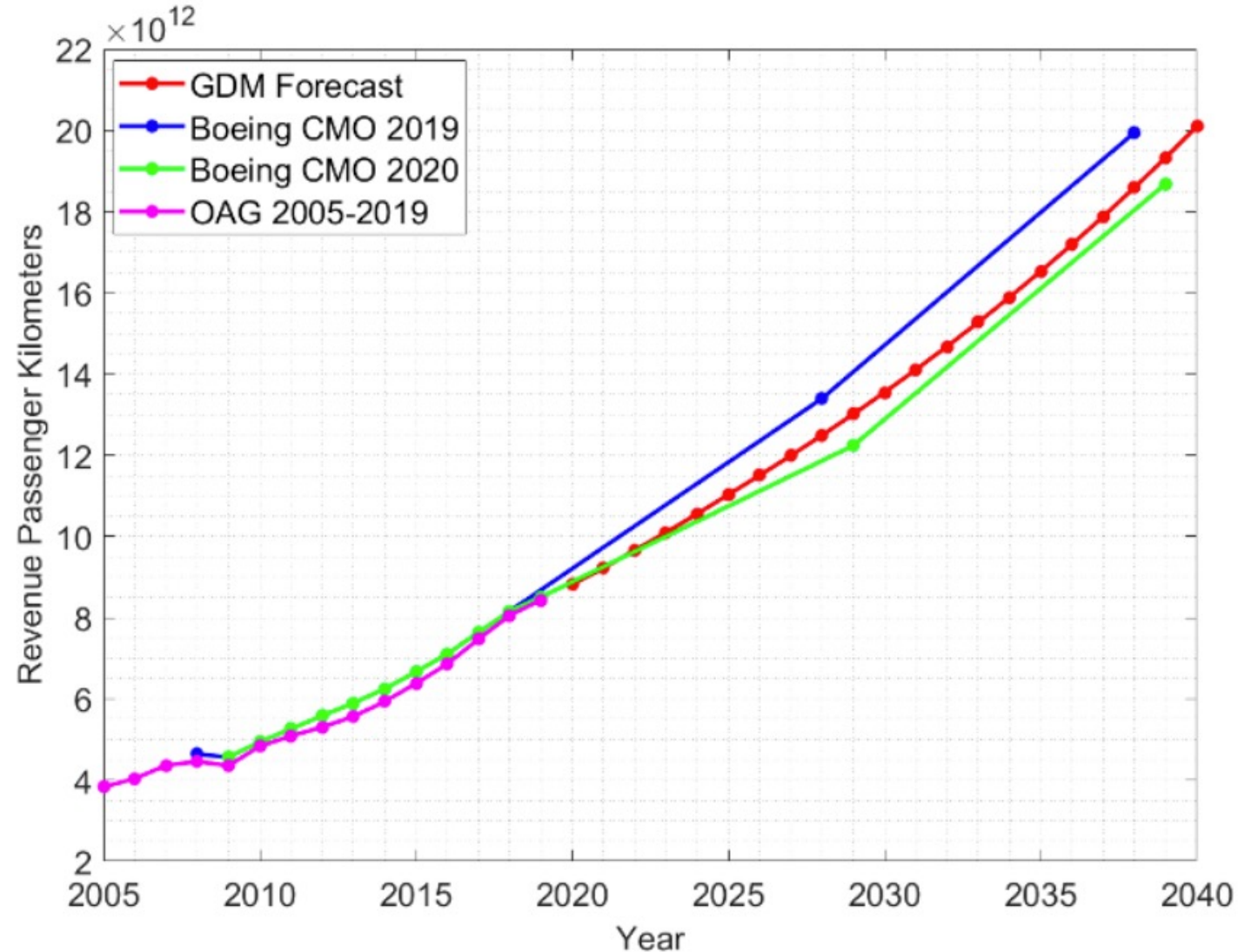
# Fleet Fuel Consumption and Emissions



Fleet evolves  
via external tables  
to the model

Changes in fleet  
affect air transportation  
cost which affects  
demand (via demand  
elasticity tables)

# GDM Compared to the Boeing Commercial Market Outlook



GDM = Global Demand Model  
CMO = Commercial Market Outlook  
OAG = Official Airline Guide

Boeing CMO 2020 includes COVID-19 corrections



# ISAT Scenarios



Scenario	Description of Scenario	Modeling Approach
Baseline Case (business as usual after Covid-19 recovery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covid-19 travel restrictions by region according to IATA May 2021 forecasts (some regions extend to first quarter of 2024)</li> <li>Air travel demand recovers according to IATA May 2021 forecasts</li> <li>USDA GDP data (county level)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses USDA GDP forecasts available in January 2021</li> <li>Model Covid 19 with dummy variables similar to 9/11 effects (dummy variables active between 2020 and 2024 with end dates changing by region according to IATA May 2021 forecasts)</li> <li>Population forecast (existing in GDM model) - no adjustments for Covid-19</li> <li>Enhanced GDM model with new segment/regional analysis modules and external ties to air fare elasticity</li> </ul>
Market Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline scenario to handle Covid-19 conditions (2020-2023/2024)</li> <li>Faster economic growth</li> <li>New technology developments in aviation (NASA advanced aircraft introduced)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model Covid 19 with dummy variables similar to 9/11 effects (dummy variables active between 2020 and 2024 with end dates changing by region according to IATA May 2021 forecasts)</li> <li>USDA GDP forecasts (available in January 2021) + Growth Factor</li> <li>Introduce new NASA subsonic efficient aircraft designs in 2030-time frame (from N+3 and commercial transport vehicle studies)</li> <li>Develop module to predict new air fare structures</li> <li>Enhanced GDM model with new segment/regional analysis modules and external ties to air fare elasticity</li> <li>GDP estimates are modified from baseline USDA to reflect faster economic growth</li> </ul>

Instead of projecting a single worldwide aviation forecast, we intend to generate several forecasts in order to support the “Mega-Drivers” research goals.

Different forecast may demonstrate common requirements in terms of aviation technology needs.

ISAT has developed a set of future world scenario descriptions that can be used as a starting point for this type of analysis.





# ISAT Scenarios



Scenario	Description of Scenario	Modeling Approach
Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baseline scenario to handle Covid-19 conditions (2020-2024 per IATA regional projections)</li><li>• Demonstrates a terrorism attack in 2030 time-frame</li><li>• Depressed aviation growth</li><li>• Increased cost of business</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Model Covid 19 with dummy variables similar to 9/11 effects (dummy variables active between 2020 and 2024 with end dates changing by region according to IATA May 2021 forecasts)</li><li>• USDA GDP forecasts (available in January 2021) - Growth Factor (negative growth)</li><li>• Uses newly developed develop to predict new air fare structures (increased cost causality)</li><li>• Enhanced GDM model with new segment/regional analysis modules and external ties to air fare elasticity</li><li>• GDP estimates are modified from baseline USDA to reflect slower economic growth</li></ul>
Energy and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baseline scenario to handle Covid-19 conditions (2020-2022)</li><li>• More strict environmental policies</li><li>• New technology developments in aviation</li><li>• Emphasis on mitigation of climate change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Model Covid 19 with dummy variables similar to 9/11 effects (dummy variables active between 2020 and 2022)</li><li>• USDA GDP forecasts (available in January 2021) - Growth Factor (also run with neutral FDP impact)</li><li>• Introduce new NASA subsonic efficient aircraft designs in 2030-time frame (from N+3 and commercial transport vehicle studies)</li><li>• Use new module to predict new air fare structures based on fuel/energy prices</li><li>• Enhanced GDM model with new segment/regional analysis modules and external ties to air fare elasticity</li><li>• GDP estimates are modified from baseline USDA to reflect environmental policies in GDP</li></ul>

Virginia Tech took four of the existing ISAT scenario descriptions and is working on a simplified modeling approach to demonstrate the impact of the scenarios on worldwide passenger demand and aircraft operations.

# Study Accomplishments



- Literature review of global market forecasts, macroeconomic models, air transportation demand elasticities, airline load factors
- Passenger demand models updated/improved
- Fuel price added as an independent variable in the model
- Effect of exogenous shocks incorporated to demand forecasts
- Airfare elasticity of demand model created
- GDM databases updated
- Fleet evolution aircraft/assumptions updated
- Simple global scenario cases currently being explored

# Follow-on Tasks



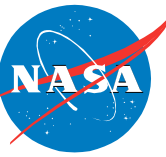
- Evaluate the results of this study with Volpe Center. Determine if updates to the GDM are consistent with the vision/requirements for the Mega-Drivers modeling. If not, replan. If we choose to go forward, then:
  - Define the scenarios needed for our Mega-Drivers analysis (including new aircraft technologies introduced).
  - Conduct a macroeconomic analysis that translates qualitative future scenario descriptions into quantitative socioeconomic parameters that can be used by the GDM (i.e., global GDPs, population, fuel price, exogenous shocks).
  - Run the toolset for the defined scenarios to produce forecast passenger demand and global fleet fuel burn/emissions.
  - Analyze the results to draw conclusions about NASA technology investments for aeronautics.



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# Questions?



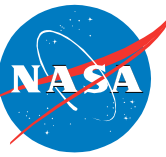


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# High Speed Point-to-Point Market Analysis Quick Review

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Systems Analysis Symposium  
November 10, 2021

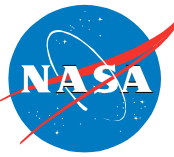


# Recent NASA-Sponsored Market Studies at a glance

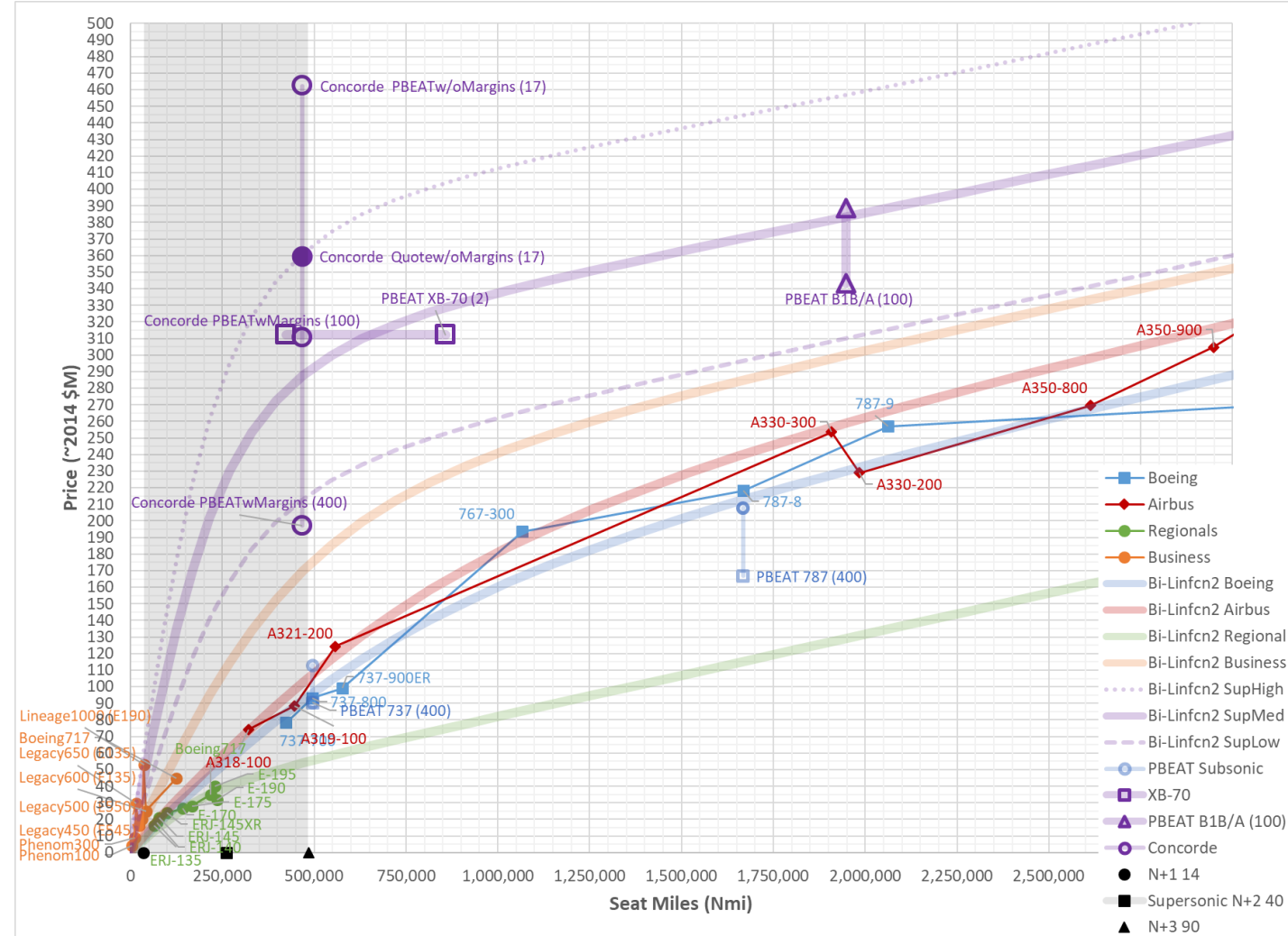
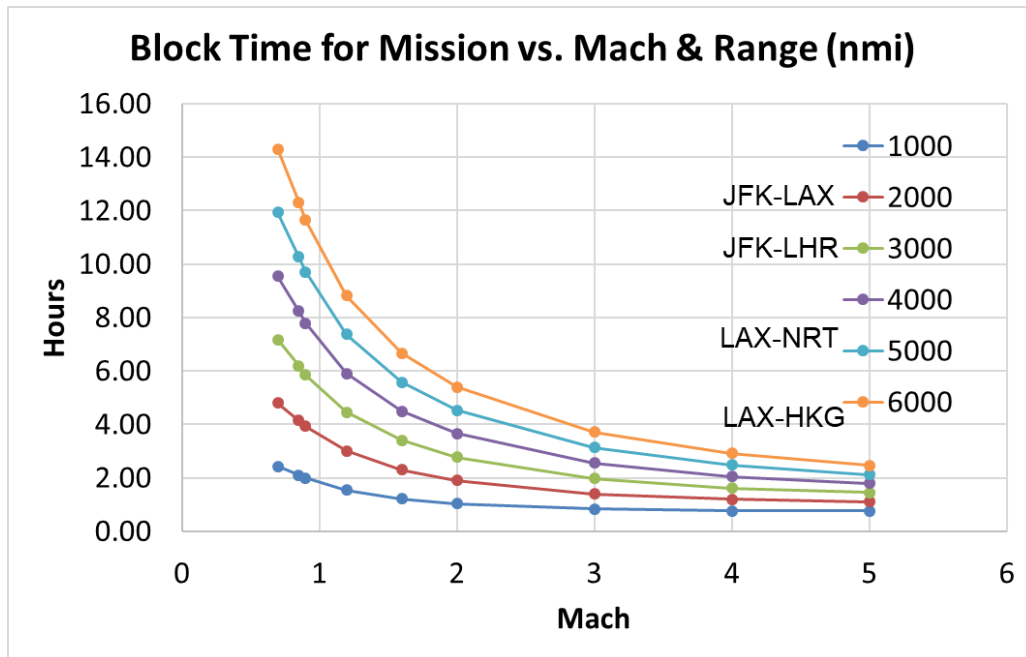
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1. 2018 PAMO Supersonic Mach 1.8 (public report): Market & value-of-time studies complementing CST vehicle study of passenger class (PAX=18, 40, 60)
2. 2020 PAMO Hypersonic P2P study (unpublished): Market studies premium seat traffic & city pair demand leveraging PAMO-supersonics; 2013 gross 0th-order sizing.
  - Helped guide HTP studies to examine continuum, with Mach=2.0 lower bound for consistent grounding & applicability to both Hypersonic and Supersonic
3. 2021 HTP SAIC/Bryce (public report): Market studies & stakeholder surveys of high-end users, qualitative barriers examination.
4. 2021 HTP Deloitte/SpaceWorks (public report): Market studies & vehicle concept tradespace; 1<sup>st</sup>-order MDO propulsion & airframe sizing & costs, ~quantitative look at barriers
5. 2022 PAMO Supersonic Mach 1.6, 1.8, 2.0: Networking city-pairs & time savings

# 2020 PAMO Hypersonic P2P Speed vs. Range & Cost



- Diminishing time savings above Mach=2.0
- High cost sensitivity & uncertainties above Mach=1.0 (DDT&E and O&S cost)





# HTP Sponsored Studies

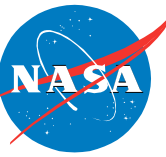
## Favorable High-Speed Market Characteristics

	SAIC (with Bryce Space & Technology)	Deloitte (with SpaceWorks & NIA)
Mach	3	2 to 4
Range	4500 nmi	4000 nmi to 4500 nmi
Number of routes	300	90 <sup>(1)</sup>
Aircraft Size (# PAX)	10 GA or 50 Commercial	20 to 50
Aircraft Cost	\$200M - \$300M	\$131M - \$228M <sup>(2)</sup>

SAIC Final Report: <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20210015471>  
Deloitte Final Report: <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20210014711>

<sup>(1)</sup> Deloitte only considers over water routes  
<sup>(2)</sup> Mach 3 at 4500 nmi

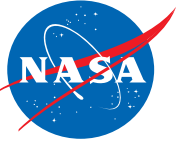




# Summary Comments

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- Weight & performance sensitivities indicate Mach~2 can support the largest commercial market of scheduled traffic; Mach~3 and 4+ could be viable in unscheduled bizjet market
- Passenger ticket price is high & sensitive due to high DDT&E and fuel-burn; vehicle size limits (due to airport integration) & limited premium traffic prohibit ability to defray with increased PAX count, results in reduced load factors
- Environmental (LTO & high altitude cruise emissions) are paramount concerns; dependence on SAFs could have net positive impact by bearing costs for fleet; barriers (emissions, noise, boom, NAS integ., etc.) should be CST/HTP synergies
- *Studies highlighted the need for objective market forecasting and cost/economics capabilities to help guide NASA technology investments*



# H2 / DeCarbonization studies: history and ongoing

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# Study Objectives

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## Identify potential NASA Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) studies to support Decarbonization of Aviation

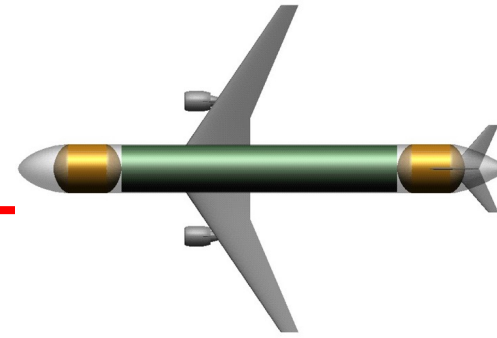
- Find and review previous NASA H<sub>2</sub> and low/zero carbon aircraft studies
- International H<sub>2</sub> research/system studies (limited search)
- Related US efforts
- Emissions (on-going, preliminary)

Summarize for further insight/ potential research areas.

(backup slides include fuller bibliography & information)

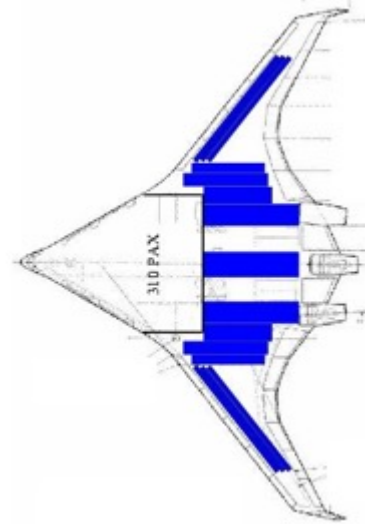
Note: Originally, focus was efficiency/CO<sub>2</sub> (or zero, net CO<sub>2</sub>); but now there are additional considerations (CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, contrails, etc.)

# NASA H2 Studies (1998-2011)



## Alternate Fuel Aircraft (A/C) Bibliography

- Compiled by Mark Gynn, NASA Langley, March 2005
- 26 studies & presentations, mostly NASA (1998-2005). Includes Cryoplane (2004), Boeing Fuel Cell Demonstrator (2003)
- More detailed “Introduction and observations” in backup slides



Post 2006: NASA focus transitioned to N+x studies (generally hydrocarbon, explore advanced propulsion and airframe technologies) - but two additional, relevant efforts

- 2009 Propulsion Investigation for Zero and Near-Zero Emissions Aircraft
- 2011 First-Order Altitude Effects on the Cruise Efficiency of Subsonic Transport Aircraft





# NASA H2 Studies (1998-2011): Major observations

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- H2 combustion in gas turbine most promising approach to eliminate CO<sub>2</sub> in transport aircraft (and enable significant NO<sub>x</sub> reductions, >80%).
- H2 fuel cell (HFC) could potentially eliminate CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, but need to significantly improve fuel cell and electric propulsion system weights, as well as airframe improvements. (Reduce propulsion system requirements.)
  - SOA: 0.5 kW/kg, potential near-term to replace piston engines in general aviation class aircraft.
  - 10x improvement required for small commuter
  - 20x improvement for commercial (e.g. Boeing 737-200, *circa 2000*)
- Batteries about only “zero emissions” solution; but only UAV, limited range.
- Alternate cruise altitudes (contrail avoidance) can result in fuel penalties under 1%, generally less than 2%, but worse cases could reach 10%.



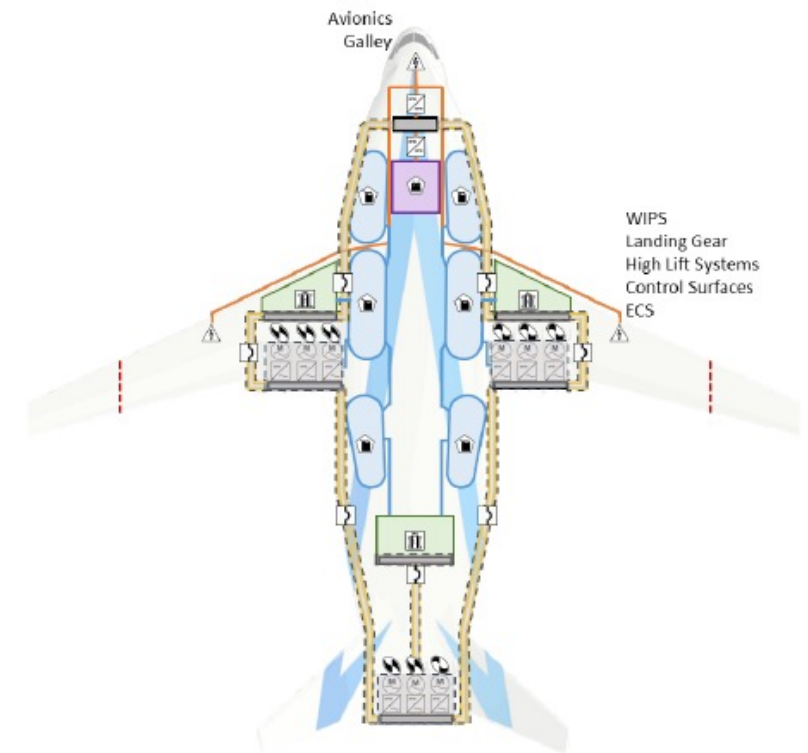
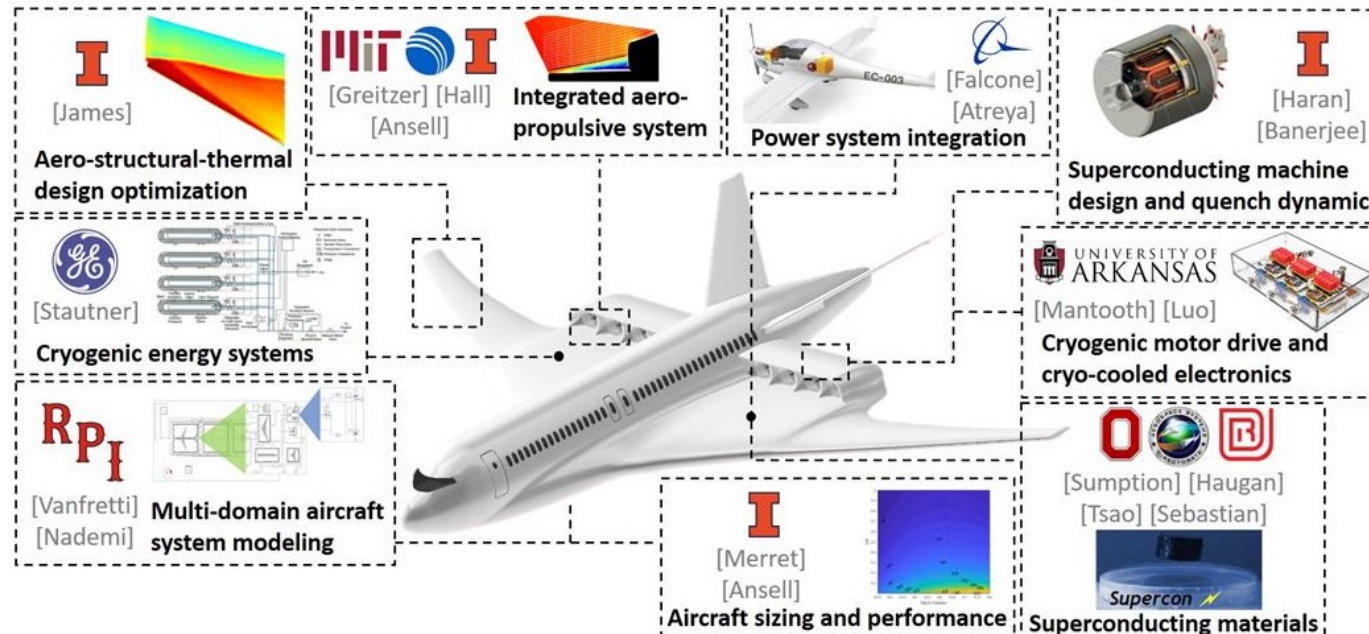
# NASA H2 Studies (present, in-house)

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- N+x, Distributed Electric Propulsion (DEP) and Electrified Aircraft Propulsion (EAP) efforts opened up the design space. Revisiting LH2 and new/ advanced technologies requiring the development of next generation of propulsion and airframe methodologies and tools.
  - Not just reduced CO<sub>2</sub>, but climate (CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, contrails, etc.)
  - Improved power/weight and efficiency of more electric systems, not just gas turbine engines anymore (hybrid solutions).
  - New airframe technologies and designs (aerodynamic efficiency and weight improvements).
- NASA sponsoring university / industry collaborations to continue exploration of LH2 aircraft and train next generation of engineers (*next slide*)

# NASA H2 Studies (present, “outside NASA”)

- Present H2 aircraft studies under University Leadership Institute (ULI) <https://nari.arc.nasa.gov/uli>
- Center for High-Efficiency Electrical Technologies for Aircraft (CHEETA) <https://cheeta.illinois.edu/>





# International H2 research/system studies

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Europe (and others) also had limited efforts after 2005 until recently

- International Forum for Aviation Research (IFAR <https://ifarlink.aero/> )
  - Various N.&S. American, European, Asian, and Middle Eastern countries
  - Working Group goals (Report on Inspirational Projects, March 31st, 2020)
    - “Continuing to develop aircraft and engine design and technology in a relentless pursuit of improvements in fuel efficiency and reduced CO2 emissions”
    - “Supporting the commercialization of sustainable, alternate aviation fuels . . .”
    - “Developing radically new aircraft and propulsion technology and accelerating technologies that will enable the ‘third generation’ of aviation”
  - Includes joint US (NASA) / Canada contrail studies (*presently sustainable aviation fuels [SAF], but wonder about Liquid H2 [LH2]*)
  - European efforts noted includes hardware development and smaller-scale demonstrators to gain practical, operational experience (e.g. LH2 and fuel cells).





# International H2 research/system studies (2)

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- ACI-ATI: (Airports Council International – Aerospace Technology Institute)
  - Looking at sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) upgrades (near term)
  - Liquid H2 (LH2) Airport considerations (far term, similar to some US FAA and DOE efforts, FAA is member of ACI)
- Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Joint Undertaking (JU), under Clean Sky 2:
  - “Hydrogen-powered aviation: A fact-based study of hydrogen technology, economics, and climate impact by 2050” (by McKinsey & Company), May 2020.
  - Executive summary is brief, but informative (pages 5-7). Used simplifying, consensus assumptions to perform preliminary analyses. Main body of report includes MANY illustrative charts (very readable)
  - Strong proponents for Hydrogen and fuel cells (although it WAS commissioned by Hydrogen and Fuel Cell groups, not necessarily wrong, maybe *a little bias*)



# International H2 research/system studies (3)

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- Articles by BBC & Kleinman Center for Energy Policy (U.Penn)
  - Looking at sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), specifically cost.
  - Future SAF estimated to cost about 2X of present fuels (and will continue to be cheaper, without “carbon tax”), resulting in only about 10% increase in average ticket cost for transatlantic flight. Fuel cost shouldn’t be show-stopper; although it is a matter of will. (Need to watch out for unintended consequences.)

## Observations on International

- International efforts similar to US, but
- More hardware and demonstrator work underway (more \$ than NASA)

But if only looking at NASA, not getting the whole US portfolio



# Additional US studies (not NASA-led, ones included so far)

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## Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) (more detail in backup slides)

- ASCENT: Aviation Sustainability CENTER – FAA Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and Environment. (fuels, emissions and modeling, more on later slide)
- CAAFI : Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative
- CLEEN: Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions and Noise

## Department of Energy (DOE) <https://www.energy.gov/>

- DOE has a broad portfolio of energy programs. Comprehensive web presence (maybe a little daunting, there is a lot there).
- DOE Hydrogen Program: <https://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/>
- Office of energy efficiency and renewable energy (EERE)  
<https://www.energy.gov/eere/office-energy-efficiency-renewable-energy>  
**Searchable library:** <https://www1.eere.energy.gov/library/default.aspx>

*(But wait, there's more)*



# Additional US studies (2)

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## DOE (continued)

- DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office  
<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-and-fuel-cell-technologies-office>
- DOE H2@Airports Workshop <https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2airports-workshop>
- Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E <https://arpa-e.energy.gov/>, noting only two programs among others)
  - Range Extenders for Electric Aviation with Low Carbon and High Efficiency (REEACH)  
<https://arpae.energy.gov/technologies/programs/reeach>
  - Aviation-class Synergistically Cooled Electric-motors with iNtegrated Drives(ASCEND)  
<https://arpa-e.energy.gov/technologies/programs/ascend-0>

Funding (FY21): DOE: \$7B, EERE: \$2.8B, ARPA-E: \$427M





# Additional US studies (3)

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## Observations

- There are substantial US efforts on Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and aviation technologies that are complementary to NASA efforts.
- DOE and FAA efforts include fuel, proof of concept, pilot plant and infrastructure efforts directly applicable to aviation and NASA.
- FAA CLEEN, and DOE's REEACH & ASCEND are directly applicable to aviation propulsion and power.
- Some study references note NASA participation/collaboration (although often not clear who, so we need to build on those connections).



# Emissions (preliminary)

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## Various groups doing emissions work:

- FAA ASCENT: Aviation Sustainability CENTer – FAA Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and Environment. (fuels, emissions and modeling). <https://ascent.aero/> (non FAA site) + various links can be found at participating universities (search by researcher, MIT or University of Washington)
- IFAR report notes contrail work in Canada, some collaboration with US.

Still gathering information. New research is updating impact effects (climate and air quality impacts, older assumptions versus newer estimates, level of confidence in data). Important to understand true environmental costs for using traditional aviation (jet) fuels, SAF and LH2.



# Summary

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- Studies from NASA and other organizations on H<sub>2</sub> and related studies are being gathered and reviewed to help guide future, NASA DeCarbonization of Aviation efforts.
- Earlier studies assumed simplifying assumptions with LH<sub>2</sub> fuel, but often did not include overall energy and environmental considerations.
- New analysis tools enable higher fidelity studies, including advanced technologies and exploring new designs and operations.
- The various considerations (energy, feedstocks, etc.) for SAF and LH<sub>2</sub> production are better understood. But further information still needed to understand and assess their environmental impacts in future aviation studies.
- Present NASA study database is dated. Other US and non-US entities are also studying this area. Prudent to leverage best expertise to update studies.



# Potential future efforts

Various individual technologies/ systems are improved and better understood today. Methodologies and tools exist to capture these effects in more comprehensive studies. Time for new studies to better understand the cost / benefits for various future systems.

- Fuels and their emission impacts (overall system view and methodologies) are becoming more standardized/consistent. Common baseline for next generation studies.
  - Traditional hydrocarbon (HC) fuels and SAF (also LH2, any “new” fuels?).
    - Is LH2 a better option for far term? what about near term? (and probably not using Helium)
    - Does SAF + carbon capture and sequester (CCS) makes more sense?
  - Liquid H2 tankage: Many previous studies used 35% tank/fuel weight (large aircraft). Some recent studies are using gravimetric index [GI:  $\text{weight H2} / (\text{weight H2} + \text{tank})$ ] with values from 0.15 to 0.35. 0.15 to 0.35 GI may be valid for smaller vehicles, but even 0.35 is non-starter for single-aisle and larger aircraft. (35% tank/fuel weight = 0.74 GI)
  - Emissions modeling of costs for CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O (water), NO<sub>x</sub>, soot, etc.



# Potential future efforts (2)

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- Propulsion and airframe technologies have advanced, need to assess “best” future options, find complementary combinations. Tools and methodologies exist to
  - More and all-electric systems have improved weights and efficiencies – how might they be best used to meet modern needs for safety, cost, emissions, etc.
  - Revisit gas turbine versus fuel cell.
  - Aircraft designs: beyond “tube and wing”, hybrid wing-body, trussed-braced wing, etc.
- Operational changes that can impact aircraft design and efficiency
  - Revisit effects of reduced cruise altitude to mitigate water and contrails effects
  - Reduced cruise speed and altitude (revisit past studies)
    - Reducing speed can improve energy efficiency of flight
    - Even more efficiency improvements through additional propulsion and airframe optimization for slower cruise speeds. (use advanced turboprop, unswept wing, etc.)
    - Reduced cruise speed can result in reduced number of flights/day/plane (longer ranges)
    - Reduced cruise altitudes can reduce number of aircraft or reduced clearance.





Thanks for your attention.

Questions?



# Backup charts

## **Backup charts (summaries & bibliographies): table of contents**

- March '05 Alternate Fuel A/C Bibliography “Introduction and observations” (5 pages)
- H2-studies(NASA\_2008+) (4 pages)
- NASA ULI: CHEETA bibliography (4 pages)
- H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) (5 pages)
- FAA studies: (CAAFI, 2 pages), (ASCENT, 2 pages), (CLEEN, 3 pages)
- DOE: (1 page, most information / links in body of presentation)
- Emissions: not enough information (and vetting) to include, yet.

# March '05 Alternate Fuel A/C Bibliography (excerpt)

Mark Guynn, NASA Langley, March 2005

## Comments

- Numerous concepts for alternate fuel, zero CO<sub>2</sub>, zero CO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub>, and truly zero emissions aircraft have been studied by NASA GRC and LaRC over the past several years – most focused on transport aircraft
- This bibliography identifies the various activities and related events over that timeframe (filenames)
- A limited number of non-NASA studies and activities are included in this bibliography
- Initial GRC/LaRC studies (circa 1998-1999) were high-level feasibility studies using simplified propulsion models (efficiency, wt.) combined with existing airframe models
- Second generation studies added propulsion modeling (e.g. new cycles for H<sub>2</sub> fuel turbofans, component build-up of fuel cell system) and airframe modifications to accommodate propulsion system characteristics

# Alternate Fuel A/C Bibliography Comments (cont.)

- Given the increase in fidelity, the more recent studies should be deemed more valid; however past results are included for completeness and traceability
- Recent GRC/LaRC studies still include simplifying assumptions, particularly in fuel system, which have not be validated with more detailed modeling
- Note that rapid advances in technology can make “state-of-the-art” assumptions of past studies out-dated
- Some of the material covered may seem repetitive, especially since the history is reviewed in a number of the presentations; however often the results given are updates to previous work
- General observations/conclusions are provided at the end of this package



# Alternate Fuel A/C Observations (1)

- Although specific results vary due to different assumptions, increased knowledge, more fidelity, etc. some general conclusions are supported throughout
- Combustion of  $H_2$  in gas turbines is the most promising approach to eliminating  $CO_2$  emissions from transport aircraft
  - Resulting aircraft tends to have lighter TOGW, but heavier empty weight and lower aerodynamic efficiency
  - Varied opinions on potential for  $NO_x$  reduction with  $H_2$  combustion
- Some  $H_2$  fuel cells systems offer the potential to eliminate both  $CO_2$  and  $NO_x$ 
  - $NO_x$  is potential emission whenever air is subjected to high pressures and temperatures
  - Current technology  $H_2$  fuel cell and electric propulsion systems are too heavy for use in transport size aircraft
  - A more near term potential exist for replacing piston engines in light GA class
  - A combination of advances in airframe and propulsion technology is best approach to realizing  $H_2$  fuel cell aircraft (a lighter, more efficient airframe relaxes propulsion system requirements)

# Alternate Fuel A/C Observations (2)

- Current state-of-the-art for fuel cell power density is 0.5 kW/kg
  - Need 2x increase for PAV systems (e.g., Piper Warrior II)
  - Need 10x increase for small commuter a/c (e.g., Fairchild SA 227AL)
  - Need 20x increase for Commercial a/c (e.g., Boeing 737-200)
- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell/Gas Turbine hybrid systems have been the focus of several recent studies
  - System-level performance of SOFC/GT hybrid systems (APU application)
    - » 45% efficient for sea-level full power
    - » 72% efficient for cruise (part-power). Cruise efficiency is high due to utilizing the cabin air (with no cost)
  - SOFC/GT hybrid system weight ~ 0.23 kW/kg
    - » 78% of weight of hybrid system due to Fuel Cells, 65% of Fuel Cell weight due to interconnects

# Alternate Fuel A/C Observations (3)

- Truly “zero emissions” entails significant additional penalties

With no emissions, the aircraft weight stays constant or grows during the flight; reducing cruise efficiency and increasing structural weight

Specific power and energy of current energy storage devices (e.g. batteries) makes them unsuitable for anything but small UAVs

Trapping products of fuel+air reactions (combustion or electrochemical) requires a complex system and results in aircraft weight growth throughout the mission

Revolutionary concepts for high specific power, high specific energy, zero emission power sources exist at TRL 0

- “Zero *harmful* emissions” is more realistic goal for alternate fueled aircraft than “zero emissions”, but requires understanding of the potential impacts of emitted substances throughout the flight envelope

## H2-studies(NASA\_2008+) Introduction

- Only 2 additional NASA studies after the 2006 Mark Guynn summary, as there was essentially limited or no requests for further work. NASA GRC and LaRC studies focused on transport aircraft. Summary and report or presentation filenames included
- Recent GRC/LaRC studies still include simplifying assumptions, particularly in fuel system, which have not been validated with more detailed modeling.
- Studies did not note climate impact from revised vehicles and operations, except in most general terms for fuel, CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> levels
- Note that rapid advances in technology can make “state-of-the-art” assumptions of past studies outdated
- General observations/conclusions are provided at the end of this package

# H2-studies(NASA\_2008+) Bibliography/Summary

- “Propulsion Investigation for Zero and Near-Zero Emissions Aircraft” “TM-2009-215487-ZEA(ZeroEmissionsAircraft).pdf”
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order (overall) study by NASA GRC, LaRC and US ARL (Cleveland).
  - Review of some previous studies, effort focused on 70 and 100 pax Aircraft (AC)
  - Kerosene (gas turbine) or Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) fuel [gas turbine, Hydrogen Fuel Cell (HFC) with PEM or SOFC tech (electric) & gas turbine – HFC combined]
  - More detailed HFC and LH2 tankage system weights performed and discussed
  - Gas turbine with LH2 advanced combustors can reduce NOx emissions by 95% (in addition to 70% reduction from advanced kerosene combustor from SOA)
  - HFC (electric) propulsion weight is so high that AC design will not converge. HFC integrated into gas turbine converges, but HFC weights result in heavier AC and higher fuel usage.
- “Subsonic Transport cruise altitude study” “NASA-TM-2011-217173\_Altitude\_MGuynn.pdf”
  - August 2011 NASA Technical memorandum by Mark Guynn (LaRC)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order analysis of cruise altitude effects on B737-800 and B777-200LR class AC (NPSS, FLOPS engine / AC models)
  - Use various climb/cruise scenarios, from optimum climb/cruise speed/altitude to set cruise altitude and optimum cruise velocity determined
  - < 1% fuel consumption penalty if altitude maintained within 4,000 ft of optimum, but increases for fixed altitude and can be as high as 10% for altitudes significantly offset from optimum for entire mission



# H2-studies(NASA\_2008+) Observations

- Combustion of H<sub>2</sub> in gas turbines is the most promising approach to eliminating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transport aircraft

Resulting aircraft tends to have lighter TOGW, but heavier empty weight and lower aerodynamic efficiency

***Lower liquid H<sub>2</sub> tankage weight assumptions seem highly suspect with more modern efforts and assumptions. Would cause significant impact on aircraft weight and LH<sub>2</sub> aircraft viability for larger pax/range designs.***

Significant potential for NO<sub>x</sub> reduction with H<sub>2</sub> combustion

- Some H<sub>2</sub> fuel cells systems offer the potential to eliminate both CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>  
NO<sub>x</sub> is potential emission whenever air is subjected to high pressures and temperatures.  
Current (2008) technology H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell and electric propulsion systems deemed too heavy for use in transport size aircraft. Significant improvement required in fuel cell and ancillary systems (i.e., thermal management)  
A more near-term potential exist for replacing piston engines in light GA class

## H2-studies(NASA\_2008+) Observations (2)

- Some H<sub>2</sub> fuel cells systems offer the potential to eliminate both CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> (cont.)

A combination of advances in airframe and propulsion technology is best approach to realizing H<sub>2</sub> fuel cell aircraft (a lighter, more efficient airframe relaxes propulsion system requirements)

- Variation in cruise altitude (such as flying at lower than optimum altitude for potentially, reduced climate impact) has small impact on fuel usage (1-4%) for small excursions. But reducing cruise altitude can reduce available altitude range for number of flight operations. (Unsure impact on overall aviation traffic flow.)

# NASA ULI: CHEETA bibliography

## Primary sources of dissemination

- AIAA Aviation/SciTech + AIAA/IEEE EATS
- Cryogenic Engineering Conference and International Cryogenic Materials

## Conference (CEC-ICMC)

- IEEE Aerospace Conference
- ASME Turbo Expo
- Places to start:

Aircraft configuration: <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/6.2021-2409>

MDO methods: <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/6.2021-3281>

Propulsor design: <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/6.2021-3287>

Superconducting Machine: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1757-899X/756/1/012030>

Power transmission system: <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2021-3310>

Electronics components:

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/9479307>

Inverter design: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/9235140>

Hydrogen tanks: IOP publishing, pending

Multi-domain modeling: <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/6.2020-3580> Some H<sub>2</sub> fuel cells

## NASA ULI: CHEETA bibliography (2)

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## H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) Introduction

- European Union (Clean Sky II) study and related article from BBC. Also U. of Pennsylvania position paper on SAF. Finally, Aircraft Council International (ACI)/ Aerospace Technology Institute (ATI - UK company) study (H2 at airports)
- EU efforts mention some more-detailed aircraft and subsystems modeling, still appears to use lower-order (preliminary) modeling of vehicles, subsystems and climate impact. Study include annexes with more detailed assumption discussion.
- Many seem written with less-technical audience in mind (especially BBC article). U of Penn. is more financially-based analysis.
- General observations/conclusions are provided at the end of this package

# H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) Bibliography/Summary

- “Decarbonizing Aviation Is Not As Hard As We Think - Kleinman Center for Energy Policy” *“Kleinman-Energy(Serpell)\_08-2019.pdf”*  
Position paper by Oscar Serpell at Kleinman Center for Energy Policy (<https://kleinmanenergy.upenn.edu/>) advocating SAF for long-range aircraft  
Includes assumed values for cost estimates, but only considering aviation net CO2, not other effects from aviation emissions on climate.  
Although all-electric is feasible for many sectors to decarbonize, not practical for long-range aircraft. Synthetic aviation fuel (SAF) estimated to cost double of present fuels and require significant energy to produce (depending on process; such as water electrolysis for H2 and direct air CO2 capture).  
**However**, “doubling of fuel cost should only increase ticket cost by 8.5% based on transatlantic ticket price” (*fuel only ≈10% of ticket price for that market*).  
*(Note: The original text contains a typo: 'fuel only ≈10% of ticket price for that market' should be 'fuel only ≈10% of ticket price for that market'.)*
- “The hydrogen revolution in the skies – BBC Future” *“2021-04-09\_The hydrogen revolution in the skies - BBC Future.pdf” (2 versions, page spacing cut some, different text from each)*  
Future Planet article discussing the potential and pitfalls for liquid hydrogen and SAF fueled airplanes. Written for the less-technical audience than pure engineers.  
Recognizes the damage cost from present fuels needs to be assessed to help justify the use of alternatives such as SAF, biofuels, or liquid hydrogen. Aviation efficiency improving, but growth rate overwhelms efficiency improvements (= rising aviation CO2 production).  
UK government funding work to accelerate zero-emissions aircraft design and SAF production. SAF for near term (decarbonize present fleet), *Maybe* H2 for long term (probably gas turbines?). H2 will be significantly costlier (maybe *ONLY* 2x) versus fossil fuels for next few decades.  
Industry prefers SAF, expect to achieve zero CO2 emissions by **2060** (w/SAF, a little H2), because of reduced cost and infrastructure changes. Aviation is “small enough” that SAF production required seems quite possible in desired timeframes.

# H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) Bibliography/Summary

- “Hydrogen-powered aviation: A fact-based study of hydrogen technology, economics, and climate impact by 2050”

*”20200720\_Hydrogen Powered Aviation report\_FINAL web(CleanSky2).pdf “*

Study by McKinsey & Company for the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertakings (JU) and Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 JU. Input from 24 EU companies and organizations, May 2020

Executive summary is brief, but informative (pages 5-7). Appears to have used simplifying, consensus assumptions to perform preliminary analyses. **Main body of report includes MANY illustrative charts to help make “story” (very readable)**

Report layout (chapters):

- » 1. Introduction: The challenge of decarbonizing aviation
- » 2. Aircraft design: Feasibility and cost of H2 propulsion
- » 3. Infrastructure: Liquid hydrogen supply and refueling challenges
- » 4. Roadmap: Key findings and decarbonization scenarios
- » **5. Recommendations: Advancing H2-powered aviation**
- » Annex 1: Approach and metrics to assess climate impact of aviation

“The report’s overall conclusion is that hydrogen propulsion has the potential to be a major part of the future propulsion technology mix. As a disruptive innovation it will require significant research and development, investments, and accompanying regulation to ensure safe, economic H2 aircraft and infrastructure mastering climate impact.” Also strong proponent for fuel cells *(although study jointed funded by Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 JU)*.

Synthetic Aviation Fuels (SAF) can achieve significant “Net CO2 reduction” for aviation, but not a good long-term solution considering aviation’s contribution to climate change. Present aviation emissions include CO2, NOx, soot and water vapor (contrails/cirrus clouds) which have significant adverse climate effects versus only accounting for CO2 emissions levels. H2 best addresses issues (2-3 more effective than SAF reducing aviation’s adverse climate effects).

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# H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) Bibliography/Summary

- “Hydrogen-powered aviation: A fact-based study of hydrogen technology, economics, and climate impact by 2050” (*continued*)

LH2 challenges include production, handling, tankage, refueling, infrastructure, costs, and accompanying technology innovation.

Significant energy requirement for LH2 production, but significantly less than “Zero net CO2” SAF. Near-term LH2 usage is low enough for local supply chains until 2040.

Liquid H2 tankage assumed to be at 15-20% gravimetric efficiency (gravimetric efficiency defined as: LH2 fuel weight/(fuel + tank).

Gravimetric efficiency needed

Even with aggressive program support, will not achieve 2050 aviation CO2 goals (probably abo

Includes more detailed breakdown of various fuel and propulsion options and cost increases across AC classes (higher costs for larger AC, longer ranges). Notes significant time to certify (10 years) and time to replace fleet (>10 years).

- “Integration of Hydrogen Aircraft into the Air Transport System: An Airport Operations and Infrastructure Review” “*aci-ati-hydrogen-report(20210101).pdf*”

Aircraft Council International (ACI)/ Aerospace Technology Institute (ATI - UK company) study, released early 2021. ([www.aci.aero](http://www.aci.aero) )

- » *To increase the awareness and understanding amongst airports regarding implications and challenges of hydrogen powered aircraft with respect to infrastructure, operations, and safety.*
- » *To highlight some of the knowledge gaps in order to focus resources into closing such gaps.*
- » *To provide useful references to airports and other aviation stakeholders where additional information can be found.*
- » *To highlight some of the stakeholders involved in present and historic initiatives for hydrogen-powered aviation.*

*(bullets copied from report)*

Includes significant number of references to help share knowledge of other study efforts.

Further work planned on assessing costing for various hydrogen options to help inform future direction



## H2-studies(EU+\_2010+) Observations

- All papers recognize the need for environmental cost added to fossil fuels to help facilitate net zero CO2 aviation conversion.

Varied solution space (SAF versus LH2) – no clear winner.

SAF “easier” to achieve net zero CO2. But doesn’t address “bad” aviation emissions (NOx, soot, contrails/ clouds, etc.). Can be implemented sooner than LH2, requires less infrastructure investment and aviation changes. SAF will have higher, long-term energy usage than LH2. Favored by industry and finance.

LH2 more directly addresses climate issues from aviation emissions (not just CO2, but also NOx, soot, contrails/ clouds, etc.). Significant changes to aircraft and infrastructure, but lower fuel energy costs. More “pure” solution for climate issues. Favored by technologists and researchers (maybe government agencies too).

Have to start ASAP and aggressive programs to achieve 2050 goals if using LH2 pathway. SAF or graduated SAF to LH2 pathway has higher probability to achieve 2050 goals. Industry suggesting 2050+10years more likely/ achievable goal.

Much more costing work needed to better understand financial implications

- Aerospace Daily & Defense Report: April 30, 2021 – Fuel Tankering (if don’t get everyone onboard). Buying non-SAF outside EU because it’s cheaper, fly airplanes heavy to not buy higher-prices EU fuel (SAF blend). By 2035, 100 million tonnes additional CO2 produced by aviation.

# FAA CAAFI overview

- CAAFI: **C**ommercial **A**viation **A**lternative **F**uels Initiative
- Website: <https://www.caafi.org/> (*includes a lot of information, well-organized*)
- “Mission statement” : (from brochure)

“Since 2006, the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI) has sought to enhance energy security and environmental sustainability for aviation through the use of alternative jet fuels. CAAFI is a coalition of airlines, aircraft and engine manufacturers, energy producers, researchers, international participants and U.S. government agencies. Together these stakeholders are leading the development and deployment of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) for commercial aviation.

CAAFI’s goal is to promote the development of SAF options that offer equivalent safety and favorable costs compared with petroleum based jet fuel, while offering environmental improvement and energy supply security for aviation.”
- Sponsors include: (1 government agency, 3 aviation trade associations)
  - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
  - Aerospace Industries Assoc. (AIA)
  - Airlines for America® (A4A)
  - Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA)

# FAA CAAFI additional files / information

- “CAAFI\_Brochure\_2020-03.pdf” (1-pager overview of CAAFI – fairly comprehensive. Retrieved 2021-07-15 from [https://www.caafi.org/about/pdf/CAAFI\\_Brochure.pdf](https://www.caafi.org/about/pdf/CAAFI_Brochure.pdf) )
- “2021\_Goals\_and\_Priorities-2021-01.pdf” (10 page details 2021 priorities and 2020 highlights, includes links for additional information. Retrieved 2021-07-15 from [https://www.caafi.org/files/2021\\_Goals\\_and\\_Priorities.pdf](https://www.caafi.org/files/2021_Goals_and_Priorities.pdf) )
- “beto-sust-aviation-fuel-sep-2020.pdf” (The U.S. Department of Energy’s Bioenergy Technologies Office (DOE BETO) published this report describing potential pathways for producing sustainable aviation fuel. Retrieved 2021-07-15 from <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/09/f78/beto-sust-aviation-fuel-sep-2020.pdf> )
- CAAFI FAQs <https://www.caafi.org/resources/faq.html>

# FAA ASCENT overview

- ASCENT: **A**viation **S**ustainability **C**ENTER - FAA Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and Environment.
- Website: <https://ascent.aero/> (non FAA site) + *various links can be found are participating universities (search by researcher)*
- James Hileman, FAA Program Manager.
- Cooperative aviation research organization co-led by Washington State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Focus Areas (AJF = Alternate Jet Fuels)
  - AJF: supply chain analyses, fuel performance testing, aircraft component performance
  - Environment: noise & emissions, impacts, technology assessment
- In 2021:
  - Annual Budget \$10+ million
  - Funding 54 Research Projects
  - Producing 119 Publications, Reports, Presentations
  - Educating 112 Students
  - With 70 Industrial Partners

# FAA ASCENT additional files / information

- “2.2\_ASCENT\_Overview\_12\_2018.pdf” (*ASCENT overview*)
- “03\_Hileman\_20210127 (FAA-Hileman) Briefing for ARPA-E Event.pdf” (*Title: “Some Perspectives on the Environmental Impacts of Aviation and Alternative Fuels.” Includes additional website links for further information.*)



# FAA CLEEN overview

- CLEEN: **C**ontinuous **L**ower **E**nergy, **E**missions and **N**oise
- Website: *(includes links to Phase I & II consortium meetings and reports)*  
[https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/research/aircraft\\_technology/cleen/](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/research/aircraft_technology/cleen/)
- 2010 start (5 year phases), industry tasks, cost-sharing required,  
Phase I & II subsonic civil transports only
- Phase I (2010-2015)  
Boeing, General Electric (GE), Honeywell, Pratt & Whitney (P&W), and Rolls-Royce  
≈ \$125 Million (government) investment
- Phase II (2015-2020)  
Aurora Flight Sciences, Boeing, Collins Aerospace, Delta Tech Ops/MDS Coating Technologies, General Electric, Honeywell, Pratt & Whitney, and Rolls-Royce  
≈ \$100 Million (government) investment

Goal Area	CLEEN I Goals (2010-2015)	CLEEN II Goals (2015-2020)
Noise (cumulative below Stage 4)	-32 decibels (dB)	-32 decibels (dB)
LTO NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions (Below CAEP/6)	-60 percent	-75 percent (-70 percent re: CAEP/8)
Aircraft Fuel Burn	-33 percent	-40 percent

# FAA CLEEN overview (2)

- Program goals: *(Phase III revision, retrieved on 2021-07-15 from [https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/research/aircraft\\_technology/cleen/#pg](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/research/aircraft_technology/cleen/#pg))*
- Phase III tightens original goals, adds community noise and particulate matter goals, and includes supersonic aircraft,

Quantitative goals for subsonic fuel burn, emissions, and noise reductions under CLEEN Phases I, II and III			
Goal Area	CLEEN Phase I	CLEEN Phase II	CLEEN Phase III
Noise Reduction Goal	25 dB cumulative noise reduction cumulative to Stage 5		25 dB cumulative noise reduction relative to Stage 5 and/or reduces community noise exposure
Fuel Burn Goal	33% reduction (relative to year 2000 best-in-class in-service aircraft)	40% reduction (relative to year 2000 best-in-class in-service aircraft)	20% below CAEP/10 CO2 standard
NOx Emissions Reduction Goal	60% margin to CAEP/6 landing/take-off NOx emissions standard	70% margin to CAEP/8 landing/take-off NOx emissions standard	
Particulate Matter Emissions Reduction Goal	-	-	Reduction relative to CAEP/11 standard
Entry into Service Target	2018	2026	2031

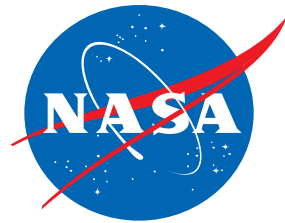
# FAA CLEEN additional files / information

- “CLEENI\_CLEENII\_Projects\_2020-02.pdf” (*Phase I & II companies and tasks. Retrieved 2021-07-15 from [https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/research/aircraft\\_technology/cleen/media/CLEENI\\_CLEENII\\_Projects.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/research/aircraft_technology/cleen/media/CLEENI_CLEENII_Projects.pdf)*)

# DOE Hydrogen additional files / information

- “hfto-h2-airports-workshop-2020-soloveichik.pdf” (*DOE Range Extenders for Electric Aviation with Low Carbon and High Efficiency (REEACH) overview, (17-pages), virtual H2@Airports Workshop on November 4–6, 2020, some references not specific enough to trace*)
- “REEACH\_Project Descriptions\_FINAL.pdf” (*REEACH—Range Extenders for Electric Aviation with Low Carbon and High Efficiency, 2020-08 listing of various ASCEND-funded projects: (3-pages), entity, project title, \$, short summary*)
- “ASCEND\_Project\_Descriptions\_FINAL.pdf” (*ASCEND—Aviation-class Synergistically Cooled Electric-motors with iNtegrated Drives, 2020-10 listing of various ASCEND-funded projects: (3-pages), entity, project title, \$, short summary*)

Personal opinion: DOE doing a great job (many programs, various options to find information). Specific to Hydrogen: DOE is focusing more on overall energy, emissions and infrastructure (like H2@airport workshops), with maybe less focus on airplane (or aircraft propulsion-specific efforts). (*Although their portfolio does include some aviation propulsion-related efforts.*) DOE is also a good information source to support aviation studies by NASA and industry.





*Just-in Time Systems and Market Analyses*

# NASA ARMD Systems Analysis Symposium

Seamus McGovern

U.S. DOT Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

10 November 2021

# U.S. DOT Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

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- Federal laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 500 civil servants with additional contractor support
- Staff includes engineers, policy analysts, scientists, economists, environmental protection specialists, operations research analysts, and safety specialists
- Multiple transportation modes

U.S. DOT. (2020). Retrieved from <https://www.volpe.dot.gov/work-with-us/small-business-innovation-research/contact-sbir>



# FY22 Overview

1. Advanced air mobility (AAM) and unoccupied aircraft systems (UAS) related:
  - m:N business case analysis (BCA) and return on investment (ROI) planning
  
2. Transport category aircraft related:
  - Convergent Aeronautics Solutions (CAS) XI desirability analysis





m:N

# Business Case Analysis (BCA) and Return on Investment (ROI) Planning

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*Supporting*

***Vanessa Aubuchon and Kelley Hashemi***

*Transformational Tools and Technologies (TTT) Project*

*NASA Transformative Aeronautics Concepts Program (TACP)*

Hashemi, K. (2021). *Multi-Vehicle Control Working Group*. Retrieved from <https://nari.arc.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Day%201%20KelleyHashemi%20Slides.pdf>

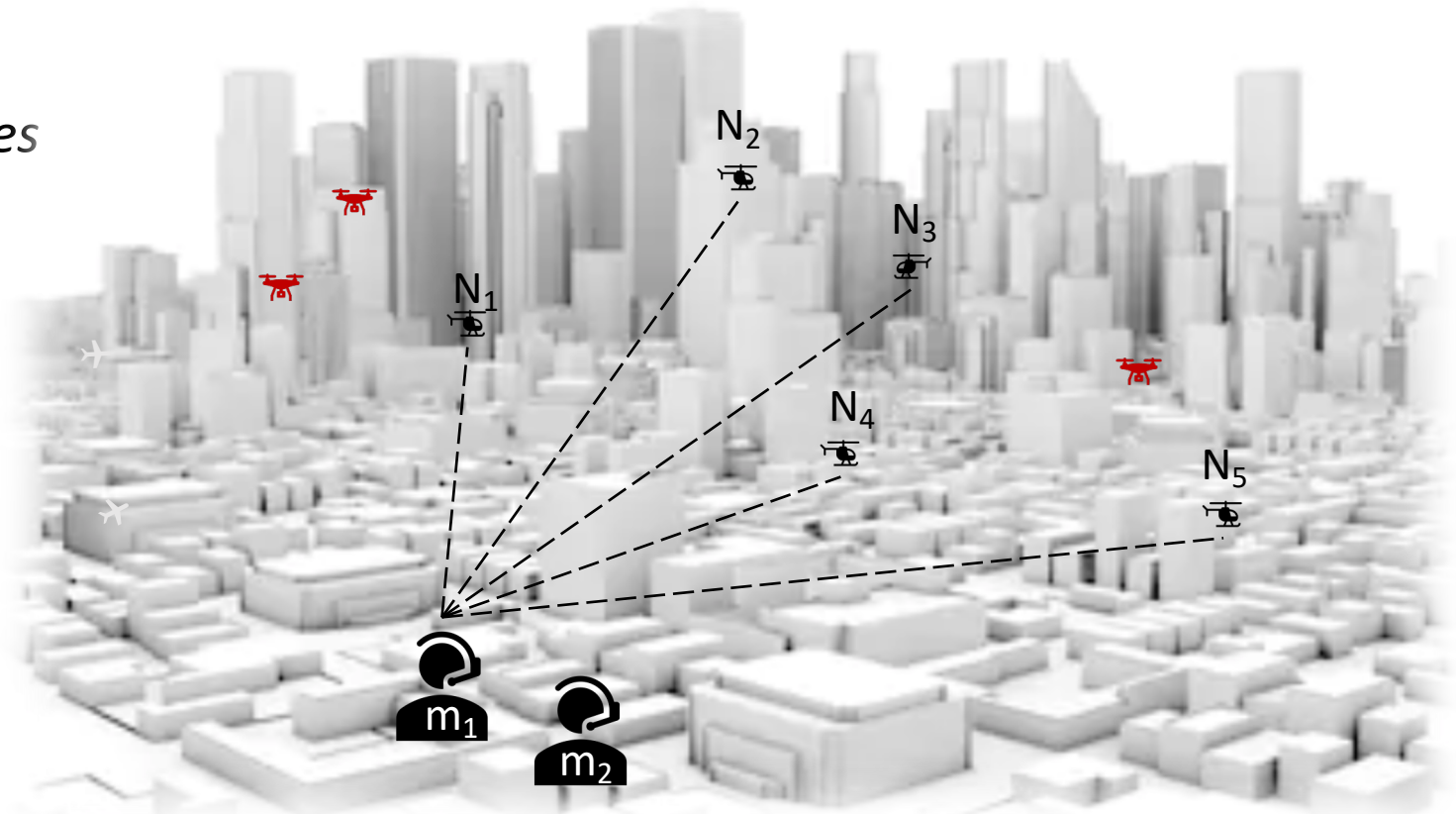
# m:N Operations

## Multi-vehicle control = m:N

- Shrinking group of humans (m) *manages* many highly automated air vehicles (N)
- Not vehicle flight control

## Enables desired future state

- Operations scalability
- Increasingly autonomous vehicles

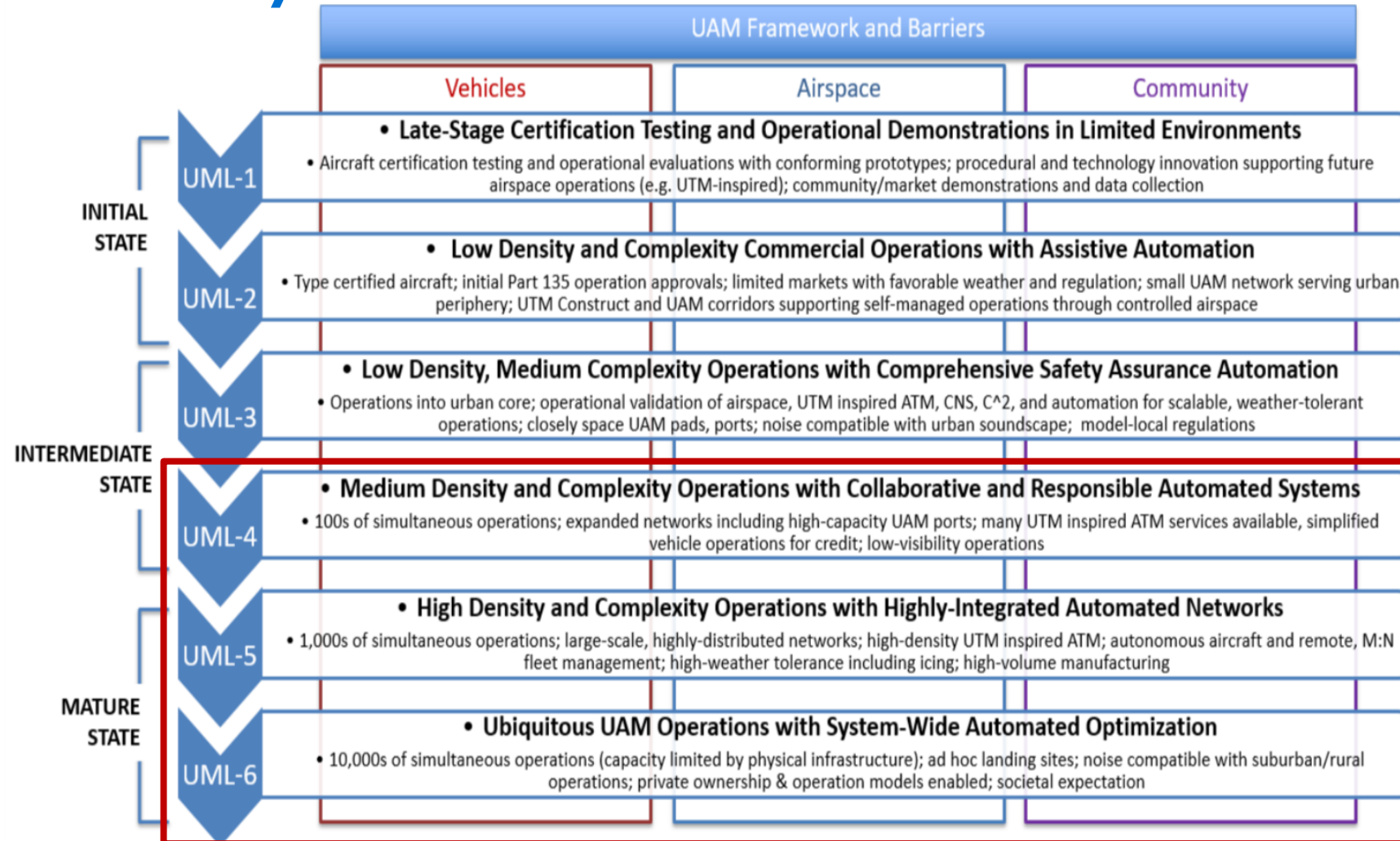


Hashemi, K. (2021). *Multi-Vehicle Control Working Group*. Retrieved from <https://nari.arc.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Day%20I%20KelleyHashemi%20Slides.pdf>

**Applicable to range of use cases supporting advanced air mobility vision**



# UAM Maturity Levels



NASA. (2020). UAM Vision Concept of Operations (ConOps) UAM Maturity Level (UML) 4. Retrieved from <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20205011091>



# Volpe m:N Efforts

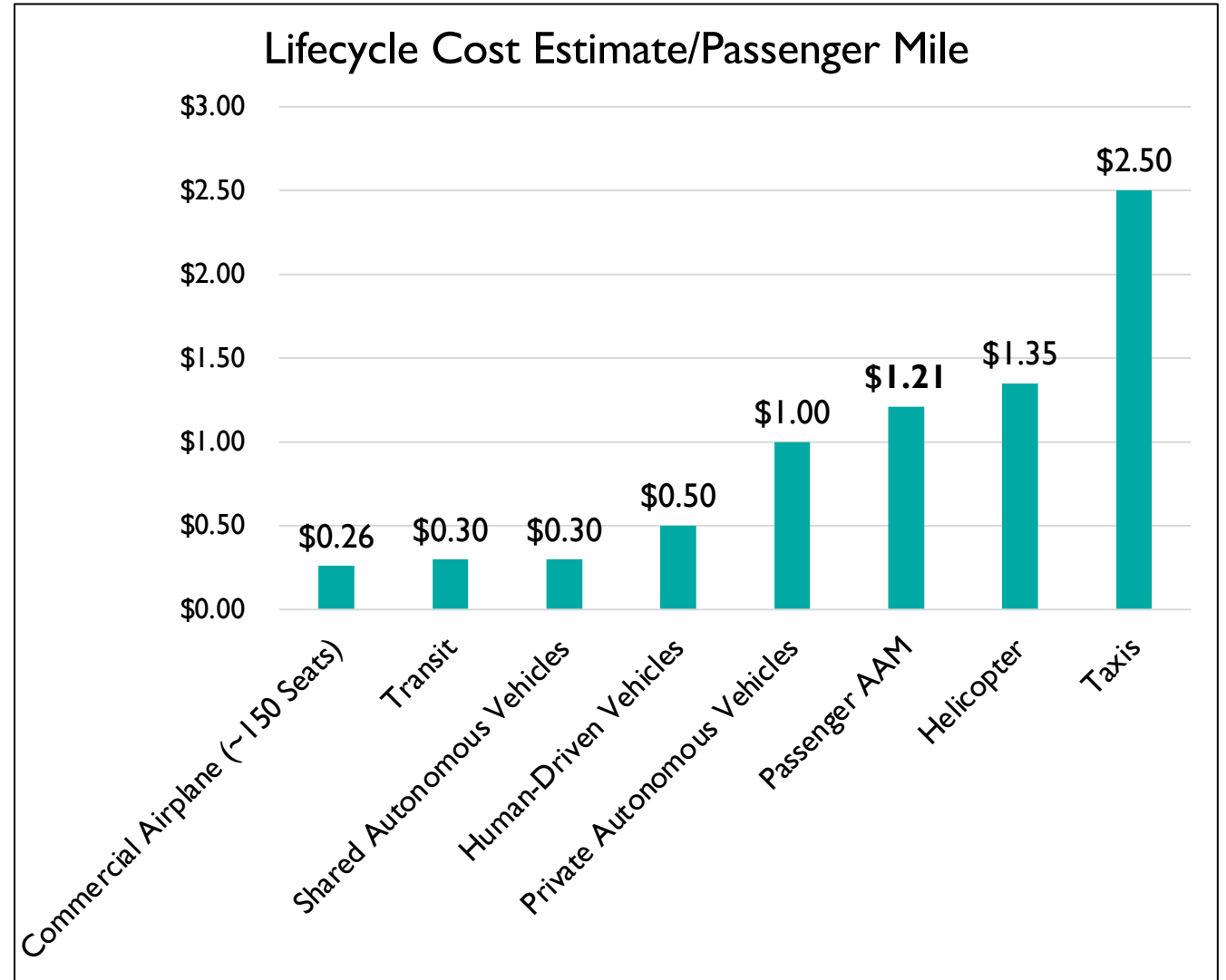
- Study costs associated with UML-5 (high-density, highly automated AAM and UAS) operations
  - Drawing parallels to helicopter ops (using contemporary, high-volume ops as a baseline)
  - Assess costs and opportunities where autonomy may improve the ROI for m operators managing N vehicles
- Provide clarity on business case and ROI when going from one or more operators controlling one aircraft to one operator controlling multiple, automated aircraft (AAMs and UASs) using 2+ use cases
- Goal: Development of a model having inputs and outputs for m:N

# AAM Passenger Use: Initial Cost Input Research

- AAM expected to be more expensive than other modes but competitive, especially with travel-time benefits
- May choose to isolate manufacturing costs and operating costs separately in analysis

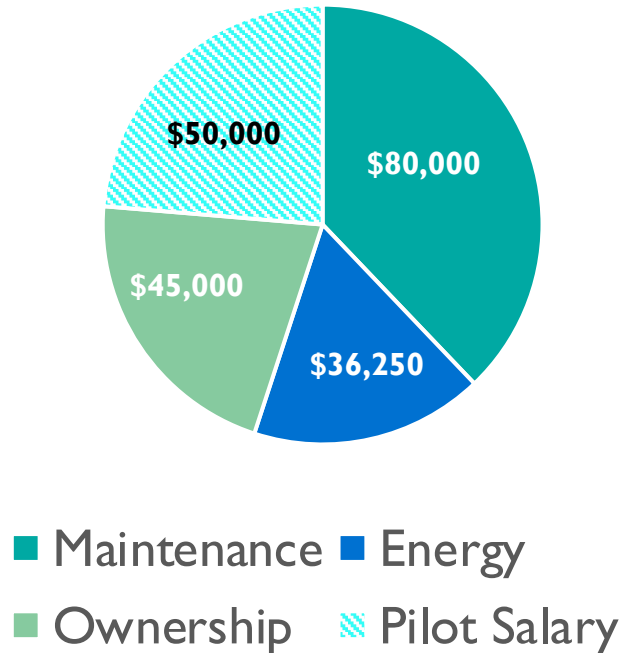
## Lifecycle Inputs per Aircraft:

- Annual Miles: 400,000
- Annual Hours Flown: 1,750
- Useful Life: 15 Years



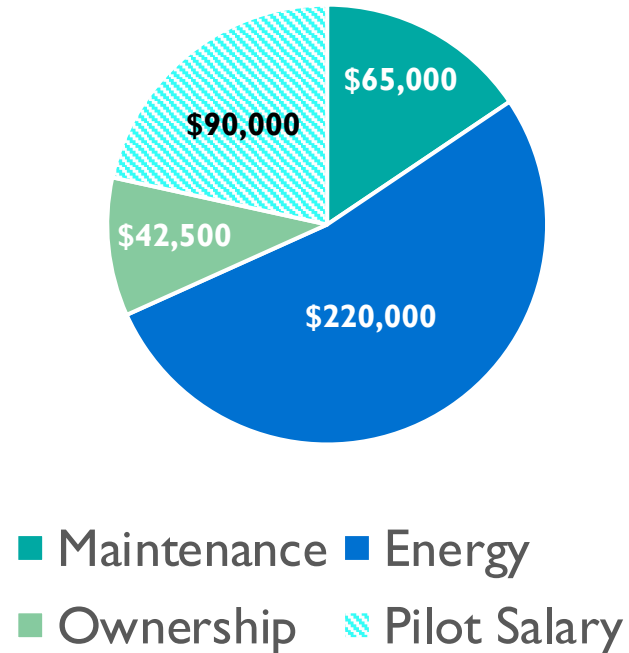
# AAM Passenger Use-Case: Piloted vs. Autonomous

Annual Operating Costs Per  
Piloted Passenger AAM



Total Annual Operating Costs:  
\$211,250

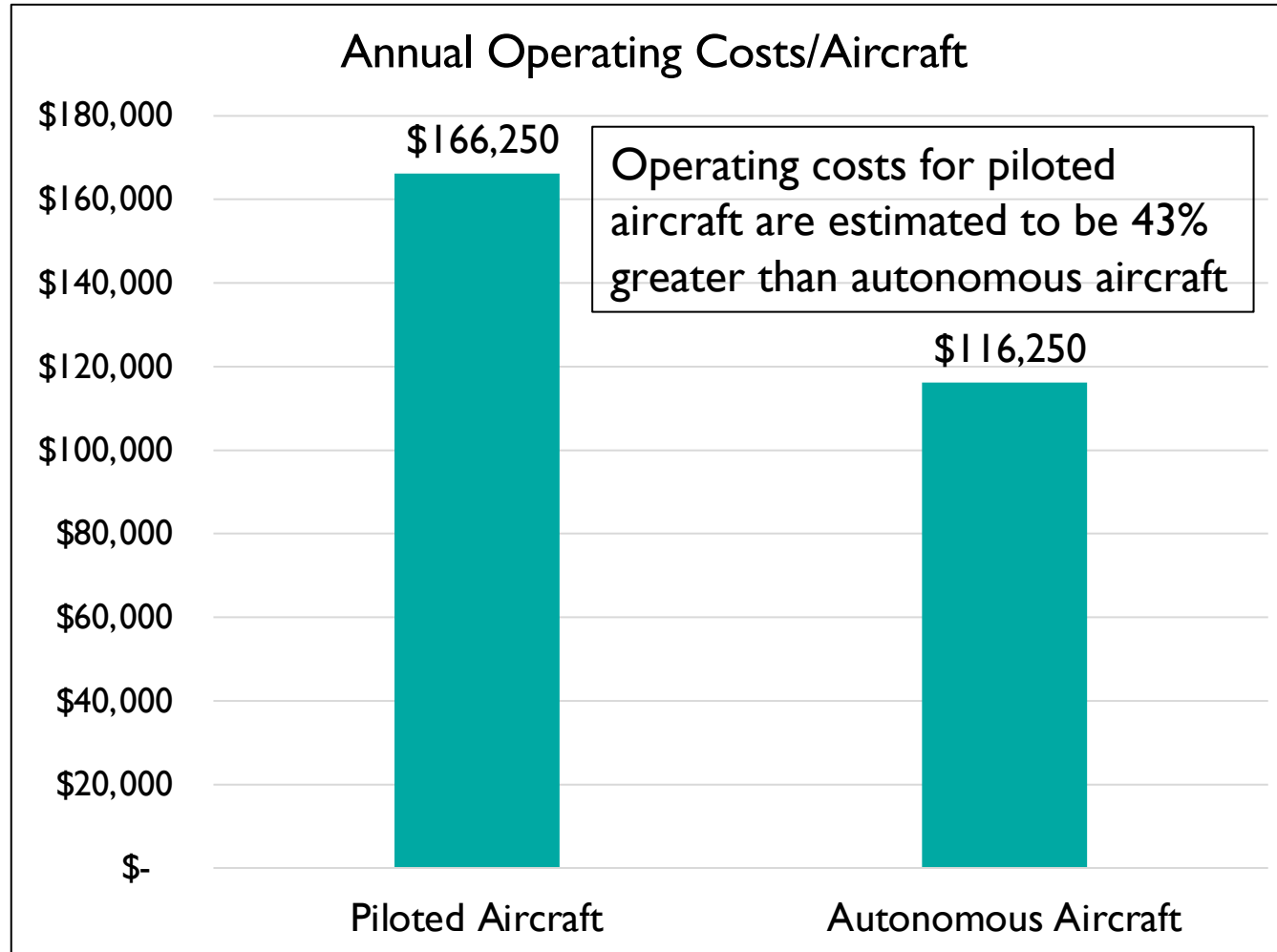
Annual Operating Costs for  
Cessna 402 (for reference)



Total Annual Operating Costs:  
\$417,500

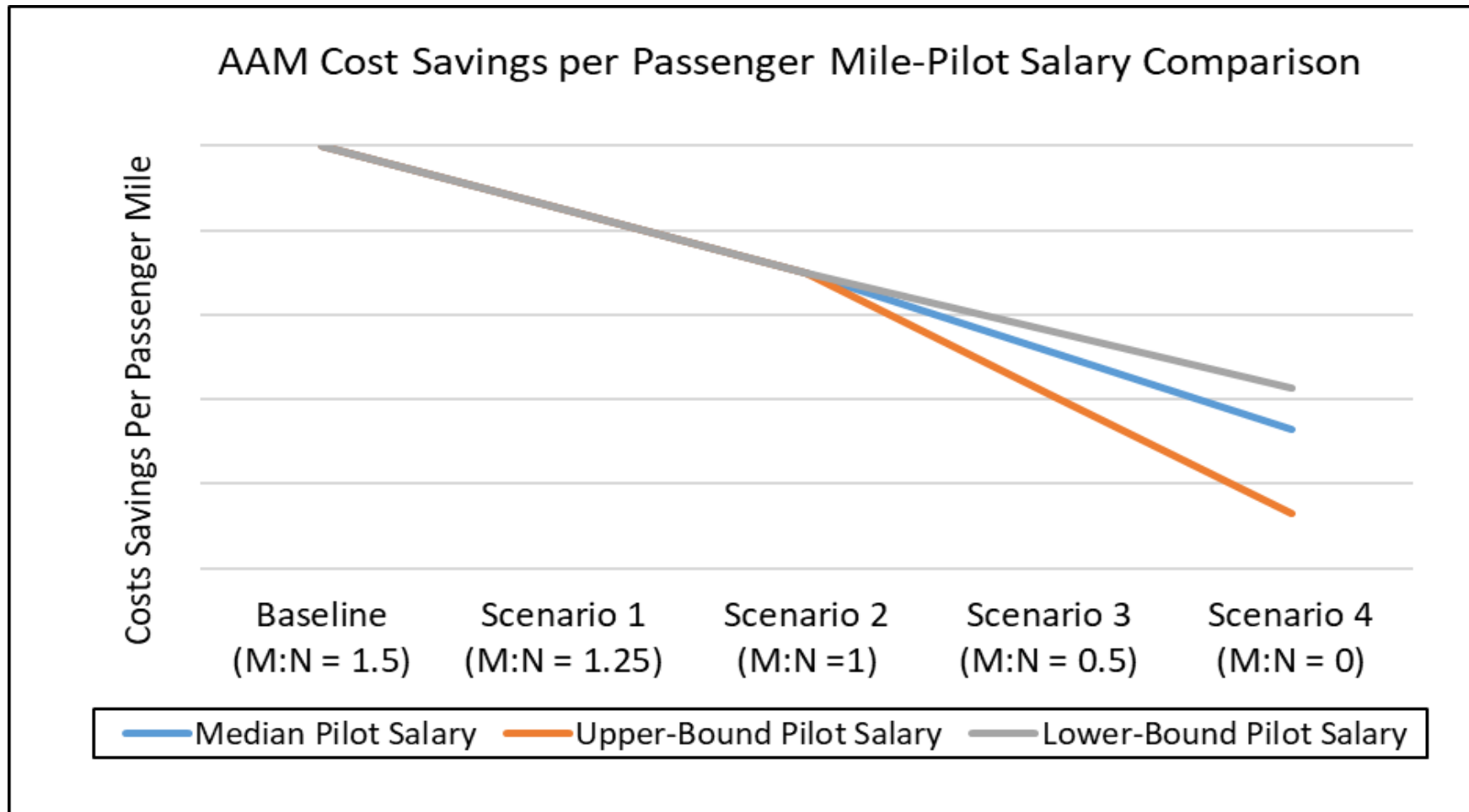
- In addition to saving \$50,000 annually in operating costs, automation may allow for a 25% increase in capacity / payload (operators could save on energy costs or use the extra space for another passenger)

# AAM Passenger Use-Case: Piloted vs. Autonomous



- Initial research indicates that paying pilot salary expenses (including benefits, such as healthcare) would make the AAM market economically unfeasible long-term
- m:N scale may be more of a step function than a line or curve (may also change significantly based on key technological advances)

# Spreadsheet-Based Parametric Model: Illustrative Pilot/Operator Example





# Possible ROI-/BCA-Supporting m:N Efforts

- Calculation of N upper bound (currently assume 1:2 for AAM and 1:100 for UAS) using
  - operations research (i.e., quantitative probabilistic queueing model) and
  - human factors (i.e., frequency & duration distributions for events requiring intervention)
- Automation vs. remote access (per Meaconing, Intrusion, Jamming & Interference—MIJI—concerns) using AAM formation 1:N as interim
- Other ROI/BCA supporting requirements & considerations:
  - Latency (e.g., general delays, time-of-flight position due to lags, etc.)
  - Flying public (e.g., 3-7% have clinical phobia to flying; 7-10% affected by claustrophobia; 40% report fear of flying)
  - Comm, nav, and surveillance (CNS) errors, algorithms, and limitations

# Convergent Aeronautics Solutions (CAS) XI

## “Desirability” Analysis

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*Supporting*

***Wes Ryan and Ralph Jansen***

*Convergent Aeronautics Solutions (CAS) Project*

*NASA Transformative Aeronautics Concepts Program (TACP)*



# Volpe CAS XI Support

- NASA's single-aisle future transport aircraft concept is an XI activity within NASA's Convergent Aeronautical Solutions (CAS) Project
- XI effort has designated three areas of study:
  - Desirability
  - Viability
  - Feasibility
- Volpe is supporting the Desirability area

# Data Review and Definitions – Network, Operations, Fleet

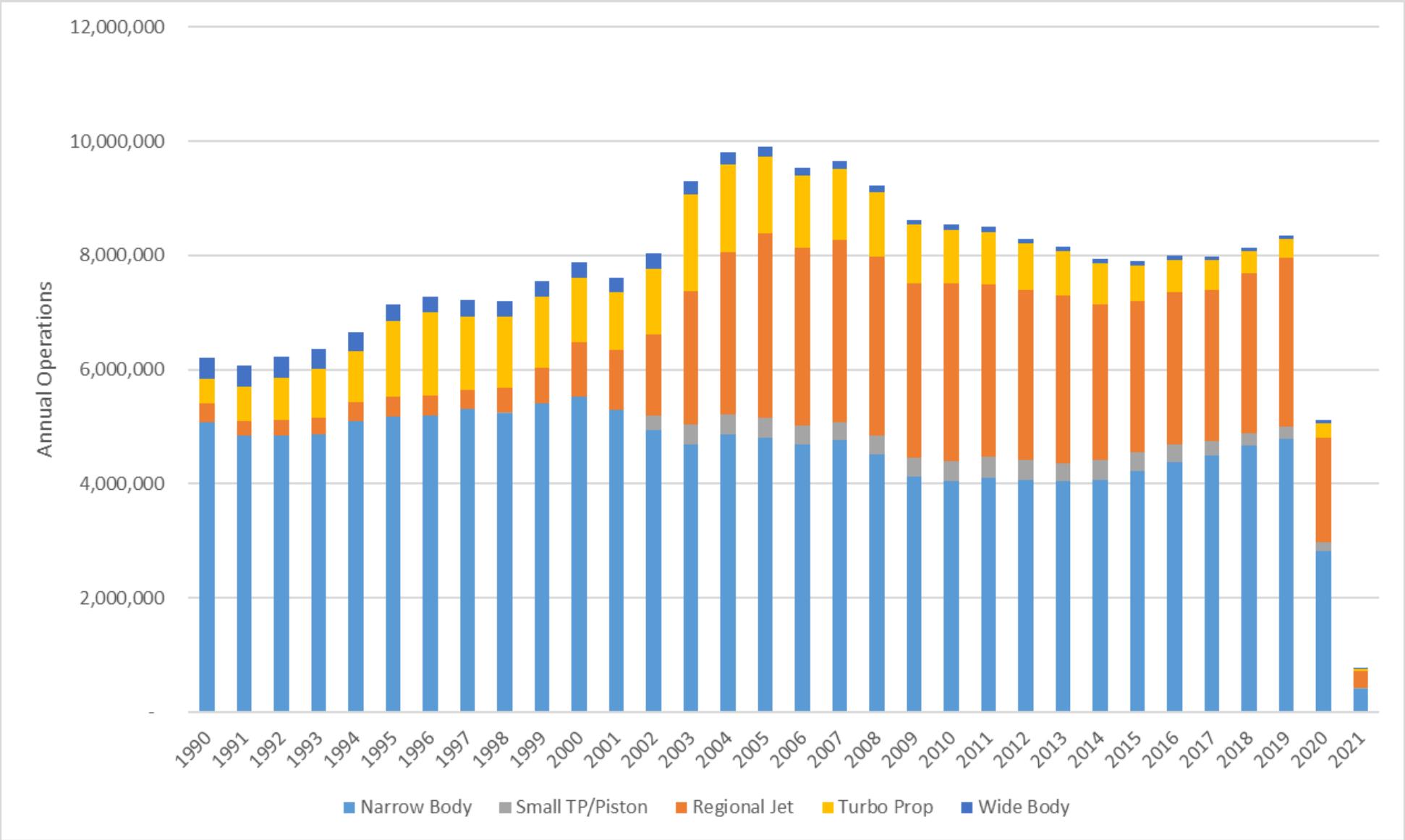
Database	Network	Operational Metrics	Fleet Characteristics	Notes
Common Operations Database (COD)	Global Origin-Destination (OD) pairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Great Circle Distance (GCD)</li><li>Country Pairs</li><li>ICAO Route Groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Available Seat Miles (ASM)</li><li>Operations</li><li>Available Ton Miles (ATM)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aircraft name and engine equipment code</li><li>In-service commercial Passenger, Freighter and Business Jet markets</li><li>Seats and Seat Class</li><li>Age</li><li>Payload</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Combination of several data sources</li><li>Base year: 2018</li><li>PAX market ~36 million rows</li><li>Well defined operations/fleet data for commercial markets; less certainty with &lt;19 seat P/TP market</li><li>Proprietary database</li></ul>
BTS T-100 Domestic Segment	Domestic OD pairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ASMs/ATMs</li><li>Operations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aircraft name and engine type</li><li>Usage type (PAX, freighter, combo)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year range: 1990-2021</li><li>Data quality mixed, but reasonable at more aggregate (market) levels</li><li>Public database</li></ul>
Cirium Fleet Analyzer	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Serial coded aircraft detail</li><li>In-service history (order, delivery, in-service, retirement)</li><li>Airline/Carrier information</li><li>Seats</li><li>Age</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Panel data (individual aircraft by year): 1970-2021</li><li>Proprietary database</li></ul>
Official Airline Guide (OAG)	Global Origin-Destination (OD) pairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ASMs/ATMs</li><li>Operations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aircraft name</li><li>Airline/Carrier</li><li>Seats/payload</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year range: 2000-2020</li><li>Proprietary database</li></ul>

# North America Domestic Commercial Passenger Markets (COD 2018)

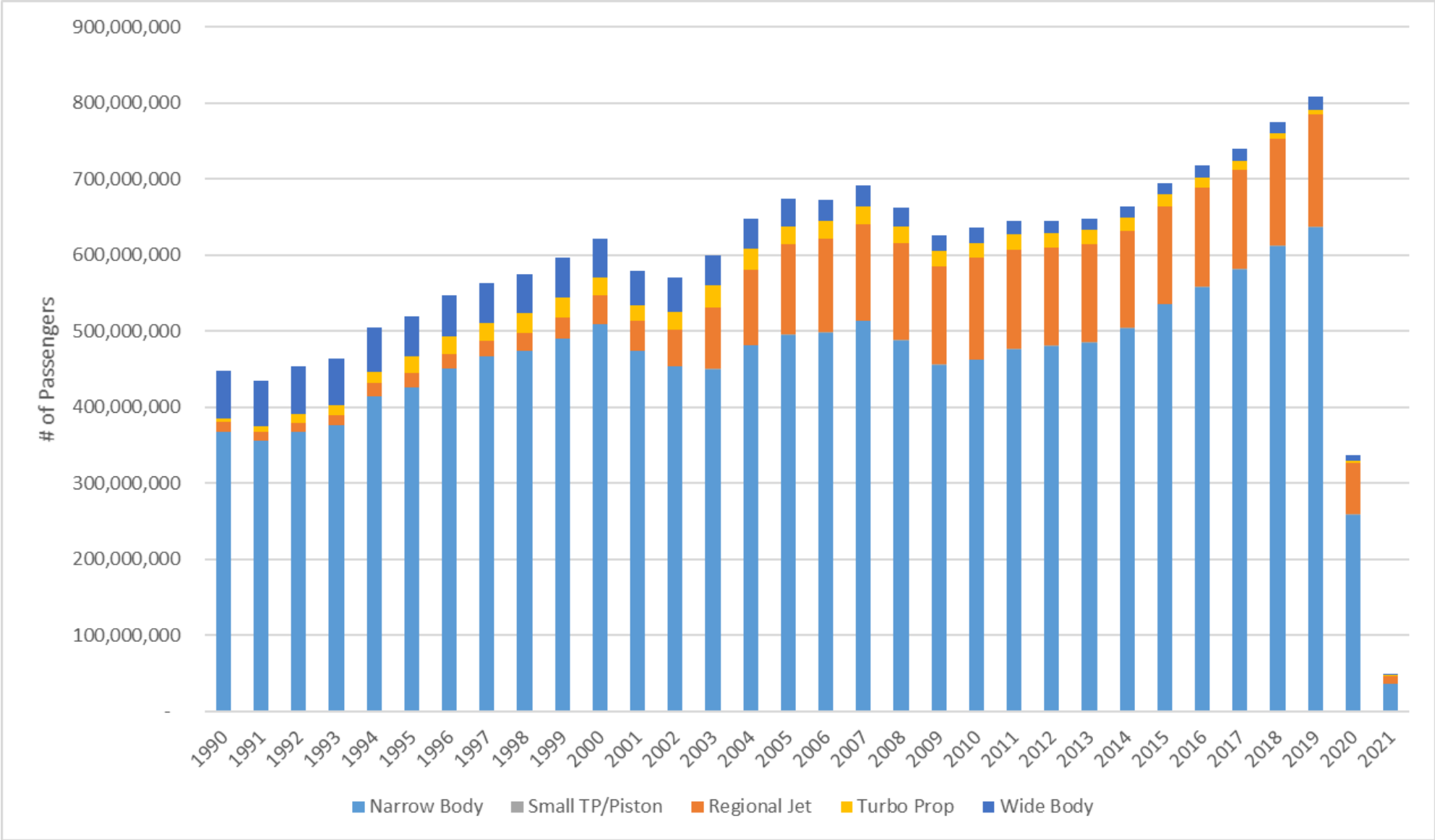
							Percent NA Domestic to Global		
Market	Seat Range	Operations	Available Seat Miles (in millions)	In-Service Fleet	Avg. Seats	Avg. Distance	Operations	Available Seat Miles (in millions)	In-Service Fleet
<b>Small TP/Piston</b>	<b>&lt;19</b>	881,363	2,846	-	13	248	59%	66%	-
<b>TP</b>	<b>20-100</b>	642,786	9,177	397	57	248	18%	21%	27%
<b>RJ</b>	<b>20-100</b>	3,067,534	87,201	1,728	68	418	61%	59%	53%
<b>NB</b>	<b>101-210 (single aisle)</b>	4,885,740	630,782	3,682	156	809	21%	23%	21%
<b>WB</b>	<b>&gt;210 (twin aisle)</b>	234,961	77,480	213	263	1,252	6%	3%	4%
<b>Total</b>		9,712,384	807,486	12,739	137	609	26%	14%	33%



# Domestic U.S. Commercial PAX Market – No. Operations (BTS)



# Domestic U.S. Commercial PAX Market – No. Passengers (BTS)



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# Multi-Modal Economic Analysis of the COVID-19 Pandemic Exogenous Shock

## ARMD Systems Analysis Symposium

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# Background and Introduction

- Volpe Center is conducting a COVID-19 Impact Study in support of NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate
  - Analyze COVID-19's effect on various modes of transport and economic indicators, including insights on modal resiliency
- This presentation illustrates results of passenger and freight multimodal trends in relation to economic indicators before and during the COVID-19 pandemic through Q1 2021
  - Focus on the aviation market

# Agenda

- Relationship between economic indicators and transportation activity
- Overview of transportation activity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century prior to COVID-19
- Impact of COVID-19 on transportation activity
- Economic indicator/transportation activity analysis
- Resiliency

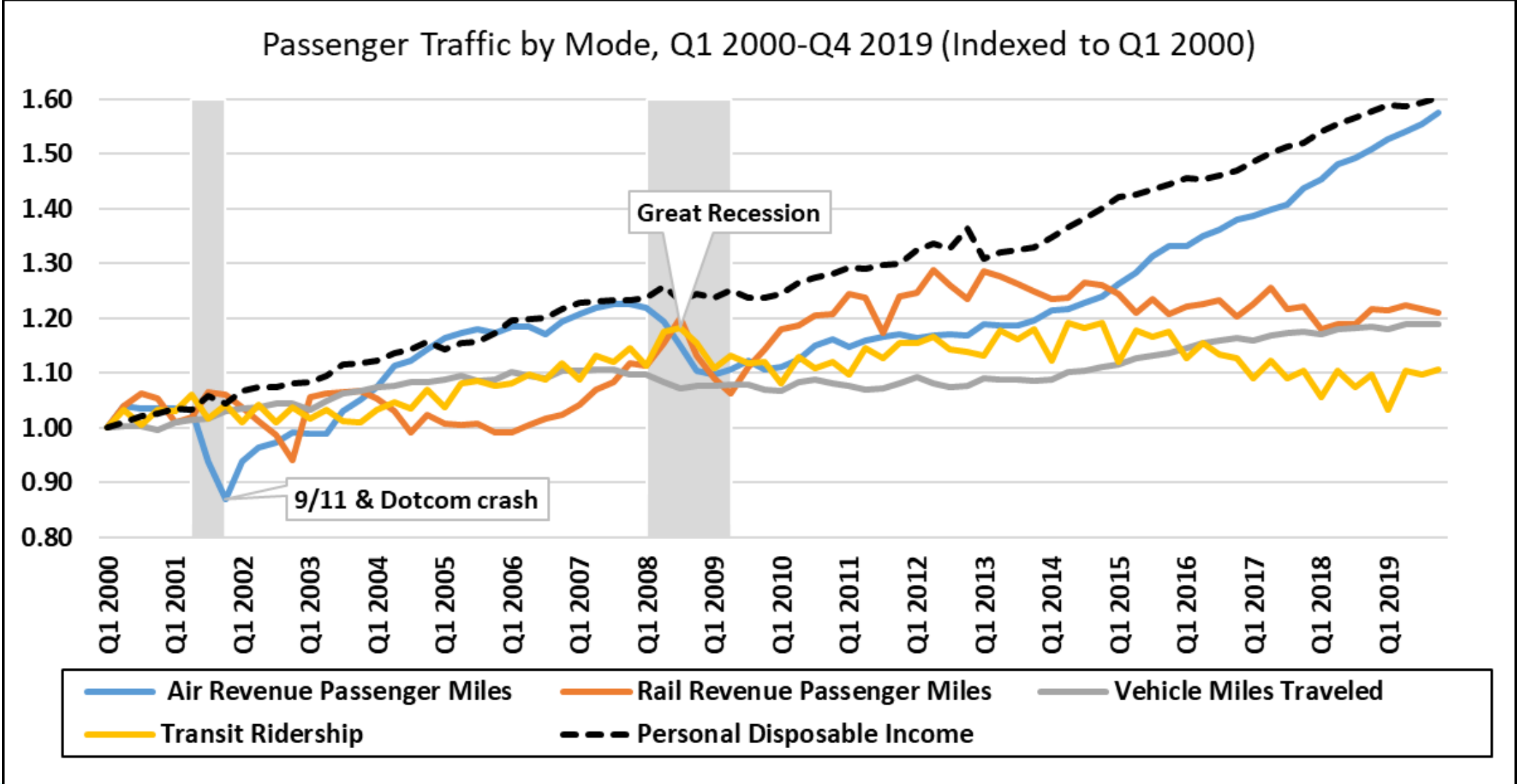
# Transportation is a Derived Demand



# Modal Data Dictionary

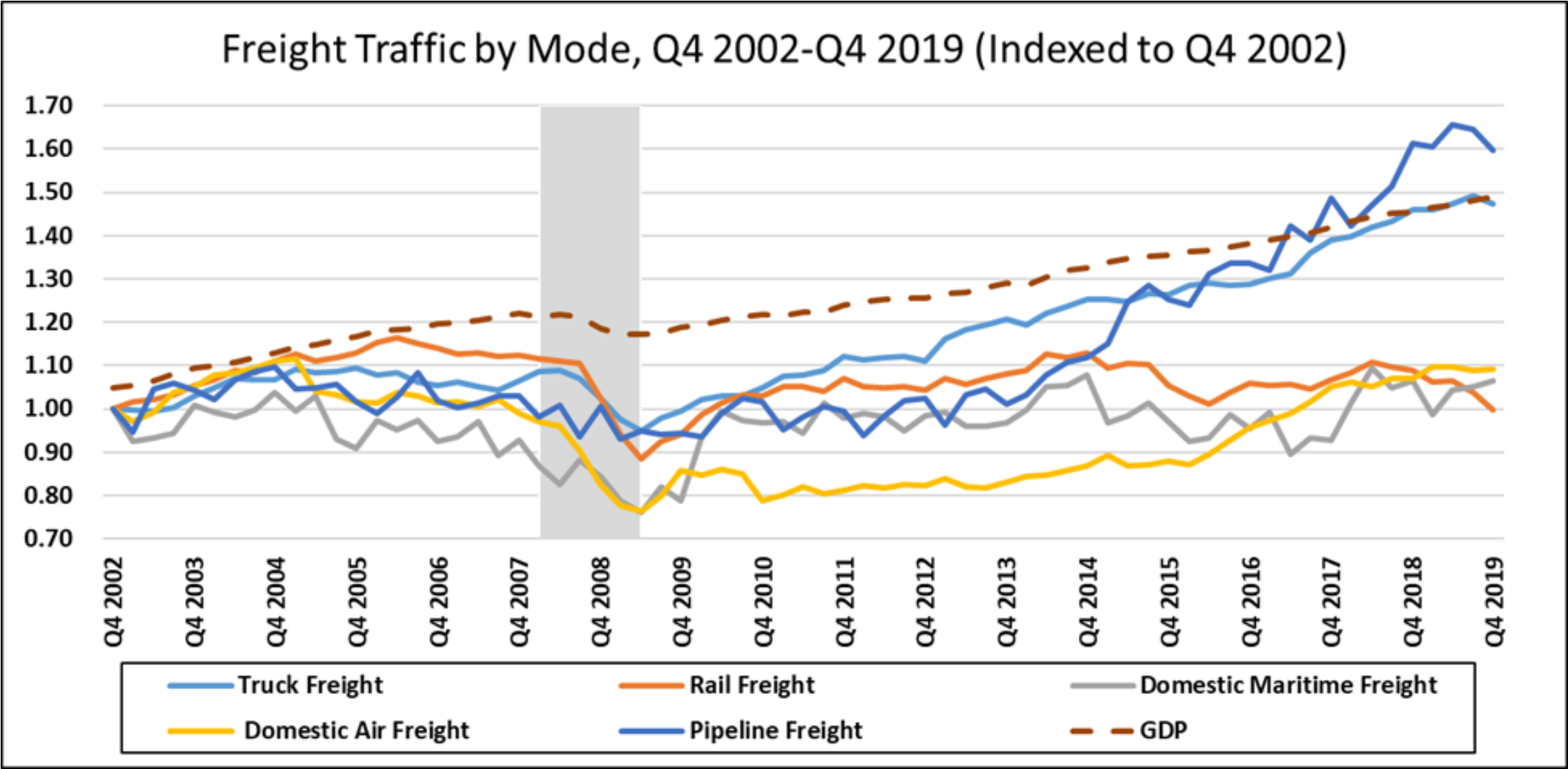
Mode	Freight/Passenger	Data Metric	Source
Aviation	Passenger	Aviation Revenue Passenger Miles	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Highway	Passenger	Vehicle Miles Traveled	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Transit	Passenger	Estimated Unlinked Passenger Trips	American Public Transportation Association
Rail	Passenger	Rail Revenue Passenger Miles	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Aviation	Freight	Air Revenue Ton Miles of Freight and Mail	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Truck	Freight	Truck Tonnage Index	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Rail	Freight	Rail Carloads and Intermodals	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Maritime	Freight	Monthly Tonnage Indicator	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Pipeline	Freight	Pipeline Movement	Energy Information Administration

# Modal Passenger Activity: Pre-COVID-19

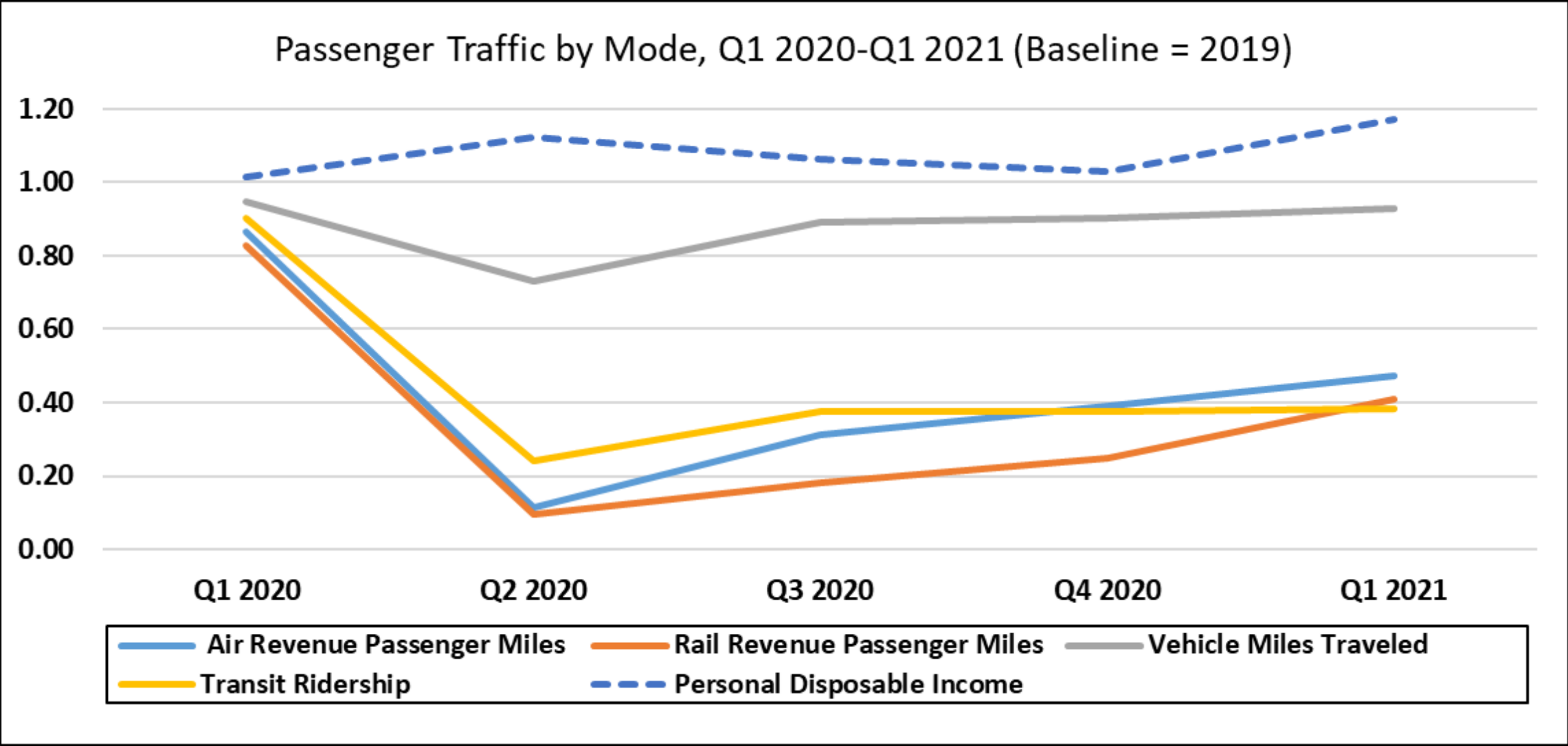




# Modal Freight Activity: Pre-COVID-19



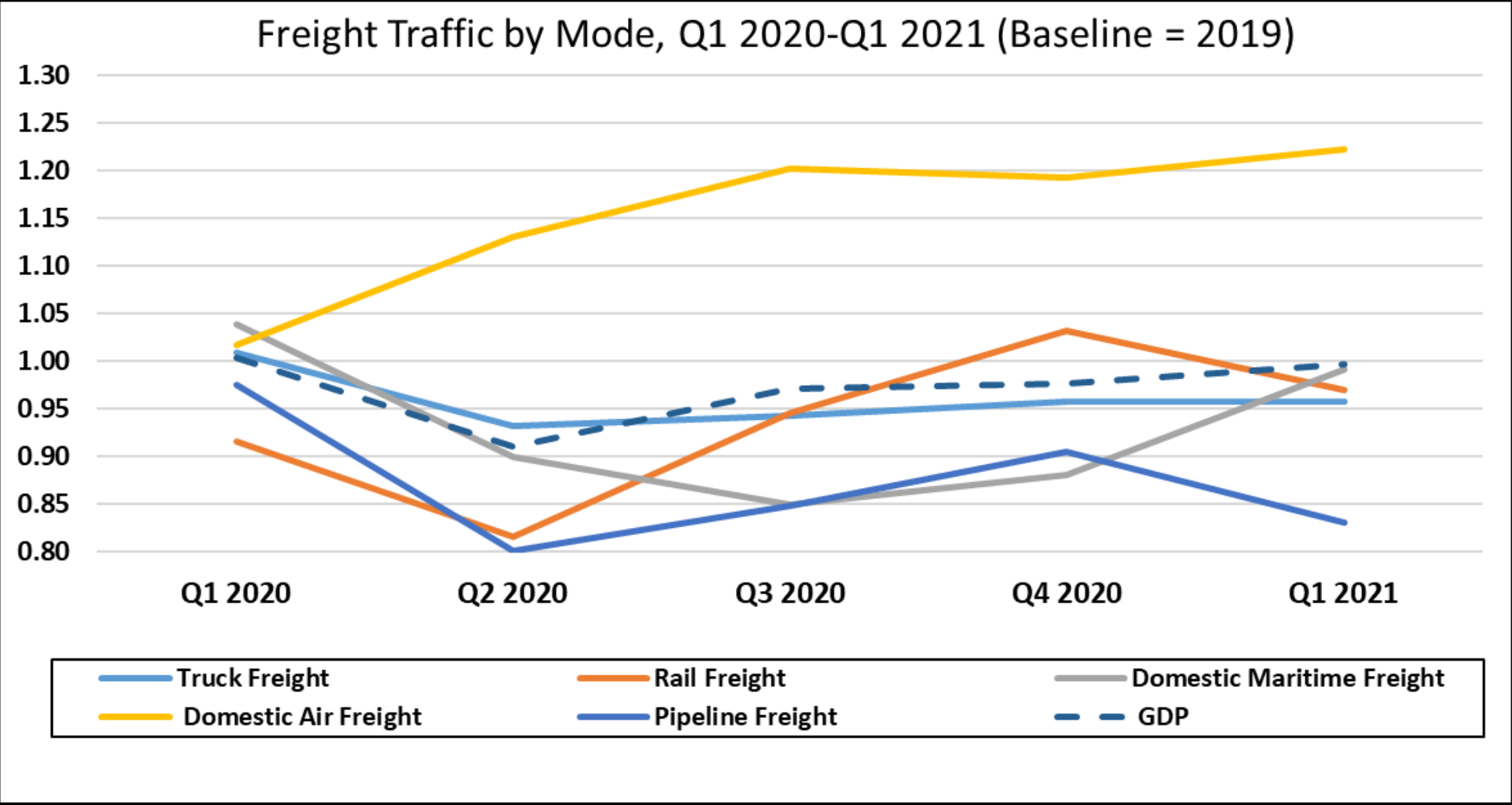
# Modal Passenger Activity During COVID-19



# Decrease in Modal Passenger Travel During U.S. Recessions

Recessionary Period	Air	Rail	Vehicle	Transit
COVID-19 Pandemic	-89%	-90%	-27%	-76%
Great Recession	-11%	-5%	-3%	-3%
9/11 & Dotcom Crash	-16%	-4%	1%	-2%

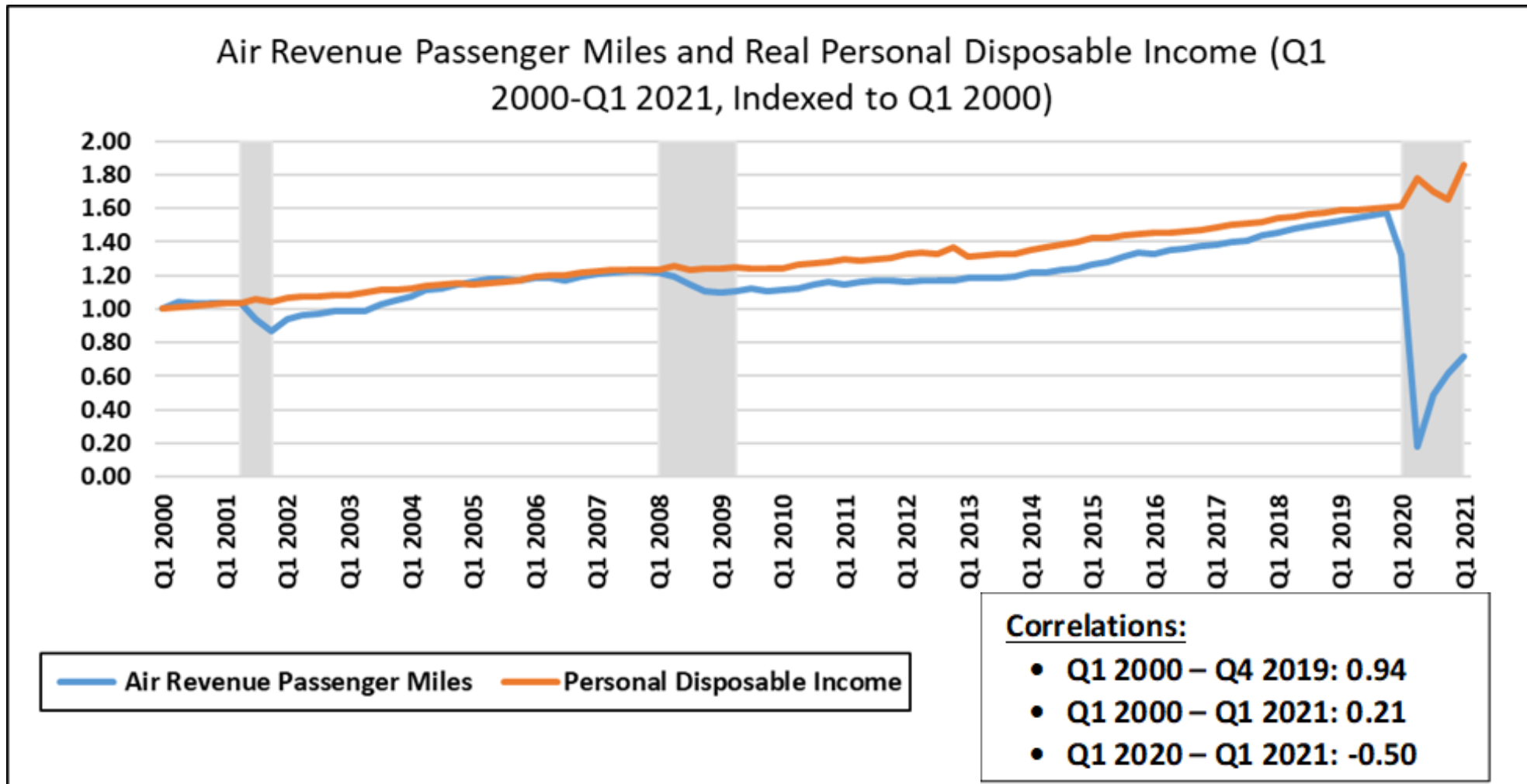
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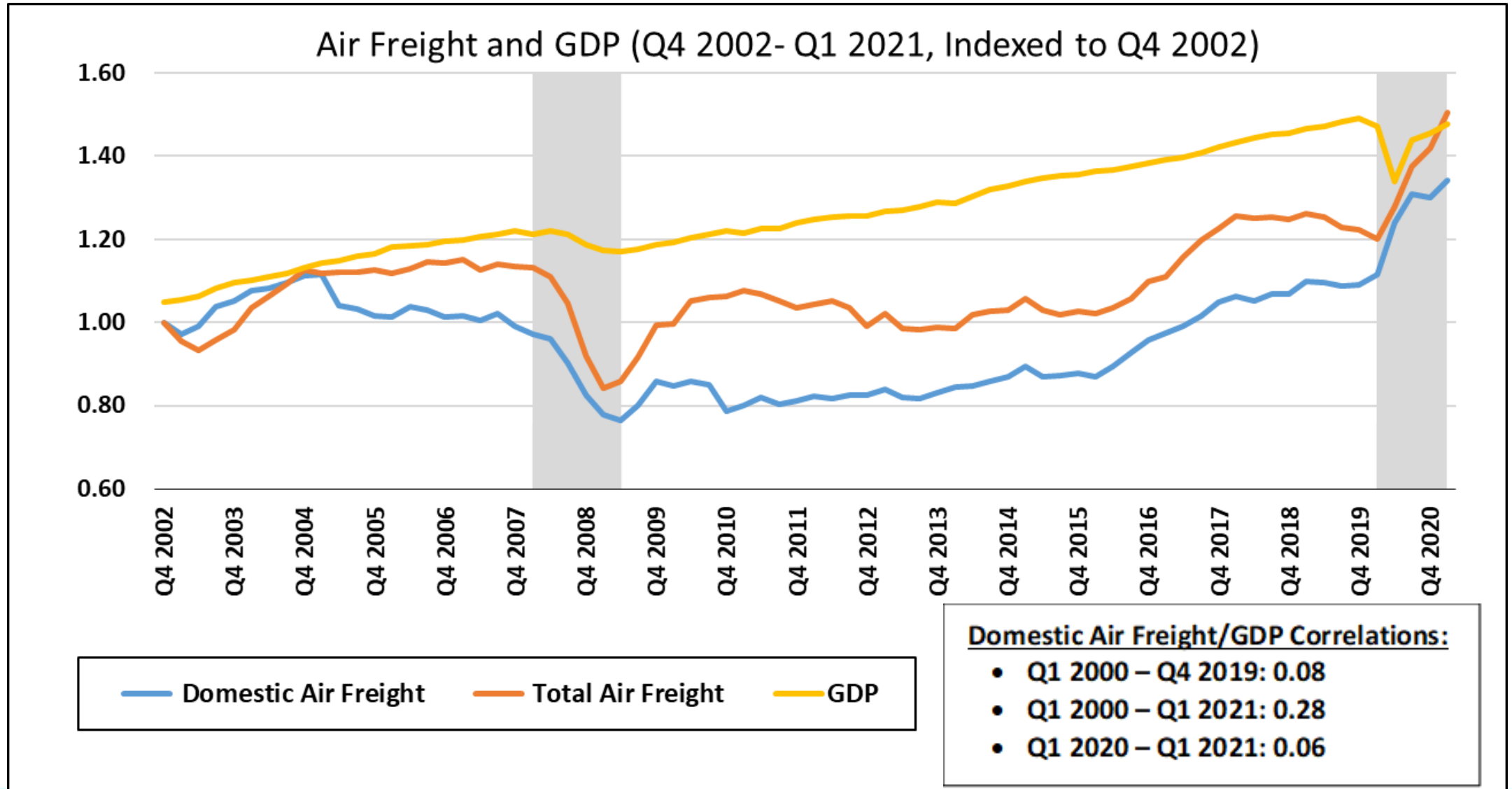
Recessionary Period	Air	Rail	Truck	Maritime	Pipeline
COVID-19 Pandemic	2%	-8%	-18%	-16%	-20%
Great Recession	-25%	-11%	-22%	-22%	-10%
9/11 & Dotcom Crash	N/A	0%	-3%	-7%	-4%

# Passenger Air Travel and Real Disposable Income

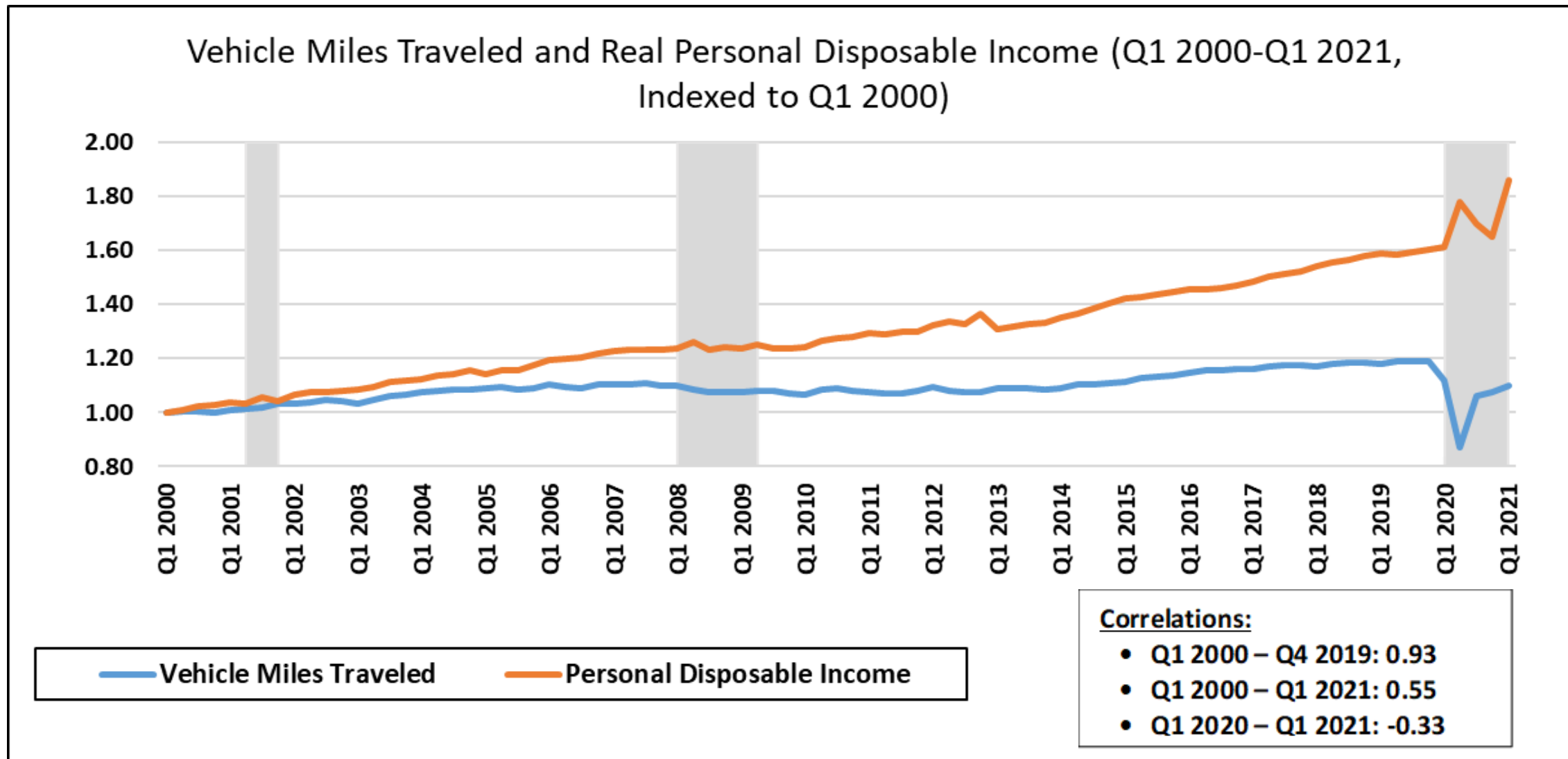




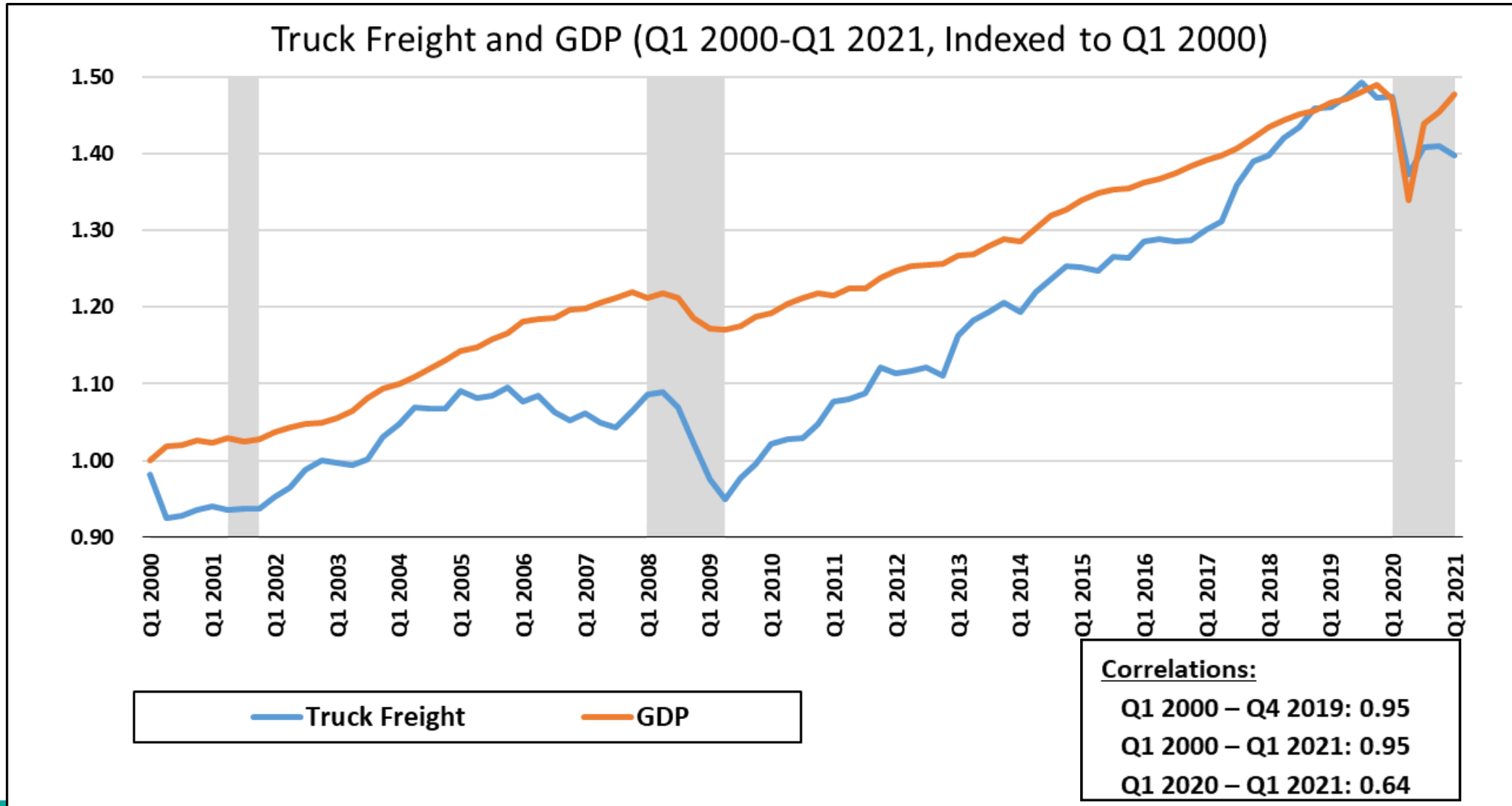
# Air Freight and GDP



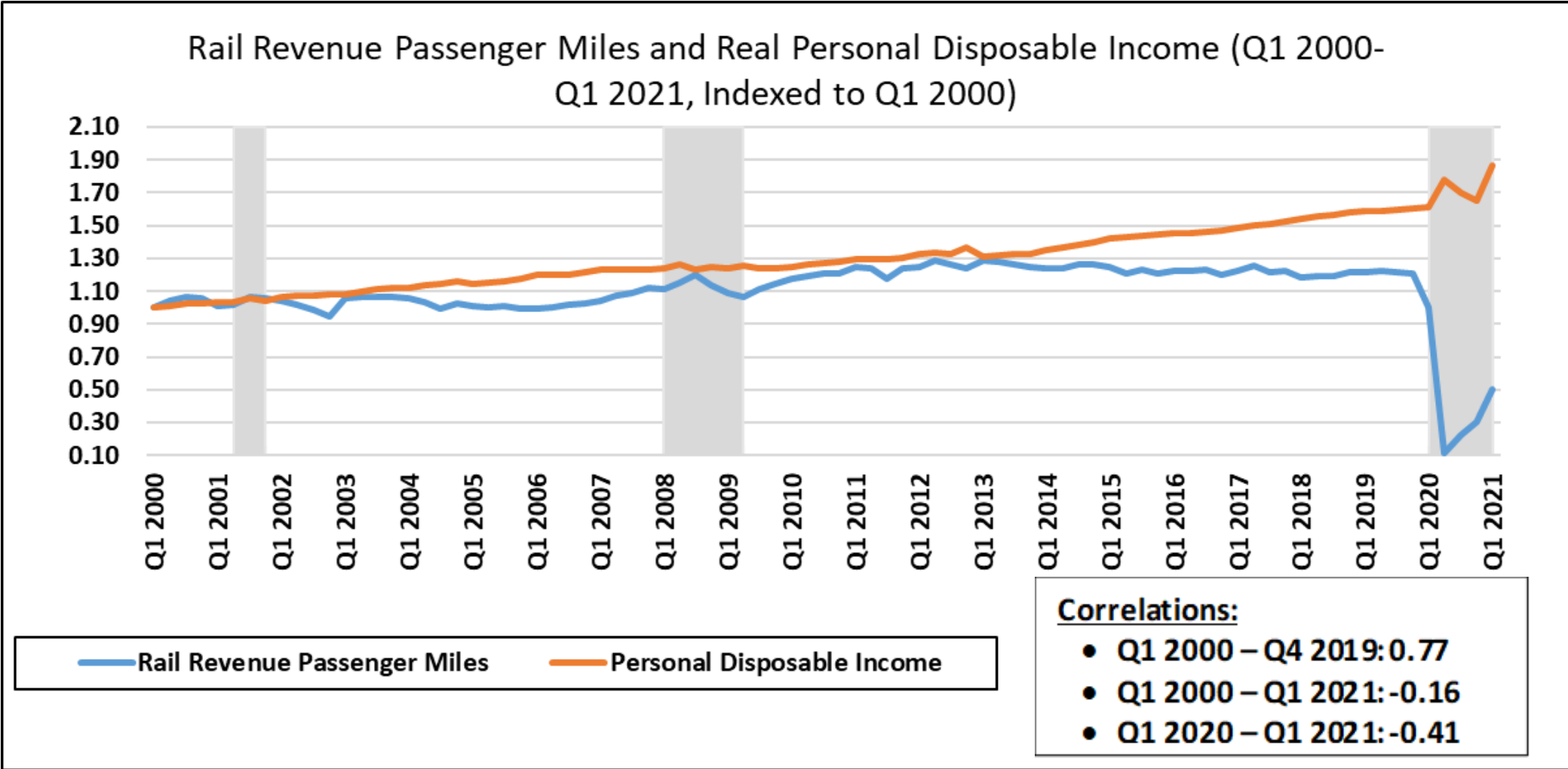
# Vehicle Miles Traveled and Real Disposable Income



# Truck Freight and GDP

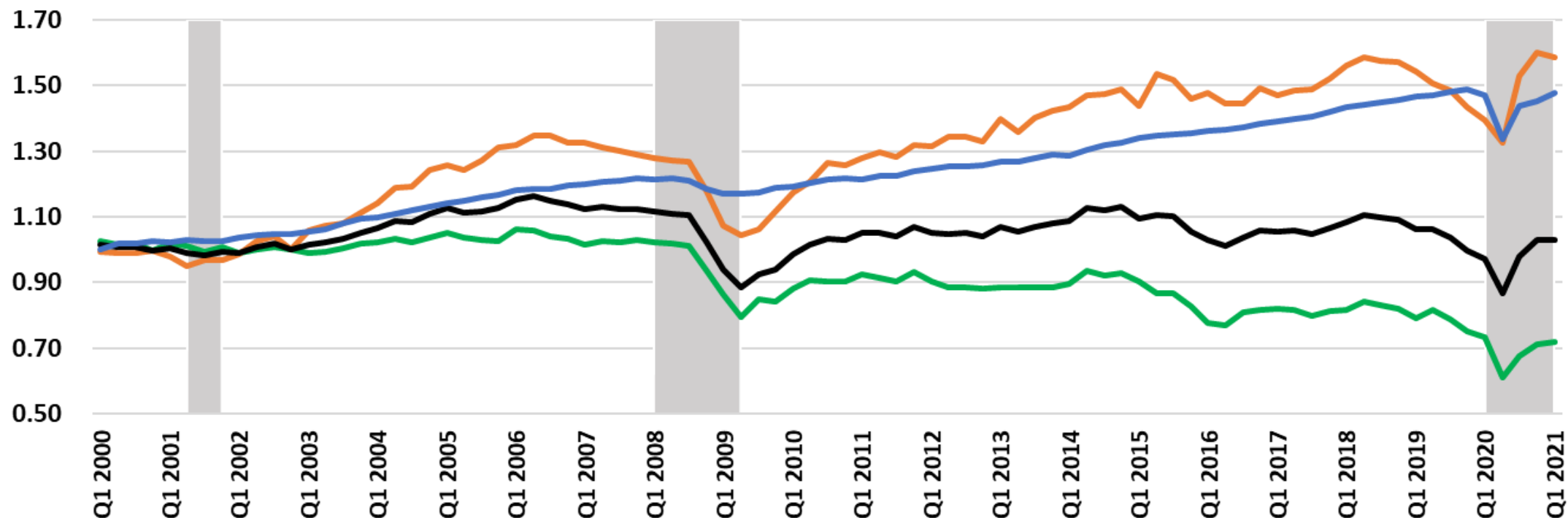


# Passenger Rail Travel and Real Disposable Income



# Rail Freight and GDP

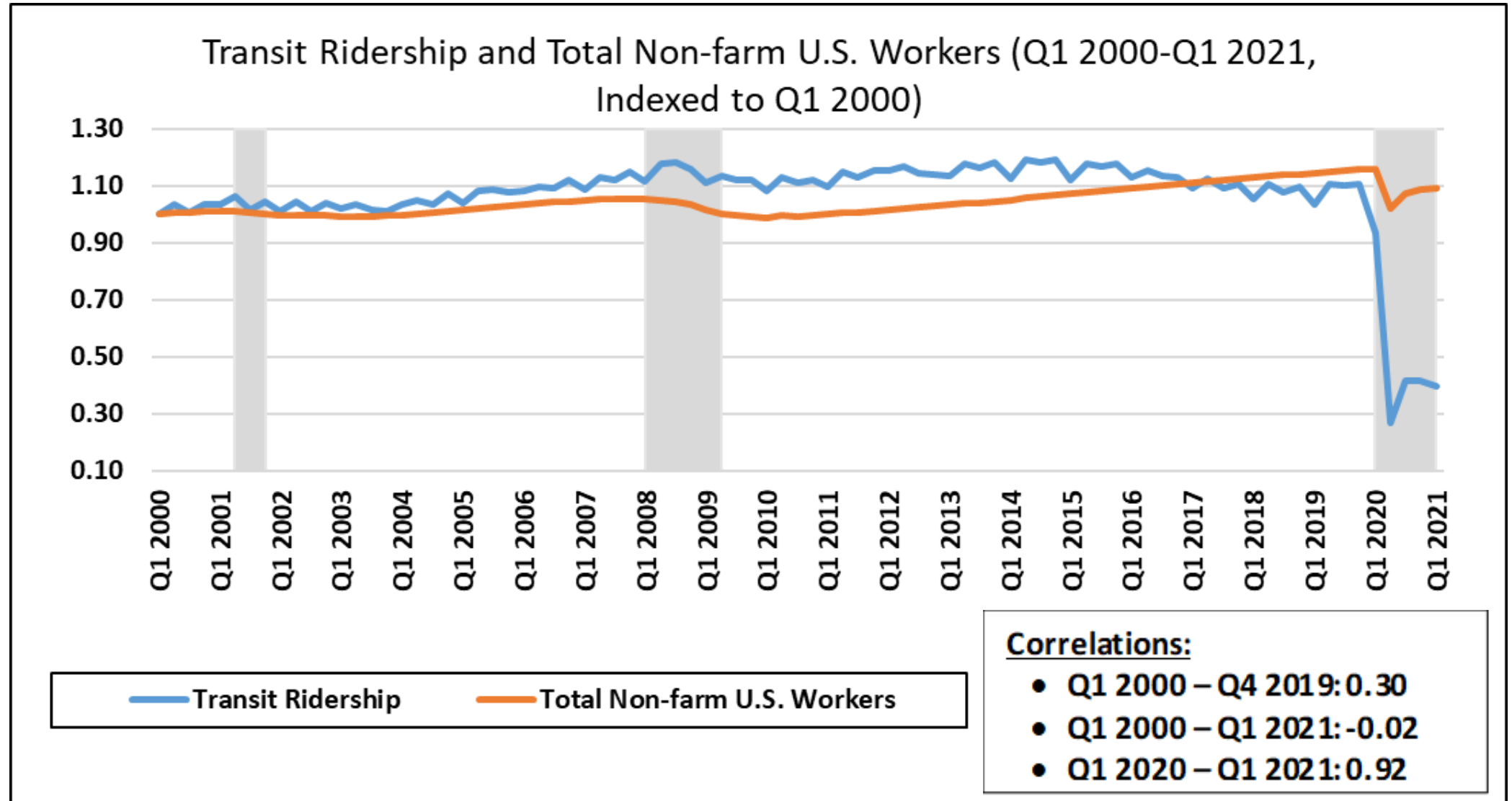
Rail Freight and GDP



**Total Rail Freight Correlations:**

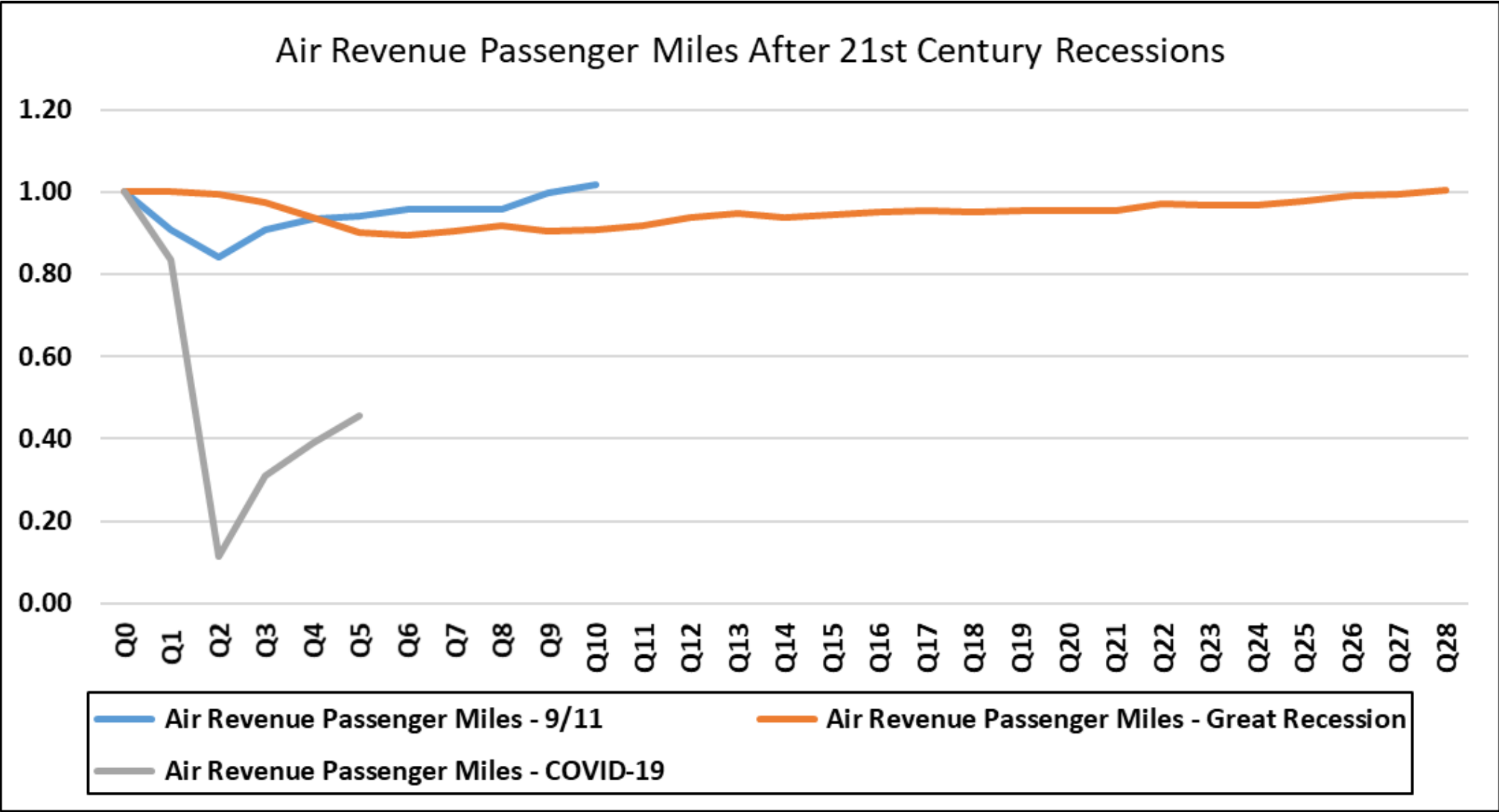
- Q1 2000 – Q4 2019: 0.75
- Q1 2000 – Q1 2021: 0.73
- Q1 2020 – Q1 2021: 0.73

# Transit Ridership and Employment

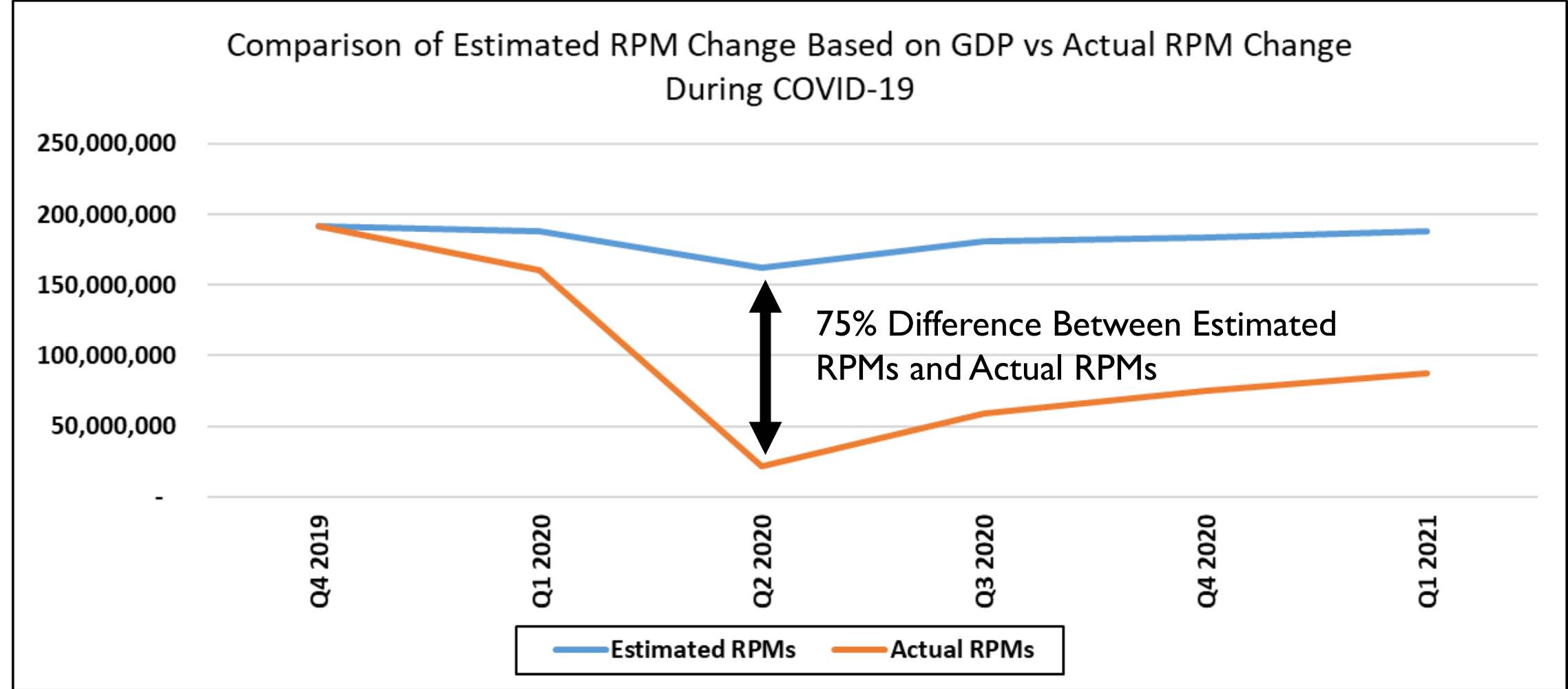




# Resiliency: Air Travel Comparison After Recessions



# Resiliency: Estimated Air Travel vs Actual Air Travel Based on GDP Change



# Summary of Correlations Between Economic Indicators and Passenger Transportation Before and During COVID-19

Relationship	Pre-COVID-19 Pandemic Correlation	COVID-19 Pandemic Correlation
Passenger Air Travel-Disposable Income	0.94	-0.50
Vehicle Travel-Disposable Income	0.93	-0.33
Passenger Rail Travel-Disposable Income	0.77	-0.41
Passenger Air Travel-Employment	0.94	0.99
Vehicle Travel-Employment	0.90	0.87
Passenger Rail Travel-Employment	0.50	0.93
Transit Ridership-Employment	0.30	0.92

# Summary of Correlations Between Economic Indicators and Freight Transportation Before and During COVID-19

Relationship	Pre-COVID-19 Pandemic Correlation	COVID-19 Pandemic Correlation
<b>Air Freight-Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.08	0.06
<b>Truck Freight-Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.95	0.64
<b>Pipeline Freight-Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.78	0.50
<b>Rail Freight-Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.28	0.91
<b>Maritime Freight and Industrial Production</b>	0.36	0.47

# Key Takeaways

- COVID-19 caused a breakdown in the passenger travel-economic indicator relationship
  - Freight fared significantly better, and domestic air freight increased during COVID-19.
- Both passenger and freight relationships weakened
- High degree of uncertainty regarding modal recovery
  - Pandemic is still ongoing

# Future Research

- Future analysis could be conducted following the conclusion of the pandemic and include:
  - A full time series dataset
  - Modal trends based on vaccination rates and virus outbreaks
  - Complete analysis of recovery paths
  - Long-term modal changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. reduction in business travel, impact on transit ridership, etc.).
- Additional research areas include:
  - Break down transportation trends by region or State within the U.S.
  - Study the pandemic's effect on international travel.
  - Examine transportation metrics within counties based on virus rates, vaccination rates, and economic activity.



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# COVID-19 Federal Policy Effects on the Aviation Industry

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# Background and Introduction

- Literature review and policy analysis of U.S. Government actions that affected the aviation industry during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Part of the Volpe Center's COVID-19 Impact Study in support of NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate
- Types of policies covered:
  - Restrictions on passenger air travel
  - Regulatory flexibilities to support industry and supply chain resilience
  - Financial support

# Change in Passenger Demand and Capacity

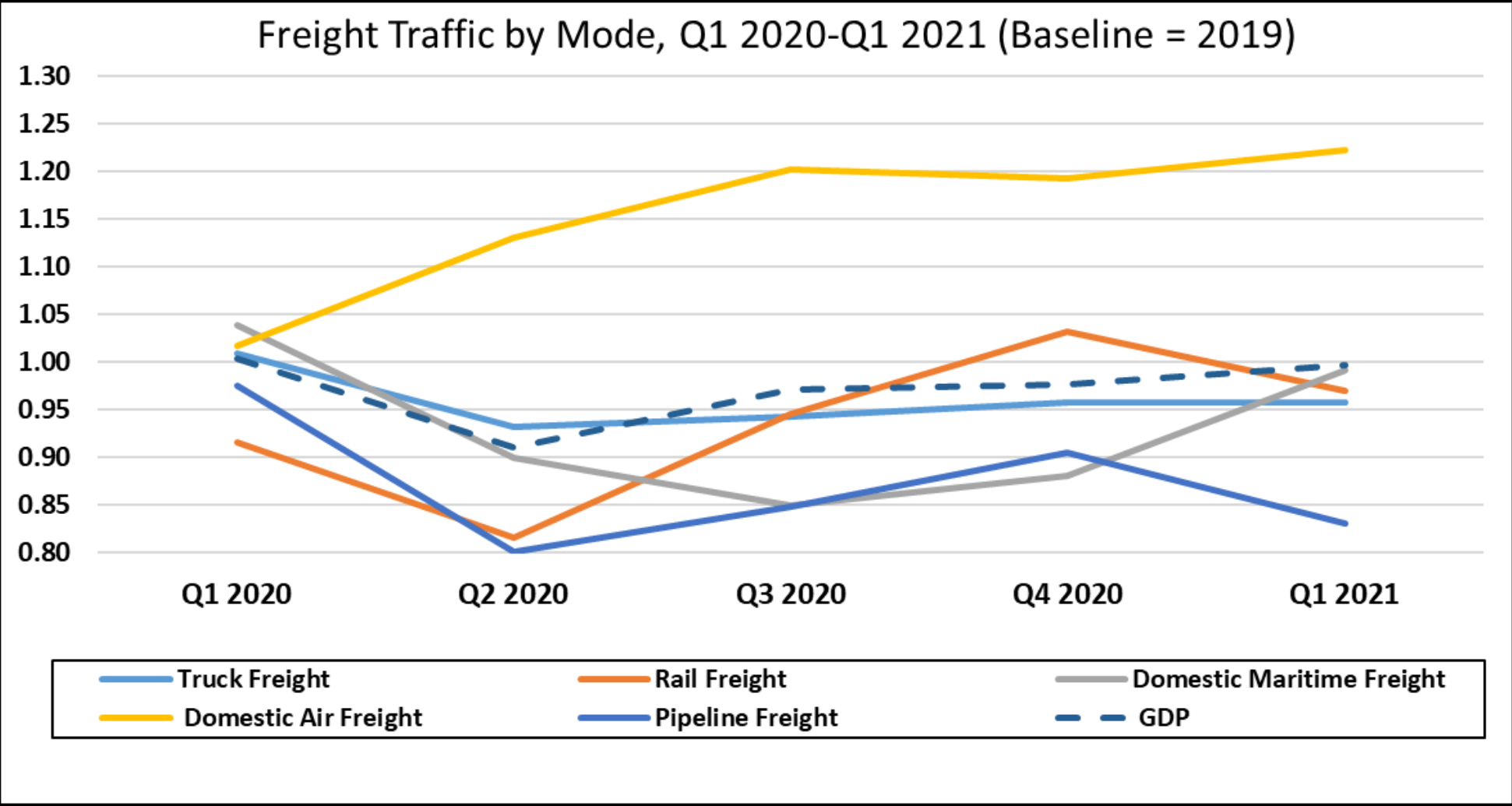
<b>2020 CALENDAR YEAR</b>	<b>DEMAND Revenue Passenger Kilometers (RPK) change from 2019</b>	<b>CAPACITY Available Seat Kilometers (ASK) change from 2019</b>	<b>Passenger Load Factor (PLF) change from 2019</b>	<b>Passenger Load Factor (PLF Level)</b>
<b>Total Market</b>	-65.90%	-56.50%	-17.80%	64.80%
<b>North America Total</b>	-65.20%	-50.20%	-25.60%	59.20%
<b>North America International</b>	-75.40%	-65.50%	-23.90%	60.10%
<b>U.S. Domestic</b>	-59.60%	-41.40%	-26.40%	58.80%

Source: IATA

# Passenger air travel

- Policies that limited supply
  - Presidential proclamations to suspend or limit entry to the U.S.
- Policies that may have limited demand
  - State-level stay-at-home orders
  - CDC requirements
    - proof of negative COVID-19 test result or recovery
    - wearing mask on planes and other forms of transportation
  - CDC risk-based recommendations for travel destinations

# Change in Freight Traffic by Mode





# Regulatory Flexibilities – FAA Actions

- Cargo transport exemptions
- Airport Slot Use Temporary Waivers
- Employee Reliefs

# Financial Support to the Aviation Industry

- \$121 billion total support to the aviation industry

	Payroll Support	Grant Funding	Loans & Loan Guarantees
CARES Act	\$32 billion 89% utilization 611 participants	\$10 billion 3,000 airports	\$46 billion allocated \$38.3 billion sought (83%) \$21.9 billion executed (57% of sought)
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021	\$16 billion 98% utilization 518 participants	\$2 billion	
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	\$15 billion 98% utilization 480 participants		

# Stipulations to Ensure Effective Policies

- Employee retention policies
- Targeted assistance
- Access to air transportation

# Considerations for Future Policies

- Provide evaluation and support of new technologies, designs, and processes to make flying safer
  - Contactless biometrics
  - Automated sanitation of baggage, kiosks, bathrooms, water fountains, high use areas
  - Testing and modeling of air flow, virus movement, and mask use onboard aircraft
- Invest in research and development to support competitiveness and sustainability of the aviation industry
- Attract and retain specialized workforce
- Target assistance to sectors that have the greatest need
- Ensure access to the national airspace system – small community service
- Develop national aviation preparedness plan for communicable diseases

# Key Takeaways

- Government intervention supported recovery
  - Provided substantial financial assistance to maintain operations
  - Adjusted to changes in demand for passenger vs. cargo
  - Safeguarded specialized workforce
- Possible future work
  - Expand assessment to other shocks
  - Seek to understand impact of government intervention vs. industry actions

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# Analysis of the Electrical Grid for UAM

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# Presentation Roadmap

- Bottom Line Up Front
- Introduction
- Strategic Analyses

	Without ground EVs	With ground EVs
Analysis by electrical interconnection (grid) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electricity <u>can</u> be shared between metro areas</li><li>• Best case</li></ul>	1 599,818 UAM charging (today max)	2 475,177 UAM charging (2050 max)
Analysis by metro area <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electricity <u>cannot</u> be shared between metro areas</li><li>• Worst case</li></ul>	3 159,429 UAM charging (today max)	4 94,541 UAM charging (2050 max)

# = Order of presentation

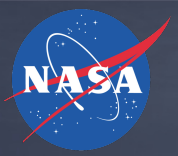
- Bottom Line and Recommendations



# Bottom Line Up Front

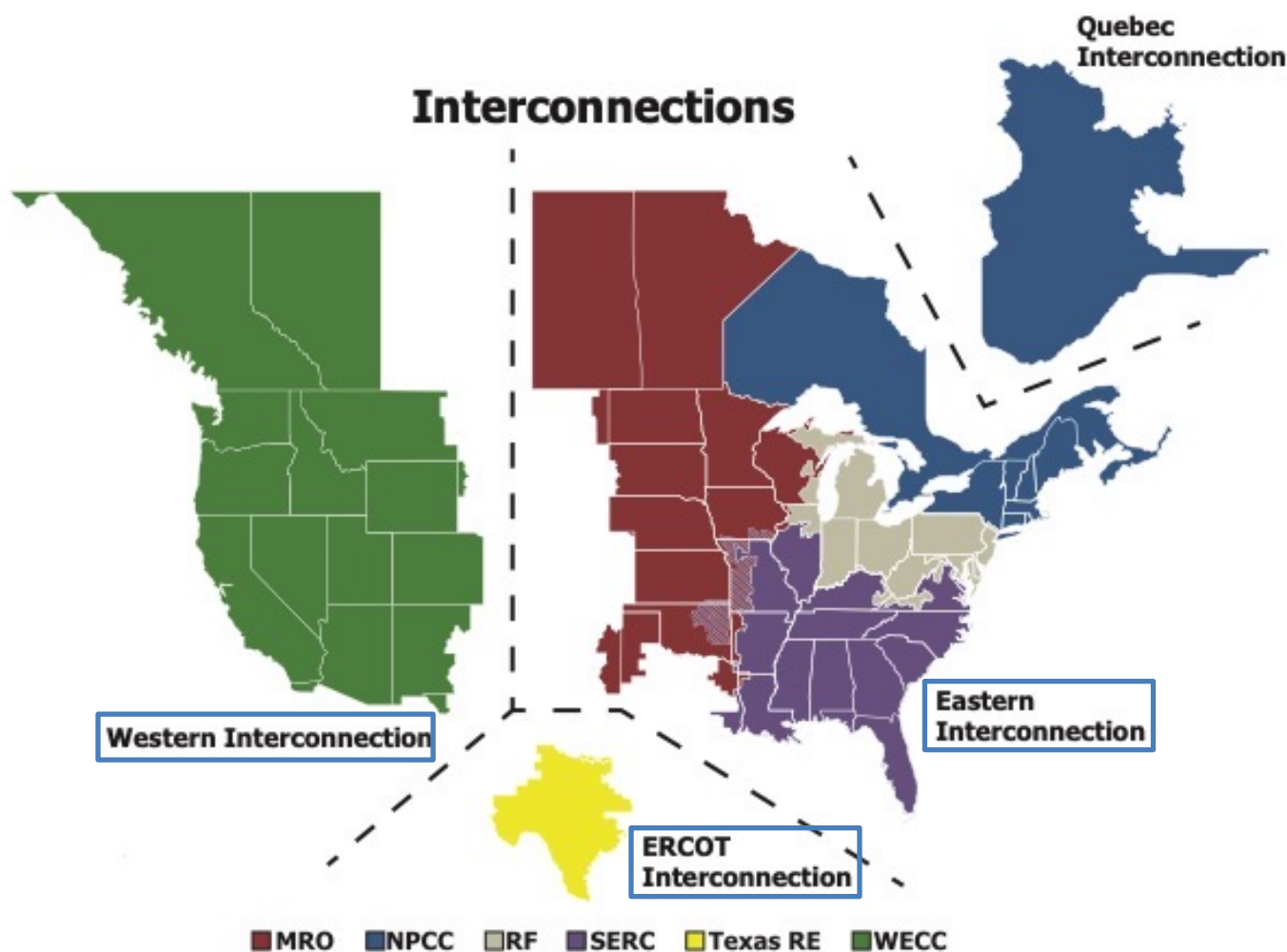
- Many technology, infrastructure, regulatory, and acceptance challenges to conduct UAM operations with eVTOLs profitably at scale while also meeting demand
  - Morgan Stanley's recent projection of the UAM Total Addressable Market worldwide through 2040 is 1/3 smaller than their 2018 projection due to these challenges
- Success of UAM depends upon the availability of electricity
  - No electricity → No powered flight → No business case
  - UAM eVTOLs may not be able to charge at scale large enough for business case
    - Lack of available electrical grid capacity may constrain UAM operations below UML-5 in many U.S. metro areas before 2050
    - Ground EVs will proliferate and consume more and more electrical grid capacity over time

Available electrical grid capacity may be a formidable constraint for UAM, in addition to regulatory/policy hurdles and public support



# Introduction

# Electrical Grids (aka Interconnections) in North America



The U.S. is part of three major electrical grids

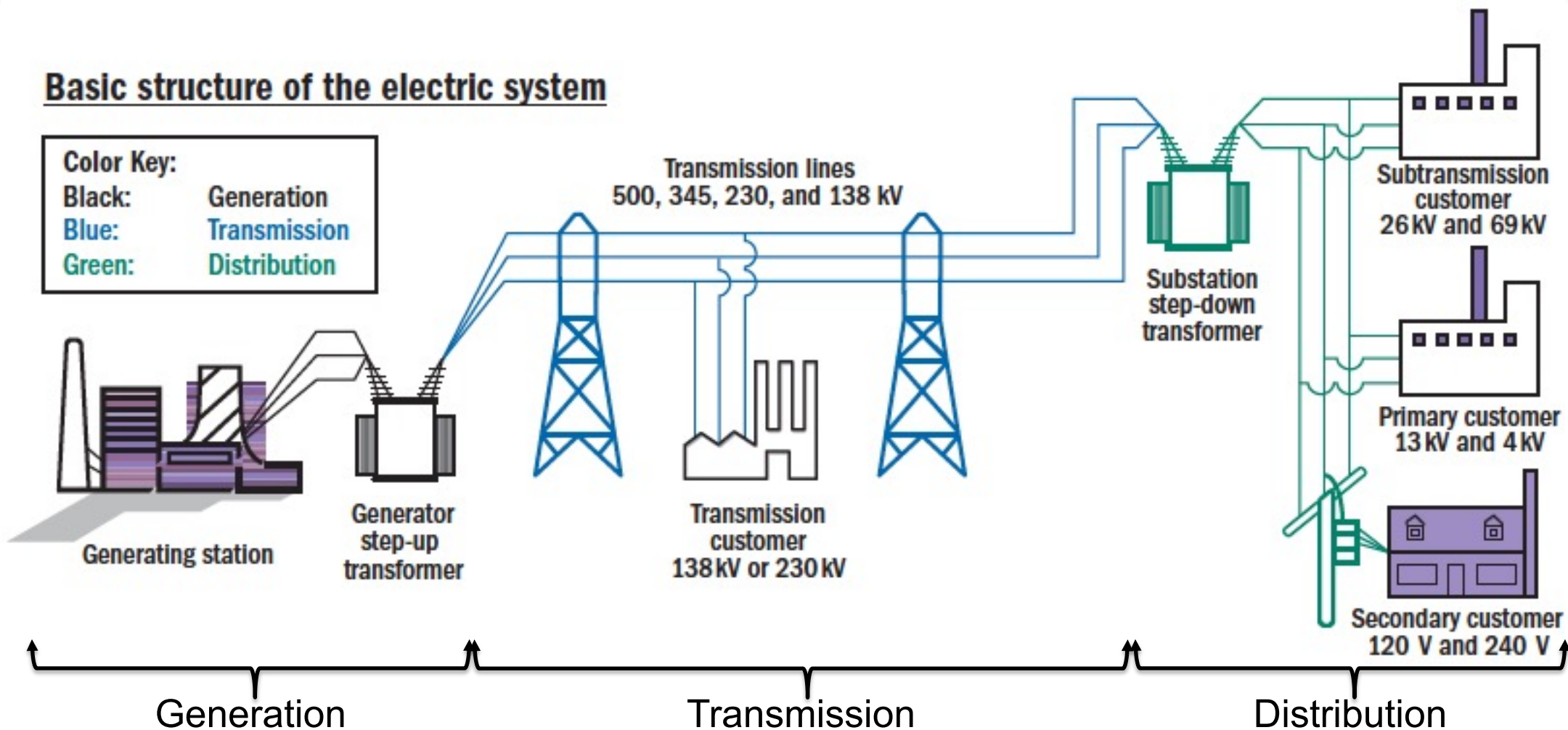
- Western Interconnection
- Eastern Interconnection
- ERCOT (Electricity Reliability Council of Texas) Interconnection

Today's analysis is for the continental U.S. (does not include Alaska, Hawaii, or Canada)

Source: North American Electricity Reliability Corporation (NERC)

<https://www.nerc.com/AboutNERC/keyplayers/PublishingImages/NERC%20Interconnections.pdf>

# Electrical Grid Structure



Interconnections can share some regional generation and transmission capacity, but not local distribution capacity

Source: <https://www.nae.edu/19579/19582/21020/183082/183133/The-US-Electric-Power-System-Infrastructure-and-Its-Vulnerabilities>



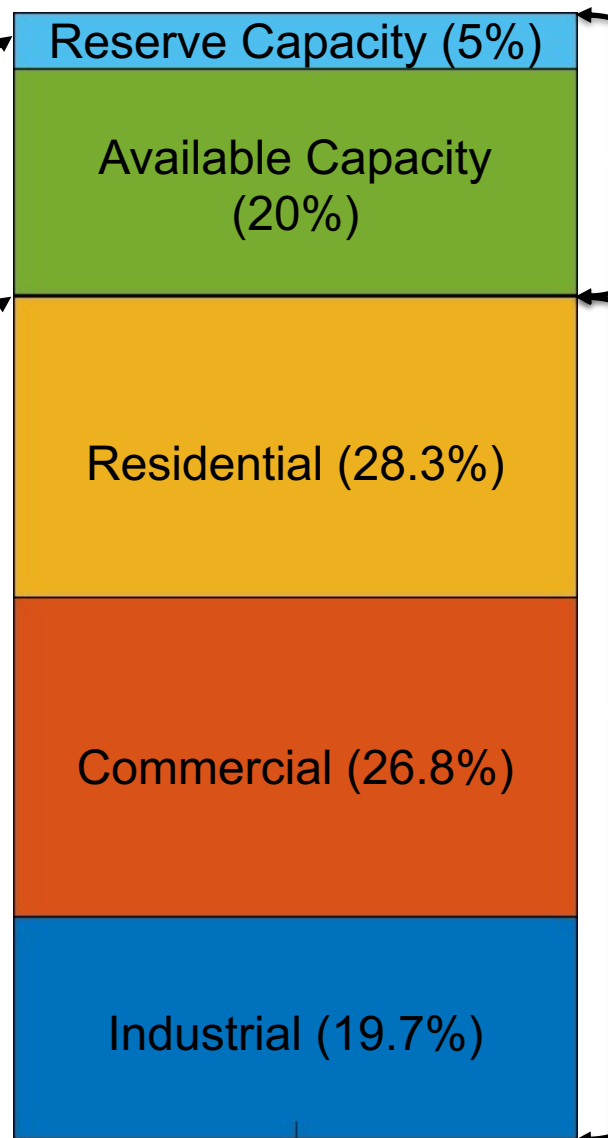


# U.S. Electrical Grid Utilization (2019)

- Assume for maintenance, contingencies, etc.
- Based on historical high electrical grid utilization of ~95% (~1970 and 2000)

Transportation (0.15%)

- Expected to grow to 11.9% by the year 2050
- Projection only includes ground transportation
- Peak ground EV electricity usage occurs in early evening
- UAM trips and charging also expected to have a peak during this time



2019 unutilized capacity: 25%

This analysis is on the sufficiency of available electrical grid capacity for UAM

2019 utilized capacity: 75%

Source (electrical grid utilization):  
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CAPUTLG2211S#0>







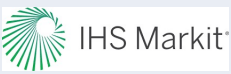





Source (electricity usage): U.S. Energy Information Administration  
[https://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/html/epa\\_02\\_02.html](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/html/epa_02_02.html)

Source (electricity usage projection):  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory:  
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Source (peak ground EV electricity usage):  
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# Variables Modeled and their Ranges

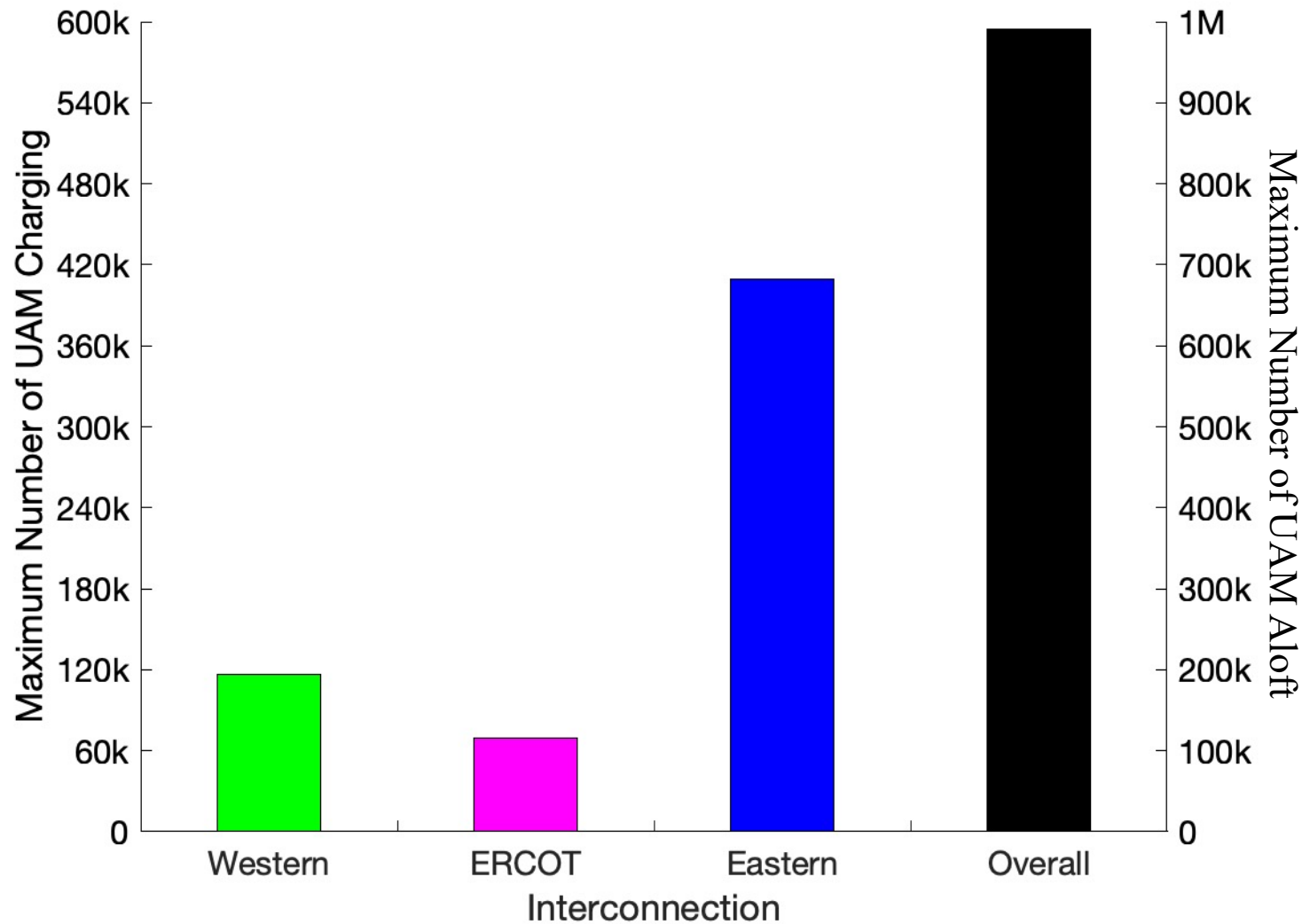
Variable	Baseline Value	Range of Values in Sensitivity Analysis	Data Source(s)
Available electrical grid capacity	20%	0%-50%	  <small>Independent Statistics &amp; Analysis</small> U.S. Energy Information Administration
Electricity generation capacity growth rate	1.54% (per annum; base scenario)	1.25%-2%	 <small>Independent Statistics &amp; Analysis</small> U.S. Energy Information Administration
Population growth rate	0.52% (per annum; main series)	0.35%-0.75%	
Ground EV ownership	40% (low among cluster of estimates)	5-50%	 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF <b>ENERGY</b>  
Ground EV charging power	7.2 kW (common Level-2 charging)	4.8-9.6 kW	 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF <b>ENERGY</b>
Ground EV peak charging	20%	5-25%	 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF <b>ENERGY</b> 
UAM charging power	400 kW; RVLT quadrotor eVTOL; 7-min recharge after 20-nmi flight at 130 kts	200 kW-600 kW	 

Values from industry and government sources  
Conducted sensitivity analysis on each variable

# Analysis by Electrical Interconnection (Grid)

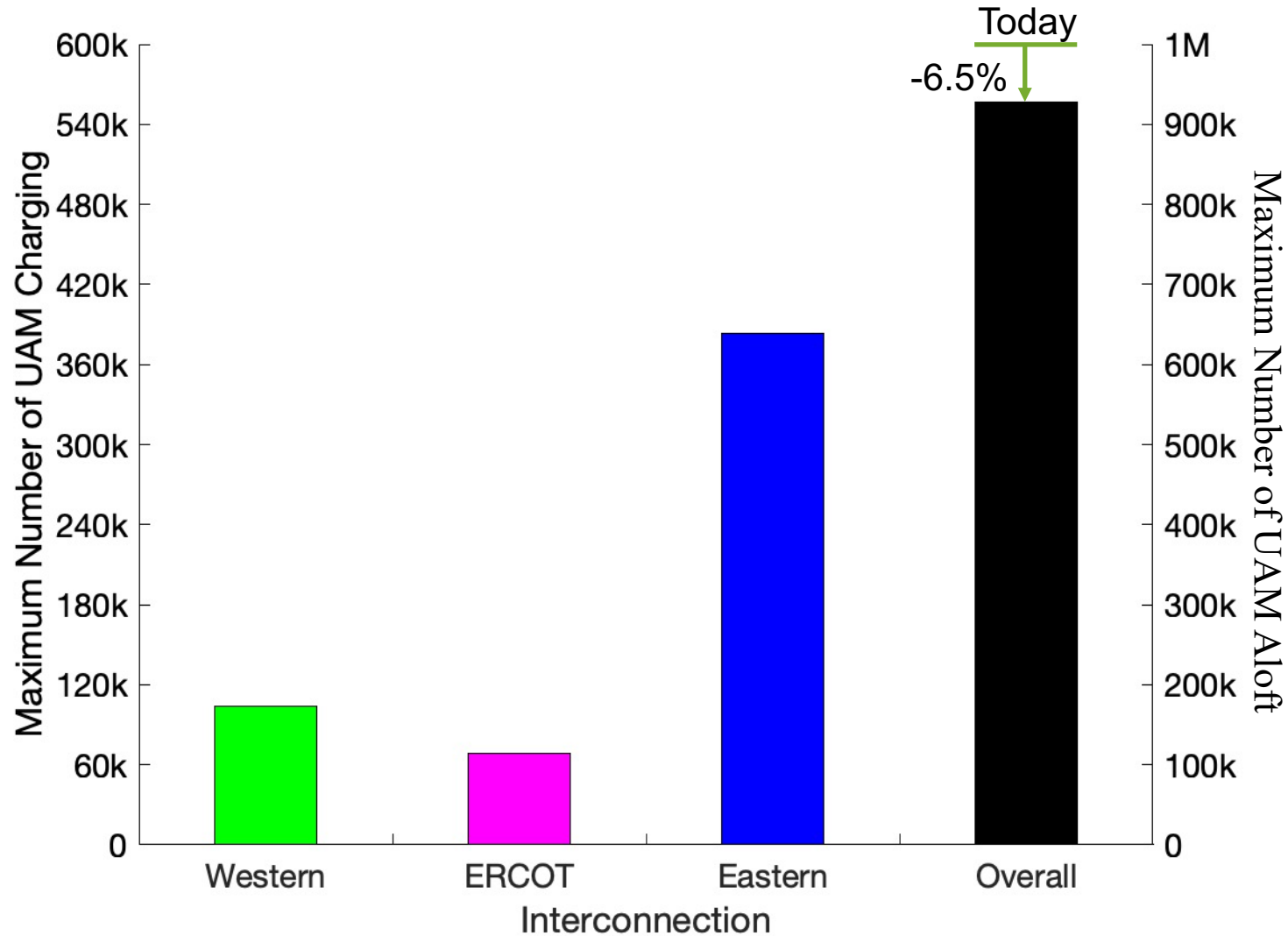
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Analysis by metro area (top 15; extending to top 40) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity <u>cannot</u> be shared between metro areas</li> <li>Worst case</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> 159,429 UAM charging (today max)	<b>4</b> 94,541 UAM charging (2050 max)

# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— Today



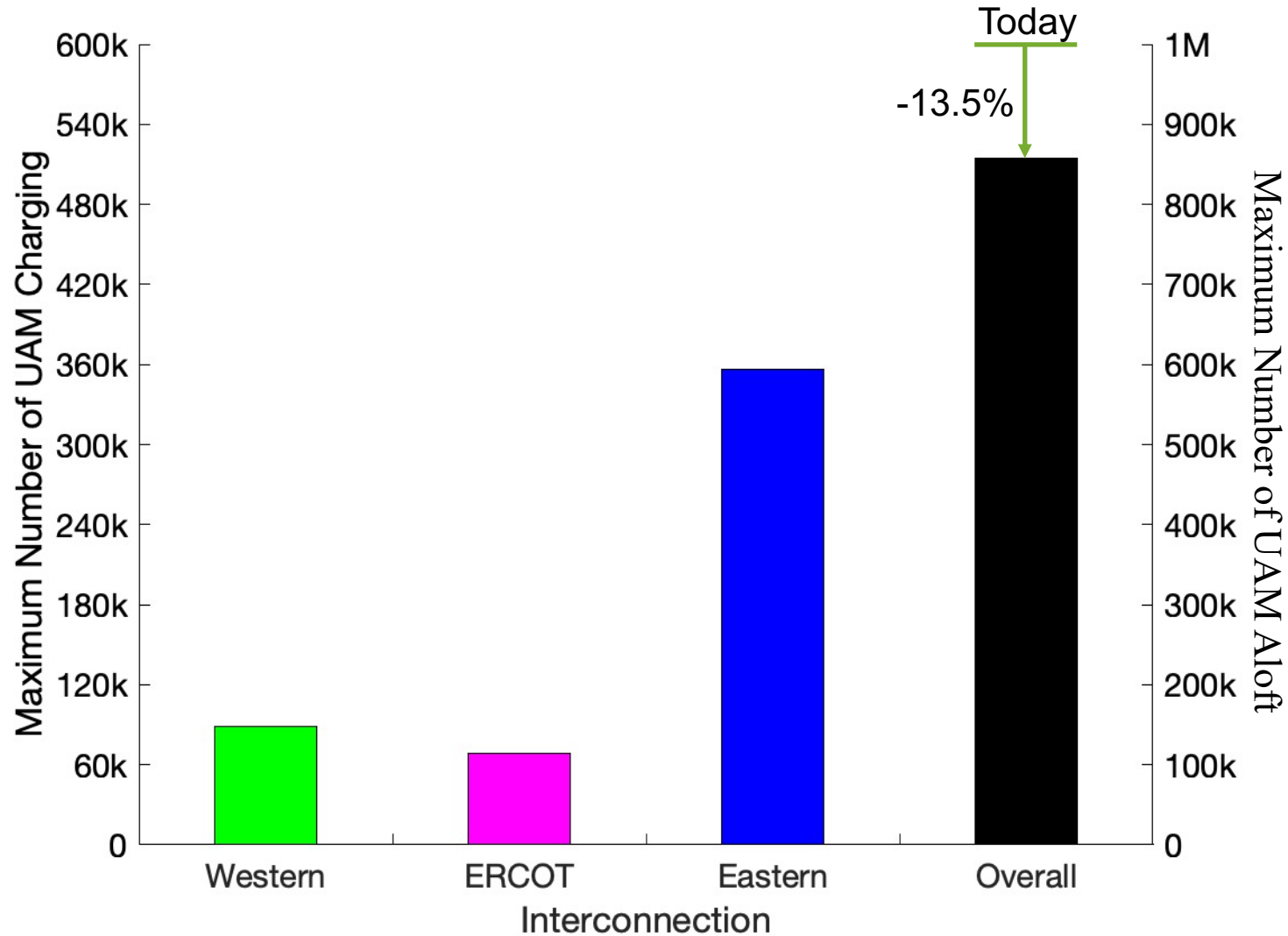
- The analysis here only has a ground EV fleet of 0.5%
- The impact of ground EVs on the maximum number of UAM operations possible today is small
- Of all the UAM in an interconnection
  - 50% are aloft
  - 30% are recharging at vertiport
  - 20% are parked at vertiport
- For example, in the CONUS today, there is available electrical grid capacity for 600k UAM to be charging simultaneously and 1M UAM to be aloft at the same time

# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2030



- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 12.8%
- Proliferation of ground EVs will consume more of the available electrical grid capacity

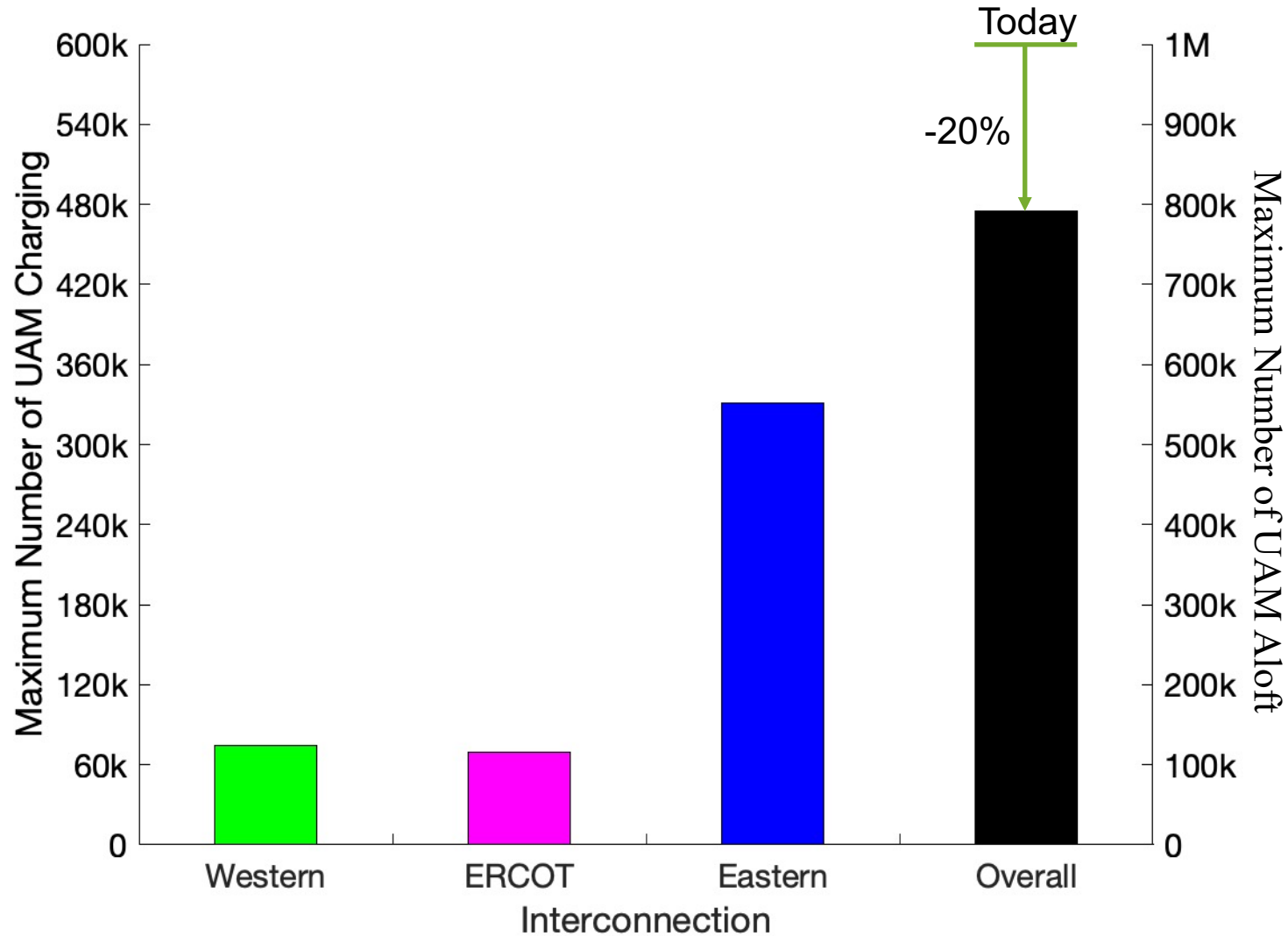
# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2040



- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 26.4%
- Proliferation of ground EVs will consume even more of the available electrical grid capacity



# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2050



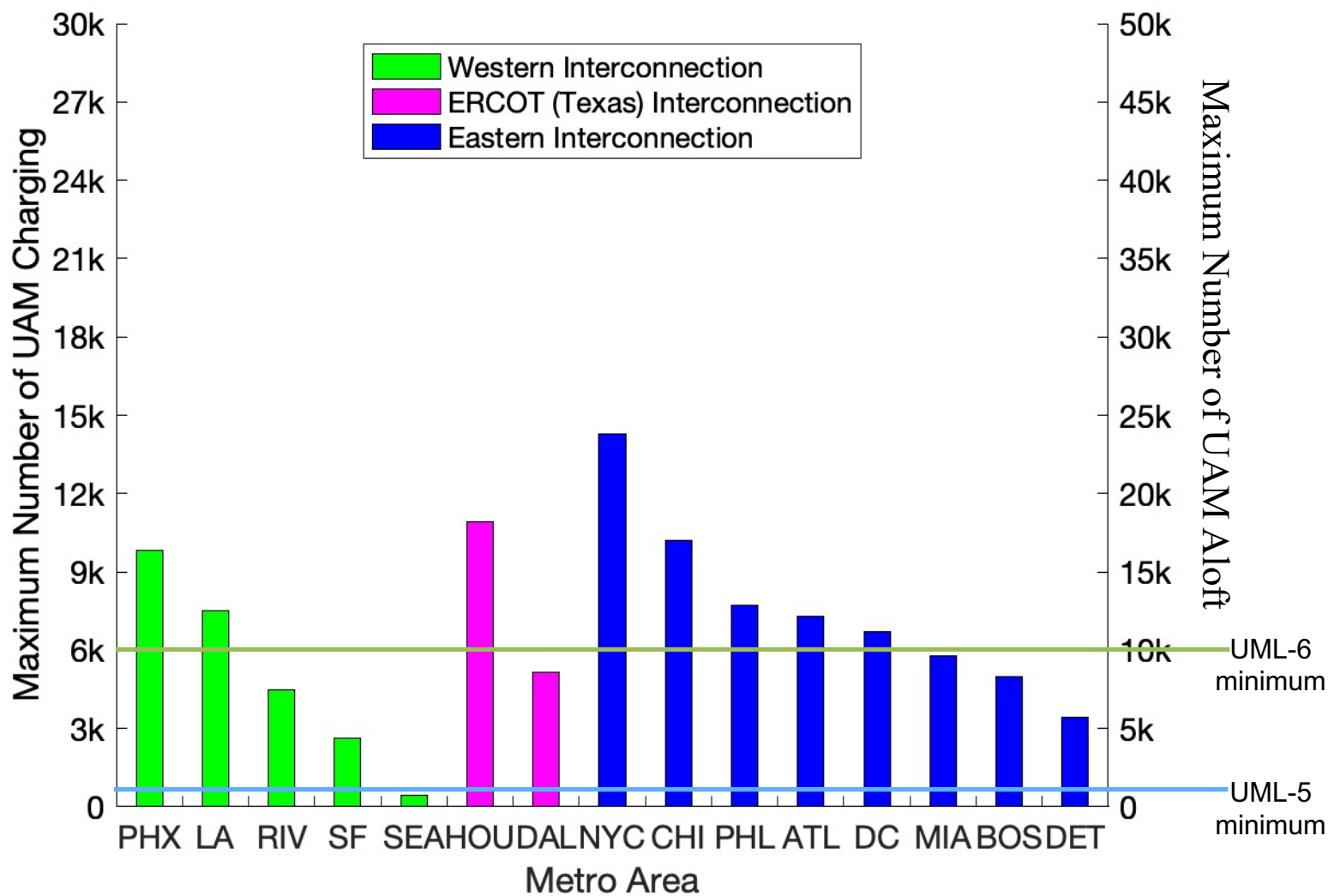
- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 40%
- Proliferation of ground EVs is estimated to reduce the maximum number of UAM operations possible in 2050 by 21%
- This is a best-case scenario in which electricity can be transmitted and distributed within each interconnection as needed
- This may require as much as
  - \$1.7T investments to remove power distribution constraints
  - \$0.7T to increase transmission capacity

# Analysis by Metro Area

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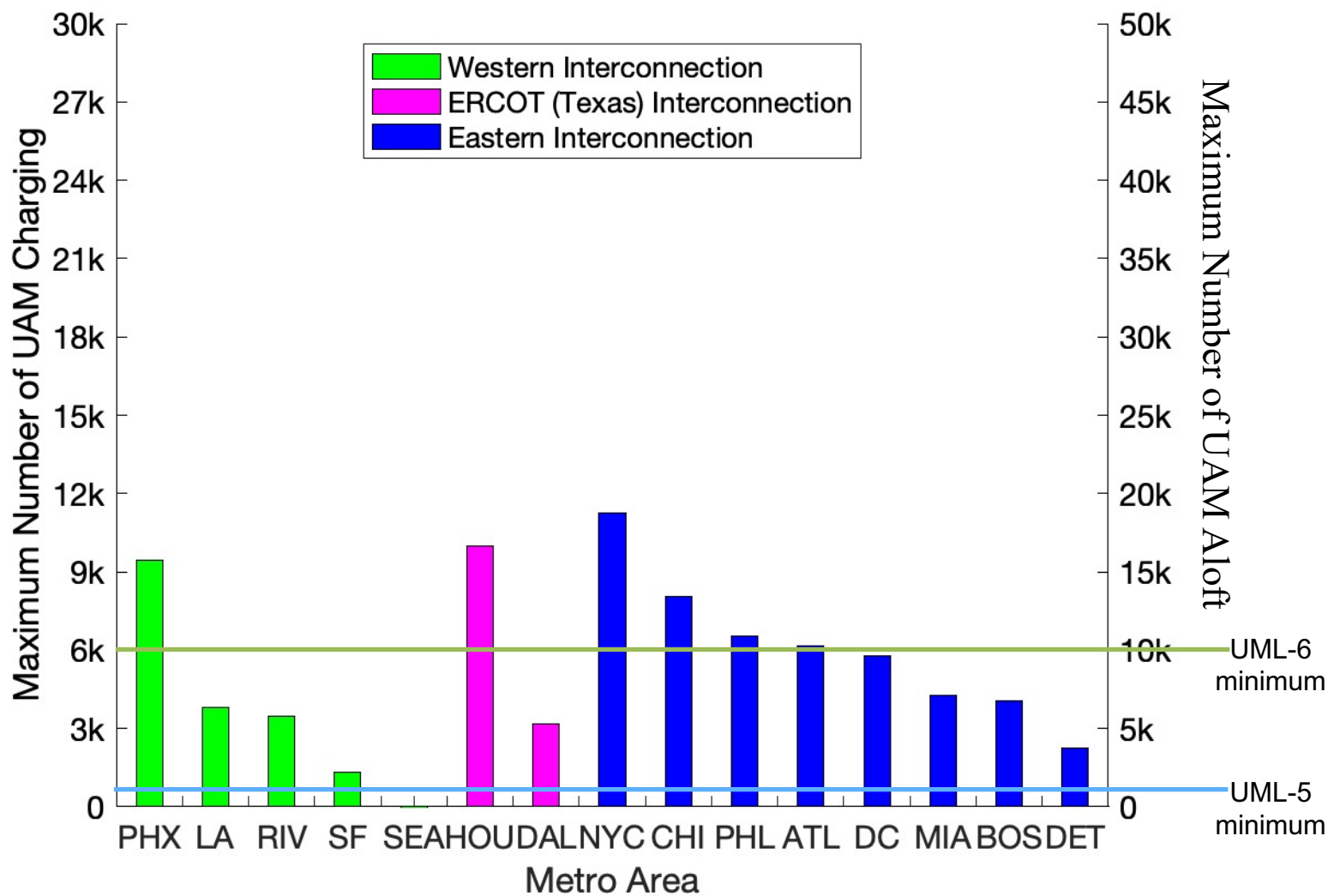
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- There may only be available electrical grid capacity for UML-6 operations in eight U.S. metro areas today if electricity cannot be transmitted and distributed within each interconnection as needed

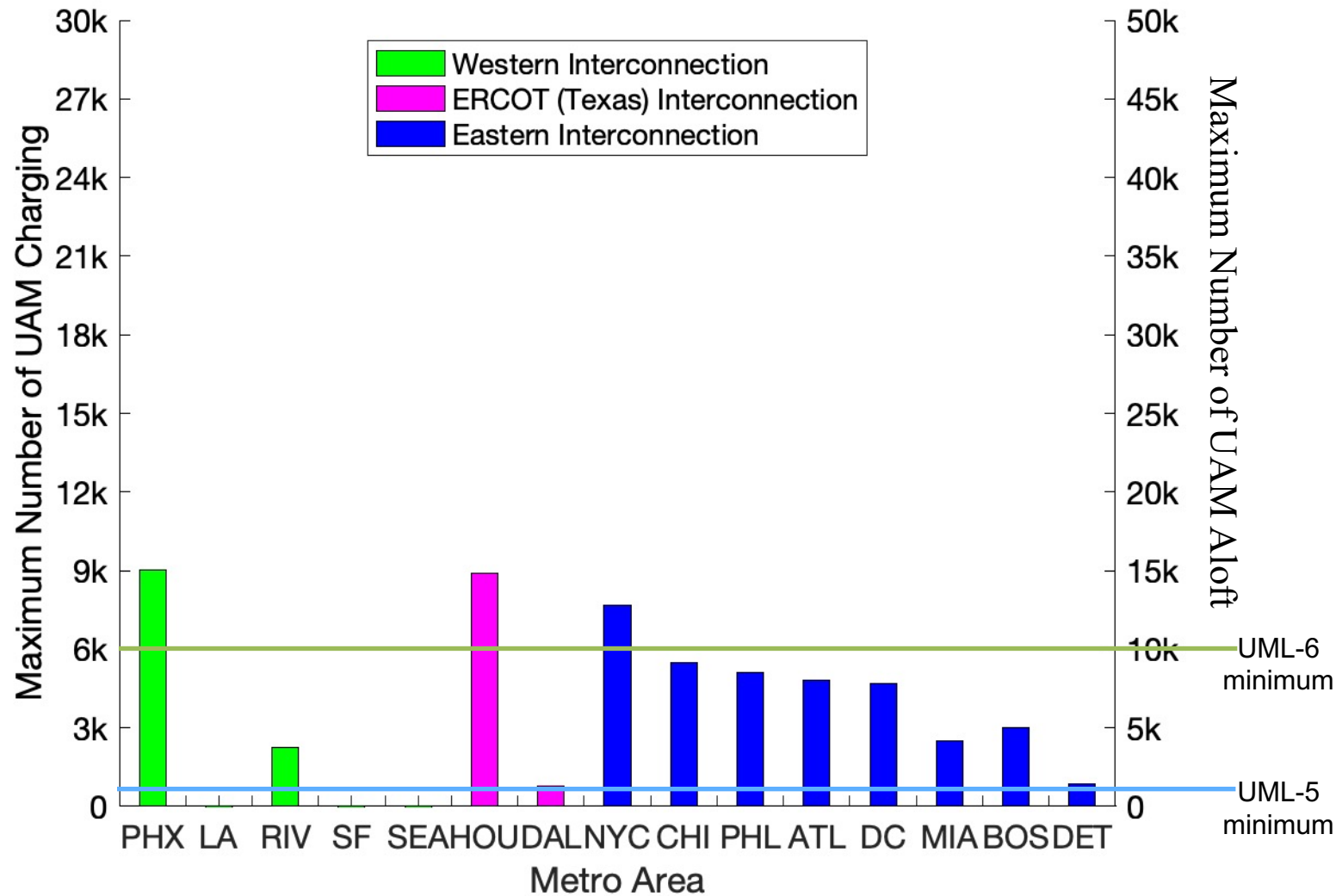


# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2030



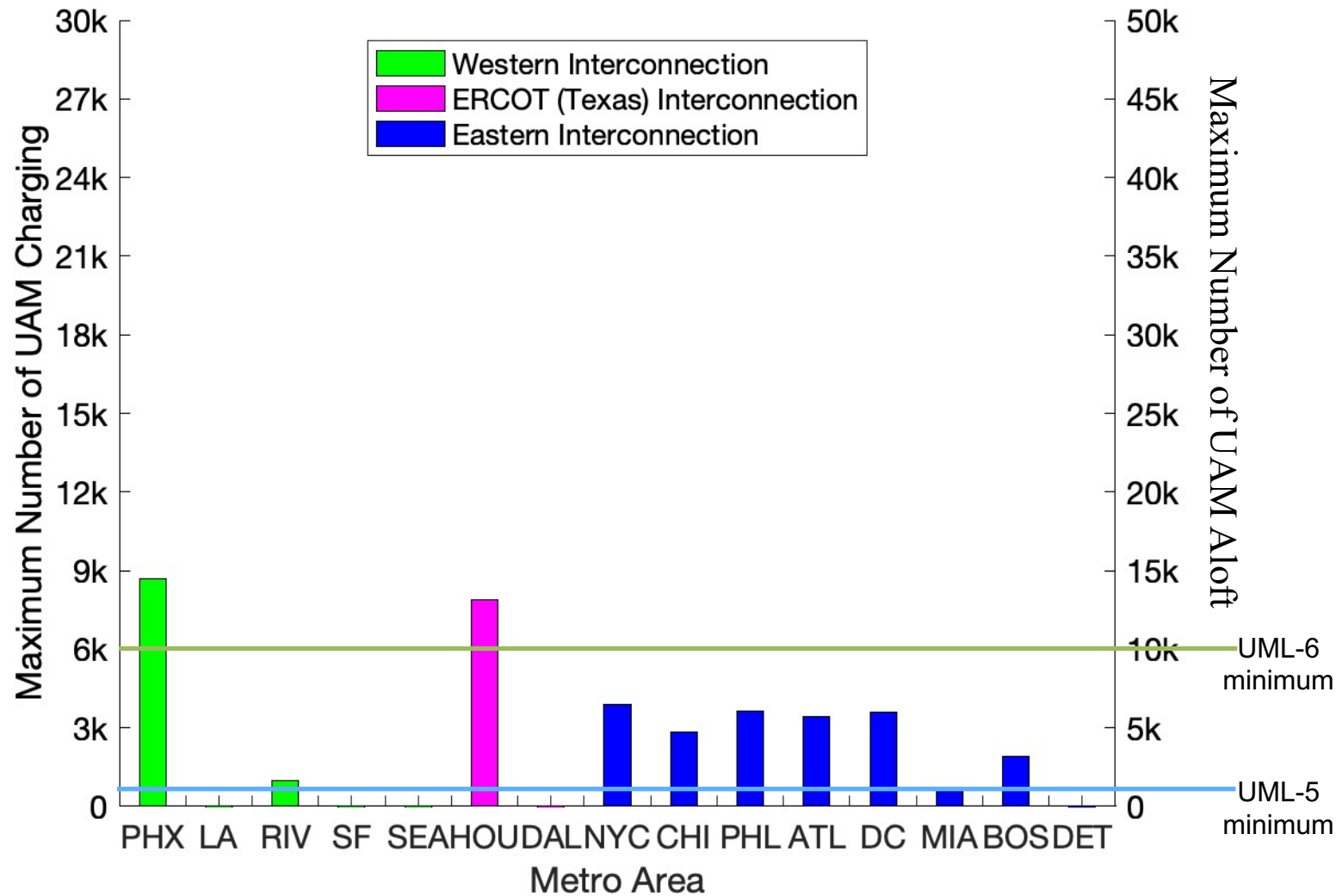
- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 12.8%
- Proliferation of ground EVs will consume more of the available electrical grid capacity
- Due to lack of power, additional metro areas may no longer be able to conduct UML-6 operations
- Some metro areas may not have available electrical grid capacity to conduct any UAM operations

# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2040



- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 26.4%
- Proliferation of ground EVs will consume even more of the available electrical grid capacity
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- Additional metro areas may not have available electrical grid capacity to conduct any UAM operations

# Estimated Maximum Number of UAM Operations Possible— 2050



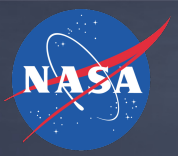
- The analysis here has a ground EV fleet of 40%
- Proliferation of ground EVs will consume even more of the available electrical grid capacity
- Due to lack of power, nearly all metro areas may not be able to conduct UML-6 operations
- Even more metro areas may not be able to conduct any UAM operations
- This is a worst-case scenario in which electricity cannot be transmitted and distributed within each interconnection as needed





# Trends Suggested from Sensitivity Analyses

Variable (in order from most sensitive to least)	Why the Maximum # of UAM Operations Possible may be Lower than Estimated in the Analyses	Areas/Sources of Variation
Available electrical grid capacity	Available power can be lower than <u>national average</u> of 20% (e.g., during periods of high demand, if electrification in general is broader and/or faster than expected)	Interconnections, metro areas, seasons, time of day, extreme weather conditions and events
UAM charging power	UAM aircraft and operations may require charging faster than the nominal 400 kW value used in this analysis	UAM vehicle type, missions, operating/environmental conditions
Ground EV peak charging	More ground EVs may need to charge to a greater extent during less-than-ideal conditions	Seasons, time of day
Ground EV ownership	Ground EV prices decrease faster than expected	Interconnections, metro areas
Ground EV charging power	Some current ground EVs and additional future ground EVs are capable of charging faster than the nominal 7.2 kW value used in this analysis	Ground EV makes and models
Electricity generation capacity growth rate	Cost of renewable electricity generation technologies decrease less than expected, overall economic growth is lower than expected	Renewable generation technology costs, economic growth
Population growth rate	Greater than expected population growth can increase the number and impact of ground EVs	Fertility, mortality, migration rates



# **Bottom Line and Recommendations**



## Bottom Line

- Many technology, infrastructure, regulatory, and acceptance challenges to conduct UAM operations with eVTOLs profitably at scale while also meeting demand
- Success of UAM depends upon the availability of electricity
  - No electricity → No powered flight → No business case
- UAM eVTOLs may not be able to charge at scale large enough for business case
  - Lack of available electrical grid capacity may constrain UAM operations below UML-5 in many U.S. metro areas before 2050
  - Ground EVs will proliferate and consume more and more electrical grid capacity over time

Available electrical grid capacity may be a formidable constraint for UAM, in addition to regulatory/policy hurdles and public support



# Recommendations

- Develop comprehensive estimates of UAM energy needs under expected range of
  - Missions (e.g., speed, distance, load)
  - Operating conditions (e.g., wind)
  - Requirements (e.g., maximum charging/turnaround time)
- Reduce or eliminate the need to recharge during early evening peak, such as by
  - Reducing structural mass
  - Increasing battery energy density
- Incorporate UAM requirements into metro area and utility company plans at least several years in advance (if additional infrastructure is needed)

# ***OPERATIONS LIMITS FOR PASSENGER-CARRYING URBAN AIR MOBILITY MISSIONS***

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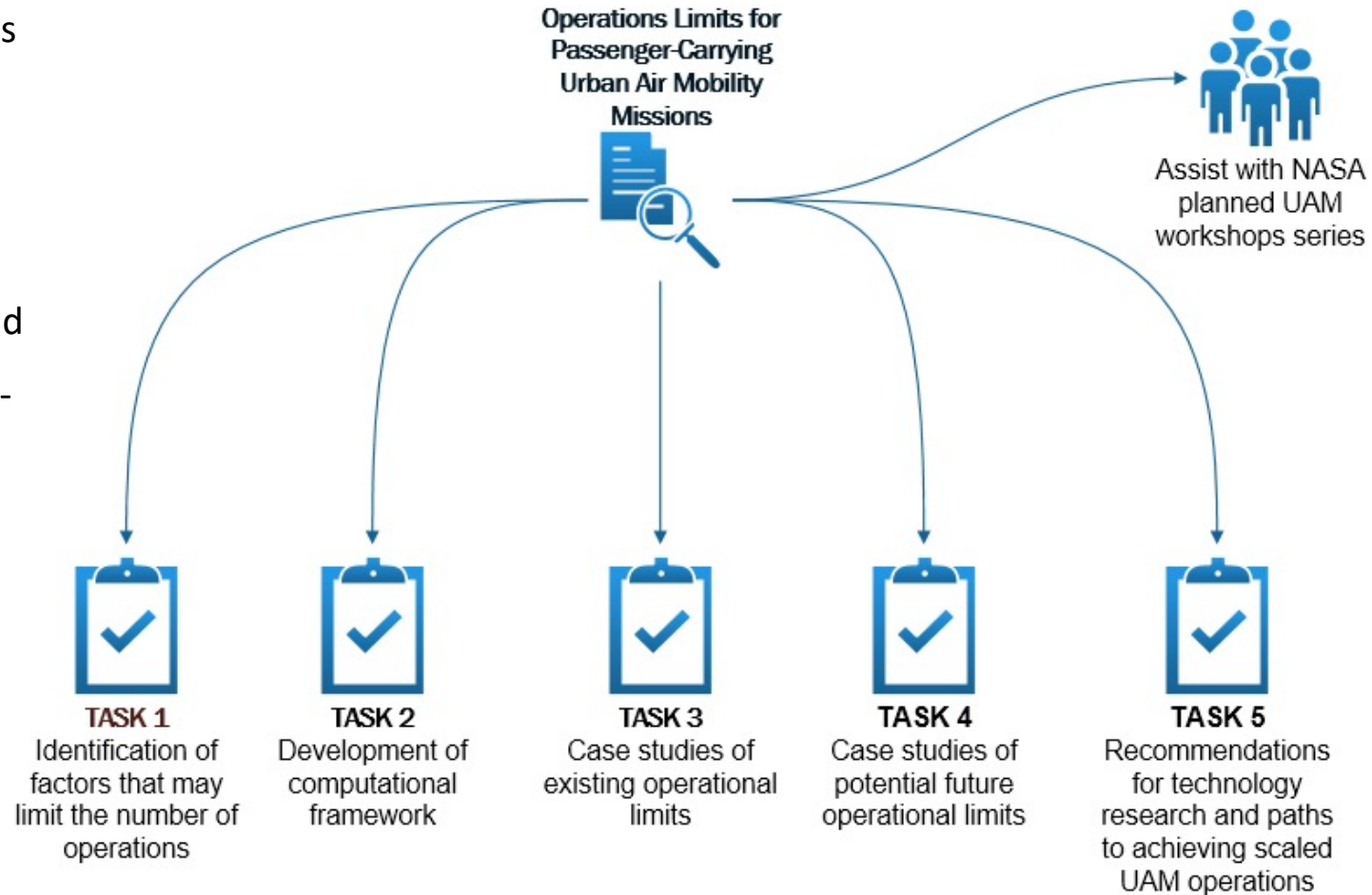
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# Study Motivation and Overview

## Motivation

- Convergence of new technologies and new business models leading to emergence of new aviation markets, e.g., passenger-carrying **Urban Air Mobility (UAM)**
- Important to assess the evolution of technology, infrastructure, societal acceptance, airspace integration, and many other factors to take us from the current state-of-the-art to the envisioned large-scale operations
- For near-term applications of passenger-carrying UAM and which issues will be the key “bottlenecks” limiting the scalability of early UAM operations (“Op Limits”)
- Create computer model, driven by appropriate data & scenarios, to analyze significance of key Op Limits

## Overview\*



\*Two Metro-Areas Studied: Chicago and Dallas



## Identify and Organize Potential Op Limits via “ROPE” Table

**Challenge:** There are many Op Limit factors, we want to organize them in a fashion that is comprehensible and that eases import to computational model.

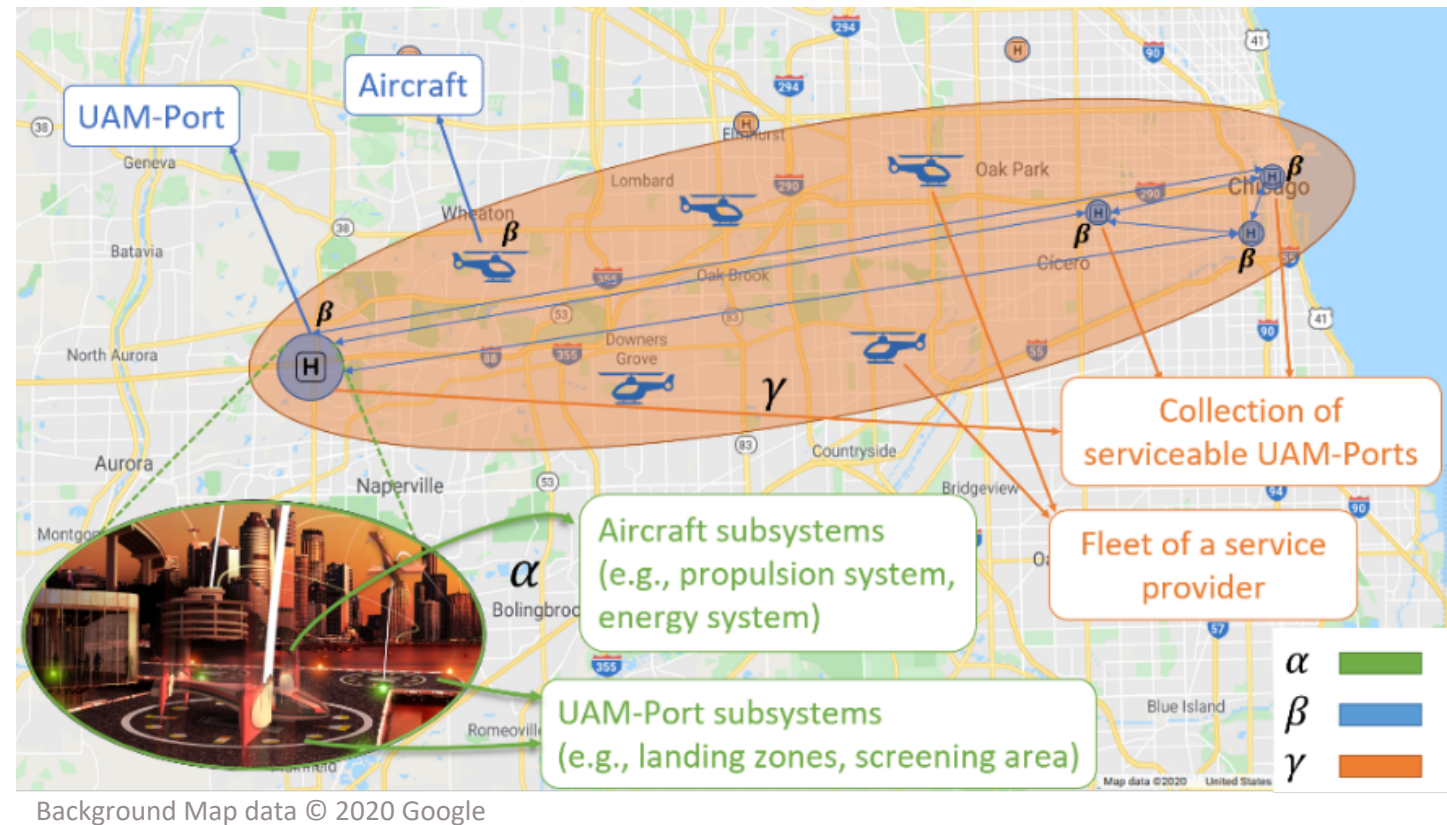
**Approach:** Build upon ROPE Table Methodology, a decomposition method, to examine any System-of-systems (SoS) problem

**Product:** Each identified Op Limit is classified based upon the category of the related system, identified as follows:

Categories	Descriptions
<u>R</u> esources	The entities (systems) that give physical manifestation to the system-of-systems
<u>O</u> perations	The application of intent to direct the activity of resources
<u>P</u> olicies	The external constraints that impact the operations and influence intent
<u>E</u> conomics	The behaviors and incentives of stakeholders that give intent to the SoS operation

# Hierarchical Breakdown of ROPE Table Elements

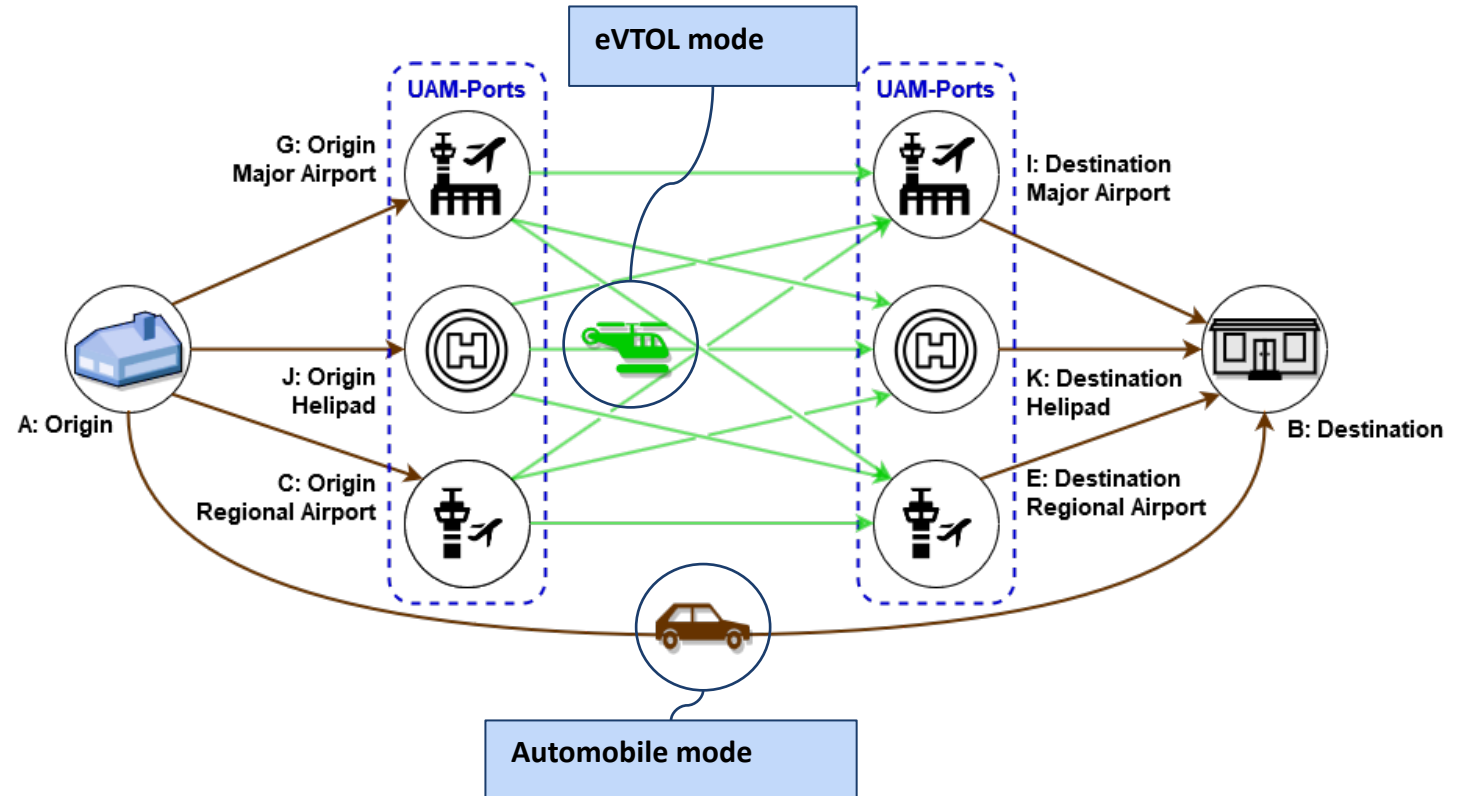
- ROPE table enables view on key dimension of categorization: hierarchy level of an entity in SoS
- Identifying appropriate hierarchy level is essential to problem scoping, identification of interdependencies, and making reasonable assumptions for modeling



# Unit of Analyses- the Urban Trip

Transportation network model composes of electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) and automobile modes

- **Green edges** are trips made by eVTOL vehicles
- **Brown edges** are trips made by automobiles
- UAM trips consist of both automobile and eVTOL modes (e.g., branch: AJKB)
- Automobile trips are conventional, ground-based trips (e.g., branch: AB)



**Note:** UAM-Ports include only existing, publicly-owned infrastructures (i.e., major, regional airports, and heliports) in a metropolitan area

# Effective Cost Metric Identifies UAM-preferred Trips

## Effective Cost Metric Definition and UAM-preferred Trips Estimation

- Effective cost metric definition:

- $Cost_{eff,i} = Cost_{oper,i} + Cost_{time,i}$

- $Cost_{time,i} = time_{trip,i} * value_{time}$

$Cost_{eff,i}$  : effective cost of mode  $i$   $\left[\frac{\$}{hr}\right]$

$Cost_{oper,i}$  : operating cost of mode  $i$   $\left[\frac{\$}{hr}\right]$

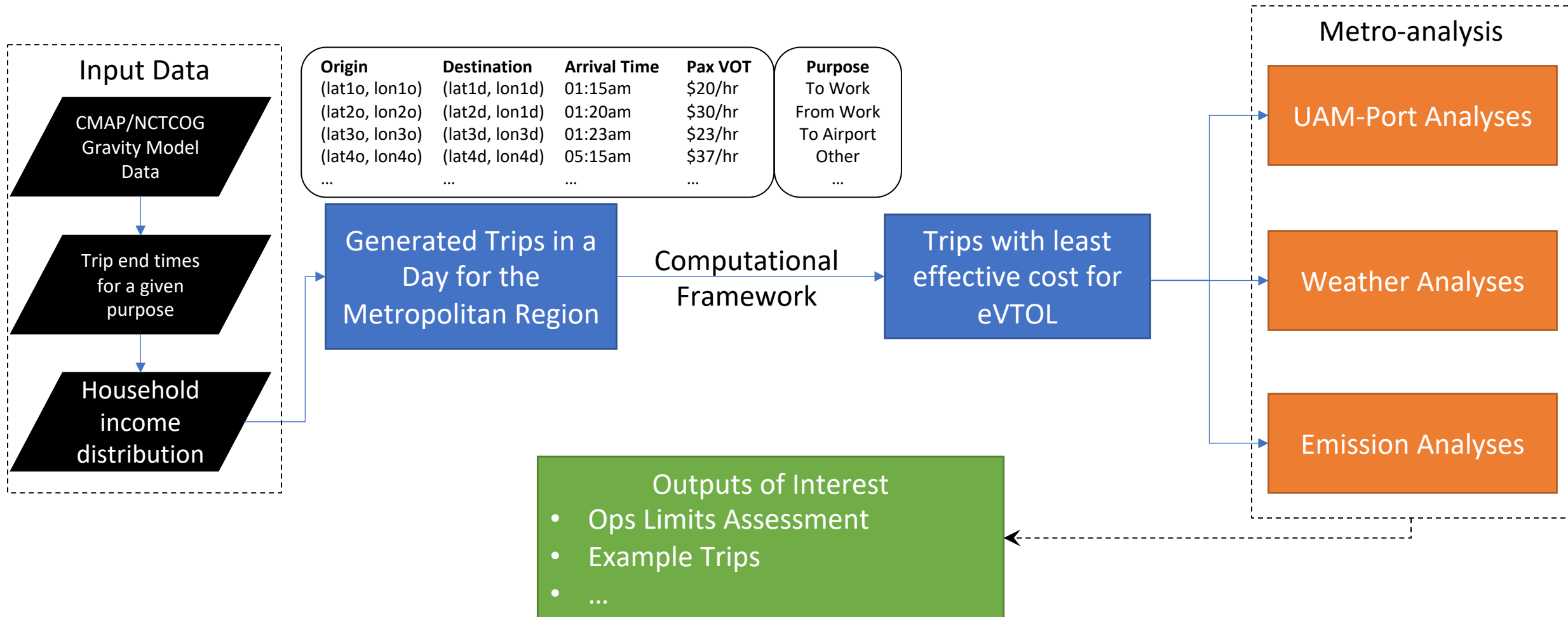
$Cost_{time,i}$  : time cost of mode  $i$   $\left[\frac{\$}{hr}\right]$

$time_{trip,i}$  : trip time of mode  $i$  [hr]

$value_{time}$  : individual's value of time  $\left[\frac{\$}{hr}\right]$

- Effective cost metric is used to determine the mode of travel with the least effective cost
- A trip is called UAM-preferred when the UAM trip has a lower effective cost than the equivalent automobile trip

# Computational Framework Analyzes Op Limits

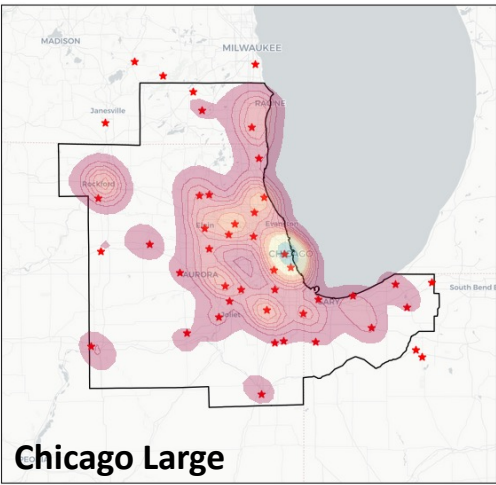
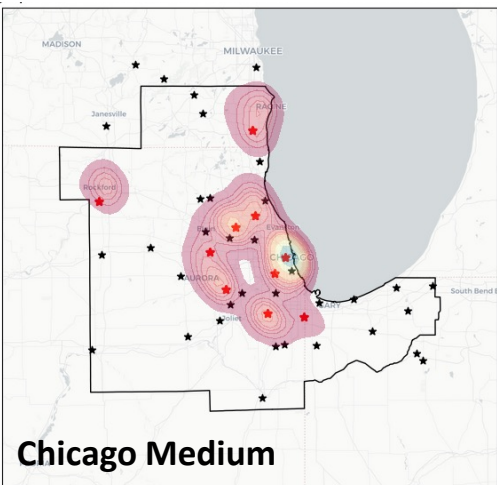
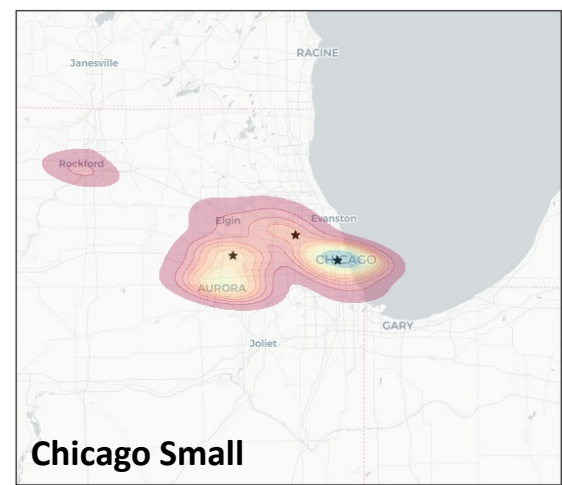


# # UAM Preferred Trips For Different Network Sizes (Launch)

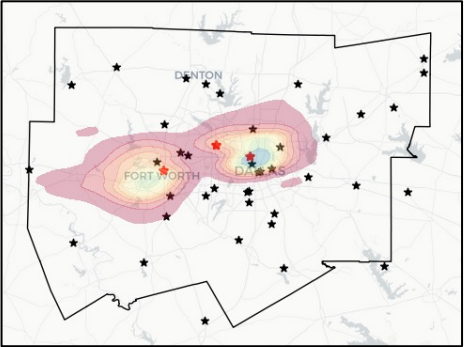
Chicago Commute Trips: 6,221,968

Dallas Commute Trips: 5,306,336

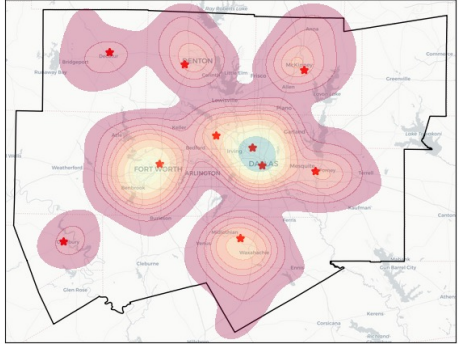
	Small (3 Vertiports)	Medium (10 Vertiports)	Large (All existing infra)
Chicago	397	3504	6305
Dallas	853	2330	6928



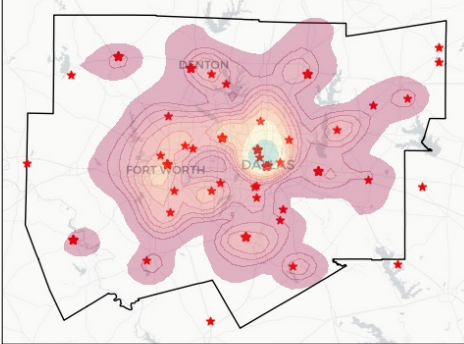
Dallas Small



Dallas Medium



Dallas Large



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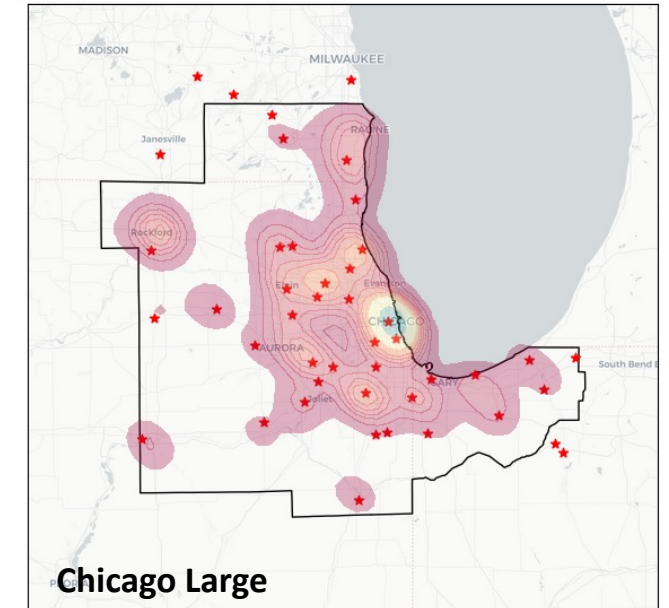
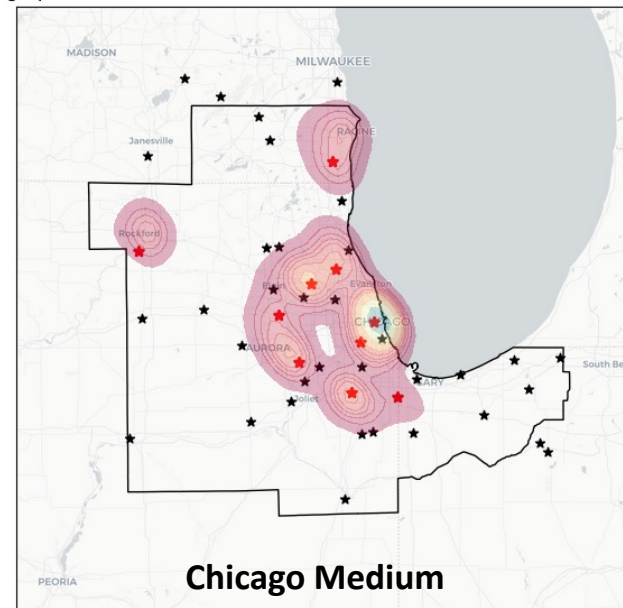
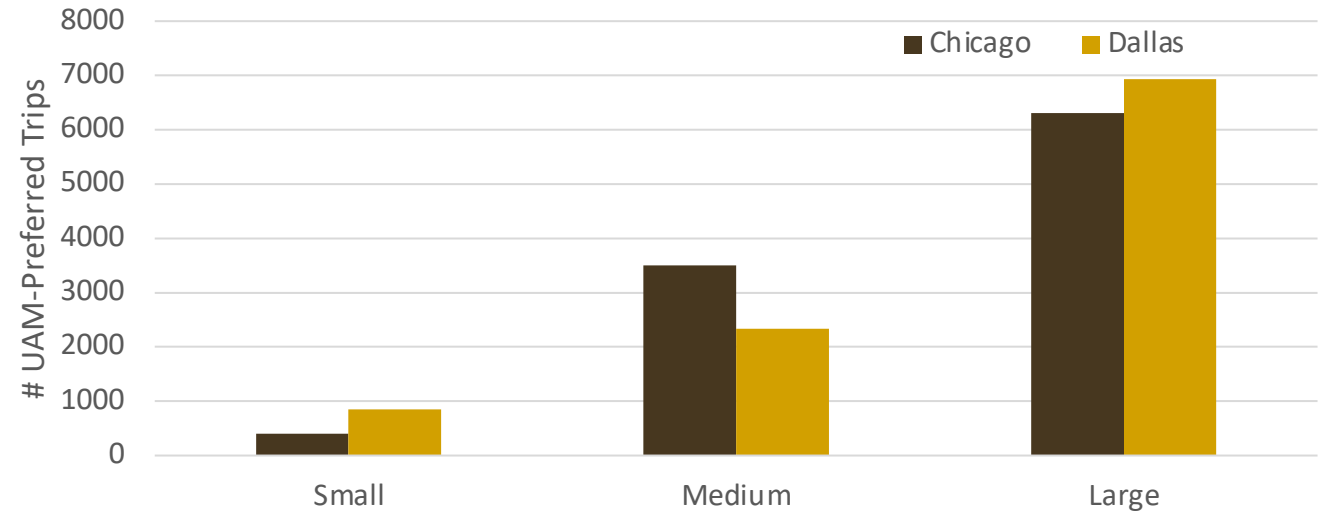
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**Note:** Launch Scenario UAM Operation Cost  
\$605/hr + 1pax



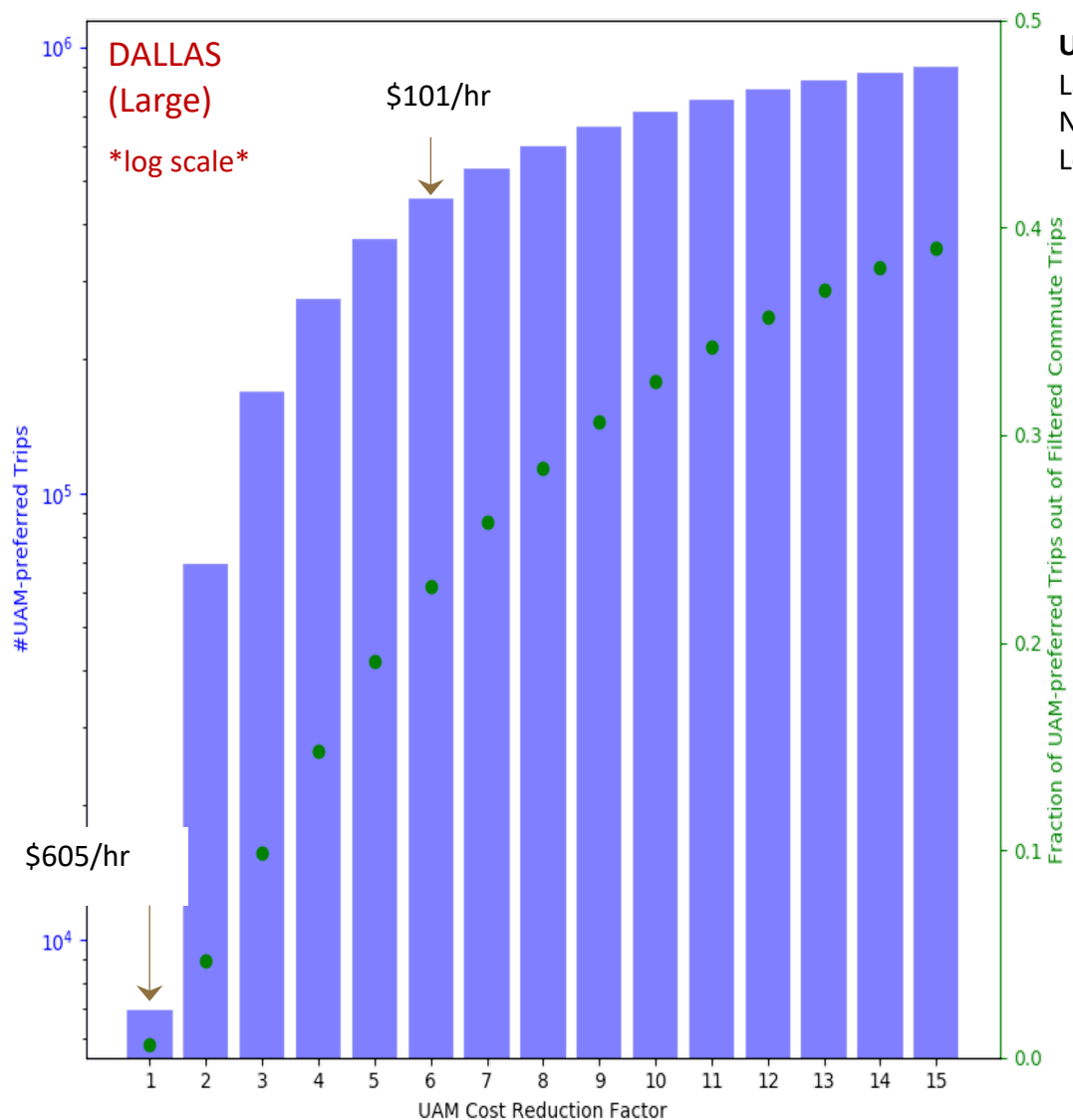
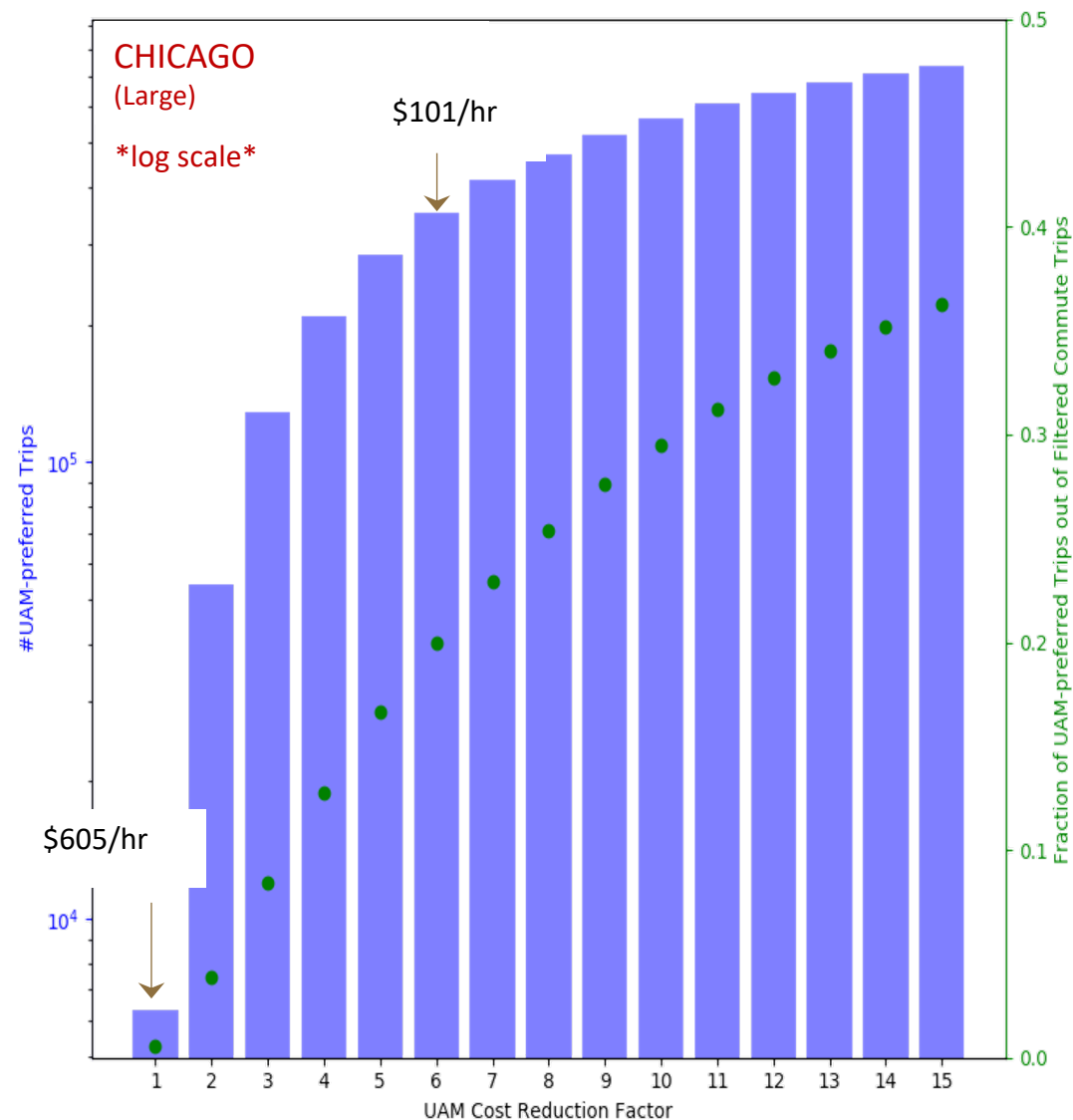
# Key Observations from # UAM Preferred Trips

- #Trips increase with the number of vertiports; seems to follow a non-linear relationship
- Vertiport siting plays a significant role
  - Most trips concentrated around the vertiport locations
  - A few vertiports had quite high concentration of trips, even with high-cost launch scenario
  - Implications for congestion management



# Sensitivity Studies w/ Trip Cost and Related Factors

## Impact of UAM Cost Reduction on # of UAM-preferred Trips



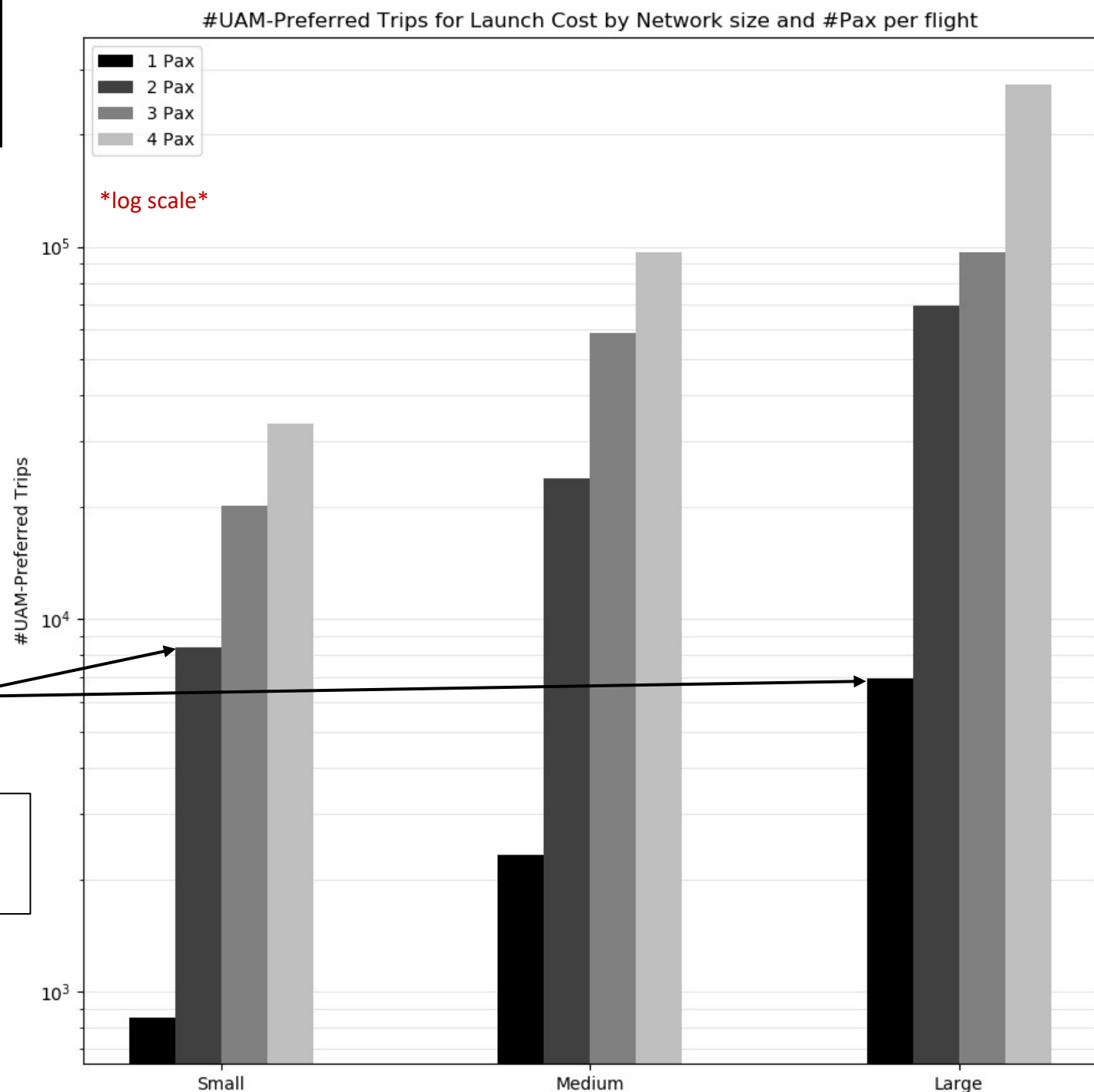
**Uber Elevate Scenarios**  
Launch: \$605/hr + 1pax  
Near: \$583/hr + 3pax  
Long: \$186/hr + 4pax

**Filtered Trips**  
Trips with different UAM-ports closest to the origin and destination

## Impact of Ridesharing (DALLAS)

- Assuming the direct impact to the operating cost due to ride-sharing, #UAM-preferred trips are calculated
- For example, operating cost for
  - 1 pax → \$605/hr
  - 2 pax → \$303/hr (=605/2)
- Surprisingly, increasing the #pax per flight to 2 produces a larger impact as compared to operating at all available infrastructure locations with ridesharing not enabled!

Enabling ride sharing will be key to lowering UAM operating cost to make it a real market



# ***WEATHER ANALYSIS***

Overview and Results Snapshot

# Quantifying Weather Impact

## ■ Weather data source:

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Integrated Surface Database (ISD)
- NOAA ISD contains worldwide hourly ground weather data

## ■ UAM weather impact scoring:

- Based on UAM Market Study Report\* impact score table
  - 33 unique weather conditions
  - Score from 1 (good) to 10 (bad)
- Impact Score (IS) is used to assess the level of UAM operational impact by weather phenomena

Table 10: Impact Scores for each weather condition from METAR

Weather Condition	Score	Weather Condition	Score
Drizzle	1	Wind 20 - 25 kts	7
Rain	1	Smoke (<3 sm)	7
MVFR Ceiling	1	LIFR Ceiling	7
Haze	1	IFR Visibility	7
Ice Crystals	1	Wind ≥ 25 kts	8
Sand Whirls	1	Sleet	8
Sand	2	Squalls	8
Snow Grains	2	Fog	8.5
Temp ≤ 32°F	3	Freezing Fog	8.5
Temp ≥ 100°F	3	Freezing Drizzle	9
IFR Ceiling	4	Thunderstorms	9
Dust	5	Dust Storm	10
Snow	5	Funnel Cloud/Tornado	10
Sandstorm	5	Freezing Rain	10
Wind 15 - 20 kts	5	Hail	10
Mist (vis ≥ 5/8 sm)	6	Volcanic Ash	10
Snow Pellets	6		

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# Weather Condition Ranking - Results

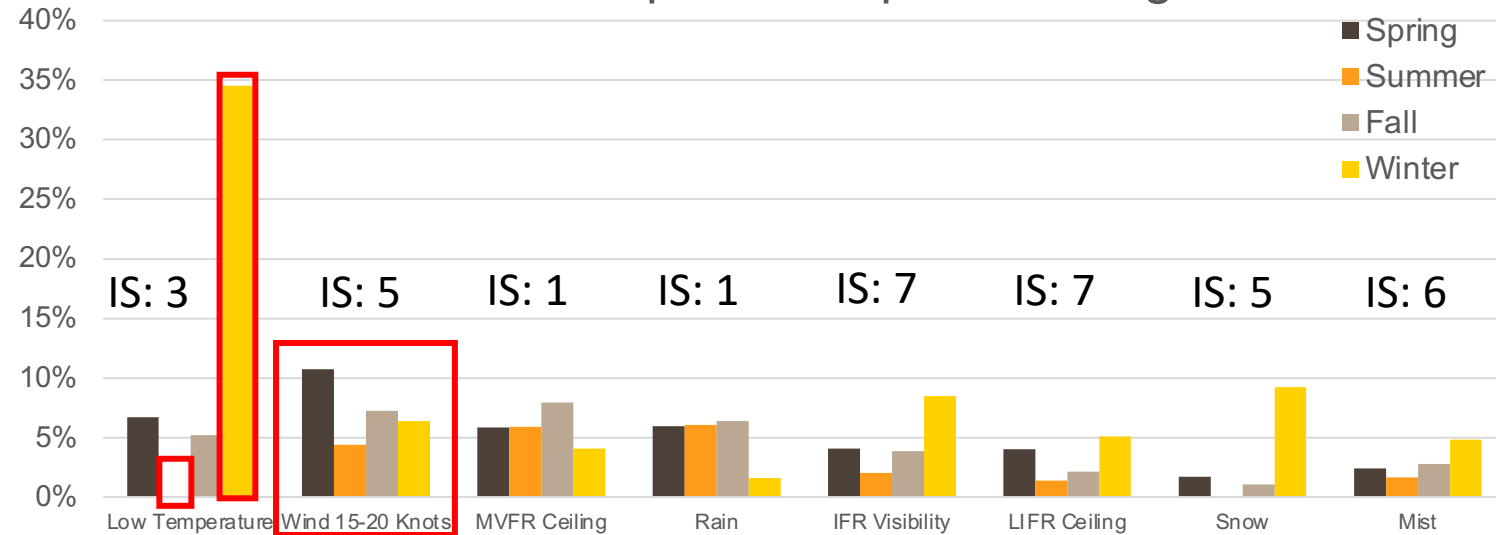
Wind 15-20 knots is the most frequently occurring weather condition in both cities

- Implies technology solution should be integrated onboard the vehicle

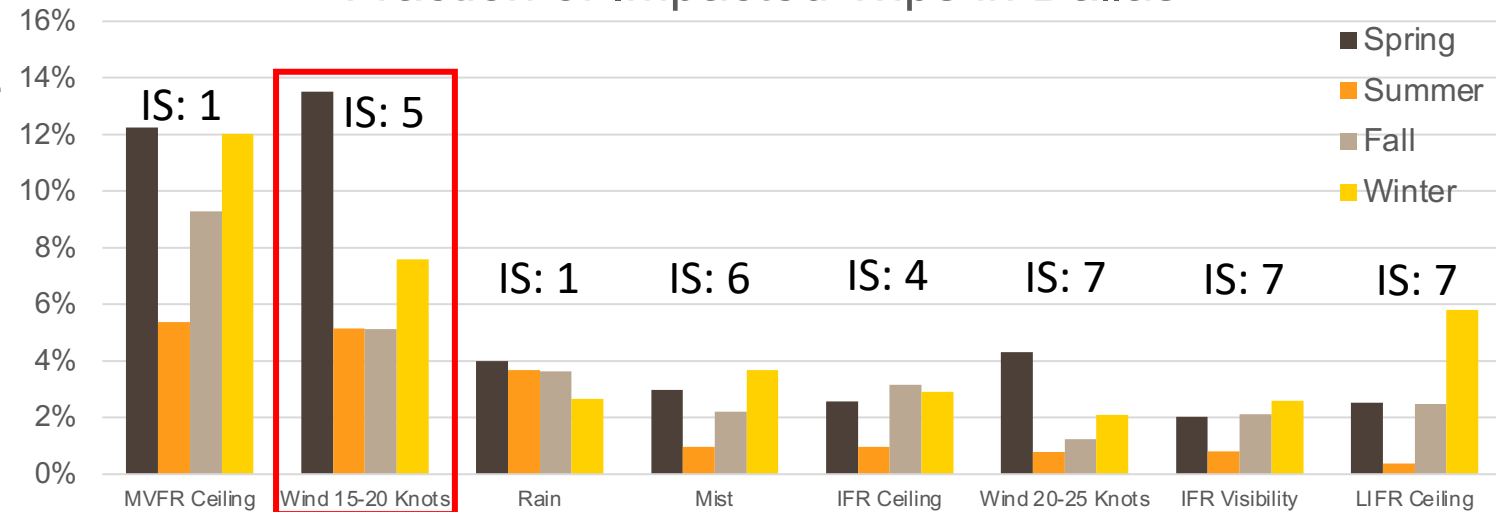
Low temperatures in Winter is important for Chicago

- Higher number of trips impacted in winter; 0 impacted in summer
- Modular technology solution might be suitable for this weather condition

## Fraction of Impacted Trips in Chicago



## Fraction of Impacted Trips in Dallas



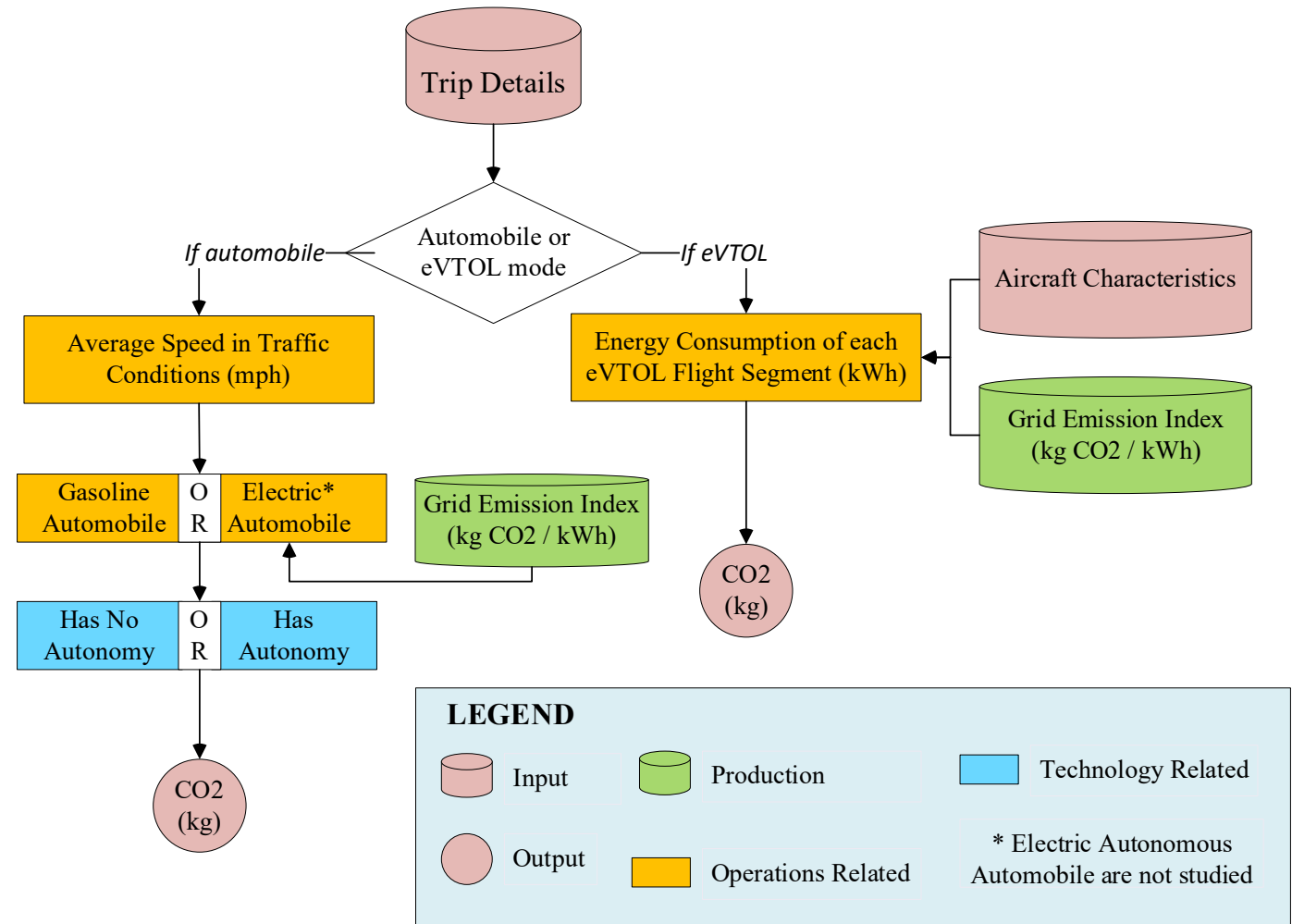


# ***EMISSIONS ANALYSIS***

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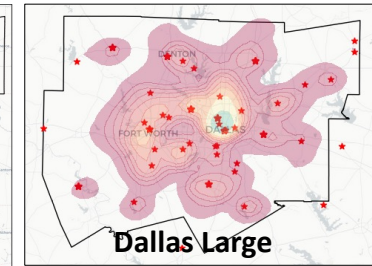
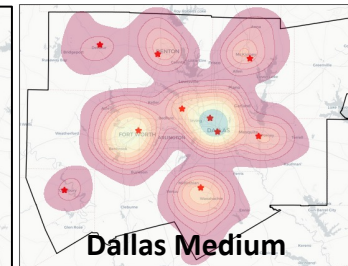
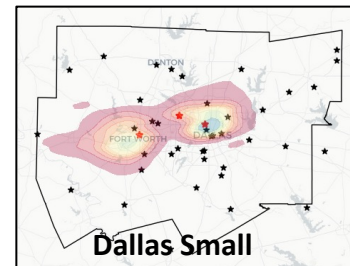
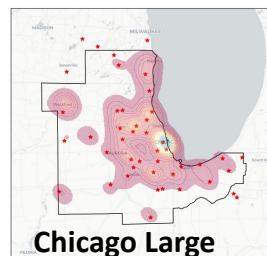
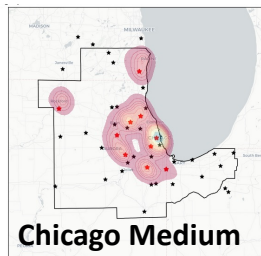
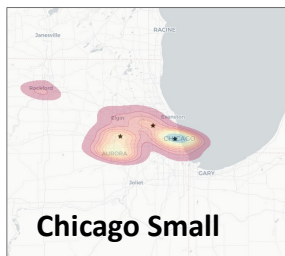
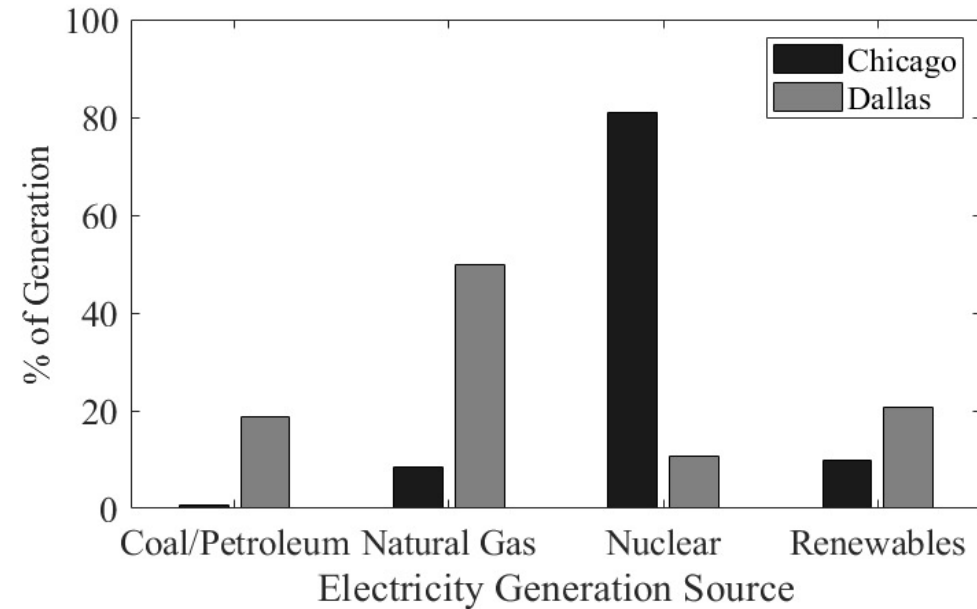
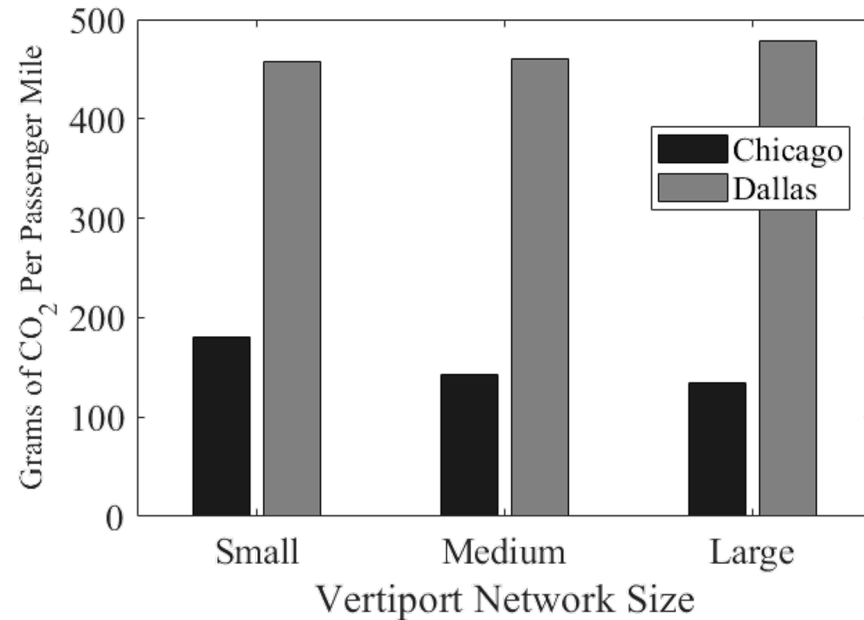
# CO2 Emissions Framework for Urban Trips

- A framework for estimating CO2 emissions for any UAM trip and similar automobile-based trips considering current and emerging technologies
- **Use Cases:**
  - eVTOL + Gasoline Cars without autonomy
  - eVTOL + Gasoline Cars with autonomy
  - eVTOL + Electric Autos without autonomy



# Estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in Dallas and Chicago

- Electricity grid makeup drives emissions from UAM operations with eVTOL + Gasoline Cars without autonomy



# *Overview of New Study Effort (Commenced Oct. 2021)*

## Further exploration of operations limits for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) missions

- Identify further factors that may limit the number of AAM (e.g., Emergency medical, sUAS package delivery, etc.) operations and potential interdependencies with already identified UAM limits
- Perform case studies on additional Metro areas considering existing and potential future operational limits
- Compare and contrast results across the various Metro areas/case studies
- Recommend technology research most promising for paths to achieving scaled AAM operations

# ***BACKUP SLIDES***

# ***COMPUTATIONAL FRAMEWORK***

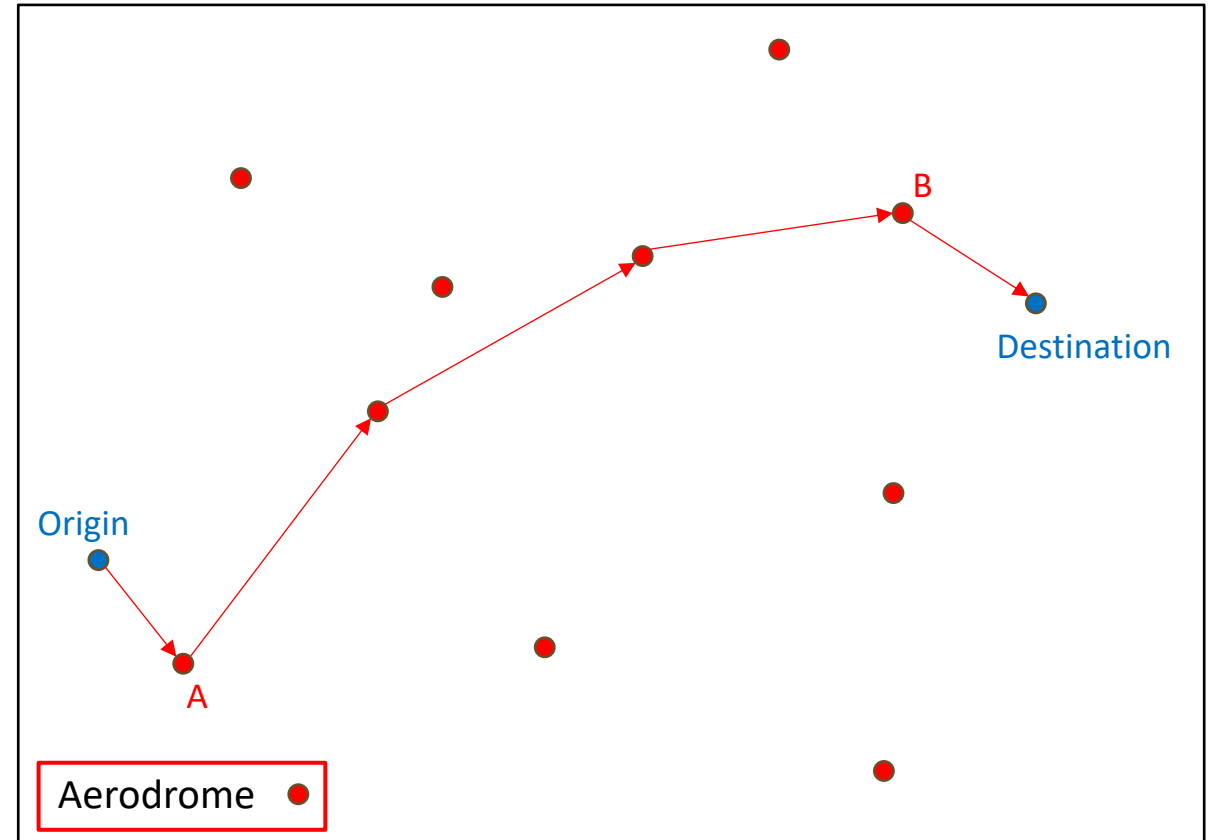
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# COMPUTATIONAL FRAMEWORK

## 3 Distinct Problems:

- Distance Between Points
  - Foundation for all other problems
  - Lots of Formulations: Haversine, Ellipsoidal Distance, Google Maps API, etc.
- Nearest Aerodrome Determination
  - Find Aerodromes A and B efficiently at scale
- Flight Routing
  - How to fly from Aerodrome A to Aerodrome B minimizing travel time



# COMPUTATIONAL FRAMEWORK ARCHITECHTURE

Primary output of the computational framework is an effective cost measure designed to effectively capture two elements of a trip:  
operating cost and travel time

$$Cost_{eff,i} = Cost_{oper,i} + Cost_{time,i}$$
$$Cost_{time,i} = time_{trip,i} * value_{time}$$

where,

$Cost_{eff,i}$ : Effective cost for the mode  $i$

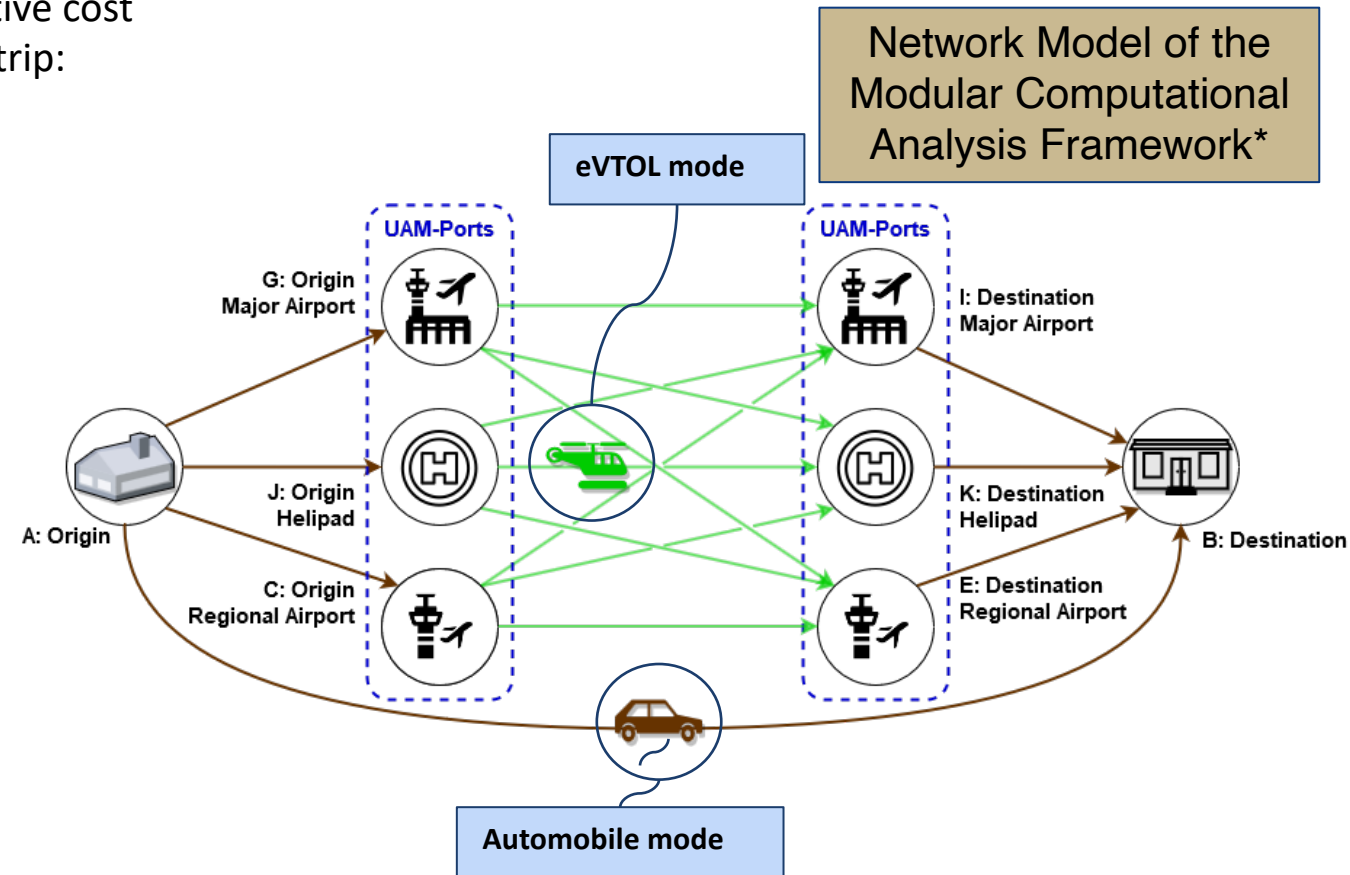
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$Cost_{time,i}$ : Cost due to the travel time on mode  $i$

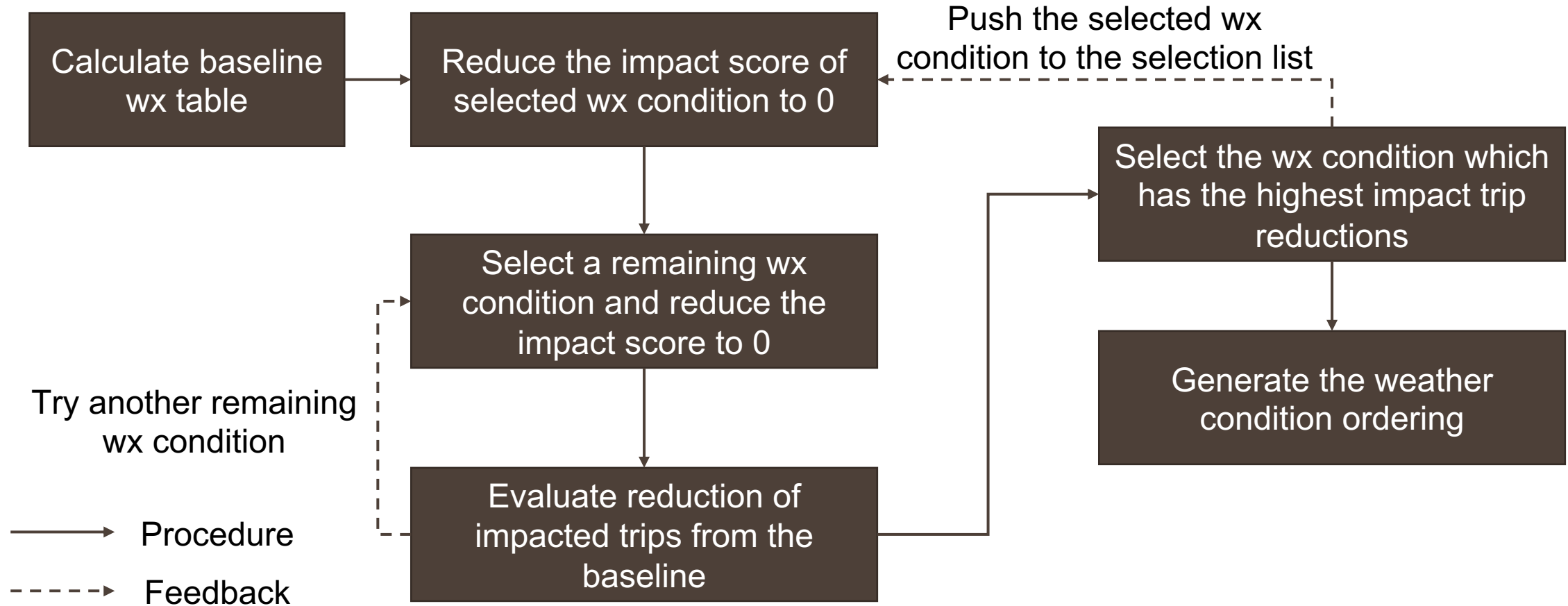
$time_{trip,i}$ : Total door-to-door trip time for mode  $i$

$value_{time}$ : Value of time of the passenger

*Our framework assumes that the traveler always picks the mode with the least effective cost*



## GREEDY ALGORITHM FOR WEATHER CONDITION RANKING



# EMISSIONS RESULTS – OP LIMITS 1

## Percentage of UAM Preferred trips and % Decrease in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to driving conventional cars

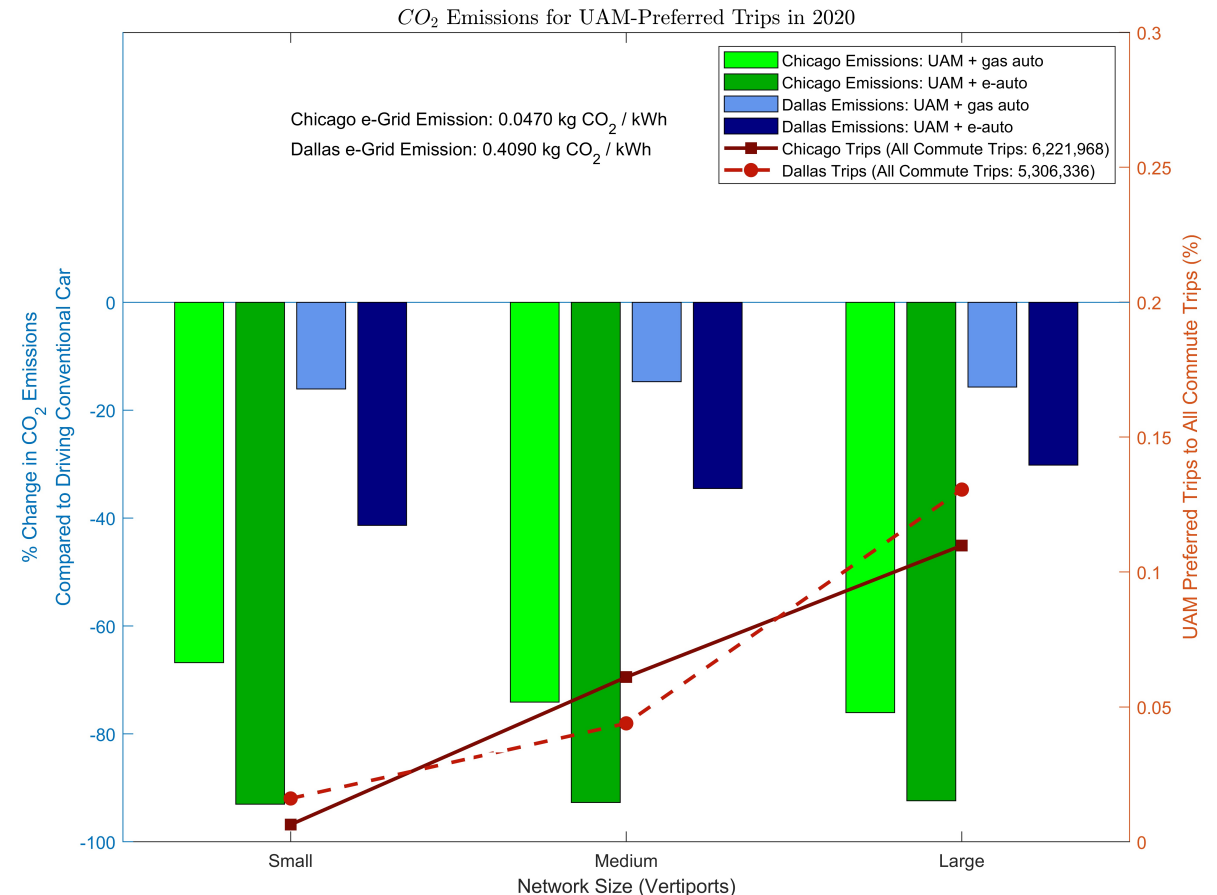
- Bar graphs show % decrease in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of UAM trips + gasoline auto and UAM trips + electric auto compared to conventional gas autos for Chicago and Dallas, respectively
- X-axis shows the network size of vertiports, for both Chicago and Dallas metros.
- UAM-preferred trips percentage (%) is shown in red lines for small, medium, and large networks. These are % of UAM-preferred trips from the total commute trips in Chicago and Dallas regions. The total number of commute trips for Chicago and Dallas are 6,221,698 and 5,306,336 respectively.

### Grid CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Rate for Chicago:

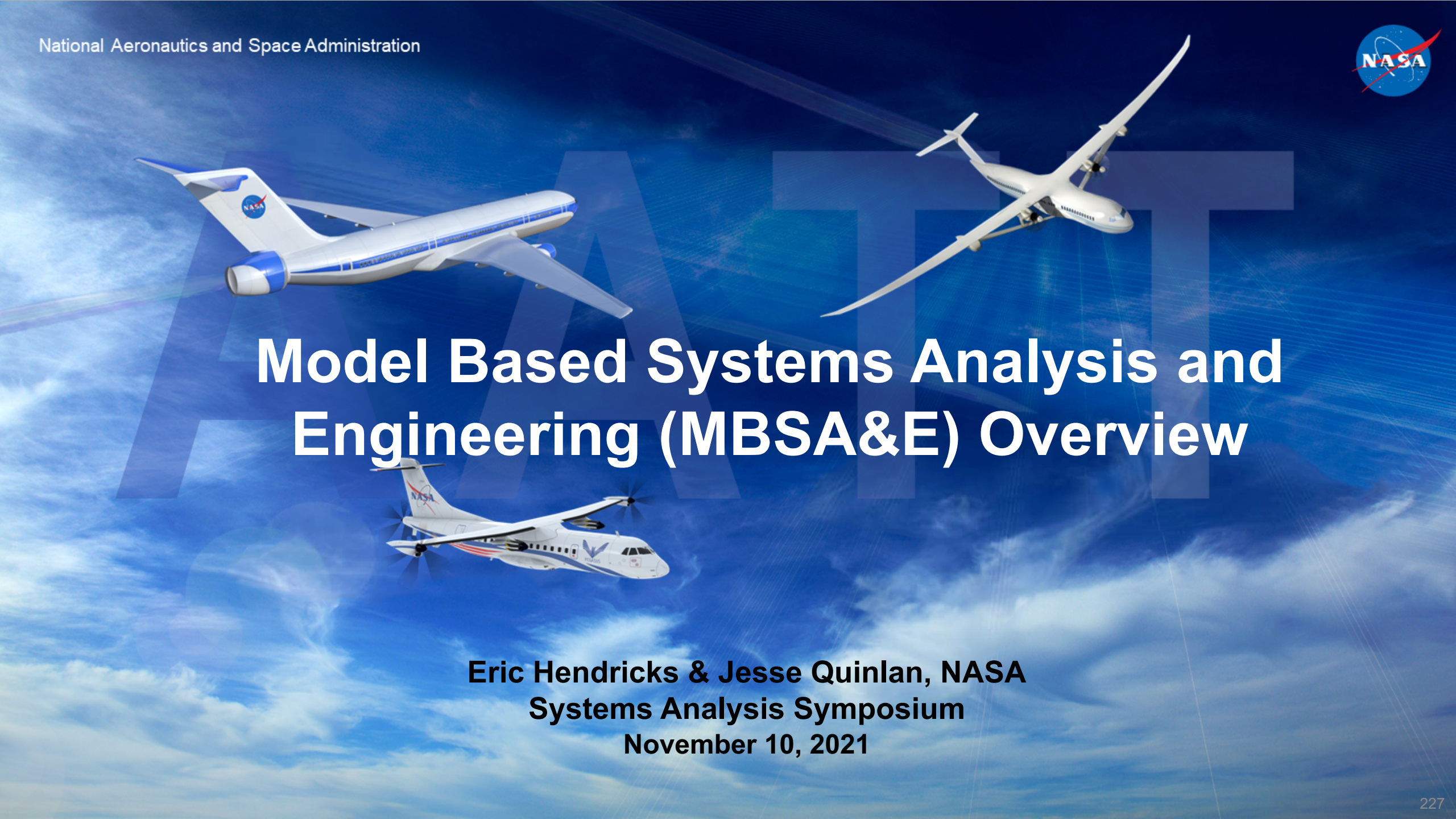
[2020, 2030, 2040] = [0.0470, 0.1000, 0.1274] kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh of electricity generated

### Grid CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Rate for Dallas:

[2020, 2030, 2040] = [0.4090, 0.3334, 0.3073] kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh of electricity generated





The background of the slide is a photograph of three NASA aircraft flying over a blue sky with white clouds. The aircraft are a white X-43 hypersonic aircraft, a white X-45 hypersonic aircraft, and a white X-47B autonomous aircraft. The title "Model Based Systems Analysis and Engineering (MBSA&E) Overview" is overlaid in large white text.

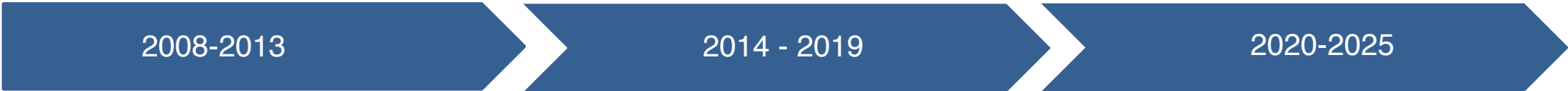
# Model Based Systems Analysis and Engineering (MBSA&E) Overview

**Eric Hendricks & Jesse Quinlan, NASA**  
**Systems Analysis Symposium**  
**November 10, 2021**

# Subsonic Transport Technology Prioritization



NASA Aeronautics Vision  
and Strategy Established



Subsonic Concept/Technology Studies  
Electrified Aircraft Propulsion, Transonic Truss Braced Wing

Environmentally Responsible  
Aviation (ERA) Project

Flight Demonstrator  
Studies

Advanced Composites (ACP)

**Next Step**  
Maturation and Integration of  
Four Key Technologies that will  
Create a New “S Curve” for  
Future Subsonic Transports



ARMD Subsonic Transport Strategy Based on over a Decade of Research,  
Concept and Technology Development, and NASA-Industry Partnership

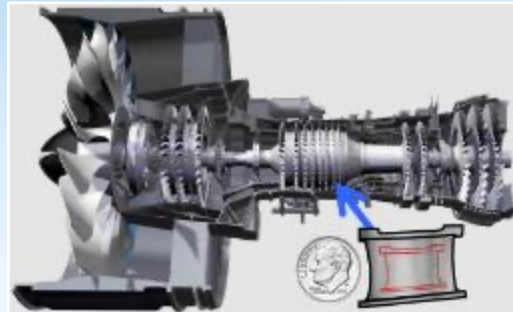


# Subsonic Transport Technologies

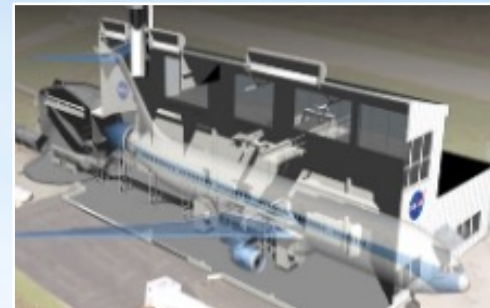
Ensure U.S. industry is the first to establish the new “S Curve” for the next 50 years of transports



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



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

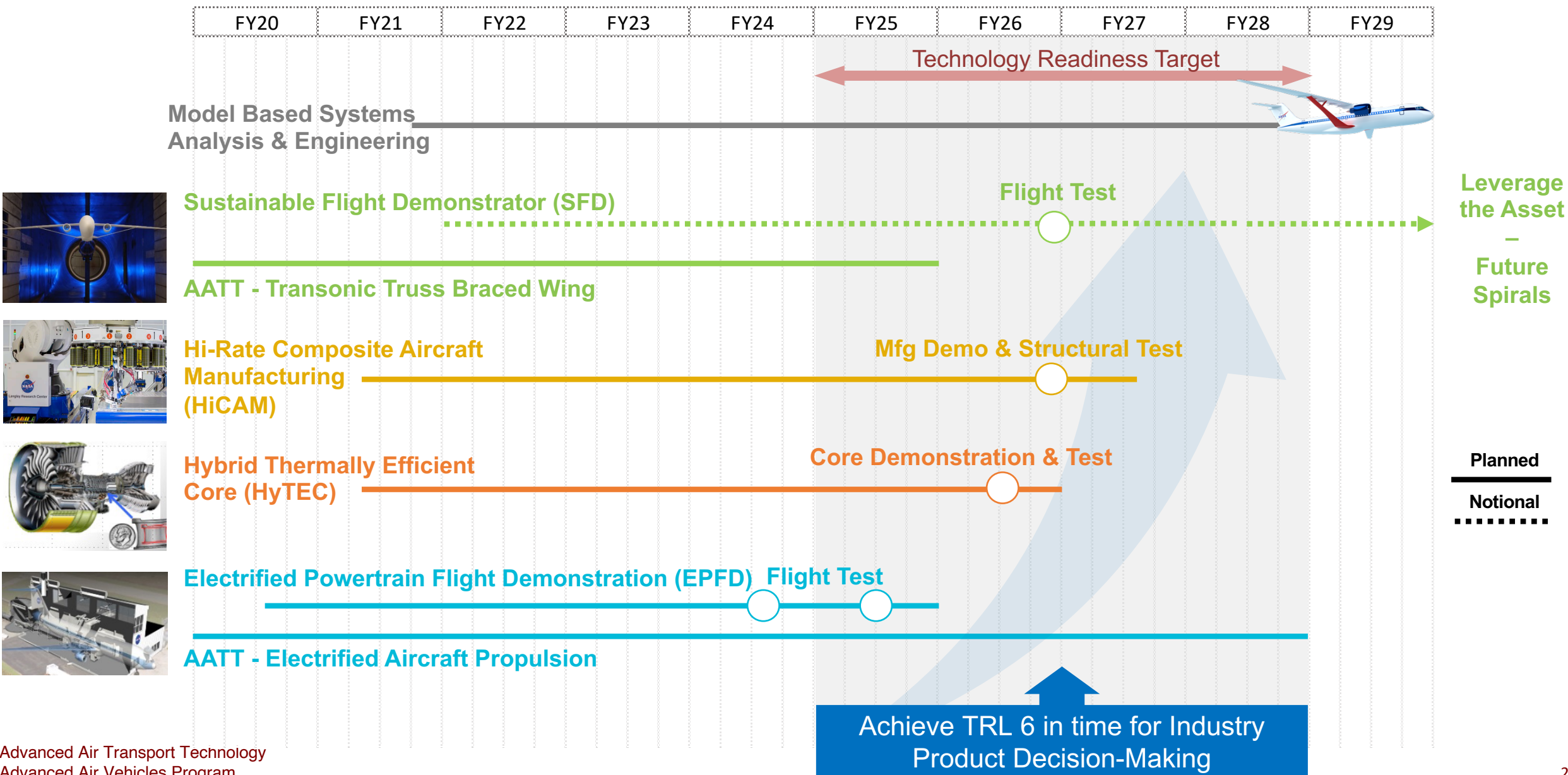


**Electrified Aircraft Propulsion**  
~5% fuel burn and maintenance benefit



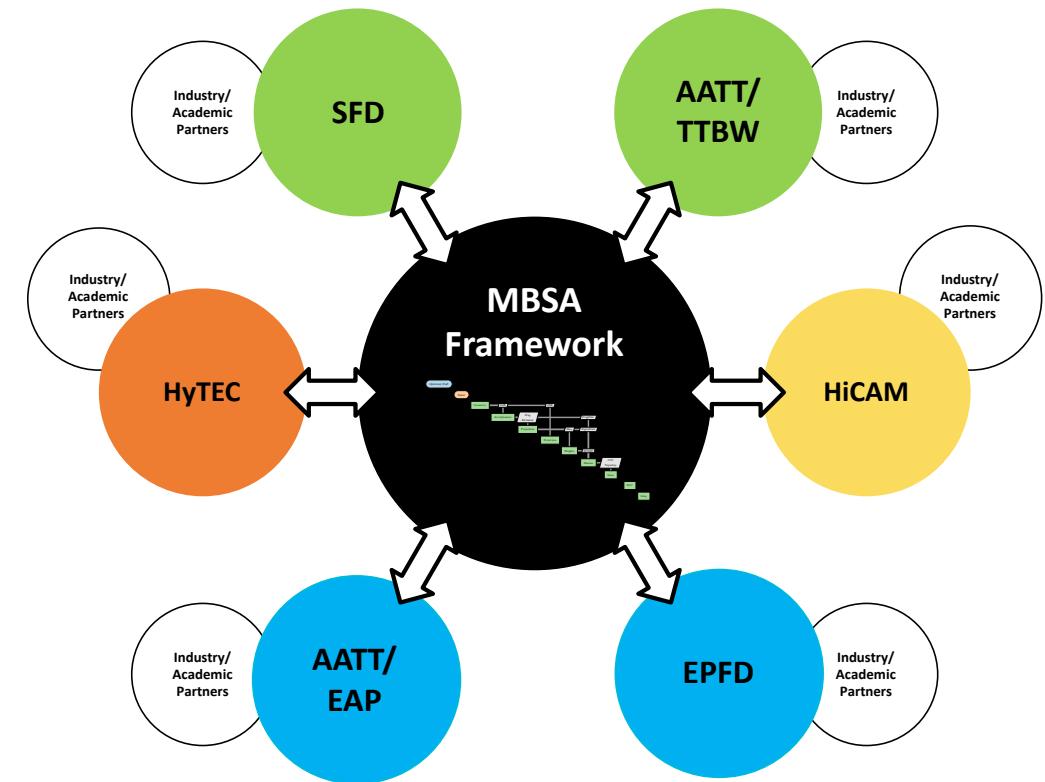
**High-Rate Composite Manufacturing**  
4x-6x manufacturing rate increase

# Sustainable Flight National Partnership (SFNP)

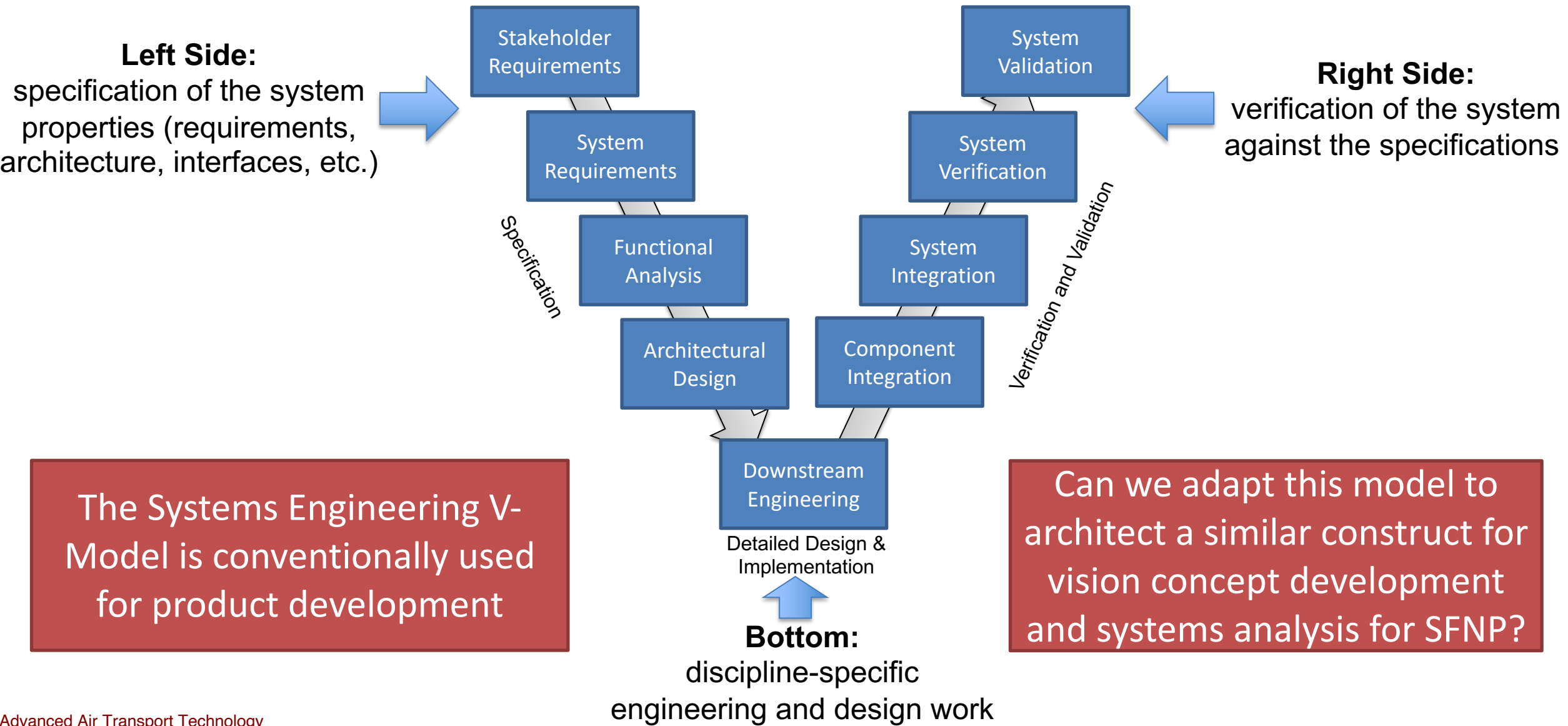


## A systems-level, digital integration across SFNP projects

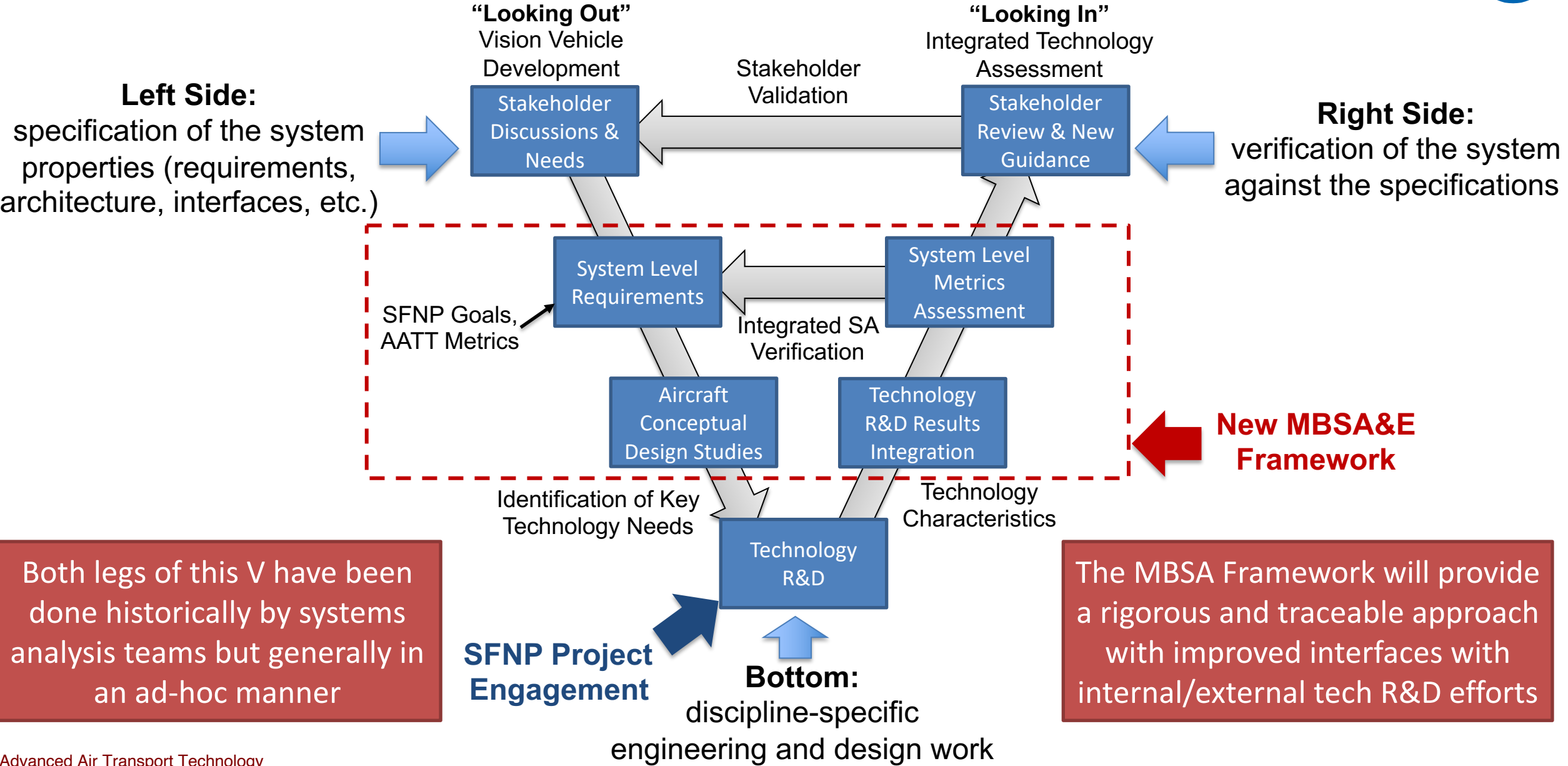
- Open, cross-project/program/external-capable MBSA ecosystem building off ARMD investments and capabilities across AAVP/IASP/TACP in support of the SFNP
- Coordinated, integrated systems analysis studies in support of SFNP
  - Common, open, reference vehicle models
  - Common, open, vision vehicle models
  - Technology benefit assessments and sensitivity studies informed by the SFNP demos



# Classic Systems Engineering V-Model



# SFNP Systems Analysis and Engineering V-Model



# Phased MBSA&E - Key Points of Progress

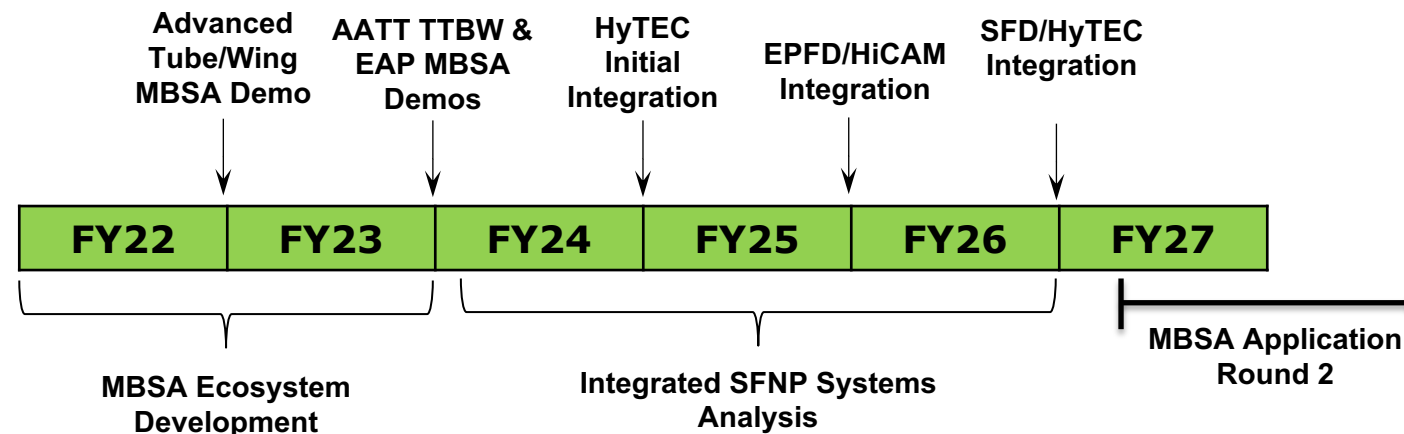


## Phase I - Develop common MBSA&E Framework/Ecosystem

- Create building blocks needed for key disciplinary analyses where lacking
- Integrate building blocks to form coupled MBSA&E framework – leveraging cross-project collaboration (e.g. TTT)
- Evaluate and test the MBSA&E framework with several use cases (conventional aircraft, TTBW, EAP)

## Phase II - Coordinate cross-project integrated model development and systems analysis studies

- Development of open, common SFNP reference and vision vehicle concepts and models
- Regular, frequent tech interchange meetings across SFNP systems analysis teams, including external project partners
- Integrated systems analysis studies to incrementally ‘roll-up’ SFNP findings into a consolidated understanding of vision vehicle benefits and trades





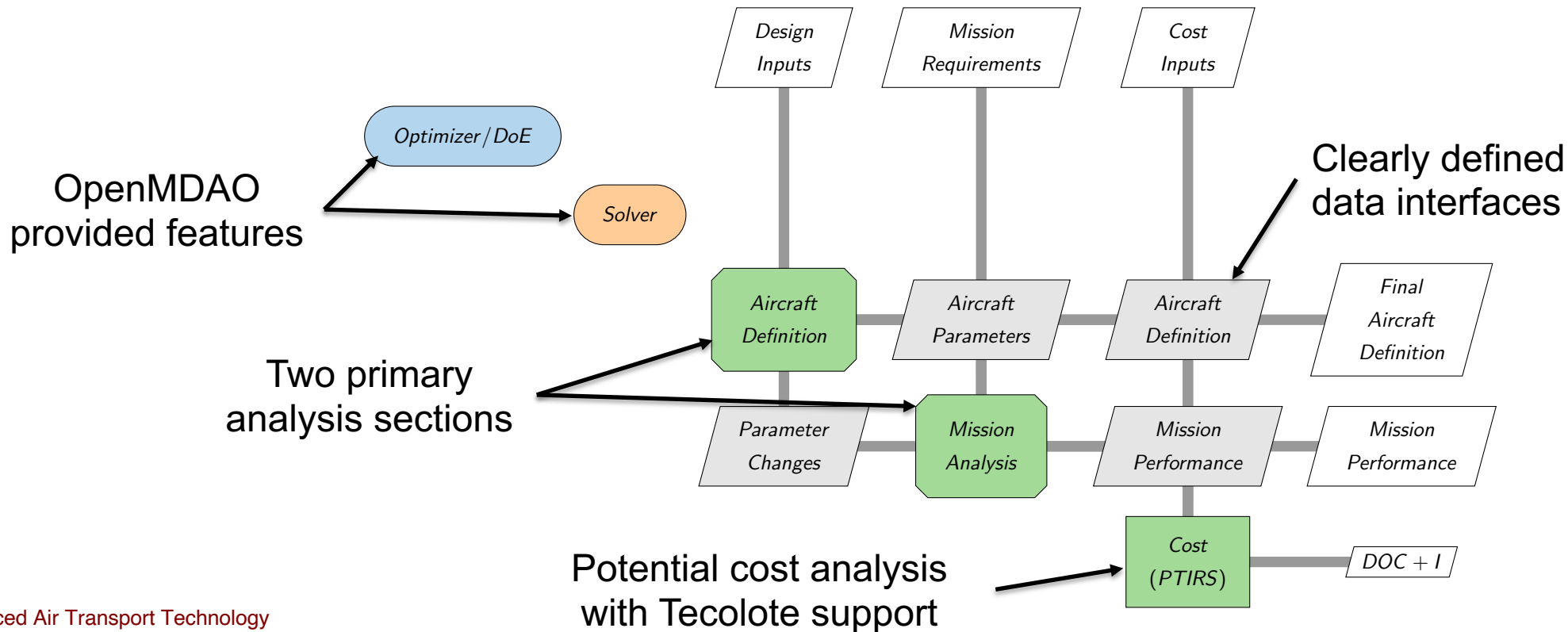


# MBSA&E: Phase I

# MBSA Framework – Top Level



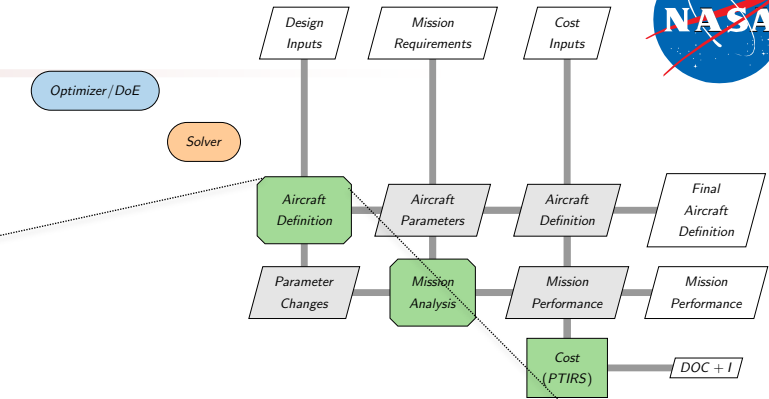
- Provides a rigorous and traceable systems analysis approach with improved interfaces with internal/external tech R&D efforts
- Framework will be created in OpenMDAO (TTT leading development) which will provide advanced capabilities for coupling existing tools and producing optimized, converged solutions



# MBSA Framework – Aircraft Definition Section

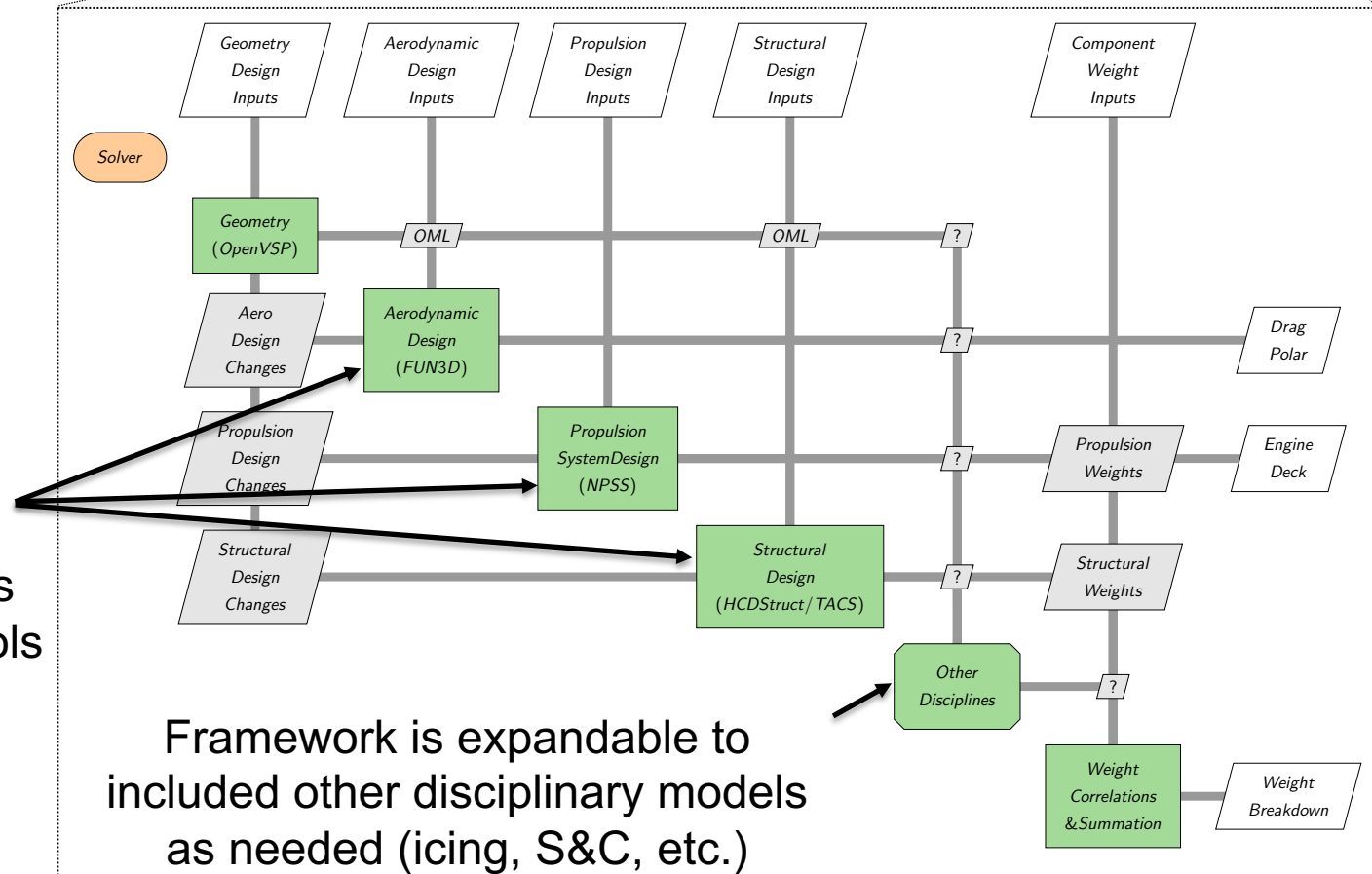


- Analysis section focuses on defining the aircraft configuration and size in a single integrated model
- Develops the aerodynamic, propulsion system, structural and other disciplinary designs



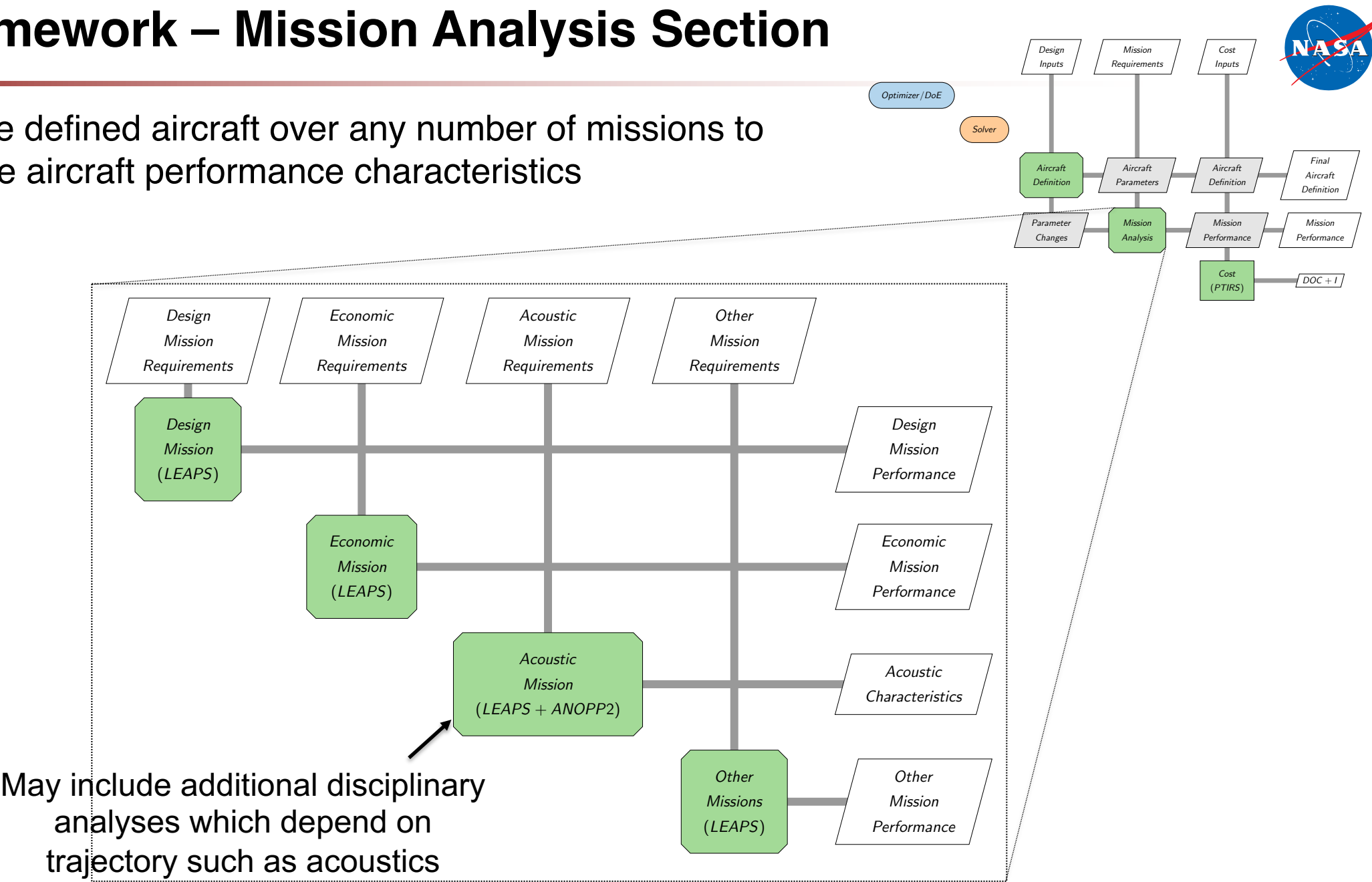
Disciplinary models are points of engagement with internal/ external tech R&D efforts:

- Modifying inputs and assumptions to traditional systems analysis tools
- Integrating high fidelity models

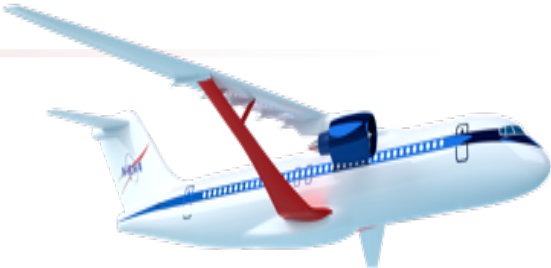


# MBSA Framework – Mission Analysis Section

- Evaluates the defined aircraft over any number of missions to determine the aircraft performance characteristics

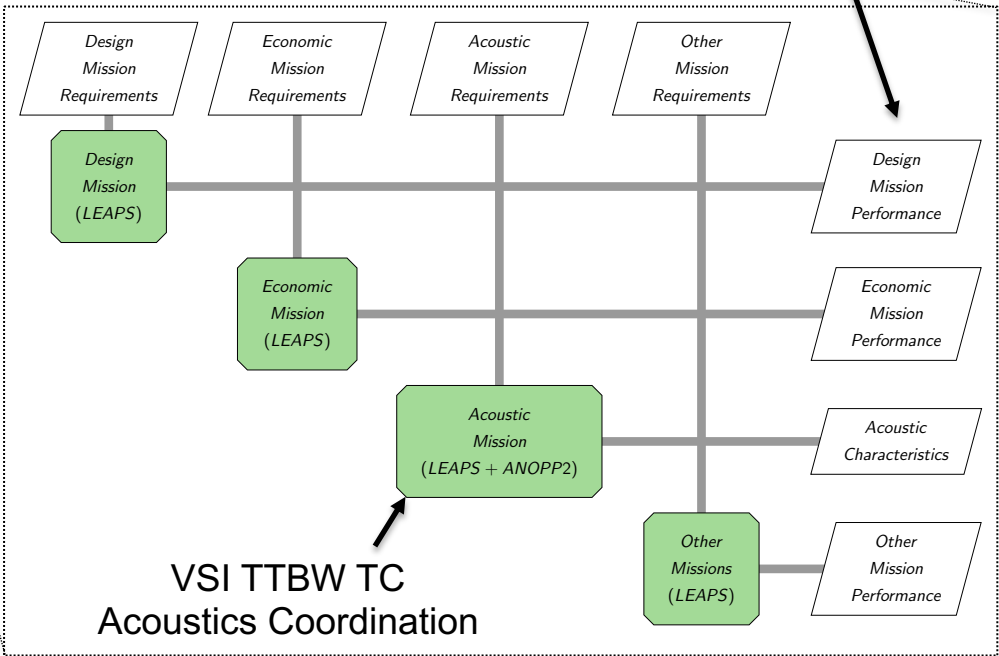
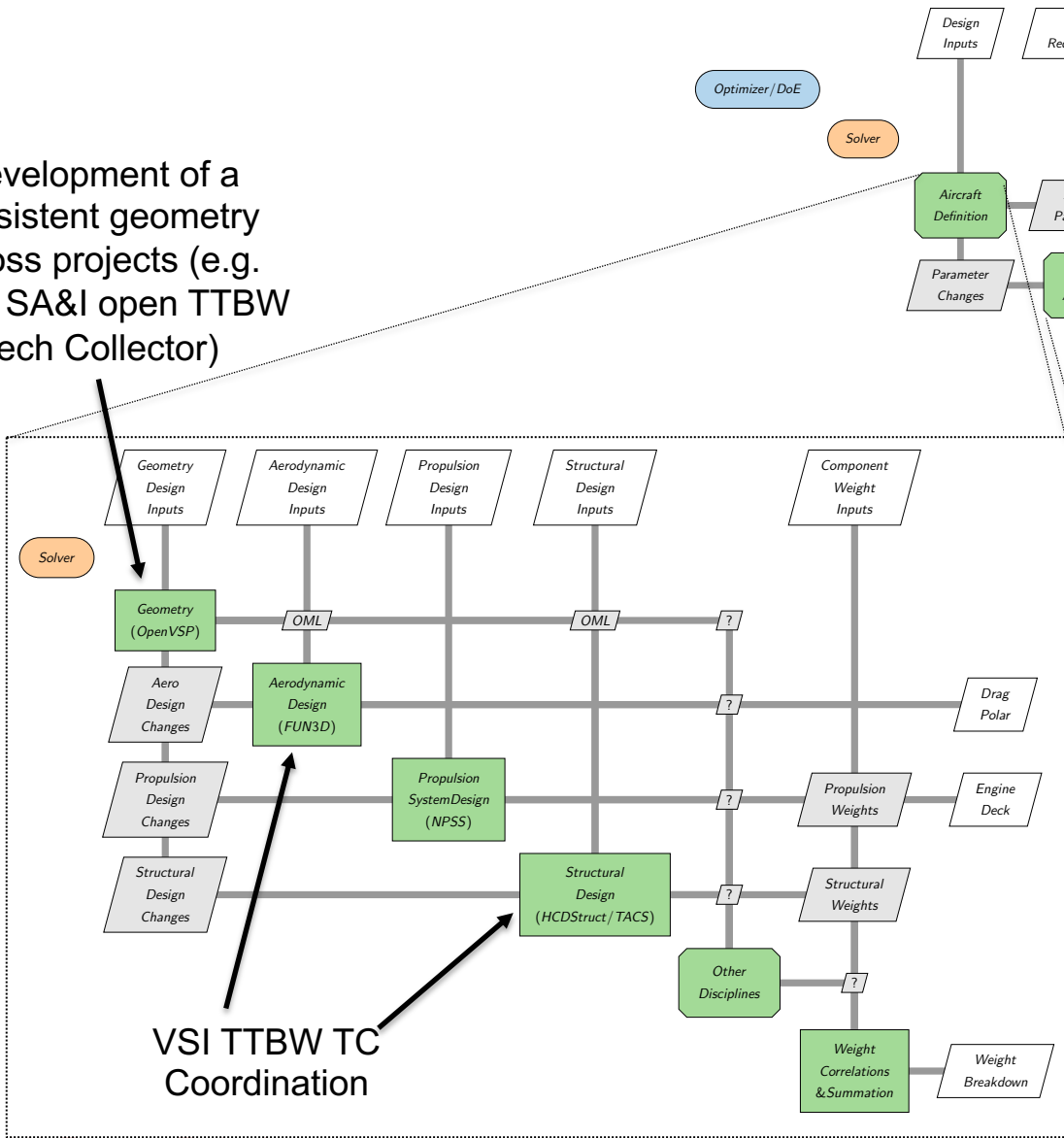


# Notional TTBW Example



Development of a consistent geometry across projects (e.g. AATT SA&I open TTBW Tech Collector)

Assessment of system-level benefits through comparison with equivalent tube and wing model outputs





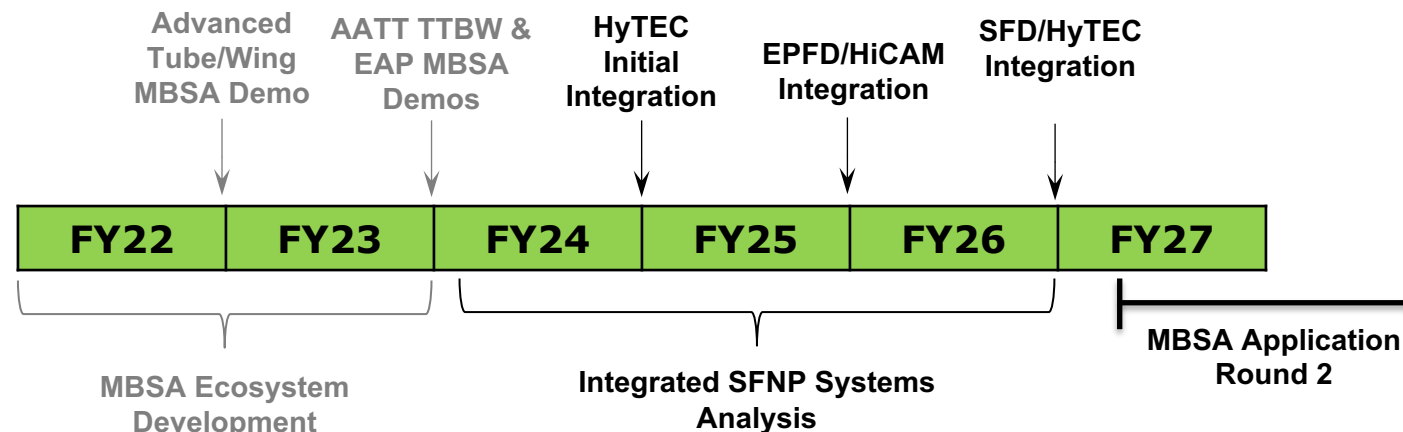
# MBSA&E: Phase II



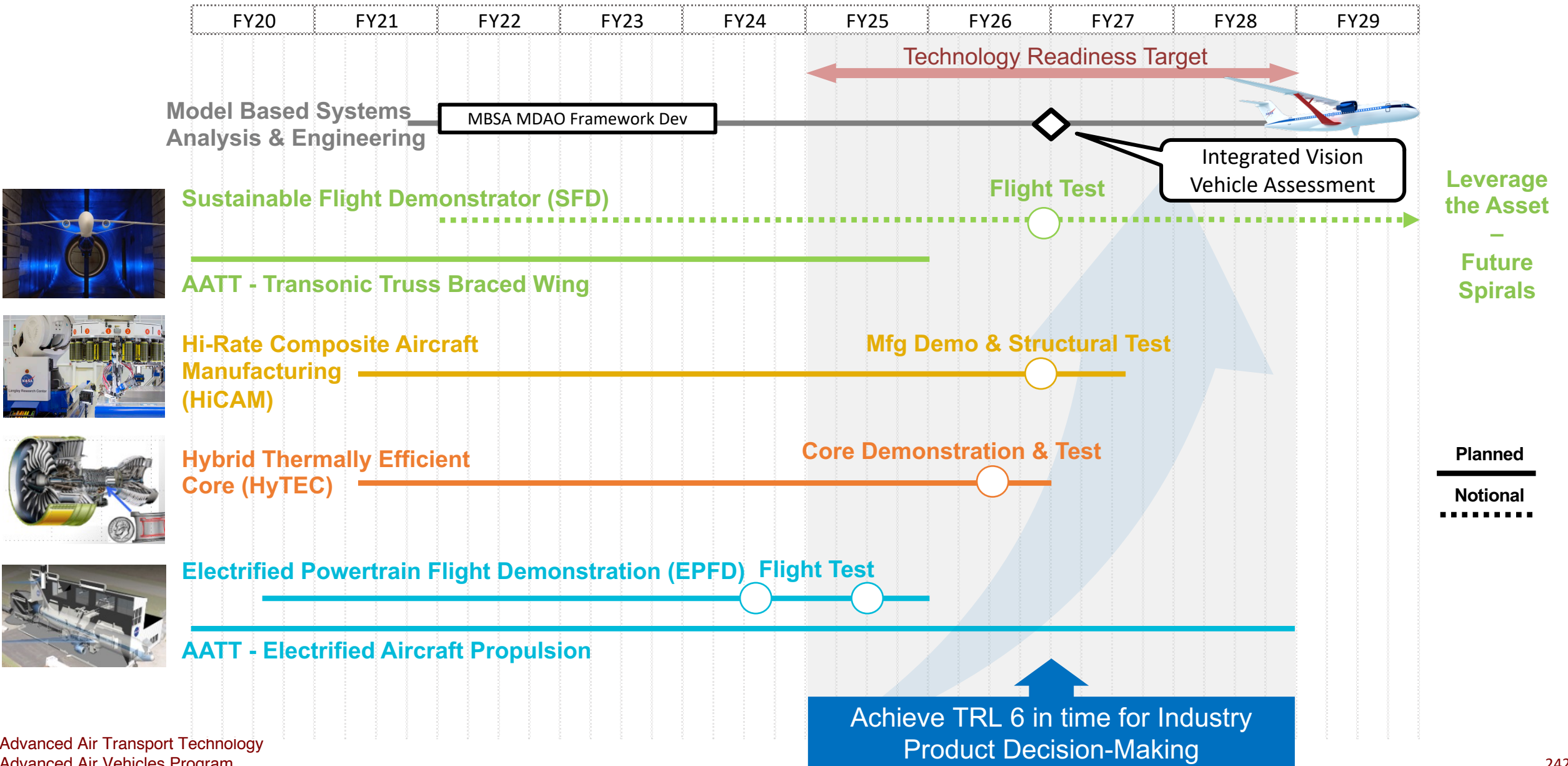
# Overview of Phase II



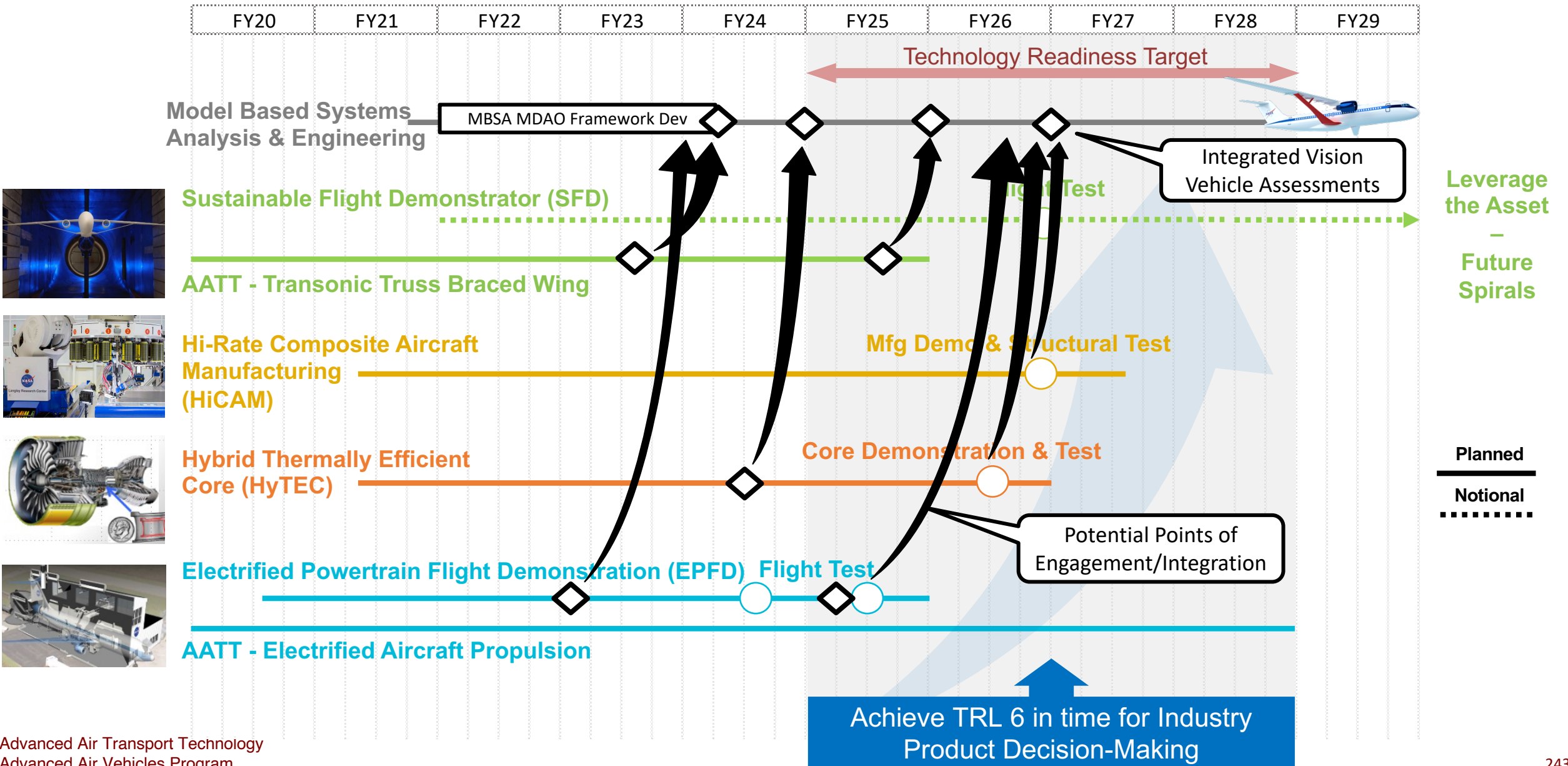
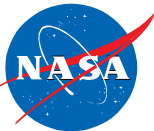
- Phase II will focus on the coordination of integrated systems analysis studies for the broader SFNP
- Key elements of Phase II will include:
  - Formulation of integrated systems analysis needs for the SFNP with an emphasis on development and assessment of vision vehicle concepts associated with the flight demo concepts
  - Project-specific technical interchange activities informed by the key project decision points and deliverables
  - Integration of experimental data, flight test data, and SME input into the integrated vision vehicle models for the purposes of technology benefit assessments for the SFNP
  - Regular cross-project reviews of the integrated, system-level vehicle models and associated systems analysis results to inform project plans and objectives early and frequently
  - Close coordination with the contract partners involved with each of the SFNP projects



# MBSA&E – Phase II – FY24-26



# MBSA&E – Phase II – FY24-26 :: Notional Integration



# Final SFNP MBSA&E ‘Deliverables’



- Common, open, MBSA&E framework/ecosystem
  - Built in OpenMDAO with support for core SFNP systems analysis and vehicle modeling tools
  - Framework architecture and component data interfaces informed by cross-project systems analysis teams and external SFNP partners
  - Library of open NASA plug-ins and SFNP data
  - MBSE attributes where possible (requirements tracking, common interfaces, etc)
- Common, open, systems-level SFNP reference vehicle models
- Common, open, systems-level SFNP vision vehicle models
- Integrated system-level benefit assessments of the SFNP vision vehicle concepts informed by SME elicitation and ground/flight demos across the SFNP

**A systems-level, digital integration  
across SFNP projects**

