



Next Generation Aerospace Systems

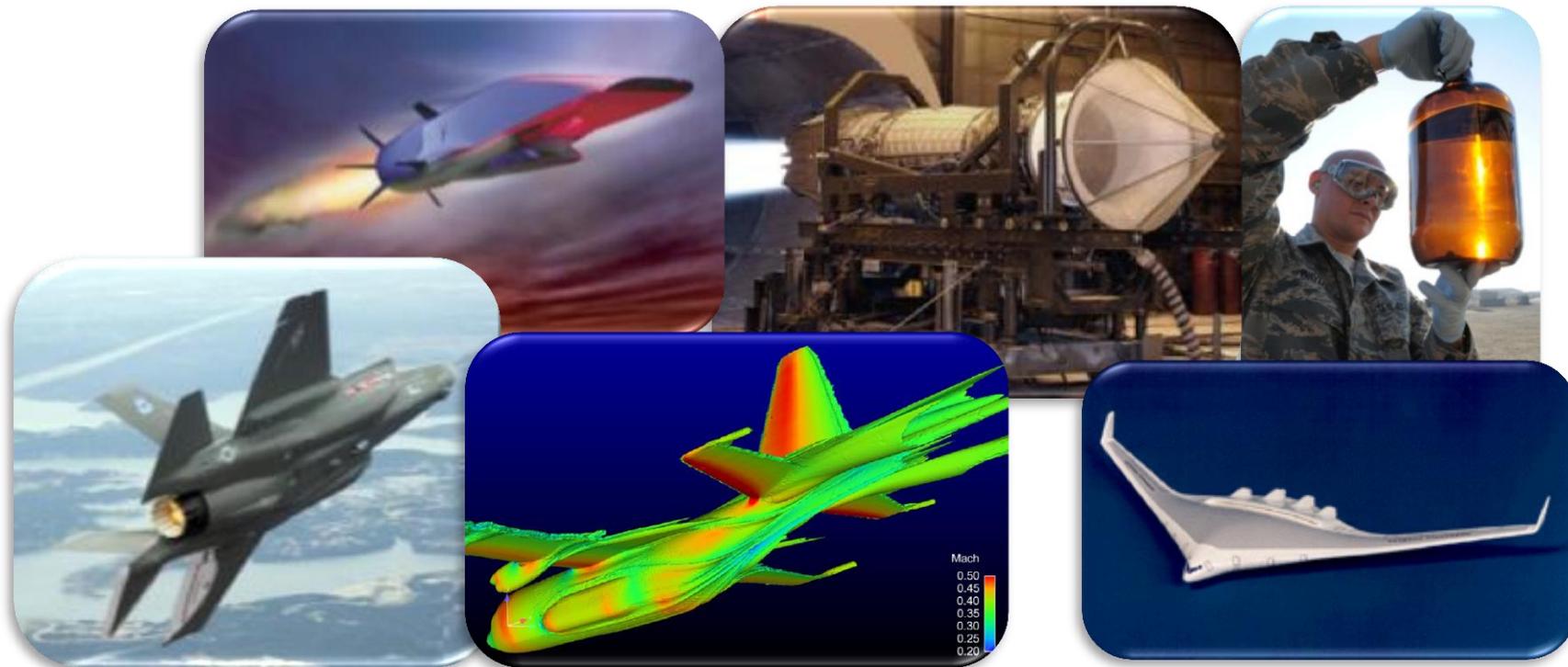
Integrity ★ Service ★ Excellence



Next Generation Aerospace Systems



MISSION/VISION: Leading discovery and development of world class integrated Aerospace Systems S&T for national security

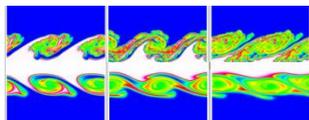




Next Gen Aerospace Systems Core Technical Competencies (CTCs)



Basic Research

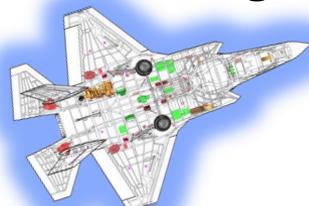


Structural Materials & Applications

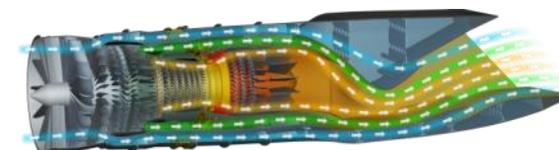
Aerospace Vehicles



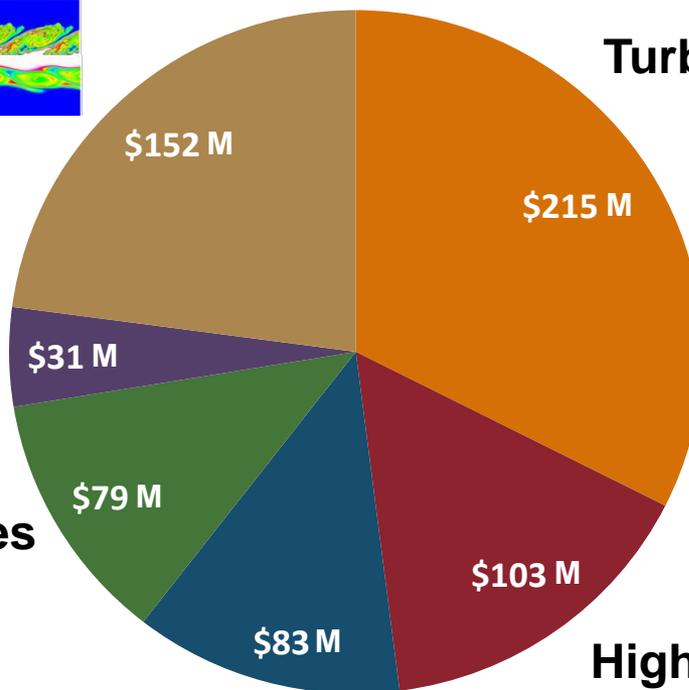
Control, Power, & Thermal Management



Turbine Engines



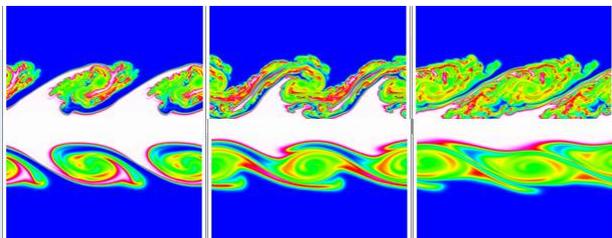
High Speed Systems





Basic Research for Next Gen Aerospace Systems

\$152M / year



Dr. Graham Candler at Univ. of Minnesota and others use computational fluid dynamics to study high-temperature reacting flows and hypersonic flows.

Motivation

- Understand foundation of energy transfer in multi-physics flow phenomena
- Understand complex physical phenomena crucial to the design and control of future AF systems
- Advance fundamental understanding of complex, time-dependent flow interactions
- Develop new and revolutionary flight structures

Mission/Vision Statement

Mission: We discover, shape, and champion basic science that profoundly impacts the future Air Force.

Vision: The U.S. Air Force dominates air, space, and cyber through revolutionary basic research.

Technical Approach/Ideas

Fundamental science to support AF needs in multiple applications:

- Explore canonical problems that capture the behavior of representative mechanisms and build a cohesive understanding of the energy transfer processes
- Analyze and predict physical phenomena of aerospace systems via computational mathematics
- Integrate theoretical, analytical, numerical, and experimental approaches to understand fundamental flow physics
- Generate understanding required to design and manufacture new aerospace materials and structures

Goals/Objectives

Goals: Develop the fundamental scientific knowledge required for revolutionary advancements in a broad variety of future AF capabilities for energetically-efficient air and space systems.

Objectives: Enable rapid global and regional response, create new materials and structures, and develop a framework for control of uncertain, information-rich, dynamic environments.



Aerospace Vehicles CTC



\$79M / year



Motivation

- A2AD– Operate from minimal basing locations and at extended ranges by enabling efficient, lightweight, and sustainable vehicle technologies for FAD and mobility A/C
- Air Force Energy Plan– Reduce fuel demand by increasing the energy efficiency of legacy fleet and future aircraft
- Airframe Lifecycle Management- Optimized lifecycle management for capability, availability, and cost
- Nat’l Aerospace R&D Plan – Certify composites, demonstrate multifunctional structures, and reduce A/C drag

Mission Statement

- Discover, develop, demonstrate, and deliver aerospace vehicle-focused technologies to assure warfighter air dominance.

Goals/Objectives

- 4-10% efficiency improvements on legacy fleet A/C
- Deliver mature sustainment technologies to the fleet
- Deliver tools and technologies for affordable sustainment and A/C life extension
- 2X improvement in range for next generation mobility aircraft over C-17 baseline
- Enable extended range and capability for FAD.

Technical Approach/Ideas

- Global Mobility . . . right effects, right place, right time
 - Efficient propulsion integration
 - Drag reduction (high span wings, laminar flow)
 - Lightweight composite structures
- Future Air Dominance . . . trade space and tech mat
 - Conceptual designs and technology trades to support AFLCMC and ACC in AoA activities
 - Develop multi-disciplinary design methods
- Sustainment . . . near to far
 - Re-engineering structure
 - Structural Health Monitoring
 - Fleet Health Management
 - Affordable A/C Life Extensions





Aerospace Vehicles CTC



Near-Term

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Legacy Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Adv. Design Methods, and Sustainment Retrofits



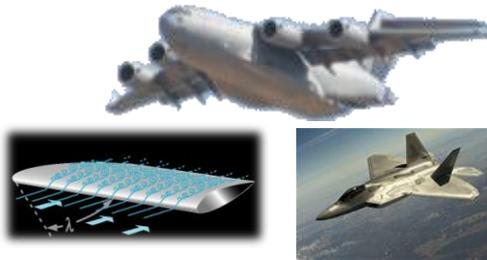
- C-130 Drag Reduction
- C-17 Formation Flight
- B-2 Windshields
- Re-engineering obsolete structures (C-5,C-130,F-15)
- FAD Design Methods

- >10M Gal/yr Fuel Savings
- >\$Ms Logistic Savings

Mid-Term

FY20-25

Major Legacy Upgrades



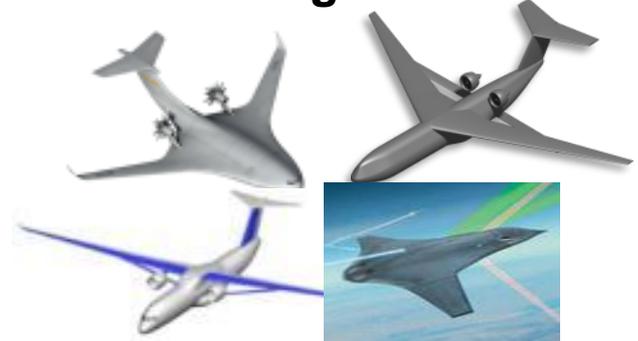
- C-17 Re-engine/Re-wing Feasibility
- Laminar Flow Designs
- High Bypass Efficient Propulsion Integration
- Composite Structure Life Assmt
- Structural Health Monitoring
- Per A/C Sustainment Tracking
- Physics-based Design methods
- Structurally Integrated Antenna Demonstration

- >100M Gal/yr Fuel Savings
- Service Life Extension Program
- >\$10M Logistic Savings

Far-Term

FY26-30

Revolutionary Configurations



- New Mobility Aircraft Designs - 60% fuel burn reduction
- Optimized Future Air Dominance
- Certified Primary Composite Structures
- Per A/C Sustainment and Life Extensions

- Rapid Global Mobility
- Future Air Dominance





High Speed Systems CTC



\$103M / year



Motivation

- Current capabilities are missile-scale, hydrocarbon-fueled scramjets, expendable structures, and load-superposition-based structural life prediction tools
- Current limitations are physical scale; expendable structures; and operability range (delta Mach)
- New capabilities will enable reusable, high Mach air-platforms at appropriate scale for strike and ISR

Mission/Vision Statement

- CTC MISSION: Develop technology options for high speed strike and penetrating regional ISR platforms
- VISION: Hypersonic platform technologies to produce revolutionary warfighting capabilities

Goals/Objectives

- Develop hydrocarbon-fueled scramjet, Mach 4-7 flight
- Develop reusable hydrocarbon-fueled scramjet and combined cycle engines
- Develop aerodynamic, aero-heating, and propulsion/weapon integration technologies for sustained high speed cruise
- Develop and exploit new structural concepts and physics-based methods to enable optimized high speed aircraft

Technical Approach/Ideas

- Develop endothermic fuel cooled hardware that maintains positive thermal balance throughout mission
- Develop advanced materials/structures that operate at high temperatures and support reusable high Mach aircraft
- Develop life prediction tools for aircraft/engine structures operating in harsh environment based on accurately modeling load interactions
- Develop ground test and analysis-based methods to evaluate and mature large hypersonic engines and aircraft structures





High Speed Systems CTC



Near-Term

FY14-19

Small-Scale Scramjet Engines and Hypersonic Flight Research



- 1st Gen Hypersonic Cruise Missile Propulsion using conventional jet fuels
- X-51A flights in 2010-2013
- Flight Tested Hypersonic Research Vehicles Atop Sounding Rockets (HIFiRE)

Global Precision Attack

Mid-Term

FY20-25

Medium-Scale Hypersonic Propulsion and High Speed Strike Weapon (HSSW)



- Extended life, performance, operability of scramjets
- High Speed Strike Weapon (HSSW) integrated weapon demo in 2017

Global Precision Attack
Global Integrated ISR

Far-Term

FY26-30

Large-Scale Combined Cycle Propulsion Systems



- Highly reusable, very wide operating range scramjets
- Integration of scramjets with turbines and/or rockets
- High temperature structures for reusable Mach 5-7 ISR/Strike aircraft

Global Precision Attack
Global Integrated ISR



Turbine Engines CTC



\$215M / year



Motivation

- A2AD and Pivot to Pacific – ADVENT, AETD, HEETE, STELR programs to provide highly-efficient turbine engines for long-range requirements
- Air Force Energy Horizons – Highly efficient engines & alternative fuels improve US energy position
- Nat’l Aerospace R&D Plan – Develop knowledge base to link emissions (and mitigation) to fuel composition
- Primary TFA: NGenAS; Leveraged: Afd&Sus, ISR, Wpns

Mission/Vision Statement

- Focused on 10x improvement in affordable capability
- Improving fuel efficiency and thrust/weight ratio
- Reducing development, production, and maintenance costs

Technical Approach/Ideas

- Adaptive Versatile Engine Tech (ADVENT) & Adaptive Engine Tech Development (AETD)
Objective: : Fully mature fuel efficient (+25%) adaptive component technologies for low-risk accelerated engine development for future combat aircraft
- Highly Energy Efficient Turbine Engine
Objective: Improve fuel efficiency (+35%) through demo of ultra high bypass ratio; integrated inlets, exhaust, & thermal management; and high temperature, high strength materials
- Advanced Energy & Sustainment Technologies for Propulsion (AESTP); Emerging & Fielded Systems
Objective: Safely reduce Propulsion O&S cost through S&T
- Aerospace Fuels
Objective: Understand effects of fuels composition & spec tolerance to advanced engines performance & emissions.

Goals/Objectives

Propulsion System Class	(CCI) GOAL *		
	VAATE I 2009	VAATE II 2013	VAATE III 2017
Turbofan/Turbojet - Large	4X	6X	10X
- Small**	3X	5X	8X
Turboshaft/prop	3X	4X	5X
Expendable	4X	6X	10X

* CCI = Capability Cost Index
State-of-the-art





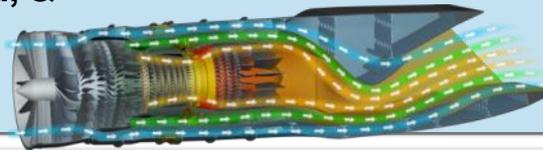
Turbine Engines CTC



Near-Term (FY14-19)

Adaptive Versatile Turbine Engine (ADVENT)

- Engine demos in 2013
- 25% SFC improvement
- Increased range, speed, & persistence



Targeted for 2020+ Combat Air Force Future Air Superiority & Strike Aircraft

Mid-Term (FY20-25)

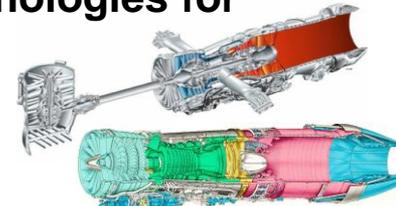
Adaptive Engine Tech Development (AETD)

- Could Save 1.4B Gallons of Fuel by 2040

Advanced Energy & Sustainment Technologies for Propulsion (AESTP)

- Emerging and Fielded Systems

Addresses Rising O&S Costs



Aerospace Fuels (AF)

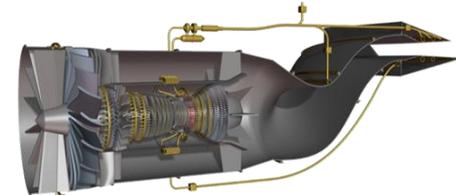
- Understand effects of fuels composition & spec tolerance to advanced engines performance & emissions.



Supports AF Energy Horizons

Far-Term (FY26-30)

Highly Energy Efficient Turbine Engine (HEETE)



- 35% SFC improvement for existing and future mobility, tanker and ISR platforms
- High overall pressure ratio

Supports Rapid Global Mobility

Supersonic Turbine Engine for Long Range (STELR)



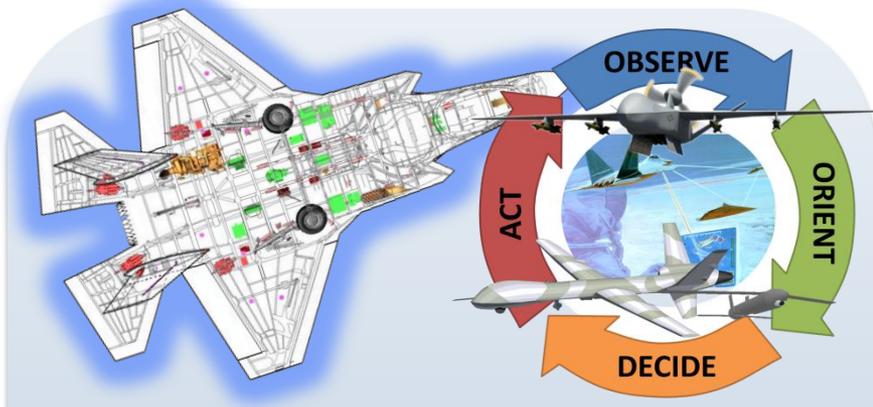
- Mach 3+ operations
- 1 Hour at max Mach

Supports LRSO/ALCM, RPAs, & Adv Cruise Missiles



Control, Power, and Thermal Management CTC

\$83M / year



Motivation

Current capabilities limited by:

- Ability to seamlessly integrate unmanned aircraft into training and operational environments
- Automation brittleness in uncertain, complex and contested environments
- Ability to model, design and assess integrated power and thermal system performance

Mission/Vision Statement

Lead the nation's S&T in integrated aircraft systems (controls, power, thermal management) for autonomous flight control and energy optimized aircraft

Goals/Objectives

Realize new mission and operational capabilities by:

- Enabling robust, safe, high-functioning automation for manned systems and autonomous UAS
- Removing power and thermal limitations for existing and new special mission systems

Technical Approach/Ideas

- Seamless integration of unmanned aircraft into airbase and airspace operations
- Cooperation and teaming of unmanned and manned aircraft
- Enhanced awareness of and real-time response to state of system, mission and environment
- Model-based design of integrated propulsion, power and thermal systems
- Verification and validation technologies to allow cost effective certification of new capabilities





Control, Power, and Thermal Management CTC



Near-Term (FY14-19)

Safety, Robustness for Current Operations

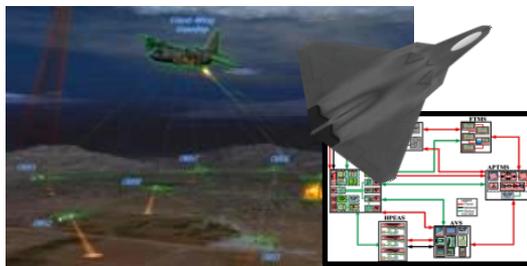


- Ground Collision Avoidance for Manned Fighters
- Sense & Avoid (SAA) for UAS Airspace Integration
- Electrical, Power and Thermal component technologies - Generators, Accumulators, Solid State Elect Distribution

SAA – Global Hawk, GIIIR
 Auto-GCAS transitions
 INVENT – F-35, Air Sup.

Mid-Term (FY20-25)

Operations in Complex, Contested Environments

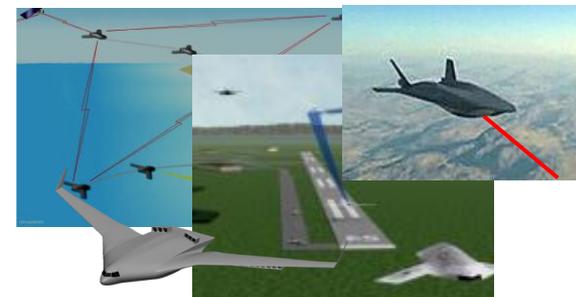


- UAS Airspace Integration – Autonomous Terminal Area Op's
- Tactical Off-Board Sensing - teaming behaviors (TOBS)
- INVENT – Integrated power and thermal management
- Verification & Validation of Adaptive & Autonomous Systems

UAS Airspace Integration - GIIIR
 TOBS – AFSOC
 INVENT – NGAD, AS

Far-Term (FY26-30)

New Operational Capabilities

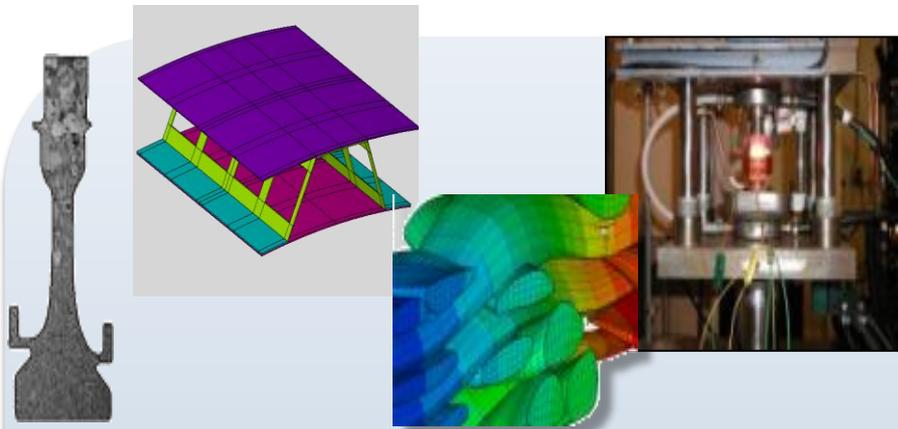


- Integrated UAS Operations – Manned-Unmanned teaming
- Robust autonomous system response to mission, environment, power, thermal needs
- Integration and certification through design





\$31M / year



Motivation

- Next Generation Aerospace Systems are fundamentally limited by the capabilities and affordability of current materials and materials processing, design, validation, & certification

Technical Approach/Ideas

- Shift from standardized to designed materials tailored for the applications
- Lighter weight materials that do much more than carry load
- Higher temp materials enabling faster, cheaper, more durable systems
 - Enhanced performance and increased fuel efficiency
- Material and damage state assessment & prediction of component life
- Materials & processing as integrated variables in component design
- More capable, reliable, efficient inspections to reduce maintenance burden

Mission/Vision Statement

- Delivering paradigm changing materials, processes, and NDE prototypes to enable new structural design concepts and their life-cycle management

Goals/Objectives

- Develop materials that can operate at much higher temperatures with comparable or better durability, weight, and affordability
 - Includes subsonic, supersonic, and hypersonic structures and propulsion systems
- Develop sensing capabilities for NDE and real time condition based maintenance

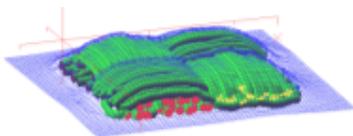


Structural Materials & Applications CTC



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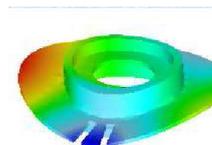
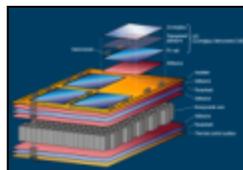
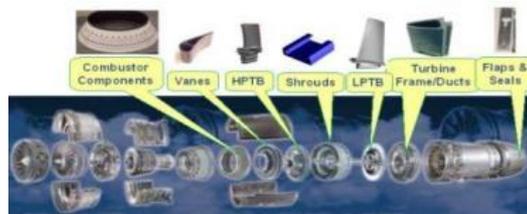
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- Hybrid Superalloy turbine engine compressor disk
- Ceramic Matrix Composite (CMC) components for engines and hot structures
- Modeling codes for integrating high temperature resin & fibers for organic matrix composites

Mid-Term

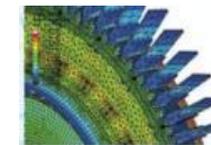
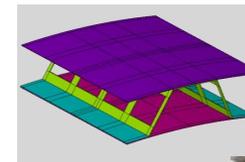
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- Integrated Ceramic Matrix Composite (CMC) components for engines and hot structures
- Multifunctional structural concepts for EM and HPM protection
- Integration of computational methodologies into standard industry design practices

Far-Term

FY26-30



- Affordable & robust thermal protection systems
- Validated computational models for microstructure component performance
- On-site inspection of airframe & engine components



SUMMARY

Next Generation Aerospace Systems



- **CTCs poised to provide technologies for future weapon systems**
 - Basic Research
 - Turbine Engines
 - Aerospace Vehicles
 - High Speed Systems
 - Control, Power, and Thermal Management
 - Structural Materials & Applications
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