



ASD(R&E) Perspective on Future Rotorcraft S&T

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Strategic Context

“...But today that [U.S.] superiority is being challenged in unprecedented ways.”



- Limited budgets
- Increasing global R&D competition

- Cyberspace threats
- Electromagnetic spectrum competition



- Less freedom of movement in space

- Growing sophistication in A2/AD threats





Defense R&E Strategy

[www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/resources/ASD\(R&E\)_Strategic_Guidance_May_2014.pdf](http://www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/resources/ASD(R&E)_Strategic_Guidance_May_2014.pdf)

1. **Mitigate** current and anticipated threat capabilities

- Cyber
- Space Capability
- Missile Defense
- Electronic Warfare
- Counter-WMD



2. **Affordably** enable new or extended capabilities in existing military systems

- Systems Engineering
- Capability Prototyping
- Interoperability
- Modeling and Simulation
- Developmental Test & Evaluation
- Power & Energy

3. Create technology **surprise** through science and engineering

- Autonomy
- Human Systems
- Quantum Systems
- Data Analytics
- Hypersonics
- Basic Sciences

Technology to offset Manpower

Technology Needs



- Cyber / Electronic Warfare
- Engineering / M & S
- Capability Prototyping
- Protection & Sustainment
- Advanced Machine Intelligence
- Anti-Access/Area Denial

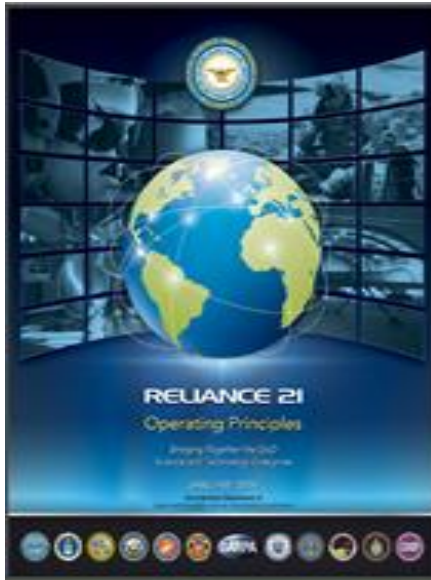


DoD Research & Engineering (R&E)

Reliance 21: Operating Principles



Operational framework of the DoD S&T Joint Planning and Coordination process

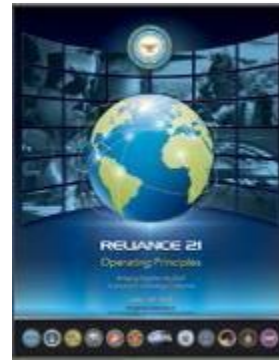


- Executes the DoD R&E Strategies
- Portfolio Management infrastructure to enable:
 - Information sharing
 - Alignment of effort against capability gaps
 - Coordination of priorities and investments
 - Exploit synergies and develop new opportunities
 - Support for scientists and engineers across the DoD R&E Enterprise
 - Released January 2014

Available at www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/resources/2014-Reliance21OperatingPrinciples.pdf



Air Platforms Community of Interest (Col)



Air Platforms Vision

Provide innovative air platform technology and technology integration for *survivable, affordable, effective and agile* capability for legacy and future aircraft

Effectiveness

- Increased range and speed
- Increased time-on-station
- Survivability against advanced threats
- Improved sensor / weapons integration
- Increased availability / msn capable rate

Affordability

- Shortening development timelines
- Applying advanced manufacturing
- Reducing sustainment demands
- Improving logistics
- Pursuing energy efficiencies



Air Platforms COI Science & Technology Sub Areas



Fixed Wing Vehicle



Rotary Wing Vehicle



**Aircraft
Propulsion, Power
& Thermal**



High-Speed/Hypersonics





Rotary Wing Vehicles

Near Term (2020)

- Reduced maintenance costs
- Degraded Visual Environment
- Joint Multi Role technologies
- Multidisciplinary design optimization
- Mission Systems Architecture



- Increased Speed, Range, & Payload
- Reduced Maintenance
- Autonomy
- Flight Control Improvements

Mid Term (2025)

- Extension of TBO & improved failure prediction
- Own the weather
- Complex decision aiding
- Lightweight structures



- Transformational Vertical Lift Capabilities
- Zero Maintenance
- NextGen UAS Engine and Platform Demonstrations

Far Term (2030)

- Zero maintenance
- Coordinated autonomous operations of multiple UAVs
- Smart adaptive composite structures
- Future Vertical Lift





Army S&T Priorities

Extension of Range and Endurance

- Fly faster and farther
- Support all FVL initiative capabilities
- Carry more payload
- Demonstrate transformational vertical lift capabilities



Operations in Degraded Visual Environments (DVE)

- Operate in complex environments
- Pilotage in all DVE's
- 360° situational awareness (SA)
- Multi-functionality
- Multi-spectral



Sustainability, Maintainability, Reduced Logistics Footprint

- Ultra-reliable designs
- Zero maintenance concept
- Reduced Maintenance burden



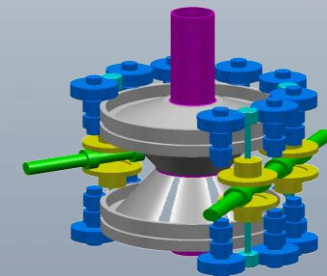
Future Family of UAS Demo

- Mature autonomous capabilities
- Refine the interface between pilot and aircraft
- Advanced UAS engine concepts



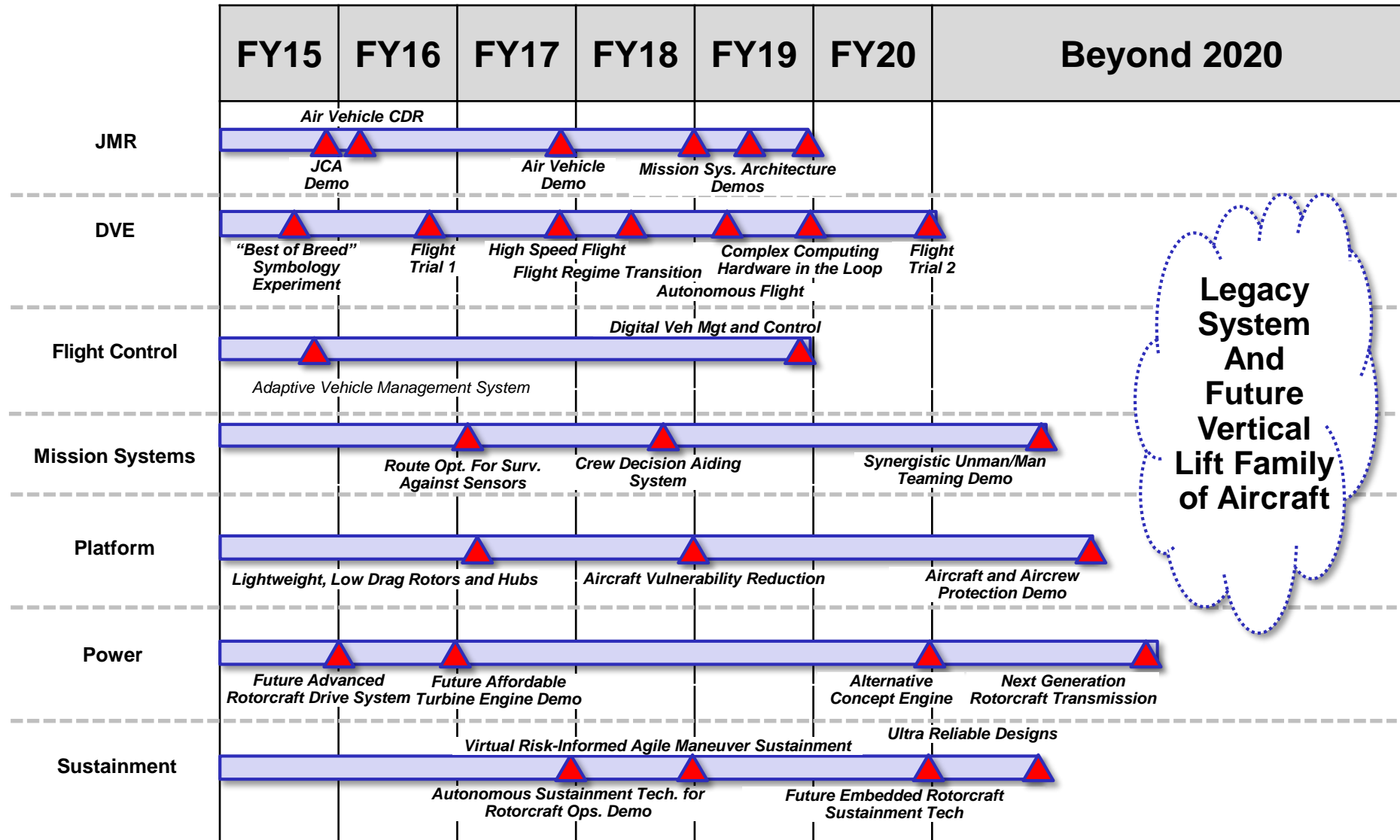
Advance Engine & Drive Technologies

- Multi-speed transmission
- Move beyond traditional turbo-shaft engine architecture





Rotary Wing Vehicle



Legacy System And Future Vertical Lift Family of Aircraft



Summary



- Maintaining S&T alignment to strategy essential in this budget environment
- Community of Interests used to coordinate and plan S&T
- Affordability is a key element of Defense R&E Strategy
- Development of technologies for Rotary Wing Vehicles is critical to enabling future capabilities – both for legacy and FVL