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# Boeing's Approach to Innovation & Technology Integration

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# The Boeing Company Today

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## Boeing Commercial Airplanes



## Integrated Defense Systems



# Customers Demanding Connected, Integrated and Intelligent System of Systems

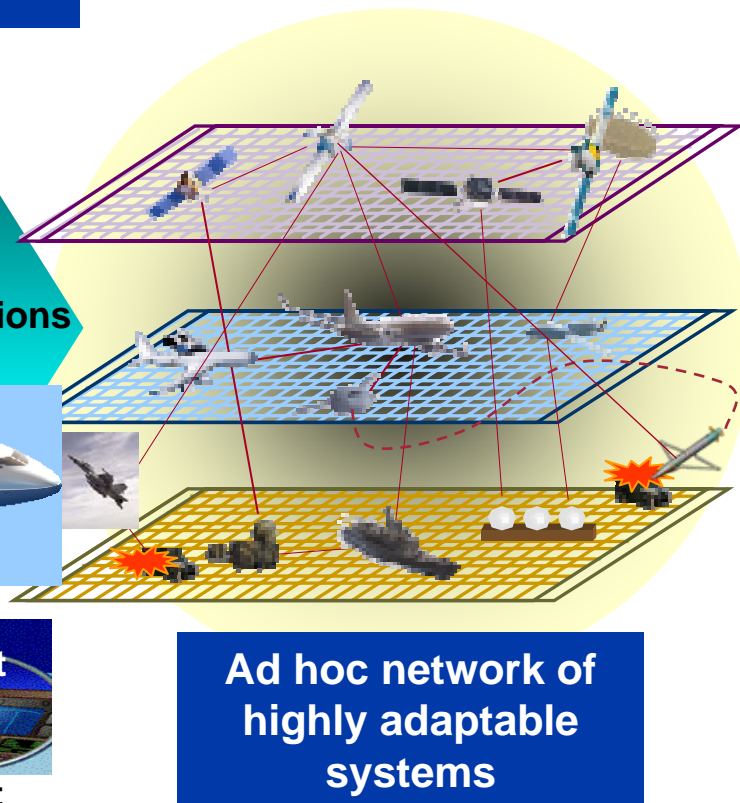
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**Today**

**Transformation Programs**

**Tomorrow**



**Boeing is balancing a customer pull for integrated systems with technology push for "Innovation"**

# Innovation Strategy

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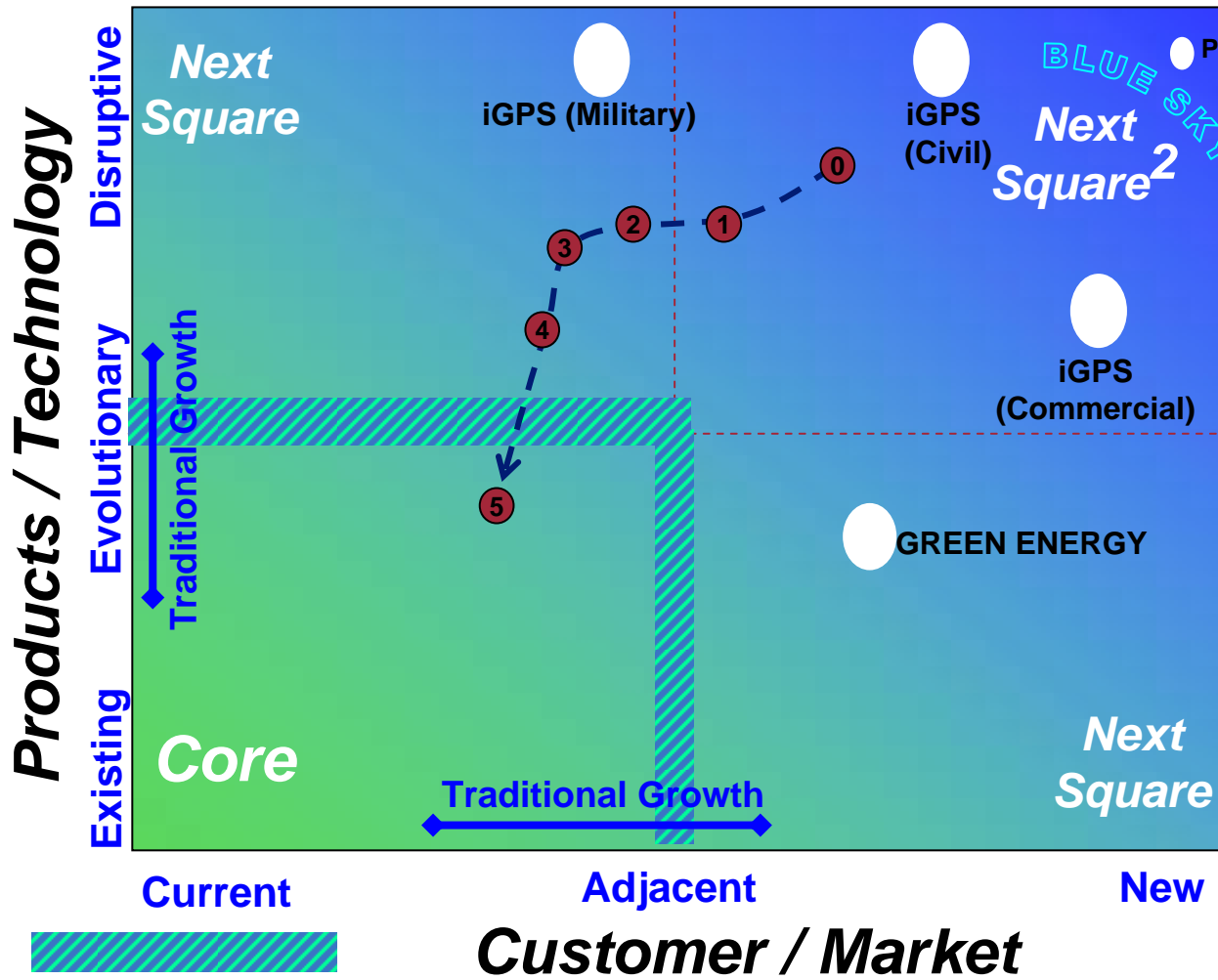
- **Leverage Boeing technology to find & develop growth platforms:**
  - Markets & businesses that meet Boeing criteria
- **Create competitive advantage in new markets and businesses**
  - Leverage Boeing's differentiated assets
  - Focus on Breakthrough Technology
  - Create new verticals via development/acquire
- **Leverage outside R&D resources (DARPA, military labs, universities,...)**
- **Efficient Stage/Gate Innovation Process**
  - Migrating growth opportunities to comfort zone



# Strategy for Technology Integration – Spiral to Core

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*The Key was to move FCS toward the core by:*

## ✓ Partnering

- ① **Experimentation & Customer Feedback**
- ② **Teamed with SAIC**
  - Army Land Combat domain knowledge
- ③ **Army LSI for FCS**
  - UDLP & GD added

## ✓ Spiral Development

- ④ **Phased Technology Increments**

## ✓ Spiral Out

- ⑤ **To Current Force**



# Technology Integration Driven by Customer Requirements (Pull) and Innovation (Push)

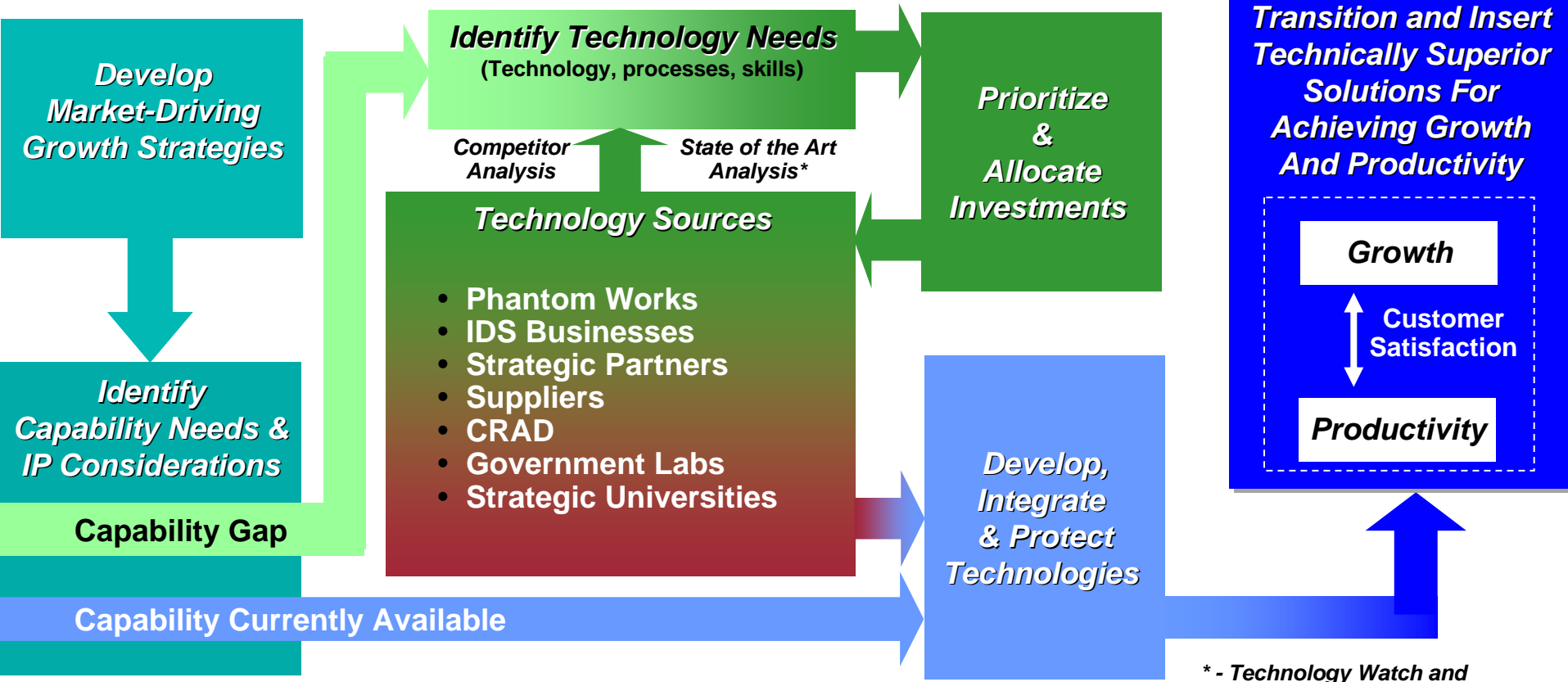
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**Understand Customers Most Important & Deficient Capability Needs**



Spin-off to Adjacent Markets (Next Square<sup>2</sup>)



\* - Technology Watch and Disruptive Technologies - STFs

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Defense Technology Vectors

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## Key Vectors

### Boeing Perspective

### Imperatives

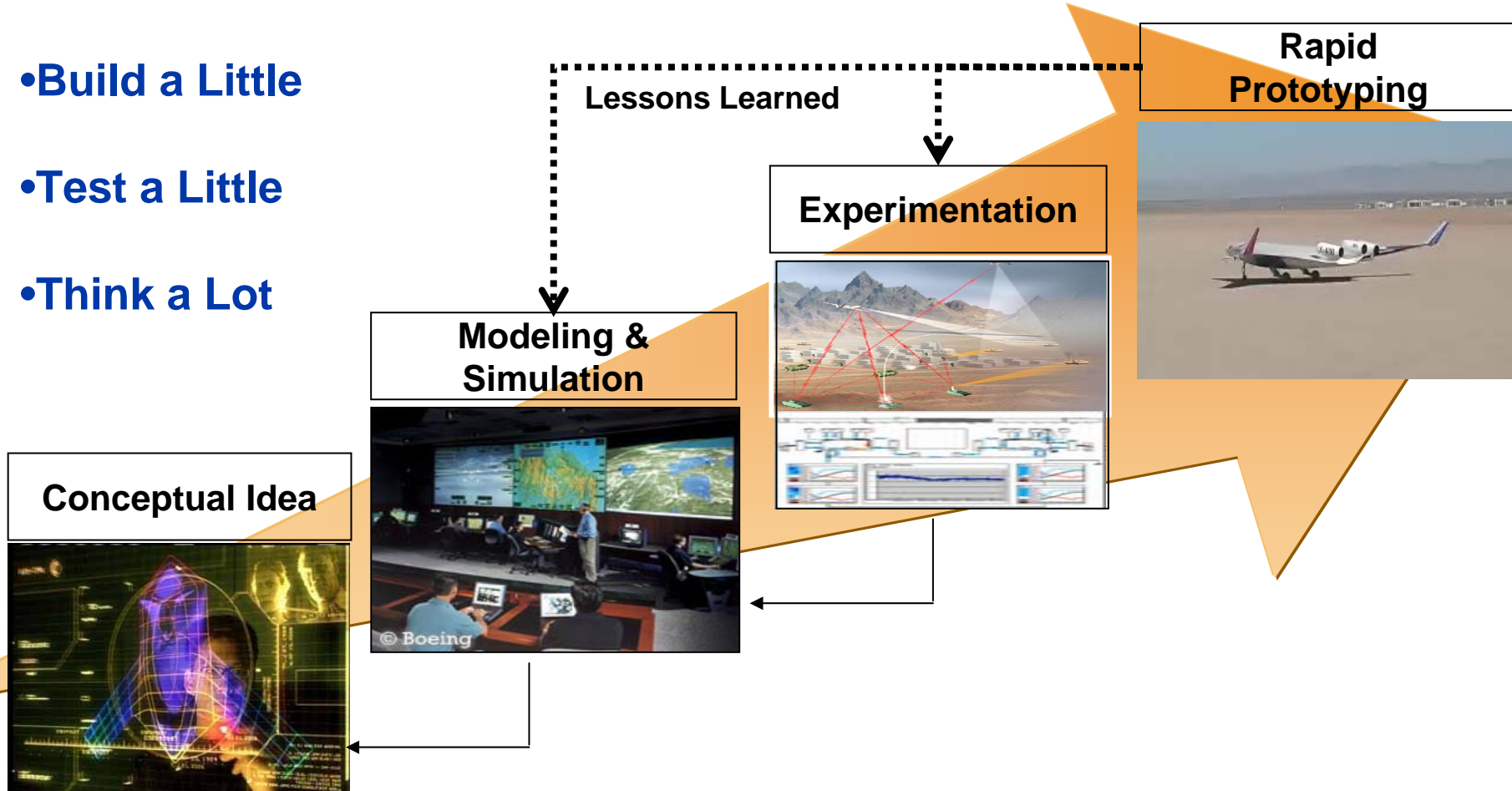
<u>Key Vectors</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Research / Ideas</u>	<u>Imperatives</u>
<u>Precision Sensing, Navigation &amp; Timing</u>	ICBM-IMU <u>JDAM</u>	GPS-IIF <u>SDB</u>  <u>GMD</u>	GPS-III  <u>iGPS (Comm &amp; Nav)</u>  Very Small SDB	<u>10 x improvement, Integrate Comms &amp; Navigation</u>
<u>Integrated C4ISR</u>	<u>FCS SOSCOE</u>  P-8A		EP-X  <u>TSAT</u>  Foliage Penetration	<u>No Stovepipes between ISR Systems Ad-Hoc Task/Exploit</u>
<u>Info Assurance</u>	EA-18G  Railhead	<u>JTRS</u>  <u>Secure Network Server (SNS)</u>	High Integrity Knowledge Mgmt	<u>High Integrity Networks &amp; Computer Systems</u>
<u>Nano-electronics &amp; Nano Technology</u>	G-bytes/sec Analog-Digital <u>ASIC Processors</u>	Mission Specific Processors	RF & Digital Systems on Chip  Carbon-X	<u>Intelligence at the edge, 20 yrs till Silicon = Human</u>
<u>Laser &amp; Photonics</u>	<u>ABL</u>		<u>Laser Comms</u>  ATL Solid State HE Lasers	<u>Communicate, Tag and Engage at the Speed of Light</u>
<u>Unmanned Systems &amp; Robotics</u>	<u>ScanEagle</u>  <u>A-160</u>	FCS Robotics  <u>Orbital Express</u>	Variably Manned Systems	<u>High Integrity Zero "Pilot" Operations</u>
<u>Energy &amp; Environment</u>	<u>Space Solar Cells</u>  Terrestrial Solar Cells	Bio-Fuels  BWB	H <sup>2</sup> Powered UAVs	<u>High Efficiency, Zero Emissions, Alternate Energy</u>

# Successful Technology Integration Requires M&S, Experimentation, and Rapid Prototyping

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- Build a Little
- Test a Little
- Think a Lot



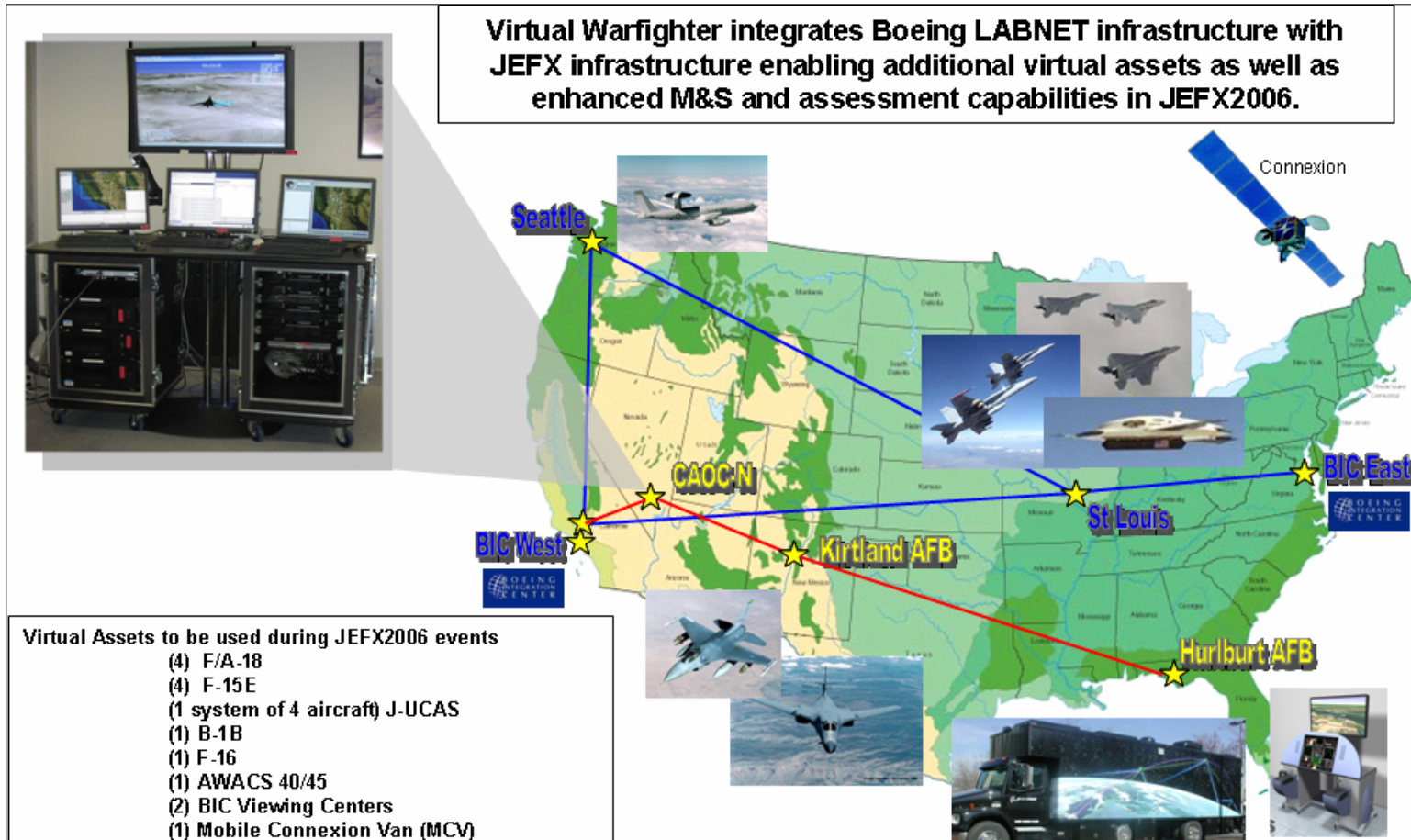
**Key Components for Successful Technology Integration**



# Modeling & Simulation Environment

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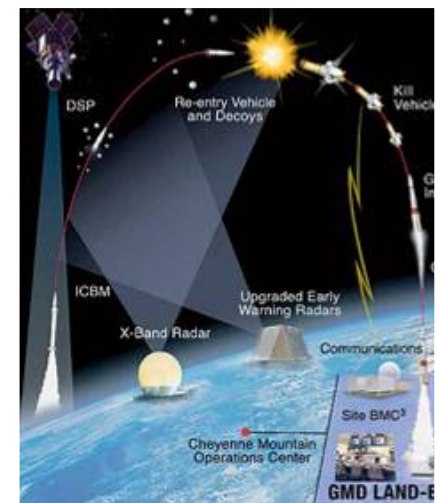
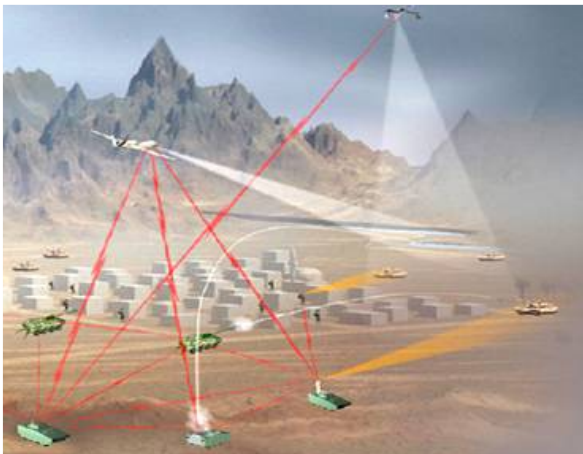
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**Live-Virtual-Constructive enables Pilots to fly real hardware in live events without live fly costs**

# Technology Evaluation through Experimentation

- **Experimentation, using M&S, enables exploring the impact of new technology at every level of insertion...before building or buying**
  - For example, improved sensor and data link capability in A&M aircraft supporting BP counter drug operations (existing military or entirely new)
  - Or new counter cruise missile radar/sensor capabilities
  - Or better forest firefighting equipment
  - Or new WMD detection capabilities
  - Or direct hospital to first responder medical support technologies
  - Or ...



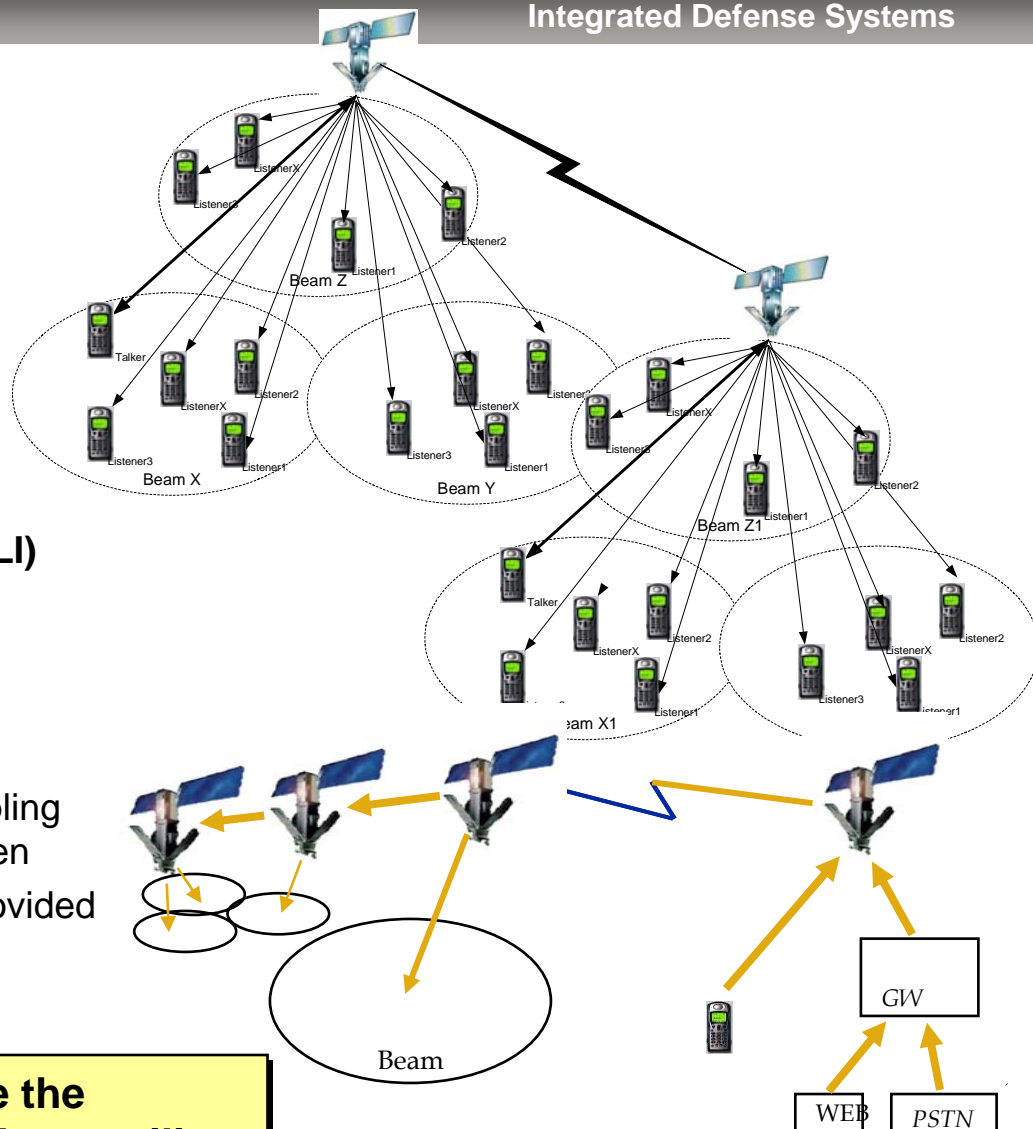
# Boeing's & Iridium's "Group Call" On-Orbit Upgrade

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**Enables Iridium Cellular system to function a "UHF Satcom Radio"**

- **Service(s)**
  - Support DOD customers
    - Encrypted service, does not require call intercept
  - Three types of Services
    - Push to talk (PTT)
    - Broadcast
    - Position Location Information (PLI)
  - GC shall not impact the call performance of non-GC users
- **Security**
  - All group calls shall be encrypted
  - System shall have the capability of disabling specific users if equipment is lost or stolen
  - Encryption key management shall be provided
  - All group members shall have the latest encryption update prior to joining a GC



**Boeing has already been able to upgrade the constellation to offer new services with Army utility**

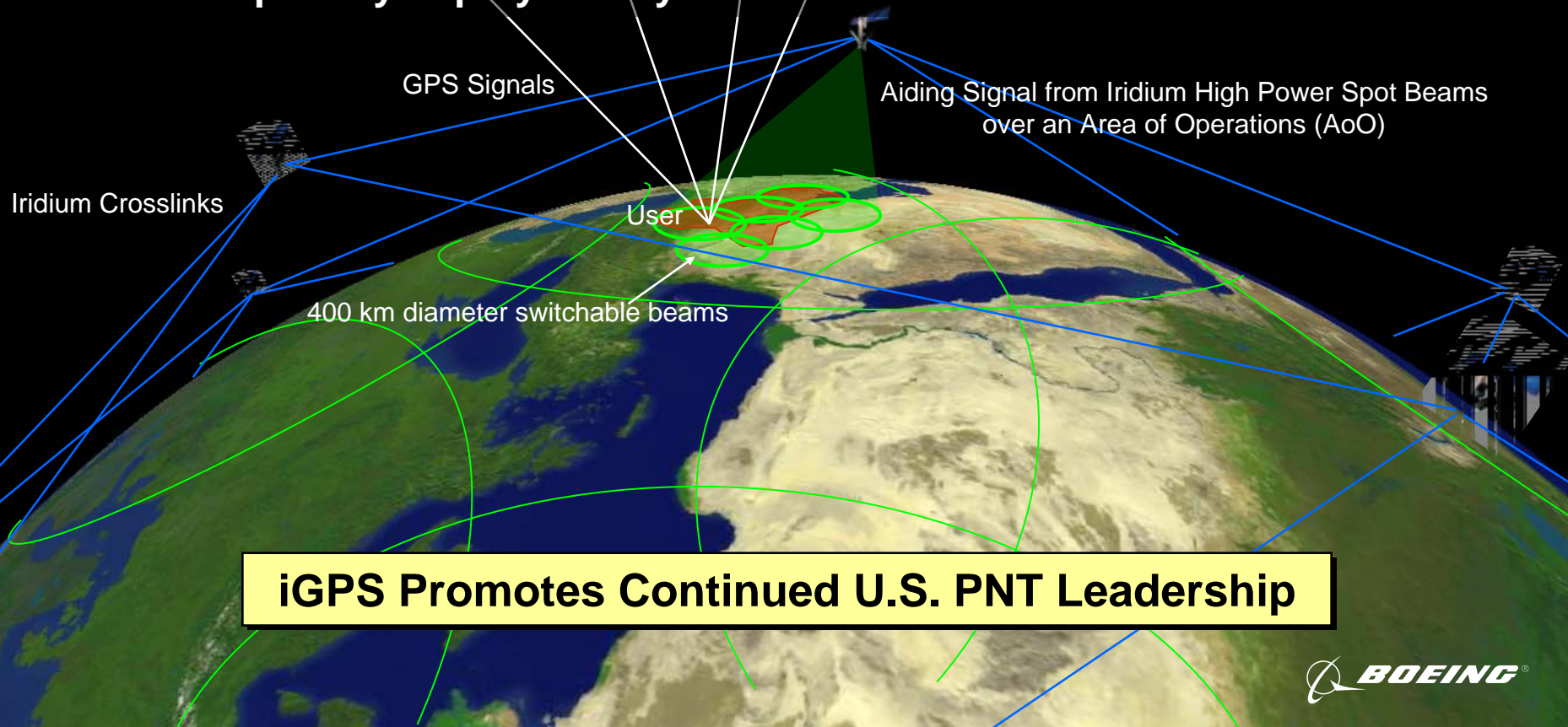


# High Integrity GPS (iGPS Enhancement via Iridium)



Enabled by Horizontal (ground) Integration of Iridium Nav-Com System & GPS

- Disruptive innovation opportunity to address unmet needs
  - Antijam, Accuracy, Integrity, Availability
- Creates a more Robust PNT Constellation
- Integrates GPS's Psuedorange multilateration with Transit's FDOA
- Initial capability deployable by 2010



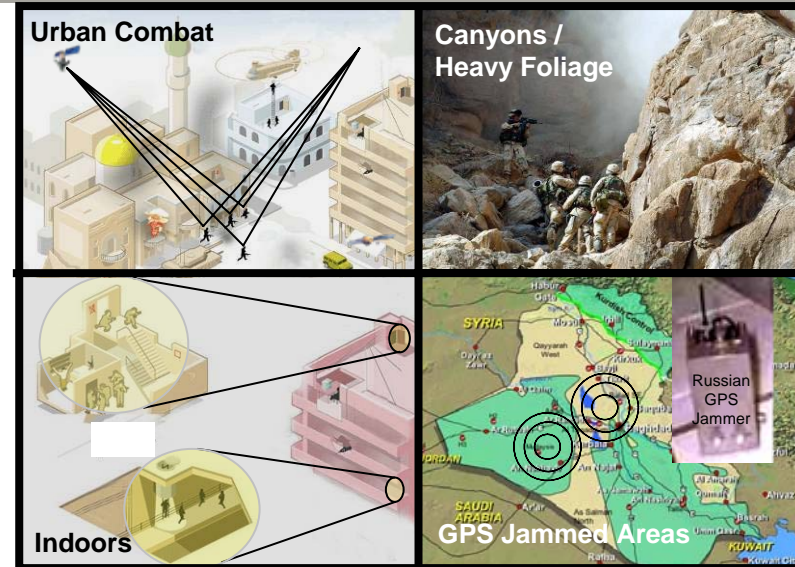
**iGPS Promotes Continued U.S. PNT Leadership**

# Application: Early SOF iGPS Capability to SOCOM

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**US Opportunity:**  
**Decisive Navigation Superiority**  
**that is Secure and Dependable**



- More Robust GPS
  - Accuracy, integrity, and availability
- Keep GPS During Electronic Countermeasures
  - iGPS AJ Prevents ECCM from interfering with DAGR
- Improve GPS Availability in Restrictive Environments
  - Forests, Mountainous, Urban
  - iGPS Redundant Dynamic Ranging Counteracts Sky Blockage in spite of High Mask Angles
- Support Global JBFSA
  - iGPS offers 2-way satellite data link and JBFSA GUI embedded in DAGR
  - Network of DAGRs can triangulate enemy jammer locations
- Rapid (<2 min) Time to First Fix under Severe Jamming (>70 dB J/S)
  - Improves battery life for extended missions



# A160 Background

- **Autonomous Vertical-UAS utilizing Optimum Speed Rotor technology coupled with other design features to achieve long endurance and long range with significant payload capability**
- **Wide mission range**
  - C4ISR
  - Organic armed ISR
  - Utility missions
- **DARPA-Army program, began in 1998 – presently in Phase I (started Aug 2003)**



# Technical Approach

- **Advanced Rotor**
  - **Optimum (Variable) Speed Rotor (OSR), 50-100% RPM**
  - **Low Disk Loading**
  - **High Lift/Drag Blade Airfoils**
  - **Hinge-less Rigid In-Plane Rotor for Precision Control**
- **Fuselage**
  - **Aerodynamically clean retractable main gear**
- **Autonomous Vehicle Flight Control**
  - **Flight Waypoint Control**
  - **Auto take-off and land**
- **Structure**
  - **Lightweight high stiffness blades**
  - **Lightweight fuselage**
- **High Fuel Fraction**

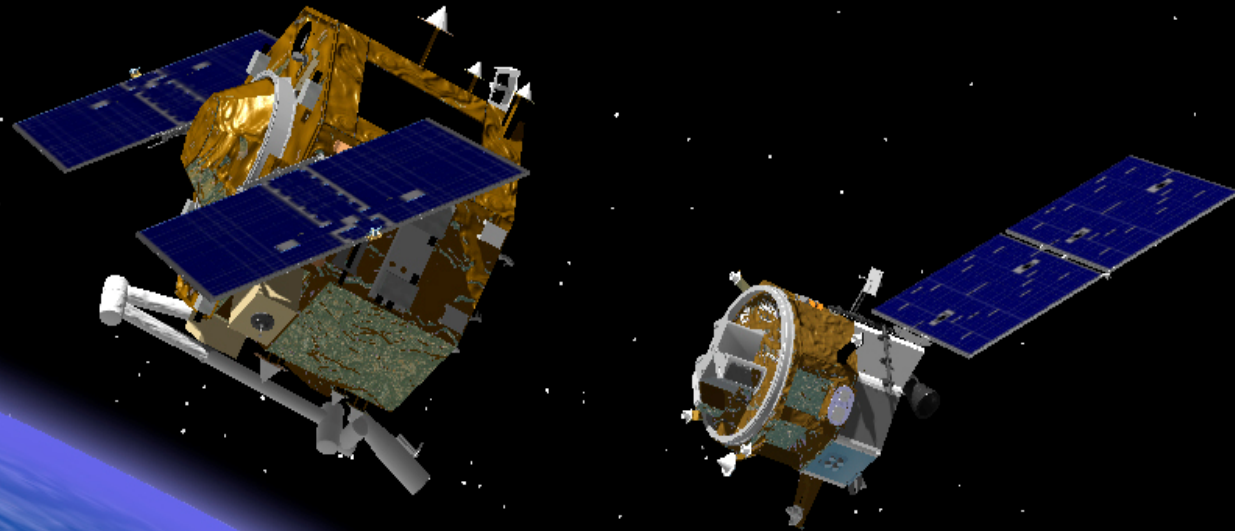


# A160 Phase I Performance Goals

- **20 hrs (sea level) endurance with 300 lb payload**
- **HOGGE of 15,000 ft altitude; flight at 30,000 ft altitude**
- **>2,200 nm range**
- **Airspeed to 140 knots**
- **Re-supply delivery of 1000 lb payload to a radius of 500 km**
- **System reliability to enable 1,000 flight hours between air vehicle losses**



# DARPA & Boeing's Orbital Express: *On-orbit servicing enhances space missions*



**Autonomous Rendezvous & Soft Docking allows:**

- **Inspect & service satellites / spacecraft**
- **Deliver commodity consumables / cargo**
- **Assemble large space structures**

# Future Systems Enabled by Orbital Express

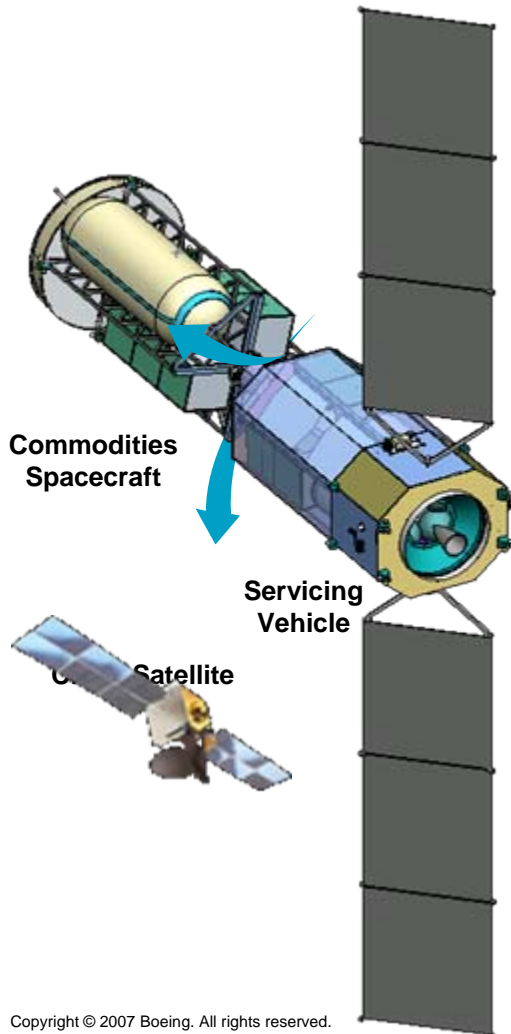
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**Demonstrated key technologies to build a future operational system.**

**The concept of operations provides:**

- **A servicing vehicle to rendezvous with client vehicle.**
- **Required services.**
- **Rendezvous with a commodities depot to replenish supplies before servicing the next client vehicle.**



## Capabilities enabled by servicing include:

- Refueling
- Avoidance
- Maneuverability
- De orbit
- Resolution
- Repositioning
- Time over target
- Contingency refueling
- Repeated access
- Early operational capability
- Increased life
- Coverage patterns
- Randomization
- Reduce launch mass
- Replace or upgrade component
- P3I – new technology infusion
- Contingency replacement or repair
- On-orbit assembly, test, and checkout
- Large space optics
- NASA exploration concepts
- Asset Inspection



# Blended Wing Body



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Blended Wing Body – Multi-Role Platform

*X-48B Being Installed in NASA 30x60 Tunnel*

## Two vehicles built at Cranfield Aerospace

- Dynamic 8.5% scale – 20.4-foot wing span
- Remotely piloted, dynamically scaled
- NASA/AFRL contributions include testing in 30x60 wind tunnel and at Dryden

# • BWB Low Speed Vehicle (X-48B)

## Investigate

- Stall characteristics & departure boundaries
- Asymmetric thrust controllability
- Control surface hinge moments
- Dynamic ground effects



## Vehicle Characteristics

- Max Equiv Airspeed: 118 kts
- Max Altitude: 10,000 ft MSL
- Vertical Load Factor Limits: +4.5 to -3.0 g's
- Flight Duration: 30 to 50 min
- Emergency Recovery System (Drogue, Parachute, and Air Bags)

# X-48B As Initial Flight Mechanics Risk Reduction



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Blended Wing Body – Multi-Role Platform

- First flight July 20, 2007; 11 flights completed
- Addressing risk reduction
  - Low speed flight environment
  - Flight mechanics (flight control laws, stability and control characteristics)
  - Secondary Power (control surface / actuator power)





# Summary: Transitioning Technology



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Blended Wing Body – Multi-Role Platform

- Fulfilling Customer Needs via Technology Innovation
- Balance of Technology Push and Systems Pull
- M&S, Experimentation and Demonstrations Critical





