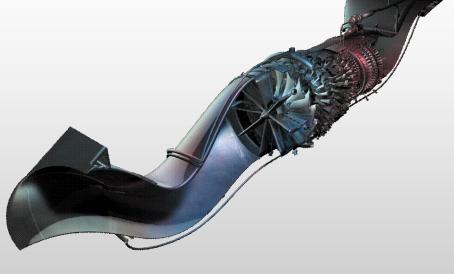
### Versatile Affordable Advanced Turbine Engines Provide Game Changing Capability with **Superior Fuel Efficiency**





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### Turbine Engines Power DOD's "Air Presence" and "Air Capability"









Bombers \_/





Helicopters

\*27,525 Military A/C powered by

**Others** 

\*49,416 Turbine Engines

**Fighters** 

Missiles









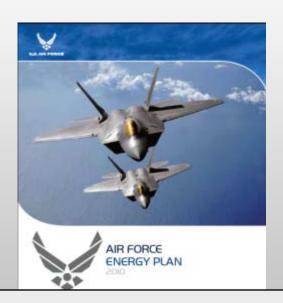


### **US Air Force Energy Program**



### Vision ... "Make energy a consideration in all we do"

- Reduce Demand
- Increase Supply
- Cultural Change





The Air Force's mission to *fly, fight, and win* entails operations that require a tremendous amount of energy



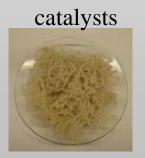
## Increase Supply Single Battlespace Fuel (SBF)



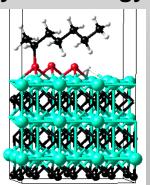
- Completing S&T support for "Hydrotreated Renewable Jet" (HRJ)
   biomass-derived jet fuel 50/50 blend certification by AFCO per AF Energy Plan
  - Research Reports
  - Data to support gap analyses
- Developing next generation alternative fuels to TRL 6
  - Working with DARPA, CAAFI/FAA, DOE, USDA
  - Advanced processes, fully synthetic fuels
- Developing improved emissions measurement tech
  - Collaborating with FAA, EPA
- Next generation endothermic fuels for hypersonics
  - Improved fuels, catalysts
- Nanotechnology for improved fuels, deployable energy



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modeling





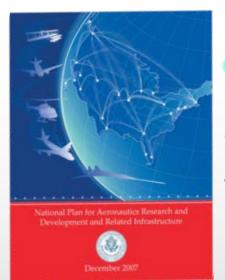








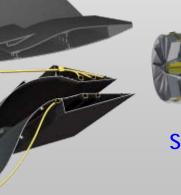
### VAATE Provides Game Changing Capability with Superior Fuel Efficiency and Reduced Emissions



"A primary long-term goal in aircraft propulsion is to reduce system specific fuel consumption by more than 30 percent over (current) gas turbine engines. . . Technical challenges being pursued include: efficient, high-overall-pressure-ratio compression systems; variable-cycle engine technologies; advanced high-temperature materials and more effective turbine blade cooling; and techniques to more efficiently recuperate energy while satisfying thermal and power requirements."

Adaptive
Versatile Engine
Technology
(ADVENT)

Adaptive Highly
Efficient Embedded
Turbine Engine
(HEETE)



Efficient
Small Scale Propulsion
(ESSP)

**Advanced Affordable** 

Turbine Engine

(AATE)

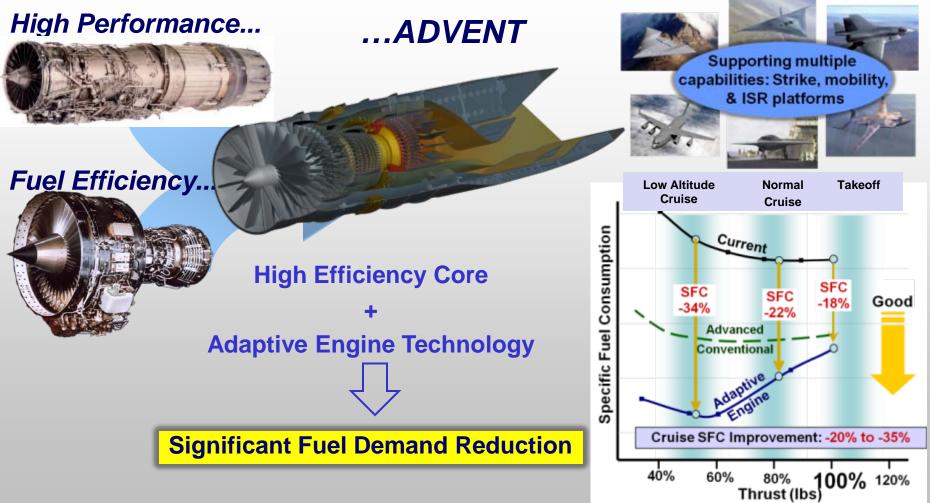
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## Reduce Demand <u>AD</u>aptive <u>Versatile ENgine Technology</u> <u>Vision</u>



Multi-design point engines that automatically adjust fan & core airflow and pressures for optimized performance & fuel efficiency at all flight conditions





### Reduce Demand <u>Highly Efficient Embedded Turbine Engine</u>



**ISR** 

### **Product Vision:**

 Develop <u>fuel efficient</u>, subsonic propulsion that supports future ISR, UAVs, tankers and mobility extreme endurance and range requirements

### **Approach:**

 Combine next-generation, ultraefficient cores with adaptive features and advanced thermal management

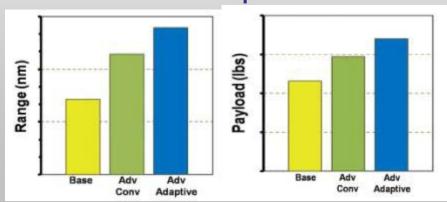
**HEETE Supporting Multiple Systems** 

### **Benefits:**

- 35% improvement in fuel efficiency
- Fuel efficiency at part power
- Reduced emissions & noise
- Increased power extraction

#### **Tactical Transport Benefits**

**Transports / Tankers** 



**UAV's** 



### Reduce Demand Advanced Affordable Turbine Engine (AATE)



### 3000 HP CLASS



CRITICAL TO SUPPORT ARMY AVIATION MODERNIZATION STRATEGY
FOR BLACKHAWK AND APACHE

### **GOALS**

HIGH PERFORMANCE

**ROBUST** 

AFFORDABLE

-25% Specific Fuel Consumption +65% Horsepower/Weight 6,000 hours design life

-35% Production Cost

15,000/7,500 cycles LCF cold/hot parts

-35% Maintenance Cost

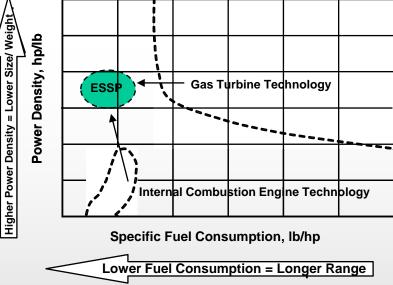
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Reduce Demand

Efficient Small Scale Propulsion





#### **Technologies:**

- High Bypass Ducted Fan
- High Pressure Ratio Compression
- Variable Cycle Features
- Direct Fuel Injection Combustion
- Micro Fuel Delivery and Power Generation Components

#### **Benefits:**

- 30% Improvement in Fuel Efficiency
- 2X Increase in Loiter Time/ Range
- Integrated / Distributed Power
- Conversion to JP8/ Heavy Fuel

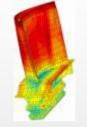
Emerging turbine and Internal Combustion Engine technologies for UAS / missiles



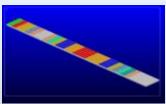
## Reduce Demand Component And Engine Structural Assessment Research



Single engine demonstrator supports durability validation for multiple technology programs



Probabilistic High Cycle
Fatigue (HCF)
Prediction & Time of
Arrival Sensors



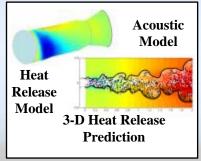
Vibration Damping Coatings for HCF



**Integrally Bladed Rotors** 



FOD Tolerant Design System



Fuel Management for Augmentor Screech Reduction

Thermal Management

Safety & Affordable Readiness

Life Cycle Cost

**Thrust Growth** 

**Cruise Efficiency** 

Noise Characterization

### CAESAR

Joint Air Force/Navy Affordable Test Bed



# VAATE is our Nation's Planning and Execution Construct for Turbine Engine Technology







### THE MISSION

To develop, demonstrate, and transition

### ADVANCED

multi-use, Turbine Engine technologies that provide a revolutionary improvement in

### DFFORDABLE CAPABILITY

to a broad range of legacy, emerging, and future military propulsion and power needs, with explicit

### UERSATIULITY

for dual-use application.