

Army Science & Technology



Air Portfolio Overview



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DESIGN • DEVELOP • DELIVER • DOMINATE
SOLDIERS AS THE DECISIVE EDGE



Air Portfolio Vision/Mission Statement

Vision

Be the global leader in providing game-changing range, payloads, speed, survivability and lethality to maintain U.S. technical superiority and combat overmatch for vertical lift aviation systems

Mission Goals

- **Longer Persistence**
- **Longer Range**
- **Larger Payload**
- **Increased Speed**
- **Combat Overmatch**
- **Battlefield Dominance**
- **Lower Cost of Ownership**



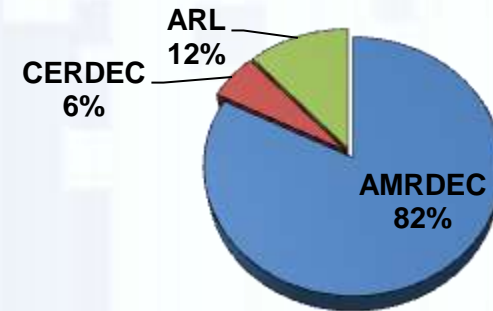
Best technology for current and future platforms at the right time at an affordable cost





Air Portfolio 6.2 and 6.3 Funding

\$165M



Platform Design & Structures

\$45M

Investment Areas

- Advanced Aircraft Design
- Structures
- National Rotorcraft Tech Center

Engines & Drive Trains

\$22M

Investment Areas

- Engines
- Drive Trains

Aircraft & Occupant Survivability

\$34M

Investment Areas

- Degraded Visual Environment
- Signature Management
- Threat Warning & Jammers
- Vehicle Hardening

Maintain & Sustainability

\$8M

Investment Areas

- Health Usage Monitoring

Rotors & Vehicle Management

\$16M

Investment Areas

- Rotors
- Vehicle Management Systems

Aircraft Weapons & Sensors

\$18M

Investment Areas

- Cockpit Displays
- Sensors
- Weapons

Unmanned & Optionally Manned Systems

\$22M

Investment Areas

- Autonomy
- Human/Machine Interface
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Sensors

Source: Army Science and Technology Management Information System (ASTMIS) PB14



Platform Design & Structures Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide unmatched vertical lift aircraft performance to meet future operational capabilities

S&T Major Efforts include:

- Joint Multi-Role Demonstrator
- Air Vehicle Design Methods
- Collaborative Govt/Industry Research



Near-term Goals:

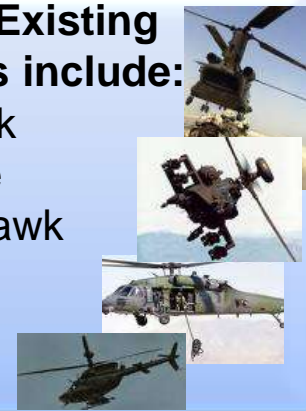
- Replace empirical methods in early aircraft design tools with first principals models suitable for new aircraft configurations
- Develop structural materials and investigate damage mechanisms for improved durability
- Investigate advanced vertical lift aircraft concepts that meet future operational requirements

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Design and fabricate full-scale aircraft to flight demonstrate joint service defined vehicle performance
- Integrate mission equipment elements into aircraft to flight demonstrate joint service defined operational capabilities

Legacy/Existing Systems include:

- Chinook
- Apache
- Blackhawk
- Kiowa



Internal Stakeholders:

- AMRDEC
- ARL



External Stakeholders:

- PEO-Avn, Platform PMs
- PM-ASE
- G-3/5/7 Aviation, G-8
- Navy/USMC
- TRADOC



Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstrator



Capability to Perform Worldwide Operations



Purpose:

Demonstrate transformational vertical lift capabilities to prepare the DoD for decisions regarding the replacement of the current vertical lift fleet

Results/Products:

- Demonstrated and refined set of technologically feasible and affordable capabilities
- Technology maturation plans
- Cost analysis for future capabilities
- Two demonstrator aircraft

Schedule

| MILESTONES | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Gov. Configurations | █ | | | | | | | | |
| Operational Analysis | █ | █ | | | | | | | |
| Industry Configurations | | █ | █ | | | | | | |
| Phase 1: Vehicle Demo | | | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | |
| Phase 2: Mission Systems | | | | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | |
| JMR Spec Development | | | | | | | | | █ |

Payoff:

- Reduced risk for critical technologies
- Acquisition workforce with improved skill sets to develop specifications and analyze technical data
- Data readily available to support future DoD acquisitions



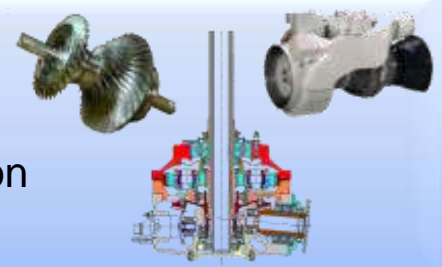


Engines & Drive Trains Sub-Portfolio

Goal: Provide increased power density to meet vertical lift operation requirements while reducing fuel usage

S&T Major Efforts include:

- 3000 shp turbine engine
- 7000 shp turbine engine
- Advanced high power density transmission



Near-term Goals:

- Develop turbine engine with 25% reduced fuel burn and 35% reduced production and maintenance costs (medium fleet)
- Develop turbine engine with 35% reduced fuel burn and 45% reduced costs (heavy fleet)
- Develop high power density transmission with 55% increased hp/wt and 35% reduced production and maintenance costs

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Develop turbine engine with broad, high efficiency operating speed envelope
- Develop lightweight, durable multi-speed/variable speed transmission to provide variable output speed

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- Apache
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- VAATE



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Future Affordable Turbine Engine (FATE)



Advanced Technology
Turboshaft Engine

Goals:

- 35% SFC
- +80% Hp/wt
- 45% Cost



Purpose:

Develop advanced, affordable turboshaft engine featuring versatile component technologies providing significant improvement in operational capability for current and future force rotorcraft

Products:

- Full system demonstration of high performance, high efficiency turboshaft engine with advanced materials and cooling technologies incorporated into a robust, light weight architecture
- Technology readiness to allow transition to engine program for CH-47 upgrades and Future Vertical Lift (FVL) tech insertion
- Enhanced software design tools to support engine development efforts

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|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Aero, Mech Designs | 4 | | | | |
| Fabrication - rig hardware - engine hardware | | | | | |
| Component Rig Tests - compressor, combustor - turbine, mech systems | | 5 | | 5 | |
| Engine Tests - performance, durability | | | | | 6 |

Payoff:

- Significant range and payload capability enhancements for future force rotorcraft
- 45% Reduction in Production and Maintenance Cost
- Reduced logistic footprint
- Other Applications: SOF MH-47, CH-53, Global Hawk, V-22, C-130



Aircraft & Occupant Survivability Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide overmatching protection of the aircraft and occupants from the full spectrum of threat weapons & environments

S&T Major Efforts include:

- Vehicle Signature Reduction
- Degraded Visual Environment (DVE) Mitigation
- Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE)
- Ballistic Protection and Crashworthiness

Near-term Goals:

- Enhanced situational awareness under zero light & degraded visual environments to prevent aircraft mishaps and aircrew injuries
- Signature management materials to reduce detectability of aircraft
- Lightweight, integrated ballistic armor materials
- Crashworthy airframes and component design methodologies

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Effective airframe coating systems to manage the signature
- Integrated ASE architectures to provide plug & play capability to legacy and future ASE systems
- Improved transparent and opaque armor, crashworthy structures, and post-crash fire prevention technologies

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Degraded Visual Environment

Sensors

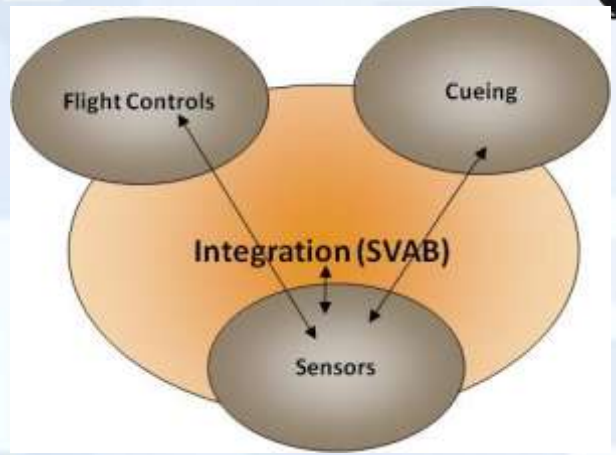
- Radio Frequency
- Laser
- Infrared
- Image Intensifiers



Symbology • Cueing • Displays




- DVE Symbology and Visual/Aural Cueing
- Tactile Cueing (TSAS)
- Displays



Handling Qualities

- A/C Performance Models
- A/C Flight Controls



Collaborative effort across the S&T community to parametrically define control system, cueing, and pilotage sensor combination(s)

Maintainability & Sustainability Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide prognostic and diagnostic capabilities to move from replacement of components due to time on air frame to condition based replacement

S&T Major Efforts include:

- High Maintenance Component Usage Sensing
- Diagnostic Evaluation of Usage Data
- Prognostic Determination of Imminent Component Failure



Near-term Goals:

- Lightweight non-intrusive component sensing devices
- Diagnostic methods for identifying part behavior anomalies
- Prognostic methods for predicting remaining part life and alerting to imminent part failure

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Demonstrate ability to accurately determine part removal based on condition rather than schedule – foundation of Condition Based Maintenance
- Demonstrate significant maintenance and part cost savings utilizing Condition Based Maintenance principals

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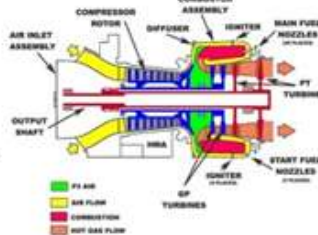
Operations & Sustainment Cost Reduction Technologies



Moving towards condition-based maintenance is a key element of reducing the high cost of ownership of our current rotorcraft fleet

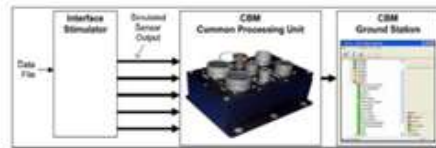
Propulsion

- Bearing PHM
- Erosion PHM
- Rotating component RUL
- Power management
- Model-based torque analytic
- Model Based Continuous power assurance



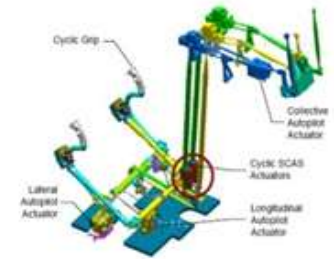
System Integration

- Global Data Fusion
- Integrated System Demonstration



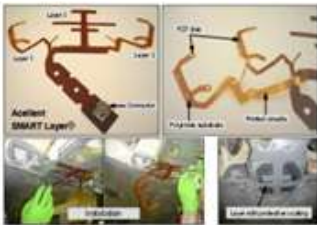
Flight Controls and Hydraulics

- Mechanical controls/bearing prognostics
- Pump and Actuator prognostics
- Hose chafing detection



Structures

- Fatigue damage detection
- Ballistic damage detection



Drive System and Mechanical

- Planetary gear fault detection
- Wear detection prognostics
- Non-metallic debris monitoring
- Corrosion detection
- Wireless diagnostics module



Rotors and Dynamic

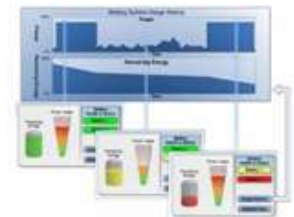
Components

- Hub component diagnostics
- Blade damage detection
- Usage monitoring-direct load measurement (yoke)
- Usage monitoring-direct load measurement (pitch links, boost tubes, mast)
- Simplified usage monitoring system



Electrical System and Wiring

- Wiring prognostics/chafing
- Electrical component prognostics



Rotors & Vehicle Management Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide unmatched aircraft performance and agility with reduced aircrew workload under high stress flight operations

S&T Major Efforts include:

- High Performance Rotor Systems
- Intelligent Vehicle Control Functions
- High Fidelity Aerodynamics/Dynamics Analytic Methods



Near-term Goals:

- Integrate active control surfaces (flaps, slats, etc) onto rotor blades to enhance performance in all flight regimes
- Reduce workload of aircrew in low altitude, stressing flight operations

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Increase the ability of the Vehicle management System to sense dangerous flight conditions and warn aircrew and/or take corrective action
- Increase analytic fidelity of aeromechanics methodology

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External Stakeholders:

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Aircraft Weapons & Sensors Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide combat overmatch through the ability to see first and react first to enemy threats

S&T Major Efforts include:

- High Definition Helmet Displays
- Pilotage Sensors and Data Fusion
- Lethal and Non-Lethal Weapons Integration



Near-term Goals:

- Improved spatial resolution in helmet mounted displays
- Real-time image fusion and scene stitching to provide wide field of regard display
- Increased range of weapons options available to aircrews to defeat threats with minimal collateral damage

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Air burst munitions to defeat threat manned and unmanned aircraft
- Demonstrate lightweight non-lethal weapons that can effectively disperse individual and group threats without collateral damage
- Multi function imagers for improved pilotage

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Unmanned & Optionally Manned Systems Sub-Portfolio



Goal: Provide innovative autonomous aviation systems to offload manned aircrew, and control logic to reduce workload to ground operators

S&T Major Efforts include:

- Autonomous Cargo Resupply
- Display Symbology
- Multiple UAV Control
- UAV Sensor Packages



Near-term Goals:

- Reduced workload in the control of unmanned cargo resupply aircraft positioning and cargo release at objective location
- Aircraft display symbology that is conspicuous, intuitive and de-cluttered
- High resolution sensor suites for current Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) mission UAV aircraft (Shadow, Grey Eagle)

Mid/Far-term Goals:

- Expand manned-unmanned teaming to incorporate more complex cooperative tactics
- Single ground operator control of multiple UAVs through increased autonomy and simplified tasking
- Next generation cockpit to integrate more off-board data feeds and improved mix of heads-up/heads-down displays

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- Portfolio supports the current and future fleet
- Major Efforts and Opportunities:
 - Advanced vertical take-off and landing platform technology
 - Degraded visual environment mitigation technology
 - Technology to reduce maintenance and sustainment cost



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- U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA)

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- All Industry Resources
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- Air Force Resources
- USMC Resources
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Providing Soldiers Technology Enabled Capabilities

MAINTAINING A LEADING EDGE IN TECHNOLOGY