



# Progress at Sandia for the DoD Common Hypersonic Boost Glide Vehicle and Autonomy for Hypersonics

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# Sandia National Laboratories Provides Innovative, Science-based Systems Engineering Solutions



- **Established in 1949** to be the nation's nuclear ordnance laboratory after being part of Los Alamos during WWII
- **Our Purpose:** Develop advanced technologies to ensure global peace
- **Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) sponsored by** Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA)
  - FFRDCs are long-term strategic partners to the federal government, operating in the public interest with objectivity and independence and maintaining core competencies in missions of national significance

## FAR 35.017 - Federally Funded Research and Development Centers

- We accomplish tasks that are integral to the mission and operation of the agency
- We exercise technical capabilities for the NNSA through application to other national security missions
- Operated for the DOE/NNSA by **National Technical and Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS)**, with partnership and oversight by the NNSA Sandia Field Office (SFO)
  - FY20: \$3.8B, 13,000 employees



*...In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.*

*— President Harry S. Truman*



# History and Current Hypersonics

SWERVE  
1981-1985

PGR Grand  
Challenge  
2003-2005

AHW- FT1A  
2011

CPS- FE1  
2017

A4H  
2017-2025

CPS- FE2  
2020

FT-3  
FY2021

JFC-1A and  
JFC-1B  
FY2022



# Sandia's Hypersonics History

## Sandia has a long history in hypersonic systems development

- Leveraging Atomic Energy Commission work in reentry technology
- Development of multiple systems in the 70s/80s leading to SWERVE
- SWERVE culminated with a successful flight test in 1985 and was the first demonstration of a controlled boost-glide system
- AHW- FT1A (partnership with OSD/Army SMDC)- flight test in 2011
- CPS FE-1 (partnership with OSD/Navy/Army) flight test in 2017
- CPS FE-2 (partnership with OSD/Navy/Army) flight test in 2020

## DOE has a long history in hypersonics

- Pre-SWERVE, SWERVE, and PGR were all DOE R&D investments
- DOE continues to invest and lead in the future of hypersonics technology development through the A4H Mission Campaign

## In partnership with the DoD, Sandia has successfully performed multiple flight tests of a hypersonic boost-glide vehicle

- Sandia's long history and expertise are leveraged to support continued hypersonic technology development in the national interest

Through a multi-service/OSD MOA, Sandia's glide body design has been designated the DoD Common Hypersonic Glide Body (C-HGB)



2017: CPS FE-1 launch

## ACRONYMS KEY

- **SWERVE**: Sandia Winged Energetic Reentry Vehicle
- **SMDC**: Space & Missile Development Center
- **PGR Grand Challenge**: Prompt Global Response Grand Challenge
- **AHW-FT1A**: Advanced Hypersonic Weapon Flight Test 1A
- **CPS FE-1**: Conventional Prompt Strike Flight Experiment 1
- **A4H**: Autonomy for Hypersonics
- **CPS FE-2**: Conventional Prompt Strike Flight Experiment 2

# Sandia's Current Programs - Meeting the National Need



## OSD/Army/Navy

- Support upcoming flight tests for Common Hypersonic Glide Body (HGB) program
  - FT-3 in FY21
  - JFC-1A and JFC-1B in FY22
- Transfer design information and integration expertise to identified industry partners
  - Working with industry to capture Sandia designed vehicles into industry produced hardware
- Science and Technology investments (OSD/CPS and now JHTO)
  - Developing new technologies including boundary layer transition predictions, Autonomous Flight Safety System (AFSS), mission design, Advanced Navigation, Guidance, & Control, and more!

## Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

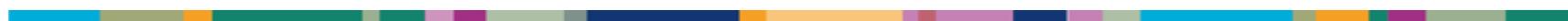
- Advanced Targets
  - Launch support for targets for the purpose of tracking and interception
  - Designing/developing an MDA target system that demonstrates an expanded performance envelope

## Navy/Conventional Prompt Strike Investment in Advanced Capabilities

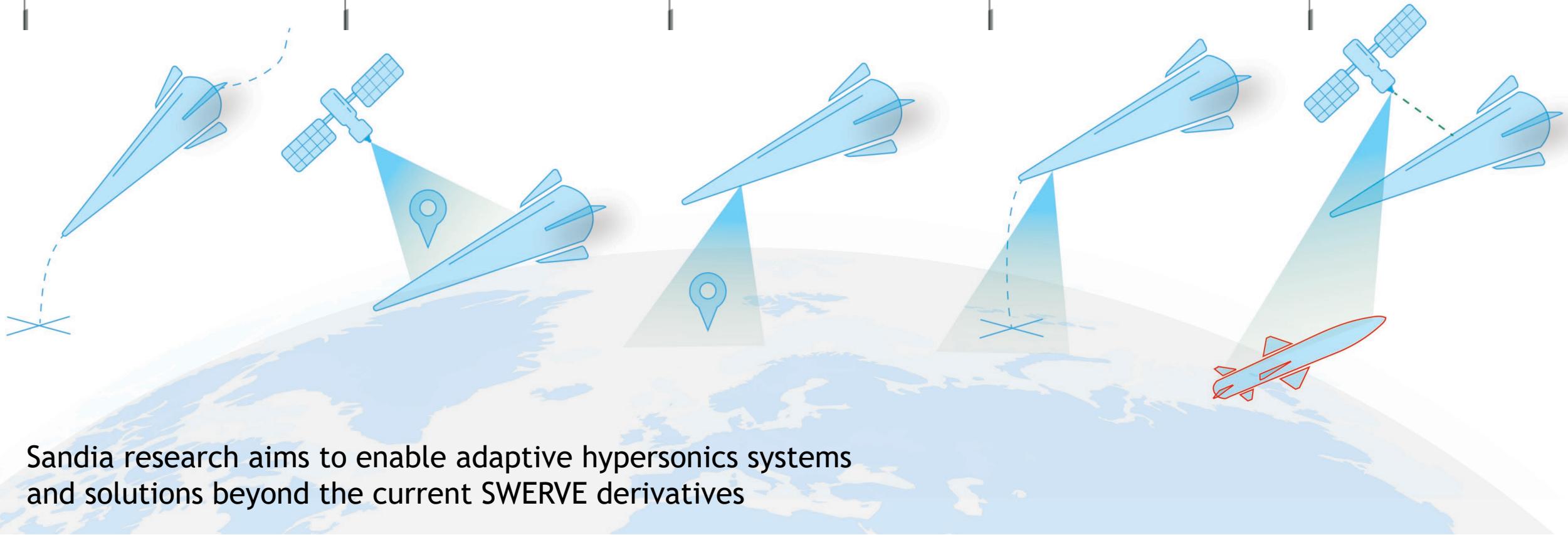
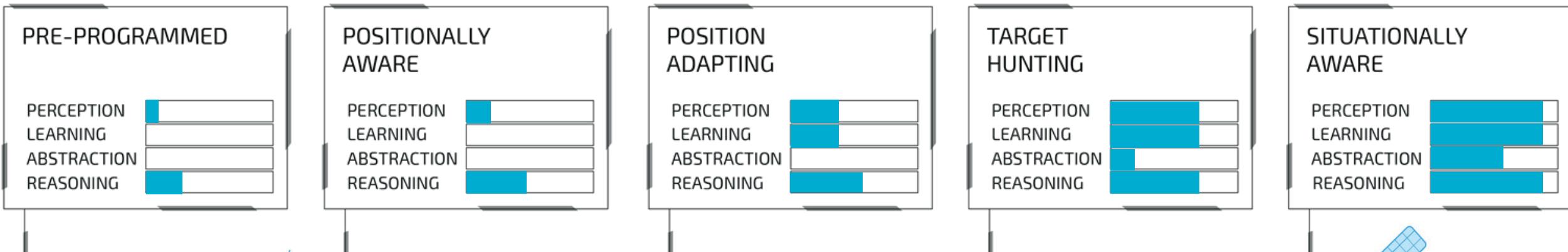
- Advanced Capability Effort for Block Upgrades
  - Upgrade common hypersonic glide body for navigation, sensing, and improved lethality
  - Mature technologies via High Operational Tempo hypersonic sounding rocket flights



# Sandia's vision of our contribution to Hypersonics



# Sandia's Hypersonics of the Future Roadmap



Sandia research aims to enable adaptive hypersonics systems and solutions beyond the current SWERVE derivatives

# Sandia's Research is Enabling Autonomy for Hypersonics



**Sandia's discretionary research investment is enabling Autonomy to transform the warfighting capability of hypersonic systems by enabling:**

- Rapid construction of flight plans (enabling speed of action)
- Real-Time Trajectory Modifications (through immediate flight path changes)
- Robust Navigation and Control (providing robustness in uncertain conditions for control and localization)
- Perception of the environment and ability to adapt (increasing survivability and ability to counter moving targets)
- Adaptive tactics and engagement strategies (enabling effective target prosecution in complex, rapidly evolving environments and heavily defended areas)
- Cooperation with other systems (enabling distribution of tasking to a diverse team of autonomous agents)

Laboratory Directed Research & Development (LDRD)

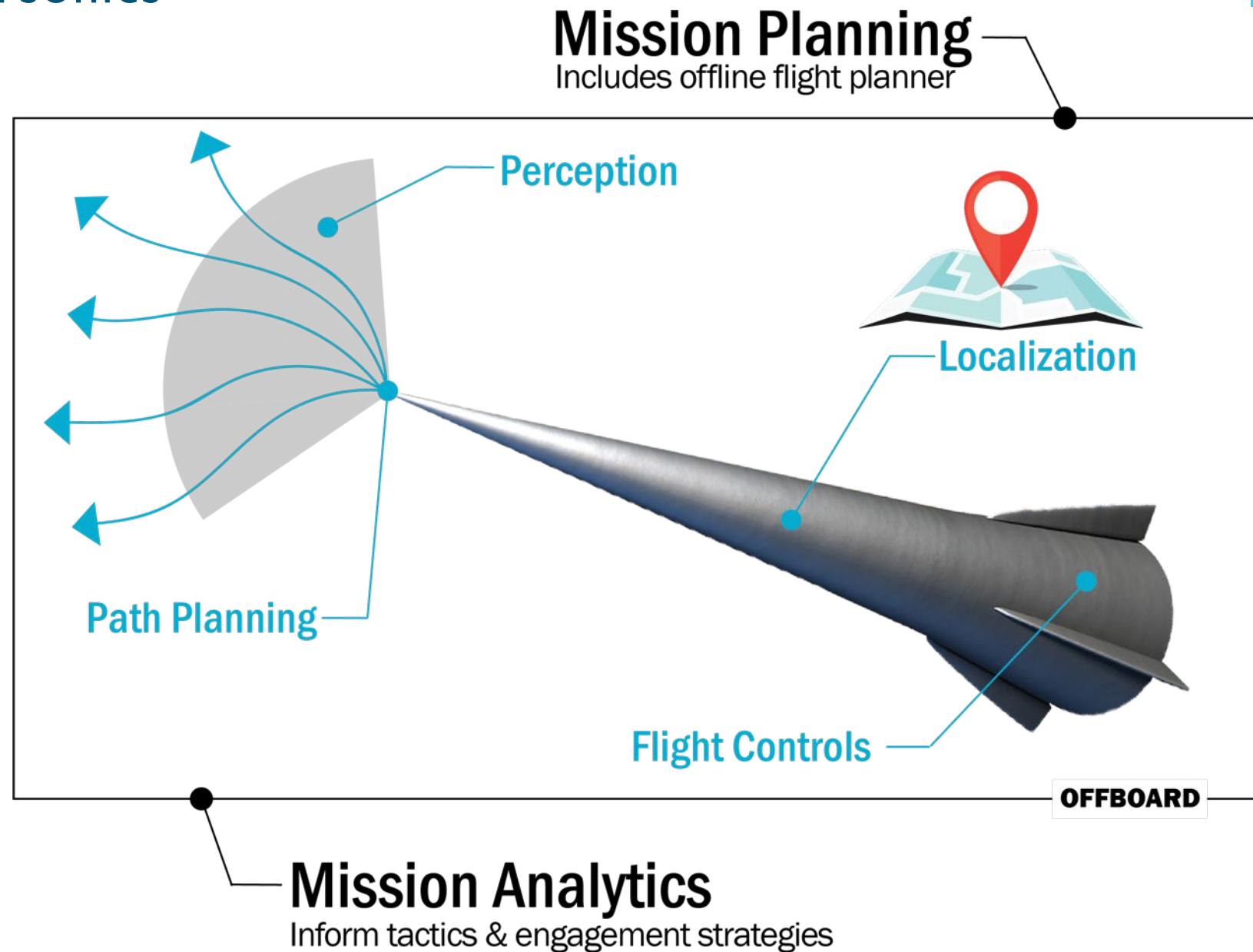
- 6.5 years: FY18-FY24
- Investment: \$38M investment + AutonomyNM investment

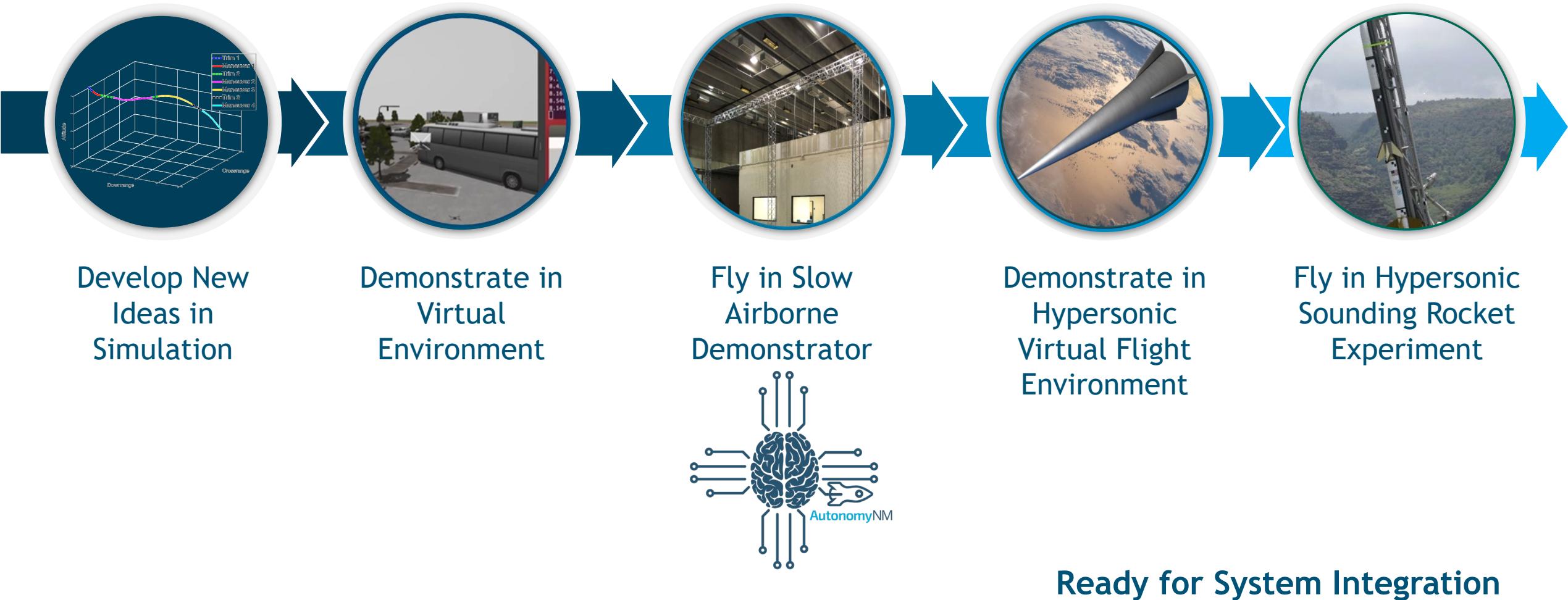




### Transitions to Program of Record

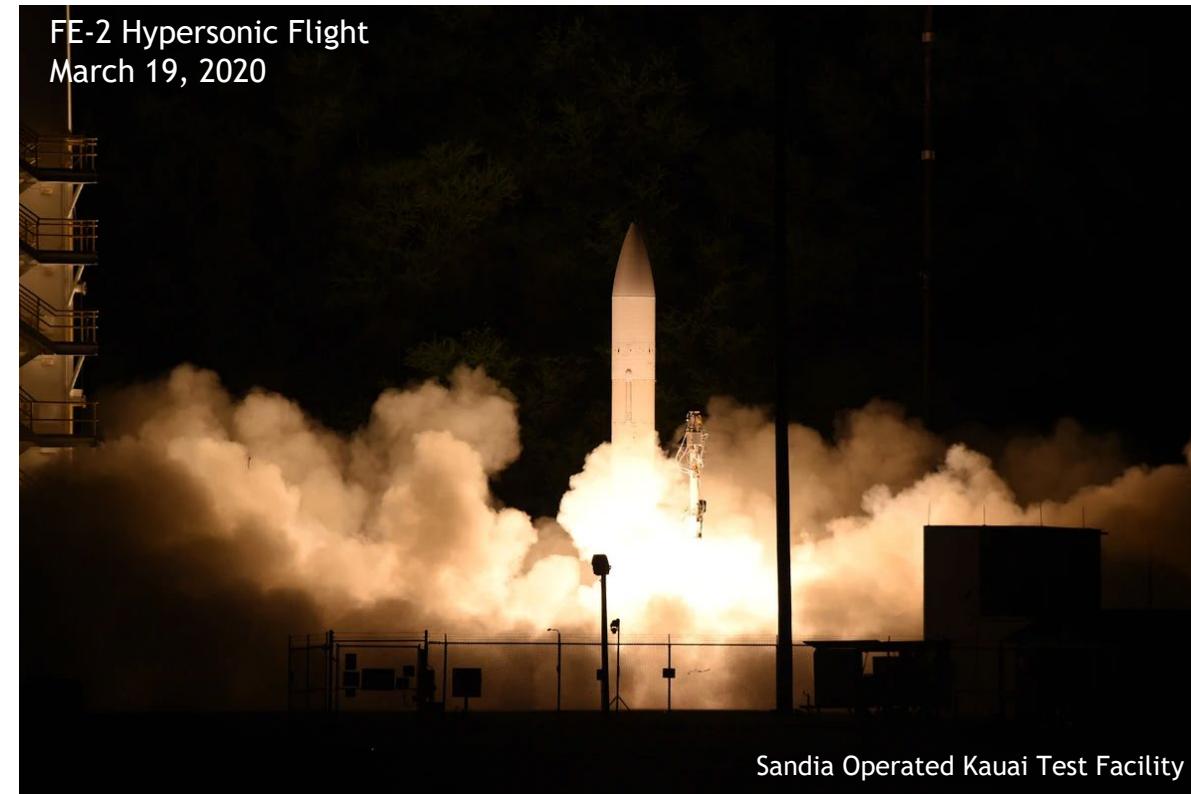
- **Vehicle Control**
  - Optimal Control Allocation
  - Robust Gain Scheduling
- **Mission Generation**
  - Re-entry Analysis Program to Optimize Roll (RAPTOR)
  - Rapid Trajectory Generation
  - HyperSim for fast guidance-in-the-loop simulation





# We don't do it alone | Thank you

- We have partnered with others to fly system demonstrators for the military
- We are currently transitioning technology and supporting industry to produce a warfighting capability
- We are enabling the next generation hypersonic to be autonomous, adaptive, and prosecute more targets



**Honeywell**

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**

**GENERAL ATOMICS**  
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