

### THE VertiJet™

## Right technology, right time



### VertiJet Overview

- Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) and hover capability of a helicopter combined with high speed cruise capability of a fixed-wing airplane
- Efficient high speed cruise at speeds 2-3x of today's helicopters
- Reduced complexity and cost



### VertiJet

SET TO DISRUPT THE VTOL MARKETPLACE

Speed	400 MPH
Payload	1,000 LBS
Range	1,000 MI

### Key Elements

High Lift/Drag Ratio ~10 (efficient cruise)

Rotor Essential for Hover, VTOL and Low Speed Flight

Wing Carries Majority of Lift during Cruise Flight Reaction Drive (no antitorque or cross-shafting required)

> Twin Turbofans for Forward Propulsion

Mechanically Simple and Robust



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### VertiJet

#### **KEY ELEMENTS**

#### CABABILITIES

- Low Cost Rapid Development
- Reaction Drive tip jets (no transmission or anti-torque required)
- Rotor: essential for hover, low speed flight, and low speed maneuverability.
- As airspeed increases, lift is steadily transferred from the rotor to the fixed wing.
- Highly Efficient Fixed Wing: most effective lifting surface at 400 mph - majority of lift
- Turbofan Propulsion: much more efficient than main rotor thrust for high speed cruise

### Unmatched VTOLflight regime

- 400 mph cruise
- 35k ft service ceiling
- 4,000 fpm rate of climb
- Hover off-of-ground effect at high altitude at max gross weight.

#### Mechanically simple/robust

- Unlike all tilt-rotor aircraft, no conversion mechanism or interconnecting shafting
- No transmission
- No tail rotor and associated shafting and gear boxes

### VertiJet Leveraged 50 Years of Technology



**ROTOR SYSTEM** 

#### NOISE SUPPRESSION

#### ENGINES



### VertiJet Summary

- The DARPA VertiJet was designed to combine the key attributes of a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft: VTOL and hover capability of a helicopter combined with high speed and efficient cruise capability of a fixed wing airplane
  - "...with the potential for the lack of complexity to result in the much lower lifecycle cost that has been demonstrated by gyroplanes"
- VertiJet successfully completed the extensive DARPA Preliminary Design Review (PDR), meeting all technical and programmatic requirements
- The underlying gyrodyne technologies are applicable to a range of platform configurations from ISR UAVs to armed recon/escort, and transport manned or unmanned systems.

### Paradigm Shift

Significantly Increased Performance <u>and</u> Greatly Reduced Complexity

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