

# X-59 Quiet Supersonic Technology X-Plane Accelerating Commercial Travel into the Future

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### Birth of the Skunk Works<sup>®</sup> - June 17, 1943



**Top Secret XP-80 Design** 

The Objective: Immediate Development and Delivery of Jet Fighters to Europe to Counter German Jets **Attacking Allied Bomber Formations** 

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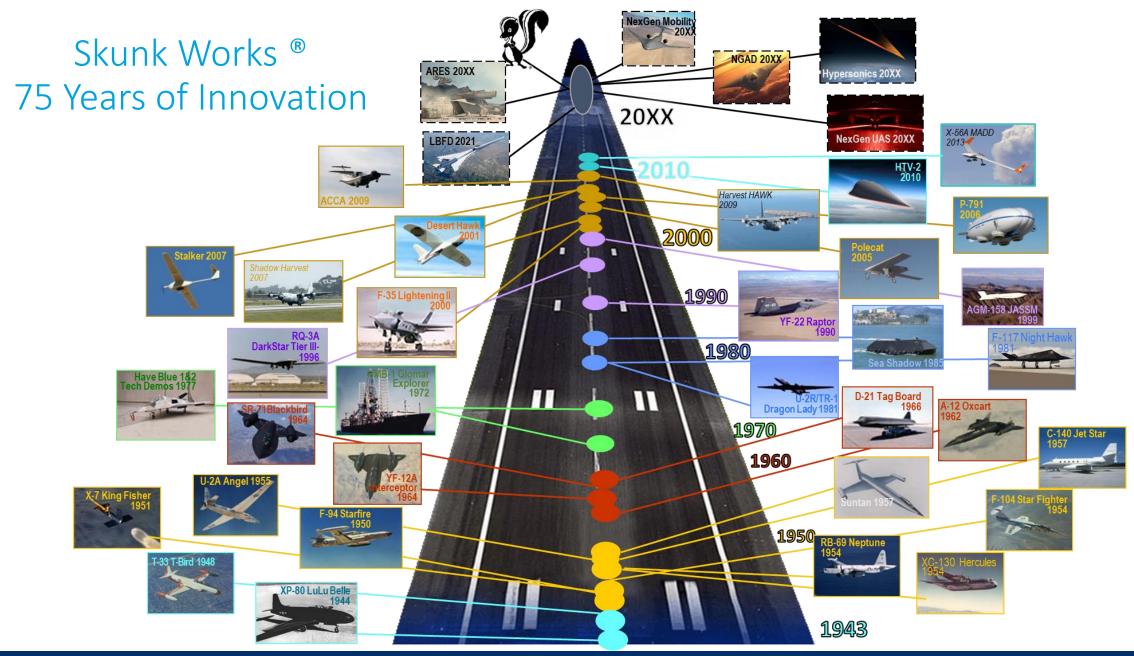
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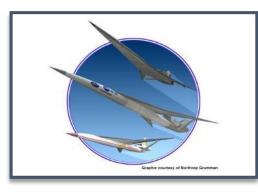




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### Low Boom History and Future

Quiet Supersonic Platform 2000



Quiet Supersonic Transport 2001-2003



F-5E Shaped Sonic Boom Demonstration 2003



X-59 Low Boom Flight Demonstration 2013-2022



FAR 91.817 -- "No person may operate a civil aircraft . . . at a ... flight Mach number greater than 1 . . . unless - {App. B} . . . the flight will not cause a measurable sonic boom overpressure to reach the surface . . ."





# NASA Strategic Implementation Plan

#### Three Mega-Drivers





Strategic Thrust 1: Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations

**Strategic Thrust 2: Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft** 





**Strategic Thrust 3: Ultra-Efficient Commercial Vehicles** 



Strategic Thrust 4: Transition to Alternative Propulsion and Energy







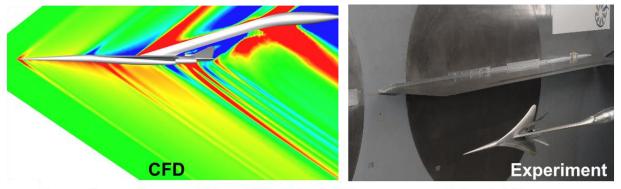
Strategic Thrust 5: Real Time System-Wide Safety Assurance

Strategic Thrust 6: Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation

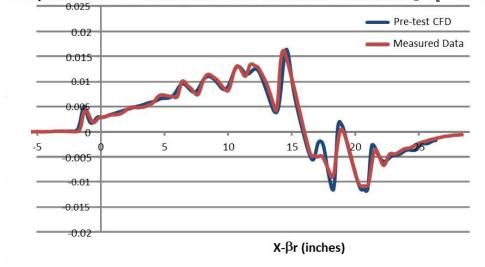




#### X-59 – Why Now?



Comparison of Pre-test CFD and Wind Tunnel Measurements @  $C_L = 0.142$ 



Modern Design Tools Are Ready for Shaped Boom Design





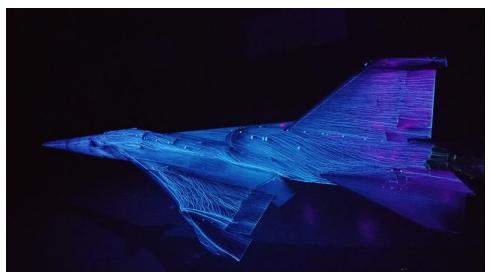
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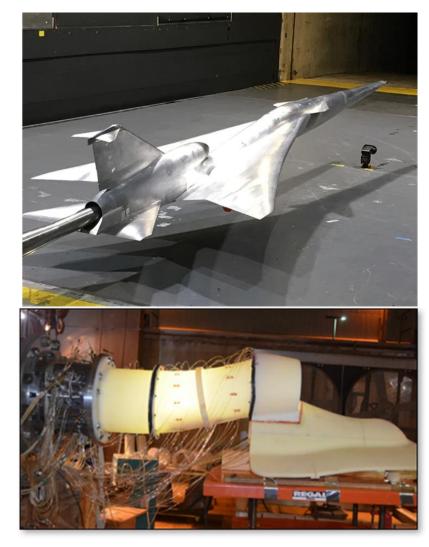




# **Design Maturation**

- Low speed wind tunnel low speed stability and control predictions validation
- Static inlet test static and low speed inlet performance validation
- Cockpit mock-up fabrication





#### Reducing Risk Through Test Before Detailed Design

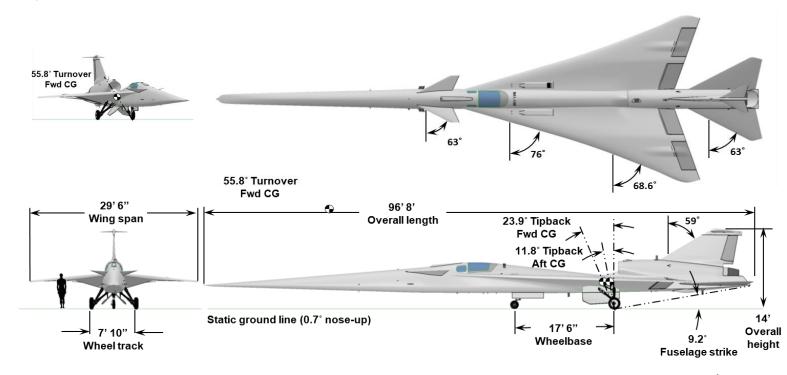






## **Design Maturation**

- Subsystem integration
- Control law development
- High speed wind tunnel aerodynamic and inlet performance validation





Configuration C612	
MDGW	24,300 lbs
Design Mach	1.4
Loudness	<75 PLdB
Engine	1xF414-GE-100
Landing Gear	F-16 Blk25 NLG F-16 Blk25 MLG



### First Chip Ceremony – Nov. 13, 2018













#### Bringing the Possibility of Supersonic Commercial Travel Closer to Reality



# **Current Activities**

- Tooling fabrication nearing completion
- Engineering drawing release ramping up
- Supplier parts machining
- Subsystem procurements
- Subassembly procurements
- First major part jig load complete

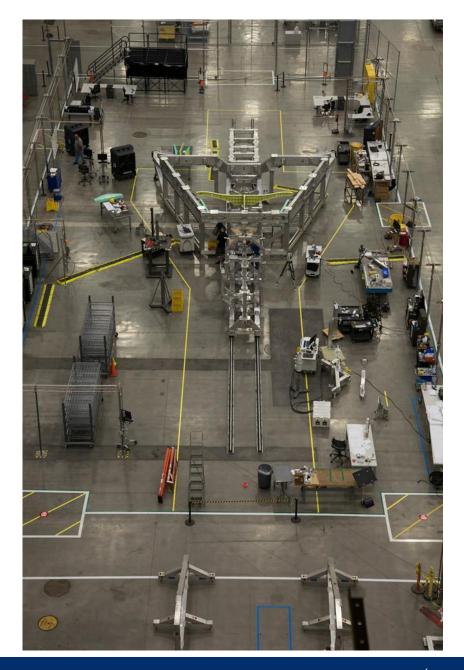






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