

Unleashing Advanced Air Mobility

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AAM – Advanced Air Mobility – "It's aviation, but not as we know it"

Missions: Passenger and cargo, piloted and unmanned

Markets: Urban, suburban, rural and regional – plus military

Technologies: Electric and distributed propulsion, fly-by-wire, connectivity, autonomy

Characteristics:

It is not traditional aviation

- competing with cars, buses, trains

It **is** commercial aviation

- some personal & general aviation



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Part of a wider rethink of transportation – "mobility as a service"

Micromobility, ridesharing services and self-driving vehicles



Drone delivery, maglev, hyperloop, etc

Supersonic, hypersonic and suborbital transport

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So is it AAM or UAM...or RAM?

NASA calls it Advanced Air Mobility - AAM

AAM encompasses:

Urban air mobility – UAM = intracity Regional air mobility – RAM = intercity Logistics – drone delivery > regional cargo Military – base security > personnel recovery

AAM involves:

eVTOL, eSTOL, eCTOL where e = all-electric, hybrid-electric, hydrogen-electric

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How big is the market?

How big could it be? Roland Berger (Nov 20) - **passenger UAM** industry will generate annual revenues of \$90bn by 2050, with 160,000 commercial eVTOLs flying

Deloitte/AIA (Jan 21) – **US AAM** market will reach \$115 billion annually by 2035, split between cargo (\$58bn) and passenger (\$57bn)

How big is that? Global airline revenues \$840bn in 2019, taxi market \$300bn in 2030, public transport market \$1.1tn in 2030 – vs helicopter market \$48bn in 2018

How big is in now?

Zero* – but....investment in startups totaled \$907 million in first half of 2020, 20 times level in all of 2016. (* SPAC merger values Blade UAM at \$825m)



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Already bringing in the money

Investment:

EHang - public Joby - \$820m (SPAC?) Lilium - \$376m (SPAC or IPO?) Volocopter - \$144m Private – Archer, Kitty Hawk US Air Force Agility Prime - \$32m – Joby, Beta, Lift, Elroy

Automotive interest:

Toyota - Joby Daimler – Volocopter Fait Chrysler - Archer Geely – Volocopter, Terrafugia

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Who are the AAM players? Pick your market...

UAM (eVTOL) EHang, Joby, Volocopter, Wisk, Hyundai, Eve, Jaunt, Vertical...

RAM (eVTOL, eSTOL) Beta, Lilium, Electra, Dufour...

Regional (eCTOL) Ampaire, VoltAero, ZeroAvia, Eviation...

Logistics (eVTOL, eSTOL) Pipistrel, Elroy, Sabrewing, Airflow...

...plus many, many, many others...

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eVTOL – "It's VTOL, but not as we know it..."

Different configurations:

Multicopter: Airbus, EHang, Volocopter Winged: lift + cruise – Beta, Eve, Wisk vectored thrust – Bell, Dufour, Joby, Lilium, Overair - tiltduct, tiltwing, tiltprop, tiltfan, tiltrotor ...or a combination – Hyundai, Vertical

Different characteristics

Not hovering machines – only short periods of vertical flight - impacts power demand, flight endurance Distributed propulsion = redundancy. Complexity vs criticality - influences safety and operating cost





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...and it's not just eVTOL

eSTOL

Distributed propulsion and powered lift enable super-STOL capability

- operate from urban airstrips, fly regional ranges
- less demanding on batteries, easier to certificate



eCTOL

Use electrified propulsion to fly regional routes (up to 500 nm)

- lower operating costs and low/zero emissions



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How soon will we see AAM services?

What the industry is saying:

EHang – logistics 2020, passenger 2021 Elroy Air – certify, service 2022 Volocopter – certify end 2022, service 2023 Joby – certify end 2023, service by 2024 Lilium – certify end 2023, service in 2024-25 Airflow, Electra – in service c2025 Hyundai – cargo 2026, air taxi 2028, regional 2030+ Airbus, Bell – by 2030

"It's closer than you think" – Uber Elevate (now owned by Joby)

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So, how soon will we see AAM services?

What the regulators are saying:

"Probably our first UAM/AAM aircraft to get certified will happen some time this year. [There are] probably two of three others right behind them"

"They really want to begin operations by 2023, for more testing, [and] commercial for-fee services around 2024."

"[So] not long now."

– Jay Merkle, FAA, on Jan. 26 at Vertical Flight Society's Electric VTOL Symposium

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Are we ready for AAM? The regulators

EASA

- SC-VTOL rule July 2019
- means of compliance May 2020

FAA

- three routes to certify AAM/UAM vehicles
 - Part 23 Amendment 64 (winged)
 - Part 27/29 (rotorcraft)
 - Part 21.17(b) (special class)
- certify operations under Part 91 or Part 135



- JARUS SORA

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Federal Aviation Administration



Certification challenges - AAM vehicles are complex



◄Volocopter VoloCity:

18 rotors, 9 battery packs, multi-redundant FCCs

► Joby S4:

6 tilting props, 4 battery packs, multisurface aero controls, unified flight control (F-35)





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◄Vertical VA-1X:

4 tilting props, 4 stop/stow lift rotors

Lilium Jet:
36 ducted fans
On 12 tilting flaps



The level of safety question

EASA

SC-VTOL Category Enhanced (commercial passenger transport):

- must meet requirements for continued safe flight and landing

probability of catastrophic failure ≤10-9
commercial aviation level

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FAA

"In terms of AAM, we are viewing those as the same level of safety as any other passenger aircraft, or any other manned aviation."

"We believe the societal expectations for those aircraft are that they will operate will any other Part 21/23 aircraft with a Part 91 operation."

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Are we ready for AAM? Other challenges...

Airspace

Can begin with existing helicopter routes (eg airport shuttles) Can move to UAM corridors between vertiports (won't scale)

Infrastructure

Can begin with heliports, repurposing parking garage roofs Need to develop dedicated vertiports (eg Lilium Orlando)

Community acceptance

Must engage with local governments, transportation planners

Large-scale demonstration programs will help (eg SESAR AMU-LED)

Scaling up

The biggest challenge: across manufacturing, infrastructure, airspace, operations etc

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...and risks

The market doesn't exist, at all

It exists, but stays a typical aviation market at 100s of units/year

It's huge, but is dominated by automotive, not aerospace players

It exists, but goes to China (as did drones, hence Agility Prime)

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Questions?

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AAM, a market of opportunity, challenge...and risk

Pandora is out of the box. The convergence of automation, electrification and other commercial technologies that is enabling AAM is here to stay and will continue to disrupt aerospace

Past inflection points in aerospace technology saw the emergence and extinction of hundreds of new entrants, but new industry players did emerge (jet engine, GE; glass cockpit, Garmin)

It will happen again...

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AAM demands high performance...at a low price point

Distributed propulsion, integrated flight and propulsion control, novel control architectures, simplified vehicle operation and high levels of automation/autonomy = high sensing and computing demands

eVTOLs are complex machines, but high levels of redundancy enabled by electrification reduce the criticality of individual system components - add to that the potential for large production volumes = potential cost savings

So is the AAM market an opportunity to introduce a new generation of products with higher performance capability at lower price points – with product architectures that can grow upward into more traditional aviation markets?

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An emerging supplier base – but who are they?

