

### Leonardo Helicopters

# **SOLAKONFERANSEN 2022 OFFSHORE FLIGHT SAFETY**

Sustainability through improved environmental footprint and adopting new technologies

### **Luca Medici – Aircraft System Integration**

Clarion Hotel Air, Sola

19 – 21 September 2022



Electronics



Helicopters



Aircraft



Cyber & Security



Space



Unmanned Systems



Aerostructures

SUSTAINABLE

### SUSTAINABILITY DRIVERS for LEONARDO

### **Sustainable Finance Framework**

**Financial instrument** to sustain Environmental Transition framed by EU Regulation.

**Platform on EU Taxonomy** to build the metrics and green eligibility.







**Large EU R&D Program** launched with ambitious technology development (i.e. Clean aviation)

Alliance for Zero-Emission

Aviation launched for coordinating efforts across aviation



**Sustainability** 

**Drivers** 

### **Aviation Regulations**



**Sustainable Aviation Fuel** extensive Life Cycle based criteria (ICAO-CAEP Env.)

Hybrid / Electric / Hydrogenpowered A/C certification specifications (EASA EPAS 2022-2026).



**EcoLabel** Environmental Label for Aircraft (EASA EPAS 2022-2026).

### **Corporate Disclosure & Commitments**

**Target Settings** commitment with a solid strategy



**Reportings** disclose climate-related risks, performance and governance



Ratings require specific impact monitoring





# From Production to Training: Digitalization at the Service of ESG Targets





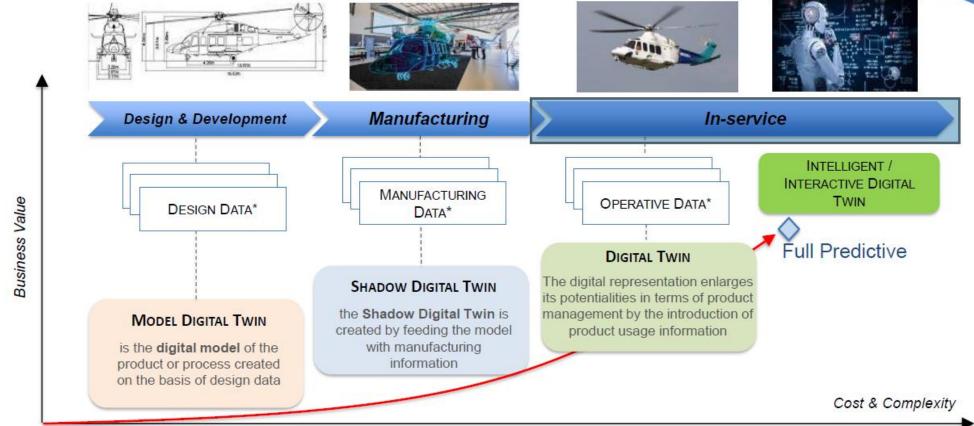


# From Production to Training: Digitalization at the Service of ESG Targets

«A Digital Twin is a **virtual replica** of a **physical entity** - a product or a process - that can be continuously updated by the **data** from its physical counterpart»

Physical Virtual Entity

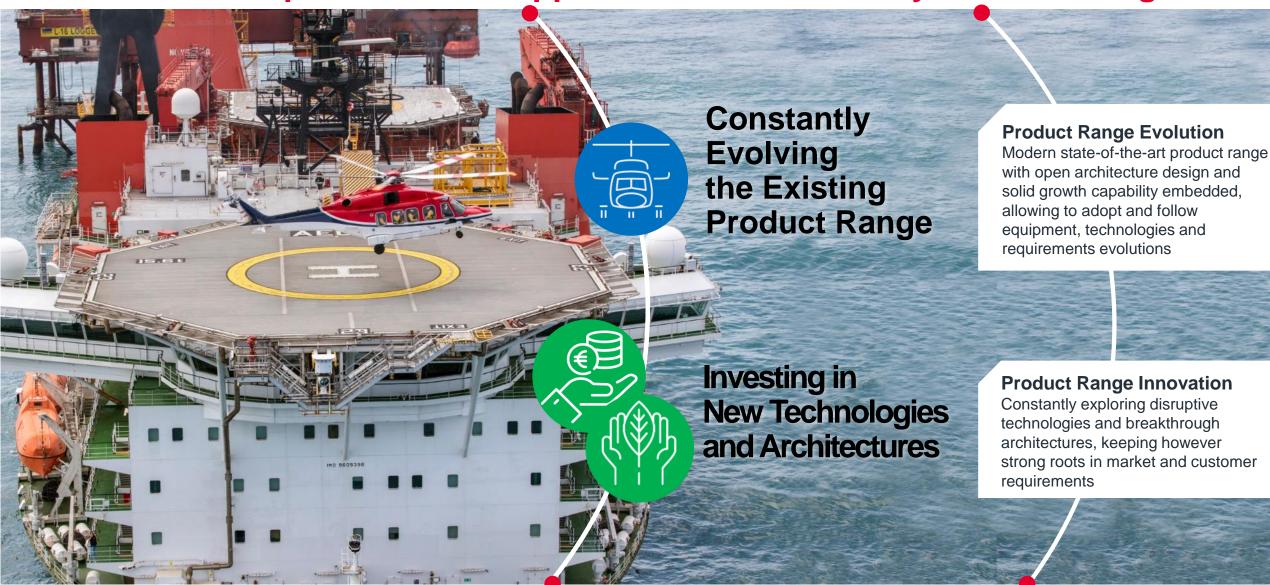
Data exchange



\*single source of truth.



# Leonardo Helicopter Products Approach to Sustainability and ESG Targets



Product Range EVOLUTION is a KEY DRIVER for Sustainability Improvements...

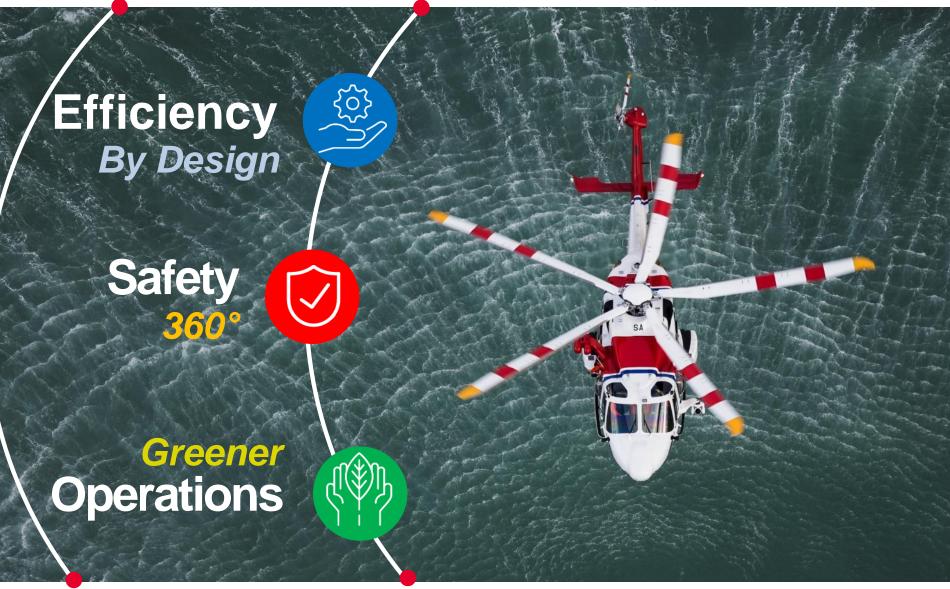
# More Efficient Design means More Sustainability

Components life extensions (less overhaul, logistics, maintenance), weight reduction (more payload, less flying hours), equipment upgrades through service bulletins (operative life extension of each SN) etc.

**Safety** at the Core in any Improvement

# Focus on Operations allows Footprint Reduction

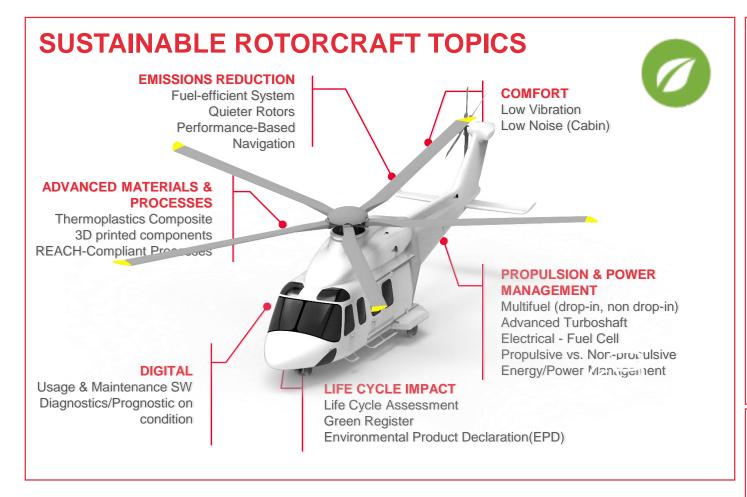
PBN routes optimization, Robust RNP 0.3 / 0.1 capabilities with Dual Frequency Multi-Constellation SBAS Navigation Capacities, SAF Fuel etc.







## Platform Architecture - Sustainable Rotorcraft





**PERFORMANCE** 





**OPERATIONS** 



COST



**PASSENGERS** 



INFRASTRUCTURES

### **ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES**

Propulsion & Power Management

Turboshaft (configuration, materials, eFuels) Hybrid/Electrical (motors, batteries, Fuel Cells), Energy Mgt.

**Emissions Reduction** 

Fuel-efficient Design & Propulsion Quieter Rotors, Flight Trajectories

Advanced Materials & Processes

Composite, 3D printed, REACH-compliant materials & processes

Comfort

Low Vibration/Cabin Noise Techs. (aerodynamics, materials, passive-active systems)

Digital

Usage & Maintenance SW, Diagnostics/Prognostics on condition

### **OTHER ENABLERS**

Policies & Regulations





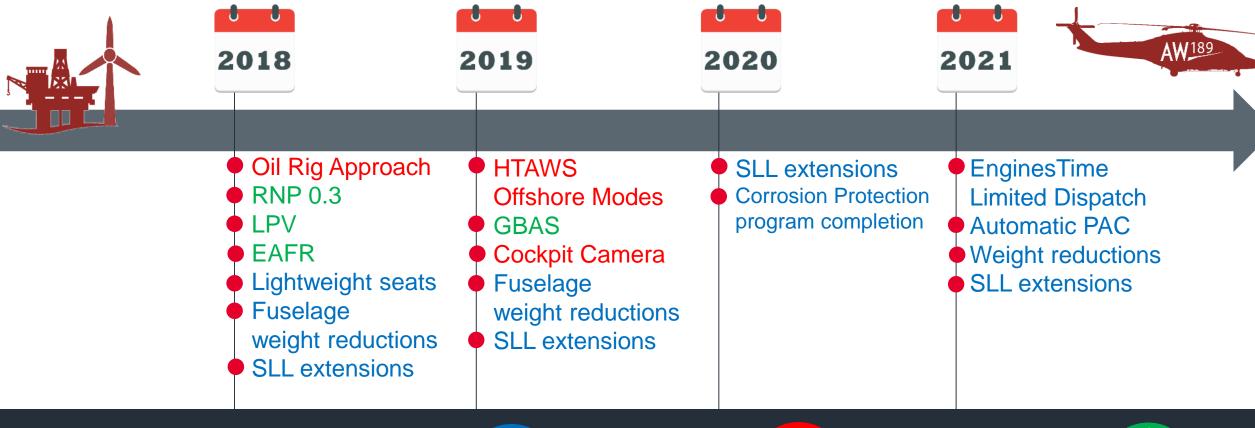
REACH





# A General Example, the AW189 Program Continuous Improvement...

CUSTOMERS & ENVIRONMENT: The AW189 path to GROWING EFFICIENCY and SUSTAINABILITY



CONSTANTLY
RAISING THE
BAR ON:

**EFFICIENCY** 







**OPERATIONS** 





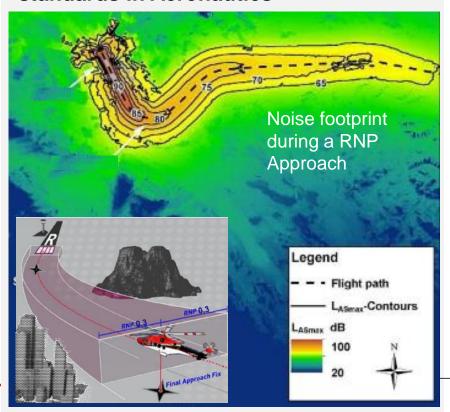




## Reinforcing PBN/SBAS Operations: Dual Frequency Multi-Constellation Navigation



Leonardo actively invests in the DFMC Navigation Technology, with the aim of improving and consolidating SBAS standards in Aeronautics



### Operational Benefits:

- Increased integrity, availability and continuity of the signal
- Increased robustness against ionosphere storms and interferences
- Core constellation redundancy

### Impact on Sustainability:

Leveraging on PBN/SBAS navigation robustness, increased routes optimization will contribute to further improving:

- Fuel Consumption
   Efficiency
- Ground Noise Impact

LHD helicopters OPEN
ARCHITECTURE DESIGN is KEY
to implementing DFMC SBAS
standards for future RNP 0.3 and
RNP 0.1 Helicopter Navigation







# **Skyflight evolution - acoustic emissions planned along the flight paths through Surrogate Models**

# Surrogate Models: Fast and Reliable calculations For granting of CPD put angle per velocity For the conditions and the condition and the condition as plant of the condition

ropagate sound on the ground to

Surrogate has been trained, post-processing work is needed

to ensure output formats are aligned between interfaces

### **Surrogate acoustic predictions**

Enable a **new feature** of predicting **acoustic emissions** along the **planned flight path** 

Ground noise prediction - increase attractiveness of the app and be unique in the industry

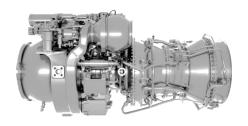


### **ADVANCED PROPULSION**

### LEONARDO Technology Approach



**EVOLUTIONARY** REVOLUTIONARY



### **Engine Evolution**

Improvements of existing engines architectures coupled woth advanced power management solutions



Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)

Biofuel and synthetic Aviation Fuel (eFuel) combustion as a complement or substitute to Jet Fuel



**Hybrid Propulsion** 

Coupling of traditional engines and electric motors for (main and/or tail) rotor propulsion (e.g. within transmission)



**Full Electric Propulsion** 

Full electric / battery powered propulsion with up to 95% reduction in CO2 and NOx depending on sustainabiltiy of energy source

Lower disruption for H/C OEMs with higher retrofit opportunities for in service HCs

Higher disruption for H/C OEMs given relevant impacts on H/C architecture (e.g. transmission, volumes, ...)



## Leonardo Approach to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)



### Issues for SAF fast pace introduction:

- Feedstock supply / SAF refinery capacity
- SAF cost not competitive if no carbon taxes applied (EU & rest of the world)
- No engines/helos still certified for 100% SAF usage



### LHD helicopters approach is also on:

- > SAF «Recipe»
- > Infrastructure
- Operational Capabilities

#### **Environment impact mitigation**



HELICOPTERS DIVISION

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION LETTER

TIL N° T-GEN-21-005

DATE: September 21, 2021

REV.:

To: Leonardo Helicopters products

Owners / Operators

SUBJECT: Environment impact mitigation

Helicopters Affected: AW139, AW169, AW189, AW149, A109S, AW109SP, AW119MkII, A109A/AII, A109C, A109K2, A109E, A119





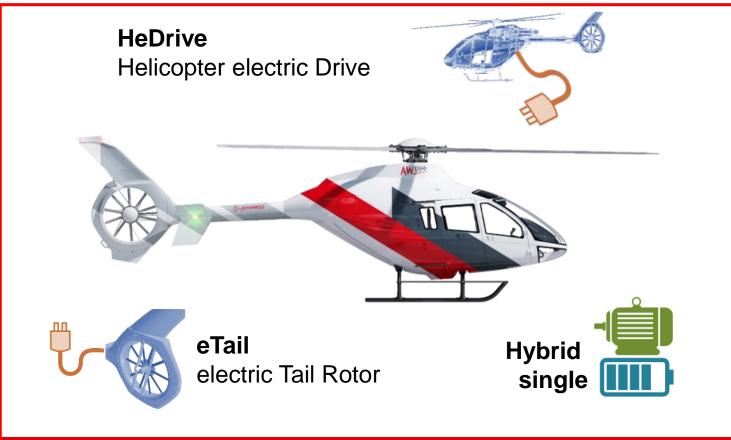


# Beyond SAF: LHD Approach to Hybridization and New Propulsion Technologies





- New operational scenarios (e.g., singles operating congested / hostile areas)
- Mitigate operational risks (power boost)
- Simplify training procedures



The BRAND NEW AW09 is the LHD «Incubator» to developing innovative technologies, aiming at higher degrees of sustainability (both for customers and the environment)



P Higher efficiency propulsion (e.g., lower operating costs)



- Lower CO2 output (e.g., lower operating costs)
- Noise Footprint Reduction
- Singles instead of Twins

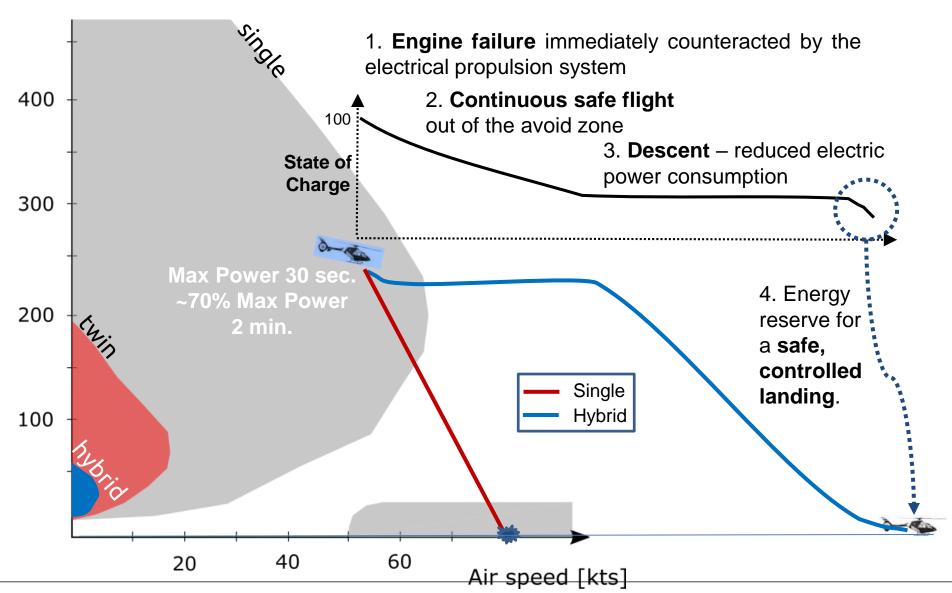


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## LHD Approach to Hybridization: Singles for Twins over Congested Areas









### **Electrification and new architectures**

### Air-cooled tail motor unit



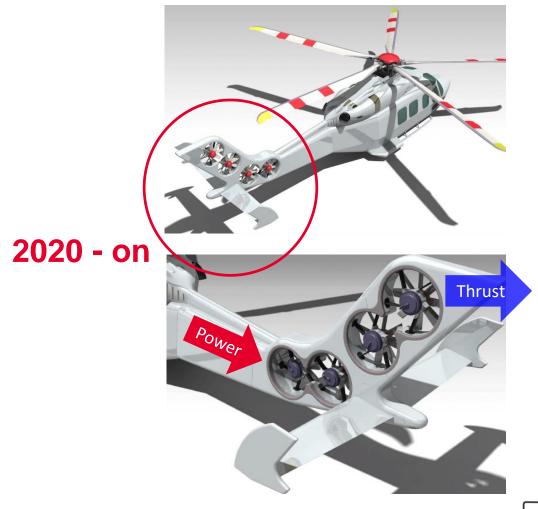
2010-2015



... tail gearbox F<sup>3</sup>, but 3.5x heavier



### Streamlined, sheltered and redundant

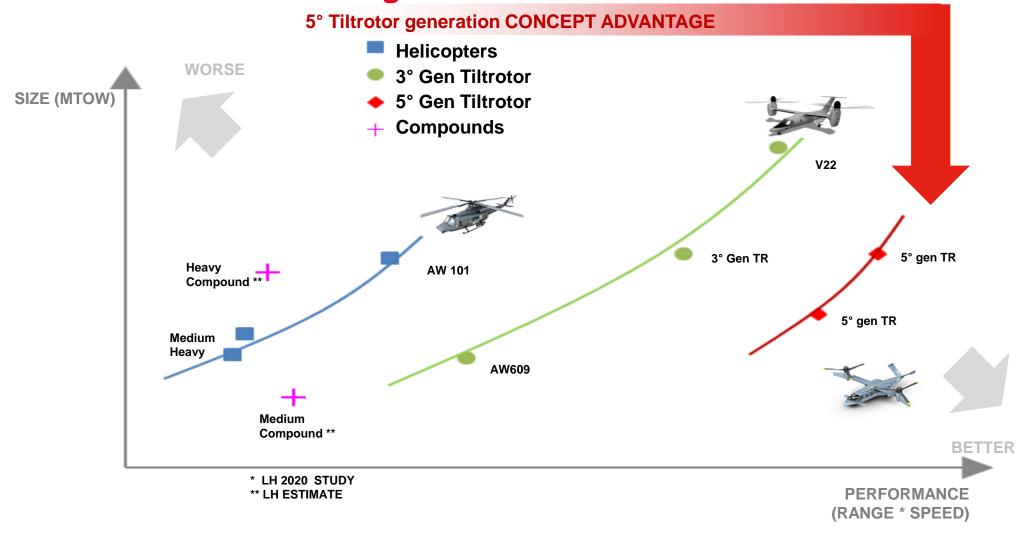


... with fixed-pitch rotors (i.e. fans)





## LHD view on future configurations



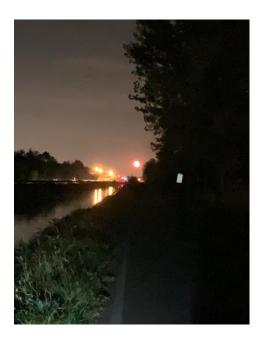


# Recapping

- SUSTAINABILITY is a need to be approached in all possible arenas
- Everyone inside Leonardo is aware of the importance and challenge offered by this need and is pushing to improve it
- SUSTAINABILITY is a culture that has to be spread and applied at all levels
- My daily work in the design of improvements and new machine is based on this view
- And....











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