

# Hybrid Airships: Opening New Frontiers

## Alaska House Energy Committee

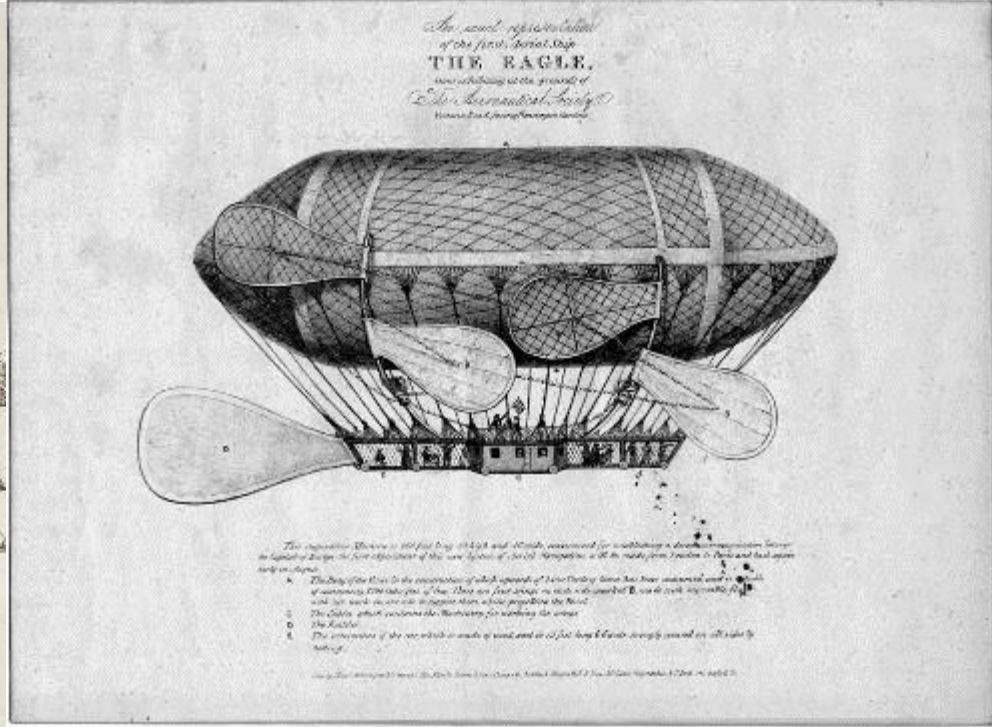
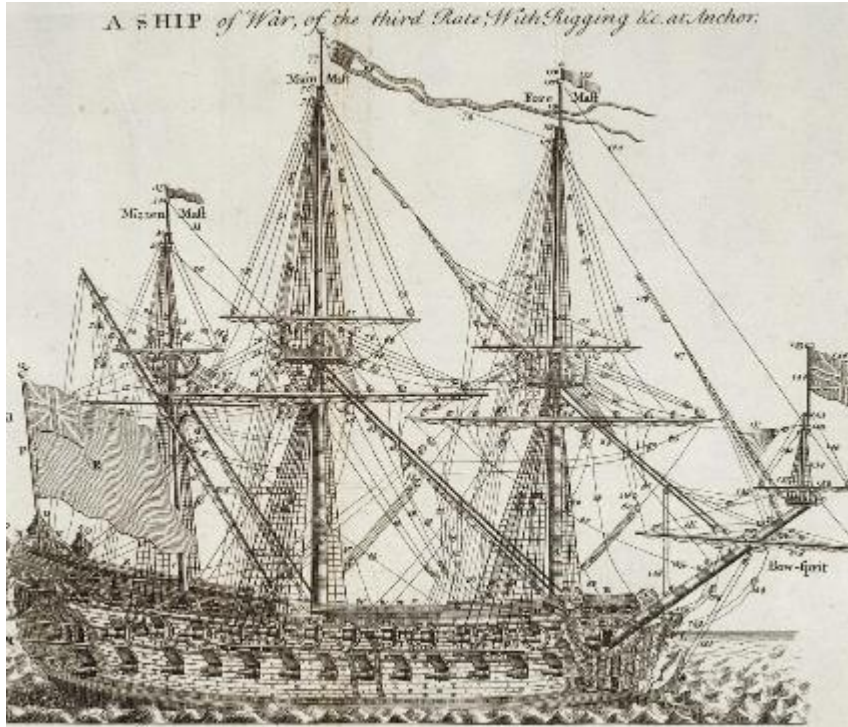
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HYBRID  
ENTERPRISES



# WHY AIRSHIPS?



Getting the Best of Two Modes

# AIRSHIP TYPES



Non-Rigid  
"Blimps"

Rigid



Semi-Rigid



Evolving since 1852

# CONCEPTS & PROTOTYPES



Boeing- USA

Aeroscraft- USA

Varialift - UK

Piasecki - US

RosAeros Systems - RU

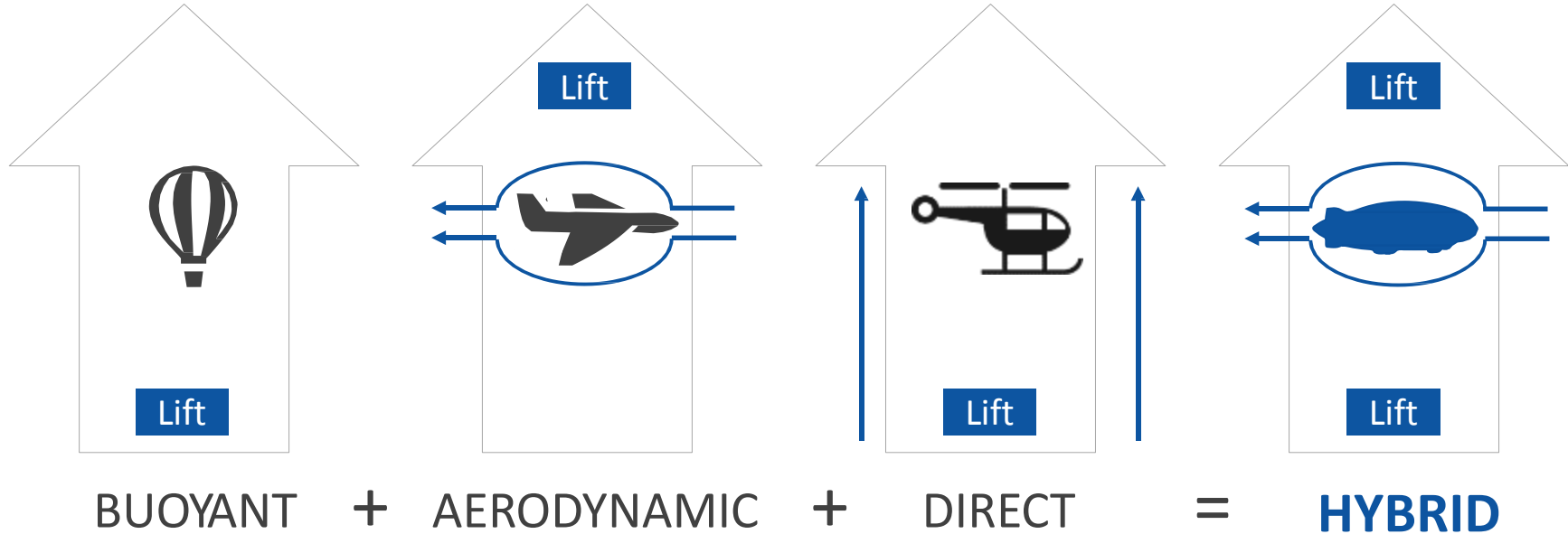
Hybrid Air Vehicles - UK

# WHAT IS HYBRID LIFT? (video)



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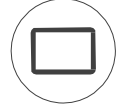


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# OUR HYBRID AIRSHIP



Large payloads  
21.000 kg + 19 passengers



Large volume cargo bay, roll-on  
roll-off



Takes off and lands on unimproved  
surfaces, water, snow, ice, sand



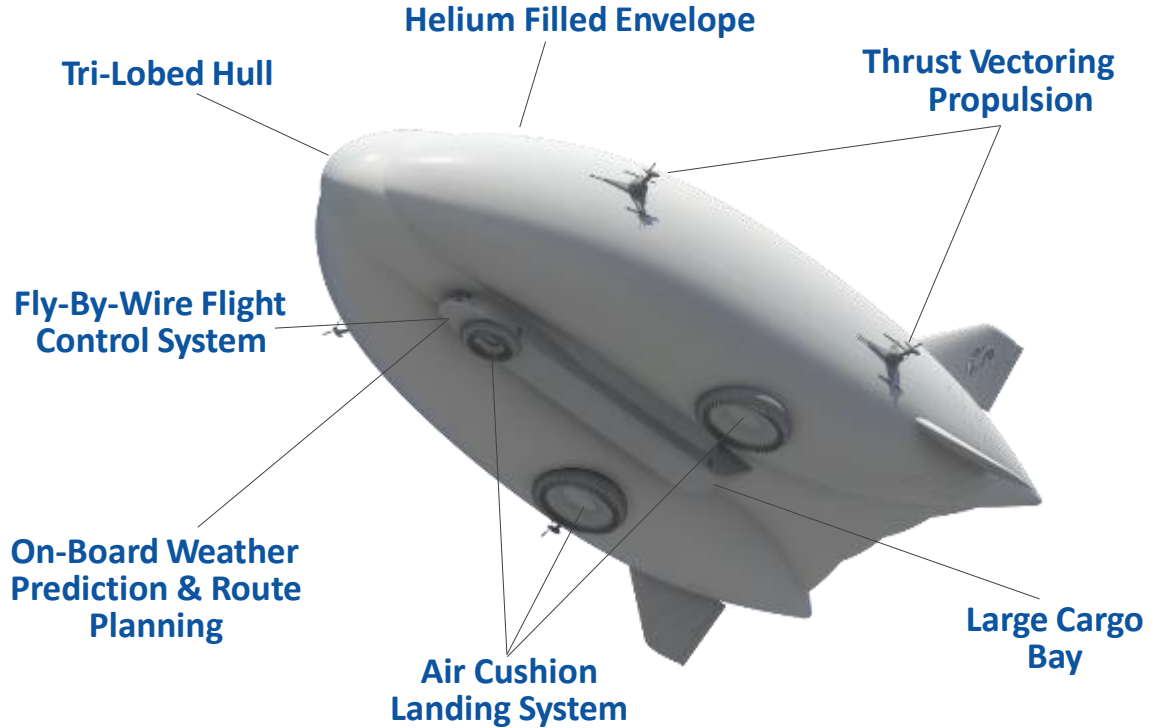
Overflies environmentally  
sensitive areas...quietly



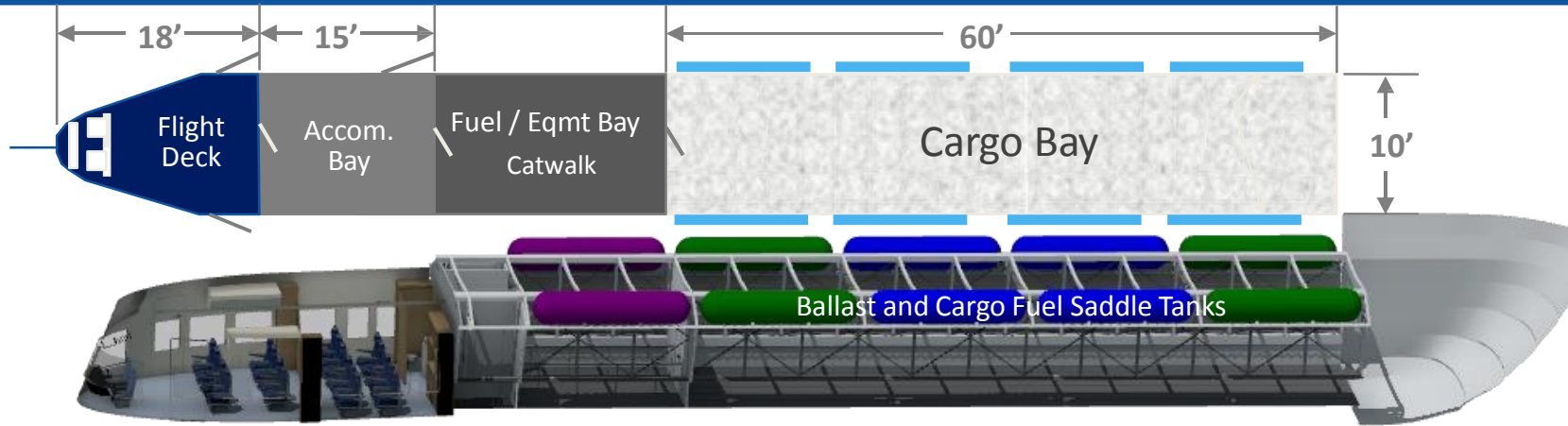
Low fuel consumption  
Lowest carbon footprint  
compared to other aircraft



Little or no forward  
infrastructure



# LMH-1 INTERIOR LAYOUT



- Flight Deck - 2 pilots and 8-19 passenger seats
- Cargo Bay - 60'x 10' floor area, 10' height, truck bed height
- Aft full size door – extended loads capable with door open
- Saddle tanks for ballast water and optional cargo fuel

Built for cargo with passenger capability



# OPERATIONS (video)



#No Roads, No Problem

# TECH DEMO TO OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY



## P-791 (2006)



- Proven technology demonstrator
- Tri-lobe envelope design
- Digital flight control
- Full vectored thrust
- Air cushion landing system
- No payload – test only

## LMH-1 (2018)



- Remote cargo transport
- 1,400 nm range
- Take-off & land from unimproved fields or water
- Low operating costs (much less than helicopters)

## LMH-2 (2020s)



- Regional cargo transport
- 3,000+ nm range
- Lower operating costs (similar to fixed wing)

## LMH-3



- Global cargo transport
- 6,000+ nm range
- Very large cargo hold
- Containerized freight mover
- Lowest operating cost



P-791:  
120' long, 65' wide  
37' tall



22 Tons Payload:  
~300' Long



90 Tons Payload:  
~400' long



500 Tons Payload:  
~700' long

Three platform sizes – Decades of development and growth

# DEMONSTRATOR FLIGHT (video)



Maneuverability

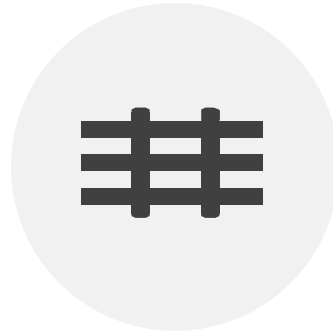
# GETTING TO MARKET



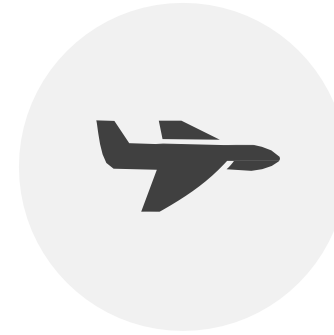
Oil and Gas



Mining



Logistics  
Providers



Transportation  
Providers



Financiers

# OFFSHORE OPERATIONS SUPPORT



- Using the hybrid airships to support offshore operations has significant cost and range benefits
- Challenge is how to safely move personnel and cargo from the hybrid airship to the platform
- Sea conditions throughout the year at the platform locations may result in different solutions unique to each location



Hybrid Airship Requires Unique Considerations

# OIL & GAS SUPPORT



- Exploration Phase
  - Surveillance & Communications
  - Aerial Surveying
  - Emergency Services
- Development Phase
  - Rig Relocation & Support
  - Pipeline Construction

- Production Phase
  - Spill Response
  - Transport & Resupply



Broad Capability at Affordable Costs

# HYBRID OPERATIONS CASE STUDY

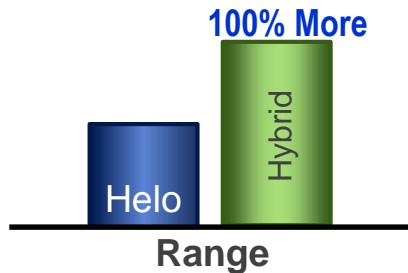


## Remote Cargo Service Challenge

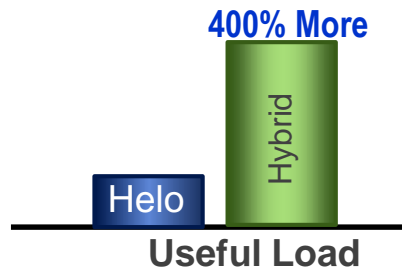
- No All Weather Roads
- No Rail Service
- No Ship Access
- No Runway Access
- Rates Extremely High
- Service Has Limited Volume
- Beyond Helicopter Range



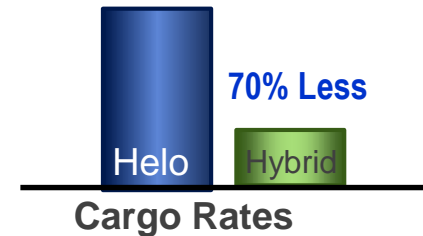
### Better Range



### Larger Loads

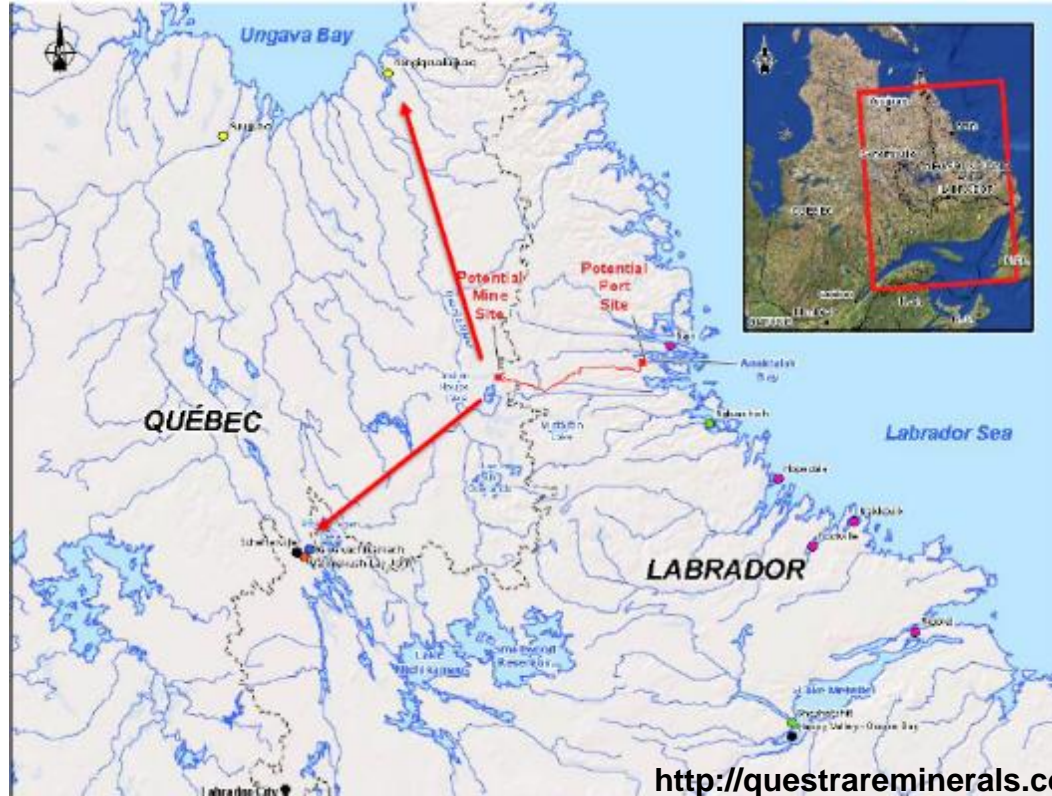


### Lower Rates



*Hybrids Bring Affordable Service to Remote Areas*

# THE “ROADLESS” MINE



<http://questrareminerals.com/QRM-PR-NOV-16-2016.php>

10 Year \$850M Agreement to Move Product by Airship



# ARTIC OPERATIONS - Ice Road Replacement – Point Thomson

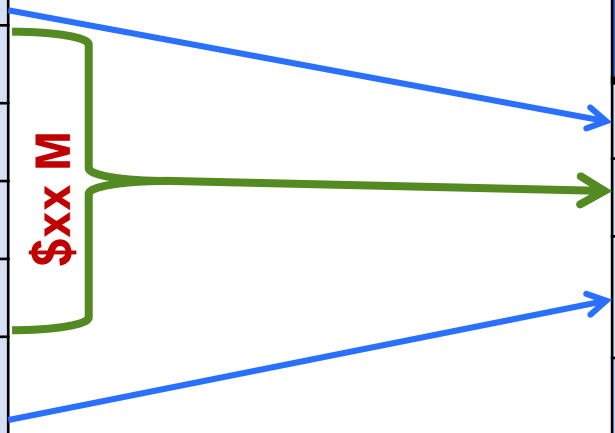


## 2015-16 Budget

Transportation Mode
Truck <i>FBKS/DH</i>
Truck Ice Road
Helicopter
Tundra Vehicle
Barge
Fixed Wing <i>ANC/PT</i>
<b>2015-16 Total</b>

## 2015-16 Estimate w/ Small Hybrid Airships

Transportation Mode
Truck <i>FBKS/DH</i>
Small Hybrid*
Fixed Wing <i>ANC/PT</i>
<b>2015-16 Total</b>



\*Includes 40% margin for airship operator

Actual cost redacted due to proprietary information

25% Transportation Cost Reduction

# HYBRID CASE STUDY



## Komo Airfield and Infrastructure Costs

- Total actual project cost \$**xxx**M, completed 2013

## Hybrid Airship Alternative

- Total estimated project cost  $\approx$ \$**xx**M

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98% Reduction in Infrastructure Costs

# HYBRID CASE STUDY



## AN124 vs LMH-1– Remote Pacific

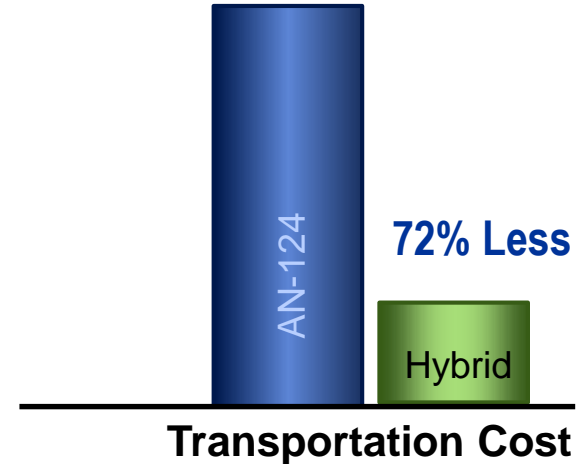


### AN-124

- 89 flight days
- 6,219 tons delivered
- 70 tons per flight
- \$xx M (actual cost)

### LMH- 1 Hybrid

- 101 flight days
- 6,060 tons delivered
- 20 tons per flight
- \$xx M



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Hybrid Airships Reduce Delivery Cost by 72%

# OPERATIONAL SAFETY



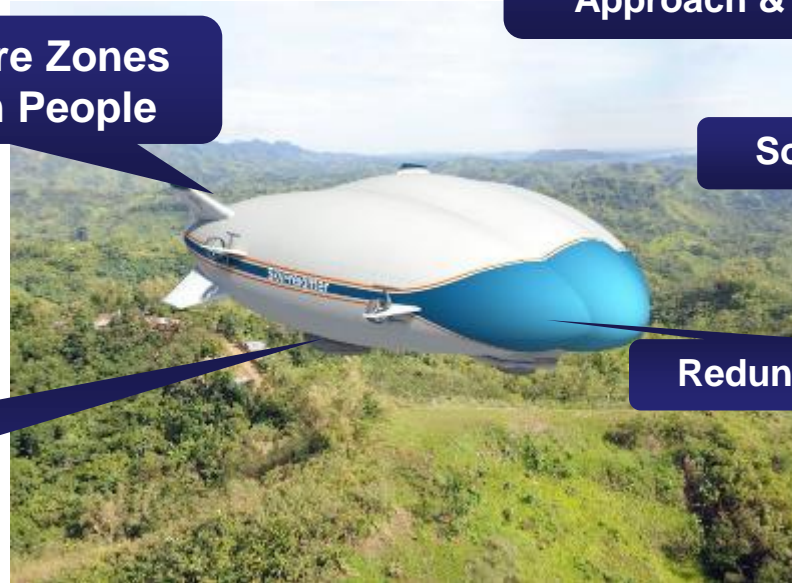
**Potential Fire Zones  
Away From People**

**Low Speed Takeoff,  
Approach & Landing**

**Soft Structures**

**Ability to Land In Any  
Open Spaces and On  
Water**

**Redundant Systems**



**Excellent Safety Features**

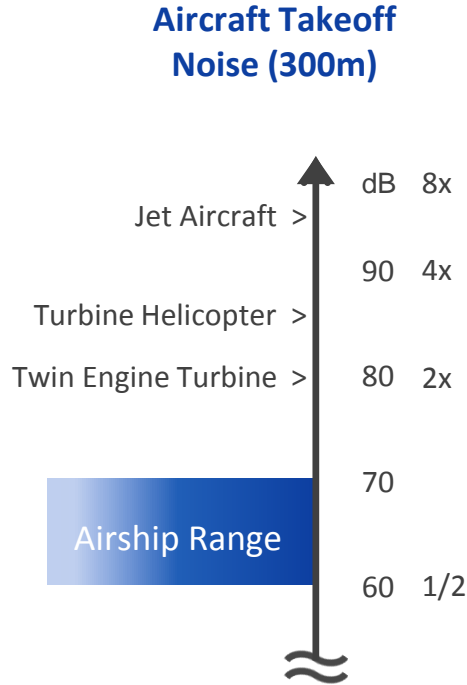
# HYBRID AIRSHIP SUSTAINABILITY



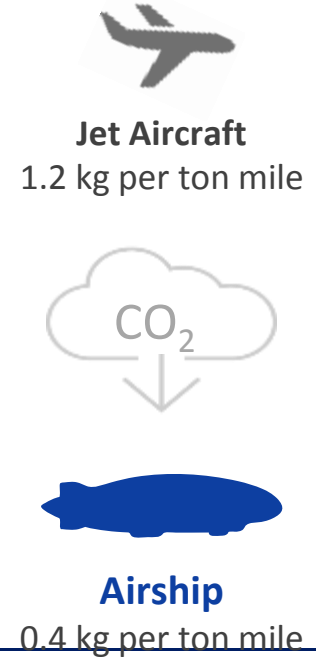
## LESS FUEL



## LESS NOISE



## LESS EMISSIONS



# SUMMARY

Ideally suited for remote operations

Takeoff and land on unimproved surfaces

Low carbon emissions + low noise + eliminate infrastructure = environmentally friendly

Dramatic cost reduction in transportation for remote projects

Enable launch of projects previously thought inaccessible

Coming to Alaska – as early as 2019



## Hybrid Airship

Opening a New Frontier

