Technical Accomplishments



Sources of QSST Technology



SAI and LM investment over \$70M to date

QSST – 3 View



QSST Technologies Protected by about 20 U.S. and Global Patents



QSST Configuration Development



Unique Inverted "V" Tail

- Permits Aft-Mounting Engine on Wing
 - Aft c.g. Crucial for Low-Boom Trim
 - Favorable Wing/Inlet Interference
 - Bending Relief Due to Engine Mass
- Provides Lift "High and Aft" for Tailoring Low-Boom Lift Distribution
- Solves Structural Dynamics Issues
 - Wing and Empennage Flutter
 - Flex-to-Rigid Ratios
 - Permits Aft Body Area "Pinch" -Drag
- Reduces Weight
 - Externally Braced Wing
 - Simply Supported Empennage
 - Reduced Stiffness Requirements
- Increases Flight Control Redundancy

e.g., SAI Patent No. 6,824,092B1





Inverted-V configuration provides a unique solution to low-boom, low supersonic drag, and structure design imperatives

Expected QSST Sonic Signature



QSST is expected to produce a sonic signature that is "virtually boomless" - barely audible to those on the ground below

Sonic-Boom Comparison



Sonic Boom Mitigation Technology Validated with Analysis and Test



Ground Demonstration Facility

In-Flight Validation of Sonic Boom Shaping

Sonic Boom Pilot Awareness System



- Green = Within Limits
- Yellow = Close to Limits
- Red = Over Limits
- Predictive Command Guidance to avoid over limit conditions
 - Climb
 - Reduce Speed
 - Change Heading
 - Other