Timeline into the future of aviation
A journey through 100 years of greater flight

1965: Frequent Flyers

1973: Concorde's first flight

1979: Super chilled

1985: Frequent flyers

1989: Super chilled

1990: Super-sized cargo carrier

1994: Double bubble

1998: Progress Eagle

2000: First full-size battery-powered flight

2008: AERION AS2

2010: Solar Impulse

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2014: Progress Eagle

2015: Zero-emissions commercial airliner

2018: Super-sized cargo carrier

2020: $15 flights

2021: AERION AS2

2023: Solar drones

2025: Intelligent planes

2030: Biofuels go transatlantic

2040: Commercial catapults

2050: Solar flight

2060: Commercialised solar flight

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