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# **Responding to the ACARE Challenges**

## **Technologies and Concepts**

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➤ **Vision 2020, Strategic Research Agenda SRA 1 & 2**

- Environment
- Quality and Affordability
- Air Transport System Efficiency
- Security
- Safety

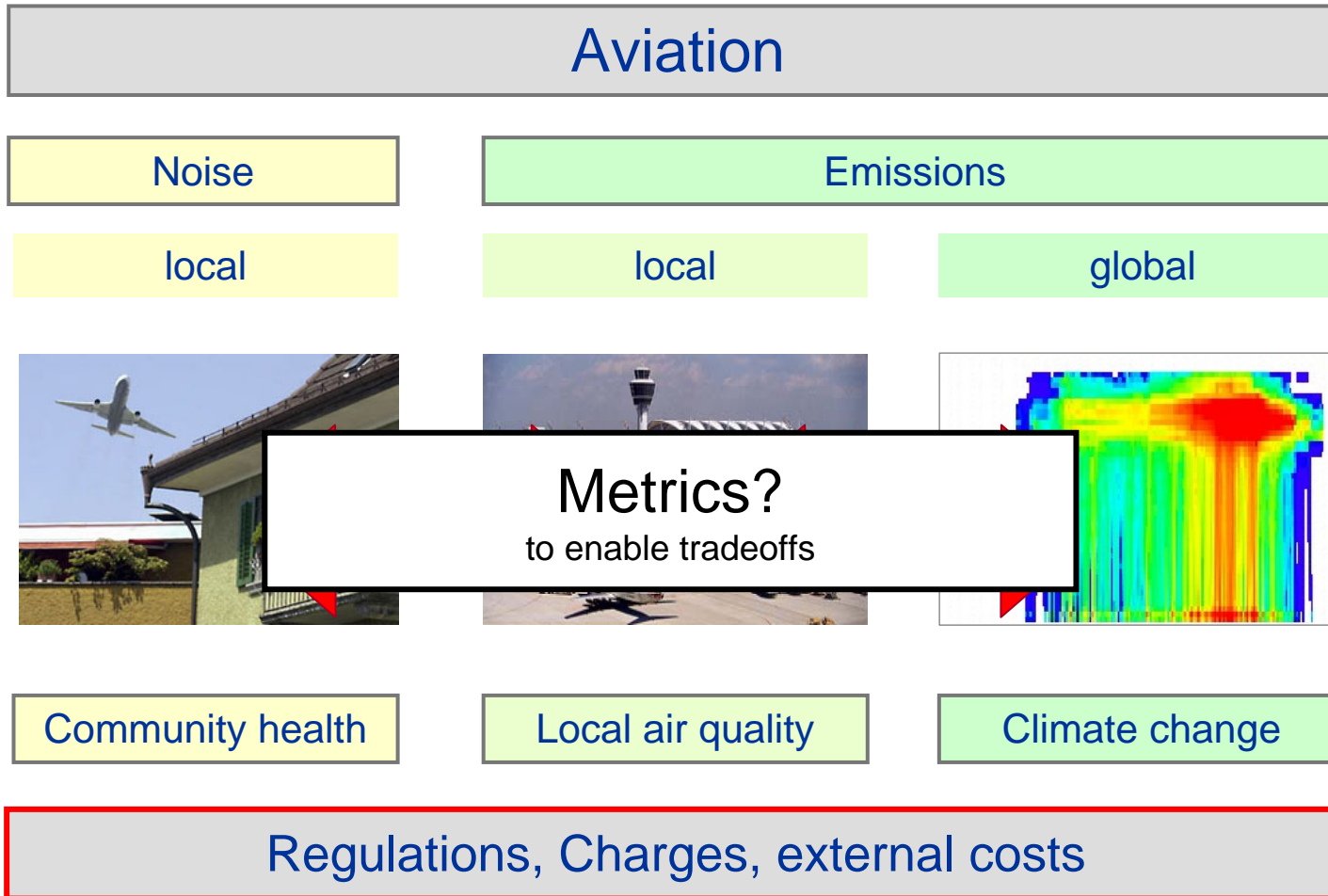


➤ **Goals for the Environment** (based on the technological level of 2000)

- Reduction of fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50%
- Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80 %
- Reduction of perceived external noise by 50%
- Reduction of impact of production, maintenance, and disposal of A/C



# Environment and Air Traffic Transport System



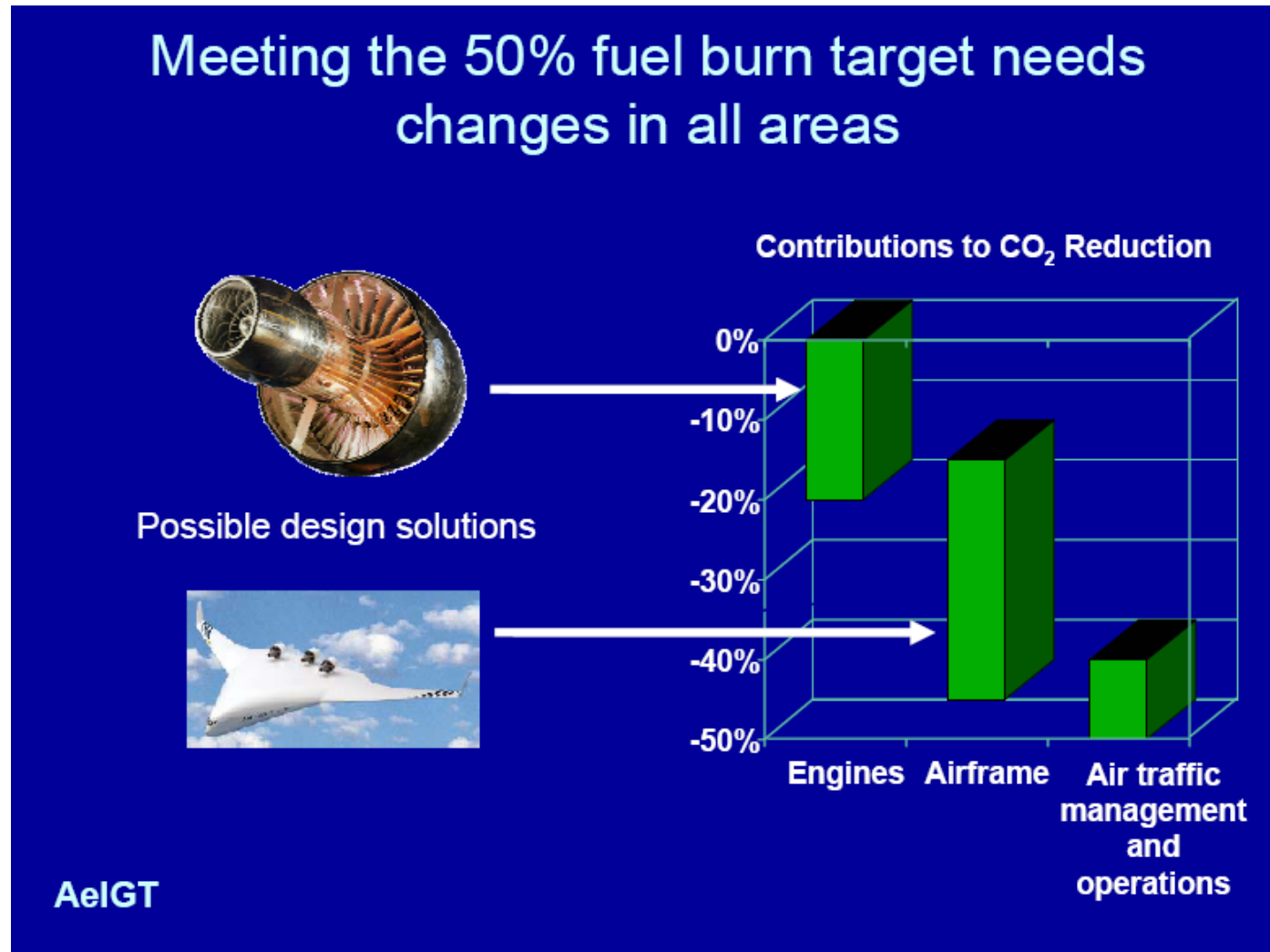
Potential for fuel burn reduction:

Engines: ~20%

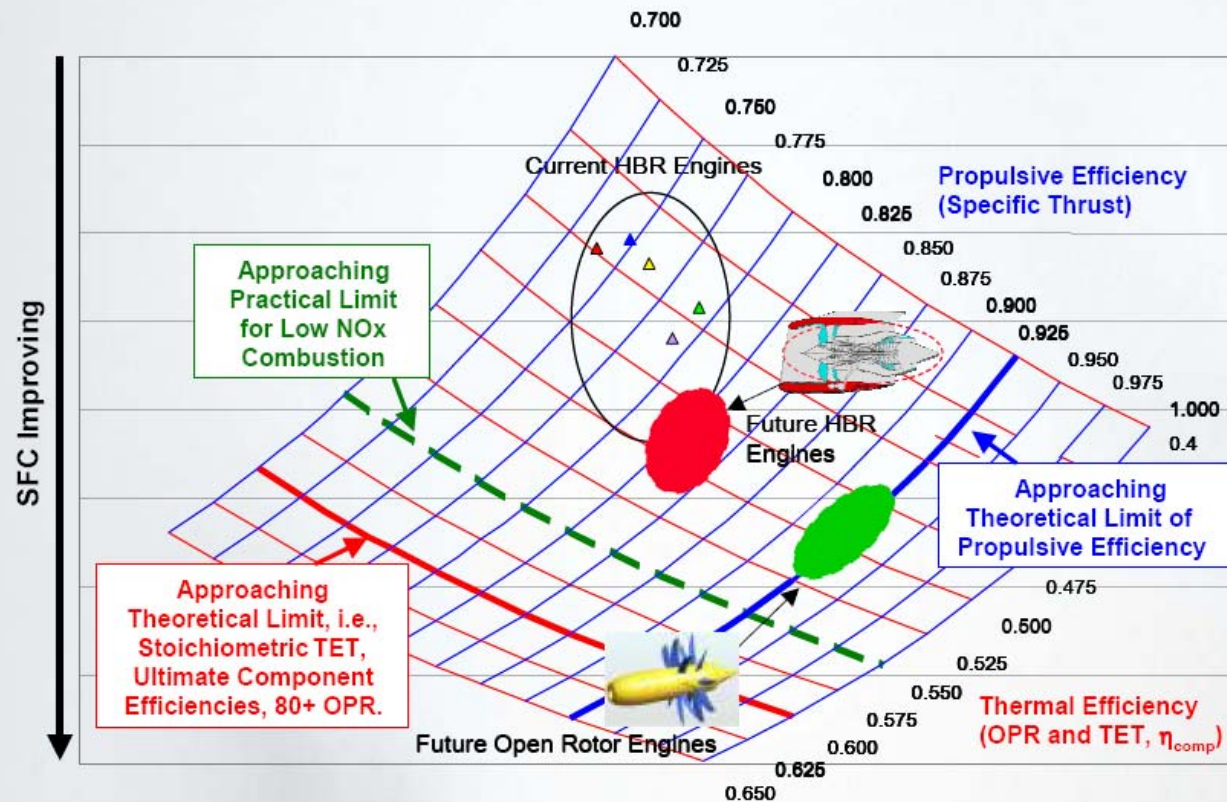
Airframe: ~25%

ATM: ~10%

Source:  
 Jeff Jupp,  
*Mitigating the  
 Environmental Impact  
 of Aviation*



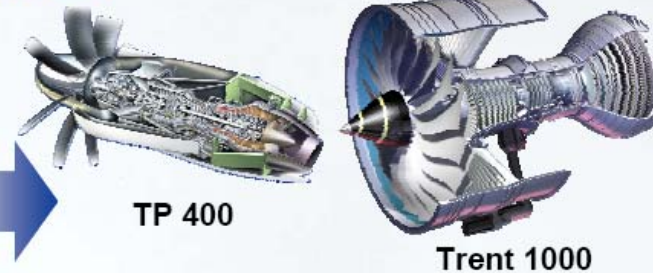
## Cycles to meet ACARE targets



## Rolls-Royce technology 'Vision'

### ● Vision5 – Near term

- Latest 'on-the-shelf' technologies applied to existing architectures
- Near term upgrade and improvement programmes



### ● Vision10 – Next generation

- Leading edge, technology validation.
- Technologies currently at demonstrator stage



### ● Vision20 – Future generation

- Includes technologies that are currently emerging or as yet unproven
- Advanced environmental and efficiency targets for aircraft, engines and systems.

#### The ACARE Goals\*

- Half current perceived average noise levels
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> by 50% per passenger km
- 80% cut in NO<sub>x</sub>

## Increase of Bypass Ratio



Geared Fan (BPR = 12)  
Tests at DLR starting in 2007

### [DLR-Study on BPR-influence](#)

BPR 25: weight and size penalty

BPR 17: lowest fuel consumption (mission + SFC)

BPR 12: significant mission fuel reduction

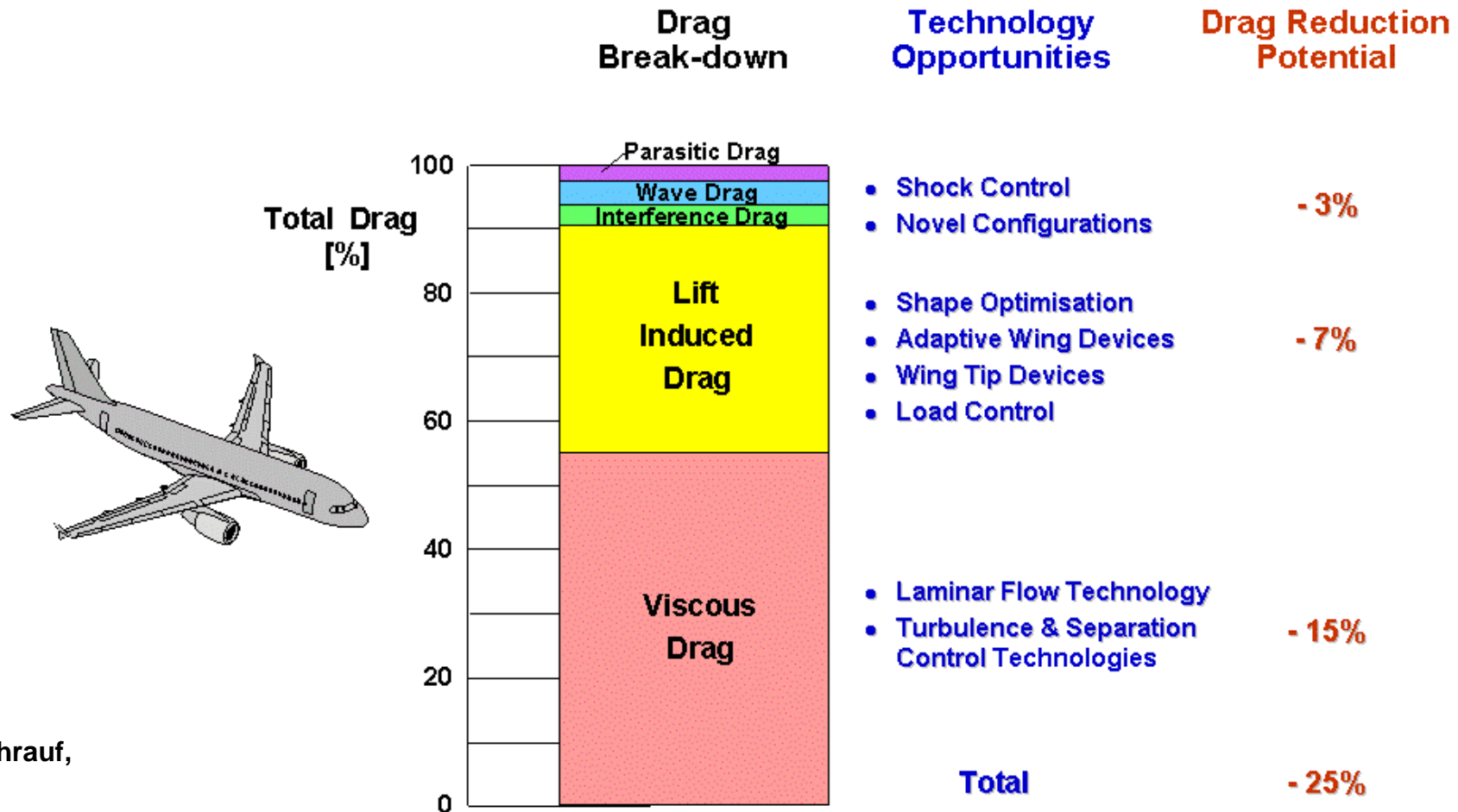
## Lean Combustion for NO<sub>x</sub>-Reduction

### Lean piloted burner



DLR Investigation of RR-D  
lean burner module with  
internal staging

## Drag Reduction



Source:

Geza Schrauf,

KATnet

Key Aerodynamic Technologies

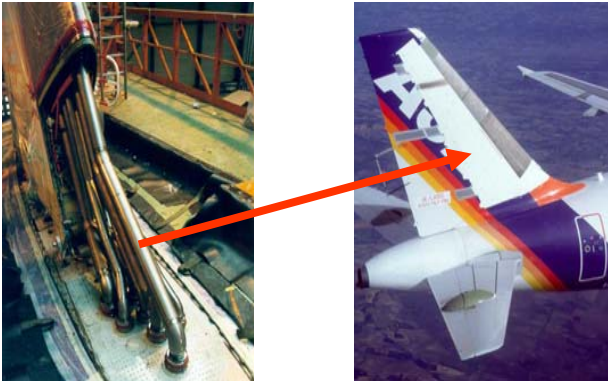
For Aircraft Performance Improvement

First CEAS European Air and Space Conference  
Berlin, 10-13 September 2007

## Laminar Flow Control Research at DLR

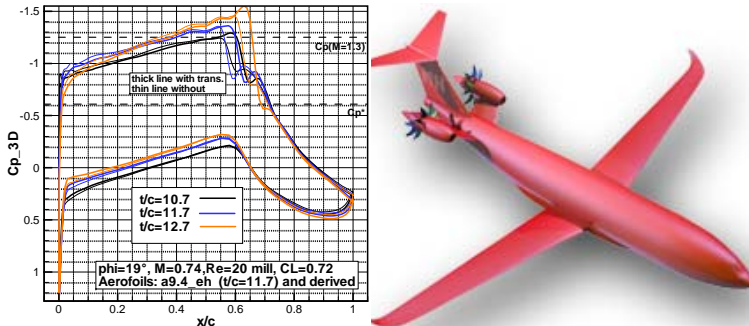
### Hybrid Laminar Flow (HLF, B.L.-Suction)

- ▶ High System Complexity (Proof of Concept)
- ▶ Alternative System Designs
- ▶ Wing and Configuration Design



### Natural Laminar Flow (NLF)

- ▶ Wing and Configuration Design
- ▶ Robustness to Disturbances (Receptivity)
- ▶ Mission Assessment (Speed vs. Fuel)



### Operational Parameters

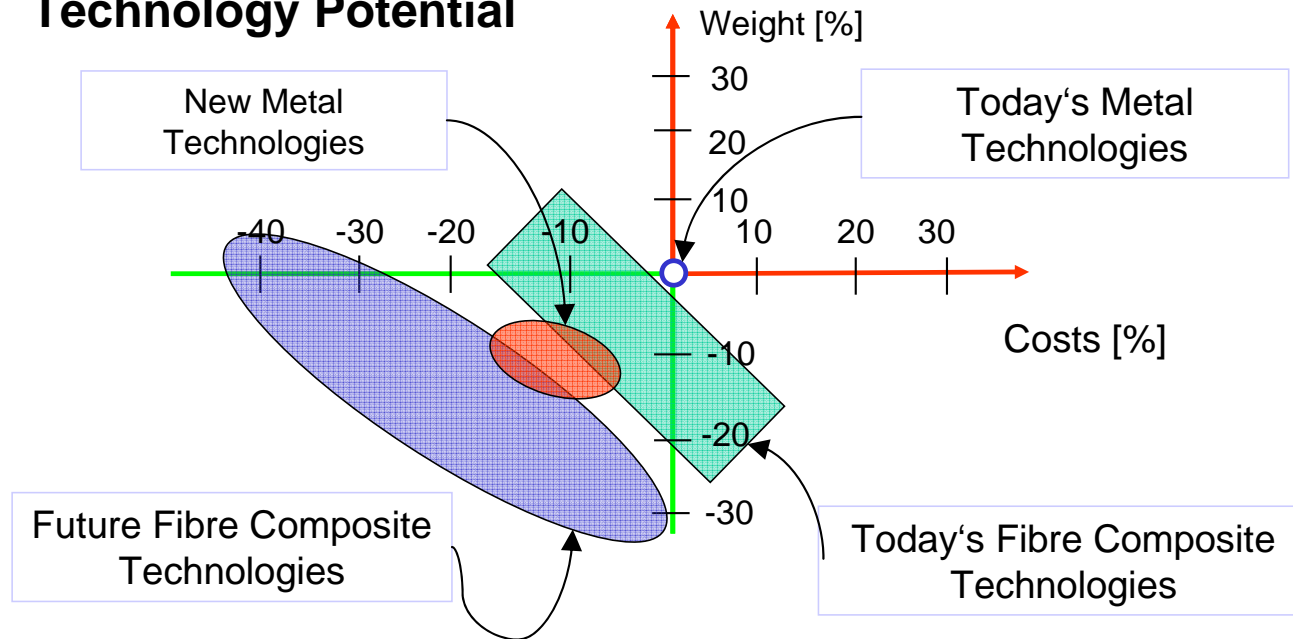
- ▶ Anti-Contamination / De-Icing
- ▶ Surface Quality and Integrity



## Weight Reduction by Composites

Weight Reduction  
 ↓  
 Fuel Reduction  
 ↓  
 CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

### Technology Potential



**30% Reduction in Structural Weight:**  
**15% Reduction in Fuel Consumption**  
 (Estimate for 250 PAX, 6500 km configuration with pre-design tool PrADO)

## Operational Improvement

**Reduction of unnecessary fuel consumption during all flight phases from Gate-to-Gate**

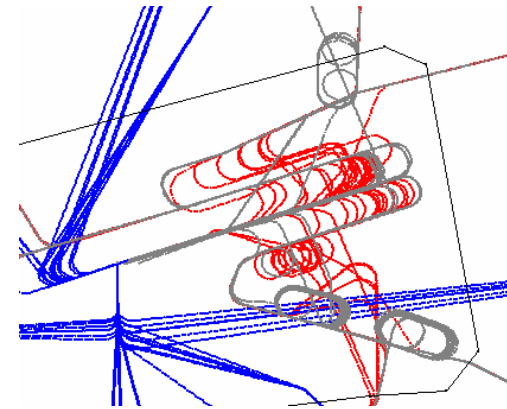
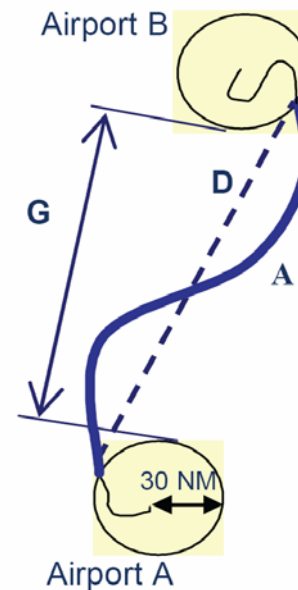
**Optimization of Air Space Structure to avoid route extensions**

**Reduction of Holdings**

**Use of efficient Approach and Departure Procedures**

**Avoid traffic jams at runway heads before take-off**

**Operational Towing**

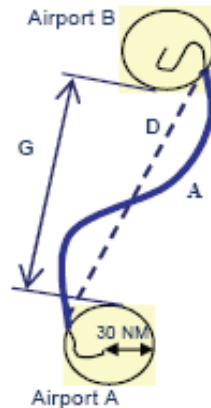


## Reduction of Route Extensions

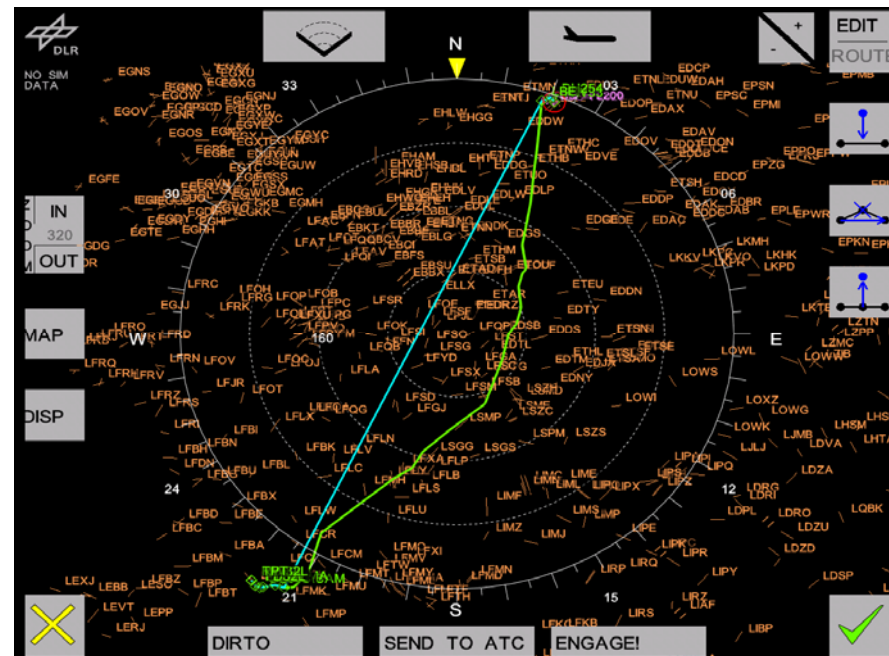
Average route extension in Europe per flight: 48.6 km

Additional distance flown in 2006 in Europe: 441 million km

Additional CO2 Emission of ~4%



### Example: Route Hamburg – Toulouse

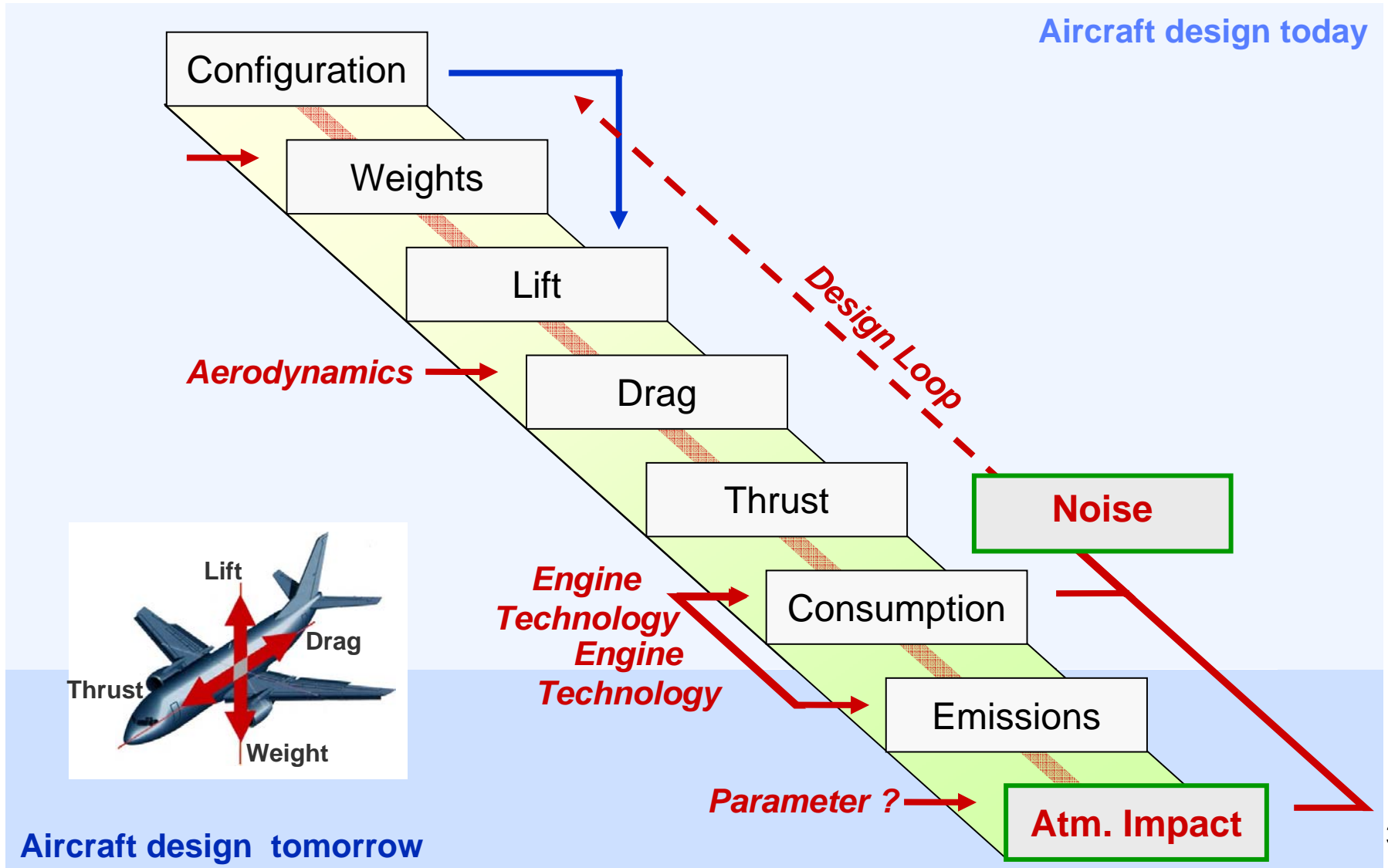


|                          | Direct Extensions | TMA Interface | Total 2006 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Extension (%)            | 4,0%              | 1,9%          | 5,9%       |
| Extension per Flight     | 32,9 km           | 15,7 km       | 48,6 km    |
| Additional Distance      | 298 M km          | 143 M km      | 441 M km   |
| Additional CO2 Emissions | 3,2 M t           | 1,5 M t       | 4,7 M t    |

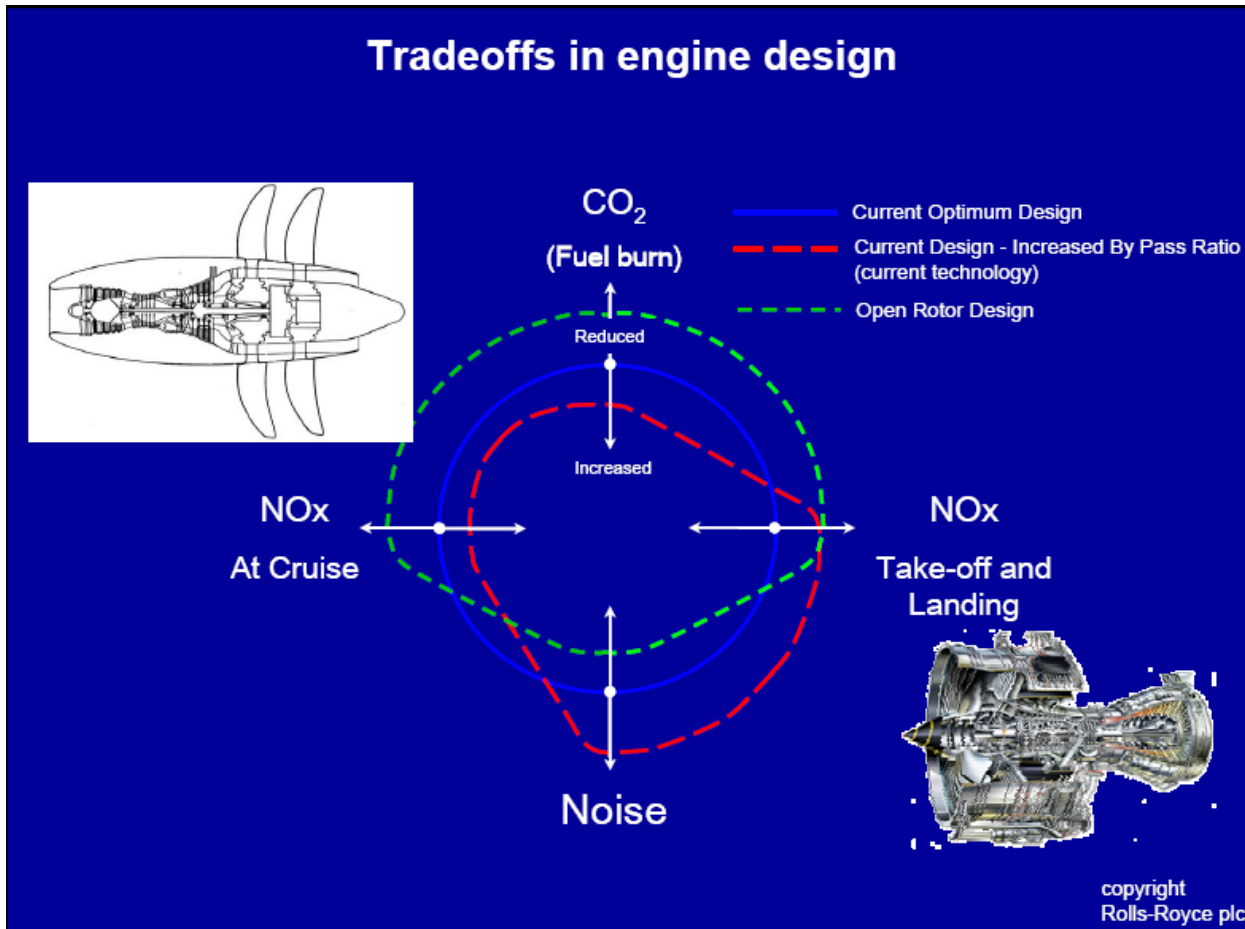
- Flight on airways vs. "Direct Routing": 52,8 NM
- 2470 Kg CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (6,2%) on a A330-300

Source: Eurocontrol, Performance Review Report 2006

# 'Ecologically' Driven Design

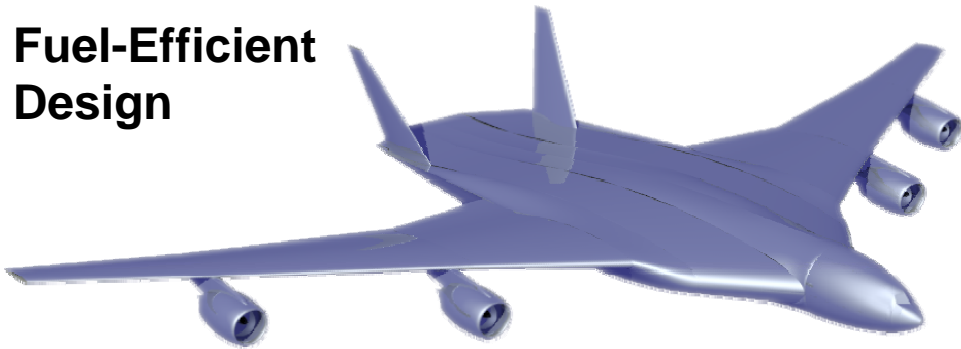


## Propfan

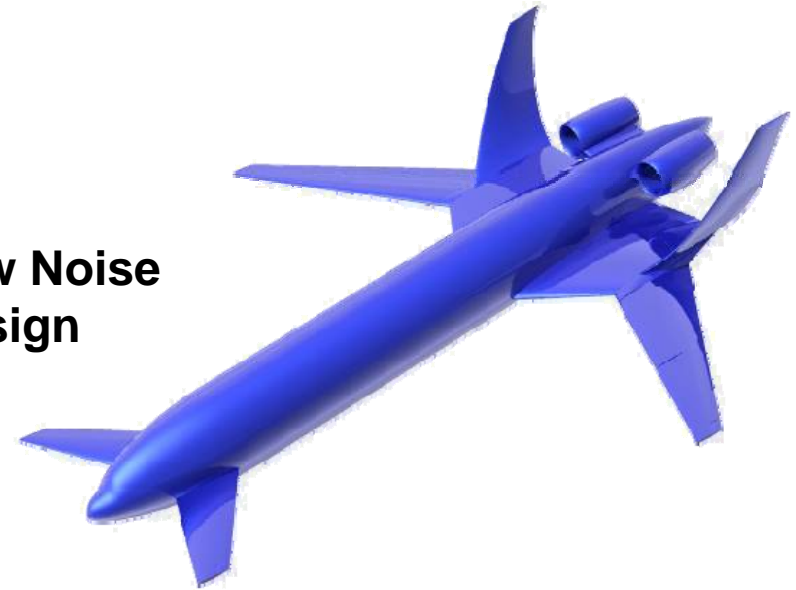


## Possible New Configurations

**Fuel-Efficient  
Design**



**Low Noise  
Design**



**Strong drivers required for drastic change:**

**Air Transport is an economically based system**



## Conclusions

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- Today's air transport system is highly matured and efficient
- Drastic system changes require high incentives
- Reliable Metrics necessary to include emissions into design loop
- Global legislation and ecological targets necessary
- Physics does not make ACARE goals unachievable (John Green)
- Research and Industry committed to address ACARE challenges