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## Engine design for the environment

Aero-engine technology meeting the environmental challenge

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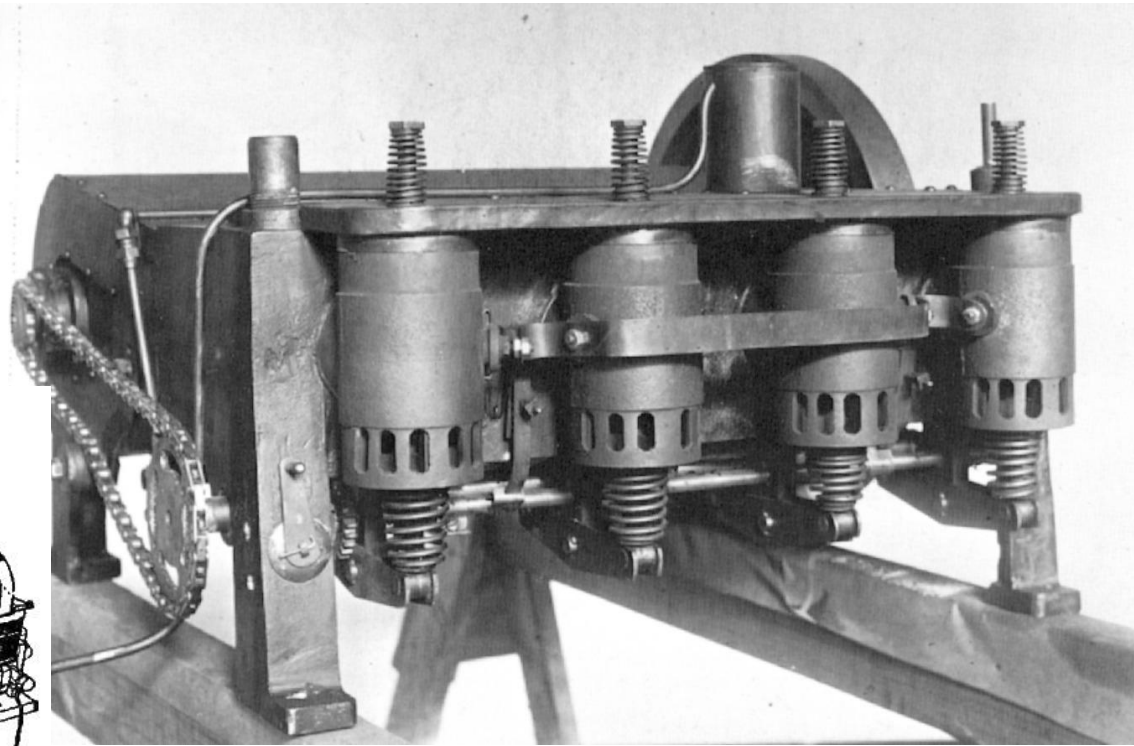
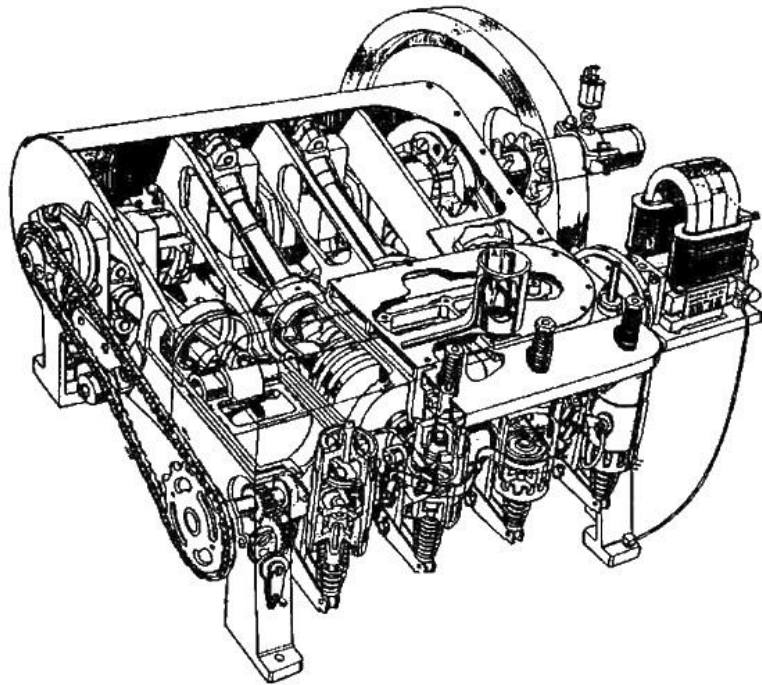
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# Agenda

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- **Changes in aero-engines**
  - **Environmental impact**
  - **Bringing technology to market**
  - **Future engine technology**
  - **Summary**

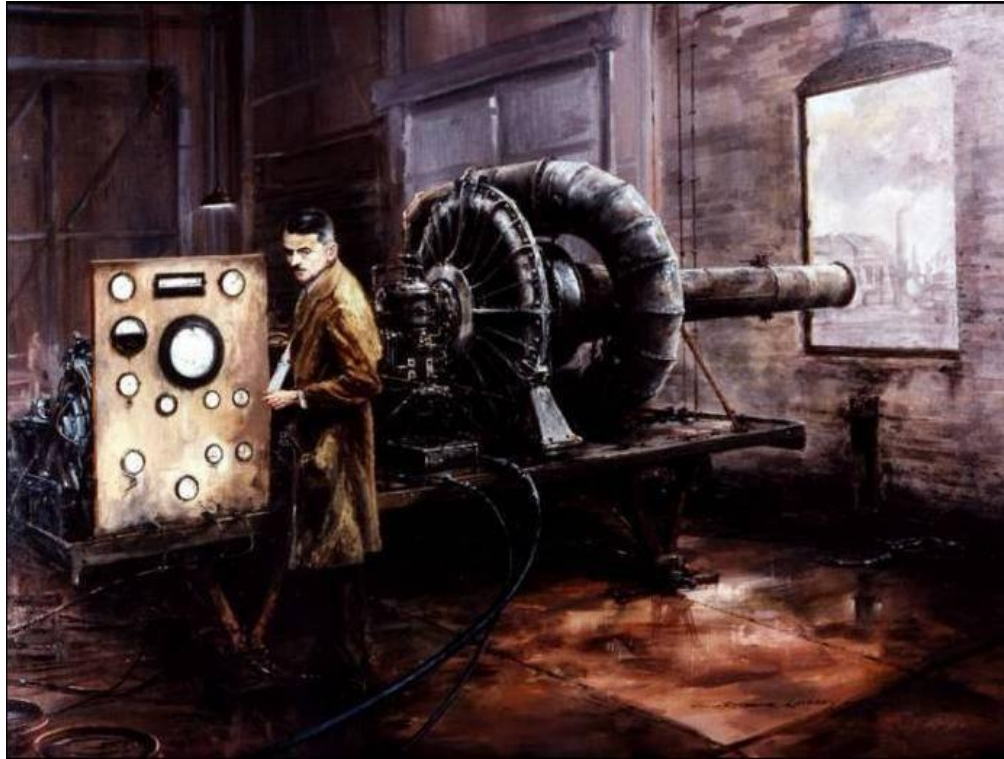


# Over one hundred years of powered flight



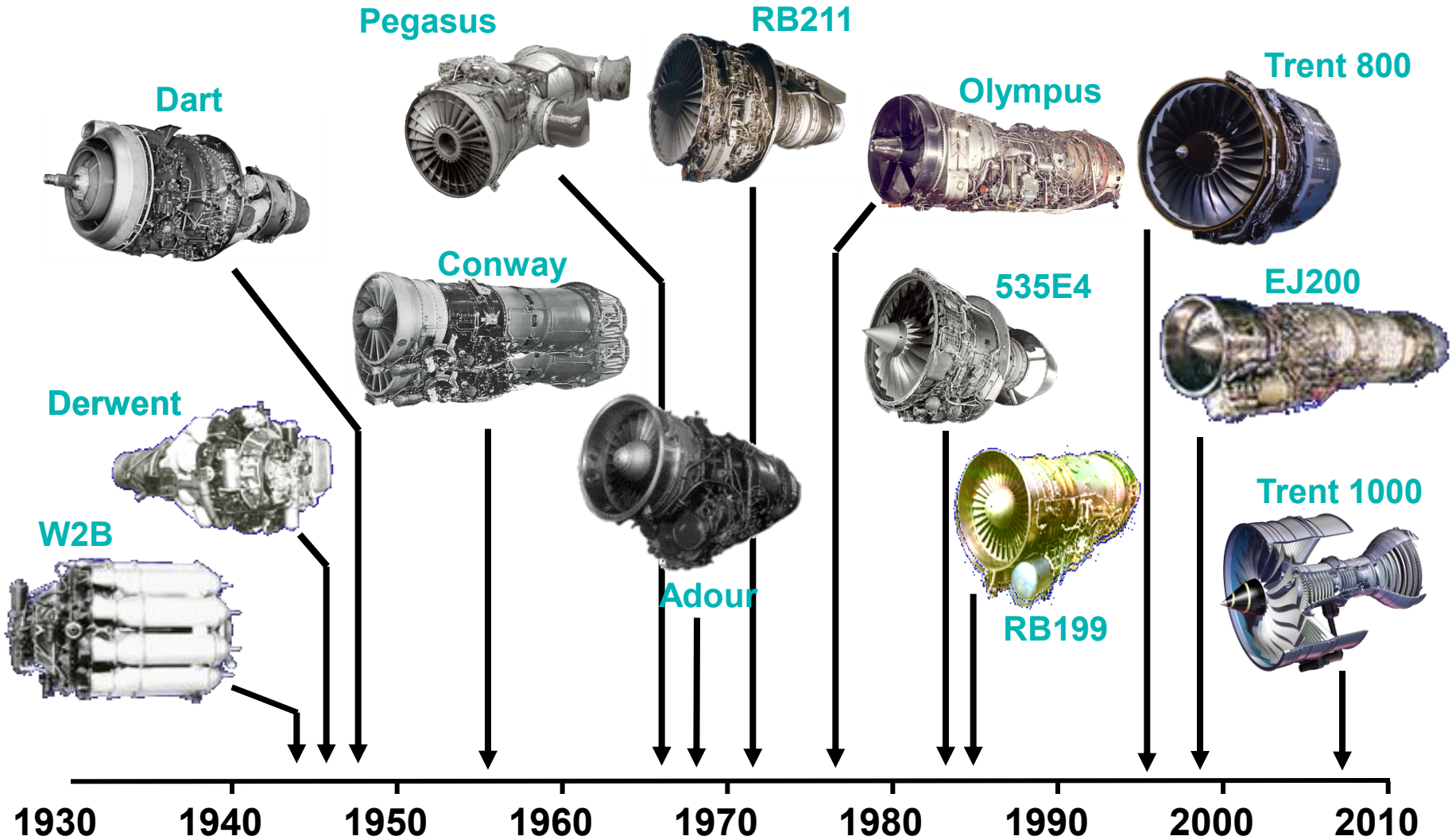
The internal combustion engine  
from the Wright Flyer

# The Original Whittle Engine



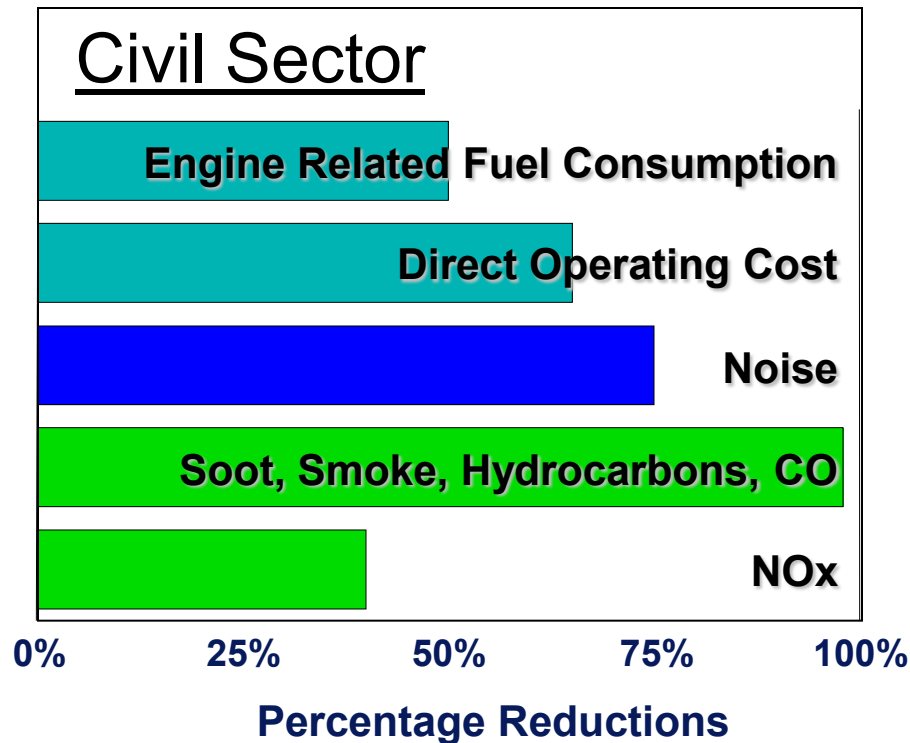
*“The invention was nothing.  
The achievement was making the thing work”  
- Sir Frank Whittle*

# History of the gas turbine at Rolls-Royce



# Aero engine evolution

- Significant performance improvements to date driven by advances in technology. Reductions since 1960 include:



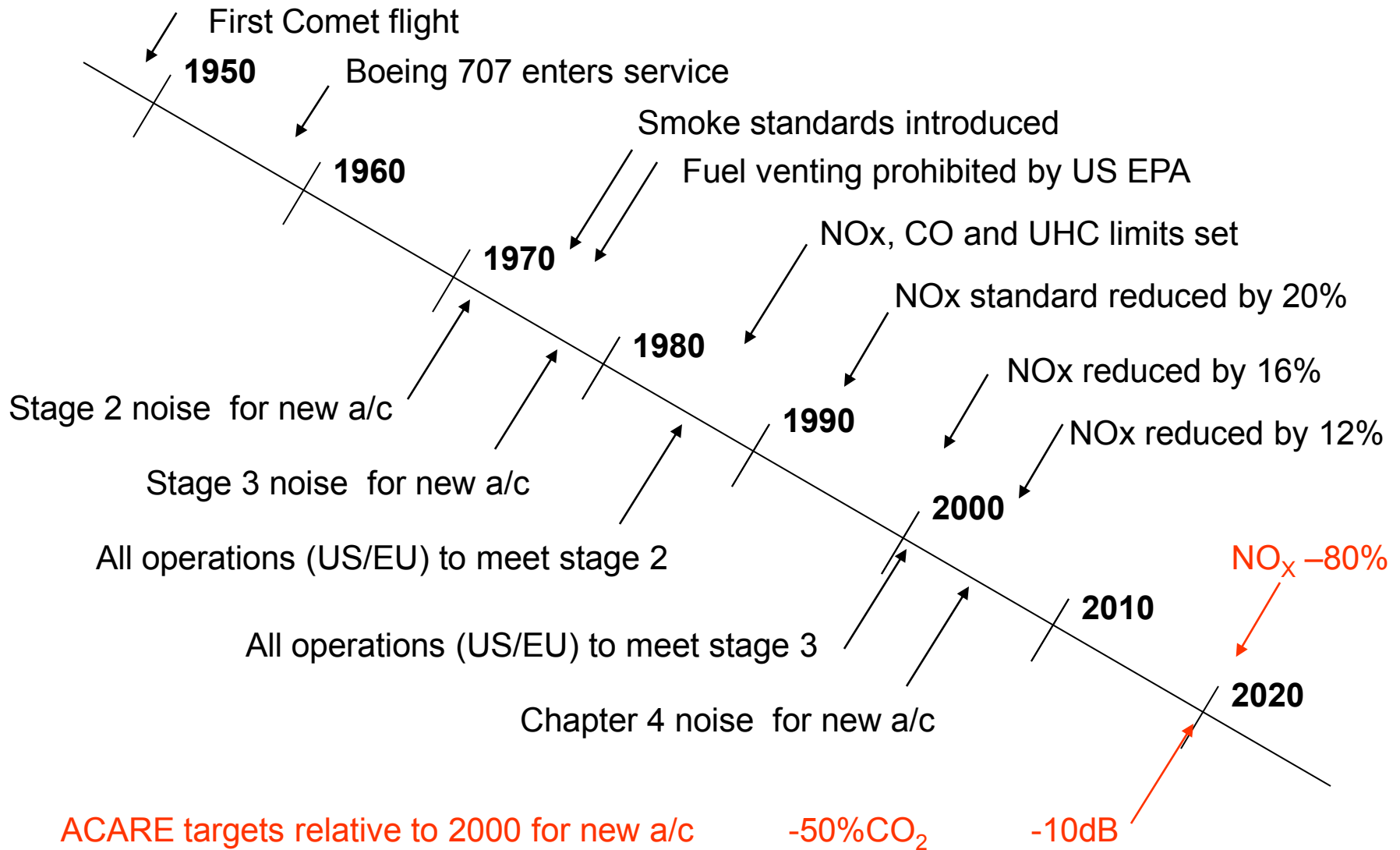
- Product technology has been the principal driver to gain competitive advantage

# Aero engines and the impact on the environment

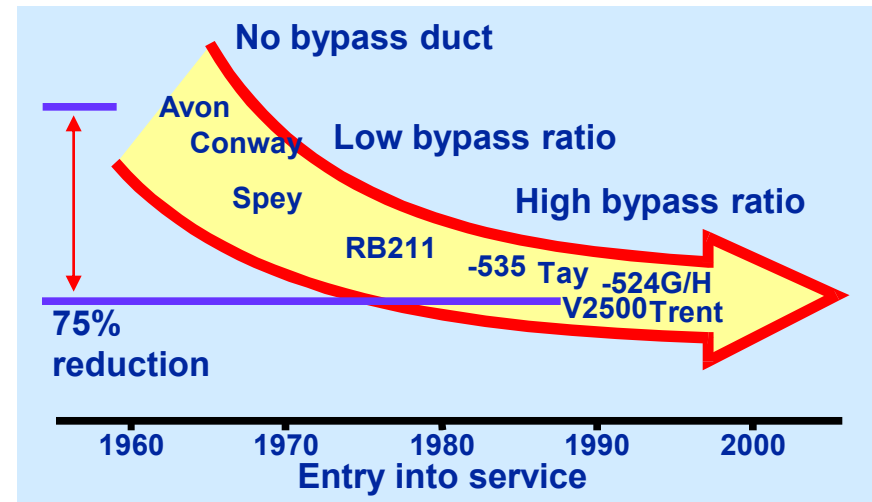
- **Manufacture and maintenance**
- **Local to the airport**
  - **Noise**
  - **Air quality**
    - **Oxides of Nitrogen**
    - **Carbon monoxide**
    - **Sulphur dioxide**
    - **Unburnt hydrocarbons**
    - **Smoke**
- **Climate change**
  - **Carbon dioxide**
  - **Oxides of Nitrogen**
  - **Water**



# Aviation and the environment timeline

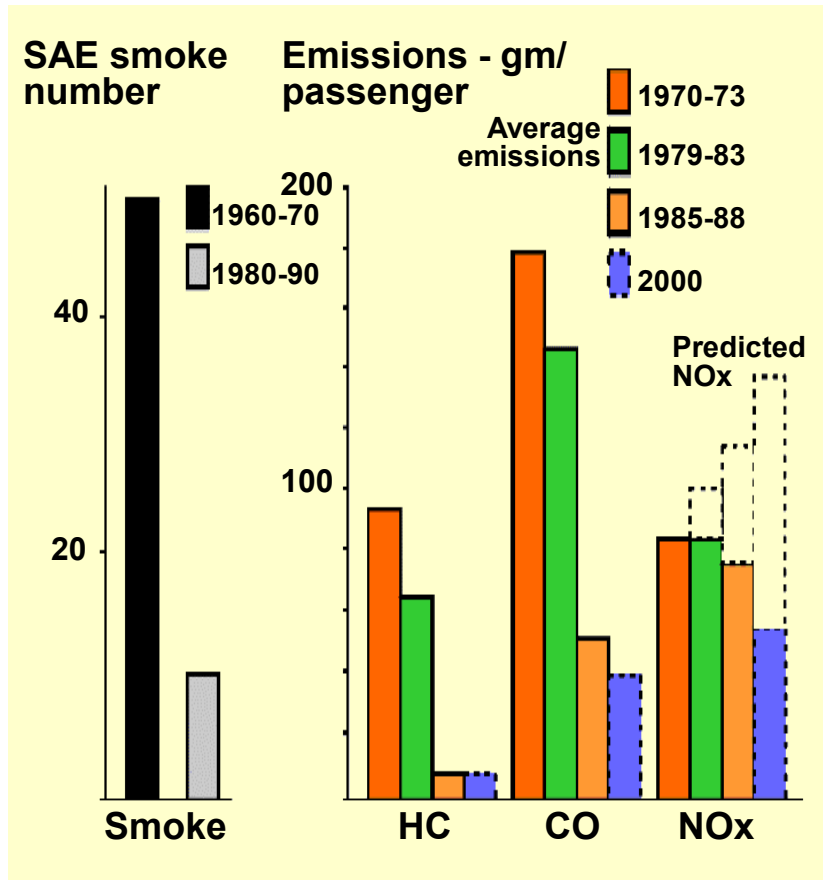


- Communities local to airports are worst affected due to take off and landing manoeuvres
- International and particularly local regulation impose very stringent limits
- Reductions in aircraft noise have been largely offset by increased traffic and aircraft size



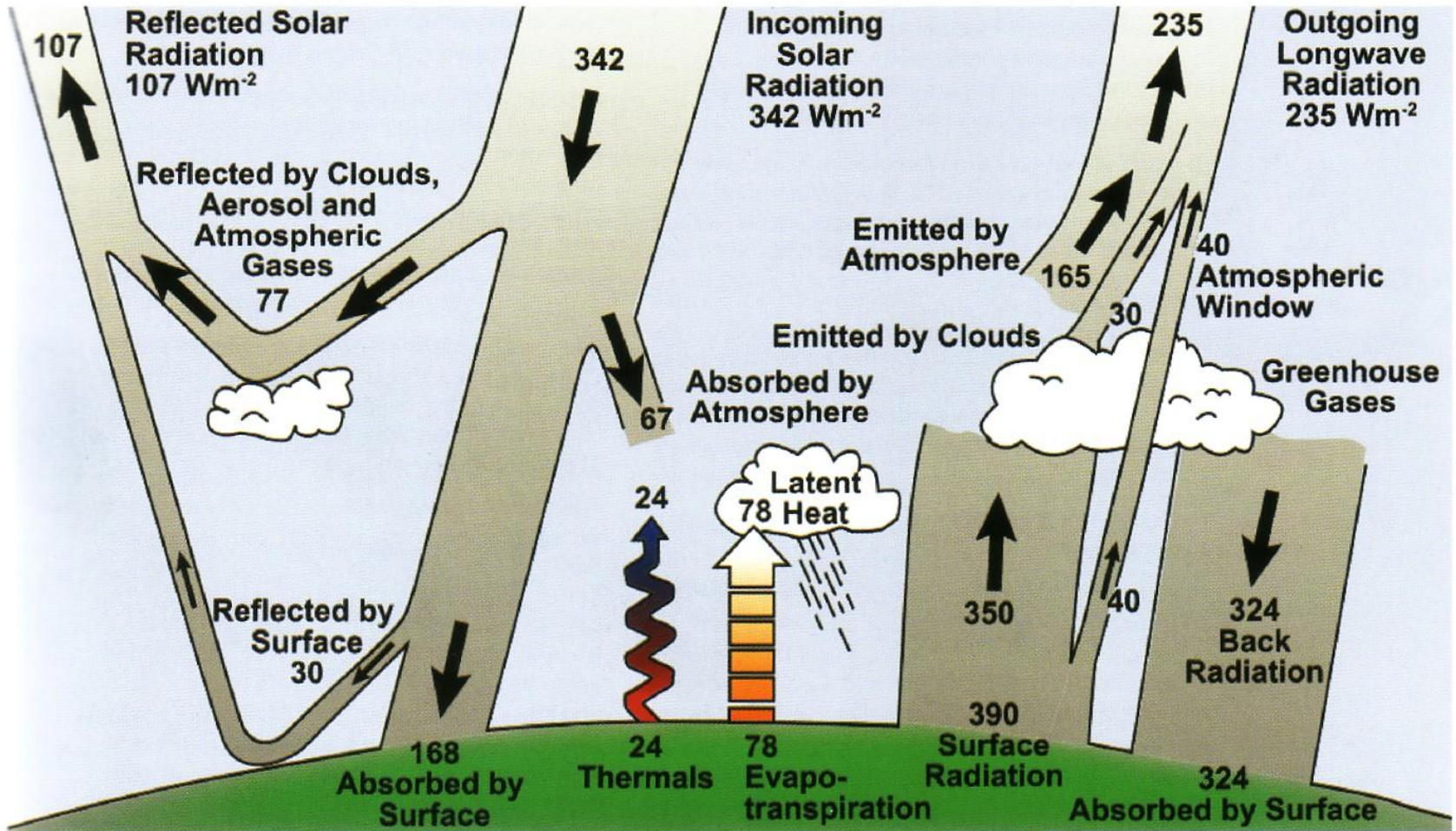
Total aircraft noise - Rolls-Royce engines

# Aerospace power — Emissions legislation

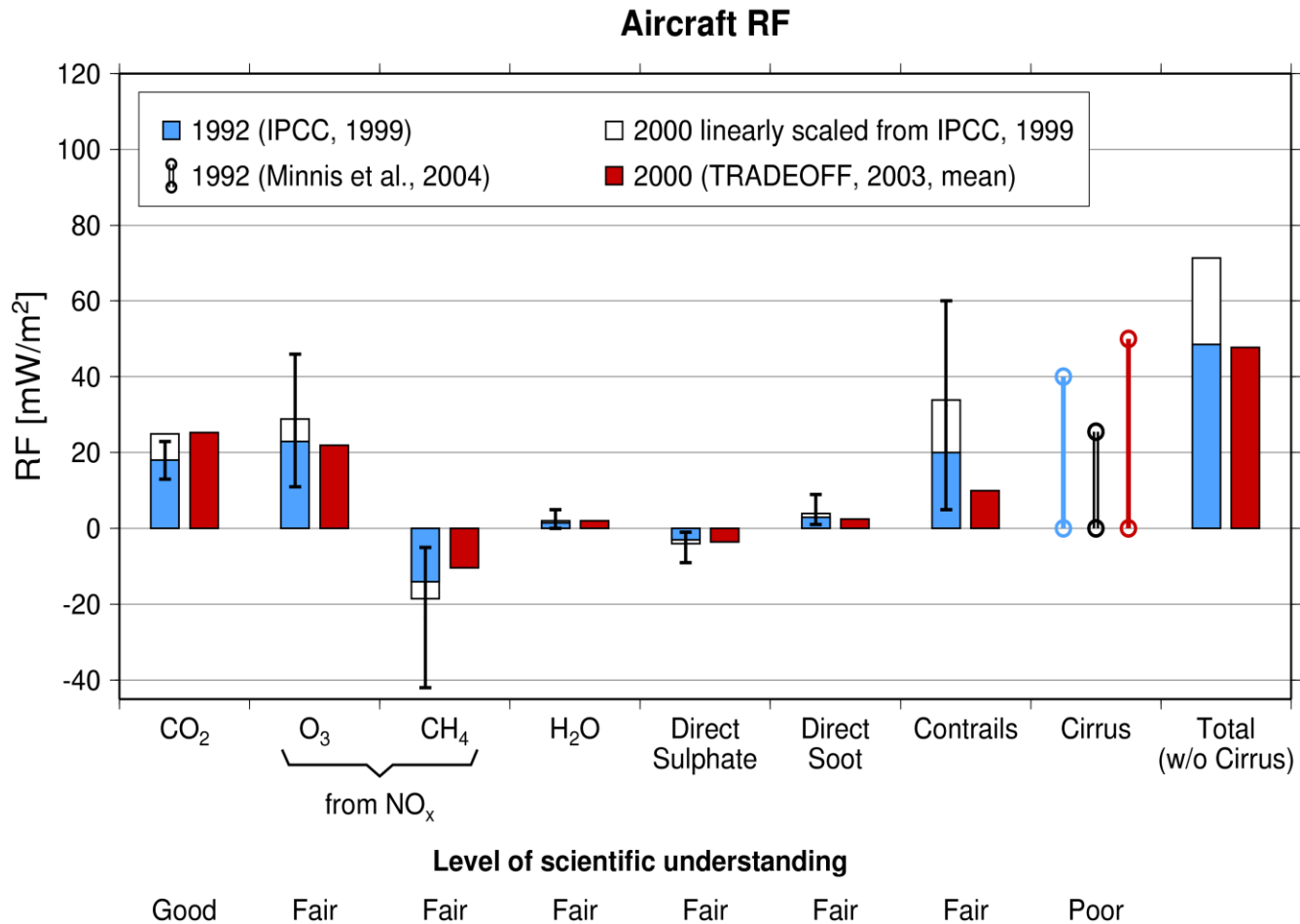


- Legislation is focused on the landing/take-off cycle and limit UHCs, CO and NOx
  - local impact often provokes localised legislation
  - modern engines have acceptable UHC, CO and smoke emission
  - Current legislation required a 36% reduction of NOx relative to 1986 limit (16% at 1996 limit)
- More advanced cycles improve CO<sub>2</sub> (fuel burn) but deteriorate NOx

# Climate change?



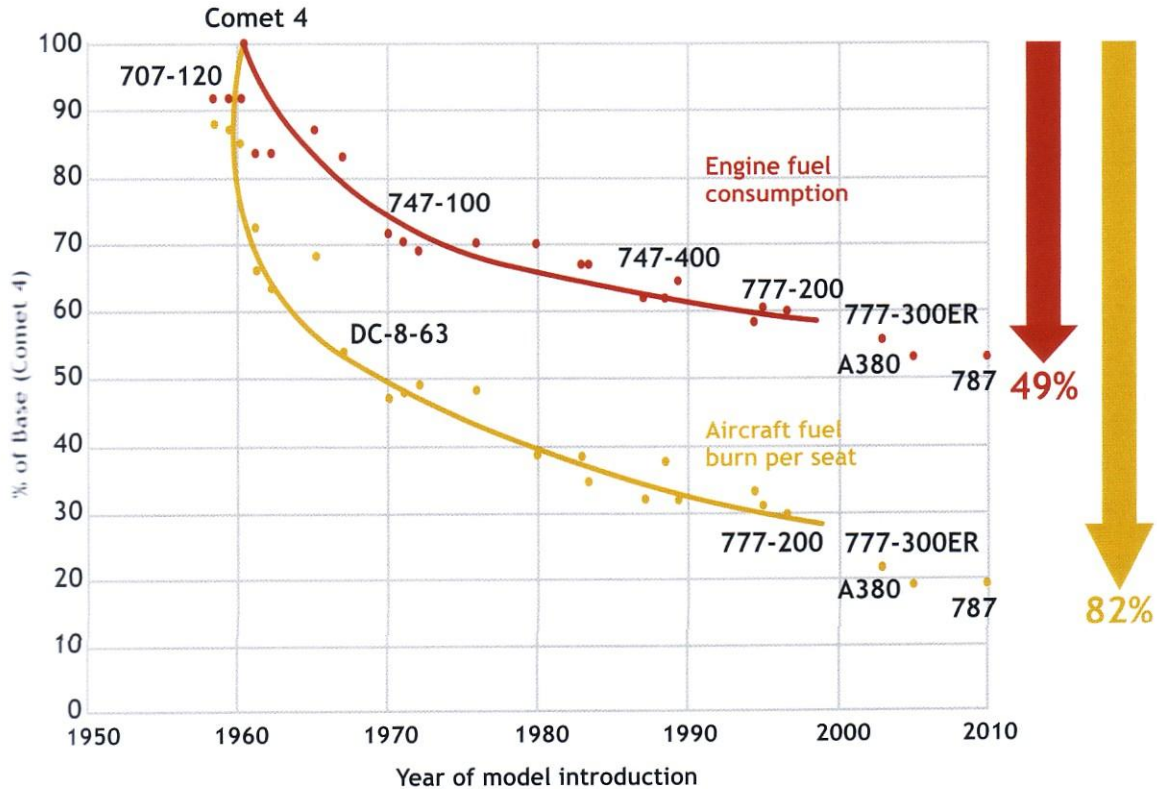
# Radiative forcing from aviation for 1992 and 2000, based on IPCC (1999) and TRADEOFF results



Source Sausen, R et al., Aviation Radiative Forcing in 2000: an Update on IPCC (1999). Meteorologische Zeitschrift, submitted for publication.

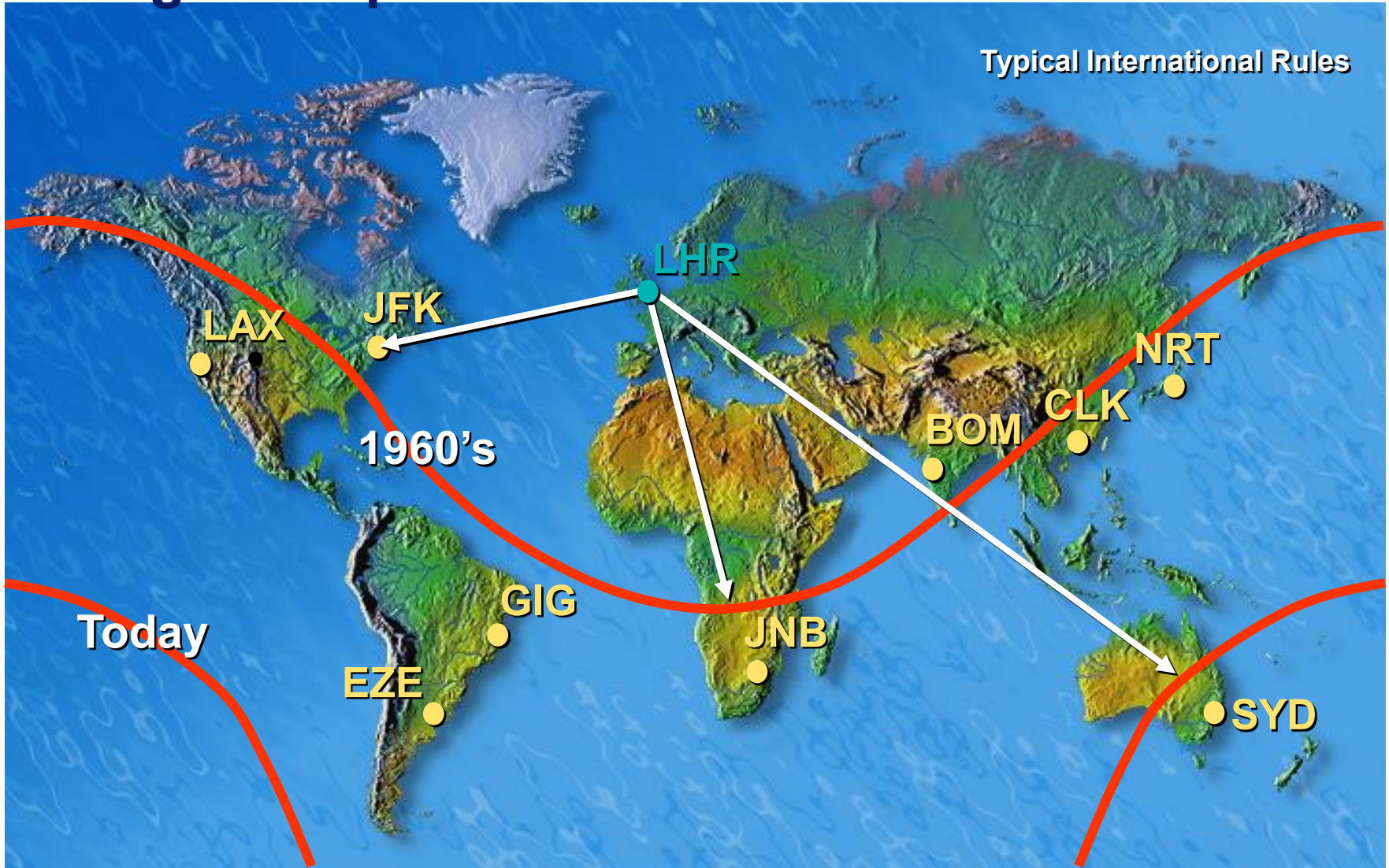
# Fuel consumption

## Fuel efficiency gain since 1960

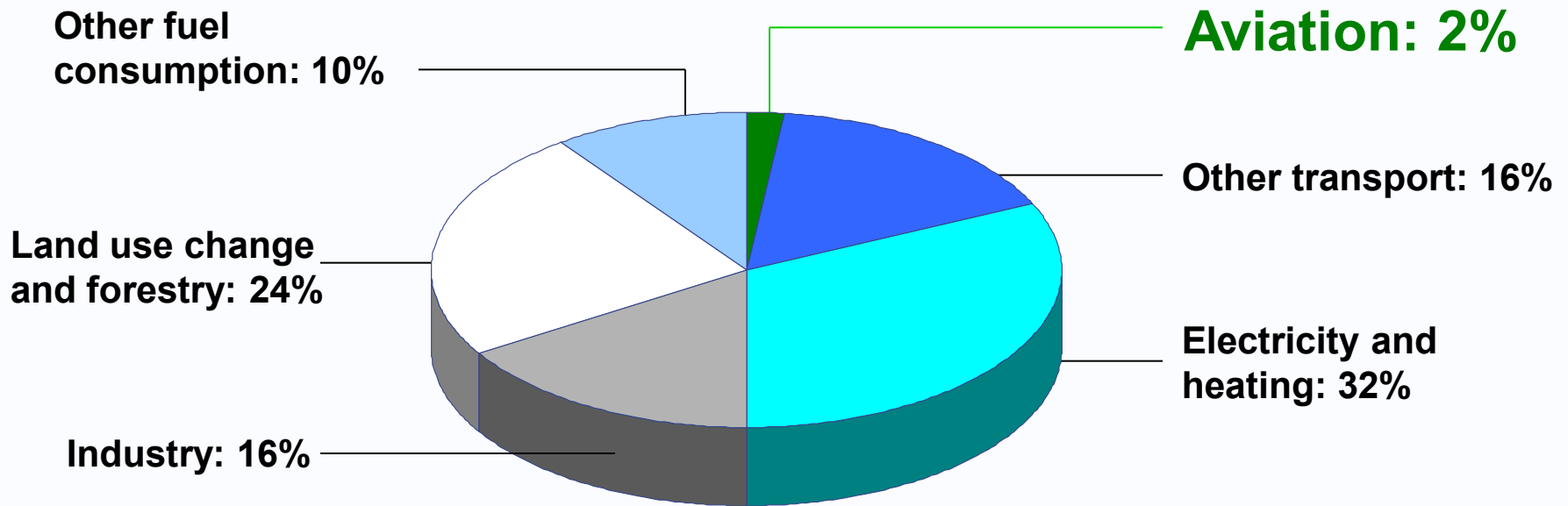


Source: IPCC 1999 updated with 777-300ER, A380 and 787 data

# Range Comparisons - 1960's to Present



# Global man-made CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Source: World Resource Institute

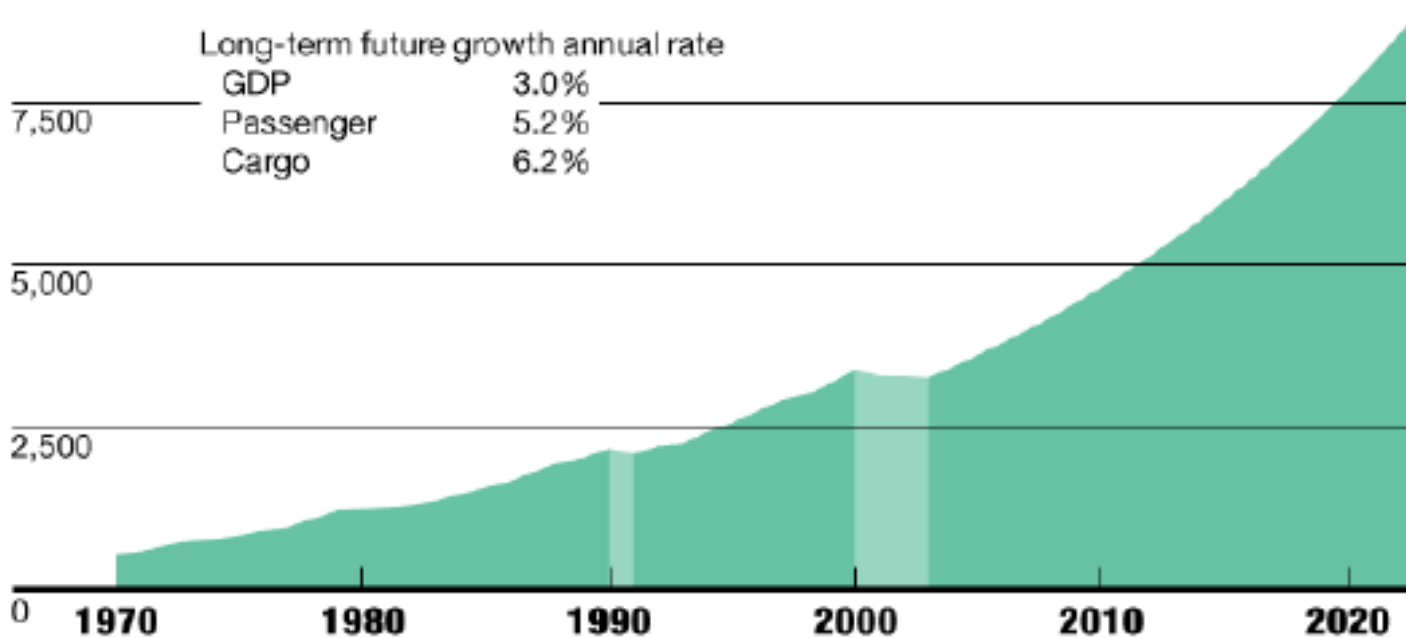


# Growth in air travel

## World Air Travel Continues to Grow

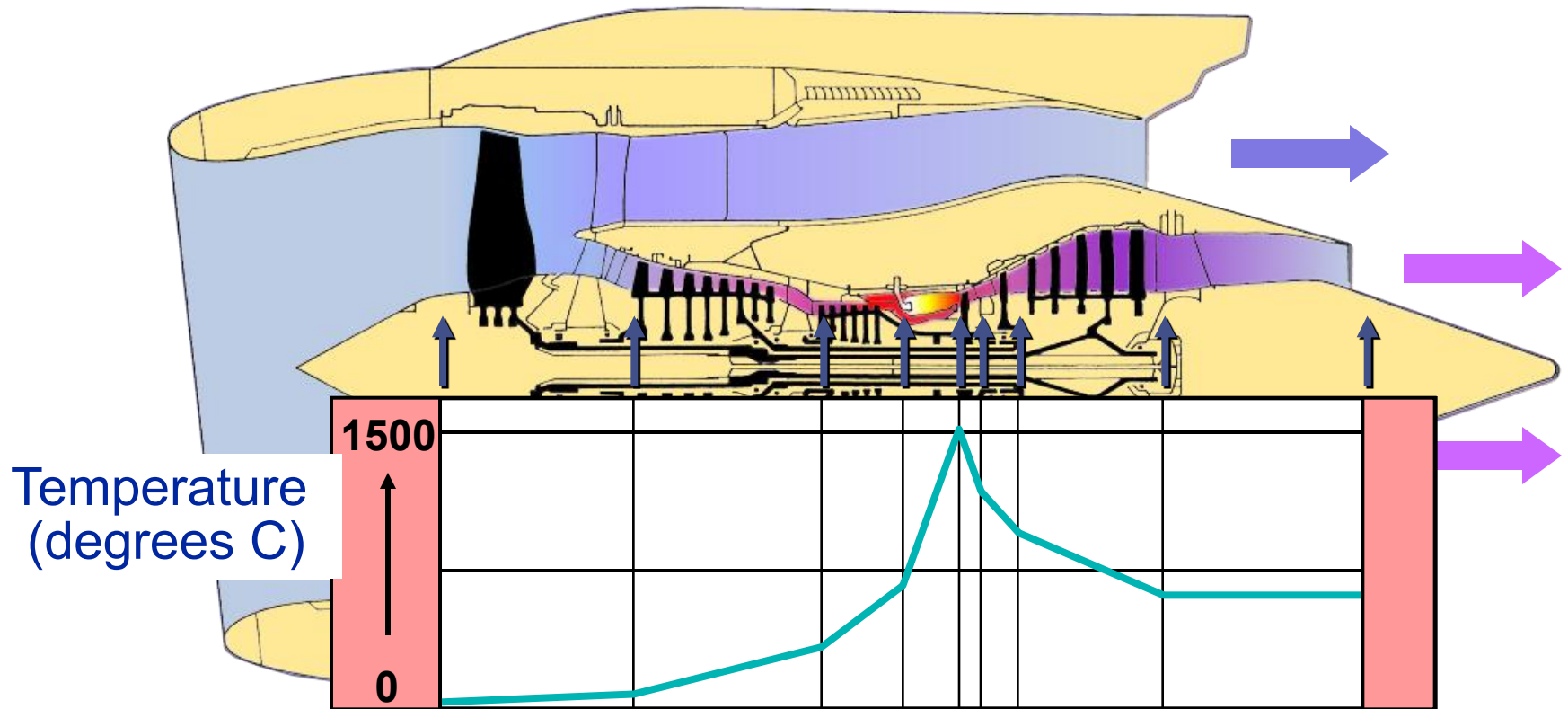
Revenue passenger kilometers, billions

10,000

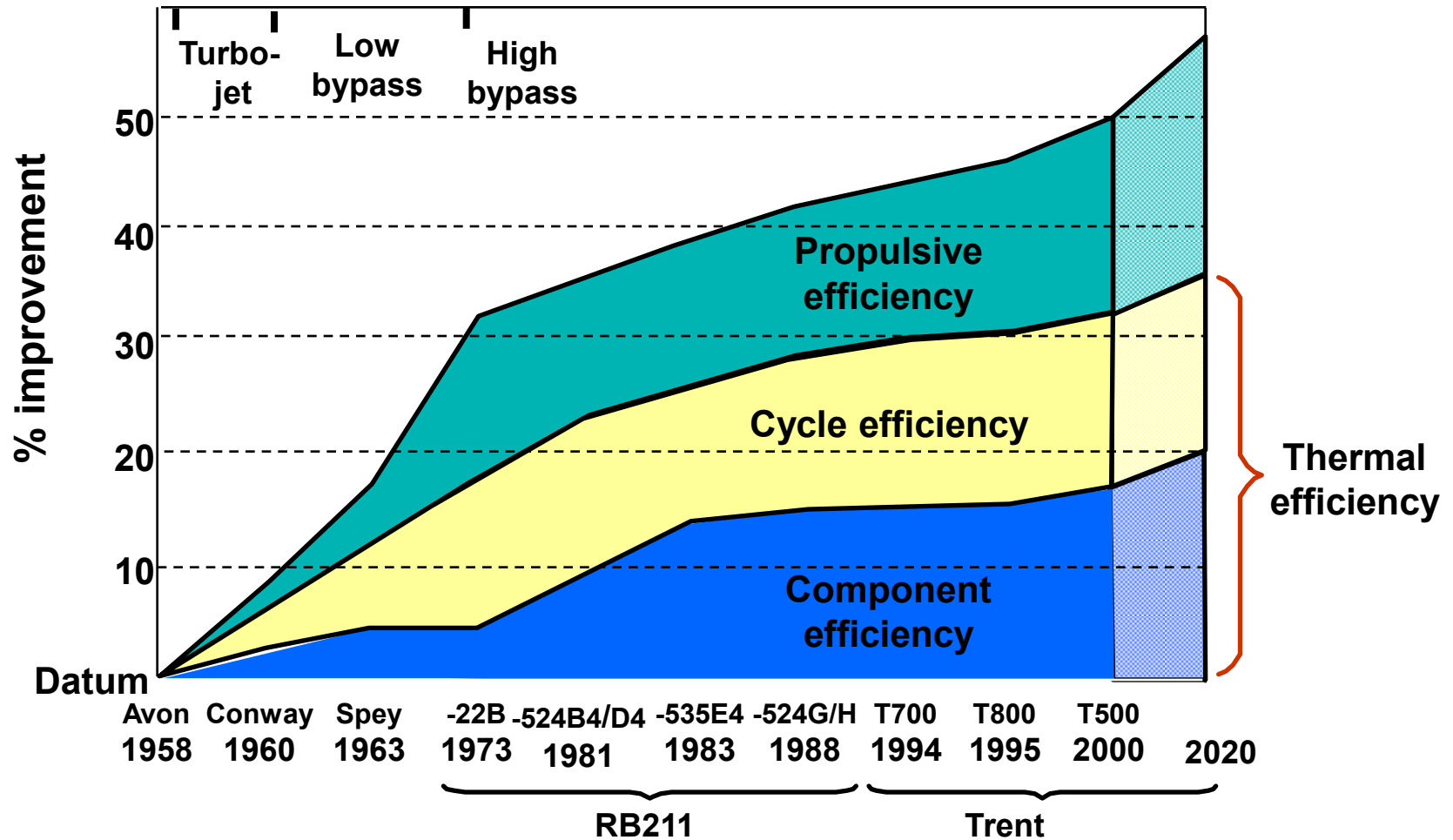


*Boeing Current Market Outlook 2004,  
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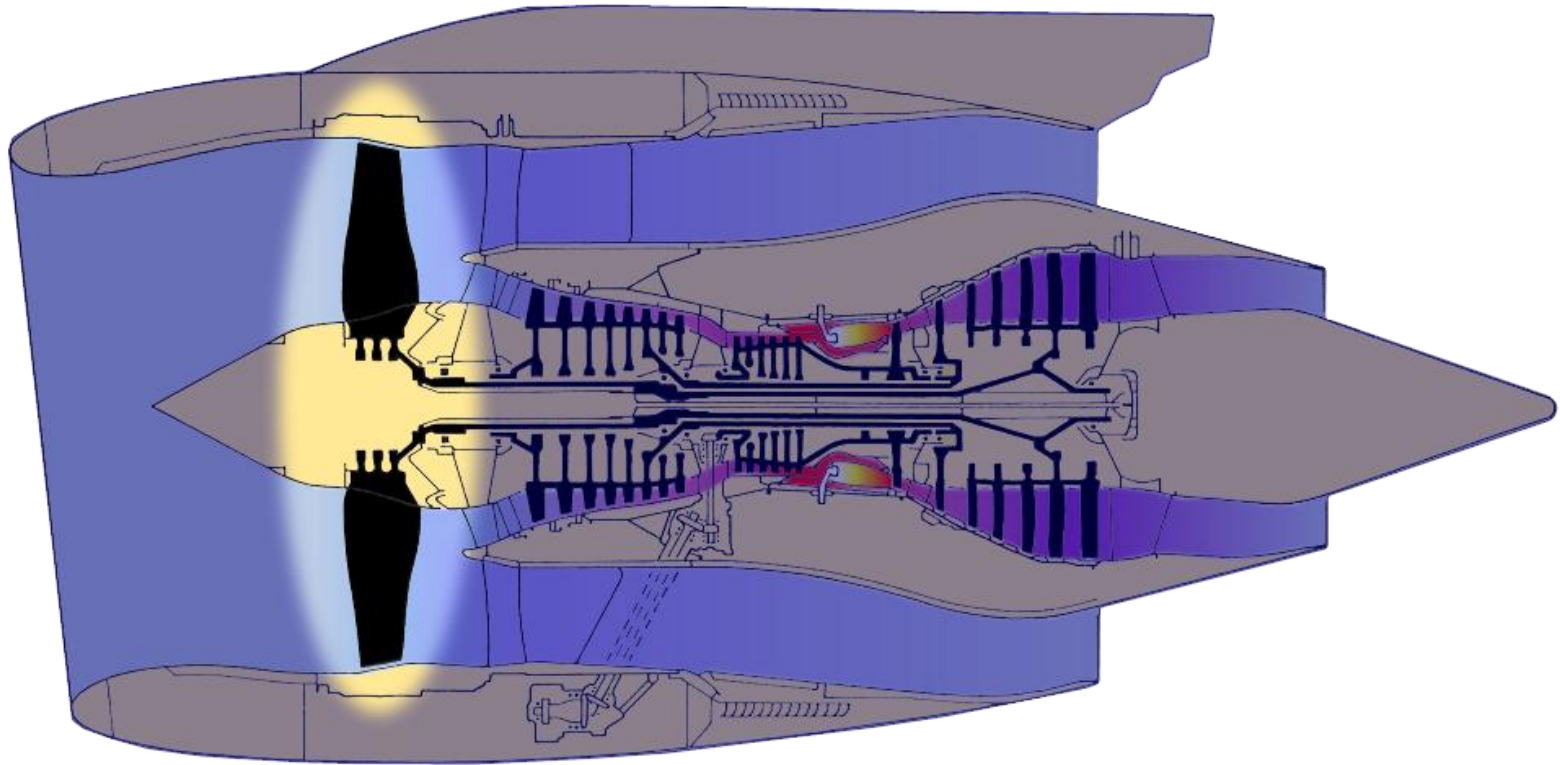
# Turbofan Engine



# Jet-engine fuel consumption improvement



# Fan Technology



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## Wide Chord Fan Technology

Clappered

Hollow Wide-chord fan

Swept  
3<sup>rd</sup> generation

1<sup>st</sup> generation

2<sup>nd</sup> generation



Solid

1970's

Higher efficiency  
Lower noise  
High damage resistance



Honeycomb

1984

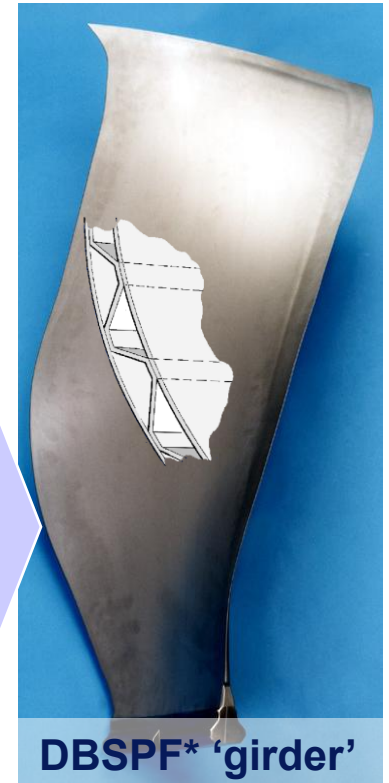
Low weight



DBSPF\* 'girder'

1995

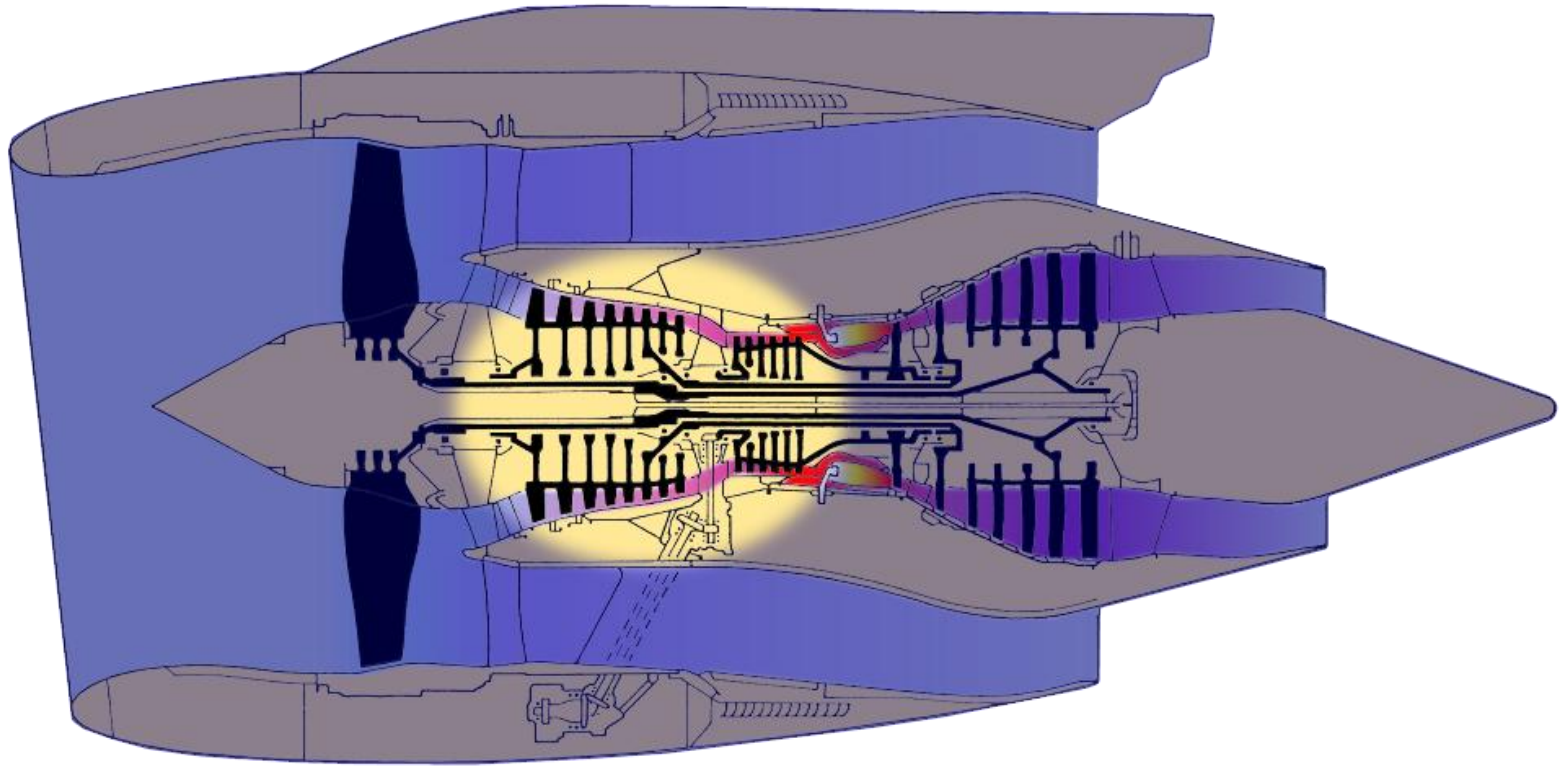
Low noise  
Low weight  
High efficiency  
High flow



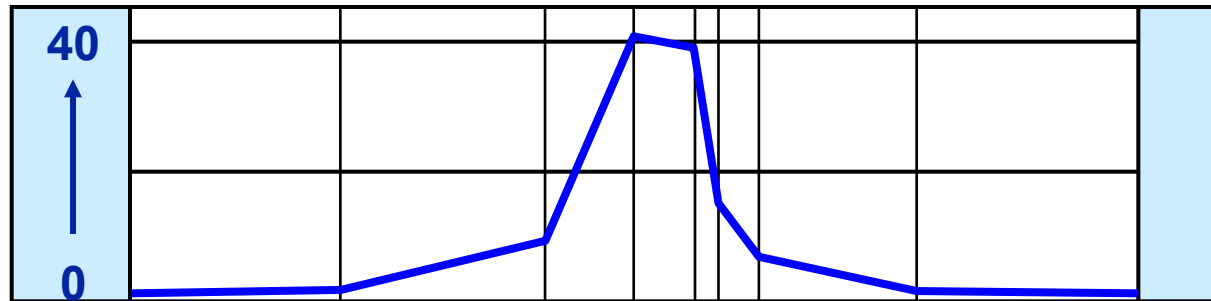
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Current

# Compressor Technology

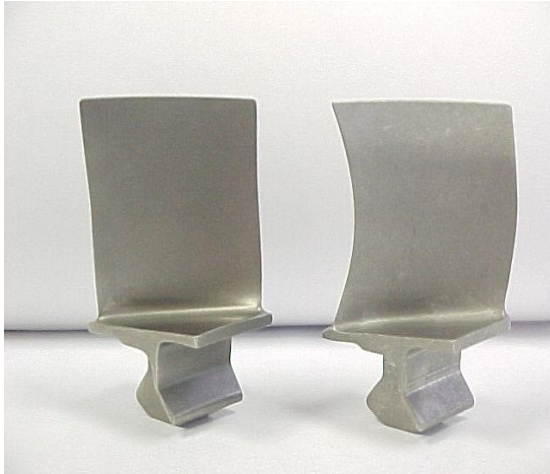


Pressure  
(atmospheres)



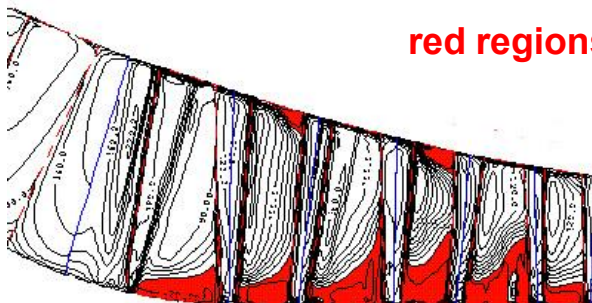
# Trent 900 & Trent 1000

## Compressor 3-D Aerodynamics

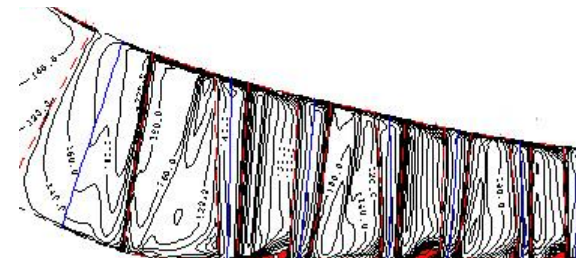


- 3-D aerofoils are used in the IP and HP compressor stages and all the turbine stages
- Allows optimal blade design to give optimum flow field, reduced flow separation and reduced reverse flow

Trent 900 2-D design iteration compressor

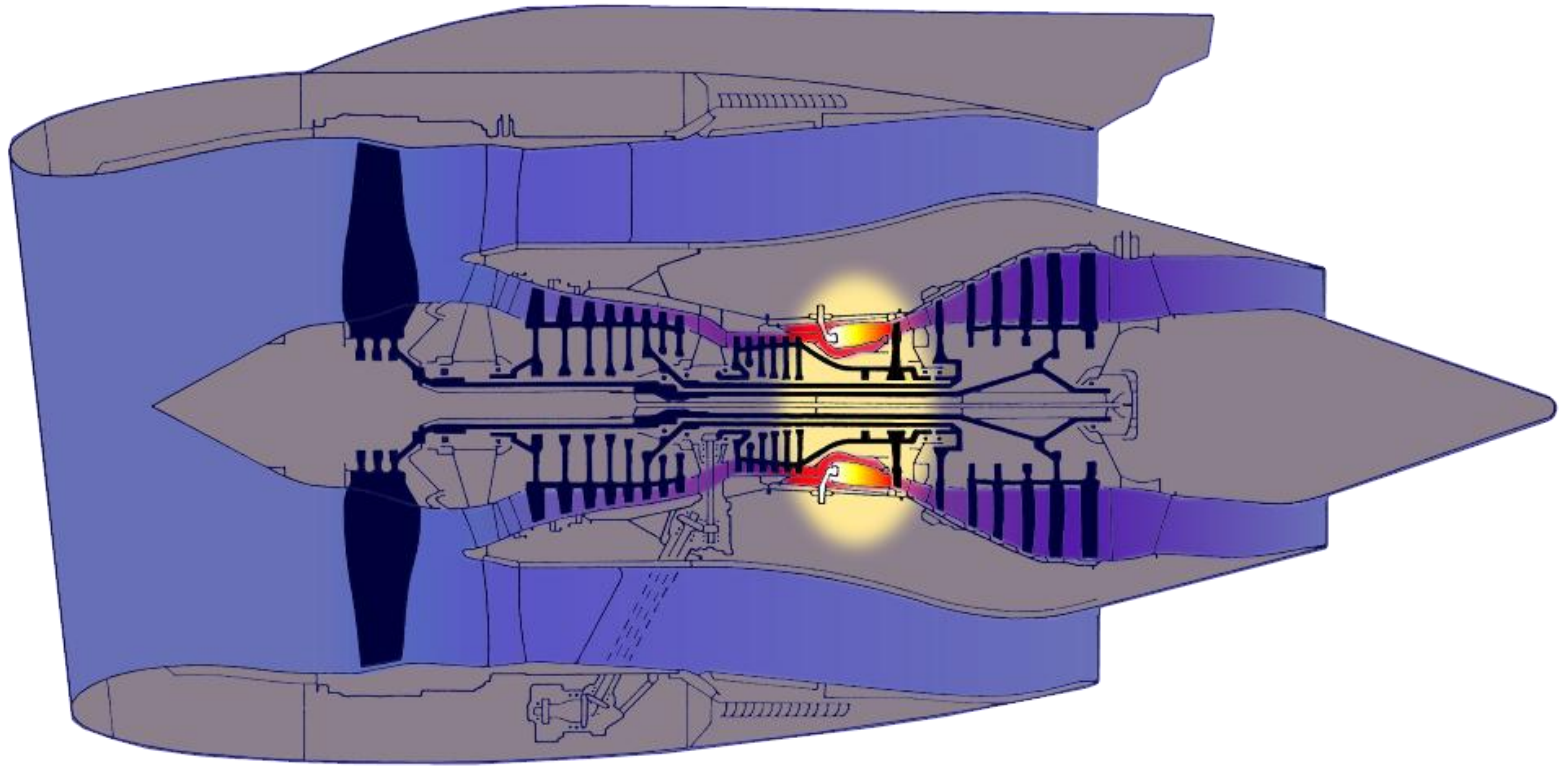


Trent 900 3-D design

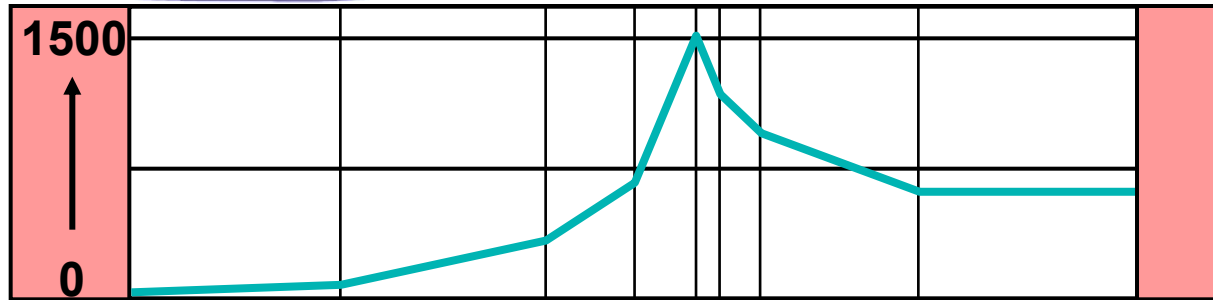


red regions indicate flow separation

# Efficient Burning

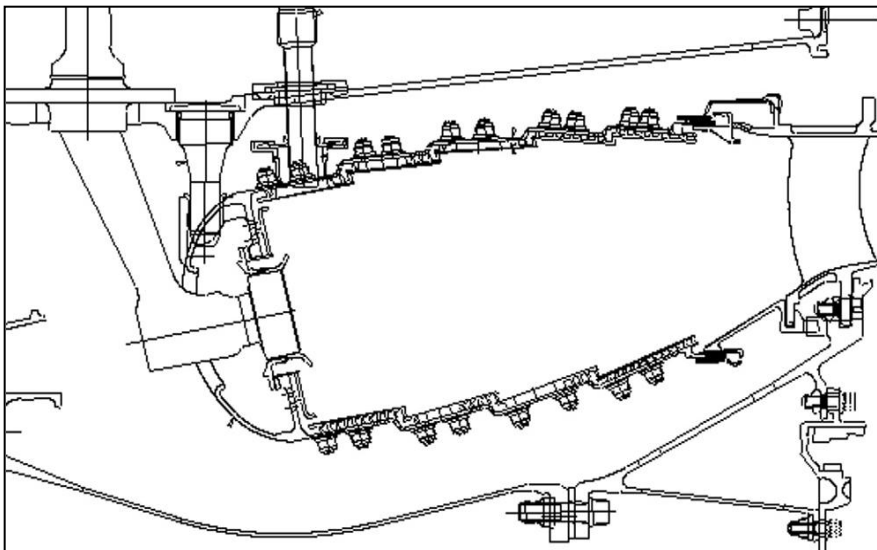
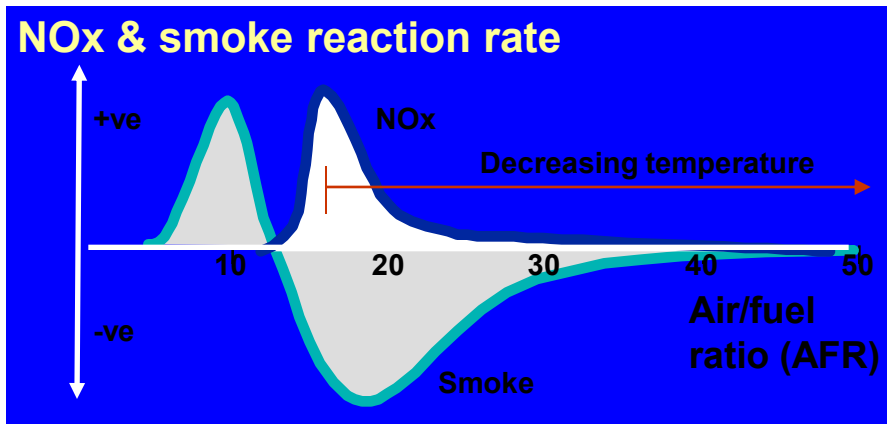


Temperature  
(degrees C)





# Emissions constraints



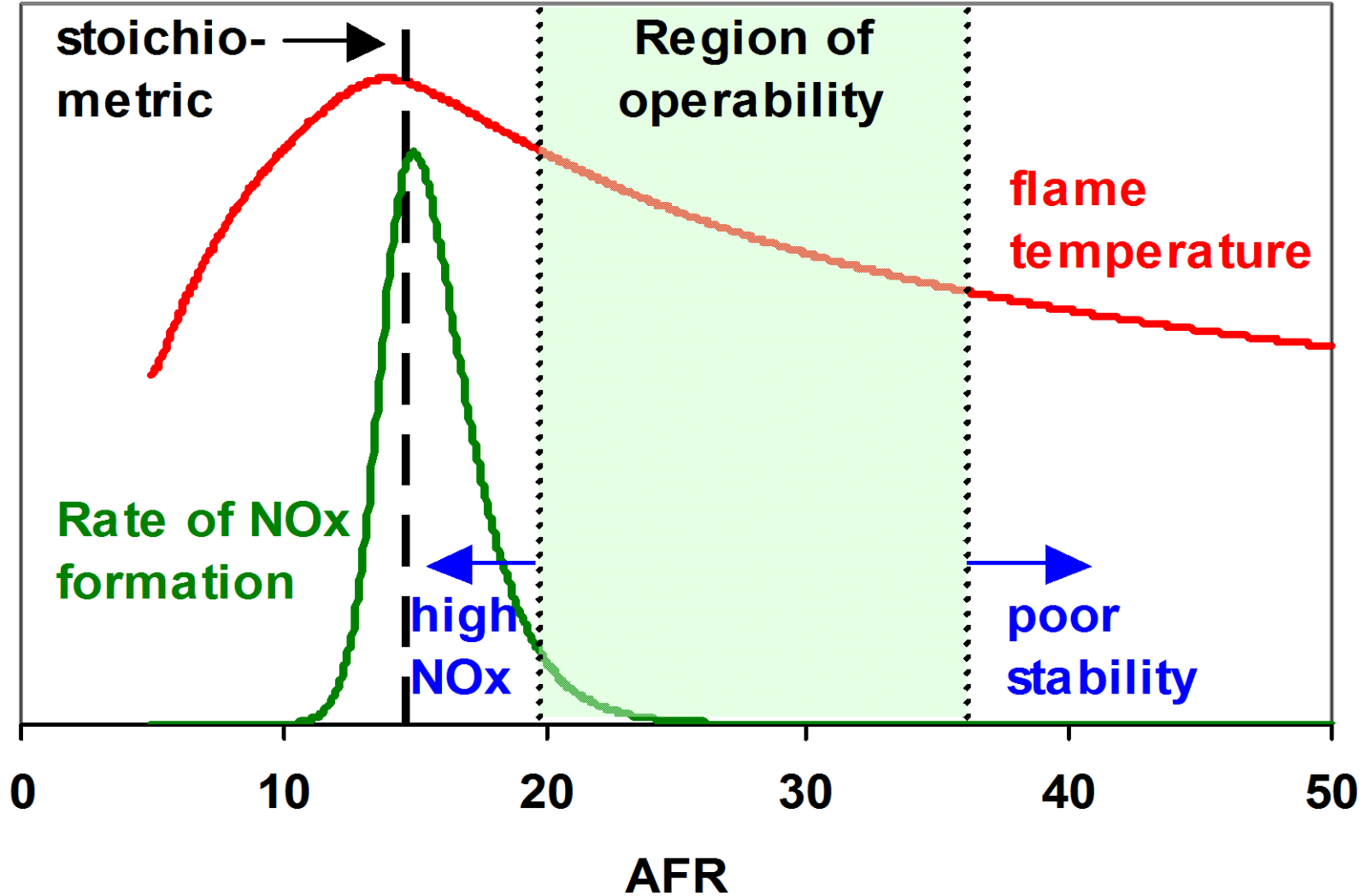
At idle:

- Combustor pressure and temperature are low, and primary zone is weak (high AFR (Air/Fuel Ratio))  
inhibits chemical reaction  
which creates CO and UHCs

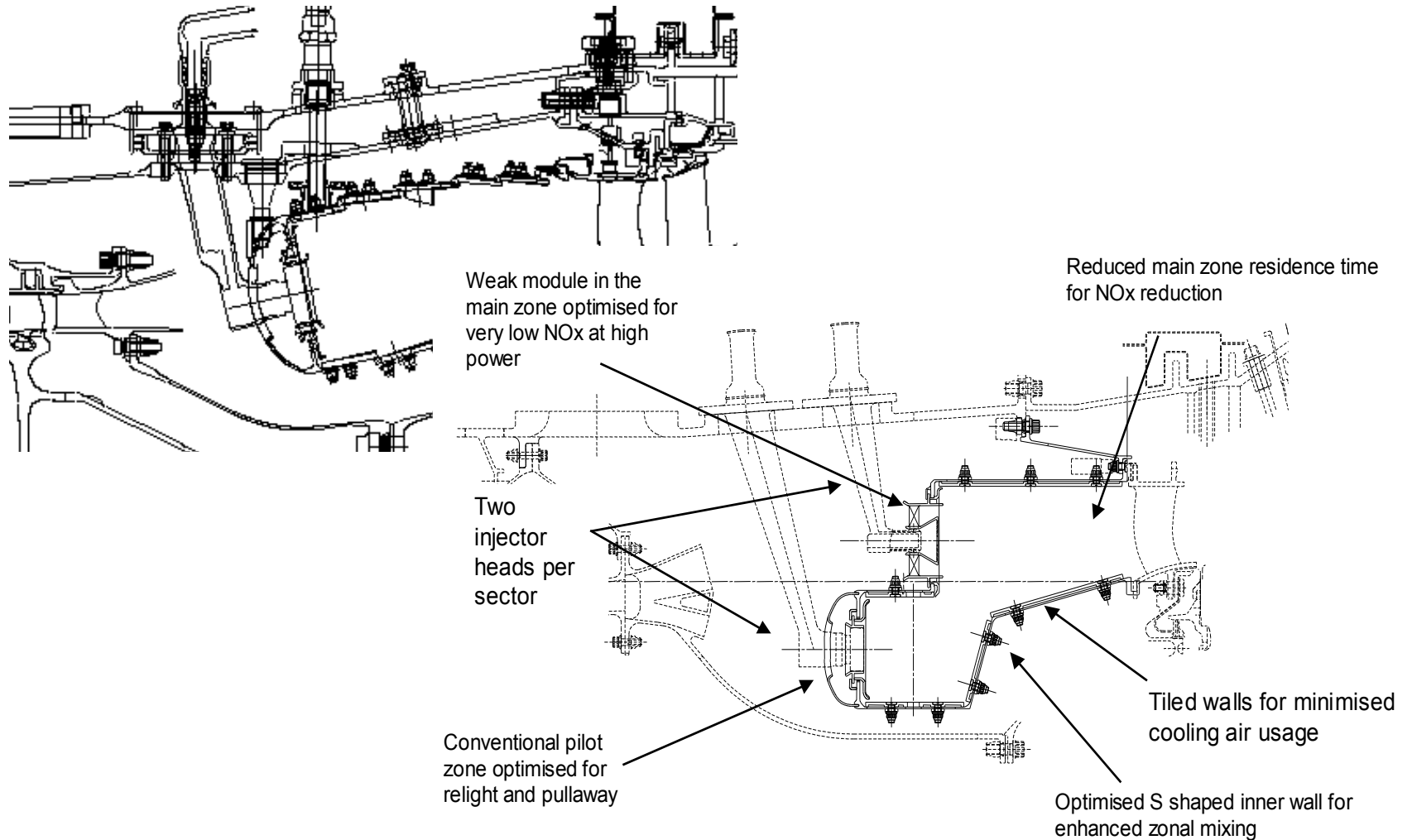
At high power:

- Combustor temperature and pressure are high and primary zone is rich (low AFR)  
a fuel-rich mixture creates smoke which is burned off in secondary zone  
secondary combustion creates NOx establishing a trade with smoke

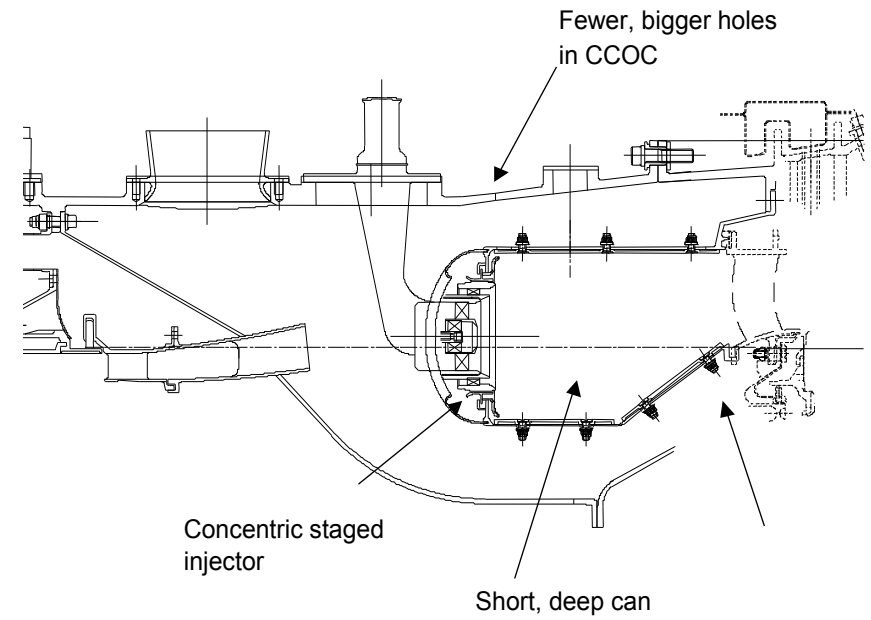
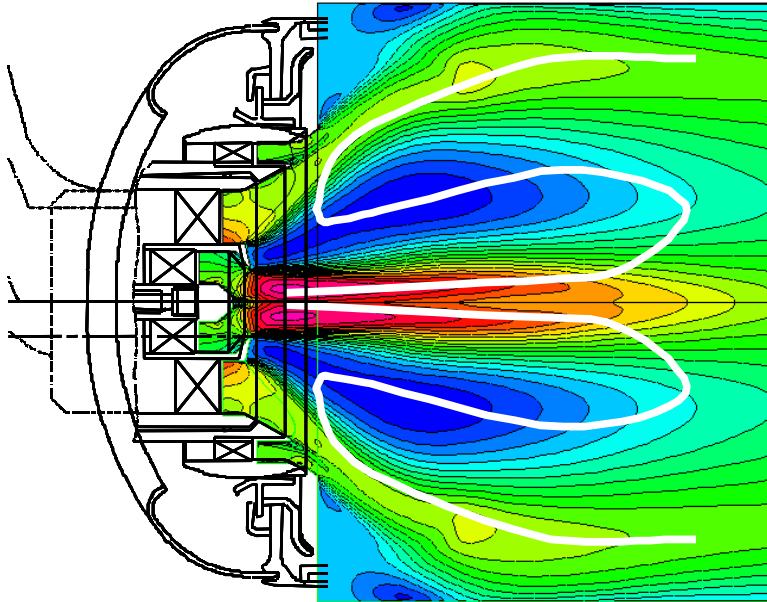
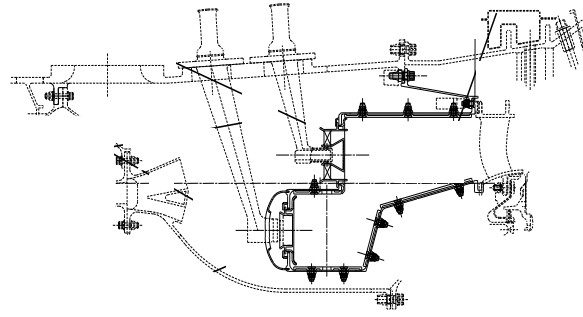
# Design for low NOx: lean burn strategy

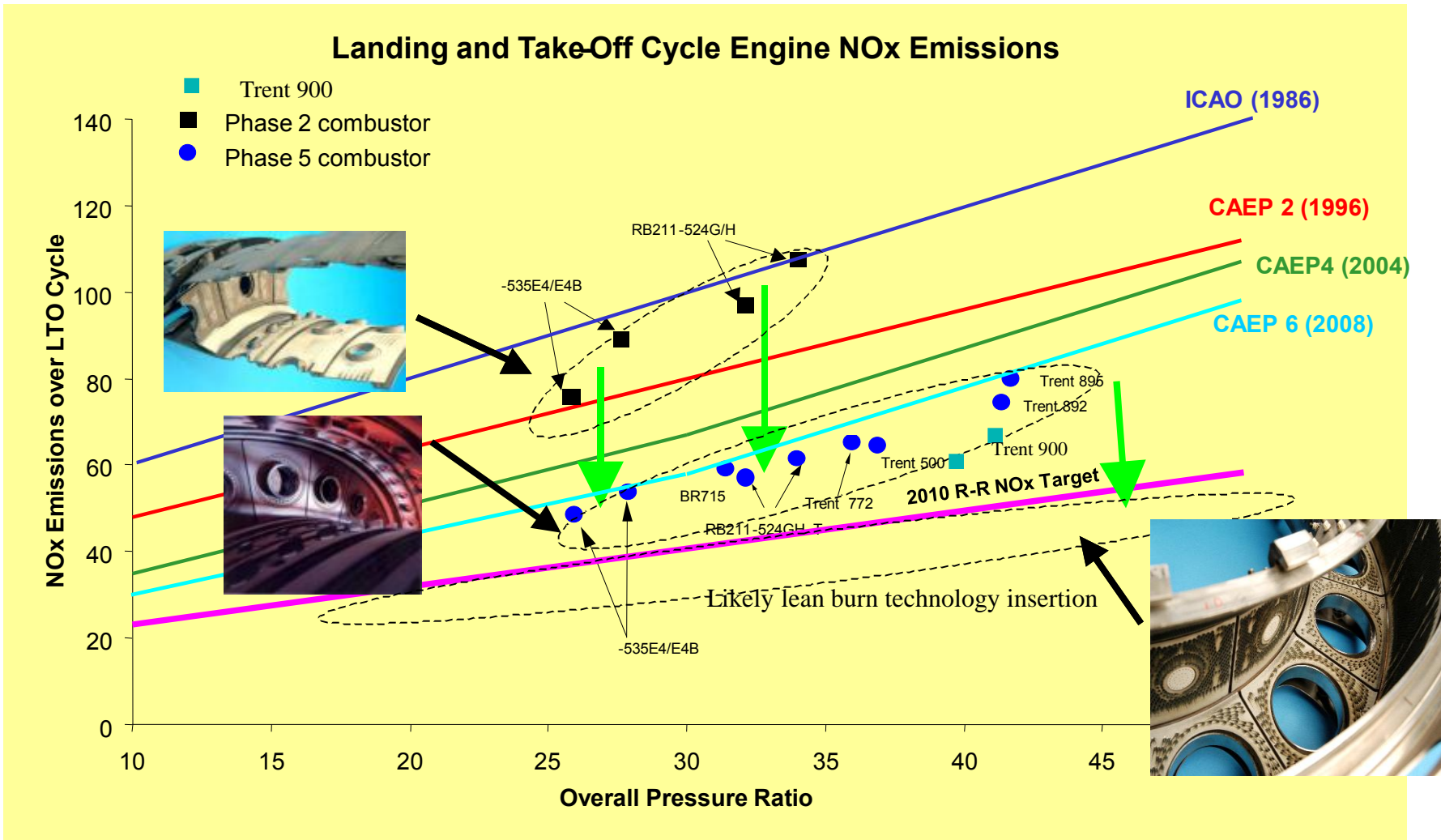


# Improving Emissions - staging

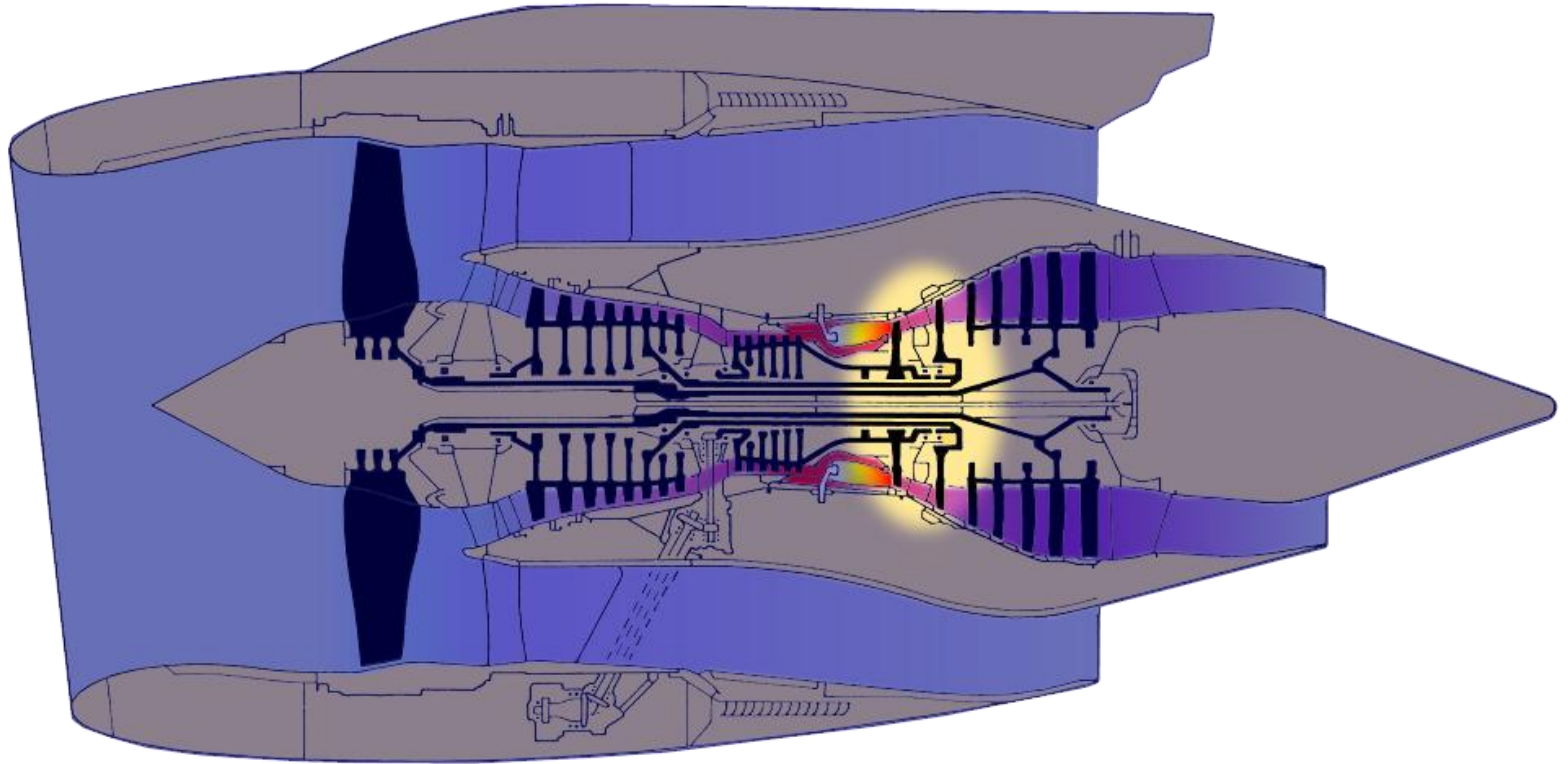


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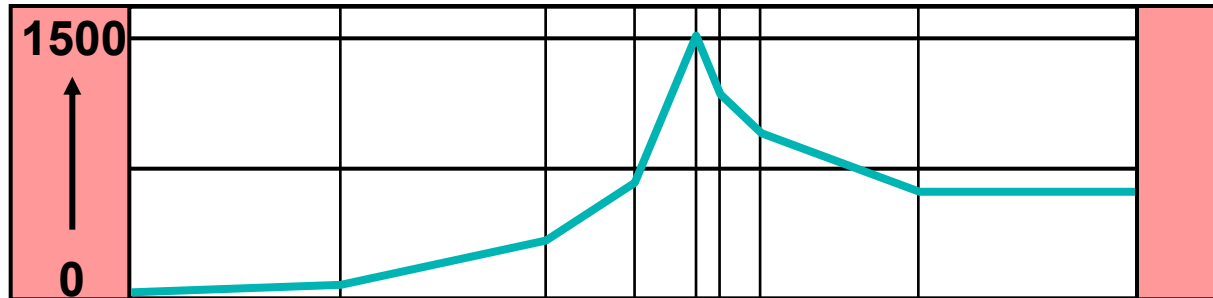




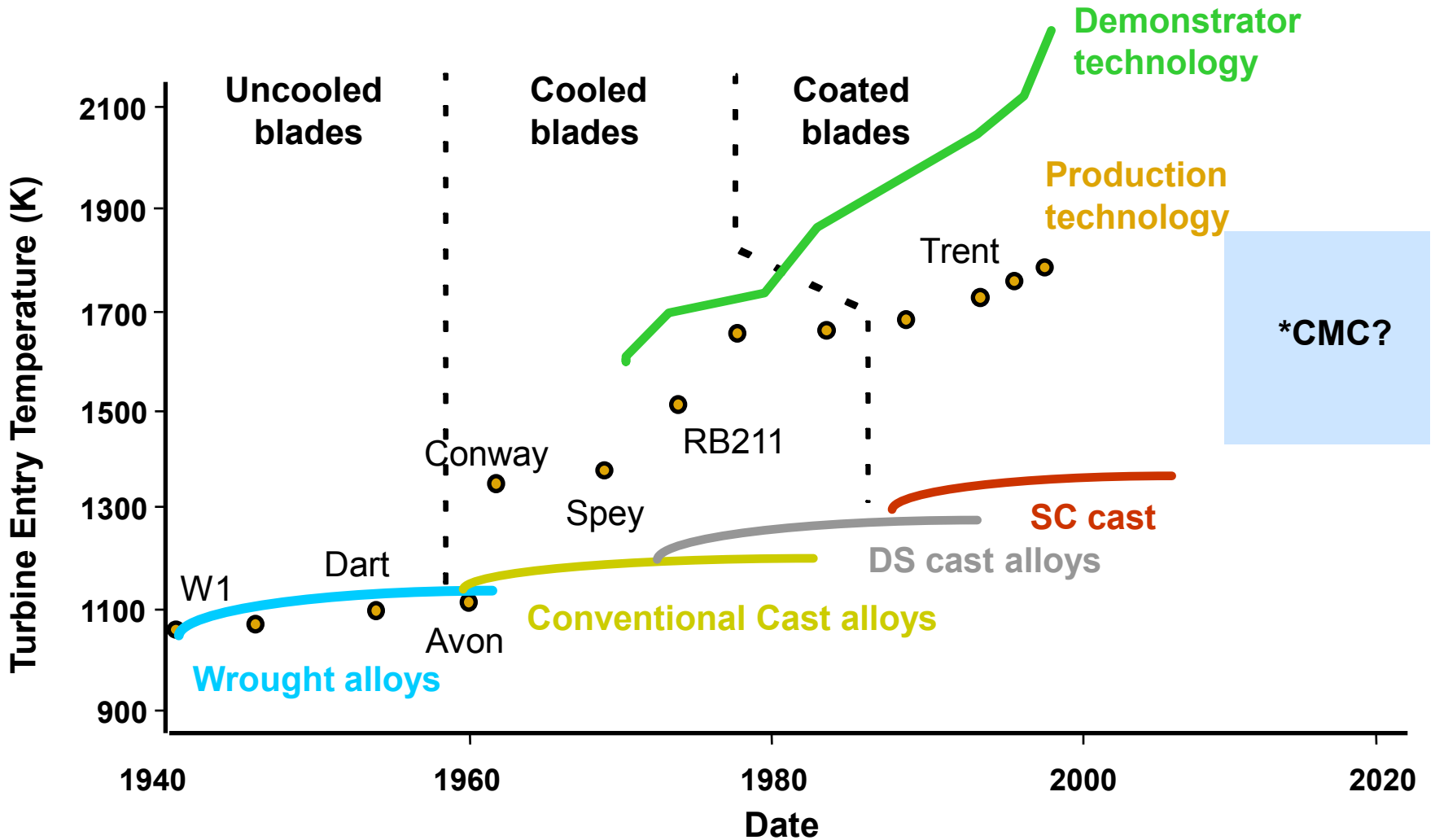
# Turbine Technology



Temperature  
(degrees C)



# Progress in Turbine Materials and Technology



\*Ceramic Matrix Composites



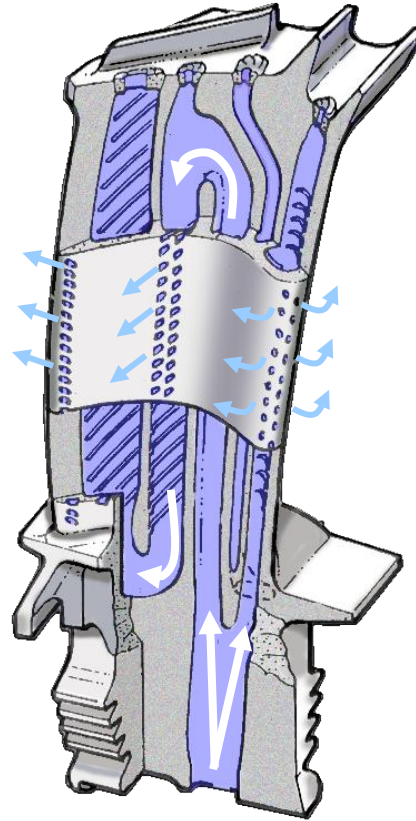
# Turbine Cooling

Gas Temp: 825°C



**Uncooled**

Gas Temp: 1425°C



Cooling air

**Multipass**

Gas Temp: >1550°C



**Thermal Barrier Coating**



# Trent turbine blade



# Overall ACARE\* Environmental Targets for 2020

Targets are for new aircraft and whole industry relative to 2000

Reduce perceived external noise by 50%



Reduce fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50%

Reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80%

The ACARE targets represent a doubling of the historical rate of improvement...

Group of Personalities

*Pedro Argüelles*

Pedro Argüelles

*John Lumsden*

John Lumsden

*Manfred Bischoff*

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*Denis Ranque*

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*Arne Wittlöv*

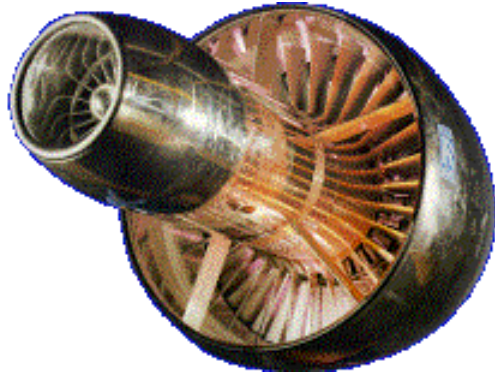
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\* Advisory Council for Aerospace Research in Europe

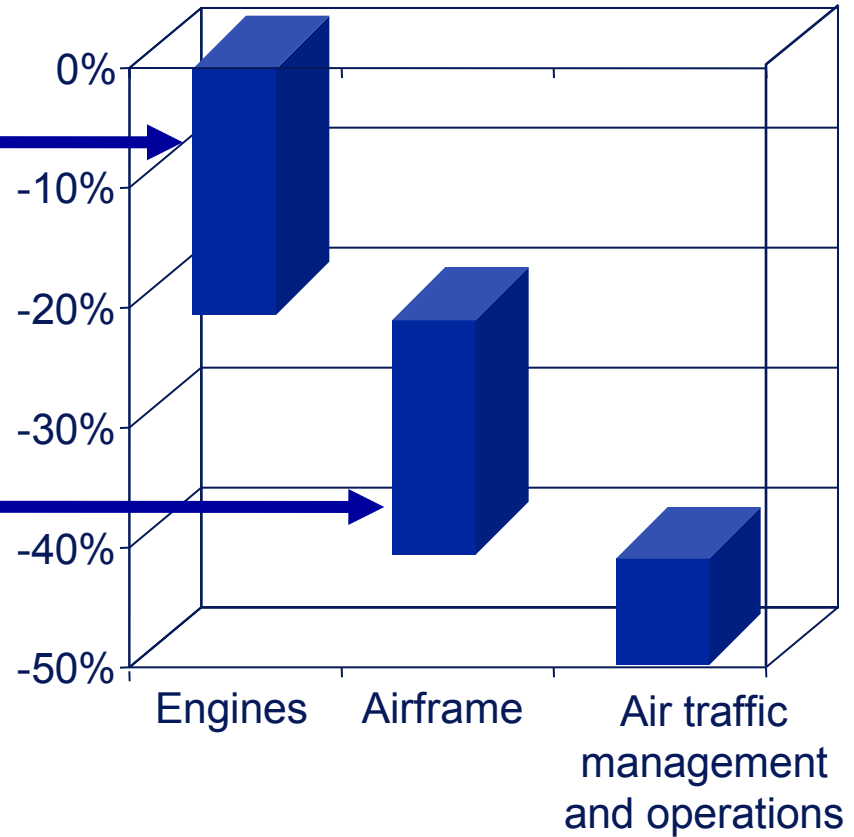
# Meeting 50% fuel burn needs changes in all areas



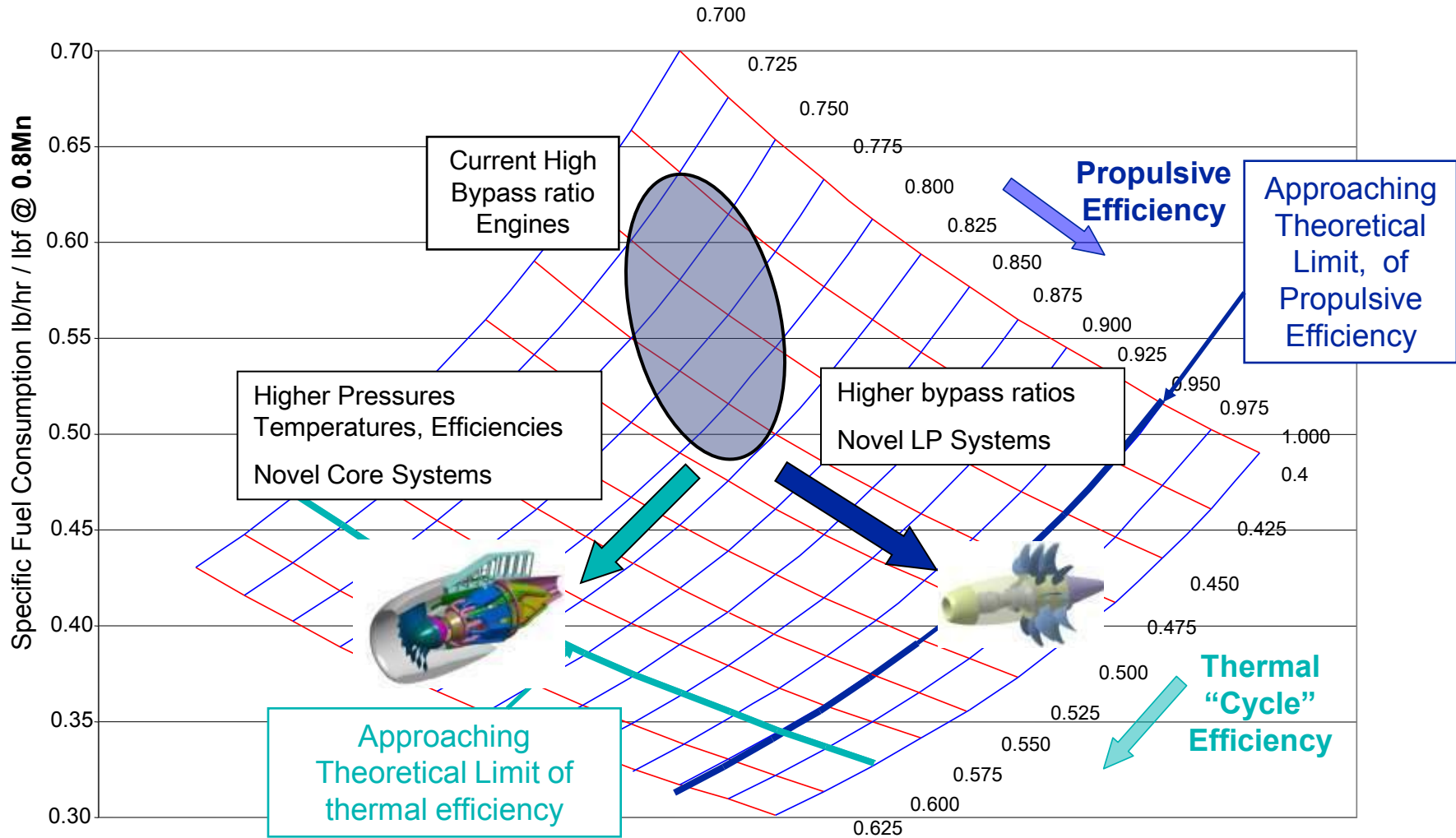
## Possible design solutions



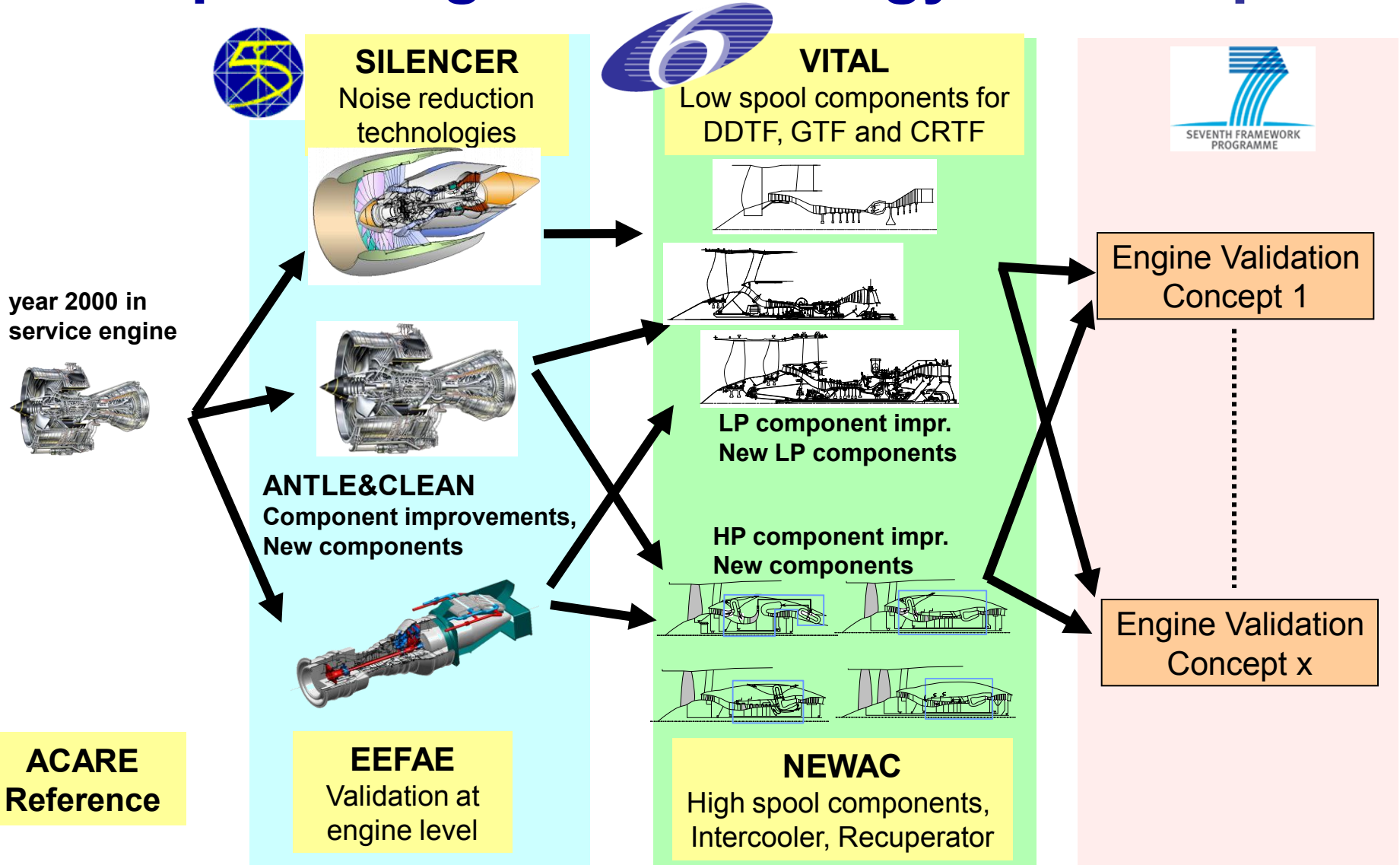
## Contributions to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



# Theoretical sfc improvements

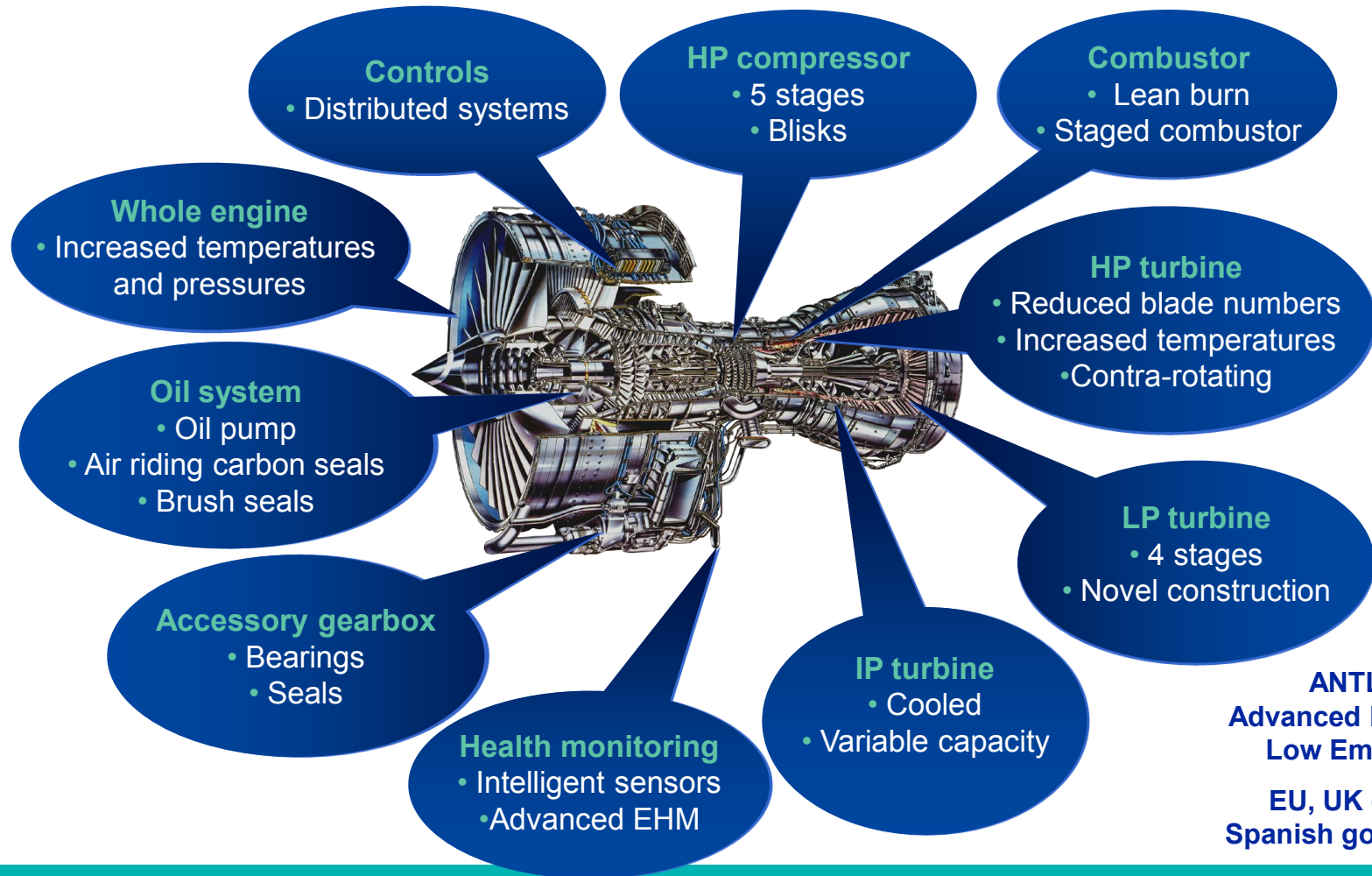


# European Engine Technology Roadmap



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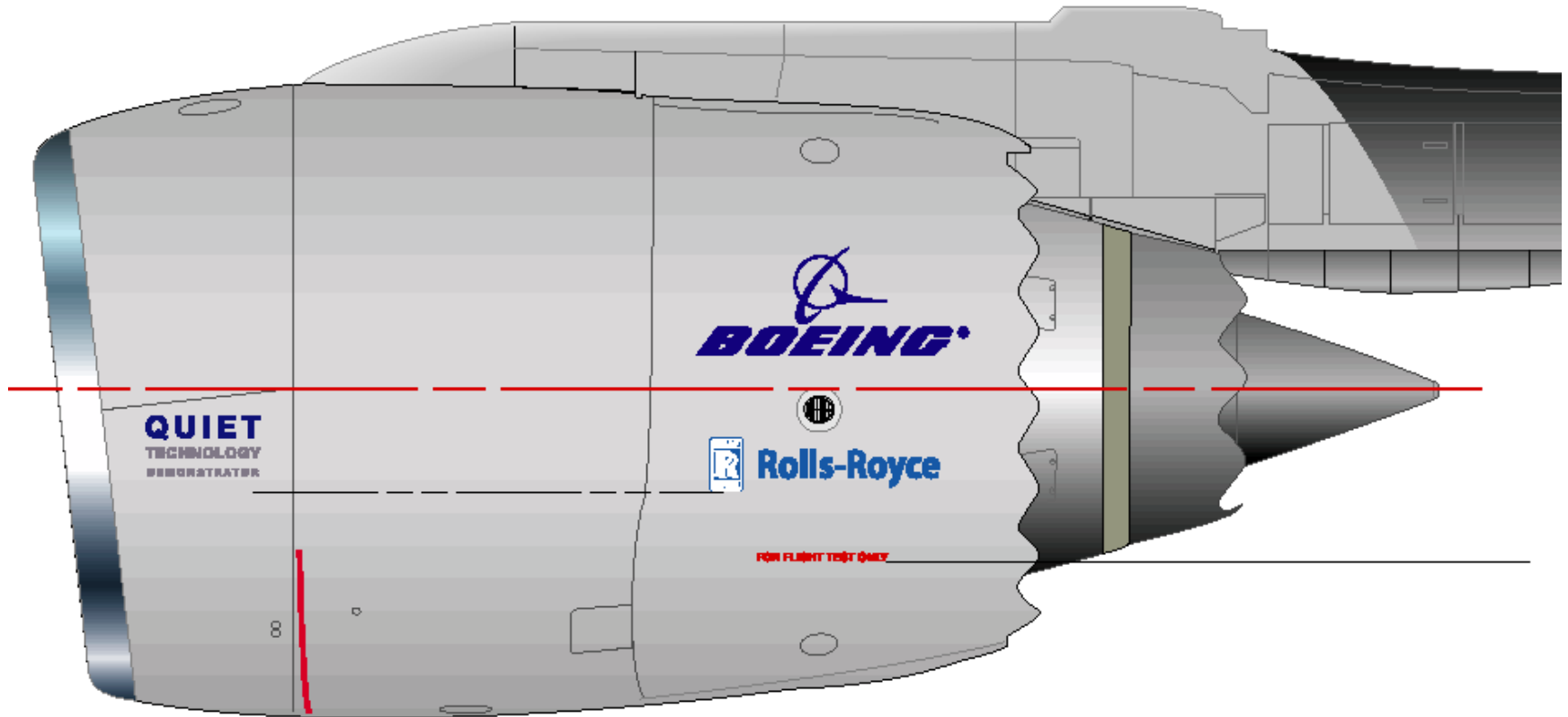
## Trent 500 baseline engine with new technologies incorporated





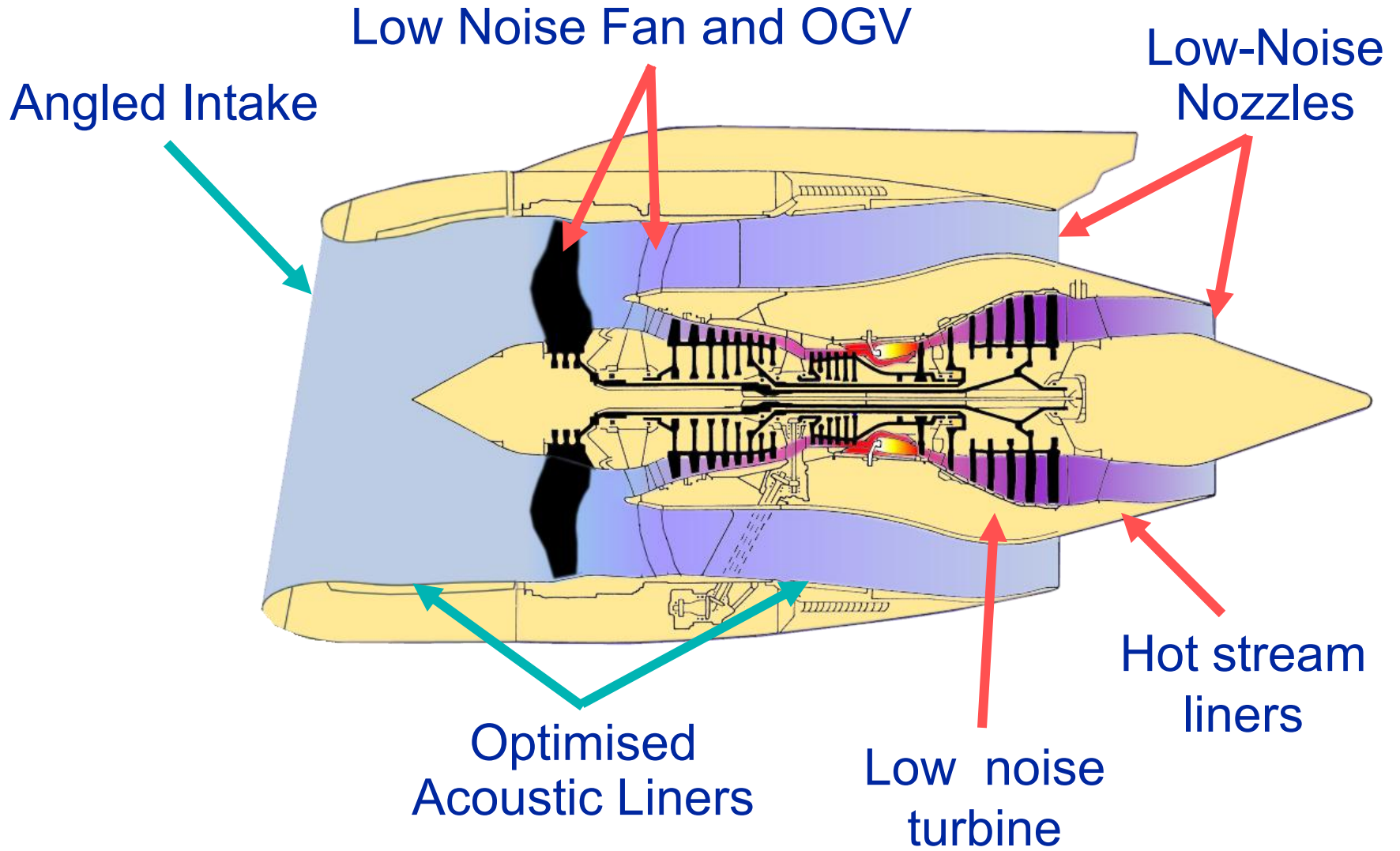
## EU and DTI Funded Technology Validation Programme

# Noise Technology

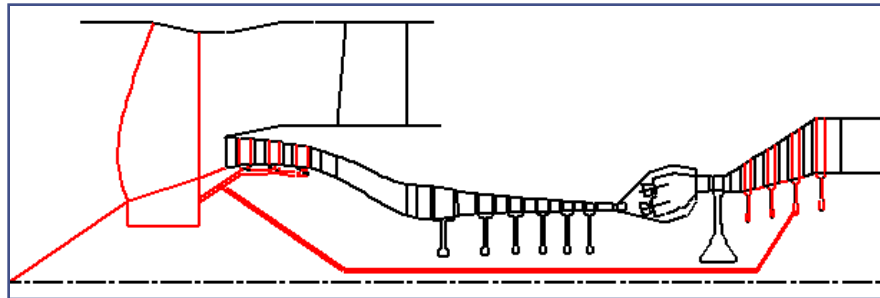




# Noise Technology validation - SILENCE(R)

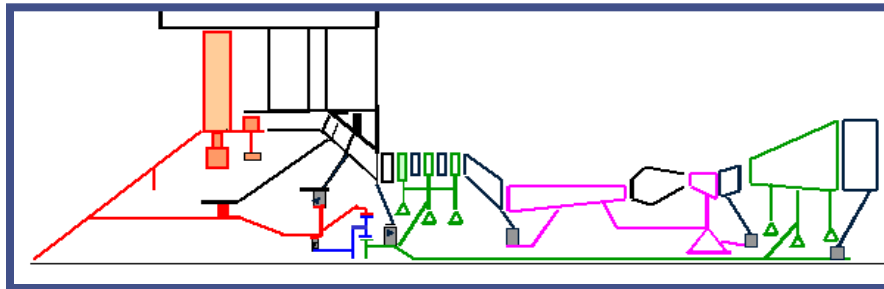


# VITAL project overview



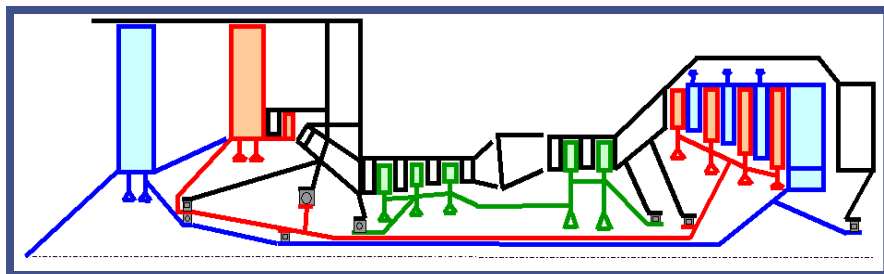
DDTF

- Enabling higher propulsive efficiency through lightweight LP technologies



GTF

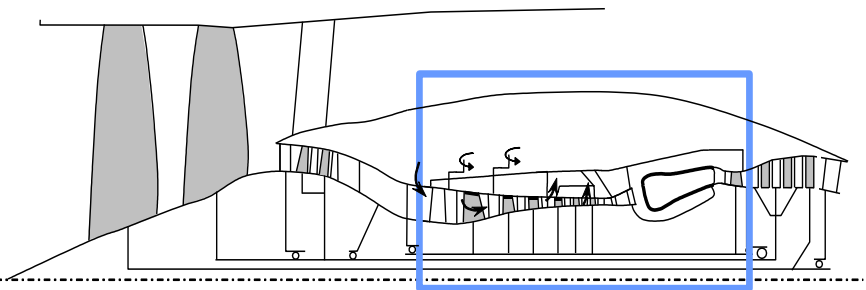
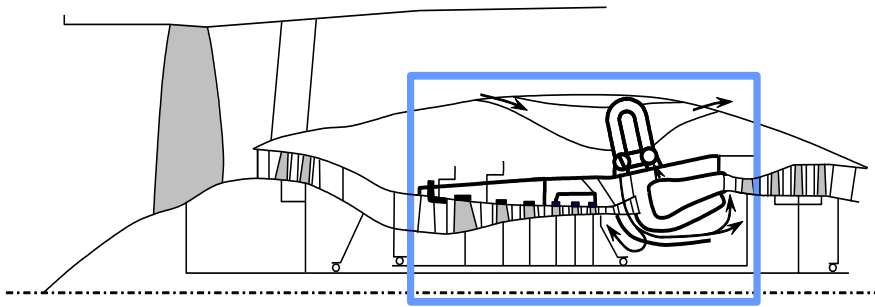
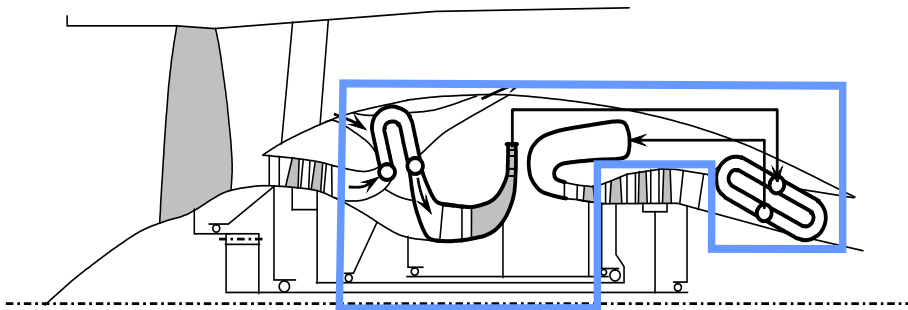
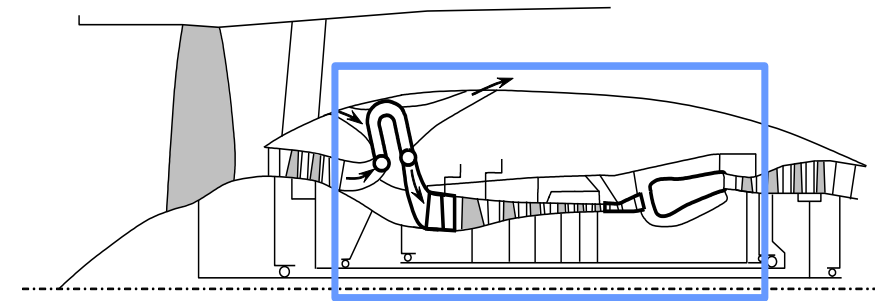
- 3 engine configurations



CRTF

- Technology to TRL5 by 2009

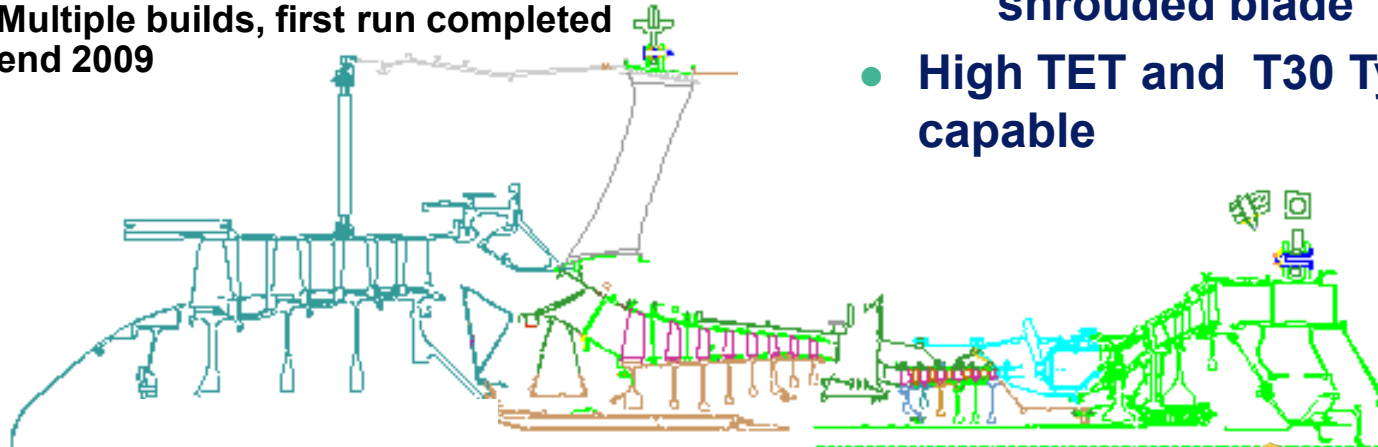
# NEWAC project overview



- Enabling higher cycle efficiency
- 4 engine configurations
- Technology to TRL4 by 2010

- **EFE (Environmental Friendly Engine )**

- ~£100m programme
- Trent 1000 donor hardware
- Multiple builds, first run completed end 2009



- **Turbine**

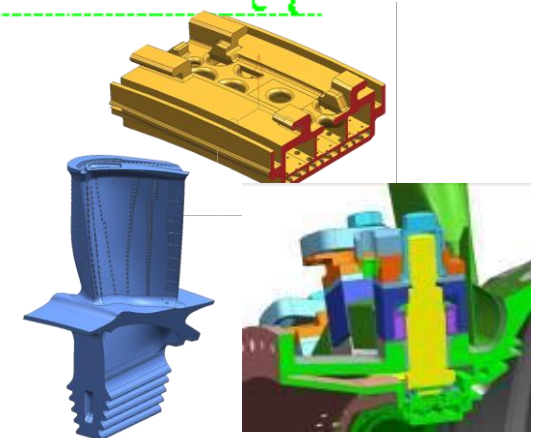
- **Tip clearance control system**
  - Efficiency target as shrouded blade
- **High TET and T30 Type Test capable**

- **Lean Burn Combustion system**

- Target 30% CAEP 6 NOx
- Combustion efficiency targeted at current rich burn levels
- Fuel management system

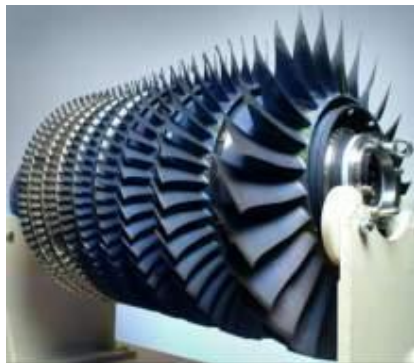
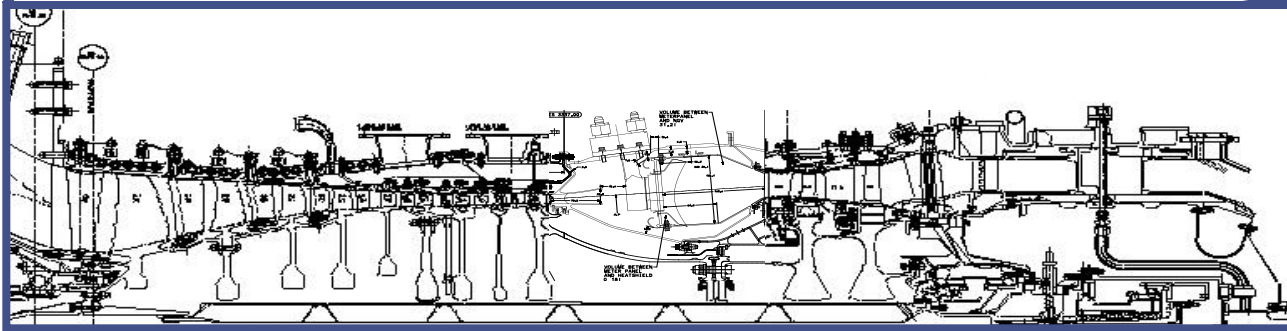
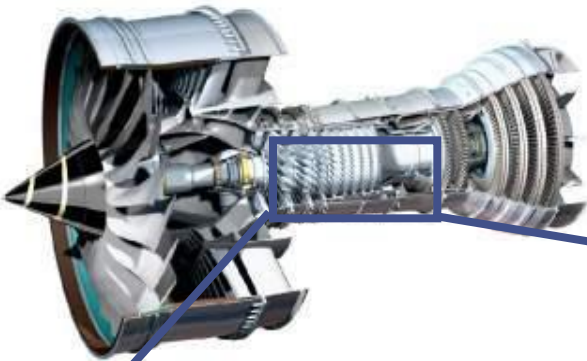


All new test bed in Bristol



Core engine technology enabling:

- 15% fuel burn reduction
- German funded programme
- 2nd test just completed
  - Follow on builds in 2011 and 2012 planned



### Compressor

- 22:1 in 9 stages
- Blisks

### Lean burn combustion



### Turbine

- 2 stage shroudless
- VPC
- Shroud and tip coating



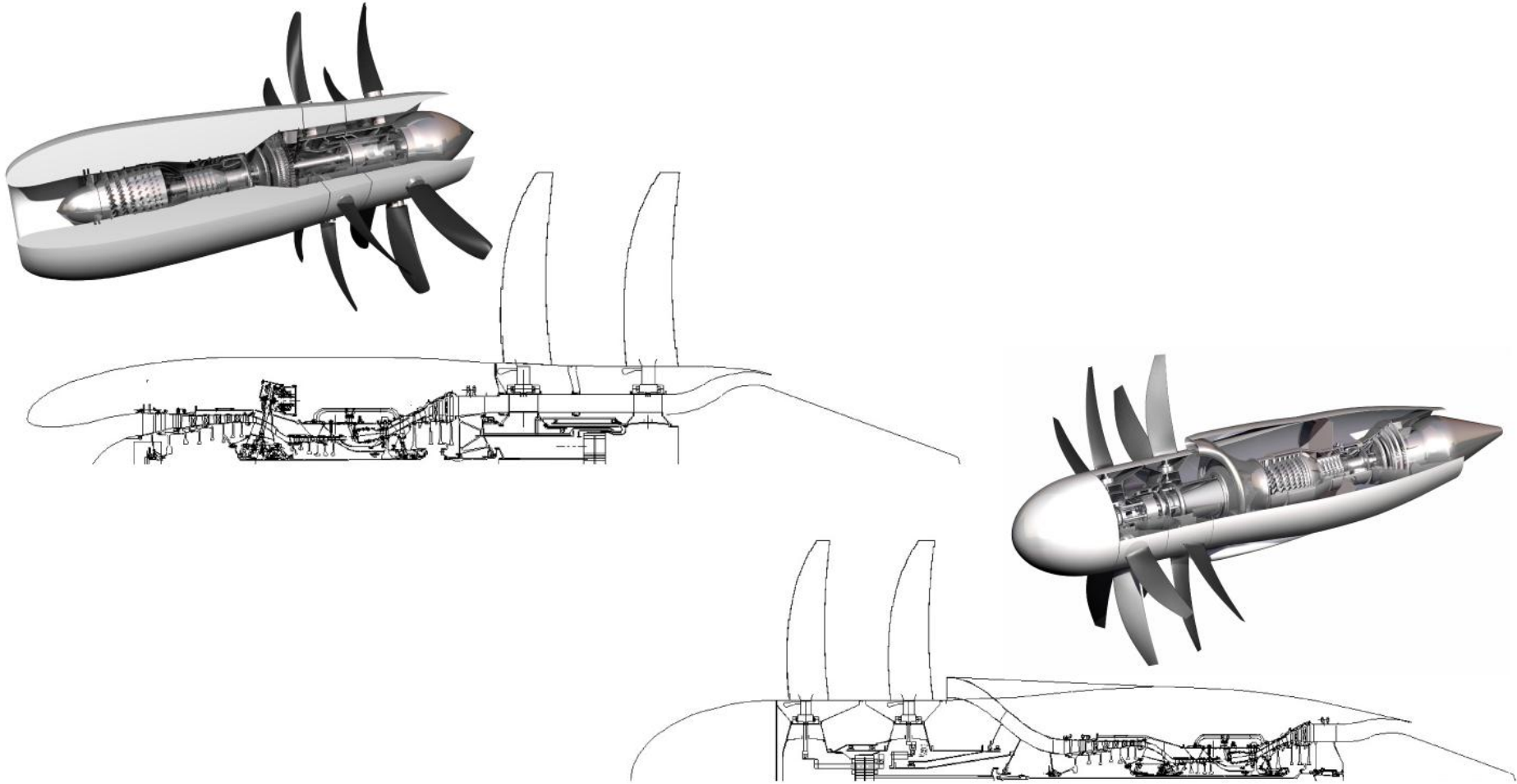
# Core 3/2b test programme

- **Test Campaign in Altitude Test Facility Stuttgart from March to May 2010**
  - 15 days of engine test, approx. 70 starts and 40 running hrs
- **Extensive Test Matrix for Altitude Relight**
  - successful light-ups exceeding target envelope
  - successful Quick Windmill Relights
- **Turbine Liner Concept**
  - successful validation of tip clearance system
- **Engine Performance Validated at Sea Level and Altitude**
- **Full air system validation including:**
  - Pressures and temperatures
  - Seal performance
  - Bearing loads

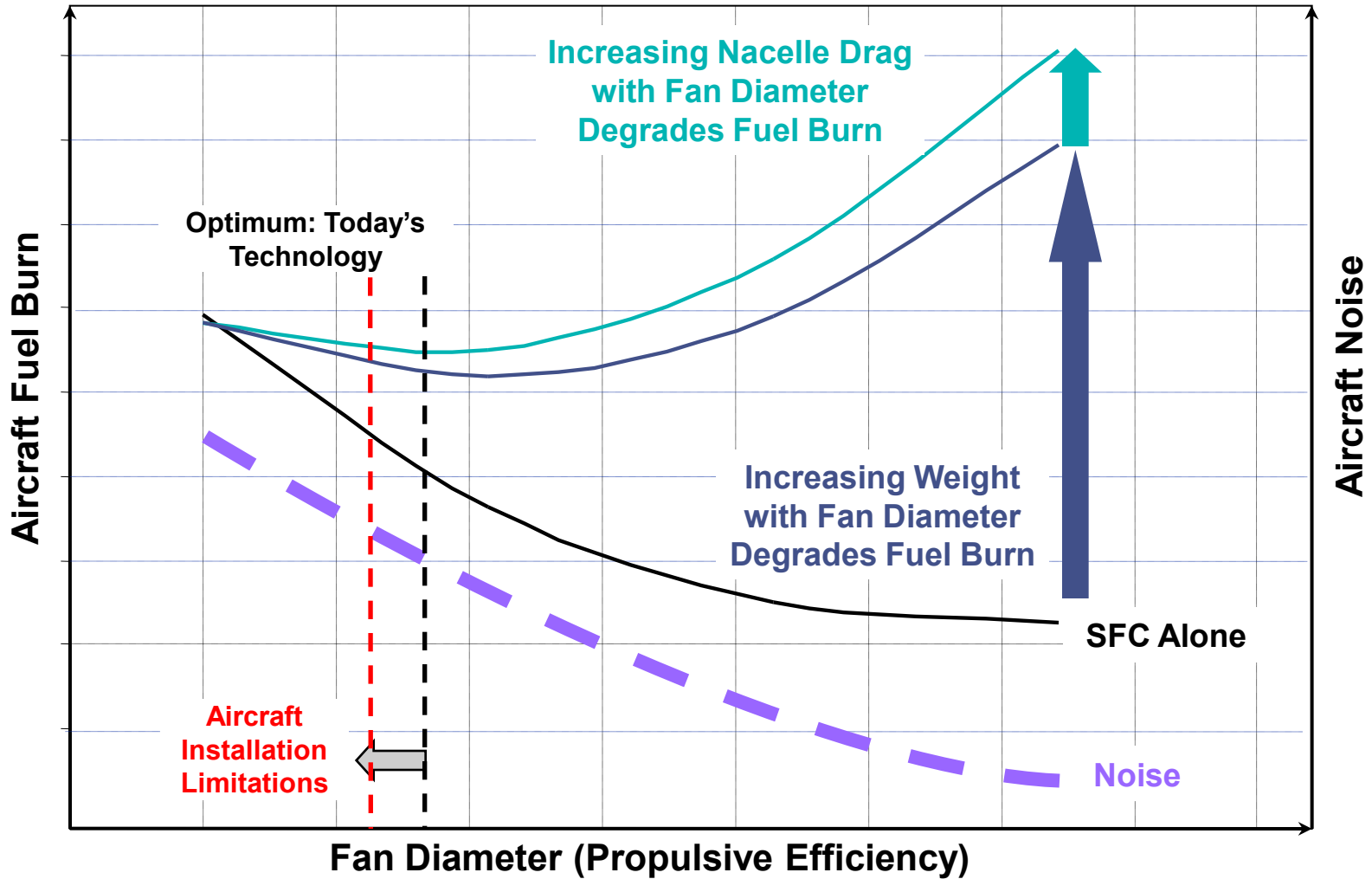


# Open Rotor – the game changer

## Pusher and Puller Configurations

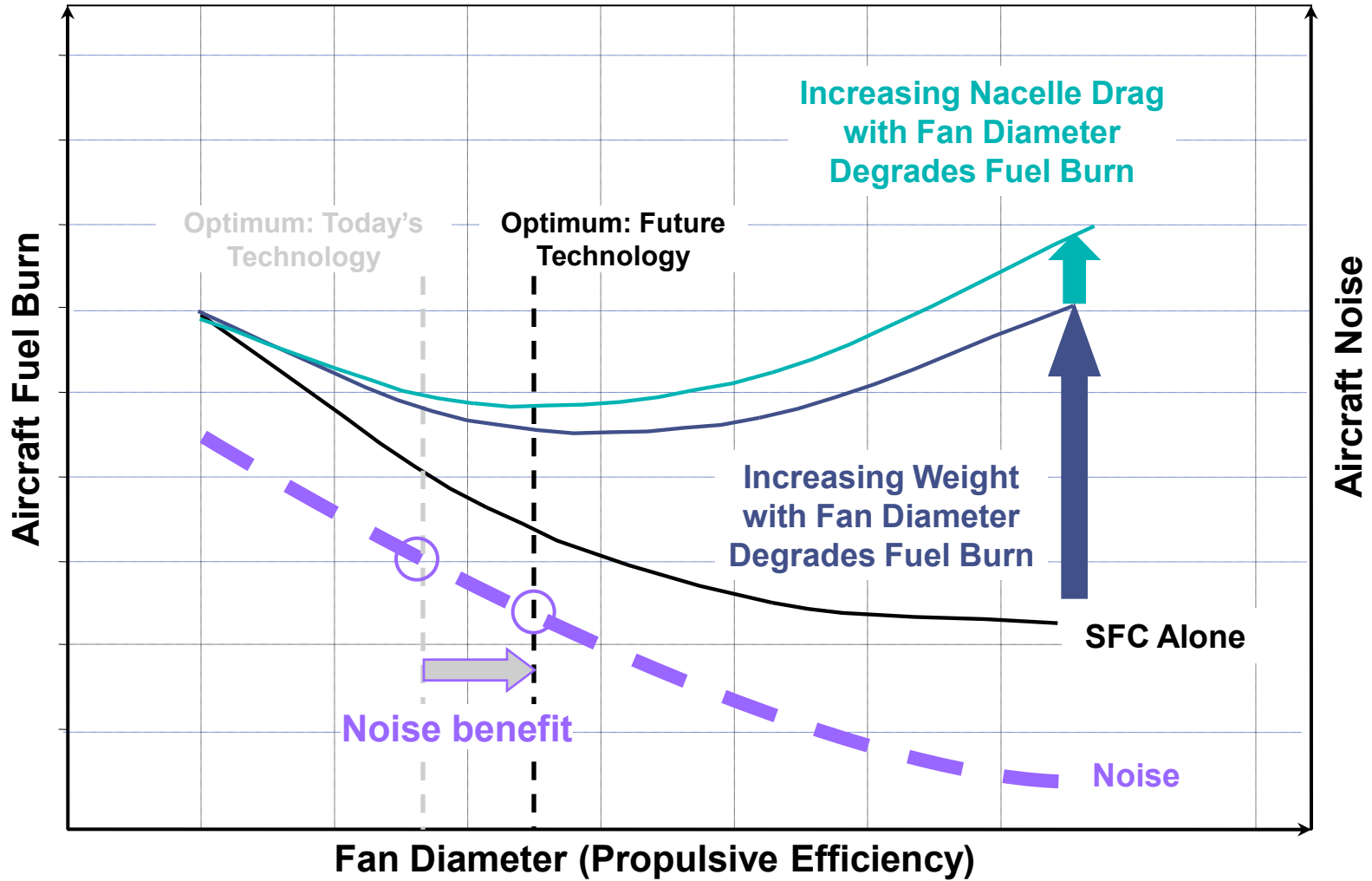


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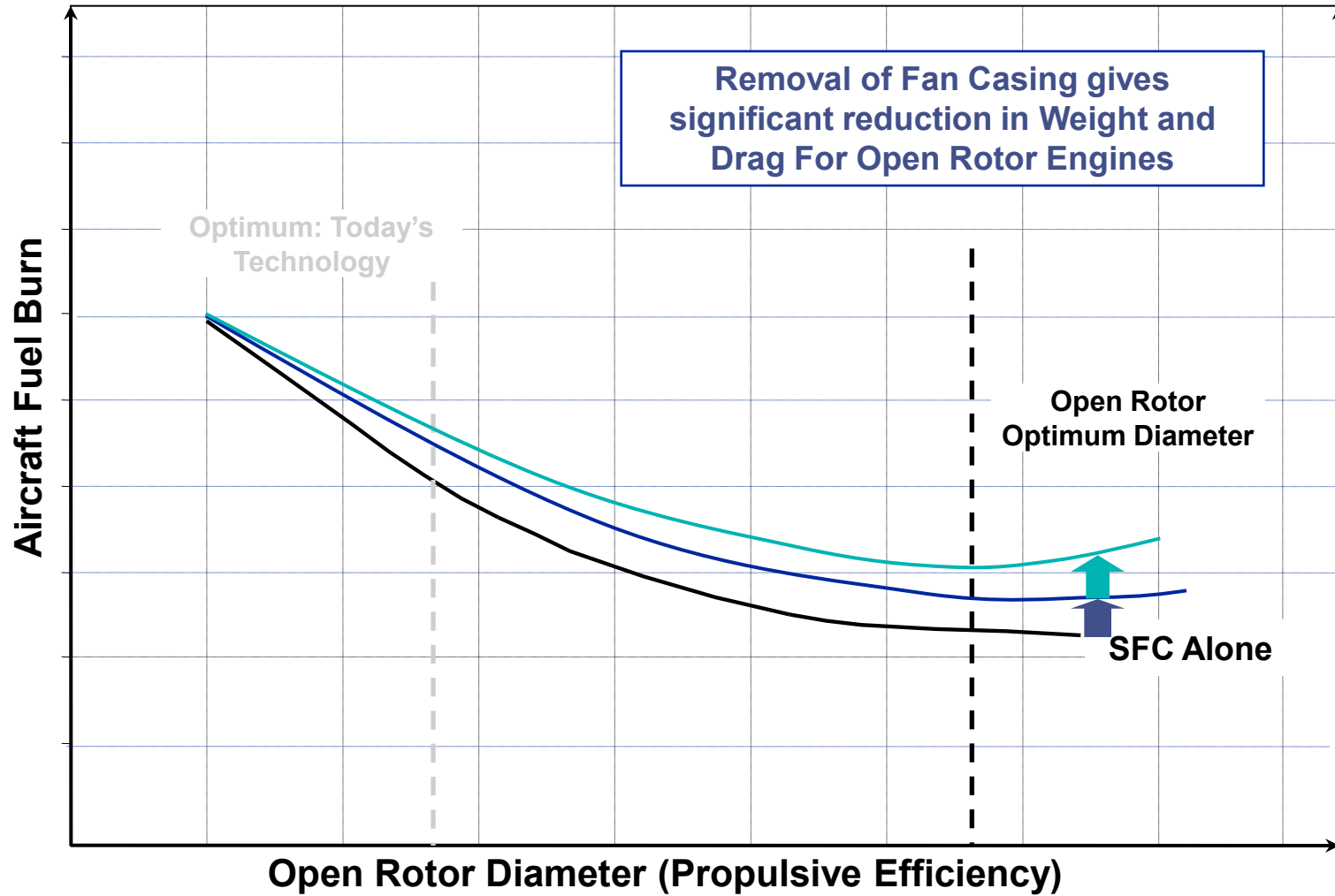




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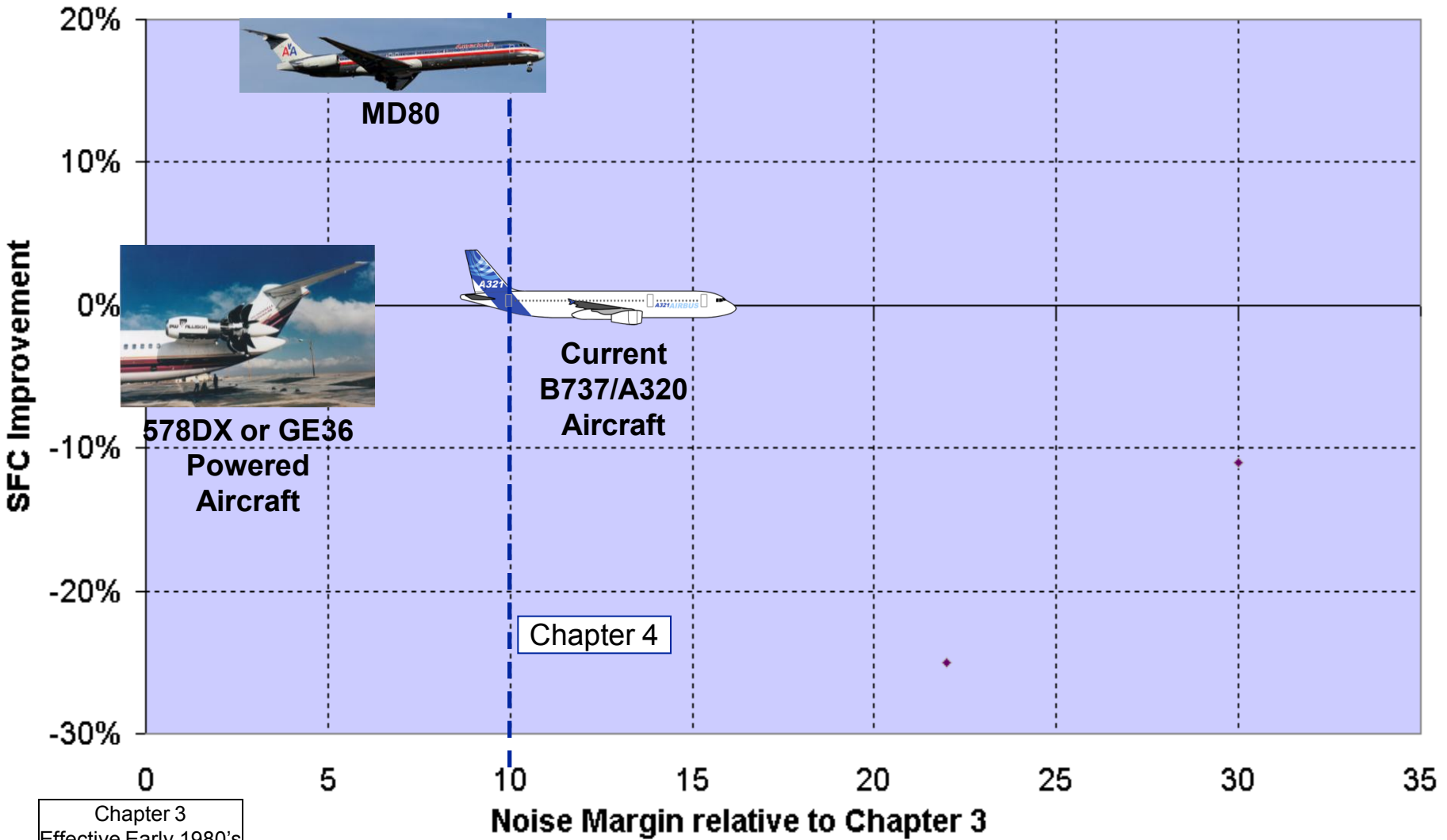


# Optimum Fan Diameter – Fuel Burn



# Why Open Rotors Did Not Succeed in the 1980's?

## Difficulty in Achieving Current and Future Noise Margins



Chapter 3  
Effective Early 1980's

Chapter 4  
Effective Early 2000's

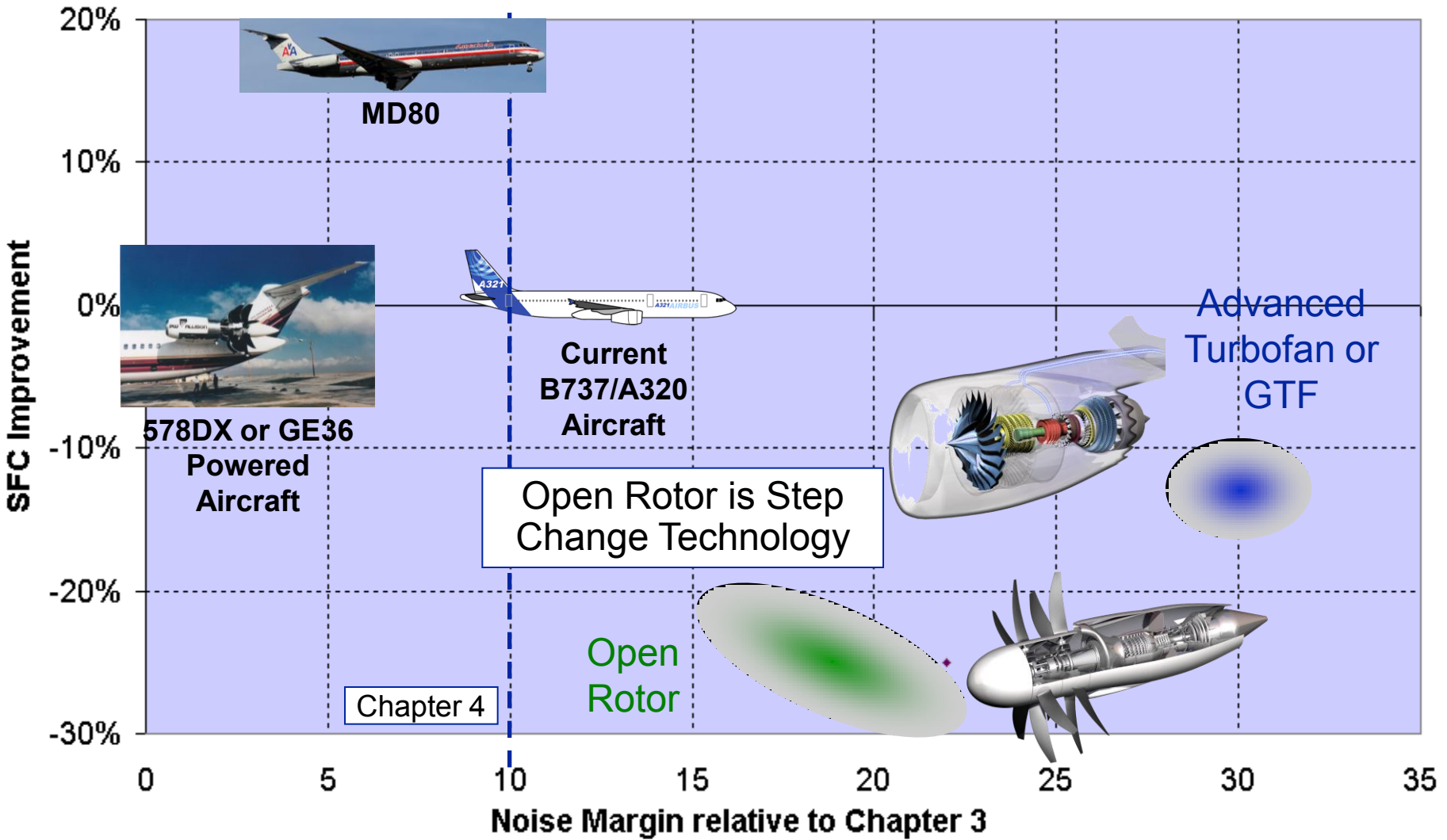
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# Local and Environmental Trade-Offs A320/737 Aircraft Sector



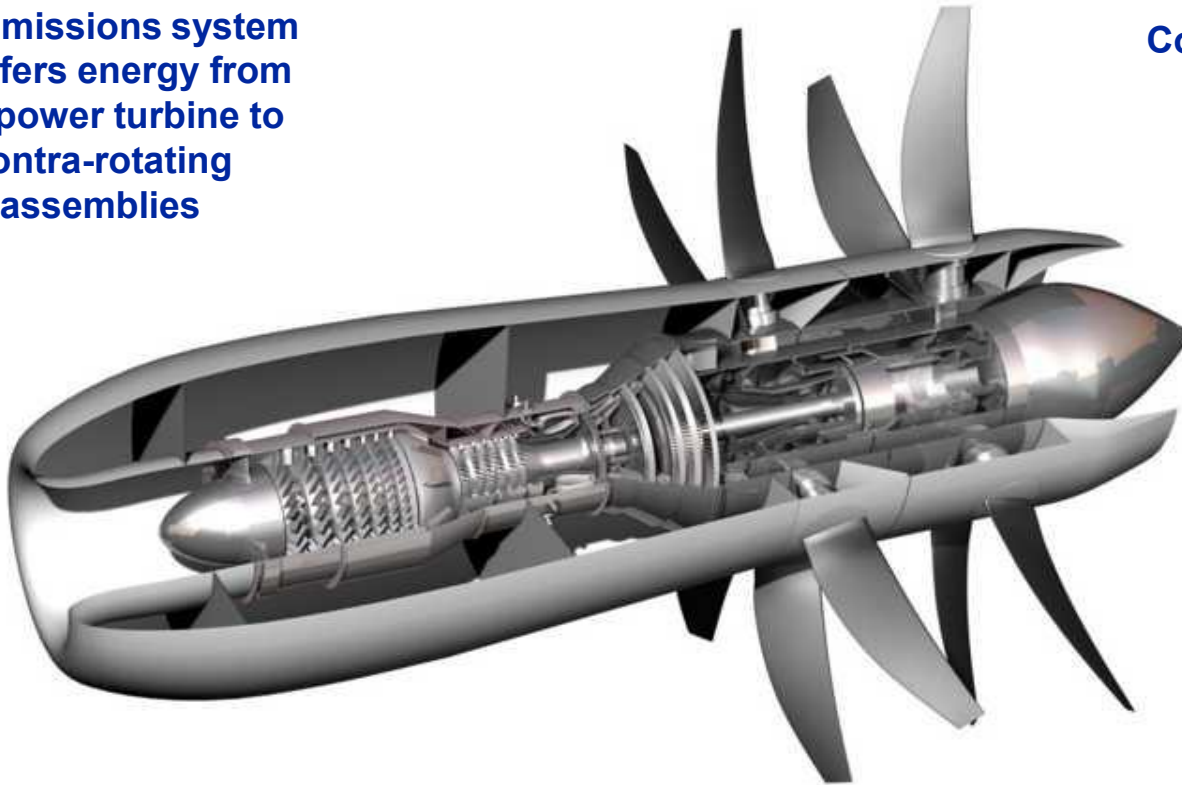
Open Rotor is Step Change Technology

Chapter 4

# Enabling technologies - Open Rotor

**Transmissions system  
transfers energy from  
free power turbine to  
contra-rotating  
assemblies**

**Contra rotating propellers  
Noise optimised  
configuration**



**Advanced gas turbine  
2 spool core based on  
turbofan technology  
programme**

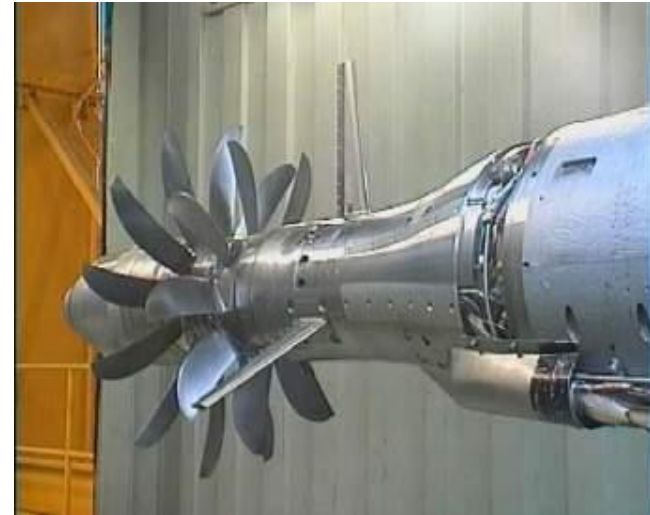
**High speed Free  
Power Turbine drives  
propellers through  
transmission system**

**Propeller pitch change  
mechanism to  
maintain optimum  
propeller angle and  
torque split**

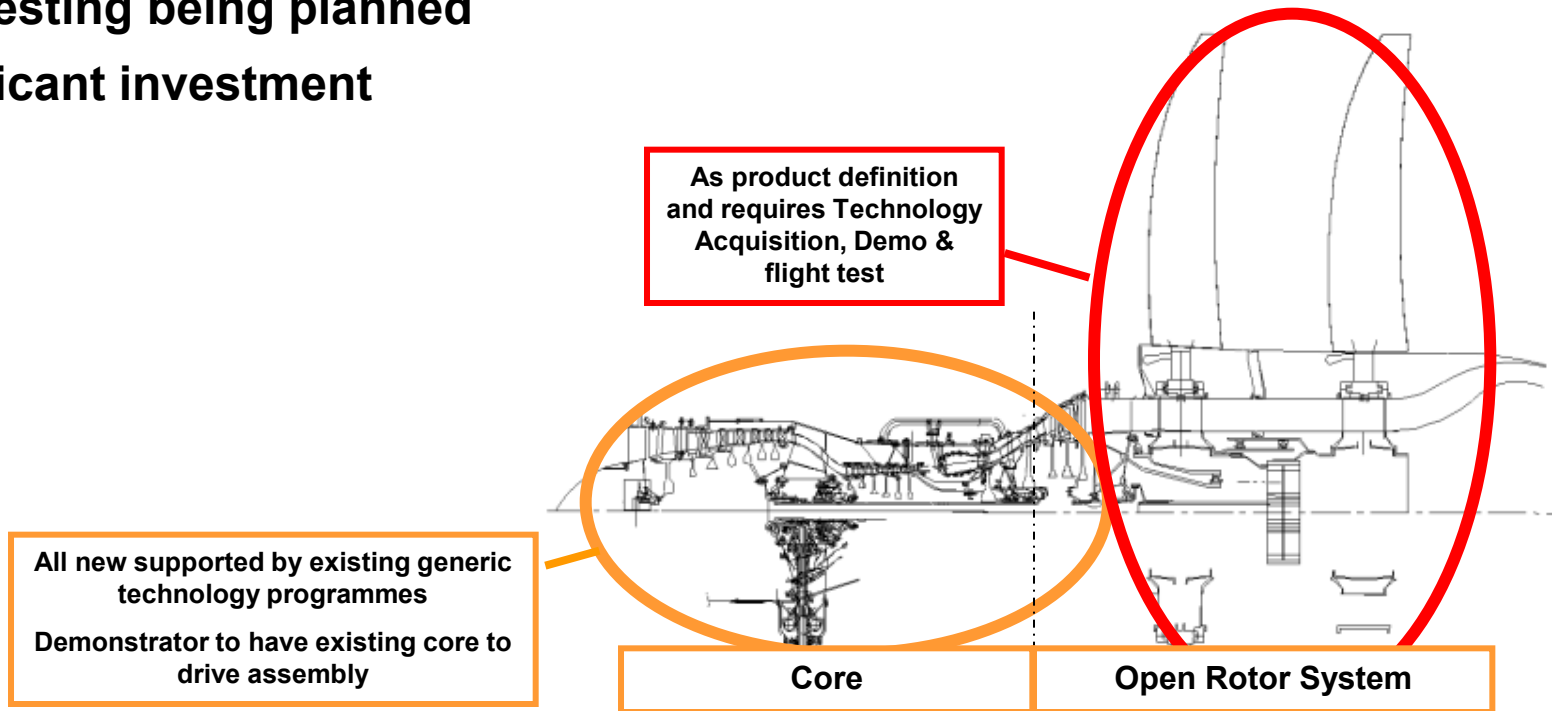
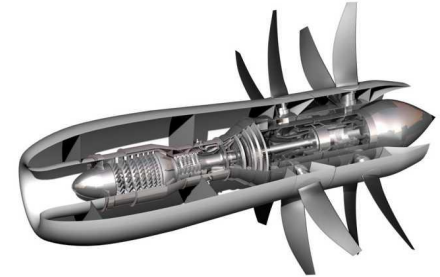
# Open Rotor verification

## Rig 145 at DNW and ARA test facilities

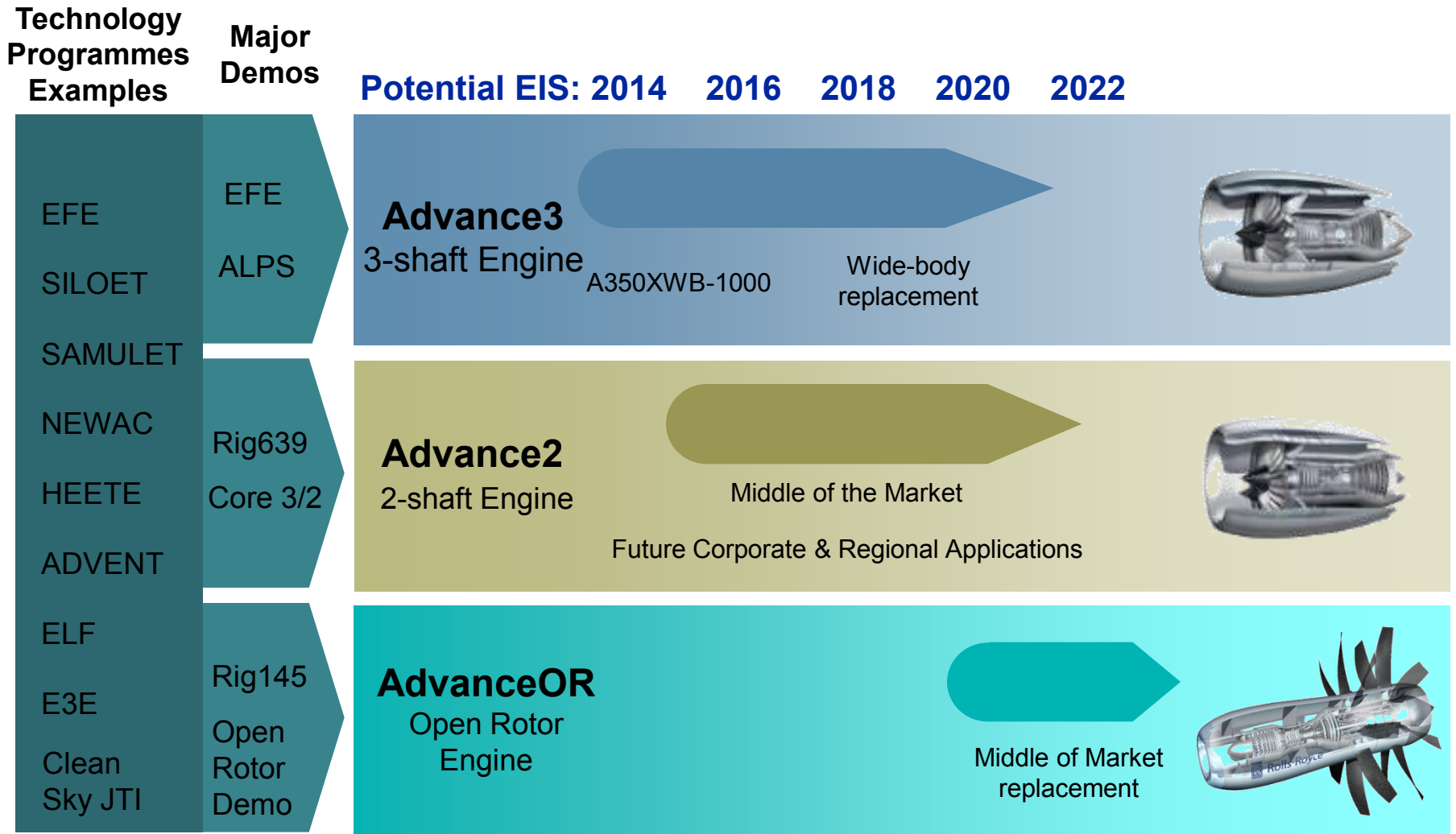
- 1/6th scale rig (28" diameter)
- Aero and acoustic verification
- Isolated and installed
- Low speed in DNW
- High speed testing at ARA Bedford
- Phase 1 testing complete 2008/9
- Phase 2 currently underway



- Validation of technologies required by ground and flight test
- Whole engine demonstrator using slave core
- FTB Testing being planned
- Significant investment



# Future Engines and technologies



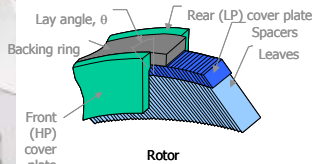
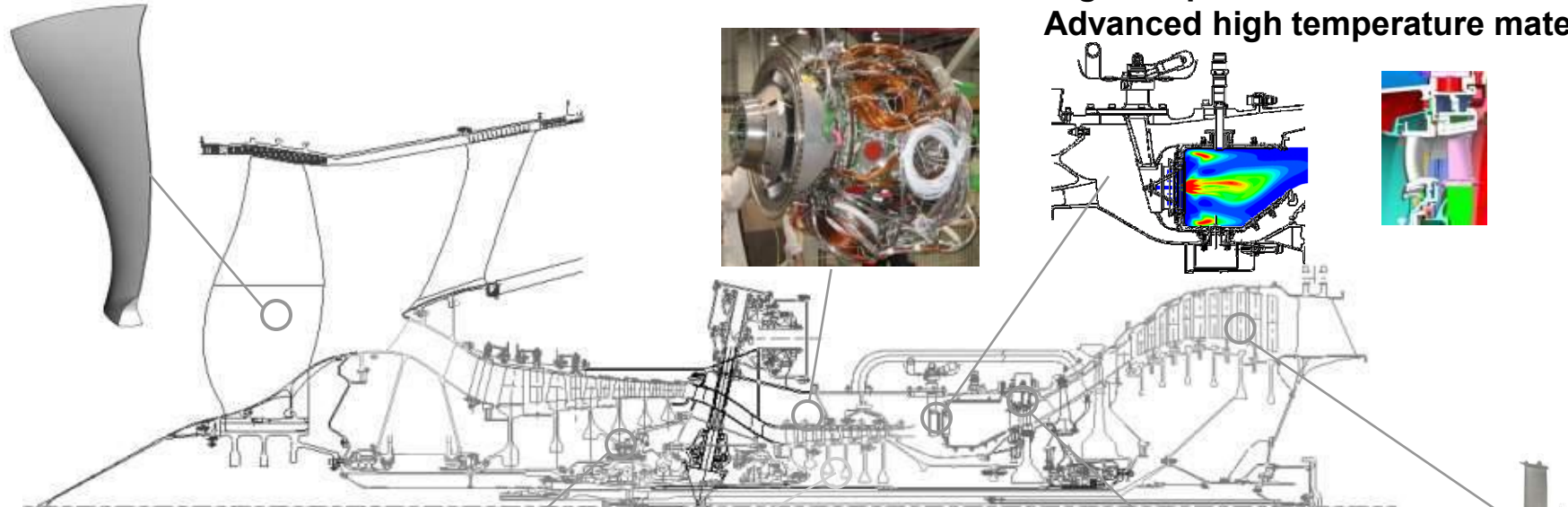


# 3 Shaft Engine Technologies

**VITAL & ELF:**  
Lightweight composite fan

**NEWAC:**  
HPC Aerodynamics

**EFE:**  
Lean burn combustion  
High temperature shroudless HPT  
Advanced high temperature materials



**ASER:**  
Advanced Sealing Endurance Rig

**ANTLE**  
3D blisk des / manuf

**Generic Rig:**  
Turbine performance

**LP Turbine**  
Lightweight  
blading

# 2 shaft engine technology roadmap

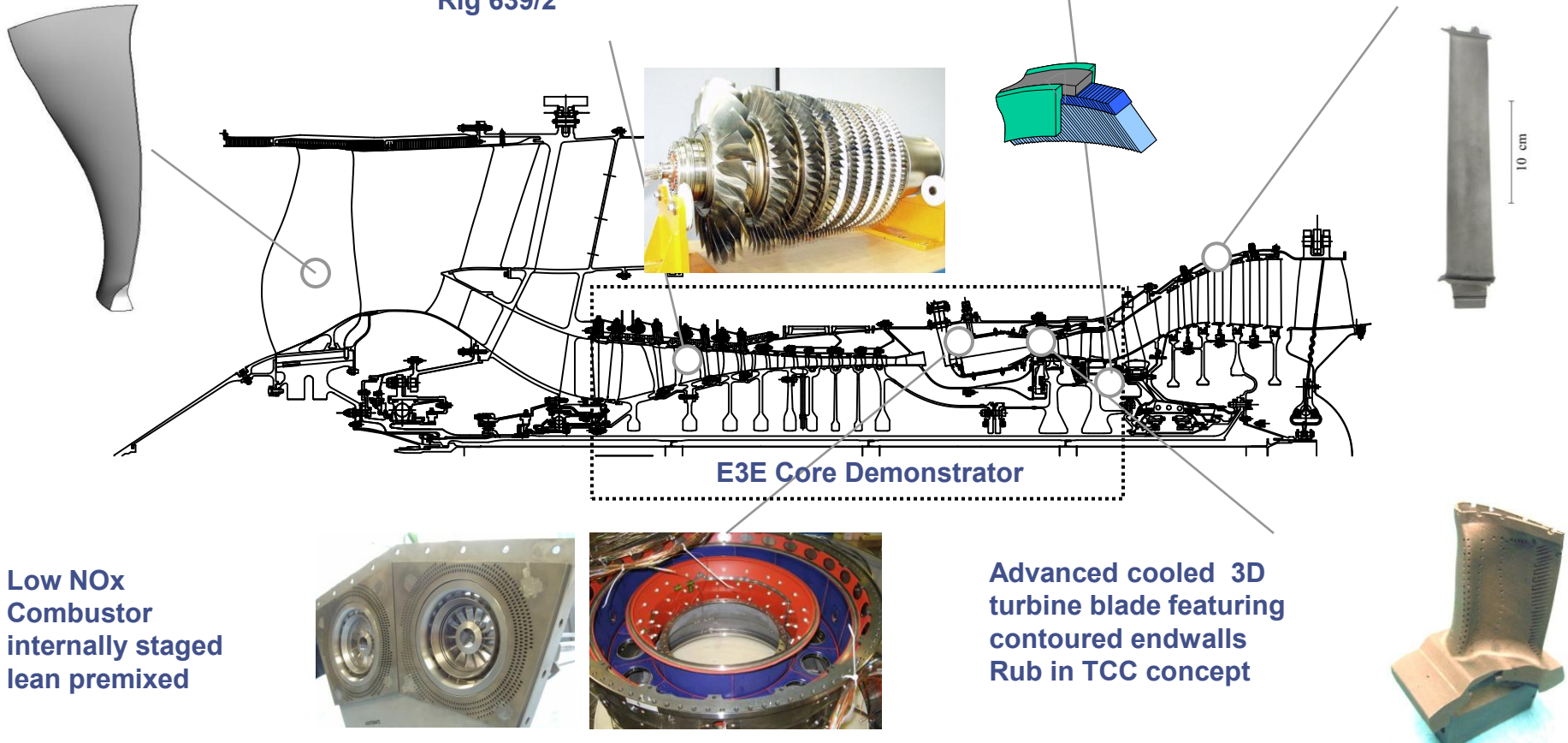
## E3E Programme & core demonstrator

**VITAL & ELF:**  
Lightweight composite fan

**High Pressure Compressor**  
9 stage, PR 22:1  
TiAl materials, blisks  
Rig 639/2

**Air System & Transmissions**  
Innovative seals and bearings

**LP Turbine**  
Lightweight TiAl  
blading

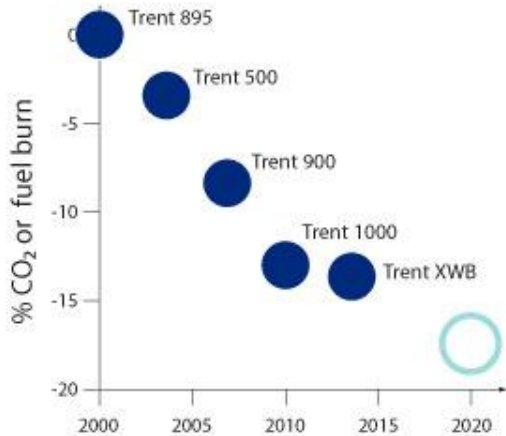


**Low NOx**  
Combustor  
internally staged  
lean premixed

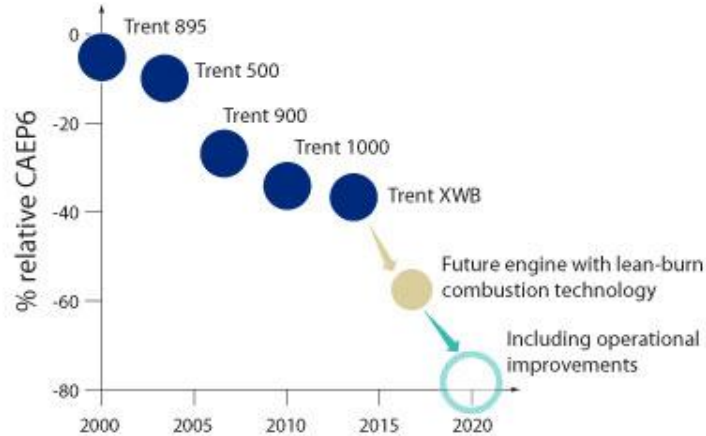
**Advanced cooled 3D**  
turbine blade featuring  
contoured endwalls  
Rub in TCC concept

# Reducing environmental impact

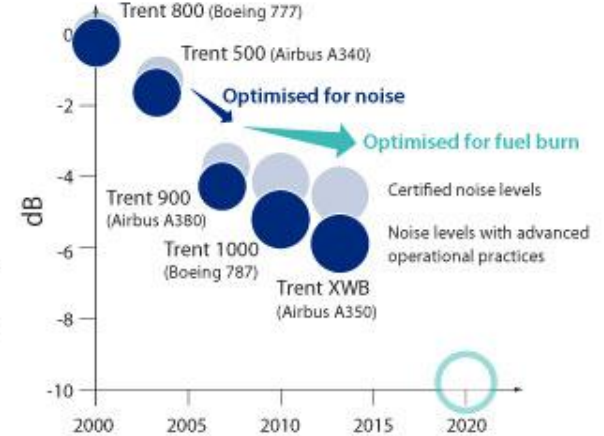
20% lower CO<sub>2</sub>



80% lower NO<sub>x</sub>



Half perceived noise



● Trent family     ○ ACARE target  
 (Advisory Council for Aeronautical Research in Europe)

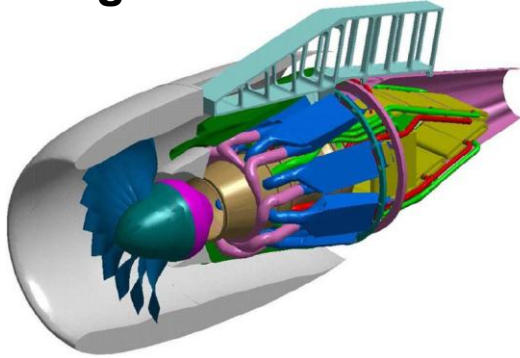
# A vision of the future of Civil Aerospace?

## SAX40 Design Silent Aircraft Initiative

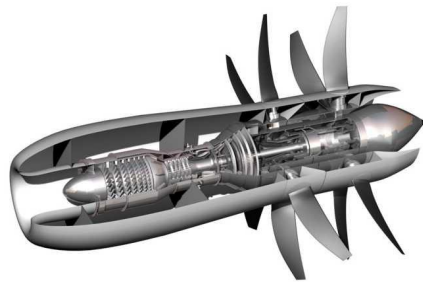
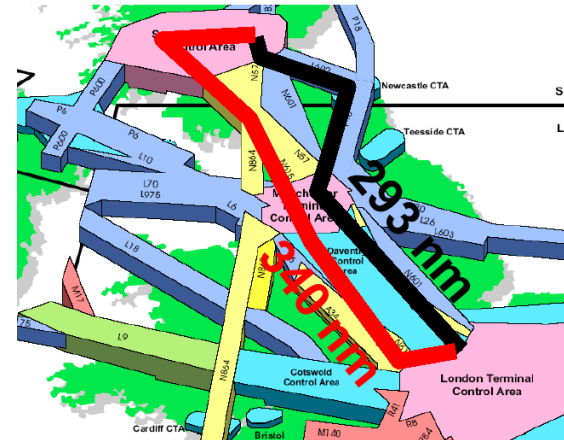


## Blended Wing Body

## Intercooled, recuperative aero-engine



## Revised operations giving shorter routes



## 'Open rotor'

*Research now will feed into commercial products in a 10-20 year timescale*

# Alternative fuels

## Suitability



energy density  
fuel specification

+

## Sustainability



CO<sub>2</sub> benefit  
Food / water

+

## Industrialisation

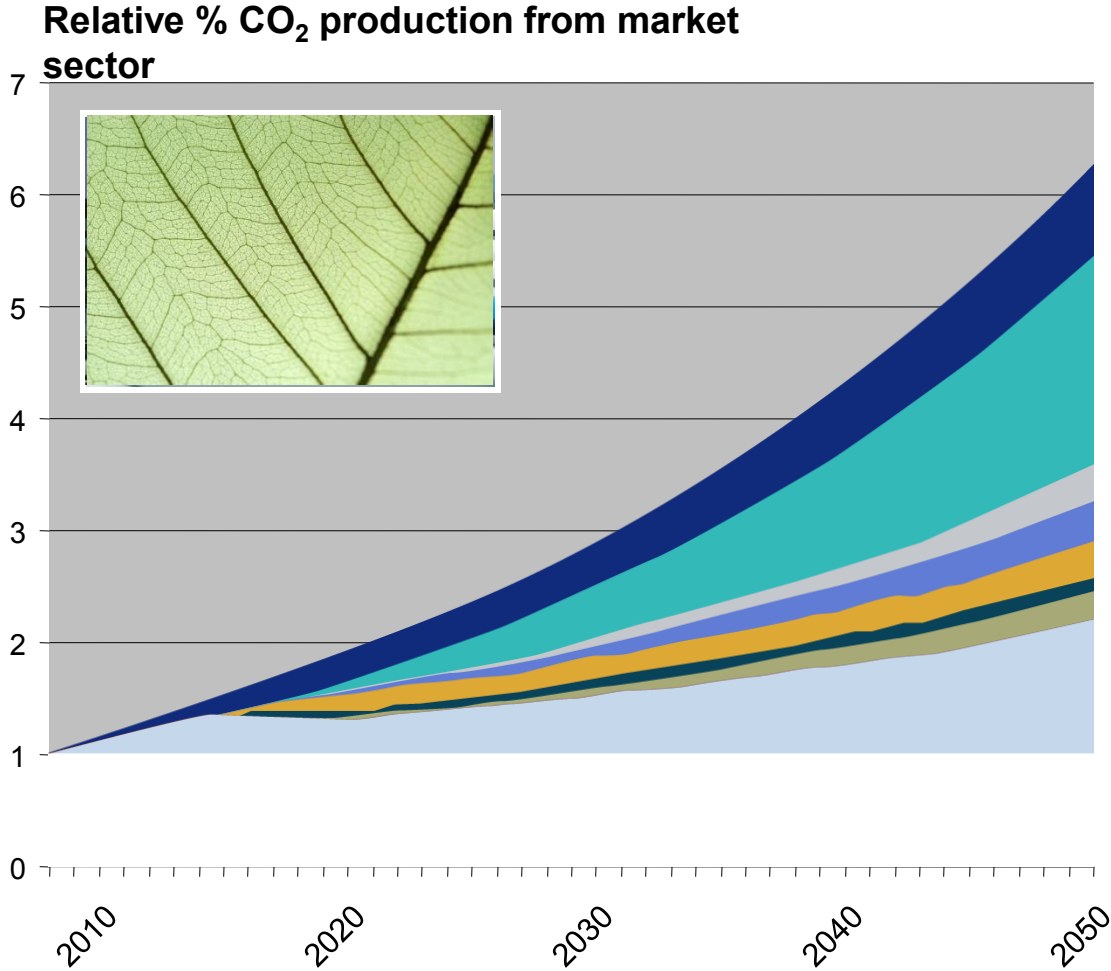


mass production  
global distribution

**Offering longer term potential for ‘drop-in’ fuels**

# CO<sub>2</sub> – Prevention via technology

## 100 to 200 seat market



Today's fleet

Current products (replacing old aircraft)

Open rotor technology

Incremental engine - 0.3% pa

Uppgauge aircraft size by 15 seats

ATM improvement of 12%

Airline operations improve by 6%

Alternate fuel 33% alternate fuel by 2050

33% less CO<sub>2</sub> per gallon

Carbon Neutral Growth

# Summary

- **Technology has already delivered massive improvements in aircraft emissions**
- **The environmental challenge is real**
- **The aviation industry is taking the environment seriously**
  - **Current programmes will deliver further improvements**
- **Needs combined industry, academic and government effort and investment to achieve and carry on beyond ACARE goals**



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## Thank you for listening

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