

Air Transportation 2050 – A holistic View

Guest Lecture at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

Melbourne, September 14th, 2012

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Volker Gollnick, Director



Knowledge for Tomorrow

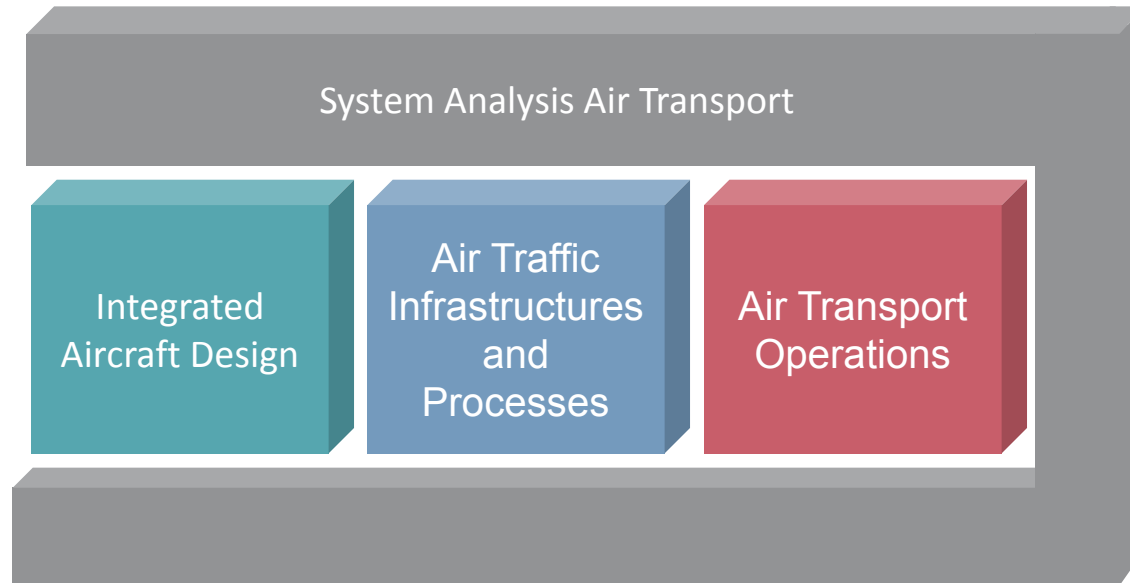
AGENDA

- Introduction of the Institute
 - The Way of Thinking
 - The Way of Working
- Scenarios of Future Air Transportation
- Some Examples of holistic Air Transportation Concepts design and Analysis
 - Climate Optimized Air Transportation
 - Intermediate Stop Operations
 - Laminar Flow Aircraft
- How does the Aircraft look tomorrow?



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Representation of the main system elements within the institute



Three system related departments provide technical and procedural basic competencies for conceptual technical developments and integration → interfaces to further disciplinary institutes

Covered by a **department for system analysis and assessment**



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

The Way of Thinking

■ System hierarchy

■ The System – *Air Transportation System*

■ Sub structure – Airport, *Aircraft*, Airline, ATM

■ Subsystem – Terminal, *Wing*, MRO, Surveillance

■ Component – CheckIn, *FlightControl*, LineMaintenance, Radar



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

The Way of Thinking

■ Integration

- „**Intellectual Integration**“ - Understanding of functional relations and interactions
- **Modelling** - Functional definition and composition of systems on functional level
- IT oriented **SW-system integration** - Integration of calculation and simulation tools
- **Physical integration** of components to systems

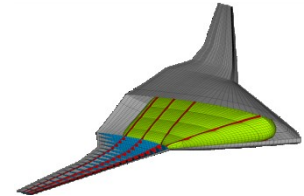


Institute for Air Transportation Systems

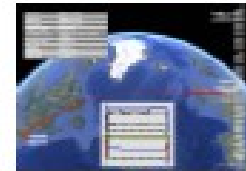
The Way of Thinking

Technology

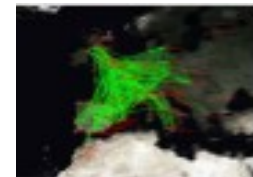
- A **physical principle** or technique to realise a function, form concept



- A new rule based **procedure** like continuous descent approach

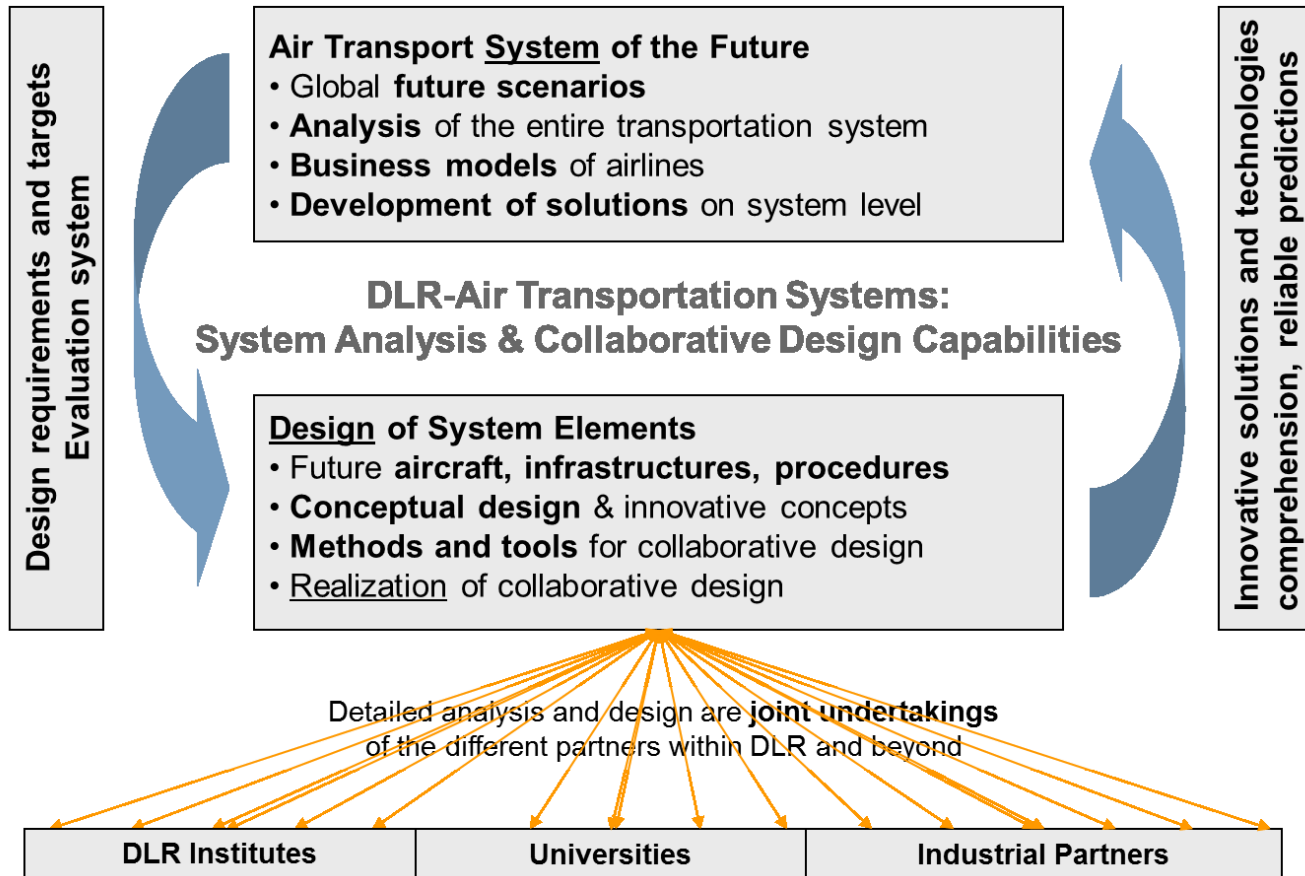


- A new **process** to improve an operation or production like point to point airline network



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

The Way of Working

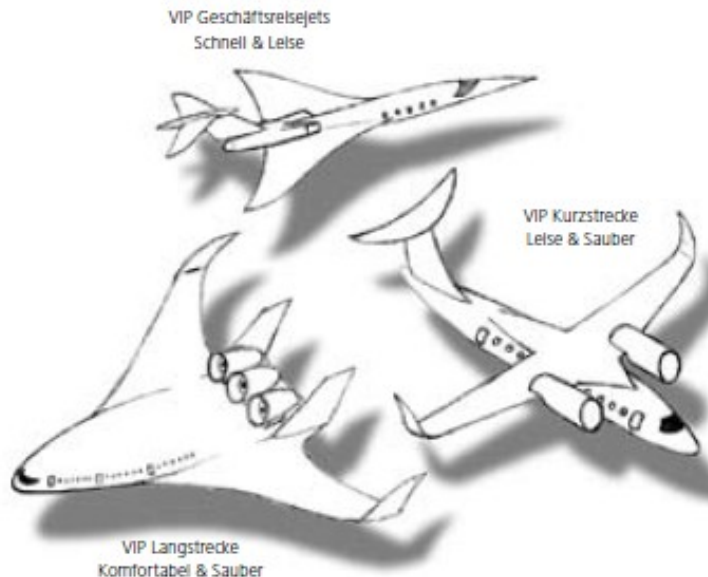


Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Virtual Integration Platform (VIP):

A method for integrated air transport concepts development:

Overall Air Transportation Concepts for defined air transportation missions composed of the main subsystems (aircraft, airport, air traffic management, airline operations) including transportation and control processes



Three leading concepts:

- Short range air transport
- Long range air transport
- High speed air transport

How to let them become reality?

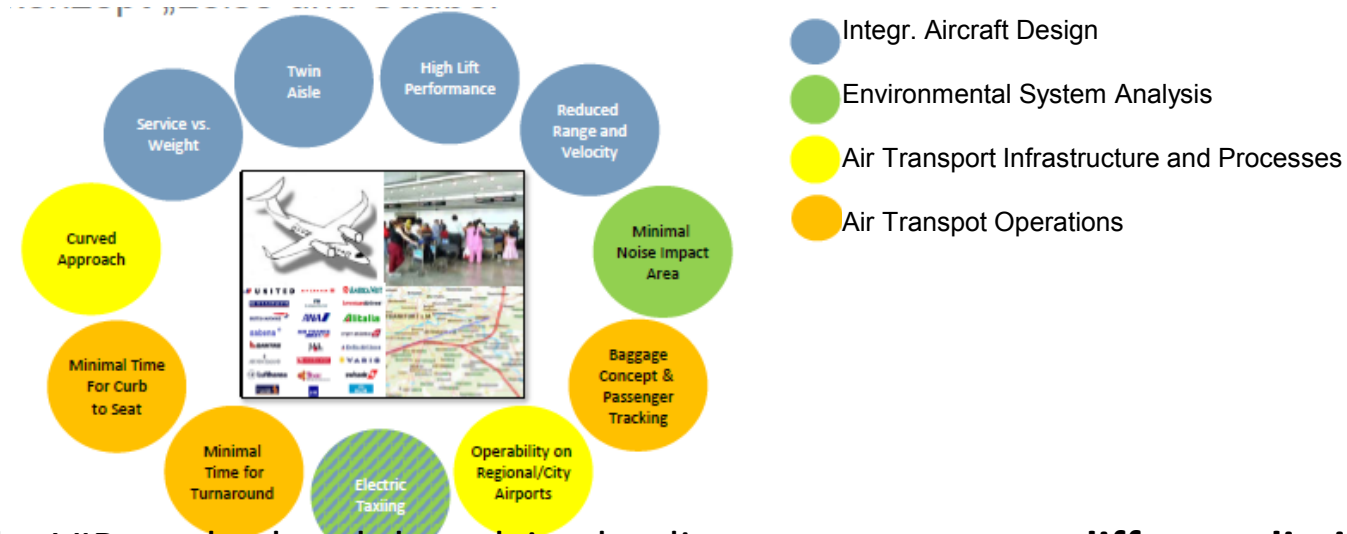


Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Virtual Integration Platform – How to let them become reality?

Leading Concept Example: Short Range Mission Segment – „Silent and Clean“

Associate Technologies which are of particular but not exclusively interest for this mission



The VIP method and the relying leading concepts **merge different disciplinary research tasks** to a comprehensive **interdisciplinary and integrated research project**



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

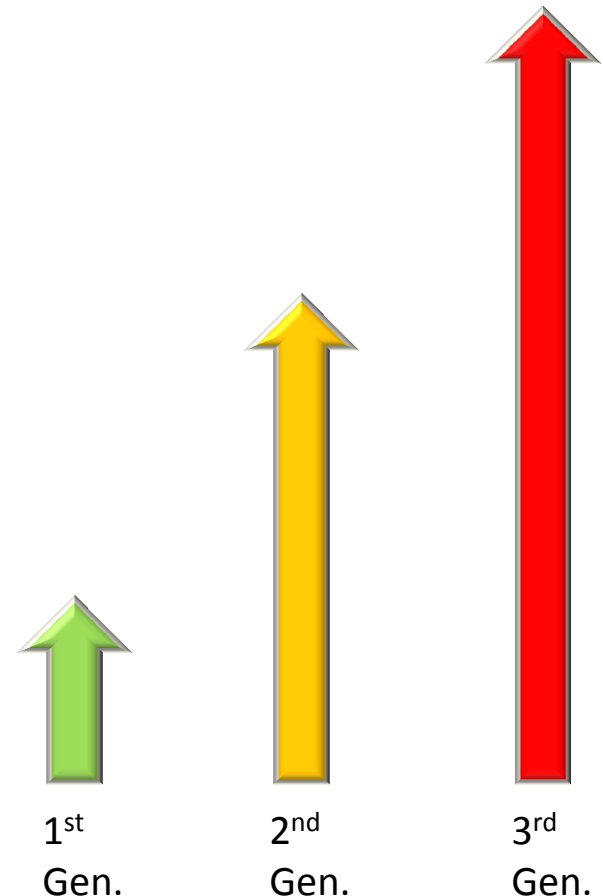
Three Generations of Multi Disciplinary Optimization

Definition according to Prof. Juan Alonso, Stanford University

- **Optimization assisted design in teams**
- Management of knowledge
- Collaboration of engineers and computers

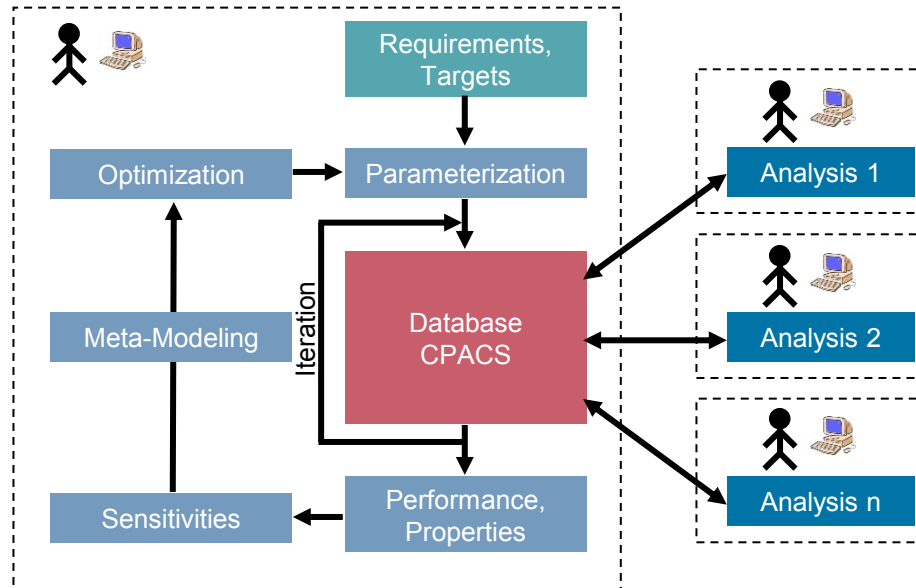
- Workflow management software
- Networked computing, Interfaces
- Complex problems

- Analysis-based design computations
- Optimization algorithms
- Approximation techniques



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

The interdisciplinary way of working

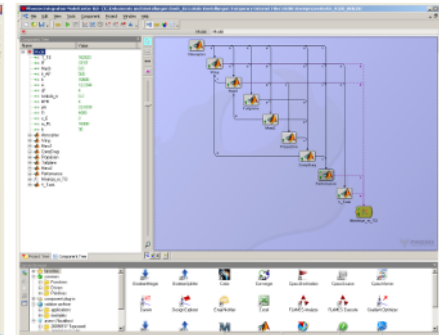
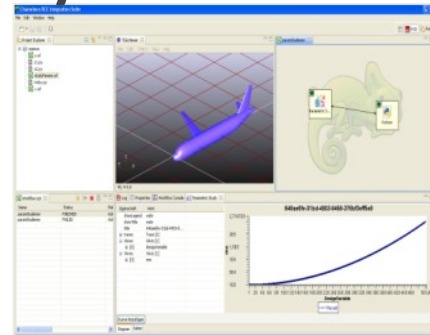
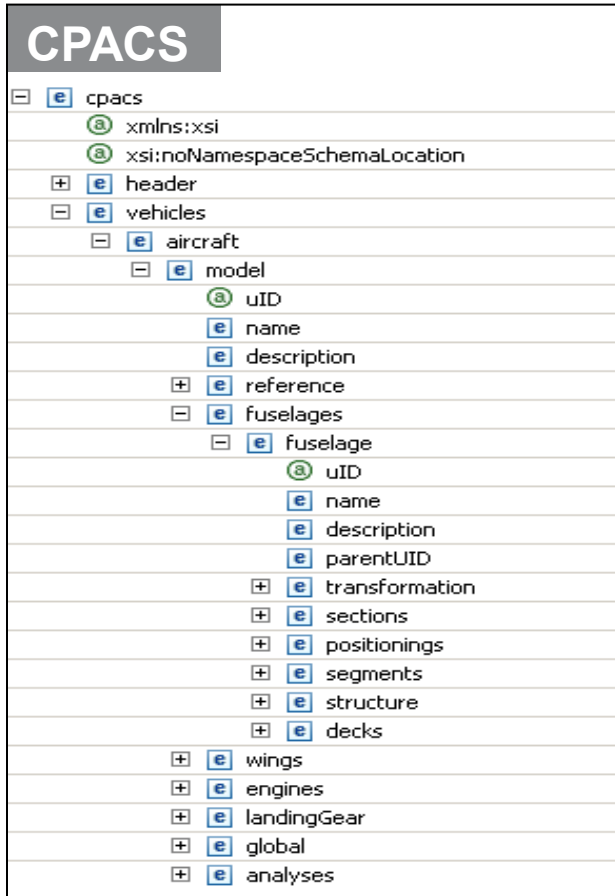


- Distributed computing system -> tools remain on the specialists' servers.
- Tools of specialists are wrapped -> tools do not need to be adapted.
- Coupling via central data model CPACS
(Common Parametric Aircraft Configuration Schema).



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

The DLR Framework Concept



RCE (ECLIPSE)

ModelCenter

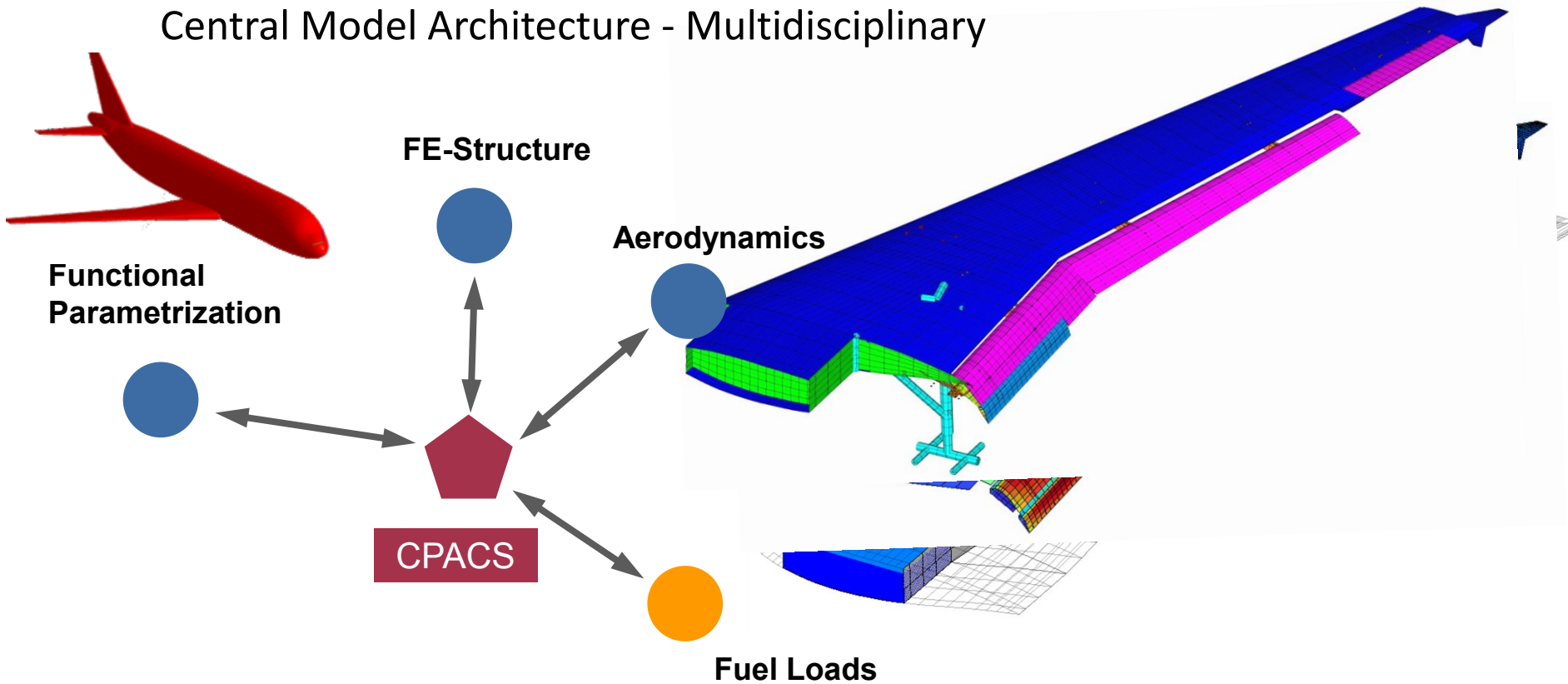
- CPACS is a hierarchic data model based on an XML schema definition.
- CPACS can hold geometry, analysis results and process data.
- Libraries for handling and geometry processing (TIXI/TIGL).
- Compatible to standards like IGES and STEP.
- Wrappers are stand-alone tools.
- Framework independent implementation.



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Integrated Aircraft Design

Central Model Architecture - Multidisciplinary



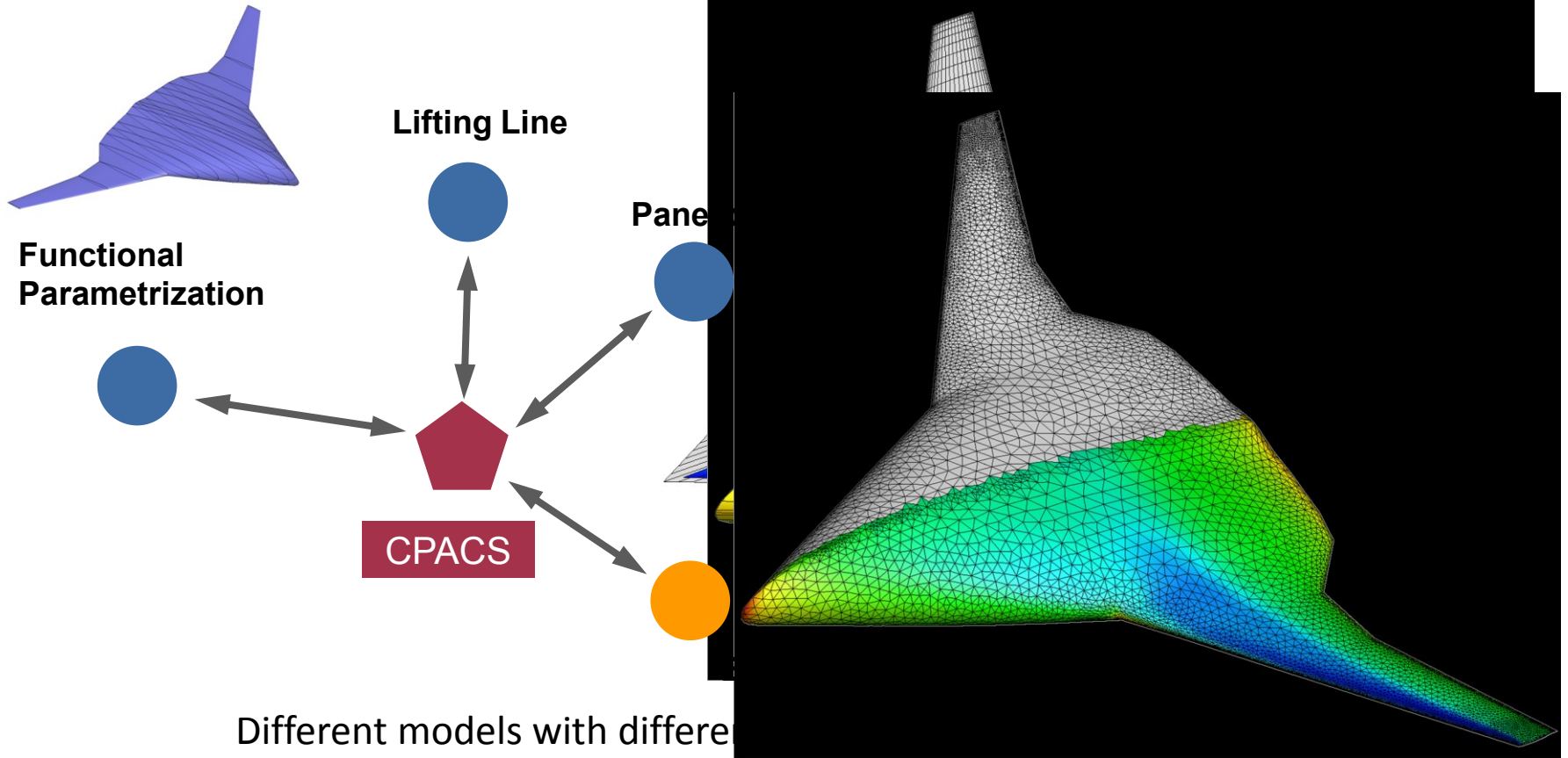
Different models with different geometric representations can be derived from the global CPACS model using the software libraries.



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Integrated Aircraft Design

Central Model Architecture - Multifidelity



Different models with different fidelities are derived from the global CPACS model using the software libraries.



Institute for Air Transportation Systems

Leading Concept “Comfortable & Clean” – an example for an integrated ATS concept research



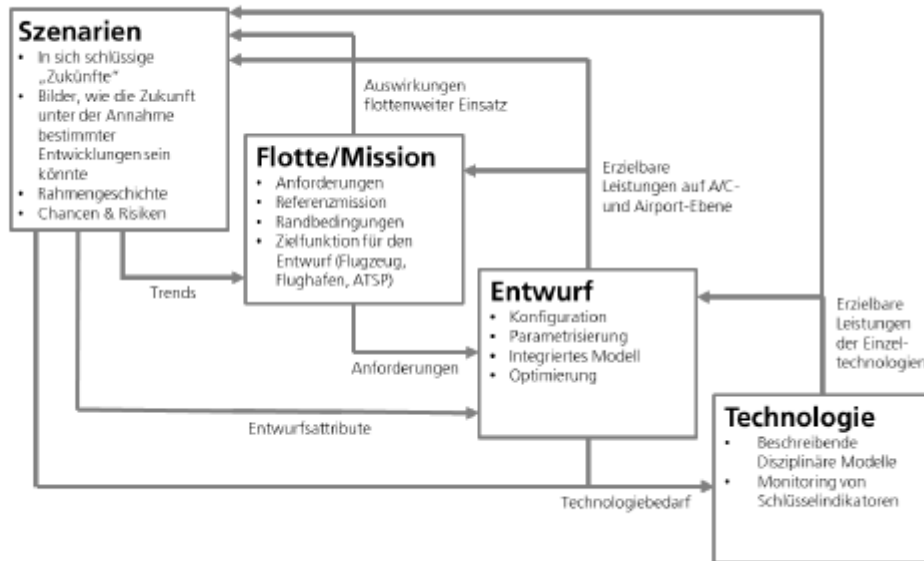
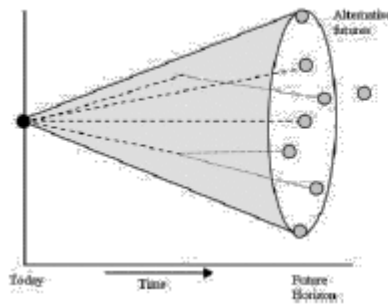
Scenarios for future Air Transportation Systems



Knowledge for Tomorrow

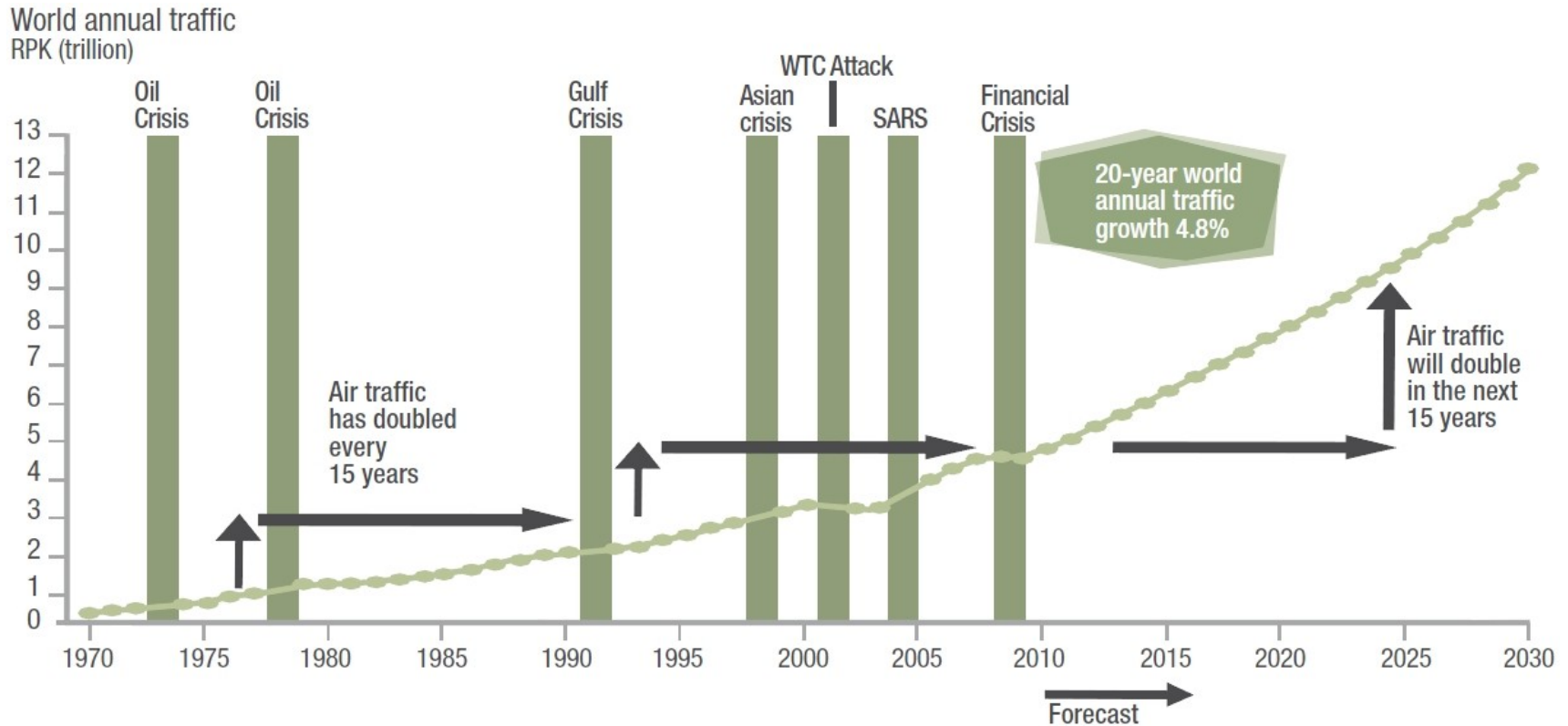
Scenarios for future Air Transportation Systems

Integration of research of the future into an integrated design process



Boundaries for Future Developments

Perspectives in Aviation (1/3)



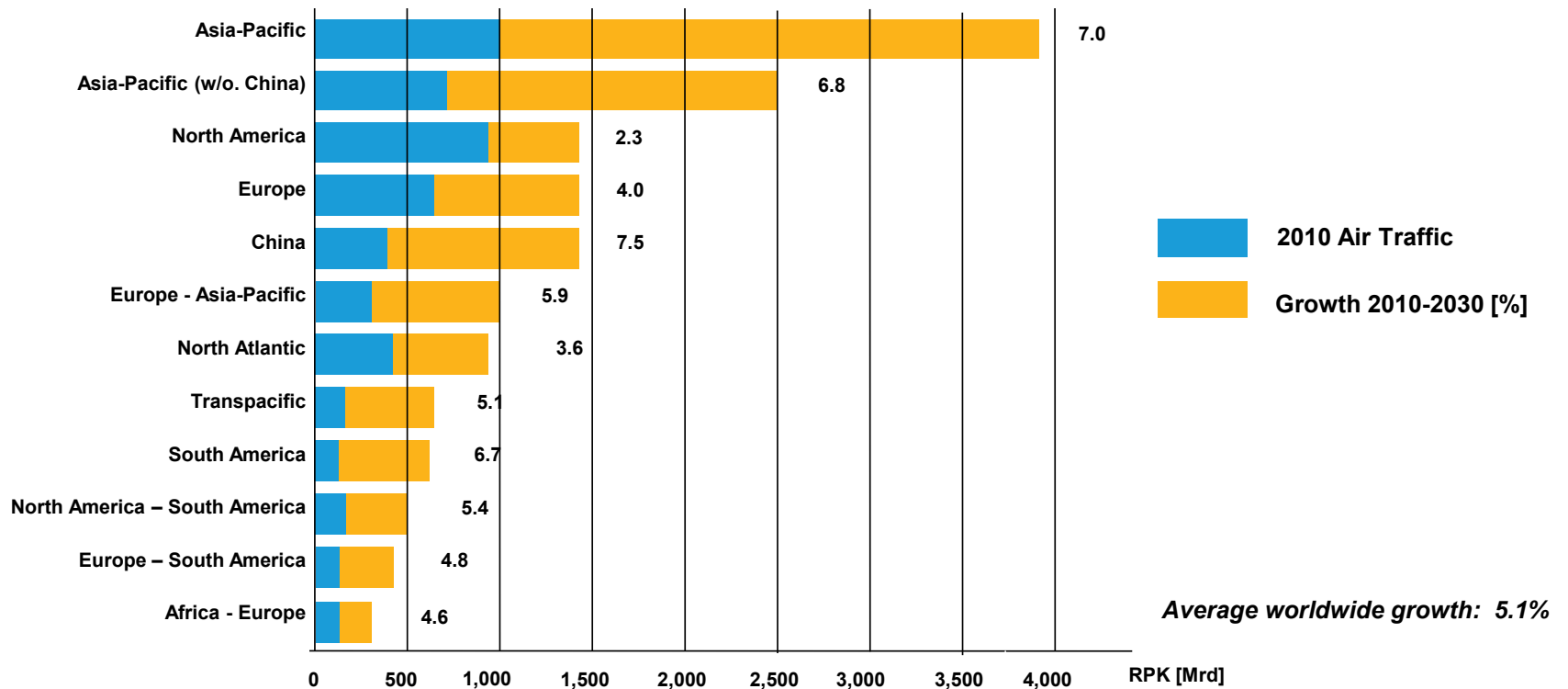
➔ Despite any disturbances aviation industry is still expecting **4.8% global annual growth** in terms of growing passenger movements

Source: Airbus GMF 2011



Boundaries for Future Developments

Perspectives in Aviation (2/3)



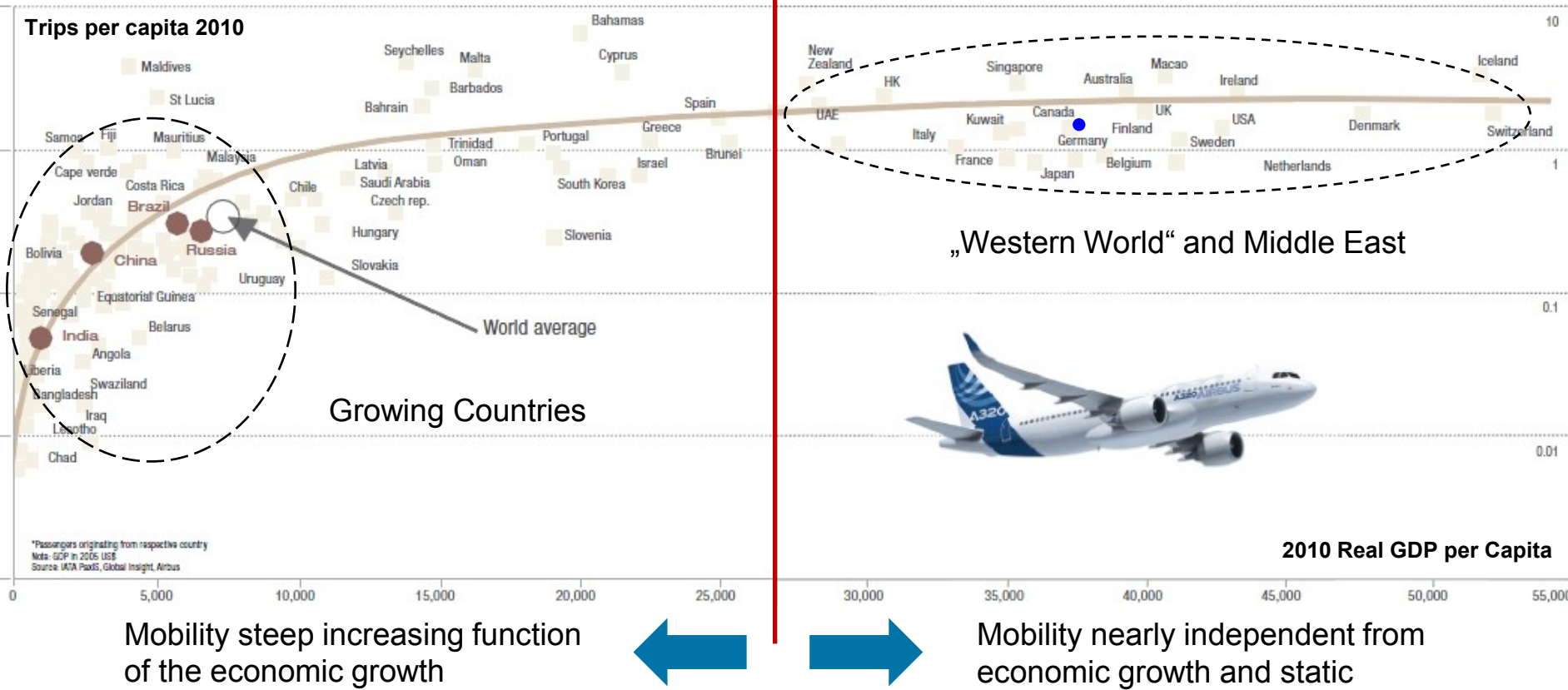
- ➔ Remarkable growth on long range
- ➔ Growth on short range is depending on regions

Source: Boeing Market Outlook 2011



Boundaries for Future Developments

Perspectives in Aviation (3/3)



- ➔ Short range transport will increase in growing countries with own manufacturing industry
- ➔ Long range transport will grow between „Western World, Middle East and Growing Countries

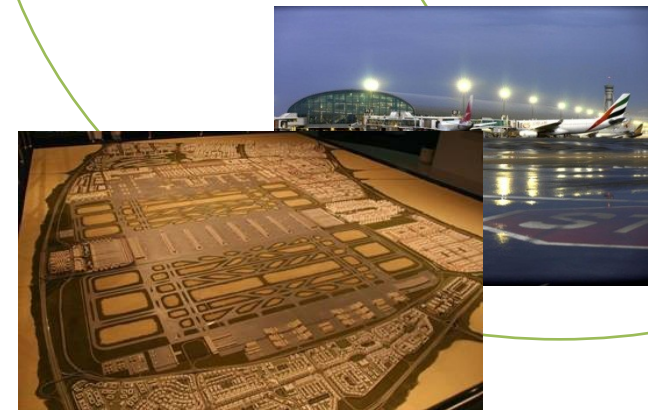
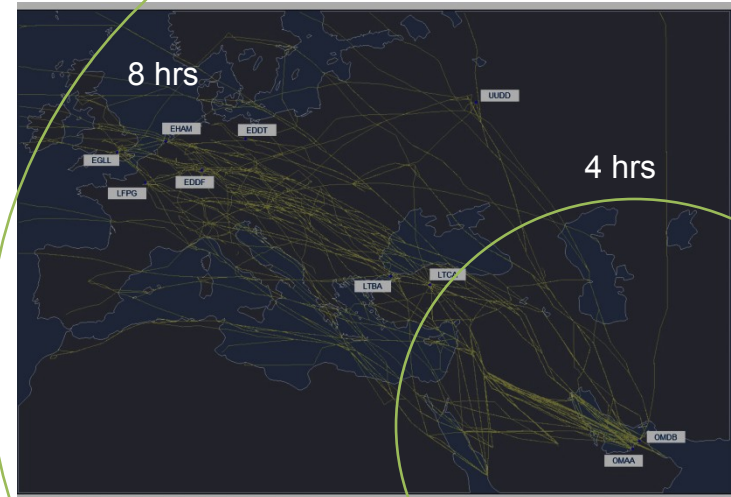
Source: Airbus GMF 2011



Boundaries for Future Developments

Change of global traffic flow

- **Middle East reaches 2/3 of global population** within 8 hours flight
- **Mega airport turntables** provide significant long range transport capacities
- **Air transport flows will change** resulting in a changing relevance of the actual airport hubs and spokes in Europe
- **European Airlines will benefit but also change** their business models due to the Middle East and Asian developments

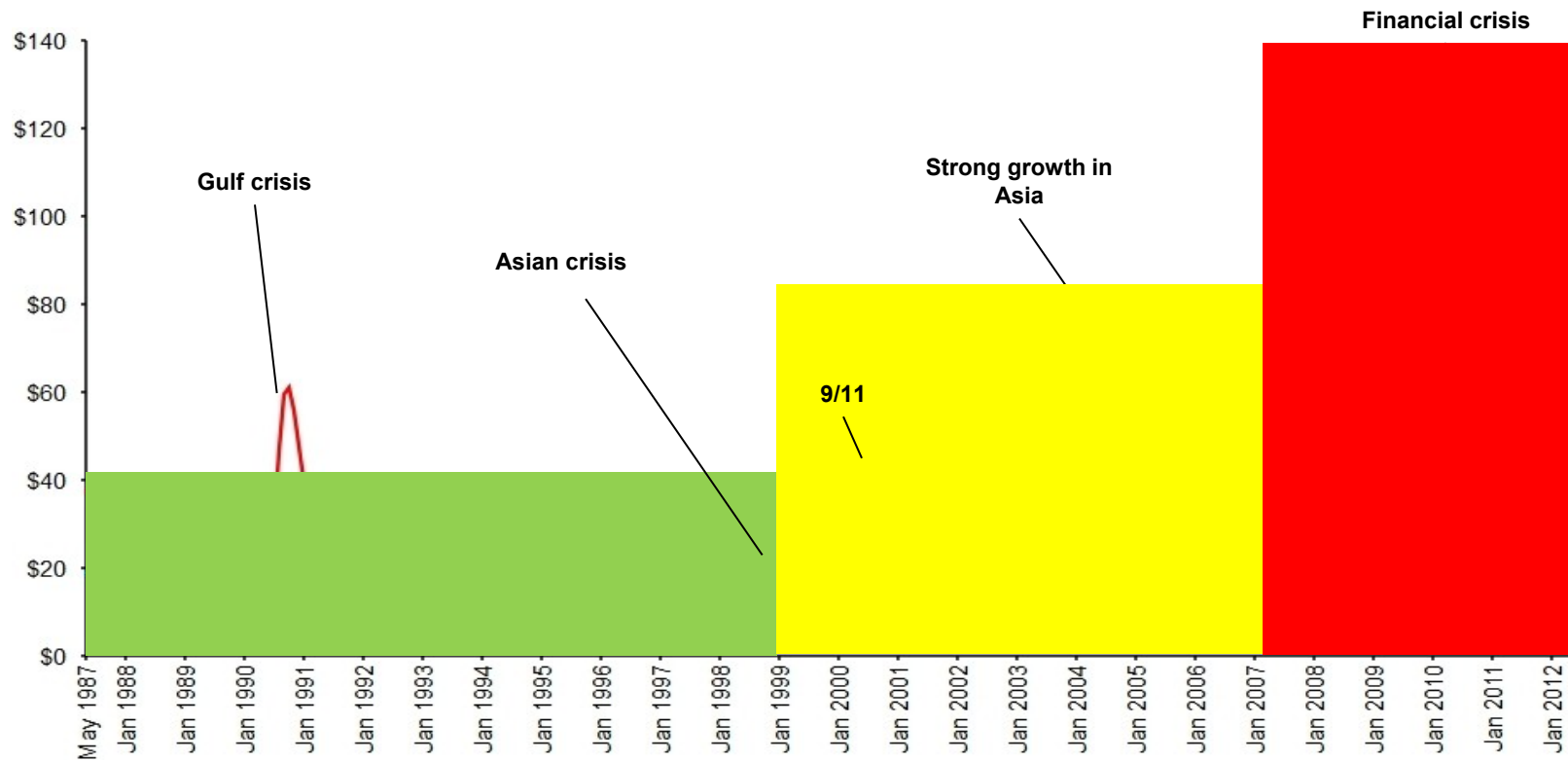


Dubai World Central Airport



Boundaries for Future Developments

Development of oil price 1987 - 2012



➔ Oil price is constantly growing with increasing gradient, which leads to a highly sensitive and destabilizing development



Source:
EIA



A Paradigm Shift in Aviation

Trade Off between Mobility and Green Transportation

- **Mobility is a major pillar** of high life style and prosperity
- Increasing energy/oil cost and ecological responsibility **argue against quantitative traffic growth**
- Ensure **mobility with less energy effort**, materials, emissions and noise **requests for less traffic → less aircraft, less airport, airspace capacity**
- **Passenger mobility** can be achieved with **less aircraft movements**
- **Cost and emissions** per flight are **to be shared** by more people per trip

→ from **quantitative to qualitative** air transport growth



The Paradigm Shift of Flying Changes

Qualitative Growth of Aviation

- Balance of time, cost, emissions, effort
 - **Less traffic, less aircraft, consolidated capacities**
 - **Less noise and emissions**
 - **More** potential for robustness, and reliability in the transportation processes
- **Increased level of service**
 - **More comfort** and relaxed **travel experience**
 - Air transport is **more attractive**
 - **More** potential for **punctuality** (door to door)
- **Common Vision**
 - Joint targets and common goals
- **Integrated ATS**
 - Understanding of systems dependencies



Source: U. Becker, TU Dresden, V. Gollnick, DLR



A Paradigm Shift in Aviation

The Blended Wing Body

A potential solution for Mobility and Green Air Transportation:

- It offers potential **benefits**
- Expand the **design space** and possibilities
- It gives **answers** to global developments
- „Known **unconventional**“!
- It is **emotional**!
- Still technically **challenging**



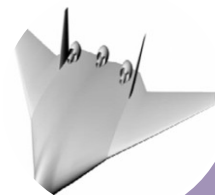
2040: DLR BWB



2012: NASA X-48C



2007: SAX-40



2004: MOB



1989: B2



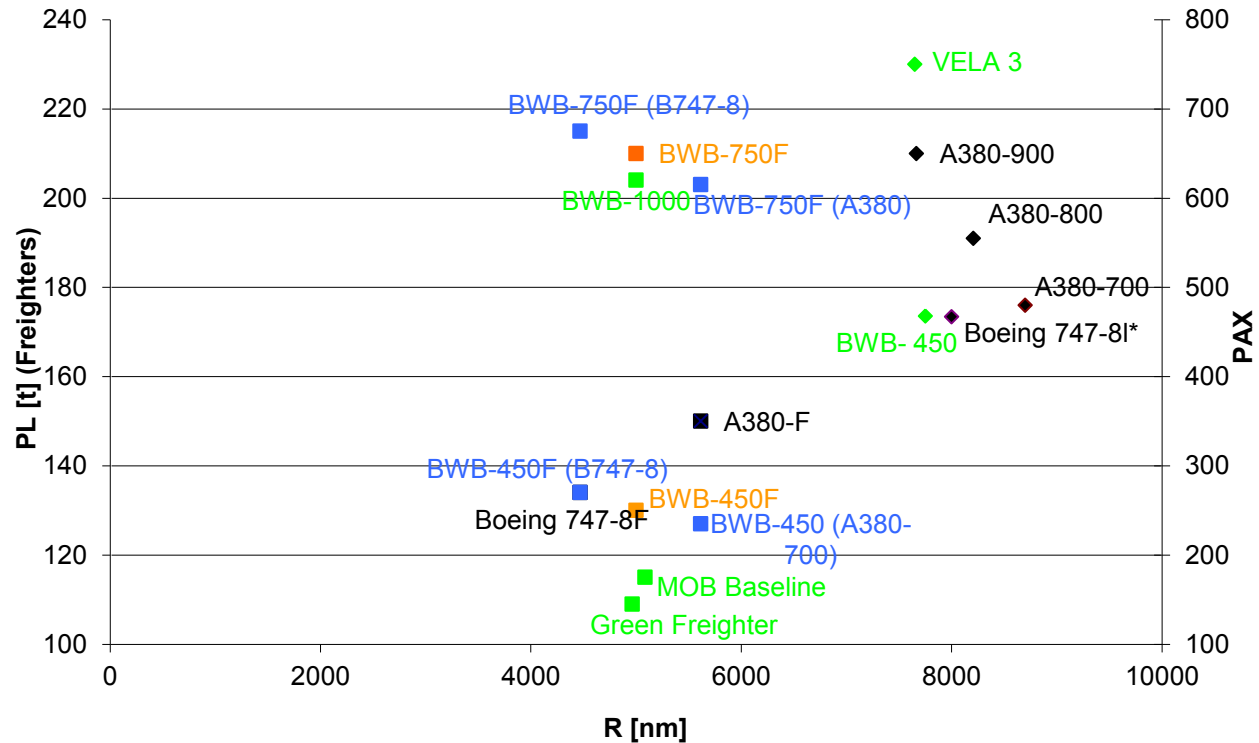
1945: Horten IX V2



The Blended Wing Body

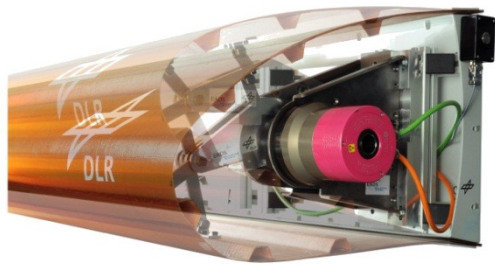
A potential solution for Green Air Transportation

Concepts	Payload - Cabin	Range [nm]	Mach
BWB 450	468 PAX	7750	0.85
VELA 3	750 PAX	7650	0.85
MOB	115 [t]	5087	0.85
SAX 40	215 PAX	5000	0.8
DLR BWB	500 PAX	7750	0.85



The Blended Wing Body

Design for integrated Air Transportation Systems



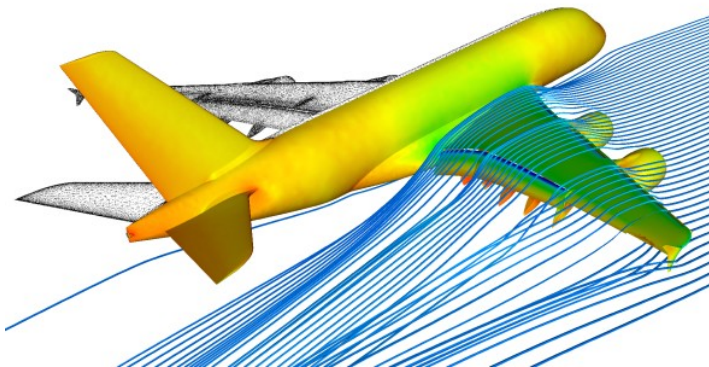
Technologies



Vehicle



Airport

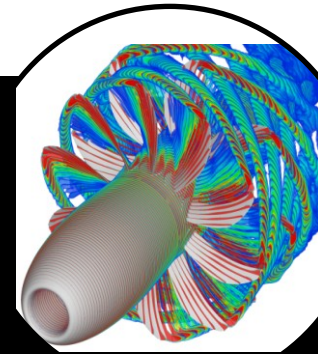


Operations



The Blended Wing Body

A Coupled



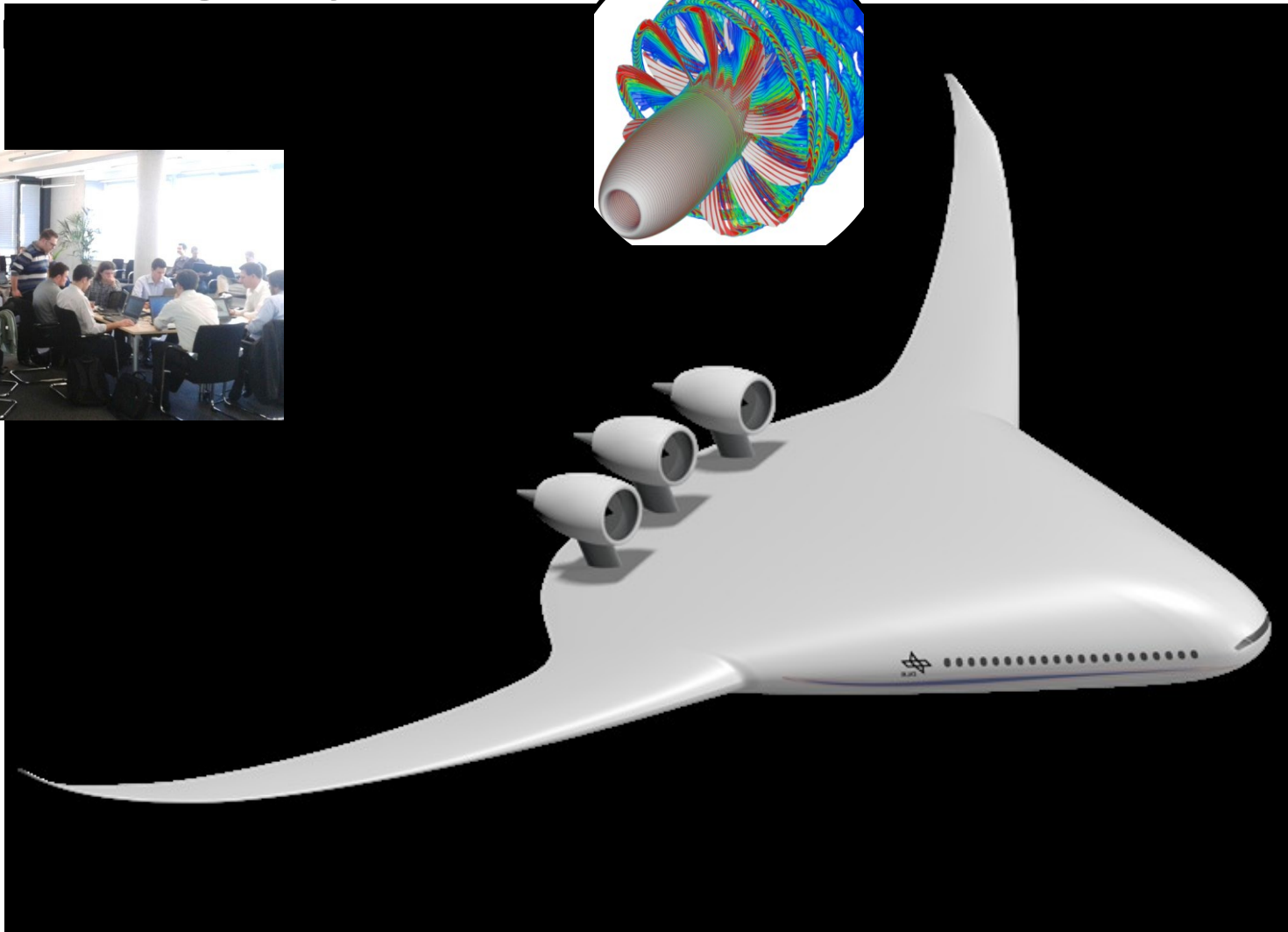
Concept

Benefit

Challenge

MDO

Integration



Source: DLR, Institute for Air Transportation Systems



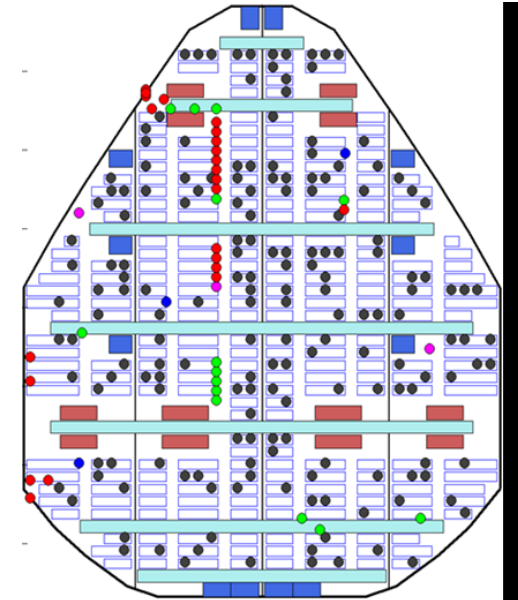
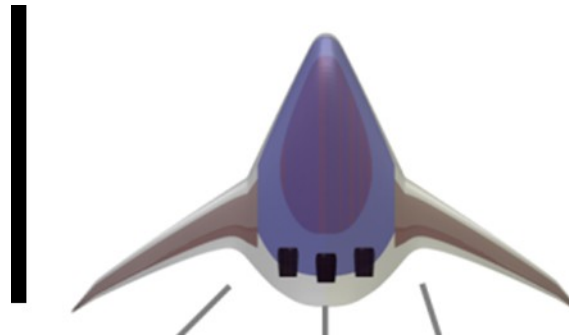
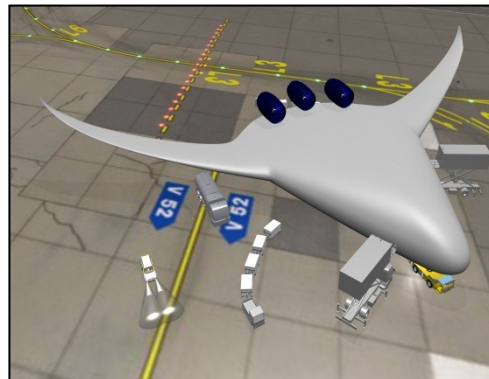
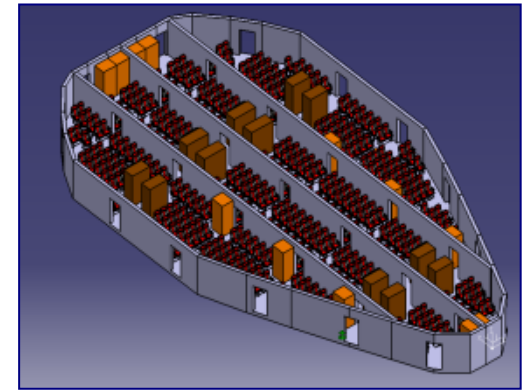
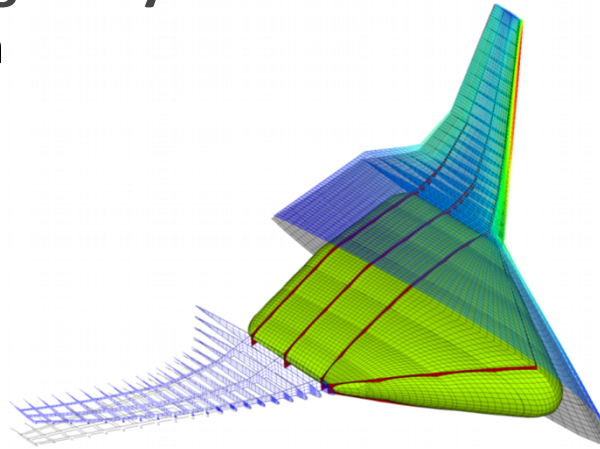
The Blended Wing Body

An Overall ATS Design

Cabin
Design

Boarding

Turnaround
Operations



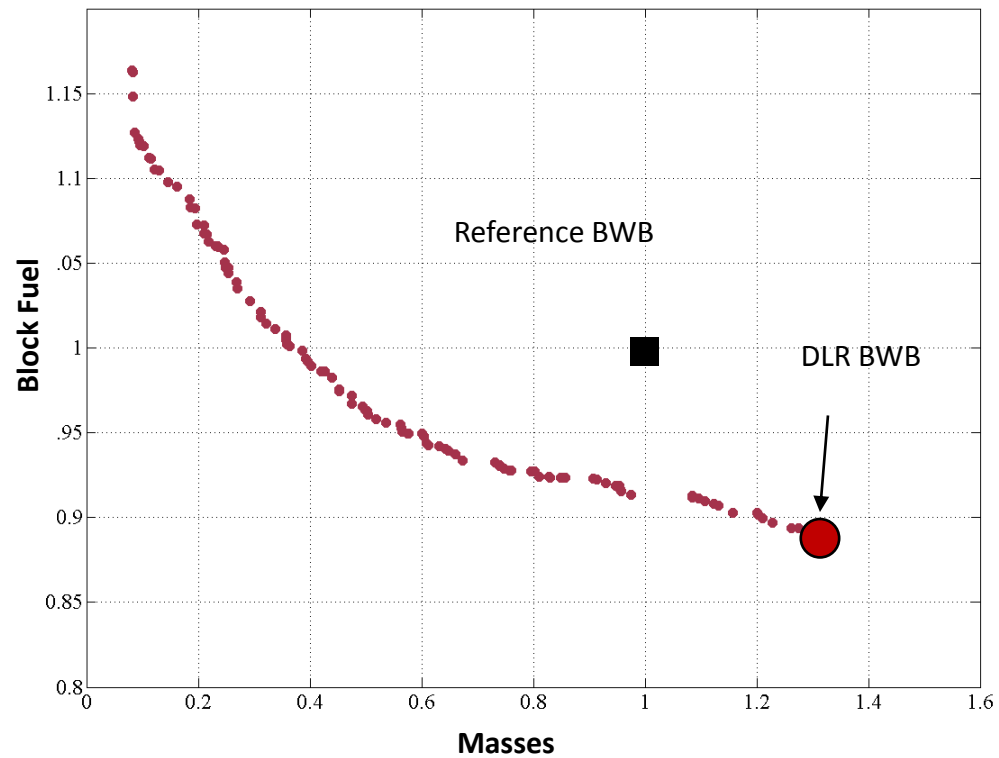
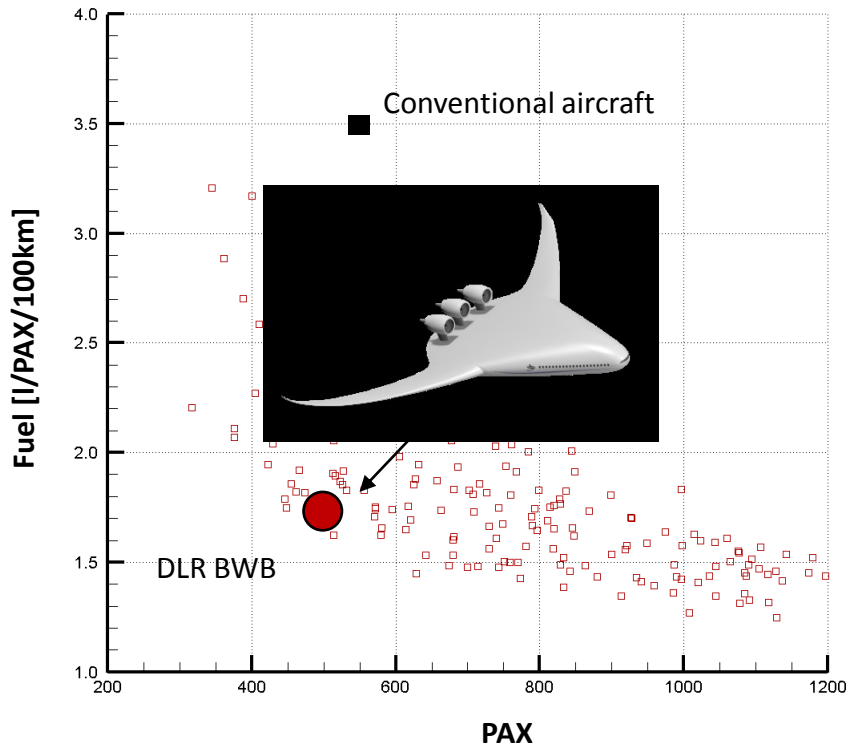
Source: DLR, Institute for Air Transportation Systems, Hamburg



The Blended Wing Body

An Overall ATS Design

Block fuel improvements with respect to conventional configurations

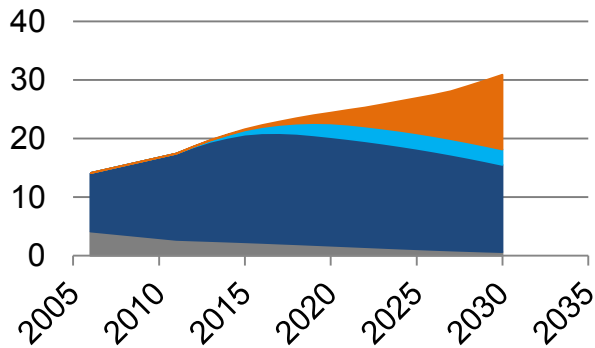


Source: DLR, Institute for Air Transportation Systems, Hamburg



Fast Foreward, FFWD

ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast



Knowledge for Tomorrow

ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast



1

Problem

■ Environmental Impact of Future Air Traffic Growth (CO₂)

Difficult to Estimate the Role of:

- Single Aircraft Families
- New Technology

2

Objectives

■ Estimate Future World Fleet of Airliners and their Fuel Burn (CO₂)

- On Basis of Individual Aircraft Models
- New Technology Penetration
- Growth & Retirements

3

Approach

■ Bottom-Up Fleet and Fuel Burn Forecast

On the Basis of:

- FESG Forecast Details
- Individual Aircraft Fleets and Order Books
- Eurocontrol BADA Performance DB

4

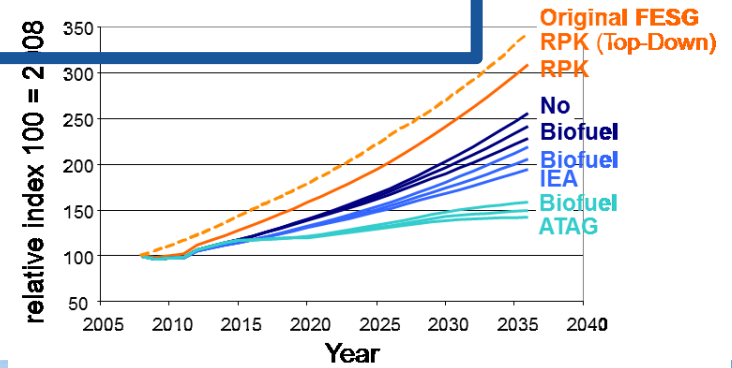
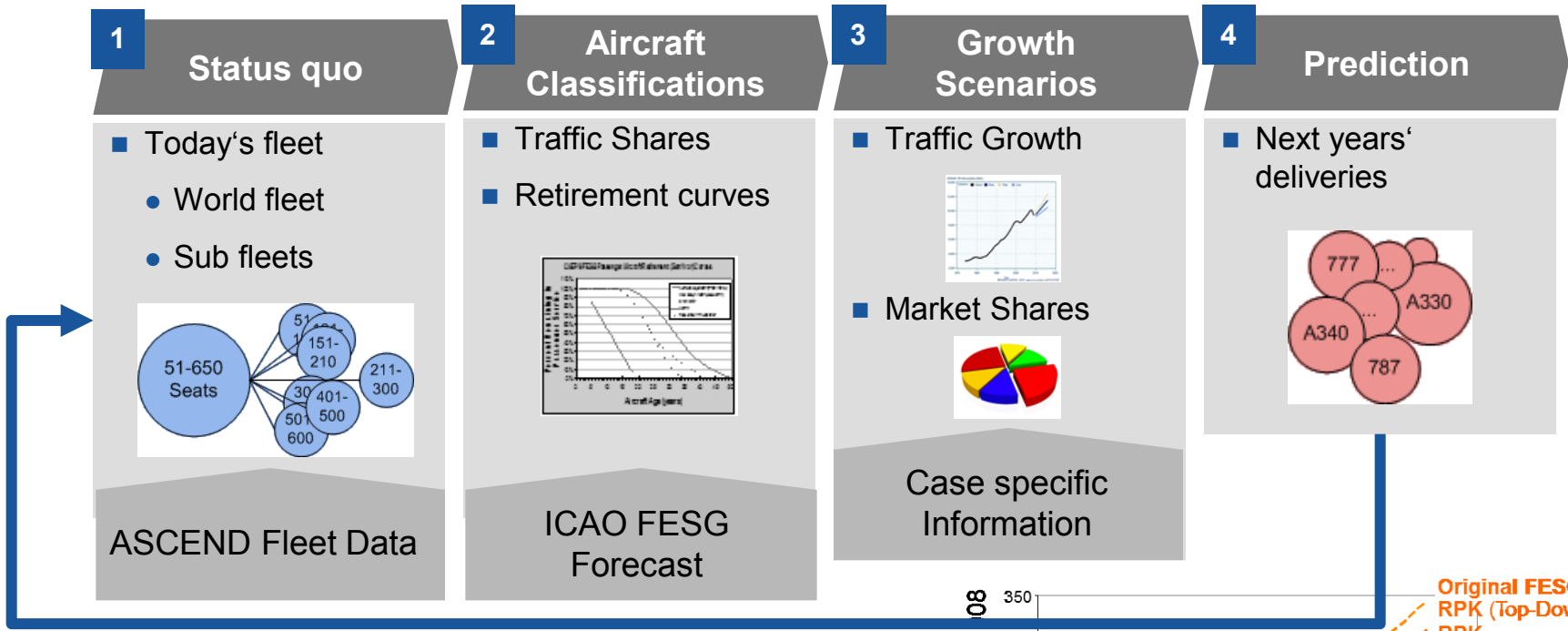
Results

■ Flexible Forecast Environment:

- Fleet and Fuel Burn of Single Aircraft Types: From **today** up to year **2036**
- Alternative Growth, Market, Technology & Policy Scenarios



ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast



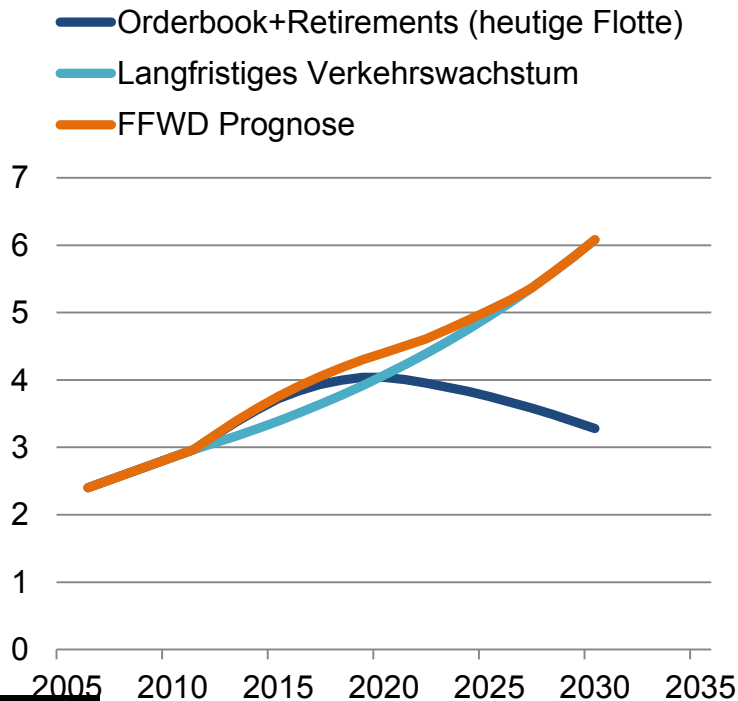
ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast

Future Horizons - Short and long term developments



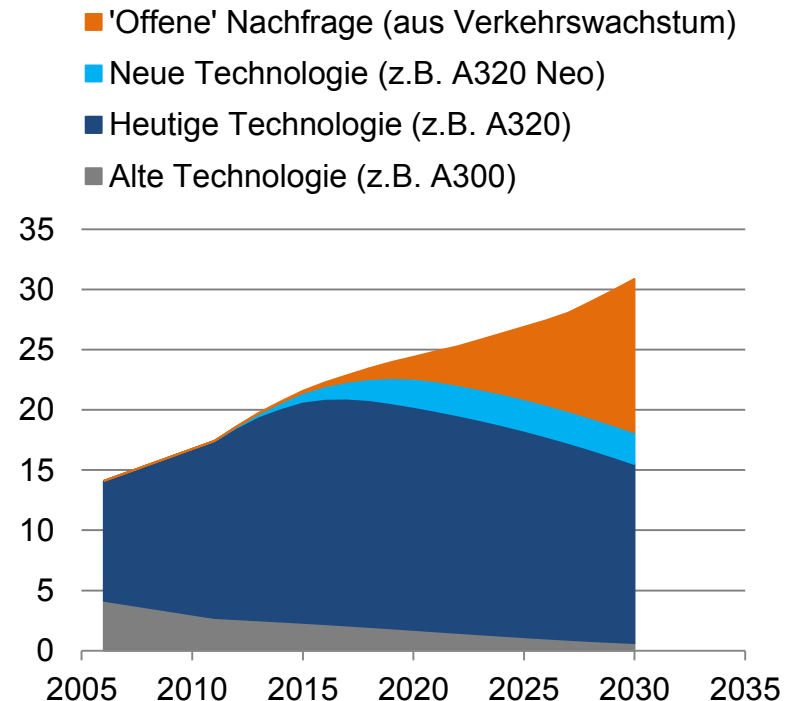
Development of traffic

Offered seat capacity of world fleet [Mio]



Development of technologies

Operational world fleet aircraft [Tsd]



ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast

Fuel Consumption and CO₂ Emissions related to aircraft level and technology scenarios



Operational A/C types

- Fuel flow calculation based on Eurocontrol BADA performance data



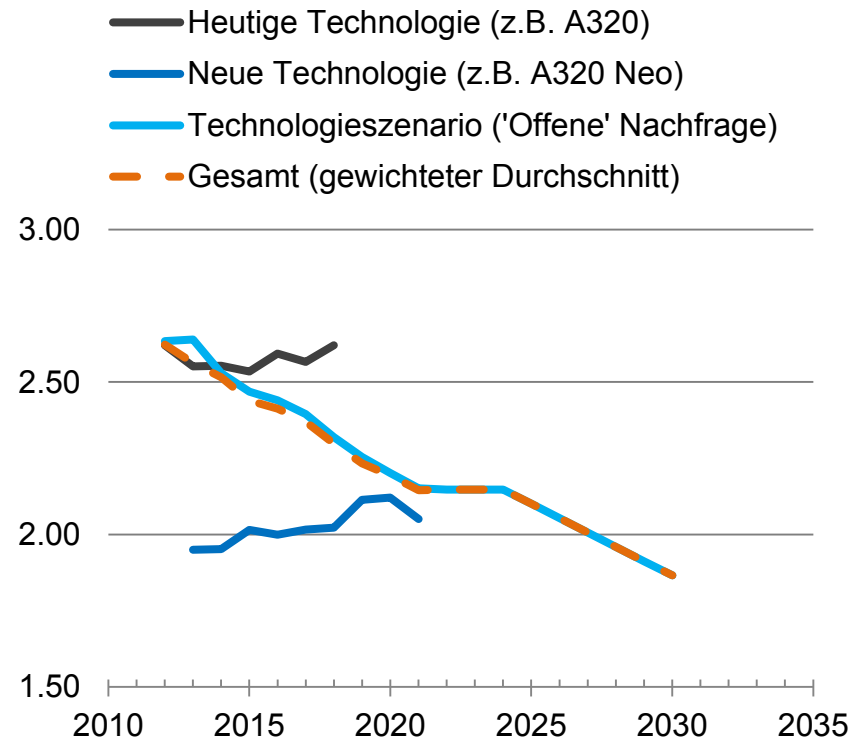
- Performance data available for 76 A/C

Future demand

- Technology scenarios based on actual A/C development references, typical production cycles, longterm potentials

Fuel consumption of new A/C

in [litre/Seat/100 km]
seat class 101-150

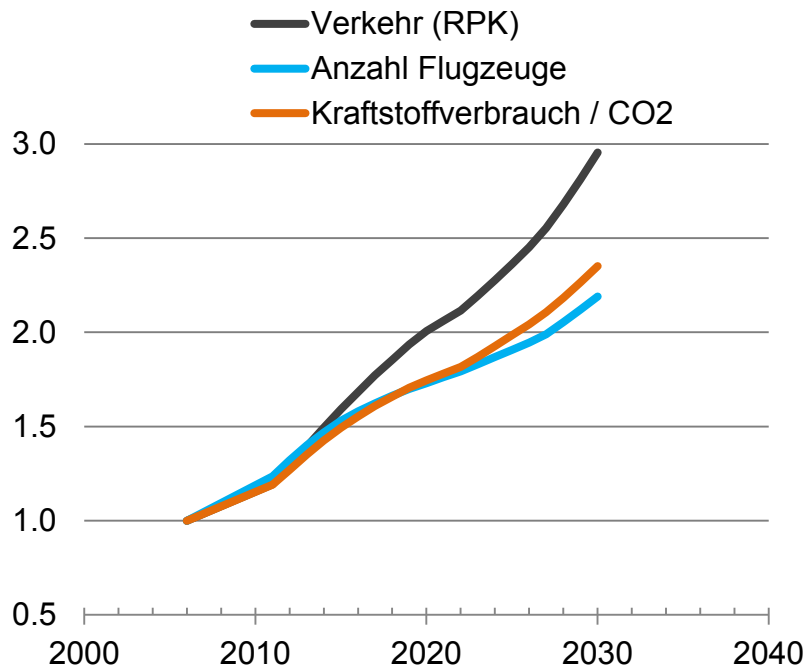


ATS System Analysis of Global Fuel Burn (CO₂) Forecast

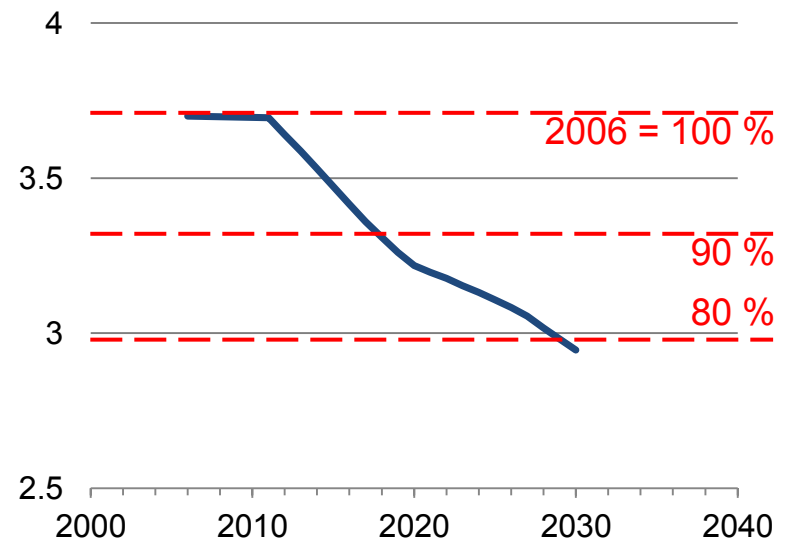
Estimation of global effect of A/C families and technologies



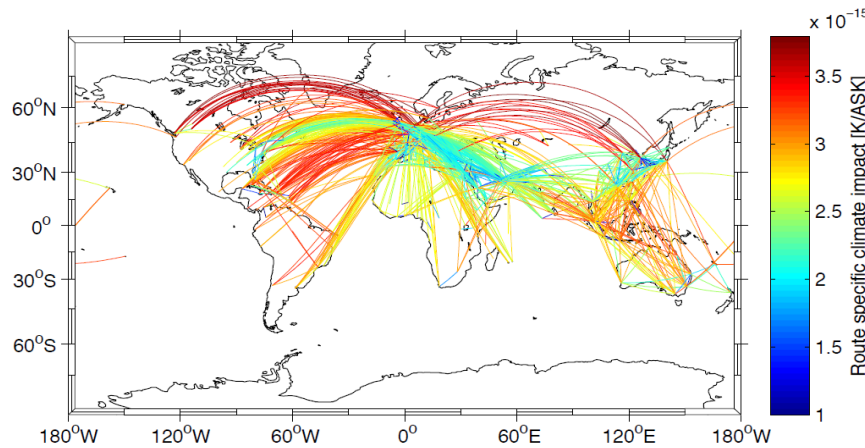
Future development of air transport, A/C, fuel consumption/CO₂



Average fuel consumption of world A/C fleet [litre/pax/100 km]



Climate Optimized Air Transportation, CATS



Knowledge for Tomorrow

Climate Optimized Air Transportation

Goals



Identify potential for **climate impact reduction** by reducing flight altitude and speed for

- ➔ actual aircraft
- ➔ re-designed aircraft

using



- a **world fleet** of a representative long range aircraft
- typical **real flight tracks as references** for assessment
- **Average Temperature Response (ATR)** und **Direct Operating Costs (DOC)** as metrics
- Assessment ATR und DOC Änderung **relativ zu heutigen Flugverfahren**
- **Value trade off** ATR vs. DOC



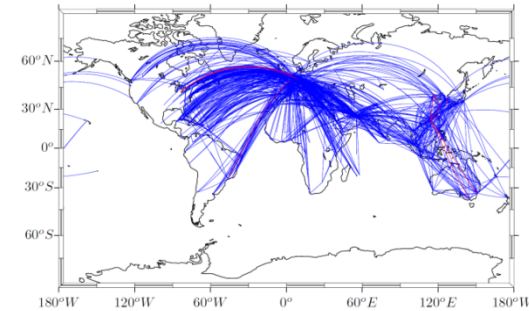
Climate Optimized Air Transportation

Boundary Conditions



Leg network

1178 Routes with annual frequency
in **2006** based on OAG data



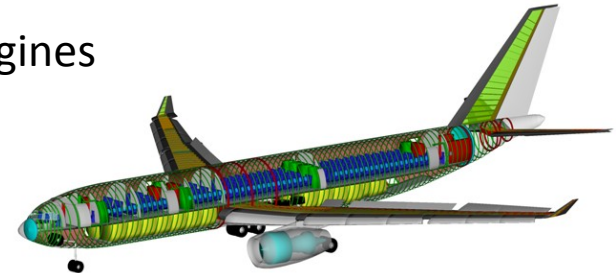
Vertical profile

ICA 13-41 kft (step size 1kft)
Mach 0.4-0.85 (step size 0.001)

Continuous climb cruise

Aircraft

A330-200 with CF6-80E1A3 engines
calibrated on real data



Cost assessment

Only **Cash Operating Costs**,
Staff and fuel cost basis **2006**

Climate assessment

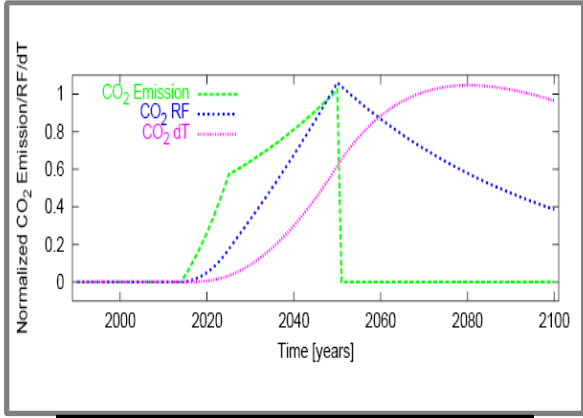
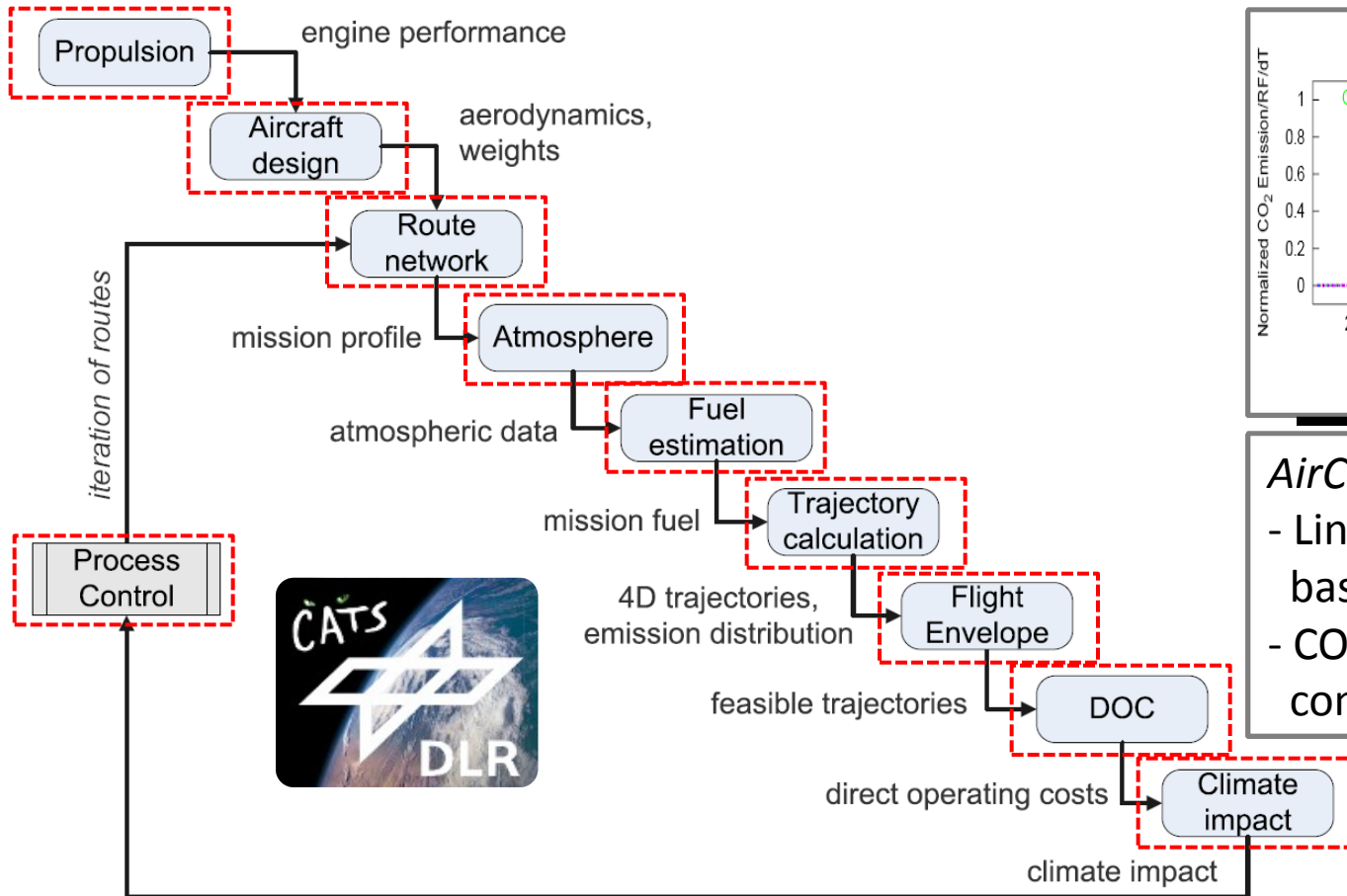
32 years continuous emissions
average ATR over 100 years
including **CO₂**, **O₃**, **CH₄**, **H₂O**,
contrails, **contrail-cirrus**

$$ATR_{100} = \frac{1}{100} \int_{2006}^{2106} \Delta T(t) dt$$



Climate Optimized Air Transportation

Design and Analysis Chain based on CPACS and Collaboration



AirClim

- Linearized response based on DLR E39/CA
- CO₂, CO, O₃, CH₄, H₂O contrails, contrail-cirrus



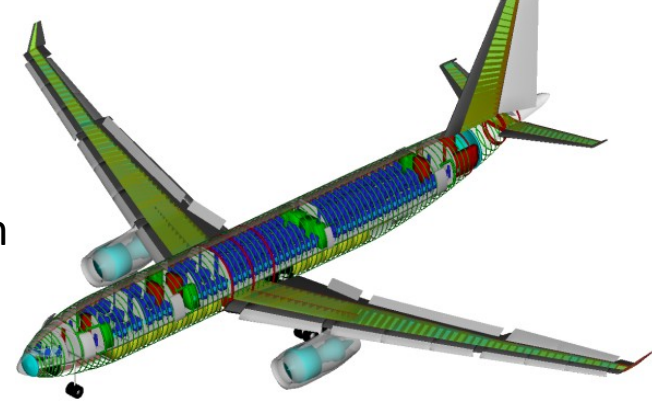
Climate Optimized Air Transportation

Adaption of A/C Design



Cruise conditions for **DOCrel = 1.1**

ICA (mean) 7947 m → **Design ICA 8000 m**
 Ma_cr (mean) 0.717 → **Design Ma 0.72**



Redesign for climate compatible cruise conditions

Design steps

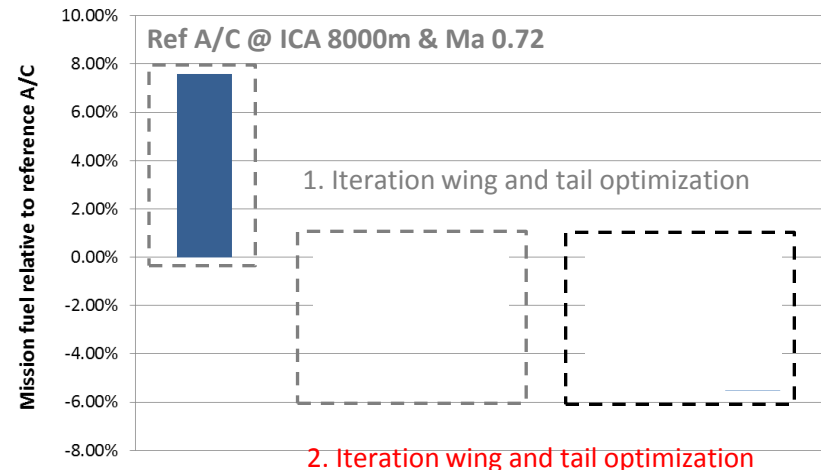
Wing optimization

		Ref.	1. It.	2. It.
- Wing LE sweep	[deg]	32	23	22
- Wing area	[m ²]	361	366	360
- Wing aspect ratio		9.3	12.6	13
- Wing position (x/LF)		0.341	0.337	0.344

Empenage definition

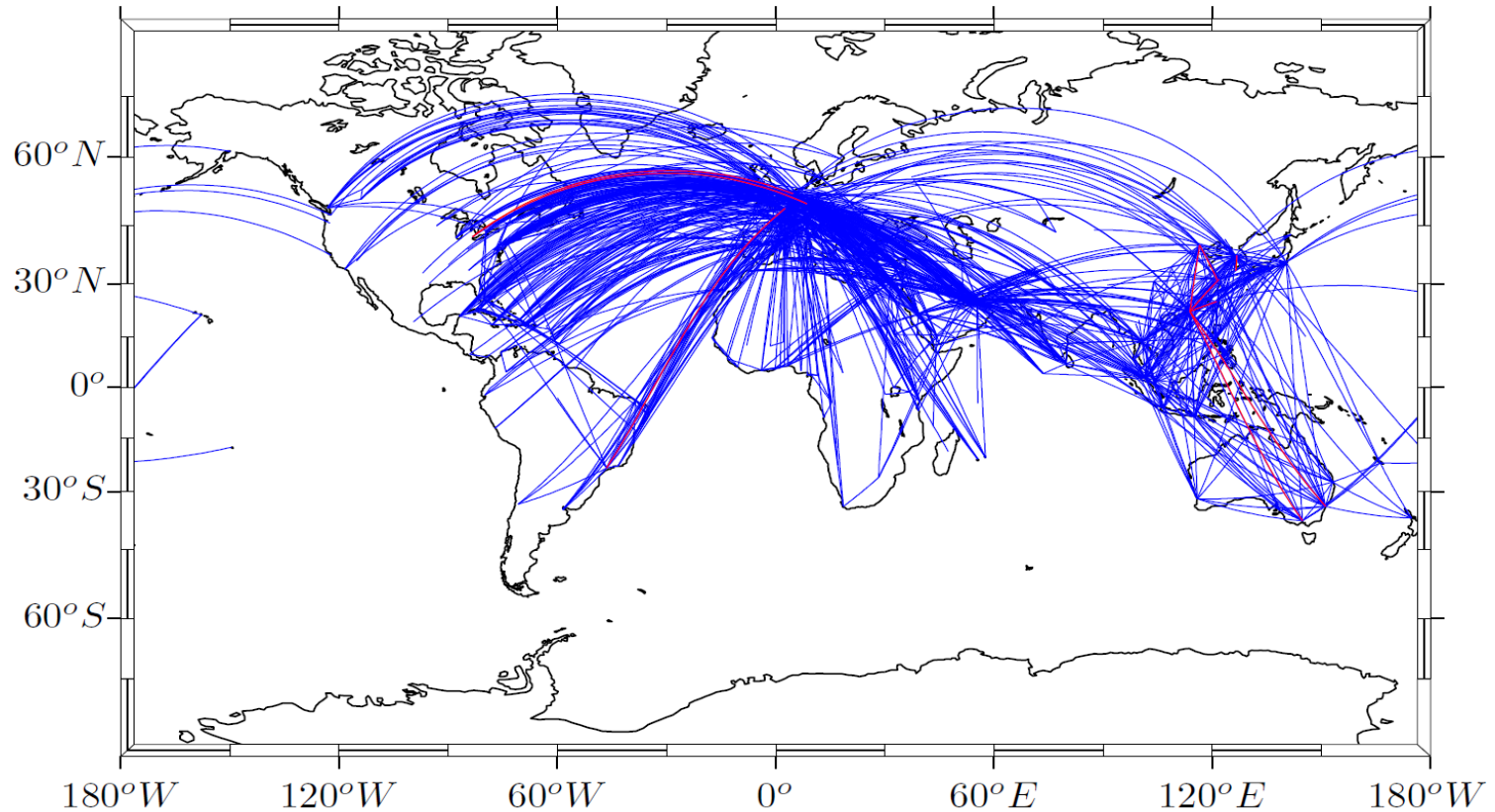
- HTP LE sweep	[deg]	34	24	24
- HTP area	[m ²]	71	57	55
- VTP LE sweep	[deg]	44.4	32	31
- VTP area	[m ²]	53	60	59

Ref. cruise conditions @ 10000m & Ma 0.82



Climate Optimized Air Transportation

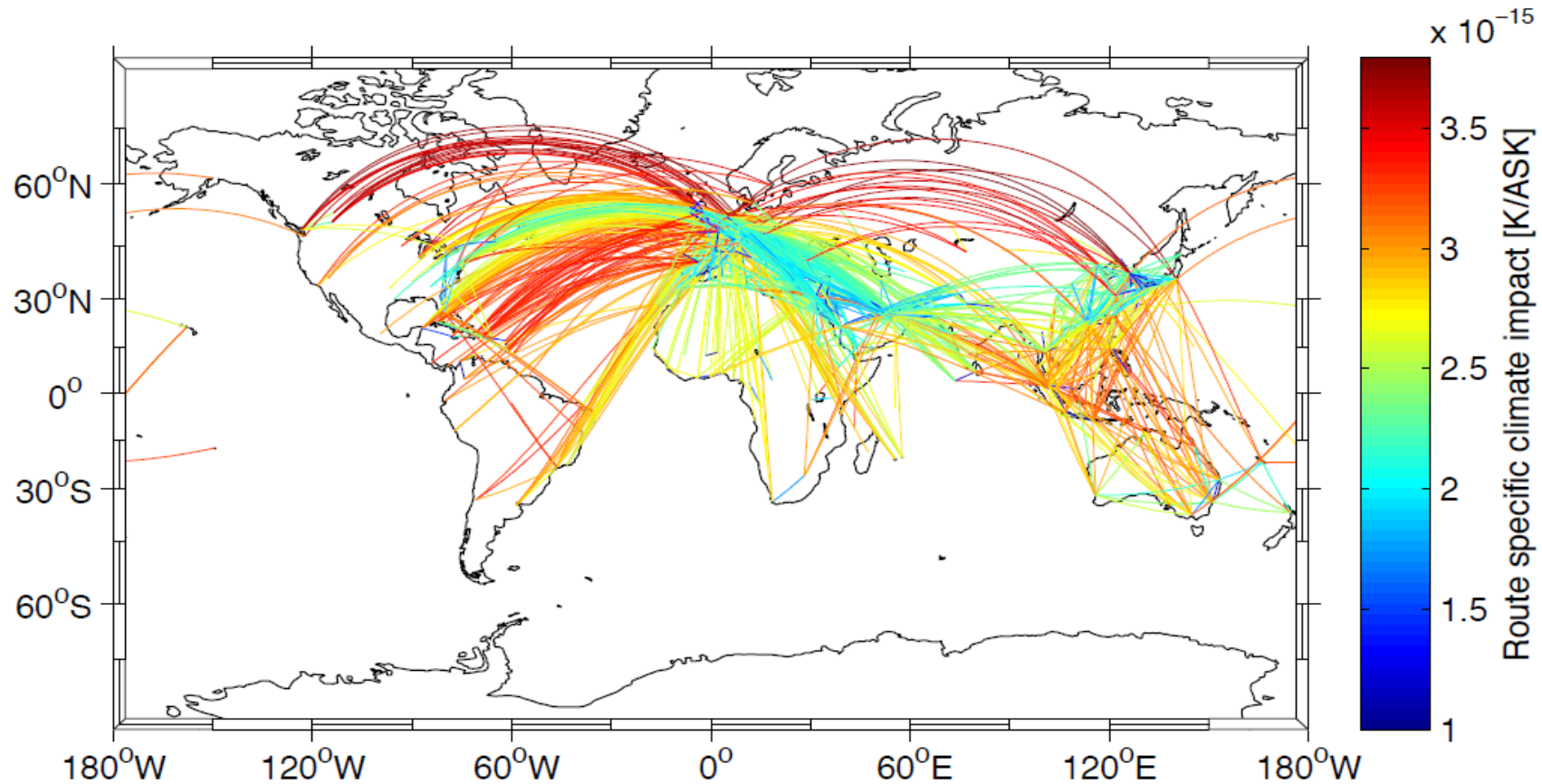
Reference: Global leg net of all A330 flight in 2006



Climate Optimized Air Transportation



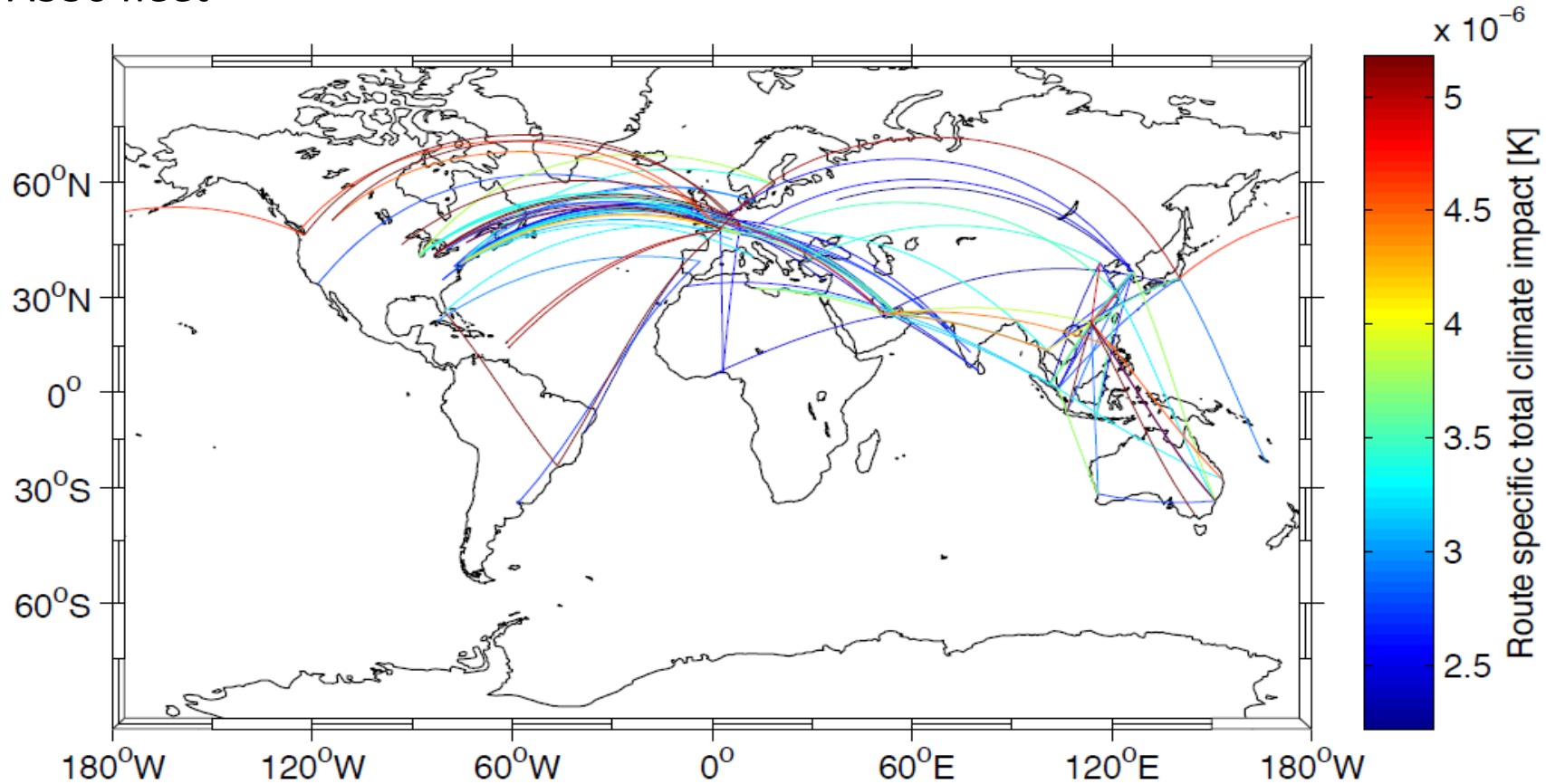
Reference: Climate impact of actual scenario per route and annual ASK



Climate Optimized Air Transportation



Reference: Climate impact of top 112 routes representing 50% of impact of A330 fleet

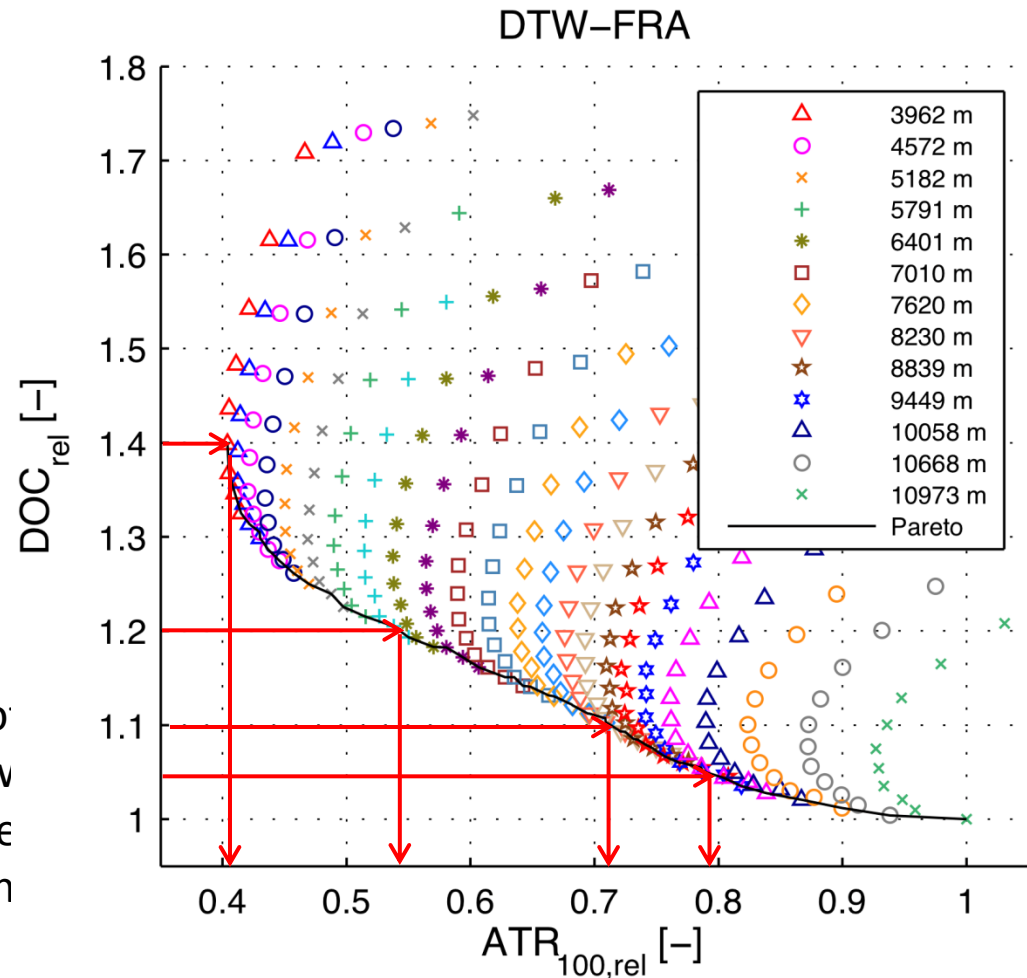


Climate Optimized Air Transportation



Results: Trade off between DOC and ATR climate impact

- Trade-off for exemplary mission depicted (-> Pareto frontier)
- Mission: DTW-FRA
- Climate impact reduction of **59 %** requires **40 %** DOC increase wrt. minimum DOC operations!
- Identification of ideal trade-off for whole route network allow for the derivation of a new design point for a more climate-friendly aircraft





Climate Optimized Air Transportation

Value Analysis theory

DOC and ATR change of each individual trajectory relative to reference profile

Relative DOC change

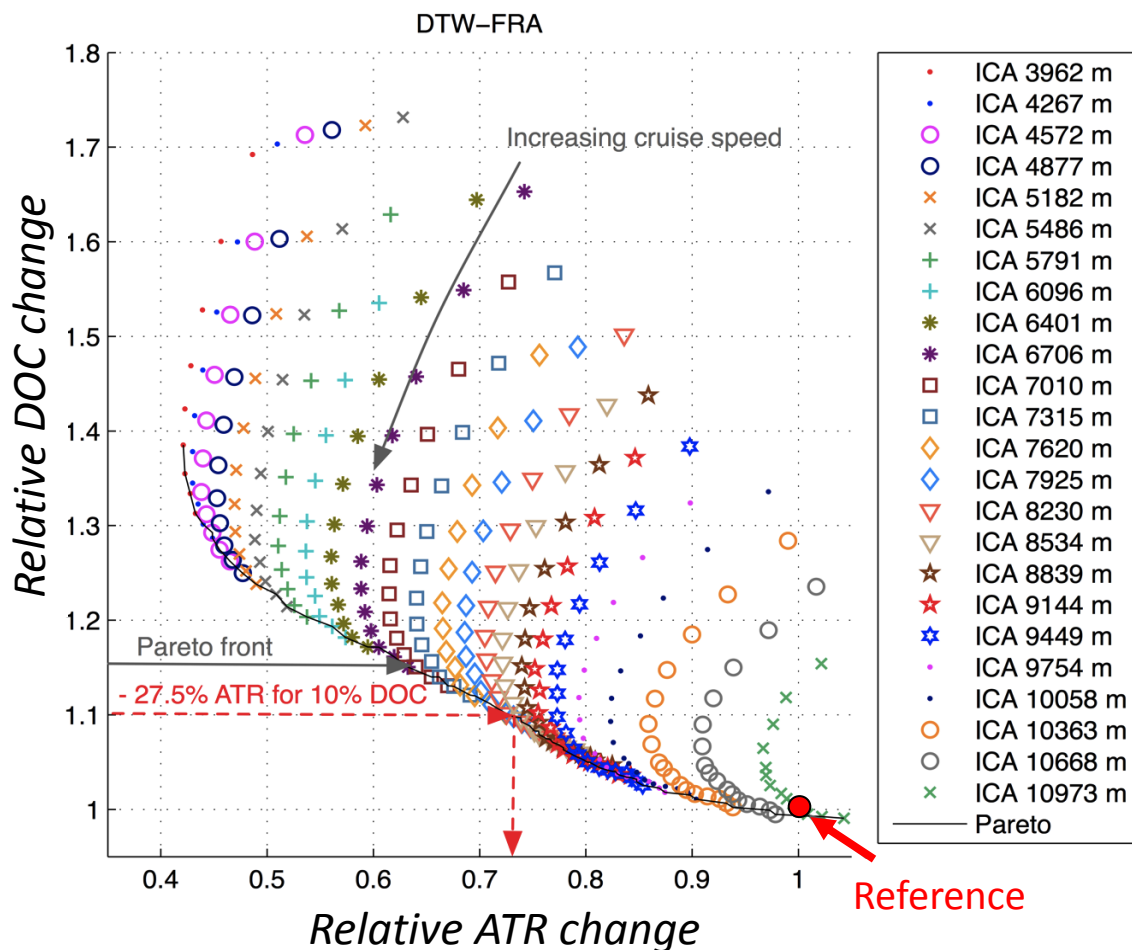
$$DOC_{rel,i,k} = \frac{DOC_{i,k}}{DOC_{i,ref}}$$

Relative ATR change

$$ATR_{rel,i,k} = \frac{ATR_{i,k}}{ATR_{i,ref}}$$

Resulting Pareto-frontier

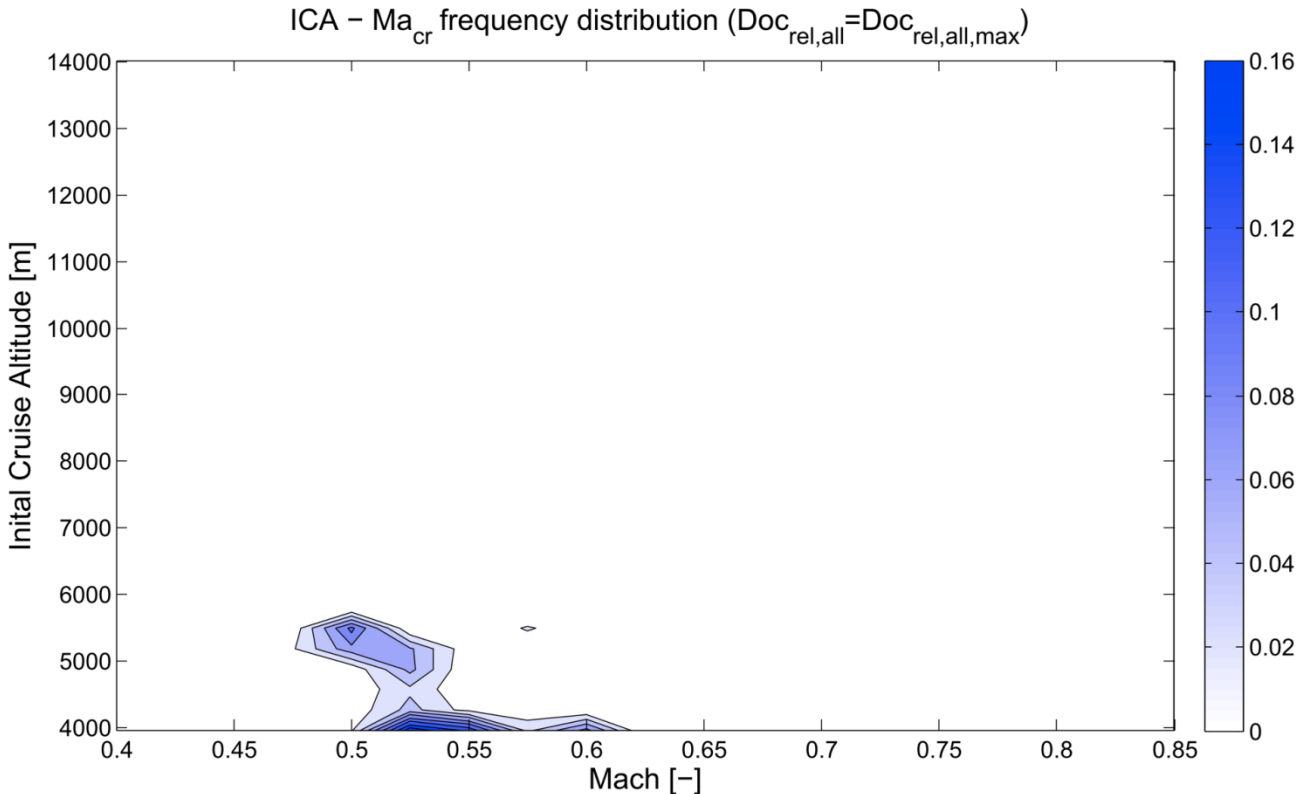
$$Max(ATR_{rel,i,k}) = f(DOC_{rel,i,k})$$



Climate Optimized Air Transportation

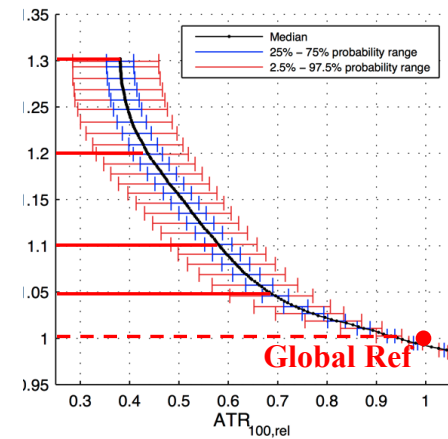
Deriving new A/C design requirements

Probability distribution of cruise conditions (ICA-Ma) for increasing cost



Relative Change in cost **30 %**

Relative change in climate impact **62 %**



Lower cruise flight and speed conditions for increasing ΔATR_{rel} request for A/C redesign to recover off design losses



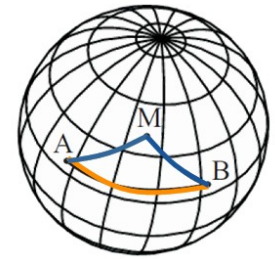
Intermediate Stop Operations, ISO



Knowledge for Tomorrow

Intermediate Stop Operations

Generic Single Mission Analysis



1

Problem

- Long range aircraft often “over-sized” for average mission lengths
- Payload-Range efficiency (PRE) decreases with very long ranges
- What would be the ATS-impact of refueling an aircraft during a long-haul flight at an intermediate airport?

2

Objectives

- Show the fuel saving potential of ISO
 - Single mission
 - Fleet wide
- Consider given ATS boundary conditions:
 - Routes structure
 - Intermediate airport locations and infrastructure

3

Approach

- Redesign of A330-200 type of aircraft for shorter ranges
- Identification of all A330 and 777 routes in 2009
- Integration of world-airport database

4

Results

- Ideal mode of operations for each route and ISO airport
- Single flight fuel saving potential
- Global fuel saving potential
- Additional traffic at ISO airports

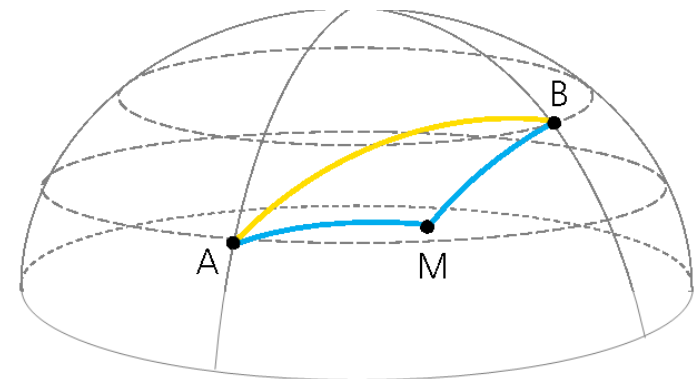
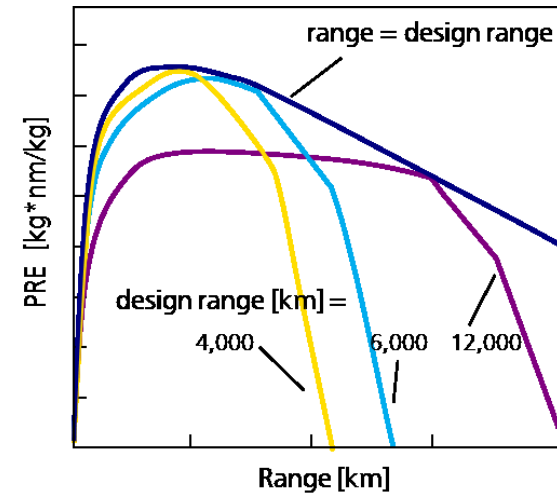


Intermediate Stop Operations

The principle concept

- Long range A/C tend to be oversized in range
- Payload - Range-Efficiency (PRE) decreasing at long range
- Intermediate refueling is an option:
 - In the air: aerial refueling
 - At ground: refueling at airport
- Geographical description of intermediate stop airport (**M**) w.r.t **A** and **B** by:

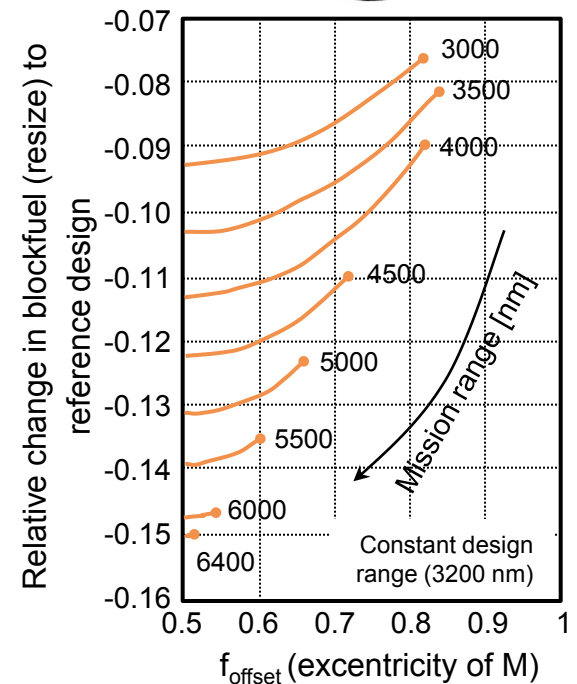
$$f_{detour} = \frac{\overline{AM} + \overline{MB}}{\overline{AB}} \quad f_{offset} = \frac{\max(\overline{AM}, \overline{MB})}{\overline{AM} + \overline{MB}}$$



Intermediate Stop Operations

Generic Single Mission Analysis

- A330-200 similar aircraft, re-sized for different design-ranges
- NASA's *Flight Optimization and Performance System* (FLOPS) used for conceptual AC-design
- Fuel burn meta-model for off-design mission calculation
- Reference design range 6400 nm
- ISO with original aircraft yields up to **7%** block fuel savings on a 6400 nm mission
- A/C resized for 3200 nm design range yields up to **~15.5%** block fuel savings on a 6400 nm mission

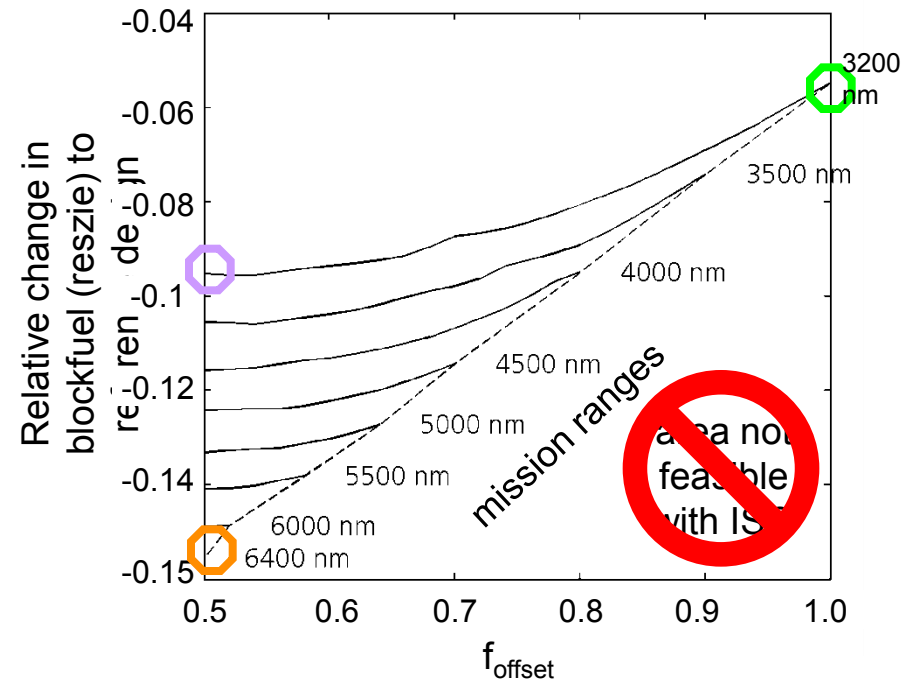
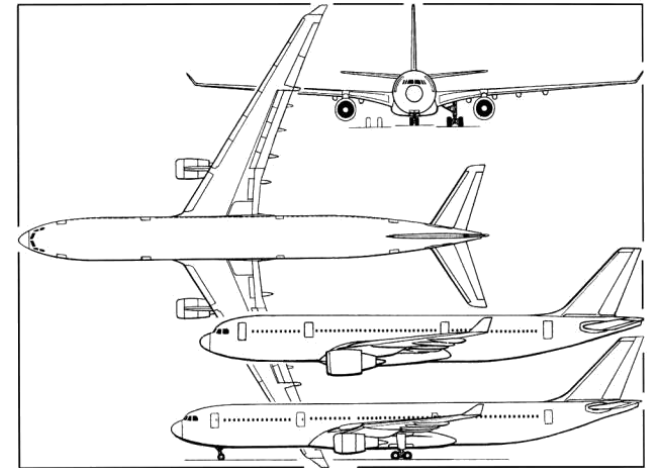


Intermediate Stop Operations

Fuel Saving Potential

- A330-200 like A/C →
- Design adopted to different ranges
- Reference design for 6400 nm compared to ISO-design for 3200 nm range →
- Theoretical potential for fuel saving is about ~ **15 %** für 6400 nm Mission
- About 5% saving possible at given exzentricity f_{offset} for different ranges (→ PRE-Kurve; ~ **5 %**)

© Jane's

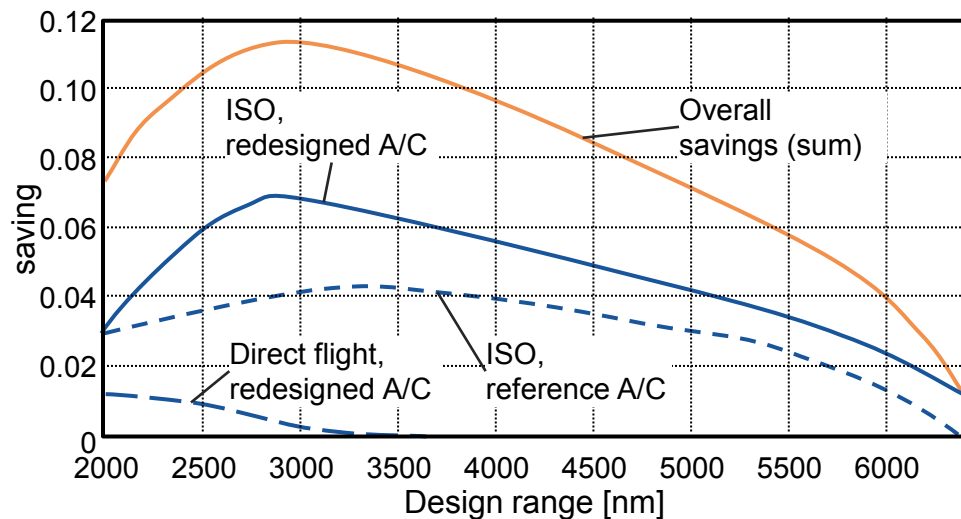


Intermediate Stop Operations

Aircraft Fleet Level Analysis - ISO with resized A/C

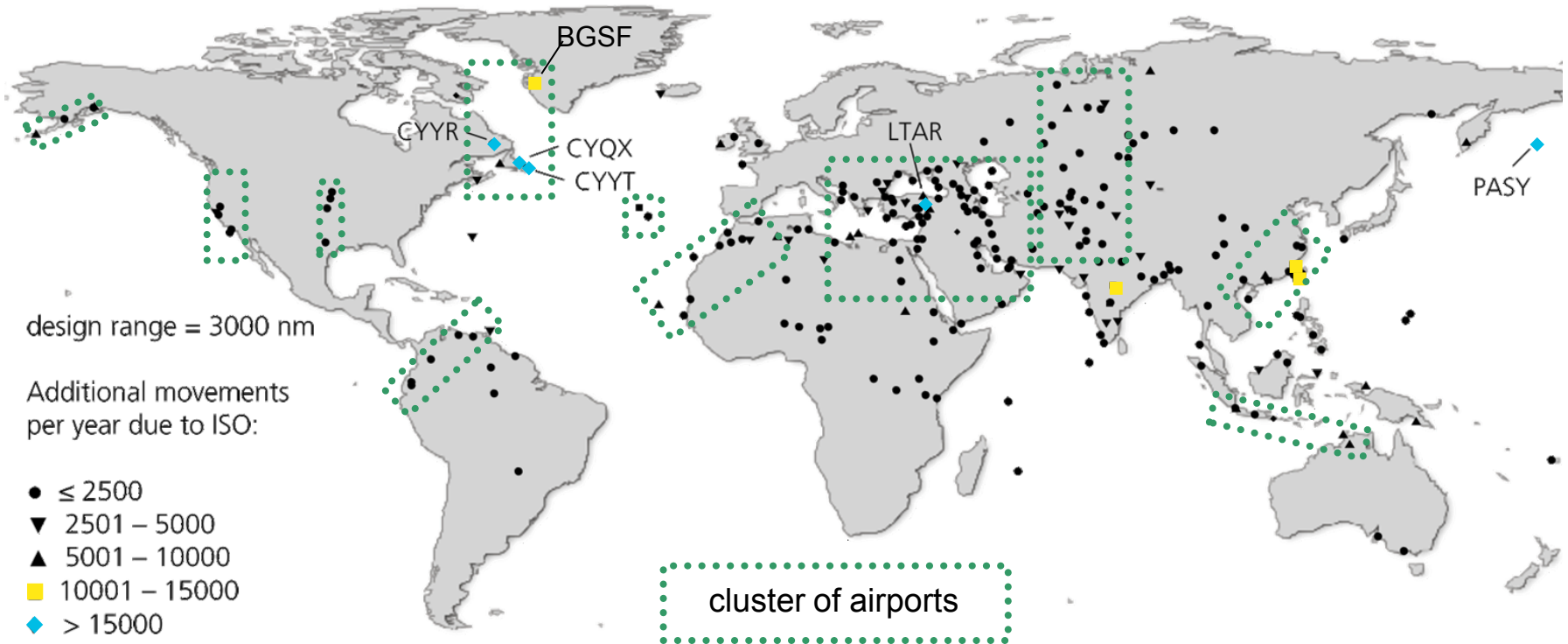
- Global fuel saving potential dependent on A/C design range. Resized aircraft is considered at different design ranges (*x-axis*).
- All A330 and 777 routes of the year 2011
- All airports with runways > 3000m and at least ILS or DME are considered
- 4 different operational modes; For each real route the most fuel efficient alternative is selected.

Relative fuel savings on all routes with regards to direct operations



Intermediate Stop Operations

Identification of appropriate intermediate stop airports

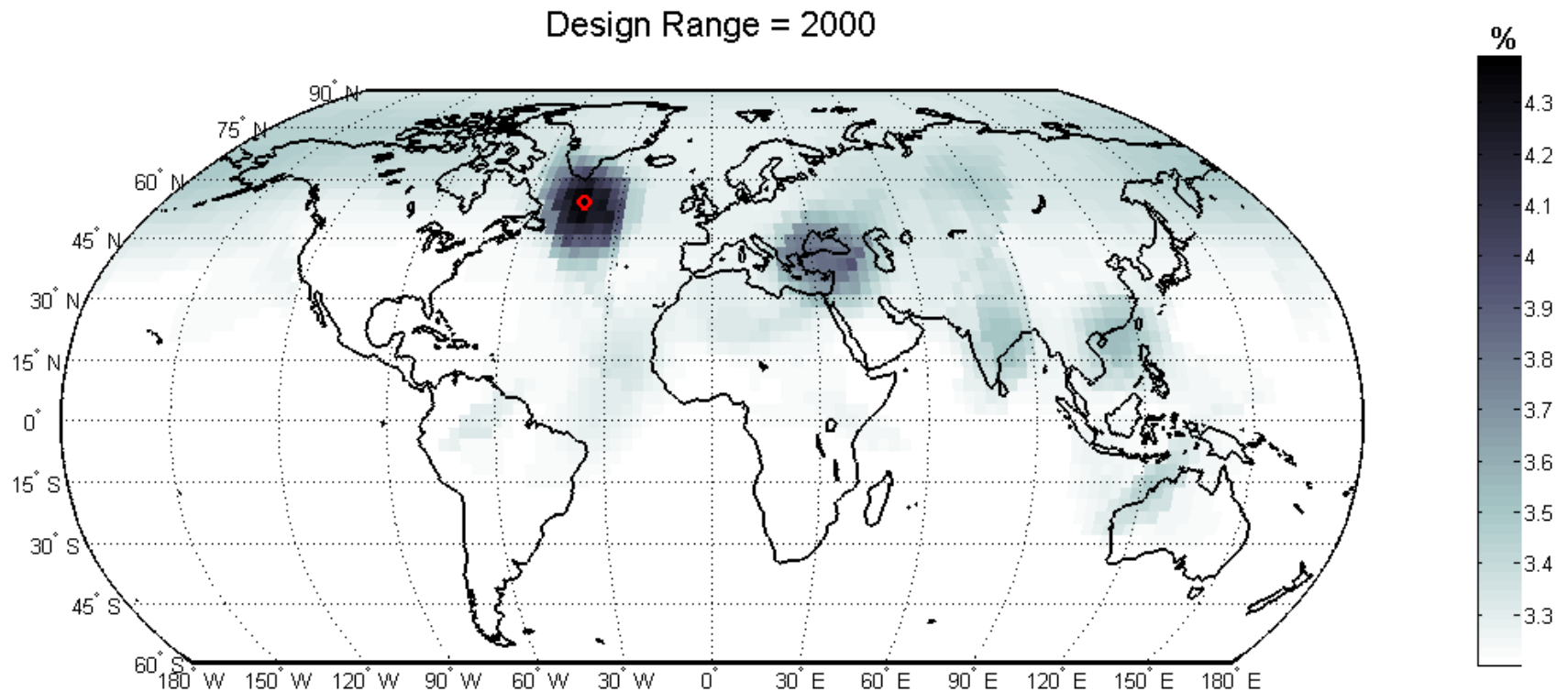


- Consideration of
 - typical A330/B777 flight routes (from OAG, 2007)
 - geographical location of real airport



Intermediate Stop Operations

Optimal position of appropriate airports depending on design range



- Considering variation of design range changes position of “Hot Spots”



Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation, LamAiR

Knowledge for Tomorrow



Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Goal: Advance NLF/HLF TRL, find ATS implications



1

Questions

- **Implications of NLF for an airline?**
 - Net benefit for network-wide ops.? Fuel efficiency on actual routes?
 - Economics: Maintenance, utilization, and aircraft price impact ?
 - Under what boundary conditions does N/HLF make sense?

3

Results

- **Break-even mission range**
- **Net fuel-efficiency benefit on fleet level**
- **Break even fuel price**
- **Definition of targets for e.g. maint. cost**

2

Approach

- **Single flight analysis**
 - Based on high-fidelity DLR aero- and structural models
 - Fuel comparison to A320-200 type aircraft
- **Real-world route network analysis**
 - Based on real flight schedules and route distribution
 - LamAiR A/C gradually substitutes ref. A/C
- **Cost-benefit analysis**
 - Airline cash-flow modelling (*AirTOBS*)
 - NPV as overall metric for evaluation
 - Parameter variation for maintenance cost, aircraft price and cost of fuel

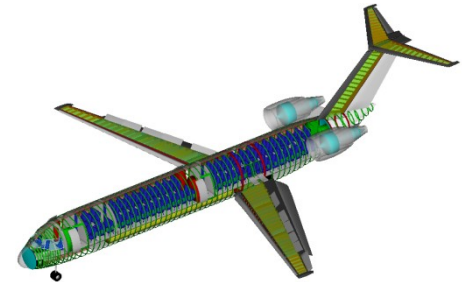


Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Chain of Analysis

A/C Design

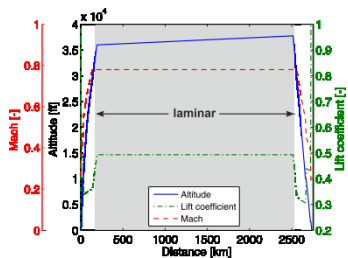
Conceptual Design and Detailed Design performed by Inst. for Aerodynamics



Aerodynamics- and Engine characteristics
Constraints for operating laminarity

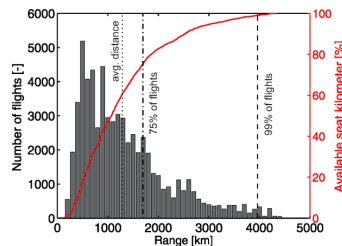
Detailed Analysis

Single flight analysis



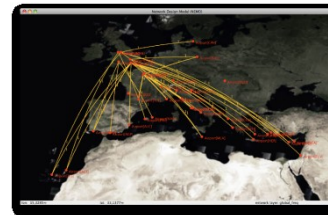
Simulation with TCM (LY-LIP)

Real route analysis



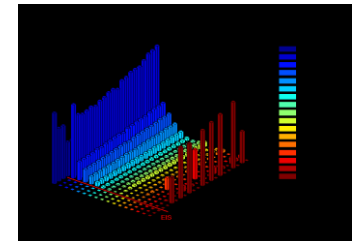
(LY-SLT)

Network analysis



Simulation with NEMO (LY-LTB)

Economical analysis



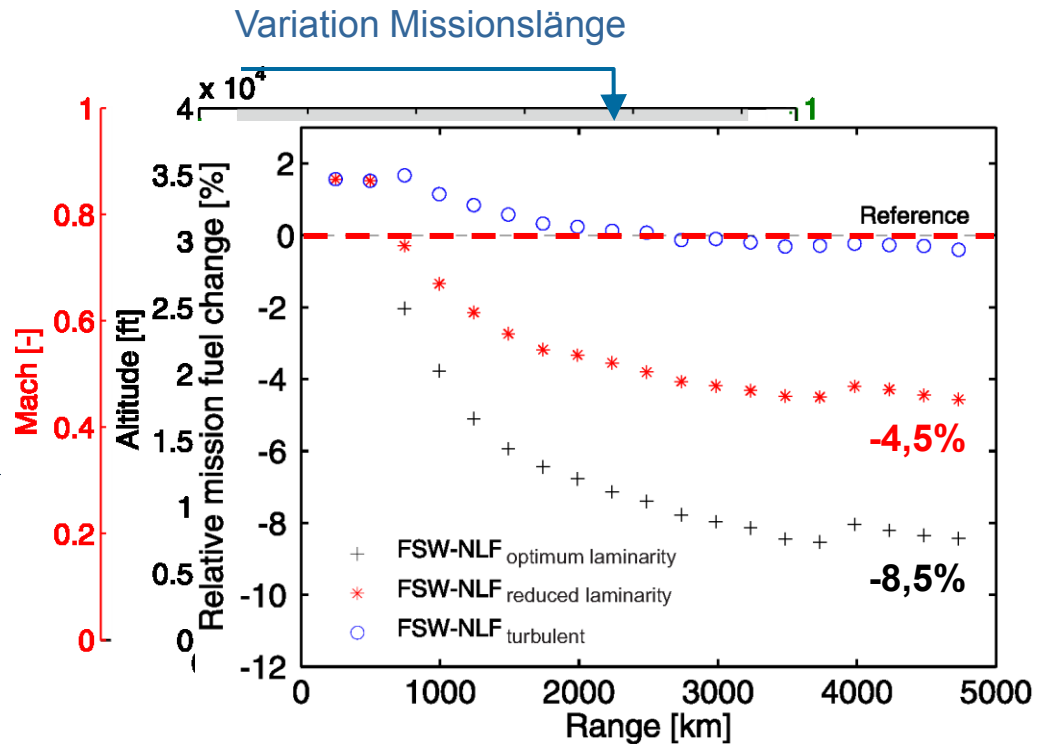
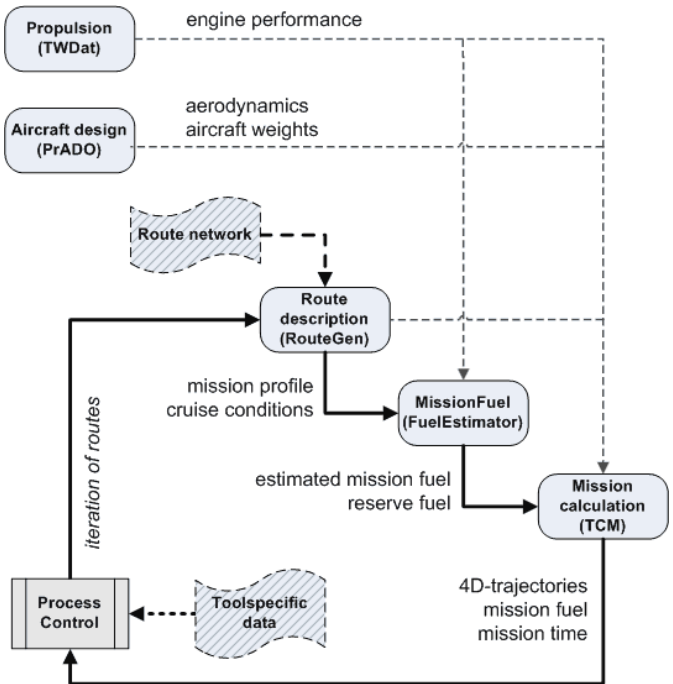
Simulation with AirTOBS (LY-SLT)

Mission fuel/ time



Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Single Mission Operation Simulation

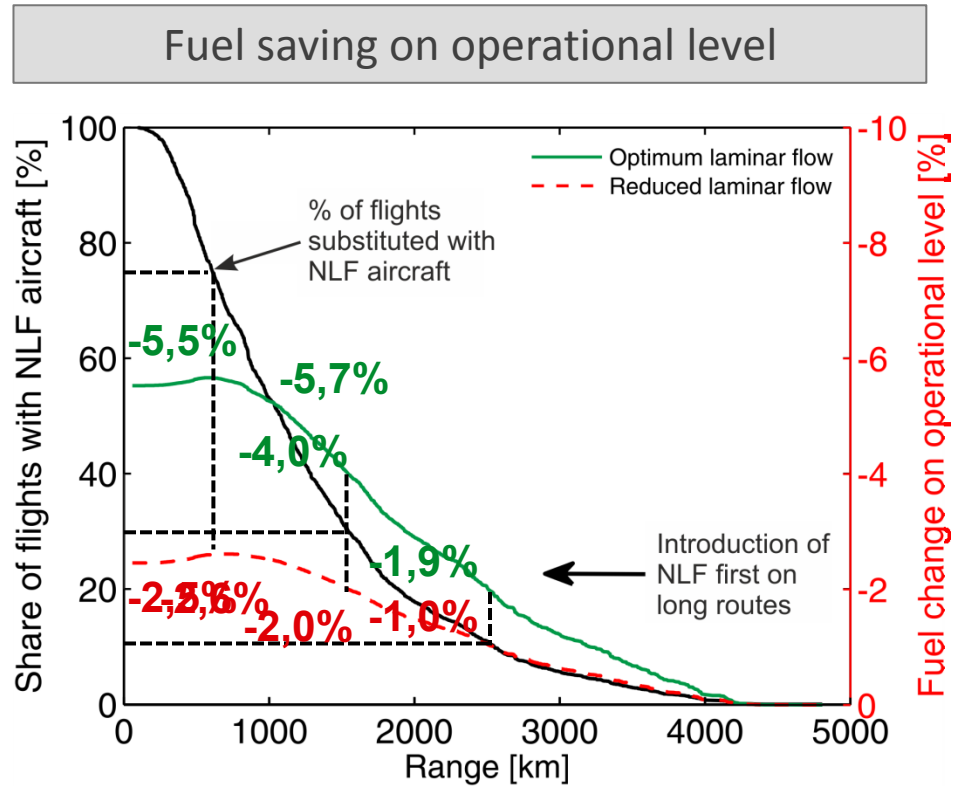
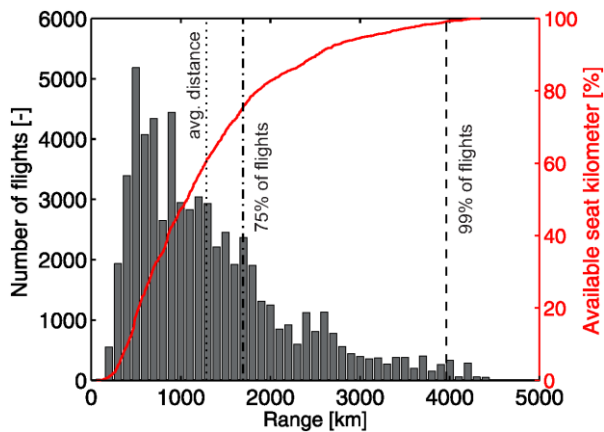
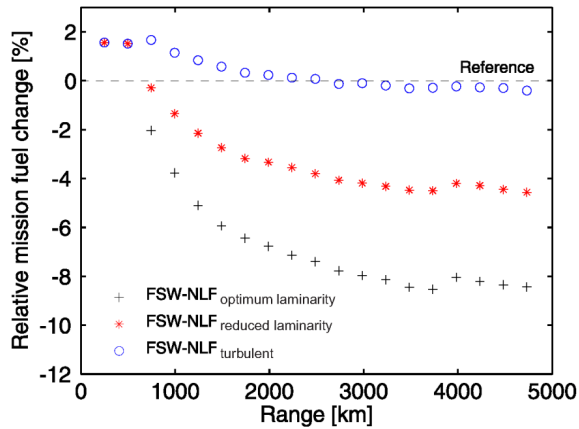


- Determination of mission fuel and time considering operational constraints and real aero and engine characteristics
 - ⇒ **Relative change of mission fuel required**



Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Single Mission Operation vs. Fleet Operation



Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Network Simulation and Analysis

- Netzwerk-Benefit durch Einführung eines NLF Flugzeugs in ein europäisches Routennetz
- Beide Flugzeuge in einem Netz betrieben

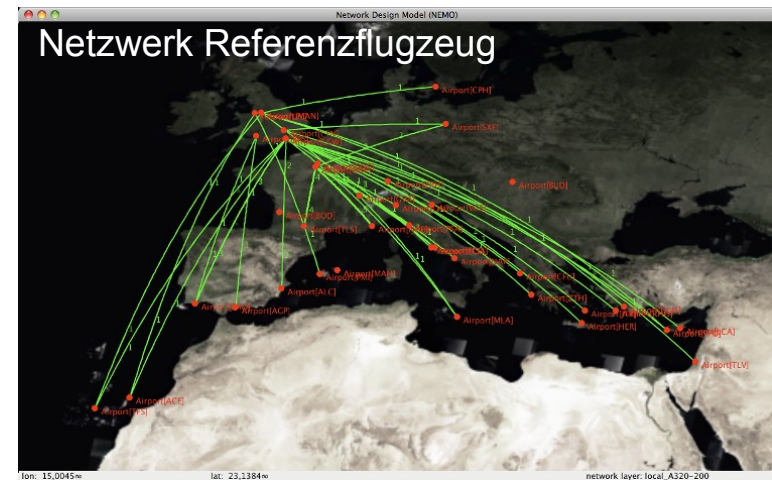
Untersuchung des Einflusses:

- Ø-Laminarität
- Turn-Around-Zeit
- Kraftstoffpreis

auf

- Anteil an angebotenen Sitz-km
- Flottenzusammensetzung
- Änderung Kraftstoffbedarf im Netz
- Airline Profit
- Break-even Sitzladefaktor

Einfluss der Laminarität auf Einsatz im Netz

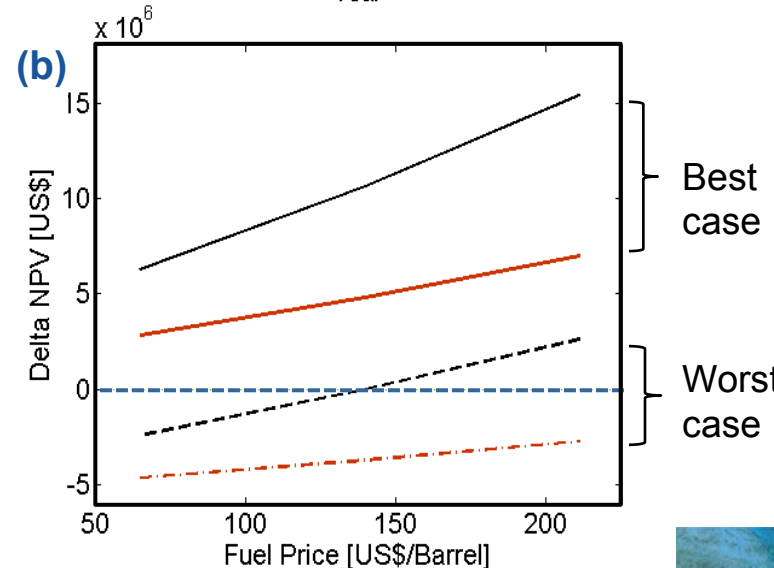
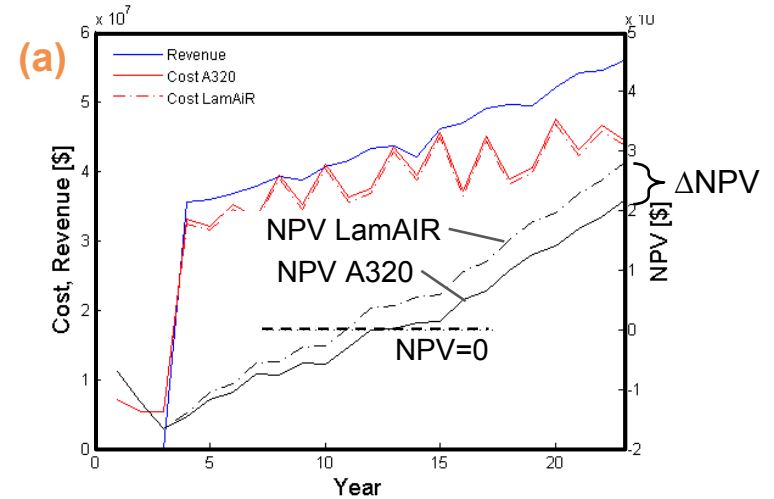


Laminar Flow Aircraft Technologies in Operation

Life Cycle Cost Analysis



- Airline Life Cycle Cost-Benefit Model **AirTOBS**
- Modeling all cost, revenues, and utilization of aircraft operations
- Superior to standard DOC-methods
- **(a) Cash flow results**
 - Main assumptions:
Fuel price at 80 \$/barrel, same aircraft list price and maintenance cost.
- **(b) Fuel price variation for Δ NPV**
 - For design range and representative range distribution
 - Assumptions:
 - *Best case*: +20\$/FC maint.; same A/C list price
 - *Worst case*: +500\$/FC maint.; +5% A/C list price



Summary

Value of holistic research on disciplinary technologies

- More realism and reliable results by covering all main interfering effects
- Collaboration in interdisciplinary teams is a research field itself
- Look carefully to global developments as an air transport designer to discover the real needs
- Mobility is more important than capacity and movements in a “green transportation system”
- Paradigm shift from quantitative to qualitative growth
- Blended Wing Body is a potential solution for future green air mobility

→ Design requirements and solutions

for aircraft and operations



Location

Channel Hamburg (Harburg)

Univ. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Volker Gollnick

Phone: +49 (0)40 42878-4197

Fax: +49 (0)40 42878-2979

Room: R06

E-Mail: volker.gollnick@dlr.de

Address: German Aerospace Center (DLR)

Institute for Air Transportation Systems at TUHH

Blohmstraße 18

D-21079 Hamburg

Germany

TUHH
Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg



● Hamburg

