

The Future of `Green` Aviation and Aerospace

Aviation and Environment

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Aviation: the environmental footprint

Products

- Materials
 - Carbon balance
 - Toxicity
 - Recyclability
 - Performance
- Manufacturing processes
 - Energy
 - Emissions
 - Needs in water

Operations

- Aircraft performance
 - Fuel burn
 - Emissions
 - Maintainability
- Ground operations
 - Taxiing
 - Inter-modality
 - Airport
- Air Traffic Management

Eco-Efficient Aviation



THE FACTS:

- Aviation has been and is critical to global development
- Aviation continues to flourish with reduced environmental impact

Important Figures:

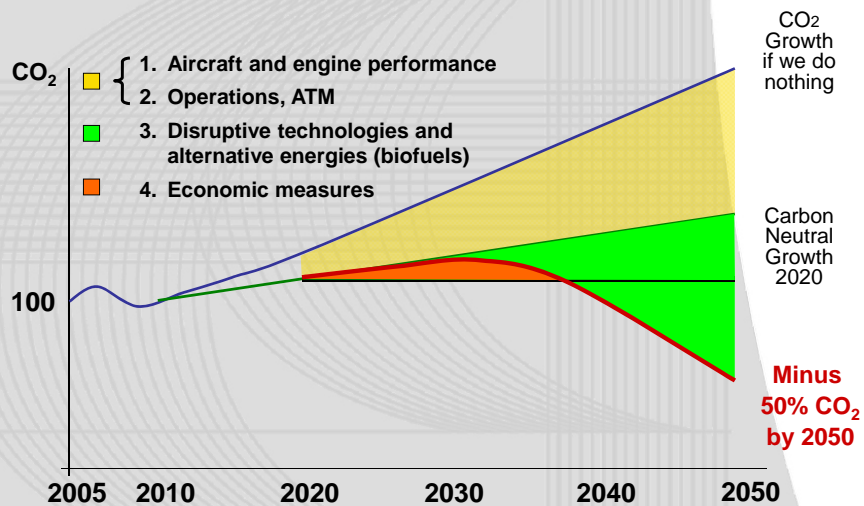
- 8% Global GDP
- 2% man made CO₂ emissions
- More than 40 years of innovation has led to 70% reduced aviation fuel consumption and related CO₂ emissions

Industry targets:

- Carbon Neutral growth by 2020
- 50% CO₂ reductions by 2050 compared to 2005

Sustainable Aviation Growth with Environmental targets

Four key strategic approaches to reducing CO₂ emissions



**ACARE needs to be updated:
Conclusions from the Aviation & Environment
Workshop of ICAS conference in Amsterdam 09/2009**

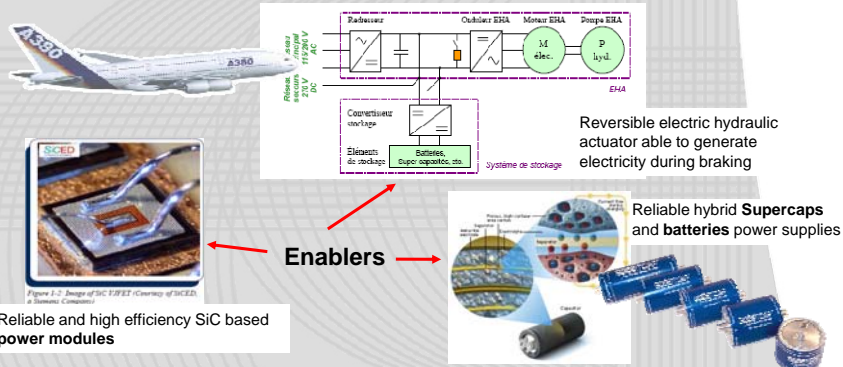
1. What metrics should be used to define environmental impact ?
 - Life Cycle Assessment for carbon footprint
 - Perception of noise
2. The climate impact of contrail cirrus is larger than estimated so far
 - Contrail cirrus can be reduced by flying higher or lower, depending on the predicted weather situation. This causes a small CO₂ - Radiative Forcing - increase but compensated by a larger contrail RF reduction.
3. The NO_x impact is less important than thought when formulating ACARE objectives in 2000
4. The CO₂ impact remains very important for centuries
 - Limiting global warming to less than 2°C requires quick actions on all warming contributions, including contrails and soot

**Main tracks in the domain of energy management
to further reduce CO₂ emissions**

- **New engine technologies**
- **More electric aircraft**
- **Energy recovery / harvesting**
- **Hybrid solutions**
- **Bio-fuels**

More/All Electric Aircraft and Helicopters

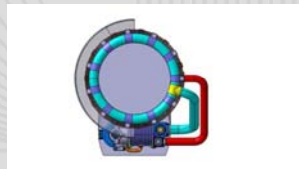
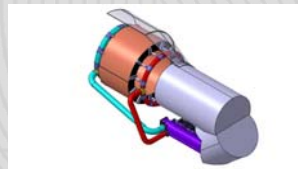
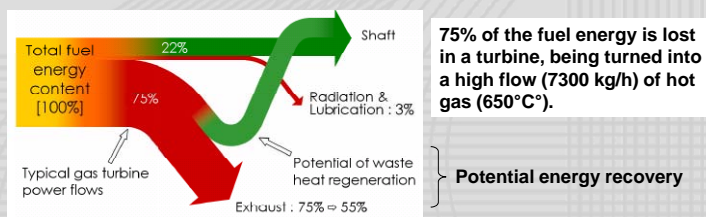
Replacement of hydraulics and pneumatics circuits in platforms



Decrease emission thanks to higher efficiency and lower weight (lighter HV cables, small / light electronic boxes, energy storage when braking)

Energy Recovery

A lot of energy is lost in the form of heat



This energy can be recovered partly through a heat exchanger and turned into electrical or mechanical power.

Energy Harvesting



- **Aircrafts (fixed wing and rotorcraft) offer interesting energy harvesting possibilities, which may be used in different applications:**

- Fixed wing aircraft flight profiles exhibit high temperature changes which can be exploited
- Rotor-induced oscillations of helicopters enable resonant vibration harvesting

- **Both harvesting principles provide sufficient energy for powering wireless sensors**

- Wireless sensors and networks require an independent 'maintenance-free' power source
- Today's availability of low power consumption electronics allows perpetual operation by energy harvesters



Battery need vs. energy harvester to power a wireless sensor



Thermoelectric harvester powering a wireless strain gauge

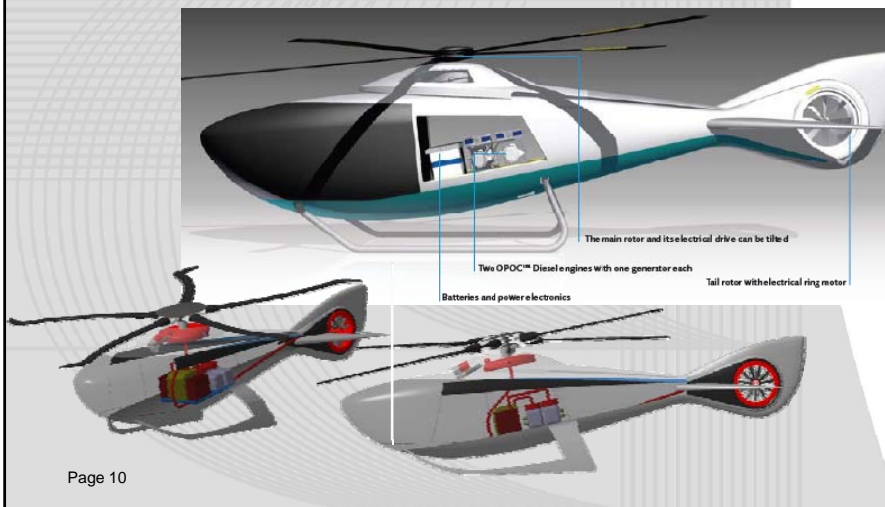


Vibration energy harvester for rotorcraft

Hybrid Propulsions Systems: Hybrid Helicopter at ILA 2010

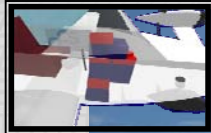


- Exhaust emissions reduced **BY Up to 50%**
- Quieter and safer flights **with the hybrid system**



Cri-cri Electrical Propulsion Demonstrator

- Three flights 20 minutes 1200 feet – Sept 2010
- First ever four engine all electric aerobatic aircraft
- The Cri-Cri is a low-cost test bed for system integration of electrical technologies in support of projects including our hybrid propulsion concept for helicopters



Battery location: 3,55 kWh

4 electrical brushless motors of 22 kW

4 Tree-blade propeller in monolithic carbon

Carbone front nose

Carbone fairing

Carbone canopy

Alternative fuels: what are the Options?

	Conventional ("Kerosene")	Alcohols	Bio Esters	Synthetic Fuels	Hydrogenated Biomass	Cryogenic Fuels
CATEGORY	<p>Non-Renewable (Fossil)</p> <p>✓</p> <p>Jet Fuel</p>	<p>BIO-JET FUELS</p> <p>Ethanol ...</p> <p>35% lower energy content</p> <p>✗</p>	<p>Fame</p> <p>10% lower energy content, -5°C Freeze point...</p> <p>✗</p>	<p>CTL</p> <p>Exist</p>	<p>Future</p> <p>Hydrogenated Biomass Oils (HBO)</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Liquefied Natural Gas</p> <p>✗</p>
	<p>Renewable</p>			<p>BTL</p> <p>✓</p>		<p>Liquid Hydrogen</p> <p>✗</p> <p>Low energy content per unit volume, Availability, Infrastructure</p>
* FAME = Fatty Acid Methyl Esters		CTL, GTL & BTL = Coal, Gas or Biomass to Liquid				

Not all options are suitable for aviation today

Bio Jet Fuels: Feedstock



Food Crops **NO**



Halophytes ? (Salicornia)



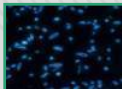
Jatropha ?



Rotation Crops ? (Camelina)



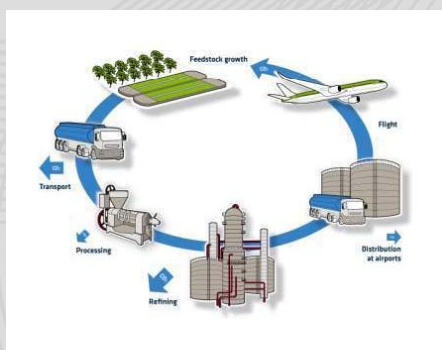
Algae ?



Yeasts ?

For all potential solutions, sustainability is key

Bio Fuels: Focus on Value Chain Projects



Source: ATAG Biofuels Beginners Guide

- EADS & Airbus acting as a Catalyst for the implementation of a Biofuel supply chain**
- A secure value chain means that everybody must make money...**
 - Farmers, Refiners, Investors, Airlines....
- Closed loop process to reduce CO₂ emissions**

Develop projects that speed up sustainable commercialization

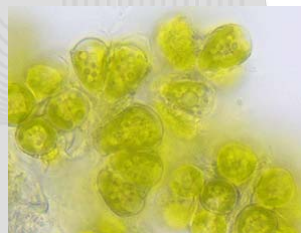
World's First Bio Algae Powered Flight



- Flight with Diamond DA42 at Berlin Air Show in July 2010
- One Austro AE300 engine powered by algae biofuel
- Lower fuel consumption rate than Jet A1

- Algal oil provided by Biocombustibles del Chibut of Argentina and processed by VTS Verfahrenstechnik Schwedt of Germany

- HC reduced by 87%, NOx by 40% and SO2 by 98%



Where we are:

- Alternative Fuels work
- Aviation has very limited solutions to replace fossil fuels
- Other industries have more alternatives
- Large scale Biofuel Commercialization is 7 – 10 years away
- Cross Industry Collaboration is essential

30% Aviation Biofuels by 2030?

What's Next?



- **Some R&T has already been delivered**
 - ✓ Common sustainability criteria
 - ✓ Lifecycle analysis
- **More R&T needed on potential feedstock, in particular on algae**
 - ✓ Also building on early industrial experience
- **Government support through policy and incentives**
 - ✓ Prioritization of Energy types for different transport modes
 - ✓ Tax incentives / carbon credits

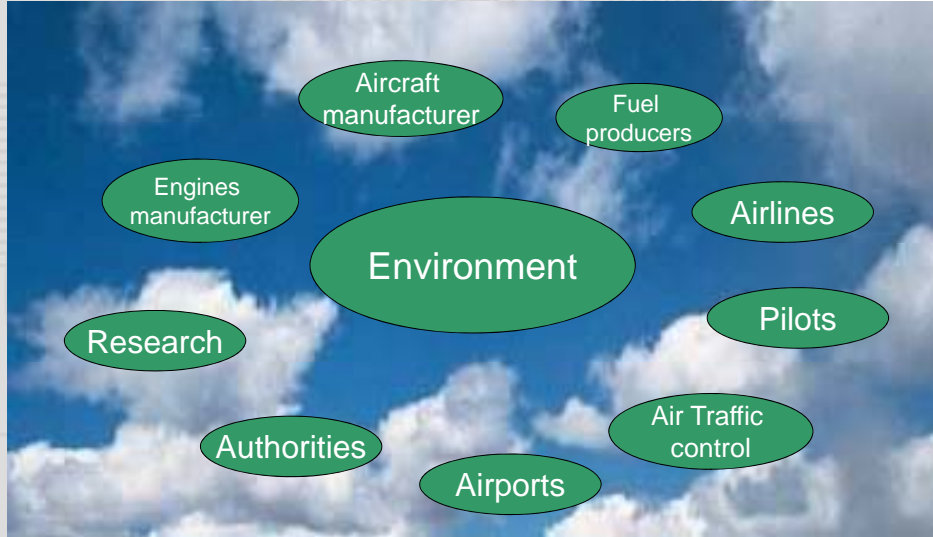
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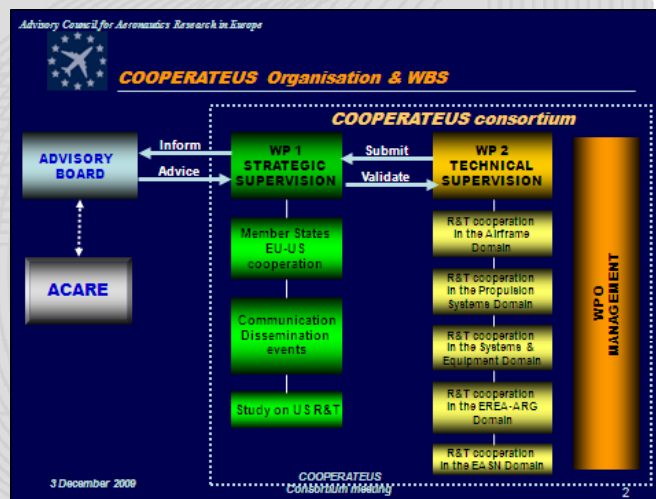
- **Cross industry approach**
 - Aircraft / Engine Manufacturers to provide technical support for qualification
 - Airlines to commit to using and buying bio-fuels
- **Investors needed!**
 - Growing local economies in various world locations
 - Sustainability criteria
 - Joint ventures with airlines and stakeholders

Alternative fuel business model must be commercially viable...

All Parties Involved and Committed for Greener Skies Ahead



A key topic, a global concern, particularly relevant for international collaboration...



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