



# Propelling the Future of Aviation

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# AIRBUS

A commercial aircraft manufacturer with the two Divisions  
Defence and Space and Helicopters

**134,000+**  
Total workforce

**€1,060billion**  
Order book

**€67billion**  
Annual revenue

# Commercial Aircraft



## Passion

Commercial Aircraft's global workforce is united by a passion for aviation and restless desire to create better ways to fly

**54,000**

Employees

**€49.2 billion**

Annual revenue\*

**6,705**

Backlog

**400**

Operators

# Aviation in figures



**3.6 billion**  
Passengers

**51.2 million**  
Tonnes of freight

**\$2.7 trillion**  
Global GDP\* annually

**62.7 million**  
Jobs supported

Source: ATAG 2016

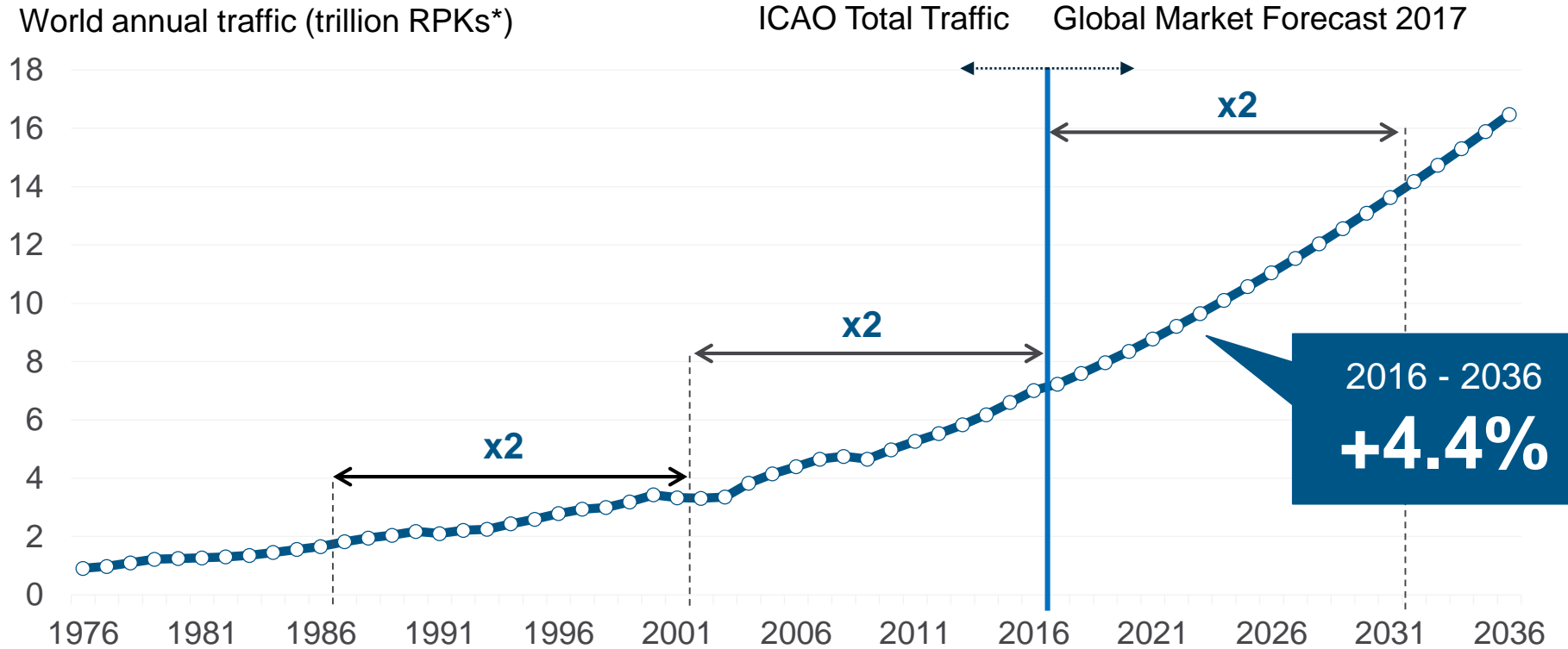


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# Air Traffic will Double in the Next 15 Years



**Air Transport is a Growth Market**  
**60%** over the last 10 years  
**More than double since 2001**

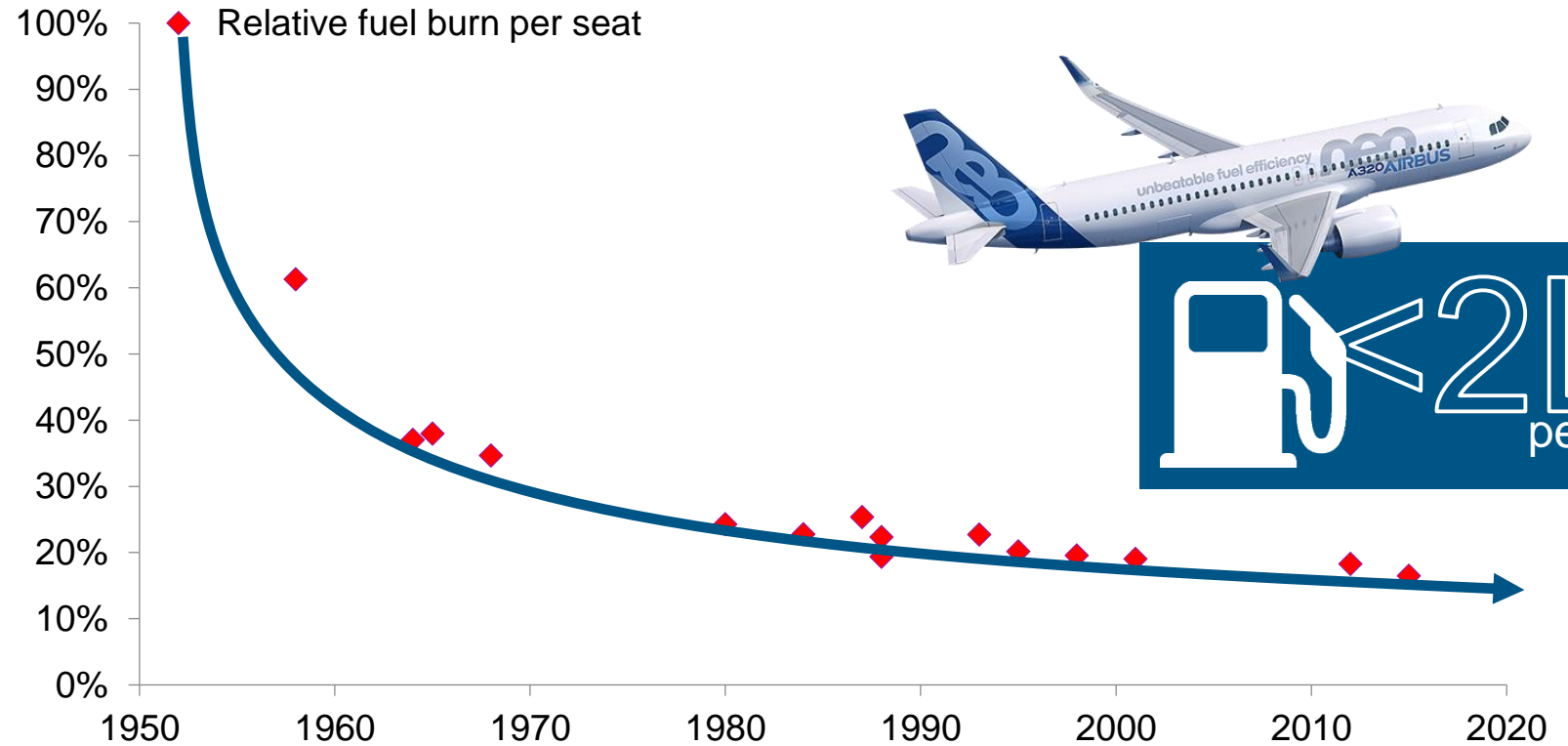
\*RPK: Revenue Passenger Kilometres

# The Challenge for Aviation: Sustainable Growth



**European Union's Flightpath 2050**  
-75% CO2      -90% NOx      -65% Noise  
Reference year: 2000

# History of a Continuous Fuel Burn Reduction

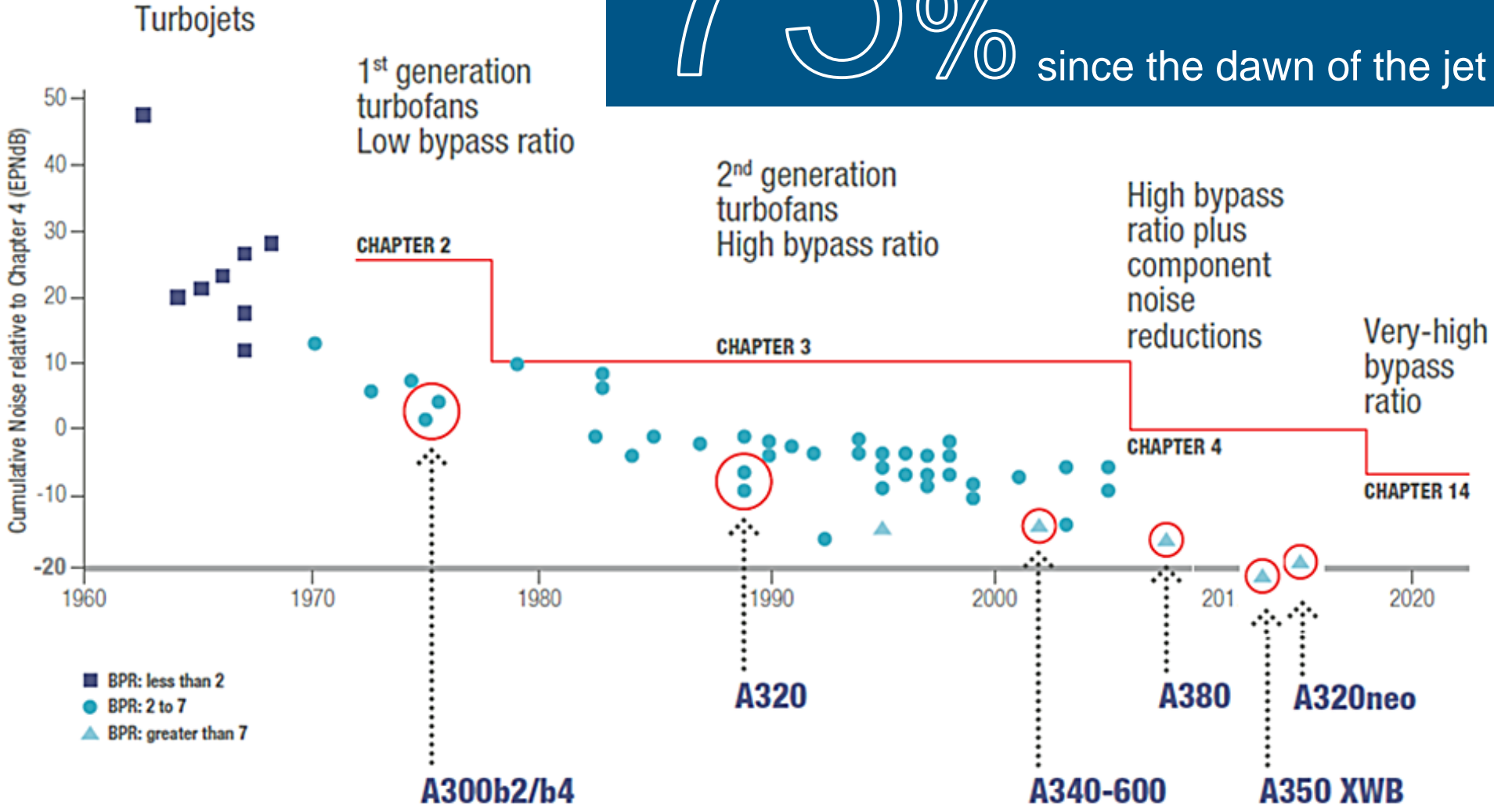


**80%** Fuel Burn & CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction  
per seat  
since the dawn of the jet age



# History of a Continuous Noise Reduction

**75%** Noise Reduction since the dawn of the jet age



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# Airbus Challenges

**Sustainable growth &  
traffic doubling every 15 years**

**Commitment to the Flightpath 2050  
technology targets**

**Remain consistently ahead of the competition**

**Being a game-changer is in Airbus DNA  
Innovation is key to success!**





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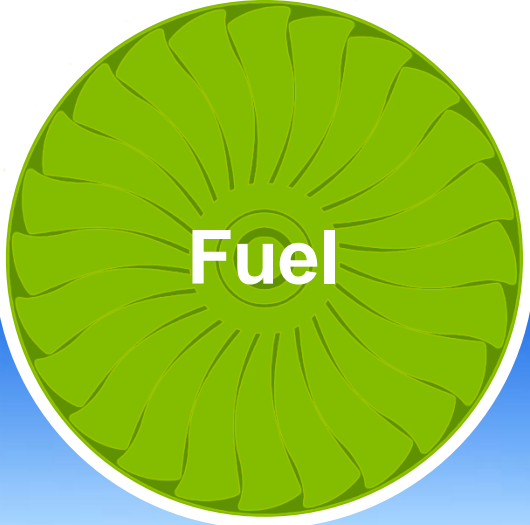
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# The Eco-Efficiency & Performance Levers



# Road to the Future

Enhance existing platforms  
& preparing for new configurations



On the track of  
improving



Through better  
integration &  
architecture



Towards new  
configurations  
& Urban Air Mobility



Aerodynamic



Fuel



Weight



Operations

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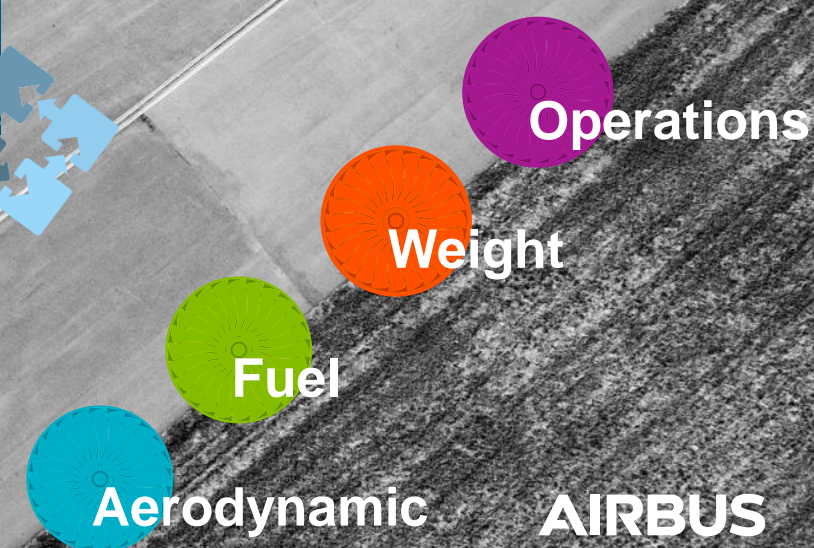
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- New engines on existing products
- Advanced composites
- Additive Layer Manufacturing
- Predictive maintenance

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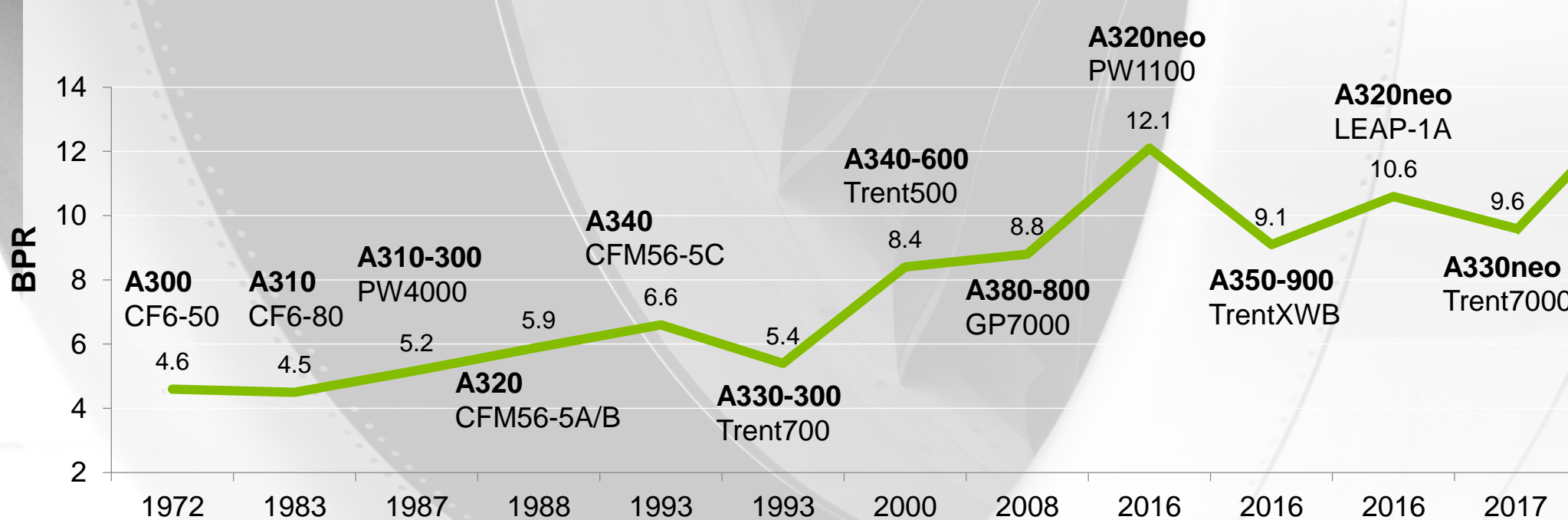
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Fuel

## New engines on existing products

Benefit from the continuous technology progress Allow engine configuration changes  
Increase aircraft platform capabilities



R&D target  
BPR > 15

&  
new technos  
far beyond

BPR: Bypass ratio

Constantly enhance performance of our flying platforms  
Build future & disruptive technologies



Success

## The neo story

Aircraft changes mainly contained at engine level

-20%

fuel burn per seat

A320, a commercial success!



60%

NEO market share



13,000

orders from 300 customers



A321

high demand



-50%

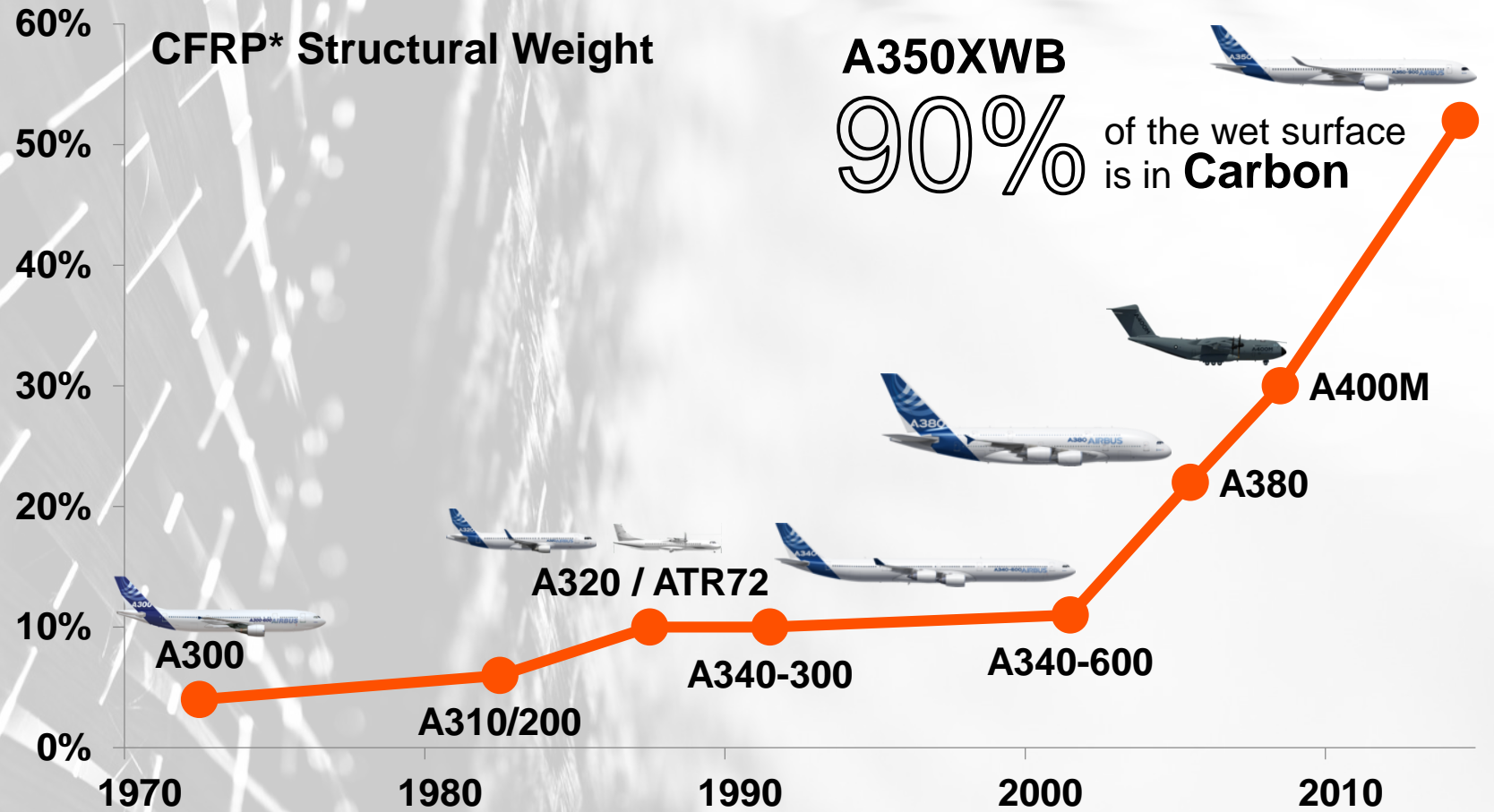
Noise & NOx emissions

Weight

# Advanced Composites

Lighter & Stronger by Design

Maximise weight reduction & fuel efficiency



\*CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymere



Weight

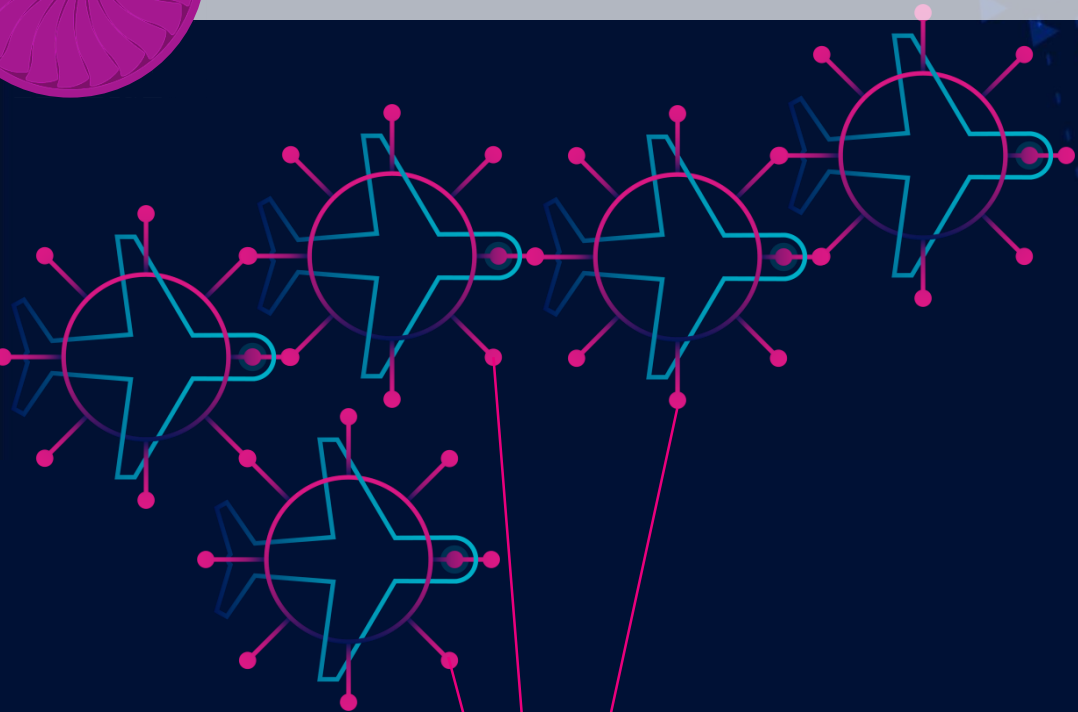
## Design for Additive Layer Manufacturing

3D-printing:  
a strong  
asset for the  
future

only  
**5%**  
waste  
material

up to  
**50%**  
potential  
weight saving

# Predictive Maintenance



Give prior indication of a component/system failure

Thanks to systematic transmission of massive data & data analytics

Allow anticipation & planning of the maintenance

Prevent unexpected failures & operational interruptions



PERFORMANCE



RELIABILITY



SYSTEM INTEGRITY

# skywise

An Open Digital platform for the aviation industry

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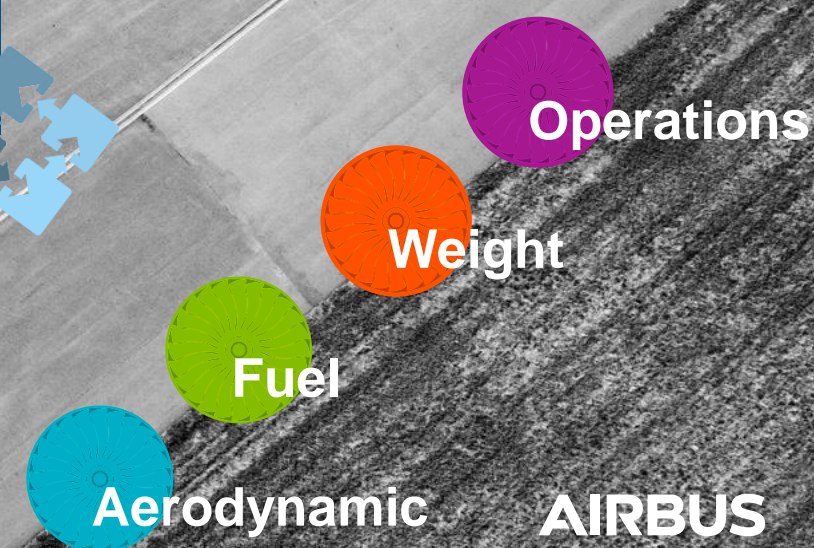
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- Heat management
- Optimized operations
- BLADE

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# More Electrical Aircraft

Electrical technologies have to be further explored

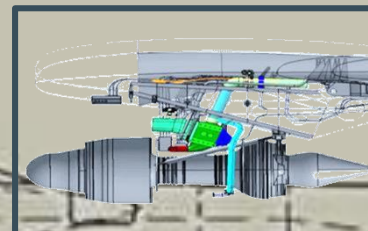
Move from technology bricks development

to aircraft architecture & integration

## Architecture & Integration challenges



E-ECS



Propulsion Offtake & Starting



Ice Protection



Electrical Network

Fuel

## Heat Management

Optimize  
propulsion  
heat  
management

to benefit  
from new  
propulsion  
systems

Optimise cooling architecture & surface cooler integration  
Redesign cooling function thanks to heat mutualisation & transportation  
Add acoustic attenuation & structural function to surface coolers

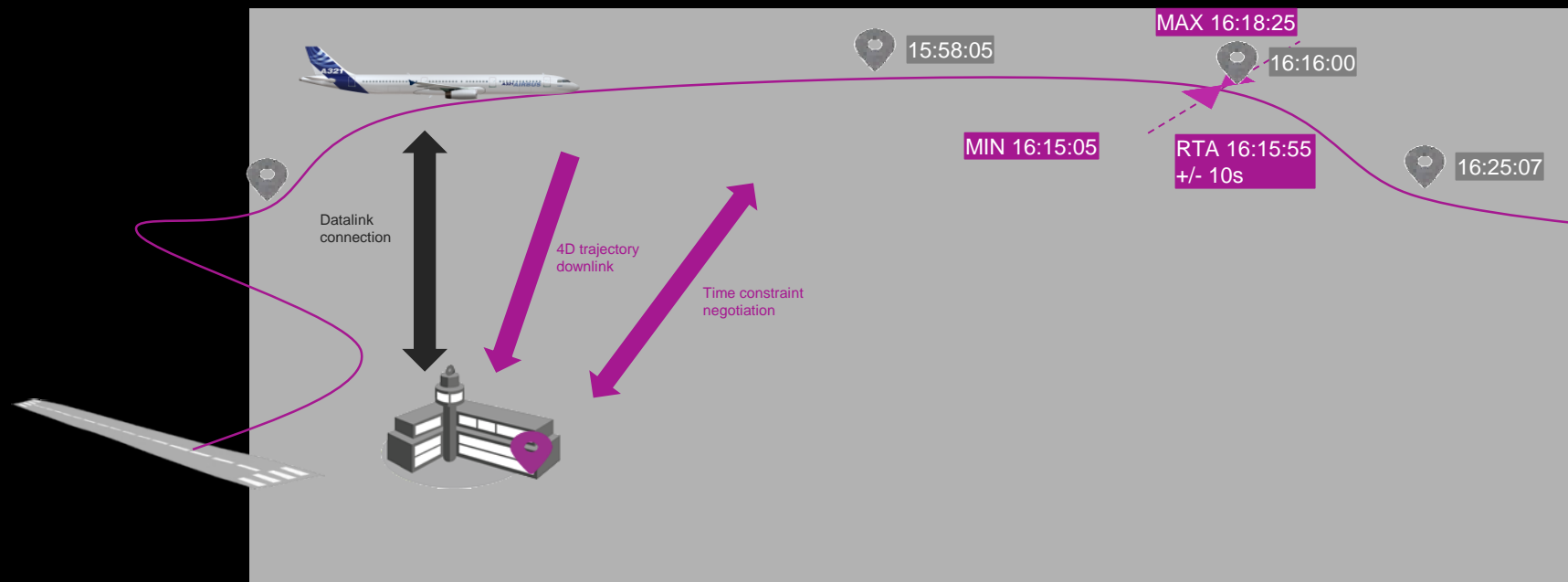


# Optimized Operations: 4D trajectory exchange

Enhance ground trajectory prediction

Solve conflicting trajectories upfront

& Reduce traffic congestion



Aerodynamic

# Breakthrough Laminar Aircraft Demonstrator in Europe (BLADE)

Minimised  
drag with  
laminar flow

-5%

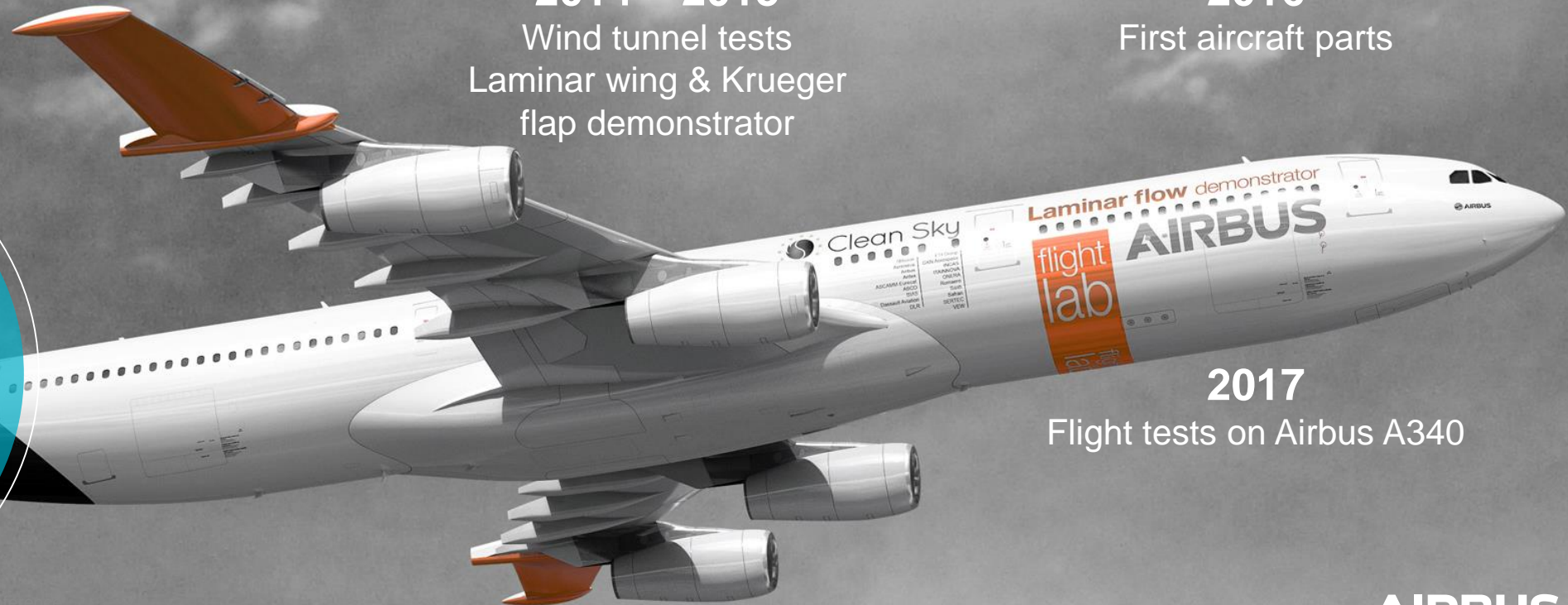
fuel burn  
expected



**2014 – 2015**  
Wind tunnel tests  
Laminar wing & Krueger  
flap demonstrator



**2016**  
First aircraft parts



**2017**  
Flight tests on Airbus A340

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- Boundary Layer Ingestion
- Open Rotor
- Distributed propulsion
- Hybrid propulsion

**Towards new configurations & Urban Air Mobility**



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# Towards new aircraft configurations

Boundary  
Layer  
Ingestion

Minimises  
propulsor  
**effort**  
&  
reduce total  
**drag**

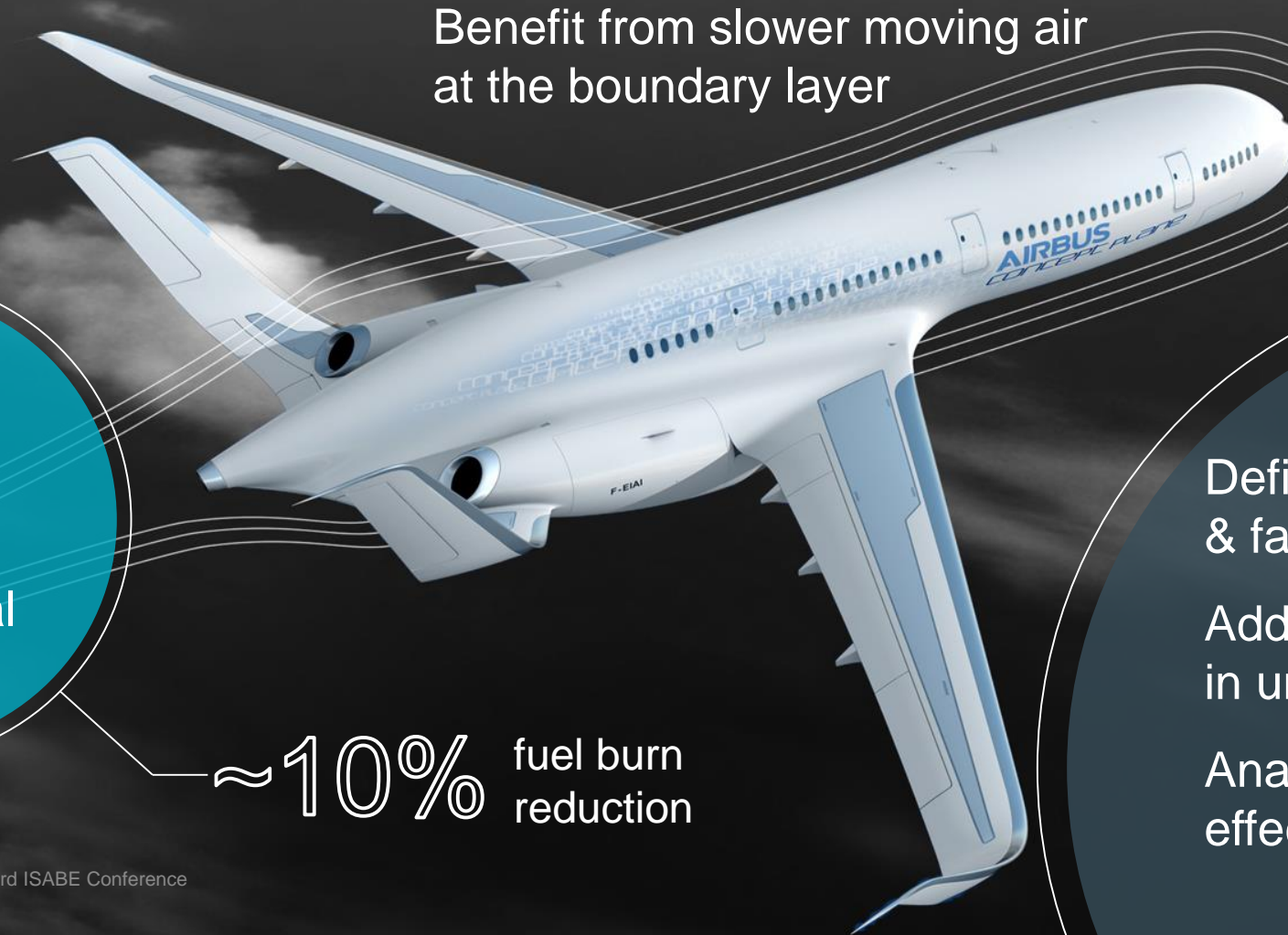
~10% fuel burn  
reduction

Benefit from slower moving air  
at the boundary layer

Define optimum inlet distortion  
& fan reinforcement

Address propulsion integration  
in unusual location

Analyse & solve integration  
effects



Fuel

## Open Rotor

Push  
propulsive  
efficiency to  
the limit

~6% Fuel burn saving vs. advanced UHBR

Lower cruise speed

Position propulsion system for safety and comfort

Cost challenge



Fuel

# Hybrid Electric Propulsion

Explore new configurations

From electrical motoring boost

To full electrical motoring

Develop technology bricks to investigate higher levels hybridation & distributed propulsion

Develop integration technologies and logistic solutions

Define certification basis with authorities



# Towards Urban Air Mobility

Airbus is taking a pioneering role in opening the market, while developing and exploring new vehicle concepts, systems and business models

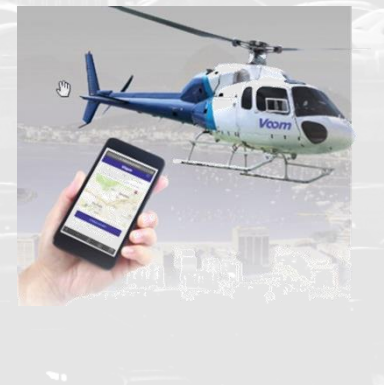
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VAHANA

POP.UP





## Conclusion



**Fusion of Propulsion System with the Overall Aircraft Design is a must**

**The engine is the key contributor to Aviation environmental challenges**

**Will we still need air breathing engines in 2050?**

**Are you ready for the paradigm shift?**



Thank You

**Q & A**

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