

# Future of [More] Electrical Aircraft

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# The Bauhaus Luftfahrt Approach



## >> Founded in November 2005 by

- > The Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology
- > EADS (inc. Airbus, Cassidian & Eurocopter)
- > IABG mbH
- > Liebherr Aerospace
- > MTU Aero Engines



## >> A non-profit research institution with long-term time horizon

- > Strengthening the cooperation between industry, science and politics
- > Developing new approaches for the future of aviation with a high level of technical creativity
- > Optimizing through a holistic approach in science, economics, engineering and design

## >> Going "New Ways" for the mobility of tomorrow

# **Emphasis on Inter-disciplinary Research**









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# Socio-Economic Drivers



## >> Megacities

> Urban Living, growing middle-class

## >> Demographic & Anthropometric

- > Increasing world-wide average age
- > Increasing passenger size and weight
- > Hybrid cultures, gender empowerment





- >> Environment
  - > Environmental degradation
  - > Mass transportation vs. individual motorised transport
  - > Socio-political pressure placed on reducing emissions and noise

Source: modified from Cole, BHL Symposium 2013

# The Top-level Requirements



## >> Flightpath 2050

- > 75% less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions<sup>a</sup>
- > 90% less NO<sub>x</sub> emissions<sup>a</sup>
- > 65% reduction in perceived noise<sup>a</sup>
- > Aircraft is designed and manufactured to be recyclable
- > Emission-free taxiing
- > 80% less accidents<sup>b</sup>
- > 90% of all journeys (door-to-door within the EU) within 4 hrs
- > Flights arrived within 1 min. of planned time regardless of weather
- > ATM should handle at least 25M flights

<sup>a</sup>based on a typical aircraft with 2000 technology <sup>b</sup>based on 2000 traffic



## >> Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda

Goals and Key contributions	2000 (Reference)	2020 (Vision)	2020 (AGAPE)	2020 (SRIA)	2035 (SRIA)	2050 (SRIA)
CO <sub>2</sub> objective vs 2000 ("HLG")		-50%**				-75%**
CO <sub>2</sub> vs 2000 (kg/pass km)*		-50%	-38%	-43%	-60%	-75%
Airframe energy need (Efficiency)	1	0,75	0,85	0,8	0,7	0,32
Propulsion & Power energy need (Efficiency)	1	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,7	
ATM and Infrastructure	1	0,88	0,95	0,93	0,88	0,88
Non Infrastructure- related Airlines Ops	1	0.96	0.96	0.96	0,93	0,88

\* comparison with same transport capability aircraft and on a same mission in term on range and payload \*\* ACARE 2020 and ACARE 2050 High Level Goals for airframe, engine, systems and ATM/Operations

# Granualising SRIA 2050 → Required Strategy





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Full Electro-Mobility

Electro-Mobility





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# Hybrid-Electric Power System Architectures





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## >> Maximum required power at different flight phases

>> Propulsion system = electric motor, motor controller, battery control unit



#### red line: normal operation blue line: abnormal ops = excl. non-essential customers





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# ATA 24 MEA State-of-the-Art





MEA System Architecture based on Boeing 787\* (hybrid voltage system)

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# ATA 24 AEA Evolution circa 2025 (mod. risk)





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# ATA 24 AEA Evolution circa 2035 (higher risk)





Source: Pornet et al., AIAA 2013

# **Combining Energy Sources for Motive Power**











>> Alternative Figures-of-Merit

> Thrust Specific Power Consumption

$$TSPC = \frac{P_{\text{supply}}}{F_0} = \frac{V_0}{\eta_{ov}} = \frac{V_0}{\eta_{ec}} \cdot \eta_{tr} \cdot \eta_{pr}$$

## > Energy Specific Air Range

$$ESAR = \frac{dR}{dE} = \frac{V_0 \cdot L'_D}{TSPC \cdot m_{A/C} \cdot g} = \frac{\eta_{ov} \cdot L'_D}{m_{A/C} \cdot g}$$

# Hybrid-Energy Engineering for Motive Power





## >> Parallel Hybrid Solutions





# Hybrid-Energy Aircraft Study



# >> Medium-range Single-Aisle > Reference aircraft EIS 2035 > 180 PAX with max range of 3300 nm >> Retrofit Hybrid Aircraft concept > Installation of advanced elec. system > Battery energy density 1500 Wh/kg > No-resizing of the combustion engines > MTOW and OMLs kept fixed >> Performance outcomes > Max PAX Range → -530 nm (-16%)

- > 900 nm stage length
  - > Cruise-only: -13% block fuel
  - > Climb and Cruise: -16% block fuel
- > Up to -3% ESAR drop Ref.  $\rightarrow$  Retrofit



Concept	TOW/MTOW [%]	P EM,total inst. [MW]	m battery,total inst. [kg]	∆Fuel burn [%]	DE [%]
HYCcruise	100	6	8400	-13	13.4
HYCcruise&climb	100	5.1	8900	-16	14.5

#### Source: Pornet et al., AIAA 2013

# Zero-emissions Concept – The Ce-Liner





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# Universally-Electric Systems Architecture





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# **Power and Battery Performance Profiles**





Source: Vratny et al., CEAS 2013

# **Benchmarking Ce-Liner**







Aircraft Properties	Units	Ce-Liner	B787-3+	∆ (B787-3+)
MTOW	[kg]	109300	73700	+49.1%
MLW	[kg]	109300	70360	N/A
OEW / MTOW	[%]	54.4	65.4	-16.8%
OWE / PAX	kg/PAX	314	253	+24.0%
Max Energy(Fuel) Weight / MTOW	[%]	27.5	24.3	+13.2%
Reference Area (Sref)	[m²]	172.3	115.2	+49.6%
Aspect Ratio (planar wing)	[-]	7.1	10.8	-34.2%
MTOW / Sref	[kg/m²]	635	636	~0.0%
Power / MTOW	[kW/kg]	0.407	N/A	N/A
Thrust / MTOW (M0.20, SL)	[-]	0.233	0.310	-24.8%
TOFL@ISA,SL	[m]	2245	1830	+22.7%
LFL@ISA,SL	[m]	1875	1770	+5.9%
Approach Speed (MLW)	KCAS	149	146	+2.1%
Des.Range, LRC, ICA, Max-PAX	[nm]	900 nm, M0.75, FL330		
(L/D) @ LRC, TOC, ISA+10°C	(-)	20.5	18.4	+11.4%
ESAR, 900 nm, LRC, ISA+10°C	[km/kWh]	0.0473	0.0374	+26.4%

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# **Operational Aspects and Performance**



## >> Loadability and Turn-around

- > Little flexibility for manipulating loading loops
- > Specialised procedures for handling heavy 3Cs and high voltages
- > Less autonomy during turn-around

## >> Normal Mode En route Perform.

- > Simpler flight planning, "low-andslow" design is not inevitable
- > Fixed SEP, no step-cruise
- > "Stepped" payload-range trade
- > Lower noise attributes

## >> Servicing and Maintenance

- > Specialised procedures when handling power electronic systems
- > Greatly improved MTBF, MTBUR
- > Need to maximise component/subsystem DSGs
- >> Abnormal Mode Performance
  - > PMAD system driven limitations
  - > OEI during en route conditions no change in SEP, buffet limitations
  - > Impact of actual operating ambient conditions plus EMI/HIRF effects

# **Design and Integration of Adaptive Top-Wing**



## >> Critical trim/control cases > Cruise, take-off rotation, landing derotation and go-around >> Variable stiffness, adaptive hybrid-compliant system

## >> Structural Health Monitoring

> Utilised for maintenance scheduling

## and actuation monitoring

> Specially embedded OFDR and adoption of so-called "smart skin"



# Engineering Trade-study: EF vs EOR





# Engineering Trade-study: Propulsive Fuselage *C* Bauhaus Luftfahrt Neue Wege.



Source: Steiner et al., ICAS 2012

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Key Observations and Future Research Work



## >> Key Observations

- > To realise Flightpath 2050 goals for emissions a hybrid-energy approach is necessary
  - >MEA-AEA evolution will not be sufficient → some means of electrical energy generation and/or storage for propulsion is key
  - > Indications that single energy storage approach will be limiting for commercial transportation
  - > Short-haul operations  $\rightarrow$  Universally-Electric solution
  - > Medium-to-long-haul operations  $\rightarrow$  Hybrid-Electric solution
  - > Even with relatively aggressive specifc weights, electrification yields significant degradation in vehicular efficiency → distributed propulsion and advanced, active wings could offset this

## >> Future Research Work

- > Hybrid Electrical Power Systems dual energy storage approach
- > Integration schemes that accommodate retro-fit/upgrades between UESA and HE without extensive re-design

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