

# Aviation Propulsion Technologies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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imagination at work

# Our business units

## Energy Management

5% / \$7.4 B



## Oil & Gas

10% / \$15.2 B



## Power & Water

19% / \$28.3 B



## Healthcare

12% / \$18.3 B



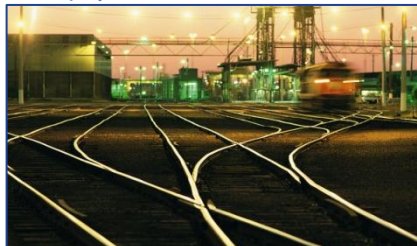
## Aviation

14% / \$20.0 B



## Transportation

4% / \$5.6 B



## Capital

31% / \$46.0 B



## Home & Business Solutions

5% / \$8.0 B



~\$147.4 Billion  
Revenue in 2012

\$16.1 B Operating Earnings

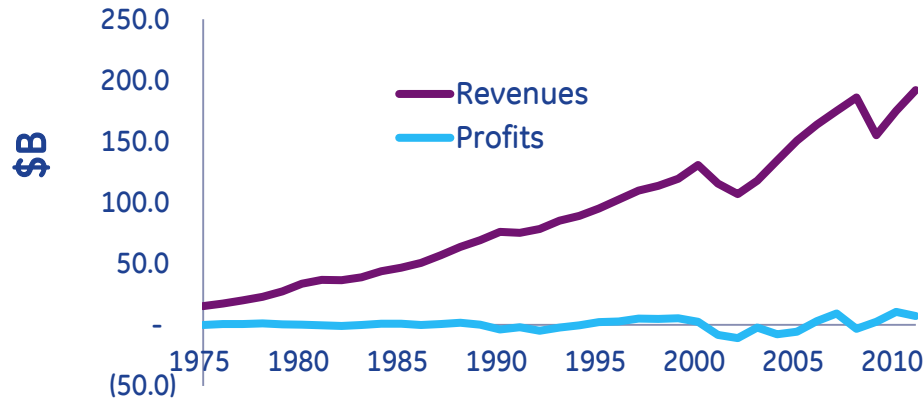
# “Longitude”... Author - Dava Sobel

- Engineering crisis of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- Longitude committee formed, prize defined by parliament.
- John Harrison – by 1735 solves with an accurate ship-worthy clock.
- Not really in widespread use until roughly 1780 or later.
- Why?



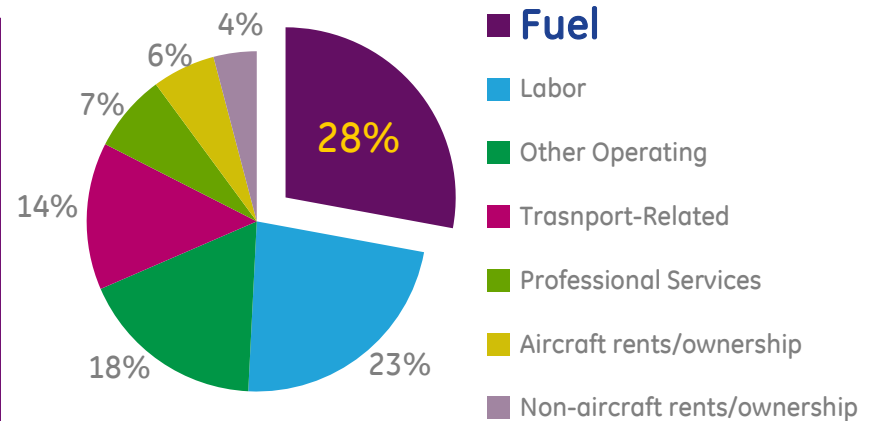
# Propulsion Challenge

Industry Revenue/Profits



Sources: Air Transport Association/Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Airline Operating Costs

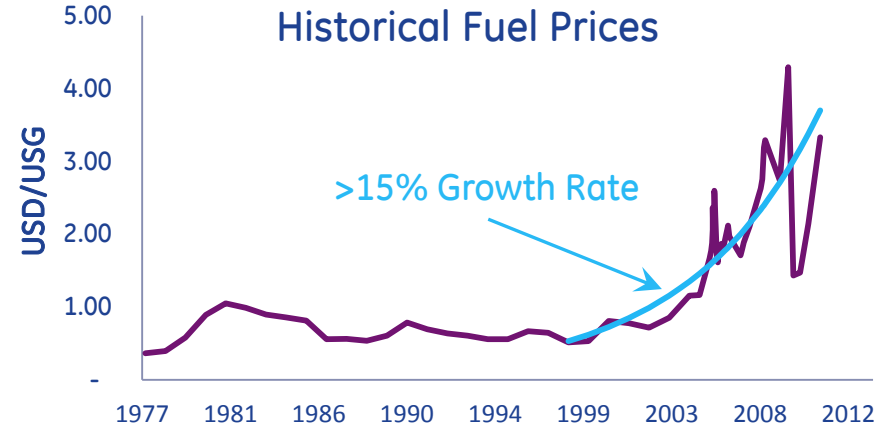


Source: A4A Quarterly Cost Index, US Airlines

## Regulatory Challenges

- CAEP/6 2008 / 2013
- CAEP/8 2014 / 2018
- EU Carbon Trading 2012
- ICAO CO<sub>2</sub> Standard 2016-2020
- FAR Stage 5 2020

Historical Fuel Prices



Sources: Air Transport Association, International Air Transport Association

Reduce commercial and military customer costs in an increasingly difficult environment

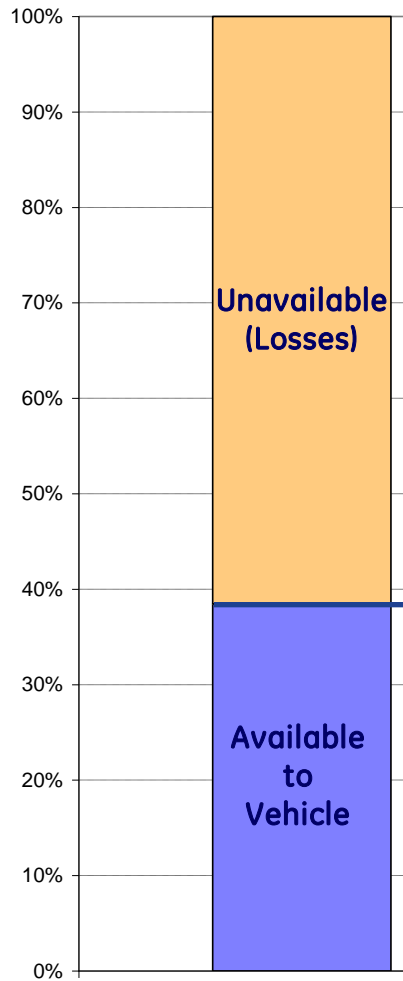




# Technologies and Architectures

# Energy Availability

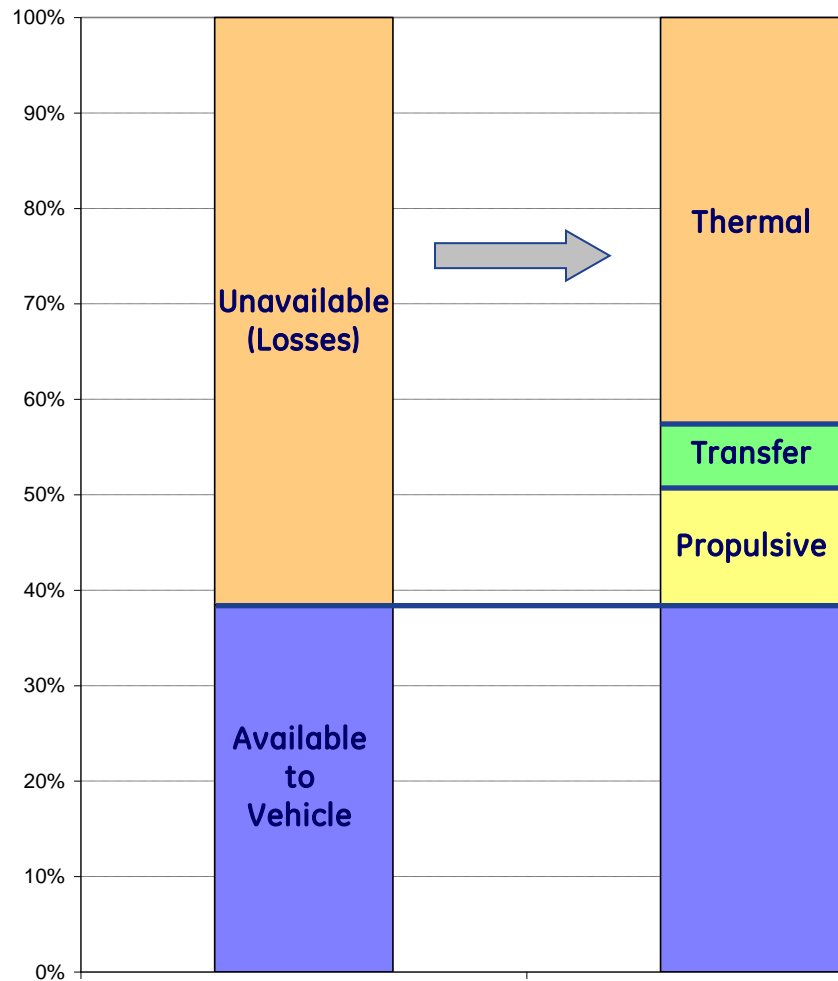
*For Every Unit of Fuel Chemical Energy...*



Today's Turboprop  
Is roughly 40%  
efficient

# Energy Availability

*converted into transfer efficiencies...*



60% loss can be categorized as:

Thermal eff: Thermodynamic loss due to the Brayton Cycle

Transfer efficiency: Loss converting energy from the core to the bypass

Propulsive efficiency: Loss of converting fan and core exhaust into useable thrust

# Opportunities for the future...

$$Range = \left( \frac{V_0}{SFC} \right) * \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) * \ln \left( \frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}} \right)$$

$$= (FHV * \eta_{thermal} * \eta_{transfer} * \eta_{propulsive}) * \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) * \ln \left( 1 + \frac{W_{fuel}}{W_{payload} + W_{empty}} \right)$$

- Highly Loaded Compressors
- High OPR Low Emissions Combustors
- Adaptive cycles
- Constant Volume Combustion
- Hybrid Electric Propulsion

- Low Loss Inlets
- Variable Low Loss Exhausts
- Distributed Power Transmission

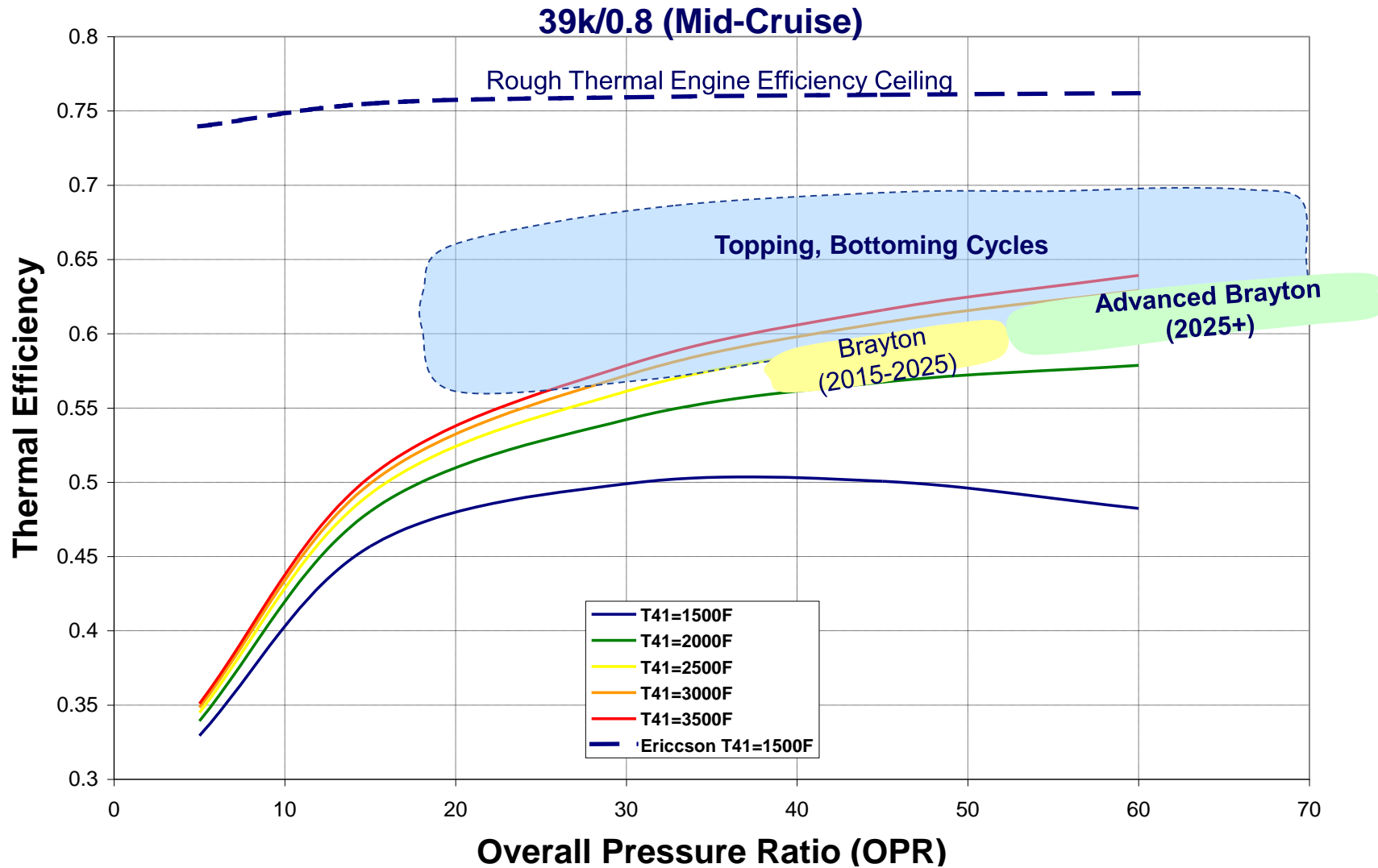
- Very High BPR Turbofans
- Ultra High BPR Turbofans
- Open Rotors
- Distributed Propulsion
- Wake Ingestion

- Novel Alloys
- Non-metallics
- Advanced Engine Architectures





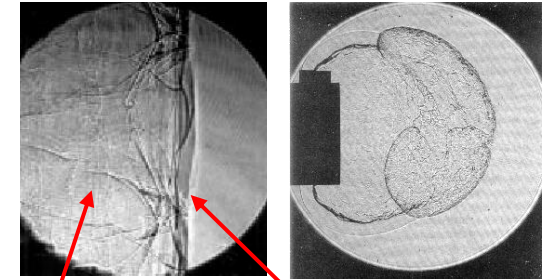
# Thermal Efficiency



**Large Thermal Opportunity Beyond Conventional Brayton Cycle**

# PDE Technology

- unsteady shock wave + combustion zone
- pressure rise combustion
- more efficient conversion of energy in fuel



Combustion  
Zone

Shock  
Wave

## Tube PDE

## IC Engine Analogy

1 Fuel fill



Intake Stroke

2 Initiation

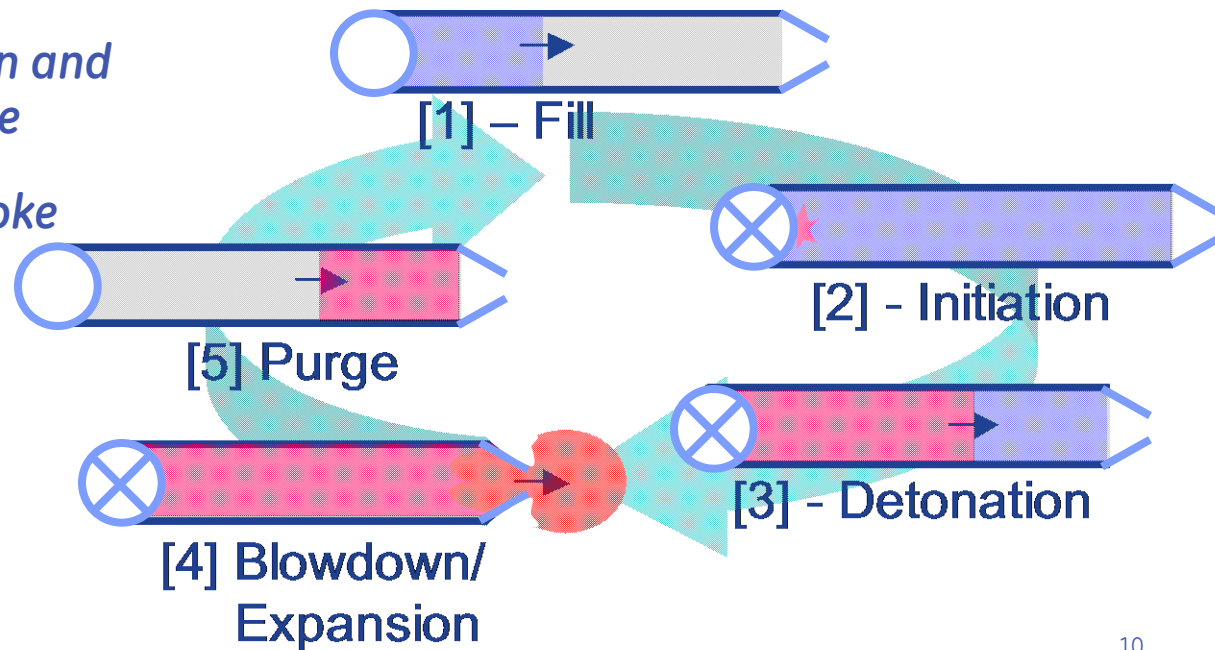
3 Detonation

4 Blowdown

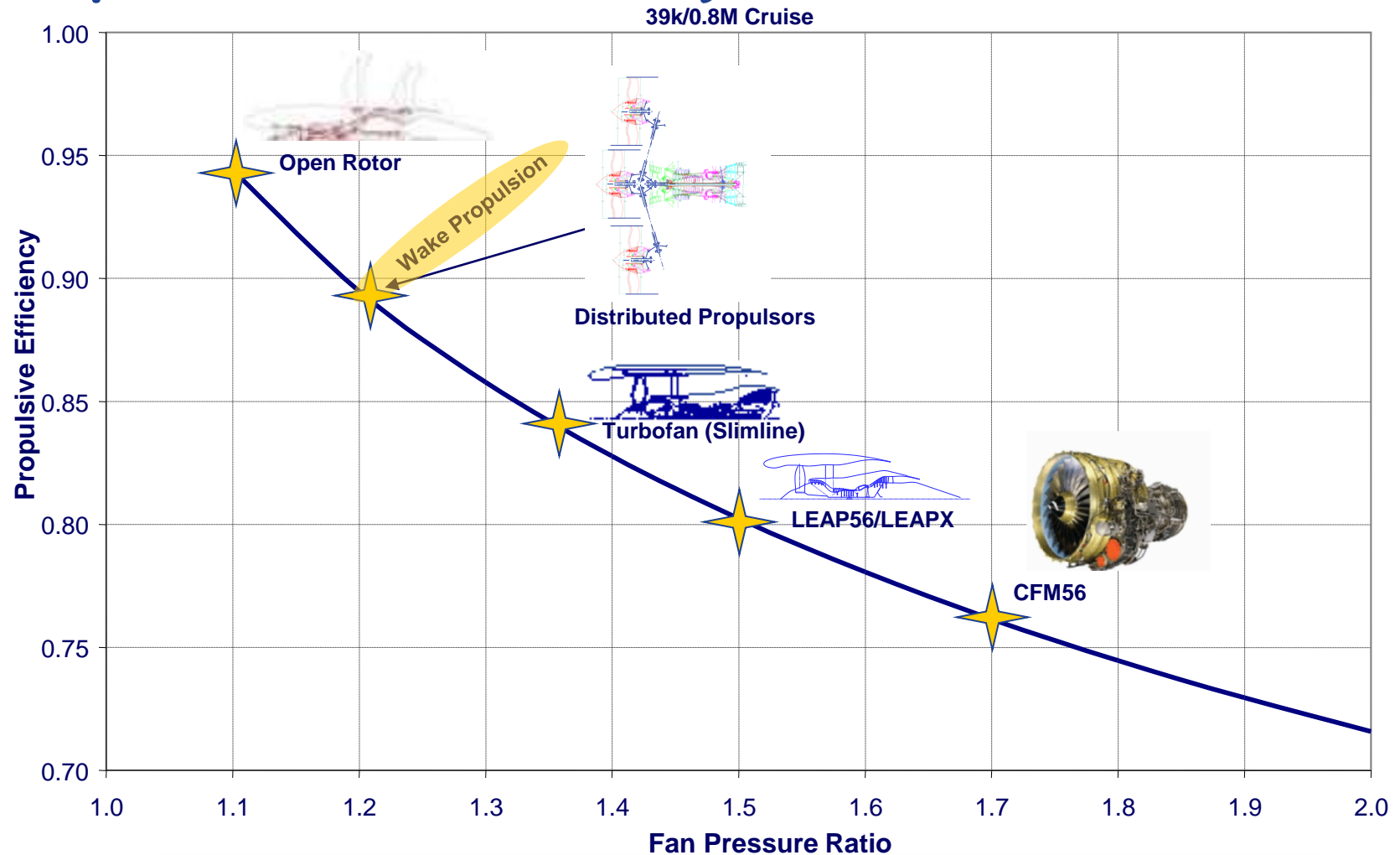
5 Purge Air

Compression and  
Power Stroke

Exhaust Stroke



# Propulsive Efficiency



Drive to lower SFC's and more integrated engine / aircraft designs

# Open rotor tests with NASA

GE/NASA testing began in 2009

Test builds on 1985 demonstration

- Acoustics validation
- Aero model validation
- New blade concepts
- Installation effects
- Pitch change effects
- Pylon, sidewall interaction





# Driving productivity through analytics

## Fuel & carbon



- Flight operations data analysis
- Operations insights for fuel savings

Improving **productivity of assets**

**1% fuel burn reduction<sup>-a)</sup>  
= \$10MM savings**

Over **25,000<sup>-b)</sup>** engines monitored  
... and growing

## IVHM

Integrated Vehicle Health Management

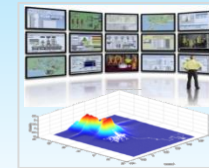


- Advanced prognostics & enterprise integration

Improving **utilization of airplanes**

**1 hour increase in aircraft  
utilization per day  
= \$100MM+ annual benefit<sup>-c)</sup>**

## Digital workscope



- Optimize time on-wing

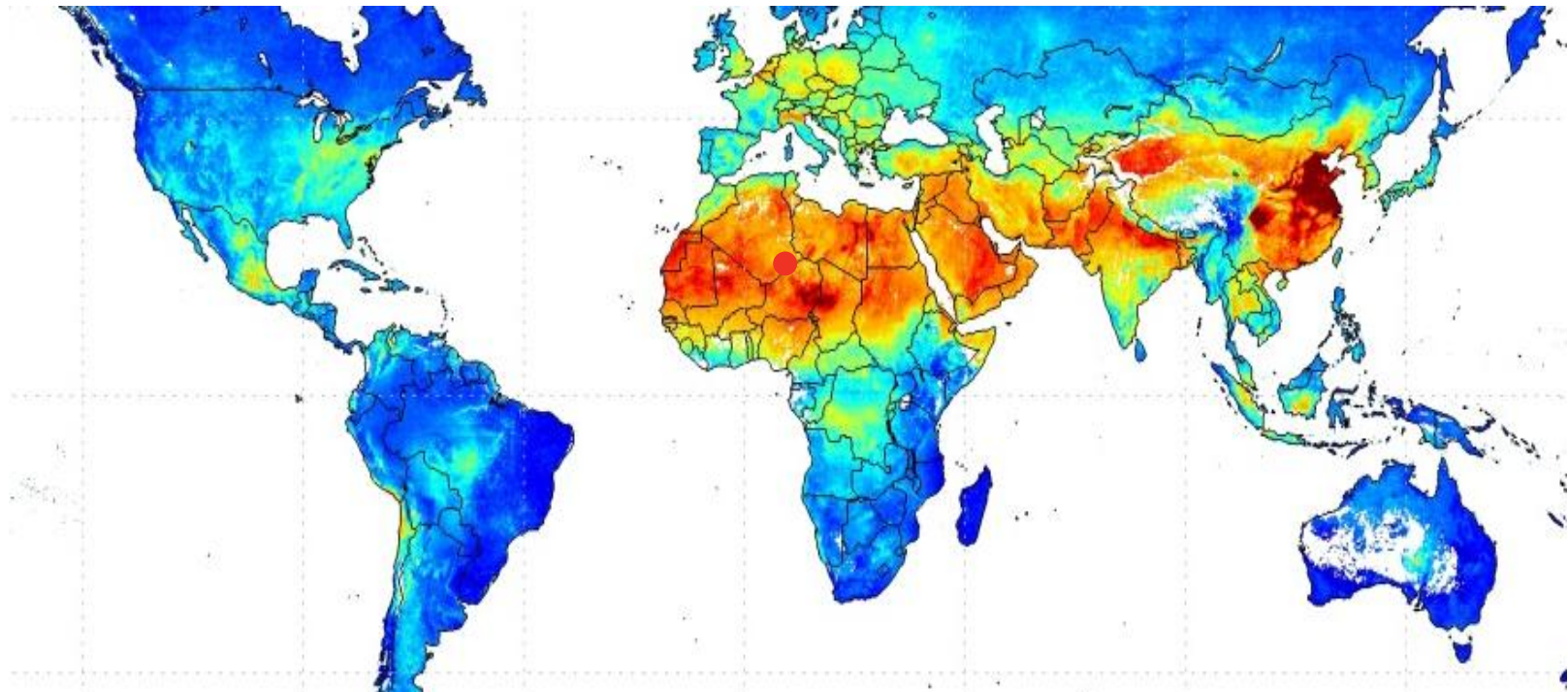
Improving **service of our engines**

**5% annual productivity  
= \$50MM cost savings  
per year**

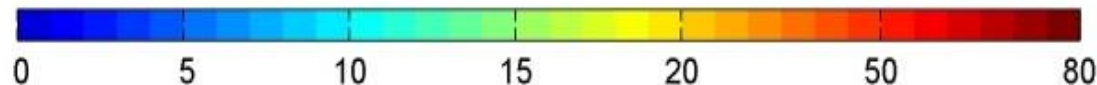
- **Fuel efficiency**
- **Asset utilization**
- **Operations efficiency**

# Global challenges

Temperature, dust, pollution, gravel, sand, construction debris



Levels of Dust World Wide



Satellite-Derived PM<sub>2.5</sub> [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]

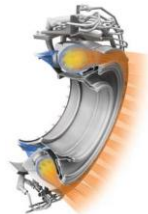
# Technology integration thru 2020

Keeping the pipeline filled

## Technology



Composites



Lean  
Combustion



CMCs



Adv. Cooling



High-Temp  
Materials



Flight Mgmt

2010

Advanced  
turbofan

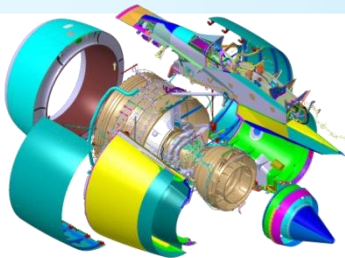
Integrated  
engine and  
aircraft  
systems

Adaptive  
cycles

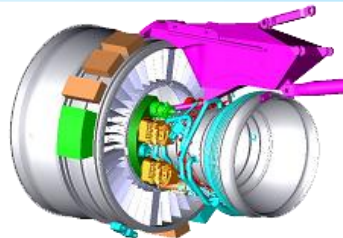
Advanced  
architectures

2020

## Architecture



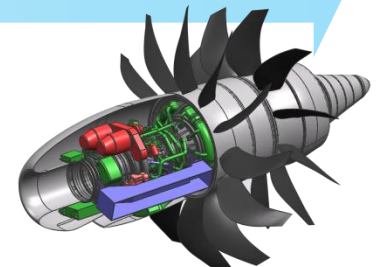
Integrated propulsion



Integrated power  
generation

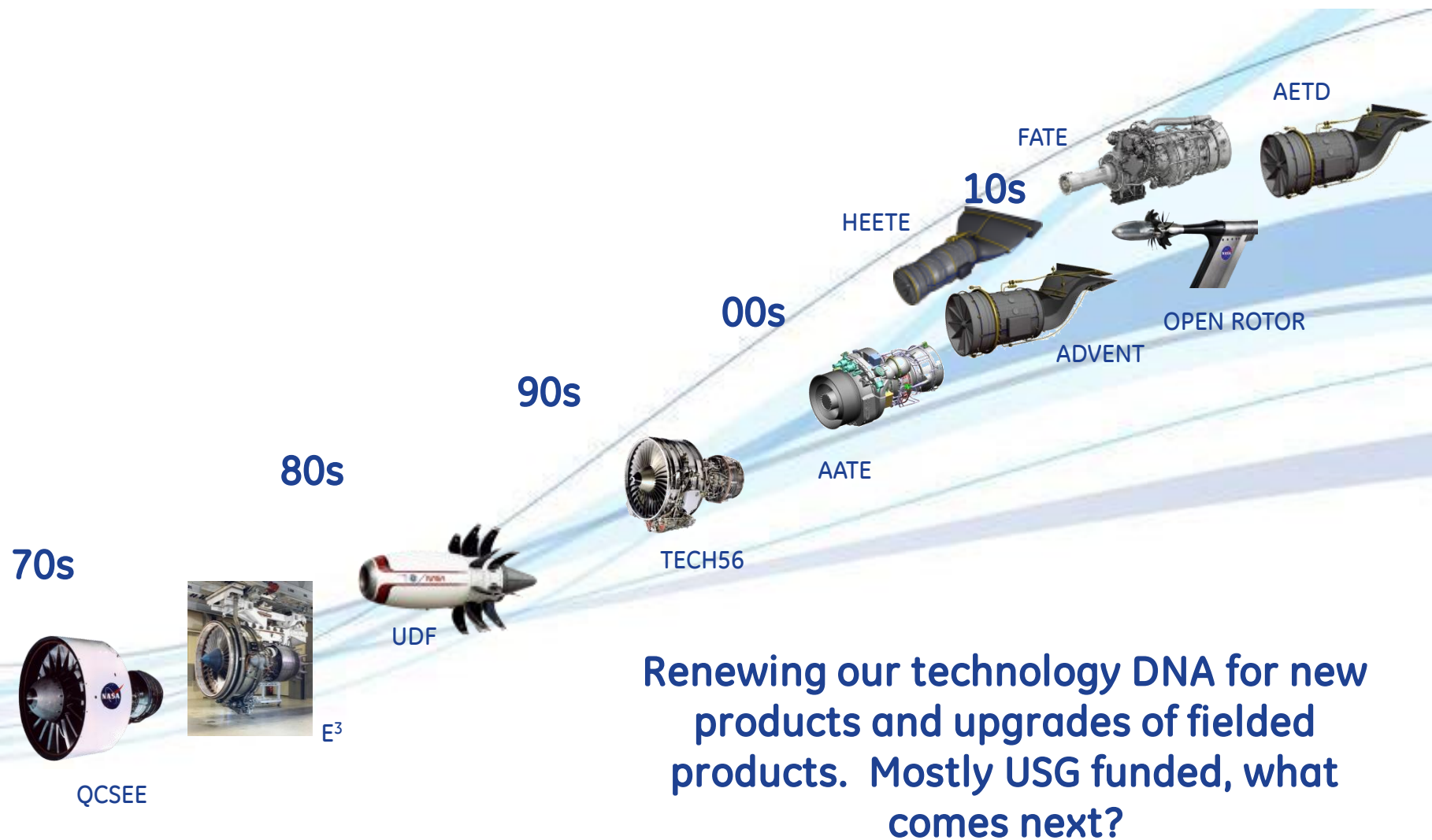


Core efficiency



New designs

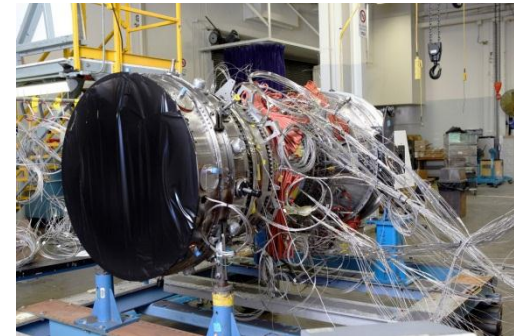
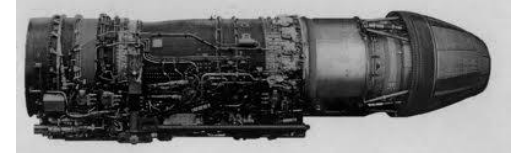
# Technology demonstrator programs





# Adaptive Engine Technology Development

- AETD...new class of engines with up to 25% better fuel efficiency
- Variable cycle technology
- Technology demonstration that builds on ADVENT
- Foundation for future generation of combat propulsion





# New Products and Services

# GENx build-up, acceptance & flight test...





# New Product Introduction (NPI)

## Taking our products from design to manufacturing

Make parts

Run  
Development  
Tests

Certify



### Test types

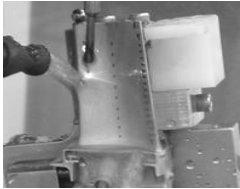
- Performance
- Ingestion – *water, hail, ice, dust, birds*
- Acoustic
- Fan blade-out
- Emissions
- Vibration
- Endurance
- Flight



# New Product Introduction (NPI)

## Lean labs

Turbine Airfoils



Rotating Parts



Composites



Special Products



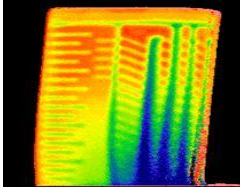
Structures



Automation



Castings



Additive Manuf.



Explore, develop and industrialize  
Advanced Manufacturing Technologies  
and transition to Supply Chain.

Process  
development

Demo  
production

Full scale  
production

Industrialization  
for cost, quality  
& delivery

# New military and commercial pipeline...

- F414 Gripen
- F414 INS6
- CT7, T700 derivatives
- LEAP
- GE9X
- GE38



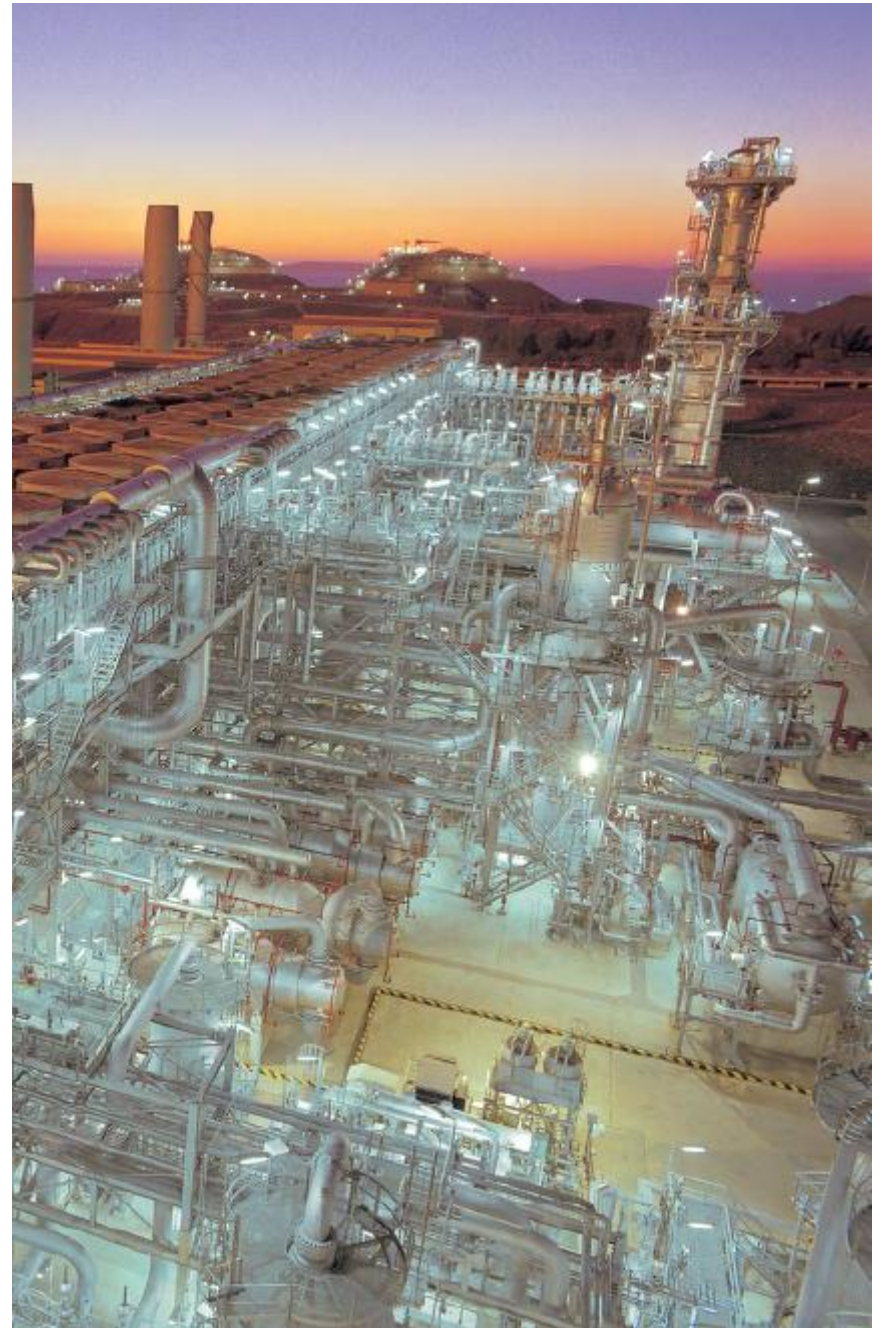


# Alternative Fuels



# Aviation Alternative Fuels...

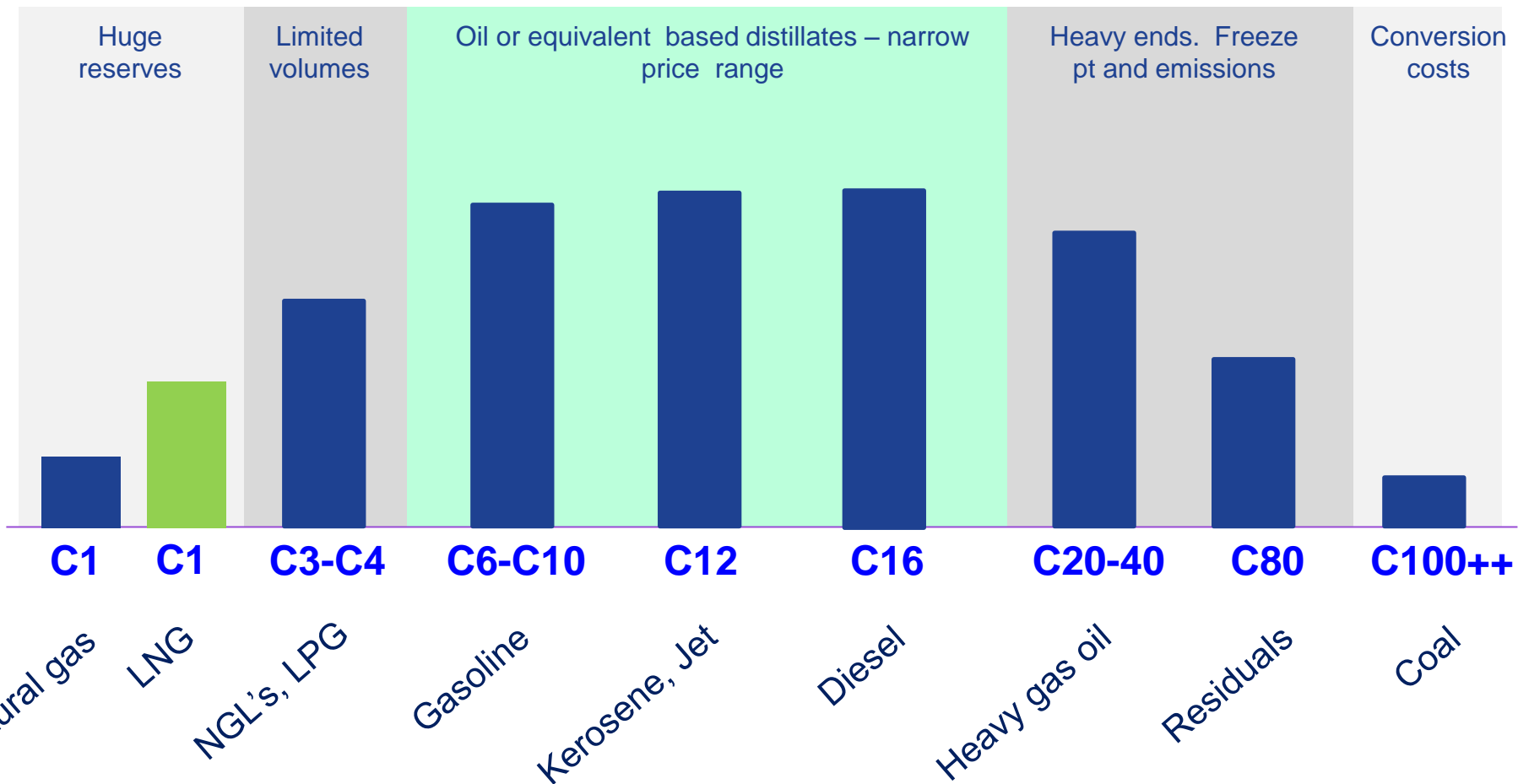
- Drop in
- Near Drop-in
- Non Drop-in





# The Cost Of Fuel...

Wholesale price per Jet-A gallon equivalent \$



# Summary

Traditional fuel burn reduction strategies are beginning to yield diminishing returns – innovative technologies are required

- Light weight, high propulsive efficiency
- Advanced materials
- Highly integrated
- Big data, prognostics, IVHM
- Non-Brayton cycles

New products are the lifeblood of the business

- Roadmaps near term to 2050+
- Maintenance concept selection can have multi billion dollar impact to the bottom line.

Aviation alternative fuels may play a significant role in our energy future



\*CFM engines