

Propulsion Technology Direction

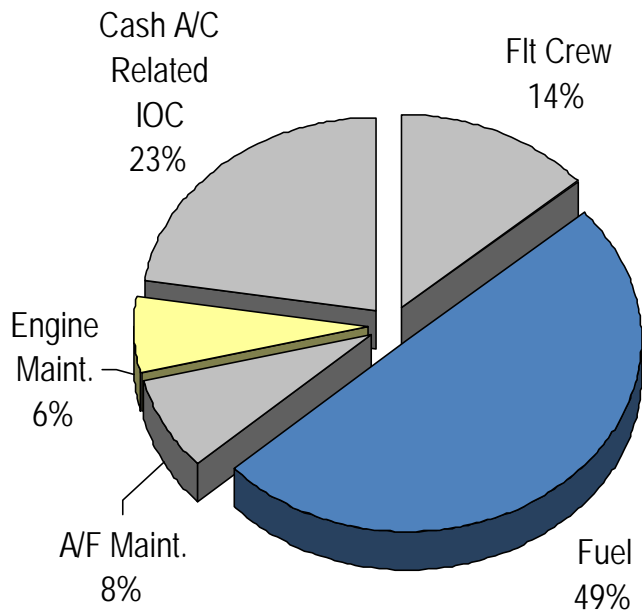


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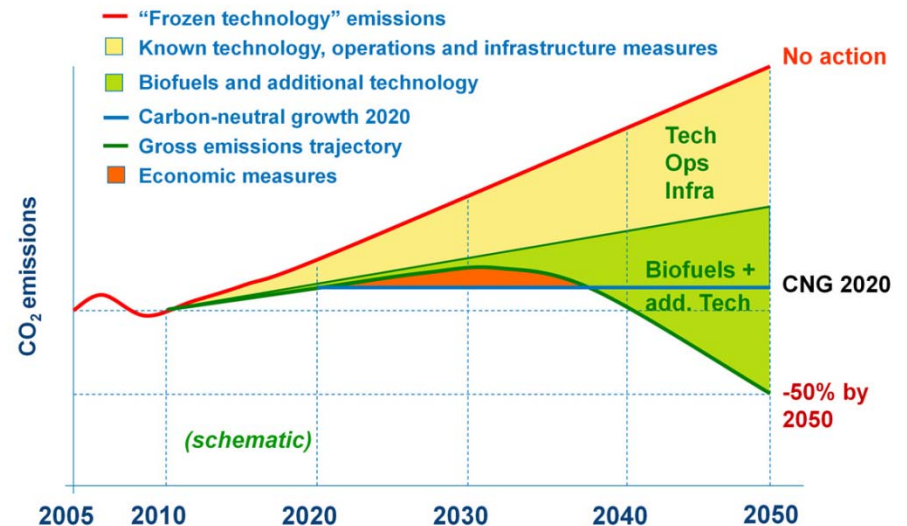
Twofold Pressure to Improve Performance

Medium range aircraft, \$3/gal



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IATA Emissions reduction roadmap



CO₂

Aggressive Technology Goals Have Been Defined

Vehicle Level Metrics for Fuel Burn Reduction

	Δ Fuel Burn	Time Frame
NASA N+2 ACARE Vision 2020	-50%	15 yrs
NASA N+3 Flightpath 2050	-60 to -75%	20-40 yrs

How Much Δ Fuel Burn from the Propulsion System?

Short/Medium Range

In Service

BPR 5

Fuel Burn Reference

2013-16

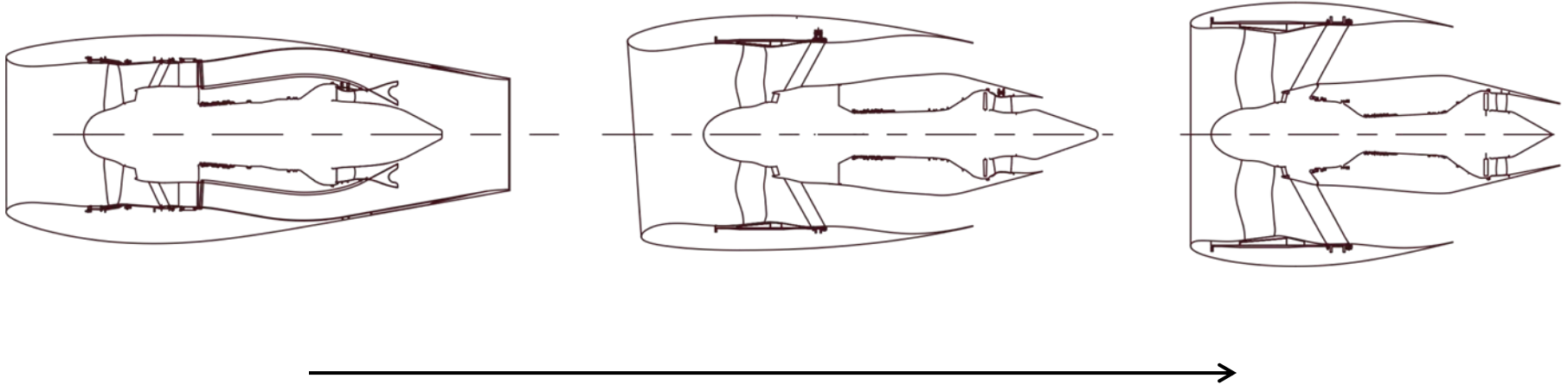
BPR ~ 12

-15%

Longer Term

BPR 15~18

-20~30%



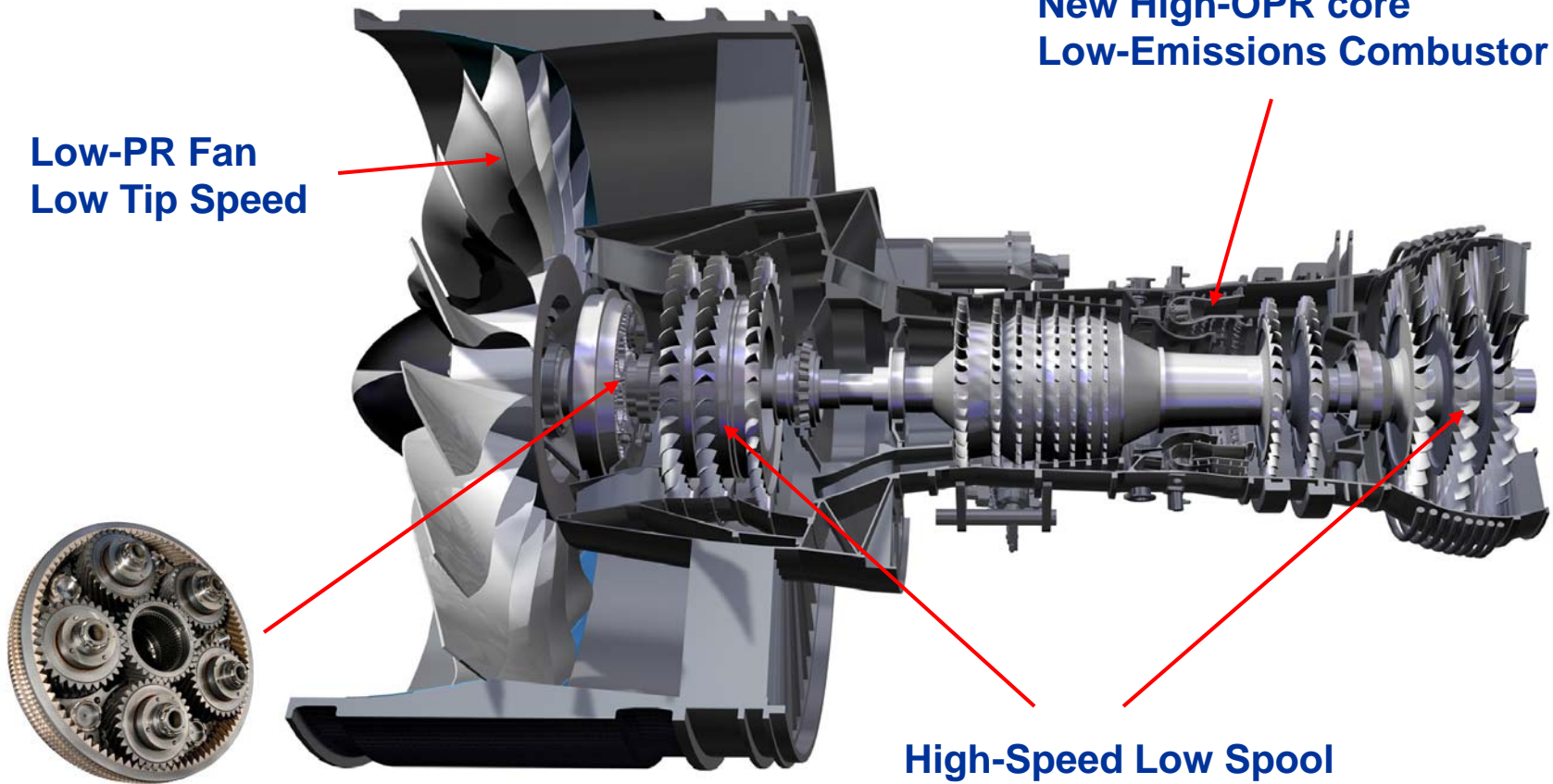
Propulsion Trend to Big Fans/ Small Cores

GTF Engine Architecture – 2013 Configuration

BPR ~ 12

**New High-OPR core
Low-Emissions Combustor**

**Low-PR Fan
Low Tip Speed**



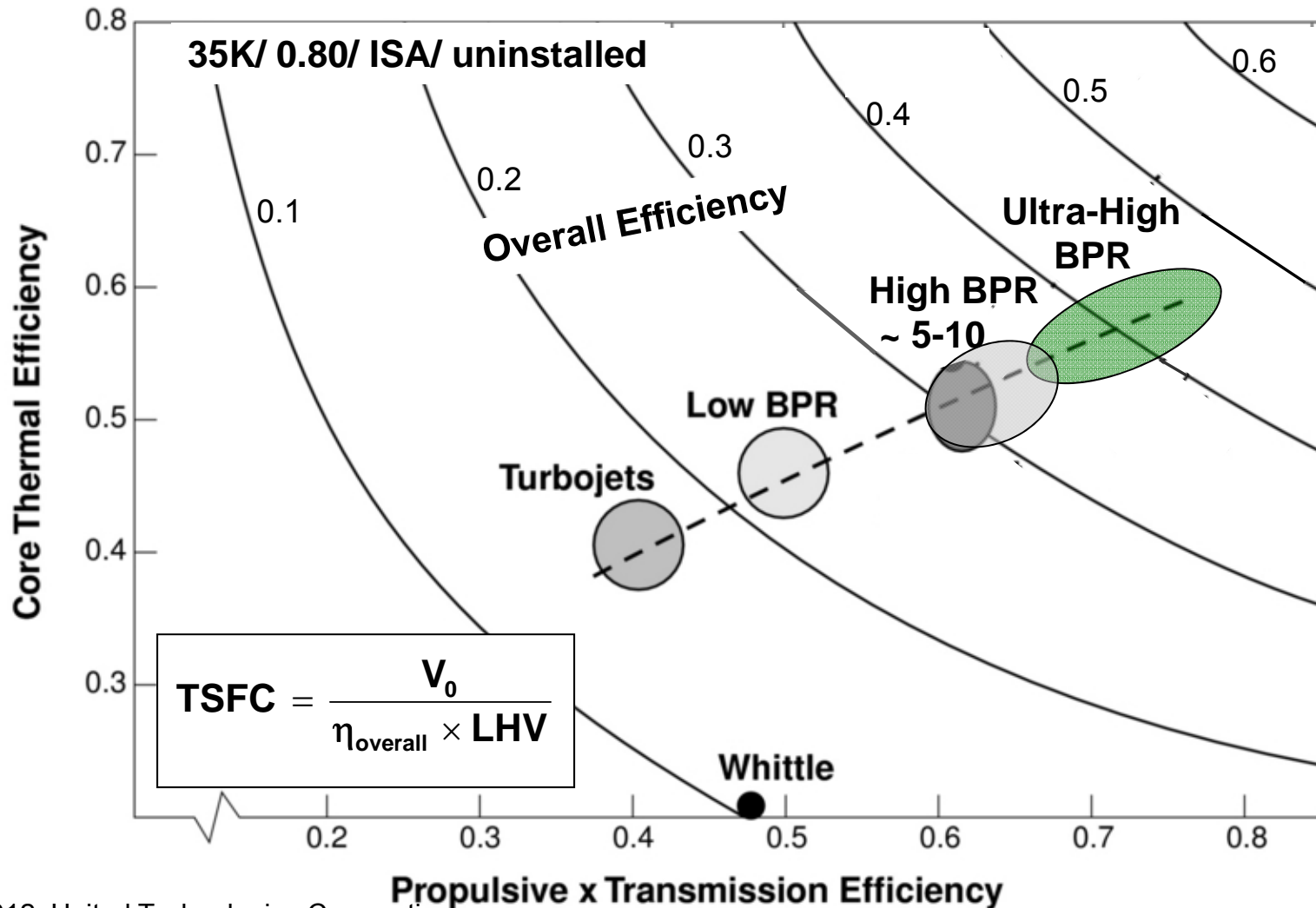
**Fan Drive Gear System
Planetary- 5 Planets
Compact High Efficiency Power Transmission**

**High-Speed Low Spool
Compact 3-stage LPC, LPT**

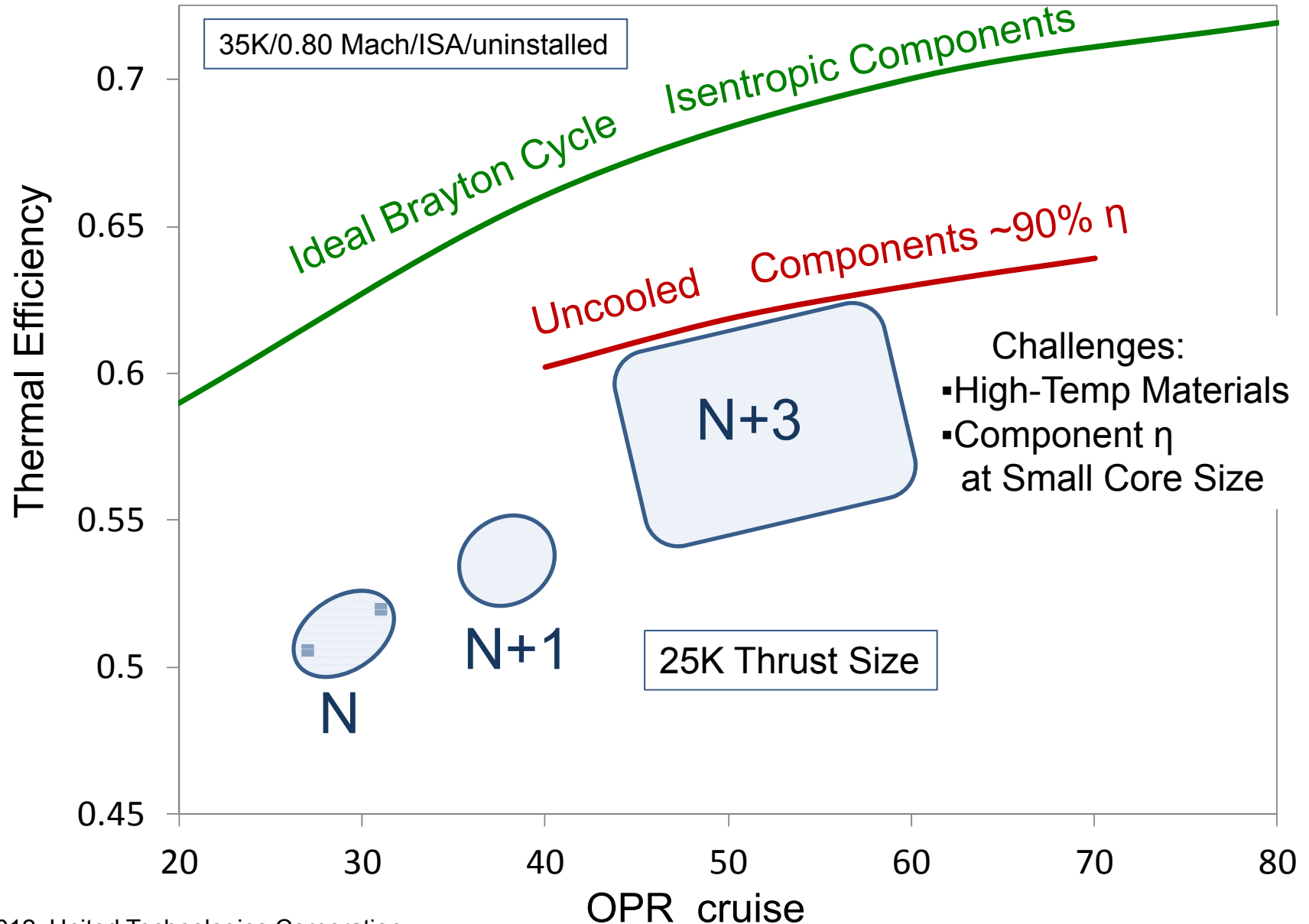
Fuel Efficiency Drives Thermodynamic Cycle

Thermal efficiency- production of power from fuel heat release → higher OPR

Propulsive efficiency- conversion of power to thrust → lower FPR

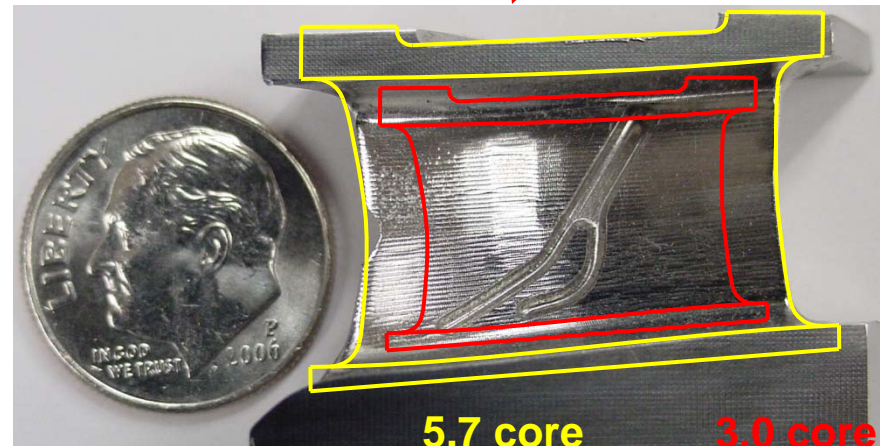
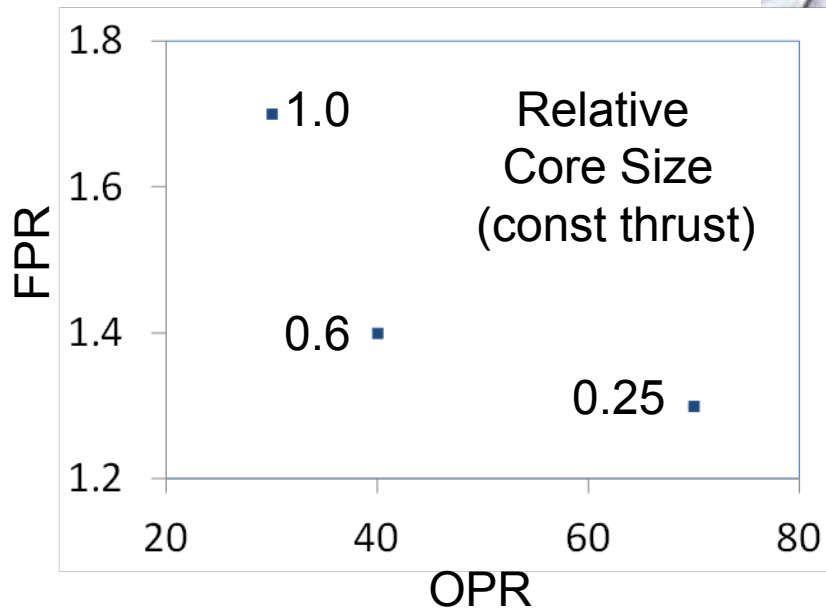
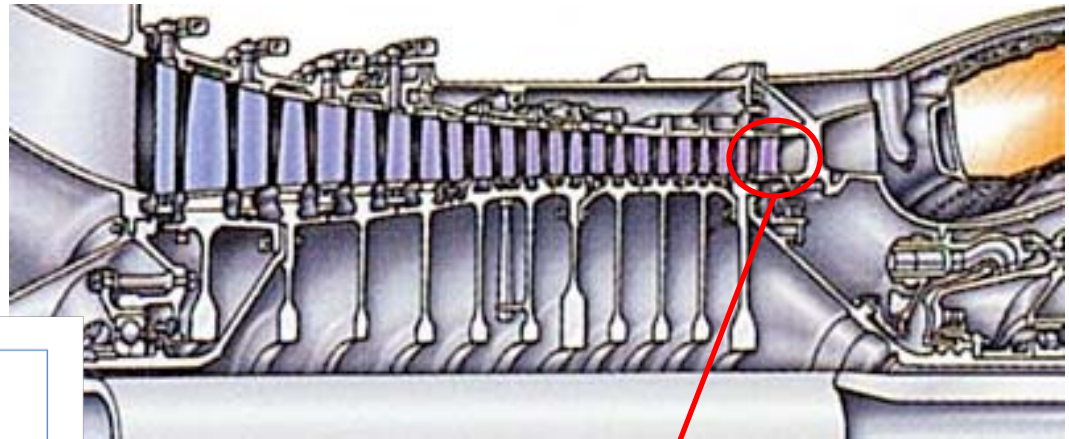


Thermal Efficiency Trend with Overall Pressure Ratio



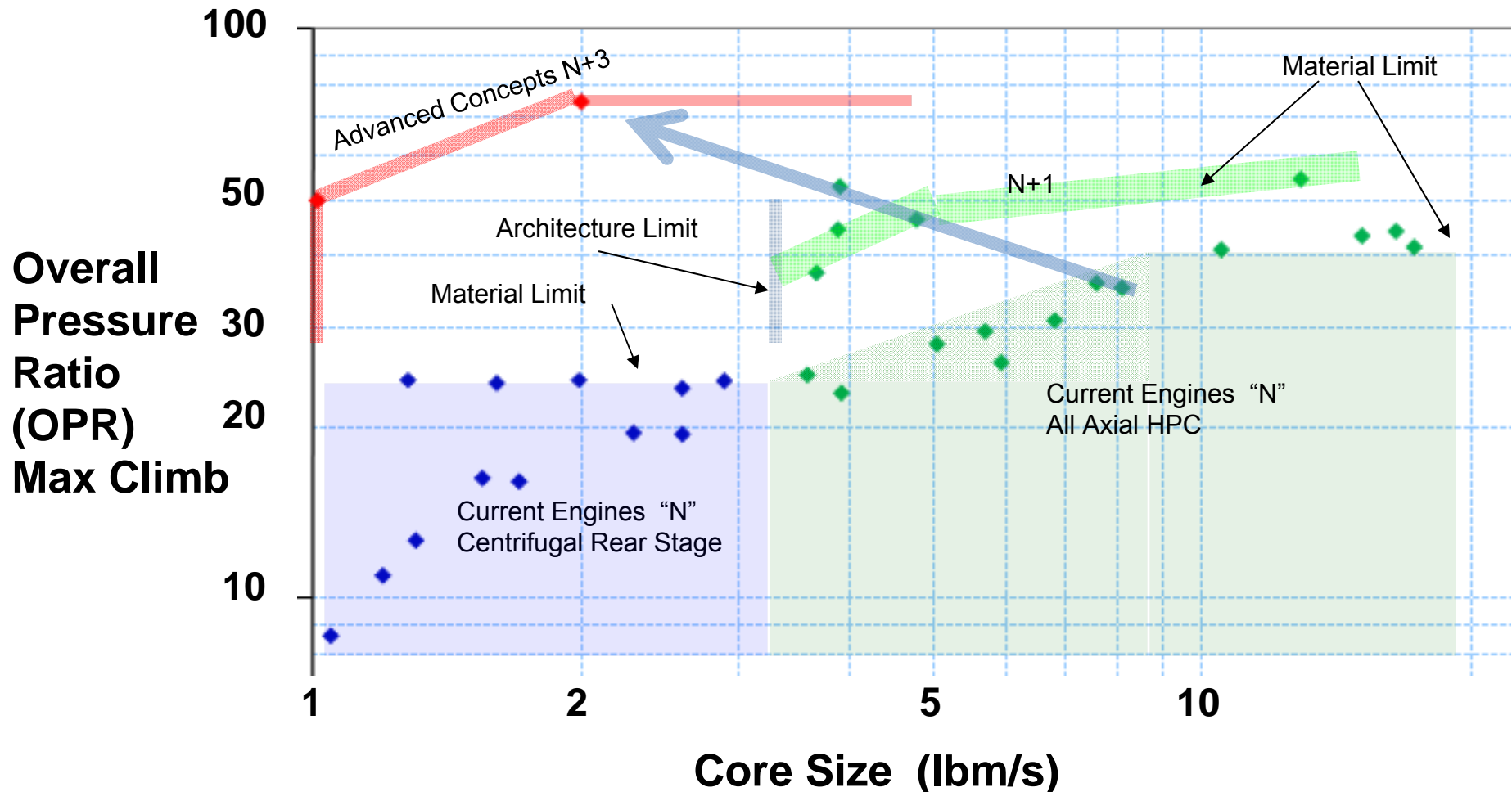
“Core Size” Design Issue for High-OPR Engines

Compressor exit corrected flow $\frac{W\sqrt{\theta}}{\delta} \sim \text{“core size”}$



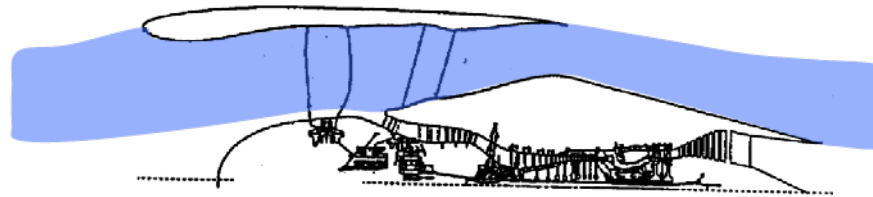
OPR-CS Design Space Chart

Technology trend to higher OPR/ smaller CS challenges material capability and architecture

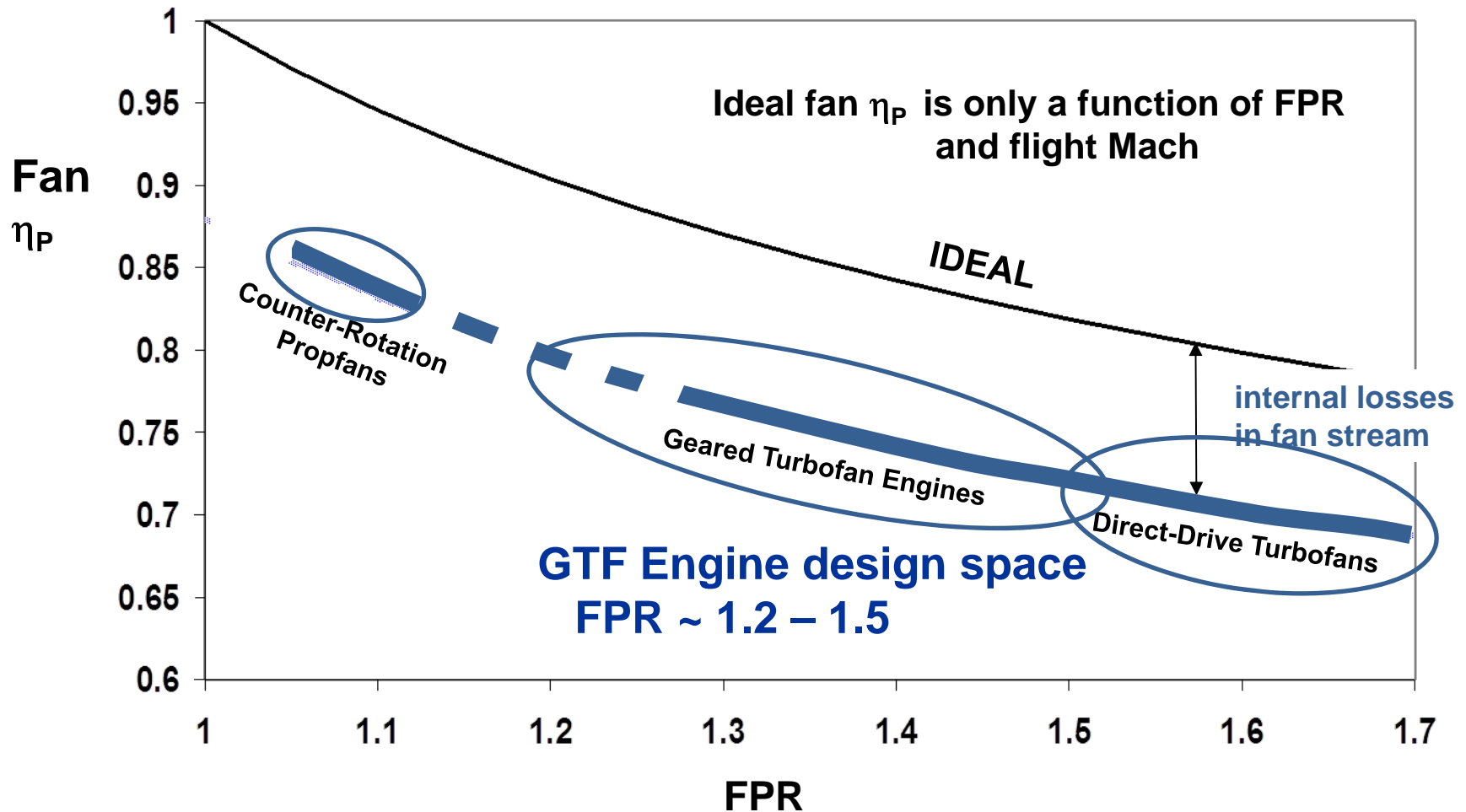


Propulsive Efficiency Trend with Fan Pressure Ratio

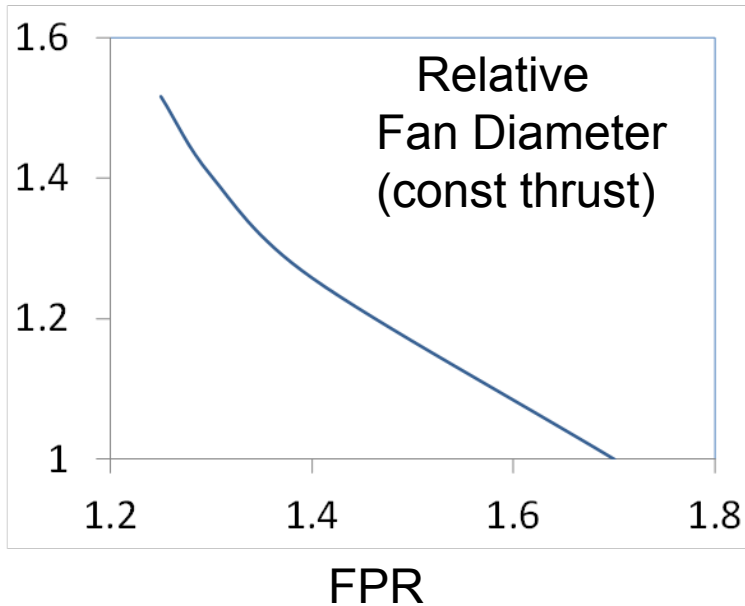
Flight Mach = 0.80



$$\eta_{Pfan} = \frac{F_{Nfan} V_0}{SHP_{fan}}$$



Installation Challenge for Low-FPR/ High-BPR Engines



Current 5:1 BPR

Future 18:1 BPR

Unconventional Installations Considered for N+2, N+3



Reference
V2500
1988 EIS

PW1000G GTF™ Engine
+16% Eff
EIS 2013-2015



Adv GTF™
Engine
+30% Eff
EIS 2020-2025



Unconventional
Installations

Gen 3 GTF™ Engine
+45% Eff
EIS 2030-2035



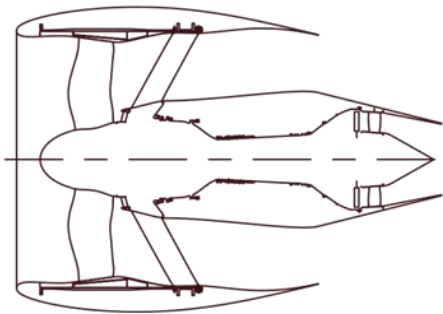
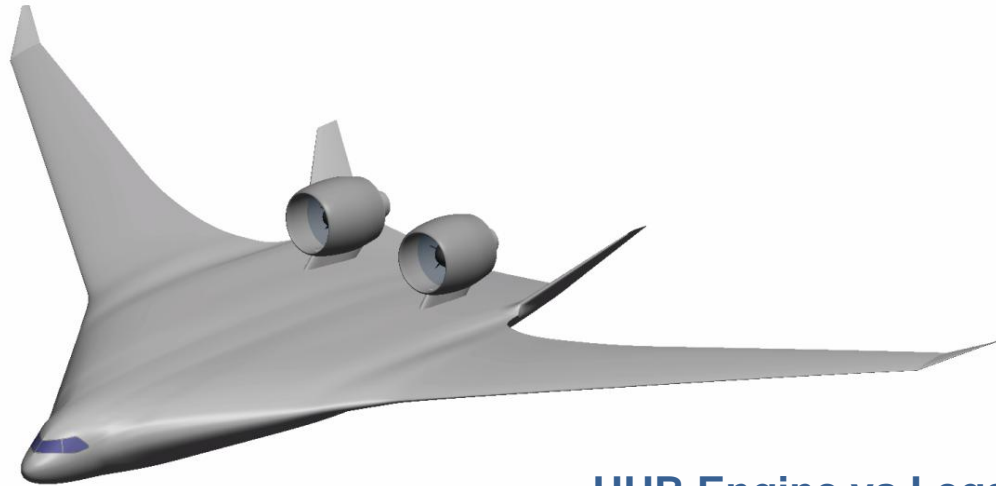
2015

2020

2025

2030

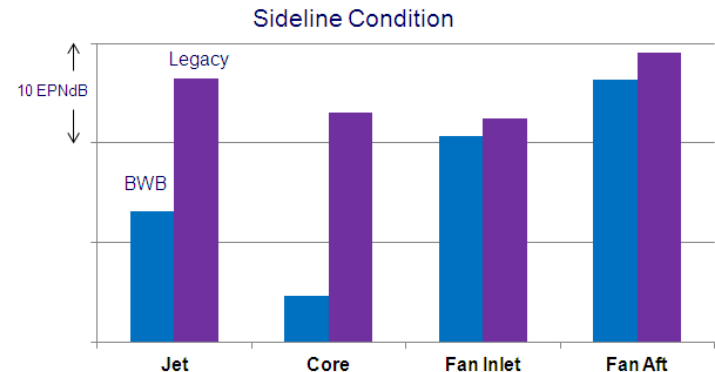
N+2 Boeing BWB Installation UHB Ducted Engine



BPR ~ 18 Engine

Δ Fuel Burn for the Propulsion System
estimated at -18% relative to PW4090/777

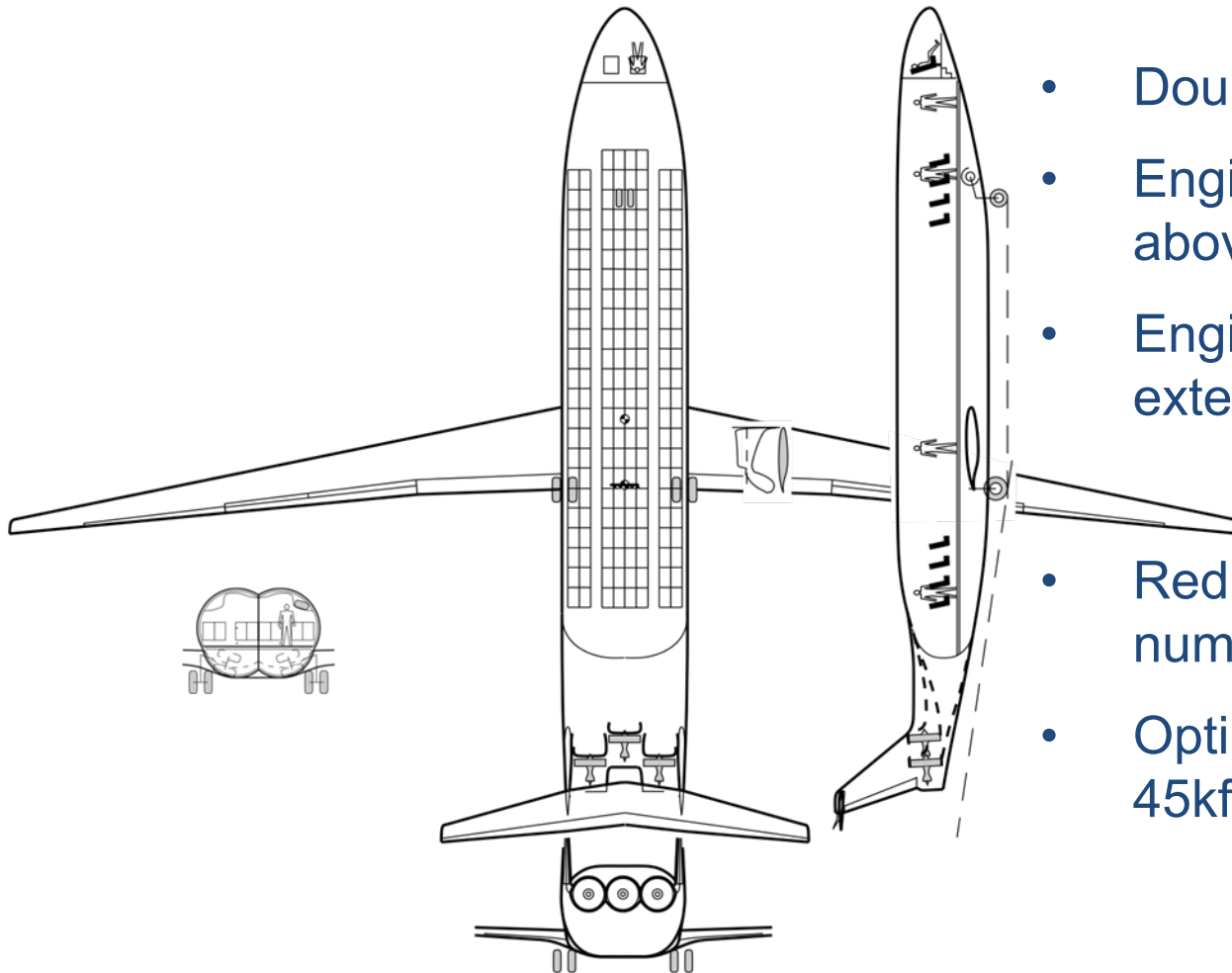
UHB Engine vs Legacy (PW4090) Noise



Significant reduction in jet noise
for the low-FPR engine
Combine with airframe shielding of
fan noise and airframe noise reduction
to meet N+2 noise goals

N+3 D8 (Double-Bubble) Configuration

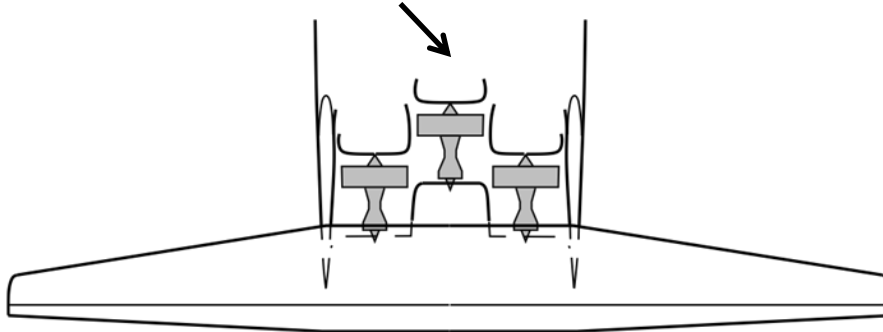
180 Passengers, 3000 nmi Range



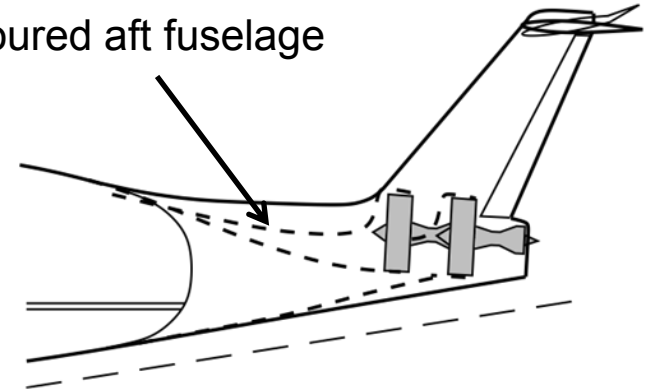
- Double bubble lifting fuselage
- Engines flush-mounted above aft fuselage
- Engine noise shielding and extended rearward liners
- Reduced cruise Mach number with unswept wings,
- Optimized cruise altitude 45kft (13.7 km)

Fuselage Boundary Layer Ingestion for Increased Propulsive Efficiency

Engines ingesting full upper surface
boundary layer



Contoured aft fuselage



- Entire upper fuselage BL ingested by propulsor bypass stream
- Exploits aft fuselage static pressure field to condition flow
 - Fuselage's potential flow has local $M = 0.6$ at fan face
 - No additional required diffusion into fan
 - No generation of streamwise vorticity and secondary flow

Reduced Emissions/ Combustor Technology

- For aviation gas turbines, key issues are:
 - Landing and Take-Off (LTO) NO_x => impacts on local airport operations
 - Cruise NO_x and particulate matter (PM) => man-made pollutants at altitude
- P&W combustor technology
 - World-class TALON rich-quench-lean (RQL) technology
 - Significant reductions in LTO NO_x (over 50% reduction compared to CAEP 6 for the TALON X in a GTF)
 - Similar reductions in cruise NO_x
 - Swirler technology to reduce smoke and PM
 - Continued exploration of novel combustor concepts
 - Seeking very low NO_x and PM
 - Robust configurations
 - Working with NASA, AFRL, Navy

Propulsion Technology Direction - Summary

- -15% fuel burn by mid-decade enabled by new technology engines (PW1524G, PW1133G) on single-aisle aircraft
- Longer term goal -20 to -30% (2025+)
- Future propulsion design challenges involve small cores and big fans
 - alternative architectures at engine and vehicle level may be required