# Environmental Challenges in Aviation Gas Turbines

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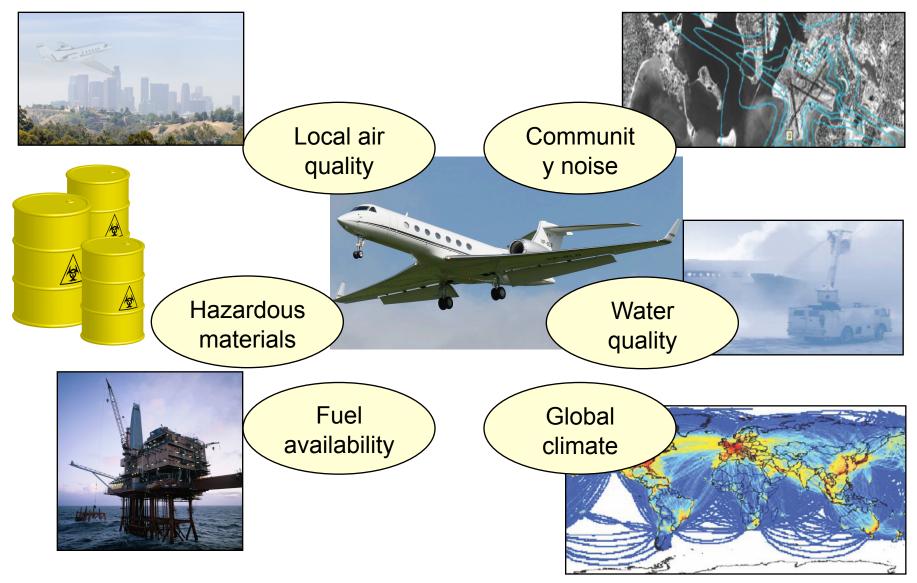
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# OUTLINE

Challenges for Aviation Environmental Impact from Aviation Engine Emissions – Regulatory Requirements Emissions of P&WC Engines GHG Emissions & Carbon Trading Aviation Fuel Challenges Conclusions

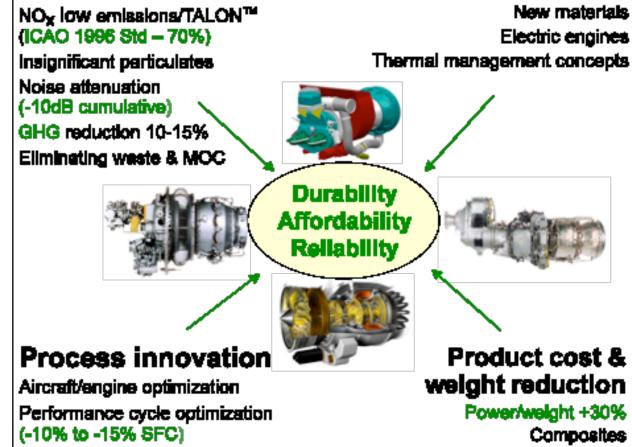


## ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FOR AVIATION



# GREEN ENGINE TECHNOLOGIES 2015 VISION

#### Environmental



**GOALS**:

Lowest possible emission
impact

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- Lowest possible noise impact
- Green materials & green processes
- Involve green suppliers and partners
- Material efficient Operations
- Address human factors
- Design for serviceability, reusability, recyclability

New technologies partnered with Canadian industries and universities

Advanced concepts

# EMISSION REGULATION STATUS (ICAO)

#### **Current Regulations**

- NOx, CO, HC for a simulated landing takeoff cycle below 3000 ft.
- NOx stringency progressively increasing since 1981 (4 steps)
- Exhaust smoke
- Fuel venting not allowed

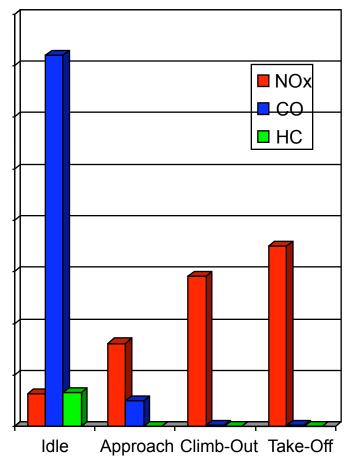
#### Expected future regulations

- More stringency on NOx, including cruise Particulate matter ( and measurement methods)
- CO<sub>2</sub> through emissions trading schemes

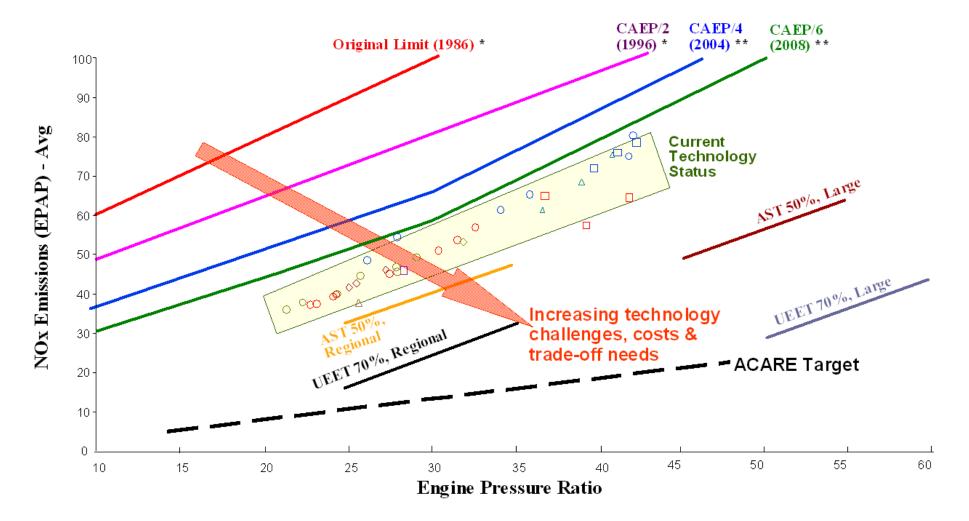
#### **Other Concerns**

Cirrus clouds / contrail cirrus (water and particulate matter)

#### **Typical Emissions Profile**

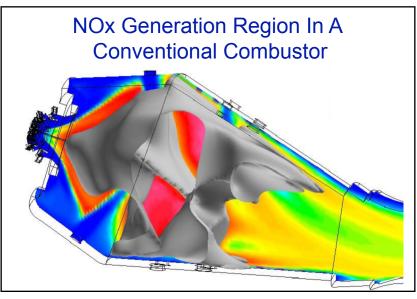


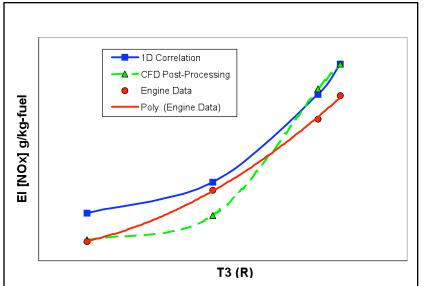
NOX TECHNOLOGY STANDINGS vs REGULATIONS

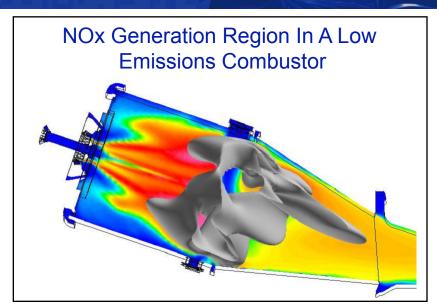


- \* For turbofan engines exceeding 6000 lb thrust only
- \*\* Correction for thrust down to 6000 lb with no additional stringency

#### CFD MODELLING ON NOx







- NOx post processing from CFD
- Extended Zeldovich mechanisms
- Predicted prompt NOx is small
- NOx is sensitive to spray quality

### PARTICULATE MATTER

Concern to-date has been on visible carbon & regulations are based on opacity of exhaust plume (Smoke Number)

All aviation engines are regulated to ensure exhaust plume is not visible

More recent studies on global warming are concerned with particulate emissions in flight

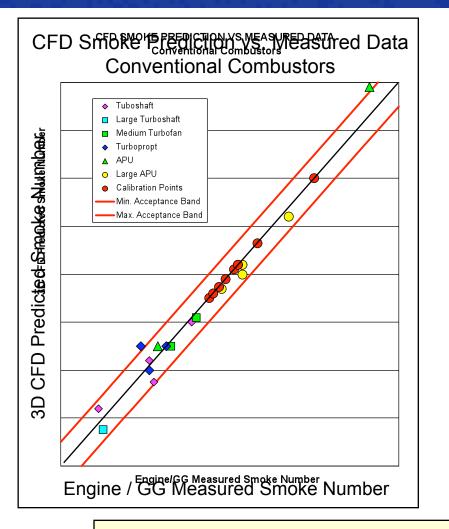
Atmospheric particulates are in the range of 5 – 1000 nM sizes

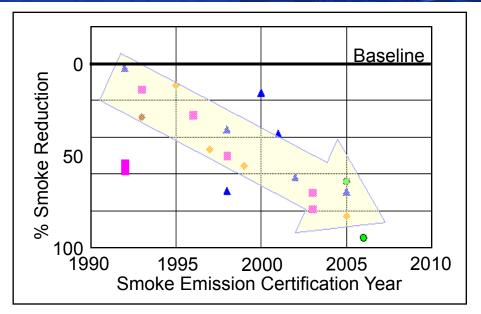
Aviation exhaust particulates are in range of 10 –100 nM; largest portions are in 30 - 40 nM range, < 10 nM particulates are mainly volotalic species

Circumstances creating nucleation are to be investigated including effect of sulphur

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## SMOKE EMISSIONS REDUCTION





- Semi-empirical prediction method
- CFD post processing for smoke index
- Anchored prediction model

Key technologies are advanced computational analysis (CFD) and improved fuel injectors

#### Key elements of EU proposal and ICAO guidelines

As of 2011-2012, all flights between community airports will be subject to emissions trading systems

As of 2015, non-EU country flights will also be subject to emissions trading systems

Carbon allowances will be determined on basis of historical aviation emissions in years 2004 to 2006

Guidance on emissions trading for aviation was a key subject of ICAO/CAEP meeting in Montreal, February 2007

There is no agreement between EU and rest of the world on an acceptable emissions trading system

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM AVIATION

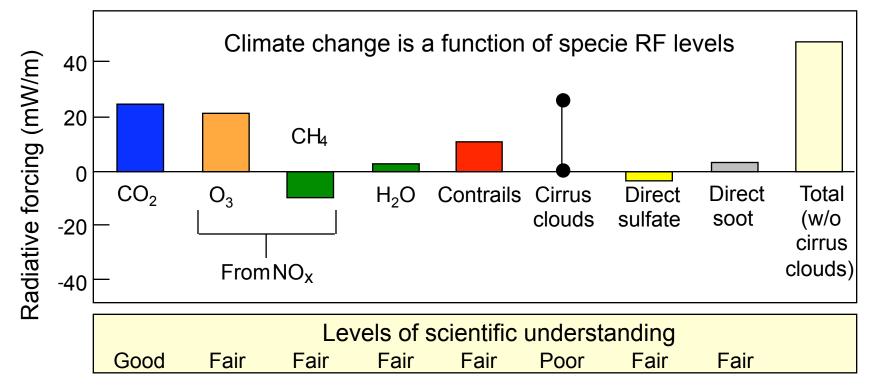
#### Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Global NO<sub>x</sub> emissions Transportation sector 22% Transportation sector 56% Heavy-duty Maritime road vehicles **Aviation** 10% 30% 2% Maritime 7% Rail **Turbine powered** 10% Light-duty Road vehicles 78% GA 0.5% road vehicles 45% Aircraft 12% Rail, inland

Aviation contributes <1.5%  $NO_x$  and <3%  $CO_2$  of global emissions

water 6%

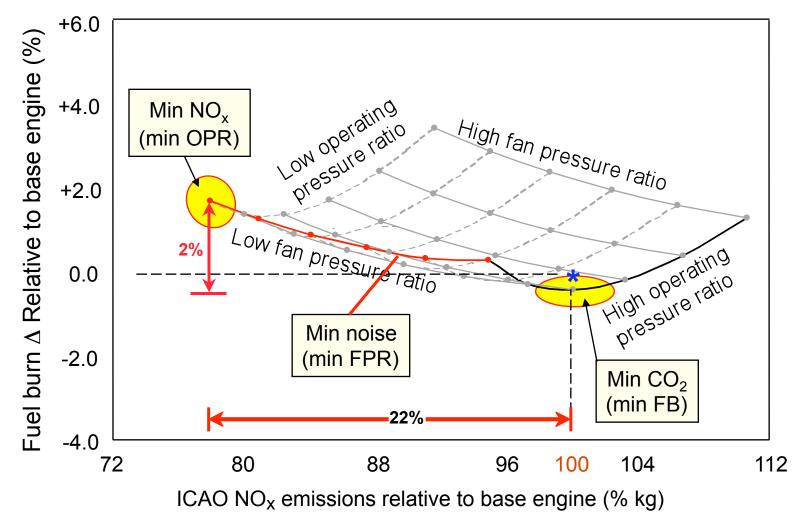
# ESTIMATION OF GLOBAL WARMING FROM INDIVIDUAL SPECIES IN AIRCRAFT EXHAUST

Radiative forcing levels from aviation species for Y2000



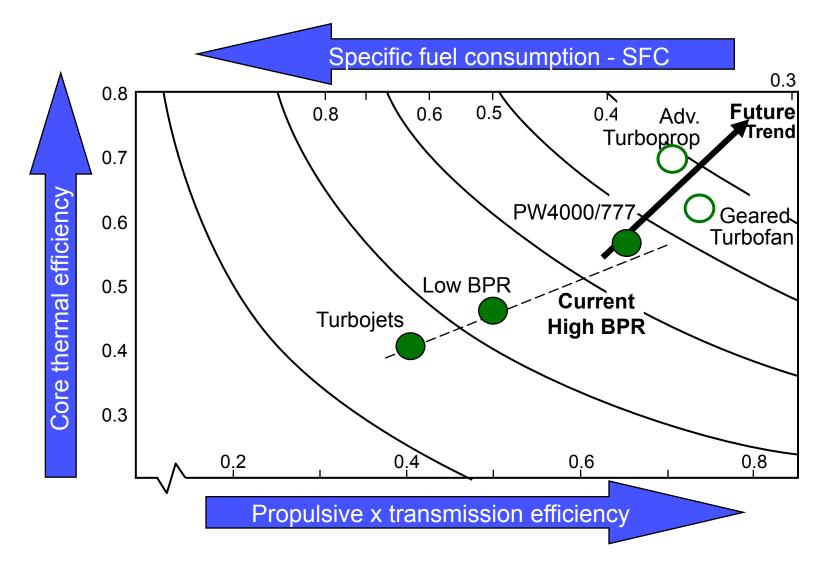
Impact on global environment from NO<sub>x</sub> can be as significant as from CO<sub>2</sub>

ENGINE CYCLE OPTIMIZATION DRIVERS INFLUENCING FUEL BURN & NO



Design trade-offs required between noise, fuel burn and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

#### EVOLUTION OF AERO GAS TURBINE EFFICIENCY



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#### GEARED TURBOFAN (GTF)







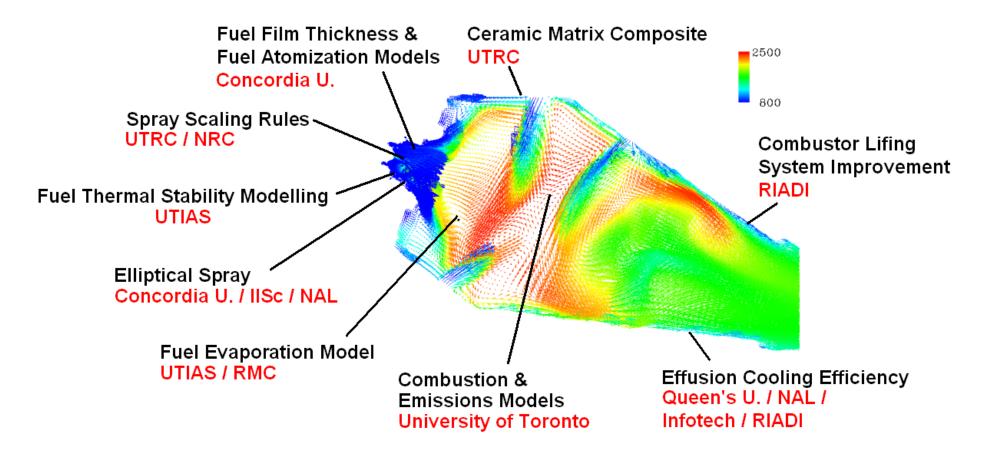
GTF has shown step change reduction with current core technology. More reductions possible with GTF technology.

- Benefits all emissions (CO, HC, NOx, CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Upto 20 dB reduction in noise

The geared turbofan has shown significant fuel burn reduction without compromising operability, noise or emissions

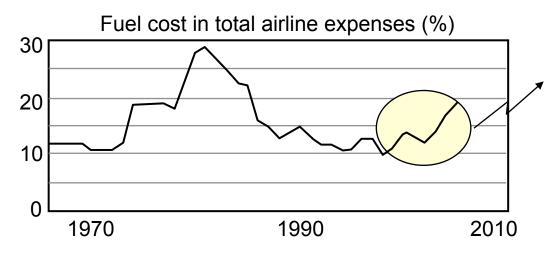
# EMISSIONS REDUCTION TALON<sup>TM</sup> TECHNOLOGY FOR LOW EMISSIONS

#### **P&WC** Has Reduced NOx by Over 50% Using TALON Technologies



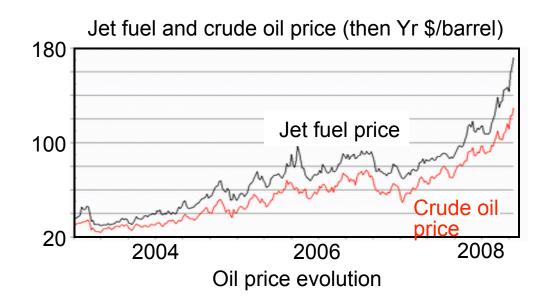
P&WC Low Emissions Technology Involves Canadian University Collaboration

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FOR AVIATION – FUEL COSTS



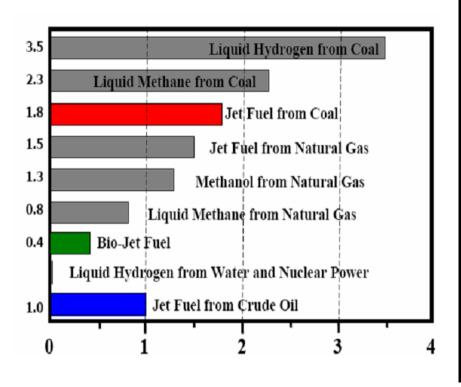
Fuel costs as % of aviation expenses is on the rise again

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Environmental & economic concerns will drive efforts to reduce fuel consumption

# RELATIVE CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS OF FUELS

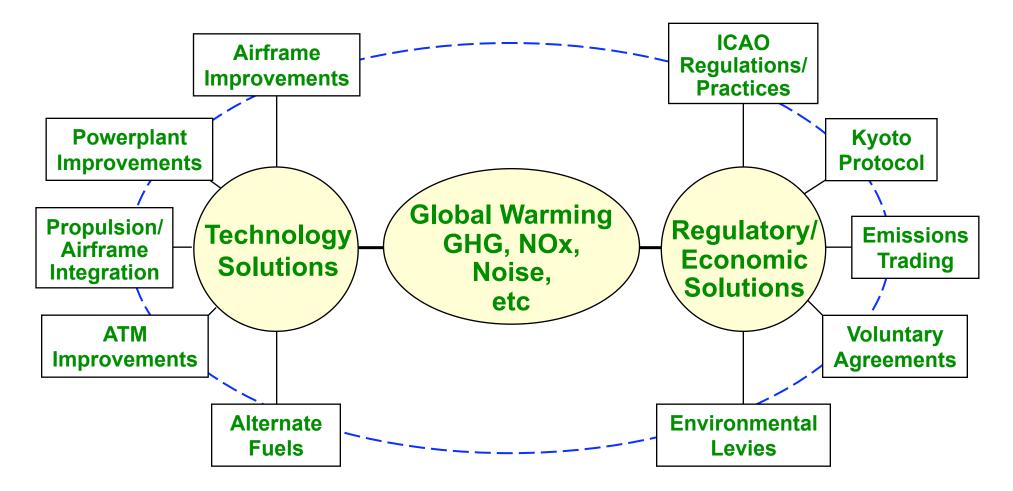


#### **Biofuel Energy Balance**

Fuel Type (feedstock)	Energy Balance	Fuel Type (feedstock)	Energy Balance
Gasoline (crude oil)	~ 0.8	Diesel (crude oil)	0.8 - 0.9
Ethanol (cellulose)	2 - 36	Biodiesel (palm oil)	~ 9
Ethanol (sugar cane)	~ 8	Biodiesel (soybeans)	~ 3
Ethanol (sugar beets)	~ 2	Biodiesel (sunflower)	~ 3
Ethanol (corn)	1.23 - 1.79	Biodiesel (rapeseed)	1.9 - 2.9
E t h a n o l (wheat)	~2	Biodiesel (Jatropha)	No Data

# ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR AVIATION - CONCLUSIONS

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## CONCLUSIONS

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Aviation industry has recognized environmental issues since the 1970s

International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA) is currently supporting solutions and balanced approaches across industries

Good progress has been made in identifying NO<sub>x</sub> solutions

GHG emissions require coordinated solutions involving market-based options and new technologies in aviation & alternate fuels

All other green engine technologies - products, processes and noise – will continue to receive utmost attention

ICAO should continue to have key role in determining global environmental regulations