

# AKTUELLER STAND DER ENTWICKLUNG VON ANTRIEBSKONZEPTEN AUS DER SICHT DER STRÖMUNGS-AKUSTIK

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# CURRENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPULSION SYSTEMS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF AEROACOUSTICS

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# Motivation

The next generation of ducted turbofan engines will likely exhibit

- Ultra High Bypass Ratio (UHBR, BPR~16)
- Low fan pressure ratio (FPR~1.3)

„old gen“  
V2500



FPR~1.6  
BPR~8

„current gen“  
GTF

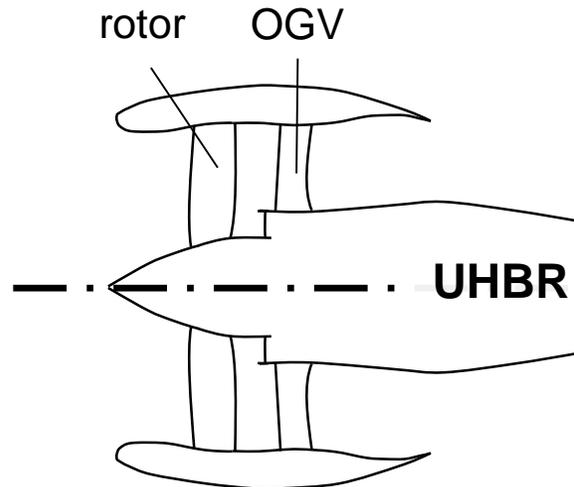
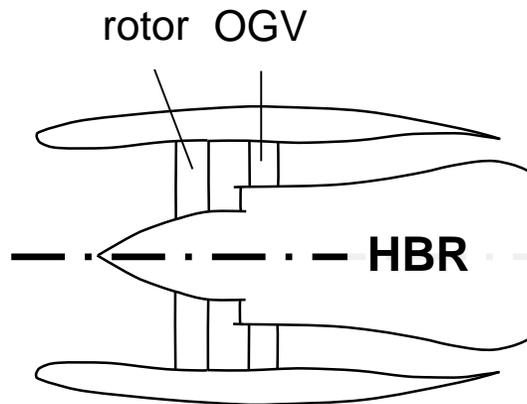


FPR~1.4  
BPR~12

„next gen“  
UHBR



FPR~1.3  
BPR~16



Due to weight penalty, the engines will become more compact and the L/D-ratio will decrease

## **Compact UHBR-Engines with short nacelle**

- Improved lining is needed due to less available internal surface
- Rotor inlet is prone to side wind effects (gusts)
- Engine positioning is to be investigated indepth
- Embedding engines becomes likely
- Noise shielding is an issue

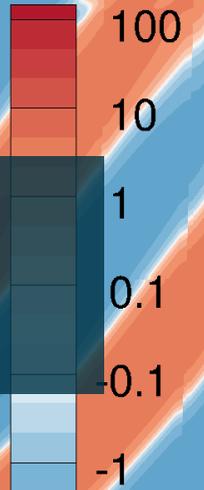
## **Electrification of Propulsion**

- Will a simple replacement reduce noise?
- Distribution of more and smaller engines becomes an option

## **Outlook**

# UHBR-ENGINES

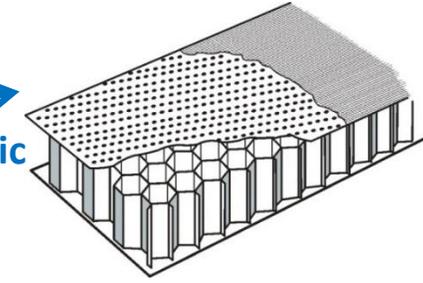
Pressure (Pa)



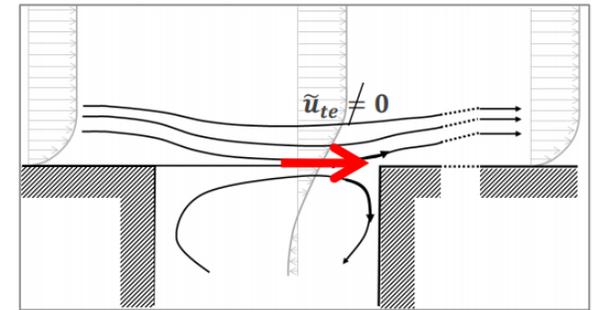
# Passive Noise Reduction: Liner



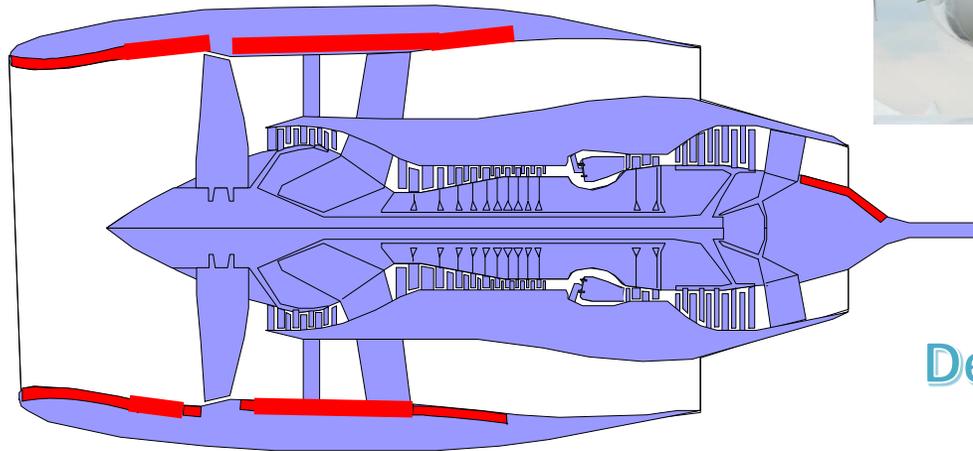
Acoustic liner



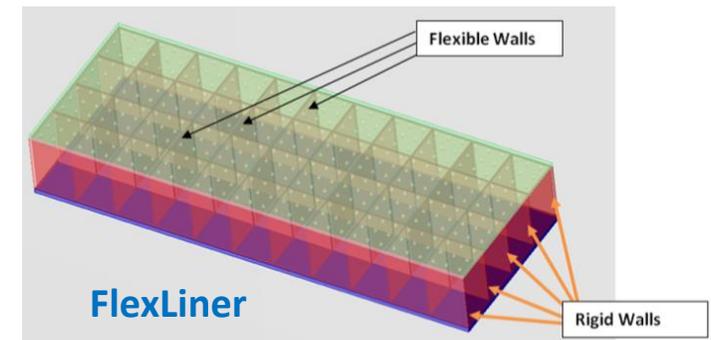
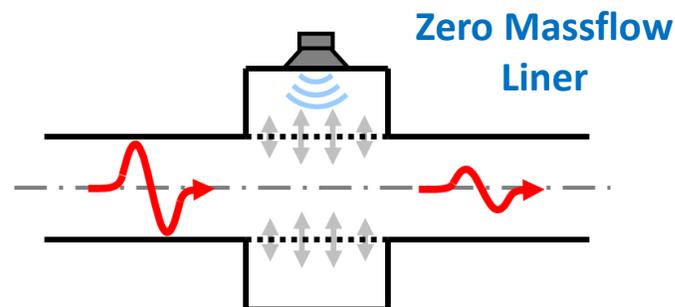
## Physical Mechanisms



## Development of Innovative Concepts



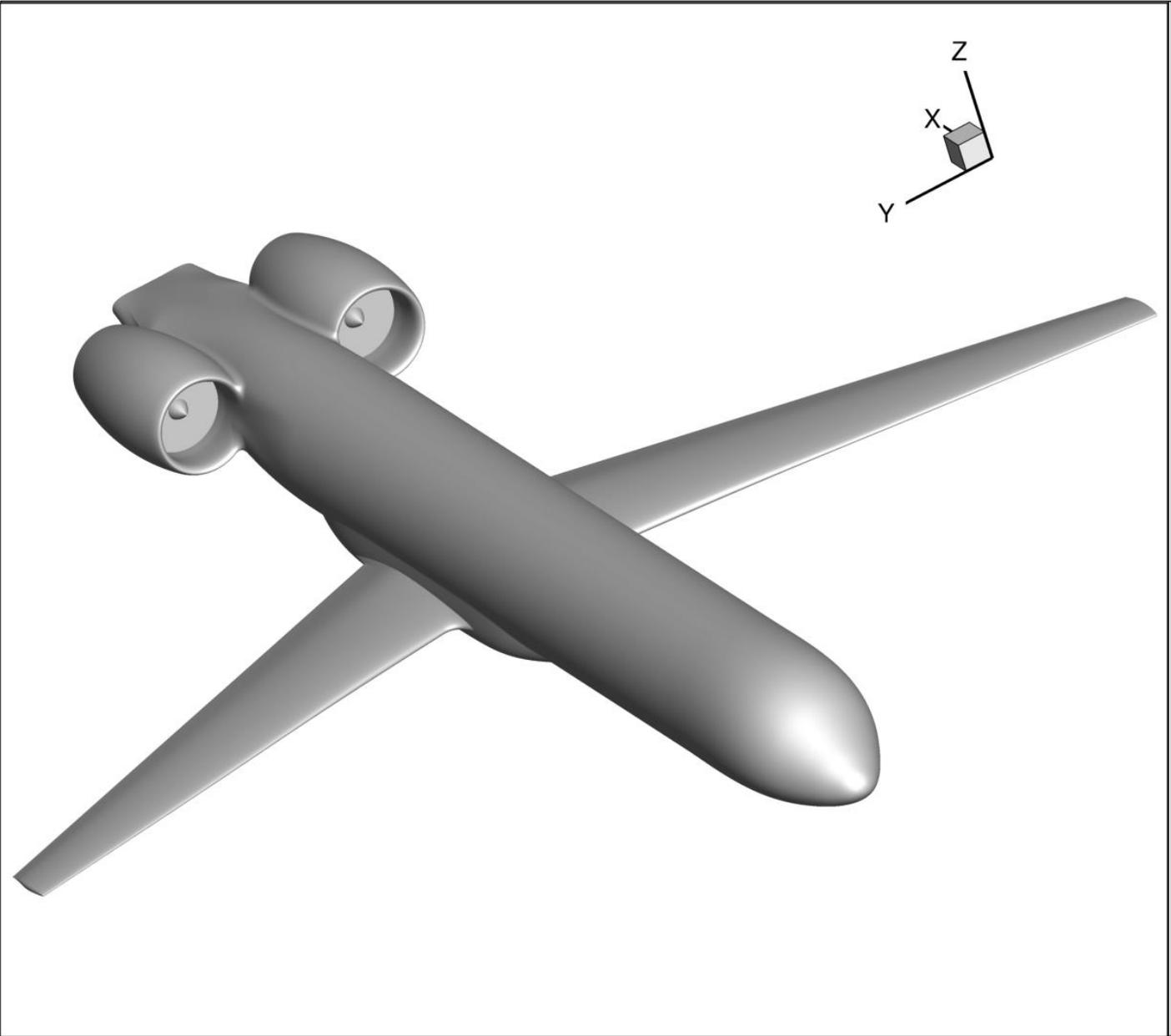
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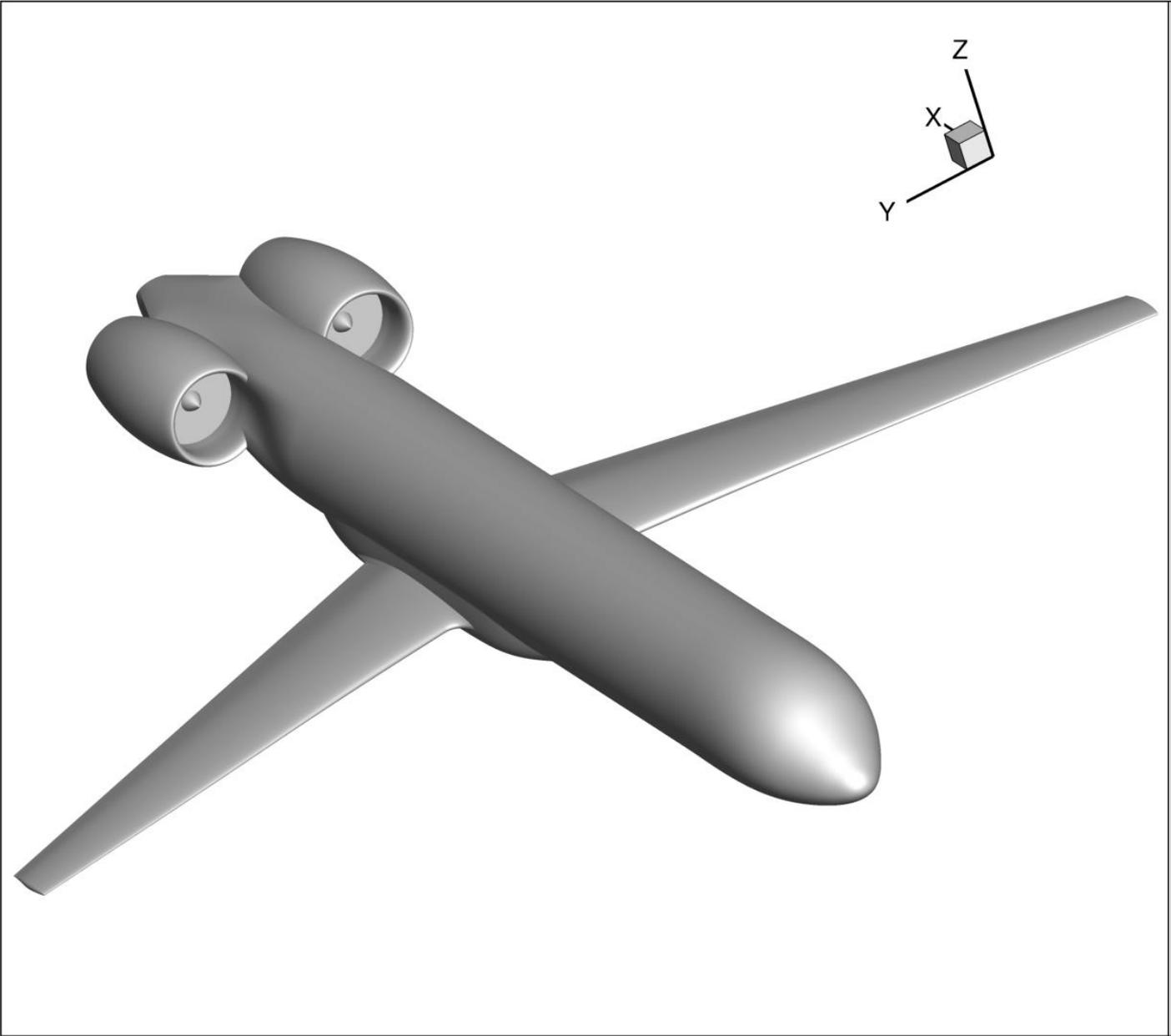
# Positioning of Engines (1): Below/Above Wing



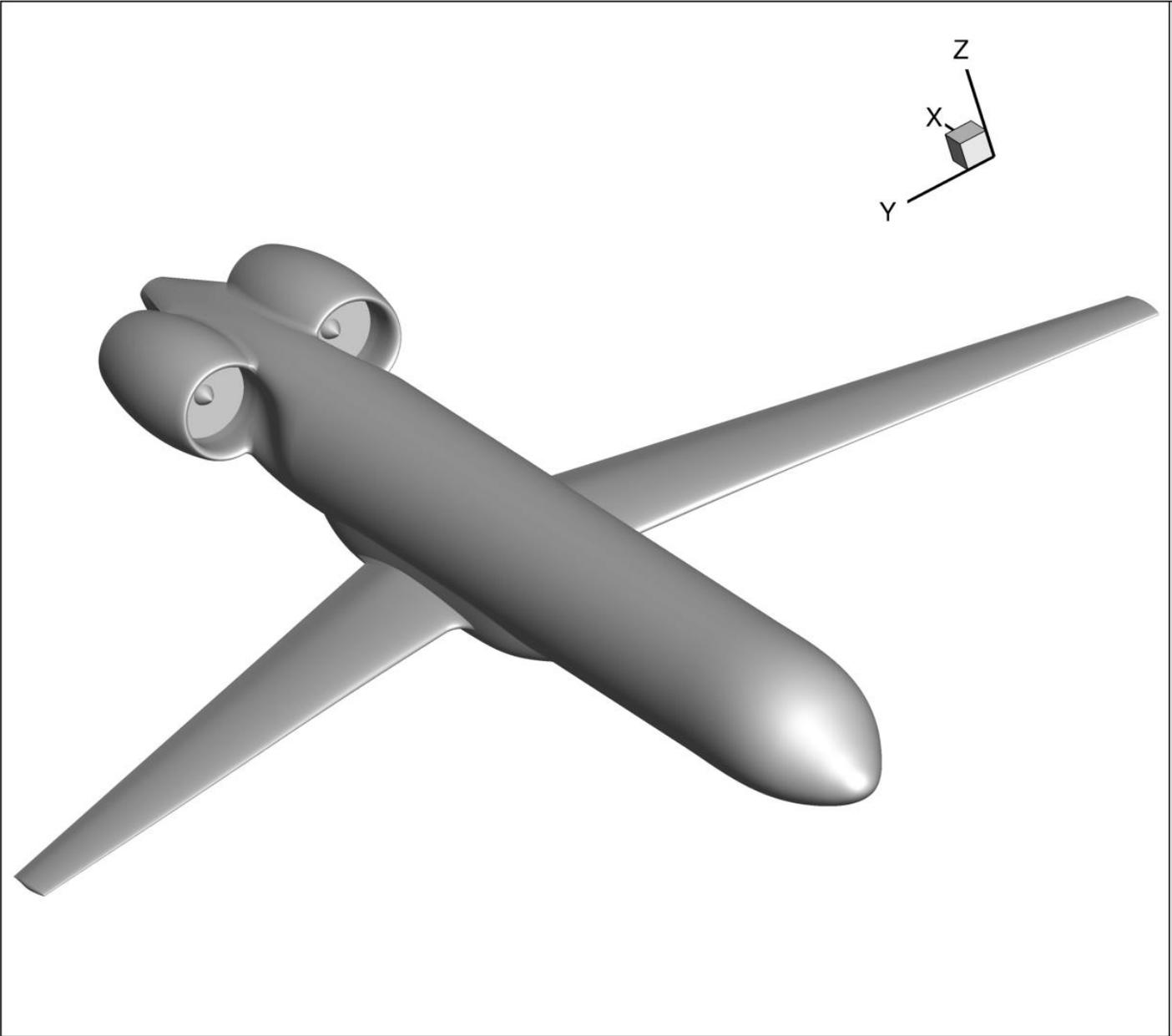
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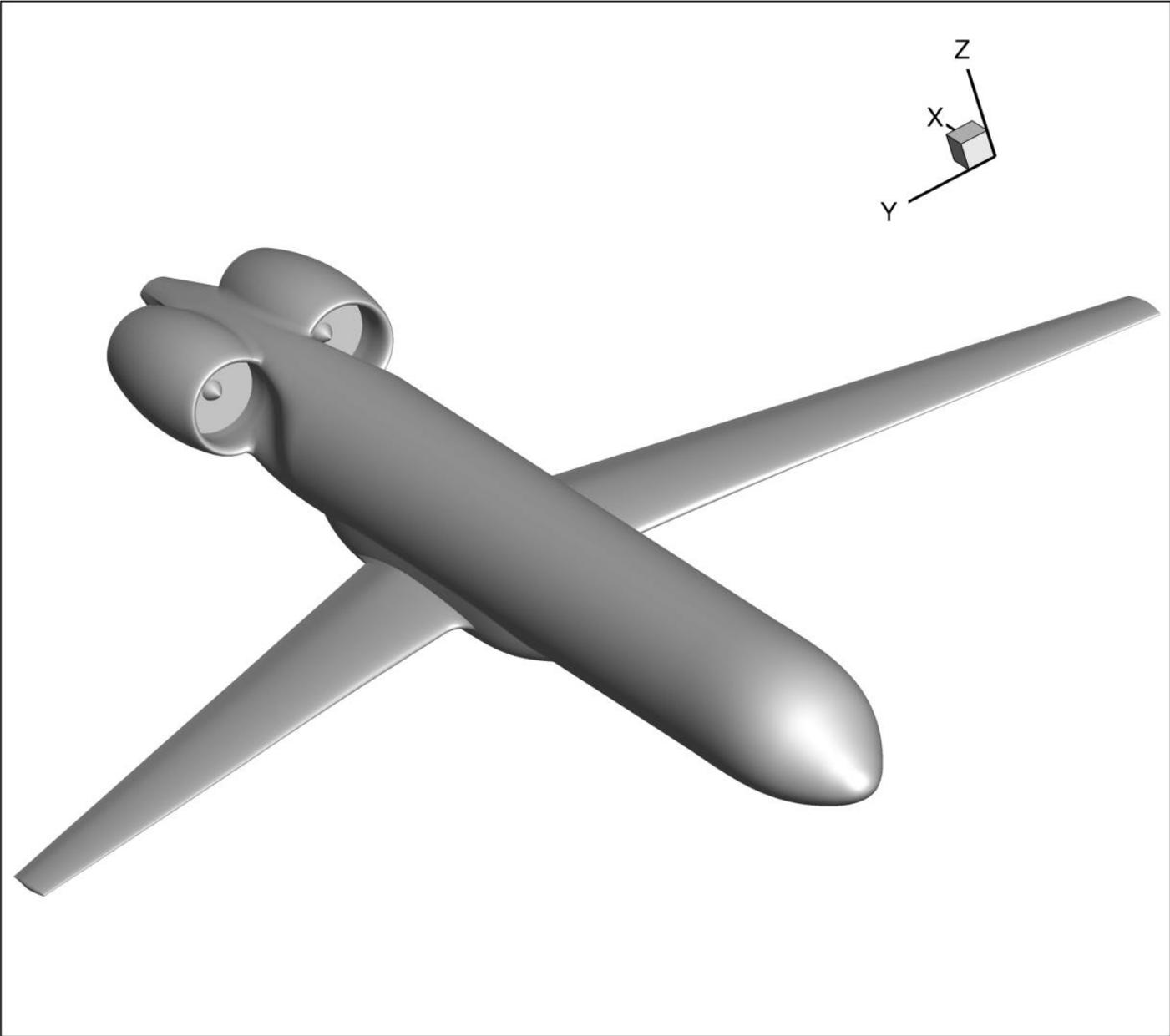
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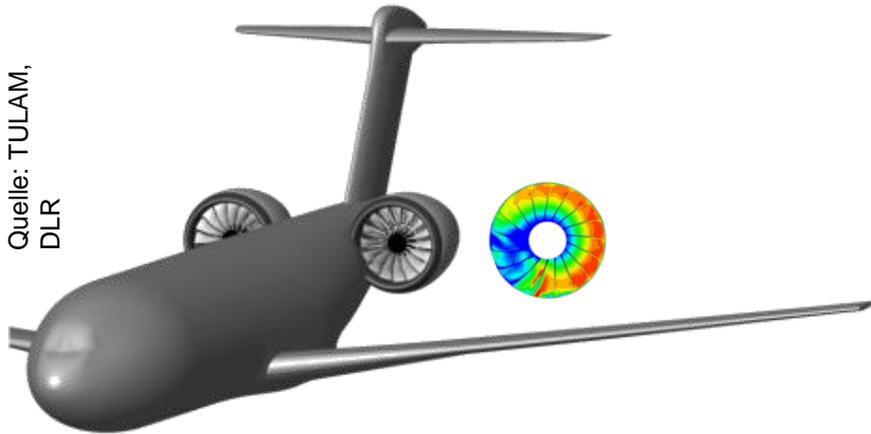
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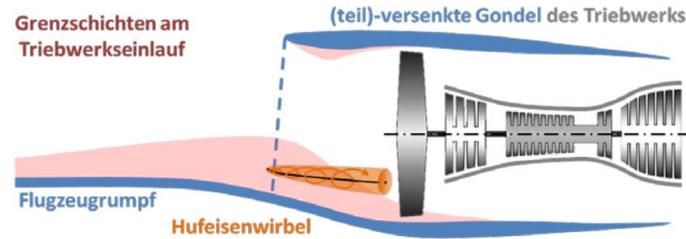
# Impact of Boundary Layer Ingestion on Noise



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DLR

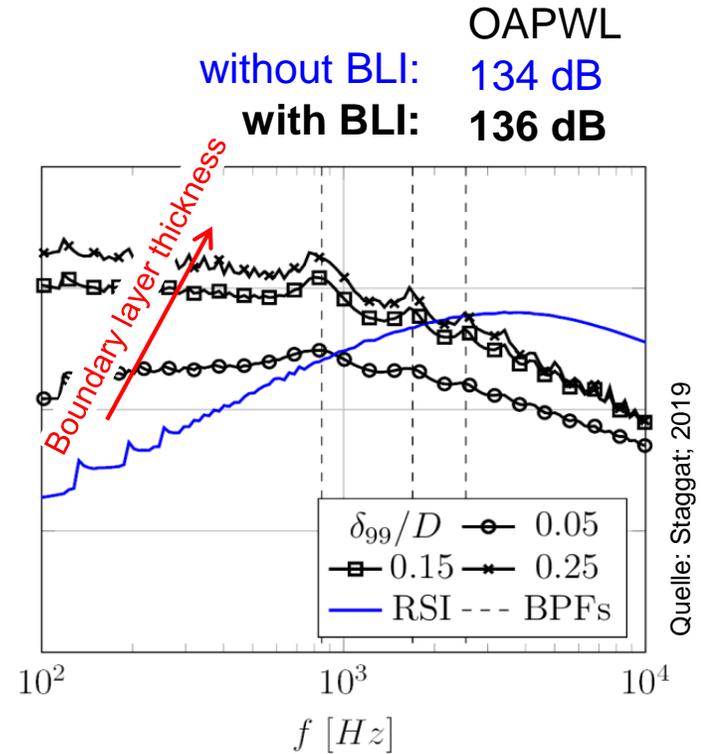


Embedded Engine



Quelle: DLR

Boundary Layer Ingestion (BLI)

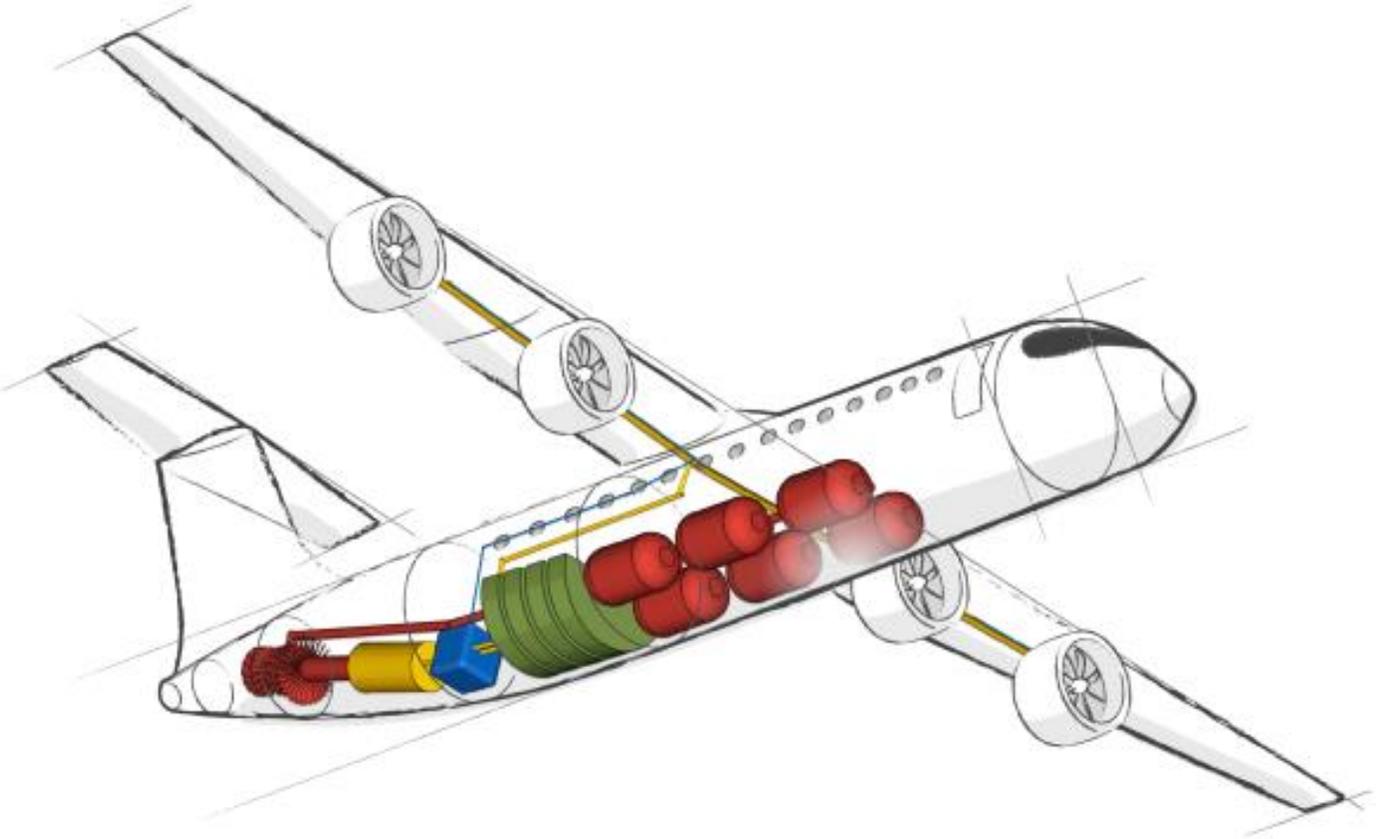


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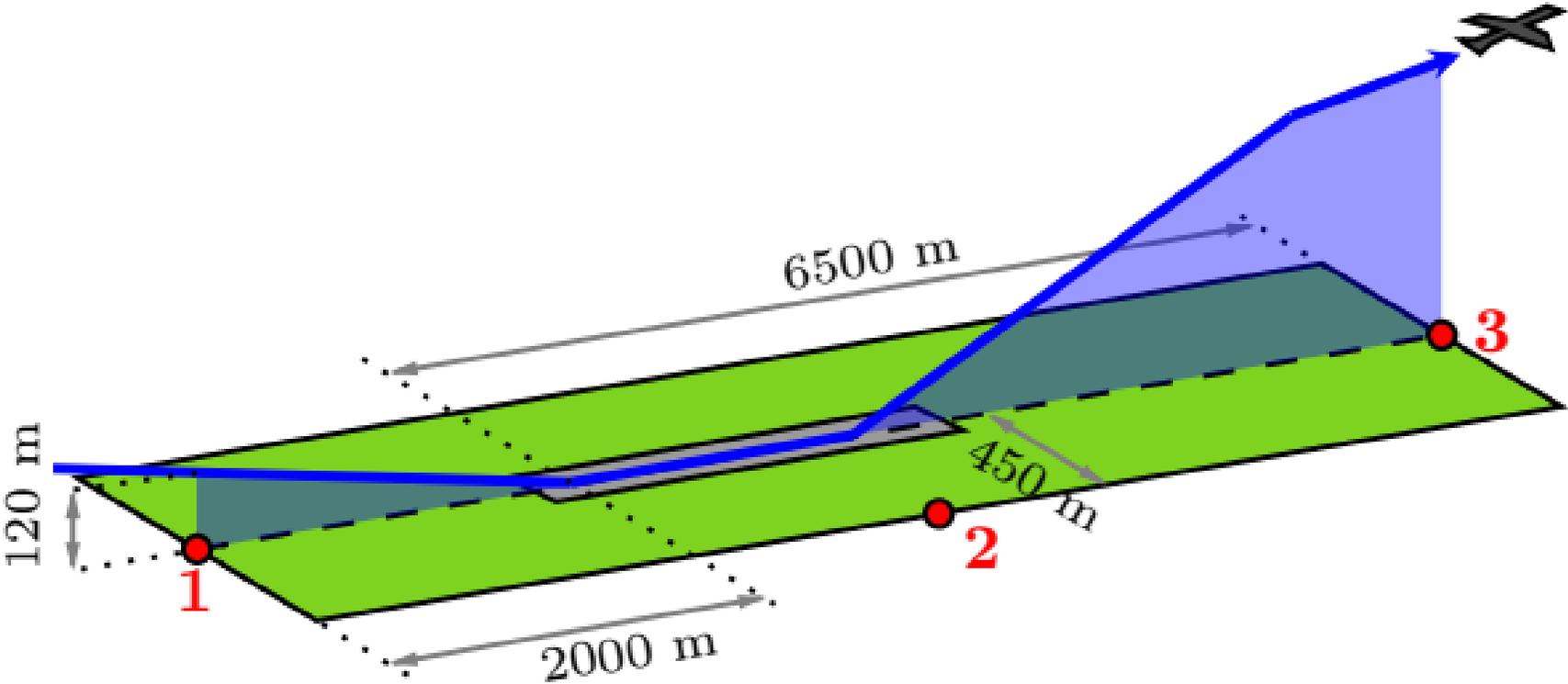


# ELECTRIFICATION (1)

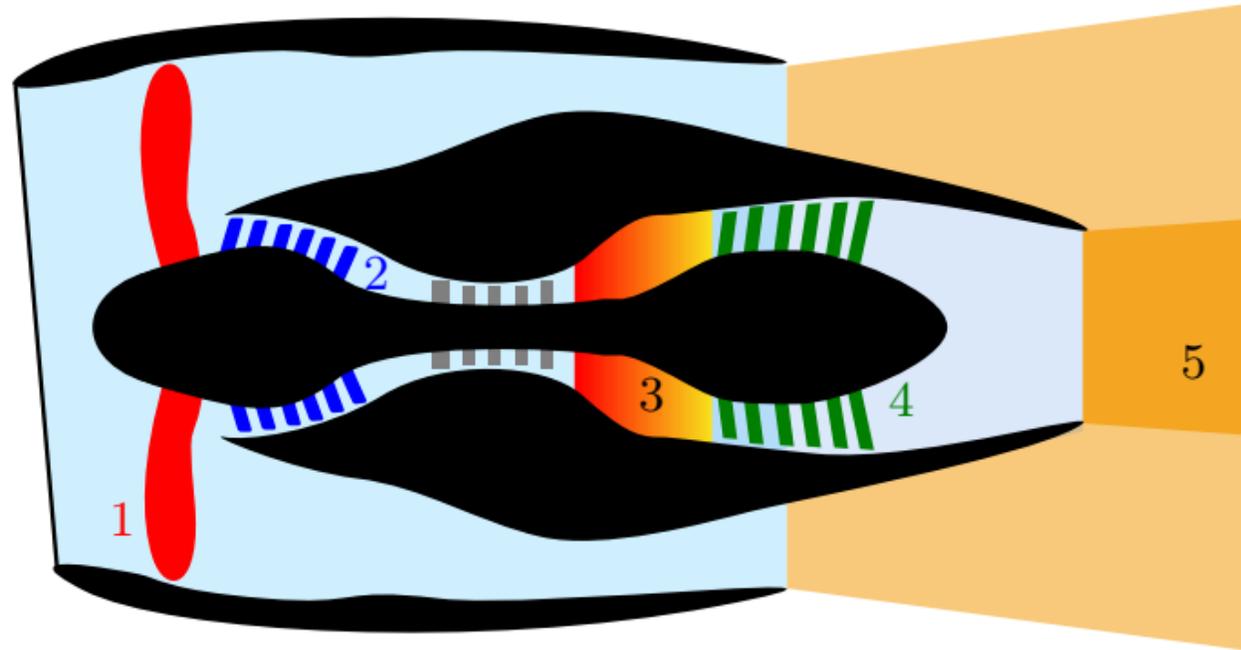
# Schematic of a Future Electrified Regional Aircraft



# ICAO Noise Certification Points

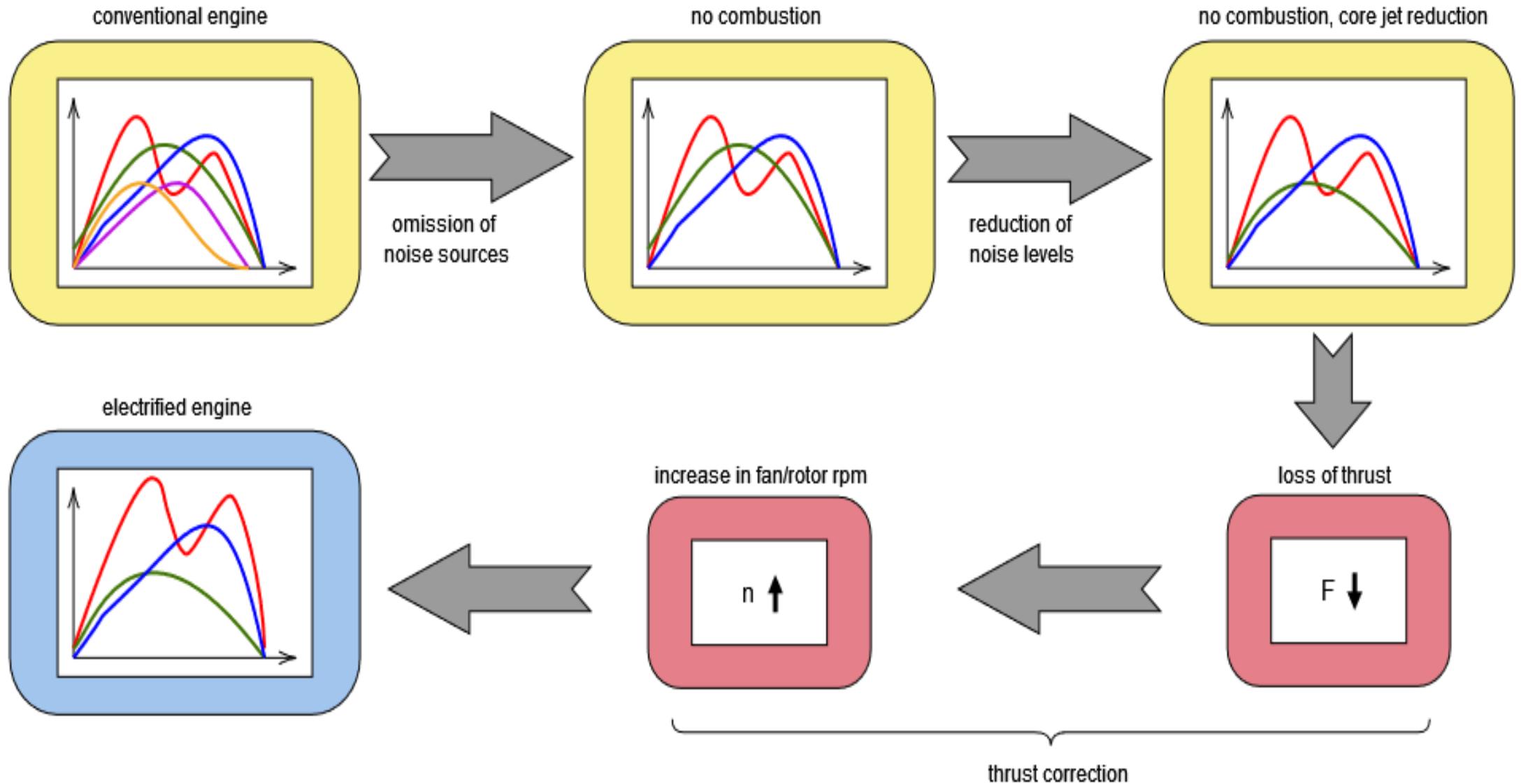


# Noise Sources of Aero Engines



1. Fan
2. Compressor (LP)
3. Combustor
4. Turbine (LP)
5. Jet

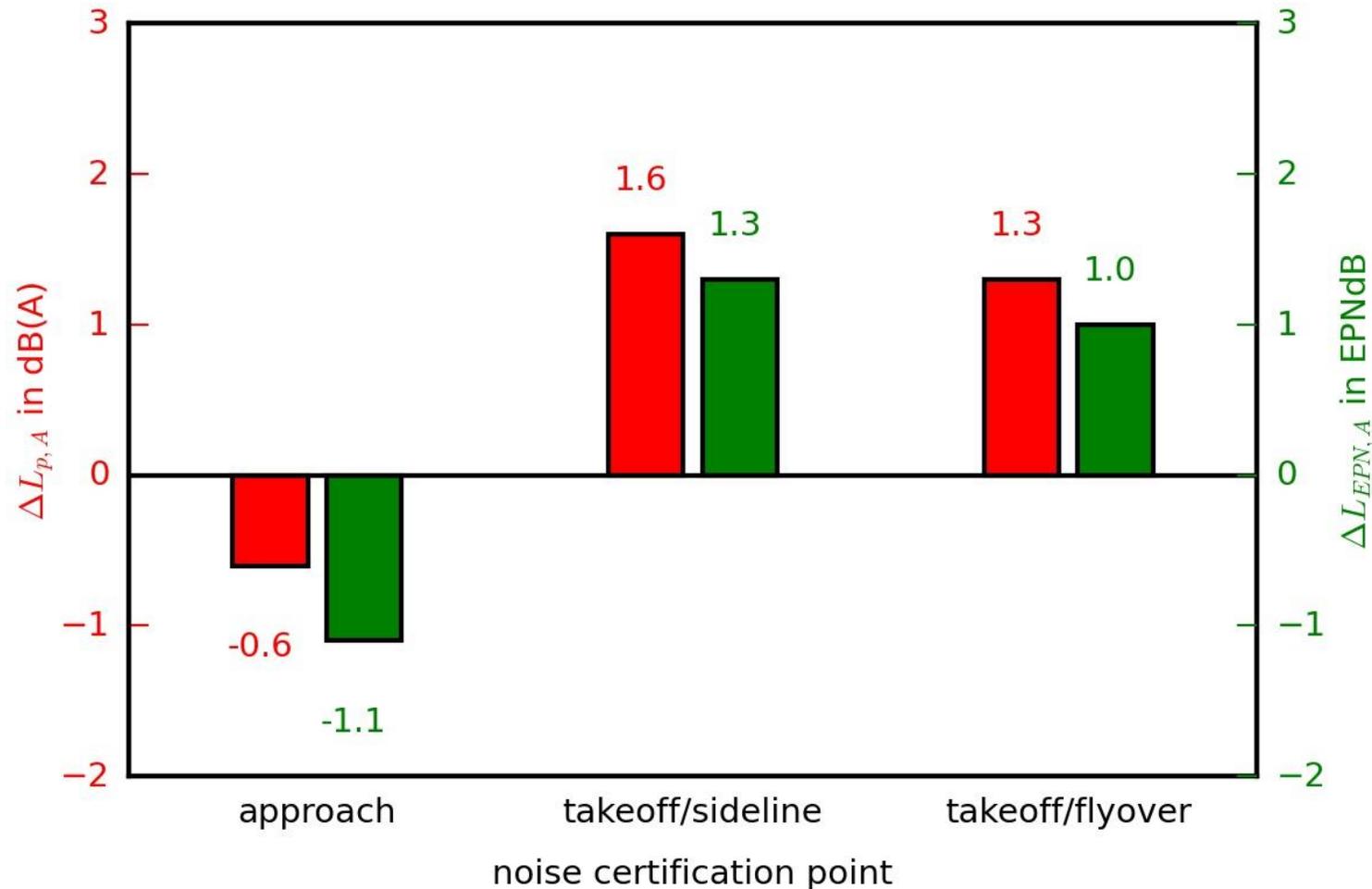
# Calculation Method



# Estimated Noise Reduction caused by Engine Replacement



Turbofan with Bypass-Ratio 10



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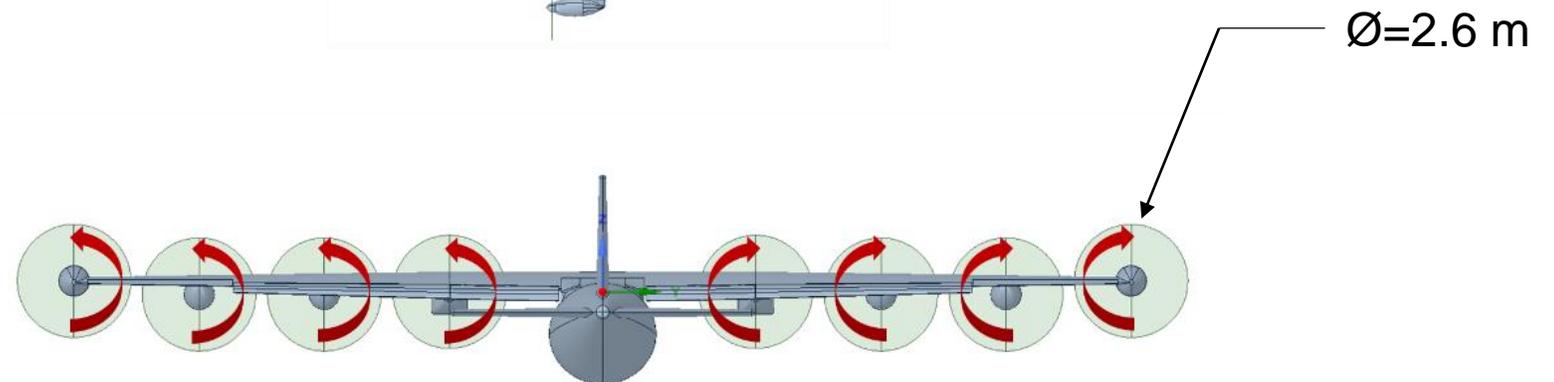
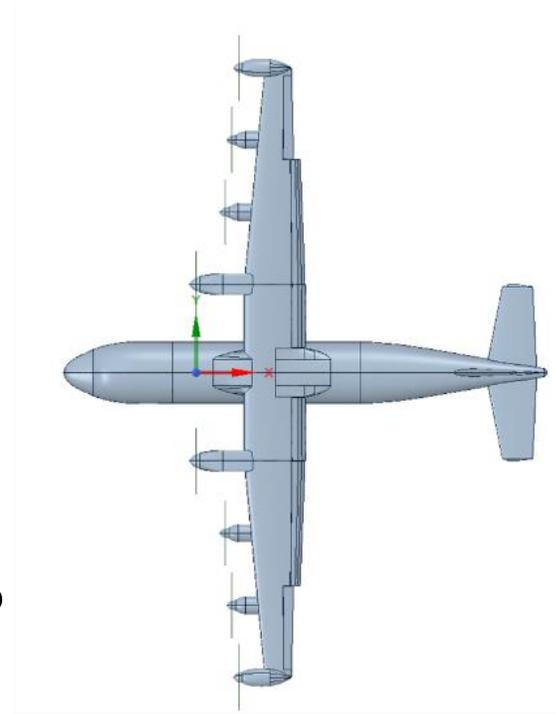
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# ELECTRIFICATION (2)

# Distributed Propulsion: Investigated configuration

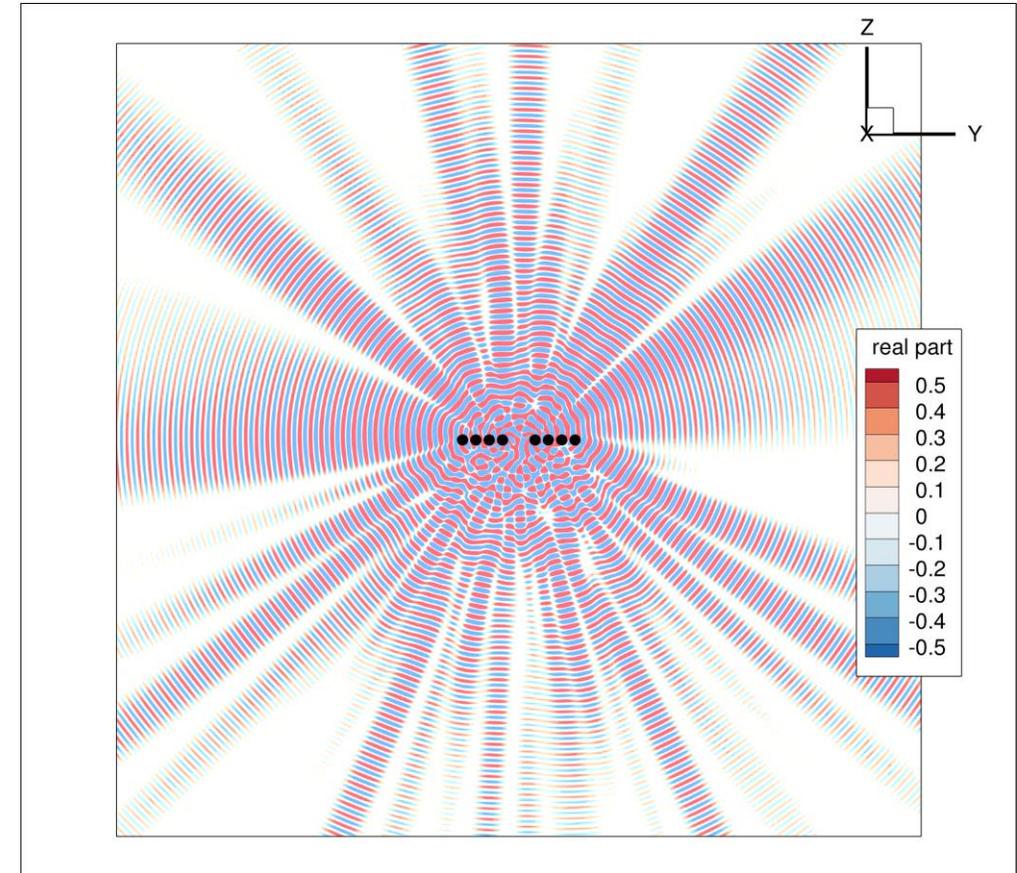
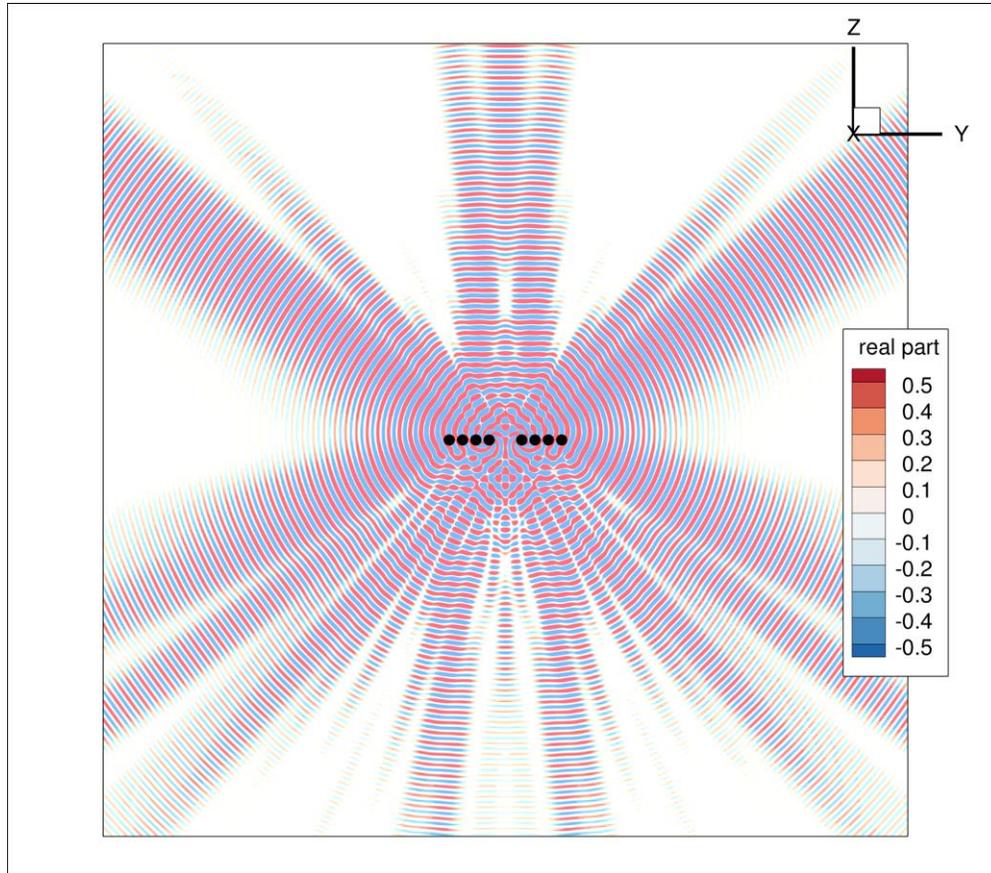
- ~ATR-42-600
- Design PAX = 40
- Design cruise:  $M = 0.48$
- Design range: 600 nmi
- Power Degree of Hybridisation: 20%



# Distributed propulsion: Sensitivity to initial angular positions

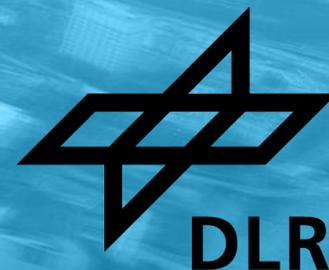
$$\Delta\theta_\mu = \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall \mu \in [1,8]$$

random  $\Delta\theta_\mu$

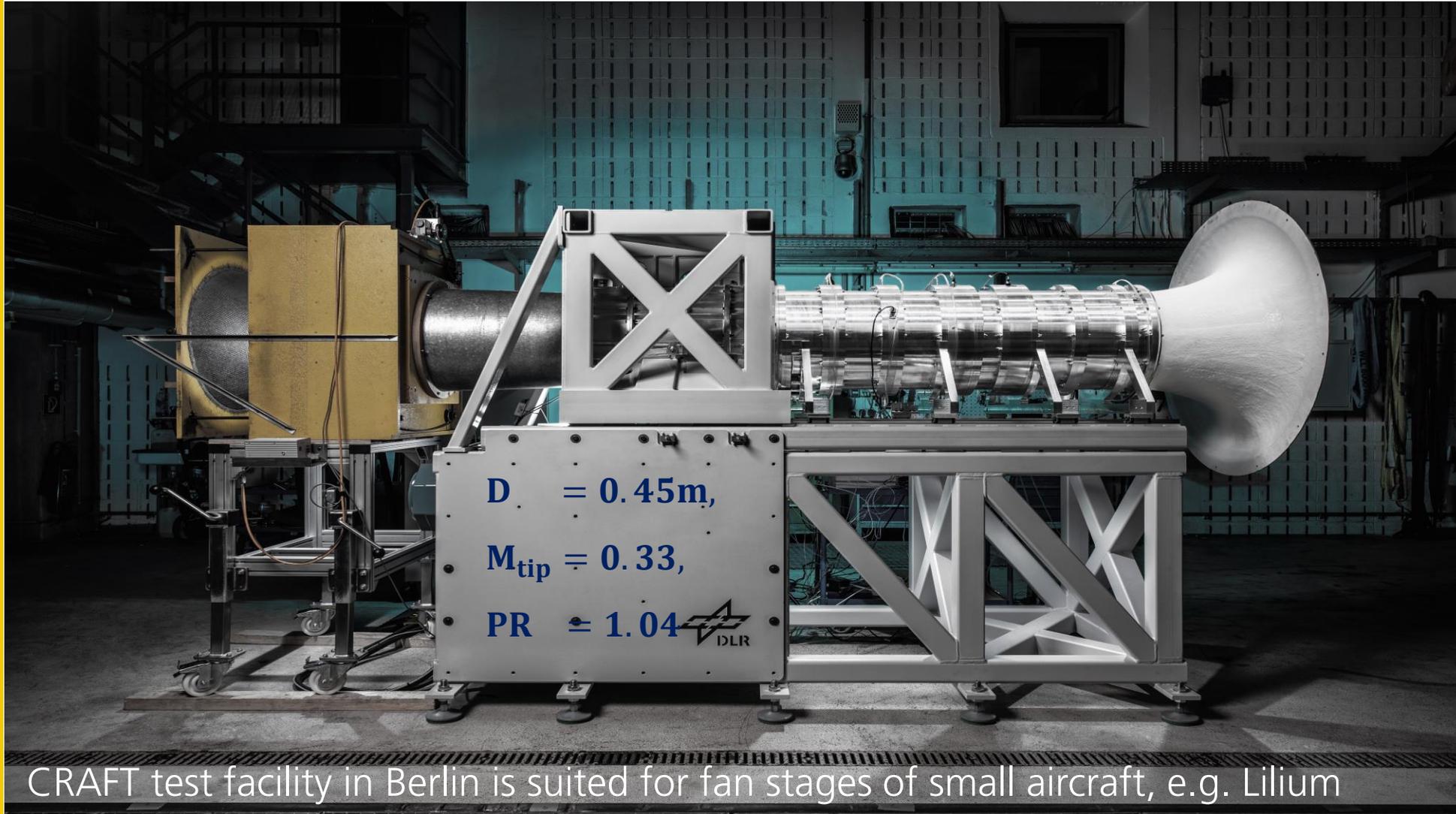




# OUTLOOK



# CRAFT – Co/Counter Rotating Acoustic Fan Test rig



CRAFT test facility in Berlin is suited for fan stages of small aircraft, e.g. Lilium

VoloConnect



Lilium



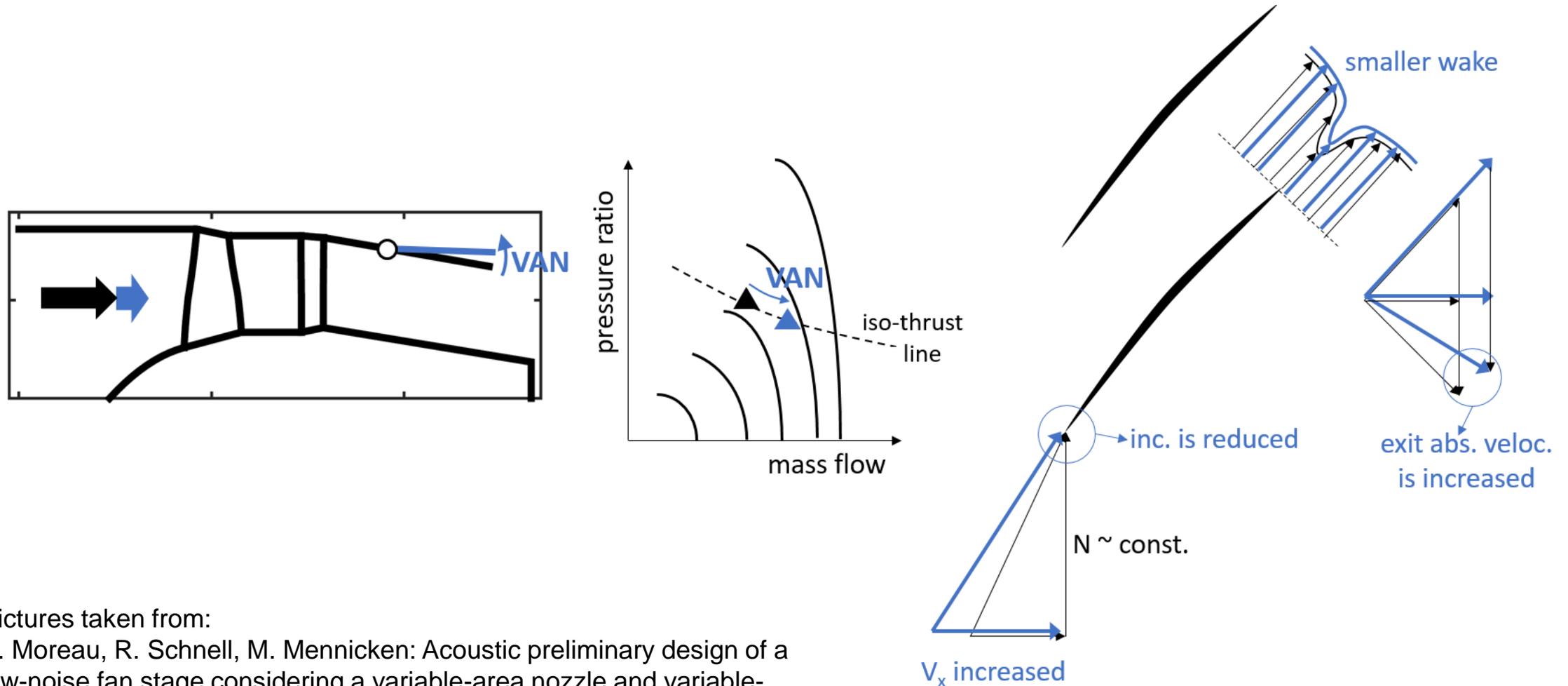
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# VAN: variable-area nozzle to reduce engine noise

## Main mechanism:

Increase of axial velocity → reduction of incidence → aerodynamic **unloading**



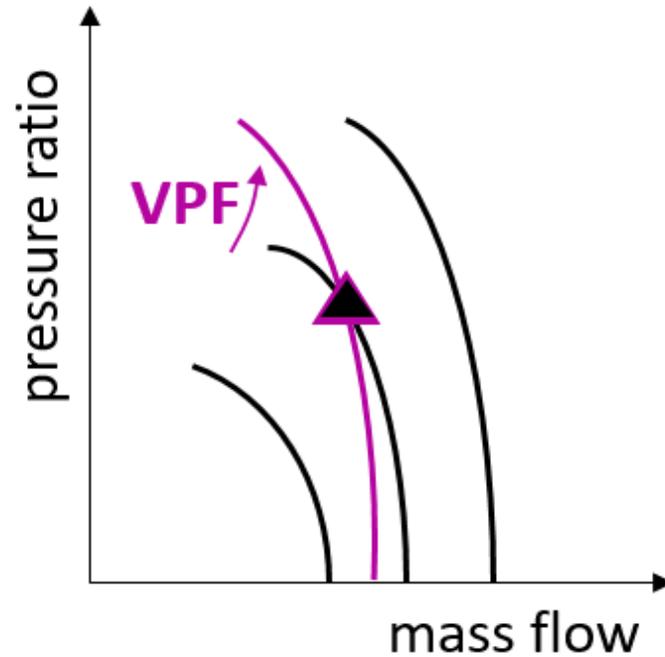
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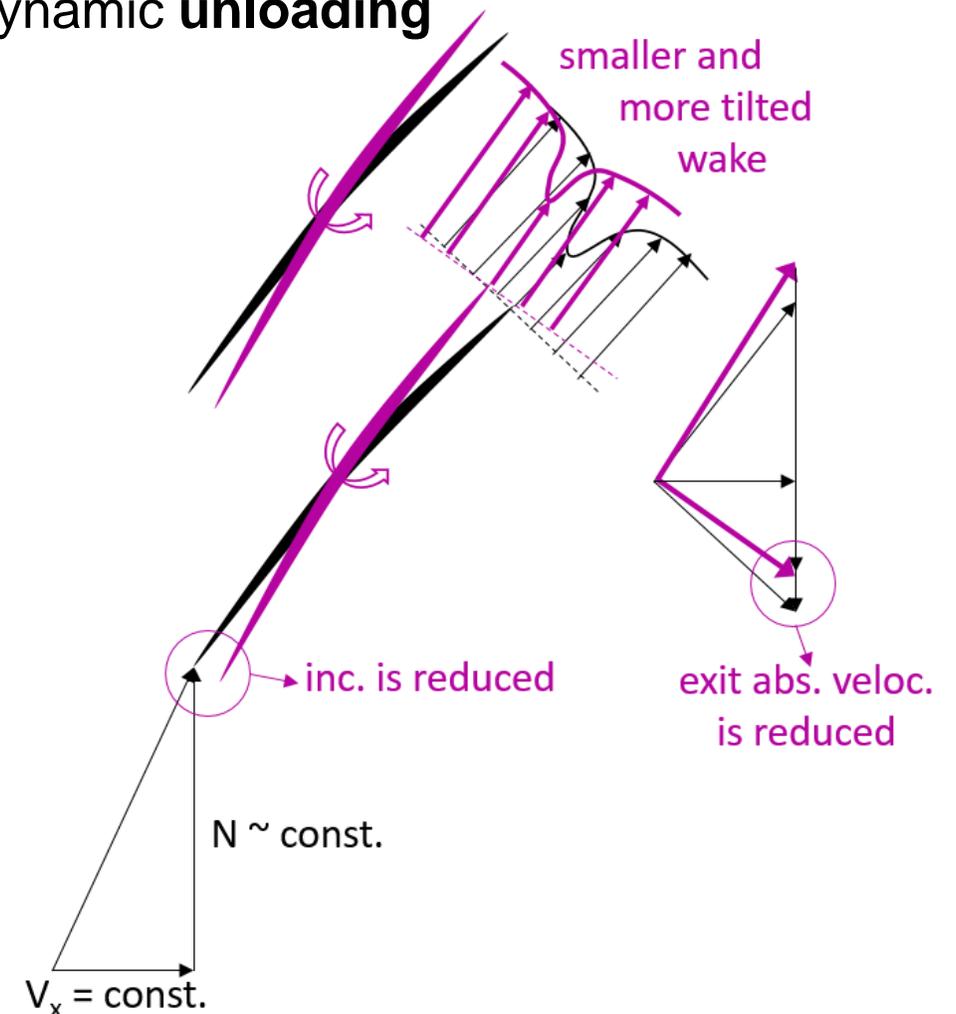
# Variable-Pitch Fan (VPF) to reduce engine noise

## Main mechanism:

Closing the blades → reduction of incidence → aerodynamic **unloading**

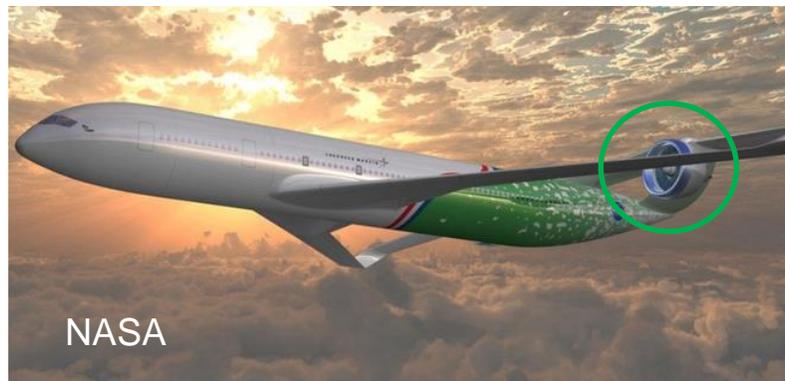


Shape of fan map is modified by VPF



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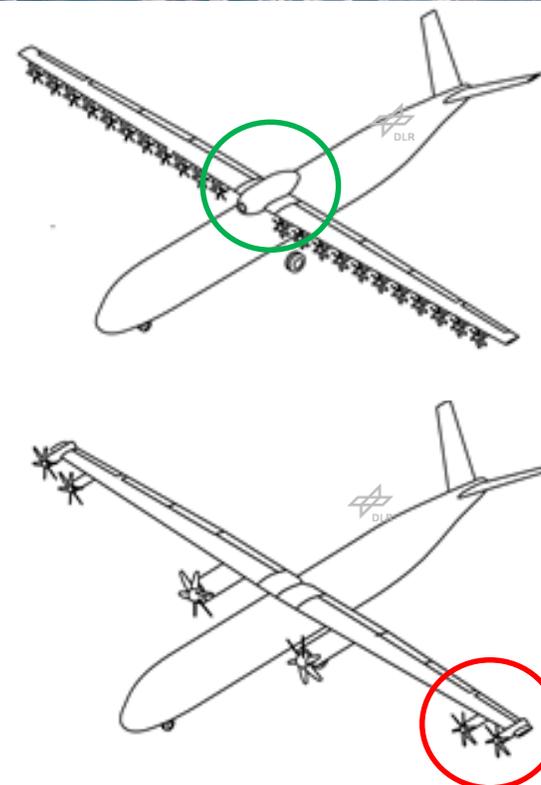
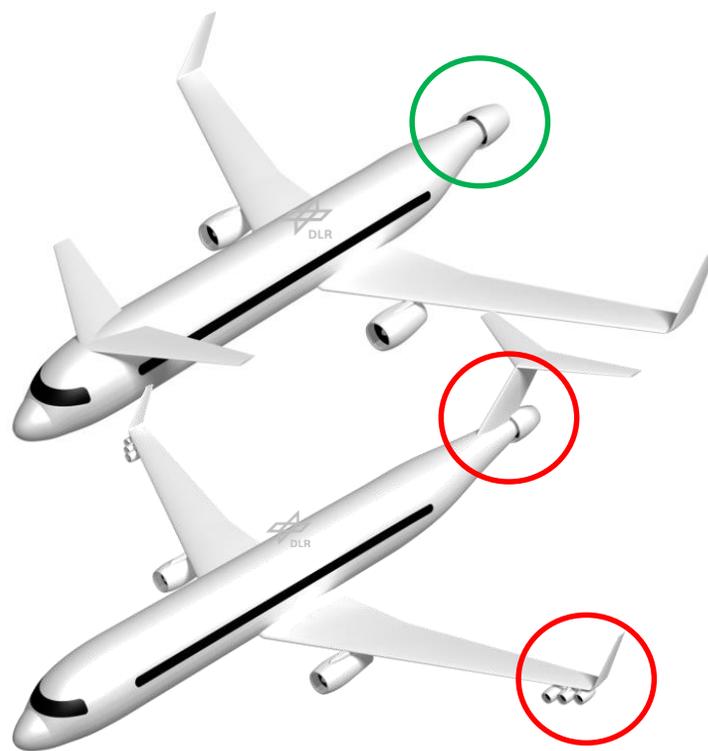
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# Summary/Assessment



## Future UHBR Engines

- More compact engines with increased diameter will reduce the L/D ratio
- Liner impact will be decreased due to reduced available internal space
- Engine positioning will become an important issue for noise abatement
- Embedded engines are likely to increase fan noise
- VAN and VPC can help to reduce fan noise

## Electrification

- The principal sound sources of civil aircraft are caused by the propulsion system (Fan/Propeller at aircraft start, Fan/Propeller + airframe at aircraft landing)
- Sound sources related to combustion are less important, so that their reduction **in classical airplane configurations** does not reduce aircraft noise substantially
- Distributed propulsion has the potential to reduce noise
- Control of the far-field directivity needs further research effort



**Thank you!**