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# **Future Challenges in Gas Turbine Technology**

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# Background on Rolls-Royce



# Power Systems for air, land and sea

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**Civil Aerospace**



**Defence Aerospace**



**Power Systems**



**Marine**



# A leading position in the Civil market

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- 13,000 engine installed in over 30 aircraft types
- 380 airline and leasing customers
- Over 30 million flying hours accumulated (2013)
- TotalCare™ and CorporateCare™ are market leading service programmes



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# A leading position in the Defence market 7



- **16,000 engines installed in 24 aircraft types & 7,000 helicopter engines in operation**
- **160 global military customers in 103 nations**
- **MissionCare™ offers similar services as in the commercial world**



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# Presence in Singapore





# Seletar Campus

- Over 750 staff
- 65,000 sqm facilities on 154,000 sqm site
- S\$700m investment

## HUB

- Advanced Technology Centre
- Regional Training Centre
- Energy Asia HQ
- Corporate Shared Services
- 400 staff capacity
- 1<sup>st</sup> occupancy in 2011

## Wide Chord Fan Blade manufacturing facility

- 7600 Trent fan blade capacity
- 26,500m<sup>2</sup> production floor
- Multiple Trent engine fan blade capability
  - Trent 900, 1000, XWB
- 1<sup>st</sup> production fan blades in 2013

## Trent Aero Engine Assembly & Test facility

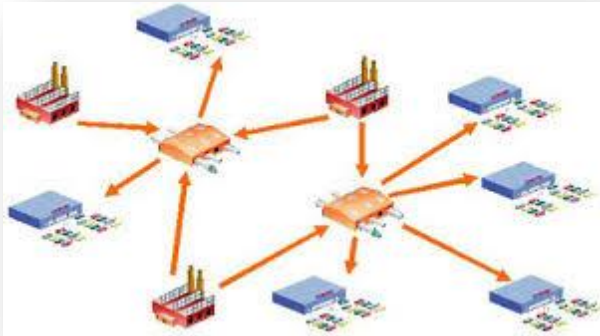
- 250 Trent engine build capacity
- 19,500m<sup>2</sup> assembly hall & 7,000m<sup>2</sup> Test Bed
- Multiple Trent engine capacity
  - Trent 900 & 1000
- Test capacity: 140" fan diameter
- 1<sup>st</sup> production engine in 2012



# Customer Requirements



# Challenges to consider ...



# Requirements

Propulsion System manufactures face continuous demands from both airframer. system integrators and both civil / military operators to –

1. provide **much more electrical power** for (mission) equipment, sensors and systems;
2. retain their investment into engines **affordable over the asset life-cycle**;
3. make engines **easier to maintain, repair and upgrade**;
4. address the **environmental impact**, incl. becoming even more fuel efficient

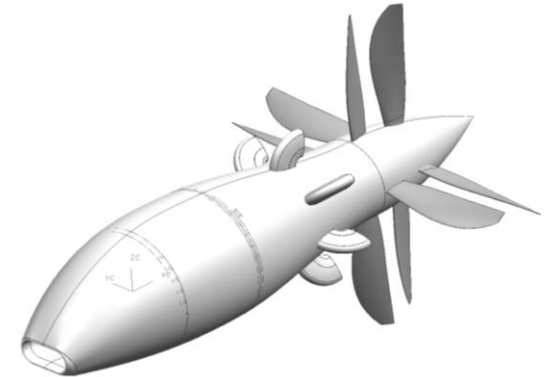
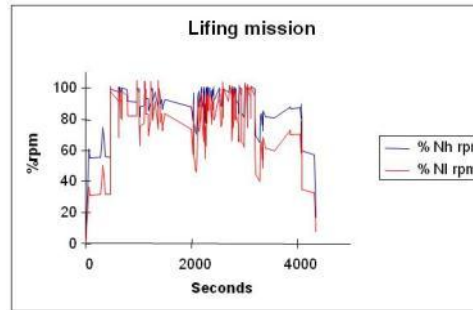
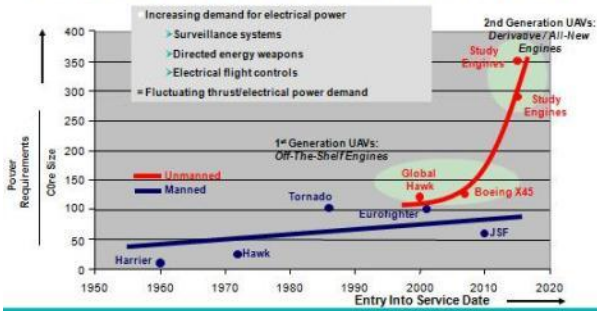
and in any case: **more thrust or power.**



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# Propulsion Systems - Requirements

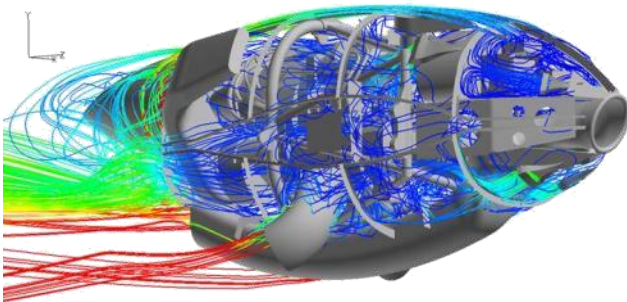
Aircraft Power Requirements: Manned & Unmanned Vehicles



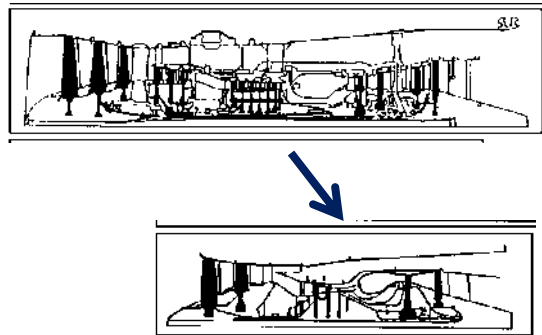
Increased electrical off-take

Health Management (EHM),  
Repairability

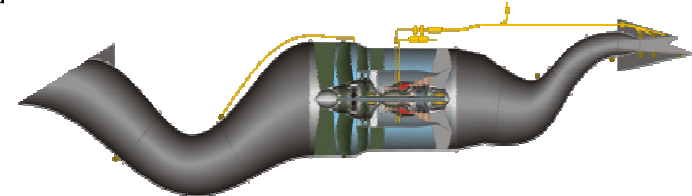
Higher Efficiency



Thermal Management



More compact, lighter and  
efficient Gas Turbines



Higher Survivability

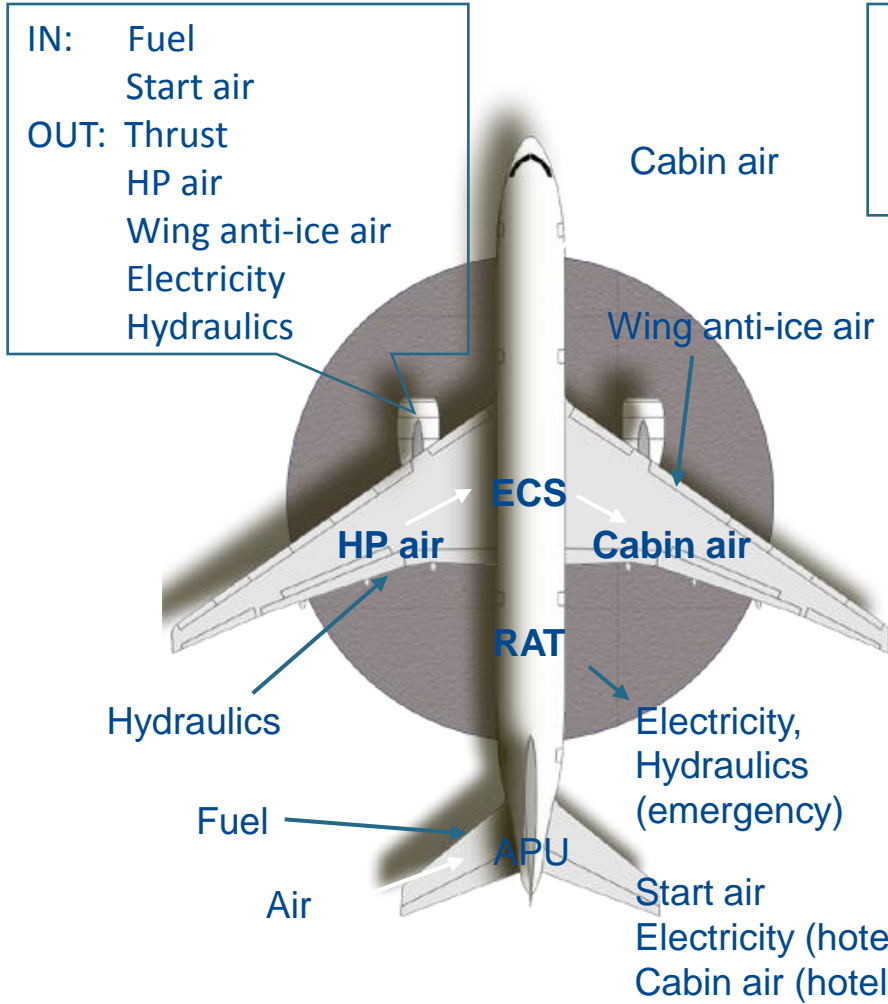


# Technology Developments for Gas Turbines

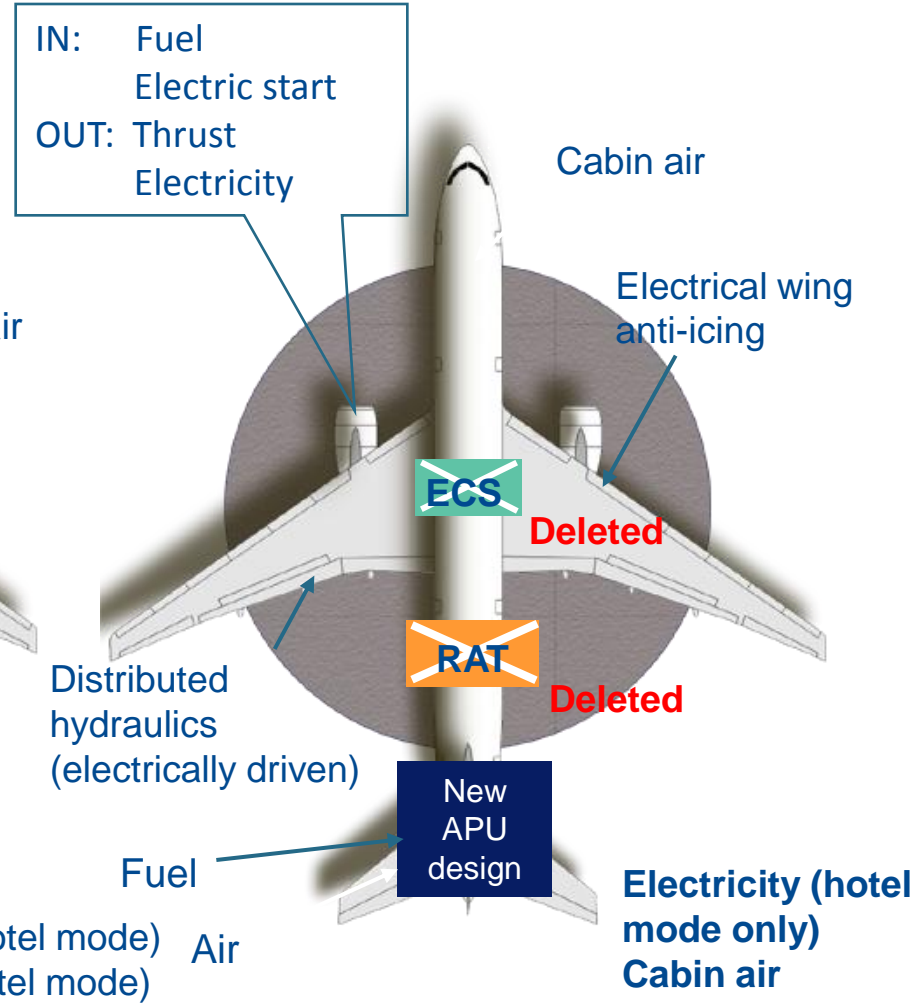


# The more electric engine

## Conventional

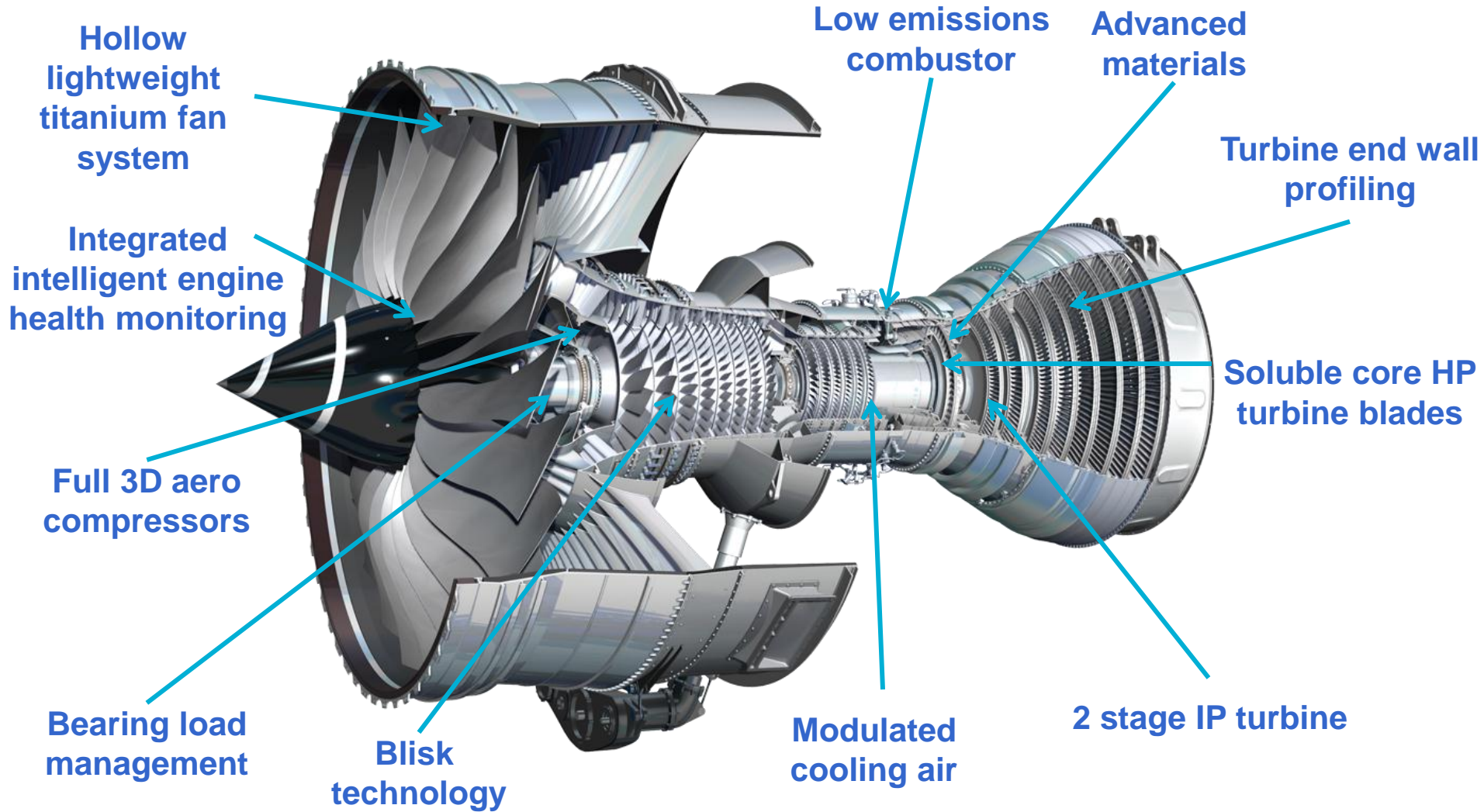


## More electric



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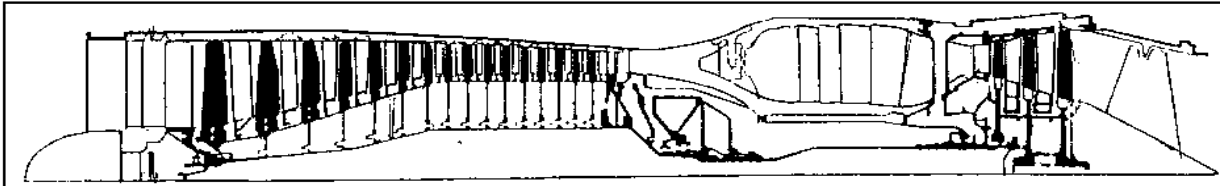
# Trent XWB – adv. technology for A350



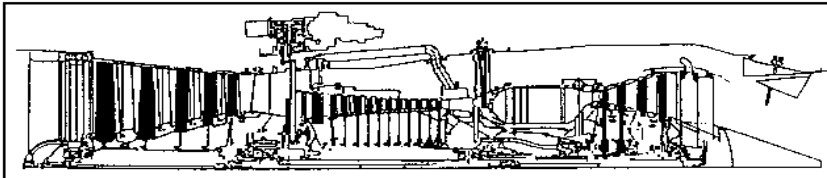
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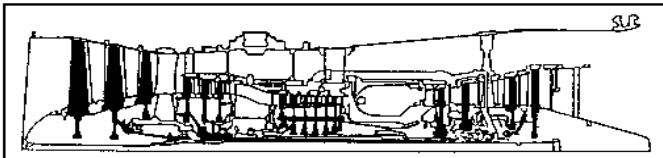
# Lighter, more compact, higher efficiency 17



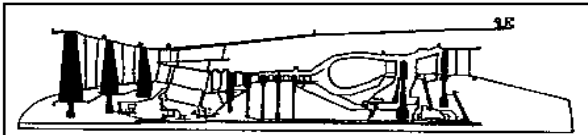
Avon 20  
T/W (Thrust to Weight) = 4:1



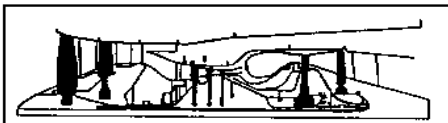
Spey 202  
T/W = 5:1



RB199  
T/W = 7:1

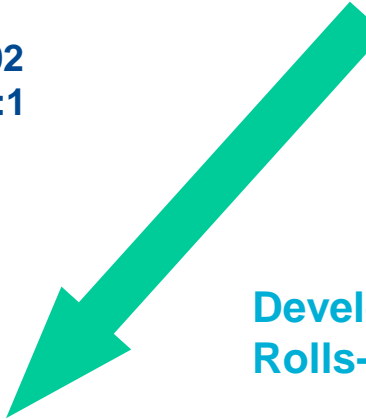


'Current Technology'  
EJ200  
T/W = 9:1



'Next Generation'  
T/W = 15:1

Engine scaled to the same thrust level



Development of Rolls-Royce engines

- Higher stage loading (adv. 3D aerodynamics, shaped aerofoils)
- Compact, high pressure ratio core
- New materials (lighter, higher temperature ability)
- Composites, Blisk/Bling technology, vaneless Turbines, variable optimised cycle

*There is still opportunity for new technologies*



# Alternative Fuels

## Suitability



energy density  
fuel specification

## Sustainability



CO<sub>2</sub> benefit  
Food / water

## Industrialisation



mass production  
global distribution

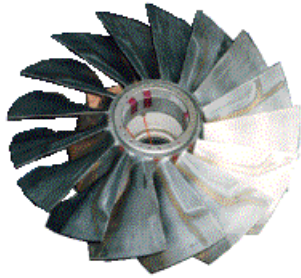
Evaluation of several Fischer-Tropsch synthesized fuels is on-going

*Bio-Fuels yield a long-term potential*

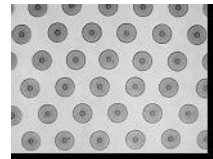
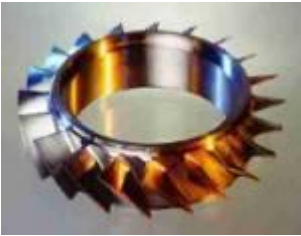


# Progress in Gas Turbine Technology

## Materials



Improved hollow blisks



Metal Matrix Composite Blisks

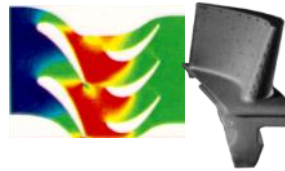


Ceramic Metal Composites (CMC)  
High temperature resistant alloys  
Air bearings, Magnetic bearings

## Architecture and Aerodynamics



Improved 3D aerodynamics



Vaneless counter-rotating Turbines



Variable Cycles

## Unit Costs



Innovative cost efficient manufacturing

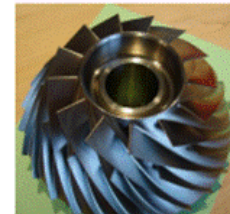


Precision-Casting

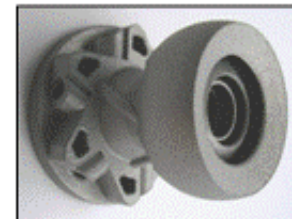


Laser drilling

5-axis CNC machining

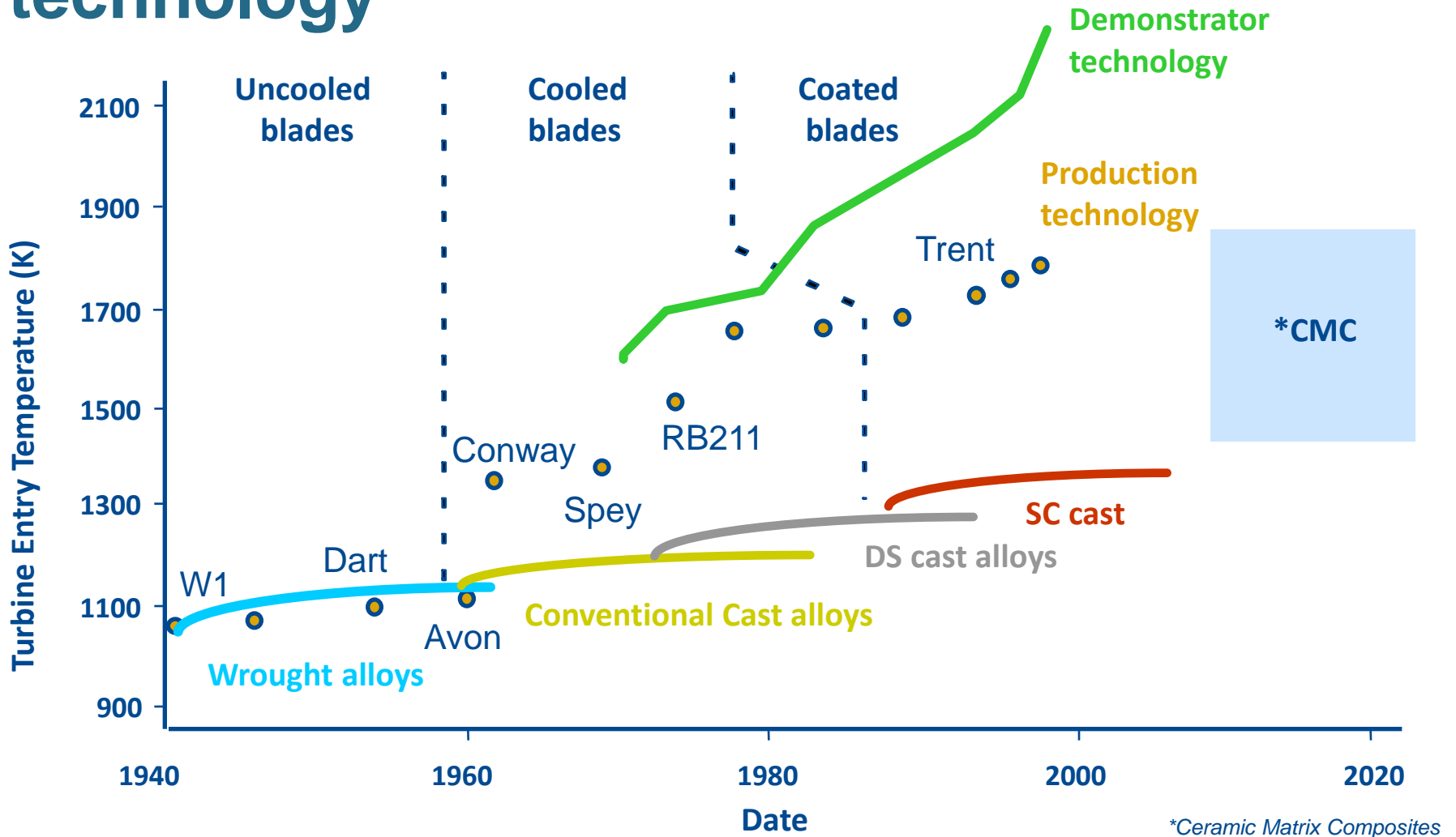


Laser cladding



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# Progress in turbine materials and technology

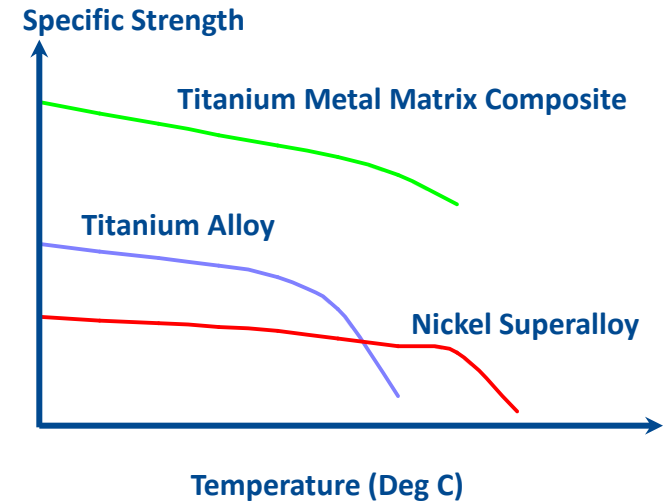
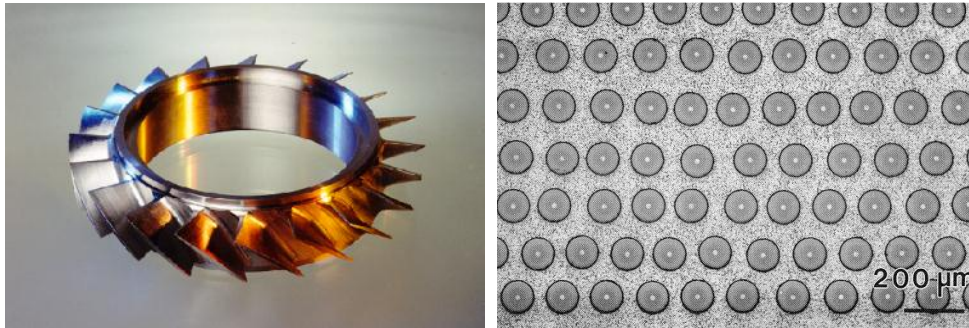


\*Ceramic Matrix Composites



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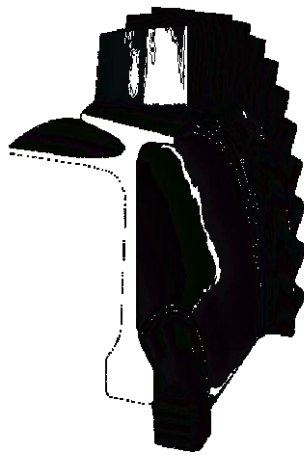
# Metal Matrix Composites



Weight reduction for Compressor modules



Conventionally bladed Disk



Blisk – up to 30% weight reduction



Bling – Ti MMC – more than 30% weight reduction



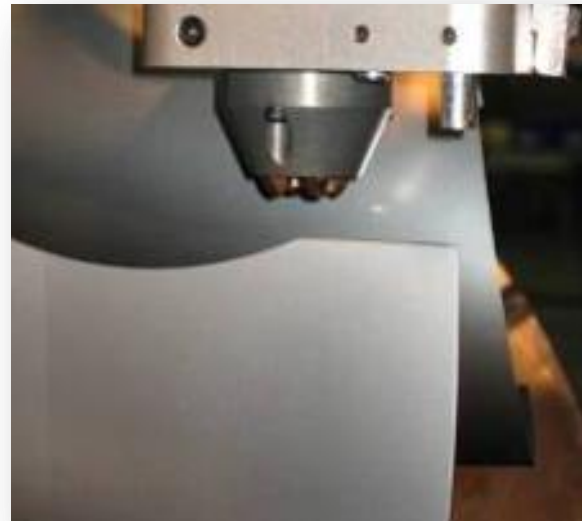
# Blisk Repair

- Repair processes are inevitable pre-conditions for economically viable use of BLISK components
- Blending of damaged areas remains the preferred solution, until the repair becomes no longer viable
- Rolls-Royce has developed a Laser-cladding process using Titanium powder to repair damaged areas

Damaged material removed



Laser in Position



New material deposited



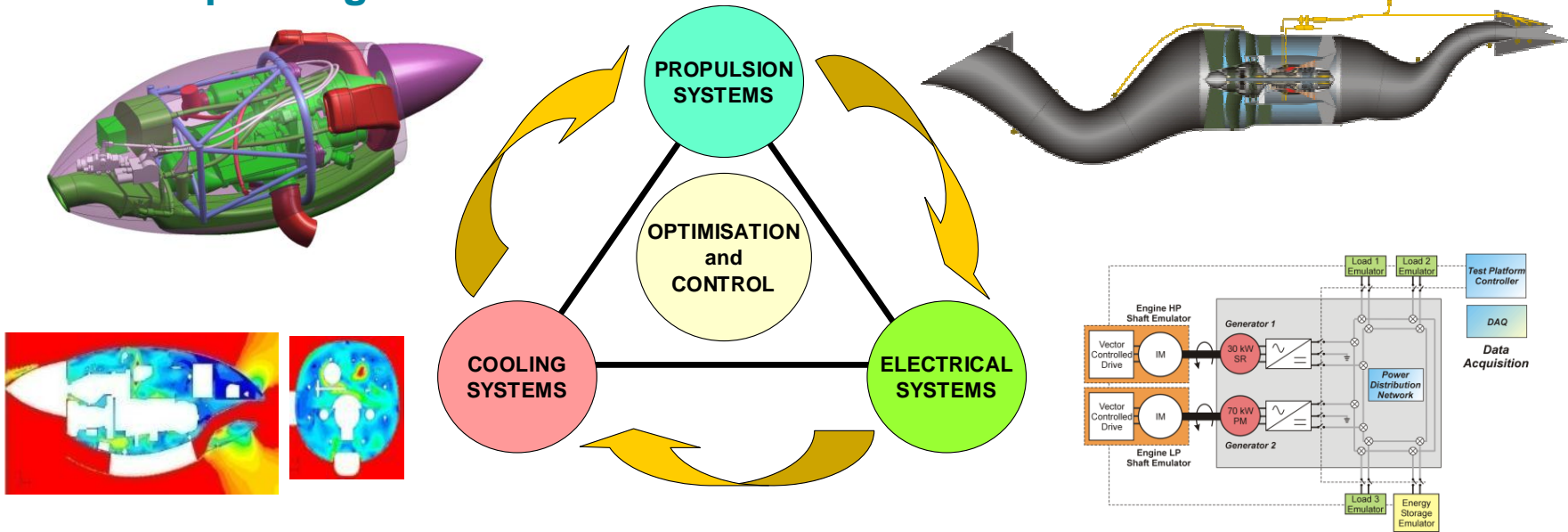
# Aero-Mechanically Optimised Blisk (AMOB)



- Replacement of the existing blade core with a visco-elastic dampener.
- V-E material absorbs the energy from stresses, this reduces the amplitude of a given same excitation.
- The high damping capability – >90% in higher vibration modes – allows thinner and hence lighter aerofoils

# Integrated Power Systems

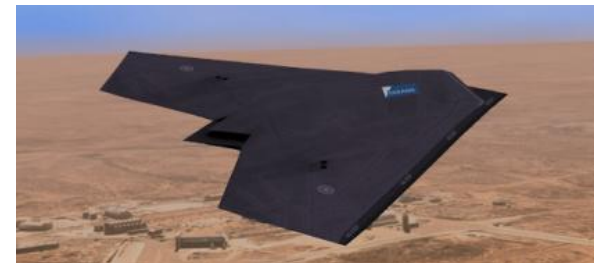
- Intelligent combination of propulsion, thermal management and electrical power generation



Mantis UAS Demonstrator



Taranis UCAS Demonstrator



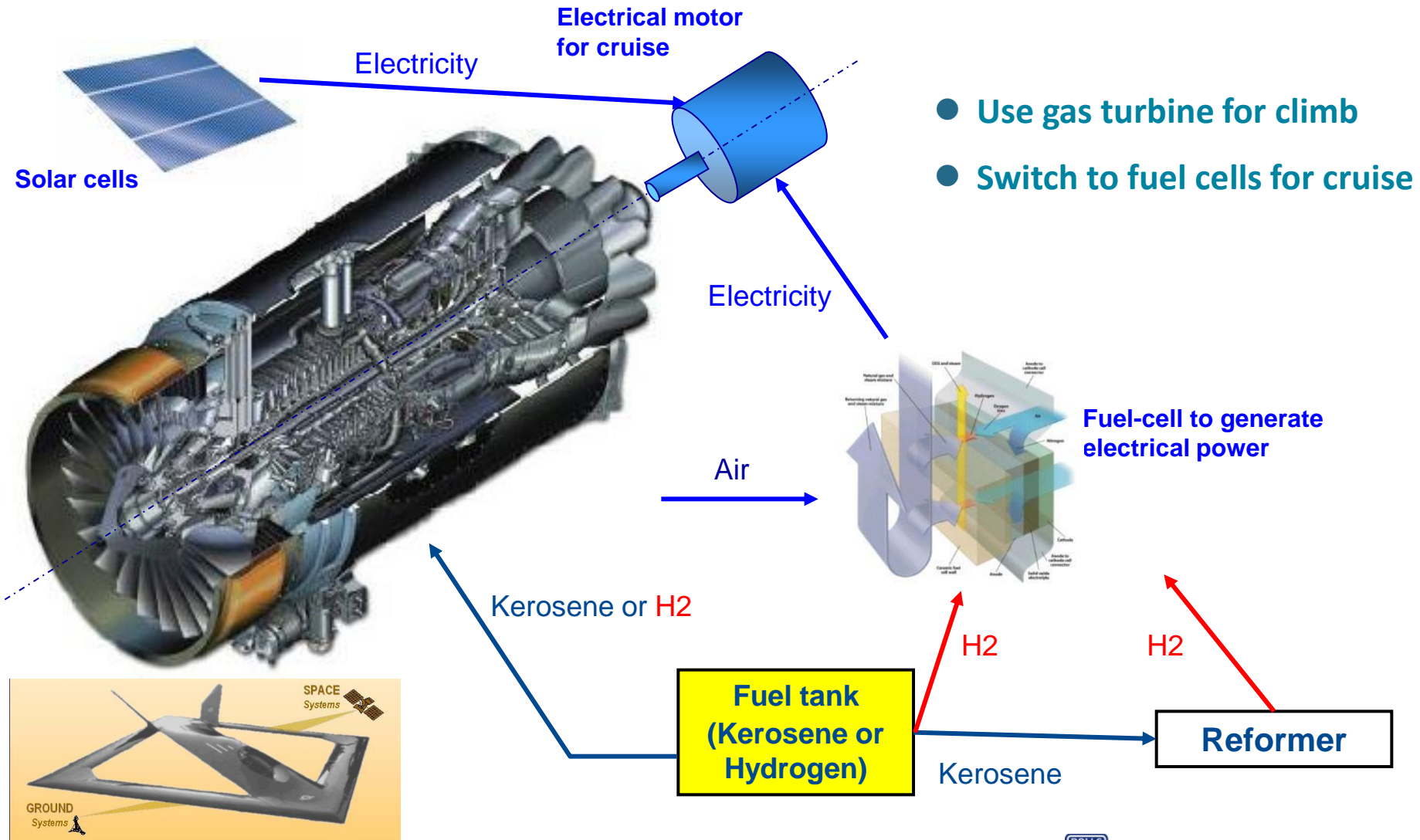
- UAS demonstrators already used for trials



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# HALE hybrid-electric gas turbine



- Use gas turbine for climb
- Switch to fuel cells for cruise



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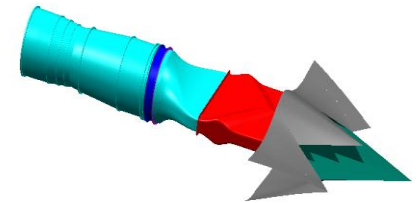
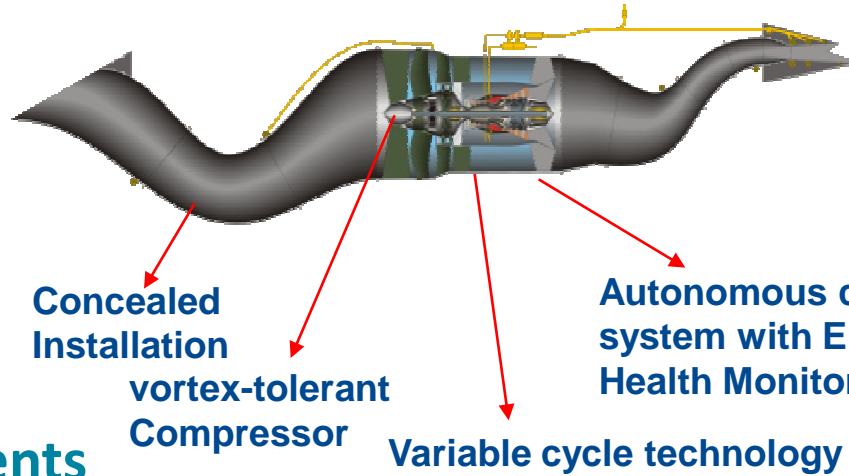
# Unmanned Combat Air System (UCAS)

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*'Intelligent, stealth and more electric'*



Obscured vanes



## Key requirements

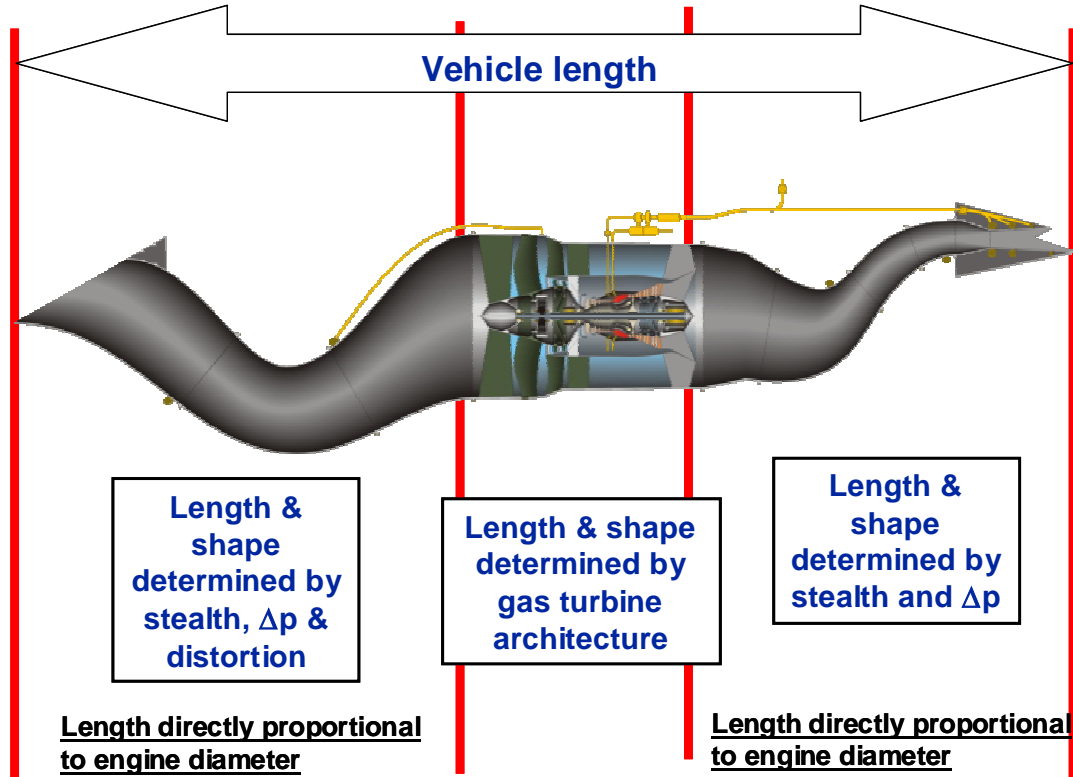
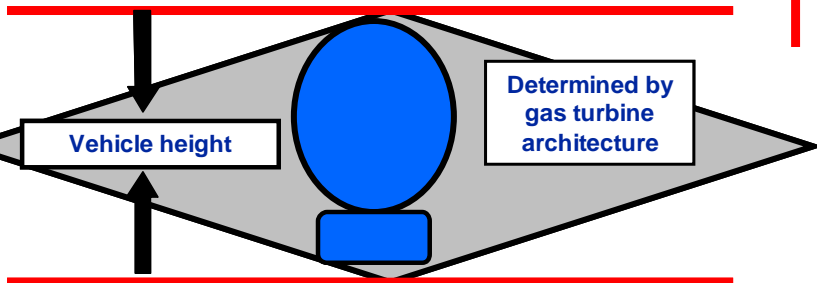
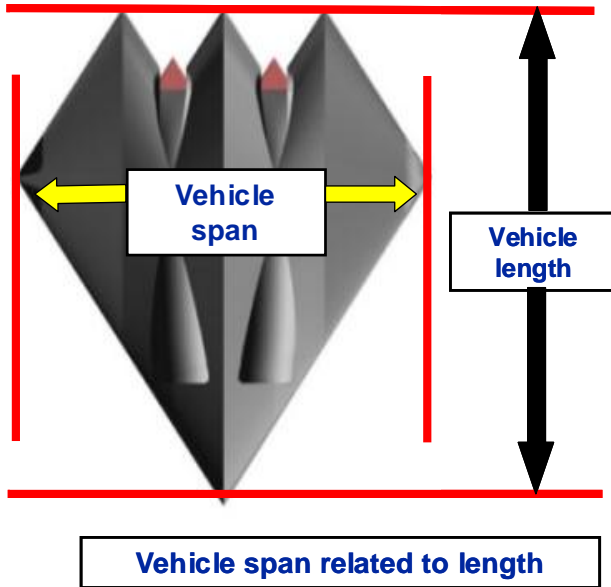
- Compact gas turbine
- Innovative Integration – shaped ducts, RAM, improved cooling
- Intelligent controls

## Future Technologies

- Advanced gel fuels (storage at higher temperatures w/o coking)
- Thermo-electrical power generation (reduced IFR signature and higher electrical offtake)



# Propulsion influences UCAS shape

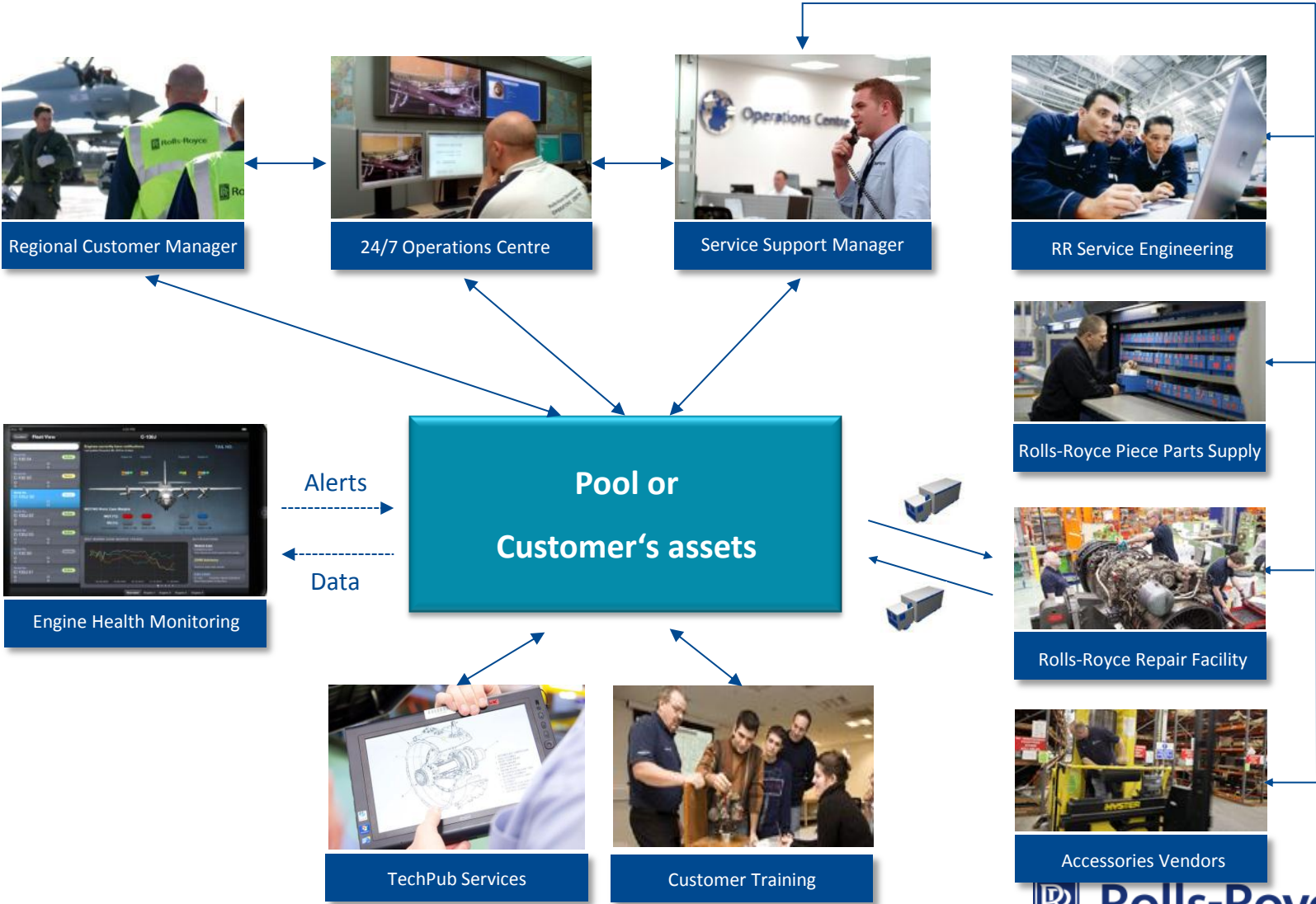


*All 3 dimensions of the UCAS (length, height und span) are directly influenced by the powerplant*



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# Comprehensive Maintenance Services

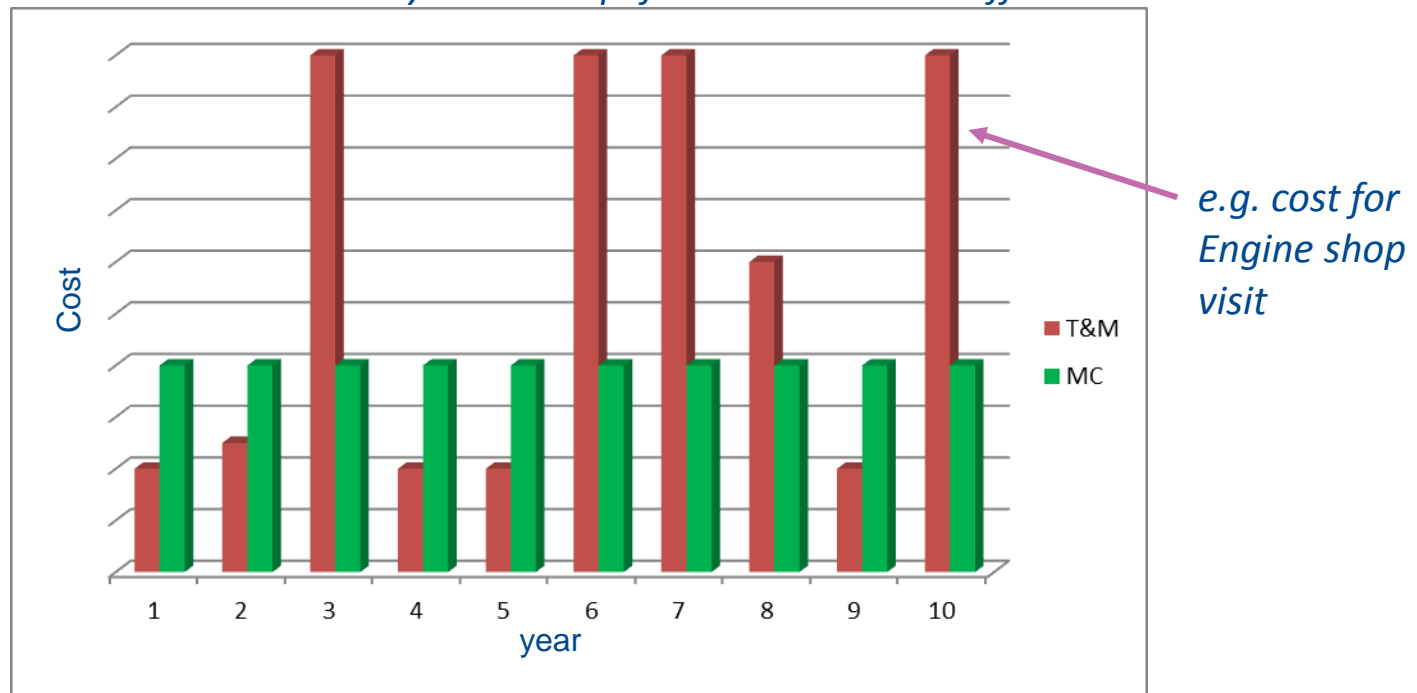


# MissionCare™ vs Time & Material

Compared to Time&Material arrangements, MissionCare™ offers customers:

- budgeting predictability over a long period
- greater value

*Exemplary comparison of cost profiles over 10 years – simplified to outline the difference:*



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# Summary



# Conclusion

- **Aircraft will continue to rely upon Gas Turbines – unbeatable power density**
- **There is still potential to achieve further Gas Turbine Technology improvements – however, the cost are increasing**
  - ❖ **Thrust efficiency (e.g. Ultra high bypass ratio / Geared Fan and Open Rotor)**
- **Next to the Gas Turbine, the entire platform should be optimised**
  - ❖ **Integrated Power Systems – intelligent and more autonomous**
  - ❖ **Heat exchanger and Thermal management**
  - ❖ **Stealth and Cruise at high Mach numbers**
- **Further consolidation of the engine OEM landscape is inevitable – to bundle and focus resources and activities**



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