



Environmentally Focused Aircraft: Regional Aircraft Study

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Environmentally Focused Aircraft Study

- **Environmentally Focused Aircraft (EFA) study objective:**

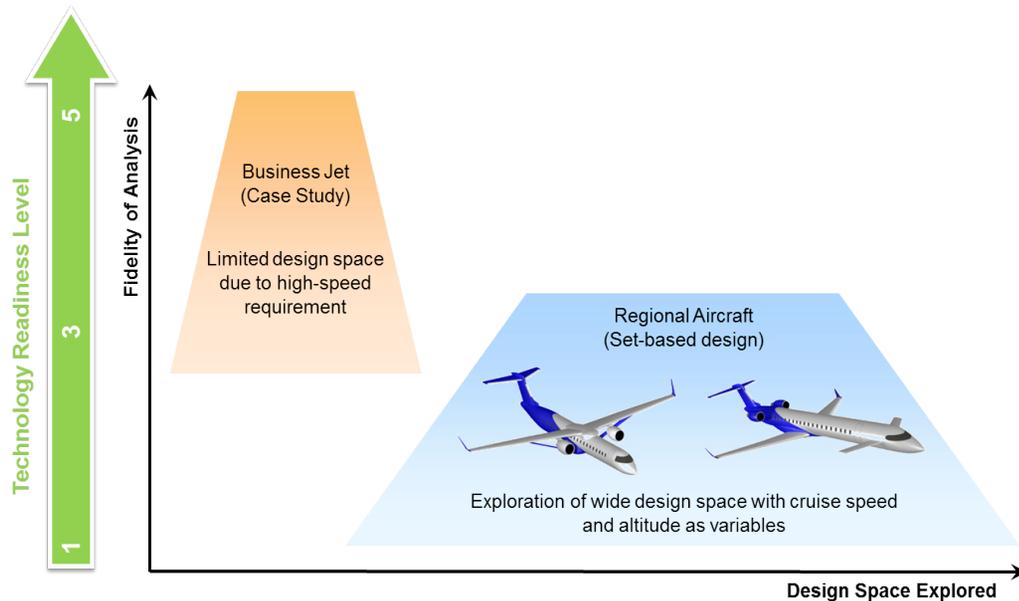
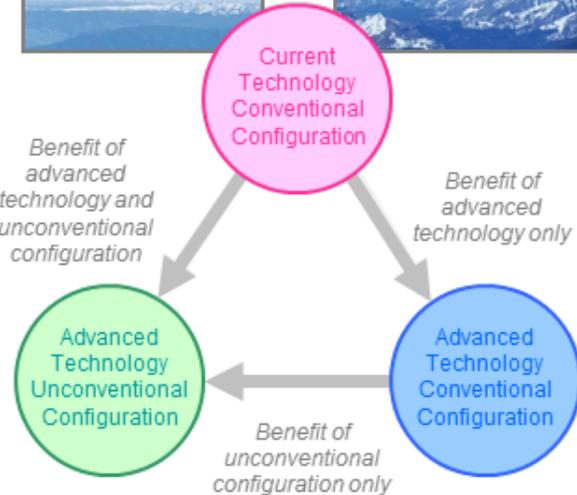
- Significantly reduce environmental impact (emissions, local air quality and community noise) by evaluating alternative long-range business jet and regional aircraft configurations

- **Technology assumption:**

- Consistent with EIS 2025-2030

- **Aircraft requirements:**

- Based on existing Bombardier products



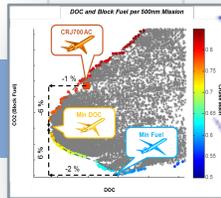
EIS Entry-Into-Service

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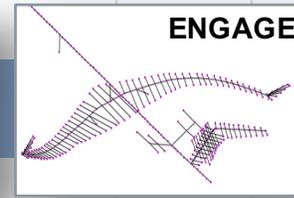
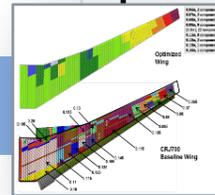
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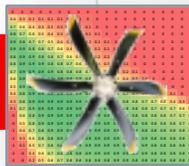
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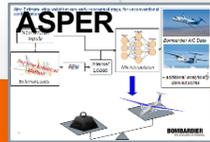
CON001



Turboprop



Strut-Braced Wing



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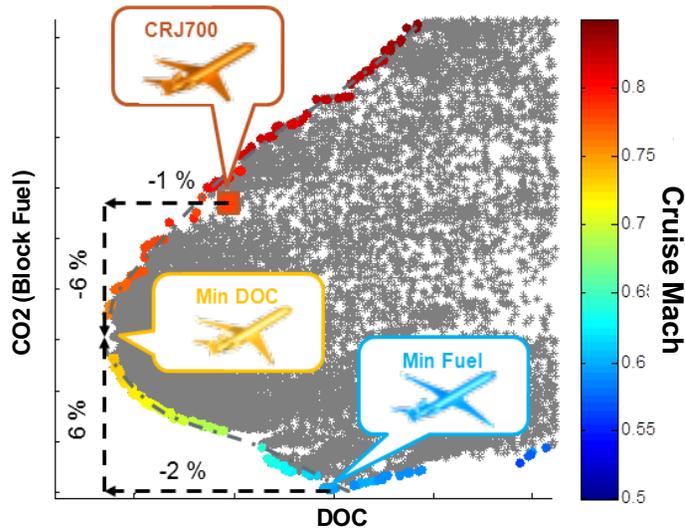
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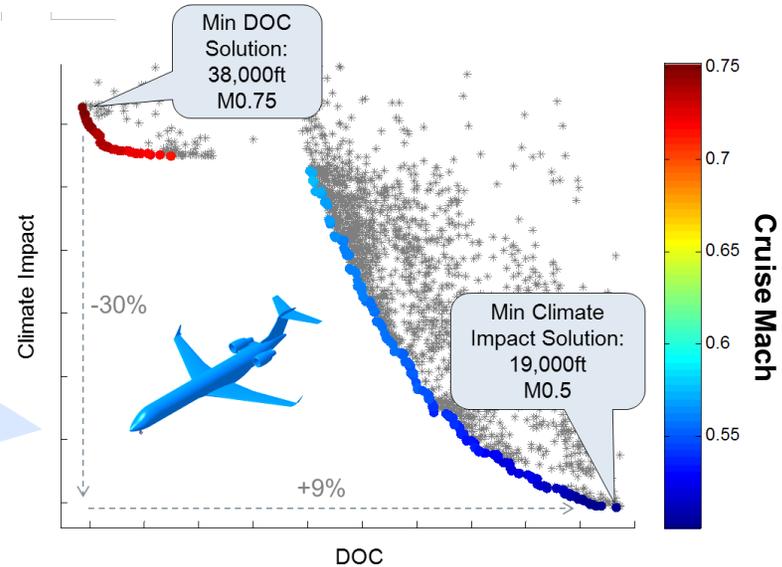
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Design-Space Exploration



- Combined aircraft and mission profile optimization, cruise Mach and altitude are design variables
- Fuel burn can be reduced by lowering cruise Mach
- Optimum Mach for minimum DOC is dependent on fuel price and other economic assumptions
- Can identify robust cruise Mach for future scenarios

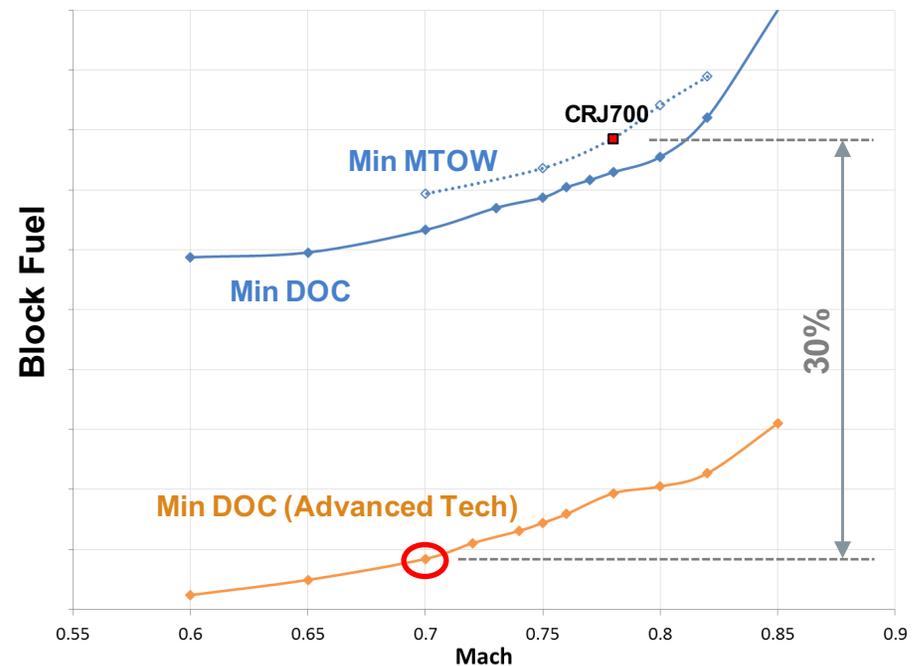
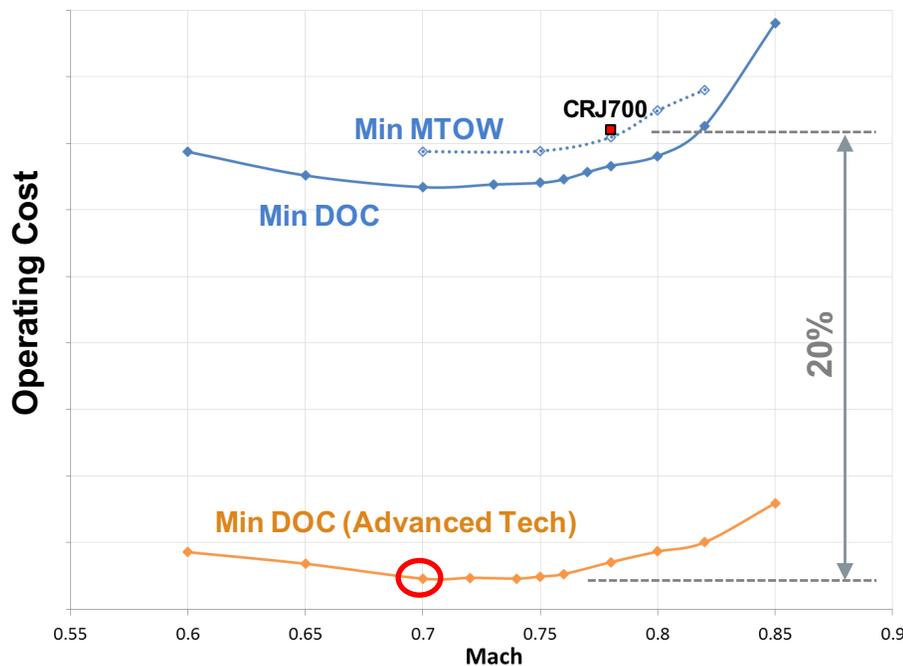
- Climate impact represents temperature change from all emissions, not just CO₂
- Minimizing climate impact is achieved by reducing cruise altitude to prevent contrail generation and limit NO_x effects
- DOC increases due to higher fuel burn and increased block time



DOC Direct Operating Cost

Application of Advanced Technologies

- Design-space exploration repeated with advanced technologies applied
- Mach 0.7 offers minimum operating cost (assuming \$3 per gallon fuel price)
- Operating cost is 20% lower than today's aircraft
- Fuel burn (and CO₂) is 30% lower than today's aircraft



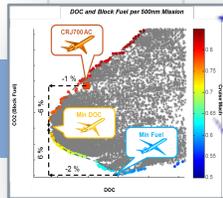
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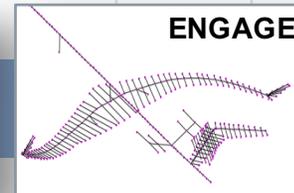
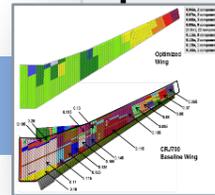
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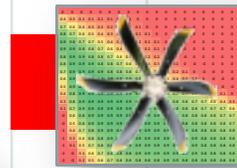
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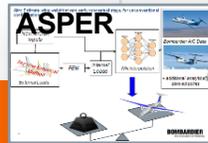
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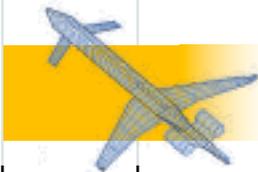
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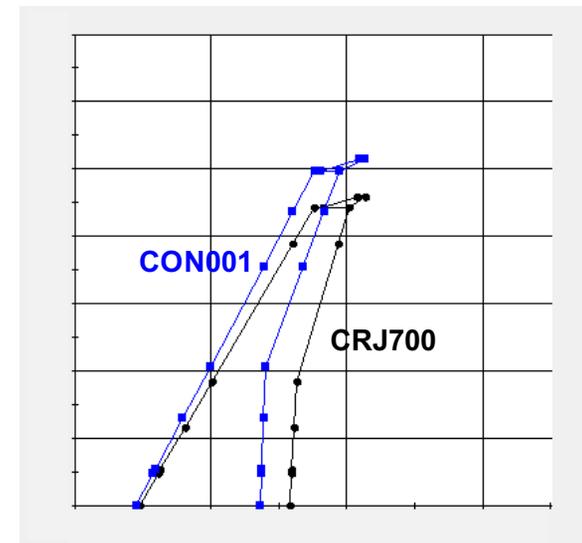
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Advanced Conventional Configuration (CON001)

- Intended to act as benchmark for comparison with unconventional configurations
- Based on CRJ700 (but clean-sheet design, not derivative)
- Optimized using CMDO workflow for minimum operating cost assuming M0.7 cruise
- Assumed advanced technology level (EIS 2025)
 - High bypass ratio advanced turbofan
 - Structural mass savings
 - Systems mass savings



Comparison to Existing Aircraft

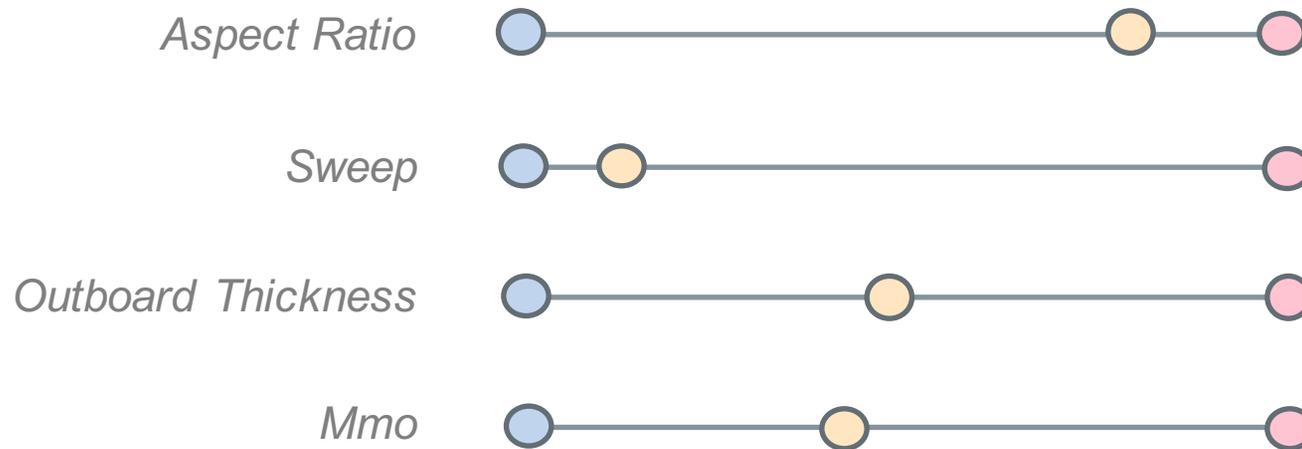


CRJ700



Q400

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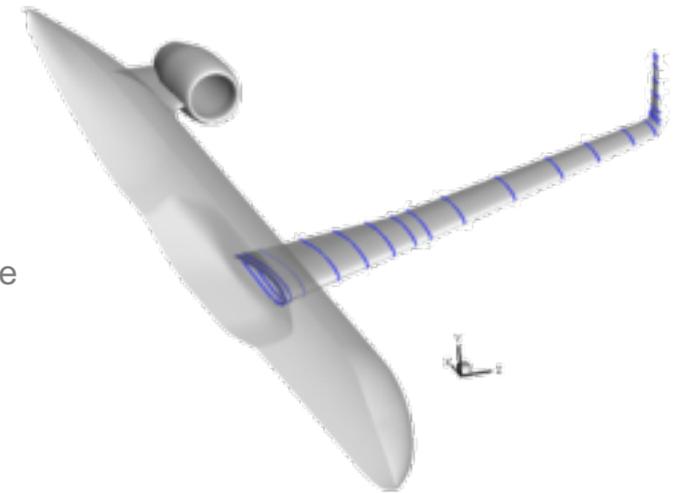
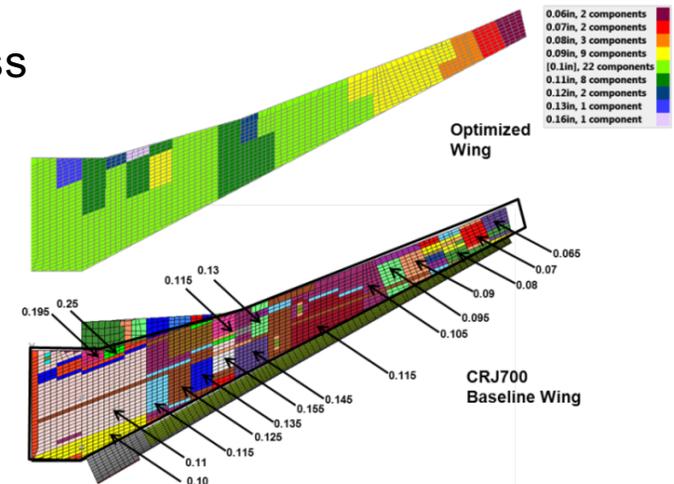


- CON001 wing parameters lie between existing Bombardier aircraft
- The combination of wing parameters is outside of our design experience
- Can we trust our empirical estimates for mass and drag?
- How big is the risk of aero-elastic issues?

Mmo Maximum Operating Mach

CON001: Key Uncertainties

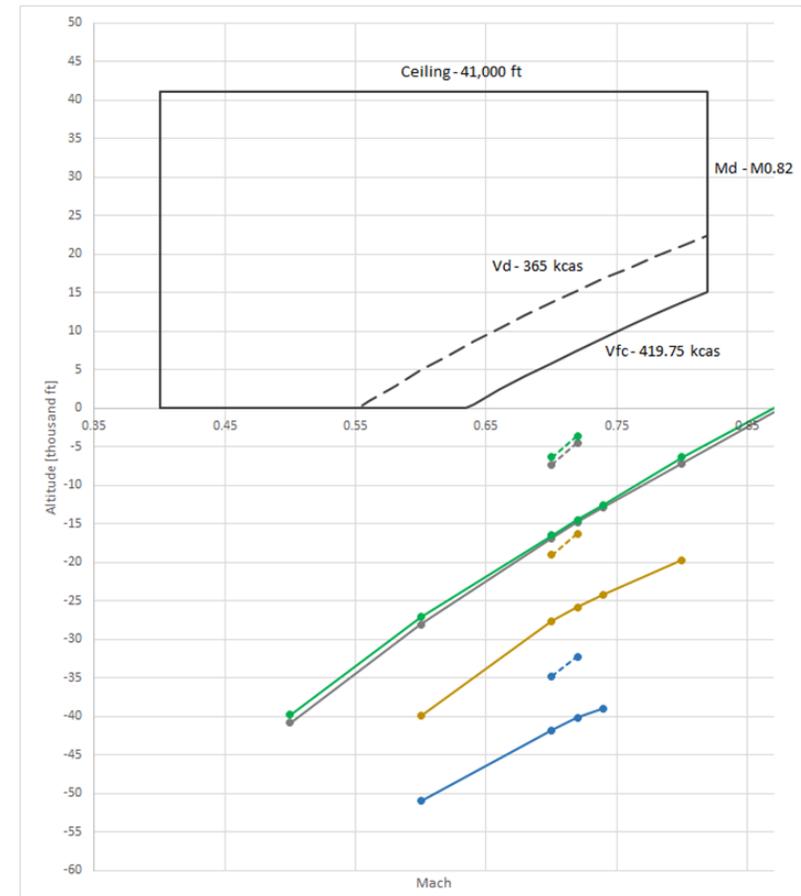
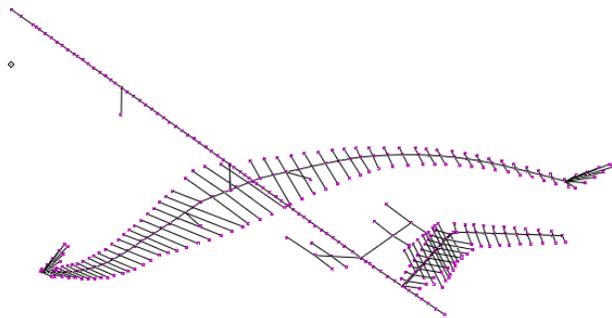
- High fidelity analysis applied early in the design process
- Wing structural mass
 - High-fidelity methods used to validate estimates
 - GFEM developed to size wing structure
 - Results compare well to empirical estimate
- Cruise drag
 - High-fidelity methods used to validate estimates
 - CFD profile optimization performed and polars generated
 - Results compare well to empirical estimate
- Aero-elastic characteristics
 - No analysis performed within CMDO
 - Minimum wing thickness constraint applied in order to represent stiffness requirements, based on existing aircraft
 - Need to assess CON001 characteristics in terms of flutter, divergence and control reversal



GFEM Global Finite Element Model
CFD Computational Fluid Dynamics
CMDO Conceptual Multi-Disciplinary Optimization

Aero-Elastic Analysis

- ENGAGE collaboration performed with University of Victoria
- Assessed aero-elastic characteristics of CON001 configuration
- Analysis suggested CON001 flutter boundary is outside the required clearance envelope
- Control effectiveness has not yet been assessed

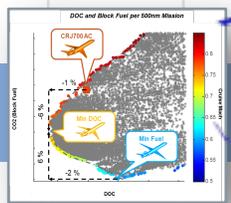


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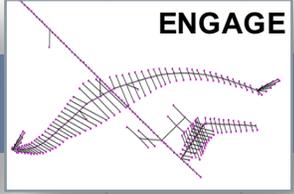
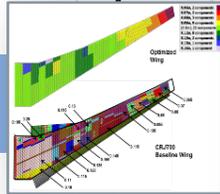
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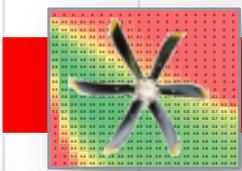
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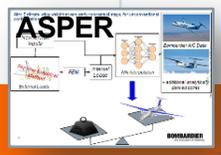
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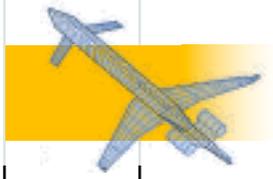
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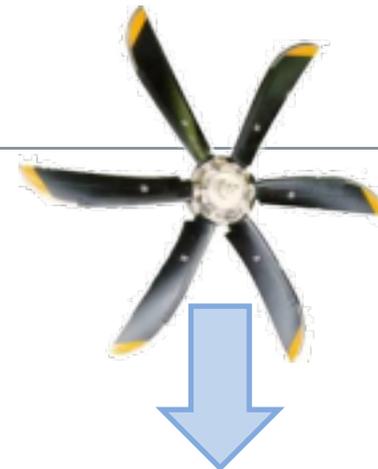


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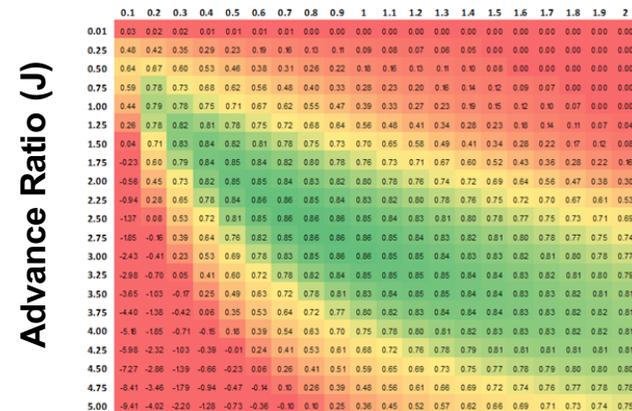
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Turboprop Capability

- Implemented conceptual propeller performance method
- Generates propeller map as a function of high-level parameters
 - Diameter
 - Number of blades
 - Blade activity factor
 - Blade integrated design CL
 - Blade tip sweep
- Predicted efficiency used to calculate thrust for given power
- Produces 'regular' engine performance tables featuring thrust, fuel-flow as function of Mach, altitude, throttle setting
- Propeller parameters added as design variables for aircraft optimization



Power Coefficient (C_p)



Advance Ratio (J)

$$J = \frac{V}{ND}$$

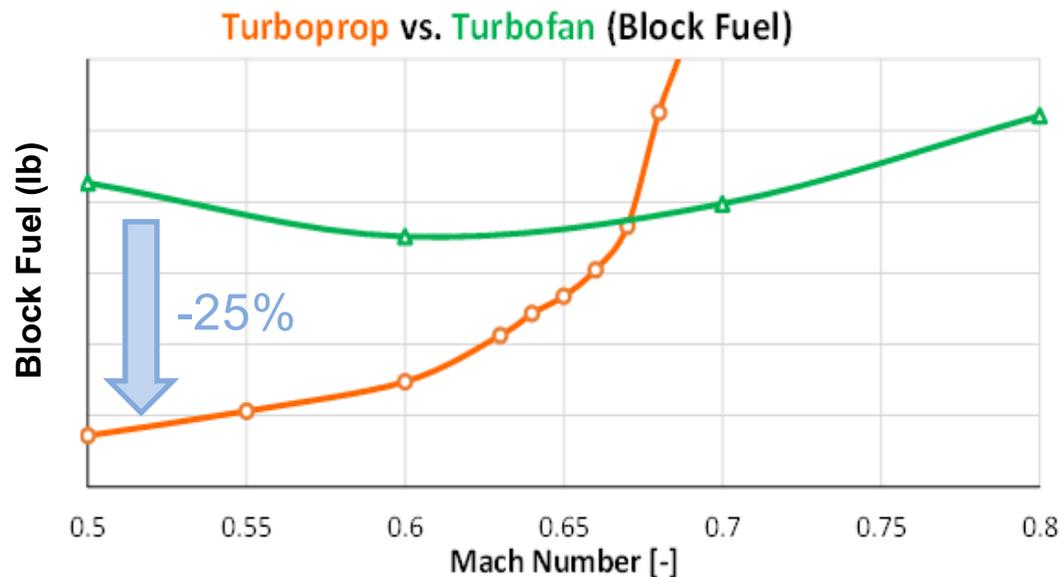
$$C_P = \frac{P}{N^3 D^5 \sigma}$$

- V = Flight Speed (ft/s)
- N = Propeller Rotational Speed (rev/s)
- D = Propeller Diameter (ft)
- P = Available Engine Power (ftlb/s)
- σ = Air Density (slug/ft³)

CL Lift Coefficient

Turboprop Sizing Results

- Performed aircraft optimizations assuming both turbofan and turboprop engines
- Applied same requirements to both (range, field performance, etc.)
- Both engine options assume technology level consistent with 2025 EIS
- Design cruise Mach varied from M0.5 to M0.8
- Turboprop offers significant fuel burn saving at lower cruise Machs
- Turbofan offers lower fuel burn at higher cruise Machs
- Note: Results may be highly sensitive to design range

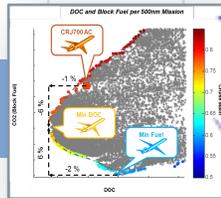


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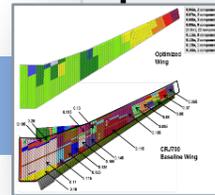
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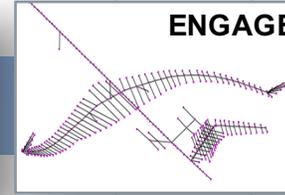
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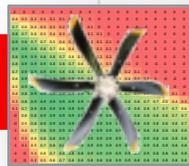
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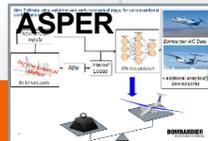
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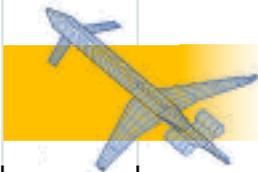
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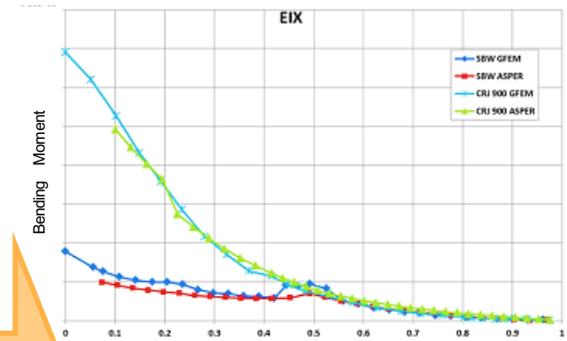
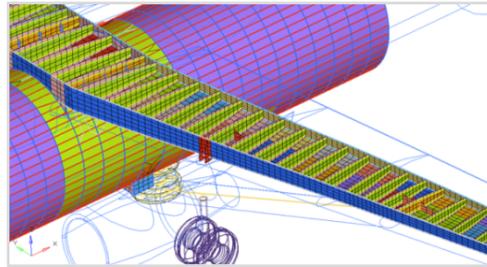
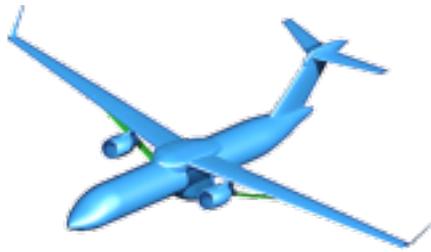
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Unconventional Configurations

- What level of climate impact reduction can be achieved by utilizing unconventional aircraft configurations?
- Dependant on physics-based analysis methods, but need short run-time to allow wide design-space exploration

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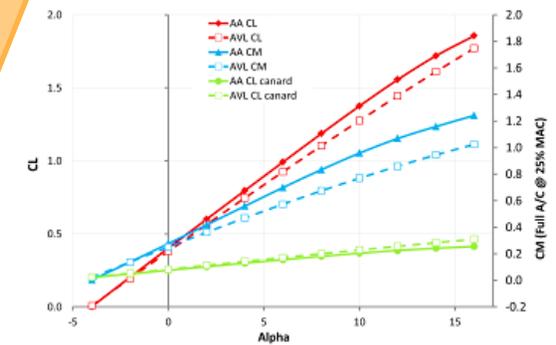
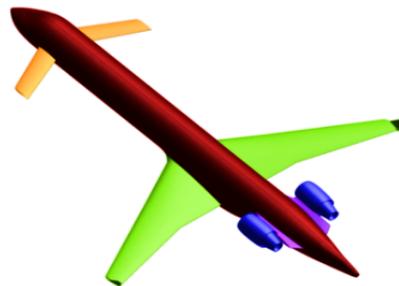
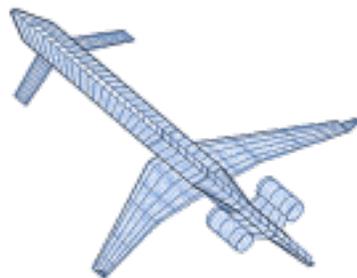


Design with low fidelity tools

Analysis with high fidelity tools by Expert Departments

Comparison between low and high fidelity results

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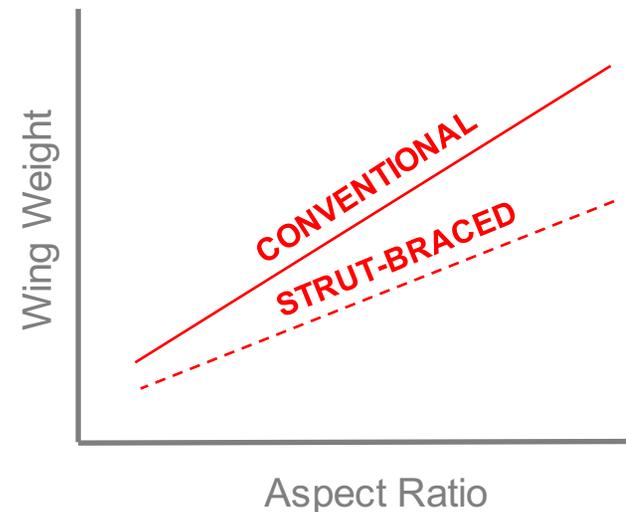
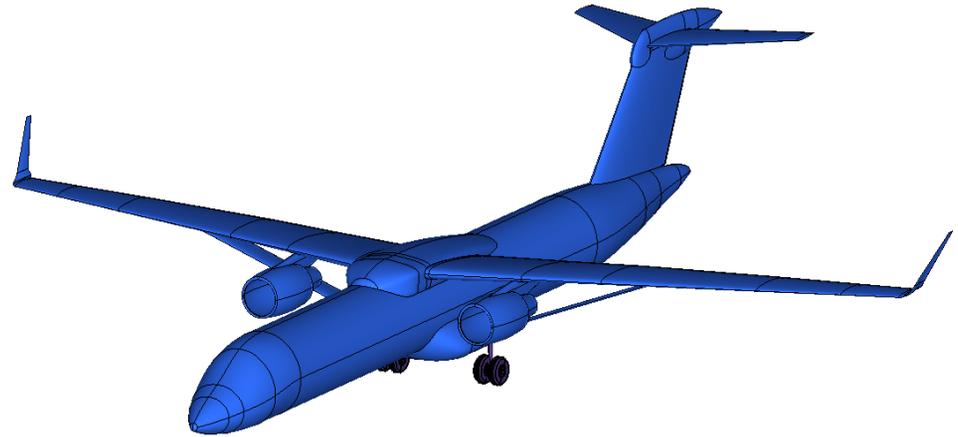


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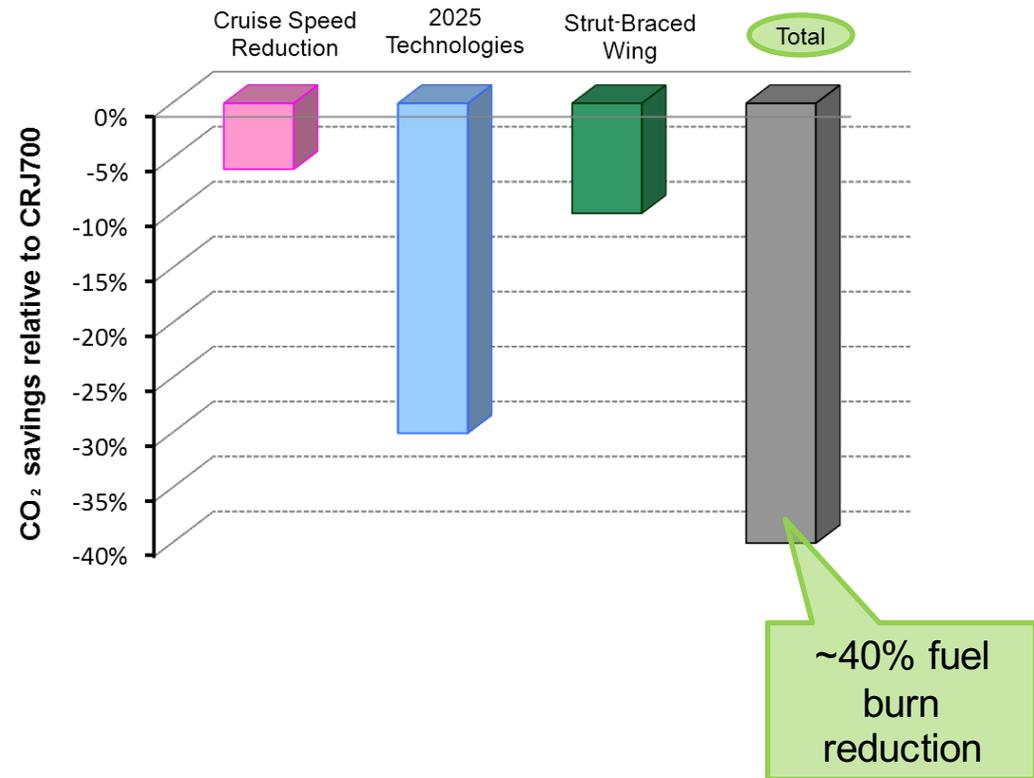
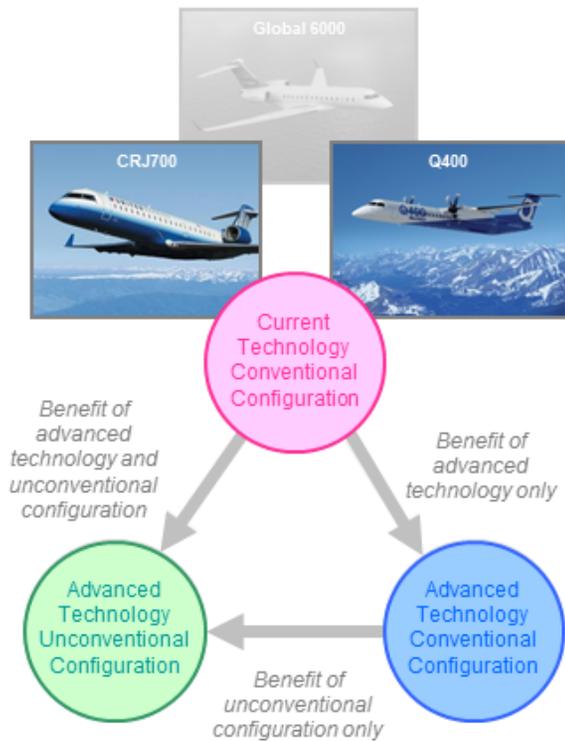
Strut-Braced Wing

- Optimum wing aspect-ratio is a compromise between wing weight and drag
- Strut-braced wing configuration allows reduced wing weight at a given aspect ratio
- Allows optimization to higher aspect ratios with large reductions in induced drag
- Initial studies suggest approx. 10% fuel burn savings compared to equivalent conventional configuration



Total Fuel Burn / CO₂ Reductions

- Combining reduced cruise speed and advanced technologies with the Strut-Braced Wing configuration offers approximately 40% CO₂ reduction over the baseline



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Conclusions

- **Efficiency Improvements**

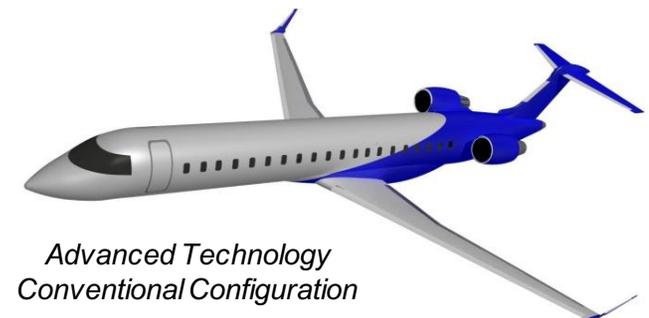
- Reduced cruise speed offers significant fuel burn and CO₂ reduction
- Higher fuel prices encourage lower cruise speeds for economic reasons
- Advanced technologies provide large fuel-burn and CO₂ savings

- **Risk Reduction**

- High-fidelity analysis has been performed early in the design process to reduce risk associated with less familiar configurations
- Simplified analysis methodologies allow high-fidelity approach with limited resources – suitable for research studies

- **Unconventional Configurations**

- Various airframe configurations being investigated
- At least 10% fuel burn advantage possible



*Advanced Technology
Conventional Configuration*

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Application of Conceptual Multi-Disciplinary Optimization (CMDO)

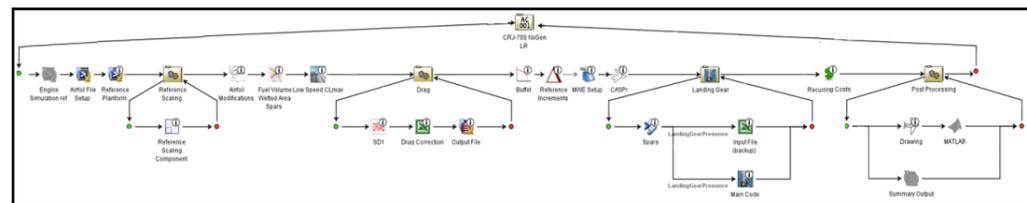
- EFA study makes use of Bombardier's CMDO capability
- Analysis components are modular – empirical to physics based
- CRJ700 used as reference aircraft and optimization start point
- Design Variables
 - Wing geometry (area, aspect-ratio, sweep, thickness to chord)
 - Engine scale factor
 - Cruise Mach
 - Initial Cruise Altitude

Constraints

- Design range
- Take-off field length
- Single engine climb gradient
- Approach speed
- Fuel volume

Objectives

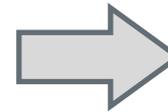
- Minimum MTOW
- Minimum fuel burn
- Minimum climate impact
- Minimum operating cost



CMDO Workflow



Initial Geometry (CRJ700)



Optimized Geometry