



Herausforderungen an Flugantriebe der Zukunft und ihre Materialien

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Future
Propulsion Concepts

Technologies: Materials,
Processes, and Design

NDT-Methods:
Specifics and Needs

Agenda



Aero Engines Business



A passenger aircraft is made up of up to

6 million components

~ **2 billion people**

out of 7.95 billion have flown in an aircraft to date

Fuel consumption per 100 passenger kilometers:

2.9 liters of kerosene

Nearly doubling the active fleet

to **48,000 aircraft** by 2040

The geared turbofan reduces

75% of the noise footprint

Our track record: partners and customers appreciate MTU's excellence

Commercial OEM business



Share of total revenues ca. 26%

Balanced product portfolio in all thrust categories

Decades of partnership with OEMs

Military OEM business



Share of total revenues ca. 8%

European and U.S. engine programs

Leading partner of the German Armed Forces

Commercial MRO business



Share of total revenues ca. 66%

Services: maintenance, leasing and asset management

Direct customer business, partner of OEMs and airlines

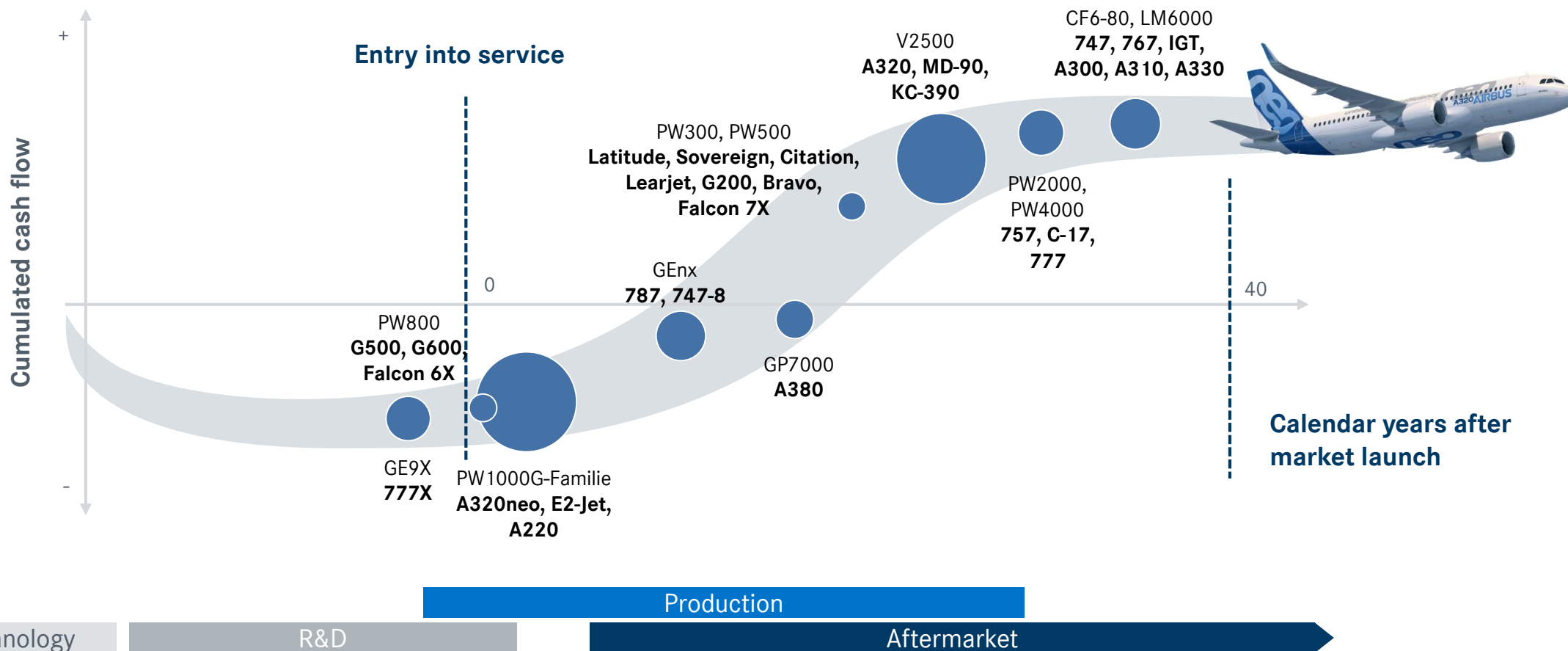
MTU group fiscal year 2023*:

Revenue € 6.3 billion / EBIT € 818 million

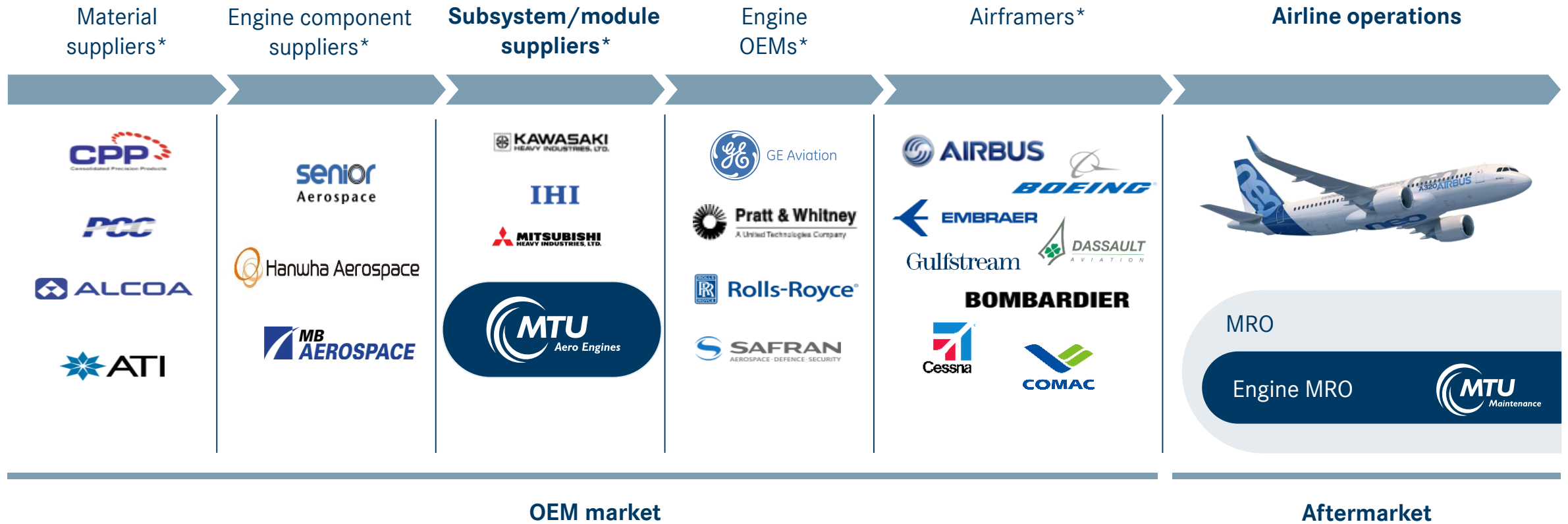
*Adjusted values

Preliminary FY 2023 Results

A balanced portfolio and products in all thrust categories ensure MTU's long-term success

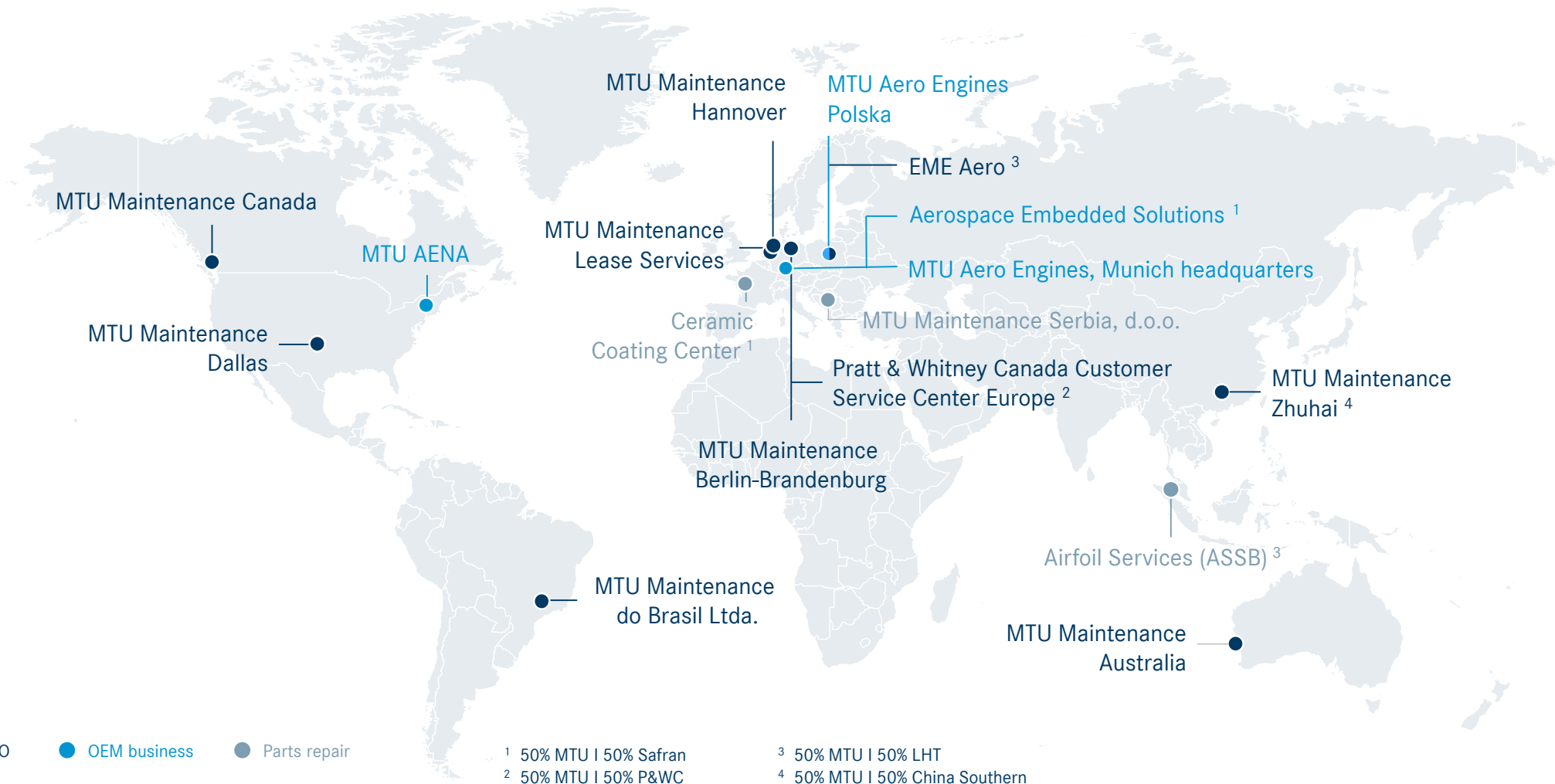


MTU is an essential partner in the engine value chain



*selected market participants

With our locations worldwide we are close to our customers

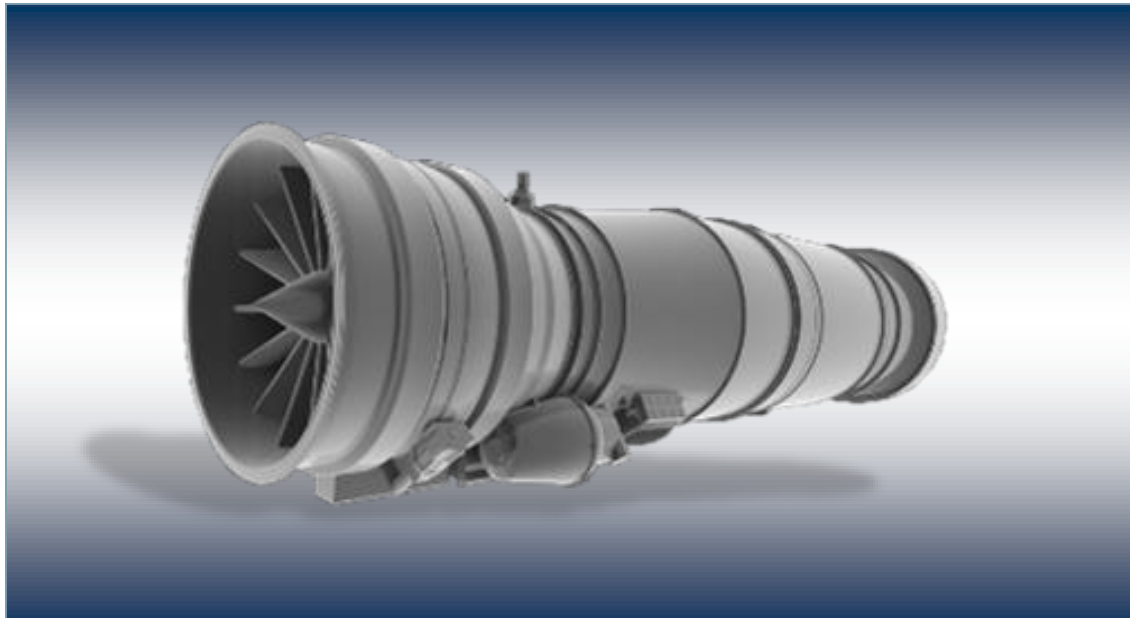


Future Propulsion Concepts

and their requirement for
materials, processes and design

Requirements by new high-performance engines

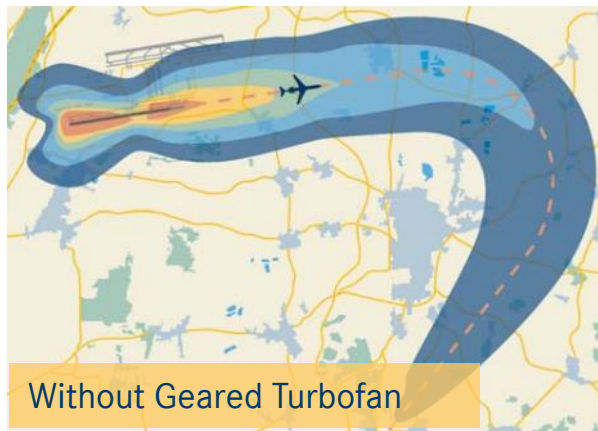
Future combat air system



⇒ **Highest temperatures & mechanical loading – lowest possible weight**

The Geared Turbofan Is Already Setting New Standards

Noise Footprint

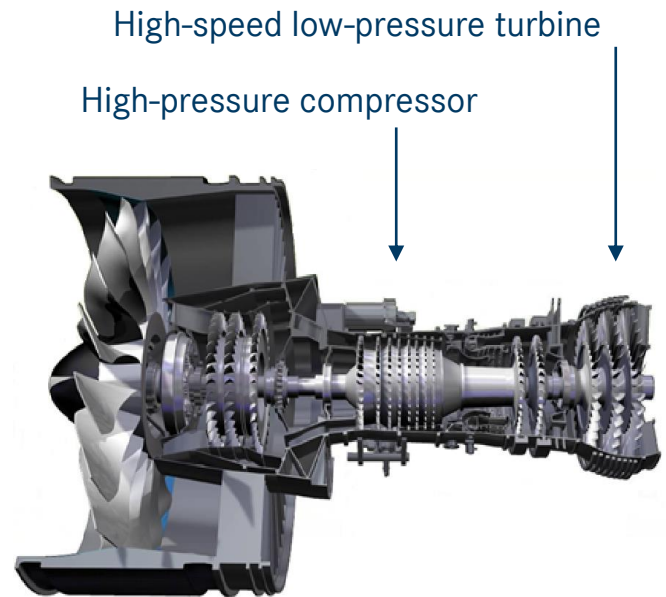


Munich International Airport (MUC)



Noise Simulation: Pratt & Whitney SEL Contour Source: Wyle Laboratories

MTU Contribution



- Geared Turbofan reduces:
- Noise footprint by 75%
 - Fuel consumption and CO₂-emissions by 16%
 - NO_x-emissions by 50%

Chosen for three Airframes



Requirements by new concepts in civil aviation

Emission free flying

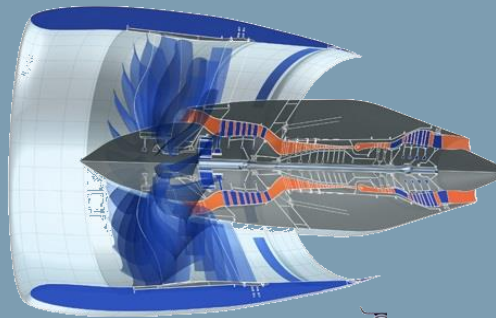
Evolutionary

Revolutionary

Optimized and newly conceived gas turbine using sustainable aviation fuels

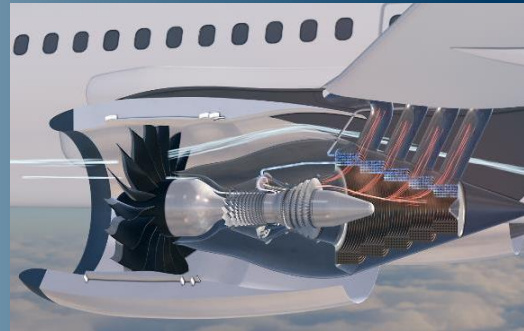
Electrification

Gen 2 GTF



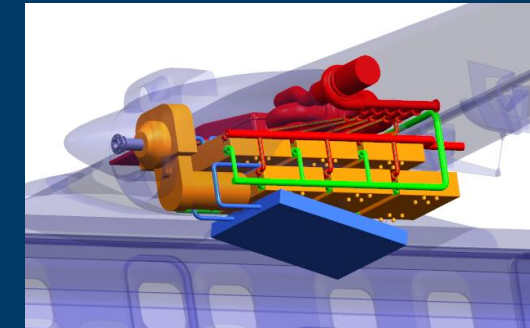
- Further reduction in fuel burn and noise

Revolutionary Gasturbine



- Significantly reduced climatic impact

Flying Fuel Cell™



- Almost climate neutral

⇒ New, additional components (weight!) – H₂O & H₂ & cryogenic atmosphere – Electrification

Requirements by growing fleet

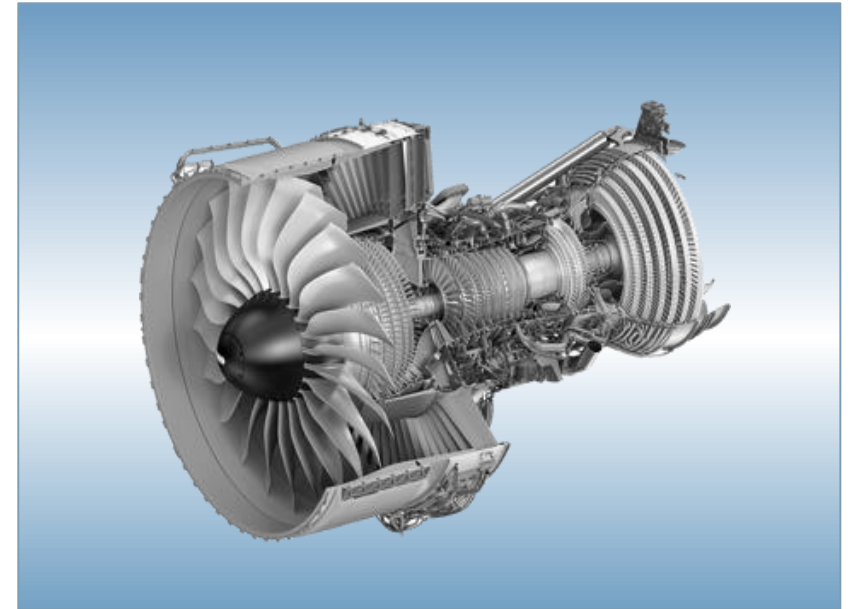
Costs and consumption of resources in production and operation



Nearly doubling the active fleet to
48,000 aircraft by 2040

A passenger aircraft is made up of up to
6 million components

An engine's life cycle spans
25 to 50 years



⇒ **Economical manufacturing processes & materials – high life span & robustness – maintenance**


Technologies: Materials, Processes, and Design

The „assignment“: technology trends in materials, processes, and design to enable powerful-ecofriendly-competitive engines




High-performance: Maximum load capacity with minimum weight 

- | Low density – high-temperature / high-strength - robust materials
- | Light-weight design

Economic-ecological: Cost-efficient and resource-saving 

- | Lower-cost substitutes
- | Near net shape raw parts
- | Stable quality, robustness, & high life span (simulation, coatings, repair)

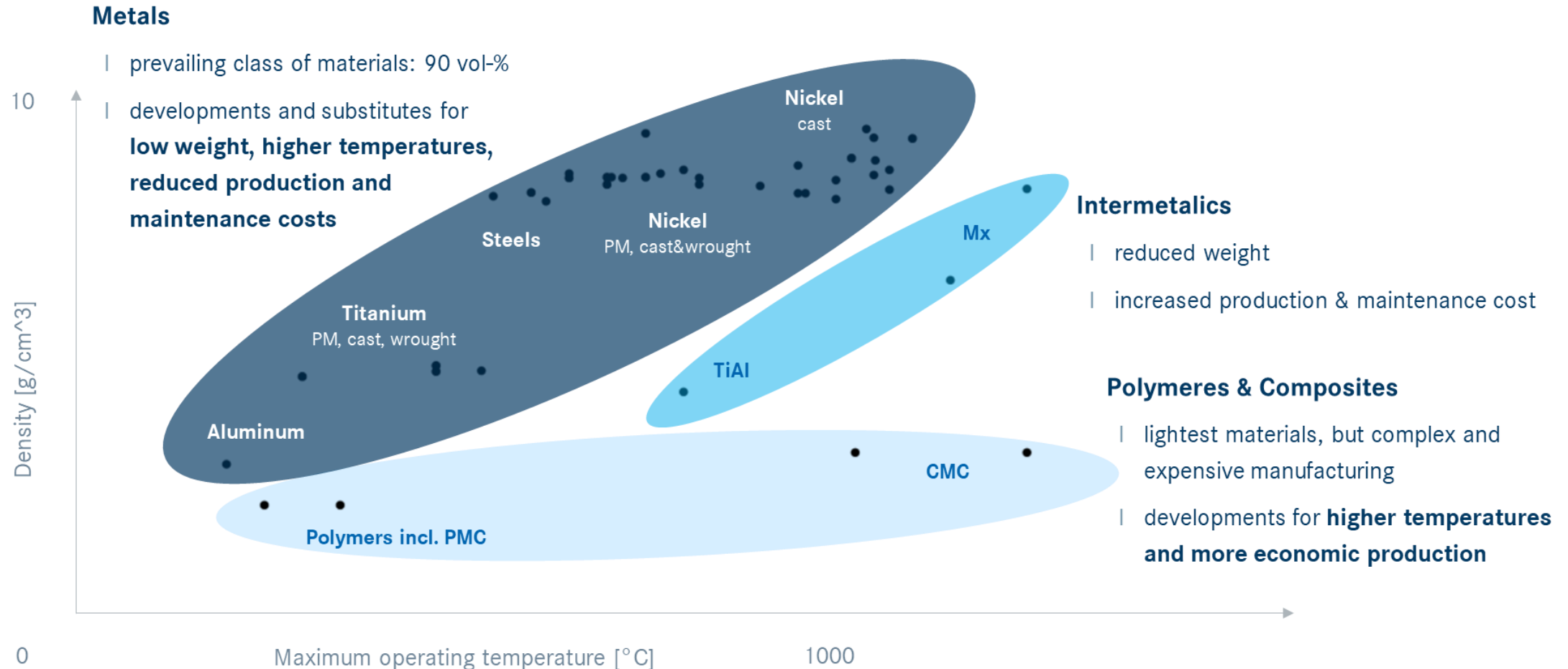
Novel: New functionalities, atmospheres, and components 

- | Electrification
- | H₂, H₂O, and low temperatures
- | Compensation of weight increases

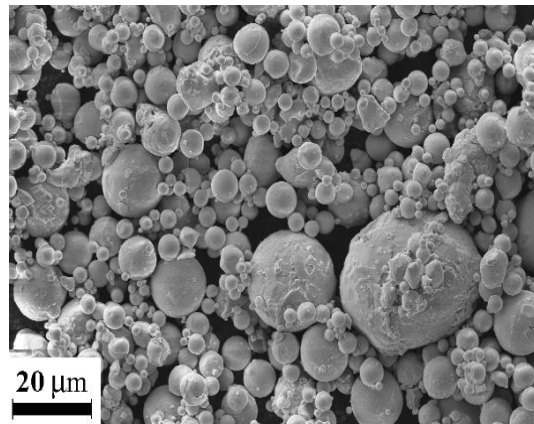
Extensive: Significantly extended portfolio, high expenditures and risks 

- | Qualify to air-worthiness
- | Reduction of development efforts
- | Strategic-cooperative approaches (industry & science & politics)

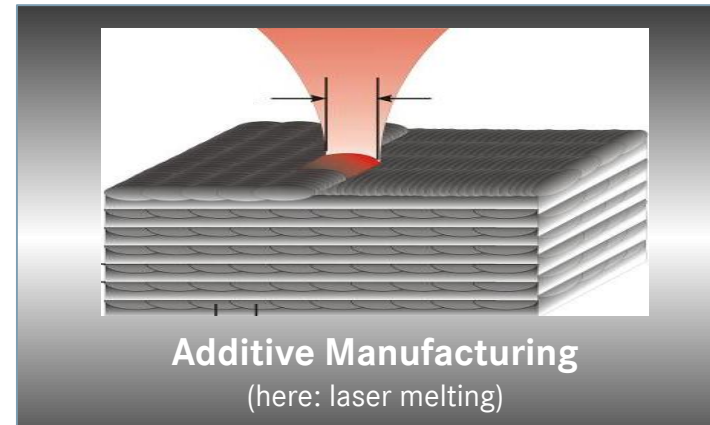
Application and development needs of high-temperature and light-weight materials



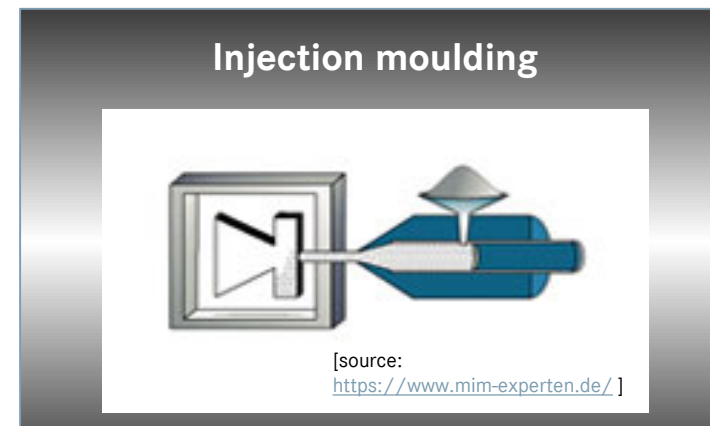
Powder-based production to save resources and enable light-weight design



Higher degree of freedom
by powder-based raw material



- Complex geometries
- Graded materials



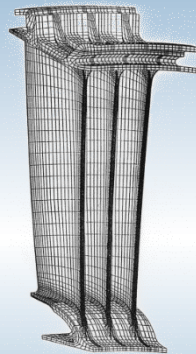
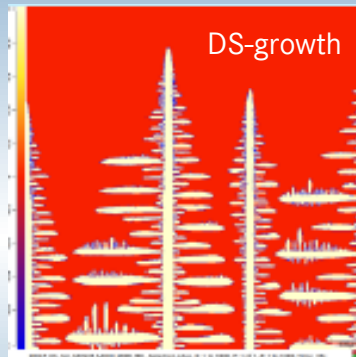
- High parts volumes
- High surface quality



Near net shape raw parts
& light-weight design

Measures to realise cost-efficiency in production and operation, 1 of 2

Virtual development



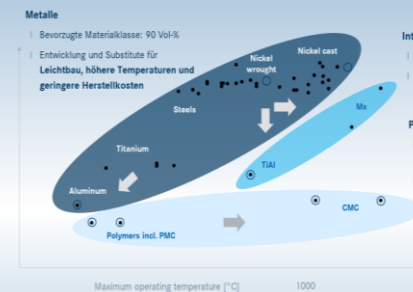
Simulation of processes

- accelerated development

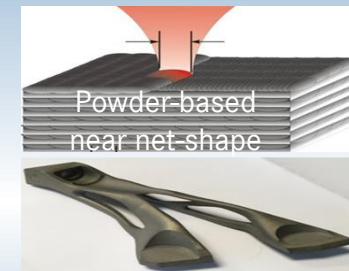
Precise lifing analysis

- design to manufacturing and robustness

Production costs



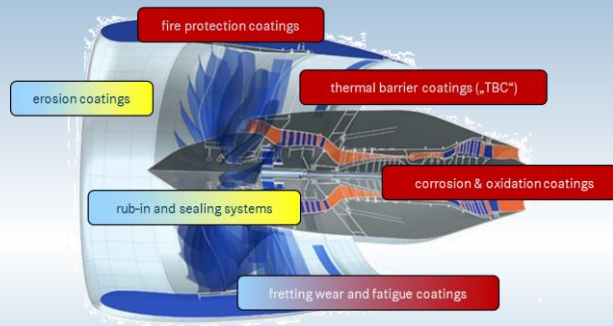
- Low-cost substitutes of materials



- Resource-saving and faster production processes

Measures to realise cost-efficiency in production and operation, 2 of 2

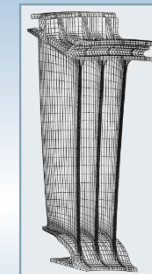
Protective coatings



Multifold life vs. partially increased costs

- Surface degradation as main cause of parts' replacement
- More than 60% of parts with life benefit by coatings

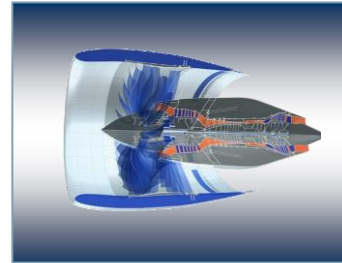
Maintenance and repair



Robust design, testability, and repair development

- Increased rate to reuse

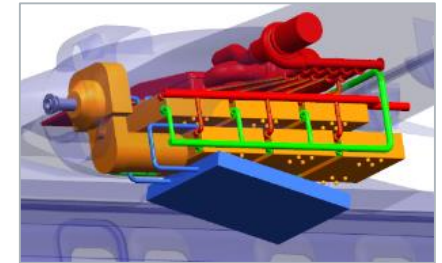
Qualifying materials of new propulsion concepts in accordance with airworthiness requirements



H₂-burn



Revolutionary
Gasturbine



Electrochemistry

Flight engines requirements relative to car engines:

- | **10-fold life span**
- | more than **100-fold reliability**

accompanied by

- | **highest demands** with respect to material **quality and characterisation**

Needs for materials characterisation by new propulsion concepts:

- | **impact of H₂ and H₂O** on corrosion and embrittlement
- | targeted **electrochemical properties**
- | **broadened materials portfolio** (coatings & foils, light-weight metals & polymers)

including needs for

- | **novel test equipment and methods of design**



NDT-Methods: Specifics and Needs

Aero engine-specific aspects for non-destructive testing

High lifetimes and reliability



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- Need for high POD* / low rate of false negatives
- Relevance of rare defects
- Many NDT-steps of wide-spread types along value chain

* Probability of detection

Strict regulations by the authorities



Federal Aviation
Administration



- High efforts to certify new methods and providers

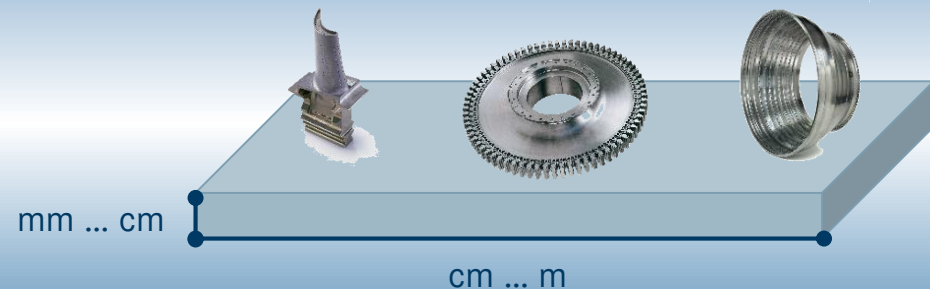
Parts of high value



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- Need for low rates of false positives!
- High value NDT methods may be economic

Shapes and dimensions of parts

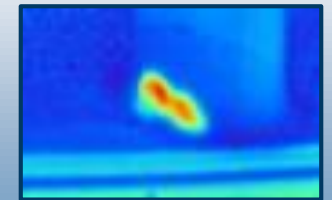
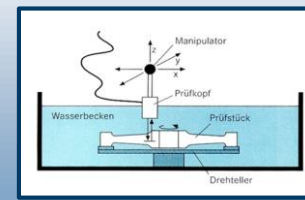
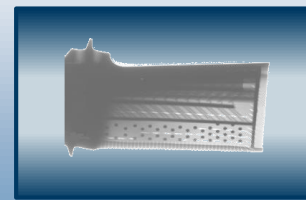
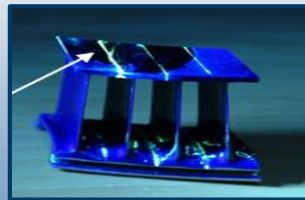
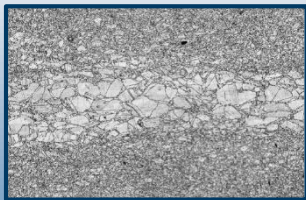


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Material quality attributes and methods for non-destructive testing in aero engines

An Overview

- I **The relevant material quality attributes** to be screened by NDT are similar to related business areas
 - Surface: **chemical reactions, non-flatnesses (nicks, dents, raised material), cracks**
 - Volume & near surface: **chemistry, microstructure, inclusions & segregations, cracks / cavities/ separations, residual stresses**
- I The **NDT-methods used** are various and mostly conventional
 - Surfaces: **Visual** inspection, **FPI** (fluorescent penetrant inspection), **etching**, **EC** (eddy current), **MT** (magnetic particle inspection)
 - Volume (and near-surface): Physical methods as **US** (ultrasonic), **X-Ray (also as CT)**, **EC** (eddy current)
 - For special applications and optional further methods: **thermography, magnetoscopy, neutrons, positrons**



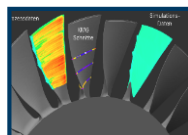
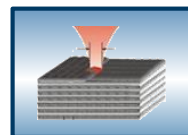
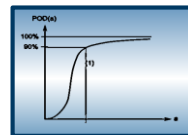
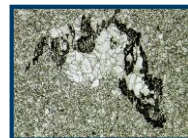
Trends and needs for non-destructive testing in aero engines



Even higher engine performance and undiminished high reliability

Novel loadings and processes

Economic-ecological production & operation of high parts' volumes



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- | **Higher POD* for deep & adverse positioned defects**
- | **Higher NDT-resolutions, maintaining high level of POD**
(E.g. by reduced X-Ray beam diameters with increased intensities as by synchrotron)
- | **NDT-methods for H2: amount of loading and damage**
- | **NDT-related online process-monitoring methods**

- | **Automatization of NDT-processes** (E.g. robotics, AI)
- | **On-site NDT**

* Probability of detection

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