

# SESA2023 Propulsion

## Lecture 0: Module Information and Organization

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# PROPULSION CONTENT OVERVIEW

**Section 1: Introduction and Fundamentals**

3 weeks, Ivo Peters

**Section 2: Ramjets, Combustion, Rockets**

3 weeks, Ivo Peters

**Section 3: Gas Turbines, Turbojets, and Turbofans**

2 weeks, Ed Richardson

**Section 4: Turbomachinery and Propellers**

3 weeks, Ed Richardson

# YOUR FINAL MARK

- **5 Summative courseworks (20%)**
  - Three quizzes (3% each)
  - Two Labs (5.5% each)
- **Exam (80%)**
  - Sit down(!) exam



15 CATS = 150 hours

$150 / 12 = 12.5$  hours / week



## A WEEK IN SESA2023...

- Lectures: Concepts and examples 3 hours
- Reading: Lecture notes 2 hours
- Practice material: Weekly problem sheet 5 hours
- Formative or summative assessment submission 2.5 hours

# PROPULSION LABS

- Nozzle Lab: Compressible flow
- Propulsion Lab: Ramjet, (rocket), combustion
- Can't attend at your timetabled slot? Agree to switch with a colleague.
- Assessment: Summative Blackboard Tests
- **Questions: Discussion Board**

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**Lecture handouts** ⚡↓

This folder contains the lecture handouts for each week.

**Lecture slides**

**Additional content** ⚡↓

Here you will find additional content for each week, such as videos, bits of code, further reading, etc.

**Data books**

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<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/modules/sesa2023.page>



# BLACKBOARD: MODULE AND ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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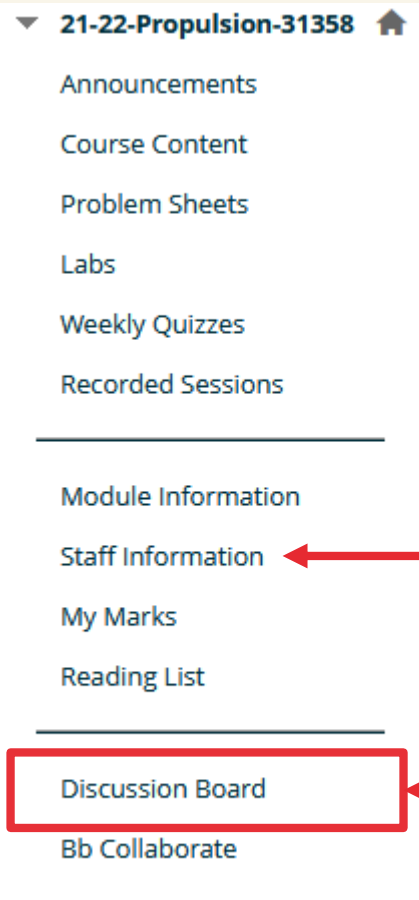
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Semester week	Week/c	Uni week	Section	Quiz	Lab coursework	Weight
1	30/1/2023	18	1			
2	6/2/2023	19	1	Summative		3%
3	13/2/2023	20	1	Formative		
4	20/2/2023	21	2	Summative		3%
5	27/2/2023	22	2	Formative		
6	6/3/2023	23	2	Formative	Nozzle	5.5%
7	14/3/2023	24	3	Formative		
8	20/3/2023	25	3	Formative	Propulsion	5.5%
EASTER BREAK						
9	24/4/2023	30	4	Formative		
10	1/5/2023	31	4	Summative		3%
11	8/5/2023	32	4	Formative		
12	15/5/2023	33	Revision	Formative		

#	Assessment	Set Date	Due Date	Feedback Date	Weighted Mark
1	Quiz Week 1	30/01/2023	10/02/2023	17/02/2023	3%
2	Quiz Week 3	13/02/2023	24/02/2023	03/03/2023	3%
3	Nozzle Lab	13/02/2023	10/03/2023	24/03/2023	5.5%
4	Propulsion Lab	27/02/2023	24/03/2023	07/04/2023	5.5%
5	Quiz Week 9	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	12/05/2022	3%
6	Exam				80%

# I NEED HELP!



Ask questions during lectures

Office hours / drop-in

Almost all questions

# SUMMARY

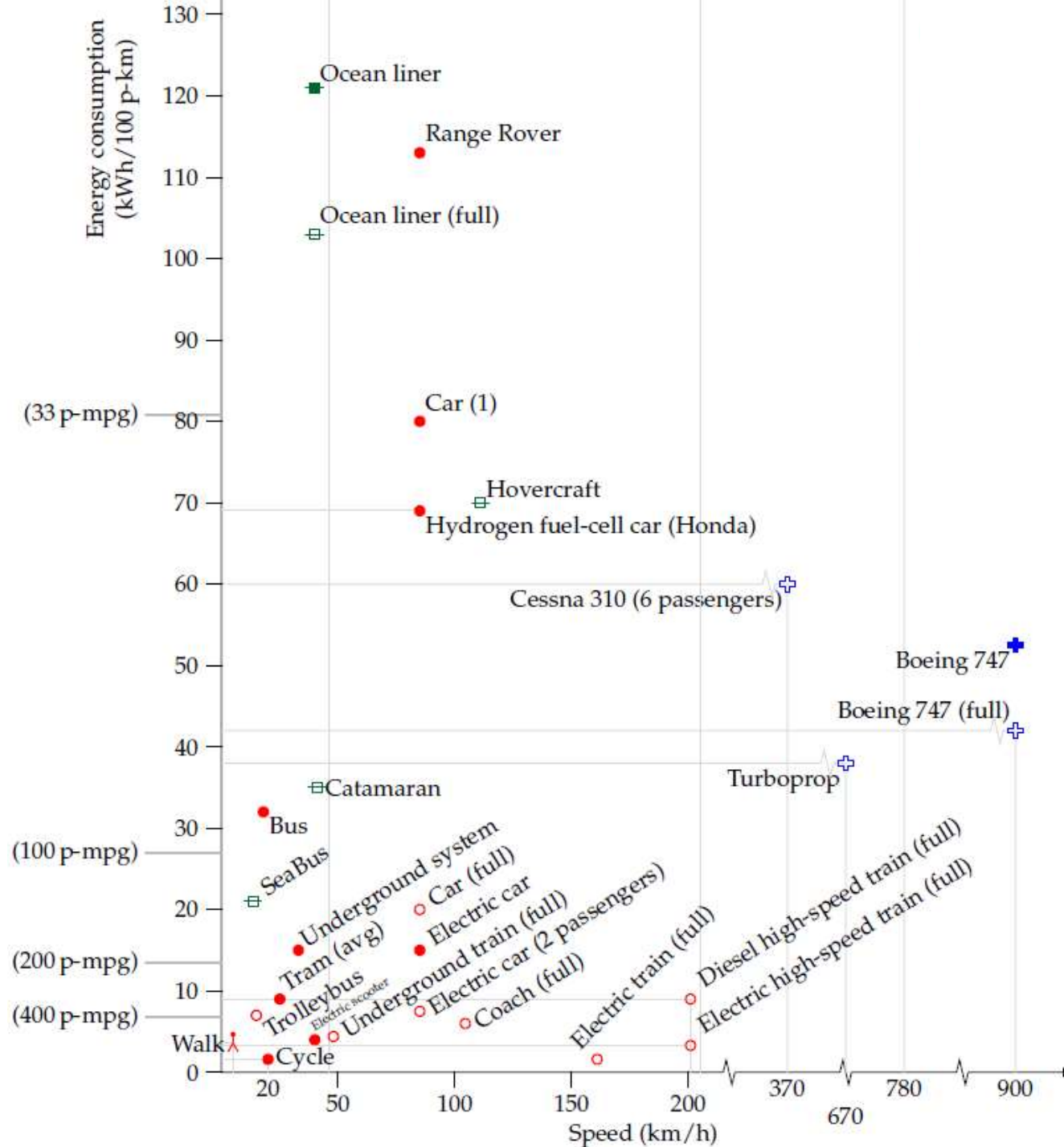
- Content in 4 sections
- Weekly set of material (hand-out, problem sheet, quiz)
- Mark: 20% coursework, 80% exam
  - Quizzes: 9%
  - Labs: 11%
- Questions on Discussion Board
- Any feedback is much appreciated!

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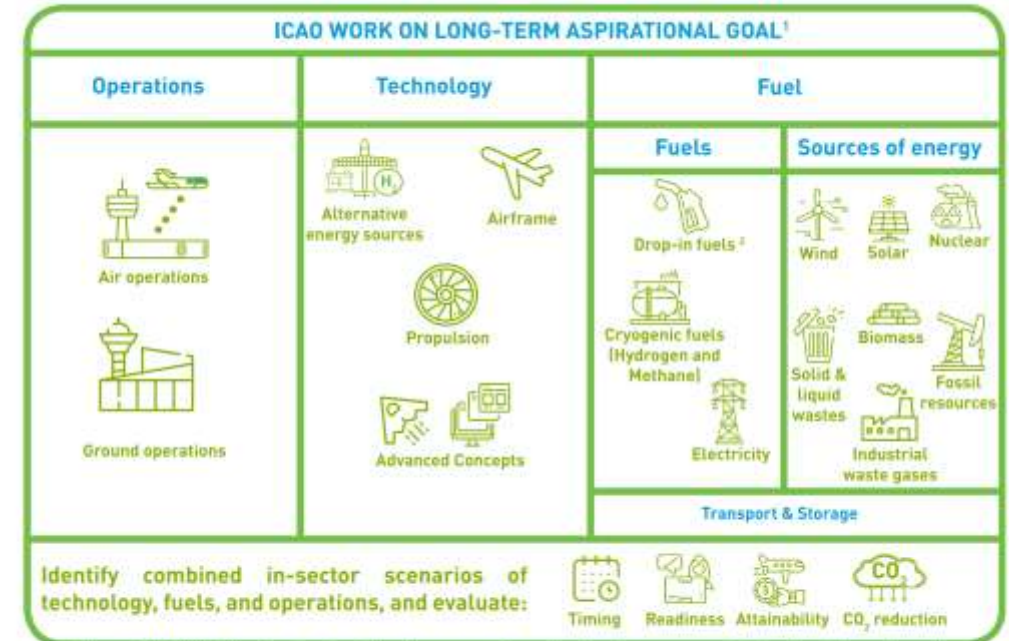
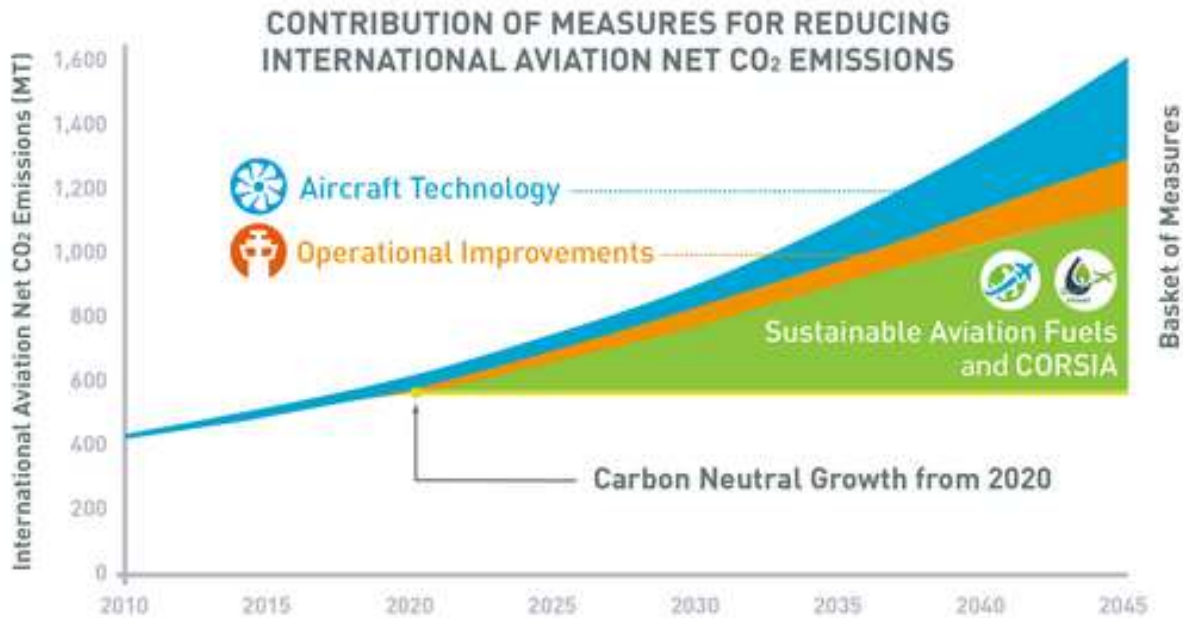
## Lecture 1: Introduction & Brief History

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Source: “Sustainable energy without the hot air” by David MacKay



<sup>1</sup> This work should identify and evaluate existing, foreseen, and innovative in-sector measures in technology, fuels and operations, and their enablers, including information of probable costs. This will assist in identifying gaps, and information and expertise needed, in order to complete a thorough assessment of all in sector CO<sub>2</sub> reductions for international aviation. This should include timing, readiness, attainability and the quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction possible, based on a feasible roll out into the aviation sector.

<sup>2</sup> Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Low Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF), E-Fuels. Icons made by Freepik from [www.flaticon.com](http://www.flaticon.com)

Source: ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)

# WHAT IS PROPULSION?

- Drive “something” forward
- Aircraft propulsion:
  - Accelerate a working fluid (air)
- Momentum conservation



# METHODS OF PROPULSION

- Air breathing
- Non air breathing



# ROCKET PROPULSION

- No momentum in:
  - Momentum out is pure thrust!
- Disadvantage:
  - Carry all the oxidizer



# AIR-BREATHING PROPULSION

- Capture mass (air) and accelerate it
- Carry only fuel



# Brief History

# 18 & 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



Figure 1.—Reproduction of Launoy and Bienvenue helicopter (NASM 1930-15), using bent bow propulsion, 1784. (Photo A-18232)

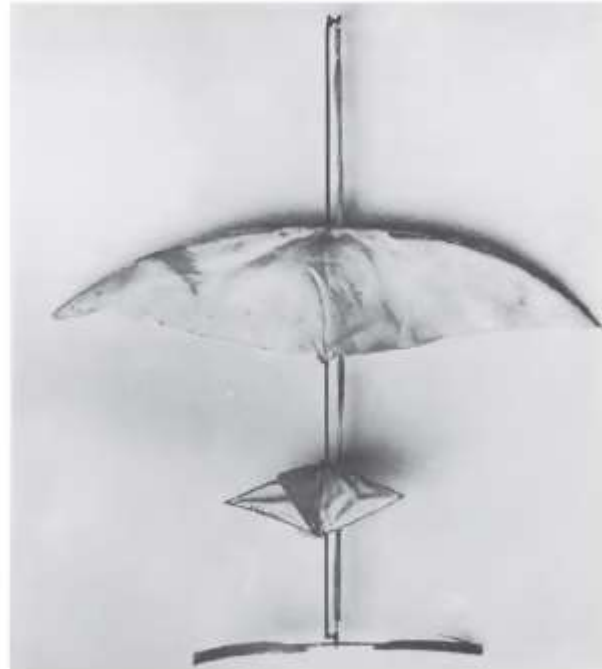


Figure 2.—Pénaud's Planaphore (NASM 1930-17), using rubber-band propulsion, 1871. (Photo A-19627)

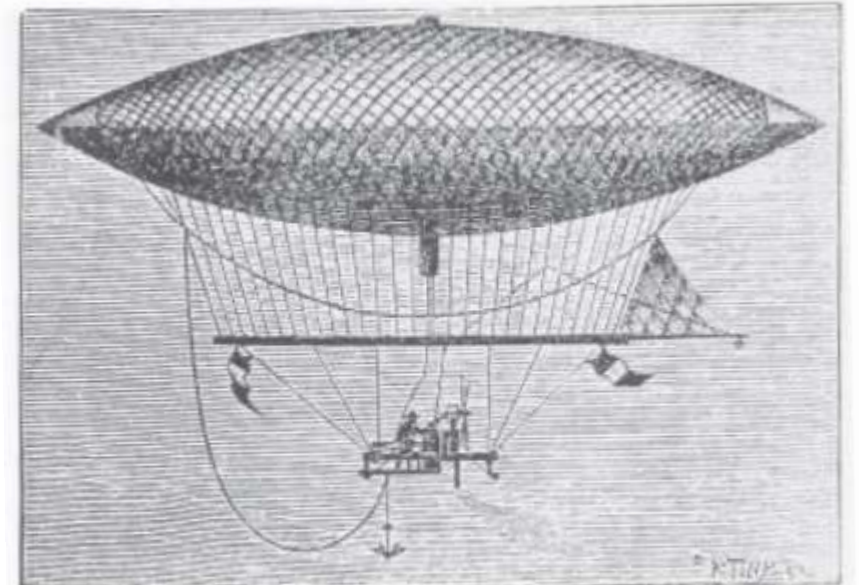


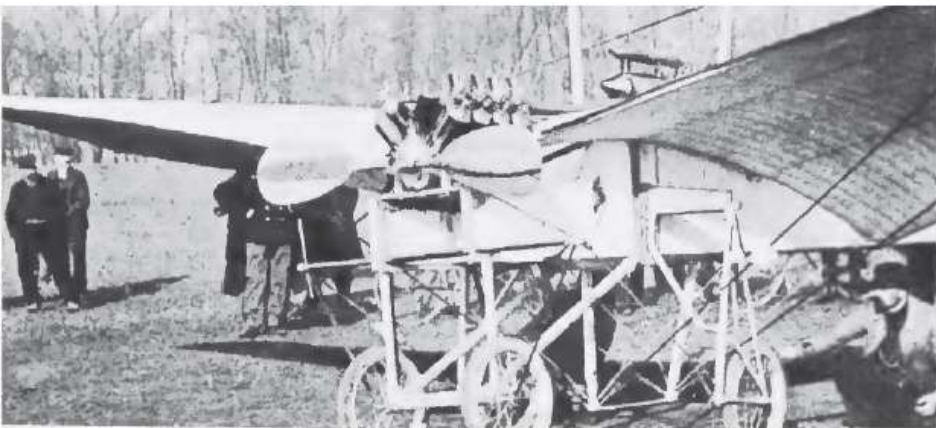
Figure 4.—Giffard airship, steam-engine powered, 1852. (Photo A-19889)

Source: Smithsonian Annals of Flight

# THE EARLY YEARS



1903: The Wright Flyer

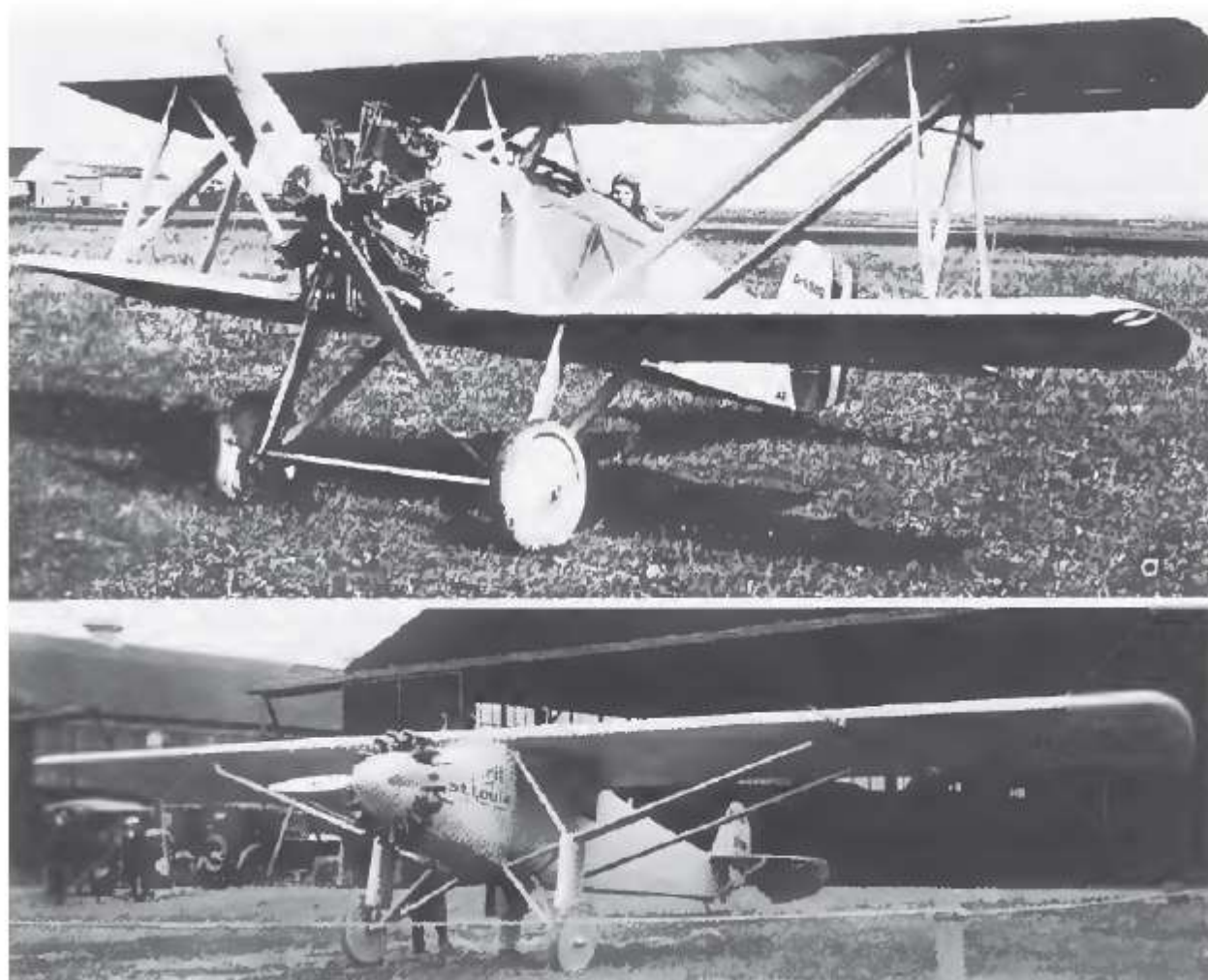


1909: Antoinette monoplane

Figure 15.—Antoinette monoplane with Levavasseur Antoinette engine, 1909. (Photo A-3099)

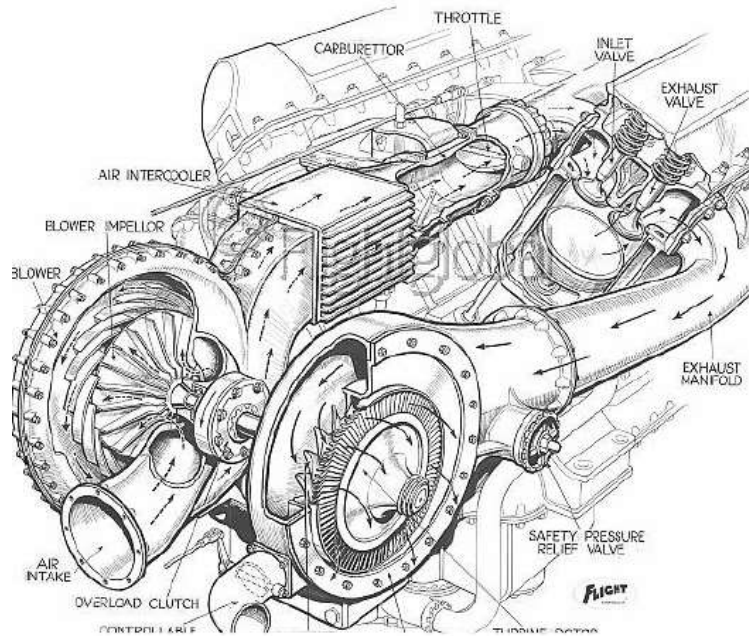
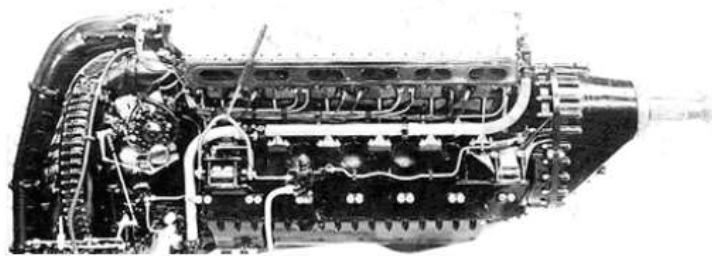
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# 1920's: PROPELLER PROPULSION



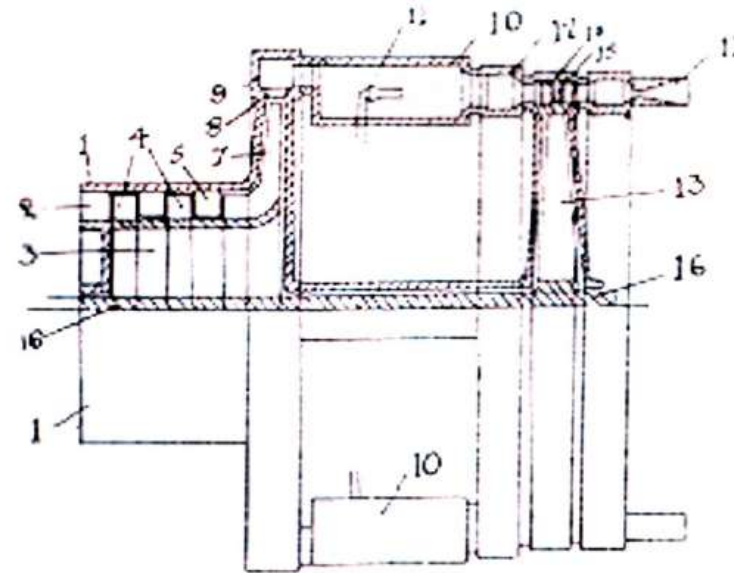
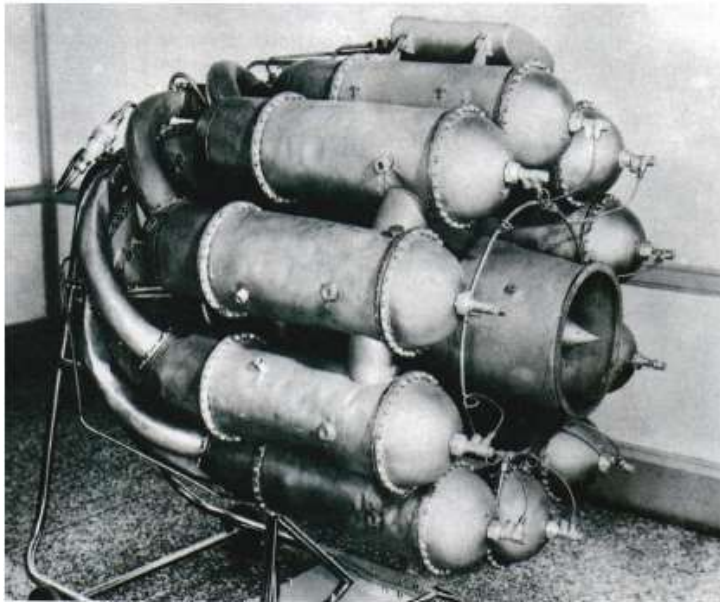


# 1930's: SUPERCHARGING



- Focus on increasing power
- Evolutionary advancements on traditional engines

# WHITTLE ENGINE



Whittle's 1930 Patent Application, allowed to lapse in 1935



## EXPERT OPINIONS

*“Scientific investigation into the possibilities of jet propulsion has given **no indication that this method can be a serious competitor** to the airscrew/engine combination.”*

British Under-Secretary of State for Air,  
1934

*“In its present state, and even considering the improvements possible when adopting the higher temperatures proposed for the immediate future, the gas-turbine engine **could hardly be considered a feasible application to airplanes.**”*

Committee on Gas Turbines, US  
National Academy of Sciences, June  
1941

# FIRST FLIGHT IN THE UK



Gloster E28/39 powered by the W1 ~ 15th May 1941



## ... NOW

- Speed
- Capacity
- Distance
- Efficiency
- Pollution
- Noise



# SESA2023 Propulsion

## Lecture 2: Thrust, fuel consumption and range

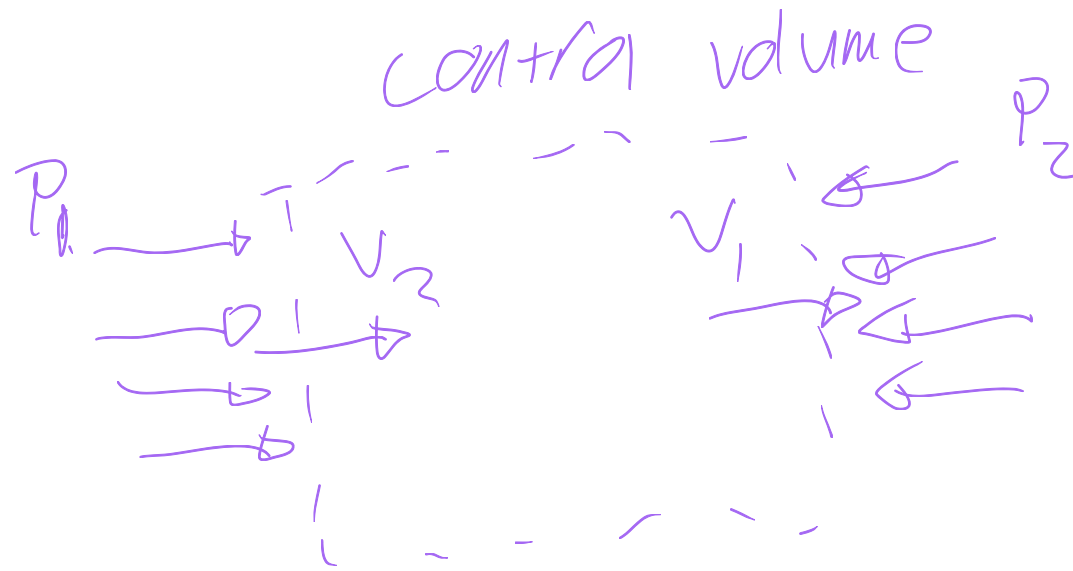
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# THIS LECTURE

- Apply momentum conservation to rockets and gas turbines
- Investigate the significance of fuel flow in thrust
- Derive the Breguet range equation

# MOMENTUM CONSERVATION



## RECAP:

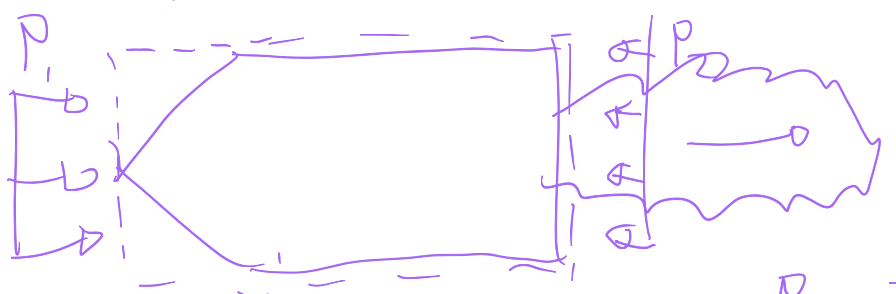
- Pressure acts normal to control volume
- Mass flow

All needed for  
momentum  
conservation

This is the starting point we'll use for most engine analysis

# Rocket engine analysis

let  $V_0 = 0$



note: rockets contain all prop  
∴ no inflow mass

$$\underbrace{P_2 = P_j}_{\text{jet}}$$

$$\underbrace{P_1 = P_A}_{\text{atm}}$$

~~$$\dot{M}_{x, \text{out}} - \dot{M}_{x, \text{in}} = \sum F_x$$~~

thrust  $\downarrow$

jet area  $\nearrow$

$$T = \dot{m}_p V_j + A_j (P_j - P_A)$$

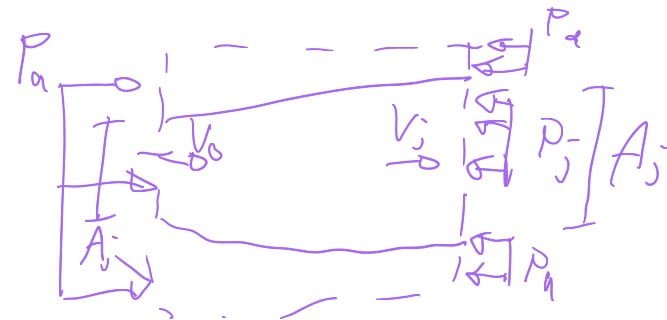
# Jet engine

$$V_{in} = V_0$$

$$V_{out} = V_j$$

$$\dot{m}_{in} = \dot{m}_a \rightarrow \text{mass air in}$$

$$\dot{m}_{out} = \dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f \rightarrow \text{fuel}$$



$$\dot{M}_{x, \text{out}} - \dot{M}_{x, \text{in}} = \sum F_x \quad \text{Pressure net force}$$

$$V_j (\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f) - V_0 \dot{m}_0 = A_j (P_A - P_j) + T$$

new variable: fuel to air ratio:  $f = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{\dot{m}_a}$

$$T = \dot{m}_a [(1+f) V_j - V_0] \quad \text{often } f < 1$$



# BREGUET RANGE EQUATION

assumptions:

- steady flight ( $L=W$ ,  $F=D$ ,  $V_0 = \text{const}$ )
- fuel consumption:  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \dot{m}_f$
- Thrust specific fuel consumption  $TSFC = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{F} \rightarrow \therefore \frac{dW}{dt} = -TSFC \times F \times g$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= L \\ &= D \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \\ &= F \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \rightarrow F = W \left( \frac{D}{L} \right) \end{aligned}$$

using  $F$  instead of  $T$  for thrust (cringe)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW}{dt} &= -g TSFC W \left( \frac{D}{L} \right) \\ ds &= V dt \\ \int \frac{1}{W} dW &= \int -g TSFC W \left( \frac{D}{L} \right) dt \\ \downarrow \text{assume constants} \\ \ln \left( \frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) &= -g TSFC W \left( \frac{D}{L} \right) V \times s \end{aligned}$$

$$s_{max} = \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{V}{g TSFC} \ln \left( \frac{W_f + W_0}{W_0} \right)$$

$$s = \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{V}{g \times TSFC} \ln \left( \frac{W_1}{W_2} \right)$$

use  $W_1 = W_f + W_0$   $W_2 = W_0$

# 777 RANGE

- Empty mass: 145,150 kg
- Fuel capacity: 145,538 kg
- Cruise speed: 248 m/s
- Range: 15,843 km
- L/D: 25

$$s_{max} = \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{V}{TSFC} \ln \left( \frac{W_i + W_o}{W_o} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{W_i}{W_o} \right)$$

$$TSFC = \frac{L}{D} \frac{V}{g s_{max}} \ln(2)$$

$\frac{W_i}{W_o} \approx 2$



Estimate the following:

- Mass flow rate of fuel
- Thrust-specific fuel consumption
- Thrust

$$\dot{m}_f = 2.28 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$TSFC = 2.77 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ N}^{-1}$$

$$F = 82.2 \text{ kN}$$

# SUMMARY

- Momentum conservation
  - Rockets:
  - Air-breathing propulsion systems:
- Breguet range equation

$$\dot{M}_{x,out} - \dot{M}_{x,in} = \Sigma F_x$$

$$F = \dot{m} V_j + A_j (P_j - P_A)$$

$$F = \dot{m}_a [(1 + f) V_j - V]$$

$$s = -\frac{L}{D} \frac{V}{g_0 \times \text{TSFC}} \ln \left( \frac{W_2}{W_1} \right)$$

# SESA2023 Propulsion

## Lecture 3: Efficiency, altitude tables

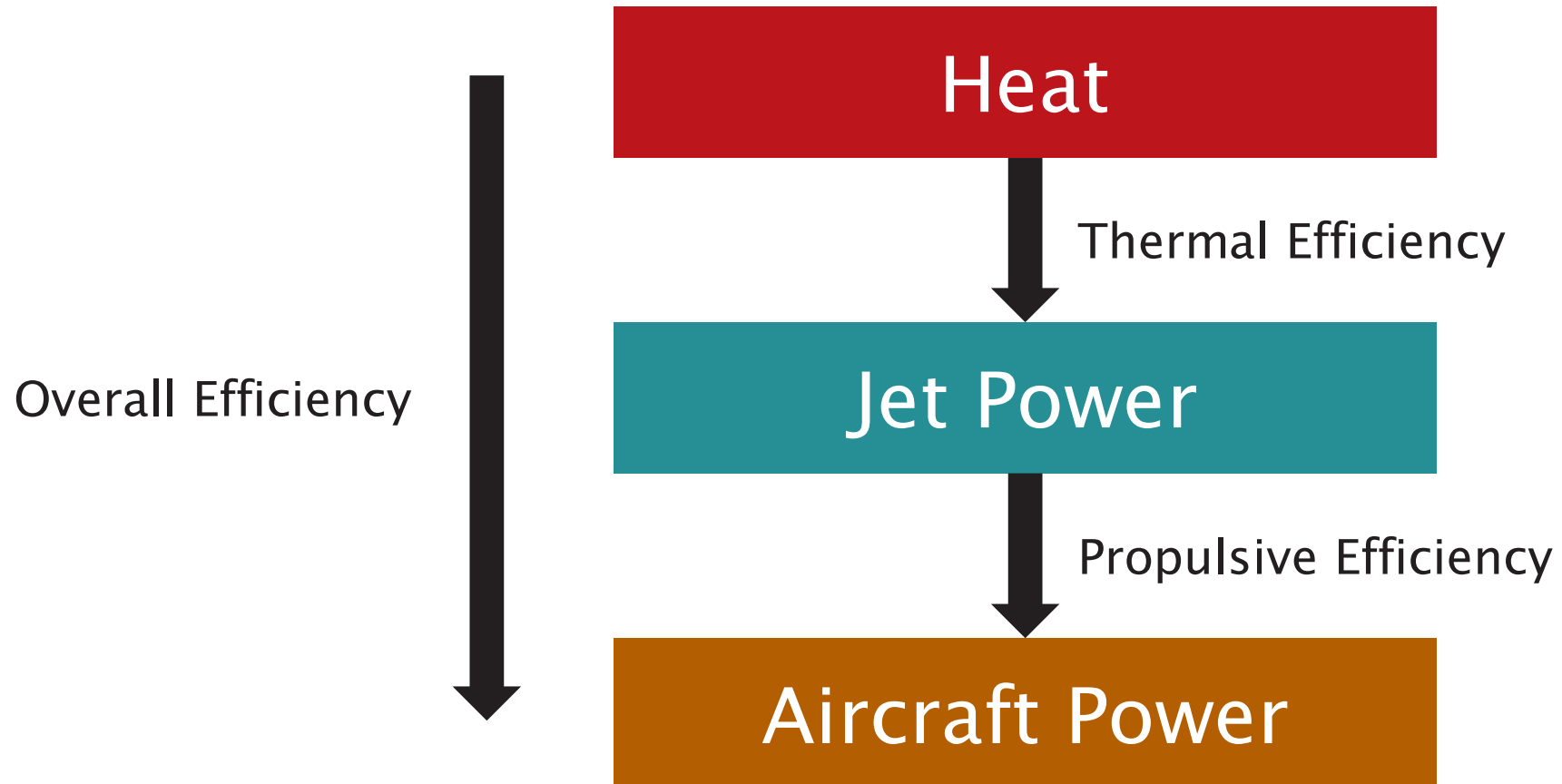
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# THIS LECTURE

- Define efficiency parameters for propulsion systems
  - Thermal efficiency
  - Propulsive efficiency
  - Overall efficiency
- How does efficiency concerns influence engine design?
- Usage of altitude tables + computational tool

# EFFICIENCY



## Overall efficiency

$$\underbrace{\eta_o}_{\text{Overall}} = \underbrace{\eta_p}_{\text{Prop}} \times \underbrace{\eta_{th}}_{\text{Thermal}}$$

## Propulsive efficiency

$$\eta_p = \frac{\dot{W}_{aircraft}}{\dot{W}_{jet}}$$

$$\dot{W}_{aircraft} = F \times V_o \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{engine work} \\ \text{by thrust} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\dot{W}_{jet} = (F_{out} - F_{in}) \frac{d}{dt} \quad \text{KE equation}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f) V_j^2 - \frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_a V_o^2$$

using fuel ratio  $f$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_a (1+f) V_j^2 - \frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_a V_o^2$$

~~work~~ work of thruster

$$\eta_p = \frac{F \times V_o}{\frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_a [(1+f)V_j^2 - V_o^2]} = \dots = \frac{2V_o}{V_{jet} + V_o} = \frac{2}{\frac{V_j}{V_o} + 1}$$

use  $f \ll 1$

KE due to thruster

reason why  $V_j > V_o$

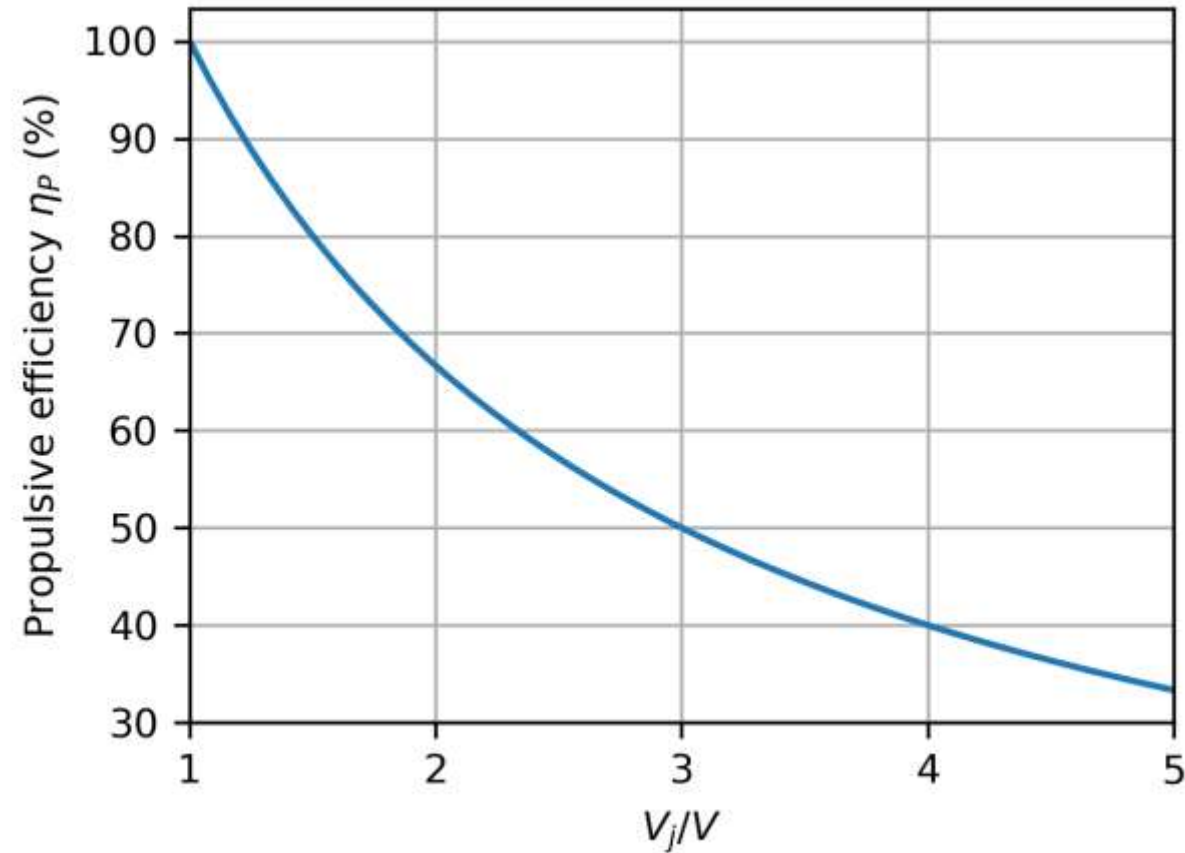
often, because of  
min thrust requirements

efficient engines have  
high mass flow rate

# PROPULSIVE EFFICIENCY



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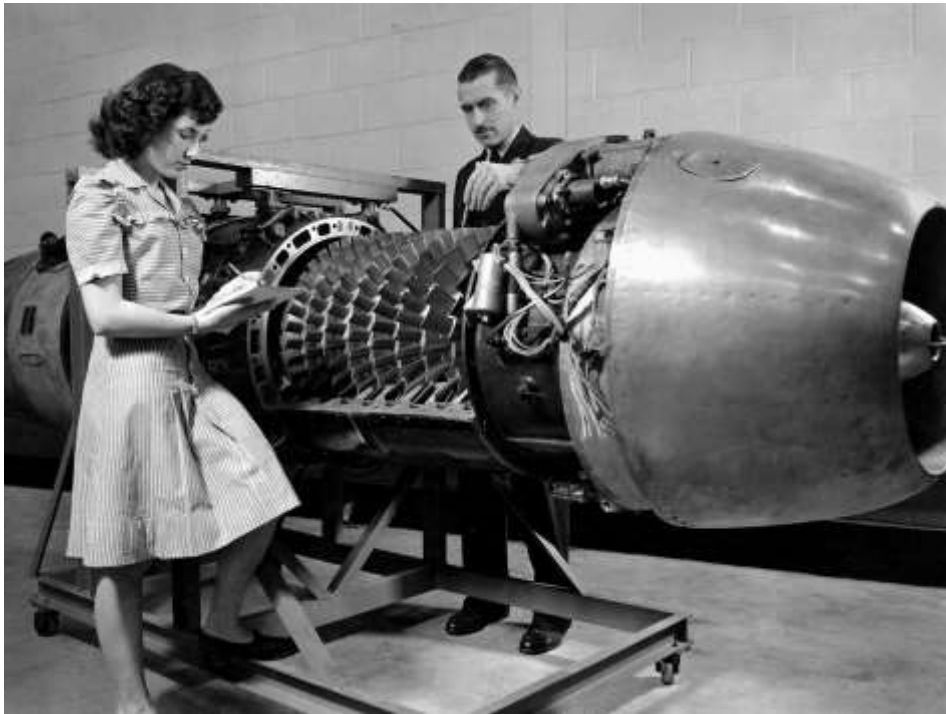


$$\eta_P = \frac{2}{\frac{V_j}{V} + 1}$$

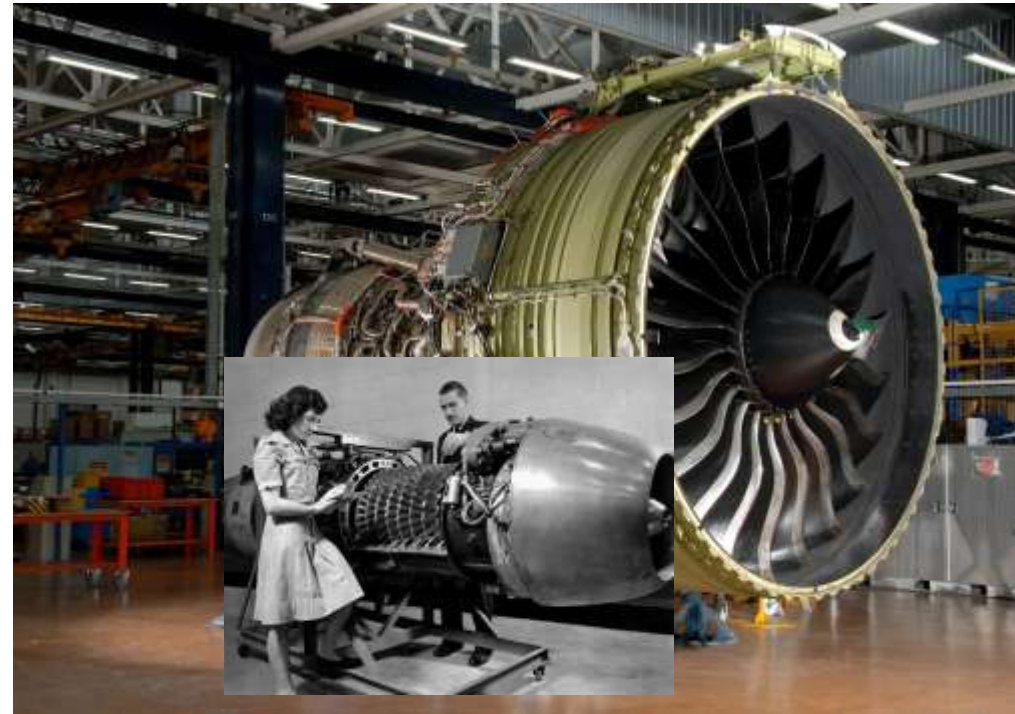
$$F = \dot{m}_a(V_j - V)$$

# PROPULSIVE EFFICIENCY: INCREASE MASS FLOW RATE

$$F = \dot{m}_a(V_j - V)$$



Junkers Jumo 004 (1940)



General Electric GE90 (1993-current)

# THERMAL AND OVERALL EFFICIENCY

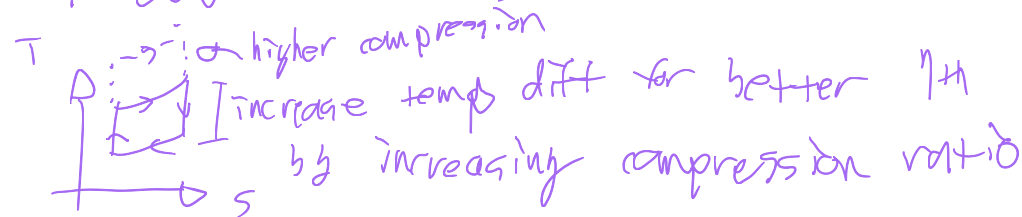
$$\eta_{th} = \frac{W}{Q_{in}} \quad \text{efficiency of heat in} \rightarrow \text{work useful}$$

$$= \frac{\dot{W}_{jet}}{\dot{Q}_{in}} \quad \dot{Q}_{in} = \dot{m}_f \times LCV \rightarrow \text{energy from burning} \sim 45 \text{ MJ/kg typical}$$

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_a (V_i^2 - V_o^2)}{\dot{m}_f \times LCV}$$

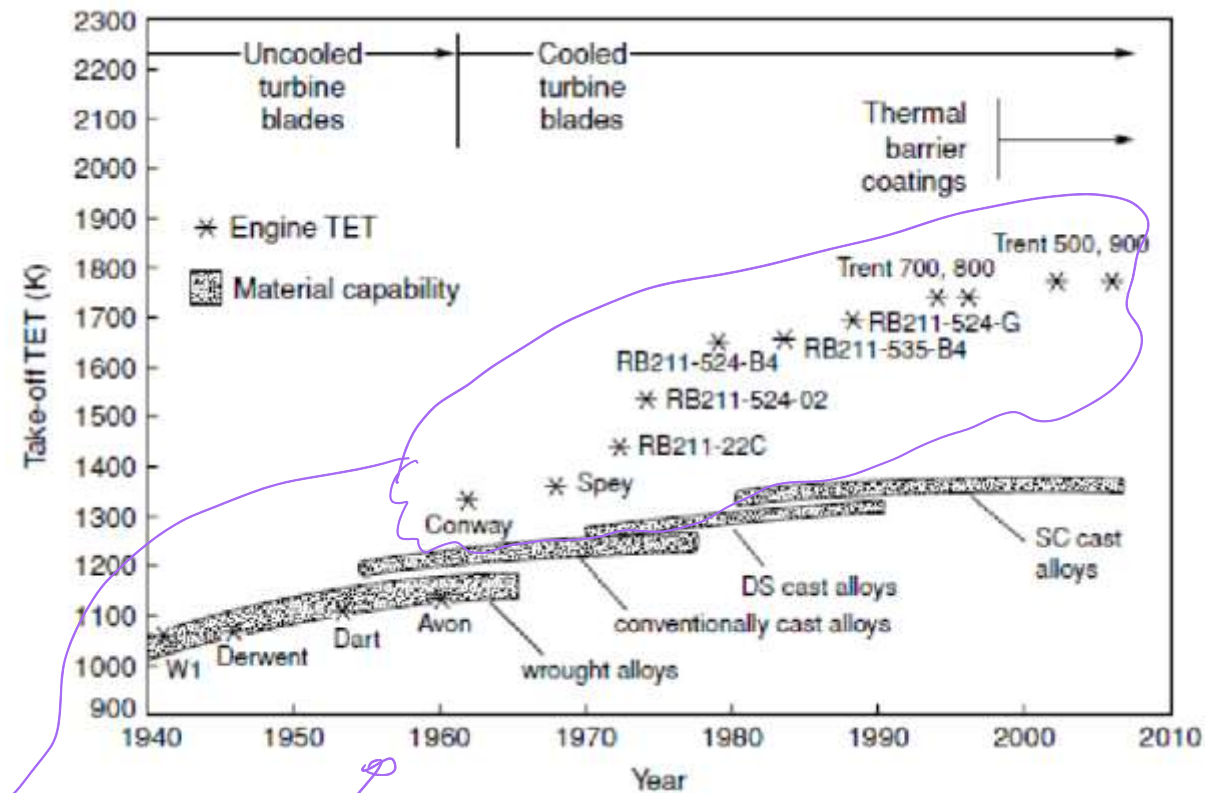
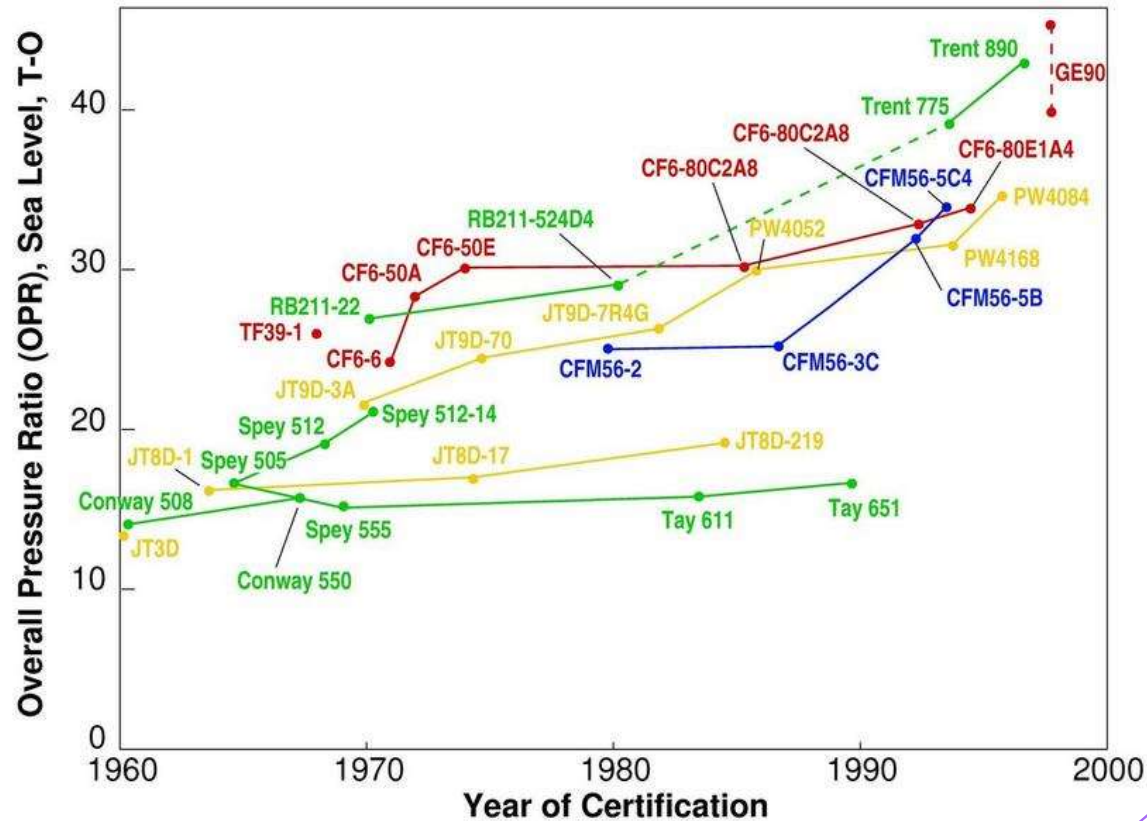
combine  $\eta_o = \eta_{th} \times \eta_p \rightarrow \eta_o = \frac{(V_i + V_o) V_o}{F LCV} = \frac{1}{TSFC} \times \frac{V_o}{LCV} = \frac{V_o}{TSFC \times LCV}$

Breton cycle (gas turbine engine)



as seen in industry

# THERMAL EFFICIENCY: PRESSURES AND TEMPERATURES



cooling blades  
so they operate beyond  
exhaust temp

increase limited by material science

# BOEING 777 EFFICIENCY

Cruise speed: 905 km/h

Unit cost: \$259–315m

## Engine - PW4098 \$24 million

### General characteristics

- Type: Two spool high bypass ratio Turbofan
- Length: 4.14 m Diameter: 2.8 m (fan)
- Compressor: 1 stage fan, 5 stage low pressure compressor, 15 stage (5 variable) high pressure compressor
- Combustors: Annular
- Turbine: 2 stage high pressure turbine, 5 stage low pressure turbine
- Overall pressure ratio: 32.0:1 – 35.4:1
- Bypass ratio: 5.3:1

### Performance

- Air consumed: 1295 kg per second
- Lower calorific value of = 44.65 MJ/kg
- Aircraft velocity at cruise  $V = 251$  m/s
- Jet velocity at cruise  $V_j = 299$  m/s
- Fuel flow at cruise = 0.58kg/s





# ALTITUDE TABLES

- Engine design for use at altitude
- Atmospheric conditions change (temperature & pressure)
- International Standard Atmosphere (ISA) provides a consistent approach

$h$ , km	$\delta$ , $P/P_{\text{std}}$	Standard day $\theta$ , $T/T_{\text{std}}$	Cold day $\theta$ , $T/T_{\text{std}}$	Hot day $\theta$ , $T/T_{\text{std}}$	Tropical day $\theta$ , $T/T_{\text{std}}$	$h$ , km
0	1.0000	1.0000	0.7708	1.0849	1.0594	0
0.25	0.9707	0.9944	0.7925	1.0788	1.0534	0.25
0.50	0.9421	0.9887	0.8142	1.0727	1.0473	0.50
0.75	0.9142	0.9831	0.8358	1.0666	1.0412	0.75
1.00	0.8870	0.9774	0.8575	1.0606	1.0352	1.00
1.25	0.8604	0.9718	0.8575	1.0545	1.0291	1.25

Notable  
values

<sup>a</sup>Density:  $\rho = \rho_{\text{std}} \sigma = \rho_{\text{std}} (\delta/\theta)$ . Speed of sound:  $a = a_{\text{std}} \sqrt{\theta}$ .

Reference values:  $P_{\text{std}} = 101,325 \text{ N/m}^2$ ;  $T_{\text{std}} = 288.15 \text{ K}$ ;  $\rho_{\text{std}} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ;  $a_{\text{std}} = 340.3 \text{ m/s}$ .

# ISA: COMPUTATIONAL

- See pages after the altitude tables
- Implementation in Jupyter notebook on blackboard (additional material)

## Comparison to table values at 15.0 km

```
In [13]: h = 15000
delta = P(h)/P_0
theta = T(h)/T_0
print('delta = %0.4f' % delta)
print('theta = %0.4f' % theta)

delta = 0.1195
theta = 0.7519
```

# SUMMARY

- Overall efficiency
  - Propulsive efficiency, engine design
  - Thermal efficiency, engine design
- International Standard Atmosphere
  - Tables and computational methods