

# Introduction to airbreathing propulsion systems

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*Integrated project aerospace design*



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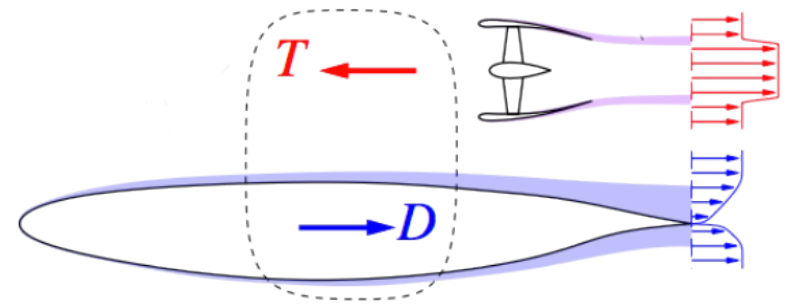
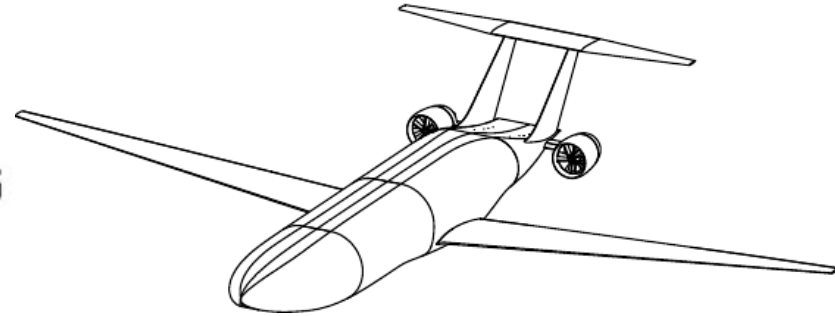
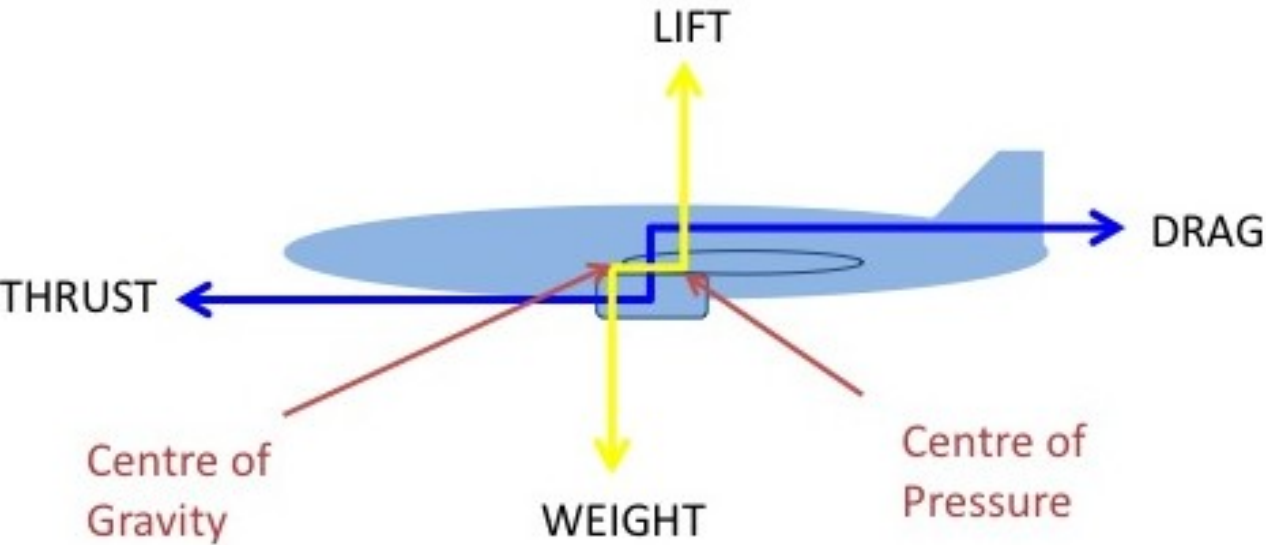
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# 1. Balances, thrust and performance

## *Drag / thrust definition*



# 1. Balances, thrust and performance

## *Airbreathing engines: acceleration of (clean) air mass flow*

- **Thrust = acceleration force of engine mass flow from flight  $v_f$  to jet velocity  $v_j$**

$$\mathcal{T} = \dot{m}_a(v_j - v_f)$$

- **Powers**

– Propulsive power  $\rightarrow$  airplane acceleration :  $\mathcal{P}_p = \mathcal{T}u_f = \dot{m}_a(u_j - u_f)u_f = \dot{m}_a \Delta u u_f$

– Mechanical power  $\rightarrow$  fluid acceleration :  $\mathcal{P}_m = \dot{m}_a \Delta \mathcal{E}_k = \dot{m}_a \frac{u_j^2 - u_f^2}{2}$

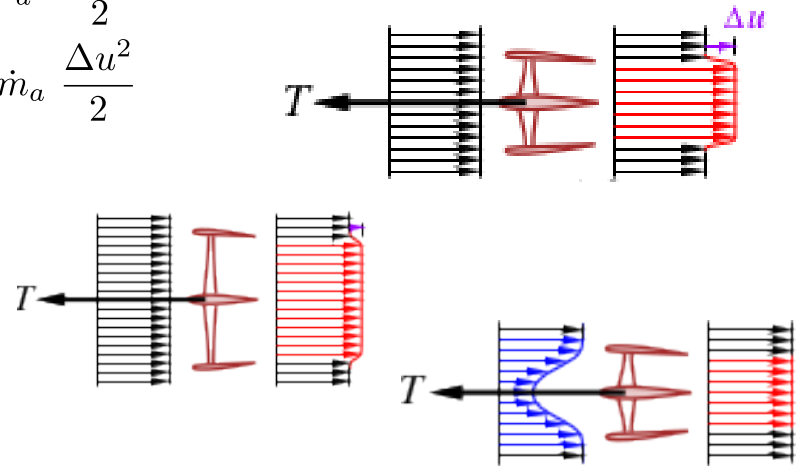
– Lost power  $\mathcal{P}_l = \mathcal{P}_m - \mathcal{P}_p = \dot{m}_a \frac{\Delta u^2}{2}$

- **Propulsive efficiency:**

$$\eta_p = \frac{\mathcal{P}_p}{\mathcal{P}_m} = \frac{2u_f}{u_f + u_j}$$

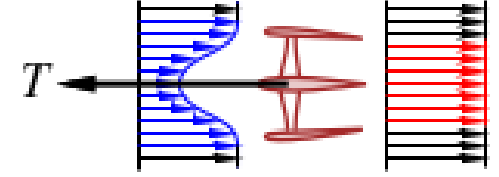
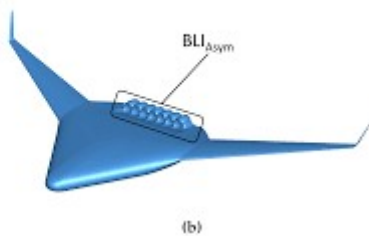
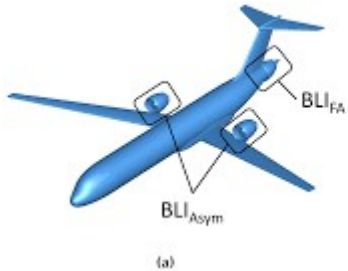
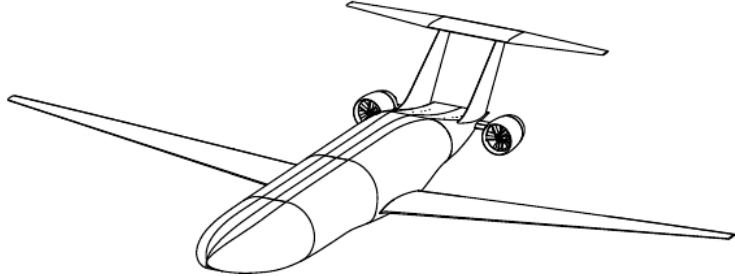
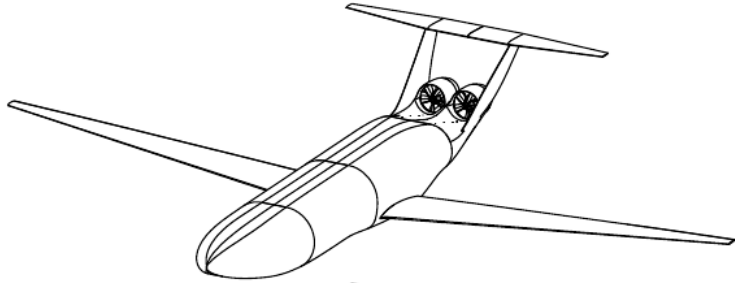
- **Increasing propulsive efficiency for constant thrust:**

- increase mass flow, decrease jet velocity
- Ingest flow at speed lower than flight speed  $\mathcal{T} = \dot{m}_a(v_f - v_i)$



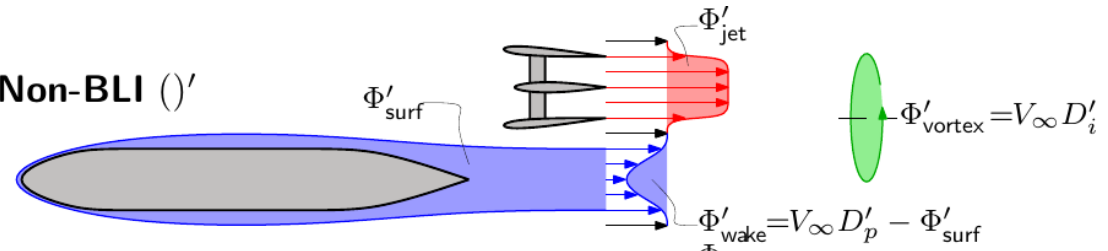
# 1. Balances, thrust and performance

## *Airbreathing engines: Boundary Layer Ingestion*

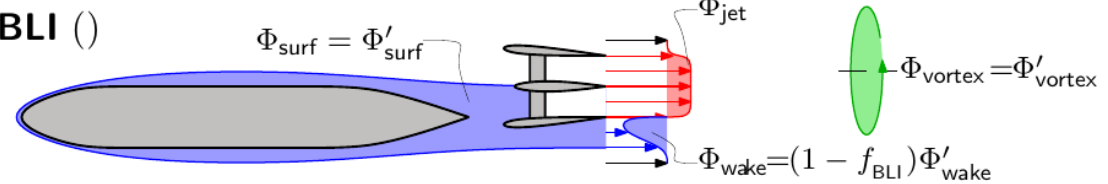


$$T = \dot{m}_a (v_j - v_i)$$

**Non-BLI ( )'**



**BLI ( )**



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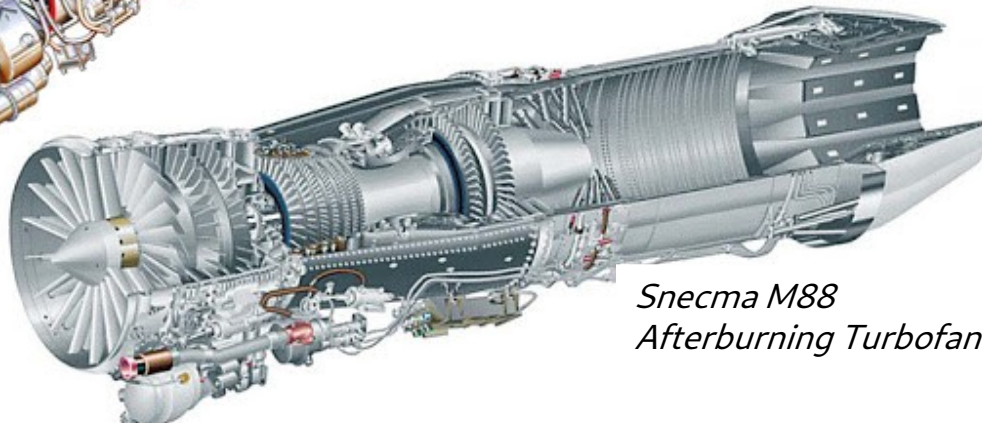
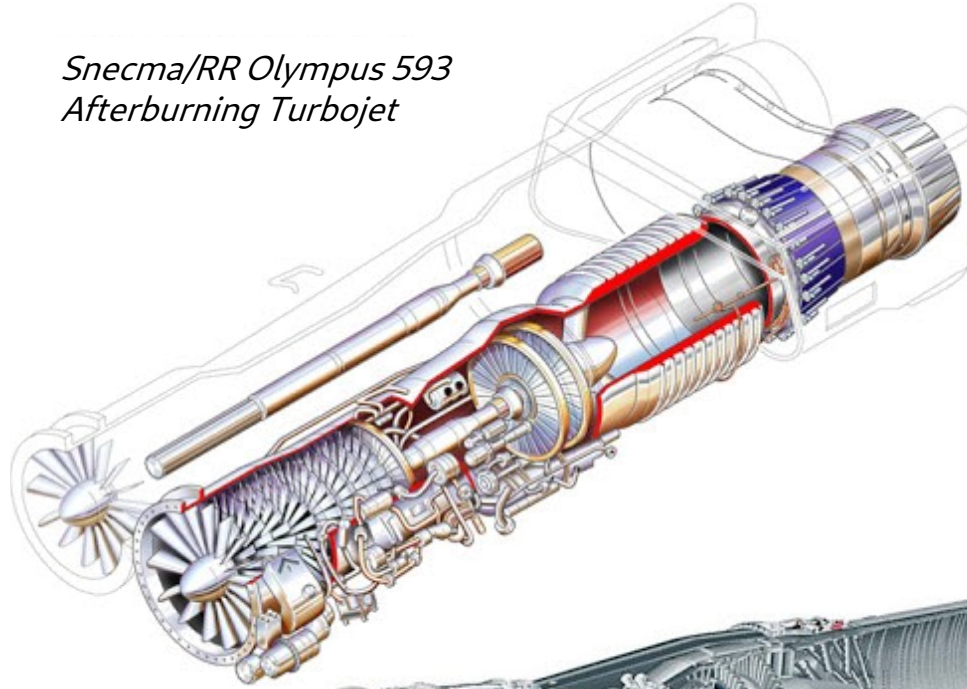
## *Airbreathing engines: classical performance parameters*

- **Thermal energy  $Q = \dot{m}_f \Delta h_f$** 
  - Fuel mass flow rate:  $\dot{m}_f$
  - Fuel to air ratio:  $far = \dot{m}_f / \dot{m}_a$
  - Fuel lower heating value:  $\Delta h_f \approx 43 \text{ MJ/kg}$
- **Overall efficiency : propulsive power  $P_p$  versus thermal energy  $Q$** 
  - Propulsive efficiency:
$$\eta_p = \frac{P_p}{P_m} = \frac{2v_f}{v_f + v_j}$$
  - Thermal efficiency:
$$\eta_t = \frac{P_m}{Q} = \frac{P_m}{\dot{m}_f \Delta h_f}$$
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- **Efficiency  $\rightarrow$  Thrust specific fuel consumption (TSFC)**  $TSFC = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{T}$
- **Compacity  $\rightarrow$  Specific thrust**  $\mathcal{T}_s = \frac{T}{\dot{m}_a}$

## 2. Jet engines

*Generation of “high” speed jet through expansion over nozzle*

*Snecma/RR Olympus 593  
Afterburning Turbojet*



*Snecma M88  
Afterburning Turbofan*



*CFM Leap  
Civil Turbofan*

## 2. Jet engines

*Generation of "high" speed jet through expansion over nozzle*

- **Ingestion of  $m_a$  air at flight speed in nacelle**

- Ram effect: increased total  $T$  and  $p$  due to relative Mach number  $M_f$

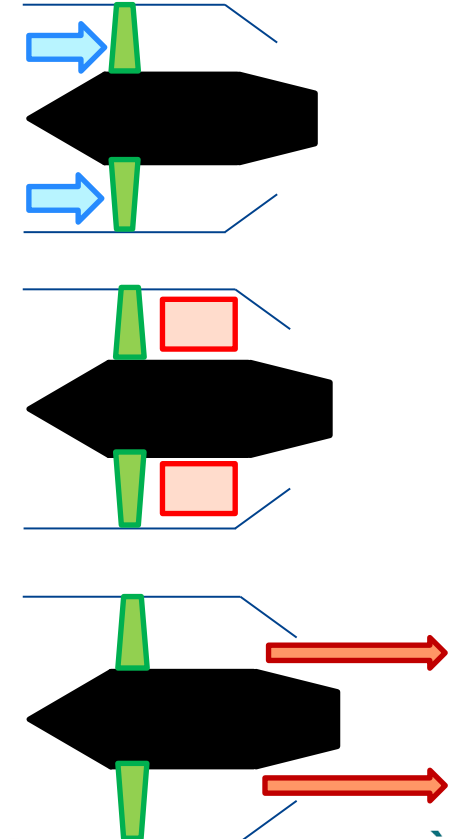
$$T^\circ = T_a \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_f^2 \right) \quad p^\circ = p_a \left( \frac{T^\circ}{T_a} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}$$

- **Increase total pressure and temperature**

- Mechanical : fan
- Thermal : gas generator / Brayton
- Afterburning

- **Expansion over exhaust nozzle to ambient pressure**

- Choked
- Adapted

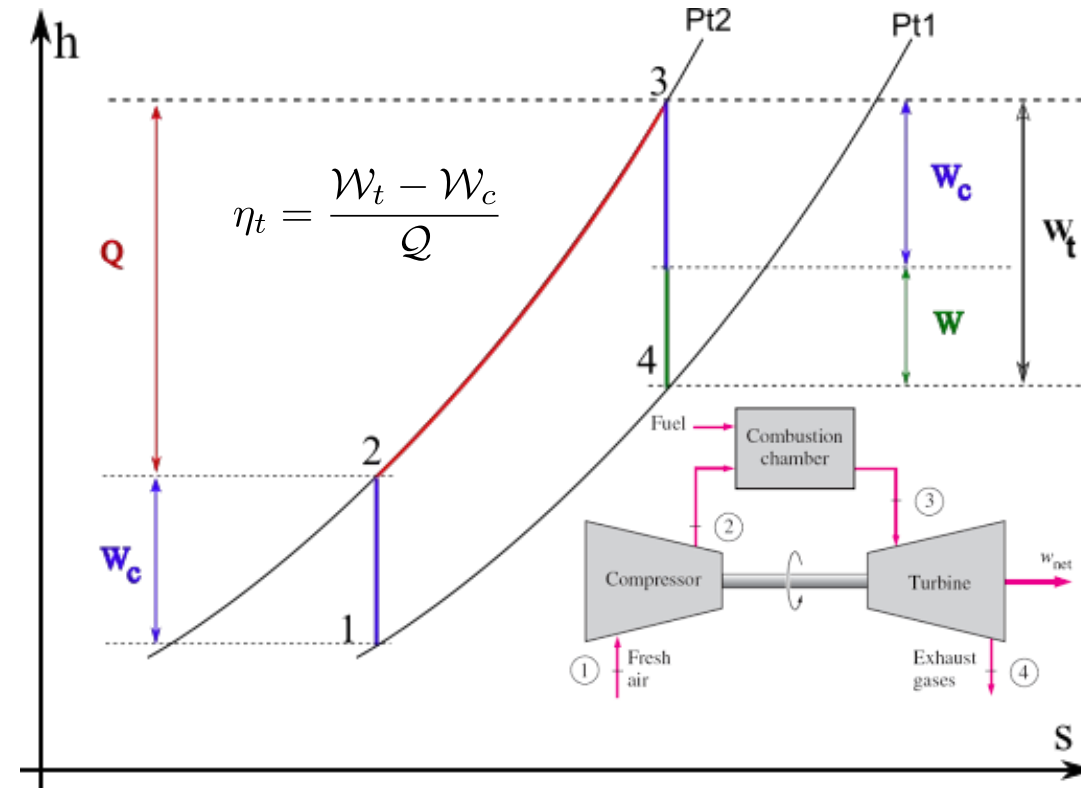
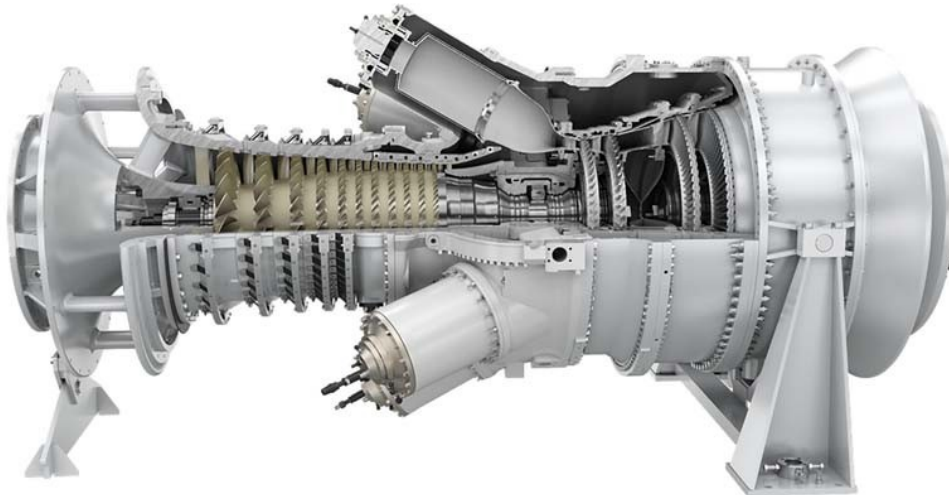


# 2. Jet engines

## Core flow: Brayton thermodynamic cycle

- Thermodynamic cycle

- Adiabatic compression  $1 \rightarrow 2$ :  $W_c = \dot{m}\Delta H_{12}$
- Combustion  $2 \rightarrow 3$ :  $Q = \dot{m}\Delta H_{23}$
- Adiabatic expansion  $3 \rightarrow 4$ :  $W_t = \dot{m}\Delta H_{43}$



# 2. Jet engines

## *Core flow : efficiency of the non-ideal Brayton cycle*

- Parameters affecting efficiency**

- Overall pressure ratio (OPR) :  $\Pi = \frac{P_2^\circ}{P_1^\circ}$

- Turbine Inlet Temperature (TIT)/  
Turbine Entry Temperature (TET)  $T_3^\circ$

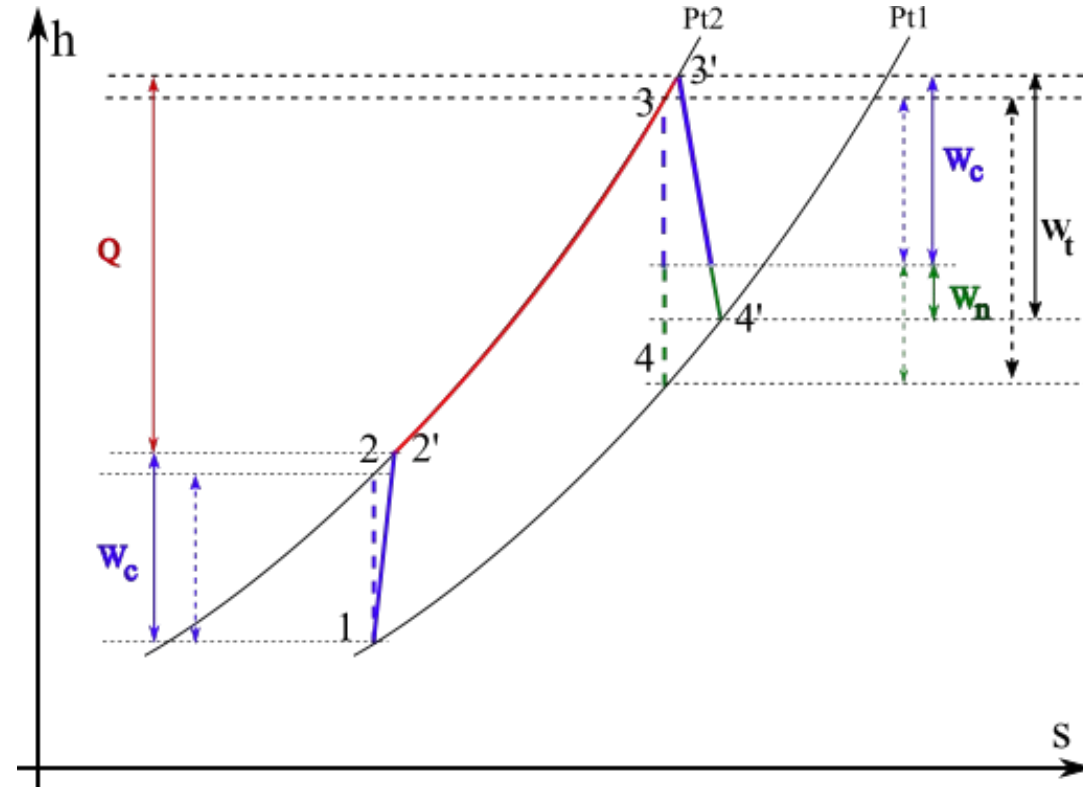
or Overall Temperature ratio:  $\tau = \frac{T_3^\circ}{T_1^\circ}$

- Compressor efficiency

$$\eta_c = \frac{h_2^\circ - h_1^\circ}{h_{2'}^\circ - h_1^\circ}$$

- Turbine efficiency

$$\eta_t = \frac{h_3^\circ - h_{4'}^\circ}{h_3^\circ - h_4^\circ}$$



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### *Core flow : efficiency of the non-ideal Brayton cycle*

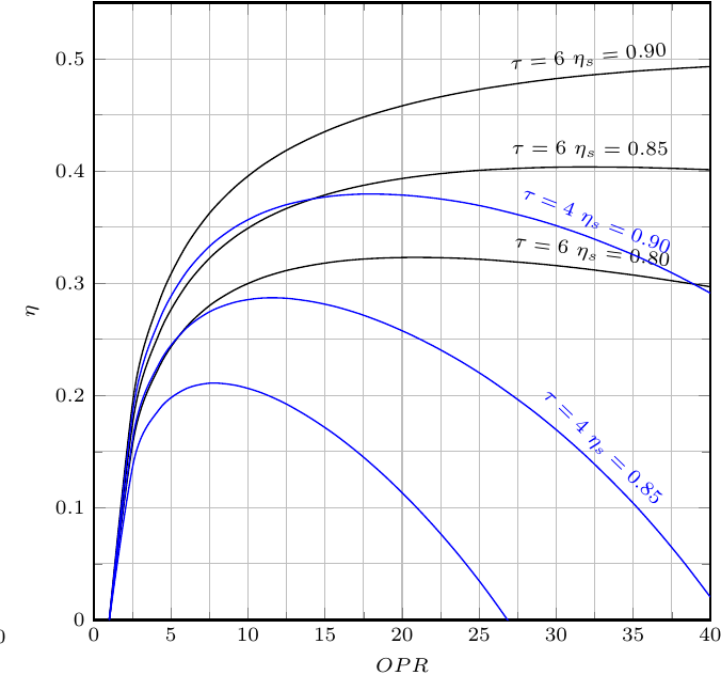
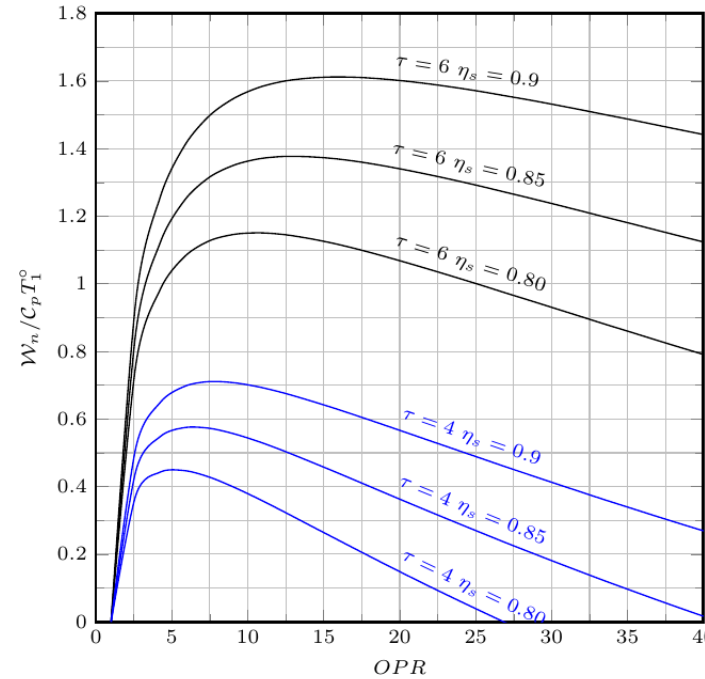
- **TiT**

- Determines specific work
- Limited by material resistance
- $\sim 1850 \text{ K} \gg 1400 \text{ K}$  (fusion)
- Requires film cooling

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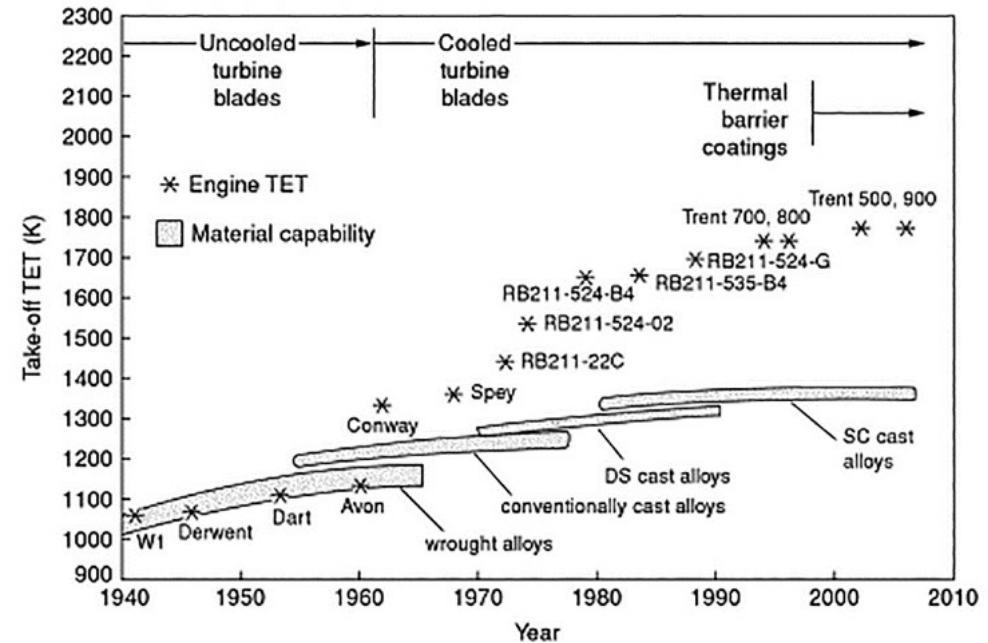
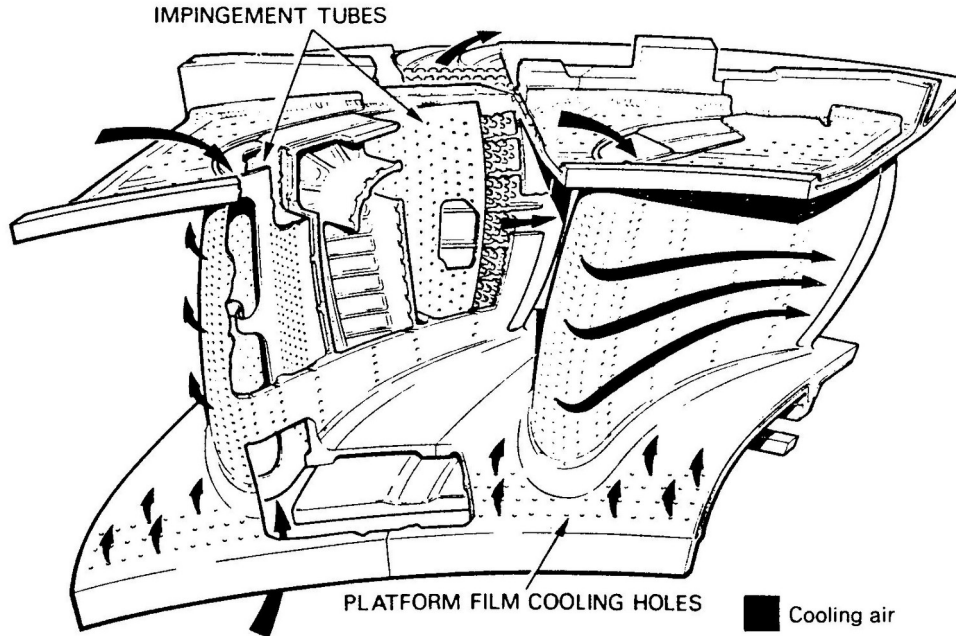
- **OPR**

- Determines efficiency
- Optimum  $\sim$  TiT & efficiencies
- 30 ... 40



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*Core flow : Increasing  $TiT / TeT$*



# 2. Jet engines

## Nozzle

- **Jet engine nozzle ~ de Laval nozzle**

- Nozzle pressure ratio  $NPR = \frac{p^\circ}{p_a}$
- Critical pressure ratio ~ choking  $NPR^* = \frac{p^\circ}{p^*} \approx 1.78$
- Choking mass flow rate  $\dot{m}^* \approx 0.68 \frac{p^\circ A}{\sqrt{RT^\circ}}$

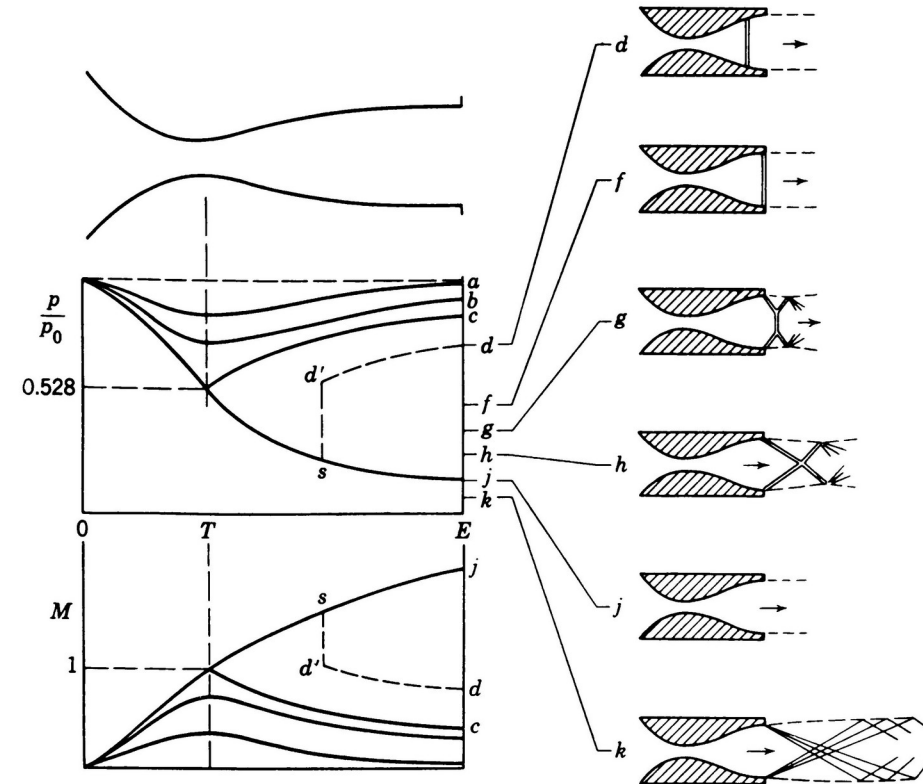
- **Thrust for imperfect expansion**

$$T = \dot{m}(v_j - v_f) + (p_j - p_a)A$$

- **Maximal thrust if *adapted* ( $p_j = p_a$ )**  $T = \dot{m}(v_j - v_f)$

- **Engine operating point = match GG and nozzle**

- GG determines  $p^\circ$  and  $T^\circ$  upstream of nozzle
- Nozzle limits maximum mass flow rate
- Thrust can be optimized by varying throat (and expansion ratio)
- Area needs to be variable to accommodate large variations in  $T^\circ$



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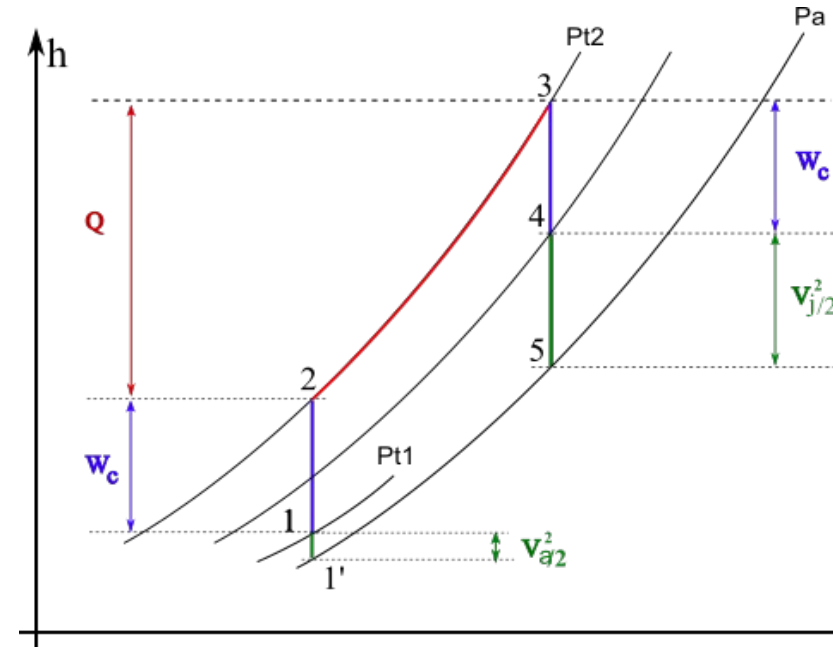
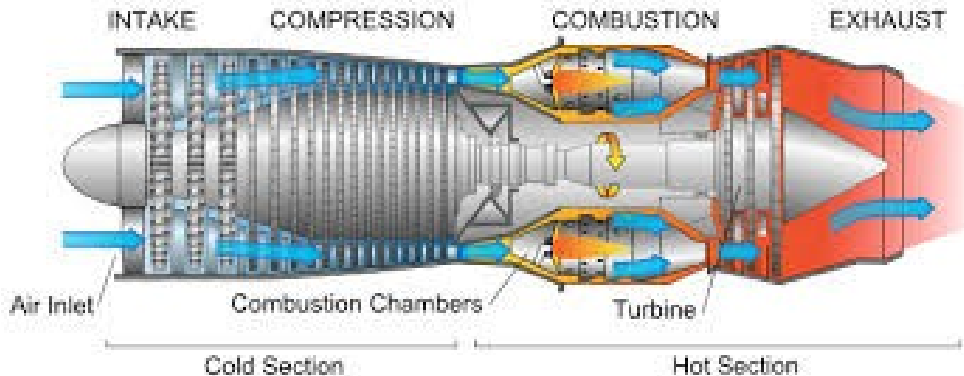
*Turbojet : high subsonic through supersonic flow*

- **Core flow**

- RAM effect :  $1' - 1$
- Compressor :  $1 - 2$
- Combustion :  $2 - 3$
- Turbine expansion :  $3 - 4$
- Exhaust nozzle jet :  $4 - 5$



- **High specific thrust**

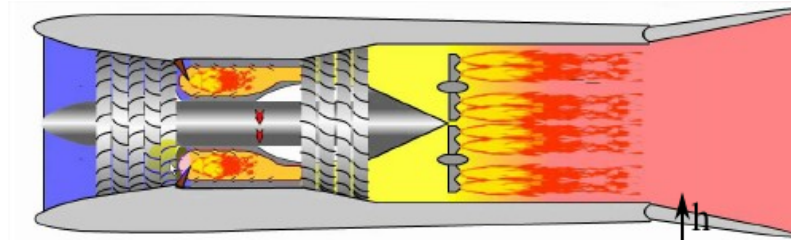


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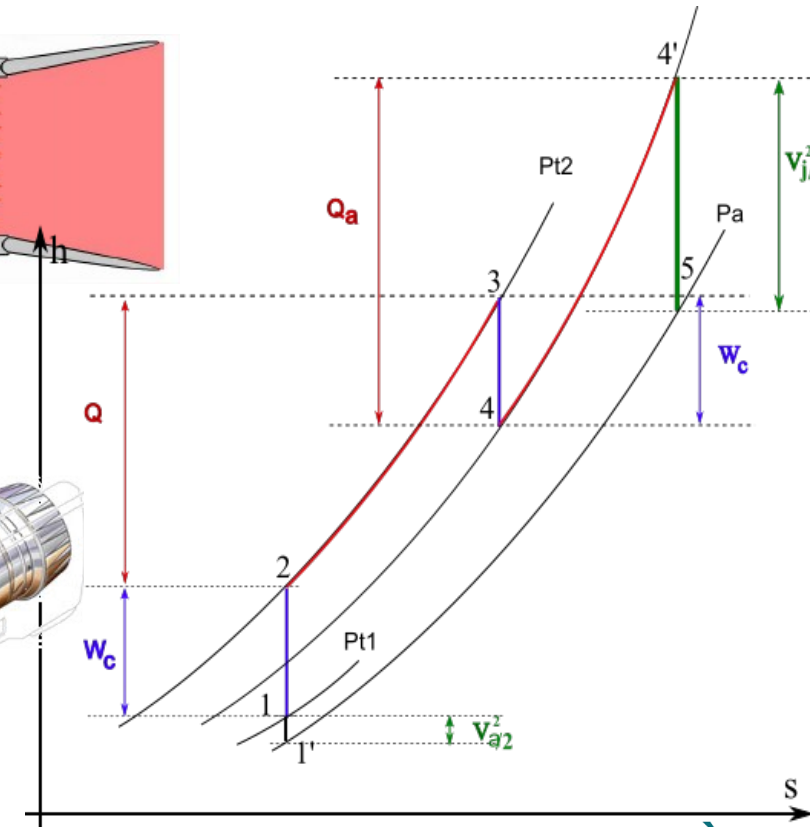
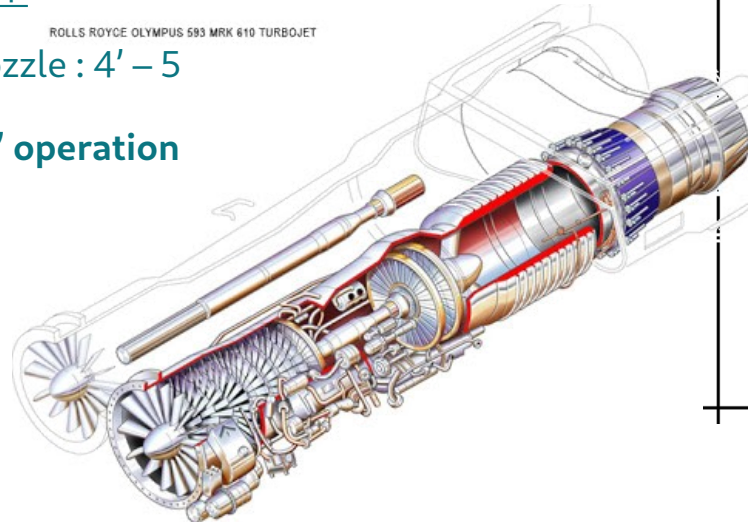
## 2.5 Afterburning turbojet: dry and wet operation

- Core flow

- Ram effect :  $1' - 1$
- Compressor :  $1 - 2$
- Combustion :  $2 - 3$
- Expansion in turbine :  $3 - 4$
- Wet / afterburning :  $4 - 4'$
- Exhaust by adjustable nozzle :  $4' - 5$



ROLLS ROYCE OLYMPUS 593 MRK 610 TURBOJET



- Nearly double thrust in “wet” operation

## 2. Jet engines

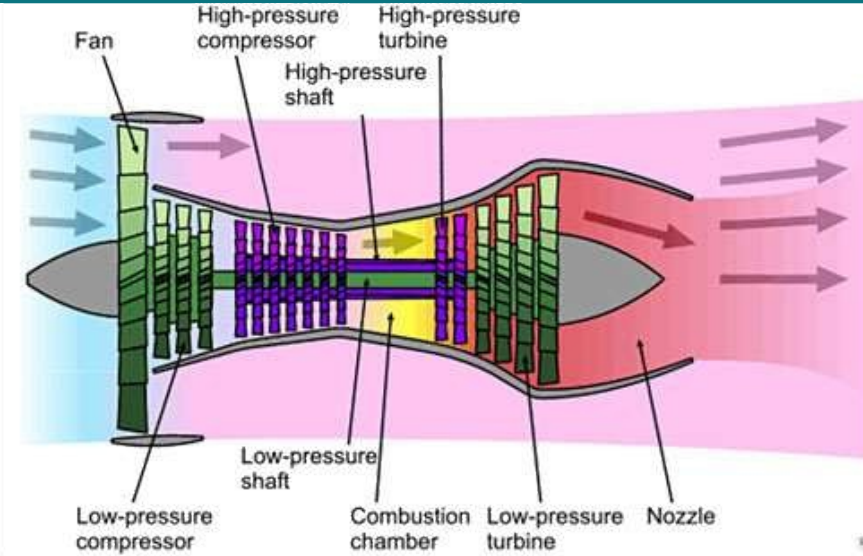
### *Civil turbofan : high subsonic/transonic*

- **Core  $m_c$  and bypass  $m_b$  flow rate**

- Bypass ratio (BPR):  $\alpha = m_b / (m_b + m_c)$

- **Core / primary : mech. power**

- Fan + compressor : 1 - 2
- Combustion : 2 - 3
- Turbine  $\rightarrow$  fan & compressor 3 - 4
- Exhaust jet : 4 - 5



- **Bypass / secondary flow : thrust**

- Compression by fan 1 - 2'
- Exhaust nozzle 2' - 5

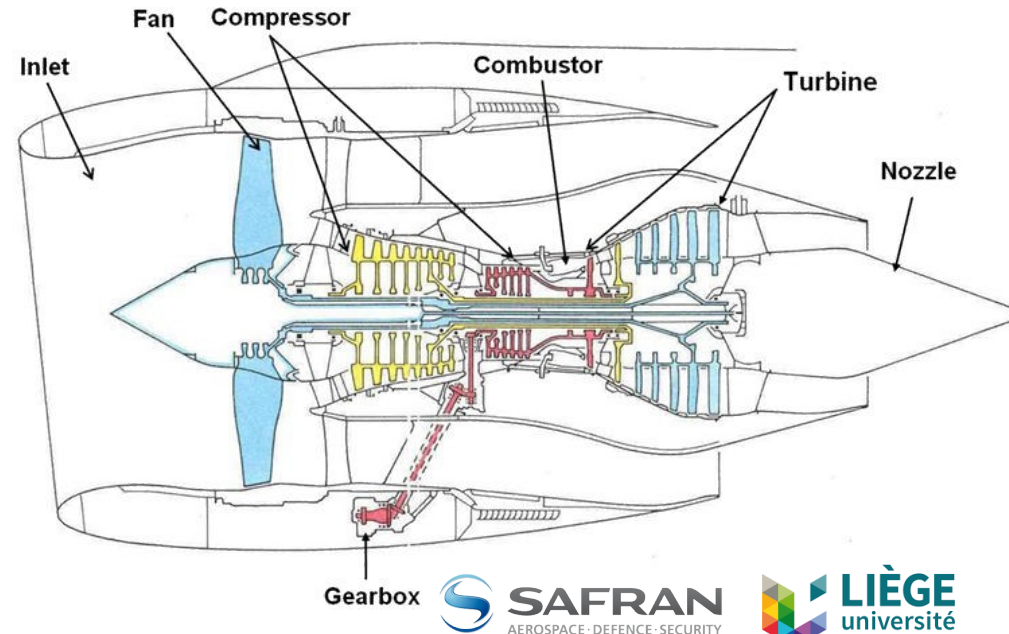
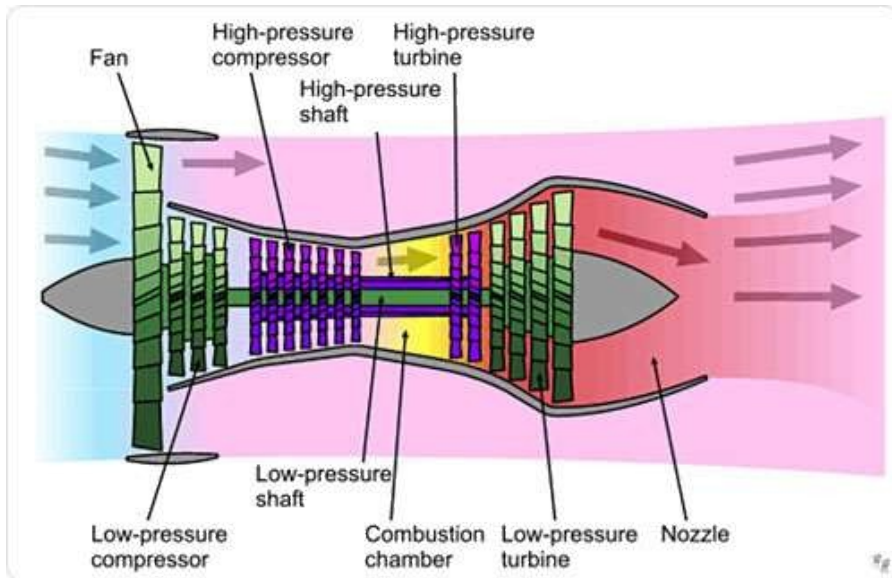


- **High propulsive efficiency: small acceleration or high mass flow rate**

## 2. Jet engines

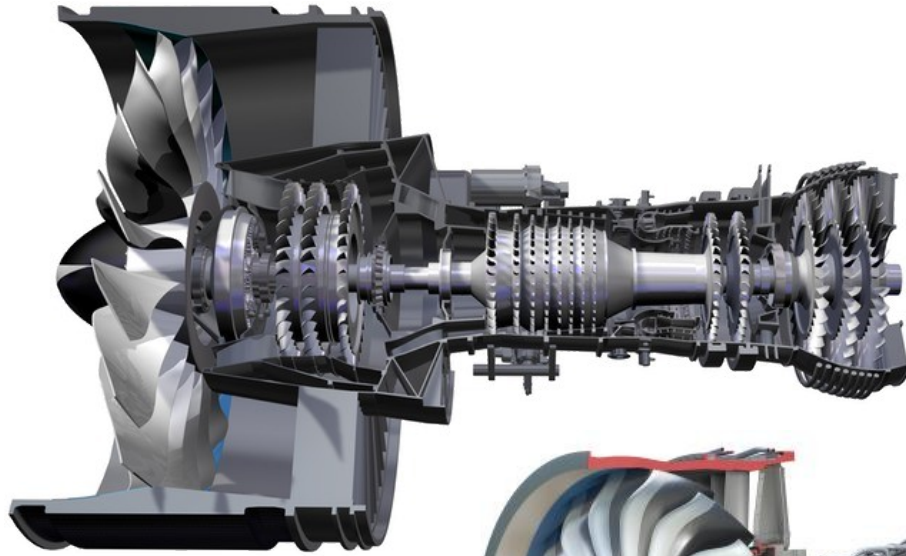
### *Civil turbofan: multispool turbofans*

- Optimal rotation speed = slightly supersonic at the tip
- Different spools / shafts → optimise rotation speed
- LP spool drives fan → large LP turbine



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*Civil turbofan : geared turbofan (GTF)*

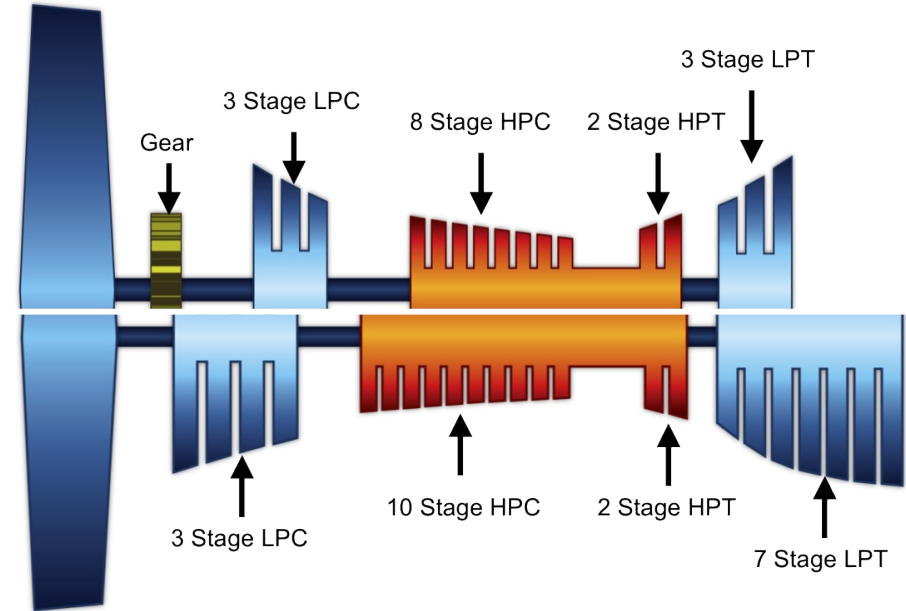


PW1100G  
BPR = 12.5

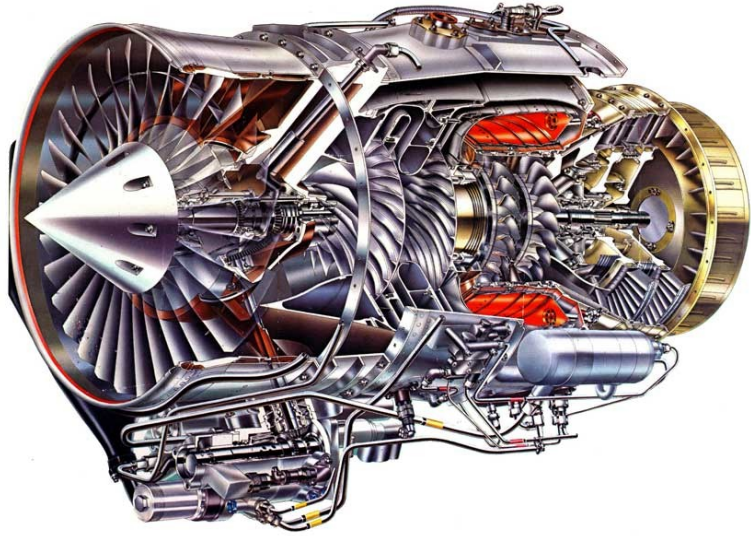


CFM Leap  
BPR = 9 .. 11

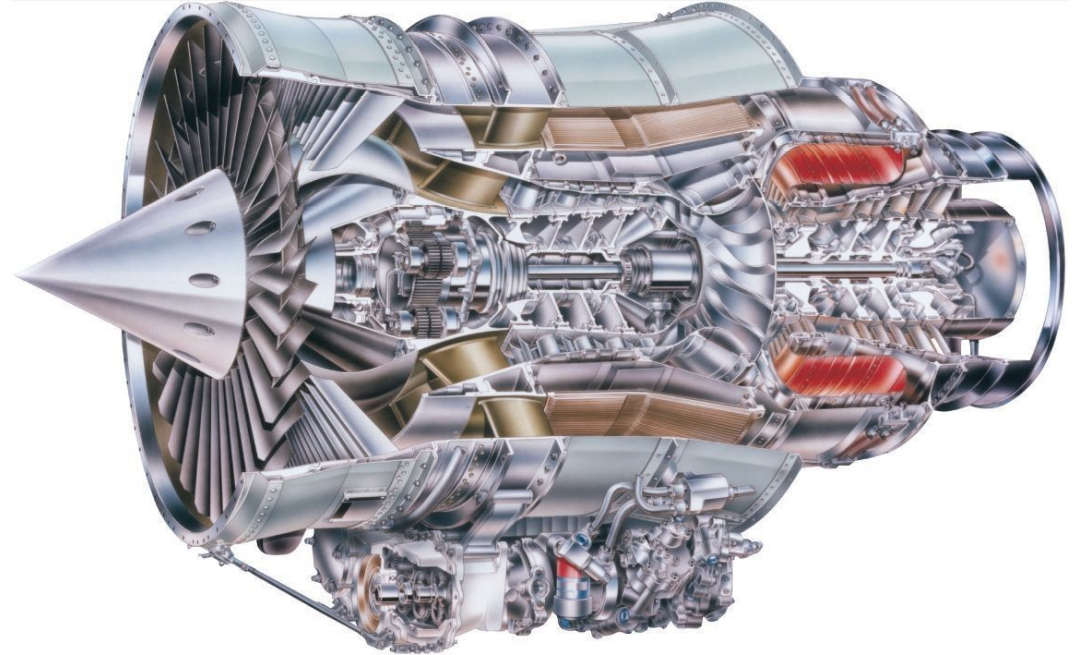
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# Bizjet turbofans



Garret F109  
T ~ 6kN  
BPR ~ 5

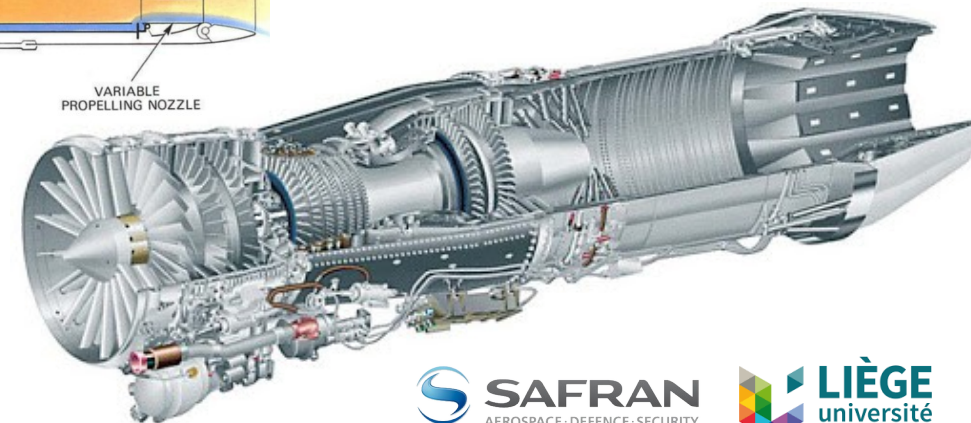
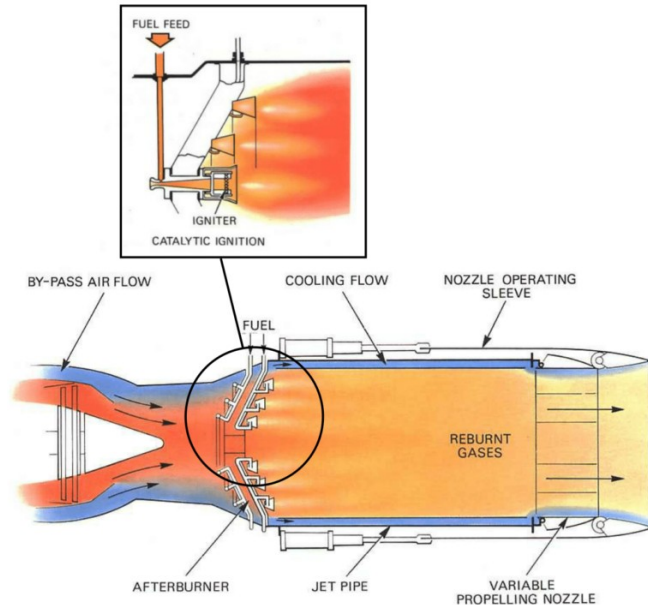


Garret/Honeywell TFE731  
T ~ 1.5 – 2.5kN  
BPR ~ 2.8

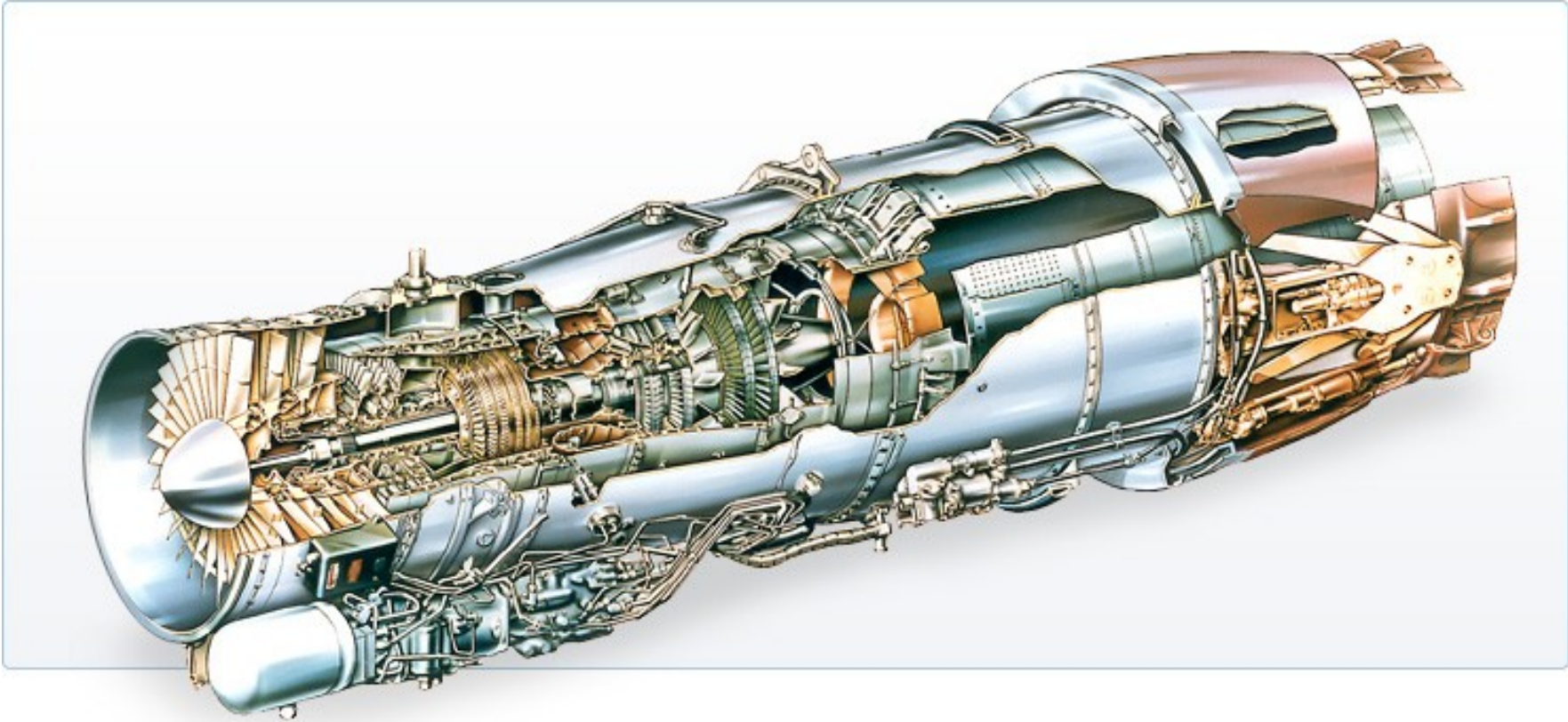
## 2. Jet engines

### *Afterburning turbofan: subsonic to supersonic flight*

- **Ram effect : 1' - 1**
- **Core / primary flow**
  - LP + HP Compressor : 1 – 2
  - Combustion : 2 – 3
  - Expansion in turbine : 3 – 4
- **Bypass / secondary flow (below 1) :**
  - LP compression
  - Cooling of core
- **Mixer/Afterburner**
  - Mantle cooled by perspiration secondary flow
  - Mixing of primary and secondary flow
  - (Afterburning)
- **Exhaust by adjustable nozzle : 4' – 5**



# Military turbofan w/ afterburning (J58)

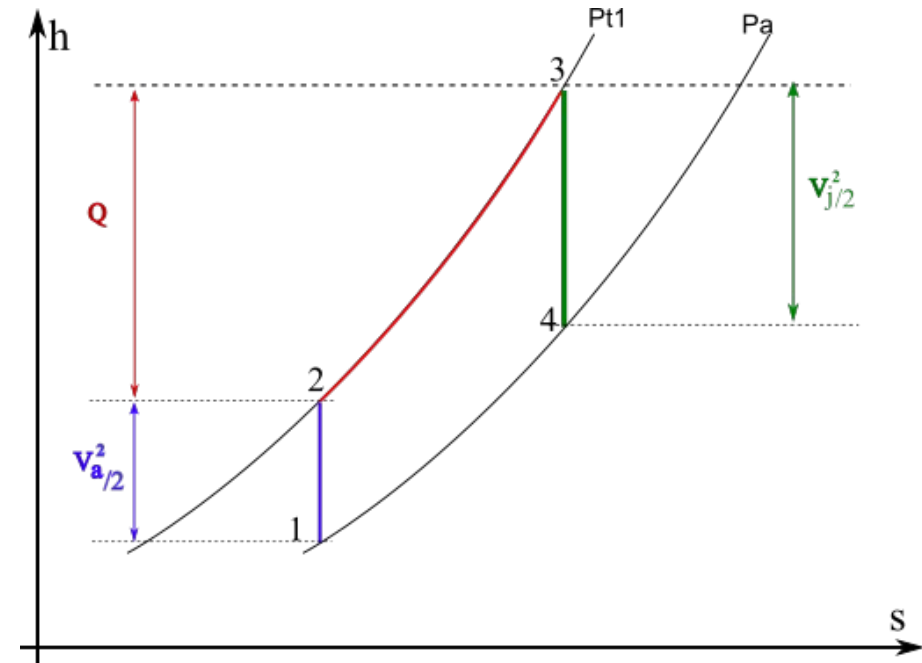
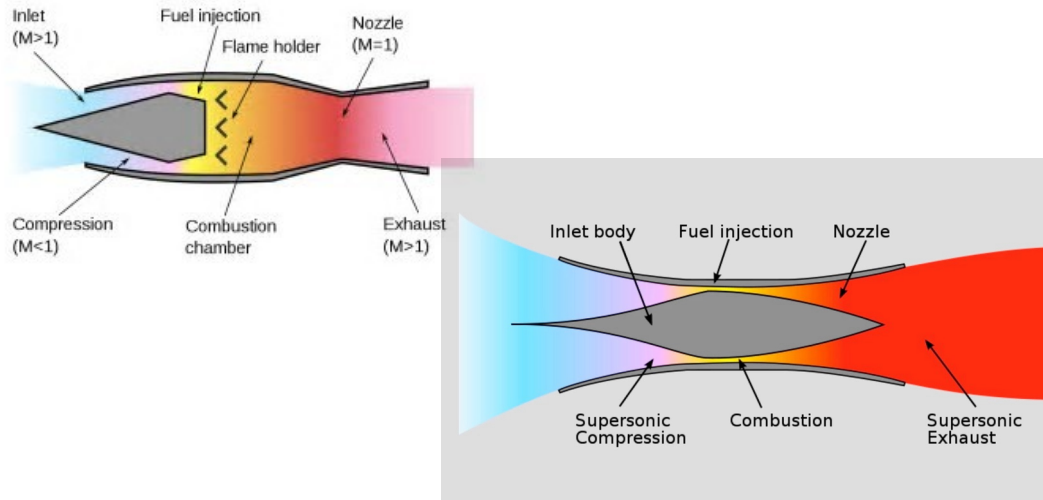


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## 2.4 RAM/ScramJet: supersonic flight $M > 3$

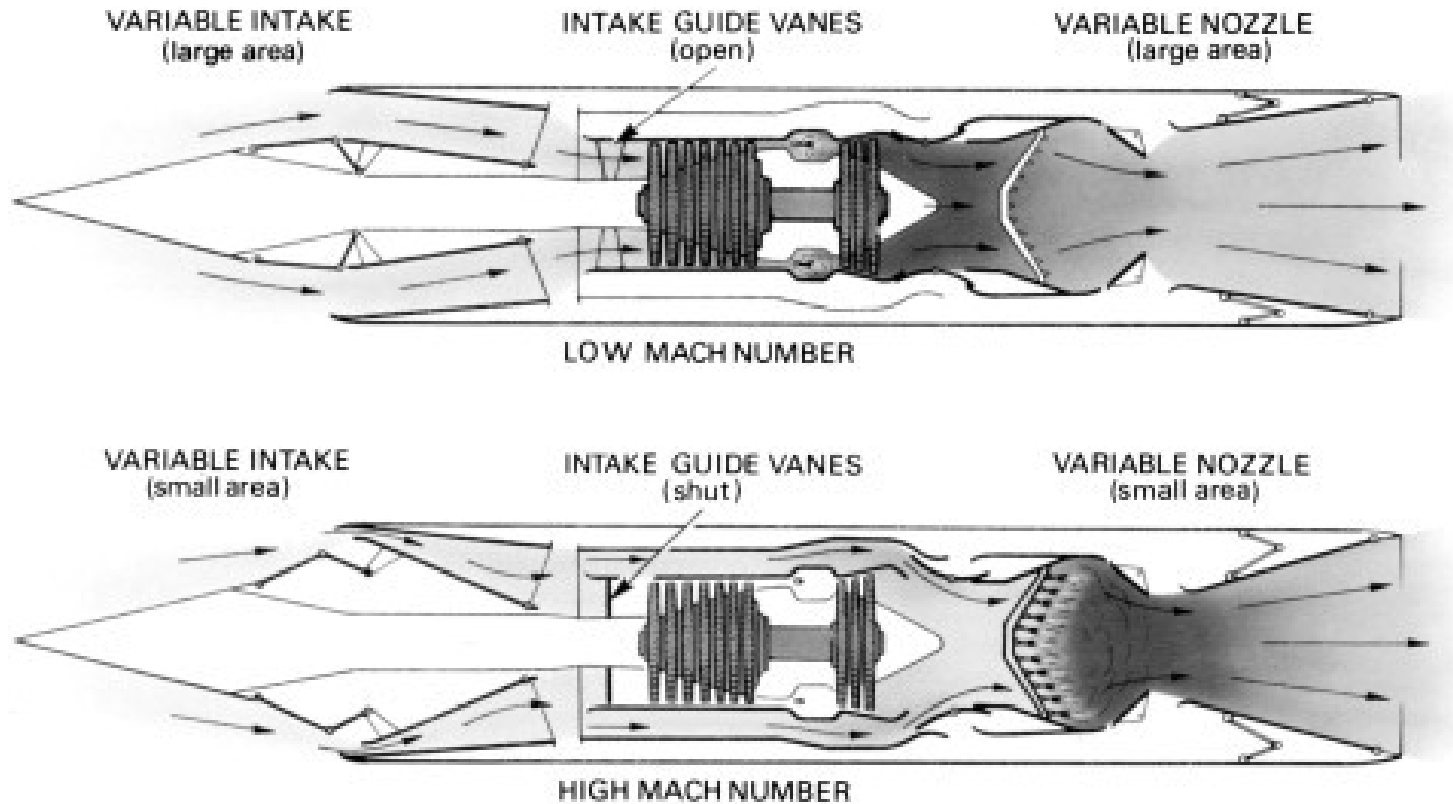
- Cycle without machines

- Convert kinetic energy  $v_a$  in pressure  $P_t$  by "RAM" effect : 1 - 2
- Combustion : 2-3
  - RAMJET : subsonic combustion
  - Supersonic Combustion RAMJET
- Expand in nozzle to form jet : 3 - 4



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### *Combined afterburning turbojet & ramjet*

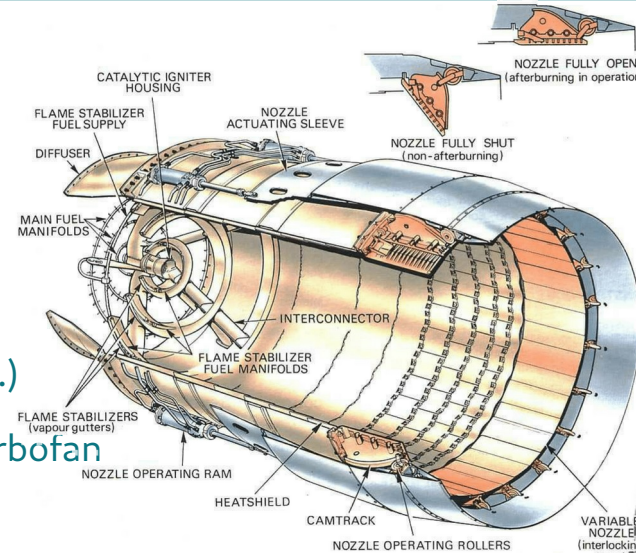


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## Nozzle

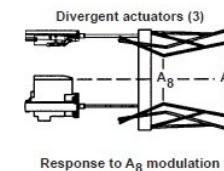
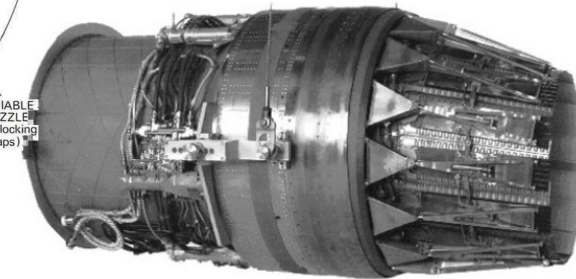
### Converging

- Sonic jet (wrt exhaust T)  $\rightarrow$  lower speeds
- Choked if  $NPR > NPR^*$
- Adapted if  $NPR < NPR^*$
- Fixed for civil turbofan (this could change ...)
- Variable throat for military/afterburning turbofan

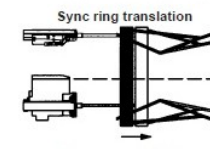


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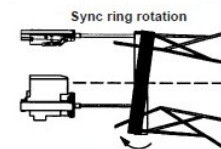
- Higher speed range
- Variable throat and expansion area to adapt to GG and flight
- (thrust vectoring)
- Afterburning turbojet/turbofan



Response to  $A_g$  modulation



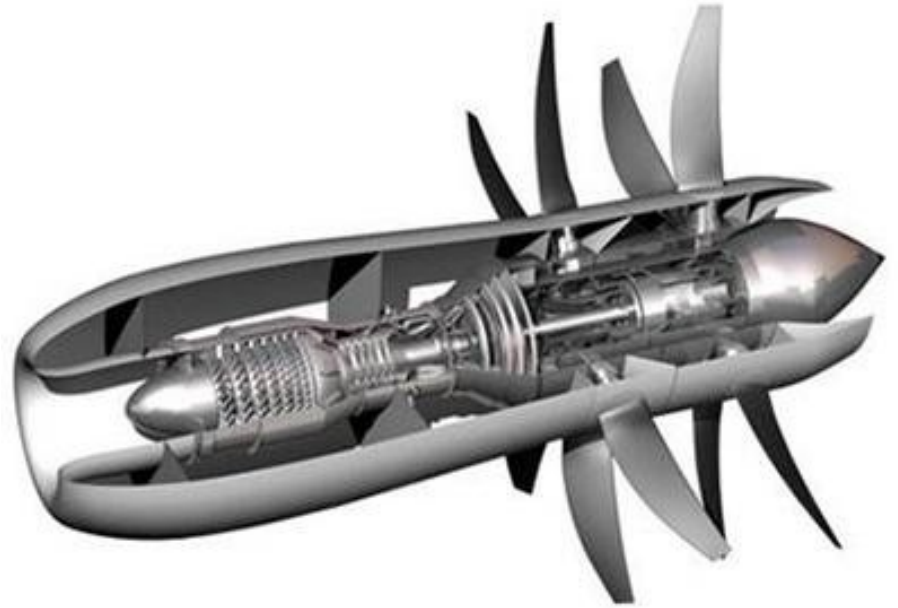
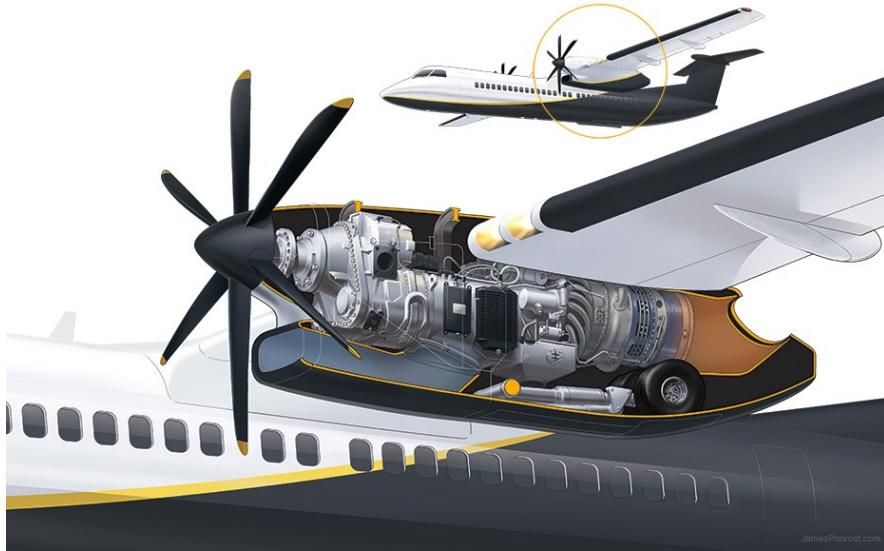
Area ratio modulation



Thrust vectoring

# 3. Propellers

*Mechanical acceleration by lift forces on propeller blades*



# 3. Propellers

*Global operation: Rankine-Froude theorem*

- Accelerating / contracting stream tube**

$$\dot{m} = \rho v_0 S_0 = \rho v_1 S_1 = \rho v_2 S_2$$

- Thrust**  $T = \dot{m}(v_2 - v_0)$

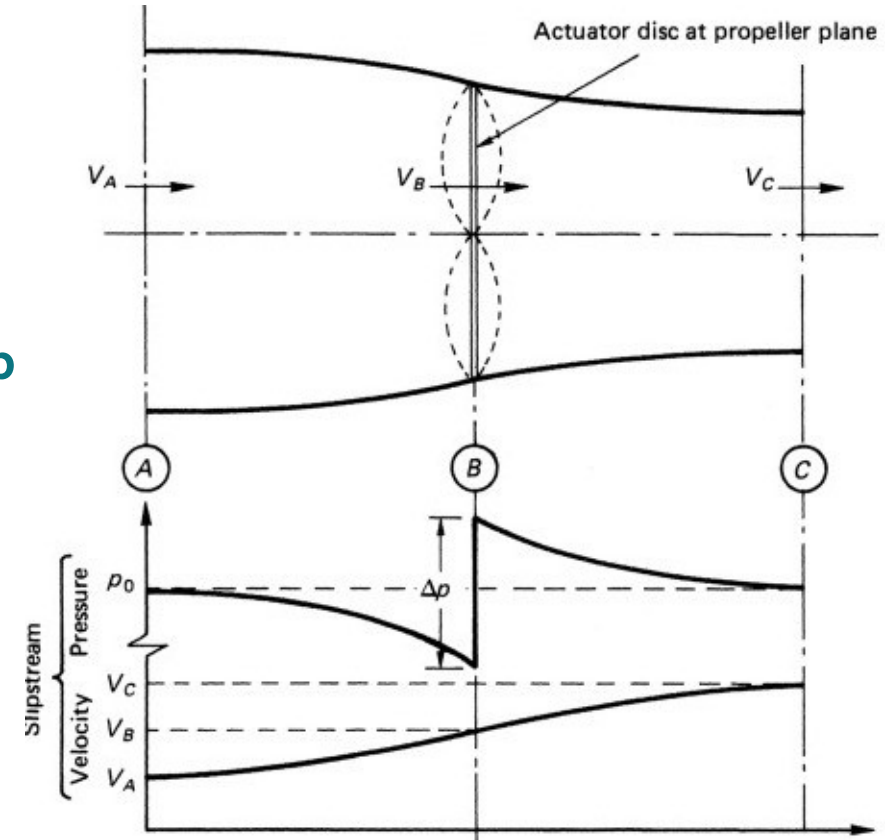
- Propeller = actuator disk – pressure jump**

$$p_{1+} = p_{1-} + \Delta p$$

- No losses up/down - Bernoulli**

$$p_{1+} = p_\infty + \frac{1}{2}\rho(v_2^2 - v_1^2)$$

$$p_{1-} = p_\infty + \frac{1}{2}\rho(v_0^2 - v_1^2)$$



# 3. Propellers

*Global operation: Rankine-Froude theorem + induced velocity*

- Induction factor a**

$$v_{B+} = v_{B-} = v_B = v_A(1 + a) = v(1 + a)$$

- Thrust computed two ways**

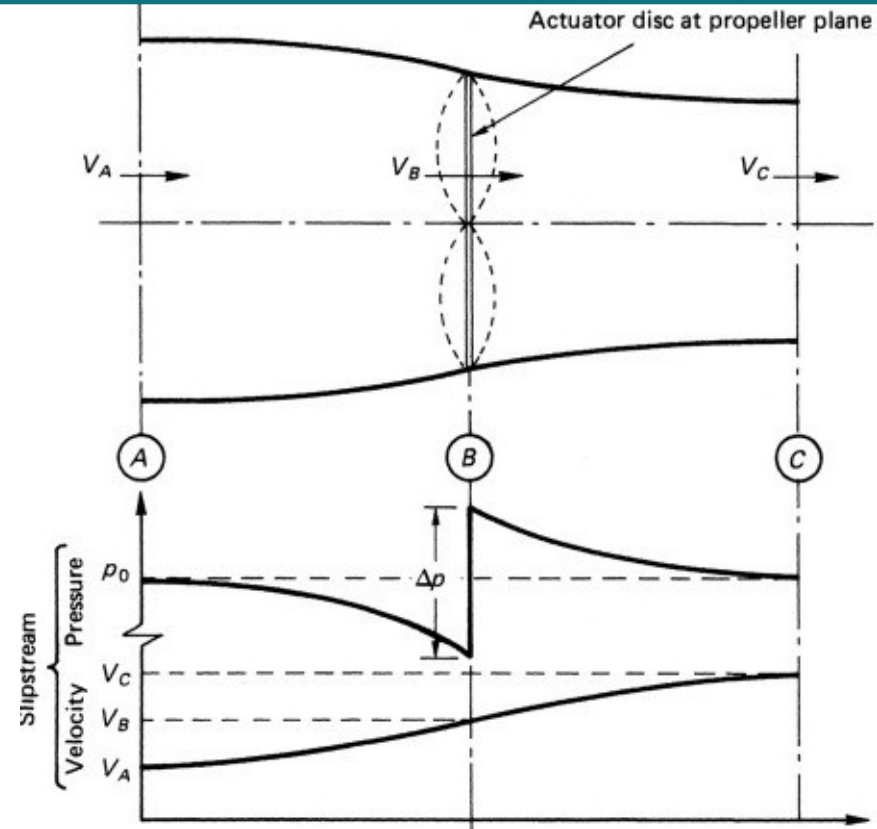
- stream tube control volume

$$T = \dot{m}(v_C - v_A) = \rho v_B S_1 (v_C - v_A)$$

- pressure difference

$$\begin{aligned} T &= (p_{B+} - p_{B-})S = \rho \frac{(v_C^2 - v_A^2)}{2} S \\ &= \rho \frac{(v_A + v_C)(v_C - v_A)}{2} S \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_B = \frac{v_A + v_C}{2} \Rightarrow v_C = (1 + 2a)v_A$$



# 3. Propellers

*Global operation: thrust, power and propulsive efficiency*

- **Thrust**

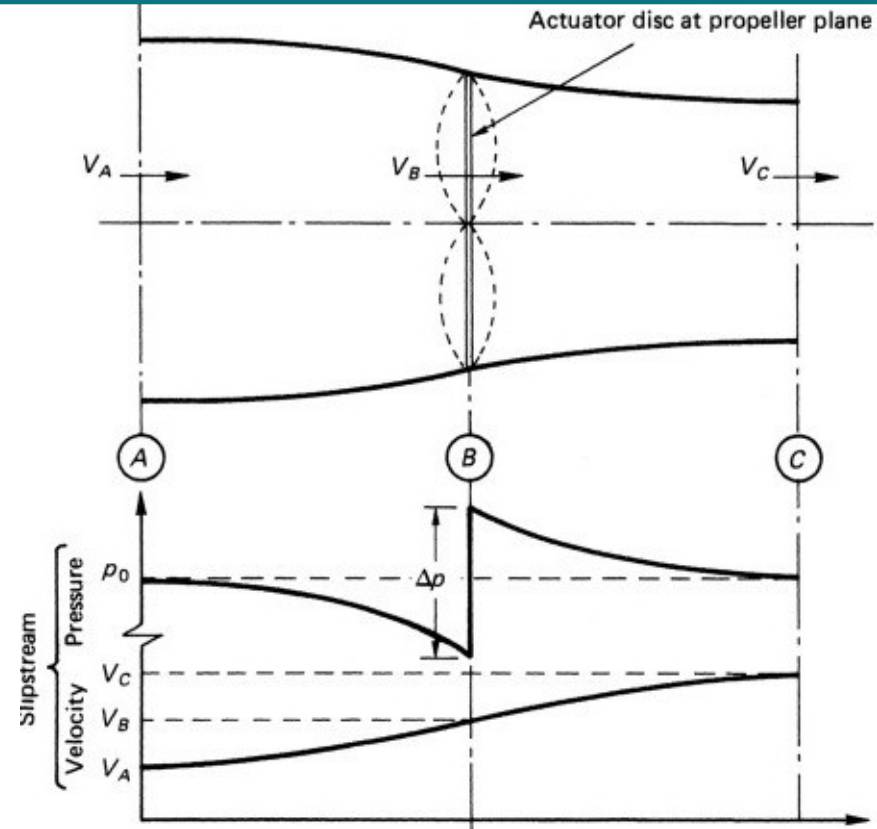
$$T = \dot{m}(v_C - v_A) = \rho v^2 S \cdot 2a(1 + a)$$

- **Power**

$$P = \dot{m} \frac{1}{2} (v_C^2 - v_A^2) = \rho v^3 S \cdot 2a(1 + a)^2$$

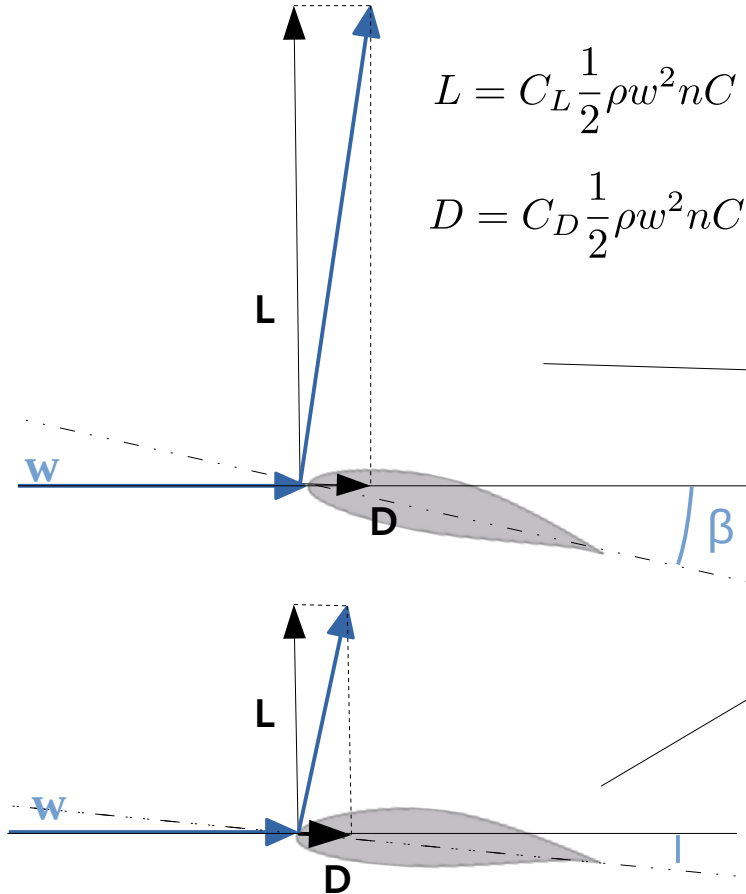
- **Propulsive efficiency**

$$\eta_p = \frac{Tv}{P} = \frac{1}{1 + a}$$



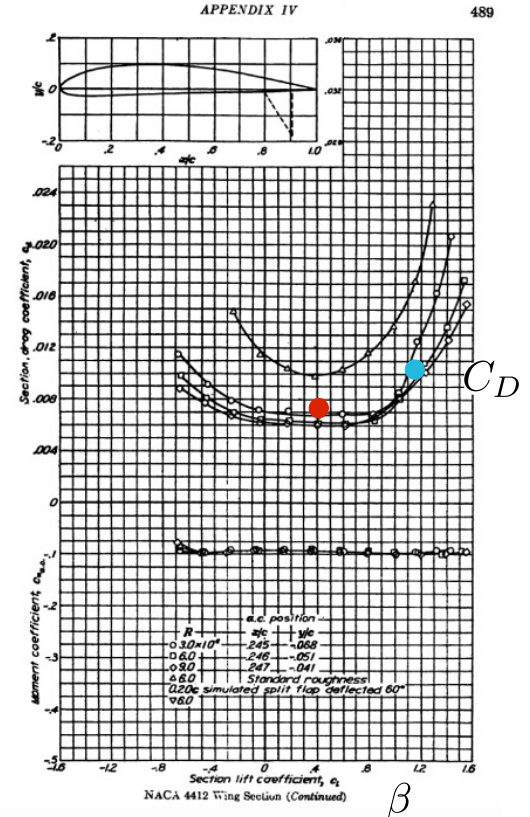
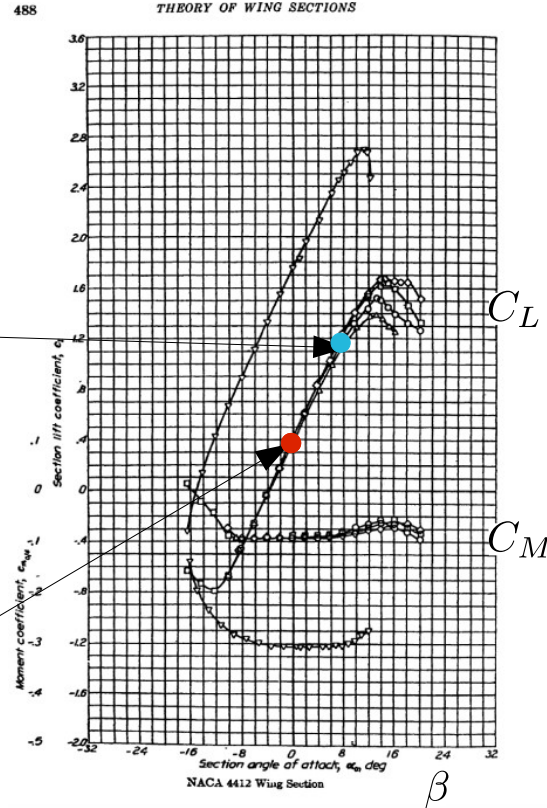
# 3. Propellers

*Blades : airfoil lift/drag polars*



$$L = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho w^2 n C$$

$$D = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho w^2 n C$$



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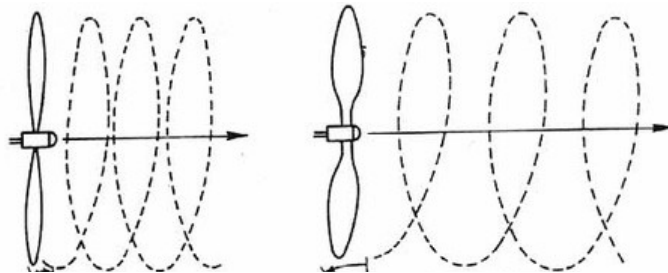
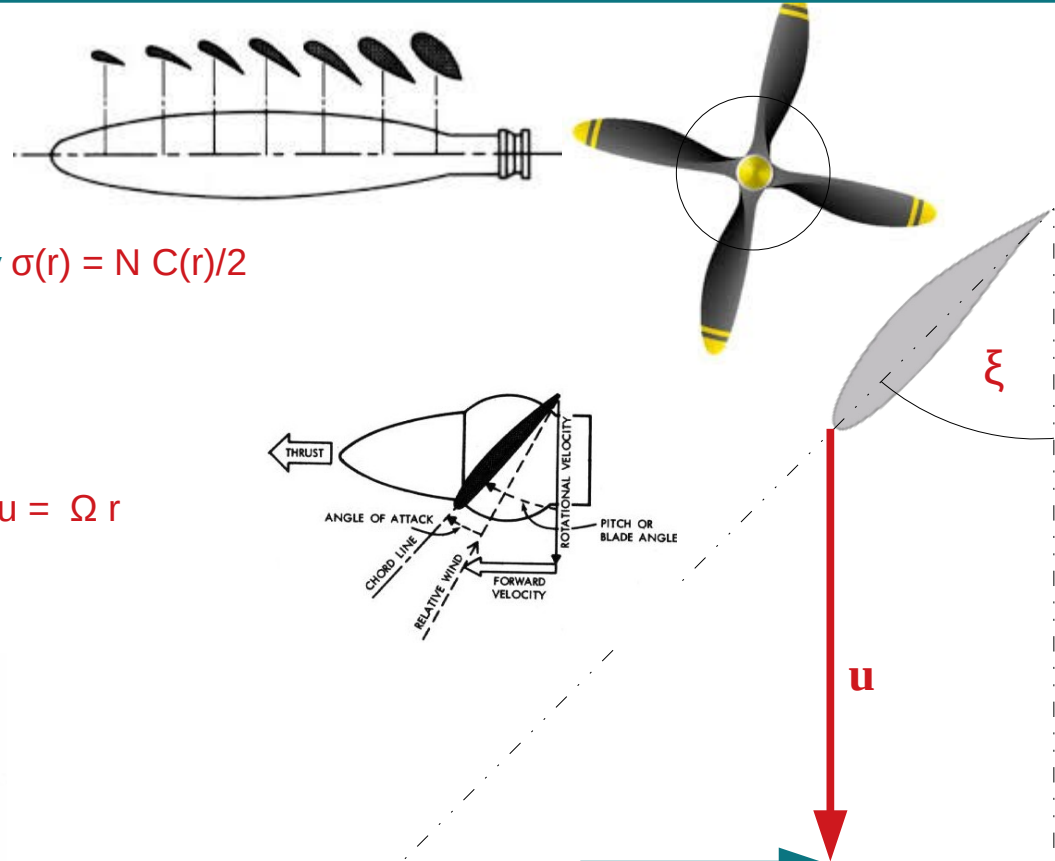
## *Blades – layout and operating parameters*

- **Geometry**

- Tip radius  $R_t$
- (Radial distribution of) blade profile
- Radial distribution of chord  $C(r)$  / Solidity  $\sigma(r) = N C(r)/2$

- **Operating parameters**

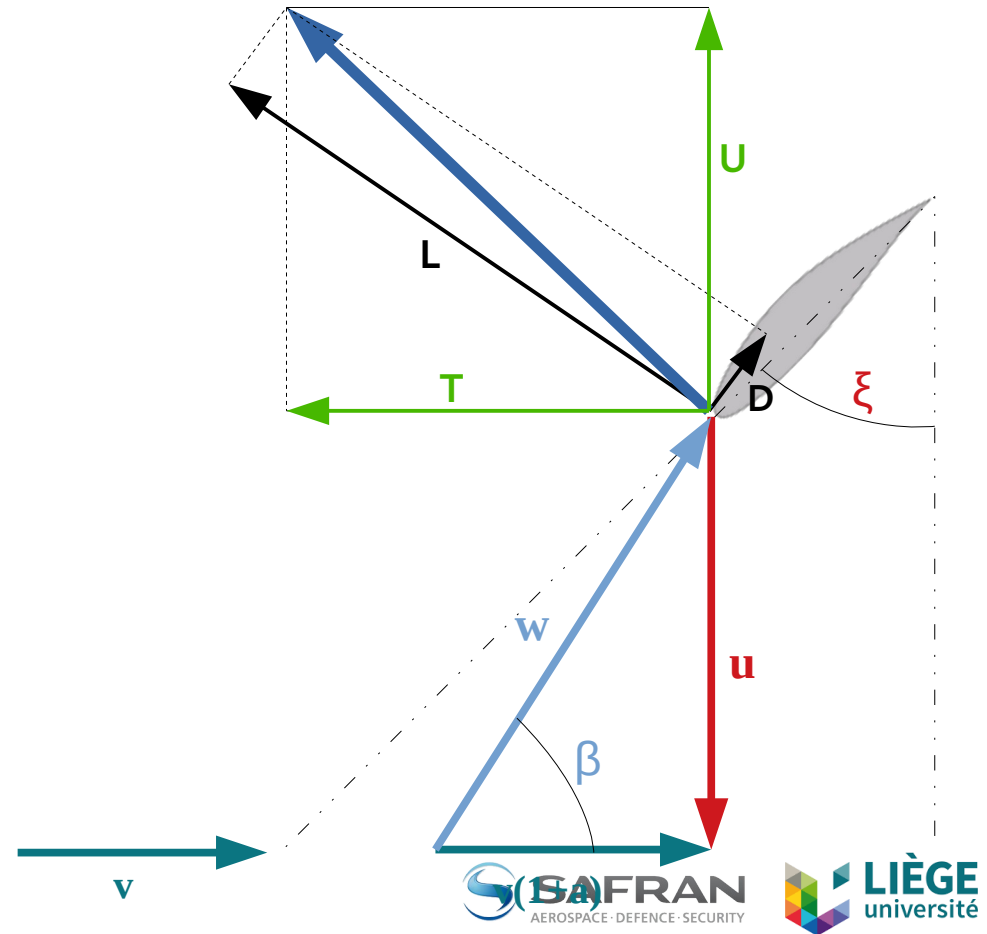
- *Stagger or pitch angle*  $\xi$
- Rotation speed  $\Omega \rightarrow$  local blade speed  $u = \Omega r$
- *Advance ratio*  $J = v_a/u_t = v_a/\Omega r_t$



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*Blades : forces on blade element section*

- Induction factor  $a \rightarrow v(1+a)$
- Relative velocity  $w$ , flow angle  $\beta$   
$$\mathbf{w} = (1 + a)v_0\mathbf{e}_x + u\mathbf{e}_y$$
- Lift/drag forces  $L$  &  $D$  as a function of
  - Relative velocity  $w$
  - Incidence  $i = \xi - \beta$
- Compute thrust  $T$  and tangential force  $U$   
$$T = L \sin \beta - D \cos \beta$$
$$U = L \cos \beta + D \sin \beta$$
- Recompute induction factor  $a$  from  $T$



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*Operation: performance parameters*

- **Thrust coefficient**

$$T = \dot{m}(v_C - v_A) = \rho v^2 S \cdot 2a(1 + a) \quad \Rightarrow C_T = \frac{T}{\rho S u_b^2} = J^2 \cdot 2a(1 + a)$$

- **Power coefficient**

$$P = \dot{m} \frac{1}{2} (v_C^2 - v_A^2) = \rho v^3 S \cdot 2a(1 + a)^2 \quad \Rightarrow C_P = \frac{T}{\rho S u_b^3} = 2a(1 + a)^2$$

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## Operating point

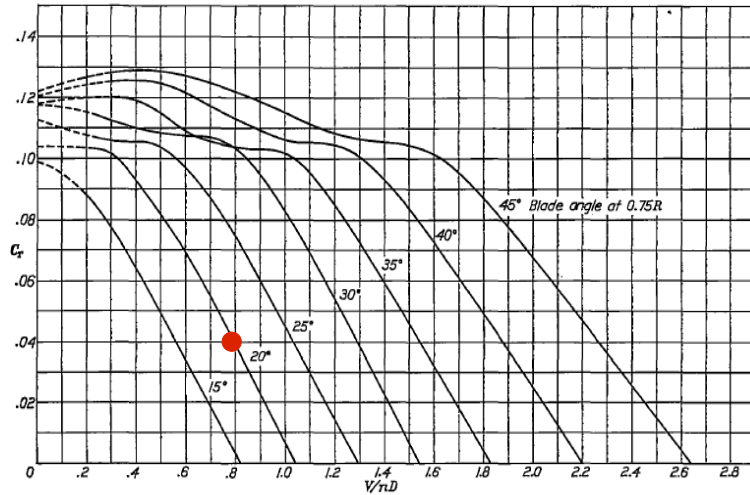


FIGURE 4.—Thrust-coefficient curves for propeller 868-0, Clark Y section, 2 blades.

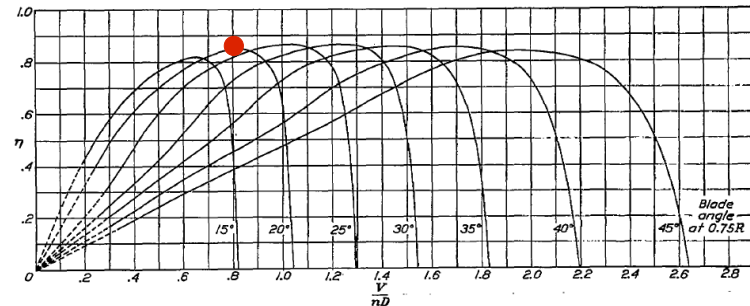
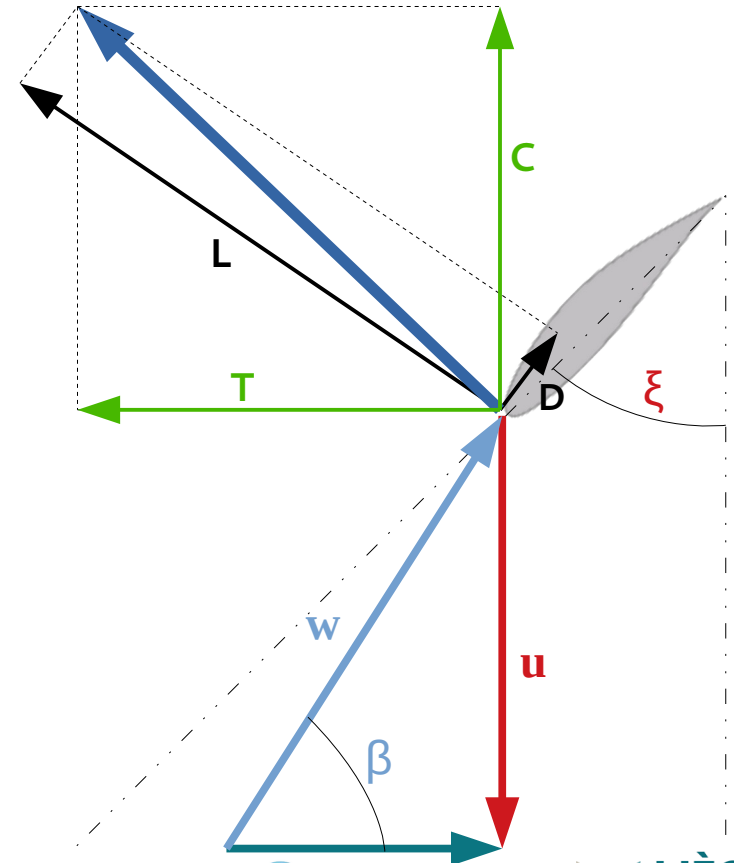


FIGURE 5.—Efficiency curves for propeller 868-0, Clark Y section, 2 blades.



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*Operation point: variation of advance ratio (flight speed or rotation speed)*

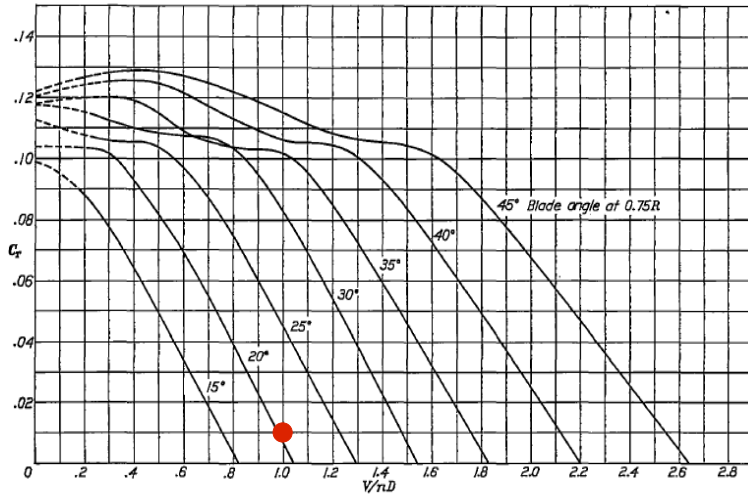


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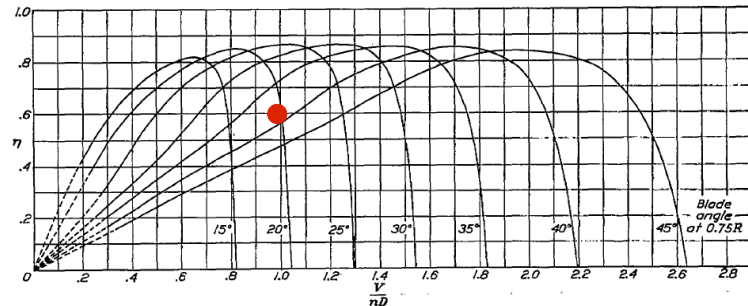
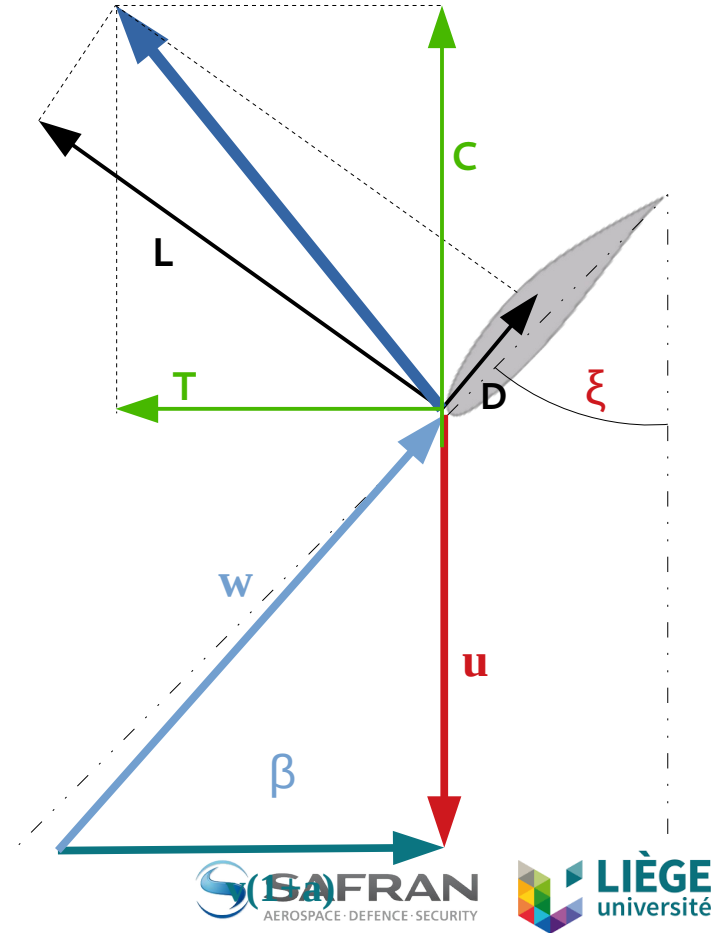


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Operation: pitch control

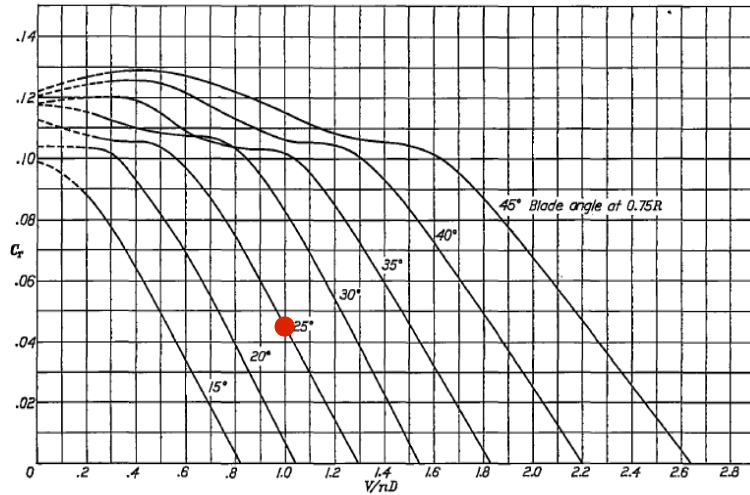


FIGURE 3.—Thrust-coefficient curves for propeller 5608-0, Clark Y section, 2 blades.

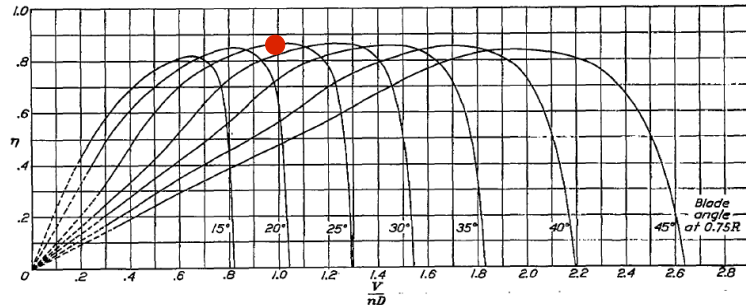
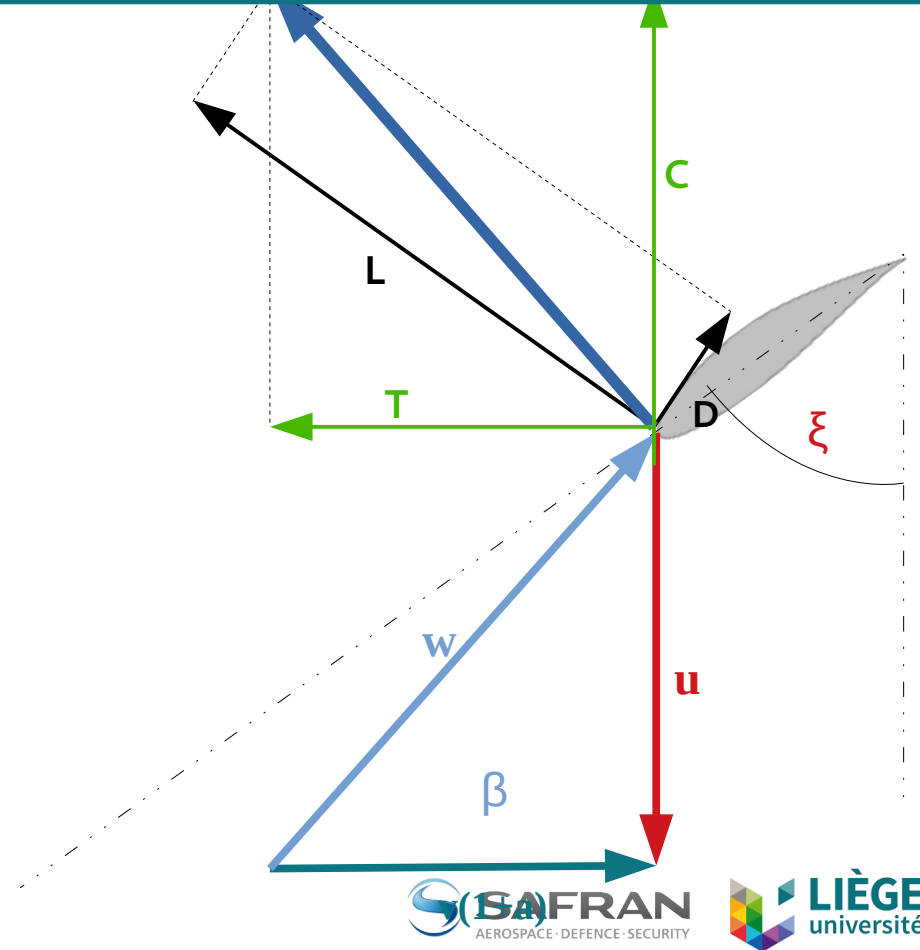


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*Operation: pitch control*

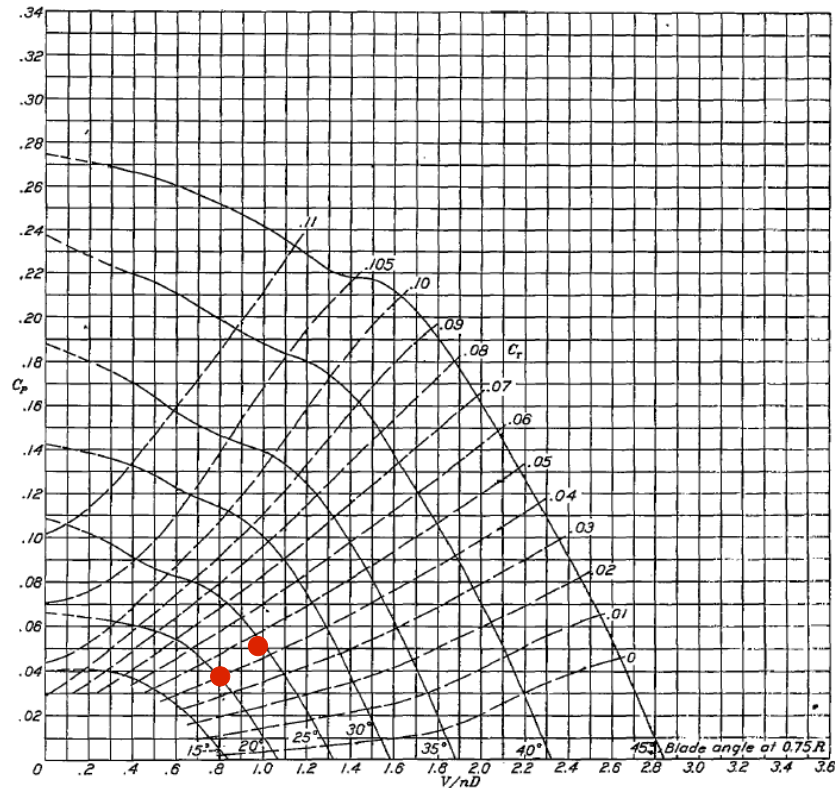
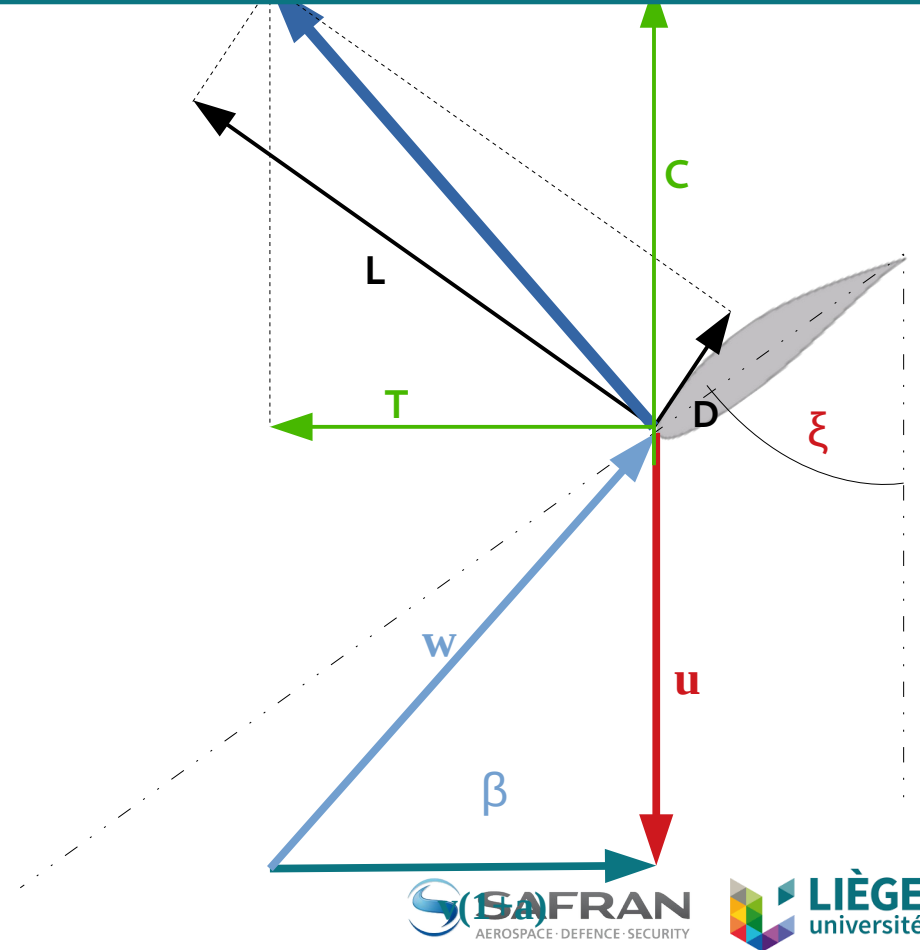


FIGURE 6.—Power-coefficient curves for propeller 6808-9, Clark Y section, 2 blades.



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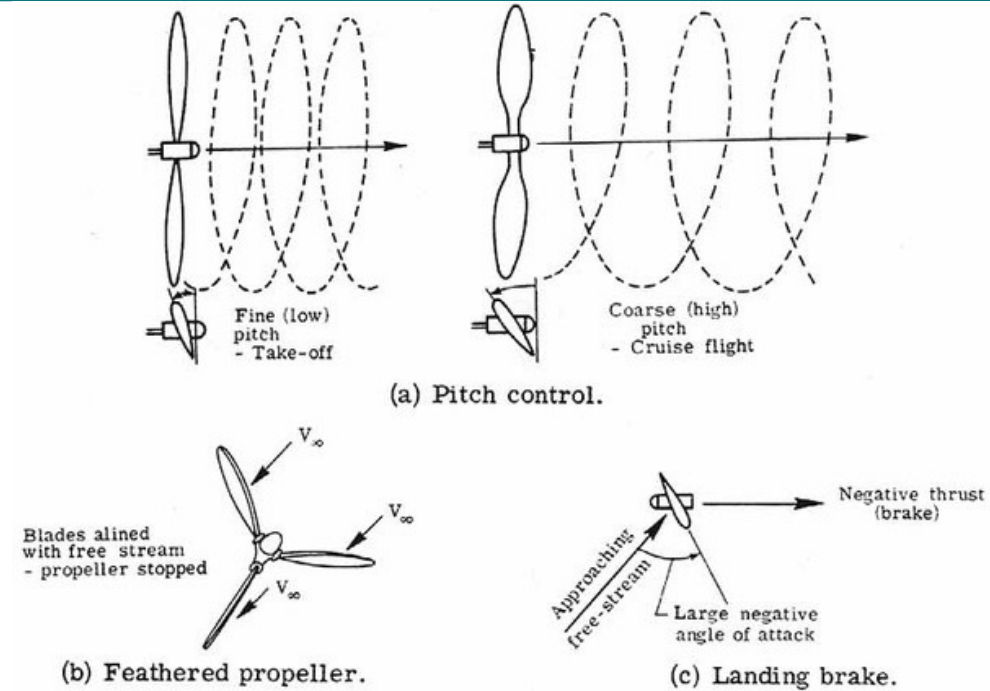
## Control

- **Means of control**

- Engine power / rotation speed :  $T \sim n^2$ ,  $P \sim n^3$
- Advance speed vs rotation speed : “gear box”
  - Fine pitch ~ low gear :
    - high thrust at low advance speed : take-off, taxi, ...
    - limited flight speed
  - Coarse pitch ~ high gear :
    - low thrust at take-off
    - higher air speeds

- **Propeller types**

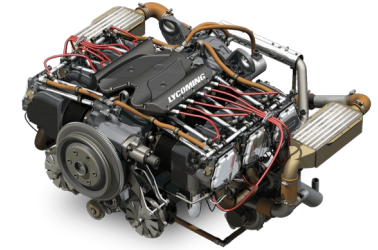
- Fixed pitch / ground adjustable ~ single gear
- Variable pitch propellers
  - Inflight adjustable: change throttle and pitch angle independently ~ manual gear box
  - Fixed velocity: governor adjusts pitch to keep constant rotation speed ~ automatic gearbox



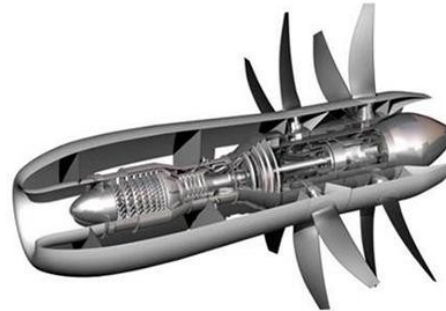
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## *Power generators*

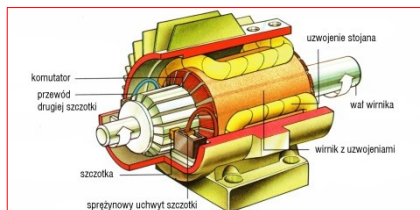
- Internal combustion engine



- Gas turbine: turboprop & CROR

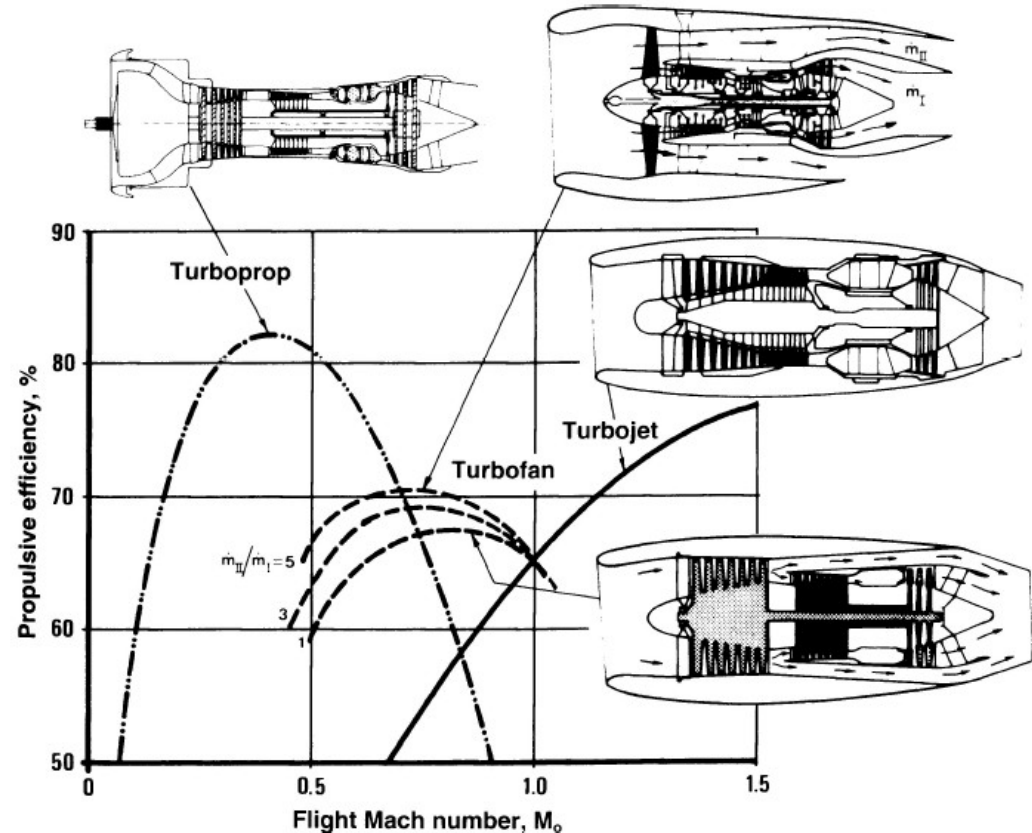


- Future of propulsion systems : electric or hybrid, distributed ...



# 4. Choosing the propulsion system

- **Typical : cruise speed**
  - Propeller :  $0.1 < Ma < 0.7$
  - High BPR turbofan :  $0.7 < Ma < 1$
  - Low BPR turbofan / turbojet :  $Ma > 1$
  - RAMJET :  $Ma > 2$
  - SCRAMJET :  $Ma > 5$
- **Extension of operating range of propellers to transonic**
  - (Variable pitch turbofans)
  - Transonic open rotors (CROR)
  - Ducted fan for hybrid propulsion



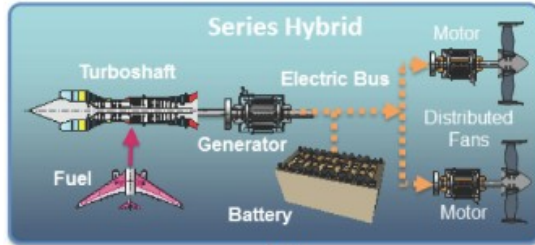
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*Future: integrated / hybrid / distributed propulsion systems ?*

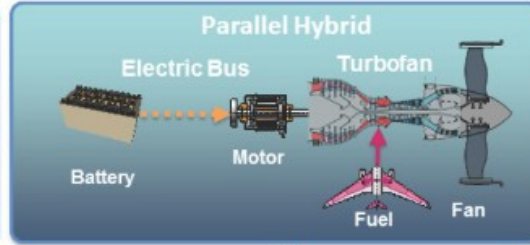


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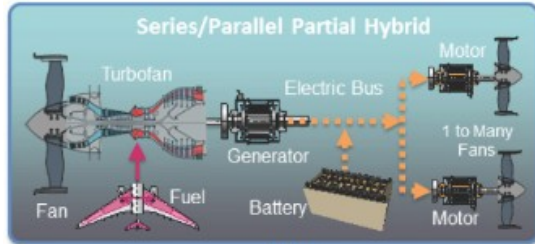
*hybrid / new propulsion stems ?*



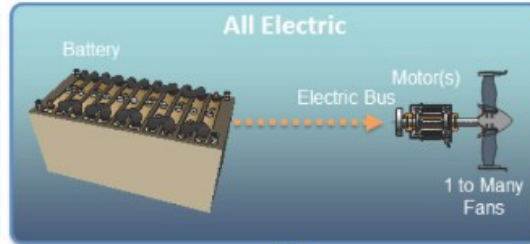
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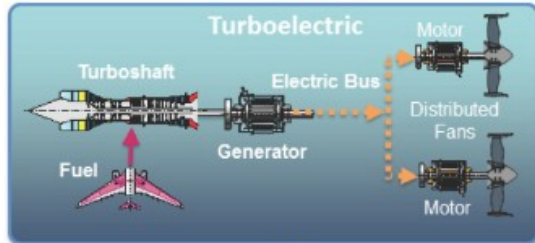
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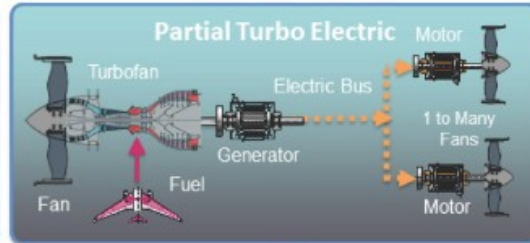
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