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Design of Hydrogen Passenger Aircraft – How much "Zero-Emission" is Possible?
with backup slides

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Abstract

Purpose – 1.) Presentation and evaluation of selected past and present design projects for passenger aircraft with liquid hydrogen (LH2) propulsion. LH2 aircraft are also referred to as cryoplanes. 2.) Research question: Can cryoplanes be "zero emission"? 3.) Information for everyone interested.

Methodology – Revisiting of HAW Hamburg past research projects. Literature review. Combination of given knowledge to new insight.

Findings – An A319 cabin fits almost into a LH2 cryoplane based on an A321 fuselage. Such a design limits investment into new aircraft. It needs 40% more energy, 20% more DOC and shows about 27% less environmental burden (considering emissions and energy based on a LCA) if(!) hydrogen is from electrolysis and electricity from renewable sources. However, since electricity has to be taken from the grid with given energy mix, a cryoplane is as polluting as a kerosene plane, but has the advantage that it burdens future generations less due to its predominantly short term non-CO2 emission effects. Renewable energy will by far not be sufficient to maintain flying at the level we know today (2019). It is therefore paramount to reduce flying as it happened already during the Corona pandemic. Nevertheless, the aviation industry maintains the physically implausible "zero emission" goal based on advanced technology, because otherwise the credo "aviation needs growth" will not convince politics and society and could result in restrictions. This is why industry cannot enter a technical debate about: "How much 'zero emission' is possible?". Maintaining the extreme position of "zero emission" by means of a hydrogen powered aircraft contributed further to truth decays in the aviation industry. Notwithstanding these problems, we need to find a sincere way to communicate while we abide in ethical standards like "do not lie".

Practical implications – Results are presented in a pragmatic way.

Social implications – A discussion based on facts is facilitated beyond scientific circles and can build up political pressure to initiate change in aviation into a direction which is really ecological.

Originality/value – A presentation spanning from in depth aircraft design to social implications is otherwise missing, but most probably needed if we want to avoid a knowledge monopoly with the aviation industry that dictates the rest of society what has to be done.
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"Zero-emission" is not possible! Hydrogen combustion emits 2.6 times more water per energy than kerosene. This leads to contrails forming already at lower altitudes and hence more often. Hydrogen is an energy carrier that is responsible for as much CO2 as its production has emitted. It is not only about emissions, it is also about depletion of resources and primary energy consumption. A Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) sums it up. Nevertheless, hydrogen has a potential in aviation!

Hydrogen aircraft design research from HAW Hamburg since 2006 is presented.
Hamburg Aerospace Lecture Series

Free lectures in Hamburg on aerospace topics that are jointly organized by DGLR, RAeS, VDI, ZAL and HAW Hamburg (PSL). The aim is the exchange of information between specialists and the training and further education of students and young engineers. The topics range from historical reviews to the description of current trends. A non-commercial, voluntary activity by committed individuals and invited speakers.
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Aircraft Design and Systems Group (AERO)
The "AeroLectures" have a history that goes back to the year 1970. In this year, the Hamburg local branch of the German Society for Aeronautics and Astronautics (DGLR) was founded. Local branch head was Dr.-Ing. H.H. Menke. So-called "DGLR-Sprechabende" were held beforehand. Aerospace lectures have therefore been organized in Hamburg regularly and verifiably for more than 50 years.

The first major joint lecture event by DGLR and VDI in Hamburg took place on November 13th 1974. The speaker was Ludwig Bölkow (picture), topic: "The Integration of the German Aerospace Industry Into the European Community".

Since 2000 lectures from Praxis-Seminar Luftfahrt of Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (at that time still Fachhochschule Hamburg) under the direction of Prof. Dr. Scholz were integrated into the program.

In 2002 it was started to announce the lectures with the logo "Luftfahrtstandort Hamburg", because the lecture series was part of the strategy of the Authority for Economy and Labor. The Hamburg Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) was founded on October 19, 2005. Since 2006 the aviation lectures of DGLR, VDI, RAeS and HAW Hamburg are offered together in a series of events.

Since 2015 one can refer to the series of lectures by a name: "Hamburg Aerospace Lecture Series" is the international name that does justice to the fact that many lectures are held in English. The corresponding designation is in German "Hamburger Luft- und Raumfahrtvorträge". We often speak briefly of "AeroLectures". In 2015, the series of lectures continued to be the "specialist working group" of Hamburg Aviation and had (on neutral ground) a homepage there (www.hav-connect.aero/Group/Lectures). In the year 2016 the Center for Applied Aviation Research (ZAL) was accepted as a new partner.

2019 the "AeroLectures" received their own full-fledged homepage (this one) and thus detached themselves from the homepage of the DGLR. The entire "hav-connect" network was terminated by Hamburg Aviation in 2020. The homepage www.hav-connect.aero/Group/Lectures and the specialist working group at Hamburg Aviation disappeared. Contents of the homepage www.hav-connect.aero/Group/Lectures have been integrated into www.AeroLectures.de.

The Homepage can be reached via http://www.AeroLectures.de. "AeroLectures" is also the name used in social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, ...). Various subdomains facilitate direct access to the depth of the homepage. The homepage is stored on a server of Hamburg University of Applied Sciences: https://www.fzt.haw-hamburg.de/pers in the account of Prof. Dr. Scholz.
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... and many others.
Introduction
Literature / Previous Projects


In 2012: Dan BREWER at 93.
Literature / Previous Projects


Green Freighter
HAW Hamburg (lead)
TU Braunschweig (IFL)
Airbus, Hamburg
Bishop GmbH
09/2006 to 04/2010

Airport 2030 – Possible A320 Successor
HAW Hamburg
Airbus, Hamburg
12/2008 to 01/2014
Availability of Energy Important! Consider Global Warming!

• Depletion of fossil fuels => **aviation energy carrier** instead of **aviation fuel**

• Renewable energy is **electrical energy**. How to carry on board?
  - biofuel, synthetic fuel, drop-in fuel  \textit{advantage:} aircraft stay the same
  - batteries  \textit{advantage:} direct use of electricity
  - **hydrogen**  \textit{advantage:} highest overall efficiency

• Current focus: CO2, Global Warming, Climate Change, but:
• There are **more issues than CO2 & global warming**
• **Needed:** Balanced look with **Life Cycle Assessment**

Ensure with 2. **priority** (after water):
\textit{Future availability of energy (in aviation) !}
(or tell your kids the party is over)

3. **priority:** **Consider global warming**

Characteristics of Hydrogen – Important for Aircraft Design

• LH2 comparison at equal energy (20 K = -253 °C):

![Diagram showing weight and volume comparison between LH2 and kerosene.](image)


• Boil-off

• Hydrogen embrittlement *(Wasserstoffversprödung)* of materials
Handling of LH2 From "Well to Tank"

Diagram:
- Energy production upon Renewable Energy Sources (Solar, Wind, Hydropower, Solar thermal, Biomass)
- Energy Transport (long distance)
- Liquid Hydrogen Production
  - Hydrogen Production by Electrolysis
  - Hydrogen Liquefaction
- Liquid Hydrogen Transportation (short distance)
- Storage and Use of Liquid Hydrogen

at airport
Liquefaction should be at the airport. To avoid unnecessary boil-off, distances to the aircraft are kept short. Refueling has to be done directly before take-off.

Hydrogen Aircraft Configurations

The selection of a type of aviation energy carrier needs to be seen together with the resultant aircraft configuration!
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WESTENBERGER, 2003
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Aircraft Design and Systems Group (AERO)

WESTENBERGER, 2003
Findings from CRYOPLANE (1999 – 2003)

Various tank layouts appeared to be optimal depending on aircraft category. Crucial element is balancing of the aircraft’s center of gravity. Due to the large and heavy tanks, aircraft empty weight will go up by some 25% compared to kerosene aircraft. However, due to the light LH2 maximum take-off weights will go down, especially with increasing fuel fraction. As a consequence of the bulky tanks the energy consumption increases as well, resulting in a 25% increase in DOC as of today for a 1000 nm mission. When LH2 production cost drops to levels below that of kerosene, DOC’s for LH2 and kerosene fuelled aircraft may reach a crossover point as far away as 2040. This is in line however with the motivation behind LH2 technology: a long-term alternative for kerosene when crude oil production comes to an end.

Flying remains possible after the end of fossil fuels with LH2.
Large Very Long Range Passenger LH2 Aircraft

**DESIGN GROSS WT - 266,429 KG**
**PASSENGERS - 400**
**FUEL (LH$_2$) - 68,424 KG.**
**RANGE - 9,265 KM RADIUS**

9265 km (5000 n.mi.) radius. With full payload and ATA international reserves for each segment, fly 9265 km, land, takeoff unfueled, and fly another 9265 km segment.

Range: 18530 km = 10000 NM

Cockpit Integration – Passageway to Cabin?

Yes:

No:

SEECKT, HAW Hamburg, 2010

WESTENBERGER, 2003

BREWER 1976

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Aircraft Design and Systems Group (AERO)
Configurations From the "Green Freighter" Project

SEECKT, HAW Hamburg, 2010

HEINZE, TU Braunschweig, 2010
Findings From the "Green Freighter" Project

**Advantages** of LH2:

- Flying remains possible even after the end of fossil fuels!
- LH2 technology is already known and can be used in aircraft today.
- Burning hydrogen is more environmentally friendly than burning kerosene.
- Hydrogen is lighter than kerosene - but tanks are heavy. MTOW drops slightly. **Induced drag decreases.**

**Disadvantages** of LH2:

- Conventional aircraft cannot be used, but may be modified.
- New infrastructure is required at the airport: hydrogen production, hydrogen liquefaction
- To transport the same payload over the same range
  - Larger *accommodation spaces* have to be found for the (almost) cylindrical LH2 tanks.
  - LH2 aircraft are larger due to the large tanks and therefore show **higher zero lift drag**.
- All LH2 aircraft configurations have **higher operating costs**: short range: + 5%, long range: + 15%.
- Despite the insulation of the tanks, the hydrogen heats up and sometimes becomes gaseous again.
  - This hydrogen can be used in flight.
  - **On the ground**, the pressure in the tank would rise and hydrogen would have to be **blown off**.
- A refueled aircraft cannot simply be left standing on the apron.
  - **Refueling** only makes sense shortly before the start.
  - **Flight operation** must take this into account and are therefore a little **less flexible**.

Please see Bibliography for "Green Freighter" References and http://gf.ProfScholz.de
Airbus ZEROe and Remarks
Airbus: "Zero-Emission" Hybrid-Hydrogen Passenger Aircraft

"At Airbus, we have the ambition to develop the world’s first zero-emission commercial aircraft by 2035."

(2020-09-21)
Airbus Hydrogen Turbofan Concept Plane


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Airbus First? Tu-155 First Experimental Hydrogen Aircraft

Tu-155 was the first experimental aircraft in the world operating on hydrogen.

- First flight was on 15 April 1988.
- Hydrogen blow-off

Airbus First?  Tu-155 First Experimental Hydrogen Aircraft

The experimental hydrogen-powered NK-88 engine is located in the right side nacelle. The cryogenic fuel is kept in a fuel tank of 17.5 m³ capacity. It is installed in a special compartment in the rear portion of the passenger cabin.

A large flight testing program was fulfilled (about 100 flights). Several international flight demonstrations were made including those to Bratislava (Czechoslovakia), Nice (France), Berlin and Hannover (Germany).

To use cryogenic fuel, the airframe and some standard systems were modified, cryogenic fuel charging, storage and feeding systems were installed that ensured fire/explosion safety, and data acquisition and recording system.

For safety purpose the experimental cryogenic fuel complex was in a special compartment isolated from adjacent fuselage compartments by buffer areas provided with a ventilation system.


Airbus First? First Passenger Hydrogen Fuel Cell Aircraft

ZeroAvia Completes World First Hydrogen-Electric Passenger Plane Flight

25 September, 2020, 08:00 BST

— Leading innovator in the decarbonisation of aviation makes major breakthrough with first hydrogen fuel cell flight of a commercial-size aircraft.

— ZeroAvia’s retrofitted Piper M-class is now the largest hydrogen powered aircraft in the world.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/K2G4-XEJP
ZeroAvia
Hydrogen
Fuel Cell Fight

ZeroAvia's hydrogen powered Piper

http://sustainableskies.org/zeroavia-first-out-gate-h2

Interior of a Piper M350 (https://www.piper.com)
Airbus: The Schedule Towards 2035

Airbus: A **full-scale aircraft prototype** is **estimated** to **arrive by the late 2020s**.

https://www.airbus.com/newsroom/stories/these-new-airbus-concept-aircraft-have-one-thing-in-common.html

Archived at: https://perma.cc/33W7-BBY6
Airbus Zero Emission?

Zero emission
Bringing cleaner technology to aerospace

The image shows the Airbus concept plane from 2011. The engines seem to have only a relatively small by-pass-ratio. Efficient cabin design is usually asking for the first door aft of the cockpit in order to have sufficient cabin width in first row.

https://www.airbus.com/innovation/zero-emission.html
Archived at: https://perma.cc/A2F9-6J5C
Fundamentals of Environmental Aviation Goals

Goals can be distinguished by:

- **Level**:
  - Technology (e.g. ACARE)
  - Aircraft
  - Global Fleet (e.g. IATA)
- **Entity** (CO2, NOx, H2O, Noise, ...)
- **Amount of Reduction** (50%, 75%, 100%)
- **Year of Announcement**
- **Year of Achievement**
- **Governing Body** (ACARE, ...)

For more on aviation goals see:

Available from: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4066959
History of "Zero Emissions":
IATA 2007: First in Proclaiming "Zero Emissions" (Goals Not Active Anymore)

Home » Pressroom » Press Releases » IATA Calls for a Zero Emissions Future

No.: 21
Date: 4 June 2007

IATA Calls for a Zero Emissions Future

VANCOUVER - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) issued four challenges to drive the air transport industry towards its vision of zero emissions.

“The environmental track record of the industry is good: over the last four decades we have reduced noise by 75%, eliminated soot and improved fuel efficiency by 70%. And the billions being invested in new aircraft will make our fleet 25% more fuel efficient by 2020. This will limit the growth of our carbon footprint from today’s 2% to 3% in 2050,” said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA Director General and CEO.

“But a growing carbon footprint is no longer politically acceptable—for any industry. Climate change will limit our future unless we change our approach from technical to strategic. Air transport must aim to become an industry that does not pollute—zero emissions,” said Bisignani.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/JSR2-JC79
History of "Zero Emission" – The Logic of Political Goal Setting

1: ACARE: Vision 2020
2: ACARE: Flightpath 2050
3: Airbus, DLR*, ..., Zero Emission
4: Hypothetical, if political trend continues

* DLR, BDLI, 2020-11-14: Zero Emission Aviation. Archived at: https://perma.cc/M5VN-HG3Z

Goal setting is linked to asking for public money:
- If money came for goal #n, a goal #n+1 has to be proclaimed as the base for a new requests for more money.
- Goal #n+1 needs to surpass goal #n in terms of reduction percentage and in an ever shorter time frame for its achievement.
- Goal #n+1 is proclaimed before goal #n has been reached.
Airbus: "Zero-Emission"?

Beware! "Zero-emission" is never possible; not for aircraft, not for animals/humans (CO2, CH4).

Airbus: By 2035, the world’s first zero-emission commercial aircraft could [or could not] take to the skies. To bring this vision to reality, Airbus is exploring [not: developing and building] game-changing concept aircraft – known as ZEROe – powered by hydrogen, a disruptive zero-emission technology [note: the technology is zero-emission not the aircraft] with the potential [but not necessarily the capability] to reduce aircraft emissions by up to 50%.[1]

What is meant? "zero-emission aircraft" or only "reduce aircraft emission by up to 50%"?
What is meant? "zero-emission aircraft" or only "zero-emission technology"?

Archive at: https://perma.cc/33W7-BBY6
Airbus: "Zero-Emission" – Corporate Statements

"At Airbus, we are convinced that carbon-neutral aviation is ... achievable." [1]

When?/What? What is "carbon-neutral aviation"? Is it "carbon-neutral growth (CNG)"? This is due in 2020, but is not achieved (or only due to the Corona pandemic). So it must be "no carbon" or "a closed carbon cycle" making carbon (CO2) emissions "neutral".

"... it is estimated that hydrogen has the potential to reduce aviation’s CO2 emissions by up to 50%." [2]

"50%" is not "carbon-neutral aviation". How to achieve "carbon-neutral aviation", if 50% CO2 is still emitted?

Please compare with the statement on previous page: "reduce aircraft emissions by up to 50%" versus "reduce aviation’s CO2 emissions by up to 50%". "aircraft emissions" or "aviation’s emissions"? "emissions; 50%" or "CO2 emissions; 50%"?

"This is why we have the ambition to develop the world’s first zero-emission commercial aircraft by 2035." [1]

"Zero-emission" by only reducing CO2 by 50%? Aviation’s emissions are more than only CO2.
We do not have a CO2 problem. We have a water problem!

"All three ZEROe [zero-emission] concepts are ... powered by hydrogen combustion." [3]
"Zero-emission" is linked to an aircraft’s "hydrogen combustion". This is far from true!

Archived at: https://perma.cc/58TL-YKCC
Archived at: https://perma.cc/AM2K-4C9Q
Archived at: https://perma.cc/HJ6L-3HUB
IATA (and ATAG) wanted to achieve "Carbon-Neutral Growth" (CNG) from 2020 onwards.
This is only possible with CO2 compensation (carbon offset schemes).
In 2020 the goal of "Carbon-Neutral Growth" (CNG) was swept under the carpet.
Some may point to CORSIA, but CORSIA does not deliver CNG.
The industry does not argue with Corona for CNG, because the Corona pandemic resulted in decline instead of the industry propagated continuous growth.

2020 is arbitrary to start with CO2 compensation.
Compensation could have started earlier.
Why not postpone longer?
Did we notice any change with the 2020 CO2 cap?

Archived at: https://perma.cc/42HW-ZTKF
Airbus: "Zero-Emission" – Interesting Personal Statements

Glenn Llewelyn (Vice President Head of Zero Emission Aircraft, Airbus):

*We make sure that there are no non-CO2-effects when we use hydrogen onboard the aircraft.* It's not all resolved in terms of the solution and the details. We have a road map ... to secure our ambition to zero emission. Very clearly we see that hydrogen has the potential ... has some work to do but [hydrogen] is really the most promising vector to deliver ultimately zero emission flight. [1]

Dr. Sandra Bour-Schaeffer (Head of Airbus Group Demonstrators, CEO of Airbus UpNext):

*We will be producing more vapor and probably more contrails ... Yes there remain open questions we have to look on and contrails are one of them.* [2]

Glenn Llewelyn:

As recently as five years ago, hydrogen propulsion wasn't even on our radar as a viable emission-reduction technology pathway. Today, we're excited by the incredible potential hydrogen offers aviation in terms of disruptive emissions reduction. [3]

Decarbonisation means reducing CO2, but aviation emissions is more than CO2!
Life Cycle Analysis (LCA):  
Combined View on Emissions and Resources

Emissions:
● Hydrogen combustion emits 2.6 times more water per energy than kerosene.
● This leads to contrails forming already at lower altitudes and hence more often.
● Hydrogen is an energy carrier that is responsible for as much CO2 as its production has emitted.
● If hydrogen is produced from electricity, the energy mix has to be accounted for.
● As long as electricity is taken from the grid:
   No one should claim only the "clean portion" of the electricity and leave the "dirty portion" of the electricity to others!
● Aviation's emissions contributing to global warming are much more than CO2! They include also NOx.
● A large contribution to global warming is from Aircraft-Induced Cloudiness (AIC).

Resources / Energy:
● It is not only about emissions, it is also about depletion of resources and primary energy consumption.
● The primary energy factor of electricity is about 2.2, for fuel 1.1 (see next page)
   => ratio electricity/fuel: 2.0

Combined View:
● A Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) sums it all up.
From Energy to Approximate Emission Comparison

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### Energy 
- $H_L = 43$ MJ/kg  
- $\eta_{charge} = 0.9$

### Exergy
- Carnot Efficiency: 
  \[ \eta_C = 1 - \frac{T}{T_{TET}} \]
  \[ = 1 - \frac{216.65}{1440} = 0.85 \]
- $\eta_{GT} = 0.35$  
- $\eta_{EM} = 0.9$

### Radiative Forcing Index
- $k_{RFI} = 2.7$ (1.9 ... 4.7)

### Graphs
- **Primary Energy Factor (k_{PEF}), Electricity**
  - Linear (fossil fuels)
  - Polynomial (PEF)
  - $y = -3,1164E-09x^6 + 3,7595E-05x^5 - 1,8897E-01x^4 + 5,0657E+02x^3 - 7,6385E+05x^2 + 6,1428E+08x - 2,0583E+11$
  - $R^2 = 9,9867E-01$

- **share of fossil fuels in electricity generation, x_{ff}**
  - Linear (fossil fuels)
  - $y = -7,763E-03x + 1,610E+01$
  - $R^2 = 9,954E-01$

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EU-Study, May 2020

**Emissions**

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**Energy / Primary Energy**

- **PtL:** 2.7 times more than LH2!
- **LH₂ from electrolysis and liquefaction on site**
  - Production well-to-tank: 100% x 70% x 83% = 58%
  - renewable energy: 100%
  - electrolysis: 70%
  - distribution & liquefaction: 83%

- **Synfuel from direct air carbon capture**
  - Production well-to-tank: 100% x 70% x 32% x 99% = 22%
  - renewable energy: 100%
  - electrolysis: 70%
  - FT-production: 32%
  - transport & distribution: 99%

**Links:**
- EU-Study, May 2020
- Hydrogen-powered aviation
- AIRBUS and many others

**Sources:**
- https://doi.org/10.2843/471510
- Archived at: https://perma.cc/BJJ6-5L74

**Notes:**
- Energy factor compared to electricity and kerosene:
  - LH₂: 1.7
  - Synfuel: 3.4 !!!
  - PtL: 4.6 9.2 !!!
Refueling an A350 Once per Day Can Be Done with 52 Big Wind Power Plants (4.6 MW Each)
EU-Study, May 2020: Aviation's Energy Demand – Too Much

The full global demand for LH₂, in aviation would require as much as 500 or 1,500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity, depending on the scenario assumed, or about 20 or 60 percent of the total capacity of renewable energy available today. Scaling up to this capacity would obviously raise significant planning challenges. That being said, if an energy-equivalent amount of synfuel from direct air capture were produced, it would require about three times the amount of renewable energy and one and a half times the amount of electrolysis. This is a significant drawback for synfuel, as the global energy system will already be challenged to scale up enough renewable energy to make the overall energy transition a success (as illustrated in the box on the next page).

Footnote 38: Total generation capacity of renewable energy: 2351 GW (2018)

Globally, total renewable energy generation capacity reached 2,351 GW at the end of last year — about a third of total installed electricity capacity. **Hydropower** accounts for the largest share with an installed capacity of 1,172 GW — about half of the total. **Wind** and **solar** energy account for most of the remainder, with capacities of 564 GW and 480 GW, respectively. Other renewables included 121 GW of bioenergy, 13 GW of geothermal energy and 500 MW of marine energy (tide, wave and ocean energy).

https://www.hydroreview.com/2019/04/03/irena-reports-renewable-energy-now-accounts-for-a-third-of-global-power-capacity
Archived at: https://perma.cc/YLY4-CG2R

**Aviation's energy demand today is too high:** Minium **all** wind or solar energy available today!

**First we need to reduce the amount of air travel.**
Then we may have a chance to power aviation with renewable energy.
Airbus Hydrogen Concept Planes: Payload and Range

**Introducing Airbus ZEROe**

**Turboprop**
- <100 Passengers
- 1,000+nm Range
- Liquid Hydrogen Storage & Distribution System
- Hydrogen Hybrid Turboprop Engines (x 2)

**Blended-Wing Body**
- <200 Passengers
- 2,000+nm Range
- Liquid Hydrogen Storage & Distribution System
- Hydrogen Hybrid Turboprop Engines (x 2)

**Turbofan**
Payload-Range Diagram – Fundamentals

- **A** (MZFW limited)
- **B** (max. payload)
- **C** (MTOW limited)
- **D** (usual design point)

- **X** (payload at max. range)
- **Y** (range at maximum payload)
- **Z** (range at max. passenger load)
- **W** (max. range)
- **V** (ferry range)

Legend:
- **MZFW**: Maximum Zero-Fuel Weight
- **MTOW**: Maximum Take-Off Weight
- **X**: Point where payload is maximized for a given range

The diagram illustrates the relationship between payload and range, highlighting key design points and constraints.
Payload-Range Diagram – Airbus A320

A320-200, Payload range diagram for CFM 56 5A series engine (Airbus 2011, p. 113)
**ZEROe concept aircraft**

**Turbofan**
Two hybrid-hydrogen turbofan engines provide thrust. The liquid hydrogen storage and distribution system is located behind the rear pressure bulkhead.

**Turboprop**
Two hybrid-hydrogen turboprop engines, which drive eight-bladed propellers, provide thrust. The liquid hydrogen storage and distribution system is located behind the rear pressure bulkhead.

**Blended-Wing Body (BWB)**
The exceptionally wide interior opens up multiple options for hydrogen storage and distribution. Here, the liquid hydrogen storage tanks are stored underneath the wings. Two hybrid-hydrogen turbofan engines provide thrust.

*Here "hybrid" means: generator/motor embedded in the engine*


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Some Comments

- **Turbofan and turboprop** have the LH2 tank only in the back. This produces an unbalanced aircraft with a considerable CG shift during flight. The project "Green Freighter" (http://GF.ProfScholz.de) shows a turboprop with tanks fore and aft to balance the aircraft. (See Chapter "Introduction".)

- The project "Airport2030" (Possible A320 Successor, http://Airport2030.ProfScholz.de) was looking at a 200-passenger turboprop. The turboprop needs less fuel than a turbofan, is lighter, the smaller wing area in 36 m span has a larger aspect ratio. Snowball effects help further. Together with other adapted parameter, fuel consumption can be reduced by 30% compared to a turbofan.

- The **BWB** above seems to be out of proportions. The aircraft has only one door (each side), which is not sufficient to evacuate 200 passengers. A design without vertical tail(s) is not advisable. BWB make sense (if at all) only for aircraft larger than the A380 (square-cube-law). With an efficient aerodynamic layout, a flying wing is longitudinally statically unstable and cannot be certified (today) to CS-25. Other show stoppers exist. See: Scholz 2006, https://bit.ly/3leyyMr
Related to "Hybrid": E-Fan X Hybrid-Electric Demonstrator based on Avro RJ100 / BAe 146

- Project announced on 2017-11-28.
- Project ended on 2020-04-24.

"The partners are committed to meeting the EU technical environmental goals of the European Commission’s Flightpath 2050 Vision for Aviation (reduction of CO2 by 75%, reduction of NOx by 90% and noise reduction by 65%)." (https://bit.ly/2UB4D6v)

- Electric engines have at best the same mass as an aviation gas turbine.
- The new propulsion system (gas turbine, generator, electric motor) has at least 3 times the mass of the original propulsion system, which could do with only the gas turbine.
Airbus / Rolls-Royce: E-Fan X Hybrid-Electric Demonstrator

Evaluation Results at HAW Hamburg (Master Thesis, Benegas 2019):

- Given aircraft => Wing area, maximum loads, mass (MTOW, MZFW) relevant for certification is fixed!
- E-Fan X: Three Lycoming ALF 502 engines (old), one AE2100A turboshaft (new)
- New AE2100A gas turbine is slightly more efficient
- Take-off requires less than 2.5 MW (for one engine)
  => no batteries required (therefore eliminated here to improve design)
- Operating empty weight (OEW) increases
  => payload (MPL) decreases
  => number of passengers decreases to 73 (from 82) by 11%
  => fuel burn and emission per passenger increase
- Direct Operating Costs (DOC) per passenger seat mile increase by about 10%.
Airbus / Rolls-Royce: E-Fan X Hybrid-Electric Demonstrator

Greenwashing

E-Fan X
A giant leap towards zero-emission flight

https://www.airbus.com/innovation/zero-emission/electric-flight.html
Archived at: https://perma.cc/9ZPP-ULRS

For more on hybrid-electric flight see Bibliography:
Scholz 2018, https://doi.org/10.15488/3986
Modern Aviation Vocabulary

- a **giant leap** (for mankind; Neil Armstrong when setting foot on the moon)
- to rise to the **challenge**
- **seismic shift**
- **game-changing**
- (bold) **vision**
- **revolutionary design**
- **disruptive technology** (braking with the traditional way e.g. of technology)
- (there is no) **silver bullet** (simple solution to a complicated problem)
- **crystal ball** (forecasting the future)
- the entire **aviation ecosystem**
- ...
Electric Propulsion at Airbus – Limited Success

- **Airbus develops CriCri, the world's first fully-electric, four-engine aerobatic aircraft.**
- **Airbus co-funds the development of e-Genius, a two-seater electric aircraft.**
- **E-Fan 1.0 becomes the first electric aircraft demonstrator developed in the Airbus portfolio.**
- **E-Fan 1.1 successfully crosses the English Channel.**
- **Airbus launches E-Fan X, a hybrid-electric aircraft demonstrator.**
- **Vahana, Airbus' self-piloted single-passenger eVTOL demonstrator, takes its first test flight.**
- **E-Aircraft System House (EAS) opens in Ottobrunn, Germany, serving as Airbus' test facility dedicated to alternative-propulsion systems.**
- **Airbus launches inaugural electric airplane race—the first of its kind—with Air Race E.**

**Further ambitions cancelled in favor of E-Fan X**

University Stuttgart crosses the Alps on a return trip in one day (2015) with 320 km / 365 km.

[https://perma.cc/YCA2-2DWW](https://perma.cc/YCA2-2DWW)
"The aviation industry has committed to **carbon-neutral growth** starting from **2020**. But this ambitious target **cannot be achieved using existing aircraft**..."

This is an Airbus statement still on the Internet on 2020-11-19.

**Question:** When does Airbus want to offer the new aircraft to manage carbon-neutral growth in **2020**?
Airbus experts in aircraft materials, aerodynamics and engines came up with a Concept Plane design that is an ‘engineer’s dream’.

More than a flight of pure fantasy, The Airbus Concept Plane embodies what air transport could look like in 2050 – even 2030 if advancements in existing technologies continue apace. Ultra long and slim wings, semi-embedded engines, a U-shaped tail and lightweight intelligent body all feature to further improve environmental performance or ‘eco-efficiency’. The result is lower fuel burn, a significant cut in emissions, decreased noise pollution and greater comfort.

The Airbus Concept Plane brings together a package of technologies, which although feasible, are unlikely ever to coexist in this manner. So it is not a plane that will fly, but it stretches the imagination of engineers, it highlights some of the challenges and decisions that lie ahead for air travel, and it illustrates the main technologies being explored in anticipation of the future needs of passengers and their planet.
Airbus Concept Plane: MAVERIC (11 February 2020)

https://perma.cc/92XW-266S
Airbus Concept Plane: Bird of Prey (19 July 2019)

https://perma.cc/QF4J-QF3A
Airbus Concept Plane: E-Thrust (9 January 2014)

https://perma.cc/3VTP-HM47
Airbus Concept Plane: No Name (4 February 2011)

Many pretty pictures, but it was never intended that anything would come out of it. Will it be different this time with the latest concept plane, ZEROe? Or is ZEROe only buying time?

https://perma.cc/K2N4-2ZCS
Corona, Politics, and Lots of Money Behind ZEROe

CORAC to receive EUR1.5bn over three years to research carbon neutral aircraft

Archived at: https://perma.cc/9WEM-TGAV

The French government has earmarked 1.5 billion euros for the development of carbon-free aircraft as part of a support plan for the aviation sector, which has been brought to its knees by the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. Overall, France is planning to invest 7 billion euros in the development of hydrogen solutions, with neighboring Germany setting aside 9 billion.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/8MV9-4HMN

In a sharp increase in funding for the [Council for Civil Aviation Research] CORAC research body, France said it would invest 1.5 billion euros over three years to support research into environmentally friendly technology. The main goal of the investment would be a carbon-neutral successor to the A320, Europe’s best-selling jet, with hydrogen as an energy source instead of today’s oil-based gas turbines. “Our target is to have a carbon-neutral airplane in 2035 instead of 2050, thanks especially to an (ultra-efficient) engine using hydrogen,” Le Maire [french finance minister] said.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/3HL5-ARRF
Corona, Politics, and Lots of Money Behind ZEROe

The Conseil Stratégique pour la Recherche Aéronautique Civile Française (CORAC)

English: Council for Civil Aviation Research

The decision to create a Council for Civil Aviation Research (CORAC) was taken at the French environment round table and included in the agreement of January 28, 2008 which outlined the resulting commitments of the air transport industry. The council, which takes as its model the EU’s Advisory Council for Aeronautical Research in Europe (ACARE), was set up on July 23, 2008. Bringing together the [Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile] DGAC with all the other industry bodies (companies, airlines, airports, air navigation institutions, research centres), it is charged with drawing up and implementing the research projects and technological innovations needed to attain the environmental targets set by the ACARE.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/M2QF-NJ9W
Aeronautics: "The ecological transition requires a profound transformation of our industry"

Technical progress will not be enough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from airplanes, essential against global warming, say more than 700 students from the aeronautics sector in a forum at the "World", who plead in favor of industrial conversions and a reduction in air traffic.

Archived at: https://perma.cc/5L84-G4QN
Biggest Emission Reduction in Aviation History Thanks to the Corona Pandemic

Traffic reduction is more efficient than technology

https://stay-grounded.org

It's about more than just CO2
Aviation must reduce its total impact on climate
Summing Up the Airbus ZEROe Case

- Environmental arguments are inconsistent.
- Effect of emitted water (AIC: contrails & cirrus clouds) not mentioned.
- Statement "Zero Emission" is wrong.
- Primary energy consumption not considered.
- Global energy demand of aviation under LH2 scenario not considered.
- Concept plane is wrong medium to communicate serious research and development.
- Requirements from concept planes are incomplete (only number of passengers and range).
- Concept plane are just ideas and nice pictures, but no commitment.
- Absolutely no results or more detailed ideas communicated with concept planes.
- Design errors on concept planes.
- No track record of successful alternative energy aircraft projects.
- Probably motivated by 1.5 billion euro bailout money.
- 1.5 billion euros to be spent in 3 years. Compared with: 10% of this time (9.6.-21.9.2020) elapsed at day of presentation of concept planes (without meaningful results)!
- Not willing to see apparent solution for the environment: Fly less! (As we do now.)
- Disinformation of the public ("Zero Emission").
- Intentional disinformation and as such: "Fake News" disseminated via Social Media.
Truth Decay: Right or Wrong Does Not Matter Anymore

Definitions from the book:

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**Airbus spreads misleading information** ("zero emission") intentionally, which makes it "Fake News":

- Airbus knows better, because Airbus partnered the EU report "Hydrogen-Powered Aviation". ([https://doi.org/10.2843/471510](https://doi.org/10.2843/471510))
- Dr. Bour-Schaeffer (Airbus) knows better and has publically declared as such (RAeS Corporate Partner Briefing, 2020-11-05), only when asked, however this has not changed Airbus' official narrative or written statements.
- This is not a single event. **Airbus has distributed similarly wrong statements** e.g. related to cabin air ventilation:

For more related information see:

What Is the Hidden Strategy?

- When a strategy is hidden, **only assumptions** about it can be made. Here an attempt.
- **Airbus** has no new aircraft under development. Aircraft deliveries are down. Little work for many employees. The know-how of the workforce needs to be maintained. Salaries need to be paid. **Government** can help and pay (see previous pages).
- **After the Corona pandemic** the aviation world may look different. Business travel will be less, because web meeting tools are in frequent use. Private travel may not reach the growth rates as seen before.
- **With a "zero emission" aircraft** an argument is prepared...
  - against possible political ideas to keep flying at low numbers close to those during the Corona pandemic for environmental reasons,
  - against any other political limitations or financial measures for environmental reasons,
  - to convince passengers that flying is not that bad after all (against a bad conscience, against flight shame or flygskam),
  - to buy time and to continue as long as possible without further political disturbance.
- The aircraft needs to be "zero emission" not because it is "zero emission", but because anything less than that will neither convince politics nor passengers.
- **This is why a technical debate about: "How much 'zero emission' is possible?" is impossible!**
Airbus A321 for LH2 (HAW Hamburg)
Hydrogen's **Show Stopper in Aviation** (up to 2020)

**Hydrogen's show stopper in aviation is the necessary big investments**

1.) in new aircraft

2.) in new airport infrastructure
   * liquid hydrogen production
   * new refueling equipment at airports

**In contrast:**
**Drop-in fuel** (biofuel, synthetic fuel) needs no investment in the aviation system

1.) same aircraft

2.) same airport infrastructure
   * no extra production facility at airport
   * same refueling equipment
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   * liquid hydrogen production
   * new refueling equipment

Can we reduce the investment by using modified existing aircraft for the new energy carrier hydrogen?

**Hypothesis:**
Use an existing (longer) fuselage to integrate the hydrogen tanks to limit investment!

Fuselage Length Compared:

- **A320**
  - 37.57 m (123.27 ft)
  - Hypothesis: Use an existing (longer) fuselage to integrate the hydrogen tanks to limit investment!

- **A321**
  - 44.51 m (145.03 ft)

The Idea
A320 Family

Dimensions of the A320 family (Airbus Technical Data)
Hydrogen Storage in the Fuselage (Front and Rear)

Distribution of the tank in the front and in the back to balance CG.

Two tanks forward and two tanks aft. Assume no double tank failure or aircraft robust against CG shift.

Use of some portion of the front and aft cabin.

Use of an even bigger portion of front and aft cargo compartment.
### Trade-Off for Tank Location in Fuselage

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**TOTAL**: 13 (Over the fuselage) 17 (Front and Rear)

† 3 is High; 2 is Medium; 1 is Low

Not compatible with simple fuselage stretch.

The winner!
Additional (!) Hydrogen Storage in Underwing Pods
Passage Way for Cockpit Crew to Reach the Cabin

- For certification: No need for passage way from cockpit to cabin (according to Roskam)

- Passage way selected here for convenience.  
  But: Reduces tank volume in the front tank leads to longer fuselage.
Overview of Aircraft Configurations

H: LH2 Aircraft
W: A321 with additional hydrogen tanks under wing
S: A321 with additional stretch (to give more volume for LH2 tanks)
19: A321 filled only with 156 (instead of 180) one-class passengers
(more room left for LH2 tanks). Same payload & range kept
Baseline Aircraft: **A320**

List of fundamental aircraft and cabin variables with the values of the reference aircraft

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Calculation tool adapted and used: **OPerA – Optimization in Preliminary Aircraft**

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Breakdown of the OEW, DOC and Drag Component, A320-200

Operational Empty Mass

- Wing: 18%
- Fuselage: 26%
- Horizontal tail: 18%
- Vertical tail: 5%
- Engine: 22%
- Landing gear: 6%
- Systems: 3%
- Operator System: 2%

Direct Operating Cost

- Depreciation: 30%
- Interest: 13%
- Insurance: 11%
- Fuel: 7%
- Maintenance: 9%
- Crew: 29%
- Fee: 1%

Component of Drag

- Wing: 38%
- Horizontal tail: 11%
- Vertical tail: 7%
- Fuselage: 11%
- Engine: 33%
Comparison of A321-HS with A320-200

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Details of the tanks for the A321-HS

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A321: $l_F = 44.5$ m
Delta: 4.9 m

energy up 46 %
Aircraft Design for Hydrogen

A320-200

A321-HS
### Comparison of A321-HW with A320-200

A321-HW: $l_F = 44.5$ m
Delta: 0.7 m
energy up 44 %

#### Details of the tanks for the A321-HW

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### Comparison of A321-H19 with A320-200

**Details of the tanks for the A321-H19**

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*If DOC are based on A319: DOC (AEA) +17% DOC (TUB) +21%

A321: \(l_F = 44.5\) m

**Delta:** 1.7 m

**Energy up 41%**
## Overall Comparison

|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| $l_F$ [m] | 38.4     | 49.4    | 45.2    | 46.2     | A321: $l_F = 44.5$ m
| $m_{MTO}$ [kg] | 72274    | 73578   | 70716   | 70916    |
| $m_{OE}$ [kg]  | 40199    | 47658   | 44871   | 45208    |
| $m_{ML}$ [kg]  | 63457    | 69164   | 66473   | 66661    |
| $m_F$ [kg]     | 12819    | 6664    | 6588    | 6443     |
| $E_{max}$      | 17.5     | 17.6    | 16.9    | 17.6     |
| $T_{TO}$ [kN]  | 109.4    | 103.9   | 99.8    | 100.2    |
| $BPR$          | 6        | 6       | 6       | 6        |
| $SFC$ [kg/N/s] | 1.65E-05 | 5.79E-06| 5.82E-06| 5.82E-06 |
| $m_T$ [kg]     | -        | 2531    | 2473    | 2517     |
| $n_{PAX}$      | 180      | 180     | 180     | 156      |
| $DOC$ [€/NM/t] | 1.32     | 1.68    | 1.63    | 1.78     |
| $DOC$ [€/NM/t] | 1.15     | 1.49    | 1.45    | 1.61     |
Overall Comparison

Comparison of MTOW, OEW, MLW related to the original A320-200
Overall Comparison

Comparison of DOC related to the original A320-200

If DOC are based on A319:
DOC (AEA) +17%
DOC (TUB) +21%
Payload-Range diagram comparison between a kerosene and a hydrogen-fueled aircraft
Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) in Aviation

**Definition:** Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

"Compilation and evaluation of the inputs, outputs and the potential environmental impacts of a product system during its life cycle"

Standardized according to:
- ISO 14040
- ISO 14044
### Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

**4 Phases**

1. **Goal and scope definition**

#### Life-cycle phases:

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- Goal
- System boundaries
- Functional unit
- Method for impact assessment
- Impact categories
- …
Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

4 Phases

1) Goal and scope definition

2) Inventory analysis

"Compilation and quantification of inputs and outputs for a product throughout its life cycle"
Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

4 Phases

1) Goal and scope definition

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3) Impact assessment

"Understanding and evaluating the magnitude and significance of the potential environmental impacts for a product system throughout the life cycle of the product" [1]
Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

4 Phases

1) Goal and scope definition

2) Inventory analysis

3) Impact assessment

4) Interpretation
   - Result presentation
   - Conclusions
   - Provision of recommendations
   - Explanation of limitations
   - …
Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

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4) Interpretation

Integration into the Conceptual Aircraft Design Software "PrOPerA"

Conceptual Aircraft Design:

- Requirements

Inner Optimization:
- Cabin and Fuselage
- Wing, High Lift System, Aileron
- Empennage, Elevator, Rudder
- Landing gear
- Propulsion System
- Wetted area
- Masses
- C.G.
- Max. glide ratio
- Preliminary Sizing
- Ground handling
- LCA

Outer Optimization:

Life cycle assessment framework:
- Goal and scope definition
- Inventory analysis
- Impact assessment
- Interpretation

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Aircraft Design and Systems Group (AERO)
Impact Assessment Using the ReCiPe Method

Airbus A320 with LH2 LCA Evaluation

Reference Aircraft, Requirements

- **Airbus A320-200**, weight variant WV000
- Design range: 1510 NM with a payload of 19256 kg
- 180 PAX in a one-class layout
- Cruise Mach number 0.76

http://www.aerospaceweb.org
Details of the LCA for the Hydrogen Powered A320

- Hydrogen is produced:
  1. using natural gas *steam reforming* and *electricity mix*
  2. using *electrolysis* and *electricity from renewable sources*
- Liquefaction of hydrogen is considered
- Transport of the liquid hydrogen from the production site to the airport is not considered
- It is considered that *hydrogen produces 2.6 times the amount of water* compared to kerosene
- **Tanks** between cockpit and cabin, behind the cabin, and in the cargo compartment
- **Stretch** of the aircraft by 11 m
Hydrogen Powered A320

- Reduced hydrogen mass due to high mass energy density
- Stretched fuselage for additional tanks due to low volumetric energy density: 11 m
- In total: No improvement of the Maximum Take-Off Mass (MTOM)
- Steam reforming and electricity mix: SS = +300%
- Electrolysis and electricity from renewable sources: SS = -27%

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Reference Aircraft: A320

- Cruise flight and kerosene production dominate environmental impact
- $\text{CO}_2$, $\text{NO}_x$, crude oil and contrails/cirrus clouds have highest influence
Hydrogen Powered A320 – Steam Reforming

- Cruise flight and hydrogen production from steam reforming dominate environmental impact
- Contrails/cirrus clouds from the flight (2.6 times the amount of water compared with kerosene) and CO$_2$ from the production have highest influence
Equivalent CO2 Mass
Equivalent CO₂ Mass

\[ m_{\text{CO}_2,\text{e}} \]

Available from: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4068135
Aviation Emissions and Climate Impact

CO2: Long term influence
Non-CO2: Short term influence (immediate mitigation is possible)

Kerosene and LH2 Combustion

Real Combustion:
\[ \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{SO}_x + \text{UHC} + \text{CO} + \text{C}_\text{Soot} + \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 \]

Ideal Combustion:
\[ \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{SO}_x \]

not included in LH2 combustion

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EMEP/EEA Guidebook
https://www.eea.europa.eu

Own Fuel Calculation

\[ E_{\text{NO}_x} \]

\[ m_F \]
Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

\[ m_{\text{CO2,eq}} = \frac{EI_{\text{CO2}} \cdot f_{\text{NM}}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot 1 + \frac{EI_{\text{NOx}} \cdot f_{\text{NM}}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot CF_{\text{midpoint,NOx}} + \frac{R_{\text{NM}}}{R_{\text{NM}} \cdot n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot CF_{\text{midpoint,\text{AIC}}} \]

Sustained Global Temperature Potential, SGTP (similar to GWP):

\[ CF_{\text{midpoint,NOx}}(h) = \frac{SGTP_{\text{O3s,100}}}{SGTP_{\text{CO2,100}}} \cdot s_{\text{O3s}}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{\text{O3L,100}}}{SGTP_{\text{CO2,100}}} \cdot s_{\text{O3L}}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{\text{CH4,100}}}{SGTP_{\text{CO2,100}}} \cdot s_{\text{CH4}}(h) \]

\[ CF_{\text{midpoint,cloudiness}}(h) = \frac{SGTP_{\text{contrails,100}}}{SGTP_{\text{CO2,100}}} \cdot s_{\text{contrails}}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{\text{cirrus,100}}}{SGTP_{\text{CO2,100}}} \cdot s_{\text{cirrus}}(h) \]

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- \( EI \): emission index
- \( f_{\text{NM}} \): fuel consumption per NM or km
- \( R_{\text{NM}} \): range in NM or km
- \( CF \): characterization factor

\( \text{Cirrus/Contrails} = 3.0 \)

- Water vapor not considered
- \( AIC \): aviation-induced cloudiness
Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

\[
m_{\text{CO2, eq}} = \frac{E_{\text{CO2}} \cdot f_{\text{NM}}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot 1 + \frac{E_{\text{NOx}} \cdot f_{\text{NM}}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot CF_{\text{midpoint, NOx}} + \frac{R_{\text{NM}}}{R_{\text{NM}} \cdot n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot CF_{\text{midpoint, AlC}}
\]

units only

\[
\frac{\text{kg CO2}}{NM \cdot n_{\text{seat}}} = \frac{\text{kg CO2/kg fuel} \cdot \text{kg fuel/NM}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot 1 + \frac{\text{kg NOx/kg fuel} \cdot \text{kg fuel/NM}}{n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot \frac{\text{kg CO2}}{\text{kg NOx}} + \frac{\text{NM}}{NM \cdot n_{\text{seat}}} \cdot \frac{\text{kg CO2}}{NM}
\]


Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

\[ CF_{\text{midpoint\_cloudiness}} (h) = \frac{SGTP_{\text{contrails},100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{\text{contrails}} (h) + \frac{SGTP_{\text{cirrus},100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{\text{cirrus}} (h) \]

\[ s_{\text{contrails}} (h) = s_{\text{cirrus}} (h) = s_{\text{AIC}} (h) \]

- The curves go along with the ICAO Standard Atmosphere (ISA) applicable for average latitudes. With a first approximation, the curves could be adapted to other latitudes by stretching and shrinking them proportionally to the altitude of the tropopause.
- The curves from SVENSSON 2004 (Fig. 1) show similar shapes. However, the importance of AIC is not yet as distinct.

Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

Forcing Factor $s = f(h)$

Forcing factors (lines) with 66% likelihood ranges (shaded areas). Altitudes with forcing factors based on radiative forcing data with independent probability distributions. (SCHWARTZ 2011)

Based on KÖHLER 2008 and RÄDEL 2008.


Aviation-Induced Cloudiness: Contrail Cirrus & Persistent Contrails

(b) Aviation forcing components, of which aviation-induced cloudiness (AIC) account for more than half.
(c) Breakdown of AIC radiative forcing into contrail cirrus and persistent contrails.

Schmidt-Appleman Criterion for Contrail Formation

The mixing process is assumed to take place isobarically, so that on a \( T-e \) diagram the mixing (phase) trajectory appears as a straight line (\( e \) is the partial pressure of water vapour in the mixture, \( T \) is its absolute temperature, see Fig. (1)). The slope of the phase trajectory, \( G \) (units Pa/K), is characteristic for the respective atmospheric situation and aircraft/engine/fuel combination. \( G \) is given by

\[
G = \frac{EI_{H_2O}p c_p}{\varepsilon Q(1 - \eta)}
\]

where \( \varepsilon \) is the ratio of molar masses of water and dry air (0.622), \( c_p = 1004 \text{ J/(kg K)} \) is the isobaric heat capacity of air, and \( p \) is ambient air pressure. \( G \) depends on fuel characteristics (emission index of water vapour, \( EI_{H_2O} = 1.25 \text{ kg per kg of kerosene burnt} \); chemical heat content of the fuel, \( Q = 43 \text{ MJ per kg of kerosene} \), and on the overall propulsion efficiency \( \eta \) of aircraft. Modern airliners have a propulsion efficiency (\( \eta \)) of approximately 0.35.

G is the slope of the dotted line. The dotted line is tangent to the water saturation line.

A steep dotted line (large \( G \)) means:
Contrails more often and also at lower altitudes.


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### Heating Value Q, Emission Index EI, and Slope G

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<td>43</td>
<td>1.24</td>
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The slope \(G\) of the dotted line is \(2.58\) times steeper in case of LH\(_2\) combustion. This means: 

Contrails more often and also at lower altitudes.

2.58 times more water vapor is produced with LH\(_2\) combustion compared to kerosene combustion (for the same energy used).
Literature Review: Hydrogen and Water Emissions

**Types of water based emissions:**
- water vapor emissions
- aviation-induced cloudiness (AIC)
  - line-shaped contrails
  - cirrus clouds (aged contrails)

*the water vapour RF [radiative forcing] increases in the cryoplane case, but by absolute magnitude this contribution remains the smallest.*

Ponater, 2006, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2006.06.036

*For H2 turbines and fuel cells, as they use H2 as fuel, 2.55 times more water vapor is formed compared to kerosene combustion* [for the same energy content].

*H2 turbines emit less soot compared to kerosene; therefore, their emission leads to optically thinner ice crystals and thus lower climate impact.* [Reduction assumed down to 60% (40% reduction). See table on page 76 in report.]

Literature Review: Hydrogen and Water Emissions

Current state of knowledge does not allow a conclusive assessment whether the net radiative impact of cryoplane contrails will be smaller or larger than that of conventional contrails. Uncertainty with respect to radiative forcing arises mainly from insufficient knowledge regarding the mean effective ice crystal radius for both conventional and, especially, cryoplane contrails.

It would be strongly desirable to compare model results to observations, i.e., measurements taken in the wake of a prototype cryoplane, which presently does not exist.

crystal radius is about a factor of 0.3 smaller for conventional contrails than for cryoplane contrails. [Hence, the radius of cryoplane's ice crystals is 3.33 times larger and the volume is 37 times larger. That means with 2.58 the amount of water there are only 7% of the ice crystals by numbers compared to kerosene. The area of the ice crystals is 11 time larger and the coverage of the sky is only 77% of that for kerosene. Everything calculated from simple geometry.]

The substitution of conventional aviation by a fleet of cryoplanes would lead to ... increase in the coverage with all contrails by a factor of 1.2

However, contrails are only visible (from satellite or an Earth-bound observer) if their optical depth exceeds a certain threshold value. In our studies, we have used a visibility-threshold of 0.02 and, therefore, have distinguished between the "visible" contrail cover and the cover with "all" contrails. Though, as just explained, the coverage with all contrails increases all over the world in our cryoplane simulations, the coverage with visible contrails decreases over a substantial part of the globe.

Change in annual mean total contrail cover for the time slice 2015 if the conventional fleet of aircraft is replaced by a fleet of cryoplanes. (d) ratio cryoplane/conventional for visible contrails.

Literature Review: Hydrogen and Water Emissions

The global mean radiative forcing of cryoplane contrails is simulated to be by about ... 30% [lower] in 2050 compared to the radiative forcing of conventional contrails. The global mean decrease in radiative forcing results from the decrease in contrail optical depth, which outweighs the effect of increased contrail cover due to the higher specific emission of water vapour. However, in tropical regions, where it is often too warm for contrail formation in the case of conventional aircraft, the increase in contrail cover for the cryoplane case is found to be relatively strong, leading to an increase in radiative forcing there.


Contrail cirrus, consisting of linear contrails and the cirrus cloudiness arising from them, yields the largest positive net (warming) ERF term followed by CO2 and NOx emissions.


Flying at lower altitudes can also lead to contrail reduction in the mid-latitudes.


Cryoplanes should cruise at an altitude of about 2–3 km below where conventional aircraft cruise today. At this reduced flight level, the contribution to global warming from the cryoplane is slightly less than about 15% of that of the conventional aircraft cruising at the datum level. In addition to the aspects considered here, reducing the flight altitude will help to avoid the formation of contrails. Inevitably, this change in cruise altitude causes increased aircraft investments and operating costs.

Hydrogen: Less NOx in Lean Combustion

Primary effect: Hydrogen burn hotter and produces more NOx.

Secondary effect: Hydrogen allows leaner combustion for less NOx.

NOx reduction potential, but not zero NOX for LH2 combustion.

For H2 turbines (vs. kerosene), hydrogen’s wider flammability limits enable leaner combustion that results in lower flame temperatures. In addition, higher burning velocities and diffusivity allow for higher reaction rates and faster mixing respectively, resulting in lower residence time. These factors cumulatively contribute to lower thermal NOx and allow for shorter combustor designs. As the total amount of NOx reduction is promising but still uncertain, a range of 50 percent to 80 percent compared to kerosene was considered. Translating this to GWP and in reference to kerosene aircraft, we used a range of GWP for NOx from H2 turbines of 10 percent (lower limit) to 75 percent (upper limit), resulting in an average GWP value of 35 percent.


As for the NOx emissions when burning hydrogen, theoretically there is, in spite of the higher stoichiometric flame temperature of hydrogen, a potential to achieve lower emissions as compared with engines using kerosene. The main reason for this is that the hydrogen flame has a wider flammability range; particularly the lean limit is substantially lower than that encountered for kerosene flames. Therefore the entire operating range may be shifted further into the lean region, with considerably reduced NOx emissions as a consequence.

Calculation of the Emission Characteristics of Aircraft Kerosene and Hydrogen Propulsion – A Comparison with Primary Effects

The method from SCHWARTZ 2009 was applied and adapted. Hydrogen combustion has 2.58 times more water emissions. If this primary effect is applied to aviation-induced cloudiness (AIC) with its line-shaped contrails and cirrus clouds, the equivalent CO2 mass would be 50% higher than for kerosene. Hydrogen flame temperature is higher (without applying special technologies) and as such NOx would be higher. It is assumed here that NOx are the same as for kerosene. Results are calculated with an Excel table: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/DLJUUK
Calculation of the Emission Characteristics of Aircraft Kerosene and Hydrogen Propulsion – A Comparison with Secondary Effects

Now secondary effects are applied on top of the primary effect for contrails due to 3.333-fold larger ice crystals (factor 0.774) and for increased coverage (factor 1.2) leading all together to a reduction factor of 0.774*1.2 = 0.929. Note: This factor already includes the 2.58 for more water emissions. If the "2.58" are kept separately, the reduction factor is 0.358! The same factor is assumed for cirrus clouds. For NOx a factor of 0.35 is assumed due to lean combustion and low flame temperature. With that equivalent CO2 mass is now below that for kerosene propulsion. See Excel table: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/DLJUUK
Conditions for Passenger Aircraft Minimum Fuel Consumption, Direct Operating Costs and Environmental Impact

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**Environmental Impact – Flying Lower**

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Units: normalized value between 0 and 1

"Neutral" mix of 50 – 50 resource depletion and engine emissions

Clear altitude boundary from $m_{CO2,eq}$ visible

Fuel consumption shape visible

Fly low and slow
Environmental Impact – Flying Lower

Changing the regular cruise altitude of an Airbus A320-200 of about 11500 m to an altitude of 6500 m at a constant Mach 0.78 would result in:

- a decrease of equivalent CO2 mass of 78 % and
- an increase of fuel consumption of 5.6 %.

The increase of fuel consumption is mostly influenced by
- an increase of TSFC of 6.0 % and
- a decrease of the aerodynamic efficiency of 5.4 %.

Combining equivalent CO2 mass and resource depletion (fuel consumption) into the environmental impact would result in a decrease of 70 % in environmental impact.

As the Mach number is kept constant, DOC are only effected by fuel consumption and increase by only 0.6%.

However, for the atmosphere this is an exchange of considerable less short term non-CO2 warming potential versus more CO2 long term warming potential. This exchange can be questioned, because it is not good for future generations.
Literature Review: Operational Measures to Avoid Contrails

Contrails cool the surface during the day and heat the surface during the night... Whereas the longwave (terrestrial) radiative forcing varies only little over the day, the shortwave (solar) forcing displays a strong diurnal cycle due to the variation of the sun's position (zenith angle). Hence... altering the time for aircraft traffic has the potential for reducing the radiative forcing due to contrails.

that most of the RF from contrails can be attributed to night-time flights. Even though only 25% of aircraft movements occur at night, they account for 60-80% of the contrails' RF.

although 22% of annual air traffic movements are winter flights, they contribute about half of the annual mean RF from contrails.

A strategy [can be] designed to achieve environmentally optimum flight routings (avoiding ice supersaturated air masses) especially for flights in the evening and night hours... As air traffic density is lower during the night, when contrails have a large individual radiative forcing, there is a greater opportunity for redirecting flights out of ice supersaturated regions* without dramatically enhancing the work load of air traffic controllers.


* Redirecting flights can be done either laterally or vertically.
Hence, only a small number of flights need to be redirected e.g. to lower altitudes to achieve still a significant effect.
The concepts of **climate-restricted airspaces** (regulatory approach) and **climate-charged airspaces** (price-based approach) show their mitigation potential. A trajectory simulation in the North Atlantic shows that more than 90% of the maximum mitigation potential of eco-efficient flying can be achieved by these concepts. The concepts resolve the existing conflict of objectives between ecology and economy in aviation. Climate-friendly flying becomes economically attractive.

**Climate Charged Airspaces**, https://youtu.be/BZbOANbAG-A

Summary (1 of 2)

- When fossil fuels come to an end, we need an efficient energy carrier to bring renewable energies (electricity) into the aircraft.
- At the same time we need to make sure that flying is done with as little emissions as possible.
- Aircraft have no aerial contact line, batteries are too heavy, PtL needs 2.7 times more electrical energy than hydrogen for its production.
- An A319 LH2 cryo plane (based on an A321 fuselage) flies its max payload at its max range with 40% more energy, 20% more DOC and about 27% less environmental burden (considering emissions and energy based on a LCA) if(!) hydrogen is from electrolysis and electricity from renewable sources.
- An aircraft flying with PtL compared with one flying on hydrogen needs $2.7/1.4 = 1.9$, or roughly two times more primary energy.
- Very long range aircraft (in case they are needed at all) would require a prohibitively large LH2 tank and are thus bound to PtL.
- Cryoplanes need lean combustion for low NOx and should fly lower to limit contrails. Research in contrail forming behind a hydrogen aircraft is needed.
- For decades to come we will have an electricity energy mix including fossil fuels and renewable energies. No one should claim the clean energy and leave the dirty energy to others.
- With all measures together, cryoplanes can reduce emissions (tank to wake) down to $44\% \times 1.4 = 62\%$ compared to kerosene planes ($38\%$ reduction). Considering however the energy mix, cryoplanes are as polluting as the kerosene planes. All the efforts do not pay off related to overall emissions!
Summary (2 of 2)

- Cryoplane emissions are more short-term than the CO2 long-term emissions from kerosene aircraft. This means that in the long term, cryoplanes burden future generations less with global warming. If we fly cryoplanes today, less CO2 piles up. Future generations could decide to stop (or reduce) flying and will see an immediate effect when cutting the short-term non-CO2 effects.

- **Renewable energy** will by far not be sufficient to maintain flying at the level we know today (2019).

- It is therefore paramount to reduce flying as it happened already during the Corona pandemic. If we do not gently start changing the aviation industry now (while change takes place), the laws of physics will tell us later, with the consequence that our children will later struggle harder to make this transformation.

- Everyone needs to abide in a basic ethic code. "Do not lie" is something we have learned from childhood. It should not be limited to private life, it needs to extend to business as well.

- We need to find a sincere way of communication. Otherwise our society will drift apart even more than it has already: aviation industry versus citizen; old generation versus young generation.

- In the end everything can be traced back to money. Too many have some kind of financial stake in the aviation industry and their narrative is compromised. This has caused already a tremendous truth decays in the aviation industry – not only limited to this topic "zero emission".

- The aviation industry has to maintain the physically implausible goal of "zero emission" by technology, because otherwise the credo "aviation needs growth" will not convince politics and society, and aviation could face restrictions.

- This is why a technical debate with industry about: "How much 'zero emission' is possible?" is impossible!
**Video "The Bill"**


The video may make you think about how we live and what we really need.

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Design of Hydrogen Passenger Aircraft – How much 'Zero-Emission' is Possible?

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