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Future Energy, Propulsion Operational Challenges – Opportunities for a Disruptive Approach

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Air Transport

A major contributor to global social & economic prosperity

- + Over 2.6 billion passengers & 48 million tonnes of freight per year, worldwide
- + Support nearly 8% of the world's economy
- + 19th rank in size by GDP* if aviation were a country (similar to Switzerland)
- + Global economic impact: // \$ 2.2 trillion (direct, indirect, induced & tourism catalytic)
// 3.5% of world GDP
- + 1,500 airlines
- + 23,800 commercial aircraft in service
- + 3,850 commercial airports

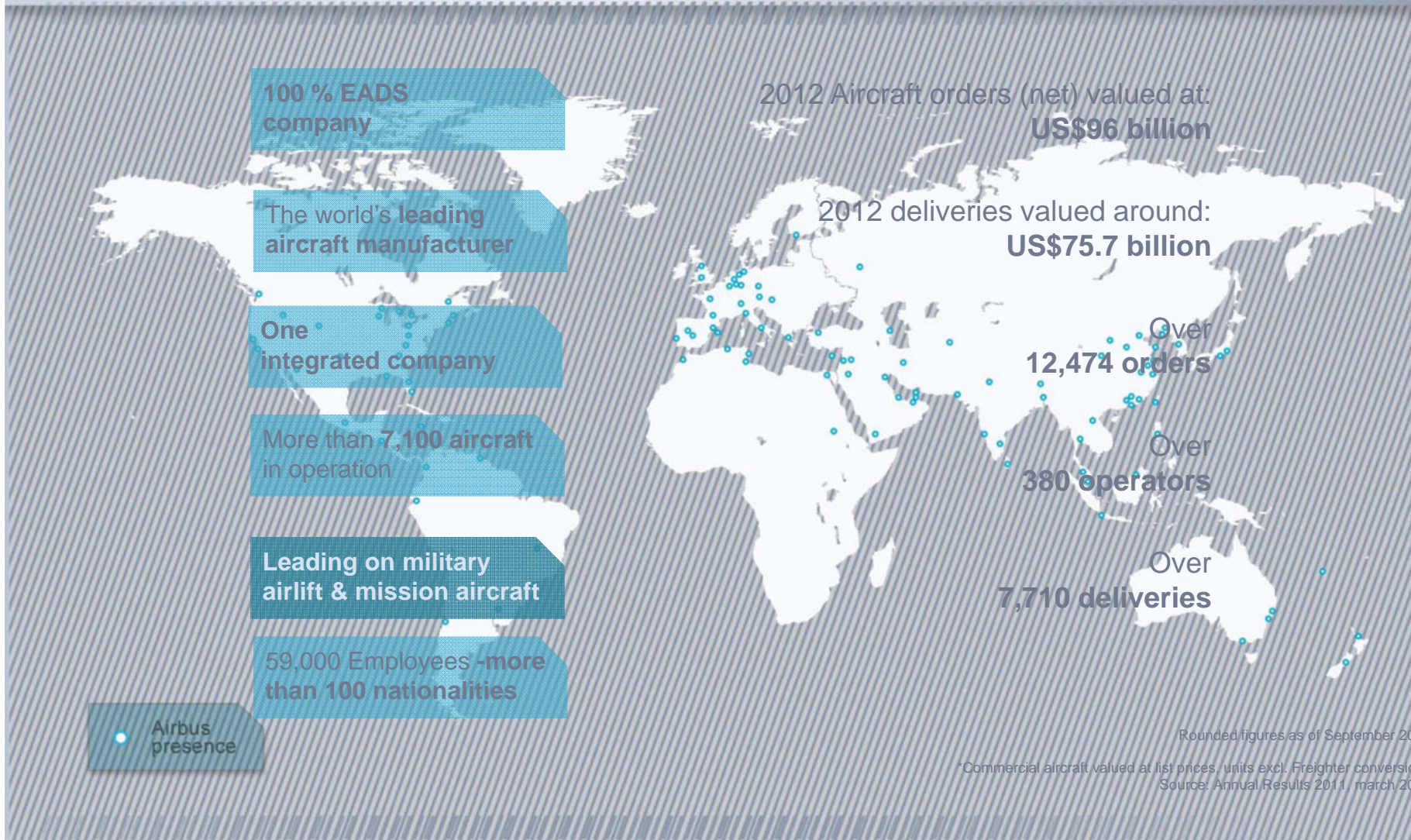
A major global employer

- + 8.4 million direct jobs
- + 56.6 million jobs globally

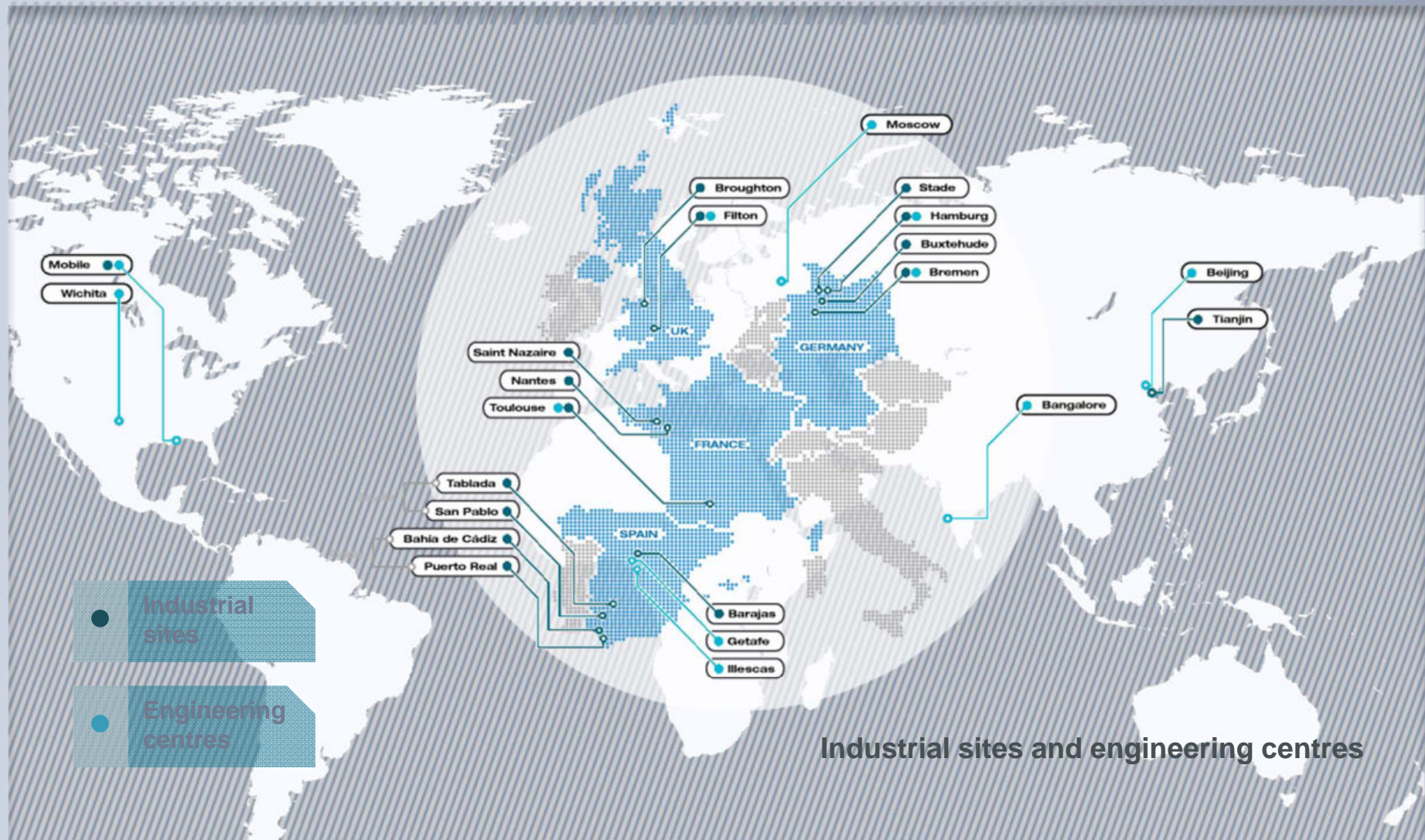


*GDP: Gross Domestic Product
Abstract from ATAG report – March 2012

Airbus: A Global Company



Airbus Today



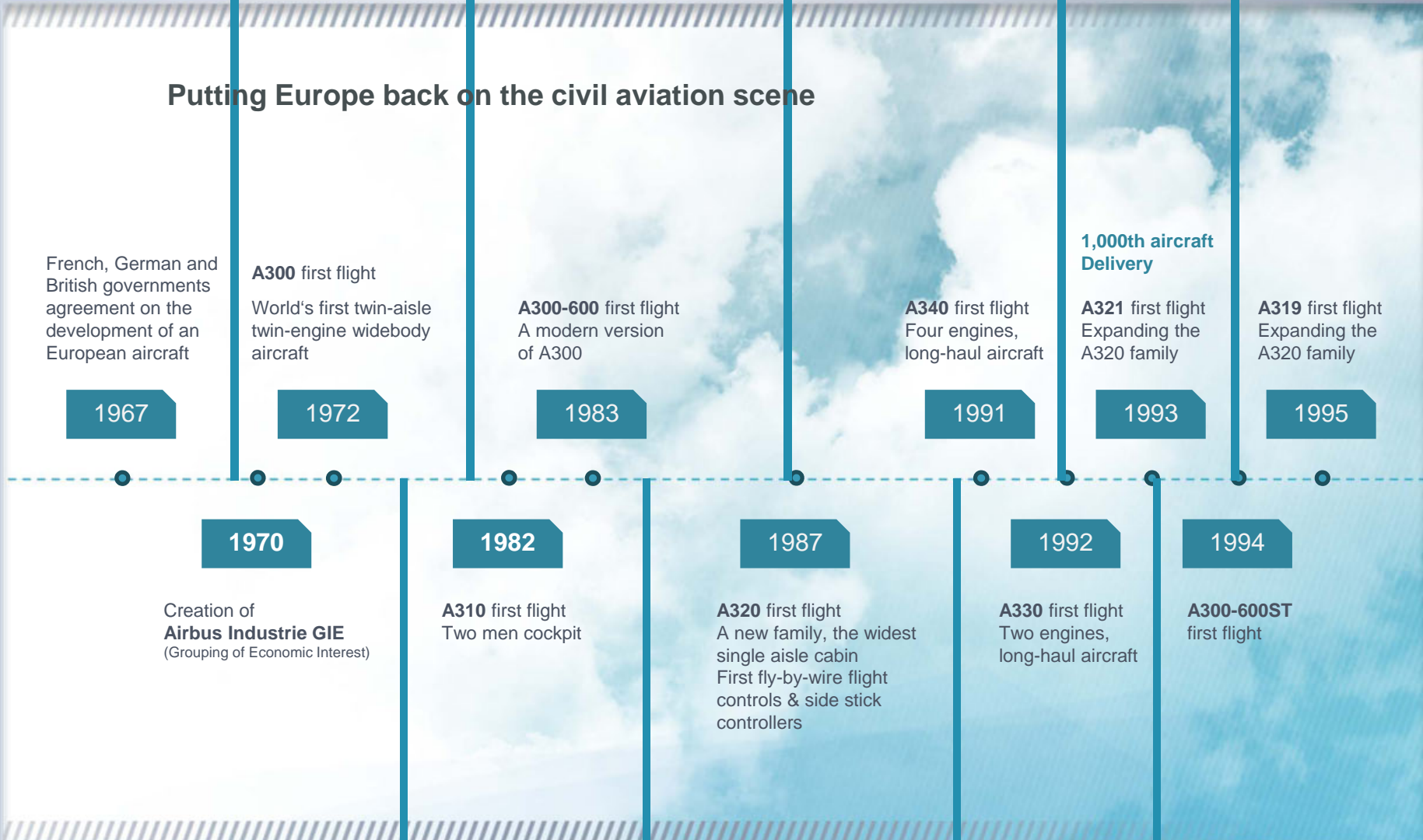
Industrial sites and engineering centres



History

History

Putting Europe back on the civil aviation scene



1,000th aircraft Delivery

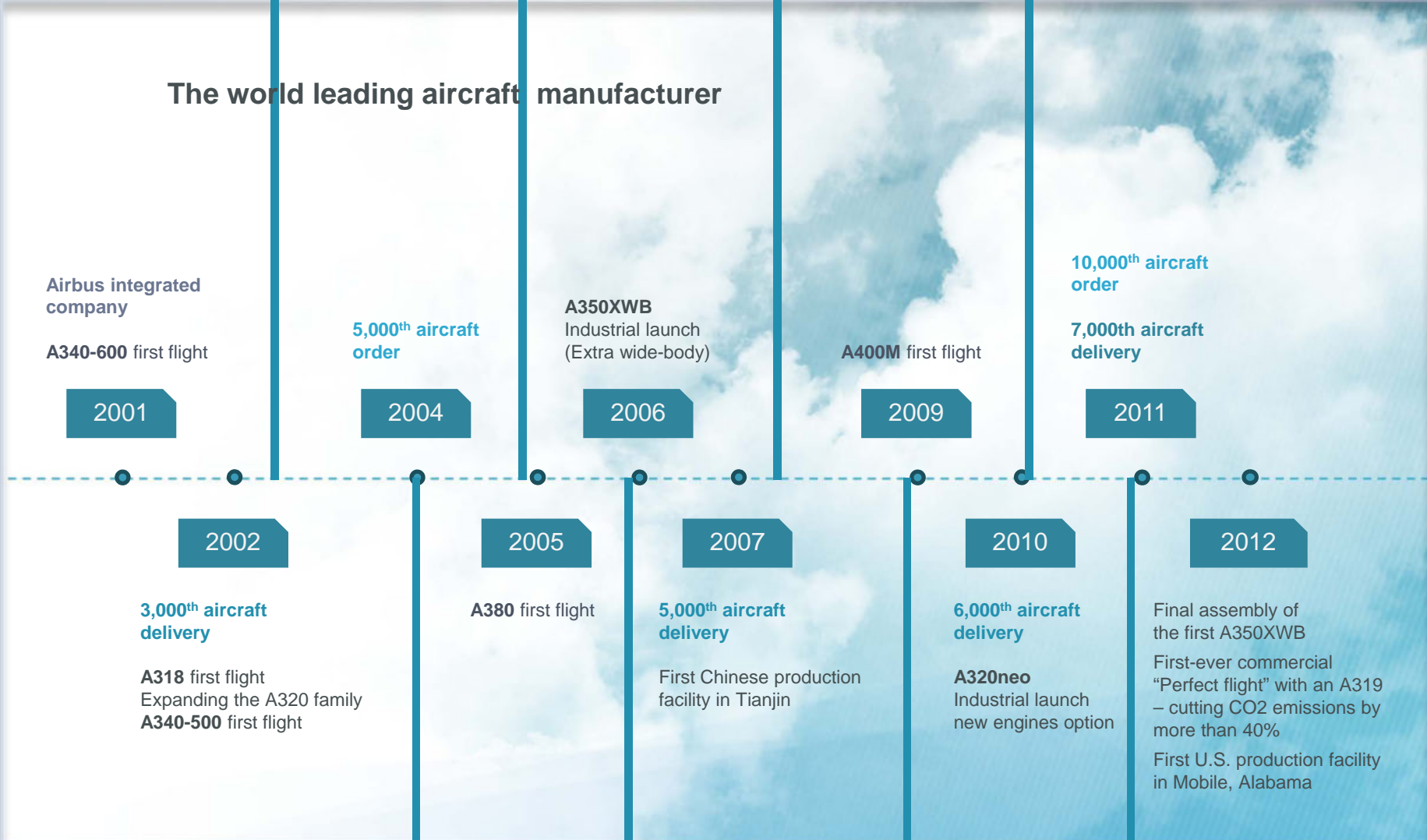
A321 first flight
Expanding the A320 family

A319 first flight
Expanding the A320 family



History

The world leading aircraft manufacturer



Airbus Family

A full range of market leading civil airliners

- **A320 family:**
A take-off or landing every 2.5 seconds,
Over 7 billion passengers carried since EIS in 1988
- **A330 family:**
A take-off or landing every 25 seconds,
More than 800 A330s sold since 787 launch
- **A350 XWB:**
First Flight mid 2013
617 firm orders from 35 customers
- **A380:**
Takes-off or lands approx. every 6.5 minutes
125 flights per day and 1.5 million pax per month



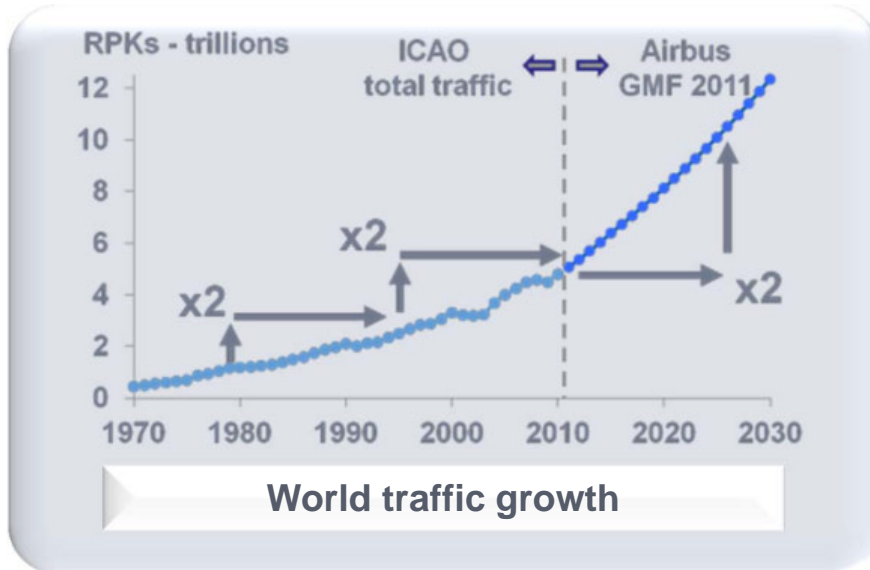
Innovation

40 years of innovation, a driver for success



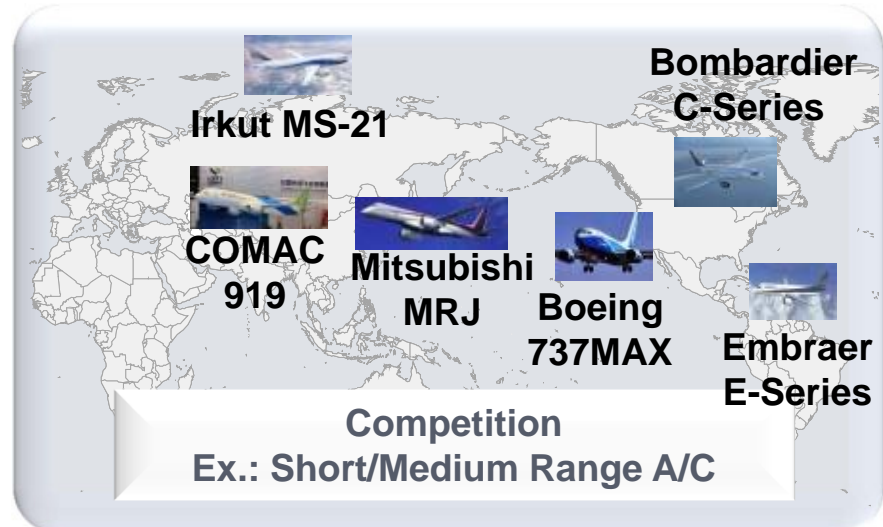
- **A300B:**
First ever widebody twin-engine in the 70s forward-facing crew cockpits in the 80s
- **A320 Family:**
Side-stick & electronic engine controllers
Digital auto flight system
Aerodynamic improvements (winglets, sharklets)
- **A380:**
Unprecedented fuel efficiency and comfort
- **A350 XWB:** a game changer
over 53% of composite material
- **Environment:**
First aircraft manufacturer awarded ISO 14001 - all sites and products

Challenges for the aviation industry



- 50/75% CO₂ emission
- 80/90% NO_x emission
- (in 2020/2050 vs. 2000 level)

Environmental footprint



Tremendous challenges for aviation !

Technological Leavers on Fuel consumption 1

Innovative System

- All systems topics as enablers for game-changing a/c configuration
- Compatibility with novel propulsion (and fuels) proposals
- Systems weight reduction items (e.g. hydraulic-less aircraft)
- Operation



Smart wing technologies

- Natural Laminar Flow
- Hybrid Laminar Flow
- Surface technologies
- Flow control



Breguet equation

$$SR = \frac{a}{W * g} * \frac{M * L/D}{SFC}$$

The term $M * L/D$ in the numerator of the second fraction is circled in green, with a green arrow pointing to it from the 'Smart wing technologies' list.

Technological Leavers on Fuel consumption 2

- **Weight savings though load management**

- Active and passive load control



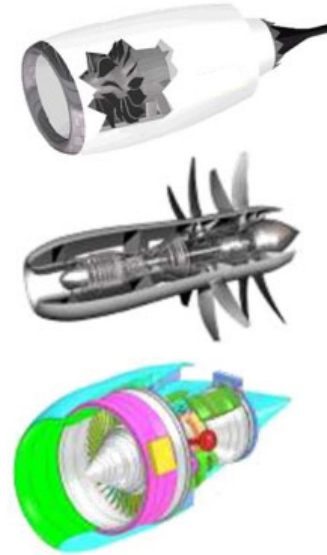
- **Innovative Structures**

- New materials, composite, advanced alloys, multifunctional
- Structural health monitoring
- Nano technologies



- **Innovative Powerplant**

- Open Rotor configuration
- Geared Turbo Fan
- Advanced Turbo Fan
- Energy harvesting

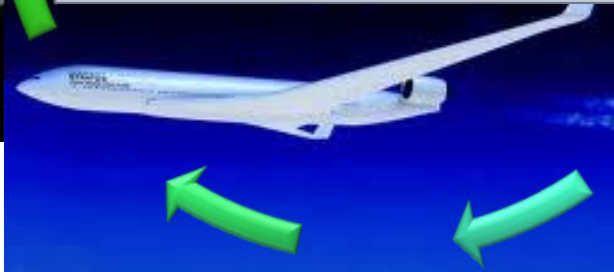
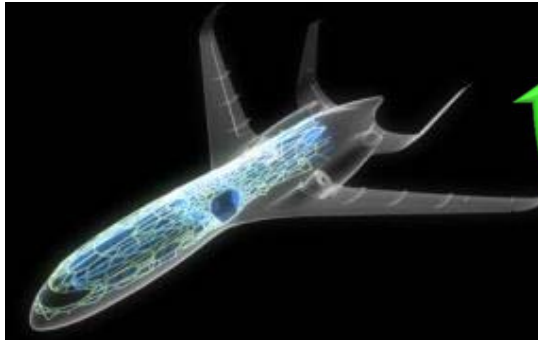


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Overall integration and potential impact on configuration is a key success factor
Operation optimisation will be also a key factor

Overall configuration challenge



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Need to shift from single discipline asymptotic trend... thanks to capabilities and skills enabling multipoint and multidisciplinary configuration optimisation

Former European Aircraft Concept Research: NACRE (2005-2010)



- Started in April 2005, lasted 5 years
- Budget € 30m, € 16.9m funded by EC
- 4 major aircraft manufacturers, 3 major engine manufacturers, 3 key suppliers, 10 Research Centres, 7 Universities, 4 SMEs

Champion concepts were nurtured within NACRE, aiming at, respectively:

- Increased Environmental performance
- Improved Passenger experience
- Low-Cost high-Volume



The Proactive Green



The Passenger Experience



The Simple Flying Bus

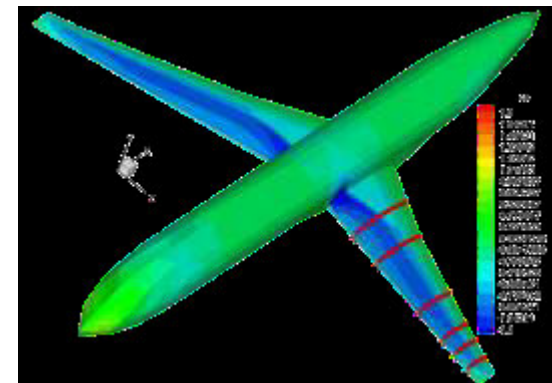
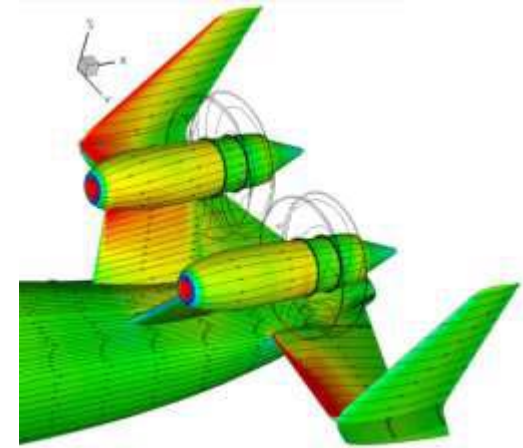
NACRE Results

Multidisciplinary Design and Analysis Capabilities for Components

- Open Rotor propulsion systems & integration
- Powered Tail innovative integrated design & analysis
- Natural Laminar Flow wing design & transition prediction
- Flying Wing configuration design and multidisciplinary assessment

Experimental Validation & Testing Techniques

- Rear-engine integration (Aerodynamics & Noise)
- High-Energy Absorption
- Flying Wing cabin evacuation
- Innovative Evaluation Platform development



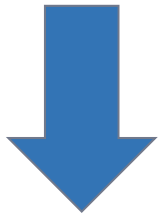
From NACRE to PROCON2030



NACRE resulted in the capability to design

- environmental driven aircraft
- passenger experience driven aircraft
- cost-efficient aircraft

NACRE results were taken up in the CleanSky1 program



The new project PROCON should extend the capabilities, meeting the challenge

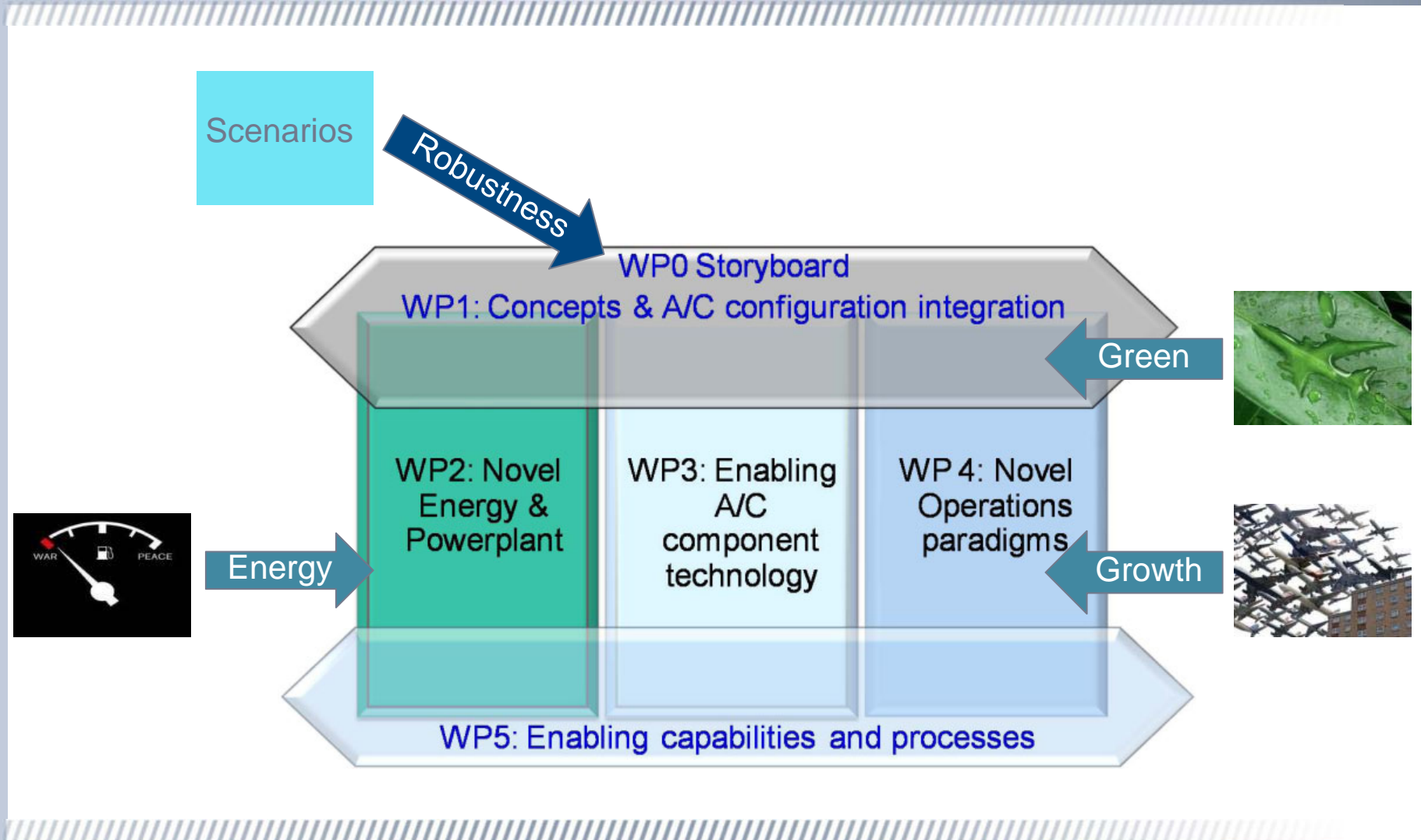
- Energy change
- Climate change
- Operations change

An additional capability will be the robustness of solutions in different scenarios

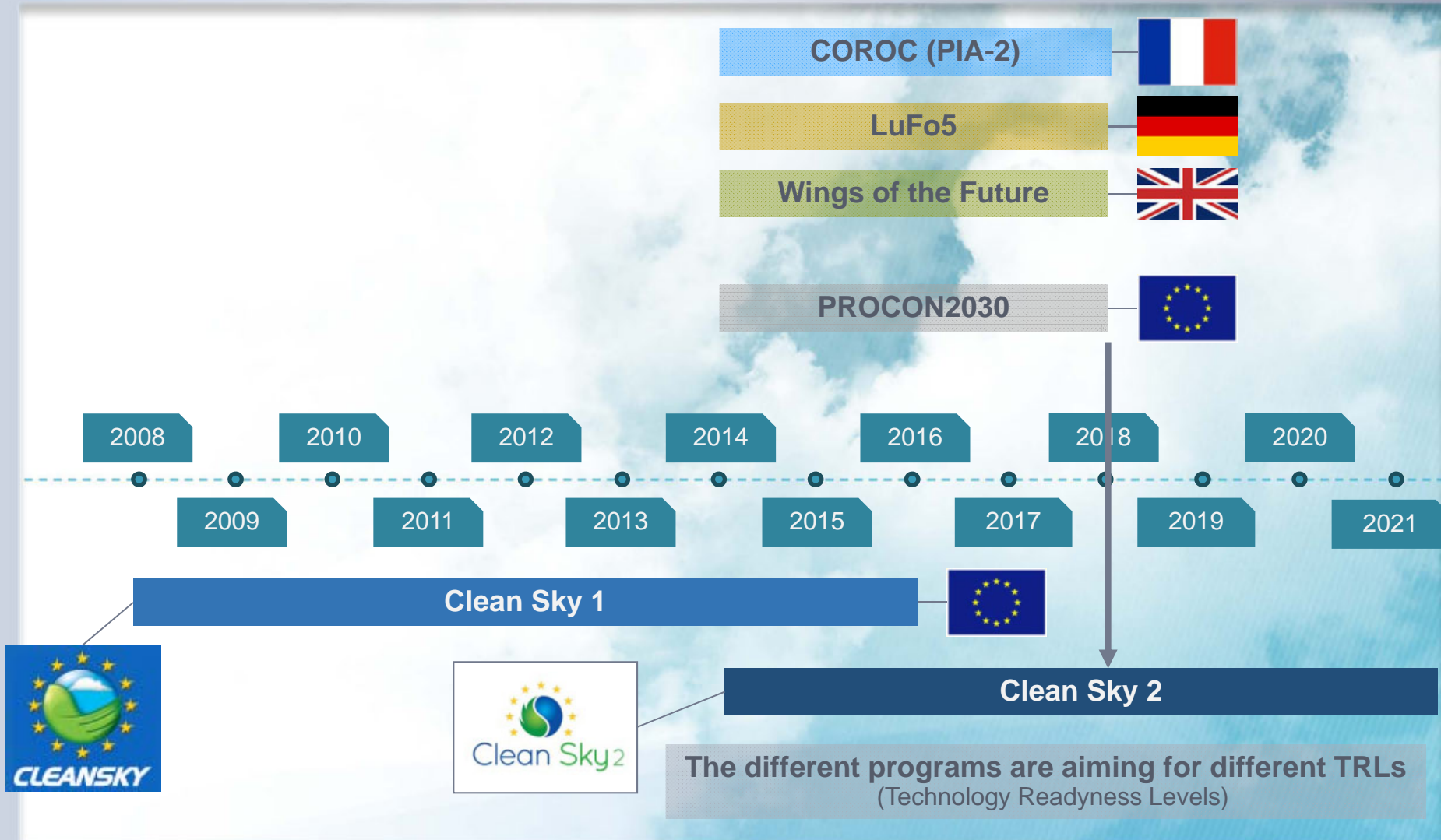
PROCON results will feed in the CleanSky2 program



PROCON Structure: targeting the challenge



PROCON in context of European research programs



Conclusion

- A wide scope of opportunities and challenges in front of the air transport industry
- The current complex and well streamered technology maturation process may not be adapted for these challenges
- There is a need to develop processes and capabilities to address unconventional configurations and operations
- Proposal for a new research initiative (PROCON)
 - Synchronized with national projects
 - Better possibilities for European partners to participate in the industrial process





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