



# Contributions of CFD to the 787 - and Future Needs

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# Technologies for Performance Efficiency and Environmental Compatibility

- **Introduction**
- **Aerodynamic Efficiency**
- **Weight Efficiency**
- **Propulsion System Efficiency**
- **Future CFD Opportunities**

# Many Factors Contribute to Saving Fuel and Avoiding Emissions

## High Performance Computing Impacts Many Areas

**Engine**



**Aerodynamics**



**Structures and materials**



**Systems**



**Air traffic management**



**Engine/airframe integration**



# Design for Performance and Environment

- **Aerodynamic design optimization based on**
  - Evolution from previous Boeing products
  - Extensive advanced CFD
  - Focused wind-tunnel testing, including flight Reynolds number simulation
  
- **Weight improvements**
  - Materials
  - Load alleviation
  
- **Engine performance improvements**
  - Higher bypass ratio
  - No-bleed architecture
  - Low aerodynamic interference installation
  
- **Improved environmental performance**
  - Community noise
  - Cabin noise
  - Emissions
  - Materials impact on the environment

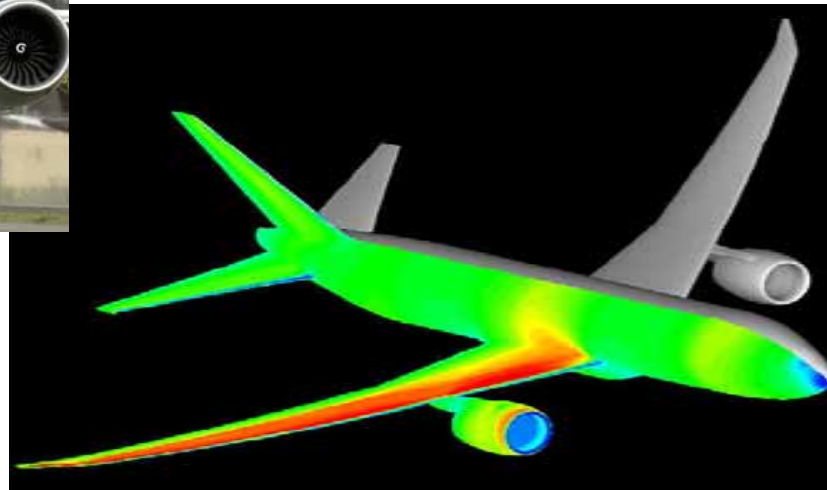
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# 787 Aerodynamic Design

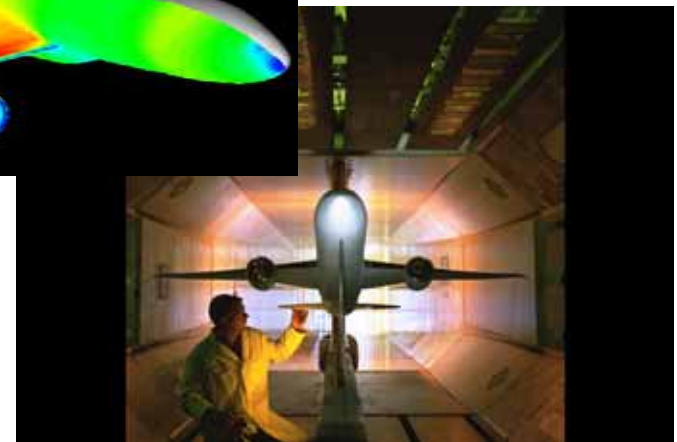


Lessons learned from existing products



CFD design, analysis,  
and optimization tools

Extensive wind- tunnel  
test program

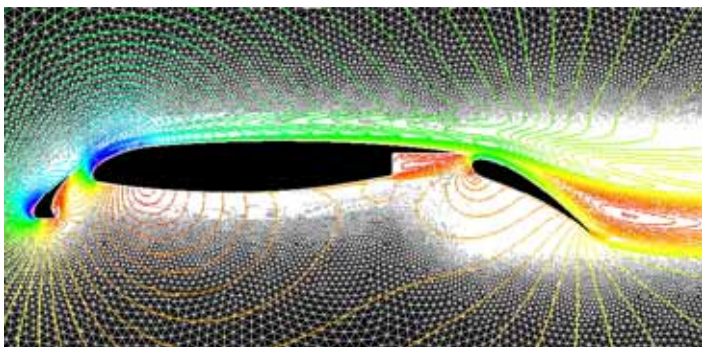


# Complementary Use of CFD and Wind Tunnels for High-Lift Design

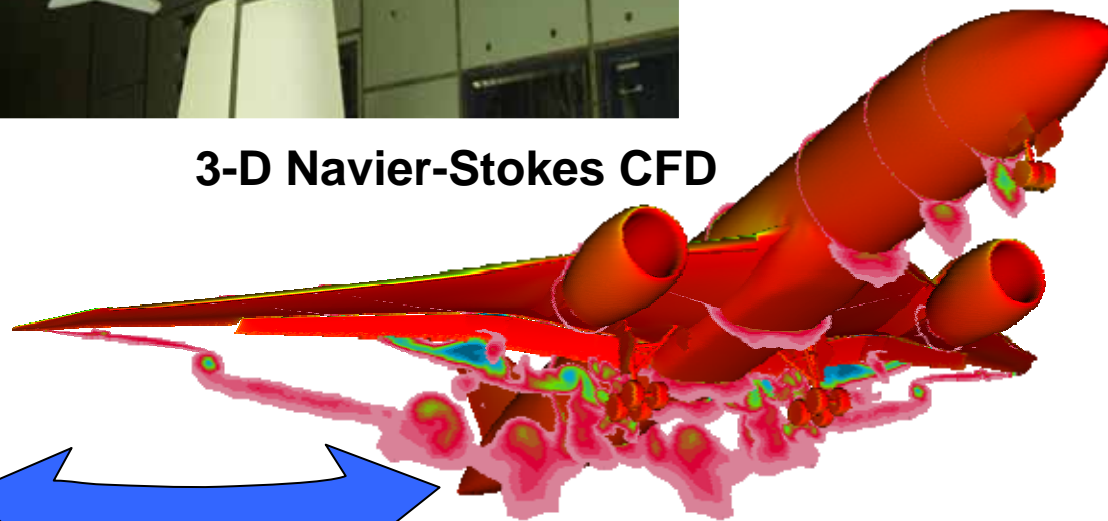
## Wind-Tunnel Testing



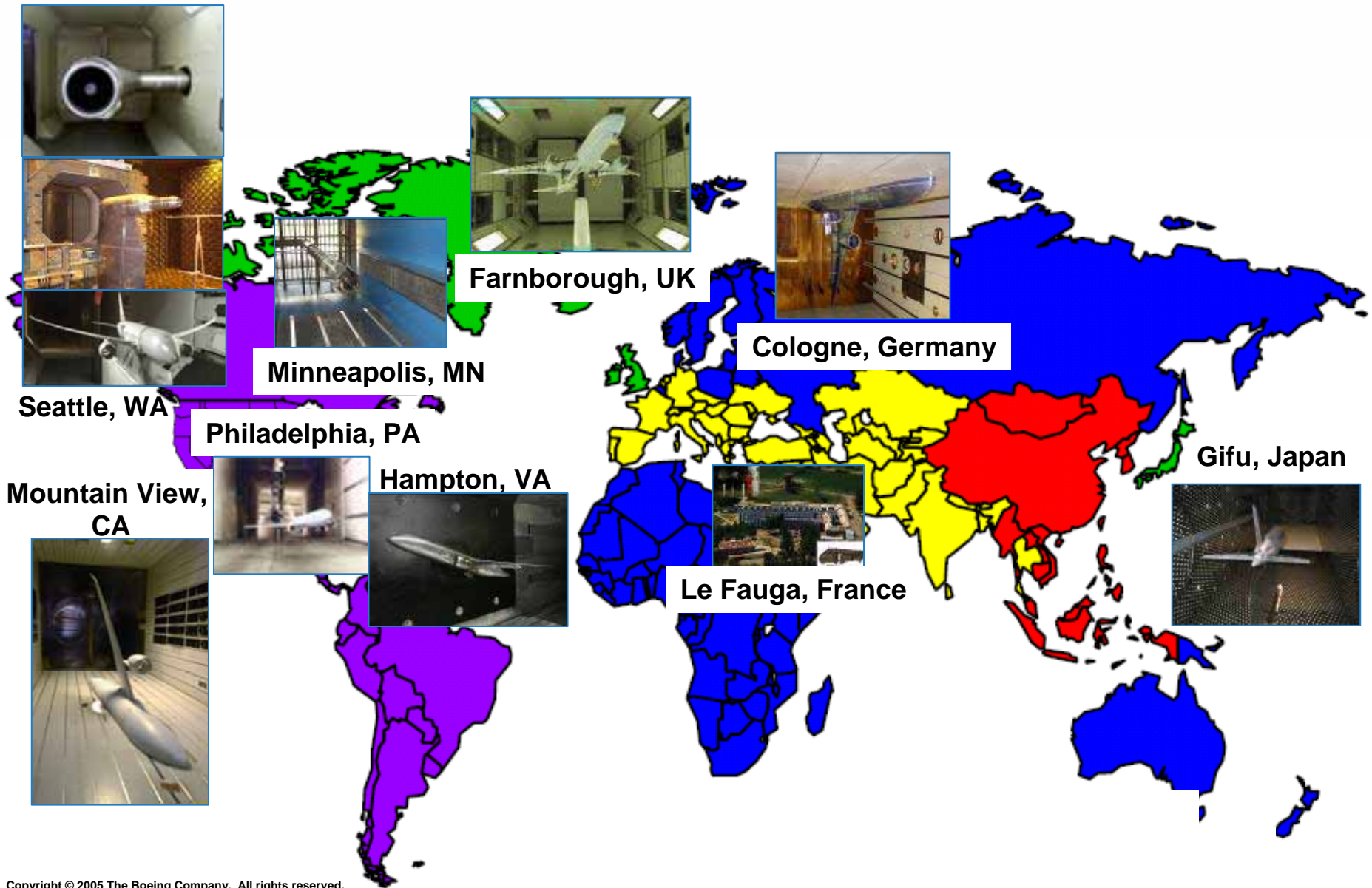
## 2-D Navier-Stokes CFD



## 3-D Navier-Stokes CFD



# Global Wind Tunnels for Boeing Commercial Airplane Product Development





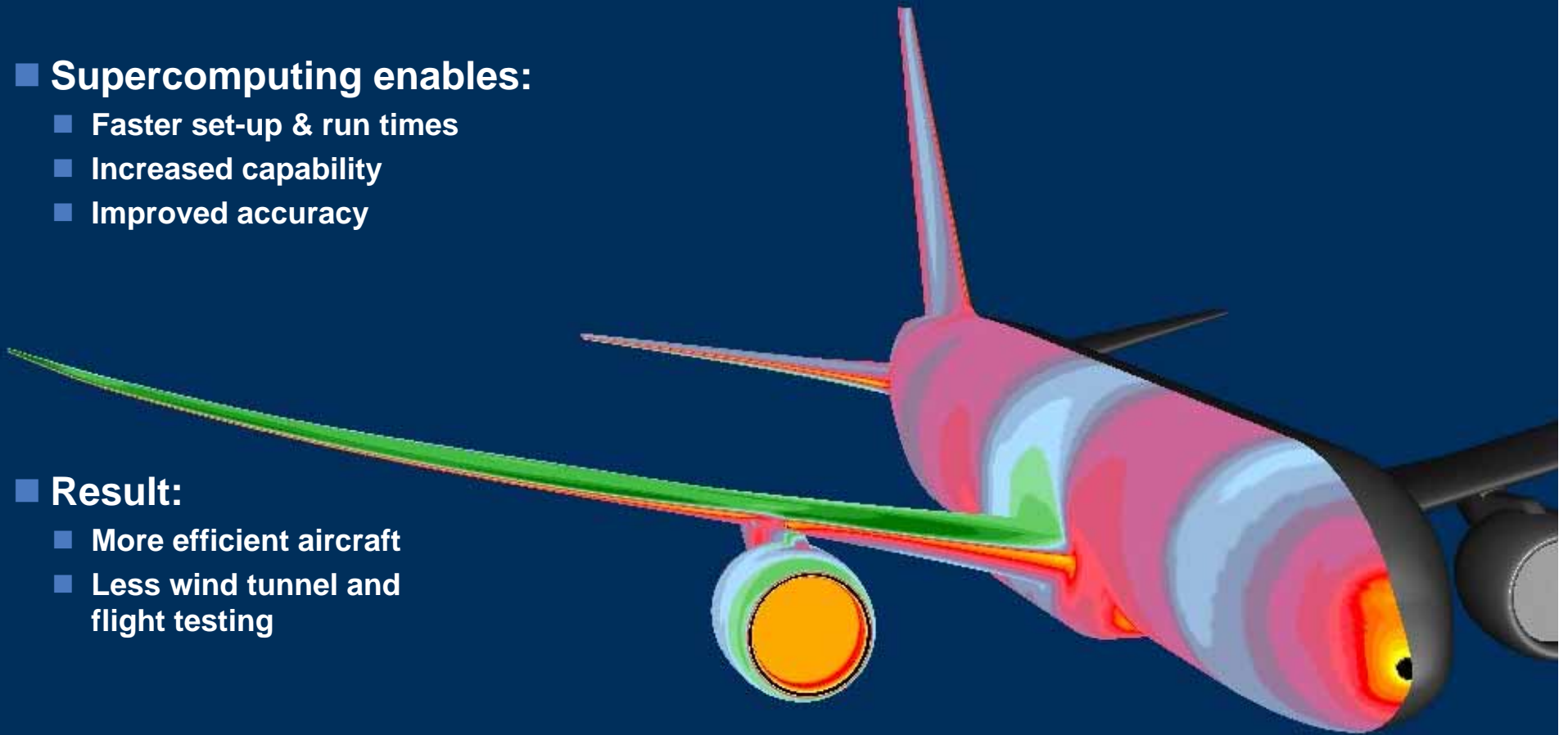
# Modern Computing and CFD Methods Speed Development and Lower Costs

## ■ Supercomputing enables:

- Faster set-up & run times
- Increased capability
- Improved accuracy

## ■ Result:

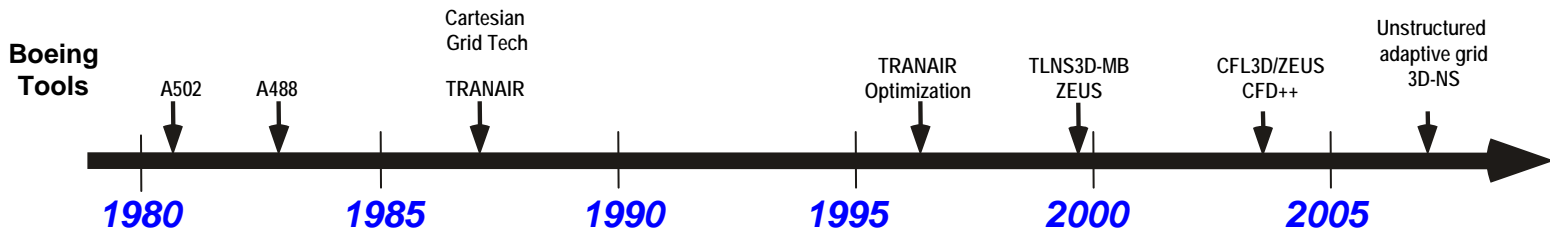
- More efficient aircraft
- Less wind tunnel and flight testing



# CFD Has Significantly Improved the Wing Development Process

**Increased computational capability & accuracy**

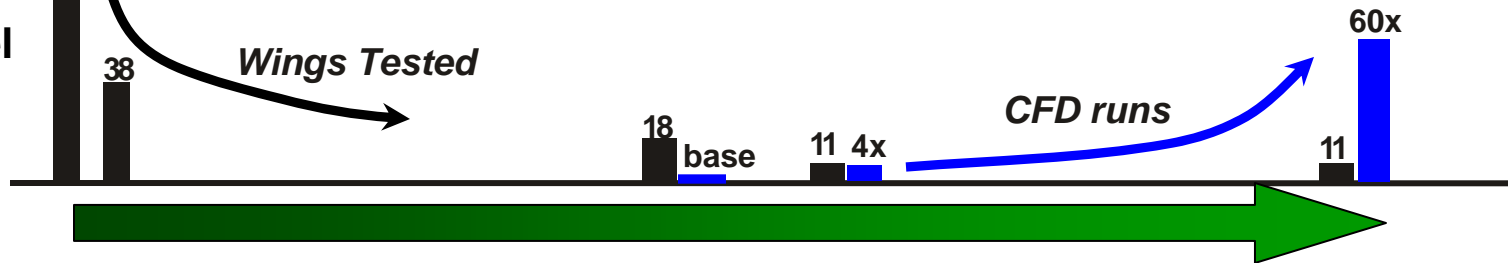
**CFD Tools**



**Boeing Products**



**Wind Tunnel vs. CFD**

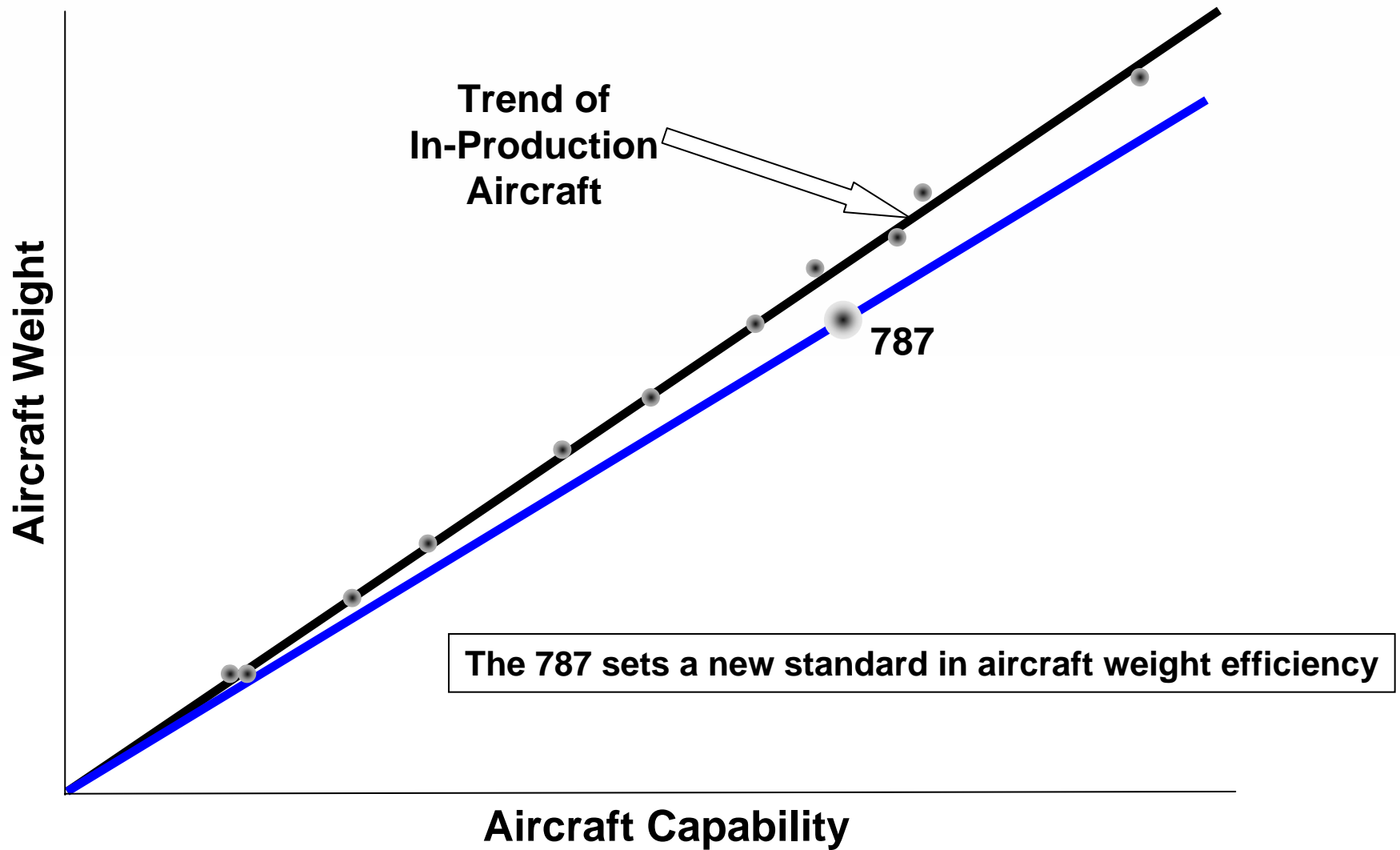


**Less testing, lower cost, better products**

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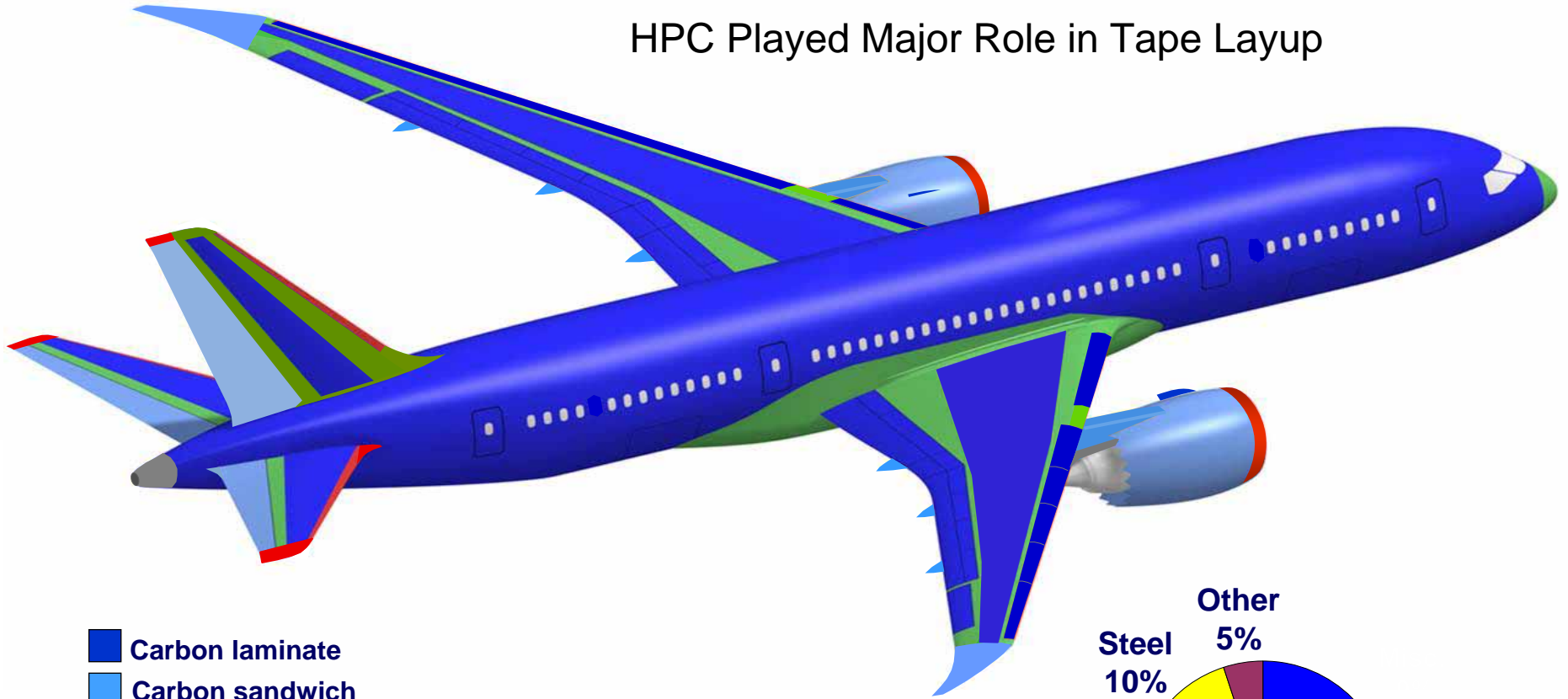
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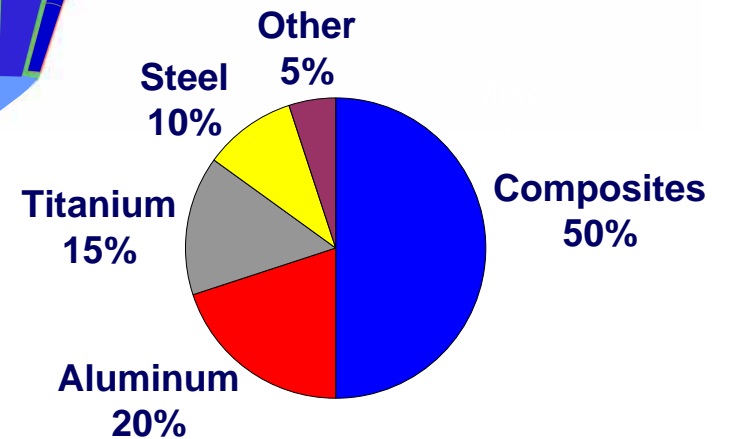


# Composites Serve as Primary Structural Material

HPC Played Major Role in Tape Layup



- Carbon laminate
- Carbon sandwich
- Other composites
- Aluminum
- Titanium



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# Propulsion Systems Feature Key Environmental Technologies



**GE**  
Genx



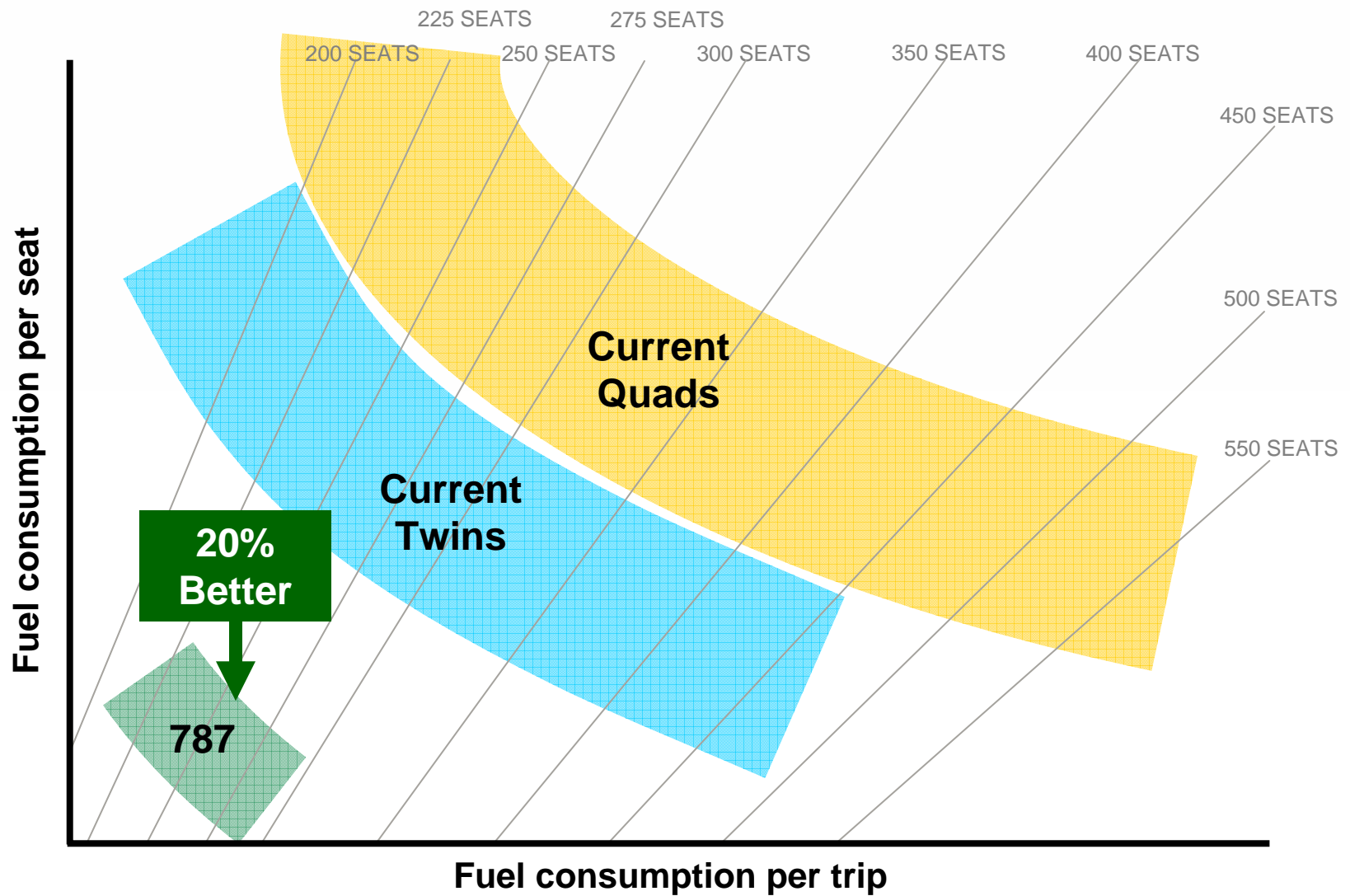
**Trent 1000**



## Engine and nacelle features:

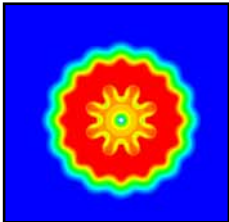
- Higher bypass ratio
- No-engine-bleed systems architecture
- Laminar flow nacelles
- Low-noise nacelles with chevrons
- Low emission combustors

# Opening a New Era in Fuel Efficiency





# Commitment to a Better Future



Analytical studies



Wind-tunnel tests



Static engine tests



**2001 QTD 1**  
Quiet Technology Demonstrator  
Boeing  
Rolls-Royce  
American Airlines



**2005 QTD 2**  
Quiet Technology Demonstrator  
Boeing  
General Electric  
Goodrich  
NASA  
All Nippon Airlines



**747-8**  
The shape of the future



**787**  
Dreamliner

Efficient Quiet Designs Enabled by High Performance Computing

# Reducing noise for communities and passengers with new innovations



# Toboggan Fairing reduces Gear Airflow Boise



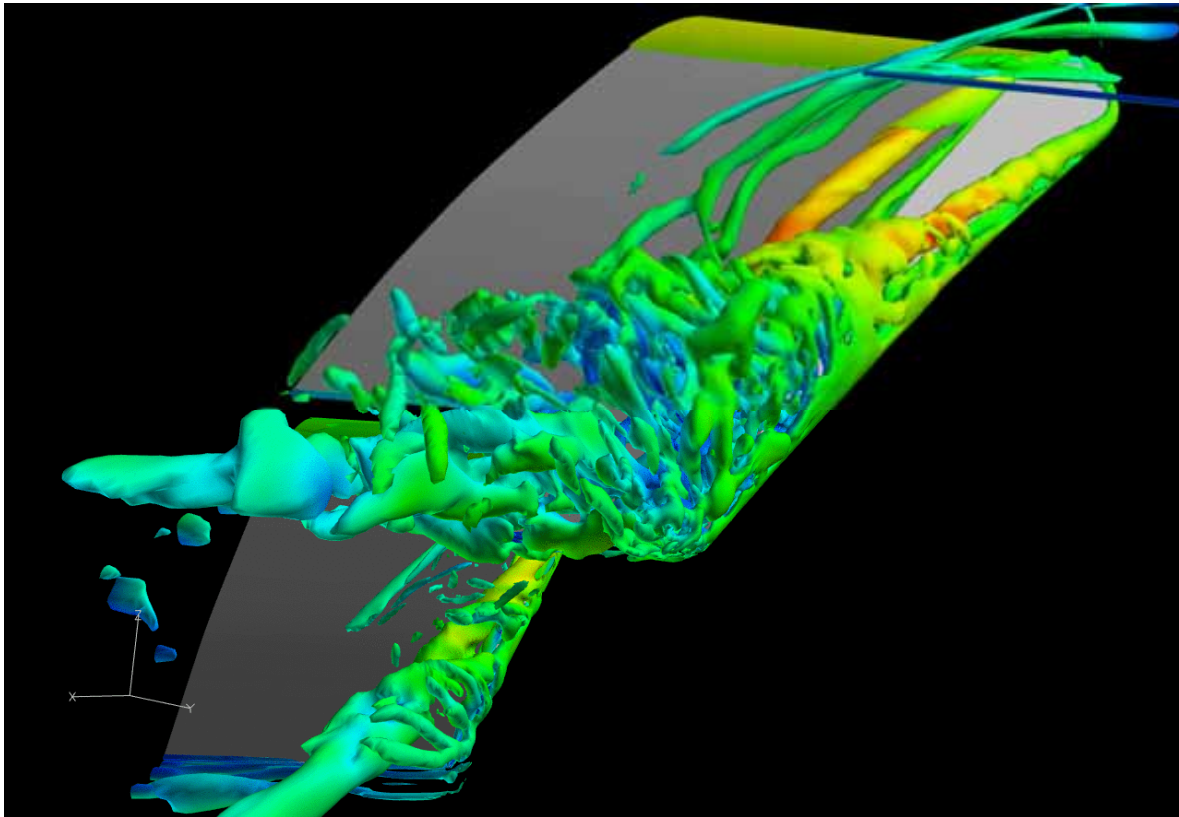
# Quiet for Airport Communities 85 dB Noise Contours at O'Hare



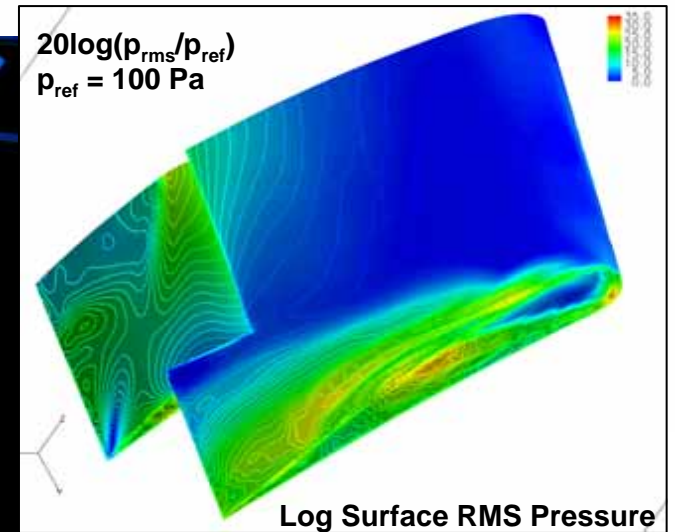
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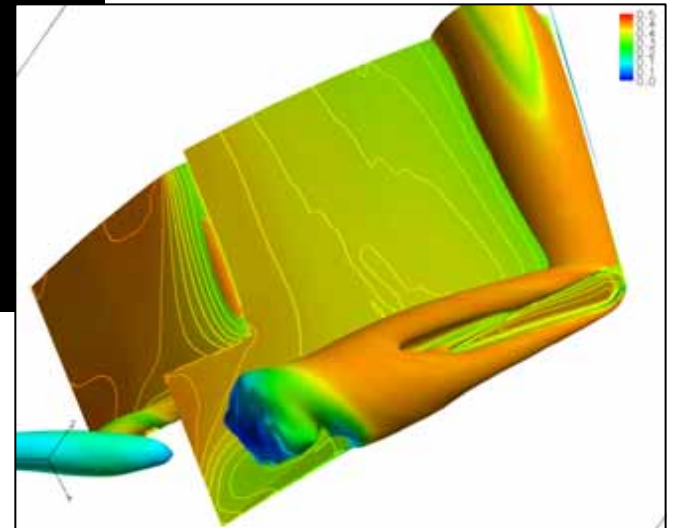
# Flap Edge Detached Eddy Simulation



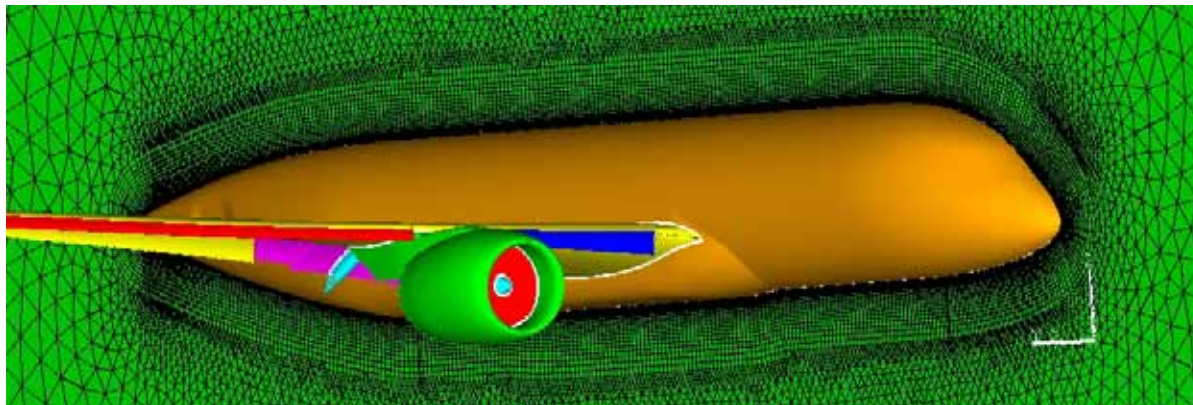
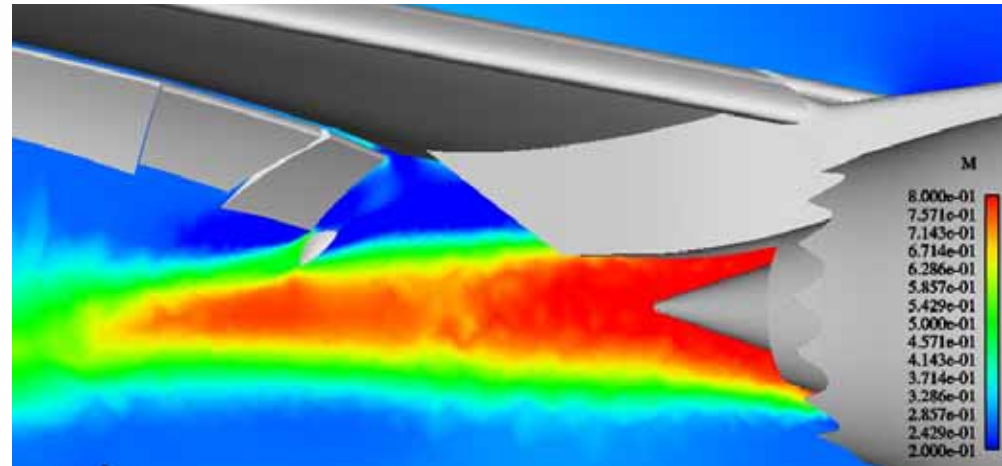
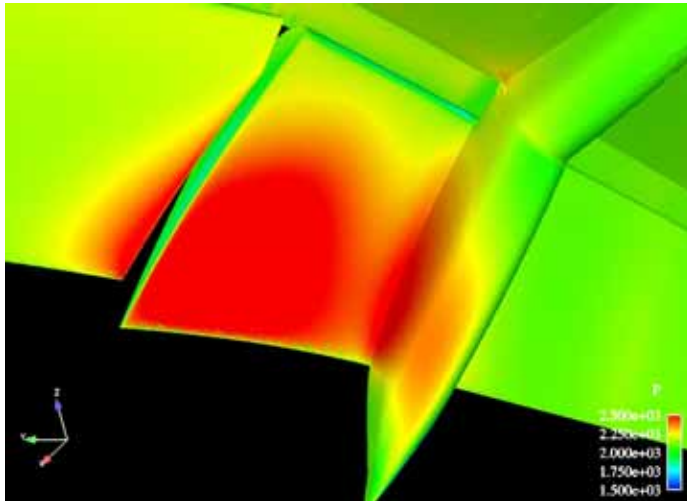
**Turbulent Structures**  
**surface of Vorticity<sup>2</sup> – Strain Rate<sup>2</sup>**  
**Mach Number (0.2 – 0.5)**



**Log Surface RMS Pressure**

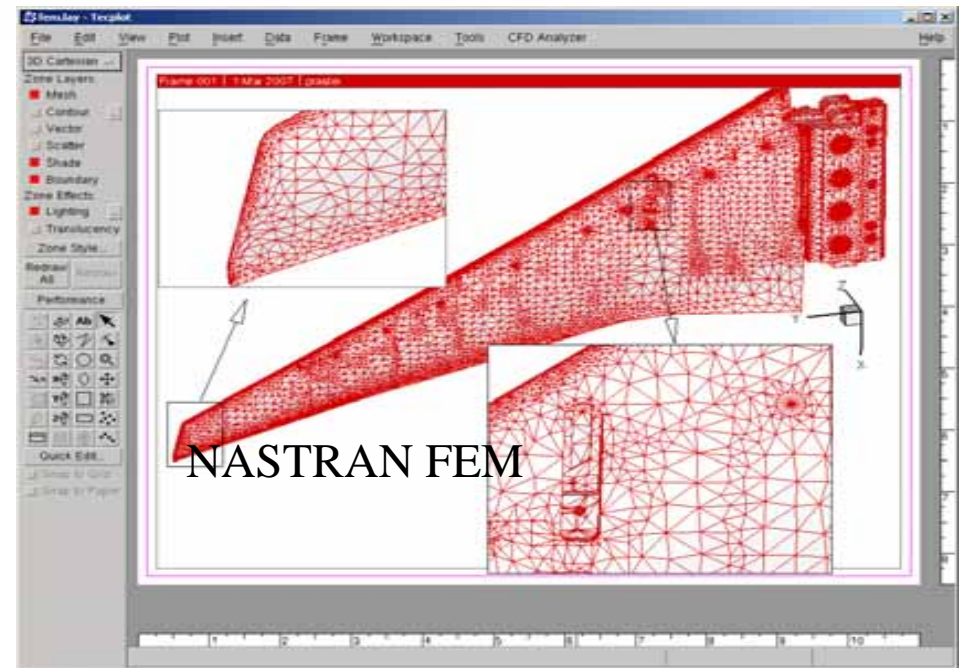
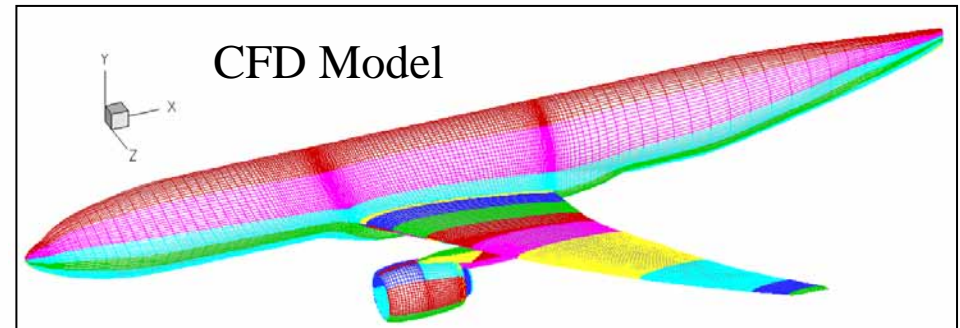


# Jet Impingement Loads



Steady results show the core flow impinging on flap

# Aeroelastic Modeling





# Aeroservoelastic Modeling

## Low Subsonic Speed

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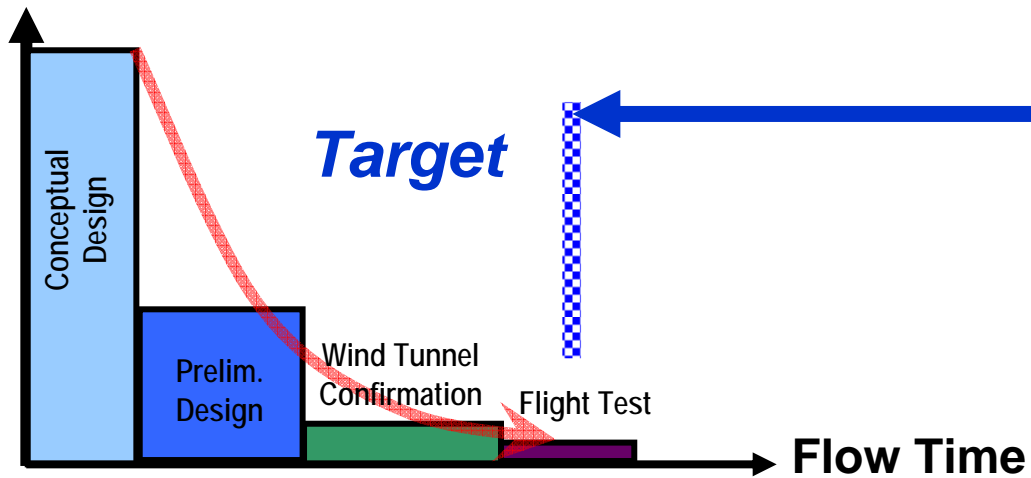
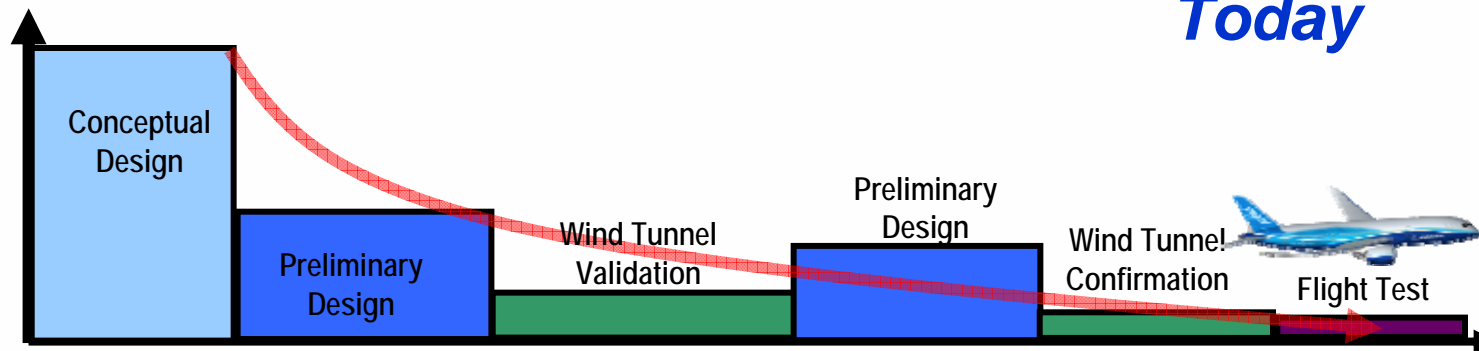
## Transonic Speed

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Support development of flight control laws early in the program – impacts structural layout, loads and dynamics, handling qualities assessments and pilot training

# Shortened Product Development Cycle Time

Number of Configurations Variations



# Challenges and Opportunities

## ■ Simulation Fidelity

- 1980 – had the equations, not the hardware
- Today – have the improved hardware, but the equations have advanced and we still can't solve all the problems of interest (RANS vs DNS)

## ■ Compatibility

- Hardware options now more diverse
- Legacy software investment large
- Need efficient ways to move applications between h/w options
- Industry needs timely access to new hardware for testing

## ■ Education

- More numerical simulation, less testing – where does 'gut feel' come from? (Rules of thumb)
- "The computer code said . . . ." (Then it had better be right)

## ■ Opportunity: Cost and cycle time reduction

- Today: Certification by demonstration
- Tomorrow: Certification by simulation
- Question: When is tomorrow and what is the path to get there?

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