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# CLEEN II Consortium Program Update – Public Plenary GE Aviation

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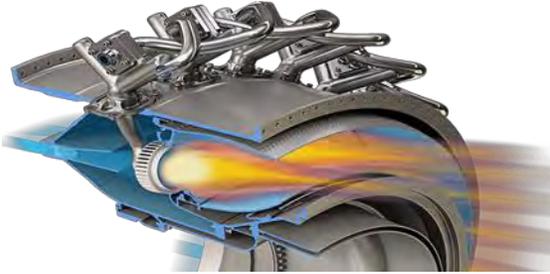
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- FMS Technologies



# TAPS III Combustor & Alternative Fuels



## TAPS III Combustor:



- Higher pressure
- Reduced cooling flow
- Advanced materials

### CLEEN II:

- Improved premixer for <CAEP/12 NOx target
- Advanced modeling/design tools
- TRL6 Core Demo of emissions/performance

## Objectives:

Advance the development of next-generation low-NOx TAPS III combustor to TRL6

## Work Statement:

- Establish baseline NOx / performance
- Develop technologies: Fuel injection, aerodynamic mixing, modeling tools
- Staged advancement to TRL6 via rigs & core engine demonstration

## Benefits:

- GE9X projected SFC ~10% below GE90-115B
- LTO NOx >35% margin to CAEP/8 @ 55 OPR
- Mission cruise NOx reduction below SOA
- Low-NOx technology for application in highest OPR/largest engines; design tools/methods for scaling to future applications and engine cycles

## CLEEN II Progress since May 2016:

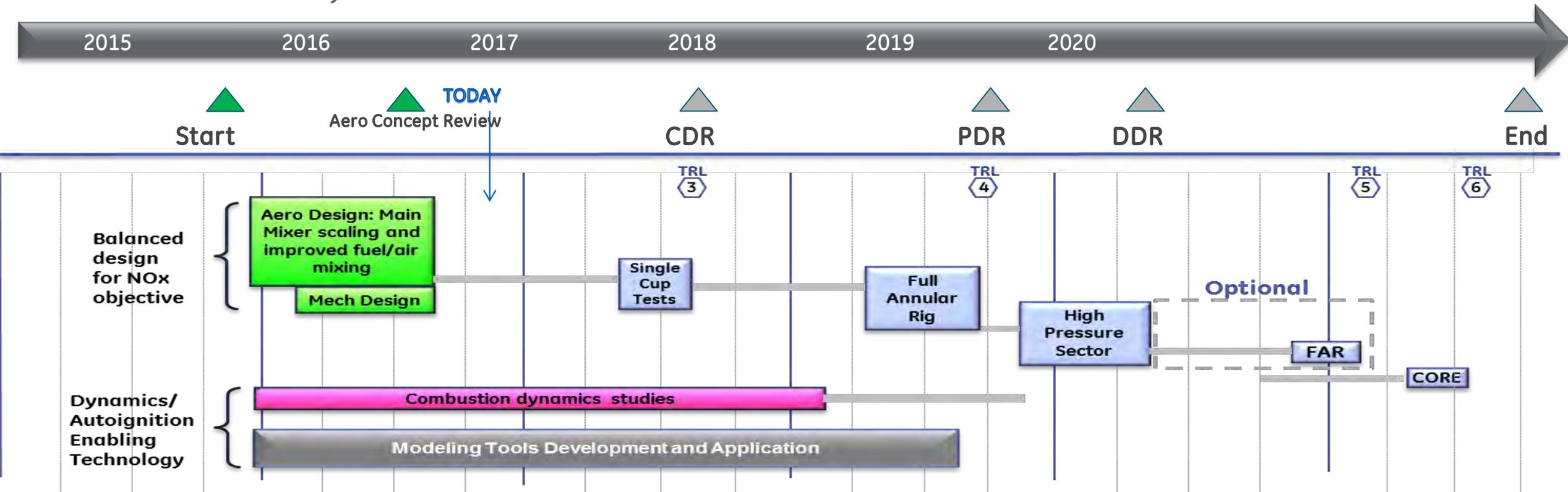
- 3 adv. premixer architectures optimized via CFD; 1 group screened in optical rig
- Concepts reviewed within GEA & FAA; down-selected to 8 configs across 2 architectures; manufacturing begun
- *Baseline:* 1-cup & 7-cup sector acoustics maps; FAR thermal profile, cruise efficiency, NOx mapping completed
- Combustion dynamics models continue validation against rig & engine data



# TAPS III Combustion System Development

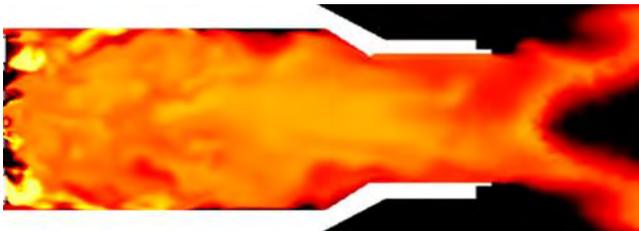
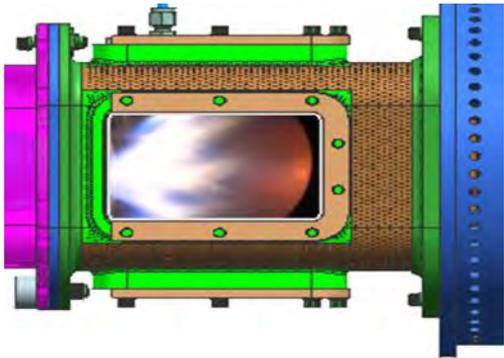
## Goals and Schedule

- LTO NOx emissions (FAA Goal) 35% margin to CAEP/8 @ 55 OPR
- Cruise NOx emissions (GE Goal) < SOA
- Solid Particulate Matter (GE Goal) 60% margin to CAEP/6 (based on Smoke no.)
- Combustor Durability (GE Goal) Increased TOW

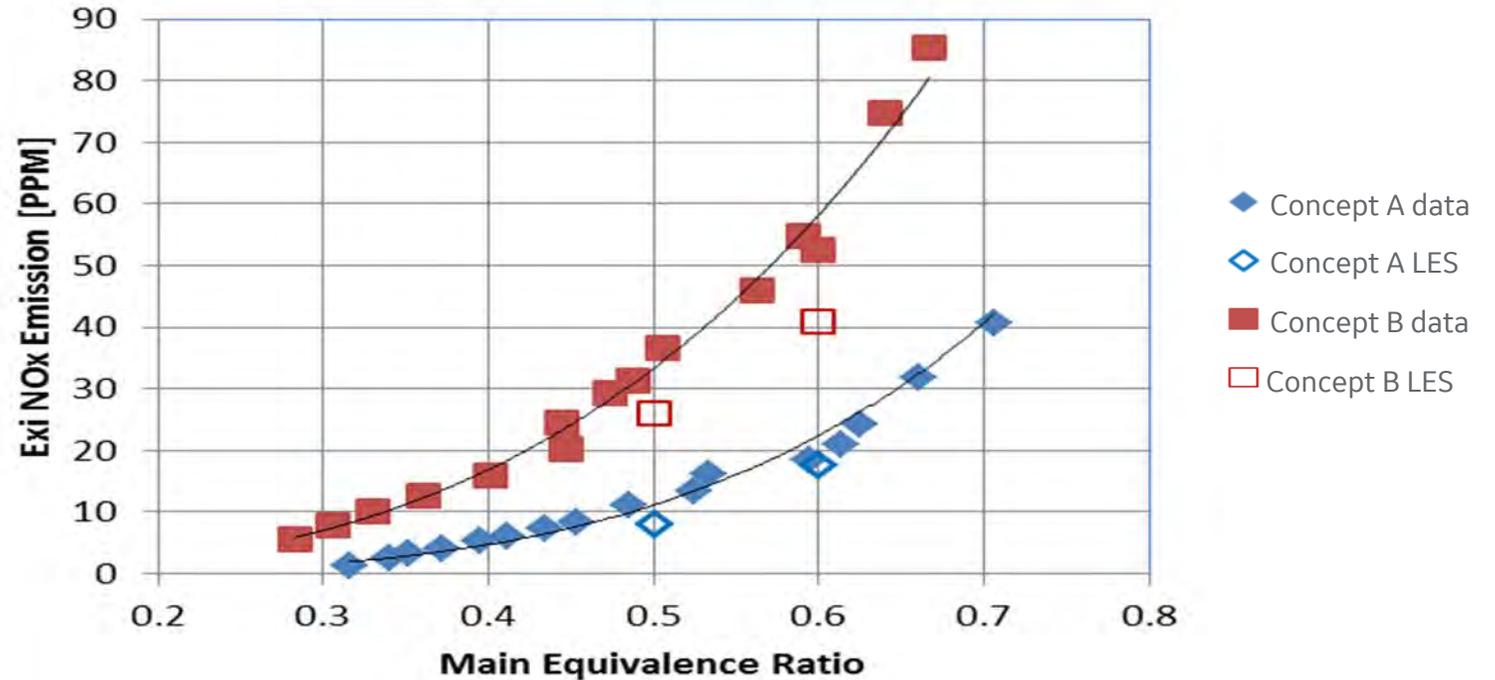


# TAPS III Combustor Development - Concept Design

CLEEN II Test Rig @ GRC  
Screening Concepts  
150psia / 850F



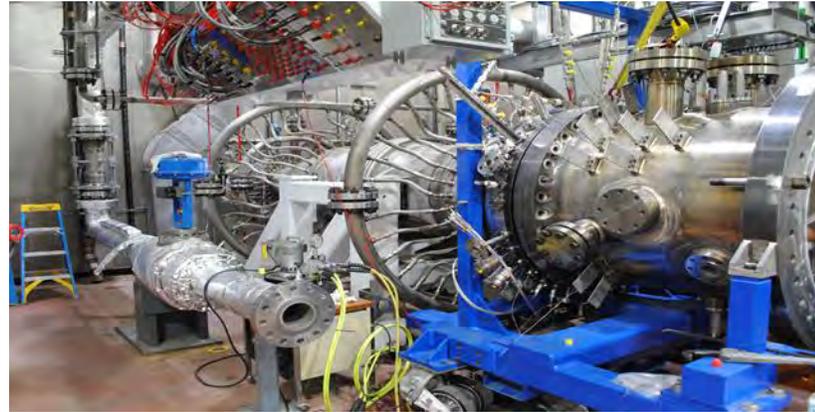
LES modeling of Adv Premixers



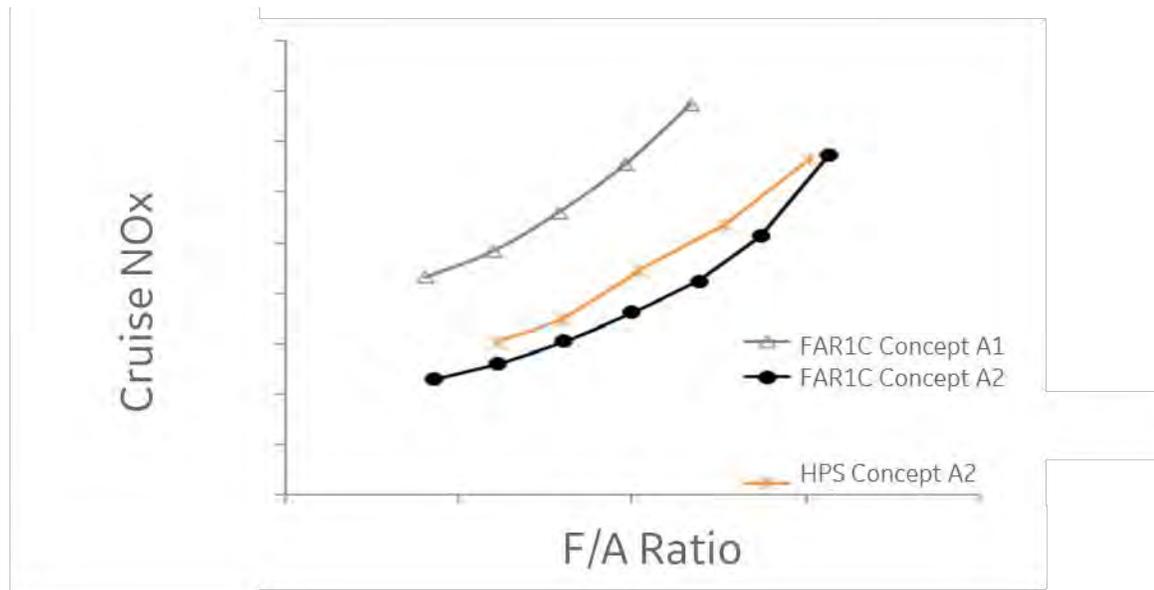
- **Concept B unfavorable for NOx; dropped**
- **Additional C, D configs designed with further NOx & performance improvements beyond Concept A**
- **Optimized for durability, up to 8 configs being built**
- **Single-cup (TRL3) tests planned mid-2017**

# TAPS III Combustor Development – Test rigs

Rig tests establish reference NOx & performance



HP Sector – testing beyond GE9X cycle T3/P3



- **Concept A2 expected to meet CLEEN II objectives for NOx**
- **Concepts C, D expected to enable higher engine performance, decreased LTO NOx**

# TAPS III Combustor Development – Modeling Tools

Combustion Dynamics model advancements validated against engine & rig data; applied to CLEEN II new concepts

## Goal (Task B.7 Self-Excited Dynamics)

Validate and refine best practice for liquid injection SED and apply to Baseline & CLEEN II engine tests. Simulate TCA/HPS/FAR test rigs to obtain predictions and validate the SED process

## Current status

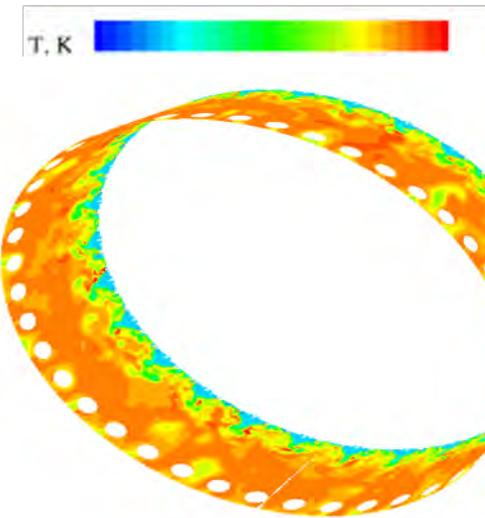
- Single-cup SED simulation for legacy configurations
- Example full annular combustor SED simulation

## Next Steps

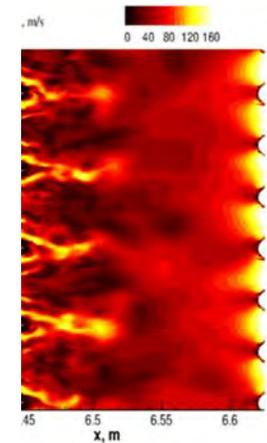
- Full annular combustor SED for legacy engine at high power condition
- CLEEN II concepts evaluation for dynamics

## Example engine simulation:

Temperature profiles



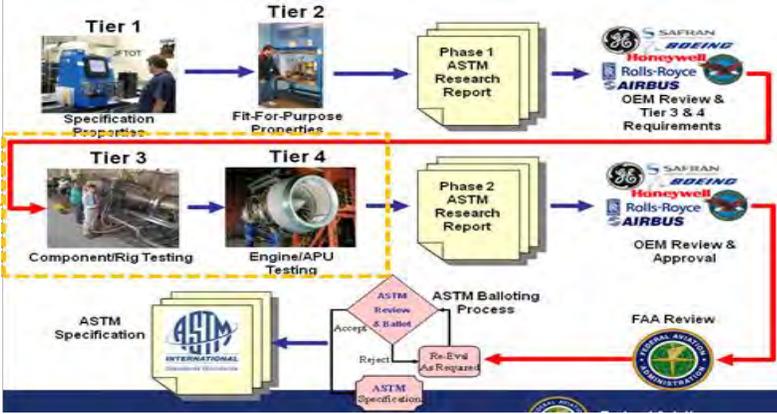
Velocity magnitude



➤ **Balanced CLEEN II design will enable improved NOx & performance while managing lean combustion dynamics**

# Alternative Fuels:

## Test evaluations



ASTM D4054

# Benefits:

- Advance to fully synthetic fuels
- Extend further to lean combustion systems evals – synergize with TAPS III
- Determine: do sensitivities of combustion parameters observed at component level, have a significant impact at system level?

# Objectives:

- Advance approval and intro of “drop in” fuels
- Support ASTM D4054 – testing/demo phase
- Conduct work complimentary to other FAA programs

# Work Statement:

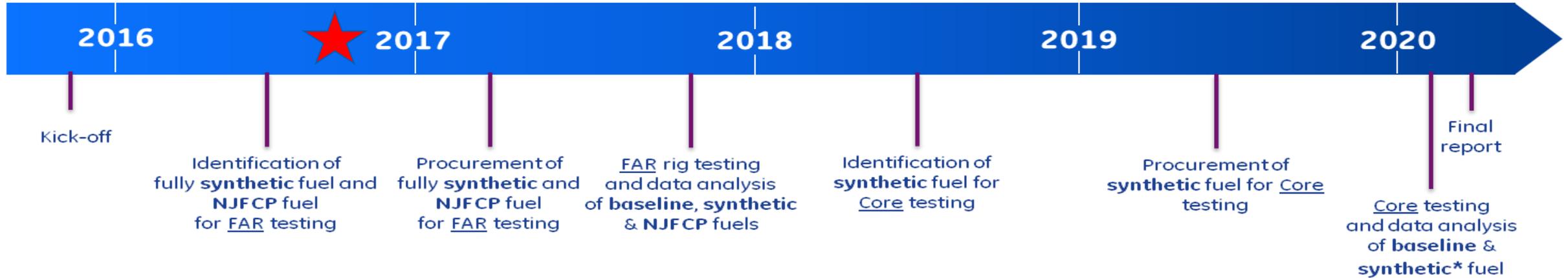
- Test one fully synthetic fuel in ASTM roadmap – (FAR and Core Test)
- Test one “reference” fuel defined by FAA’s National Jet Fuel Combustion Program (NJFCP) – (FAR test)

# CLEEN II Progress since May 2016:

- Identified 100% synthetic fuel and producer for FAR2 test in 2017.
  - Letter of Intent submitted
- NJFCP fuel determined w/ consensus at mid-year review in June
  - Quote received, delivery in 2017

# Alternative Fuels

Schedule / Milestones / Accomplishments / Issues



- Originally targeted fully synthetic fuel won't be available due to issues related with the producer facilities and timelines.
- In contact with another producer to procure a SPK (92%) + aromatics (8%), fully synthetic blend. Letter of Intent issued to the producer.
  - Help pave the way for 100% synthetic fuel approvals
- NJFCP fuel determined w/ consensus at mid-year review in June: C1 (100% SPK). This fuel showed the most amount of sensitivity in NJFCP tests. Official quote received from the producer, delivery 2017.
- Key figures of merit to be evaluated: Operability – L/O, LBO

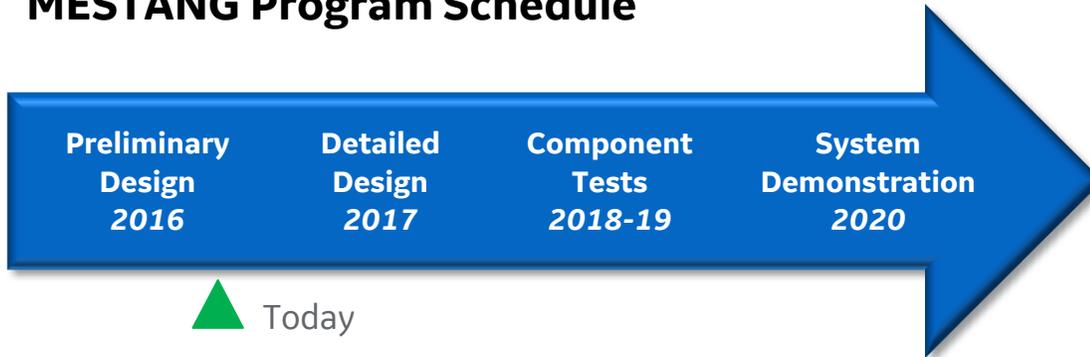


# More Electric Systems and Technologies for Aircraft in the Next Generation (MESTANG)



# MESTANG Program Summary

## MESTANG Program Schedule



## Benefits:

More electric power and a light-weight power system to realize practical fuel savings and/or mission capability

- GE power system with improved performance at equivalent cost
- Fuel savings derived from reduced weight
- Subsystems certifiable for retrofits before 2026

## Objectives:

Mature an integrated aircraft power system consisting of a bleedless, dual-spool engine, and a second-generation more-electric primary power system

## Work Statement:

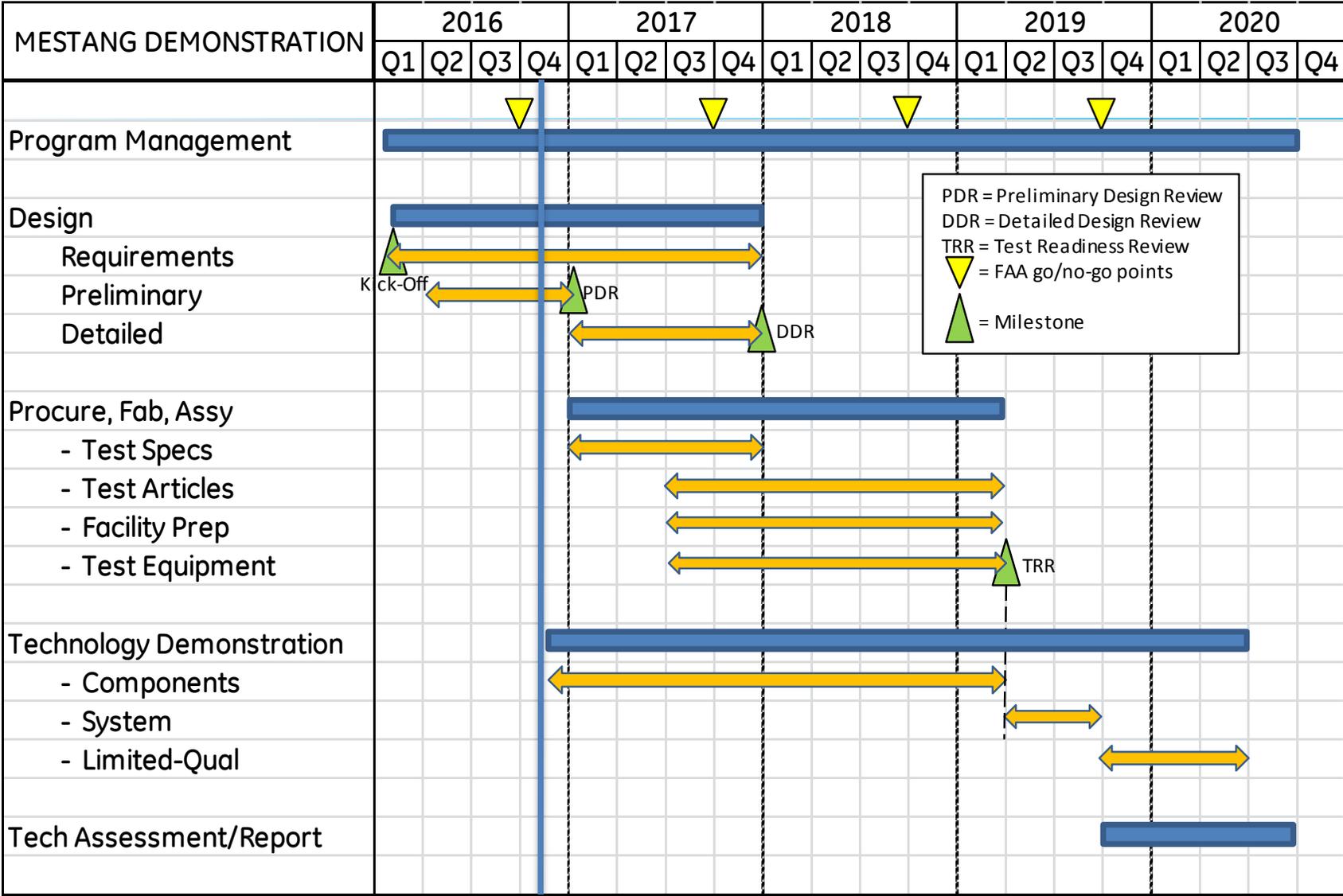
- Component/subsystem validation
- Electric power system and integrated technology lab demonstration

## Key CLEEN II Accomplishments:

- Finalized engineering trade studies for architectural layout
- Engaged the GE Bangalore Engineering Center
- Preparing for demos of LRU's at GRC-NY
- Preparing for PDR in January



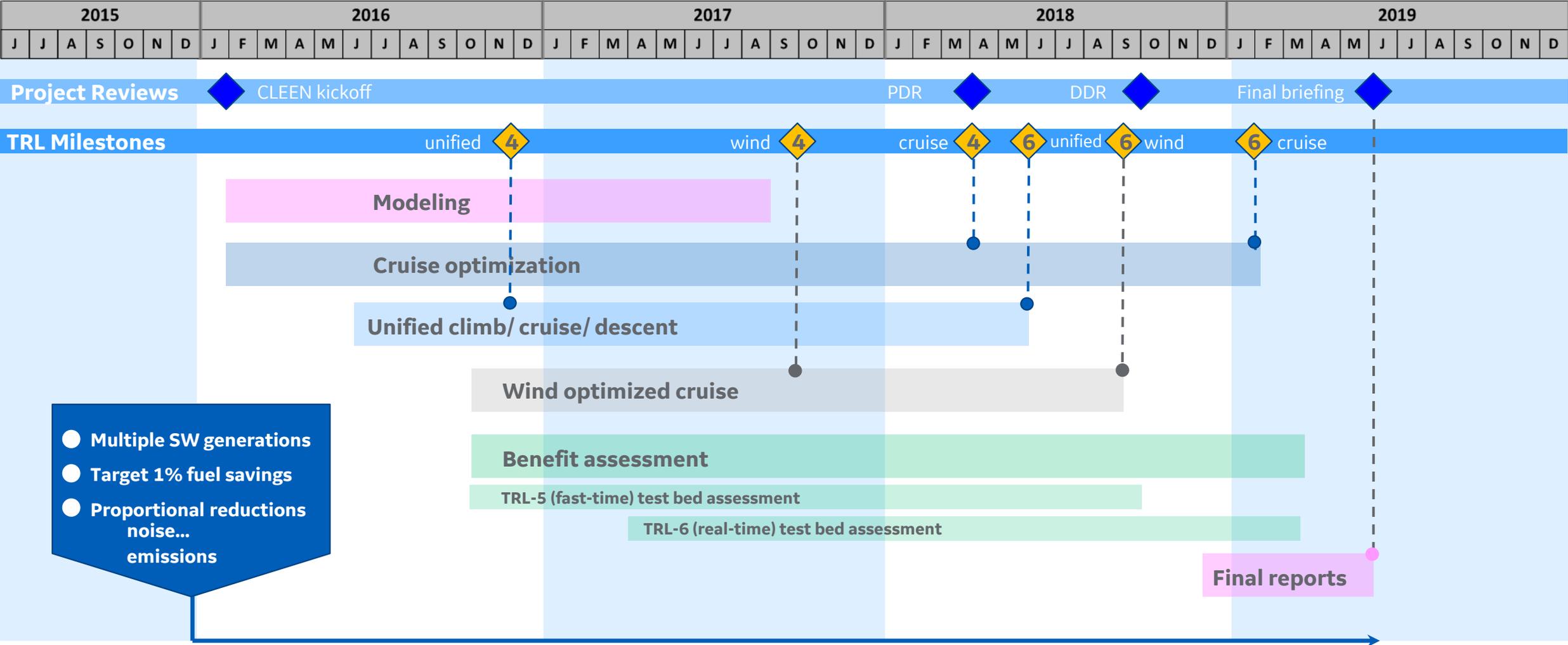
# MESTANG Milestone Schedule



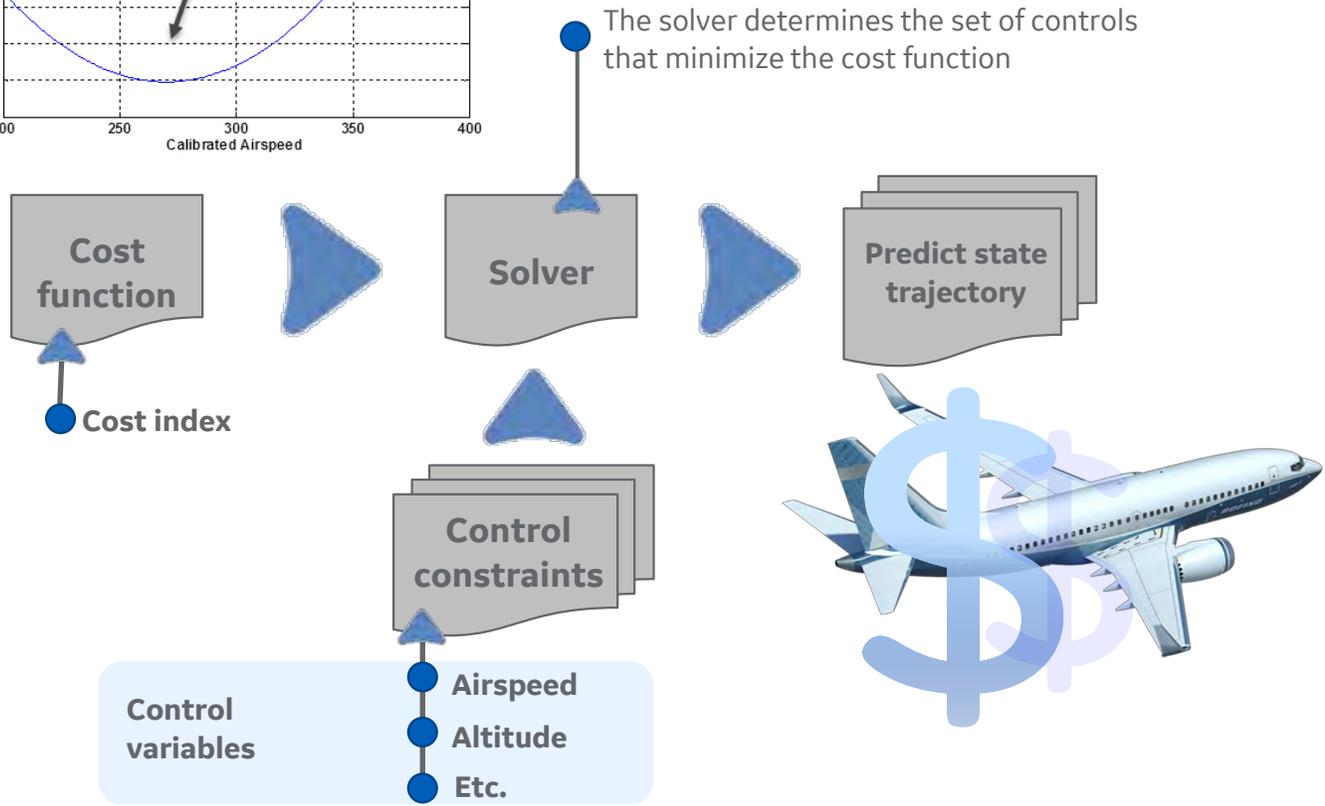
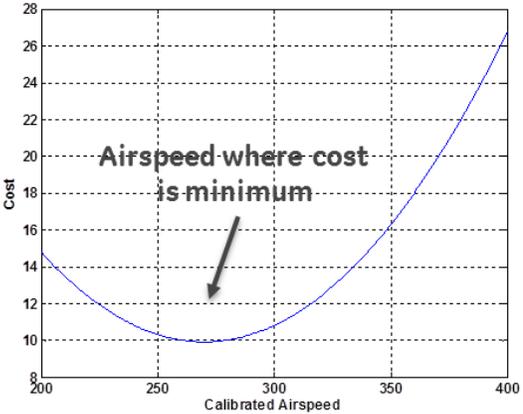
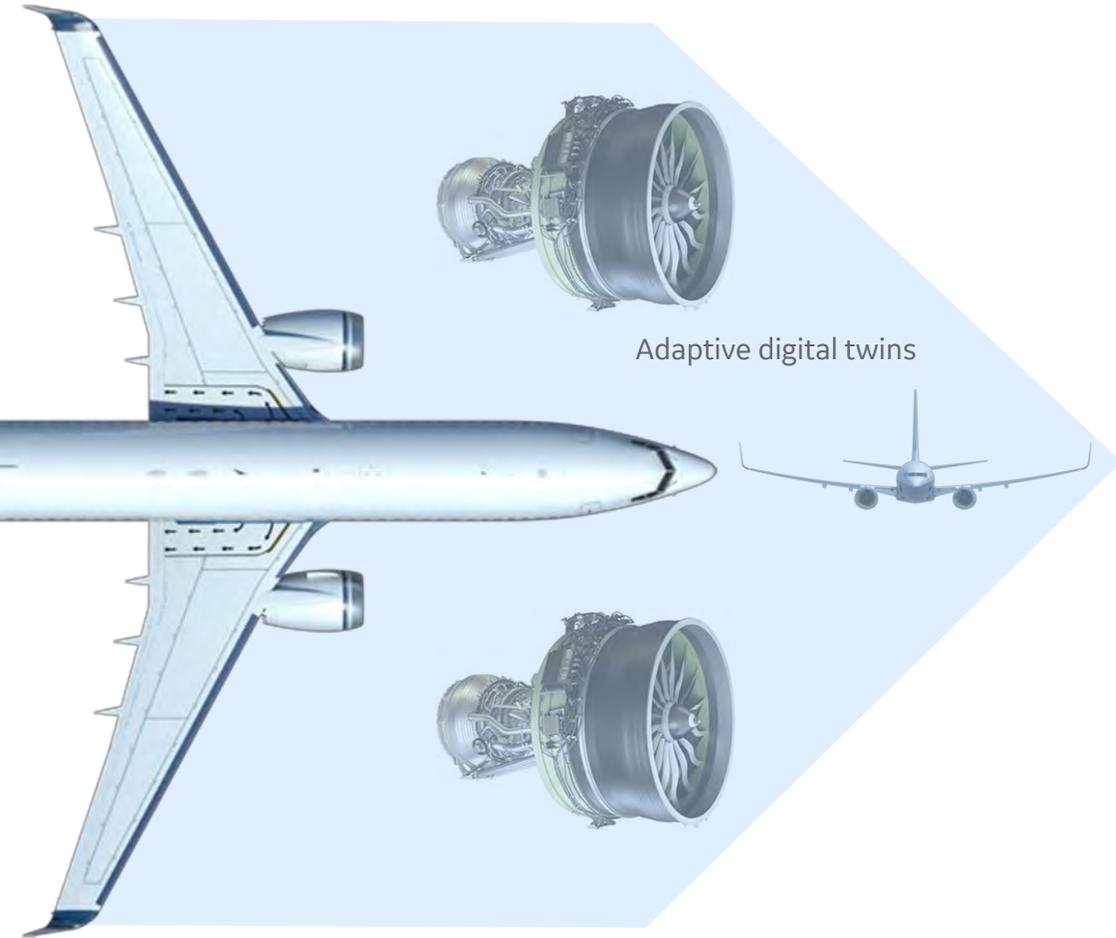
# FMS Technologies



# CLEEN II Project plan



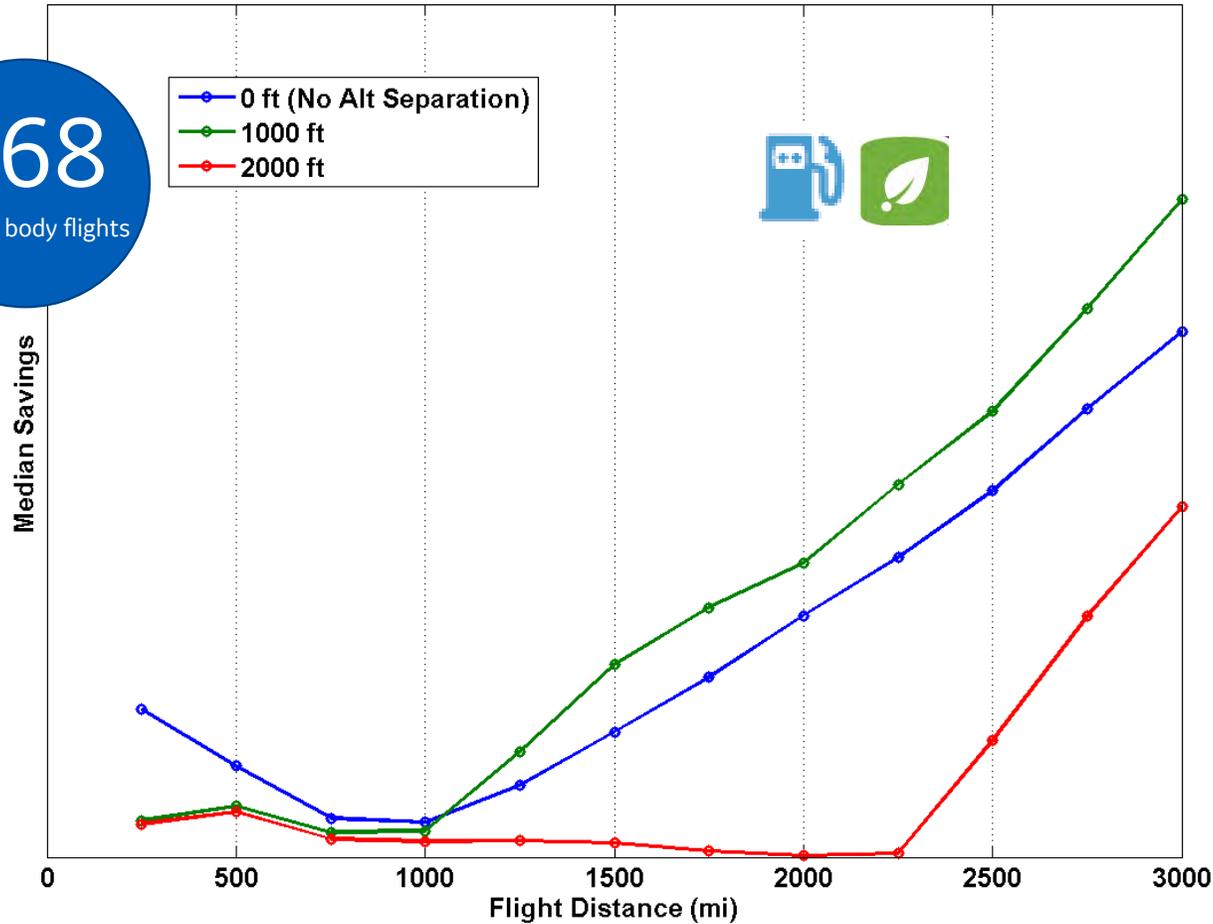
# FMS Optimal Control



# Cruise Optimization

Median Savings of GEN A Cruise over Legacy vs Flight Distance for Various Altitude Separation

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narrow body flights

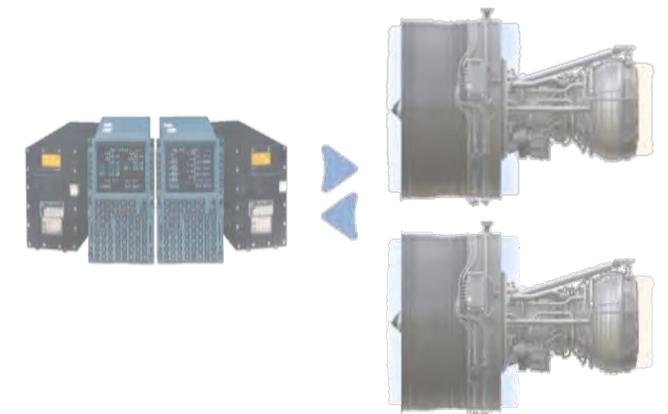


## Accomplishments

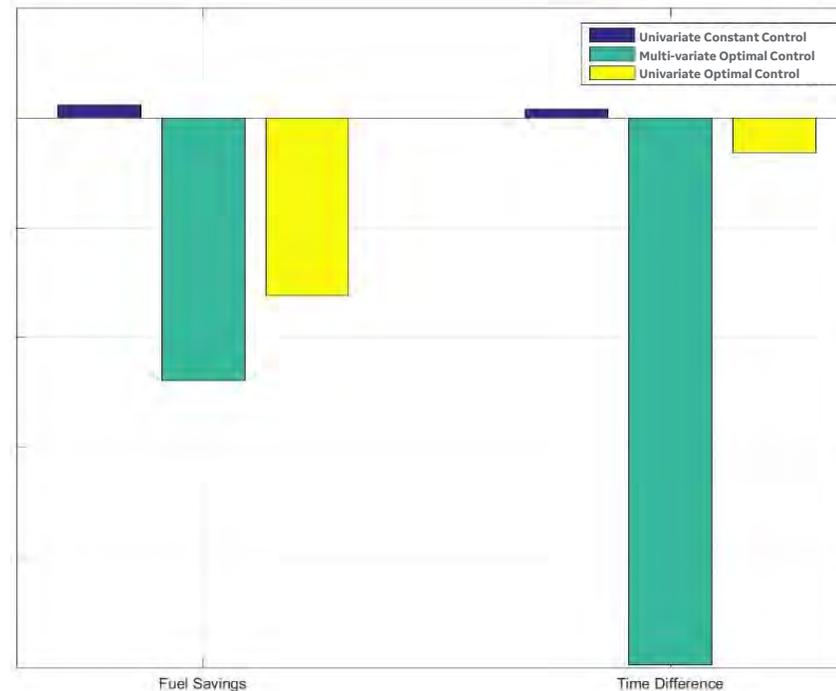
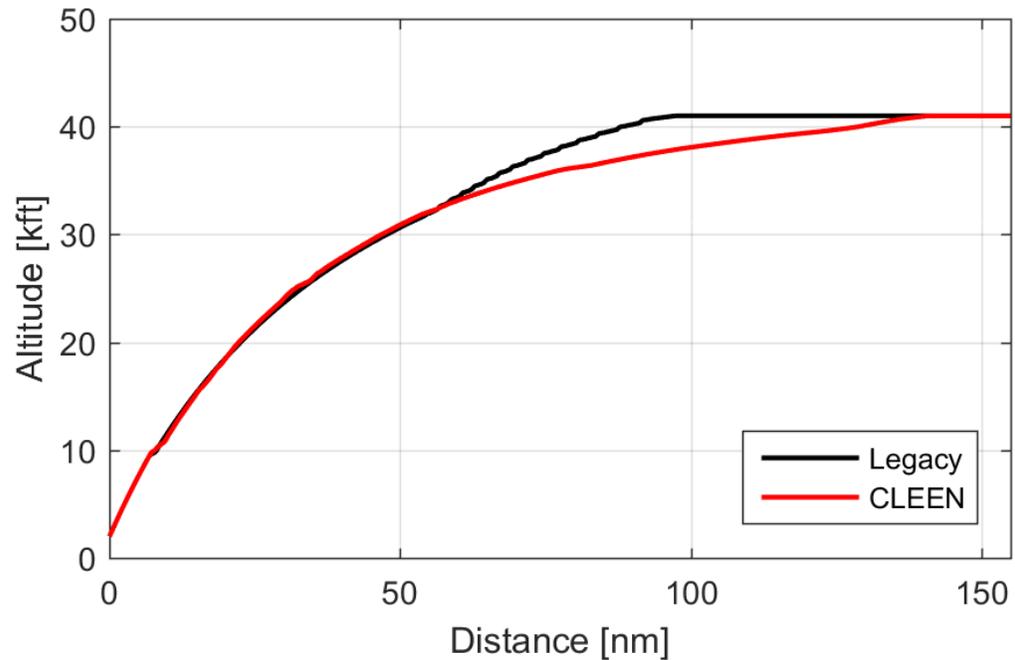
- Developed algorithm and proved concept using desktop computer simulation (TRL 5)
- Assessed benefit
- Developed software architecture for Unified Climb, Cruise, and Descent

## Near-Term Plan

Implement software design in TRL 6 prototype for Unified Climb, Cruise, Descent architecture (Q1 2017)



# Unified Climb, Cruise, and Descent



## Near-Term Plan

- Study optimal transition from climb to cruise, cruise to descent
- Iterate climb, cruise, and descent controls to account for the effect of climb and descent weight on cruise altitude
- Identify barriers to entry into service and apply corresponding constraints



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