

# REDAC Environment and Energy Sub-Committee

## Aircraft Technology Research

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# Agenda

- **Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions & Noise (CLEEN)  
Program Overview**
  - CLEEN Phase I
  - CLEEN Phase II
  - CLEEN Phase III
- **Aviation Sustainability Center of Excellence (ASCENT)  
Technology Projects Update**



# Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions & Noise (CLEEN) Program

- FAA led public-private partnership with 100% cost share from industry
- Reducing fuel burn, emissions and noise via aircraft and engine technologies and alternative jet fuels
- Conducting ground and/or flight test demonstrations to accelerate maturation of certifiable aircraft and engine technologies

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Time Frame	2010-2015	2016-2020	2021-2025
FAA Budget	~\$125M	~\$100M	~\$100M+
Noise Reduction Goal	25 dB cumulative noise reduction cumulative to Stage 5 <i>and/or reduces community noise exposure (new goal for Phase III)</i>		
Fuel Burn Goal	33% reduction	40% reduction	-20% re: CAEP/10 Std.
NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions Reduction Goal	60% landing/take-off NO <sub>x</sub> emissions (re: CAEP/6)	75% landing/take-off NO <sub>x</sub> emissions (-70% re: CAEP/8)	
Particulate Matter Reduction Goal			Reduction relative to CAEP/11 Std
Entry into Service	2018	2026	2031



For more information on CLEEN program: <http://www.faa.gov/go/cleen>

CLEEN III Industry Day: <https://faaco.faa.gov/index.cfm/announcement/view/32134>

CLEEN III Solicitation: <https://faaco.faa.gov/index.cfm/announcement/view/31885>



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# CLEEN Phase I Technologies

## Engine Core

- ✓ Boeing: Ceramic Matrix Composite Exhaust Nozzle
- ✓ GE: TAPS II Combustor
- ✓ Honeywell: Engine core efficiency technologies
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: Ceramic Matrix Composite Blade Tracks
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: Dual-Wall Turbine Airfoils

## Airframe

- ✓ Boeing: Adaptive Trailing Edge

## Aircraft Systems

- ✓ GE: FMS-Air Traffic and FMS-Engine Integration Technologies

## Sustainable Aviation Fuels

- ✓ Boeing: Impact of SAF on Non-Metallic Materials
- ✓ Honeywell: HEFA Testing
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: SAF Evaluations
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: Seal Testing

## Nacelle, Fan, and Bypass

- ✓ GE: Open Rotor Engine Technology
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: Ultra-High Bypass Ratio Geared Turbofan Technologies

Fuel  
Emissions  
Noise

✓ Completed Effort



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# Success Stories from CLEEN I

- GE TAPS II Combustor entered fleet in 2016 on LEAP engine; installed on Airbus 320neo, Boeing 737 MAX, and COMAC C919

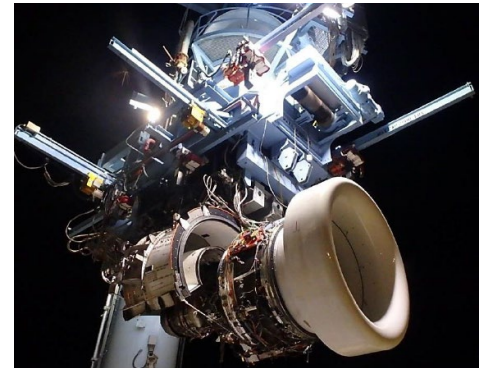
*Exceeds CLEEN Phase I NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction Goal*

- Pratt & Whitney Gen 2 geared turbofan propulsor technology successfully engine tested

*Enables engine designs that provide 20% fuel burn reduction and 20 dB noise reduction*

- Boeing CMC Nozzle flight tested on a 787 aircraft

*Up to 1% fuel burn reduction and 2.3 dB noise reduction*



# CLEEN Phase II Technologies

## Engine Core

- ✓ GE: TAPS III Combustor
- Honeywell: Compact Combustor System
- Honeywell: Advanced Turbine Blade Outer Air Seal
- Honeywell: Advanced High Pressure Compressor
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: High Pressure Compressor Aero-Efficiency
- ✓ Pratt & Whitney: High Pressure Turbine Aero-Efficiency & Durability
- Rolls-Royce: Advance RQL Combustor

## Sustainable Aviation Fuels

- ✓ GE: Combustor Operability Evaluations
- ✓ Rolls-Royce: Fully Synthetic Fuel Evaluation

## Airframe

- ✓ Aurora: D8 Double Bubble Fuselage
- ✓ Boeing: Structurally Efficient Wing

## Aircraft Systems

- ✓ GE: FMS Technologies
- ✓ GE: More Electric Aircraft Systems

## Nacelle, Fan, and Bypass

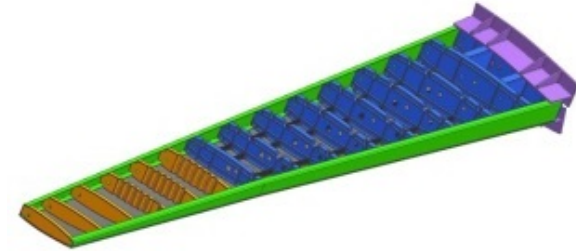
- Boeing: Compact Nacelle and Aft Duct Acoustics
- ✓ Collins Aerospace: Nacelle Technologies
- ✓ Delta Tech Ops / MCT: Leading Edge Protective Blade Coatings
- ✓ GE: Low Pressure Ratio Advanced Acoustics
- Honeywell: Advanced Acoustic Fan and Liners
- Rolls-Royce: Compact Nacelle Flight Test

Fuel  
Emissions  
Noise

- ✓ Completed Effort
- Ongoing Effort

# Success Stories from CLEEN II

- Delta TechOps/MCT completed in-service flight evaluation of fan blade leading edge protective coating  
*Retained efficiency equating to 0.4% to 1% fuel burn savings*
- Boeing completed full scale ground test of Structurally Efficient Wing  
*3.5% fuel savings through weight reduction*
- Boeing completed ground engine test of Compact Nacelle technology  
*1% fuel burn reduction; enables more efficient engine designs and improved acoustic treatments*
- GE TAPS III combustion system will be implemented in the GE9X-powered Boeing 777X  
*Enables NO<sub>x</sub> emissions 30% below CAEP/8*
- GE completed TRL 6 demonstration of Flight Management System optimization algorithms, including electronic flight bag prototype  
*1% fleet-wide average improvement in fuel burn*
- P&W high pressure compressor completed ground and flight tests—learnings integrated into GTF product line  
*0.8-1.0% fuel burn reduction relative to a state-of-the-art engine*



# Recent Accomplishments – Since Spring REDAC Sub-Committee

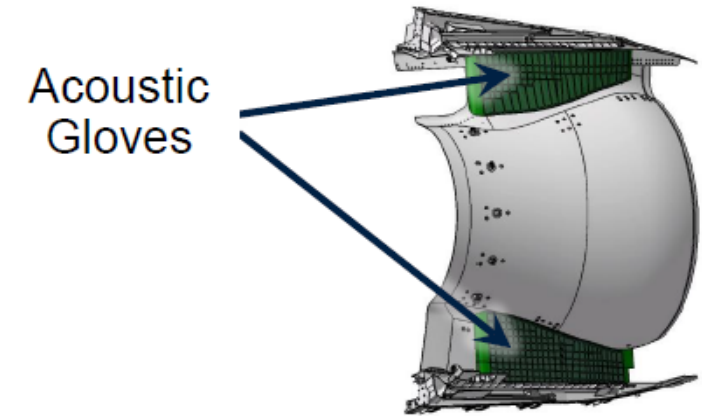
## CLEEN Phase II:

- Boeing Aft Fan Duct Acoustics
  - Flight test completed July 2021 in Glasgow, MT
  - Results under analysis; final reports expected by end of CY2021
- Project closeouts:
  - GE Advanced Acoustics – Final report delivered
  - RR Advanced RQL Combustor – Awaiting final report

## CLEEN Phase III Awards:

- America's Phenix, Delta TechOps, MDS Coating Technologies, GKN Aerospace
- Boeing
- Honeywell
- Pratt & Whitney
- GE Aviation
- Rohr (Collins Aerospace)

Two additional awards under negotiation



Thrust Reverser  
Inner Wall



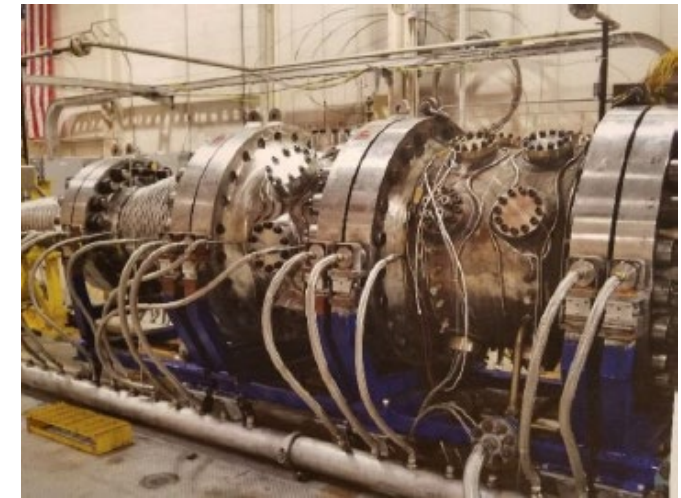
Treated Blocker  
Doors



# Upcoming CLEEN Activities

## Next 6 Months:

- Remaining CLEEN Phase III awards and kickoffs
- Rolls-Royce CLEEN Phase II flight test of compact nacelle technology (Q4 2021)
- Honeywell CLEEN Phase II compact combustor test at NASA Glenn Advanced Subsonic Combustion Rig (Q4 2021)



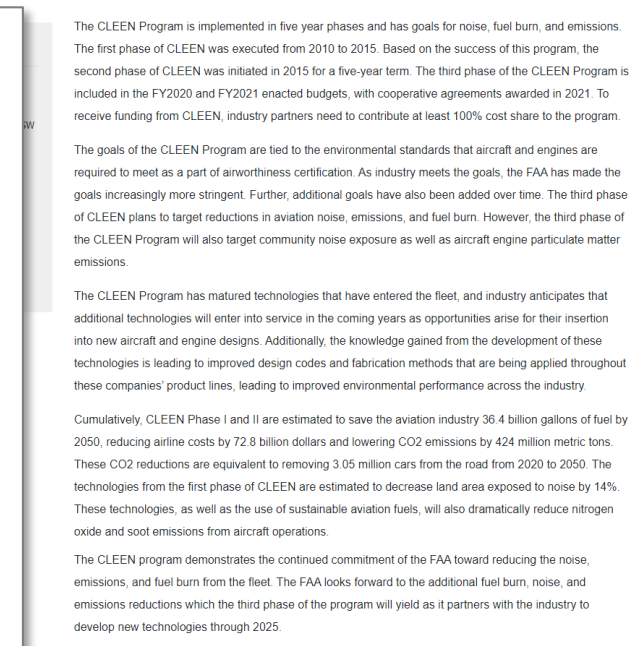
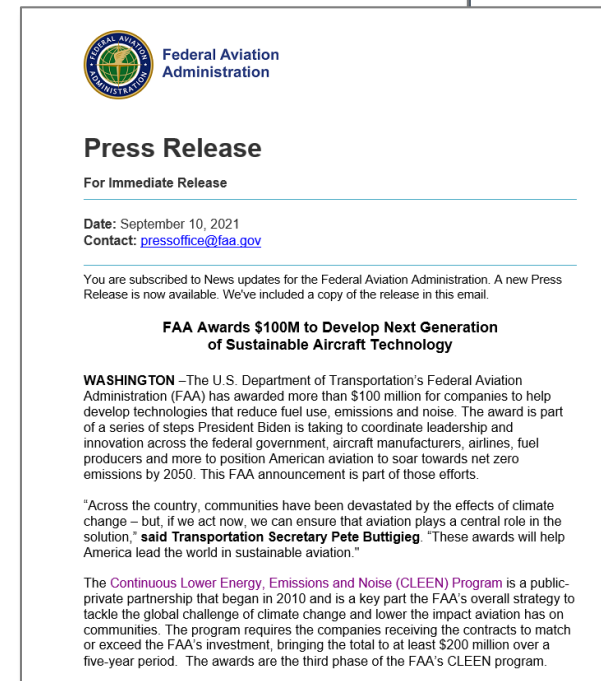
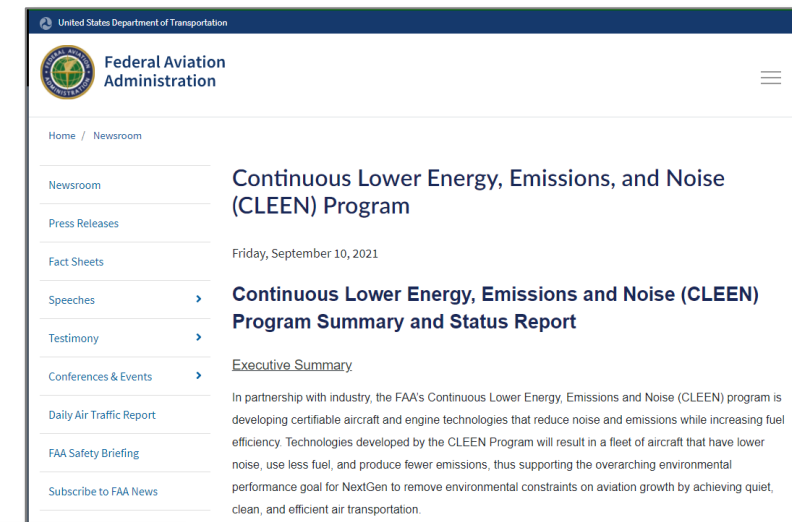
# CLEEN Phase III



# Press Release and Website

[www.faa.gov/go/CLEEN](https://www.faa.gov/go/CLEEN)

- Press release on Phase 3 was released on Sept 10, 2021  
Website: <https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/faq-awards-100m-develop-next-generation-sustainable-aircraft-technology>
- Comprehensive report on CLEEN Program accomplishments has been uploaded as an FAA Fact Sheet  
Website: <https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/continuous-lower-energy-emissions-and-noise-cle-en-program?newsId=22534>
- Materials should aid communications about the CLEEN Program



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# CLEEN Phase III Overview

	Phase III	
Time Frame	2021-2025	
Entry into Service	2031	
FAA Budget	~\$100M+	
Vehicle Type	Subsonic	Supersonic
Noise Goal	25 dB cumulative noise reduction relative to Stage 5 and/or reduces community noise exposure	Reduction during landing and takeoff cycle (LTO)
Fuel Burn Goal	-20% re: CAEP/10 Std	-
NO <sub>x</sub> Goal	-70% re: CAEP/8 Std (LTO)	Reduction in absolute NO <sub>x</sub> emissions
Particulate Matter Goal	Reduction rel: CAEP/11 Std (LTO)	-

- **CLEEN Phase III: Follow-on to CLEEN Phase I and Phase II Programs focusing on aircraft noise, emissions and energy**
- **Purpose:**
  - Mature previously conceived noise, emissions and fuel burn reduction technologies for civil subsonic and supersonic airplanes from TRLs of 3-5 to TRLs of 6-7 to enable industry to expedite introduction of these technologies into current and future aircraft and engines
  - Assess jet fuels that could provide reductions in emissions or improvements in efficiency, including fuels that enable advancements in aircraft and engine design. This includes both conventional and alternative fuels.

The third phase of the CLEEN Program also aims to advance the development and introduction of hydrocarbon jet fuels for aviation that could enable improvements in fuel efficiency and reductions in emissions. This includes fuel blends. The CLEEN Program is interested in fuels that are drop-in compatible with the existing pipeline and airport fueling infrastructure, but have changes in their composition that could help an aircraft meet these CLEEN Program goals.



# CLEEN Phase III Technologies

## Engine Core

- GE: Compact Core – Low Emissions Combustor
- GE: Advanced Thermal Management
- GE: Hybrid Electric Integrated Generation
- Honeywell: Efficient Green High Pressure Core
- Honeywell: Compact High Work High Lift Low Pressure Turbine (LPT)
- Pratt & Whitney: TALON X+ Combustor

## Airframe

- Boeing: Quiet Landing Gear
- Boeing: Quiet High-Lift System

## Aircraft Systems

- GE: MESTANG III
- Boeing: Intelligent Operations

## Sustainable Aviation Fuels

- Boeing: Higher Blend SAF Qualification
- GE: Higher Blend SAF Qualification

## Nacelle, Fan, and Bypass


- America's Phenix: Erosion-Resistant Fan Blade Coating
- Boeing: Advanced Nacelle Next Generation Inlet
- Collins: Large Cell Exhaust Acoustic Technology
- GE: Open Fan
- GE: Advanced Acoustics
- Honeywell: Highly Efficient Fan Module
- Pratt & Whitney: Ultra-Quiet Reduced-Loss Fan Stage

Fuel  
Emissions  
Noise



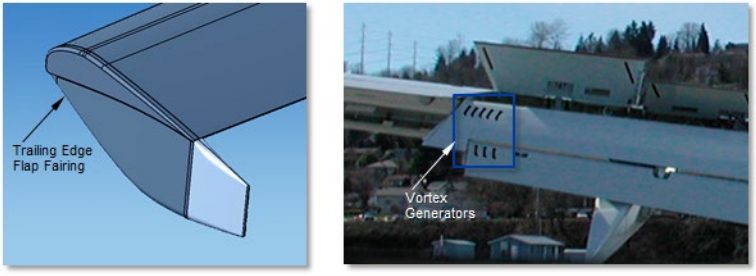
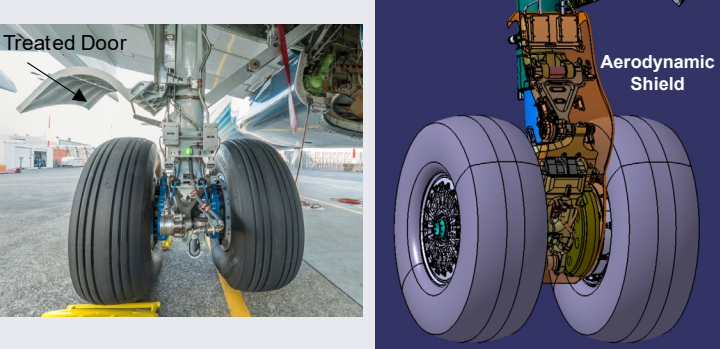
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# America’s Phenix, Delta TechOps, MDS Coating Technologies, GKN Aerospace

Technology	Description	Benefits
<p><b>Particulate &amp; Fluid Erosion-Resistant Fan Blade Coating for Expanded Applications</b></p> 	<p>The team of Delta TechOps, GKN Aerospace, MDS Coating and America’s Phenix, is developing erosion resistant fan blade coatings for various engine applications. The coatings protect the fan blade’s leading edge against particulate and fluid erosion; thus, retaining engine performance, reducing fuel consumption and lowering emissions over an engine’s operational tour.</p>	<p>Fuel: 1% or greater fuel burn reduction and corresponding reduction in greenhouse gas emissions via retaining engine performance over an engine’s operational tour.</p>

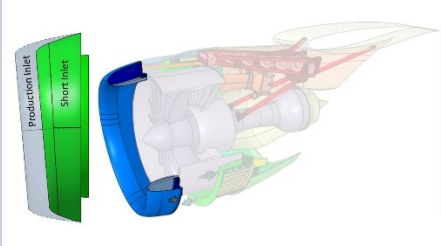
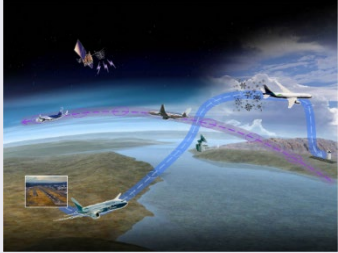



# Boeing (1 of 2)

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Quiet High-Lift System</b>  <p>The first image is a 3D CAD model of a wing's trailing edge, showing a flap fairing designed to smooth the airflow. The second image is a photograph of a wing section with several small, rectangular vortex generators mounted on the upper surface.</p>	Boeing is developing flap edge fairings and vortex generators for wing high-lift devices in order to minimize noise.	Noise: Up to 0.5 EPNdB noise reduction
<b>Quiet Landing Gear</b>  <p>The first image is a photograph of an aircraft's landing gear door, labeled 'Treated Door', showing its internal structure. The second image is a 3D CAD model of a landing gear assembly, showing an 'Aerodynamic Shield' designed to deflect airflow around the gear.</p>	Boeing is developing landing gear door noise treatment and aerodynamic shields to reduce aircraft noise.	Noise: Up to 0.5 EPNdB noise reduction



# Boeing (2 of 2)

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Advanced Nacelle: Next Generation Inlet</b> 	Boeing is developing a new inlet architecture that will reduce weight, drag and noise.	Noise: Up to 1.5 EPNdB Fuel: 2% fuel burn reduction
<b>Intelligent Operations</b> 	Boeing is developing noise-optimized flight path algorithms with integration into the Air Traffic Management System.	Noise: 3-5 dBA peak noise reduction Fuel: 2% fuel savings during take-off; 5% during approach phase
<b>Sustainable Aviation Fuels</b> 	Under CLEEN Phase III, Boeing is supporting qualification of Sustainable Aviation Fuels through lab material compatibility evaluations and flight demonstration. This program will characterize selected new alternative fuel blends and provide test data in support of future ASTM International specifications. Through this effort, Boeing will support continued expansion of certified alternative fuel pathways to promote uptake and sustainability.	Supports > 50% blend levels

# GE Aviation (1 of 2)

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Open Fan</b>	GE Aviation is developing an unducted single fan architecture optimized for noise and fuel burn reduction.	Noise: 13 EPNdB cum margin relative to Stage 5  Fuel: 10+% reduction relative to current LEAP engine
<b>Compact Core – Low Emissions Combustor</b>	GE Aviation is developing combustor technology that will result in reduced NOx emissions.	NOx: Targeting NOx reduction for a future high overall pressure ratio engine cycle, equivalent to 70% margin to the CAEP/8 standard at 30 OPR.
<b>Advanced Thermal Management</b>	GE Aviation is developing advanced thermal management and waste heat recovery systems to facilitate compressor and turbine temperature increases, thereby improving cycle efficiency and reducing fuel burn.	Fuel: Up to 3% reduction relative to traditional architectures


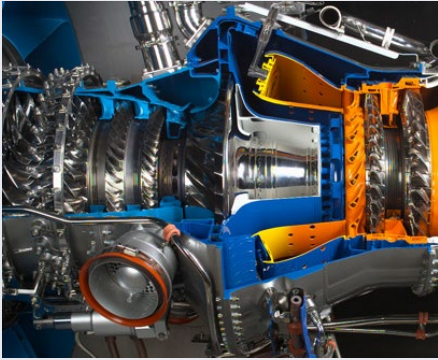
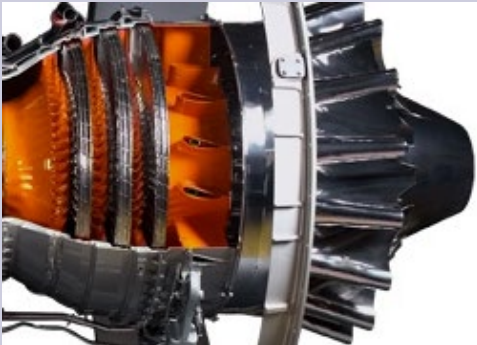


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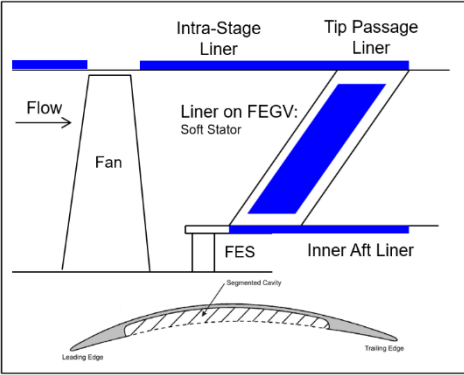

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Advanced Acoustics</b>	GE Aviation is developing advanced fan duct acoustic liners and fan/outlet guide vane (OGV) technologies to reduce noise.	Noise: 2 EPNdB cum. reduction from novel liners, 1 EPNdB cum. reduction from fan/OGV designs
<b>MESTANG III</b>	GE Aviation is developing more electric aircraft systems that will reduce fuel burn by requiring reduced engine bleed air.	Fuel: 3-6% reduction for mid-size aircraft
<b>Hybrid Electric Integrated Generation</b>	GE Aviation is developing an integrated electric-power generation system within the engine to enable flexibility in electric power generation and optimize engine performance.	Fuel: 3-4% reduction
<b>Sustainable Aviation Fuels</b>	GE will support qualification efforts for alternative jet fuels with unique compositions, including highly cycloparaffinic fuels. Cycloparaffins may provide sufficient seal swell unlike other alternative jet fuels which lack aromatics. GE testing will characterize combustor operability and emissions impact of the fuels.	Supports > 50% blend levels



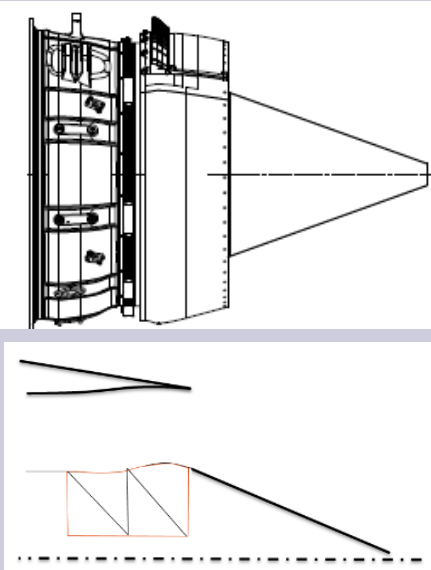
# Honeywell Aerospace

Technology		Description	Benefits
Highly Efficient Fan Module		Honeywell is developing over-the-rotor acoustic treatment, a high efficiency booster, and optimizing the fan exit guide vanes and booster stators for combined noise and efficiency benefits.	Noise: 1.5 EPNdB Fuel: 1.5% fuel burn reduction
Efficient Green High Pressure Core		Honeywell is developing advanced high pressure compressor, low emission combustor, and efficient high pressure turbine technologies for next generation business jet aircraft.	Noise: 3 EPNdB reduction Fuel: 8.3% fuel burn reduction Emissions: 70% margin to CAEP/8 NOx; 70% reduction in nvPM
High Work High Lift Low Pressure Turbine (LPT)		Honeywell is developing technologies for a reduced weight, more efficient and quieter low pressure turbine for future business jet class aircraft.	Noise: 0.5 EPNdB Fuel: 2.5% fuel burn reduction

# Pratt & Whitney

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Ultra-Quiet Reduced-Loss Fan Stage</b> 	<p>Pratt &amp; Whitney is developing a quieter, more efficient fan module including additively manufactured low-loss acoustic liners and reduced solidity, reduced-loss, lower noise fan exit guide vanes. Areas of interest for the advanced acoustic treatment are highlighted in blue.</p>	<p>Noise: Target 3 EPNdB noise reduction combined with P&amp;W combustor technology</p> <p>Fuel: 0.8% fuel burn as part of package with P&amp;W combustor technology</p>
<b>TALON X+ Combustor</b> 	<p>Pratt &amp; Whitney is developing an advanced combustion system based on the TALON X that will simultaneously reduce noise and emissions, while improving temperature pattern factor and enabling improved high pressure turbine design and efficiency.</p>	<p>Noise: Target 3 EPNdB noise reduction combined with P&amp;W fan technology</p> <p>Fuel Burn: 0.8% fuel burn as part of package with P&amp;W fan technology</p> <p>Emissions: deliver 50% margin to CAEP/8 NOx</p>

# Rohr, Inc. (Collins Aerospace)

Technology	Description	Benefits
<b>Large Cell Exhaust Acoustic Technology</b> 	Collins Aerospace is developing a novel exhaust noise attenuation feature involving a “large cell” cavity treatment in the exhaust structure.	Noise: Lower noise by 0.9 to 1.5 EPNdB



# CLEEN Program - In Summary

- Remaining CLEEN Phase II technology development projects are on track
- Awarded **six** CLEEN Phase III agreements
  - Additional **two** under negotiation
- Next CLEEN II + CLEEN III Consortium Meetings:
  - Nov 1-5, 2021 (virtual)
- For more on CLEEN <https://www.faa.gov/go/cleen>



# ASCENT Technology Projects

- **Now 1.5 years into execution of the portfolio of environmental technology research projects in our Center of Excellence**
- **Originally set up as an experiment in the direction of the prior Administration to conduct innovation activities in our CoE**
- **Themes:**
  - Noise reduction technology modeling and development
  - System-level modeling and design considerations
  - Propulsion-airframe integration
  - Combustion
  - Turbomachinery
  - Supersonics
- **Overview of projects now available on ASCENT website:**  
<https://ascent.aero/topic/Aircraft-Technology/>



# ASCENT Aircraft Technology Innovation Portfolio

## ASCENT Aircraft Technology Innovation Projects

- 010- Aircraft Technology Modeling and Assessment
- 037 - CLEEN II System Level Assessment
- 047 - Clean Sheet Supersonic Aircraft Engine Design and Performance
- 050 - Over-Wing Engine Placement Evaluation
- 051 - Combustion concepts for next-generation aircraft engines to reduce fuel burn and emissions
- 052 - Comparative Assessment of Electrification Strategies for Aviation
- 055 - Noise Generation and Propagation from Advanced Combustors
- 056 - Turbine Cooling Through Additive Manufacturing
- 059 - Jet Noise Modeling to Support Low Noise Supersonic Aircraft Technology Development
- 063 - Parametric Noise Modeling For Boundary Layer Ingesting Propulsors
- 064 - Alternative Design Configurations to Meet Future Demand
- 066 - Evaluation of High Thermal Stability Fuels
- 067 - Impact of Fuel Heating on Combustion and Emissions
- 068 - Combustor Wall Cooling Concepts for Dirt Mitigation
- 070 - Reduction of nvPM emissions via innovation in aero-engine fuel injector design
- 071 - Predictive Simulation of Soot Emission in Aircraft combustors
- 074 - Low Emissions Pre-Mixed Combustion Technology for Supersonic Civil Transport
- 075 - Improved Engine Fan Broadband Noise Prediction Capabilities
- 076 - Improved Open Rotor Noise Prediction Capabilities
- 077 - Measurements to Support Noise Certification for UAS/UAM Vehicles and Identify Noise Reduction Opportunities
- 079 (In Development) - Novel Noise Liner Development Enabled by Advanced Manufacturing

**ASCENT's aircraft technology innovation research advances the industry state-of-the-art and expands the technical knowledge base.**

<https://ascent.aero/topic/Aircraft-Technology/>

# Key Outcomes Thus Far

**While many projects were planned as multi-year from the start, we are seeing positive outcomes already:**

- **ASCENT 37** has captured the projected fuel burn and CO2 emission benefits of CLEEN Phase II through 2050, helping us understand and communicate the benefits of CLEEN.
- **ASCENT 52** has demonstrated the significant energy requirements and infrastructure investments needed to support hydrogen aircraft. The team also evaluated the intense energy needs and environmental impact of Power-to-Liquid (PtL) fuels. This work has been critical in conversations at ICAO and within the U.S. Government to educate aviation experts on key challenges that must be addressed for both hydrogen and PtL technologies.
- **ASCENT 64** has provided invaluable modeling and analysis support to our work to inform a long term aspirational goal for CO2 from international aviation at ICAO.



# ASCENT Connections to CLEEN Phase III

- **ASCENT 55** – Georgia Tech / RTRC research is improving understanding of combustor noise generation
  - CLEEN Phase III P&W TALON X+ Combustor
- **ASCENT 68** – Penn State / P&W investigating dirt resistant combustor cooling holes
  - CLEEN Phase III P&W TALON X+ Combustor
- **ASCENT 76** – GE is providing Georgia Tech with open rotor geometry for parametric noise analysis
  - CLEEN Phase III GE Open Fan
- **ASCENT 79** – Penn State / RTRC investigating novel noise reduction liners enabled by Advanced Manufacturing
  - CLEEN Phase III P&W Ultra-Quiet Reduced-Loss Fan Stage



# Conclusions

- **CLEEN Phase II is executing its sixth successful year**
  - Twelve technology projects have reached their maturation goals, with many more expected in the next year, even after COVID impacts
- **CLEEN Phase III now underway to continue our efforts to accelerate maturation of environmental aircraft technologies into the fleet (2021-2026)**
  - Eight awards in total, with **six** now underway
- **ASCENT projects showing promising initial outcomes as part of our expanded technology research portfolio**



# Backup Slides



# Assessment of CLEEN Technologies

## Analytical Evaluation:

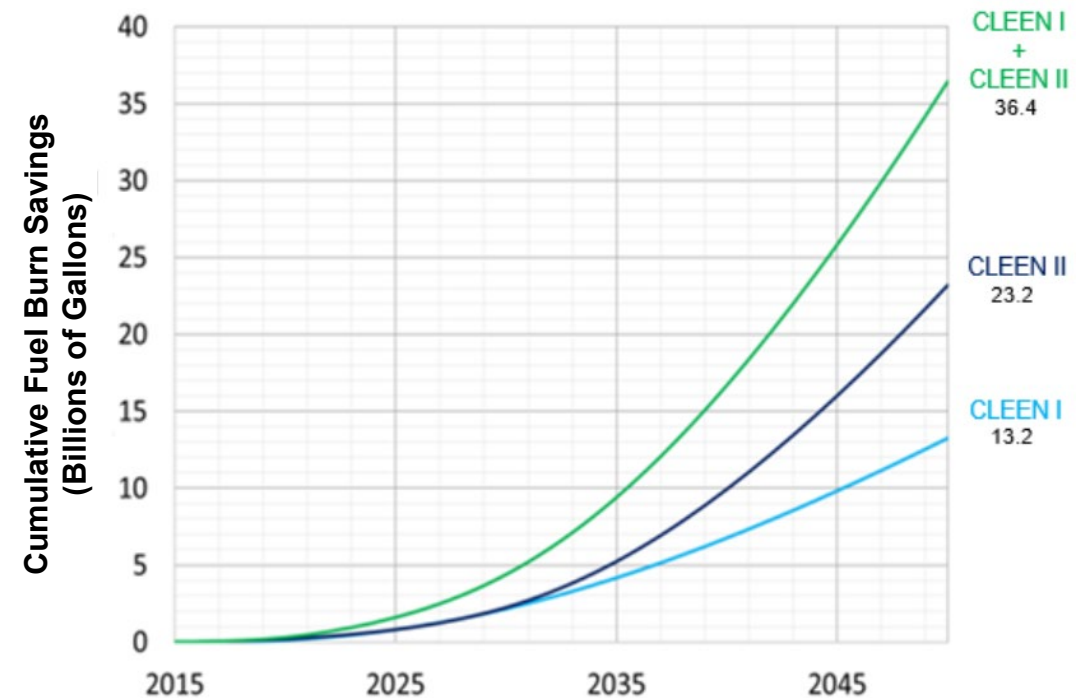
- Conducted by Georgia Tech through ASCENT COE Project 37
- Evaluating impact on fuel burn and noise out to 2050
- Have completed modeling of CLEEN Phase I technologies and all CLEEN Phase II fuel burn reduction technologies

## Fuel Burn Benefit:

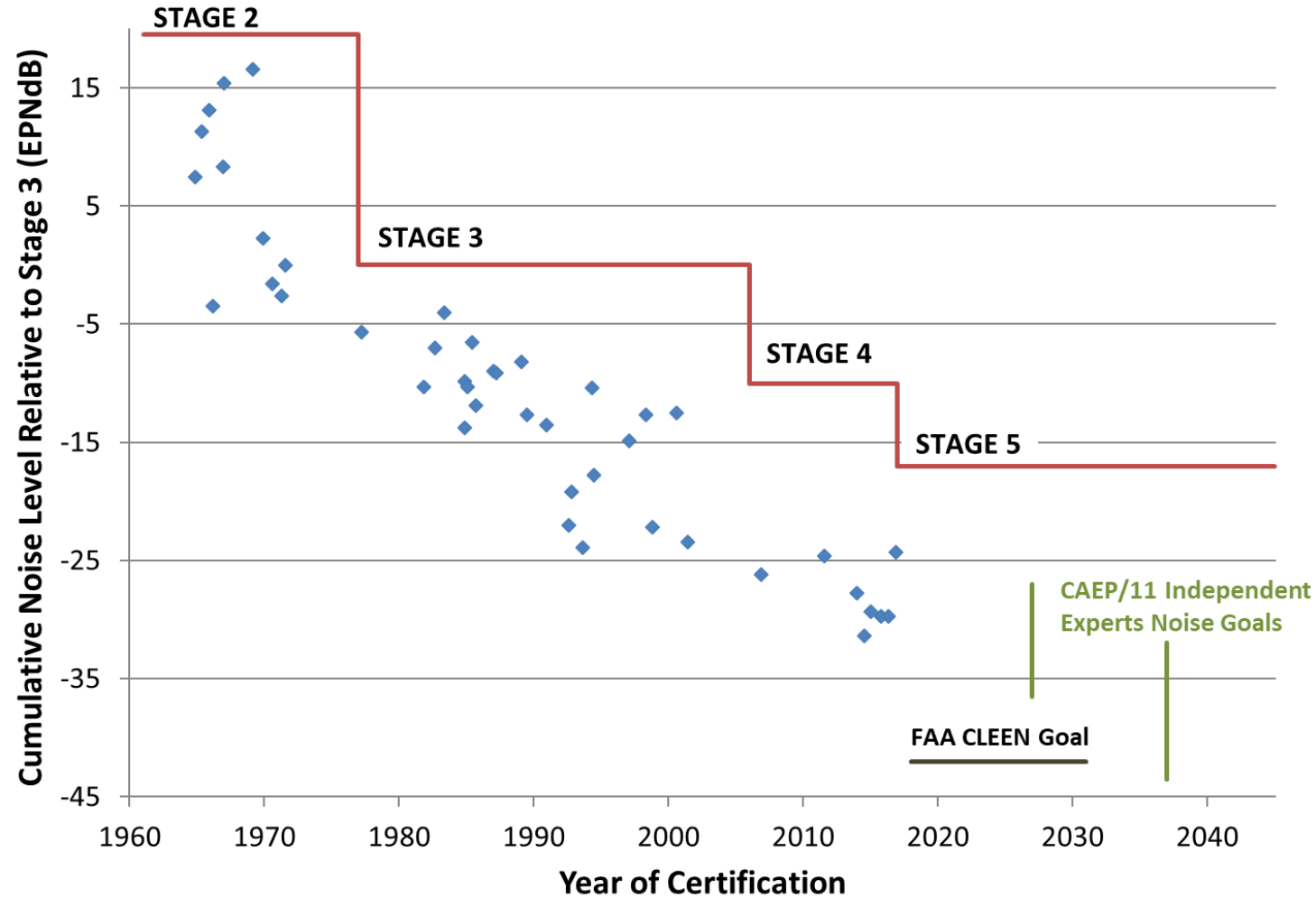
- 36.4 billion gallons of fuel saved cumulative by 2050 from CLEEN Phase I and II
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduced by 424 million metric tons over this time period – the equivalent to removing 3 million cars from the road from 2020 to 2050

## Noise Benefit:

- CLEEN Phase I Contributes to 14% decrease in the land area exposed to DNL 65 dB and greater
- CLEEN Phase II noise benefits assessment ongoing



# CLEEN Noise Goal in Context



# CLEEN Phase III Fuel Burn Goal in Context

