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Abstract

Task was to find an innovative aircraft design for a new medium range aircraft. The aircraft design methodology is based on equations (in contrast to numeric methods) and formal optimization with a genetic algorithm called differential evolution. Airbus has postponed an all-new A320 to 2025 or even 2030. This allows including also unconventional configurations into the search. Economic requirements are extreme: 25 % to 40 % reduction in fuel consumption, 35 % reduction in Cash Operating Costs. To achieve this, all aircraft design parameters have to be open for discussion. An aircraft called "The Rebel" is prepared to go to extreme parameters: low cruise speed, high wing span and long take-off and landing distance. Without new technologies it achieves 36 % reduced fuel consumption. The "Smart Turboprop" stays in conventional limits with its parameters, but makes use of a braced wing with natural laminar flow. It also achieves 36 % reduced fuel consumption plus a 17 % reduction in Direct Operating Costs (DOC). In addition, several Box Wing Aircraft where designed: Diamond Box Wing and Biplane Box Wing as Wide Body and alternatively as Slender Body. The Biplane Box Wing shows overall advantages due to its conventional tail. The details of Box Wing Aircraft design where mastered, but the Direct Operating Costs of the Box Wing Aircraft turned out to be higher than those of the A320 reference. This leaves the "Smart Turboprop" as the proposed configuration for an Airbus A320 replacement. As a short term measure, it is proposed to offer a horizontal wing tip extension as an option for the A320neo instead of the winglets. An extension with the same length as the winglet height offers far greater drag reduction. Airports will tolerate and accommodate some aircraft with a wing span above the ICAO limit in Class C of 36 m.





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The research project was part of the

- Leading-Edge Cluster Competition of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research
 - Aviation Cluster Hamburg Metropolitan Region
 - Lighthouse Project 3: Airport 2030
 - Work Package 4: Aircraft Configurations for Efficient Ground Operations
 - Work Task 4.1: Evolutionary Aircraft Configurations "Possible A320 Successor"







Duration: 1st December 2008 - 31th January 2014 = 5 years and 2 month





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"Evolutionary" not "Revolutionary"

Estimation of maximum glide ratio E = L/D in normal cruise

Α	:	aspect ratio	

S_{wet}: wetted area

from statistics: $k_{F} = 15,8$

S_{wet} / S_W:

- S_W : reference area of the wing
- e: Oswald factor; passenger transports: e ≈ 0.85

conv. aircraft

BWB

$$E_{max} = k_E \sqrt{\frac{A}{S_{wet} / S_W}}$$

$$k_E = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi e}{\overline{c_f}}} = 14.9$$

 $\overline{c_f} = 0.003$

6.0 ... 6.2

≈ 2.4





"Evolutionary" not "Revolutionary"

Not suitable for a "Possible A320 Successor":







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Not suitable for a "Possible A320 Successor":









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Ideas from the Web ...









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Ideas from the Web ...



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More Ideas from the Web ...







	m_MTO	M_CR	P_eq	Pax
A320	78 t	0,76	XXX	180
A400M	141 t	0,70	4 x 8250 kW	XXX
ATR 72	23 t	0,46	2 x 1950 kW	72
Q400	29 t	0,60	2 x 3780 kW	78
Smart TP	56 t	0,51	2 x 5000 kW	180

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Aircraft Take Shape ...







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At the end of the project: Something to touch ...



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... and to fly ...







Watch videos on https://goo.gl/vj2Hq6





... and it gets reported:





Study backs 'smart turboprop' design

Researchers looking to increase medium-haul aircraft efficiency favour an advanced turboprop over box-wing concepts.

In co-operation with Airbus, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences embarked on a study to explore a possible successor to the A320, as part of a project known as Airport 2030. As well as an optimised conventional jet configuration, the study examines various box-wing designs, as well as the option of a turboprop. The team aims to consider high-efficiency aircraft designs which would avoid changing ground infrastructure.

The project involves studying families of single- and twin-aisle



The project aims to explore a possible successor to the A320

box-winged aircraft of 126-218 seats. However, while box-wing concepts offer a reduction in drag, this economic advantage is countered by the increased weight of the wing.

The direct operating costs of box-wing models are calculated to be some 20% higher than those of the A320.

However, the "smart turboprop" design's economics prove more promising, the study says, with a 17% lower operating cost and a 36% cut in fuel burn.

This is based on a twin-engined aircraft with a high wing braced by struts, and a T-tail configuration featuring technologies including laminar flow.

14 | Flight International | 2-8 September 2014

flightglobal.com

http://www.flightglobal.com/news/articles/-smart-turboprop-favoured-by-future-design-study-402952

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What else in the News?



PROPULSION JOHN CROFT WASHINGTON DC

05/2011:

90-seat turboprop beckons to P&WC

Engine manufacturer to begin assembling next-generation powerplant to prepare for possible creation of bigger airframes

AIRFRAMES MAVIS TOH SINGAPORE ATR keen to satisfy 90-seat audience 01/2013:

Turboprop manufacturer yet to convince shareholders despite Asian regional carriers' interest in potential larger aircraft

ANALYSIS MURDO MORRISON LONDON

01/2013:

ATR ascends as Bombardier suffers

Growing demand from lessors helps Franco-Italian airframer beat Canadian rival in turboprop orders and deliveries race

01/2013:

WHO WILL LAUNCH **AN ALL-NEW 90-SEAT TURBOPROP?**

The chances are, nobody will - but pressure from airline customers might conjure up a 2013 launch of a product that regional aircraft makers agree will eventually be a necessity.

01/2011:

DEVELOPMENT DAVID KAMINSKI-MORROW TOULOUSE

Demand for big turboprops will grow, says ATR

Airframer seeks 'convergent' solution with engine manufacturers to develop future 90-seat models



Chief executive, ATR





What else in the News?

TURBOPROPS MURDO MORRISON PARIS



 TURBOPROPS

 03/2014:

 Airbus Group keen on 90-seat ATR, but in no rush to launch



Can ATR cope with success?

After its best-ever year, French manufacturer faces challenges of ramp-up, maintaining sales and future product direction

05/2015:

DEVELOPMENT

Market needs put 90-seater plan at bottom of ATR list

Resistance from Airbus Group contributes to retreat from larger model as production capacity continues to increase





Meanwhile at Airbus internally



Jon Ostrower on May 11, 2010. http://www.flightglobal.com/blogs/flightblogger/2010/05/airbus_outlined_future_a30x_co

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What else in the News?



A fuel-efficient engine option for Airbus' A320 Family

On 4/2011 uploaded to https://youtu.be/K5FH_PraQZQ

"We're not redesigning the A320. It's pretty damn good just the way it is," **John Leahy**, Airbus's chief commercial officer, says in a promotional video touting the A320neo's fuel efficiency. He says the company doesn't believe new technologies being researched will be ready before the mid-2020s. That's when Airbus is likely to contemplate an allnew design to replace the A320 family. [1]

Bloomberg 05/2014

At Airbus any all-new single aisle aircraft is unlikely to be constructed before 2025.

01/2010:







Ground Handling (to be considered in Airport2030)

- Example: Continuous Cargo Compartment
 - Time saving: No repositioning of loader
 - Cargo handling is not on critical path for gate positions
 - Slight time advantage only in few cases (e.g. two door oper. on apron)
 - Same costs



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• Most evaluated technologies with advantages on the ground impair the DOC of the aircraft

- Twin-aisle
- Increase of aisle width
- Foldable seat (if seat is heavier)
- Ground handling processes need to be robust to avoid delays!

Aircraft need to be optimized for cruise!





Economic Top Level Requirements

Airbus/DLR Design Challenge for 2013 (M. Fokken, Airbus):

- Fuel burn: minus 25% versus an A320 with 190 instead of 180 pax
- CoC: minus 35% versus an A320 with 190 instead of 180 pax

SNECMA (Aviation Week & Space Technology, 2014-03-31) [2]:

"Buyers of next-generation short/medium-range airliners will expect big steps in aircraft economics, at least a **40-percent fuel-burn-per-passenger improvement**," says Vincent Garnier, Snecma vice president of marketing strategy for civil engines.





Requirements at Airports ...

... are Driving Today's Aircraft Design! [3]

Annex 14 — Aerodromes

Volume I

ICAO

Table 1-1. Aerodrome reference code (see 1.6.2 to 1.6.4)

	Code element 1		Code element 2	
Code number (1)	Aeroplane reference field length (2)	Code letter (3)	Wing span (4)	Outer main gear wheel span ^a (5)
1	Less than 800 m	А	Up to but not including 15 m	Up to but not including 4.5 m
2	800 m up to but not including 1 200 m	В	15 m up to but not including 24 m	4.5 m up to but not including 6 m
3	1 200 m up to but not including 1 800 m	С	24 m up to but not including 36 m	6 m up to but not including 9 m
4	1 800 m and over	D	36 m up to but not including 52 m	9 m up to but not including 14 m
		Е	52 m up to but not including 65 m	9 m up to but not including 14 m
		F	65 m up to but not including 80 m	14 m up to but not including 16 m

a. Distance between the outside edges of the main gear wheels.





Range of Investigation for a New A320

- Standard Jet Configuration
 "The Rebel"
- Standard Prop Configuration
 "Smart Turboprop"
- Non-Standard Jet Configuration
 "Box Wing Aircraft" (BWA)
 - Wide Body / Slender Body
 - Diamond BWA / Biplane BWA

Genetic algorithm (Differential Evolution) proposes parameters. Aircraft "designed" automatically in EXCEL. **Optimization** for **minimum DOC.** About 2000 feasible designs tested in one run.



















Standard Jet Configuration: "The Rebel"

- Conventional Jet Configuration ... but ...
- Questioning established requirements. This results in:
 - wing span: *b* > 36 m
 - take-off and landing distance: s_{TOFL} > 1800 m
 - cruise Mach number:

$$M_{CR} < 0.76$$



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- Considering alternative objective function
 - DOC (standard), DOC + Added Values
 - Minimum fuel

[3] ICAO: Aerodromes, Volume I – Aerodrome Design and Operations, Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 5th edition, 2009







Standard Jet Configuration: "The Rebel"

Early conceptual design

Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*
Requirements		
m _{MPL}	19256 kg	0 %
R _{MPL}	1510 NM	0 %
M _{CR}	0.55	- 28 %
max(s _{TOFL} , s _{LFL})	2700 m	+ 53 %
n _{PAX} (1-cl HD)	180	0 %
m _{PAX}	93 kg	0 %
SP	28 in	- 3 %





Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*			
Main aircraft parameters					
m _{MTO}	66000 kg	- 10 %			
m _{OE}	39200 kg	- 5 %			
m _F	7500 kg	- 42 %			
Sw	68 m²	- 45 %			
b _{W,geo}	48.5 m	+ 42 %			
A _{W,eff}	34.8	+ 266 %			
<i>E</i> _{max}	26.1	+ 48 %			
T _{TO}	89100 N	- 20 %			
BPR	15.5	+ 158 %			
SFC	1.03E-5 kg/N/s	- 37 %			
h _{ICA}	30000 ft	- 23 %			
S _{TOFL}	2490 m	+ 41 %			
S _{LFL}	2110 m	+ 45 %			
t _{TA}	32 min	0 %			







Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*			
DOC mission requirements					
R _{DOC}	750 NM	0 %			
m _{PL,DOC}	19256 kg	0 %			
EIS	2030				
C _{fuel}	1.44 USD/kg	0 %			
Results					
<i>m</i> _{F,trip}	3700	- 36 %			
U _{a,f}	3070	+ 6 %			
DOC (AEA)	93 %	- 7 %			



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Proposal: <u>Horizontal</u> Wing Tip Extension on A320neo as Option

• Wingtip devices: Very limited efficiency compared to the same length of material used to horizontally extend the wing [4]



• Results from an *additional study* [5] in Airport2030: "Airport Compatibility of Medium Range Aircraft with Large Wing Span"



- Consider this option: Extend the wing span and just deal with consequences at airports!
- => Airbus should also offer a horizontal wing tip extension as option for A320neo.





Proposal: <u>Horizontal</u> Wing Tip Extension on A320neo as Option

- Optional horizontal wing tip extension limits risk and costs compared to a new wing
- A slow introduction of aircraft with larger wing span (Class C => Class D) will force airports to accept this
- Landing fees are based on MTOW and are hence unchanged
- Study [4] showed: Many airports still have some capacity for a limited number of former Class C aircraft now with larger span
- Airports will start to rearrange gate layout initially with additional markings





Standard Prop Configuration: "Smart Turboprop"

- Turboprop engine advantages:
 - Compared to turbofan engines: More fuel efficient
 - Compared to counter-rotating open rotor:
 - Lower development risk
 - No added structural weight (500 kg [1]) to cater for rotor-burst shielding
- Low flying \rightarrow higher speed of sound \rightarrow similar speed at lower Mach number
- Additional future technologies:
 - Strut braced wing (30% less wing mass; literature study)
 - Natural laminar flow
- All this together:

"Smart Turboprop"







Open-Rotor Disadvantages

Airbus, Snecma Tackle Open-Rotor Integration

March 31, 2014 Graham Warwick, Aviation Week & Space Technology [2]

Key to economic viability will be the weight penalty incurred to protect the aircraft from damage caused by a rotor burst or blade release. A turbofan can contain a released blade, but an open rotor will require shielding of the airframe and systems. In Airbus's baseline concept, which has pusher open-rotor engines mounted on the aft fuselage and a conventional T tail, shielding of the rear fuselage and tail adds about 500 kg to the aircraft's weight ...

ACCIDENTS

Prop piercing far from unusual

With reference to your article "Prop pierced Q400 fuselage" (Flight International, 18-24

Comments:

. . .

- In contrast: Propeller blades are assumed not to release. Nevertheless:
- Mounting **engines on the aft fuselage** (c.g. shift ...) leads to overall **weight penalties**.





Low Flying – Similar Speed at Lower Mach Number






The "Speed Corner"



The altitude of the speed corner:

$$h_{SC} = \left(1 - \left(\frac{V_E}{M_{MO} \cdot a_0}\right)^{0.3805}\right) \cdot \frac{T_0}{L}$$

The true airspeed allowed in the speed corner:

$$V = M_{MO} a_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{Lh_{sc}}{T_0}}$$





Propeller Integration



- Minimum propeller clearance from fuselage
- Minimum propeller clearance between propellers
- Propeller may not extend over wing tip

\Rightarrow Landing gear length and weight







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Smart Turboprop: Results

• Choosing the optimum aircraft configuration:

Smart Turboprop **optimized for low DOC** compared to A320

Roct	Turboprop	T-tail		Convent	tional tail
Dest	w/o NLF/SBW	2 engines	4 engines	2 engines	4 engines
config.	High wing	-13,6%	-11,4%	-13,3%	-11,1%
	Low wing	-12,4%	-11,5%	-12,9%	-11,1%

• Wisdom from this optimization study:

- 2 engines better than 4 engines
- For 2 engines: High wing better than low wing (0,4 ... 1,2 % PT)
- For 4 engines: Low wing as good as high wing
- NLF improves DOC by about 2,8 % PT
- Struts improve DOC by about 0,5 % PT
- NLF and Struts improve DOC by about 3 % PT





Standard Prop Configuration: "Smart Turboprop"



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*			
Requirements					
m _{MPL}	19256 kg	0 %			
R _{MPL}	1510 NM	0 %			
M _{CR}	0.51	- 33 %			
$\max(s_{\text{TOFL}}, s_{\text{LFL}})$	1770 m	0 %			
<i>п</i> _{РАХ} (1-сІ HD)	180	0 %			
<i>m</i> _{PAX}	93 kg	0 %			
SP	29 in	0 %			

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Range [NM]

Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*					
Main aircraft parameters							
<i>m</i> _{MTO}	56000 kg	- 24 %					
m _{OE}	28400 kg	- 31 %					
m _F	8400 kg	- 36 %					
Sw	95 m²	- 23 %					
b _{W,geo}	36.0 m	+ 6 %					
A _{W,eff}	14.9	+ 57 %					
E _{max}	18.8	≈ + 7 %					
P _{eq,ssl}	5000 kW						
d _{prop}	7.0 m						
$\eta_{ m prop}$	89 %						
PSFC	5.86E-8 kg/W/s						
h _{ICA}	23000 ft	- 40 %					
S _{TOFL}	1770 m	0 %					
S _{LFL}	1300 m	- 10 %					
t _{TA}	32 min	0 %					





Standard Prop Configuration: "Smart Turboprop"



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*				
DOC mission requirements						
R _{DOC}	755 NM	0 %				
<i>m</i> _{PL,DOC}	19256 kg	0 %				
EIS	2030					
C _{fuel}	1.44 USD/kg	0 %				
Results						
<i>m</i> _{F,trip}	3700 kg	- 36 %				
U _{a,f}	3600 h	+ 5 %				
DOC (AEA)	83 %	- 17 %				



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• In 1988, we would have preferred a turbofan aircraft as well



• Today, fuel price is four times as high as in 1988 (inflation-adjusted)!





• For an A320 successor, a next generation turboprop engine could be used





Smart Turboprop: Analysis of the Results

• Strut-braced wing slightly improves DOC





Smart Turboprop: Analysis of the Results

• Natural laminar flow slightly improves DOC











Smart Turboprop and the DLR/Airbus Design Challenge

Design Requireme	Smart Turboprop	
PAX	190 all economy @ 30" pitch 135 kg/pax payload capacity for high density layout @ 28" pitch	- 5%/-3% -25%
Range	2000 NM (90% of flights within Europe and USA < 500 NM range). Technical means to enable up to 2900 NM range	- 25 %
TOFL	2000 m, SL, MTOW, ISA +15°C	- 12 %
LDGFL	1500 m, SL, MLW, ISA +15°C	- 13 %
Mach	0,79	- 35 %
Initial Climb/ Max. Altitude	FL 350 / FL 410	
Span	Max. 36m or technical means to achieve ICAO class C	0 %
Noise	-5 dB cum. vs. Chapter 4	Achieved:
Fuelburn	-25% versus A320 (CFM) 2009	- 36 %
Emissions	Near zero emissions at gate and during taxi	
CoC	-35% versus A320 (CFM) 2009	≈ - 16 %





Non-Standard Jet Configuration: "Box Wing Aircraft" (BWA)

- Unconventional Aircraft Configuration
 - Reduction of Induced Drag
 - Different Types considered
 - Diamond BWA / Biplane BWA
 - Wide body / Slender body







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Box Wing Aircraft

• Hand Sketches







• Creative Methods

- Brainstorming
- Gallery Method



VERHEIRE, E.: Systematic Evaluation of Alternative Box Wing Aircraft Configurations. Bachelor Thesis, HAW Hamburg, 2013

Modified Morphological Analysis

Morphological Analysis Matrix created after down selection

Stagger	Sweep	Box Wing Vertical Position	Horizontal Stabilizer Position	Vertical Stabilizer Position	Engine Position
=	<<	L – H	Can	Aft	Fuse – aft
	>>	L – SH	No		Fuse – mid
	<mark><></mark>		Aft		Wing

Number of Combinations: $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 = 162$

BARUA, P; SCHOLZ, D.: Systematic Approach to Analyze, Evaluate and Select Box Wing Aircraft Configurations from Modified Morphological Matrices. TN, HAW Hamburg, 2013

Modified Morphological Analysis:

Successive combination (in "best" order) followed by immediate down selection => 18

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Box Wing Aircraft

	Box wing with differe	n wing vertical positior		
	Low – High	Low – Super High	Super Low – High	Super Low – Super
	rosition	rosition	POSILIOIT	Thigh Position
OpenVSP front view figure				

Hori	zontal tail surface position a	long the fuselage length	
	Canard	No Horizontal tail	Horizontal surface
OpenVSP 3-D figure			

Engir	e positions for box wing a	ircraft		
	Fuselage Aft	Fuselage Middle	On the wing	
OpenVSP 3-D figure				

Example of possible vertical tails



All possible variations together would lead to 31104000 combinations (from Bachelor thesis)







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Box Wing Aircraft: General Morphological Analysis

German: "Nutzwertanalyse" (ZANGEMEISTER): Weighted Sum of Evaluation Points

- Configuration
 - Force Fighting
 - Family Concept
- Drag
 - Zero Lift Drag
 - Induced Drag
- Weight
 - Empty Weight
- Flight Mechanics
 - Longitudinal Static Stability and CG Range
- Operation
 - Ground Handling
- Development
 - Time and Cost
 - Risk









Box Wing Aircraft: General Morphological Analysis: Results







Box Wing Aircraft: Aerodynamics



Measurements of induced drag of different box wings in the wind tunnel of HAW Hamburg

The reference wing



DORENDORF, G.: Vergleich einer Boxwing-Konfiguration mit einem einfachen Tragflügel. Project, HAW Hamburg, 2012

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Box Wing Aircraft: Aerodynamics





NITA, M.; SCHOLZ, D.: Estimating the Oswald Factor from Basic Aircraft Geometrical Parameters. Berlin, DLRK 2012

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UNCAMBERED CL L/D_{MAX} $C_{D0} = C_{Di}$ Considering a realistic ratio h/b = 0.25, it yields to $C_{Di,BW}/C_{Di,ref} \approx 0.75$:

SCHIKTANZ, D.; SCHOLZ, D.: Maximum Glide Ratio of Box Wing Aircraft -Fundamental Considerations. Memo, 2012

Glide ratio of a Box Wing Aircraft is 15 % higher than that of the reference aircraft

 $\frac{E_{\max, BW}}{E_{\max, ref}} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.33$

 $\frac{E_{\max,BW}}{E_{\max,ref}} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$

• "Fair" comparison:

 $\frac{E_{\max,BW}}{E_{\max,ref}} = \sqrt{2} = 1.41$

 $\frac{E_{\max, BW}}{1.15}$

 $E_{\max, ref}$

Box Wing Aircraft: Glide Ratio

For E_{max} : $C_{D0} = C_{Di}$??? for Box Wing Aircraft ???

• Box Wing flies at reference Aircraft Altitude

• Reference Aircraft flies at Box Wing Altitude

Considering a ratio h/b = 1, it yields to $C_{Di,BW}/C_{Di,ref} \approx 0.5$:









Box Wing Aircraft: Aerodynamics



Induced drag increases if lift coefficients are different

CAJA CALLEJA, R.; SCHOLZ, D.: Design Aspects of Passenger Box Wing Aircraft. Berlin, DLRK 2012

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Box Wing Aircraft: Aerodynamics

Sensitivity of induced drag to non-optimum lift distributions (Tornado)



Stagger = 0





If the low wing is in front => No induced drag increase!

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Box Wing Aircraft: Cabin and Fuselage Layout (Wide Body)



SCHIKTANZ, D.; SCHOLZ, D.: Box Wing Fundamentals – An Aircraft Design Perspective. Bremen, DLRK 2011

SCHIKTANZ, D.: Conceptual Design of a Medium Range Box Wing Aircraft. Master Thesis, 2011

Fuselage cross section for economy class and business class (modelled with PreSTo Cabin)



Cabin floor plan of the box wing aircraft (modelled with PreSTo Cabin)





Box Wing Aircraft: Design Evolution (Wide Body)





Box Wing Aircraft: Results (Wide Body)



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*
Requirements		
m _{MPL}	19256 kg	0 %
R _{MPL}	1510 NM	0 %
M _{CR}	0.76	0 %
max(s _{TOFL} , s _{LFL})	1770 m	0 %
n _{PAX} (1-cl HD)	180	0 %
m _{PAX}	93 kg	0 %
SP	29 in	0 %





Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*					
Main aircraft parameters							
<i>m</i> _{MTO}	89600 kg	+ 22 %					
m _{OE}	55800 kg	+ 35 %					
m _F	14500 kg	+ 12 %					
S _W	155 m²	+ 27 %					
b _{W,geo}	35.9 m	+ 5 %					
$A_{\rm W,eff}$	18.9	+ 99 %					
E _{max}	19.5	≈ + 11 %					
T _{TO}	134 kN	+ 21 %					
BPR	6	+ 0 %					
SFC	1.62E-5 kg/N/s	- 2 %					
h _{ICA}	40700 ft	+ 5 %					
\$ _{TOFL}	1770 m	0 %					
S _{LFL}	1450 m	0 %					
t _{TA}	25 min	0 %					





Box Wing Aircraft: Results (Wide Body)



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*			
DOC mission requirements					
R _{DOC}	755 NM	0 %			
<i>m</i> _{PL,DOC}	19256 kg	0 %			
EIS	2030				
C _{fuel}	1.44 USD/kg	0 %			
Results					
<i>m</i> _{F,trip}	6425 kg	+ 10 %			
U _{a,f}	2617 h	- 10 %			
DOC (AEA)	119 %	+ 19 %			





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Fwd wing

Aft wing

Winglets

Fuselage

V-Tail

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Box Wing Aircraft: Results (Slender Body)



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*
Requirements		
m _{MPL}	19256 kg	0 %
R _{MPL}	1510 NM	0 %
M _{CR}	0.76	0 %
max(s _{TOFL} , s _{LFL})	1770 m	0 %
n _{PAX} (1-cl HD)	180	0 %
<i>m</i> _{PAX}	93 kg	0 %
SP	29 in	0 %





Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*				
Main aircraft parameters						
m _{MTO}	90900 kg	+ 24 %				
m _{OE}	57700 kg	+ 40 %				
m _F	14000 kg	+ 7 %				
Sw	153 m²	+ 26 %				
b _{W,geo}	36.0 m	+ 5 %				
A _{W,eff}	17.0	+ 79 %				
E _{max}	21.4	≈ + 21 %				
T _{TO}	136 kN	+ 22 %				
BPR	6	+ 0 %				
SFC	1.62E-5 kg/N/s	- 2 %				
h _{ICA}	41900 ft	+ 8 %				
s _{TOFL}	1770 m	0 %				
S _{LFL}	1450 m	0 %				
t _{TA}	32 min	0 %				





Box Wing Aircraft: Results (Slender Body)



Parameter	Value	Deviation from A320*		
DOC mission requirements				
R _{DOC}	755 NM	0 %		
m _{PL,DOC}	19256 kg	0 %		
EIS	2030			
c _{fuel}	1.44 USD/kg	0 %		
Results				
<i>m</i> _{F,trip}	6242 kg	+ 7 %		
U _{a,f}	2617 h	- 10 %		
DOC (AEA)	120 %	+ 20 %		



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Box Wing Aircraft: Family Concept (Wide Body)

Box Wing General Familiarization

Twin Aisle Family Highlights



00		base	V100	V200
frames	Fuselage Length	33.1 m	37.21 m	41.28 m
	Underfloor Volume	34.17 m³	38.42 m³	42.62 m ³
00 frames	Longitudinal distance from AC1 to AC2 (I')	12.50 m	15.50 m	19.57 m
	Winglets Sweep (at 25% chord)	28.67°	43.44°	56.12°

base

AHMED, S.: Family Concepts of Box Wing Aircraft. Memo, 2012





S200

41.51 m

42.86 m³

16 m

45.39°

Box Wing Aircraft: Family Concept (Slender Body)

Box Wing General Familiarization

Single Aisle Family Highlights



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Box Wing Aircraft: Ground Handling JOHANNING, A.; SCHOLZ, D.: 8.Zwischenbericht. Verbundprojekt Effizienter Flughafen 2030, 2013 SCALE FEET SCALE METER CAT AC Carl

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Box Wing Aircraft: Flying Qualities Calculation, Flight Simulation



Simulator X-Plane with Aircraft Generator PlaneMaker





Simulator Flight Gear / Flight Dynamics Model / JSBSim

CAJA CALLEJA, R.; SCHOLZ, D.: Box Wing Flight Dynamics in the Stage of Conceptual Aircraft Design. Berlin, DLRK 2012

CAJA CALLEJA, R.: Flight Dynamics Analysis of a Medium Range Box Wing Aircraft. Master Thesis, 2012



Summary

- Ground handling needs to be robust it is NOT a financial game changer
- 36 m requirement for max. wing span in Class C drives the design today!
- Standard Jet Configuration, "The Rebel":
 - Challenges only requirements (wing span, take-off distance, cruise Mach number), no new technology!
 - Optimized for minimum fuel: => 36 % less fuel consumption, 7% less DOC.

• "Smart Turboprop":

- Efficient engine combined with braced wing and natural laminar flow on wing.
- Meeting all standard requirements! Optimized for (lower) cruise Mach number.
- Optimized for minimum DOC: => 36 % less fuel consumption, 17 % less DOC.

• "Box Wing Aircraft":

- This may be the best Box Wing configuration:
- But nevertheless: No advantage in DOC or fuel burn compared to baseline.







Outlook

Integration of Life Cycle Assessment into Conceptual Aircraft Design → Optimization for minimum environmental impact



Cooperative PhD Thesis in progress: Life-cycle based Multidisciplinary Aircraft Design Optimization for Future Scenarios



JOHANNING, A.; SCHOLZ, D.: A first step towards the integration of life cycle assessment into conceptual aircraft design. Stuttgart, DLRK 2013

Contribution of different in- and outputs to the environmental impact of an Airbus A320-200



to the environmental impact of an Airbus A320-200

Contribution of the endpoint categories





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Appendix

Parameter	Explanation	Comments
Requirements		
m _{MPL}	Maximum payload [kg]	
R _{MPL}	Maximum range [kg] (with maximum payload)	
M _{CR}	Cruise Mach number	
max(s _{TOFL} , s _{LFL})	Maximum take-off and landing field length [m]	Requirement for the maximum allowable take-off and landing field length
n _{PAX} (1-cl HD)	Number of passengers	one class, high density layout
m _{PAX}	Passenger mass [kg]	Mass of person, carry on baggage, and checked in baggage
SP	Seat pitch [in]	Seat pitch for the one class high-density layout

Most of the given values are rounded

• The given deviation refers to the real values and not to the rounded values





Appendix

Parameter	Explanation	Comments
Main aircraft parameters		
<i>m</i> _{MTO}	Maximum take-off mass [kg]	
m _{OE}	Operating empty mass [kg]	
m _F	Fuel mass [kg]	For required payload and range combination
S _w	Wing area [m²]	
b _{W,geo}	Geometrical span [m]	
A _{W,eff}	Effective aspect ratio [-]	
<i>E</i> _{max}	Maximum glide ratio [-]	
T _{TO}	Take-off thrust for each engine [N]	
P _{eq,ssl}	Equivalent take-off power at static sea level [kW]	
BPR	Bypass-Ratio [-]	
d _{prop}	Propeller diameter [m]	
$\eta_{ m prop}$	Propeller efficiency [%]	
SFC	Thrust specific fuel consumption [kg/N/s]	
PSFC	Power specific fuel consumption [kg/W/s]	
h _{ICA}	Initial cruise altitude [m]	
s _{TOFL}	Take-off field length [m]	
S _{LFL}	Landing field length [m]	
t _{TA}	Turnaround time [min]	

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Appendix

Parameter	Explanation	Comments
DOC mission requirements		
R _{DOC}	Range for the DOC calculation [NM]	
<i>m</i> _{PL,DOC}	Payload mass for the DOC calculation [kg]	
EIS	Entry into Service	
<i>C</i> _{fuel}	Fuel cost [USD/kg]	Fuel costs are estimated for the entry into service
Results		
<i>m</i> _{F,trip}	Fuel mass (for the DOC range) [kg]	
U _{a,f}	Utilization [h]	Product of the number of flights per year and the duration of the flight on the DOC-range
DOC (AEA)	Direct Operating Costs	DOC calculated using the method of the Association of European Airlines





Appendix Additional Parameters – Standard Jet Configuration: "The Rebel"

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Cabin		
Waisle	Aisle width	8 in
W _{seat}	Seat width	17 in
Warmrest	Armrest width	1.6 in
S _{clearence}	Sidewall clearance	0.5 in
Wing		
$arphi_{25}$	Wing sweep at 25 % chord	10°
λ	Wing taper ratio	0.25
Vertical tail		
Sv	Vertical tail area	15.8 m²
$arphi_{25, V}$	Vertical tail sweep at 25 % chord	30°
$\lambda_{\rm V}$	Vertical tail taper ratio	0.34
Horizontal tail		
S _H	Horizontal tail area	5.7 m²
Ф _{25,Н}	Horizontal tail sweep at 25 % chord	13°
$\lambda_{\rm H}$	Horizontal tail taper ratio	0.32
DOC		
k _{delivery,OE}	Delivery price per kg m _{OE}	1602 USD/kg

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Appendix Additional Parameters – Standard Jet Configuration: "The Rebel"

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Zero lift & wave drag		
C _{D,0}	Zero lift drag	221 drag counts
C _{D,W}	Wave drag	10 drag counts
Induced drag		
a _e		-0.00152
b _e		10.82
Ce		1
M _{comp}	Highest Mach number without compressibility effects	0.3
Q		1.08
Р		0.0088
A _{W,eff}	Effective aspect ratio of the wing	34.8
cf _e	Correction factor for Oswald factor	1.17
$e = \frac{1}{Q+P}$	$\frac{k_{e,M}}{\cdot \pi \cdot A_{W,eff}} \qquad \qquad k_{e,M} = a_e \cdot \left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$	$\frac{M}{I_{comp}} - 1 \bigg)^{b_e} + c_e$

NITA, M.; SCHOLZ, D.: Estimating the Oswald Factor from Basic Aircraft Geometrical Parameters. Berlin, DLRK 2012





Appendix Additional Parameters – Smart Turboprop

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Cabin		
W _{aisle}	Aisle width	20 in
W _{seat}	Seat width	20 in
Warmrest	Armrest width	2 in
<i>S</i> _{clearence}	Sidewall clearance	0.6 in
Wing		
$arphi_{25}$	Wing sweep at 25 % chord	6°
λ	Wing taper ratio	0.20
Vertical tail		
S _V	Vertical tail area	19.3 m ²
$arphi_{25,V}$	Vertical tail sweep at 25 % chord	28°
$\lambda_{ m v}$	Vertical tail taper ratio	0.69
Horizontal tail		
S _H	Horizontal tail area	12.4 m²
Ф _{25,Н}	Horizontal tail sweep at 25 % chord	9°
$\lambda_{ m H}$	Horizontal tail taper ratio	0.25
DOC		
k _{delivery,OE}	Delivery price per kg m _{OE}	1602 USD/kg





Appendix Additional Parameters – Smart Turboprop

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Zero lift & wave drag		
<i>C</i> _{D,0}	Zero lift drag	314 drag counts
C _{D,W}	Wave drag	0 drag counts
Induced drag		
a _e		-0.00152
b _e		10.82
C _e		1
M _{comp}	Highest Mach number without compressibility effects	0.3
Q		1.08
Р		0.0119
A _{W,eff}	Effective aspect ratio of the wing	14.9
<i>cf</i> _e	Correction factor for Oswald factor	1.56
$e = \frac{1}{Q+P}$	$\frac{k_{e,M}}{\sigma \pi \cdot A_{W,eff}} \qquad \qquad k_{e,M} = a_e \cdot \left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$	$\frac{M}{I_{comp}} - 1 \bigg)^{b_e} + c_e$

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Appendix Additional Parameters – Box Wing Aircraft (Wide Body)

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Cabin		
Waisle	Aisle width	20 in
W _{seat}	Seat width	20 in
Warmrest	Armrest width	2 in
S _{clearence}	Sidewall clearance	0.6 in
Wing		
$arphi_{25,\mathrm{FW}}$	Forward wing sweep at 25 % chord	29°
$\lambda_{\sf FW}$	Forward wing taper ratio	0.24
$arphi_{25,\mathrm{AW}}$	Aft wing sweep at 25 % chord	-28°
λ_{AW}	Aft wing taper ratio	0.80
V-tail		
Sv	V-tail area	25 m²
$arphi_{25,V}$	V-tail sweep at 25 % chord	-30°
$\lambda_{ m V}$	V-tail taper ratio	0.50
DOC		
k _{delivery,OE}	Delivery price per kg m _{OE}	1602 USD/kg





Appendix Additional Parameters – Box Wing Aircraft (Wide Body)

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Zero lift & wave drag		
<i>C</i> _{D,0}	Zero lift drag	179 drag counts
C _{D,W}	Wave drag	10 drag counts
Induced drag		
e _{ref}		0.85
<i>k</i> ₁		1.04
<i>k</i> ₂		0.57
<i>k</i> ₃		1.04
<i>k</i> ₄		2.13
h/b		0.22

$$e_{box} = e_{ref} \cdot \frac{e_{NP}}{e} \qquad \qquad \frac{e_{NP}}{e} = \frac{k_3 + k_4 \cdot \frac{h}{b}}{k_1 + k_2 \cdot \frac{h}{b}}$$

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Appendix Additional Parameters – Box Wing Aircraft (Slender Body)

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Cabin		
W _{aisle}	Aisle width	20 in
W _{seat}	Seat width	20 in
Warmrest	Armrest width	2 in
S _{clearence}	Sidewall clearance	0.6 in
Wing		
$arphi_{ ext{25,FW}}$	Forward wing sweep at 25 % chord	35°
$\lambda_{\sf FW}$	Forward wing taper ratio	0.9
$arphi_{ ext{25,AW}}$	Aft wing sweep at 25 % chord	-15°
λ_{AW}	Aft wing taper ratio	0.9
V-tail		
S _V	V-tail area	36 m²
$arphi_{25,V}$	V-tail sweep at 25 % chord	-37°
$\lambda_{\rm V}$	V-tail taper ratio	0.41
DOC		
k _{delivery,OE}	Delivery price per kg m _{OE}	1602 USD/kg





Appendix Additional Parameters – Box Wing Aircraft (Slender Body)

Parameter	Explanation	Value
Zero lift & wave drag		
C _{D,0}	Zero lift drag	154 drag counts
C _{D,W}	Wave drag	10 drag counts
Induced drag		
e _{ref}		0.85
<i>k</i> ₁		1.04
k ₂		0.57
<i>k</i> ₃		1.04
<i>k</i> ₄		2.13
h/b		0.25

$$e_{box} = e_{ref} \cdot \frac{e_{NP}}{e} \qquad \qquad \frac{e_{NP}}{e} = \frac{k_3 + k_4 \cdot \frac{h}{b}}{k_1 + k_2 \cdot \frac{h}{b}}$$

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