

# IMOTHEP configurations

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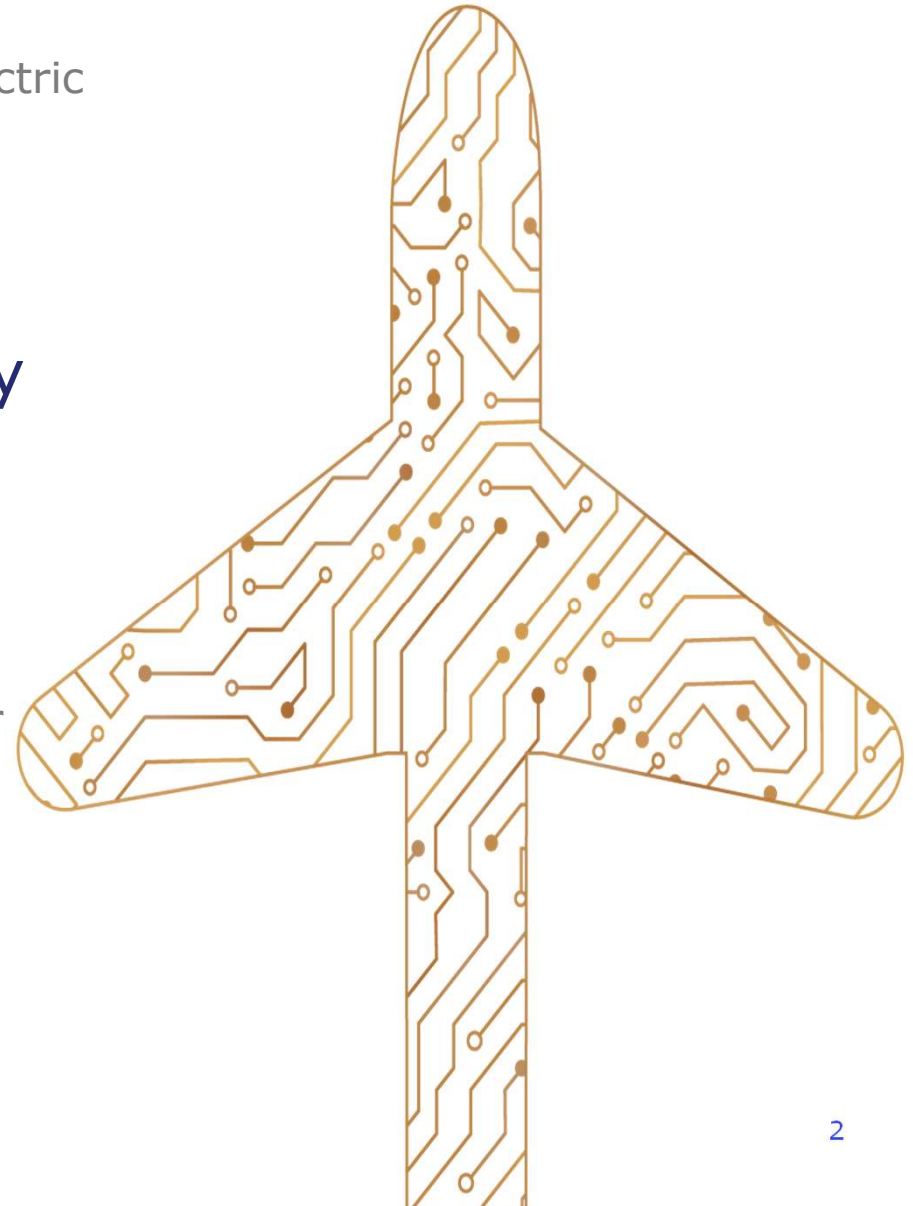
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# INTRODUCTION

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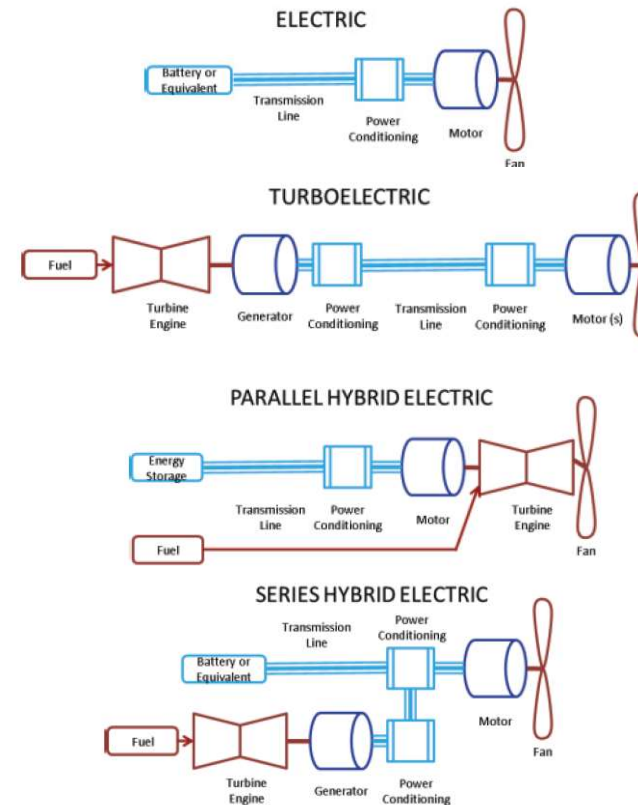
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### Aircraft architecture



Can it be accommodated on conventional tube & wings aircraft without major changes ?

### Electric architectures

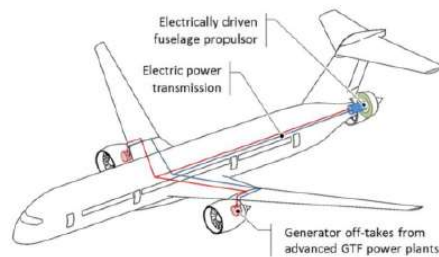


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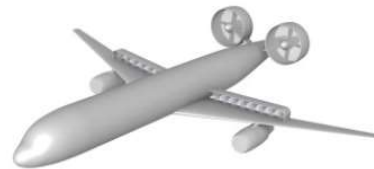
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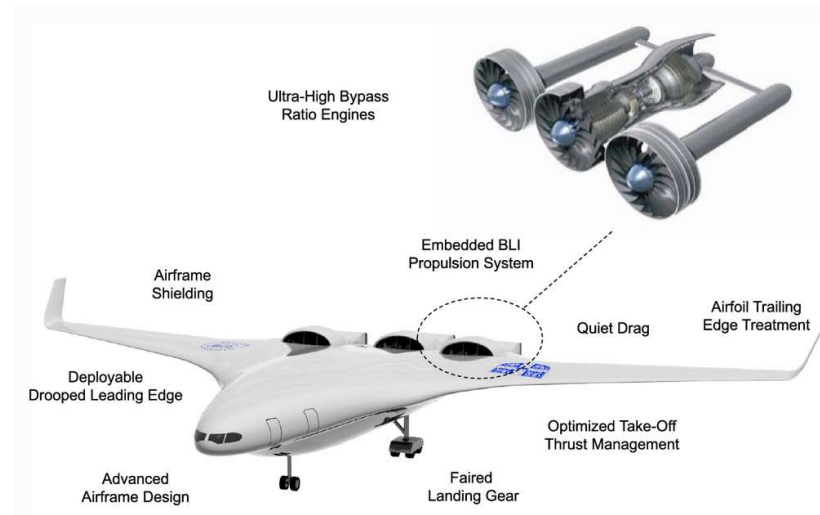
Wing DEP  
(NASA X-57  
concept)

Propulsive  
empennage  
(TUD concept)



### Electric architectures

How can hybridization enable / improve these more efficient aeropropulsive concepts ?



SAX-40 aircraft  
(MIT/cambridge), no HEP

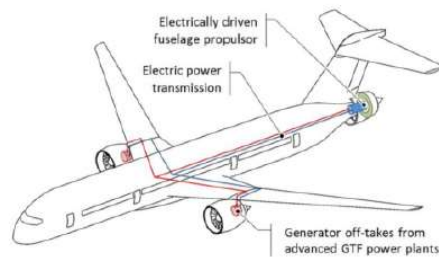


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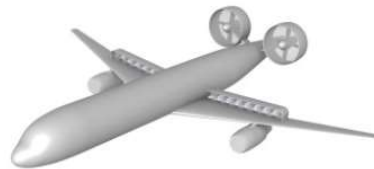
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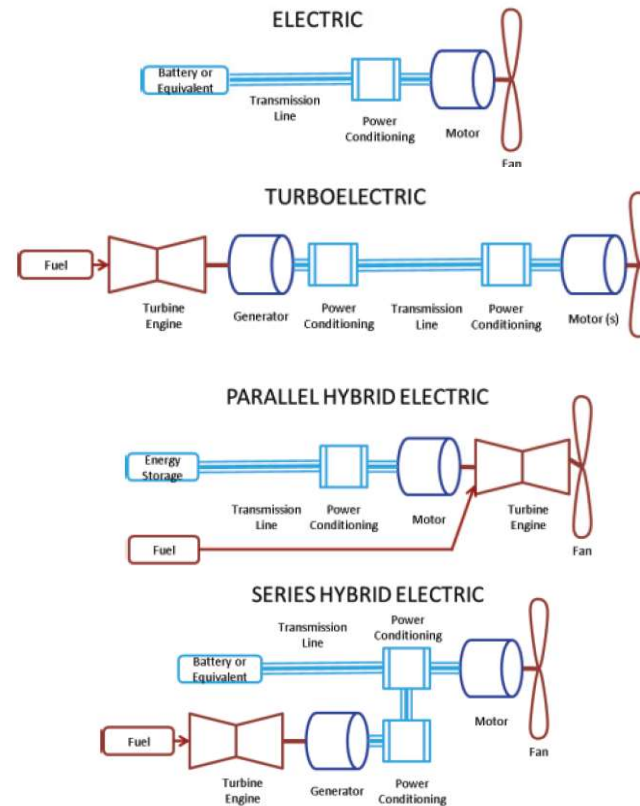


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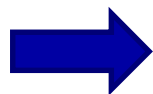
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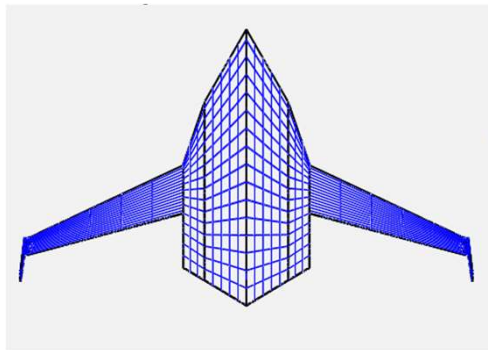
What are the best combinations,  
and the associated benefits ?

# IMOTHEP design approach

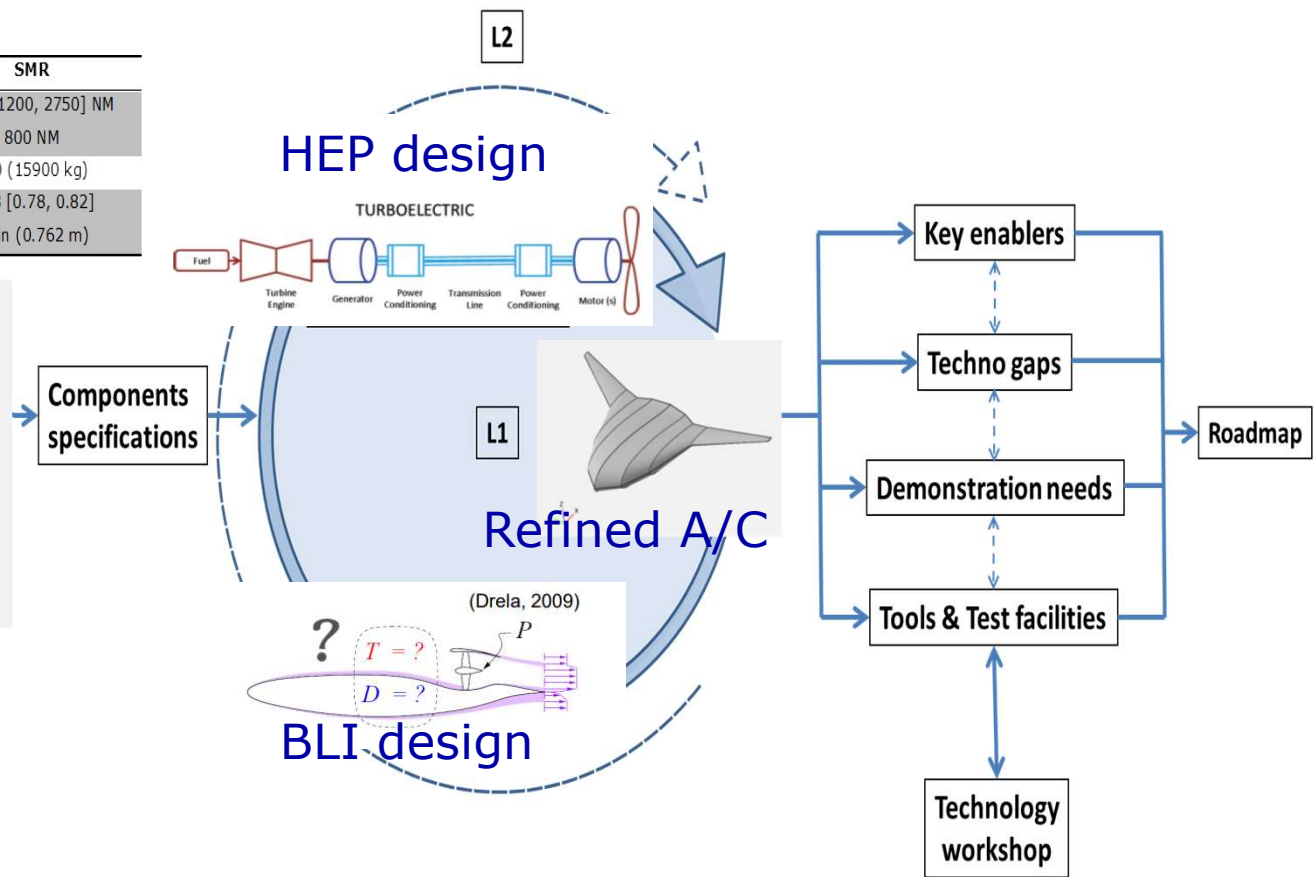
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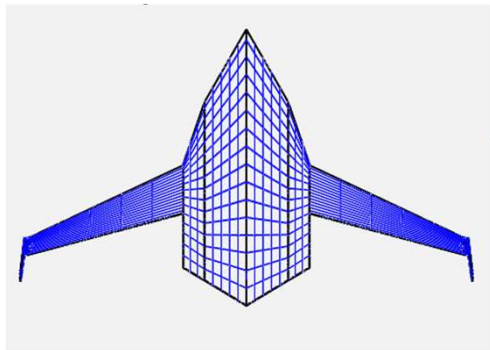


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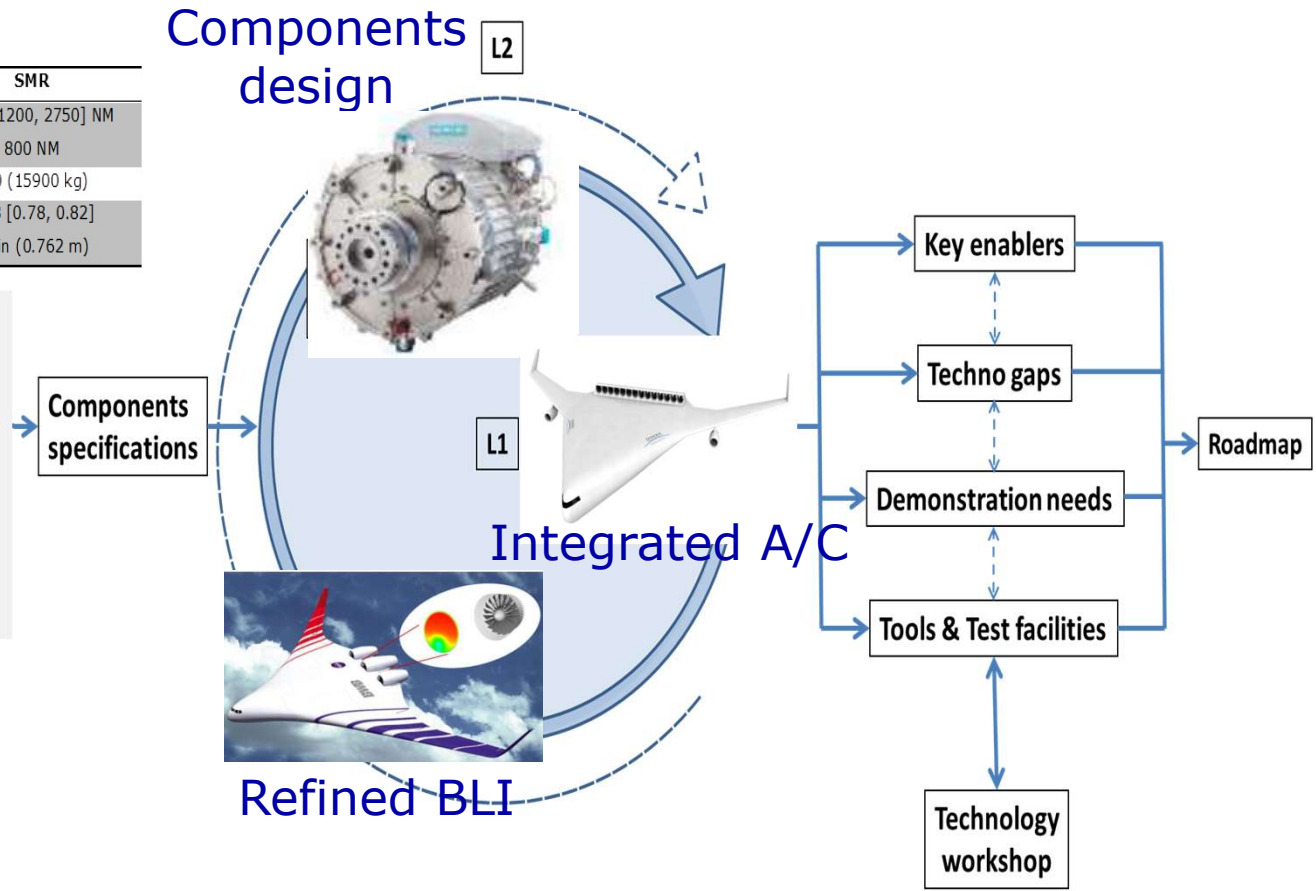
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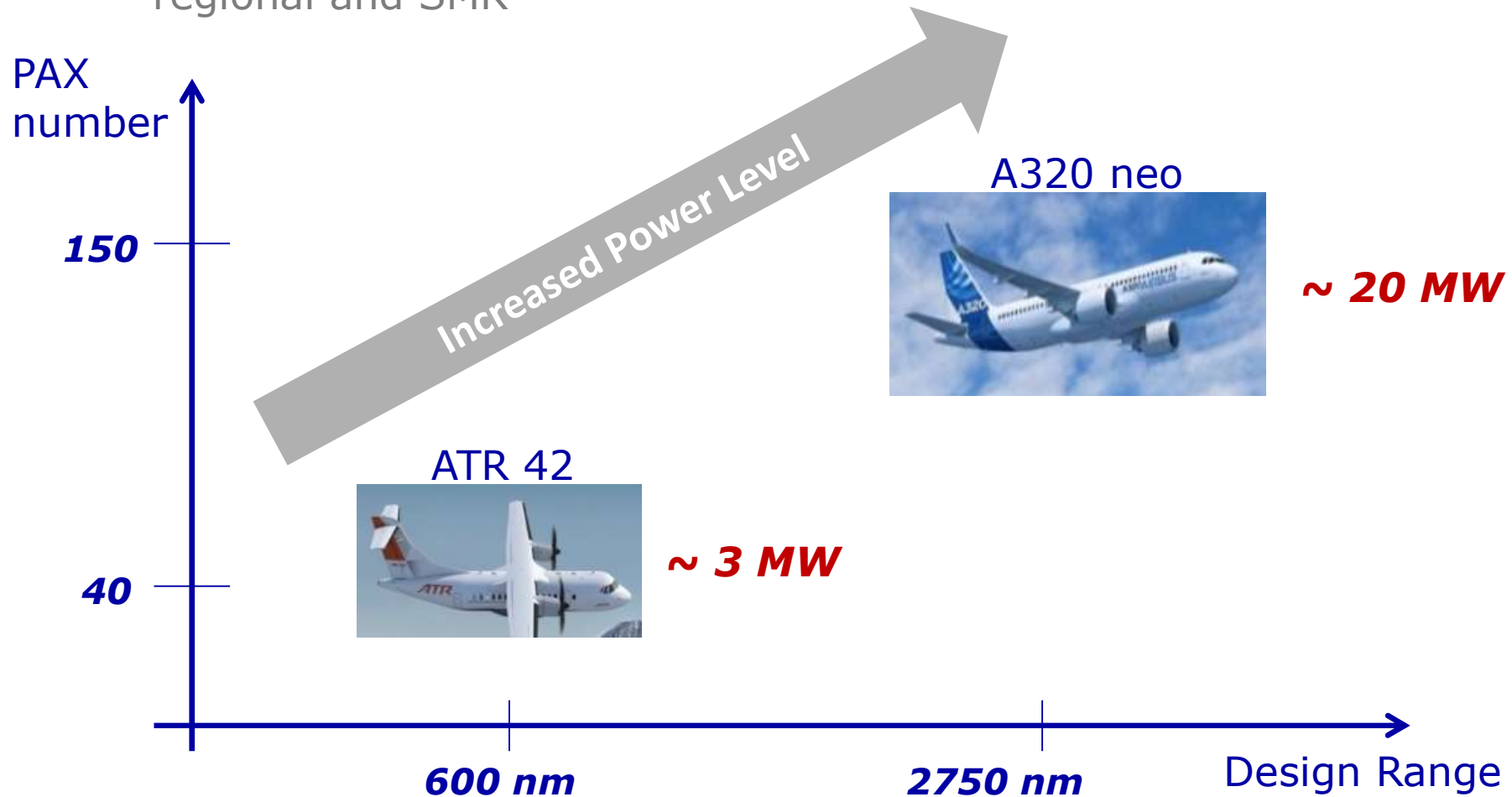


# CONFIGURATIONS UNDER STUDY

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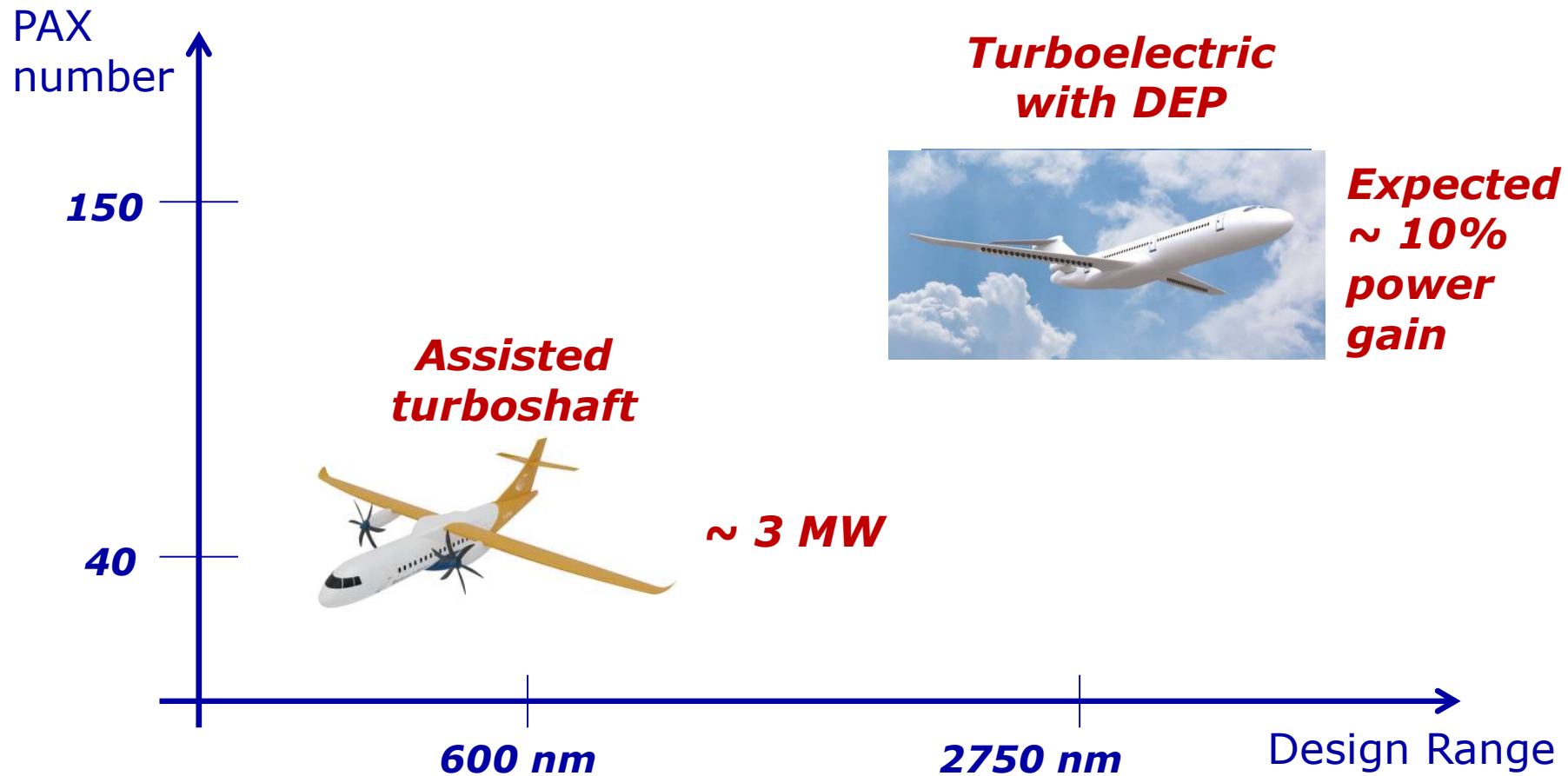
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- ✈ Address two levels of power requirements (and expected EIS) : regional and SMR



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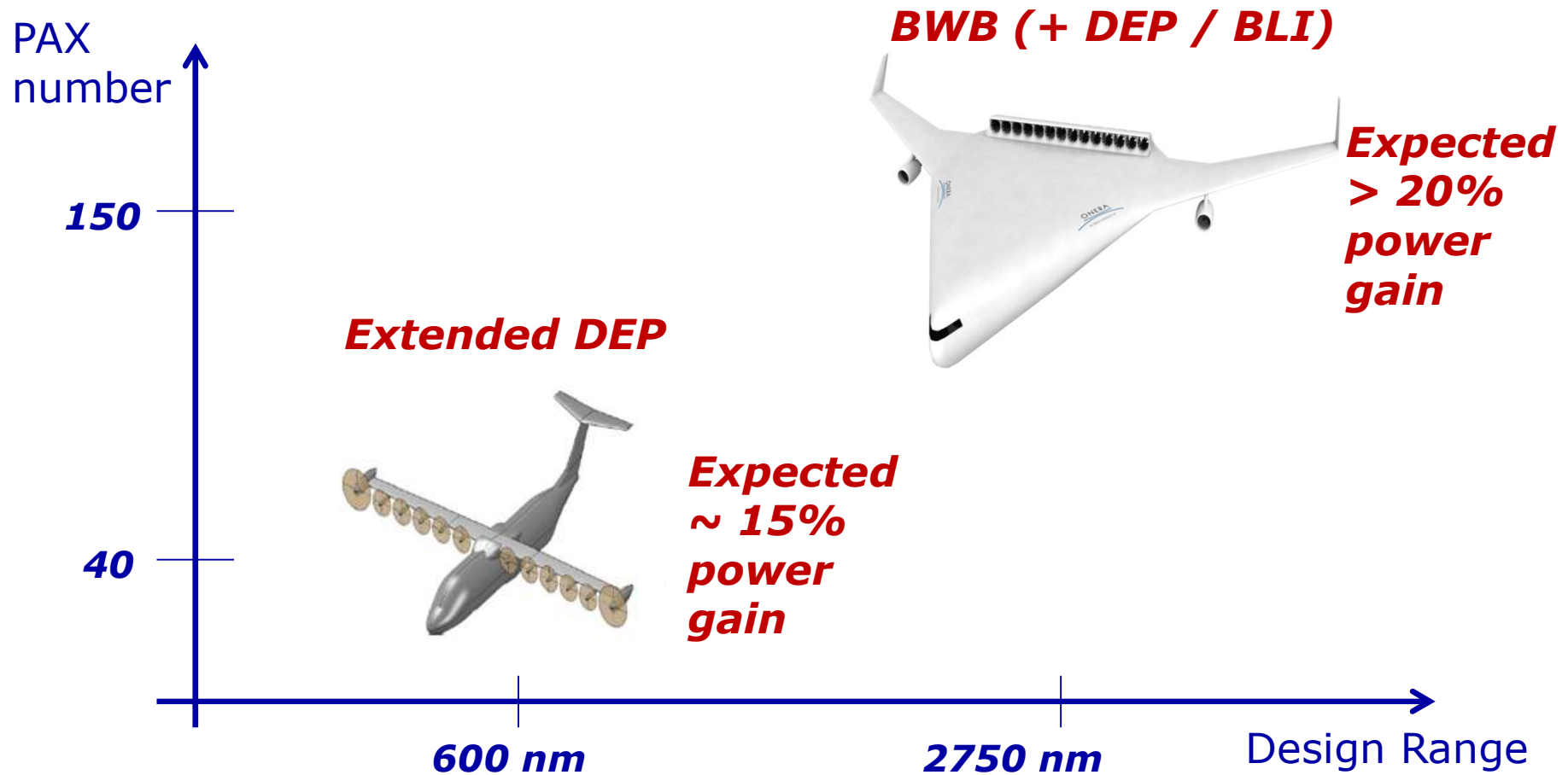
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  - ✈ 1<sup>st</sup> evolution : limited change in A/C architecture



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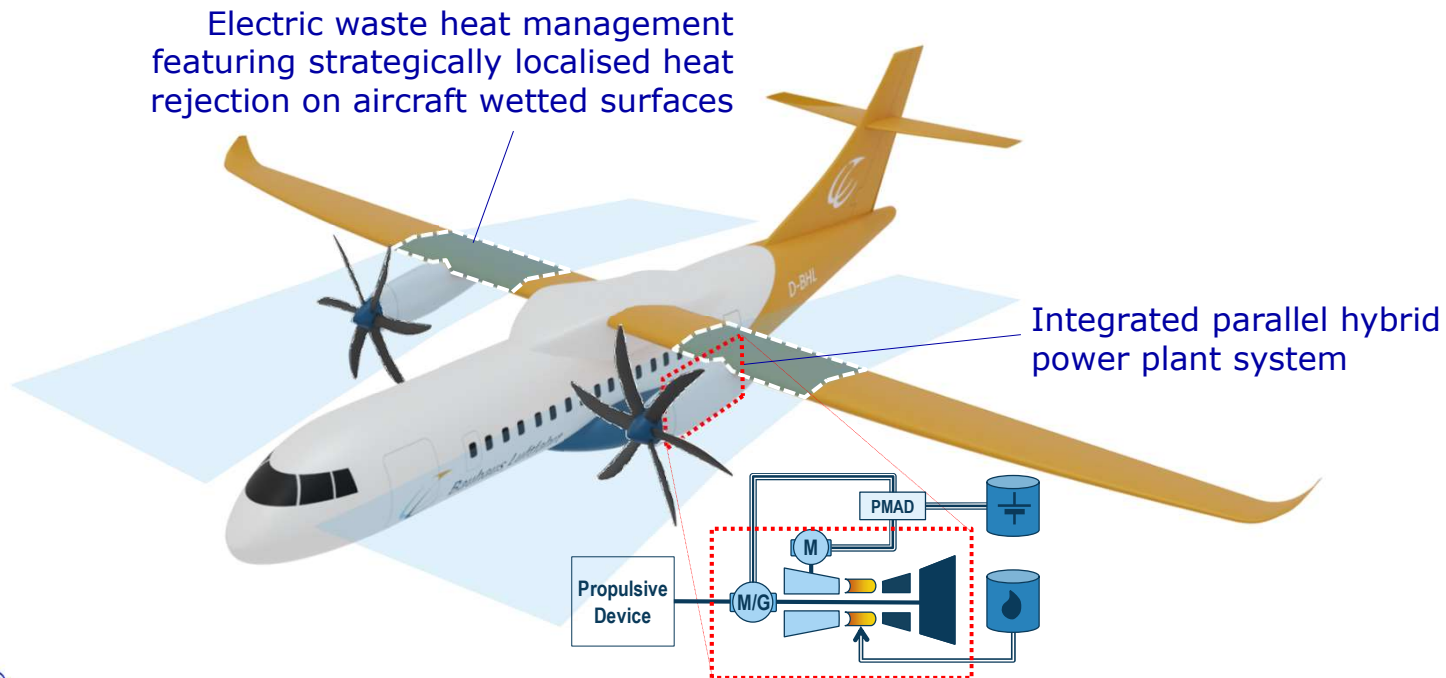
## ✦ Supporting missions and configurations :

- ✦ More aggressive evolution : increased architecture novelty



## Hybrid-electric aircraft with assisted turbo-shaft engine

- ✈ Study focus: mission strategy, hybridization degree, technology advancement of electrical components, thermal management system



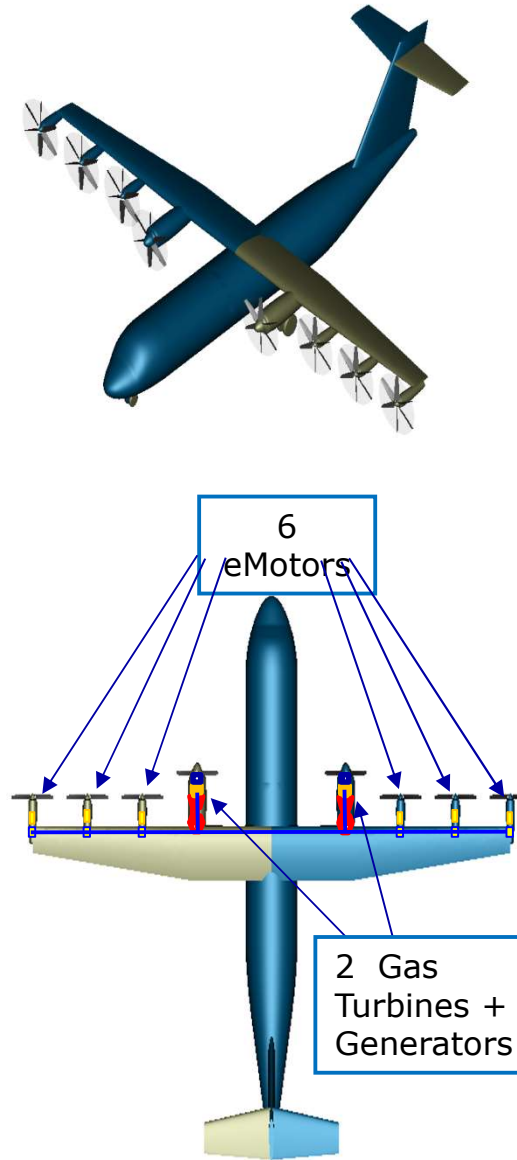


# REG-RAD Aircraft Configuration



## Hybrid chain with DEP

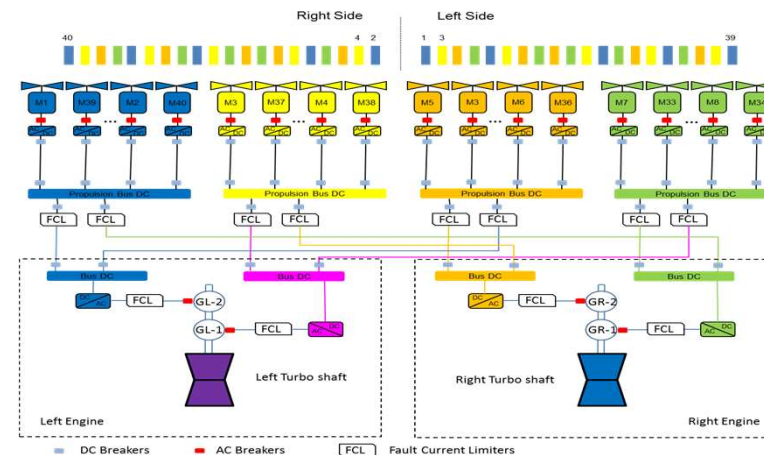
- Partial turboelectric architecture assumed.
- 8 propellers.
- 2 gas turbines.
- 2 inner propellers – driven by the gas turbines.
- 2 generators driven by the gas turbines in parallel.
- 6 e-motors driven by the generators.
- Simplified mass & efficiency modelling – to be aligned with project assumptions.
- No battery assumed currently, but can be directly added to this architecture.



# SMR-CONS Aircraft configuration

## DRAGON concept:

- ✈ Inherits from studies conducted within CS2-LPA (see [1] and P. Schmollgruber's presentation)
- ✈ Turboelectric architecture with 2 gas turbines and 26 / 40 e-motors
- ✈ Work to be conducted within IMOTHEP:
  - ✈ Refinement of component power level upon flight / safety criterions
  - ✈ Full review of electric architecture and inclusion of variants (eg. with batteries)
  - ✈ Detailed design of components including transient effect and thermal management



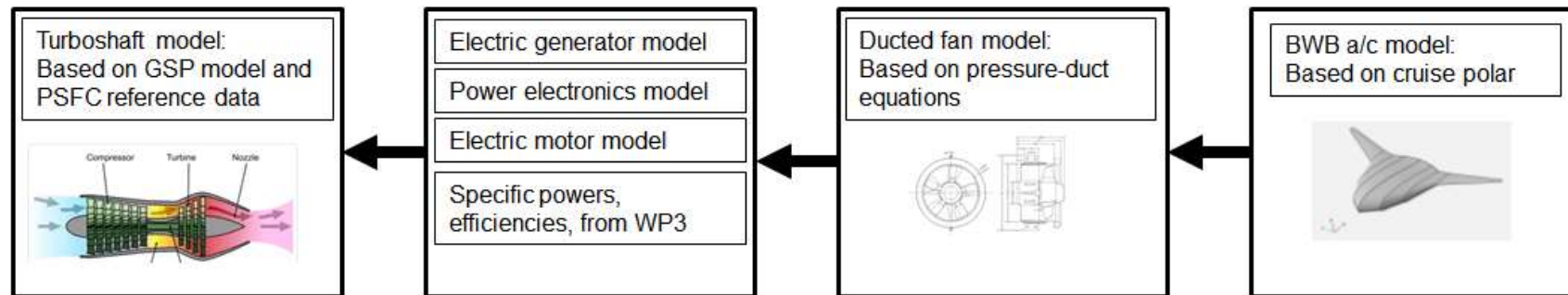
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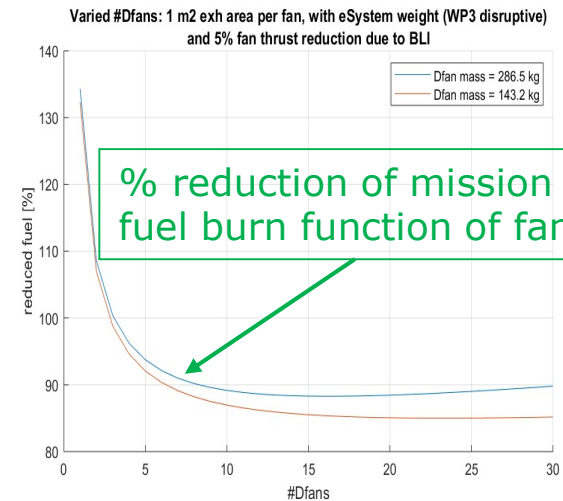


## Reference: turboelectric hybrid chain

- ✦ Modelling of BWB airframe specificities and inclusion of HEP components with similar performances as for REG-CONS



- ✦ Relative mission fuel burn effects by including additional assumptions of system losses/benefits
- ✦ Sensitivity to aeropropulsive integration effects, highly sensitive at that stage
- ✦ Other HEP architectures to be investigated



# PERSPECTIVES

# Perpectives

## ✈ Main orders of magnitude delivered

- ✈ Provide a basis for electric architecture definition and component sizing (e-motors, cables, batteries, generators, turboshafts,...)

**-> Consistent aircraft integration, power level expectations confirmed**

	REG-CONS <sup>1</sup>	REG-RAD <sup>2</sup>	SMR-CONS <sup>3</sup>	SMR-RAD <sup>4</sup>
Power required on selected flight points	Total a/c level shaft-power [MW]: TO: <b>2.8</b> / 2.95* MC: <b>1.6</b> / 2.5*	Total a/c level shaft-power [MW]: TO: 2.5 TOC: 2.3 MC: 2.1	Total a/c level shaft-power of electric motors [MW]: TO: 18.2 TOC: 10.7 MC: 10.1	Total a/c level shaft-power [MW]: TO: 33.2 TOC: 10. MC: 8. See the Leap model table below for the context of these values.

- ✈ Define initial geometries for aero-propulsive integration

**-> High impact of uncertainties on DEP and BLI evaluation**

## ✈ Refined loops to be conducted

- ✈ Loop 1 : incorporate parametric models from technological WP and use multidisciplinary design approaches to consolidate results
- ✈ Loop 2 : defined consolidated CAD and refined performances of components, including transient behaviour

