

# Contradictory design requirements in aircraft development: examples and solutions

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# **Part I: Background and introduction**

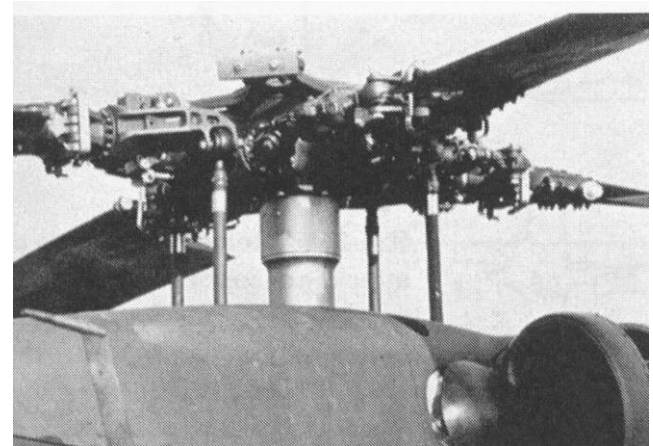
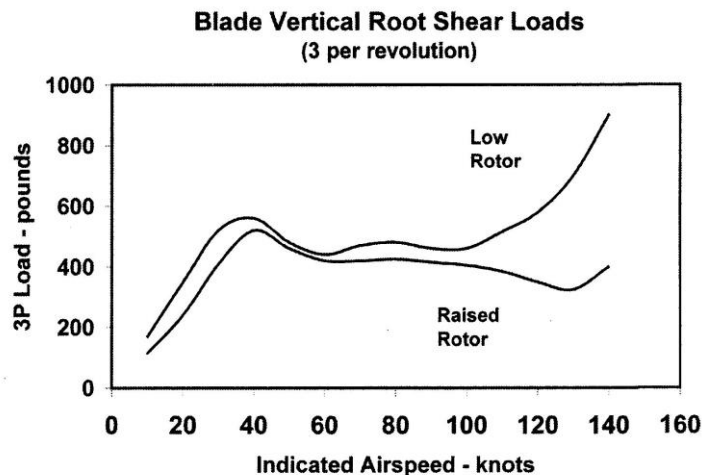
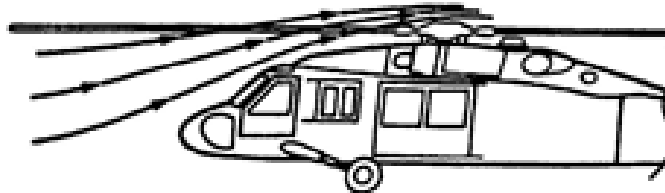
# Background (UH-60 main rotor)

- The design requirements in the development of complicated system are often **contradictory**.
- In case of the Black Hawk (UH-60), the US army's high-priority requirement: **air transport capability** (using a C-130 cargo aircraft) demanding the main rotor close to the fuselage
- However, the **low rotor position created severe interference** flow conditions that could increase **required power** in forward flight significantly. What can you do?



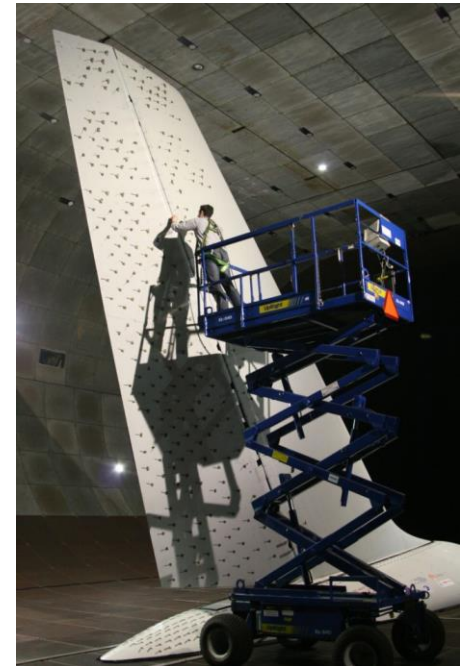
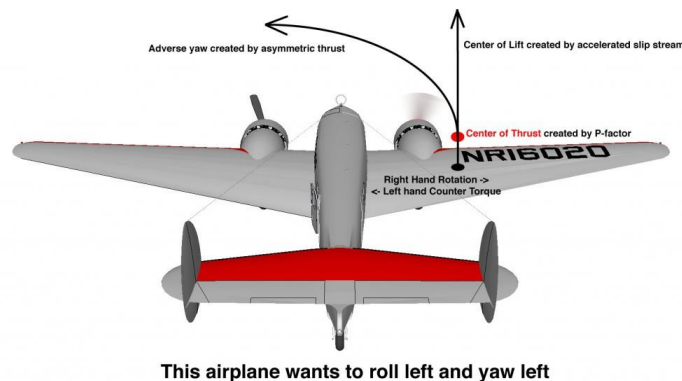
# Background (UH-60 main rotor)

- In order to resolve this contradictory requirement, the Sikorsky rotor designers invented an ingenious solution; a **two-position rotor system** based on a removal new part.
- The rotor shaft extender enabled the rotor location **15 inch higher during flight**, while it permitted the rotor to be **lowered for air transport**.



# Background (size of vertical tail)

- In **one engine-out scenario** at take-off, the pilots need enough rudder power to counter the yaw moment. Thus, rudders are **designed oversized**.
- But if we can maintain laminar airflow over the rudder through tiny **sweeping jet actuators**, we make the rudder more effective, **making it smaller**.
- A smaller rudder creates **less drag and weighs less**, which increases fuel efficiency.



# Background (new technologies)

- **Many similar situations** can be found in the development of complicated system like aircraft.



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# Background (winglet and bird's formation flight)

- It is possible to **decrease the induced drag by using winglets** to redistribute the strength of the trailing vortex sheet.
- A carefully designed winglet can produce **a gain in induced efficiency (and root bending moment as well as marketing)** at a **small cost in viscous drag and weight.**



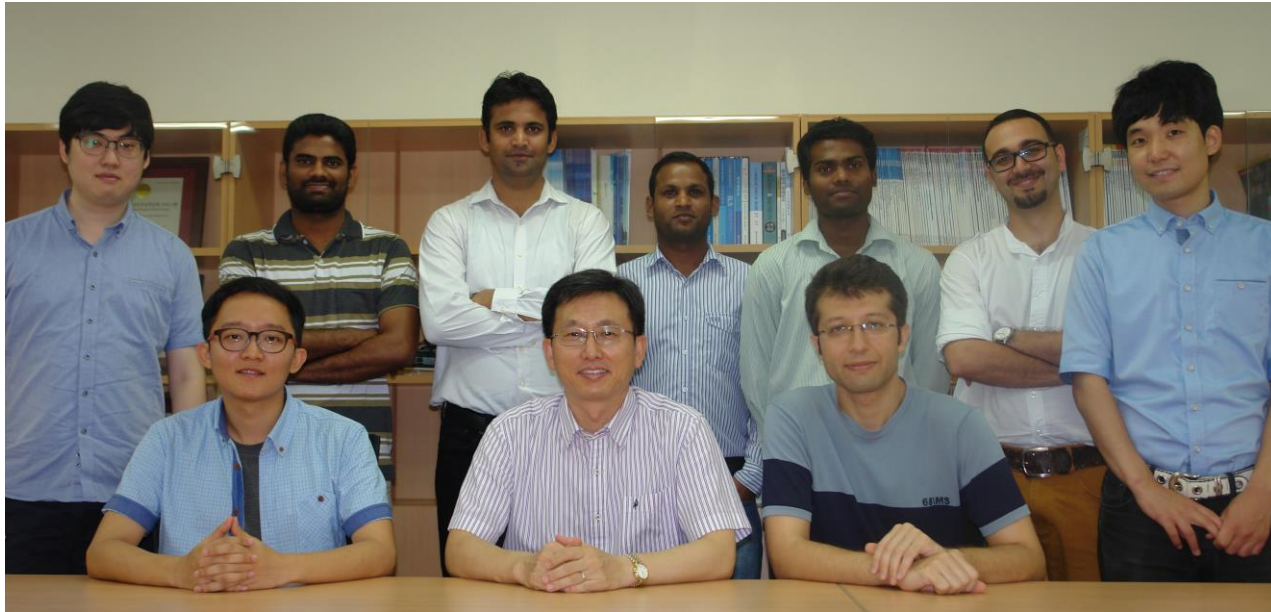
# Understanding of contradictory requirements

- Contradictory design requirements arise from the nature of **multi-function, multi-disciplinary, multi-objective** problem in complex system.
- The **mindset of the conductor** of an orchestra is required.





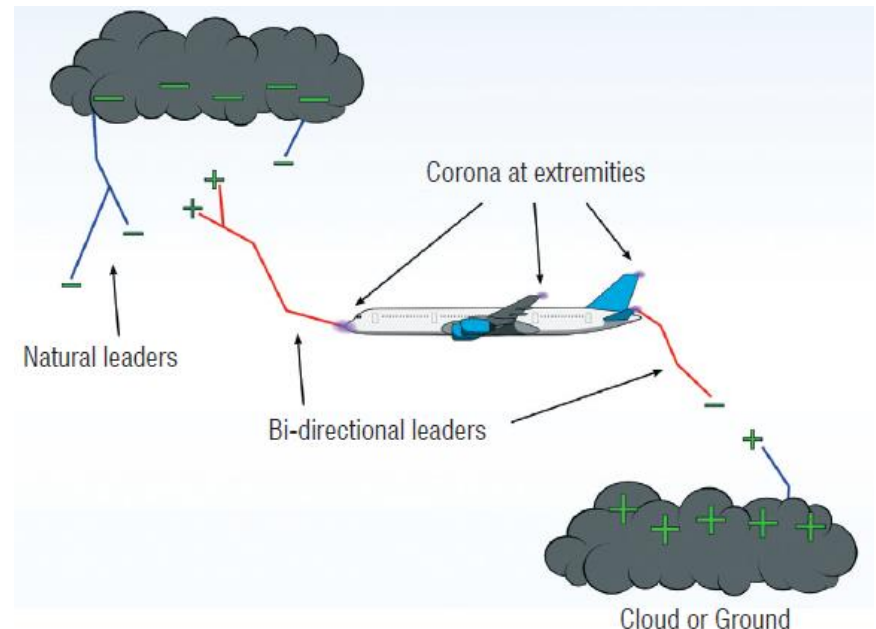
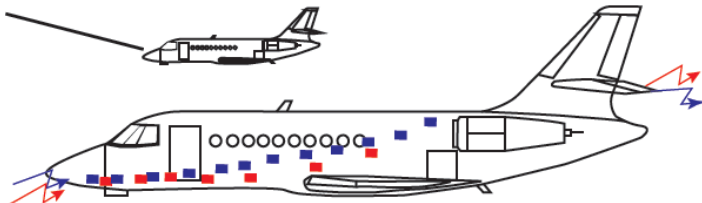
## Part II: Works in GNU-ACML (Examples of contradictory requirement)



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***<http://acml.gnu.ac.kr>***

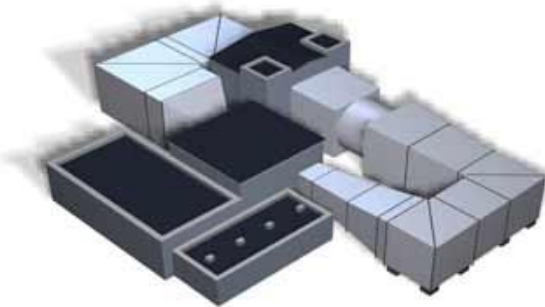
# Lightning vs ice protection

- Lightning is an atmospheric electrical phenomenon which deserves adequate protection design of aircraft.
- The effects of lightning are classified into **direct** (structural damage, fuel ignition) and **indirect** (interference to the electrical equipment).
- Materials with **low thermal conductivity** are required to **minimize the heat transfer**.



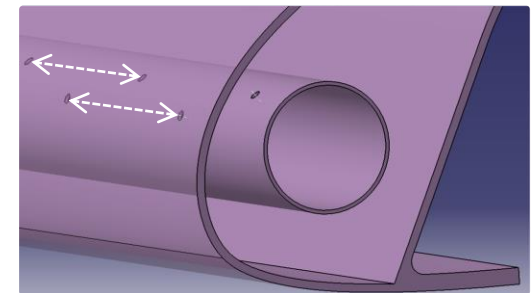
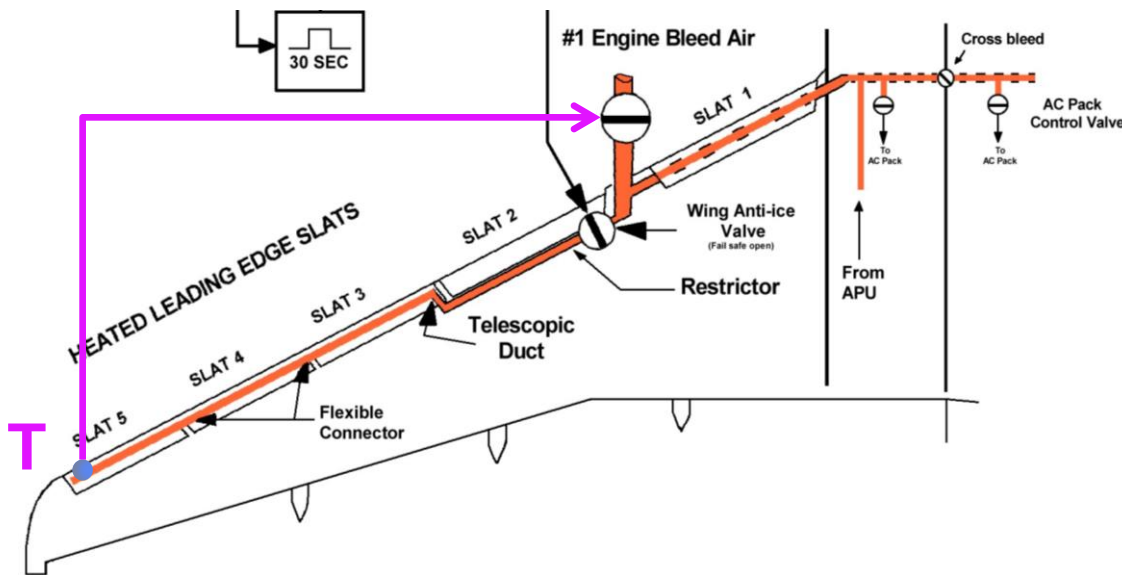
# Lightning vs ice protection

- Icing is an atmospheric phenomenon which also deserves adequate protection design of aircraft.
- Icing is a **key certification issue** related to aircraft safety.
- **Anti-icing** systems: **Prevent** the ice from forming/adhering
- **De-icing** systems: **Remove** the accumulated ice before incurring significant aerodynamic penalties

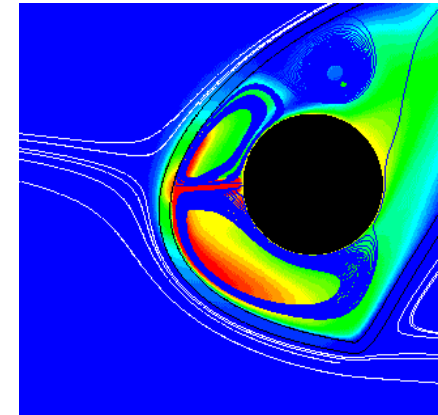


# Lightning vs ice protection

- **Hot-air anti-icing** protection system: Materials with **high thermal conductivity** are required to **maximize the heat transfer** to prevent/remove the ice accreted on the aircraft skin.

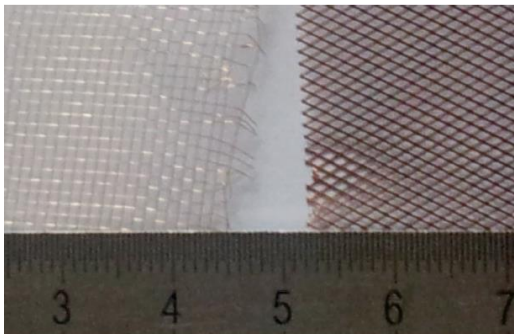


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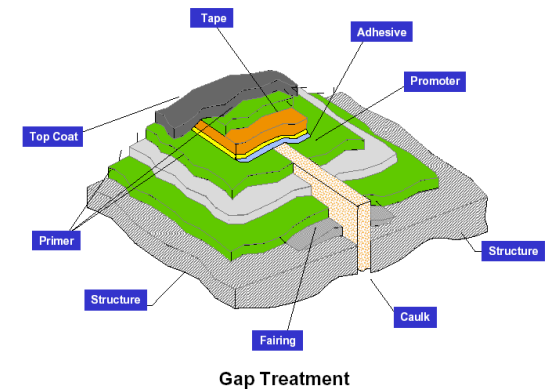
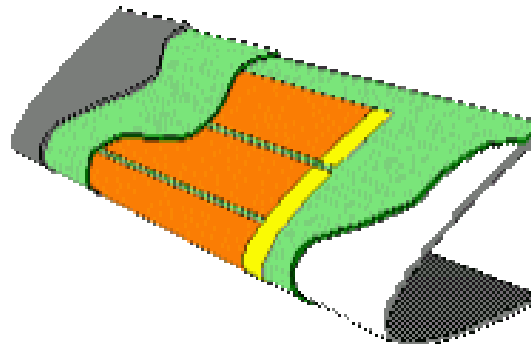


# Lightning vs ice protection

- Multi-function in composite skin structure: **lightning** (copper foil), **icing** (electro-thermal pad), **RF stealth** (low-observable structure)



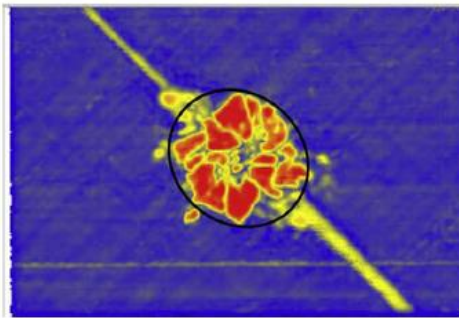
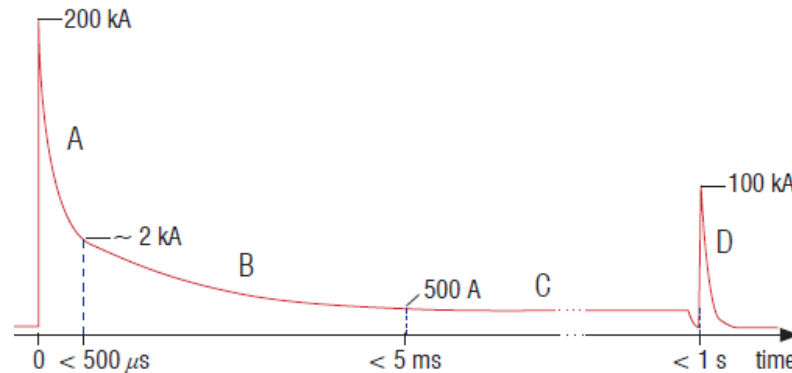
Left: bronze mesh (BM), right: expanded copper foil (ECF)





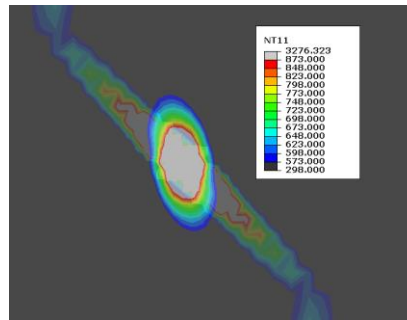
# Lightning computational simulation

- ABAQUS for direct effect in an integrated fuel tank
- EMA3D for indirect effect in whole aircraft

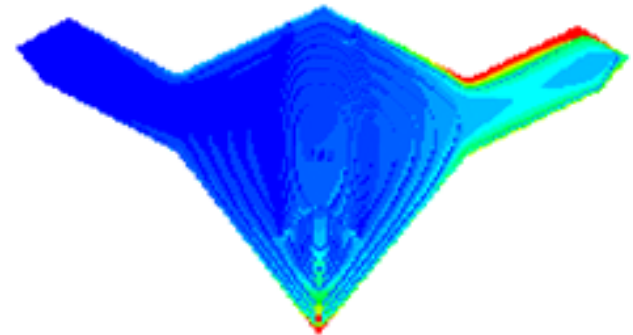


150 mm

(b) Determination of delamination area from ultrasonic C-scan result



Simulation (ABAQUS)



Simulation (EMA3D)



# Pitot-type air intake vs anti-icing system

- The **Pitot-type air intake** (with good total pressure recovery) **requires** an (electro-thermal) **anti-icing** system.



EC 725 Super Puma: Pitot intake



Bell 430: side mounted intake

Total pressure recovery  
Distortion  
Foreign object impact

Icing (ice ingestion  
130 g for 2 minutes)



Agusta A109: flush side intake



Mil Mi 24: radial inflow intake



# Pitot-type air intake vs anti-icing system

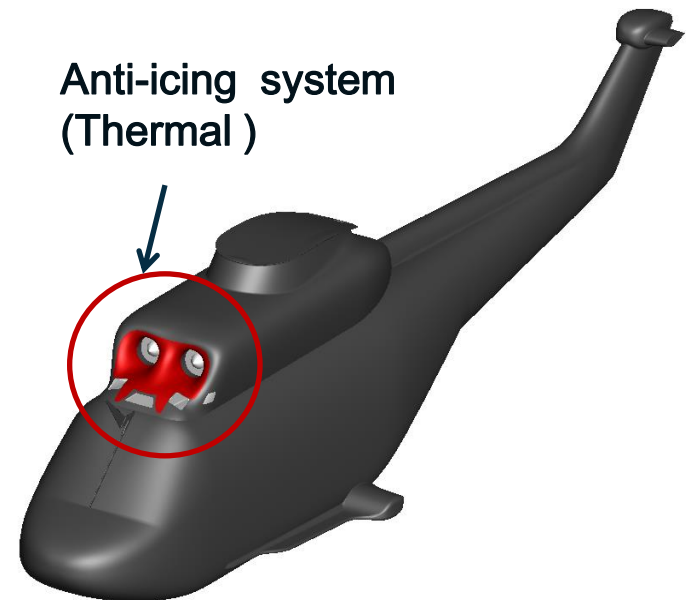
- **Korean Utility Helicopter (Surion)** program (through Korea Aerospace Industries Ltd.).
- Also in association with National Aerospace Laboratory of the Netherlands (NLR; icing wind tunnel model design).



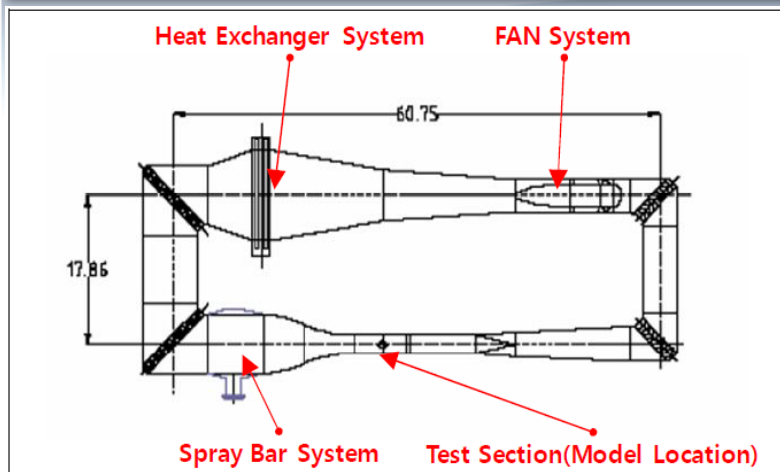


# Pitot-type air intake vs anti-icing system

- Korean Surion helicopter with Pitot-type dynamic intake



# Icing wind tunnel testing



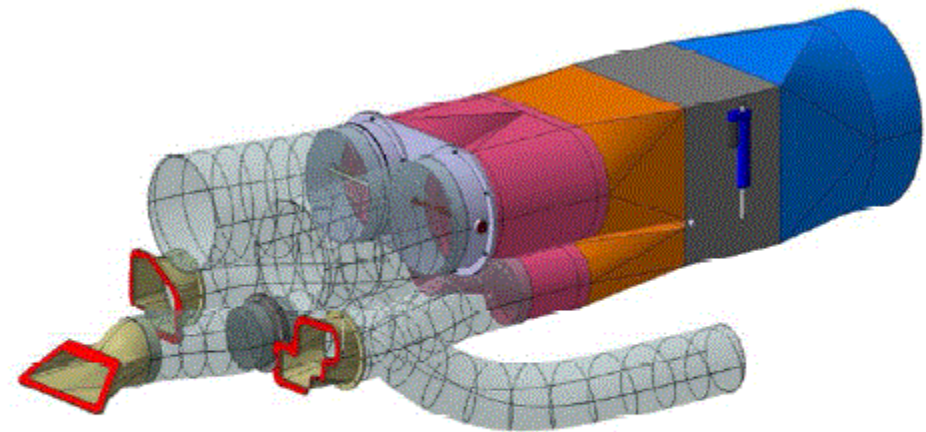
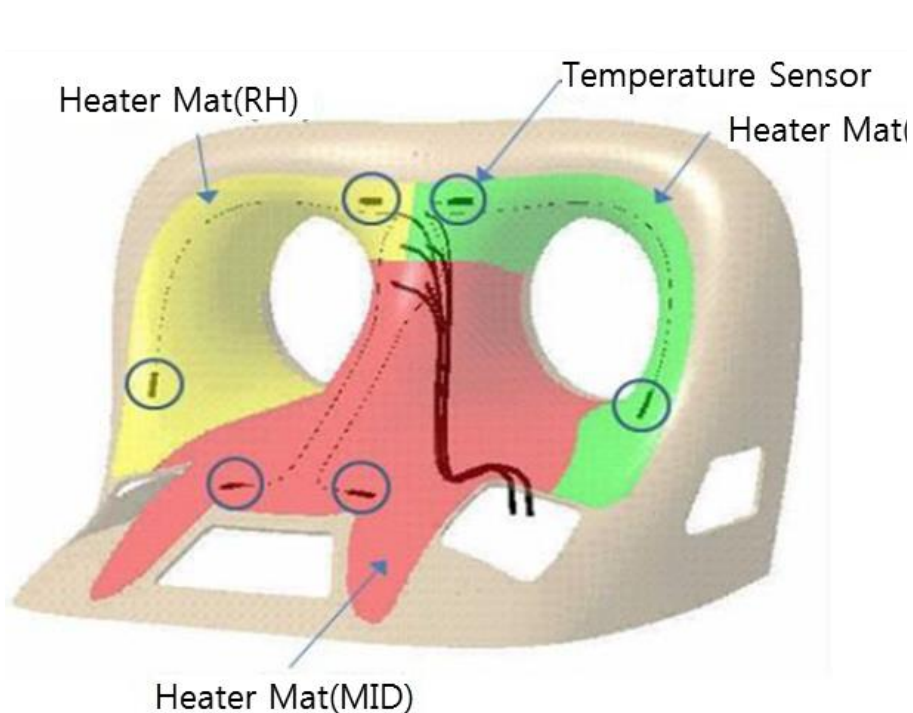
**CIRA** (Italian Aerospace Research Centre),  
CAPUA, Italy  
1~2 cases / day; each case costing five  
digits \$ (December, 2011)



Item	Specification
Test Section Size	2.35 m (H) x 3.6 m (W) x 8.30 m (L)
Tunnel Type	Closed Circuit
Power	4.0 MW
Maximum Velocity	80 m/s (155.5 kts)
Mach Range	0.25
Temperature	-32 °C
Pressure Altitude	7000 m (22,965 ft)

# Test model of electro-thermal anti-ice system

National Aerospace Laboratory of the Netherlands

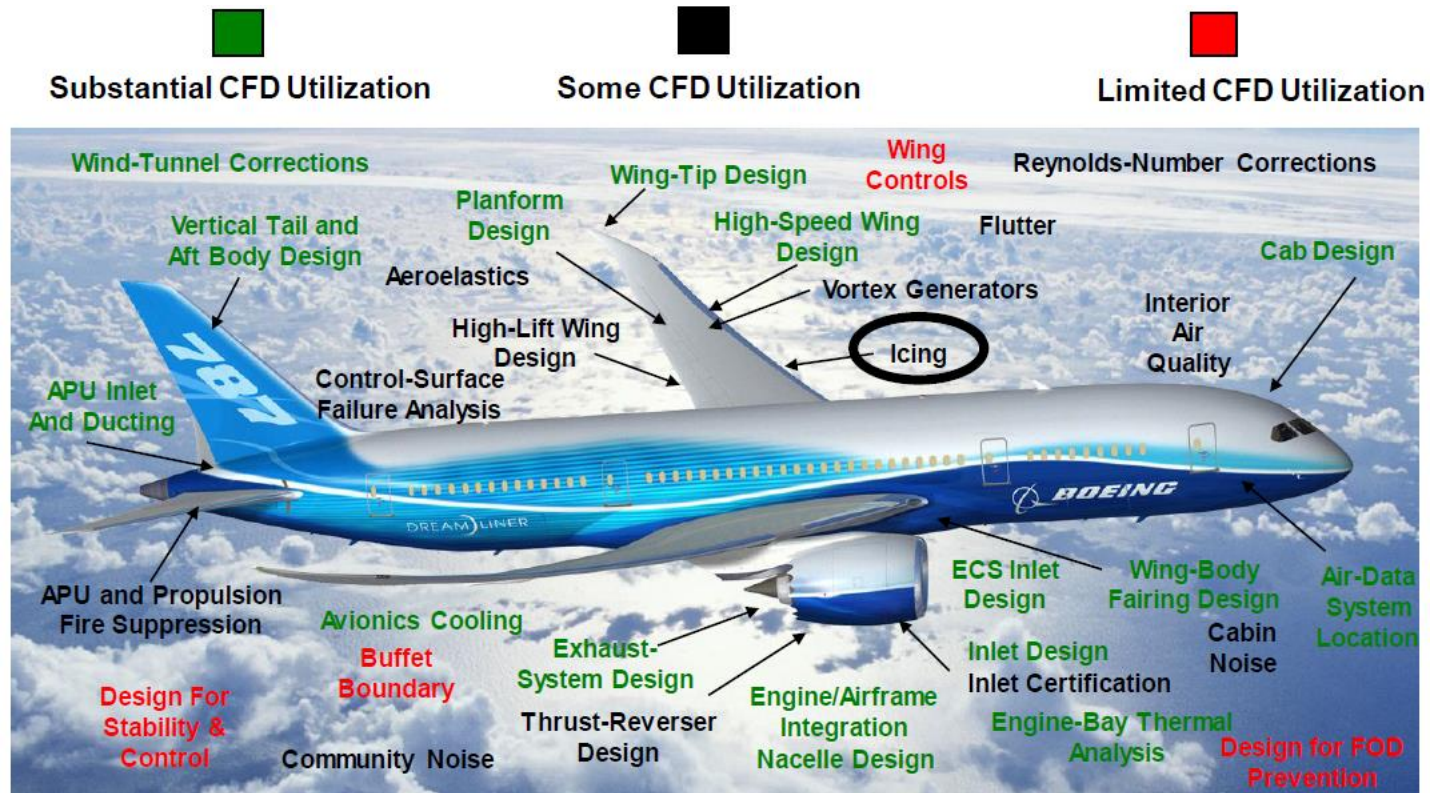


[Flow Suction System]



# Icing computational simulation

- CFD contributions to aircraft design (Boeing, 2014)

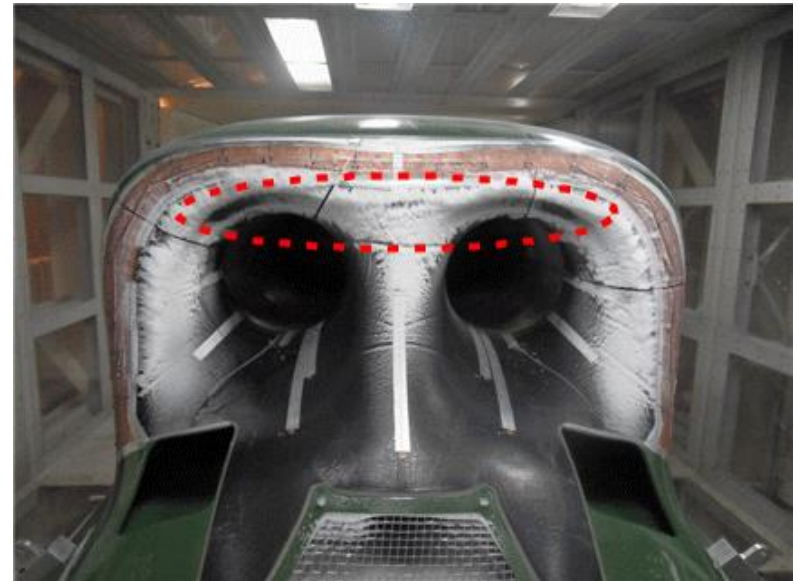
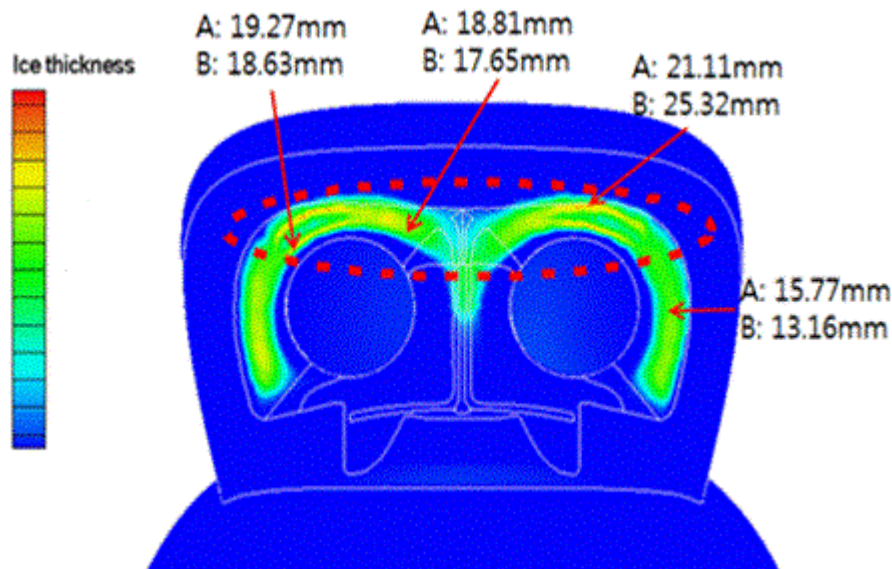


**Enablers: High Performance Computing,  
Physics-based Design/Analysis/Optimization**



# Icing computational simulation

- Validation of icing CFD (FENSAP-ICE) prediction (heat-off mode)

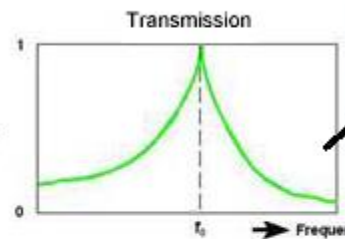


The upper parts of intake with largest ice accretion.  
Narrow region with small ice accretion between these parts.

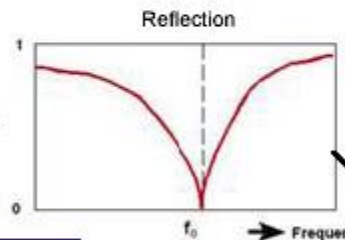
# Contradictory requirements for Radome

## Radom with frequency-selective layers (FSS)

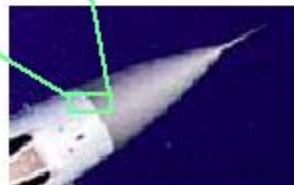
Frequency selective surface made of slitted antenna elements



Radom is transparent for the working frequency of the antenna

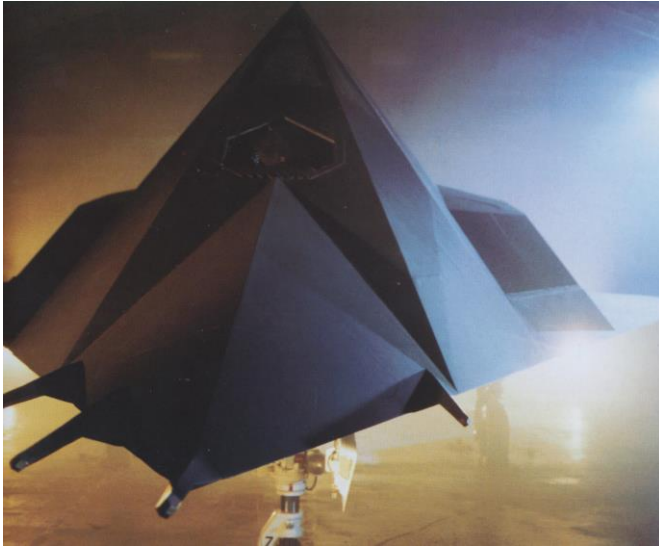


Reflecting at threat frequencies

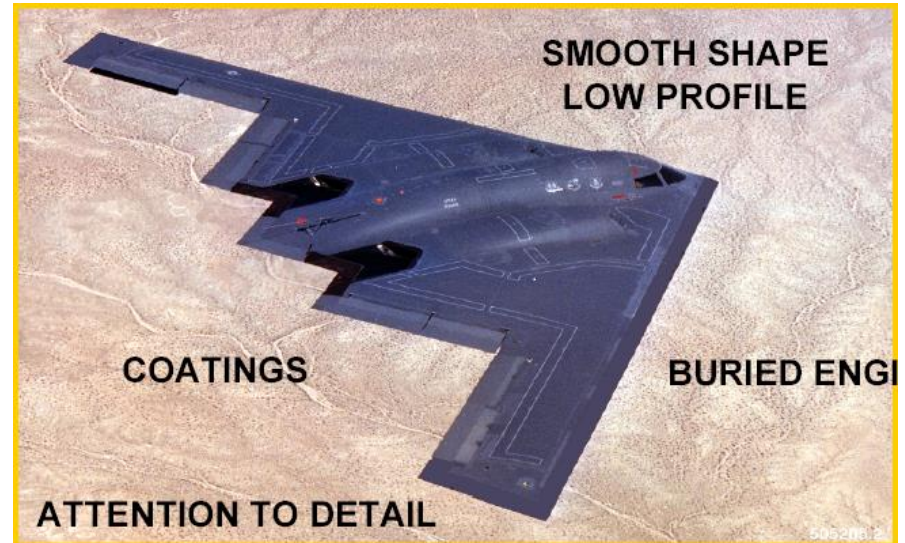


# RF low observability vs aerodynamic performance

- The requirements for radar stealth with **low radar cross section (RCS)** and aerodynamics with **low drag** are contradictory; **faceted** and **streamlined smooth** shapes.



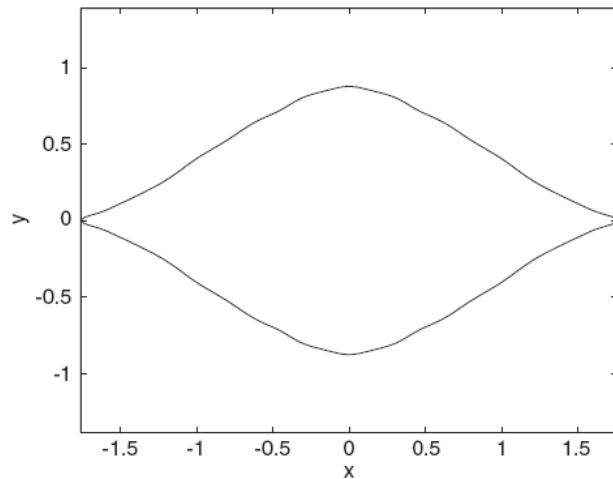
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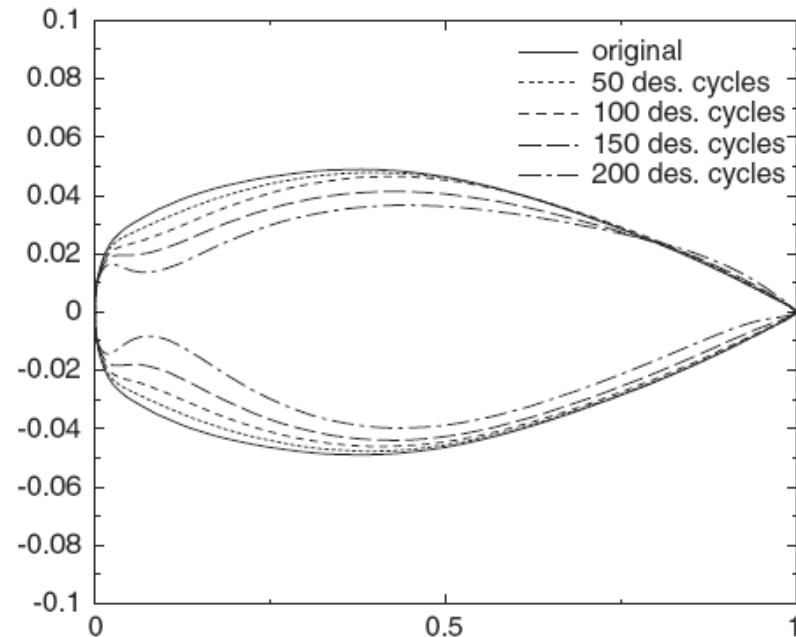
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# Simple RCS and drag optimization

- Simple combined (RCS and drag) shape optimization yields **unrealistic airfoil**.



Shape optimized for TE and TM polarization with a penalty



Wing profile from the combined RCS and drag optimization with  $\beta = 0.8$

# Radar absorbing structure

- An ingenious solution to meet both requirements for radar stealth and aerodynamics is the **radar absorbing structure (RAS)**.

Clean Shape with Leading Edge Ogival and Trailing Edge Wedge Shaped

