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The Aircraft and Alternative Modes of Transport – **Environmental Impact: Energy Consumption and Global Warming**

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Abstract

The **environmental impact** of a means of transport is made up of energy consumption, global warming, changes in local air quality, noise and landscape consumption. Global warming in the transport sector is mainly due to the climate impact of CO2. The entire environmental impact of aircraft results from CO2, nitrogen oxides (NOx) and cloud formation due to contrails. This is summarized with the help of the equivalent CO2. Statistically speaking, the environmental impact can be greatly reduced, especially by flying lower.

Contrails occur depending on altitude, air temperature, and humidity. Contrails are only persistent, if the relative humidity exceeds a certain value. It is the typical passenger aircraft with jet engines that cause contrails in cruise flight. Only a few of these contrails would have to be avoided in order to significantly reduce the environmental impact. Global warming caused by passenger jets is three times as high as CO2 alone. This is a significant environmental disadvantage of the aircraft compared to ground-based traffic.

The **selection of a means of transport** can already be made according to basic physical principles. The wheel-rail system has a clear advantage here. However, aircraft are unrivalled, especially for quickly overcoming the oceans. Ways in which air travelers can reduce their environmental impact are presented. The "Ecolabel for Aircraft" evaluates aircraft in comparison. The "Karman-Gabrielli Diagram" considers also speed in a comparison of modes of transport.







Kurzreferat

Das Flugzeug und seine Alternativen – Umweltwirkung: Energieverbrauch und Erderwärmung

Die **Umweltwirkung** eines Verkehrsmittels setzt sich zusammen aus Ressourcenverbrauch (für den Bau des Fahrzeugs, insbesondere aber durch den Energieverbrauch im Betrieb), Erderwärmung, Änderung der lokalen Luftqualität, Lärm und Landschaftsverbrauch. Die Erderwärmung ergibt sich im Verkehrswesen insbesondere durch die Klimawirkung des CO2. 1 kg Kerosin (oder Diesel) verbrennt zu 3,15 kg CO2. Der Energieverbrauch oder speziell der Kraftstoffverbrauch hat also eine doppelte Umweltwirkung einerseits durch den Verbrauch der endlichen fossilen Energie und andererseits durch die Erzeugung von Treibhausgasen. Der Kraftstoffverbrauch von Flugzeugen ergibt sich aus dem Luftwiderstand (Aerodynamik), dem spezifischen Kraftstoffverbrauch (Triebwerkskunde) und der Flugzeugmasse (Leichtbau). Konkrete Werte zum Kraftstoffverbrauch von Flugzeugen werden öffentlich nicht angegeben. Der Kraftstoffverbrauch lässt sich aber bereits abschätzen aus wenigen Flugzeugparametern, die öffentlich bekannt sind. Die gesamte Umweltwirkung ergibt sich aus CO2, den Stickoxiden (NOx) aus der heißen Verbrennung und durch Wolkenbildung aufgrund von Kondensstreifen (Aviation-Induced Cloudiness, AIC). Dies wird mit Hilfe der äquivalenten CO2 zusammengefasst, die abhängig sind von der Flugstrecke und von der Flughöhe. Statistisch gesehen kann die Umweltwirkung insbesondere durch niedrigeres Fliegen stark verringert werden.

Kondensstreifen treten nach dem Schmidt-Appleman Criterion (SAC) auf, abhängig von der Flughöhe, der Lufttemperatur und der Luftfeuchtigkeit. Langlebig sind die Kondensstreifen nur dann, wenn die relative Luftfeuchtigkeit zusätzlich zum SAC einen bestimmten (temperaturabhängigen) Wert überschreitet ausgedrückt durch das Persistent Contrail Criterion (PCC). Langlebig und sich ausbreitend und damit klimawirksam sind Kondensstreifen, wenn durch Turbulenz mehr Feuchtigkeit kondensiert als es dem Wasser aus dem Verbrennungsprozess entspricht. Propellerflugzeug fliegen so tief, dass es kaum zur Bildung von Kondensstreifen kommt. Business Jets fliegen im Reiseflug so hoch und in so trockener Luft, dass es in der Regel nur zu kurzlebigen Kondensstreifen kommt. Es sind die typischen Passagierflugzeuge mit Strahltriebwerken, die Kondensstreifen im Reiseflug verursachen. Kondensstreifen können kühlend wirken oder wärmend. Wenige Kondensstreifen sind wärmend. Trotzdem überwiegt die Wirkung wärmender Kondensstreifen. Stark wärmende Kondensstreifen findet man insbesondere in der Nacht. Nur wenige dieser Kondensstreifen müssten vermieden werden, um die Wirkung deutlich zu reduzieren. Das geschieht durch Höhenänderung zur Vermeidung der PCC-Gebiete. Vereinfachend wird angenommen, dass durch NOx und insbesondere AIC die Erderwärmung bei Passagierjets dreimal so hoch ist, wie durch CO2 allein. Das ist ein erheblicher Umweltnachteil des Flugzeugs gegenüber dem bodengebundenen Verkehr.

Die Wahl des Verkehrsmittels kann bereits nach den physikalischen Grundprinzipien geschehen. Das System Rad-Schiene hat hier einen klaren Vorteil. Insbesondere zum schnellen Überwinden der Ozeane sind Flugzeuge aber konkurrenzlos. Vorgestellt werden Möglichkeiten, mit denen Flugreisende ihre Umweltwirkung verringern können. Eine Flugreise sollte, so weit möglich, als Direktflug gewählt werden. Das "Ecolabel for Aircraft" bewertet Flugzeuge im Vergleich. Das "Karman-Gabrielli-Diagramm" berücksichtigt auch die Geschwindigkeit im Vergleich der Verkehrsträger.

PCC (auch): Potential Contrail Coverage







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Global Warming: Time to Act until 2050?

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Latest CO2 Data

Mauna Loa, Hawaii







Base: Pre-industrial (1850-1900), 280 ppm, temperature change: 0 °C

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Latest CO2 Data and Climate Sensitivity



Climate sensitivity is a key measure in climate science and describes how much Earth's surface will warm for a doubling in the atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration. In other words, due to an increase from 280 ppm to 560 ppm (plus 280 ppm). 3 °C (+/- 1.5)°C / 280 ppm 3.0 °C / 280 ppm = 0.0107 °C/ppm ≈ 0.01 °C/ppm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_sensitivity



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Latest Temperature Data



Tracking breaches of the 1.5°C global warming threshold

https://climate.copernicus.eu/tracking-breaches-150c-global-warming-threshold

Calculating the climate sensitivity from 424 ppm – 280 ppm = 144 ppm:

1.5 °C / 144 ppm = 0.01042 °C/ppm

Additional 0.5 °C need 144 ppm/3 = 48 ppm. Hence:

2.5 ppm/year

May 2024: 426.90 ppm May 2023: 424.00 ppm Last updated: Jun 05, 2024

2.0 °C threshold after further 48 ppm or after 48/2.5 years = 19 years 2023 + 19 => 2.0 °C threshold reached in 2042

1 ppm CO2 in the atmosphere is equivalent to 17.3 Gt of CO2 emissions

COOK, John [Skeptical Science], 2024. Comparing CO2 emissions to CO2 levels. Archived at: https://perma.cc/ZFM7-ZUE5





Forecast in 2020 – Way Off



"less than 10 years" left was finally "3 years" left, because 1.5 °C threshold was already reached in 2023

Stanford University and others: https://youtu.be/aD0EgwohZwg

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Decoding Aviation's Climate Challenge

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"Contribution of global aviation in 2011 was calculated to be 3.5% of the net anthropogenic Effective Radiative Forcing (ERF)."

Lee 2020, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2020.117834









https://stay-grounded.org/get-information





What Matters?





What Matters?

Current focus: Global warming (CO2) and energy, but:

- 1. For human survival it is not about energy or CO2, but about clean drinking water!
- In aviation related to global warming not primarily about CO2 but it is about Aviation Induced Cloudiness (AIC).

Aviation has indirectly a water problem not a CO2 problem.





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Most Important in General: Clean Drinking Water



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Life Cycle Assessment in Aviation

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Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Applied to Aviation



Johanning (2017): Life Cycle Assessment in Aircraft Design

ISO 14040:2006 Environmental Management -- Life Cycle Assessment



National Institute for Public Health and the Environment Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

http://www.lcia-recipe.net

ReCiPe

ReCiPe is a method for the impact assessment in a Life Cycle Assessment LCA. LCA translates emissions and resource extractions into a limited number of environmental impact scores by means of so-called characterization factors. There are two ways to derive characterization factors, i.e. at midpoint level and at endpoint level. ReCiPe calculates:

- 18 Midpoint Indicators
- 3 Endpoint Indicators
- 1 Single Score

http://www.fzt.haw-hamburg.de/pers/Scholz/Airport2030/JOHANNING_DISS_Methodik_zur_Oekobilanzierung_im_Flugzeugvorentwurf_2017.pdf

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Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Applied to Aviation

"Compilation and evaluation of the inputs, outputs and the Life cycle assessment framework potential environmental impacts of a product system during its life cycle" Goal and scope definition Life-cycle phases: Design & Design & Development . Development ≈ 0% Certification Testing Inventory Interpretation analysis Production Transport of Materials Production 0.1% components Infrastructure Operation Maintenance Flights Airport **99.9%** Repair & Overhaul mpact Ground handling assessment End-of-life ≈ 0% Reuse Recycling Incineration Landfill

Standardized according to ISO 14040, ISO 14044

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ORGANISATION, 2006. ISO 14040: Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Principles and framework. July 2006. Available from: https://www.iso.org/standard/37456.html

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Impact Assessment in LCA Applied to Aviation



ReCiPe Method - Available from: https://www.leidenuniv.nl/cml/ssp/publications/recipe_characterisation.pdf









ReCiPe

It was added to the basic Method:

1.) by Johanning: Altitude Dependency

2.) here: Noise

https://doi.org/10.1007/s11367-016-1246-y





Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Applied to an Airbus A320

The reference aircraft and its requirements:

- Airbus A320-200, weight variant WV000
- Design range: 1510 NM with a payload of 19256 kg
- 180 passengers in a one-class layout
- Cruise Mach number 0.76



http://www.aerospaceweb.org





Life Cycle Assessment ("Single Score") Results for an Airbus A320

- Cruise flight and kerosene production dominate environmental impact
- CO₂, NO_x, crude oil and contrails/cirrus clouds have highest influence



Life Cycle Processes on Single Score

Inventory Analysis (in- and outputs) on Single Score





From Life Cycle Assessment to the Ecolabel for Aircraft



- Decrease of resource depletion
- Climate Change
- Formation of Particular Matter

Ecolabel for Aircraft

Overall Rating:



- 1. Global warming (fuel => CO2, NOx, AIC)
- 2. Resource depletion (aircraft fuel consumption)
- 3. Local air pollution (fuel => NOx, LTO)
- 4. Noise (take-off and landing)





Global Warming due to Aviation

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Aviation Emissions and Climate Impact



CO2: Long term influence

Non-CO2: Short term influence (immediate mitigation is possible)

RAPP, Markus, 2019. Perspektive: Wasserstoff & Hybride. Meeting: "Emissionsfreies Fliegen-wie weit ist der Weg?", Berlin, 13.11.2019





Global Warming – Measured in Equivalent CO₂ Mass



CAERS, Brecht, SCHOLZ, Dieter, 2020. *Conditions for Passenger Aircraft Minimum Fuel Consumption, Direct Operating Costs and Environmental Impact*. German Aerospace Congress 2020 (DLRK 2020), Online, 01.-03.09.2020. Available from: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4068135

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Calculating Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

$$m_{CO2,eq} = \frac{EI_{CO_2} \cdot f_{NM}}{n_{seat,typical}} \cdot CF_{midpoint,CO_2} + \frac{EI_{NO_x} \cdot f_{NM}}{n_{seat,typical}} \cdot CF_{midpoint,NO_x} + \frac{R_{NM} \cdot f_{NM}}{R_{NM} \cdot f_{NM,ref} \cdot n_{seat,typical}} \cdot CF_{midpoint,AIC}$$

Sustained Global Temperature Potential, SGTP (similar to GWP):

 $f_{NM,ref} = 4.74 \text{ kg/km}$ MATTAUSCH 2024

$$CF_{midpoint,NOx}(h) = \frac{SGTP_{O_{3s},100}}{SGTP_{CO_{2},100}} \cdot s_{O_{3},S}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{O_{3L},100}}{SGTP_{CO_{2},100}} \cdot s_{O_{3},L}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{CH_{4},100}}{SGTP_{CO_{2},100}} \cdot s_{CH_{4}}(h)$$

$$CF_{midpoint,AIC} \qquad (h) = \frac{SGIP_{contrails,100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{contrails} (h) + \frac{SGIP_{cirrus,100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{cirrus} (h)$$

Species	Emission Index, EI (kg/kg fuel)	Species	SGTP _{i,100}	El emission index		
CO ₂	3,15	CO ₂ (K/kg CO ₂)	3,58 · 10 ⁻¹⁴	<i>f f_{NM}</i> fuel consumption		
H ₂ O SO ₂ Soot	1,23 2,00 · 10 ⁻⁴ 4,00 · 10 ⁻⁵	Short O ₃ (K/kg NO _x) Long O ₃ (K/NO _x)	7,97 · 10 ⁻¹² -9,14 · 10 ⁻¹³	per NM or km R _{NM} range in NM or km CF characterization factor		
NOx	1.45 10 ⁻² (typical value)	CH ₄ (K/kg NO _x)	-3,90 · 10 ⁻¹²			
$\begin{split} s_{O_{3},L}(h) &= s_{CH_{4}}(h) \\ s_{contrails}(h) &= s_{cirrus}(h) = s_{AIC}(h) \end{split}$		Contrails (K/NM) Contrails (K/km)	2,54 · 10 ⁻¹³ 1,37 · 10 ⁻¹³	Cirrus/Contrails = 3.0		
		Cirrus (K/NM) Cirrus (K/km)	7,63 · 10 ⁻¹³ 4,12 · 10 ⁻¹³	water vapor not considered		
SCHWARTZ	2009, JOHANNING 2014		I	AIC aviation-induced cloudiness		

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Contrail Radiative Forcing (CRF) as a Function of Fuel Flow (ff)

Aircraft	A319-111	A340-311	A380-841
Encounter time	09:14-09:27	08:45-08:48	12:14-12:29
Contrail altitude (km)	10.5-10.7	10.5 - 10.7	10.3 - 10.7
Latitude	52.91° N	53.35° N	52.37° N
Longitude	8.06° E	8.94° E	9.66° E
Pressure p (hPa)	241	242	241
Temperature T (K)	217	217	218
$T_{\rm C}$ (K)	223.5	223.6	223.6
Brunt–Väisälä frequency	0.0170	0.0126	0.0132
$NO_y (nmol mol^{-1})$	4.3	4.4	6.7
EI_{NO_x} (g kg ⁻¹)	8.7	11.6	19.7
RHI (%)	91	94	92
Contrail age (s)	105-118	80–90	102-115
Fuel flow (Mg engine ^{-1} h ^{-1})	0.9	1.3	3.6
Fuel flow rate (kg km ⁻¹)	2.2	6.4	15.9
Aircraft engine	CFM56-5B6/P	CFM56-5C2	Trent 970-84
Mach	0.76	0.737	0.85
Fuel sulphur content (mg kg $^{-1}$)	1155	940	_
Aircraft weight (Mg)	47	150	508
Wingspan (m)	34.09	60.30	79.81

τ	ff τ/ff	[km/kg] aircraft
0.25 / 2	2.2 = 0.114	4 A319
0.55 / 6	6.4 = 0.08	59 A340
0.94 / 15	5.9 = 0.059	9 A380

JEßBERGER, Philipp, et al. Aircraft type influence on contrail properties. Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, 2013, 13. Jg., Nr. 23, S. 11965-11984. Available from: https://10.5194/acp-13-11965-2013

Aircraft	$n_{\rm ice} \ ({\rm cm}^{-3})$	D _{eff} (µm)	Projected surface area $A \ (\mu m^2 cm^{-3})$	$\frac{IWC}{(mgm^{-3})}$	Extinction (km ⁻¹)	Vertical extension (m)	Optical depth τ
A319	162 ± 18	$5.2(\pm 1.5)$	$0.93(\pm 0.14) \times 10^3$	$4.1(\pm 1.0)$	2.1(±0.3)	120	0.25
A340	164 ± 0.11	$5.8(\pm 1.7)$	$1.12(\pm 0.17) \times 10^3$	$4.0(\pm 1.0)$	$2.5(\pm 0.4)$	220	0.55
A380	235 ± 10	$5.9(\pm 1.7)$	$1.45(\pm 0.22) \times 10^3$	$5.2(\pm 1.3)$	$3.2(\pm 0.5)$	290	0.94

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Contrail Radiative Forcing (CRF) as a Function of Fuel Flow (ff)



The quadratic regression (right) fits amazingly well. However, from the small number of aircraft tested, no such general law may be derived.

The climate model by SCHWARTZ 2009, which calculates AIC effects only based on contrail length (flight distance) was extended to include fuel burn (in kg/km) into the equation. Fuel burn enters linearly!

SCHWARTZ, Emily, KROO, Ilan M., 2009. *Aircraft Design: Trading Cost and Climate Impact*. 47th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting including The New Horizons Forum and Aerospace Exposition, 05.01.-08.01.2009, Orlando, Florida, AIAA 2009, No.1261. Available from: https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2009-1261

JOHANNING, Andreas, SCHOLZ, Dieter, 2014. *Adapting Life Cycle Impact Assessment Methods for Application in Aircraft Design*. German Aerospace Congress 2014 (DLRK 2014), Augsburg, 16.-18.09.2014. Available from: https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:101:1-201507202456. Download: http://Airport2030.ProfScholz.de







Calculating Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

E.g.:
$$CF_{midpoint,AIC}$$
 $(h) = \frac{SGTP_{contrails,100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{contrails}(h) + \frac{SGTP_{cirrus,100}}{SGTP_{CO_2,100}} \cdot s_{cirrus}(h)$

Forcing Factor s = f(h)44,000 40,000 36,000 **ب** 32,000 altitude 28,000 24,000 0₃₅ 20,000 CH & O AIC 16,000 0.25 0.5 0.75 1.0 1.25 1.5 1.75 2.0 0 forcing factor s SCHWARTZ 2009 and 2011

 $s_{contrails}(h) = s_{cirrus}(h) = s_{AIC}(h)$

- The curves go along with the ICAO Standard Atmosphere (ISA) applicable for average lattitudes.
 With a first approximation, the curves could be adapted to other lattitudes by stretching and shrinking them proportionally to the altitude of the tropopause.
- The curves from SVENSSON 2004 (Fig. 1) show similar shapes. However, the importance of AIC is not yet as distinct.

SVENSSON, Fredrik, HASSELROT, Anders, MOLDANOVA, Jana, 2004. Reduced Environmental Impact by Lowered Cruise Altitude for Liquid Hydrogen-Fuelled Aircraft. In: *Aerospace Science and Technology*, Vol. 8 (2004), Nr. 4, pp. 307–320. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ast.2004.02.004

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Calculating Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass

Forcing Factor s = f(h)



Forcing factors (lines) with **66% likelihood ranges** (shaded areas). Altitudes with forcing factors based on radiative forcing data with independent probability distributions. (SCHWARTZ 2011)

Based on KÖHLER 2008 and RÄDEL 2008.

SCHWARTZ DALLARA, Emily, 2011. *Aircraft Design for Reduced Climate Impact*. Dissertation. Stanford University. Available from: http://purl.stanford.edu/yf499mg3300

KÖHLER, Marcus O., RÄDEL, Gaby, DESSENS, Olivier, SHINE, Keith P., ROGERS, Helen L., WILD, Oliver, PYLE, John A., 2008. Impact of Perturbations to Nitrogen Oxide Emissions From Global Aviation. In: Journal of Geophysical Research, 113. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1029/2007JD009140

RÄDEL, Gaby, SHINE, Keith P., 2008. Radiative Forcing by Persistent Contrails and Its Dependence on Cruise Altitudes. In: Journal of Geophysical Research, 113. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1029/2007JD009117







Calculating Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass with Excel





EI_NOx = 0.0145 kg/kg

h = 36000 ft

Standard split of CO2,eq:

1/6 = 1/6 = 16.7% from NOx 2/6 = 1/3 = 33.3% from CO2 3/6 = 1/2 = 50.0% from AIC

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Relative Contributions to Global Warming



LEE, D.S., et al., 2020. The Contribution of Global Aviation to Anthropogenic Climate Forcing for 2000 to 2018. In: Atmospheric Environment, vol. 211 (2021), art. 17834. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2020.117834

This can be compared to equivalent CO2 at peak AIC ("33548 ft") according to the model by SCHWARTZ 2009 due to

- 54.7% AIC
- 23.6% CO2
- 21.7% NOX





Aviation-Induced Cloudiness (AIC) – Share Depends on Integration Time



LEEMÜLLER, 2022. Climate Optimized Flight Routes – The Path from Research to Operations. Hamburg Aerospace Lecture Series (DGLR, RAeS, VDI, ZAL, HAW Hamburg), Hamburg, Germany, 2022-11-24. Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7396325

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Aviation-Induced Cloudiness: Contrail Cirrus & Persistent Contrails



(b) Aviation forcing components, of which aviation-induced cloudiness (AIC) account for more than half. (c) Breakdown of AIC radiative forcing into contrail cirrus and persistent contrails.

KÄRCHER, Bernd, 2018. Formation and Radiative Forcing of Contrail Cirrus. In: *Nature Communications*, vol. 9, art. 1824. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-04068-0





Calculating Altitude-Dependent Equivalent CO2 Mass





https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/DLJUUK

SCHWARTZ 2009 and 2011

- At 41000 ft, AIC is low. Equivalent CO2 is now dominated by NOx.
- Equivalent CO2 mass peaks at "peak AIC" (33548 ft) due to contrails and contrail cirrus.
- At lower altitudes (24000 ft) very little equivalent CO2 is produced. NOx effects and AIC are low. CO2 dominates.
- At very low altitudes (**18000 ft**) the forcing factor for CH4 and O3L is getting so large that it dominates the forcing factor of the warming O3S. NOx is now **slightly cooling**.





Aircraft Fuel Consumption







Fuel Consumption

Table 1: Summary of candidate metrics

	Full Mission Metrics						
Single parameter metric	Block Fuel Range						
Two- parameter metric	Block Fuel	Block Fuel	Block Fuel	Block Fuel	Block Fuel		
Three-	Block Fuel Payload * R *Speed	Block Fuel	Block Fuel	Block Fuel	Block Fuel		
parameter metric	Block Fuel Payload * R./Time	Block Fuel Useful Load*R./Time	Block Fuel MTOW * R./Time	Block Fuel Floor Area*R./Time	Block Fuel Av. Seats * R./Time		
		Instantar	neous Performanc	e Metrics			
Single parameter metric			1 Specific Air Range	= s SAR			
Two-parameter metric	1 SAR * Payload	1 SAR * Useful Load	1 SAR * MTOW	1 SAR * Floor Area	1 SAR * Av. Seats		
Three- parameter metric	1 SAR * Payload * Speed	1 SAR * Useful Load * Speed	1 SAR * MTOW *Speed	1 SAR * Floor Area* Speed	1 SAR * Av. Seats * Speed		

PARTNER Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction

Selecting a Fuel Metric:

1/(SAR · n_{seat})

Note: R = Range

http://partner.mit.edu/projects/metrics-aviation-co2-standard





Fuel Consumption – From Payload-Range Diagram

Here taken from:

Payload-Range-Diagram available from: "Documents for Airport Planning"







Fuel Consumption – From Extended Payload-Range Diagram



Consumption = (MTOW – MZFW) / ($R_1 \cdot n_{seats}$) · 100

Example Airbus A320neo:

2.2 kg per 100 km and seat = (73500 kg - 62800 kg) / (3180 km · 150) · 100

Kerosene: 0.8 kg/liter 2.75 liter per 100 km and seat

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Fuel Consumption Comparison – 8 Methods, 50 Aircraft



KÜHN, Marius, 2023. Fuel Consumption of the 50 Most Used Passenger Aircraft. Available from: https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:gbv:18302-aero2023-09-11.011





Fuel Consumption Comparison – Bathtub Curve







Local Air Pollution at Airports





Landing and Take-Off Cycle (LTO)



Definition of the landing and take-off cycle (LTO)

http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2016

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Fuel Combustion

Aircraft fuel combustion



Species	Emission Index (kg/kg fuel)
$\rm CO_2$	3,16
H_2O	1,23
SO_2	$2,00 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Soot	$4,00 \cdot 10^{-5}$

http://www.ipcc.ch/ipccreports/sres/aviation



http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2016



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Data Source

EEA Report No 21/2016 EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2016 Technical guidance to prepare national emission inventories ISSN 1977-8449 RTAP European Environment Agency

European Environment Agency



European Monitoring and Evaluation Program (EMEP) http://www.emep.int

European Environment Agency http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2016

Users will find two Excel files:

- Master emission calculator
- LTO emission calculator

Height (feet)	Fuel burnt	NO _x , UHCs and CO	CO ₂ , H ₂ O and SO _x	VOCs
> 3 000 CCD	BADA	BFFM2	Proportional to the mass of fuel	Proportional to the mass of UHCs
≤ 3 000	AEED and other databases		burnt	generated

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Local Air Pollution

Characterization factors of ReCiPe

Midpoint category	NO _x	SO ₂	$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{M}$	CO	HC
Photochemical oxidant formation (ozone)	1	0,081	-	0,046	0,476
Particulate matter formation	0,22	0,20	1	-	-

... more details ...

Ozone :
$$NMVOC_{LTO} = 1 \cdot (NO_x)_{LTO} + 0,081 \cdot (SO_2)_{LTO} + 0,046 \cdot (CO)_{LTO} + 0,476 \cdot (HC)_{LTO}$$

PM: $(PM_{equivalents})_{LTO} = 0.22 \cdot (NO_x)_{LTO} + 0.20 \cdot (SO_2)_{LTO} + 1 \cdot (PM)_{LTO}$

(PM)_{LTO} calculated from "smoke number"

But: Only NOx enters the overall rating for the Ecolabel





Noise at Airports

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Noise Measurements Reference points for the noise measurement

https://noisedb.stac.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

Approach

An approach point located at a distance of 2000 meters from the runway threshold to the landing

Lateral (takeoff at maximum power)

Two lateral points located at 450(*) meters on each side of the centreline of the runway where the take-off noise level is maximum. The certified noise level is the average of the noise levels observed at these two measurement points. (*) 650 meters for Chapter 2

Flyover (Takeoff after power reduction)

A flyover point located on the centerline of the runway at a distance of 6500 meters from the brake release.

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Noise Database

1	Noise Certificatio	n Database
Run	Init All Data Home	Help More items
Manufacturer	All	•
Commercial name	All	
Туре	All	
Version	All	
Production aircraft	All •	
Chapter/Stage	All •	
Engine	All	•
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$$NIV_{lateral} = \left(\frac{Noise\ level}{Noise\ limit}\right)_{lateral}$$

$$NIV_{flyover} = \left(\frac{Noise\ level}{Noise\ limit}\right)_{flyover}$$

 $NIV_{approach} = \left(\frac{Noise\ level}{Noise\ limit}\right)_{approach}$

$$NIV_{average} = \frac{NIV_{lateral} + NIV_{flyover} + NIV_{approach}}{3}$$

https://noisedb.stac.aviation-civile.gouv.fr





Ecolabels for Aircraft





Ecolabel Calculator (the main tool)

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Ecolabel Calculator (simple beginnings)

General Information				
Aircraft type	A320			
Airline	Aeroflot			
Engine type	CFM56-5B4/P			
Thrust (kN)	120,1			
MTOW (kg)	75500			
Amount of Seats	140			

Travel Class Rating						
Class	Pitch (in)	Width (in)	Seats			
Economy	31	18	120			
premium economy	0	0	0			
Business	38	21	20			
First	0	0	0			
Total amount of seats			140			
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	Lateral	Flyover	Approach
Noise Level (EPNdB)	93,5	84,7	95,5
Noise Limit (EPNdB)	96,9	91,6	100,6
Level/Limit	0,964912281	0,924672489	0,949304175
Average		0,9463	
Normalized 0-1		0,7040	

Noise Rating Jets

Fuel LTO cycle (kg)	408
LTO NO _x (g)	5641
LTO SO _x (g)	81,6
LTO HC (g)	818
LTO CO (g)	4123
Smoke number T/O	5,4
Smoke number C/O	4,1
Smoke number App	0,2
Smoke number Idle	0,5
Fuel Flow T/O (kg/sec)	1,132
Fuel Flow C/O (kg/sec)	0,935
Fuel Flow Ann (kg/sec)	0.312

Fuel Consumption Rating				
R ₁ (km)	3882			
m1 (kg)	19750			
$R_2(km)$	5200			
m ₂ (kg)	16125			
dr (km)	1318			
dm (kg)	3625			
1/SAR (kg/km)	2,750379363			
Fuel consumption (kg/km/seat)	0,01965			
Normalized 0-1	0,1318			

... more details ...

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Ecolabel for Aircraft Boeing 737 Family vs. Airbus A320 Family







New Technologies





Calculating Maximum Range for Battery–Electric Flight

$$e_{bat} = \frac{E_{bat}}{m_{bat}}$$
 $L = W = m_{MTO} g$ $E = \frac{L}{D}$ $D =$

$$P_D = DV = \frac{m_{MTO} g}{E} V = P_T = P_{bat} \eta_{prop} \eta_{elec}$$

$$P_{bat} = \frac{E_{bat}}{t} = m_{bat} \ e_{bat} \frac{V}{R}$$

$$m_{bat} \ e_{bat} \frac{V}{R} \eta_{elec} \ \eta_{prop} = \frac{m_{MTO} \ g}{E} V$$

$$\boxed{R = \frac{m_{bat}}{1} \frac{1}{R} e_{bat} \eta_{elec} \eta_{prop} E}$$

$$E = \frac{L}{D}$$
 $D =$

$$D = \frac{m_{MTO} g}{E}$$

t

$$\frac{g}{2}V = P_T = P_{bat} \eta_{prop} \eta_{elec}$$
 $V = \frac{R}{t}$

- drag D:
- W: weight
- flight speed V:

 e_{hat} : specific energy E_{bat} : energy in battery

- R:range
- time t:
- earth acceleration g:
- P:power
- efficiency (prop: propeller) η :



 $\eta_{elec} = 0.9; \quad \eta_{prop} = 0.8$

 m_{MTO} g

realistic parameters

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Refueling One A350 Once per Day with SAF (E-Fuel): 53 of the Larges Wind Power Plants (4.6 MW each) Are Needed!





Airbus A350-900 Tank Volume: 138 m³ Fuel Mass:110.4 t (800 kg/m³) Energy: 4747.2 GJ (43 MJ/kg) One E-160 per day: 89.4 GJ SAF (Capacity Factor: 0.5, η_{PTL} = 0.45) 53 E-160 required !



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Aircraft Design and Systems Group (AERO)





Best: Use Renewable Energy to Replace Coal Power Plants



- 1.) 1 kWh of renewable energy ...
- 2.) ... can replace 2.5 kWh lignite in coal-fired power plants (efficiency 40%);
- 3.) This corresponds to 0.9 kg of CO2 (0.36 kg of CO2 for 1 kWh of energy from lignite *).
- 4.) ... converted into Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) only 0.22 kWh remain (efficiency: 70% electrolysis, 32% Fischer-Tropsch), 99% transport; https://perma.cc/BJJ6-5L74
- 5.) which save only 0.057 kg of CO2 (0.26 kg of CO2 for 1 kWh of kerosene *).
 - * UBA, 2016: CO2 Emission Factors for Fossil Fuels. https://bit.ly/3r8avD1





Best: Use Renewable Energy to Replace Coal Power Plants



- 1.) 1 kWh of renewable energy ...
- 2.) ... can substitute 2,5 kWh of coal (lignite, brown coal) in a coal power plant (efficiency of a coal power plant: 40%) this is
- 3.) ... equivalent to 0.9 kg CO2 (0.36 kg CO2 for 1 kWh of energy burning lignite*)
- 4.) ... but if used in an aircraft it generates LH2 with energy of 0.6 kWh (efficiencies: 70% electrolysis, 83% liquefaction & transport)
- 5.) LH2 aircraft consume (say) 10% more energy (higher operating empty mass, more wetted area); so a kerosene aircraft needs ...
- 6.) only 0.55 kWh, which can be substituted. This is equivalent to 0.14 kg CO2 (0.26 kg CO2 for 1 kWh of energy burning kerosene*).
- 7.) Note: Not considered is that hydrogen aircraft may come with higher non-CO2 effects than kerosene aircraft.
 * UBA, 2016. CO2 Emission Factors for Fossil Fuels. Available from: https://bit.ly/3r8avD1





The Carbon Cycle of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF, E-Fuel)



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Goal Setting





International Air Transport Association (IATA) in 2009: Carbon-Neutral Growth (CNG) from 2020



2020 is arbitrary year to start with CO2 compensation.

Compensation could have started earlier.

Why not postpone longer?

Did we notice any change in 2020 with this CO2 cap?

IATA (and ATAG) wanted to achieve zero emission growth from 2020 onwards. This is only possible with CO2 compensation (carbon offset schemes). 2020: Corona pandemic!

Archived at: https://perma.cc/42HW-ZTKF





Fuel Consumption (Resources) or Emissions (Atmosphere)?



With Carbon Neutral Growth (CNG) the tap is left wide open.

Maybe it is time to close the tap a least a little?

Yes, with "zero emission"!

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Airbus, 2020: "Zero-Emission" Hybrid-Hydrogen Passenger Aircraft



https://www.airbus.com/innovation/zero-emission/hydrogen/zeroe.html Archived at: https://perma.cc/HJ6L-3HUB

"At Airbus, we have the ambition to develop the world's first zero-emission commercial aircraft by 2035." (2020-09-21)

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Airbus, 2023/2024: No Hydrogen Flight Demonstrator Launched



Introducing #ZEROe, 2020-09-21, https://youtu.be/525YtyRi_Vc. Left to right: Jean-Brice Dumont (Executive Vice President Engineering, Airbus), Glenn Llewelyn (Vice President Head of Zero Emission Aircraft, Airbus), Grazia Vittadini (Chief Technology Officer, Airbus).





What are the EU's Climate Targets?



1.) 2019: The EU's "Green Deal": "In 2050, net greenhouse gas emissions should no longer be released".

2.) 2020: The European climate targets for 2030 were defined under the motto "Fit for 55". This is the interim goal of the Green Deal: Greenhouse gas emissions are to be reduced by 55% compared to 1990 – i.e. only 45% of the 1990 value. This value is to be achieved by 2030.

The 55% reduction compared to 1990 means a reduction of more than 80% for aviation by 2030, i.e. by about 9% per year. Fuel consumption has so far been reduced by 1.5% annually through operational measures and technology. Air traffic would therefore have to shrink permanently by 12% per year (regardless of the short-term impact of the pandemic) based on 2024 traffic numbers.







"This report assessed every public climate target which the international aviation industry set itself since 2000.

We found that all but one of over 50 separate climate targets has either been missed, abandoned or simply forgotten about.

Overall, the industry's attempts to regulate its emissions and set its own targets suffered from a combination of unclear definitions, shifting goalposts, inconsistent reporting, a complete lack of public accountability and, in some cases, [goals] being quietly dropped altogether."

URL: <u>https://www.wearepossible.org/our-reports-1/missed-target-a-brief-history-of-aviation-climate-targets</u>

Archived: https://perma.cc/4SYC-UL93

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European Commission - Press release





Commission and national consumer protection authorities starts action against 20 airlines for misleading greenwashing practices

Brussels, 30 April 2024

Following an alert from the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC), the European Commission and EU consumer authorities (Network of Consumer Protection Cooperation - CPC - Authorities) sent letters to 20 airlines identifying several types of potentially misleading green claims and inviting them to bring their practices in line with EU consumer law within 30 days.

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Contrails

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NANO vom 8. Mai 2024: Kondensstreifen sind Klimakiller

Die Lufffahrlindustrie wird die Kilmaziele krachend verfehlen. Neben dem CO2 Ausstoß, der durch den weltweiten Luftverkehr verursacht wird, haben auch Kondensstreifen eine kilmaschädliche Wirkung. Lösungsansätze gibt es bereits.

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https://youtu.be/HYJawLmiLS8

Moderation: Yve Fehring

Themen der Sendung

Problem Kondensstreifen

Kondensstreifen sind anthropogene, also vom Menschen gemachte Wolken. Sie haben einen wärmenden Effekt, well sie die Warmestrahlung, die von der Erde ausgeht, daran hindert, ins Welfall zu gelangen. Kondensstreifen sind ein wichtiger Faktor bei der Klimaschädlichkeit von Flugzeugen. Doch wie lassen sich diese Kondensstreifen vermeiden?









Physikalisches Kolloquium, BUW 2024-06-10

bis 08.05.2029







Contrails: Basics







Contrail Life Cycle



KRAFT, Martin, 2016. Kondensstreifen, CC BY-SA, https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kondensstreifen#/media/Datei:MK35097_Contrails.jpg

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Cooling Persistent Contrails (Daytime)



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Warming Persistent Contrails (Night, Dawn, Dusk)



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Ice Crystal Growth in Contrails

https://contrails.org/science



KÄRCHER, Bernd, 2018. Formation and Radiative Forcing of Contrail Cirrus. In: *Nature Communications*, Vol. 9, Article Number: 1824. Available from: https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-04068-0





Exhaust Gas Mixing in Ambient Air



Graphical representation of the Schmidt-Appleman criterion analysis. When the mixing line (representing mixing of engine exhaust and ambient air) crosses the water saturation line, a will form. As the mixture contrail continues to cool and water deposits as ice, the mixing may cease in ice conditions supersaturated (shaded orange) where a contrail will persist.

NOPPEL, F., SINGH, R., 2007. Overview on Contrail and Cirrus Cloud Avoidance Technology. In: Journal of Aircraft, vol. 44, no. 5. Available from: https://doi.org/10.2514/1.28655

via

BREAKTHROUGH ENERGY, 2023. Contrails & Climate Change. Archived at: https://perma.cc/YT8Q-V3KW

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Schmidt-Appleman Criterion for Contrail Formation



The mixing process is assumed to take place isobarically, so that on a *T-e* diagram the mixing (phase) trajectory appears as a straight line (e is the partial pressure of water vapour in the mixture, T is its absolute temperature, see Fig. (1)). The slope of the phase trajectory, G (units Pa/K), is characteristic for the respective atmospheric situation and aircraft/engine/fuel combination. G is given by

 $G = \frac{EI_{H2O}pc_p}{\varepsilon O(1-n)}$

where ε is the ratio of molar masses of water and dry air (0.622), $c_p=1004$ J/(kg K) is the isobaric heat capacity of air, and p is ambient air pressure. G depends on fuel characteristics (emission index of water vapour, $EI_{H2O} = 1.25$ kg per kg kerosene burnt; chemical heat content of the fuel, Q =43 MJ per kg of kerosene), and on the overall propulsion efficiency η of aircraft. Modern airliners have a propulsion efficiency (η) of approximately 0.35.

G is the slope of the dotted line. The dotted line is tangent to the water saturation line.

A steep dotted line (large G) means: Contrails more often and also at lower altitudes.

GIERENS, Klaus, LIM, Limg, ELEFTHERATOS, Kostas, 2008. A Review of Various Strategies for Contrail Avoidance. In: The Open Atmospheric Science Journal, 2008, 2, 1-7. Available from: https://doi.org/10.2174/1874282300802010001







Heating Value Q, Emission Index EI, and Slope G

fuel	Q [MJ/kg]	El _{H2O} [kg/kg]	El _{H2O} /Q [kg/MJ]	G _{H2} /G _{Jet-A1}
H2	120	8,94	0,0745	2 5 9
Jet –A1	43	1,24	0,0288	2,58

The slope G of the dotted line is 2,58 times steeper in case of LH2 combustion. This means: Contrails more often and also at lower altitudes.

2,58 times more water <u>vapor</u> is produced with LH2 combustion compared to kerosene combustion (for the same energy used).





Calculating Saturation Pressure with the Magnus Equation

The saturation vapor pressure for water vapor in the pure phase (absence of air) can be calculated using the Magnus formula recommended by the WMO. This formula has the advantage that it requires only three parameters and is reversible. However, more accurate formulas exist. The ones shown here have an accuracy (standard deviation) of $\pm 0.3\%$ over water and $\pm 0.5\%$ over ice.

Over flat water surfaces

$$E_w(t) = 6,112\,\mathrm{hPa}\cdot\expigg(rac{17,62\cdot t}{243,12\ ^\circ\mathrm{C}+t}igg) \qquad \mathrm{f\ddot{u}r} \quad -45\ ^\circ\mathrm{C} \leq t \leq 60\ ^\circ\mathrm{C}$$

Over flat ice surfaces

$$E_i(t) = 6,\!112\,\mathrm{hPa}\cdot\exp\!\left(rac{22,\!46\cdot t}{272,\!62\,^\circ\mathrm{C}+t}
ight) \qquad \mathrm{f\ddot{u}r} \quad -\,65\,^\circ\mathrm{C}\leq t\leq 0\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$$

WMO, 2018. Measurement of Meteorological Variables. In: Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation, Annex 4.B Formulae for the Computation of Measures of Humidity. Archived at: https://web.archive.org/web/20220205104246/https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10616 via https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sättigungsdampfdruck

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The Tangent Mixing Line of the Schmidt-Appleman Criterion

Determination of the straight line in the Schmidt-Appleman criterion. We only know the slope, G of the straight line

$$f(t) = G t + G_0$$

f(t) is the tangent to $E_w(t)$. At the point of contact, the slope of $E_w(t)$ and f(t) must be the same. $E_w(t)$ is differentiated with respect to *t* and set equal to *G*.

$$E_w(t)' = \frac{dE_w(t)}{dt} = G$$

This gives the temperature t_{SAC} at the point of contact. The temperature t_{SAC} is the highest temperature at which a contrails can form. Furthermore, $E_w(t) = f(t)$ at point of contact. From this we obtain G_0 .

$$G_0 = E_w(t) - G t$$







The Tangent Mixing Line of the Schmidt-Appleman Criterion

$$E_w(t) = a \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}}$$

$$\frac{dE_w(t)}{dt} = a \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}} \cdot \frac{b(c+t) - bt}{(c+t)^{a}}$$

$$= a \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}} \cdot \frac{bc+bt-bt}{(c+t)^{a}}$$

$$\frac{dE_w(t)}{dt} = \frac{abc \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}}}{(c+t)^{a}}$$

$$\frac{dE_w(t)}{dt} = \frac{abc \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}}}{(c+t)^{a}}$$

Magnus formula for saturation water vapor pressure over a flat water surface a = 6.112 hPa b = 17.62c = 243.12 °C

This equation can be solved for *t* with the SOLVER in Excel

$$\frac{abc \cdot e^{\frac{bt}{c+t}}}{(c+t)^2} - G = 0$$

The temperature, *t* is where $E_w(t)$ and f(t) touch. This temperature is call t_{SAC} . It is the highest temperature for contrails to form.

SAC stands for Schmidt-Appleman Criterion.





Schmidt-Appleman Criterion (Scholz)







Schmidt-Appleman Criterion, Zoom In (Scholz)







Constructing the Schmidt-Appleman Diagram

An aircraft flies at altitude, H and air temperature, t. At what relative humidity, ϕ does it show contrails?

$$G \cdot t + G_0 = P \cdot Ewlt$$

$$P = \frac{G \cdot t + G_0}{Ewlt}$$

Exact solution of this equation with Excel's Solver.

Results need to be limited, if: $G t + G_0 < 0 \Rightarrow \phi < 0\%$ (not defined) $t > t_{SAC} \Rightarrow \phi > 100\%$ (not defined)





Schmidt-Appleman Diagram (Scholz)



An aircraft flies at altitude, *H* and air temperature, *t*.

The red cross shows: There is one relative humidity, ϕ at which the aircraft starts to show contrails!

If the relative humidity is less than φ , it must be colder, or the same low temperature must occur at lower altitudes.

Contrails form down or left of the respective humidity lines. See black arrow.

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Minimum Relative Humidity for Persistent Contrails



Ice crystals tend to sublimate (go directly from the solid to the gas phase) or dry up, if the air is dry enough. The blue line shows the relative humidity, above which ice does not sumblimate anymore and contrails are persistent.

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Cooling (Day) versus Warming (Night) Contrails



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Systematic of Cooling and Warming Contrails

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	C/SKC	D/N	R/NR	=/ w/c/1	C: cloud (ovc)
1.	С	A	R	1	SKC: Sky clear
2.	C	Ð	NR	1	D: day
3.	Ć	N	R		N : night
4.	C	N	NR	1	R : reflective
5.	SKC	\supset	R	1	NR : non-reflective
С, 7	SKC	\mathcal{D}	NR	С	W: Warming
r. 0	SKC	Ν	R	W	C: cooling
8.	JKC	N	NR	\mathbb{W}	1 : indifferent
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Observation & Prediction





Observation & Prediction

At 10:53 AM, on September 3, a Boeing 737-8AS, registration SP-RKP, was flying eastbound. This plane left a persistent contrail. The aircraft was at a GPS altitude of 38800 ft (FL 370). The outside temperature was -53 °C.





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Relative Humidity





Relative humidity at FL340: 100% Relative humidity at FL390: 100%

Interpolated relative humidity at FL370: 100%

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Evaluation of the Schmidt-Appleman Diagram



The red cross is far left of the blue line (100% relative humidity).

A contrail is expected to form.





Definition of the Persistence Factor, R

This project defines a factor that can be used to see whether a contrail is persistent or not. This factor is called the **persistence factor**.

$$R = \frac{\text{relative humidity of ambient air}}{\text{relative humidity for saturation with respect to ice}} = \frac{RH}{RHmin}$$
(3.1)

The relative humidity of the ambient air is divided by the relative humidity for saturation with respect to ice (the theoretical relative humidity for a persistent contrail). However, it is unlikely that R = 1 is sufficient for a persistent contrail in reality. A somewhat higher factor is probably necessary.

This project starts with this hypothesis:

- R < 0.5 no contrail,
- $R = 0.5 \dots 1.3$ transient contrail,
- R > 1.3 persistent contrail.





Evaluation of the Schmidt-Appleman Criterion



Minimum relative humidity for given temperature for persistent contrails to form. If above the blue line persistent contrails are expected to form. Here

R = 100% / 60.2% = 1.66 => persistent contrail (survival longer than 5 min.)





Weather Observation, Satellite Image



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The Flight on contrails.org



AT 10:53 (08:53 UTC), the flight is passing just at the lower edge of a region with Potential Contrail Coverage (PCC).

At this time of the day (daytime) and the sky only partially covered with clouds, the **contrail is cooling**.

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The Flight on contrails.org



09:30 UTC: In a wind from the north (356°, 108 kt) the cooling contrail (blue) is drifting to the south.

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The Flight on contrails.org



11:35 UTC: The contrail has drifted further south.





All Flights on contrails.org at 2023-09-03



11:35 UTC: All flights covered by contrails.org at this day and time. Some contrails are warming, some are cooling.

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Observation & Prediction – Summary of 6 Flight

Prediction and Observation of Contrails														
Aircraft	Registration	Date	Time	Geo Alt.	Geo Alt.	Baro Alt.	Baro Alt.	Pressure	Temp.	RH	RH_min	R = RH / RHmin	Prediction	Observation
				ft	m	ft	m	Ра	°C					
B737 MAX 8	TF-IHC	05.09.2023	14:54	39250	11963	37000	11278	21662	-51	27%	61.2%	0.44	Category 1	Category 1
B767-424(ER)	N76062	21.08.2023	13:07	31450	9586	30000	9144	30087	-35	35%	70.8%	0.49	Category 1	Category 1
B737-8AS	SP-RSG	22.08.2023	19:10	39450	12024	38000	11582	20646	-54	42%	59.7%	0.70	Category 2	Category 2
Cessna 560XL	OK-CAA	11.09.2023	17:03	44825	13663	43000	13106	16235	-61	24%	56.4%	0.43	Category 1	Category 2
						43000	13106	16235	-61	34%	56.4%	0.60	Category 2	Category 2
B737-8U3	OY-JPZ	24.08.2023	11:32	38375	11697	37000	11278	21662	-59	100%	57.3%	1.75	Category 3	Category 3
737-8AS	SP-RKP	03.09.2023	10:53	38800	11826	37000	11278	21662	-53	100%	60.2%	1.66	Category 3	Category 3

Wrong categorization due to Geometrical Altitude (GPS Altitude) instead of Barometric Altitud Correct categorization with Barometric Altitude.

Definition									
	R								
Category 1	R < 0.5	no contrails							
Category 2	R = 0.5 1.3	transient contrails (lifespan of a few seconds up to five minutes)							
Category 3	R > 1.3	persistent co	ntrails						

All 6 flight were classified correctly based on the Persistence Factor, R





DLR-Results





Contrail-Cirrus Prediction Tool (CoCiP)







Prediction of Regions with Contrails and Their Energy Forcing

16.2.2024, FL 360, hourly prediction



One moment in time from a video showing the development of energy forcing of contrails in J/m.



Kirschler, DLR



Prediction of Regions with Contrails and Their Energy Forcing



One moment in time from a video showing radiative forcing, RF of contrails in W/m². During the night, all contrails are warming. During the day, some contrails are cooling.

Teoh, Stettler, Imperial College; Shapiro, Breakthrough Energies; Schumann, Voigt, DLR

https://py.contrails.org (open source)

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Contrail Management








Here:

All contrails are shown in FL270 to FL330.

Free on request.

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Here: Only highly warming contrails are shown in FL390 to FL440.

A business jet using these high flight levels would not need to be rerouted for contrail avoidance.

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Flight Planning with https://www.windy.com

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Relative humidity. Data from ECMWF and 7 other weather models. Forecast 5 days ahead. Vertical resolution is rather course: FL 100, 140, 180, 240, 300, 340, 390, and 450.





Flight Planning with https://www.windy.com



Temperature. Data from ECMWF and 5 other weather models. Forecast 5 days ahead. Vertical resolution is rather course: FL 100, 140, 180, 240, 300, 340, 390, and 450.

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Flight Planning with https://www.windy.com

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Clouds. Data from ECMWF and 7 other weather models. Forecast 5 days ahead. No vertical information. Cloud cover from brown (0%), via grey to white (100%). Precipitation (dots) from blue to purple according to scale.





Tactical versus Strategic Contrail Avoidance



guidance

- Minimal deviation flightplan vs. flown trajectory
- ATC clearance

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ATC responsiveness

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Meteo France: Cross Section along Flight with ISSR (blue)

WIMCOT - Demonstration



This is only a demo for research.

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METEC



https://pace.txtgroup.com

Pace, Germany SHARE CONTRAILS RISK AREAS WITH PILOTS



This is only a demo for research.

Pacelab FPO•SR combines lateral optimization capabilities with vertical flight profile optimization. Integration of weather (wind, turbulence) and ATC restrictions. Collaborative crew-dispatch decision-making. No contrail management. Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) for crew.







SATAVIA, UK and Etihad

https://satavia.com



https://youtu.be/r5tH2BsyMpE







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SATAVIA, UK

SATAVIA CEO, Dr. Adam Durant: "As a software solution incorporating the excellent and decades-mature atmospheric science available to us, contrail management provides the airline sector with an immediate and tangible option to reduce the climate impact of flying. With the incentive provided by Gold Standard Certified Mitigation Outcome Units (CMOUs), aviation could reduce its non-CO2 impact by perhaps 50% before 2030. All we need is a willingness to adopt this approach, which importantly doesn't require any changes to regulation and could be deployed at scale today."

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https://www.flightkeys.com

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FlightKeys flight planning system "5D".

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FlightKeys flight planning system "5D" with new features for contrail avoidance.

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FlightKeys

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Compared to the optimum flight plan, the contrail avoidance flight plan requires 60 kg more fuel (plus 0.6%). On average, contrail avoidance requires 0.11% more fuel (calculated by FlightKeys).









FlightKeys flight planning system "5D" with new features for contrail avoidance. ISSRs are indicated in white. Lateral and vertical avoidance of ISSRs is possible.

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FlightKeys flight planning system "5D" with new features for contrail avoidance.

The vertical flight profile on the right.

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Use of the Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) on a tablet in an Airbus A320 cockpit.

The EFB helps the pilot to make inflight adjustments to the flight (tactical contrail avoidance) if Air Traffic Control (ATC) allows.

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Comparing **Modes of** Transport



https://fytertech.com/eu/markets/transportation

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Modes of Transport: Basics







Force along the Way Due to Lift or Weight: Induced Drag, D_i



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Propulsive Efficiency



https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/propulsive-efficiency





Comparing Electro Mobility: From Energy to Approximate Emission

Type of Comparison	Kerosene / Diesel	Electricity / Battery	
Energy (wrong)	$E = m_F H_L$	$E = E_{bat} / \eta_{charge}$	$H_L = 43 \text{ MJ/kg}$ $\eta_{charge} = 0.9$
Max. Exergy <mark>(not good)</mark>	$B_{max} = \eta_C H_L m_F$	$B_{max} = E$	Carnot Efficiency:
Exergy (ok)	$B = \eta_{GT} H_L m_F$	$B = \eta_{EM} E$	$\eta_C = 1 - T / (h) / T_{TET} =$
Primary Energy (better)	$E_{prim} = 1.1 H_L m_F$	$E_{prim} = k_{PEF} E$	=1-216.65/1440=0.85
CO2 (without altitude effect)	$m_{CO2} = 3.15 \cdot 1.1 m_F$	$m_{CO2} = 3.15 x_{ff} E_{prim} / H_L$	$\eta_{GT} = 0.35 \eta_{EM} = 0.9$ Radiative Forcing Index :
Equivalent CO2 (good, simple	$k_{RFI} = 2.7 (1.9 \dots 4.7)$		
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The Original Karman-Gabrielli Diagram: "What Price Speed?"



Specific Power

$$\varepsilon = \frac{P}{W \cdot V}$$

Plot a "goodness" parameter, G versus speed, V. The "Figure of Merit", is the product of $G \cdot V$ e. g. $a_{L/D} = L/D \cdot V$

The original Karman-Gabrielli diagram as published by Trancossi (2016) in https://doi.org/10.1007/s40095-015-0160-6, plotting specific power versus maximum speed.

Bachelor Thesis by Dinda Andiani Putri https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:gbv:18302-aero2023-04-20.015





Improved Karman-Gabrielli Diagram



The Karman-Gabrielli diagram plotting lift(for payload)-to-drag ratio, L/D_payload versus cruise speed, V.





Innovative Karman-Gabrielli Diagram



Karman-Gabrielli diagram plotting the inverse of equivalent CO2 mass per payload and range versus cruise speed, V.





Innovative Karman-Gabrielli Diagrams

Comprison of modes of transport:

- The diagonal line shows the best combinations of G and V.
- The diagonal line is defined by the hyper loop (passenger transport in tubes).
- Lowest drag or equivalent CO2 is achieved by cargo ships (bulker, tanker, container).
- Cruise ships perform badly.
- Aircraft are fast, medium in drag, but bad in equivalent CO2.
- High Speed Trains are ok when comparing G and V.
- Some cars are better than the train, but slower.
- Trucks are efficient.
- Lowest drag for land transportation is achieved by pipeline transport (with electric pumps), but it is very slow.
- Humans (and animals) are not very efficient. CO2 emissions are accepted, because they go along with training activities good for human health.





Comparison: Aircraft – Car Aircraft – Train

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Short Range





Comparison of Transport Systems for Short Range: Aircraft – Car

• For a comparison with the car, one could assume a typical aircraft with 3 kg per seat and 100 km. However, we select the lower consumption of a modern short- and medium-haul aircraft for comparison. Accordingly, this is 1.7 kg per seat and 100 km if the aircraft is operated in its optimal flight route range. With the density of kerosene (0.8 kg/l), this is about 2.1 liters per seat and 100 km, but 2.7 liters per person and 100 km if the aircraft is only 80% occupied. A fully occupied car consumes significantly less per person than a fully occupied aircraft. However, if you are traveling alone in a car, then the plane would be better in terms of energy consumption. In the case of aircraft, however, the effect non-CO2 emissions must be taken into account by a factor of 3. The car would then be better for the climate, even if it is only used by one person.

Aircraft: 2.1 I/100 km and seat

=> Equally, a car could consume 8.4 I/100 km to 10.5 I/100 km (4 to 5 people in the car) => a modern car is significantly better (just based on fuel consumption).

Aircraft: 2.7 I/100 km and person (80% occupancy of the aircraft) => Equally, a car could emit equivalent to 8.1 I/100 km (factor: 3) due to non-CO2 effects => a modern car is better, even with one person traveling, if the non-CO2 emissions of the aircraft are considered.

My report in the Repository: https://doi.org/10.48441/4427.225

Directly to the PDF: https://purl.org/aero/RR2021-07-03

To the HTML:

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Short Range the Train is Better!

Electromobility that is operated on the grid is already successfully on rails!



- Aircraft: Induced drag is drag due to lift = weight.
- Train: Rolling friction is caused by weight.
- Aircraft: For minimum drag: Induced drag is 50% of total resistance.
- For the same weight: Rolling friction from the train is 5% of the induced drag of the aircraft!
- This means: For the same weight: Drag of the aircraft is reduced by 47.5%, on rails!





Comparison of Transport Systems for Short Range: Aircraft – Train

- The energy consumption of a train is low on route. Energy for acceleration, which cannot be recovered or can only be partially recovered during braking, is crucial. The distance between the stations and the speed that is to be achieved between them will therefore be important. In the tunnel, consumption rises sharply. The consumption of the train can therefore actually only be specified for a train together with the route traveled. Despite these fundamental difficulties, an average consumption of 60 Wh per seat and km should be assumed here. The comparison does not take into account the fact that passengers have more space on the train. A comparison with the aircraft will only be possible when the primary energy used for the electrical energy of the train is calculated. This is the amount of energy (e.g. diesel) required to generate the electrical energy in the power plant. The electricity mix plays a role here. It is therefore the case that the conversion losses in the power plant have a negative impact on the train. The aircraft is struggling with these conversion losses in its own engine. For the aircraft, a typical 3 kg per seat and 100 km is assumed. Even for a modern aircraft this consumption is correct on short range (see below). The primary energy consumption of the aircraft on short-haul routes will then be 2.8 times higher than that of the train.
- Next, the **CO2 emissions are compared**. If the train is operated with the general **electricity mix**, it already runs with a lower fossil fuel content and the aircraft thus has 6.1 times higher CO2 emissions. The equivalent CO2 at cruising altitude is three times that of an airplane. In this example, **the aircraft has 18.3 times the environmental impact**. If the aircraft then compares with the train on extremely short distances, then the consumption of the aircraft may be higher than 3 kg per seat and 100 km and the comparison would be even more unfavorable for the aircraft. In this case, it would be helpful for the aircraft that the normal cruising altitude is not reached on short-haul flights and that the factor 3 for calculating the equivalent CO2 is reduced somewhat (to about 2). Then you would still have 12.2 times the environmental impact.

Calculations in:

SCHOLZ, Dieter, 2021c. Energy Consumption, CO2, and Equivalent CO2 – Aircraft versus Train. Data Sheet. Available from: <u>https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QFG2SD</u>

Right: Fuel consumption of a modern aircraft (Airbus A320). For the Bathtub Curve see also above under "Aircraft Fuel Consumption"





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In Short: Aircraft – Train

The aircraft is on short-haul not efficient. Choose the train!

- The train is about 3 times better in energy efficiency (for sure on short range)
- The train is using up to 50% renewable electricity (Factor 2)
- Aircraft Factor 3*, because of additional non-CO2-effects of:

 \circ NOx

 \circ AIC

electricity mix in Germany (I/2021) 42.5% renewable energy



• 3*2*3: The aircraft causes <u>18-fold global warming</u>!

* Also possible: Factor 2 because of lower cruise altitude. That would result in 3*2*2 = 12 for the final result.



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Medium Range




Medium Range between Megacities the Train is Better!

Connection of neighboring megacities – Beijing & Shanghai – Comparison Aircraft and Train

Time	Location	Mode	Time	Location	Mode		
08:20	Beijing Capital Times Square	Walk	08:20	Beijing Capital Times Squ	lare	Walk	
08:30	Xidan	Walk	08:30	Xidan	Walk		
08:40			08:40	Beijing South Railway Stat	tion Metro Line 4		
08:50	1	Metro Line 4	08:50				
09:00	Xuanwumen		09:00	Beijing South Railway Stat	tion		
09:10			09:10				
09:30	I	Metro Line 2	09:20				
09:40	Dongzhimen		09:30		China High Speed	Rail (CHR)	
09:50	M	Matro Airport Lina	09:40		Beijing to Shanghai:		
10:00	Beijing Capital International Airport	Metro Airport Line	09:50		 1200 passengers per train 		
10:10			10:00		 1200 km distance 	e	
					• 350 km/h		
11:20			11:20		• ≈ every 20 min. (one A380 every 10 min.)	
11:30	Beijing Capital International Airport		11:30		 mostly fully book 	ed	
11:40	I	5	11:40		 88000 passenger 	rs per day (both directions)	
11:50			11:50		Example: Train num	ber G1	
	Aircraft	Air China 1557	13:10	L	•		
13:20		11	13:20				
13:30	I	-	13:30		Sun 2017 https://doi.org/10.1155/2017/8426926		
13:40	Shanghai Hongqiao		13:40				
13:50	Pick-up luggage		13:50 New	/: 13:28 Shanghai Hongqiao			

(a) Travel mode: metro + aircraft

(b) Travel mode: metro + high-speed rail

- Comparison Air Transport versus High-Speed Rail for a trip from Beijing Capital Times Square to Shanghai Hongqiao in China.
- Despite the large distance of more than 1200 km,

Passengers arrive about the same time. Probability of delays is much less in the train.





Summary (1 of 2)

- The 1.5 °C threshold was passed in 2023.
- The 2.0 °C threshold will probably be passed in 2042.
- 1% of the world's population are responsible for 50% of commercial avaition emissions.
- What matters? 1.) water, 2.) global warming, 3.) energy in this sequence.
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) in Aviation: 99.9% from operation.
- Climate Change is with 68% the most important midpoint contribution to the LCA single score.
- For aviation LCA is missing altitude effects and noise (but was added).
- A simple method exist for altitude-dependent equivalent CO2 mass calculation.
- Improvement: Contrails in equivalent CO2 mass calculation are considered not only by length, but also by fuel consumption.
- Equivalent CO2 mass calculation yields 50% due to AIC at 36000 ft.
- Aircraft fuel consumption versus range follows a "bathtub curve".
- NOx has major influence on local air pollution at airports.
- The Ecolabel for Aircraft is the simplified version of the LCA.
- Battery electric flight does not allow required range.
- E-fuels (SAF) need far more renewable energy than available.
- Renewable energy is best used to substitue coal power plants (not for e-fuels, not for LH2).
- The e-fuel carbon cycle must use CO2 from the air (not from a point source).





Summary (2 of 2)

- Goal setting by the aviation industry failed and will continue to fail.
- The battle against greenwashing intensifies.
- Contrails can be predicted by physics (Schmidt-Appleman Criterion and Diagram).
- Most warming contrails are those at dusk, dawn, and at night.
- Contrails.org offers a tool that can be used for contrail avoidance in flight planning for free.
- Strategic contrail avoidance is done by incorporating it into the flight plan invisible to controllers.
- SATAVIA (DECISIONX:NETZERO) and FlightKeys (5D) are the two companies, who offer contrail avoidance tools as of today (2024-06-10).
- Earth-bound modes of transport show less drag due to lift or weight.
- Any thruster in air (propeller, jet) has less efficiency than a wheel.
- Coparisons in electro mobility must not be done on the basis of energy, but on the basis of equivalent CO2.
- The Karman-Gabrielli Diagram offers much inside when comparing modes of transport: "What price speed?"
- A modern car is better, even with only one person traveling, than an aircraft, if equivalent CO2 are compared.
- An aircraft is by a factor 12 to 18 worse on short range with respect to equivalent CO2.
- High speed trains can compete even on distances of 1200 km with aircraft, if operating between megacities (Beijing & Shanghai).





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