Propulsion Systems



Major US Airline Year 2000 Operating Costs

"Other" includes contracted services, asset write-downs, other non-recurring items





777-200ER/PW4090 \$0.75/gal Fuel Price

Thrust Sizing Requirements



- Number of Engines
- Aircraft Max Take Off Gross Weight
- Take Off Field Length
- Time to Climb
- Cruise Altitude and Mach Number
- Lift to Drag of Wing
- Aircraft Potential Growth

<u>Thrust</u> = (Velocity of exhaust - velocity of aircraft) Mass

Overall engine efficiency = η thermal X η propulsive

Overall Engine Efficiency Includes Two Processes: Energy Conversion and Thrust Production



 η overall = η thermal X η propulsive

Thermal efficiency measures the process of converting chemical energy of the fuel into energy available for propulsion

- Function of overall pressure ratio and component efficiencies -



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Current engines at 40:1 overall pressure ratio



Future engines at 60:1 overall pressure ratio

Propulsive efficiency measures the process of converting energy available for propulsion into useful propulsive power



Lower specific thrust is fundamental to improving fuel economy



Commercial Turbofan

