

# Aircraft Systems – Reliability, Mass, Power and Costs

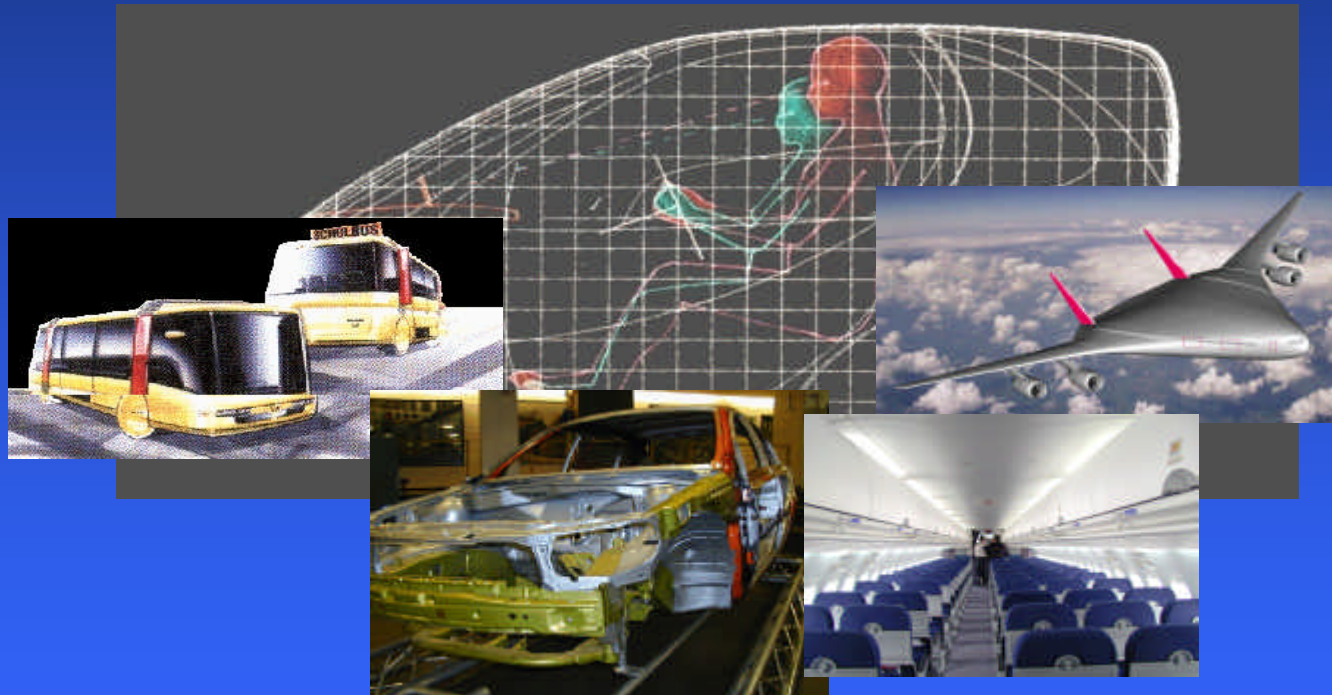


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# Education in Aircraft Systems



## HAW Hamburg

Department of Automotive and Aerospace Engineering

# HAW Hamburg

- University of Applied Sciences
  - = „Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften“ (HAW)
  - = „Fachhochschule“ (FH)
- An alternative university system in Germany
- **Practical approach**
- Directly tuned to industry needs
- Integrated internship: one semester
- 4 years to degree (Dipl.-Ing.)
- HAW Hamburg: 13 departments, 14000 students

# Department of Automotive and Aerospace Engineering

- 1200 students
  - 800 students in Automotive Engineering
  - 400 students in Aeronautical Engineering
- ~ 29 professors
- ~ 20 part time lecturers from industry
- ~ 22 staff in laboratories and administration
- wind tunnel, structures lab, CAD lab, automotive lab

## Degree Courses

- Dipl.-Ing.: Automotive Engineering 
- Dipl.-Ing.: **Aeronautical Engineering** 
- MEng: Lightweight Vehicle Structures 
- MEng: Lightweight Aeronautical Structures 
- MSc: International Automotive Engineering 

# Aeronautical Engineering

- Internship as prerequisite to commence studies: 13 weeks
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- Semester 1, 2, 3: Basic Studies
  - Semester 4, 5, : **Advanced Studies**
  - Semester 6: Internship - 20 weeks
  - Semester 7: **Advanced Studies**
  - Semester 8: Thesis

## Advanced Studies: Aeronautical Subjects

- aerodynamics (with laboratory)
- flight mechanics (with flight testing),
- aircraft structures I (with laboratory)
- **aircraft design**
- FEM, manufacturing, ...
- propulsion I, **aircraft systems I**
- 3 electives chosen among:
  - gas dynamics, stability and control,
  - structures II, vibration,
  - propulsion II, **aircraft systems II**, ...



# Aircraft Systems I (Descriptions)

## Teaching Objectives

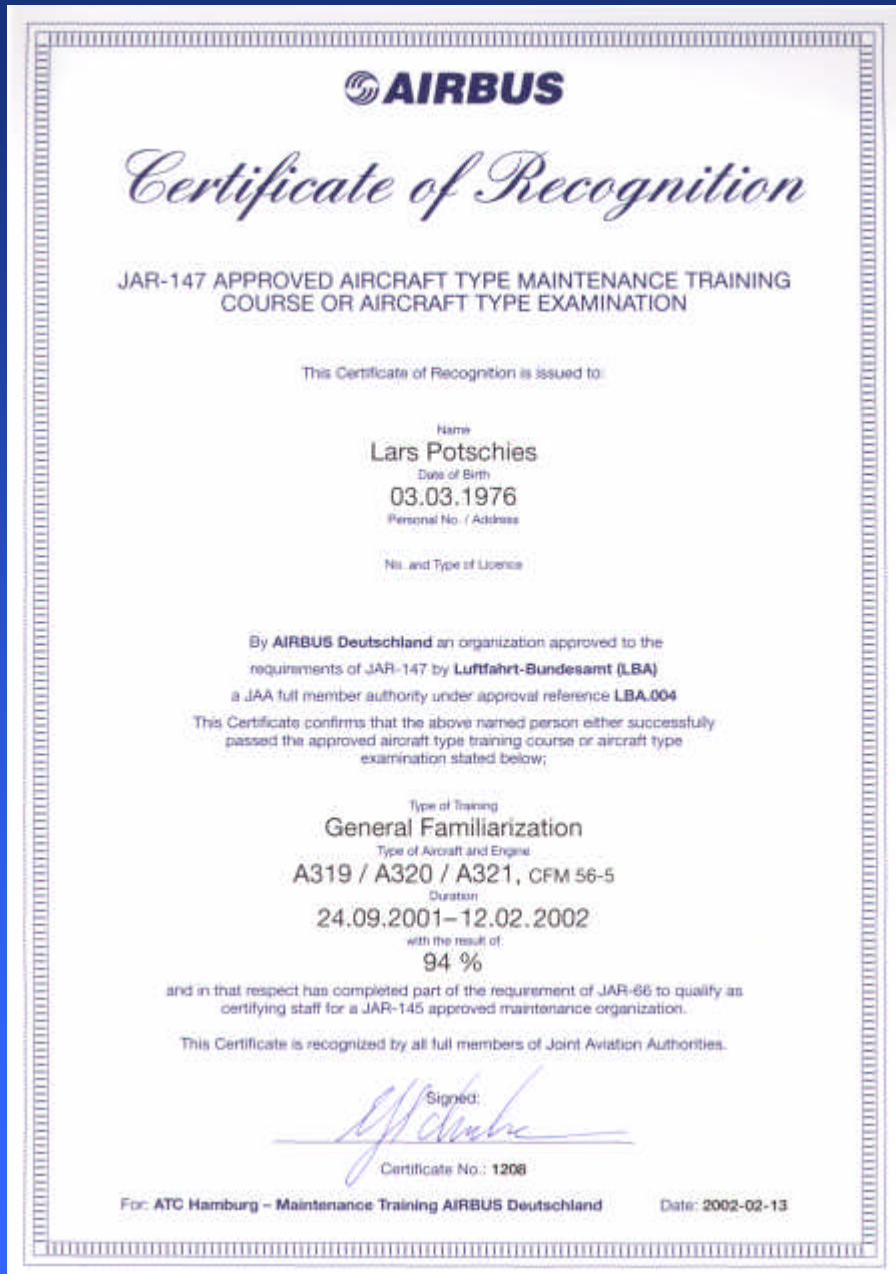
Students *know* ...

- ... **the technical German and English terms** related to aircraft systems,
- ... the **working principles** of aircraft systems,
- ... the **function** of aircraft systems of selected aircraft,
- ... the **dependencies** among different aircraft systems.

## Contents

- **Description of aircraft system principles.**
- **Description of aircraft system functions of selected aircraft (currently: Airbus A321).**

Aircraft systems considered: **A**ir Conditioning ... **W**ater/Waste



**A319 / A320 / A321**  
**General Familiarization**  
JAR-147 approved aircraft  
type maintenance training

Optional test  
at Airbus  
based on HAW teaching

# Aircraft Systems II (Design)

## Teaching Objectives

- Students *know* **requirements** and **design principles** of aircraft systems.
- Students have developed general *abilities* related to **aircraft system design** including systems engineering, simulation and reliability calculations.

## Contents

- design requirements
- **systems engineering**
- **simulation**
- **reliability calculation**
- application of methods to the design of selected aircraft(sub)systems

## Aircraft Systems

# Reliability, Mass, Power and Costs

## Introduction

- aircraft = airframe + power plant + aircraft systems
- aircraft systems = „equipment“
- *aircraft system design* is part of *aircraft design*
- aircraft systems account for about 1/3 of
  - aircraft empty mass
  - development and production costs
  - Direct Maintenance Costs (DMC)
  - Direct Operating Costs (DOC)

# Definition, Breakdown, Certification

## **Definition:** *Aircraft System:*

A combination of inter-related items  
arranged to perform a specific function  
on an aircraft.

## **Breakdown:**

- 1.) Airframe Systems
  - Avionic Systems
  - General or utility systemsPower Plant Systems
- 2.) ATA-Breakdown: *ATA Spec 100. Today: ATA iSpec 2200*  
ATA = Air Transport Association of America

identifier	name of system
21	air conditioning
22	auto flight
23	communications
24	electrical power
25	equipment / furnishings
26	fire protection
27	flight controls
28	fuel
29	hydraulic power
30	ice & rain protection
31	indicating / recording systems
32	landing gear
33	lights
34	navigation
35	oxygen
36	pneumatic
37	vacuum
38	water / waste
41	water ballast
44	cabin systems
45	central maintenance system (CMS)
46	information systems
49	airborne auxiliary power
50	cargo and accessory compartments

Breakdown of  
aircraft systems  
following  
ATA iSpec 2200

**Certification** of *Aircraft Systems*. JAR-25, FAR Part 25:

Subpart F "Equipment":

- § 1301        General
- § 1302 ...    Instruments and Navigation
- § 1351 ...    Electrical System
- § 1381 ...    Lights
- § 1411 ...    Safety Equipment
- § 1431 ...    Miscellaneous Equipment

Subpart E "Power Plant" :

- § 951 ...     Fuel System
- § 1195 ...    Fire Protection

Subpart D "Design and Construction":

- § 651 ...     Flight Control
- § 721 ...     Landing Gear
- § 771 ...     Equipment / Furnishings
- § 831 ...     Air Conditioning
- § 851 ...     Fire Protection

# Safety and Reliability

- *Safety requirements*: § 1309
- *Reliability*:  $R(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$  failure rate:  $\lambda$
- *Probability of failure*:  $F(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$
- *Redundancy*: The existence of more means for accomplishing a given function
- *Steady state availability*: The probability that a system will be available when required
- *Mean Time Between Failures*:  $MTBF = 1 / \lambda$

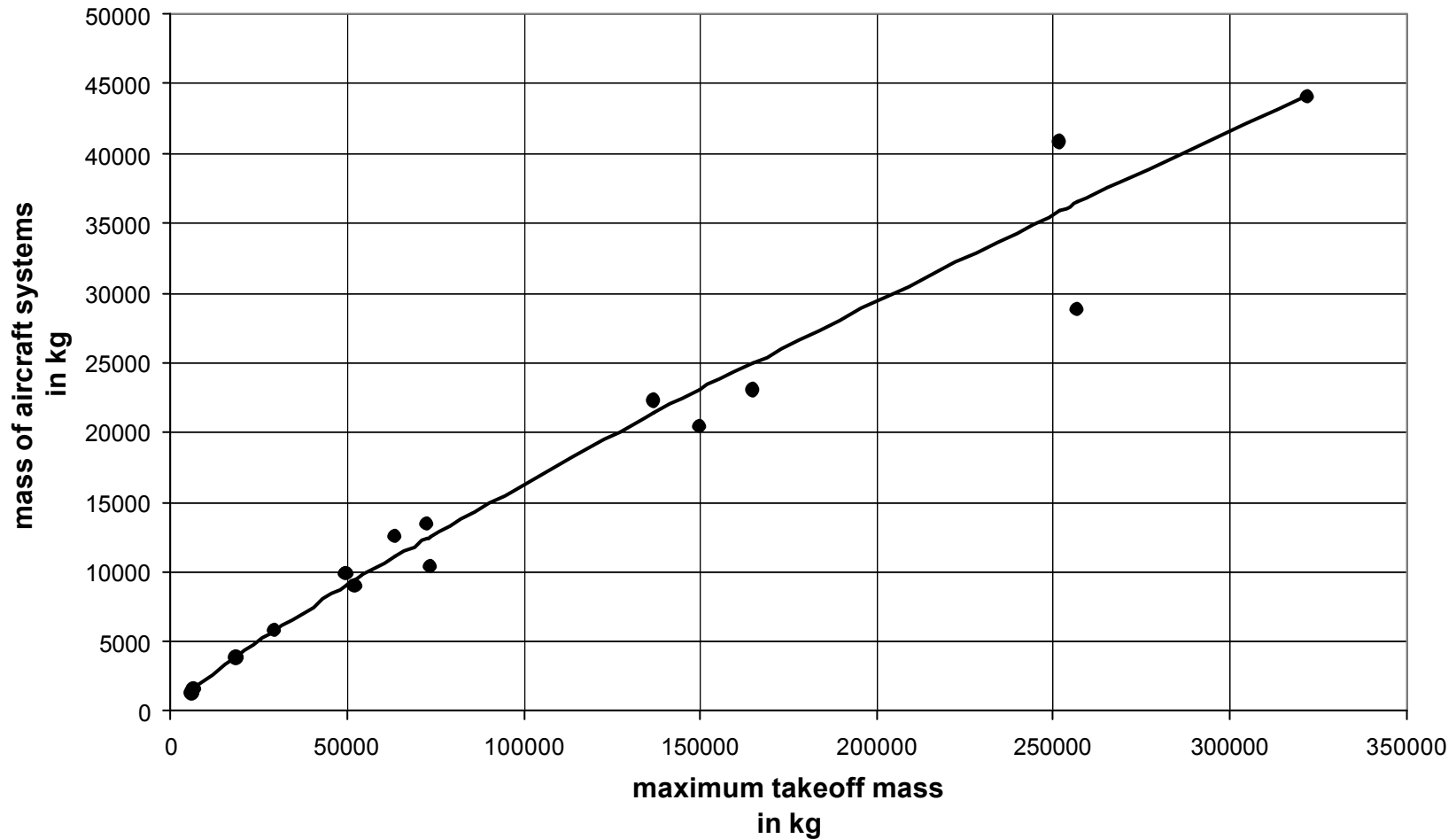


## Safety requirements for large aeroplane's systems ACJ No. 1 to 25.1309

<b>effect on aircraft and occupants</b>	normal	nuisance	operating limitations  emergency procedures	significant reduction in safety margins  difficult for crew to cope with adverse conditions  passenger injuries	large reduction in safety margins  crew extended because of workload or environmental conditions  serious injury or death of small number of occupants	multiple deaths, usually with loss of aircraft
<b>category of effect</b>	minor	minor	minor	major	hazardous	catastrophe
<b>probability of a failure according to JAR 25 (per flight hour)</b>	frequent $10^0 \dots 10^{-2}$	frequent $10^{-2} \dots 10^{-3}$	reasonably probable $10^{-3} \dots 10^{-5}$	remote $10^{-5} \dots 10^{-7}$	extremely remote $10^{-7} \dots 10^{-9}$	extremely improbable $< 10^{-9}$

# Mass

$$m_{SYS} = 0.92 m_{MTO}^{0.85} \quad (\text{with } m \text{ in kg})$$



# Power

1.) propulsive power

2.) non-propulsive power = secondary power

## Secondary power systems:

- hydraulic power, electrical power, pneumatic power

## Secondary power sources:

- auxiliary power unit (APU), ram air turbine (RAT)
- aircraft batteries, ground power

## Secondary power loads:

- *technical loads:*  
consumed by equipment required to operate the aircraft safely
- *commercial loads:*  
consumed by equipment required to increase passenger comfort and satisfaction, and the airlines needs to provide these services.

## Power conversion

## Simple Trade-Off Studies

- Calculation of a single figure of merit for an aircraft system based on:  
a subjectively defined **weighted sum** of individually defined parameters.

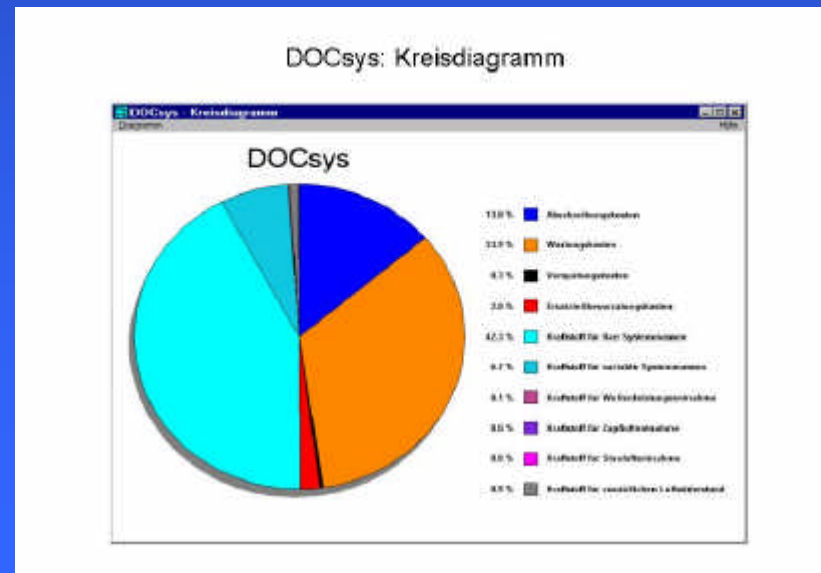
### **parameters:**

- mass
- maintainability
- reliability
- system price
- other specific criteria depending on the aircraft system in question.

# Cost Calculations

A DOC method for aircraft systems called  $DOC_{SYS}$

$$C_{DOC,SYS} = C_{DEP} + C_F + C_M + C_{DEL} + C_{SH}$$



# Literature

## **THE STANDARD HANDBOOK FOR AERONAUTICAL AND ASTRONAUTICAL ENGINEERS**

Editor in Chief:

**Mark Davies**

University of Limerick

Publisher:

**McGraw-Hill, New York**

Commissioning Editor:

**Shelley Carr**

with section on  
*Aircraft Systems*

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## Conclusion

- Aircraft system education at HAW:  
**getting the most out of limited lecture hours**
- Aircraft systems 1/3 of the total aircraft
- **Focal points in aircraft system design:**  
Reliability, Mass, Power and Costs
- **Standard Handbook** with aircraft systems section and more information.

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