# Flying V: A Disruptive Airplane Configuration

AMA



**Roelof Vos, PhDAE, AFAIAA** Assistant Professor, Faculty of Aerospace Engineering









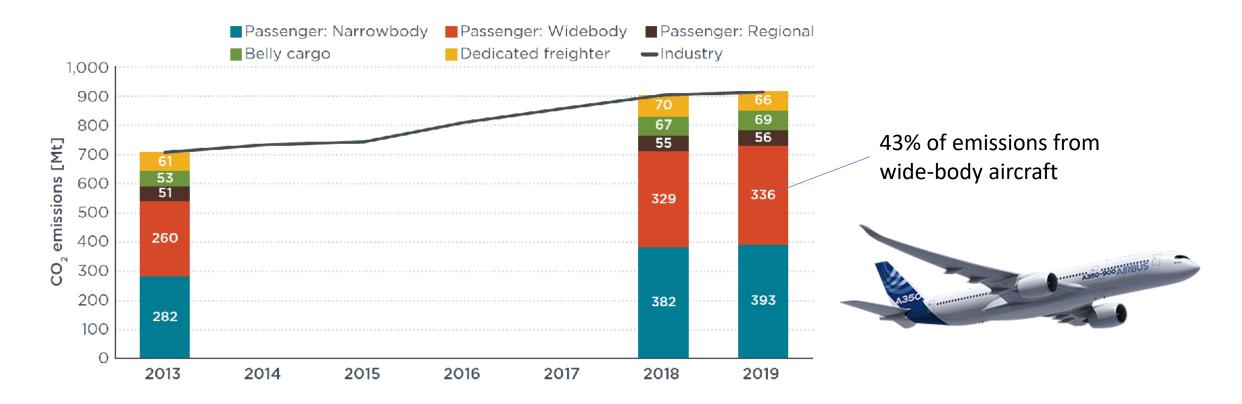


### The rest is history...





# The Problem: Aviation's Contribution to Global Warming





### The Problem: Tube-and-Wing Aircraft Fully Mature × Piston Engine 3500 + Turboprop Payload-Range Efficiency (nm) • JET Engine New technologies are required to 3000 improve efficiency

1980

Year of Introduction

2000

2020

2040

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

0

**TU**Delft

1900

1920

1940

1960

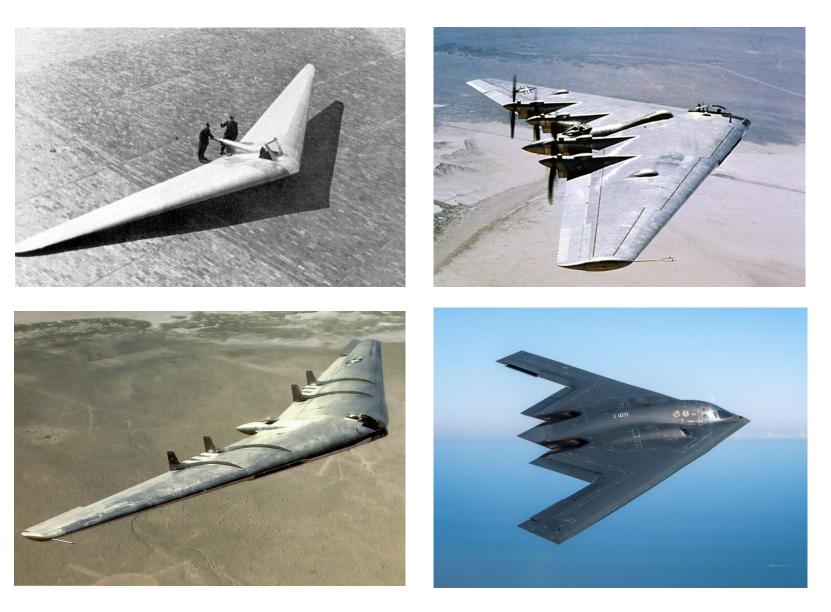
Mo, L., "Conceptual Design Study for In-flight Refueling of Passenger Aircraft", PhD thesis, TU Delft, 2017

Tube-and-wing aircraft are at a

growth with time

plateau in terms of their efficiency

### What about Flying Wings?



*T***U**Delft

### Boeing/NASA Blended-Wing Body



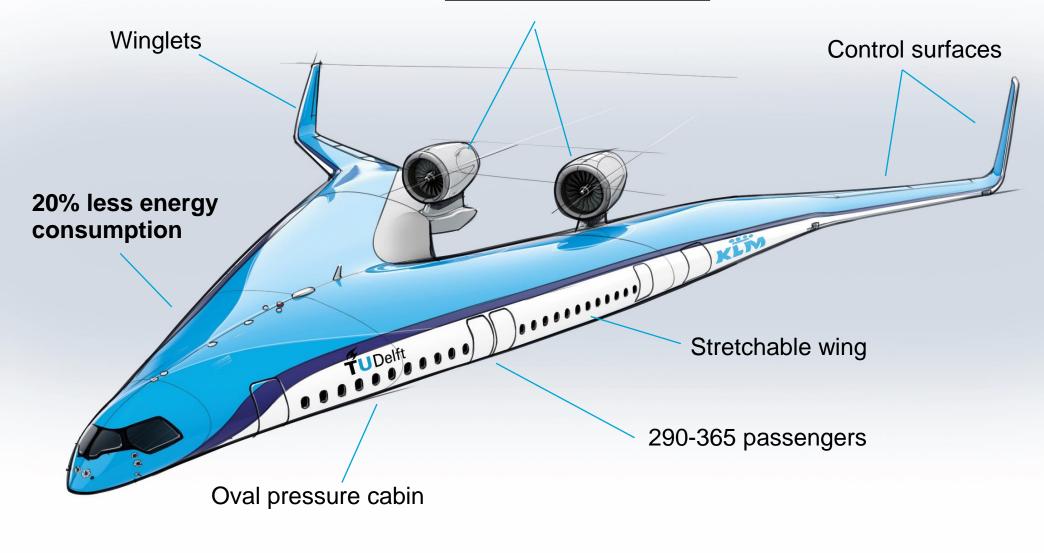


### Introducing the Flying V



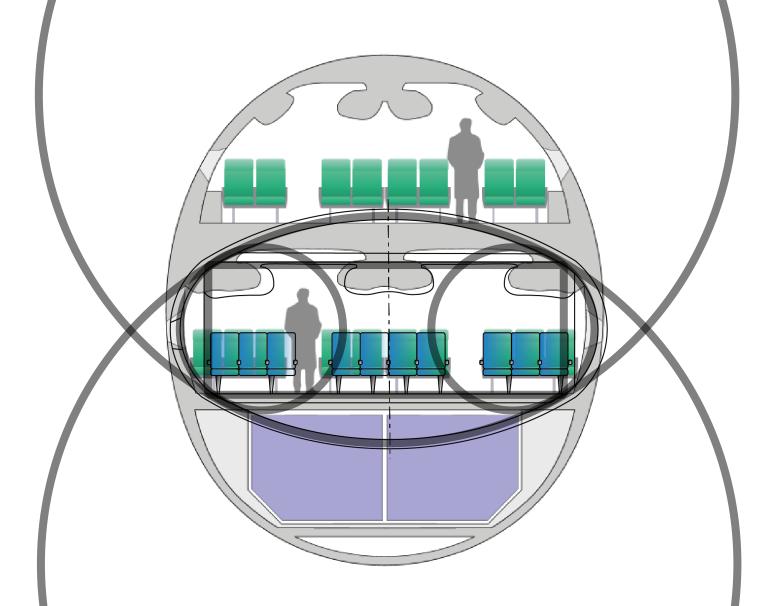
### Flying V Overview

#### <u>Complementary to</u> propulsion innovations





## Design of the Cross Section



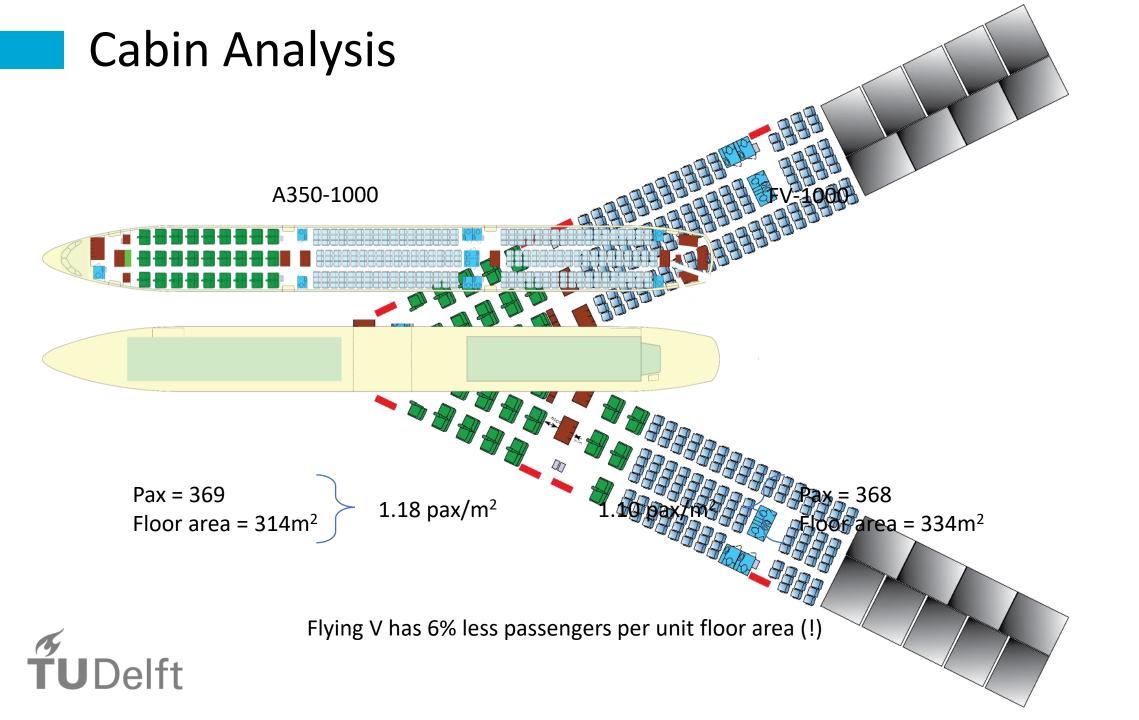


### **Design of the Cross Section**

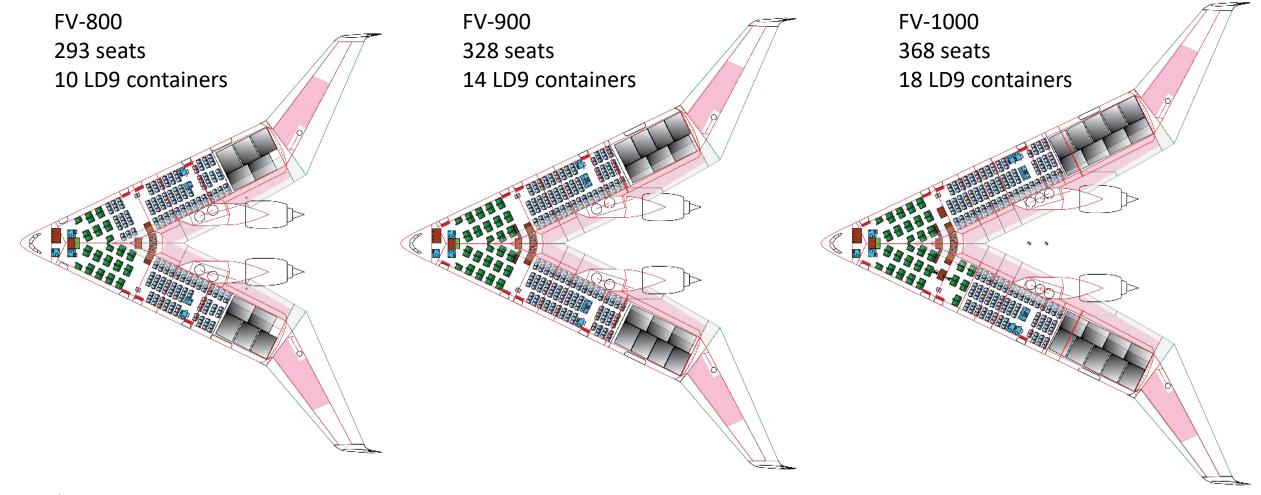
**ÍU**Delft

Design: Studio OSO

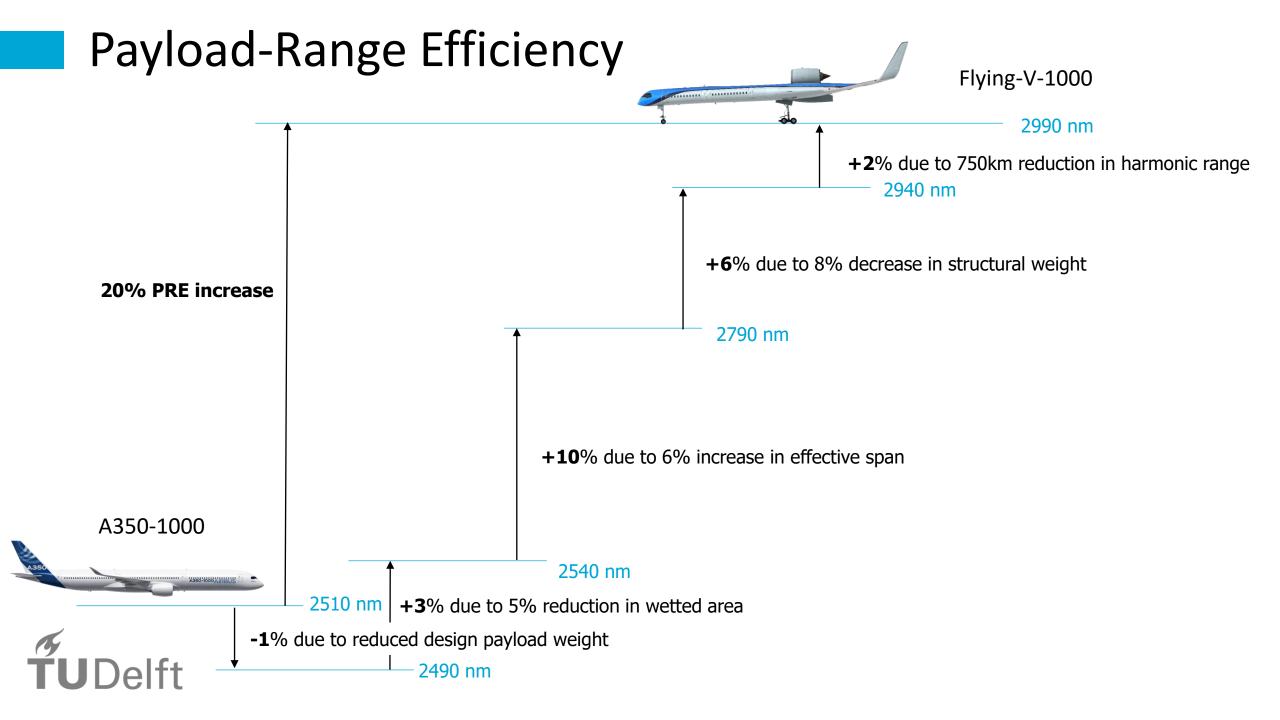


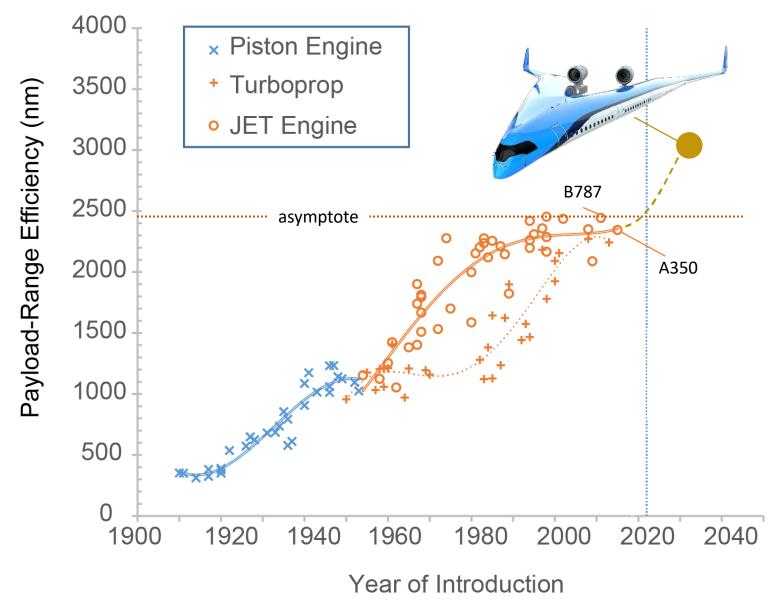


Family Concept









**TU**Delft

Mo, L., "Conceptual Design Study for In-flight Refueling of Passenger Aircraft", PhD thesis, TU Delft, 2017

### Can it Fly?





### Yes it Can!

KLM TUDeltt



### **Pioneering Spirit back to Europe!**

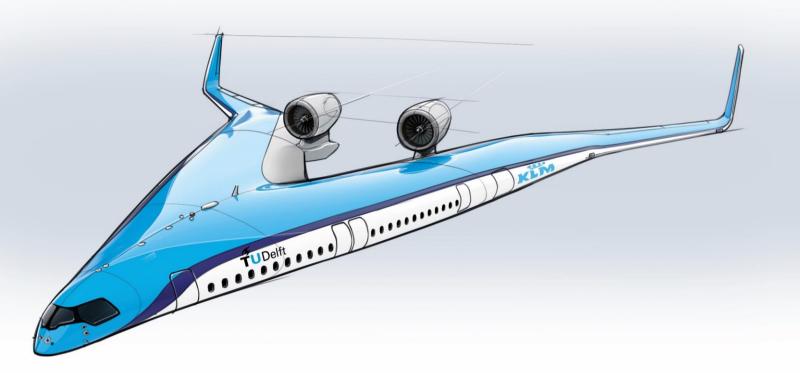


Flying V versus Tube-and-Wing:

- ✓ Lower structural weight
- ✓ Higher aerodynamic efficiency
- ✓ No flaps
- ✓ Simple family concept
- ✓ Adequate handling qualities

Flying V has the potential to disrupt aviation industry

23





### tudelft.nl/flying-v



#### linkedin.com/in/roelofvos

