



Expecting the unexpected: rethinking ice protection for UAMs

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ABOUT CAV SYSTEMS



CAV is the global market leader in the design, production and aftermarket support of the globally unique and proprietary TKS® fluid based ice protection system and the only commercial manufacturer of laser micro-perforated structures for aviation drag reduction systems.

- We have operated as a critical technology and manufacturing partner to major commercial OEMs since 1942.
- Built upon strong foundations, we specialize in custom systems for general and commercial aviation, unmanned and urban air vehicles.
- Our in-house team of designers and engineers have extensive industry experience, which includes FIKI approval certification for a range IPS systems.
- Our ability to analyze aerodynamic data and unique laser drilling capabilities enables us to devise bespoke ice protection solutions for any aircraft.
- Recently applied for and awaiting CAA design organization approval.



ICE PROTECTION FOR EVTOL AIRCRAFT

- In order to achieve widespread use and high utilization required to achieve commercial success UAM aircraft will need all weather capability
- Selecting an Ice Protection System (IPS) may appear trivial to many, however the impact these systems can have on the performance of UAM aircraft can be significant
- To illustrate, we have utilized our extensive knowledge, to size various IPS for a leading UAM aircraft – the Beta Alia 250
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TYPES OF IPS CONSIDERED



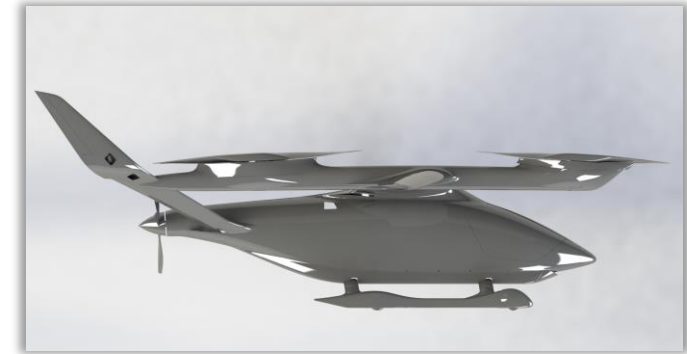
Electro-thermal	Expulsive	Boots	TKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De-ice system operating on a two-minute cycle to reduce energy consumption• Anti-ice energy consumption excessively high	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De-ice system operated by direct current pulse to conductors to eject the ice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De-ice system operating on a two-minute cycle [industry standard]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluid based system operating on the principle of freezing point depression• Provides anti-icing performance

BETA Alia 250

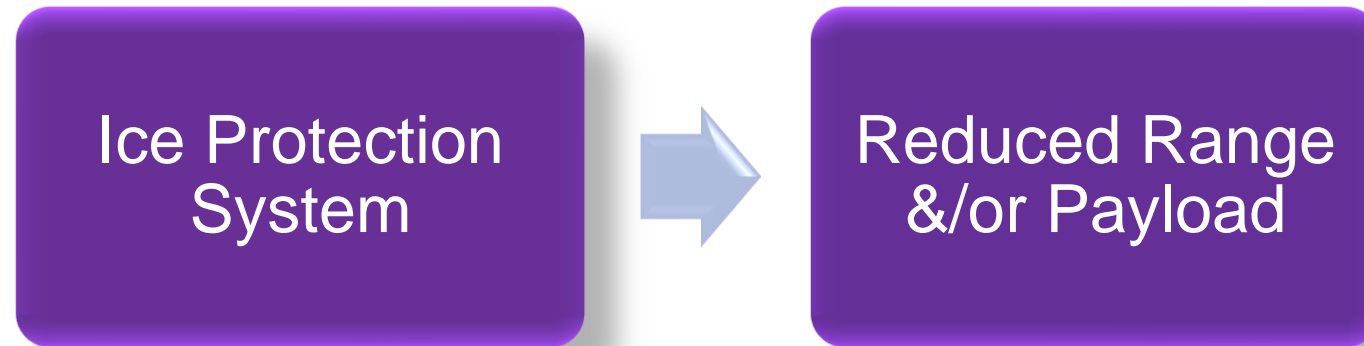


UAM aircraft come in many different shapes and sizes however, sizing an IPS is primarily dependent on the size of the protected areas and flight envelope of the aircraft – in this respect, the Beta Alia 250 is reasonably representative of a large number of UAM aircraft

- Lift & Cruise Configuration
- Cruise speed ~130 KEAS



DIRECT SYSTEM WEIGHT & ENDURANCE REQUIREMENTS



PROTECTED AREAS / SURFACES



- Wing = 11.0m
- Horizontal Tail = 4.5m
- Vertical Tail = 2.5m

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REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS / ASSUMPTIONS

- Regulatory requirements around Ice Protection System endurance are currently being revised to address Electric Aircraft / UAM
- The requirement will be defined in *ASTM F3120* under the jurisdiction of the *ASTM Committee F44 on General Aviation Aircraft* - CAV engineers have played a pivotal role in the development of this standard
- Below is an excerpt of the latest draft

<i>Aeroplane Type</i>	<i>Minimum Endurance Capacity is the greater of:</i>
<i>For aircraft with a maximum operating altitude below 10,000.</i>	<i>150 minutes or 20 percent of the maximum endurance based on the energy required in typical continuous maximum icing conditions.</i> <i>For aircraft with less than 150 minutes of endurance the ice protection system shall be capable of being operated for an 80 nautical mile encounter at cruise speed.</i>

SYSTEM WEIGHTS



	Electro-Thermal	Electro-Expulsive	Pneumatic Boots	TKS - Fluid System
Hardware*	15.0	10.1	12.5	5.7
Wiring / Plumbing	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.8
Leading Edges	3.8	11.3	11.3	9.4
Total	20.8	23.4	25.8	17.9

- *Hardware consists of control units, power switching units, energy storage units, pumps, valves etc. as required by the various systems
- Figures shown are for the system only – no account for energy required to operate the system
- All weights provided in Kg

SYSTEM WEIGHTS - ENERGY



	Electro-Thermal	Electro-Expulsive	Pneumatic Boots	TKS- Fluid System
Electrical Energy [kWh]	26.2	2.6	0.5	0.1
Fluid [litres]	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2
Weight	111.6	11.2	2.1	8.2

- Weight of Electrical Energy is based on a Battery Pack Energy Density of 235 Wh/Kg
- All weights provided in Kg

TOTAL SYSTEM WEIGHT



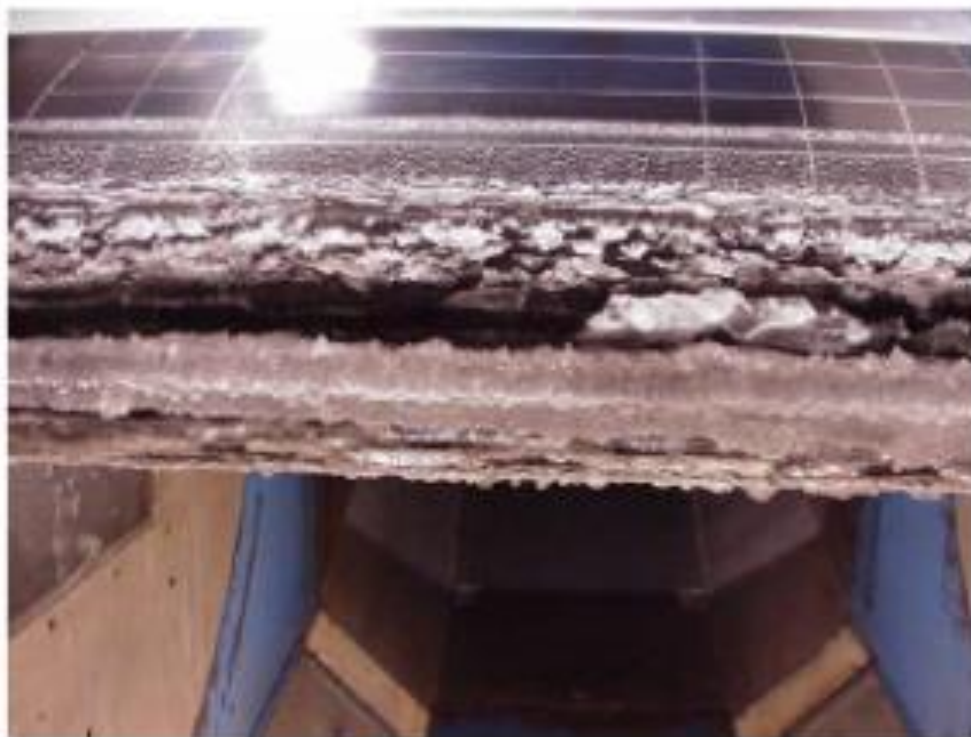
	Electro-Thermal	Electro-Expulsive	Pneumatic Boots	TKS – Fluid System
Total Weight [with Dedicated Batteries]	132.4	34.5	27.9	26.1
Total Weight [with reduced range]	20.8	23.3	25.8	25.1
Range Reduction [nautical mile]	17.1	1.7	0.3	0.05
% range reduction	6.8%	0.7%	0.1%	0.02%

- Range Reduction based on loss of energy available for propulsion

IN-DIRECT IMPACT OF DE-ICE SYSTEMS



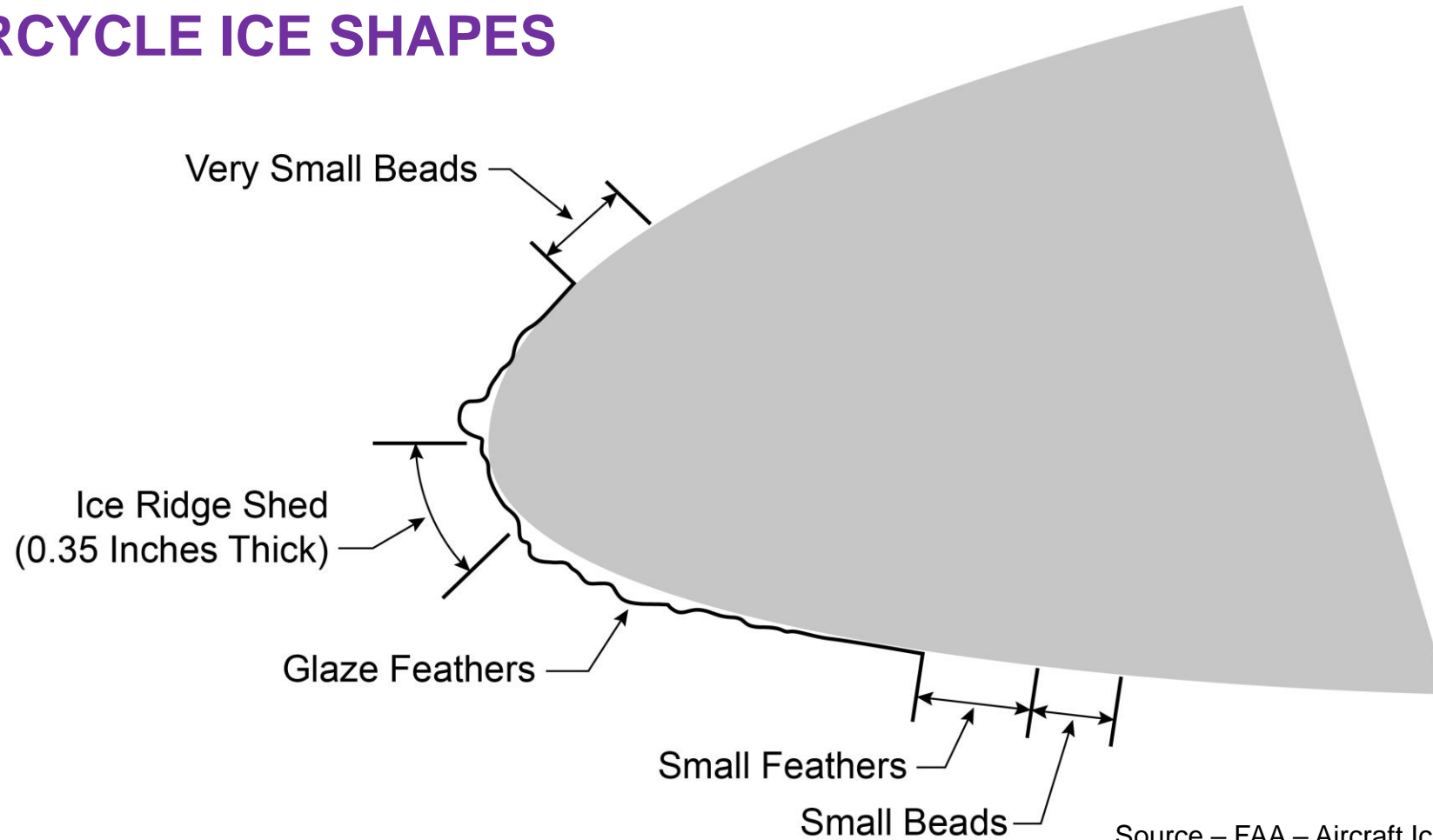
INTERCYCLE ICE SHAPES



Source – FAA – Aircraft Ice Protection - Advisory Circular
Figure 4-(b)

Hybrid NACA 23012 2D (simulating a 72-inch chord airfoil) model intercycle ice before the sixth cycle of pneumatic deicing boot. One-minute boot cycle intervals were used. The test was performed in 14 CFR part 25, Appendix C Maximum Continuous Icing Conditions. (Static temperature = 14°F, LWC = 0.45 g/m³, MVD = 20 micrometers, Spray time = 6:11 min., Tunnel airflow speed = 195 mph, Model AOA = 4°.)

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INTERCYCLE ICE SHAPES DRAG PENALTY – CURVE BASIC CALCULATIONS

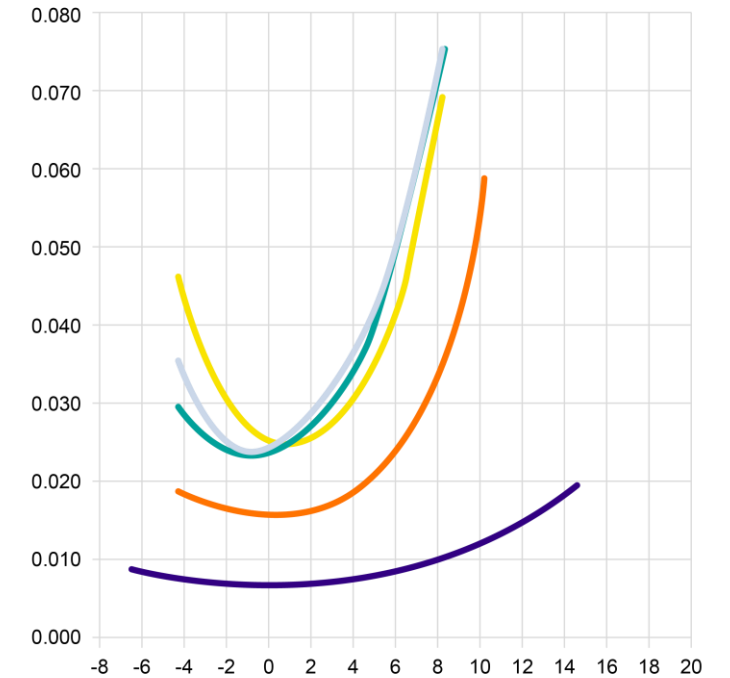
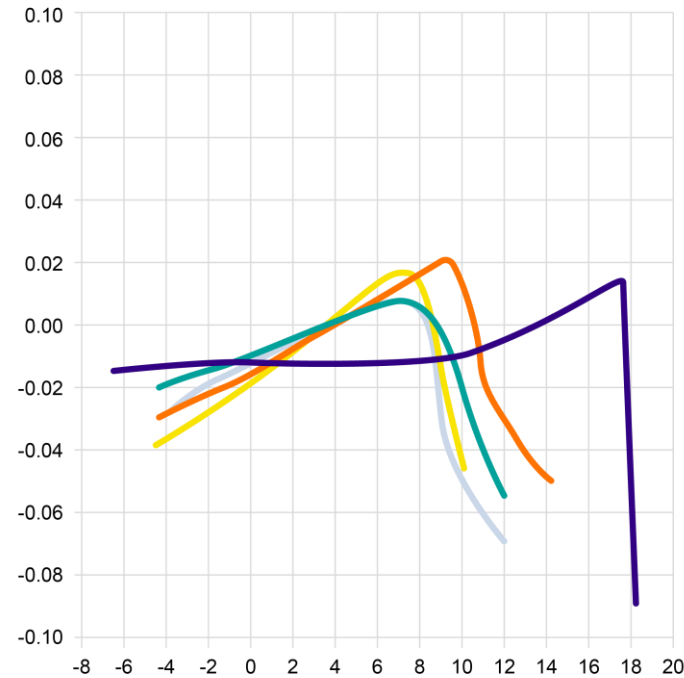
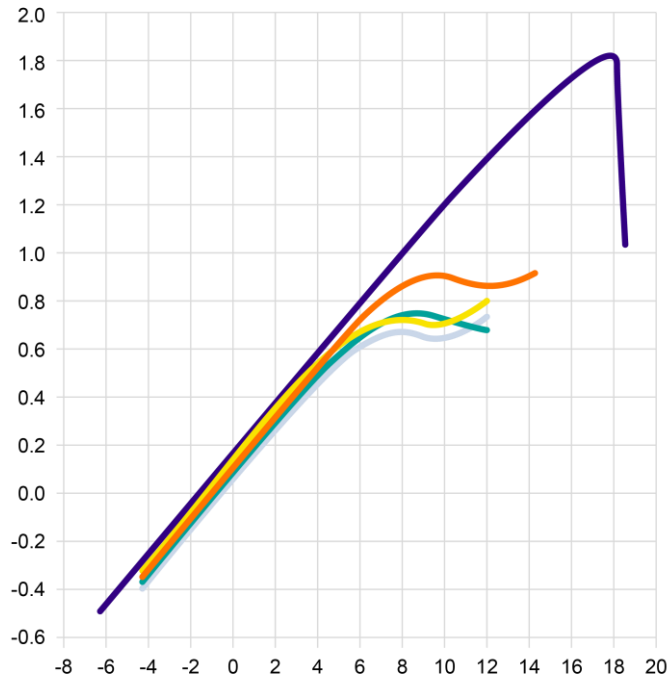


Figure R-7. Aerodynamic Effects Resulting From Deicing Intercycle Ice Shapes for a 2D 36-inch NACA 23012 Airfoil Wind Tunnel Model at a Reynolds Number of 7.5×10^6

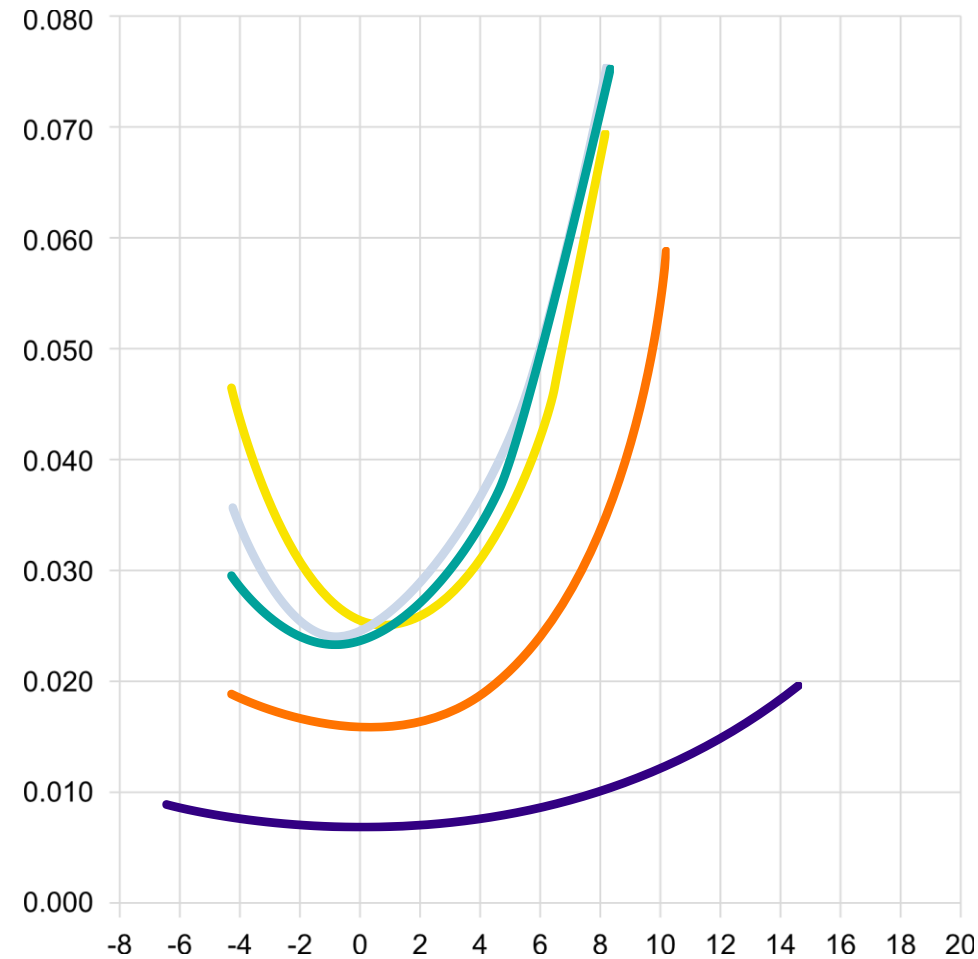
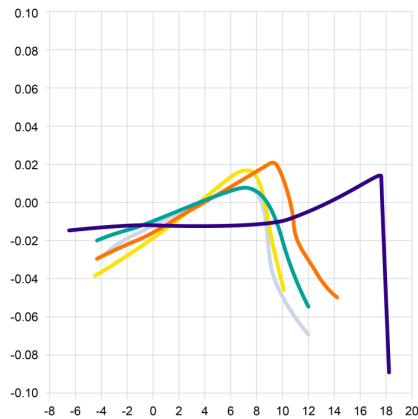
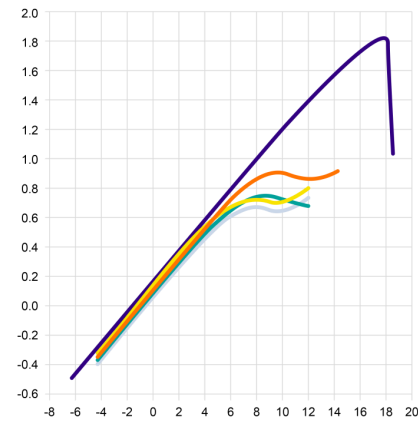
- **Clean $C_d \sim 0.008$**
- **Intercycle $C_d \sim 0.022$**
- $D = \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot V^2\right) \cdot C_d \cdot A$

$Re = 7.5 \times 10^6$, $Ma = 0.21$

- Clean
- Ice Shape 290
- Ice Shape 296
- Ice Shape 312
- Ice Shape 322

INTERCYCLE ICE SHAPES

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IPS IMPACT ON AIRCRAFT DRAG

- Based on a single icing encounter halfway through a 250 nautical mile flight
- Intercycle and residual ice shapes associated with de-ice systems significantly increase aircraft drag resulting in further loss of range

	De-ice Systems [Boots, Electro- Thermal & Electro- Expulsive]	Anti-Ice Systems [TKS]
Range Reduction [nautical mile]	29	0.0
% range reduction	11%	0.0%

TOTAL IMPACT OF IPS ON THE AIRCRAFT

	Electro-Thermal	Electro-Expulsive	Pneumatic Boots	TKS - Fluid System
Total Weight [with reduced range]	20.8	23.3	25.8	25.1
Range Reduction [nautical mile]	40.3	24.9	23.5	0.05
% Range Reduction	16.1%	10.0%	9.4%	0.02%

- Weight of the TKS fluid system includes fluid weight
- De-ice systems – assumed loss of range rather than dedicated batteries for IPS
- Range reduction is the result of
 - Batteries primarily required for propulsion being used to power IPS
 - Intercycle and residual ice shapes associated with de-ice systems

SUMMARY



- Ice Protection is a key part of providing all weather capability & achieving high aircraft utilization
- Ice Protection Systems can have a considerable impact on aircraft performance and range
- De-ice systems although lower weight come with significant range penalties
- It is important to develop an Ice Protection Strategy early in the design and development.

Q&A



Thank You

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