

# Propulsion Engineering

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WELCOME

## 1<sup>ST</sup> EPSRC - ATI PROPULSION PILLAR SUPPORT MEETING

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SATM - Cranfield University  
19-20 October 2016



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## Objective

### Excerpt from EPSRC Letter of Award

A further allocation of institutional sponsorship is being made available to those institutions which have a coordinating role in the research community related to the Aerospace sector, specifically around the four pillars of the Aerospace Technology Institute's Technology Strategy. Cranfield University is one such institution and EPSRC expects Professor Pericles Pilidis to take a leading role in working with the research community, EPSRC and the Aerospace Technology Institute on the Propulsion pillar of the ATI strategy.

- The UK does not have an Aerospace Research Organisation
- It does have a very strong, global reach, aerospace academic community
- Can we make this into a 'Distributed Research Organisation?'

Aim: 1<sup>st</sup> Step to Integrate the UK Propulsion Research Community

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## UK - ATI EPSRC Supporting Mission

Aircraft: A. Schafer – UCL

Structures: K. Potter - Bristol

Systems: B. Mecrow - Newcastle

Propulsion: P. Pilidis – Cranfield

Many Synergies – specially Systems & Propulsion

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## GAS TURBINES

### A CORE ACTIVITY AT CRANFIELD

- 1946 - Cranfield College of Aeronautics  
One of the 4 units was Aircraft Propulsion
- 1969 - Cranfield Institute of Technology (University)
- 1993 - Cranfield University (change of name)
- 2016-7 AIRC

2 Sites, 4000 + PG s, Leading research & CPD university



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Source - <http://goldprice.org/spot-gold.html>

A civil aircraft GT: worth > 3 times its weight in silver

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## OBJECTIVE

Develop and Apply Knowledge and Analysis for the Economic and Technical Benefit of the International Gas Turbine and Related Industries

This high technology global industry is worth £50b p/a

- Air, Land & Sea
- 250+ Individuals in GTs



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## PROPULSION ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES



### Benefits From Synergy

- GT Education - Postgraduate
- Industrial CPD
- Research - GT Engineering
- Comb/Icing/Turbo

The whole >> sum of the parts  
Self grown through value added



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## Programme

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| 1200 – | Arrival, introductions & lunch at Lord Kings Norton Room, Mitchell Hall, Cranfield |   |
| 1330 - | ATI-EPSRC introduction:  | Dr. Daniel Smith – Mark Scully          |
| 1415 - | Description of Objectives:   | Prof. P. Pilidis                        |
| 1445 - | Views on Calls for Proposals   | Prof. P. Pilidis                        |
| 1515 - | Diversity  | Dr. Jen Fensome                         |
| 1545   | Networking Break   |   |
| 1600 - | Examples: Collaborative Opportunities:   | Dr. Suresh Sampath/Dr Areti Malkogianni |
|        |  |   |
| 0900 – | Gas Turbines & Propulsion – at Lord Kings Norton Room, Mitchell Hall, Cranfield    |   |
| 0945 - | Integrated Propulsion Simulation   | Dr. P. Laskaridis                       |
| 1030 - | Networking Break   |   |
| 1045 - | Systems Pillar Support -   | Prof. P. Malkin (Newcastle Univ)        |
| 1130 - | Turboelectric Propulsion   | Dr. D. Nalianda                         |
| 1200 - | Future Propulsion & the Environment  | Prof. R. Singh (Invited Lecture)        |
| 1300 - | Lunch & end of meeting   |   |

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## UK Propulsion Research Community EPSRC Supporting Mission

People

Skills + Multi-level Connectivity  
Know what we collectively know

Facilities

Future – Synergy - Integration

Tools

Tried & Tested - Accessibility

Togetherness

Connectivity – Complementary  
Working Teams

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National Assets

Connected Integrated GTEDP Lab

TURBOMATCH/HERMES/HECTOR - UK Toolkit

Network

Working Together

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**Objective: Dec 2016 – March 2017**

- 1 – Have a Multi - University Research Team  
Formed via call for quotations working together
- 2 – Consultancy (Certification + Pathway)
- 3 – ISABE 2017 in Manchester (Sept 2017)
- 4 – Opportunity Lookout
- 5 – Skills Database
- 6 – Exchanges of young staff
- 7 – Test: Forthcoming CS2 calls



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Gas Turbine Skills (Cranfield)

Electrical Systems (Newcastle)

Mechanical transmissions (Partner)

Electrical Machines (Partner)

Certification (Consultancy)

Storage (Partner)

GT Diagnostics (Cranfield)

Vibration Diagnostics (Partner)

Electrical Protection (Partner)

System Control (Partner)

Pathway (Consultancy)

Other? (Partner/s)

Agile Call - Fixed T&Cs – If successful Quotation will be followed by PO

~ £10 -15 k each - (one researcher for 4 months + access to local experts)

Judged by 4 member Panel (ATI-EP SRC-Cranfield-Newcastle)

Results in Nov – Start in Dec 2016



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3 – ISABE 2017 in  
Manchester (Sept 2017)

**Donated Mail List**



## ISABE 2017 CONFERENCE

3 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

MANCHESTER, UK

*(the city where The Honourable Charles Rolls met Sir Henry Royce)*

Hosted by  
UK Organising Committee &



Co-Hosted by



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7 - Test: Forthcoming CS2 calls (Nov-Dec 2016)

Team working together will seek partnerships to form bid teams

Preparing Skills Database



## 4 Workshops – similar format

Day 1 – Strategy

Day 2 - Tactics

Invited Lecture

Website with information and updates

Next 14-15 December

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## Addressing the 4 EPSRC Prosperity Outcomes

**CONNECTED** in executing aerospace research around areas of national strength.

**PRODUCTIVE** on the basis of integrated development of new wealth generating ideas in an area of strength.

**RESILIENT** because of the multiplicity of members of the network.

**HEALTH** aspects arise from the long term environmental benefits of hydrogen fuelled distributed propulsion.



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## GT Laboratories for Elements of Nat Asset 1

Compressor - 4 kg/s & 20 Bar

Pebble Bed Air Heater - 1600K - 15 bar

2 GTs 1350 hp - 45000 rpm

5 ax CNC prototype machining

Radial Comp/Turb - test -1 MW

Instrument development  
rig 1100C at 4 kg/s 17 Bar

Titanium Fire Rig

Wind tunnel up to M 0.9

Icing Tunnels



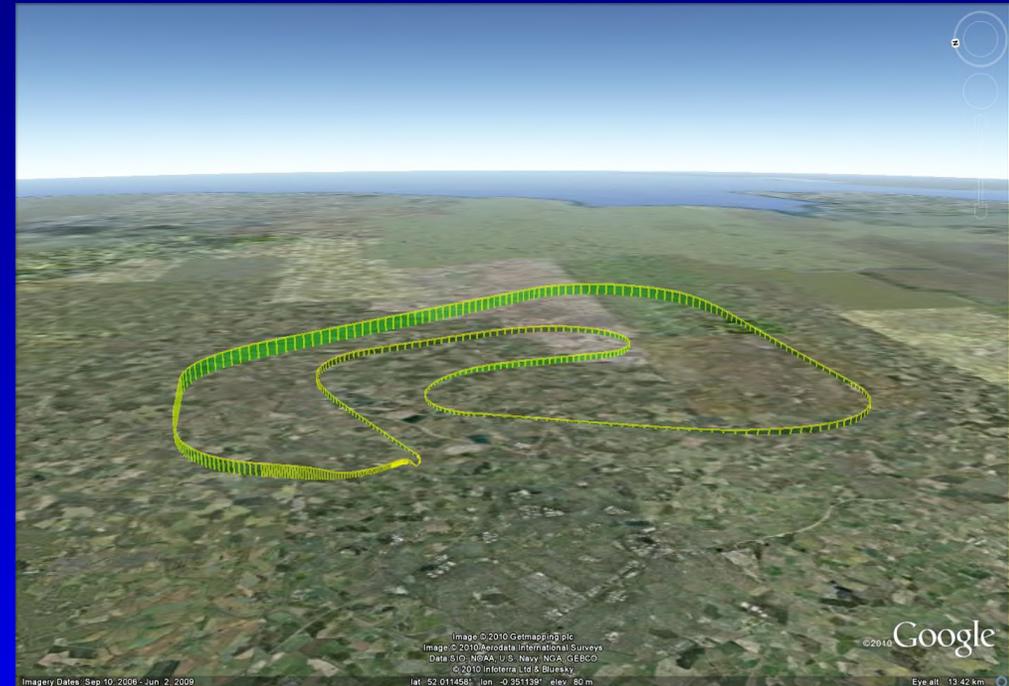


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Nat Assett 2  
Mission assessment

Helicopter Flight  
Around Cranfield

**TURBOMATCH/HECTOR**



<b>Total mission time</b>	1.05 Hrs
<b>Total mission range</b>	168.5 Km
<b>Total fuel burn</b>	558Kg
<b>Total CO2 emission</b>	1779Kg
<b>Total NOx emission</b>	2 Kg
<b>Total CO emission</b>	3 Kg

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Cranfield is grateful for this opportunity. A scenario from Brexit is that the Aerospace Sector will lose EU funding support. Initiatives like the EPSRC-ATI pillar support institutional awards could constitute the launching pad for other UK national schemes to support the continuing international success of the British aerospace industry, a major generator of national wealth and export success.

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## Questions & Comments

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## GAS TURBINE EDUCATION

### MSc Thermal Power

60/70 + candidates

March - October Start dates

Members from 15 + Nations

Many users of GTs

China and India

European Double Degrees

4 Options Reflect Applications

Industrially Relevant Projects

International Publications



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## Combustion, Icing & Turbomachinery Research

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## GAS TURBINE EDUCATION

### Continuing Professional Development Programme

- 14 Regular courses
- 3-5 Special courses p.a.
- UK and abroad
- Special 3-9 Month CPD
- At all organisation levels
- Industrial/Academic Balance



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## GAS TURBINE ENGINEERING

### CORE COMPETENCE

- Modelling - Cont. Upgrade  
Design, Off-Design  
Degraded, Transient  
CFD, Integration
- Research Focus on:  
Novel Cycles - TERA  
Diagnostics + Lifing  
Performance Modelling  
Testing



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