

# Using Novel Aircraft Performance Engineering Methods to Optimize Runway Length

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## Goals For This Morning's Presentation

- Background on Aircraft Performance Engineering and Runway Length Assessment
- Difference Between Current Methods For Runway Length Assessment and Aircraft Performance Engineering Methods
- Novel Approaches to Runway Length Assessments used at Various Airports and what they achieved



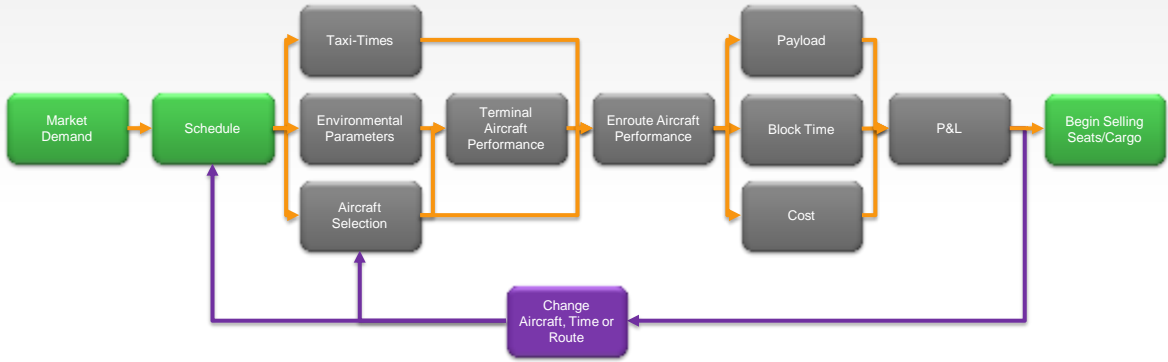
## What is Aircraft Performance Engineering

- The science and profession of operating, testing, and improving airplanes
- It has several synonymous professional titles including: Flight Operations Engineering, Operations Engineering and Operations Planning
- When applied to the design, manufacture and test of aircraft in the United States it is governed by FAR Part 23/25 and results in
  - Airport Planning Manuals (APM)
  - Aircraft Operations Manuals (AFM, AOM, POH, MEL, QRH)
  - Software to calculate aircraft flight operations data (CAFM, SCAP)
- When applied to the operation of aircraft in the United States it is regulated under FAR 23/25/91/91-K/121/125/135 and results in
  - One Engine Inoperative Procedures (SDPs, EOSIDs, SMAPs, EOMAP)
  - PBN Procedures (RNP, RNP-AR)
- **The group of people who are behind every request to build longer runways, remove more obstacles and never, ever close a runway**

## The Goal of Aircraft Performance Engineering

- How much stuff can a plane safely fly with? → Takeoff, Landing, Weight and Balance, Aircraft Certification
- How far can the plane go once all the stuff is onboard? → Climb, Cruise, Descent, Routing, Terrain, Hazardous Areas, Forecasting, APM, ECM
- How much will it cost to get there with most of the stuff? → Noise, Emissions, Cost Index, Airspace Charges, Landing Fees, Into Plane Costs
- Do I need to find another plane, modify the plane or fly it in a different way? → Aircraft Substitutions, Wingtip Improvements, Engine and Avionics Improvements, Flight Profile Changes
- What are the risks associated with my choices? → FARs, Advisory Circulars, ICAO Annexes, OpSpecs, Notices, SMS, ATOS, IS-BAO, IOSA

# Aircraft Performance Engineering At a Scheduled Operator



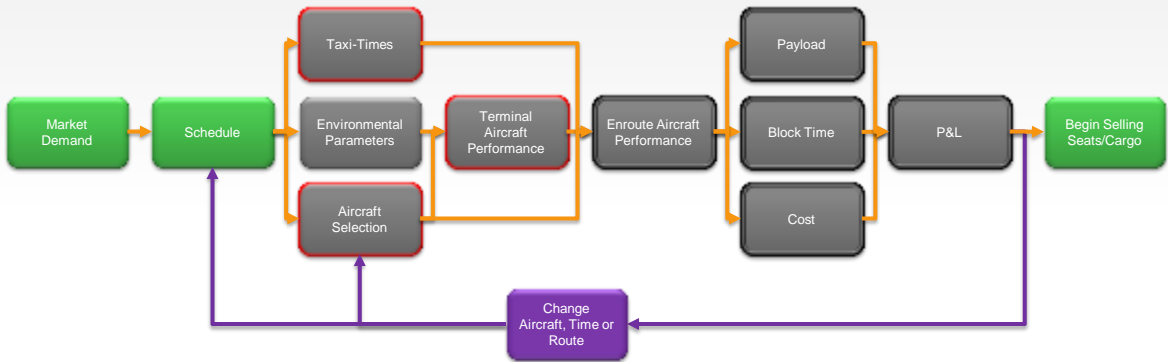
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Non-Aircraft Performance Decisions

Aircraft Performance Engineering

Team Decision

# Aircraft Performance Engineering and The Effects of Runway Length



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Operator Decisions

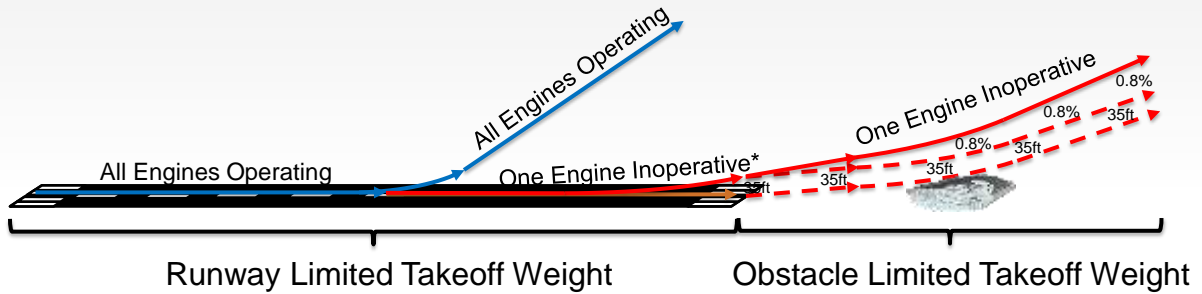
Factors Independent of Runway Length

Factors Directly Influenced by Runway Length

Factors Indirectly Influenced by Runway Length

Solutions Available to Operators

## Aircraft Performance Engineering View of Runway Length



- Basic profile view of the possible paths which relate to FAR 121.189 compliance
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> segments of a 4 segment one engine inoperative takeoff flight path are depicted
- All engines operating flight path is shown for reference, but is not considered a part of the obstacle limited takeoff weight computation
- Flight paths are not linear, even though certain older aircraft will treat the clearance of obstacles using linear references

## Runway Length Determination with Aircraft Performance Engineering

Historical Environmental Data Analysis

Geospatial Deconfliction

Performance Calculations

Regulatory Basis

# Runway Length Determination with Aircraft Performance Engineering

## Historical Environmental Data Analysis

### → Hourly Observations By Month

- Temperature/Pressure/Winds
- Runway Surface Conditions/Anti-Icing
- Ceiling and Visibility

## Geospatial Deconfliction

## Performance Calculations

## Regulatory Basis

# Historical Environmental Data Analysis

85% Temperatures (°C)

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0	7.7	8.8	11.0	11.8	14.1	20.0	24.8	24.8	22.9	14.8	10.4	7.0
100	7.5	8.4	10.6	11.1	13.2	19.2	24.1	23.5	21.1	14.1	10.4	7.0
200	7.5	8.5	10.2	10.0	14.1	18.7	25.0	23.0	22.7	14.1	12.4	6.8
300	7.7	8.8	10.0	10.3	14.2	18.2	24.1	23.0	22.4	15.5	12.1	6.7
400	7.4	8.4	9.8	10.0	13.6	17.7	23.6	22.9	21.9	15.2	12.4	6.8
500	7.9	8.9	9.8	9.8	13.9	17.9	22.2	20.8	21.2	15.0	12.0	6.3
600	8.9	6.0	9.7	9.4	12.2	14.5	22.4	20.4	18.9	14.5	11.8	6.4
700	8.9	8.8	9.3	9.2	13.4	18.8	23.9	22.7	22.7	14.3	11.9	6.2
800	9.1	5.9	9.0	10.5	15.7	20.7	26.3	24.7	18.2	13.9	11.1	6.2
900	7.1	5.5	10.8	12.6	18.2	23.7	30.3	24.0	22.2	14.2	11.5	6.3
1000	7.7	7.1	12.4	14.7	20.3	26.4	31.1	28.1	24.3	18.1	13.9	7.1
1100	8.5	8.7	14.4	16.7	21.4	28.2	34.8	31.1	27.5	21.7	14.9	8.8
1200	10.2	10.2	16.0	17.2	23.0	29.9	34.3	32.9	29.0	23.8	16.5	9.4
1300	11.0	11.1	17.4	19.2	24.0	30.1	34.7	33.3	31.0	24.5	17.2	10.1
1400	11.8	12.0	18.1	20.0	25.0	30.3	35.4	33.0	31.7	25.1	17.8	10.8
1500	11.7	12.2	18.9	20.8	25.1	31.1	36.3	34.1	32.5	25.8	18.1	10.5
1600	11.5	12.4	18.5	20.4	25.4	31.1	36.3	34.7	32.5	25.9	17.8	9.9
1700	10.3	11.8	18.1	20.2	25.1	32.2	36.7	33.3	33.8	24.8	16.9	8.9
1800	8.8	10.8	17.4	19.7	24.5	30.7	36.1	34.1	31.4	24.4	18.3	9.8
1900	8.5	9.1	15.8	18.1	23.7	30.3	33.9	31.4	29.2	20.8	14.4	7.6
2000	7.9	7.9	13.7	16.8	21.9	28.1	32.8	31.4	26.4	18.9	13.7	7.3
2100	7.8	7.8	12.7	14.9	19.3	25.9	30.7	30.7	23.1	18.2	13.2	7.0
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2300	7.7	7.0	11.3	12.8	16.4	21.2	24.9	26.1	21.1	16.7	12.8	7.1

65% Pressure (hHg)

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300	29.76	29.74	29.74	29.71	29.82	29.86	29.89	29.86	29.83	29.83	29.83	29.76
400	29.76	29.74	29.73	29.71	29.81	29.86	29.87	29.87	29.83	29.84	29.83	29.76
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900	29.76	29.76	29.76	29.73	29.83	29.87	30.00	30.00	29.95	29.87	29.71	29.73
1000	29.76	29.76	29.76	29.73	29.83	29.87	30.00	30.00	29.95	29.87	29.71	29.73
1100	29.77	29.76	29.76	29.72	29.82	29.87	30.00	29.99	29.95	29.87	29.71	29.73
1200	29.77	29.76	29.76	29.72	29.81	29.86	29.99	29.99	29.93	29.86	29.71	29.73
1300	29.76	29.74	29.74	29.71	29.80	29.84	29.98	29.94	29.92	29.86	29.71	29.74
1400	29.73	29.72	29.72	29.69	29.80	29.83	29.97	29.94	29.90	29.83	29.71	29.73
1500	29.73	29.71	29.70	29.69	29.80	29.82	29.96	29.94	29.89	29.80	29.71	29.73
1600	29.73	29.71	29.71	29.69	29.78	29.82	29.94	29.92	29.88	29.82	29.71	29.74
1700	29.74	29.71	29.70	29.68	29.78	29.81	29.94	29.91	29.89	29.82	29.71	29.74
1800	29.76	29.72	29.72	29.68	29.78	29.81	29.94	29.91	29.89	29.82	29.71	29.74
1900	29.76	29.72	29.72	29.68	29.78	29.81	29.94	29.91	29.89	29.82	29.71	29.74
2000	29.76	29.74	29.73	29.70	29.80	29.83	29.95	29.93	29.91	29.84	29.71	29.73
2100	29.76	29.74	29.73	29.71	29.81	29.84	29.96	29.93	29.92	29.84	29.71	29.73
2200	29.74	29.73	29.73	29.69	29.84	29.89	29.97	29.93	29.85	29.78	29.71	29.74
2300	29.77	29.76	29.75	29.73	29.83	29.87	29.99	29.97	29.94	29.86	29.71	29.74

Likelihood of Using Runway 04

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200	14.691	11.800	12.000	12.000	4.000	4.000	3.100	3.400	4.400	5.000	11.000	16.000
300	10.893	11.942	11.300	10.354	3.400	3.000	3.100	3.400	4.400	5.000	11.000	16.000
400	14.838	12.205	14.735	9.591	3.800	4.400	3.100	3.400	4.400	5.000	11.000	16.000
500	13.013	12.306	14.845	8.105	3.000	3.000	3.100	3.400	4.400	5.000	11.000	16.000
600	14.333	13.100	12.445	4.664	4.918	3.300	3.100	3.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
700	14.500	12.274	14.044	3.844	3.800	4.000	3.100	3.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
800	14.365	11.868	12.902	7.719	4.300	4.000	3.100	3.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
900	14.331	14.418	15.000	14.013	9.100	4.200	3.000	3.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
1000	20.000	14.000	14.000	14.013	14.013	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
1100	22.000	18.000	23.000	16.613	11.775	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.900	10.900	12.000
1200	24.168	19.000	26.100	28.878	18.828	14.800	10.245	7.722	7.242	13.875	16.476	19.200
1300	20.000	19.000	27.000	30.183	20.000	12.045	10.318	14.475	10.318	14.475	16.476	19.200
1400	21.385	20.976	30.045	30.800	21.405	19.716	21.029	18.800	15.188	21.445	21.445	21.445
1500	19.948	21.376	29.976	32.145	21.145	21.099	19.200	19.200	16.476	20.976	20.976	20.976
1600	19.465	20.765	33.316	33.000	21.745	20.976	17.445	17.445	17.445	20.976	20.976	20.976
1700	20.316	21.368	34.000	31.600	20.500	20.726	20.600	19.200	17.200	20.726	20.726	20.726
1800	18.445	18.445	30.000	30.000	20.000	20.000	19.000	19.000	19.000	19.000	19.000	19.000
1900	14.625	14.625	24.445	24.445	24.445	21.000	13.575	13.575	13.575	13.575	13.575	13.575
2000	20.076	16.445	19.000	15.345	13.792	13.345	13.345	8.000	6.498	11.295	19.776	15.045
2100	22.076	14.333	14.333	13.345	13.345	13.345	4.400	4.400	4.400	4.400	11.100	13.345
2200	18.945	13.526	17.000	15.480	4.995	3.985	3.985	4.245	3.765	4.135	17.195	13.345
2300	19.445	13.545	13.316	9.825	3.000	10.825	3.000	4.000	7.000	7.000	17.425	14.000



# Runway Length Determination with Aircraft Performance Engineering

Historical Environmental Data Analysis

Geospatial Deconfliction

## Performance Calculations

- ➔ Simulation and emulation of aircraft performance
  - Declared distances and alignment
  - Slope and elevation
  - Special procedure optimization
  - Aircraft configuration optimization

## Regulatory Basis

# Performance Calculations

The table displays a grid of data with columns for aircraft type, weight, altitude, and runway length. It contains millions of rows representing different combinations of these variables.

Computerized Performance Calculations  
Millions of Combination Per Runway



Special One Engine Inoperative and All Engines Operating Procedures Are Computer Calculated

# Runway Length Determination with Aircraft Performance Engineering

Historical Environmental Data Analysis

Geospatial Deconfliction

Performance Calculations

Regulatory Basis

- ➔ Understand the differences between regulatory basis and foreign/domestic operators
  - Landing distance requirements
  - Obstacle clearance
  - Obstacle detection
  - Declared distance requirements
  - Passenger/baggage weights

## Regulatory Basis

Aircraft Category	Operating Rule			
	Part 91 (except Fractional Operations)	Part 91 Fractional Operations	Part 121	Part 135
Large Transport: Reciprocating engine powered	§ 91.605	§ 91.605	§ 121.175 - § 121.187	§ 135.365 - § 135.377
Large Transport: Turbine engine powered	§ 91.605	§ 91.1037	§ 121.189 - § 121.197	§ 135.379 - § 135.387
Large Nontransport	§ 91.103	§ 91.103	§ 121.199- § 121.205	§ 135.389 - § 135.395
Small Transport	§ 91.605	§ 91.605	Same as for Large Transport	§ 135.397
Commuter	§ 91.103	§ 91.103	Same as for Large Transport	§ 135.398
Small Nontransport	§ 91.103	§ 91.103	§ 121.189 – § 121.197 (See Paragraph 4-XXX)	§ 135.399

Declared Distances Are Encouraged  
No requirement to ensure obstacle clearance

Declared Distances Must Be Considered  
Special rules for takeoff minimums



## Examples of Conventional Analysis vs Aircraft Performance Engineering

- Oakland, CA (OAK/KOAK) Rwy 12/30 RSA Compliance
  - Operator Feedback vs Aircraft Performance
  
- Los Angeles, CA (LAX/KLAX) Rwy 06R/24L RSA Compliance
  - Observed Performance vs Aircraft Performance
  
- San Francisco, CA (SFO/KSFO) Rwy 01L/19R and 01R/19L RSA Compliance
  - Airport Planning Manuals vs Aircraft Performance
  
- Regional Airport in the Eastern US Master Plan Update
  - AC-150-5325-4B vs Aircraft Performance

## Oakland, CA (OAK/KOAK) 12/30 RSA Improvements

- Operators were asked to indicate how much runway they needed during a Runway Safety Area compliance project on the primary runway
  
- Answers came in a variety of formats with seemingly contradictory results
  - Chief Pilots provided minimum runway lengths necessary to operate of between 5,000ft up to 7,000ft (without any distinction as to whether it was for takeoff or landing)
  - Station managers coordinated with their aircraft performance engineering groups and got answers back ranging from 6,500ft up to 10,000ft
  - Some aircraft performance engineering departments responded with answers for wet conditions only, because no specific environmental assumptions or times of year had been established as a pre-condition
  - Many operators did not respond because the project was over 6 months away
  
- Result:
  - The airport planning and design teams were unable to converge on a single answer that would satisfy both the hub operators like Southwest Airlines without disabling the FedEx sort center, international and Hawaii operations

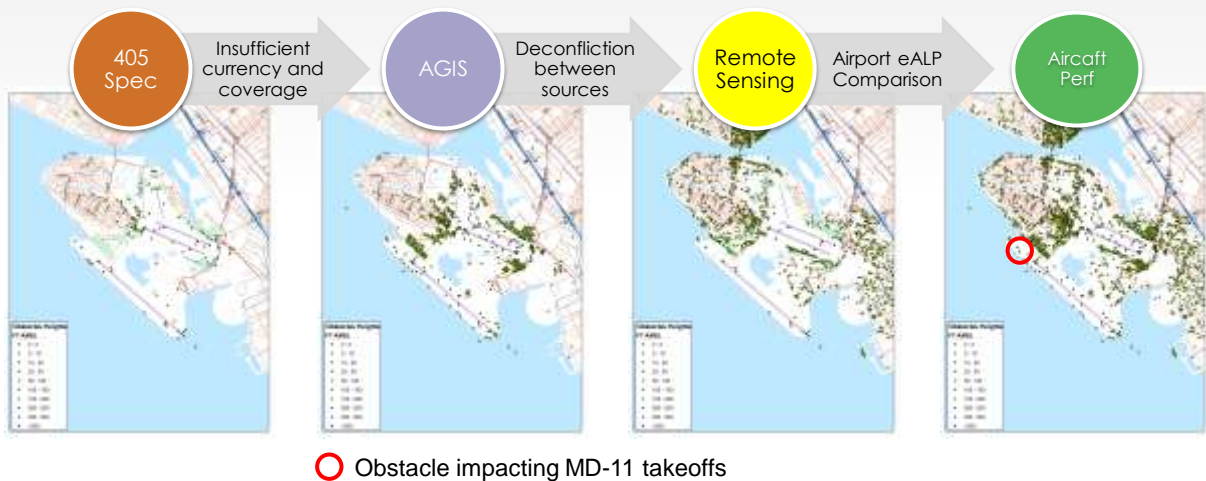


Work Area

## Oakland, CA (OAK/KOAK) 12/30 RSA Improvements

- We used Aircraft Performance Engineering to help the airport make a better determination:
  - Create an hourly/monthly historical environmental analysis that was equivalent to how the operators would consider the airport for their scheduled flights
  - Perform a geospatial deconfliction to understand what operators were “seeing” and convert the old NOAA and DDOF obstacles along with the TPSS/AGIS submission and eALP updates into a common view based on domestic and international obstacle detection areas
  - Create payload range assessments using aircraft performance manuals and software for operators that were unable to deliver detailed responses and identify the critical aircraft by hour, by month
- Result:
  - A phased construction of the runway was created to maintain FedEx, European and Hawaii operations that would have otherwise not been able to operate
  - The geospatial deconfliction revealed that certain obstacles should be removed prior to implementation of the shortened runway lengths, which would have been limited MD-11 takeoffs by 10klbs – 20klbs

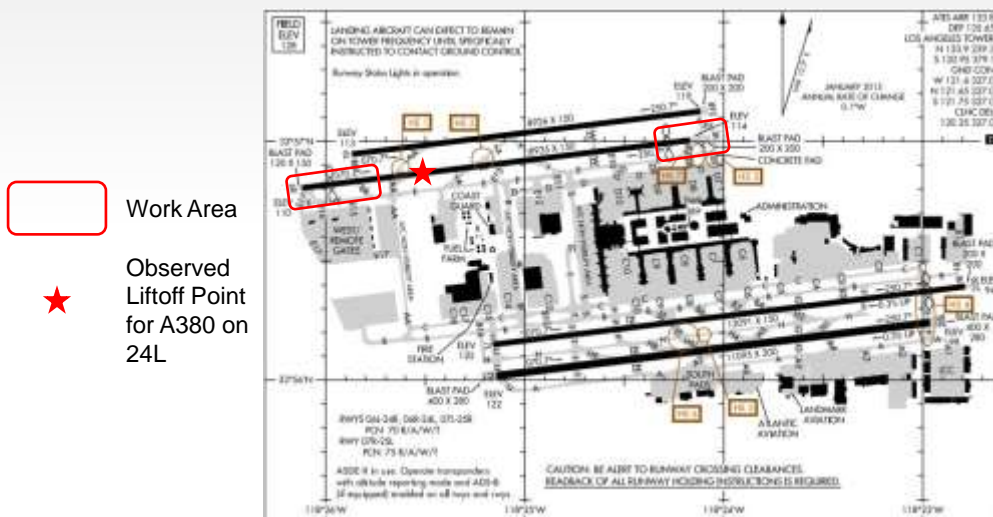
## Oakland Geospatial Deconfliction Example



## Los Angeles, CA (LAX/KLAX) 06R/24L RSA Improvements

- Airport needed to make RSA improvements to the third longest runway at the airport ahead of longer range masterplans that involved potential decoupling of the runways
- Airport had observed that the current runway was frequently used by 747s, A340 and A380 following cross field taxiway reconstruction and the opening of the new Tom Brady International Terminal
- Airport and tower representatives had also observed that most aircraft lifted off thousands of feet prior to the end of the runway and hypothesized that some reduction in the TODA/TORA/ASDA could be utilized to achieve RSA compliance instead of adding additional runway
- The airport received information from the planning process that relocating the thresholds would have no impacts on aircraft performance because the “length” (and not the position) had always been sufficient but they weren’t getting a lot of operator feedback to justify this feedback or the other reduced length hypothesis
- Result:
  - The airport planning and design teams wanted to understand how changes to the runway would impact widebody operations on trans-pacific and trans-Atlantic operations if the runway were unbalanced and new obstruction surveys were considered

## Los Angeles, CA (LAX/KLAX) 06R/24L RSA Improvements



*Construction is currently in progress, hence the shorter length on 06R/24L*

## Los Angeles, CA (LAX/KLAX) 06R/24L RSA Improvements

- We used Aircraft Performance Engineering to help the airport make a better determination
  - Performing a geospatial deconfliction on the new AC-150-5300-18B collected dataset revealed that there were a number of obstacles that the airport was preparing to distribute to the TPSS, but these obstacles were not yet "known" to air carriers
  - Additional obstacles were detected that had not been captured by the -18B process along city owned streets surrounding the airport
  - The hypothesized position of the runway, combined with the new obstacle data set, would have prevented A340s and 747s from using the runway in the future for Trans-Pacific and Middle Eastern Operations
  - SCAP based aircraft performance calculations, for unbalanced field lengths and obstacle clearance, were used to simulate and emulate the impacted payload range options to find a more optimal RSA compliant solution
- Result
  - Aircraft operators were effectively forewarned of the upcoming updates to the obstacle situation at the airport, and agreed with the aircraft performance engineering assessments that had been used in the lead up to the construction
  - This ensured that the design of the runway, and its reconstruction, could occur on schedule with an enhanced taxiway layout and improved payload range performance for current and future operators off of the same physical pavement length

## Los Angeles, CA (LAX/KLAX) 06R/24L RSA Improvements 747-400 Payload Range

- Range Before Obstacles and RSA Compliance
- Range That Would Have Resulted From Current Methods



- Range That Resulted From Aircraft Performance Engineering



## San Francisco, CA (SFO/KSFO) 01L/19R and 01R/19L RSA Improvements

- We used Aircraft Performance Engineering to determine the optimal runway lengths:
  - Optimized aircraft performance calculations were used to model several options based on different constructability criteria
  - The results of the analysis were used to create a flight by flight, hour by hour, breakdown of the existing schedule that could be used with TAAM and SIMMOD that indicate which flights would be able to use the runways and which would need to utilize the 10/28s
  - Geospatial deconfliction and a regulatory analysis revealed that different obstacle determination methods were being considered for one engine inoperative clearance relative to the sea wall and ships that transit the departure path
- Result
  - The airport consultant team, empowered by the Aircraft Performance Engineering derived SIMMOD analysis was able to show that several design options existed that could accommodate 85% of scheduled flights

## San Francisco, CA (SFO/KSFO) 01L/19R and 01R/19L RSA Improvements

- ⊘ Current methods available for estimating runway length showed that the runways would be unsuitable for use during construction



- ✓ Aircraft Performance Engineering was able to show different runway length options that could accommodate over 90% of traffic

## Regional Airport In the Eastern US Masterplan Update

- A regional airport in the Eastern US was completing an update to the master plan to accommodate longer range business jet operations off of the primary runway
- Current methods for estimating runway length taken from AC-150-5325-4B led to the conclusion that the runway needed to be extended from 5500ft to a new length of 7000ft
- Significant slope (>0.5%), obstruction removal, RSA and RPZ issues led to an open question about how best to achieve the extension
  - Extend the runway but use declared distances
  - Relocate the runway and avoid declared distances
- Result
  - The planning team decided to use aircraft performance engineering to determine whether the use of declared distances, or relocating the runway would be a better option

## Regional Airport In the Eastern US Masterplan Update

- We used Aircraft Performance Engineering to evaluate the best options to achieve the extension:
  - A length of haul study indicated that the target market for the extension should be West Coast operations and not Trans Atlantic (no plan for customs at the airport)
  - The target aircraft identified in the study were being operated under several different operating rules
  - Aircraft flight manuals (AFMs) and detailed historical environmental analysis (monthly/hourly) were used to determine the runway lengths needed with and without obstacles
  - By changing the liftoff end elevations through different relocation scenarios, the optimal runway length with obstacle clearance was found to be in the range of 6200ft and 6400ft with a 0.1% reduction in slope
- Results
  - A new location for the runway was identified that maintained 6400ft of runway, but relocated it to a position where all business jet operators would benefit from the extension

Aircraft Type	Aircraft Performance Engineering Runway Length Without Obstacles	Aircraft Performance Engineering Runway Length With Obstacles
Hawker 800XP To SFO	7,090 ft	8,600 ft
Hawker 800XP Relocated Rwy	6,440 ft	6,440 ft
Challenger 300 To SFO	6,290 ft	7,600 ft
Challenger 300 Relocated Rwy	6,200 ft	6,200 ft



## Summary of Novel Aircraft Performance Engineering Methods for Runway Length

Aircraft Performance Method	Key Elements	Benefits	Conventional Analysis Method	Risks
<b>Historical Environmental Data Analysis</b>	Monthly/Hourly environmental data	<b>Precise, schedule level determinations</b>  <b>Same methods as the operators</b>	Average Daily Maximum Temperature  Historical Wind Assessment	Imprecise assessment that does not match aircraft scheduling  Runway lengths will be longer than optimal
<b>Geospatial Deconfliction</b>	Resolve past, current and future discrepancies for runway and obstacle data	<b>Cost effective optimization</b>  <b>Re-usable set of data for aircraft operators to consider</b>	Surveying  ALP Updates	Expensive, especially when not required for the project.  Results will not reveal how the operator "sees" the airport
<b>Airport Performance Calculations</b>	Computerized Aircraft Performance Calculations from the Operator and Aircraft Manufacturer	<b>Same answers as the operator</b>  <b>Optimal runway lengths</b>  <b>Reduced operator feedback time</b>	Airport Planning Manuals  AC-150-5325-4B  Observations and Experience	Runway lengths are not optimizable  Obstacle and slope accountability is impossible
<b>Regulatory Basis</b>	Direct application of different regulatory basis to runway length analysis	<b>Reduced operator feedback time</b>  <b>Optimal runway lengths for international operators and business jet operators</b>	Operator Feedback	Significant time with operator feedback is required to cover all regulatory basis



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