

AVIATION NOISE 101

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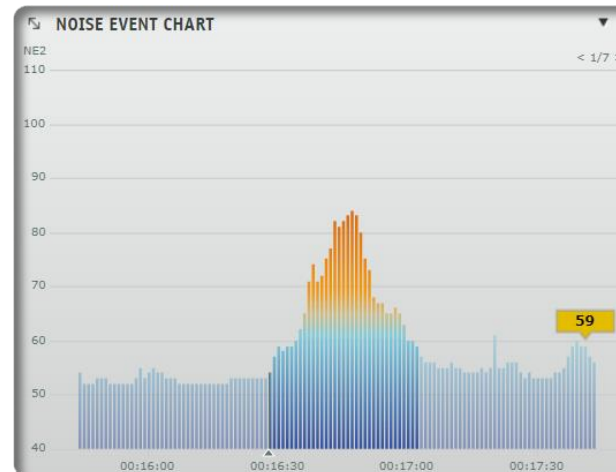
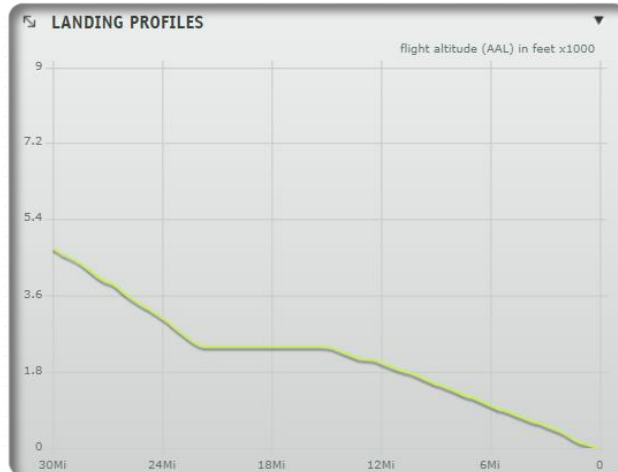


UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium: February 25, 2017 – Long Beach, CA

FLIGHTPLAN

TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
Introduction/Ice Breaker	Steve & Greg	12:00
Evolution of Aviation Noise	Steve	12:15
Break	-----	13:00
Science of Aviation Noise	Gregory	13:15
Quantifying Aviation Noise	Steve	13:45
Break	-----	14:15
Regulating Aviation Noise	Steve	14:30
Mitigating Aviation Noise	Steve	15:00
Break	-----	15:30
Aircraft Performance and Noise	Greg	15:45
Performance Based Navigation	Greg	16:15
Flight Procedure Design	Greg	16:35

THE SCIENCE OF AVIATION NOISE



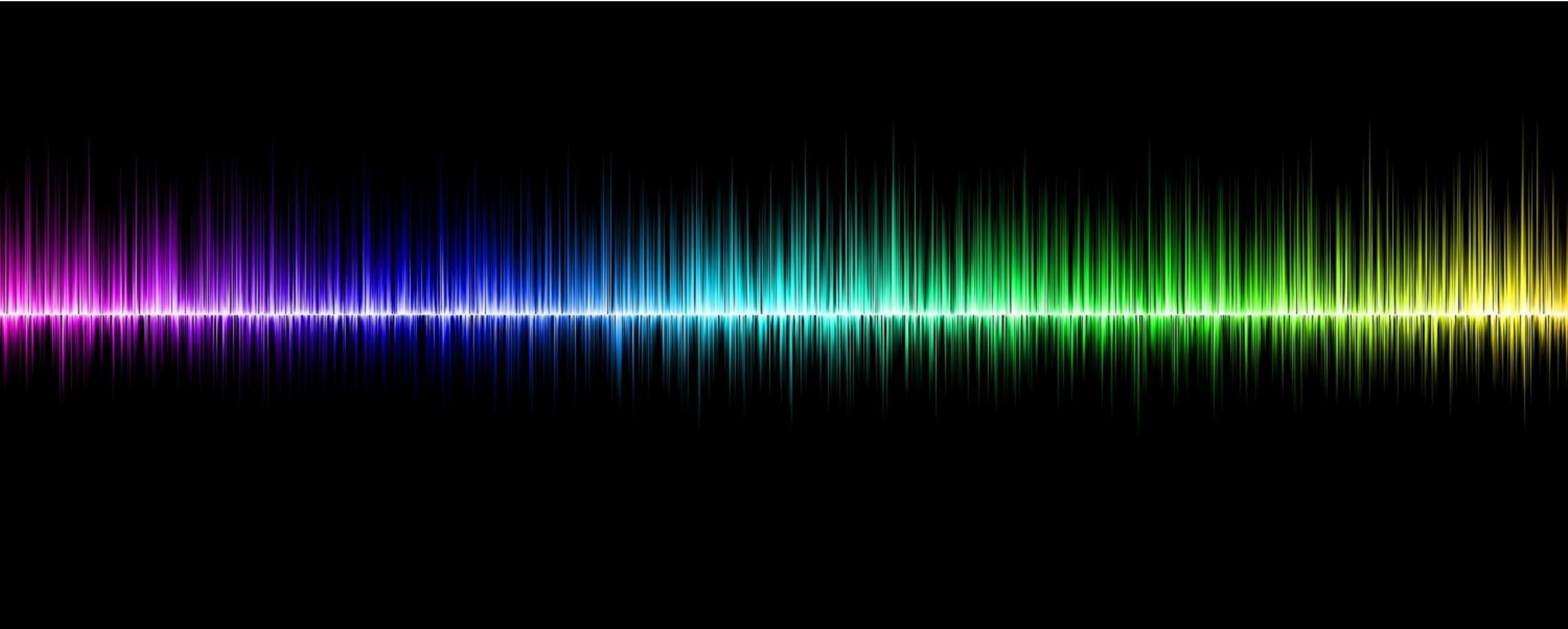
FLIGHT

DIRECTION	Landing	ID	6606399
LANDING TIME	20 Feb 2018 00:17:08	CALLSIGN	AAL1020
RUNWAY	17C	SSR	2042
DEPT/DEST	KCLT/KDFW	A/C TYPE	B738
ON TRACK	✓	REG.	N825NN
GATEPASSINGS	none	PROPULSION	Jet
		WVC	MEDIUM
		RULES	
		MTOW	78
		CATEGORY	1
		ANNOTATION	0

WEATHER KDFW

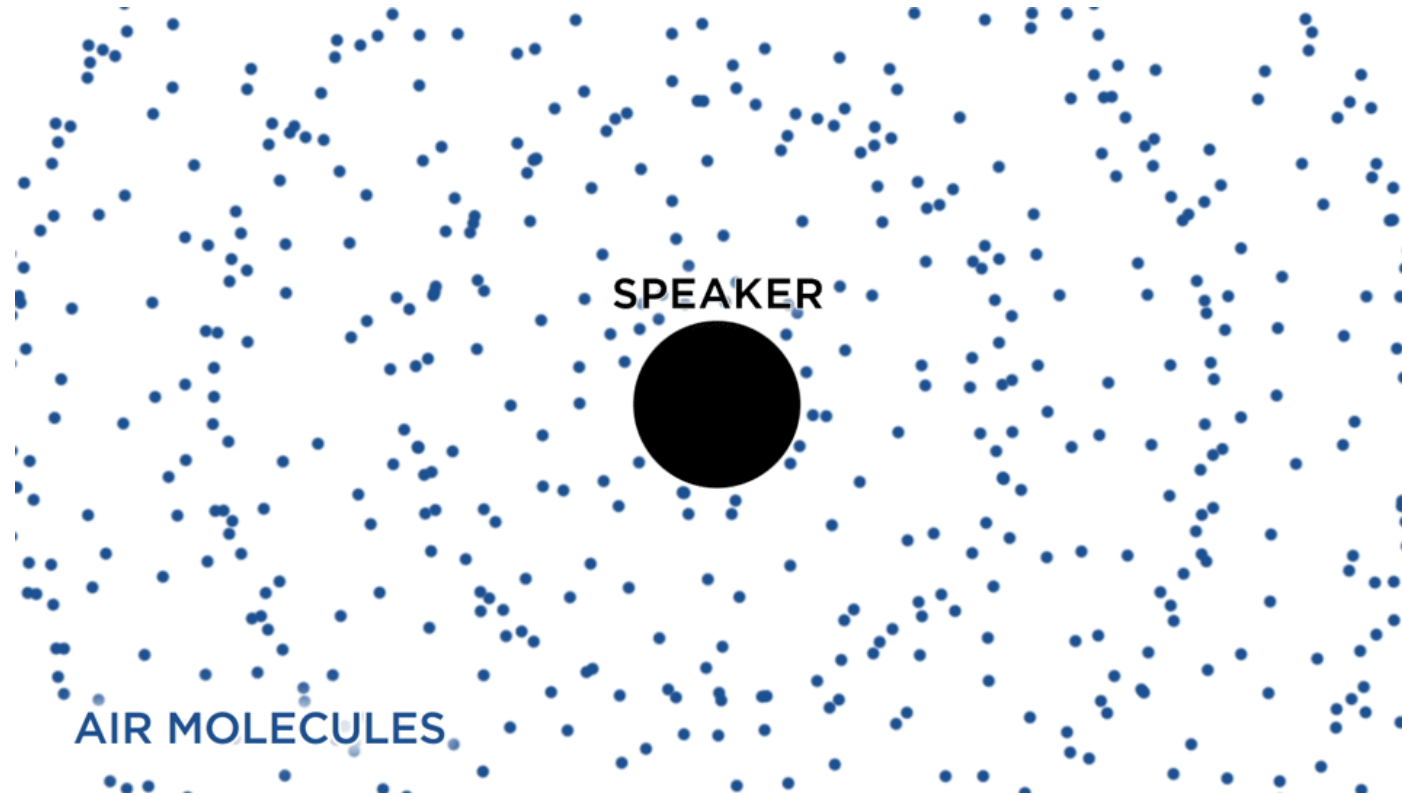
QNH	29.80 Hg
TEMP	73°F
DEWPOINT	64°F
WINDSPEED	18 kt
WINDDIR	170°
GUST	26 kt
VISIBILITY	6SM
CLOUDS	OVC020
METAR	200553Z 17018G26KT 10SM OVC020 23/18 A2981 RMK A02 PK WND 15030/0524 SLP087 60000 T02280183 10261 20222 402610194 51004

WHAT IS SOUND?



A mechanical wave that results from the back and forth vibration of the particles of the medium through which the sound wave is moving

HOW DOES SOUND TRAVEL?



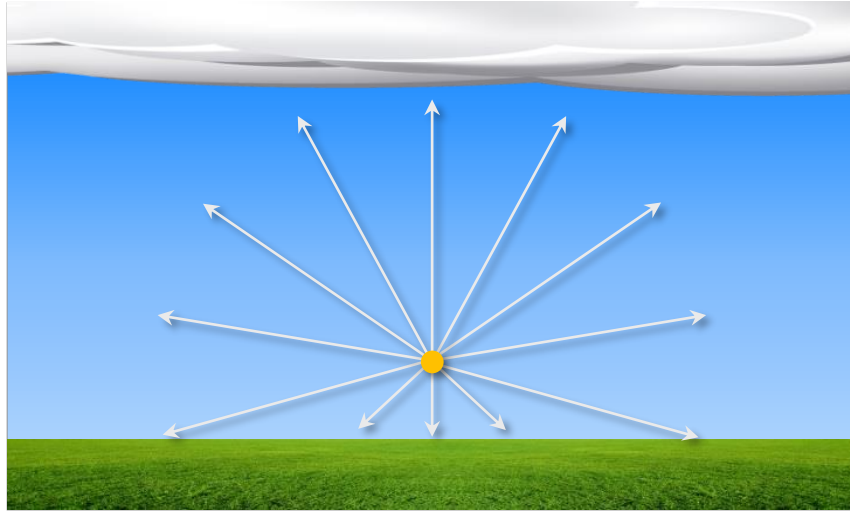
Sound is transmitted through the air by the vibration of air molecules

HOW IS SOUND ENERGY MEASURED?

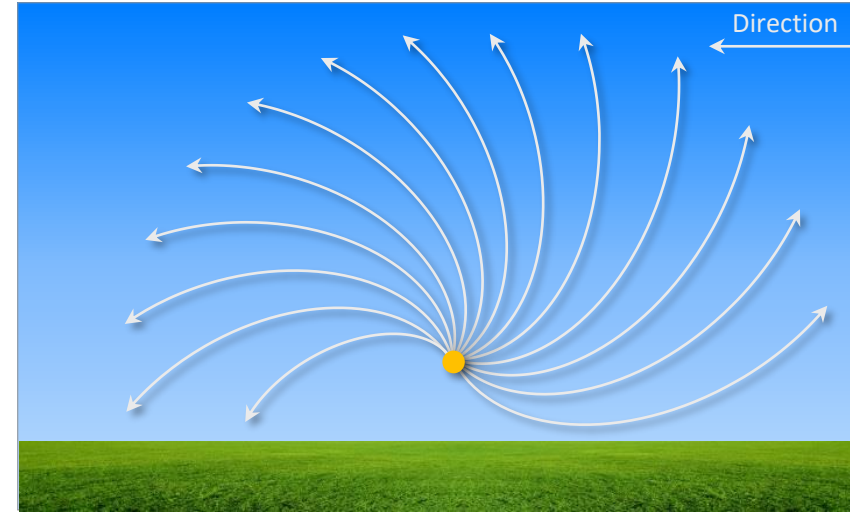
		dB	Sound Energy	Perceived Loudness
Rock Concert		120	1,000,000	64x
Ambulance		110	100,000	32x
Fire Alarm		100	10,000	16x
Subway Train		90	1,000	8x
Urban Street		80	100	4x
Department Store		70	10	2x
Typical Conversation		60	1	1
Suburban Area		50	.1	1/2x
Rural Area		40	.01	1/4x
Whisper		30	.001	1/8x
Wilderness		20	.0001	1/16x
Breathing		10	.00001	1/32x
Threshold of Hearing		0	.000001	1/64x

WEATHER'S EFFECT ON SOUND TRANSMISSION

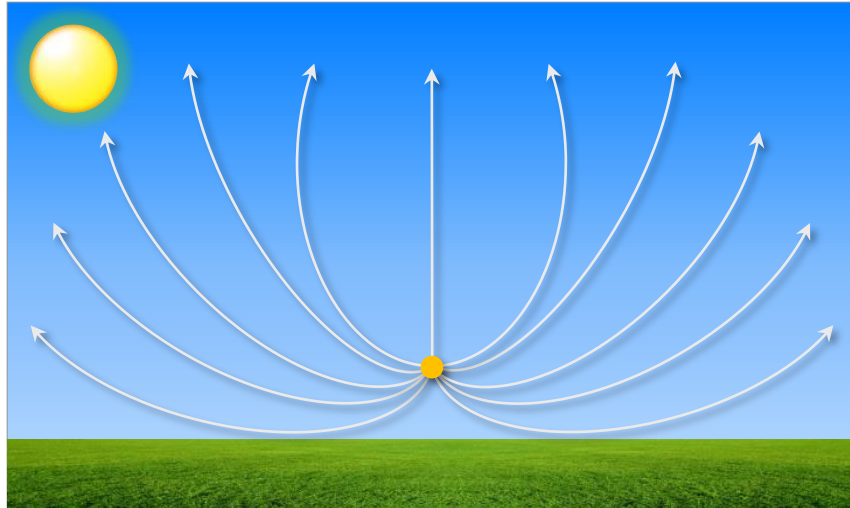
Calm and Cloudy



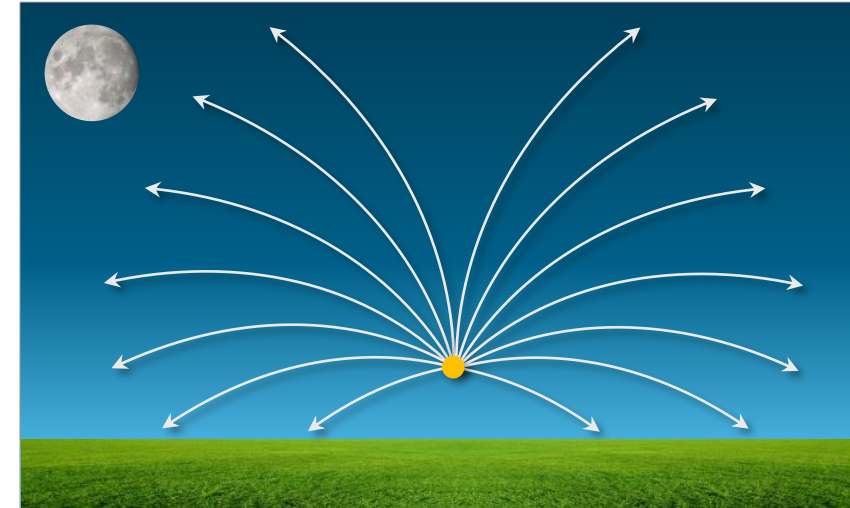
Windy



Calm and Sunny



Nighttime



WHAT IS NOISE?



Noise – a sound, especially one that is loud or unpleasant or that causes disturbance. (unwanted sound)



AIRPORT NOISE SOURCES

Aircraft Departures



Engine Run-Ups



Running APU



Aircraft Arrivals



Reverse Thrust



Aircraft Idling / Taxiing



AIRCRAFT NOISE SOURCES



WHO REGULATES AIRPLANE NOISE IN THE UNITED STATES?



Federal Aviation Regulations Part 36 – Noise Standards: Aircraft Type and Airworthiness Certification

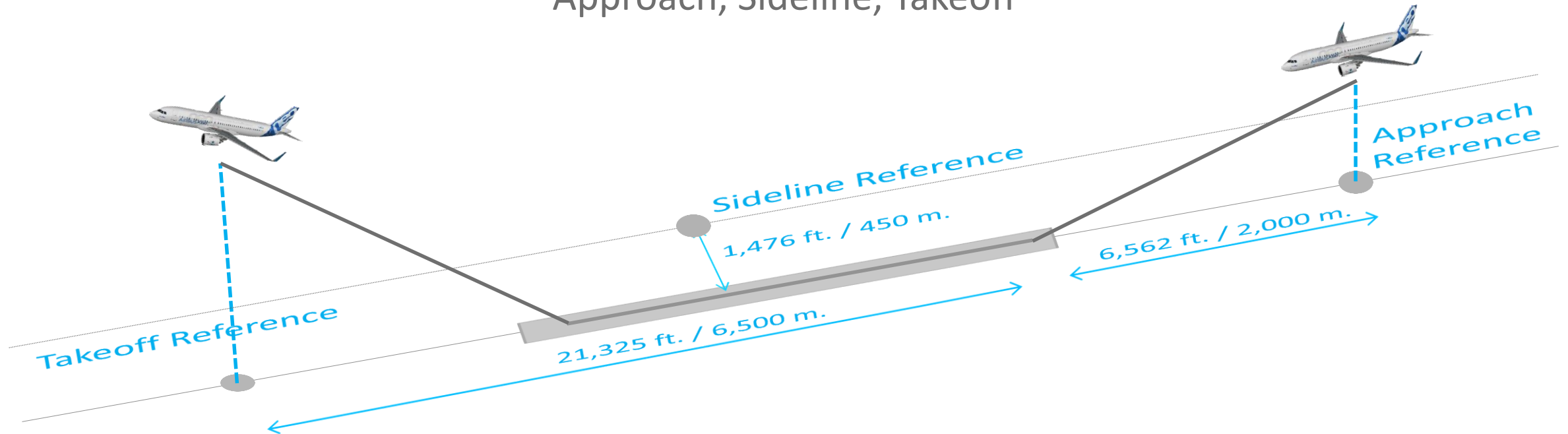
Subpart B – Transport Category Large Airplanes and Jet Airplanes

FAR 36.101 – Noise Measurement and Evaluation

FAR 36.103 – Noise Limits

HOW IS AIRCRAFT NOISE MEASURED?

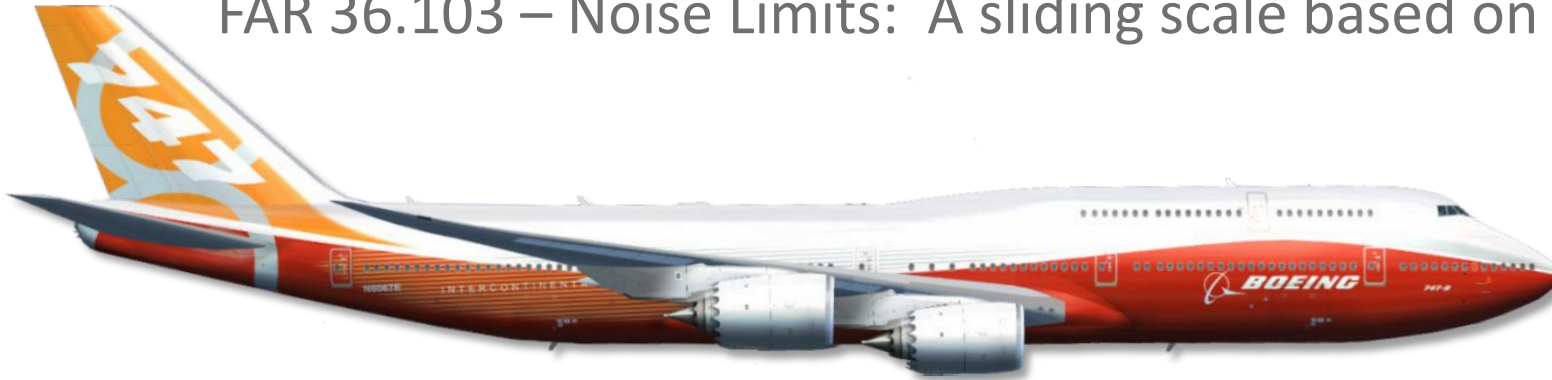
Aircraft Noise Certification Points:
Approach, Sideline, Takeoff



Aircraft Noise is measured in A weighted decibels (dBA)

HOW LOUD CAN A COMMERCIAL JET BE?

FAR 36.103 – Noise Limits: A sliding scale based on aircraft weight (Stage IV)



Boeing 747-8I, Max Takeoff Weight = 987,000 lb.

Certification Level	Sideline	Approach	Takeoff
Noise Level (EPNdB)	94.0	100.9	94.5
Noise Limit (EPNdB)	103.0	105.0	106.0
Margin Below Stage IV	9.0	4.1	11.5



Boeing 787-8, Max Takeoff Weight = 502,500 lb.

Certification Level	Sideline	Approach	Takeoff
Noise Level (EPNdB)	91.6	94.2	86.6
Noise Limit (EPNdB)	100.9	104.3	98.0
Margin Below Stage IV	9.3	10.1	11.4



Boeing 737-8 MAX, Max Takeoff Weight = 181,200 lb.

Certification Level	Sideline	Approach	Takeoff
Noise Level (EPNdB)	88.5	94.2	82.6
Noise Limit (EPNdB)	97.2	100.9	92.1
Margin Below Stage IV	8.7	6.7	9.5

WHAT DOES A 10 DECIBEL INCREASE IN NOISE EQUATE TO?



10 dB increase = 10x sound energy but is only perceived to be 2x louder

HOW DOES THE FAA QUANTIFY AIRPLANE NOISE?



DNL – Day-night average sound level over a 24-hour period

DNL NIGHTTIME NOISE PENALTY

DAYTIME AIRCRAFT NOISE	NIGHTTIME AIRCRAFT NOISE
	
1 Event = 1 Event	1 Event = 10 Events

Aircraft operations between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am have a 10 dB penalty added to them to account for the lower ambient noise levels in communities, which increases the likelihood of these events causing annoyance and sleep disturbance

WHY WAS 65 DNL CHOSEN AS THE THRESHOLD?

Federal Interagency Committee on Urban Noise (FICUN)



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



Guidelines for Considering Noise in Land Use Planning and Control (1980)

<http://www.nonoise.org/epa/Roll7/roll7doc20.pdf>

This report established the Federal government's DNL 65 dB standard and related guidelines for land use compatibility

HOW DOES THE FAA DEFINE SIGNIFICANT NOISE?



According to the FAA noise levels of DNL 65 dB or above are generally considered incompatible with residential land uses and people living within the DNL 65 dB or higher contour are considered to be significantly impacted by aircraft noise.

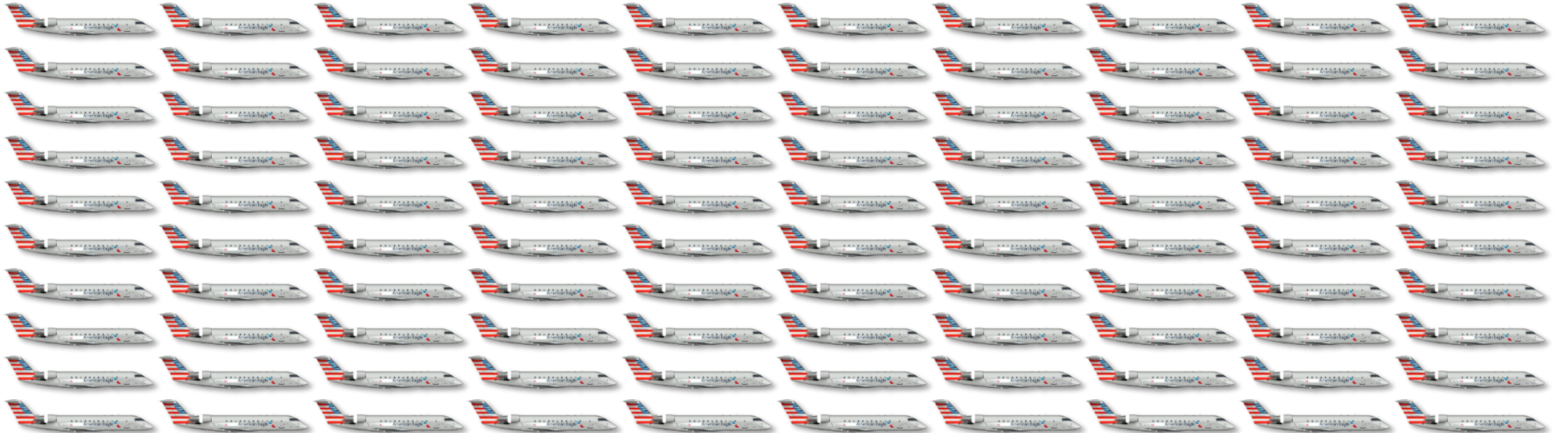
EQUIVELANT DNL NOISE LEVELS



1 Event/Day SEL 114.4 dBA = 65 DNL



10 Events/Day SEL 104.4 dBA = 65 DNL



100 Events/Day SEL 94.4 dBA = 65 DNL

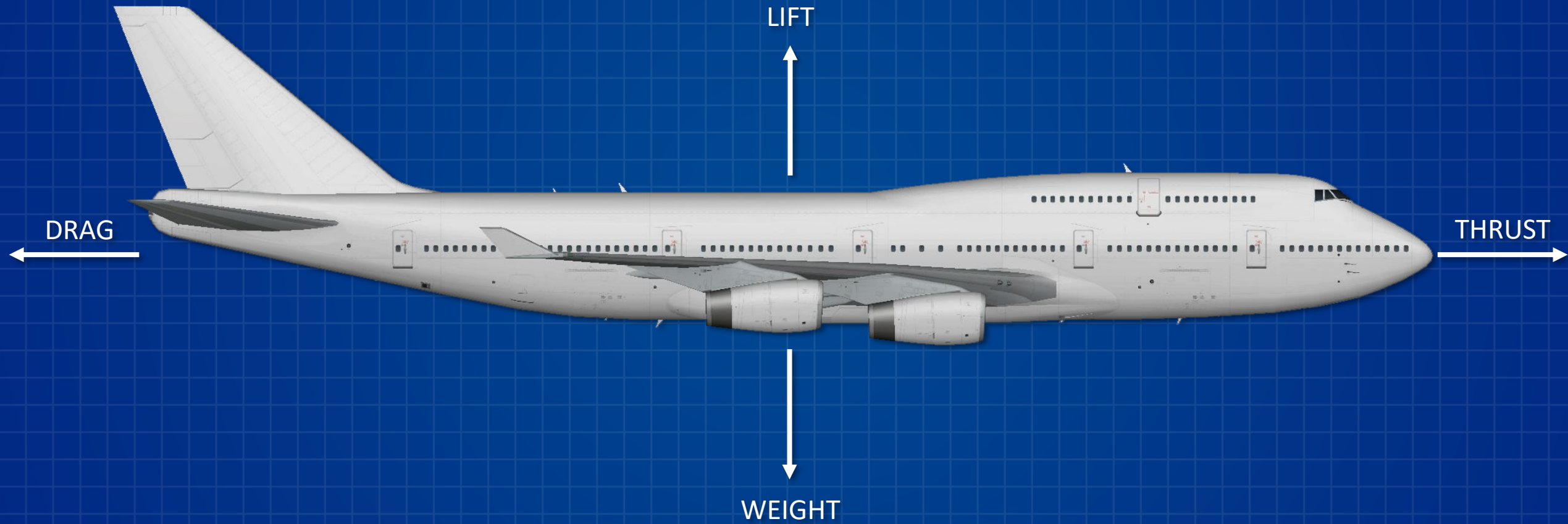
HOW DOES NOISE GET INTO MY HOME?



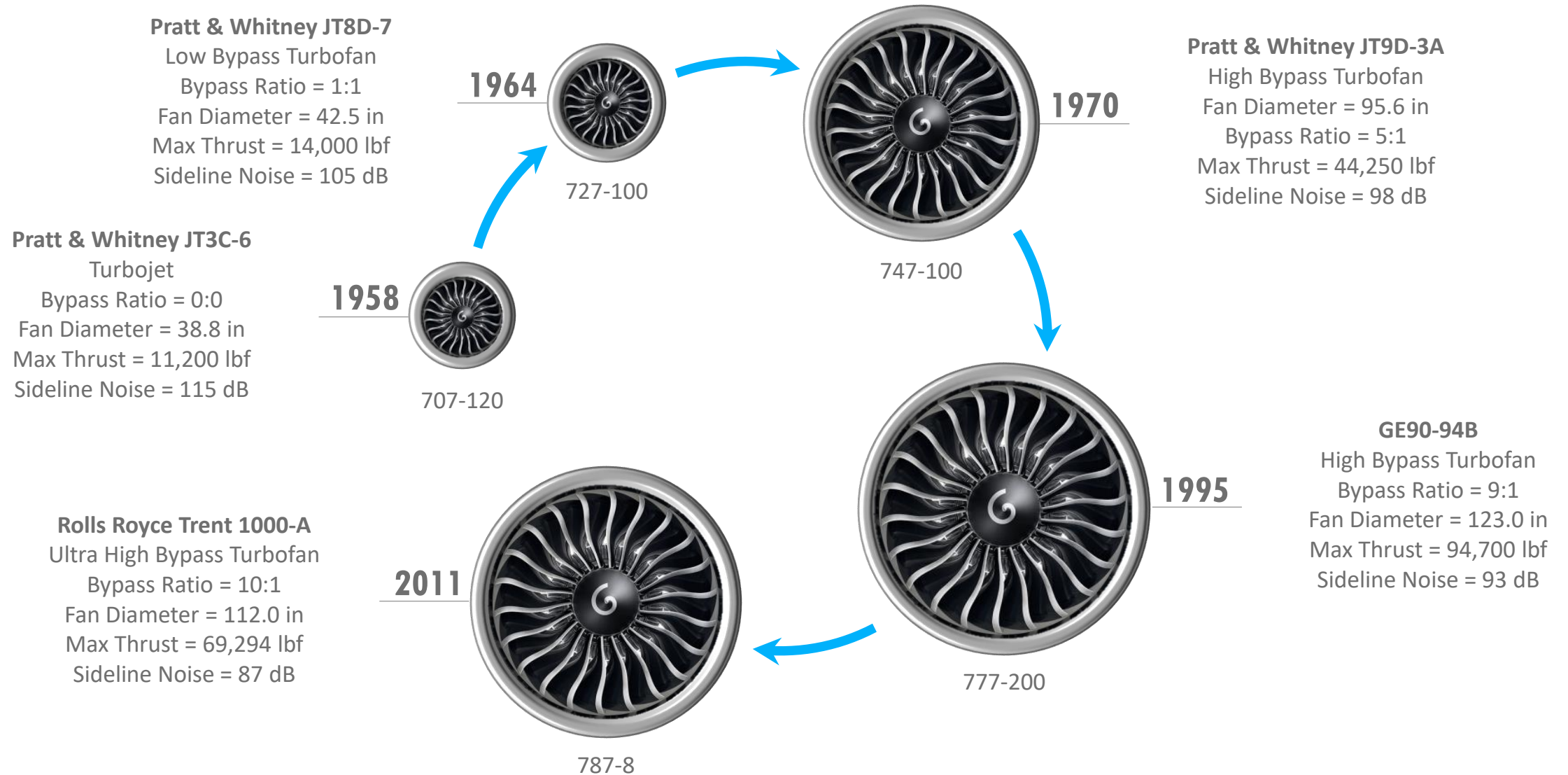
AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE AND NOISE



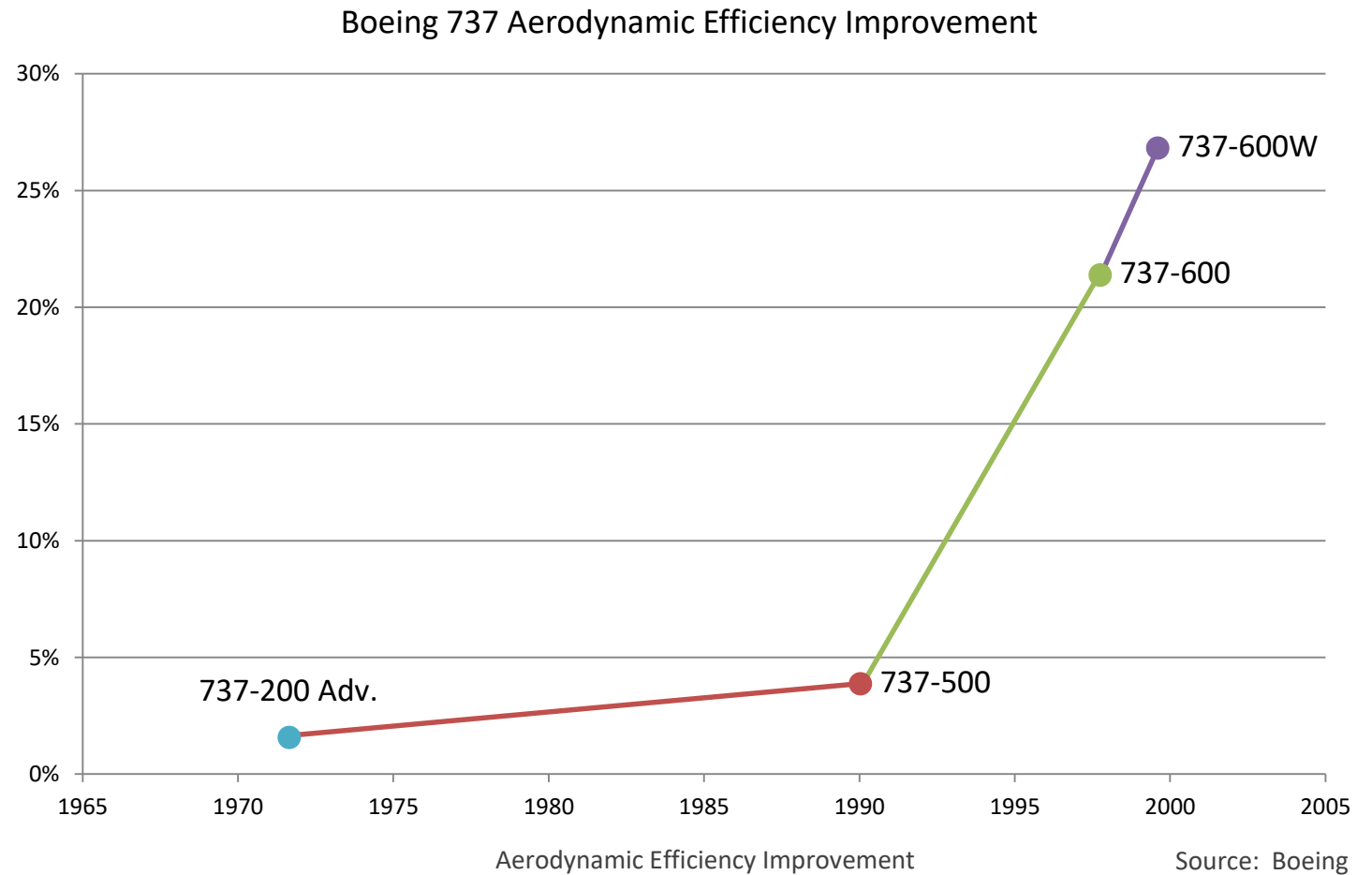
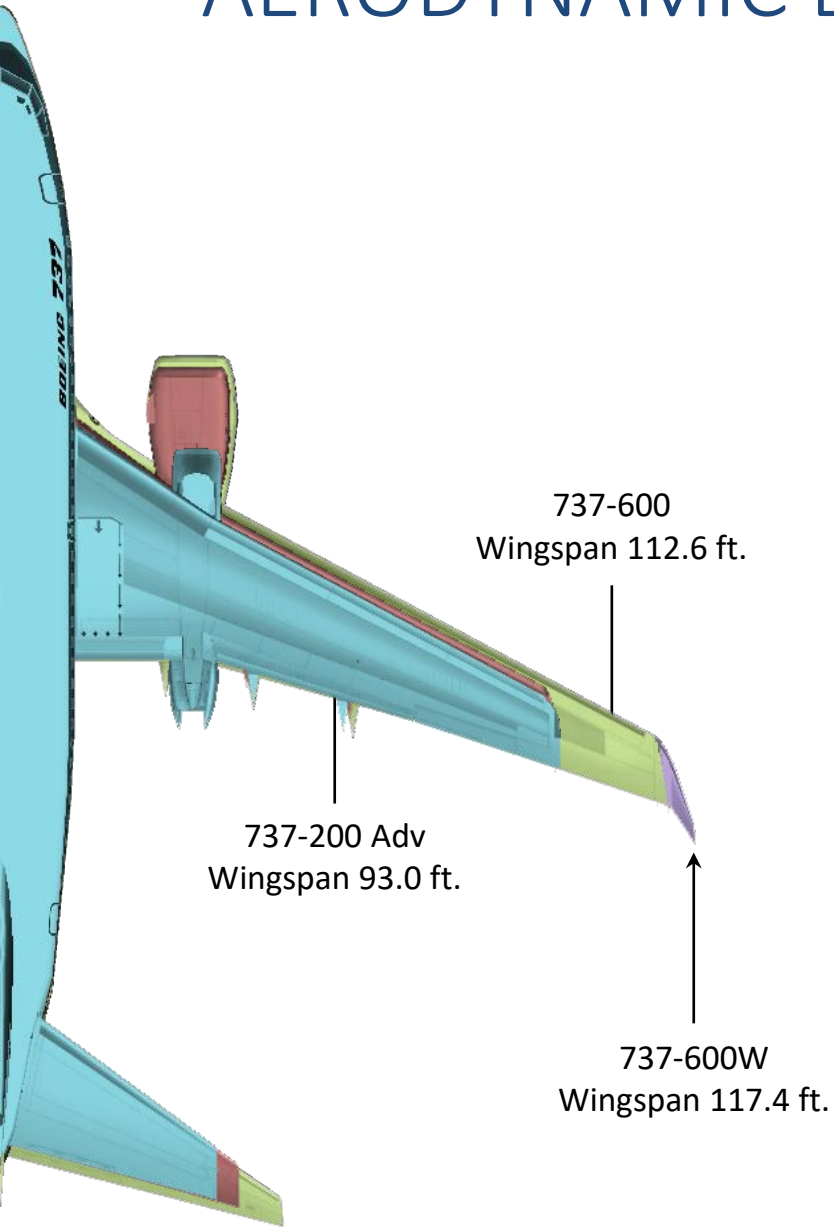
AERODYNAMIC FORCES ACTING ON AN AIRPLANE



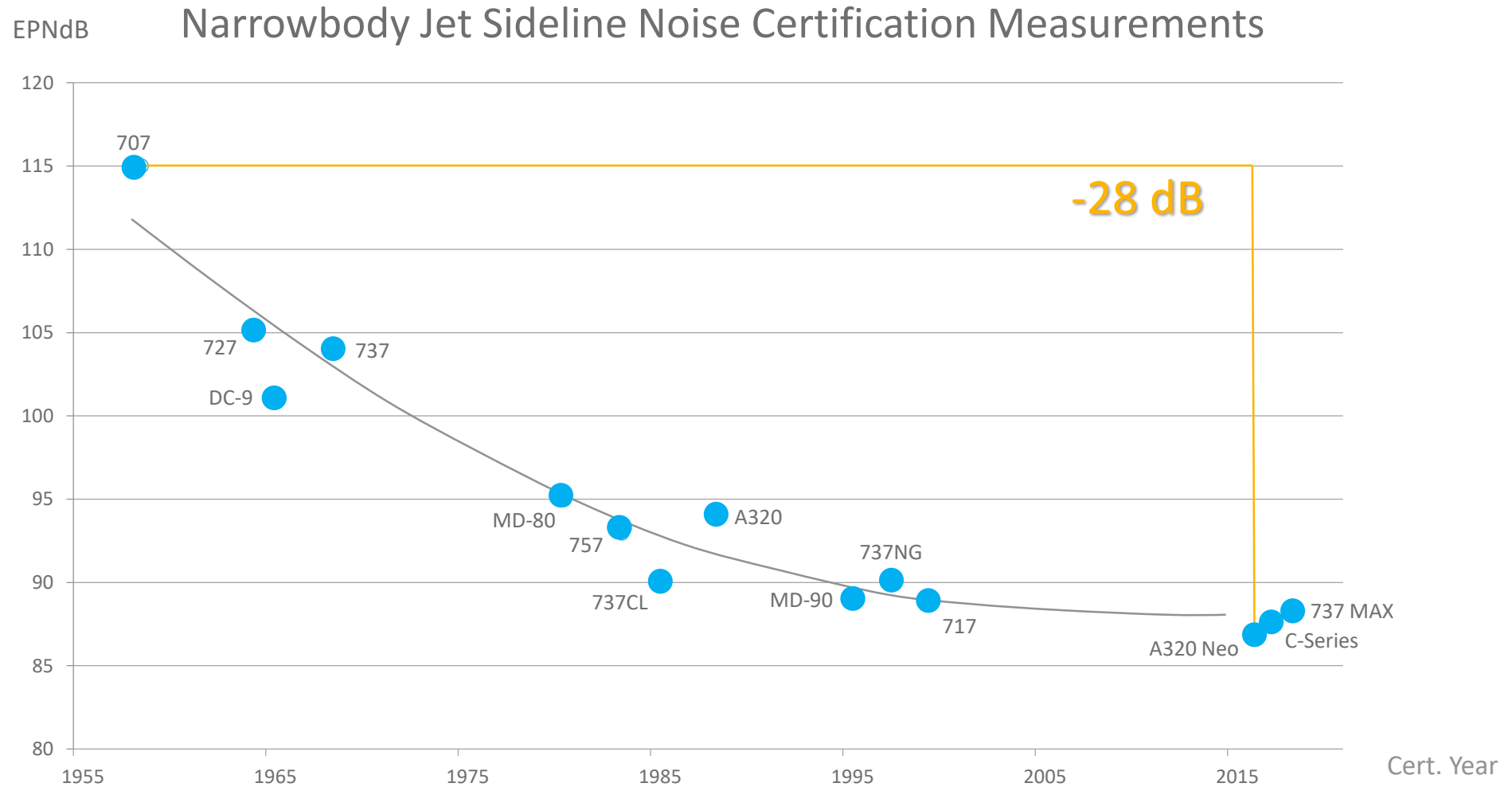
THE EVOLUTION OF THE COMMERCIAL JET ENGINE



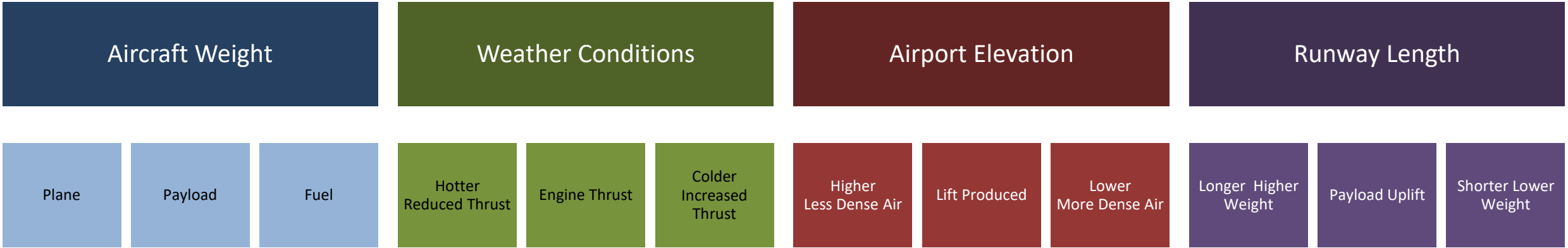
AERODYNAMIC EVOLUTION OF THE BOEING 737 FAMILY



EVOLUTION OF THE NARROWBODY COMMERCIAL JET



FACTORS THAT EFFECT AIRCRAFT TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE



EXPLAINING THE VARIABILITY IN DEPARTURE PROFILES



Los Angeles (**LAX**) to Sydney (**SYD**)

Aircraft Assigned: Boeing 747-438 (VH-OJS)

Flight Plan Distance: 7,560 miles

LAX

JFK

SYD



Los Angeles (**LAX**) to New York (**JFK**)

Aircraft Assigned: Boeing 747-438 (VH-OJT)

Flight Plan Distance: 2,536 miles

HOW MUCH DOES A BOEING 747 WEIGH?



BOEING 747-400 (4x RB211-524H) WEIGHTS

OPERATING EMPTY WEIGHT	394,088 lb. / 178,755 kg.
MAX STRUCTURAL PAYLOAD	148,412 lb. / 67,319 kg.
MAX ZERO FUEL WEIGHT	542,500 lb. / 246,074 kg.
MAX USEABLE FUEL	382,336 lb. / 173,425 kg.
MAX TAXI WEIGHT	877,000 lb. / 397,801 kg.
MAX TAKEOFF WEIGHT	875,000 lb. / 396,893 kg.
MAX LANDING WEIGHT	630,000 lb. / 285,763 kg.

HOW MUCH FUEL DO WE NEED FOR OUR TRIP?

Fuel Planning Schematic 747-400 (STANDARD UNITS)

Basic Operating Empty Weight: 394,000lbs

Payload: 105,727lbs

Zero Fuel Weight: 499,815lbs
(Must be less than 535,000)

	Zero Fuel Weight:	<u>499,815lbs</u>
+	Minimum Landing Fuel:	<u>24,000lbs</u>
+	Alternate Fuel:	<u>11,400lbs</u>
+	Contingency Fuel:	<u>11,139lbs</u>

Planned Landing Weight: 546,354lbs
(Must be less than 630,000)

	Planned Landing Weight:	<u>546,354lbs</u>
+	Flight Plan Fuel:	<u>324,164lbs</u>

Planned Gross Takeoff Weight: 870,518lbs
(Must be less than 875,000)

	Planned Gross Takeoff Weight:	<u>870,518lbs</u>
+	Taxi Fuel Burn Off:	<u>3,000lbs</u>

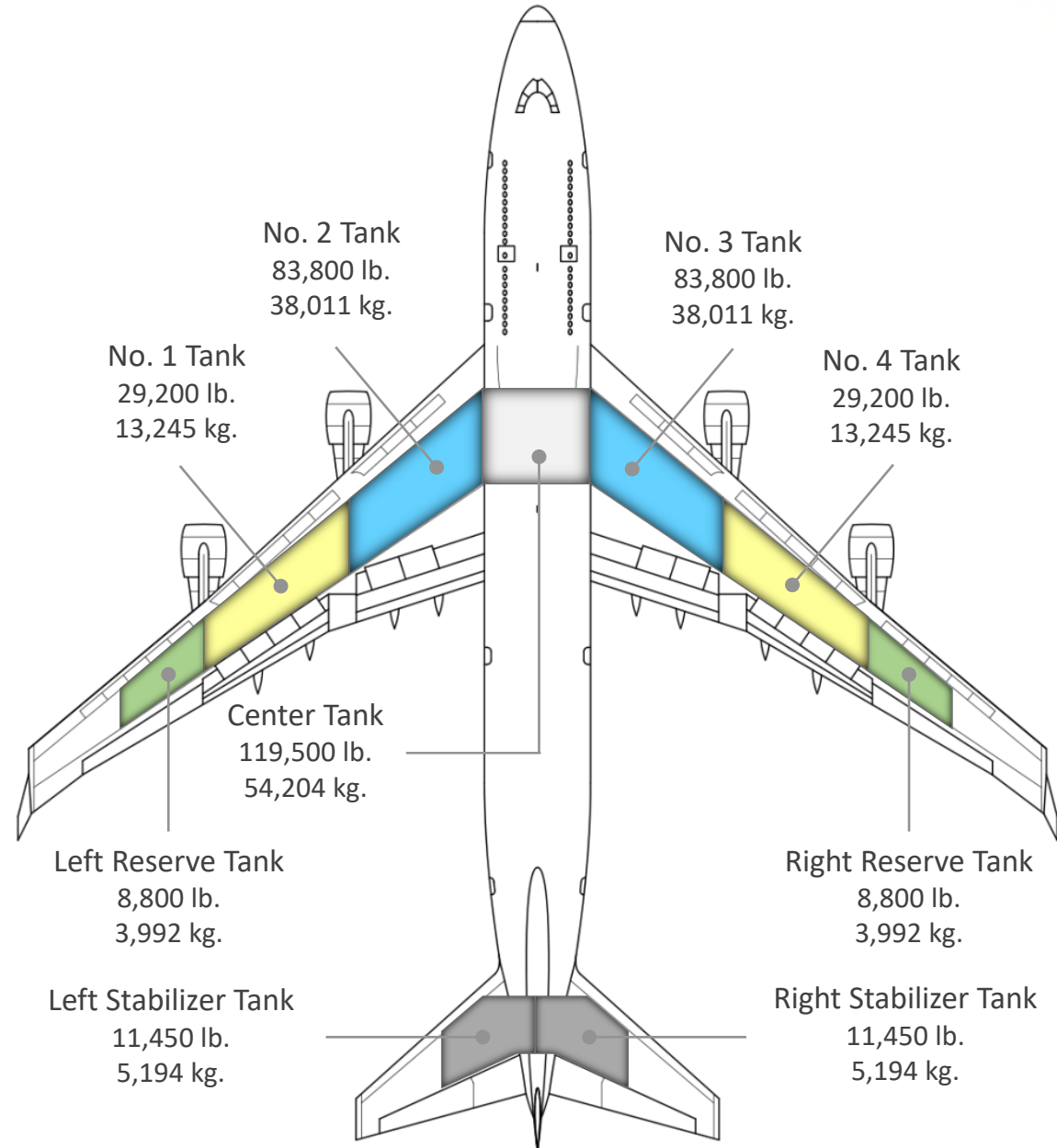
Planned Taxi-Out Weight: 873,518lbs
(Must be less than 877,000)

Schematic should be used to ensure compliance with structural weight limits.

Crews should verify that planned takeoff and planned landing weights are not limited by reduced runway lengths or high density altitudes.

Boeing 747-400 Fuel Capacity

Capacity = 386,000 lb.	Useable = 382,336 lb.	Unusable = 3,664 lb.
175,087 kg.	173,425 kg.	1,662 kg.



FUEL LOAD PLANNING

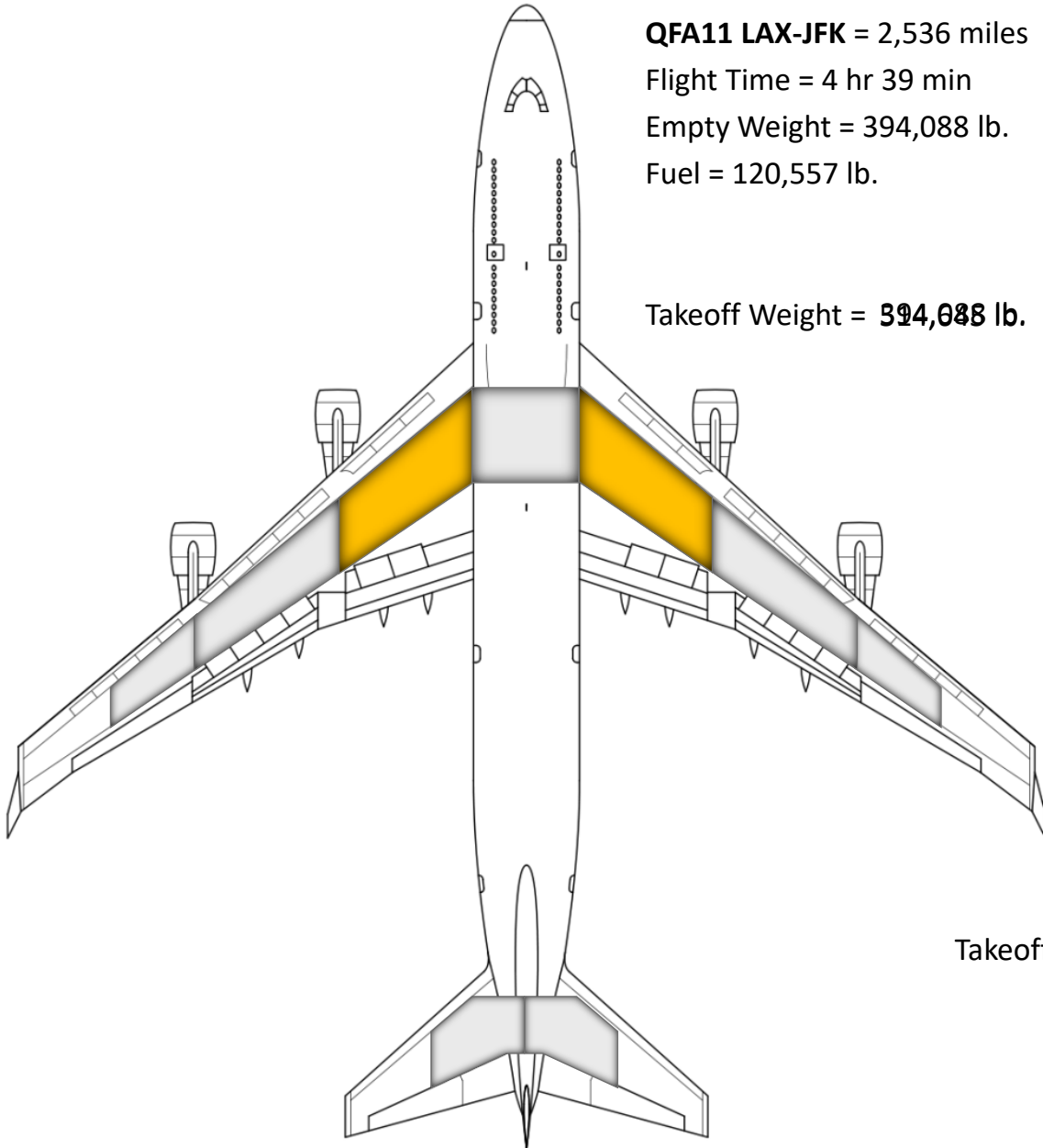
QFA11 LAX-JFK = 2,536 miles

Flight Time = 4 hr 39 min

Empty Weight = 394,088 lb.

Fuel = 120,557 lb.

Takeoff Weight = ~~394,088~~ lb.



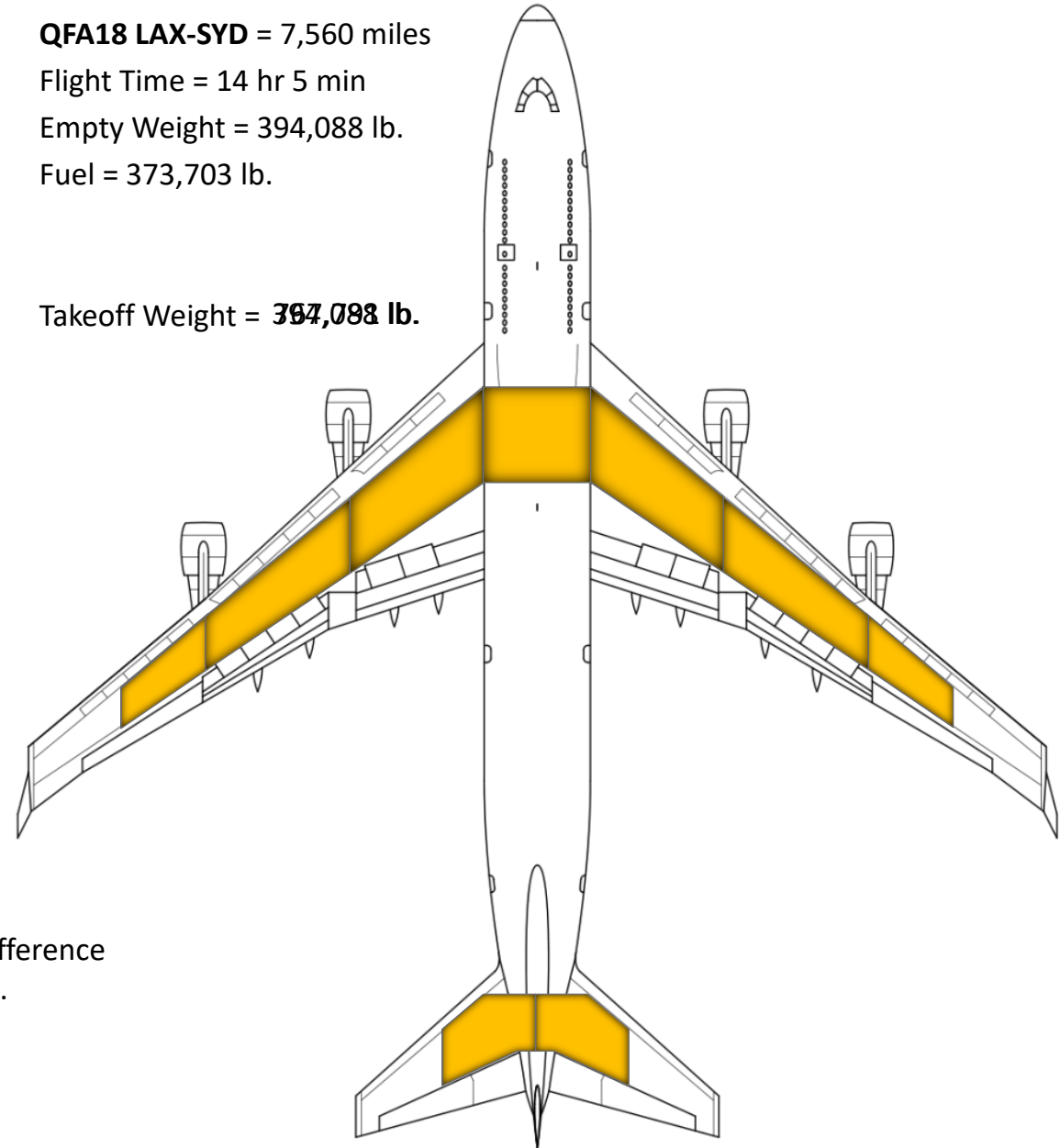
QFA18 LAX-SYD = 7,560 miles

Flight Time = 14 hr 5 min

Empty Weight = 394,088 lb.

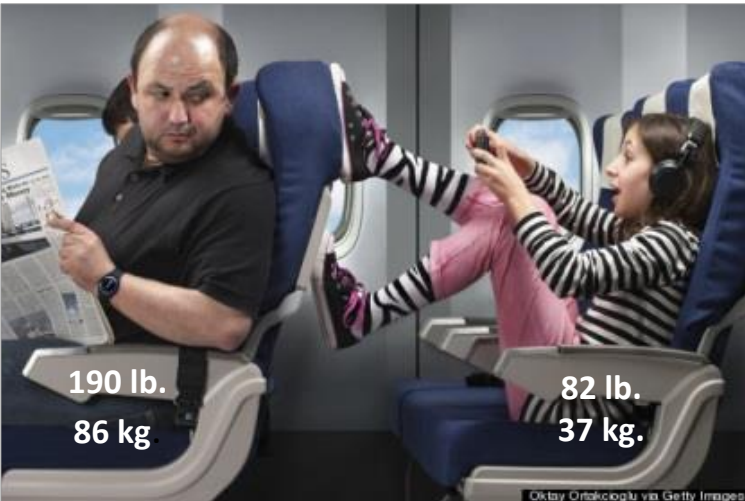


Fuel = 373,703 lb.

Takeoff Weight = ~~394,088~~ lb.

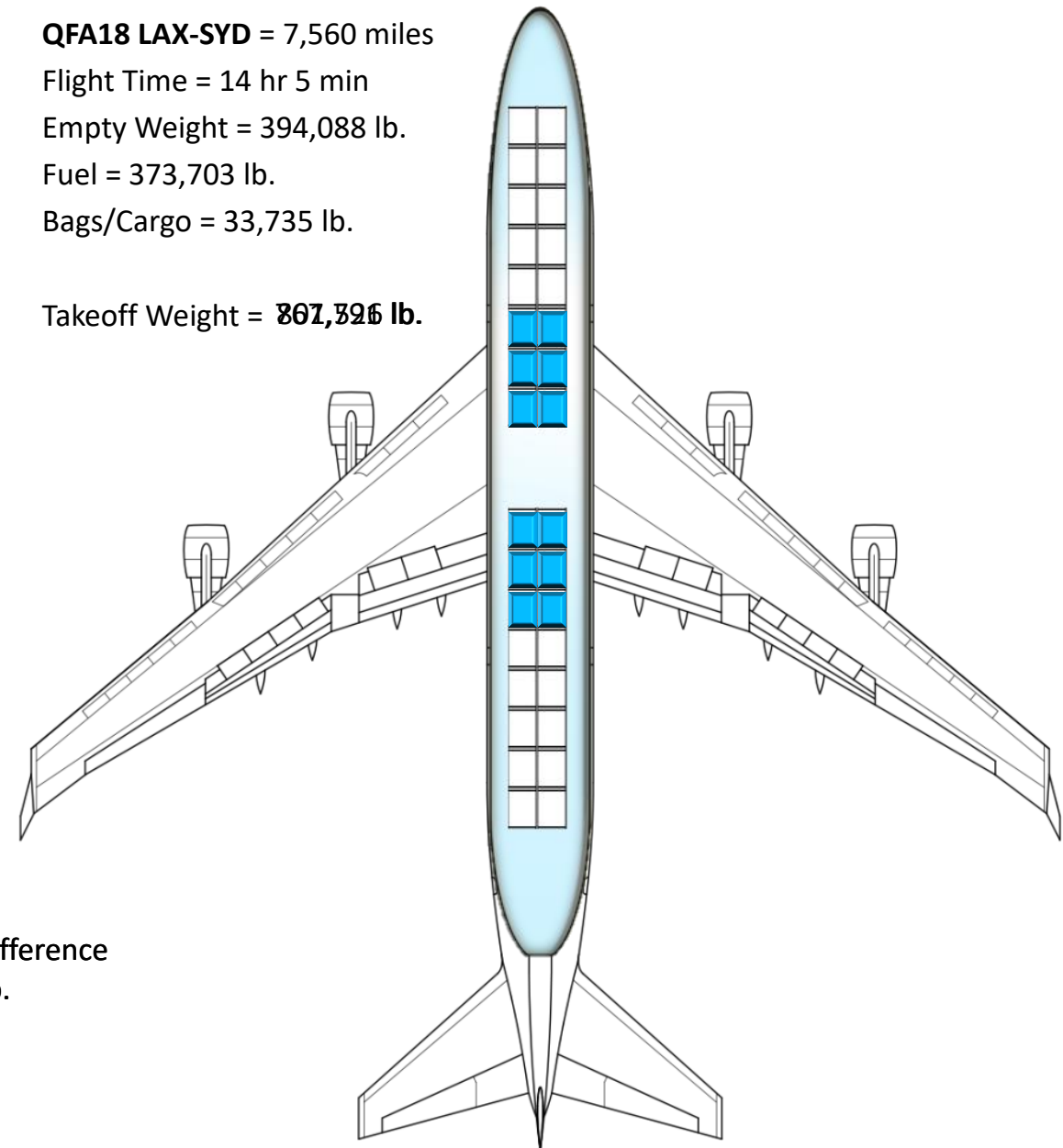
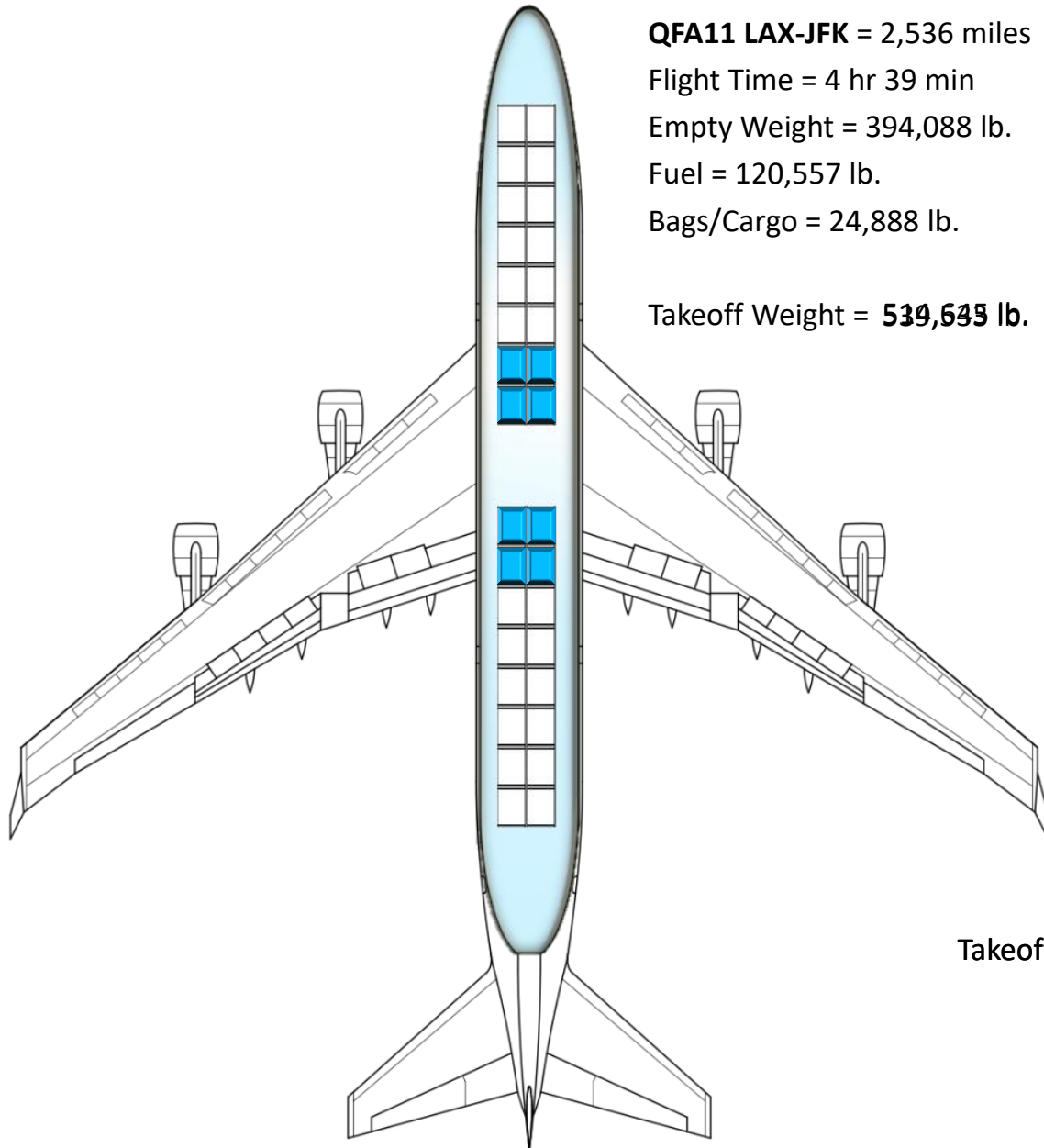


Takeoff Weight Difference
253,146 lb.

HOW ARE PASSENGER AND CARGO WEIGHTS CALCULATED?

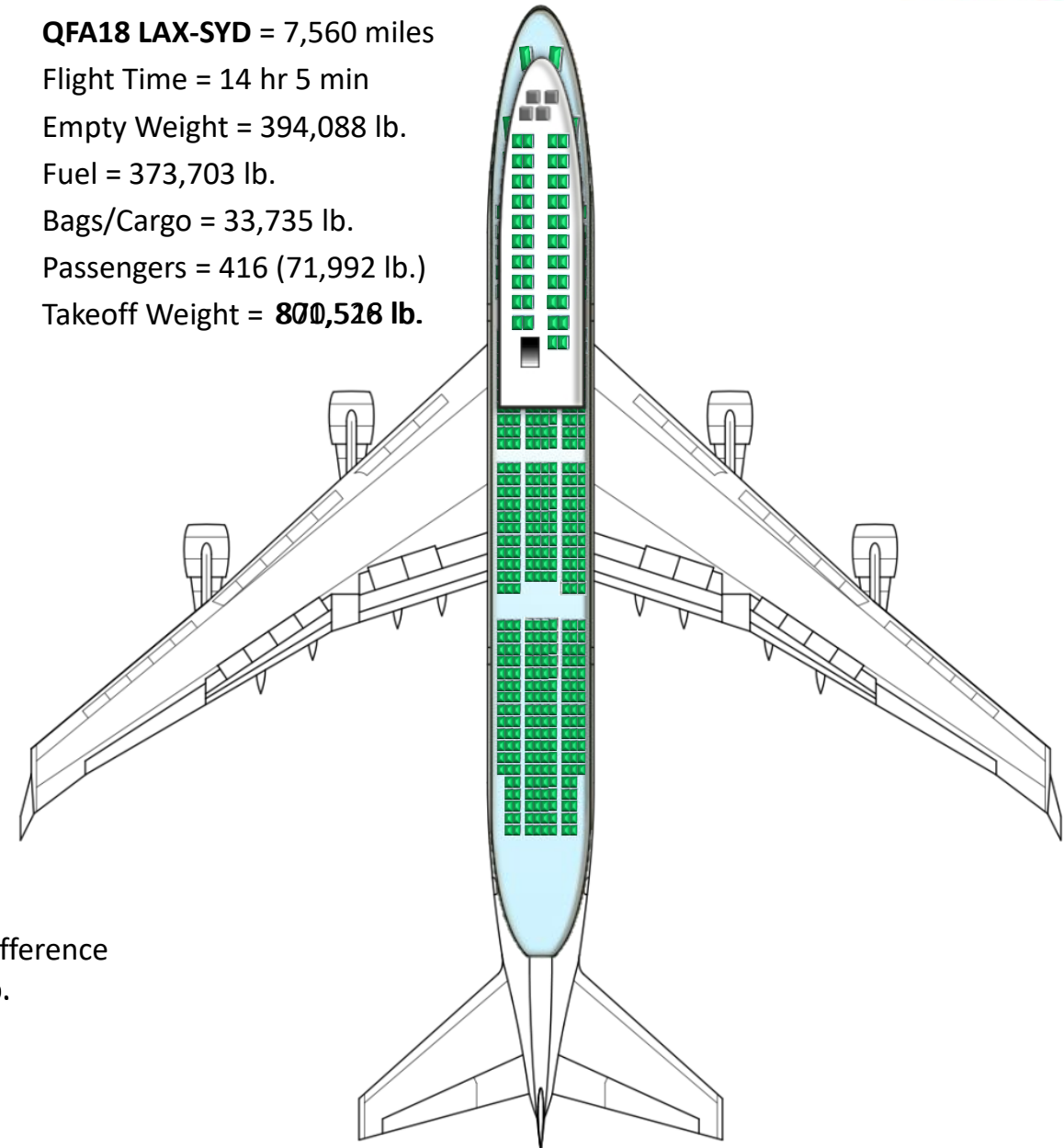
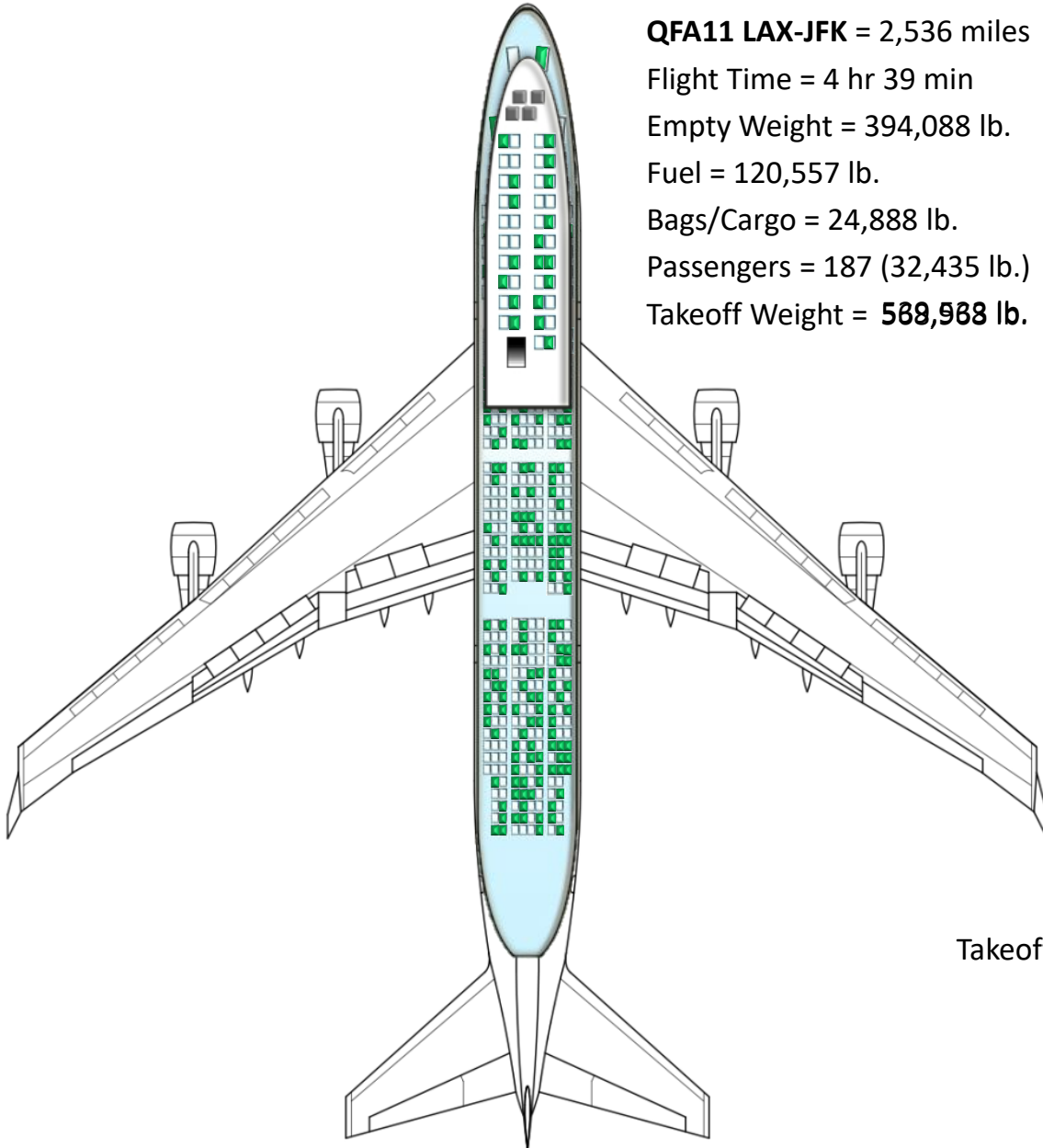
FAA Average Summer Weights (Estimates)					Palletized and Containerized Cargo
 <p>190 lb. 86 kg</p> <p>82 lb. 37 kg.</p>		 <p>29 lb. 13 kg.</p> <p>15 lb. 7 kg.</p> <p>59 lb. 27 kg.</p>			
Adult	Child (2-13 years)	Checked	Carry-On	Overweight	Weighed prior to loading

CARGO LOAD PLANNING



Takeoff Weight Difference
287,681 lb.

PASSENGER LOAD PLANNING



Takeoff Weight Difference
261,998 lb.

HOW MUCH RUNWAY DO WE NEED TO TAKEOFF?



CALCULATING TAKEOFF DISTANCE



Current Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS): Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX)



Temperature
59°F / 15°C

Dew Point
36°F / 2°C

Winds
Calm

Altimeter Setting
29.92 in / 1030 mb.

Field Elevation
128 ft. / 39 m.

Departing
Runway 25R

QFA11 LAX-JFK

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 568,968 lb. / 258,079 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.76 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 6,050 ft. / 1,844 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-126 kts. VR-126 kts. V2-146 kts.

QFA18 LAX-SYD

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 870,518 lb. / 394,860 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

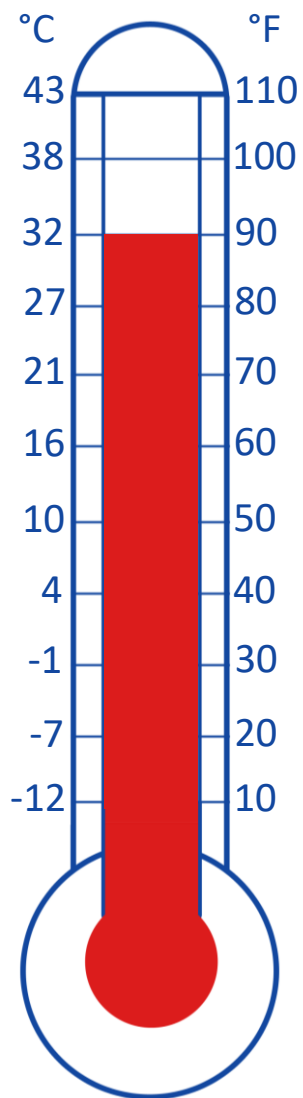
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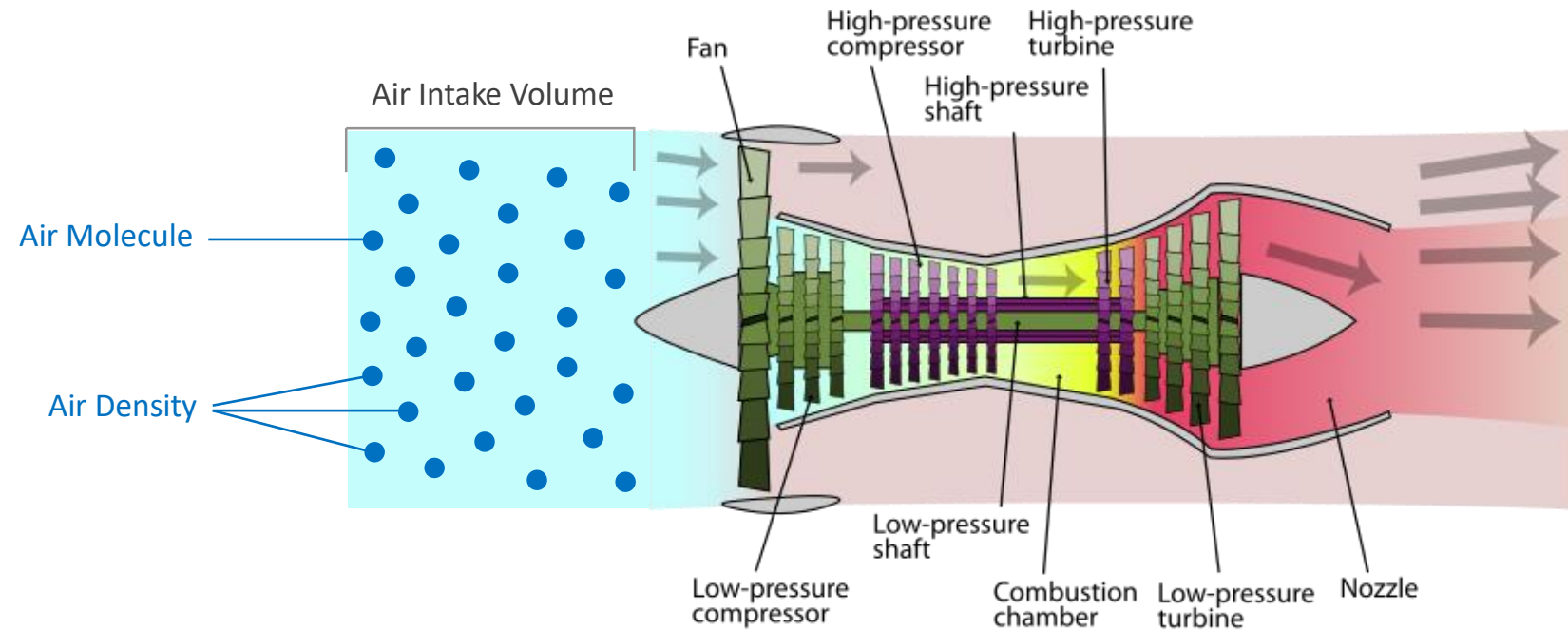
Takeoff Distance = 10,323 ft. / 3,146 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-153 kts. VR-168 kts. V2-180 kts.

TEMPERATURE AND PERFORMANCE



The volume of air ingested into a jet engine is fixed, but the density of that same air is not.



Temperature has an inverse correlation with Air Density

Hot air is less dense than cold air and thus the warmer the temperature the less net thrust a jet engine produces. Warmer temperatures also decrease lift, which increases the length of runway needed for takeoff, reduces climb performance and lessens the payload weight that can be lifted.

TEMPERATURE'S EFFECT ON TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE



Current Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS): Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX)



Temperature
59°F / 15°C

Dew Point
36°F / 2°C

Winds
Calm

Altimeter Setting
29.92 in / 1030 mb.

Field Elevation
128 ft. / 39 m.

Departing
Runway 25R

QFA11 LAX-JFK

Density Altitude = ~~2518 ft. / 767 m.~~ 2118 ft. / 646 m.

Takeoff Weight = 568,968 lb. / 258,079 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.75 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 6,050 ft. / 1,844 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-126 kts. VR-126 kts. V2-146 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = 0 ft. / 0 m.

QFA18 LAX-SYD

Density Altitude = ~~2518 ft. / 767 m.~~ 2118 ft. / 646 m.

Takeoff Weight = 870,518 lb. / 394,860 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.75 EPR (0% Derate)

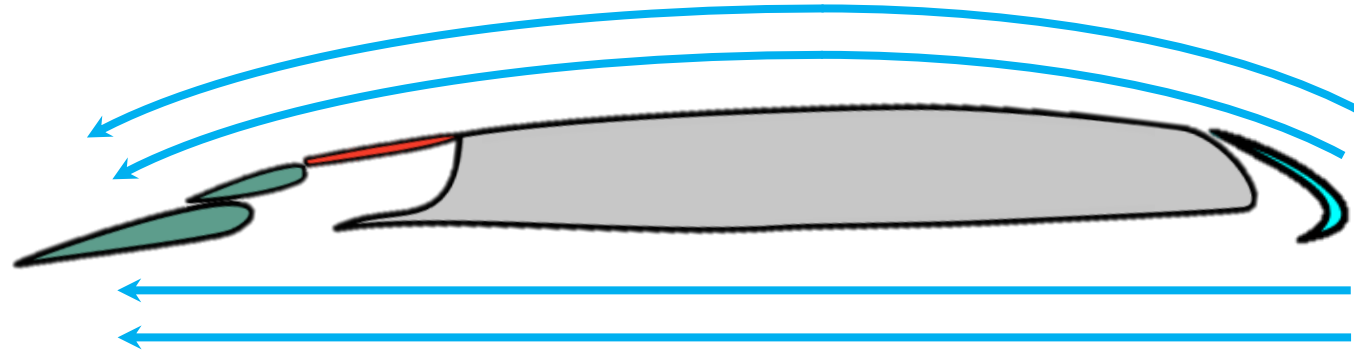
Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 10,802 ft. / 3,290 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-153 kts. VR-168 kts. V2-180 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = ~~0 ft. / 0 m.~~ 070 ft. / 14 m.

WHY DO AIRPLANES TAKEOFF AND LAND INTO THE WIND?



A headwind equals airspeed over the wings which increases lift

Airplanes takeoff and land into the wind to increase lift and reduce the amount of runway needed for takeoff and landing. An aircraft sitting at the end of the runway pointed into a 15 knot headwind has ground speed of 0 and an airspeed of 15 knots.

WIND'S EFFECT ON TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE



Current Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS): Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX)



Temperature
59°F / 15°C

Dew Point
36°F / 2°C

Winds
050m/15

Altimeter Setting
29.92 in / 1030 mb.

Field Elevation
128 ft. / 39 m.

Departing
Runway 25R

QFA11 LAX-JFK

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 568,968 lb. / 258,079 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.76 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 5,000 ft. / 1,524 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-126 kts. VR-126 kts. V2-146 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = 049 ft. / 15 m.

QFA18 LAX-SYD

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 870,518 lb. / 394,860 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.76 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 9,383 ft. / 2,869 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-153 kts. VR-168 kts. V2-180 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = 067 ft. / 20 m.

ALTITUDE AND TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE



Temperature = 59°F / 15°C

Dew Point = 36°F / 2°C

Altimeter = 29.92 Hg.

Winds = Calm

LAX Field Elevation = 128 ft. / 39 m.

DEN Field Elevation = 5,434 ft. / 1,656 m.

Altitude has an inverse correlation with air density

At higher altitudes the air is less dense, decreasing the lifting effectiveness of the wing. Altitude also effects engine performance, reducing the net thrust output from a jet engine. Both of these factors combined increase the amount of runway needed for takeoff, negatively impact aircraft climb performance and restrict the payload weight that can be lifted.

ALTITUDE'S EFFECT ON TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE



Current Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS): Los Angeles Int'l Airport (LAX)



Temperature
59°F / 15°C

Dew Point
36°F / 2°C

Winds
Calm

Altimeter Setting
29.92 in / 1030 mb.

Field Elevation
128 ft. / 39 m.

Departing
Runway 25R

QFA11 LAX-JFK

Density Altitude = ~~0,570 ft. / 172.8 m.~~ 0,720 ft. / 220.1 m.

Takeoff Weight = 568,968 lb. / 258,079 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.70 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = 6,050 ft. / 1,844 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-128 kts. VR-128 kts. V2-146 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = 0 ft. / 0 m.

QFA18 LAX-SYD

Density Altitude = ~~0,570 ft. / 172.8 m.~~ 0,720 ft. / 220.1 m.

Takeoff Weight = 870,518 lb. / 394,860 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.70 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (12,091 ft. / 3,685 m. available)

Takeoff Distance = ~~10,303 ft. / 3,140 m.~~ 10,303 ft. / 3,140 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-158 kts. VR-168 kts. V2-180 kts.

Takeoff Length Difference = ~~0,878 ft. / 0.268 m.~~ 0,878 ft. / 0.268 m.

WEIGHT RESTRICTION DUE TO RUNWAY LENGTH



AVAILABLE RUNWAY LENGTH'S EFFECT ON AIRCRAFT WEIGHT



Current Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS): Los Angeles Int’l Airport (LAX)



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36°F / 2°C

Winds
Calm

Altimeter Setting
29.92 in / 1030 mb.

Field Elevation
128 ft. / 39 m.

Departing
Runway 25R

QFA11 LAX-JFK

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 568,968 lb. / 258,079 kg.

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.76 EPR (0% Derate)

Takeoff Runway = 25R (1,205 ft. / 3,675 m available)

Takeoff Distance = 6,050 ft. / 1,844 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-126 kts. VR-126 kts. V2-146 kts.

Takeoff Weight Difference = 0 lb. / 0 kg.

QFA18 LAX-SYD

Density Altitude = 251 ft. / 77 m.

Takeoff Weight = 820,200 lb. / 373,800 kg. (0 Bags/Cargo and -74 Passengers)

Flap Setting: 20°

Power Setting: 1.76 EPR (0% Derate)

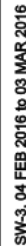
Takeoff Runway = 25R (1,205 ft. / 3,675 m available)

Takeoff Distance = 9,183 ft. / 2,799 m.

Takeoff Speeds = V1-158 kts. VR-168 kts. V2-180 kts.

Takeoff Weight Difference = 41,310 kg. / -21,463 kg.

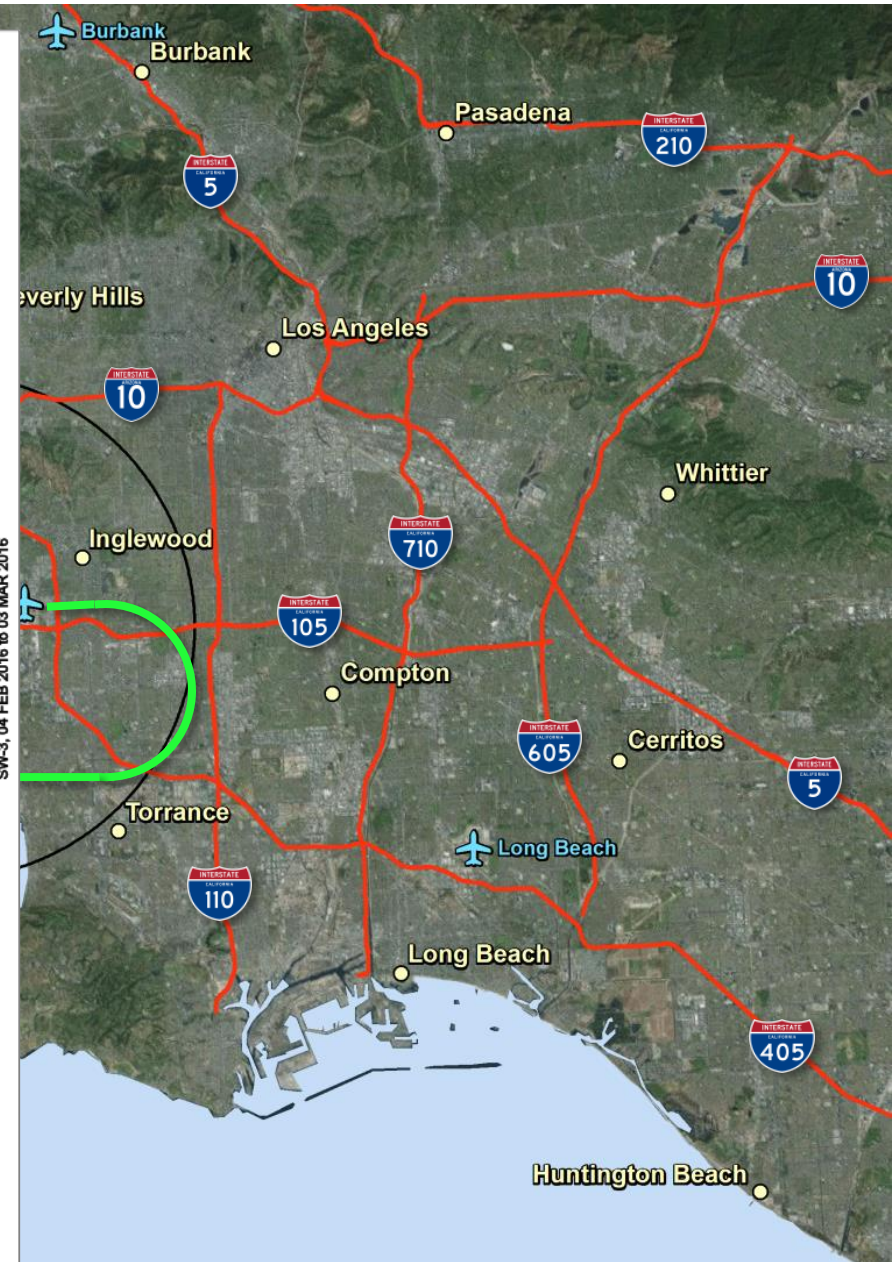
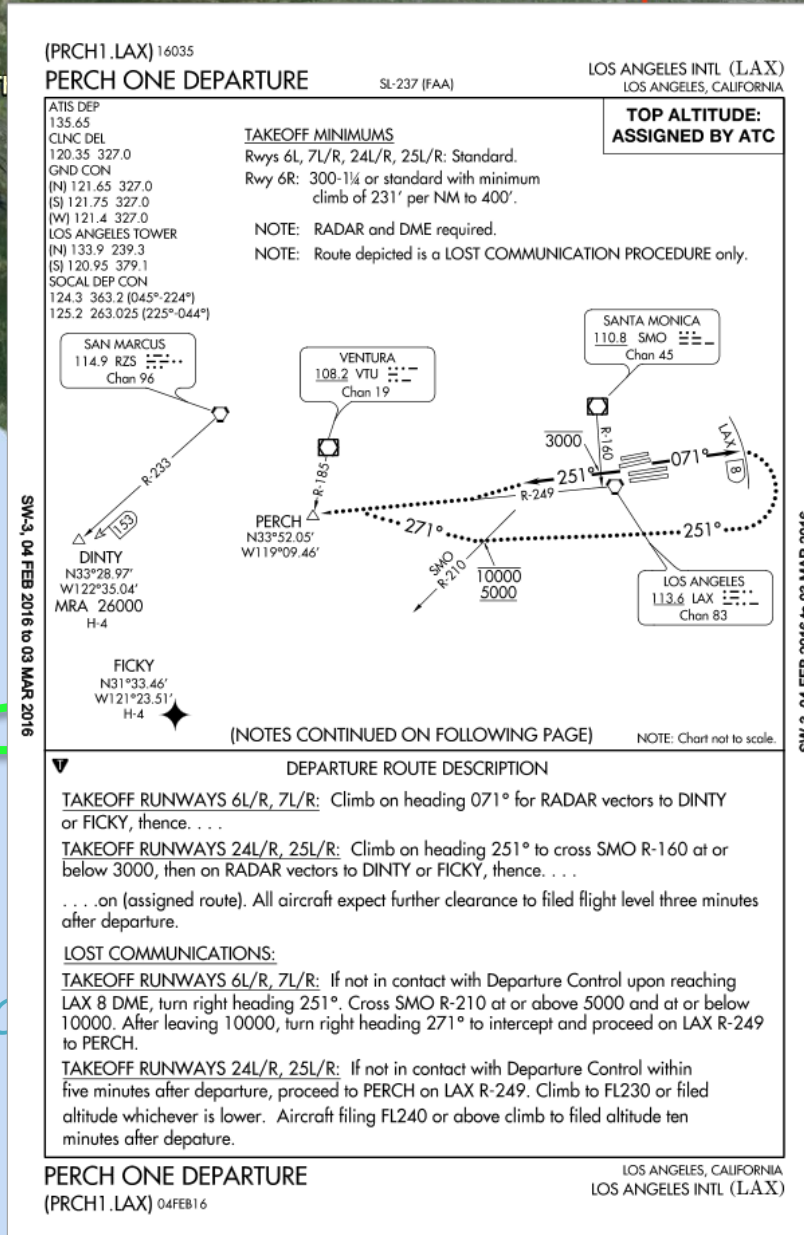
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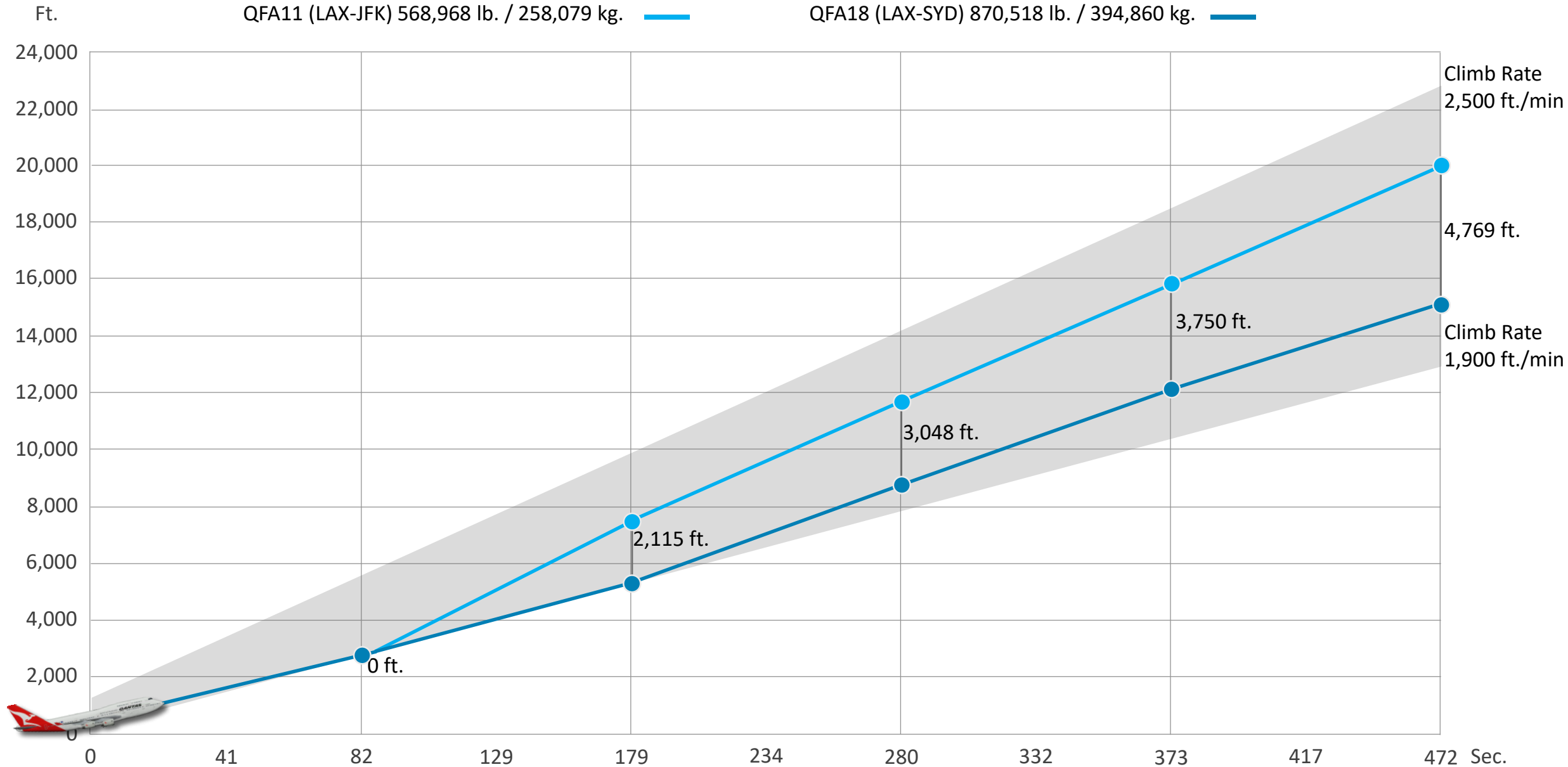
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AVERAGE DEPARTURE TRACK PROFILE COMPARISON



PERFORMANCE BASED NAVIGATION

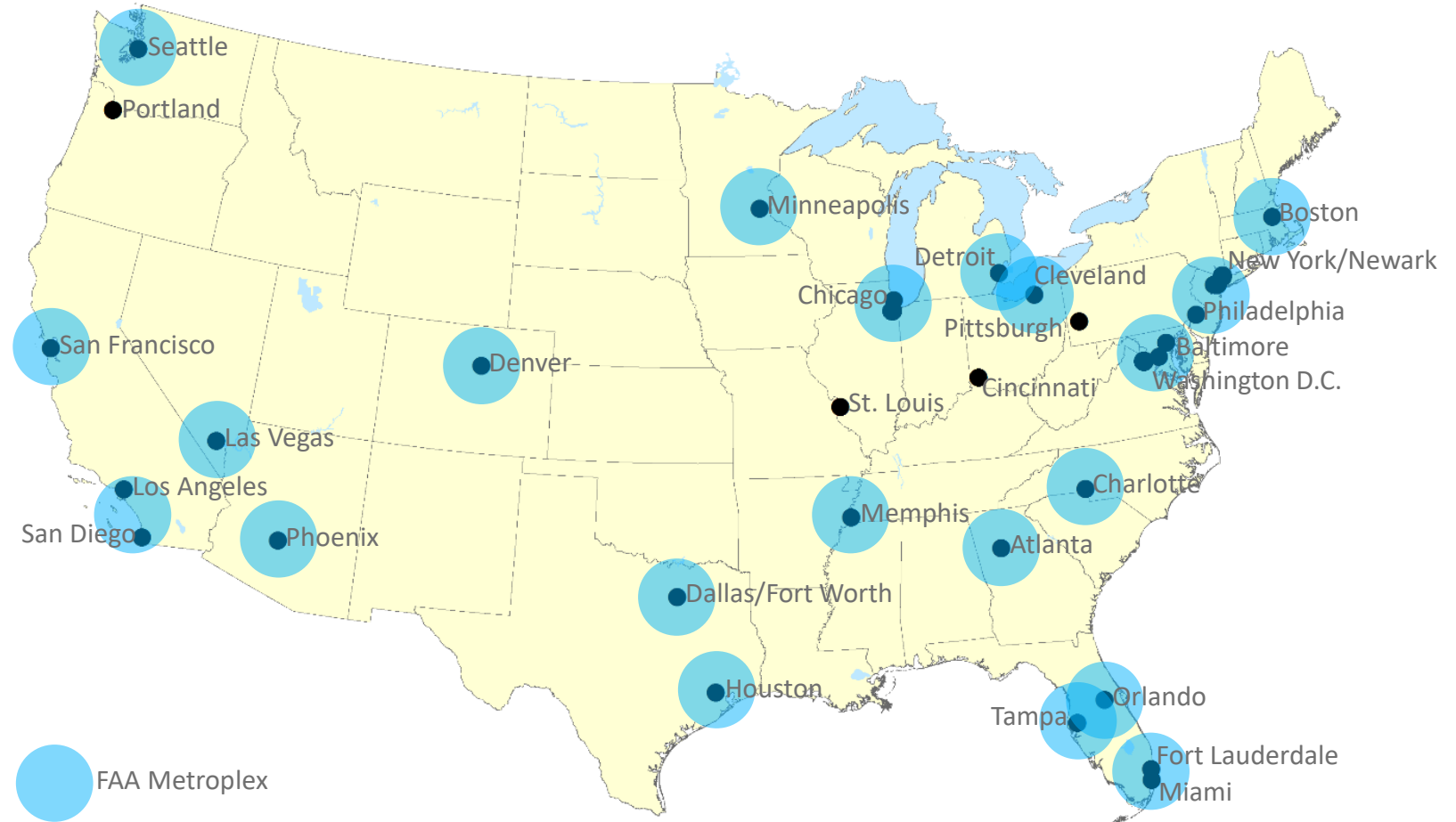


WHAT IS A METROPLEX?

METROPLEX

Geographic area that includes several commercial and general aviation airports in close proximity serving large metropolitan areas.

The FAA has identified **21** metroplex areas where airspace congestion and other limiting factors such as environmental constraints combine to create bottlenecks that effect system efficiency nation wide.



WHAT IS OAPM?

Optimization of Airspace & Procedures in the Metroplex

Optimization of the airspace and procedures encompassing multiple airports in a metroplex region provides for the most efficient traffic management solutions on both a regional and national basis.

By examining airspace problems on a regional scale the FAA can customize the solutions to ensure they maximize throughput of airplanes through the entire airspace in the safest and most efficient manner possible while at the same time customizing procedures to meet the unique requirements of individual airports.

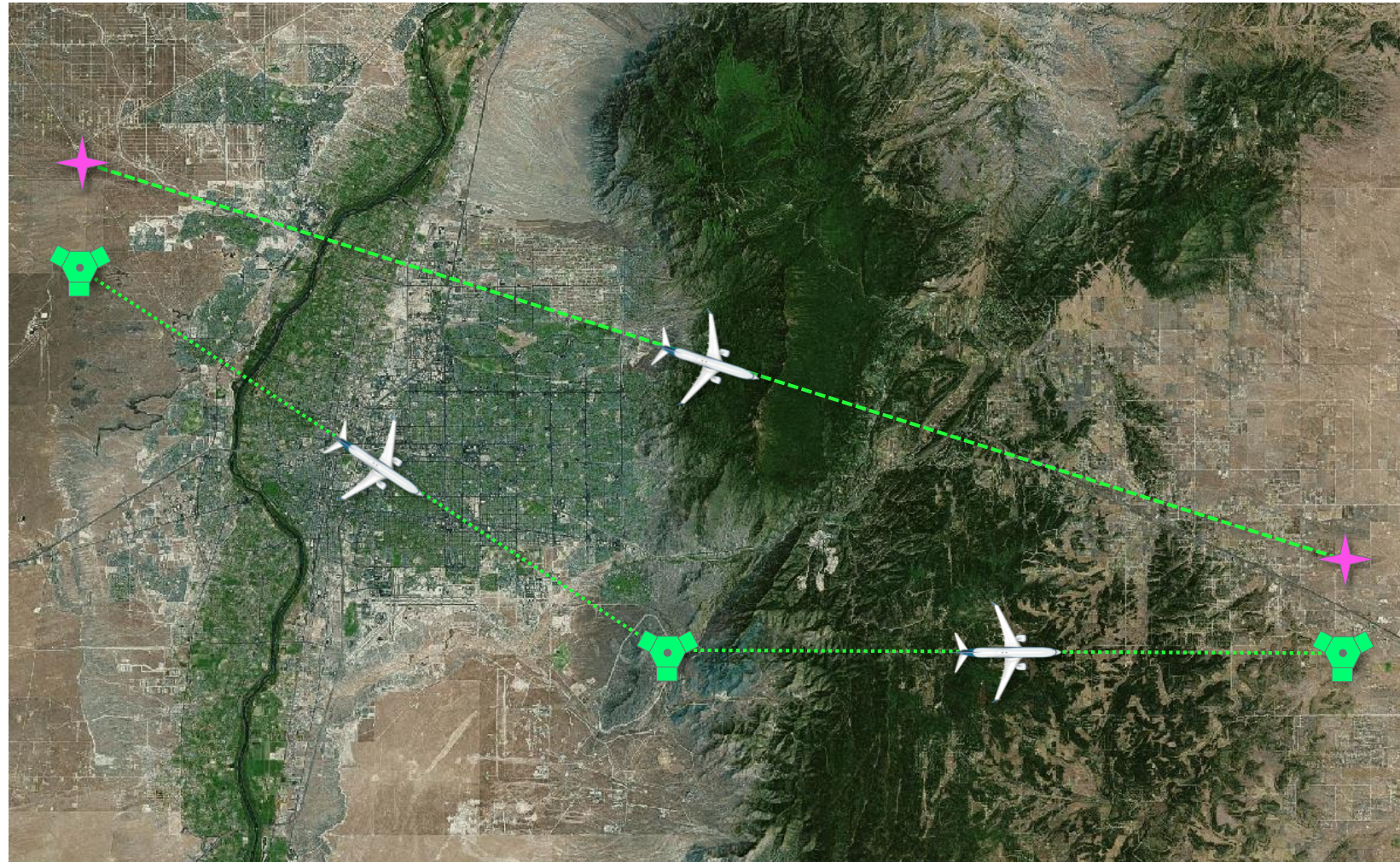


WHAT IS PBN?

Performance Based Navigation

A transformational change from conventional ground-based navigation aids and procedures to satellite-based navigation aids and area navigation procedures, which are more accurate and allow for shorter, more direct routes between two given points as well as more efficient takeoffs and landings.

PBN enables aircraft to fly on any desired flight path within the coverage of ground or satellite based navigation aids using the aircraft's capability to navigate by means of performance standards utilizing either Area Navigation (RNAV) or Required Navigation Performance (RNP).



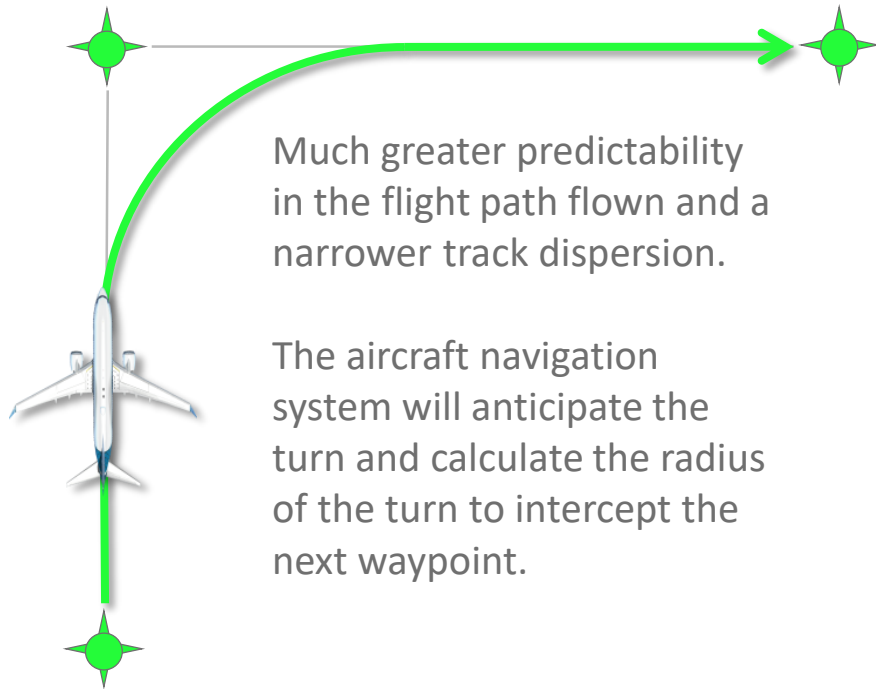
Ground Based Navigational Aid



Satellite Based Navigational Aid

WAYPOINT TYPES

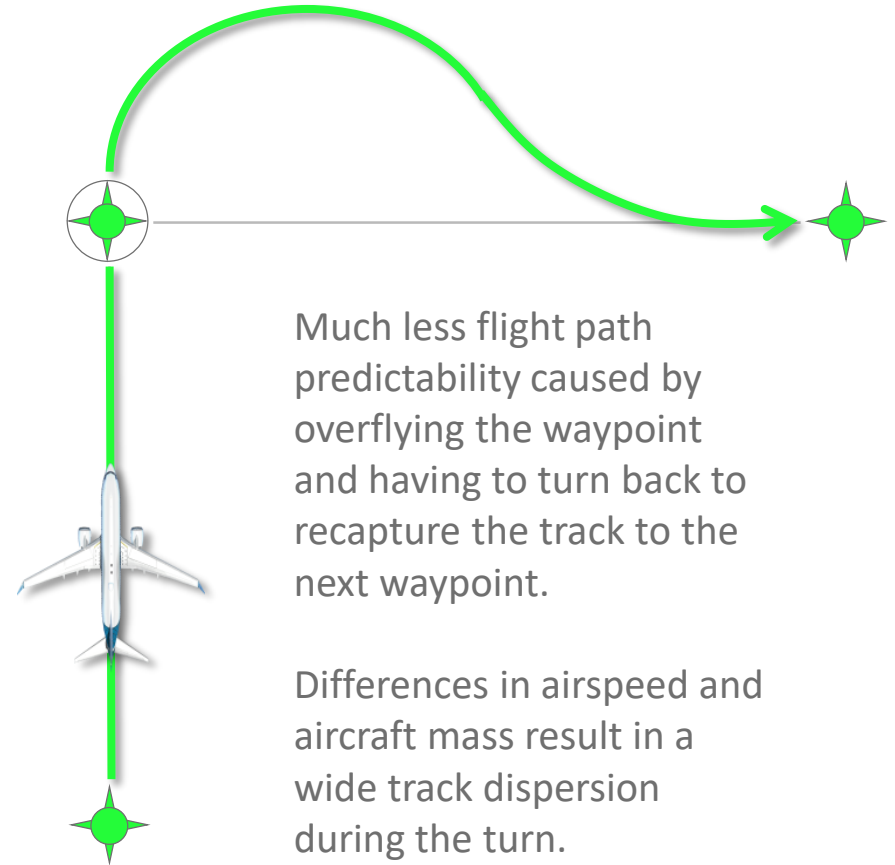
Fly-By Waypoint



Much greater predictability in the flight path flown and a narrower track dispersion.

The aircraft navigation system will anticipate the turn and calculate the radius of the turn to intercept the next waypoint.

Fly-Over Waypoint



Much less flight path predictability caused by overflying the waypoint and having to turn back to recapture the track to the next waypoint.

Differences in airspeed and aircraft mass result in a wide track dispersion during the turn.

WHAT IS RNAV?

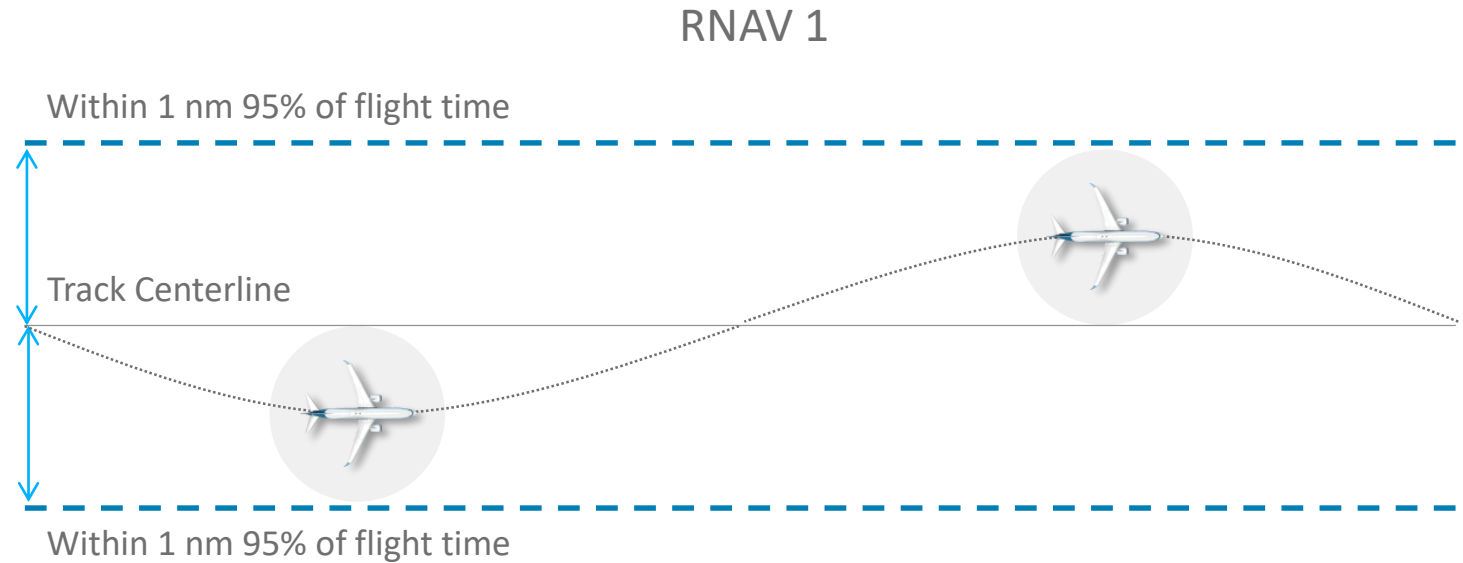
Area Navigation

Developed in the 1960s, with the first routes being published and flown in the 1970s.

This method of instrument flight rules (IFR) navigation allows an aircraft to choose any course within a network of navigation beacons, rather than navigate directly to and from the beacons.

RNAV requires an aircraft to be equipped with a GPS navigation system like a Flight Management System (FMS) which uses the GPS to triangulate the aircraft's position to within a circle with a defined radius.

RNAV is primarily used for departure procedures and/or arrival procedures that do not require the narrow tolerances defined by RNP procedures.



RNAV 1 – implies you have a 95% probability of keeping within 1 nm of your track course

FLYING AN RNAV DEPARTURE



WHAT IS RNP?

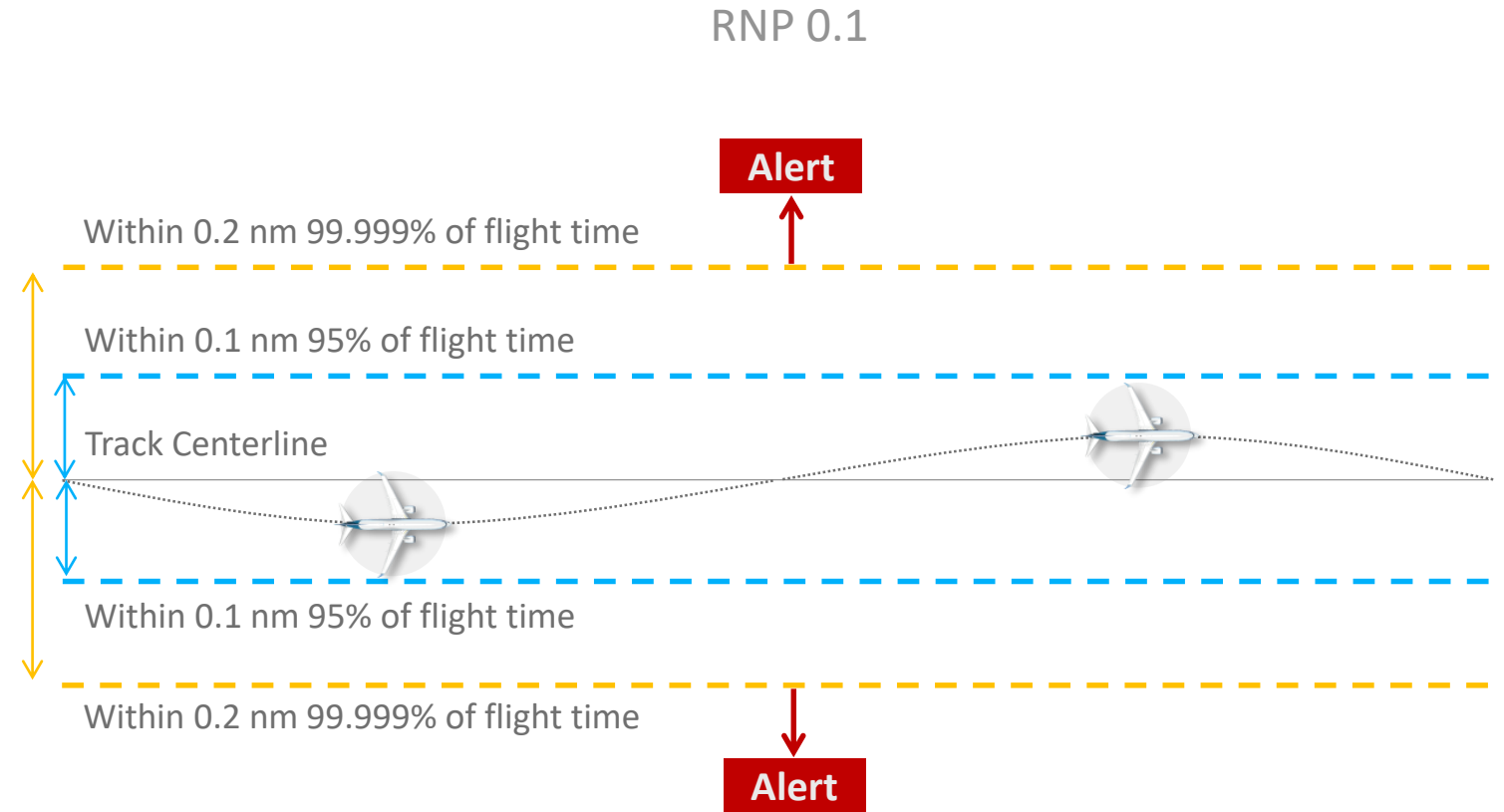
Required Navigation Performance

Developed in the early 1990s, with the first route being published and flown in 1996 by Alaska Airlines at Juneau, Alaska.

This method of instrument flight rules (IFR) navigation is fundamentally similar to RNAV with the difference being that RNP incorporates onboard performance monitoring and alerting.

The Flight Management System (FMS) uses position data from two independent GPS receivers as well as inertial navigation data to crosscheck and monitor the position of the aircraft. The system reports to the pilots if the position accuracy falls outside the tolerances for the given procedure.

RNP is primarily used for approaches into airports surrounded by mountainous terrain and/or other obstacles.



RNP 0.1 – implies you have a 95% probability of keeping within 0.1 nm of your track course

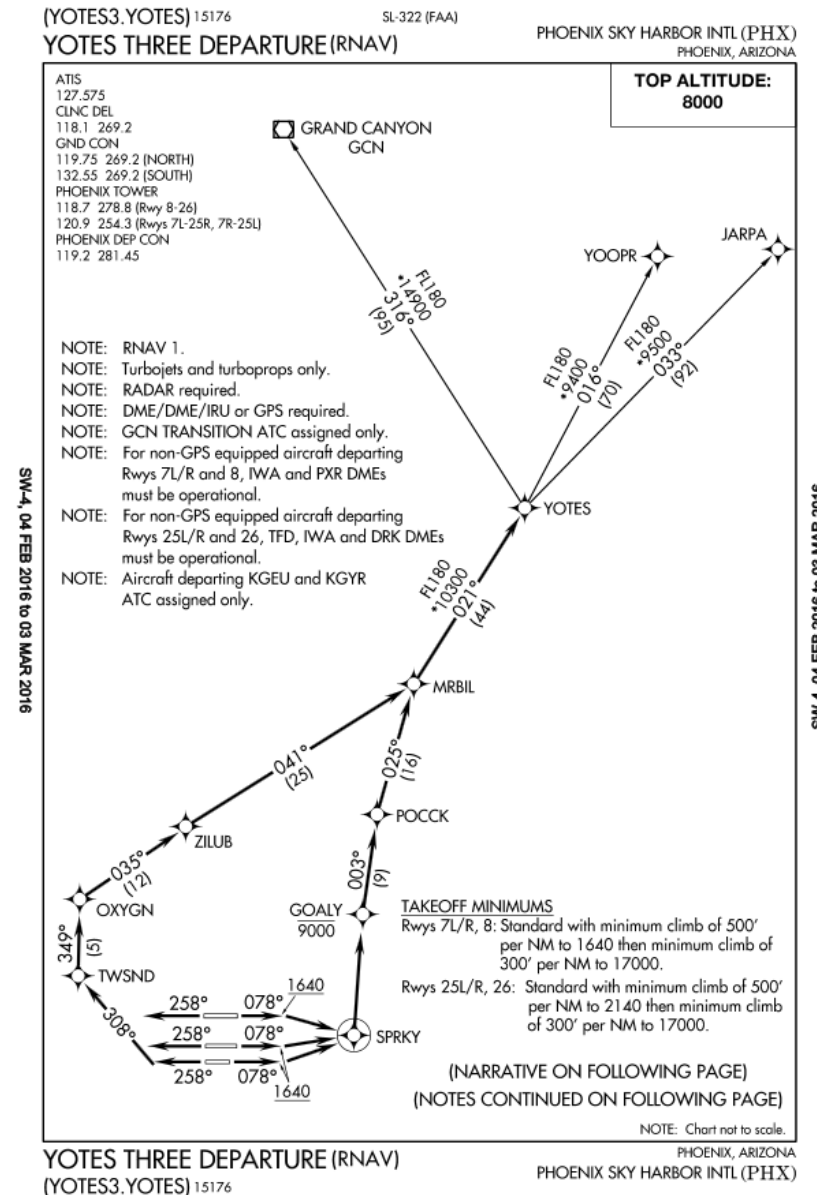
RNP 0.2 – implies you have a 95% probability of keeping within 0.2 nm of your track course

RNP 0.3 – implies you have a 95% probability of keeping within 0.3 nm of your track course

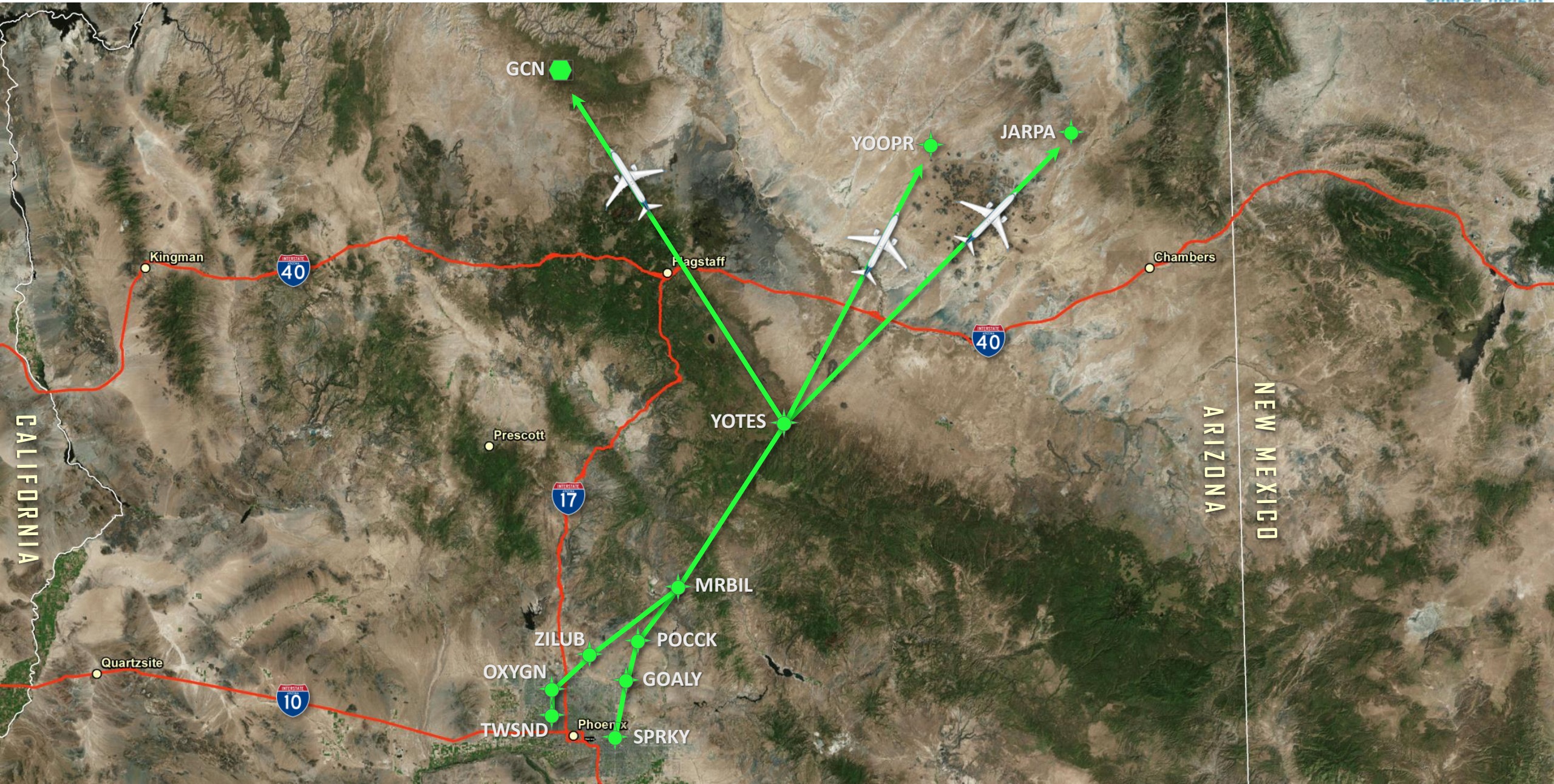
RNP 0.1 - Alert if the probability of keeping within 0.2 nm of the course centerline is less than 99.999%

FLYING AN RNP APPROACH





PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INT'L (PHX) YOTES.3 DEP. RNAV SID



WHAT IS A STAR?

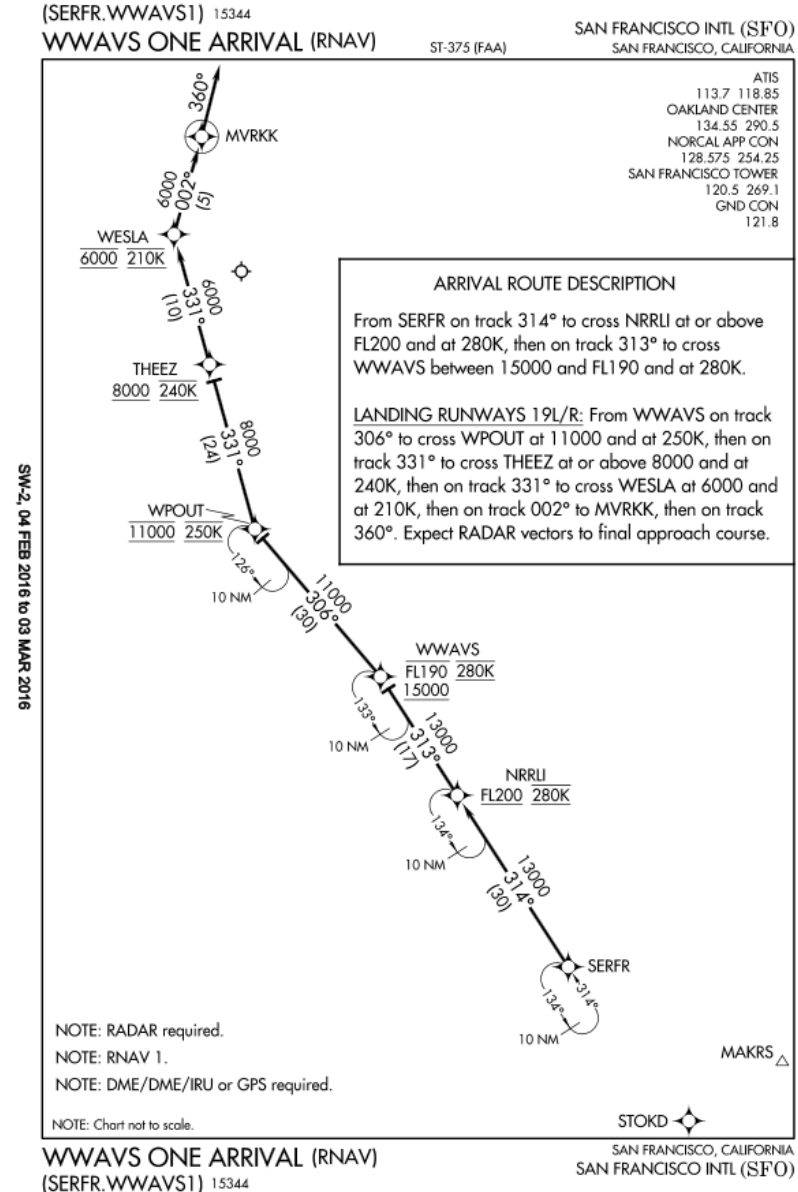
Standard Terminal Arrival Route

An IFR air traffic control arrival procedure that utilizes a series of specific waypoints, headings and altitudes to organize traffic arriving to the airport by placing airplanes on fixed routes with defined transition points entering the airspace.

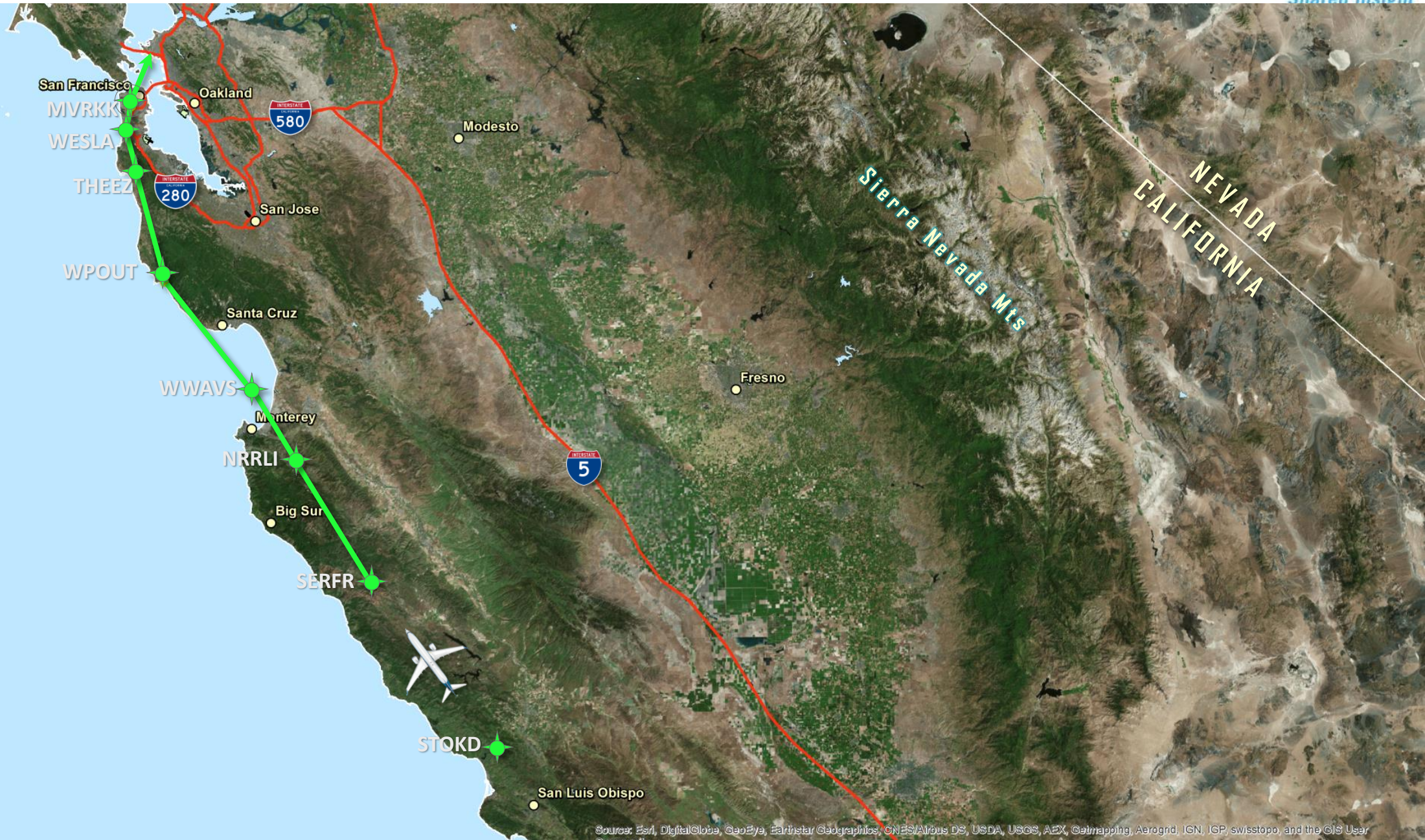
STARs cover the portion of the flight between the top of descent and the initial approach fix to the runway.

The STAR simplifies ATC clearance procedures and allows for a smooth transition of aircraft between en-route and approach controllers. Assignment of STARs by ATC is dictated by many factors including the weather conditions, runway/approach in use as well as airport congestion.

San Francisco Int'l
KSFO - WWAVS.1 STAR Illustrated



SAN FRANCISCO INT'L (SFO) WWAVS.1 ARR. RNAV STAR

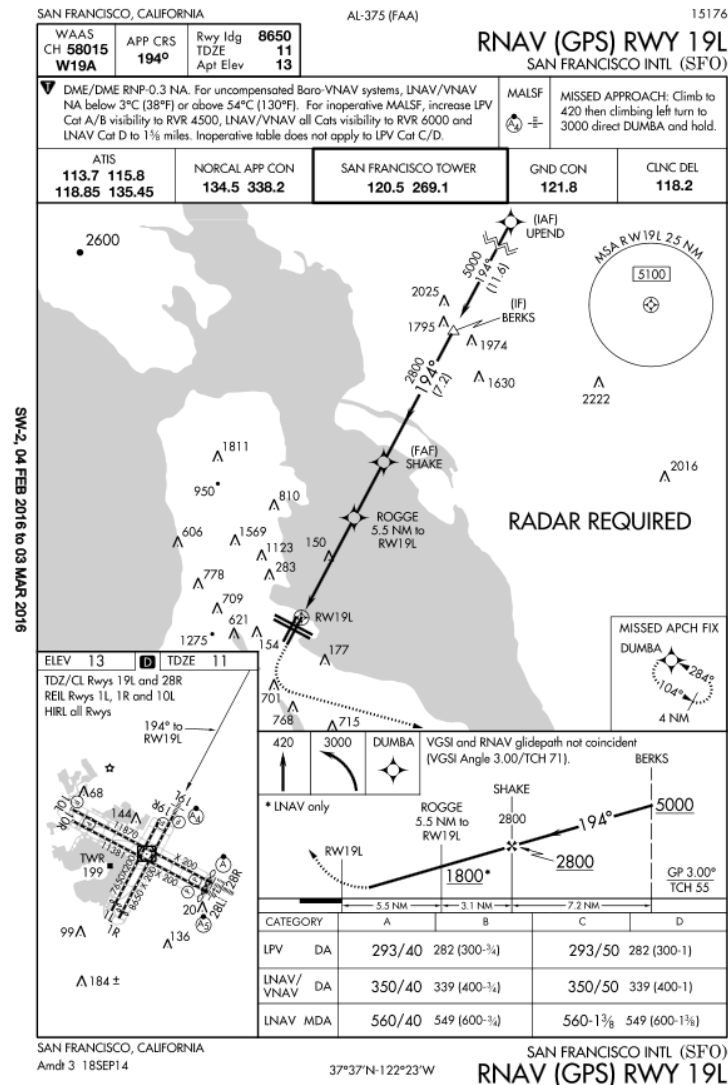
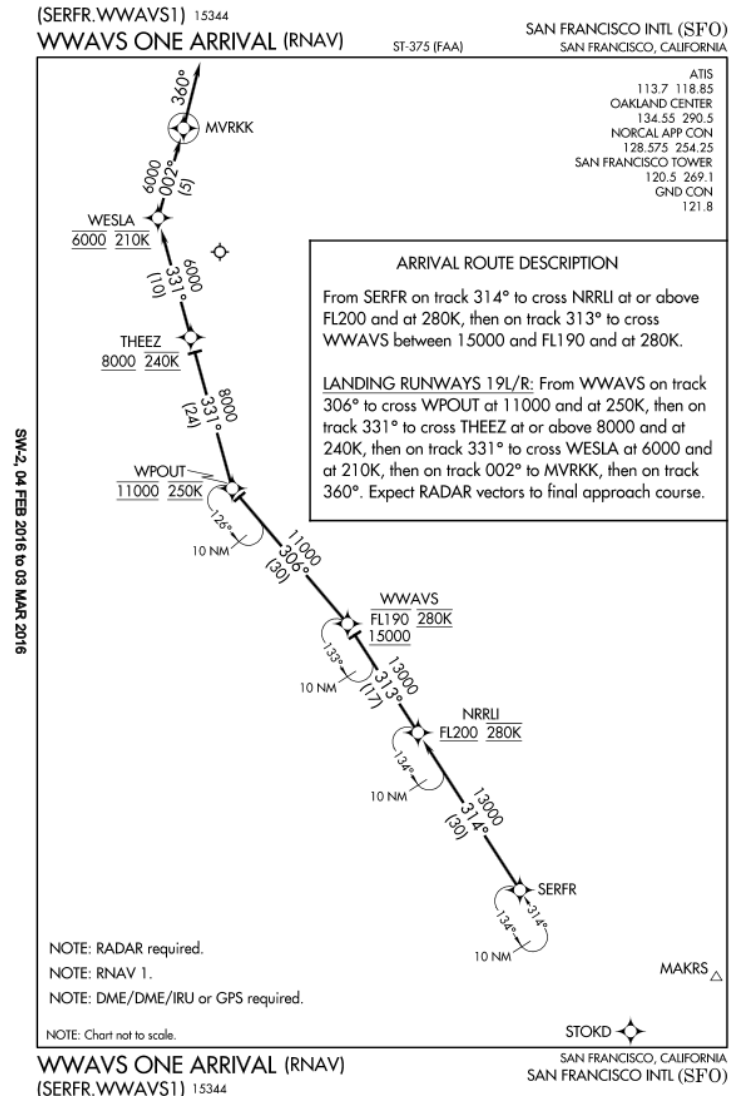


WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ARRIVAL AND AN APPROACH?

Arrival

An arrival procedure covers the portion of the flight from the top of descent point in cruise flight down to a position just short of the initial fix on a specific approach.

Arrivals don't end at a runway end, but rather usually terminate near the initial fix for a specific approach.



Approach

An approach procedure cover the portion of the flight from the initial approach fix down to the runway.

ATC sequences airplanes onto an approach to a specific runway at set intervals. The approach procedure guides the aircraft down to the runway.

REAL WORLD EXAMPLE AAL530 (SEA-PHL)

(•) CASPER
Shared Insight

Gate D9

American Airlines

Philadelphia, PA

Flight
AA 530

Departs
10:25pm

Status
On Time

Arrives
6:23am EDT

Boarding in 20 minutes



AAdvantage ® Miles: 2,375 • Flight Time: 4 hr 42 min • Aircraft Type: Airbus A321T



AAL530 FLIGHT DETAILS

AIRBUS A321-231T (Transcon)

Aircraft: N102NN

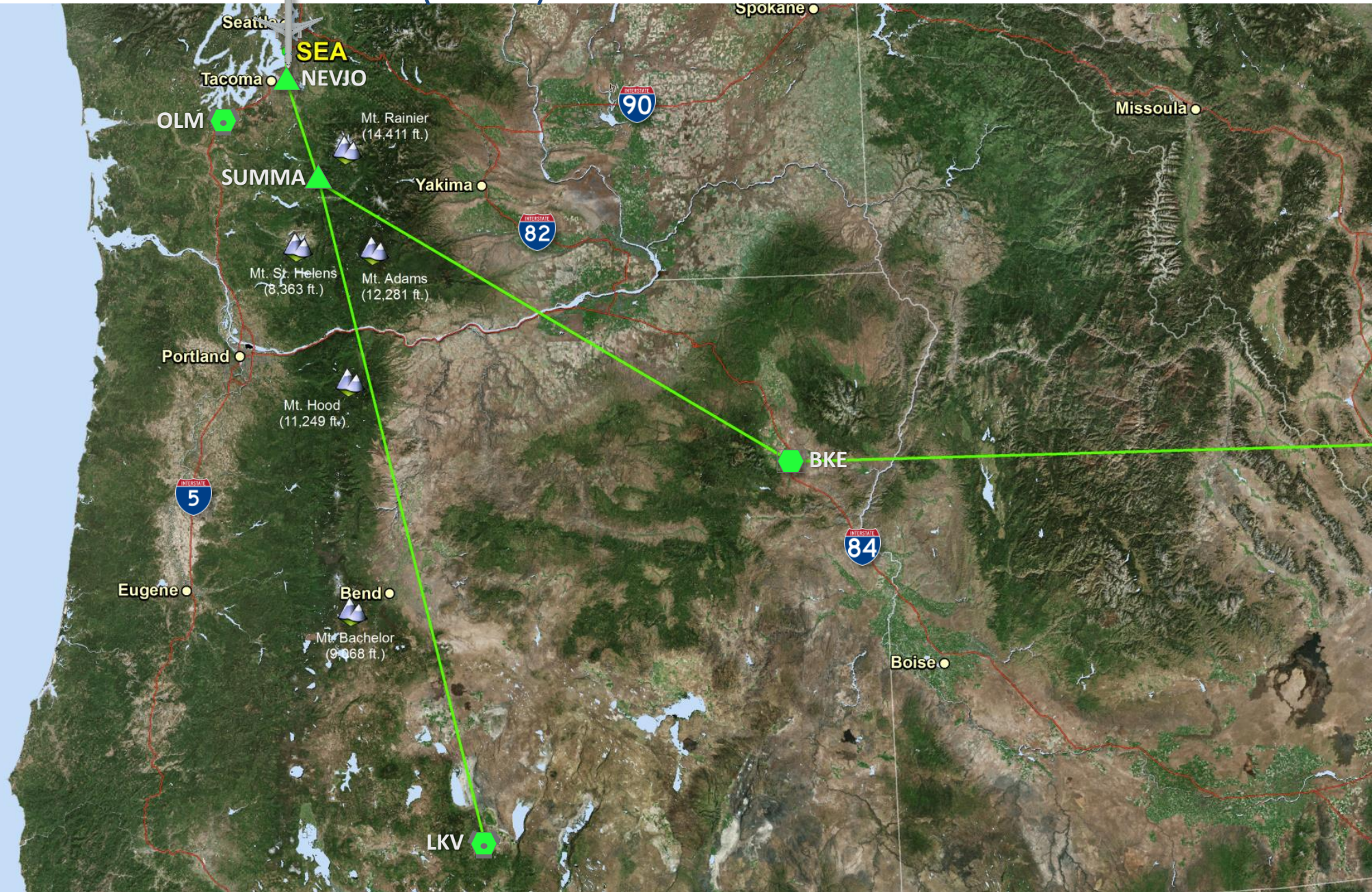
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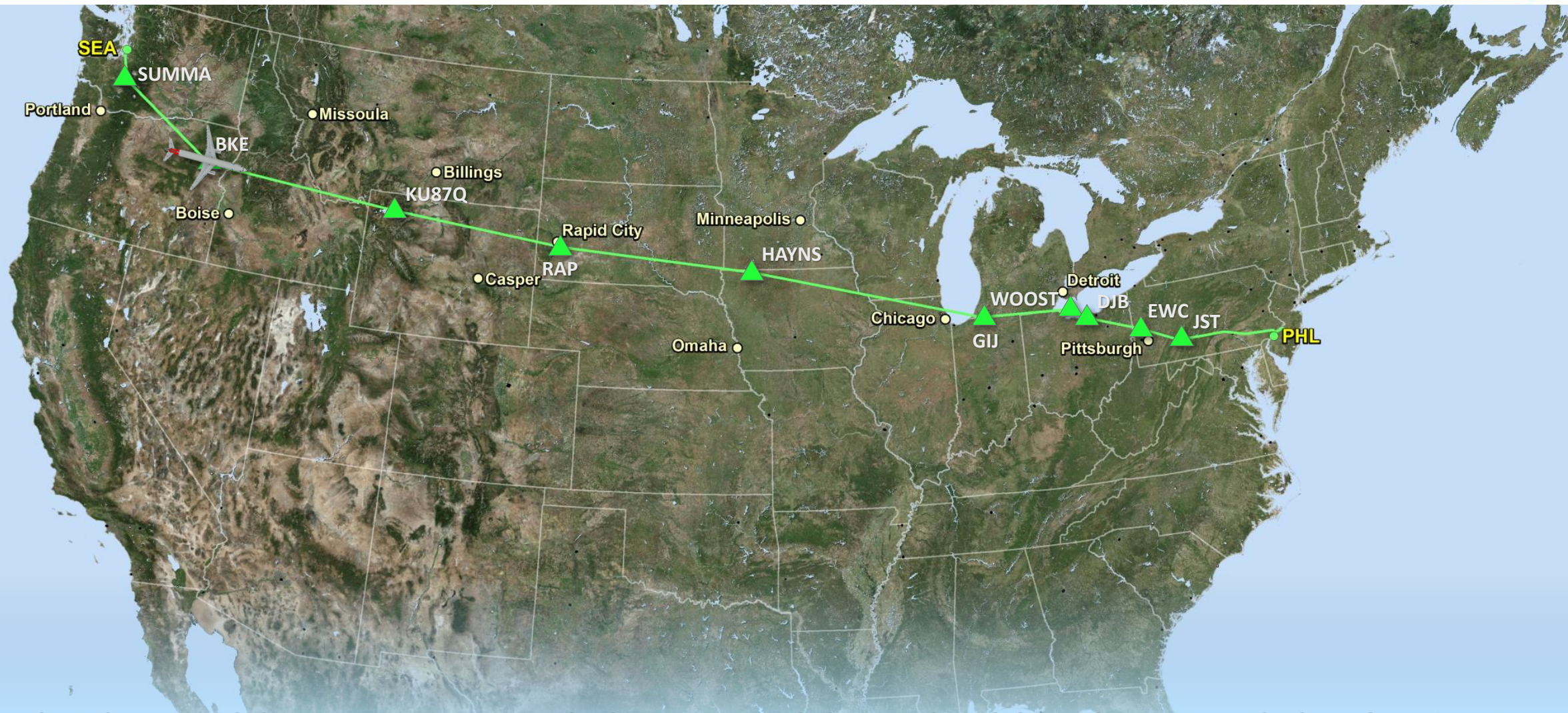


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SEATTLE-TACOMA (SEA) SUMMA.8 DEP. SID



AAL530 ENROUTE FLIGHTPATH



Route: KSEA SUMMA8 SUMMA J54 BKE KU87Q RAP HAYNS GIJ J146 WOOST J34 DJB EWC JST BOJID1 KPHL

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Origin

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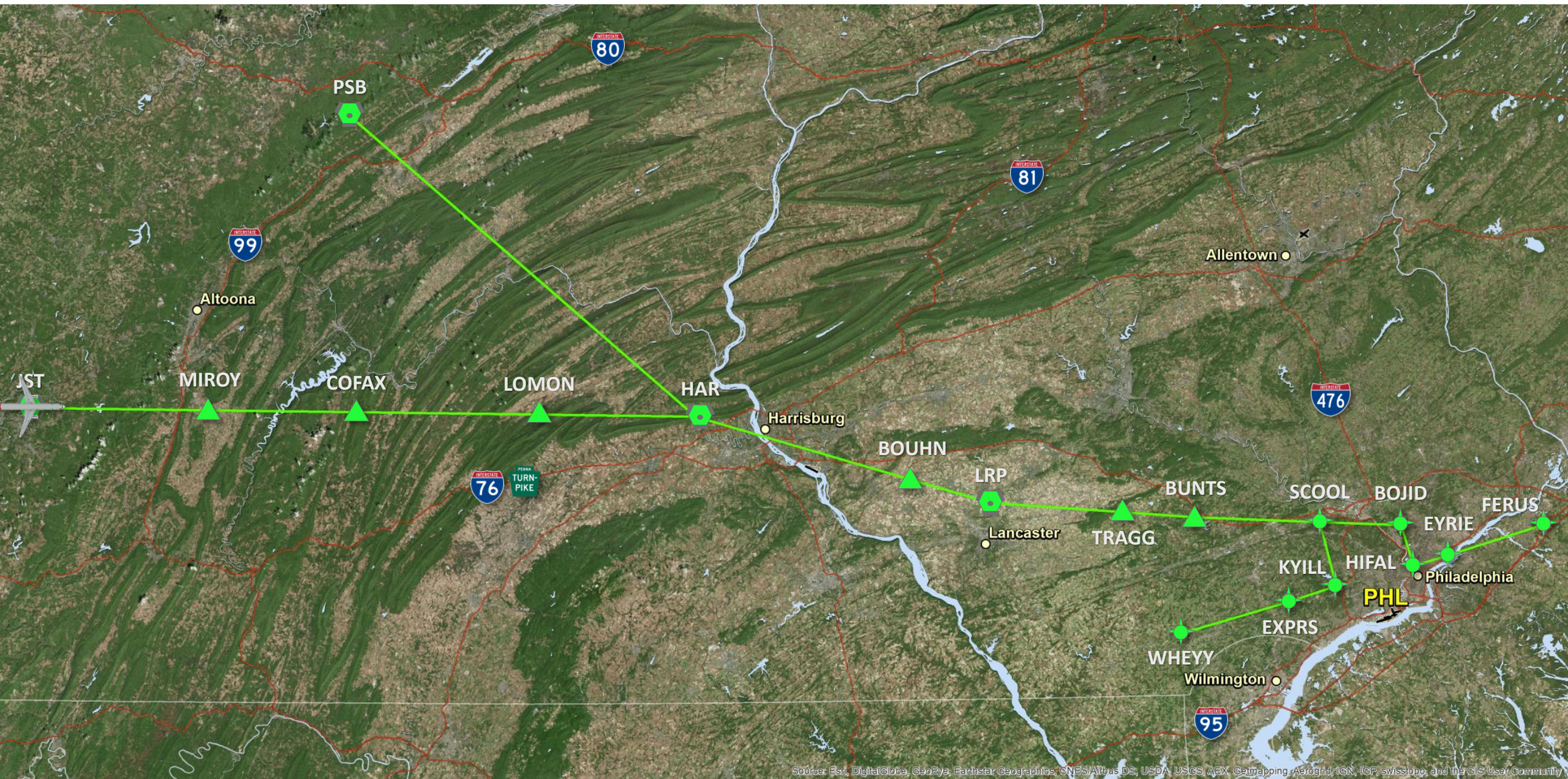
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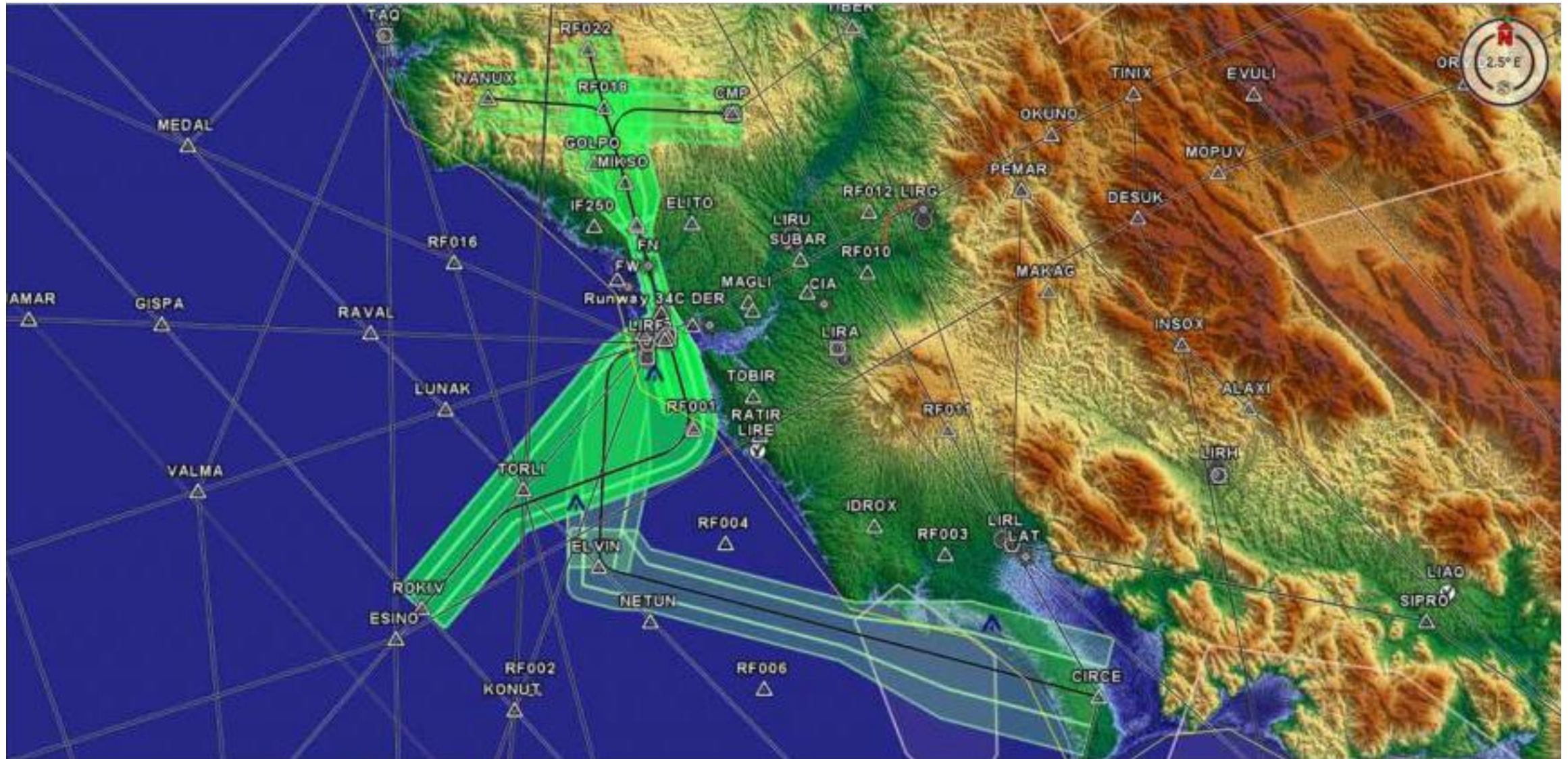
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PHILADELPHIA INT'L (PHL) BOJID.1 RNAV ARR. STAR



FLIGHT PROCEDURE DESIGN



PRIMARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

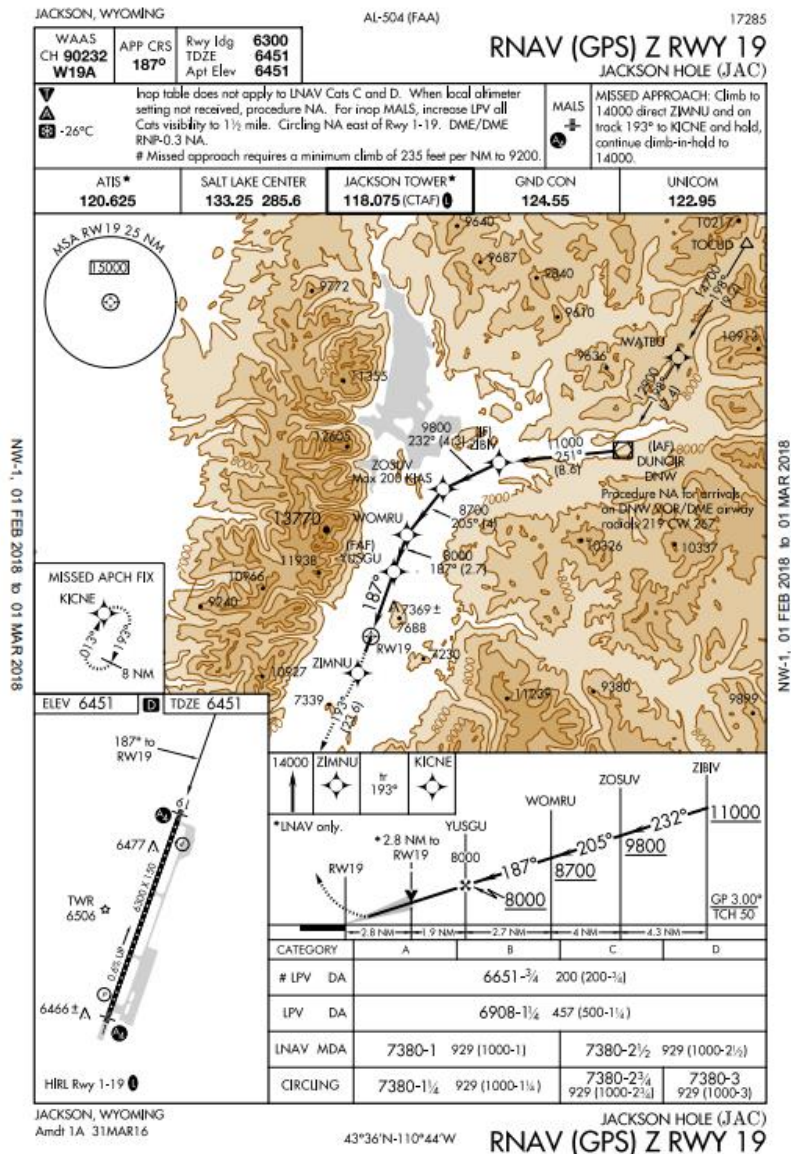
SAFETY OF FLIGHT

- Terrain Clearance
- Obstacle Clearance
- Aircraft Performance Limitations
- Traffic Separation
- Traffic Deconfliction

AIRSPACE EFFICIENCY

- Increase System Throughput
- Increase Predictability of Operations
- Reduce Required Aircraft Spacing
- Reduce Track Miles Flown
- Reduce Radio Communications

TERRAIN AND OBSTACLE CLEARANCE



Maintain Separation

- Minimum Climb Gradient
- Maximum Descent Gradient
- Altitude Crossing Limits
- Minimum Turn Radius
- Airspeed Restrictions
- Navigation Error Tolerance
- Aircraft Restrictions

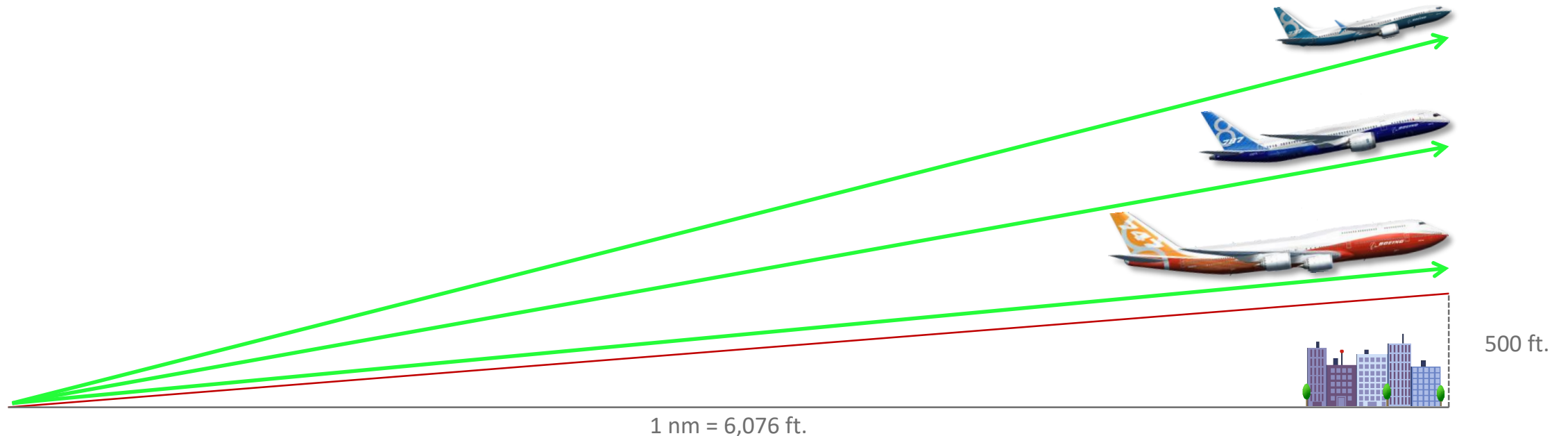
AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS

Vertical Profile – Climb Gradient

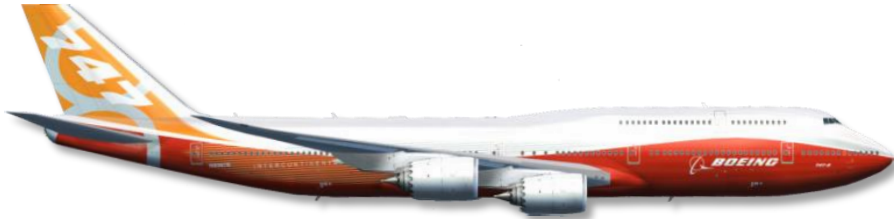
Minimum climb gradients are predicated on the worst case scenario:

Losing an engine on takeoff with the aircraft at maximum takeoff weight on a very hot day.

The vertical profile must allow all aircraft to clear all obstacles safely with one engine inoperative.



AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS



Max Takeoff Weight = 987,000 lb. / 447,696 kg.



Max Takeoff Weight = 502,500 lb. / 227,930 kg.

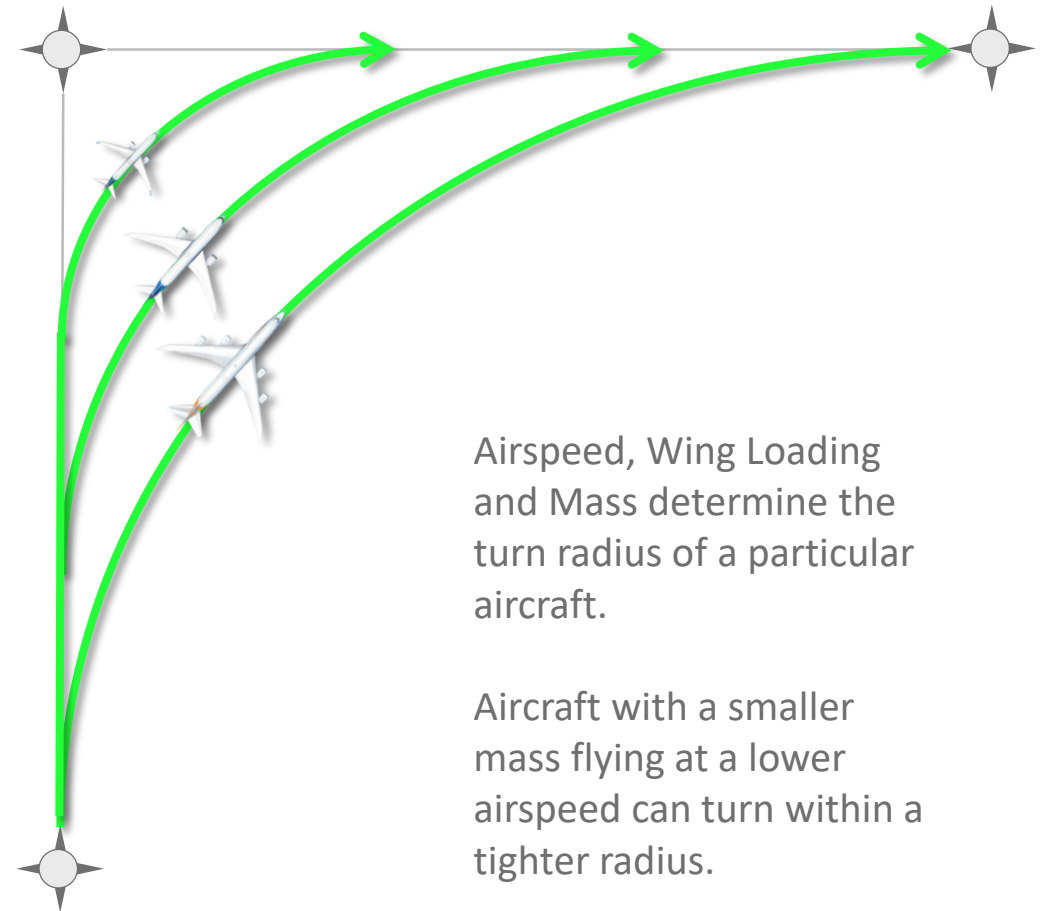


Max Takeoff Weight = 181,200 lb. / 82,191 kg.



Max Takeoff Weight = 64,500 lb. / 29,257 kg.

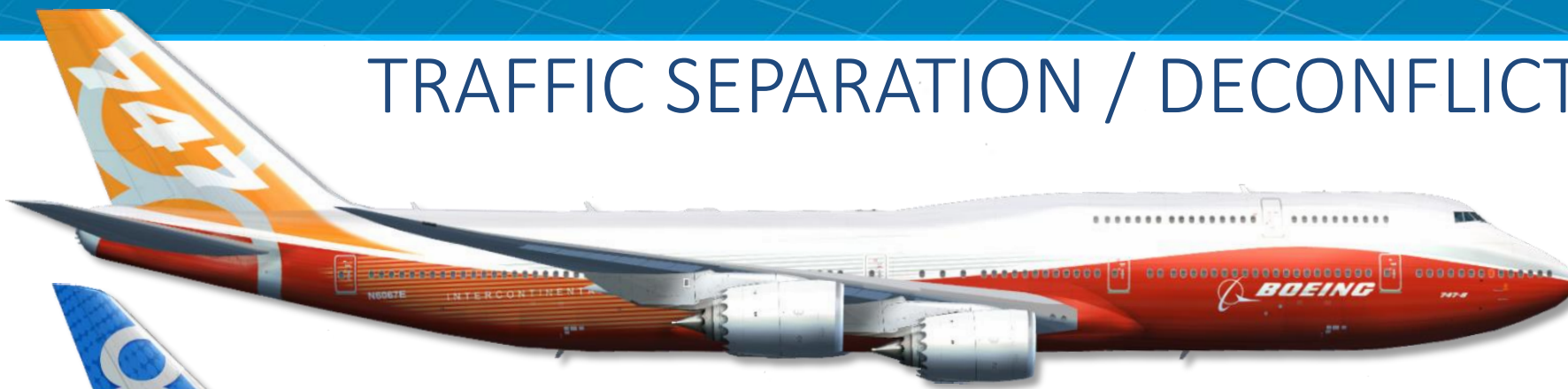
Lateral Profile – Turn Radius



Airspeed, Wing Loading and Mass determine the turn radius of a particular aircraft.

Aircraft with a smaller mass flying at a lower airspeed can turn within a tighter radius.

TRAFFIC SEPARATION / DECONFLICTION



Boeing 747-8I

Cruise Speed = 570 mph
Approach Speed = 172 mph
Max Takeoff Weight = 987,000 lb.



Boeing 787-8

Cruise Speed = 560 mph
Approach Speed = 161 mph
Max Takeoff Weight = 502,500 lb.



Semi-Truck

Cruise Speed = 70 mph
Max Weight = 80,000 lb.



Boeing 737-8 Max

Cruise Speed = 522 mph
Approach Speed = 163 mph
Max Takeoff Weight = 181,200 lb.



Bicycle

Cruise Speed = 15 mph
Avg. Weight = 200 lb.



Bombardier Q400

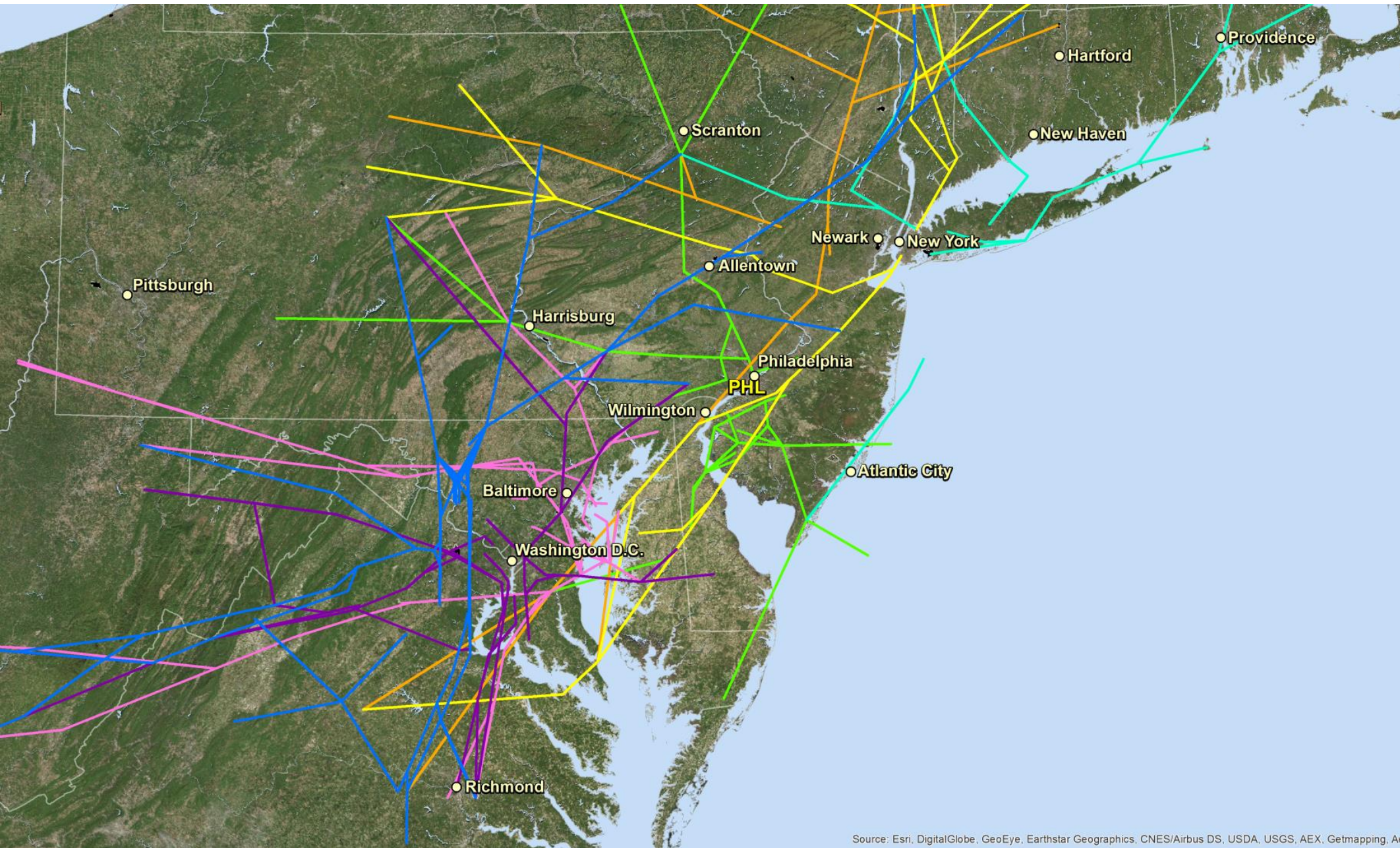
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Approach Speed = 145 mph
Max Takeoff Weight = 64,500 lb.



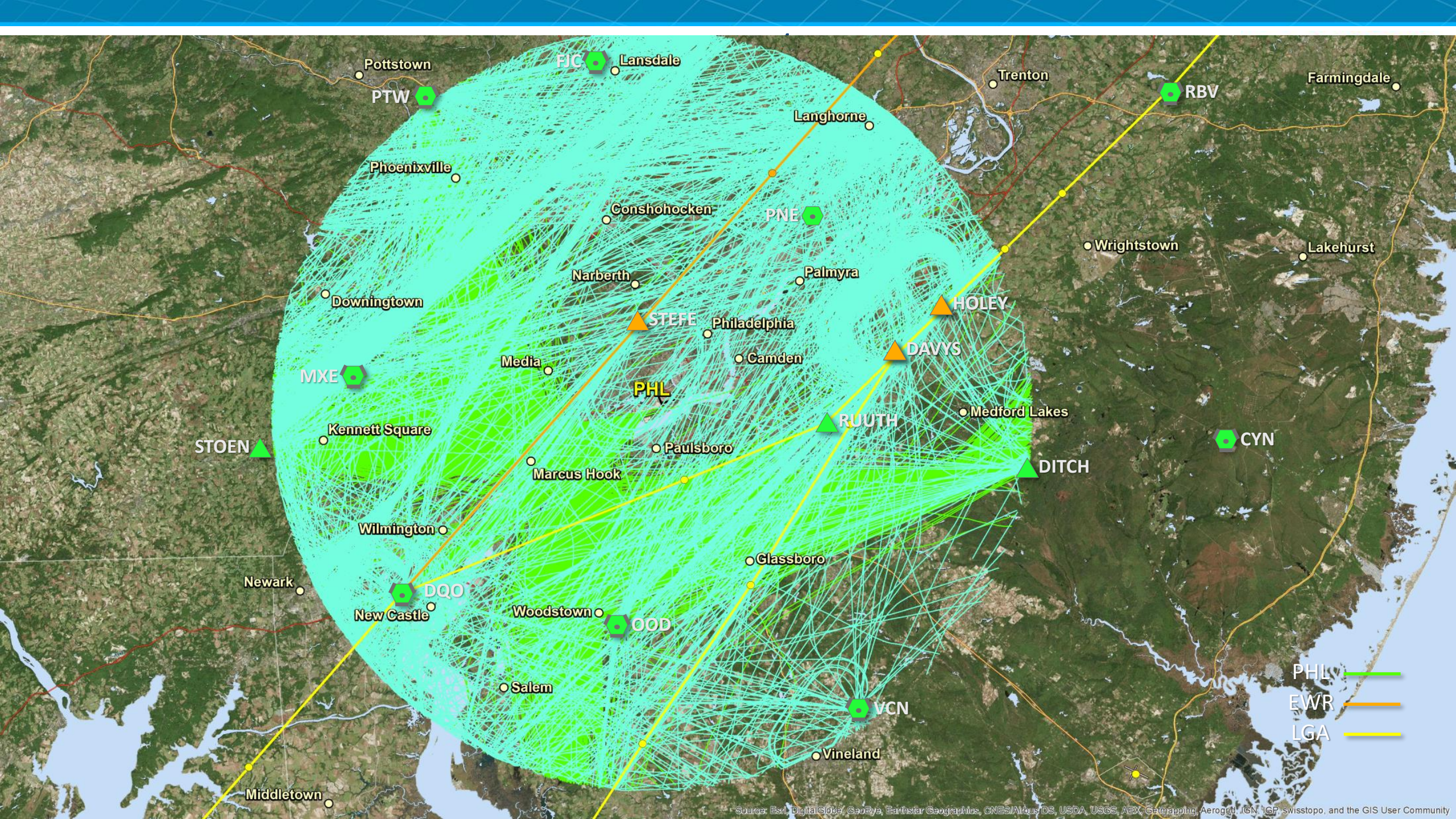
Cessna 172

Cruise Speed = 140 mph
Approach Speed = 75 mph
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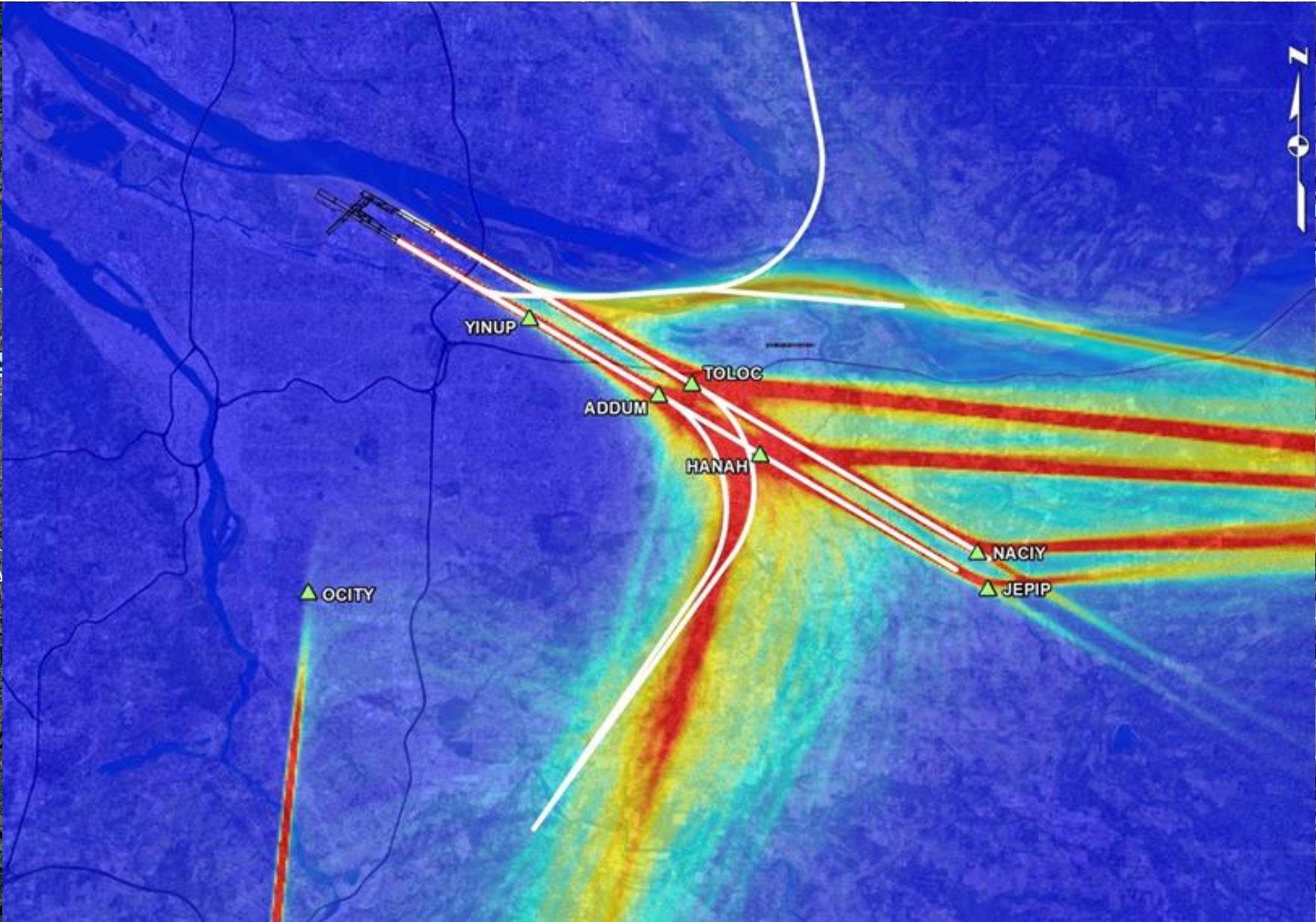
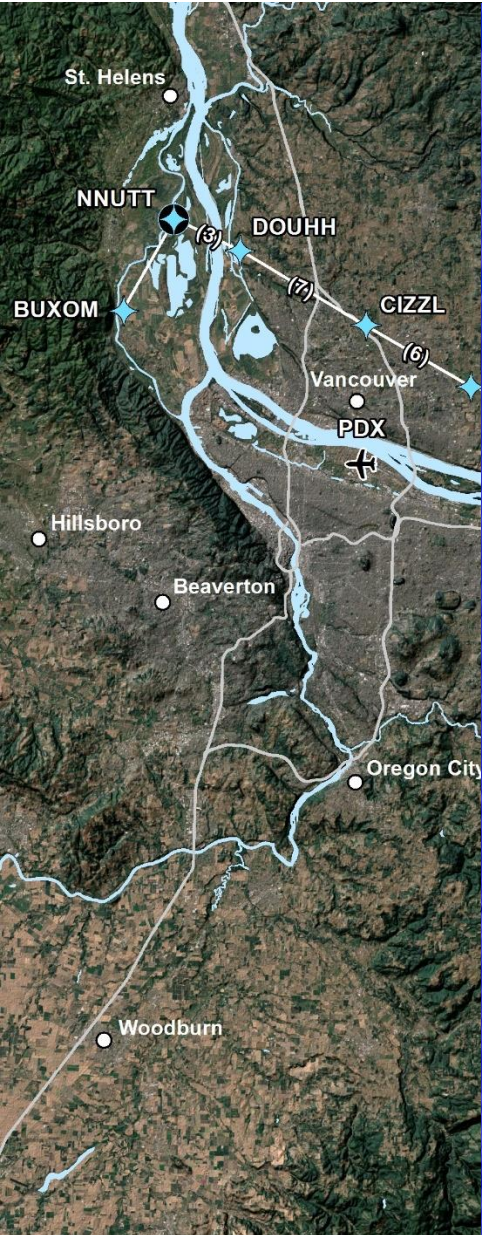
TRAFFIC SEPARATION / DECONFLICTION



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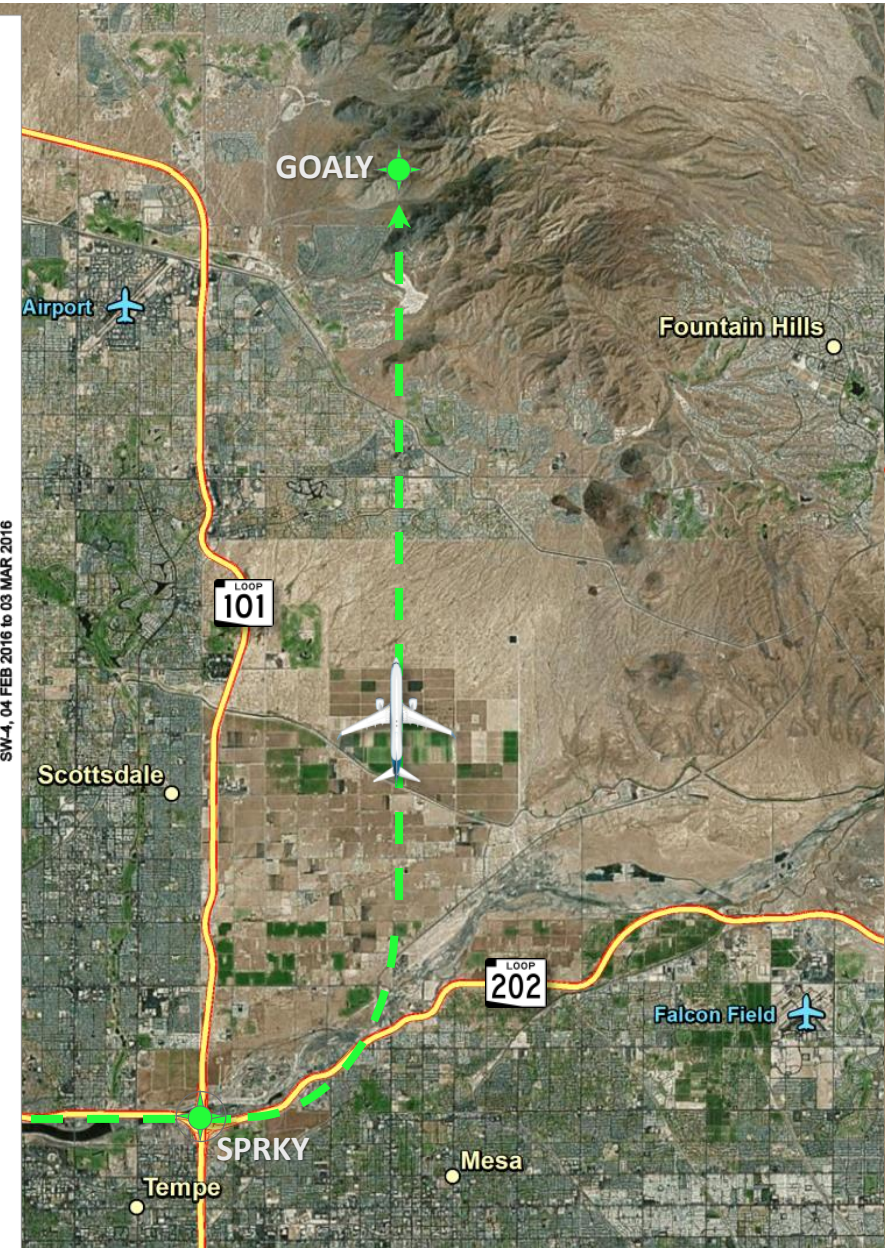
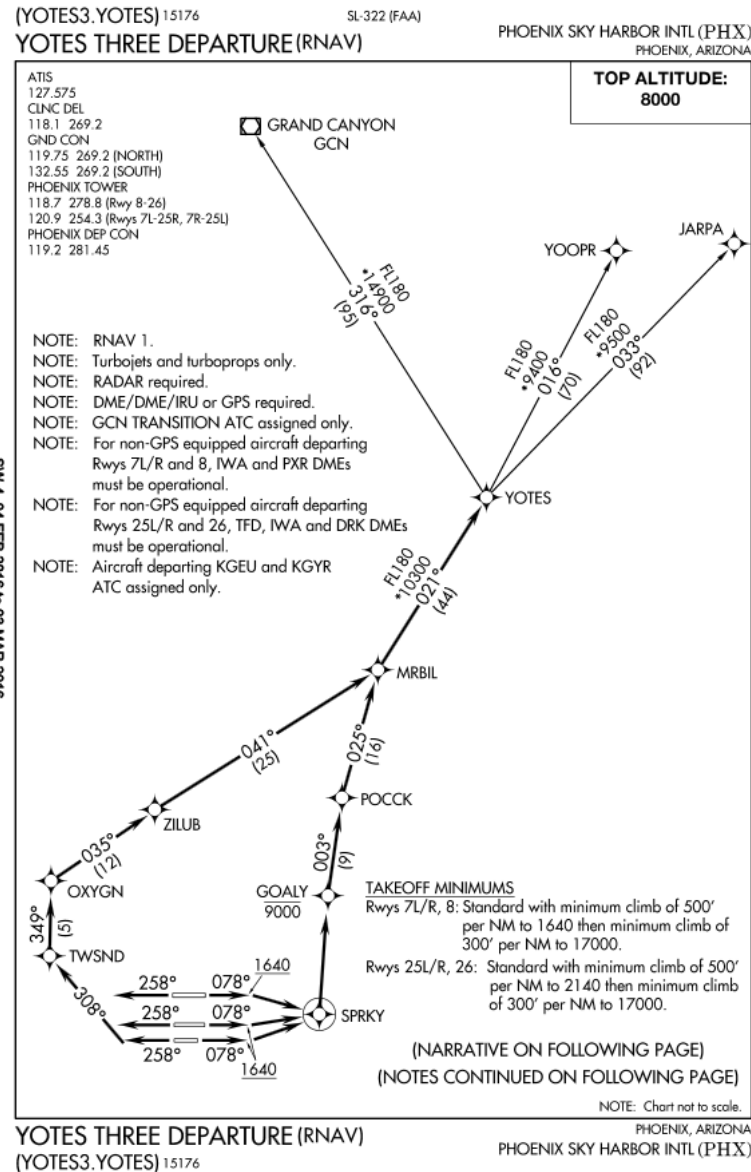
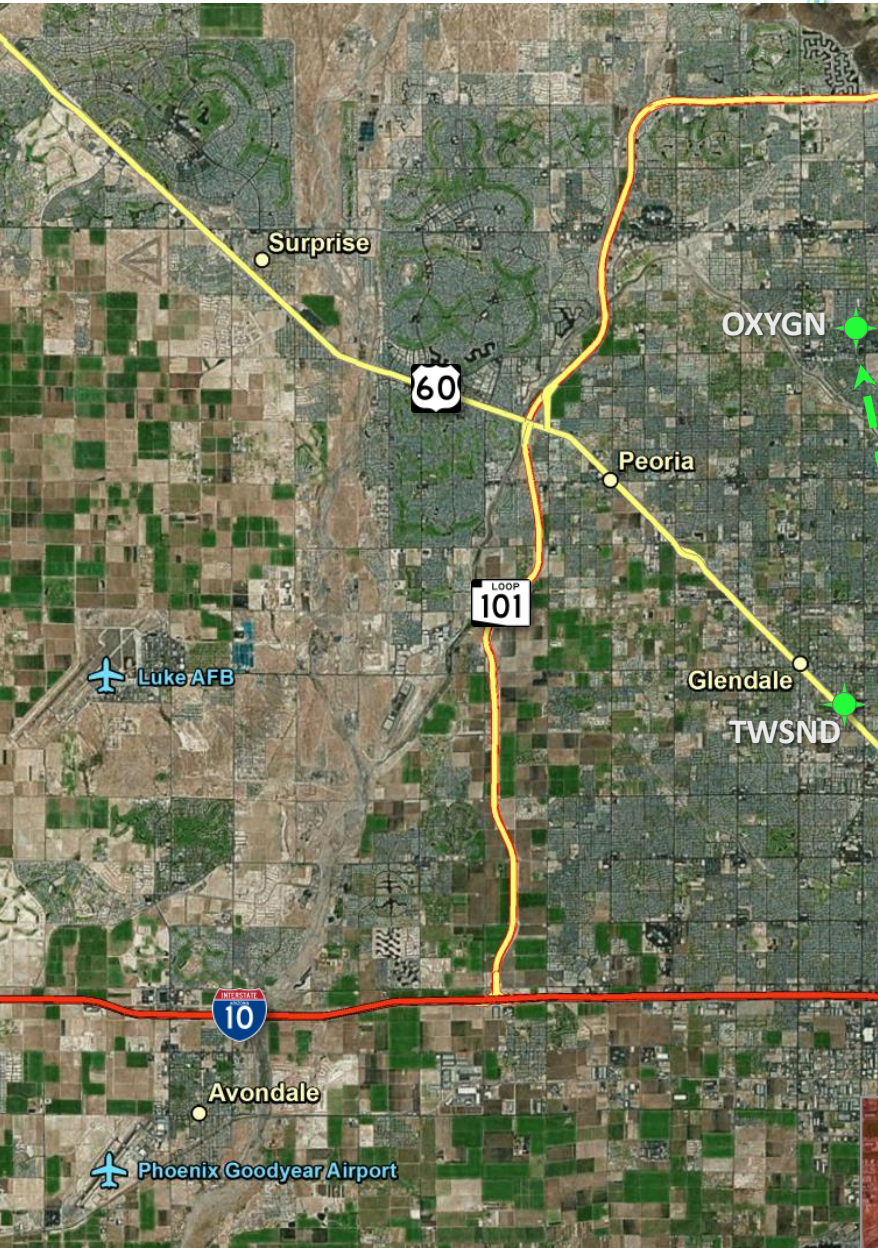
INCREASE THROUGHPUT / PREDICTABILITY



REDUCE REQUIRED AIRCRAFT SPACING



REDUCE TRACK MILES FLOWN



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