

DATA IN THE AIR: FLIGHT OPERATIONS



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Data Science in Aviation Workshop

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- 1 Quick Introduction**
- 2 Flight Data Monitoring into Safety Management Systems**
- 3 Limitations**
- 4 New initiatives**





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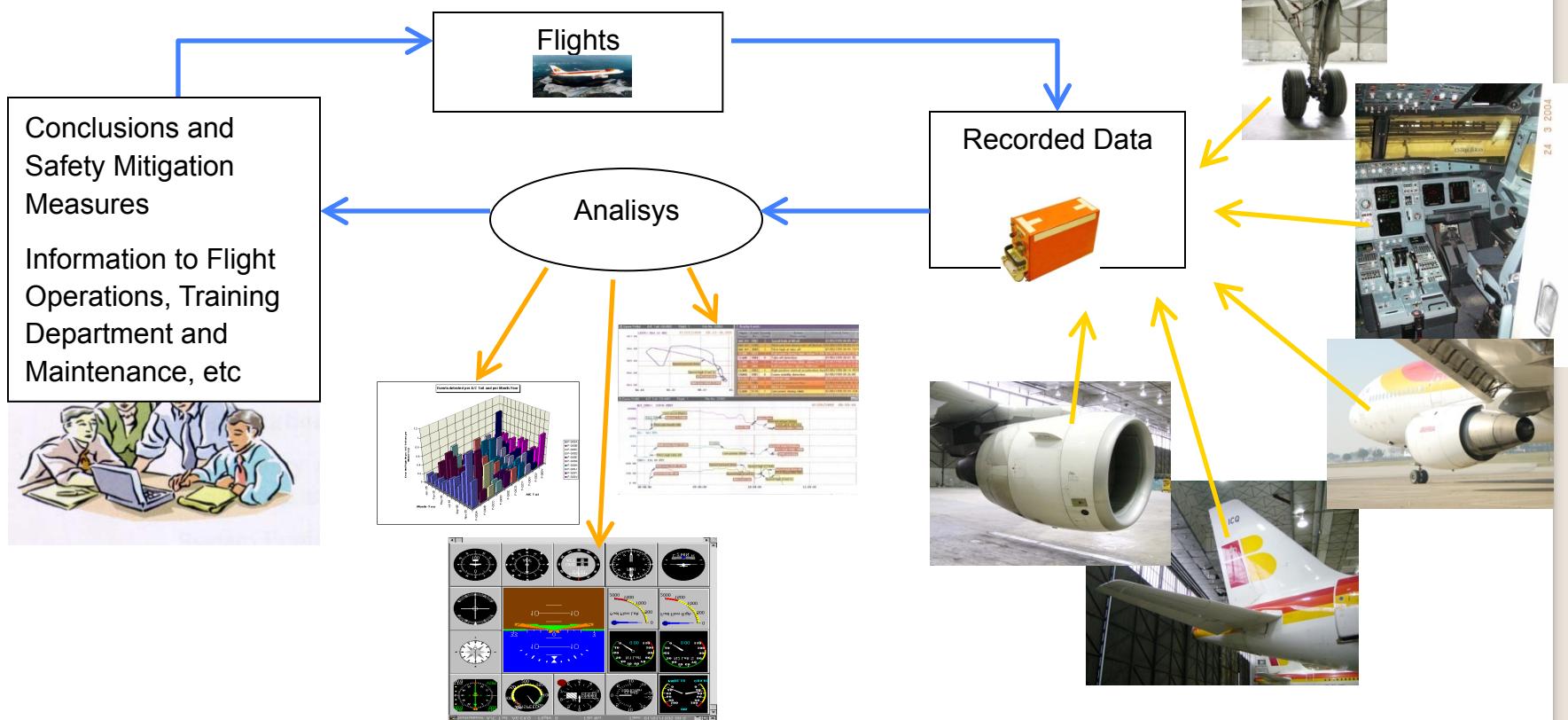
Introduction

- FDM is in use on the Airline Industry since 30 years ago.
- Mandatory since 2005.
- Our best Safety Tool, not very well known.
- Confidential use. Result of the Just Culture.
- Under used, large development capacity.

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FDM Process



FDM, the best Safety Tool on XXI Century

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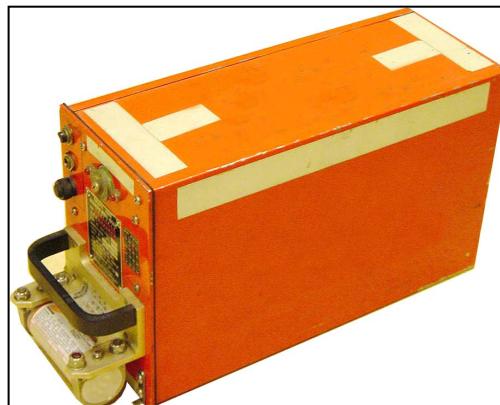


Two types of Data Recorders:

- FDR (Flight Data Recorder o Crash Recorder). The use of FDR, or Crash Recorders is mandatory.

OACI establece en su Anexo 6, capítulo 6, apartado 6.3.2 que “*todos los FDR deberán poder conservar la información registrada durante por lo menos las últimas 25 horas de su funcionamiento*” refiriéndose a los equipos de tipo I.

En el punto 6.3.3.1 especifica que “*todos los aviones que tengan una masa máxima certificada de despegue superior a 27.000 Kg. estarán equipados con FDR de tipo I*”.

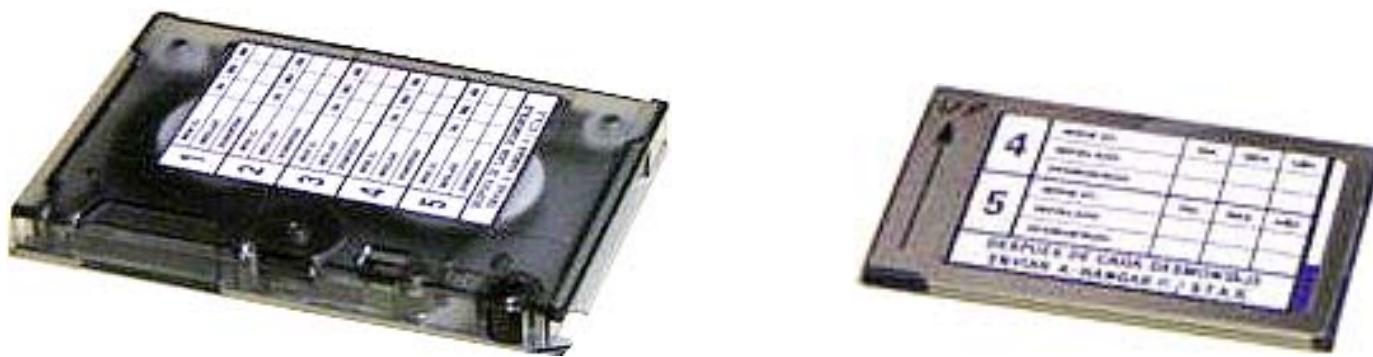


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- QAR/DAR (Quick Access Recorder/Digital Acquisition Recorder). Downloads the data to cards PCMCIA, tapes, optic disks or wireless.

Los Organismos Internacionales recomiendan a las compañías el uso de los registradores de acceso rápido (QAR) como primer paso para la explotación de sus datos de vuelo, dado su mayor número de parámetros grabados, su mayor capacidad de almacenamiento, su menor y más adecuado tamaño, y su fácil acceso y extracción.



**Designed for FDA
NOT designed for accident or incident investigations!**

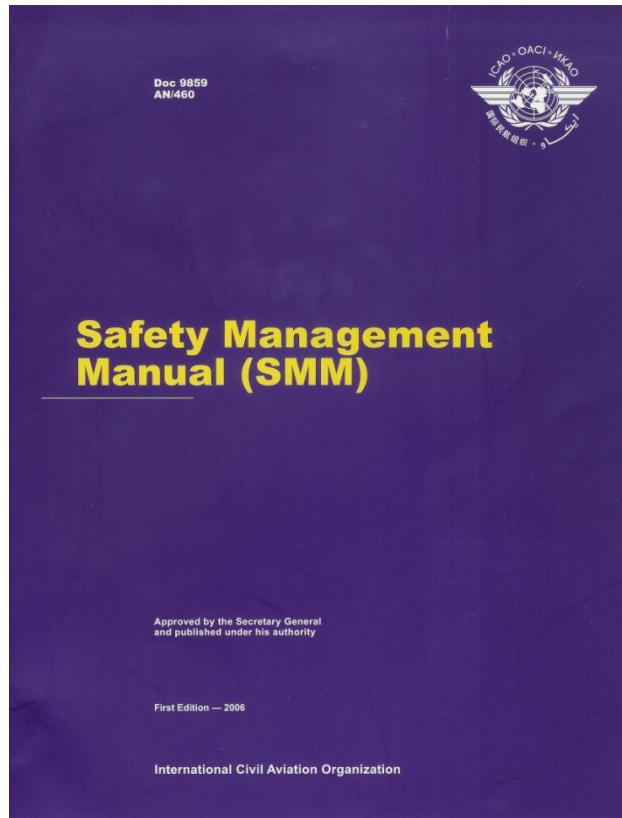
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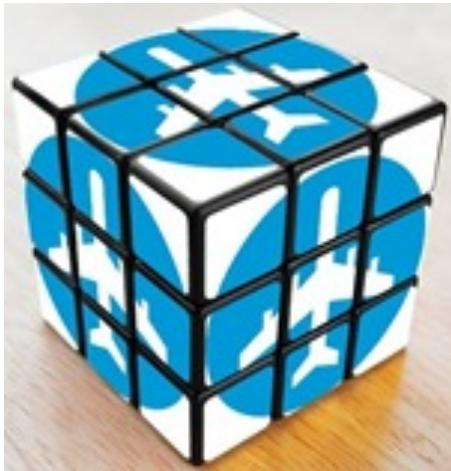


Use of the FDA in Safety Management System



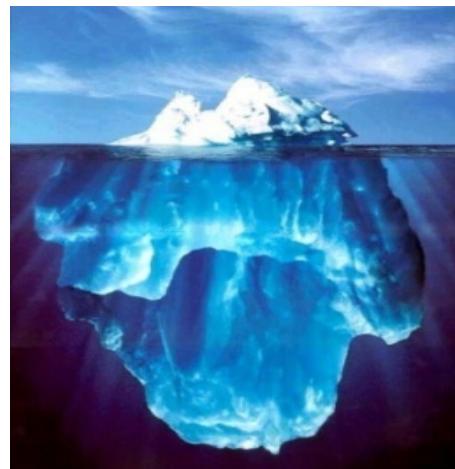
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Event Analysis

Reactive Process



Precursors

Complement of the pilot report

Preventive Process



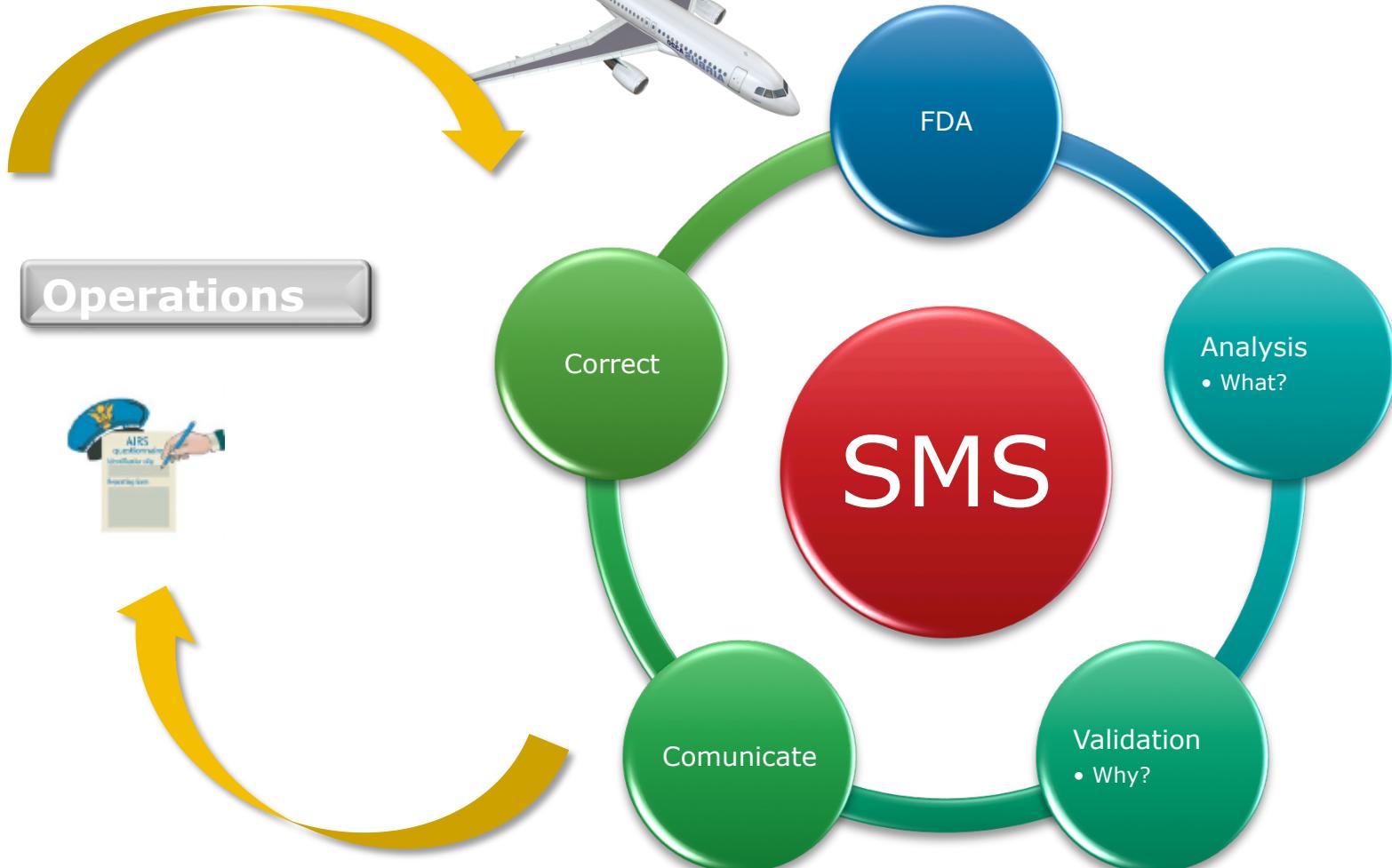
Trend Analysis

- Index
- Reliability

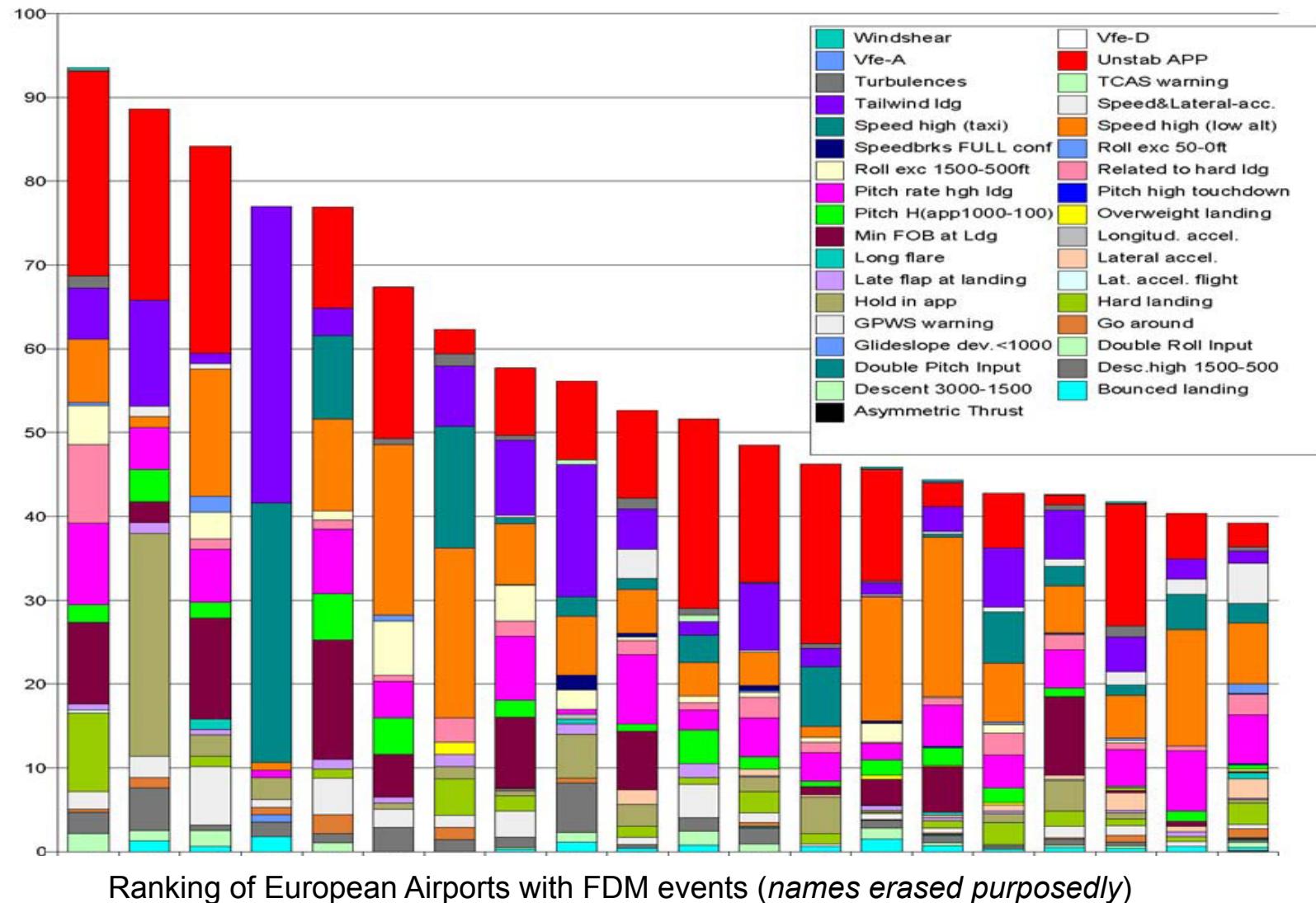
Risk Analysis

Predictive Process

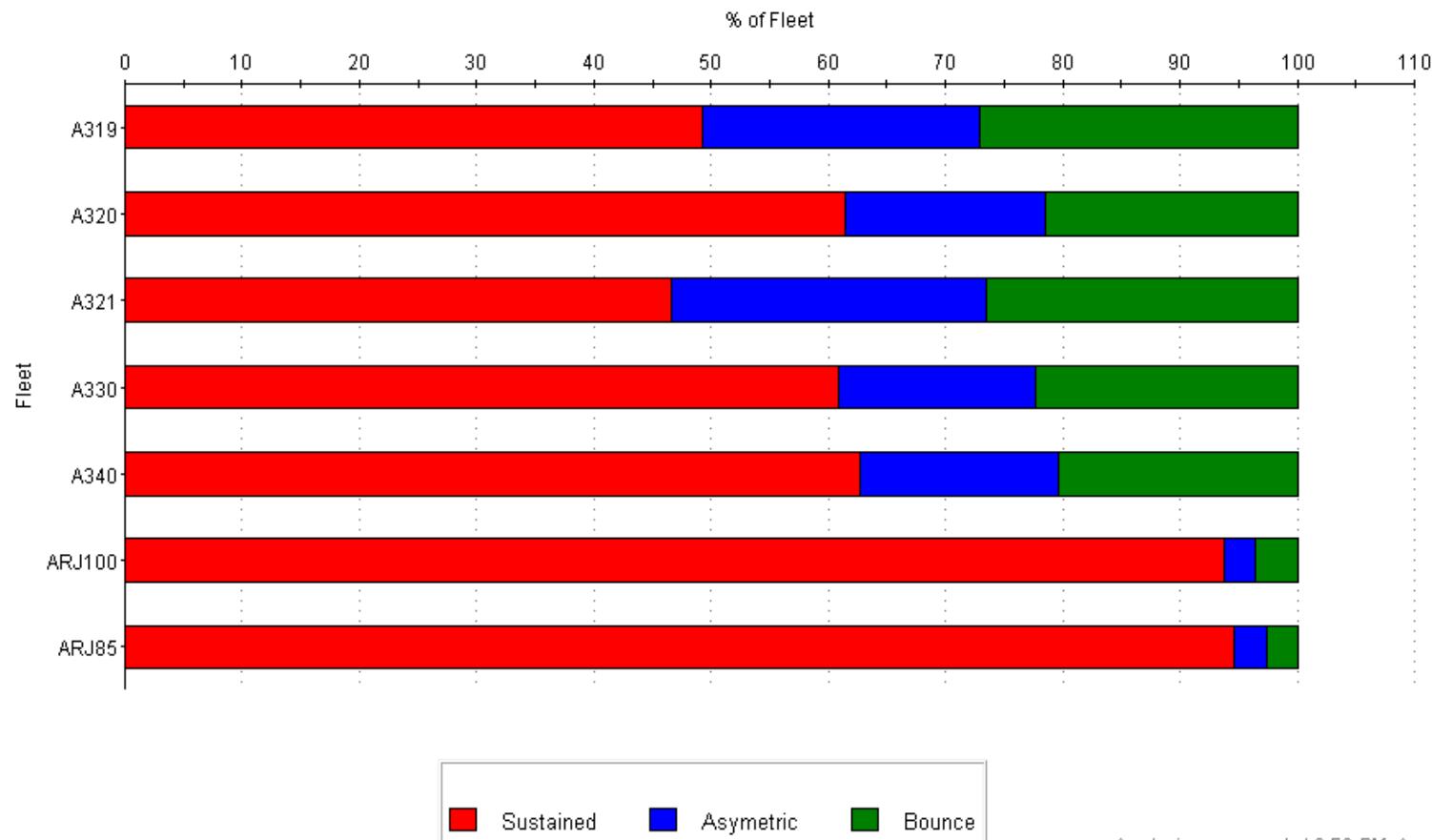
Integration on the SMS



Internal use of FDA in a SMS

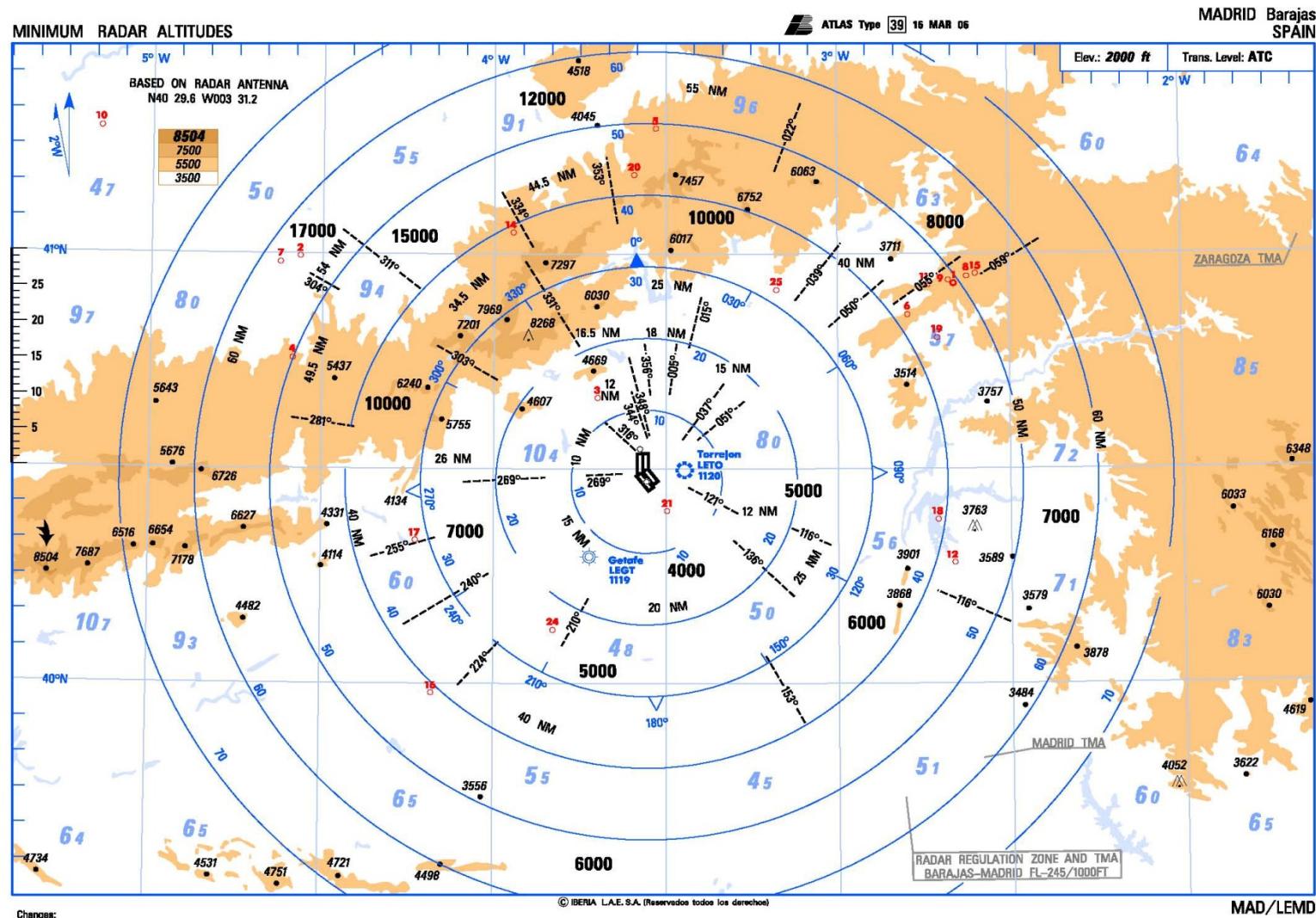


Touchdown Categories



Analysis processed at 9:50 PM Aug 4, 2007

External use of FDA in a SMS

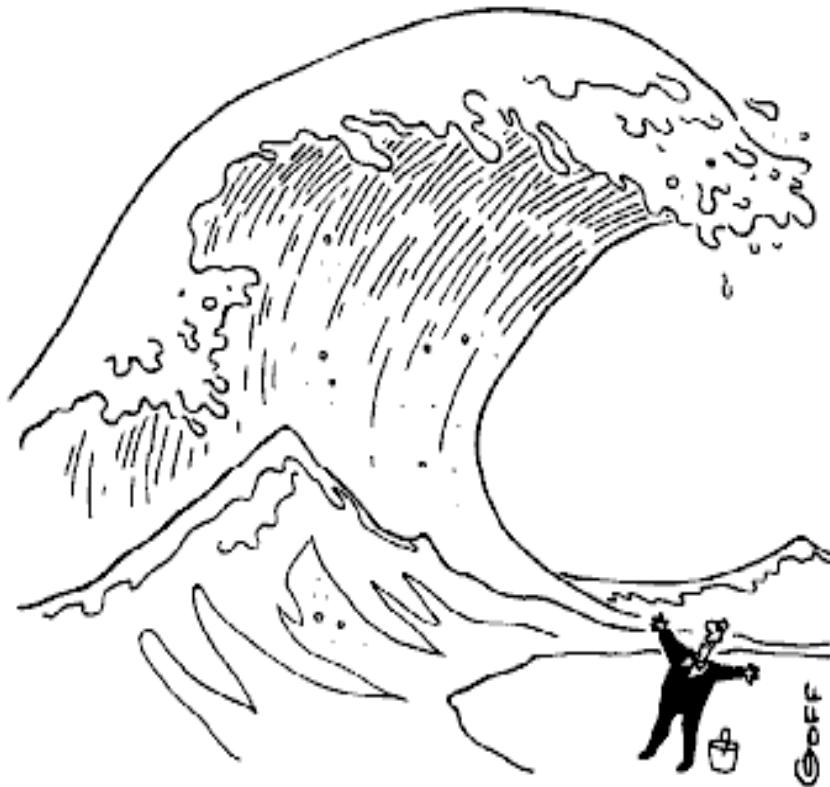


Limitations



Data Volume

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"EUREKA! MORE INFORMATION!"

- Selection of Parámetros
- Treatment
- Limited resources
- Analysis Capacity
- Appropriate approach
- Storage Capacity

Specialists

- Proper Analysis
 - Symptoms
 - Calibration of information
 - Interpretation of the data
 - Search of precursor
- Programing Algorithms.
- Validation of the Analysis
- Lack of specialists.
- No formal training for specialists.



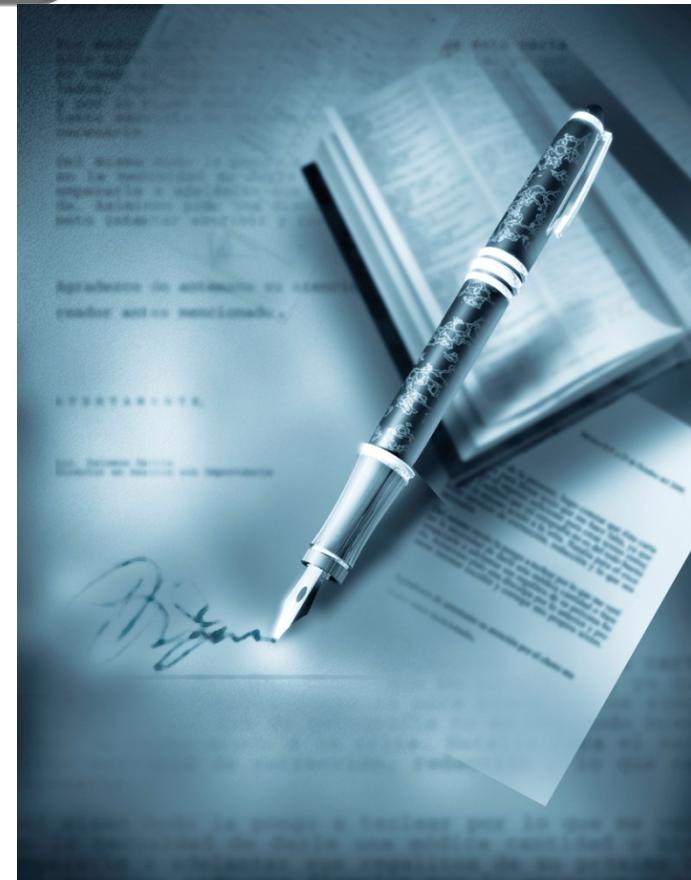
Reliability

- Amount of flights recorded
 - QAR monitoring
 - % of Fleet Equiped
 - Increased number of inputs
- Quality of the Data
 - Calibration
 - Filtering
 - Validation



Regulation

- Subject of agreements.
- Need continuous updating.
- Wide view of the FDA analysis.
- Mutual trust.
- Subject to fluctuations unrelated to the operation.

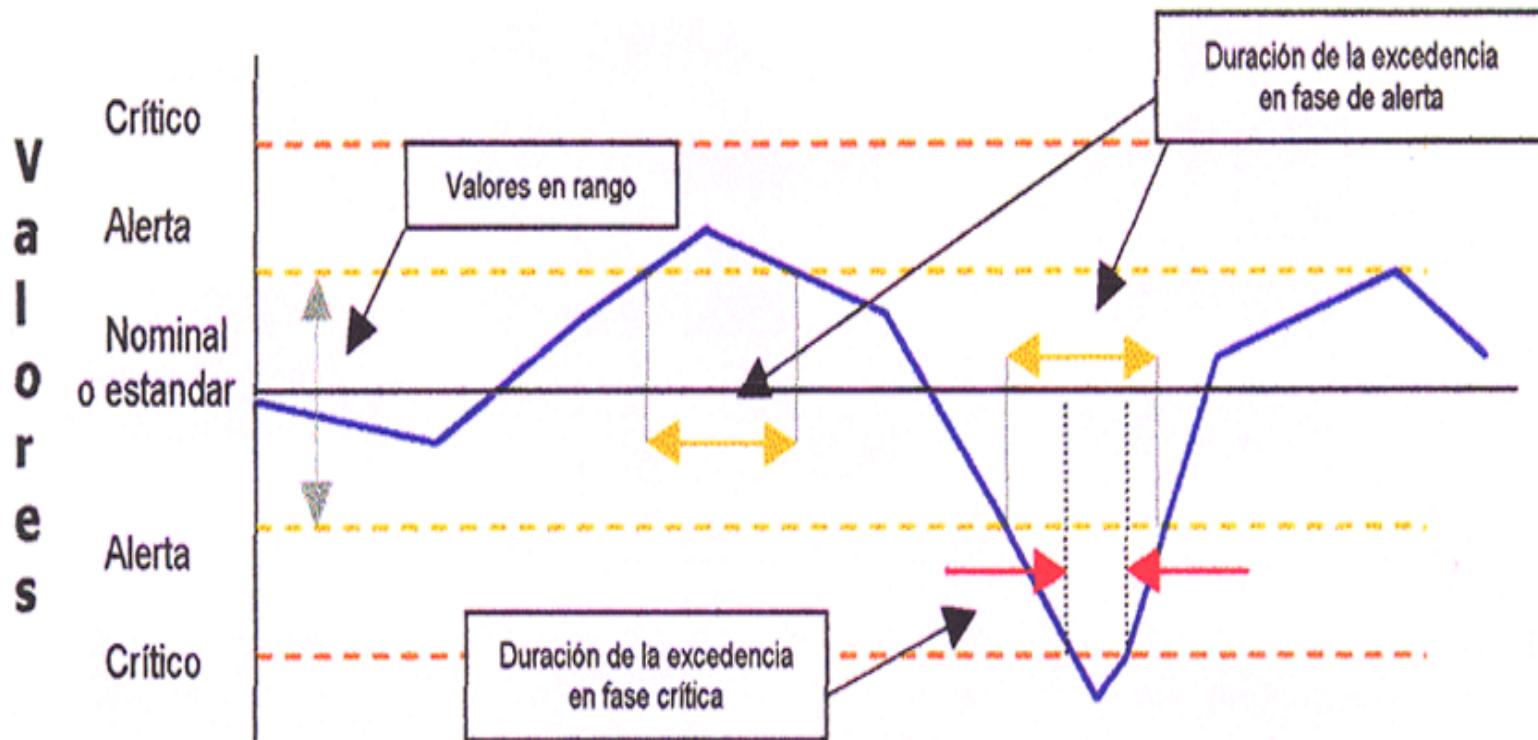


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Traditional use





NEW USES

- EXTENSIVE MONITORING

Search of new precursors.

Integration of new parameters.

- NORMAL OPERATION MONITORING

Fuel Savings

Detection of problems associated with the operation.

- IMPROVEMENT OF TRAINING

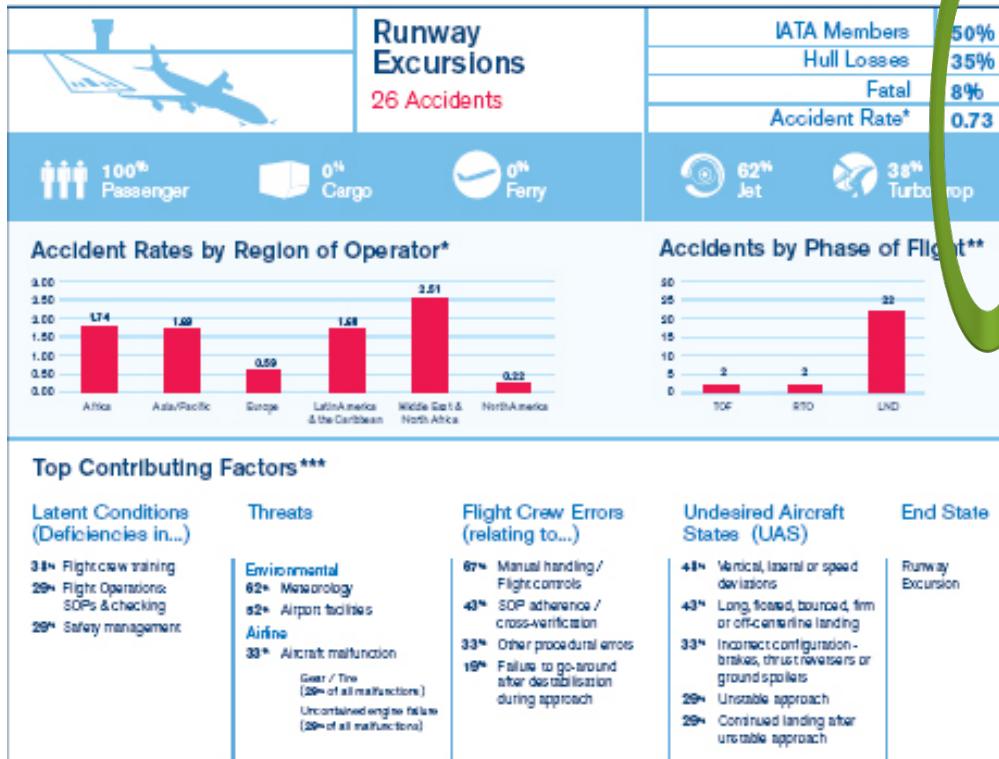
- STUDY OF MAN-MACHINE INTEGRATION

- NEW INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

EXTENSIVE MONITORING



SALIDA DE PISTA = RUNWAY EXCURSION



Search of new precursors



RUNWAY EXCURSIONS

Basic Analysis

High speed

Height over runway

Excessive roll

High vertical speed

Continuous monitoring

Vertical Profile

Speed monitoring

Trajectory monitoring

Engine Power

Advanced monitoring

Long landings

Lateral deviation on runway

Use of brakes

Engine power management

Extensive Monitoring

Tail wind

Glide slope deviation

Touchdown point

No sustained landing

NORMAL OPERATION MONITORING

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FUEL SAVING



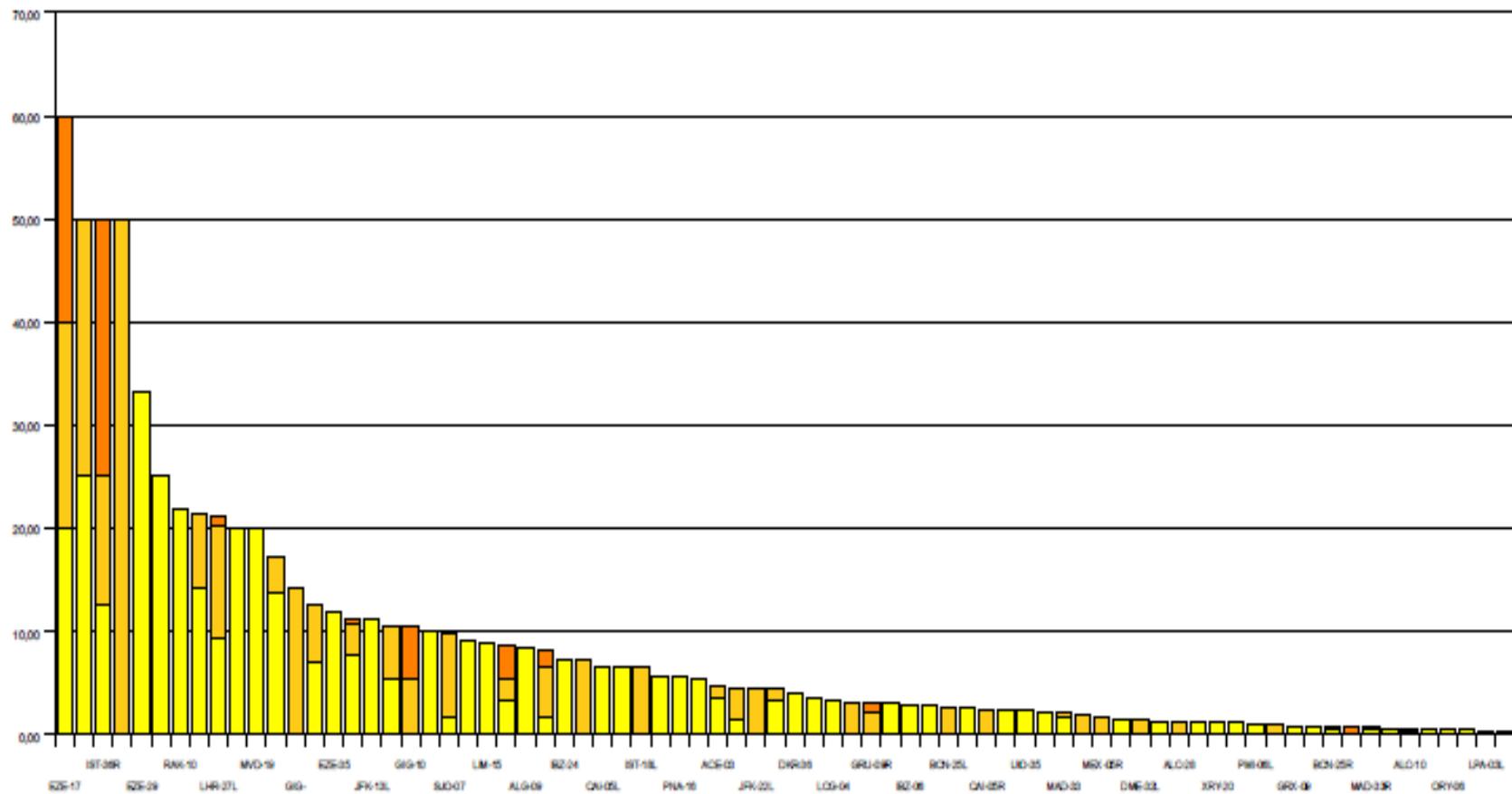
HOLDING DETECTION



FUEL SAVINGS



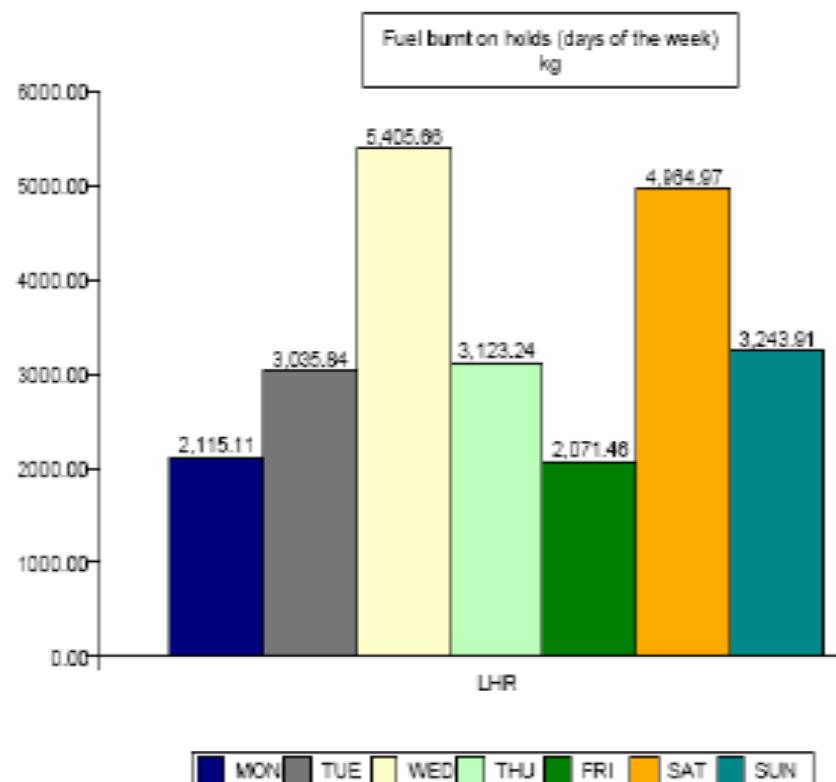
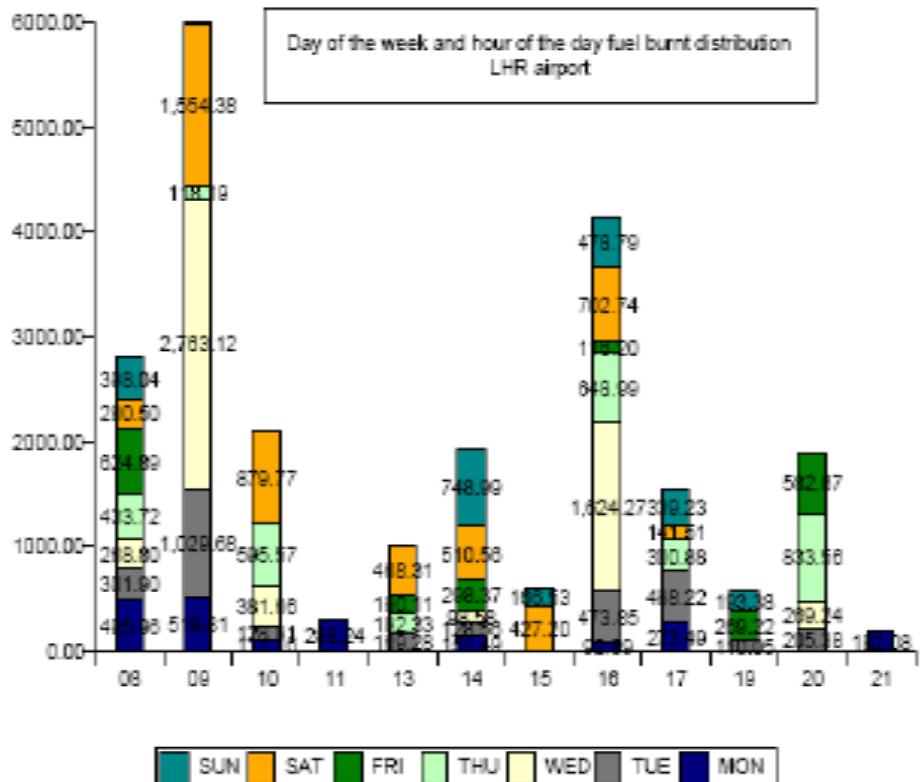
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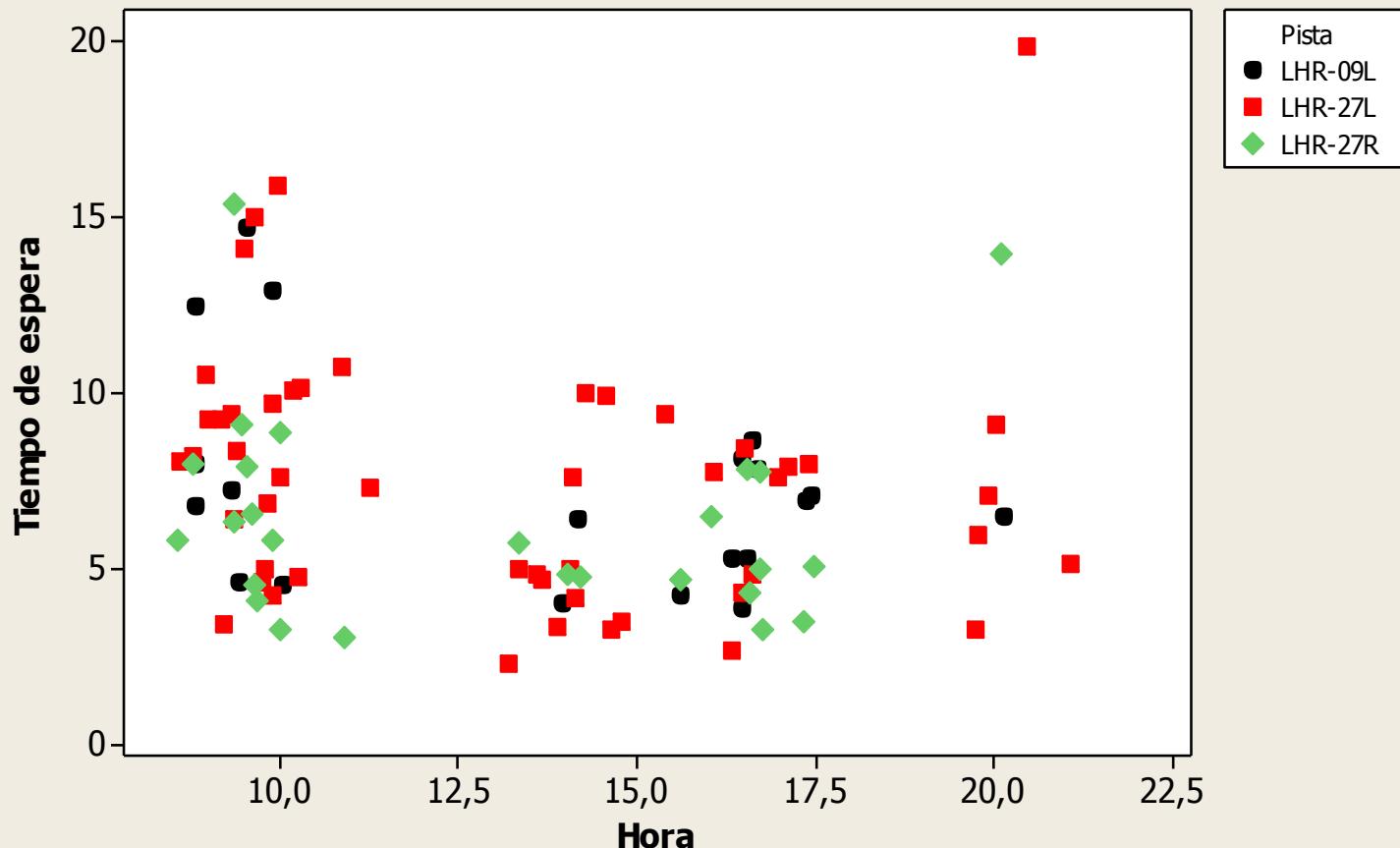


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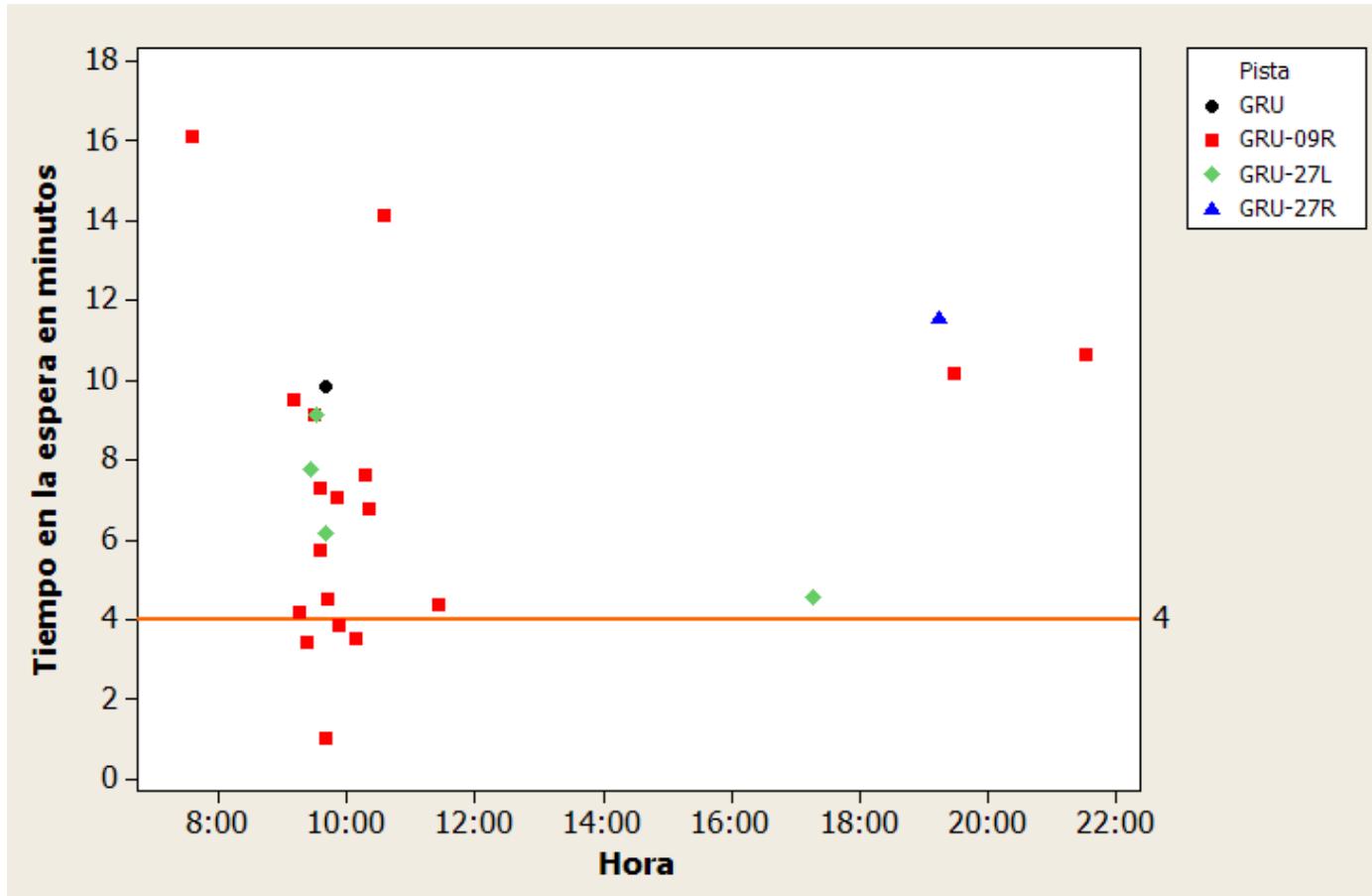
Scatterplot of Tiempo de espera vs Hora



FUEL SAVINGS

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AIRPORT CONFIGURATION

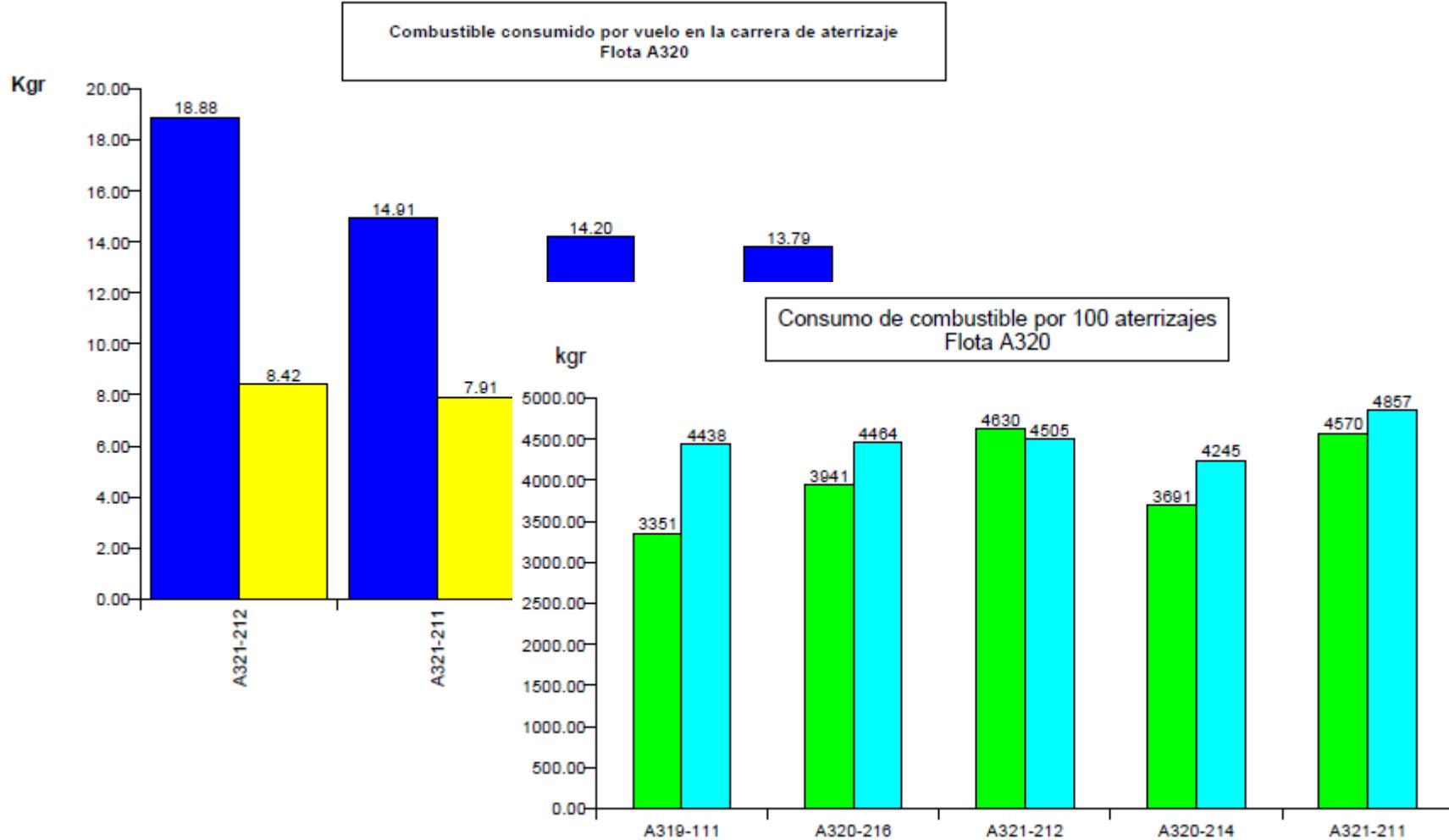


NORMAL OPERATION & SAVINGS

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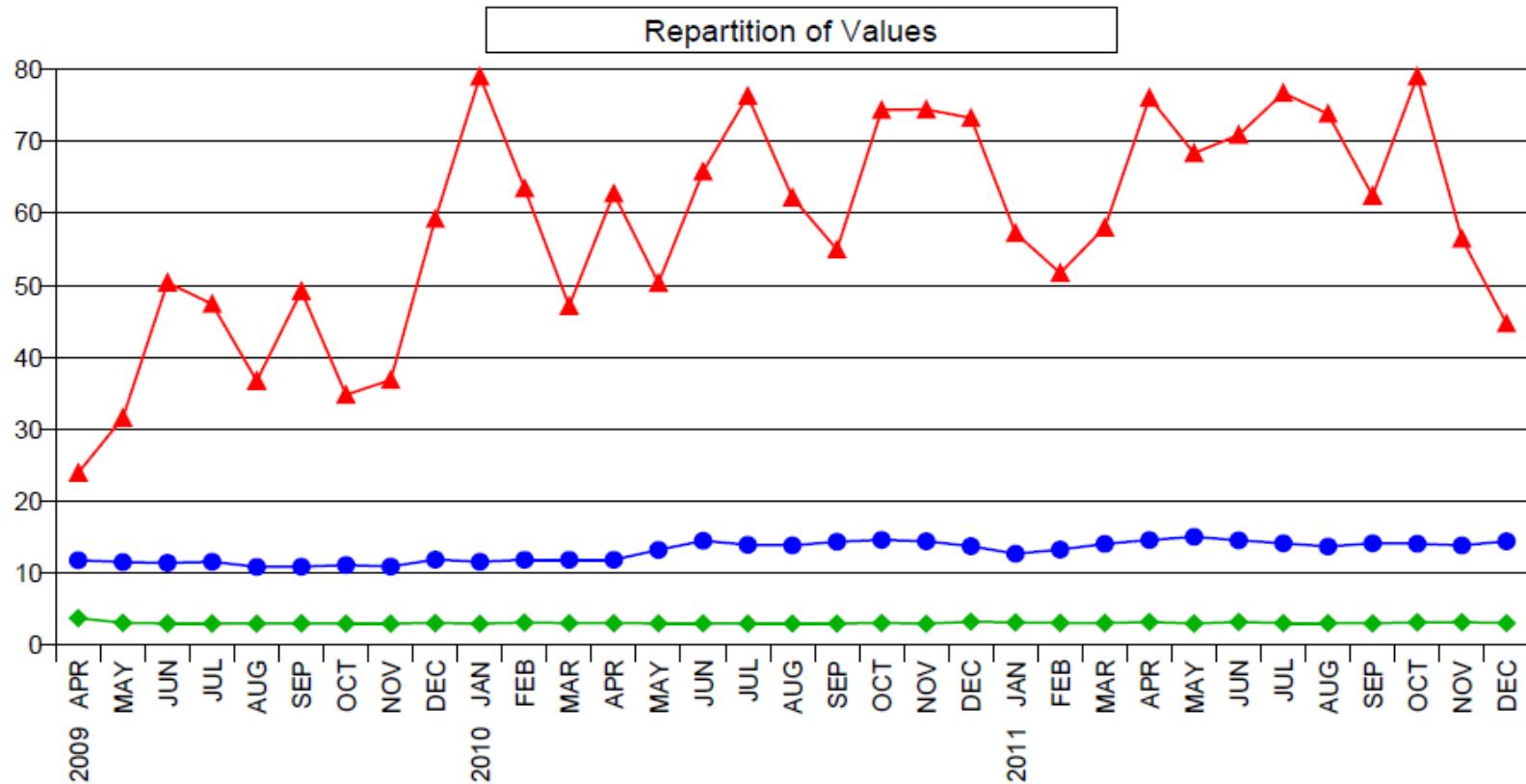
NORMAL OPERATION & SAVINGS



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TRAINING IMPROVEMENT



- TRAINING BASED ON NORMAL OPERATION.
- PERSONAL TRAINING
- FDA IN SIMULATION

TRAINING IMPROVEMENT



TRAINING BASED ON NORMAL OPERATION.

- EBT: EVIDENCE BASED TRAINING

- Initiative of AIRBUS.
- Study of the Normal operation.
- Shortcomings of the operation.
- Supplementing the shortcomings with training.



TRAINING IMPROVEMENT



PERSONAL TRAINING

- Individualized study of normal operation.
- Fill gaps.
- Tailor the training to the individual.



TRAINING IMPROVEMENT

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FDA IN SIMULATION

- Study Group
- Individualized Study
- Debrief in 3D representation.
- Reproduction of the simulator session
- Training Analysis



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MAN- MACHINE INTEGRATION

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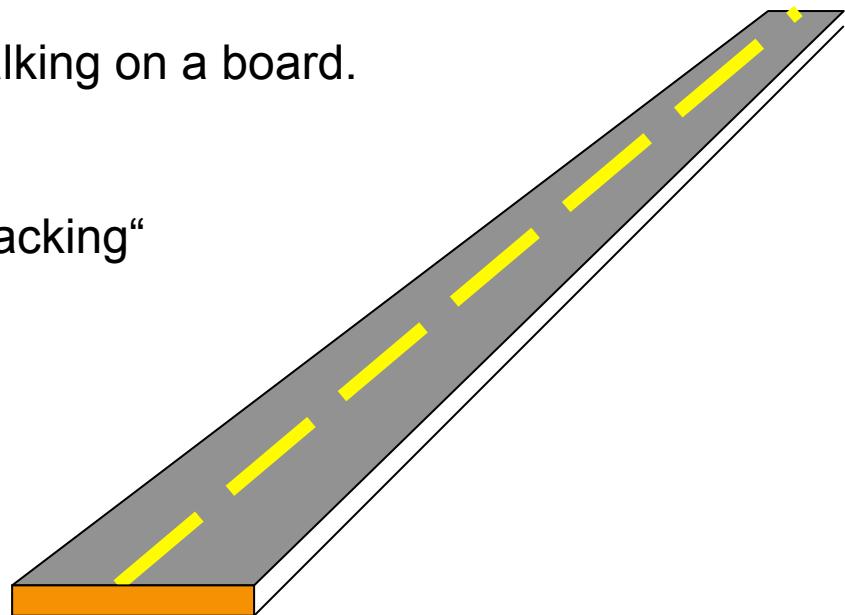
Influence of the pilot overacting on hard landings and tail strike in adverse weather situations

Based on a study of the US Air Force

The runway has an effect similar to walking on a board.

Specially with strong cross wind

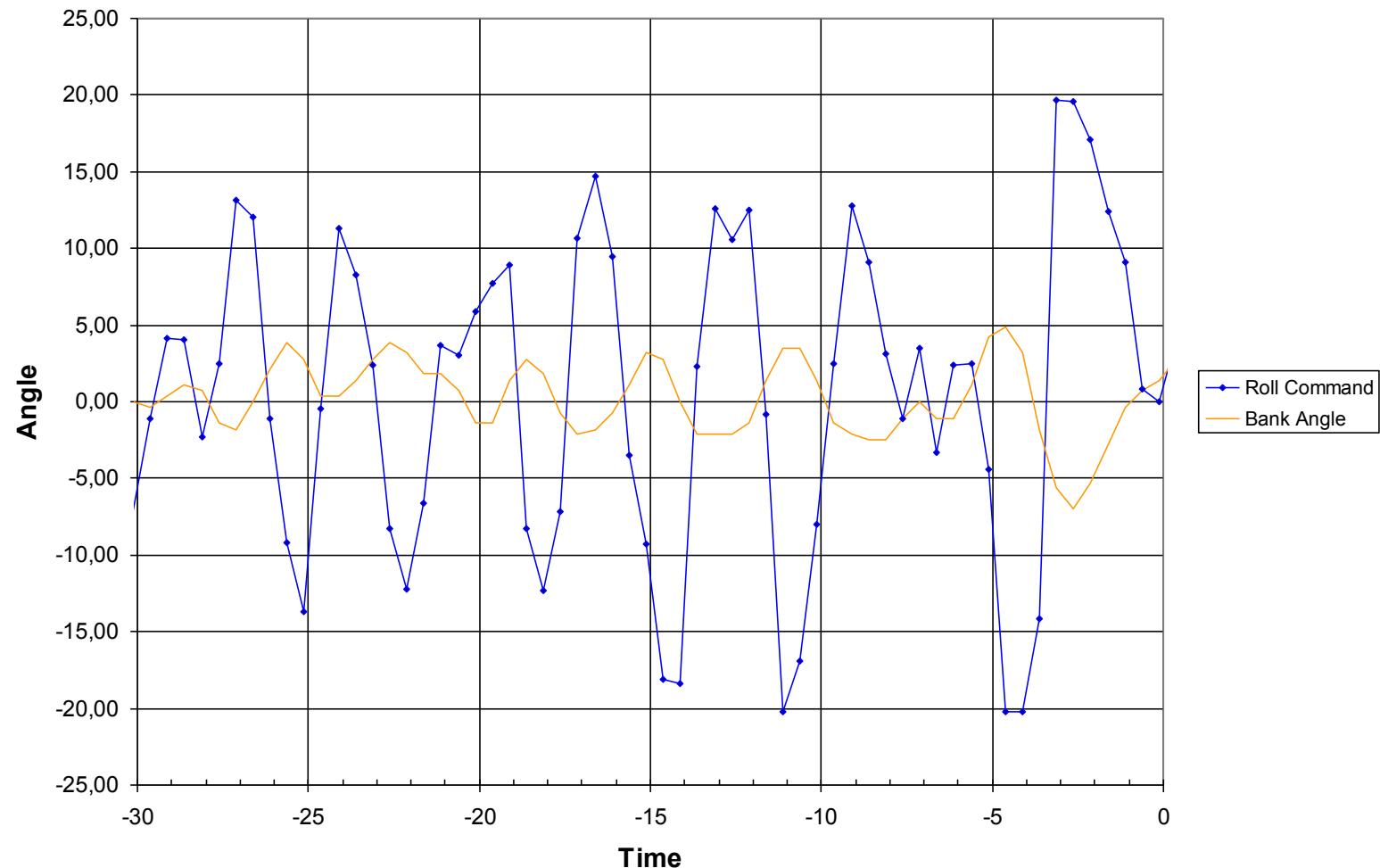
The outcome: “Boundary-avoidance tracking“



MAN-MACHINE INTEGRATION



Bank Angle vs. First Officer Roll Command

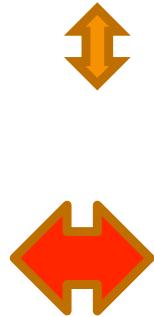
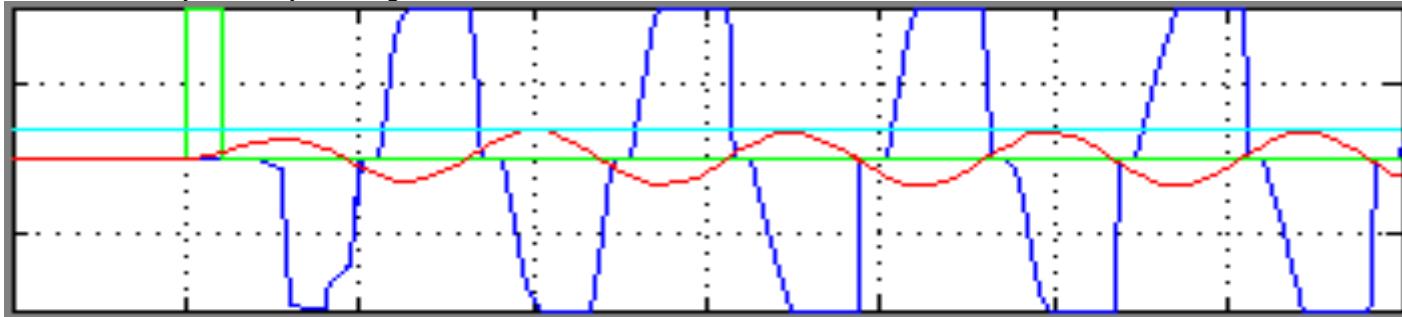


MAN- MACHINE INTEGRATION



Study on pilot monitoring instruments

- GRAZ University & AUSTRIAN AIRLINES
- HILAS (NLR) Project



MAN- MACHINE INTEGRATION

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NEW INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES





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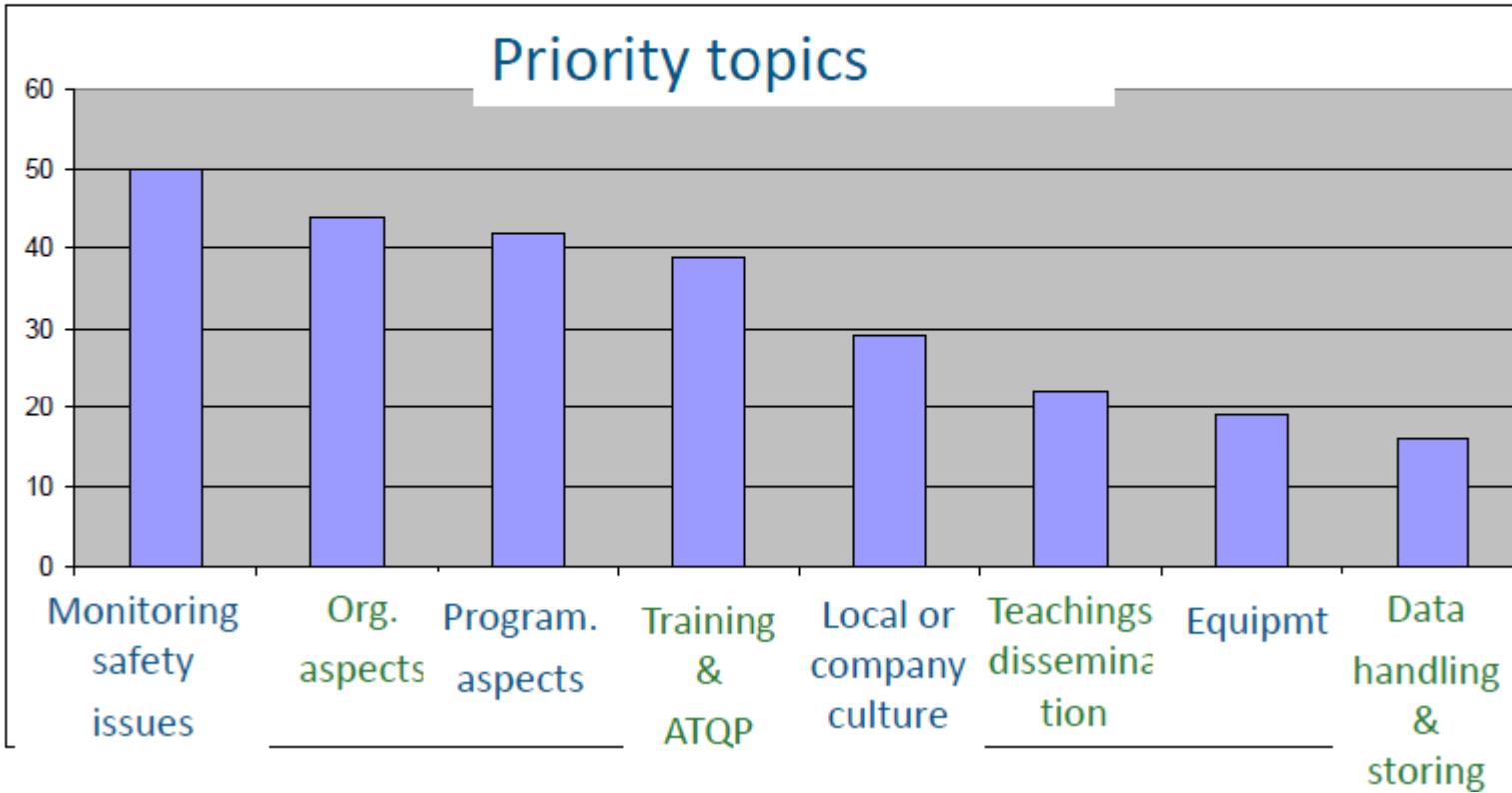


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Progress report on the European Operators FDM Forum



II. Survey on EOFDM – Priority topics



NEW INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES



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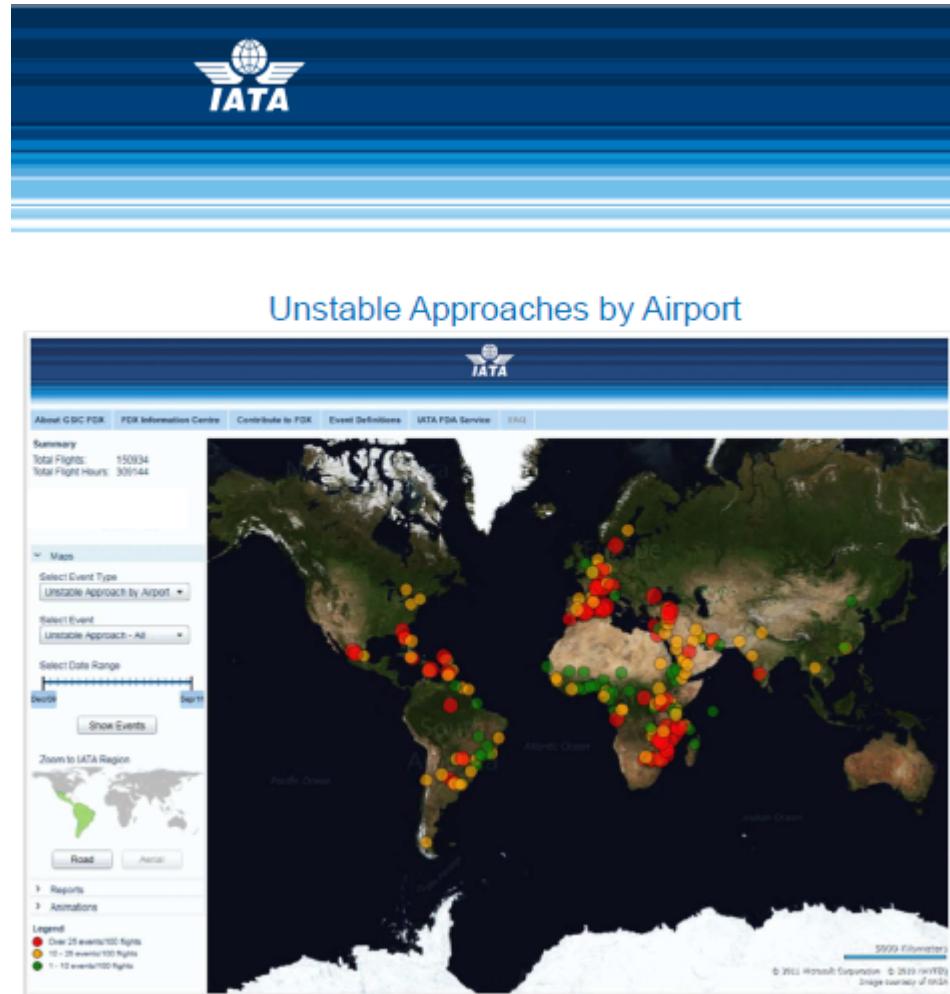
- ↗ The FDX (Flight Data Exchange) is a database of FDA/FOQA events from contributing airlines whereby unprocessed ARINC 717 data (raw data file as downloaded from the aircraft without having been processed by an in-house FOQA system such as Flightscape Insight | FDM, SAGEM AGS, Teledyne AirFase, etc) from their aircraft is processed by the IATA FDX team using one single event set. The data de-identification encompasses the following:
 - ↗ No airline information is available
 - ↗ The tail numbers are written off
 - ↗ The flight numbers are written off
 - ↗ The flight date is set to the first day of the month

NEW INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES



From January 2011

- + 20 Airlines
- 200.000 Flights:
 - Benchmarking
 - Airport Risk
 - Airport Familiarization
 - Specific Analysis



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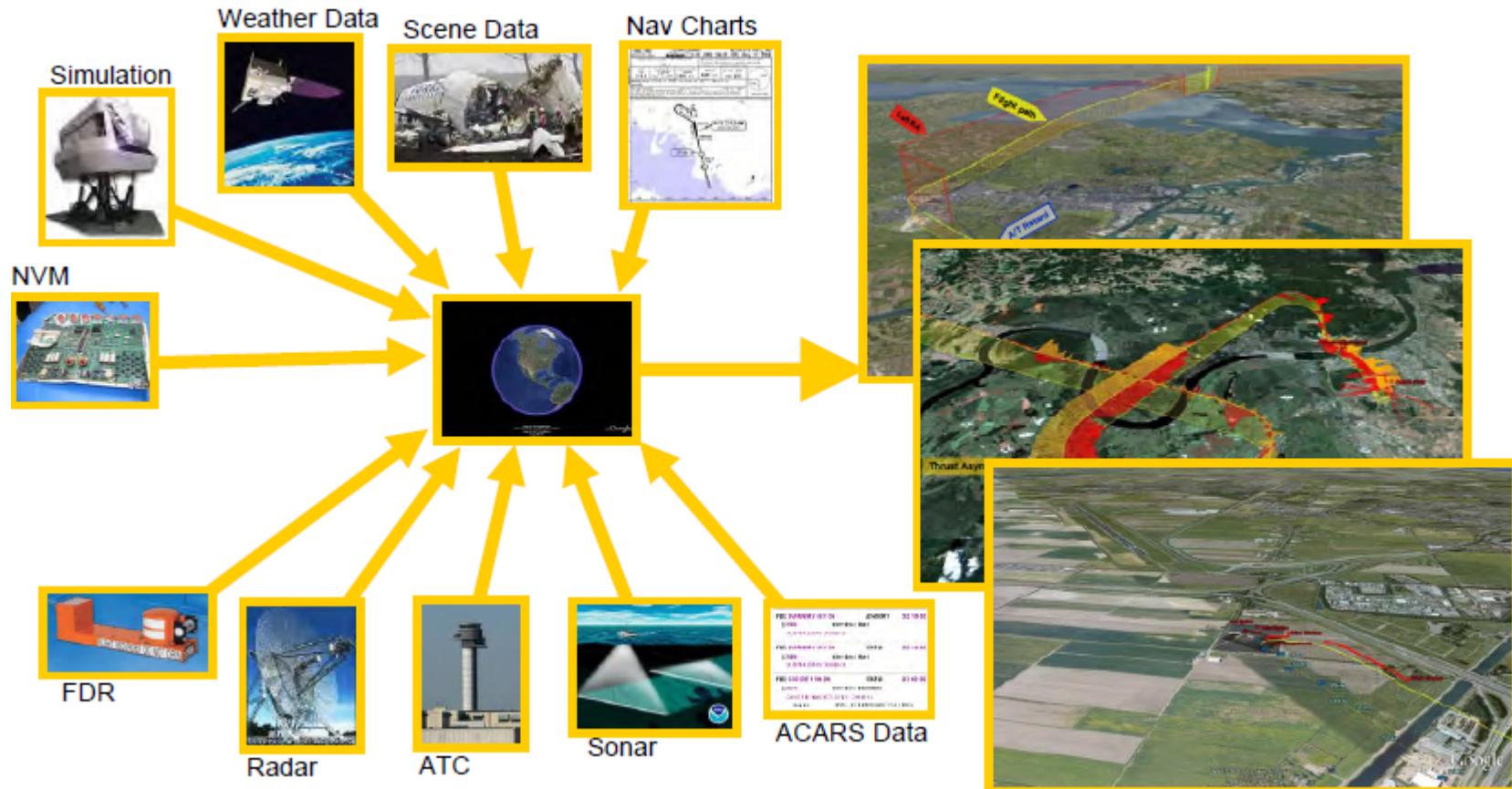
Ejemplo de análisis por aeropuerto del FDX de IATA



NEW INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES



BOEING: Total Flight data integration



CONCLUSION

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Where is the limit?





QUESTIONS

