



# Airport Engineering

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# AIRPORT ENGINEERING

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## **ABSTRACT**

Recent developments in computer design software for airfield pavement design, have simplified the design process to a great extent. The Federal Aviation Administration's Rigid and Flexible Iterative Elastic Layered Design software (FAARFIELD) is one of their newly released design programs. FAARFIELD is based on AC 150/5320-6E, which includes Finite Elemental Modeling approaches. For flexible pavement design, FAARFIELD uses the similar structural response and failure models as LEDFAA 1.3. For rigid and overlay pavement design, FAARFIELD combines a three-dimensional finite element analysis with a performance/failure model based on full scale test result from National Airport Pavement Test Facility (NAPTF) and re-analysis of USACE full scale test results. With the application of appropriate calibration factors, FAARFIELD is considered one of the most effective tools in simulating and material modeling. FAARFIELD is also capable of handling New Large Aircrafts (NLA) with complex landing gear configuration including B-777, Airbus A380 and An-225. Other recent developments in pavement management software includes COMFAA 3.0 (as per AC150/5335-5B) and FAAPAVEAIR (Beta Version, expected to release soon). The objective of this paper is to introduce Airport Engineering, some of the innovative pavement technologies in computer design software-Finite Elemental Modeling, Pavement Management Technologies and various Decision making criteria "Decision Matrix" that have been using at Houston Airport Systems for several years. Pavement strength evaluation techniques and reporting criteria based on ACN-PCN evaluation using recent updated version of COMFAA 3.0, and application of NDT for sub-grade modulus evaluation and their implication on ACN-PCN determination are also presented and discussed. Finally, the outcomes of preliminary investigation on "Evaluation of Corrosion Potential of Native Sub-grade Soils through Soils Resistivity Analysis at Houston Airports Systems" are also presented.

**Key Words:** *Soil, Pavement Design, FAARFIELD, COMFAA, ACN/PCN, NDT, Corrosion, Resistivity*



# Airport Engineering

## Overview

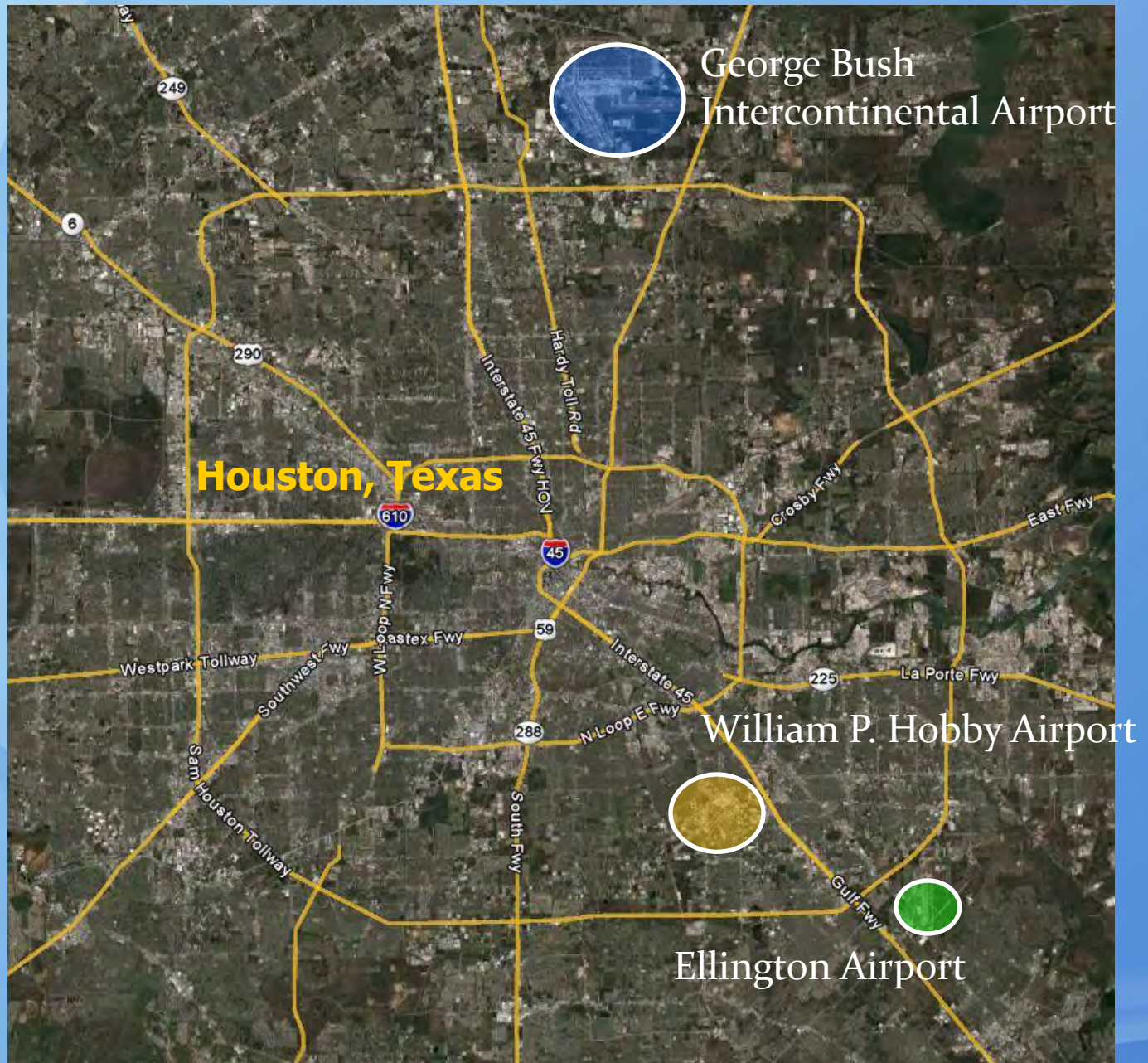
1. Introduction to Houston Airport Systems
2. Introduction to Pavement Design and Design Software
3. Pavement Management System
4. Soils Resistivity and Corrosion Potential of Native Sub-grade Soils at Houston Airport Systems

# **Section-1: Introduction**

- Houston Airport System
- General Airport Features
- Instrumentation Landing Systems



# LOCATION MAP: HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEMS

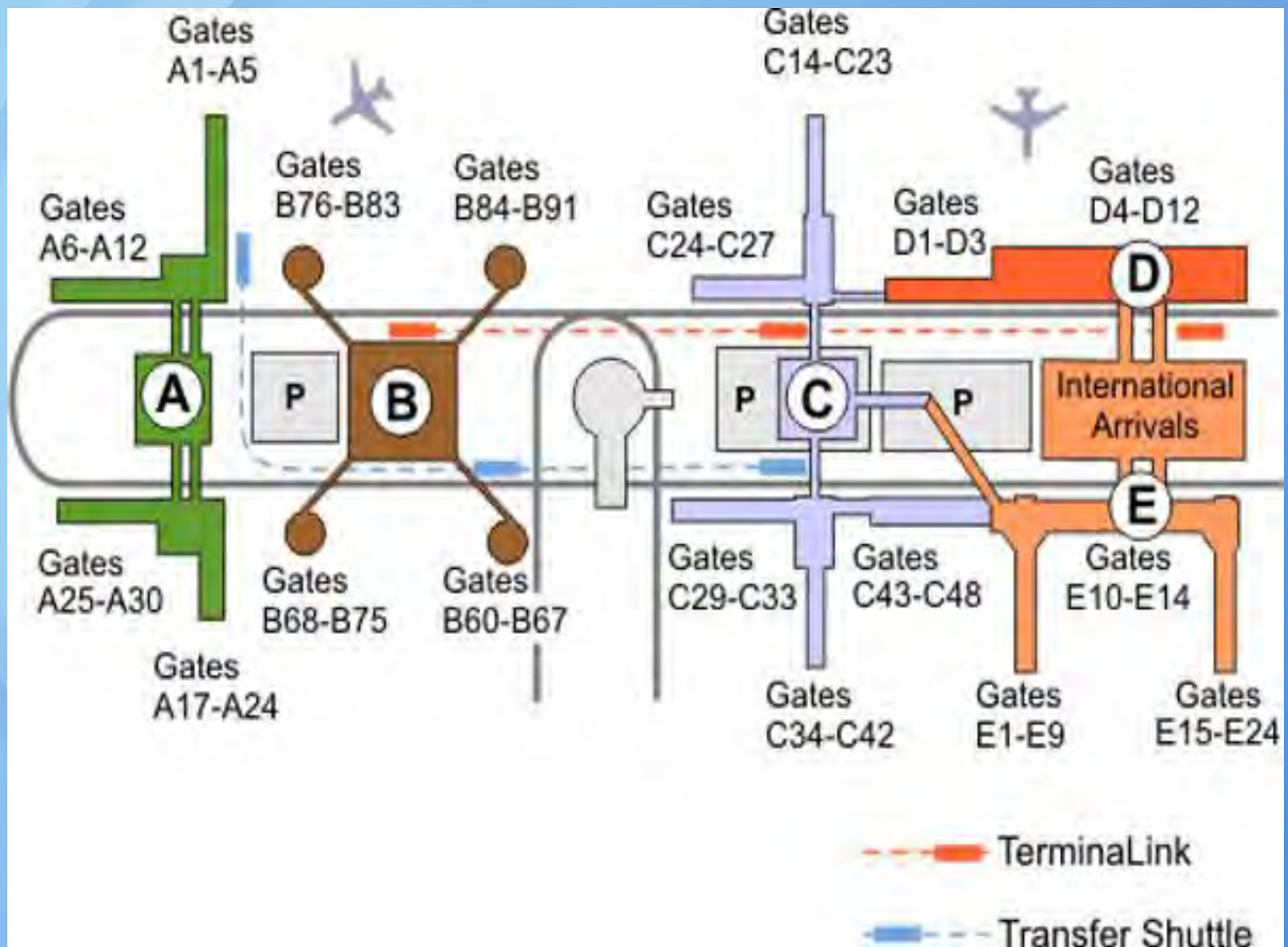




# Aerial Map – George Bush Intercontinental Airport







5 Major Runways

8L/26R=9,000'

15L/33R=12,000'

8R/26L=9,400' 9/27=10,000'

15R/33L=10,000'



# William P. Hobby Airport







# Ellington Airport





# Ellington Airport



**This Airport is Currently Operated by Military, NASA ,  
and General Aviation**

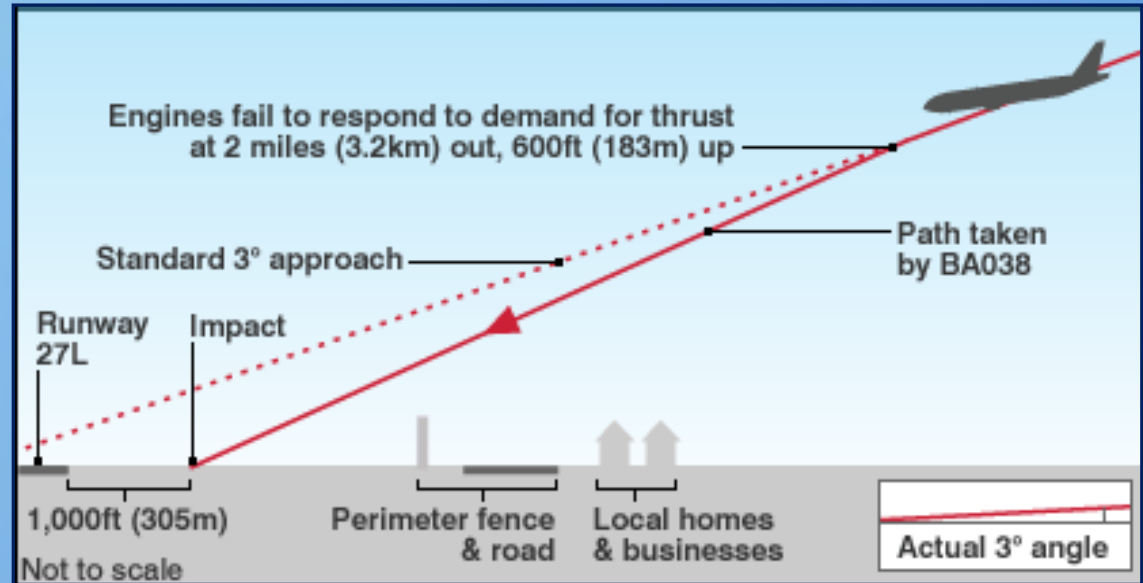
# General Airport Features

- Terminal Buildings/Control Tower
- Runways/Taxiways
- Instrumentation Landing System
- Jet Bridge/ Gates
- Fuel Tank/Pipelines
- Storm Water Management/Sewer Systems
- Detention Pond/ Lift Stations
- Air quality/Noise/Hazardous Material
- Wetland/Biotic Communities





# Instrumentation Landing System

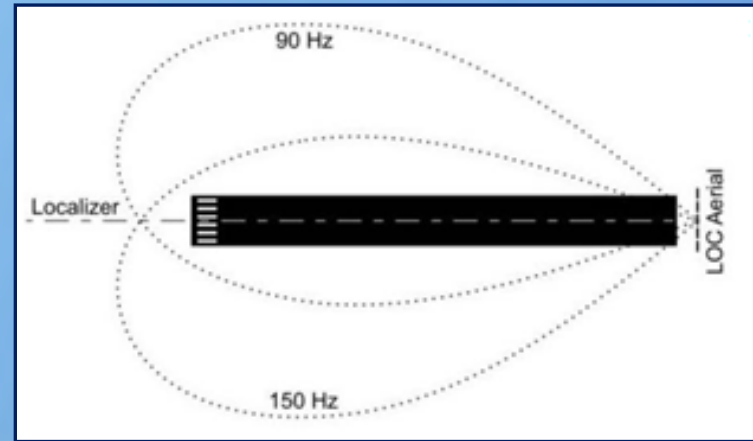


## Glide Slope & Antenna

### Corrects the Descent Path in V. Direction

- Located Between 750'-1250' From the Approach end of Runway
- Transmits a Glide Path Beam at 1.4 Degree Wide
- Path Projection of 3 Degree

# Instrumentation Landing System



**Localizer & Marker**

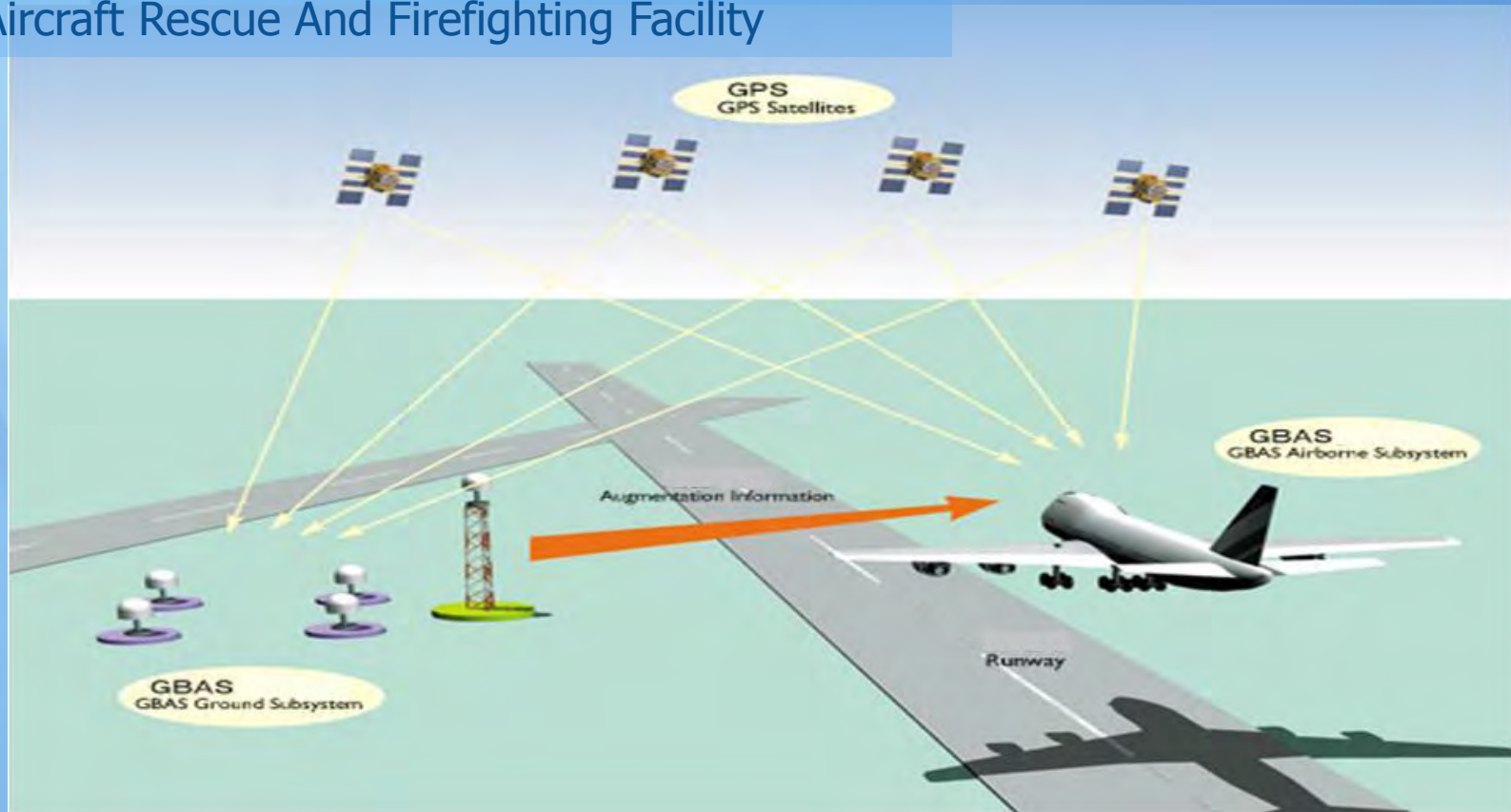


Transmits Signals To The Pilot  
Provide Lateral Guidance  
Aligns Horizontal Position with Runways



# Navigational Aids & Other FAA-Operated Facilities

- Airport Surveillance Radar
- Navigational Aids And Lighting Systems
- Doppler Radar- Enhance Weather Prediction
- Low level Wind Shear System
- Aircraft Rescue And Firefighting Facility



Ground Based Augmentation System to Global Positioning System (GPS) provides a very precise navigation service (low visibility conditions)



ILS



**VHF LOCALIZER**

**FUNCTION:** Provides Horizontal Guidance.

**ANTENNA:** Optimum (A) 1000 FT from End of RWY & on Centerline polarization. Transmitter building (B) is offset 200 FT minimum from the center of the Antenna Array and within 90° to 120° from the approach end.

**BUILDING:**

**FREQUENCY:** 108.1 to 111.9 odd, add tenths only.

**MODULATION:** Navigation modulation depth on Course 20% for 90 Hz, and for 150 Hz. Code identification, 1020 Hz, at 5%. Voice communication (available at some facilities) 50%.

**COURSE WIDTH:** Course Width (C) varies, tailored to provide 700 FT at Threshold (Full scale limits).

**MIDDLE MARKER**

**FUNCTION:** Indicates Decision Height Point.

**LOCATION:** At Decision Height Point, (H) ± 500 Ft Longitudinal + ± 300 Ft Lateral

**FREQUENCY:** 75 MHz

**MODULATION:** 1300 Hz, 95%

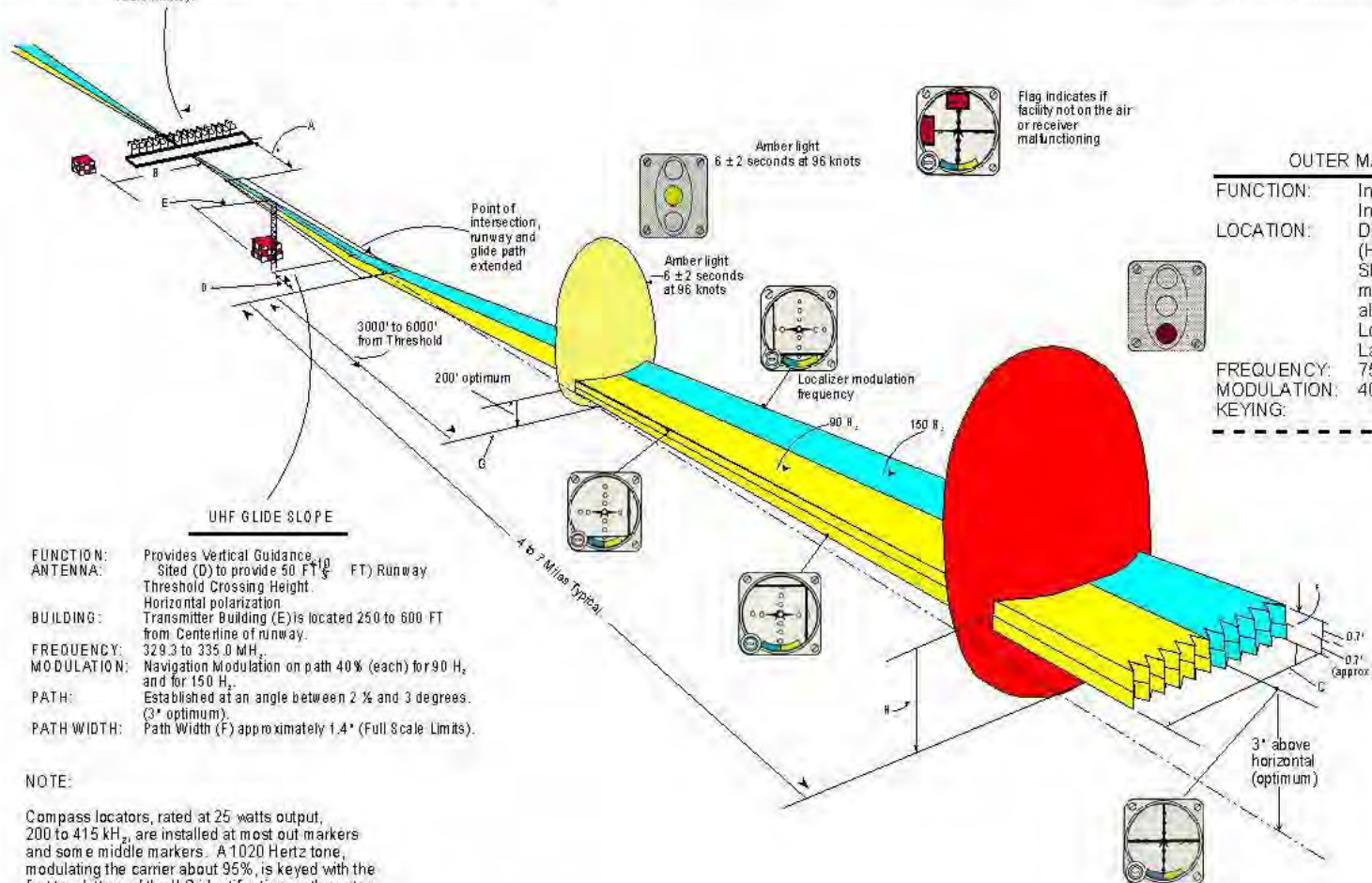
**KEYING:** Alternate dot and dash

# ILS

## FAA Instrument Landing System

### STANDARD CHARACTERISTICS AND TERMINOLOGY

ILS approach charts should be consulted to obtain variations of individual systems.



**OUTER MARKER**

**FUNCTION:** Indicates Glide Slope Intercept Point.

**LOCATION:** Directly below point (H) where Glide Slope intersects the minimum holding altitude, ± 800 Ft Longitudinal & Lateral.

**FREQUENCY:** 75 MHz

**MODULATION:** 400 Hz, 95%

**KEYING:** Two dashes/second.

**UHF GLIDE SLOPE**

**FUNCTION:** Provides Vertical Guidance.

**ANTENNA:** Sited (D) to provide 50 FT ± 10 FT Runway Threshold Crossing Height.

**BUILDING:** Horizontal polarization. Transmitter Building (E) is located 250 to 600 FT from Centerline of runway.

**FREQUENCY:** 329.3 to 335.0 MHz.

**MODULATION:** Navigation Modulation on path 40% (each) for 90 Hz, and for 150 Hz.

**PATH:** Established at an angle between 2° and 3 degrees. (3° optimum).

**PATH WIDTH:** Path Width (F) approximately 1.4° (Full Scale Limits).

#### NOTE:

Compass locators, rated at 25 watts output, 200 to 415 kHz, are installed at most out markers and some middle markers. A 1020 Hertz tone, modulating the carrier about 95%, is keyed with the first two letters of the ILS identification on the outer locator and the last two letters on the middle locator. At some locators, simultaneous voice transmissions from the control tower are provided, with appropriate reduction in identification percentage.

## Section-2

# Pavement Design and Design Software





# Design- Components



**Design Components- Pavement design**

# Fundamental of Pavement Design

## Pavement Types

### Rigid PCC

- Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement(JPCP/JCP)
- Jointed Reinforced Concrete Pavement –(JRCP)
- Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement-CRCP
- Pre-stressed Concrete Pavement-PCP

### Flexible ACP/HMA

Full Depth

Layered

Granular

Bound layers

Surface Treatment

### Composite



# Fundamental of Pavement Design

## Pavement Components

### **Rigid Pavement**

Portland Cement Concrete Slab

Base

Sub-grade

### **Flexible Pavement** (Layered System)

Asphaltic Wearing Surface

Base

Sub-base

Sub-grade

# **Fundamental of Pavement Design**

## **Factors Affecting Pavement Design**

### **Types of Aircraft**

Loads

Anticipated frequency

Gear configuration

### **Type of facility considered**

Runway

Taxiway

Apron

Hangar Floor

### **Supporting value of the sub-grade**

### **Characteristics of available construction Material**



# Fundamental of Pavement Design

## Wheel Loading

Pavement Thickness

Pavement Stiffness

**Environmental Loading** – Temperature and Moisture

Joint Spacing

Reinforcement

HMA Stiffness

# **Fundamental of Pavement Design**

## **Fundamental Design Concepts**

Application

Load and Environment

Principle of Superposition

Stress Dependent On:

Gear Spacing

Magnitude and tire pressure

Number of wheels

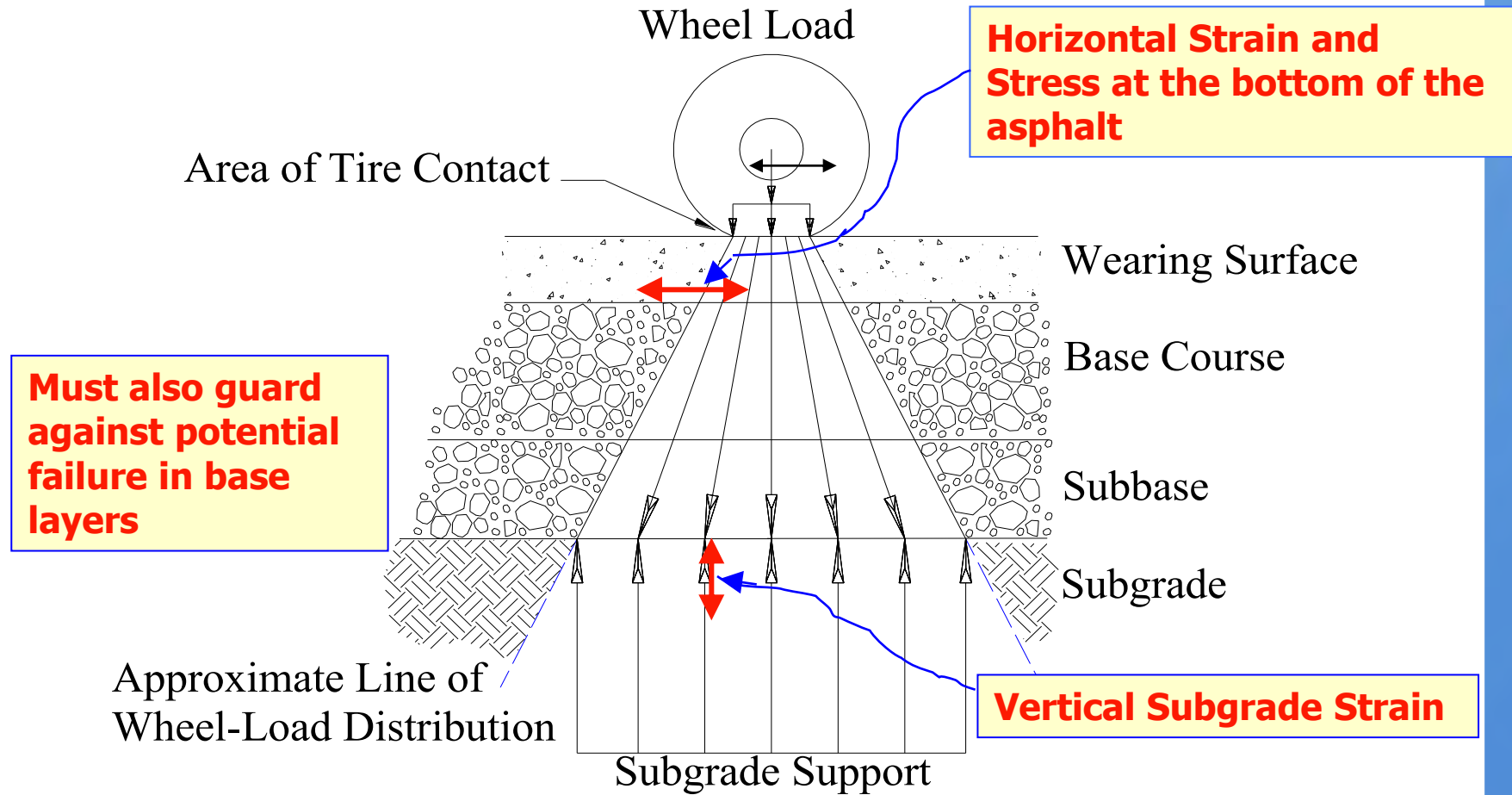
Fatigue

Layered Concept





# Flexible Pavement Design



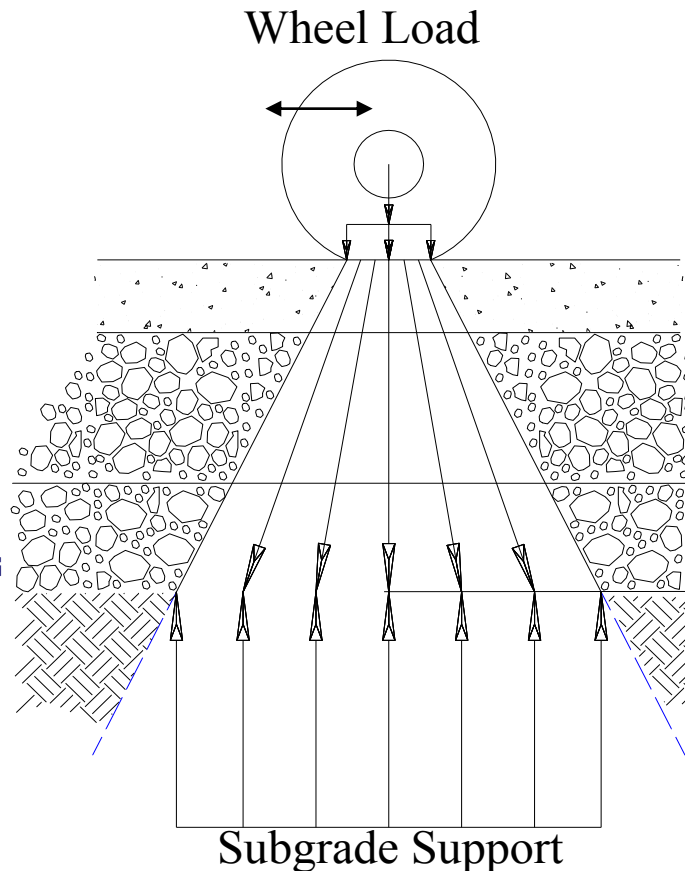


# Flexible Pavement Layer Parameters- LED vs. CBR

## LAYERED ELASTIC METHOD

<b>SURFACE</b>	$E_S, \mu_S, h$
<b>BASE</b>	$E_B, \mu_B, h_B$
<b>SUBBASE</b>	$E_{SB}, \mu_{SB}, h_{SB}$
<b>SUBGRADE</b>	$E_{SG}, \mu_{SG}, h_{SG}$

E = Elastic Modulus  
h = thickness  
 $\mu$  = Poisson's Ratio



**CBR Method**

**Not Defined**

**CBR**

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**CBR**

CBR = California  
Bearing Ratio

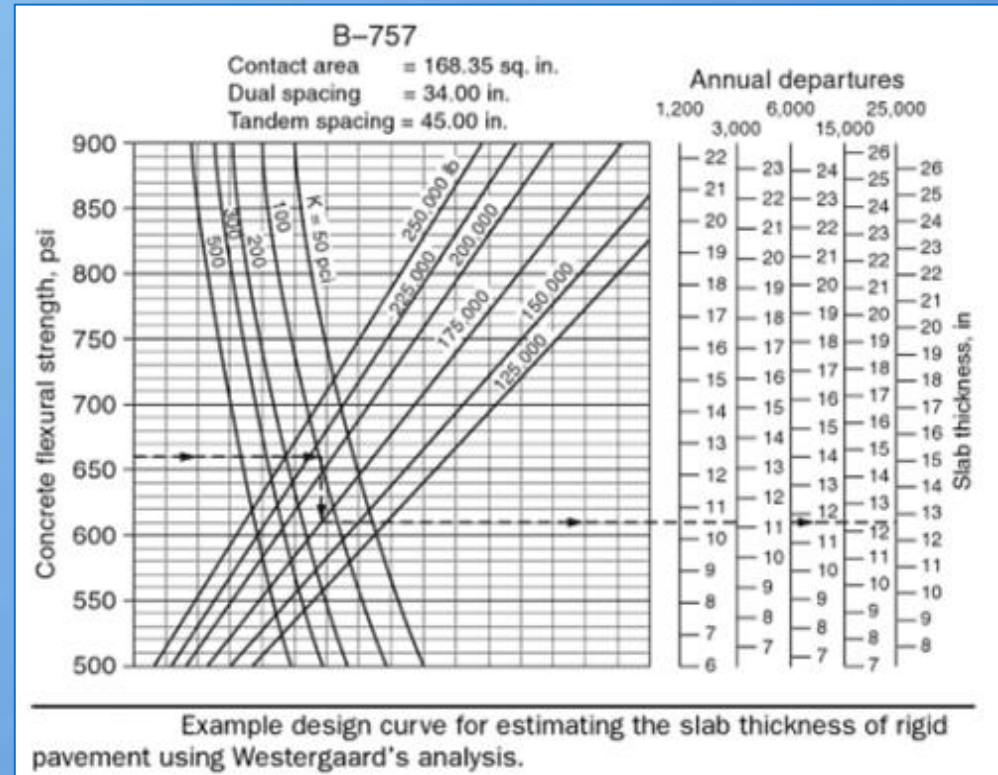
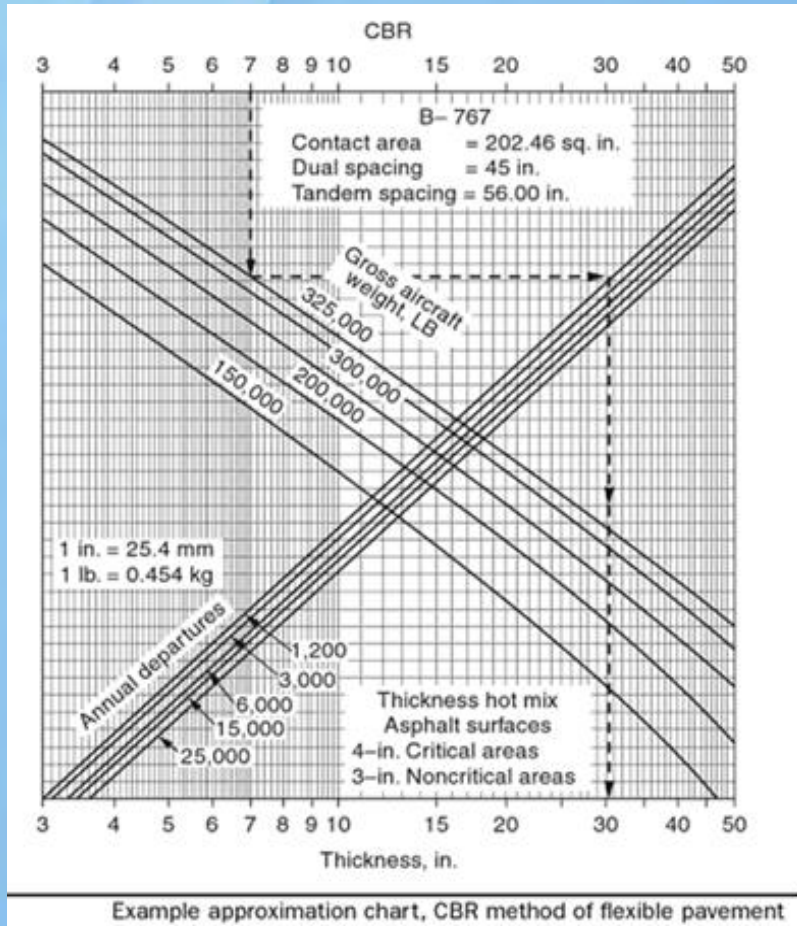
- **Flexible Pavement Design Based on Layered Elastic Design Procedure**
  - US Corp of Engineers CBR Method- no longer used.
- **Rigid Pavement Design Based on 3-Dimensional Finite Element Model**
  - Westergaard design procedure no longer used.



## **Traffic Models**

- **New procedures require that ALL anticipated traffic be included in the traffic model.**
- **Concept of “Design Aircraft” is no longer used**
- **Cumulative Damage Factor (CDF) replaces need for design aircraft procedure.**

# HISTORICAL DESIGN PROSPECTIVE



## Westergaard's Approach-(Rigid Pavement)

## CBR METHOD: Flexible Pavement



# EQUIVALENT TRAFFIC METHOD (FAA,1975)

Determination of annual aircraft departure by each aircraft and convert them into equivalent annual departure in terms of landing gear configuration

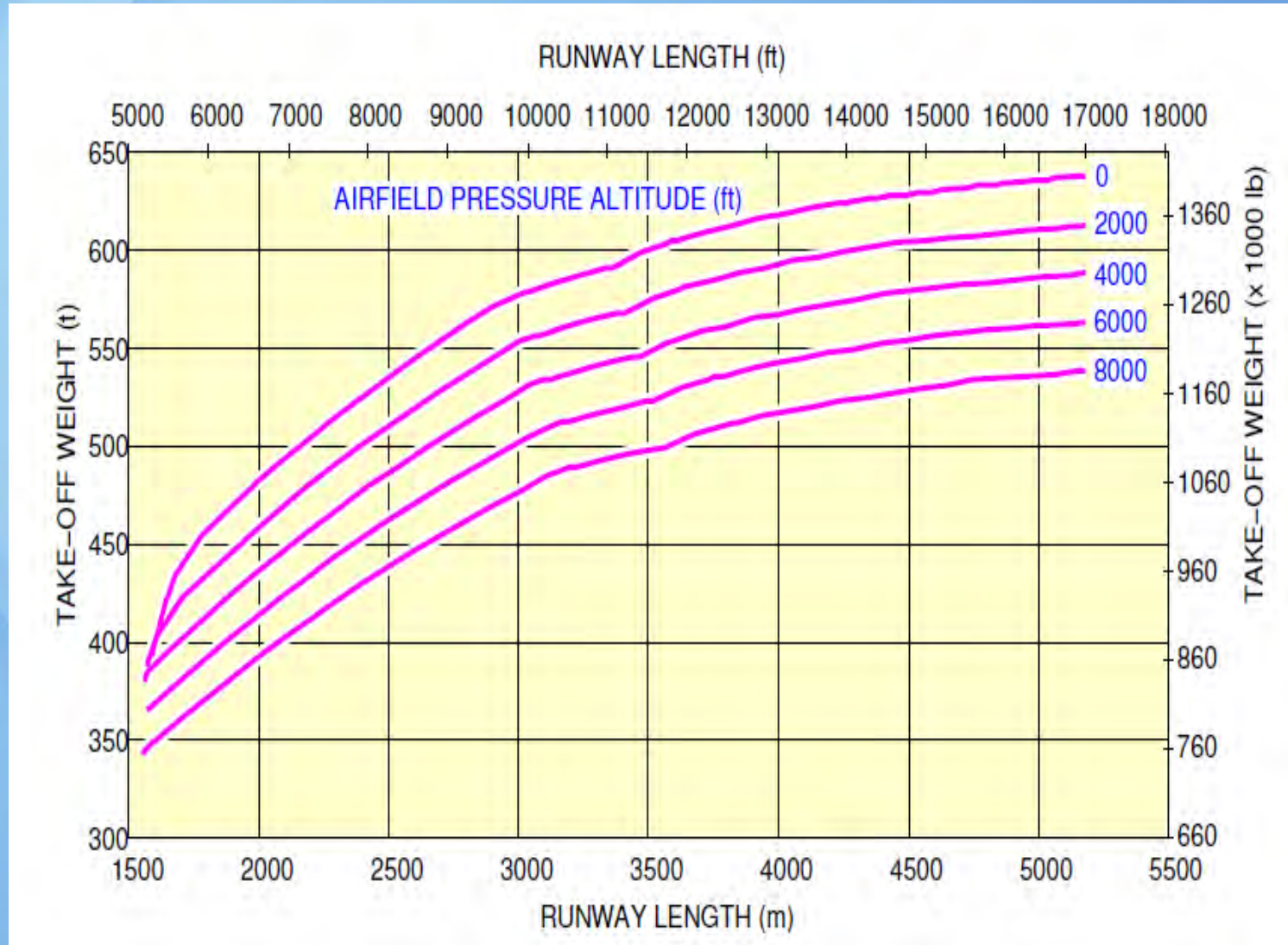
To Convert From	To	Multiply Departures By
Single wheel	Dual wheel	0.8
Single wheel	Dual tandem	0.5
Dual wheel	Dual tandem	0.6
Double dual tandem	Dual tandem	1.0
Dual tandem	Single wheel	2.0
Dual tandem	Dual wheel	1.7
Dual wheel	Single wheel	1.3
Double dual tandem	Dual wheel	1.7

Factors for Converting Annual Departures by Aircraft to Equivalent Annual Departures by Design Aircraft

where  $R_1$  = equivalent annual departures by the design aircraft  
 $R_2$  = annual number of departures by an aircraft in terms of design aircraft landing gear configuration  
 $W_1$  = wheel load of the design aircraft  
 $W_2$  = wheel load of the aircraft being converted

$$\text{Log } R_1 = \text{log } R_2 \times \left( \frac{W_2}{W_1} \right)^{1/2}$$

# RUNWAY LENGTH DETERMINATION



**FACTORS: ELEVATION, TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE AND MTOW**



# Selection of Pavement Material and Specification

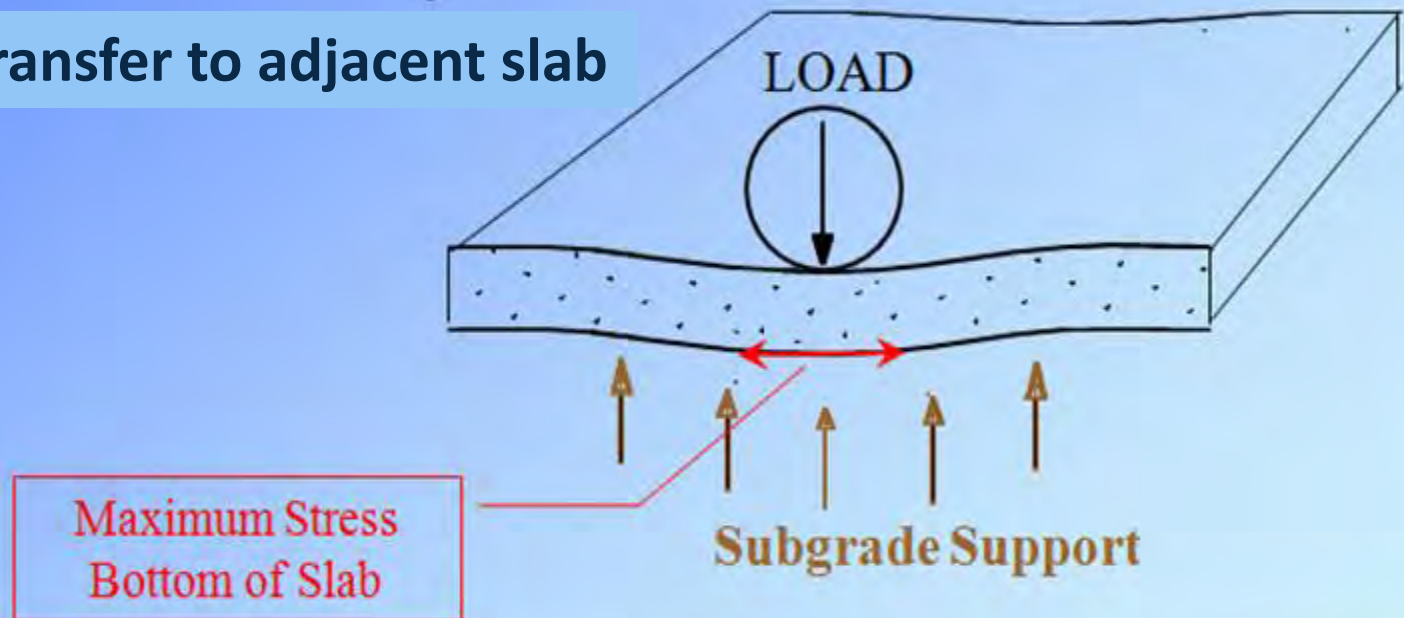
Surface	BASE	SUBBASE	SUBGRADE
P-401	P-209	P-154	P-152
P-403	P-208	P-210	P-155*
P-501	P-211	P-212	P-157*
	P-304*	P-213	P-158*
	P-306*	P-301*	
	P-401*		
	P-403*		
	Rubblized PCC		

\* Chemically Stabilized Materials

# FEM Model Approach Rigid Pavement

## Critical Load Condition Assumptions

- Maximum stress at pavement edge
- 75% load Transfer to adjacent slab





# DEVELOPMENT OF PAVEMENT DESIGN SOFTWARE

**LEDFAA** 1995

AC 150/5320-6D

**COMFAA**

**FEAFAA**

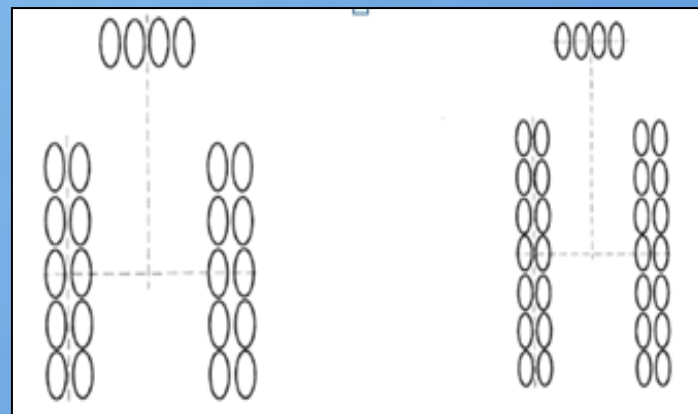
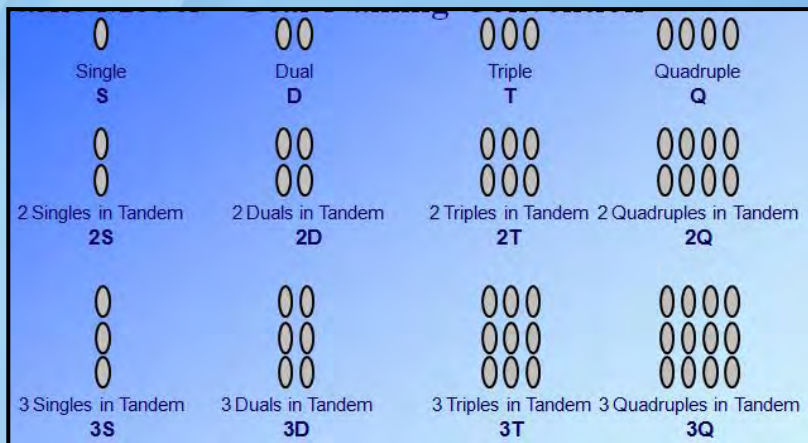
AC 150/5320-6E

**FAARFIELD** 2009

Increased Loading Gear Complexity

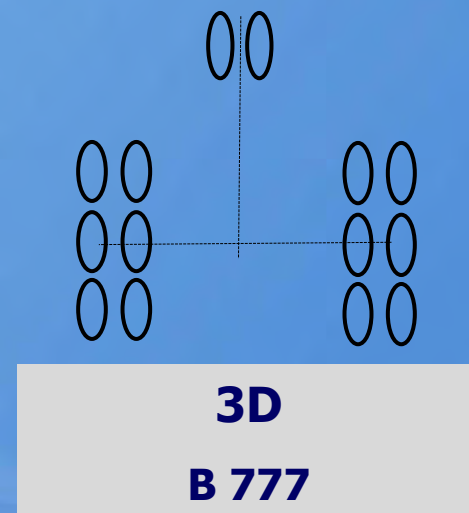
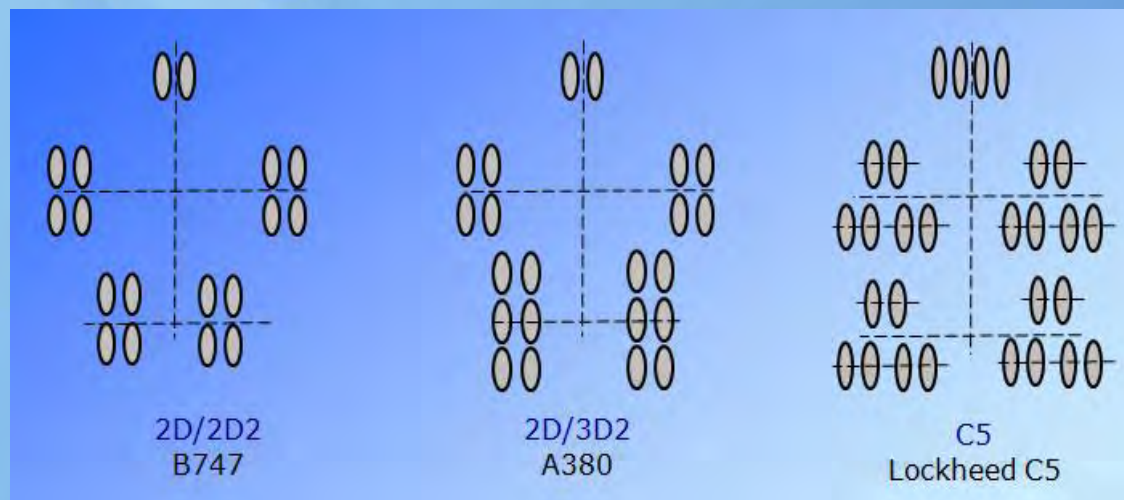


# Gear Configuration & Naming Convention- Complex Aircraft



**AN-125**

**AN 225**



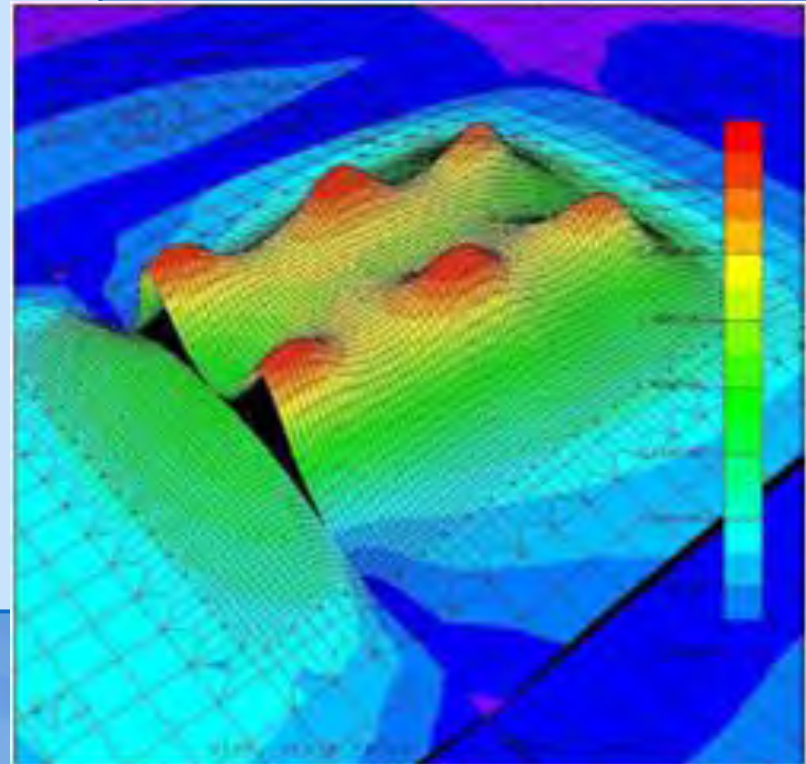


# INTRODUCTION-TO FINITE ELEMENTAL MODELING- FAARFIELD

**Based on - Layered Elastic and  
3D-FE modeling  
AC 150/5320-6E (Current)**

## **Computer Programs:**

- **LEAF (layered elastic analysis)  
Visual Basic 2005**
- **NIKE3D (3D finite element analysis)-  
FORTRAN**
- **INGRID (3D mesh generation)**



# INTRODUCTION-TO FINITE ELEMENTAL MODELING

FAARFIELD - Modify and Design Section OverlayOnRig in Job ConcreteOverlay

Section Names  
OverlayOnRig

teOverlay OverlayOnRig Des. Life = 20 SCI = 70 %CDFU = 100

Layer Material	Thickness (in)	Modulus or R (psi)
PCC Overlay Unbond	12.50	700
PCC Surface	14.00	700
P-209 Cr Ag	6.00	35,429
Subgrade	k = 141.4	15,000

Total thickness to the top of the subgrade, t = 32.50 in

Status

Airplane

Back Help Life Modify Structure Design Structure Save Structure

Screen Shot: Structure

FAARFIELD - Create or Modify Airplanes for Section OverlayOnRig in Job ConcreteOverlay

Airplane Group

Generic

Library Airplanes

Airplane Name (10)	Gross Taxi Weight (lbs)	Annual Departures	% Annual Growth
B737-400	150,500	360	3.00
B747-400B Combi	877,000	4,200	3.00
B757-200	256,000	360	3.00
B767-200 ER	396,000	720	3.00
B777-200 Baseline	547,000	720	3.00
MD83	161,000	600	3.00
MD11ER	633,000	1,200	3.00
MD11FR Bellv	633,000	1,200	3.00

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Help CDF Graph View Gear

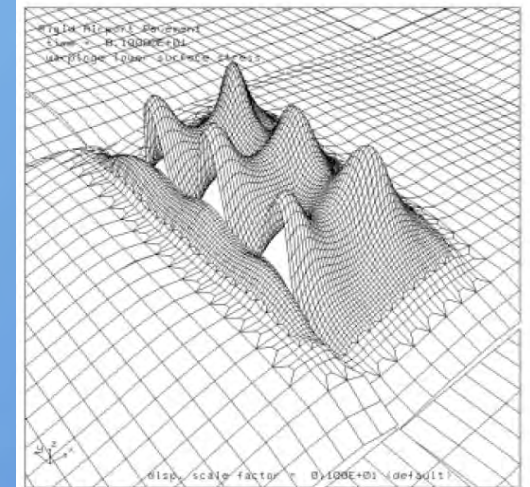
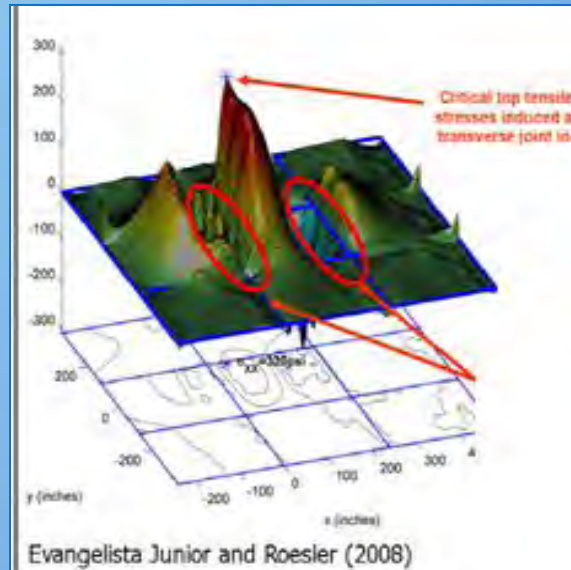
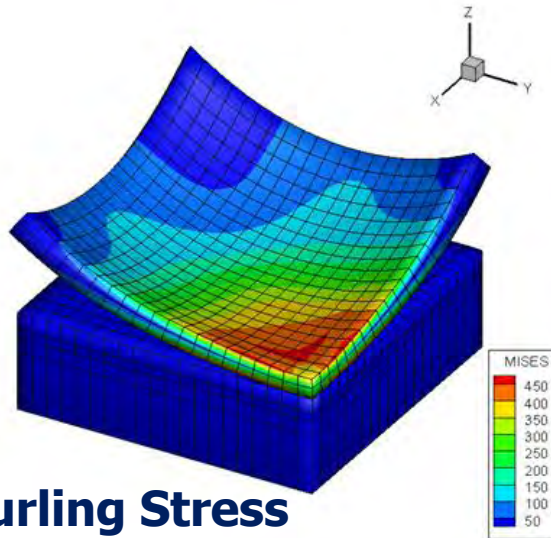
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Float Airplanes

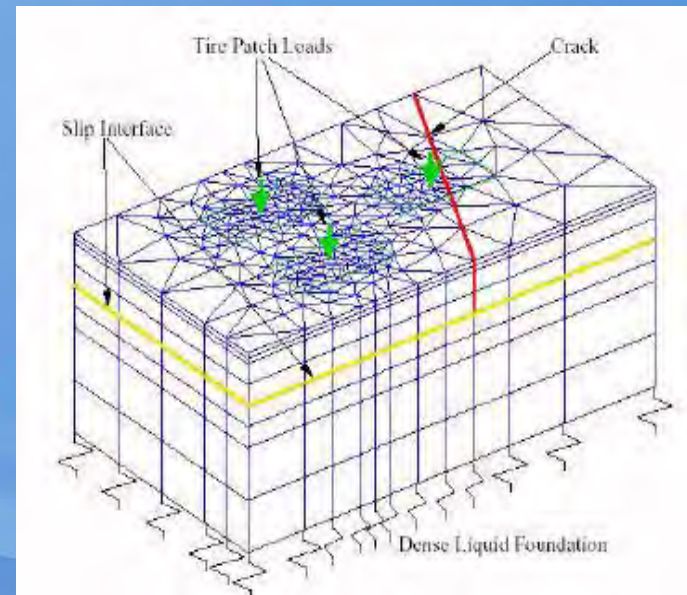
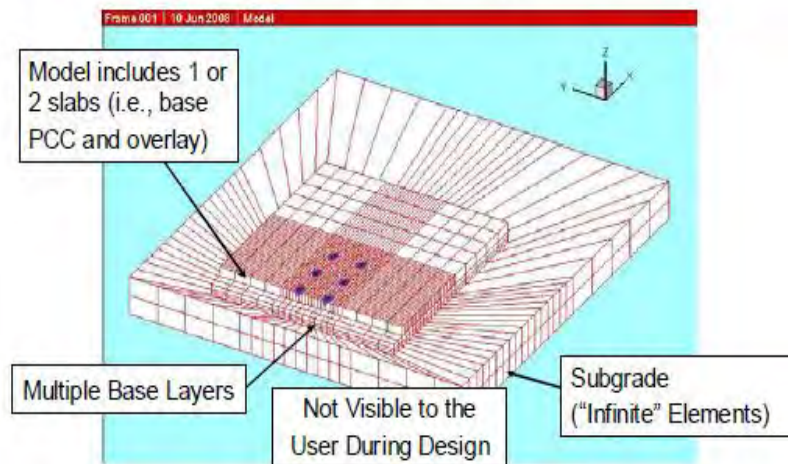
Screen Shot: Traffic



# FEM Model Approach

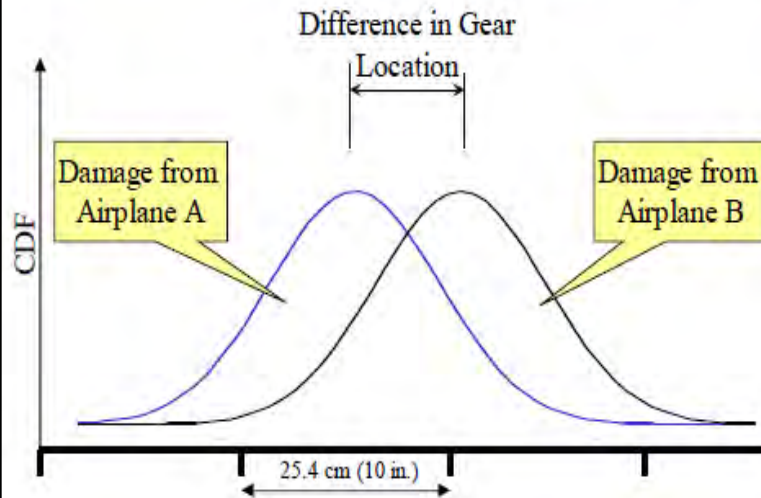


## 3D-FEM Rigid Pavement Mesh Displayed Using NikePlot Utility

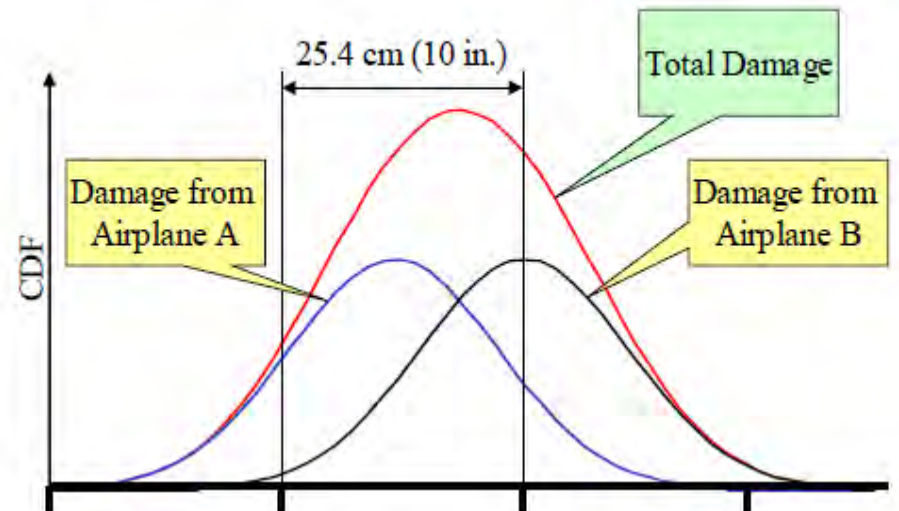


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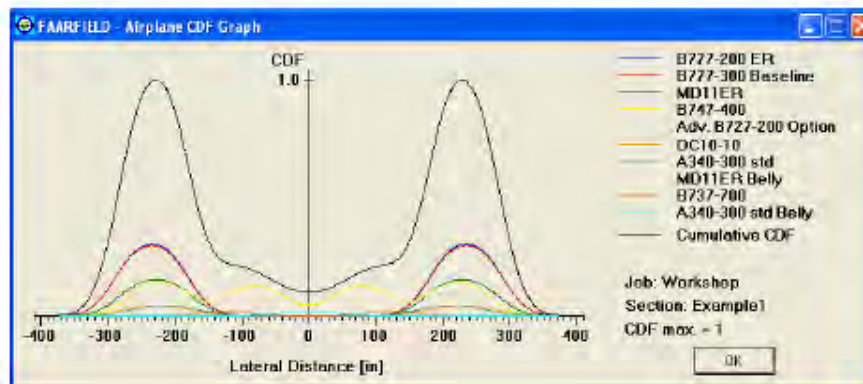
## Cumulative Damage Factor (CDF)



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## FAARFIELD – CDF Graphical Display





# Cumulative Damage Factor (CDF) for Some Aircraft

Aircraft Name	Gross Weight	Annual Departures	CDF Contribution	CDF Max For Aircraft
Sngl Whl-30	30,000	1,200	0.00	0.00
Dual Whl-30	30,000	1,200	0.00	0.00
Dual Whl-45	45,000	1,200	0.00	0.00
RegionalJet-200	47,450	1,200	0.00	0.00
RegionalJet-700	72,500	1,200	0.00	0.00
Dual Whl-100	100,000	1,200	0.00	0.00
DC-9-51	122,000	1,200	0.01	0.01
MD-83	161,000	1,200	0.39	0.39
B-737-400	150,500	1,200	0.09	0.09
B-727	172,000	1,200	0.23	0.24
B-757	250,000	1,200	0.02	0.03
A300-B2	304,000	1,200	0.01	0.16
B-767-200	335,000	1,200	0.02	0.15
A330	469,000	100	0.01	0.23
B-747-400	873,000	100	0.23	0.28
B-777-200	537,000	500	0.00	0.13

# EFFECT OF GEAR POSITION & CRITICAL STRESS LOCATION

Rigid pavement thickness is designed based on critical tensile bending stress at the bottom of the slab. Top-Down cracking may occur under certain combined Loading and pavement geometry configuration

(Full scale test - NAPTF and Airbus PEP )

Guo (2006) reported that tensile stress developed on slab bottom were related primarily to the wheel load, while the tensile stresses on the slab top were related primarily to the gear load at both longitudinal and transverse joint location.

# **EFFECT OF GEAR POSITION & CRITICAL STRESS LOCATION**

## **2D Simulation on 9 slab (University of Urbana-Champaign)**

- Four main landing gear (B-777, A-380, MD-11, & B747)
- Five individual aircraft gear geometry-Dual -B737  
Dual Tandems- B747, B757, B767  
Triple Dual Tandems-B-777

- 1. Individual Gear Analysis: (with assumption of no initial curling stresses)**
- 2. Main landing Gear Analysis (two load transfer efficiencies (0 and 85%) were assumed across the joint)**



# EFFECT OF GEAR POSITION & CRITICAL STRESS LOCATION

## 1. Individual Gear Analysis: (with assumption of no initial curling stresses)

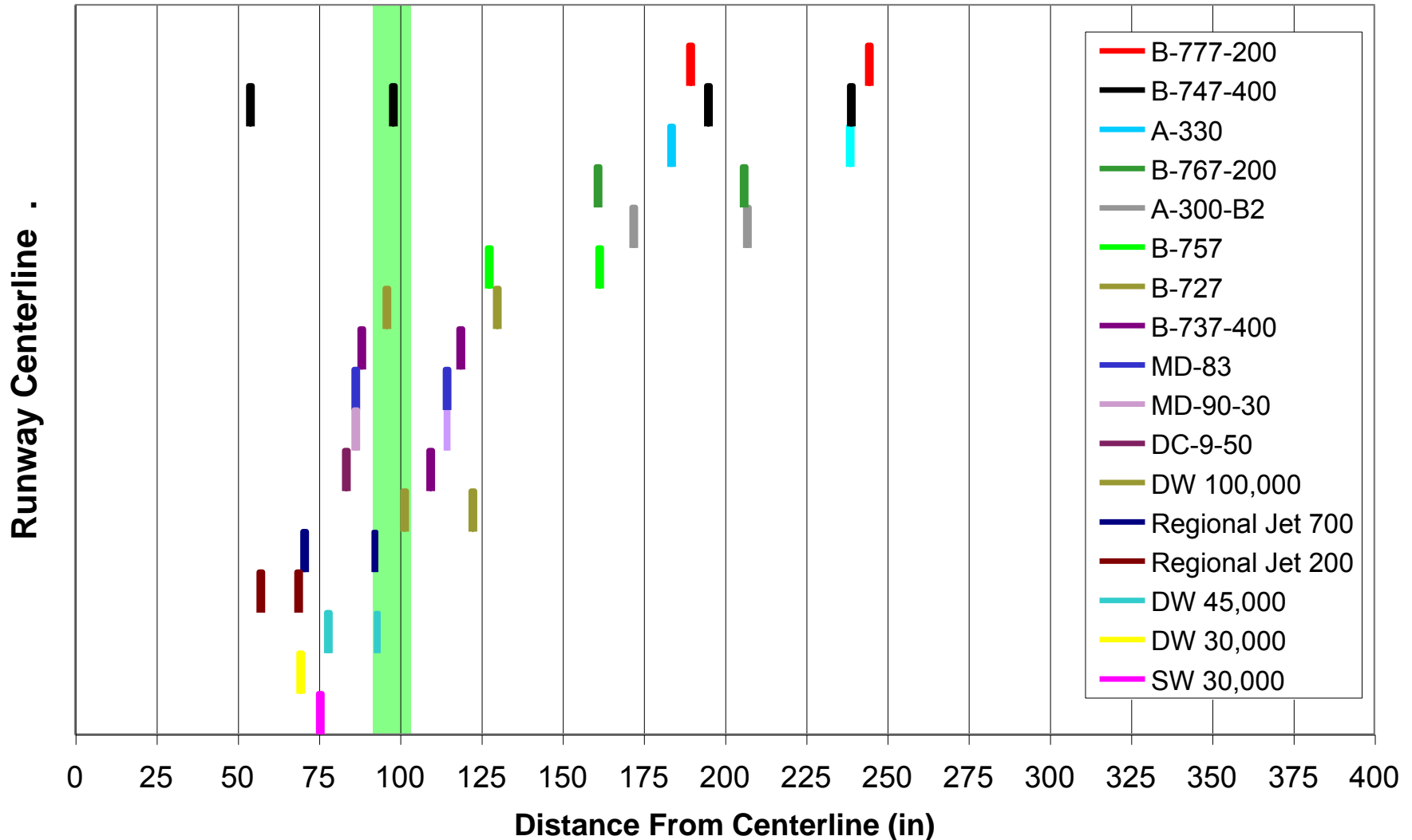
- Due to small wheel spacing, B-737 produced greatest tensile stress at the bottom of the slab in y direction.
- The largest Tensile stress at the top of the slab is came from TDT gear (B-777) in x- direction.
- Max. tensile stress at top was similar in both direction for each gear type.
- Gear load affected the max tensile stress at the top of the slab while wheel affected the max tensile stresses at the bottom of the slab.
- Top-down cracking depends on top to bottom tensile stress ratio.
- B-777 produced the highest tensile stress ratio.

# EFFECT OF GEAR POSITION & CRITICAL STRESS LOCATION

## **2. Main landing Gear Analysis (two load transfer efficiencies (0 and 85%) were assumed across the joint)**

- As the load transfer efficiency at the joints decreased for all aircraft, the max. tensile stresses at the top and bottom increased.
- The main landing gear of A-380 resulted in the highest top tensile stress.
- Max tensile stress on the top of the slab was in x-direction, which indicates that longitudinal cracking would be the most likely failure mode.
- MD-11 and A-380 have significantly higher tensile stresses at the bottom of the slab in y-direction compared to the tensile stress in x-direction, which would first lead to bottom –up transverse cracking.
- Due to large spacing between the main landing gear in B-777, produced lower top tensile stress in the main landing gear.

# Large Aircraft Traffic Mix Gear Locations





# **EFFECT OF GEAR POSITION & CRITICAL STRESS LOCATION**

- **Tensile stress at the bottom of the slab are more critical.**
- **The main landing gear of A-380 resulted in the largest top tensile stress.**
- **The ratio of top to bottom of the slab tensile stress were significantly higher for full gear analysis relative to the individual gear analysis.**
- **The critical top tensile stress occurred at the transverse joint would promote propagation of longitudinal cracks.**

# TOUCHDOWN IMPACT AND STRESSES

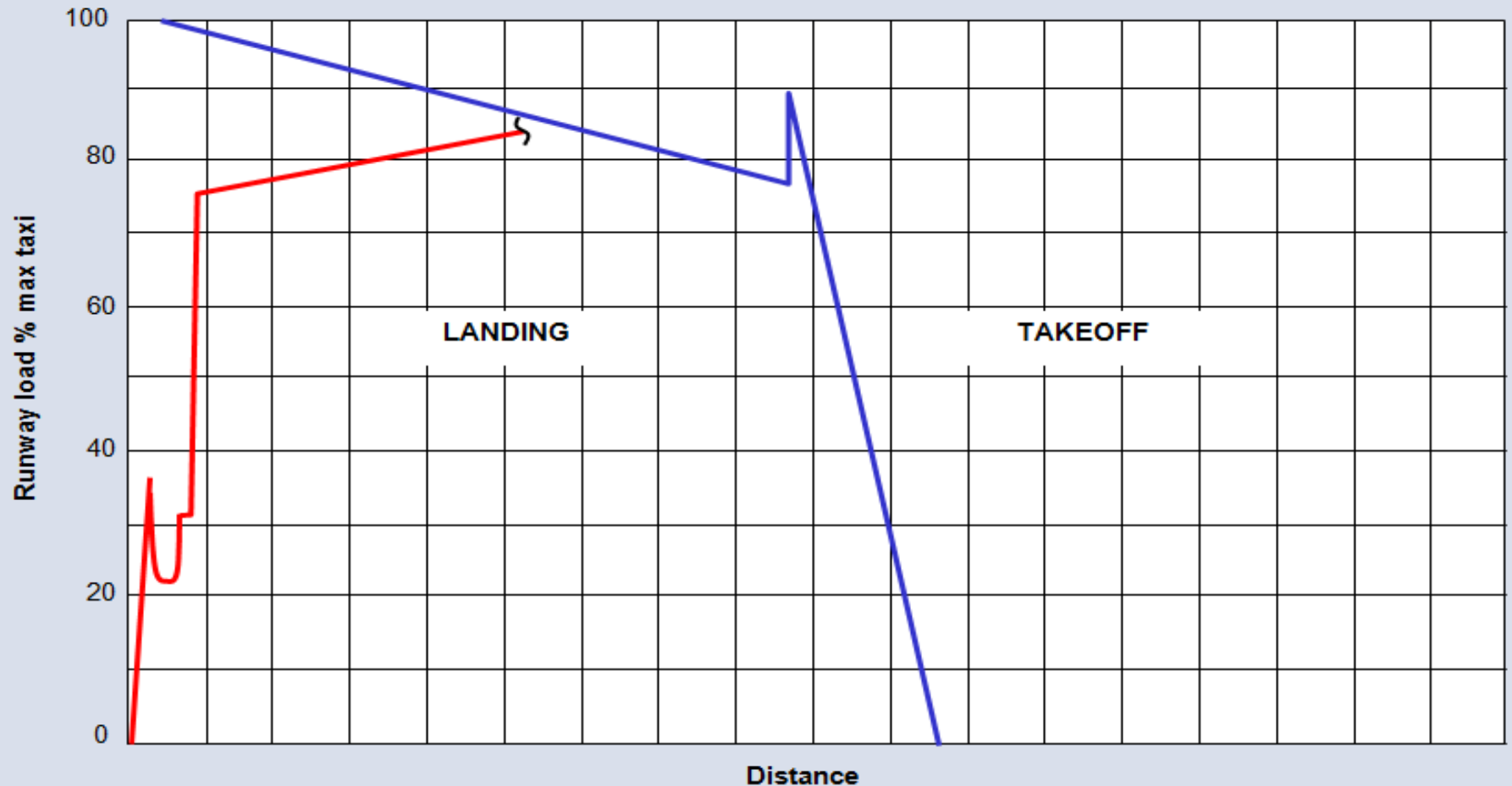
- **During the touch down operation less than 50% of the weight of aircraft impacts on pavement.**
- **Aircrafts are lighter due to burning of fuel in the flight.**



- **A partial weight is taken by the flaps (opening of flaps during touchdown)**
- **Flaps changes horizontal energy to vertical energy which allow to decrease the sink rate prior to touchdown.**
- **The more flaps available and used, the slower the speed, the slower the touchdown and shorter the rollout.**

# Runway Loads - Takeoff / Landing

## Typical Jet Aircraft



**Runway pavements are designed for static load.**

**The impact of landing is only about 38% of the takeoff static load.**





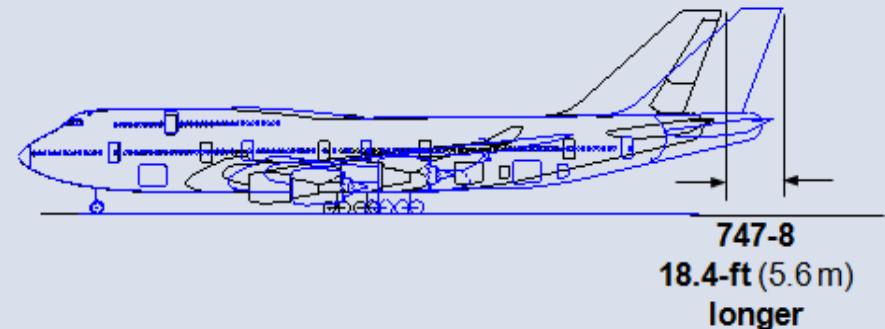
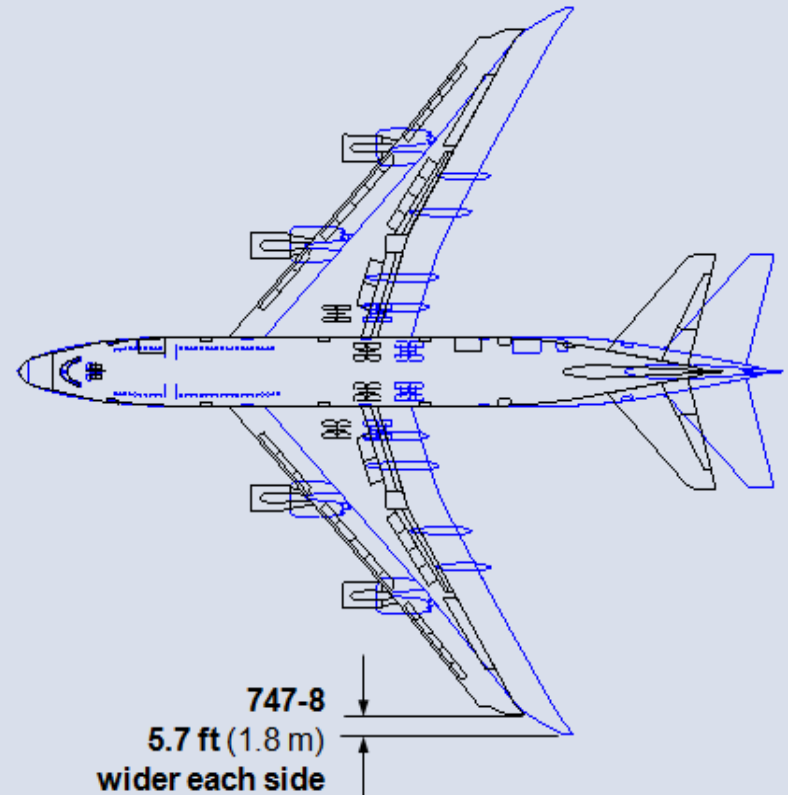
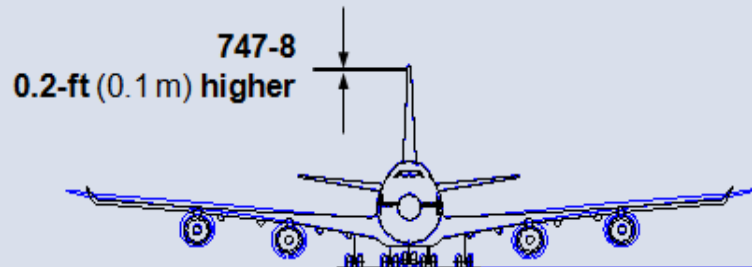
## **Flap Effects**

- **Increase lift**  
**Increase drag**  
**More abrupt stall**  
**Lower stall speed**
- **Decrease climb rates**  
**Change pitch attitude**  
**Increase approach angle**  
**Decrease distance to lift-off**  
**Shorten Takeoff and Landing distance**

# 747-8 vs. 747-400 Comparison

	747-8 (ft/m)	747-400 (ft/m)
Span	224.4/68.4	213.0/64.9
Length	250.2/76.3	231.8/70.7
Height	64.2/19.6	64.0/19.5

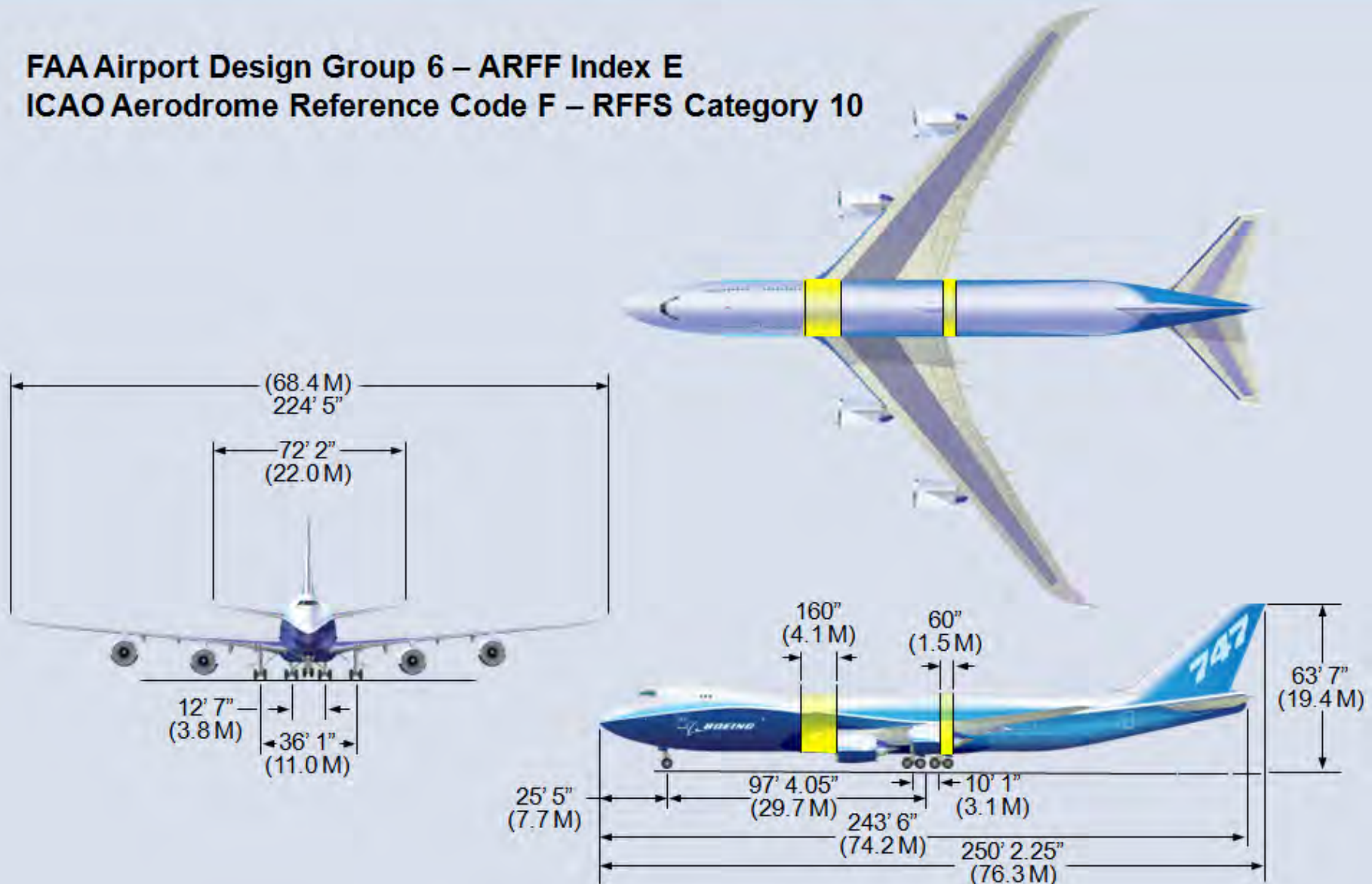
■ 747-8  
■ 747-400



# 747-8 Freighter - General Arrangement

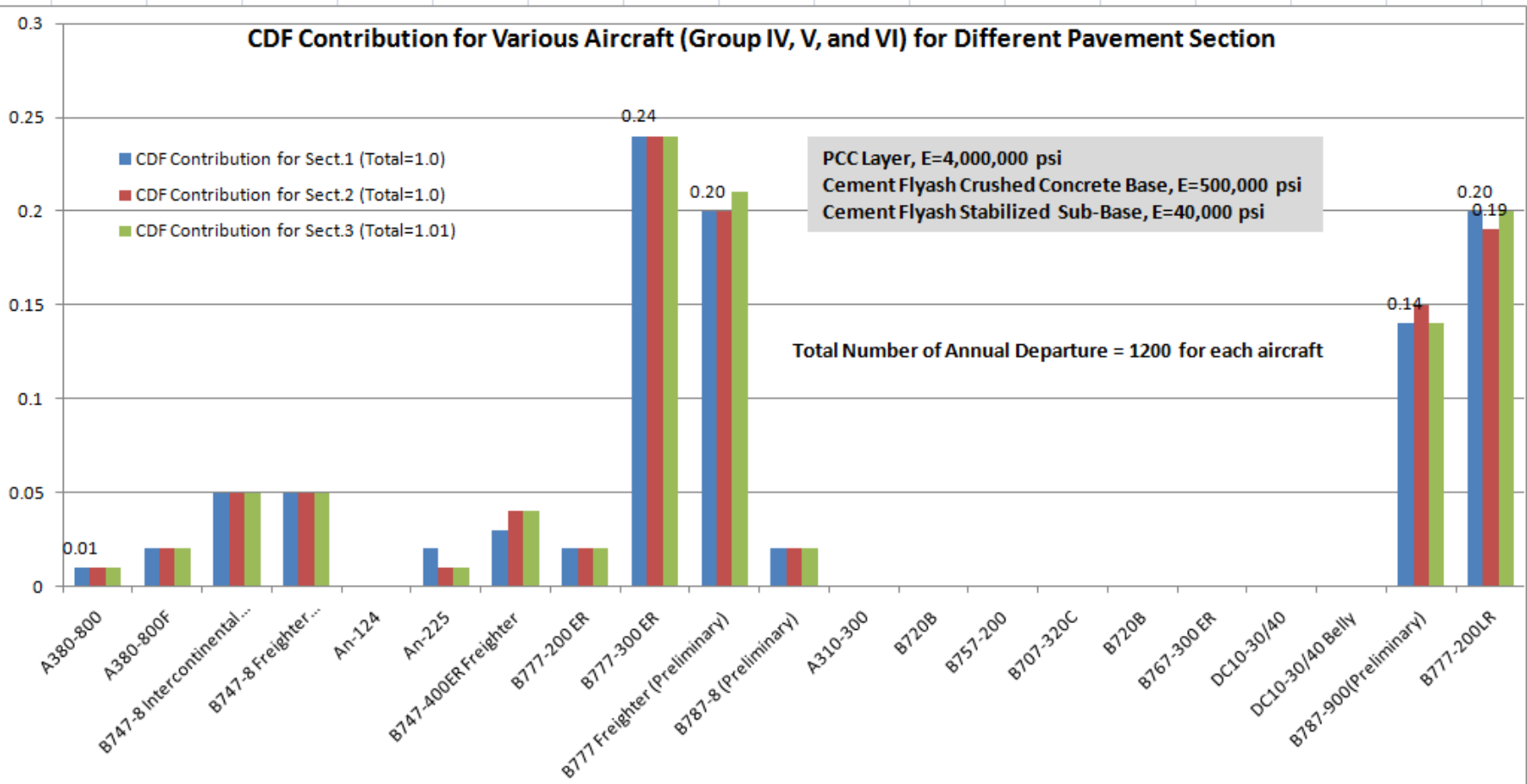
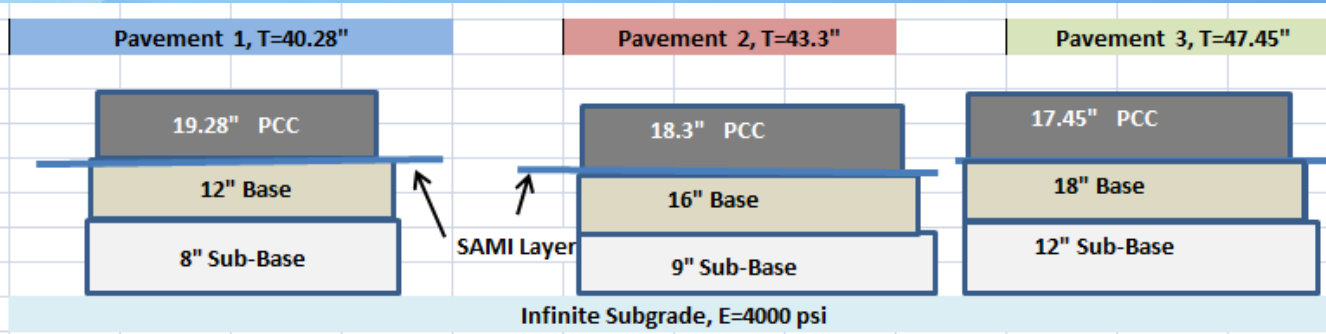
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# CDF Comparison for Group IV, V, and VI Aircraft



# FAARFIELD DESIGN OUTPUT TW- WB

No.	Type	Thickness in	Modulus psi	Poisson's Ratio	Strength R,psi
1	PCC Surface	19.00	4,000,000	0.15	700
2	Undefined	16.00	500,000	0.35	0
3	Undefined	8.00	40,000	0.35	0
4	Subgrade	0.00	4,000	0.40	0

**Total thickness to the top of the sub-grade = 43.26 in**

No.	Name	Gross Wt. lbs	Annual Departures	% Annual Growth
1	DC8-43	318,000	227	2.00
2	DC9-32	109,000	69	2.00
3	DC9-51	122,000	100,000	2.00
4	DC9-51	122,000	36,511	2.00
5	DC10-30/40	583,000	2,522	2.00
6	DC10-30/40 Belly	583,000	2,522	2.00
7	Adv. B727-200C Basic	185,200	14,781	2.00
8	B737-300	140,000	82,956	2.00
9	B737-800	174,700	77,036	2.00
10	B747-400B Combi	877,000	103	2.00
11	B747-200B Combi Mixed	836,000	929	2.00
12	B757-200	256,000	478	2.00
<b>13</b>	<b>B777-200LR</b>	<b>768,000</b>	<b>10,258</b>	<b>2.00</b>
14	A320-100	150,796	1,964	2.00
15	A340-200 std	568,563	3,647	2.00
16	A340-200 std Belly	568,563	3,647	2.00
17	Fokker-F-28-1000	66,500	272	2.00
18	Dual Tan-400	400,000	171	2.00
19	Dual Tan-400	400,000	46	2.00
20	A380-800	1,239,000	46	2.00
21	B747-8 Freighter (Preliminary)	978,000	100	2.00
22	B787-8 (Preliminary)	486,000	100	2.00
<b>23</b>	<b>B777-300 ER</b>	<b>777,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2.00</b>
24	B747-400ER Passenger	913,000	100	2.00
25	B787-8 (Preliminary)	545,000	100	2.00

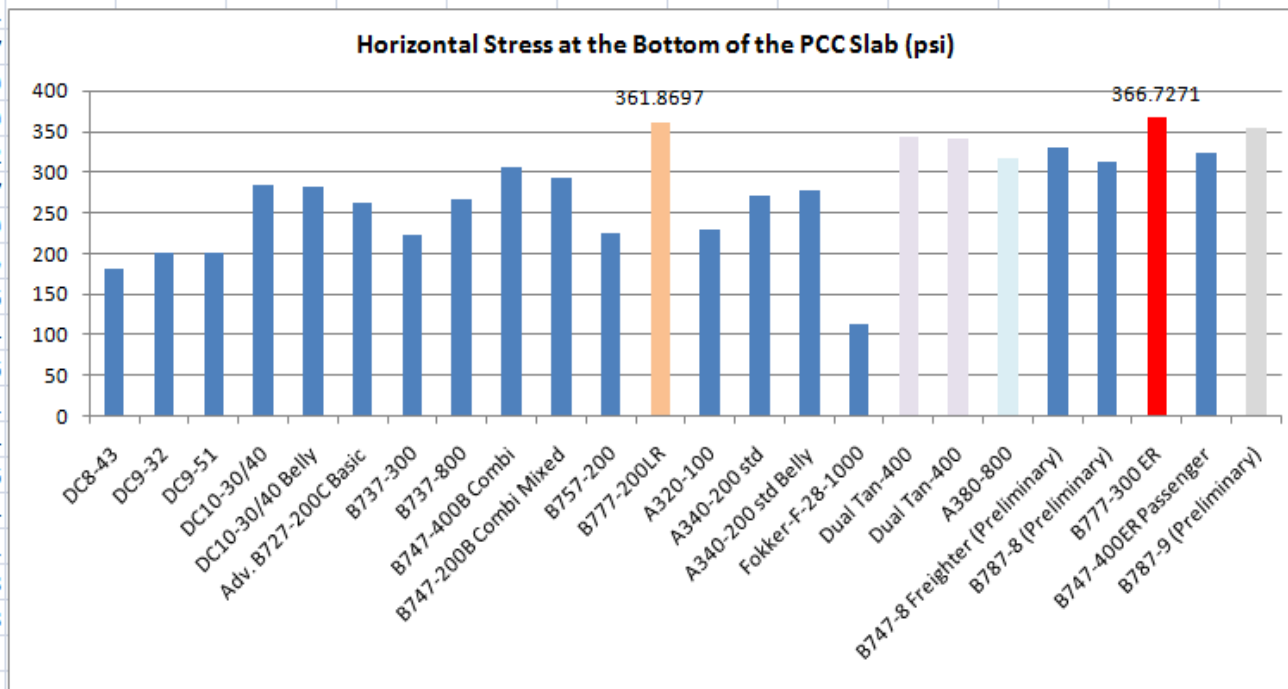
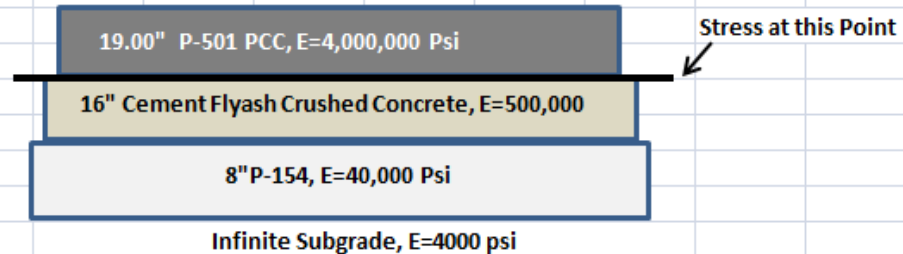
# FAARFIELD OUTPUT TW-WB

No.	Name	CDF Contribution	CDF Max for Airplane	P/C Ratio
1	DC8-43	0.00	0.00	3.34
2	DC9-32	0.00	0.00	3.65
3	DC9-51	0.00	0.00	3.64
4	DC9-51	0.00	0.00	3.64
5	DC10-30/40	0.00	0.00	3.55
6	DC10-30/40 Belly	0.00	0.00	2.89
7	Adv. B727-200C	0.00	0.00	2.92
	Basic			
8	B737-300	0.00	0.00	3.79
9	B737-800	0.00	0.01	3.52
10	B747-400B Combi	0.00	0.00	3.46
11	B747-200B Combi	0.00	0.00	3.46
	Mixed			
12	B757-200	0.00	0.00	3.90
13	<b>B777-200LR</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>3.86</b>
14	A320-100	0.00	0.00	3.84
15	A340-200 std	0.00	0.00	1.89
16	A340-200 std Belly	0.00	0.00	2.99
17	Fokker-F-28-1000	0.00	0.00	3.60
18	Dual Tan-400	0.00	0.01	3.19
19	Dual Tan-400	0.00	0.00	3.19
20	A380-800	0.00	0.00	3.61
21	B747-8 Freighter	0.00	0.00	3.56
	(Preliminary)			
22	B787-8 (Preliminary)	0.00	0.00	3.78
23	<b>B777-300 ER</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>3.86</b>
	B747-400ER			
24	Passenger	0.00	0.00	3.62
25	B787-8 (Preliminary)	0.00	0.01	3.78



# FAARFIELD: Horizontal Stress at the Bottom of PCC Slab

Aircraft	Hor. Stress at Bottom of PCC layer
DC8-43	181.378
DC9-32	200.8331
DC9-51	200.89
DC10-30/40	284.8653
DC10-30/40 Belly	283.1896
Adv. B727-200C Basic	261.2953
B737-300	223.4171
B737-800	265.9797
B747-400B Combi	307.3259
B747-200B Combi Mixed	293.1689
B757-200	224.6692
B777-200LR	361.8697
A320-100	229.1269
A340-200 std	270.7625
A340-200 std Belly	278.3226
Fokker-F-28-1000	113.2704
Dual Tan-400	342.996
Dual Tan-400	342.4131
A380-800	317.0354
B747-8 Freighter (Prelim	330.6996
B787-8 (Preliminary)	313.8884
B777-300 ER	366.7271
B747-400ER Passenger	324.6338
B787-9 (Preliminary)	354.5188



Stress Computation for TW-WB, output from FAARFIELD

# FAARFIELD: Stress/Strain Analysis at the Bottom of the Flexible Pavement

B777-200LR						
	v. stress	H. stress(Y)	H. stress(X)	xz shear	yz shear	xy shear
Stress	-1.01E+01	-1.39E+00	-7.75E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-2.61E-18
Strain	-2.34E-03	6.06E-04	8.15E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.76E-21
Displacement	3.78E-01					
Principle Stress		Principle strain		Max Shear	-4.68E+00	
1	-1.01E+01	1	-2.34E-03			
2	-1.39E+00	2	6.06E-04			
3	-7.75E-01	3	8.15E-04			
B777-300ER						
	v. stress	H. stress(Y)	H. stress(X)	xz shear	yz shear	xy shear
Stress	-1.03E+01	-1.41E+00	-7.84E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-8.81E-19
Strain	-2.37E-03	6.13E-04	8.24E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-5.95E-22
Displacement	3.82E-01					
Principle Stress		Principle Strain		Max Shear	-4.73E+00	
1	-1.03E+01	1	-2.37E-03			
2	-1.41E+00	2	6.13E-04			
3	-7.84E-01	3	8.24E-04			
B777-200LR						
Normal Stress	-1.01E+01	1	B777-300ER			
Shear Stress	-4.68E+00	2				
Principle Stress	-1.01E+01	3				
Normal Strain	-2.34E-03	5				
Shear Strain	-1.76E-21	6				
Principle Strain	-2.34E-03	7				
Bending Stress	-7.75E-01	8				
Bending Strain	8.15E-04	9				
Displacement	3.78E-01	4				

Point of Interest

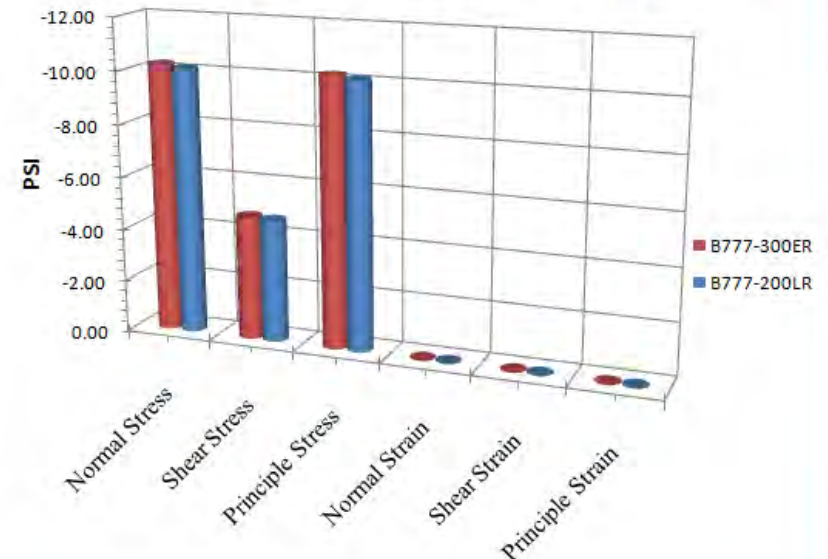
6" P-401/P-403 HMA, E=200,000 Psi

12" Cement Flyash Crushed Concrete, E=500,000 Psi

12" P-154, E=40,000 Psi

11" LSE Subgrade, E=10,000 Psi

Stress Strain Data from FAARFIELD



Stress Computation for TW-WB Shoulder, output from FAARFIELD

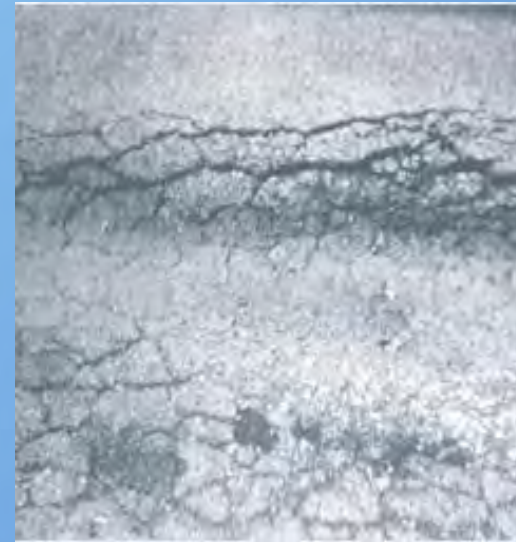
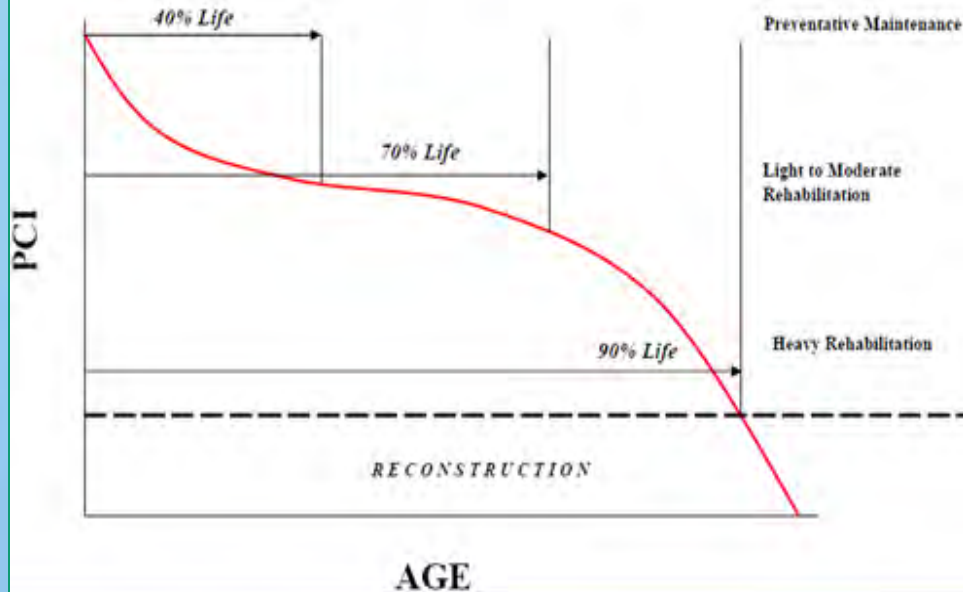
## **Section-3**

# **Pavement Evaluation & Management System**

- Pavement Strength Evaluation and Rating process
  - PCI Rating
  - NDT
  - ACN-PCN Evaluation
- Life Cycle Modeling
- Decision Matrix
- Pavement Management Software
- Evaluation of Concrete and Metal Structure through Soils Resistivity Analysis



# Why Manage Pavement?



- **To Evaluate the current Pavement condition**
  - **Detail Plan for repair ( what/When/How..)**
  - **Cost Benefit Analysis**
  - **Justification**
  - **What happens if not repair at this point ?**
- All these are answered**

# Pavement Evaluation & Rating Process

**Pavement Condition Index (PCI)**  
**Structural Condition Index (SCI)**



**NDT And Back Calculation for  
Strength Evaluation, Validate  
w/Field Testing**



**Traffic Analysis- AIRPAVE**



**ACN-PCN Evaluation  
Pavement Thickness**



**COMFAA  
BACKFAA  
FAARFIELD**

## Minimum Service Level

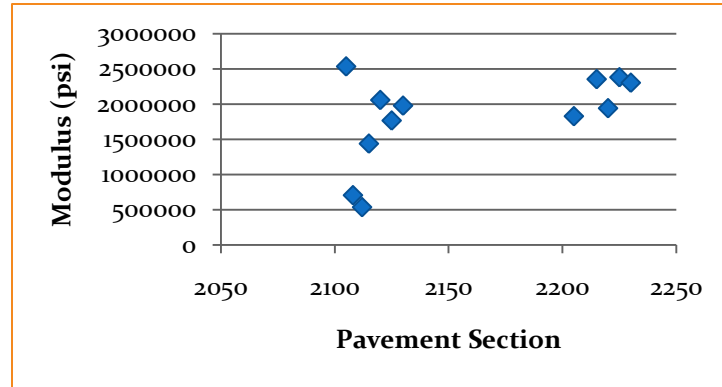
<b>Runways</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Taxiways</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Aprons</b>	<b>65</b>

# Pavement Evaluation: Distresses

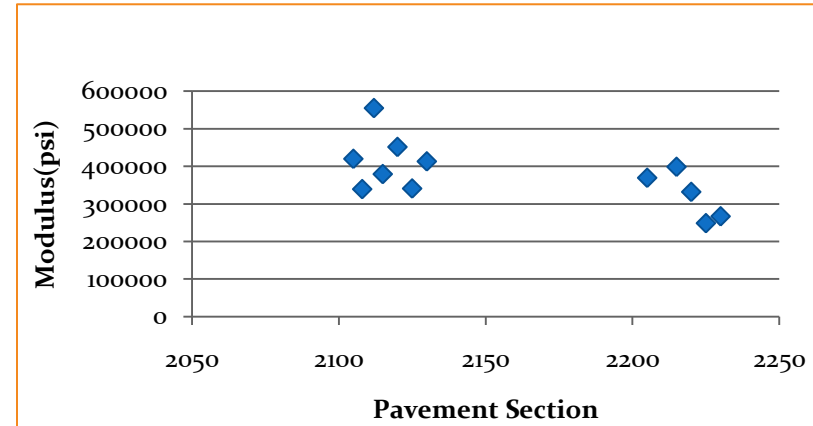
<b>AC 150/5380-6 ASTM D 5340-10 Distress Severity, Qty. &amp; Type</b>	<b><u>Flexible pavement</u></b>	<b><u>Rigid pavement</u></b>
	Alligator	Blow Up
	Bleeding	Corner Break
	Block Cracking	LTD Cracking
	Corrugation	D- Cracking
	Depression	Joint Seal Damage
	Jet Blast Erosion	Large Patch
	Long, & Trans. Cracking	Small Patch
	Oil Spill	Pumping
	Joint Refl. Cracking	Pop Outs
	Polished Agg.	Faulting
	Raveling/Weathering	Shattered Slab
	Rutting	Shrinkage
	Shoving From PCC	Joint Spalling
	Slippage	Corner Spalling
	Swelling	



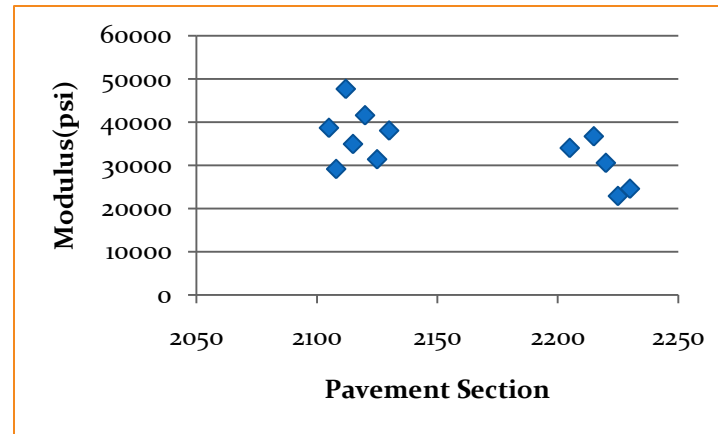
# Strength Evaluation: NDT Modulus (Back-calculation)



**Top layer**



**Base layer**



**Sub-grade**

# Determination of ACN-PCN Using COMFAA 3.0

COMFAA 3.0, June 14, 2010 - C:\Program Files\COMFAA 3.0\COMFAAaircraft.Ext

X = 61.0 in Y = 63.3 in

**Aircraft Group**

- Generic
- Airline
- Boeing
- McDonnell Douglas
- Other Commercial
- General Aviation
- Military
- External Library

**Library Aircraft**

- A300-B2 SB
- A300-B2 STD
- A300-B4 STD
- A300-B4 LB
- A300-600 STD
- A300-600 LB
- A310-200
- A310-300
- A318-100 std
- A318-100 opt
- A319-100 std
- A319-100 opt
- A320-100
- A320-200 Twin std
- A320 Twin opt
- A-320 Bogie
- A321-100 std
- A321-100 opt
- A321-200 std
- A330-200 std
- A330-200 opt
- A330-300 std
- A330-300 opt
- A340-200 std
- A340-200 opt
- A340-300 std
- A340-300 opt

**Critical Aircraft**

**Main Gear Footprint**

**Options**

☐ Batch ☐ PCA Thick ☐ Metric ☐ PCA MGW

**Computational Mode**

PCN Flexible Batch PCN Rigid Batch MORE >>>

**SG CBR Flex t, in ACN Flex k, lbs/in^3 Rig t, in ACN Rig**

0.00 0.0

**Evaluation Thickness = 0 Stress =**

**Table 1: Aircraft Properties**

Property	Value
Gross Weight (lbs)	315,041
% GW on Main Gears	94.00
No. Main Gears	2
Wheels on Main Gear	4
Tire Pressure (psi)	185.6
Alpha Used	0.000
Pass/Traffic Cycle (P/T/C)	1.00
Annual Departures	1,200
Flex 20yr Cvs, P/C = 1.75	13,372
Rig 20yr Cvs, P/C = 3.55	6,686
Rigid Cutoff (times rts)	3.00
Concrete Flex. Str. (psi)	650.0

Reference Guidance AC 150/5335-5B Appendix A-2 Existing Flexible Pavement Layers Existing Layer Thickness Surface Down Convert Subgrade Up Convert

Flexible Pavement Structure Items	Fig. A2-2 Convert to P-209	Figs. A2-1, A2-2 Convert to P-154	Existing Flexible Pavement Layers	Existing Layer Thickness	Convert to P-209	8 in. P-209 Req'd	Down Convert Excess for P-154	Equiv. to P-154	8 in. P-209 Req'd	Subgrade Up Convert Excess for P-154	Equiv. to P-154		
P-401 and/or P-403	<div>14 15 16</div>	1.6	<div>21 22 23</div>	2.3	ENTER P-401 and/or P-403	7.0 in	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.0	4.6
P-306	<div>12 13 14</div>	1.2	<div>16 17 18</div>	1.6	ENTER P-306	0.0 in	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
P-304	<div>12 13 14</div>	1.2	<div>17 18</div>	1.6	ENTER P-304	4.0 in	4.8	8.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.3	3.7
P-209	<div>12 13</div>	1.0	<div>14 15</div>	1.4	ENTER P-209	6.0 in	6.0	8.0	6.0	8.4	6.0	0.0	0.0
P-208 and/or P-211	<div>11 12</div>	1.0	<div>14 15</div>	1.0	ENTER P-208 and/or P-211	0.0 in	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
P-301	n/a		<div>1 11 12</div>	1.0	ENTER P-301	0.0 in	n/a	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0
P-154	n/a			1.0	ENTER P-154	17.0 in	n/a	n/a	17.0	17.0	n/a	17.0	17.0

Format Chart

Equivalent Thickness, in.	ENTER Subgrade CBR		7.0	Zero All	8.0	25.4	< max P-154 t >	25.3
P-401 and/or P-403	5.0	Equiv total	38.4					
P-209	8.0	401 min and/or Converted to P-209 if P-209 min	0.0	English				
P-154	25.4	Total	34.0					
Total	38.4							

COMFAA Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation thickness t = 38.4 in

Evaluation CBR = 7.0

Recommended PCN Codes: F/C/W or

Recommended PCN Codes: F/C/X

Project Details

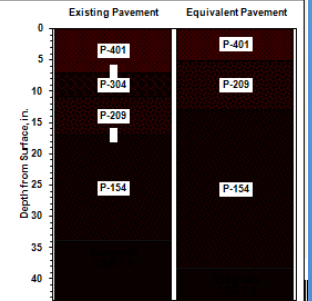
Flexible Pavement Example. Subgrade CBR is 7, base course thickness is 10 inches using two material types, and subbase thickness is 17 inches. Fuel is obtained before departure. Runway has a parallel taxiway. The pavement life is estimated to be 20 years.

Airport LOC-ID	Pavement ID	
GH	AJP-6312	

Save Data

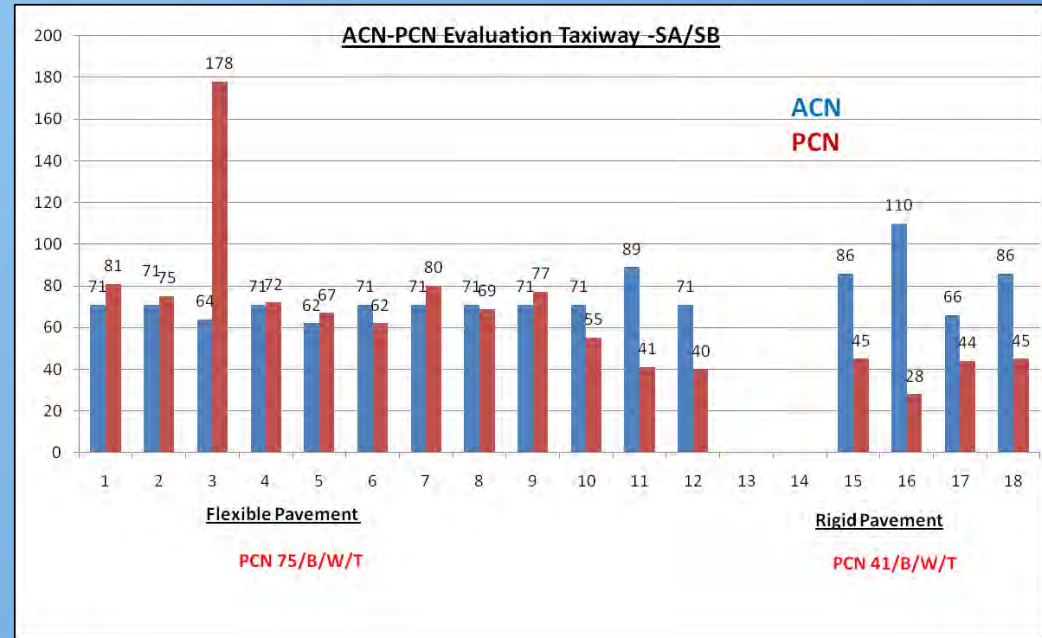
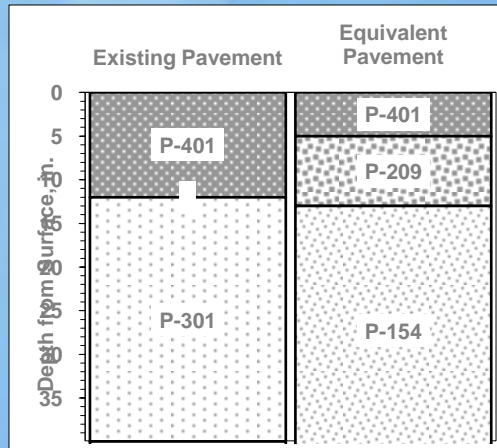
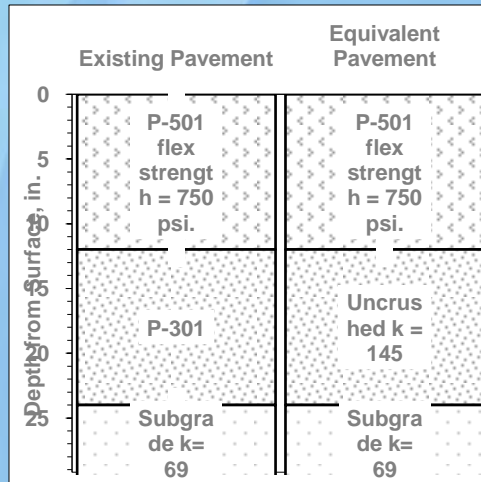
ENTER Reference Section Requirements

P-401, inches	5
P-209 inches	8



## COMFAA 3.0 Screen Shot and Equivalent Section Determination

# ACN-PCN Evaluation Using COMFAA 3.0



**Example Output from COMFAA 3.0 TW SA/SB**

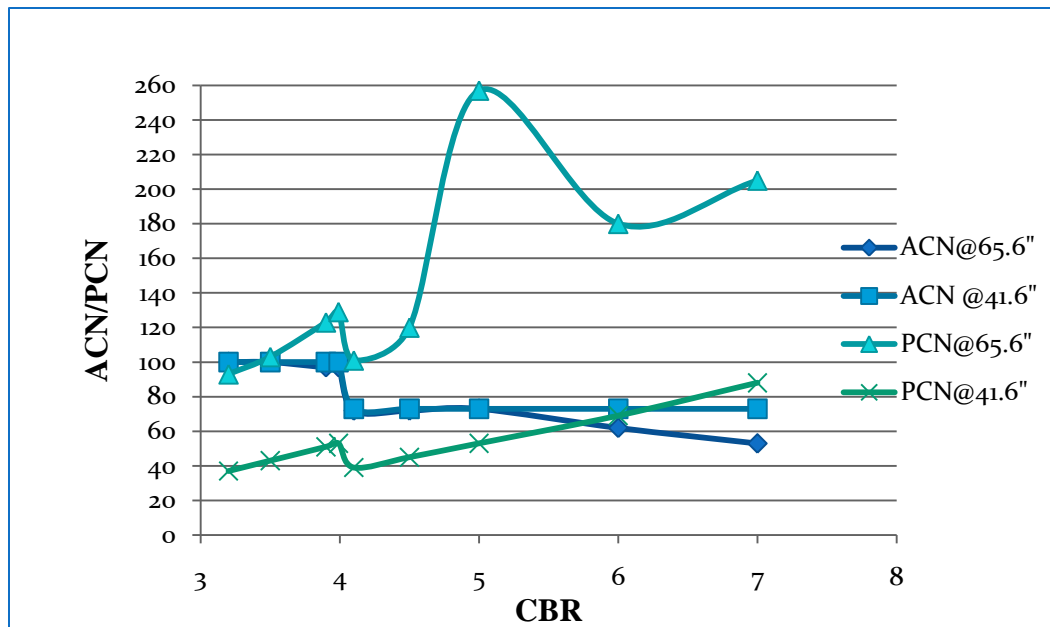
**PCN Reporting Format:**

**PCN Number/Pavement Type/Tire Pressure/Method of Calculation** (Technical/Using Airplane)



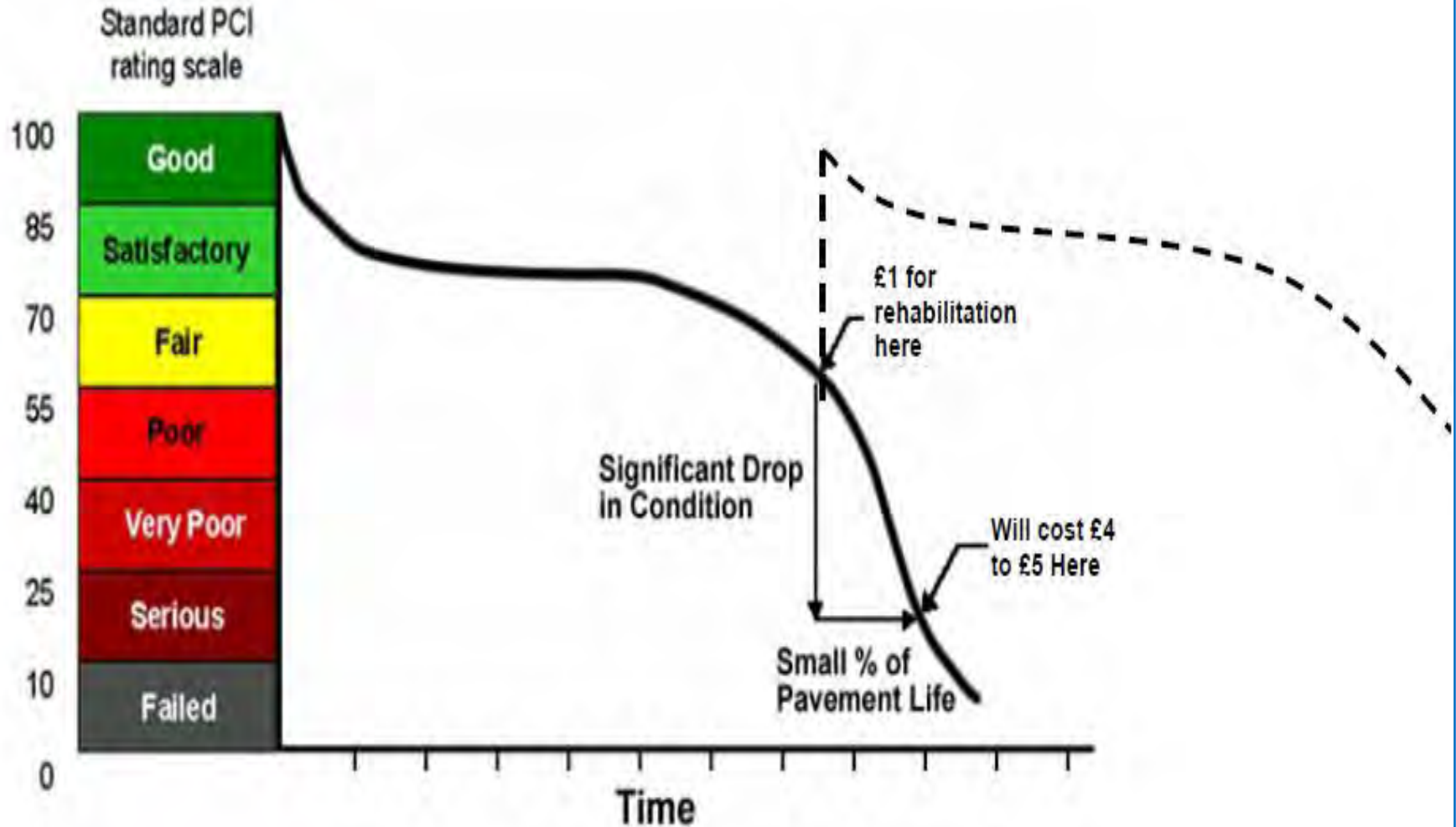
# FACTORS AFFECTING ACN-PCN EVALUATION

- Sub-grade Modulus
- Pavement Thickness
- Traffic loading/type and Gear
- Engineering Judgment (Personal decisions)



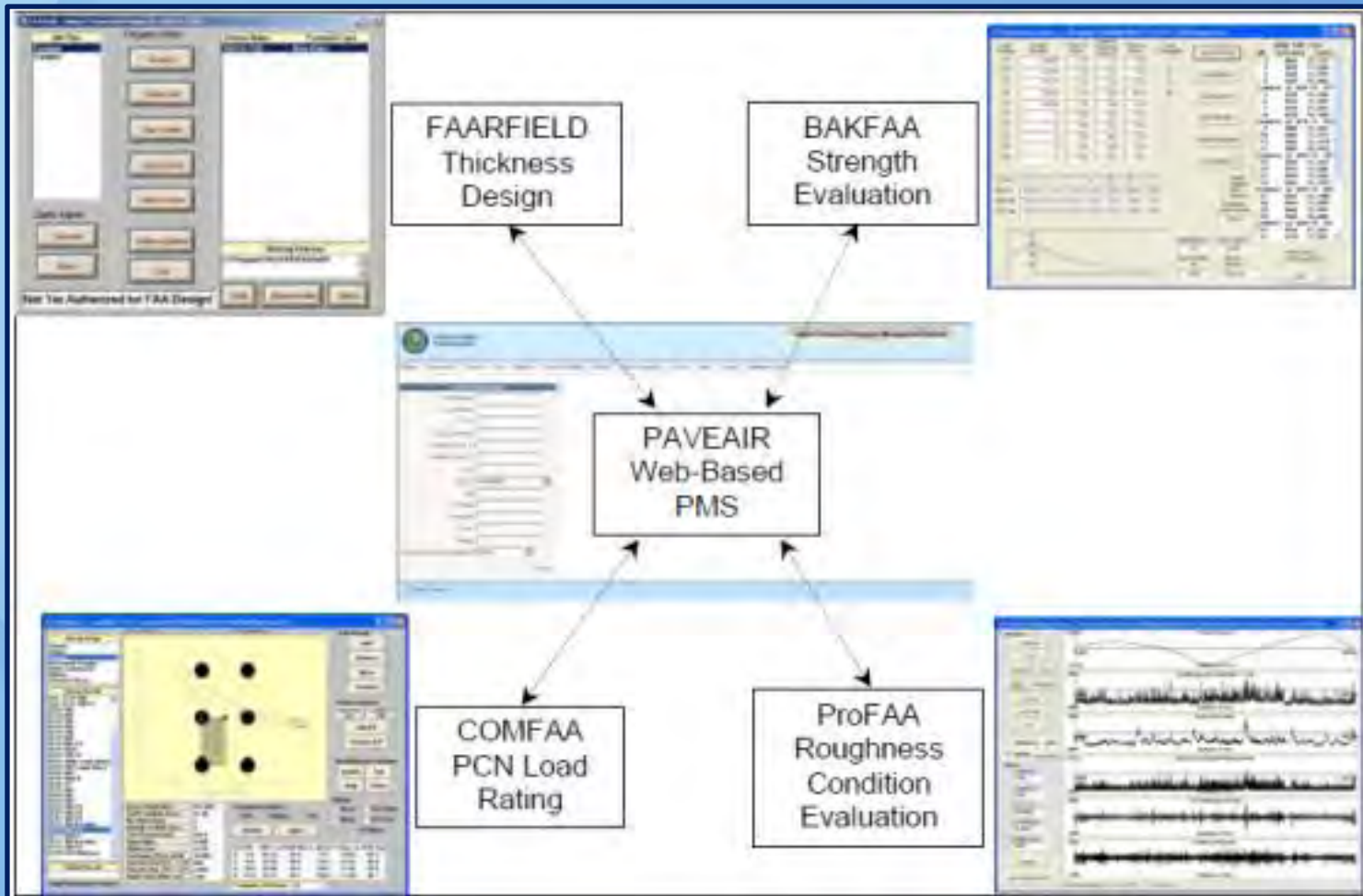
**Example: TW SA/SB Section #2108 Evaluation with DMJM Traffic -Projection**

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis



**LCCA Model**

# PAVEAIR: Web Based Project Management Tool



**Pave Air Beta Version**



# Rehabilitation Alternatives and Decision Making Criteria

**Matrix Comparison of PCC Pavement Rehabilitation Alternatives**

Pavement Rehabilitation Alternative	Airport Operation Impact		Construction		Performance	Cost		Total Score	Weighted Score
	Runway Closure	Tenant Impact	Sustainability	Time	Smoothness	Initial Construction	Life Cycle		
Weighted Factor	15	15	10	10	10	25	15	100	
Total Reconstruction	2	3	1	2	4	1	4	17	2.30
Partial Reconstruction	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	20	2.75
Un-bonded PCC Overlay	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	22	3.05
Bonded PCC Overlay	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	29	4.1

Rating Scale: 5- Excellent, 4- Very Good, 3- Good, 2- Fair, 1- Poor, 0- Very Poor

**Rehabilitation of Taxiways WA-WB and New West Vault**

# Rehabilitation Alternatives and Decision Making Criteria

<b>Rating Scale</b> <b>5 – Excellent</b> <b>4 – Very Good</b> <b>3 – Good</b> <b>2 – Fair</b> <b>1 – Poor</b> <b>0 – Very Poor</b>		CONSTRUCTION					DESIGN	PERFORMANCE	COSTS			
		Constructability	Contractor Familiarity	Feasibility	Schedule	Schedule Risk	Impacts to Airfield Electrical Infrastructure & ILS	Grade Compatibility	Maintenance Requirements	Initial Capital Cost	Life Cycle Cost	Total Score
1	PC Concrete Jointed Overlay (mill 3" of existing AC)	4	5	5	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	43
2	PC Concrete Jointed Overlay (mill existing AC to LCF base)	3	5	5	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	38
3	Continuously Reinforced Concrete Overlay (Mill 3" of Existing AC)	3	2	5	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	34

## Rehabilitation of Runway 9-27 Final Engineering Report

## **Section-4**

# **Soils Resistivity and Corrosion Potential of Native Sub-grade Soils**



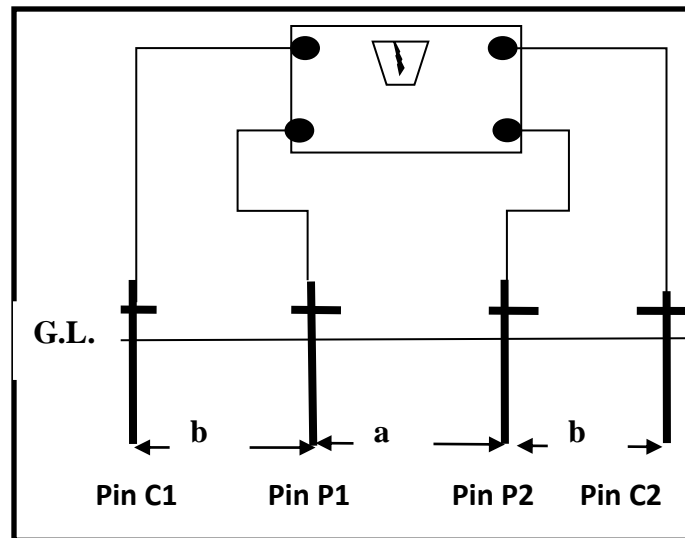
# Deterioration of Concrete and Metal Structures



**Concrete and metal structures are deteriorated at faster rate with soils corrosion activity. Soils Corrosivity is measured by Soils Resistivity**

# Soils Resistivity Testing

**Method of Soils Resistivity Testing**  
**Field Testing**  
**Lab Testing**



**Schematic Diagram For Field Testing Setup**

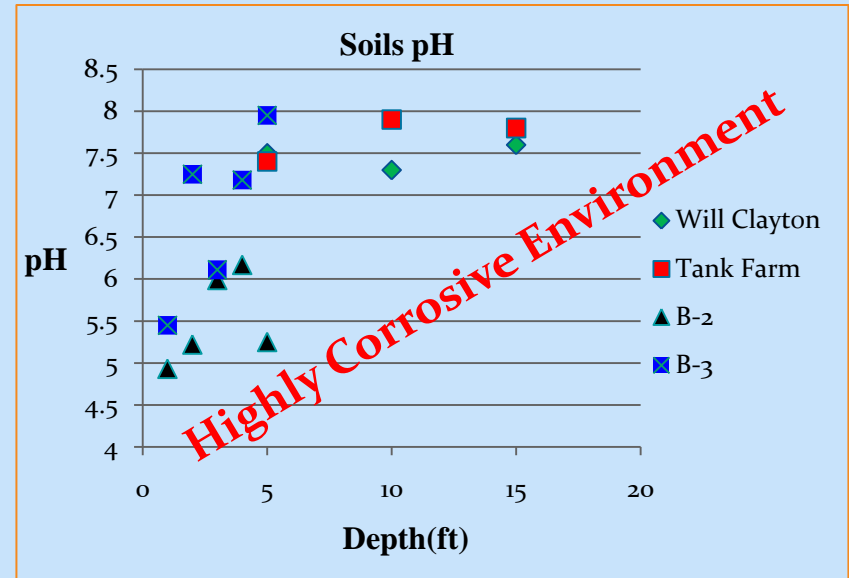
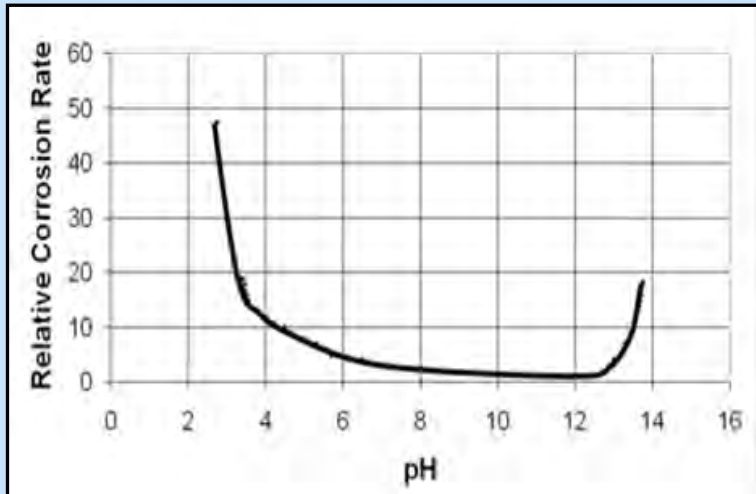
# SOILS RESISTIVITY

## **Factors:**

- **Soils PH**
- **Mineral Content (Chloride And Sulfate Ions)**
- **Soils Types**
- **Moisture Content**
- **Temperature and Environment**



# pH Concentration and Corrosion Rate



## General Trend of Soils pH To Rate of Corrosion

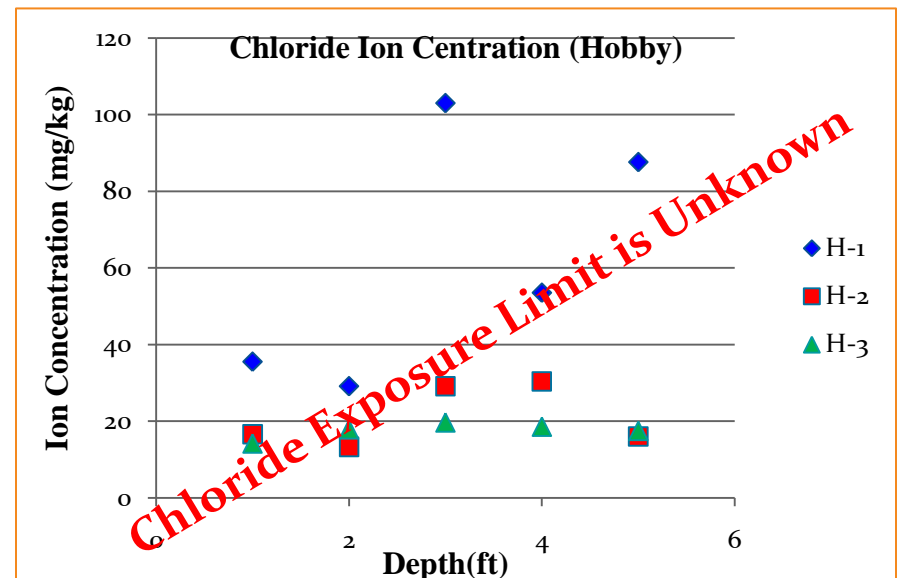
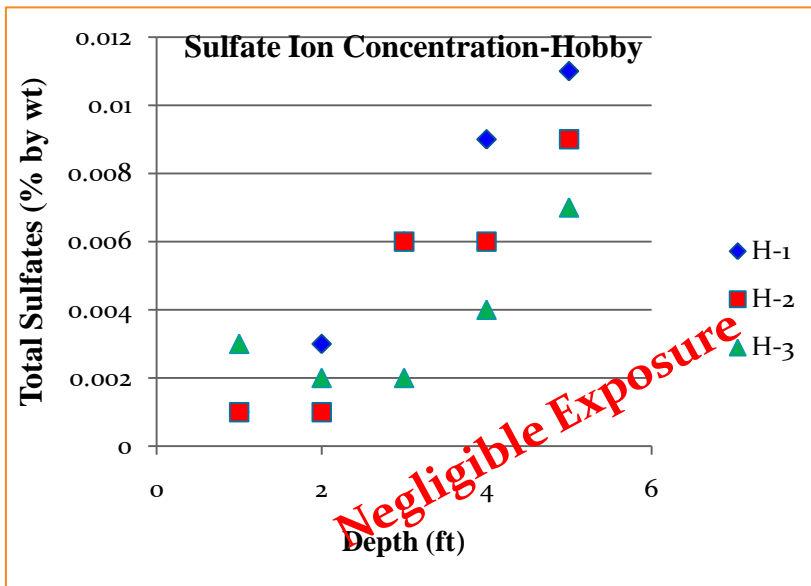
**High Moisture Content (Shallow Water Table)**  
**High Temperature**  
**Acidic Environment**  
**Highly Plasticity Soils**

**These conditions may accelerate corrosion activity**

# Sulfate and Chloride Ion Concentration

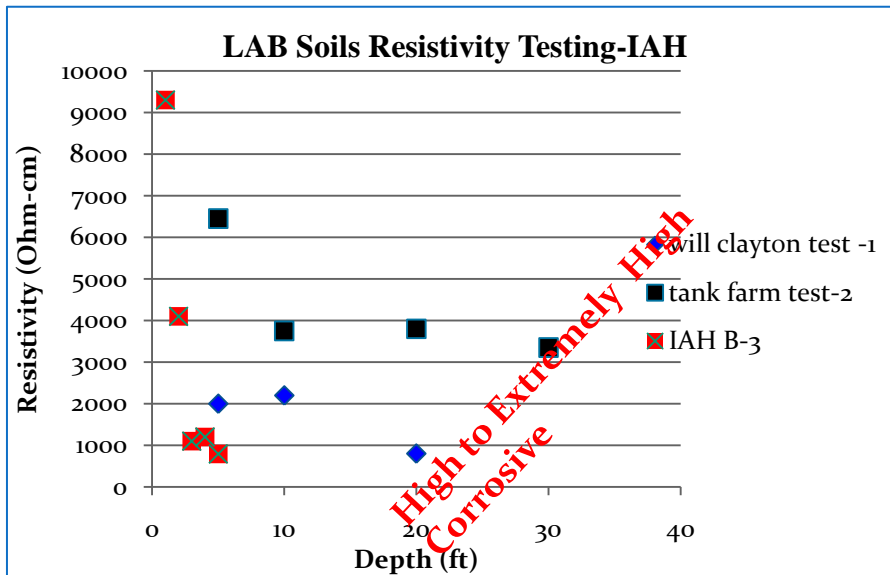
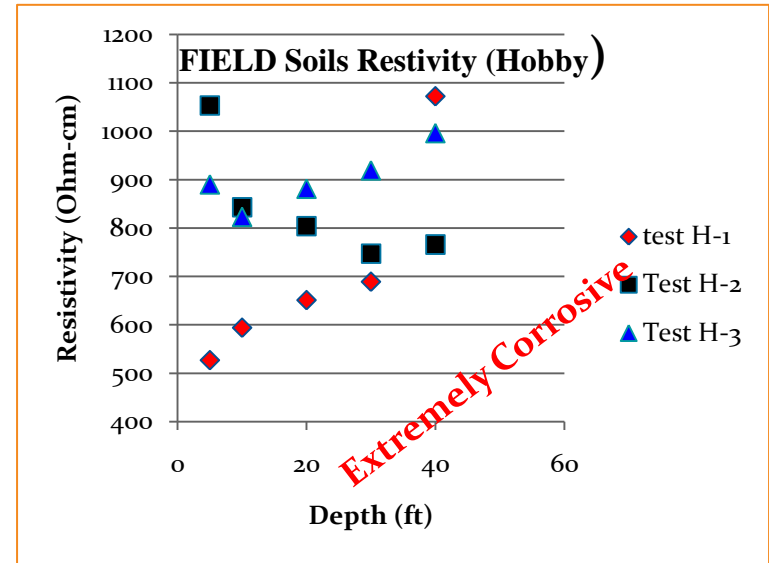
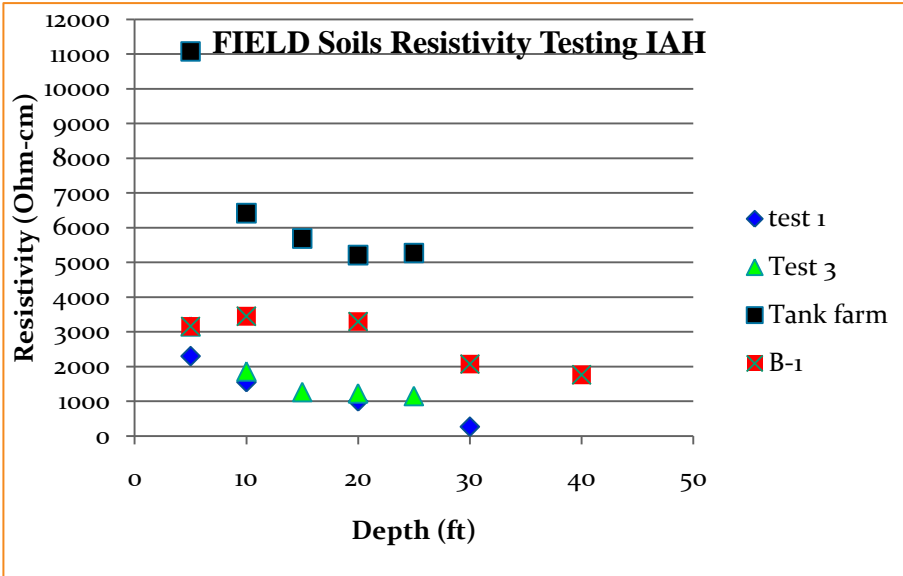
Sulfate Exposure	Water Soluble Sulphates (So4) ( in % by wt.)
Neglibible	$0.00 \leq \text{SO}_4 < 0.10$
Moderate	$0.10 \leq \text{SO}_4 < 2.0$
Severe	$0.20 \leq \text{SO}_4 < 2.0$
Very Severe	$\text{SO}_4 > 2.0$


No standard Limit for Chloride exposure



**As per AASHTO specification, the maximum acceptable levels for chloride is 100 PPM and for sulfates is 200 PPM for minimum resistivity level of 3000 Ohm-cm**

# Soils Resistivity Test Results



## Soil Corrosion Rating

Resistivity (in Ohm-cm)	Corrosion State
Higher than 20,000	Essentially non corrosive
10,000-20,000	Mild corrosive
5000-10000	Moderately corrosive
3000-5000	Corrosive
1000-3000	Highly corrosive
Less than 1000	Extremely corrosive



**Research on Soils Resistivity Testing is Going on**

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