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# Elizabethan Crash in Munich

- February 6<sup>th</sup>,1958 BEA Airspeed
   Ambassador G-ALZU Lord Burghley crashed on the third attempt to takeoff from a slush-covered runway in Munich-Riem
- Aircraft carried Manchester United football team
- 23 fatalities
- Cause: Aircraft was unable to accelerate to flying speed due to precipitation drag





# Runway Overrun Chicago-Midway

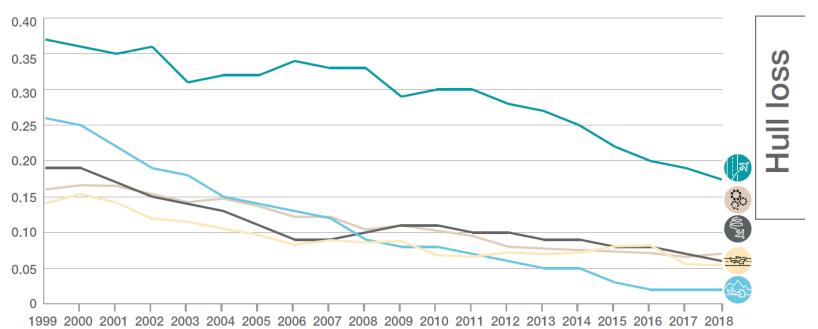
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Southwest Flight 1248 slides off the runway while attempting to land in a snowstorm
- 1 fatality on ground





#### **Accident Statistics**

# 10 year moving average hull loss rate by accident category per million flights







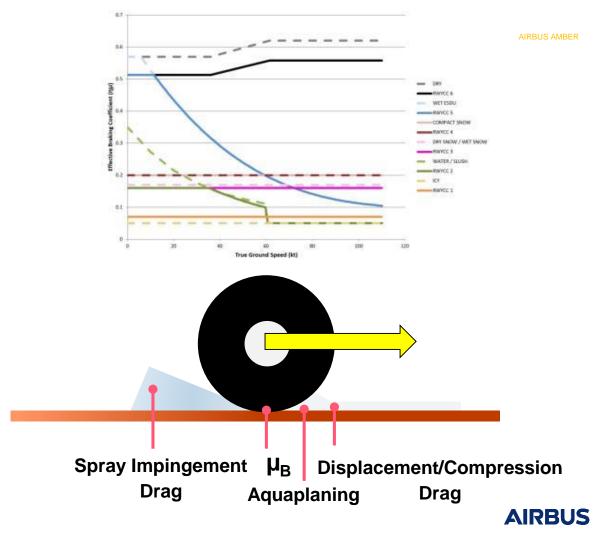
#### Effects on Performance

#### Braking Performance reduced

- Wheel to ground friction
- Aquaplaning

#### Acceleration reduced

- Contaminant drag



# Performance Relevant Reporting

## The Operational Need

- What is on the runway?
- Does it cover a significant portion?
- How deep is it?
- Are in-built qualities of the surface deficient?

#### The Assessment and Reporting Method

- The essential information
- Updated according relevant criteria
- When there is a significant change



### Runway Condition Report (RCR)

- Aircraft Performance Section (mandatory)
  - Airport Designator
  - Assessment Date and Time
  - Lower Runway Designator
  - RWYCC per third
  - Coverage per third
  - Depth of contamination per third
  - Contaminant type per third
  - Width for which assessment of RWYCC applies

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- Situational Awareness Section (optional)
  - Reduced Runway length
  - Drifting Snow
  - Loose Sand
  - Chemical Treatment
  - Snowbanks on Runway
  - Snowbanks on Taxiway
  - Snowbanks adjacent to Runway
  - Taxiway Conditions
  - Apron Conditions
  - Measured Friction
  - Free-text Remarks

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### End to End System









Aerodromes

Manufacturers

AIS/ATM

Operators

## Common Language

Contaminant Types
Runway Condition Codes
Direct Input to Performance Assessment

# Performance Relevance

Depth Thresholds & Temperatures
Significant Changes

# Industry Consensus



# ICAO Implementation









#### Annex 3

Annex 14

Doc 9981 PANS-ADR Circular 355 **Annex 8** 

Doc 10064 APM

Annex 11 Annex 15

PANS-ATM

Doc 4444

Annex 6

**Doc 10064 APM** 



# ICAO Imple

Assessment criteria		Downgrade assessment criteria		
Runway condition code	Runway surface description	Aeroplane deceleration or directional control observation	Pilot report of runway braking action	
6	• DRY			
5	WET (the runway surface is covered by any visible dampness or water up to and including 3 mm depth)	Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied AND directional control is normal.	GOOD	
4		Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium.	GOOD TO MEDIUM	
3	WET ("slippery wet" runway)	Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced.	MEDIUM	
2	More than 3 mm depth of water:  • STANDING WATER	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor.	MEDIUM TO POOR	
1		Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced.	POOR	
0		Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain.	LESS THAN POOR	

RUNWAY CONDITION ASSESSMENT MATRIX (RCAM)



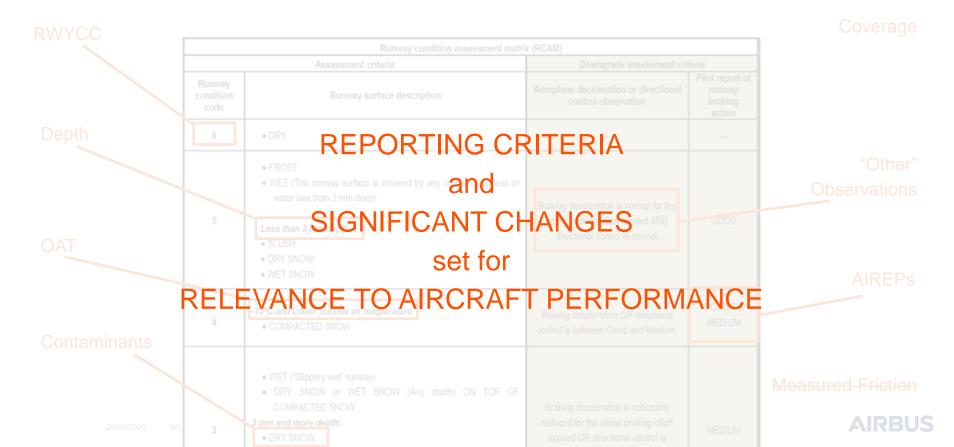
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# Runway Condition Assessment Matrix (RCAM)



# Reportable Contaminants

**COMPACTED SNOW WET SNOW DRY SNOW** SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW DRY SNOW ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE CHEMICALLY TREATED DRY SNOW ON TOP OF ICE Situational Awareness LOOSE SAND **FROST** Layered associated ICE MUD with top contaminant SLUSH DUST or Less Than Poor STANDING WATER SAND Not in the RCAM WATER ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW **VOLCANIC ASH** WET OIL WFT ICF RUBBER

- RCAM covers only conditions with deterministic performance effect
- Other conditions (sanding/chemicals) addressed by down-/upgrade mechanism
  - Driven by Mu / Other observations / AIREPs



# Depth

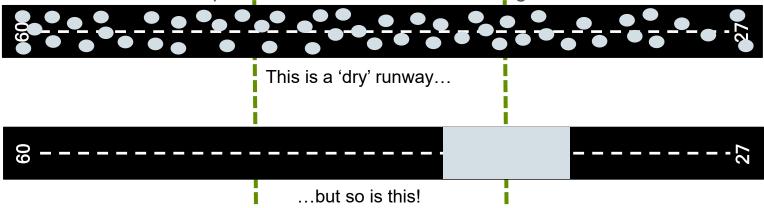
- Any fluid contaminant below 3mm = WET
  - Well constructed and maintained pavement allows tire to drain fluid from footprint and maintain contact with runway – NO dynamic AQUAPLANING
- Any fluid contaminant above 3mm = CONTAMINATED
  - AQUAPLANING occurs above aquaplaning speed

- Dry Snow and Wet Snow are not fluids
  - Same 3mm depth threshold
  - Below 3mm loose contaminant is compressed into macrotexture allowing contact of tire and runway surface
  - Caution Some evidence shows that conditions may become slippery even below 3mm



# Coverage

- Coverage reported for each third
- Coverage reported as 25% above 10% observed coverage
- Contaminated in terms of performance above 25% coverage



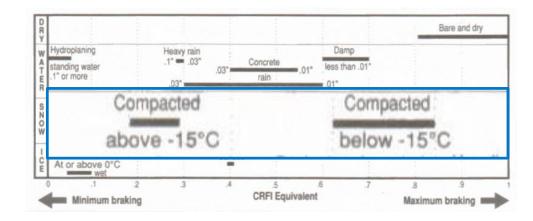
• It has been demonstrated that, if performance calculated for dry condition, regulatory/recommended margins cover concentration of contaminant in worst location



# Temperature

Contaminant	Better Braking Action	Worse Braking Action
Compacted Snow	Below -15°C	Above -15°C

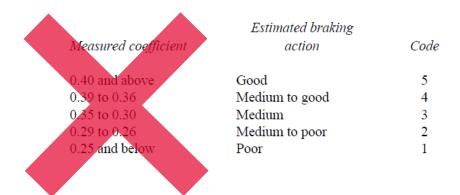
- -15°C based on original JWRFMP data
- Probably very conservative



Braking Action is more closely correlated with surface temperature than with OAT

## **Measured Friction**

- ICAO provides no friction scale due to poor correlation with aircraft braking action
- CFME used is based on a method approved by the State





Differences with Aircraft

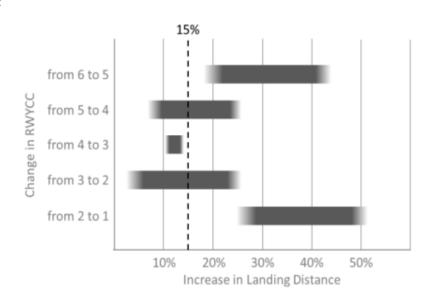
- Used basically for downgrade
- Upgrade only with significant margins





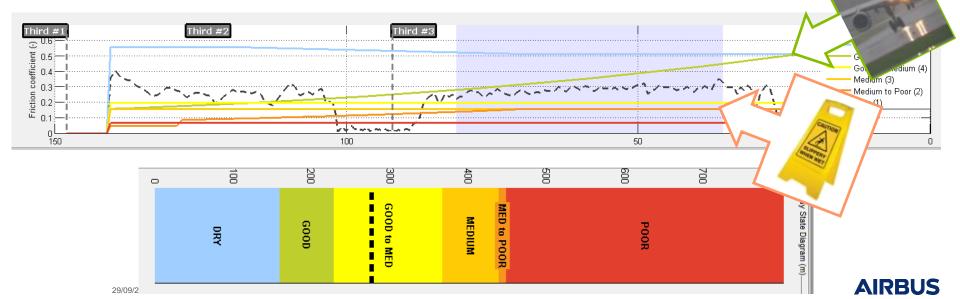
# Robustness to Misreported RWYCC

- Pilots are encouraged to apply 15% distance margin to distance assessment at time of arrival
- Computation not systematically robust to optimistic classification by 1 RWYCC
- Particular attention required for transition
  - Dry to Wet (6 to 5)
  - Wet to Standing water (5 to 2)
  - To Poor or Less Than Poor (1 or 0)

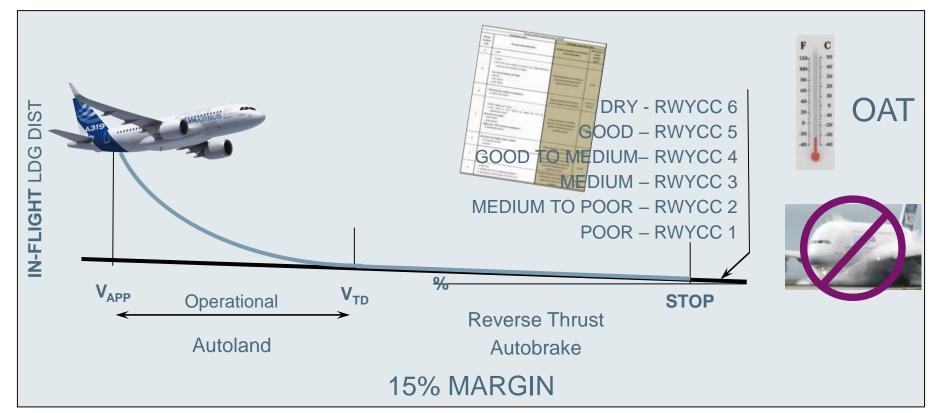


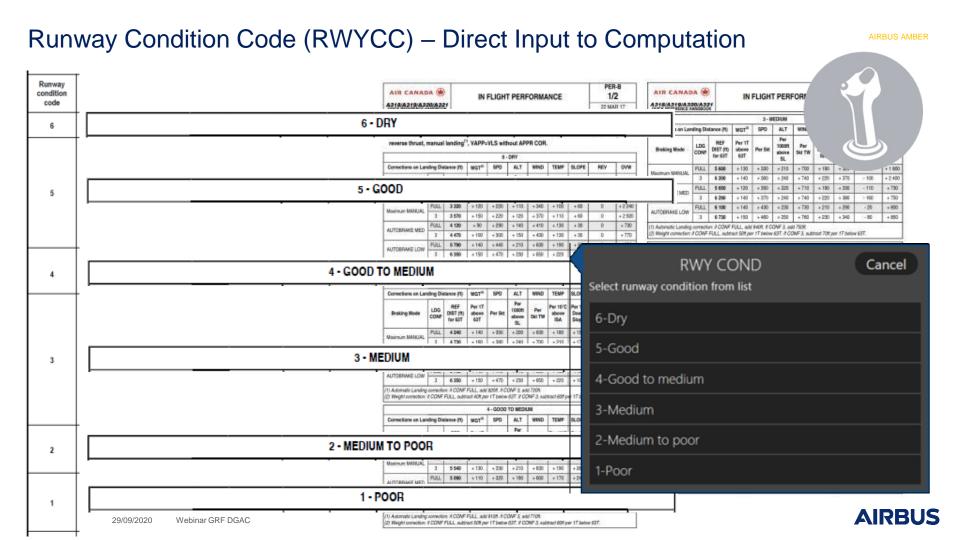
# Transition Damp to Wet to Slippery Wet

- Why is "Damp" now "Wet"? An example...
  - Airbus A320 & A350 Flight Tests on runway at commercial airport in France
  - Light to Medium Rain, Runway reported Damp
  - Runway surface fulfills new construction criteria according to CFME
  - Aircraft data identifies substandard surface



# Performance at Time of Landing





## Impact on Dispatch

- · Nominally, dispatch is unchanged
- Dry runway dispatch distances systematically longer than LDTA
- Wet runway also, if reverse thrust is available
- Contaminated runway dispatch distances by construction shorter than LDTA
- EASA rules give exemptions for Dry and Wet (grooved/PFC)
  - Computation only in case of changes
    - -Runway
    - -Weather/Surface condition
    - Failures with performance impact
- Systematic approach
  - Crosscheck Dispatch with LDTA before every flight
  - Calculate in-flight only in case of changes



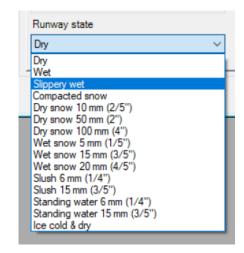




# Impact on Takeoff

- Takeoff performance for contaminated surfaces
  - Available in line with EASA AMC 25.1591
  - Some RCAM contaminant types missing
  - Downgraded RWYCC in combination with fluid contaminants problematic
- Industry working on operational solutions
  - Double input of Contaminant Type and Depth + RWYCC
  - Recommendation to provide downgraded performance







# **Benefits for Operators**

- Harmonized Global Standard
- Easier to understand than current SNOWTAM
- Direct Relation to Operational Procedures and Performance
- Improved Reporting Relevance and Timeliness
- Better situation awareness for Pilots
- Same information on SNOWTAM, ATIS, ATC
- AIREPs for continuous observation of changes







# Pilot Procedures and Training

- Approach Preparation
  - Worst Acceptable Conditions: "Canned Decisions"
    - Max crosswind
    - Min RWYCC
- Training
  - Understand assumptions in computation
  - RCAM
  - RCR / SNOWTAM / ATIS formats
  - Reporting process
  - Up- and Downgrading
  - Condition Degradation Mechanisms
    - Damp / Wet / Slippery Wet / Heavy Rain
    - Freezing and Dew Point Split
  - AIREPs





### Aeroplane Performance Manual

- Introduction to Operations on Contaminated Runways
- 4 Flight-Phase oriented Chapters
  - Take-off
  - En-Route
  - Landing
  - Missed Approach

#### Clear Focus on GRF

- Other information considered as non-controversial
- Based on existing national guidance and practices
- Now available on ICAO Store







# Global Reporting Format – An Initiative for Safer Aircraft Operations



**Runway Condition Report** 

Direct input into Assessment At Time of Landing

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