



# Runway Length Calculations with SARLAT 2 Aircraft with Takeoff Weights less than 60,000 lbs

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## Runway Design Mode

Objective: Estimate the unconstrained runway length required by a known aircraft fleet mix



## Example: Runway Design Example

- Airfield elevation - 2132 feet
- Design temperature (mean of maximum temperatures of the hottest month of the year) - 86 degrees. Fahrenheit
- Runway grade - 0.4% (estimated due to sloping terrain)

Airport Conditions similar to Virginia Tech  
Montgomery Executive Airport





# Fleet Mix for Runway Design Example

<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Departures/ Arrivals</i>	<i>Useful Load (%)</i>	<i>Engine Type</i>
<i>Cessna 172</i>	<i>3000 / 3000</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>Piston</i>
<i>Beechcraft King Air B350ER</i>	<i>400 / 400</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Turboprop</i>
<i>Cessna Citation Latitude</i>	<i>350 / 350</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Jet</i>
<i>Cessna 560XL</i>	<i>400 / 400</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Jet</i>
<i>Bombardier Challenger 350</i>	<i>350 / 350</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Jet</i>



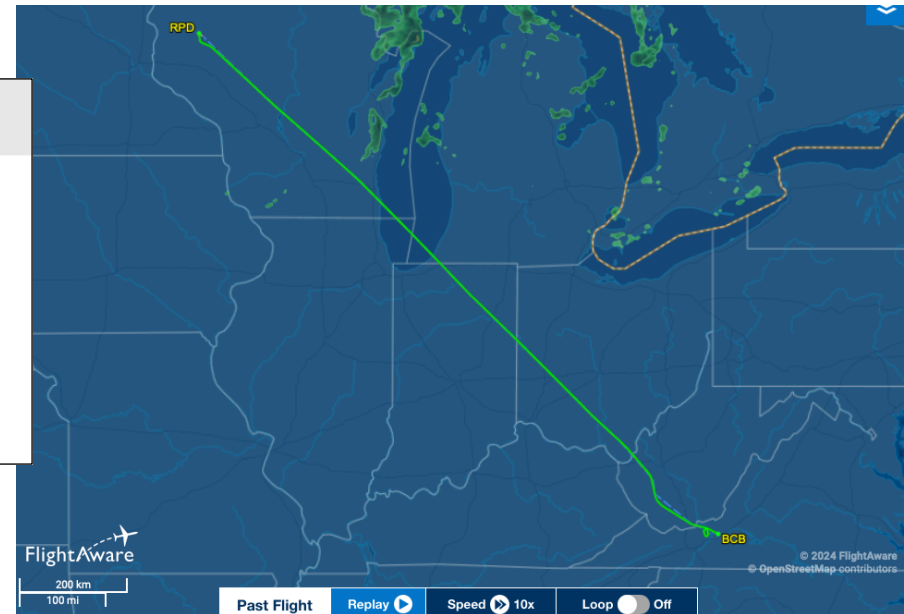
# Obtaining Flight Records and Trip Length Data

- The fleet mix is a forecast of the types of aircraft expected to operate at the new airport
- The FAA has traffic counts at all NPIAS airports that can be used to estimate the trip lengths flown by each aircraft type
- TFMS-C is the FAA traffic management system - a real-time time system that stores and processes all flight plans filed by flights

## Flight Data

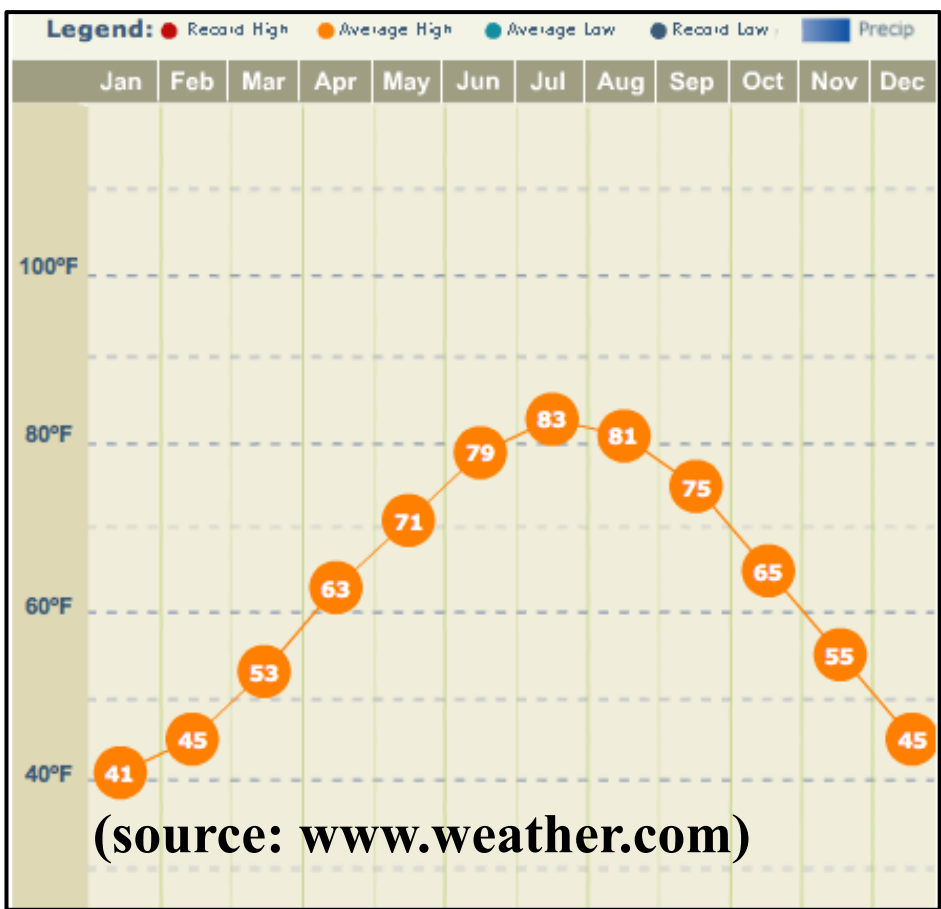
<b>Speed</b>	Filed: 540 mph
<b>Altitude</b>	Filed: 41,000 ft
<b>Distance</b>	Actual: 854 mi (Planned: 818 mi/Direct: 817 mi)
<b>Route</b>	AUGER J70 BAE DAIFE RGRS

Route data in TFMS filed by a corporate jet flying into Virginia Tech





# Obtaining Airport Design Temperature (Mean Maximum Daily Temperature of the Hottest Month of the Year)



[https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/climate\\_graphs/](https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/climate_graphs/)

86 degrees Fahrenheit considering higher emissions



# SARLAT 2 Analysis (Design Case)

### SARLAT - Runway Design

Piston

Turboprop

Jet

Departures: 2500 - Arrivals: 2500 RESET

#### Environmental Factors

**Pressure Altitude (Field Elevation) (ft)**  
2132  
Specify the runway's pressure altitude (field elevation).

**Air Temperature (F)**  
86  
Specify the runway's mean daily maximum temperature of the hottest month of the year.

**Wind Speed (kts)**  
0  
Headwind is negative. Tailwind is positive.

#### Runway Information

**Runway Gradient (%)**  
0.4  
Downhill is negative. Uphill is positive.

**Surface Type**  
Paved

Airfield elevation

Design temperature (Mean of Max. Temperature of the Hottest Month of the Year)

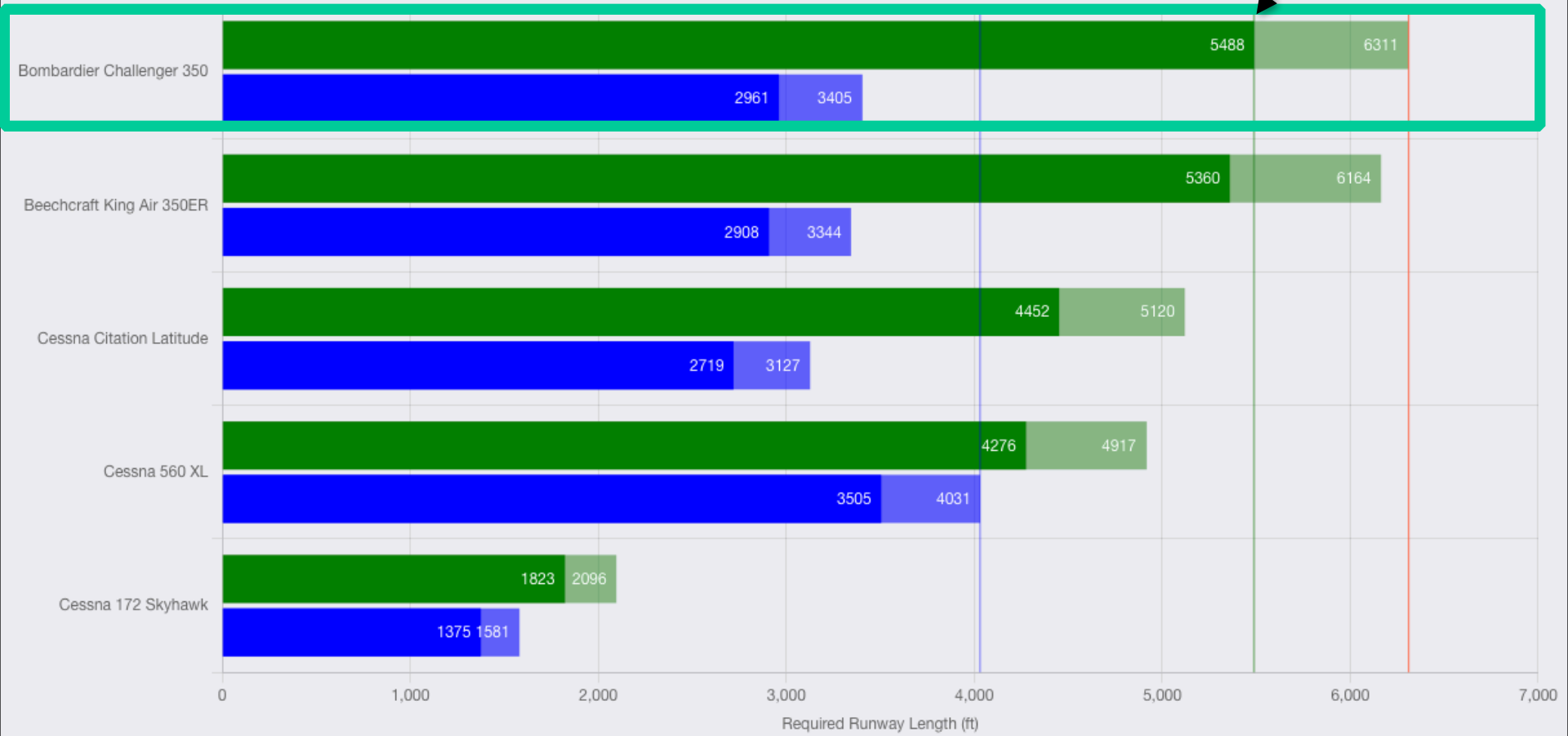


# SARLAT 2 Design Analysis

Critical aircraft  
From a runway length  
view point

Pressure Altitude: 2132 ft   Air Temperature: 86 F   Wind Speed: 0 kts   Gradient: 0.4 %   Surface Type: Paved

Takeoff - Dry   Takeoff - Wet   Landing - Dry   Landing - Wet







# New Runway Design Analysis

- **The Bombardier Challenger 350 (operated at 70% helpful load) requires 5,500 feet of runway (dry takeoff)**
  - We usually round the runway length to the nearest 100 feet
- During the runway extension project at Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport, the runway was extended to 5,500 feet using the old analysis method.





# New Runway Design : Table of Results

Aircraft Name	Useful Load (%)	Takeoff (ft)		Landing (ft)					
				No Correction		Part 135 Eligible		Part 135	
		Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet
<b>Piston</b>									
Cessna 172 Skyhawk	85	1823	2096	1375	1581				
<b>Turboprop</b>									
Beechcraft King Air 350ER	70	5360	6164	2908	3344				
<b>Jet</b>									
Bombardier Challenger 350	70	5488	6311	2961	3405				
Cessna 560 XL	80	4276	4917	3505	4031				
Cessna Citation Latitude	80	4452	5120	2719	3127				

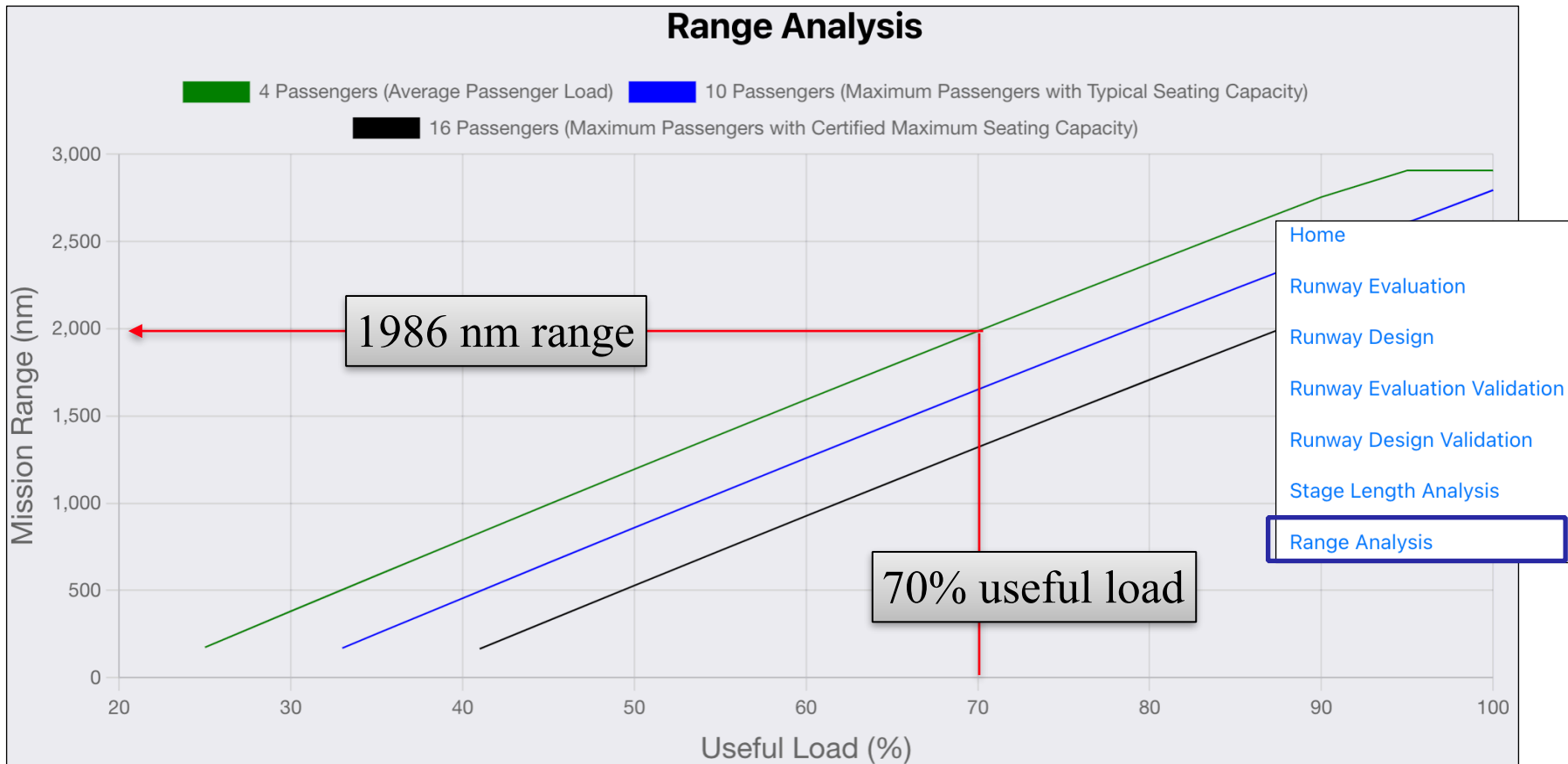
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# New Runway Design : Range Analysis

- Departing the new airport, the Bombardier Challenger 350 can carry two pilots and four passengers (with 70% useful load)





# New Runway Design : Critical Aircraft

- SARLAT 2 reports the critical aircraft for the following conditions:
  - Runway length critical aircraft
  - ADG, TDG, RDC and AAC critical aircraft

## Critical Aircraft for Runway Length

Bombardier Challenger 350 is the critical aircraft and requires 5488 ft of runway to be fully accommodated in the full range of specified operating conditions.

Aircraft Name	Engine Type	Aircraft Design Group (ADG)	Aircraft Approach Category (AAC)	Taxiway Design Group (TDG)	Useful Load (%)	Annual Operations	Cumulative Annual Operations	Dry Takeoff (ft)	Wet Landing (ft)
Bombardier Challenger 350	Jet	II	C	1B	70	700	700	5488	3405
Beechcraft King Air 350ER	Turboprop	II	B	2A	70	300	1000	5360	3344
Cessna Citation Latitude	Jet	II	B	1B	80	700	1700	4452	3127

The Challenger 350 has 700 annual operations, so it is the critical aircraft for the new airport.



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  - ADG - Aircraft design group
  - TDG - Taxiway design group
  - RDC - Runway design code
  - AAC - Aircraft approach category

Group	Critical Group
Aircraft Design Group (ADG)	II
Aircraft Approach Category (AAC)	C
Runway Design Code (RDC)	C-II
Taxiway Design Group (TDG)	2A



## Runway Evaluation Mode

Objective: Determine if a group of aircraft can safely operate from an existing runway



# Example: Runway Evaluation Example Using SARLAT 2

<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Departures/Arrivals</i>	<i>Engine Type</i>
<i>Beechcraft Baron 58</i>	<i>2100 / 2100</i>	<i>Piston</i>
<i>Beechcraft King Air B200GT</i>	<i>400 / 400</i>	<i>Turboprop</i>
<i>Cessna Citation Jet 1</i>	<i>400 / 400</i>	<i>Jet</i>
<i>Bombardier Challenger 350</i>	<i>350 / 350</i>	<i>Jet</i>



# Example: Runway Evaluation Example Using SARLAT 2

- Existing runway length - 4800 feet
- Airfield elevation - 2600 feet
- Design temperature (mean of maximum temperatures of the hottest month of the year) - 85 degrees. Fahrenheit
- Runway grade - 0.5%

## Environmental Factors

### Pressure Altitude (Field Elevation) (ft)

2600

Specify the runway's pressure altitude (field elevation).

### Air Temperature (F)

85

Specify the runway's mean daily maximum temperature of the hottest month of the year.

### Wind Speed (kts)

0

Headwind is negative. Tailwind is positive.

## Runway Information

### Runway Length (ft)

4800

Specify the current runway length.

### Runway Gradient (%)

0.5





# Runway Evaluation Example Using SARLAT 2

Pressure Altitude: 2600 ft

Air Temperature: 85 F

Wind Speed: 0 kts

Runway Length: 4800 ft

Gradient: 0.5 %

Surface Type: Paved

Aircraft Name	Aircraft Mix	NBAA IFR Maximum Range		Useful Load (Takeoff Weight)		Landing	
		Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	No Correction	
						Dry	Wet
Piston							
Beechcraft 58 Baron	64%			100 % 5400 lbs	100 % 5400 lbs	✓	✓
Turboprop							
Beechcraft King Air B200GT	12%	100 % FLIGHTS IN NAS 891 nm / 4 pax	100 % FLIGHTS IN NAS 891 nm / 4 pax	100 % 12500 lbs	100 % 12500 lbs	✓	✓
Jet							
Bombardier Challenger 350	12%	70 % FLIGHTS IN NAS 790 nm / 4 pax		40 % 31190 lbs	✗	✓	✓
Cessna CitationJet 1	12%	100 % FLIGHTS IN NAS 895 nm / 3 pax	89 % FLIGHTS IN NAS 615 nm / 3 pax	85 % 9873 lbs	70 % 9373 lbs	✓	✓



# Runway Evaluation Example Using SARLAT 2

The Bombardier Challenger 350 can operate from the 4800-foot runway (dry pavement) at 40% useful load

The Cessna Citation Jet 1 Can operate at 85% useful load from a dry 4800-foot runway

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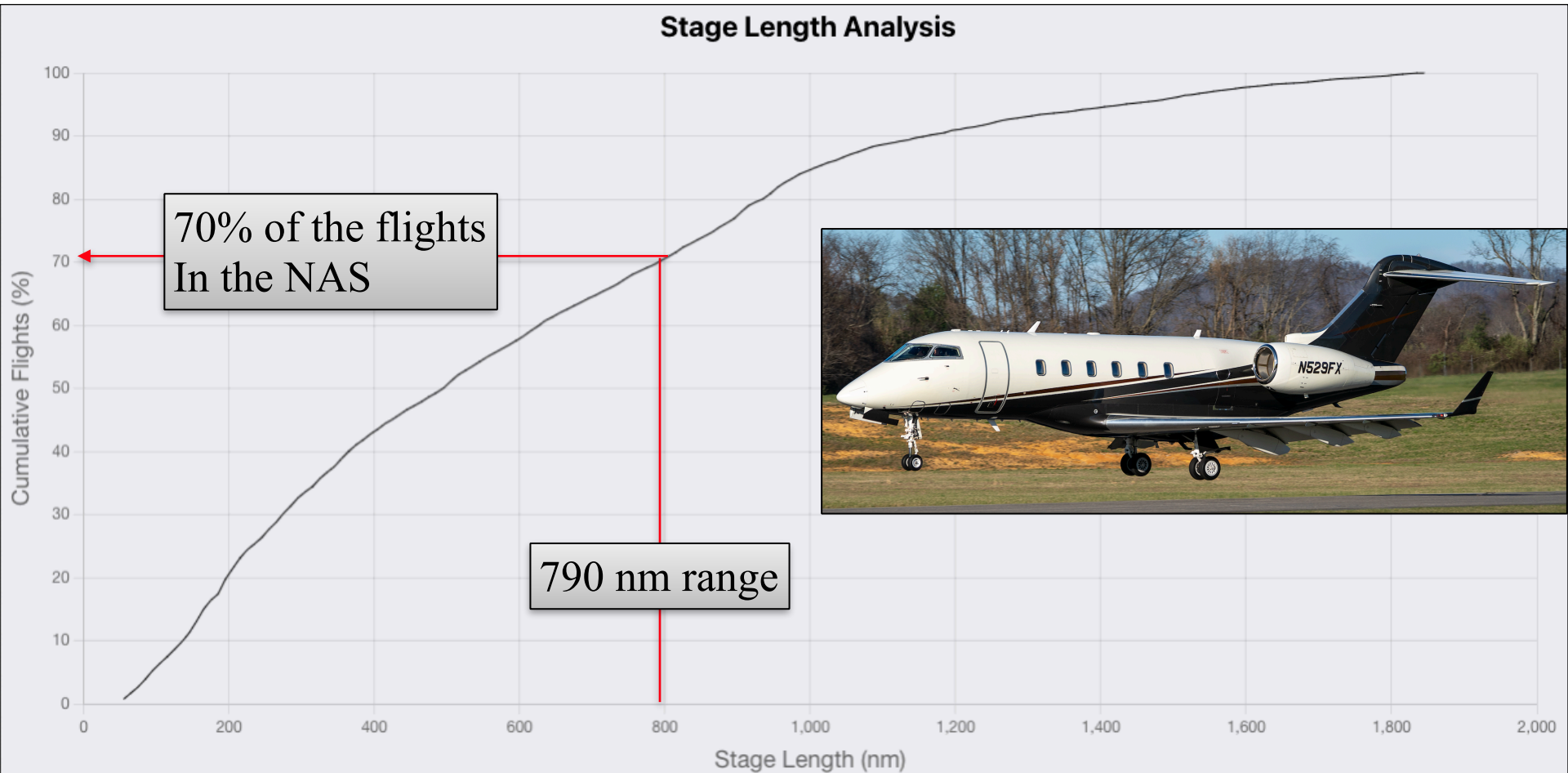
- SARLAT 2 provides information about useful load, maximum distance flown, and passenger load from the existing runway condition
- The Bombardier Challenger 350 can operate from a dry 4800-foot runway at 40% useful load
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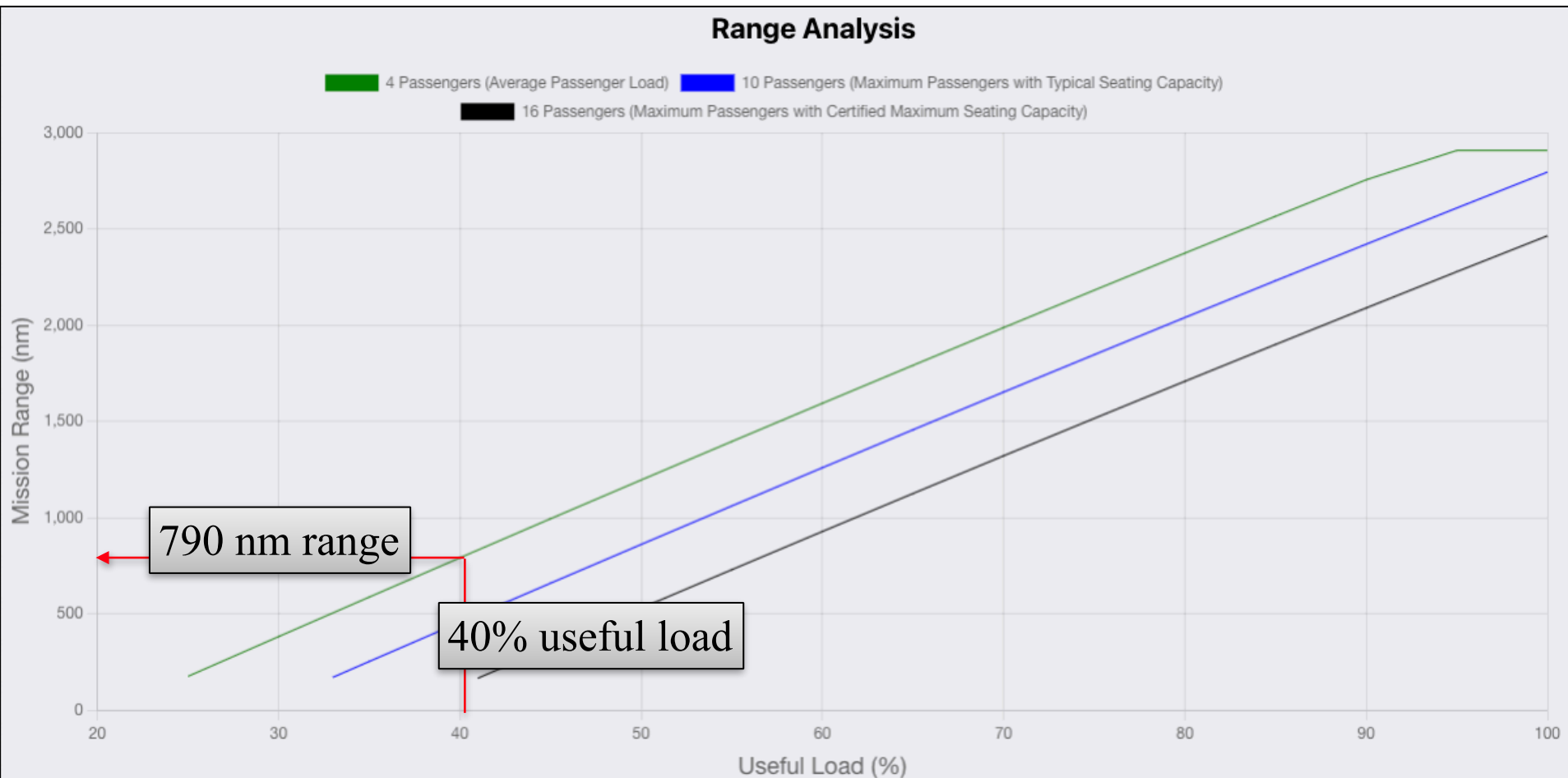
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## Notes About Runway Design

- For aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight below 12,500 lbs, we recommend using 100% useful load
  - Rationale: small aircraft carry few passengers, and operating at lower useful loads makes their use impractical
- For aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight at or above 12,500 lbs, the useful load value should be set in coordination with the FAA and the airport client to satisfy mission profiles flown by each aircraft
- **The FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) typically covers runway extensions using dry takeoff conditions and wet landing conditions**