

Development of a Java Framework for Parametric Aircraft Design

The Performance Analysis Module



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Introducing JPAD - Java Programs for Aircraft Design

- A software toolchain for aircraft preliminary design and MDO
- A modern, user friendly, modular framework.
- Support for simultaneous management/analysis of several aircraft and/or 'varied' configurations of the same aircraft.
- Conceived for collaborative design activities.
- Interoperability with other tools/disciplines (CAD/CFD/FEM analysis).



Main features

- Define a **parametric representations of a complete aircraft** with XML configuration/input files.
- Generate **CAD geometries** of aircraft assembly and sub-components. Measure lengths, areas, volumes.
- Perform various types of analysis (L0, L0.5, L1): **Aerodynamics, Stability & Control, Performance, Weight & Balance, Costs.**
- Exports analysis results in **XML** and **Excel formats**. Produce useful **output charts** for each analysis.
- Perform iterative analysis in order to reach an optimum configuration. (**Work in progress**)



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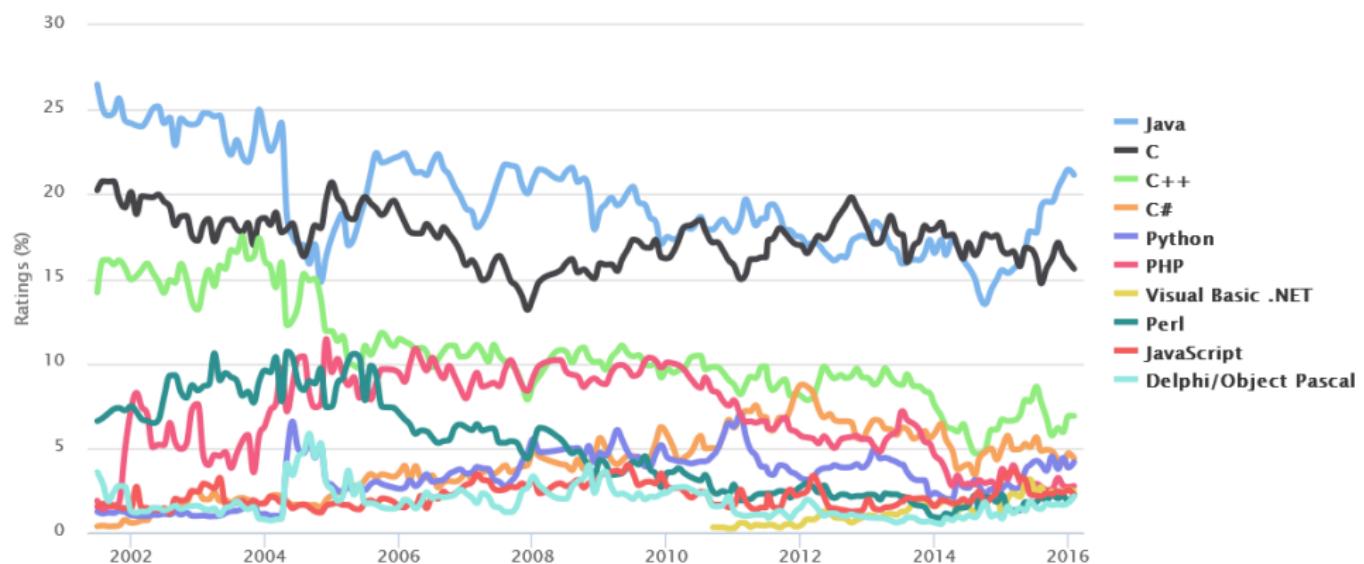


Java. Why?

- **Language widely supported.** This avoids the library to become obsolete due to the aging of the programming language used.
- The language promote the use of **open source libraries**, especially for I/O tasks and for complex mathematical operations.
- **Widely supported GUI frameworks** (SWT/JFace and JavaFX) and a GUI visual builders.
- **Object-Oriented paradigm** is naturally applied in the abstraction of typical Aircraft Design problems.
- Promotes **modularity**: easier to work with in an ever changing team.

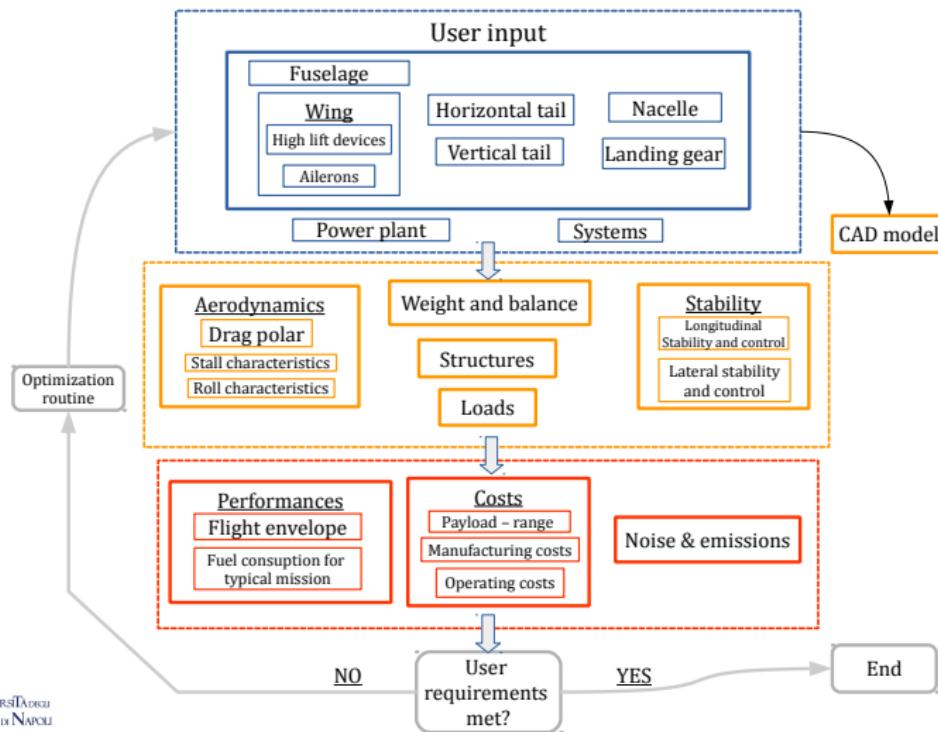


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JPAD typical work session



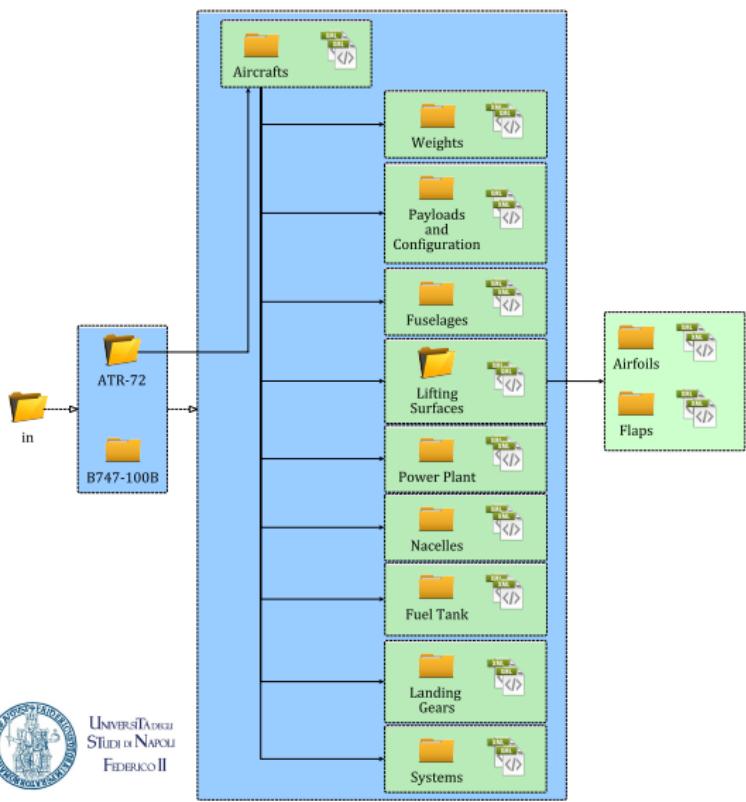
Input file

The input file type chosen is the **XML** (*eXtensible Markup Language*). It is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format which is both *human-readable* and *machine-readable*; moreover its design goals of emphasize simplicity, generality and usability across the Internet.

- *Markup Language* due to the use of tags that describes the content.
- *extensible* because the markup symbols are unlimited and self-defining, so that it is possible to use a personal tag for each data.



Input file structure prototype

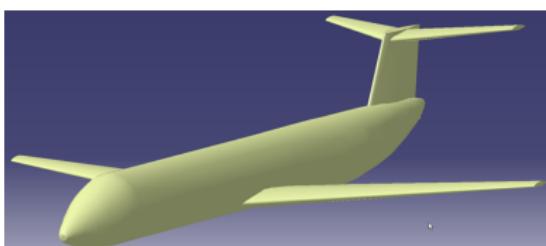


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JPAD Output

- XML
- Microsoft Excel
- Charts
- CAD model



Multiple aircraft analysis result comparisons

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Description	Unit	Value	Value	Value	Value
1	Material density	kg/m³	2711.00000	2711.00000	2711.00000	2711.00000
2	Maximum zero fuel mass	kg	19998.24551	34774.75497	56206.95596	192272.98603
3	Maximum landing mass	kg	20698.42095	40968.19348	68104.61636	305739.45542
4	Maximum take off mass	kg	22998.24550	45516.48164	75668.59596	339684.42269
5	Fuselage mass	kg	3203.33333	5378.00000	8392.66667	32349.66667
6	Wing mass	kg	2332.50000	4722.00000	8519.00000	40195.00000
7	HTail mass	kg	212.00000	461.50000	619.50000	3429.50000
8	VTail mass	kg	275.00000	369.50000	459.00000	1938.33333
9	Nacelle mass	kg	143.50000	389.50000	753.00000	1321.50000
10	Landing gear mass	kg	763.00000	1656.33333	2076.00000	13485.50000
11	Structure mass	kg	7072.83333	13366.33333	21572.16667	96684.00000
12	Power plant mass	kg	1329.14176	4134.85560	7647.87160	22087.08000
13	Systems mass	kg	2324.25622	3231.22575	4447.76585	12935.29415
14	Furnishings and Equipment mass	kg	1252.00000	1853.00000	2891.00000	0
15	Manufacturer empty mass	kg	11978.23131	22585.41468	36558.80412	131706.37415
16	Crew mass	kg	306.05819	459.08729	535.60184	1377.26187
17	Operating Items mass	kg	585.95600	939.25300	1292.55000	4739.35000
18	Operating empty mass	kg	12870.24551	23983.75497	38386.95596	137822.98603
19	Passengers mass	kg	6732.00000	10791.00000	14850.00000	54450.00000
20	ZeroFuelMass	kg	19602.24551	34774.75497	53236.95596	192272.98603

ADOpT GUI

- **Menu bar**, holds all the available actions.
- **Toolbar**, holds the actions needed to interact with the application.
- **Project tree**, provides access to all the aircraft components and the analysis results any time.
- **3D view**, shows the CAD model which can be updated each time.
- **Log message window**, tells the status of pending operations.
- **Tab folder**, contains all the windows opened.



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ADOpT GUI - Layout

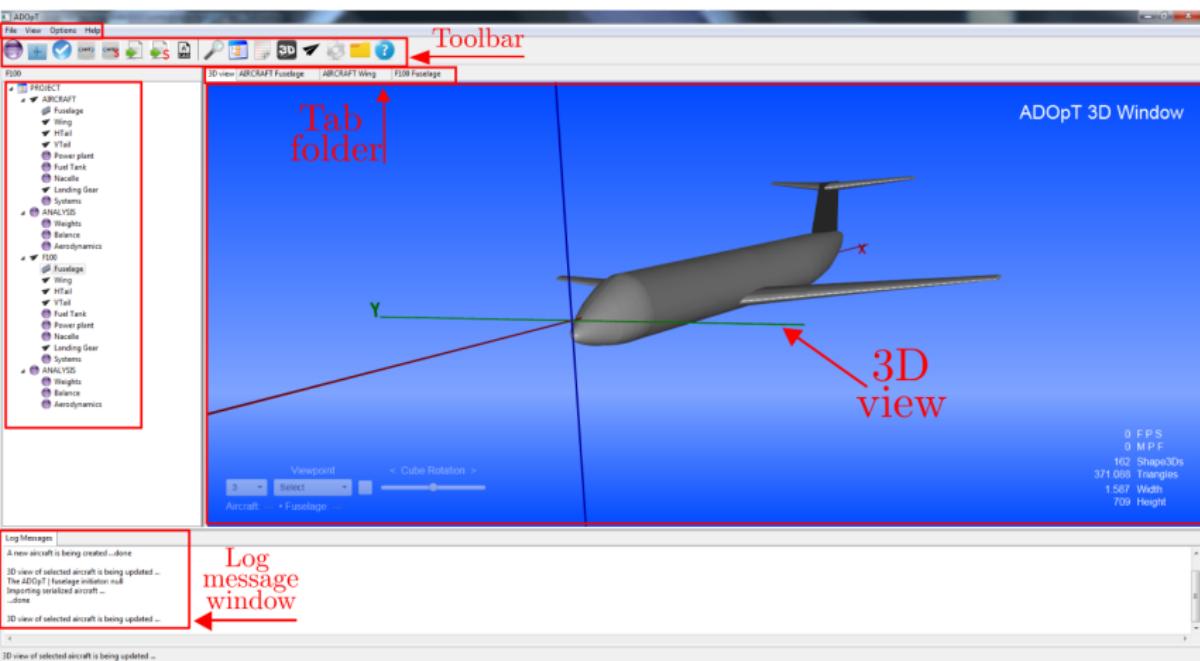
Menu bar

Toolbar

Project tree

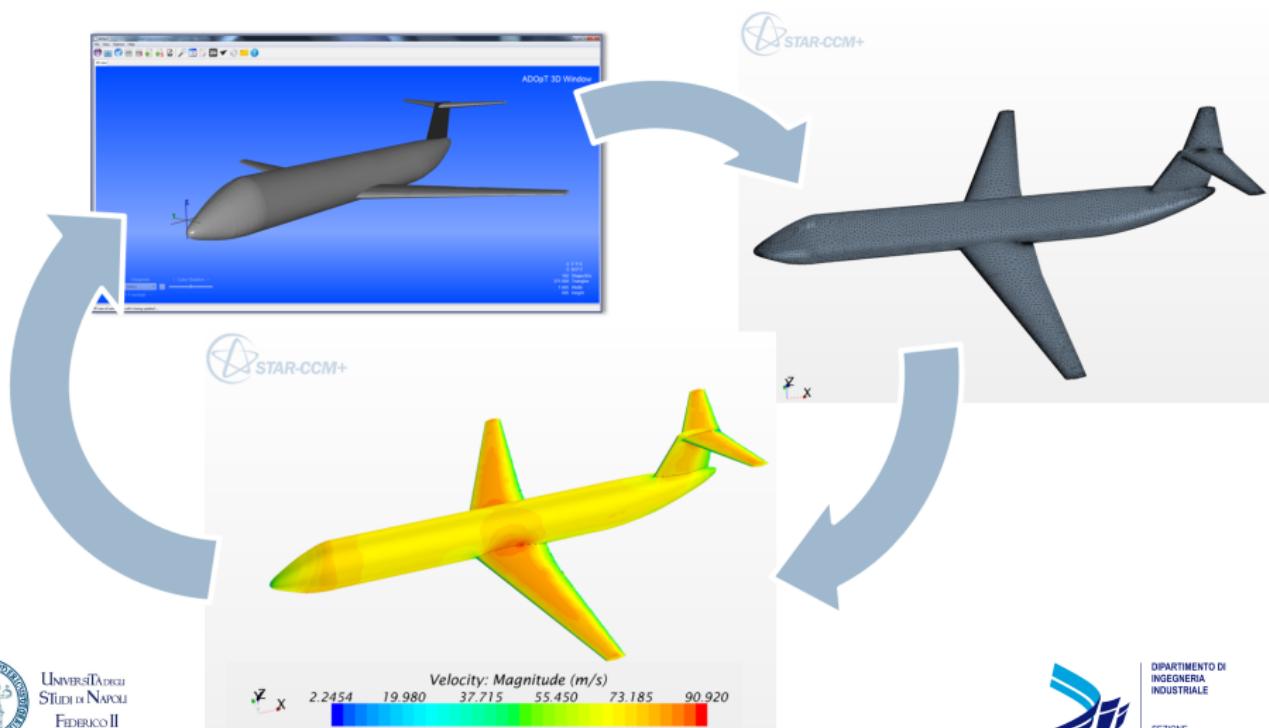
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ADOpT 3D Window

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Interoperability



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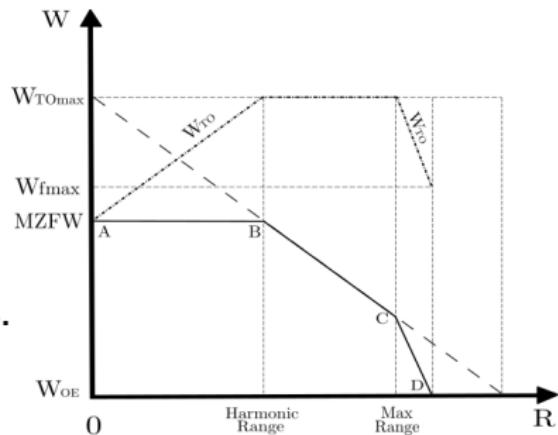


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Payload-Range chart construction

- **Point A:** Maximum payload at zero range. (**Already known**)
- **Point B:** Range at maximum payload and maximum take-off weight.
- **Point C:** Range at maximum take-off weight with maximum fuel in fuel tanks.
- **Point D:** Range with maximum fuel in fuel tanks and no payload.



Breguet equation propeller aircraft

$$R = 603.5 \left(\frac{\eta_p}{SFC} \right) \left(\frac{L}{D} \right) \ln \left(\frac{W_i}{W_f} \right)_{\text{cruise}}$$

Breguet equation jet aircraft

$$R = \left(\frac{V}{SFCJ} \right) \left(\frac{L}{D} \right) \ln \left(\frac{W_i}{W_f} \right)_{\text{cruise}}$$

Payload-Range chart construction

- **Point B:** $W_{TO,max} = W_{OE} + W_{payload,max} + W_{fuel}$
- **Point C:** $W_{TO,max} = W_{OE} + W_{payload} + W_{fuel,max}$
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- $W_{fuel} = (1 - M_{ff}) \cdot W_{TO}$
 - $M_{ff} = \frac{W_1}{W_{TO}} \cdot \frac{W_2}{W_1} \cdot \frac{W_3}{W_2} \cdot \frac{W_4}{W_3} \cdot \frac{W_5}{W_4} \cdot \frac{W_6}{W_5} \cdot \frac{W_7}{W_6} \cdot \frac{W_8}{W_7} \cdot \frac{W_9}{W_8} \cdot \frac{W_{10}}{W_9} \cdot \frac{W_{final}}{W_{10}}$

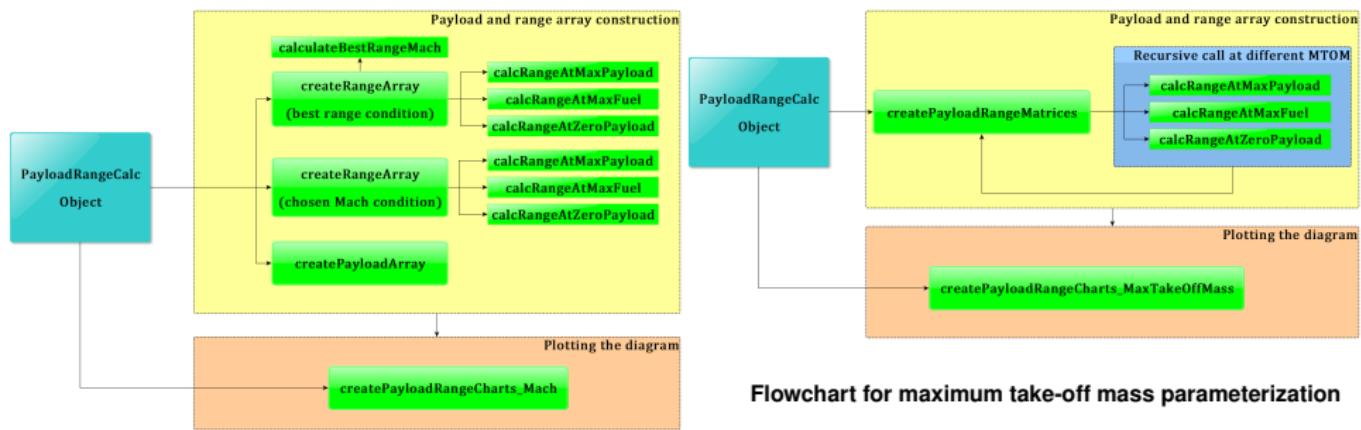


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- For each point the couple Range-Payload can be calculated, where the payload for point C is obtained from the previous equations.



Payload-Range Java class flowchart



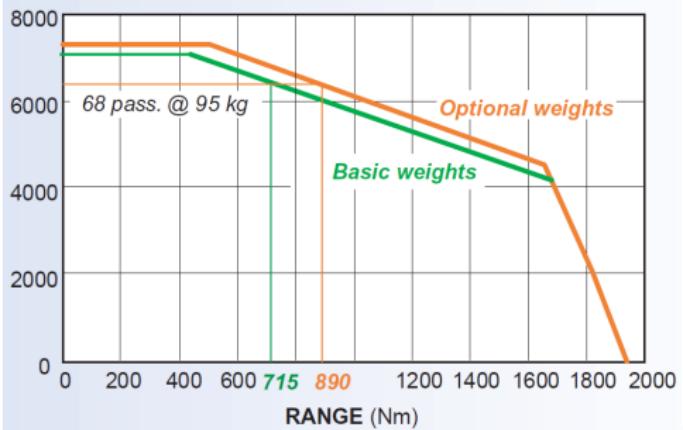
Flowchart for best range and chosen Mach conditions comparison



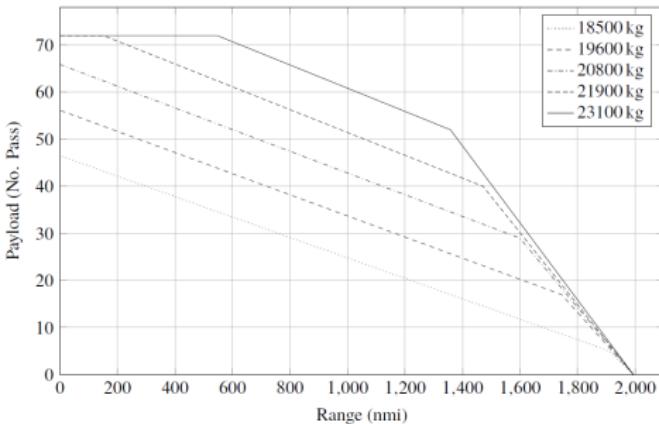
Payload-Range Java class output

	ATR-72	JPAD	Difference(%)
Range	890 nmi	\approx 820 nmi	\approx 7.8%
Payload	68 pass. at 95 kg	65 pass. at 99 kg	

PAYLOAD (kg)



ATR 72-500 data (MTOM optional 22 800 kg)



Payload-Range Java class output

	B747-100B	JPAD	Difference(%)
Range Payload	≈ 5200 nmi 452 pass. at 95 kg	≈ 5300 nmi 434 pass. at 99 kg	≈ 1.9%

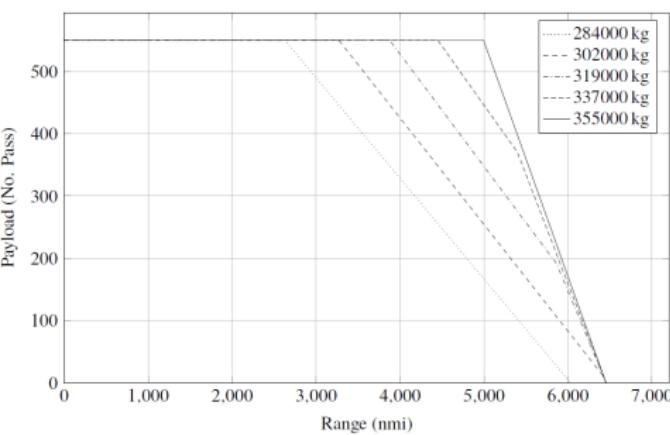
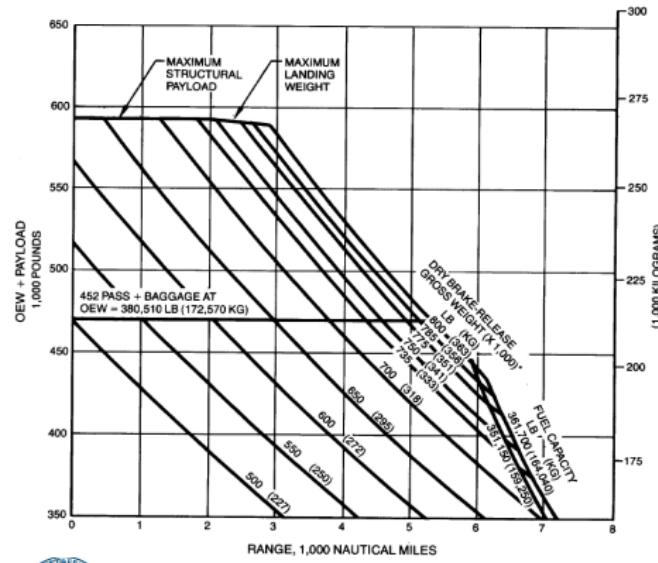


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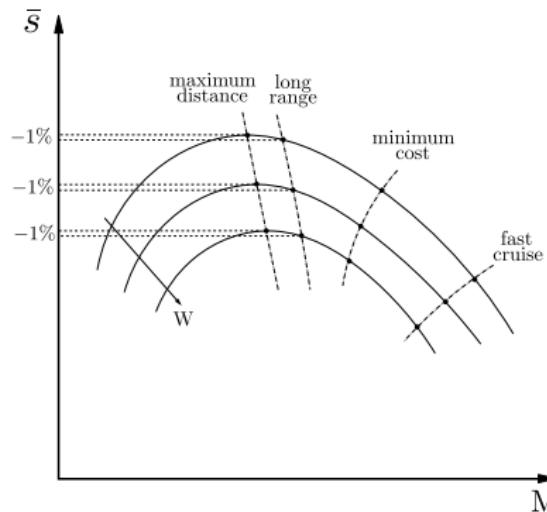


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Specific Range and Cruise Grid chart

- **Cruise grid chart** is a very important tool for pilots because it allows to choose the correct speed, during the cruise phase, in order to follow some mission objectives like minimum fuel consumption or a fast cruise.
- In **Breguet equations** the focus is on the **autonomy factor A.F.**



Autonomy Factor Propeller

$$A.F. = \left(\frac{\eta_p}{SFC} \right) \left(\frac{L}{D} \right)$$

Autonomy Factor Jet

$$A.F. = \left(\frac{V}{SFCJ} \right) \left(\frac{L}{D} \right)$$

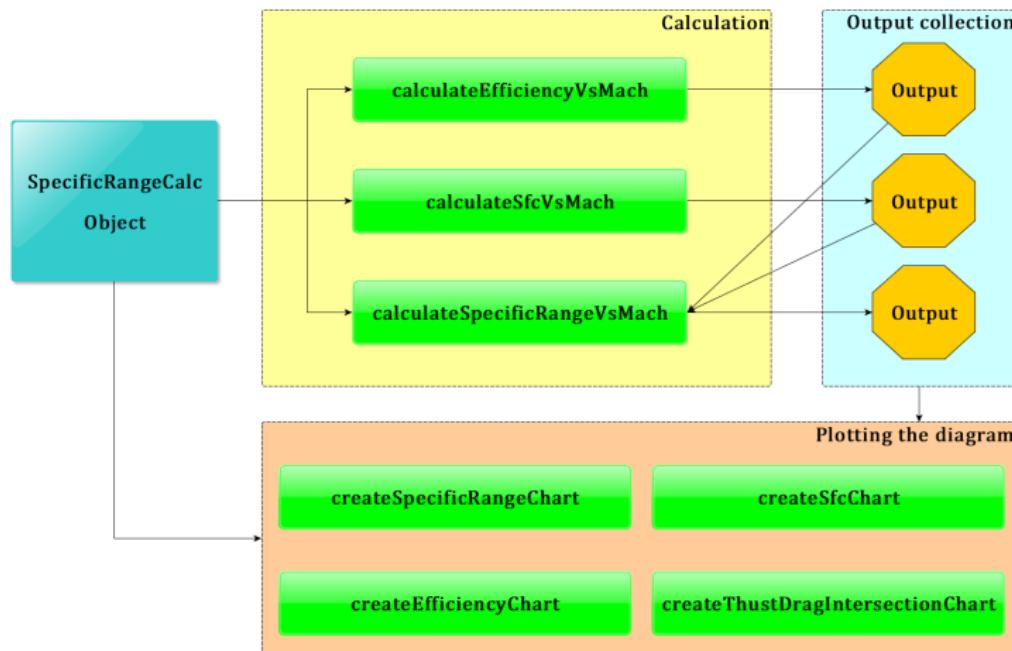


Specific Range calculation

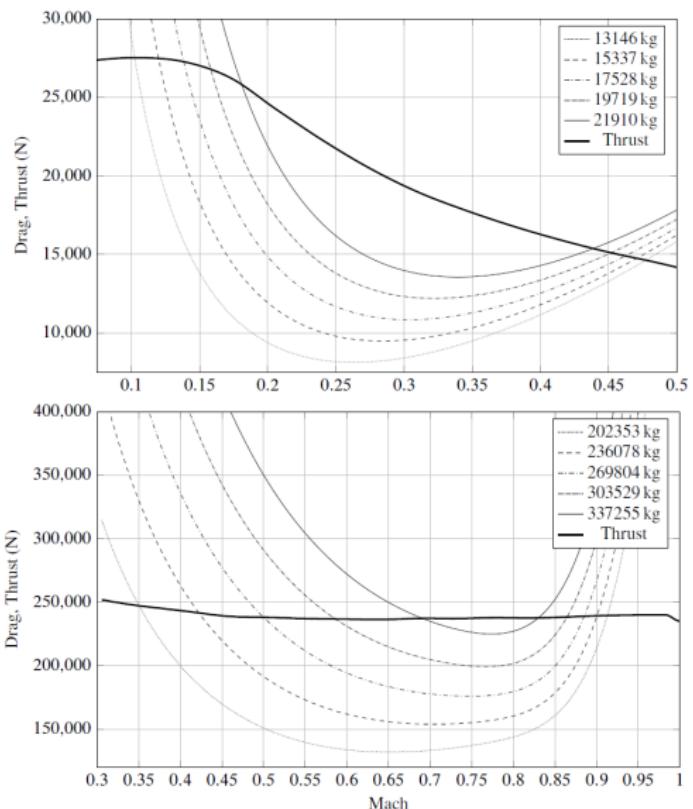
- From the aircraft weight in cruise condition the C_L can be calculated.
- With this C_L the related C_D can be calculated taking into account the wave drag, if present.
- From engine database the SFC can be easily calculated in the given flight condition.
- At a given speed, or with known propeller efficiency, the A.F. can be calculated.
- The specific range can be calculated from the A.F. dividing it by the aircraft weight in cruise.
- This can be done for several Mach numbers, between the maximum and minimum one from the flight envelope at that altitude, and several aircraft weights.



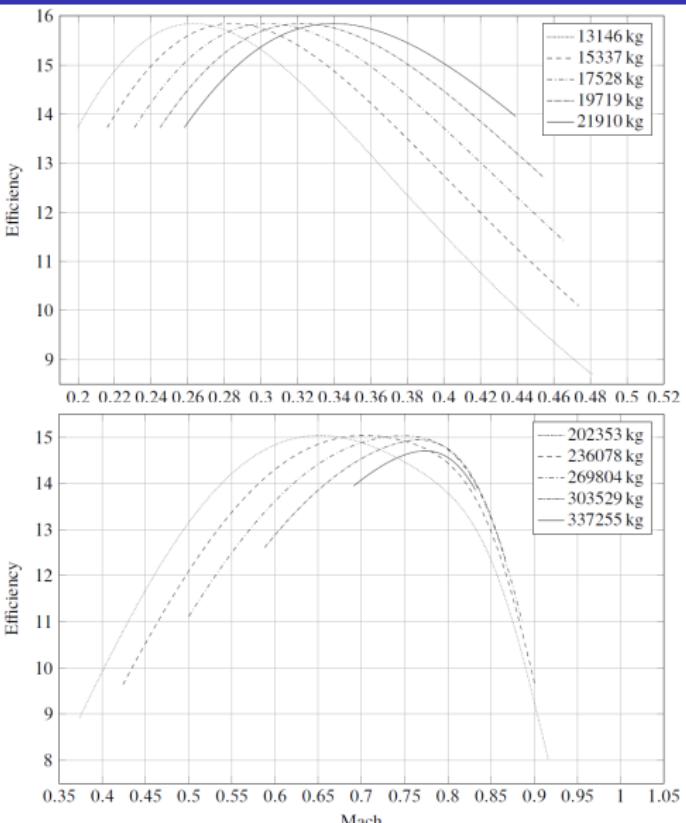
Specific Range Java class flowchart



Specific Range Java class output



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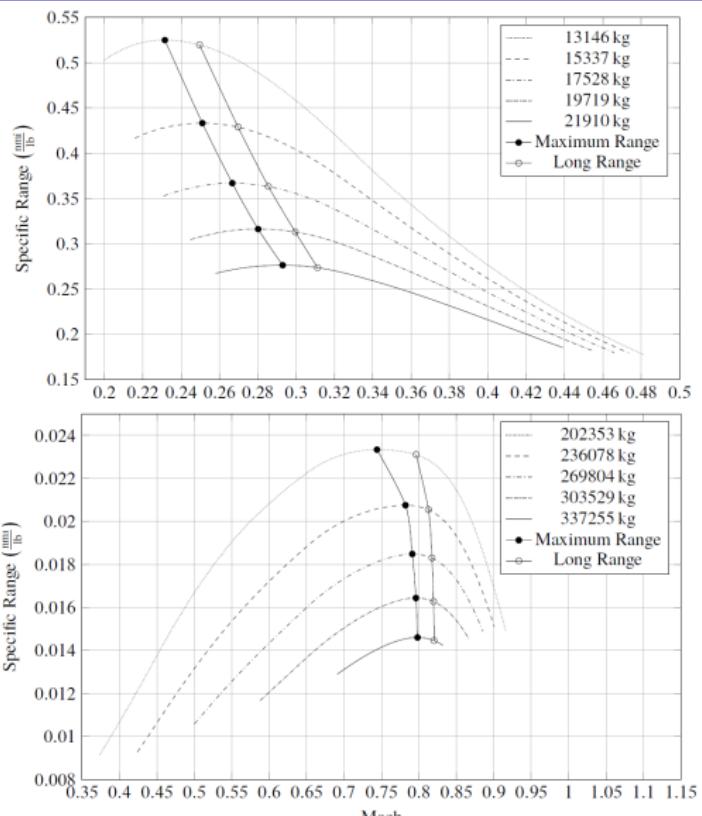


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