

DESIGN POINT, OPERATING POINT AND PRODUCTIVITY OF TRANSPORT AIRPLANES

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BACKGROUND OF SENIOR AEROSPACE ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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- Good analytical skills after 15+ years of studies
- Well trained for solving closed problems

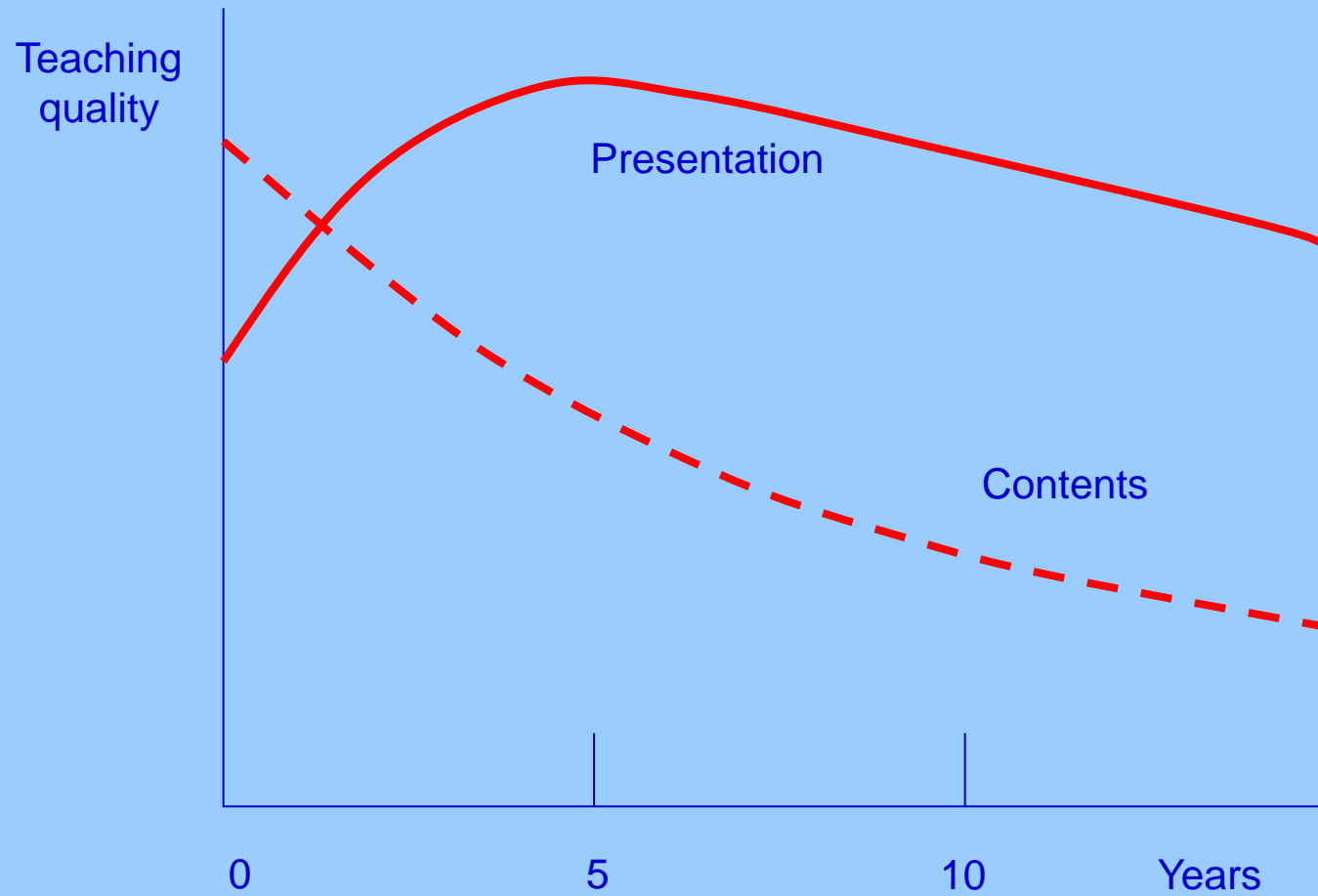
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- Fragmented knowledge
- Lack of communication skills
- Difficulties for creativity and innovation

“Schools must stop turning out graduates who make good scientists but mediocre engineers”

(Leland Nicolai)

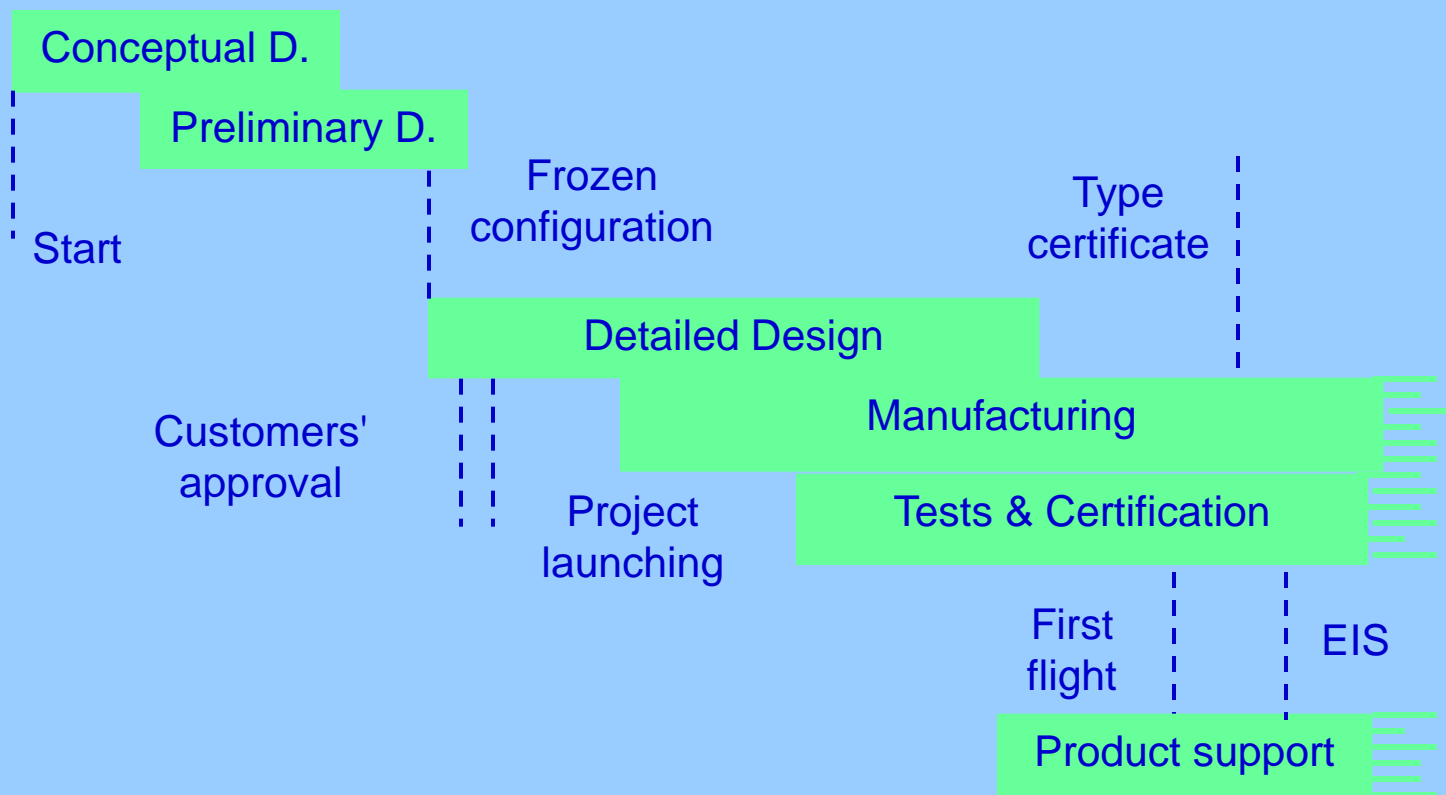
EVOLUTION OF TEACHING QUALITY



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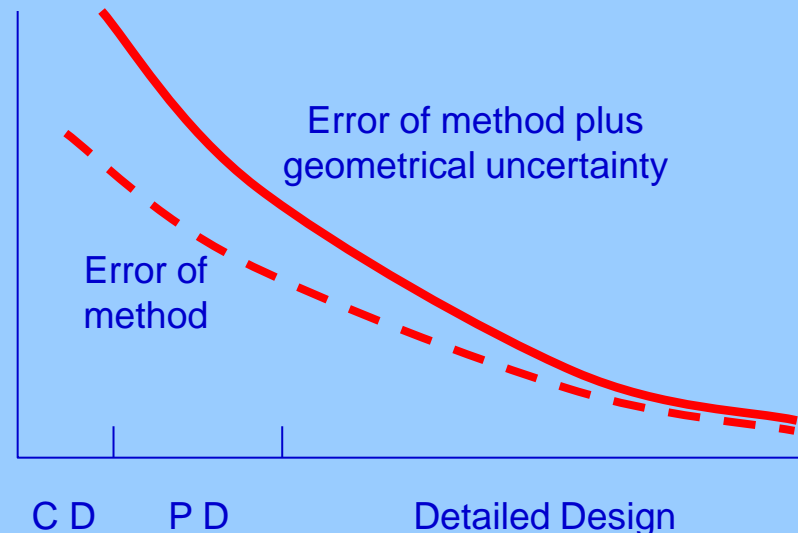
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PHASES AND MAIN EVENTS OF A PROJECT

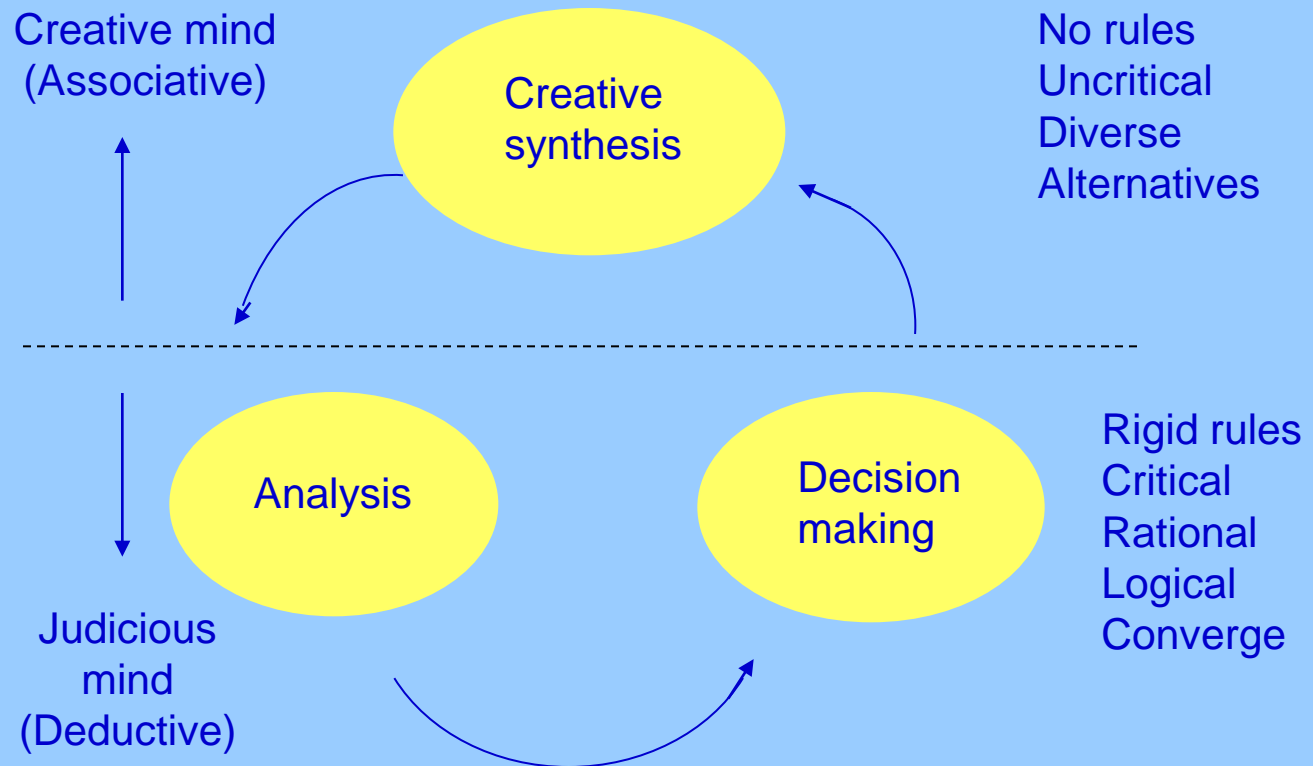


PHASES OF THE DESIGN PROCESS

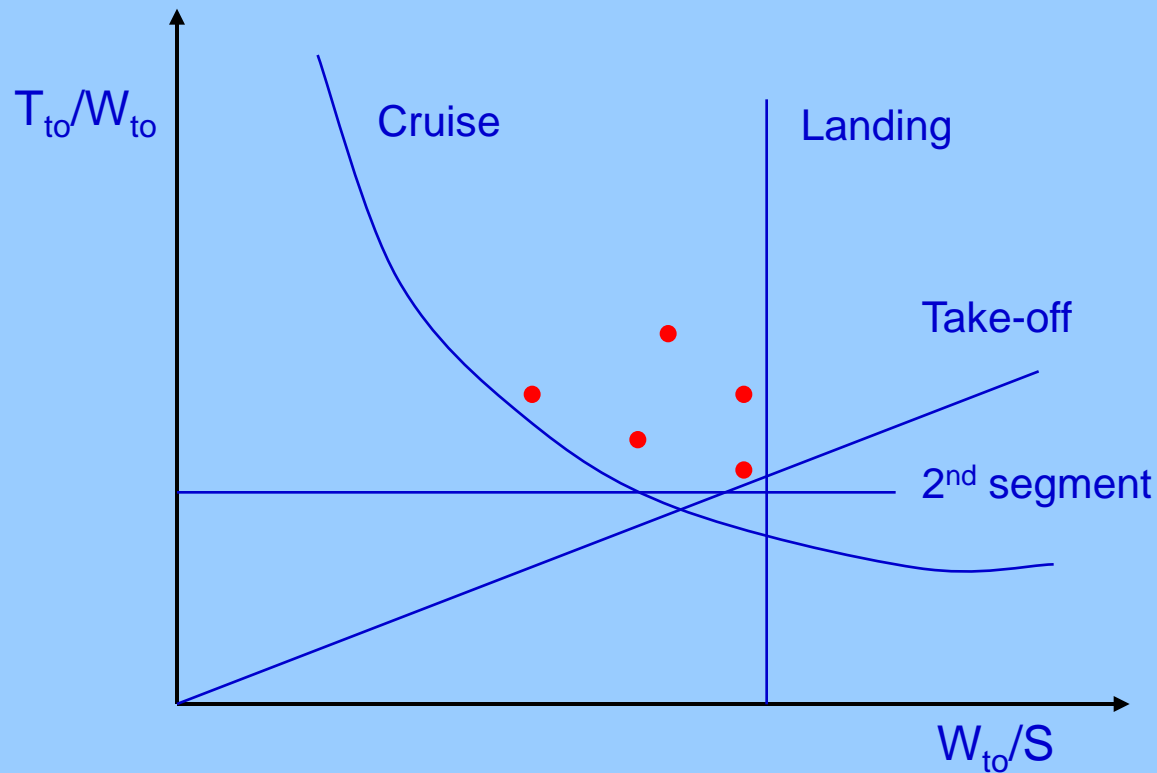
- ✓ Conceptual design: outlining and assessment of alternative concepts fulfilling all specifications and requirements
- ✓ Preliminary design: optimisation of a few concepts and selection of the definitive configuration
- ✓ Detail design: extensive and complete definition of the chosen configuration



INTELLECTUAL CAPABILITIES IN THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS



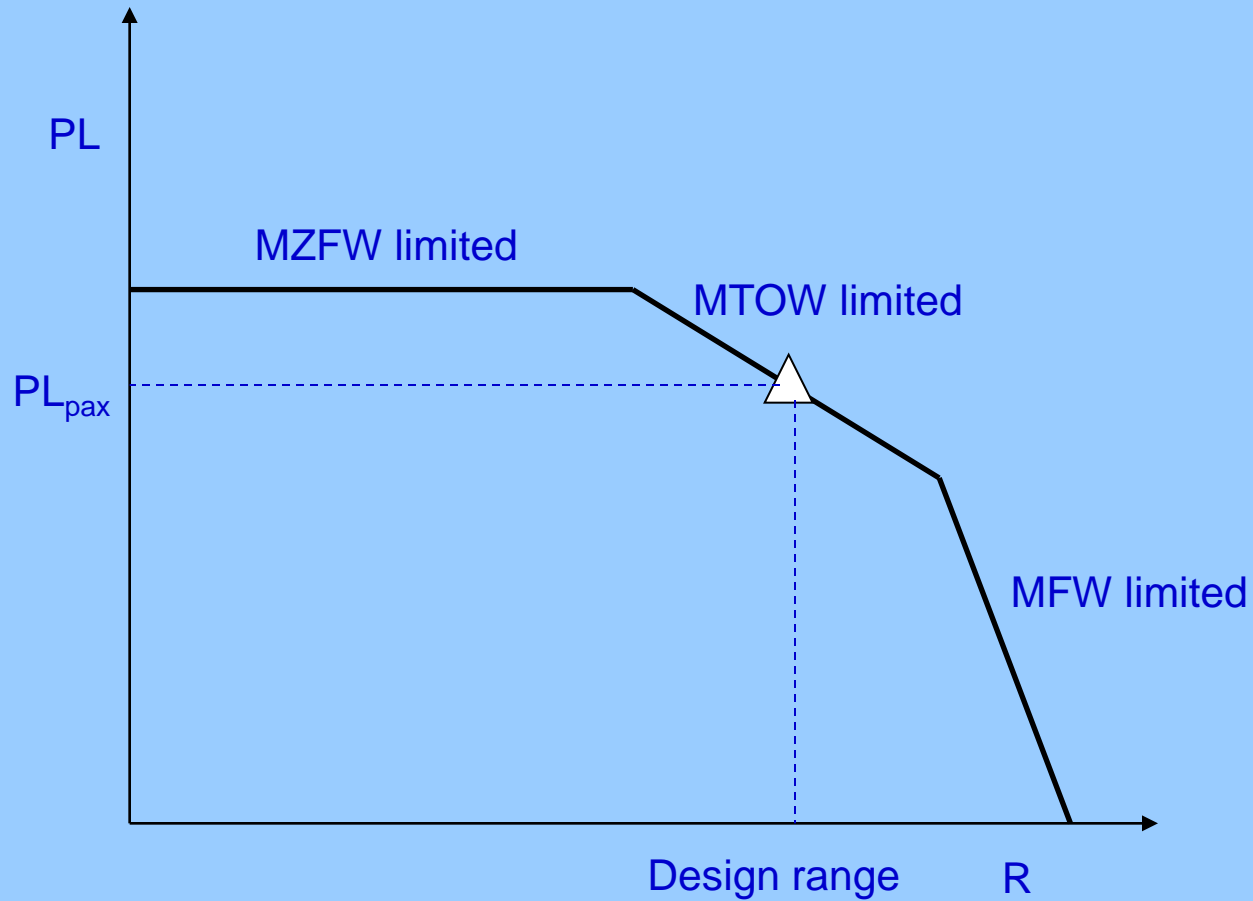
DESIGN POINT OF A TRANSPORT AIRPLANE

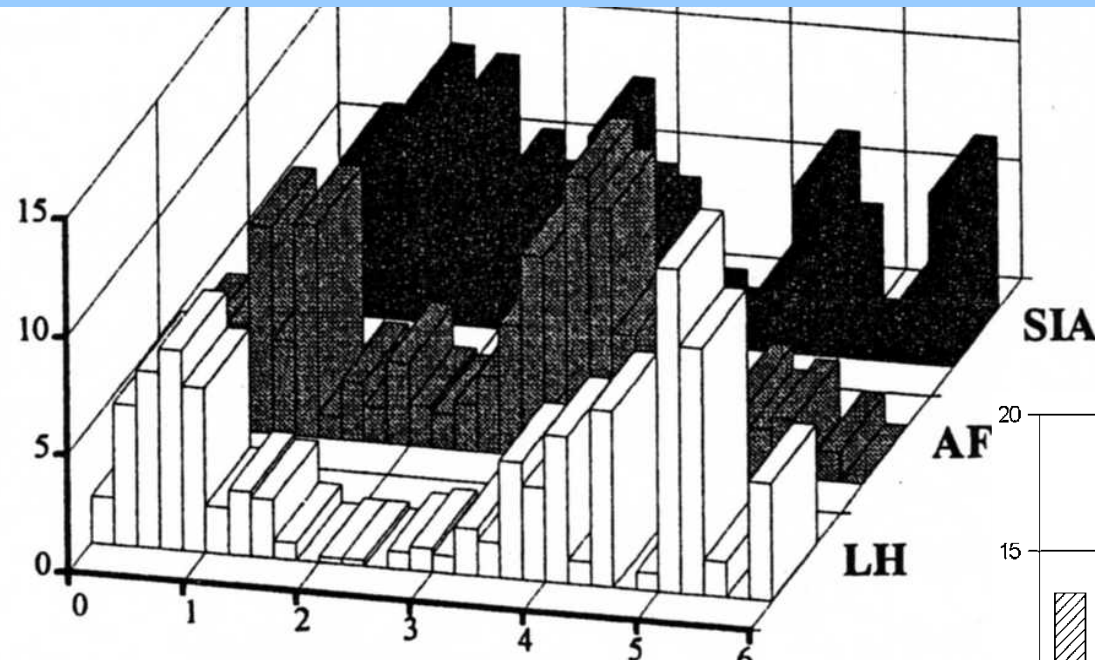


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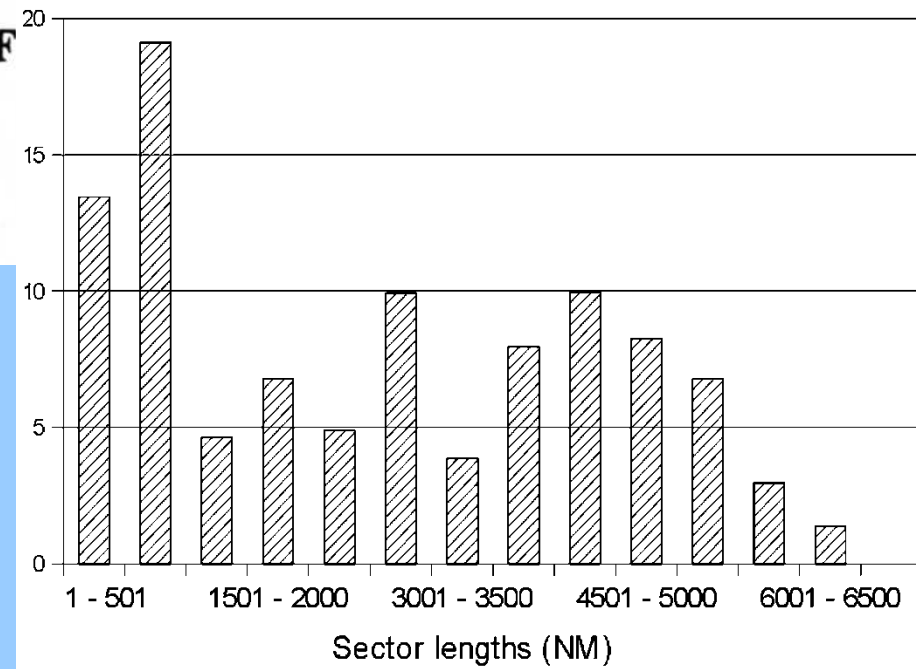
PAYLOAD-RANGE DIAGRAM





B747

A340

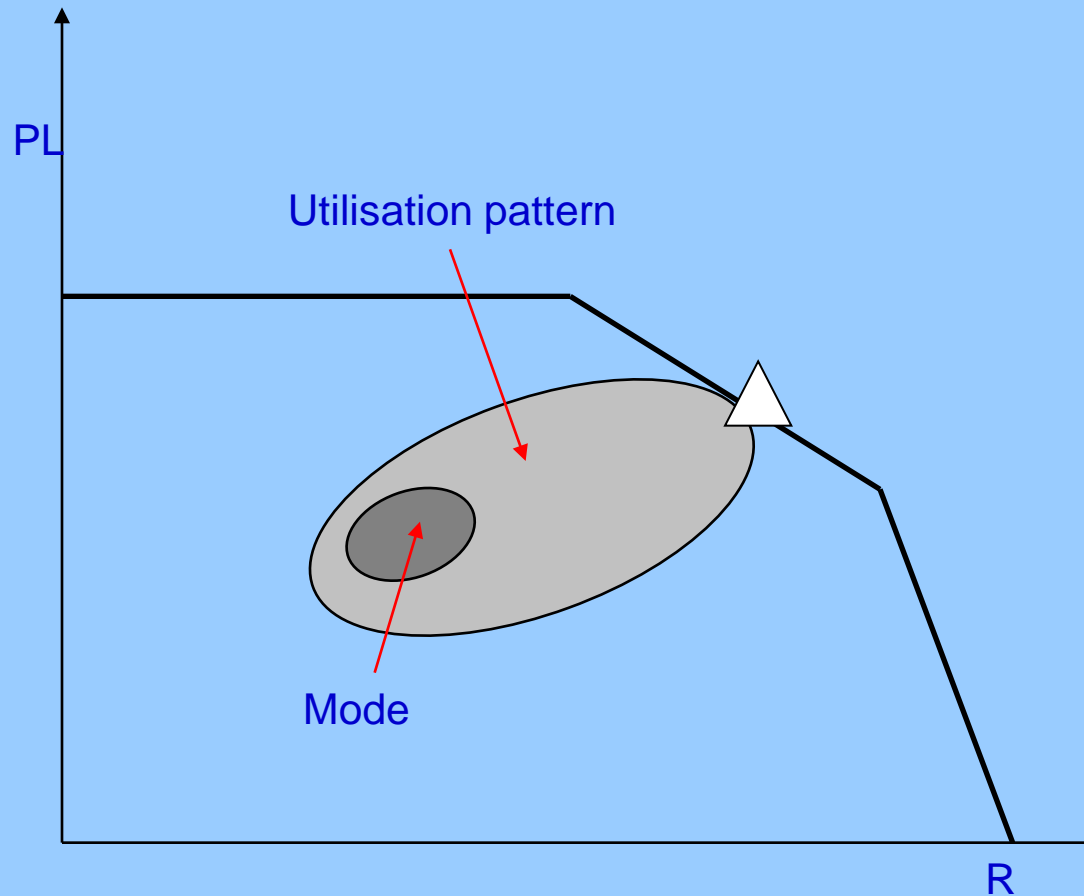


Sector lengths (NM)

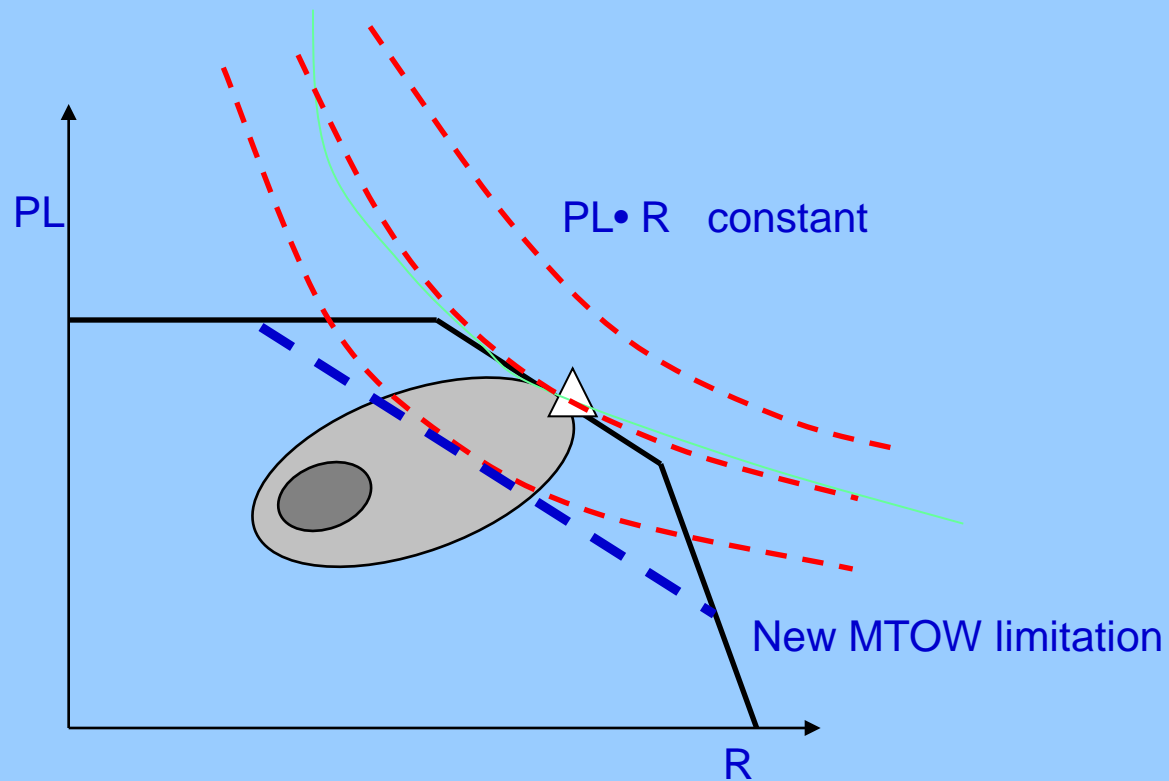
DESIGN RANGE AND AVERAGE SECTOR LENGTH OF COMMON NARROW BODIES

Aircraft	Average range	Design range
A320-200	1950 km	5100 km
B737-300	980 km	4080 km
B757-200	2070 km	5100 km
Fokker 100	830 km	2750 km

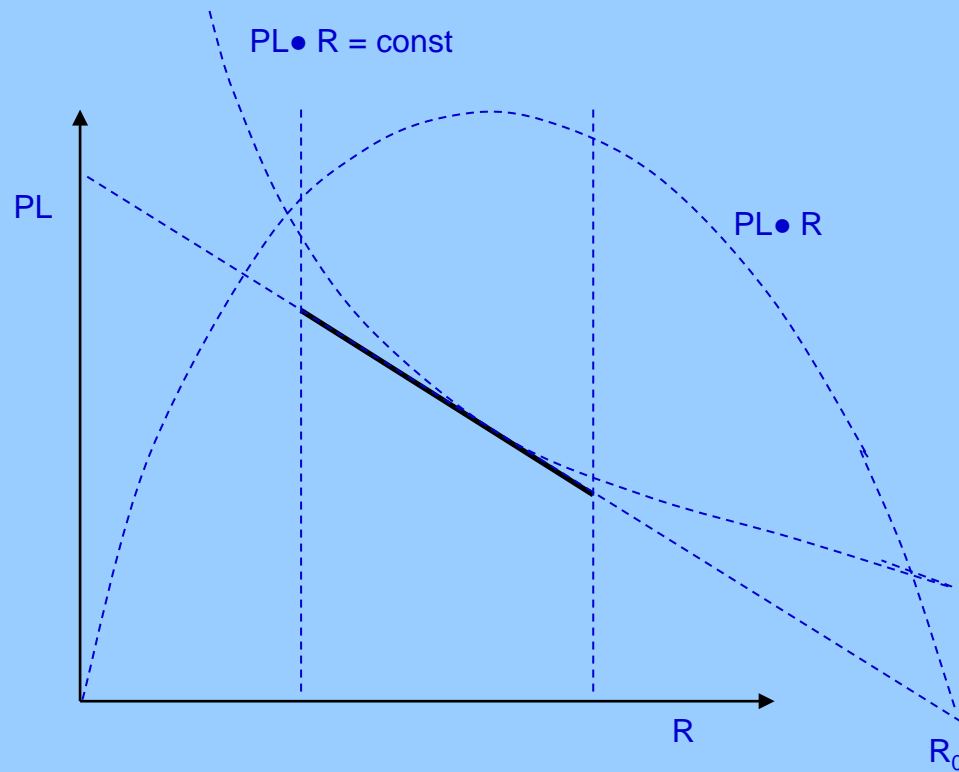
DESIGN SPECIFICATION AND ACTUAL UTILISATION



MATCHING DESIGN RANGE TO ACTUAL UTILISATION



PRODUCTIVITY OF AIRPLANE OPERATION

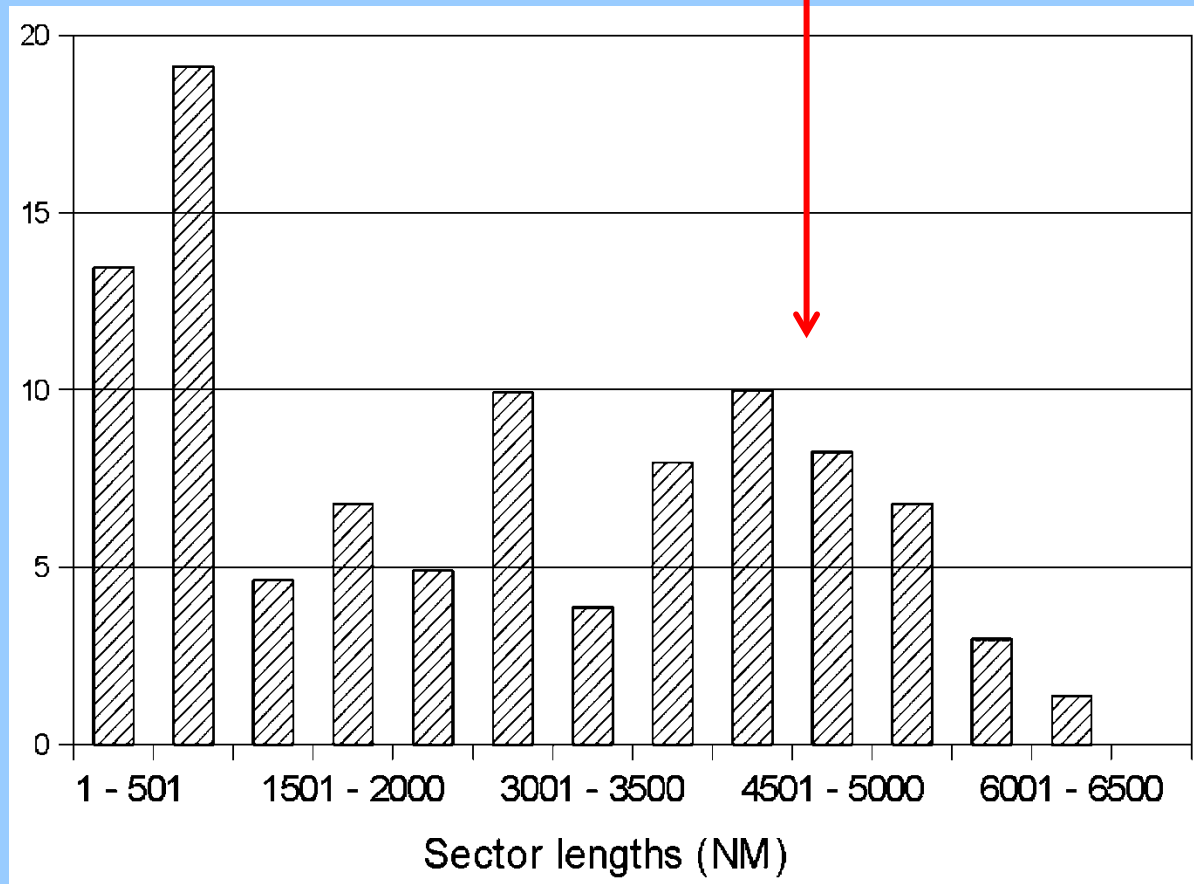


Productivity = $PL \bullet R$

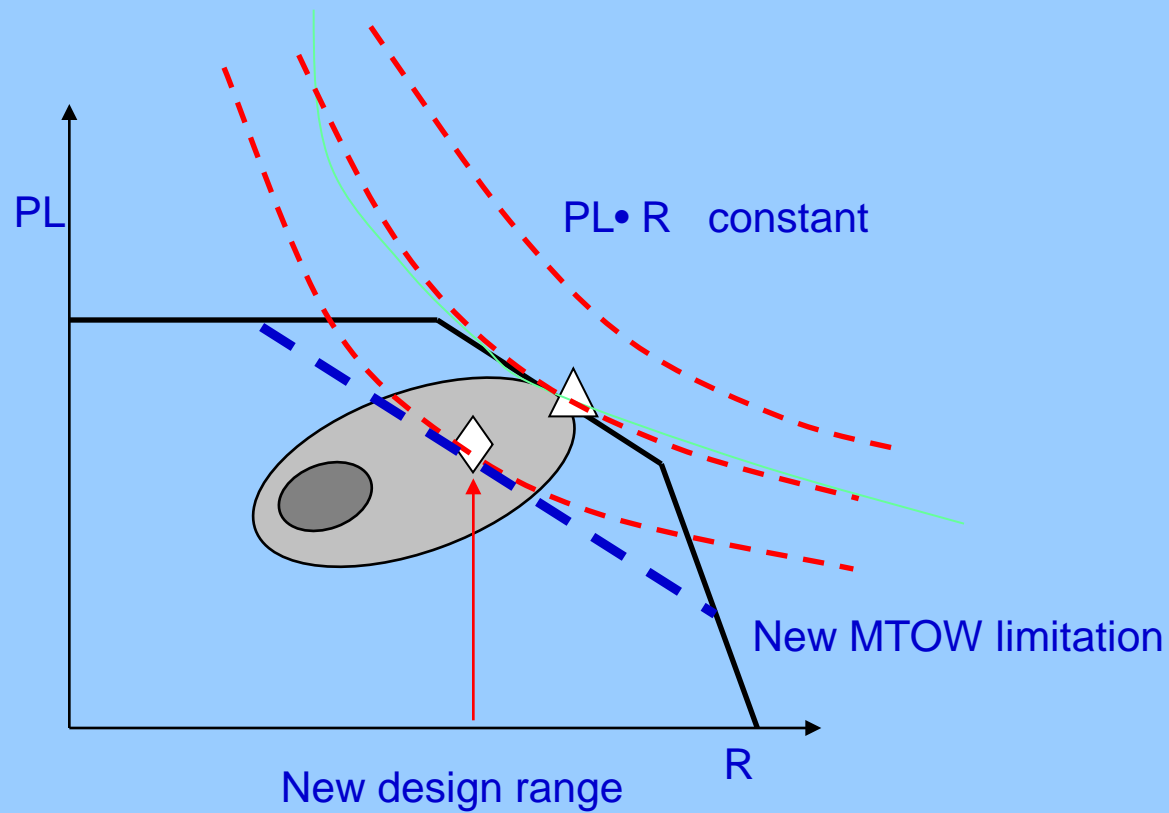
Maximum prod. at $R_0/2$

MARKET CAPTURE AND RANGE REDUCTION FOR A340

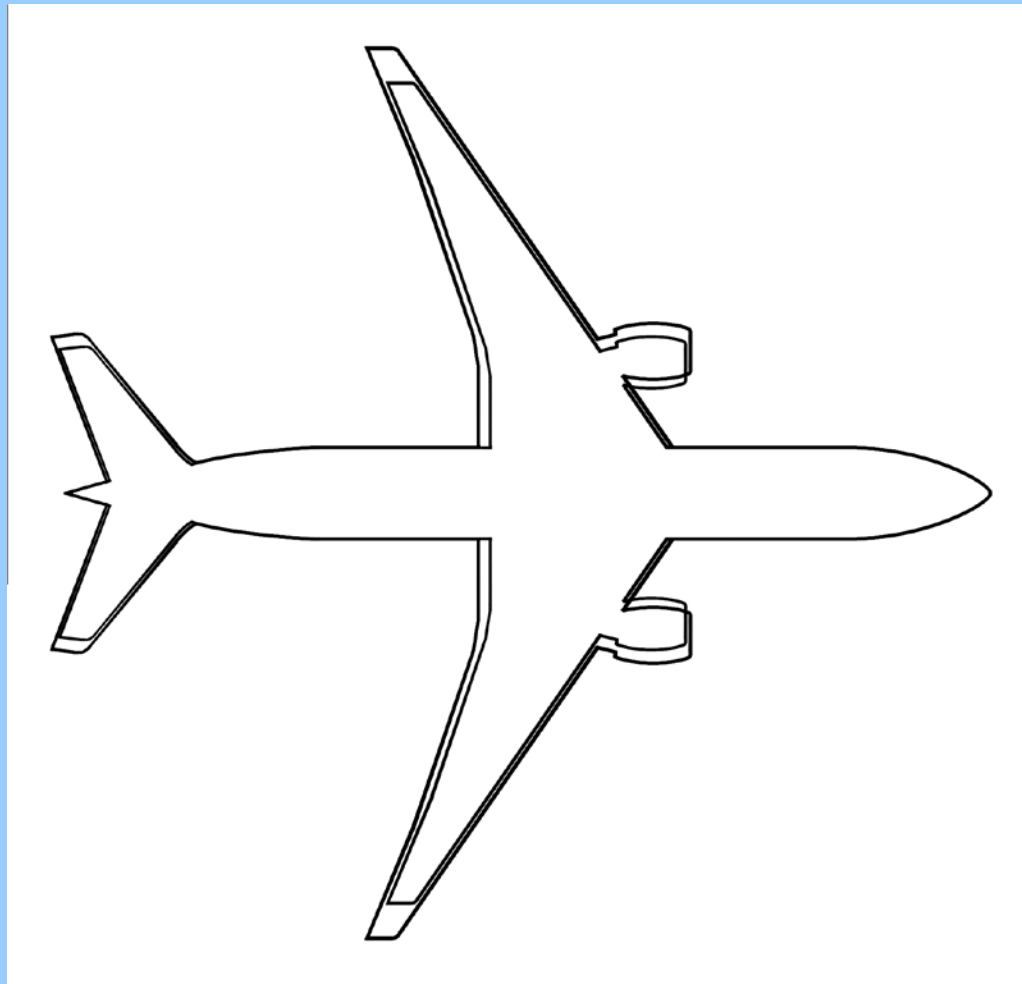
65% R_{max} → 80+% market



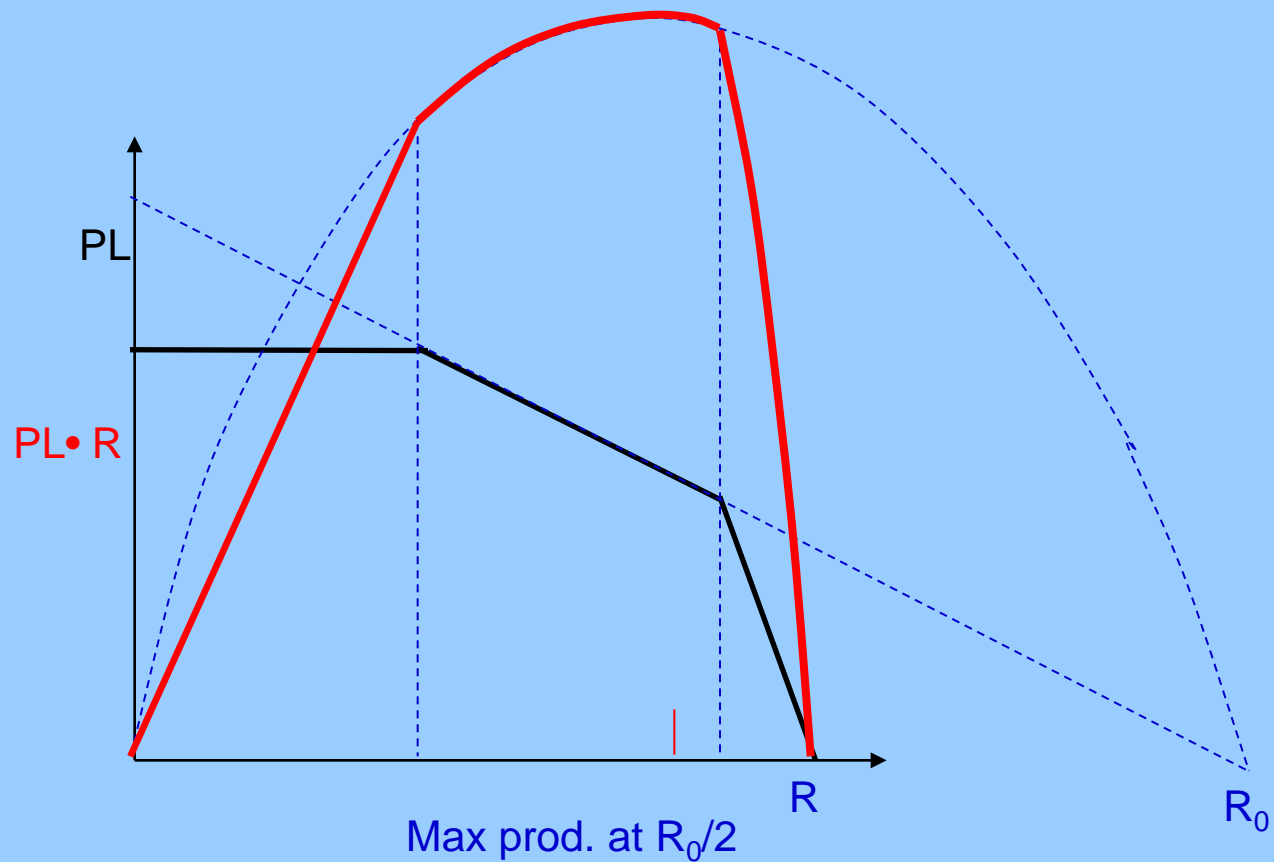
MATCHING DESIGN RANGE TO ACTUAL UTILISATION



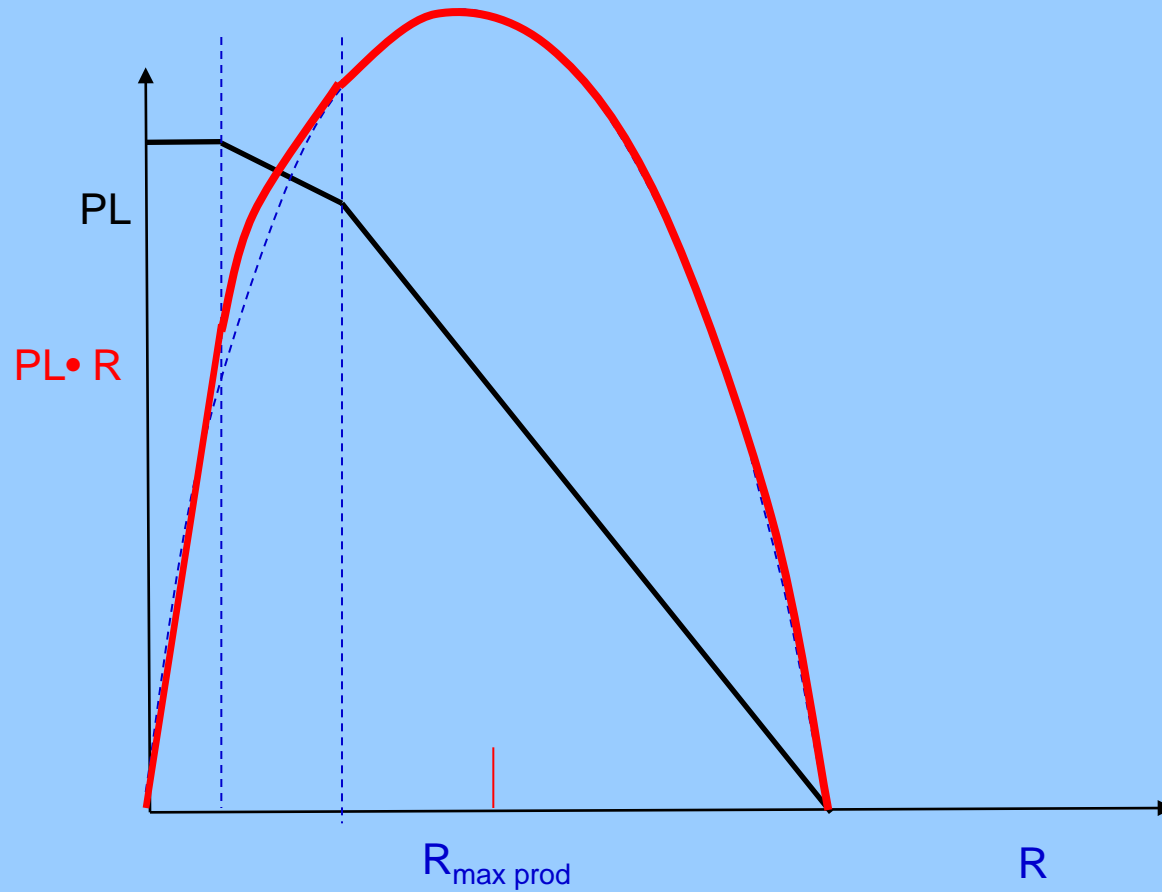
B777 TYPE AIRCRAFT AND ALTERNATIVE AIRPLANE WITH SAME CAPACITY BUT 60% RANGE (85% WING AREA)



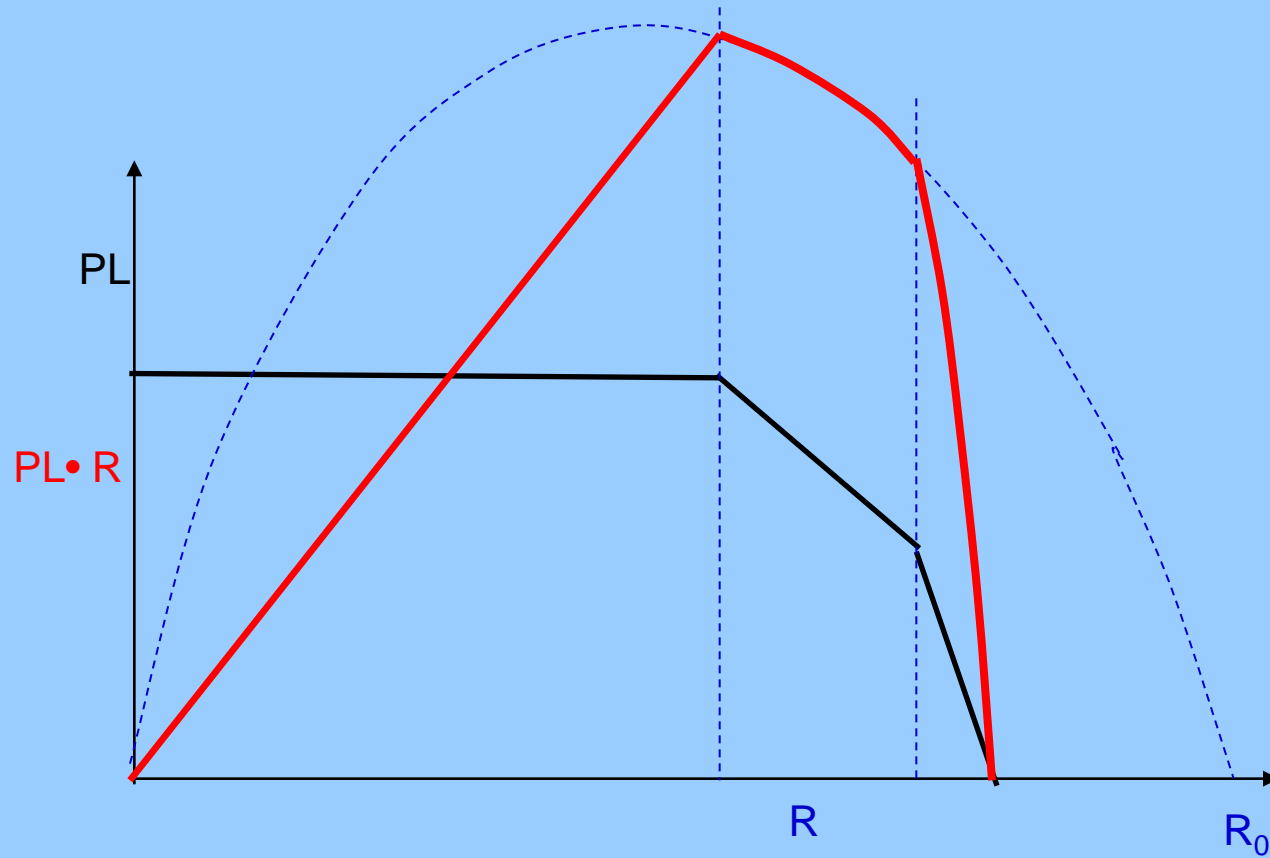
ACTUAL PRODUCTIVITY OF AIRPLANE OPERATION



MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY AT MFW SEGMENT



MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY AT MZFW



MATCHING INITIAL SPECIFICATIONS, DESIGN PROCESS AND ACTUAL UTILISATION

Design point
Design range



Point data

$$\frac{W_{to}/S}{\frac{\gamma}{2} \rho M^2} \frac{W_{cr}}{W_{to}} = C_{Lcr} = C' \sqrt{C_{D0} \pi A \phi}$$

Integral data

PL-R diagram
Fleet utilisation



MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH ON THE PROBLEM STUDIED

