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## Queenstown Aviation Wx System *Update of turbulence analysis / reporting*



# Queenstown Weather reporting system

- A system developed to support RPT jet services at Queenstown Airport.
- Designed to give a rich wind picture – a real-time picture in place of the day-time visual cues (*trees/ grass / dust devils / water / smoke*)
- Practical – user needs focused
- Reports real time (to Tower, Enroute ATS, Flight deck, Ops desk)
  - Actuals (2 minute update for 7 sites)
  - Cross wind component
  - Windshear (Nil, Lgt, Mod,
  - Turbulence (Nil, Lgt, Mod, Sev, Ext)
  - Change (veering/backing, increasing, decreasing)

# Approach 23



Remarkables

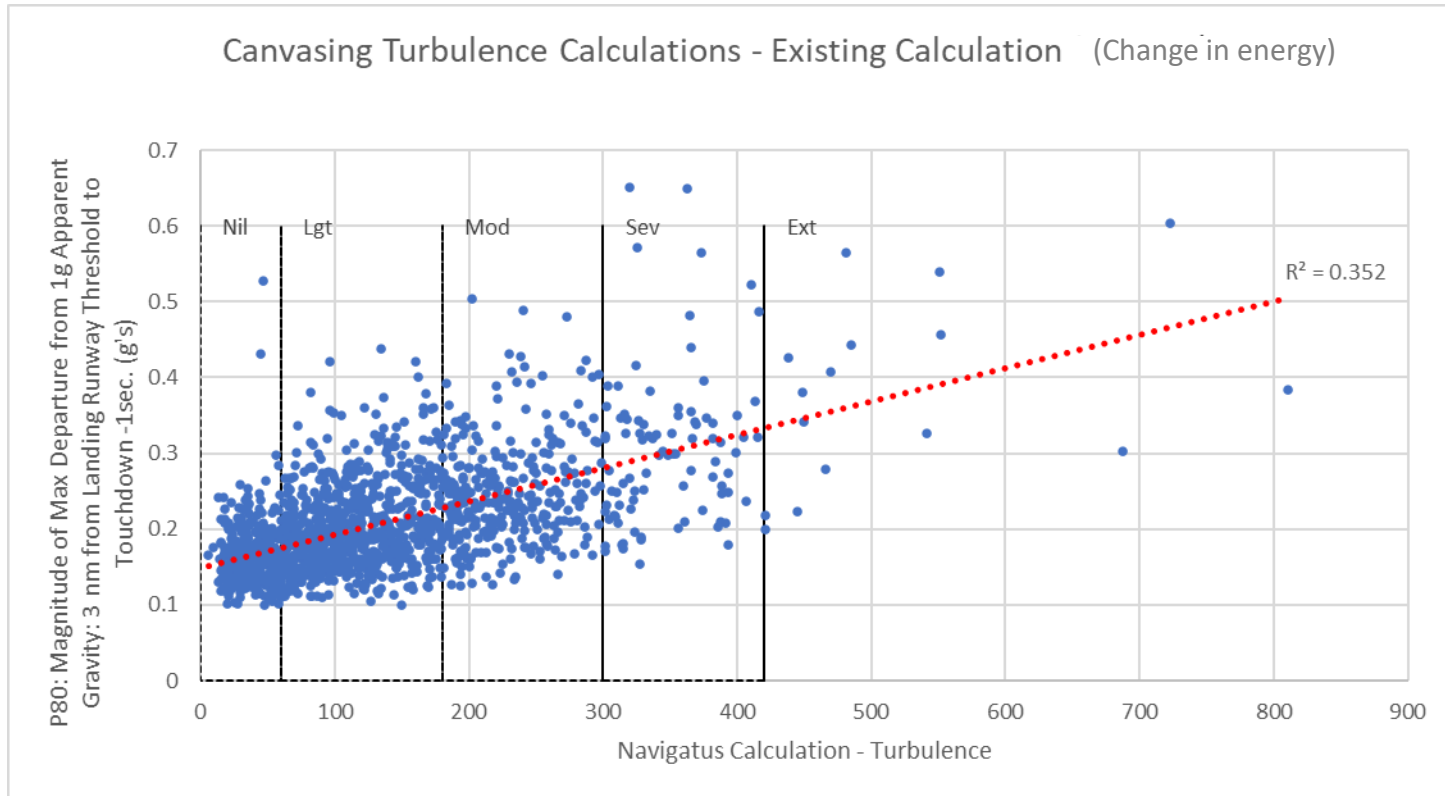
Deer Park

S ← → N

Jones Hill

→  
Morven Ferry Hill

# Original calculation - correlation



Notable range of calculated to force experienced:

- Timing of readings
- Locations read

# Alternative approach

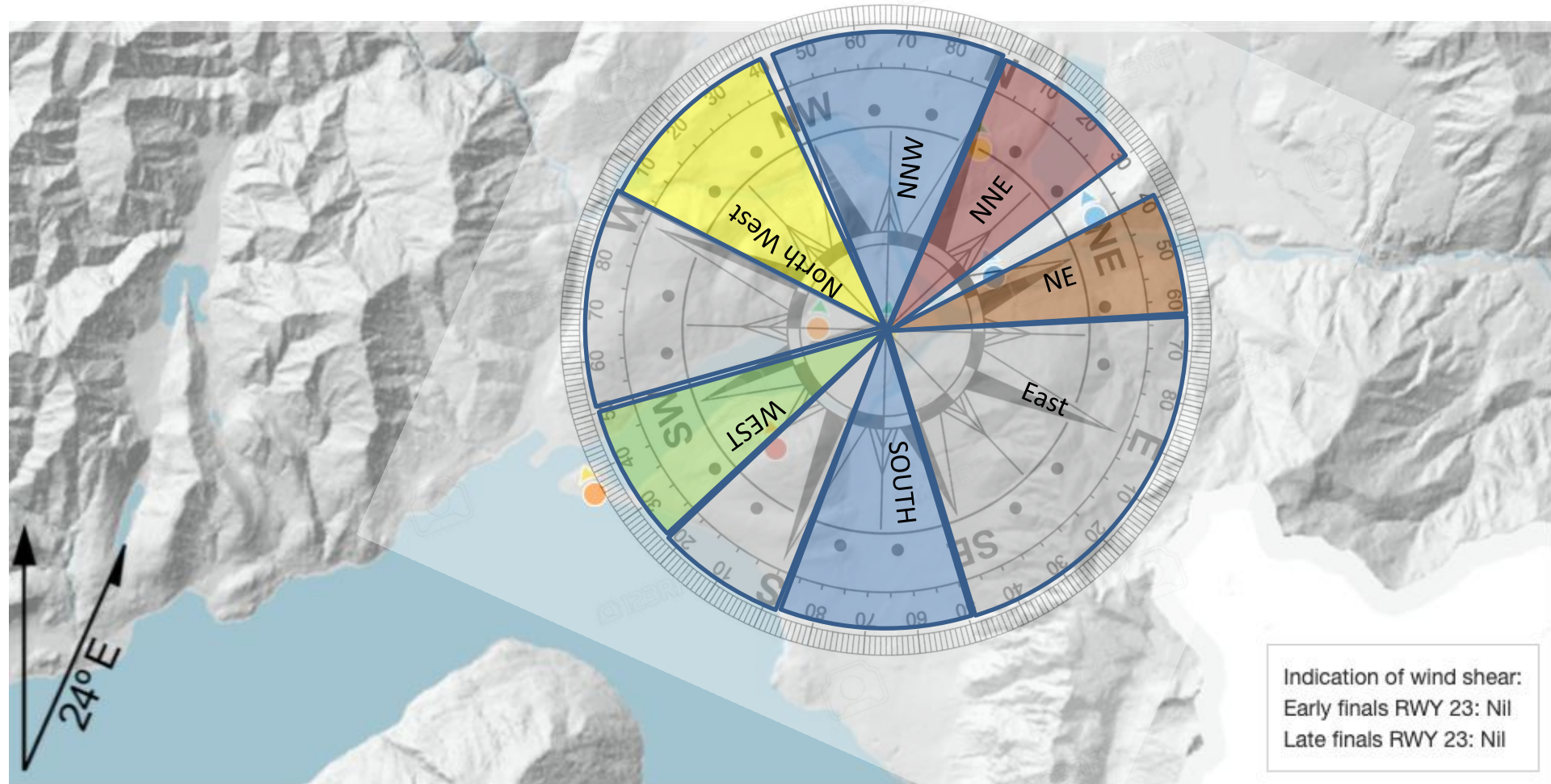
1. Obtained airframe G-force (6 axis) data from airlines (JQ)
2. Correlate airframe forces to:
  1. Calculated turbulence

*After considerable effort to design an algorithm that consistently matched force data, determined that variability was too great.*

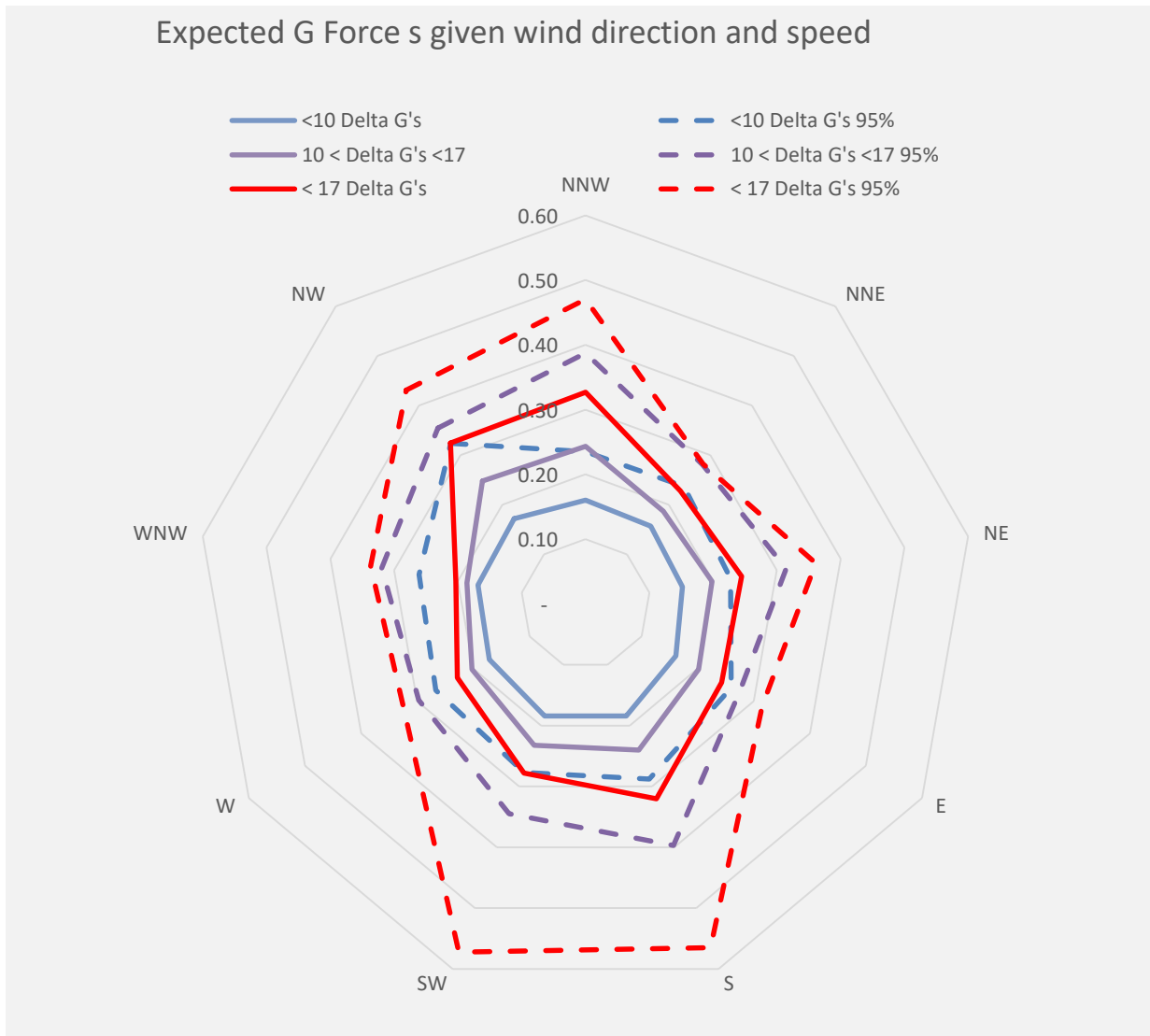
*Instead:*

1. Matched force data to actual conditions at each nearby wx station and aerodrome sites.
2. ID'ed force patterns referenced to overall low level airflow conditions
3. Determine expected (most probable) level of turbulence based upon G-force data and overall conditions

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# Revised approach

RWY 23 Direction	<10 kts Output	>10 kts, <17 kts Output	17 kts< Output
NNW	NIL	Mod	Sev
NNE	NIL	Lgt	Lgt
NE	NIL	Lgt	Mod
E	NIL	Lgt	Mod
S	Lgt	Mod	Sev
SW	Lgt	Lgt	Mod
W	NIL	Lgt	Lgt
WNW	NIL	Lgt	Lgt
NW	NIL	Mod	Sev

- *In event of TDZ 23 has not reported, TDZ based analysis inserted.*
- *< 5Kts: Light variable conditions (no turbulence output reported)*



# Revised approach

*Customer-centric (pilot / flight-planner) mind set underpinned all aspects of the design of the service and considerable pilot input was sought and flight-experience calibration time and feedback obtained during development of the system and service.*

1. Identical reporting format as before (no change / no human factor issue)
2. Consistent reporting (no reports of notable delta)
3. “expected” turbulence as felt by airframe given conditions within the basin rather than actual calculated at a given station / moment.

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