# Wake Vortex R&D Status Briefing

### NBAA Convention

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## **Topics for Today**

- Wake Turbulence Program Overview
- Near Term Achievements
- The Future



# Wake Program Activities

- Near-Term (2007-2008)
  - STL Variance for Dependent Parallel Approaches
  - National Rule Change to CSPR Approach Wake Turbulence Separation Standards
- Mid-Term (2008-2012)
  - Wind Dependent Concept Development and Systems Acquisitions for CSPR Departures and Approaches
  - Wake Category Reclassification & New Aircraft Standards Setting
  - Wind and Wake Vortex behavior R&D for terminal area concepts

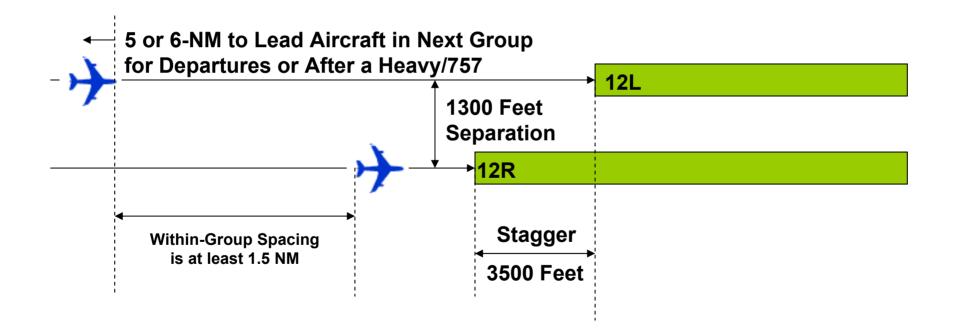
### • Far-Term (2012+)

- Wind Dependent Concept R & D for single runway Departures and Arrivals
- NextGen capabilities dependent tailoring of procedures and systems to minimize wake separation standards' limitations on capacity while maintaining system safety
- Separation Standards Setting (potentially dynamic pair-wise separation standards)



## **STL CSPR Waiver**

Staggered CSPRs at STL Proposed IMC  $\geq$  1.5-NM Grouped Arrivals





# **STL Waiver Update**

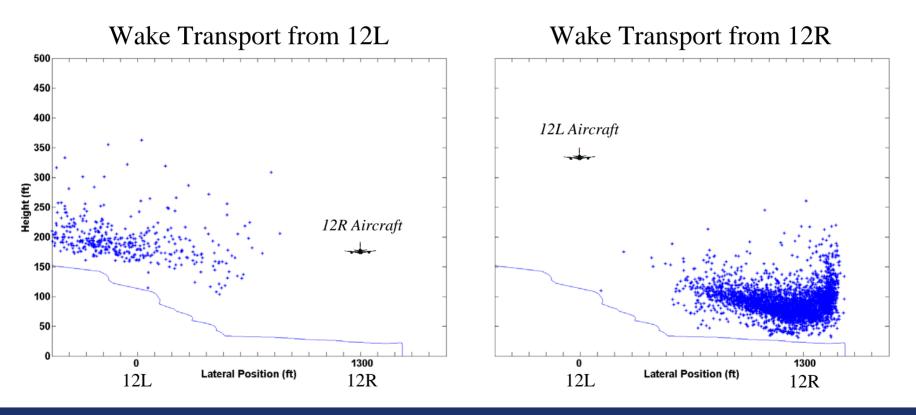
- Safety Regulator approval of Waiver for use of STL 12 R/L and 30R/L CSPR in IFR conditions
- Coordinating with STL facilities for implementation of Procedure
  - Training
- Establishment of wake turbulence incident data collection process for the STL airport area



Lidar data. L+ Jets Only

31 Degree Scan

1.5 NM Diagonal Separation

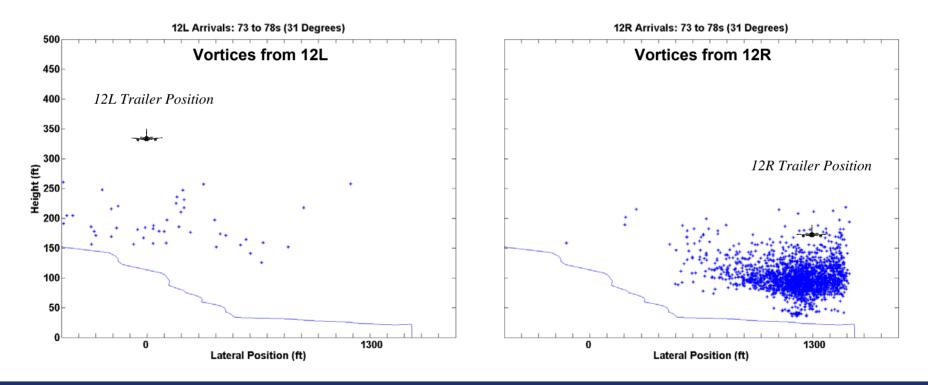




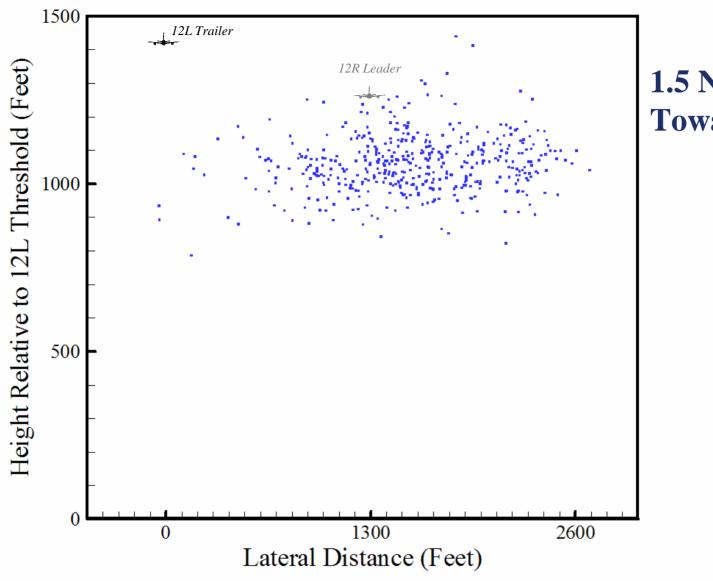
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#### 31 Degree Scan

#### 2.5 NM In Trail Separation



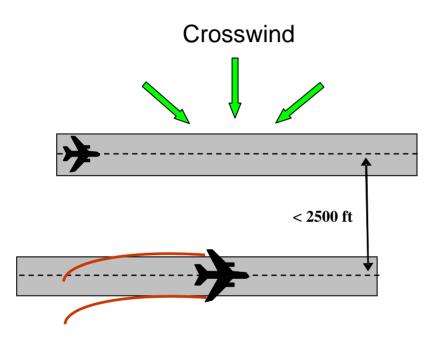




### 1.5 NM CSPR – 12R Towards 12L



## Wake Turbulence Mitigation for Departures (WTMD)



#### **Crosswind concept requires**

- wind from limited range of directions AND
- ≥ 3 kts total wind strength

#### Weather Minima:

 Sufficient to visually observe divergent paths after departure

#### **Controller Display Concept**

 Red Light, Green Light provides prediction and safety monitoring of when the wind is appropriate

#### Benefit/Cost Ratio (range): 2.9 to 4.3

• 20 year benefit estimate: \$400M to \$600M in delay reduction (ADOC)



## WTMD Overview

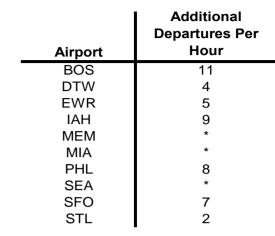
 10 of 35 OEP Airports have Closely Spaced Parallel Runways (CSPR) and would be able to increase departure capacity using WTMD

## • Benefit

- Able to provide increased capacity and efficiency without new runway construction
  - 2 to 6 Departures per Hour Increase

## Strategic Performance Mapping

- Supports multiple NextGen Operational Improvements
- Part of Operational Evolution Partnership (OEP)
- Identified in the FAA Flight Plan

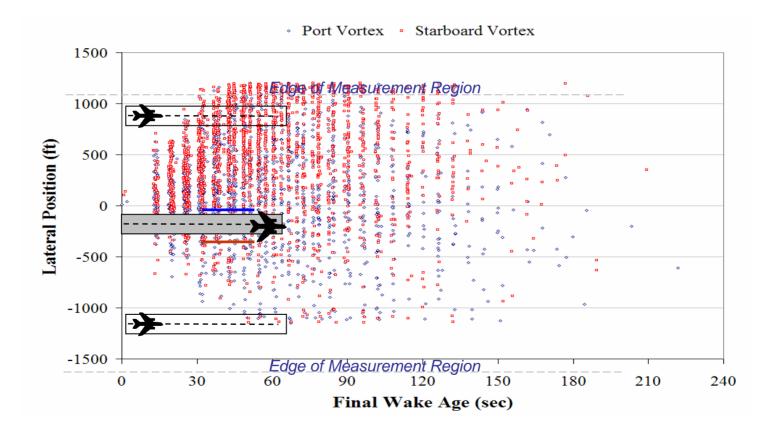


\* Benefits Analysis Ongoing



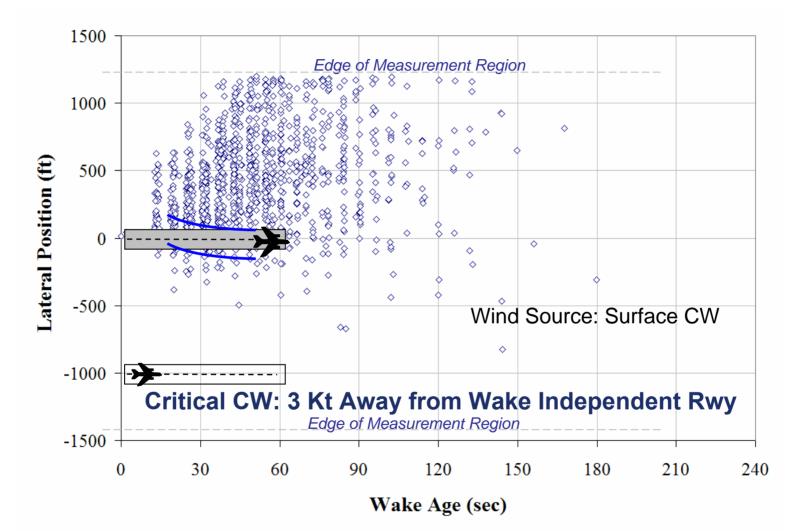
## **Crosswind Wake Behavior**

#### Final Lateral Wake Vortex Positions: Heavy and B757 Wake Generators





## **Crosswind Concept Safety**







- Joint Program with European Community
- Single Runway Wind Dependent Departure Solution
- Stakeholders Meeting Planned for the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of November in Paris.



### EDDF\_2 Frankfurt Data

