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Session 7

A Digital World:
How Can Virtual Reality Unlock the
Potential of Innovations in Aviation?



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Setting the Scene by
Moderator
09:05 – 09:10

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Panelist Presentations
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09:50-10:15

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10:15-10:30

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Setting the Scene by Moderator





By mainstreaming VR and AR, are we entering a new era in aviation?

Digital Transformation through AI, AR, and VR



*promises to revolutionize
the aviation ecosystem*



*enables immersive and
interactive learning
environments*



*cultivates the next
generation of aviation
professionals*

Enhanced operational efficiency and maintenance





Thinking with the customer

integral part of the journey itself

Collaboration and Innovation

concerted effort from various aviation stakeholders for the greater good of the industry

*Technology Providers + Aviation Authorities +
Educational Institutions*



Panel Speakers



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AVIONICS

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Inventing
a sustainable
aerospace future
together



Thales Avionics Business Key Facts



Employees

10,000



Global presence

30+

2 OUT OF 3 AIRCRAFT

in the world take off and land using
Thales equipment

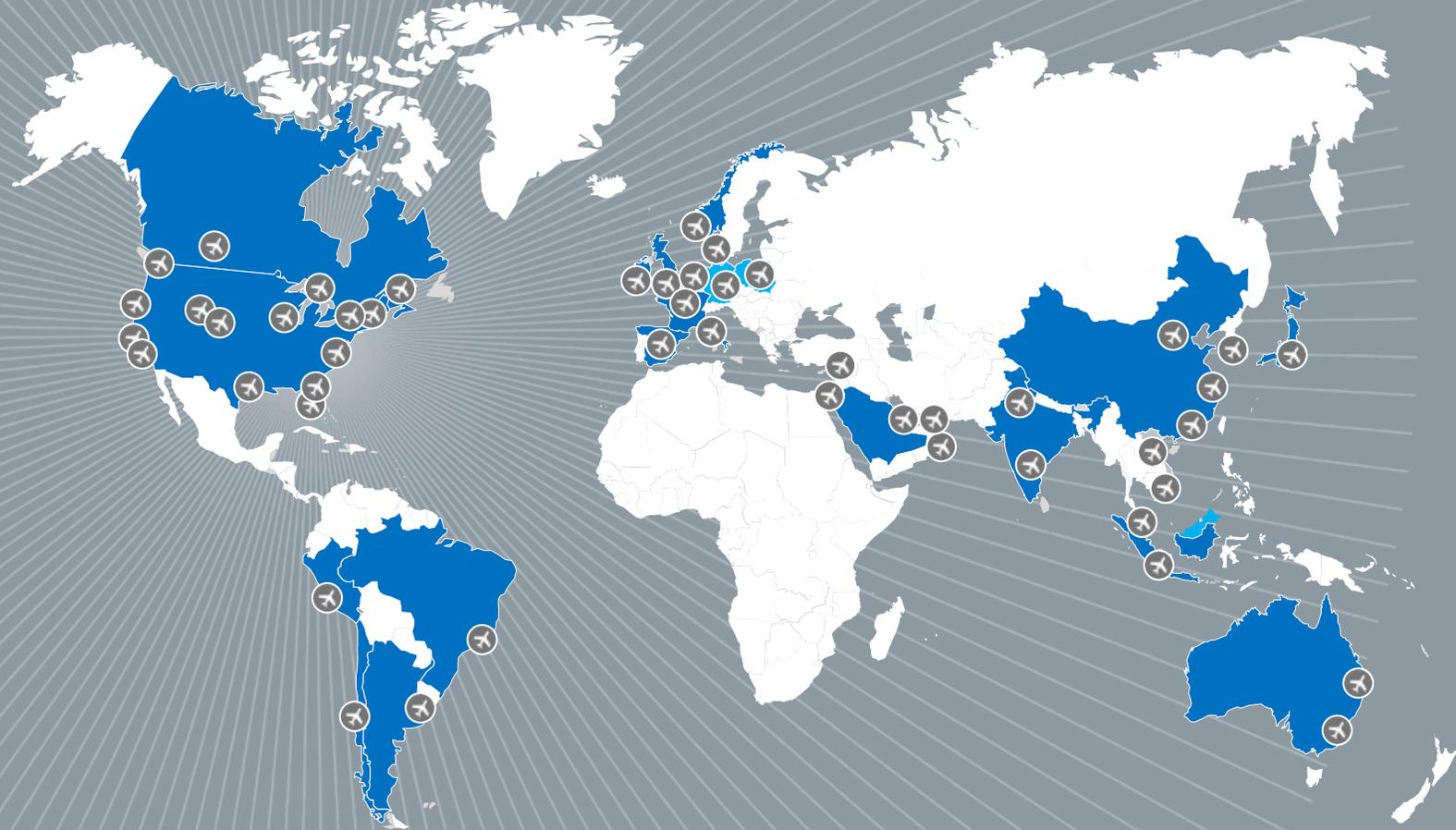
More than 1.6 MILLION

passengers use Thales IFE systems
every day

Over 1,000

THALES SIMULATORS

in service worldwide



Serving Aerospace Markets

Worldwide leader from nose-to-tail, air-to-ground

MICROWAVE
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FLIGHT
AVIONICS



INFLY
EXPERIENCE



TRAINING &
SIMULATION



AVIONICS
SERVICES

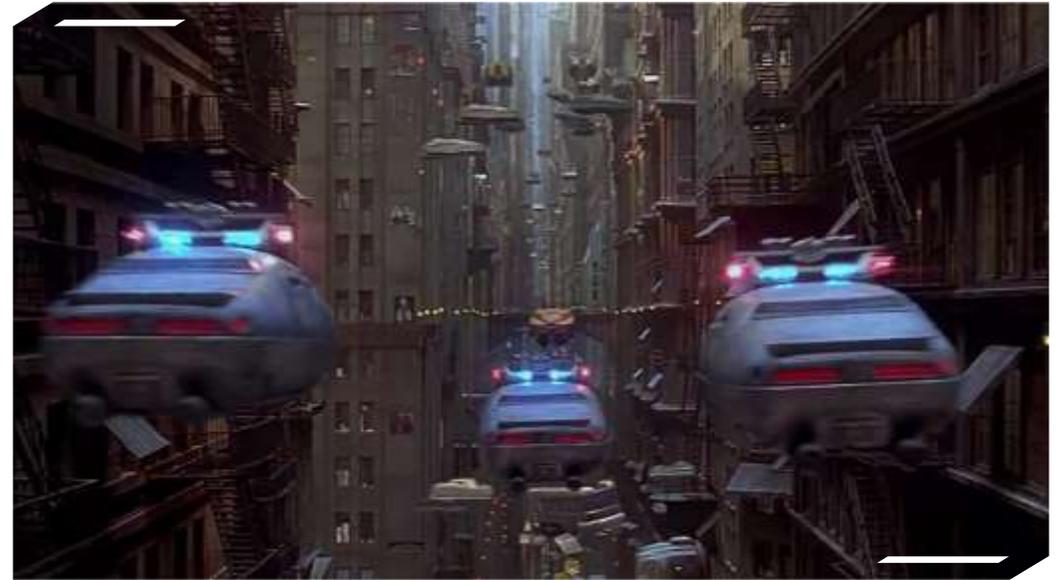


From Air Transport Advanced Automation to Autonomous Air Taxi



INNOVATION

Segregated and controlled



Credits: The Fifth Element

Open and connected

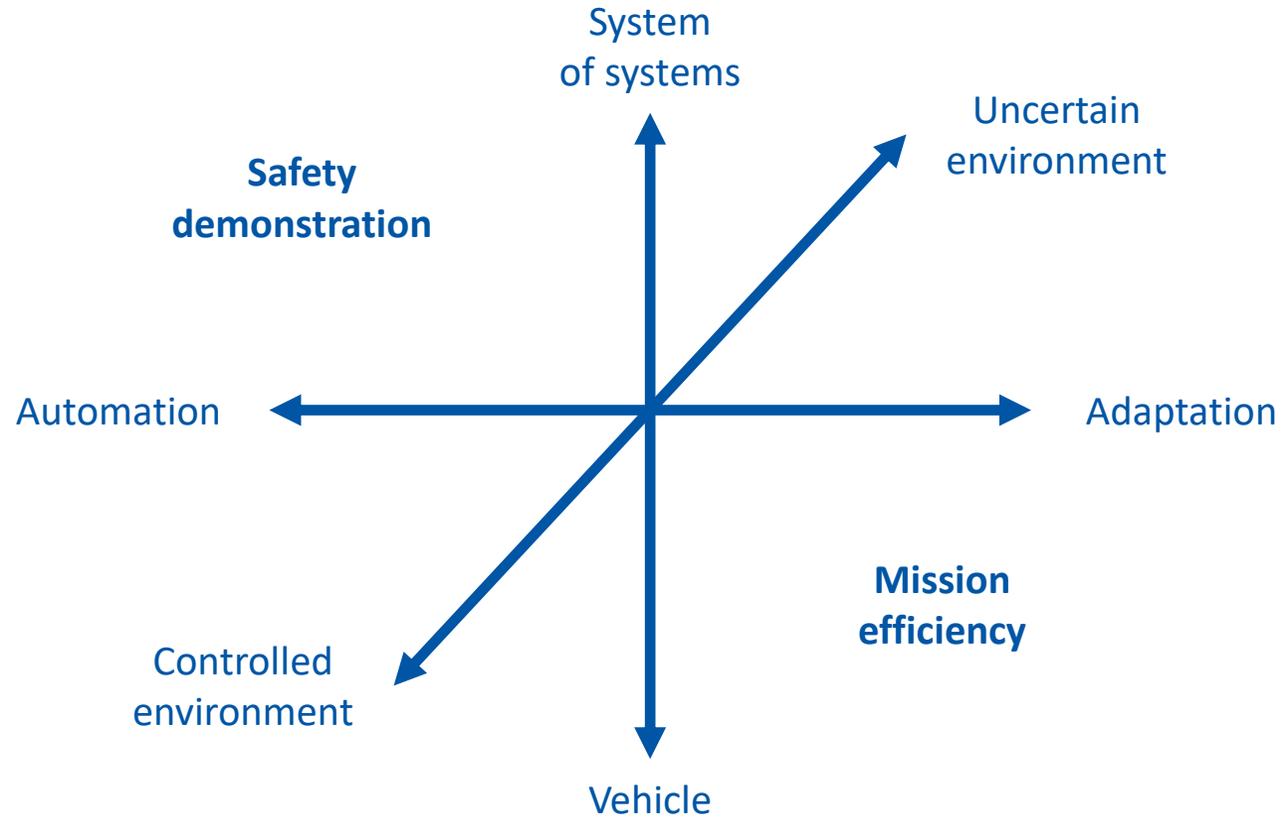
Pilot as the last resort



Machine as the last resort

Aeronautics to require different technologies, but key expectations remain

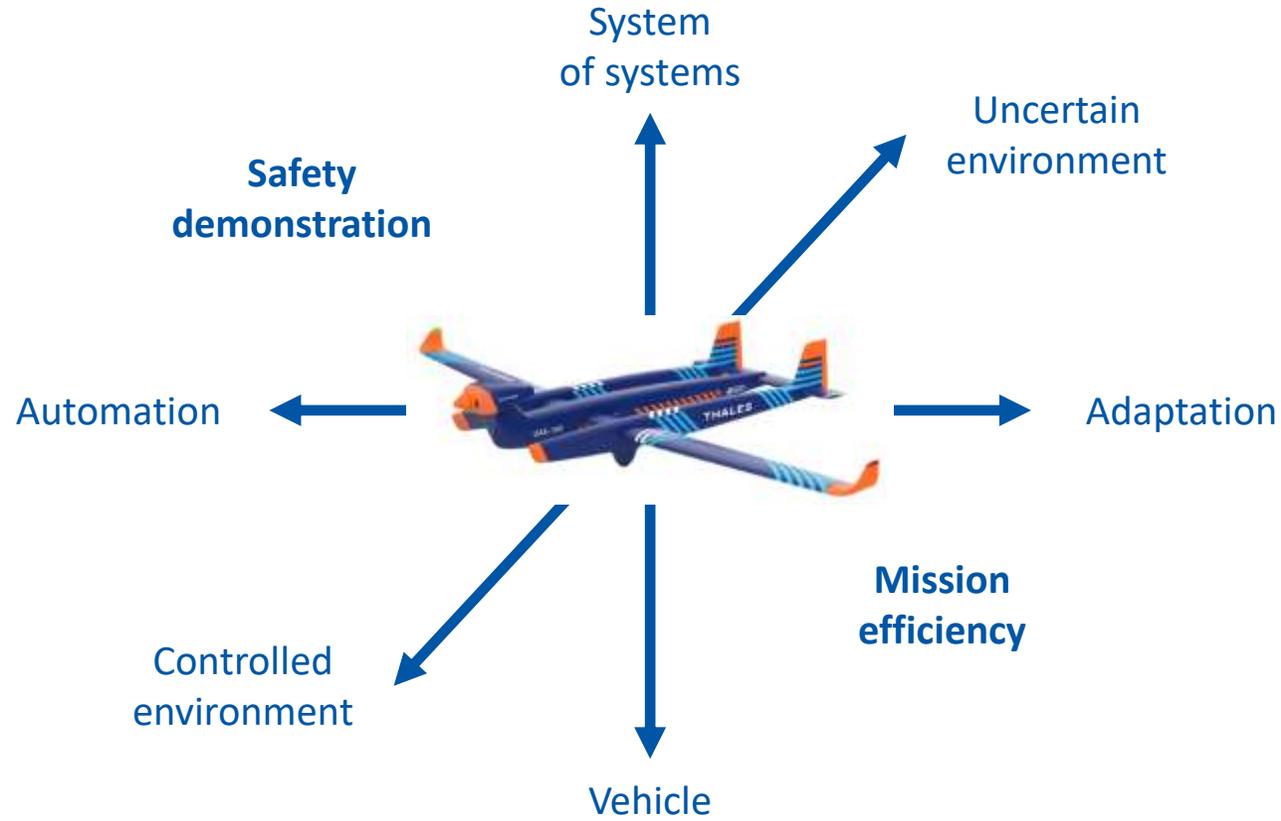
DETERMINISTIC SOLUTIONS



LEARNING MACHINES

Combine deterministic safety warranty with smart adaptation capability

Autonomous flight in civil airspace needs to combine all dimensions: from formal safety demonstration to mission efficiency



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Machine as last resort is the next frontier, drones as the perfect sandbox

Open Living Lab leveraging a suite of digital workshops and tool

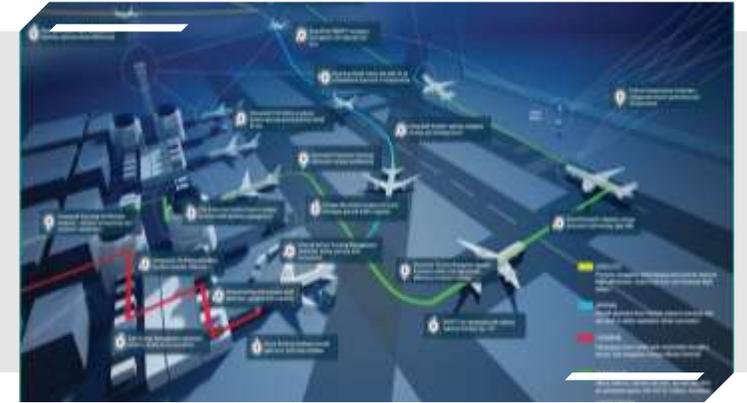
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> Mixed Simulation and Reality

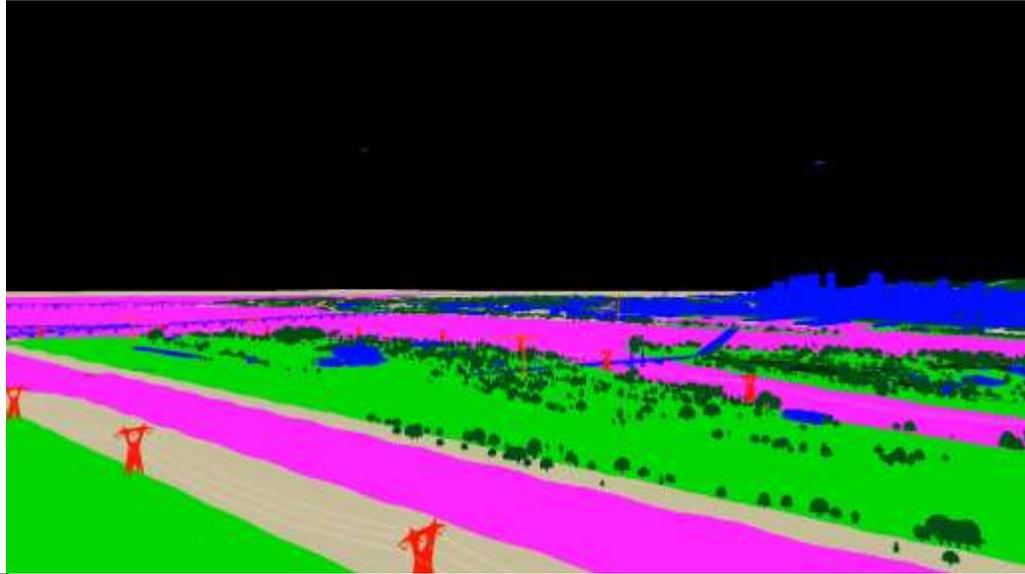


> High fidelity



> Operation validation

Obstacle detection: variability !!



Drones demonstrating autonomous flying



the next frontier in aviation technology.



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Augmented Reality Maintenance

Tech Ops in the Future Reality

Boeing Digital Aviation Solutions

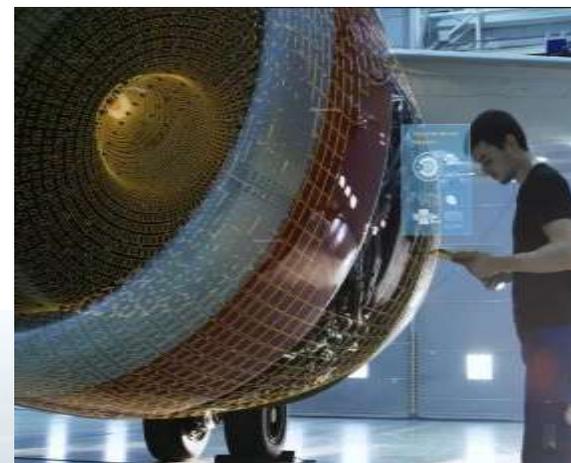
A World Connected by Flawless Flight



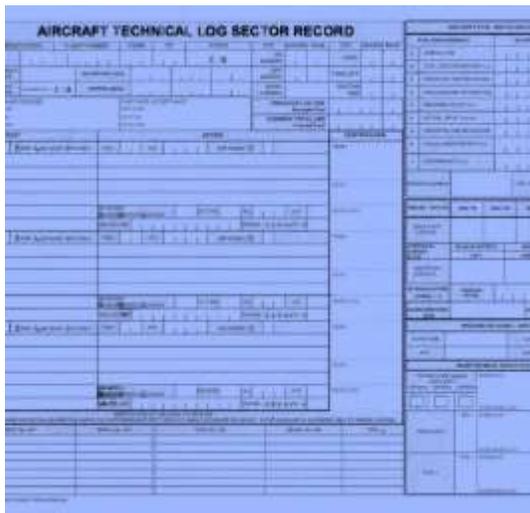
Flight/Mission
Operations



Flight Deck
Operations



Technical/Sustainment
Operations

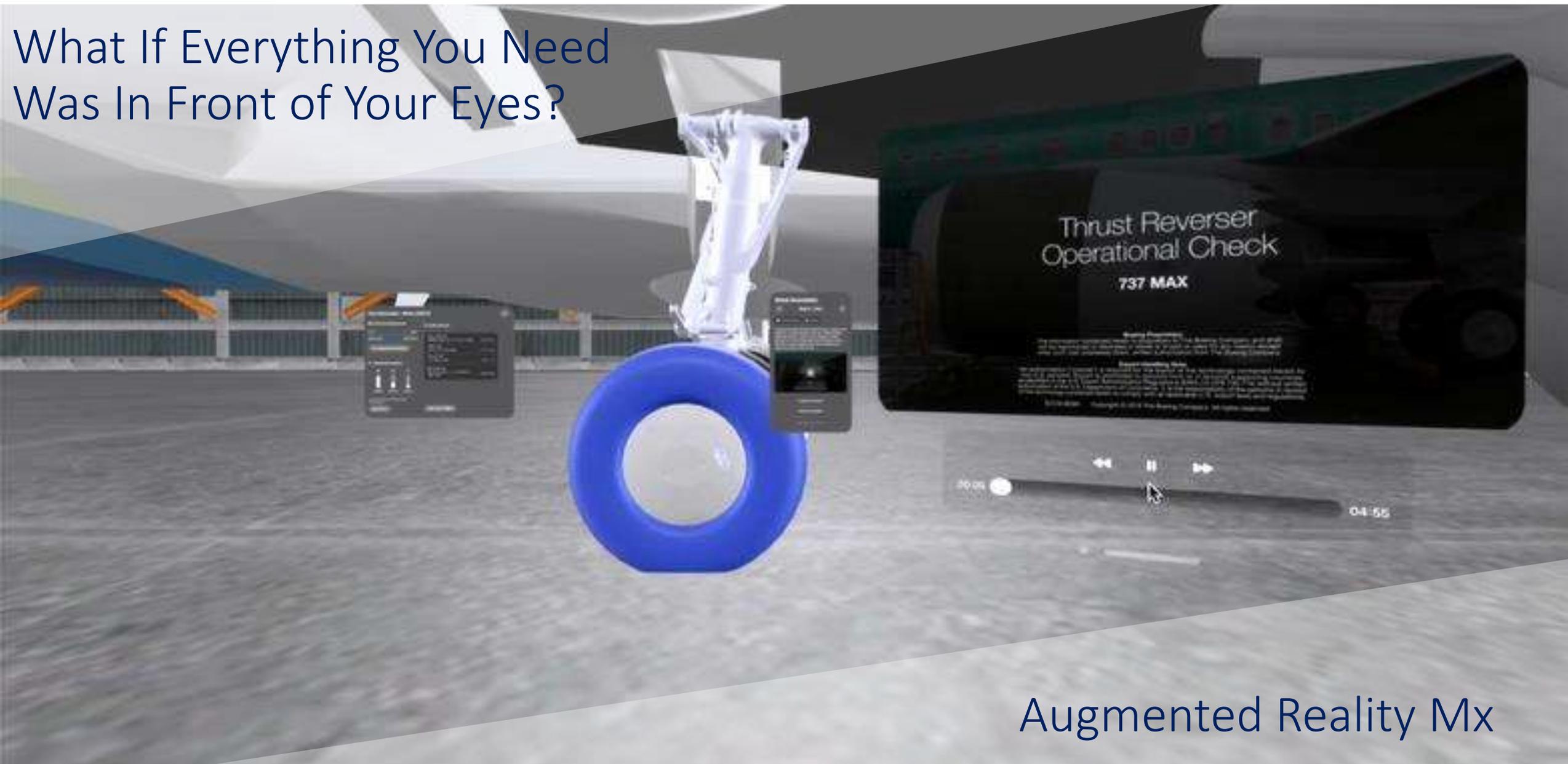


The Problem

Disconnected Mx

- Lots of reference documents and reading
- No hands-free operation
- Lengthy, supervised training periods
- Escalation/help is personnel-dependent
- Reliance on humans checking each others' work
- Separate documentation and recording systems

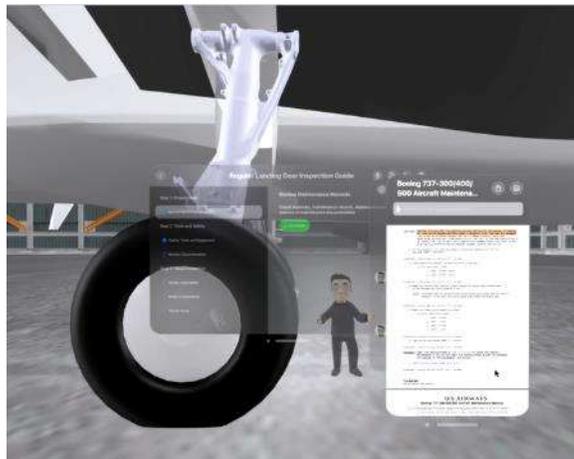
What If Everything You Need
Was In Front of Your Eyes?



Augmented Reality Mx

What If Everything You Need Was in Front of Your Eyes?

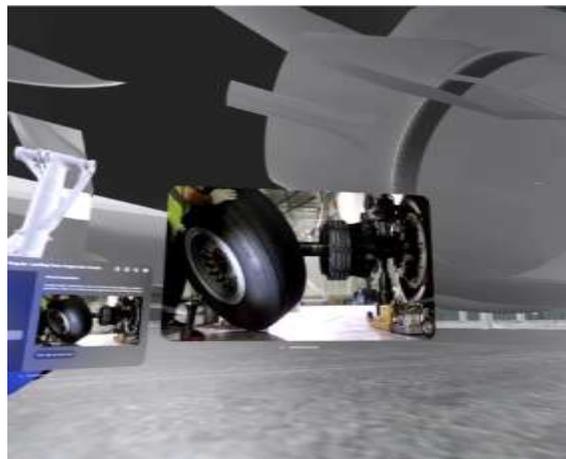
Training, Expertise & Validation



What if you could train without special facilities?

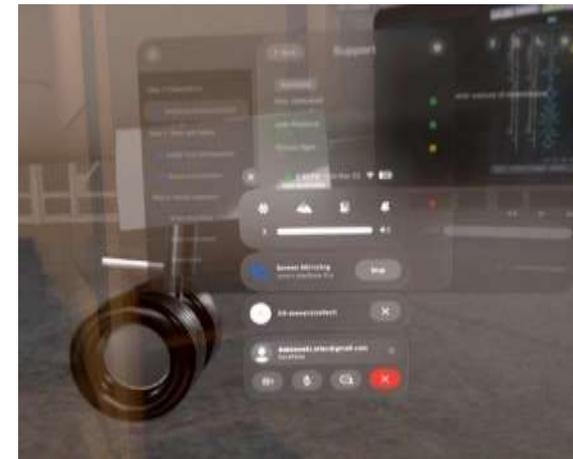
What if your headset could **answer questions?**

What if you wore the same headset for **VR training and AR work?**



What if your headset could give you **instructional videos?**

What if it could automatically **validate/inspect** your work?



What if you could **escalate to experts** without moving from your spot?

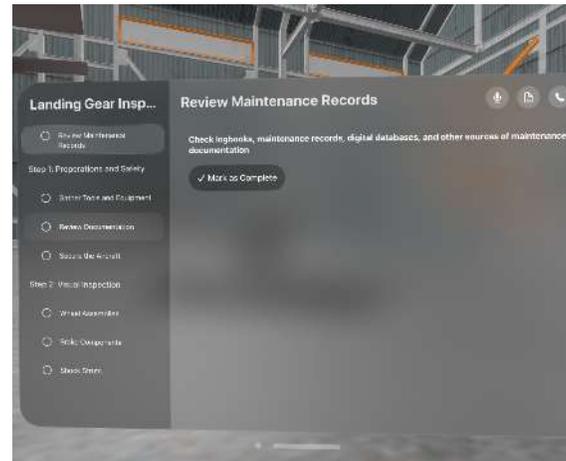
What if experts could be **anywhere/everywhere** at once?

What If Everything You Need Was in Front of Your Eyes?

Environment, Recognition & Documentation

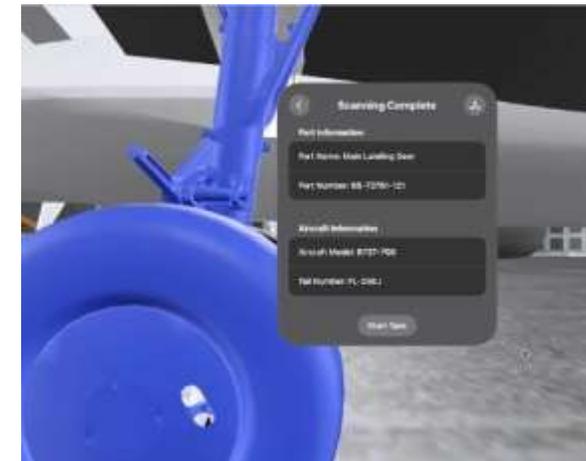


What if you had step-by-step access to **maintenance manuals**, fault isolation manuals?



What if you had access to **maintenance history**?

What if you produced automatic, **flawless documentation** as you went?



What if your headset could **recognize parts** that you're looking at?

What if your headset could spot **non-conformances**?

What If Everything You Need Was in Front of Your Eyes?

Part Information

Inventory
Lifetime
RUL
Faults/Alerts
MEL/SB/ACs
Catalogues



What if your **maintainer could know everything** the reliability engineer, supply chain manager, maintenance planner would want them to know?

And More...

Large Language & Vision Models

Multi-Modal Models

Multi-Agent Models



Drone-Based Visual
Inspections

AI-Powered
Troubleshooting

Flight Deck Applications



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The Story within Every Single Passenger

Our Concept

The airport is bustling with
Numerous passengers on a daily basis



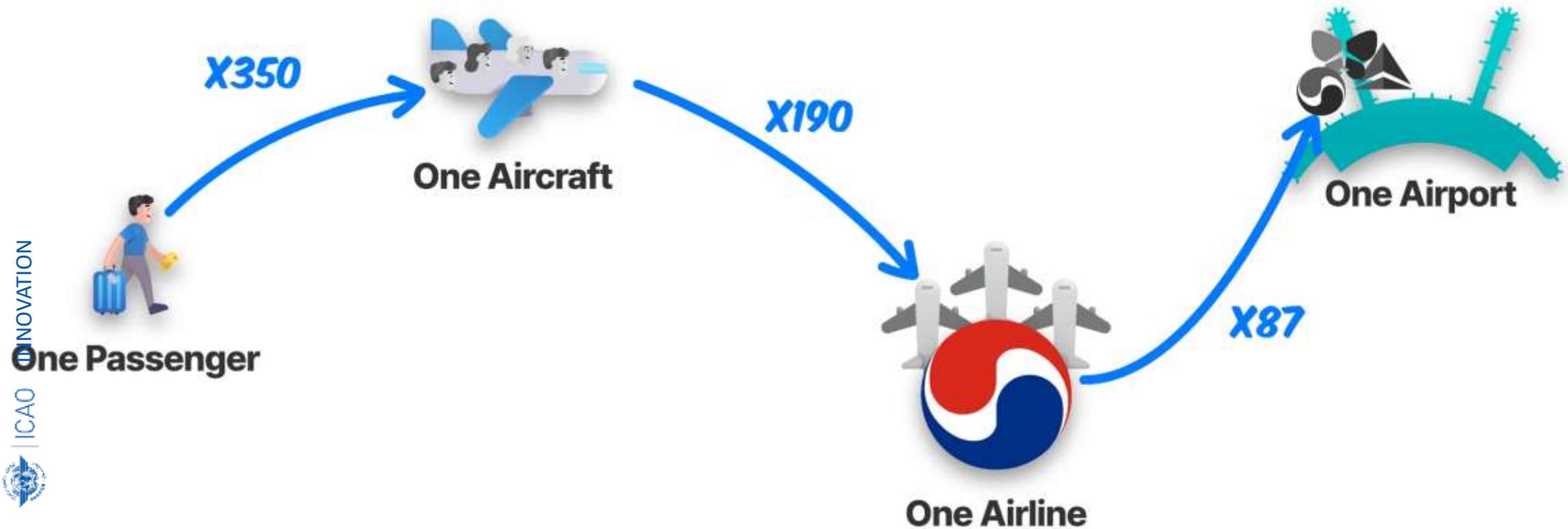
Knowing **each passenger** means
“We understand the **whole airport**”



An enormous amount of data is generated at an airport every day.

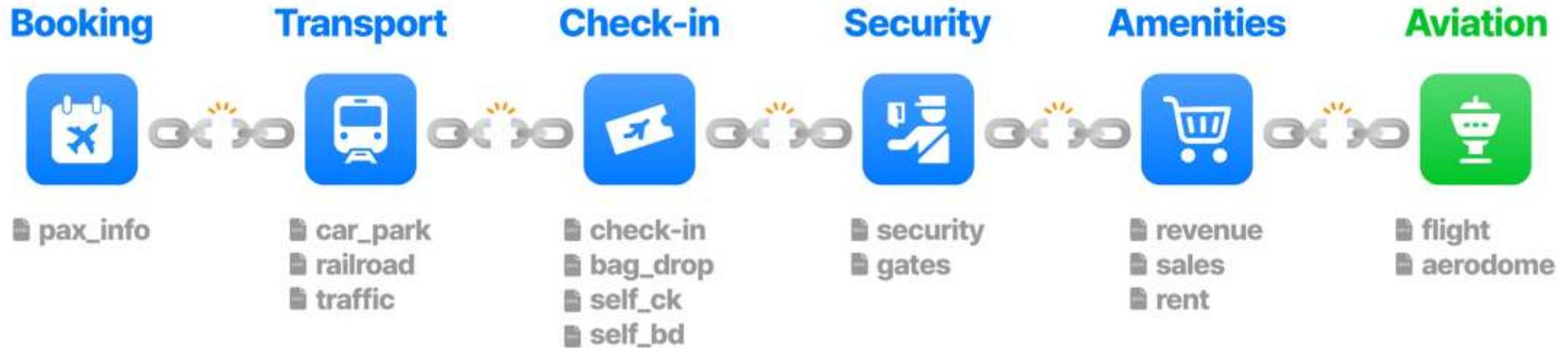


Most of the data is generated by passengers



Problem

Every single data is **disjointed and disconnected**



We aim to **integrate all the data**

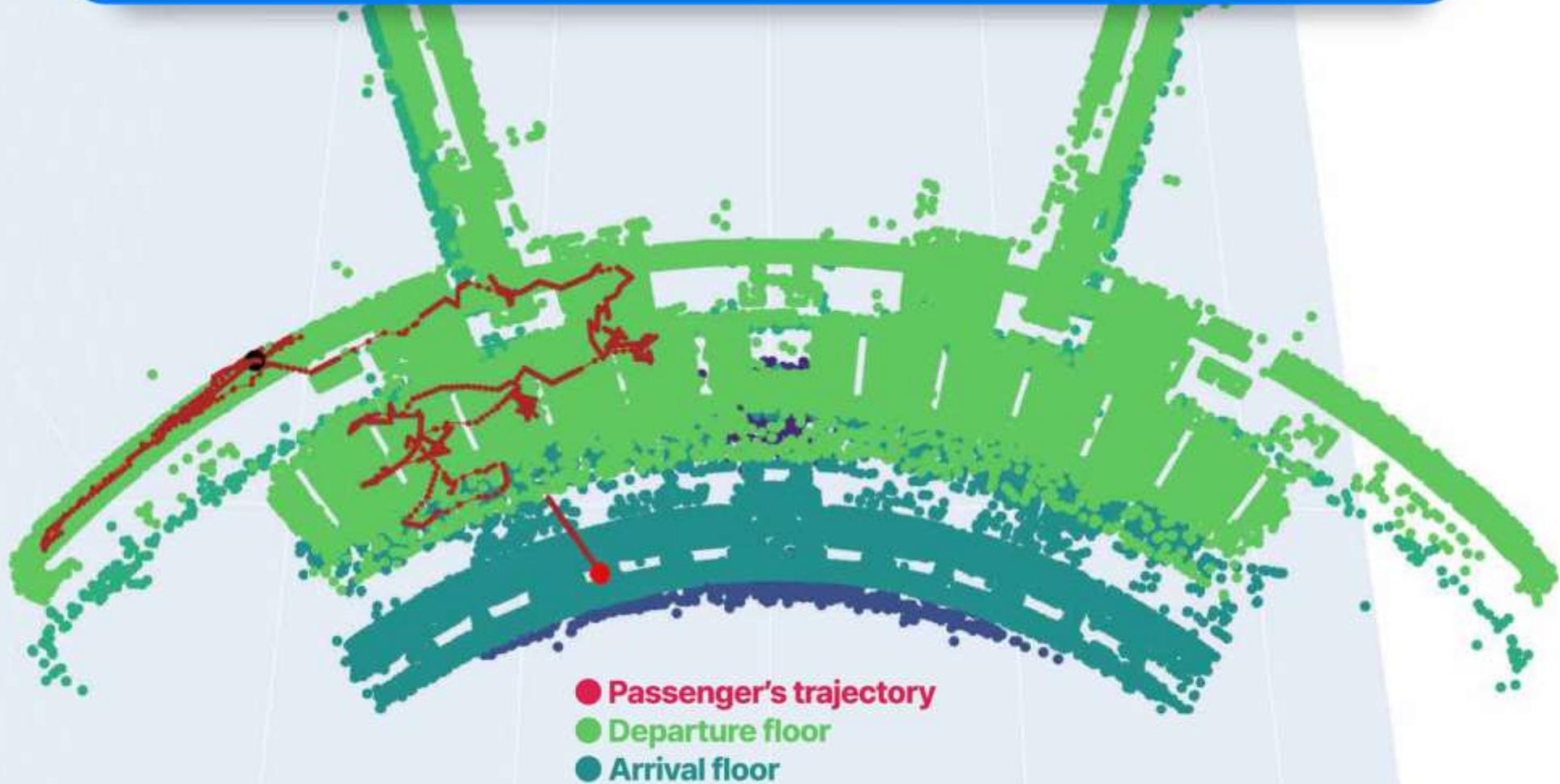
Point data



Trajectory data



The integrated data of a single passenger



The integrated data of every passenger at specific time

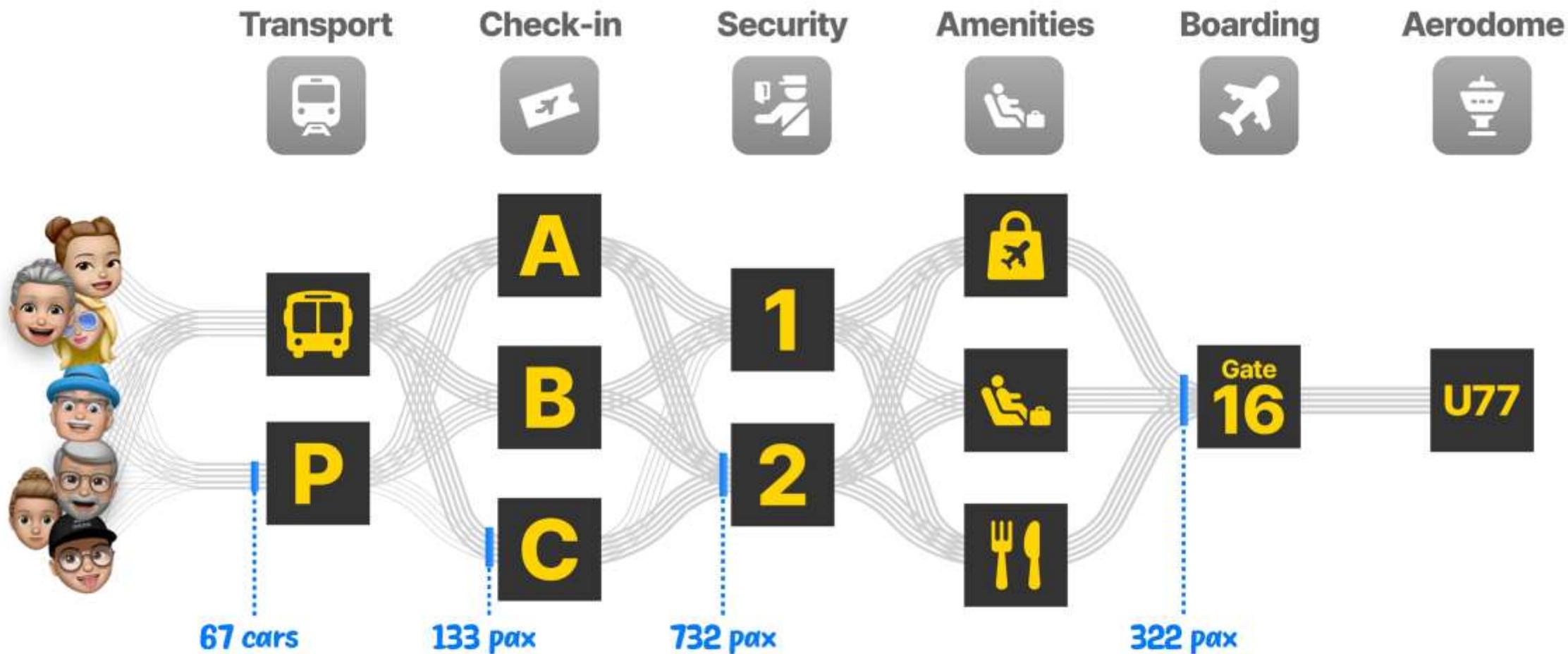


The Shape of Integrated data

	Sex	Age	Flight	Check-in	...	Boarding	Trajectory
	M	38	KE722	17:38	...	19:27	D029182
	F	22	DL318	18:11	...	19:52	D092381
	M	51	EK182	18:22	...	20:58	D189241

Cannot distinguish the exact individual through the anonymization process.

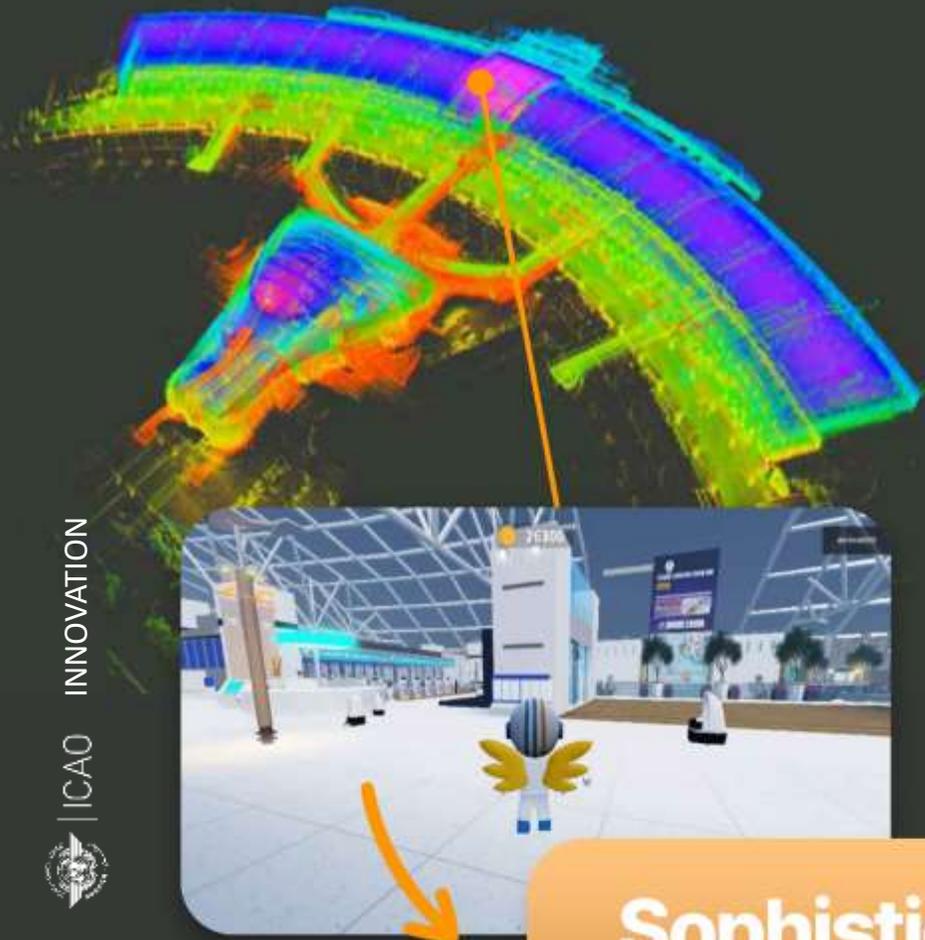
Integrated data includes all passenger information in one place



Integrated data makes it easier to understand the entire facility

Metaverse Airport Model 2023-

3D spacial information



Integrated Passenger data

Real-time & Predict^{D+7}



+
Unifying

Sophisticated digital twin model

Unifying metaverse and passenger data

Operations

Real-time & predictive utility management



Pax Experience

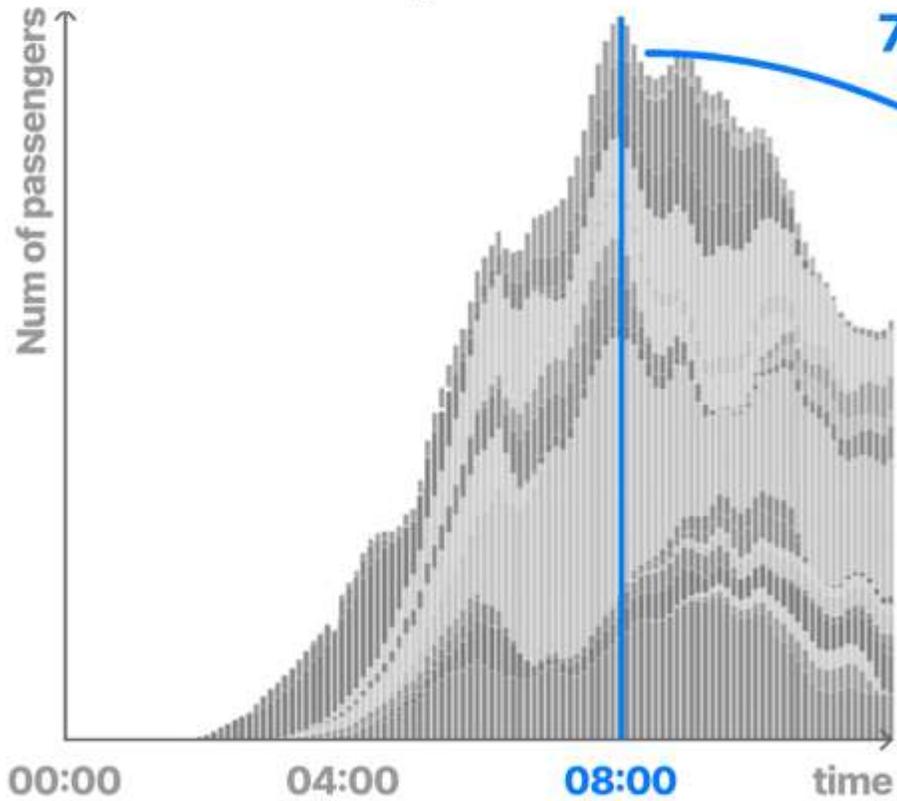
Optimized wayfinding and navigation



Possible Applications

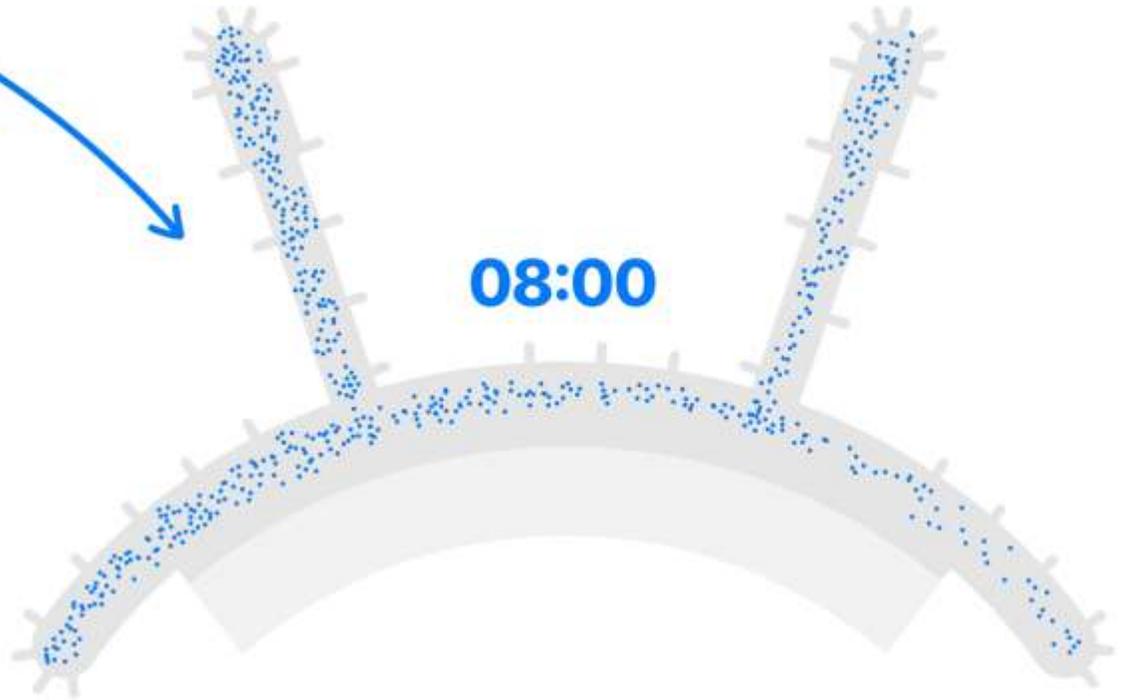
- 1 Enhance amenities Planning**
- 2 Optimize with Monitoring

Num of pax in airside by time



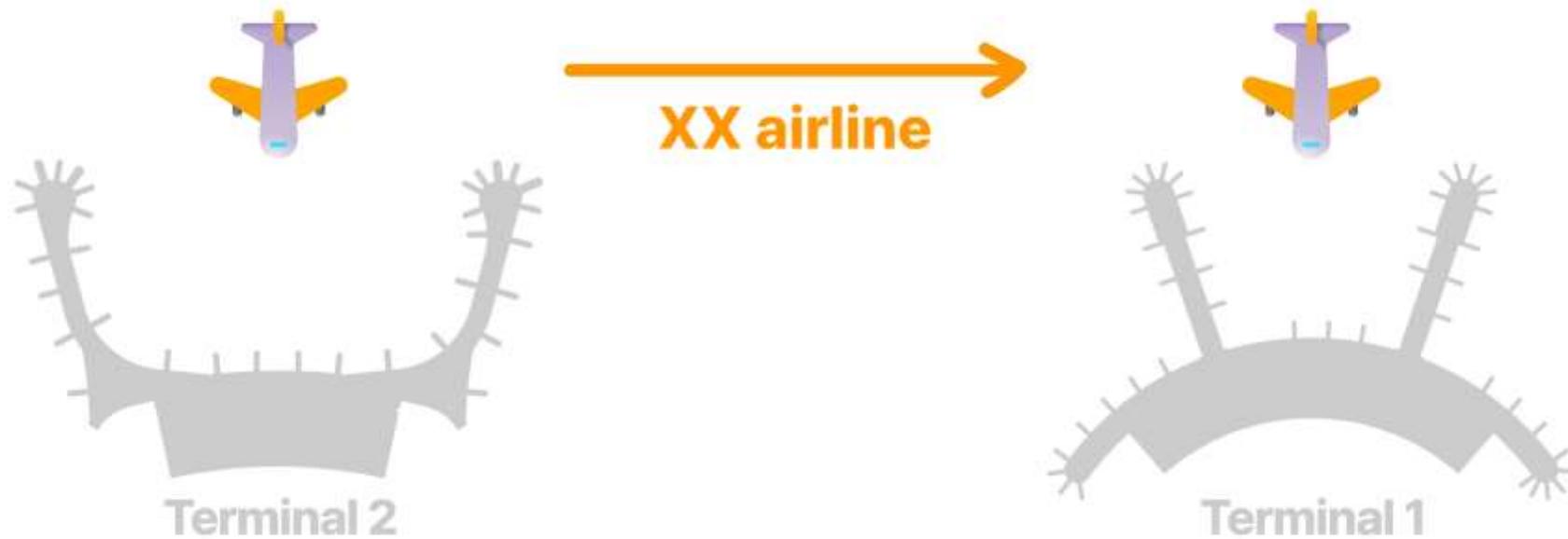
7,000 pax

Passengers distribution in airside

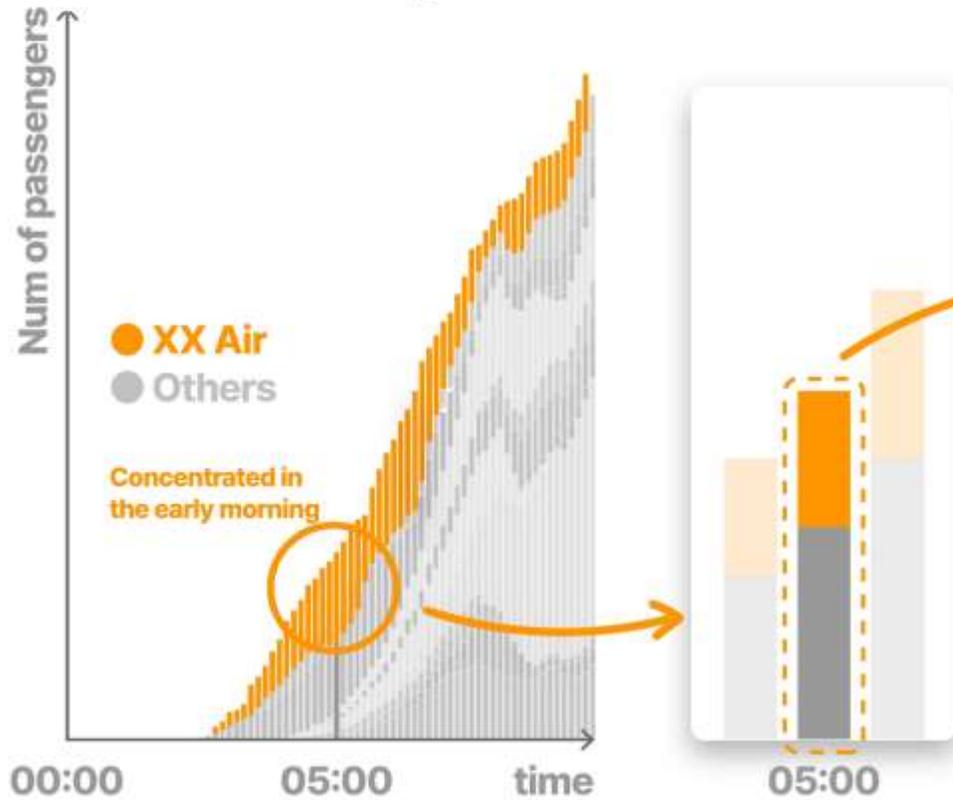


Passenger distribution over time and space

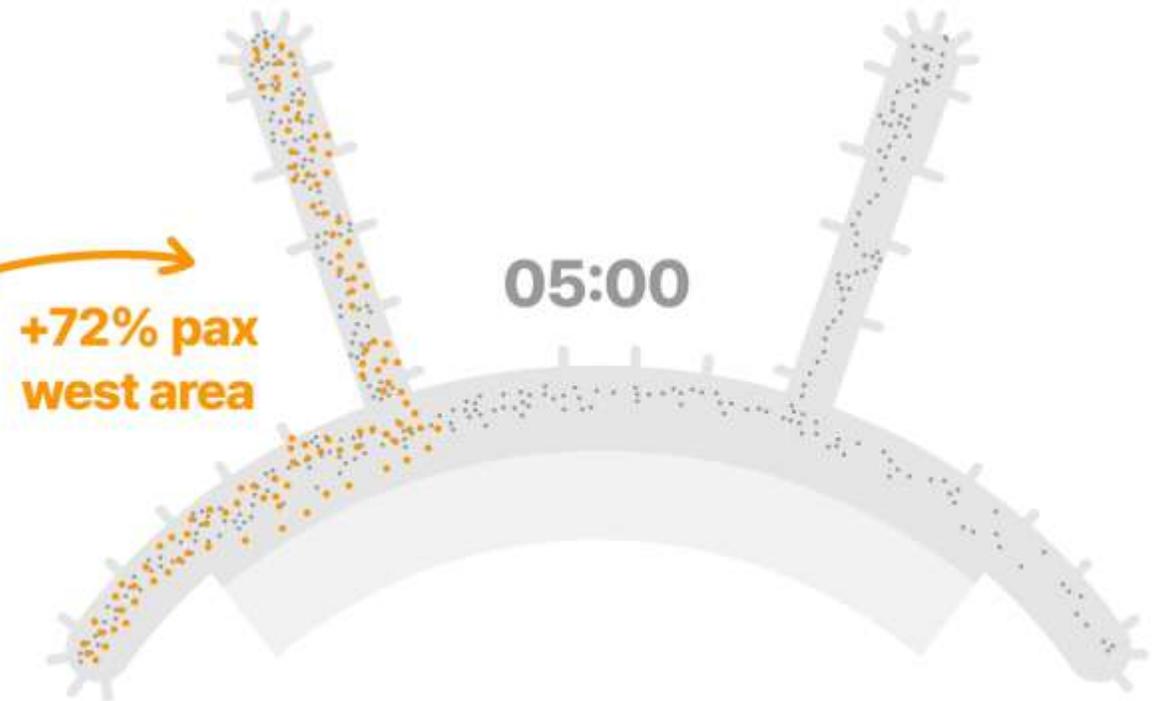
If an **airline switches terminals**, what impact does it have on **amenities**?



Num of pax in airside by time



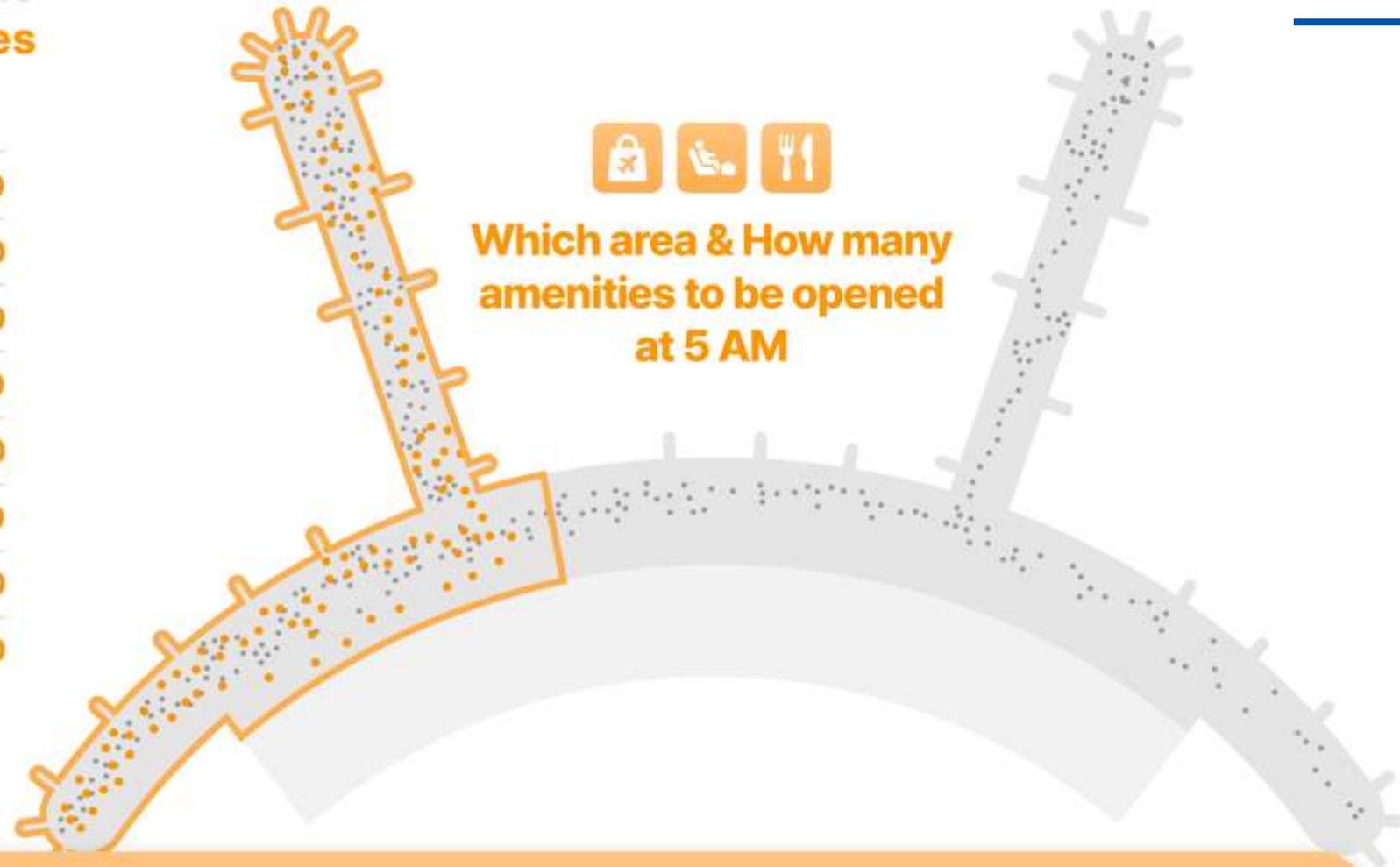
Passengers distribution in airside



Predict the impact of an airline relocation instantly

We can negotiate & plan the Opening Hours of amenities

Amenities	Before	After
Dutyfree A	06:30	05:30
Dutyfree B	06:00	05:00
Lounge C	07:00	05:00
Cafe D	06:30	05:30
Restaurant E	07:00	05:00
Foodcourt F	07:30	05:30
Exchange	06:00	05:00
Shower	06:00	05:00

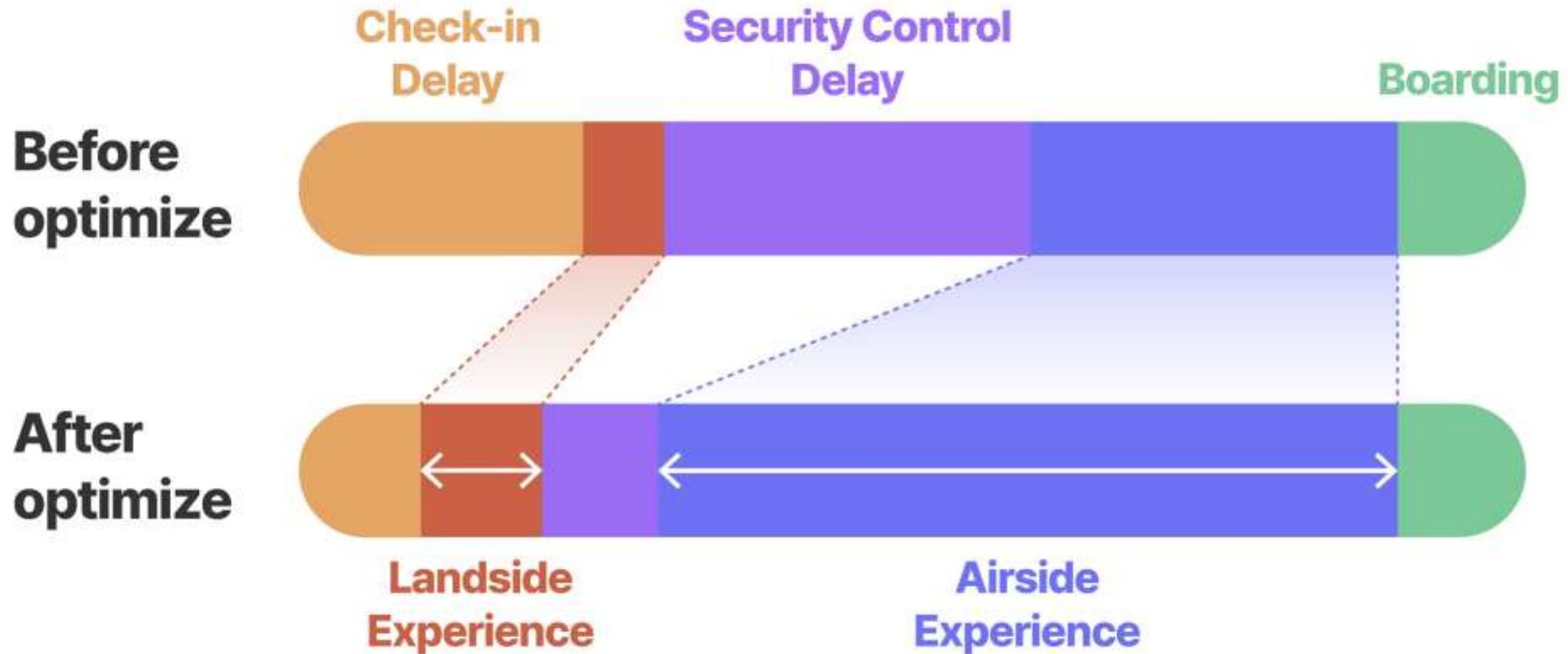


Operate amenities efficiently at the appropriate time & location

Possible Applications

- 1 Enhance amenities Planning
- 2 Optimize with Monitoring**

Reducing delays for passengers means...



**Not only enhancing passenger experience
but also increasing operational efficiency and revenue**

However, there are some limitations

Is it really possible
to apply this to our airport?



Chasm

**Digital twin
for airports**

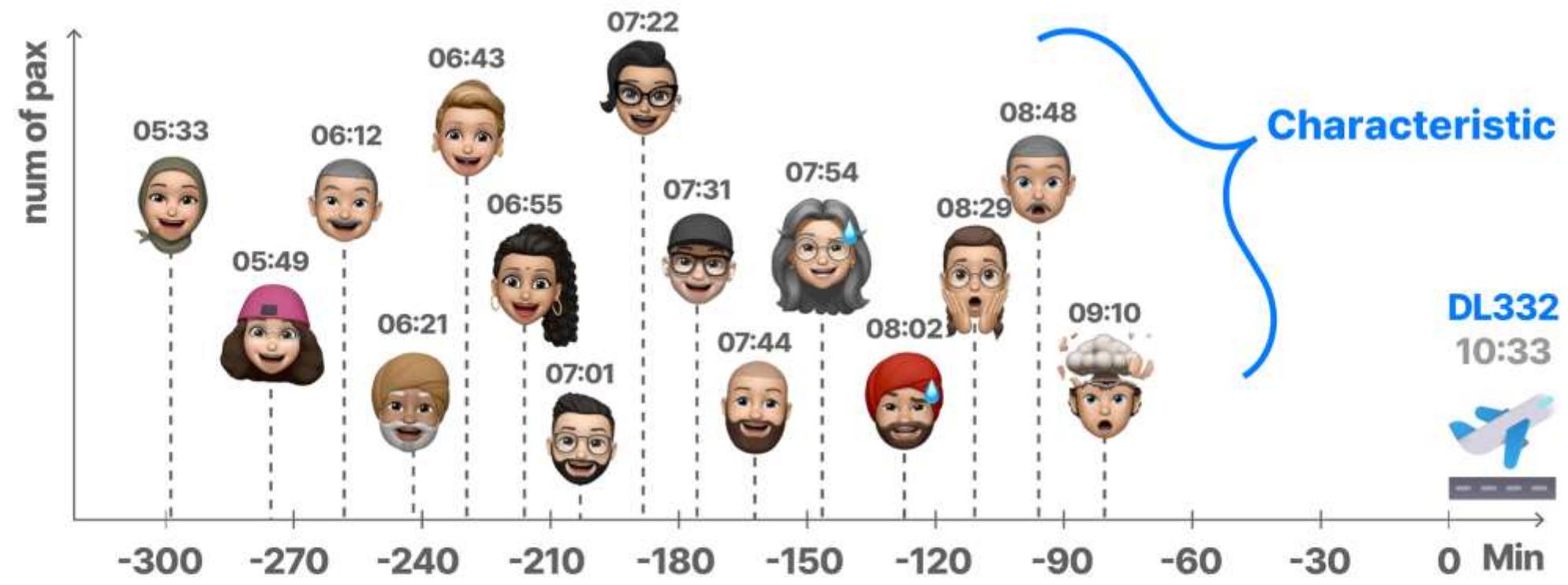
- ❗ We don't have **Data infra**
- ❗ We don't know **how to utilize it**



The way to **overcome** 
the lack of data infrastructure

We can Generate data through probabilistic methods

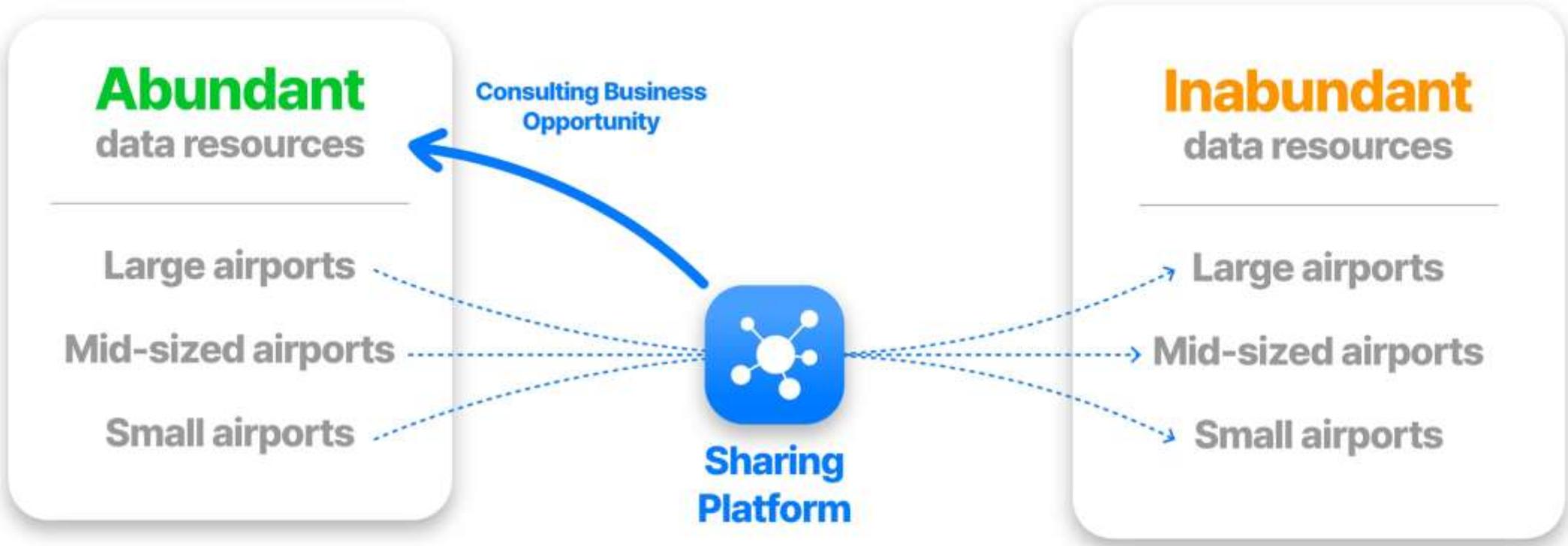
The characteristics of passengers can be similar across airport sizes and by region



However, we require characteristic data from similar airports to proceed

Suggestion

Global airport passenger **Characteristic sharing** platform



Narrow the data gap between each airport



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Advisor to the Chief Technology and Product
Officer

CAE



Special Thanks

CAE is a high-tech company with a mission and vision focused on safety, efficiency and readiness

Our mission

To lead at the frontier of digital immersion with software-based training and critical operational support solutions to make the world a safer place

Our vision

To be the worldwide partner of choice in civil aviation and defence and security, by revolutionizing our customer's training and critical operations with software-based and digitally immersive solutions to elevate safety, efficiency and readiness

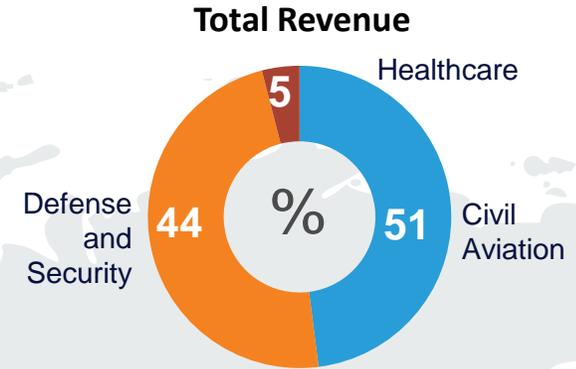
World leader in training, mission, and operational support solutions

\$4.2B
FY23 Revenue

40+
countries

250+
locations

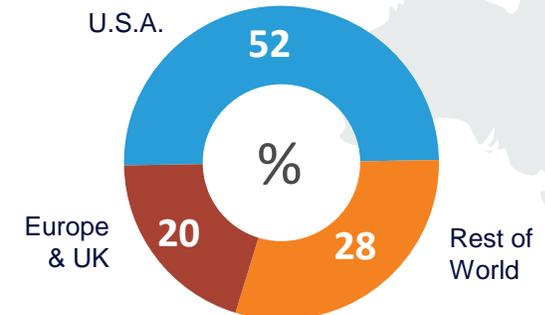
13,000+
employees



Products/Services Mix*



Geographic Mix



For the year ended, March 31, 2023.

* Approximate value including JV sales

Virtual Reality



The headset



The hardware



The media



The experience



The content



The virtual world



The use case

Virtual Reality, the visual media technology

AUGMENTED
REALITY



Google Glass



Microsoft HoloLens



Microsoft HoloLens 2



JVC



2013

2016

2019

2021

2024

VIRTUAL
REALITY



Oculus DevKit



Samsung
GearVR

HTC Vive

Oculus Rift



VAIO



VR3

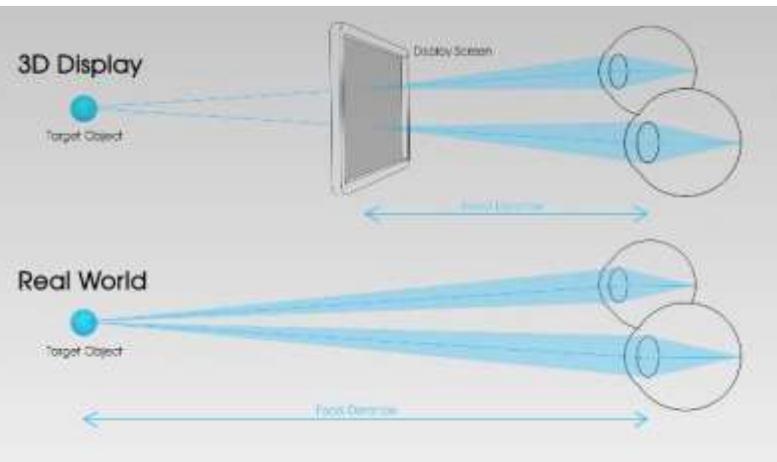
XR3



optical performance threshold reached in 2019
5th generation devices in 2024

Challenges and choices

Optics Vergence & Accommodation



Hand Tracking & Latency



Resolution & Field of view



Physical interface



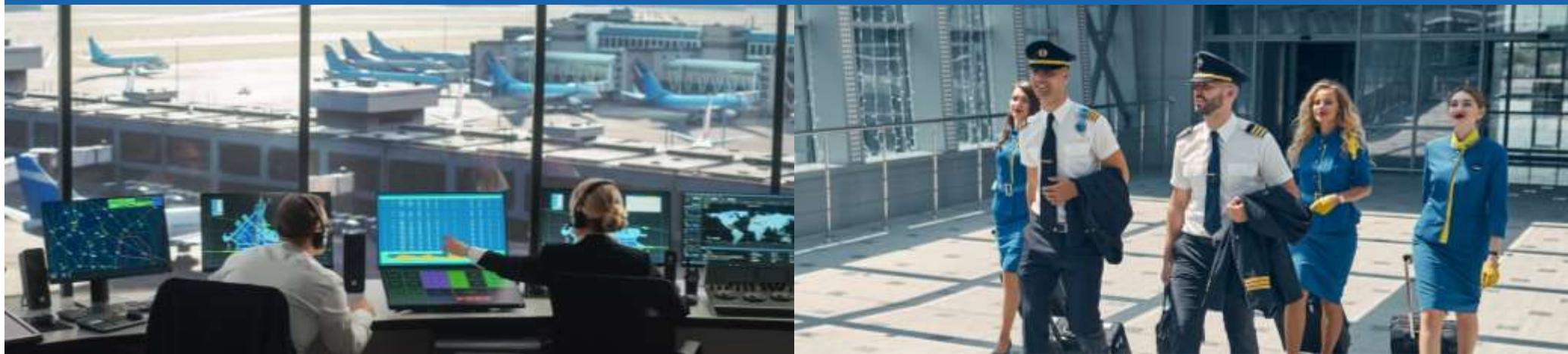
Virtual reality

**What is on the
other side of the
media**





Future challenges in aviation



Thank You



