

Planning and Design of the YHU Central De-icing Facility

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Overview



**Montréal-Trudeau
International
Airport
(YUL)**



**Montréal
Metropolitan
Airport (YHU)**



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Our mission statement

To revolutionize the airport model, turning it into a source of collective pride and inspiring the world to see air transport differently.



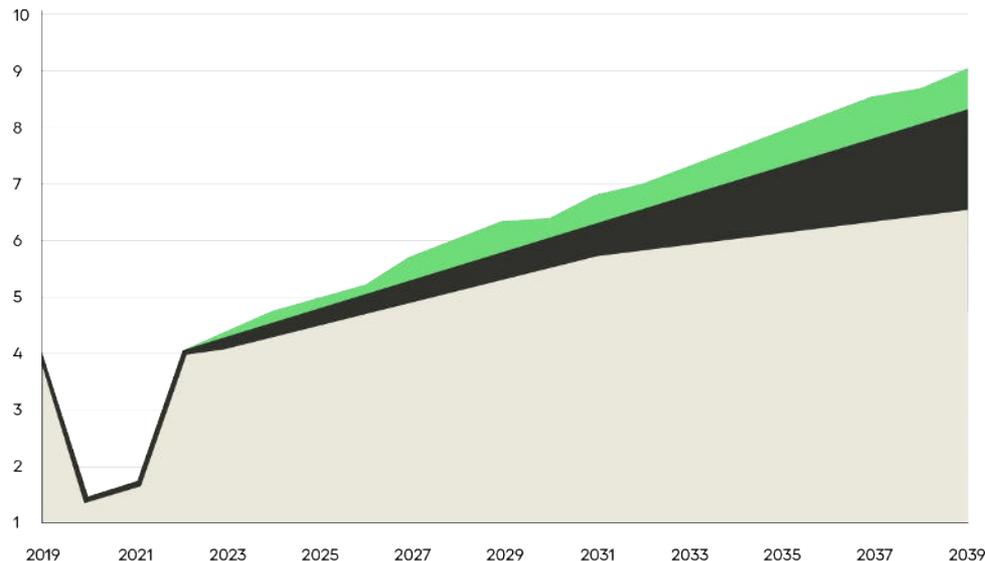
Important aerospace cluster

- First civilian airport in Canada (in 1927)
- 515 hectares of land
- Airport authority ownership
- Main runway: 2.4 km – cat. 4



World passenger traffic to be multiplied by 2 before 2040

Global Air Passenger Journeys (Billions)



Baseline



UP

Air passenger demand benefits from more favourable macroeconomic conditions



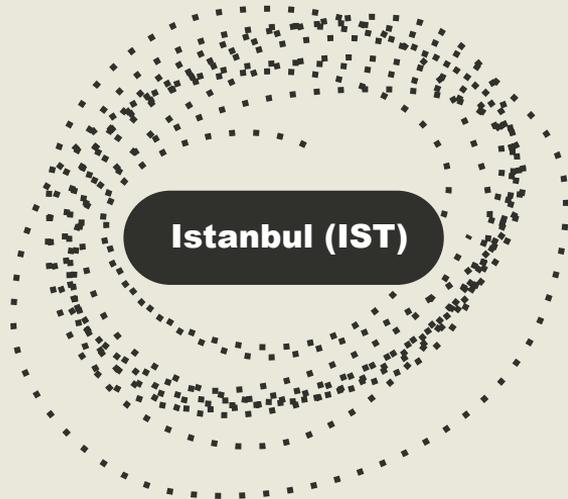
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Weaker macroeconomic conditions inflict lasting damage

Sources: IATA Sustainability and Economics, Tourism Economics (September 2023 release)

Traffic growth: two models

One mega-airport



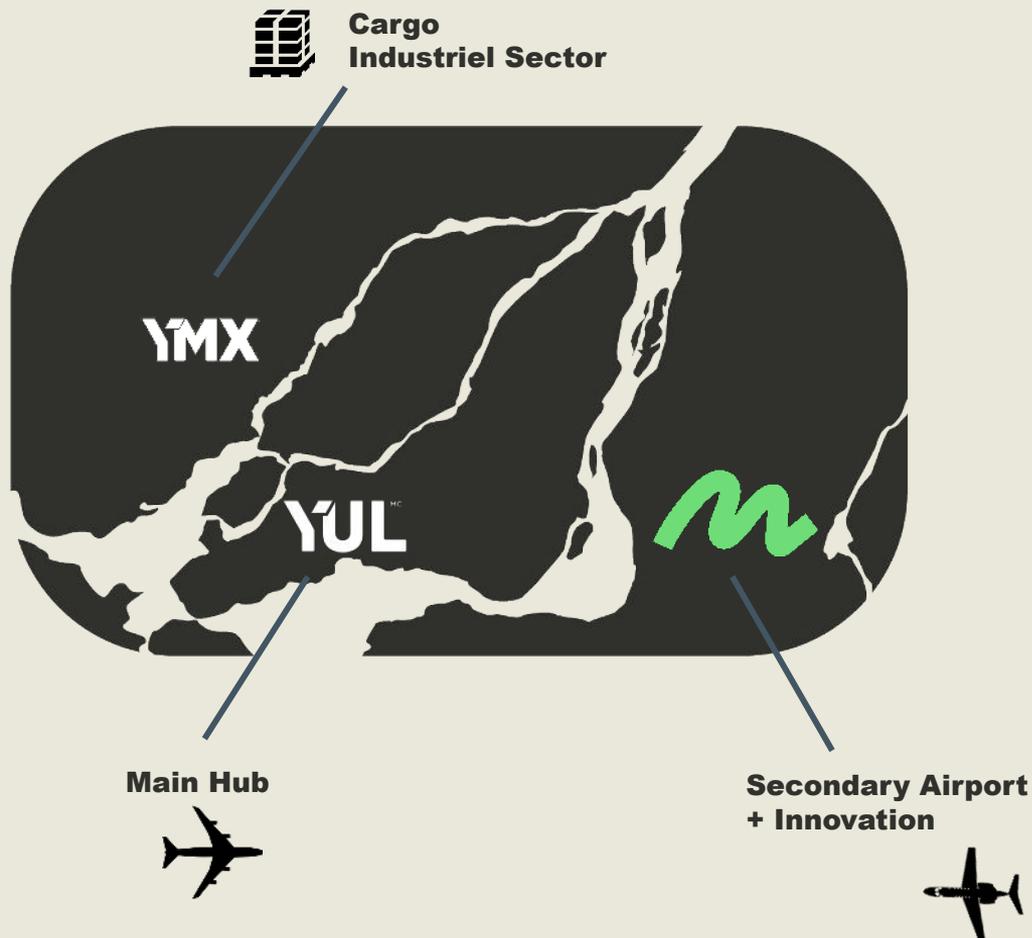
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Airport system



Major cities are served by an airport system

Each airport with its specific niche



About YHU Infrastructure Partners



**Montréal
Metropolitan
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- Partnership between Porter Aviation Holdings and Macquarie Asset Management
- Develop and operate a new passenger terminal at MET

New Terminal

- Expected operation: Early 2026
- Capacity: grow to service 4 Million passengers

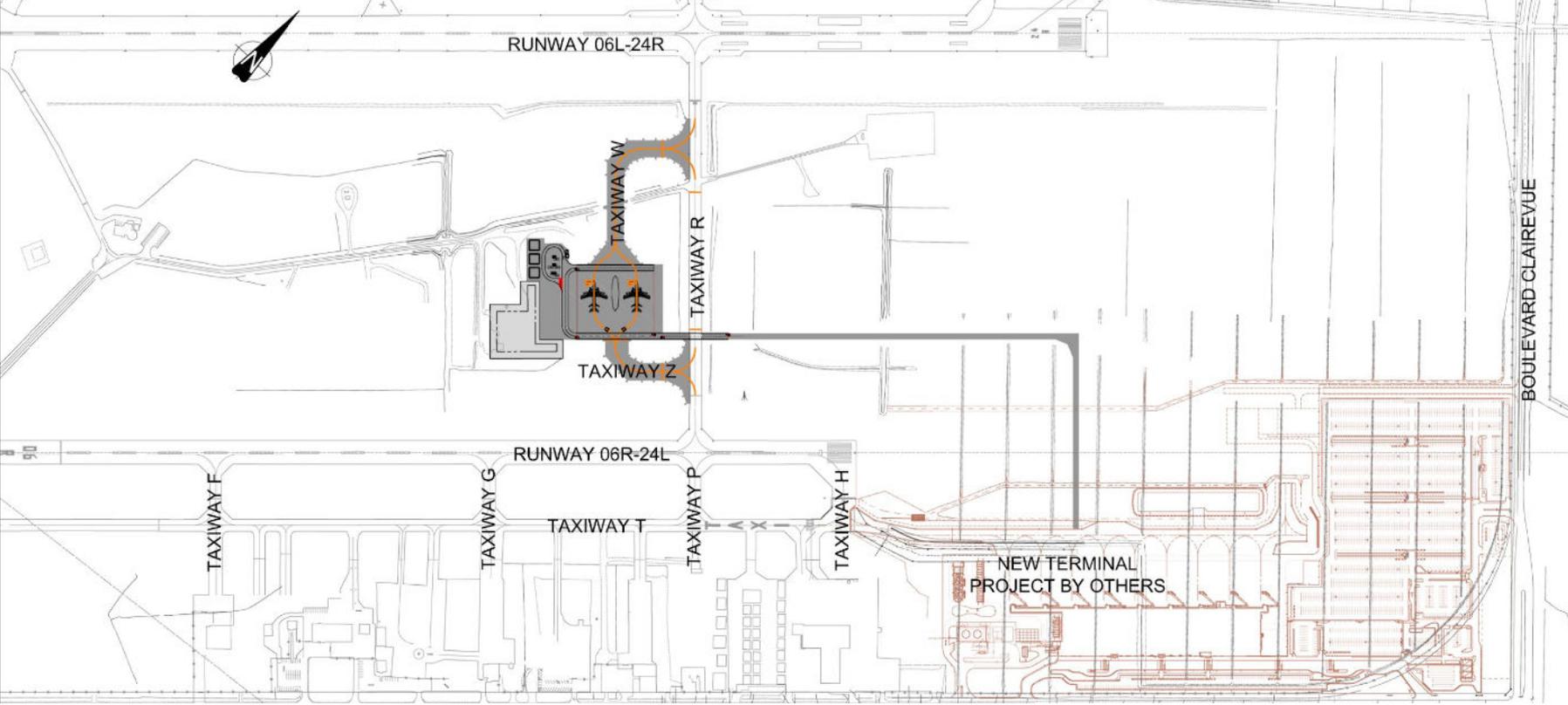
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- ❑ Minimize upfront capital
- ❑ Efficient winter operation
- ❑ Protect the environment
- ❑ Accommodate future expansion



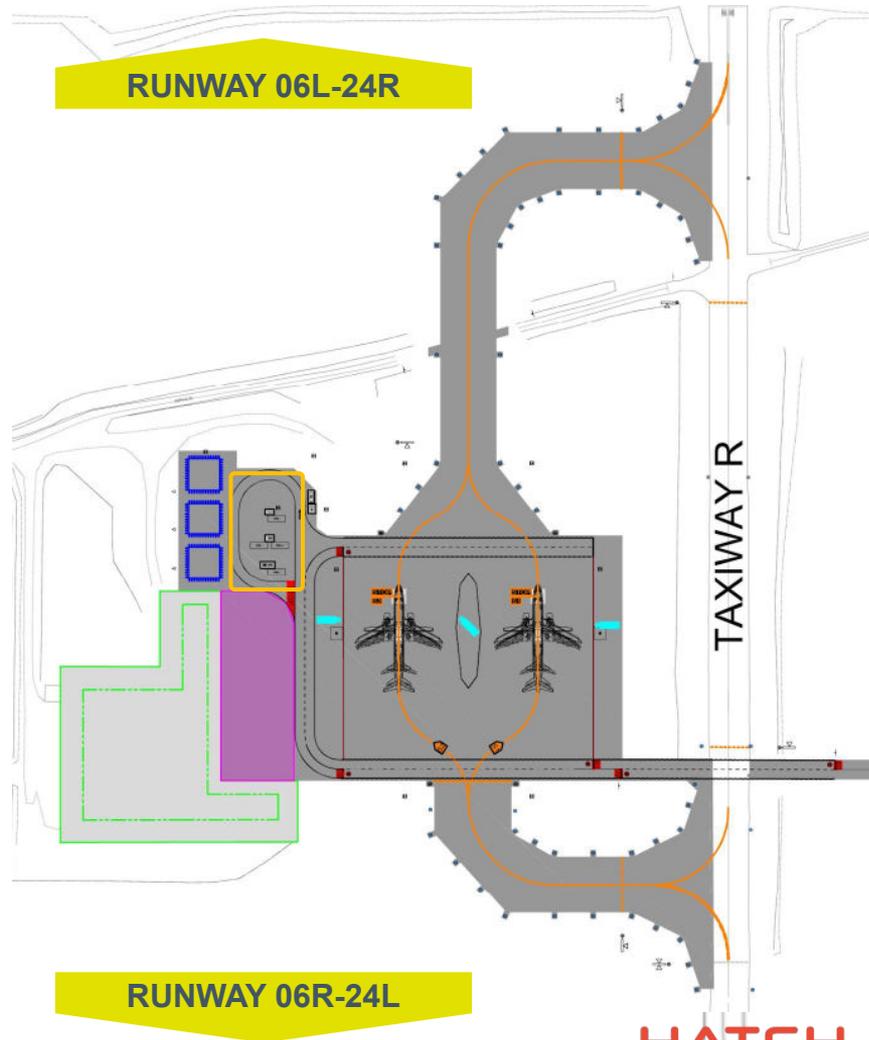
Central De-icing Facility (CDF) Location



CDF Geometry

- ✓ Ensures efficient winter operation
- ✓ Environmental protection
- ✓ Safety for vehicle operations

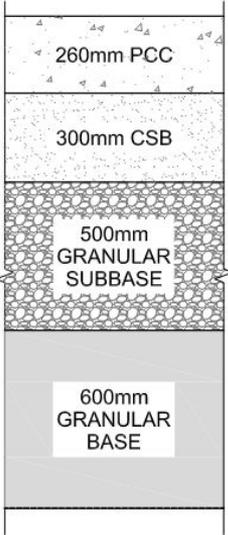
- De-icing vehicles
- Protective berm
- Pink snow storage area
- De-icing fluid pre-mixers
- Spent fluid holding tanks



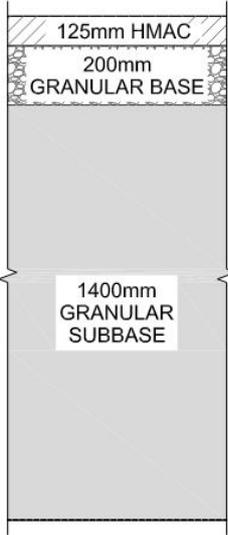
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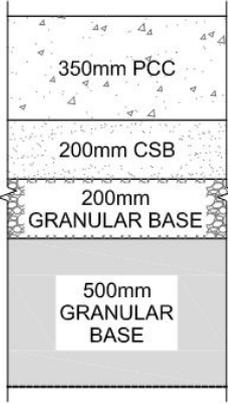
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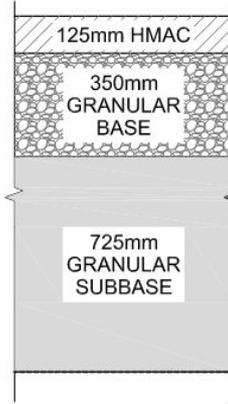
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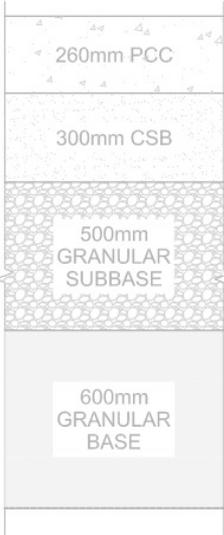
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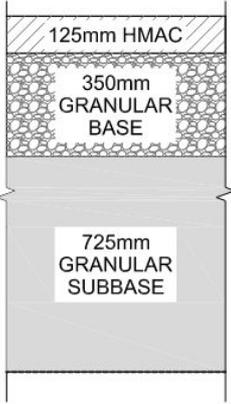
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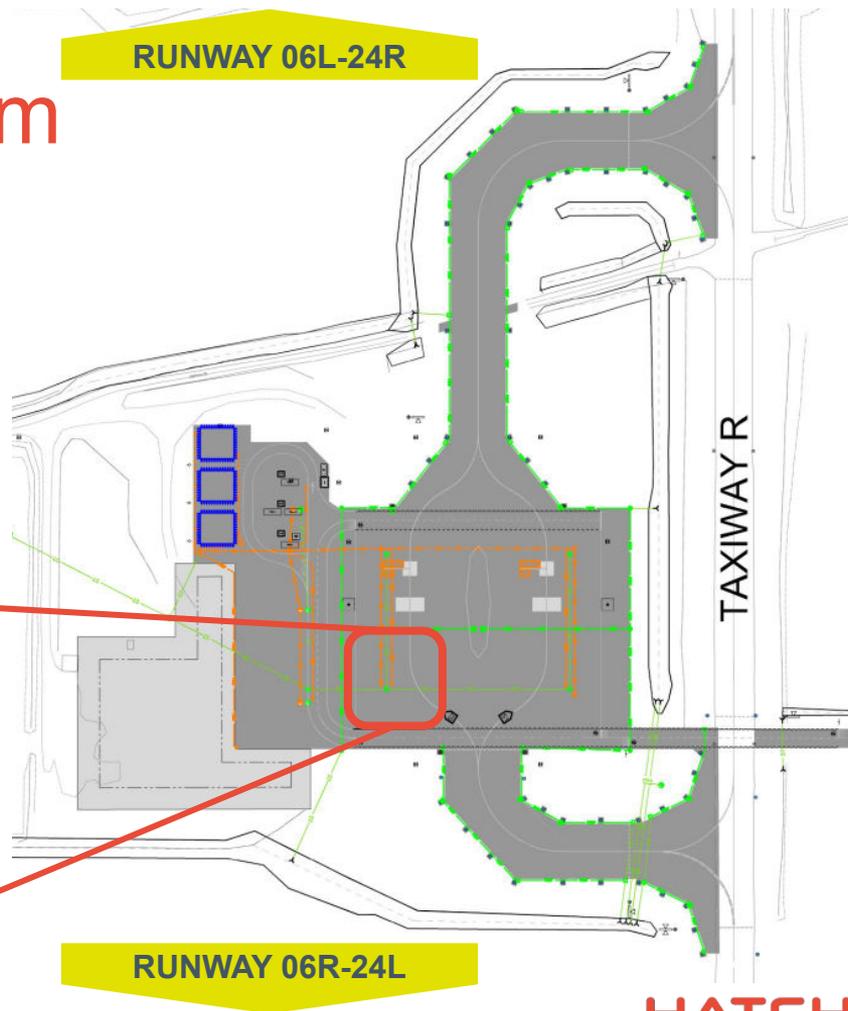


Flexible Apron & Taxiway



Dual Drainage System

- ✓ Enable single bay operations
 - ✓ Isolate pads for Glycol Recovery Vehicles (GRV)
 - ✓ Divert clean run off into nearby ditches
 - ✓ Reduce volume of glycol impacted runoff collected
- Clean Surface water drainage
— Glycol fluid drainage



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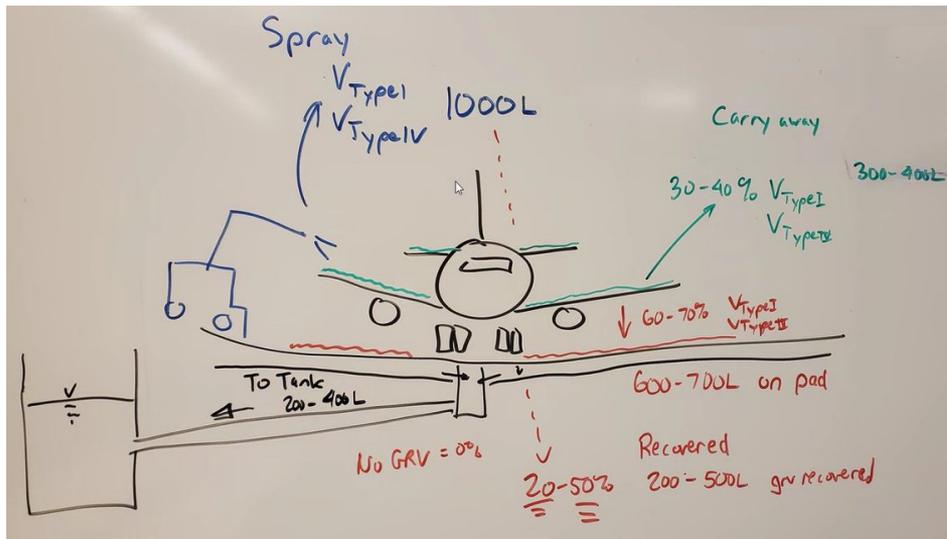
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Model Development

How to model de-icing operations and glycol reduction strategies?



Understand
the problem

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Model
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Known

- Departure Schedule and aircraft mix
- Equipment Capabilities
- Operating Approach

Unknown

- Design Day
- Design Season



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Additional Variables

- Weather
- Departure Mix
- Spray Volumes by:
 - Aircraft Code
 - Weather
 - Contamination
- CDF Configuration
- Reduction Strategies

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De-icing Concept Model

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Results

- Aircraft condition based on weather up to 2 hours prior to departure
- Early AM departures are considered Remain Overnight (RON)
- Base volumes can be adjusted:
 - Glycol concentration of Type I adjusted by blending for daily minimum temperature
 - Up to 50% reduction in Type I spray volume by using hot forced air
 - Aircraft carry away between 30% and 40%
 - GRV recovery efficiency of up to 53%



De-icing Concept Model



- Considered three seasons (Oct 1 to May 31) to account for variability deicing requirements and amount of precipitation
- Hourly data on temperature, wind speed, and weather observations used to assess condition of aircraft based on the departure schedule
- Daily data provides the total rain, snow, and overall precipitation to predict runoff

Season	Average Max Temp.	Average Min Temp.	Average Temp.	Rain (mm)	Snow (cm)	Total Precipitation (mm)
Average <i>(closest to 30-year normal)</i>	19.6	-15.7	0.9	494.9	240	723.1
Wet <i>(highest total precipitation)</i>	19.3	-10.5	1.9	731.4	183.5	898.7
Cold <i>(lowest average temperature)</i>	18.6	-17.6	-1.4	400.3	204.7	597.1

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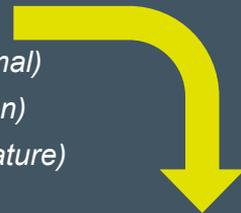
Results

Account for variables

- ✓ Blending for temperature
- ✓ Use of forced air to reduce glycol use
- ✓ Use of GRVs for recovery
- ✓ Fraction carried away by departing aircraft
- ✓ Departure schedule

Assessment of three seasons

- Average (*closest to 30-year normal*)
- Wettest (*highest total precipitation*)
- Coldest (*lowest average temperature*)



Seasonal Weather Prediction	Blending Method	Area of Pink Snow Storage	File Path of Climate File
Select a season Max Precipitation Season	Select a blending method Blend for Daily	Input the area of the pink snow storage area in square metres 6535	C:\Users\arms833530\Downloads\SHHubertClimate Data30Yrs.xlsx
Aircraft Carry-Away Input the % of solution carried away by the aircraft 30	GRV Recovery Efficiency Input the % of solution that can be recovered 0	Unit Cost of Type I and IV Input the cost per litre of new Type I solution 0.64	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Predict</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">This macro sorts through a massive amount of information and may take upwards of 30 minutes to run. Please do not interact with this window in the meantime. When the prediction has finished generating a pop-up will appear.</div>
Hot Air Type I Reduction Input the % of Type I ADF that can be saved by using hot air on dry snow 50	Area of De-Icing Pad Input the area of the de-icing pad in square metres. This area does not include the pink snow storage. 12045	Method of Removal from Tank Input the method of fluid removal from the tank. Mass Loading and Tanker (Show both scenarios)	

Modelling Output

Understand the problem

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Results

- ✓ Annual and Daily summary
- ✓ Estimated costs for glycol supply
- ✓ Estimated storage volume required

Prediction Results										
Month	Average Max Temperature (°C)	Average Min Temperature (°C)	Average Mean Temperature (°C)	Total Rain (mm)	Total Snow (cm)	Total Precipitation (mm)	Note:			
October	13.8	5.7	9.8	165.3	0	165.3	The liquid draining to the tank (Runoff, L) includes both runoff from the de-icing pad as well as runoff and meltwater from the pink snow storage area. This means that the total amount of neat glycol draining to the tank also includes both runoff from the de-icing pad as well as any glycol released from the pink snow storage area runoff and meltwater.			
November	7.1	-2.0	2.5	80	16.4	97.4				
December	-2.4	-3.8	-6.1	27.7	72.4	94.3				
January	-0.8	-8.3	-4.6	103	47.4	149.4				
February	-3.2	-10.6	-6.9	46	29	58.5				
March	3.6	-4.9	-0.6	30.4	14.8	40.3				
April	13.3	0.6	7.0	103.5	3.5	107				
May	18.3	9.0	14.2	175.5	0	175.5				
Seasonal Totals				731.40	163.50	898.70				
Peak De-Icing Day										
Date	Max Temperature	Min Temperature	Mean Temperature	Total Rain (mm)	Total Snow (cm)	Total Precipitation	This value assumes only ADF is recovered by the GRVs, not precipitation.			
03-Dec	-3	-6.7	-4.9	0.00	0.20	0.20				
Month	Total Number of Departures	Number of Departures De-Iced	Total Amt Type I Sprayed (L)	Total Amt Type IV Sprayed (L)	Total Amt Neat Type I Sprayed (L)	Total Amt Neat EG [Type I + IV] Draining To Tank (L)	Total Liquid Draining to Tank (Runoff, L)	Total Amt Neat Glycol Recovered by GRV	Cost of Neat Type I	Cost of Mixed Type IV
October	1364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
November	1680	1078.95	22998	47802	37952	1172434	2908	\$ 30,593.56	\$ 14,922.63	
December	2325	359304	71673	159929	86716	2167804	34486	\$ 102,354.44	\$ 46,587.18	
January	2201	241914	48437	104295	73966	3092756	10074	\$ 66,748.80	\$ 31,483.99	
February	1680	224520	35318	104664	55144	1455612	31079	\$ 66,965.09	\$ 22,956.98	
March	2077	197462	36571	85497	32420	859281	38520	\$ 54,718.01	\$ 23,771.41	
April	1290	9984	2228	3619	2750	985425	0	\$ 2,440.08	\$ 1,447.91	
May	1395	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	
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03-Dec	75	75	30107	6304	13036	11264	29624	0.00	\$ 8,343.23	\$ 4,487.73

Results for YHU Central De-icing Facility

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Season	Total Rain (mm)	Total Snow (cm)	Total Precip. (mm)	Aircraft De-iced (%)	Total Amount Blended Type I Sprayed (L)	Total Amount Blended Type IV Sprayed (L)	Total Amount Neat Glycol Recovered by GRV (L)	Total Liquid Draining to Tank (Runoff + Glycol) (L)
Average	494.9	240.0	723.1	2,679	823,425	124,127	251,060	9,925,296
Wettest	731.4	183.5	898.7	3,193	1,141,049	217,185	347,797	9,416,906
Coldest	400.3	204.7	597.1	2,916	933,960	151,064	280,011	9,192,254

Model Evolution



- Use of Incomplete Season Climate Data
- Options for Diversion During the Season, including:
 - Single Pad Operations
 - Clean Snow Diversion



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Project Status



“I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the entire team, and especially the Hatch team, for the outstanding quality of the plans and specifications. It is rare to see such comprehensive documents that precisely cover all the critical elements of a complex facility like this”

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