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He is critical on established procedures and has initiated several changes to improve safety. As from 2015 he has been in connection with Technical University Delft again and did research on a controllability issue on contaminated runways. This research has resulted in an AIAA-publication in journal of aircraft earlier this year.