

#### Weather Information: A Paradigm Shift



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# **Paradigm Shift**

- "Build it [weather information] and they will come."
- "Understand the impact of weather on NAS Operations and operational decisions, then build supporting weather information.
- The shift to the latter requires:
  - Researching operational decision making
  - Assessing the operational impact of weather phenomena
  - Developing the required weather information
  - Integrating weather information into decision support processes, both manual and automated



### **Which Operational Decisions?**

- How do we prioritize operational decisions?
  - Reliable, near-term and measurable operational improvements
  - Support for and keyed to other NextGen improvements
- Example: Improved Airport Arrival Rate (AAR) decision support in wind compression events
  - Data shows major potential benefits in New York Metro
  - Requires a couple of things to happen at once
    - Maturation of metering and spacing tools
    - Improved (if needed) wind profiles in terminal airspace



# **Tools and Discipline to Pick Winning Ideas**

- Data-driven service analyses to determine magnitude of impacts
- Validated Concept of Operations
- Development/utilization of modeling, simulation, and demonstrations
- Aviation stakeholder support



# Where do winning ideas come from?

#### • Operational decision makers

- Controllers
- Dispatchers
- Pilots

#### • Operations Research

- Weather and operations
- Modeling
- Simulations
- Demonstrations



# How can you have input?

- Data driven problem analysis
  - Provide ideas at the front end with solid data on operational incidence and impact.
- Participating in demonstrations to:
  - Validate Concept of Operations
  - Validate requirements
  - Assess workability and utility of integrated solutions

