

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

