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A Day In the life of the Aviation System Under NextGen

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The Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) Plan Defines A System That Can Meet Demands For The 21st Century







Responding to the Challenges An Outlook for the Next





Airspace is the Foundation to the Future

2015-2020 NextGen Foundation Projects

NextGen

 Effectively <u>APPLY</u> the solutions that we have available today

Near-term

• <u>EXPEDITE</u> the most promising and costeffective solutions of the future

FILL THE OPERATIONAL GAP

- Move from individual RNAV/RNP routes to large scale, networked implementation
- Airspace design balancing operational, resource, security needs
- Agile and adaptive airspace structure
- Align airspace to function instead of geography





Airspace Configuration Concept



Exact boundaries will depend on the equipped aircraft and traffic density

Adaptable Airspace

- En route congestion problem
- Structure and boundaries change based on traffic demand



Research Issues

- When, how much, and where to change airspace?
- How much advance notice to provide to the operator?

Restructured Airspace

- New airspace categories for advanced concepts
 - Automated separation operations (ground or airborne) airspace
 - Corridors-in-the-sky
 - Dynamic sectors
 - Larger airspace sectors



Corridors-in-the-Sky



- Design of tube networks that capture large amount of traffic and reduce extra flight distance needed
- Small number of corridors and high volume of traffic corridors

Scenario 1 Preplanning

Seconds

Years



Virtual 4D Weather Cube



Flying LGA to ORD in Weather

Fraction of Normal Sector Capacity





20060727-225400 UTC



Incrementally define Route and Decision Points

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As the flight progresses, Uncertainty is reduced

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Probabilistic Future Sector Demand and Capacity Graph

Sector 02



Managing Congestion to an Acceptable Level of Risk (Probability)



Congestion Resolution Decision Tree



Of the possible decision paths, which one reaches the congestion management goal with the least operational impact?

Time-Optimal Decision Making Simulation



MES361 AR19 223 A86 E21:25

FLG5814 LAYNE AT 40292 A53 E21:20



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Scenario 2 Enroute

En Route Congestion





Lincoln Lab Pilot Behavior Analysis and the WAF Altitude Field



Developing Concept for Automated Tactical ATC Weather Avoidance



Up to 20 minutes lead time: ATC automation uses weather forecasts to predict aircraft to convective weather intersections and generates resolutions that avoid other aircraft and weather. Clearances are automatically distributed to data link equipped flights. Pilots have the option to request changes to the route, including requesting a route back through the weather.

Example of NASA Weather ATM Integration Research

Movie loop shows one way to adjust to enroute storms



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2 Flows



3 Flows



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Free Flight (Unidirectional Rule)



Platooning of 2



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Platooning of 3



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Packed Unidirectional Flow

Scenario 3

New York Arrival and Departure Super Density Operations

Now to NextGen



Credits

- FAA/JPDO
- Metron
- MITRE
- MIT/Lincoln Labs
- NASA

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