Airspace Technology Demonstration 2 (ATD-2)

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Fuser Deeper Dive (Mediation & Use Cases)

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Discussion Topics

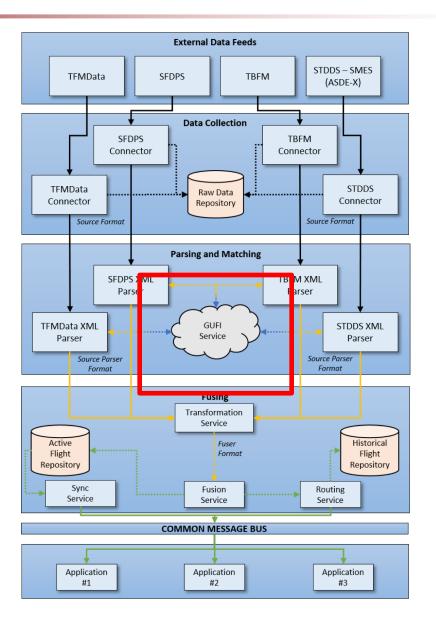


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Flight Matching







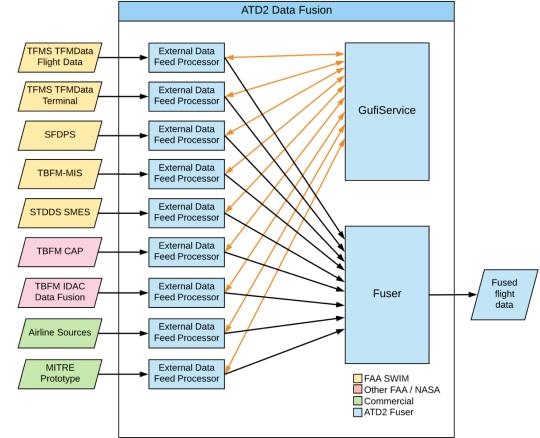


- Goal
 - Assign a Global Unique Flight Identifier (GUFI) to every flight message.
 - Ex: AAL1428.DFW.MCI.190507.1504.0132.TFM
- Why?
 - GUFI links together flight data across all external data feed sources.
 - Crucial precursor to data fusion.
- What is a flight?
 - Flight matching is where the "flight" is defined.
 - ATD2 defines a "flight" as the full lifecycle : starting with the scheduled or planned operation and ending at the arrival gate.





- ATD2 DFW GufiService
 - Handles GUFI requests from over 10 different data sources.
 - Stores the flight data state of each GUFI.
- External data feed processors
 - Request GUFI from GufiService.
 - Messages to Fuser include GUFI.
- GufiService performance (DFW Fuser):
 - Total:
 - ~15M avg messages handled per day.
 ~170 per second.
 - ~110K avg GUFIs managed per day.
 - ~200 avg messages per GUFI.
 - DFW:
 - ~3.5M avg messages handled per day.
 - ~7,500 avg GUFIs managed per day.
 - ~1,000 avg messages per GUFI.

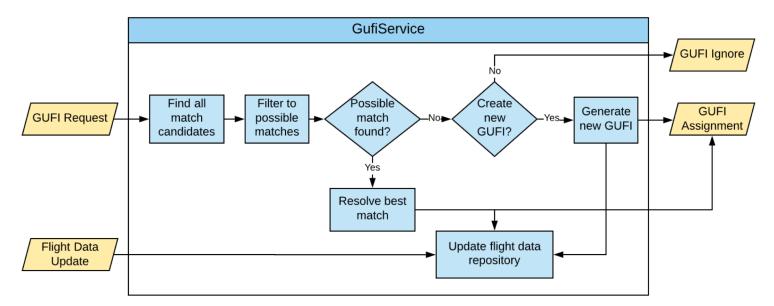




Flight Matching: ATD2 Approach



- Basic approach to matching a flight
 - Find the best possible flight match, if one exists in the known data.
 - Otherwise, create a new GUFI, if sufficient data exists.
- Core flight matching data
 - Aircraft ID / Callsign (e.g. SWA568).
 - Origin / Destination airports (e.g. DFW -> LGA).
 - Flight time windows (e.g. 9:30 13:45).
 - Position (e.g. latitude / longitude / altitude).
 - External data feed system IDs (e.g. TFMData flightRef).
 - Aircraft attributes (e.g. registration number, Mode S transponder)





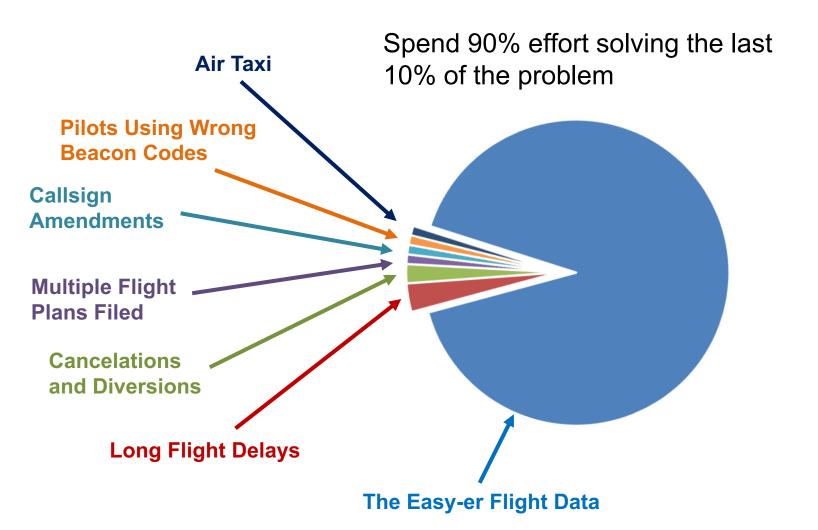
Flight Matching: Example



Time	Message	TFM FlightData	SFDPS	TBFM MIS	STDDS SMES	ATD2 GUFI
Sunday 19:00	Scheduled flight plan AAL045 DFW -> CLT Monday 19:00->21:59	Х				AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 17:00	Filed flight plan AAL045 DFW -> CLT Monday 19:00->21:59	х	Х	Х		AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 17:30	Amend flight plan route AAL045 DFW -> CLT Monday 19:00->21:59	Х	Х	Х		AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 18:30	CDM times update AAL045 DFW -> CLT Monday 20:05->22:15	х				AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 19:02	Scheduled flight plan AAL045 DFW -> CLT <mark>Tuesday</mark> 19:00->21:59	х				AAL045.DFW.CLT.02 <mark>11</mark> 19.1902.0000
Monday 19:55	Surface surveillance AAL045 ASEX=KDFW				Х	AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 19:59	EDCT AAL045 EDCT=20:24	Х		Х		AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 20:25	Flight Departure AAL045	Х	Х	Х		AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000
Monday 20:27	Airborne surveillance AAL045	Х	Х		Х	AAL045.DFW.CLT.021019.1900.0000











- Regression Testing = Key to matching logic improvement
 - Definition: A suite of tests that are required to pass when software changes are made.
 - Matching logic improvement is heuristic-based, adaptive process.
 - There is no 100% solution. Flight data is always scheming to defeat you.
 - Goal is intelligent whack-a-mole fix one issue without causing another.
- Purpose
 - Emulate full matching process: replaying input messages from mock sub-components through the internal GufiService logic.
 - Reliable debugging of operational use cases.
 - Each test is simple format for analysts/testers to describe a matching problem.
 - Stockpile of regression tests to run against future development.







- Regression Test Process
 - Leverage database of historical GufiService messages.
 - Build match logic test cases with validated results.
 - GufiMatchTester software drives GufiService with test cases.
 - Currently over 100 regression test cases.
 - Iterate GufiService logic improvements until all tests pass.



GUFI Message Database



Regression Test Cases



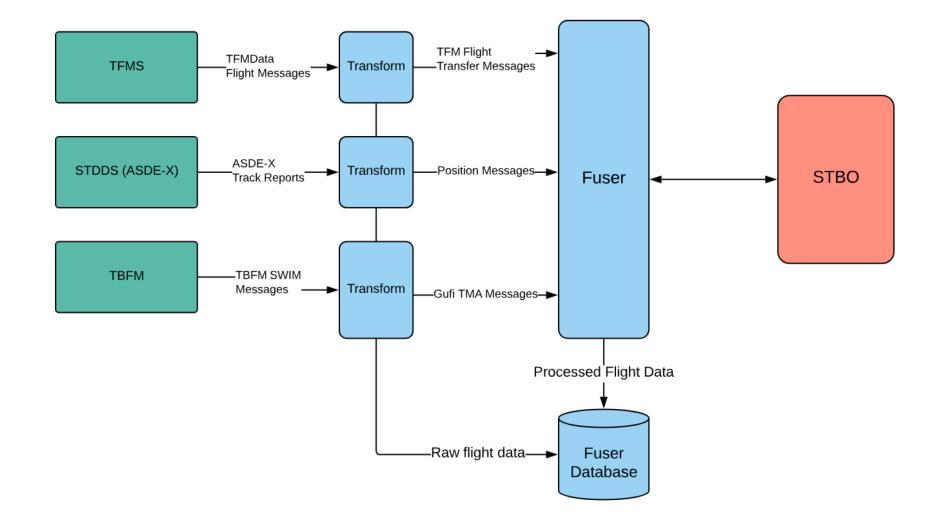






Flight Data Transformations

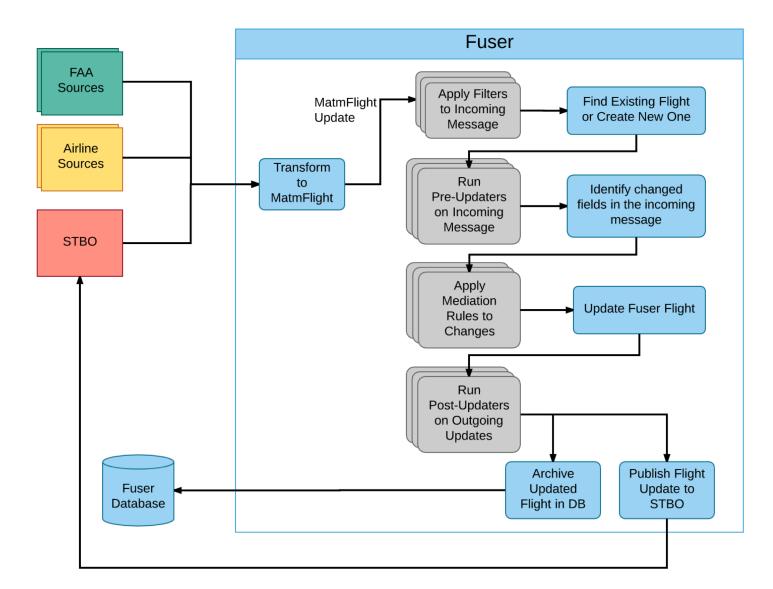






Fuser Flight Processing











- Filtering is used to filter out an entire update before the data is applied to the fused flight
 - Eliminate unnecessary processing and/or updates that reduce data quality.
 - Filtering is based on defined rules:

Filter Name	Description	Reason
AttributeFilter	See Industry Day Documentation for more details <u>Link</u> .	In certain cases, we know that a source has bad data in certain fields, we don't trust the values, or we feel we will have better data from another source.
FlightPositionFilter	Filter out the position update if that latitude, longitude, or timestamp is null.	The systems needs to have all three to have a valid position. At times we are getting bad data with one of those three fields missing causing problems downstream.
GufiFilter	Filter out any messages that have not been assigned a GUFI (Global Unique Flight Identifier).	These are messages we were unable to match typically due to a lack of information.
LocationFilter	Filter out any messages that are not	In this case, the Fuser was for an STBO system operating for Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) and Therefore only needed data relevant to CLT. Implemented to keep performance under control by not processing data not relevant to CLT.

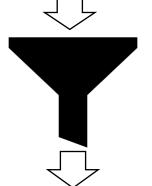


Filtering Sample



acid	Departure Aerodrome	departure stand earliest time	Arrival Aerodrome	Last update source	System id	Timestamp
ABC1234	CLT	2017-04-05 11:00	DFW	TFM_TFDM	ABC	2017-04-05 10:00
ABC4567	ATL	2017-04-05 11:15	ORD	TFM_TFDM	ABC	2017-04-05 10:00
ABC8999	CLT	2017-04-05 11:30	JFK	TFM_TFDM	ABC	2017-04-05 10:00

Not a flight operating at CLT



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ABC8999	CLT	2017-04-05 11:30	JFK	TFM_TFDM	ABC	2017-04-05 10:00





- Attribute filtering is used to filter out fields before they are applied to the fused flight, based on the defined rules
- Attribute Filtering is used when
 - A source is known to have bad or untrustworthy data in certain fields
 - Better data is likely to exist in another source for certain fields

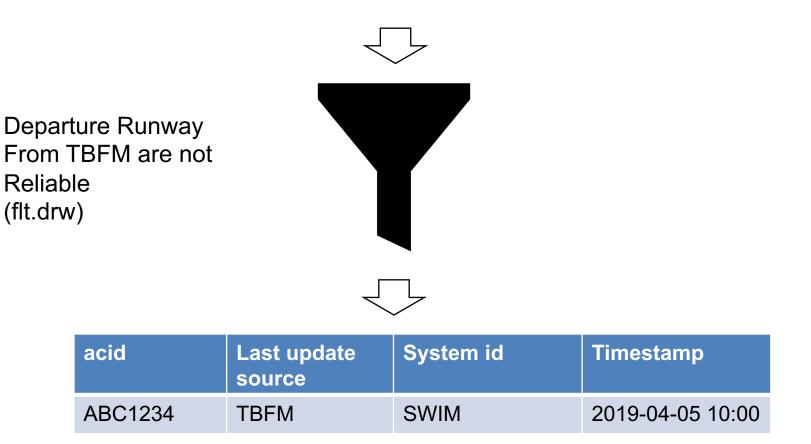
Field	Excluded by Sources	Reason		
arrivalFixActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
arrivalMovementAreaActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
arrivalRunwayActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data,Relying on STBO detection timeTFMS_Flight, TFM_Terminalactual values			
departureFixActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
departureMovementAreaActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
departureRunwayActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data, TBFM, TFMS_Flight, TFMS_Terminal	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
departureQueueEntryActualTime	Airline Data, 3rd Party Data	Relying on STBO detection times for the actual values		
departureRunwayAssigned	TBFM	The departure runway is only coming with the runway number and not an indication if is L,R, or C. For example 18 instead of 18L		



Attribute Filtering Sample



acid	departure runway assigned	Last update source	System id	Timestamp
ABC1234	CLT_36	TBFM	SWIM	2019-04-05 10:00









- Fuser mediation processing
 - Input data correction
 - Data source has known errors or anomalies
 - Value-added data computations
 - · Create new data elements not available in the input data source
 - Input data source priority rules
 - Used to define a precedence/authority between sources providing data for the same data elements.
 - Implemented when necessary
 - Default behavior allows any data source to modify a value
 - Filter out data modifications from one data source, if data modifications already exist from a higher priority source.
 - E.g. TFMData messages are more favorable in setting the Fuser schema "routeText" data element than TBFM MIS.
- More information
 - <u>https://aviationsystems.arc.nasa.gov/atd2-industry-days/fuser/Data-Mediation-</u>
 <u>Overview_85328193.html</u>



Fuser Metadata



- Fuser Metadata
 - In support of the mediation rules, Fuser tracks metadata of each Fuser schema data element:
 - Last modification input data source and message type.
 - Last modification timestamp.

Fuser Schema

```
<xs:element name="altitudeAssigned" type="xs:double" minOccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="altitudeRequested" type="xs:double" min0ccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="altitudeFiled" type="xs:double" min0ccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="speedFiled"</pre>
                                 -type="xs:double" minOccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name arrivalAerodrome</pre>
   <xs:element name="arrivalFixActual" type="xs:string" min0ccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="arrivalFixUser" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="arrivalFixSourceData" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
   <xs:element name="arrivalFixPositionDerived" type="xs:string" min0ccurs="0"/>
<xs:complexType name="aerodrome">
    <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="iataName" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
        <xs:element name="icaoName" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
        <xs:element name="faaLid" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
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                                             Fuser MetaData
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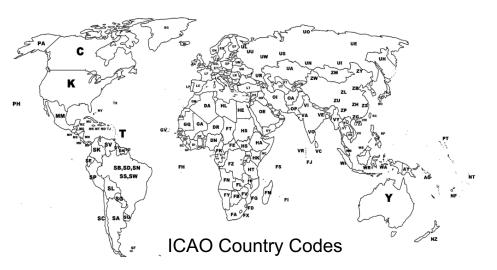
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<xs:sequence>
    <element name="source" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
        <element name="timestamp" type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" />
        <element name="systemType" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
        <element name="fieldName" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0" />
        </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```



Fuser Airport Mediation Use Case



- ICAO vs IATA
 - ICAO = International Civil Aviation
 Organization
 - IATA = International Air Transport Association
 - These organizations don't agree on how to name things.
 - FAA generally uses IDs similar to ICAO.
 - Airlines generally prefer IATA.



	ΙΑΤΑ	ICAO	FAA
Dallas Love Field Airport	DAL	KDAL	DAL
Hilton Head Airport	ННН	KHXD	HXD
Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport	AHD		1F0
Gastonia Municipal Airport		KAKH	AKH
Augusta Municipal Airport			3AU
Boeing 737-700 Aircraft Type	73G	B737	B737
Air Carrier	AA	AAL	AAL





- Airport Conversion and Correction by Source
 - Mapping over 27k ICAO / IATA / FAA LID.
 - Based upon input data source, set ICAO, IATA, and FAA LID values for all messages.
- Special Cases and Data Anomalies
 - TBFM MIS "airport" can be a waypoint.
 - Airborne IFR filed flight plans.
 - TFM Schedule flight plan OAG errors.
 - E.g. Doha OTBD airport closed in 2014 (replaced by OTHH), but is published in TFMS Scheduled flight plan messages.

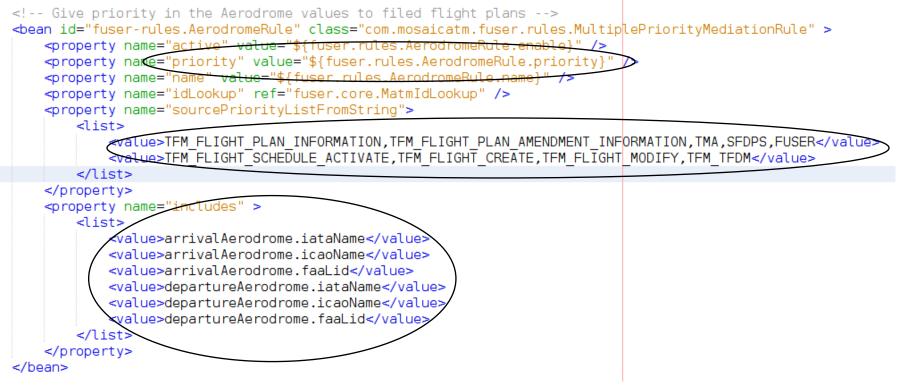
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6820	Russian Federation	Turlatovo Airport		UUWR		RZN			
6821	Philippines	Cesar Lim Rodriguez Airport		RPSD		RZP			
6822	Iran	Ramsar Airport		OINR		RZR			
6823	Pakistan	Sawan Airport		OPSW		RZS			
6824	USA	Halifax County Airport		KRZZ		RZZ			
6825	USA	Shively		KSAA		SAA		SAA	
6826	Netherlands Antille	J. Yrausquin		TNCS		SAB			
6827	USA	Sacramento Executive Airport		KSAC		SAC		SAC	
6828	USA	Safford Municipal Airport		KSAD		SAD		SAD	
6829	Indonesia	Sangir Airport				SAE			
6830	USA	Santa Fe County Municipal Airp	ort	KSAF		SAF		SAF	
6831	USA	Sagwon		KSAG		SAG			
6832	Yemen	Sana'a International		OYSN		SAH			
6833	Iceland	Comalapa International		BIKR		SAK			
6834	El Salvador	El Salvador International Airpor	t	MSLP		SAL			
6835	USA	San Diego International-Lindbe	rgh	KSAN		SAN		SAN	
6836	Honduras	Ramon Villeda Morales Interna	Ramon Villeda Morales Internatior			SAP			
6837	Bahamas	San Andros Airport	San Andros Airport			SAQ		MYAN	
6838	USA	Sparta Community		KSAR		SAR		SAR	
6839	USA	Salton City		KSAS		SAS		SAS	





- Fuser Airport Mediation Rule
 - Problem: When flights amend the arrival airport, some TFM messages continue to use the old arrival airport.
 - Without mediation, the arrival airport toggles between the current and old values.
 - Solution: Fuser mediation to ignore data modifications by TFM sources that may use the incorrect arrival airport.

Fuser Mediation Rule







• Arrival Airport Mediation Messaging Example.

<property name="sourcePriorityListFromString"></property>	
	
<pre><value>TFM_FLIGHT_PLAN_INFORMATION,TFM_FLIGHT_PLAN_AMENDMENT_INF</value></pre>	
<value>TFM_FLIGHT_SCHEDULE_ACTIVATE,TFM_FLIGHT_CREATE,TFM_FLIGHT</value>	_MODIFY,TFM_TFDM

	Input Source		Fuser					
Time	Source	Arrival Airport	L	ATA	ICAO	FAA	MetaData	
1500	TFMData Schedule	OTBD (error)	C	DOH	<mark>OTHH</mark>	<mark>OTHH</mark>	1500 (TFMData Schedule)	
0900	Airline Source	DOH	C	ООН	OTHH	OTHH	1500 (TFMData Schedule)	
1100	TFMData Filed Flight Plan	OTHH	C	ООН	ОТНН	OTHH	1100 (TFMData Filed Flight Plan)	
1130	TFMData Amend Flight Plan	OMDB	C	<mark>DXB</mark>	OMDB	OMDB	1130 (TFMData Amend Flight Plan)	
1150	TFMData Flight Modify	ОТНН	۵	DXB	OMDB	OMDB	1130 (TFMData Amend Flight Plan)	

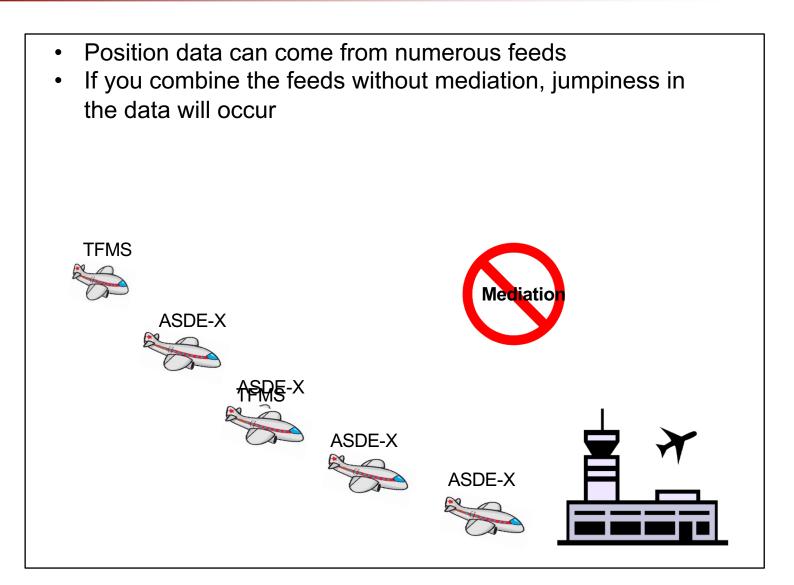




Mediation Position Data



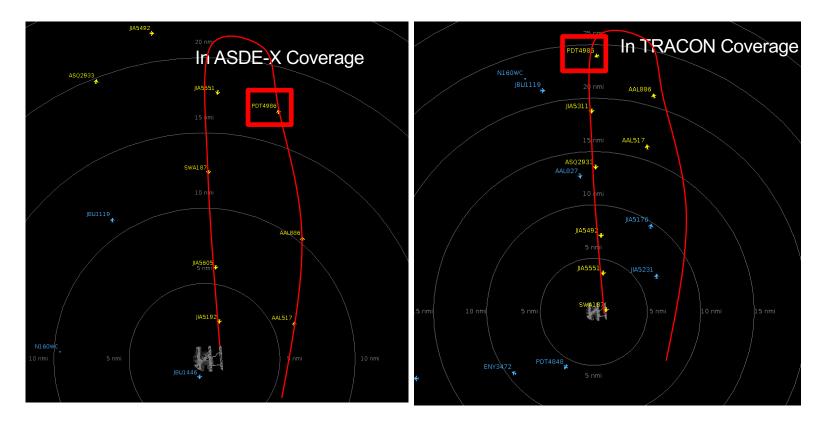








- The images below show the path of a flight in the terminal airspace
- In this case the flight transition from TRACON coverage to ASDE-X back to TRACON and finally back to ASDE-X







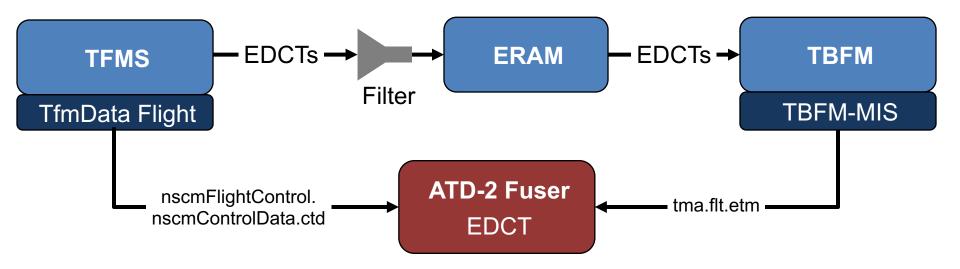
- Mediate to avoid jumpiness in the display and data
 - Define priority
 - Define a timeout
 - Transition back to a lower priority source if we quit getting data

Source	Frequency	Coverage	Priority	Timeout
STDDS (ASDE-X)	1 second	Surface to about 16 miles	1	5 seconds
STDDS TAIS	6 seconds	TRACON	2	30 seconds
SFDPS	12 seconds	NAS by CENTER stops in TRACON	3	60 seconds
TFMS	60 seconds	NAS stops in TRACON	4	60 seconds





- ATD-2 needs EDCTs for common situational awareness and runway predictions
- ATD-2 mediates TFMS and TBFM as equal sources
 - ATD-2 does not have to track filtered EDCTs separately from unfiltered



*TBFM SYNC messages had to be handled as syncs and not updates Prevented resetting the EDCT back to an old value





Multiple Flight Plans

ATD-2 Data Elements Tracked per Flight Plan

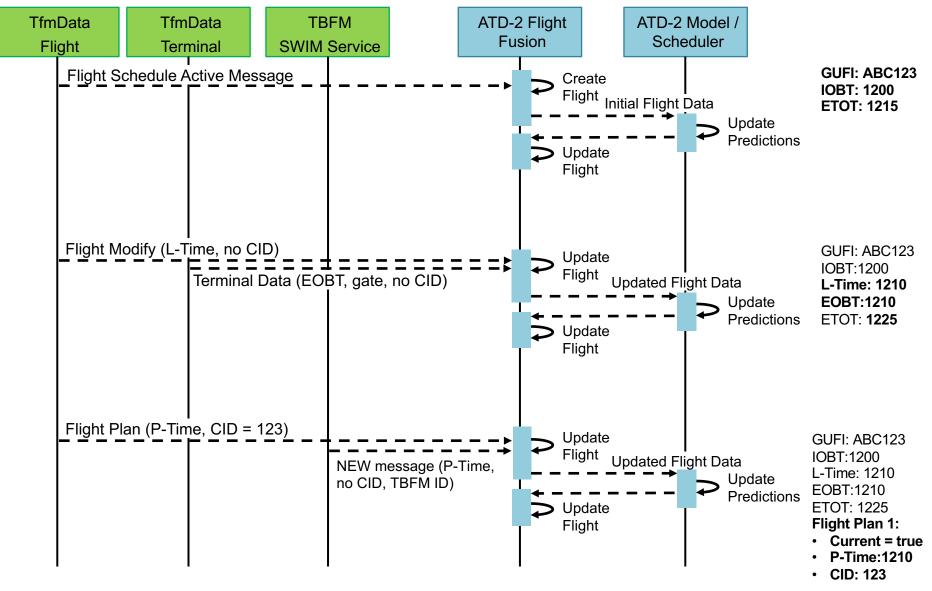
- ATD-2 tracks individual flight plans for AEFS integration
- ATD-2 manages a list of pre-departure flight plans
 - Tracks when each flight plan was updated
 - Tracks when a flight plan is cancelled
 - Most recently updated, non-canceled, flight plan is used as the current plan for surface modeling and scheduling
- The flight plan specific data elements are tracked per flight plan
 - P-Time, Route, Filed altitude, CID, etc.
- All other data elements are stored for the entire flight regardless of flight plan
 - L-Time, EOBT, TOBT, AOBT, Flight state, EDCT, aircraft position, etc.
- Currently uses TfmData as authoritative source for flight plan status and updates



Multiple Flight Plans

(initially the same as single flight plan use case)



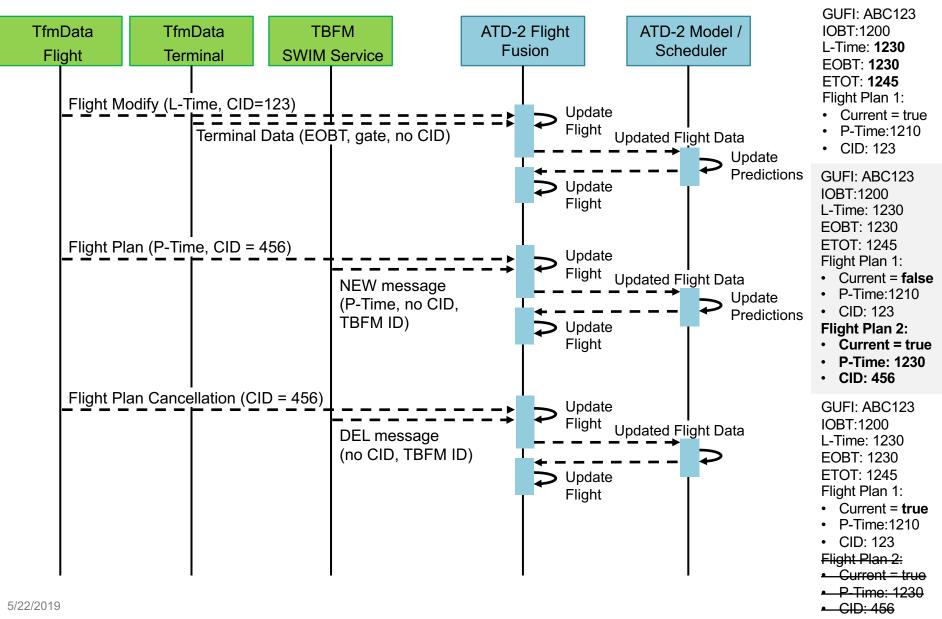


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Multiple Flight Plans (continued)









Fuser Flight Data





- Standard naming convention used with most data elements in the Fuser Flight
- Naming convention is a based on a flattened version of the Flight Object Data Dictionary (FODD) and FIXM Schema.
- Named so that related elements are close together alphabetically
- Self documenting for the most part
- Each name consists of three parts
 - Information category
 - Resource Type
 - Source Type
- Naming convention: category_resourceType_sourceType
- Examples:
 - arrival_runway_actual_time
 - departure_spot_predicted





Prefix	Description
aircraft_*	Information about the physical airframe operating the flight
arrival_*	Information about the arrival portion of the flight
departure_*	Information about the departure portion of the flight
position_*	Information about the flight's position
release_*	Information about the APREQ negotiation process





Resource Type	Description
runway	The data element related to the runway used by the flight
fix	The data element related to the fix used by the flight
stand	The data element related to the parking gate used by the flight
_movement_area_	The date element related to the time the flight enters or exits the movement area
spot	The data element that pertains to the physical location the flight enters or exits the movement area
queue	The data element that pertains to the time when the flight enters the departure runway queue





Source Type	Description	
*_actual_time	The time the flight actually made use of the resource	
*_controlled_time	The controlled time from a TFM TMI (GDP, AFP, GS)	
*_earliest_time	The earliest time a flight is expected to use the resource by external sources (EOBT)	
*_estimated_time	The time the flight is estimated to use the resource by external sources	
*_initial_time	The first event time received for the resource	
*_metered_time	The TMA-metered time (STA) that the flight will use the resource	
*_proposed_time	The flight time based on the filed flight plan	
*_scheduled_time	The time the flight is scheduled to operate by the airline	
*_surface_metered_time	The time a flight should comply with as part of a Surface Metering Program	
*_targeted_time	The time the flight is predicted to use the resource as set by the scheduler	
*_undelayed_time	The unimpeded time the flight would use the resource is not constrained by external restriction	





Source Type	Description
*_actual	The actual resource used by the flight
*_airline	The resource provided by an airline source or user entering the information in the RTC or STBO client display
*_assigned	The resource set by an FAA controller
*_position_derived	The resource derived from position data and adaptation by STBO
*_model	The resource derived from STBO modeling
*_decision_tree	The resource derived from STBO decision trees





Column Name	Description		
timestamp	Typically the timestamp of the source message		
timestamp_fuser_processed	The time the fuser finished processing the message		
timestamp_fuser_received	The time the fuser received the message		
timestamp_source	The timestamp in the message supplied by the source system when available		
timestamp_source_processed	The time the message was processed by the data parser		
timestamp_source_received	The time the message was received by the data parser		





The most common flight identifying field must be consistent across sources, right?

Source System	Term Used	
Fuser/MatmFlight	acid	
TFMS	qualifiedAircraftId.aircraftId	
TBFM	tmaType.air.flt. aid	
TFM Terminal Flight Data	acid	
STDDS Position Report (ASDEX)	flightId.aircraftId.value	
FIXM	flightIdentification.aircraftIdentification	





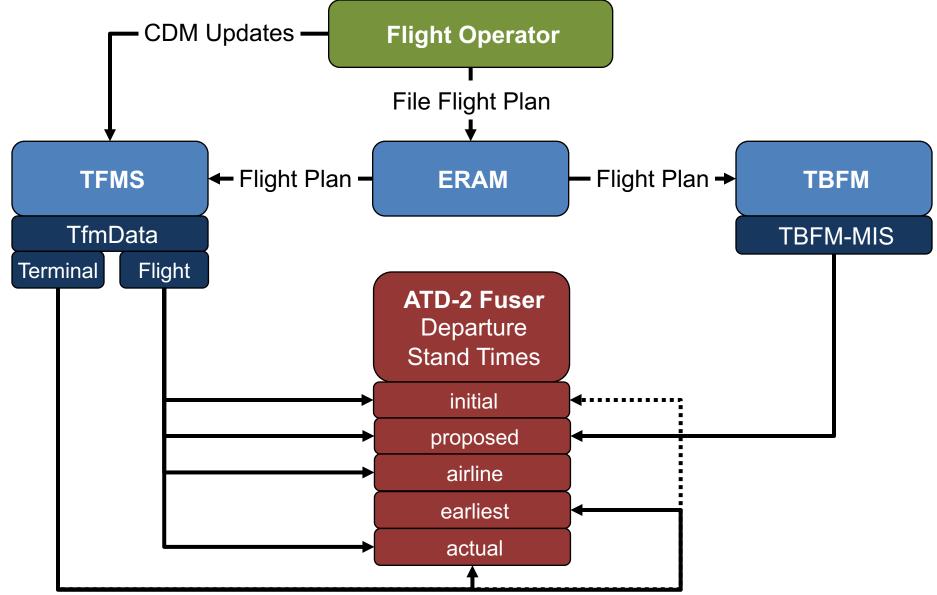
Improving Accuracy

- ATD-2 departure predictions start with when the flight will leave the gate
- There are multiple data elements that provide an estimate of pushback time
 - Some data elements are available in multiple sources
- The Fuser mediates and stores each data element individually
 - departure_stand_initial_time (IOBT / IGTD)
 - departure_stand_proposed_time (P-Time from flight plan)
 - departure_stand_airline_time (L-Time from CDM messages)
 - departure_stand_earliest_time (EOBT)
 - departure_stand_actual_time (AOBT / OUT)
- The ATD-2 prediction engine then uses the best available data element as the start of it's predictions



Best Available Out Time







Best Available Out Time



Departure Stand Time	TfmData Flight*	TfmData Terminal	TBFM-MIS**
Initial	flight.qualifiedAircraftId.igtd	flight.departureNas. runwayDepartureTime. original.time	
Proposed	[flightPlanInformation / flightPlanAmendmentInformation]. coordinationTime.value (if coordinationPoint == departureAirport && coordinationType == PROPOSED)		tma.air.flt.ctm (if tma.air.flt.acs == PROPOSED && tma.air.flt.fps == PROPOSED && tma.air.dap == tma.air.flt.cfx)
Airline	[nscmFlightCreate / nscmFlightModify]. airlineData.flightTimeData. airlineOutTime		
Earliest		flight.departureNas. runwayDepartureTime. earliest.time	
Actual	nscmFlightModify. airlineData.flightTimeData. gateDeparture	flight.departureNas. standPositionAndTime. standTime.actual.time	

* Multiple TfmData Flight message types can contain this data. Only the most common ones are listed here. ** TBFM-MIS mapping not currently used on ATD-2 because of feedback loop between ATD-2 and TBFM





- Full Fuser Mappings Available
 - <u>https://aviationsystems.arc.nasa.gov/atd2-industry-days/fuser/Fuser-Database-Input-Mapping-Table_85328219.html</u>













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