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Advanced Air Mobility Needs

A thriving AAM ecosystem will require decisions based on diverse and dynamic data, including vehicles, airspaces, weather, infrastructure, smart cities, payload, as well as customer data.



Advanced Air Mobility Barriers



- Limited interoperability & data standardization
- Insufficient accurate data
- Lack of continuous high-bandwidth connectivity between aircraft and the internet
- Inaccessibility to reasoning (decision-support) services
- Lack of economic incentives for data and AI providers

SRC: https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/

Evolving Complexity of the Info-Centric NAS (ICN)

Aerospace Service Users

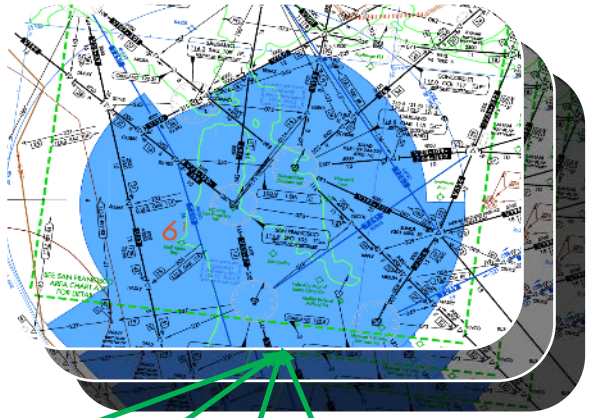
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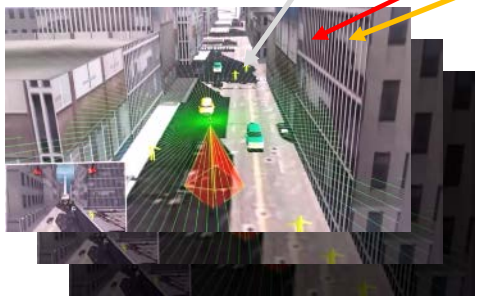
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- DISCOVERY
- AGGREGRATION
- VETTING
- DATA/$ TRANSACTIONS

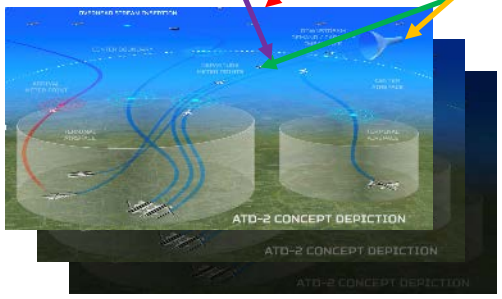
City "A" Planner

Package-As-Service Provider "A"

City "L" Planner

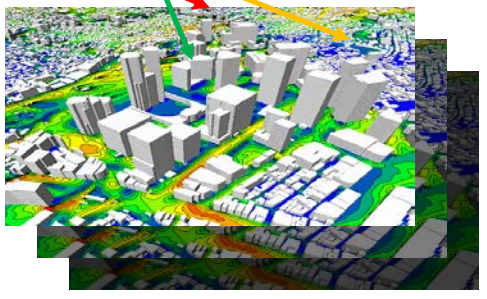
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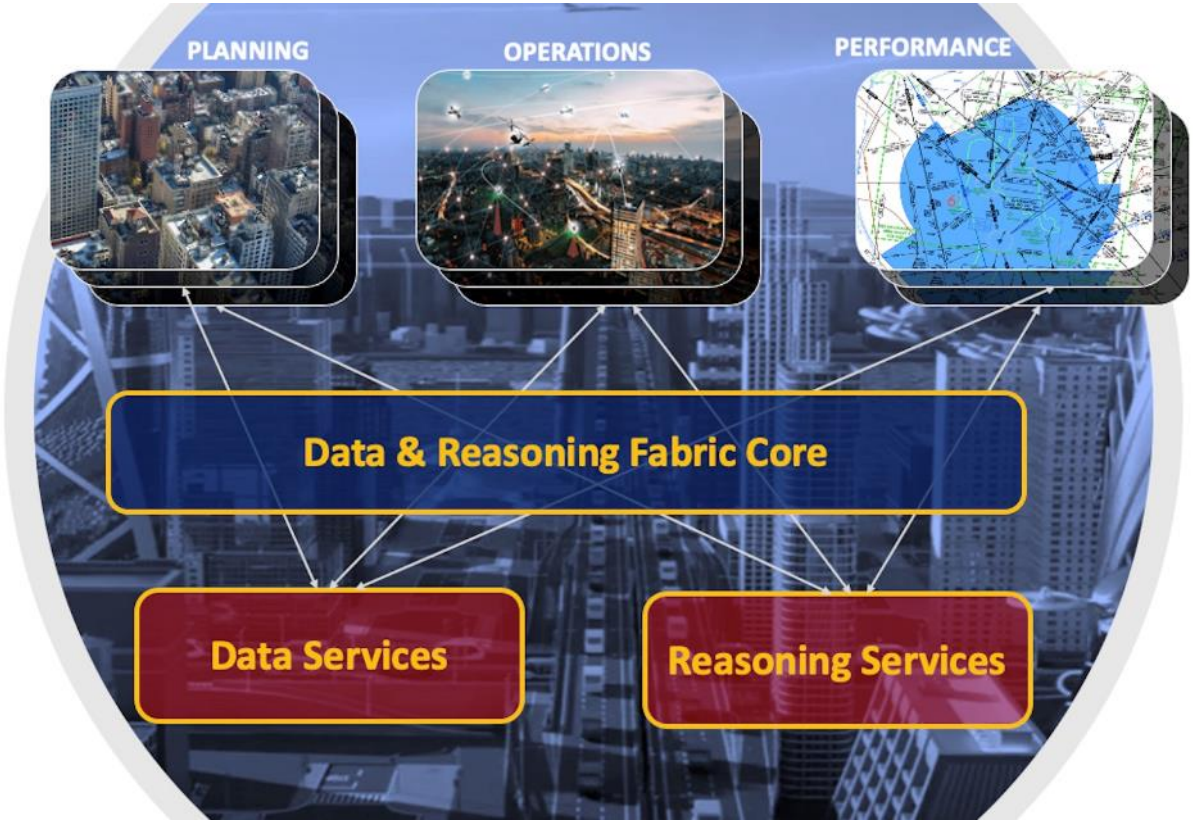
Data & Reasoning Services

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DRF is envisioned to provide access to data and AI-driven decision support tools to:

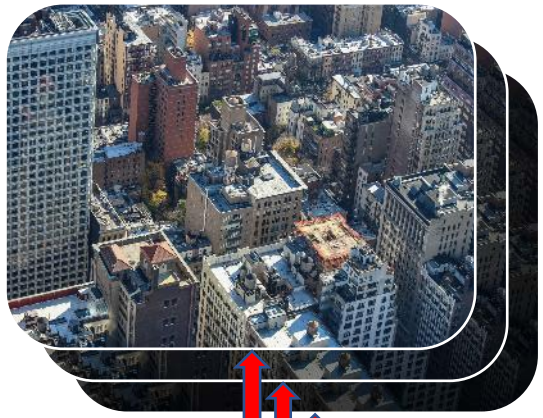
- Enhance monitoring and operational efficiency
- Reduce barriers to entry
- Enhanced data control for participants
- Flexible exploration, evaluation, and collaborative utilization of data and AI through system-wide interoperability framework and data exchange standards
- Incorporate comprehensive security measures
- Disseminate, manage, and implement operational policies through a multi-level regulatory framework.



Data & Reasoning Fabric in the ICN

Service Providers

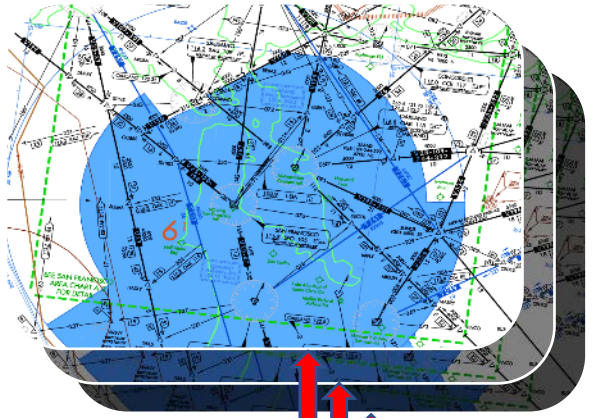
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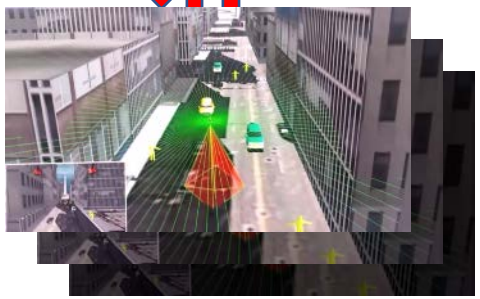


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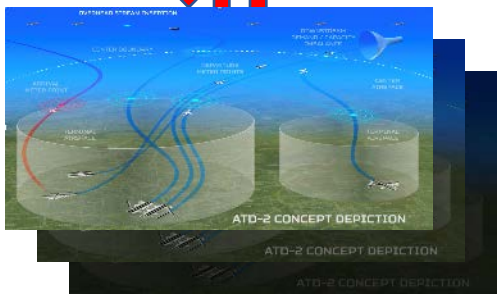


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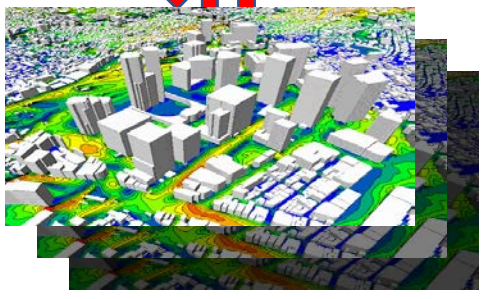
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