Airspace Technology Demonstration 2 (ATD-2)

Integrated Surface and Airspace Simulation – Experiment Plan

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Integrated Surface and Airspace Simulation (ISAS)

March 7th- 9th
Objectives of the HITL
ATD-2 capabilities tested in the HITL
Tools used in the HITL
What to expect during testing?
Participants
Roles and responsibilities
Schedule
• Evaluate operational procedures and information requirements for the following:
  – Tactical Surface Metering Tool
    • Evaluate the level of gate holds and its impact on runway queue
    • Evaluate the impact of EOBT accuracy level on the advisories
  – APREQ/CFR procedures between ATC Tower and Center
  – Data exchange elements between Ramp and ATC Tower

• Obtain feedback for Phase 1 Freeze decisions
  – Software
  – Procedures
  – Training

APREQ = Approval Request
CFR = Call for Release
EOBT = Earliest Off-block Time
ATD-2 capabilities tested in the HITL
Surface Metering Concept

- Estimates capacity of current and future runway resources
- Builds an efficient runway schedule based on readiness, EOBT and RBS
- Calculates spot advisories that support the metered runway schedule
- Provides push back advisories from gates that support the spot advisories

Surface Modeler

Capacity Estimator

Surface Scheduling

Runway Scheduler

Runway Times

Spot Advisor

Metered Spot Times

Gate Advisor

Gate Pushback Advisories

Data Exchange & Integration

Efficient Runway Schedule

Spot Release Advisories

Available slots for departure scheduling

Unobstructed Runway Times

Trajectory prediction and constraint modeling

RBS = Ration By Schedule

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Metering Advisories on Ramp Tools

A: Hashtag

B: Push Approved

C: hold n minute(s):

AAL705  A321  E
BOBZY-SFO
C6 9 18C  P1856

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Based on legacy PDRC currently deployed at DFW ATC tower
  – Improves the insertion of the flight into the overhead stream
  – Automates the process of getting a flow time (i.e., wheels-up time) from the Center that was traditionally handled via phone calls
• Provides Surface trajectory based OFF times to TBFM scheduler
• Integrates IDAC/IDST into the STBO (Surface Trajectory Based Operations)
• Shows the slots on STBO Timeline and allows automated APREQs

PDRC = Precision Departure Release Capability
TBFM = Time Based Flow Management
IDAC = Integrated Departure and Arrival Capability
IDST = Integrated Departure Scheduling Tool
DFW = Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport
Data Exchange

- Surface Metering - Time Based Metering
- Pushback and Surveillance information
- APREQ/ CFR
- MIT flights
- EDCT flights
- Gate Conflicts
- Runway utilization intent
- Runway assignments – operational necessity only
- Long on board (LOB) common awareness
- Runway closures

EDCT = Expected Departure Clearance Time
MIT = Miles in Trail
Tools used in the HITL
Tools & Equipment

• **ATC Tower**
  – Mini Tower showing CLT ATC tower out-the-window view (270 degree view) using 8 monitors
  – STBO Client: Surface Trajectory Based Operations
  – Emulation of ASDE-X display (STBO map)
  – Flight Strips
• **AAL Ramp**
  – 360 degree Simulator at FutureFlight Central (FFC)
  – Tactical Surface Scheduler (Ramp Tool)
  – Ramp Traffic Console (RTC) & Ramp Manager Traffic Console (RMTC)
• **CLT TRACON**
  – Emulation of STARS displays
  – Operational TBFM (ZTL arrival metering)
  – Remote view of STBO
• **Washington Center (ZDC)**
  – TBFM (ZDC Departure scheduling)
  – Remote view of STBO Client
  – Emulation of Traffic Situational Display (TSD)
ATCT Panoramic View
ZDC TMCs with TSD, TBFM and STBO

TSD = Traffic Situation Display

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CLT TRACON TMC interacting with TBFM and STBO
Pseudo-pilot working with ATG

ATG = Airspace Traffic Generator
Components of the HITL

- STBO Client: Surface Trajectory Based Operations (ATC Tower Tool)
- RTC: Ramp Traffic Console (Ramp Tool)
- RMTC: Ramp Manager Traffic Console (Ramp Tool)
- TBFM – Trajectory Based Flow Management (ZDC & TRACON Tool)
- MACS- Multi Aircraft Control System (TRACON & En route Tool)
- ATG: Airspace Traffic Generator (Tower Pseudo Pilot Tool)
Surface Trajectory Based Operations (STBO)

Client
Ramp Traffic Console (RTC)

- Solid Icon if tracked
- Hollow icon if no track
- Flight Strip while at gate
- Eastbound Blue, Westbound Brown
- Search Feature
- Departure Configuration
- Runway Count East/West
- Notifications Still under development

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Ramp Manager Traffic Console (RMTC)

Setting Metering Modes
ZDC TBFM TGUI and PGUI
What to expect during testing?
What to expect?

- **Time Based Metering**
  - Amount of delay propagated to surface (AMA and Ramp area) vs. Gate
    - Different levels of gate hold (i.e., nominal/less/more hold)
  - Earliest Off-block Times (EOBTs)
    - Perfect EOBTs for all carriers
    - Phase1 EOBT: Higher accuracy for AAL and regionals, and current day accuracy for non-AAL flights

- **Runway Configurations**
  - North flow
  - South flow

- **Various Data Exchange Exercised**
  - APREQs, EDCTs, MITs
  - Runway Utilization (arrivals and departures)
  - Runway Assignments
  - Gate Conflicts

AMA = Airport Movement Area
North Operations (Triple)
Demand Profile at CLT
Gate OUT / IN Events

- CLT has highly dynamic departure and arrival demand
- Other airports in NAS have similarly dynamic demand profiles
- Need for metering at such airports can be intermittent and must be informed by both departure and *arrival* demand predictions
Scenarios – Bank Analysis
Actual On and OUT

ATD-2 North Scenario

CLT Bank-6 data
Traffic Scenarios in CLT

• South Dual Converging Operation (92 arr & 80 dep per hour)
• Triple North Operation (75 arr & 65 dep per hour)
• No wind, clear visibility, but IFR rules in effect (can’t fly visual in this sim)
• No GA, No Cargo flights
• Duration 65 - 70 min
• Banks: matching heavy banks (2\textsuperscript{nd} and 6\textsuperscript{th})
  – 47-48 arrivals on RWY 36L/18R
  – 31-30 arrivals on RWY 36R/23
  – 36-25 departures on RWY 36C/18C
  – 33-38 departures on RWY 36R/18L
• TMIs:
  – ZDC requesting CLT APREQ departures to DCA, EWR, LGA, JFK and PHL
  – ZDC requesting CLT 15 MIT on BARMY and KILNS excluding APREQs
  – EDCTs
Traffic Scenario in ZDC

• En route traffic to DC metro and NY metro.
• Departures from CLT, GSO, RDU, RIC, DCA, IAD, BWI
• TMIs
  – ZDC requesting CLT APREQ departures to DCA, EWR, LGA, JFK and PHL
  – ZDC requesting CLT 15 MIT on BARMY and KILNS excluding APREQs
• BWI, CLT, DCA, IAD, RIC, RDU will send electronic APREQ requests
Airspace
Washington Center schedules flights bound to NY and DC to the meter points at the boundary of the Potomac and N90 TRACONs.

The schedules include flows coming from Atlanta, Jacksonville and all the CFR departures they control.
Departure Airspace (South Flow)

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Simulation Artifacts
Handoff Boundary compared with CLT traffic

- Approaches in burgundy
- Arrivals in blue
- Departures in red
- MACS ATG handoff boundary

7nm away from the RWY threshold

2nm away from the RWY threshold

Operational constraints:
Arrivals will be established on the approach before transferring to Tower (ATG).
Departures will be on a RWY heading until they are transferred to TRACON (MACS). We are not using divergent heading.

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Participants/Positions
Participants

- 2 Local and 2 Ground Controllers
- 1 Tower TMC
- 2 AAL Ramp Controllers
- 2 Retired Controllers
- 1 Ramp Manager
- 1 Clearance Delivery – confederate
- 1 TRACON TMC
- 1 ZDC TMC
- 1 ZTL TMC as observer
- 2 Ghost En route Controllers
- 1 ZDC other Towers - confederate
- 4 Arrival controllers
- 2 Departure controllers
- 18 pseudo pilots

Note: Positions in the Ramp, ATC Tower and TRACON will rotate.
Roles & Responsibilities

- Manage traffic as usual
- Provide an accurate assessment of workload during the simulation runs
- Fill in Post Run surveys online
- Fill in Post Study surveys
- Will rotate positions in the Ramp, ATC Tower and TRACON
Roles and Responsibilities
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- **ATC Tower TMC**
  - Enter the APREQs and MITs into STBO Client
  - Evaluate nominal and reschedule process for APREQ flights
  - Evaluate the RWY Off-times predictions and APREQ compliance
  - Evaluate that the information presented on STBO Client is adequate to handle ramp operations
  - Evaluate the data exchange items for procedures and information such as runway utilization, metering modes, and others
  - Evaluate how the gate holds are impacting operations in the AMA

- **ATC Tower GC/LC**
  - Manage traffic as usual
  - Ensure that flights with TMIs meet their scheduled wheels-up time with the compliance windows (-2/+1 min for APREQ and +5/-5 min for EDCT)
  - Evaluate how difficult or easy it was to comply to the wheels-up times
  - Evaluate how the gate holds are impacting operations in the AMA
Roles & Responsibilities

- Ramp Controllers / Ramp Manager
  - Adhere to the metering advisories as much as possible
  - Evaluate the advisories on TMI and non-TMI flights
  - Ensure flights with APREQ have a flow time before they are sent to the spot
  - Evaluate the level of gate holds and how they impact ramp operations
  - Evaluate that information presented on RTC/RMTC is adequate
  - Evaluate the data exchange items for procedures and information such as runway utilization, metering modes, and more
  - Ramp Manager - assess and point out times when metering should be turned on or off
Roles and Responsibilities

- **CLT TRACON**
  - Controllers to provide vectors to arrivals and departures, as well as required minimal separation as usual
  - Pre-arranged coordination between departures and arrivals.
    - Departures controllers are responsible to separate departures from arrivals
    - Arrival controllers must point out arrivals to departures. This is indicated in the SOP
  - Two final sectors
    - Final West controls East and Center RWY
    - Final East controls the East and crossing RWY
  - Feeder sectors enter scratchpad entries for RWY assignments.
    - East arrivals are assigned to East RWY
    - West arrivals are assigned to West RWY

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• TRACON TMC
  - Use both TBFM arrival metering TGUI and STBO as information input on traffic flow
  - Determine the use of Center RWY (18C/36C)
    • TRACON TMC decides which arrivals go to the Center RWY.
  - Determine in-trail spacing for En-route feed to the TRACON airspace, as needed
  - MIT and APREQ from CLT
    • STBO displays which departures have an APREQ and which have an MIT
    • Departure controllers will also know which destination the flights are flying via the datablock
Roles and Responsibilities

• TRACON TMC
  - Evaluate STBO demand prediction for RWY utilization
  - Evaluate RWY Off-times and APREQ compliance

• Time permitting
  - Evaluate that information presented on STBO Client is adequate to handle ramp operations
  - Evaluate the data exchange items for procedures and information such as runway utilization, metering modes, and more
  - Evaluate how the gate holds are impacting operations in the AMA
• ZDC Center TMC
  - Schedule all departures to ZDC’s Meter Points on the phone or electronically
  - TBFM EDC is used to schedule all stream classes going to NY and DC metro, including EWR and PHL (will be handled by CFR)
  - Center TMC will have STBO for situational awareness about CLT
  - Evaluate the APREQ nominal and reschedule process with IDAC
  - Evaluate usefulness of information presented on STBO Client for TMC operations
Data Collection

• Data source:
  – SDSS and ATG data logs
  – Audio and video recording of each station
  – Workload (prompts every 5 min during the scenario)
  – Post-run and Post-Simulation surveys

• Metrics (Not exhaustive list):
  – Both real time and post analysis
  – Queue size, Gate holds, Taxi Times, compliance to TMI, Throughput, Efficiency and predictability metrics
  – Subjective assessments of: Workload, Situation Awareness, usability, acceptability
## Schedule

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Back up slides
Functional Architecture

ATD-2 Internal Systems

Surface Trajectory Based Operations
- Airport Resource Management
- Tactical Scheduler
- Departure Reservoir Manager & Coordinator
- IDST Web Services Proxy
- TFDM SWIM Engine
- Flight TMI Service
- Surface Modeler
- Traffic Flow Data
- Electronic Flight Data

Metroplex Coordinator
- Planning & Collaboration Engine
- Multi-System Restriction Manager
- Schedule Orchestrator
- Multi-Airport Web Display
- Terminal Resource Manager
- Event Based Surface Scheduler
- What-If Resolver

Real-time Infrastructure
- Message Bus
- Real-time Repository
- Web Server

Support Systems
- System Startup
- Analysis Framework
- Data Warehouse

Time Based Flow Management
- Comm. Manager
- Dynamic Planner
- SWIM Data Interface
- Timeline GUI
- Trajectory Synthesizer
- Plan-view GUI
- Input Source Manager
- Route Analyzer
- IDAC Web Services Routing Tool

External interfaces via SWIM and SWIM extensions

ATD-2 External Systems

Air Carriers
- EOBT Calculator
- SWIM Ingest
- Airline Processing
- RTC Display

Airport Authority
- SWIM Ingest
- Airport Processing

Industry
- SWIM Ingest
- What If

Stakeholders
- SWIM Ingest
Accessing Surveys

1. In the AOL: On the lower menu bar (extreme bottom left corner) on your screen, open Internet Explorer with a double click on the icon. It will open on the survey page. In the FFC: The correct page will be brought up for you automatically at the right time.

2. Double click on the green survey title in the middle of the survey page.

3. Click “next>>” on the bottom right of the start page & the first question page will open.

Answer questions by clicking in the buttons or boxes, or place your cursor in the white boxes and use the regular keyboard to type a written answer.

You may need to scroll down to see all the questions & will need to click “next>>” to move from one page to the next & “submit” at the end to save your answers.
FFC Workload Assessment Keypad (WAK) (to indicate your level of mental workload)

When keypad lights up, press a key to indicate your level of mental workload at that time.

Very low workload

Moderate workload

Very high workload

Low workload

High workload

“ding!”

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Workload Scale will randomly prompt you for your current workload level

When keypad lights up press a key to indicate your workload at that time
Trackball PICK or hit F1-F6 key on keyboard for appropriate rating number
Rating Scale will turn dark until next prompt
After a key is pressed, feedback is given until the end of the 20 sec time.
At the end of 20 sec whether or not a key is pressed, the screen reverts back to its quiet state.
Workload: All the physical and mental effort you must exert to do your job, including maintaining the “picture,” planning, coordinating, decision making, communicating, and whatever else is required to maintain safe and expeditious traffic flow.

1 - very low workload - very little traffic - hardly anything to do – time to talk
2 – low workload – light traffic - time to give best routes – time to talk
3 – moderate workload – in the groove – firm grasp of the flick – proactively looking for conflicts – still provide services
4 – high workload – mostly in the groove – still have the flick – proactive most of the time but focusing more on the separation management over providing services or other tasks with less priority
5 – high workload – having trouble keeping the flick – working reactively instead of proactively – mode - falling behind in routine tasks – cannot take on any additional tasks

Remember that your rating is intended to reflect your workload at the moment you are prompted, not your general appraisal of workload for the whole scenario

Workload is a very important measure for data analysis please try to respond to every prompt
Arrival Airspace (South Flow)

- FILPZ 2
- PARQR 2
- CHSLY 2
- ZID
- ZTL
- JONZE 1
- BANKR 1
- MLLET 1
- STOCR 1
- ZDC
- ZJX

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