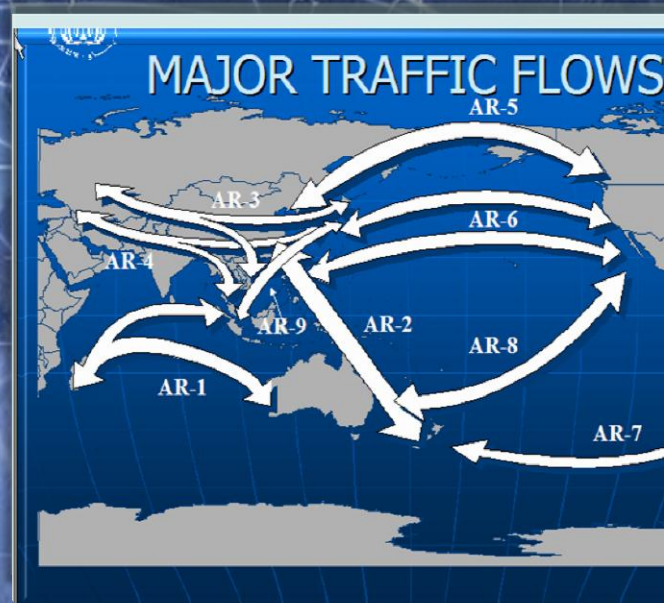


# Traffic Flow Management



December 2010



# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTERS





# National Operations Centre

















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# Evolution of Traffic Flow Management

- 1960's
  - Ground stop programs and circling by individual facilities
  - **Central Altitude Reservation Facility (CARF)** established to facilitate the flow of civilian air traffic around military movements
- 1970's
  - **Central Flow Control Facility (CFCF)** advise facilities on national traffic flow

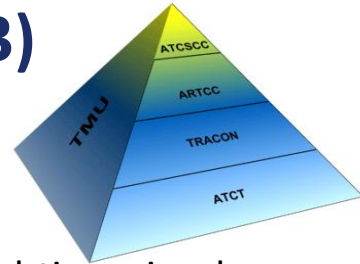


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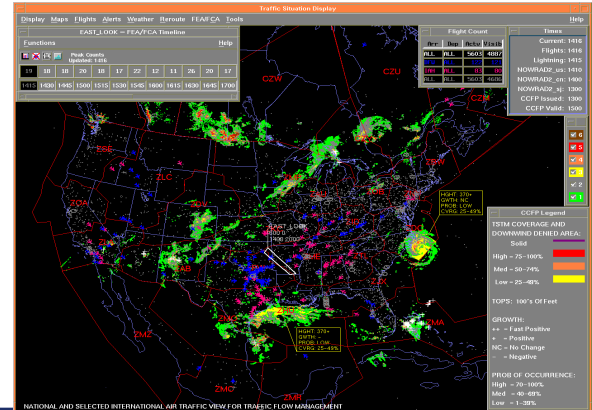
- 1970's
  - Traffic Volume increased with **deregulation** and **affordability** of private aircraft (business type small jets).
  - The **oil crisis** made us focus on reducing airborne holding and flight delays.
- Early 1980's
  - **Fuel efficiency** became a primary goal
  - Air Traffic Controller **strike** and associated constraints on National System
  - CFCF played a strong role in maintaining safety and efficiency in aftermath of strike



# Evolution of Traffic Flow Management (3)



- **Mid/Late 1980's**
  - **Traffic Management Units (TMU)** implemented in facilities
  - **Aircraft Situation Display (ASD)** implemented at CFCF for real-time visual displays of air traffic
  - **Monitor Alert** to analyze flight plans and project congestion areas
- **1990's**
  - **Enhanced Traffic Management System (ETMS)**
  - **Meteorological Weather Processors** installed for real-time data



# Similarities between ANSPs

## SAME PRESSURES

- – Maintain Safety
- – Accommodate Growth
- – Eliminate Restrictions
- – Contain Costs

## SAME CUSTOMERS

- – Same Airlines
- – Same Aircraft
- – Same Avionics
- – Same Pilots

## SAME OBLIGATIONS

- – Chicago Convention
- – ICAO SARPS

## SAME CONSTRAINTS

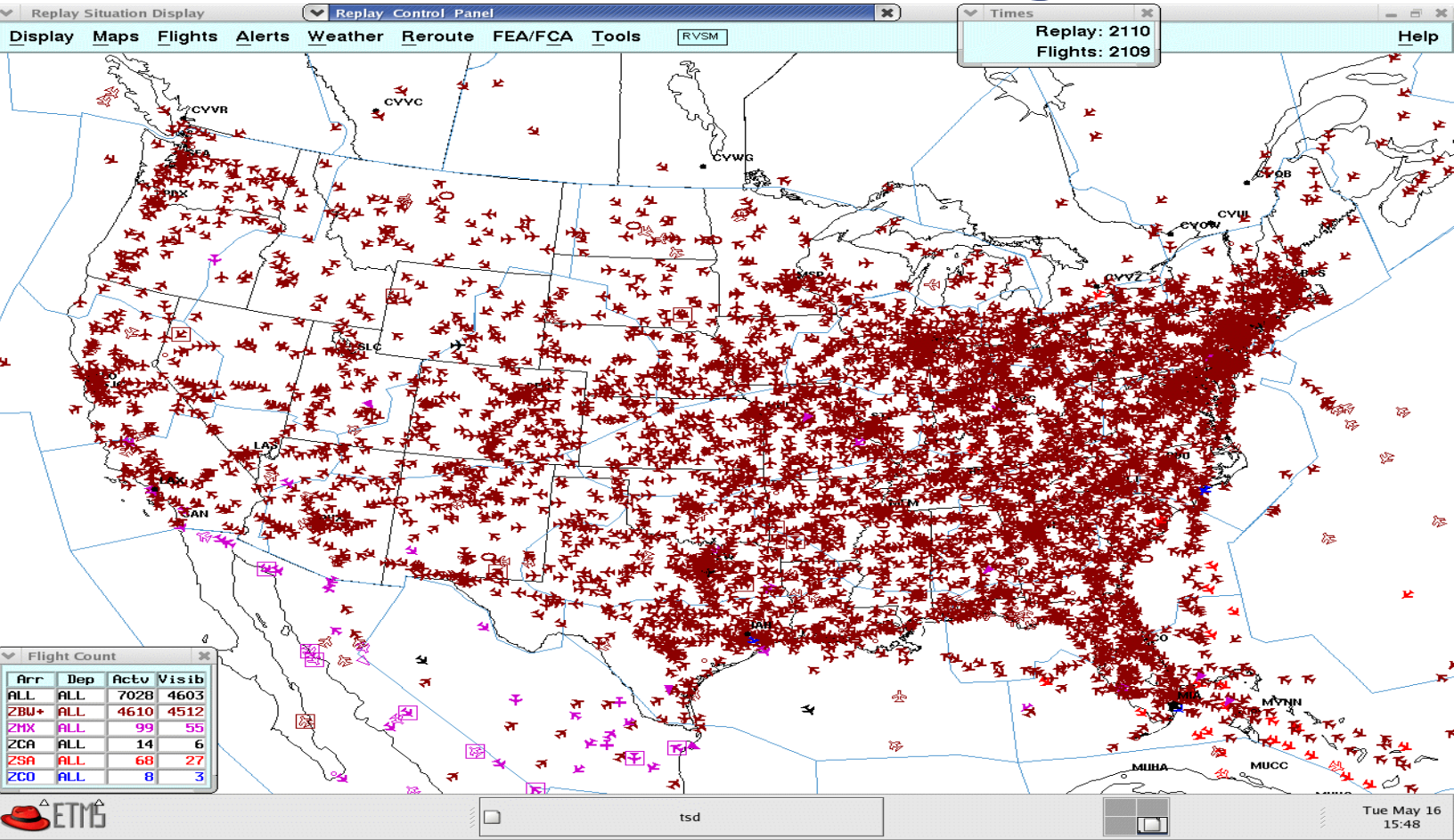
- – Political Visibility
- – Environmental Pressures
- – Financial Constraints
- – Security demands

## SAME OPPORTUNITIES

- – High Competence (Technical & Operational) – Advanced Technology



# •The FAA Challenge



# Air Traffic Flow Management

- **Mission**

- To balance **air traffic demand** with **system capacity** to ensure **safe and efficient utilization** of the National Airspace System

- **Operational benefits**

- Minimizes delay and congestion
- Increases throughput
- Increases system safety
- Lowers cost through fuel savings
- Provides scheduling predictability
- Supports the implementation of new technology and procedures that enhance airspace capacity



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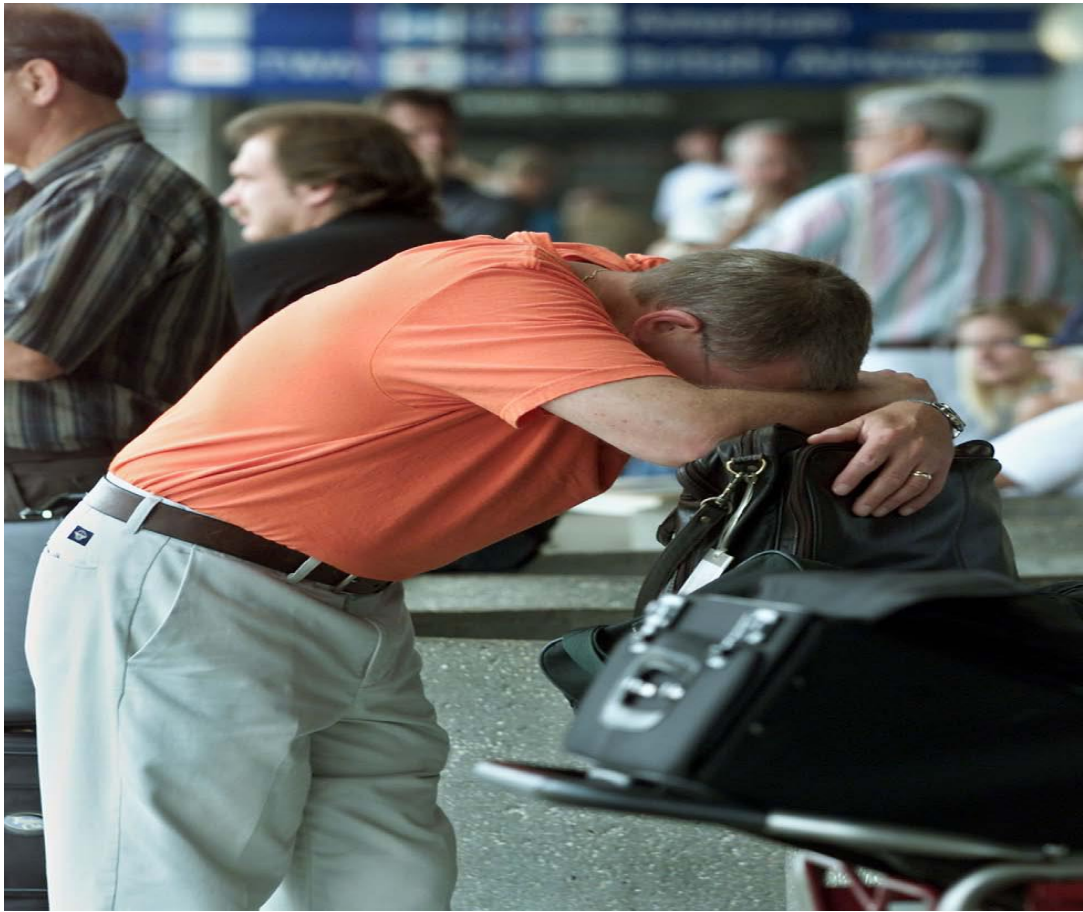
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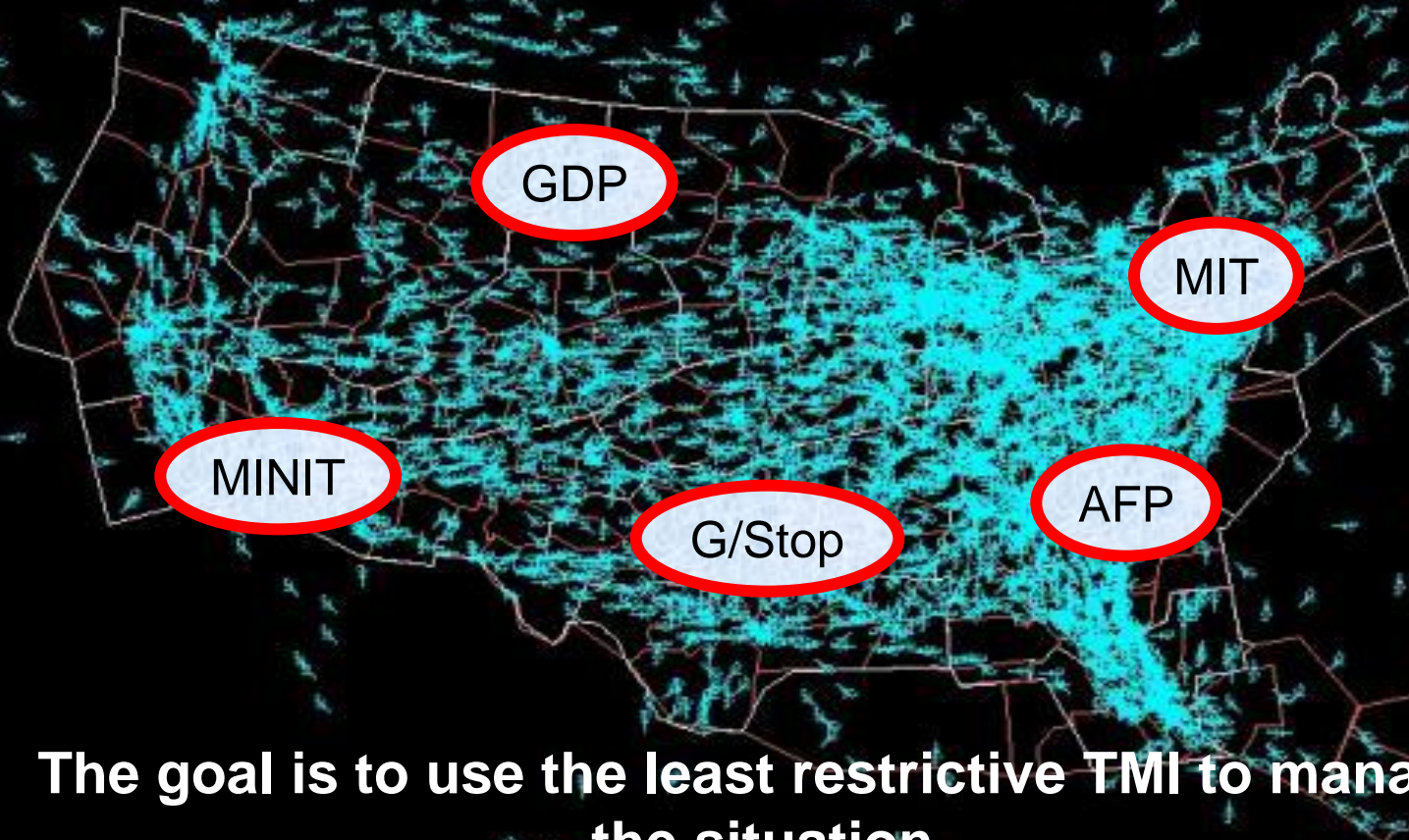


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**The goal is to use the least restrictive TMI to manage the situation**



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# Collaborative Decision Making



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# What is Collaborative Decision Making (CDM)

- - Traffic Flow Management operational philosophy
- - Associated shared technologies and procedures
- - Enable Air Navigation Service Providers and Stakeholders to identify and work towards common goals
- - Enables Stakeholders to meet business or mission needs within the commonly understood operational constraints

\*\* Maximizes trust, operational efficiency, and safety \*\*



# Why Collaborate?

ATC

OPERATORS

Goals

Goals

Managing  
the ATC  
System



Managing  
the  
Schedule

Each stakeholder may have dissimilar **goals**, different **views**, varying **capabilities**

Each makes autonomous strategic and tactical decisions to achieve their individual goals

Sometimes these decisions run counter to ATC decisions

...Affecting the entire system in ways not known to ATC



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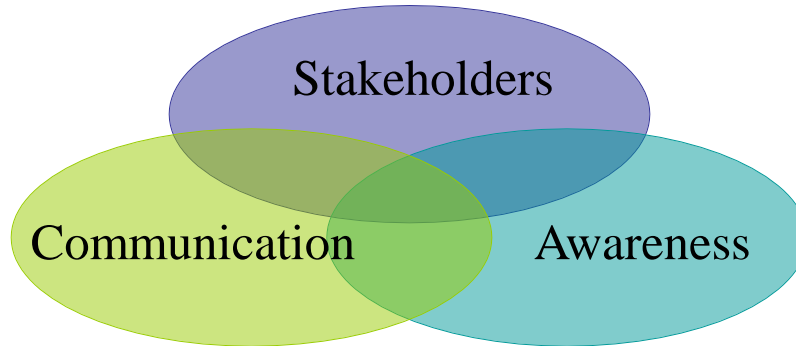
# **Result:**

**Collaboration can provide Shared Situational Awareness and Collaborative Resolutions for Win-Win Solutions for both ATC and Stakeholders**

**Collaboration leads to enhanced options resulting in improved decision making, stakeholder acceptance and support, and increased service performance**



# An operating philosophy



# Airline Transport Association

FedEx.

ASTAR  
AIR CARGO

Continental  
Airlines

jetBlue  
AIRWAYS

BX AIR

aloha



Alaska Airlines



airJamaica

Delta

nwa  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES

AIR CANADA

MEXICANA

AA  
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ATLAS AIR



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# National Business Aviation Association



- **Local representative for member business aircraft operators**
- **Role and Responsibilities**
  - Coordinates the concerns of specific customer groups to the ATCSCC about the impact of specific traffic management issues
  - Provides information to the customers on planned or current traffic initiatives
  - Provides information to ATCSCC on significant unscheduled or unanticipated GA movement



# Air Traffic Services Cell

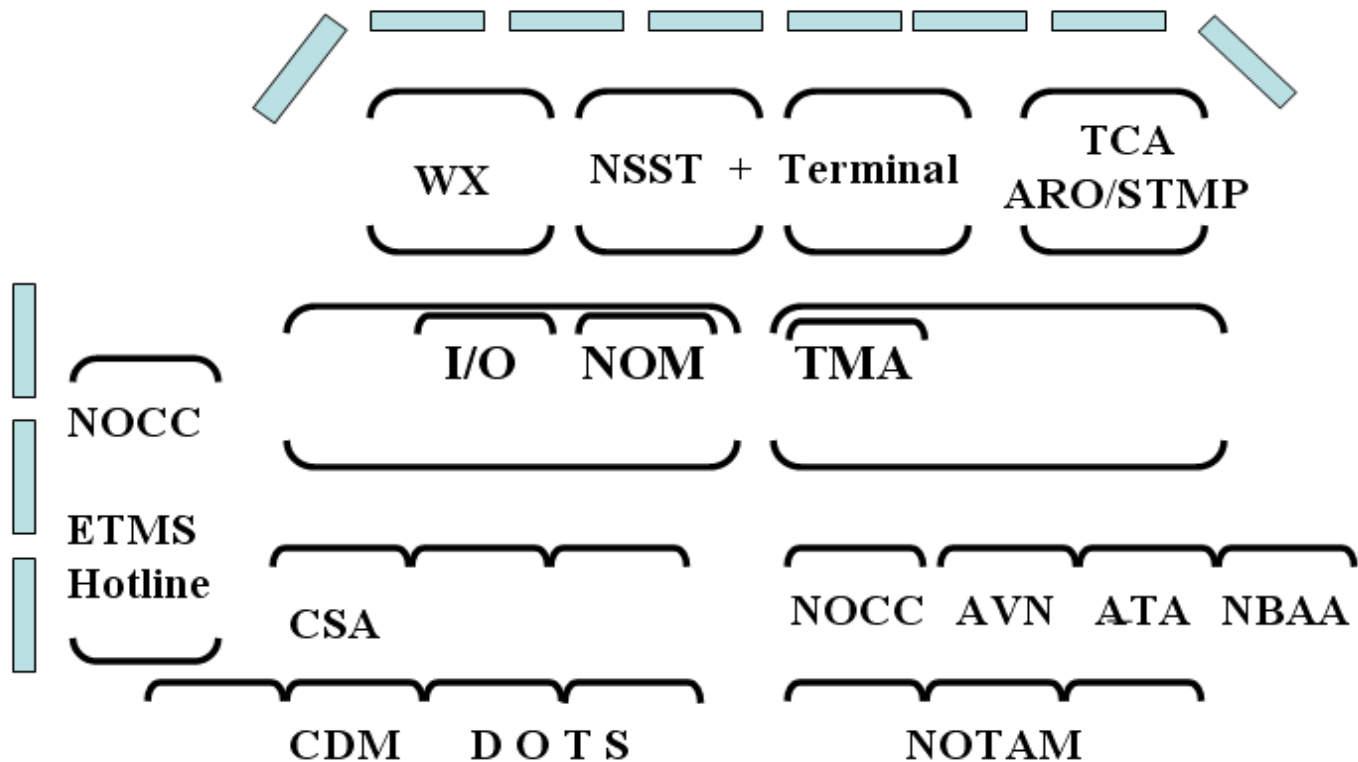


**The ATSC is a Civil/ Military organization created to resolve DoD/ FAA issues while ensuring DoD needs are met in the National Airspace System**



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# ATCSCC Operational Floor

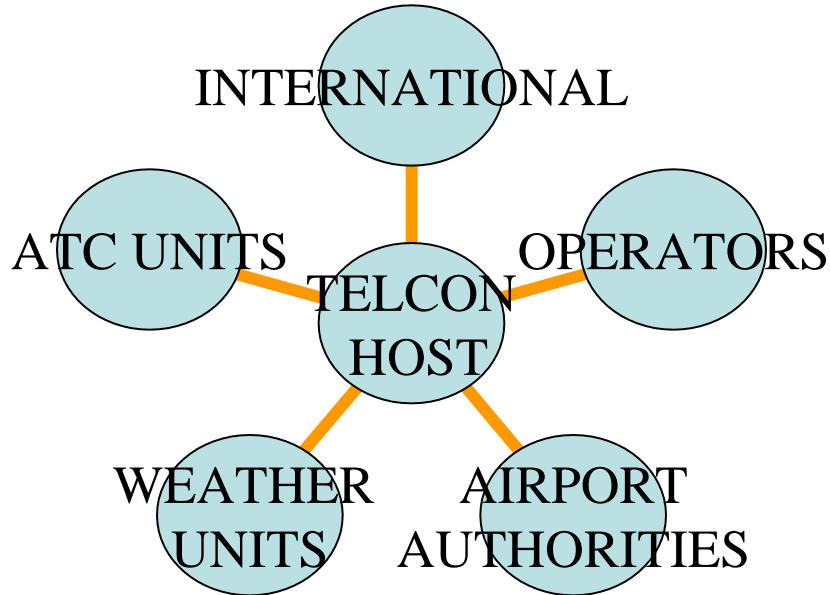


**Crisis Management Center**

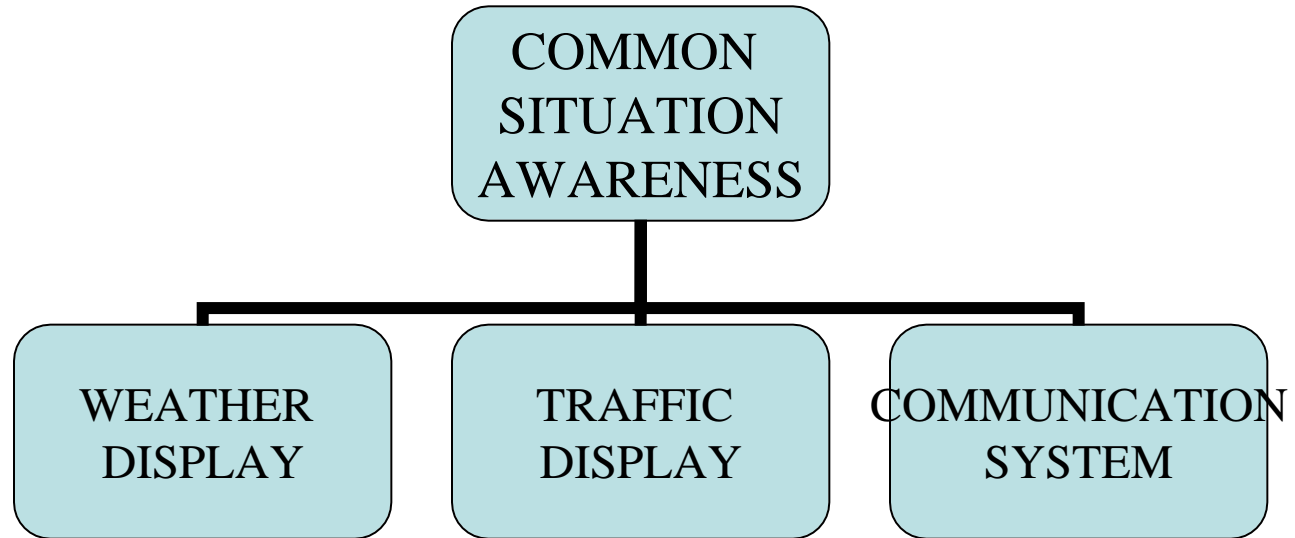
**DOD**

**CARF**

# Communication



# Awareness



# CDM Collaborative Tools

## -Integrates Data to Enhance Decisions-

Common Situational Awareness between Stakeholders and ATC allows for integration of data from all sources to make a more informed, “**Better**” decision

- Integration of ATC and Airline Data to provide a “Big Picture”
- Improved Situational Awareness, Enroute & Airport Flow Tools, Real time information & Uniform Reaction to system impacts, Analysis –lessons learned



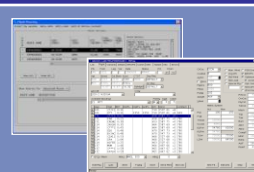
Flight Following,  
Weather, &  
Decision Support  
Tools

Proactive Flight &  
Weather data  
Common  
understanding



Enroute & Airport  
Flow Tools for flow  
management

Monitor flows,  
predict delays,  
optimize response  
to impacts



Flight Planning  
changes,  
OIS & NTML Mgmt.  
Tools

Optimized plans  
Shared info &  
responses to  
System impacts



Event Analysis Tools  
for Real-time &  
historical performance

Data & Analysis



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# BOBCAT



# ATFM BOBCAT July 2007

## Airline benefits (WP7)

- **environmental benefits of reduction in noxious gas emissions**
  - 12 million kilograms of fuel savings annually, associated with
  - 50 million kilograms of reduction in carbon dioxide emissions per year
- **\$12, 000,000 Airline cost savings**
- **Substantial reduction in ground delays**



# ATFM BOBCAT July 2007

## ANSPs benefits

- **immediate ATC workload reduction together with safety and capacity enhancements**
  - Kabul FIR- were better regulated more evenly spread, enabling safer air traffic control
  - Enroute ANSP- immediate ATC workload reduction together with safety and capacity enhancements
- **substantial reduction in ground delays**



# Weather Products: CCFP

COLLABORATIVE CONVECTIVE FORECAST PRODUCT

VALID: 1900 UTC THU 09 AUG 2007



AVIATION WEATHER CENTER (NOAA/NWS/NCEP)

ISSUED: 1300 UTC THU 09 AUG 2007

**TOPS:**  
HEIGHT OF MAX ECHO  
100's OF FEET MSL

**GROWTH RATES:**  
++ = FAST POSITIVE  
+ = POSITIVE  
NC = NO CHANGE  
-- = NEGATIVE

**CONVECTIVE COVERAGE:**  
SPARSE  
25 - 49%  
MEDIUM  
50 - 74%  
SOLID  
75 - 100%  
LINE

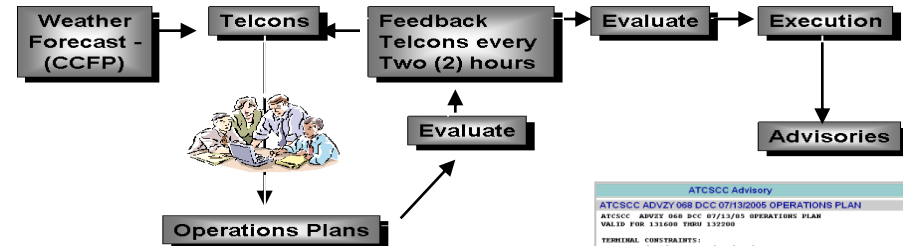
**CONFIDENCE:**  
HIGH  
50 - 100%  
LOW  
25 - 49%

**MOVEMENT:**  
DIR  
SPD (KTs)

# Planning Process

## Who Participates?

ATCSCC  
 Facility TMUs  
 Facility Ops  
 Domestic Airlines  
 International Airlines  
 Business/General Aviation  
 Military Ops  
 International Command Centers



ATCSCC Advisory	
<b>ATCSCC ADVZ 068 DCC 07132005 OPERATIONS PLAN</b>	
ATCSCC ADVZ 048 DCC 07131505 OPERATIONS PLAN VALID FOR 131600 1000 132000	
TERMINAL CONSTRAINTS: NY METRO/PHL/DC METRO/ATL/PHL/CVO-LOCUS IAD-TAXWAY CONSTRUCTION DC METRO/PHL/CLL/DFW/ATL/MCO/IAH/DFW-TSTM LAS-IL/SLR, DEY, CONSTRUCTION LAS-LOCUS/PSY	
ENROUTE CONSTRAINTS: ZNY/ORD/CLL/DTW/DCA/ZTL/DEN/DFW/DRI/ZLC/2AR-TSTM A761-TSTM E763-CLB TILL 1900 DUE TO TSTM ZUS/DMA-SPACE SHUTTLE LAUNCH	
1. 200	-CHOKEFPOINT ROUTES TO ENR/OFK (FCA)
AFTER 1600	-SHOWING 6 PLAYBOOK ROUTES PSL
AFTER 1600	-REF SUSPENDED VIA ZFW ZNY/DFW/DME TO NORTHEAST
AFTER 1700	-POSSIBLE PLAYBOOK ROUTES, INCLUDING HGR AND/OR CAMARON ROUTES TO THE NORTHEAST POSSIBLE
2. ZNY	
UNTIL 0300	-LGA/DFW/PHL GROUND DELAY PROGRAMS
UNTIL 0200	-BY METRO/PHL, CBOJ/SMAP, GROUND STOPS PSL
AFTER 1700	-ZFK GROUND DELAY PROGRAM PSL
UNTIL 0600	-TER GRAB GROUND DELAY PROGRAM EXPECTED
3. Z08	
AFTER 1900	-DFW/CLL/DFW CBOJ/SMAP, TACTICAL REDUTES, CAPFING/ TUNNELING, GROUND STOPS PSL
4. ZTL	
UNTIL 0400	-ATL GROUND DELAY PROGRAM
UNTIL 0600	-ATL CBOJ/SMAP, GROUND STOPS PROBABLE
AFTER 1800	-CLT CBOJ/SMAP, TACTICAL REDUTES
5. Z02/Z0A	
UNTIL 2300	-TACTICAL REDUTES, CAPFING/TUNNELING
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# ATFM Metrics



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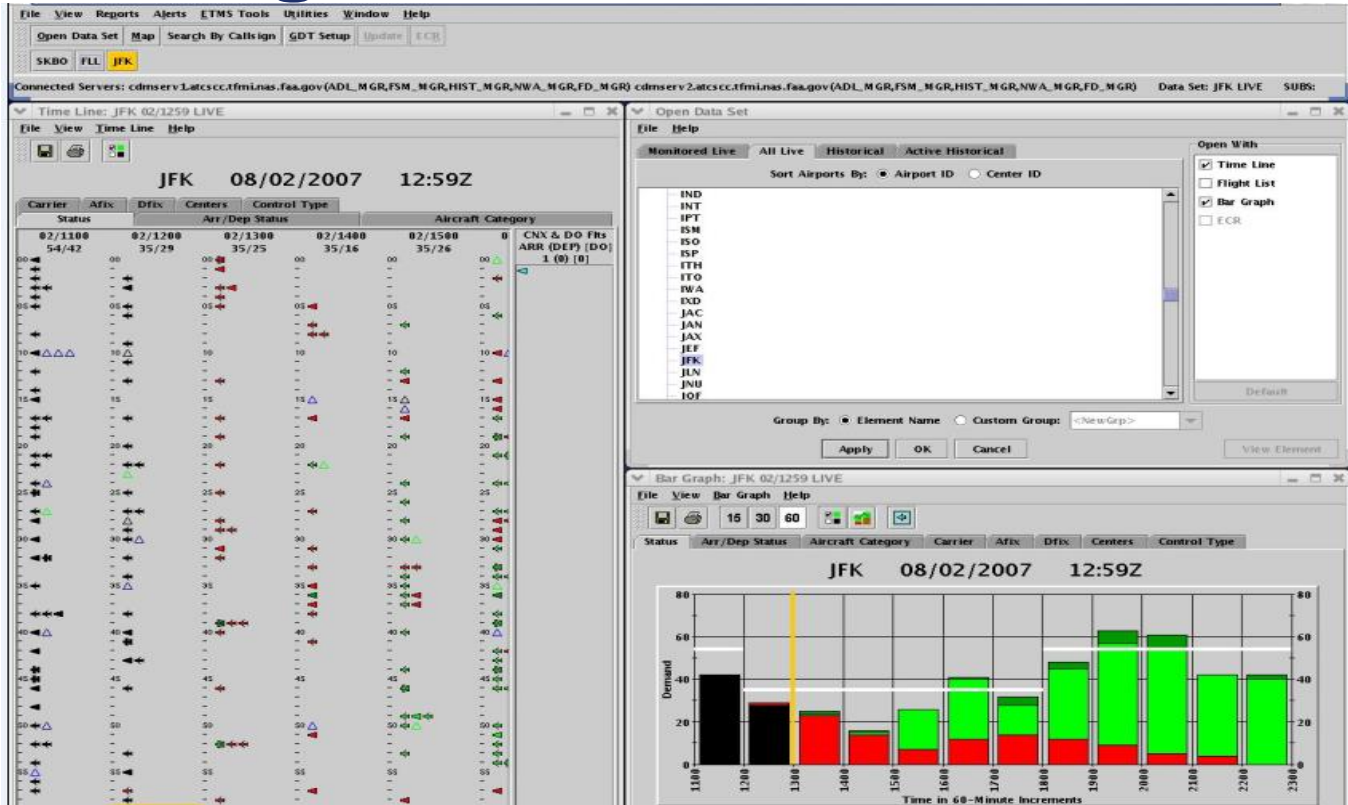
# Traffic Management Modeling for **Safety**: Determining Aerodrome Acceptance Rate (AAR)

The number of arrival aircraft that an aerodrome -- in conjunction with weather conditions, terminal airspace, ramp space, parking space, and facilities -- can accept per hour



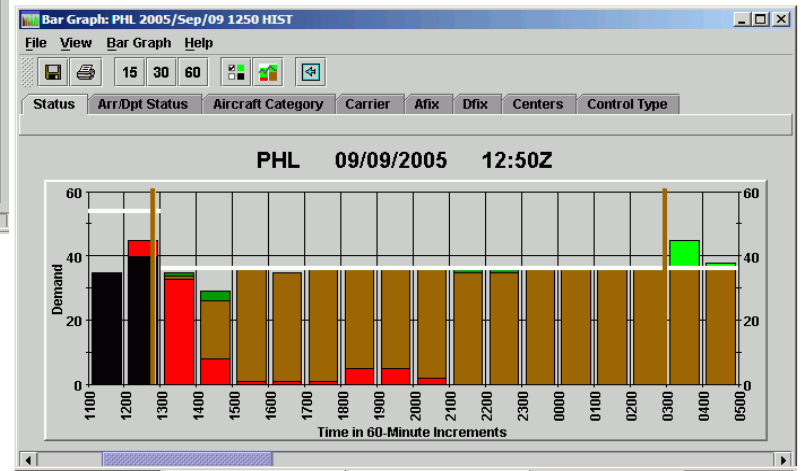
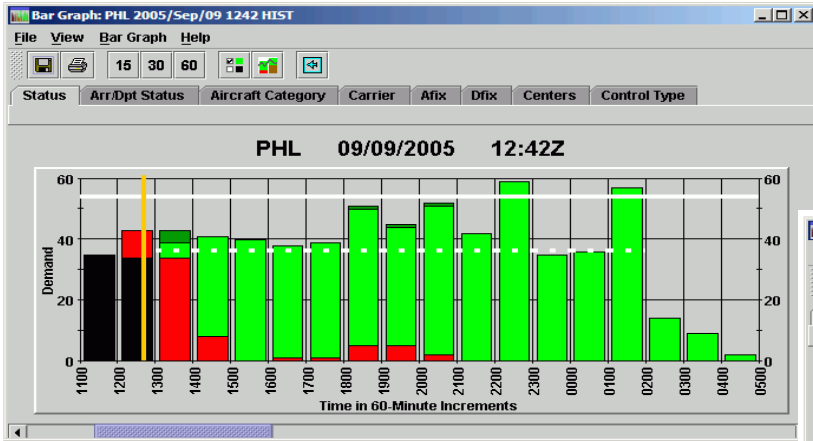
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# Flight Schedule Monitor



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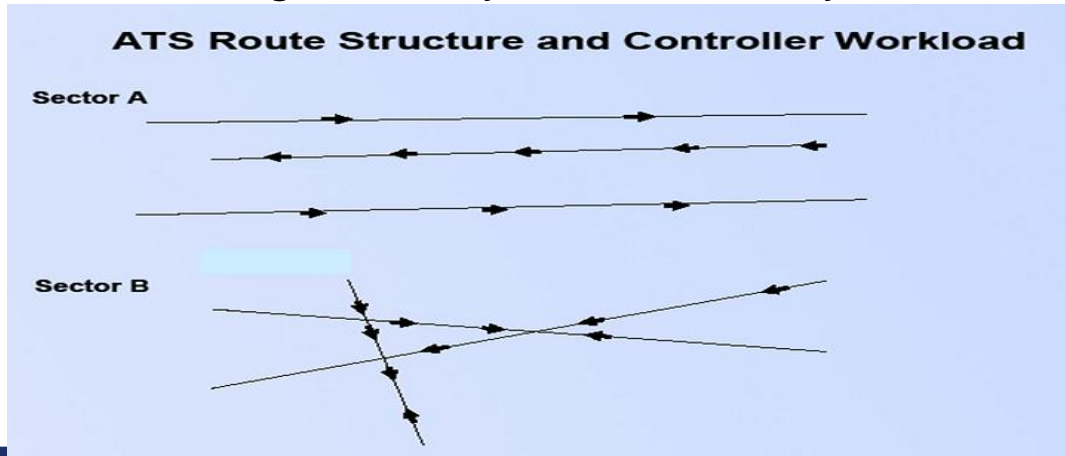
# The Before and After



# Traffic Management Modeling for **Safety**:

## Determining Sector Capacity

- **Sector capacity:**
  - The optimum number of flights, in a given sector, for a specified period of time, that can be managed safely and efficiently



References: 11-3 Chap 17-7-2

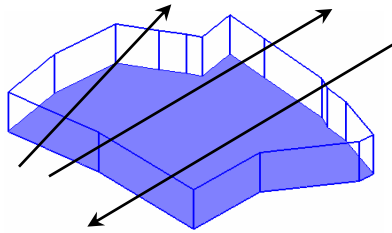


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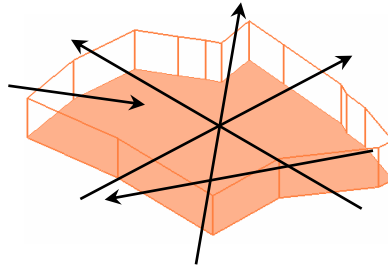
# Traffic Complexity, Controller Workload, and Sector Capacity

Traffic flow characteristics create different levels of complexity for a sector:

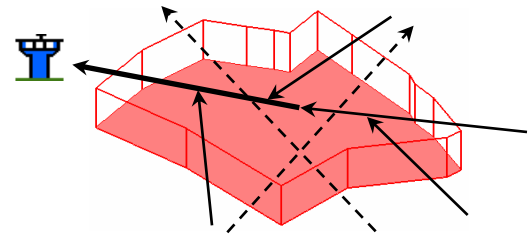
Cruise Traffic



Altitude Transitioning and Crossing Traffic



Arrival and Crossing Traffic



Different levels of complexity

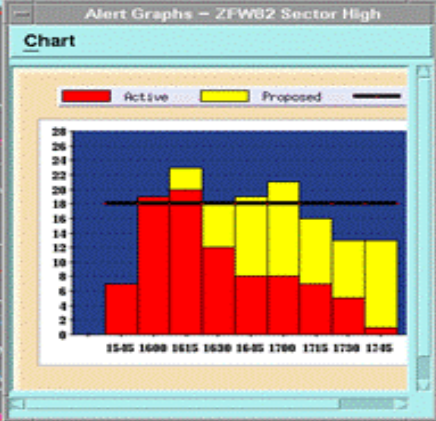
Different levels of workload

Different levels of capacity



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# Sector Alerts



- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

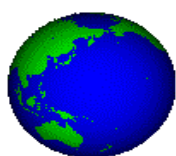
Flight Count

Arr	Dep	Actv	Visib
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100	2.5	55	58
1000	2.1	136	92

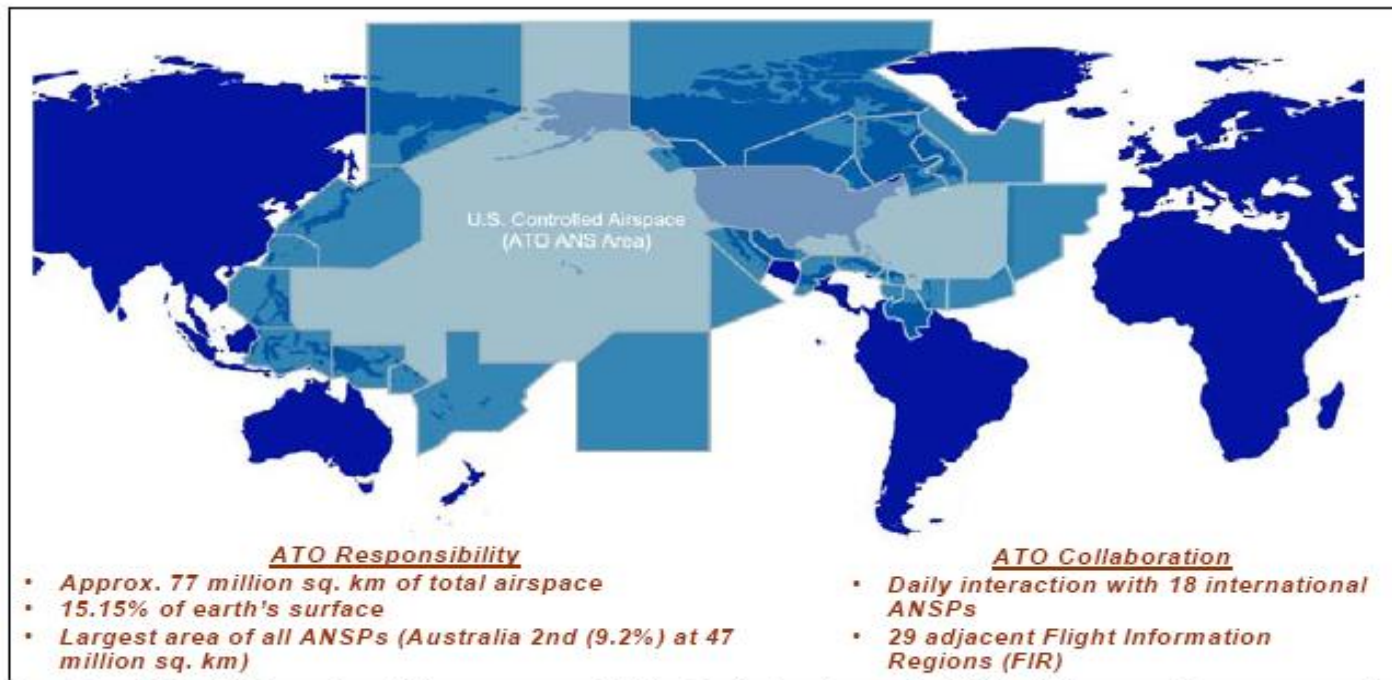








# Global Reach



- ATO Responsibility
    - Approx. 77 million sq. km of total airspace
    - 15.15% of earth's surface
    - Largest area of all ANSPs (Australia 2nd (9.2%) at 47 million sq. km)
  - ATO Collaboration
    - Daily interaction with 18 international ANSPs
    - 29 adjacent Flight Information Regions (FIR)
- Our ATO ANS service delivery responsibility includes the entire United States, adjacent oceanic areas, and collaboration with other international ANS service providers.*



# International Operations

- DATA Sharing Agreements
  - **Canada**
  - **United Kingdom**
  - **Mexico**
  - **EUROCONTROL**
  - **Dominican Republic, Trinidad & Tobago**
  - **COCESNA, Panama, Colombia, Chile**
  - **Japan**
  - **Future (Brazil)**



# International ATFM Telephone Conferences

- NAV CANADA – twice per day
- EUROCONTROL – twice per day
- MEXICO – twice per day
- CARIBBEAN – once per day
- COLOMBIA – once per day
- BRAZIL – once per day
- JAPAN – twice per week (three in 2011)
- Russia - monthly
- Ad Hoc  
Hurricane - as needed





# ANSP State Leadership

Must Collaborate to:



- Ensure global standards of safety and service in all systems
- Ensure common standards and procedures
- Enable air transportation growth and competition in all state markets
- Minimize ASP costs by sharing information, results & efforts



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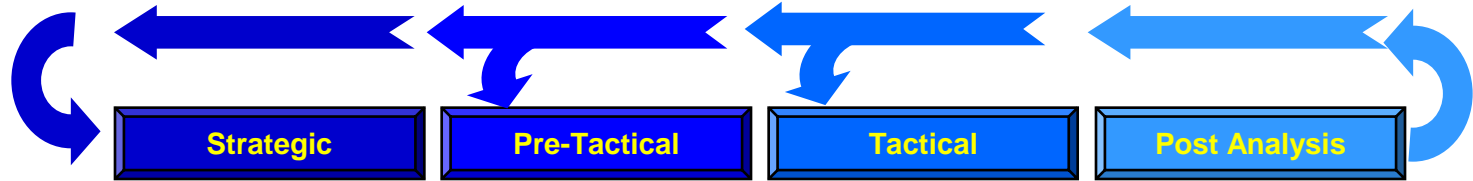
## 3.2.2 Flow management procedures

ATFM should be carried out in three phases:

- a) ***strategic planning***, if the action is carried out more than one day before the day on which it will take effect. Strategic planning is normally carried out well in advance, typically two to six months ahead
- b) ***pre-tactical planning***, if the action is to be taken on the day before the day on which it will take effect
- c) ***tactical operations***, if the action is taken on the day on which it will take effect



# Traffic Flow Management Process



	Strategic	Pre-Tactical	Tactical	Post Analysis
<b>Key Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify long-term system demands and choke points</li> <li>Analyze and implement needed policy and procedure changes</li> <li>Define and implement new decision support tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predict near-term traffic loads</li> <li>Assess potential effects of forecasted weather and historical/predicted traffic loads</li> <li>Refine procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze impact of real-time system constraints on the NAS</li> <li>Implement CDM planning and execution of flow initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze archived traffic and staffing data</li> <li>Generate and distribute performance metrics</li> <li>Identify support tool shortfalls</li> </ul>
<b>Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airspace redesign</li> <li>Procedure or policy changes</li> <li>Priorities for research and development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine impact areas for next day of operations</li> <li>Develop strategies for balancing traffic forecasts against assumed capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborative resolution of demand/capacity imbalances</li> <li>Minimization of disruption to User plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of effectiveness of specific flow initiatives</li> <li>Potential procedure or policy Changes</li> </ul>



# With No Order Comes Chaos



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# Enhancing Efficiencies Means



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**Make A Greener  
World by increasing  
Efficiencies and  
thereby reducing  
Green House Gases**





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