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Automation

Aviation System Block Upgrade

Flow Management

Collaborative Decision Making

ATS Interfacility Data Connection

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Aviation System Block Upgrade

- Roadmap and implementation cases

Flow Management & Collaborative Decision Making

- Solutions and implementation cases

ATS Inter-facility Data Communications

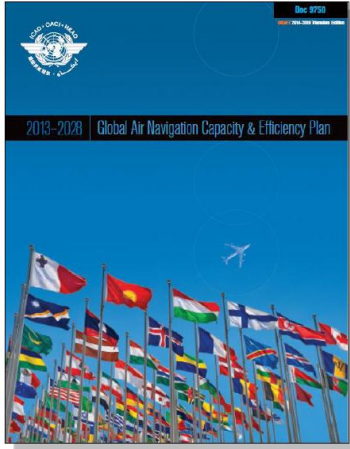
- Concept and experience

- **Aviation System Block Upgrade**
 - **Roadmap and implementation cases**

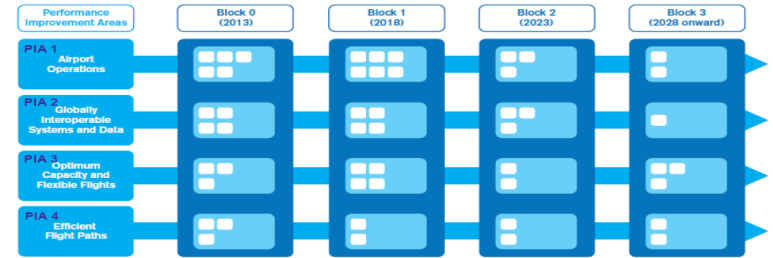
Global Air Navigation Plan

GANP = Global Air Navigation Plan: Doc 9750

- A system engineering planning and implementation approach
- A global framework ensuring safety, harmonization, aviation efficiency and environmental gains at affordable cost
- A vision with short, mid and long term perspectives for key investment planning



Aviation System Block Upgrades



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Technology Roadmaps

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	BLOCK 0 2018	BLOCK 1 2023	BLOCK 2 2028	BLOCK 3
FLIGHT & FLOW		B1-DATM, B1-FICE Exchange of Flight Intents before Departure	B2-FICE Flight and Flow Coordination	B3-FICE, B3-TBO Initial FF-ICE 4D Trajectories, Full FF-ICE
CAPABILITIES				
ENABLERS			FIXM	
AIS/AIM	B0-DATM AIS-AIM Enhanced quality Paper → Digital data availability	B1-DATM Digital Data exchange & services, shorter update cycles		
CAPABILITIES	Digital NOTAM	Electronic Charts, Digital Briefing, In Flight updates		
ENABLERS	eAIP, AIXM			
METEOROLOGY	Traditional alphanumerical codes replaced by digital data; enhanced quality	B1-DATM, B1-AMET Digital MET Data exchange & MET information services		B3-AMET In Flight updates
CAPABILITIES				
ENABLERS			WXXM	

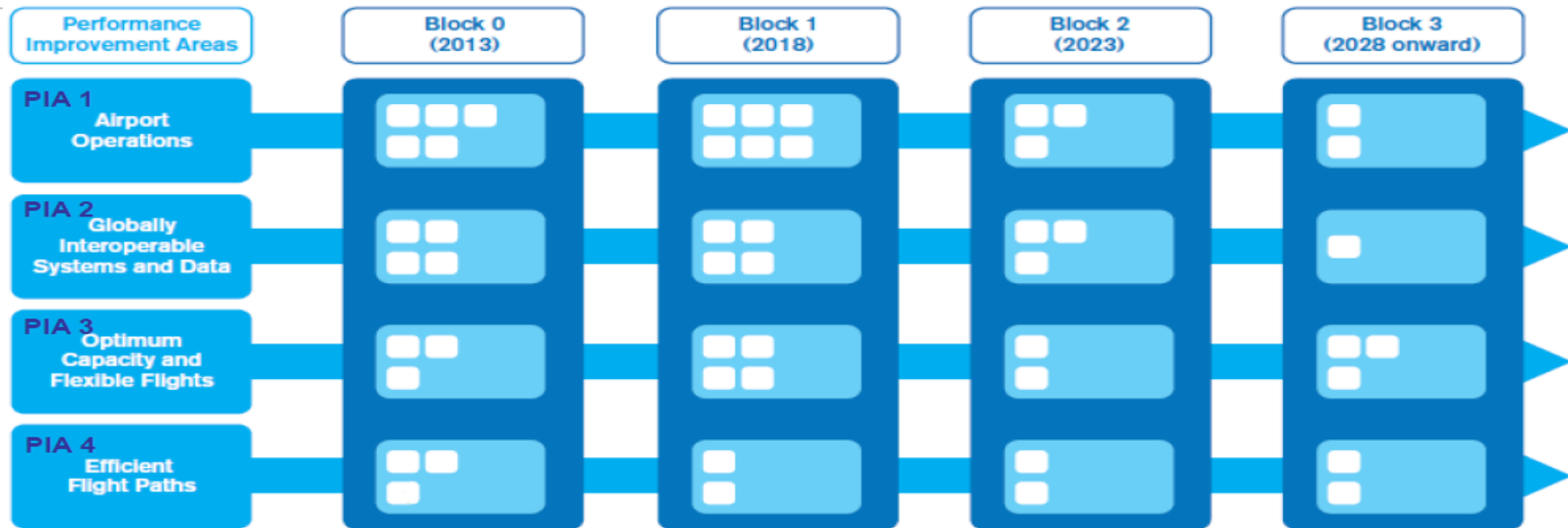
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Developing the ASBUs

- ASBU have been prepared by a group of experts from all aviation stakeholders
 - The key considerations were: global requirements, interoperability, focus on safety and flexible deployment
 - The ASBU were consolidated using information from various programs (SESAR, NextGen, Japan, Australia, Brazil ...)
 - Thales has been the contributing ground system supplier in the ICAO Technical Team
- An Aviation System Block Upgrade is made of a series of modules
 - Including what is required to achieve performance objectives.
 - Described in terms of operational needs, CNS/ATM enablers, procedures

ASBU: An essential foundation to achieve performance improvement

ASBU structure: PIA, Blocks, Threads and Modules



Dates identified when ICAO material supporting the ASBU are fully available & system upgrades may be put in operations

Modules only need to be implemented if and when they satisfy an operational need and bring benefit in a given State or an ICAO region

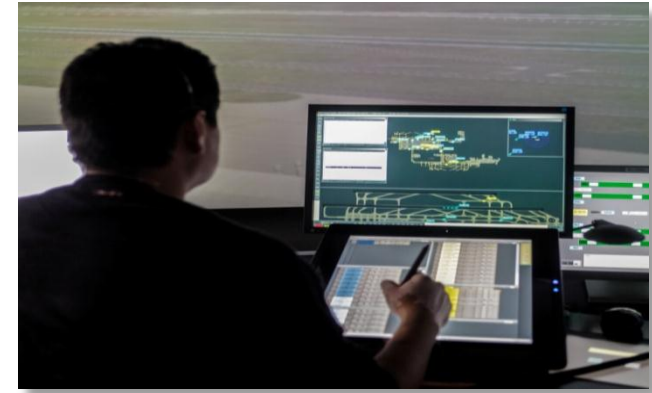
ASBU: the way to full interoperability and global harmonization

Thales solutions supporting Surface Operations Thread: PIA1



B0-SURF: Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations /A-SMGCS Level 1 & 2

- Comprehensive situational awareness by integrating ADS-B, Multilateration & Radars
- Runway incursion alerts improving safety at Abu Dhabi, Frankfurt, Bangkok



B1-SURF: Enhanced Safety and Efficiency of Surface Operations

- Enhanced surface conflict prediction and detection, routing & guidance providing capacity & efficiency benefits
- SESAR D-TAXI validations at Paris CDG Airport with TopSky - Tower

TopSky-Tower implements full B0 capabilities and already most of B1 Functions

Example of ASBU module implementation: Bangkok Airports



- Suvarnabhumi was one of the first airport equipped with a Level 2+ system and initial routing/guidance capabilities
- It's being renovated to Level 4 capabilities implementing SURF (surface man.) & RSEQ (sequencing) modules from Block 0 and 1
 - High Accuracy Multi sensor data tracking and fusion algorithms with Safety Nets
 - New ergonomic Controller Working Station
 - Routing and guidance capability
 - Electronic Flight Strip
 - Integrated with Departure/Arrival Manager
 - Enabling A-CDM operations



One of the most advanced systems

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Thales solutions supporting Runway Sequencing Thread: PIA1

B0-RSEQ: Improved Runway Traffic Flow through sequencing (AMAN/DMAN)

- TopSky - ATM Solutions fully integrated with AMAN and DMAN (MAESTRO)
- Deployed at Paris Airports, Cape Town, Sydney, Copenhagen ...



B1-RSEQ: Improved Airport Operations through Departure, Surface and Arrival Management

- Departure and surface management integration validated in SESAR
- Measured benefits at CDG with MAESTRO: capacity, taxi and holding times (triple parallel Approaches)

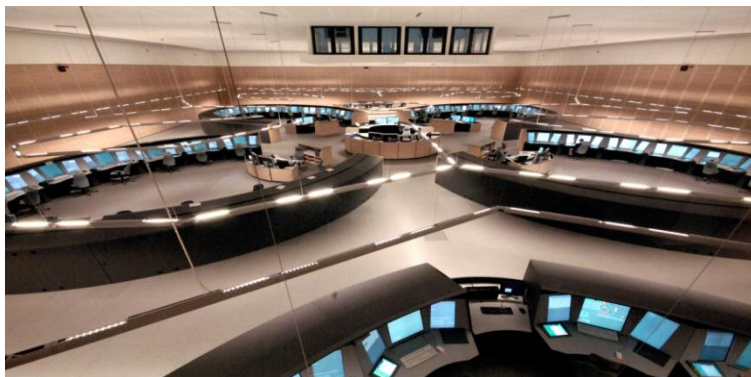


Maestro sequencing tools are essential to optimize the runway use

Thales solutions for Globally Interoperable Systems & Data: PIA2

B0-FICE: Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through Ground-Ground Integration

- Full AIDC and OLDI have been deployed worldwide by Thales : LORADS 3, NESACC...
- Automatic and seamless coordination with adjacent sectors and FIRs reduce errors and controllers workload



B1-FICE: Increased Interoperability, Efficiency and Capacity through FF-ICE/1 Application before Departure

- Implement ground-ground trajectory exchanges between ATC Centres
- SESAR Flight Object exercises including development of FIXM standard

TopSky-ATC block 0 capabilities are operational & field proven, Block 1 capabilities being validated in full scale demonstrations

Thales solutions for Efficient Flight Path : PIA4



B0-TBO: Improved Safety and Efficiency through the Initial Application of En-route Datalink

- TopSky - ATC supports ADS-C and CPDLC for FANS-1/A+ and/or ATN baseline 1
- Thales supports the deployment and validation of FAA Data Communications Integrated Services Program (DCIS)



B1-TBO: Improved Traffic Synchronization and Initial Trajectory-Based Operation

- Thales plays an Essential role in SESAR EPP development, simulation and flight tests
- A/G Trajectory exchange allow fuel burn optimization by limiting vectoring and anticipation of traffic situation by ATC

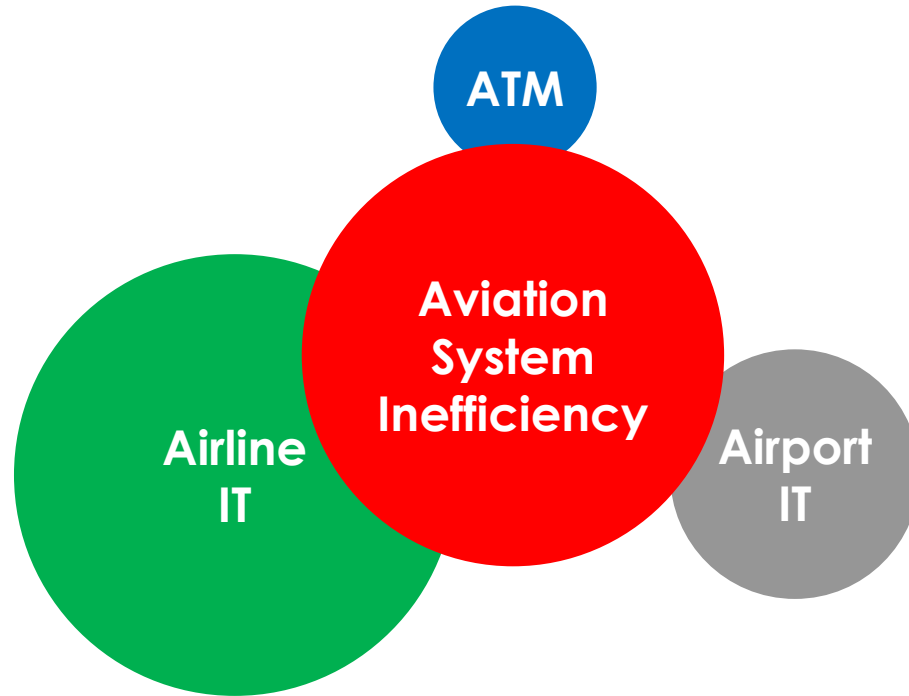


Our implementation of TBO thread brings flight efficiency, increased predictability and improved safety

Flow Management & Collaborative Decision Making

➤ Solutions and implementation cases

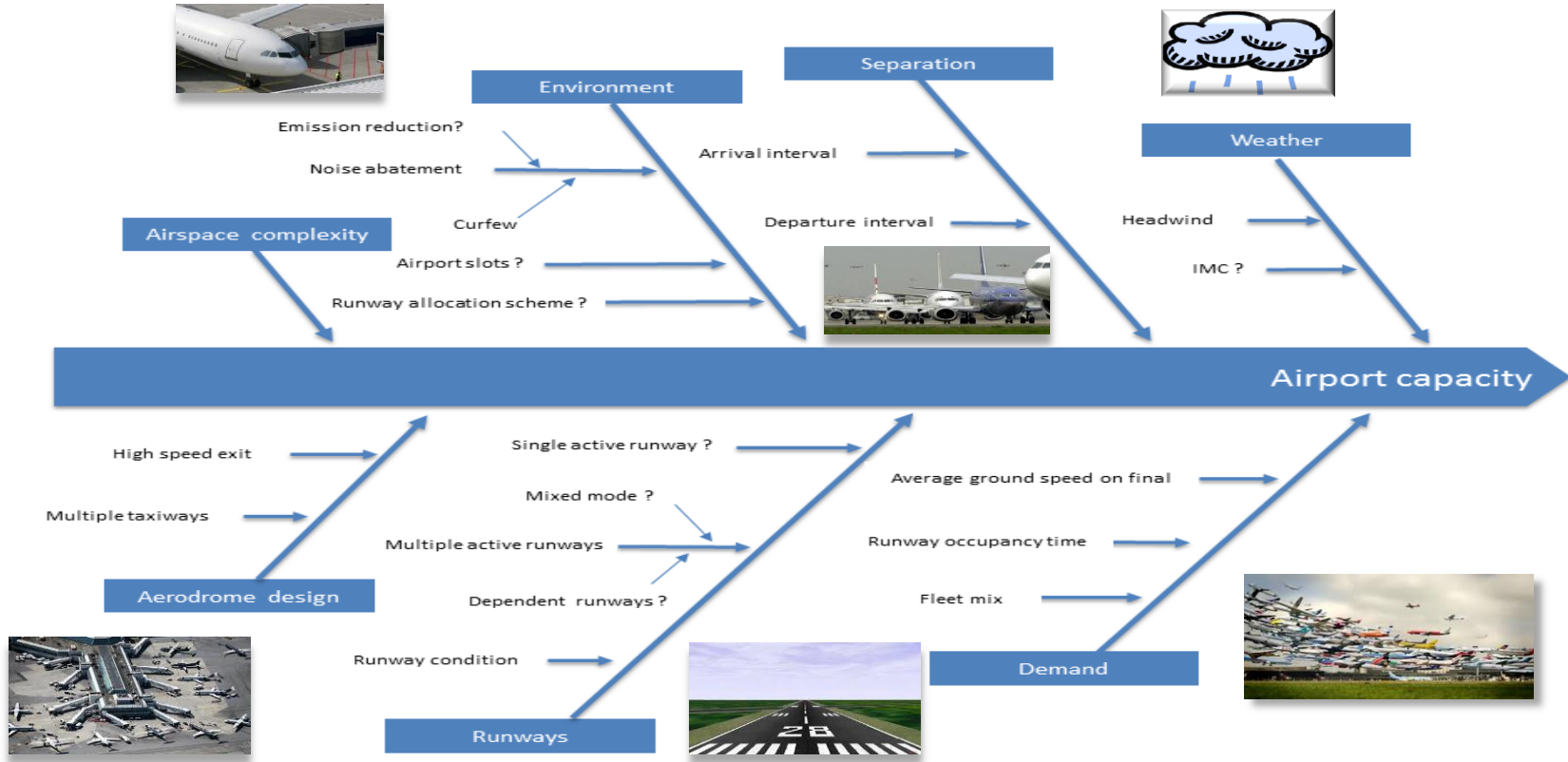
Why do we need Flow Management & CDM ?



- Large investments in IT infrastructure by all stakeholders
- Good optimisation of each stakeholder's own operations
- Very little optimisation across the stakeholder boundaries
- Still > \$9B in aviation system inefficiency per annum

Small gains in aviation operations efficiency = large value / benefits

Many Factors Influence Airport capacity



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Flow Management on the globe

A common ICAO regulation and ASBU roadmap

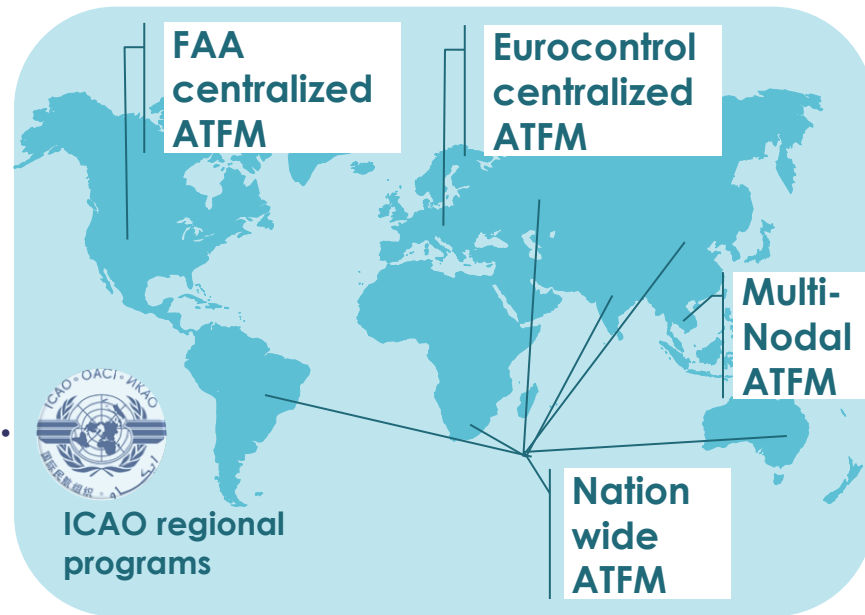
- Doc 9971 *Manual on Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management* issued in 2012
- To extend collaboration with airlines, airports, military and neighboring ATC centers

... Various implementation in the world...

- To cope with regional constraints
- To be tailored for each situation

... To face big challenges!

- Safety
- Growing demand versus Dynamic capacity
- Flight efficiency versus flexibility
- Safety



Deliver sustainable Efficiency



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Flow Management Principles

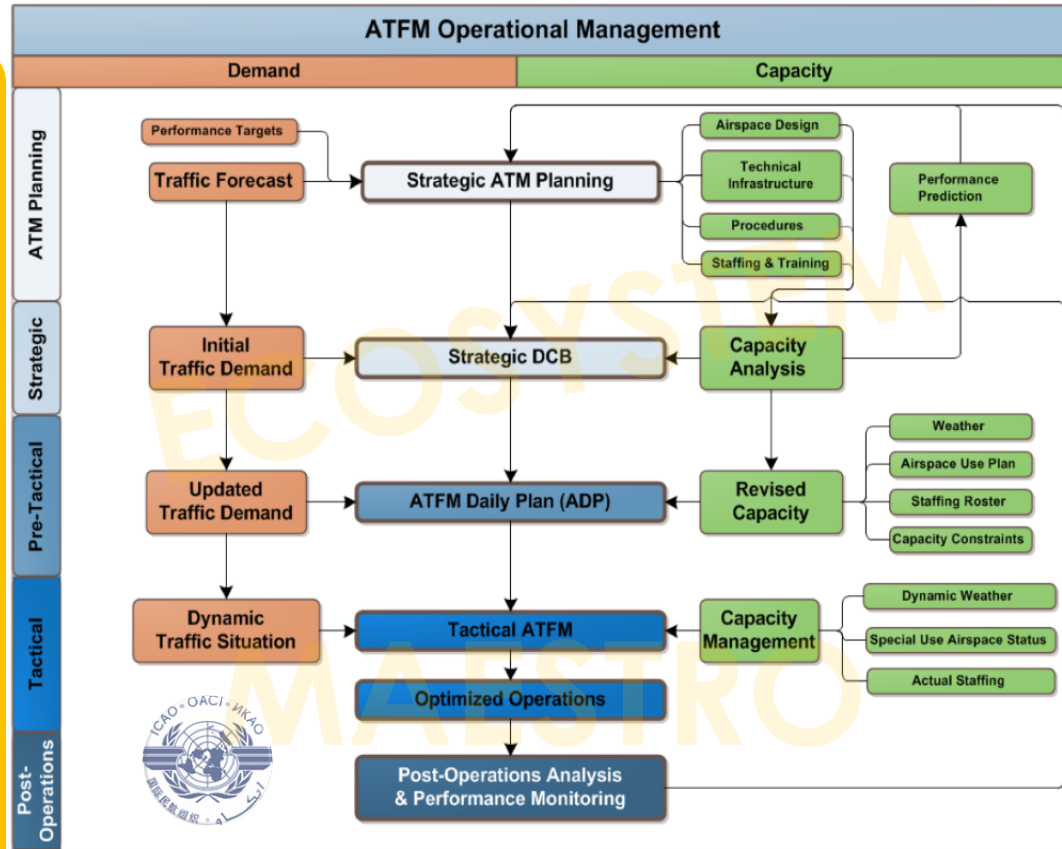
Assess Traffic Demand

Assess Capacity

Detect shortages

Support coordinated ATM measures

Measure/Record efficiency



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Flow Management challenges

Reliable data

- Accurate Demand and capacity
- Continuous improvement loop
- Situation Awareness

Accurate profile
Benefits to end users
Data exchange

Detect the
right
problem(s)

Efficient actions on traffic

- Several ATFM measures are possible
- Penalize as few as possible

Efficient initiative
Targeted initiative

Implement
the right
measure(s)

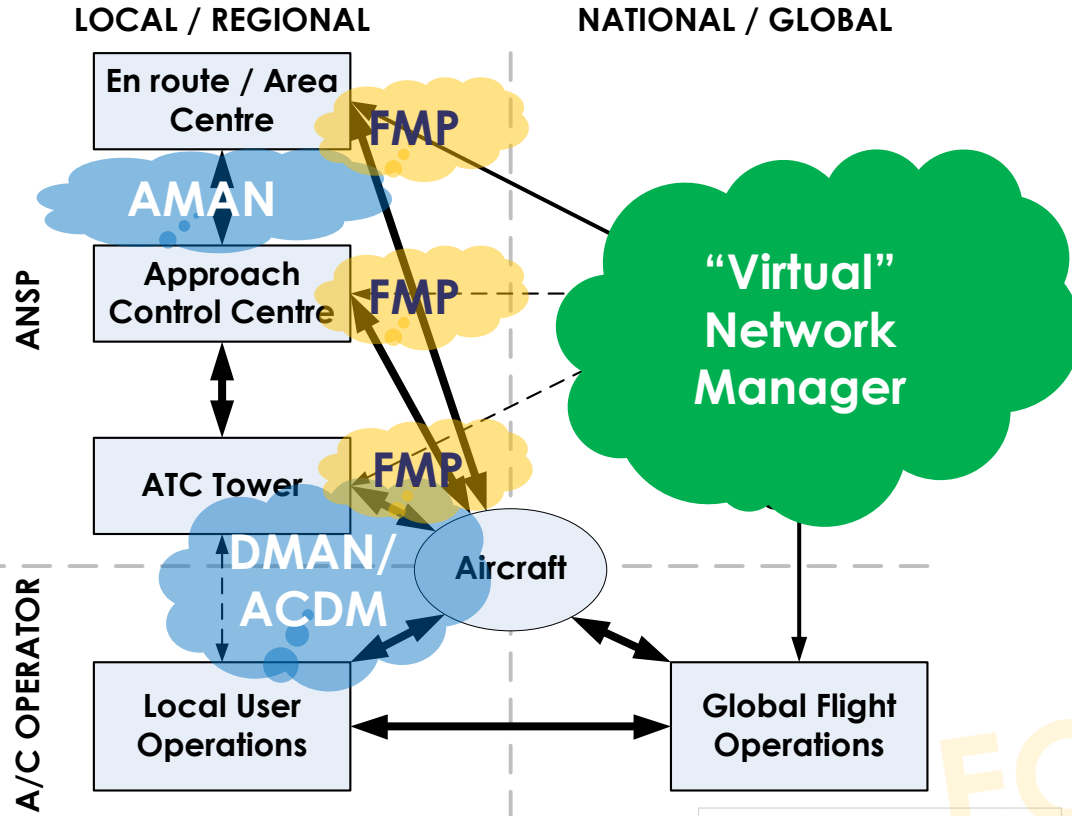
Fairness

- Transparent with end users
- Long Haul versus Short Haul
- Agreed Performance Indicators

CDM
Airspace Users
priorities

Deliver
the right
service level

Aviation stakeholder relationships and interactions



Multi-Nodal ATFM means Virtual Network Manager

- > Many-to-Many Relationship
- > No centralize view/control

AMAN / DMAN / ACDM

- > Links short and medium haul airports directly
- > Individual flight planning
- > Precise planning and control
- > Runway resource mgmt

Flow Mgmt Position (FMP)

- > Efficiency tool to manage all constraints efficiently

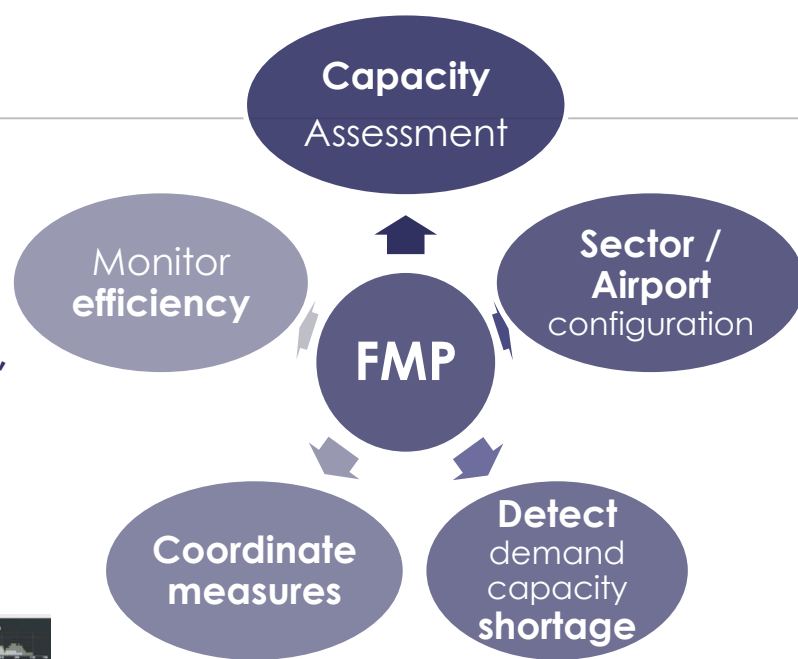
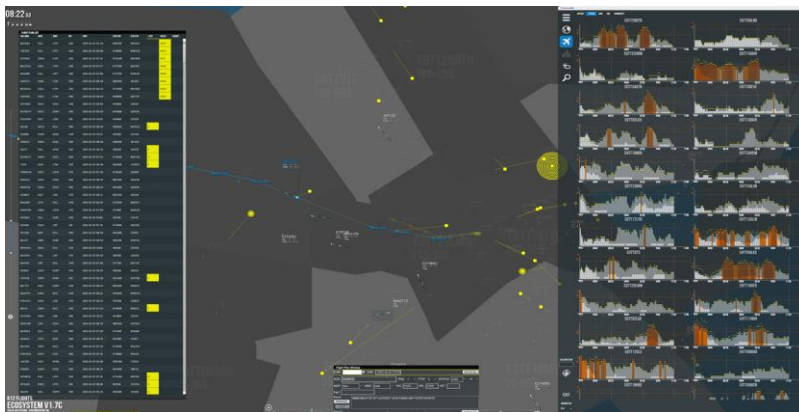
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Flow Management Position

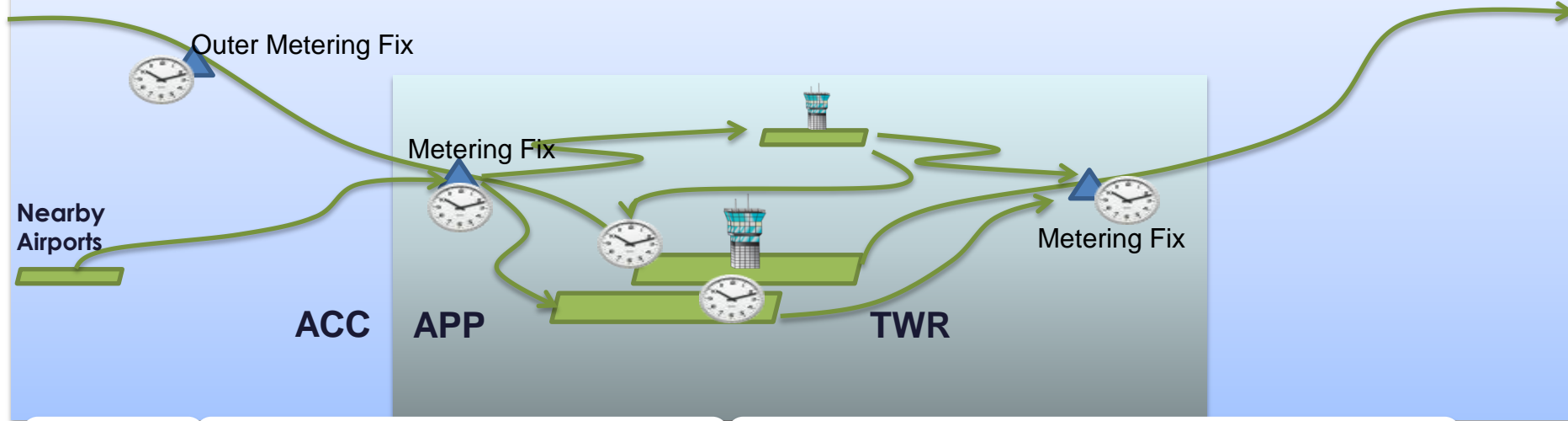
Main features:

- Non-safety critical ATC application
- Deployed in ATC facilities
- Connectivity to Network Manager, MET source, stakeholders & other data sources
- Continuous update
- Integrated display
- Multiple decision aids



Thales Flow Management capabilities : Tactical Flow Optimisation

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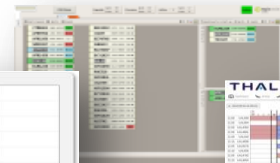
XMAN

AMAN

DMAN



A screenshot of a THALES data table, likely representing flight data or performance metrics. The table has multiple columns and rows of data.



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AMAN : The Arrival Manager

Situation without AMAN

- No reliable traffic forecast available, capacity problem detected/managed very late
- Apply the same speed regulation to all aircraft; late instruction for holding
- Poor coordination between ACC, APP, TWR, Use protective capacity
- In high density traffic situation, unplanned events become a crucial issue

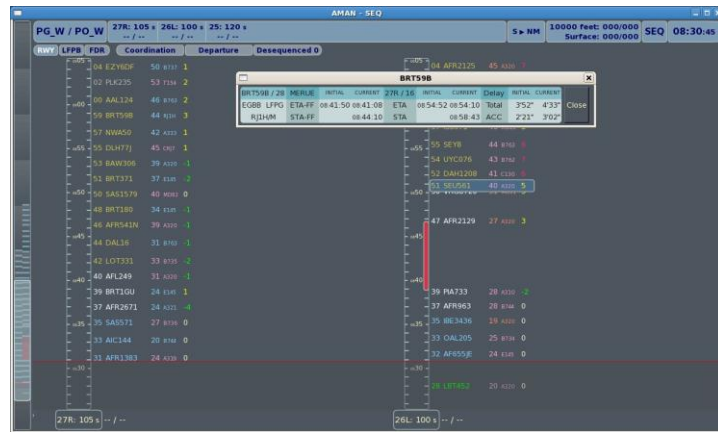
Wind/Runway orientation, Runway inspection, LVP conditions, Missed Approach

AMAN Principles

- Prevent the use of holding pattern
- Provide a feasible arrival schedule
- Provide delay advisory to be absorbed

Benefits

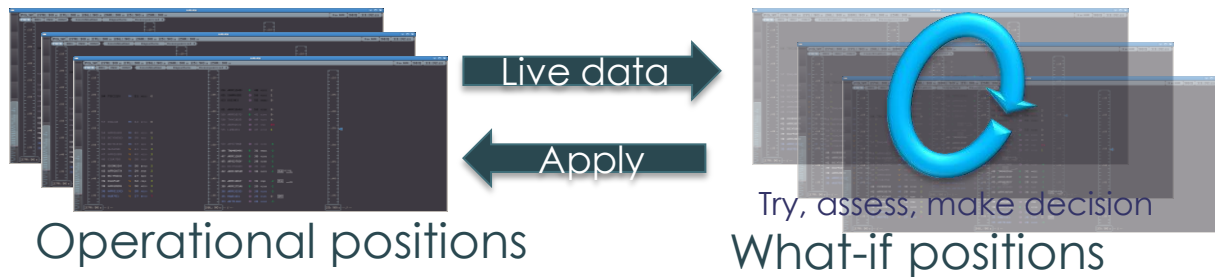
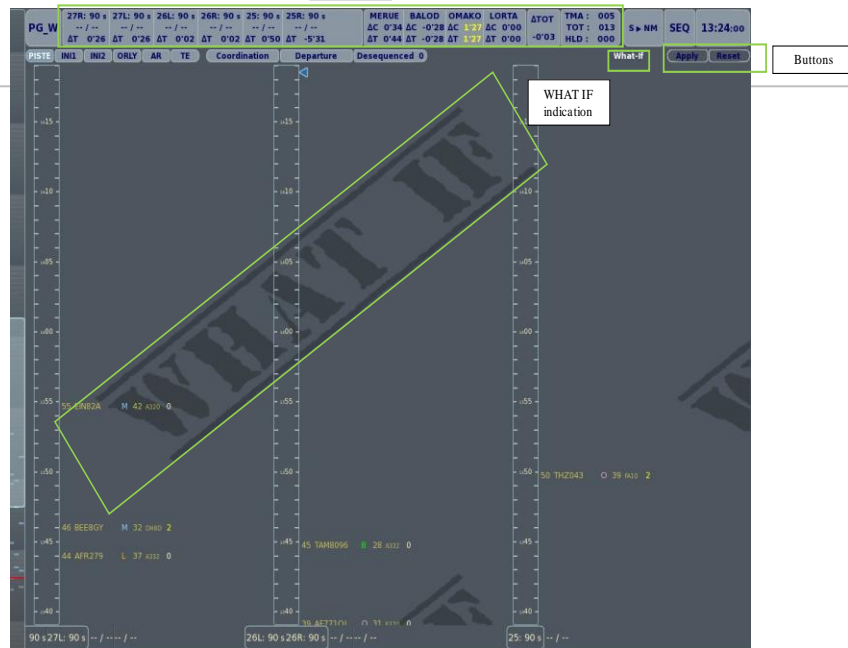
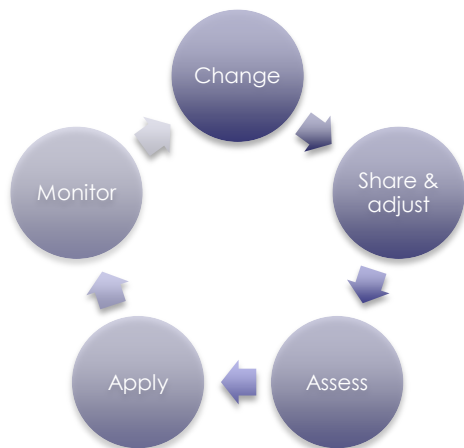
- Capacity, Predictability
- Flight efficiency
- Safety



Enabler for Performance Based Operations

Collaborative What-if sessions

- To prepare major changes without interfering with operational session
- Shared between key actors possibly in various sites
- Using indicators to measure the impacts of the changes



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Thales experience in ATFM

Thales has been involved in ATFM for over a decade

- Closely linked to ATM/ANSP
- CAMU for South Africa (including slot management)



Recent Thales ATFM developments and activities

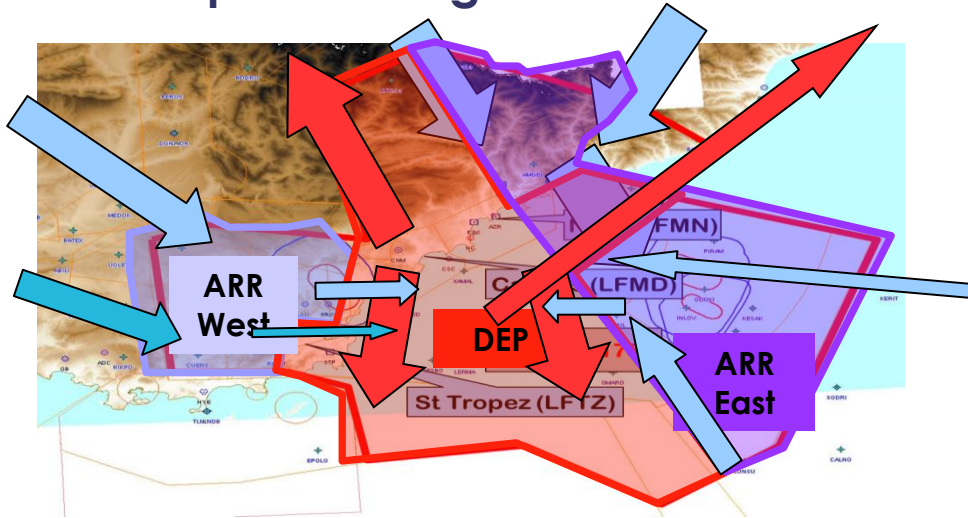
- Enhanced native ATFM features in ATM product (TopSky-ATC)
- MAESTRO AMAN, DMAN and XMAN now in portfolio
- Maturing of SESAR/FABEC projects and internal R&D
- TopSky-ATFM Generation II – Web Services

Application Case : Nice Côte d'Azur airport, France

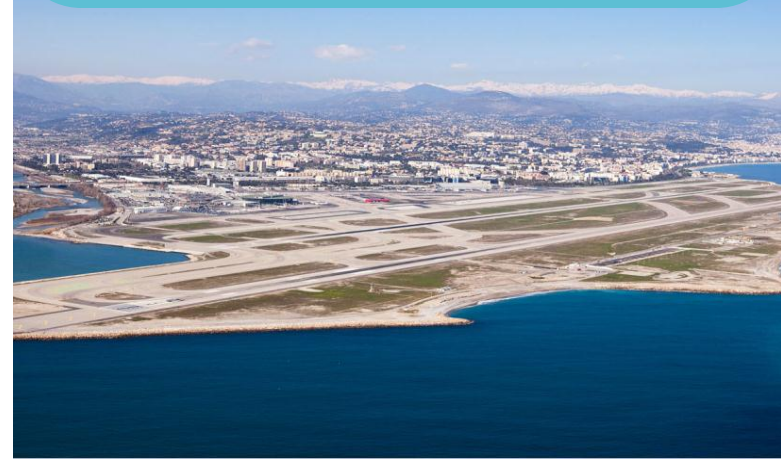
Constrained airspace

- Mountains & Sea
- Noise abatement procedures
- Arrival/departure interferences

Multi Airport management



- France's 3rd largest airport
- Approx. 160,000 movements/year
- Approx. 11 million passengers/year
- Serving both domestic and international destinations
- Significant share on general aviation and helicopter traffic serving Monaco, Cannes, and the entire Côte d'Azur



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DMAN : The Departure Manager



Situation without DMAN

- Long queues at the runway threshold
- Poor coordination between ATC, Airlines, Airport
- Poor departure predictability that impacts Network Operations
- In high density traffic situation, unplanned events become a crucial issue

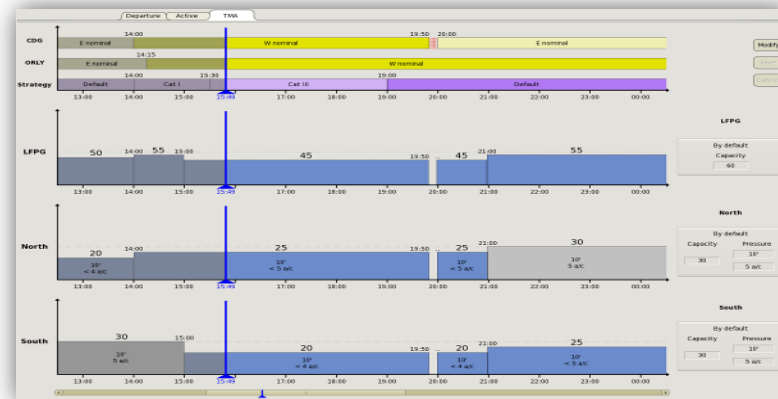
Wind/Runway orientation, Runway inspection, LVP conditions, De-icing

DMAN Principles

- Absorb delay at the gate
- Provide a feasible departure schedule
- Support controllers to issue just on time clearances
- Reinforce Tower Supervisor role

Benefits

- Predictability
- Flight efficiency & Environment footprint
- Capacity



Enabler for Airport-CDM Operations

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Application Case : CDM@CDG Measured benefits

Airport operations and ATM efficiencies

- Taxi time (-8%)
- Queuing at holding point (average -17%)
- Fuel consumption (-12 Tons per day)
- Departure Punctuality (up to +9%)
- CFMU Slot adherence (> 85%, +4%)
- Predictability : Stable flow of traffic
- Use of available airport resources
- Airport capacity : up to 5% gain during peak hours
- Less congestion on ground and at runway threshold
- Better safety feeling

Improved environmental protection

- Decrease gas emission (39 CO2 Tons per day)
- Noise reduction



	2010	2011	Gains
6h/7h	209	178	15%
9h/10h	234	214	9%
12h/13h	262	239	8%
18h/19h	240	151	37%

Holding time

on peak hours (in seconds)

Sample of 18 days (march 2010 -2011)



AMAN/DMAN Maestro Installations

Nearly 20 installations worldwide

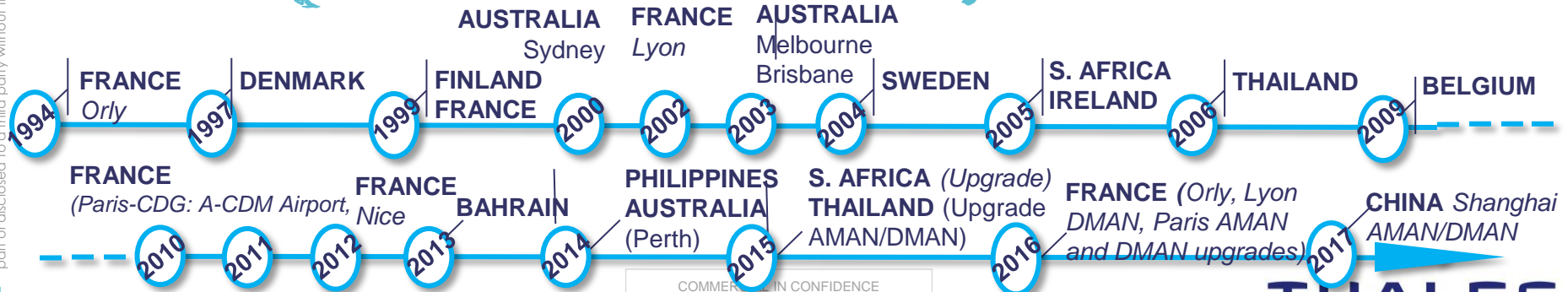


AMAN •

- 18 major airports
- Copenhagen : +10% runway capacity
- Sydney : 7,1 MAUSS\$ fuel consumption saved
- Paris : 30% capacity in Extended TMA

DMAN •

- Paris-CDG: 2 minutes of taxiout saved



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- **ATS Inter-facility Data Communications**
 - **Concept and experience**

Initially in response to a need for Oceanic area information exchange

- Need a common language

Designed to eliminate verbal coordination, initially between OCEANIC and ACC, then ACC/APP and TWR

Designed to work within the AFTN/AMHS

1994 the initial ICD for AIDC was adopted for planning purposes by the APAC Air Nav Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG)

Regional NAM and CARSAM ICDs

AIDC Concept

By Definition

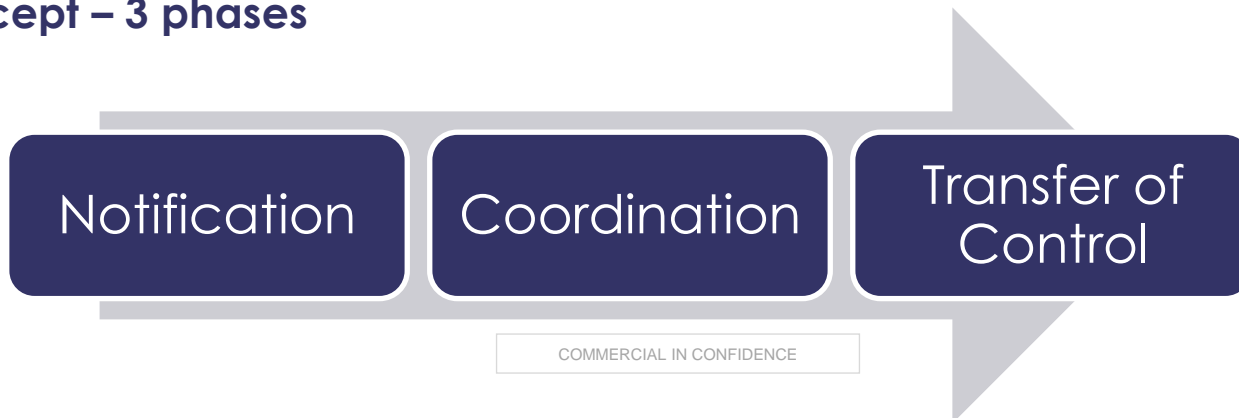
➤ “The AIDC application supports information exchanges between ATC application processes within automated ATS systems located at different ATSUs”, (ICAO 2007)

Not designed to replace ICAO messaging, only provide new facilities.

Requires bilateral agreements between neighbours

Computer to Computer messaging – Some messages are “automated”

Concept – 3 phases



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Thales' systems : Which ANSPs with AIDC experience ?

Australia (Ops)

Singapore

Tahiti

South Africa

Maritius

Vietnam

China (Ops)

Philippines

Taiwan (Ops)

Abu Dhabi

Bahreïn

Saudi Arabia

Egypt

Sudan

ASECNA

Panama

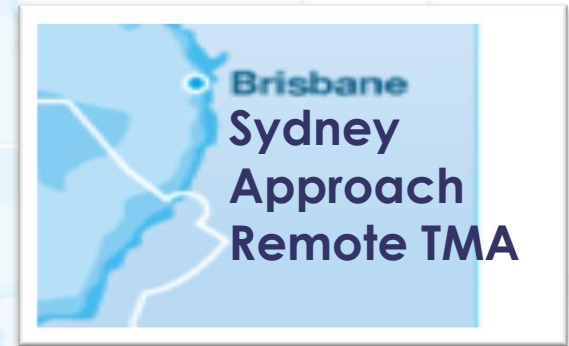
Chile

Mexico

Dominican Republic

Application case : Australia

- **Two FIRs – Melbourne and Brisbane. Separate FDPs**
- **Multiple remote TMAs**
- **Sydney - Approx 315,000 movements in 2012 = average 863 per day**
- **Many transit Sydney TMA to/from Brisbane ACC**
 - Sydney Arrivals/ Departures
- **MIL ATC coordination**



Lessons learned

- **Two FIRs – Melbourne and Brisbane. Separate FDPs**
- **Voice coordination only used in non-standard cases**
- **Different standards between systems**
- **Accuracy of flight data must maintained at all times**
- **Human factors: Controllers must be aware of the lack of prompting**
- **Overall reduced coordination errors and workload**
- **General feed-back is very positive**
 - from integrators and operational people
 - from customers (organizations and controllers), Implementation of AIDC has been very beneficial
- **But only two significant issues**
 - Dynamic standard
 - ICD definition with customer

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Summary

AIDC messaging supports ATM automation principles

- Assigns repetitive tasks to the computer – reduction in controller workload
- Reduces coordination errors
- HMI should clearly indicate when the system is degraded
- Allows to revert to manual coordination if required

Requires close cooperation between Air Traffic Service Units

- Letter of Agreement (LOA) essential
- Exact message set needs to be agreed
- Common degraded mode procedures

Transfer between APP/ACC should be as seamless as transfer between Sectors

Standards and ATC Systems' Vendor version

- per-ICAO-region basis NAM (North America), CARSAAM (Central America and South America) and APAC (Asia Pacific)
- Different versions, e.g. APAC V1, 2, and 3. Systems support one or the other ...

Start with simple Messages

- Standards define many messages
- Notification messages and move on to negotiation
- Save training and get confidence
- Ease the multi region/version testing (e.g use of NAM and CARSAAM)

And involve Vendors for testing

- Supporting system configuration