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COMPONENTS OF AIR ICAT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Airports

- Runways
- Terminals
- Ground transport interface
- ServicingMaintenance

Air traffic management •

- Communications
- Navigation
- □ Survěillance
- **Control**

Weather •

- Observation
- ForecastingDissemination
- **Skilled personnel** •
- **Cost recovery** •

UNITED STATES FREQUENCY **ALLOCATIONS** THE RADIO SPECTRUM



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THE RADIO SPECTRUM

RADIO SERVICES COLOR LEGEND





- Problem with calibrating power
- Time of flight
 - □ Tor = 2Rc + transponder relay time







COMMUNICATION TRENDS

• Voice

- □ VHF (line of sight), 25khz, spacing US, 8.33 khz Europe
- □ HF (over the horizon)
- Ground lines

• Datalink (line of sight)

ACARS (VHF)
 VHF Data Link (VDL) Modes 2 (31.5kbps), Mode 4
 CPDLC

• Aeronautical Telecommunications Network (ATN)

CDMA, TDMATCP/IP



COMMUNICATION TRENDS

Satellite •

- Geosynchronous (data, voice, images)
 - ♦ Air-ground
- Ground-ground
 LEO and MEO Networks
 - (XM & Sirius Data Downlinks (WX)
- Groundlines •
 - □ Switches



Communication Trend Datalink Standardization Challenge



Source: I om Imrich, Boeing

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MIT ICAT

NAS Architecture Elements Communication 1

Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Air to Ground Router (ATN A/G Router) (ATN A/G Router Data Communication (Data Communication...

Aeronautical Data Link (ADL) - Enhanced (ADL-E Aeronautical Data Link Decision Support System Services (ADL DSSS Aeronautical Data Link National Deployment (ADL National Deployment Alaskan NAS Interfacility Communications System Phase II (ANICS Phase II Commercial Weather Vendor (CWV **Communications Management System (CMS** Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications Build I (CPDLC Bld I Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications Build IA (CPDLC Bld IA Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications National Deployment (CPDLC National Deployment FAA Telecommunications Satellite (FAATSAT Flight Information Service – Data Link (FISDL High Frequency Data Link (HF Data Link Multi-Sector Oceanic Data Link (MSODL NGATS Data Communications (NGATS Data Comm NOTAM Distribution Program (NDP Satellite Telecommunications Data Link (SATCOM DL System Wide Information Management (SWIM System Wide Information Management Spiral 1 (SWIM Spiral 1 System Wide Information Management Spiral 2 (SWIM Spiral 2 System Wide Information Management Spiral 3 (SWIM Spiral 3 Terminal Weather Information for Pilots (TWIP Tower Data Link System Refresh (TDLS Refresh Video Communication (Video Communication...)

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NAS Architecture Elements Communication 2 (voice)

Voice Communication (Voice Communication...

Air/Ground Communications RFI Elimination (RFI ELIM Backup Emergency Communications (BUEC Command and Control Communications (C3 **Conference Control System (CCS** Digital Voice Recorder System (DVRS/DVR2 Digital Voice Recorder System Replacement (DVRS Repl **Emergency Transceiver Replacement (ETR Emergency Voice Communications System (EVCS** Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch (ETVS Future Communications Infrastructure – Phase 1 (FCI–P1 Future Radio System - Phase 1 (FRS-P1 **High Frequency Communications (HF Communications** Integrated Communications Switching System Type I (ICSS I Multi-Channel Recording System (MCR Multi-Mode Digital Radios (MDR NAS Voice Switch (NVS Radio Control Equipment Sustainment (RCE Sustain Rapid Deployment Voice Switch Type I (RDVS I Satellite Communications (SATCOM Small Tower Voice Switch (STVS Ultra High Frequency Ground Radios (UHF Ground Radios Ultra High Frequency Ground Radios - Replacement (UHF Ground Radios - Relp Very High Frequency Ground Radios (VHF Ground Radios Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency Emergency Communications Transceivers - Term Voice Switching and Control System (VSCS Voice Switching and Control System Training and Backup Switches (VTABS)

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NAS Architecture Elements Communication 3 (WAN)

WAN Communication (WAN Communication...

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Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Ground to Ground Router (ATN G/G Router Agency Data Telecommunications Network 2000 (ADTN2000 Alaskan National Airspace System Interfacility Communications System (ANICS Alaskan National Airspace System Interfacility Communications System Phase II (ANICS Phase II Bandwidth Manager (BWM Data Multiplexing Network (DMN En Route Communications Gateway (ECG En Route Communications Gateway Technology Refresh (ECG Tech Refresh FAA Bulk Weather Telecommunications Gateway (FBWTG FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure (FTI Federal Aviation Administration Telecommunications Satellite (FAATSAT Federal Telecommunications System 2001 (FTS 2001 High Frequency Aeronautical Telecommuniction Network Data Link (HF ATN DL Interfacility Communications (Interfacility Comm Leased Inter-facility National Airspace System Communication System (LINCS Low-Density Radio Communications Link (LDRCL National Airspace Data Interchange Network Message-Switched Network (NADIN MSN National Airspace Data Interchange Network Packet-Switched Network (NADIN PSN Next Generation Messaging (NEXGEN Messaging Radio Communication Link (RCL Radio Control Equipment (RCE System Wide Information Management (SWIM Weather Message Switching Center Replacement (WMSCR Weather Message Switching Center Replacement (WMSCR) Sustain (WMSCR Sustain)



Federal Telecom Infrastructure (FTI National Aviation Data Integration Networ (NADIN)





Radionavigation beacon

- □ VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR)
- □ Non-Directional Beacon (NDB)
- □ Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)
- □ TACAN

• Aero navigation systems (ground based)

- OmegaLORAN
- Inertial navigation systems

Satellite navigation systems

- GPS (CA)
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- Master Slave Architecture
- Low Frequencey (100khz) Center Freq
- Hyperbolic Coordinates
- Geometric Dilution of Precision



GPS Frequencies

- * L1 (1575.42 MHz):
- Carries a publicly usable coarse-acquisition (C/A) code as well as an encrypted precision P(Y) code.
- * L2 (1227.60 MHz):
- Usually carries only the P(Y) code, but will also carry a second C/A code on the Block III-R satellites.
- * L3 (1381.05 MHz):
- Carries the signal for the GPS constellation's alternative role of detecting missile/rocket launches (supplementing Defense Support Program satellites), nuclear detonations, and other high-energy infrared events.
- * L4 (1841.40 MHz):
- Being studied for additional ionospheric correction.
- * L5 (1176.45 MHz):
- Proposed for use as a civilian safety-of-life (SoL) signal. This frequency falls into an internationally protected range for aeronautical navigation, promising little or no interference under all circumstances. The first Block IIF satellite that would provide this signal is set to be launched in 2008.





- Requirements
 - □ Accuracy
 - □ Integrity
 - Availability
- Selective Availability (SA)
 - Degraded to 100m accuracy
- Control by US DoD
 - International concerns
- US guarantee of service free to world through 2005
- Vulnerability to jamming
- DGPS
 - U WAAS

 - LAAS



NAVIGATION TRENDS (APPROACH)

• Instrument Landing System (ILS)

- □ Cat. I (200 ft; 1/4 mile)
- □ Cat. II (50 ft; 800 RVR)
- □ Cat. III (0,0)

• Microwave Landing System (MLS)

• GPS (100m)

- □ Wide Areas Augmentation System (5m)
 - ♦ Cat. I, Cat. II
- □ Local Areas Augmentation System (0.1m)
 - ♦ Cat. III
- Change to Required Navigation Performance (RNP)



GPS Approach Navigation

• Requirements

- □ Accuracy (RNP) -
- Availability
- □ Integrity

Differential GPS

- □ SBAS Sattelite Base Augmentation Systems
 - Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)
 - Son-Precision Approaches (GPS Overlay)
 - RNAV Approachet
 - Substitution of the state o
- Ground Based Augmentation Systems
 - Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)
 - ⊲>GLS (Cat II+)



RNAV and RNP: Key Building Blocks of Performancebased Navigation





Performance-Based NAS Approaches





WAAS Fielding Status



Figure by MIT OCW.





- Weaknesses in Current System Monitor (Safety Processor)
 - □ At Times Safety Processor Doesn't Monitor Data
- Therefore, System Integrity Is Not Quantifiable
 - □ Integrity Requirement Is No More Than One in 10 Million Chance of Hazardously Misleading Information (10⁻⁷)



GBAS Ground Based Augmentation System



Figure by MIT OCW.

US Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)



GLS - System Concept

- GPS based
- GBAS (e.g., LAAS)
- VHF Data Link
- MMR (ILS, GLS,)
- Uplinked WPs
- Multiple Paths
- Future Satellites (3rd Gen GPS; Galileo; Glonass)



Figure by MIT OCW.



- Path Indications Common
- Autoflight Status Common
- Mode Annunciation Common
- NAV Source Clearly Shown (ILS; GLS; FMS; ID; WP Distance)



Potential GNSS Services



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Navigation & Communication



Source: Brian Kelly, Boeing



SURVEILLANCE TRENDS

• Primary radar

- □ Enroute (12 sec scan)
- □ Terminal area (4.2 sec scan)

Secondary radar

- □ Transponders
 - ◆ Mode C (altitude)
 - Mode S (2-way data exchange)
- Onboard surveillance

□ TCAS

- Automatic Dependent Surveillance (ADS)
 - □ Oceanic (INS Based)
 - GPS squitter (Mode S)



ATC Control Loop Radar Surveillance Limits



Emerging Approaches: ADS-B and Multi-Lateration



Radar Display Example





Enroute Display



Enroute Display



- *1.* Uncorrelated primary radar target [0] [+]
- 2. Correlated primary radar target

*See note below.

- 3. Uncorrelated beacon target [/]
- *4. Correlated beacon target* [\]
- 5. Identing beacon target

*Note: in Number 2 correlated means the association of radar data with the computer projected track of an identified aircraft.

Position symbols:

- 6. Free track (no flight plan tracking)
- 7. Flat track (flight plan tracking)
- 8. Coast (beacon target lost) [#]
- 9. Present position hold

Data block information:

10. Aircraft ident

*See note below.

11. Assigned altitude FL 280, Mode C altitude same or within 200' of assigned altitude.

*See note below.

12. Computer ID #191, handoff is to sector 33

(0-33 would mean handoff accepted)

*See note below.

- *13.* Assigned altitude 17,000', aircraft is climbing, Mode C readout was 14,300 when last beacon interrogation was received.
- *14. Leader line connecting target symbol and data block.*
- *15. Track velocity and direction vector line (projected ahead of target)*
- 16. Assigned altitude 7,000, aircraft is descending, last Mode C readout (or last reported altitude) was 100' above FL 230
- 17. Transponder code shows in full data block only when different than assigned code
- *18. Aircraft is 300' above assigned altitude*
- 19. Reported altitude (no Mode C readout) same as assigned. (An "n" would indicate no reported altitude.)

Enroute Display



- 20. Transponder set on emergency Code 7700 (EMRG flashes to attract attention)
- 21. Transponder Code 1200 (VFR) with no Mode C
- 22. Code 1200 (VFR) with Mode C and last altitude readout
- 23. Transponder set on radio failure Code 7600 (RDOF flashes)
- 24. Computer ID #228, CST indicates target is in coast status
- 25. Assigned altitude FL 290, transponder code (these two items constitute a "limited data block")
- *Note: numbers 10, 11, and 12 constitute a "full data block"

Other symbols:

- *26. Navigational aid*
- 27. *Airway or jet route*
- 28. Outline of weather returns based on primary radar. "
- H" represents areas of high density precipitation which might be thunderstorms. Radial lines indicated lower density precipitation.
- *29. Obstruction*
- 30. Airports



ASR-11 Sites





ARTS III Terminal Display

- *1. Areas of precipitation (can be reduced by CP)*
- 2. Arrival/departure tabular list
- 3. Trackball (control) position symbol (A)
- *4. Airway (lines are sometimes deleted in part)*
- 5. Radar limit line for control
- 6. *Obstruction (video map)*
- 7. Primary radar returns of obstacles or terrain (can be removed by MTI)
- 8. Satellite airports
- 9. Runway centerlines (marks and spaces indicate miles)
- *10. Primary airport with parallel runways*
- *11. Approach gates*
- *12. Tracked target (primary and beacon target)*
- *13. Control position symbol*
- 14. Untracked target select code (monitored) with Mode C readout of 5,000'
- 15. Untracked target without Mode C
- *16. Primary target*
- 17. Beacon target only (secondary radar) (transponder)
- *18. Primary and beacon target*
- *19. Leader line*
- 20. Altitude Mode C readout is 6,000'
- 21. Ground speed readout is 240 knots
- 22. Aircraft ID
- 23. Asterisk indicates a controller entry in Mode C block. In this case 5,000' is entered and "05" would alternate with Mode C readout.
- 24. Indicates heavy
- 25. "Low ALT" flashes to indicate when an aircraft's predicted descent places the aircraft in an unsafe proximity to terrain.

(Note: this feature does not function if the aircraft is not squawking Mode C.



ARTS III Terminal Display

| 26. | NAVAID's |
|--|--|
| 27. | Airways |
| 28. | Primary target only |
| 29. | Nonmonitored. No Mode C (an asterisk would indicate nonmonitored with Mode C) |
| 30. | Beacon target only (secondary radar based on aircraft transponder) |
| <i>31</i> . | Tracked target (primary and beacon target) control position A |
| 32. | Aircraft is squawking emergency code 7700 and is nonmonitored, untracked, Mode C |
| <i>33</i> . | Controller assigned runway 36 right alternates with Mode C readout |
| (Note: a three letter identifier could also indicate the arrival is at specific airport) | |
| 34. | Ident flashes |
| 35. | Identing target blossoms |
| <i>36</i> . | Untracked target identing on a selected code |
| 37. | Range marks (10 and 15 miles) (can be changed/offset) |
| <i>38</i> . | Aircraft controlled by center |
| <i>39</i> . | Targets in suspend status |
| <i>40</i> . | Coast/suspend list (aircraft holding, temporary loss of beacon/target, etc.) |
| <i>41</i> . | Radio failure (emergency information) |
| <i>42</i> . | Select beacon codes (being monitored) |
| <i>43</i> . | General information (ATIS, runway, approach in use) |
| 44. | Altimeter setting |
| 45. | Time |





Traffic Symbology Bill Kaliardos (FAA)



Figure 1 Basic Traffic Symbol Set



Maintenance Costs (1995 Dollar Estimates)

- HF Voice
- NDB \$30,000
- VOR
- DVOR/DME
- ILS Cat 1 \$
- ILS Cat II
- Primary Radar
- SSR \$
- \$200,000 \$450,000 \$500,000 \$550,000 \$6 million

\$5,000

\$2 million



WEATHER TRENDS

Surface observations

- Human
- Assisted
- □ Automated (ASOS, AWS)
- WX radar
- Satellite observations
 - VIS
 - 🗅 IR
 - Soundings
- Pilot observations
 - □ PIREPs (voice)
 - ACARs downlink
 - Winds, temperature

• Forecasts

- □ Model based (ETA \rightarrow 20km grid)
- Terminal

WX communications trend

- □ Teletype
- Fax
- Ground-air uplink

FAA

Dept of Commerce (NOAA) Commercial Venders



Weather Information Distribution Examples

• http://adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov/

http://www.aopa.org/members/wx/?

• http://www.duats.com/

http://www.wsi.com/aviation/solutions/