FAA NextGEN Program & NEAR Laboratory

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XtGEN FAA EMBRY-RIDDLE Aeronautical University

U.S. Air Traffic System – World's Most Demanding

5,000 Planes in the air at any time

689M Passengers/Year

36B Pounds of Cargo/Year

Linchpin of the U.S. Economy 5.6% of GDP, 11.5M Jobs

NextGen is more than just a...

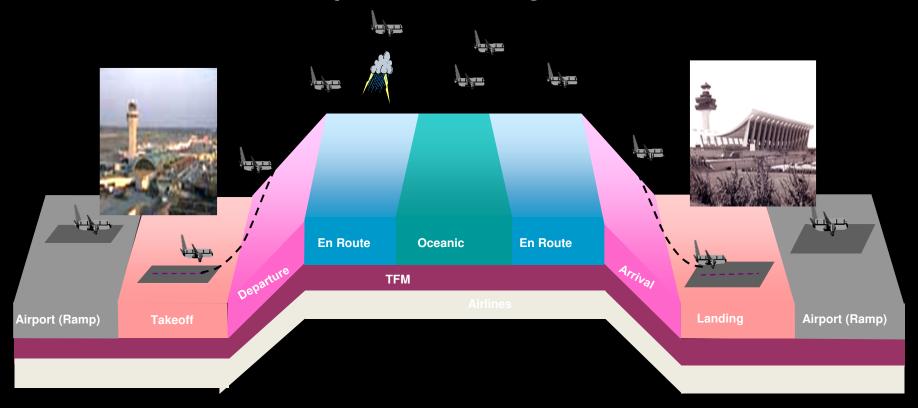
- Single project... It is the integration of many projects, concepts, and technologies.
- Program plan... It is the integration of many program plans,
 some new and some ongoing, to deliver new service capabilities
 to meet increasing needs.
- New system... It is the integration of
 - new systems,
 - new procedures,
 - new aircraft performance capabilities,
 - renewable fuels,
 - new supporting infrastructure, and
 - a new way to do business

as the Air Transportation System.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZX15tBHeC 1E&feature=relmfu

Current NAS Problems

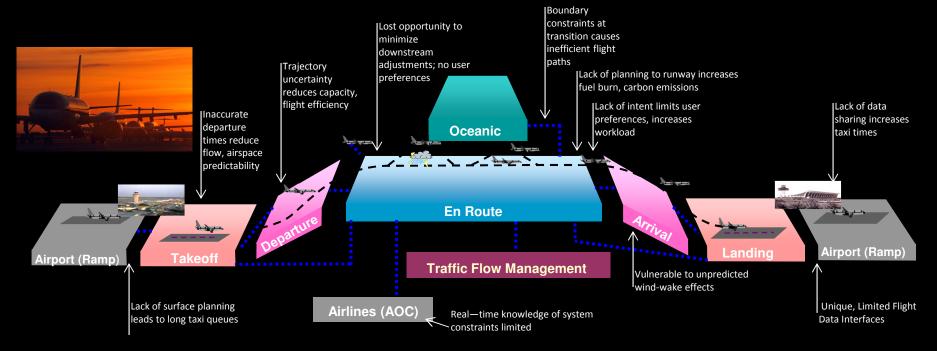
We Often Picture the Airspace as Looking Like This ...



But In Reality, Today It Looks More Like ...

Current NAS Problems ...

Today's System Lacks Common Situational Awareness

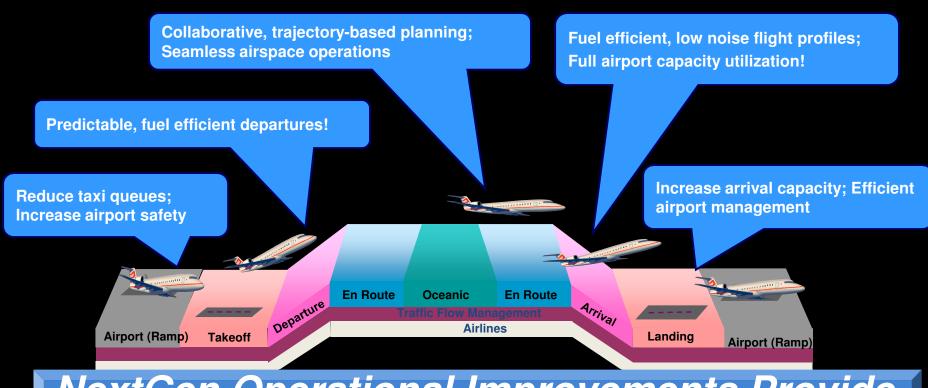


- Different System Information, Trajectory and Problem View Causes Uncertainty & Inefficiency
- Limited Interoperability (Between ATC System Domains; Aircraft and Ground Systems)
- · Unpredictable Results Lead to System Delays and Operational Costs

System Limitations Result in Increased Passenger Delays and Airline Costs



NextGen Con Ops Provides the Vision



NextGen Operational Improvements Provide Increases in Capacity & Shared Situation Awareness while Enhancing Safety



FAA's OEP Provides Implementation Planning

Trajectory-Based Ops

- 4D Trajectory Management
- Capacity and Efficiency Using RNP/RNAV

High Density Airports

- Initial Surface Traffic Management
- Integrated Arrival/Departure Management

Flexible Terminals & Facilities

- Shared Surface Situation
- Runway Safety Alerting
- Tower Data Link Taxi Clearance
- Wind and Wake Procedures
- Staffed Virtual Tower



We must enable broad access to A/P Info!!

Net Centric SWIM Enabled

Reduce Weather Impact

• Integrate Weather into DSTs

Integrated Airport Builds on the FAA's Operational Evolution **Partnership**

Collaborative ATM

- Flight Plan Constraint Evaluation
- On-Demand NAS Information
- Trajectory Flight Data Management

FAA's NextGEN Testbed



NextGen Test Beds.

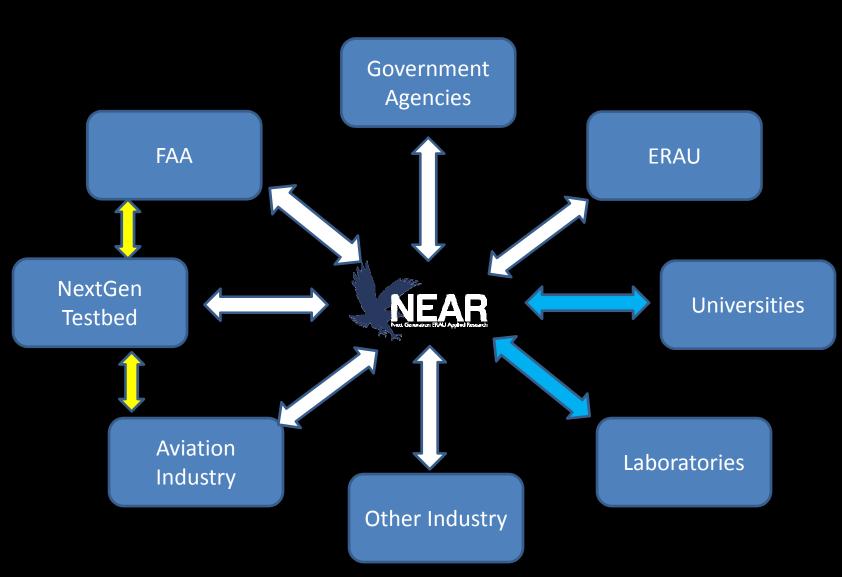


NEAR Overview

- ERAU technical arm in NextGen testbed
- Resources and Capabilities
 - 11 full time staffs (7 Software Eng., 2 Analyst, 2 PhD Research faculty) + Affiliated faculty & students (grad, under grad)
 - Live data feed from FAA (ASDI, ABS-B, WX)
 - Part of Aviation SimNet
 - Flight & WX Historical Data (since 1997)
 - In house and 3rd party simulation and modeling tools

NEAR Lab Research Areas

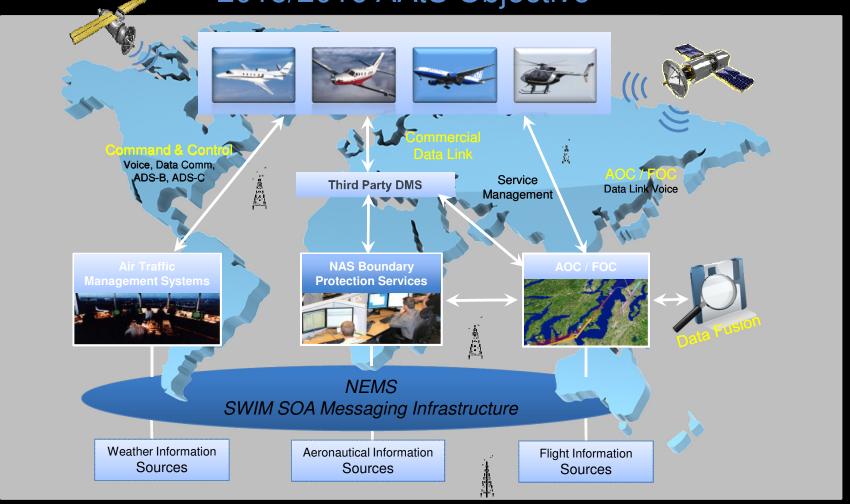
- Fast and real-time Simulation and Modeling
- Mobile Aviation Application Development (IPAD, IPhone, Smart Phone)
- Data Mining
- Data Acquisition
- UAS (Unmanned Autonomous System)
- Small Avionics



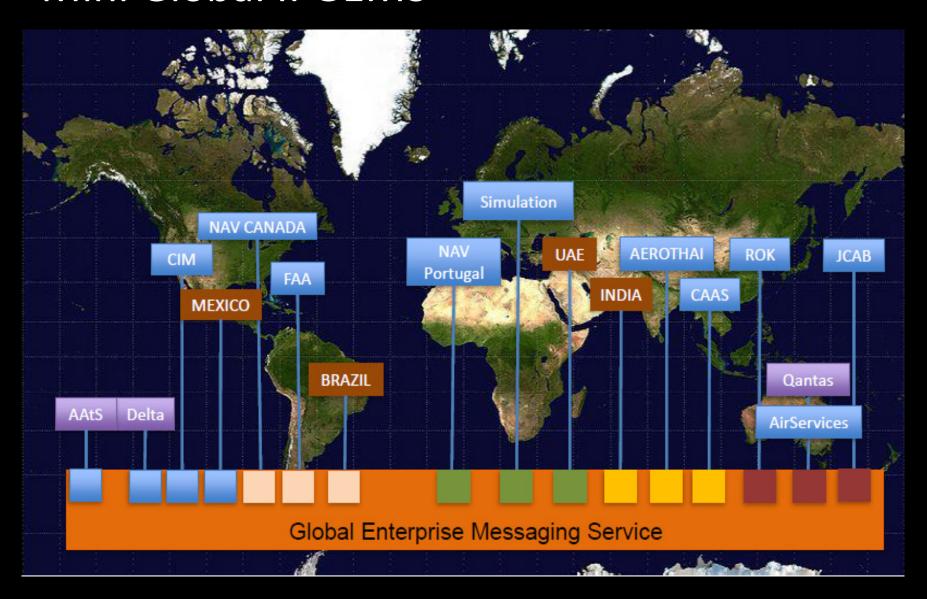


NEAR NextGEN Projects

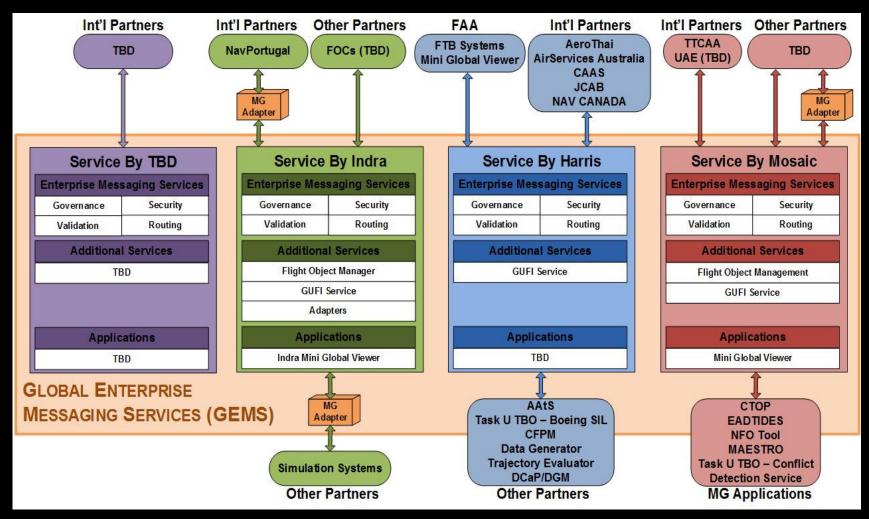
2015/2016 AAtS Objective



Mini Global II GEMS

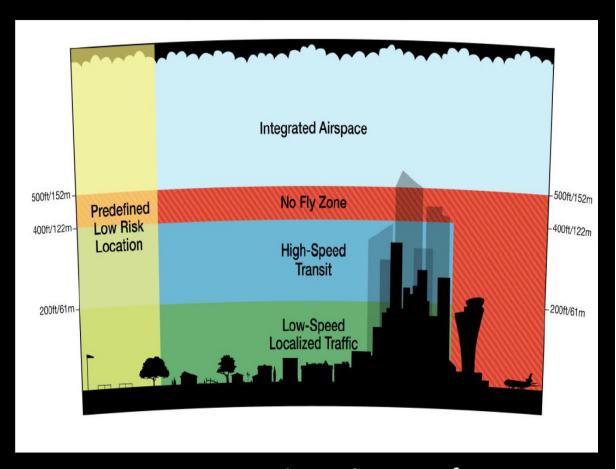


Proposed Mini Global II Architecture



UAS Integration to NAS

- Multiple Classes of UAV
- DifferentCapabilities
- Safe Integration



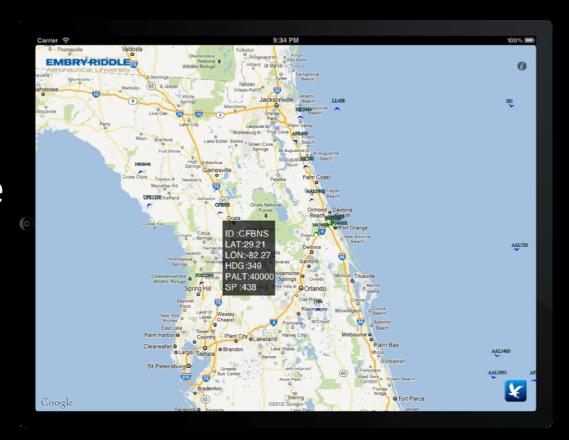
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NEAR Products

EMID

ERAU Multi-Information Display

- Real Time aircraft
- Geospatial data
- Aircraft tracking
- Ready for App Store

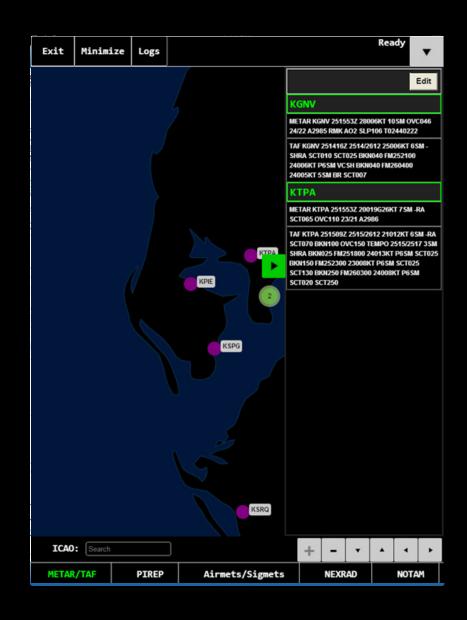




EFB

Electronic Flight Bag

- Weather direct from FAA
- Push updates
- Background maps
- Multiple platforms

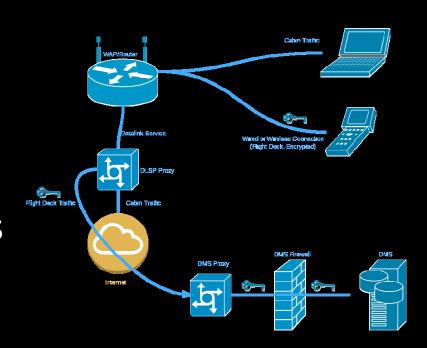




EFB Security

EFB Security Research Task

- Management
- Threat Identification & Mitigation
- Prioritizing data
- Quality of service measures
- Test case development

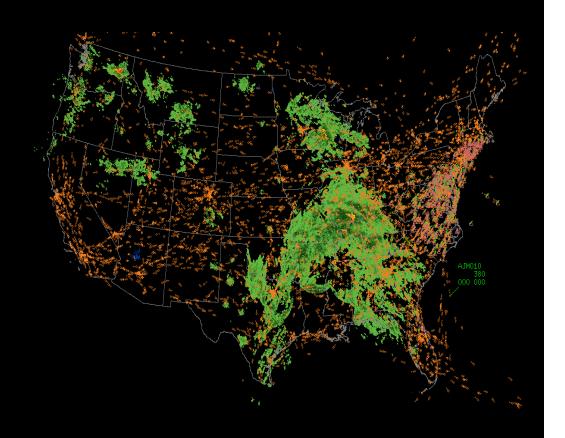




CASP

Common Air Surveillance Picture

- Composite image of NAS
- Real-Time aircraft information
- Real-time weather
- Flight plans





Data Archive

- Airspace Situation Display to Industry (ASDI) Class 1 real-time feed
 - ASDI Data Archive Starting 1999
- ADS-B, TIS-B real-time Development Chain Feed
 - ADS-B, TIS-B Data Archive Starting 2007

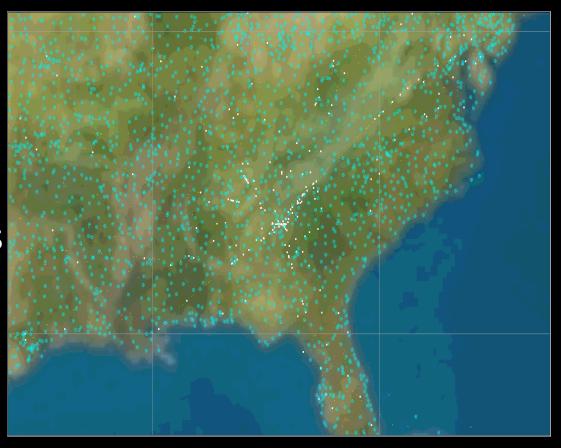




TAAM

Total Airspace and Airport Modeler

- Fast-time simulation
- Gate-to-gate
- Ground and air
- "What if?" scenarios

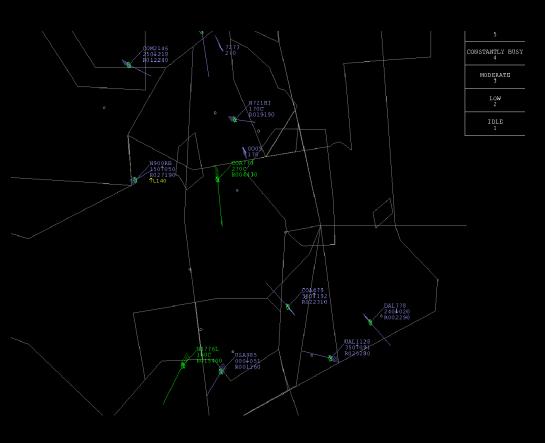




RTDS

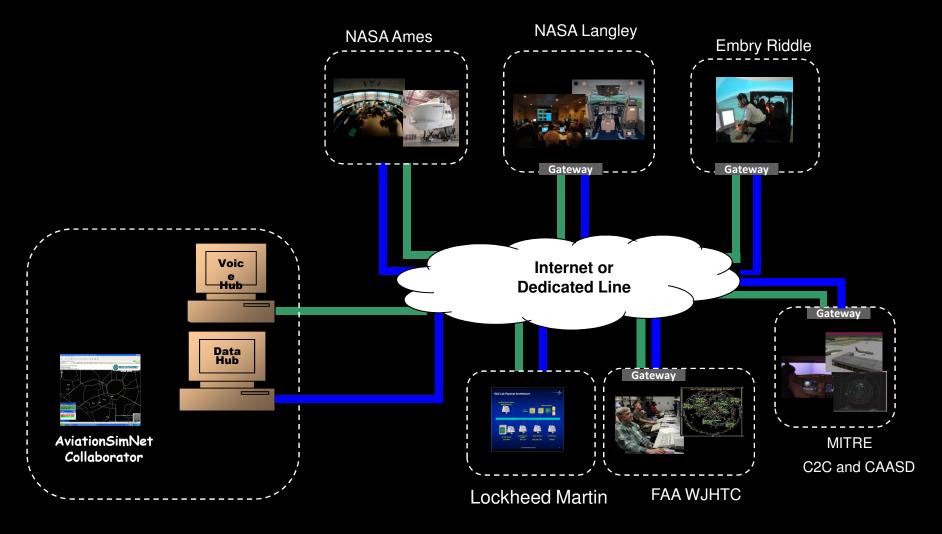
Real Time Distributed Simulation System

- Flight-plan filer
- Pilot and ATC displays
- Target generator
- Voice-communication
- Distributed





Aviation SimNet



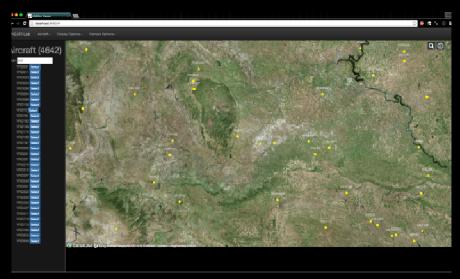




Flight Simulator & Flight Management System (FMS)

- High Fidelity Flight Sim
 - Boeing 737
 - Bombardier 5000
 - JSBSim
 - Supports Autopilot
 - UAS
- FMS
 - Supports 4-DT





Virtual 3D NAS

- Virtual tower
- Real-time weather
- Real-time aircraft
- Simulated aircraft
- Playback





Sub-orbital ADS-B

ADS-B Prototype for Suborbital Reusable Launch Vehicles

- Track sub-orbital
- Prototype transponder
- Balloon high-altitude flight
- Rocket demonstration





GALE

UAS for Hurricane Research

Tube launch

Survey boundary layer

• PTH and winds

Disposable







Questions?

