

# Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) Year 2000 and Beyond

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# Growing CDM Participation: 33 members

CDM Members (Including Sub-carriers)		CDM Members (Including Sub-carriers)	
AAL	American Airlines	USA	United States Airlines
ECP	American Eagle Airlines	ALG	Alleghepy Airlines
COA	Continental Airlines	ASH	Air Shuttle
BTA	Jet Link	CDL	
DAL	Delta Airlines	CHQ	
CAA	ComAir	JJA	
COM	ComAir	PDI	Piedmont Airlines
SWE	Swire Air	UCA	
NWA	Northwest Airlines	AWE	American West Airlines
MCS	Meraba Airlines	MEP	Midwest Express Airlines
SWA	Southwest Airlines	LGF*	Trans World Express
TWA	Trans World Airlines	SKW**	Skywest Airlines
UAL	United Airlines		
AWI	Air Wisconsin Airlines		
BLR	Atlantic Coast Airlines		
GLA	Great Lakes Aviation		
UPS	Union Flight		
FDX	Federal Express Airlines		
GAA	Business Express		
ACA	Atlantic Coast Airlines		
UPS	United Parcel Service Airlines		

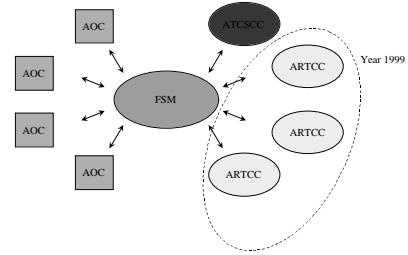
Not CDM Member, But AOA Signed	
CDN	Canadian Airlines
ONT	Air Ontario
ROA	Reno Air
TBS	AirTran Airways

Note 1: LGF is sub for UAL, USA, TWA.  
Note 2: SKW is sub for UAL and DAL.

# FSM Deployment to Centers

- Flight Schedule Monitor (FSM)
  - Primary operational/monitoring tool for GDPs
  - Already in use at ATCSCC and at AOCs
- Now at 36 (U.S.) ATM Locations
  - ATCSCC, 20 ARTCCs, 11 TRACONS
  - FAA Academy, Technical Center in Atlantic City, Volpe Center
  - NAV Canada, Canadian Centers, Toronto Center

# FSM Deployment to Centers



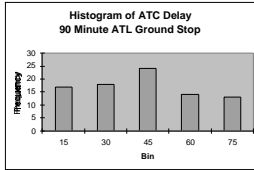
# CDM Airport Arrival Information

- CDM Strings
  - confluence of Airline operational info with ETMS
  - GDP-oriented: aggregate demand lists
- 1999 Enhancements
  - dual strings: redundancy, more robust, stronger firewall
  - in addition: test string, development string
- Future direction
  - merge fully with ETMS

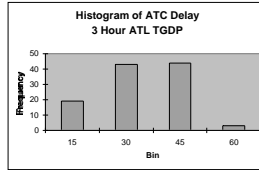
# Tactical GDPs

- TGDP serves as
  - "short notice" GDP
  - alternative to ground stops
- Advantages of TGDP over Ground Stops
  - better planning for airlines
  - smoother delivery of traffic into airport
  - less delay (ground + air)

## Assigned Ground Delay Comparisons - ATL



86 flights  
avg = 35  
standard deviation = 19.91  
variance = 396  
range = 73

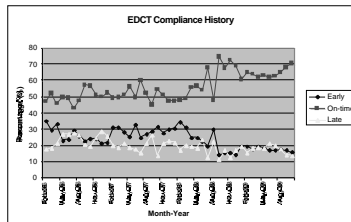


109 flights  
avg = 26  
standard deviation = 11.88  
variance = 141.03  
range = 53

## CDM Benefits and Performance

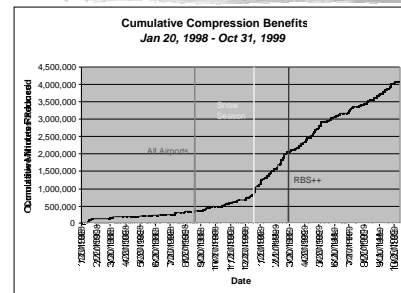
- On-going analysis
  - Metron
  - NEXTOR
  - CDM Analysis Sub-group
- Benefits Assessment
  - FFP1 Program Office
  - NEXTOR Benefits Report

## EDCT Compliance during a GDP



## Compression Benefits Trend

Jan. 20, 1998 - Oct. 31, 1999



## CDM Proven Track Record

- GDP-E Proven Track Record
  - Increased flexibility
  - Increased predictability
  - More efficient tools
  - Situational awareness
  - Community involvement
- The New Frontiers
  - Departure/Arrival Balancing
  - Collaborative Routing

## Departures and Arrival Balancing

- Departure and Arrival Balancing
  - So far, CDM has been arrival oriented
  - CDM approach must be preserved
  - MIT PhD Thesis by W.Hall (under A.Odoni)
    - integrates E.Gilbo Model (Volpe), CDM paradigms
  - MIT models: N.Puget, JPClarke, L.Kang

## Collaborative Routing

- Apply GDP concepts/paradigms to the en-route environment
  - ▮ RBS, compression algorithms
  - ▮ User preferences
  - ▮ Situational Awareness
- Main problems
  - ▮ weather
  - ▮ congestion

## En-Route Issues

- Rerouting around congested areas
  - ▮ routes vs. sectors
  - ▮ aggregate demand lists (ADLs)
  - ▮ off-loading to other sectors/routes
- Ground Delays
  - ▮ Use GDP-like tools to ground delay flights?
- Air Delays (assigned)
  - ▮ Use of Miles-in-Trail (MIT) restrictions
  - ▮ Integration with other control measures

## Why CR is harder than GDP

- Stochastic demand
  - ▮ Deterministic at airport: just need good data
  - ▮ But 20% of sector/route traffic is "unpredictable"
- Multi-dimensional nature
  - ▮ space allocation as well as time allocation
  - ▮ rolling planning horizon
  - ▮ multiple resources (arrival fixes, sectors, routes)
- Capacity Metrics
  - ▮ airspace harder than arrival resource

## Why CR is harder than GDP (2)

- Lack of RBS in the SKY
- Integration with other ATM initiatives
  - ▮ linking of multiple centers with distinct operational behaviors
- Data Issues
  - ▮ Order of magnitude more data necessary than for runway resources

## Community Solutions

- Air Transport Community Involvement
  - ▮ collaborative paradigms/rationing schemes
  - ▮ mixture of user rerouting and ATC delay
- Can GDP concepts carry over?
  - ▮ Rationing of en-route resources
  - ▮ Compression analog (T.Vossen, T.Butler, M.Ball, UMD)
- Coded Swap Routes (CDR)
  - ▮ need for simplified identification of routes

## Stochastic Solutions

- Stochastic Modeling
  - ▮ ADL modifier for demand (R.Hoffman, M.Ball, UMD)
  - ▮ Statistical Models for Capacity Prediction (T.Inniss, M.Ball, UMD)
  - ▮ Departure predictions (L.Kang, JPClarke, MIT)
- General Education:
  - ▮ ATM/AOC use of probabilistic information

## The Proper Role of Optimization

- What is "optimal"?
  - Balance between global efficiency and user preference
  - The Yardstick: How far off are we?
- Integer Programming/Network Flow Models
  - J.Goodhart, (C.Yano) PhD Thesis, UCB
  - S.Stock, D.Bertsimas, MIT

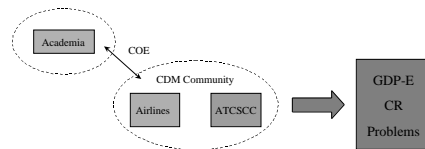
## Other Solutions

- Simulation
  - Historical playback
  - T, the fifth dimension
  - What-if modeling
- Game Theory
  - How to specify options/preferences
  - Choices made w/o knowing choices of competitors

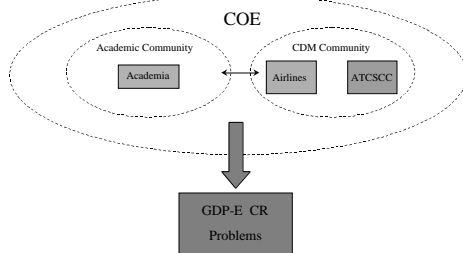
## CR Analysis Tools (2)

- Post-operative Analysis Tools
  - Metron/OSU POET software for en-route analysis
  - Off-loading to other sectors/routes
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  - identify potential off-loads
- Constraint identification products
  - MITRE's CCFP

## The Working Paradigm



## Year 2000 and Beyond



## CDM Academic-Industry Coordination

### Background Info:

CDM <http://www.metsci.com/cdm/>  
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