### Value of FAA Traffic Flow Management in Accommodating High Demand in Complex Airspace

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- Operational perspective and constraints
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# Complex air traffic operations in the northeast U.S. often result in delay, disruption, and a frustrating travel experience.

There are no simple answers.





#### **U.S Population Density**



#### **Airport Density**



#### **Airspace Density**









# **Modern Airport Designs**



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Modern airport designs have multiple parallel runways which are generally more efficient.



# **Older Airport Designs**

GENERAL EDWARD LAWRENCE LOGAN INTL (BOS)

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



Older airports are generally located in urban-coastal areas, have intersecting runways, and small land areas.







AL-58 (FAA)

#### JFK Airport 2009

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#### JFK Airport 2015

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# **Some perspective**





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### **Severe Weather Events in the Northeast U.S.**





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### **SWAP Impact Categorization**



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### **SWAP Impact Categorization**



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# Weather impact distribution





# Why are level 3 SWAP days so bad?

Because they have unavoidable delay and unrecoverable reductions in capacity due to airspace density, weather proximity, and capacity distribution choices.





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### Variable Plans and Scaled SWAP Actions





## ZNY implements SWAP less on weekends









### 74 NY Airport GDP's on SWAP Days 2014





### LGA GDP's on Level 2 SWAP Days





### Selected LGA GDP's on Level 3 SWAP Days





### Variable AFP Usage

#### Source: MITRE CAASD





### Alternative Northeast AFPs

#### Source: MITRE CAASD

#### **Different AFP combinations (Patterned Bars)**

- June 11<sup>th</sup> OB1, A06 & CN7 (Route Out)
- July 8<sup>th</sup> OB2 & DC7
- July 13 OB3 & DC8
- July 14<sup>th</sup> BW2, OB6 & A08
- July 15<sup>th</sup> OB5 & DC5/Low Rate GDPs
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> OB1 & A08/Low Rate GDPs





### GDP and AFP use during SWAP





#### ZDC Hourly Weather Permeability vs. AFP Rate 2011 & 2014 Monthly Trend Variability (A08)

#### Source: AvMet Applications



Wider array of AFP rates based on permeability in 2014





# Plans and actions are based on weather intensity, location, and duration





# July 23, 2014

## Low rate ground delay program



#### **LGA** July 23, 2014
























## **Common Tactical Reroutes Defined**

- Currently they are not published and generally occur within 200NM of a destination airport
- Most often require inter and intra-facility coordination, approval, and transfer of aircraft.
- They are used as a result of a weather blockage to a normal route.





## JFK, LGA, and EWR Departures for one day









### **Common Tactical Reroutes**











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## ...and what about the forecast. Should we have known?



#### 19Z forecast for 2100Z





## Aggressively mitigating system impacts based on weather category







## Successful Surface Tactics











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## **Context of data**

- This is a comparison of 9 specific AERO and OPSNET delay metrics.
- The intent is to identify metrics that move as a result our operational decisions and collaboration.
- The review involves <u>only SWAP days</u> between April 1 September 15 for the years 2011-2014.
- Selected "trendlines" are charted for relevance.



#### LGA SWAP Metrics 2011-2014 (SWAP Days Only)





#### LGA SWAP Metrics 2011-2014 (SWAP Days Only)





## A Deeper Dive into Operational Results and Weather Impact Categorization



## 2014 NY Area OPSNET and AERO Results

				Ops per		Dep Occ	Abrn Occ	TMI From	TMI from	<b>Total Oc</b>	C			Total
OPSNET	Facility	Ops	Delays	Delay	TMI to	at	at	local	non-local	at	Local Dep	Abrn to	Avg (Min)	(Min)
Level 1	EWR	43,877	2,321	19	1,961	360	0	138	204	702	498	73	62.3	144,659
Level 1	JFK	47,998	1,758	27	977	781	0	1,143	181	2,105	1,924	170	43.7	76,770
Level 1	LGA	41,133	4,395	9	2,661	1,734	0	1,580	372	3,686	3,314	258	46.1	202,705
Level 2	EWR	18,722	2,065	9	1,768	297	0	401	103	801	698	27	60.3	124,508
Level 2	JFK	20,662	1,753	12	1,244	509	0	875	99	1,483	1,384	130	58.0	101,673
Level 2	LGA	17,925	2,128	8	2,089	39	0	463	164	666	502	89	55.1	117,287
Level 3	EWR	22,251	3,449	6	3,326	123	0	1,483	173	1,779	1,606	442	86.2	297,334
Level 3	JFK	25,222	2,078	12	2,069	9	0	2,521	188	2,718	2,530	637	83.0	172,408
Level 3	LGA	19,732	3,642	5	3,299	343	0	1,253	250	1,846	1,596	504	71.8	261,463

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Level 1	JFK	47,998	423	113	28	1,714	43	1,116	1,907	170	282	3,146	46	1,043	146	329	99.06
Level 1	LGA	41,133	1278	32	31	1,327	11	3,739	317	258	159	5,355	25	1,645	131	314	96.78
Level 2	EWR	18,722	822	23	7	2,675	5	3,744	119	27	693	495	12	1,560	61	307	95.06
Level 2	JFK	20,662	292	71	13	1,589	4	5,166	83	130	159	2,144	55	376	77	268	98.45
Level 2	LGA	17,925	703	25	28	640	18	996	677	89	201	2,024	29	618	65	276	95.98
Level 3	EWR	22,251	2781	8	177	126	3	7,417	71	442	50	11,955	168	132	156	143	88.03
Level 3	JFK	25,222	1702	15	194	130	28	901	1,475	637	40	16,067	295	85	178	142	93.66
Level 3	LGA	19,732	3377	6	144	137	13	1,518	432	504	39	13,814	162	122	163	121	84.69



#### LGA Results Compared to Weather Impact Category SWAP Days 2014

















# For LGA Airport, level 3 WX compared to level 1 WX means:



- A higher percentage of aircraft delayed.
- A higher % of total *cancellations* and a 6 times higher cancellation rate.
- A higher percentage of *diversions* and a 10 times higher diversion rate.
- Twice the rate of *ground stops* per operation.
- A 4 times higher *holding* rate and 25 percent higher holding minutes for those aircraft that hold.
- A high percentage of **DOT-3 taxibacks**.



#### Low Rate Timing - June 13, 2014

EWR Actual Arrivals vs GDP Rate





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### JFK airport at 2255Z



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### **Current Shortfalls**





#### **Transforming Traffic Management**





#### More than 100 current tools, programs, data,

#### information, and intelligence

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ADC	ADC	RAPT	DRWP
CRCT	CRCT	AeroBahn	DSP
AFP	DRWP	ARMT	CDR'S
UDP	DSP	ASDE-X	FSM
RMT	CDR'S	IDRP	AFP
SAMS	FEA/FCA	SDSS	UDP
AIGCW	FSA	ERIDS	FSM
CCFP	FSM	ESIS	NTML
CoSPA	AFP	IDS	SET
ECFP	UDP	OIS	AeroBahn
ITWS	FSM	RACD	ARMT
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NWS 2	SPT	NAS Quest	OPSNET 8 tools
NWS 3	TSD	EON	ATADS 7 tools
NWS 4	ACM		TFMSC
NWS 5	EDC		ASQP 3 tools
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NWS 10	TMA		TAF
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#### **Current Traffic Management Tools**

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* Collaborative Routing Coordination Tool	CRCT	TFMS	TMU						γ							γ
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## **Transforming Traffic Management**

- Focus on the organizational processes and operational procedures that drive efficiency.
- Job functions should be organized around a larger concept of strategic planning, tactical operations, and post analysis of operations.
- Designation of comprehensive planning teams whose sole responsibility is to 'live in the future'.
- Consistent use and improvement of rapidly generated analytics.
- Incorporation of realistic simulation, gaming, and other training methods to inform decision making.



# Turn a confusing array of data into operational intelligence and service outcomes









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### Conclusion

- Improvements in planning, execution, operational review, and training, and the integration of lessons learned into NAS operations and technology are needed in order to ensure the success of NextGen in transforming the NAS to a more efficient system.
- Better defined strategic and tactical choices, and the means to apply it, can become the driver of operational improvements.





## Questions