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# ***Emerging Considerations for NEXTGEN***

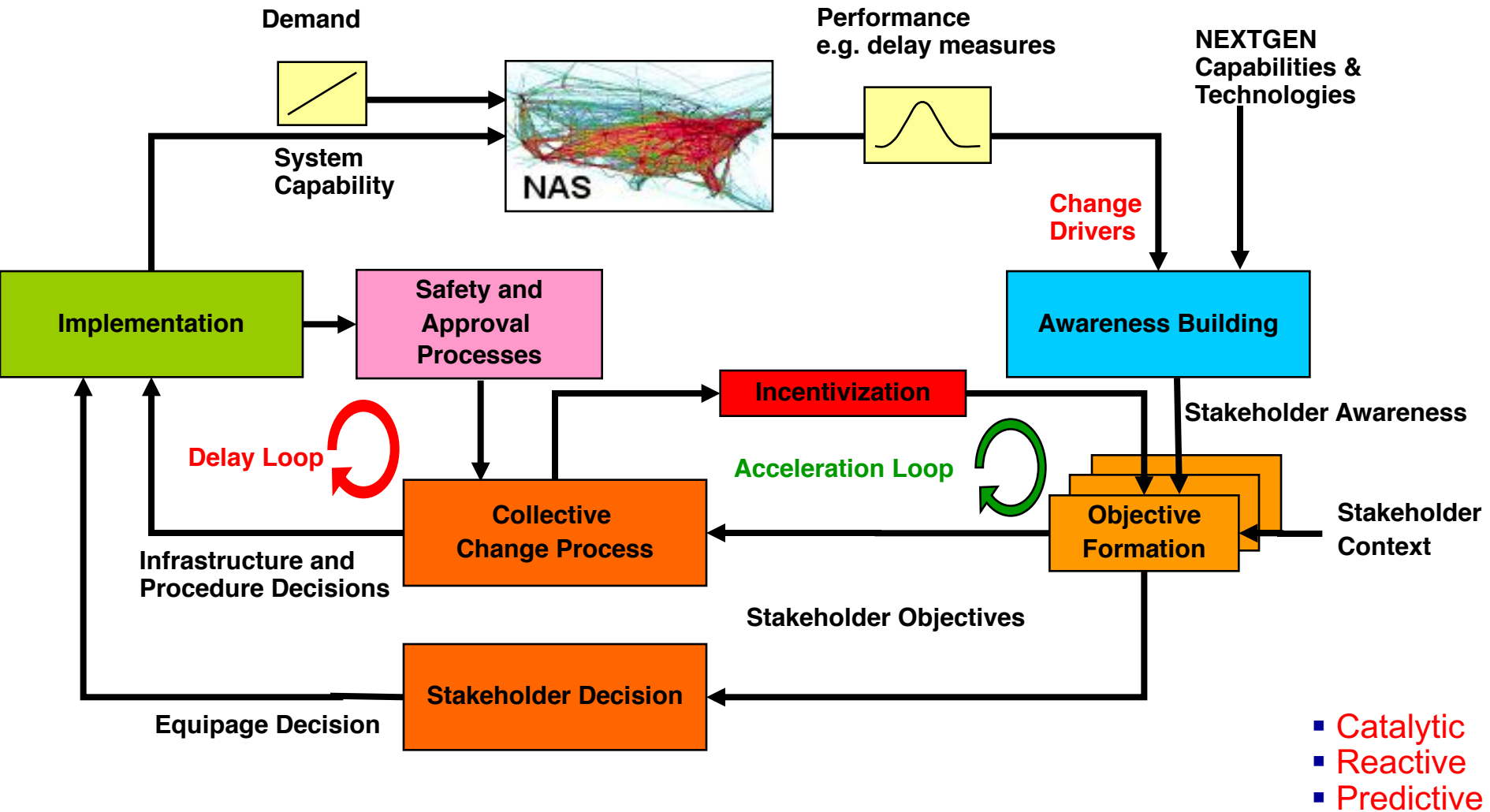
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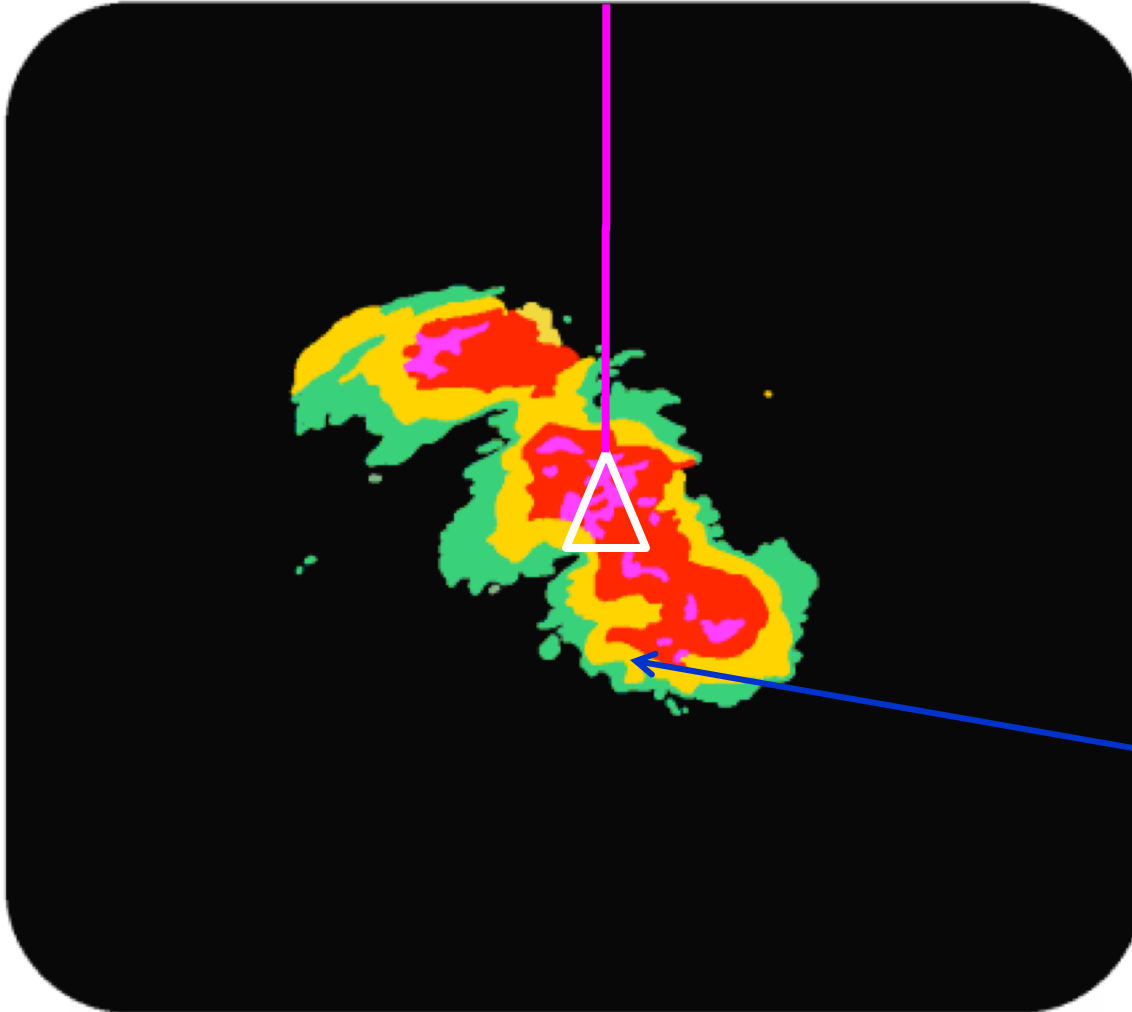
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# Model of System Transition Adaptation to Change Drivers



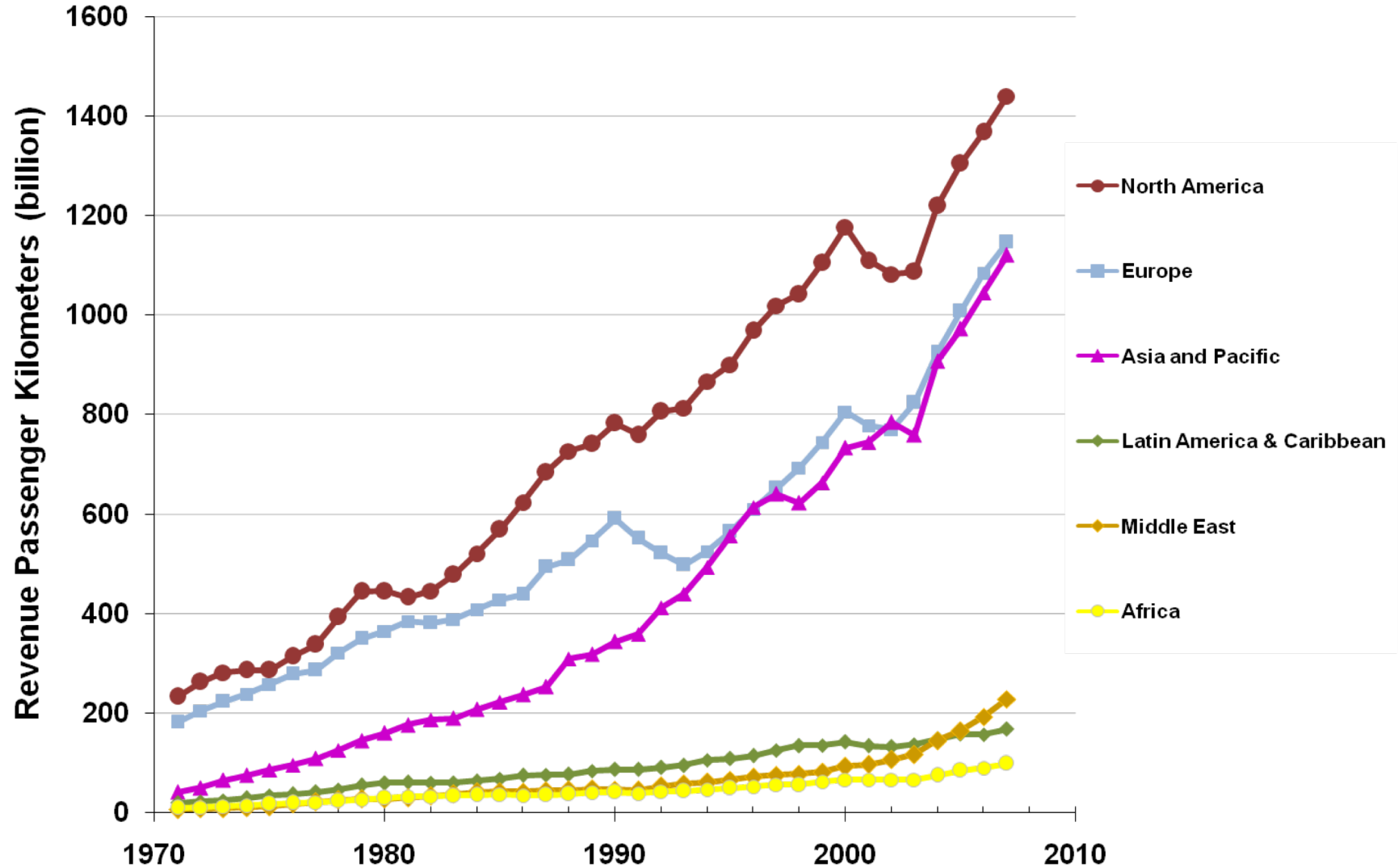
# Historical and Emerging Drivers



**Capacity  
Constraints**



# Passenger Traffic Trends (RPK) by World Region

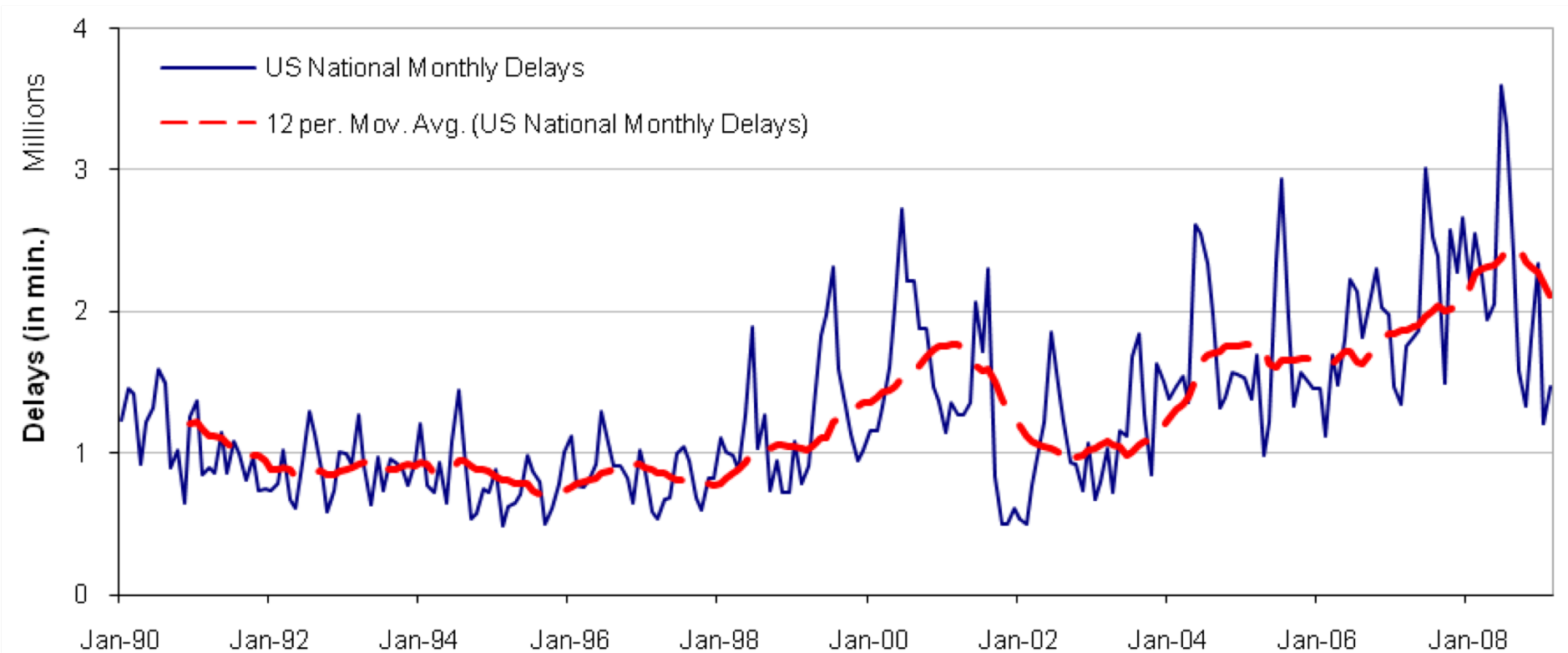


Data source: ICAO, scheduled services of commercial air carriers (through 2006), IATA annual traffic growth data for year 2007 (Jan-Oct)

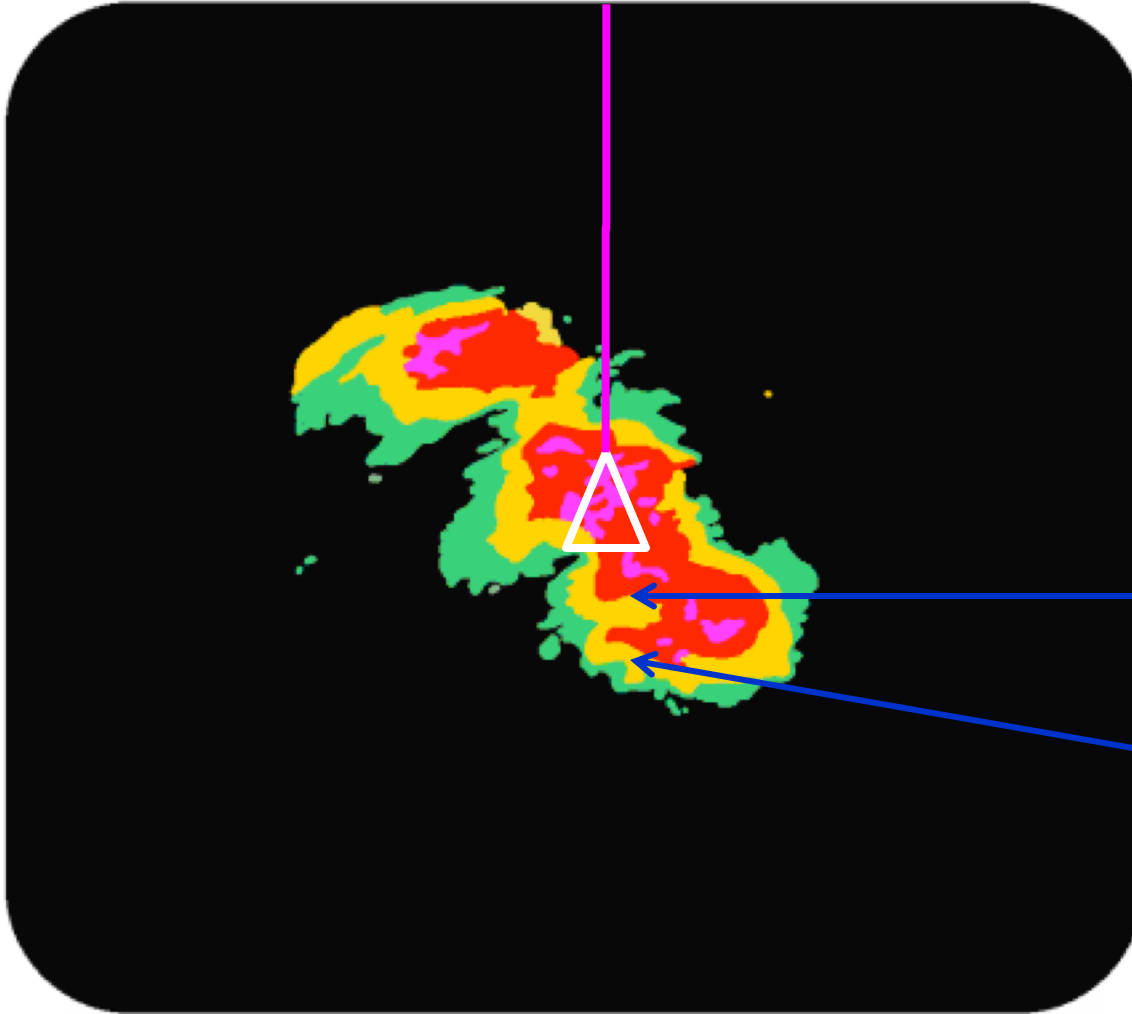


# US Flight Delays

*from 1995 to 2008*



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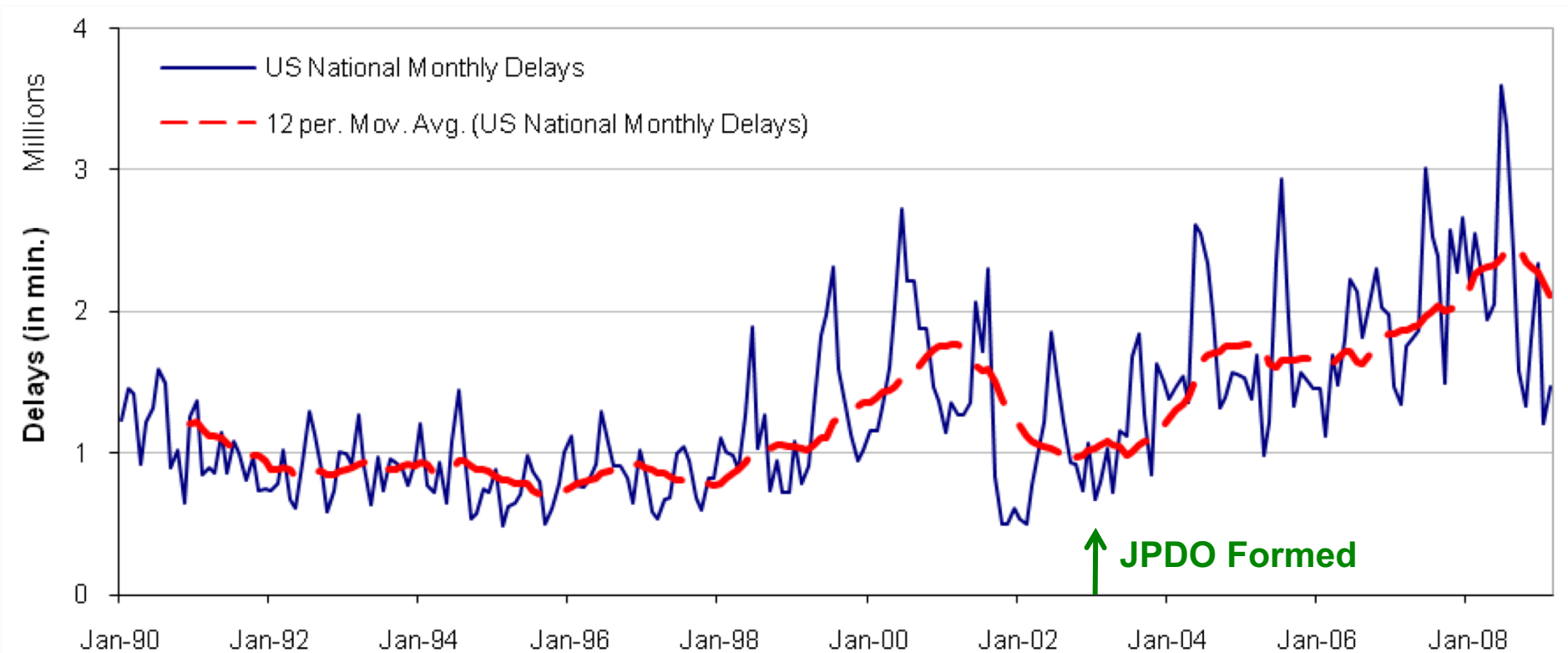
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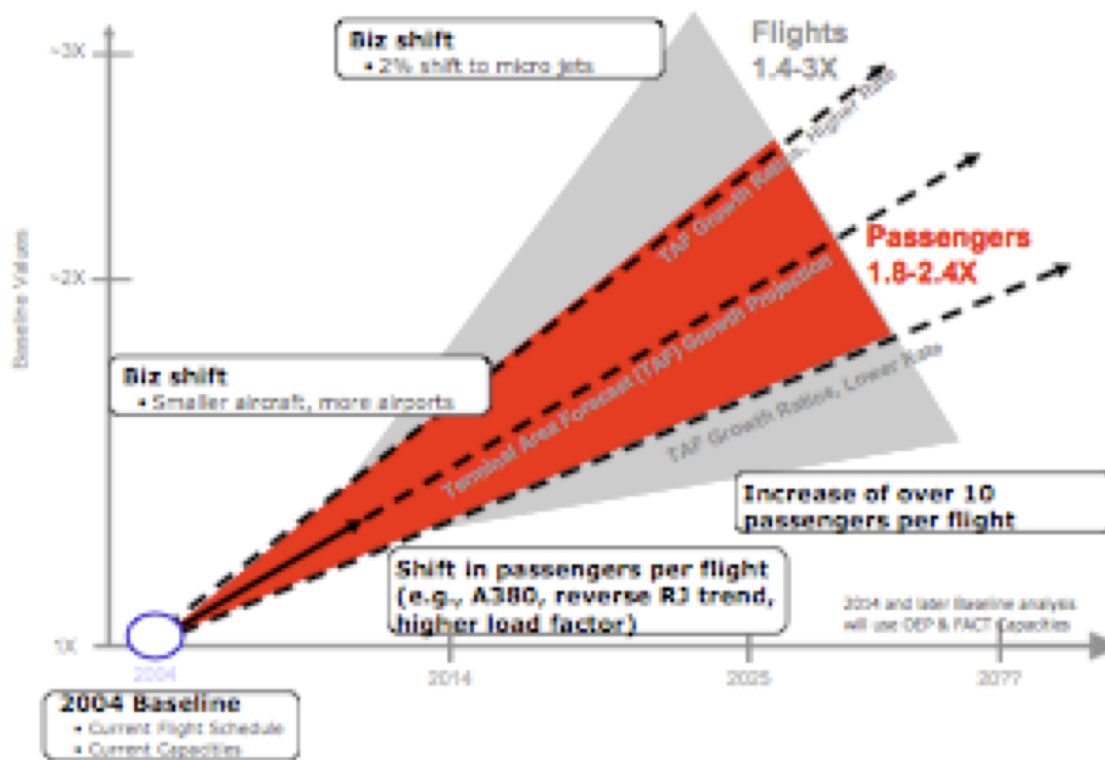
# NextGen Integrated Plan



Dec 2004

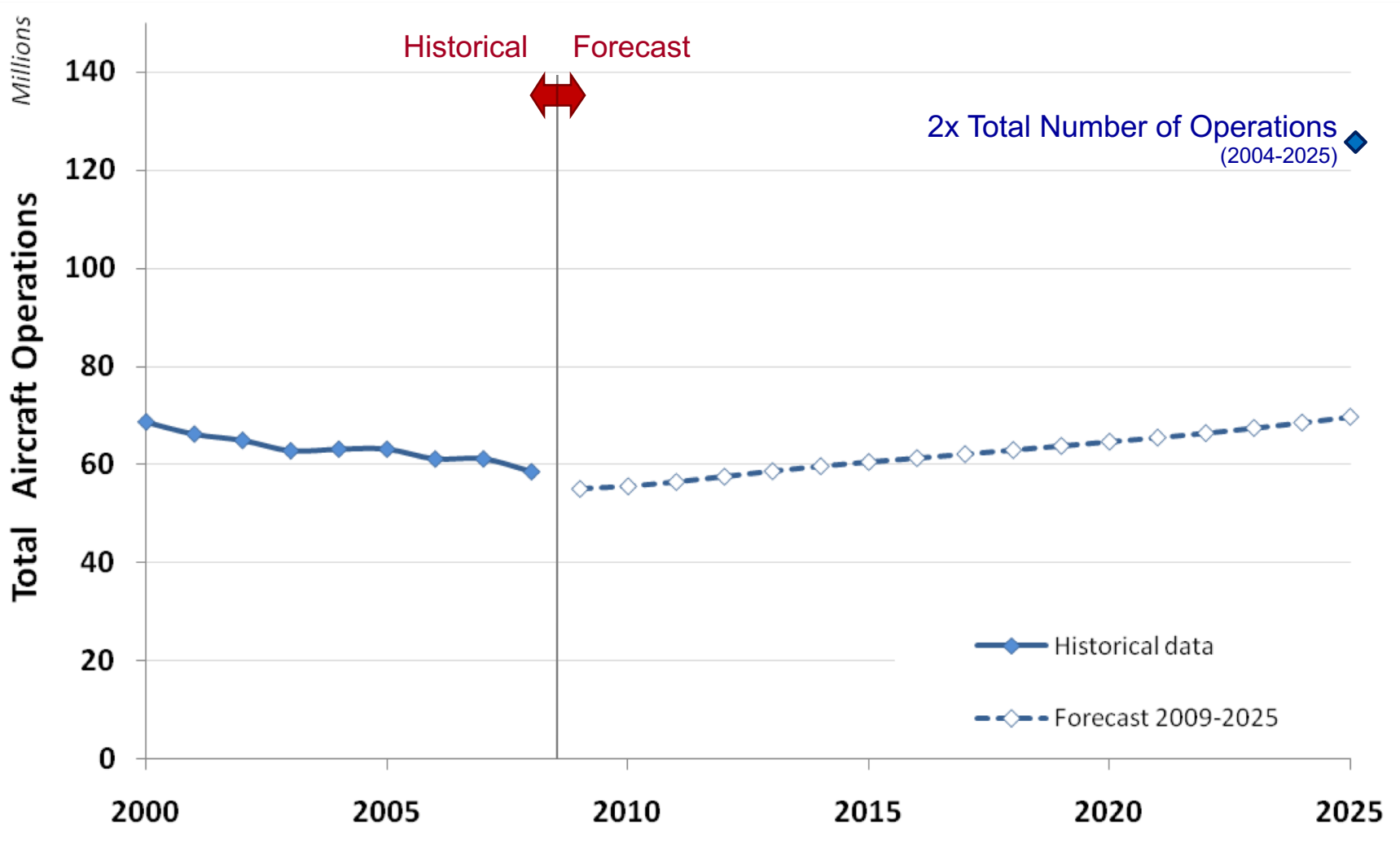


**Figure 1-2. Planning for a Range of Futures**

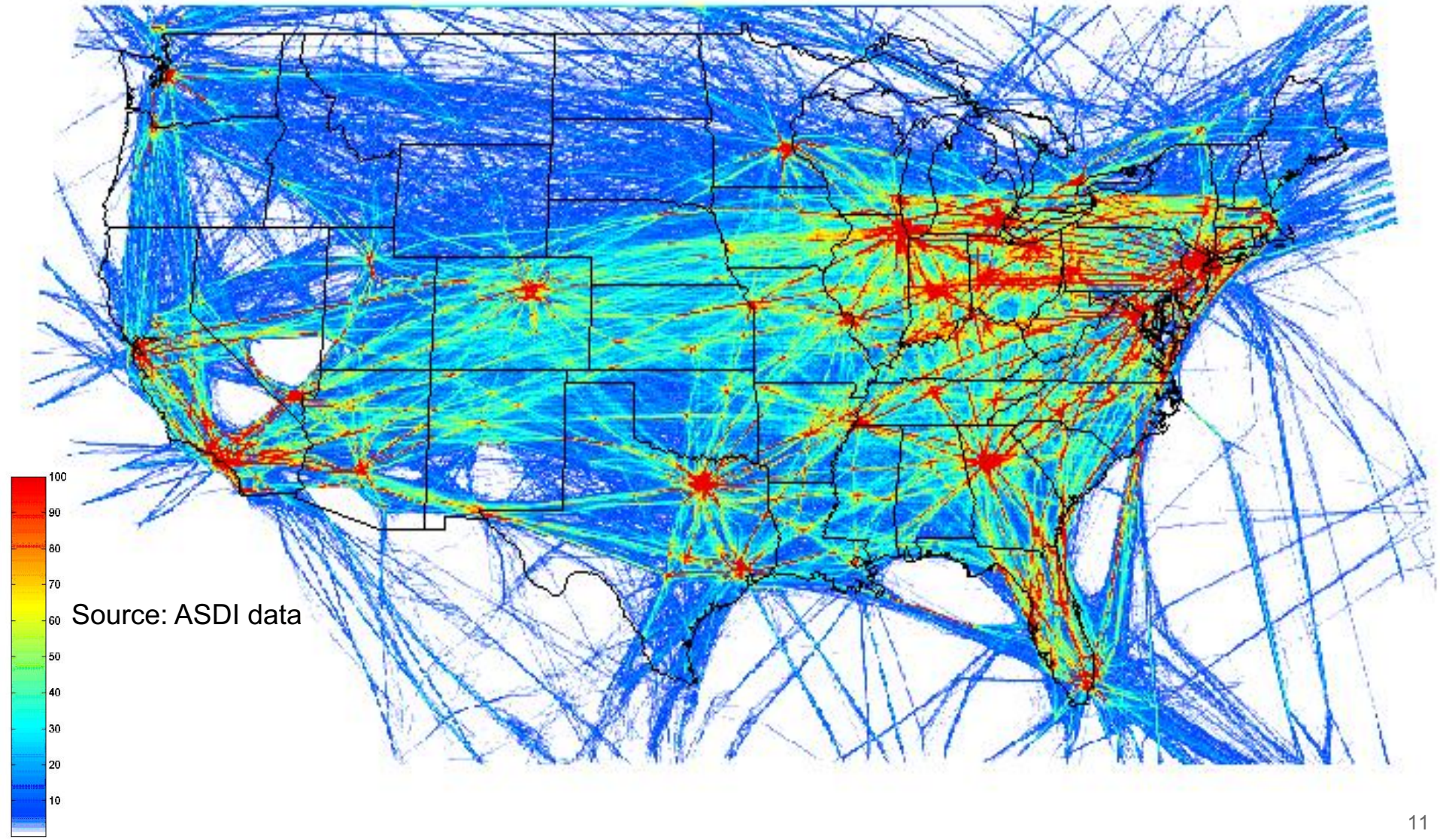




# Total Combined Aircraft Operations at Airports with FAA and Contract Traffic Control Service (FAA 2009-2025)



# Congestion Focused at Key Points

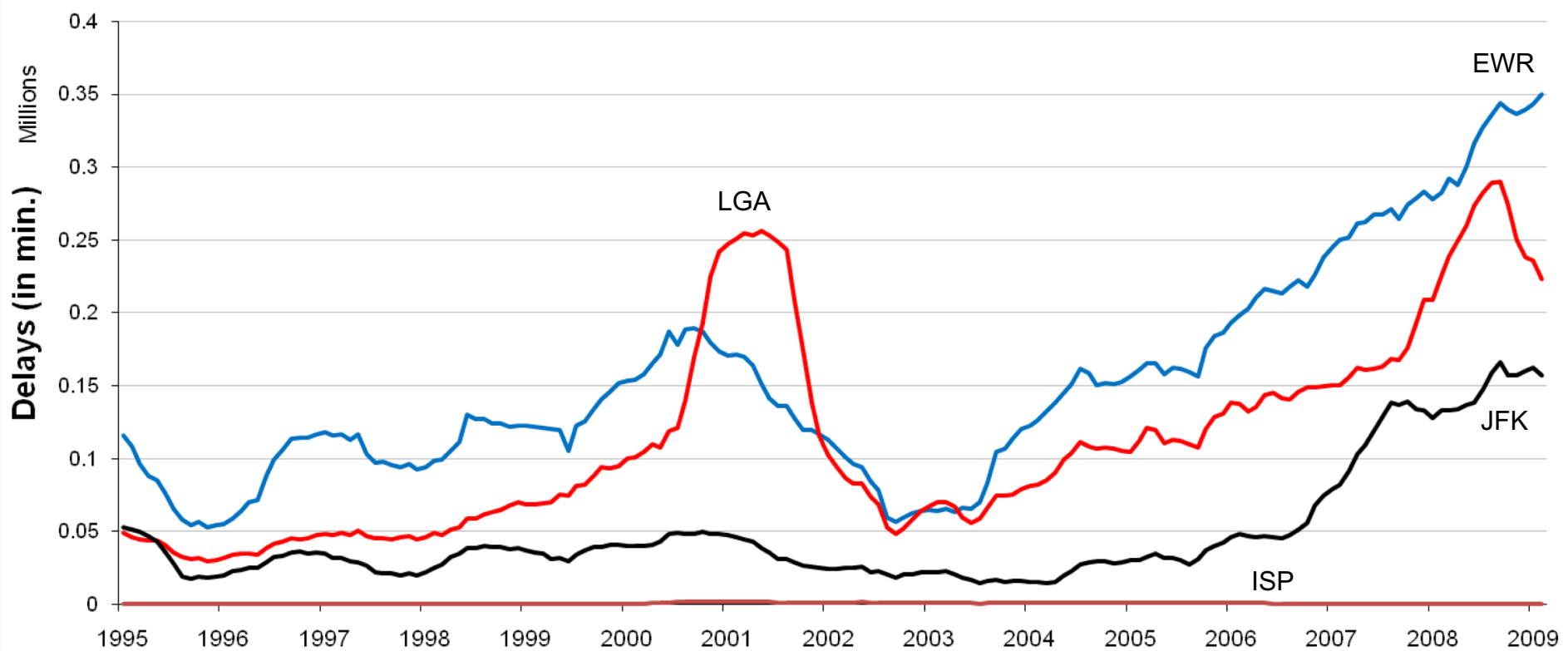




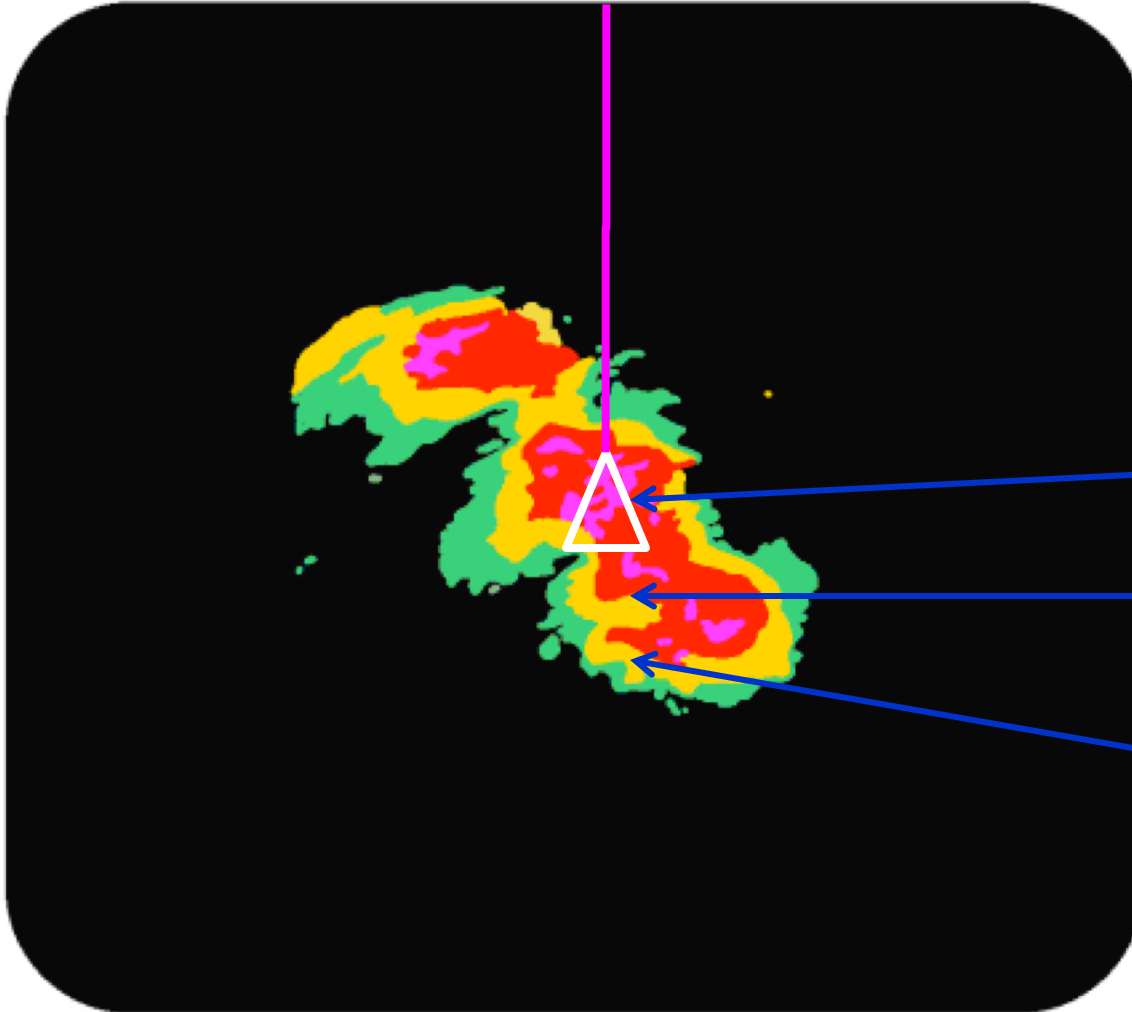
# New York Airport Flight Delays\*

from 1995 to 2007

\* Note: 12 month moving average



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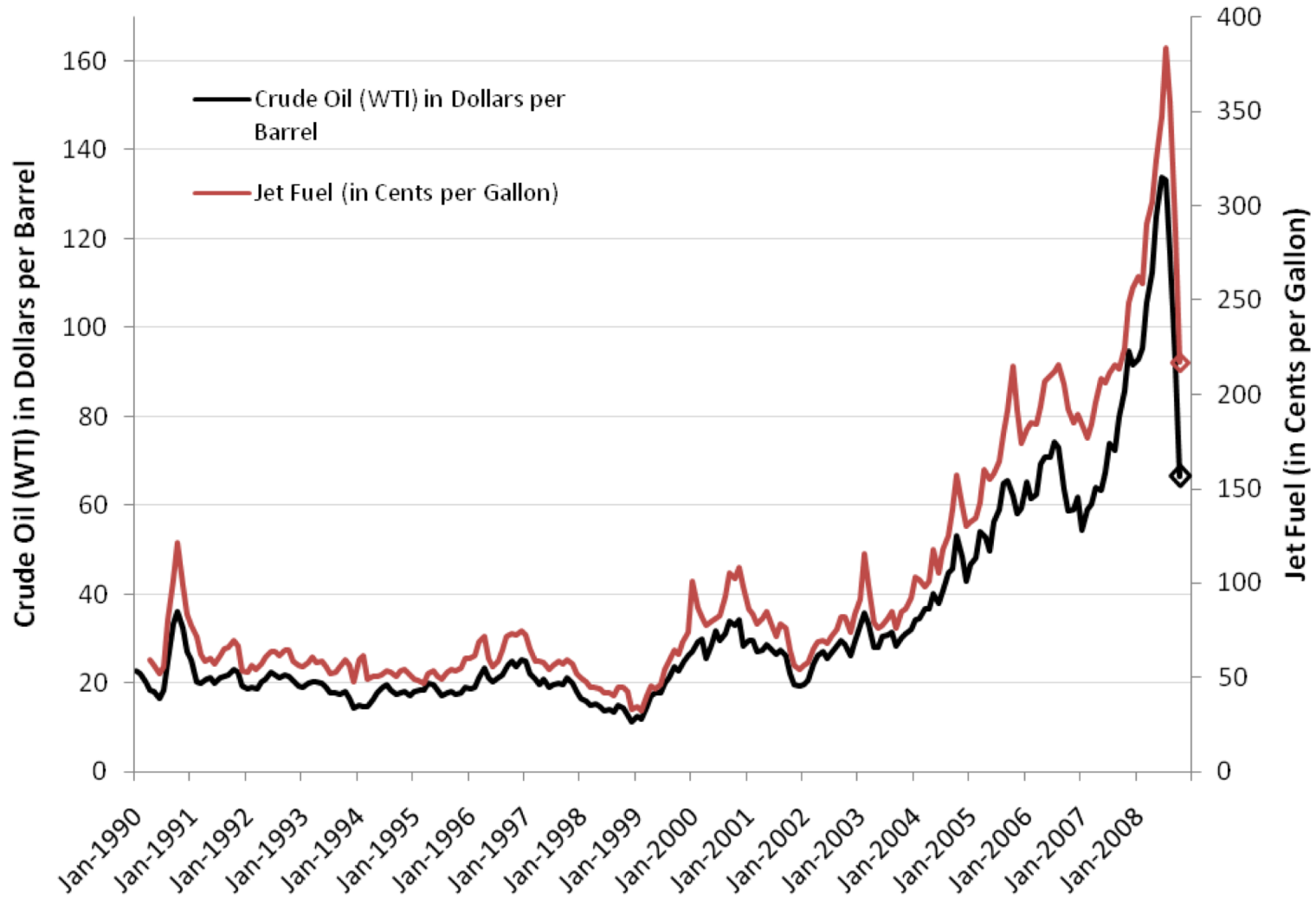
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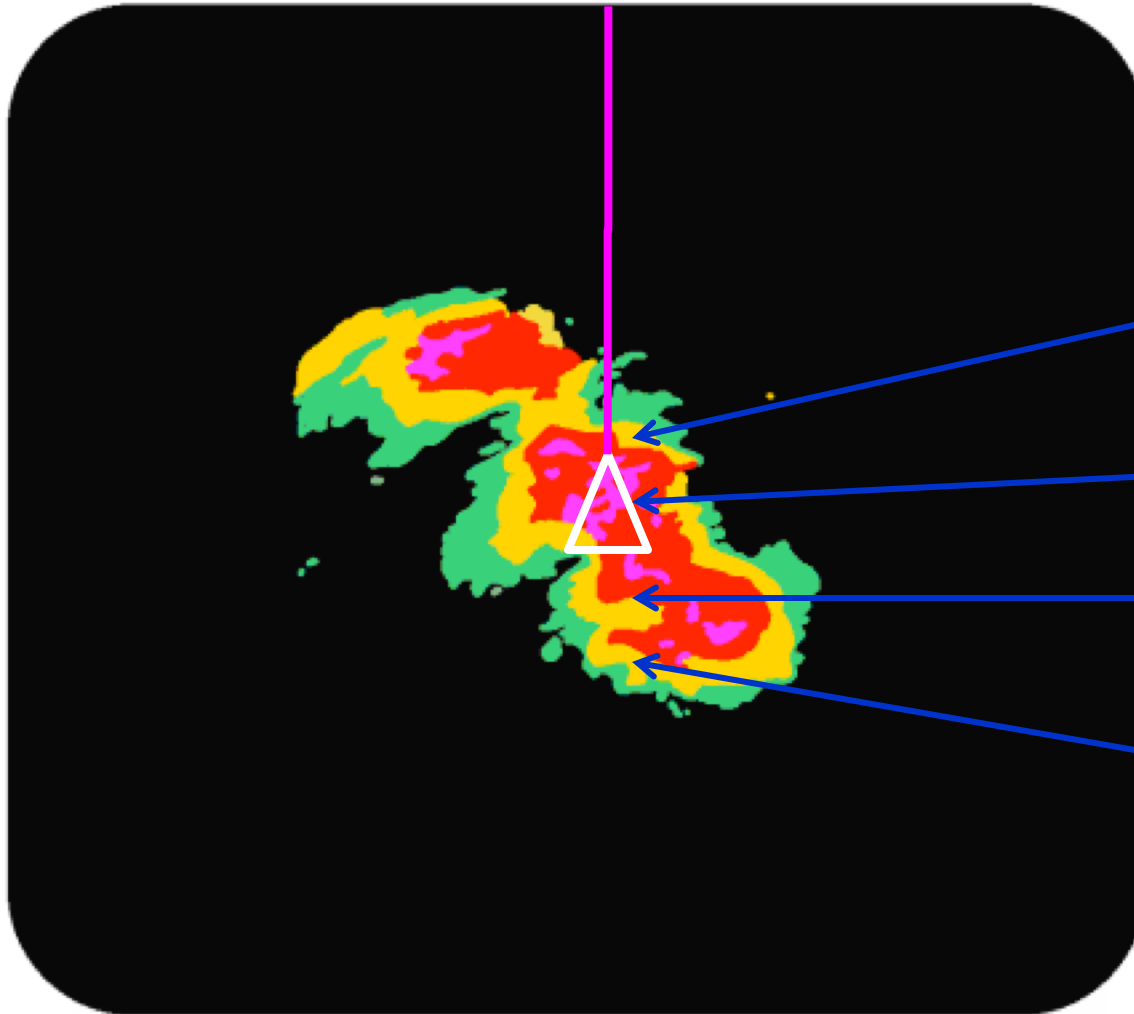
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# Fuel Price Shock Cost Uncertainty



# Historical and Emerging Drivers



**Economic  
Slowdown**

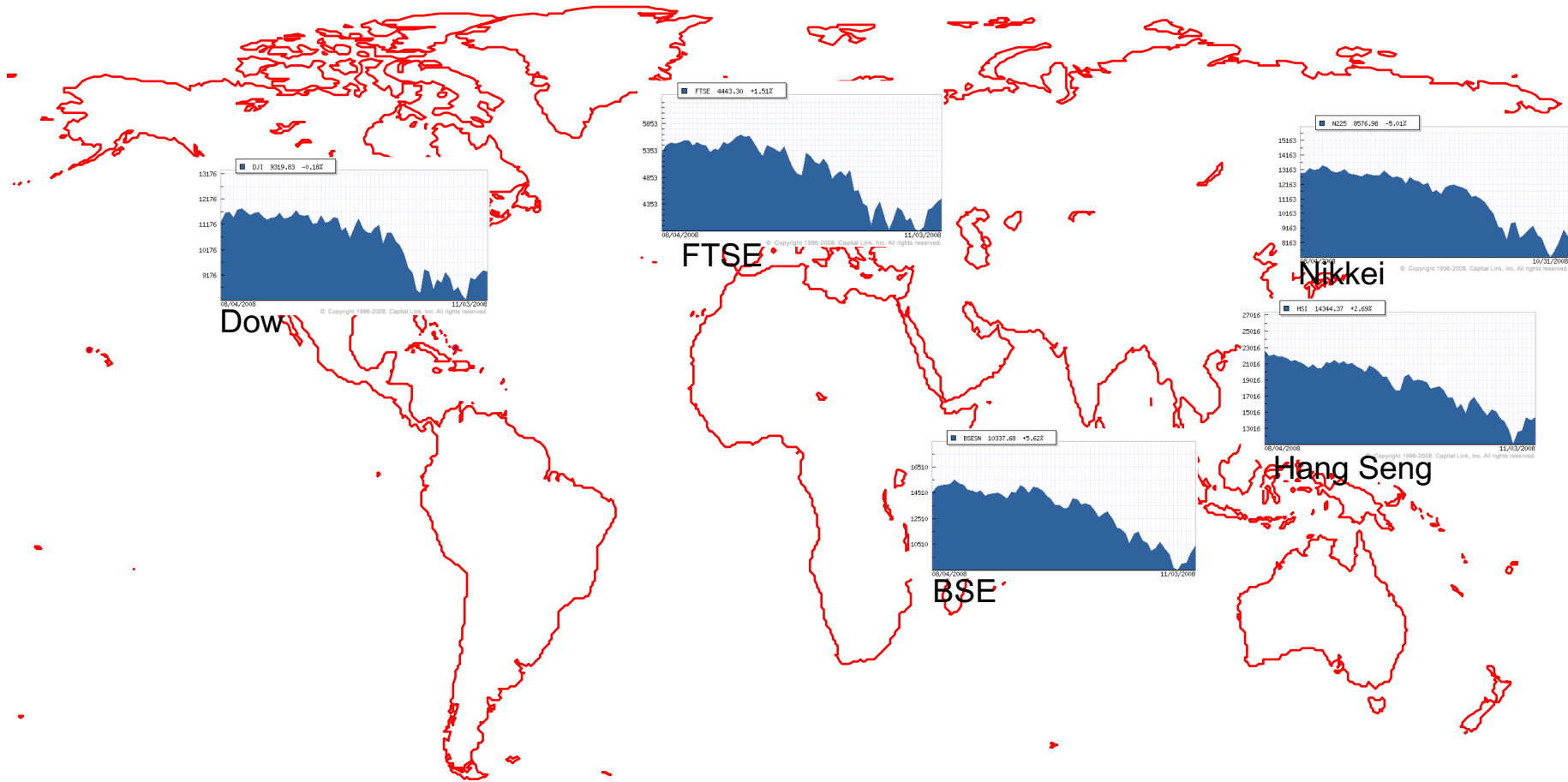
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# Economic Shocks

## *Demand Uncertainty*



Market Indices 8/4/08-10/31/08

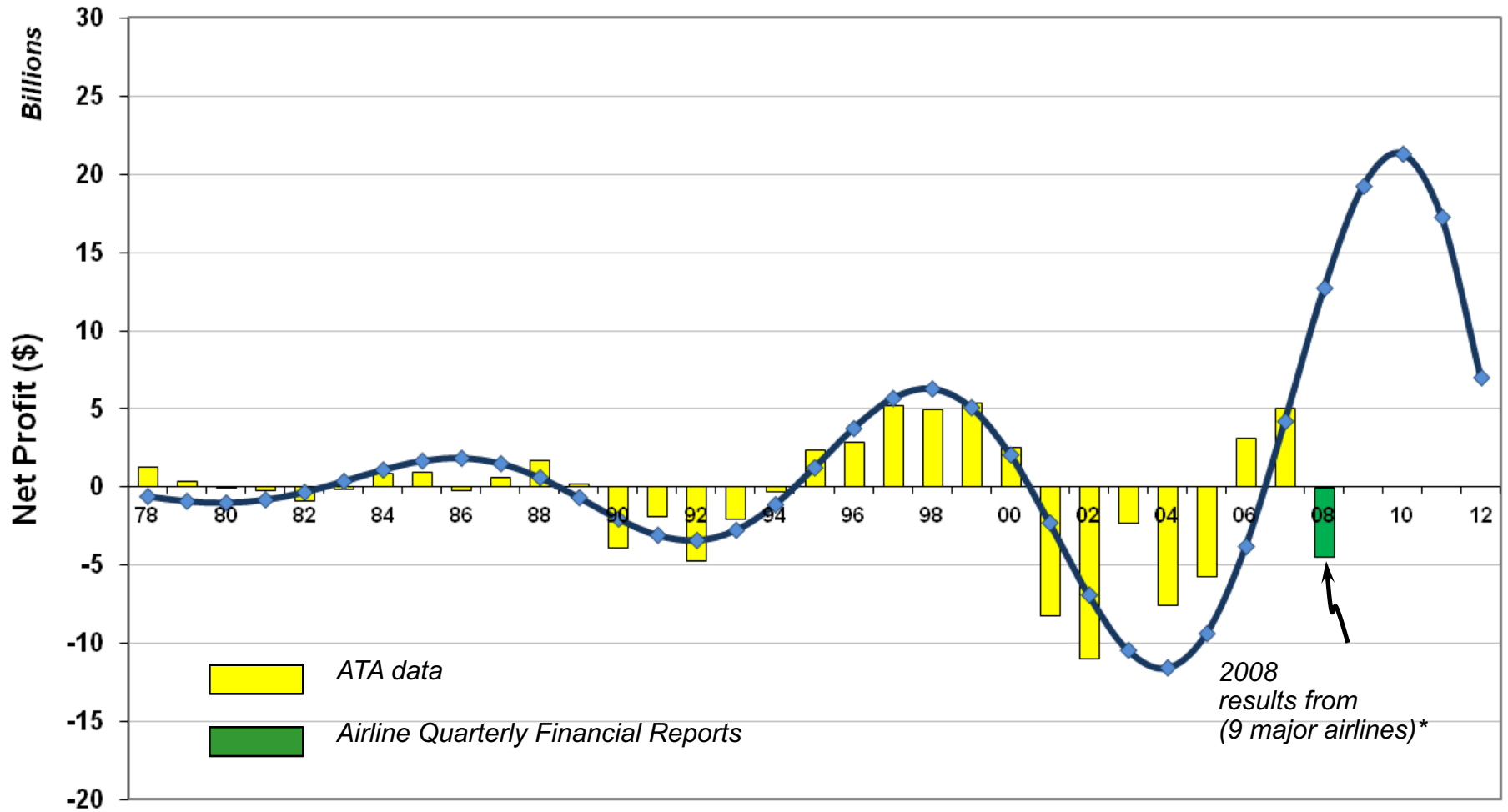




# U.S. Airlines Net Profit

## Best Fit of Undamped Oscillation

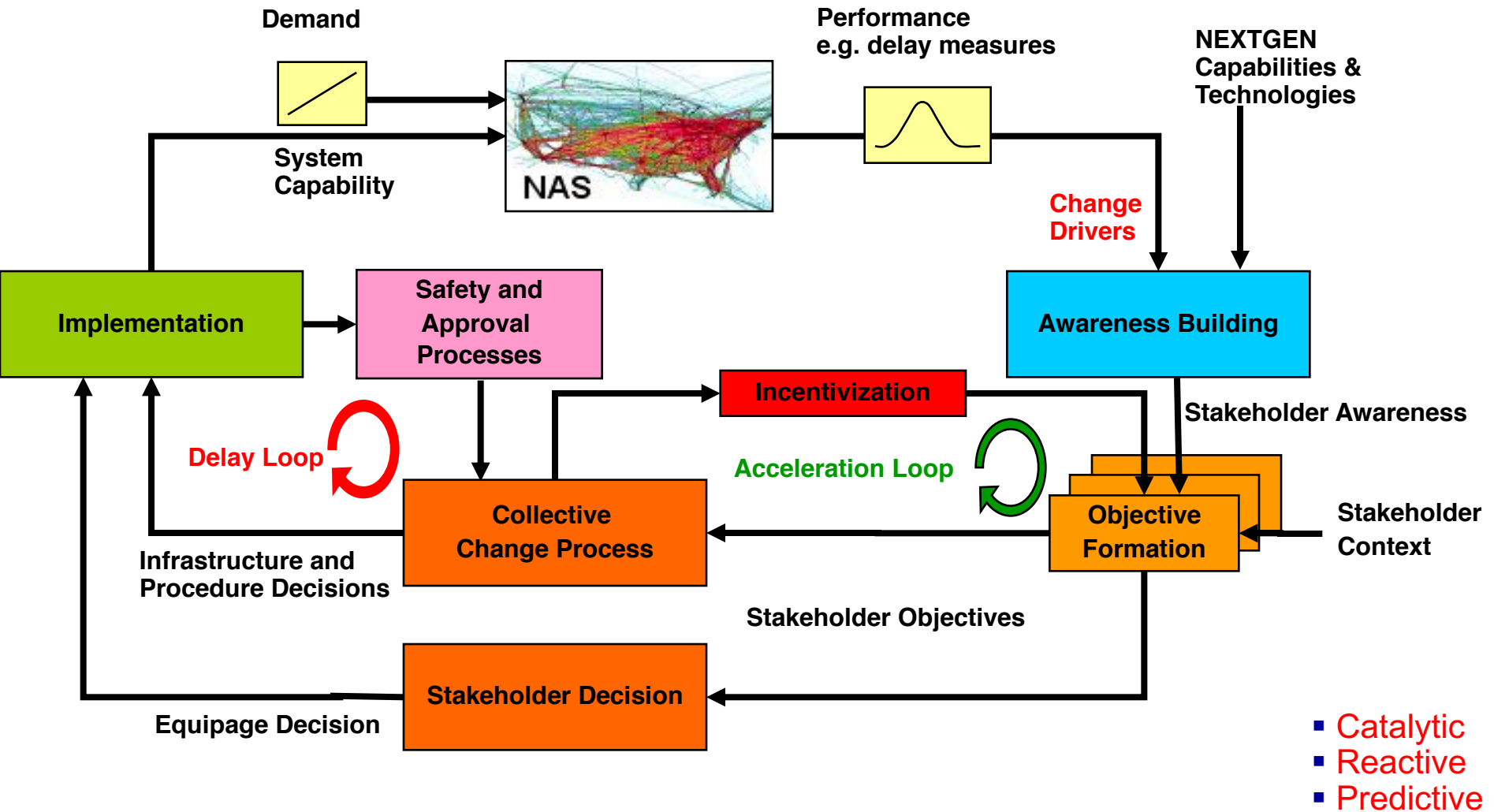
Cycle Period = 11.3 yr



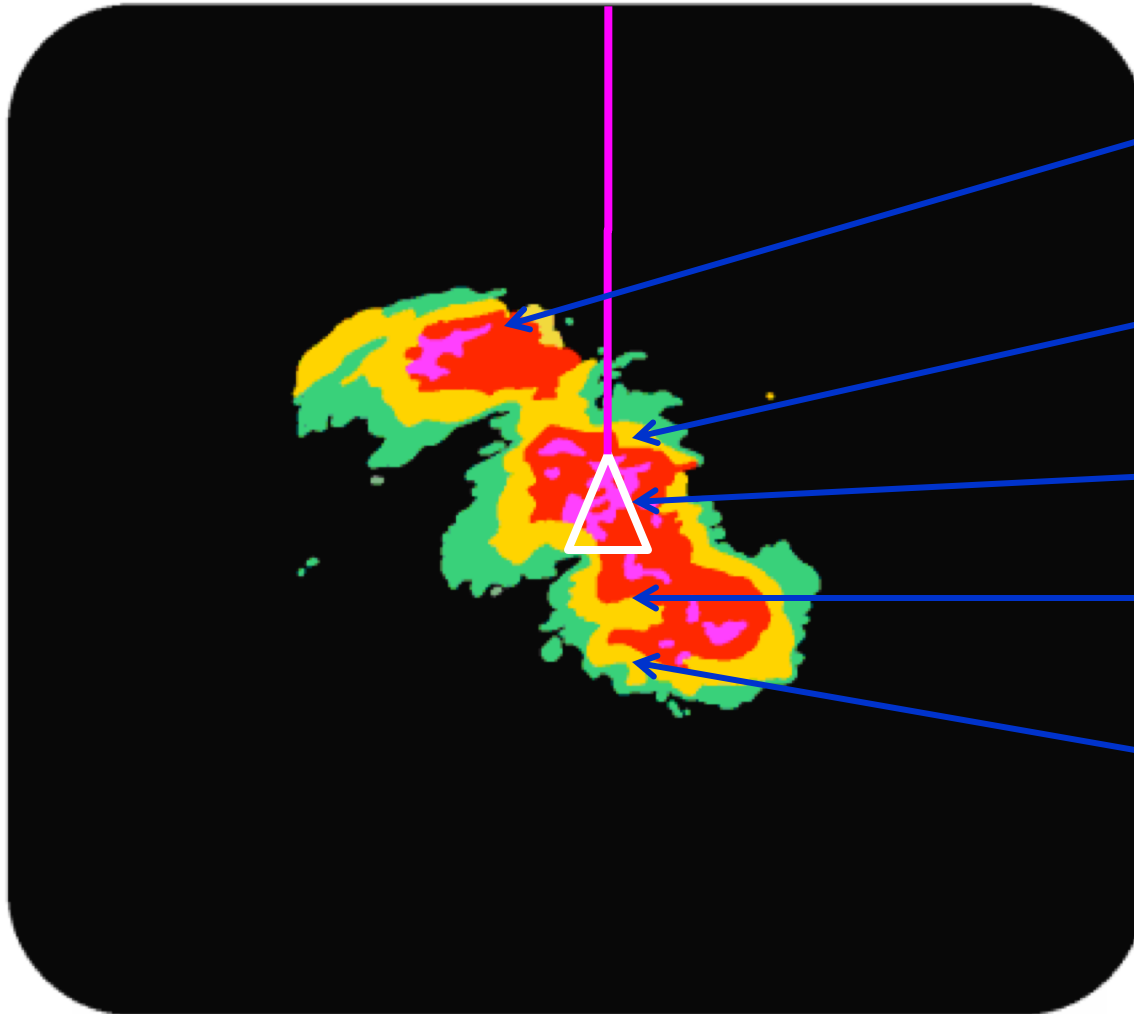
Data source: ATA - available at: [www.airlines.org](http://www.airlines.org) & Airline Quarterly Reports (Net Profits and Losses Exclude Special Items)

\*Note: Airlines; American Airlines, United Air Lines, Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines, US Airways, Southwest Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Alaska Airlines,

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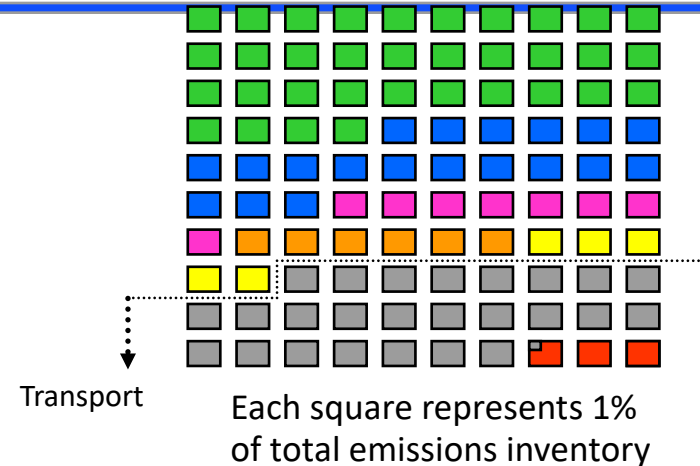
**Capacity  
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# Emissions

## Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- **Pressure to reduce emissions**
  - Global warming problem intensifies
  - Political pressure to “go green”
  - Future restrictions on carbon and NOx emissions
  - Increase in “effective” cost of fuel
  - Obama Target: Carbon emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050

- **Challenges faced**
  - Other transport modes can transition more easily to lower carbon options
  - Aviation experiences a relative increase in emissions
  - Increased pressure on aviation to reduce emissions



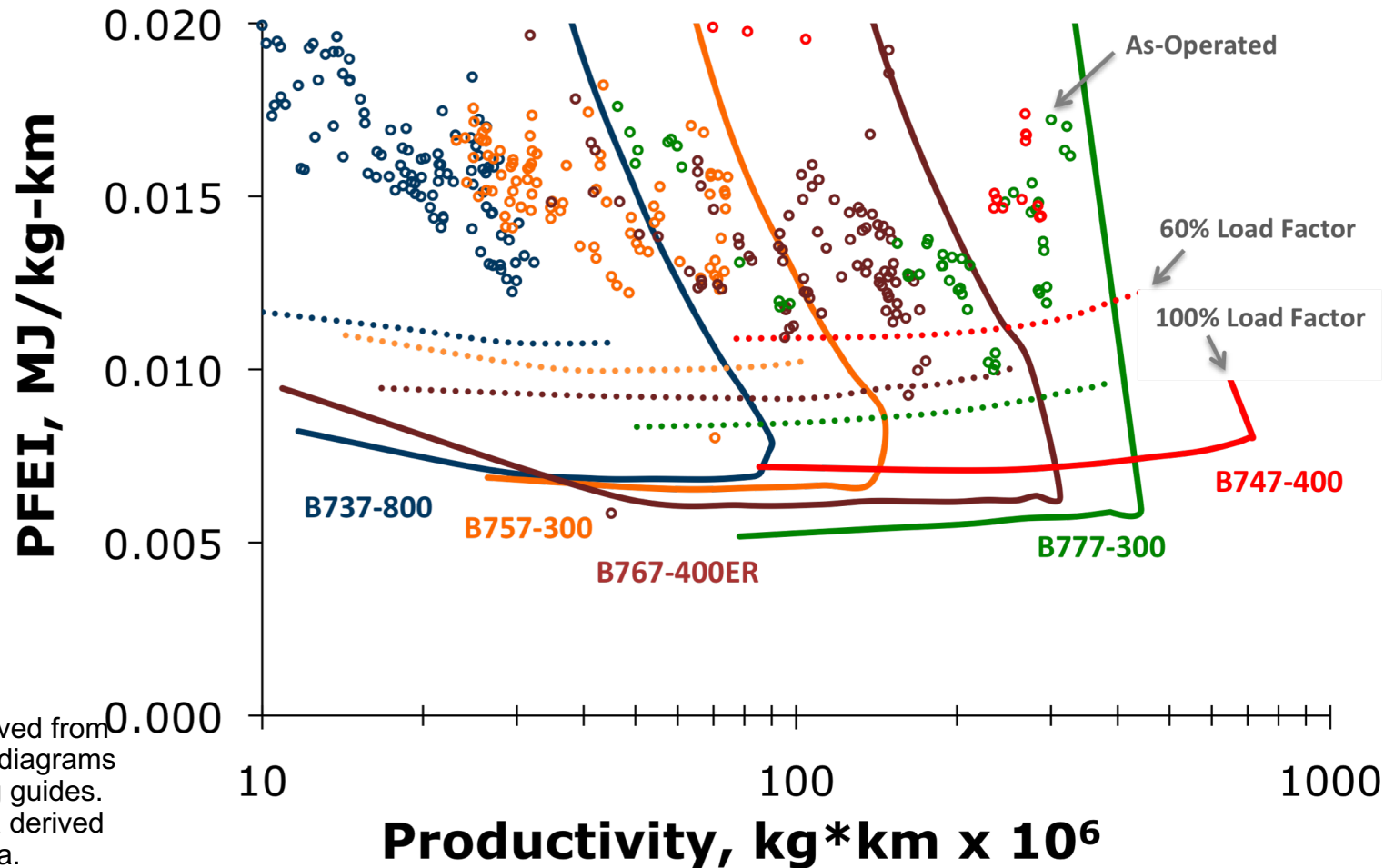
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*Source: US EPA data, 2005*



# How Efficient are Current Operations?

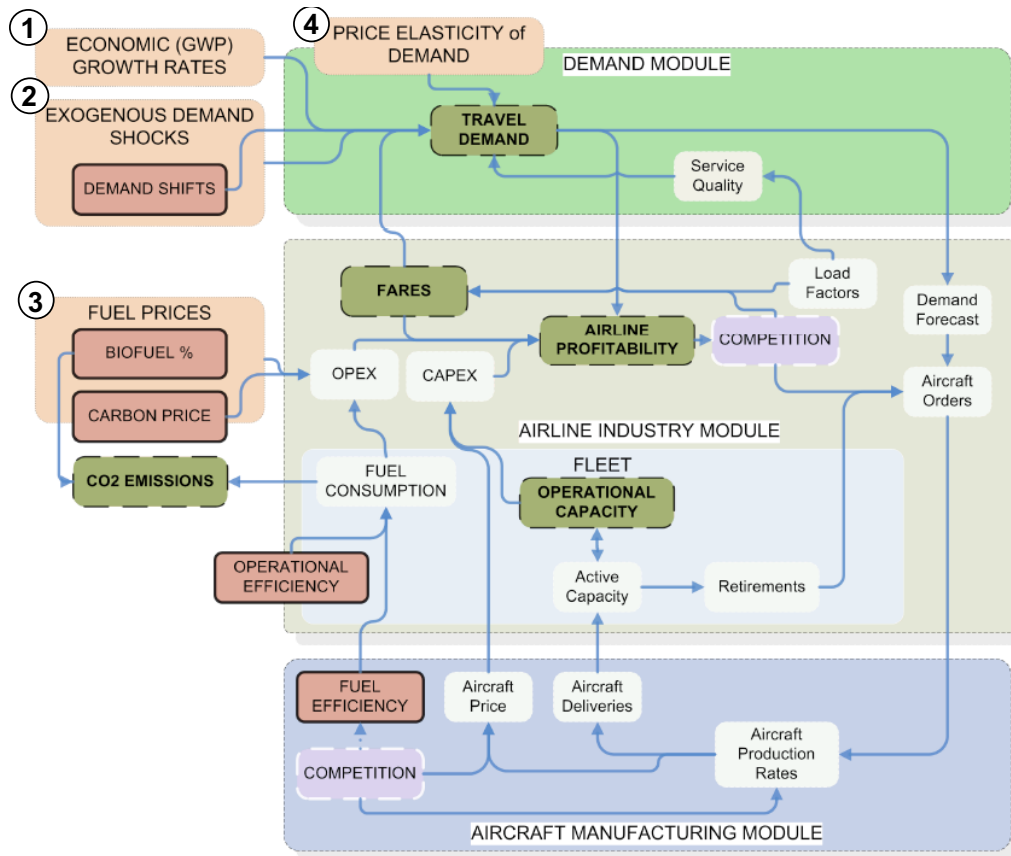
PFEI = Fuel Energy Consumed/(Payload x Great Circle Distance)



1. As designed PFEI derived from Boeing payload range diagrams in their airport planning guides.
2. As operated PFEI data derived from US DOT BTS data.

# Modeling Strategies for Reducing CO2 Emissions

## Architecture of the System Dynamics Model\* Scenarios & Assumptions\*

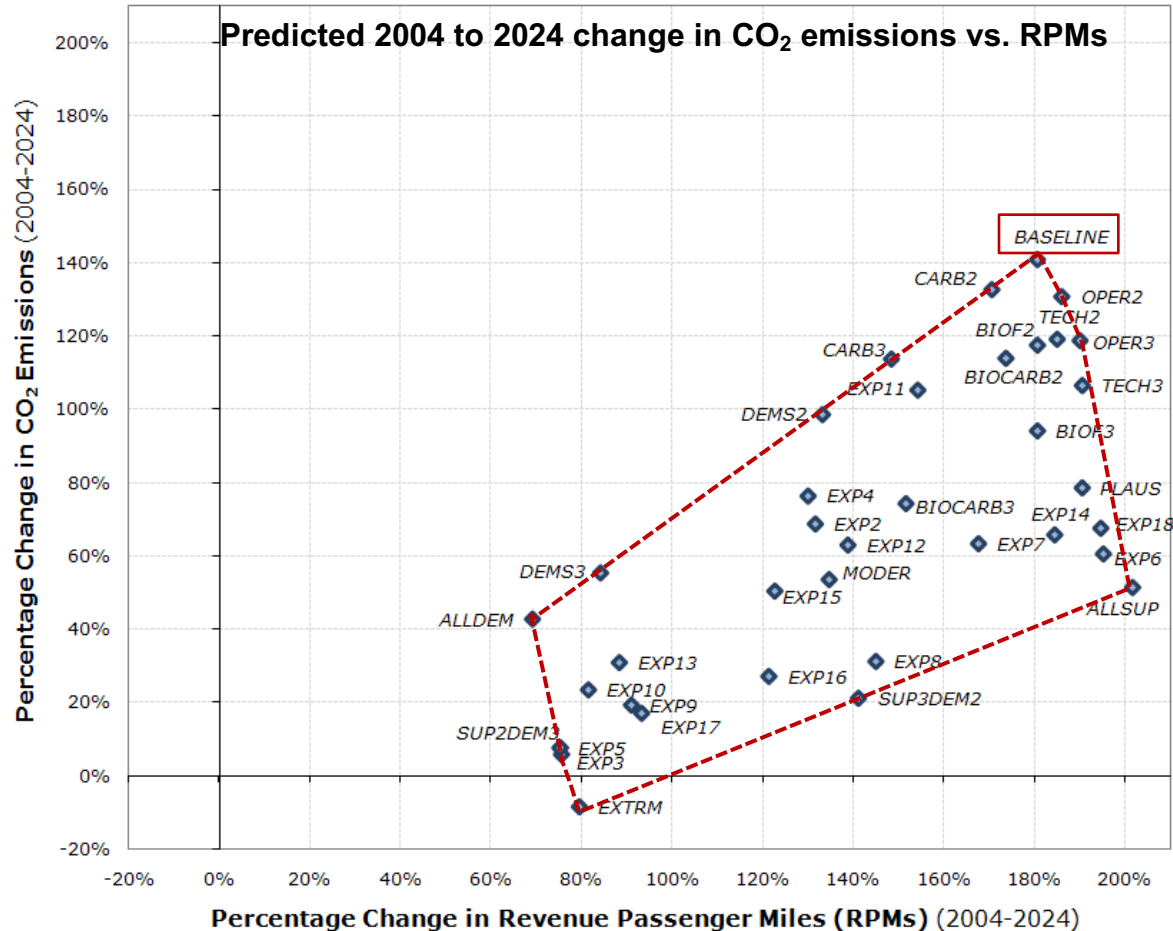


Policy	Scenario	Quantified Effect
<b>Technological Efficiency Improvements</b>	Baseline	1% efficiency improvement per annum (p.a.)
	Moderate	2.5 % p.a.
	Aggressive	3.5 % p.a. (2008 to 2015) & 0.6% p.a. to 2024
<b>Operational Efficiency Improvements</b>	Baseline	0%
	Moderate	6%
	Aggressive	12%
<b>Use of Alternative Fuels</b> (i.e. biofuels; 2nd gen. starting 2010 and 3rd gen. starting 2013)	Baseline	0% (share of total fuel used by volume)
	Moderate	1 % p.a.
	Aggressive	2 % p.a.
<b>Demand Shift</b> (flights below 1000 miles)	Baseline	0%
	Moderate	30%
	Aggressive	60%
<b>Carbon Pricing</b>	Baseline	\$ 0 / metric ton
	Moderate	\$50 / metric ton
	Aggressive	\$200 / metric ton

\* Source: Sgouridis S., Bonnefoy P. and Hansman R. J., "Air Transportation in a Carbon Constrained World: Long-term Dynamics of Policies and Strategies for Mitigating the Carbon Footprint of Commercial Aviation", to be submitted to Transport Research Part A., Feb. 2009.

# Carbon Emissions under Different Carbon Management Scenarios

- Even with aggressive carbon management carbon emissions will increase



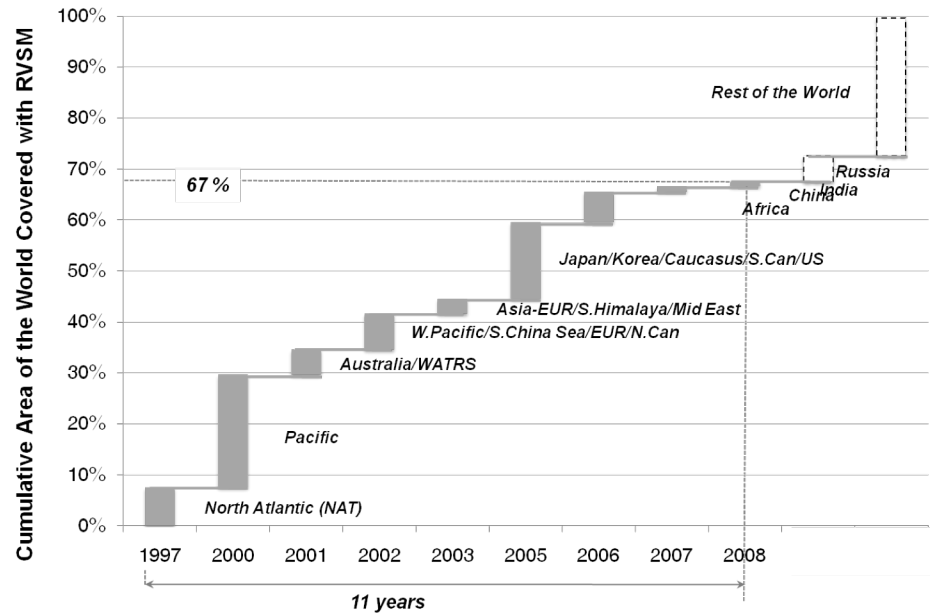
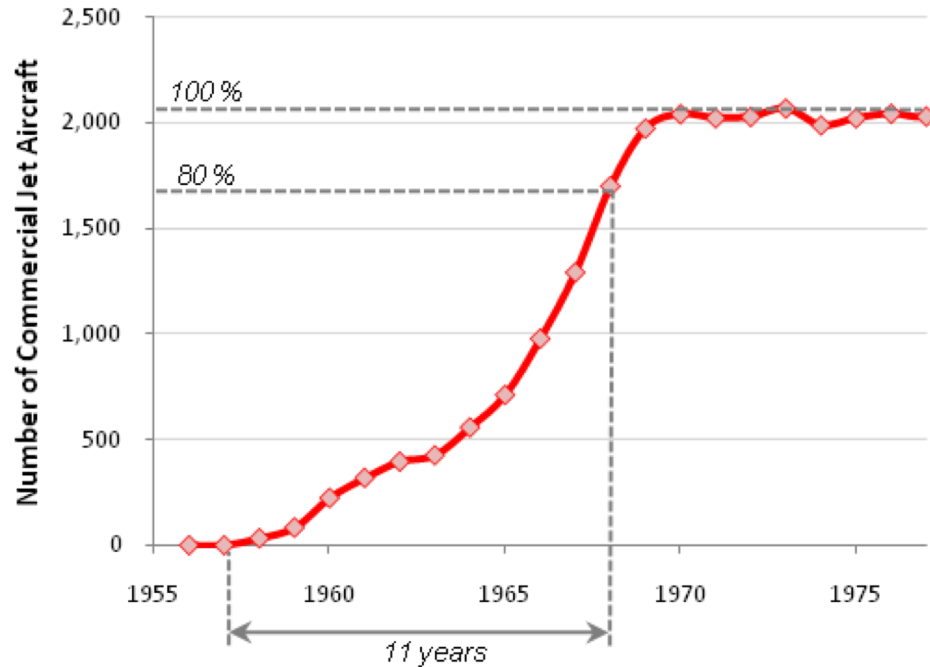
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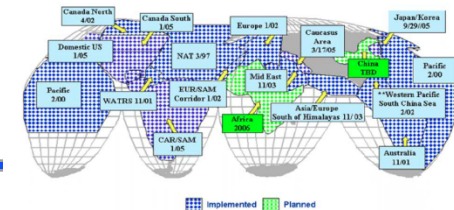
# Time Constants for Implementation

**Technology Example: Jet Engine**  
 Commercial Jet Aircraft  
 in the United States from 1956 to 1977

**Procedure Example: RVSM**

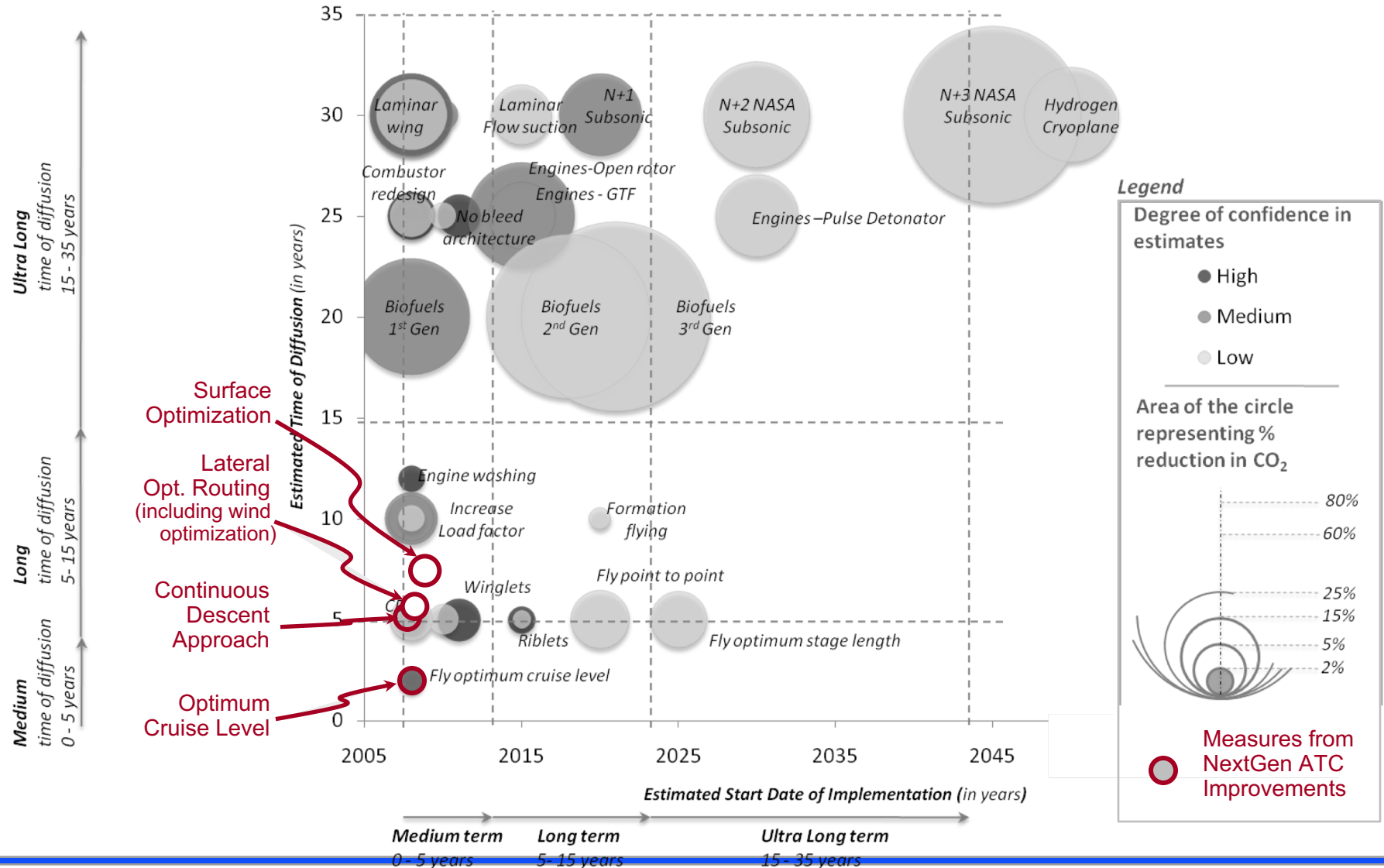


Map of world airspace areas and RVSM implementation phases



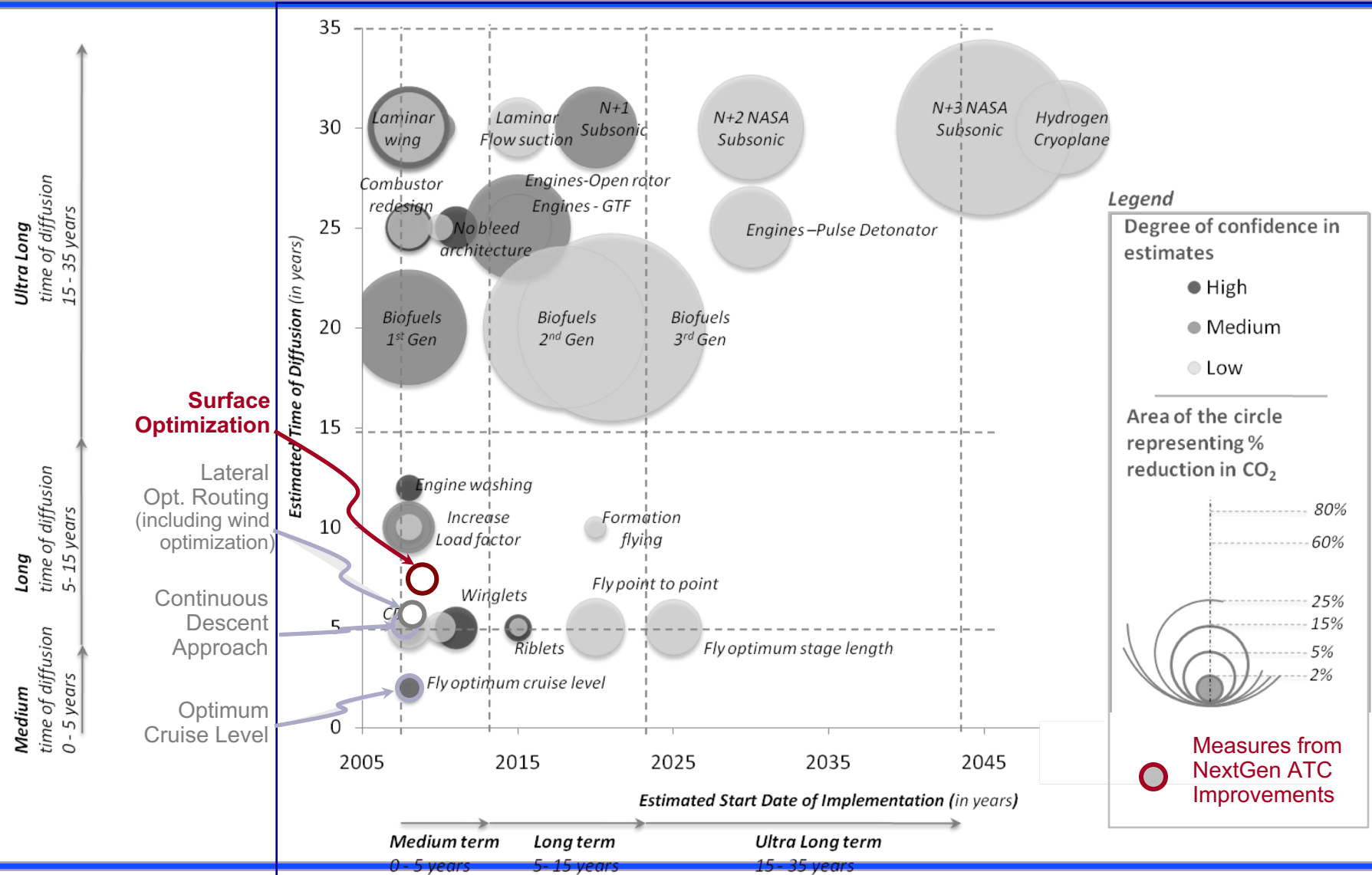


# Estimated Time Constant and Readiness of Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Mitigation Measures



Data sources: Based on literature review of 49 mitigating measures covering 43 literature references (available from authors upon request)

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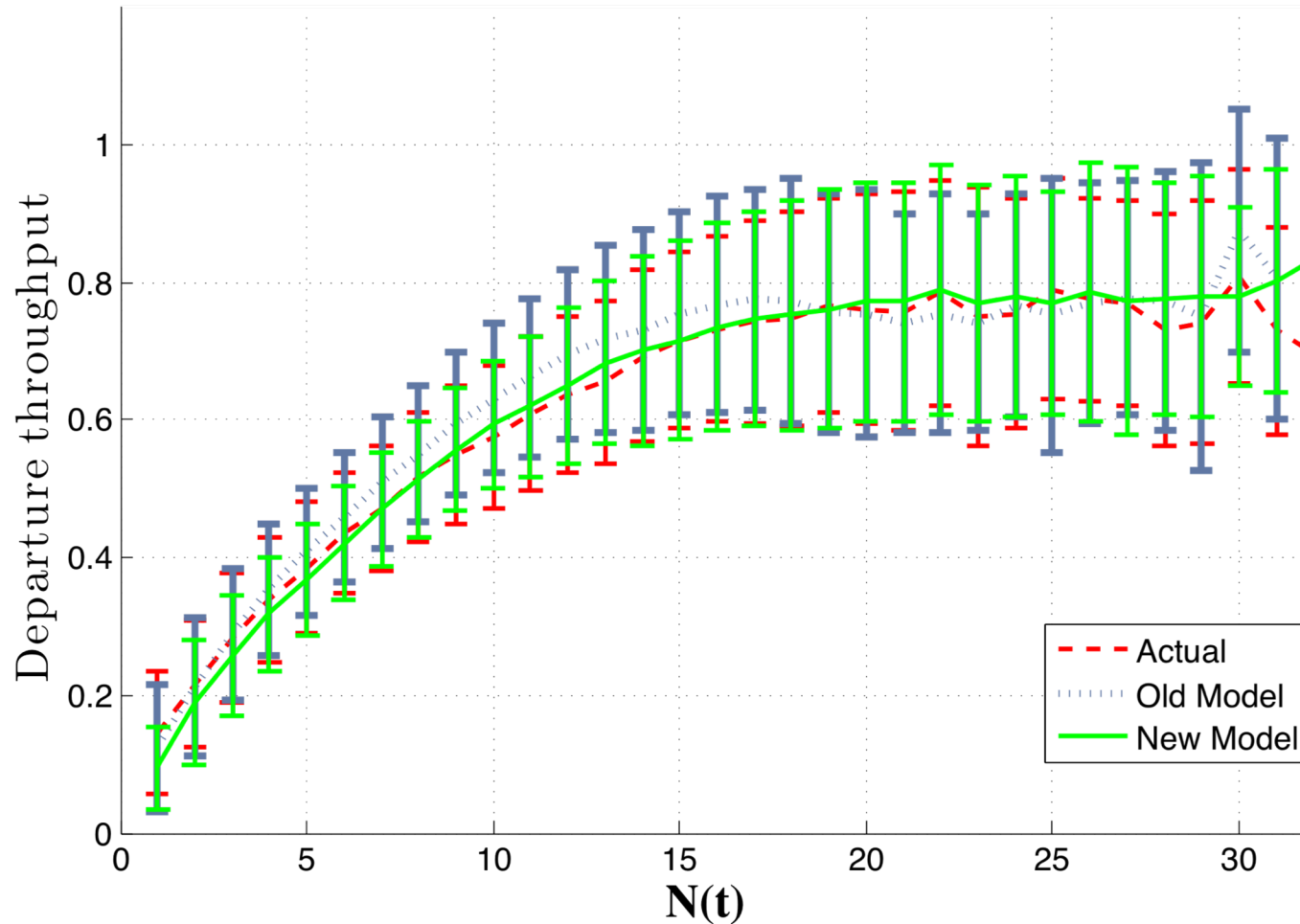




# Opportunities to Reduce Taxi Time and Surface Emissions

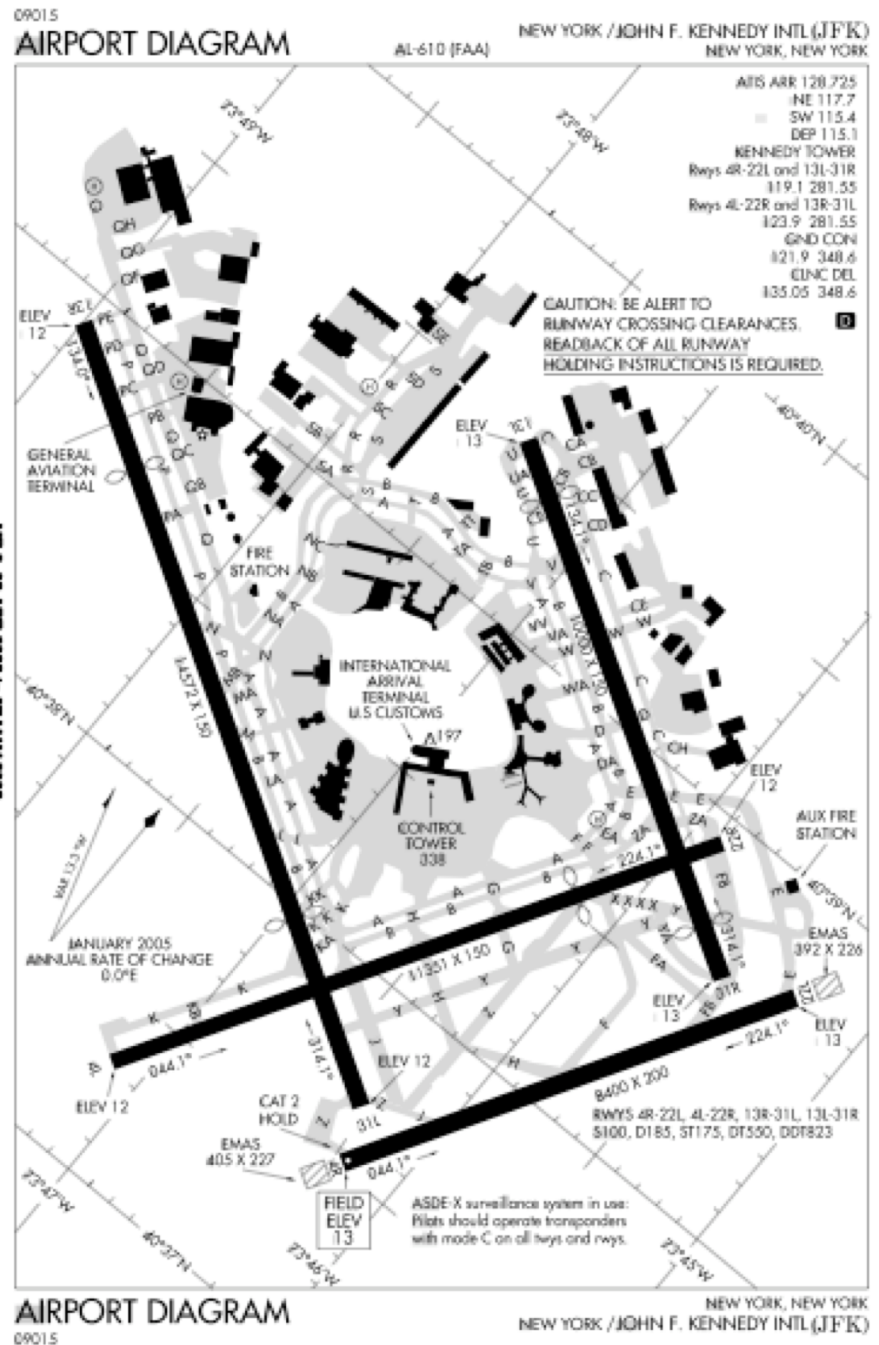
## Outgrowth of NASA Departure Planner Work

BOS throughput under configuration  
4L, 4R | 4L, 4R, 9

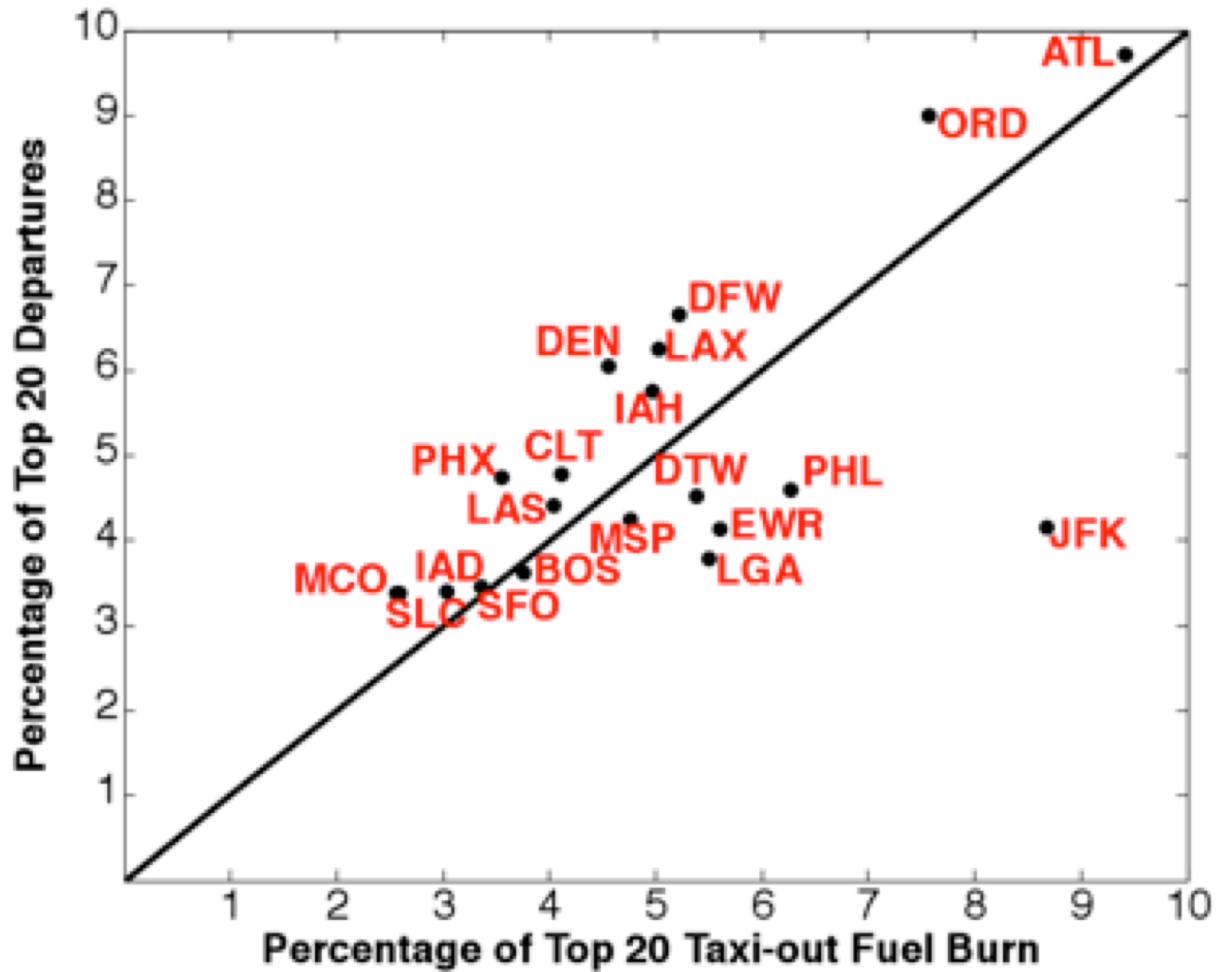




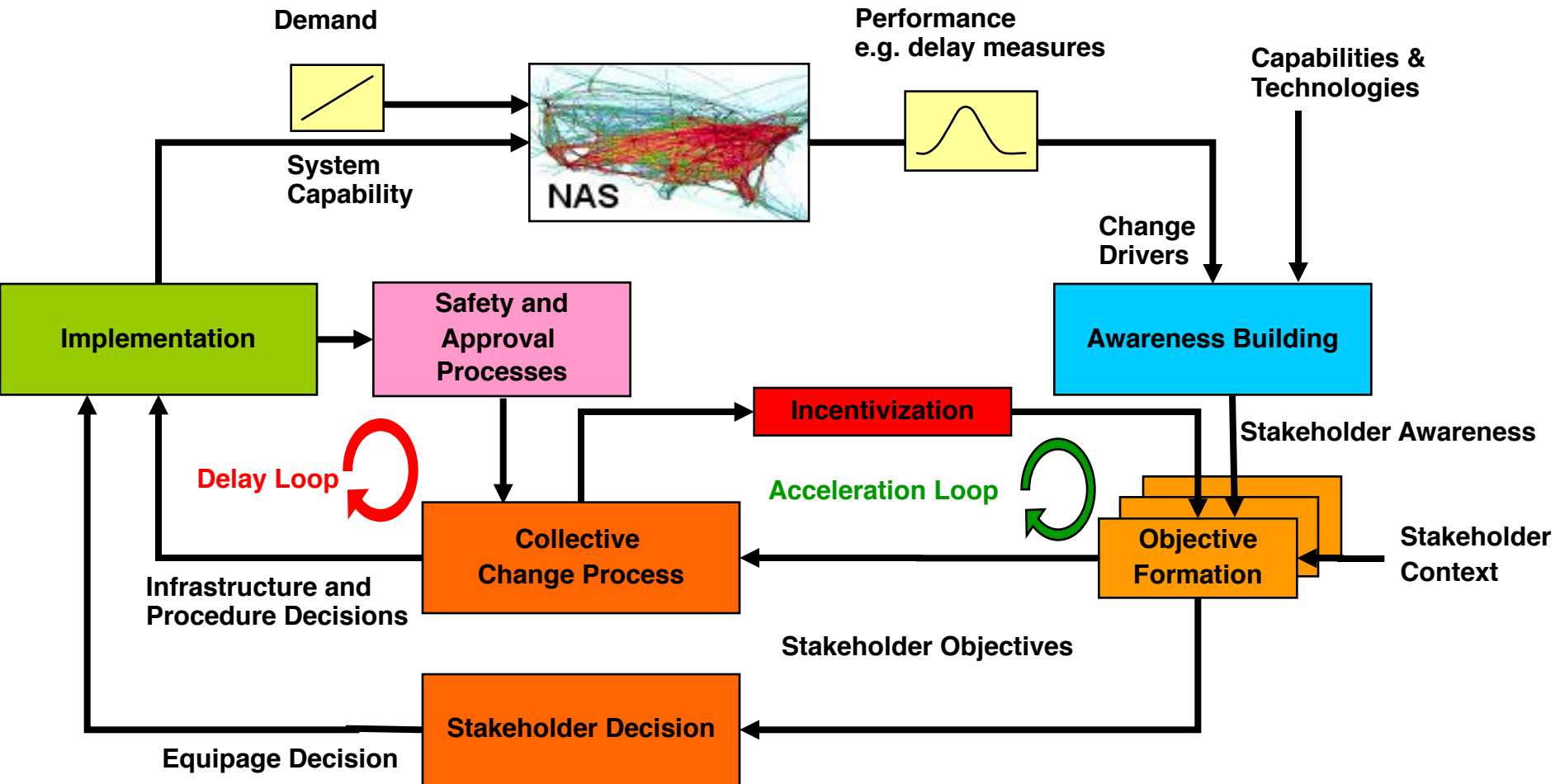
- Proposed Demonstration of Surface Movement Optimization
  - Evaluating Potential Sites



# Taxi Fuel Burn Performance



# Emerging Implementation Issues



# User Benefits Dependent Upon Approved Applications and Operational Capabilities

## Capabilities

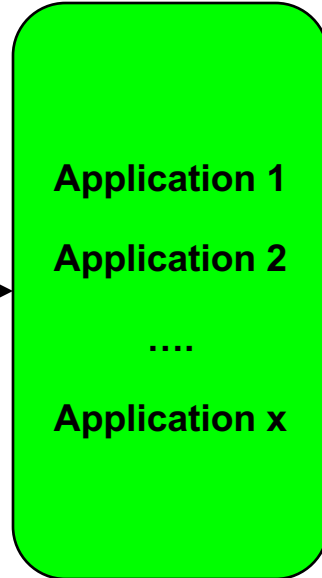
## Applications

## Stakeholder Benefits

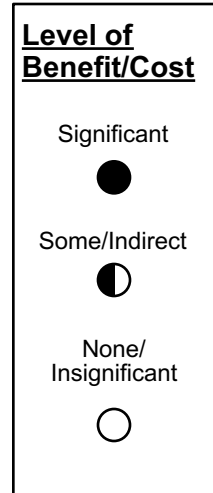
Aircraft Operational Capability

Operational Procedures

ATC Operational Capability



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benefits			
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c <sub>3</sub> (t)	●	●	●
costs			



- ADS-B as NextGen Pathfinder
  - Airborne Equipage Requirement
  - Certification and Procedures

# Safety Management System SMS Challenges

Severity \ Likelihood	No Safety Effect 5	Minor 4	Major 3	Hazardous 2	Catastrophic 1
Frequent A	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Probable B	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Remote C	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Extremely Remote D	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Extremely Improbable E	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	High Risk

Extremely Remote = (quantitative)  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-9}$

Hazardous = "Serious or fatal injury to small number of occupants or cabin crew"

High Risk
Medium Risk
Low Risk

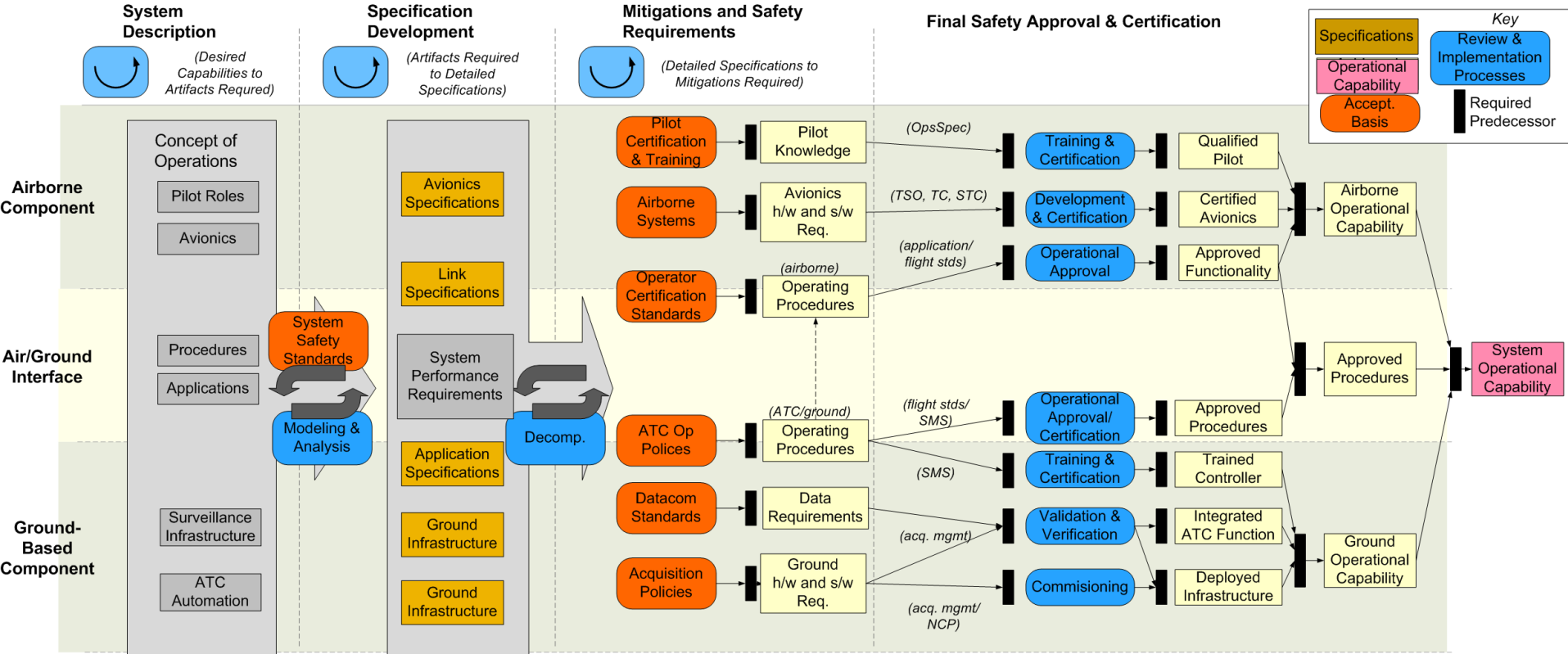
\* Unacceptable with Single Point and/or Common Cause Failures

- Target risk classified by ATO Safety Management System standards
  - Hazardous assumption &  $10^{-7}$  assumption





# Simplified Air/Ground Operational Capability Process





# Operational Approval Risks in NextGen Operational Improvements

- ❑ **NextGen OIs analyzed from Integrated Work Plan (2008)**
  - based on OI Descriptions in Appendix I
- ❑ **Preliminary categorization of operational approval risk**

<i>Code</i>		<i>Definition &amp; Basis</i>
NA		<b>No operational approval required</b> Non-operational or process improvements (e.g. scheduling, security, environment, SMS, etc.)
Green (G)		<b>Minimal risk of operational approval</b> No significant safety impact or depends on approved capabilities or operations already approved
Green/Yellow (GY)		<b>Minor risk of operational approval</b> Similar application/operation already approved, or minor safety impacts
Yellow (Y)		<b>Major risk of operational approval</b> Large changes, but limited to one domain (e.g. airborne, ATC, etc.) and hazardous or major safety consequences
Red (R)		<b>Significant risk of operational approval</b> Large amount of analysis required, limited operational experience with concept, or significant change in roles (human/automation)



# Preliminary OI Analysis (1)

303	TMI with Flight-Specific Trajectories	R	326	Airborne Merging and Spacing - Single Runway	GY
304	Flexible Entry Times for Oceanic Tracks	G	327	Surface Management - Arrivals/Winter Ops/Runway Configuration	G
305	Continuous Flight Day Evaluation	G	329	Airborne Merging and Spacing with OPD	Y
306	Provide Interactive Flight Planning from Anywhere	G	330	Time-Based and Metered Routes with OPD	Y
307	Integrated Arrival/Departure Airspace Management	GY	331	Integrated Arrival/Departure and Surface Operations	G
309	Use Optimized Profile Descent	GY	332	Ground-Based and On-Board Runway Incursion Alerting	Y
310	Improved GA Access to Traverse Terminal Areas	G	333	Improved Operations to Closely Spaced Parallel Runways	Y
311	Increased Capacity and Efficiency Using RNAV and RNP	G	334	Independent Converging Approaches in IMC	Y
316	Enhanced Visual Separation for Successive Approaches	R	337	Flow Corridors - Level 1 Static	Y
317	Near Zero Ceiling/Visibility Airport Access	Y	338	Efficient Metroplex Merging and Spacing	GY
318	Arrival Time-Based Metering - Controller Advisories	G	339	Integrated Arrival/Departure and Surface Traffic Management for Metroplex	G
319	Time-Based Metering into En Route Streams	G	340	Near-Zero-Visibility Surface Operations	Y
320	Initial Surface Traffic Management	G	341	Limited Simultaneous Runway Occupancy	Y
321	Enhanced Surface Traffic Operations	Y	343	Reduced Separation - High Density En Route, 3-mile	R
322	Low-Visibility Surface Operations	R	344	Reduced Oceanic Separation - 30 Miles for Pair-Wise Maneuvers	R
325	Time-Based Metering Using RNP and RNAV Route Assignments	G	346	Improved Management of Airspace for Special Use	G








# Preliminary OI Analysis (2)

347	Air Traffic Control Surveillance Service in Non-Radar Areas (ADS-B)	R	365	Advanced Management of Airspace for Special Use	G
348	Reduce Separation - High Density Terminal, Less Than 3-miles	R	366	Dynamic Airspace Reclassification	G
349	Automation Support for Mixed Environments	G	368	Flow Corridors - Level 2 Dynamic	Y
350	Flexible Routing	GY	369	Automated Negotiation/Separation Management	R
351	Flexible Airspace Management	GY	370	Trajectory-Based Management - Full Gate-To-Gate	Y
352	Automated Clearance Delivery and Frequency Changes	Y	381	GBAS Precision Approaches	Y
353	Reduced Oceanic Separation - Altitude Change Pair-Wise Maneuvers	GY	400	Wake Turbulence Mitigation: Departures - Wind-Based Wake Procedures	Y
354	Reduced Oceanic Separation - Co-Altitude Pair-Wise Maneuvers	Y	401	Wake Turbulence Mitigation: Arrivals - Wind-Based Wake Procedures	Y
355	Delegated Responsibility for Horizontal Separation	R	402	Wake Turbulence Mitigation: Departures - Dynamic Wind Procedures	Y
356	Delegated Separation - Pair-Wise Maneuvers	R	403	Wake Turbulence Mitigation: Arrivals - Dynamic Wind Procedures	Y
358	Trajectory Flight Data Management	Y	406	NAS Wide Sector Demand Prediction and Resource Planning	G
359	Self-Separation Airspace - Oceanic	R	408	Provide Full Flight Plan Constraint Evaluation with Feedback	G
360	Automation-Assisted Trajectory Negotiation	Y	409	Net-Centric Virtual Facility	R
361	Resource Planning	G	410	Automated Virtual Towers	R
362	Self-Separation Airspace Operations	R	2010	Net-Enabled Common Weather Information Infrastructure	GY
363	Delegated Separation - Complex Procedures	R	2020	Net-Enabled Common Weather Information - Level 1 Initial Capability	GY
			2021	Net-Enabled Common Weather Information - Level 2 Adaptive Control/Enhanced Forecast	GY
			2022	Net-Enabled Common Weather Information - Level 3 Full NextGen	GY

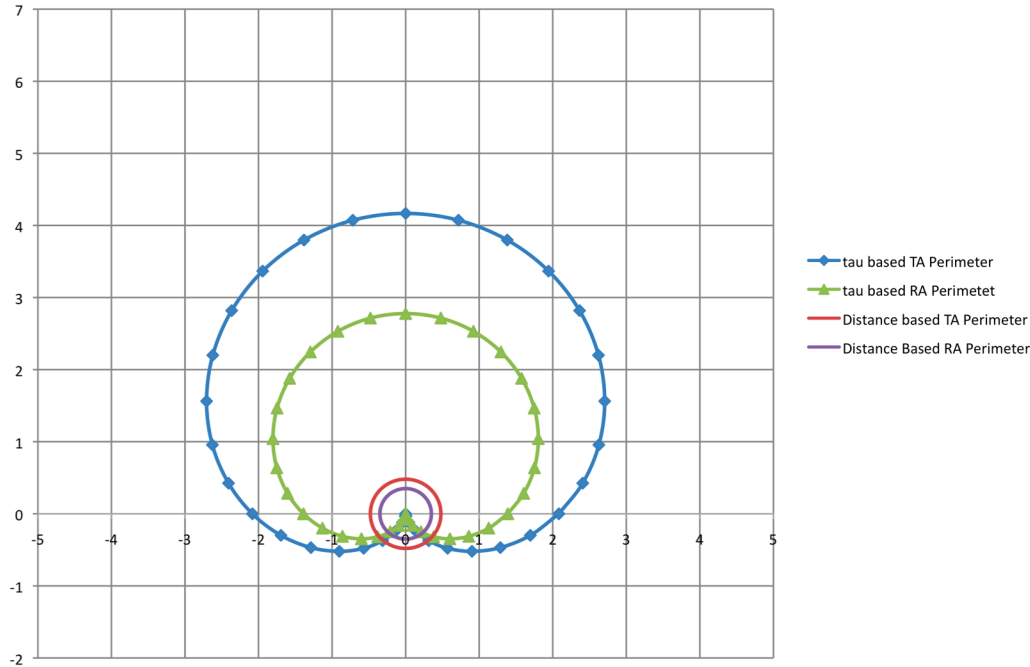


# OI Operational Approval Risk (preliminary results, not validated)

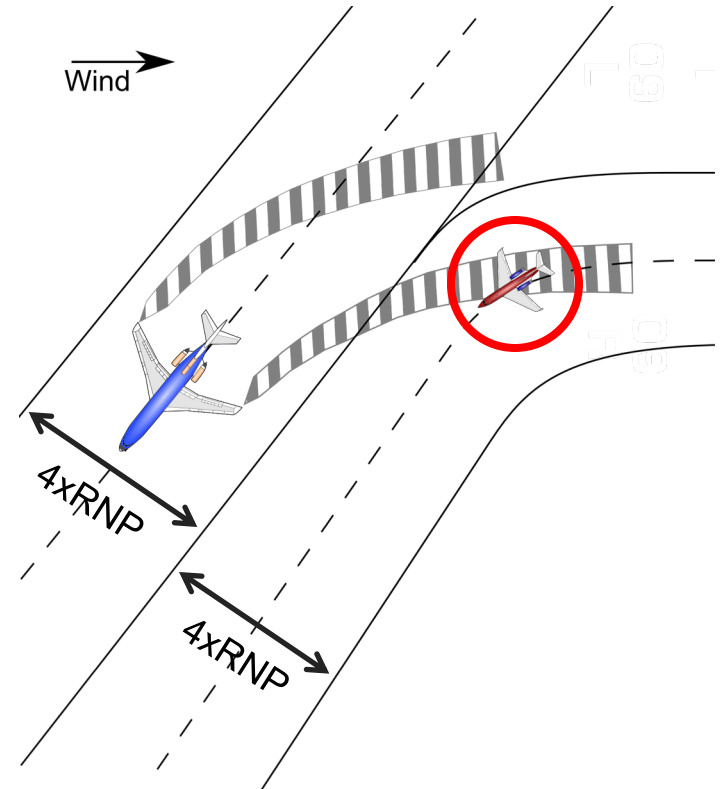
Code	Number of OIs	Percent of OIs
 NA	53	45%
 G	19	16%
 GY	11	9%
 Y	21	18%
 R	15	13%
Total	119	

# Emerging System Constraints

TCAS Primeters (in NM) from 2350 to 5000ft



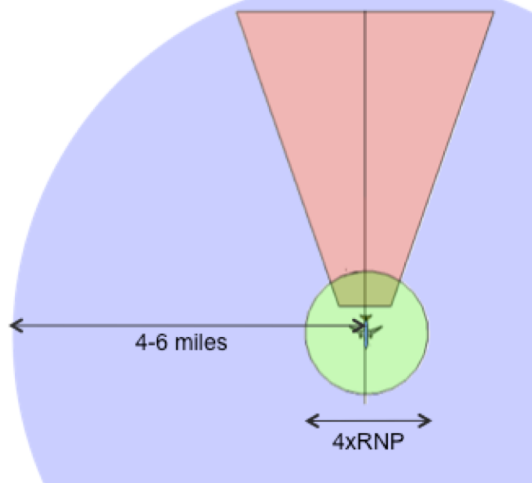
□ TCAS



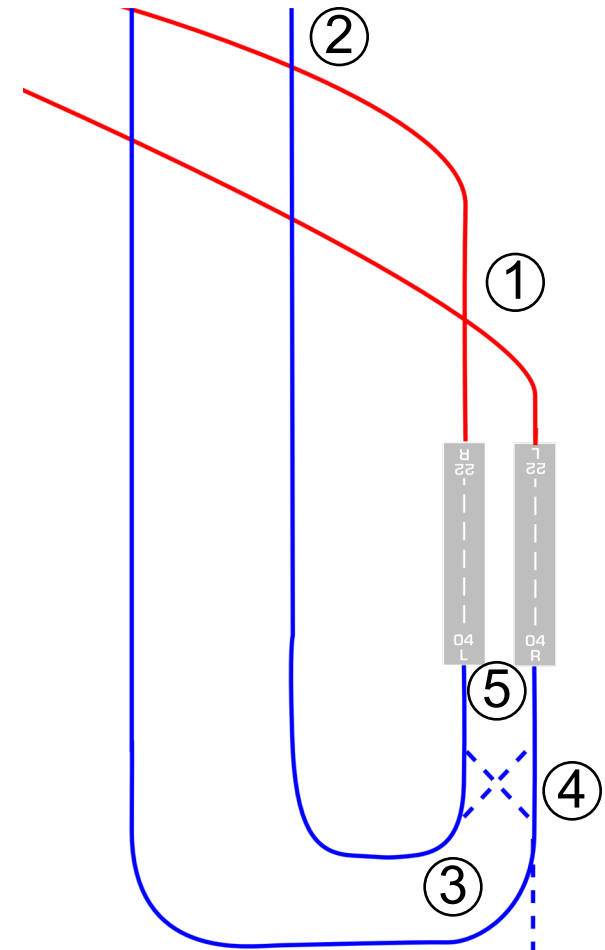
□ Wake Vortex

# Evaluating Wake Vortex Risk in NextGen

- Evaluated NextGen Ops Cons
- Example Key Areas
  - Tight Routes in Transition Airspace
  - Closely Spaced Parallel Approaches
  - 4DT Separation Criteria
  - Controller Workload and Complexity

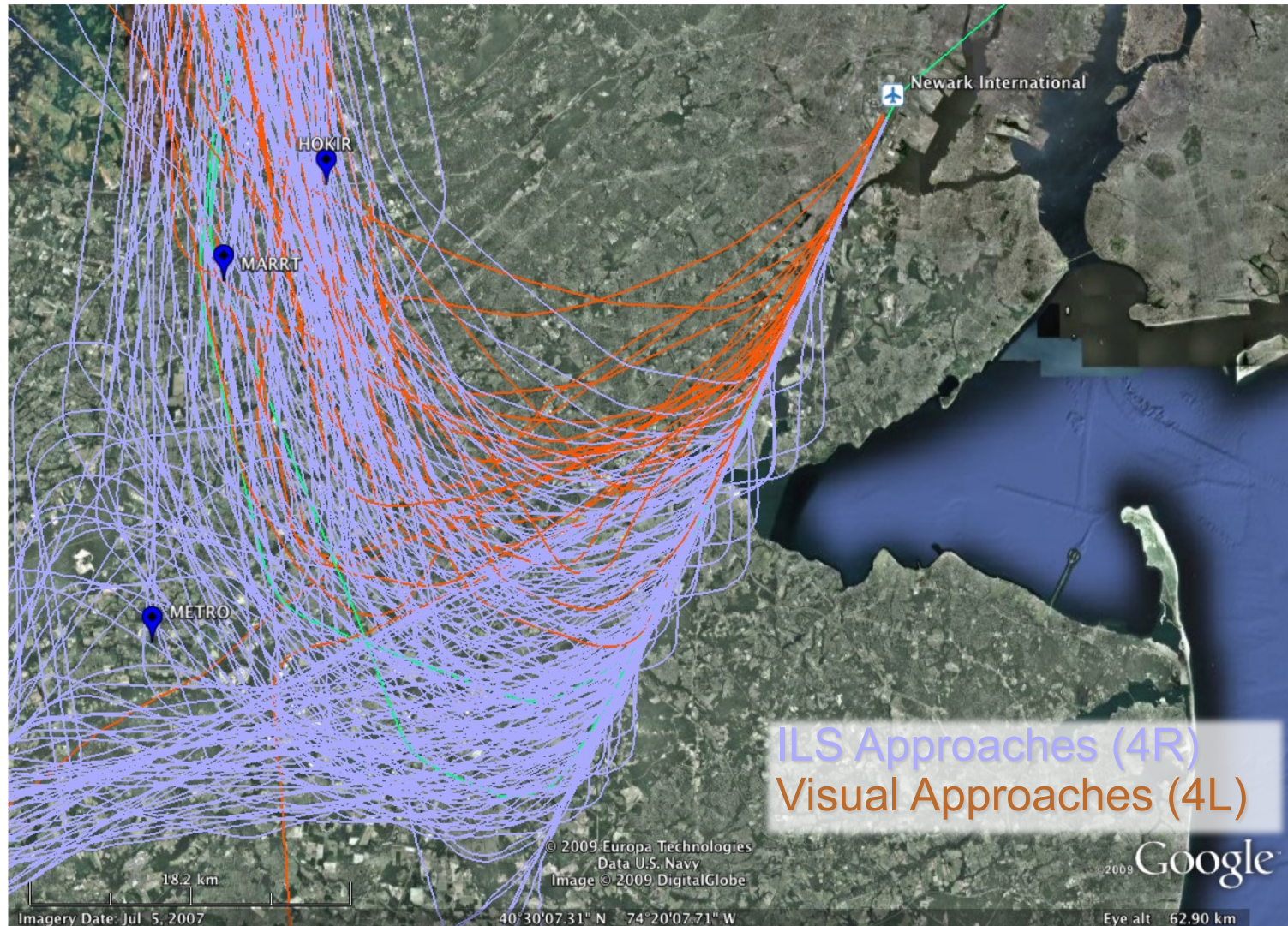


Current radar separation  
 RNP Navigational separation  
 Wake hazard zone



Departures  
 Arrivals

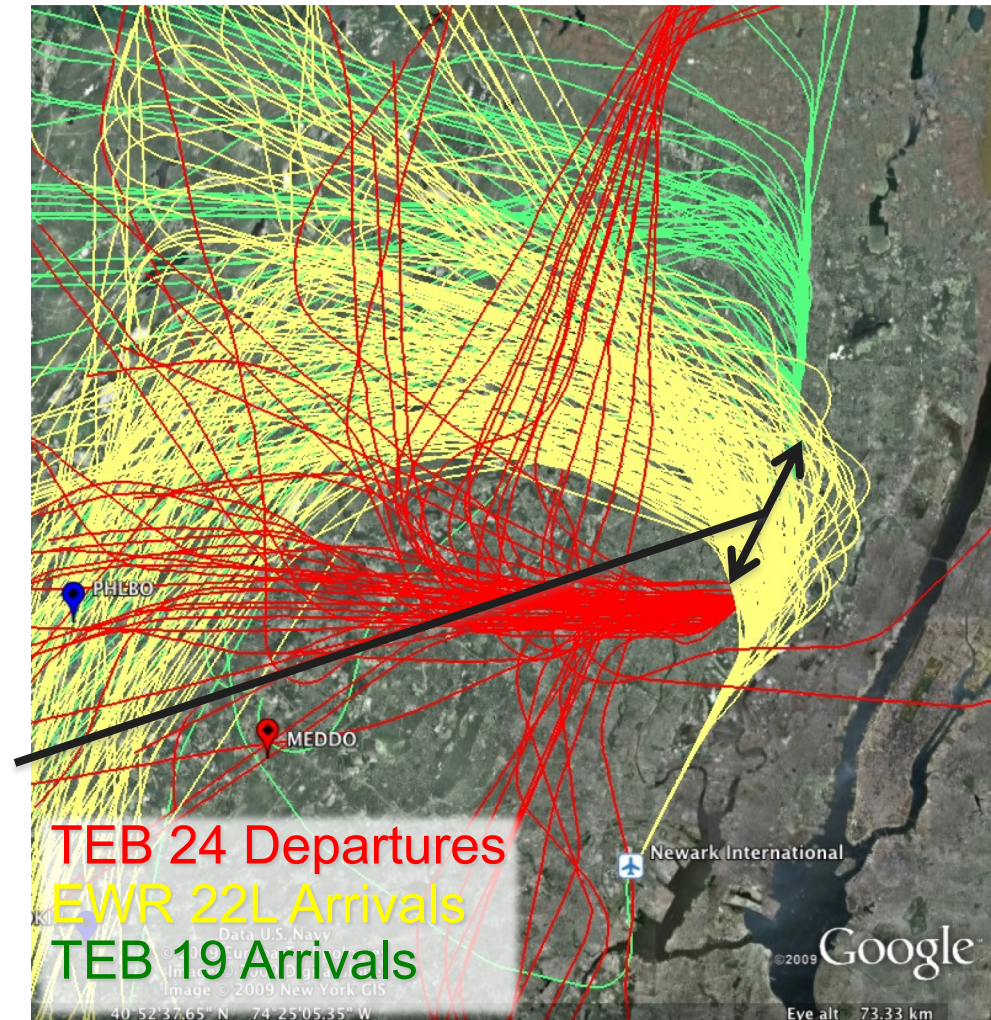
# EWR CSPA





# EWR 22L,R – TEB 24 Interaction

- ❑ Further examination of the data PDARS data showed that approaches to the 22s may provide a more tightly constrained scenario.
- ❑ TEB 24 departures currently **prevent use of EWR 22R for arrivals**
- ❑ Arrivals to EWR 22L must cross TEB and maintain safe separation from TEB 19 & 24 arrivals and departures.

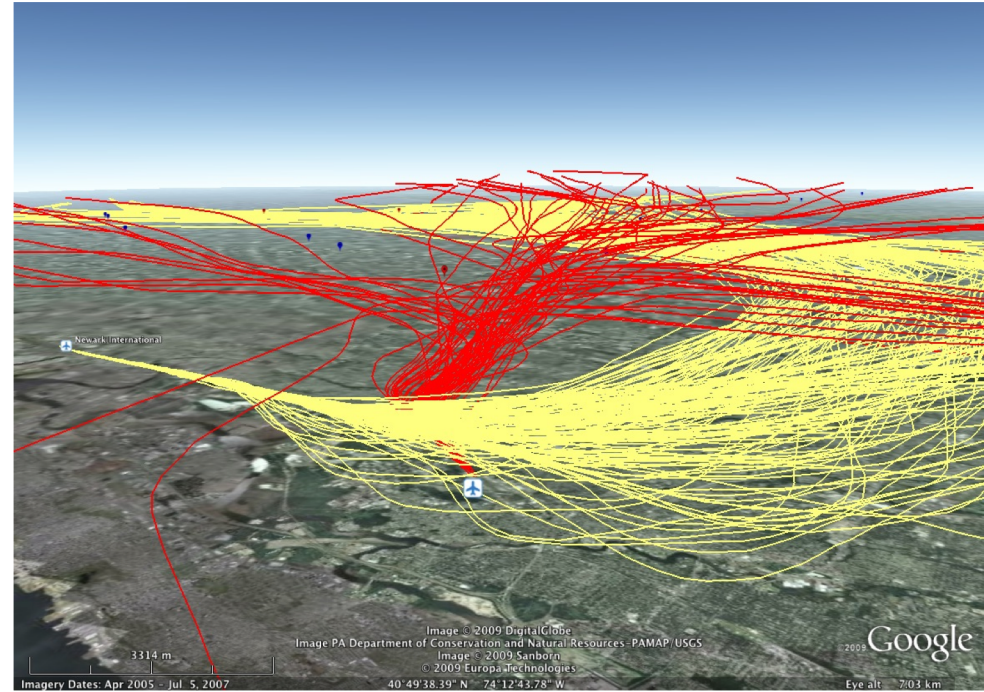
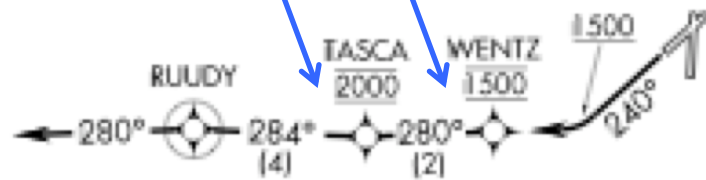




# EWR 22L Arrivals and TEB 24 Departures

- Currently TEB 24 departures must snake under then over the ILS arrivals to 22L.
- EWR 22L approaches at ~3000 ft over TEB

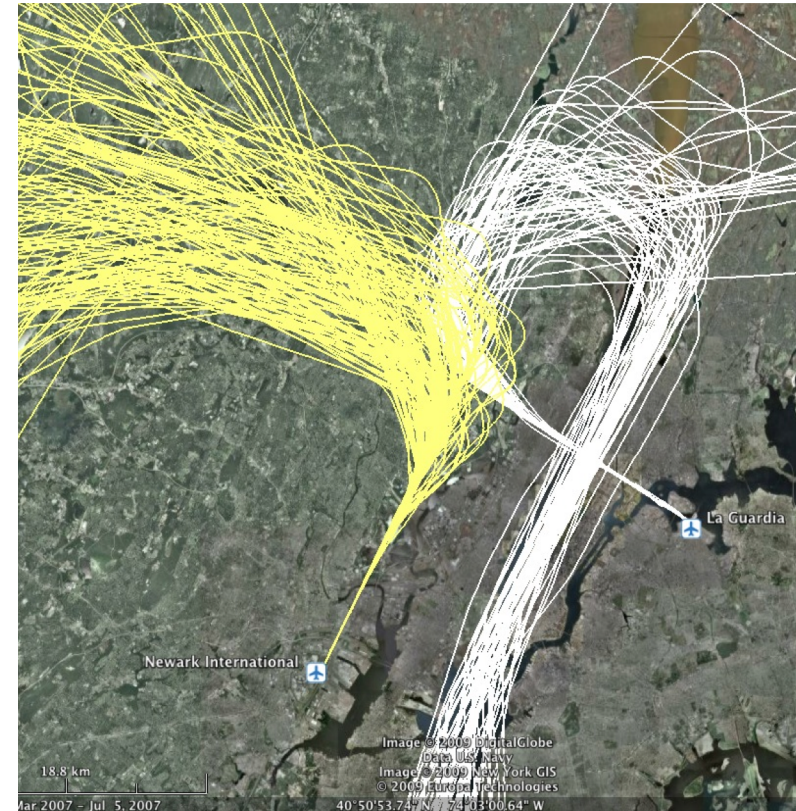
TEB departures are held-down until clear of the EWR arrival stream



TEB 24 Departures  
EWR 22L Arrivals

# EWR 22 – LGA 13 CDA Interaction

- ❑ Future arrivals may use continuous descent approaches (CDAs) to improve fuel efficiency and reduce environmental impacts.
- ❑ A CDA to EWR 22s would conflict (only ~450ft vertical separation) with a CDA to LGA
- ❑ Currently the two approaches are vertically separated



EWR 22L Arrivals  
LGA 13 Arrivals

# Questions

