

Cockpit Weather

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2003 FPAW: Weather in the Cockpit



Why Weather in the Cockpit - ??

- **Long Standing Need**
- **Unchanging Use / Basic Applications**
- **Changing Technology**



Long Standing Need

- **Early Air Force Lesson:**
 - Pilots plan on my forecast
 - Pilots (and aircraft) fly on the “real/existing” weather

- **Axiom:**
 - Make my forecast the best possible – and amend promptly when needed
 - Keep pilots (and commanders/supervisors) advised of current/changing weather conditions

Unchanging Use / Applications

- 1985: OFCM Conference at University of Tennessee (Tullahoma)**
- 1987: FAA Aviation Wx Sys Ops Concept**
- 1991: FAA/NASA PAWSS Requirements**
- 1993: OFCM Aviation Wx Users Forum**
- 1994: FAA Order 7032.15, Air Traffic Wx Needs and Requirements**
- 1996: RTCA DO-232, Ops Concepts for Data Link Applications of FIS**

All supported the need for and application of Cockpit Weather

Pilot/Cockpit Applications

- **FAR Requirements:**
 - IFR vs VFR
 - Alt Airport; Fuel Reserve; Deicing
 - Other
- **Safety: Avoid Hazardous & Adverse Wx**
 - Aircraft and aircrew capabilities
 - Aircrew/passenger injury and aircraft damage
- **Efficiency: Favorable Winds & Wx**
 - Aircraft performance
- **Quality: Comfort vs Stress**
 - Pax & Aircrew

Changing Technology – ??



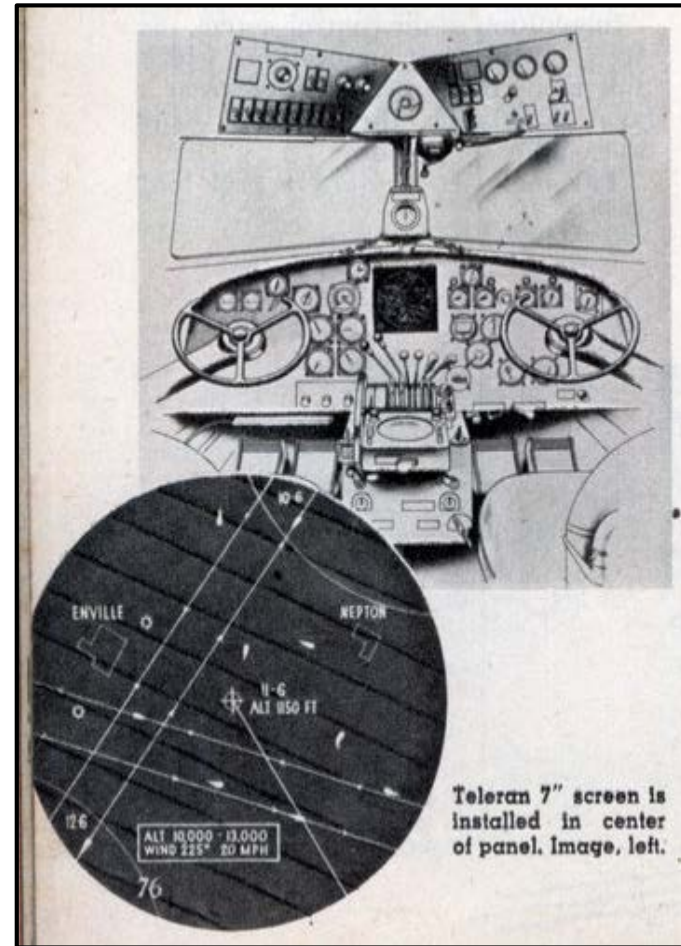
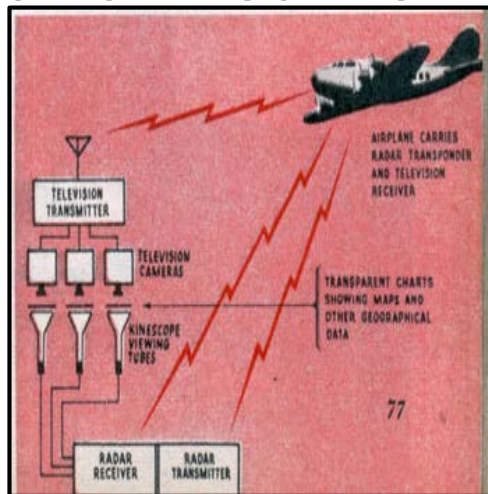
**Where's
the Link?**

Where's the Link

1947: RCA demonstrates Teleran

- Teleran = Television + Radar
- Ground radar gets traffic pics and sends them along with weather to the pilot by television

An early Cockpit Display of Traffic and Weather



Where's the Link

1981: MITRE/Ohio University VOR Demo

- Ground wx radar images broadcast over VOR and printed on cockpit thermofax printer
- Pilots excited but FAA decides to wait for Mode S data link technology

1980-86: NASA transmits Kavouris NEXRAD Wx Radar to F-106

- NASA Storm Hazards Program intentionally sought inflight lightning strikes
- Successful Kavouris transmission led to joint FAA/NASA Cockpit Weather Program

1990: FAA/NASA establish Cockpit Weather Program

1991: SatCom Demo - NASA Pilot Automated Wx Spt Sys (PAWSS)

1995: Mode S Data Link Demo – AOPA/EAA Supported Flight Tests

- TIS – accepted for service
- GWS/TWS (Graphic/Text Wx Svc) – service denied due to spectrum concerns

1996-97: White House (Gore) Report on Aviation Safety and Security

- FAA & NASA Aviation Safety Programs
 - NASA AWIN – Langley (Data and Displays)
 - NASA WINCOM – Glen (Data Link Technology)

NASA Cockpit Weather

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Where's the Link

1999: SDARS: NASA Langley demo in Africa

- Leads to WSI and XMWX commercial services

1999- FAA FIS Data Link (FISDL) Program

- 2011:**
- FAA partners with industry (Honeywell) to provide FISDL broadcast
 - Ground Based VDL 2 Broadcast System – FAA provided the VHF frequencies

Other Impacts – Leading to FAA FIS-B:

1993: RTCA TF 2: No single ADS-B link; AOPA/GA seeks benefits

1995: FAA Free Flight Concept published; AOPA support contingent on benefits

1997: FAA Capstone launched in Alaska

- Field demo of adv avionic capabilities – based on MITRE UAT ADS-B concept

2002: FAA/EUROCONTROL – Ohio River Valley ADS-B Demo/Test

- Cockpit Weather Capability: **UAT – Yes; 1030/1090 – No**

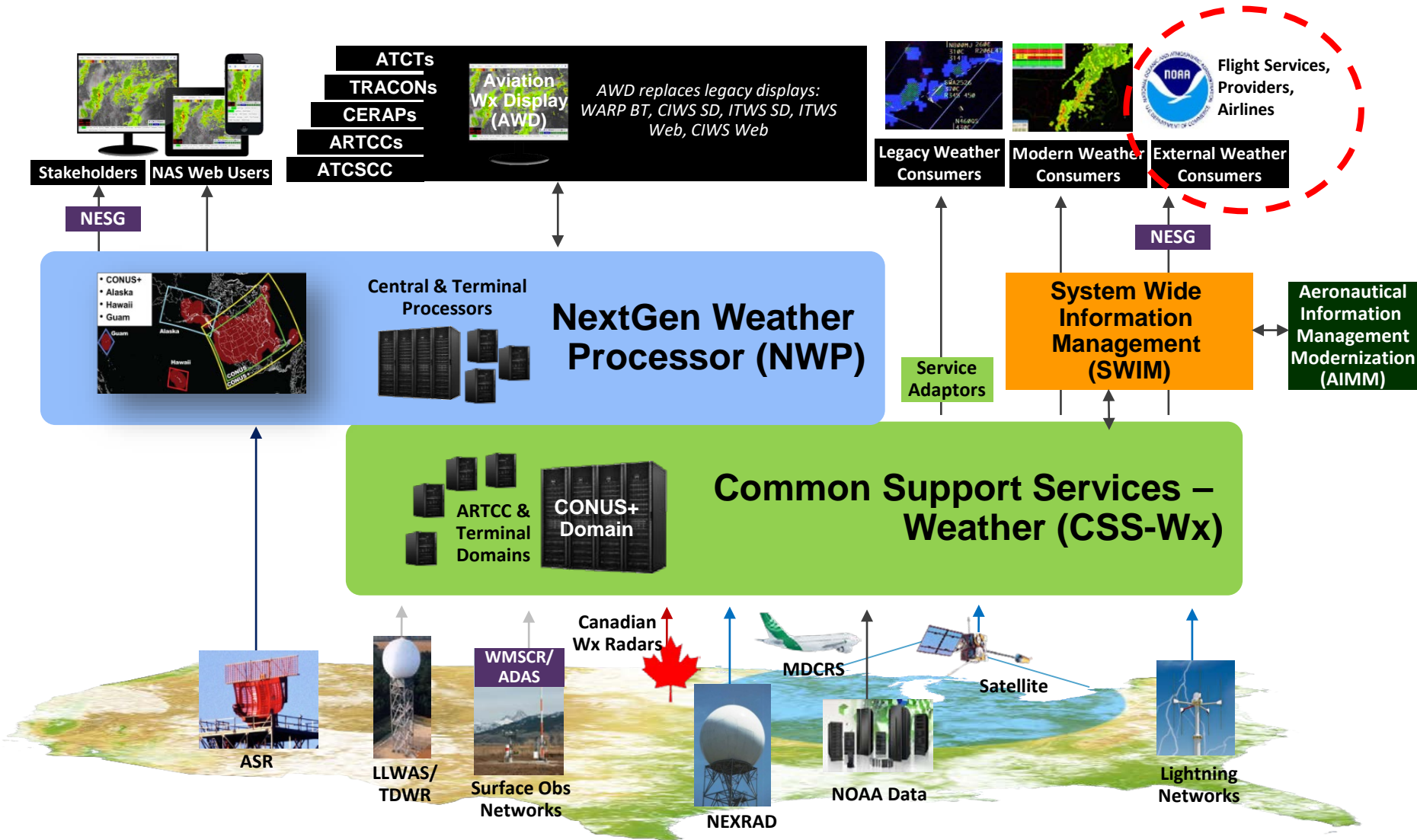
FAA ADS-B Link Decision

- Deploying uplink services (FIS-B / TIS-B) encourages aircraft to begin equipping with ADS-B and provides near-term benefits at many locations

What Next - FAA

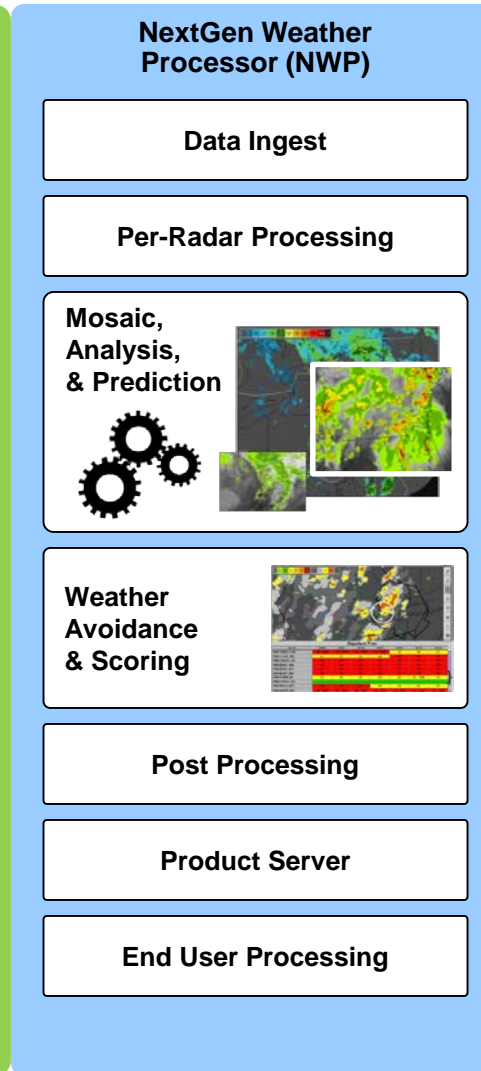
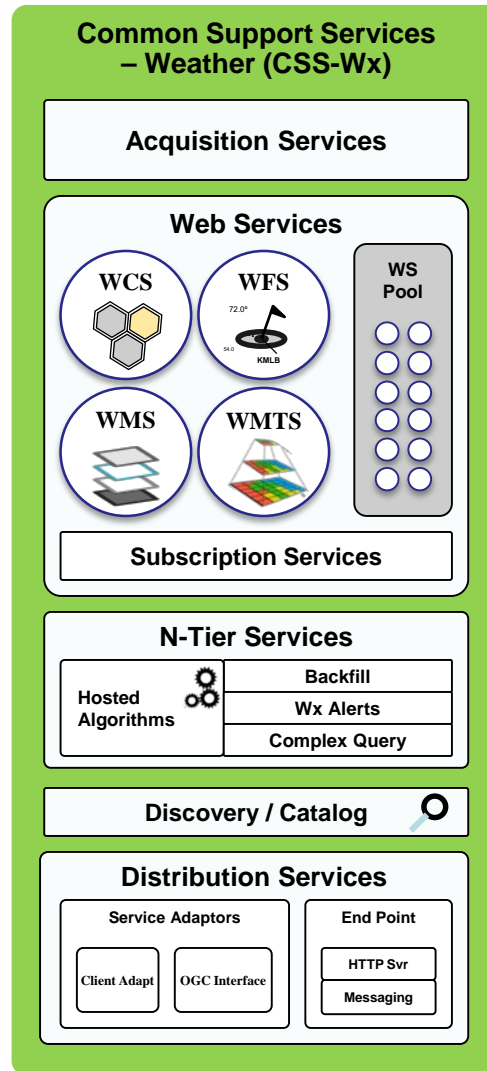
- **FIS-B – New Graphic Products**
 - Turbulence based on GTG
 - Icing based on CIP/FIP
 - Cloud Tops based on NOAA HRRR
 - Lightning based on NLDN
- **RTCA SC-206 / SG 5**
 - Drafting Revision A to the UAT MOPS (DO-358A)

NextGen Wx Systems Architecture



NextGen Wx Services and Processes

- Acquisition of weather data
- Subscription Services
- Web Services
 - WCS
 - WFS
 - WMS
 - WMTS
- JMS Messaging backbone infrastructure
- Locally produced Hosted Algorithms products
 - Composite Reflectivity with Flexible Floor
 - Icing And Composite Icing Layer
 - Composite Turbulence and Turbulence Layer
 - Precipitation Altitude Mask
 - CWAM Weather Avoidance Field
- Distribution Services for OGC and legacy consumers
- Discovery Catalog



- **Data Ingest**
- **Radar Pre-processing**
- **Product Generations**
- **Gridded Products**
 - Precipitation (VIL)
 - Surface Precipitation Phase
 - Echo Tops
 - Base and Composite Reflectivity
 - Satellite
 - Icing Tops & Bottoms
- **Non-Gridded Products**
 - Aggregated Lightning Flashes & Tornado Detections
 - Storm Information Hazard Texts, Leading Edges, & Motion Vectors
 - Radar mosaic Contours
 - Fronts, Trends & Wind Profiles
 - Precipitation (VIL) & Echo Tops (ET) Forecast Accuracy
- **Prediction up to 8 hours**
- **Weather Avoidance products**
- **Post Processing**

Cockpit Weather - Evolution

Questions-??



What Changes

- **Technology**

- Data Link
- Data
 - Fidelity
 - Accuracy
 - Availability

- **Procedures**

- Aircraft or ground centric decisions-??
- Expanded Collaborative Decision Making (CDM)-??

WTIC Research – Follow Segments

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&
Following Segments**



Stakeholder Panel - Opening

Question:

What key lessons have you learned about Cockpit Weather from your perspective-??

Both the good as well as any concerns or deficiencies.

Stakeholder Panel – Member Briefings

Switch to Stakeholder Panel Briefings



Cockpit Weather Chorus

- Gary Livack – FAA Prophet / Visionary
- Paul Fiducia – Passonate Industry Advocate
- Charlie Scanlon – NASA SDARS Demo
- Norm Crabill – NASA Engineer (Retired) – PAWS Author – Cockpit Wx Pioneer
- Dr David Strahle – Cockpit Wx Pioneer
- Bob Baron – Wx Service Provider / Pioneer
- WSI (The Weather Company) – Wx Service Provider / Pioneer
- MITRE – UAT Concept & Development
- Honeywell – FISDL Development & Operation
- RTCA – FIS Data Link Standards Document
- SAE – Aerospace Recommended Practice (ARP) 5740 [HF Guidelines for Cockpit Displays]
- AOPA – Benefits Advocate & Best Practices Education

[Multitude of Others](#)

It's Happy Hour Time



At least for me - !!