### **CNS/ATM:** Airborne (Cockpit) Ground-based (ATC)

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# TU Delft & Faculty of Aerospace Engineering

- TU Delft : 19,000 students BSc+MSc
- TU Delft AE : 2,600 students BSc+MSc
- AE is international faculty, international staff:
  Fully English taught Bsc, MSc program
- 300 fte faculty staff, 20 full professors
- Research facilities also used in education (incl. BSc):
  - Clean room, Structures, Materials & Chemical labs, Cubesats, Lab aircraft, Flight Simulator, Wind tunnels









# Departments of Aerospace Engineering





### Organigram C&O Department



# Overview section Control and Simulation (C&S)

- 3 chairs:
  - Aerospace Human-Machine Systems Max Mulder
  - Communication, Navigation & Surveillance/Air Traffic Management Jacco Hoekstra
  - Aerospace Guidance, Navigation & Control Bob Mulder (Em.)
- 16 fte permanent scientific staff
- Facilities:
  - PH-LAB Laboratory Aircraft
  - Simona flight simulator
  - ATC simulation
  - MAVlab
  - Callibration lab





# **Control and Simulation**

### Aerospace Human-Machine Systems

Prof. Max Mulder, Dr. M.M. van Paassen

### Research

- 1. Cybernetic approaches to manual control system design
  - model multi-modal pilot perception and control
  - haptic interfaces, biodynamics, shared control
- 2. Cognitive systems engineering to design for situation awareness
  - ecological flight deck, ecological air traffic control working positions

### **Projects**

VIDI project "Cybernetic approach to simulator fidelity"; STW "Pilot Task Demand Load"; Cleansky JTI "energy management", EUROCONTROL "separation assurance", NISSAN "steer-by-wire", BOEING "balked landing", ACROSS "reduction of pilot stress"

### **Collaborations**

3ME (Biomech. Eng.), NLR, TNO, LVNL, Max Planck IBC, BOEING, NASA, NISSAN, HONEYWELL, EUROCONTROL, To70, GA Tech, Wright State

Challenge the future







# **Control and Simulation**

### Communication, Navigation, Surveillance / Air Traffic Mgt

#### Prof. Jacco Hoekstra

### Research

### **1. Foundations of ATM research**

- data mining to study traffic flow dynamics
- common open tools, scenarios and metrics in ATM

### 2. Exploitation of potential benefits of ASAS/ADS-B/CNS

- concepts and systems prototypes development and validation
- improved trajectory prediction techniques or e.g. CD&R

### 3. Safety of growing general aviation

- improved CNS/ATM devices for today and future GA
- 4. Mature UAV systems and applications
  - pioneer use cases and prototype systems development
  - integration into current and future ATM environments

### **Projects**

METROPOLIS, Future traffic scenarios, SELFLY, GA radar, UAV sense & avoid **Collaborations** 

### NLR, DLR, LVNL, EUROCONTROL, To70, ENAC, NASA LaRC/Ames, NTSB

Challenge the future









## Organisatie van een leerstoel: onderzoek in de pyramide























# CNS / ATM

**Communication, Navigation, Surveillance** 

Air Traffic Management

"The art of sensing & avoiding traffic, terrain & weather"

# "Expedite Traffic Flow in safe & efficient manner"

### Trend in research topics over time







# Start of my ATM work: PHARE research



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- Conflict free 4D trajectory (HIPS, TEPS, CRD)
- Negotiated safe 4D bubble
- Special FMS: EFMS



# 1989 – 1999 PHARE project Testing the EFMS in the simulator







## PD/3 trials











http://www.eurocontrol.int/phare/public/standard\_page/PD3.html



# ASAS & Traffic display

- ASAS: 5nm, 5 min, 1000 ft
- Conflict symbology
  - red circle & track
  - yellow circle own zone
  - traffic symbol always
  - label time to l.o.s.
- Resolution symbology
  - horizontal
  - vertical
- Predictive ASAS
  - If conflict => first check vertical reso!





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# Flight tests: Mediterranean Free Flight (MFF)

- ASAS packages I III
- Safety analysis
- Air-ground human-in-the-loop simulations
- Multiple ac flight tests of all applications







### ATM papers reviewing

"The AFM-2 is the preferred option for the OPCS when AFDRS is not available in the ACCS. In all scenarios the I-IAA was higher with ARRS switched on."



### ATM papers reviewing





## Imagine a physics paper...

Assume we have a certain volume of gas in a container. This gas has many molecules. All molecules hit the walls with different speeds. This causes a force on the walls of the container perpendicular to the surface. This total normal force on the wall of the container divided by the surface area of the container we call the pressure with symbol p.

$$p = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$$

The amount of gas in terms of mass per volume we call density with the symbol  $\rho$  (rho). The kinetic energy of the molecules.....



### Current status of ATM Science

















# How to compare them?

- 1. Foundation definition
  - Metrics & definitions, common language
  - Higher level of abstraction
- 2. Foundation implementation
  - Benchmark scenarios, share results & data
  - Open (source & data) innovation and tools

### Enables:

- Advancing by building on each others' research
- (Still) Provide many innovative concepts & tools bottom-up, but now with their rated, validated and comparable performance



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# Fundamental definitions



### **Common Model Based Metrics**

 Goal: A globally accepted general system description of ATM with a level of abstraction that, in a generic way, connects ATM state and ATM control variables with the ATM performance



### Understand Traffic Flow Dynamics

- Establishing traffic complexity metrics
- Evolution over time of traffic complexity metrics
- Predictive value of traffic complexity metrics
- Improve Traffic Flow Management under uncertanties





### Research Questions Foundation theme

- How can we benchmark and compare different systems & concepts (4D contracts/ASAS, FAB, ADS-B, CDAs, etc.) in an open and transparent way? Which scenarios/tools?
  - Scientific Method: Common Metrics/Scenarios/ etc.
  - Blue Sky Open ATM Sim, Data Mining etc.
- Traffic Flow Dynamics:
  - Dynamic behaviour of traffic complexity, close the control loop
  - Uncertainties: effect on trajectory/traffic flow predictions
- Other fundamental questions like: What is the basis of the current separation criteria? How is (or should it be) built up? Are they sufficient?



### CNS/ATM Research Themes

- Theme 1: ATM Foundation What is foundation of ATM?
  - Use a.o. common open tool and scenarios to establish this
  - Data mining (ADS-B, radar data, Ectl PRC, etc.) to study traffic flow dynamics
- **Theme 2: Surveillance -** How to exploit benefits of ASAS/ADS-B?
  - Concept & System prototypes development & validation
  - Improved Trajectory Prediction techniques, for CD&R
- Theme 3: GA CNS How can we improve the safety of growing GA? - Improved CNS/ATM dev & flight test for today and future GA
- Theme 4: UAV CNS How to mature UAVs systems and applications?
  - Pioneer use cases and prototype system development, flight tests
  - Integration into ATM system
- Theme 5: Schiphol/NL Advanced CNS/ATM for a mainport



## Theme 5:

# growing new plants in the garden

- Schiphol/NL related topics such as:
  - CDO's
  - Exploring Bird Radar Advisory tool @ Schiphol with Robin Radar
- New ideas:
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  - Following meetings/brainstorms with staff members
- Any new topics arising from opportunities with partners or programmes



# CNS/ATM

Communication, Navigation, Surveillance/Air Traffic Management








#### Current PhDs at CNS/ATM chair

#### Theme 1: Foundation

- Emmanuel Sunil Relation Airspace Structure & Capacity
- Julia Rudnyk Medium Term Conflict Detection
- Edu Gallo Trajectory Prediction
- <open> Trajectory Generation in 4D problem space
- <open> Open Source/Open Data ATM Validation Tools (BlueSky/Ahmed)

#### Theme 2: ADS-B

• Junzi Sun – ADS-B model parameter estimation

#### Theme 3: GA

- Jerom Maas Modelling GA Radar based Avionics Suite
- Ronald van Gent GA Sense & Avoid/ EVFR Radar

#### Theme 4: UAVs

- Yazdi Ibrahim Jenie UAV Sense & Avoid
- Lodewijk Sikkel APRA/PID, Sense & Avoid + robust controller
- Ewout Smeur Delphi Sensing

#### Theme 5: Schiphol related

• Isabel Metz – Deterministic Effects of Bird Radar for ATC



### Current MSc-Students

- Ted Verbraak Quality assessment of ADS-B data
- Mazin Inaad- ADS-B analysis of CDO's at Schiphol
- Thijs Gloudemans Flight envelope modeling from ADS-B historical data
- Thom Langejan- ADS-B uncertainty and CD&R
- Martijn Tra -Airspace structure and conflict probability
- Pieter Danneels New Complexity Metric for Traffic Scenarios
- Alexander Vanwelsenaere Departure info of secondary airports for XMAN
- Kevin Lamers Delfly Obstacle Avoidance
- Daphne Rein-Weston 4D planning using graph search methods
- Marc van Horssen LHR concept op Schiphol



# Projects per theme

Theme 1: Foundation BlueSky Ahmed Airspace Structure vs. Capacity (Metropolis+follow-up) Traffic Predictability Medium term Conflict Detection Pop-up flights and E-AMAN *Theme 3: General Aviation* <u>Air-to-air radar for GA for ATSAW</u>

Radar based avionics suite

*Theme 4: UAV* <u>Micro-UAVs sense & Avoid</u>

#### Theme 5: Schiphol Related

<u>Upstream Delay absorption</u> <u>Bird radar for ATC</u> Continuous Descent Approach Effects

*Theme 2: ADS-B applications* ADS-B data for a/c performance models ADS-B Raw Quality analysis ADS-B models for ASAS ASAS algorithm comparison

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## BlueSky Project

Theme 1: Foundation





# One enabler: Open ATM simulator

- ATM simulator developed in readable, open source, multi-platform language (Python)
- Using publicly available data for a/c perform
- Downloadable for free with benchmark scer third party software
- Open Development like Wikipedia, TUD/ASI
- Focus on Europe and US



• Build working prototype first, start community bottom-up







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### TrafScript: generic scenario language

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CRE acid, type, lat, lon, hdg, alt, spd
     ALT acid, alt/FL
     SPD acid, CAS/Mach
     ADDWPT acid, navaid/latlon[, alt, spd, afterwp, rta]
     HDG acid, hdg
     LEFT acid, hdg
     RIGHT acid, hdg
     DEST acid, apt/latlon
     ORIG acid, apt/latlon
     DEL
     MOVE acid, latlon
     POS acid
     MCRE n, */type,*/alt,*/spd,*/dest
> CRE KL204, B744, 52, 4, 90 FL120 250
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Point and click

acid, latlon, navaid, apt, hdq

#### CRE?

CRE acid,type,lat,lon,hdg,alt,spd

**example.scn** scenario file (plain text file)

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#### BlueSky



Classic, single thread version



#### BlueSky



Multi-threaded, OpenGL thread version (based on Qt)



## Ahmed Project

Theme 1: Foundation





### Proposal: Ahmed body

• "Ahmed body" needed, like in wind-tunnel testing of road vehicles





### Ahmed body for Air Traffic Management

• "Ahmed body" needed: standard sector, could be imaginary or real day of busy traffic of Europe for which all data is available



"Sector X"

Some days in Europe in 2020



## Metropolis Project: Airspace Structure vs. Capacity

Theme 1: Foundation



# Metropolis: study extreme densities of PAV and UAVs

- What if personal air transport technology & UAVs really does take off and results in a massive amount of flying vehicles?
- Extreme densities: Structured airspace design or spread the traffic?





#### The Effect of Airspace Structure on Capacity Goal



Researcher: Emmanuel Sunil Supervisors: Jacco Hoekstra Joost Ellerbroek

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#### The Effect of Airspace Structure on Capacity Method: Empirical

#### **Full Mix**



Zones



Layers



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## The domino effect parameter



Venn diagram for CD&R conflicts

 $S_1$ : conflicts that occur with no CD&R  $S_2$ : conflicts that occur with CD&R

$$DEP = \frac{|R_3| - |R_1|}{|S_1|} = \frac{|S_2| - |S_1|}{|S_1|} = \frac{|S_2|}{|S_1|} - 1$$



#### The Effect of Airspace Structure on Capacity Results



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# Follow-up Metropolis Project: Explaining the results Airspace Structure vs. Capacity

Theme 1: Foundation



#### Quantifying the Capacity Benefits of a Layered Airspace Concept <sub>Goal</sub>



- 1. To what extent is Layers better than Full Mix?
- 2. How does the heading range per altitude band affect Layer's capacity?

Researcher: Martijn Tra Supervisors: Emmanuel Sunil Jacco Hoekstra Joost Ellerbroek



#### Quantifying the Capacity Benefits of a Layered Airspace Concept MSc student Martijn Tra

Method: Semi-Empirical Approach





## Traffic Predictability: Medium Term Conflict Detection

Theme 1: Foundation





# Trajectory prediction for Medium Term Conflict Detection



PhD student Julia Rudnyk





#### Method:

- Create Trajectory Prediction Tool
- Analyse sources of present uncertainties
- Predict uncertainty(ies)
- Include predicted uncertainty(ies) in Trajectory Prediction Tool
- Verify in shadow mode



Traffic Predictability: Pop-Up Flights and Cross-border Arrival Management

Theme 1: Foundation





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#### Pop-up Occurrence MSc student Alexander van Welsenaere





# AMAN Research Simulator (ARSIM)

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## Dependent Variables

Run simulation with different strategies, different AMAN horizons, Pop-up frequency, runway use, dep info

Experiment to measure:

- Sequence Stability
- Advisory Accuracy and Reliability
- Delay
- Delay Cost
- Runway utilisation
- Conflicts





## Developing Aircraft Performance Models Using ADS-B Data Mining

Theme 2: ADS-B





#### Methods

#### → Step 1: Collection of open data

- [ADS-B] latitude, longitude, altitude, speed and heading, call sign, position integrity, etc
- [web open data] Aircraft ID, owner, engine, structure parameters

#### → Step 2: Data mining

- clustering, filtering, and aggregate data features
- flight data state determination

#### → Step 3: APM applications

- Flight envelope detection
- Performance at different flight phases
- Drag Lift polar estimation
- Fuel consumption estimation
- and, more...

#### → Step 4: Outputs

- BlueSky simulator
- Independent open source APM library




#### Intermediate Results

- → Open ADS-B data repository
- → ADS-B data streaming service
- → A set of tools for ADS-B data process and analysis
- → Methods for building APM limitation modules (flight envelope) using big data mining
- → Aircraft take-off performance
- → First approach for Lift-Drag polar analyse
- → First approach of Zero Lift Drag Coefficient (CD0) estimation for different commercial aircraft





Example of CD0 estimation for an commercial aircraft type Example result from machine learning algorithm for clustering and segmenting ADS-B flight data

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## ADS-B Raw signal quality

Theme 2: ADS-B





#### Method

Division in <u>Data</u> quality and <u>Signal</u> quality.

#### **Data quality**

ADS-B is compared to track data to determine the latency and the positional accuracy of the GPS measurements

#### **Signal quality**

The totality of all ADS-B messages are analyzed on the average update interval (i.e. when an aircraft updates its position) and the integrity/availability (i.e. how many received messages are trustworthy enough to actually be used?)

#### **Performance degradation**

It is tried to find correlation between several internal and external factors and the performance of ADS-B.

MSc student Ted Verbraak





#### **First Results**

#### Accuracy

The currently found accuracy is in the order of ~300meters, although this has to undergo some sanity checks.

#### **Update interval**

75% of all messages show an update interval of less than 2sec, and 95% of all messages show an update interval of less than 7 sec.

#### Integrity/Availability

Messages with poor integrity are in *almost* all cases sent by aircraft which send messages only with poor integrity (i.e. aircraft showing good integrity show good integrity performance along the entire flight)





#### ADS-B surveillance quality

Theme 2: ADS-B





# Effect of ADS-B uncertainties and realities on tactical CD&R performance

MSc student Thom Langejan

Different ADS-B realities/uncertainties:

State accuracy Goal Truncation System related How do all these Update interval uncertainties Use "old" information affect tactical CD&R Non synchronous for all aircraft performance? Reception probability Range Situation related Researcher: Thom Langejan Interference Supervisors: Emmanuel Sunil Jacco Hoekstra Joost Ellerbroek

# Effect of ADS-B uncertainties and realities on tactical CD&R performance

MSc student Thom Langejan

Method: Mathematical ADS-B model



#### Future Work: Match model to observations Use simulation experiments to study the effect ADS-B model on safety metrics



#### Airborne Separation Assurance Algorithms

Theme 2: ADS-B





#### Comparison of Tactical Conflict Resolution Methods

Goal + Method



## How does the choice of CD&R method affect:

- 1. Safety
- 2. Efficiency
- 3. Stability

Researcher: Jerom Maas Supervisors: Emmanuel Sunil Jacco Hoekstra Joost Ellerbroek

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#### **Comparison of Tactical Conflict Resolution Methods**

MSc student Jerom Maas





For all metrics, **MVP** resulted in the best performance (MVP=Velocity Obstacle with implicit coordination)

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### Traffic rule #1: Implicit coordination = Always increase distance at CPA



Vertical resolution maneuvers are indicative in cruise and some cases during climb & descent Applicable on Flight plan & state changes



#### Air-to-air radar for General Aviation

Theme 3: General Aviation





## Visual Flight Rules, dangerous?





- Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2007: Collision Fuji FA-200 and Cessna 172R, while in circuit under VFR, killing Ronald Slingerland(46) and Poppe de Lange (70). Transponder was off, following local regulations.
- Study by MIT Lincoln Labs: Chance of visual traffic: 56% if not alerted, 86% if alerted



## General Aviation: Flight tests new CNS equipment





## Selfly ED&A - Collision avoidance radar

- General aviation
  - On-board radar
    - Range
    - Radial velocity
      - Direction

110°

- Electronic VFR
- In all directions



Prototype of the collision avoidance हुब्रdar



## Possible applications

- Attitude determination
- Verification of flight instruments
- Navigation
- Object detection
- Collision alerts
- Weather cell detection



radar data

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Preliminary simulations of



#### UAV Sense & Avoid

Theme 4: UAV





## Autonomous flight with small MAVs

Light weight in the order of tens of grams means few sensors and little processing capabilities.

How to solve:

- Attitude & altitude control
- Obstacle & Vehicle Avoidance
- Outdoor and indoor navigation
- Odor source localization









#### Swarming

Swarms of small, rather primitive, robots can perform complex tasks together.

How to solve:

- Intra-swarm sensing
- Intra-swarm communication
- Decentralized control of large groups of robots



Swarming





#### Schiphol related: Upstream Delay-Absorption

Theme 5: Schiphol Related







MUAC delay absorption for EHAM







# Communication required for delay absorption

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	Measure	Total	Jever	Brussels	Hannover
February	Dry	6038	1315	2948	1775
	Linear holding	6063 (+0.4%)	1300 (-1.1%)	2969 (+0.7%)	1794~(+1.1%)
	Dropping	$6101 \ (+1.0\%)$	1307 (-0.6%)	$2986 \ (+1.3\%)$	$1808 \ (+1.9\%)$
	$\mathbf{Dry}_2$	1094	1094	-	-
	Detouring	1087~(-0.6%)	1087 (-0.6%)	-	-
	Turtling	1087 (-0.6%)	1087 (-0.6%)	-	-
August	Dry	8641	1498	4988	2155
	Linear holding	8750 (+1.3%)	1512 (+0.9%)	5079 (+1.8%)	2159 (+0.2%)
	Dropping	8799 (+1.8%)	1525 (+1.8%)	5086 (+2.0%)	$2188 \ (+1.5\%)$
	$\mathbf{Dry}_2$	1191	1191	-	-
	Detouring	1158 (-2.8%)	1158 (-2.8%)	-	-
	Turtling	1156 (-2.9%)	1156 (-2.9%)	-	-





Luchtverkeersleiding Nederland Āir Traffic Control the Netherlands

#### Total # conflicts in MUAC airspace

		Total	Jever	Brussels	Hannover
February	Dry	2718	450	1556	712
	Linear holding	2684 (-1.1%)	416 (-7.6%)	1559 (+0.2%)	709 (-0.4%)
	Dropping	2702 (-0.4%)	421 (-6.4%)	$1569 \ (+0.8\%)$	712 (0%)
	$\mathbf{Dry}_2$	401	401		
	Detouring	384 (-4.2%)	384 (-4.2%)		
	Turtling	385 (-4.0%)	385~(-4.0%)		
August	Dry	5534	633	3723	1178
	Linear holding	5573 (+0.7%)	661 (+4.4%)	3828 (+2.8%)	1084 (-8.0%)
	Dropping	5572 (+0.7%)	659 (+4.1%)	3805 (+2.2%)	1101~(-5.9%)
	$\mathbf{Dry}_2$	452	452		
	Detouring	407 (-10.0%)	407 (-10.0%)		
	Turtling	408 (-9.7%)	408 (-9.7%)		



## Schiphol related: Bird-Strike Radar for ATC PhD student Isabel Metz

Theme 5: Schiphol Related



#### Motivation







Despite extensive measures for bird control at airports such as

- unattractive airport grounds
- chasing birds away
- reducing of bird populations

bird strikes so far have caused

- 48 fatal accidents with 261 fatalities and
- 91 hull losses of aircraft since 1912
- costs of approximately one billion euros per year to civil aviation (Maragakis, 2009)



Number of bird strikes at Schiphol during landing below 200 ft and during climb to 500 ft (Source:Beumkes, 2011)



## Method

## ... first steps

- Background information
  - Justification
  - Avian radar technology
  - Bird trajectories
  - Requirements for an ATC alert system
- Model for a simulation environment
  - Airport environment
  - Air traffic
  - Bird traffic
  - Avian radar
  - Operator

#### Effects on capacity & safety deterministic or not?

M. Brand, G. Key, T. Nohara, and R.Beason. Integration and Validation of Avian Radars (IVAR). Technical Report

K.E. Beumkes. Emergency landing after bird strike Boeing 737-4B6, Amsterdam Schiphol Airport **160**upe 2010. Techni The Dutch Safety Board, The Ha

I. Maragakis. Bird population trends and their impact on Aviation safety 1999-2008. Technical report, EA





Example Avian Radar Display (Source: Brand et al., 2011)





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