Outline

• Aireon Global ADS-B via LEO satellites
• Why the initial focus on the North Atlantic?
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Goal

To reduce aircraft separation minima through ADS-B (out) via global Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellites
Aireon ADS-B via Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) Satellites
Focus on North Atlantic Oceanic Airspace

- Organized Track Structure NAT OTS
- Eastbound Tracks take advantage of tail winds
- Westbound Tracks avoid head winds
- Procedural Airspace = large distances
- Changes to flight levels, routes, speed by exception
Gander/Shanwick Airspace Today

- **1,000** flights per day (1,300 peak summer day)
- **350,000** commercial flights per year
- **+23,000** military & GA flights per year
- **88%** of the flights are already ADS-B equipped
- **74%** of flights are Data Link (FANS 1/A) equipped
- **75%** are capable and use Controller Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC)
Current NAT Operations Without ADS-B
Benefits Assessment
Aireon ADS-B System Benefits

Safety

• ADS-B provides real time aircraft surveillance
• Improves situational awareness, conflict detection and reaction/resolution
• Aircraft would have more flexibility in emergency situations
• Provides surveillance source separate from the communications (CPDLC) network sources
• More complete and accurate reporting of aviation occurrences, allowing better management of safety risk and better support of the Safety Management System
Aireon ADS-B System Benefits

Environmental/Efficiency

• More efficient “domestic-like” flight trajectories in oceanic airspace
• More predictable airline cost planning
• Climb/Descend and vary speed to chase wind push and avoid headwinds
• Improve opposite direction and crossing traffic profiles
• Significant worldwide reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carbon footprint
Aireon ADS-B System Benefits

Predictability/Reliability

- Access to ADS-B data could support traffic flow management-sequencing, merging and balancing for major cities in eastern North America and Western Europe
- Supports information sharing and collaborative process
- SWIM requires flight planning systems, dispatch, and airline gate-to-gate management to become more sophisticated and efficient. Surveillance via LEO satellite ADS-B will accommodate this.
Traffic to/from NAT Tracks within Europe
Overview of Traffic on Tracks and No Tracks
LEO ADS-B Benefits Assessment

Determine the 2018 (1st year) fuel burn:

- Base Case with RLongSM & RLatSM.
- ADS-B Case: 15nm longitudinal and 30 nm lateral separation.
- Compare the Base Case and ADS-B fuel results.
- Determine the net fuel savings per flight.
LEOS ADS-B Benefits Assessment

Approach and Assumptions

- The Total Airspace and Airport Modeller (TAAM)—fast time simulation tool was used to calculate fuel based on
  - June 2012 NAT traffic
  - Wind forecasts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- 2018: all aircraft Data Link capable and 90% ADS-B
- 2018: aircraft mix adjusted to retire B747-400s, replace some B767s with 787s
- Fuel computed for Oceanic airspace only, although benefits could accrue beyond
Annual Gander/Shanwick Benefits

- A conservative estimate of fuel savings of 450 litres per NAT flight. Over 600 flights were simulated.
- Consistent with IATA members’ savings from the variable speed/Flight Level ENGAGE project
- Represents less than 2% of the ocean portion of fuel per flight (450/26,000 litres)
- Year one benefits estimated at $127 m for 2018
Global Oceanic ADS-B Benefits
Initial Oceanic Assessment

- High level assessment of 7 additional areas
- Based on 1,000’ climb fuel savings
- Up to 3 climbs per flight
- Vetted with IATA airline member familiar with oceanic operations
- Considered conservative and achievable
## Oceanic Assessment Benefits

**Estimated $439 million in 2018**

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Work Underway and Moving Forward
Payload being developed by Harris Corporation

- Harris selected to build 81 space-qualified ADS-B receivers in June 2012
- 50+ years designing and manufacturing space hardware and major FAA contractor
- Design phase complete; production starting; first unit delivery Feb 2014

Hosted Payload Operations Center be supported by Iridium

- Developed by an Iridium/Boeing team in Virginia and Arizona

Systems engineering and ground data processing system by Exelis

- Exelis has significant expertise and existing infrastructure supporting the FAA ADS-B terrestrial system deployment
- Successful Preliminary Design Review completed in Sep 2013

On-track to meet first launch in early 2015
Initial Operations Capability 2018
Harris ADS-B Payload Development On Target

- Harris ADS-B Payload Development On Target
- Harris ADS-B Payload CDR successfully completed in May, 2013
- Payload also completed the Test Readiness and Production Readiness reviews in October 2013
- Payload Qualification Unit is being tested in a dedicated production facility at Harris
- Testing is expected to be complete by Feb 2014 when it will be shipped to Thales Alenia Space in France for further integration and testing with the satellite
Hosted Payload

Inverted Hosted Payload
Global Coverage – 250 W

- Nominal coverage for 250 W aircraft
- North-South footprint spacing approx. 1970 NM or 9 minutes
- Cone of silence is smaller
  - not depicted in video

(Video @ 60x actual speed)
Global Coverage – 125 W

- Nominal coverage for 125 W aircraft
- North-South footprint spacing approx. 1970 NM or 9 minutes

(Video @ 300x actual speed)
Coverage

- Avionics standards identify classes of airborne transmitters with power outputs of 125 Watts, 250 Watts and 500 Watts
- Modelled coverage limitations are primarily associated with 125 Watt aircraft transmitters
- Gaps in predicted coverage are associated with:
  - Cone of Silence – caused by aircraft antenna
  - Imperfect overlap of adjacent satellite coverage patterns
  - FRUIT – Interference from other ground-based and airborne transmitters
Cone of Silence

- Analysis of gaps caused by cone of silence and other sources was performed for a 125W transponder, and a TLAT aircraft antenna pattern as shown below.
- Gaps are relatively short, maximum of 35 seconds, for a 125W aircraft.
- Currently such gaps caused by Cone of Silence results in the temporary loss of 1 or 2 updates at 15 sec update rate comparable to radar coasting.
- For oceanic flights, percentage of time Aireon would meet 15 sec update is well over 95% even with Cone of Silence.
Engagement with IATA OPC Committee commenced in 2012 and continue by-annually

Regular briefings/collaboration with regional coordination group ongoing

First Space Based ADS-B Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting held October 14 in Singapore.

"Safety is aviation’s top priority. The advancement of a global, space-based surveillance system is a new industry work area with the potential to enhance safety and efficiency for service providers and airspace users in many areas of the world,"

Guenther Matschnigg, IATA Senior Vice President, Safety and Flight Operations
ICAO

- Air Navigation Conference Recommendation 1/9
- NAT SPG presentation
- ICAO 38th Assembly
- EANPG presentation
- Working with International Telecommunications Union WG for World Radio communications Conference (WRC-15) amendment to ITU Radio Regulations to ensure frequency spectrum protection
- Demonstration activities commencing from 2015 onward
North Atlantic Systems Planning Group

NAT SPG

NAT SOG

NAT EFG

NAT IMG

NAT ATMG

NAT CNSG

NAT SARSIG

NAM

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EANPG

MID
Actions Going Forward

- Continue to collaborate with ANSPs, IATA/industry and ICAO/regulator to demonstrate and validate incremental improvements.
- Leverage existing technology and continue to improve service, e.g., RLongSM and RLatSM.
- Operational trials involving airlines/ANSPs will be used to demonstrate capabilities and support the safety case.
In Advance of Satellite Based ADS-B

- RlongSM implemented in Gander and Shanwick OCAs March 21, 2011
- Prepping for RLatSM - Phase 1 2015, Phases 2 and 3 TBD
- Publishing Gander Oceanic Transition Area (GOTA) April 2014 and expanding use of ground-based ADS-B in Oceanic airspace
- Ground based ADS-B corridor Scotland to Greenland 2014-2015
- Mid-Late 2016: implementation of conformance monitoring using available space-based ADS-B data
Application in the NAT: Principles

- Initially, no change to the Organized Track System (OTS) or Oceanic Clearances
- Initial application on core tracks in same direction only
- Use a phased approach
  - similar to DATALINK
- Apply priority handling (best equipped best served)
Operational Validation

- data collection on ADS-B and communications
- collaboration with NATS and FAA on final CONOPS
- GAATS+ deployment in Prestwick
Initial Application in the NAT

- Late 2017: application of 15 NM longitudinal separation (with RLatSM) between surveillance-identified aircraft operating on the NAT OTS.
- Early 2018: 15 NM longitudinal separation expanded to aircraft operating off the NAT OTS.
Future Procedure Changes in the NAT

- Mid 2018: allowing surveillance identified aircraft to operate on all tracks which do not intersect (still RLatSM).
- Late 2018: use of ATS surveillance to maintain 15 NM lateral separation between the tracks of surveillance-identified aircraft operating on non-intersecting tracks;
- Early 2019: application of 15 NM separation between surveillance-identified aircraft.
In summary

- Global ADS-B Surveillance is a “Game Changer” for aviation
- Fits with NEXT GEN / SESAR
- Significant fuel & GHG savings
- Avoids ADS-B ground based replacement or some initial installation costs
- Benefits to domestic traffic can be realized in remote areas or through improved air traffic flow management to and from oceanic
- Public will benefit from safer + more expeditious flights in remote, polar and oceanic airspace worldwide
- Opportunity to boost aviation innovation & the environment globally
Questions?