FLIGHT PLANNING

THROUGH THE EYE OF THE DISPATCHER

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FLIGHT PLANNING MANAGER



THE QUESTIONS ASKED....

- > How do we process our flight plans on the day of operation?
- > Our relationship with our CFSP in dealing with flight planning problems
- > What if regulations appear and what are the solutions considered?
- > What are our predictability challenges?

FACTS AND FIGURES - FY17

- > 80.2 million passengers
- > 9.7% year on year growth
- > Record 92.6% load factor
- Continued focus on number one and number two positions in Europe's leading airports
- > 98% of our capacity touches a number one or number two airport
- > 1% drop in OTP to 76% driven primarily by airspace congestion/ATC staffing and weather
- > 27* bases UK, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal
- > 622 city pairs / 123 airports / 31 countries
- > 1800 flights a day
- > Approximately 70% of which transit through French airspace!

^{* 28} Bases with ex Air Berlin TXL operation online Summer 18



The fleet

Fleet Totals			
	Nov	Dec	Jan
Y156	142	138	137
Y180	56	56	56
Y186	83	83	83
Total	281	277	276

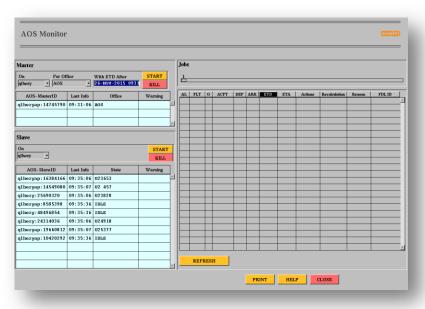
- > 130 NEO aircraft on order
- > 100 x A320
- > 30 x A321





HOW DO WE FLIGHT PLAN?

- > 1 x Senior Flight Planner
- > 3 x Flight Planning Officers
- > Flight Plan generation and filing
- > EOBT/Regulation/Scenario management

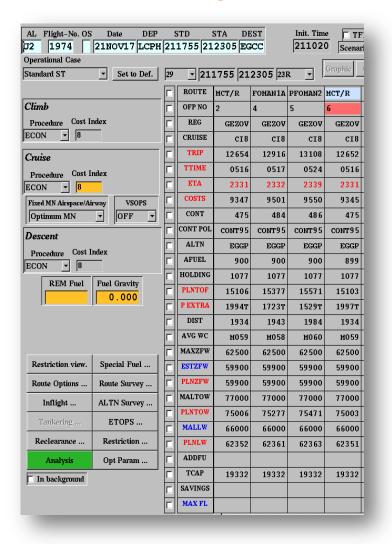


LIDO/Flight

- > All calculations are automated through the AOS monitor.....'Perfect World'
- > Flight plan by exception/special requests
- > The calculation of a scheduled flight plan begins roughly 9-12 hours prior to STD
- > Database of at least one pre-defined or 'PRED' route per city pair
- > LIDO optimised routes
- > Fuel / Time costs, ATC charges, Weather, AUP/UUP, RAD
- Most efficient route automatically filed



How do we flight plan?





- Second re-optimisation calculation performed on all flight plans prior to crew report to account for:
 - Updated en route weather
 - Updated airport suitability check
 - RWY/SID/STAR changes
 - NOTAMs



Relationship with cfsps

- > 'Exception handling'... 5% error rate
- > 90 flights
- > 5 mins per plan
- > 7.5 man hours just to get the schedule filed
- > Consumes most resource. Is it an efficient use of time? 70/30 spilt
- > AO database and CFSP generated routes
- > Growing AO schedules and increased airspace complexities leading us towards a perfect storm
- > Snowball effect as a result of traffic volume
- > Daily contact LIDO <-> EZY
- > Error reporting....

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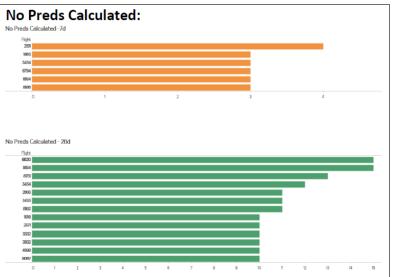
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Weekly Navigation Review

Period: 280CT17 -03NOV17

TOTALS	This week:	Previous week:
Total Sectors:	N/A	N/A
Total Rejects:	132	253
Total No Preds Calculated:	63	N/A

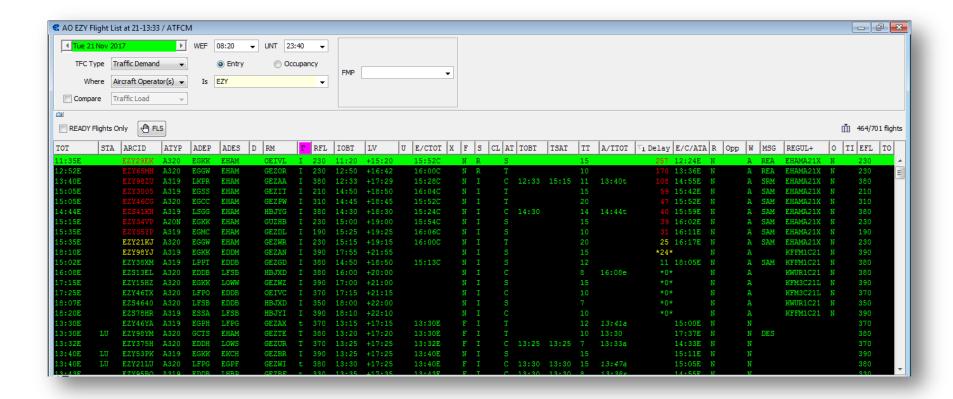




City Pair	Issue	Fix	LIDO/NM Ticket Number
LINLGW	LINLGW1 &2 only calculate with TFR off and MCT incorrect	PRED only (TFR off)	N/A
VCEMRS	PRED REJ (OCC request)	PRED AMD	N/A
GVAPMO	PRED FAIL AND MCT INCORRECT	PRED AMD	N/A
VCETLV	NO RR1 SCN PRED	VCETLV2 ADDED.	N/A
BRSMAH	NO RVK PRED	BRSMAH4 ADDED	N/A

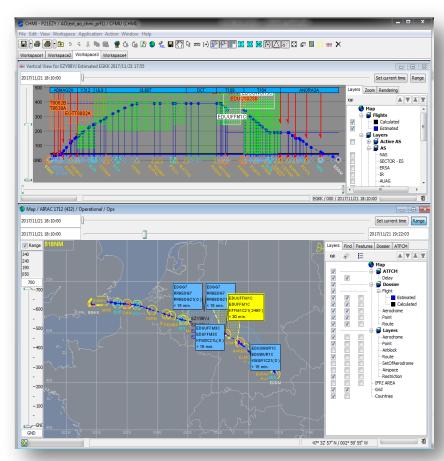
Slot MONITORING

- > CHMI used as primary ATC slot monitoring tool
- > Flights sorted in terms of 'worst' slot delay
- > Acts as a to do list. 'Who can I help?'
- > Scenarios/DSNA Level Caps monitored/actioned in the same way

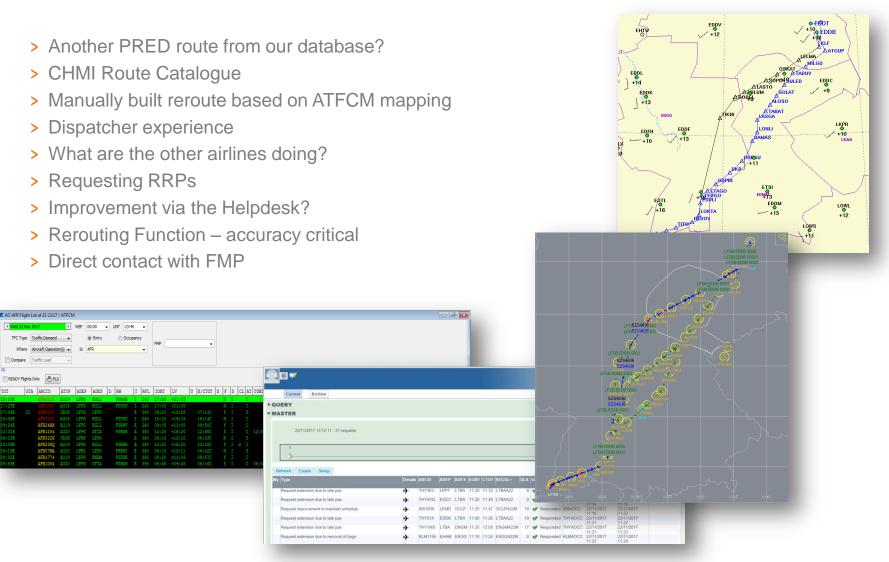


Slot avoidance – considerations

- > How do I avoid the regulation?
- > Can I go under it? Can I go around it?
- > Is my slot above average?
- > Does the slot work for me?
- > Is a reroute actually worth it?
- > Can I slot swap it?
- > What priority is the flight?
- > What knock on effects does the slot result in?
 - -crew hours
 - -airport curfews
- > Human judgement!



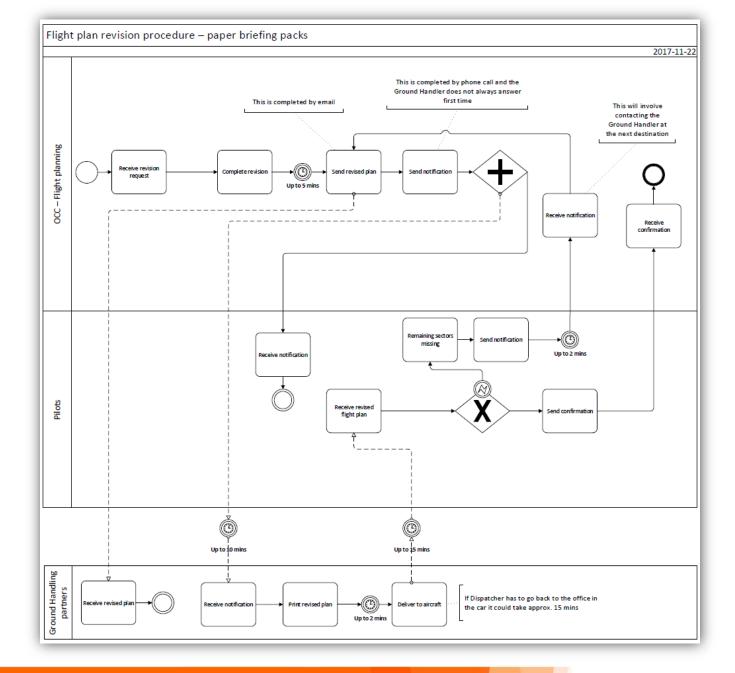
Slot avoidance – considered solutions



SLOT/Scenario/level cap avoidance – ACTIONING A change

- > Example Flight: EZY4060 NCE-ORY STD 0530Z
- > Flight Plan filed at 1534 D-1
- > Flight Plan suspended due Scenario
- > Flight Dispatcher manually amends Flight Plan as per requirement (5-10 mins)
- > Flight taken out of LIDO AOS automated environment and therefore no final reoptimisation calculation performed on this flight – out of date info, inaccurate fuel burn figures
- > Crew report at 0430 and retrieve Flight Plans for all operating sectors
- > DSNA issue level cap candidate flights at 0445
- > Flight Dispatcher manually amends Flight Plan as per requirement (5-10 mins)
- > Done at a time when the operation is waking up with multiple other requests coming in
- > Communicate change to the crew, who have now left the crew room.....





Predictability challenges

- > Can the airspace accommodate the AOs schedules?
- The Predictability Conundrum. @ D-1 I don't know where I'm going and you don't know where I'm going
- > Until now, route selection based purely on OFP efficiency. Minimum cost/fuel burn. No consideration of airspace capacity/bottle necks
- > Educated guess work by ANSPs
- > Shifting priorities reduce OFP efficiency, increase operational efficiency
- > Proactive Vs Reactive
- > Scenario/DSNA Cap/Hot Spots building them into the flight planning system
- > Analysis of our own delay data and routing accordingly

City Pair	Sum of Delay
EZY64CV	
Weather	1320
ATC Capacity	1276
ATC Staffing	180
ATC Routeing	27
Total	2803

- > Avoid repetitive work for Dispatchers/consistently filing through a hotspot
- > Better OTP for us, better predictability for you around hotspots



Atfm attributed delays s17

- > Why the change of approach?
- > 1% reduction in OTP
- > Demand Vs Capacity constraints increasing with no significant capacity gains on the horizon
- > Slot delays over 60 mins

Reason	Flight Count	Sum of Delay
Industrial Action (ATC)	276	31874
ATC Capacity	265	21201
ATC Staffing	54	4021
Other	24	2185
Equipment (ATC)	20	1566
Special Event	9	834
Airspace Management	5	373
ATC Routeing	1	136
Total	654	62190

> All slot delays S17

Main reason	Sum of Delay
ATC Capacity	339719
ATC Staffing	94764
Industrial Action (ATC)	47069
Other	11101
Equipment (ATC)	10452
Airspace Management	8858
ATC Routeing	3541
Total	515504

- > The future?
- > You tell us where to go?
- > Flight plan modelling to mirror that of CFSPs for more accurate flow predictions



