

# Multimodal, Efficient Transportation in Airports and Collaborative Decision Making

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# Introduction

- Flight Path 2050: “90% of travelers within Europe are able to complete their journey, door-to-door within 4 hours”
- Regular occurrence of significant perturbation impose high costs on the air transport system and society.
- META-CDM (FP7 project): conditions under CDM can facilitate pax journey and help to deal with disruptive events
- Partners: ENAC, Cambridge University, Barco Orthogon
- Method: Literature review, interviews and workshops

# Background: Collaborative Decision Making

- A-CDM airports: Munich, Brussels, Paris CDG, Frankfurt and London Heathrow
- Goal of A-CDM: reduce delays and improve system predictability, while optimizing the utilization of resources and reducing environmental impact



# Interviews

- Airports: Paris CDG, Brussels, Toulouse Blagnac
- Airlines: Air France, Easyjet, Fedex
- Others: Ground Europe Handling, Egis Avia

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# Nominal operational conditions

- Interviewed people all agree on the operational efficiency improvement with A-CDM
- Getting the A-CDM label is considered as a means to improve :
  - operational communication (inside the airport, with other airports)
  - commercial communication

# Disruptive events with A-CDM



- Usual A-CDM procedures no longer relevant
- Need to have adapted procedures
- Even with an A-CDM crisis cell, strong problems of communication between A-CDM stakeholders
- Little communication between A-CDM stakeholders





# Case study: CDG airport - CDM

- CDM stakeholders: DSNA, ANS of CDG, Air France, Easy Jet, Fedex, airlines associations, Meteo France (weather forecast provider).
- The CDM@CDG website: all actors have access to the same information



- A "plateau CDM":
  - Dedicated fully equipped room, with 16 posts, is used in case of degraded conditions.
  - main actors can communicate and make decisions in the presence of others

# Case study: CDG airport - Crisis Management

Past crisis: In december 2010, heavy snowfalls led to the complete closure of CDG airport.



First, airport was functioning close to capacity, with numerous passengers in the terminals.

# Case study: CDG airport - Crisis Management

- Then Heathrow closed, But CDG not aware of it long before, and had to accommodate several of Heathrow-bound long haul flights.

*=> need for better communication between the main airports in Europe*

- Finally airport closed because of missing deicing fluid while cargos' company still had deicing fluid

*=> Distinction needed between closing passenger operations and cargo operations.*

# Case study : CDG airport – Passengers ‘ aspects



Up to 4000 pax stuck at the airport

They slept in camp beds on December 24, 2010 at CDG airport

Of the 1,160 flights initially planned for Christmas day, 200 departures and 200 arrivals were cancelled: around 60,000 passengers affected.

**Complains on lack of information provided to them**

# Case study : CDG airport – Passengers ‘ aspects



- In crisis situation, airlines can have difficulty to evaluate the delay. Information provided by ADP to passengers but can be irrelevant

# Disruptive events without A-CDM

- Crisis room where airport, airlines, ground handler, ATC, police representatives, etc. meet regularly
- No crisis room opened in continuity with all stakeholders representatives

# Case study : Toulouse Blagnac airport

- December 2010, closure of Paris CDG
- Strong impact at Toulouse airport:
  - Passengers and luggages stuck at the airport
  - Rerouting of flights to the airport



# Case study : Toulouse Blagnac airport

- No information on flight status
  - From other airports
  - From airlines station managers not aware about the flight situation
- No information to communicate to and with the passengers



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# Short/medium – term expectations on current A-CDM platform

- Better information sharing:
  - Single website with information on all airports
  - Information on system bottlenecks, in crisis situations
  - Push notifications from website to smartphone
- Optimal turn around process with linked arrival and departure management (A-MAN, D-MAN)
- CDM performance indicators: Public, transparent to identify benefits and bottlenecks and to improve the experience process.

# Short/medium – term expectations on non A-CDM platforms

- Being able to measure the A-CDM efficiency to convince airport stakeholders to collaborate
- Getting the A-CDM label progressively while being free in the successive steps to follow:
  - To avoid “frightening” airport stakeholders with rigid implementation procedures
  - To control the implementation cost

# Long-term expectations

- CDM processed at the network level.
  - Need of automated links between airports' CDM tools, with common message format
  - En-route data-sharing, or onboard communications enabled.
- Better tools to reaccommodate passengers in case of flight cancellation or missed connection due to delay.

# Concluding remarks

Project will end on the 30th of June 2014

## Current work:

1. Definition of META-CDM operational concept
2. Impact assessment
3. Future research paths

Final workshop in May 2014

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

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