

A map of the United States with a brown overlay covering most of the landmass. The overlay is filled with numerous small white dots, representing a dense distribution of data points. The text "16.72 Basic Procedures" is centered over the map in a white, bold, italicized font. In the bottom right corner, the text "Prof. R. John Hansman" and "MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics" is displayed in a yellow, italicized font. The map also shows state boundaries and the surrounding oceans in dark blue.

16.72 Basic Procedures

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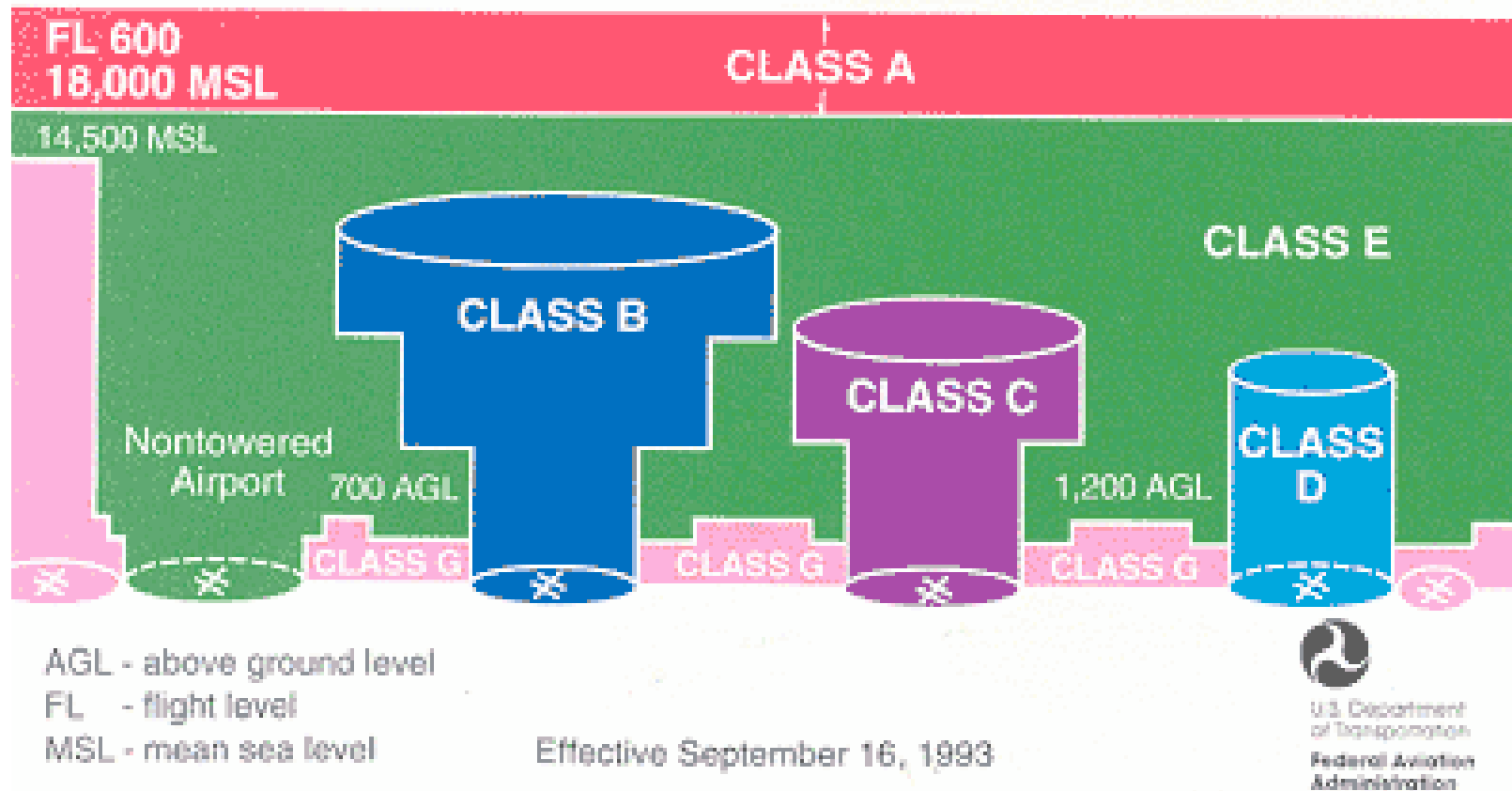
Basic Concepts/Terms

- **IFR = Instrument Flight Rules**
 - **VFR = Visual Flight Rules**
 - **IMC = Instrument Meteorological Conditions**
 - **VMC = Visual Meteorological Conditions**

 - **FAR Part 91 - General Operating Rules**
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US Airspace Classes





Service Characteristics of Airspace Classes

Airspace Classes	Communications	Entry Requirements	Separation	Special VFR in Surface Area
A	Required	ATC clearance	All	N/A
B	Required	ATC clearance	All	Yes
C	Required	Two-way communications prior to entry	VFR/IFR	Yes
D	Required	Two-way communication prior to entry	Runway operations	Yes
E	Not required for VFR	None for VFR	None for VFR	Yes
G	Not required	None	None	N/A



Airspace Class Characteristics

An Easy-to-Read Chart for VFR Flight

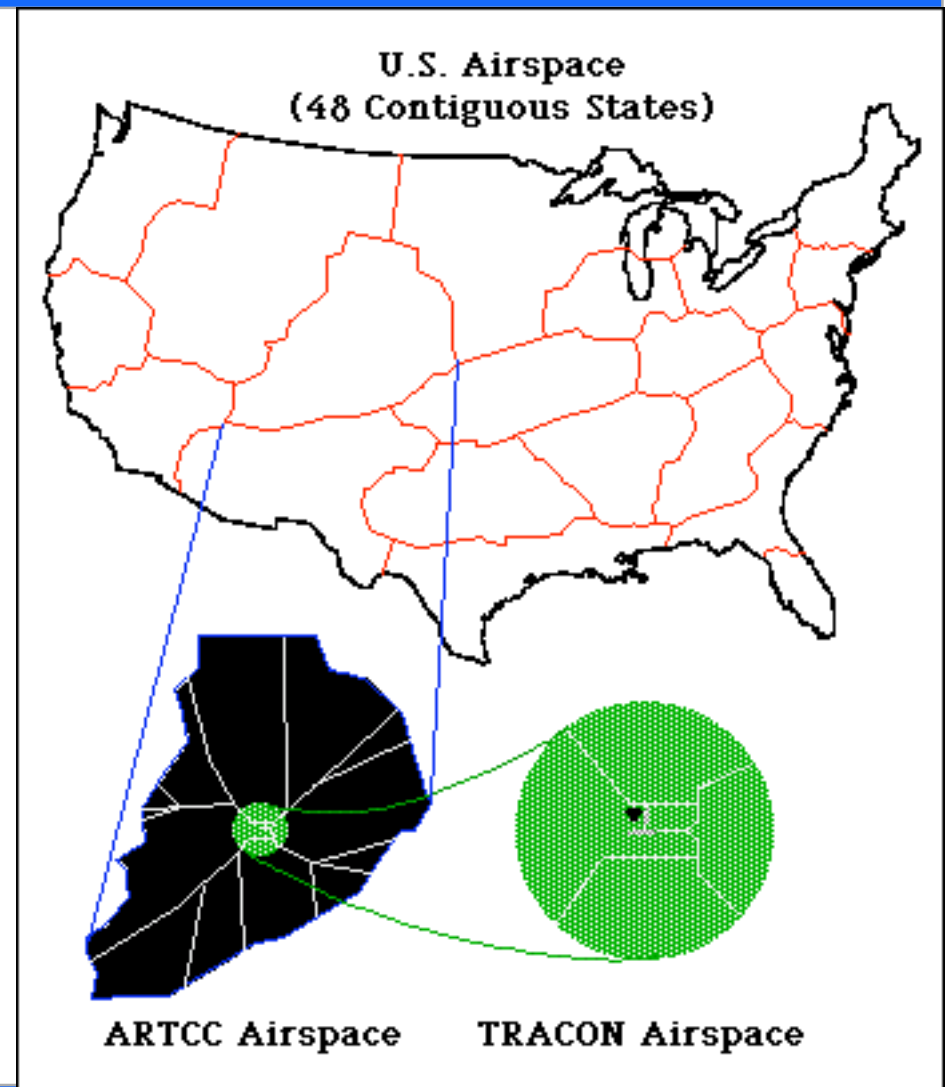
Airspace Features	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class G
Entry Requirements	ATC Clearance	ATC Clearance	Prior two-way communications	Prior two-way communications	None	None
Minimum Pilot Qualifications	Instrument rating	Private or student certificate location dependent	Student certificate	Student certificate	Student certificate	Student certificate
Two-way Radio Communications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not required	Not required
Special VFR Allowed*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
VFR Visibility Minimum	N/A	3 Statute miles**	3 Statute miles**	3 Statute miles**	3 Statute miles**	1 Statute mile**
VFR Minimum Distance from Clouds	N/A	Clear of clouds	500 feet below, 1,000 feet above, 2,000 feet horizontally**	500 feet below, 1,000 feet above, 2,000 feet horizontally**	500 feet below, 1,000 feet above, 2,000 feet horizontally**	Clear of clouds**
VFR Aircraft Separation	N/A	All	IFR	Runway operations	None	None
Traffic Advisories	Yes	Yes	Yes	Workload Permitting	Workload Permitting	Workload Permitting
Former Airspace Equivalent	Positive control area (PCA)	Terminal control area (TCA)	Airport radar service area (ARSA)	Airport traffic area and control zone	General controlled airspace	Uncontrolled airspace

From: http://www.asy.faa.gov/safety_products/airspaceclass.htm



Current Control Structure

- **Surface Control**
 - ❑ “Ground”
- **Local Control**
 - ❑ “Tower”
- **Terminal Area Control (TRACON)**
 - ❑ “Approach and “Departure”
- **Enroute Control (ARTCC)**
 - ❑ “Center”
- **Oceanic Control (FIR)**
 - ❑ “Oceanic”
- **Flow Control (ATCSCC)**
 - ❑ “Central Flow”





Example Flight

- Logan KBOS > Washington Dulles KIAD
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Flight Plan Form

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION		FLIGHT PLAN			(FAA USE ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> PILOT BRIEFING <input type="checkbox"/> VNR <input type="checkbox"/> STOPOVER		TIME STARTED	SPECIALIST INITIALS
1. TYPE	2. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION	3. AIRCRAFT TYPE/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	4. TRUE AIRSPEED	5. DEPARTURE POINT	6. DEPARTURE TIME		7. CRUISING ALTITUDE	
VFR					PROPOSED (Z)	ACTUAL (Z)		
IFR			KTS					
DVFR								
8. ROUTE OF FLIGHT								
9. DESTINATION (Name of airport and city)		10. EST. TIME ENROUTE		11. REMARKS				
		HOURS	MINUTES					
12. FUEL ON BOARD		13. ALTERNATE AIRPORT(S)		14. PILOT'S NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER & AIRCRAFT HOME BASE			15. NUMBER ABOARD	
HOURS	MINUTES							
				17. DESTINATION CONTACT/TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL)				
16. COLOR OF AIRCRAFT		CIVIL AIRCRAFT PILOTS, FAR 91 requires you file an IFR flight plan to operate under instrument flight rules in controlled airspace. Failure to file could result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation (Section 901 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended). Filing of a VFR flight plan is recommended as a good operating practice. See also Part 99 for requirements concerning DVFR flight plans.						

FAA Form 7233-1 (8-82)

CLOSE VFR FLIGHT PLAN WITH _____ FSS ON ARRIVAL



Direct User Access Terminal (DUAT) Flight Plan

From: KBOS -- Boston MA (General Edward Lawrence Logan Intl)
 To: IAD -- Washington DC (Washington Dulles International)
 Alt.: FL240 Profile: LR-35
 Time: Tue Sep 19 14:00 (UTC)

Routing options selected: Automatic low altitude airway.

Flight plan route:

PVD V475 LGA V433 ARD V210 V3 MXE

Flight totals: fuel: 111 gallons, time: 1:23, distance 369.7 nm.

Ident	Type/Morse Code	Name or Fix/radial/dist	Latitude	Longitude	Alt.	Route	Mag	KTS	Fuel	Dist
1. KBOS	Apt.	Boston MA (General Edwa	42:21:51	71:00:18	0	Direct		15.0	370	
								210/21	222	250
2. PVD	.--. ...- -..	d115.6 Providence	41:43:27	71:25:46	112	V475		9.4	327	
								201/25	263	250
3. ORW	--- .-. .--	d110.0 Norwich	41:33:22	71:59:57	183	V475		11.1	299	
								200/25	250	266



DUAT Flight Plan

(Preferred routes:

1 (H) GLYDE BAF J077 SAX J006 LRP V143 MULRR AML

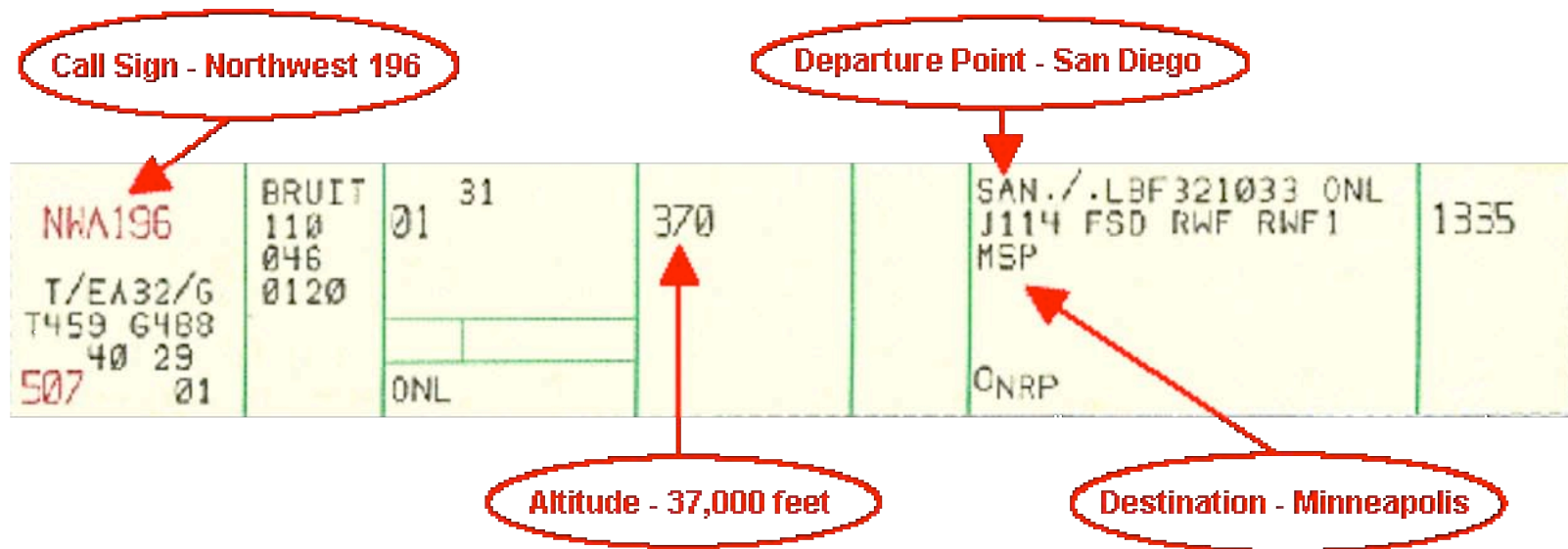
Effective Time(s): 1100-0300

- 1 Type of flight plan: IFR
- 2 Aircraft tail number: N123LR
- 3 Acft type/special equip: LJ35/K
- 4 True airspeed: 130
- 5 Departure point: BOS
- 6 Departure time: (UTC) Tue Sep 19 14:00
- 7 Altitude: 240
- 8 Route of flight: PVD V475 LGA V433 ARD V210 V3 MXE
- 9 Destination: IAD
- 10 Estimated time enroute: 0123
- 11 Remarks:
- 12 Fuel on board: 0300
- 13 Alternate destination(s):
- 14 Pilot's name: ROBERT J HANSMAN
Address: MIT CAMBRIDGE MA 02139
Phone no.:
- Aircraft home base: BED
- 15 Number aboard: 3
- 16 Color of aircraft: W/R/GY
- 17 Dest contact name:
Phone no.:

Flight plan accepted by DynCorp IS DUAT service and will be filed

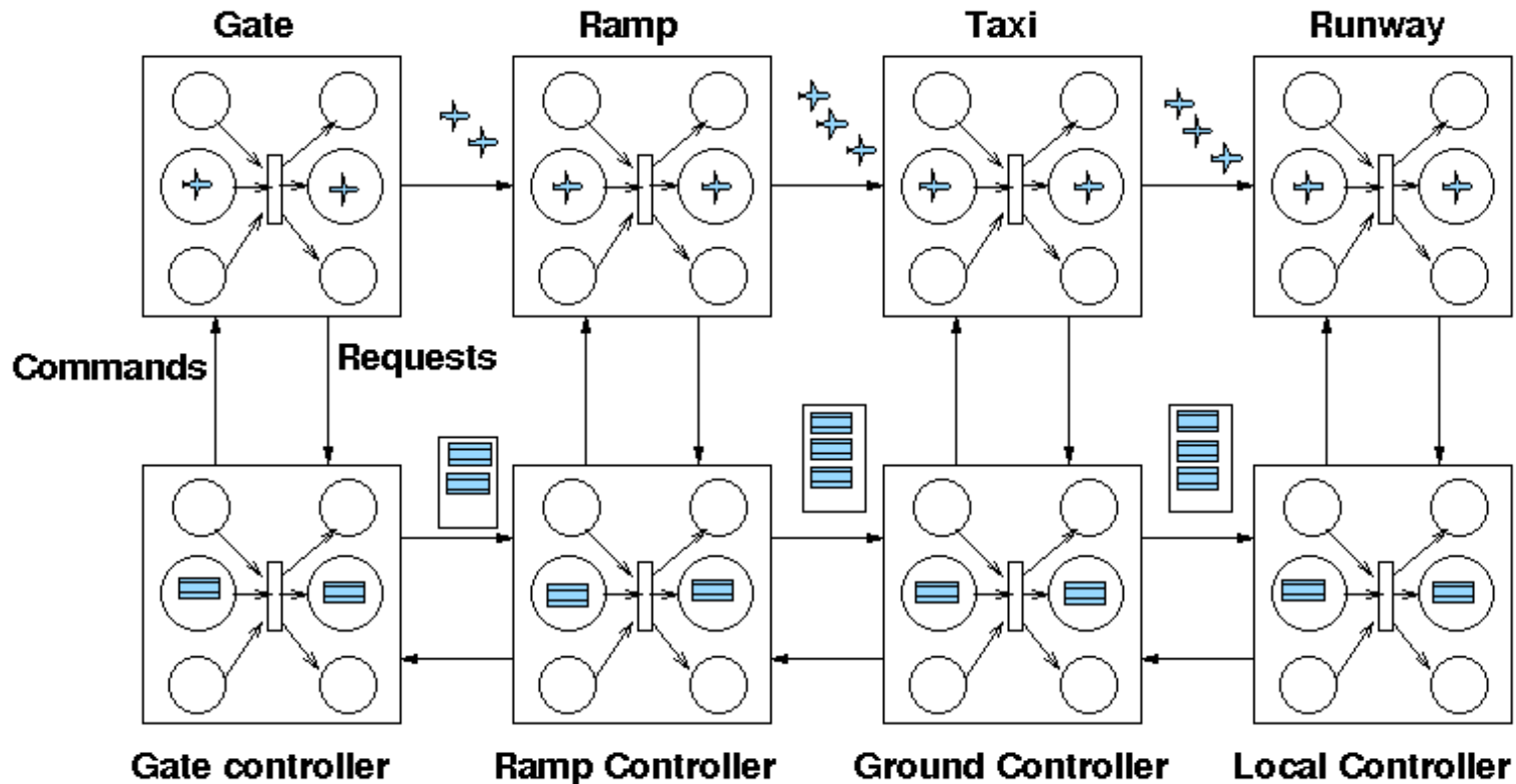


Flight Progress Strip





ATC Workload as a System Constraint



Clearance: PDC or CI Del, "Lear 123LR is cleared to IAD via Logan 5 Departure to PVD then as filed, climb and maintain 5000 expect FL 240 10 min after departure, squawk 3417. Contact Ground Control on 121.9 and advise ready to push"



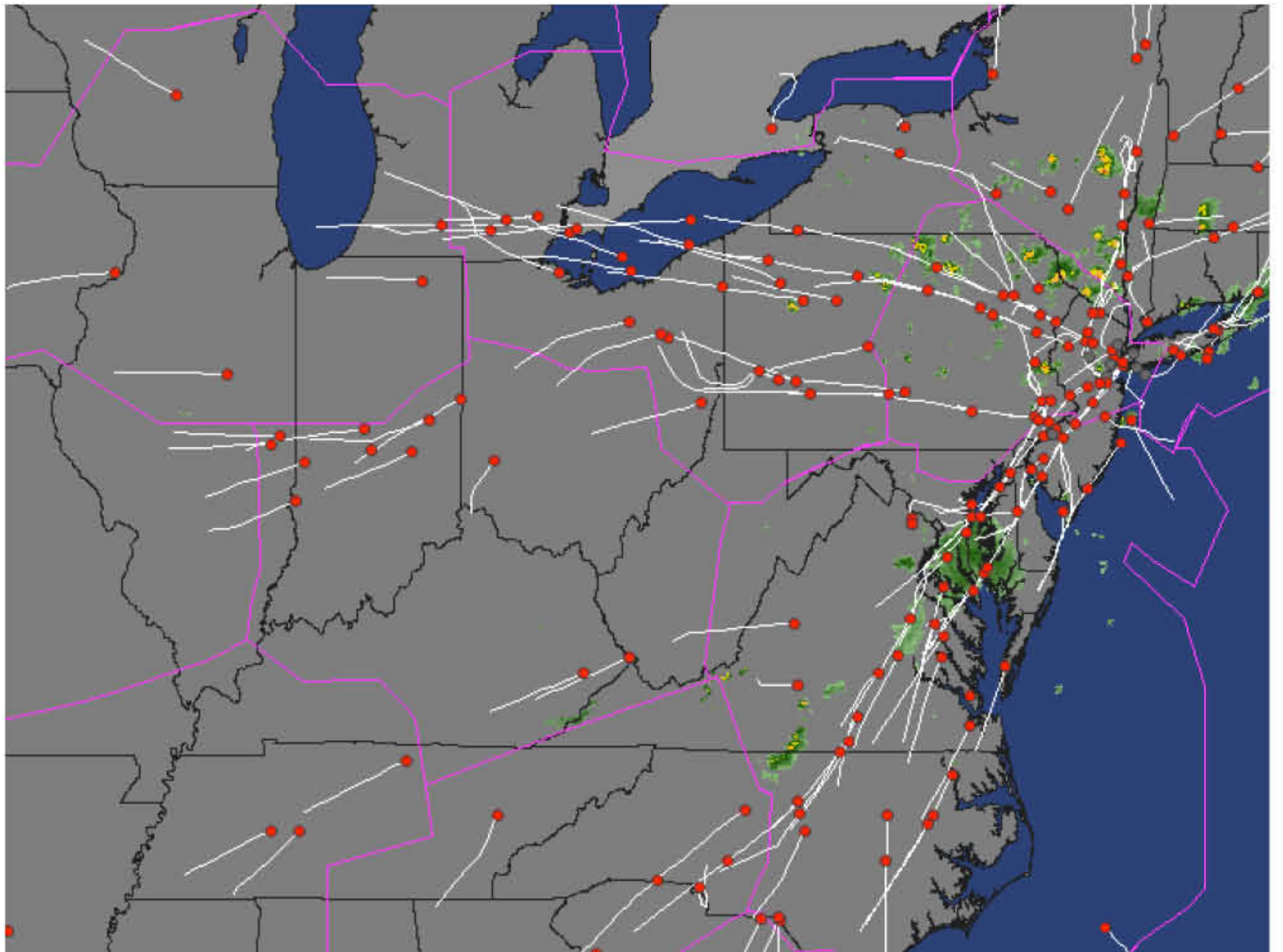
US Air Route Traffic Control Center (ATRCC) Airspace - 20 Centers





Example Procedures

- **Altitude for Direction**
 - IFR, Even Thousands Westbound, Odd Eastbound (0-179 Magnetic)
 - VFR +500
 - DRVSM above FL29
 - **Radar Contact**
 - **Transponders**
 - Codes
 - Mode C altitude verification
 - **Hand Offs**
 - BOS, NY Transition LOAs
 - **Lost Communication**
 - **Holding Patterns**
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Example Procedures

- **Weather and Flow Interruptions**
 - Traffic Flow Management
 - Collaborative Decision Making
 - Traffic Flow Management
 - **Standard Flows**
 - **Military and Restricted Airspace**
 - MOA, Restricted, Prohibited
 - **Remote Sites**
 - Radar
 - Communication
 - **Seperation Standards**
 - Enroute 5 Miles, 1000 ft
 - Terminal 3 miles, 1000 ft
 - Wake Vortex
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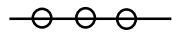
San Francisco

- Special use airspace provides additional constraints

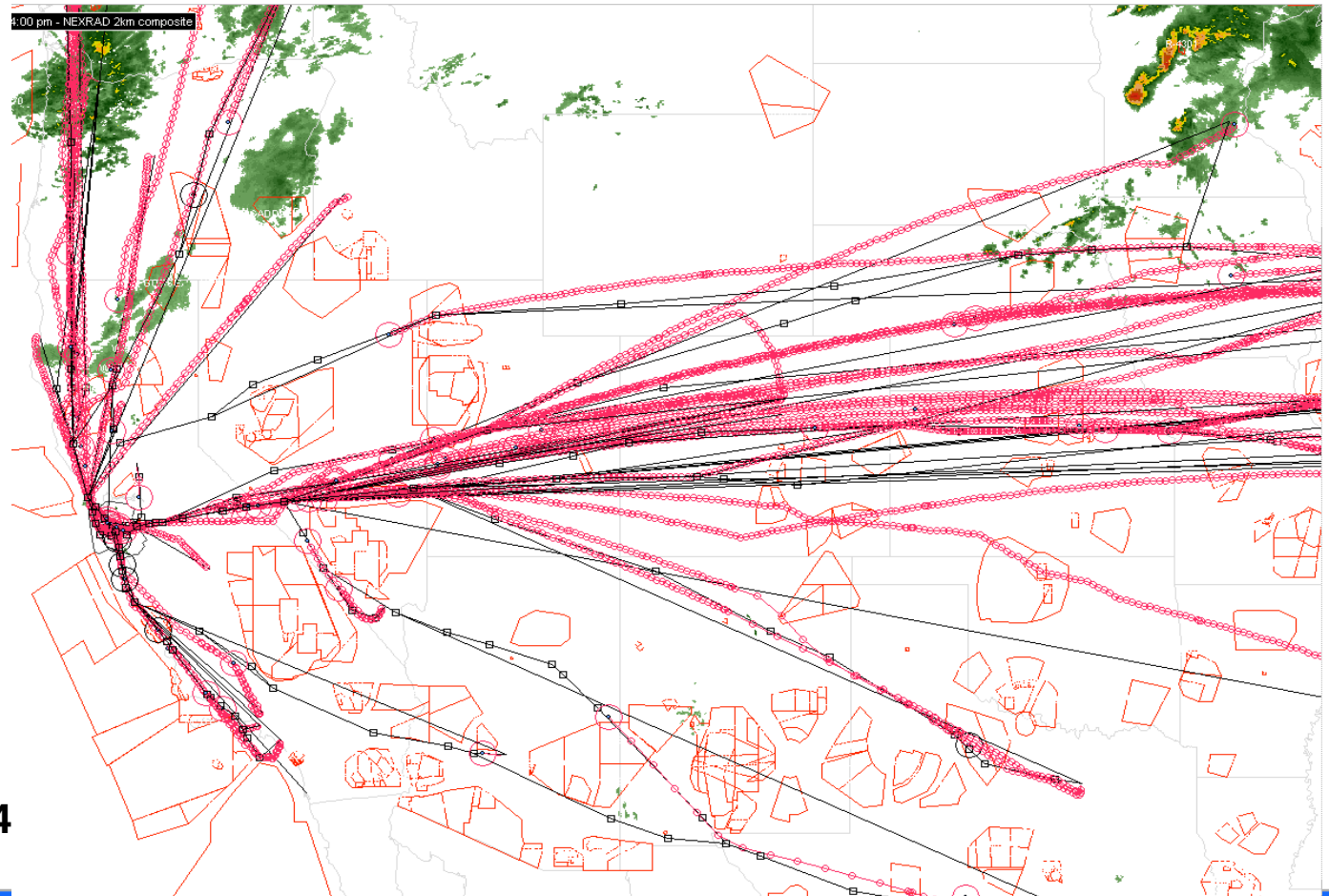
Special Use
Airspace

Route
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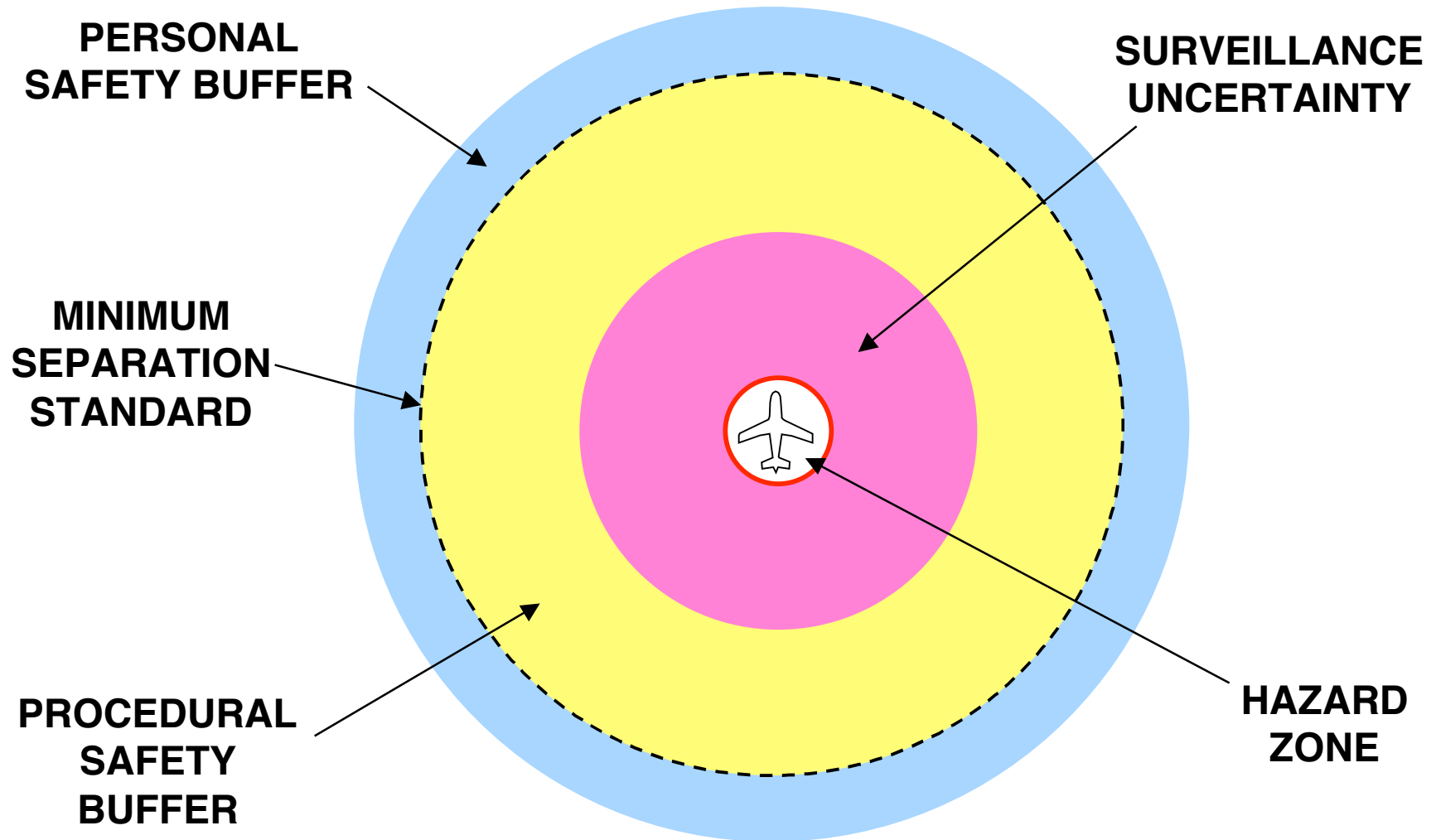


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SEPARATION ASSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS





Flight Phase	Separation Minima	Selected Requirements ¹	Reference ²	Controlling Factor
OCEANIC	LATERAL: 60-120 NM	Depends on speed and route (North Atlantic and Caribbean)	¶8-7-4 ¶8-8-4	Navigation accuracy, no radar
	or VERTICAL: 2000 ft	Above FL290 (non-RVSM)	¶8-7-2 ¶8-8-2	Altimetry accuracy
	1000 ft	Above FL290 (RVSM) or at or below FL290		
	or LONGITUDINAL: 10-60 minutes at track entry	Depends on speed and distance flown	¶8-3-3.e.	Navigation accuracy, no radar
EN ROUTE within the U.S.	LATERAL: 5 NM	Below FL 600, if multiple radar sensors (mosaic mode) radar or either aircraft more than 40 NM from antenna, and 60 NM for Mode S surveillance ³	¶5-5-4	Radar resolution and update rate



Separation Requirements for Arrival (Same Runway)

- **Wake Turbulence Requirement**

- Radar Separation requirements

Trailing Aircraft

	Heavy	Large	Small
Leading Aircraft			
Heavy	4	5	5
B757	4	4	5
Large	3(2.5)	3(2.5)	4
Small	3(2.5)	3(2.5)	3(2.5)

- Visual Separation requirements

- ◆ Pilots Discretion

- **Preceding arrival must be clear of runway at touchdown**

- Runway Occupancy time