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IMPROVED FLIGHT TRAJECTORY PREDICTION ACCURACY BASED ON ENHANCED AIRCRAFT MODELS



Motivation



Potencial de passageiros transportados no Brasil

(doméstico e internacional, em milhões)



Fonte: Bain & Co – estimativa jan/2013.







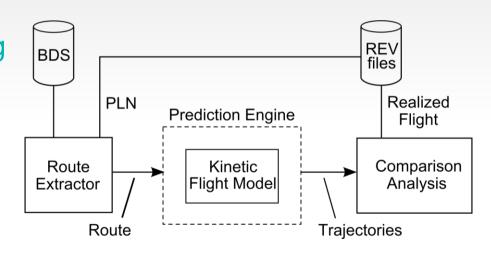


Objective:

Understand how trajectory prediction can be improved by aircraft flight and intent modeling

Challenges:

- Flight data files analysis
- Flight Track analysis
- Comparison of trajectories



Aircraft Flight Modeling

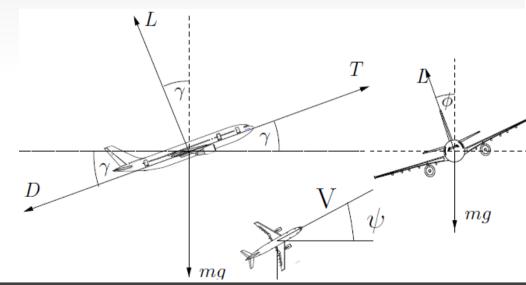


The Aircraft Performance Model (APM)

- Kinetic flight model (Glover, Lygeros, 2004)
- Equations of Motion given as ODE's

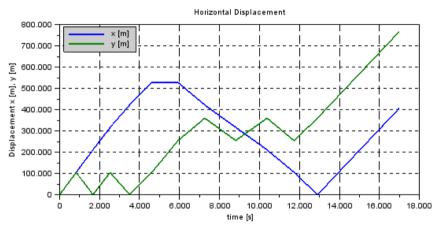
$$\dot{z}(t) = f(z(t), u, t), \qquad z_0 = z(t_0)$$

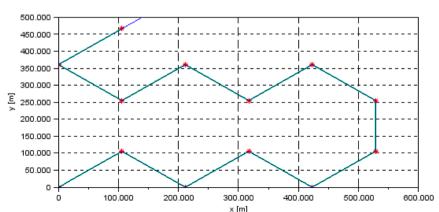
- Non-linear, non-autonomous mapping f(.), in general
- Aircraft state vector z(t)
- Input vector u(t)



Example: Numerical Results

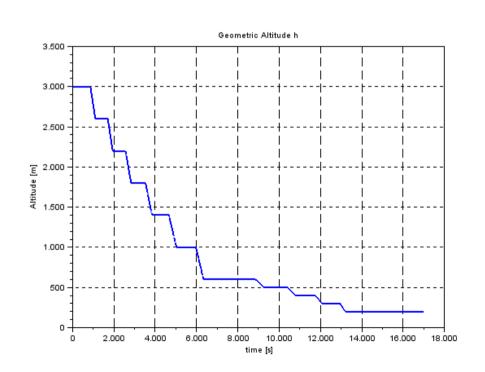






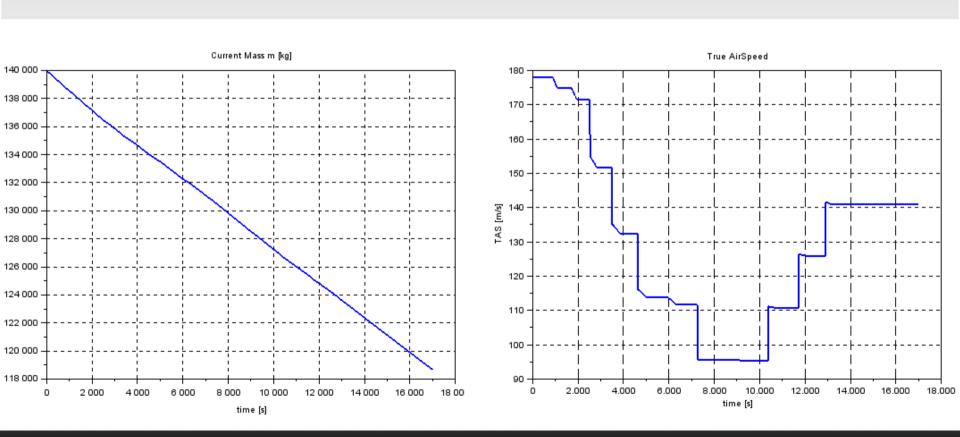
TOW: 140 tons

Elapsed flight time: 17000s or 4h43



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Flight Data Analysis



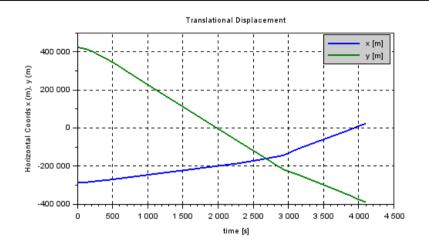
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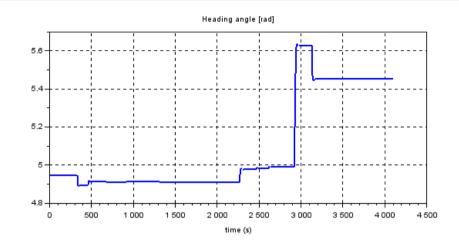
track data for 3 real domestic flights

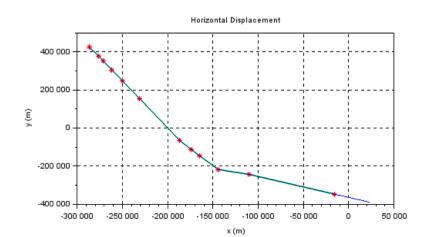
Flight Indicativo	ADEP	ADES	FL	V (kn)	Flight duration
XXX1111	SBGO	SBSP	390	450	01h15
YYY2222	SBCF	SBEG	340	462	00h30
ZZZ3333	SBGR	SBRP	240	342	00h41

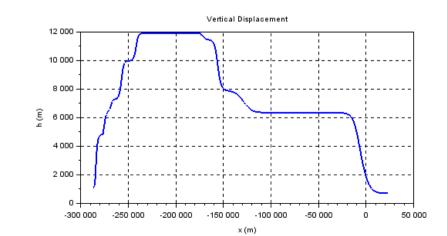
Flight Trajectory Reconstruction – xxx1111





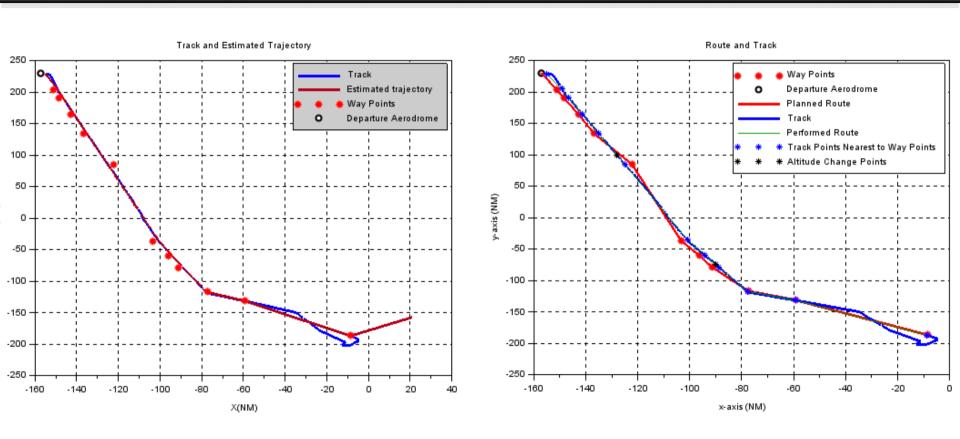






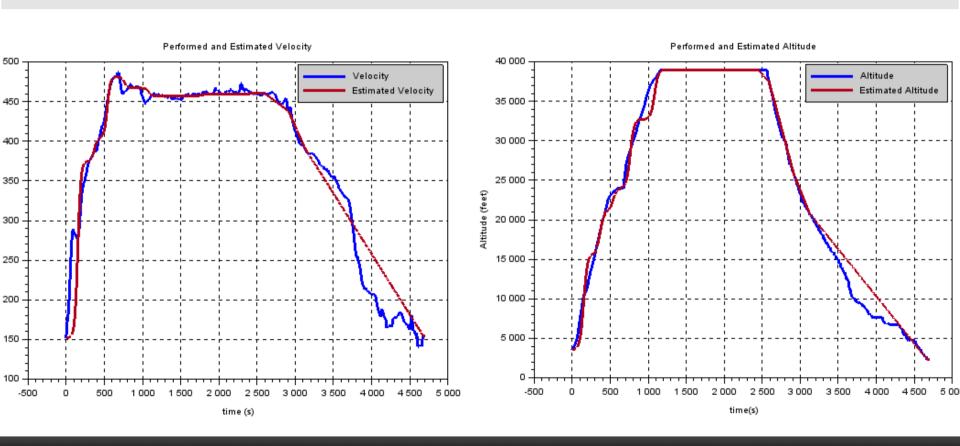
Flight Trajectory Reconstruction





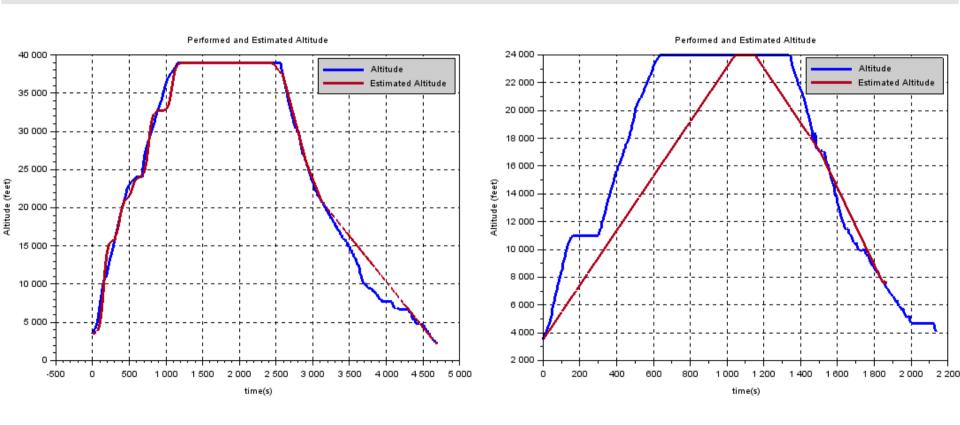
Flight Trajectory Reconstruction (cont.)





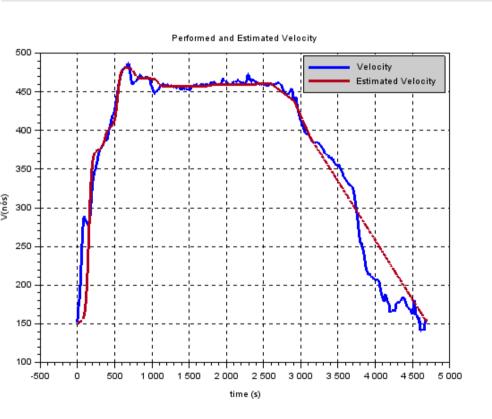
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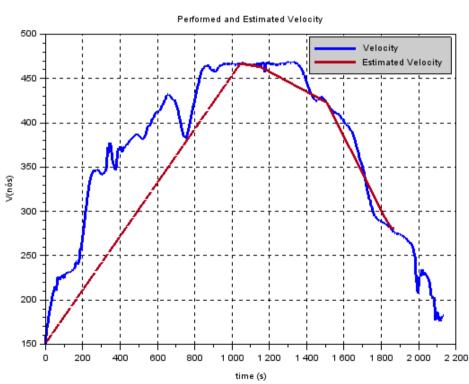




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Flight Trajectory Reconstruction Analysis



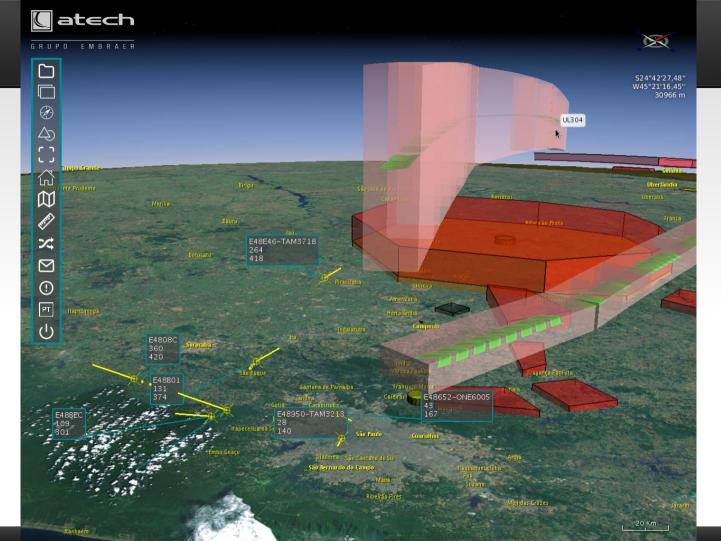
- Qualitative spatial error analysis
 - Snapshot of ongoing TP development
 - Model can be tuned in many ways

Flight	DE (0/)	ΛΕ (O/)	Flight
Indicativo	DE (%)	AE (%)	duration
XXX1111	0,599	1,00	01h17
YYY2222	0,219	0,89	00h30
ZZZ3333	1,000	1,00	00h41

Flight Intent information is extremely important

More or less intent information will greatly affect results!

waypoint intent modeling: "TP results are very close for one flight; not good for other"





The Capabilities Framework – Atech

Airspace structure displayed in 3D mode:

- airways
- TMAs
- conditioned airspace
- ADS-B tracks

Final Remarks



- Preliminary results for in-house research
 - Objective: Impact of new concepts and techniques in the Brazilian controlled airspace
- Kinetic flight dynamics model for Trajectory Prediction
- Prediction is sensitive to flight intent modeling
- Significant application potential for future ATM/ATC systems
- Model flexibility-of-use:
 - Easily incorporates flight related factors
 - Impact on performance
- Current research
 - Models (versions) analyses
 - Trajectory prediction analyses

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