



Development and programming trajectory planning algorithms for large scale airspace

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Introduction

Due to air traffic growth, the airspace will be saturated. The solution is either adapting demand to airspace's capacity or adapting airspace's capacity to demand. ATM capacity increase -> reduce the mental workload on the controller.

Delays at the time of departure -> snowball effect -> more workload on the controller

Spatio-temporal separability of the air traffic to solve smaller problems.

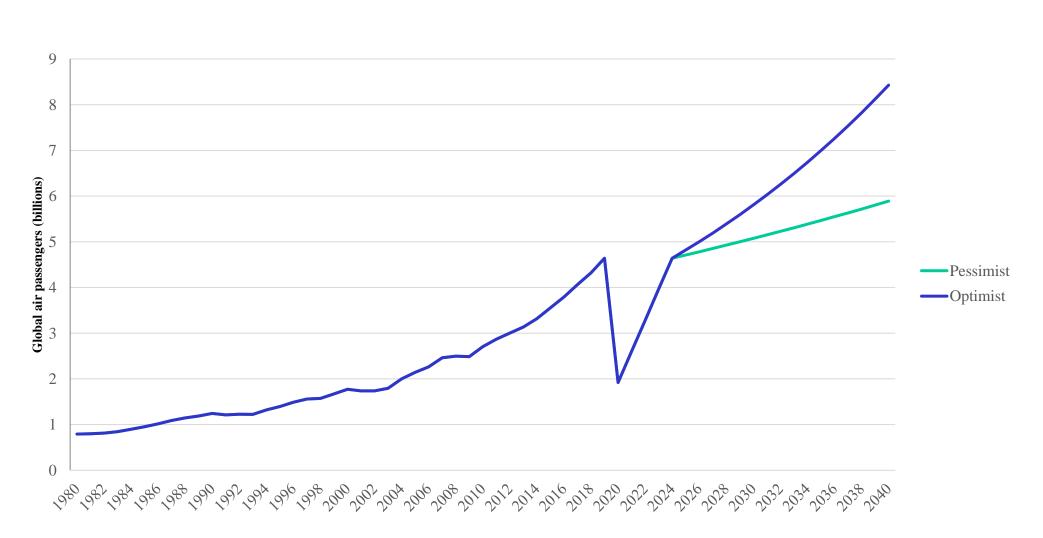


Figure 1. Global Air Passengers Growth (pessimist and optimist scenarios) [1,2].

Methods

Choose metric to evaluate the controller's workload. [3]

- → Linear Dynamical System (Slow, robust)
- → Speed covariance + distance (Fast, less robust)

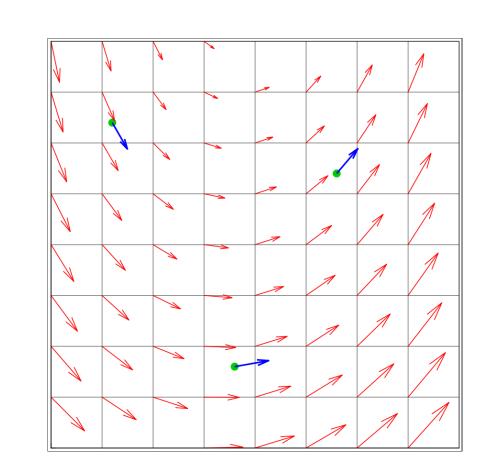


Figure 2. Vector field produced by the Linear Dynamic System

Identify spatio-temporal clusters

- → Define spatio-temporal distance (4D volume intersection)
- → Numerical Analysis (Reduce bandwidth of interaction matrix) [4]

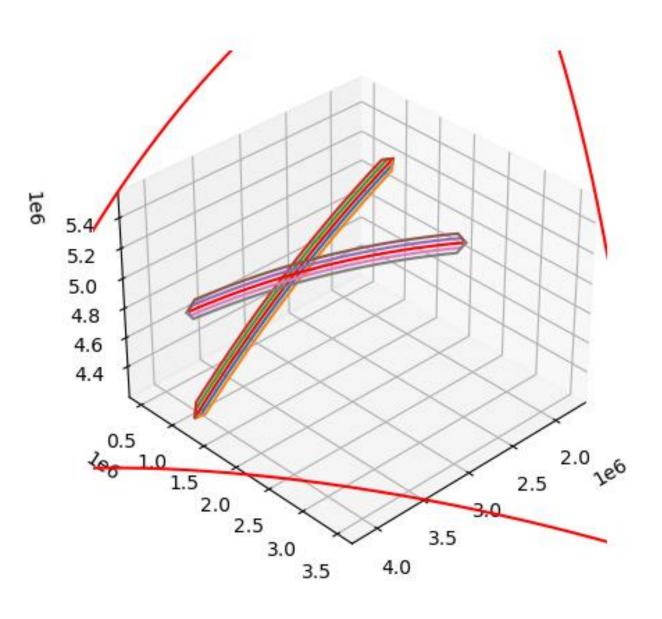


Figure 3. Two flights with original and alternate orthodromic trajectories.

First algorithm

Selective Simulated Annealing [5] process is chosen. The algorithm is based on the classic Simulated Annealing with the difference of selecting and changing the choices of the worse flights first.

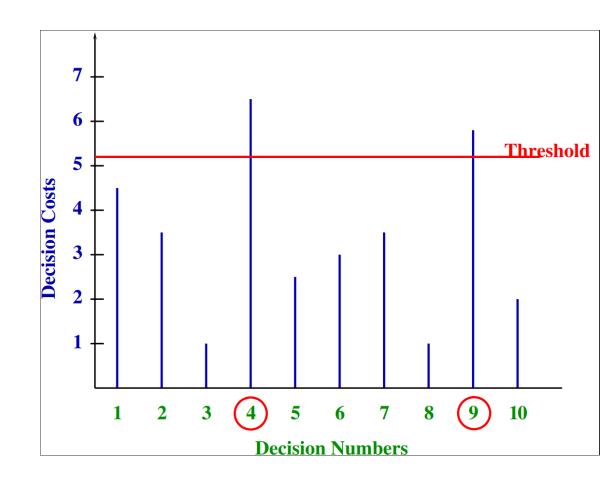


Figure 4. Only decision 4 & 9 are selected and changed by the neighboring operator

First results

Selective Simulated Annealing results on the French air traffic for a full day is shown in Figure 5.

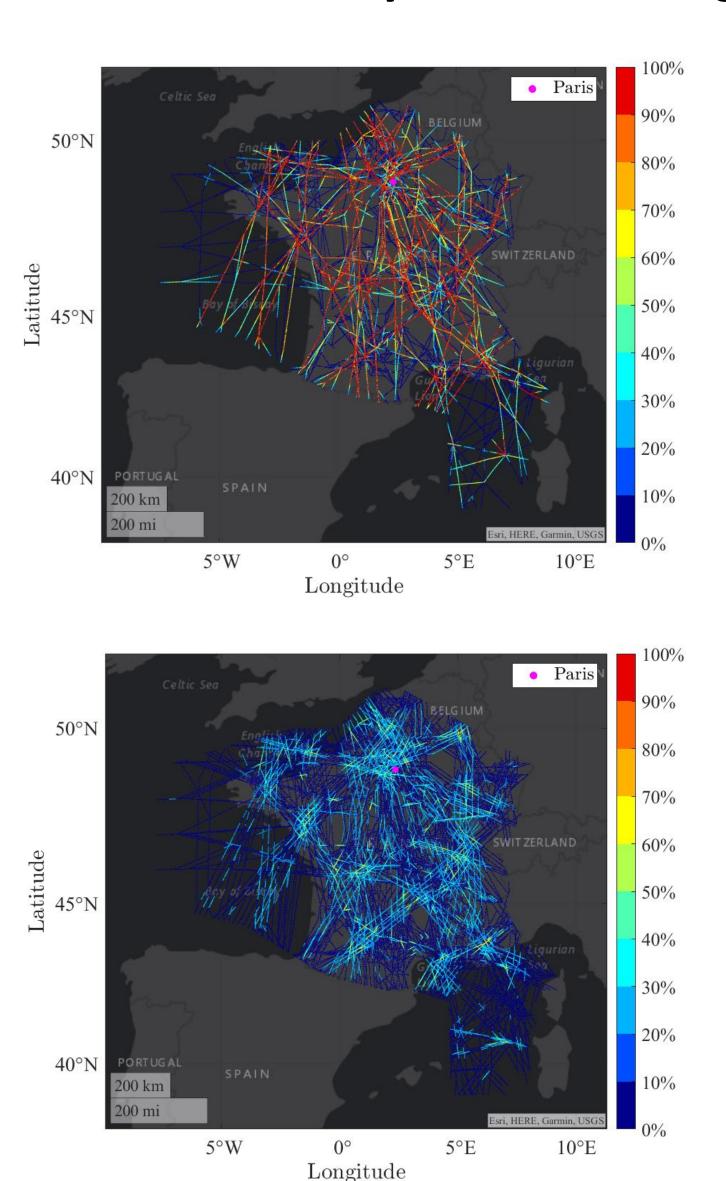


Figure 5. Complexity of French air traffic before and after optimization with FL, routes, and time of departure choices.

Perspectives

- → Solve smaller problems defined by the spatiotemporal clusters
- → Linear Dynamic System implementation on GPU

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