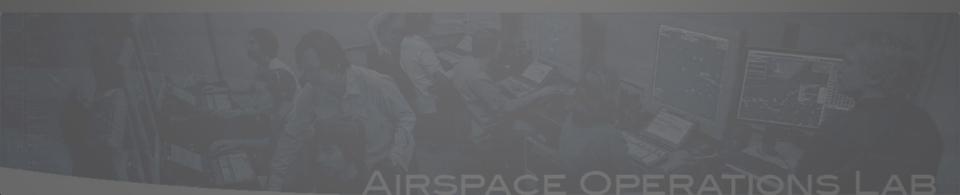


# How to Prepare and Run a Simulation

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## **Outline**

- Airspace
- Positions and Operator Modes
- Technology Assumptions
- Simulation Setup
- Real Time
   Simulation Control
- Q&A



# **Airspace Selection**

- Simulation scope often defines the airspace choice
  - Previous simulations
  - Routes, traffic flows, airports of interest,
  - How many sectors? Multiple centers?
  - TRACON / En-route

### Example CMS study: Airspace SCT / LAX → TRACON

- Major airport, heavy traffic loads
- Metroplex with interacting traffic flows
- Already operative RNAV arrival routes and OPDs
- Close proximity to NASA Ames

# **Airspace Selection**

- Frequently used and readily available airspace adaptations:
  - ZID SDF
- ZFW DFW

ZLA

ZOB

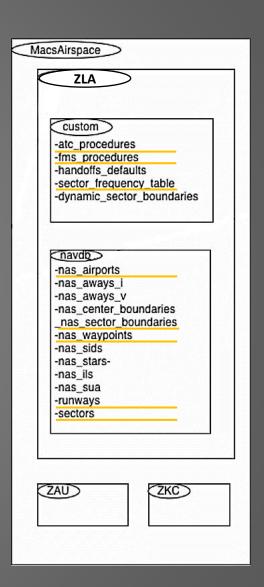
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- ZAU
- ZME
- MACS airspace adaptations very similar to CTAS adaptations
- MACS ADRS adaptation synchronization necessary
  - fms\_procedures
  - atc\_procedures
  - waypoints file
- Properties file:
  - Contains property items specific for each airspace
  - Sets directories of adaptation files and lists those filenames

• sectors file: set sector name, position symbol, etc.

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- sectors file: set sector name, position symbol, etc.
- sector\_frequency\_table: setting the radio frequencies

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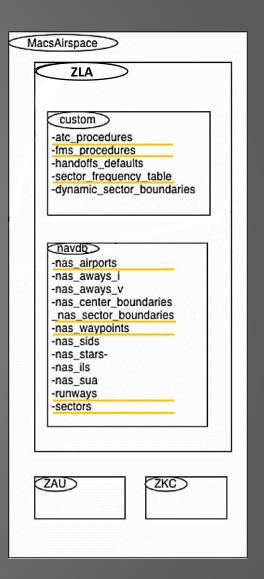
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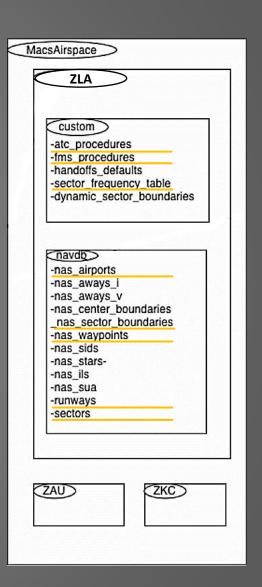
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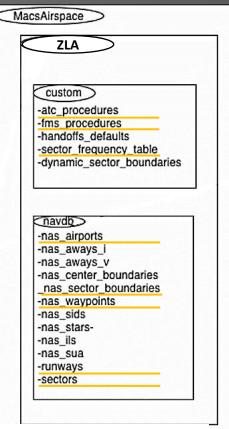


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- nas\_sector\_boundaries: defining the perimeter of the sectors

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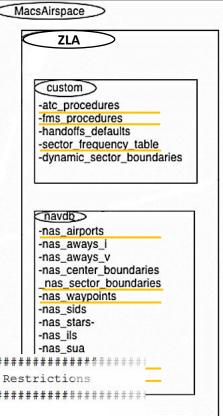


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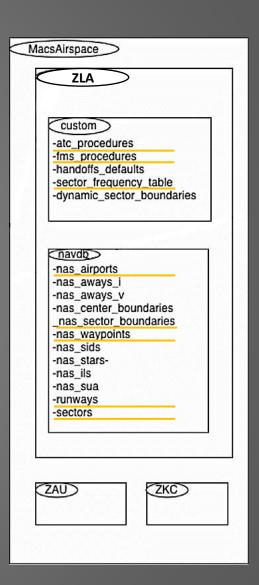
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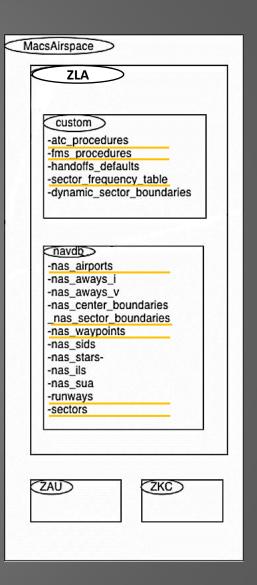
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- atc\_procedures: defining atc routes
- waypoints: defining waypoints and their location

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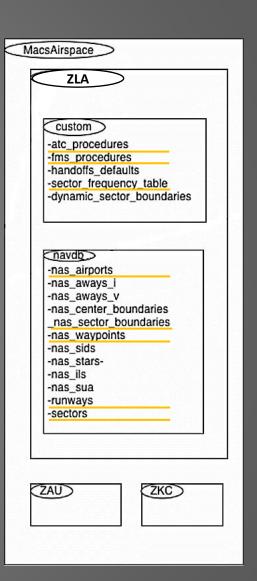
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- airports: defining airports and their reference point location

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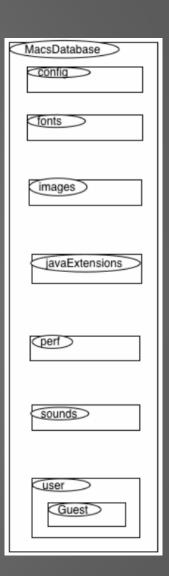
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- runways: defining runways and their reference point location

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intercept_altitude	2167
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final_approach_fix	ROMEN
extended_final	LAX_24R_XFNL
back_of_dump_wpt	LAX_24R_BOD



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- Pilot \*.cfg files: setting rules for pilot ownership

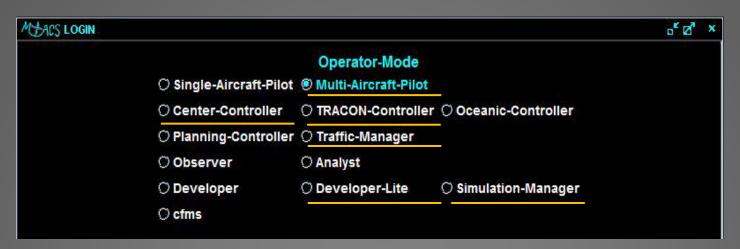
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flights	all
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callsign	all
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RULES	CONTROL
sector	ZLA_201
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## **Position Selection**

- Airspace selection will determine which basic positions and operator modes are needed
- Adding additional positions depend on the simulation focus and goals
- Basic MACS positions :
  - Simulation Manager
  - Sector controllers (Center- or, TRACON controller)
  - Ghost controller(s)
  - Pseudo pilots
- Other positions
  - Area supervisor
  - Multi Sector Planner / TMC
  - D-side sector controller
  - Observer stations
- 13 Operator modes in MACS: provide specific functionalities for pilots, controllers, simulation support or, researchers

# **Choosing the Operator Mode**



#### CMS example:

- Simulation Manager (simulation control)
- TRACON Controller (sectors 201, 202, ...)
- Center-controller (ghost station)
- Multi-Aircraft Pilot
- Traffic-Manager (supervisor)
- **Developer Lite** (researcher stations)

More information under: https://aol1.arc.nasa.gov:8443/display/macs/Getting+started+with+MACS

### Modes, Tools, Parameters

- MACS settings are specified in various setup files
- Master configuration file holds the references to all available setup files
- Individual vs. common setup file (Attention! Setup file edits)

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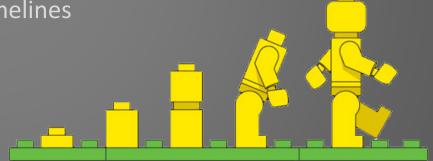
### **Modes, Tools, Parameters**

### **Technology Assumptions**

- Dependent on simulation scope different tools or automation levels can be enabled/disabled
- Example CMS3 simulation: successively more advanced toolsets
  - Timelines, early late indicators
  - Slot markers, timelines, early late indicators
  - Speed advisories, slot markers, timelines

#### Other

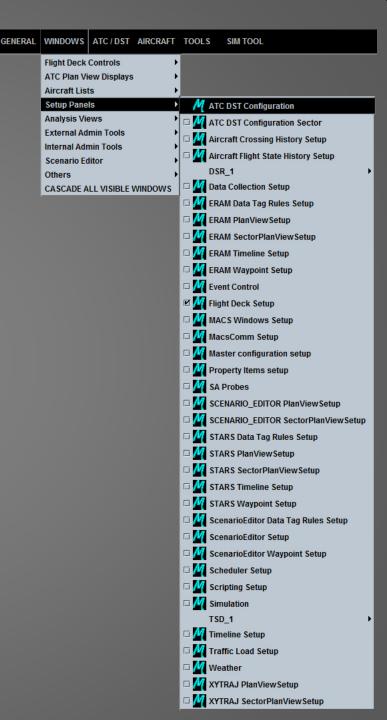
- State Source (radar/ADS-B)
- Manual / auto hand off
- Conflict Alert, Conflict Probe, full auto resolution (AAC)
- Conflict and weather trial planning
- Early/Late indicators, Speed advisories



Modes, Tools, Parameters

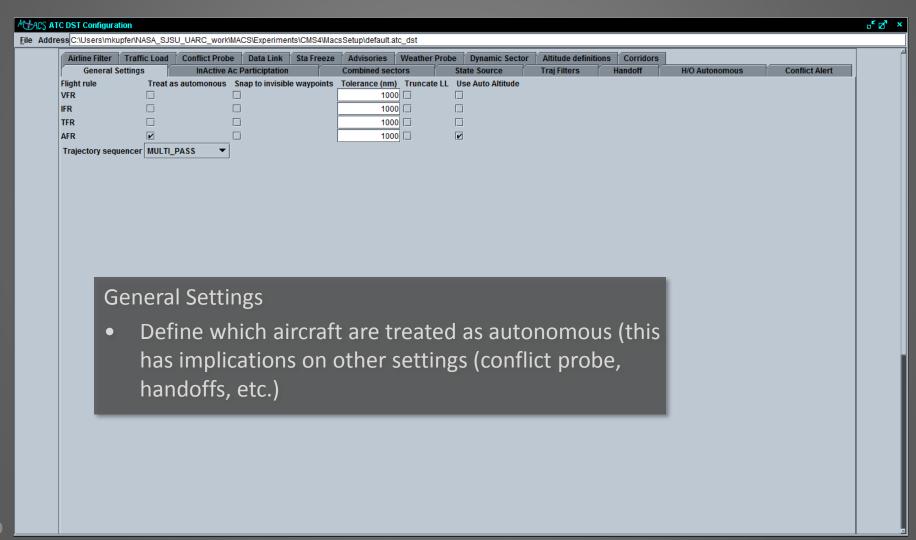
### Some important setup files:

- ATC DST Configuration
- ATC DST Configuration Sector
- DSR/STARS/TSD Plan View Setup
- DSR/STARS/TSD Sector Plan View Setup
- DSR/STARS/TSD Timeline Setup
- DSR/STARS/TSD Data Tag Rules Setup
- Data Collection Setup
- Flight Deck Setup
- Scheduler Setup
- Weather Setup



### Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### **ATC DST Configuration**



### Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### **ATC DST Configuration**

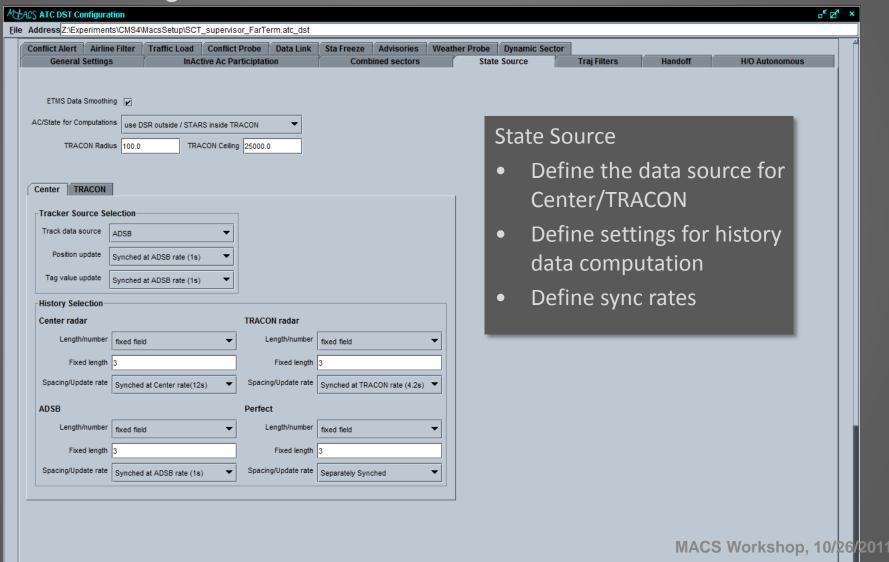


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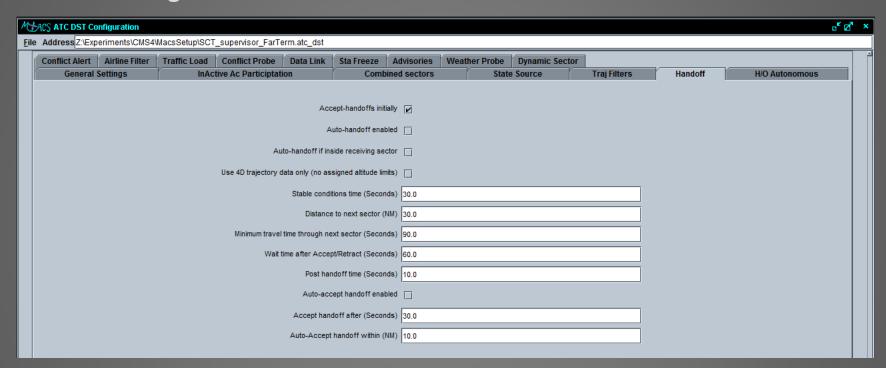
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#### **ATC DST Configuration**



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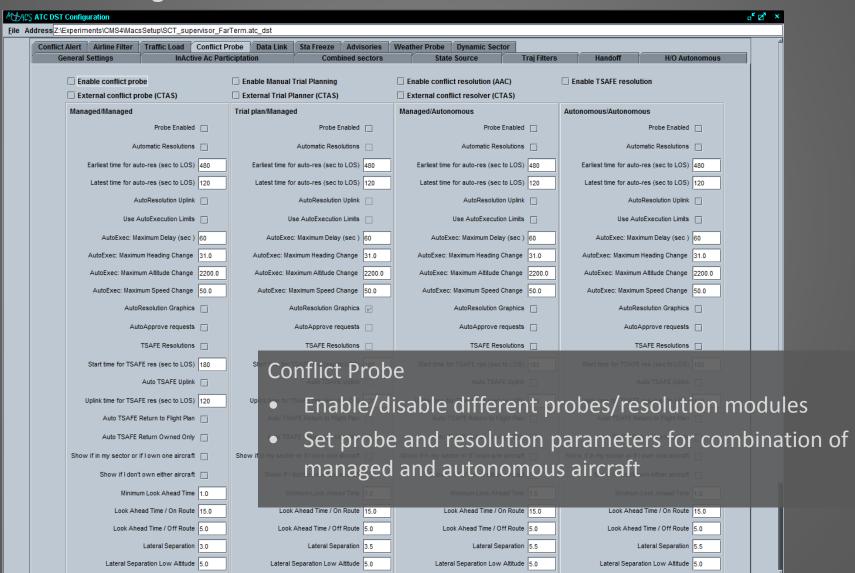


#### Handoff

- Enable/disable auto-handoff
- Define rules for (auto-) handoff (when, where, etc.)

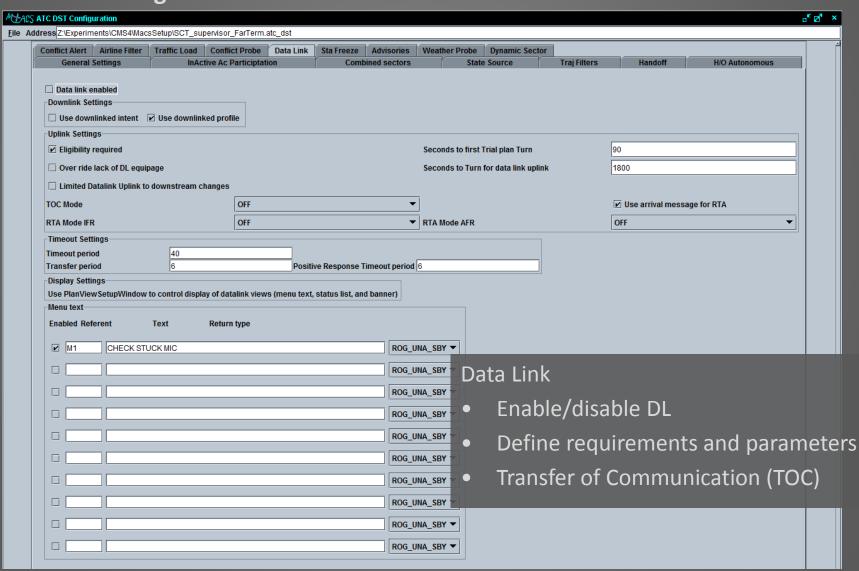
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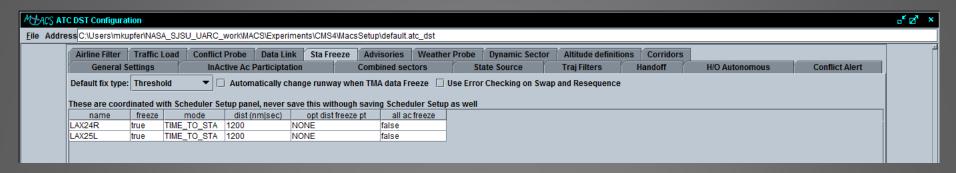
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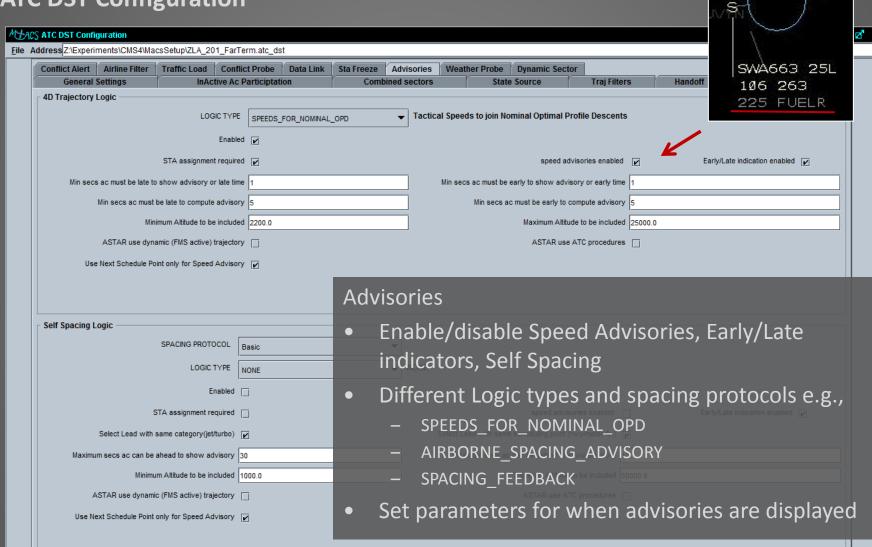


#### STA Freeze

- Coordinated with scheduler setup
- Set reference point for STA freeze
- When/Where to freeze

Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### **ATC DST Configuration**



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Modes, Tools, Parameters

### **ATC DST Configuration**

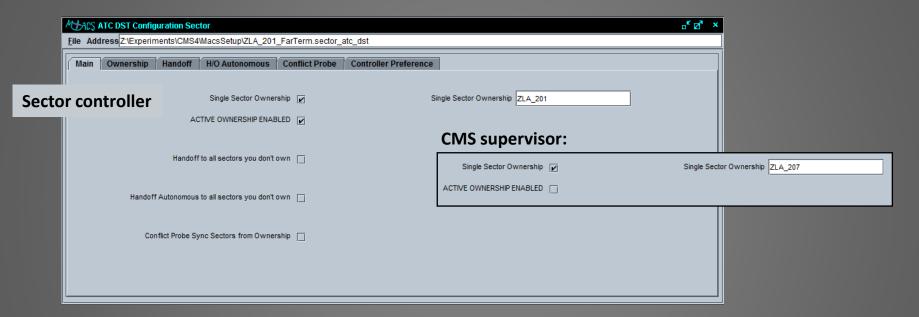
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#### Weather Probe

Compute predicted weather cell penetration

### Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### **ATC DST Configuration Sector**

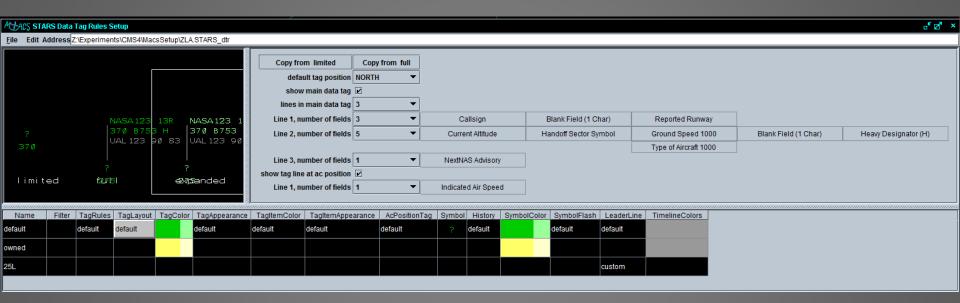


#### Main

- Set the sector ownership
- Set sector related handoff and conflict probe rules

Modes, Tools, Parameters

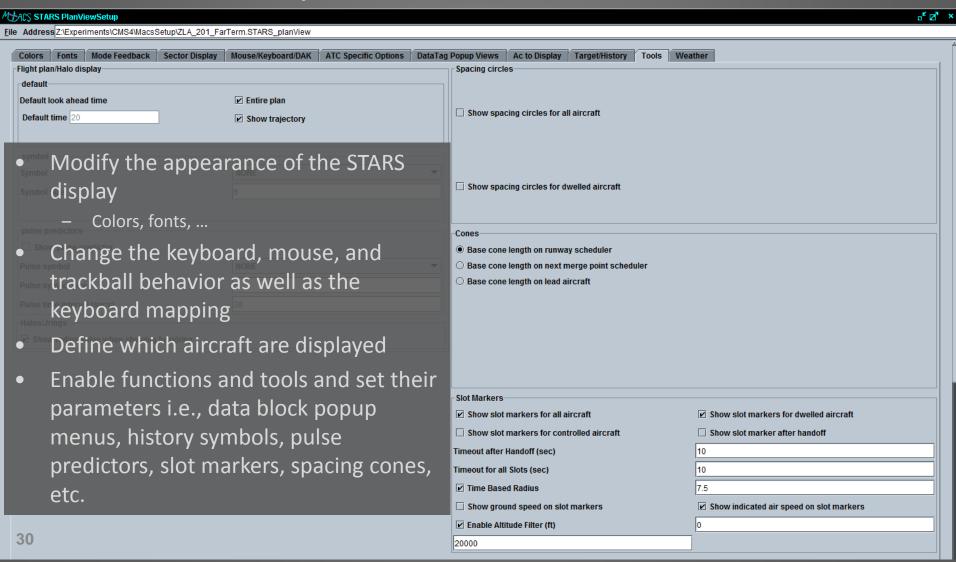
**STARS Data Tag Rules Setup** 



- Design the appearance of the data tags in the STARS display
- Use filters to create rules for different sub-groups of aircraft
- Set the correct priority of rules in the list
- More information: https://aol1.arc.nasa.gov:8443/display/macs/MACS+Questions+and+Answers

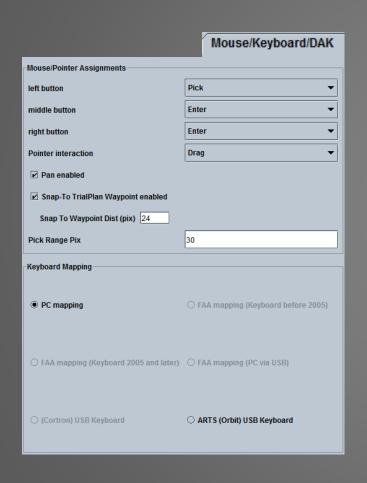
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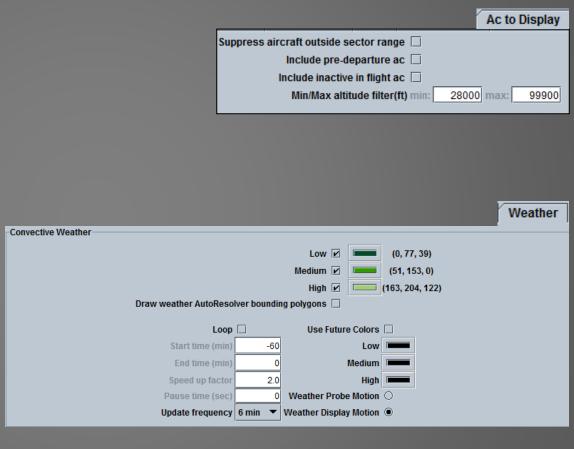
#### **STARS Plan View Setup**



### Modes, Tools, Parameters

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### Modes, Tools, Parameters

### **Scheduler Setup**

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- Define schedulers at various points
- Adjust different parameters
- Filters to apply schedulers to certain sub groups of aircraft

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- Editable spacing constraints
- Gets coordinated with ATC DST Setup → Sta freeze

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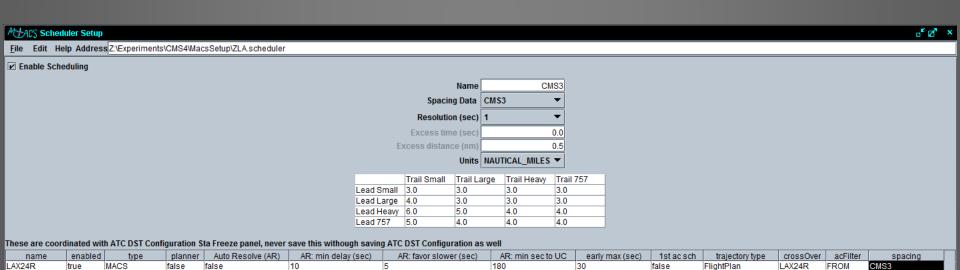
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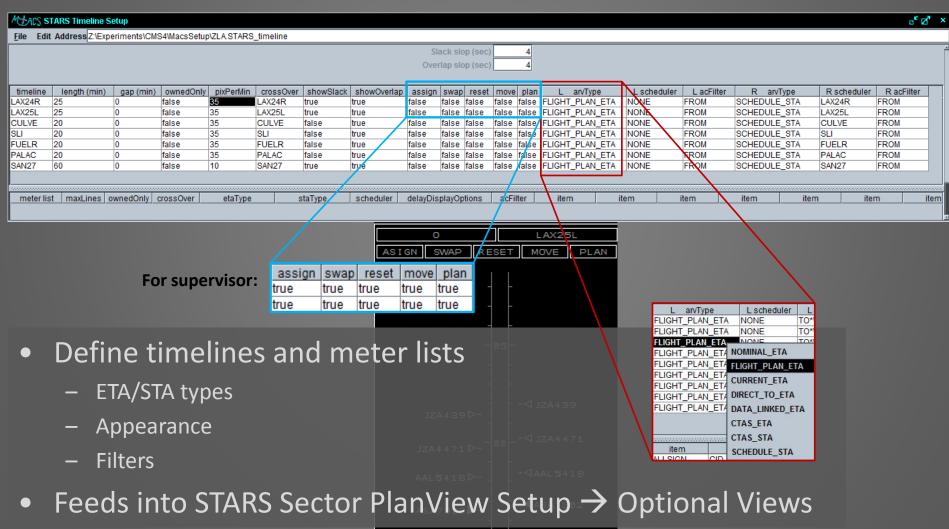
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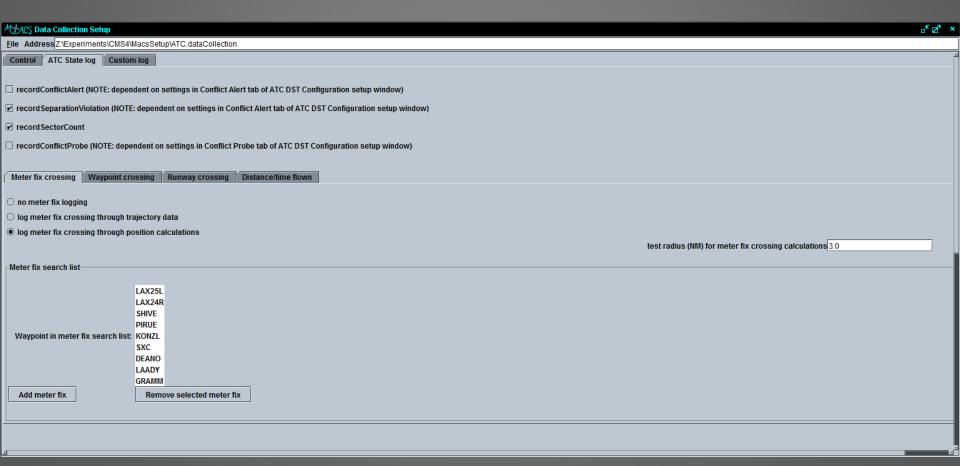
**STARS Timeline Setup** 



Modes, Tools, Parameters

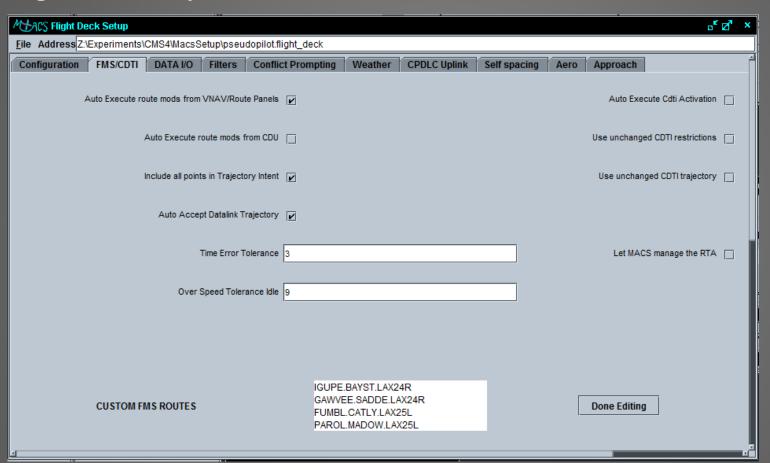
#### **Data Collection Setup**

- Define which data collection items will be logged and in which frequency
- 10 a.m. day 2: MACS Data Output and Analysis Session



### Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### Flight Deck Setup

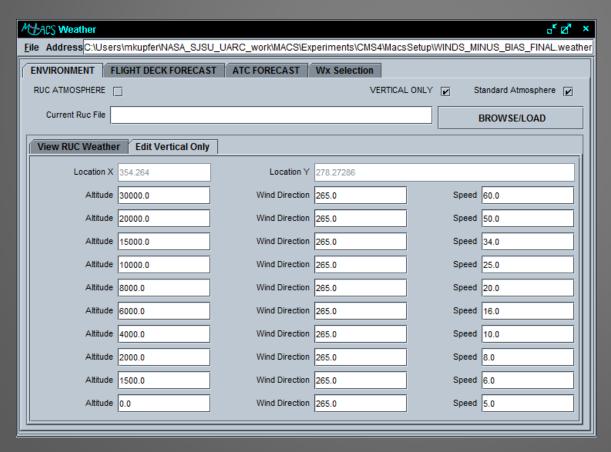


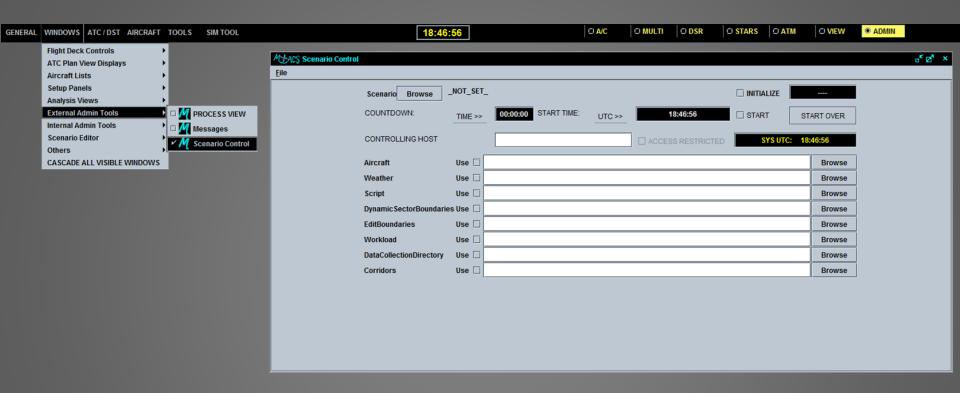
- Define aircraft functionalities and flight deck displays
  - FMS/CDTI, CPDLC Uplink, Self Spacing
- 1:45 p.m. day 1: MACS Flight Deck Overview

### Modes, Tools, Parameters

#### **Weather Setup**

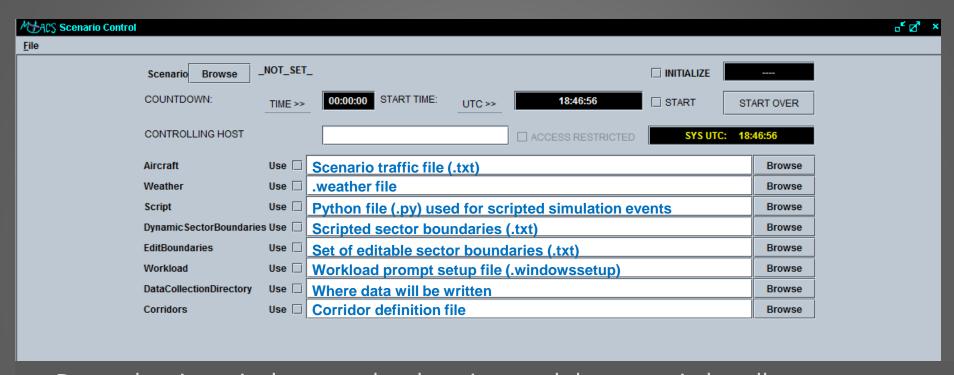
- Define constant winds for environment, flight deck and ATC forecast
- Enable/disable convective weather and reference to weather \*.xml file (see also scenario control window)



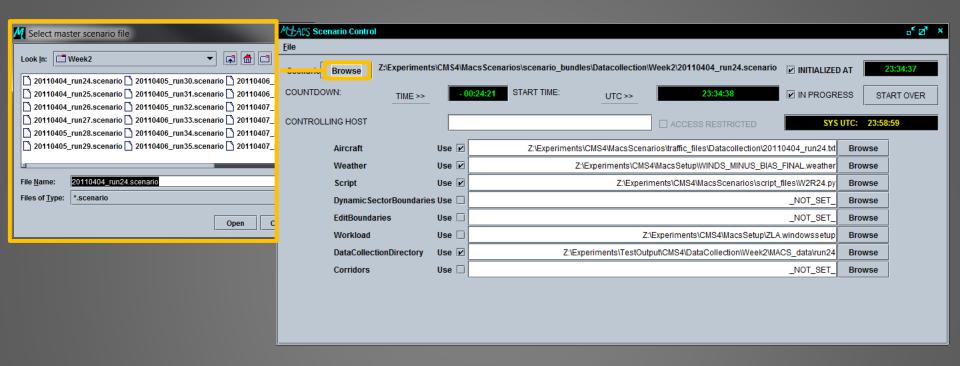


### **Scenario Control**

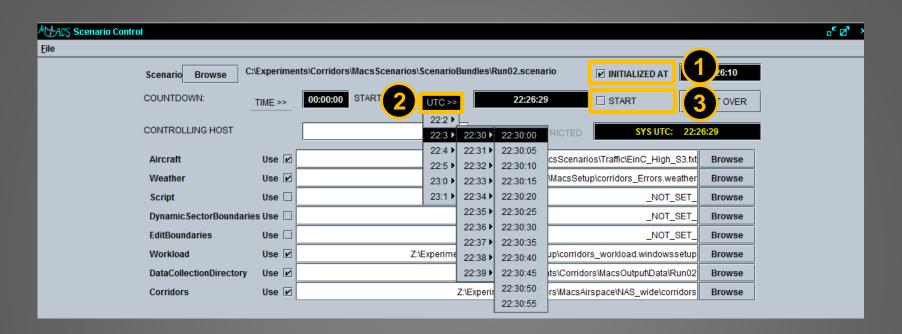
- Scenario bundles are created and loaded through the Scenario Control interface
- Scenario Control also used for starting and stopping simulation runs



- Dependencies exist between local settings and the scenario bundle
- "Use" boxes must be checked for associated file to be distributed
  - If not, whatever is defined in a position's master configuration file will be loaded
- When including convective weather, make sure proper path for .xml file is defined in the weather setup file's "Wx Selection" tab and checkbox is checked
- Ensure ADRSs are collecting data (if desired)



- Bundles can be loaded through the File menu or Browse portal (as shown)
- Ensure settings are correct. If ANY changes are made, make sure file is saved



- 1. Check the "INITIALIZED AT" box to begin startup process
- 2. Select a desired and realistic start time through the "UTC" flyout menus
- 3. Check the "START" box to distribute the bundle
- 4. A countdown will begin in the "TIME" window

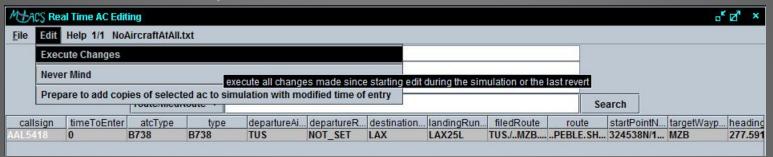
# **Simulation Supervision**

### During simulation possible tasks may be:

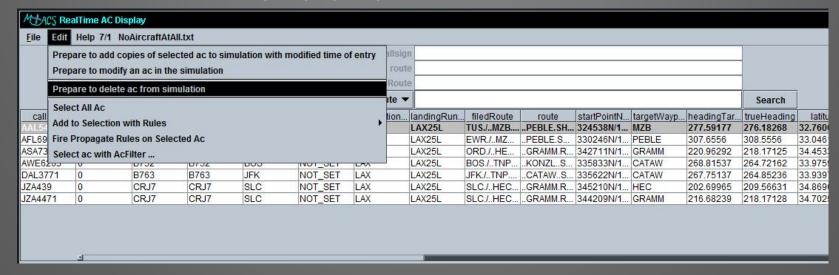
- Modify controller displays (colors of tools, datablock layout, etc., bring up timelines)
- Restart station
  - Wrong shortcut loaded initially
  - Problems with displays
- Real time flight monitoring (XY Trajectory Panel)
- Assist pseudo pilots
- Delete aircraft

### **Real Time Control Panels**

 Real Time AC Editing (duplicate, modify non-initialized, or delete aircraft)



Real Time AC Display: prepare to delete aircraft)



# **Questions and Answers**

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