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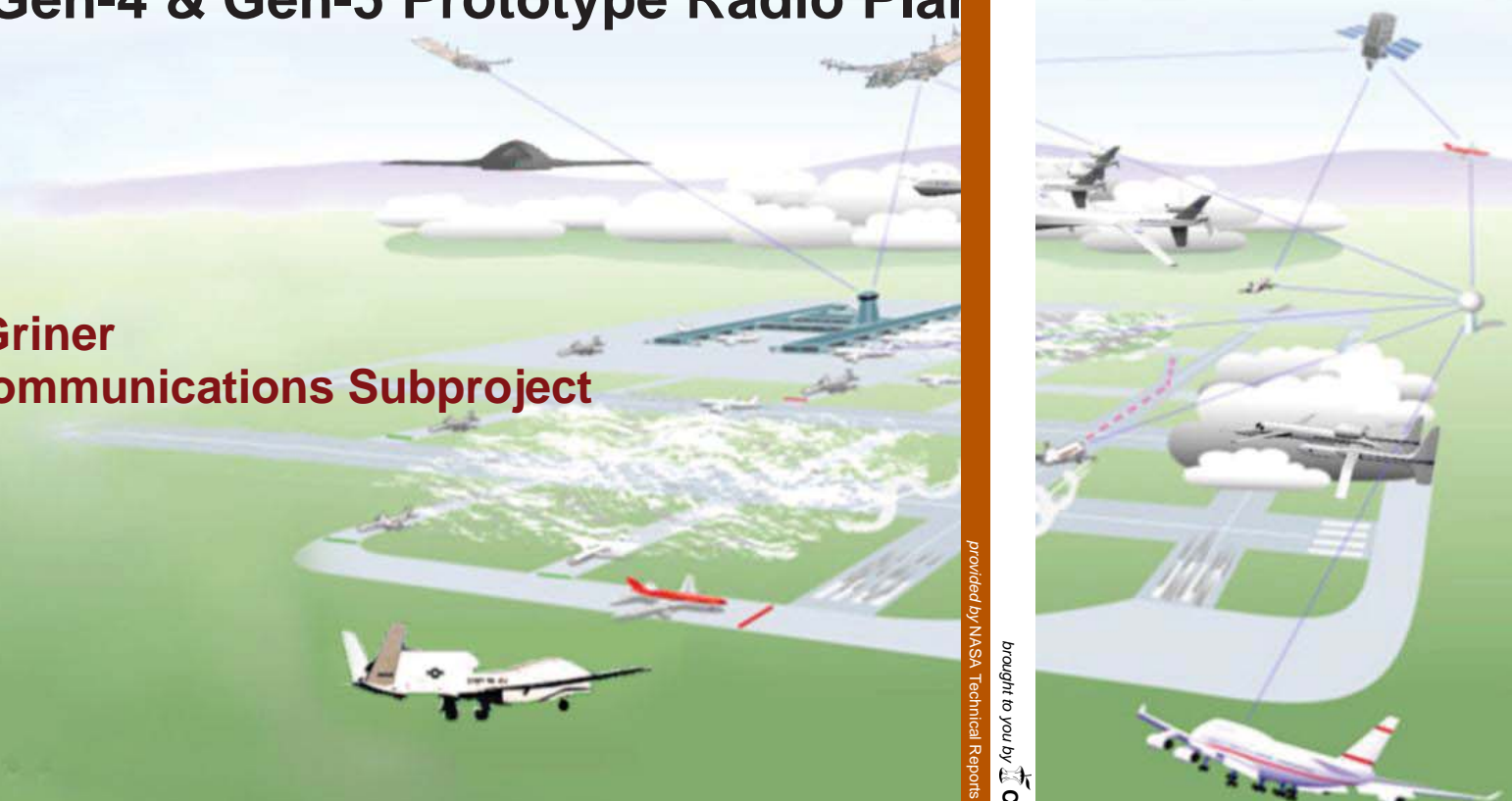


Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration in the National Airspace System (NAS) Project

Gen-4 & Gen-5 Prototype Radio Plan

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Previous Radio Versions

Gen-1

- L-Band Only
- One Aircraft – One Ground Station

Gen-2

- Added C-Band
- One Aircraft – Two Ground Stations
- Layer-3 Handoffs

Gen-3

- Multiple Aircraft – Multiple Ground Stations
- Layer-2 Handoffs

Gen-4 Radio Summary

- No Layer-1 changes intended to be made
- Utilize original downlink “weather” mode will be used as new C2 downlink, in order to test Layer-3 and above mechanisms.
 - Software configuration used to artificially constrain number of bits per frame
- 8 Traffic Priority Levels

Gen-4 Radio Schedule

11/14/14	Informal release
1/27/15	Formal Release
1/28/15	Flight Test Start
2/25/15	Flight Test End

Gen-5 Radio Summary

- Update Layer-1, based on WG-2 data requirements
 - C2 downlink:
 - Telemetry
 - Navaid Data
 - ATC Voice
 - ATC Data
 - DAA Downlink
 - Weather Radar (If new numbers are relatively small)
 - Video downlink
 - C2 uplink (selectable single user and 20 user modes):
 - Telecommand
 - Navaid Settings
 - ATC Voice
 - ATC Data

Gen-5 Radio Summary (cont.)

- Update Layer-2
 - Add additional link status messages
 - Implement Layer-2 Security

Gen-5 Radio Schedule

2/24/15	5.0 Waveform Specification Released
3/3/15	Begin 5.0 implementation
9/29/15	Complete 5.0 implementation