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#### ULD Operations and Handling in the Future

Narrow & Wide body Aircraft



#### Introduction

#### **Objective**

The Airbus objective is to provide a fully automated aircraft handling systems in the future

#### Content

- Airbus forecast of belly cargo share vs. Freighter
- · Current ULD operations and handling
- Ground and on-board equipment to handle and restrain ULDs
- ULD operations and handling in the future with a focus on lower deck cargo compartments



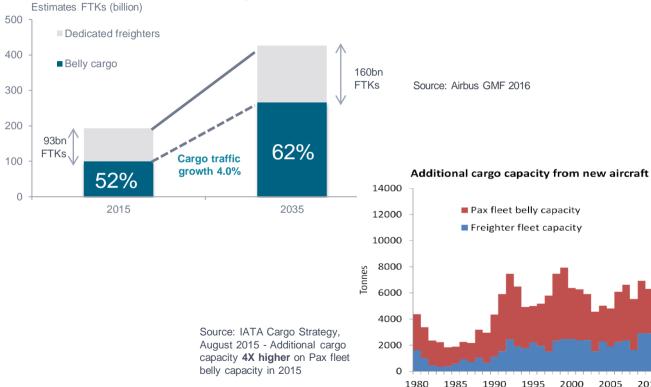
#### Narrow & Wide Body Aircraft





# Belly capacity to capture market share from the main deck

#### Worldwide share of belly vs dedicated cargo traffic



**Belly capacity** will continue to capture market share 

Impact is mainly on long haul flows

Main assumption being that belly load factors remain stable

2005

2000

2010

2015



# Current ULD Operation and Handling

#### Narrow & Wide Body Aircraft

- 1/3 of Airbus narrow body Fleet allows the loading of ULDs onto the lower deck cargo compartments
- Semi-automatic cargo loading systems on all type of Airbus aircraft

- ULD Track & Trace capability only on ground
- Conventional Cargo loaders, Belt loaders, Dollies, Cart, GSE manual approach and docking, etc...









# **Onboard and Ground Equipment**

#### Equipment needed for ULD handling

- Cargo Loaders + Ramp Agents
  - Operational Cost
  - Damage Cost (i.e. Cargo/Belt loaders impact on fuselage\*, ULD damaging the lining and the CLS components...)
- Cargo Dollies
- Cargo Loading & Restraint Systems:
  - → Weight saving, if CLS removed
  - ➡ Less fuel burn, If CLS removed
  - ➡ Maintenance Cost
- Portable RFID readers, Tags, ...

\* All GSE manufactured after July 2018 shall comply with A/C damage prevention requirements per IATA AHM Chap.9





# ULD operations and handling in the Future

#### **Preparing the Future with:**

- Bag2Go (already in the market)
- Track & Trace for the entire transport chain
- Cargo eOps t@b (tablet), one single tool for Cargo Operations
- Fully automated cargo loading systems





## Bag2GO

- 86% of Airlines plan to implement assisted bag drop by 2017
- 74% of Airport plan to implement assisted bag drop by 2017
- 62% of PAX would tag their own bag if they could at the beginning of their journey with trend indication growing
- 66% of Airlines will offer bag location update to PAX via mobile by 2017





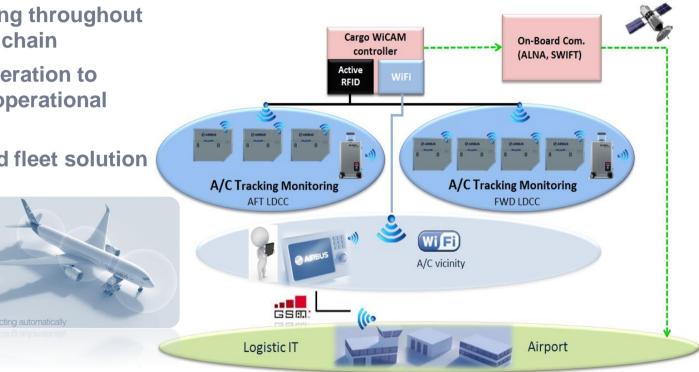




Source: SITA 2015 baggage report

# Track & Trace

- Enable cargo tracking throughout the entire transport chain
- Support cargo e-Operation to shorten & simplify operational loading procedures
- Propose customized fleet solution
   for operators





# Cargo eOps t@b (tablet)

Cargo eOps t@b (tablet) one single tool for Cargo Operations

- Simplified Loading Operations
   Advanced aircraft loading Instructions support for cargo operations
   & Information exchange via remote control
- A/C Connection & Identification
   Automatic aircraft identification & loading instruction selection via aircraft network connection
- **Optimized Turnaround Procedures** Shorten the timeframe of delays caused by "Rush & No Show" events due to PAX luggage allocation & search functions
- Aircraft & Airport Information Exchange
   Interactive information update & exchanges by tracking signal
   usage
- Optimized Loading Handover

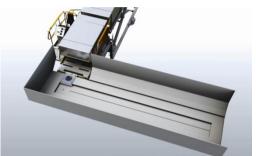
Optimized aircraft handover towards Airline offered by new range of communicational service application such as e-paper documentation, combined with digital signatures approvals





# Automated Cargo Loading Systems

- ULD loading systems removed from A/C & are part of GSE
  - ➡ Less Weight
  - ➡ Less Fuel burn
  - Less Operational & Maintenance Cost

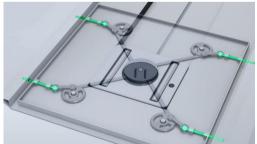


# **New CLS**

Less Fuel Burn Additional Revenue Generation

#### • ULD integrated with restrain system

- ➡ Operational & Maintenance Cost for ULDs
- Certification basis to be clarified
- ➡ Retrofit aspects to be considered





#### Conclusion

- Whatever Airbus plans for the future the cornerstone remains a ULD in good condition (airworthy).
- This would drastically reduce operational, maintenance and damage cost. That's why it is fundamental that ULD CARE highlights the need to meet airworthiness requirements throughout the entire transport chain





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