

NASA AOC Research Areas



AOC automation

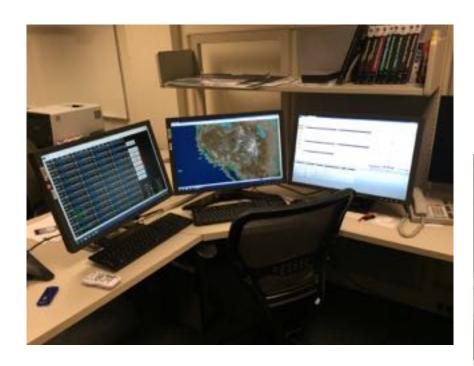
- Applied advanced "cognitive computing" systems to airline operations
- Objective was to improve access to documents (e.g., FAA Regulations, airline procedures, etc.) and Internet resources

Winter weather operations

- Developing automation tool to improve airport operations during winter storms
- Objective is to reduce cancelations and delays due to winter weather
- Creating AOC laboratory to support research
 - At NASA Ames in the Human Systems Integration
 Division

Airline Operations Research Group (AORG)







Winter Weather



- Developing the "Flight Awareness Collaboration Tool" (FACT)
- Concentrates information about winter weather events on one display
- Includes predictive tools
- Supports collaboration between AOC, air traffic control, airport authority, and de-icing operators
- User interface designed completed and web-based prototype under development
- User group at Detroit airport
- Space Act Agreement with Virgin America to support FACT evaluation
 - Virgin America backup AOC located at NASA Ames

FACT Information



- Weather status and forecasts
- Reporting of runway closures for snow/ice treatment
- Runway braking action
- Visual display of surface traffic movement at airport
- Hourly arrival and departure rates
- Airport runway configuration
- De-icing areas
- Notices to Airmen
- Field conditions
- FAA Operational Information System
- Aviation Digital Data Service icing information
- Runway visual range
- Tracking of arrival flights in en route airspace

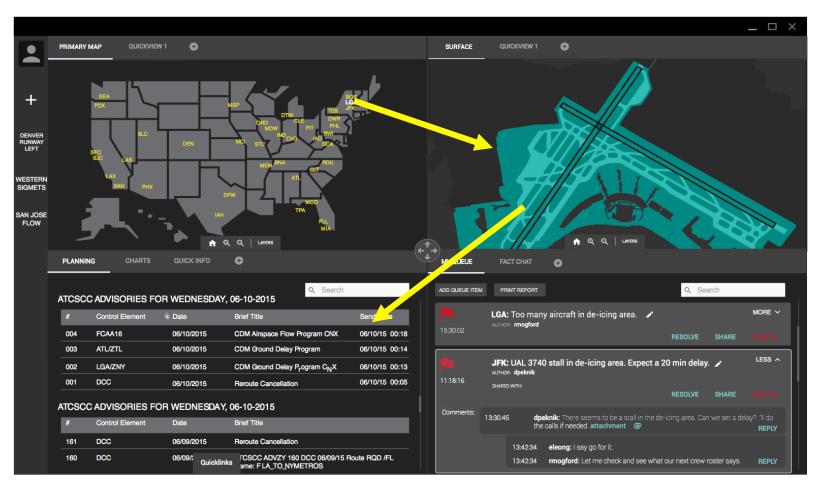
FACT User Interface Design



	Quick View Tabs	Quick View Tabs
	Primary Map View displays current US map	Surface Map View displays current airport surface map
Profiles Bar	ZOOM/PAN CONTROLS/COLLAPSIBLE MENU	ZOOM/PAN CONTROLS/COLLAPSIBLE MENU
	Quick View Tabs	Quick View Tabs
	Information View formatted data for current airport	Communication View communication with other groups and issue tracking

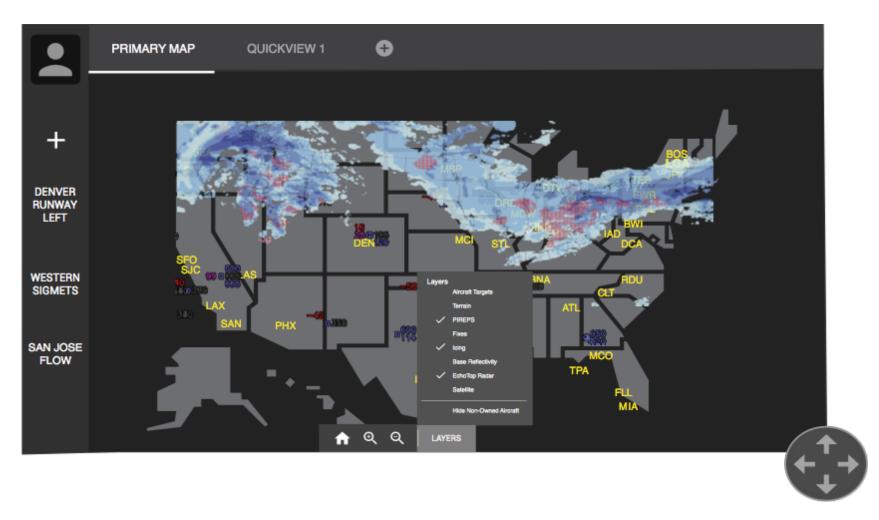
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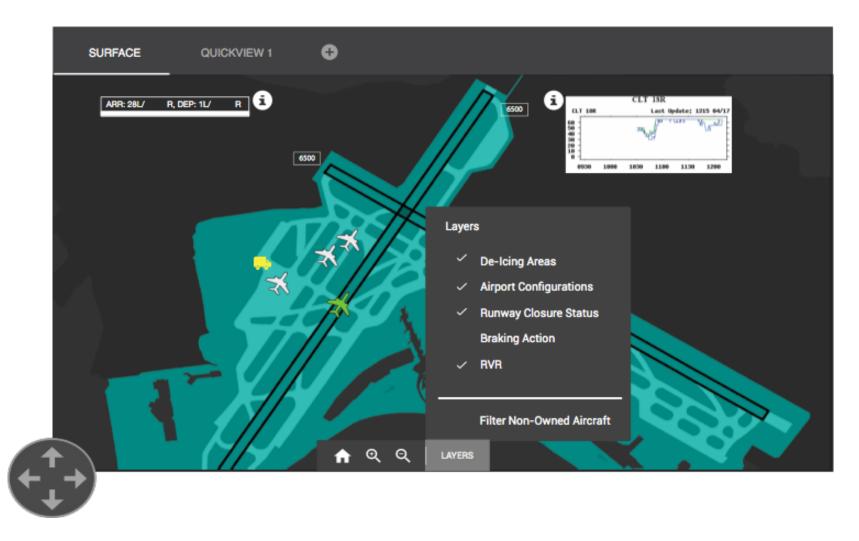
Primary Map View





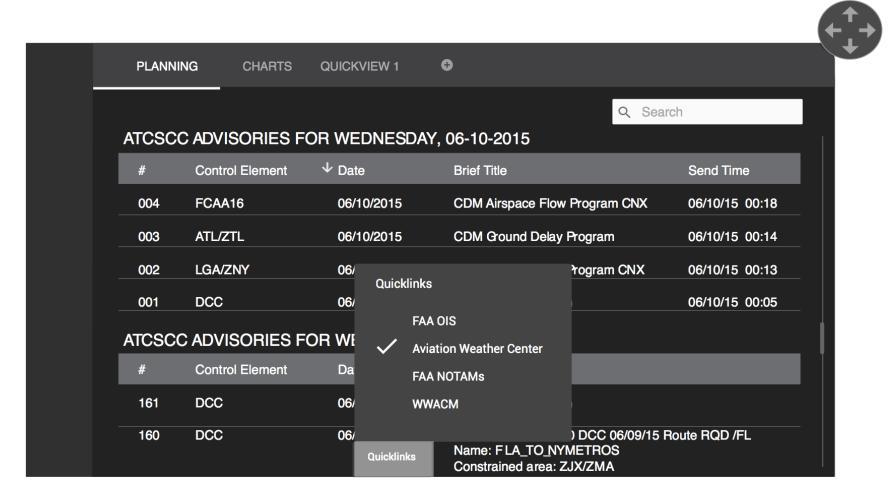
Surface Map View





Information View

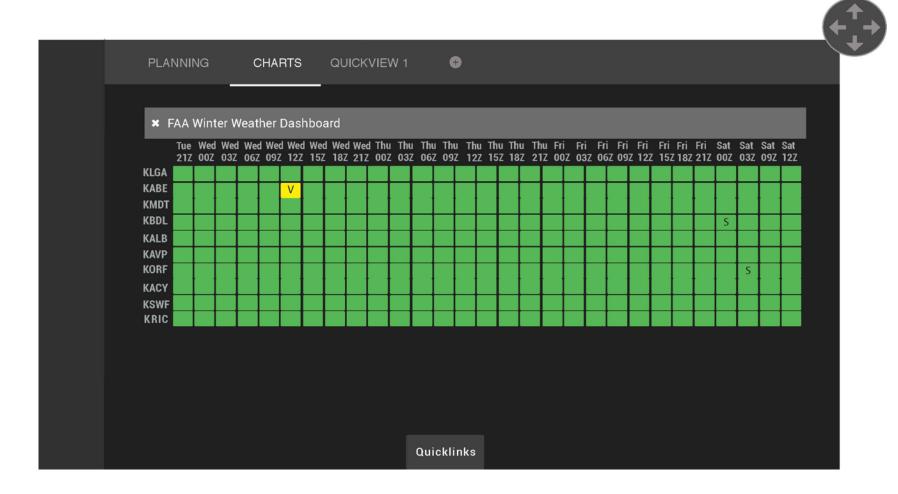




Gathers and "tailors" data from external web sites

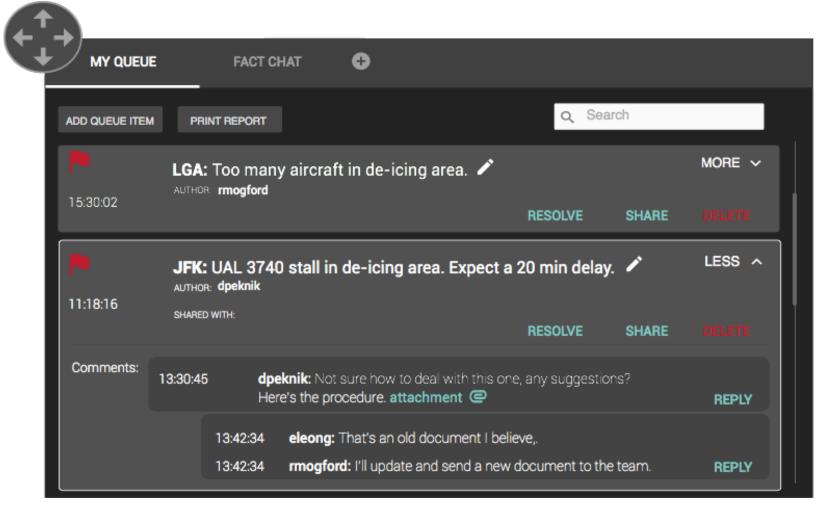
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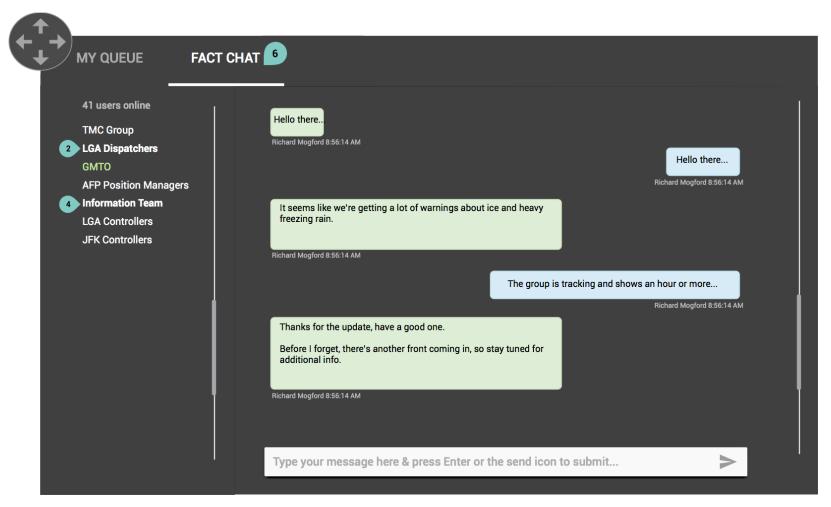
Communication View





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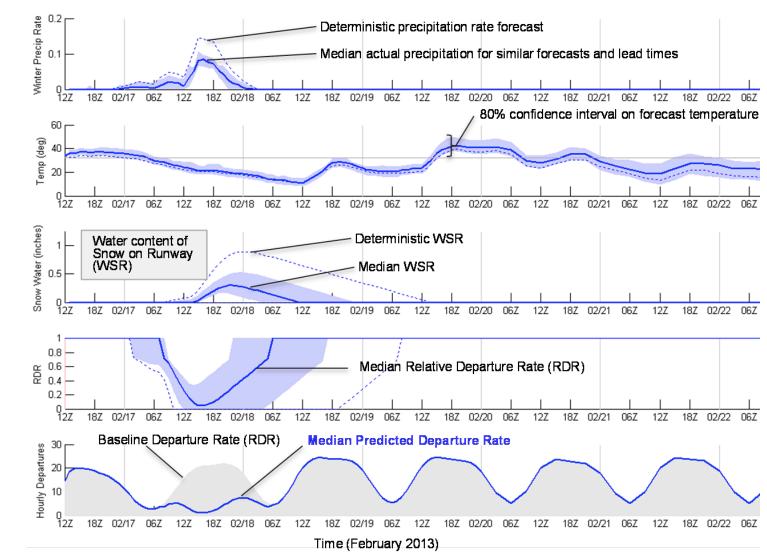
FACT Implementation



- FACT is a web-based application
- Receives JAVA messages from the FAA System Wide Information Management (SWIM) data repository
- Surface movement data are from ASDE-X
- Data are acquired from web pages and tailored for the Information View
- Predictive tools will be built into FACT
- First one competed is Metron's Winter Weather Airport Capacity Model (WWACM)
 - Predicts changes in airport departure rates from weather reports

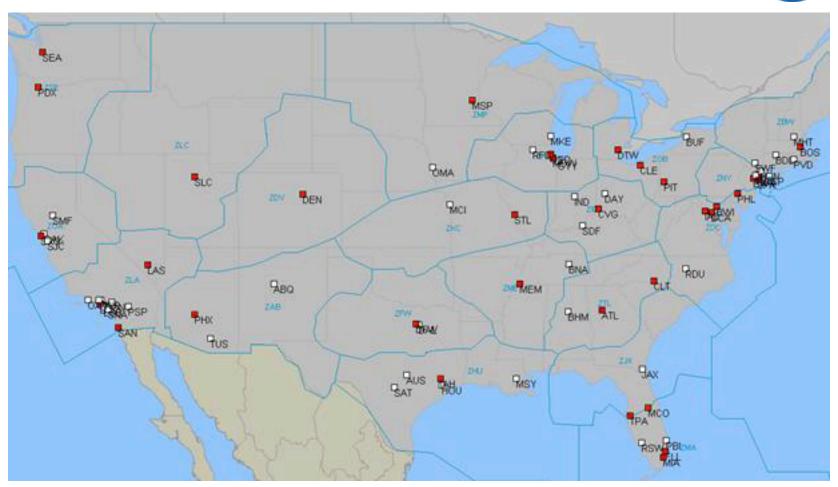
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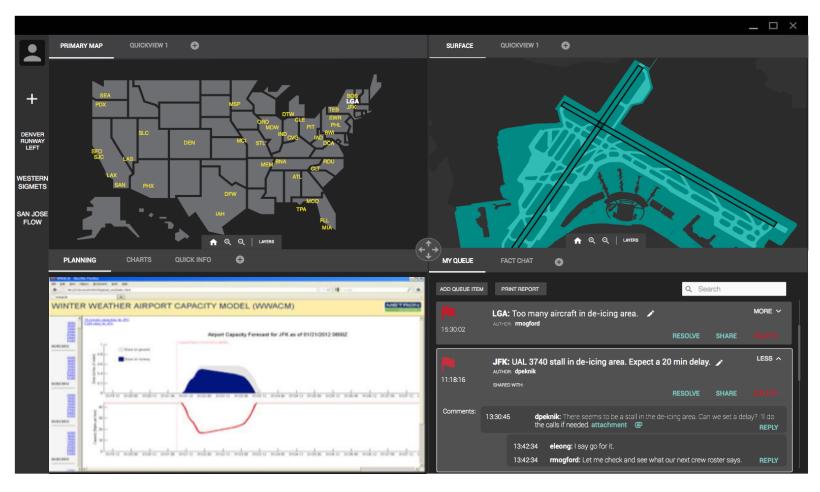




The 77 airports included in WWACM

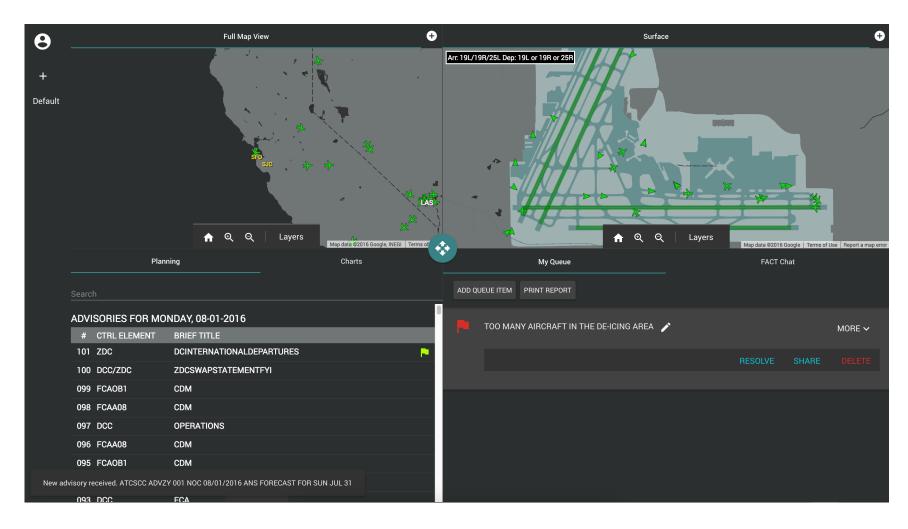
WWACM in FACT





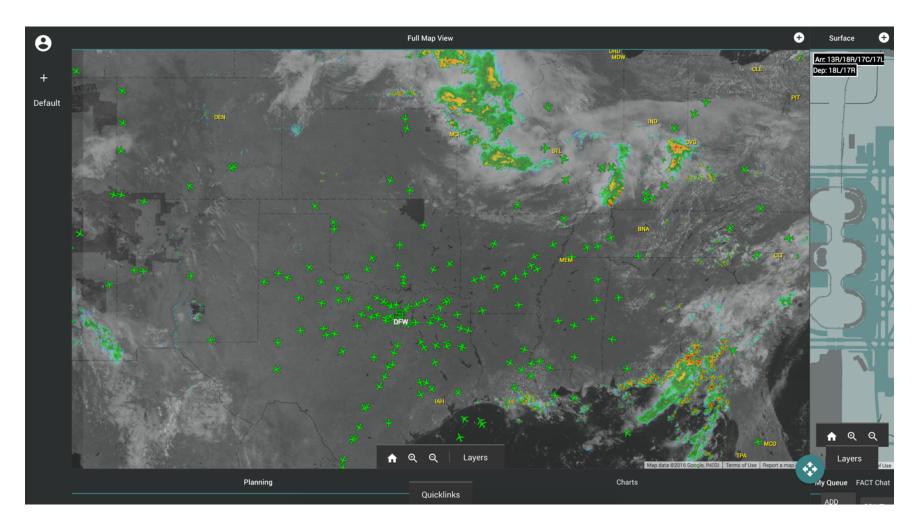
FACT Prototype





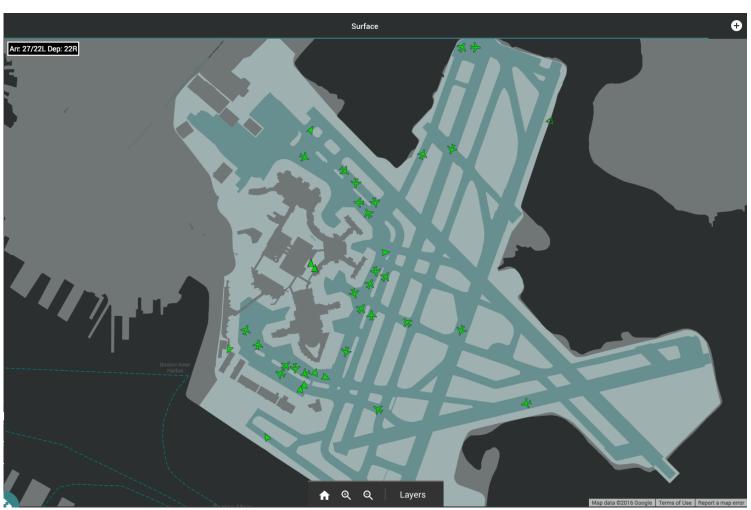
Primary Map





Surface Map





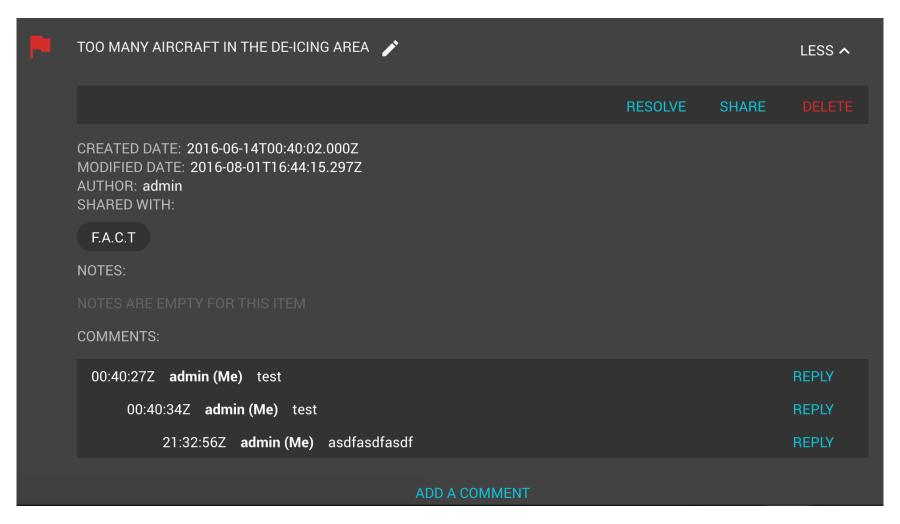
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Communication





FACT Progress



- Web-based prototype will be completed by the end of 2016
- Example of an approach for display integration
- Plan to demonstrate to airlines and airports to seek feedback
- FACT platform will be used to host additional automation tools (e.g., diversion management, planning snow removal)
- Creating AOC simulator at NASA Ames to evaluate FACT
- Will evaluate FACT in operational settings

NASA/Industry Collaboration



- Airline Operations Workshop in August 2016
 - Around 200 attendees
 - Focused on NASA, FAA, and private sector innovations to support the airlines (AOC and flight deck)
 - Identified gaps where research is needed

Research themes

- AOC simulation
- Study dispatcher workload, situation awareness, errors
- Display/system integration
- Managing/accessing large information databases from multiple sources
- Display/system integration
- Preferred routes

