Flight Awareness Collaboration Tool Development

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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

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FACT User Interface Design
Primary Map View
Surface Map View
Information View

Gathers and “tailors” data from external web sites
Information View

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Communication View

[Image of a communication interface showing messages]

- LGA: Too many aircraft in de-icing area. (Time: 15:30:02, Author: rmogford)
- JFK: UAL 3740 stall in de-icing area. Expect a 20 min delay. (Time: 11:18:16, Author: dpekni)

Comments:
- 13:30:45 dpekni: Not sure how to deal with this one, any suggestions? Here's the procedure attachment.
- 13:42:34 rmogford: I'll update and send a new document to the team.
Communication View

**FACT CHAT**

41 users online
- TMC Group
- LGA Dispatchers
- GMTO
- AFP Position Managers
- Information Team
- LGA Controllers
- JFK Controllers

**Hello there...**
Richard Mogford 8:56:14 AM

**It seems like we’re getting a lot of warnings about ice and heavy freezing rain.**
Richard Mogford 8:56:14 AM

**The group is tracking and shows an hour or more...**
Richard Mogford 8:56:14 AM

**Thanks for the update, have a good one. Before I forget, there’s another front coming in, so stay tuned for additional info.**
Richard Mogford 8:56:14 AM

Type your message here & press Enter or the send icon to submit...
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
The 77 airports included in WWACM
WWACM in FACT
FACT Prototype
Primary Map
Surface Map
**ADVISORIES FOR MONDAY, 08-01-2016**

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16/08/01 1637 DCCOPSixstn20
Communication

TWO MANY AIRCRAFT IN THE DE-ICING AREA

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NOTES:
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COMMENTS:

00:40:27Z  admin (Me)  test

00:40:34Z  admin (Me)  test

21:32:56Z  admin (Me)  asdfasdfsdf

ADD A COMMENT
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
Questions?

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