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#### Progress of Aviation Research Demonstration Project (AvRDP)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Joint CAeM ET/ASC ET/ISA Meeting

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# Objectives

A joint effort between CAS and CAeM, in 4 years (2015-2018, may need to be extended subject to the discussion in AeroMetSci2017 and 3<sup>rd</sup> AvRDP SSC Meeting):

- to conduct research in nowcasting and mesoscale modelling at a number of international airports located in Northern and Southern Hemisphere with a view to supporting the development of the next generation aviation initiative, the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) under the new Global Aviation Navigation Plan (GANP) of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Key concepts under ASBU are the development of seamless Trajectory-Based-Operation (TBO, or "gate-to-gate") and Meteorological Services to ATM (MSTA) near airport terminal area.
- to collaborate with the respective Air Traffic Management (ATM) to translate the Meteorological (MET) information into ATM Impact products so as to demonstrate the benefits of the MET information (nowcast and mesoscale modelling) in the aviation community;
- to help in capacity building via the knowledge gained in AvRDP other WMO Members who need to enhance their aviation MET services so as to meet the ASBU initiative.

\* Not just enhancing flight efficiency but also safety and environment-friendly by reducing fuel waste

## Seamless Trajectory-Based Operation (TBO)

Seamless nowcasting -> mesoscale -> global scale -> mesoscale -> nowcasting scale



#### Terminal Control Area: Location specific

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Pre-flight planning	Take-off	Climb Cruise Descent	Manoeuvering/Hold	Taxi
Parked	Initial climb		Initial approach	Gate arrival
Gate push-back			Final approach	Parked
Taxi			Landing	Post-flight analysis
AERODROME	TERMINAL AREA	EN-ROUTE	TERMINAL AREA	AERODROME

En Route Phase: Mainly supported by global/regional Multi-model Aviation Weather Forecast Centre (AWFC)

Terminal Control Area: Location specific

## **Initial AvRDP Airports**

AvRDP Airport	Climatological regime	Weather elements to be studied in AvRDP
Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)	Mid-latitude in Northern Hemisphere Location: Inland	Winter weather - snowfall, icing, low temperature Fog
Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)	Subtropical in Northern Hemisphere Location: Surrounded by water Next to high mountain	Convection and Thunderstorm Low visibility and ceiling
O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg Airport) (JNB)	Subtropical in Southern Hemisphere Location: Inland	Convection Fog
Shanghai Hongqiao Airport (SHA)	Subtropical/mid-latitude in Northern Hemisphere Location: Inland not far away from River Estuary and East China Sea	Convective weather
Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Iqaluit Airport (YFB)	Mid-latitude in Northern Hemisphere Location: Inland but not far away from Lake High-latitude in Northern Hemisphere Location: On Frobisher Bay	Winter weather – snowfall, icing, precipitation type and amount, visibility, wind speed, direction shear, and gust, turbulence, and low ceilings Convective Weather Artic weather – Winds, blowing snow, fog, visibility, ceiling

## Timeline

## (2<sup>nd</sup> AvRDP SSC Meeting, Jul 2016)

Nov 2014	Endorsement of the AvRDP proposal by WWRP SSC
Nov 2014 – Feb 2015	Formation of AvRDP SSC and identification of AvRDP Participants
24 – 26 Jun 2015	Kick-off Meeting cum Science Meeting
May 2015 – July 2017	Phase I – MET capacity research
	(AvRDP Airports or Participants who need longer preparation time may choose to enter Phase I in
	late 2015 or after)
May 2015 - Oct 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> IOP for convective weather (over Airports in Northern Hemisphere)
Nov 2015 – Mar 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> IOP for winter weather, visibility and ceiling (over Airports in Northern Hemisphere)
Dec 2015 – Mar 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> IOP for convective weather (Southern Hemisphere)
May 2016 - Jul 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> IOP for convective weather (Northern Hemisphere)
Nov 2016 – Mar 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> IOP for winter weather, visibility and ceiling (Northern Hemisphere)
May 2015 – July 2017	Nowcasting research including MET verification on convective weather
Nov 2015 – July 2017	Nowcasting research including MET verification on winter weather, visibility and ceiling
20 - 22 Jul 2016	AvRDP Training Workshop on aviation nowcasting
22 – 23 Jul 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> SSC Meeting
25 – 29 Jul 2016	Preliminary Phase I results to be presented in WWRP Symposium on Nowcasting and Very-short-
	range Forecast
Jul 2016 – Jun 2018+	Phase II – MET-ATM impact translation and validation
	To be expanded after the WMO Intercommission (CAS/CAeM/CBS) Aviation Research Project Science
	Conference
	(AvRDP Airports or Participants who started the IOP in late 2015 or later may choose to enter Phase II
	in late 2016)
Jul 2016 – Jun 2017	Research on MET-ATM impact translation
Mid/Fall 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> AvRDP Workshop on MET-ATM integration Back-to-back with the Science Conference
Jul 2017 – Jun 2018+	Demonstration of MET-ATM impact
Mid/Fall 2017	WMO Inter-commission (CAS/CAeM/CBS) AeroMetSci-2017 Conference
Mid/Fall 2017+	Phase I (and Phase II?) to be expanded after the Conference?

# **Airport Progress**

Airport	IOP completed	Phase I (MET capability)	Phase 2 (MET/ATM translation)	Data sharing (AvRDP Data Server)
HKG	IOP1 (summer 15) IOP2 (summer 16)	√ √	On going (IOP3 summer 2017)	V
CDG	IOP1 (winter 15/16) IOP2 (winter 16/17)	√ √	?	V
JNB	IOP1 (summer 16)	V	On going discussion with SAS	Not yet
SHA	IOP1 (summer 16-17)	√?	IOP2	Not yet
YYZ	IOP1 (winter 16/17)	V	On going discussion with NAVCAN	V
YFB	Preparing IOP1 (winter 17/18)			

Other on-going:

- Verification and Validation develop metric
- Engaging ATM
- Engaging more research community
- Entertain more airports to enter Phase I (Singapore, Russia, Japan)
- Consider next Training Workshop
- Connection with AeroMetSci-2017 Conference

## WSN16 (25 – 29 July 2016, Hong Kong)





http://wsn16.hk and https://www.facebook.com/wsn16hk/



Evening school



- 166 participants from all continents attended
- 109 paper/posters

# Key messages from the aviation stakeholders (ATM and Air Pilot)

- ATM and airline need 0-6hr nowcasting, both for short haul and long haul flights for decision-making close to terminal
- Precise, reliable, graphical, frequent updated, uplink/downlink MET information
- TAF Text should be legendary. Need graphical weather info and uplink.
- Uncertainty estimation
- MET translation into Impact products/services (S2S)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> AvRDP SSC (22 – 23 July 2016, Hong Kong)

- Next steps
  - To define the deliverables current ATM impact product list, ATM desirables/requirements
  - To develop verification method and metric beware of observation deficiency/quality/reliability
  - Uncertainty estimation
  - Minimum forecast accuracy (minima) horizon dependent, product dependent
  - Phase II relationship with the Inter-commission Aviation Project

# Phase II progress since then

- JNB ATM expressed great interest in the expected arrival and departure rates product. Aiming March 2018
- SHA TRACON up and running. Asking verification results
- HKA Runway capacity reduction due to SigConv. "very useful" but need verification
- CDG Link with SESAR ?
- YYZ still need a way to connect NAVCAN

## Translate MET information into ATM Impact. What Impact?

- Airport Capacity in network operation
- Airspace Capacity
- Arrival/Departure Delay
- Fuel consumption
- Aircraft de-icing, runway clearance, engine icing in freezing fog
- Lightning strike affecting ground ops..
- Next Training Workshop
  - Focusing on MET-ATM back-to-back with AeroMetSci-2017 Conference (need to reschedule to 2018 due to lack of funding)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> AvRDP Training Workshop -Aviation Nowcasting Capacity Building Workshop (20 – 22 July 2016)

20 Jul (Wed)	21 Jul (Thu)	22 Jul (Fri)
Aviation Research Demonstration Project	Probabilistic Nowcast Meososcale modelling	Satellite-based nowcast
Radar-based nowcasting techniques	Seamless Nowcast & SESAR	Breakout discussions
Aviation Mesoscale Numerical Weather Predication	Low Visibility Nowcast	Nowcasting System: Community-SWIRLS
Aviation Nowcasting System CAN-NOW	Winter Weather Nowcast	(hands-on training)

- 22 trainees from 10 MWO/local Universities
- Next Training: closer to ATM operation, benefits in MET impact on ATM





# Training Workshop highlight and conclusion

- 22 trainees out of 26 applicants and 5 lecturers attended the 3 day training workshop
- Nowcasting science, meososcale models, satellite-based nowcasting and hand-on training on running radar-based nowcasting systems were delivered
- Favourable comments received from the trainees
- Comments received from participants included the following:
  - Lectures on weather systems which are relevant to participants and closer to ATM operations
  - Clearer selection criteria of trainees
  - Lectures needed on benefit of MET info/services on ATM
- Next workshop is planned to be held in conjunction with Scientific Conference in 2017 (to be rescheduled due to WMO budget)

# **AvRDP SSC Membership**

Name	Representation
Peter LI, Chair	HKO rep of CAeM
Erik BECKER	SAWS rep of JNB
to replace Estelle de CONING	
Janti REID	ECCC rep of YYZ & YFB
Stephanie DESBIOS	MeteoFrance rep of CDG
to replace Jean-Louis	
BRENGUIER (retired)	
Fengyun WANG	CAAC rep of SHA
Sharon LAU	HKO rep of HKG
Peter M. CHADWICK	CAD rep of HKG (ATM expert)
Baode CHEN	SMS rep of CMA
Cecilia MINER	NOAA rep of NextGen
Stefane BELAIR	ECCC rep of NMRWG
Paul JOE	rep of NMRWG
to be replaced by another	
NMRWG	
Barbara Brown	NCAR rep of JWGFVR
to replace Marion	
MITTERMAIER	
Dennis HART	EuroControl rep of SESAR (Phase II)
To be invited:	
Herbert PUEMPEL	Ex-WMO C/AeM and AustroControl

## AvRDP Website (<u>https://avrdp.hko.gov.hk</u>)



#### Mission

The overall mission of the AvRDP is to, through international collaboration, develop, demonstrate and quantify the benefits of end-to-end nowcasting aviation weather services for the terminal area focused on high impact weather. The AvRDP will focus on nowcasting aviation weather, including the respective uncertainty/confidence estimation, over the Terminal Control Area for the next 0-6hr. For simplicity, nowcast or nowcasting hereafter refers to all techniques/systems including observation-based, expert system-based, human-machine interfaced and meso/microscale NWP or any combination thereof which can generate high resolution, rapidly updated forecasts for the next 0-6hr ahead. This definition of nowcast/nowcasting is in accordance with the definition/practice adopted in WWRP and the nowcasting community.

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# Supplementary Info

#### HKG AvRDP IOP I, II data, including Airport Observations, Nowcasting facility, modelling facility and ATM data

Airport	Observations					Nov syst mod	vcast em a del	ing nd		ΑΤ	M d	ata					
	Weather Radar (conventional or	Doppler) Geostationary Satellite	Wind profiler	LIDAR	Anemometer	Visibility sensor	AMDAR/ACARS data	Other observations	Global lightning (since mid 2016)	Nowcasting system	Micro/mesoscale NWP	Regional model	PIREP	Aircraft data	ATM capacity data	Air traffic data	ADS-B (since 2016)
HKG	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

#### **ADS-B collected (for Phase II)**



ABS-B overlaid with weather radar and satellite

#### **Global lightning (for Phase I, II and verification)**



Updated every minute

can overlay radar and satellite products

### From Nowcast to Airport Capacity (Phase II)





## Airport Air Traffic Data (for Phase II)



#### HKG 3<sup>nd</sup> IOP (Phase II) for Convection in Northern Hemisphere (mid May – mid Sep 17)

#### • Phase II studies started:

- Flight avoidance study using ADS-B
- Hourly Airport Arrival Rate & Airport
   Departure Rate reduction due to the convective weather
- Aircraft delay using Big Data technology
- Verification:
  - Collection of Global lightning data for convection verification
  - AAR/ADR reduction prediction validation



## Winter IOP-1: YYZ Observations



## Observation-model blended NWC, including verification

System	Acronym	Туре	Status	Variables verified in this work
GEM High Resolution Deterministic Prediction System (2.5km)	HRDPS	NWP	Experimental	T, RH, WS, WD
GEM Regional Deterministic Prediction System (10km)	RDPS	NWP	Operational, Research for CIG and VIS	T, RH, WS, WD, CIG, VIS
CARDS Point Forecast	PTF	Radar-based	Operational	PR
Integrated Nowcasting System	INCS	Blended NWP & Observations	Operational	T, RH, WS, WD
Integrated Weighted Nowcasting (INTW)	INTW	Blended NWP & Observations	Research	T, RH, WS, WD
Aviation Conditional Climatology	ACC, ACC-OBS	Climatology- based	Operational	CIG, VIS

Table 1: Summary of nowcasting systems and their forecasted variables that are verified in this work. Note that for the RDPS, CIG and VIS post-processing algorithms were evaluated in this report.

Nowcasting System	Availability	Format
HRDPS	November 3, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
RDPS	November 3, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
PTF	November 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
INCS	November 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
INTW	November 4, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
ACC	November 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII
ACC-OBS	November 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016	ASCII

Table 3 : Summary of nowcasting system availability during IOP-1 for CYYZ.





Figure 6: (a) HSS scores for the Point Forecast and (b) Persistence at CYYZ during IOP-1. Precipitation categories shown are none (blue), trace (red) and light (green). 95% confidence intervals are indicated by the vertical grey bars at each forecast lead time.

### JNB Satellite-based NWC/SAF RDT radar-based NWC



# Radar data assimilation -WRFDA

- A proposal was submitted for funding to investigate the possibility of running a high temporal (1hr) and spatial (~500m) model with assimilated radar data using WRFDA.
- The project will also introduce seamless based forecasting by attempting to increase lead-time skill by blending the model (WRFDA) with com-SWIRLS extrapolation forecasts.
- Unfortunately the proposal to secure funds to implement WRFDA at the South African Weather Service was not successful.
- The proposal will be resubmitted for funding in the beginning of July 2017. Due to the importance of the work other means of funding are also being investigated.

# Mesoscale Modelling

• SAWS was able to successfully setup a convective scale model (300m) using the UK Met Office Unified Model



Image illustrates the model domain over the ORTIA aerodrome (Black circle)

# CDG

- Collected a few winter weather, cloud ceiling and low visibility cases due to fog and stratus using the 1.3 km resolution, hourly updated, rapid output (15min), NWP Nowcasting system AROME-PI.
- A statistical model which determines on-ground aircraft icing probability has also been developed.
- PEIP to forecast the runway temperature in the <u>CDM@CDG</u> tool. It utilizes atmospheric data from the regional and high-resolution model AROME-France and ground data from a ground model, running every three hours forecasting up to 30 hours.
- A CDM@CDG tool has been developed for diagnostic and assessing the airport conditions for decision-making.



Weather predictions from CDM@CDG tool

Fog prediction by AROME-PI

# IOP2 Winter 16/17

#### Continuous and persistent fog + industrial snow





#### Low visibility (fog) case



Meteo-France's nowcast numerical model allowed the forecasters to anticipate this event.

# SHA



#### **SHA Radar-based + NWP Blended Nowcast**

QPF



0-6h Radar-NWP blending QPF for Nowcast:

- Object based
- COTREC extrapolation
- 3km/10min/Yangtze Delta area

### TRACON forecast for Approach

#### Forecast of weather impact timeline for TRACON (key route points)

Based on the eIAWS-R3R forecast results, this tool forecasts hourly weather impact up to 8 hours for selected TRACON of an airport.







图 10. 航路可用性预报产品示意

#### 30 Mar 2017 precip forecast



系统外推预报对<mark>对流强度</mark>变化具有敏感性,能够在强对流2小时 左右的强盛期(天气影响最强阶段)做出合理的预报。

#### 28 Mar 2017 precip forecast



系统数值模式预报基本能够很好的再现降水的分布范围,在天气系统的落区(位置)预 报方面,较上一代预报系统(世博精细化数 值预报系统、京沪穗中尺度数值预报系统) 有显著改进。

### SHA MET-ATM Impact Translation (Phase II)



#### Questions