

Using Data Analytics to Support Knowledge Based Weather Decision Support Systems in the ATM

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Why Weather Matters to the ATM

Vulnerability...

- More air traffic requires closer spacing, better routing
 - Weather impacts the safe and efficient movement of people and commerce within a finite ground and air transportation grid
- Ground operations impacted by hazardous weather causes delays and impacts passenger comfort
- Airlines becoming more attuned to how the environment affects their business and profit margins











Growth in Weather Data and Information

"Big Data"

Data is predicted to grow 800% over the next five years

- 80% of that data growth will be attributable to unstructured data
- Digital content doubling every 18 months, >80% growth driven from unstructured data

Anticipated Growth in Weather Data

- Upgraded weather radar, new satellites, higher resolution models, and increased observations
 - Capturing and storing the data is simple. It's what one can do with the vast amount of information that is critical...
- Rapid advancements in:
 - environmental probabilistic predictions
 - high performance computing at affordable costs
 - analytic capabilities that rapidly mine and fuse elements of information critical to optimize business decisions

Applying Analytics for Knowledge

Mitigating or "planning out the weather" now feasible and will significantly increase productivity and operations efficiency of weather-sensitive businesses and industries

