

AviCast, CheckTime, Mobile Sensors

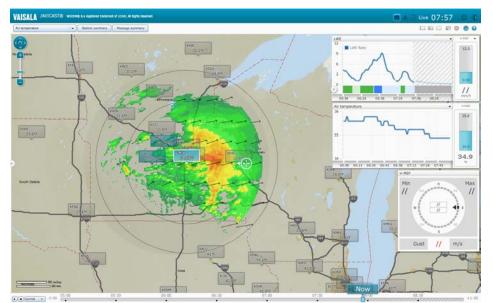
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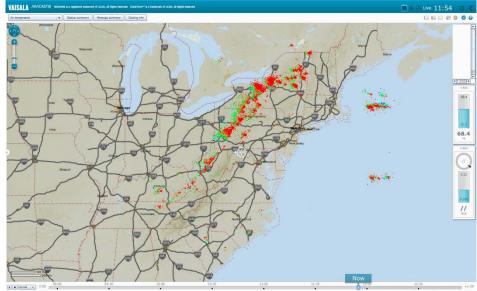
## What is AVICAST?

- Aviation Decision Support System
- Based on NCAR WSDDM Winter Weather Support to Deicing Decision Making
- Uses a combination of Vaisala ground stations and NOAA port information (Radars, METARS, winter weather warnings)
- Vaisala incorporates the NLDN and GLD360 Lightning data for year round use.
- Annual Data Subscription



# Radar, LWE, METARS, Vaisala AviCast Stations

#### Lightning Data



## **CheckTime**

- CheckTime is an NCAR algorithm developed to improve aircraft safety beyond the current snow visibility tables used for generating a HoldOver Time
- Uses actual/reported Liquid Water Equivalent (LWE) information.
- CheckTime evaluates all parameters in the previous 2 hours, to provide the last time an aircraft could have been de-iced, for a specific fluid, to provide de-icing protection of critical aircraft surfaces.
- Advantages over HoldOver Time -
  - How much liquid water has been absorbed by the deicing fluid over the past 2 hours?
  - Has the precipitation intensity changed? (Light Moderate -Heavy)
  - Has the temperature changed?
  - Are we in rain/snow mix?
  - Has wind speed changed?

### **Mobile Surface Sensors**





Mobile sensors have enabled Airport users determine what contaminates are on the runway (or other critical areas), reported surface conditions include snow, ice, and water thickness.