# **Airport Collaborative Decision Making**

#### A-CDM in Germany

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- Airports may become the "bottleneck" in the ATM-System / No connection to the EnRoute phase
- No optimal use of Airport infrastructure and resources Full picture is missing
- Not using all available data "Sitting on Information" Different definitions
- Being reactive rather than pro-active
- We have a blaming culture
- Operational processes at the airports require optimal adjustment between the different partners
- Airport Slots / Airport Schedule / EnRoute Slots are not respected
- The "First come first served" principle no longer applies
- Partner's preferences and priorities are not always taken into account



#### Start and motivation of A-CDM in Germany

It all started in the late 90's, after a very extreme adverse situation experience at Munich Airport

- Joint evaluation meeting was held to investigate what went wrong
  - Airlines; ATC; Airport Operations; Ground handling....

One of the most surprising findings/conclusion was: 





#### Start and motivation of A-CDM in Germany

Despite the same language and although we operate at the same airport
.....we do not understand each other.....

- Abbreviations
- Definitions
- Partners needs
- Reactions
- Way of thinking
- Regulations and requirements
- Processes for problem solving

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different

Or

unknown

 So the very first idea of Collaborative Decision Making was born at Munich airport, with the main focus on:



- ➔ Common Situational Awareness
- → General process during all kind of operations (regular/irregular)
- Coordinated execution of operational processes and decisions
- ➔ No Blame Culture
- → Focus on the overall system "Airport"



- The main challenges and questions in this period were:
  - ➔ Convincing, convincing, convincing, .....
  - → What is my benefit...
  - → What is with my data...
  - → What are the costs....
  - → We have never done this......
  - → Can't we buy a tool....





- After a bumpy start of the first CDM attempt in the early 2000's the decision was taken to start an official ACDM@MUC project in 2004
- Main project partners:
  - Munich Airport Company
  - DFS (ATC)
- Permanent participation of other local partners ensured Airlines, GH, De-Icing Company, etc.



- Close co-operation during the project implementation between ACDM@MUC and Eurocontrol
  - Proof of concept for European Airport operation programme
  - Support of European harmonisation and standardization issues
  - Joint development of ATFM network connection



#### **Implementation basics - Definition**

- Airport CDM is an overall operational process supporting an optimized TurnRound at an airport for all stakeholder/partner
- Airport CDM is about people and processes, not just about tools



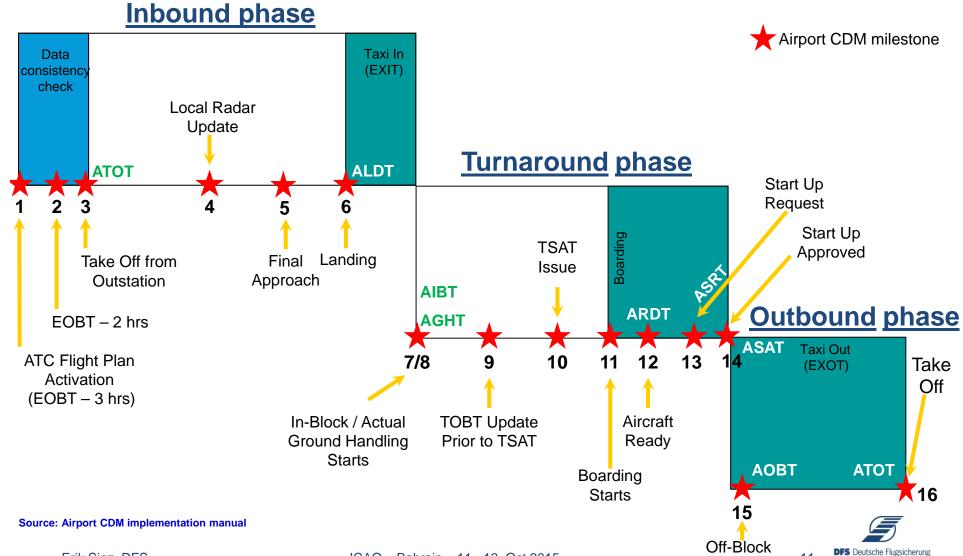
#### **Process – Essentials**





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The original Airport CDM process has 16 defined process milestones

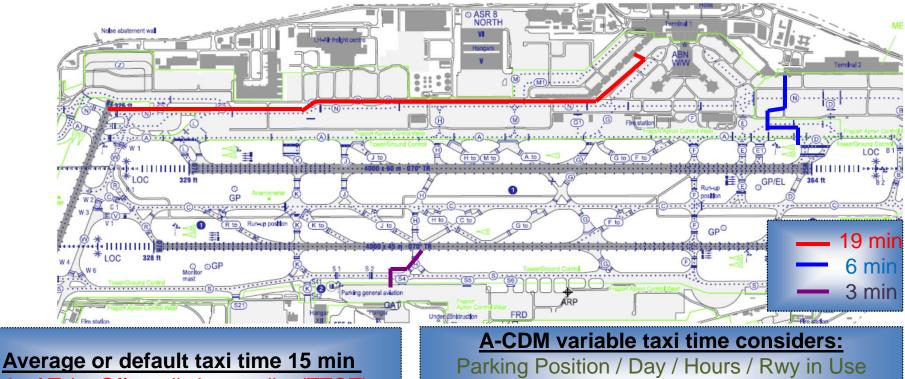


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Transparency and Information Sharing is the most important basic step to ensure "Common Situational Awareness" for all partners



 The use of Variable Taxi Times (VTT) replaces "NMOC Default Taxi Times" and ensures better prediction of Target Take of Times

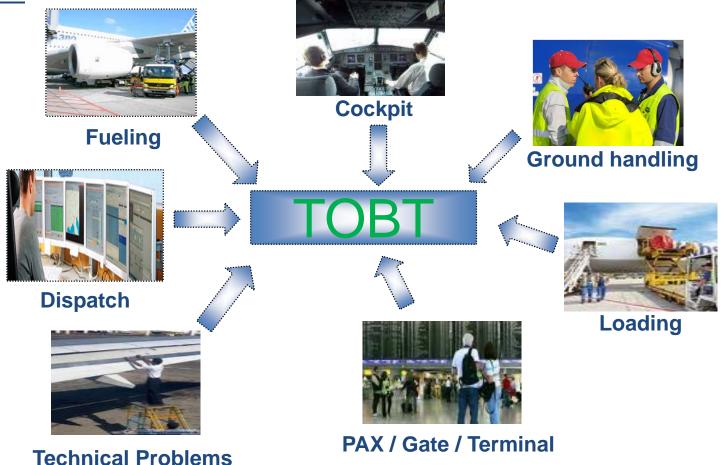


= lack of Take Off prediction quality (TTOT)
= Non realistic CTOT for regulated flights

Parking Position / Day / Hours / Rwy in Use = Optimized Pre Dep Sequencing (TSAT) = High quality of Take Off predictability (TTOT) = Realistic CTOT for regulated flights

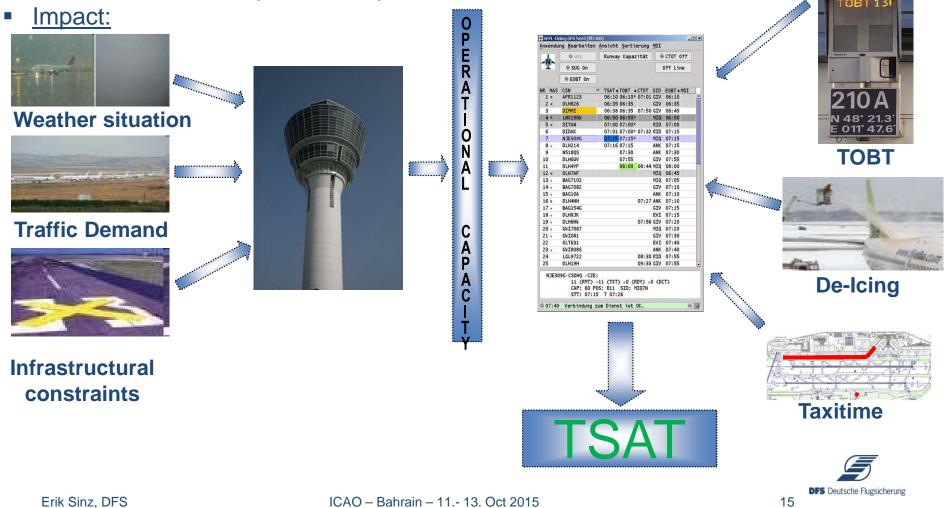


- The Target Off Block Time (TOBT), as the estimation of aircraft ready, is the Airline commitment to the A-CDM process
- Impact:

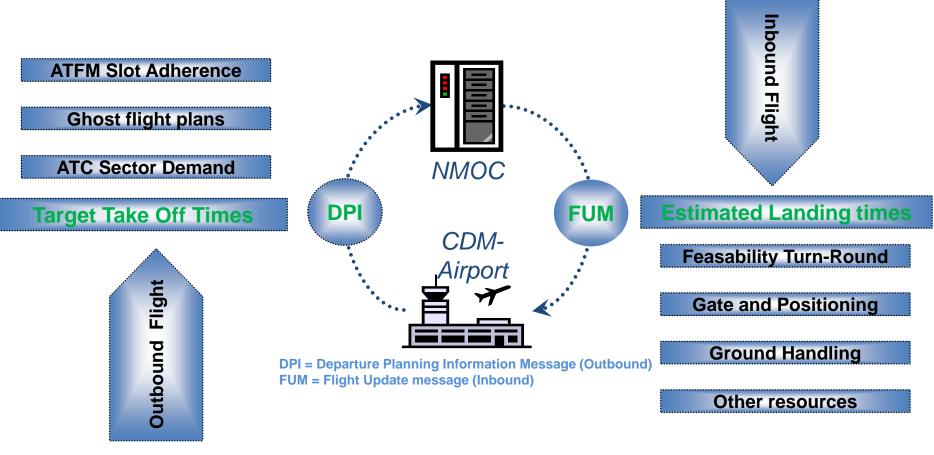




- Target Start Up Approval Time TSAT is the Airport CDM commitment to the process
- Introduction of TSAT based on TOBT, VTT, CTOT and real operational capacity as driver for the "Pre Departure Sequence"



 Linking the airport into the European ATFM network by exchanging reliable In – and Outbound estimates/target times through automated Data exchange with ATFM (NMOC)"



For countries or regions without C-ATFM – Connect your adjacent ATC units

#### Results

- Airport CDM at Munich Airport including local issues was successfully implemented in 2007
  - Foundation of European and German harmonisation/standardization
- Airport CDM projects started in FRA; DUS; BER; STR; HAM
  - Based on European and German harmonisation/standardization
- A German A-CDM harmonisation initiative group was founded

#### **Objectives**:

- Exchange of information and best practices between the different German CDM airports
- Achieve a common understanding of A-CDM in Germany and represent this understanding to the European Airport CDM harmonization process

#### "One face to the customer"

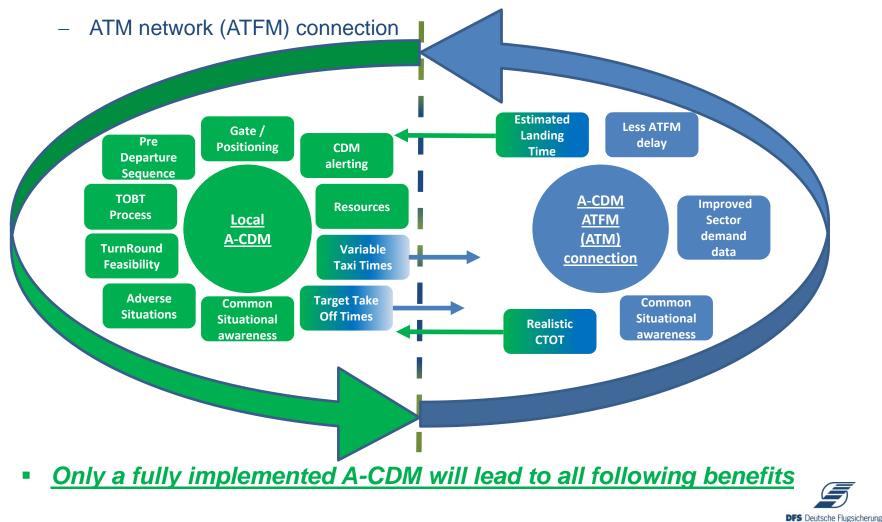


#### **Results**

	Munich	Frankfurt	Berlin	Düsseldorf	Stuttgart	Hamburg
DFS Project - Partner	FMG - Airport Company	Fraport - Airport Company	FBB - Airport Company	FDG - Airport Company	FSG - Airport Company	FHG - Airport Company
Movements	400.000	500.000	70.000	217.000	121.000	145.000
Runways	2	4	1	2	1	2
Project start	9/2004	8/2008	8/2009	7/2009	12/2009	9/2011
Project end	7/2007	2/2011	5/2014	4/2013	10/2014	Planned 12/2015
ATFM connection (NMOC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Planned
Status	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Project phase
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## **Components benefical to Airport CDM**

- There are two main components beneficial to a fully implemented A-CDM:
  - Local A-CDM process/implementation



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### Results

#### Local results:

- Common Situational Awareness reached
- Very good involvement of all operational partners achieved
- Improved ground handling processes due to TOBT
- Reduction in controller workload
- No Blame culture due to a commonly shared A-CDM
- Local and ATFM network benefits measured and proven
- Improved programmability due to increased stability for all operational processes (Airlines, Airport; ATC) based on reliable target times (TOBT/TSAT/TTOT)
- Decrease in Taxi times
- Best use of available capacity
- A-CDM one of the key drivers for increasing the declared capacity



# **Results – Before / After Implementation**

→ decrease of approximately 2 min

➔ increase of approximately 20 %

data and process quality

 $\rightarrow$  decrease of taxi time 10%

 $\rightarrow$  0,5% decrease = 250 flights

turnround process

 $\rightarrow$  4.5% increase

→ 80 to 90 % of arrival delay could

be reduced or absorbed during the

→ almost no flight without airport slot

 $\rightarrow$  reduced to a minimum (1%) due to better



- Waiting time at the runway
- **ATFM CTOT adherence**
- Airport Slot adherence
- Late position/gate changes
- Impact of arrival delay on departure flights
- Taxi time
- Punctuality
- Less cancelled flights during adverse situations 5000 flights/y.
- A-CDM one of the key drivers for increasing the declared capacity (1 to 4 movements per hour in average)



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## Conclusion

- Airport CDM:
  - Ensures an overall process for all stakeholder
  - Is not an IT-Tool it just needs some supporting tools
  - Considers stakeholder's needs
  - Requires cooperation of all stakeholder
  - Improves the operational efficiency at airports
  - Is "No-Blame-Culture"
  - Connects the airport to the ATM network (ATFM or ATC)
  - It is not cost intensive
  - Is not "rocket science"
  - Allows to being pro-active instead of reactive
  - Benefits are measured and proven
  - Means: "Best planned best served"





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