Aeronautical Data Quality – A New Challenge for Surveyors

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Introduction and Motivation



- International air traffic has reached its limitations due to steady growth and demands optimization of the air traffic management
- ICAO initiated a cooperation of
 - aircraft industries
 - airlines
 - airports
 - air traffic control
 - surveyors
 - FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)
 - EUROCONTROL
 - EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency)

Result: demand for modern air traffic management with

aspects of data quality, integrity, reliability and assurance

Global Air Traffic Management Operational Concept, 2003

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EU Initiative



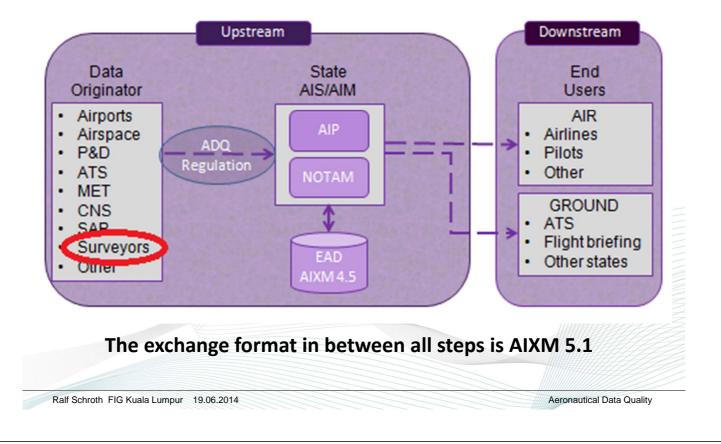
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- 2004: Frame concept (ICAO standards integrated)
- 2004: European Commission Regulation about Interoperability including aims for interoperability, safety, cost efficiency and environment protection
- 2009: European Air Traffic Management Master Plan, with focus on aeronautical data and aeronautical information
- 2010: European Commission Regulation 73/2010, requirements on the quality of aeronautical data and aeronautical information for the European single sky









Aeronautical Data Quality



- Structured electronic data
- Lossless transfers
- Electronic work flow management
- Documentation of all involved parties and individuals
- Documentation of purchase order, used equipment, calibration reports, date and time of operations, used software, reference information (datum)
- All coordinates are x, y, z (as attribute) and time
- Complete chain must be ADQ compliant
- Due to the amount of metadata the complete history can be recovered



- The latest version of the Aeronautical Information Exchange Model is AIXM 5.1
- Enable interoperability between the actors of the aeronautical data chain
- Some rules:
 - unified modeling language (UML) or feature catalogue
 - temporality concept (time slice objects)
 - geographical information spatial concept, i.e. points, curves and surfaces
- Data encoding by Extensible Markup Language (XML) resp. GML for geographical data which should be provided by standard GIS software

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AIXM 5.1



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• Example of dynamic feature (here runway) with time slice property

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ADQ and Surveyors



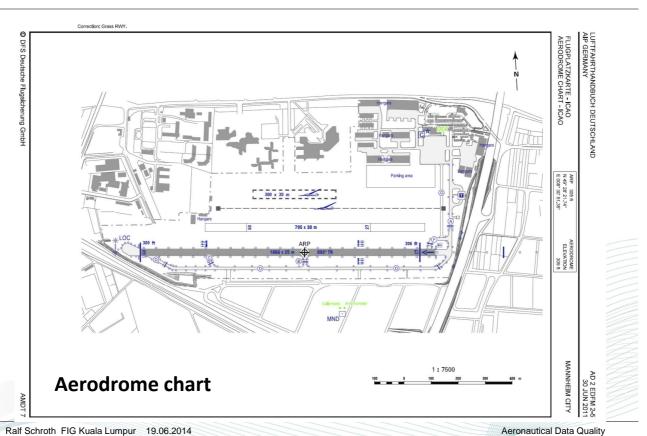
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- Surveyors are involved in capturing and updating terrain, obstacle and aerodrome data, called ETOD
- This information will be published later in the AIP, the aeronautical information package
- Defined by ICAO:
 - feature catalogue
 - horizontal reference system WGS 84
 - (geographic coordinate system)
 - height reference system EGM 96
 - temporal reference Gregorian calendar and UTC
- All data transformations to be documented in metadata
- Each action and interaction to be documented including personalized data

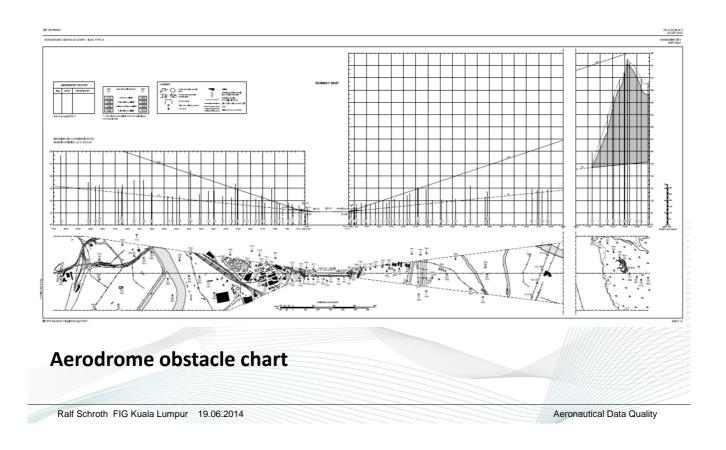
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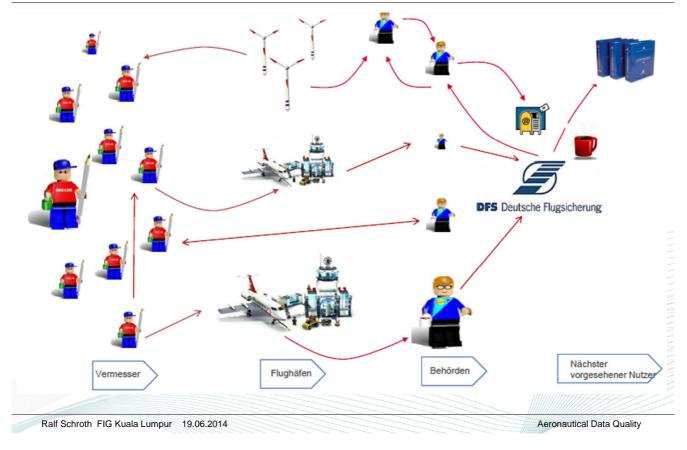
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- Demand for electronic work flow management system starting from incoming purchase orders at the surveyors office as data originator till the delivery of AIXM data
- Not covered by standard office software
- GIS suppliers are on their way like ESRI (limited to AIXM 4) or Bentley 's MAP Airport Data Model (just GML)
- Extensive variety of metadata to be delivered

ADQ and Surveyors





ADQ – Next Steps



- Surveyors community has very few awareness of the actual situation to be compliant with FAA and ADQ regulations
- 2 Service Providers coming from aeronautical information services and surveying services teamed up and offering
 - consultancy
 - training
 - work flow management and audit
 - AIXM 5.1 conversion

in this new field of Aeronautical Data Quality



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