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UK Experience on CT Checkpoint deployment





The Problem

- Cabin Baggage screening has always been done with 2D x-ray systems
- No EDS just operator viewing all images
- EDS capability brings step change in detection capability
 - Allows for passenger facilitation
 - Electronics/Liquids in bags
- With new technology brings new challenges
 - Training of staff
 - Approval of equipment
 - Integration of systems
 - Changes to CON-OPS
 - Everything back in the bag
 - Monitoring of changes



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Take Home

EDS-CB has challenges to think through to be successful
BUT

- Trials have shown that deployment is viable
- Security Improves
- Passenger experience improves
- Throughput is increased
- IPP is decreased

EDS-CB is a platform and process to improve security, current
algorithm are not the end game

- Automatic prohibited items detection
- Increase threat range
- Image only on alarm
- Other technologies for resolution process



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By Jane Wakefield
Technology reporter

6 June 2019

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UK To Mandate 3D Cabin Baggage Screening Equipment at Major Airports

by Cathy Buyck - August 26, 2019, 12:58 PM



Under plans announced by prime minister Boris Johnson on Sunday, the UK will require that all major airports in the country install state-of-the-art 3D cabin baggage screening equipment by December 1, 2022. The new computed tomography (CT) scanners will enable passengers to keep liquids and electrical equipment, like laptops, in their cabin baggage while it is screened, the UK Department for Transport (DfT) said, while revealing also that "once in place, the 100 ml liquid limit may no longer apply and passengers could take liquids, like a bottle of water, through security." The CT technology applies sophisticated algorithms to detect explosives and other threats by creating a 3-D image that can be viewed and rotated 260 degrees for a thorough analysis.



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UK airports ordered to use 3D baggage scanners by 2022

Government enforces use of technology to cut 'hassle' for passengers at security check

Patrick Collinson
Sun 25 Aug 2019 16:39 BST

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▲ Scanning technology could end the requirement for passengers to put liquids in plastic bags. Photograph: David Rowland/Alamy



To get to success – Trial and background work

Setting Requirements to allow a trial

- Image Quality
- TIP
- Training
- Moving at the right pace

• Monitoring of Performance

- Regular TIP reports
- Overt Testing
- Cover Testing
- Regular updates from airports

- As regulators looking to the long term need to think about
 - Image Quality Requirements
 - How TIP will look with multiple CON-OPS and different Technologies
 - Do the integrated systems function as we think
 - Trays – what are the effects of new things going through the approved scanner



Training & Moving at the right pace

- Use of 3D emulator before moving to the real 3D system machine, which made it much smoother and easier for officers to go from 2D to 3D
 - 3D perceived as easier than 2D for screeners
 - Screening time higher to start with but quickly reduces
 - Screener reluctant to go back to 2D

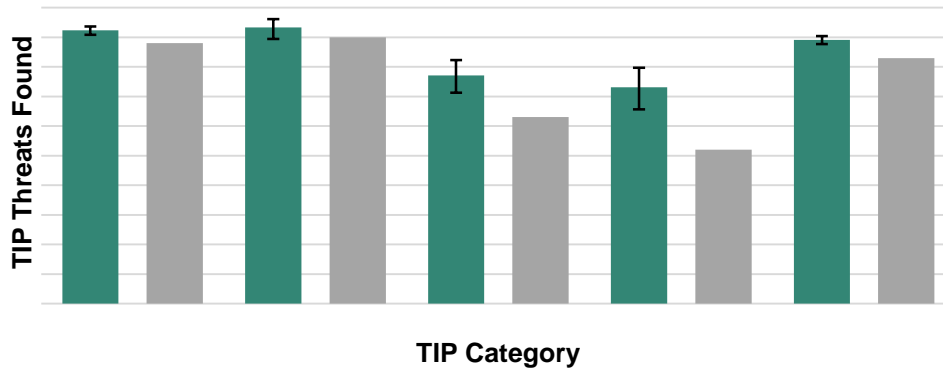
All Trials began with the current CON-OPS (electronics and liquids out of Bags)

- At 300 TIP events if scores were at least equivalent to current systems CON-OPS was moved on to allow electronics in bags (C" CON-OPS)
- At 300 TIP event in that CON-OPS if no deterioration of performance move to liquids and electronics in bags (C3)



Monitoring a Trial – Both security & process

TIP Scores - C3 (CT) CONOPs vs Conventional



Running Overt and covert test

Overt; where an image is presented to an operator and they are told a threat is present and asked to identify it

Covert: Where baggage with threats present are passed through the scanner by someone posing as a travelling member of the public

Average Time	Conventional	CT C3
Divest	52s	43s
Redress	51s	42s
Bag Search	2m 10s	1m 25s
Overall	3:49	2:36



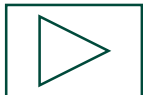
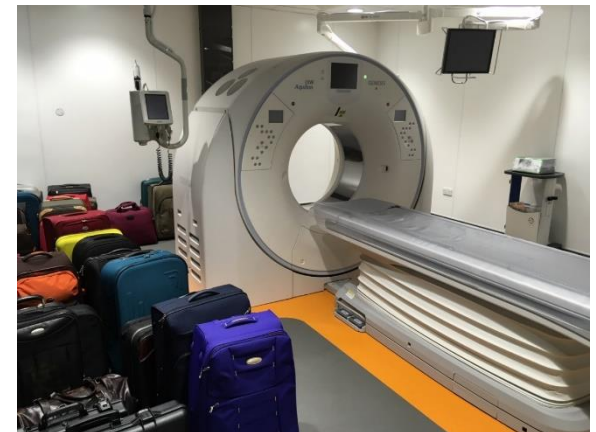
3D Image Quality

The Problem

- No IQ standard exists for 3D systems
- All 2D systems must meet an IQ standard

The Solution

- To produce evidence to inform development of an Image Quality (IQ) standard for Computed Tomography (CT) scanners used in aviation security
- Design and conduct an experiment to look for relationship between CT IQ and screener threat detection





Threat Image Projection (TIP)

- TIP software and imagery
- TIP libraries
- Performance data and recording
- User interface and feedback messages
- Access and security
- TIP reporting database
- TIP requirements and acceptance testing for automatic screening lanes and X-ray systems
- TIP Roles and Responsibilities

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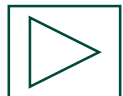
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Third Party Integration (3PI) User Requirement Document

- Document is for both Airports & Manufactures
- URD layouts what compliance looks like
 - Incorporates TIP URD
 - Incorporates Cyber URD
 - Incorporates approvals process
- How compliance is achieved
 - How compliance is maintained i.e configuration control
 - How airports will routinely demonstrate compliance
- Draft sent to Manufactures and airports for comment
 - Received comments back





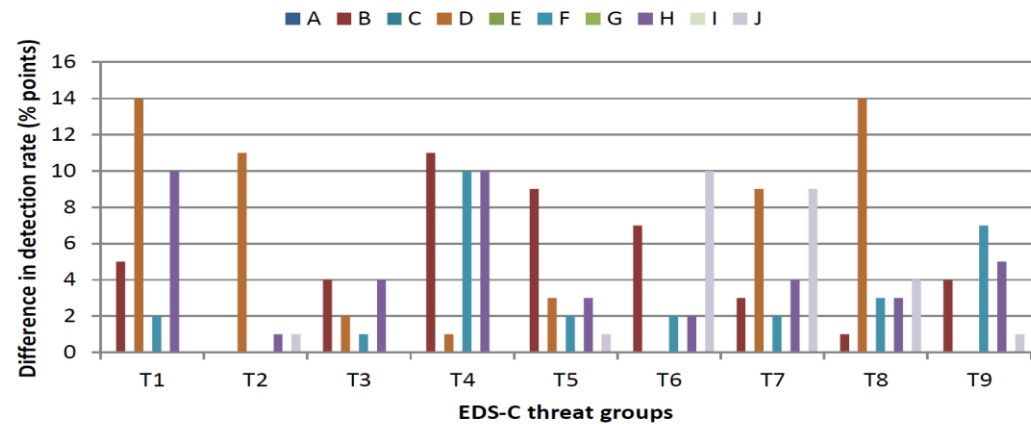
Trays (The law of unintended Consequences)

The Problem

- There are many different trays for tray return systems
- Do these trays affect the algorithm performance?



- The Solution
- Conduct test to verify if trays have an effect
- If do consider responses





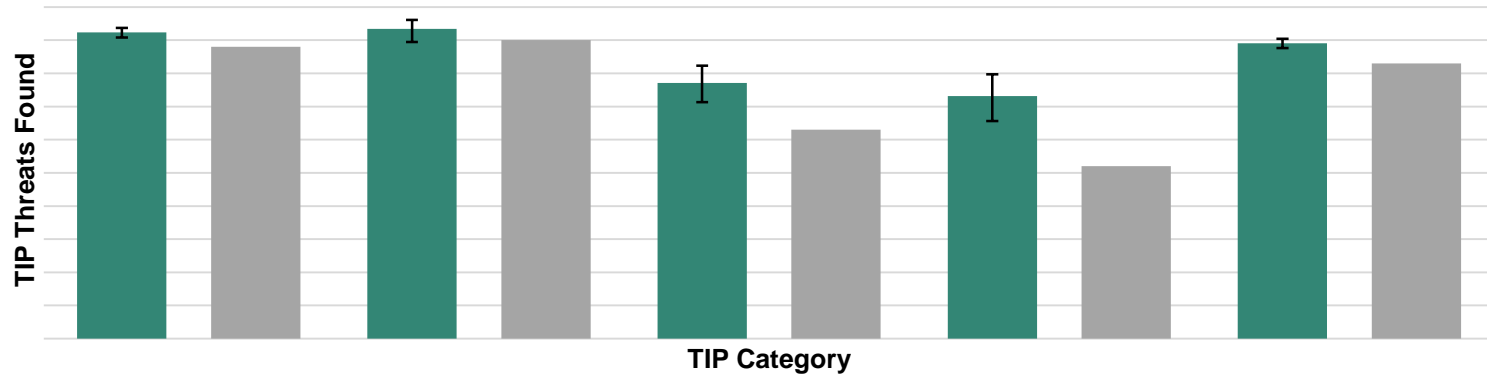
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Results when Trial Planned well

TIP Scores - C3 (CT) CONOPs vs Conventional



CT system running C3 CON-OPS



Conventional 2D system (liquids and electronics out of bag)



Not Just for Security

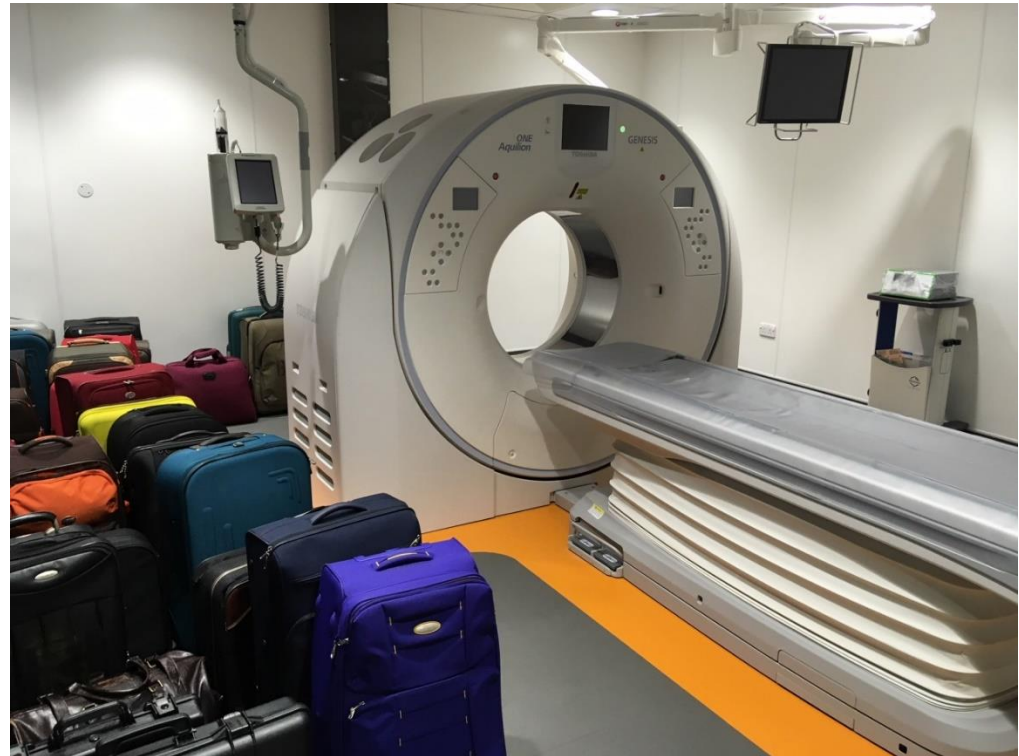
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In this example the CT lane reduces the passenger security journey time, from the point of collecting a tray to finishing redressing, by 30% on average



Experimental Design

- ▶ Measure detection on a data set for a range of different image qualities
- ▶ Do this by collecting high quality X-ray images and degrading to lower quality
- ▶ Focus initially on spatial resolution, with potential to extend to other parameters later





Data set design – Two Parts

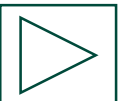
- Part A designed to address the question of alarm resolution
- Akin to HBS screening

- Part B Can you find an unknown threat in a bag?
- Only used IED
- Akin to Cabin Baggage screening



Slice vs 3D view

- How important is the slice view?
- Therefore trial will be conducted with and without it





Threat Image Projection (TIP)

The Problem

- ▶ TIP in 2D
 - ▶ 1000 Threat images
 - ▶ Easy to project into 2D bag
- ▶ TIP in 3D
 - ▶ 6000 images
 - ▶ Some use FTI which is difficult
 - ▶ Some use CTI, time consuming to create
- ▶ Both libraries require 10% update each year



TIP User Requirements Document

- ▶ DfT reviewed all existing TIP regulation and guidance:
 - ▶ Existing national guidance.
 - ▶ ECAC Document 30.

- ▶ Discovered a number of areas that were out of date or conflicting.

- ▶ From this a single document was created containing:
 - ▶ Updated versions of existing guidance
 - ▶ New guidance for EDS-CB



User Requirements

- ▶ The TIP URD is set out as a formal requirements document, with each line assigned a URD Number for ease of reference, for example:
- ▶ **URD001** The TIP management system (TMS) **shall not** interfere with the normal functioning and operation of the X-ray or EDS-CB machine. Fundamentally, the computer **should** have adequate processing power to run TIP without adversely affecting the quality of the X-ray image, the TIP image or the effectiveness of the normal functions.
- ▶ The words **shall** (and **shall not**) denote a requirement.
- ▶ The words **should** (and **should not**) denote a point of guidance.





Third Party Integration (3PI)

The Problem

- ▶ For EDS-CB to work x-ray systems need to be integrated with tray return systems and sometimes third party software
- ▶ None of these are regulated and the effects on integration unknown

The Solution

- ▶ Develop means to test integrated systems
- ▶ Develop guidance document and approval process



Issues where Found

- ▶ Images not always appearing
- ▶ Bags appearing at reject station for unknown reason
- ▶ Cues being given that a TIP was being presented
- ▶ TIP not being presented in correct ratios
- ▶ TIP related data was lost
- ▶ TIP recorded in incorrect categories
- ▶ Performance data not being recorded accurately
- ▶ TIP library images being cropped
- ▶ TPIS distribution methods leading to unfavourable TIP projection ratios
- ▶ Multiple trays appearing on splash screen



Approval Process – What is being tested

Full configurations must demonstrate TIP compliance

- ▶ the Threat Image Projection (TIP) to bag ratio
- ▶ bag range
- ▶ random ratio
- ▶ feedback message and timings
- ▶ inclusion and exclusion of library images
- ▶ user database

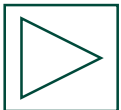
In addition to testing TIP functionality, the effectiveness of the following will also be tested:

- ▶ Tracking of X-ray images from initial creation through the system to ensure that all images are viewed by an operator and, where rejected, all images are correctly displayed at the search station.
- ▶ Assurance that decisions taken by the X-ray operator are actioned correctly by the Tray Return System (TRS), e.g. when an image is rejected, the correct bag is physically rejected.
- ▶ Validation of automated data used to demonstrate regulatory compliance, ensuring that the data produced matches reality.
- ▶ Examining and understanding discrepancies that arise between totals of bag counts coming from the X-ray machine and that generated by TPIS.



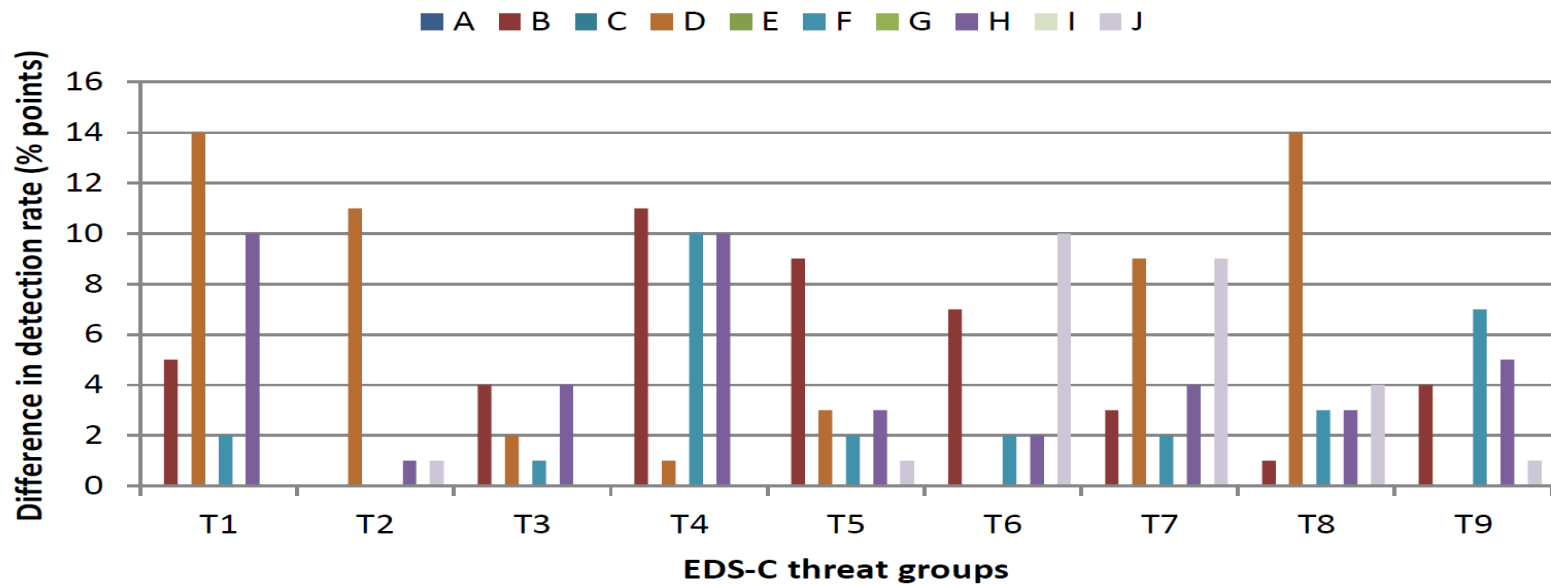
Configuration Control

- ▶ A System is approved with one set of Hardware and software
- ▶ Any change to the approved set-up would require requalification
- ▶ Any changes requiring re-approval would have to happen at TMS supplier
 - ▶ This would require re-doing full test?
 - ▶ This would be independently verified
- ▶ Configuration control will be a RAG status
 - ▶ Red – Full re-test
 - ▶ Amber – manufacture can supply evidence that no re-test is needed
 - ▶ Green – no retest is needed





The problem Graphically (Trays have an affect)





A range of solutions considered

- ▶ Standardise or ban trays
- ▶ Full ECAC test on each tray
- ▶ Reduced ECAC Test
- ▶ Make Trays a variable in test
- ▶ Develop a set of vulnerability tests
- ▶ Use of simulants to measure Pd outside of test centre
- ▶ Develop and use a test piece
- ▶ Allow OEMs to submit data
- ▶ Approve based on physical properties
- ▶ Don't worry about trays just allow their use with out certification



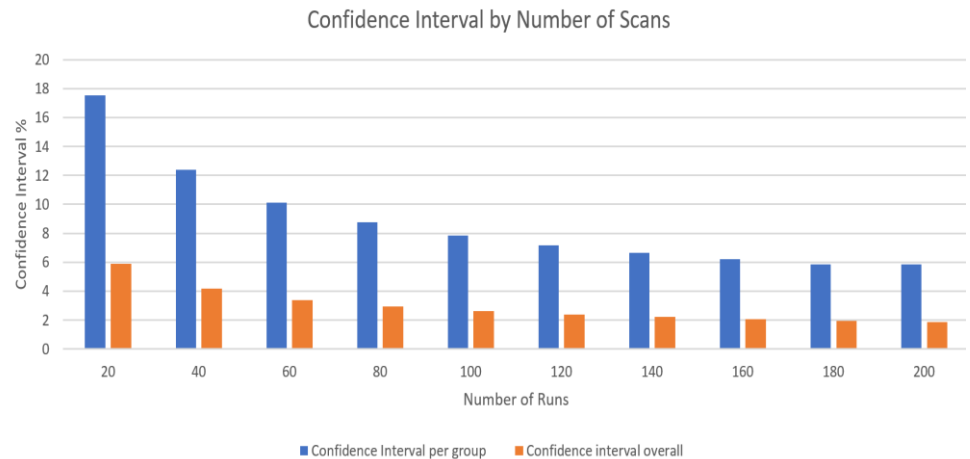
Concept of Reduced Test

Determine most important aspects of test to demonstrate tray compliance

- ▶ From data this is always for lowest mass test
- ▶ Test should look at just lowest mass
- ▶ Would still involve the full run for lowest mass

Additionally

- Develop specific tests to investigate areas of weakness
- Add these excursion tests to the current certification process





Develop a Test Piece

- ▶ ANSI standard has demonstrated for TSA compliance on configuration control
- ▶ DfT to research test piece for both 3D & 2D systems
- ▶ Will link IQ metrics to known detection results

