

# COMSOFT Presentation Surveillance Data Networking (RADNET, RMCDE)



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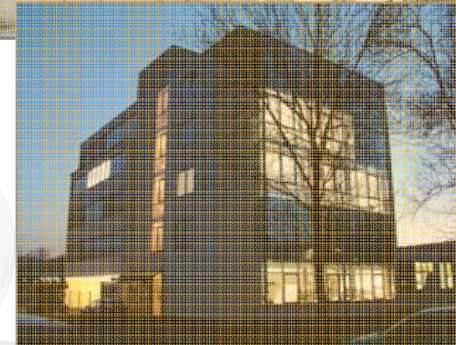
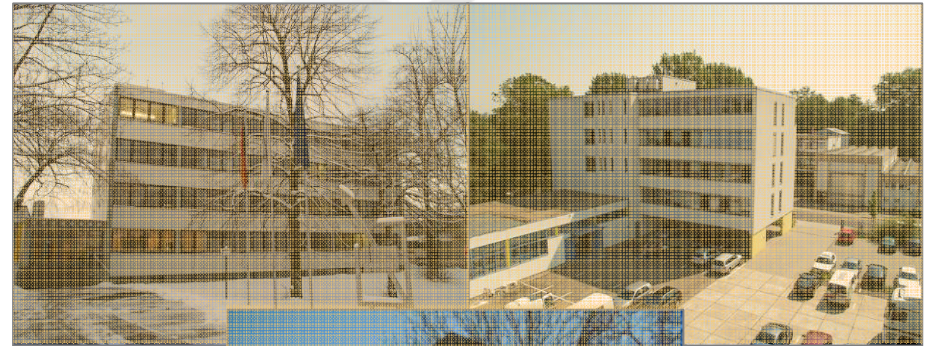


## Presentation Overview

- **Part I:**  
**COMSOFT Company Profile and Product Portfolio**
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**Surveillance Data Networking: RMCDE**
- **Part II b):**  
**Surveillance Data Networking: RADNET**



# Location



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# History in a Nutshell

**COMSOFT**

**1979**

Foundation of COMSOFT



**1989**

EUROCONTROL contract for European Surveillance Network



**1997**

COMSOFT AMHS system chosen as candidate for ECG

**CAMOS**

**2001**

Contract for 5-year term of ARTAS support (CAMOS)

**CAMOS**

**2007**

Renewal of CAMOS contract until 2012

1980

Entering the Industrial Communication market

**1979**

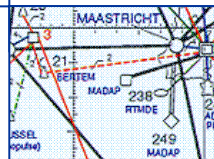
1990

Entering the ATC market

**1989**

22 operational RADNET Nodes

**1994**



2000

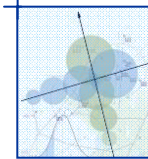
RAPS is certified as ASTERIX Reference & Test Tool

**1998**



First safety net solution (STCA) launched

**2003**



COMSOFT enters market for ADSB MLAT

**2006**



2010

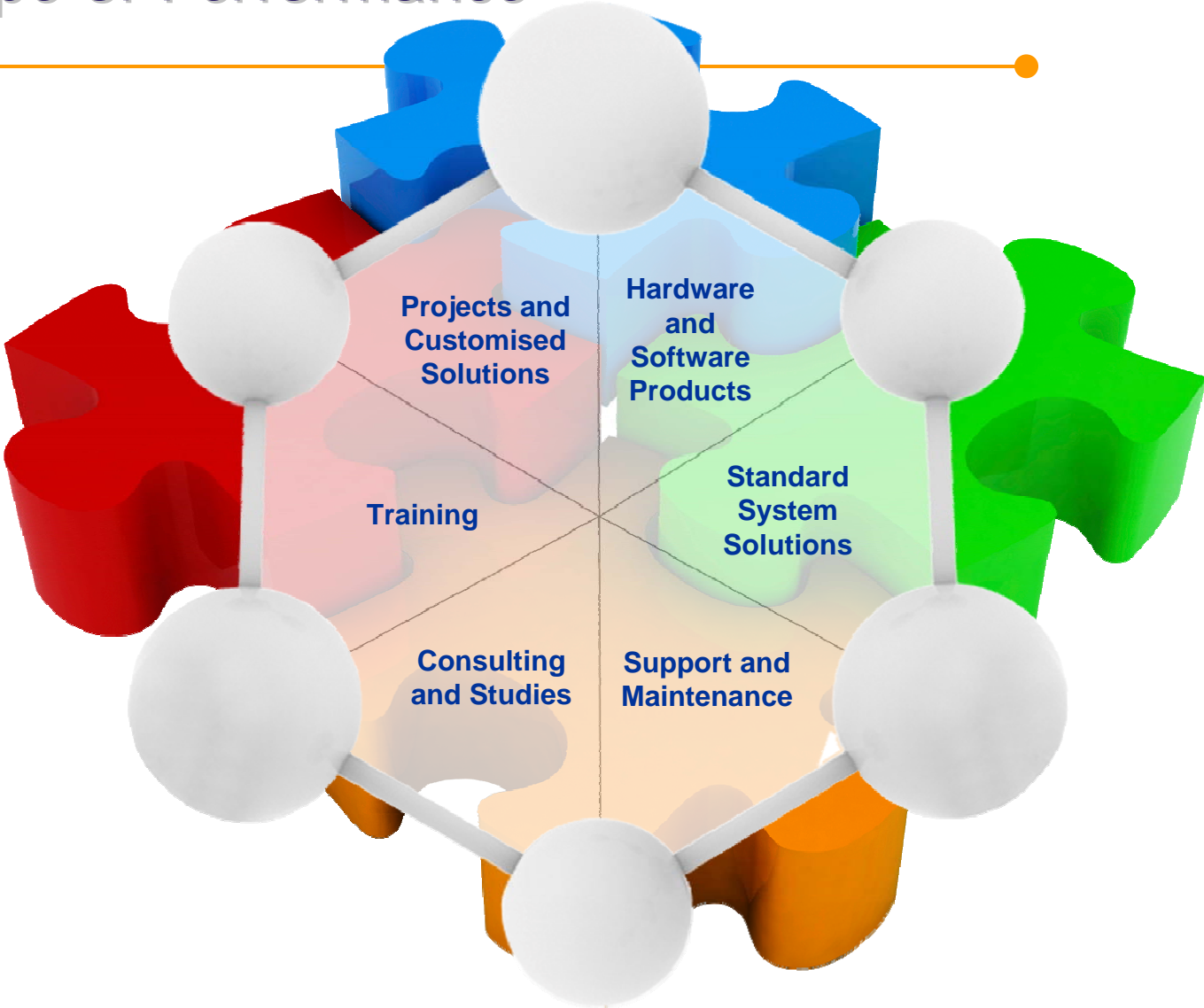
COMSOFT adds FDPS to product portfolio

**2007**





# Scope of Performance





# Quality, Safety & Standards

## Quality Management

- 1993: COMSOFT was awarded the ISO 9001 certificate
- 2003: upgrade to 9001:2000 standard
- Constant quality control

## Safety Management

- We work according to the widespread standards IEC 61508 and EURO CAE ED-109
- Proven ESARR 4/ESARR 6 compliant project execution
- EC 552/2004 conformant deliverables

## Standards

- Active contribution to harmonization in ATM is one of our permanent objectives
- Our participation in defining evolving standards in international working groups is a reward for past achievements as well as a motivation for the future

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## Membership in International Organisations & Working Groups



- **ATCA**  
Air Traffic Control Association
- **CANSO**  
Civil Air Navigation Service Organisation
- **SDDR-TF**  
Surveillance Data Division Requirements Task Force  
Eurocontrol EATMP working group
- **RDEFG**  
Radar Data Exchange Focus Group
- **SUGCT**  
Surveillance User Group on Center Tools  
Eurocontrol EATMP working group
- **AUG**  
ARTAS User Group
- **CCB**  
CAMOS Configuration Board



## Membership in International Organisations & Working Groups



- **EUROCAE**  
Working Group 50, Sub-Group 4,  
Ground Recording Requirements
- **EUR AFS**  
ICAO working group on CIDIN/AFTN
- **AFSG**  
ICAO working group on ATN panels
- **CUG**  
CIDIN User Group  
Former EUR AFS WG 3



# Map of Customers

EUROCONTROL DCA (Zimbabwe)





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Aeronautical Message Handling



## COMSOFT in the CAR/SAM region



- **CORPAC – Peru**

**2008: Installation and commissioning of a state-of-the-art Aeronautical Message Handling System.**





## EUROCONTROL Project Sample - ETFMS/DDS

### Enhanced Tactical Flow Management System – Data Distribution System

**Customer:**

- EUROCONTROL

**Objectives:**

- Feedback of information about overall European air situation to EUROCONTROL member states
- Provision of enlarged air situation picture beyond own FIR borders

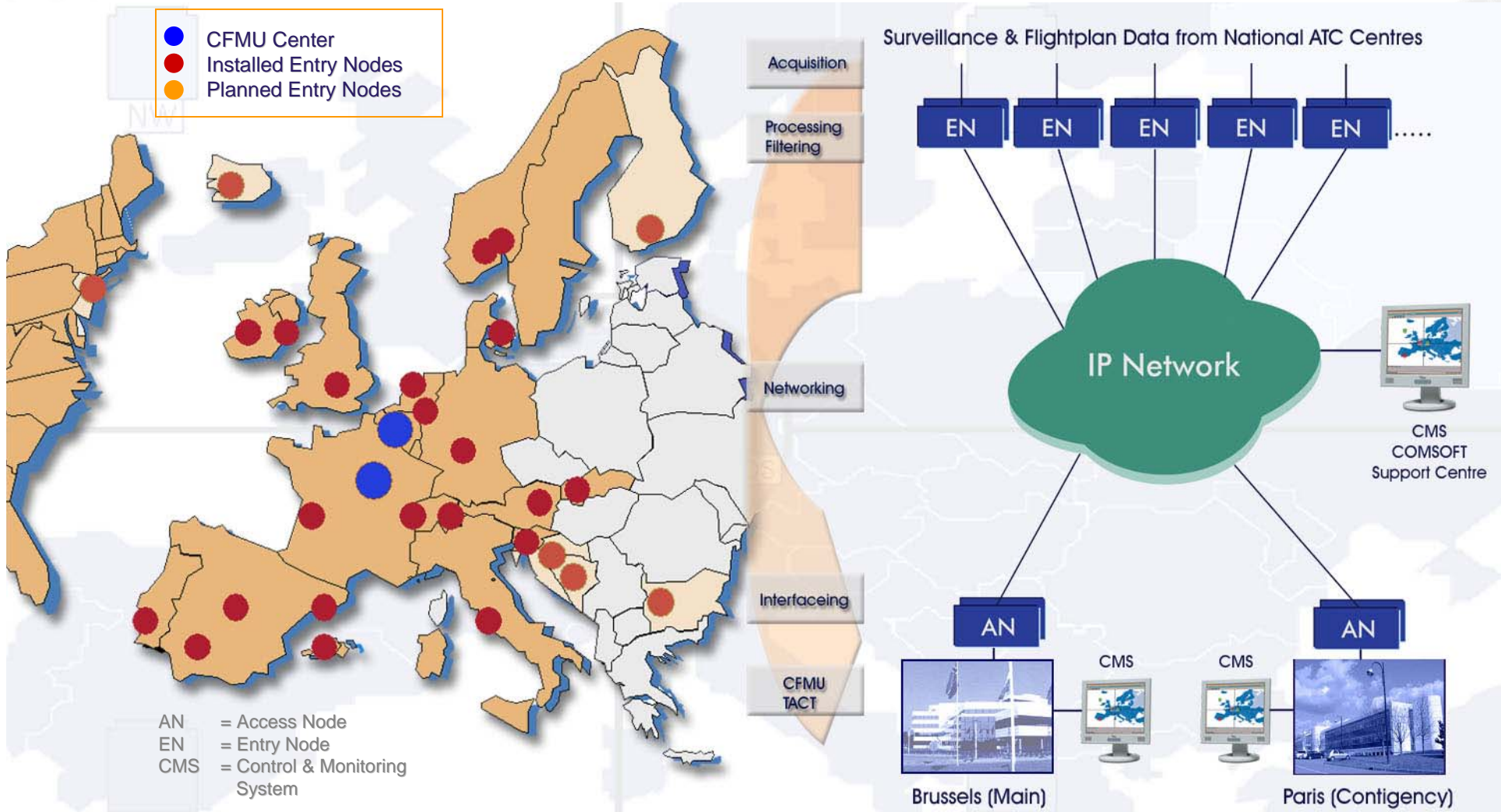
**Project:**

- Contracted in 08/2002
- Main phase acceptance in spring 2004





# ETFMS Network





# ATM/ATC Divisions & Product Spectrum

Surveillance Communication □ □ □ □ Aeronautical Message Handling □ □ □ □ Air Situation Displays



Surveillance Data Processing □ Recording & Replay □ Control & Monitoring □ Surveillance Support Tools




# Aeronautical Message Handling

Surveillance Communication □ □ □ □ **Aeronautical Message Handling** □ □ □ □ Air Situation Displays

**Aeronautical Message Handling**

- Message Handling systems & gateways for all sizes of applications
- Aeronautical e-services, aeronautical data access systems
- Aeronautical information systems



Surveillance Data Processing □ Recording & Replay □ Control & Monitoring □ Surveillance Support Tools





# MHS References in Europe

**NATS, UK**  
 Locations: Heathrow and Gatwick  
 2 redundant  
 AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS systems  
 1 redundant  
 AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS test system

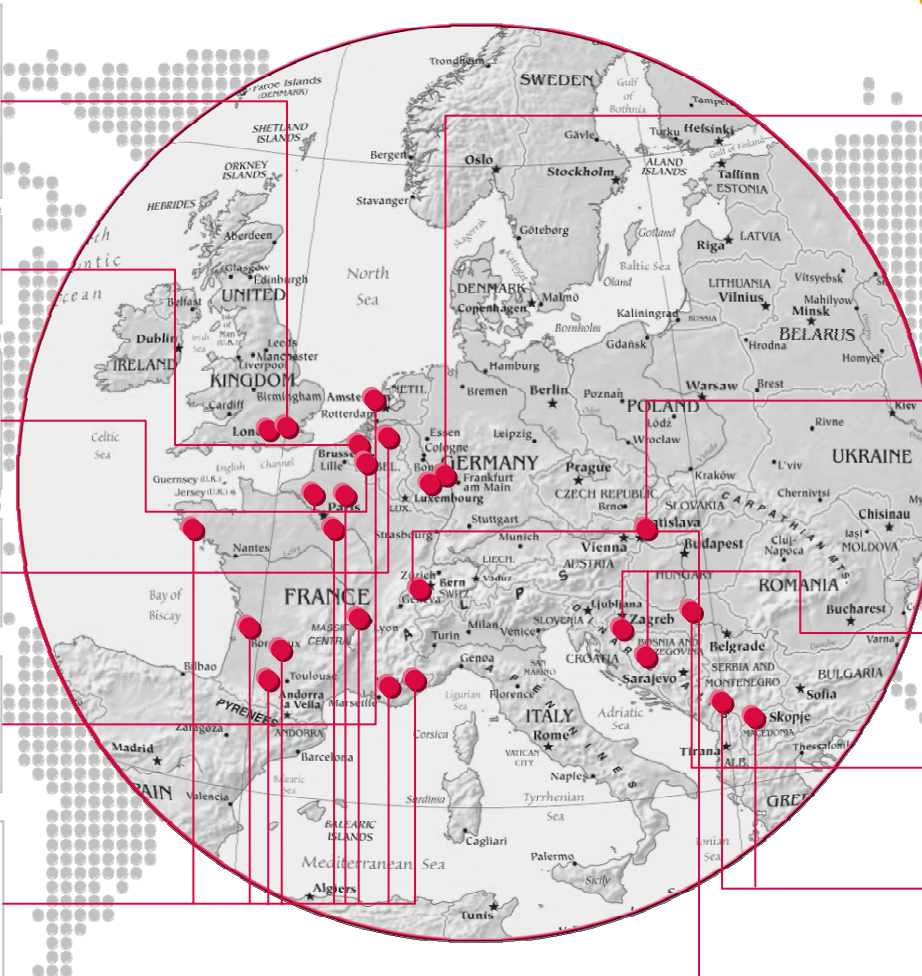
**EUROCONTROL**  
 Location: Brussels  
 AMHS ECG Reference System

**EUROCONTROL, CFMU**  
 Locations: Brussels and Paris  
 4 redundant  
 AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS systems

**EUROCONTROL**  
 Location: Maastricht UAC  
 1 redundant AFTN/CIDIN Switch

**LVNL, the Netherlands**  
 Location: Amsterdam  
 1 redundant AFTN/CIDIN switch  
 1 redundant test/development system

**DSNA (Project: MESANGE), France**  
 Location: Toulouse, Bordeaux, Reims, Athis-Mons, Brest, Aix-en-Provence, Aéroport de Nice, Aéroport de Lyon, Aéroport de Blagnac



**DFS, Germany**  
 Locations: Frankfurt and Langen  
 3 redundant  
 AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS systems  
 first operational AMHS connection in Europe (to Spain)

**LPS, Slovakia**  
 Location: Bratislava  
 1 redundant operational AMHS/CIDIN/AFTN systems + 1 single contingency AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS system  
 1 redundant disaster recovery AMHS/CIDIN/AFTN system + 1 single contingency AFTN/CIDIN/AMHS system

**BHDCA, Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
 Location: Sarajevo and Banja Luka  
 2 redundant AFTN switches

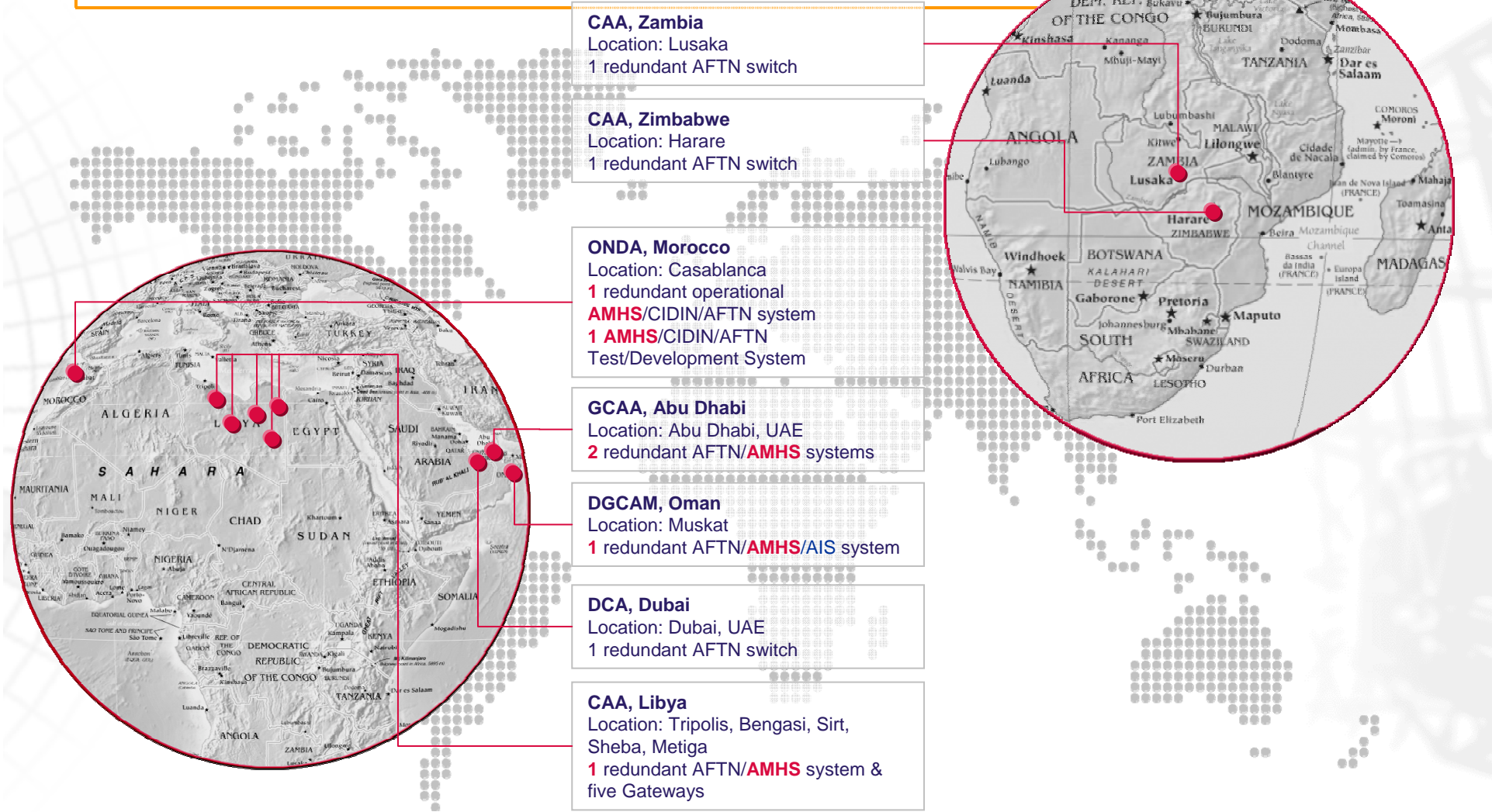
**SMATSA, Serbia and Montenegro**  
 Location: Belgrade  
 1 redundant AFTN switch

**MCAA, Macedonia**  
 Location: Skopje and Ohrid  
 1 redundant AFTN/AMHS system

**Skyguide (Project: MESANGE), Switzerland**  
 Location: Geneva



# MHS References in Middle East & Africa





# MHS References in Asia Pacific



**AAI, India**  
 Location: New Delhi  
 1 redundant operational  
 AMHS/AFTN system

**CAA, Macau**  
 Location: Macau  
 1 redundant AFTN/AMHS system

**ATO, Philippines**  
 Location: Manila  
 1 redundant AFTN/AMHS system

**CAAS, Singapore**  
 Location: Singapore  
 2 redundant AFTN/AMHS systems

**APII, Indonesia**  
 Location: Palembang  
 1 redundant AFTN switch

**ASA, Australia**  
 Location: Brisbane, Melbourne  
 2 redundant AFTN/AMHS systems  
 1 redundant test/development system





Aeronautical Message Handling



# New Message Handling Contracts 2008

- **CORPAC - Peru**
- LVNL - The Netherlands
- DGCAM - Oman
- NANSC - Egypt
- AACM - Macau
- PCAA - Pakistan
- GACA - Saudi Arabia
- DSNA - France
- Skyguide - Switzerland



# Air Situation Displays

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**Air Situation Displays**

- Controller Working Positions for tower, en-route & approach
- Displays for technical monitoring



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Air Situation Displays



# Air Situation Displays & Safety Nets

Products	Surveillance Data & Air Situation Displays
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RDD (Surveillance Data Display; Controller Working Positions for Tower &amp; Approach)</li> <li>• RMD (Radar Monitoring Display; Real-time Surveillance Display for Technical Monitoring)</li> </ul>
	<h3 data-bbox="806 821 1003 862">Safety Nets</h3> <p data-bbox="806 898 1339 938">COMSOFT Safety Net Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STCA (Short Term Conflict Alert)</li> <li>• MSAW (Minimum Safe Altitude Warning)</li> <li>• APW (Area Proximity Warning)</li> </ul>



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Air Situation Displays



## World-wide References

### Air Situation Displays - References



- NATS, UK
- ANS, Czech Republic
- LVNL, the Netherlands
- AustroControl, Austria
- CAA Slovenia
- Belgocontrol, Belgium
- LuxAA, Luxemburg
- RNLAF, the Netherlands
- EADS, Germany
- German Airforce
- FMV, Sweden
- Moldatsa, Moldova




# Surveillance Data Processing

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**Surveillance Data Processing**

- Maintenance & operational support of ARTAS
- SAMSON





**Surveillance Data Processing** Recording & Replay □ Control & Monitoring □ Surveillance Support Tools



Surveillance Data Processing

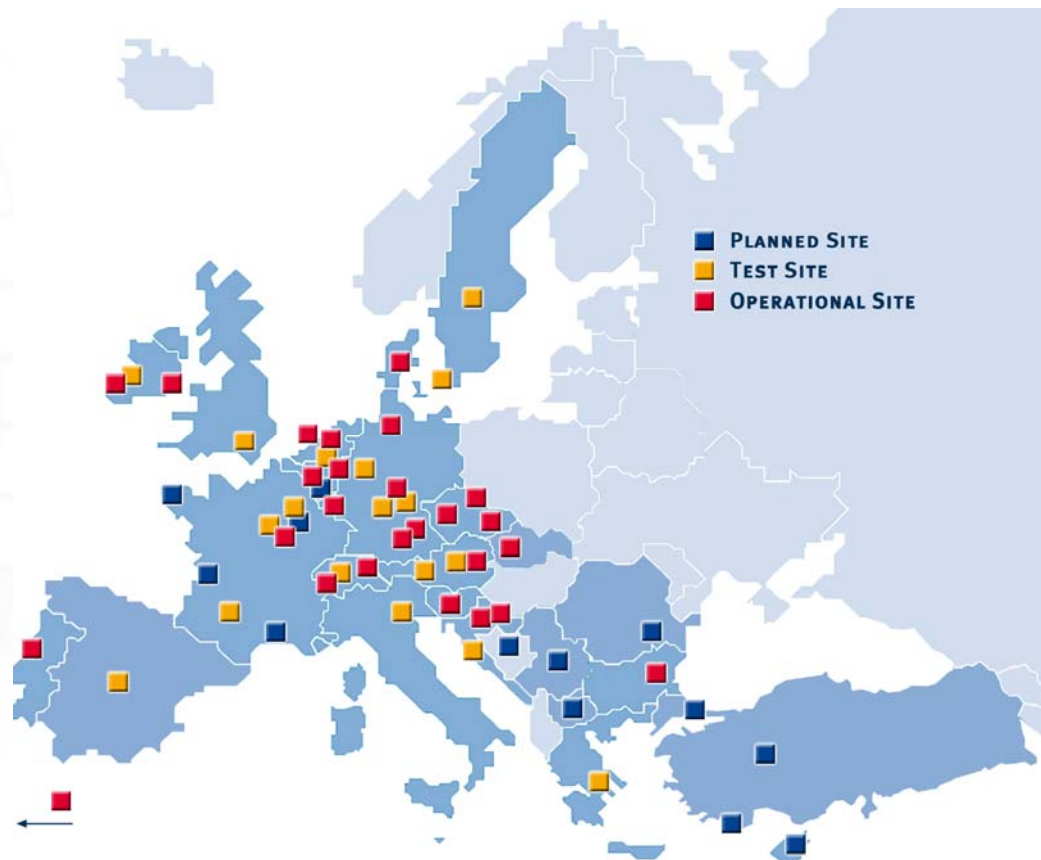


# SDPS – Product Spectrum

<p><b>Products</b></p> 	<p><b>SDPS System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SAMSON (Surveillance Architecture for Multi Sensor Fusion);</b> - PSR, SSR, Mode S, ADS B/C, Multilateration</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reference Projects</b></p> 	<p><b>EUROCONTROL ARTAS Tracker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CAMOS (Centralised ARTAS Maintenance &amp; Operational Support)</b></li> </ul>



# COMSOFT References for ARTAS



ARTAS Turnkey Installations, Integration,  
Fine Tuning, Training, Support Services

- ANS, Czech Republic
- ATSA, Bulgaria
- Austrian Air Force
- Austrocontrol, Austria
- BHDCA, Bosnia Herzegovina
- CCL, Croatia
- DCA Cyprus, Cyprus
- DFS, Germany
- EUROCONTROL, Brussels
- GCAA, Abu Dhabi
- German Air Force, Cologne
- German Air Force, Neuburg
- IANAS, Luxembourg
- Irish Aviation Authority, Ireland
- LFV, Sweden
- LVNL, Netherlands
- EUROCONTROL, Maastricht
- UAC NAV, Portugal
- NAVAIR, Denmark
- NATO, Warsaw
- NATS, UK
- Royal Netherlands Air Force
- Skyguide, Switzerland
- Slovenia Control, Slovenia




# Recording & Replay

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### Surveillance Recording & Replay

- Recording of large amounts of surveillance data
- Fully synchronized, integrated radar & voice logging



Surveillance Data Processing **Recording & Replay** Control & Monitoring □ Surveillance Support Tools



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Recording & Replay



# Recording and Replay Product Spectrum

Products	Surveillance Data Recording & Replay Systems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRR (Surveillance Recording &amp; Replay System; Parallel recording &amp; replay of surveillance related data on mass storage devices for legal recording, search &amp; rescue, instant analysis)</li> <li>• XRR (X-workstation Recording &amp; Replay; Solution for recording &amp; replay of any X-windows based controller screen)</li> </ul>
	<p data-bbox="703 1047 1942 1112">Combined, Synchronized Recording &amp; Replay of Surveillance &amp; Audio Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub><sup>®</sup> (Recording and Replay of Digital Data)</li> </ul>



# COMSOFT Recording and Monitoring Architecture





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## World-wide References

### RRR & R<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub><sup>®</sup> - References



- AASL, Sri Lanka
- LVNL, the Netherlands
- RNLAF, the Netherlands
- Belogocontrol, Belgium
- LuxAA, Luxemburg
- FLIZ, German Airforce
- CAA Slovenia
- CAA Czech Republic
- Moldatsa, Moldova
- Skyguide, Switzerland
- Armasuisse, Switzerland
- NATS, United Kingdom



# New Products - Quadrant ADS-B / MLAT

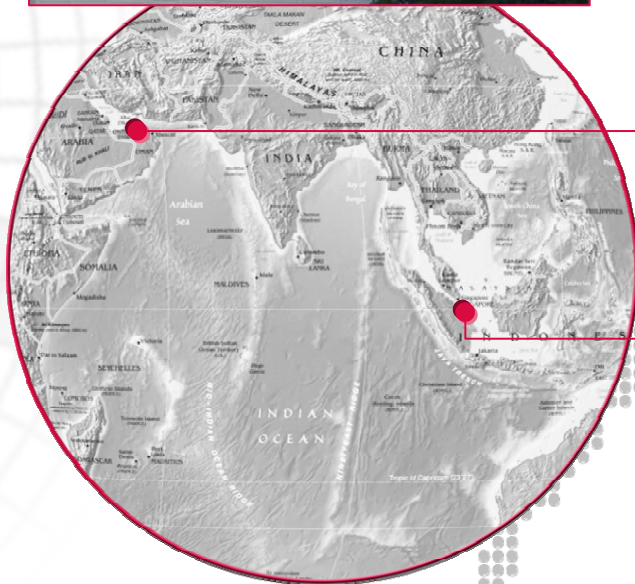


**ISAVIA, Iceland**  
ADS-B sensors in the North of Iceland, Greenland and Faroer Islands.

**QinetiQ, UK**  
Test and Reference Station in Malvern

**GCAA, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates**  
ADS-B sensors including SDPS (ARTAS) and CWP displays, installed in 2007.

**Batam Industrial Development  
Authority, Indonesia**  
ADS-B system  
Reception and visualisation of ADS-B reports, includes ADS-B server and data display. Installed in 2006.





# Control & Monitoring

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**Control & Monitoring**

- Country-wide control & monitoring
- Center-based management systems for ATM infrastructure

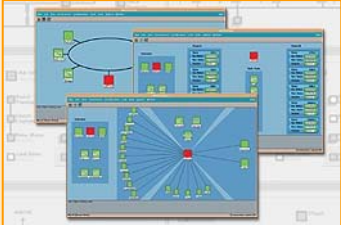

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Control & Monitoring



# Control & Monitoring – Product Spectrum

<p><b>Products</b></p> 	<p><b>Control &amp; Monitoring Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS/XA (Control and Monitoring System – Extended Architecture)</li> </ul> <p><b>System Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESMS (Enhanced System Management Station for Air Traffic Control Environments)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reference Projects</b></p> 	<p><b>Control &amp; Monitoring Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ERCAMS (En-Route Radar Control &amp; Monitoring System for UK NATS)</li> </ul>



# Surveillance Support Tools

Surveillance Communication □ □ □ □ Aeronautical Message Handling □ □ □ □ Air Situation Displays

**Surveillance Support Tools**

- World-wide first officially qualified EUROCONTROL ASTERIX Reference Product & Test Tool

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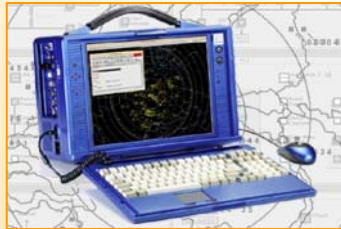


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# SST - Product Spectrum

## Products



## Analysis & Test Tools for quality assessment of surveillance data or ATC systems

- RAPS-II (Recording, Analysis, Playback & Simulation System for Surveillance Data;  
Reference system for checking of ASTERIX Conformity)
- IQM (Integrated Quality Monitoring for Radar Sensors)



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# RAPS-II Qualification

## RAPS-II – Officially EUROCONTROL qualified Reference Product & Test Tool

- Initial Qualification in 1998 under tentative procedures
- Re-Qualification in 2003 under new EUROCONTROL regulatory procedures
- Formal Acceptance of RAPS-II as ASTERIX Reference Product and Test Tool on Sept. 26th 2003 by international jury





# RAPS-II - Areas of Application



Used by ANSPs and manufacturers for:

- Optimisation, maintenance and fault-finding
- Day-to-day trouble-shooting and error fixing
- Testing of equipment within the surveillance chain from sensors down to the displays
- Acceptance testing, qualification and certification of interfaces
- Quality checking and robustness tests
- Pre-operational monitoring
- Training



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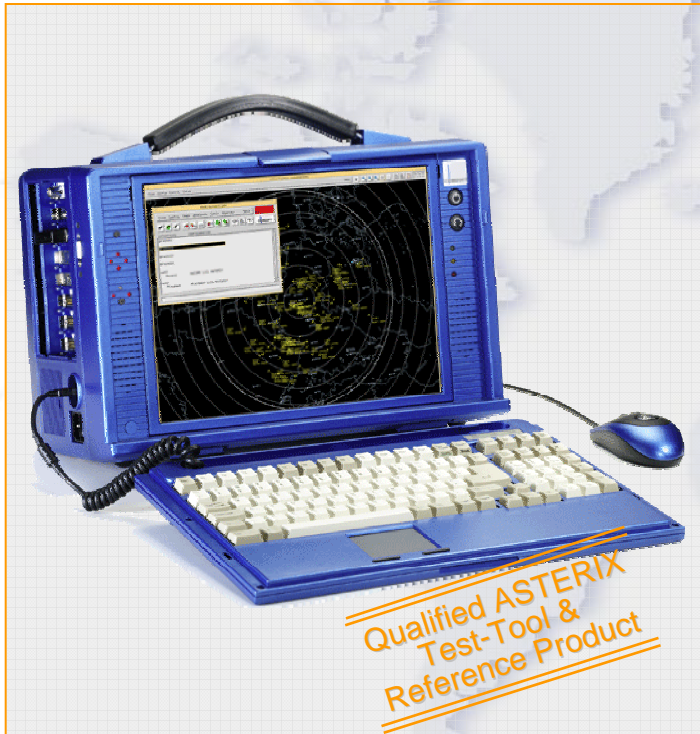
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## European References

### RAPS-II - References



- Eurocontrol  
Maastricht, Brussels, Bretigny (11)
- DFS, EADS, Germany (13)
- NATS, GB (9)
- LFV, Sweden (1)
- FMV, Sweden (1)
- IAA, Ireland (3)
- RNLAf, the Netherlands (1)
- Austrocontrol, Austria (1)
- Skyguide, Switzerland (1)
- ANS, Czech Republic (1)
- LPS, Slovak Republic (1)
- ATSA, Bulgaria (1)
- PPL, Poland (1)

# Surveillance Communication Systems

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## Surveillance Communication Systems

- Collection, distribution, filtering & conversion of surveillance data
- Build-up of surveillance networks
- Fallback & gateway systems



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# SCS - Overview

<p><b>Products</b></p> 	<p><b>Network Nodes for International Surveillance Networks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RMCDE (Radar Message Conversion &amp; Distribution Equipment)</li> <li>• RMCDS (Radar Message Conversion &amp; Distribution System)</li> <li>• CRMCS (COMSOFT Radar Network Monitoring &amp; Control System )</li> </ul> <p><b>Back-up &amp; Gateway Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADR (All-Purpose Data Stream Replicator)</li> <li>• RFC (Radar Fallback Communication System)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reference Projects</b></p> 	<p><b>International Surveillance &amp; Data Distribution Networks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RADNET (Radar Message Conversion &amp; Distribution Equipment)</li> <li>• UK RADNET (Radar Message Conversion &amp; Distribution System)</li> <li>• ETFMS (COMSOFT Radar Network Monitoring &amp; Control System )</li> </ul>



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# RMCDE

## Radar Message Conversion & Distribution Equipment

### RMCDE – General Characteristics

- Highly versatile system for the exchange of any kind of surveillance data
- De facto standard for real-time radar data communication
- Cornerstone of European RADNET and
- Key promoter of European ATC/ATM harmonization
- First generic ASTERIX implementation world-wide
- Over 100 installations in more than 50 ATCCs





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# Reference Project - RADNET

## RMCDE – Radar Message Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Customer:

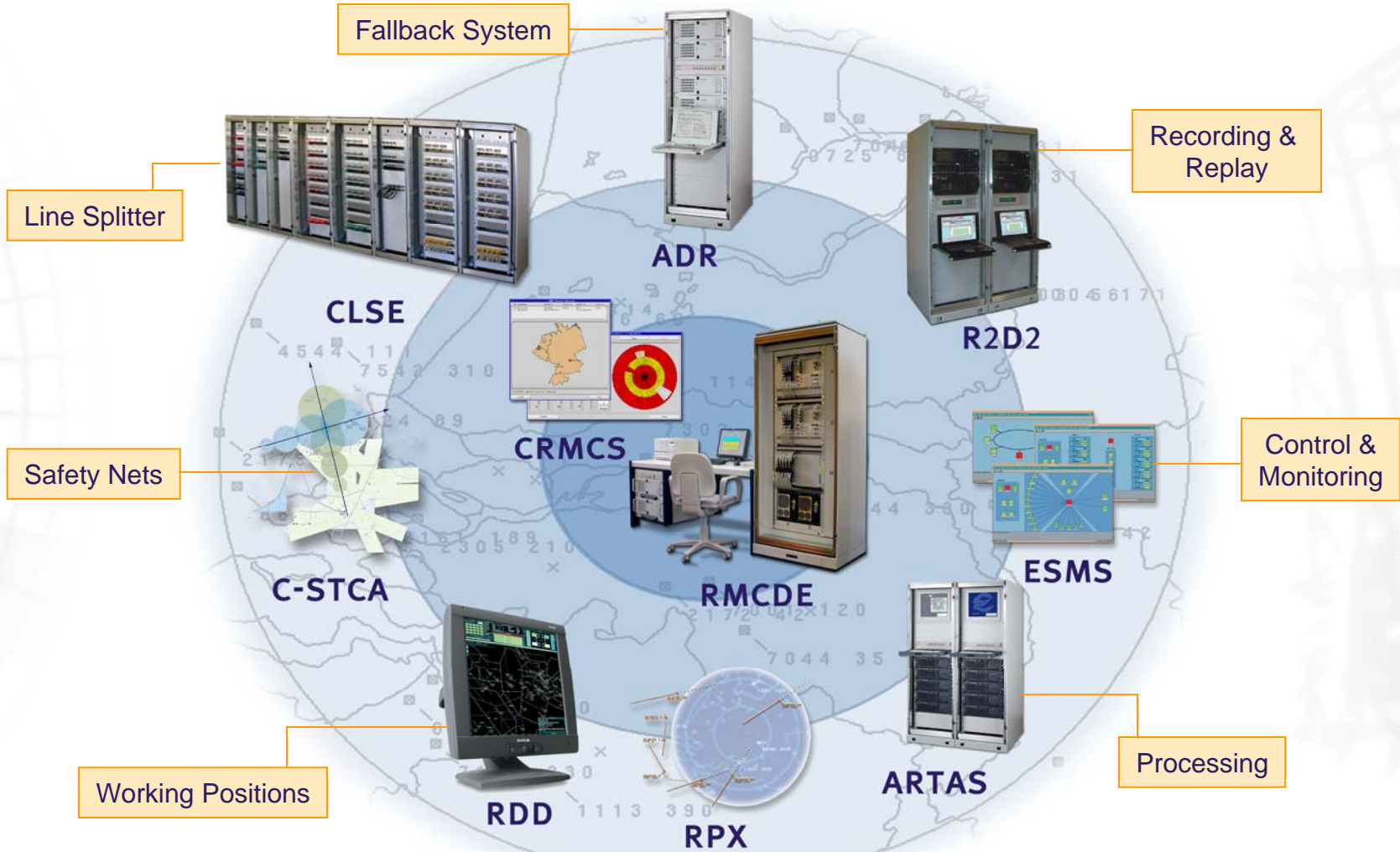
- EUROCONTROL

Objectives:

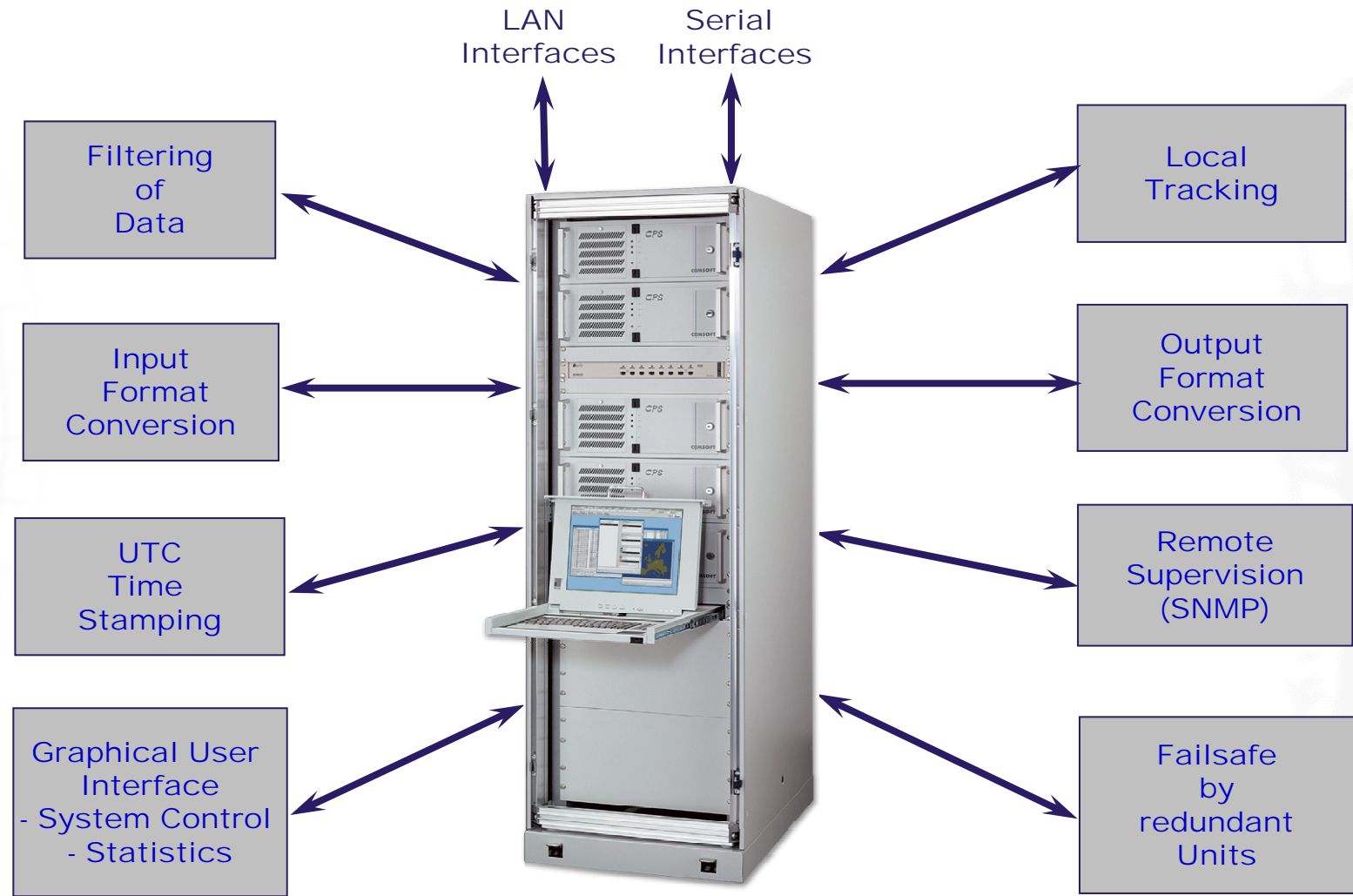
- Multi-national data network for the exchange of all kind of surveillance data
- Common use of radars
- ASTERIX as standardized radar data format



# Related Products



# ADR - Functional Scope





## ADR - References

### Fallback Solutions & Front-end Systems



- DFS, Germany
- LVNL, the Netherlands
- BAF, Belgium
- Skyguide, Switzerland
- CAA Finland
- CAA Bahrain
- FMV, Sweden
- MUAC, EUROCONTROL

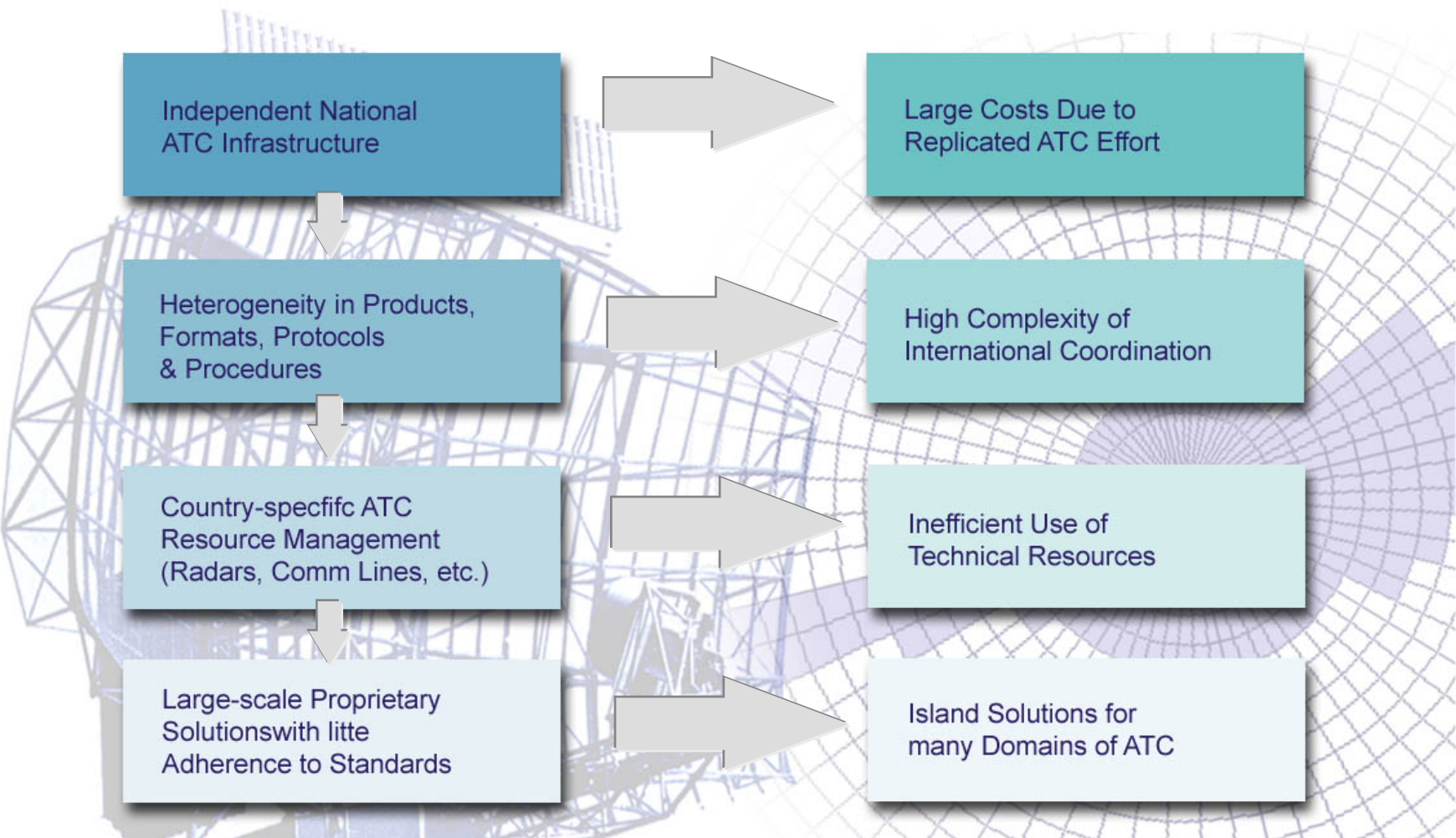


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# Initial Situation in Europe

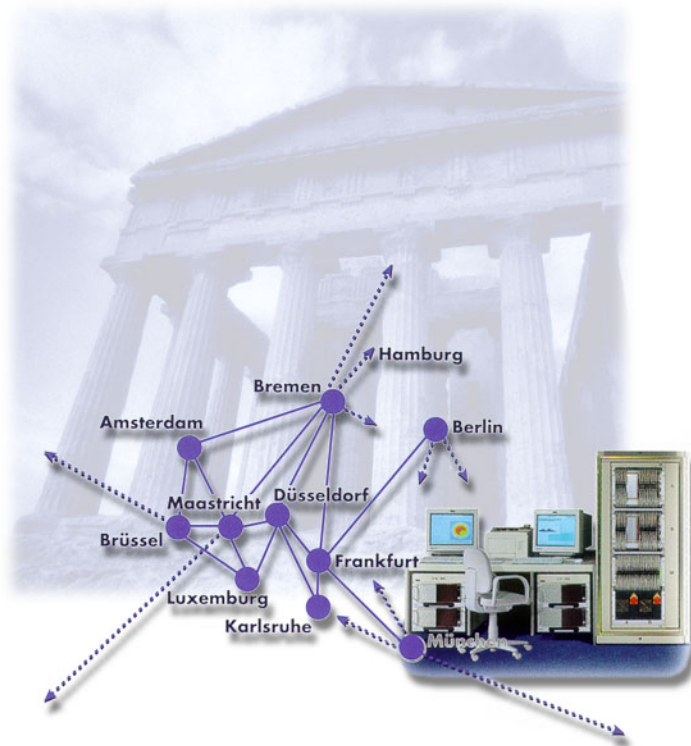




# History of RADNET Targets

## Targets since 1989:

- Reduction of costs
- Access to larger geographical area
- Higher coverage of geographical areas
- Increased precision of information available to each air traffic controller
- Increase of reliability and backup possibilities for sensor and centers
- Increase of safety





# History of RADNET

## The Solution

- Multi-national data network for the exchange of surveillance data
- Shared use of radars and processing systems
- Redundancy with respect to connection of data sources
- Surveillance data related flow control
- Mutual contingency backup of ACCs
- Reduction of costs for leased data lines
- Standardized radar data format throughout the network: ASTERIX
- Interoperability of systems, using various data formats and protocols





# History of RADNET

## The Starting Point

### Situation in 1989:

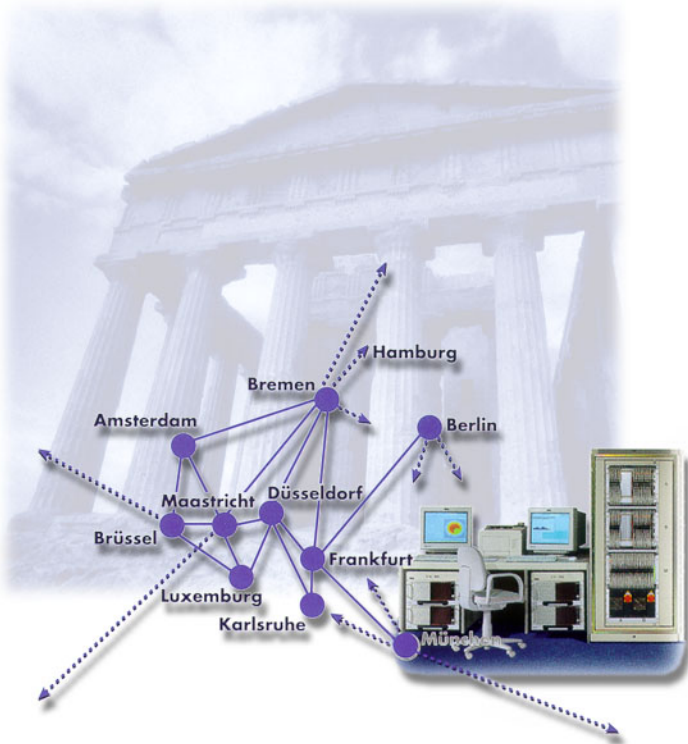
- Each Air Traffic Control Center had access only to its „own radars“
- Each of those radars was connected via one or more telephone lines directly to the Control Center
- Even in the same country radars delivered radar data in various incompatible data formats. Consequently the use of the same radar by different organizations was difficult or even impossible





# History of RADNET

## The Implementation

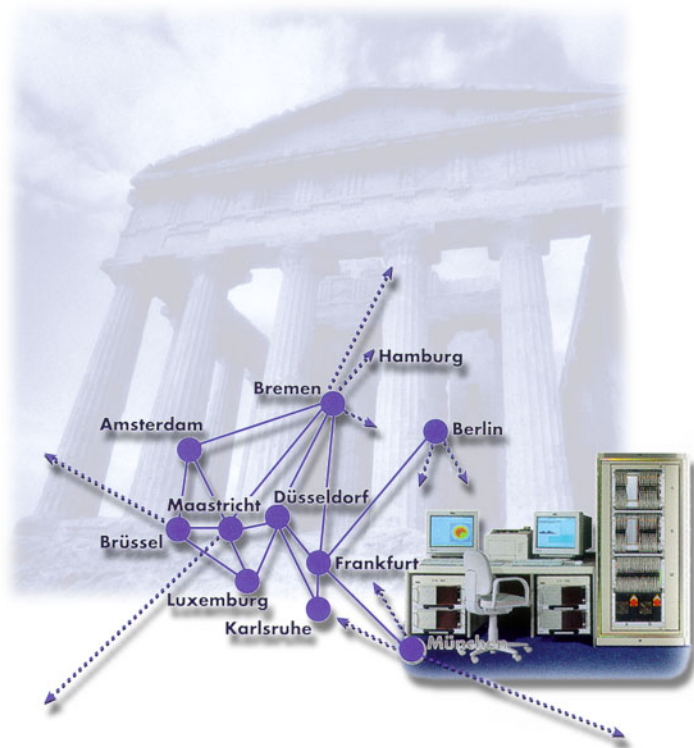


- In 1989 EUROCONTROL awarded a contract to COMSOFT to implement a prototype of the Radar Data Network „RADNET“.
- In 1990 Comsoft launched a prototype of RADNET consisting of 6 nodes.
- From the very beginning RADNET supported ASTERIX - the Surveillance Data Format Standard specified by EUROCONTROL.
- After an extensive evaluation phase initial nodes of RADNET went operational in 1992.



# History of RADNET

## The Implementation (2)

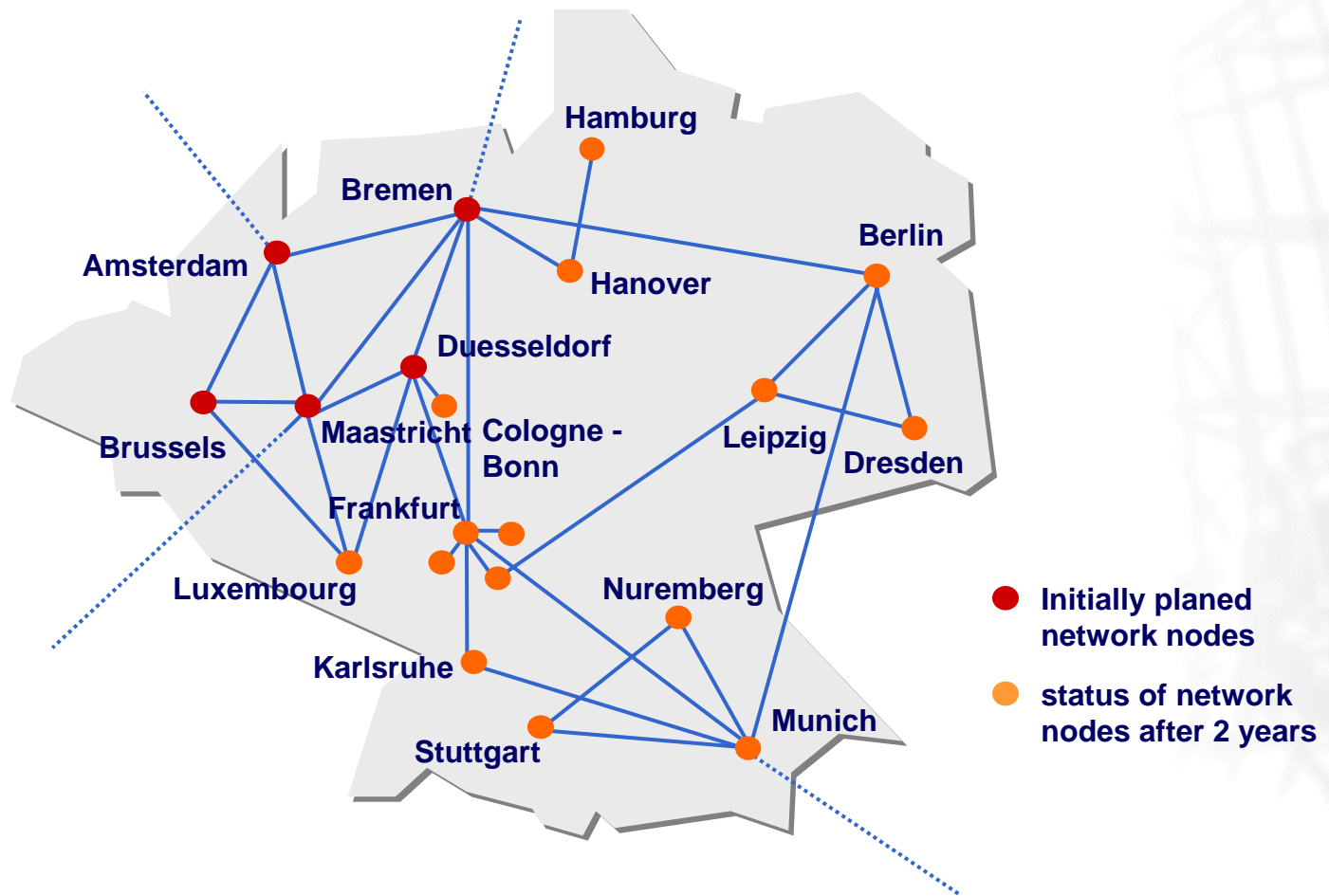


- RADNET is physically realized by a number of network nodes
- The network nodes of RADNET are called RMCDEs
- RMCDE is a uniquely flexible network processor and communication front-end for surveillance data
- The community of interconnected RMCDEs are forming RADNET
- First ASTERIX implementation world-wide
- Continuous evolution (including Mode-S, ADS-B and Multilateration)



# RMCDE in Continental RADNET

## 4 Country Implementation Program





## The RMCDE Family

- RMCDE
  - EUROCONTROL
  - Multiple Users (DFS, Belgocontrol, ATSA, etc.)
- RMCDS
  - Custom Application for NATS UK
  - Since 1995
- RMCDS Sweden
  - Custom Application for Swedish Military
  - Since 1996



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## Reference Project - UK RADNET

### RMCDs – Radar Message Conversion and Distribution System

**Customer:**

- NATS, National Air Traffic Services

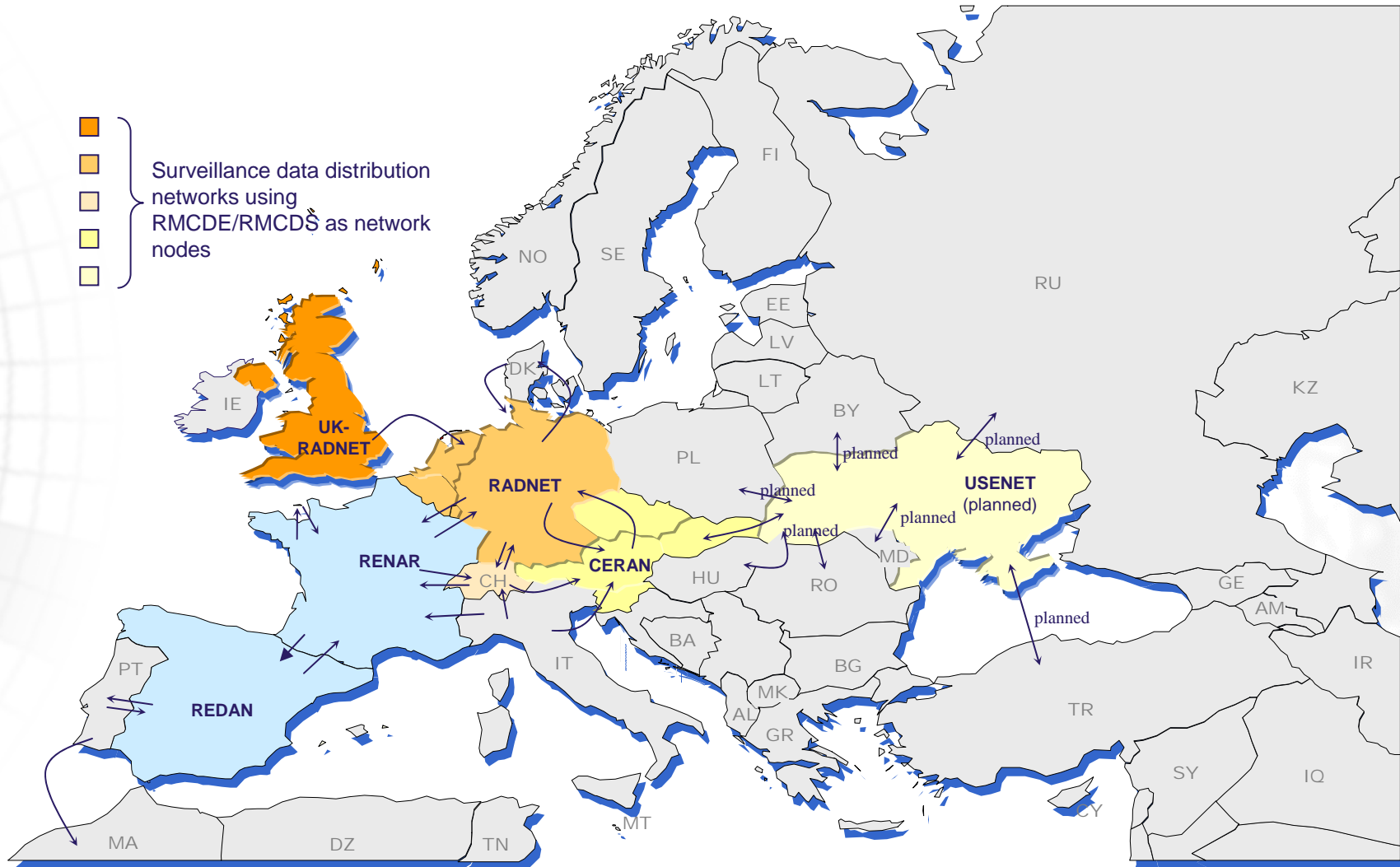
**Project:**

- 16 RMCDs installations in UK
- Link to Continental RADNET via Amsterdam





# Situation in Europe



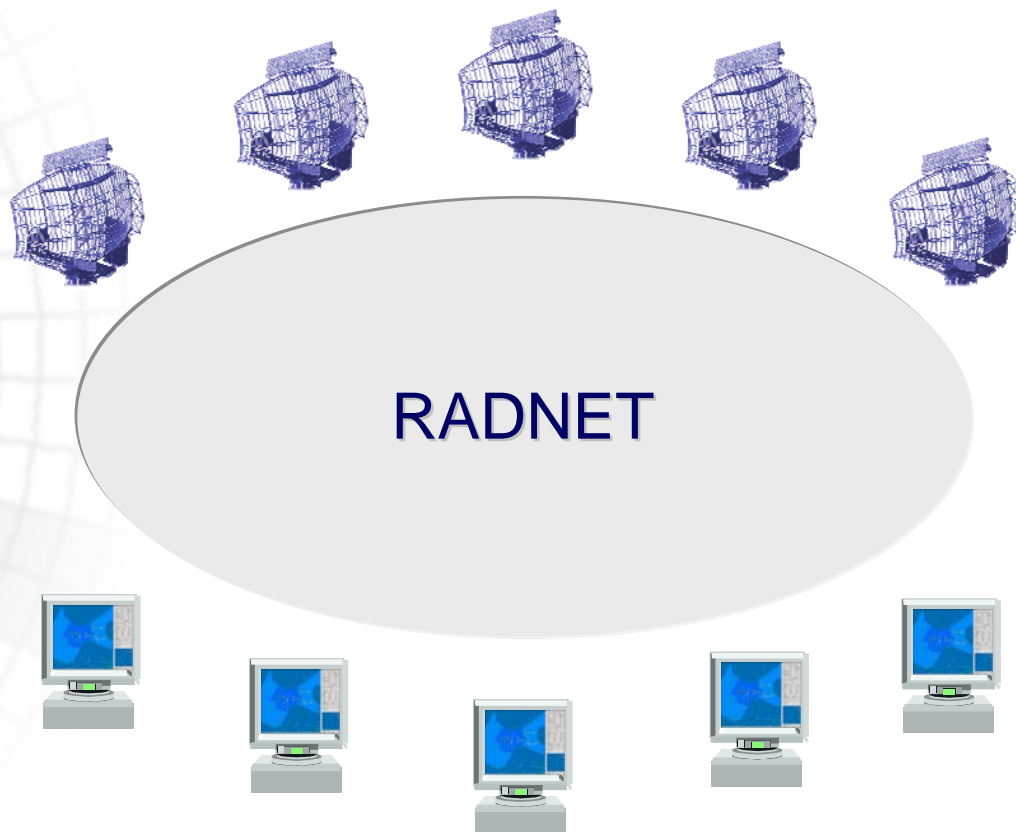


# Military Surveillance Network Applications

- RMCDE for BAF (Belgian Air Force)
  - Connected to European RADNET
- 2 RMCDEs at RNLAf (Royal Netherlands Air Force)
  - Now integrated in European RADNET
- MiRADNET for GAF (German Air Force)
  - Independent network of currently 5 nodes
  - Future extension with red network
  - Interconnected with civil RADNET via two gateways
- 2 RMCDEs and several mobile RMCDEs for Austrian Air Force
  - Central main system complex
  - Independent network not connected to civil networks (but using same sensors)
  - Dynamic configuration due to mobile use

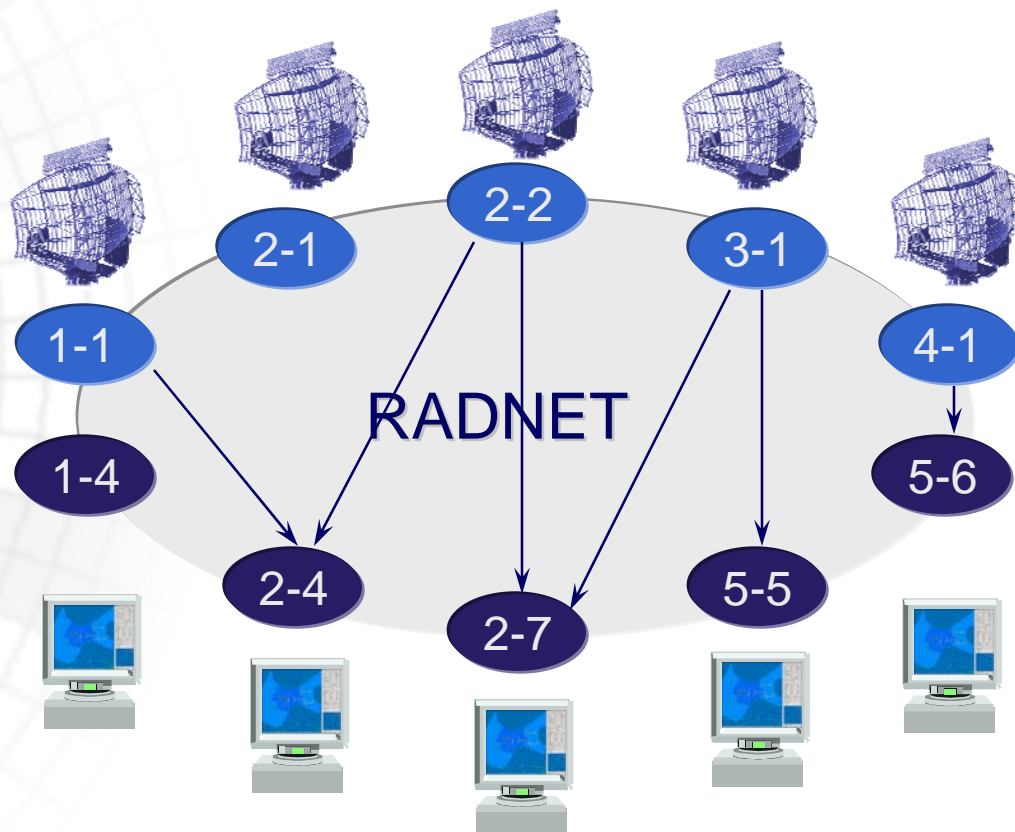


# RADNET – Basics



- RADNET is interconnecting a variety of data sources and data sinks

# RSAP Connections

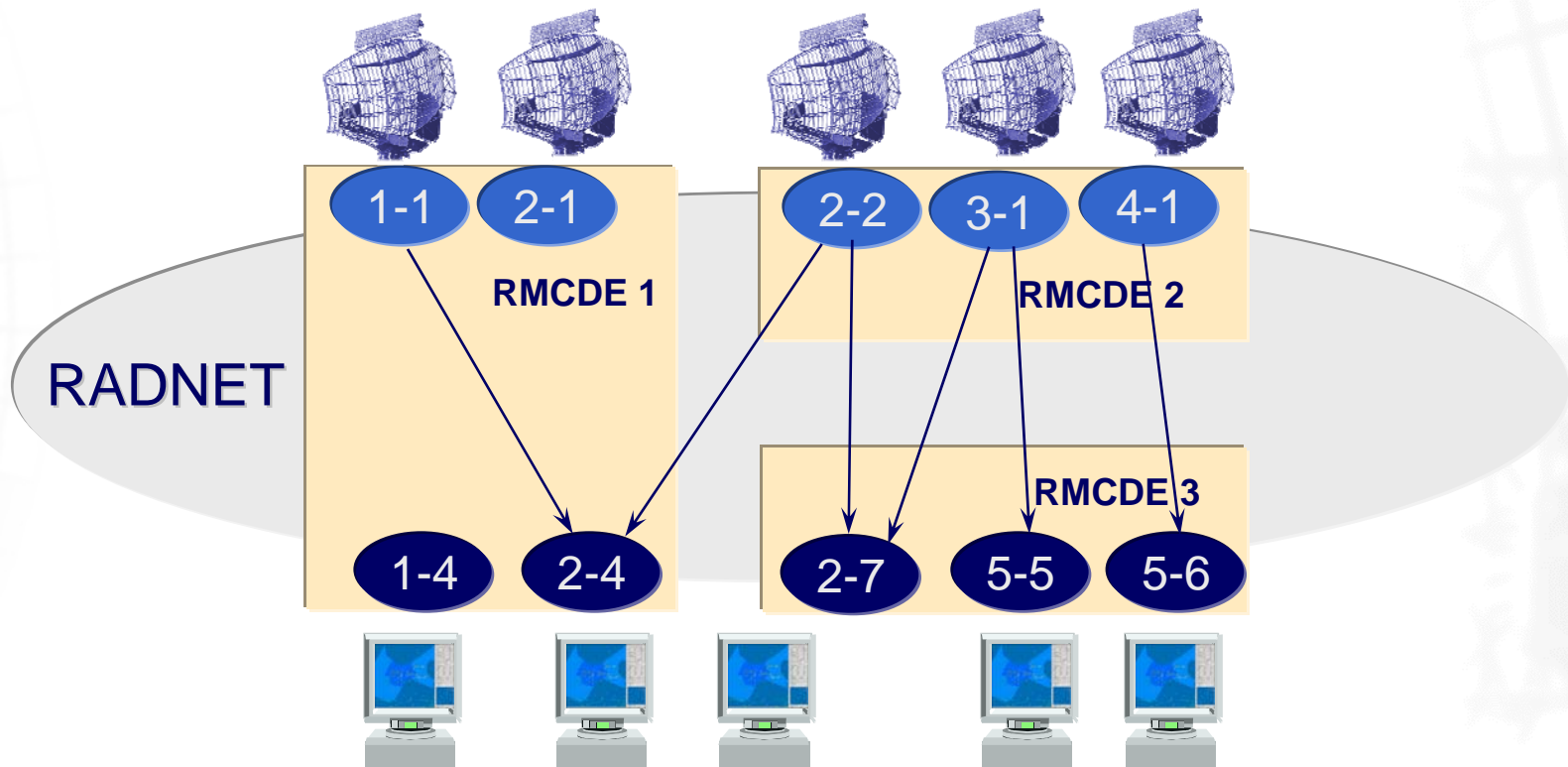


## • RSAP Connections

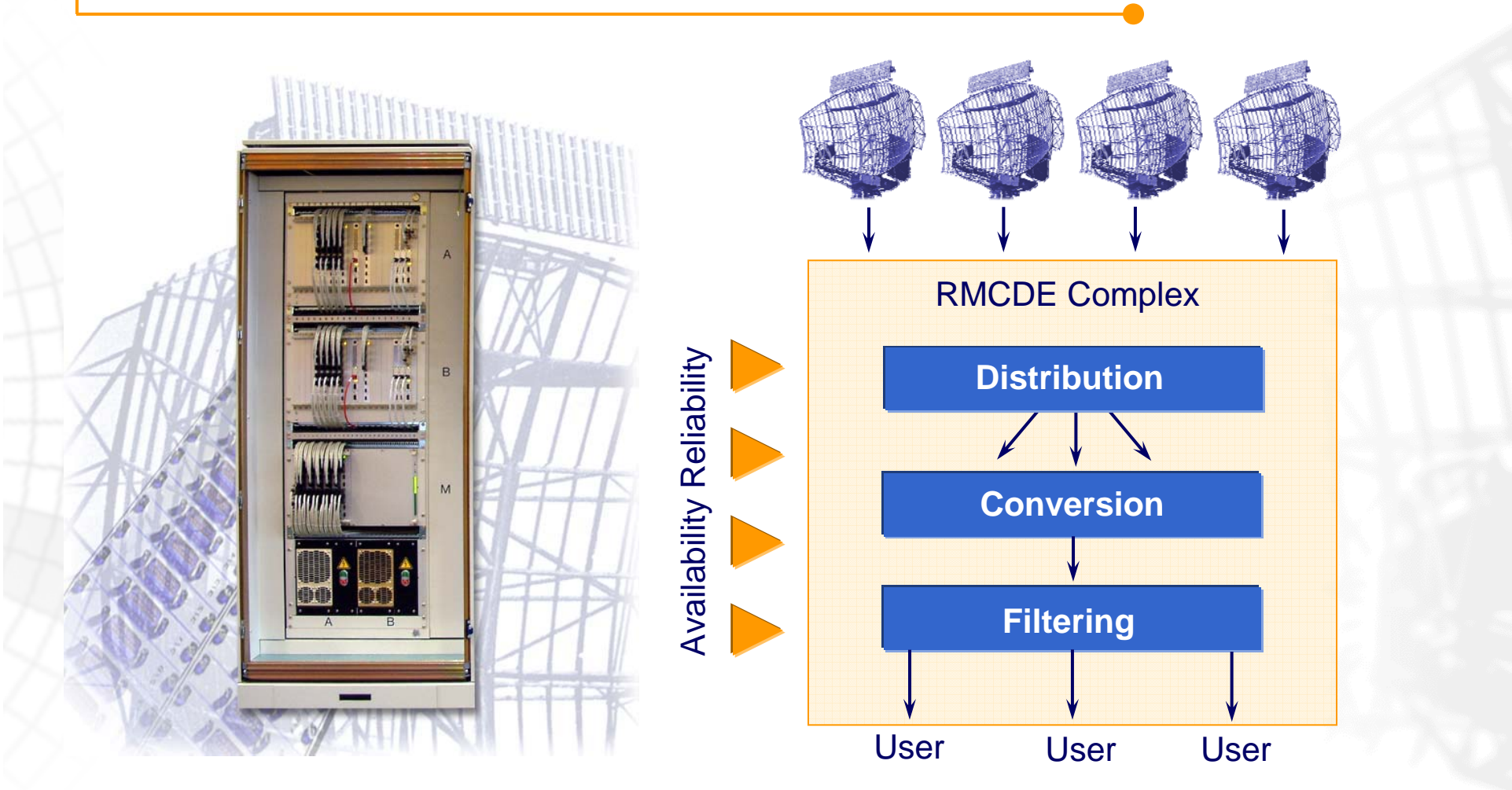
- Data sources (radars and track servers) provide all data to the network
- RADNET ensures the delivery of exactly the requested data to individual data sinks

# RADNET – Network

- Example of a small surveillance data network

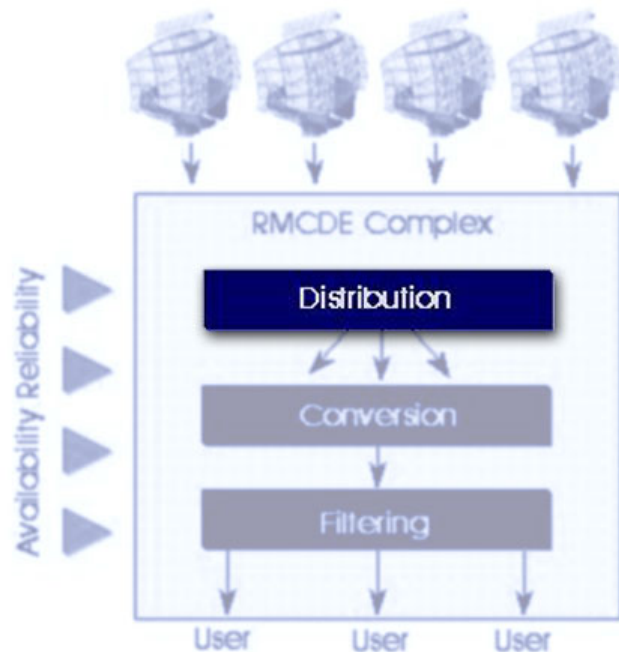


# RMCDE - Main Features



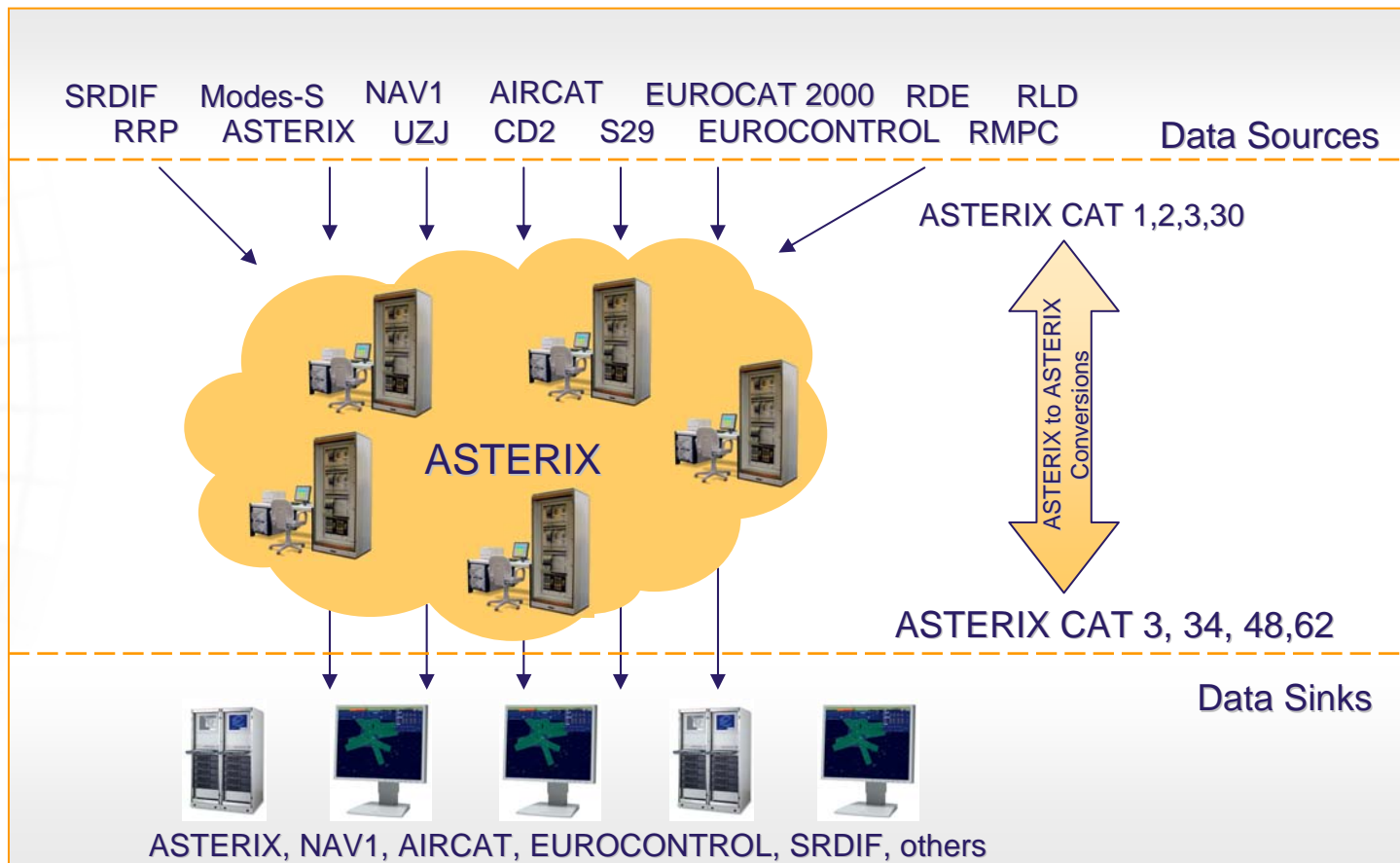


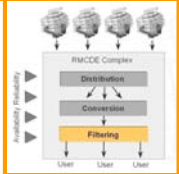
## RMCDE - Distribution



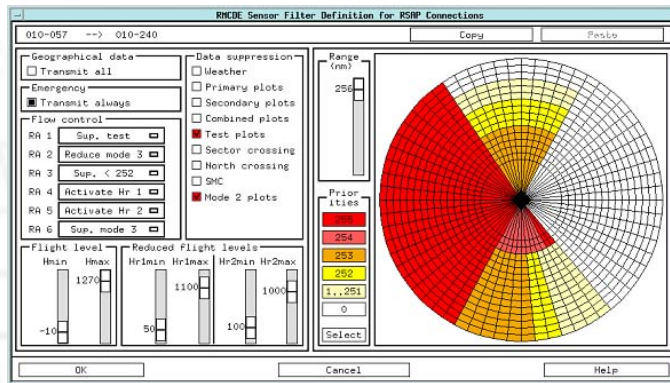
- 1: N distribution from arbitrary source to any number of sinks regardless of location
- Real-time transport with minimum end-to-end delays
- Enhanced reliability on various architectural levels
- Wide range of supported LAN/WAN interface types and protocols
- Radar-specific flow control with priority-based load reduction
- Network functionality including intelligent routing and WAN multicast techniques
- Automatic adaptation to network node and link failures

# RMCDE - Conversion

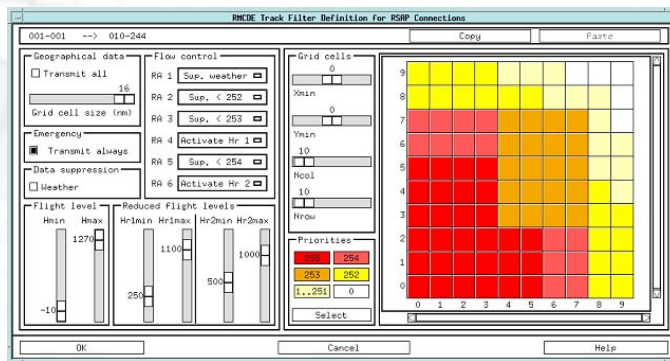




# RMCDE - Filtering



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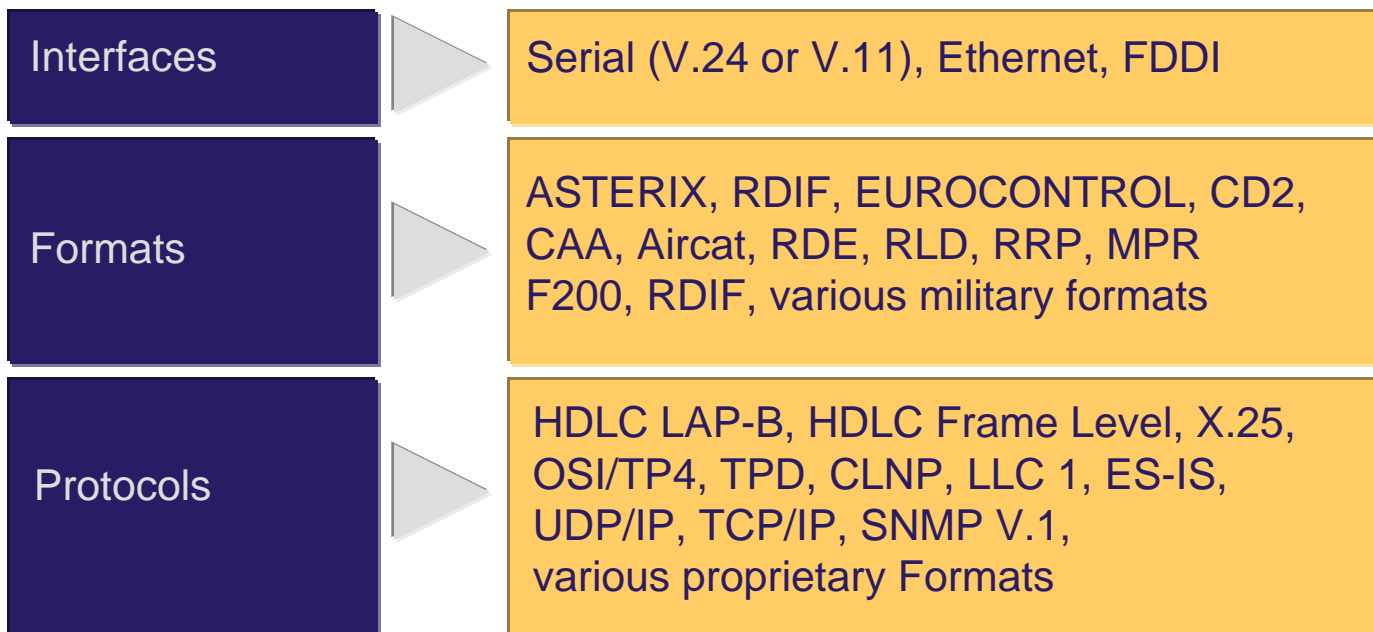
Height Filtering



Data Type Filtering



## RMCDE - Connectivity

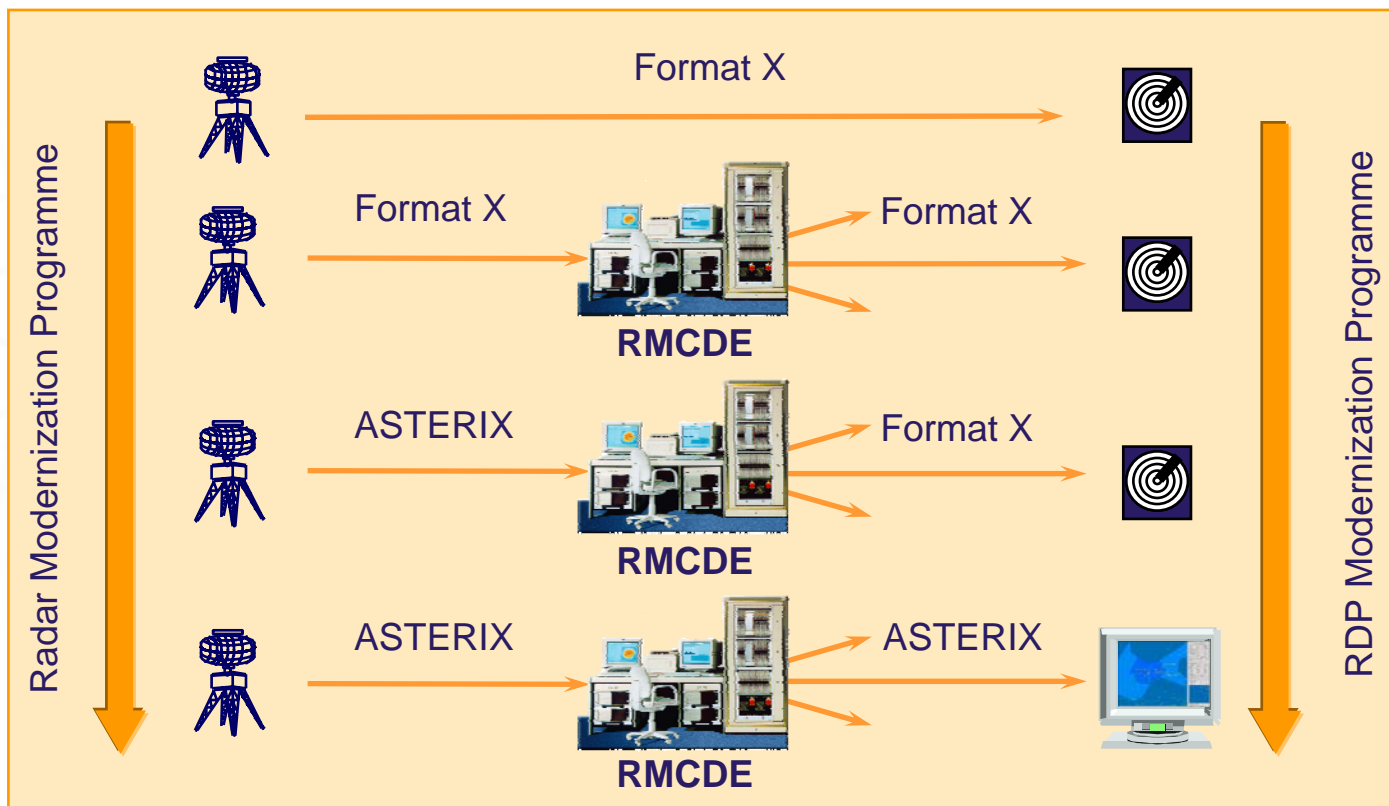




## RMCDE - Technical Data

Time Services	GPS, NTP, crystal backup
Availability	Computed Availability: 99,9999986%
Maintainability	MTTR (Mean Time To Repair): 15 min
Delay (internal)	< 50 msec per plot at high data load
Throughput	> 10.000 plots/sec.
Hardware	Rack-mounted multiprocessor board system, PC-based operator subsystem (desk-mounted)
Software	Realtime operating system for core communication unit HMI based on LINUX and OSF/Motif

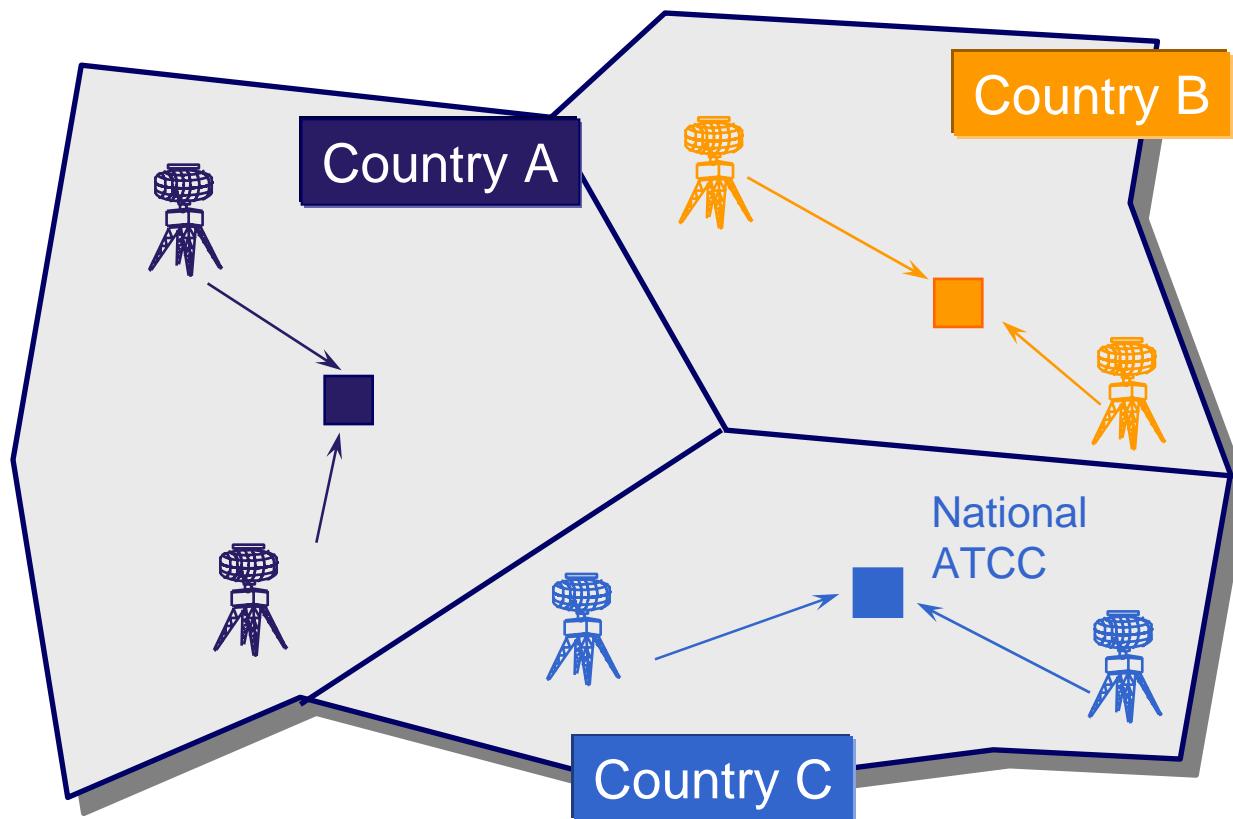
# Usage Scenarios - Migration Support





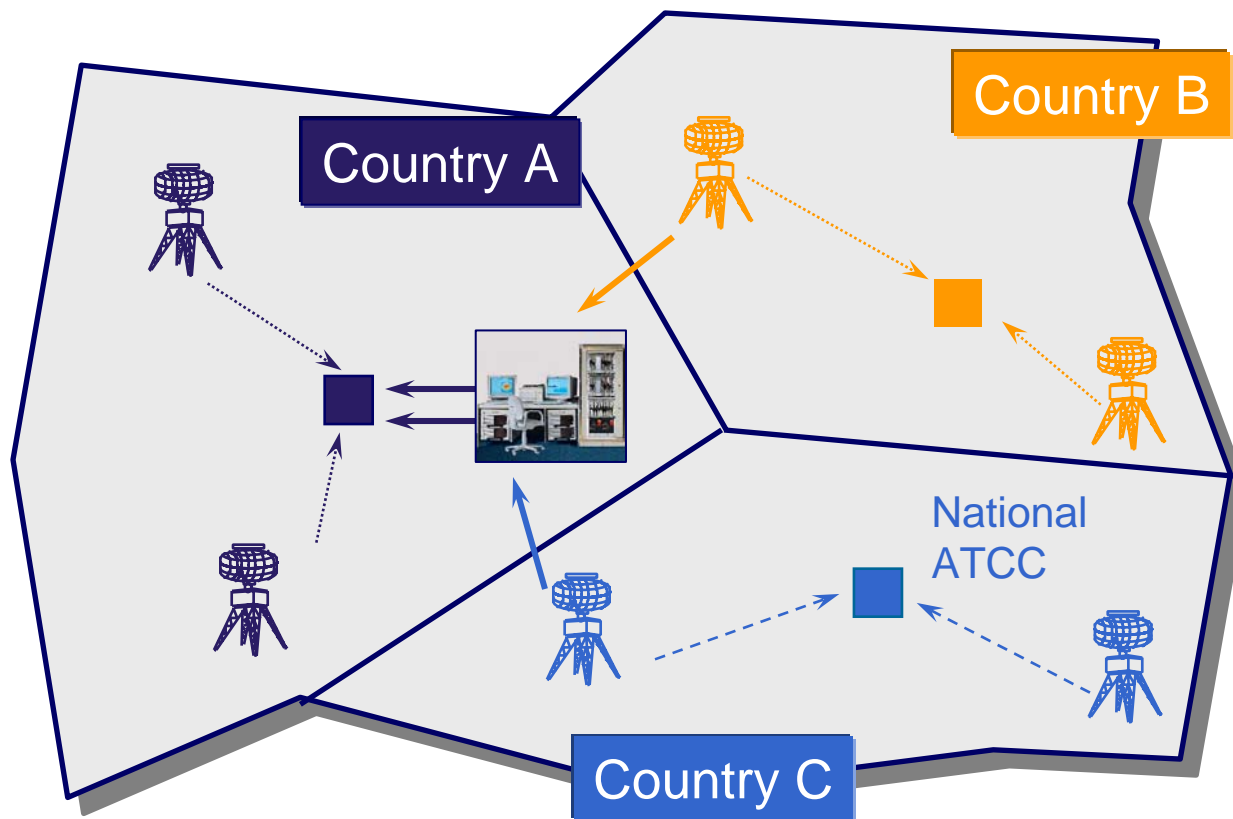
# Usage Scenarios

## Current Situation



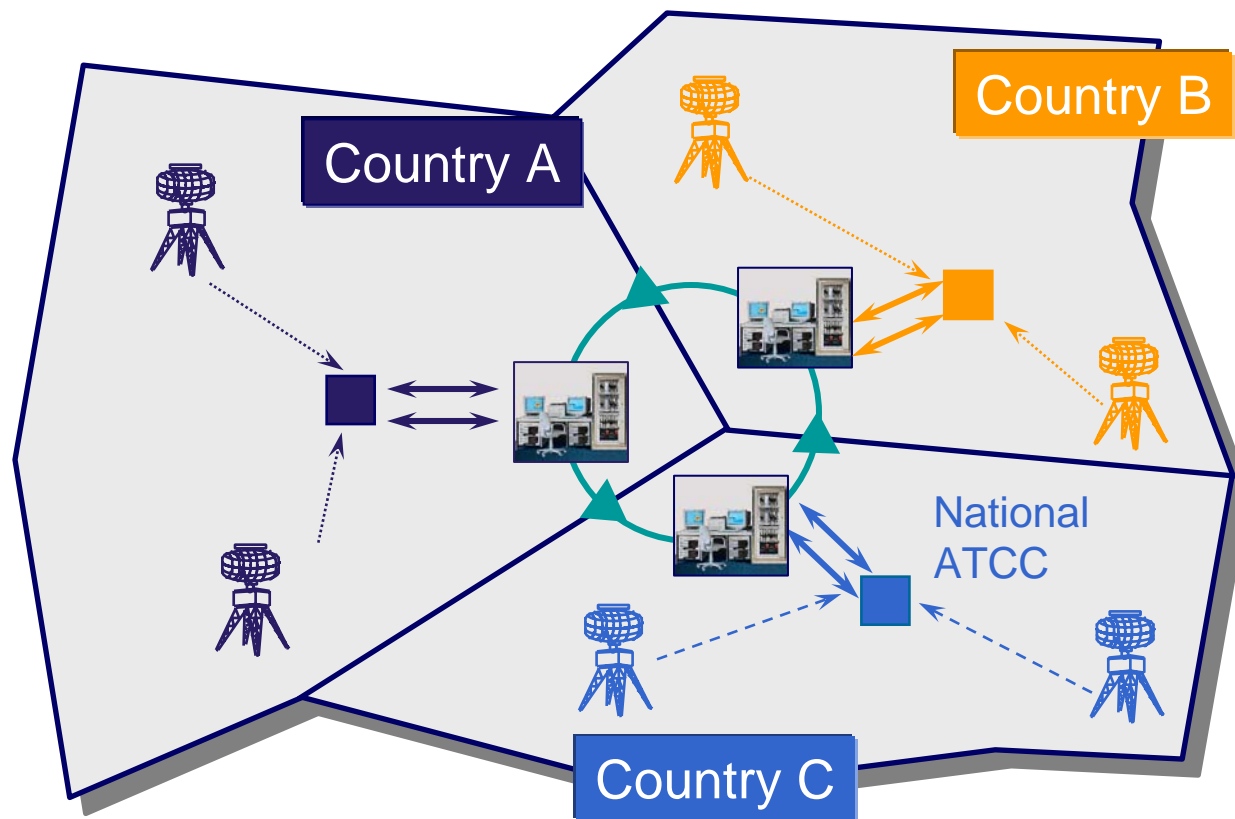


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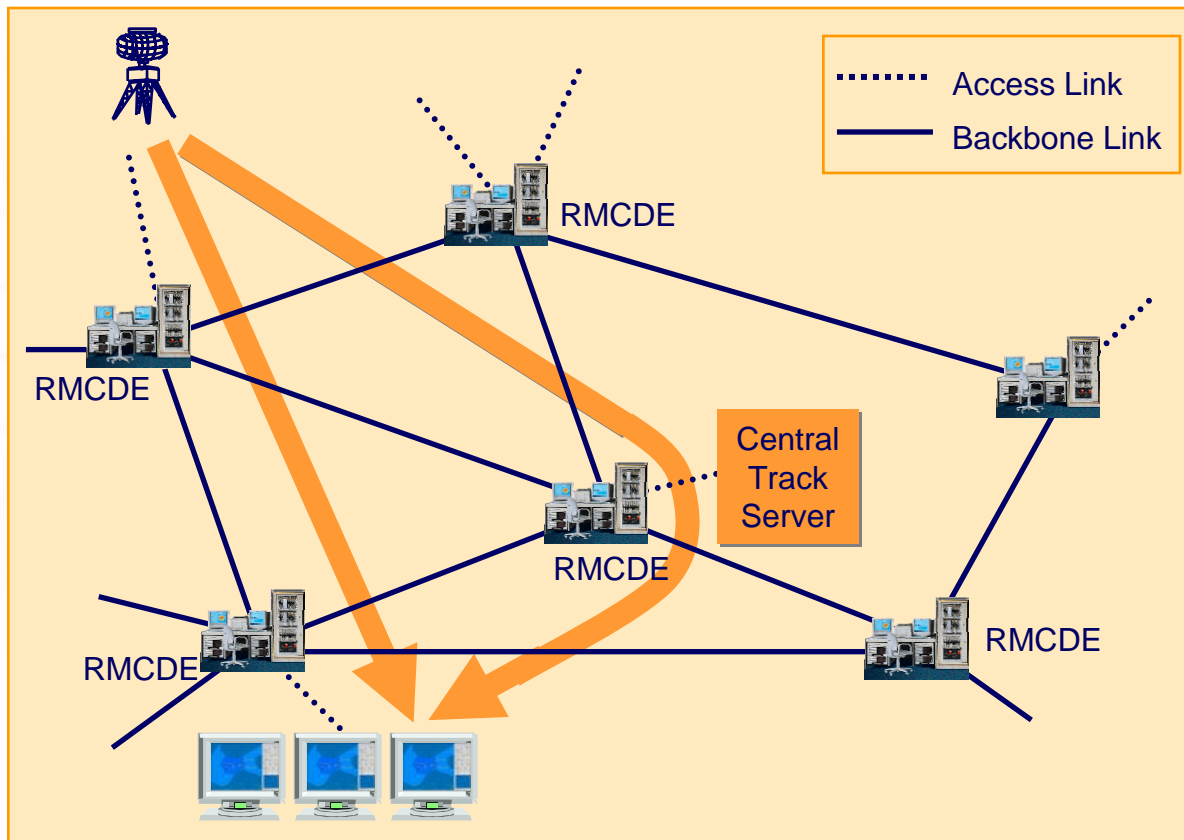




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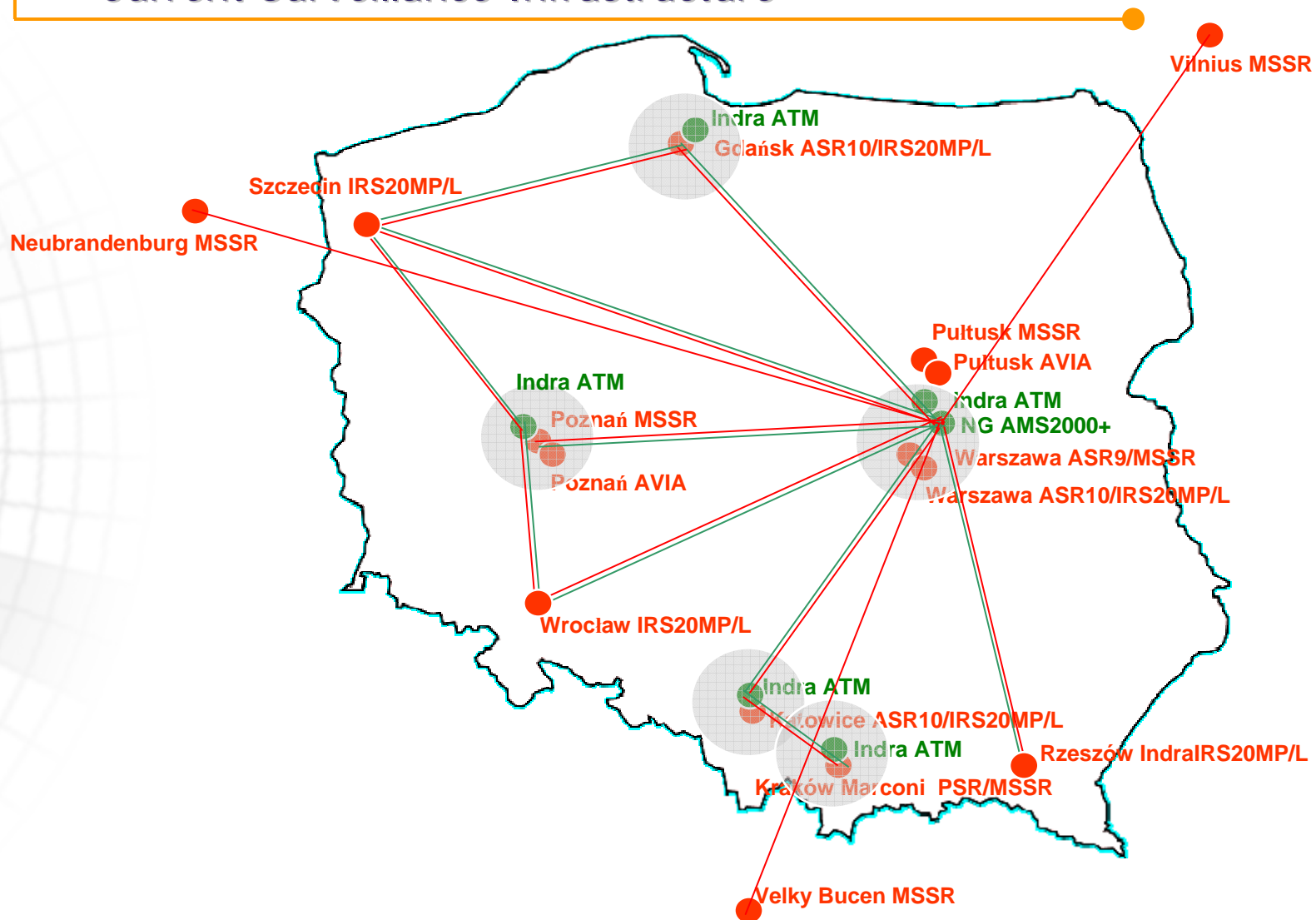


# Usage Scenarios - RADNET Service Sharing

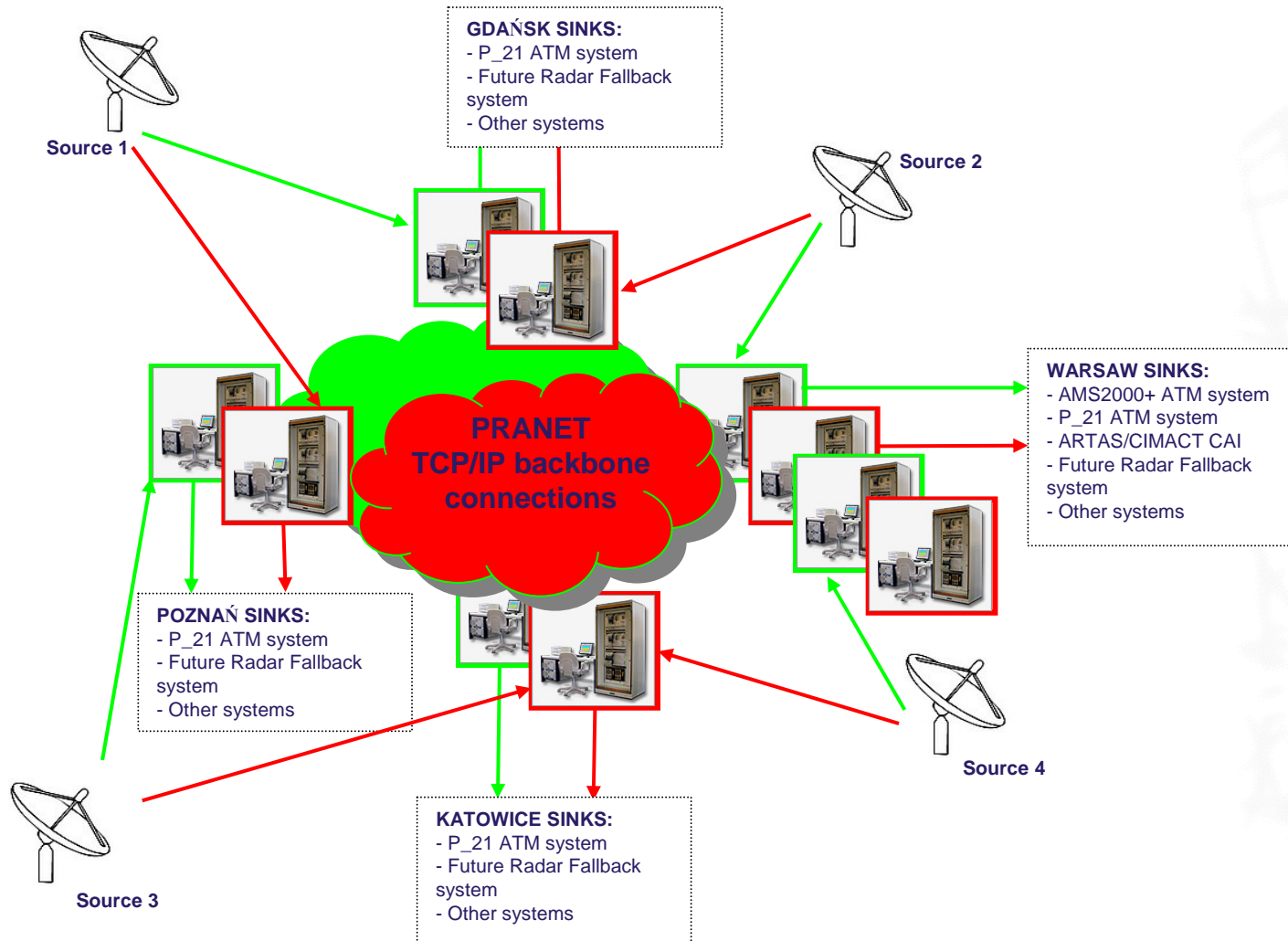




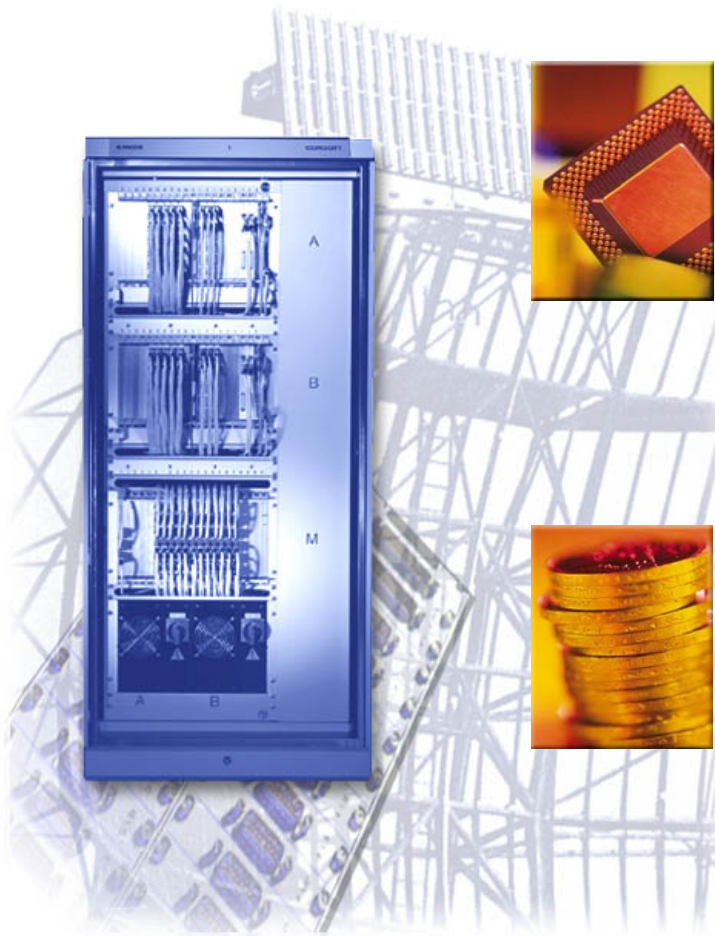
# Example PANSA: Current Surveillance Infrastructure



# PRANET Functional Diagram



## Benefits of RMCDE I



### Superior Technology

- Based on the latest international standards
- Use of modular hardware and mature software

▶ make RMCDE a solid base and strategic element for a country's future in ATC

### Cost Savings

- Sharing of radar data is a decisive cost saving factor

▶ avoiding investments in new radars  
▶ helping to significantly reduce new installations and PTT line costs



## Benefits of RMCDE II

### Safety

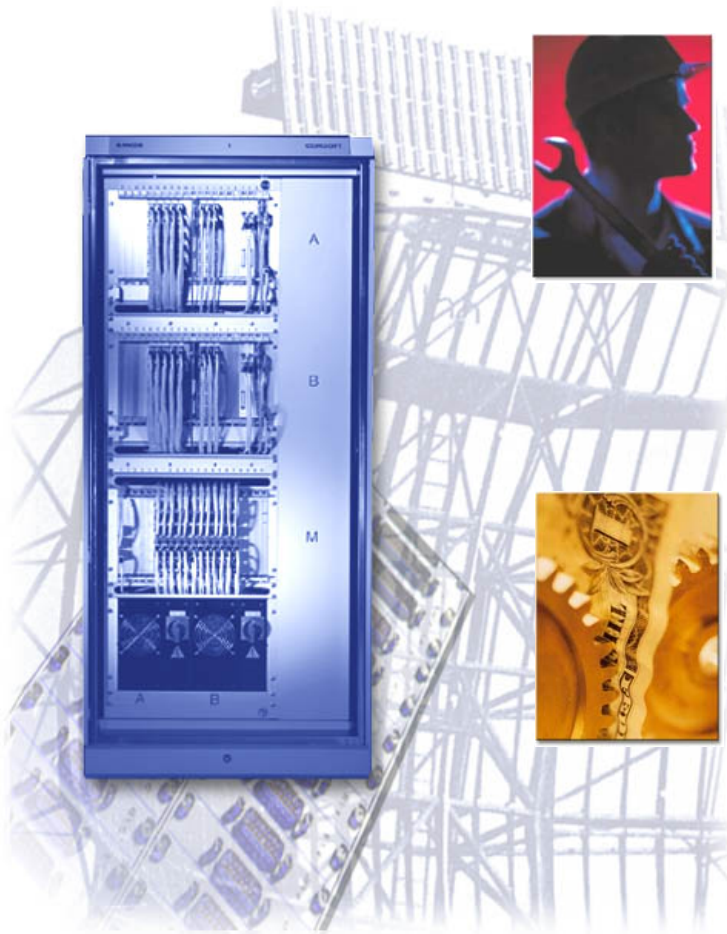
- Sharing of radar data increases coverage
- adds to accuracy and reliability of surveillance

▶ RMCDE networked solution enables the mutual backup of whole centers

### Investment Security

- Easy extensibility of the RMCDE with respect to new protocols and formats,
- flexible use within a wide range of application scenarios

▶ guarantee a maximum cost-effectiveness of the equipment for a long period of time





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