



Brazilian Air Force

# Department of Air Space Control



## Brazilian Air Space Control and Cyber-Security Management

### Actual Scenario and Challenges for Future

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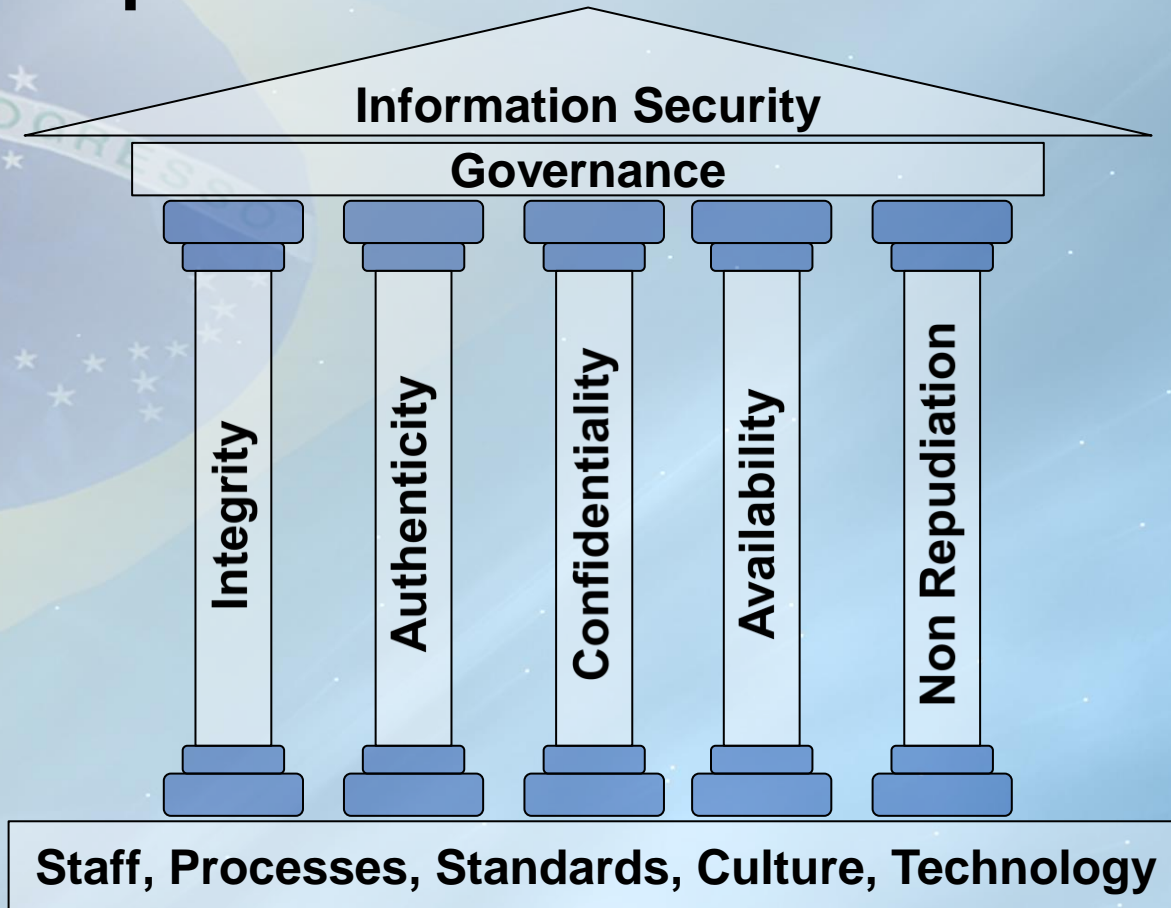
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# Pillars of Information Security & Air Space Control

**Airspace Control is based on information and communication !!!**



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# Technological Evolution



Past...



- Analog technology;
- Independent systems;
- Physically limited access.

(jamming, power supply problems, physical attack)

*good & easy times...*



# Technological Evolution



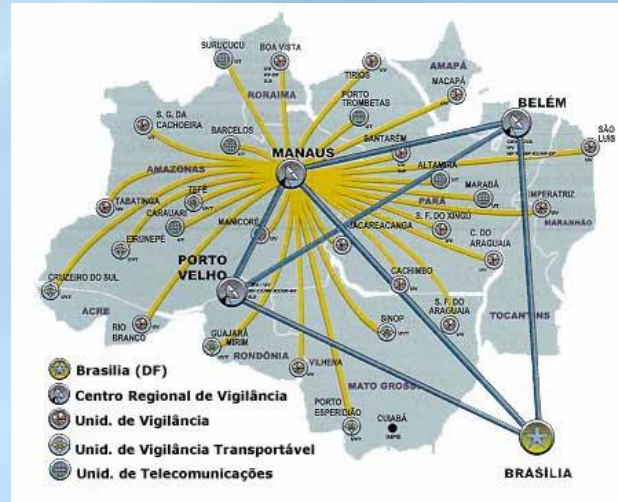
Past...



- VoIP;
- Infrastructure evolution;
- Satellite communication.

(virus, radio frequency interference)

*New technologies... still good & easy*



# Technological Evolution

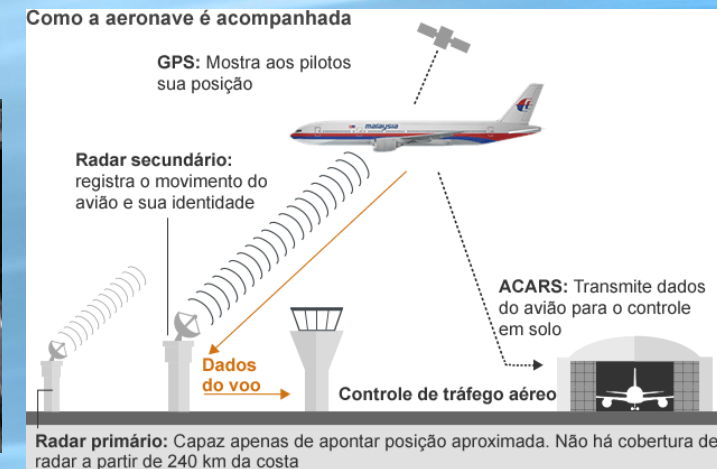


Present time...  
...on the fly!

- Pilot and flight controller digital communication;
- Flight real time data sent for analysis and monitoring (ACARS);
- Online weather data (REDEMET);
- Aeronautical Information available on the Internet (AISWEB).

The image shows two screenshots of Brazilian aviation websites. On the left is the REDEMET website, which provides meteorological data for the Brazilian Air Force. On the right is the AISWEB website, the official source for aeronautical information in Brazil, including NOTAMs, ROTAERs, AIPs, and AICs.

The image shows two screenshots of digital communication displays. The left one is for CPDLC (Controller Pilot Data Link Communications), showing a text message from ATIS: "1027Z ESTI OPEN CLIMB TO FL380 MAINTAIN FL380". The right one is for ADS (Automatic Dependent Surveillance), showing a contract address: "PERIODIC 17925 PIKCPYA" and other flight data.



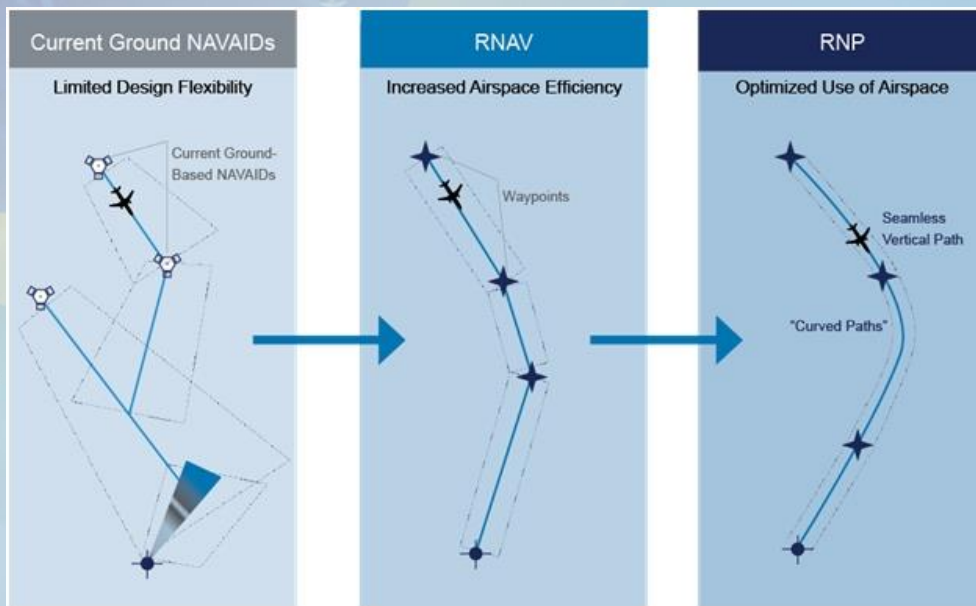
# Technological Evolution



Present time...

...on the fly!

- Performance based navigation (PBN);
  - Air Traffic Flow Management System (ATFM);
- Greater efficiency in ATM, but Increasing the dependence on digital information and technology!**
- Also a big increase of attack surfaces !**



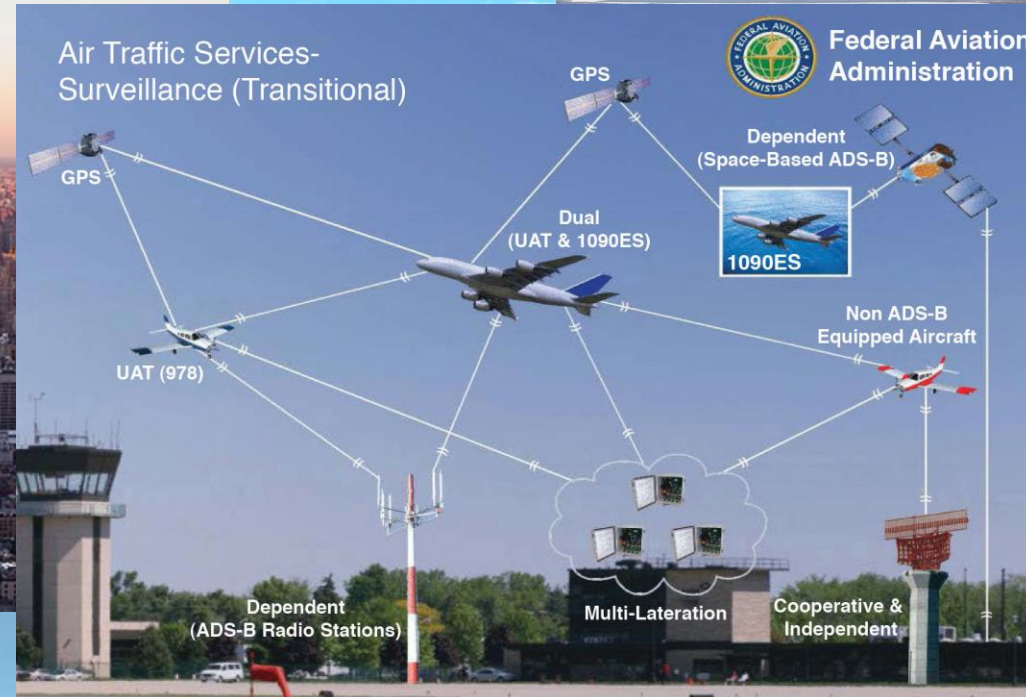
# Technological Evolution

Future...

We are invited to exercise creativity...



**More air space density and automation !  
Dependency!**



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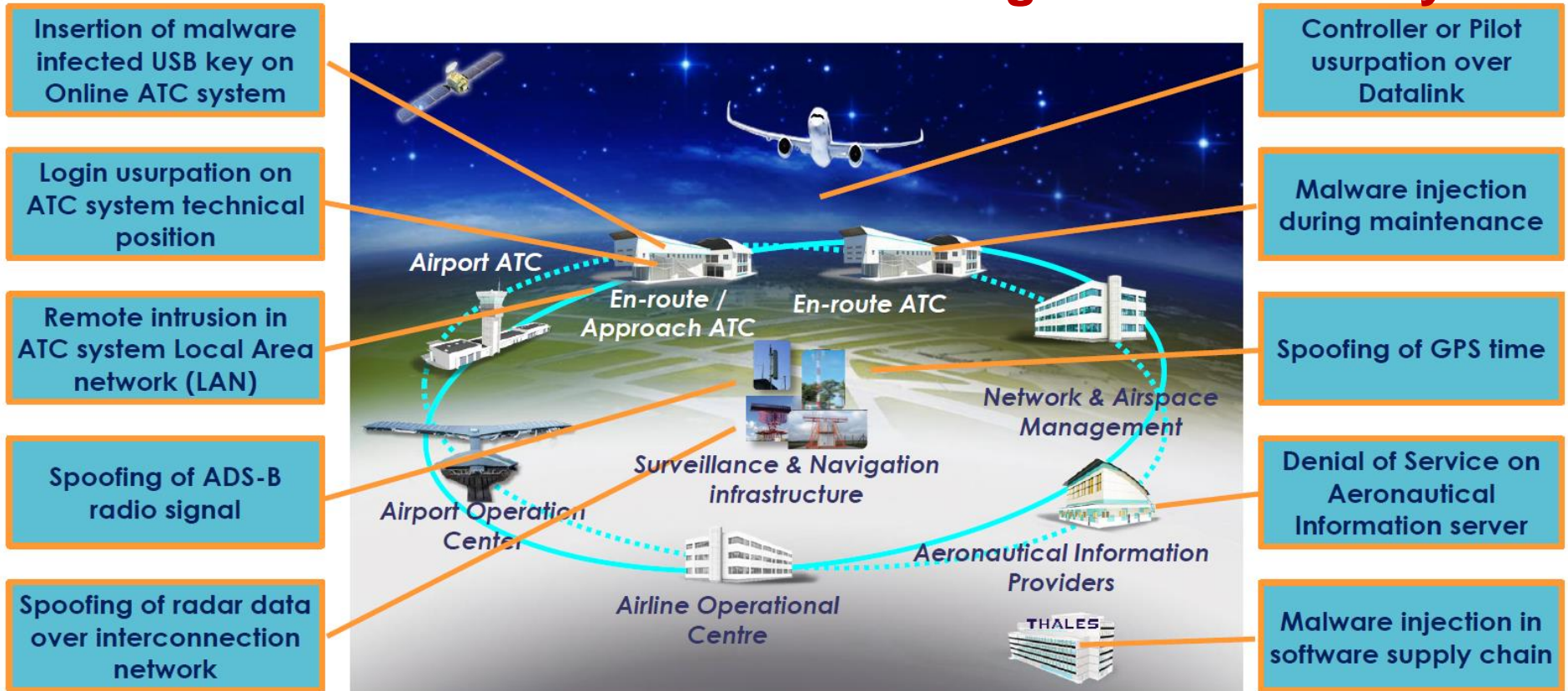


# Actual Scenario

## Potential Malicious acts against ATM

**Many attack surfaces...**

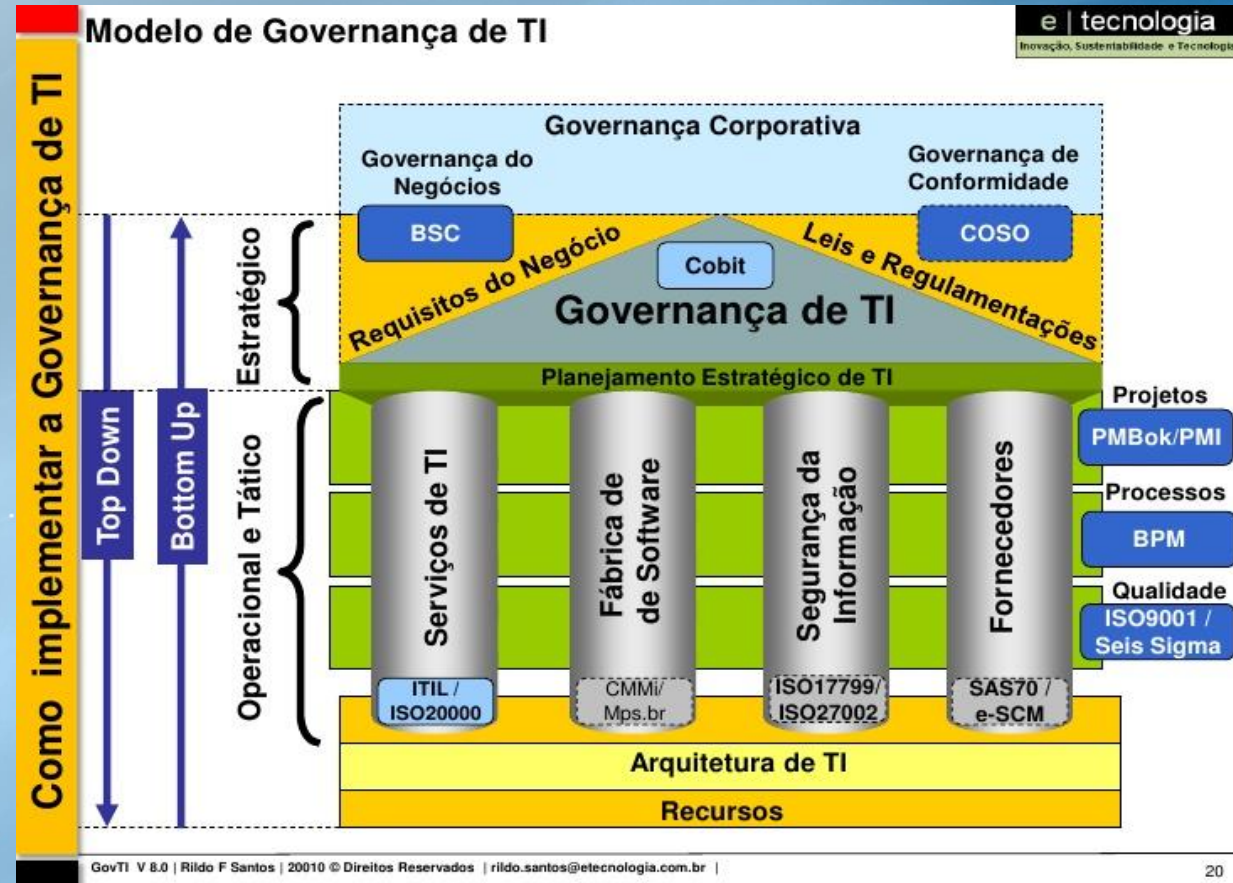
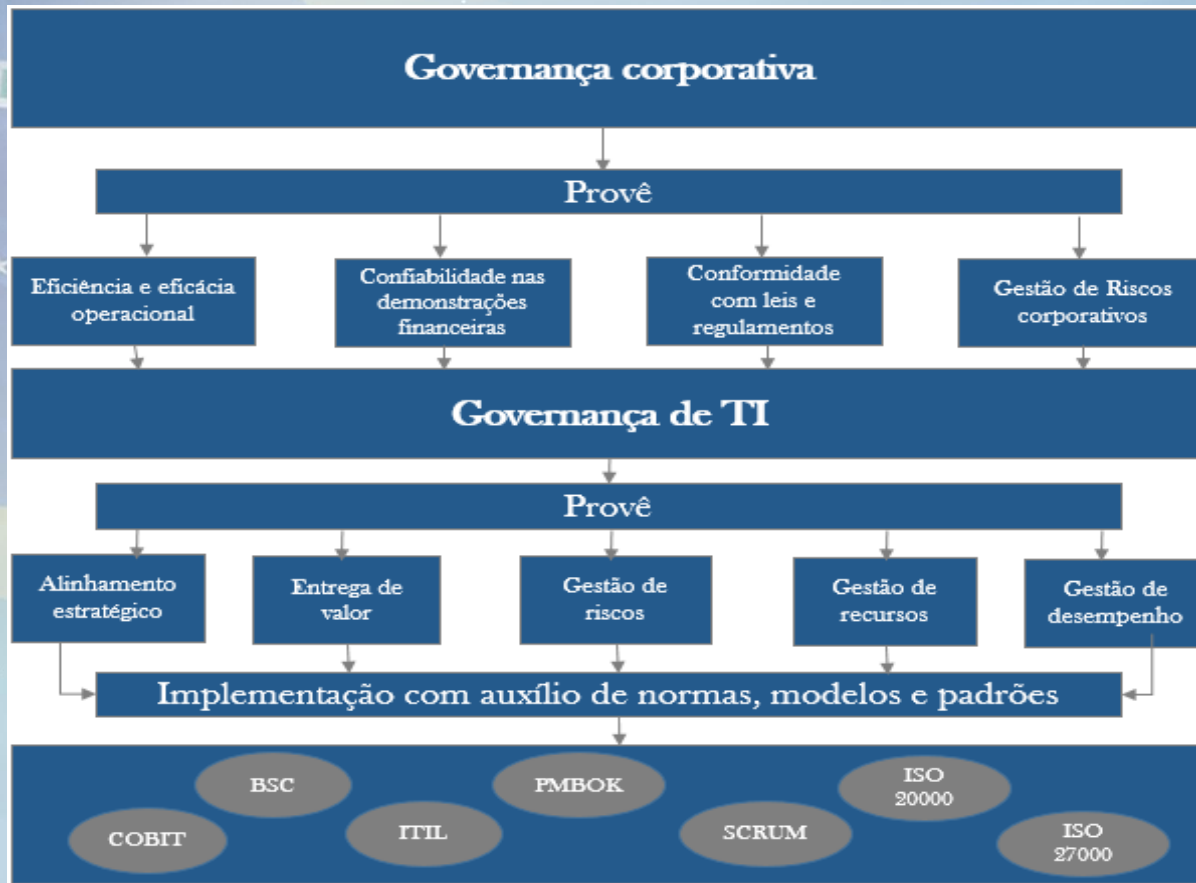
**Dealing with it each day!**



# Actual Scenario



Applying regulations, standards and best practices.



# Actual Scenario

## CGTEC

DECEA has implemented the Technical Management Center, which is able to centralize network data communication monitoring, and coordinate corrective actions nationally.



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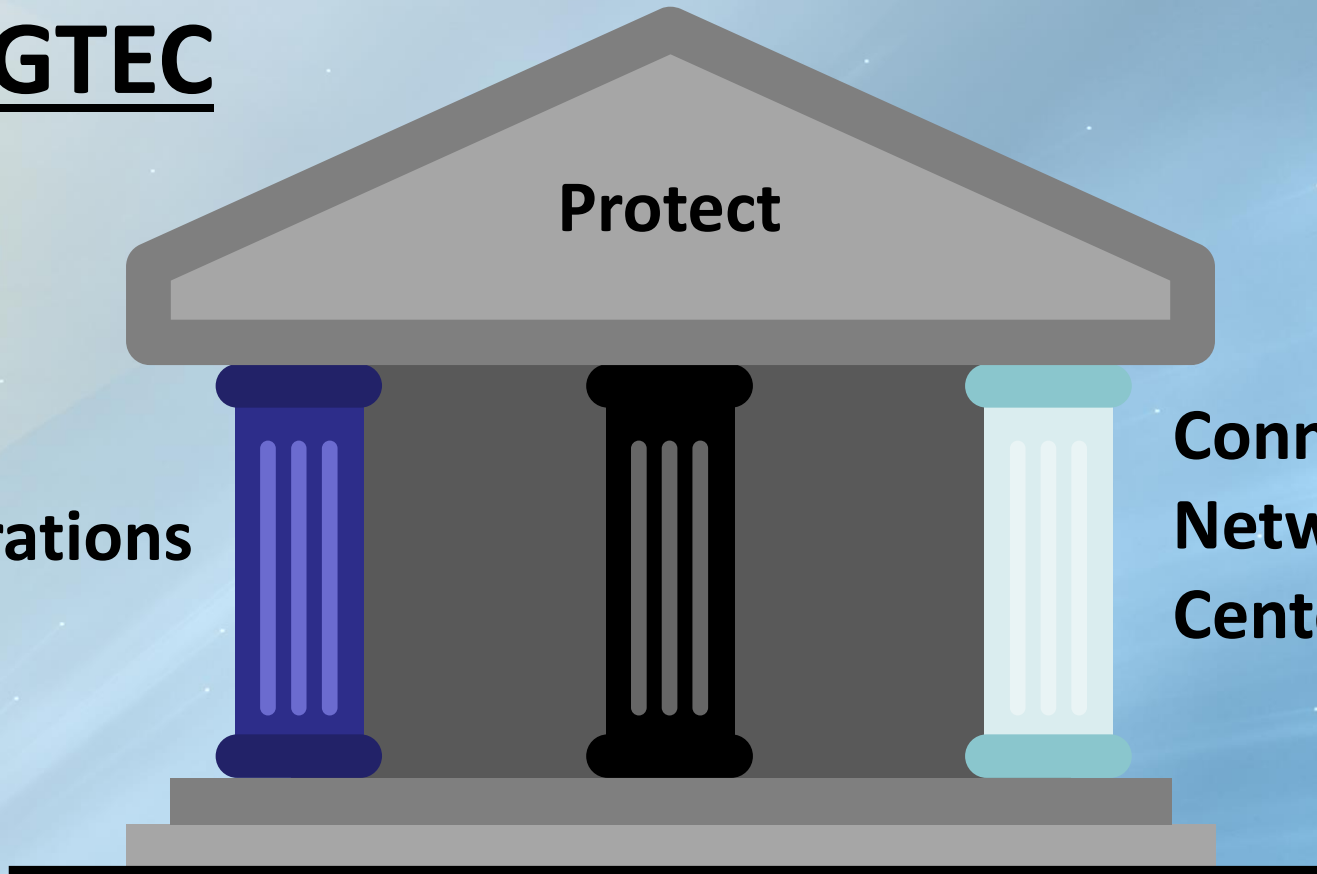


## CGTEC

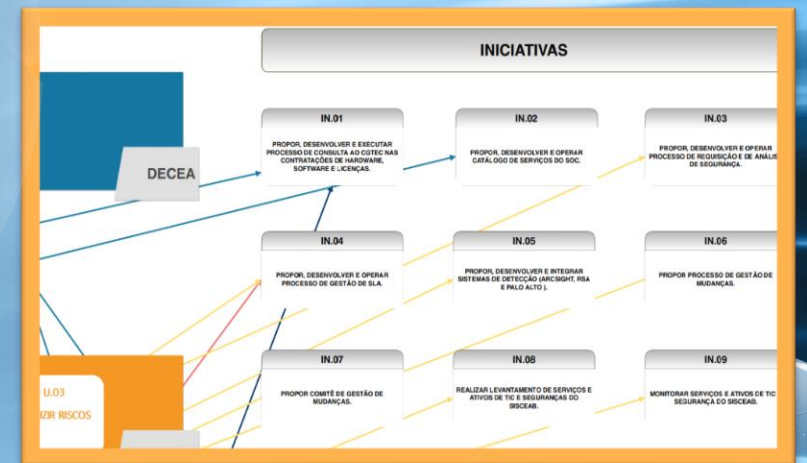
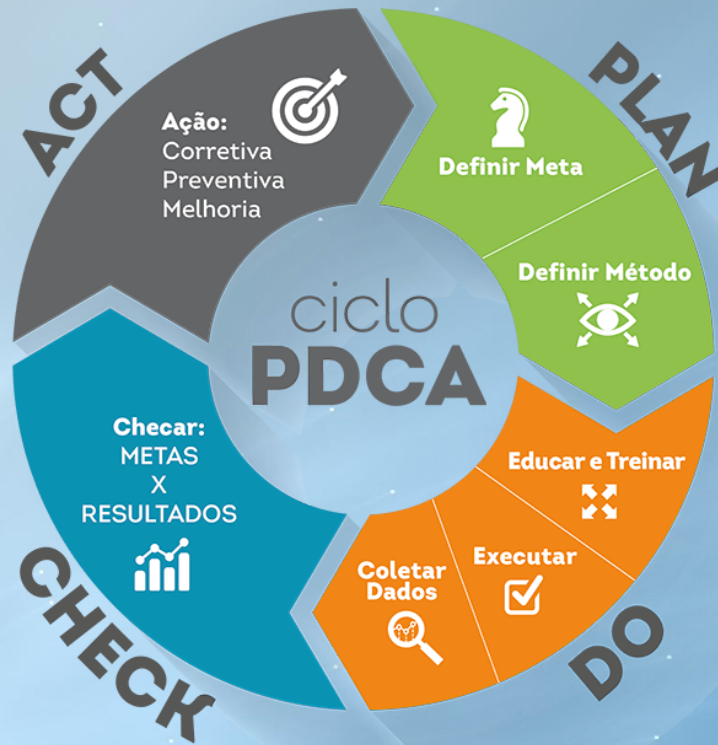
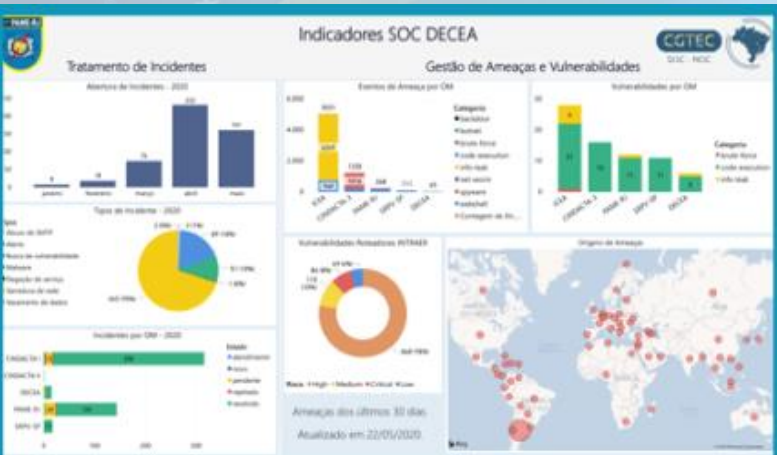
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Monitoring...  
Security Operations  
Center (SOC)

Connecting...  
Network Operations  
Center (NOC)



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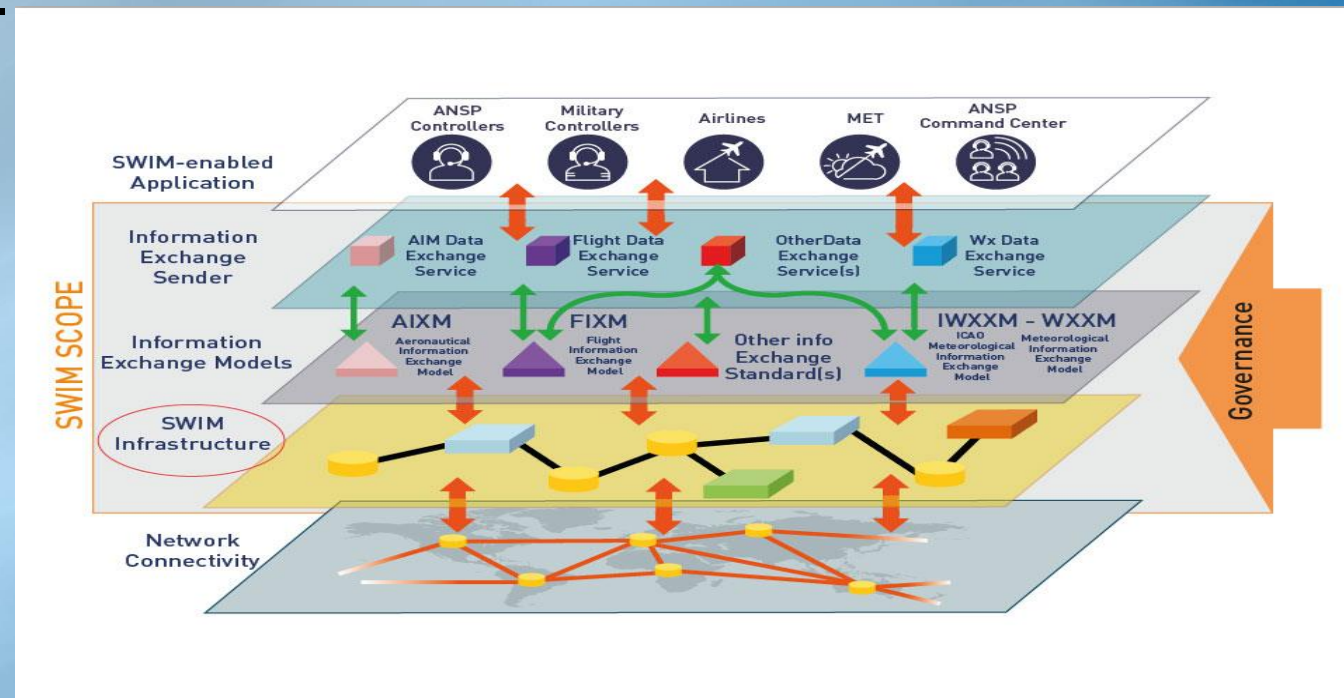
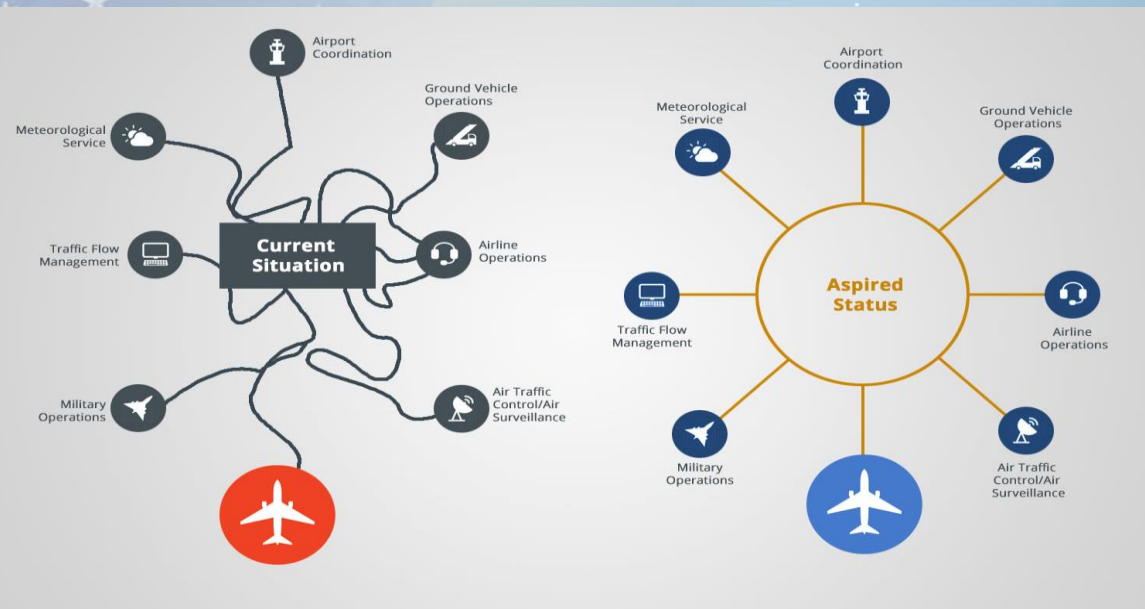
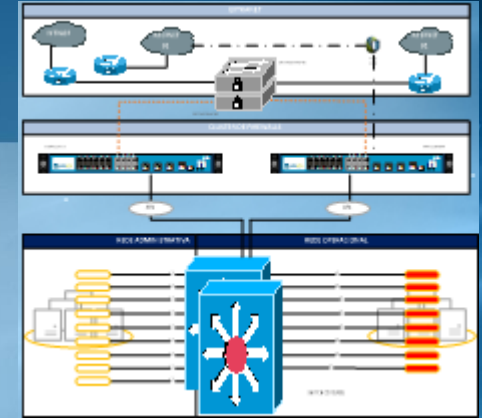
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# Challenges for the Future

- Apply High Availability across the entire ATM infrastructure;
- Apply network segregation and defense in depth;
- Simplify and standardize infrastructure and services;
- Prepare services for SWIM approach.



# Thanks for you time !!!!



# Questions are welcome!

