

# REMOTE ATC SERVICES



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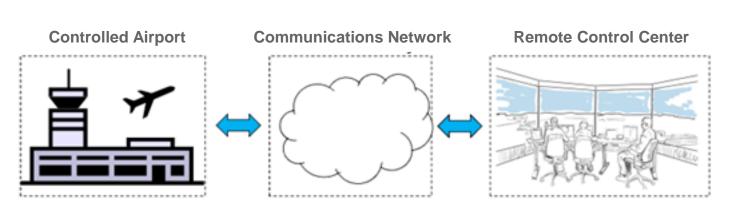
## **CURRENT SCENARIO**

- National air traffic accelerated growth over the next few years. New routes, new frequencies
- Increase in the number of cities served by air transport
- Need to increase the number of controlled airports
  - Construction of new EPTAs
  - Modernization of existing EPTAs
  - Contingency for emergency situations
  - Cost and allocation of qualified professionals











- Remote ATC service provision Greater efficiency / Lower Cost
- Replacement of the traditional physical infrastructure by a set of remotely installed Cameras and Sensors, transmitting image, sound and data to a Control Center





- Saab's Remote Tower model comprises two major building blocks
  - The Remotely Controlled Airports (RCA)
  - The Remote Tower Centre (RTC)
- Controllers reside in the RTC and provide air traffic services to one or more RCAs







# **Infrastructure Requirements**

Application	Protocol	Standard	Bandwidth (Mbit)	Application
Video	UDP	RTC/H.264 (RFC 3550)	100	Including 14 fixed color cameras, two zoom cameras and one PT IR camera
Audio	UDP	RTP (RFC 3550)	0,25	
General Monitoring	UDP	SNMP	0,03	
Fixed Camera Monitoring	UDP	SNMP	0,01	
Video Encoder Control and Monitoring	TCP	STI	0,02	
Audio Server Control and Monitoring	TCP	STI	0,01	

Application	Protocol	Standard	Bandwidth (Mbit)	Remark
Navigation Aid Control and Monitoring	TCP	STI	0,02	
Emergency distress alarm control and monitoring	ТСР	STI	0,005	
PTZ server Control and Monitoring	ТСР	STI	0,02	
Environmental protection control and monitoring	TCP	STI	0,02	
METREPORT	TCP	HTTPS	0,2	
MET Sensor data	TCP	STI	0,02	
MET System monitoring	TCP	STI	0,01	
VCS	TCP	VoIP	0,25	
VCS Monitoring	UDP	SNMP	0,01	
Time reference	UDP	NTP	0,03	
		Sum:	101	

#### Remote Tower Center (RTC)

- 360 degree Visualization System
- Airport's stereo sound
- Audio, Video and Flight Data Record & Replay
- Integrated systems control Navigation aids and communication systems
- Access to meteorologial data



## Remotely Controlled Airport (RCA)

- 14 high-definition cameras
- Pan/tilt/zoom (PTZ) cameras (30x)
  - Electro-optical
  - Infrared (IR)
- Signal light gun
- Acoustic sensors



### Remotely Controlled Airport (RCA)

- Camera housing mitigates:
  - Rain, snow, hail, moisture and dust
  - Temperature extremes
  - Sunlight
  - Insects
  - Birds
- Size: 5' diameter x 8' height
- Weight: 600 lbs



- High cost-benefit solution for different situations
  - Low volume of operations distributed over long periods
  - High cost of operation (infrastructure and personnel)
  - Difficulty of attracting qualified Controllers
- Possible Scenarios
  - Operation of various towers (RCAs) from a single Center (RTC)
  - TWR service in new locations
  - Replacement of obsolete Towers
  - Back-up solution for airports of great movement
  - Contingency solution to emergency situations

Cost Reduction Elements and Estimates

_	<b>Physical</b>	Infrastructure	deployment:	30%

- Systems Implementations: 25%
- Human Factors (Controllers): 50%
- Maintenance: 50%

## IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

#### Single Airport

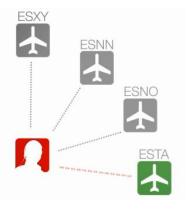
The controller working position (CWP) is connected to one specific remote airport

#### Switching Between Airports

 The CWP has the capability of switching between airports, so the air traffic controller can provider service to any of them, one at a time

#### Multiple Airports Simultaneously

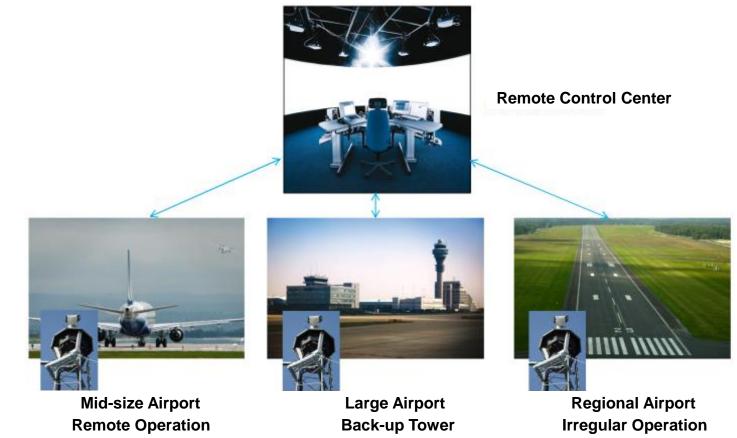
 The CWP is connected to multiple remote airports simultaneously, allowing one operator to provide air traffic services at multiple airports at the same time





# IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

 With remote working positions, controllers can be centralized, manpower can be better balanced, and service can be offered on a scheduled / on-demand basis



# IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS



# SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- Environmental Challenges
  - Varying **light conditions**... sunrise/sunset, night, fog, bright lamps, strobe lights
  - Arctic to desert temperatures
  - Precipitation... various forms and intensity levels
  - Salt and sand
  - Insects and birds





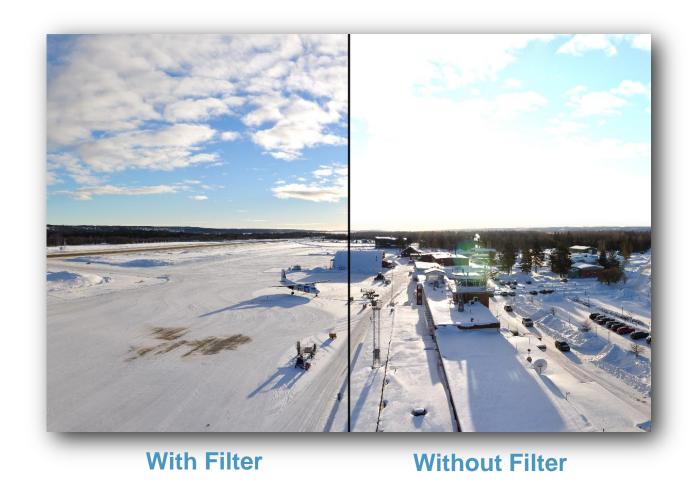
Signal Light Gun... Slaved to PTZ Camera as Radio Backup



• PTZ Camera... Replace Binoculars



# • Filtering Techniques



Automatic Digital Brightness Adjustments



Infrared Cameras - Supplement to optical cameras in darkness or in fog



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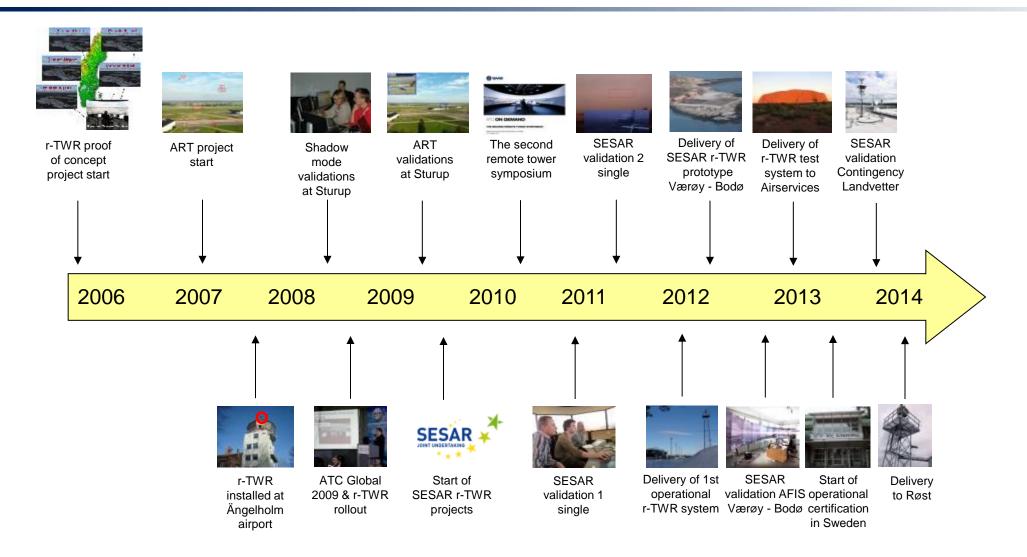
Weather Overlay



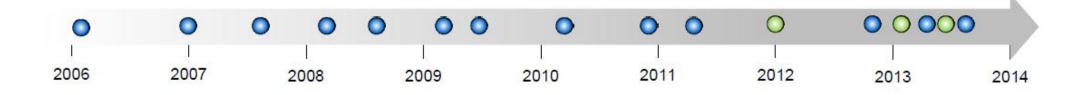


**Wind Rose** 

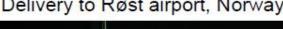
Runway Visual Range (RVR)







Delivery to Røst airport, Norway

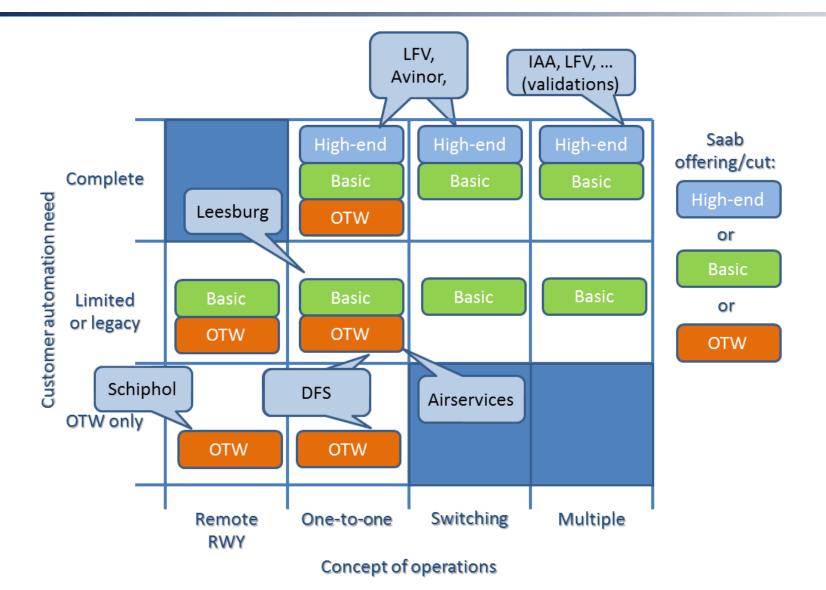


Start of trial&evaluation phase, Australia









#### Leesburg, Virginia (USA)

SAC / DECEA / Infraero Visit - Jun 2015















- 62 > 58 Aeroportos em território nacional
- Different operation volumes and specific requeriments

# THE BRAZILIAN SCENARIO





- 22 Regional Airports with similar characteristics
- Frequent need for deployment of control towers in economically adverse scenarios

# THE BRAZILIAN SCENARIO

• Regional Aviation Program, part of SAC-PR's Logistic Investment Plan (PIL)

Estado	1ª Fase	Investimento Previsto (R\$ mi)
Acre	4	76,5
Amazonas	25	838,4
Amapá	2	74,5
Pará	24	442,1
Rondônia	6	83,2
Roraima	3	100,0
Tocantins	3	65,2
Total:	67	1.679,9

Estado	1ª Fase	Investimento Previsto (R\$ mi)
Alagoas	2	125,6
Bahia	20	548,0
Ceará	9	363,0
Maranhão	11	270,5
Paraíba	3	131,6
Pernambuco	9	216,8
Piauí	7	159,1
Rio Grande do Norte	2	218,2
Sergipe	1	42,3
Total:	64	2.075,1

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Total de aeroportos:	67
Investimento total:	R\$ 1,7 bi



Região	1ª Fase	Investimento Previsto (R\$ bi)
Norte	67	1,7
Nordeste	64	2,1
Centro-Oeste	31	0,9
Sudeste	65	1,6
Sul	43	1,0
Total:	270	7,3

## THE BRAZILIAN SCENARIO

- For Saab, Remote EPTAs (TWR and AFIS) are not a concept, but rather a certified product "in operation".
- Clear demands for the solution have been identified in Brazil
- Saab is in search of:
  - A potential user (Infraero, DAESP ...)
  - A viable Business Model
  - Support from Regulatory and Certification entities
- Certification should be treated as a regular project deliverable, following a detailed **Due Dilligence** activity to be performed by Saab

In addition, Saab reiterates its unconditional commitment to support any projects or technical feasibility studies, conducted by the Brazilian Regulatory and Certification authorities.