



*Dedicated to innovation in aerospace*



## **Advanced simulation research infrastructures for Air Transport – Future generation**

How we 'C' Simulation in the Vision?

*Marja Eijkman - Division Manager Air Transport NLR*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Aeronautics ERA-Net AirTN Workshop on  
Aviation Research Infrastructures in Europe  
25 Feb 2013, Brussels*

Member of  
  
the ATM Research Alliance

# Content : How we “C” Simulation

- **Introduction AT-One**
- **What did the IEG say about Air Transport simulation?**
- **When & how do we use simulation?**
  - Challenges
  - Complexity
  - Completeness
  - Coherence
  - Cooperation
- **Conclusions**



# AT-One Facts & Figures

- Strategic Alliance of the **DLR Institute of Flight Guidance** and the **NLR Air Transport Division**
- Shareholders:  
50% DLR, 50% NLR
- Locations:  
Braunschweig, Amsterdam, Brussels
- Total number of employees: ~ 300
- Annual turnover: ~ 35 M€
- Support background of an additional 1400 employees in Aviation Research



**One of the largest ATM research organisations in the world**

# What did the IEG say about Air Transport simulation?



- To conduct the required RDT&E on these new systems an **integrated** ground and airborne simulation and test infrastructure is necessary consisting of:
  - Flight test aircraft and helicopters
  - Moving base and fixed base flight **simulators**
  - Radar **simulators** with ATCo positions
  - Tower **simulators**
- These facilities should be equipped so that they can be used in an **integrated** way to simulate with and without actual SESAR hardware in the loop, the new SES configurations.

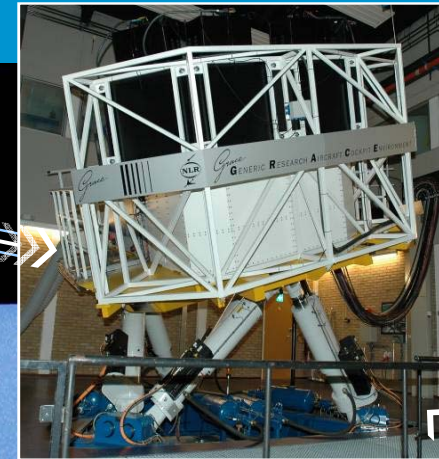
# Research infrastructure



ATC Simulator



Research Aircraft



Flight Simulator



# When & how do we use simulation?

- **Research & Development phase (lower TRL)**
  - Validate concept principles
  - Validate operability, acceptability, usability
  - Validate performance
- Fast time simulation
  - Air Traffic Optimisation
  - Optimisation of conflict resolution, avoiding collision risk
- Real time simulation
  - Procedure development
  - Human factors

## When & how do we use simulation? (2)

- **Implementation phase**

- Accelerate the introduction of new technologies through simulation with stakeholders
  - Unmanned Aircraft Ground Control Station
- Involvement of communities
  - Virtual Community Noise Simulator

- **Operational phase (high TRL)**

- Training
  - Flight simulators
  - ATC training
  - Serious gaming
  - Embedded training
- Multi-disciplinary training to prepare for adverse weather conditions



# Simulation for Cooperation

## Complex Winter Training simulation

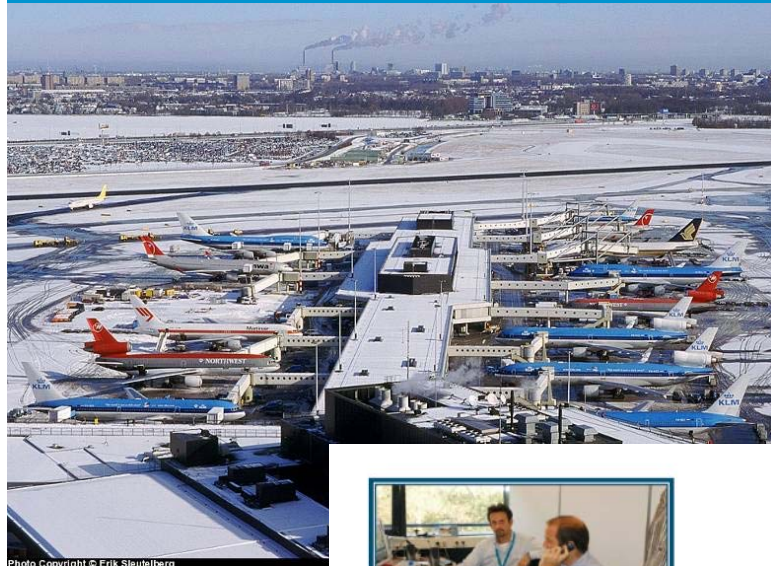


Photo Copyright © Erik Steuëlberg

LVNL

KLM

Meteo

Schiphol



KLM Operations Control



KLM Hub Control



Tower simulator



Exercise management  
Kitchen crew  
Technical support



Deicing  
Gate planning  
Apron control



# Grand Challenges

*Simulation is needed to prepare for the future!*



- **More air traffic**
- **More passengers**
- **More aircraft**
- **Other platforms**
  - Integration of RPAS in non-segregated airspace
  - Personal Air Transport
- **Economic development**
- **Pressure on natural resources**
- **Climate change**



# Challenges

## The SRIA and simulation needs



- **Some SRIA goals:**

- 90% of travellers within Europe are able to complete their journey, door-to-door within 4 hours
- A coherent ground infrastructure is developed
- Flights land within 1 minute of the planned arrival time
- An air traffic management system is in place that provides a range of services to handle at least 25 million flights a year of all types of vehicles



# Complexity

The role of simulation in the development of the future air transport system



Community

Pax

PPlane

Multimodal Transport

RPAS

Environment



Technology Evaluator

# Completeness & Coherence

An integrated approach to Air Transport simulation



Serious gaming  
FP7 MASCA



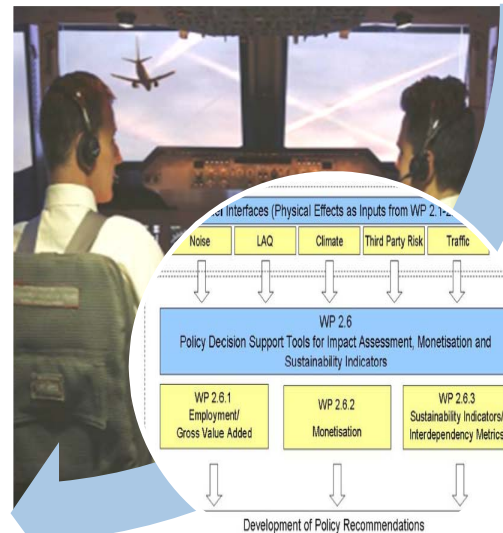
Noise Simulation



Agent based safety analyses  
FP7 Resilience 2050



MUAGCS  
Mature Unmanned Aircraft  
Ground Control Station

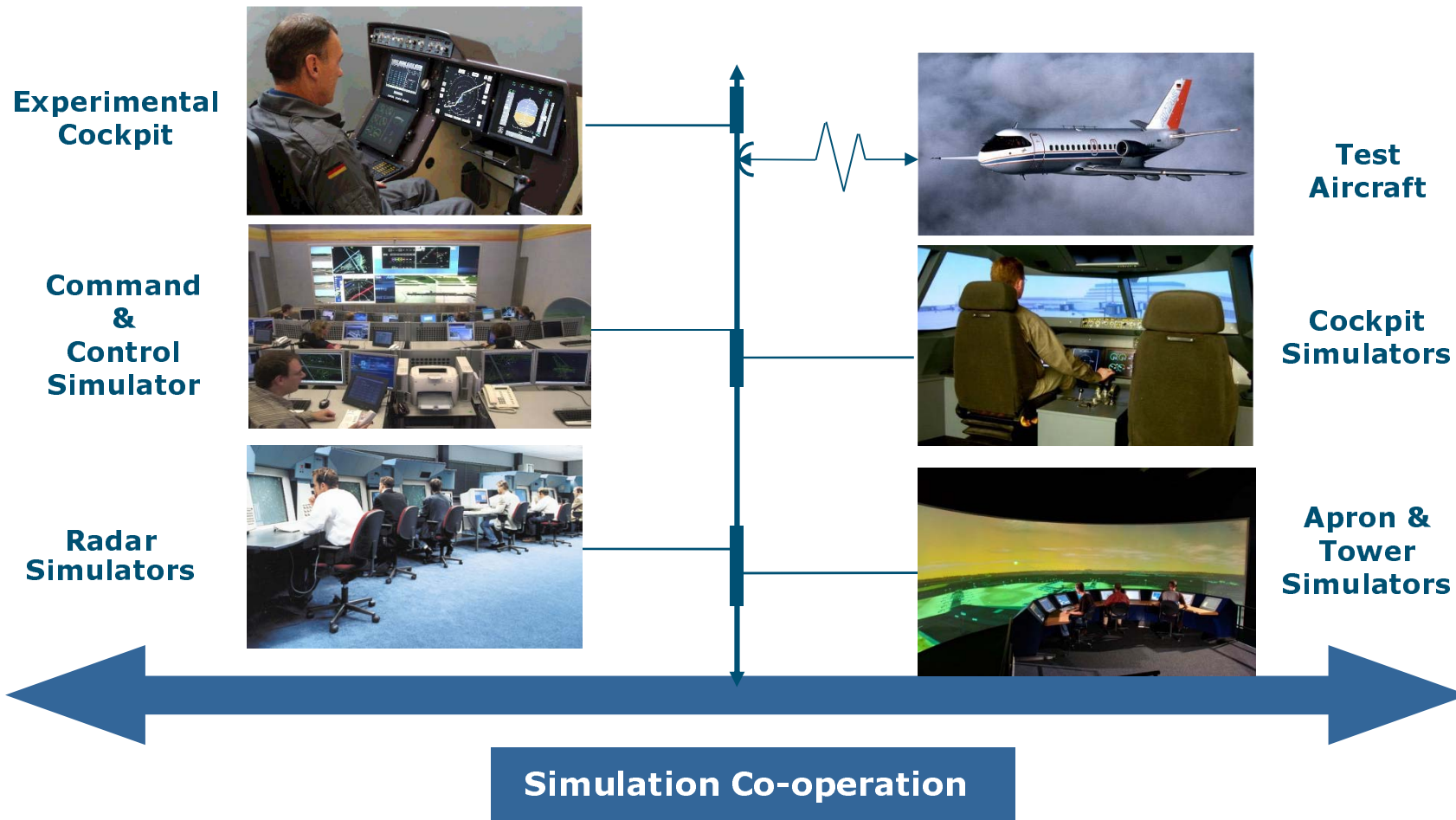


Environmental and Econ Aviation Modelling for Policy Analysis  
FP7 TEAM-PLAY

# Complex simulation through co-operation

## Integrated Real Time Human In The Loop

### Simulation Facilities within AT-One



# Conclusions

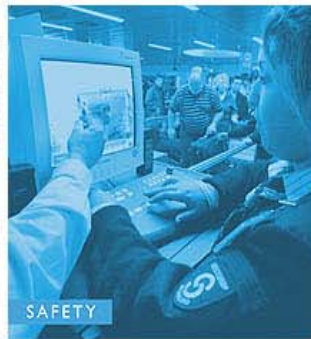
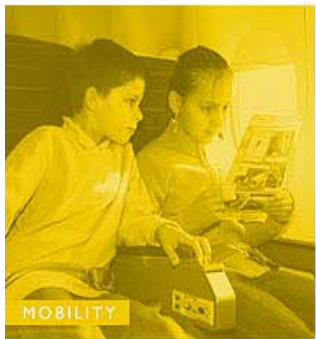
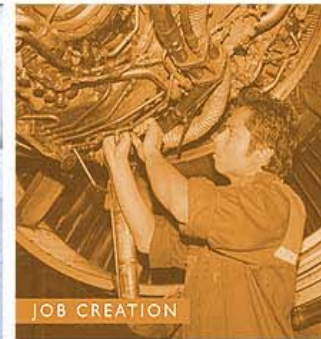
## *C's to meet the Challenges*



- **More complex Air Transport System requires more complex simulations**
- **An integrated approach is needed**
  - Co-operation amongst stakeholders
  - Use traditional and additional simulation research facilities
- **Role for simulation to accelerate the introduction of new transport capabilities to achieve mobility goals:**
  - Traditional
    - Develop and evaluate new Technologies
  - Additional
    - Multi-modal Mobility Performance Assessment (i.r.t. Airspace and Airport capacity)
    - Serious Games to improve co-operation between various aviation stakeholders
    - Environmental & Safety Impact Assessment
- **Co-operation between industry, REs and governments (EU and National) is key**
  - Joint investments in strategic simulation infrastructure to meet the challenges of future aviation will be necessary



*Dedicated to innovation in aerospace*



[www.nlr.nl](http://www.nlr.nl) - [info@nlr.nl](mailto:info@nlr.nl)