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AIRICA ATM Innovative RPAS Integration for Coastguard Applications

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Introduction

Goal

Demonstrate RPAS integration

Requirements

- On-board Detect & Avoid
- Simultaneous Non-Interfering operations at airport
- Interface with ATC

Challenges

- Beyond Visual Line Of Sight
- Different airspace classes







Consortium

- NLR
 - Consortium coordinator / Project manager
 Expertise on Detect & Avoid, ATM, RPAS Ops.



- Netherlands Coastguard
 - Primary stakeholder & Intruder aircraft



- Royal Netherlands Air Force
 - Air Traffic Control services
 & Intruder aircraft



- Schiebel
 - RPAS provider









RPAS provided by Schiebel

CAMCOPTER® S-100

Main characteristics

- Rotor diameter 3.40 m
- Maximum take-off mass 200 kg
- Typical cruise speed 100 kts
- Endurance > 6 hours @ 55 kts









Demonstration Objectives

- Demonstrate realistic (coastguard) mission
 - Beyond Visual Line of Sight
 - Transponder (Mode S & ADS-B)
 Detect & Avoid functionality
 - Positive detection of intruder aircraft

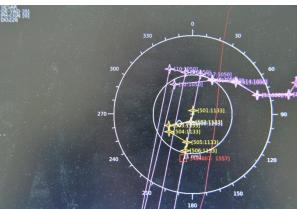


Demonstrate feasibility of enhanced state-of-the-art

communication with ATC

 detailed live information on waypoint route navigation









AirScout - Detect And Avoid (DAA) system

- Advanced In-flight Resolution and Self-separation of Conflicts Occurring Under Traffic insertion
- Designed by NLR
- System features
 - Using ADS-B and Mode-S
 - Independent of Aircraft type/make
 - Prototype with qualified (COTS) hardware
 - In house developed software components
- Avoidance features
 - Maintains minimum separation
 - Respect rules of the air (VFR)



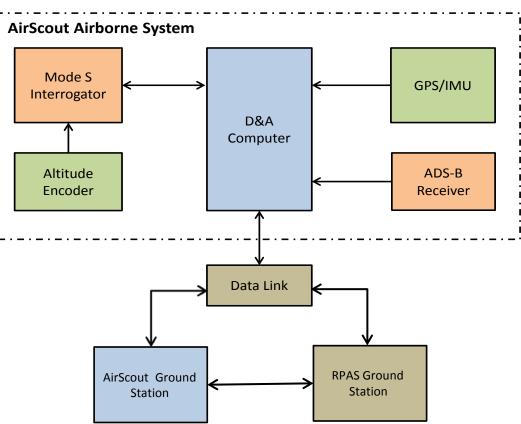






AirScout - DAA system overview









AirScout - System Development & Testing

Development started in Explorer project in 2012

- Designed & tested for many scenarios
 - One or two intruders
 - Various approach directions
 - Various airspeeds/altitudes
 - Multiple intruders

Implementation in AIRICA project started in 2014

- Interface design with RPAS
 - Integration tests in Austria
 - Algorithm adjustments iteratively until tests passed
- HITL-Simulations
- Intruder tests at Netherlands RPAS Test Centre



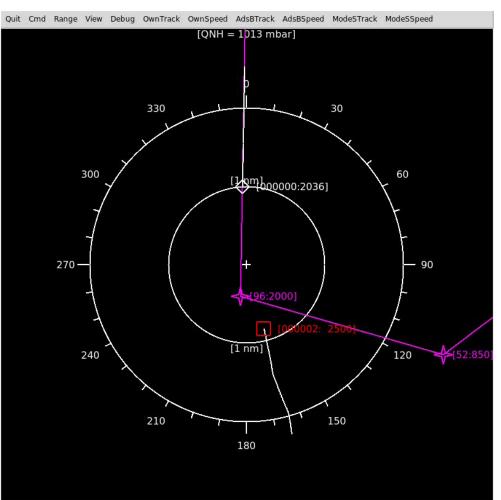




AirScout Hardware-In-The-Loop (HITL) Simulations

HITL-simulation tests

Example simulation performed at Schiebel Wiener-Neustadt by NLR during test campaign

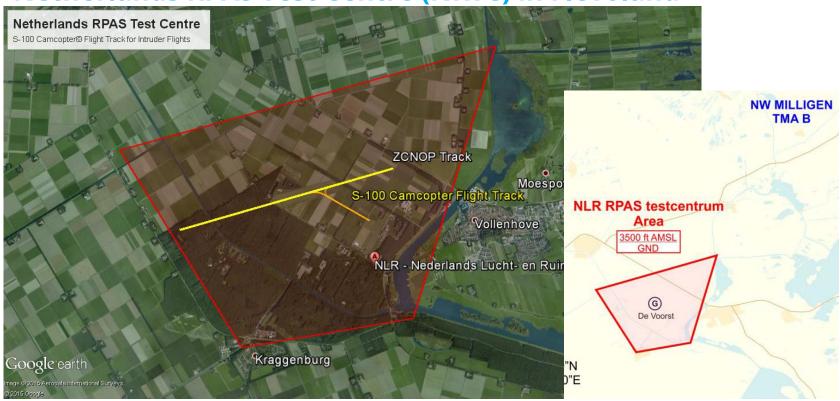






AirScout - System & Intruder Test Flights

Netherlands RPAS Test Centre (NRTC) in Flevoland







Netherlands RPAS Test Centre Trials



Schiebel CAMCOPTER® S-100



NLR AirScout DAA-system



NLR Flycatcher radar



NLR Cessna Citation



RNLAF Alouette



NL Coastguard DO-228





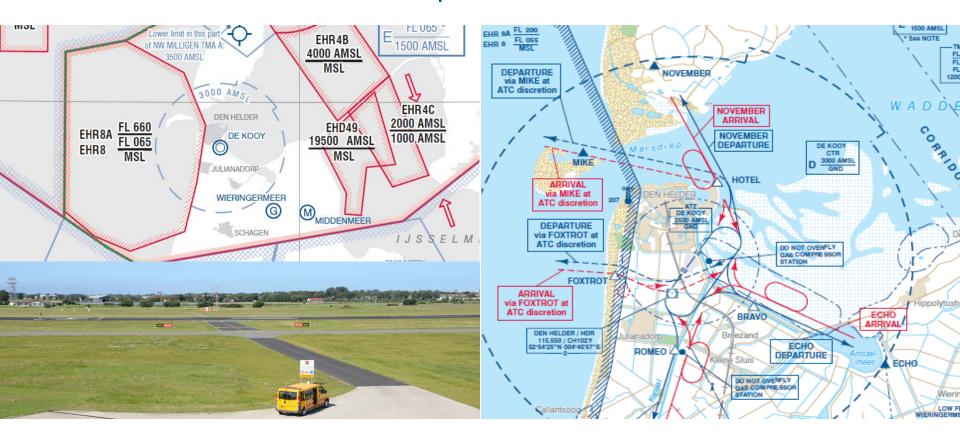
Netherlands RPAS Test Centre Trials

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Demonstration area of operation



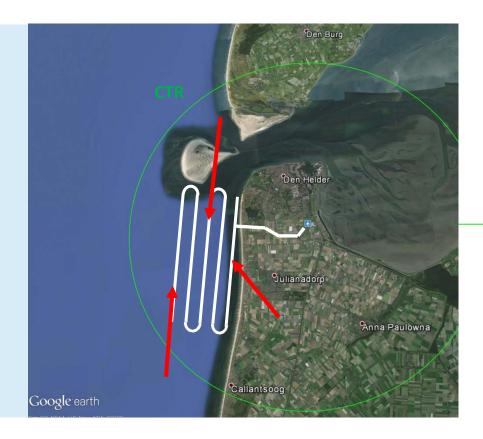




Demonstration area of operation (cont'd)

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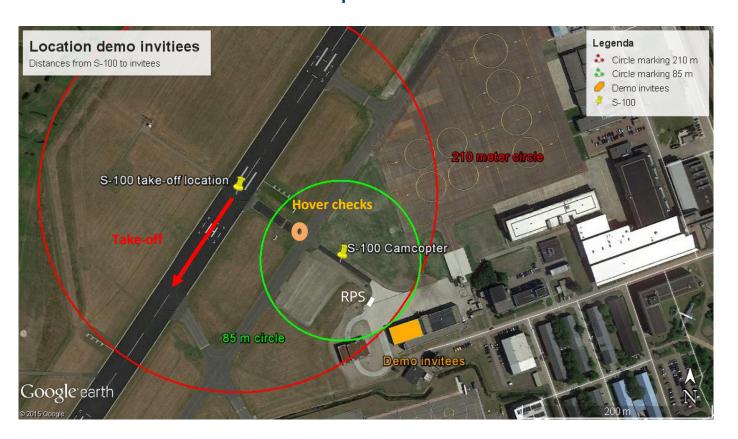
- Adapted De Kooy Foxtrot departure
- Execute a Coastguard search mission
- Experience encounters with manned aircraft (in red)
- Maintain separation







Demonstration startup, take-off, and invitees area







Demo Intruder Aircraft

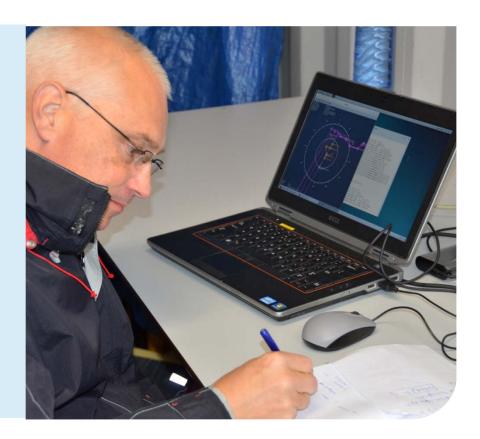






Remote Pilot Station (RPS)

- In container
 - Remote Pilot Station equipment
 - Pilot in Command
 - AirScout operator
- Safety Pilot
 - Checks before departure
 - Take over control at any moment
- Landing normally automatically
- Comms via VHF (NLR & Tower)







Demonstration regulatory aspects

Waiver requirements for the test and demo flights

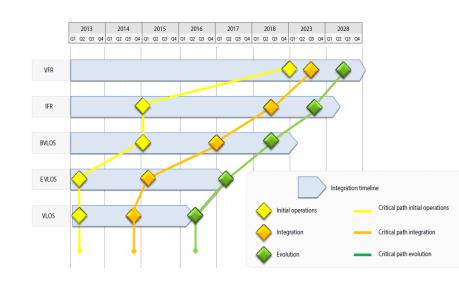
- Exemptions for
 - Certificate of Airworthiness
 - Noise certificate



- Remote Pilot Licenses
- Operations Manual (OM)
- Approved Emergency procedures & test flight
- Operational Risk Assessment& Mitigation Plan
 - No Certificate of Airworthiness
 - Beyond Visual Line Of Sight











Achievements

Equipped RPAS

- Recently developed State-of-the-Art DAA equipment
- Semi-Automatic executed (man-in-the-loop) DAA actions

Demonstration

- Effective functioning in realistic mission of the DAA system
- State-of-the-art interaction between ATC and RPAS









Achievements

Results

- First Civil registered RPAS
 - 1. Permit to Fly for overland flights
 - 2. Operated from a regular Airport
 - 3. Beyond Visual Line Of Sight without visual observers
 - 4. To fly with manned aircraft to evaluate Detect And Avoid measures in The Netherlands
- Gained experience by flights at NRTC and in CTR + EHR8
- Lessons learned and recommendations for
 - Further research
 - RPAS airspace integration
 - Flights from civil/military airports





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