

# A spotlight on promising visual repellent systems by AIRBUS & CNRS

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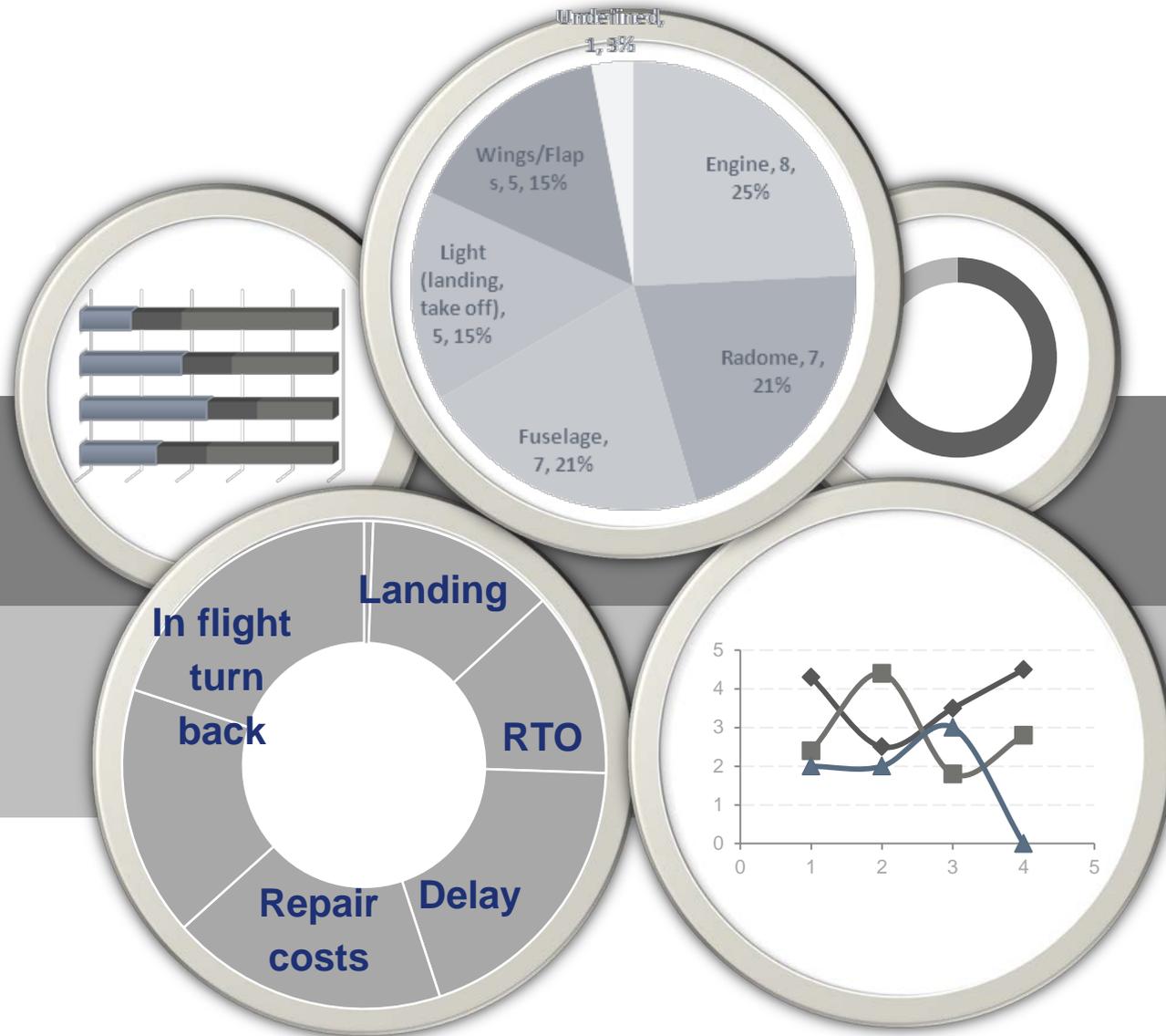


# Viewpoint: a growing up issue but not enough analyzed

Climate change,  
Traffic increase  
Protection of birds,  
...

→ many statistics, but

Still so difficult to  
size the reality  
of the costs  
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4 k\$ → 30 k\$ → 200 k€  
Per Aircraft / year ?

# Many responses **but** not up to the job



**Current systems don't match the scale of the problem**

# In term of effectiveness...

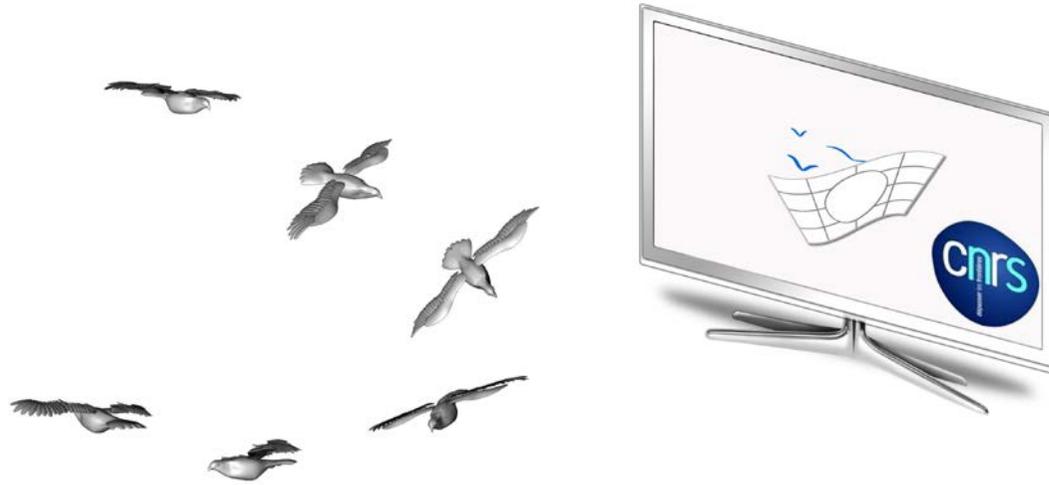


- « *Effectiveness unproven* »
- « *Short term efficiency* »
- « *Birds get used to...* »

***A definitive solution ?***

**Even not efficient !**

# An innovative approach



## A Visual stimuli

Quick effect (1 – 2 sec )

Durable effect - no acclimatization

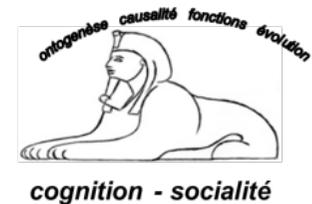
**Ethologist approach:**

*« all systems are based on what we imagine that scares the birds »*

**→ must be seen in another way !**

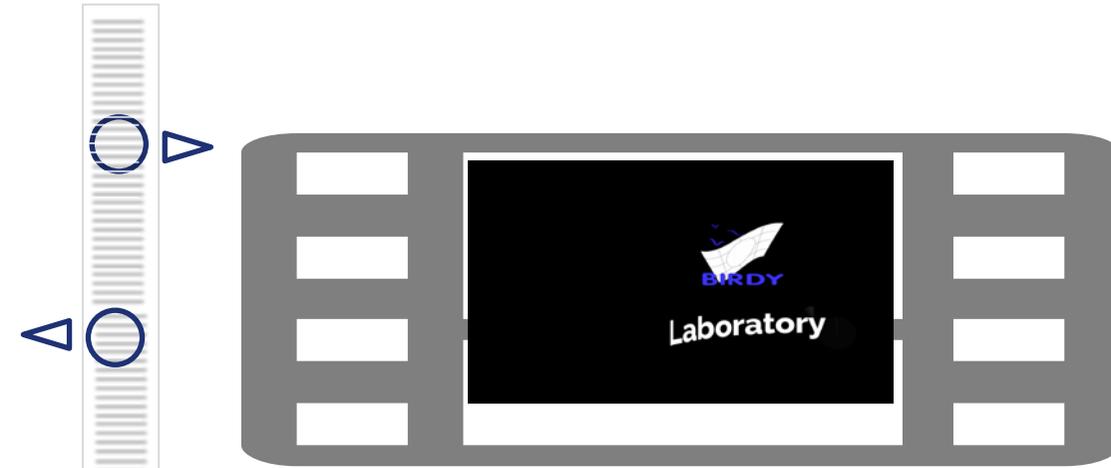
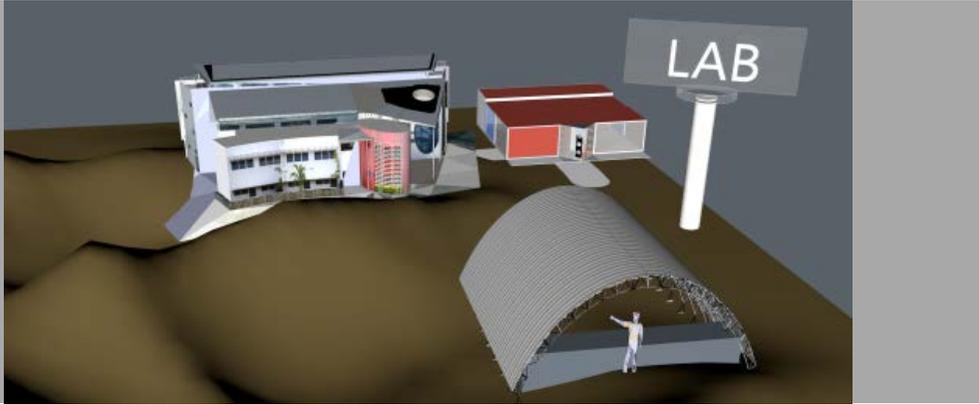
# A research project on visual repellent systems

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# TESTS: in laboratory (1)

2012



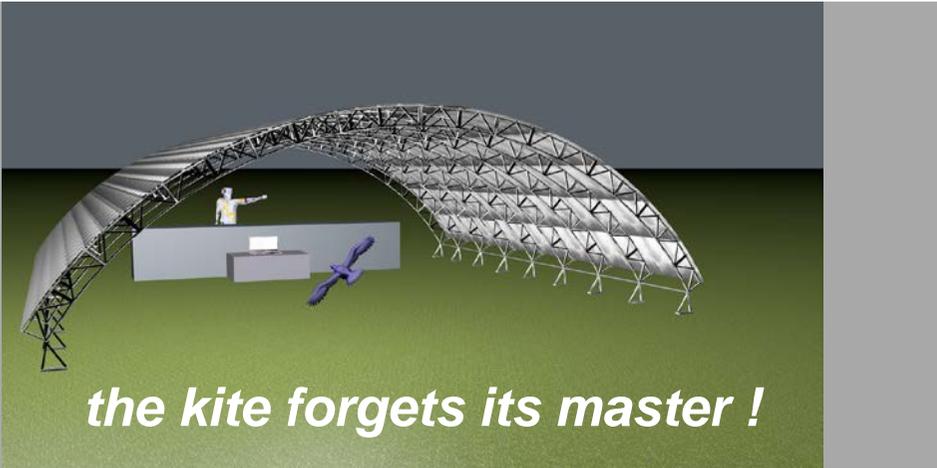
3000 trials

Various stimuli tested

3 effective



LCD screen



**Even raptors well react**



# TESTS : Wildland



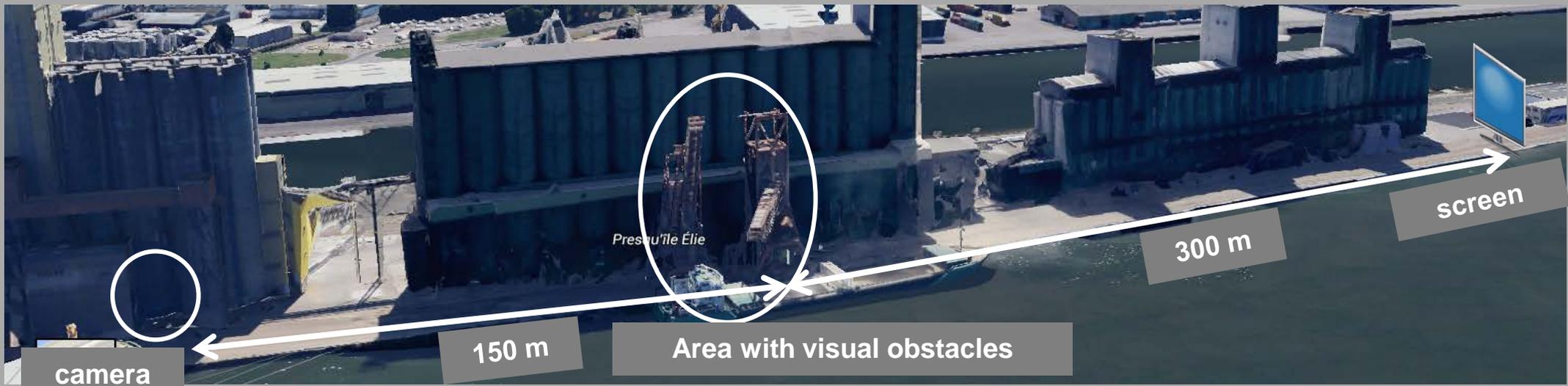
8600 birds tested, 29 species of 4 groups:

- Shorebirds,
- Anatidae,
- Laridae,
- Passerines

Visual stimuli do repel most species until 400m

2013





More than 2000 pigeons per day well fed  
in a huge “pantry”

Metallic structures, big walls, roofs...  
in which  
Birds feel totally secure and comfortable

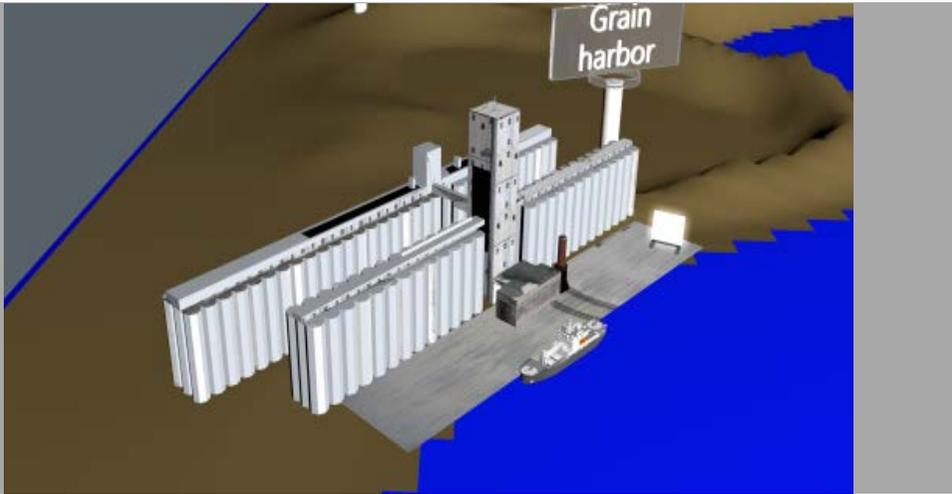


Surely  
a worse  
Case  
Scenario!



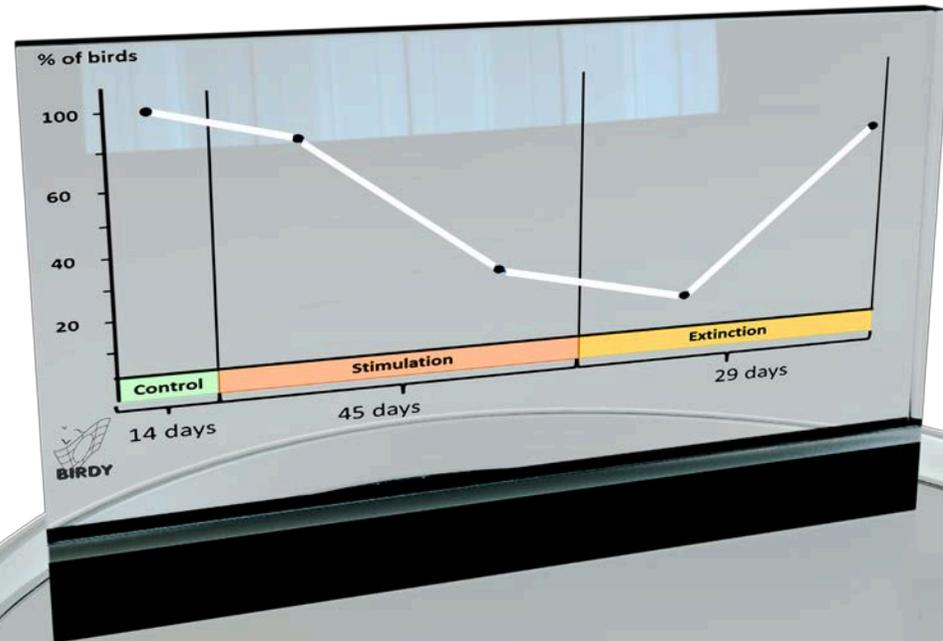
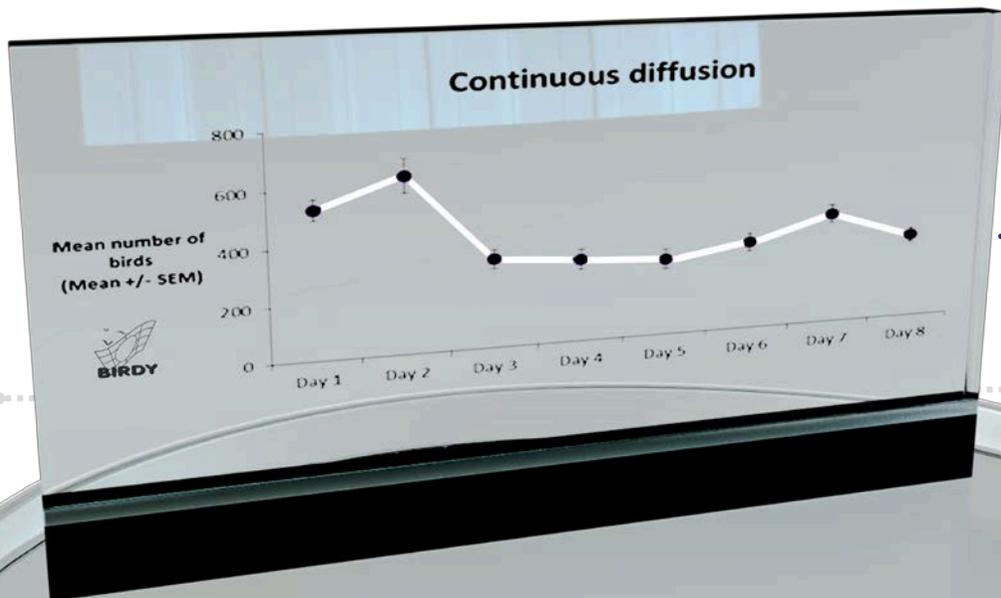
# TESTS: Grain harbor (1)

2014



- ✓ A progressive decrease in the number of birds
- ✓ Progressive reduction due to the important turn over of the pigeons' population
- ✓ Pigeons came back only two weeks after the screen was switched off
- ✓ More pigeons in other areas of the harbor.

High efficiency: twice less pigeons after 3 days



# TESTS: Grain harbor (3)

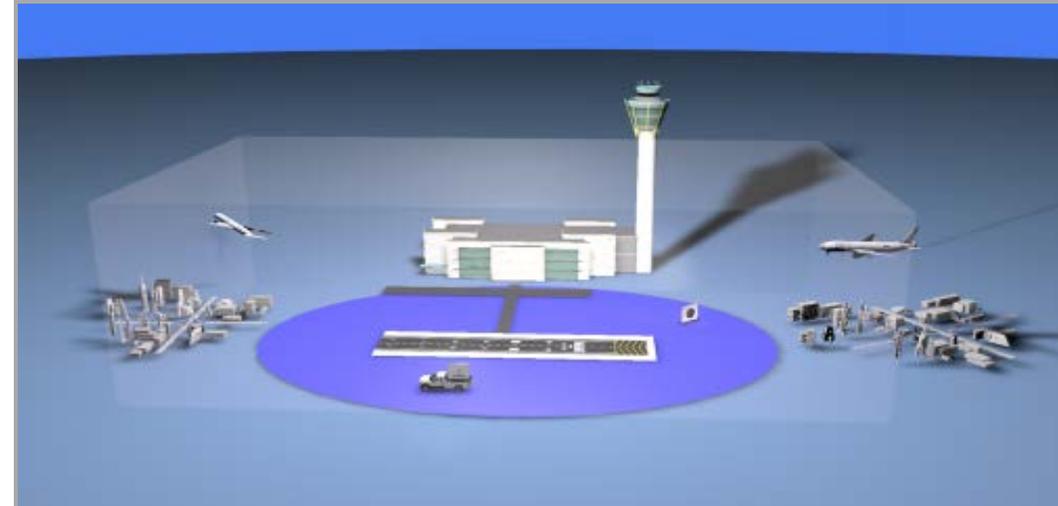
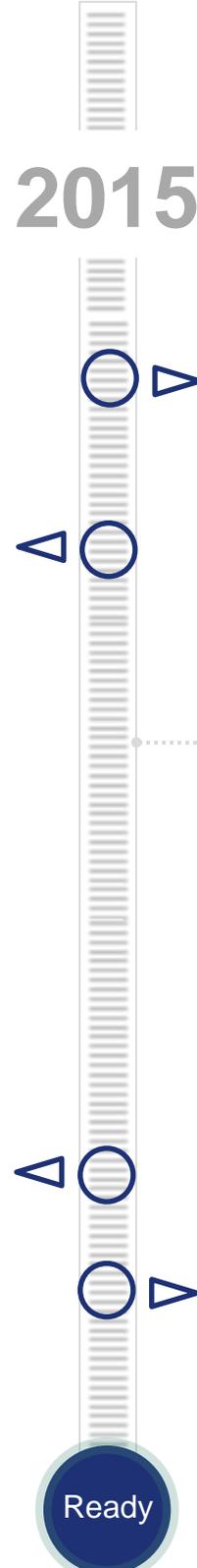
2014



# WANTED! Playgrounds

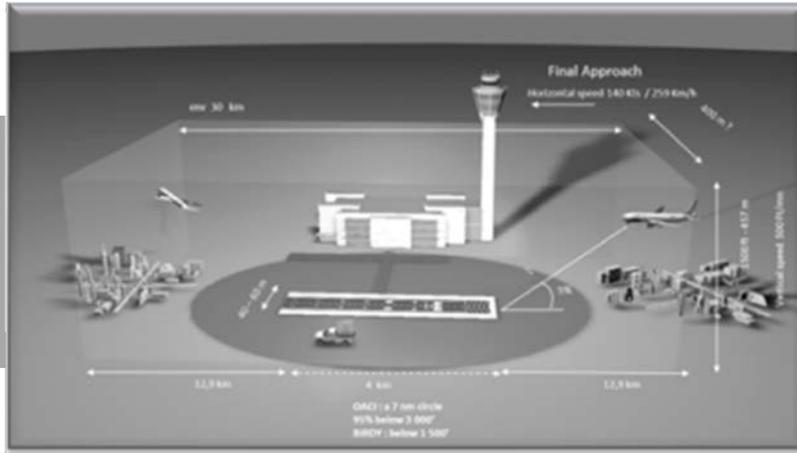
Migrations (on process)  
Long term tests  
Airports  
Offshore  
Others...

**Have you got one ?**



# A product range

## Ground system



2015

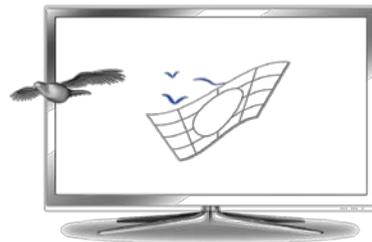
## Embedded system



20..



Mobile



Stand alone configuration

● ● ● ● ● Still under evaluation

# Together to tackle the Bird strikes issue.

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**AIRPORTS**

**Report**  
**Benefits**

**Tests**  
**Invest**

**Development**  
**Supplier**



A two levels of cooperation is requested



**Impatient to see what the stimuli looks like?**



# Contact us for a collaboration!



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