

# Risk-based assessment and enhancement on management of Cyber Security Threats for ATM Automation System

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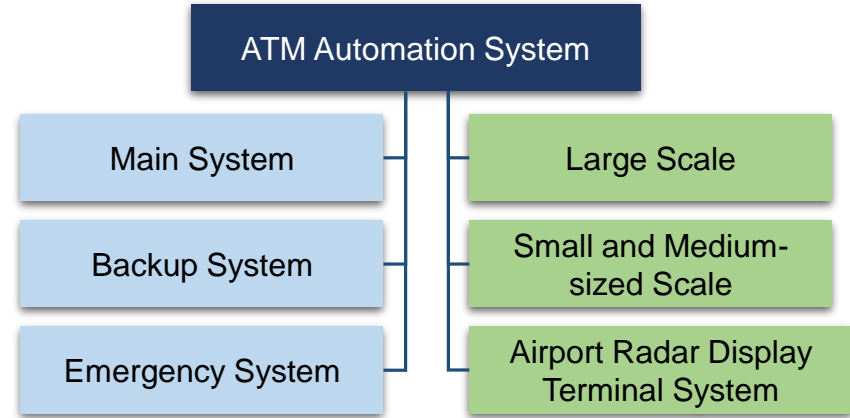
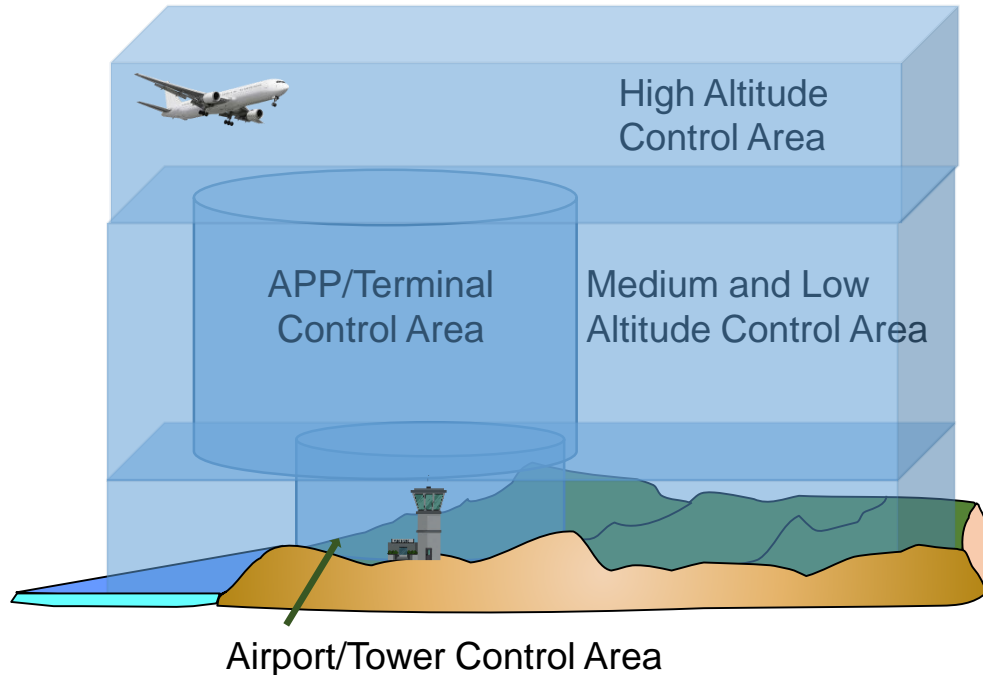
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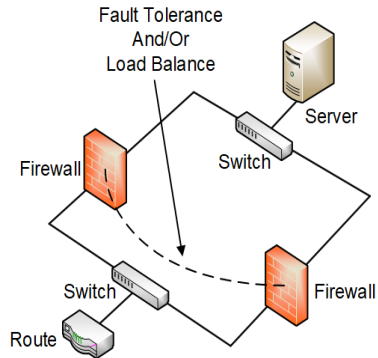
## ■ Current ATM Automation System Structure



- **Multilevel : ACC, APP and TWR**
- **Classified with different types on ATC Automation system function and its scale**

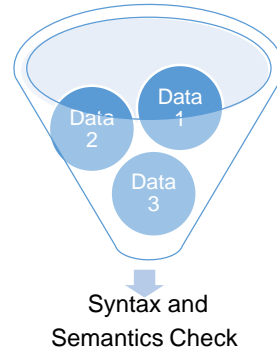
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## Common Security Solutions



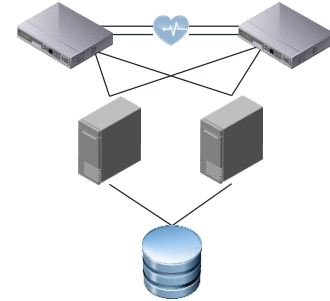
### Optimization of Data Input

- Dual-channel data access
- Radar signal optimization



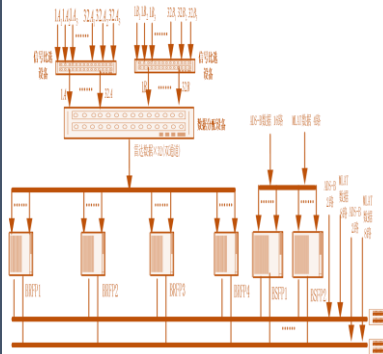
### Redundant System Network

Three redundant LANs are applied, and the service LAN is configured on different PhysX card.



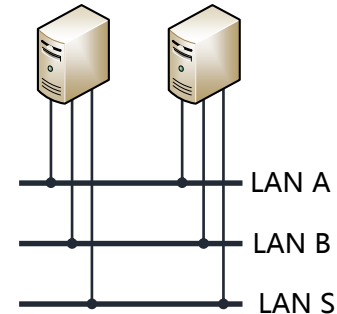
### Firewall Security

Security isolation between systems by firewalls.



### Data Input Validation

Syntax and Semantics Check on data input.



### System Equipment Redundancy

Adopts the redundancy config. to enhance the ability to prevent the single point of failure.

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## ■ The main characteristics of the System structure are:



Intranet Private Network



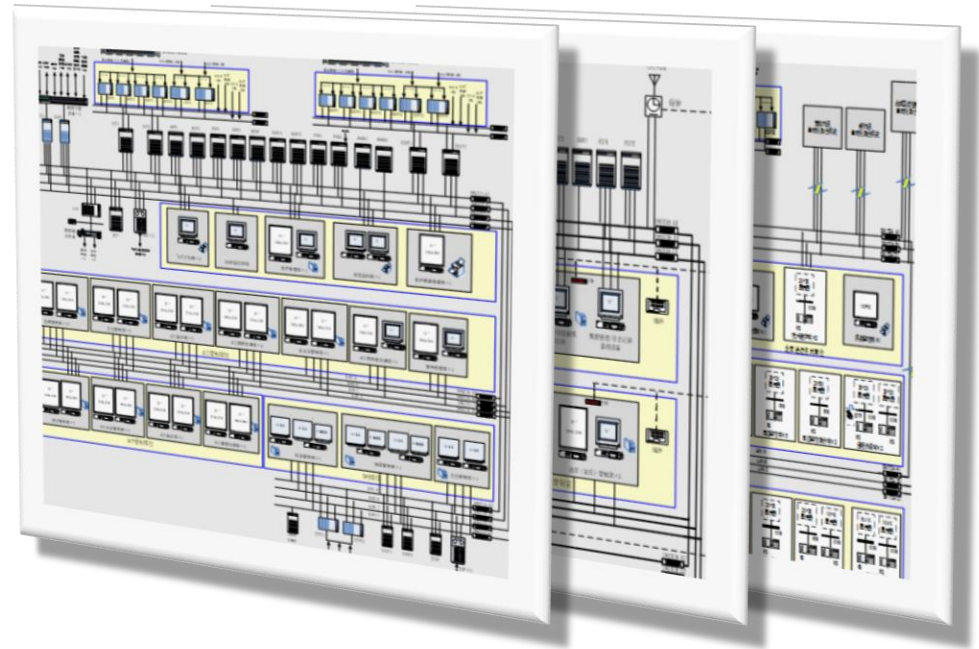
Physically isolated with the Internet



DPLC connections with different systems

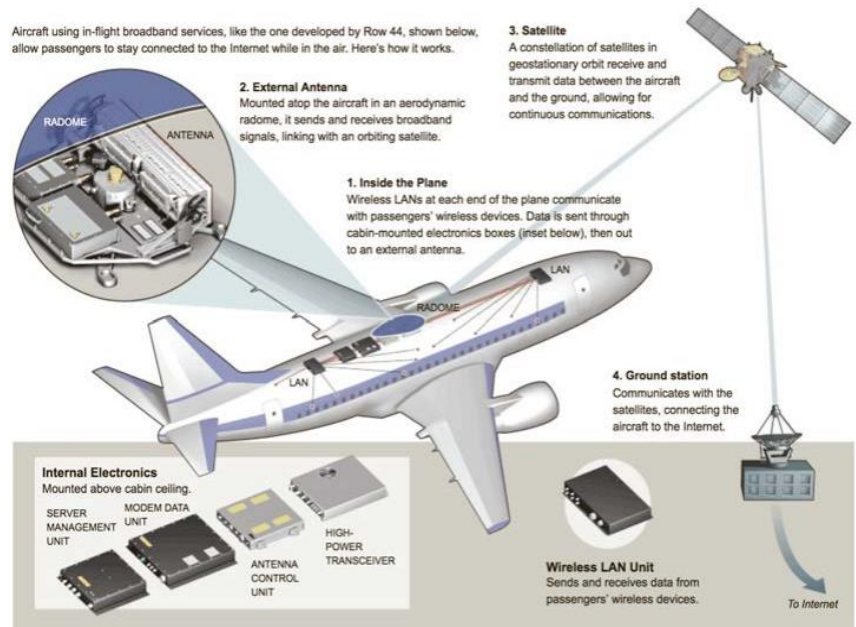


Data input method: RS232 and IP



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## ■ Growing cyber-risks are rising questions to many ATC Systems



### ATC systems are vulnerable to cyberattack



Hackers may gain access to personally identifiable information (e.g. social security numbers, private informations of employees, etc.) via public-facing network.

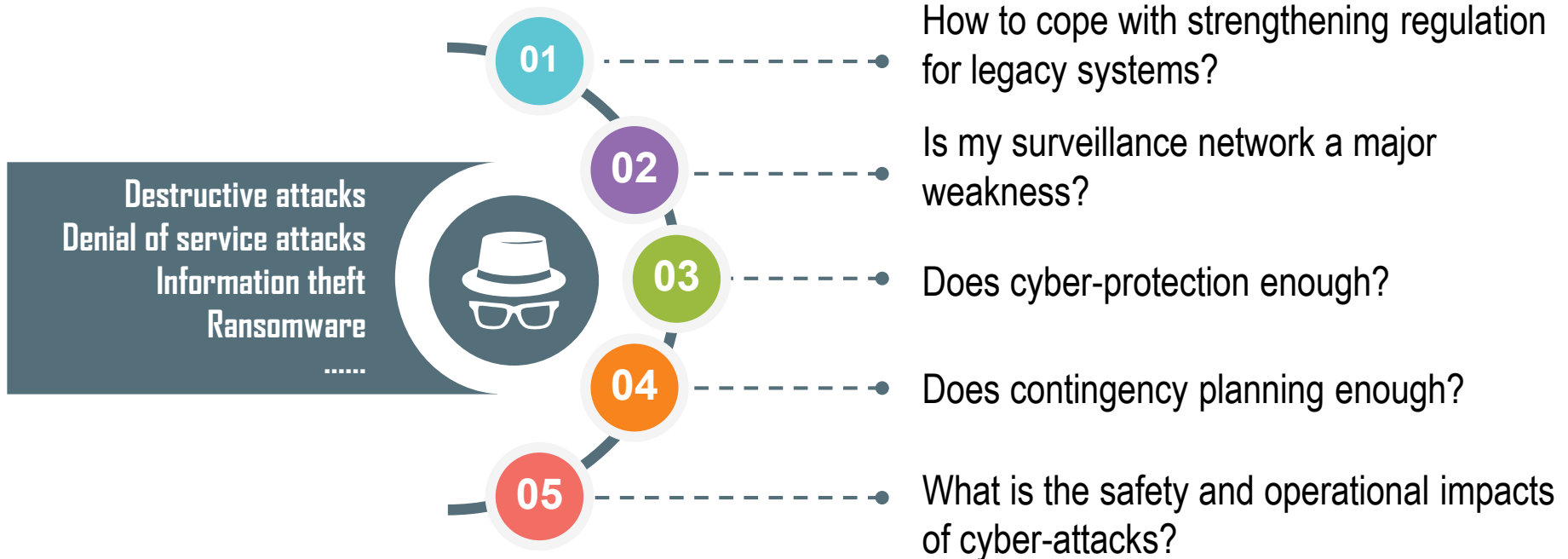


It is possible to forge the ADS-B broadcast packet with a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack, e.g. a threat actor could take a plane and make it appear miles away from its actual location.

Hackers could even bring down a plane through on-board entertainment systems  
Pic. Cited: Last Call for SATCOM Security, Ruben Santamarta, IOActive, Aug.2018

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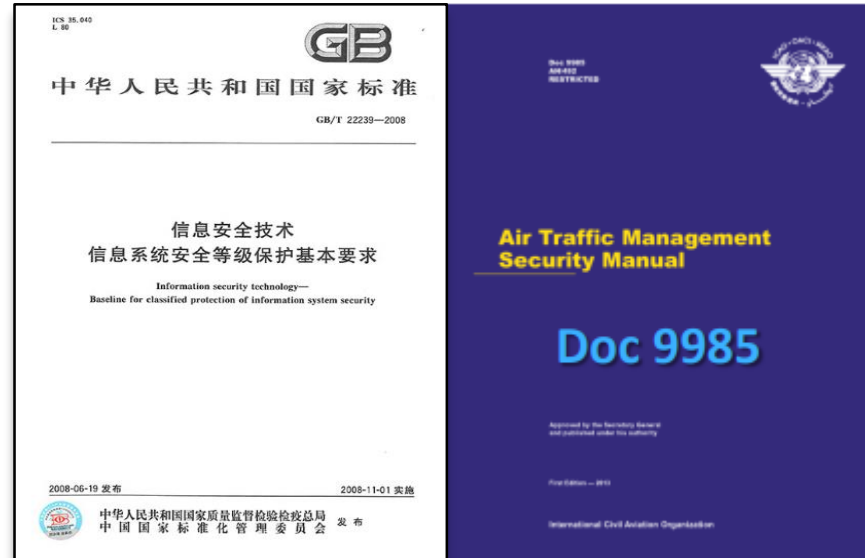
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## 2. Risk Assessment Method and Flow

### ■ Assessment Basis

- 《Air Traffic Management Security Manual》 (ICAO Doc 9985-AN/492 )
- 《Information security technology-Implementation guide for classified protection of information system》 (GB/T 22239-2008)
- 《Information technology-Security techniques-Information security management systems-Requirements》 (ISO/IEC 27001)
- 《Information technology-Security techniques-Code of Practice for Information security management》 (ISO/IEC 27002)



## 2. Risk Assessment Method and Flow

### ■ Main Tasks of Assessment



#### Identify Potential Risk

To identify the  
faced risks of  
the object



#### Assess Negative Effect

To assess the risk  
probability and  
negative effect



#### Confirm Bearing Capacity

To confirm the  
bearing capacity of  
the organization



#### Classify Priority Level

To classify the risk  
mitigation and  
control priority



#### Propose Mitigation Solution

To propose  
risk mitigation  
solution

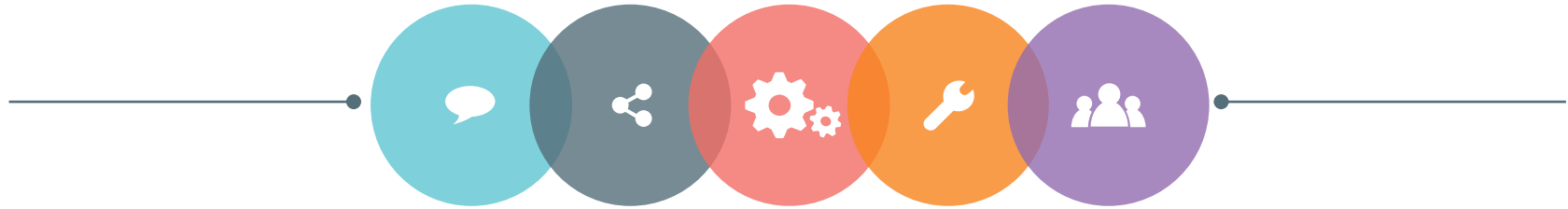
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### ■ Assessment Process



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### ■ Implementation Method



01

#### Interview

To get the proof and related information by communication and discussion

02

#### Document Review

- ✓ To check the completeness of document
- ✓ To check the regulation implementation record
- ✓ To check the integrity and consistency of the above mentioned files

03

#### Configuration Check

To test the correctness of the configuration and verify the document content

04

#### Tool Test

According to the test instruction manual, to make test to the system via the technical tool

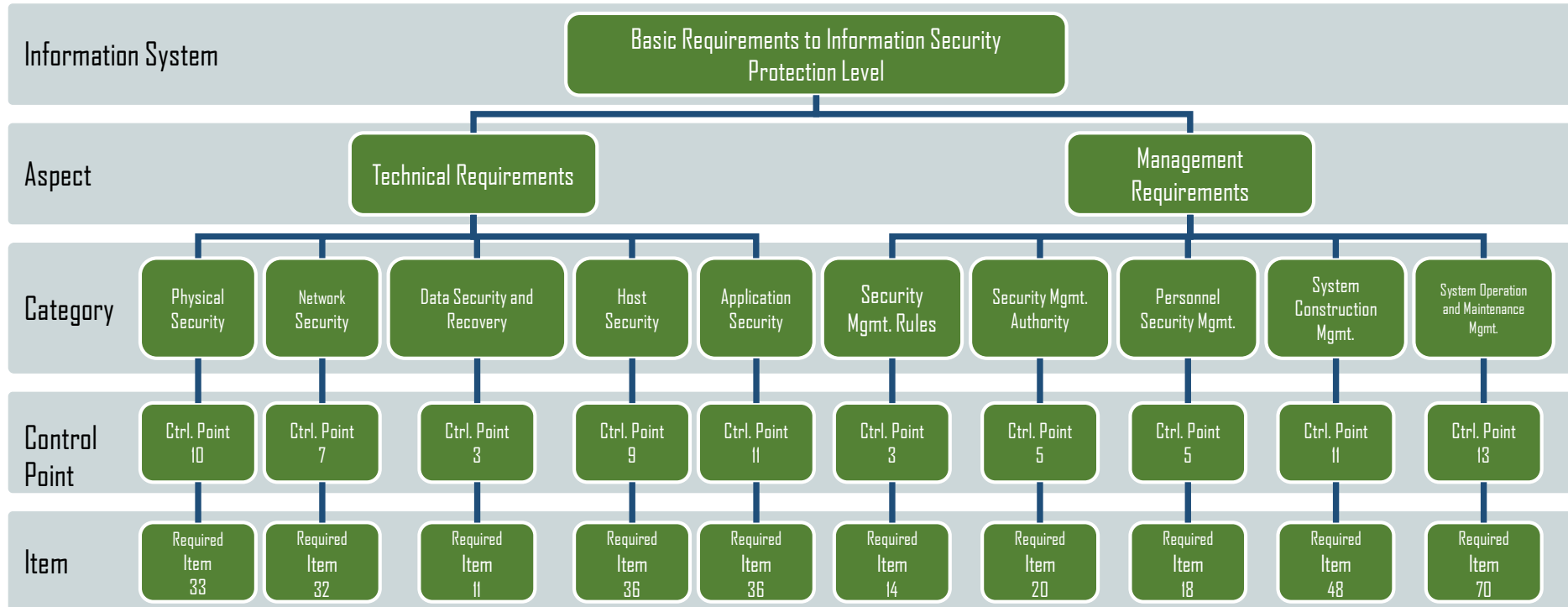
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#### Site Survey

To make site survey, in order to test if it meets the corresponding security level requirements

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### ■ Assessment Related Specification



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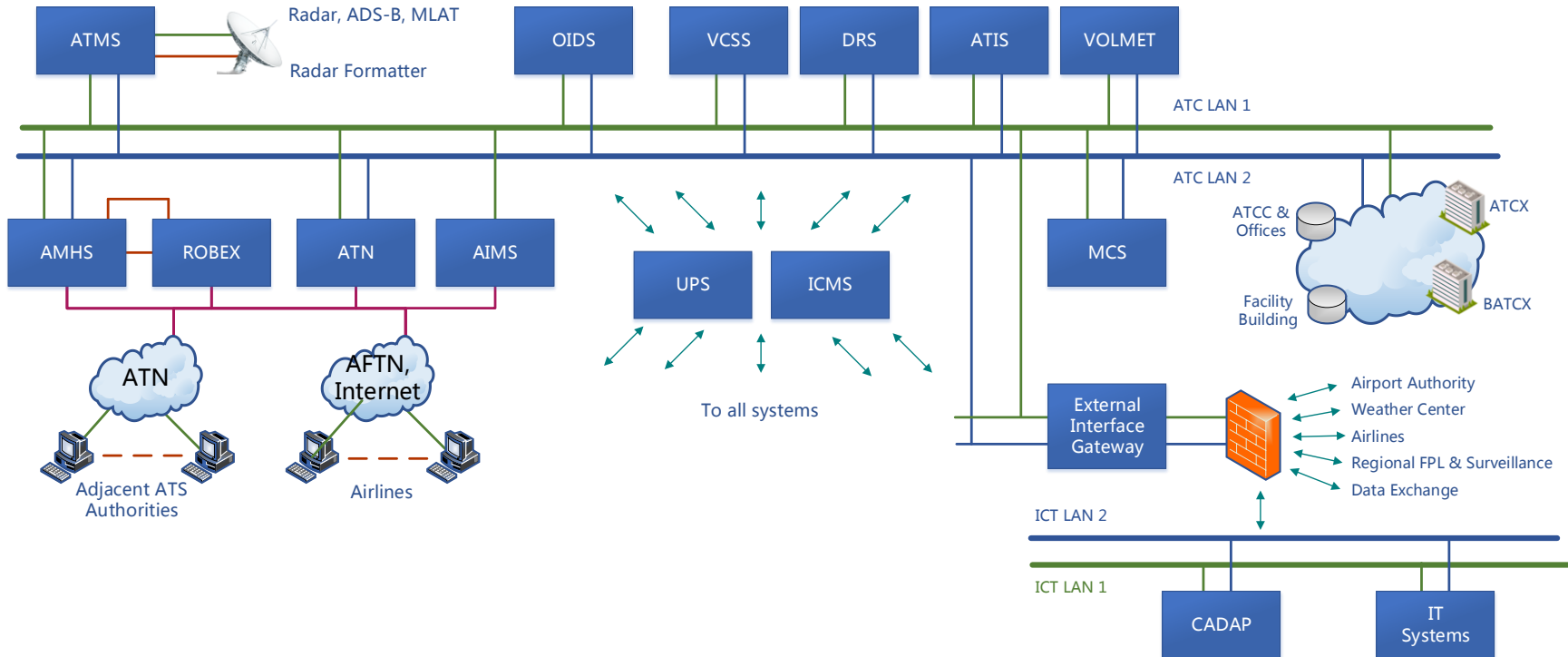
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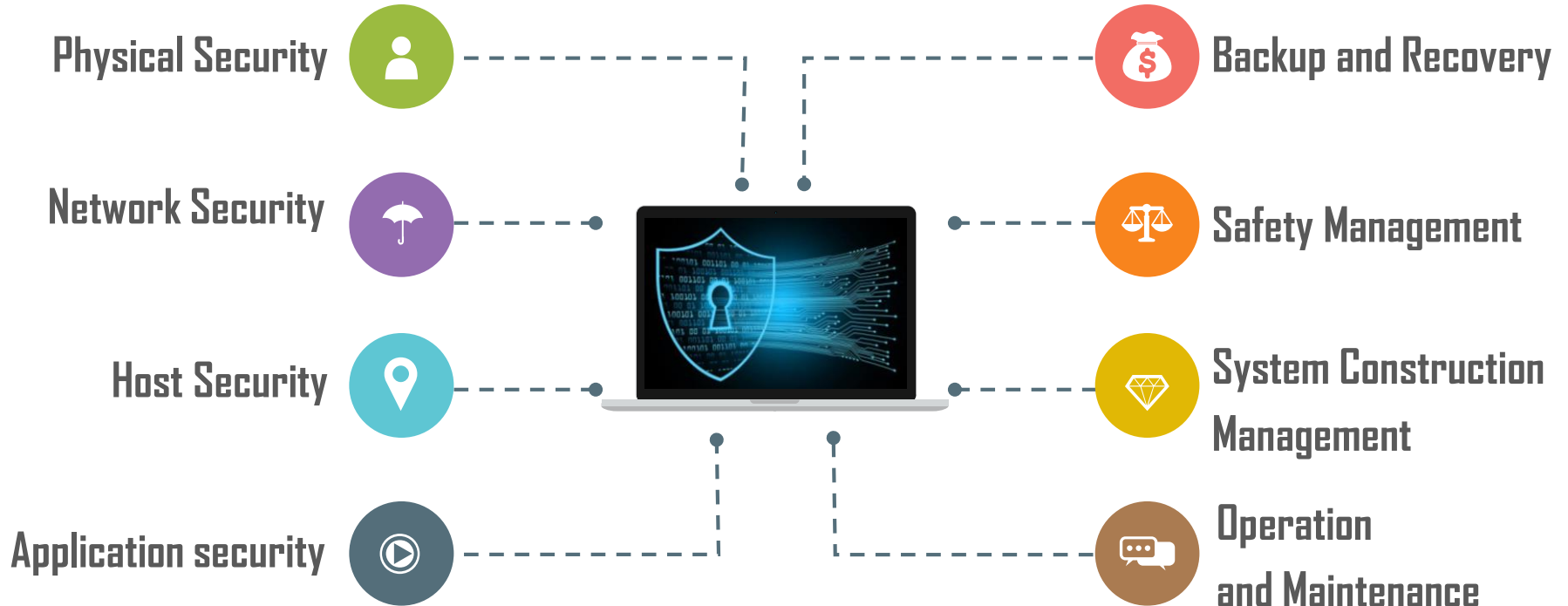
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#### ■ Scope





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### ■ Method

- Determine basic indicators
- Select evaluation object
- Eliminate inapplicable indicators
- Risk analysis

Physical security								
evaluation object	coincidence	Safety control point						
Cyber security								
evaluation object	coincidence	Safety control point						
		frameworks security	Network Access	Security Auditing	Perimeter defense	intrusion prevention	Malicious Code	facility preserving
Network devices	High grade	7	5	12	2	2	0	21
	qualified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	disqualification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Not Applicable	0	3	0	0	0	2	3

### 3. Assessment Case Briefing

#### ■ More Interconnected systems means more reachable targets

1 Increasing Connectivity and use of non-protected by design A/G Data Link Communication

2 More access points with networking and System Wide Information Management(SWIM) for CDM

3 Migration for interoperability to standard IP-based network with publicly available vulnerabilities

4 Less isolated architectures with clouded services, virtual center, total airport management...

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### ■ Summary



With the continued growth in cyber security threats, both from inside and outside of an ANSP. The ICAO Doc 9985 ATM Security Manual is relevant .



Proactive steps should be taken, including risk mitigation during system planning and design stage; physical, system and human provisions, etc..



It is a good practice to consider conducting a third party cyber security audit to the ATM system and operations.

# Thank you for your attention!

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