



**Lufthansa Systems**

IT that makes your life easier

# Direct Air to Ground Data Connectivity for A/C Use of License Exempt Spectrum

>> **IT** that makes your life easier



# Broadband Connectivity Services Today

## Technical Solutions for Broadband Connectivity

- **Satellite Ku-Band**

Satellite based

Provider: Panasonic, ROW 44, ViaSat

- **Satellite Ka-Band**

Satellite based, Solution in Development;

Provider: ViaSat, ROW44, Inmarsat (Today L-Band)

- **Terrestrial**

North America: AirCell

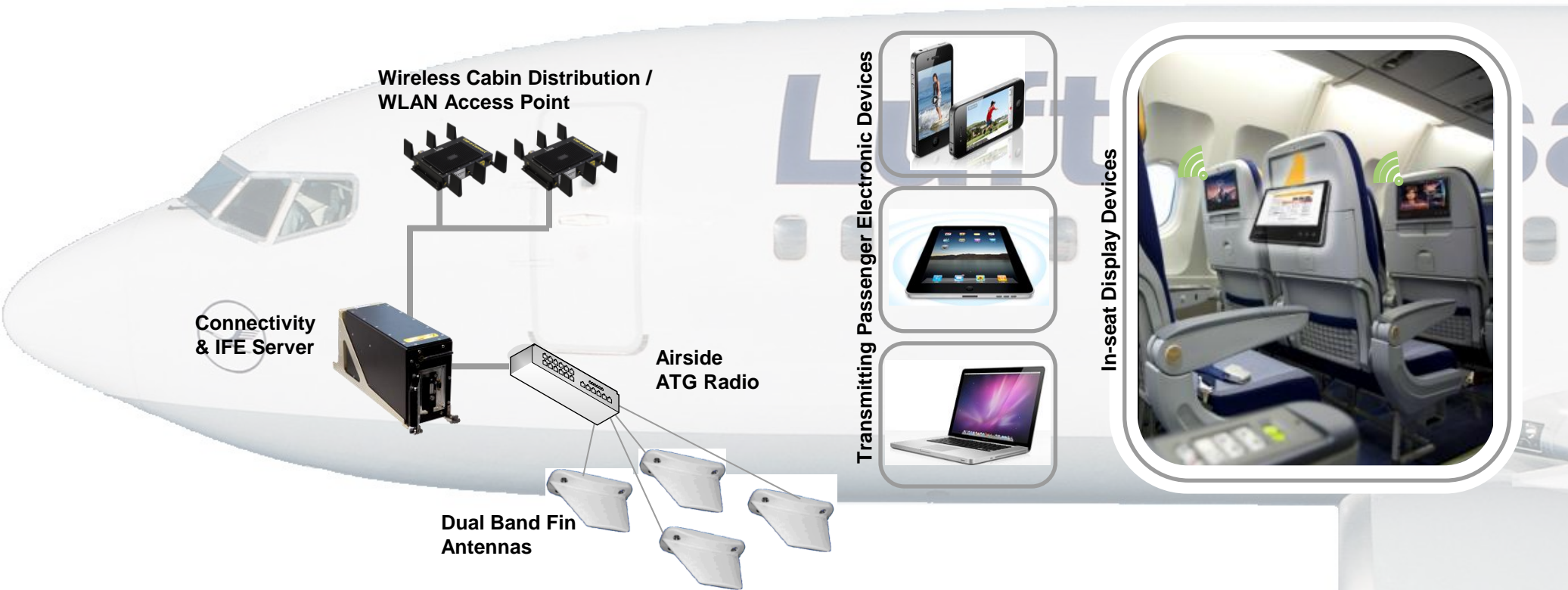
Terrestrial based solution in Europe not existing today

Europe Future: Consortium Telekom, Lucent Alcatel, Airbus (licensed spectrum)

Lufthansa Systems (license exempt spectrum);



# Wireless In-flight Infotainment enabling Passenger Devices as well as In-seat displays with Audio- and Video on demand, Broadband Internet Access ...

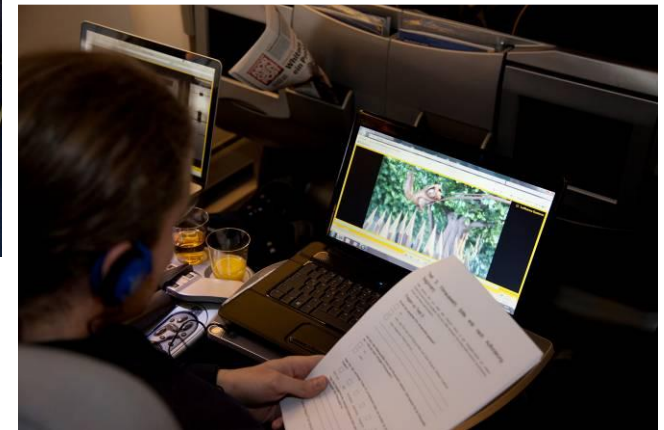
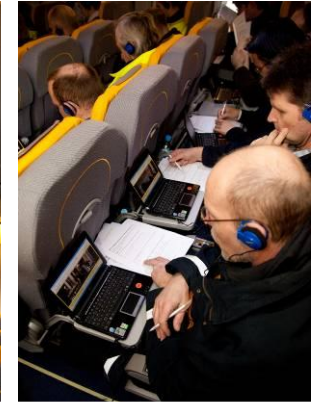


## In-flight Infotainment with enhanced functionality and drastically reduced cost

- **Low system installation cost**, no extensive cabin data wiring required, drastic reduced system components
- Reduced TCO for internet connectivity in comparison to current satellite based technologies
- **50-70% reduction in maintenance costs; 30-50% expected savings in operation cost** due streamlined content load



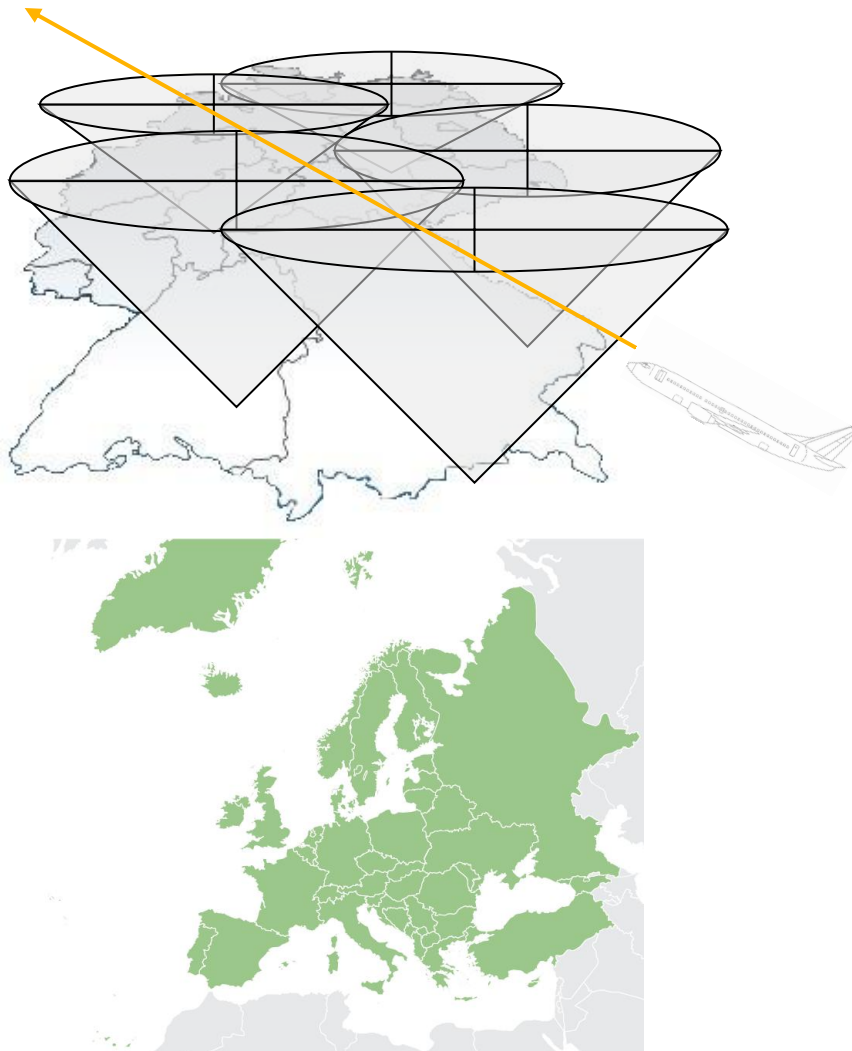
# Wireless In-flight Infotainment: Successful In-aircraft tests (Boeing 747/400, Airbus A300/400)



Tests inside A/C proved usability of wireless in-flight entertainment solution under full load conditions and with other communication channels in use.



## Air to Ground terrestrial Internet Connectivity

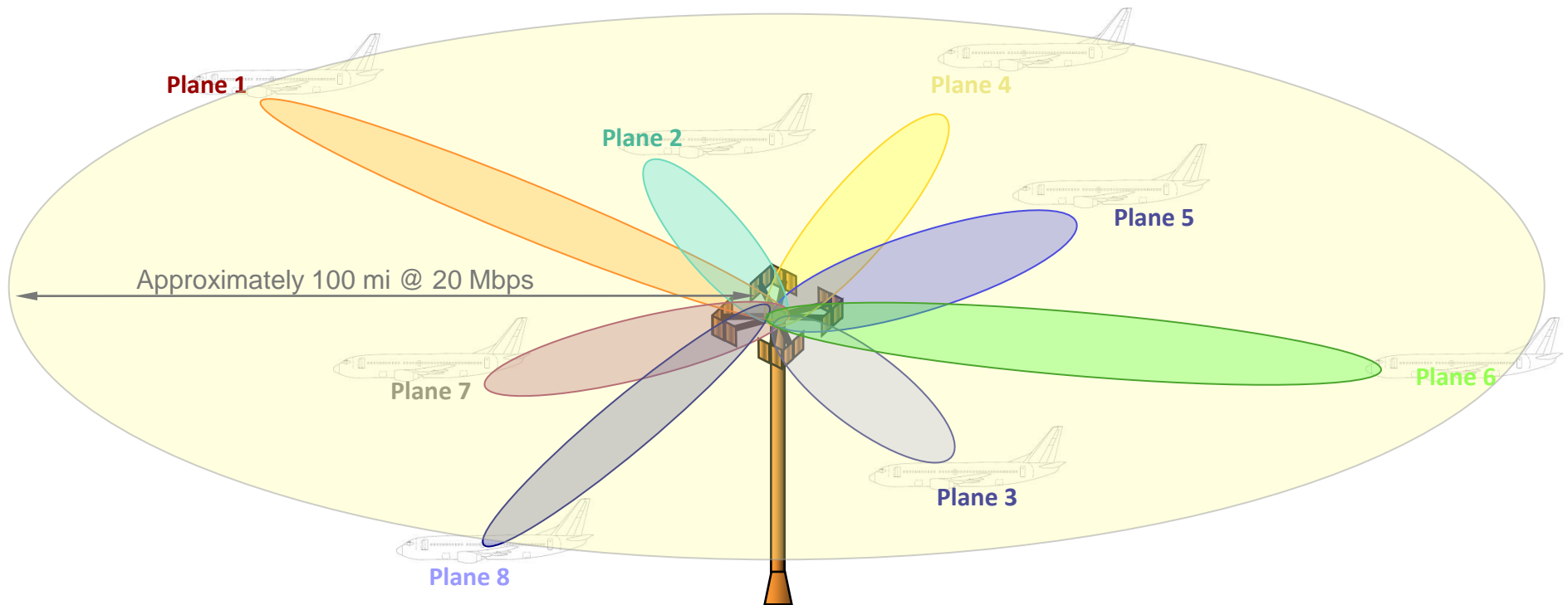


### Terrestrial based Direct Air to Ground Internet Connectivity:

- Use of two license exempt frequencies (ISM Band):
  - 2,4 GHz – European legislation mandates maximum output power  $\leq 100\text{mW}$  EIRP. Can be used without limitation in Europe.
  - 5,8 GHz – European legislation permits a maximum output power of up to 4W EIRP. However this requires specific approval of regulators as it's Broadband Fixed Wireless Access



# Phased array antenna technology



## Pencil beam

- Achieves great coverage and high data rates (radius approx. 100 mi)

## Frequency Reuse, Spatial Division Multiple Access (SDMA)

- Yields multiple broadband data rates per A/C

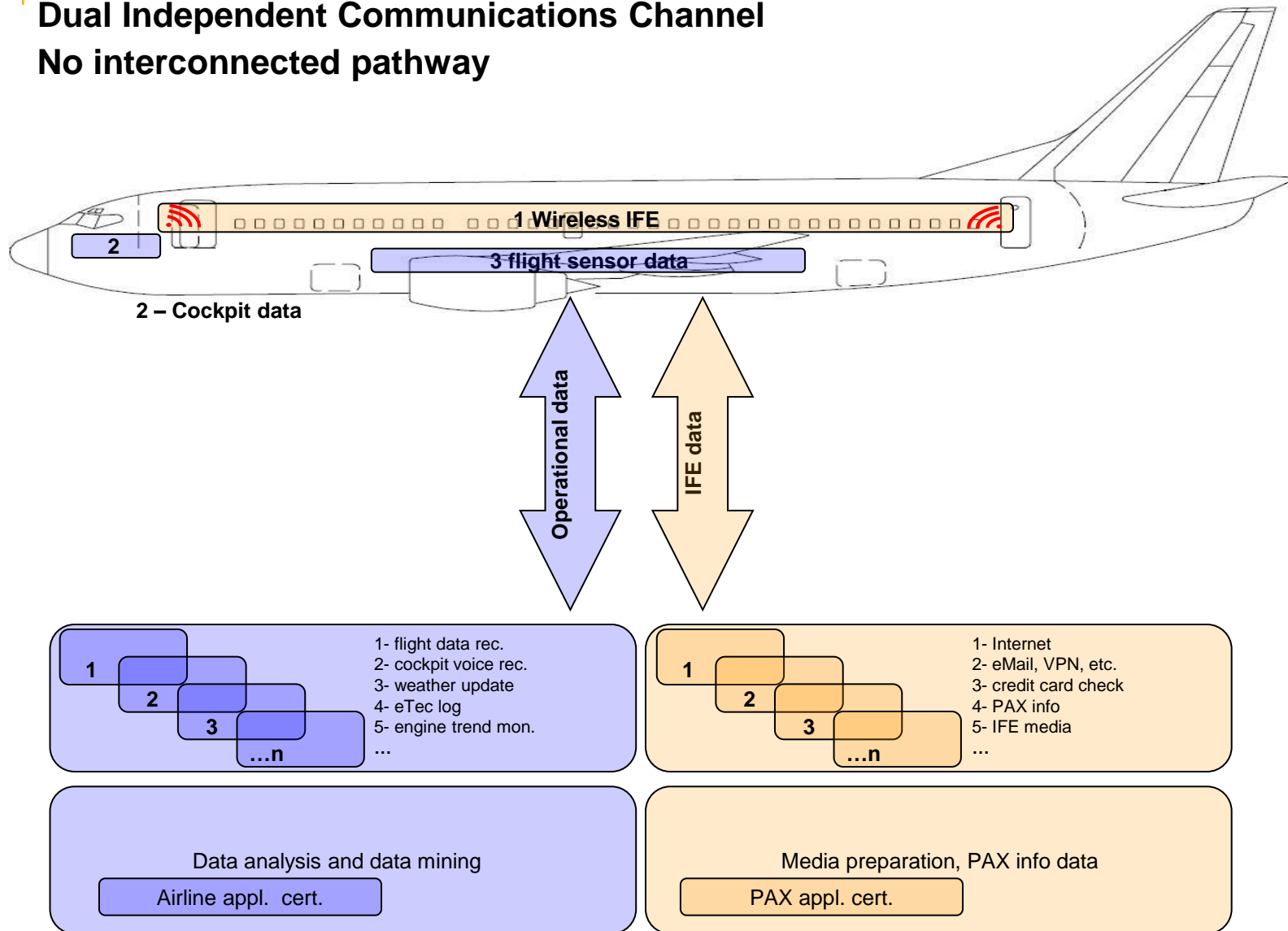
## Interference-free

- Operation in license exempt spectrum (2,4 GHz & 5,8 GHz) No interference with WLANs in vicinity



# Dual Independent Communications Channel

## No interconnected pathway



## Coverage of Base Station Network



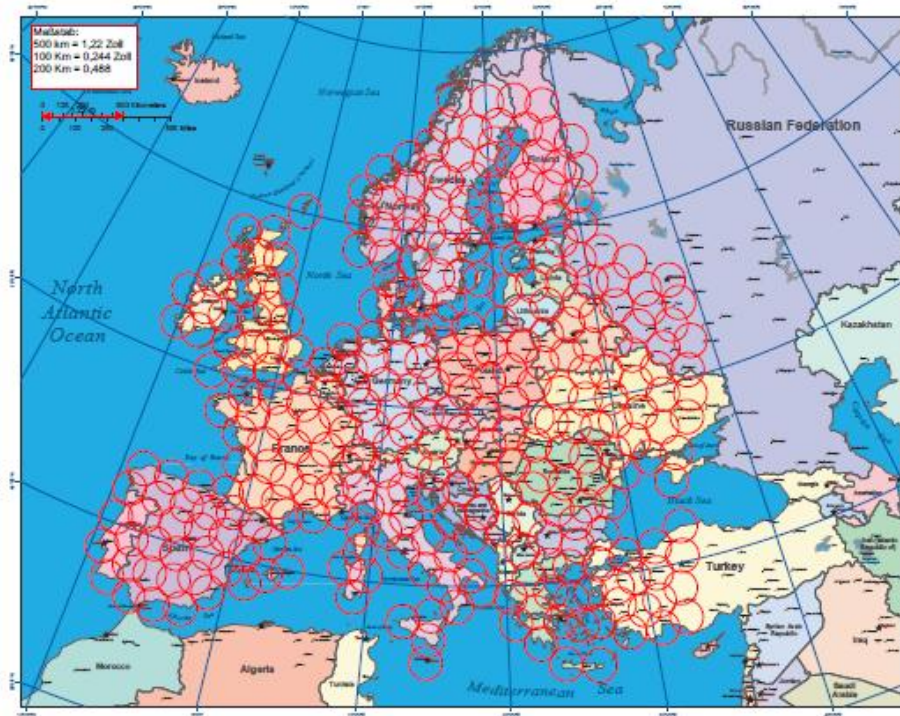
### Continuous Coverage throughout Europe:

- Continuous coverage can be achieved over landmass of Europe
- However, in certain areas (over the sea) a continuous coverage is not achievable (see upper left graphic)
- Density of flight movements (Eurocontrol) suggests that certain flights are going to experience interrupted, not continuous coverage while over the sea





## Test results (Tests with 2,4 GHZ and 100 mW)



### Based on current test results:

- Deployment of base stations in order to get continuous coverage throughout Europe
  - coverage distance 100 km – 500 Basestation,
  - coverage distance 150 km – 245 Basestation



# Key Features Summary

- Dual Band – License exempt
  - 2,4 Ghz
  - 5,8 GHz (5,8 GHz on Base Station – 2,4 GHz on Plane)
- Interference-free
  - Phased Array antenna
  - Tracking Pencil beams
  - Frequency reuse
  - No Interference with WLANs
- Dual Channel – Independent, no interconnected pathway)
  - First Channel - Internet for Cabin
  - Second Channel – Connectivity for Operational Data



## Questions ?



## Contact:

**Peter Hommel**  
**Senior Consultant New Business**  
[peter.hommel@lhsystems.com](mailto:peter.hommel@lhsystems.com)  
**+49-151-58922101**

