experimental Studies on the Definition of ADS-B Mode 4 Characteristics on PTERO UAS and Jabiru-450 GA Piloted Aircraft

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Goal of the Experimental Studies

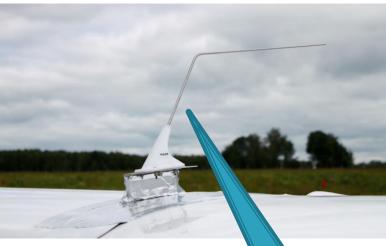
- definition of MGTR-4 coverage area (range) on "air-to-ground" and "air-to-air" channel;
- definition of stability, position fairness and integrity of displayed ADS-B information;
- possibility to apply small-size mobile ground ADS-B sets (MMNK) for the surveillance of flights of both piloted and unmanned aircraft;
- possibility of UA surveillance from board a piloted aircraft and use of a pilot's tablet prototype to display the air picture and log in (recording) ADS-B data;
- check of stability, fairness and efficiency of ADS-B mode 4 data display.

Objects of Studies

- Jabiru-450 piloted aircraft with ADS-B mode 4 airborne set including :
- Pulsar radio station,
- VHF antenna,
- GPS/GLONASS satellite navigation antenna,
- SONY mod.SGP321 pilot's tablet prototype,
- Independent power supply source for Pulsar radio station;
- PTERO unmanned aircraft (UA) with ADS-B mode 4 airborne set including:
- MGTR-4 small-size transponder,
- VHF antenna,
- GPS/GLONASS satellite navigation antenna;
- Zemlya-1 ground mobile set installed on Barguzin car chassis;
- Zemlya-2 (MMNK) small-size ground mobile set including :
- Pulsar M radio station,
- VHF antenna,
- GPS/GLONASS satellite navigation antenna,
- SONY PSG power supply source источник питания

Jabiru-450 piloted aircraft







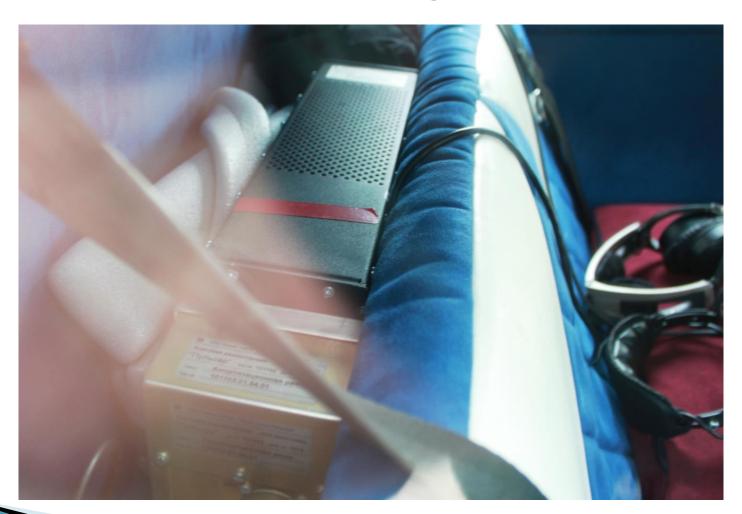
AV-17 VHF antenna

GPS/GLONASS satellite navigation antenna

SONY pilot's tablet prototype



Pulsar radio station position (behind the passenger seat back)



PTERO UA with MGTR-4 transponder







MGTR-4 small-size transponder (certification stage)





Specifications:

Transmitter power (Wt) - 4

Operation mode – pulse

Data rate (Baud) – 19200

Two-channel tunable receiver

Frequency range (MHz) - 118.0-136.975

Operating frequency (MHz) – 136.945

□ Frequency step (kHz)− 25

Sensibility (dBm) – 100

Dimensions (mm) - 110x70x40

Mass with batteries (g)not exceeding 300

Done according to ICAO, EUROCAE, ETSI standards

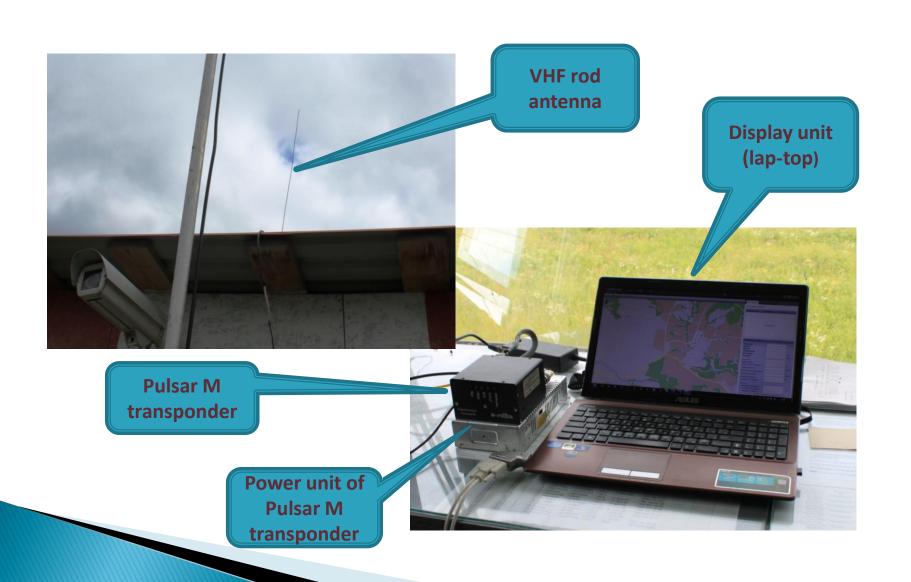
PTERO UA mobile control station



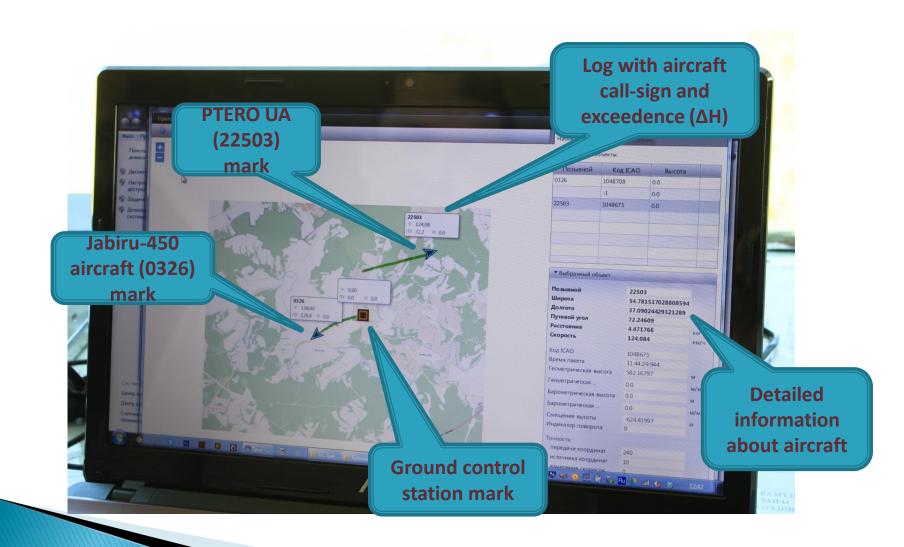
PTERO UA control box



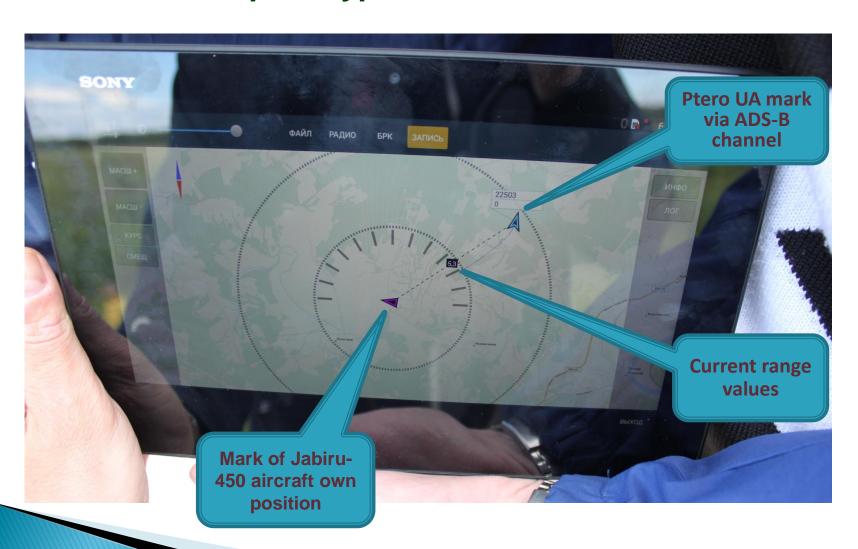
ADS-B small-size ground mobile set (MMNK)



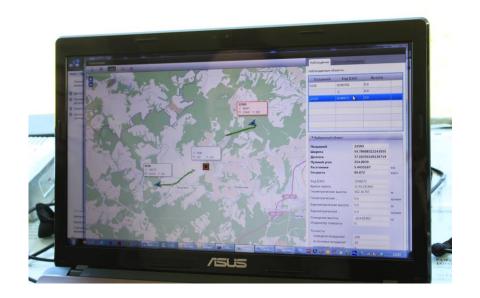
ADS-B information on MMNK display

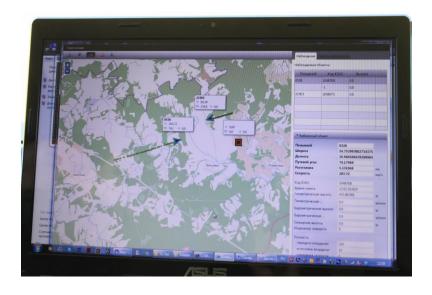


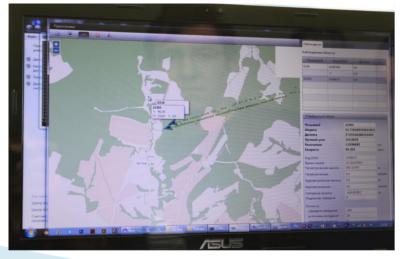
PTERO UA (22503) display on SONY pilot's tablet prototype via ADS-B channel



PTERO UA (22503) and Jabiru-450 aircraft (0326) joint flights







ADS-B data displayed on the pilot's tablet during joint flights with PTERO UA



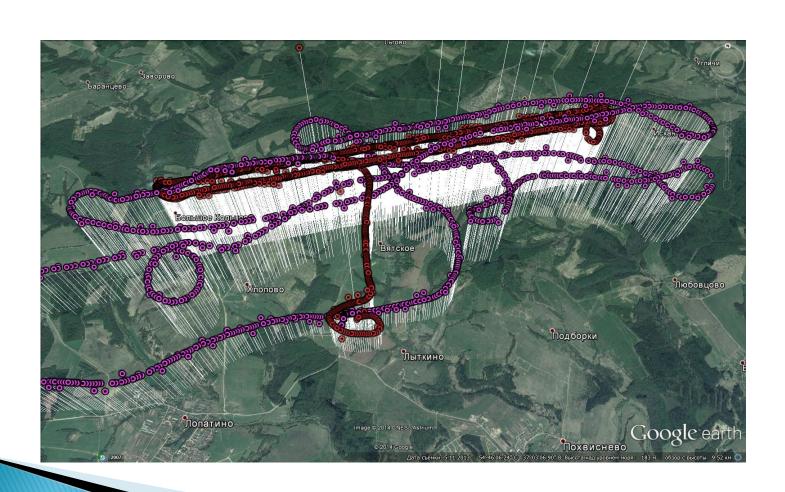
A snapshot from a camera installed on Jabiru-450 wing



PTERO UA landing



Tracks of PTERO UA (red) and Jabiru-450 piloted aircraft (crimson) flights on the results of the decoding of parameters (log-files)



Conclusions

- > Sets of ADS-B onboard equipment installed on piloted and unmanned aircraft are functionally operative. Data exchange on "air-to-ground" and "air-to-air" datalinks with the aim of air surveillance is provided.
- Acquired results proved the validity of taken design solutions in MGTR-4 and MMNK creation as well as transmittance management of ADS-B information to be displayed on pilot's tablet prototype using Bluetooth technologies.
- > Positive results of the experimental studies confirmed the possibility of simultaneous airspace use both by piloted and unmanned aviation.
- > Acquired results may serve as a basis of future researches and developments.