

PBN

RVSM / NAT HLA

Approach Guidance Mode

LVO

RNP AR approval

RNP(VPT) concept



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PBN (Performance Based Navigation)

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Aircraft Navigation
From Conventional to PBN

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Aircraft Navigation From Conventional to PBN



1920
1930

1970's

1980's

1990's

2000's

Now

1920- First Step toward Instrumental flight

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**First NAVAID
at night!**

1920 - 1930 The pioneers of instrumental flight

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1929 First
instrumental
flight

- **1929**
First Instrumental flight by Jimmy Doolittle
- **1930's**
ILS, gonio, NDB, VOR...
- **1938**
First ILS approach



First ILS

ILS: Instrument Landing System
NDB: Non Directional Beacon

VOR: VHF Omni Range

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Aircraft Navigation From Conventional to PBN



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1990's

Up to 1970's- ILS and NAVAIDs era

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DME
installation

DME: Distance Measurement Equipment
VOR: VHF Omni Range



**Based on ground
facilities**

VOR
installation

Up to 1970's- ILS and NAVAIDs era

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**Based on ground
facilities**

No complex system
onboard

Up to 1970's- ILS and NAVAIDs era



Based on ground facilities



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1980's - The Flight Management System and Inertial Reference System



FMS+IRS: revolution in the cockpit

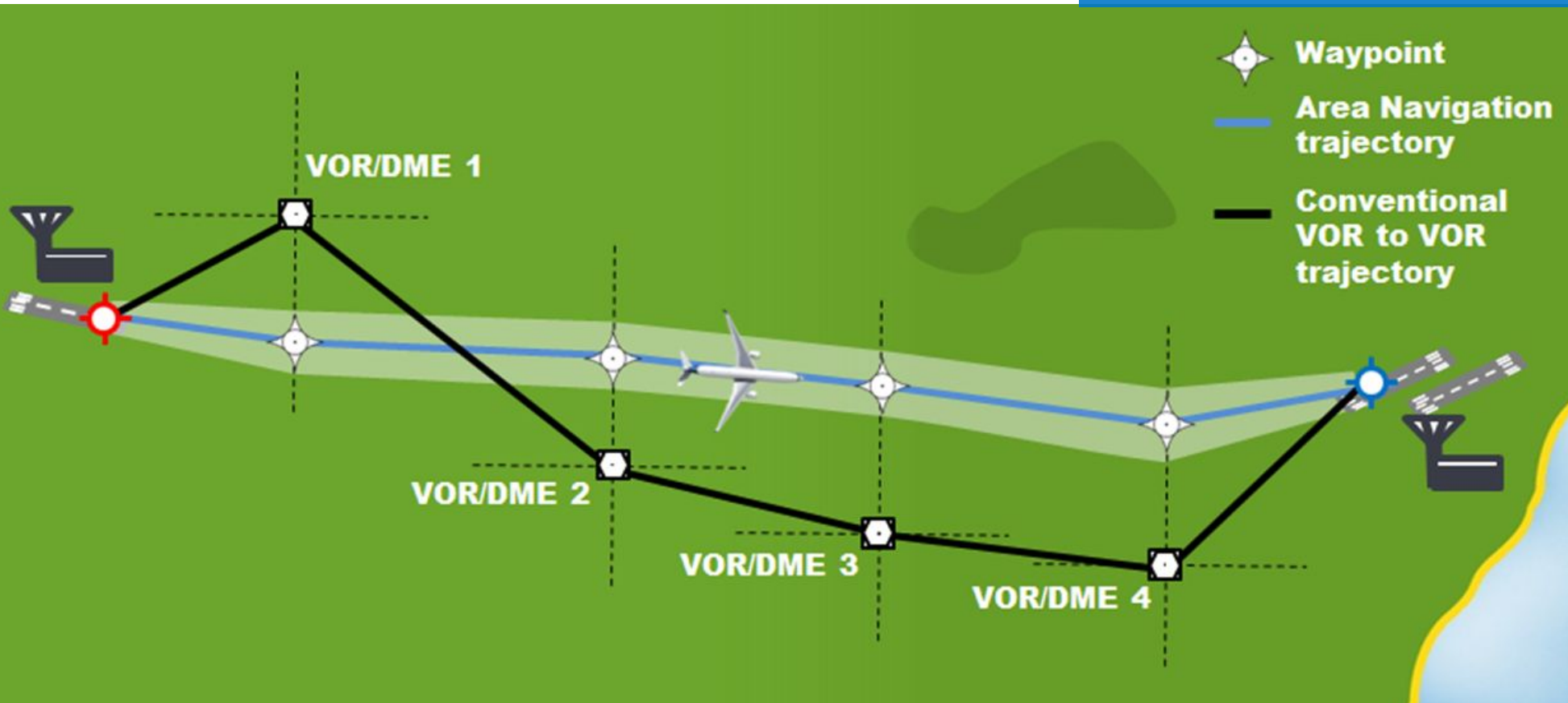
- **A/C position and Navigation Display**
Map with Flight Plan and A/C symbol
- **Distance to threshold**
Altitude distance checks
- **RNAV (area navigation) concept**
Waypoints in coordinate
- **Lateral guidance on FPLN**
Approach coded in Nav DataBase, selection
- **RNAV approach with Vertical Guidance**
in Barometric

RNAV: aRea NAVigation

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1990's - The GNSS – Global Navigation Satellite System

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Bring accuracy and integrity on position

- **PBN concept**
the Navigation Performance

PBN: Performance Based Navigation
RNP AR: required Navigation Performance with Authorization required

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PBN Concept



Objectives Basics PBN Operations

RNP objectives

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Give access to remote areas



PBN in terminal Area to face congested airspace

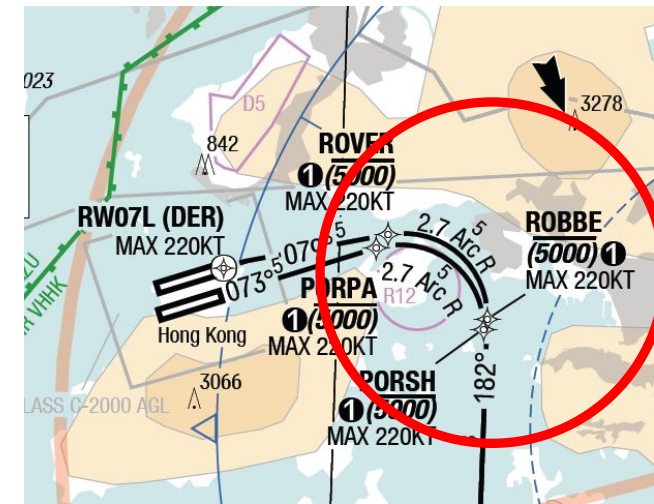
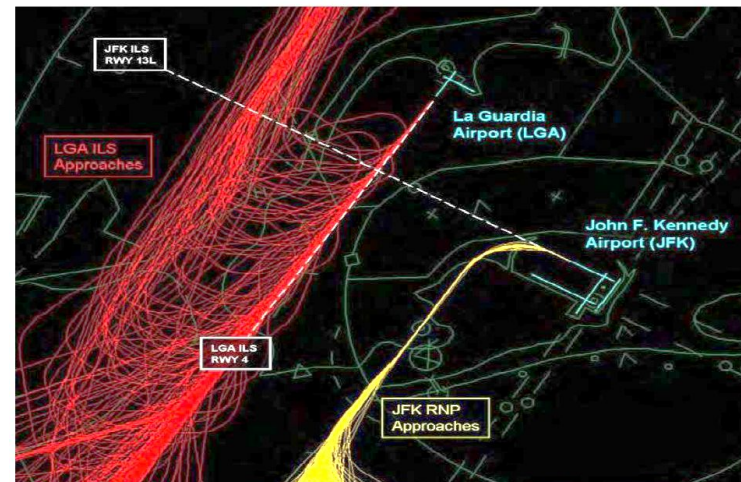
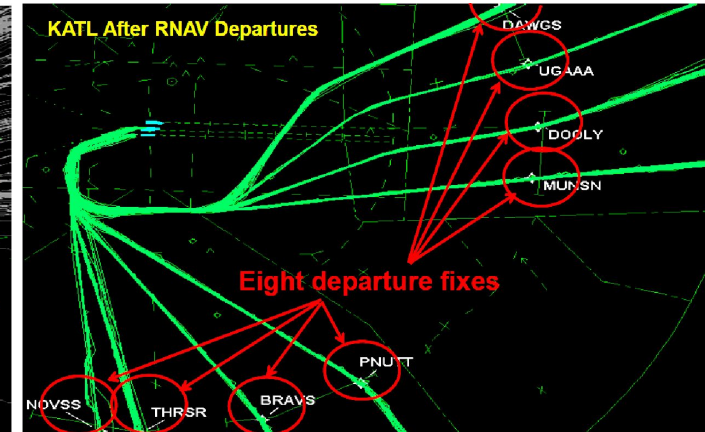
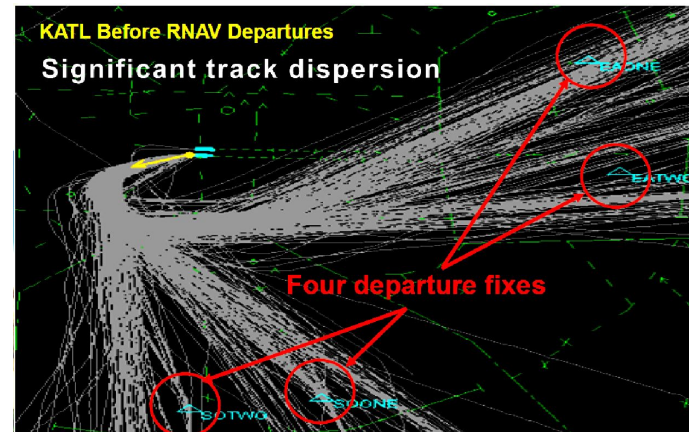
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**Manage
High density Traffic**
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Advantages of PBN for ANSP

- **Independent routes**
Not based from NAVAIDs location
- **Fully coded route**
NDB
- **Lateral & Vertical “containment”**
 - Reduction of the separations
 - Solution for traffic segregations between 2 airports
 - Noise sensitive area avoidance



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PBN Concept



Objectives **Basics** **PBN Operations**

Performance Based Navigation



Performance of the navigation system



Characterize the position error

PBN Concept: Positioning

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TSE: Total System Error

PDE: Path Definition Error

From NDB coding

+

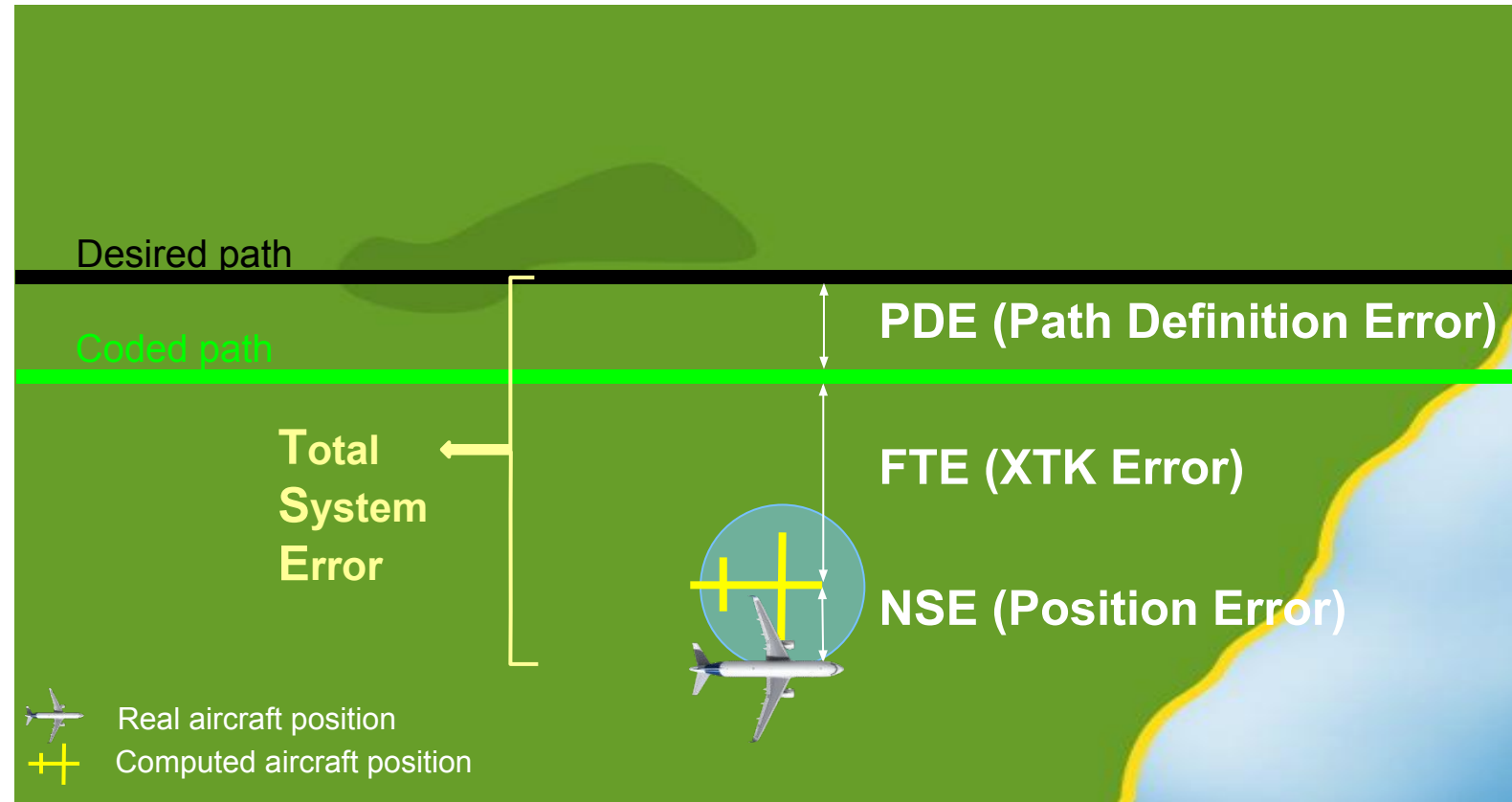
FTE: Flight technical Error

From Cross Track

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NSE: Navigation System Error

From position computation



PBN Concept: Design of a RNP or RNAV procedure

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- **On-board position error estimated**

Accuracy



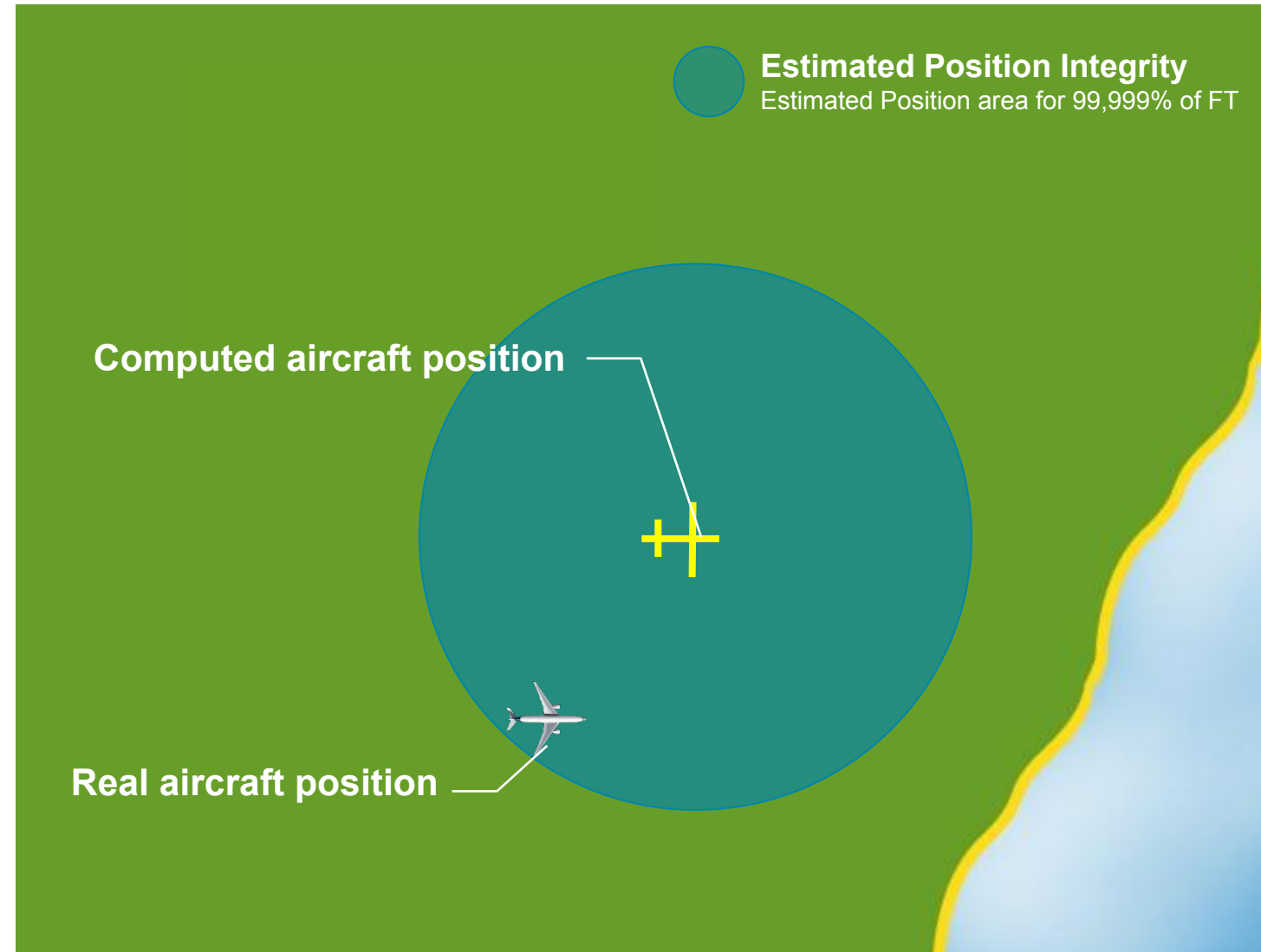
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Accuracy

Integrity



PBN Concept: Performance Criteria

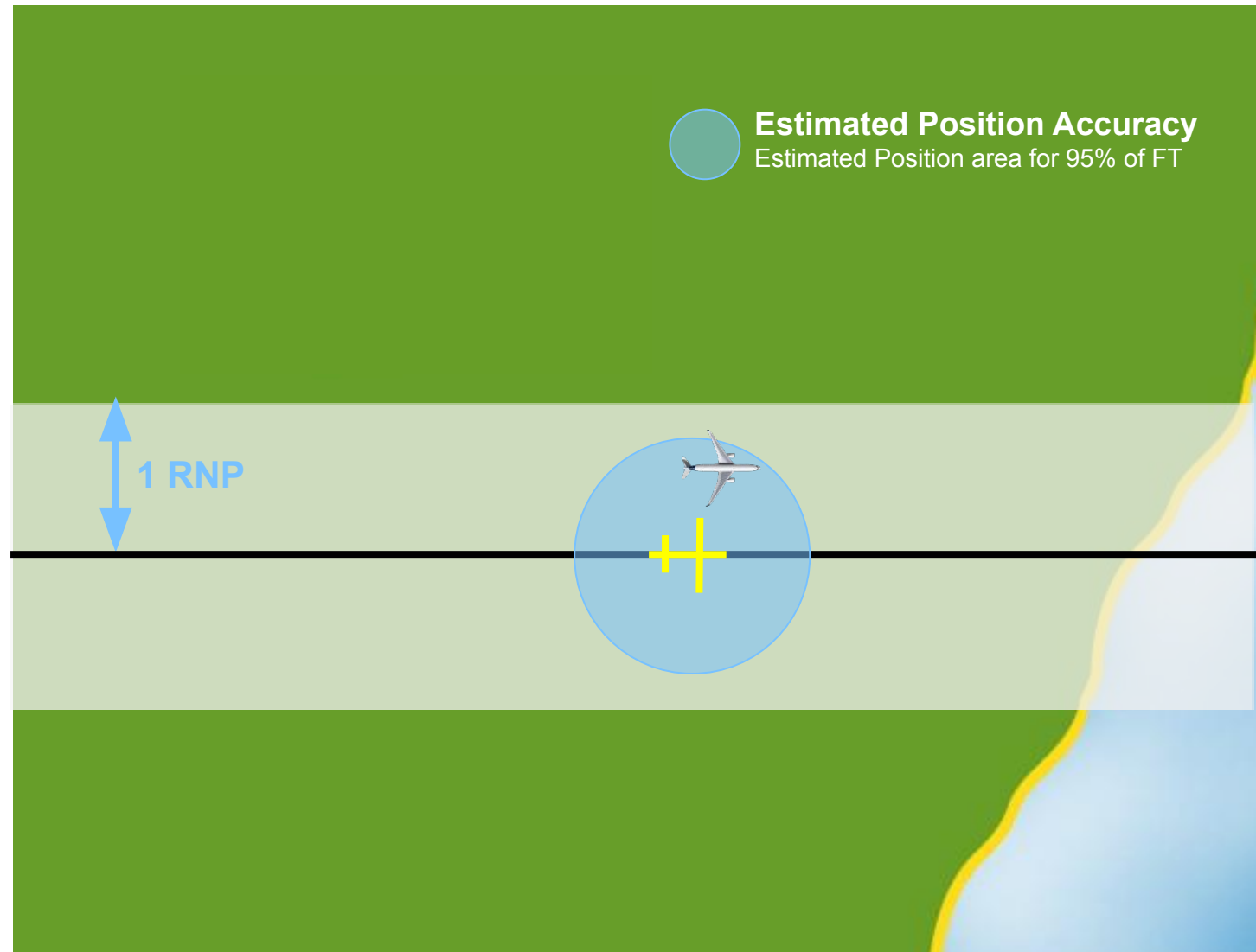
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- **Accuracy criteria**

TSE 95 % < 1 RNP

Under normal condition

A/C position inside 2 RNP corridor
95% of flight time



PBN Concept: Performance Criteria

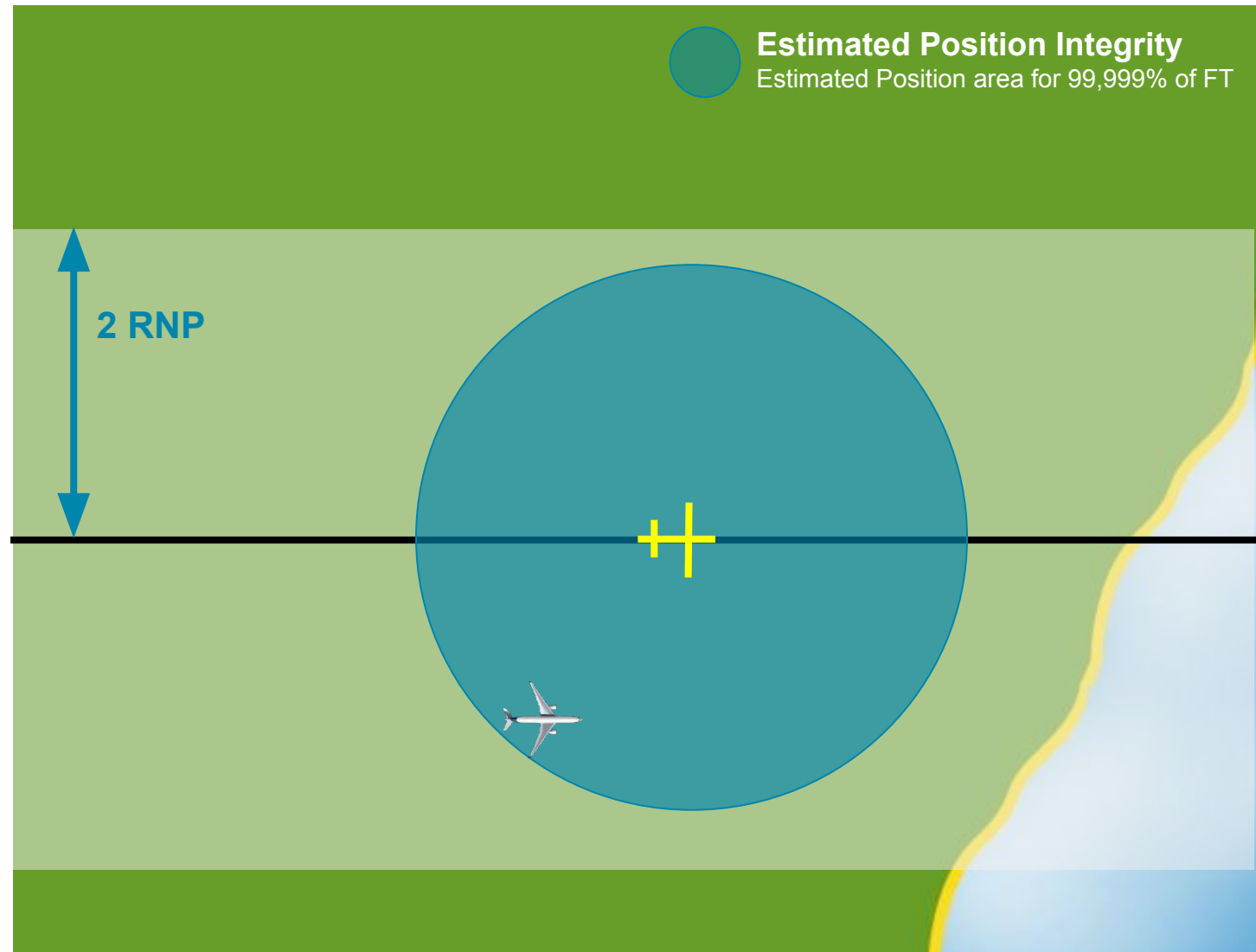
- **Integrity criteria**

TSE 99.999% < 2 RNP

A/C position inside 4 RNP corridor
99.999% of flight time

Demonstration considering probable
failure

- Guidance failures □ impact on FTE
- Navigation failures □ impact on NSE



PBN Concept

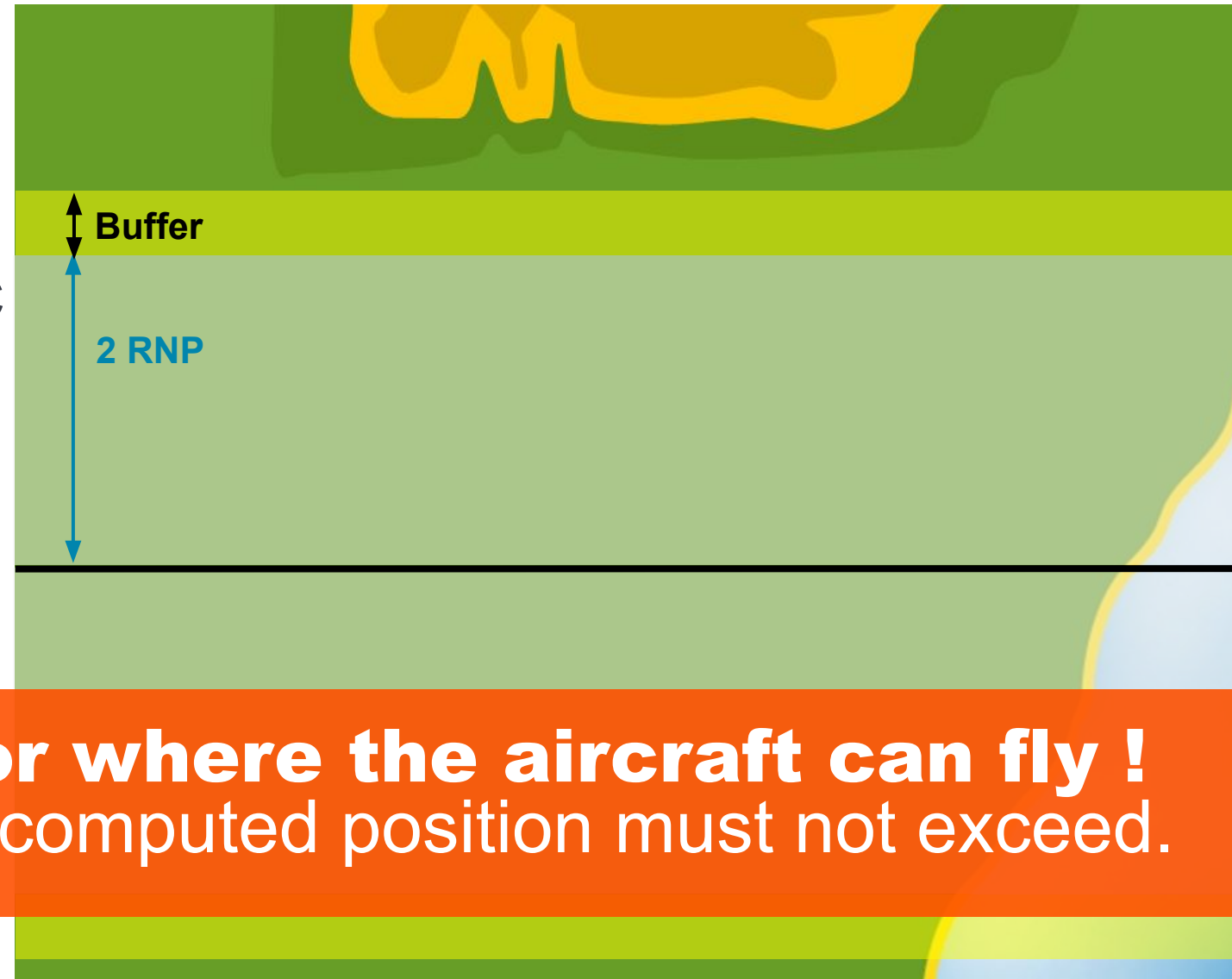
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- Procedure Design

Corridor 2 RNP each side of the A/C

Buffers

Obstacle or other airspace outside



NOT a corridor where the aircraft can fly !
But limit that a/c computed position must not exceed.

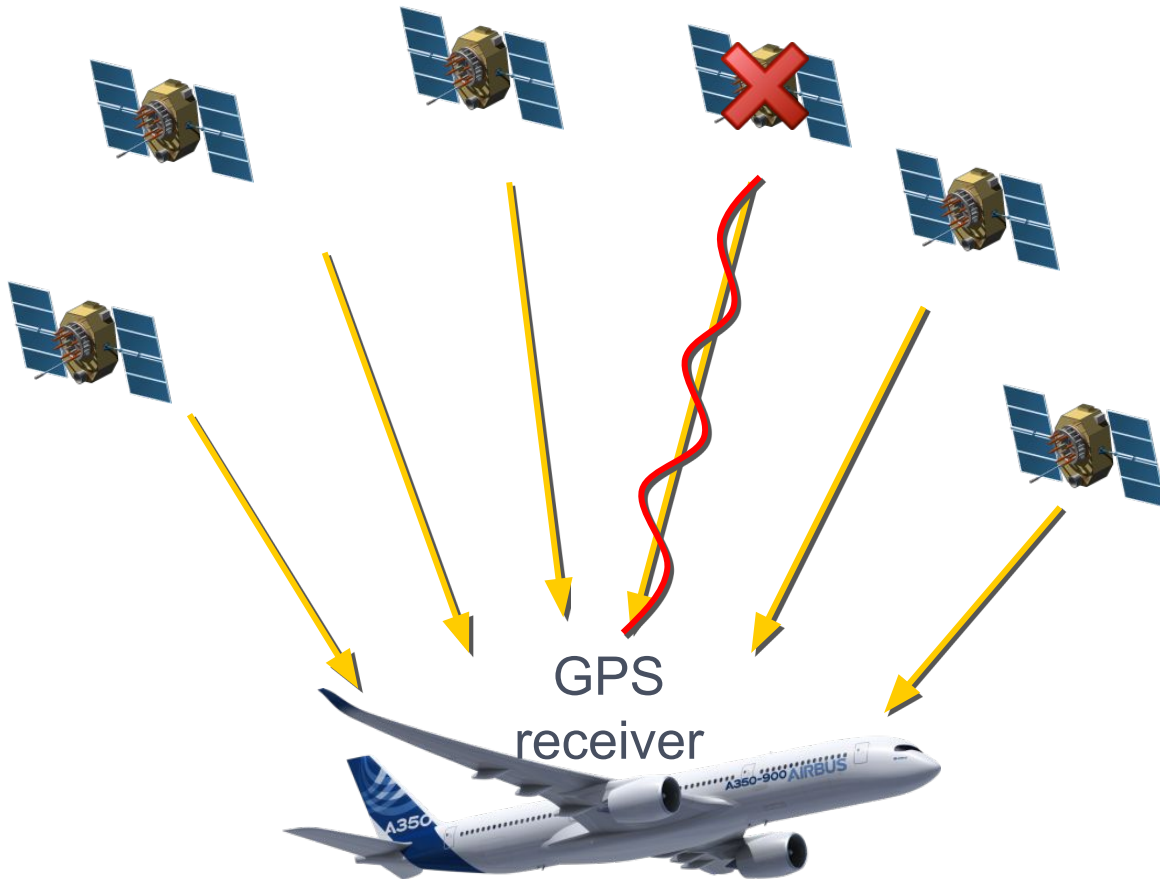
The GNSS – Global Navigation Satellite System

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- **GNSS Position**
- **Accuracy parameter**
- **Integrity parameter**

Integrity Augmentation: RAIM algorithm



4 satellites \Rightarrow NAV position

Min 5 satellites \Rightarrow FD

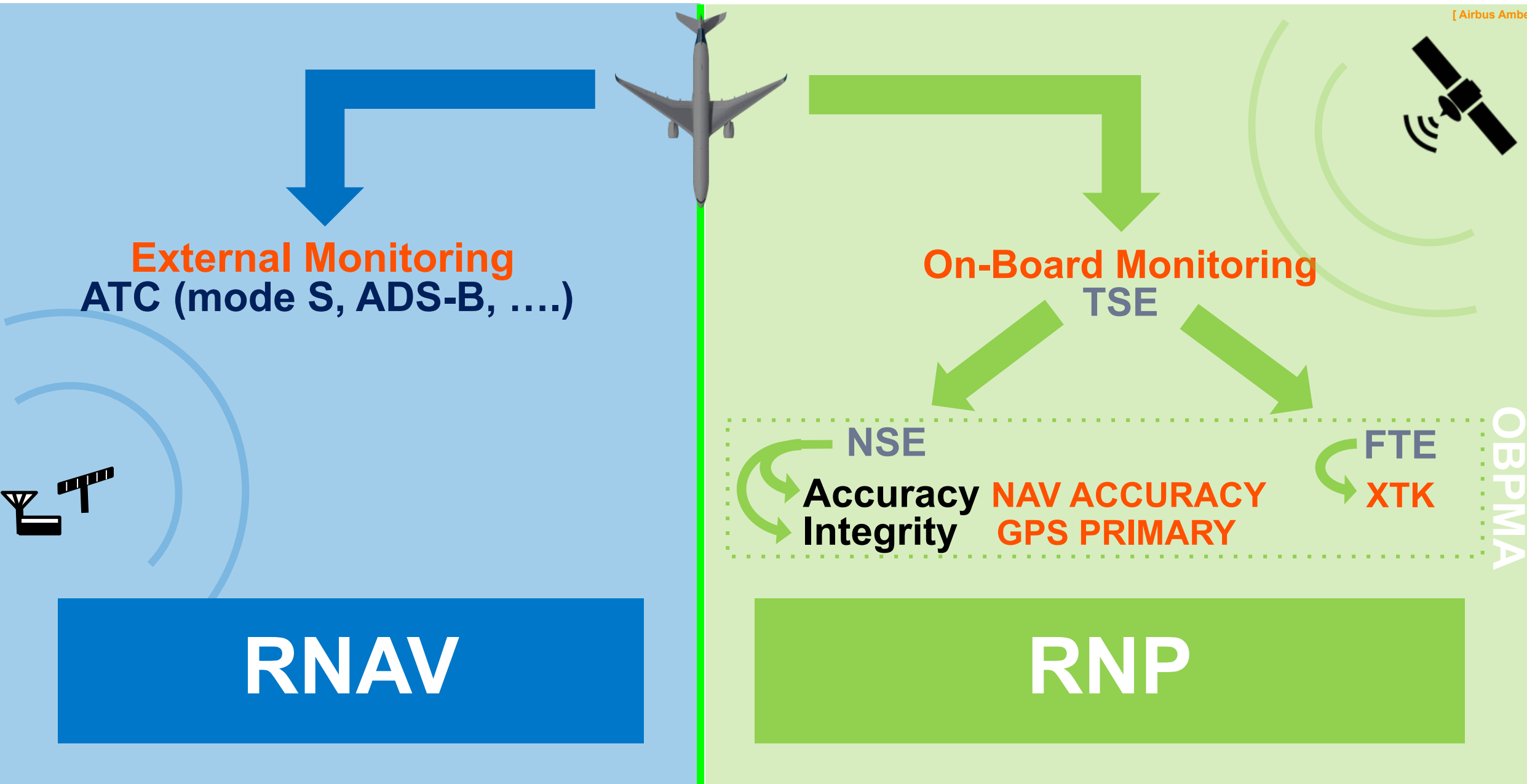
Min 6 satellites \Rightarrow FDE

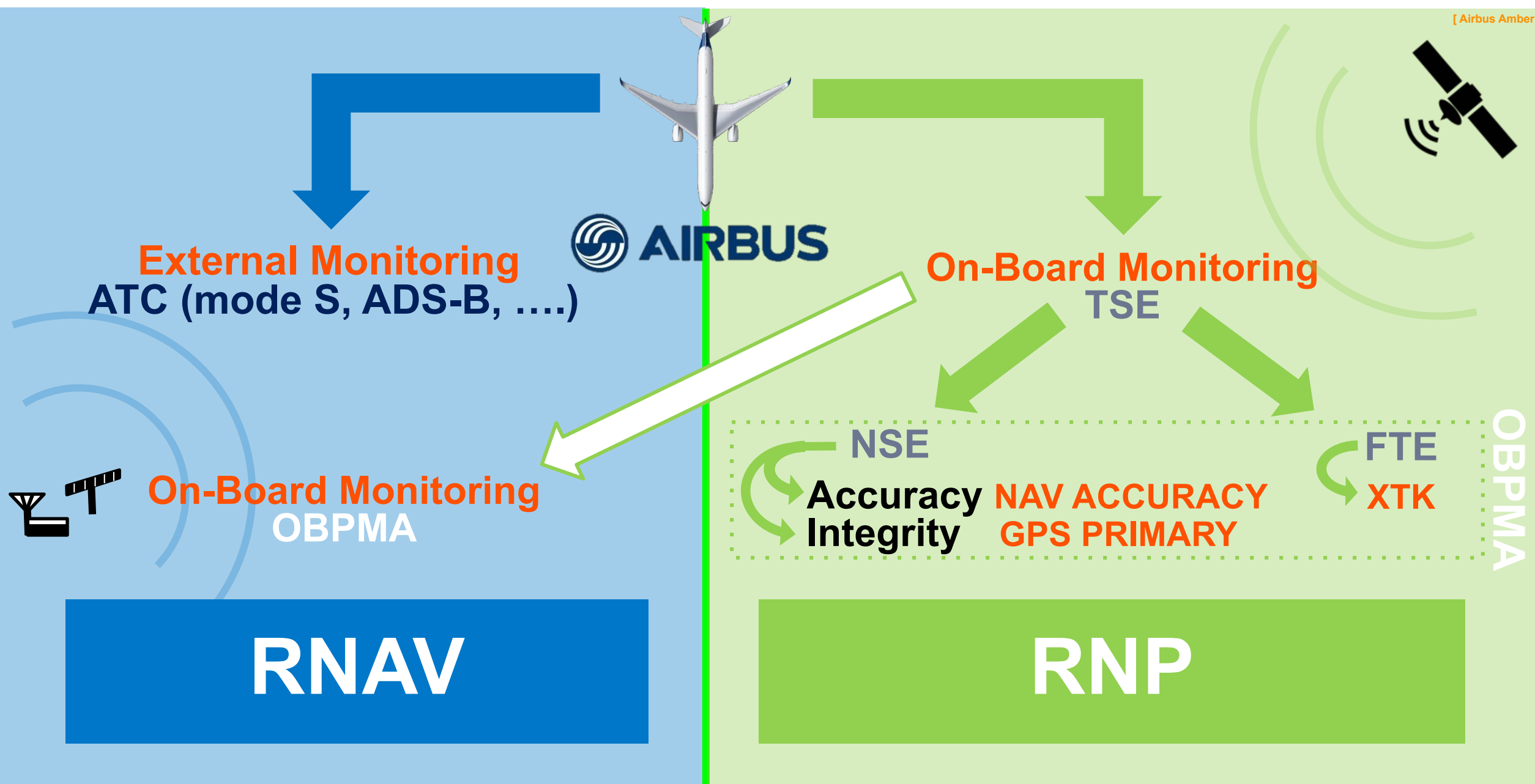
RAIM \Rightarrow Integrity & Warning

Integrity parameter

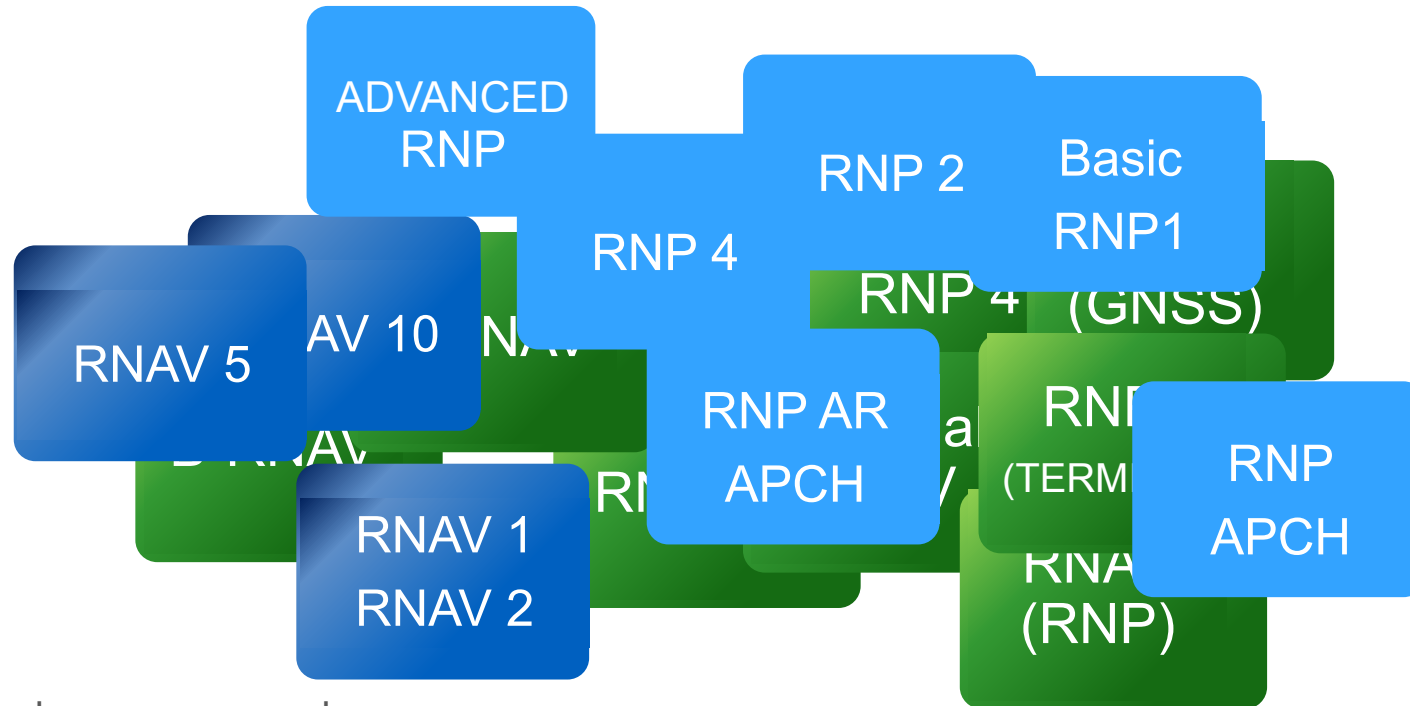


Number of Satellites





Lot of different operations and names



□ Difficult to find our way around

ICAO PBN MANUAL (Doc 9613) PANS-OPS (Doc 8168)



Doc 9613

Performance-based Navigation
(PBN) Manual

Fifth Edition, 2023



Doc 8168

Aircraft Operations

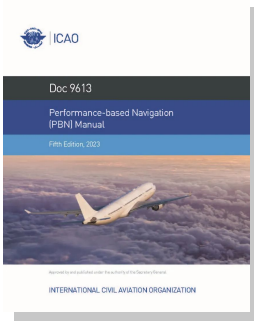
Volume 1 – Flight Procedures
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Navigation Specification	Navigation Accuracy (NM) per flight phase						
	En-route		Terminal	Approach			Departure
	Oceanic Remote	Continental		Initial Interm.	Final	Missed	
RNAV 10 (RNP 10)	10						
RNAV 5		5	5				
RNAV 2		2	2				2
RNAV 1		1	1	1		1	1
RNP 4	4						
RNP 2	2	2					
RNP 1			1	1		1	1
RNP APCH				1	0.3 or angular	1	
RNP AR APCH				1-0.1	0.3-0.1	1-0.1	



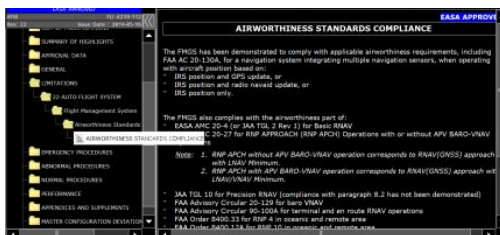
PBN Standard



**NOT a regulatory guidance
Standard and recommended practices**



A/C compliant to FAA or EASA regulations



**Operational documentation (AFM/FCOM)
Statement of compliance with EASA or FAA regulation**

FAA and EASA regulations for PBN operations

operation	EASA regulation	FAA Regulation
RNAV 10	-	FAA Order 8400.12 / AC 90-105A / AC 20-138(D)
RNAV 5	AMC 20- 4 / CS-ACNS	AC 90-96
RNAV 2	-	AC 90-100(A)
RNAV 1	TGL 10	AC 90-100(A)
RNP 4	CS-ACNS	FAA Order 8300.33 / AC 90-105A / AC 20-138(D)
RNP 2	CS-ACNS	AC 90-105A / AC 20-138(D)
RNP 1	CS-ACNS	AC 90-105(A) / AC 20-138(D)
RNP APCH	AMC 20-27 / CS-ACNS	AC 90-105(A) / AC 20-138(D)
RNP APCH LPV	AMC 20-28 / CS-ACNS	AC 90-107
RNP AR	AMC 20-26 / CS-ACNS	AC 90-101(B) / AC 20-138(D)
A-RNP	CS-ACNS	AC 90-105A / AC 20-138(D)

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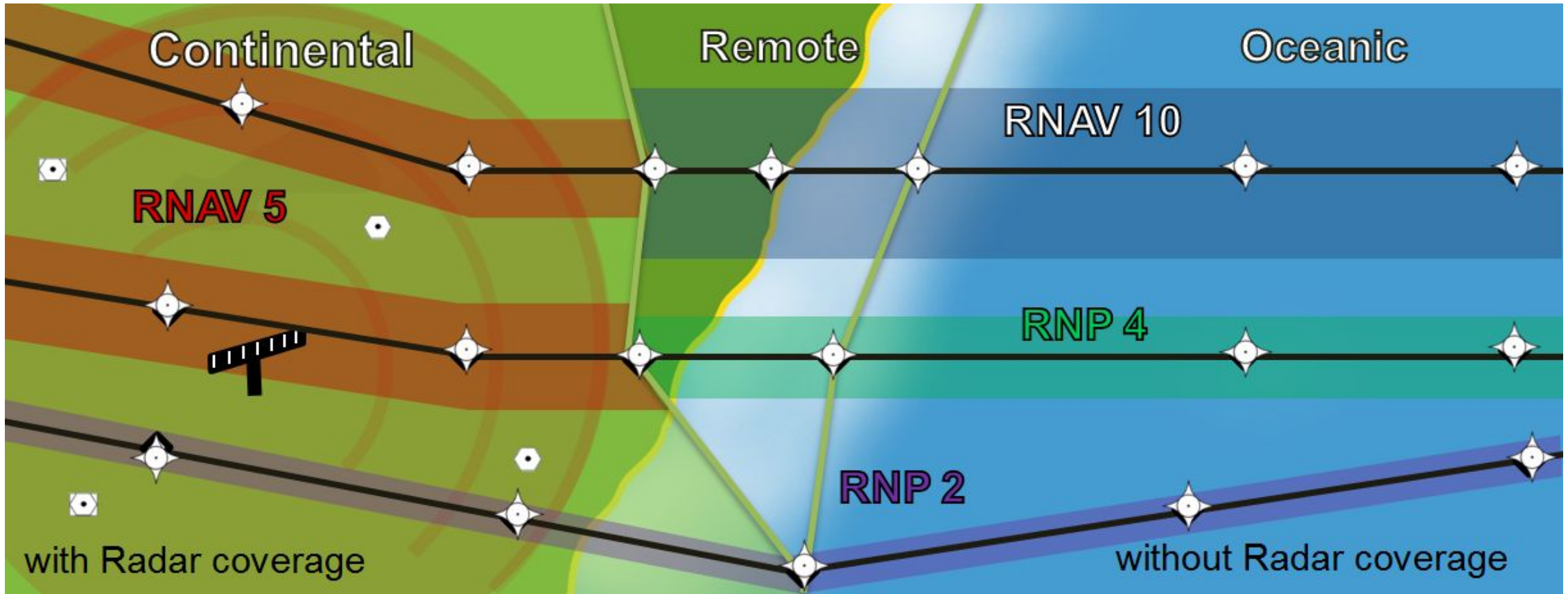
PBN Concept



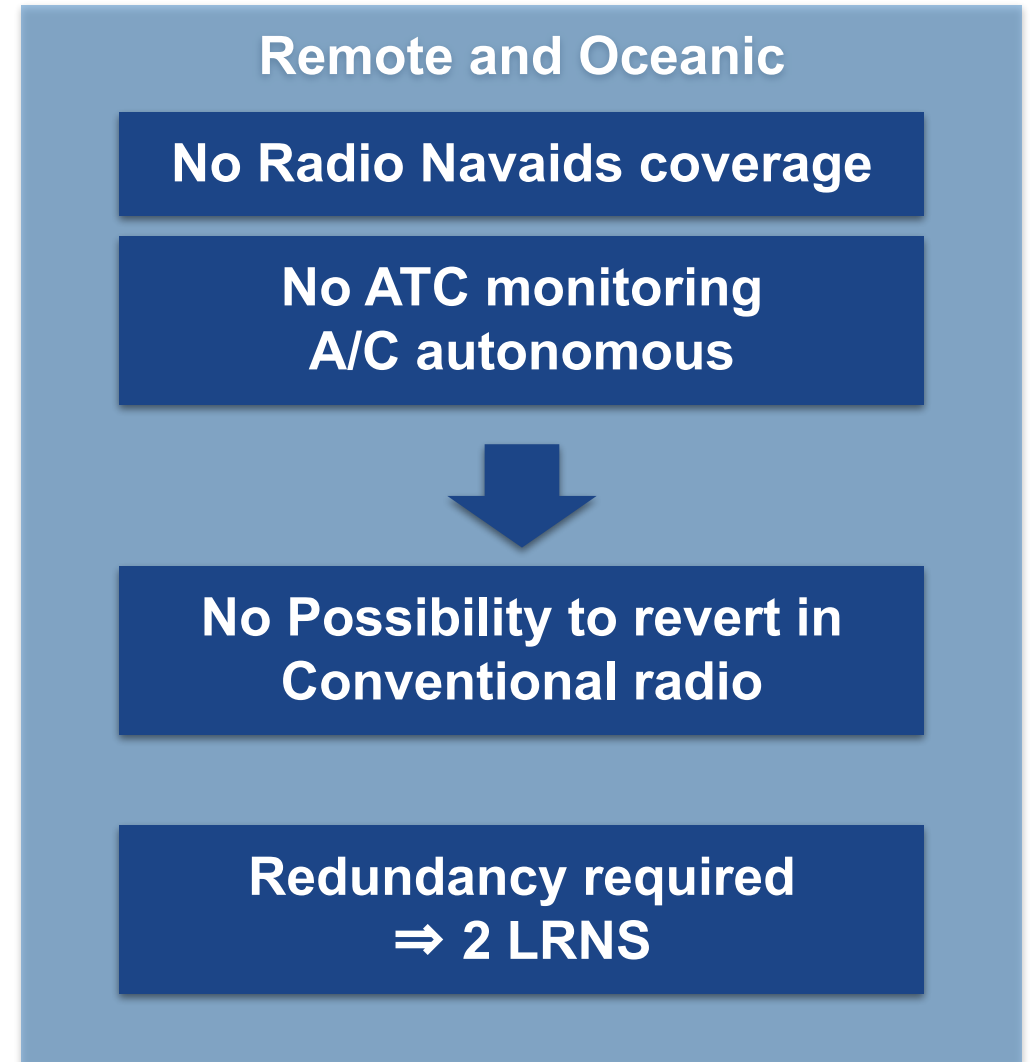
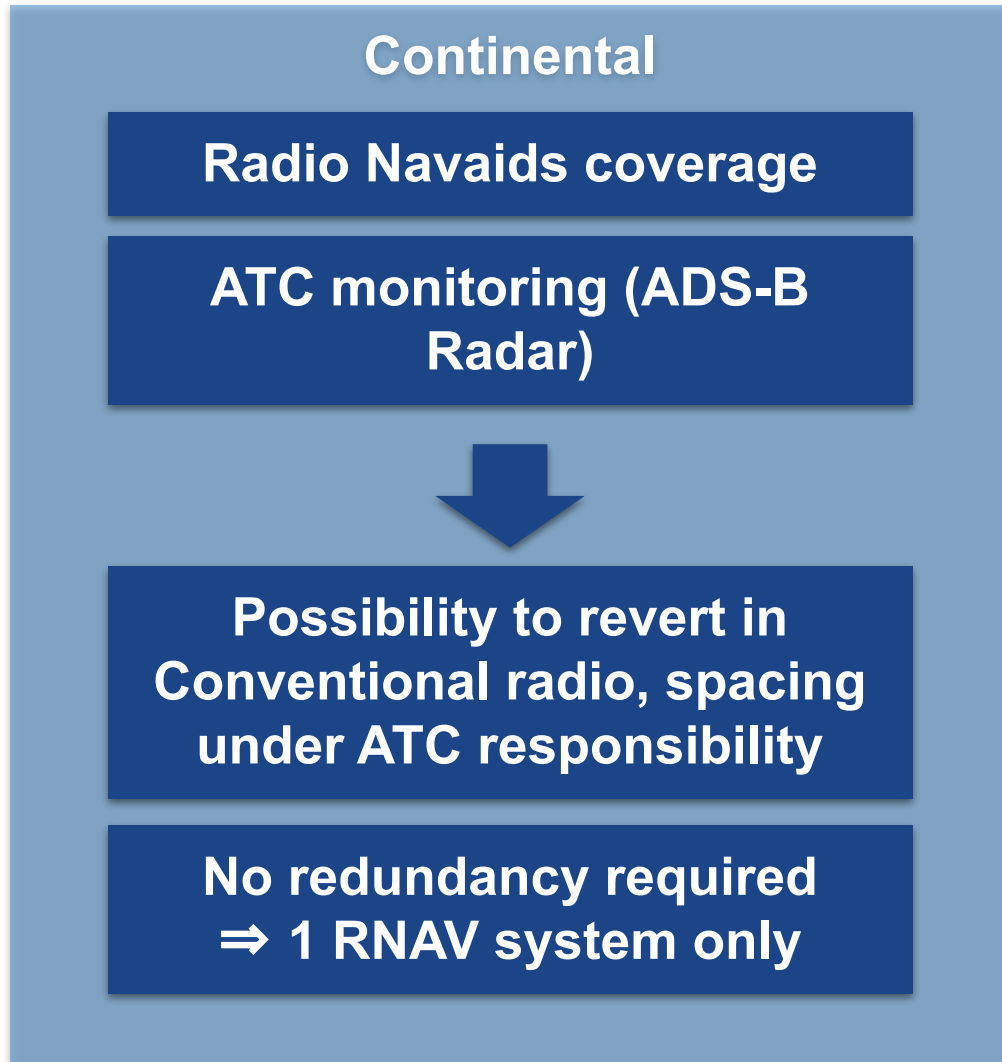
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En Route Operations

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Continental vs Remote/Oceanic area



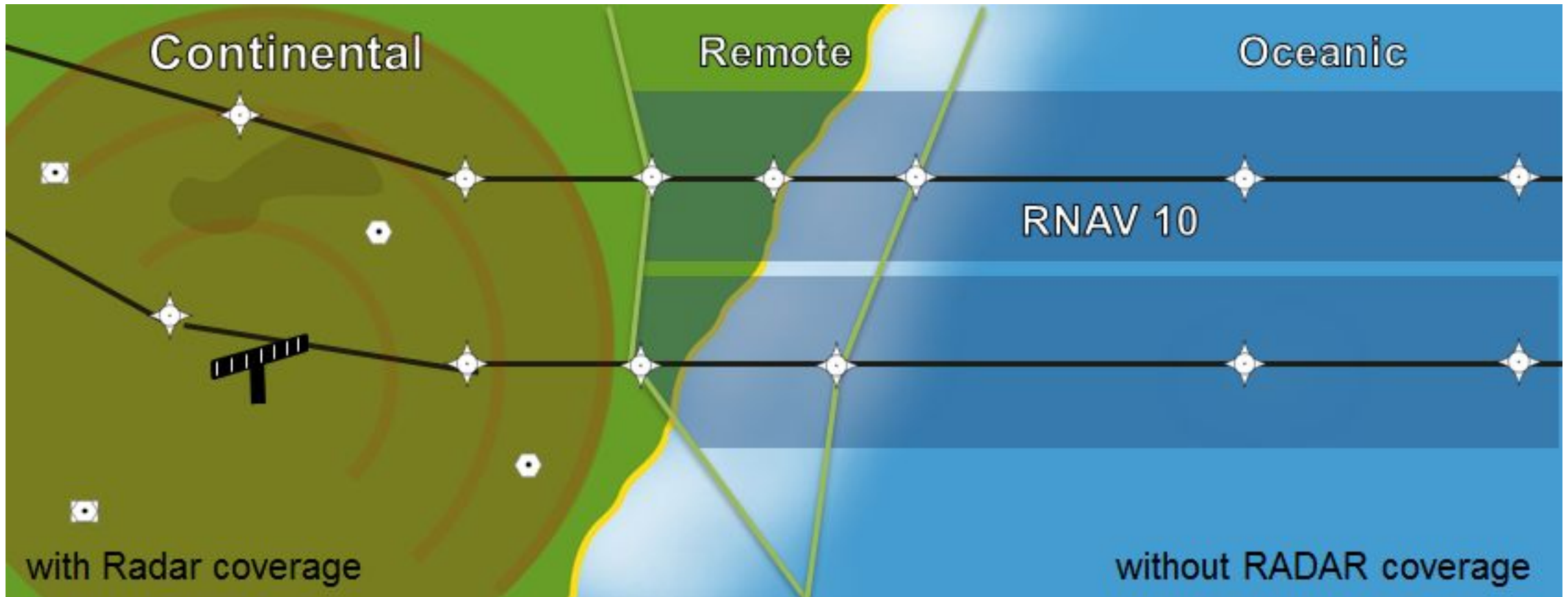
En Route Operations

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	ICAO Name	Other name	Airspace	Compliance
RNAV	RNAV 10	RNP 10	Remote	All
	RNAV 5	Basic RNAV	Continental	All
	RNAV 2	En Route RNAV	Continental	All
RNP	RNP 4		Remote	With GPS
	RNP 2	Continental RNP 2	Continental	With GPS
		Remote RNP 2	Remote	With GPS

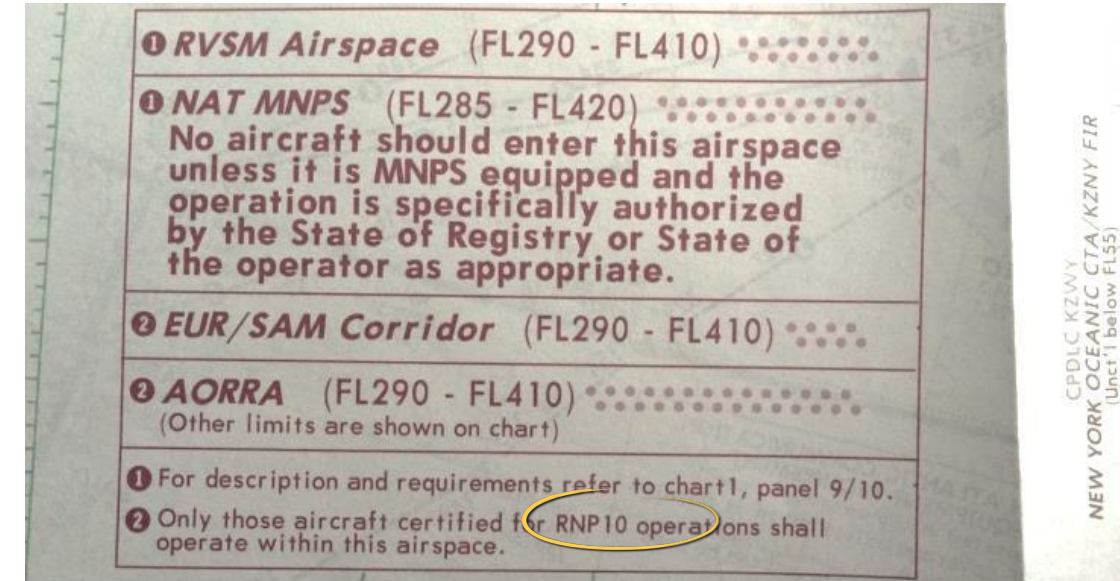
En Route Operations: RNAV 10

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RNAV 10

- Operation called **RNP 10** (language abuse)
- **Enroute** and **Remote Area**
- **10 NM** RNP value
- **50NM / 50NM** separation minima



Regulation



FAA order 8400.12
AC 90-105A app G



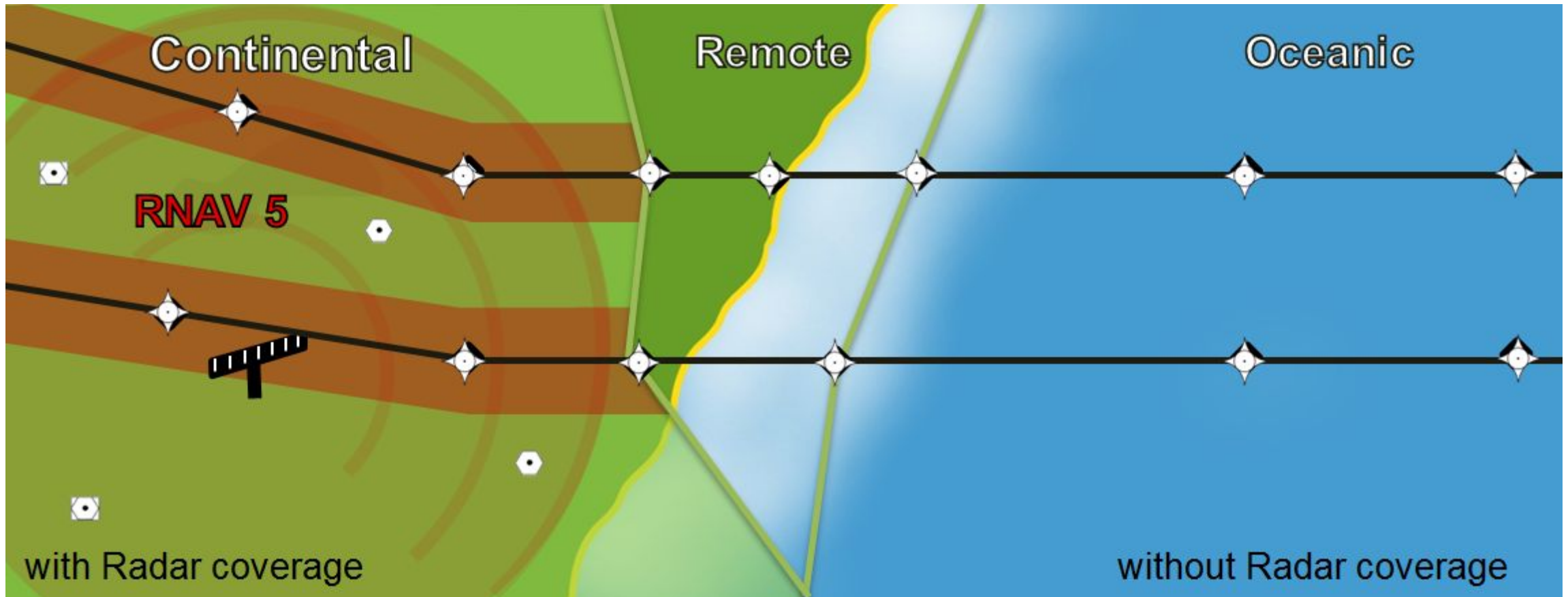
No regulation

Aircraft compliance

All Airbus A/C
(except A300 family)

En Route Operations: RNAV 5

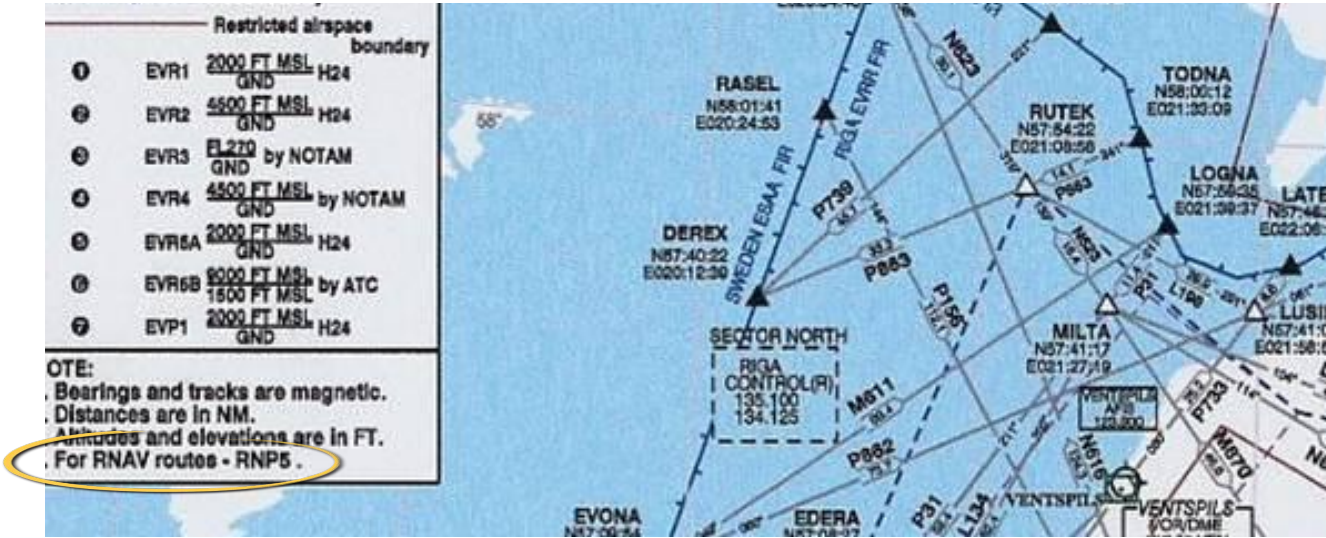
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RNAV 5

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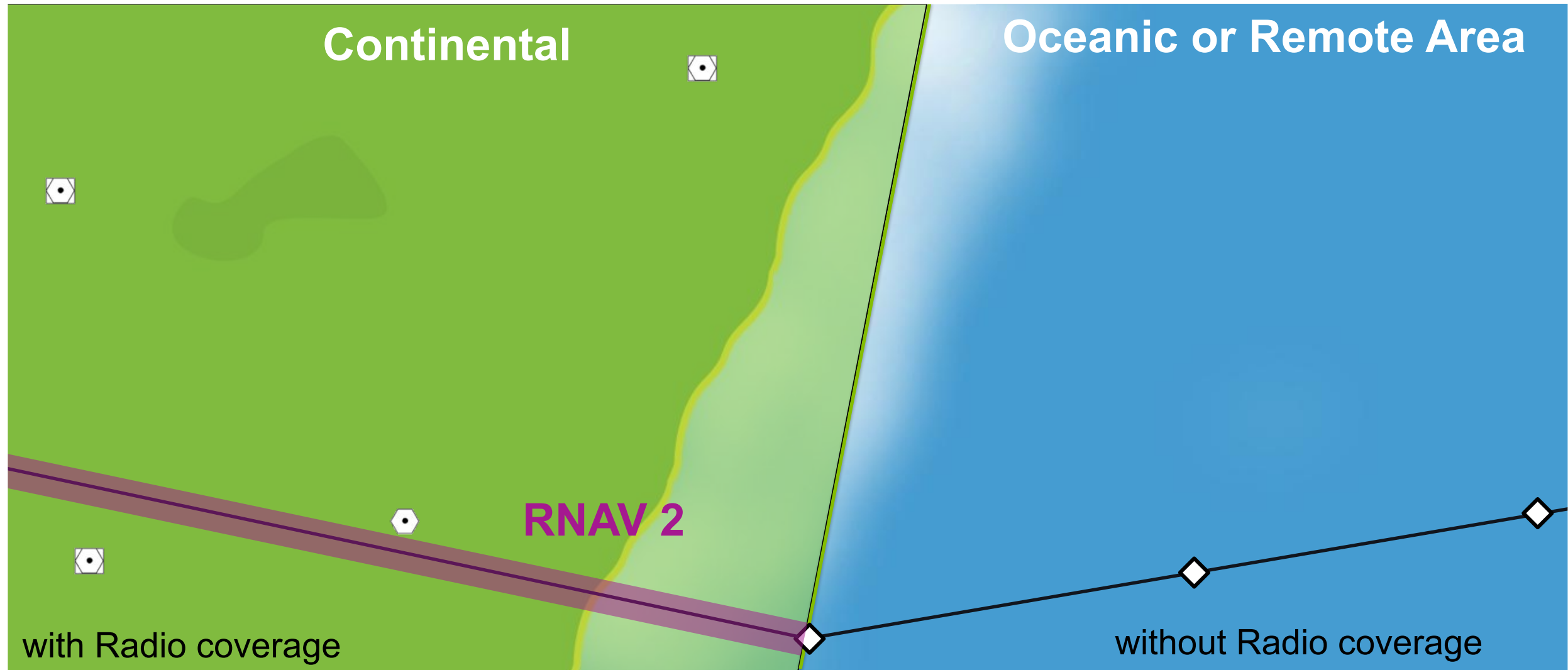
- Operation called **B-RNAV**, **Basic RNAV** or **RNP 5**
- **Enroute** and **Continental** only in Europe
- **5 NM** RNP value



Regulation		Aircraft compliance	
 AC 90-96		All Airbus A/C	
 AMC 20-4 (old TGL2)			



En Route Operations

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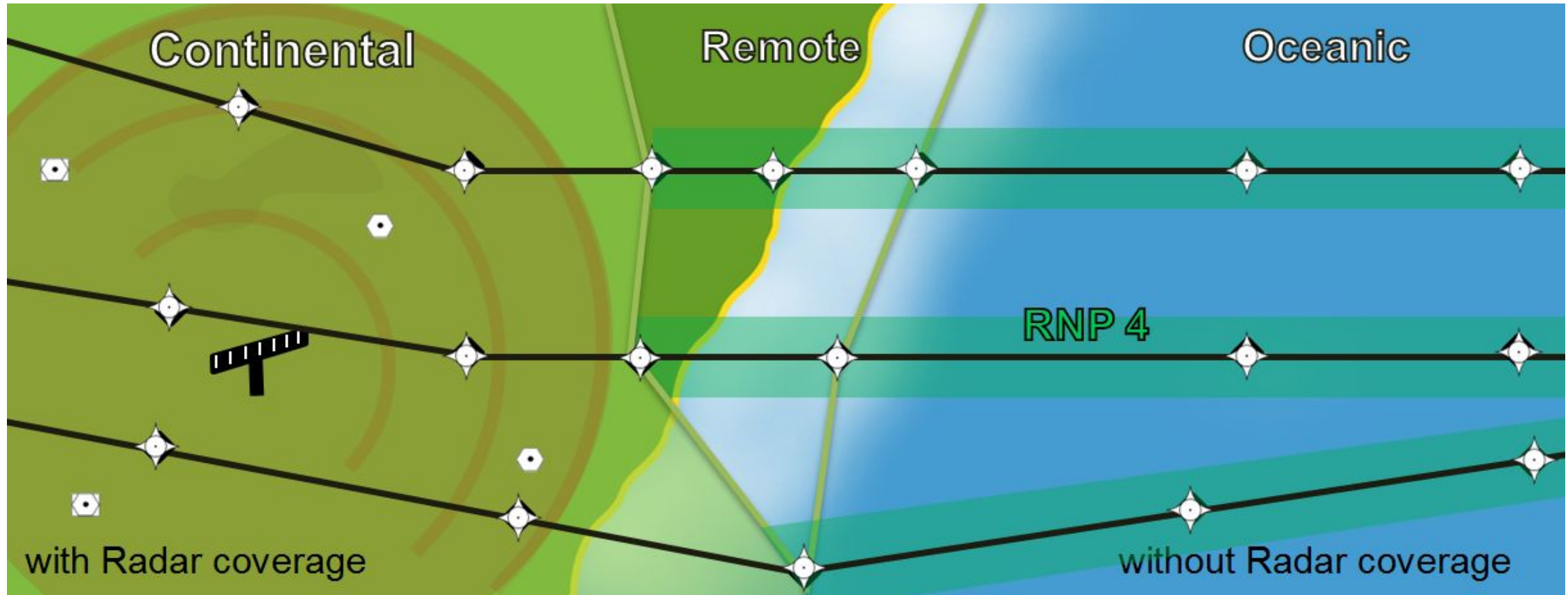
RNAV 2

- Operation called **Enroute RNAV**
- **Enroute** and **continental Airspace** only in US
- **2NM** RNP value

Regulation	Aircraft compliance
 AC 90-100	All Airbus A/C
 No regulation	

En Route Operations: RNP 4

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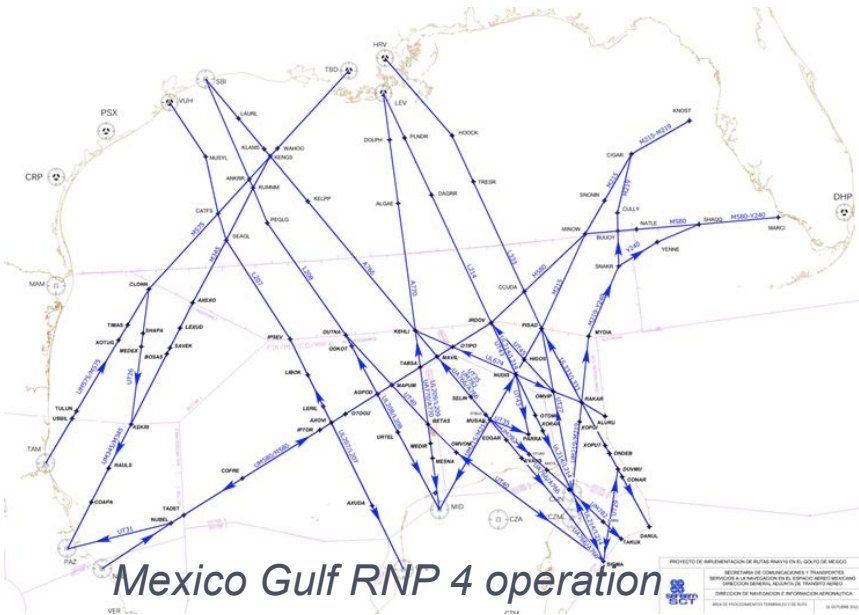


RNP 4

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- Operation called **RNP 4 Enroute**
- **Enroute and Remote Area**
- **4 NM** RNP value
- Supporting today **30NM/30NM** separation (also ADS C requested)

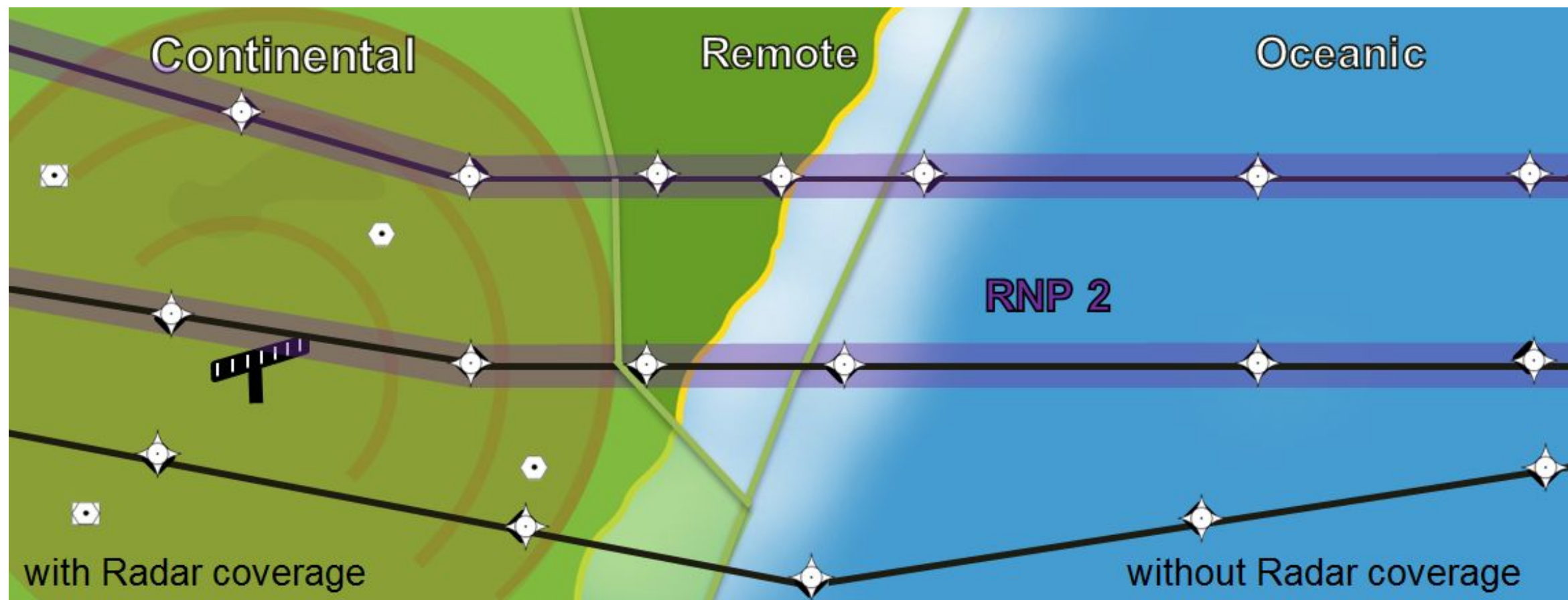
GPS mandatory



Regulation	Aircraft compliance
<div> FAA order 8400.33 AC 90-105A app F</div> <div> CS-ACNS</div>	All Airbus A/C with GPS (except A300 family)

En Route Operations: RNP 2

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RNP 2

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● **Enroute Operation** for **Continental** or **Remote Area**

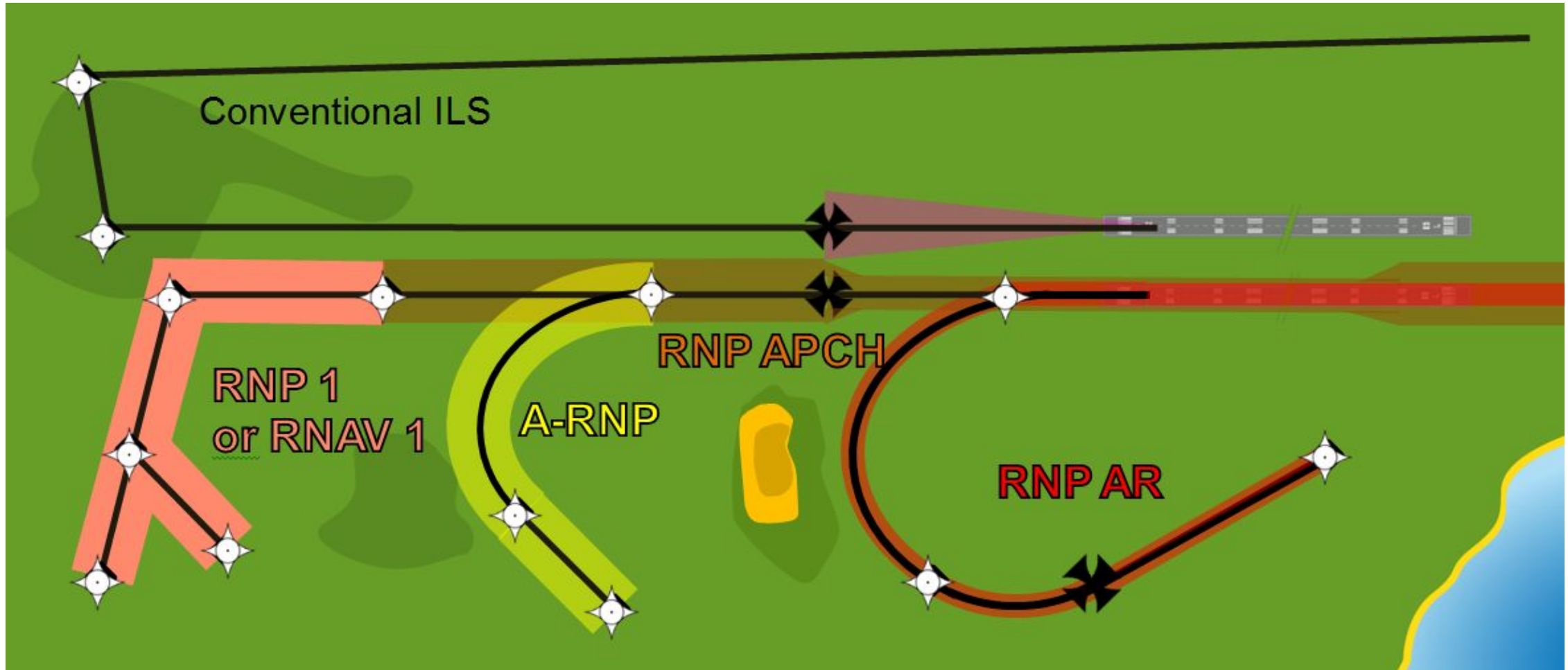
● **2 NM** RNP value

GPS mandatory

Regulation	Aircraft compliance
 AC 90-105A app E  CS-ACNS	All Airbus A/C with FMS2 and GPS

RNP in terminal area

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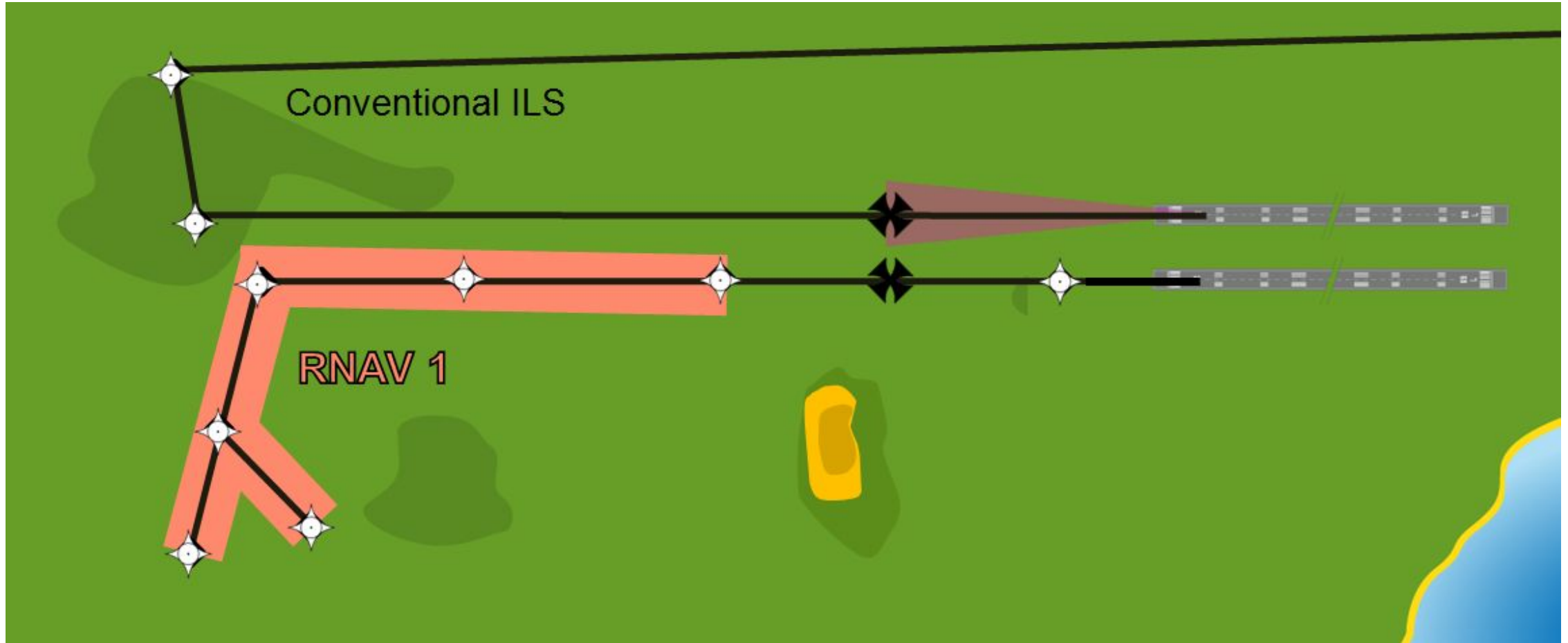
Terminal Area Operations

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	ICAO Name	Other name		Compliance
SID / STAR	RNAV 1	Terminal RNAV P-RNAV		All
	RNP 1	Basic RNAV		With GPS
Approaches	RNP APCH	RNAV(GNSS) RNP	LNAV	With GPS
			LNAV/VNAV	With GPS
			LPV	With Dedicated MOD
	RNP AR	RNAV(RNP) RNP (AR)		With Dedicated MOD

RNAV 1

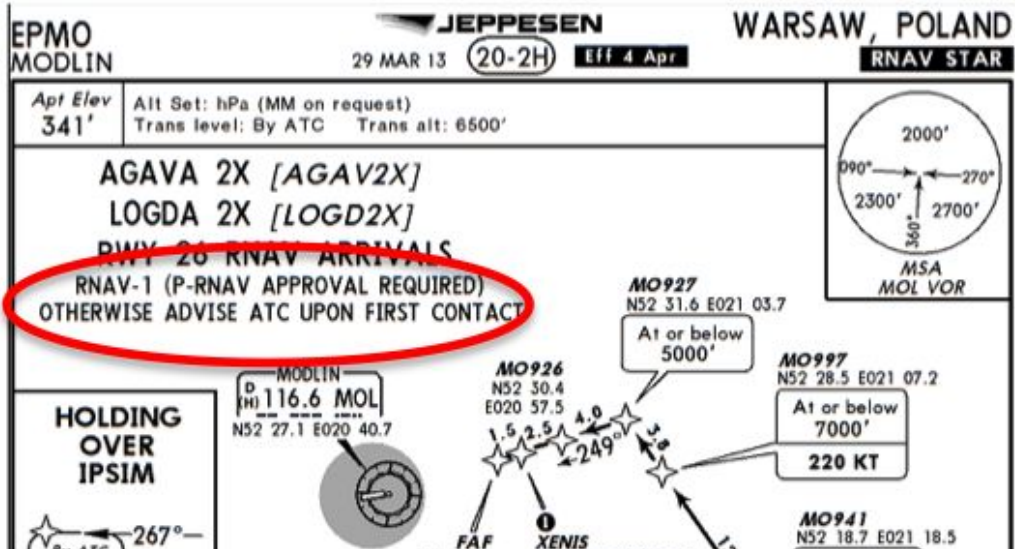
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RNAV 1

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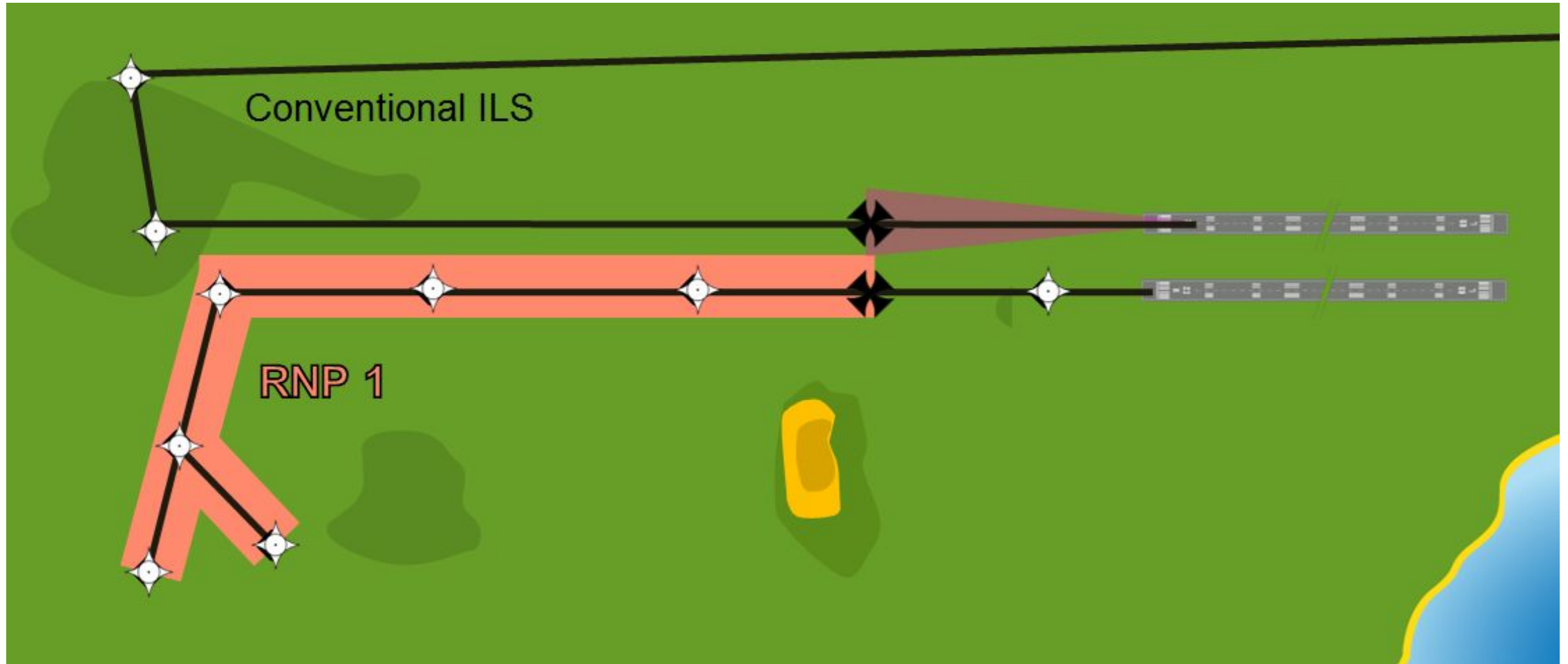
- Operation called **Terminal RNAV** (USA) or **Precision RNAV** (Europe)
- **Terminal Airspace**: SIDs or STARs
- **1NM** RNP value



Regulation	Aircraft compliance
<div> AC 90-100</div> <div> TGL 10</div>	All Airbus A/C

RNP 1

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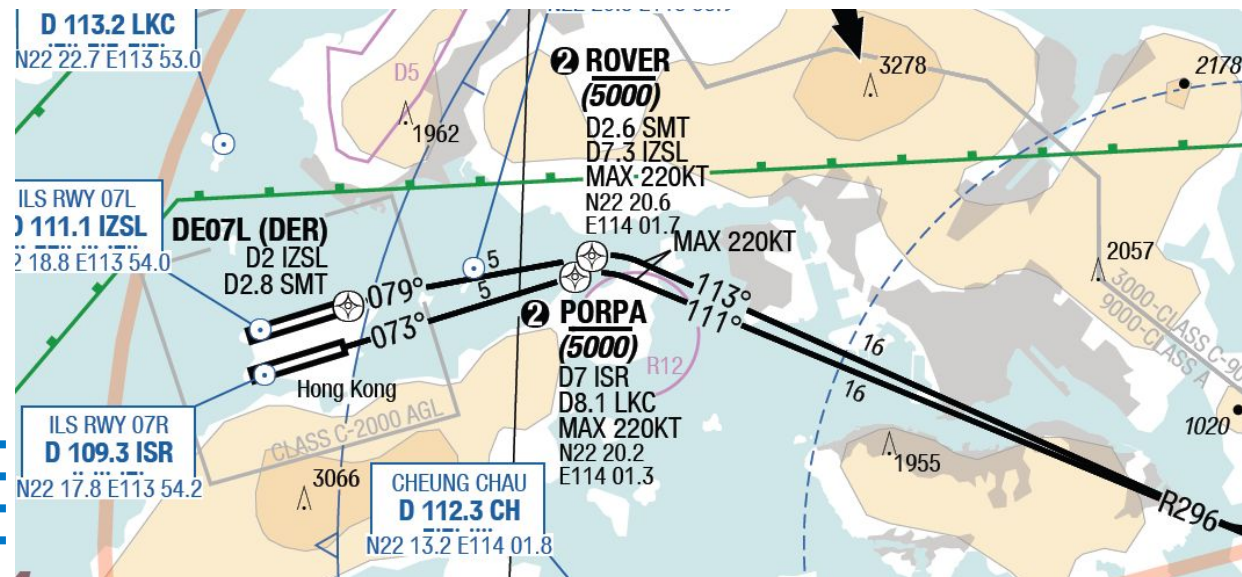




RNP 1

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- Operation called **BRNP 1** or **Basic RNP1**
- **Terminal Airspace:** SIDs or STARs
- **1NM** RNP value

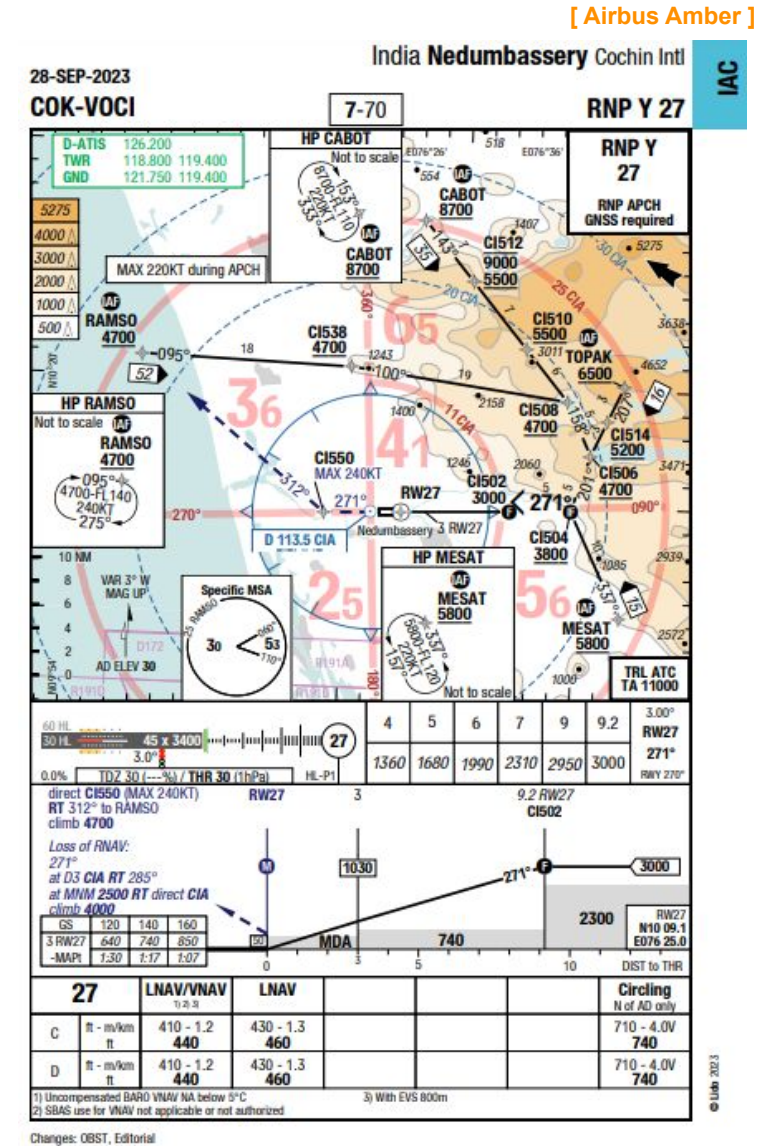
GPS mandatory



Regulation	Aircraft compliance
<div> AC 90-105 AC 90-105A app C</div> <div> CS-ACNS</div>	FMS2 + GPS FMS1+GPS: Mean of Compliance

RNP APCH concept

- Overlay of existing procedure
- RNP value 0.3NM in final
- Decongestion of Terminal Airspace

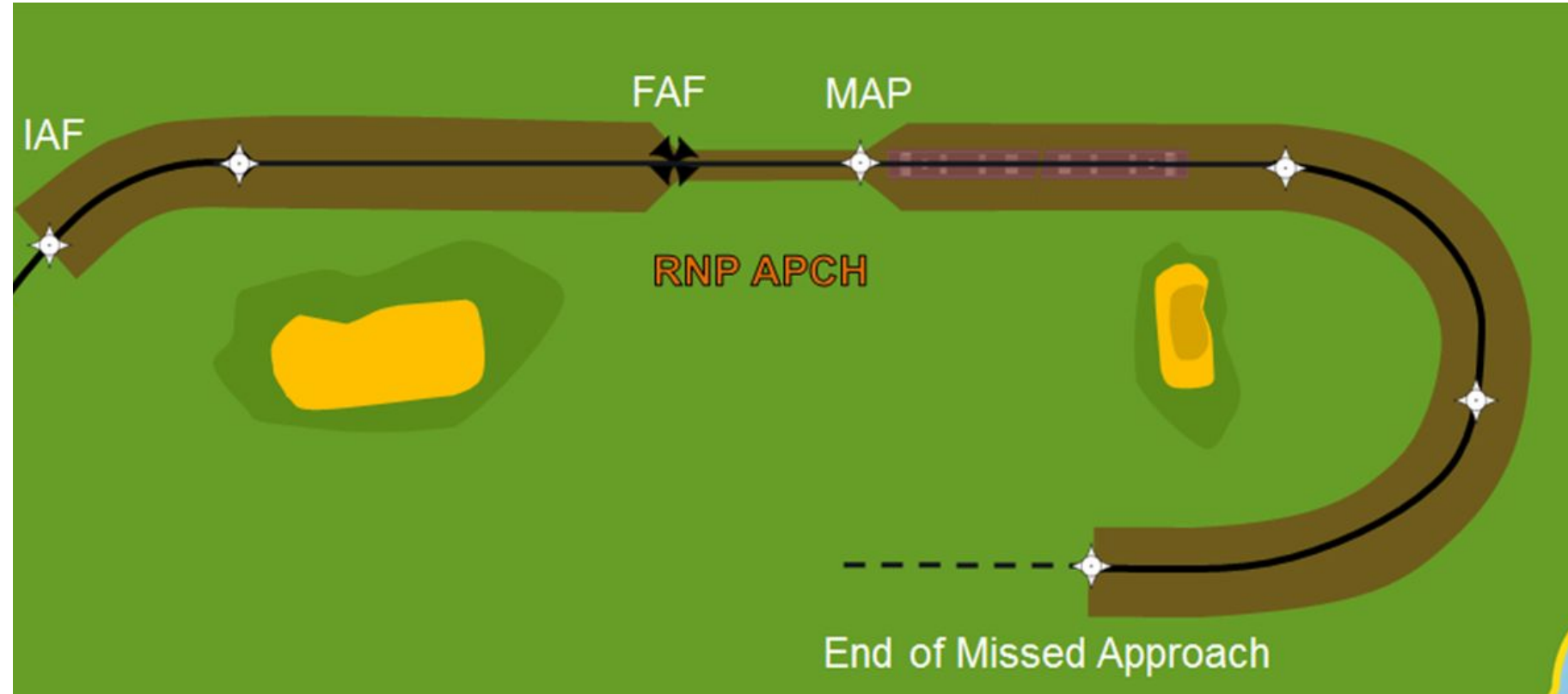


RNP APCH

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Concept:

- **Straight approach after FAF**
- **RNP 0.3 NM in Final Leg**
- **RNP 1 NM in Initial, Intermediate and Missed Approach**

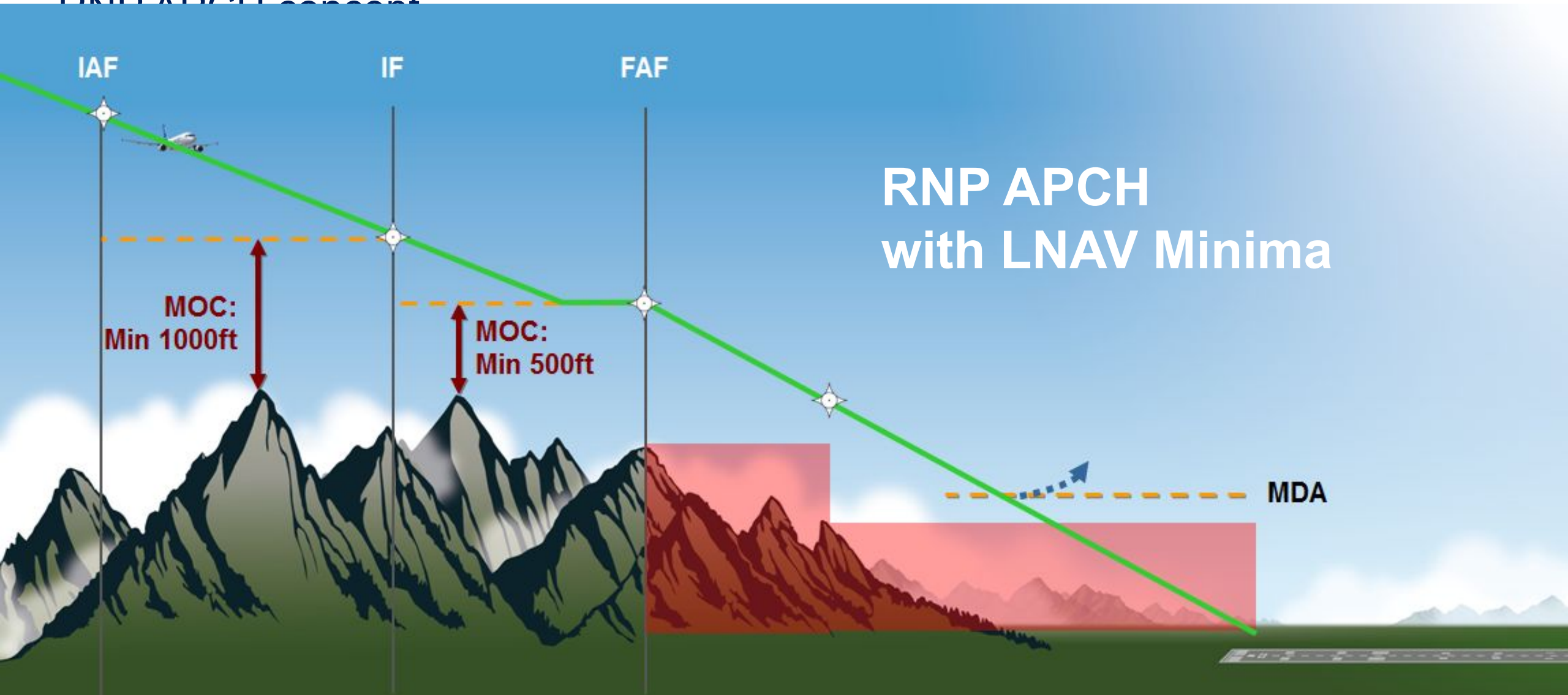


- **Straight approach after FAF**
- **RNP 0.3 NM in Final Leg**
- **RNP 1 NM in Initial, Intermediate and Missed Approach**
- **Several minima**

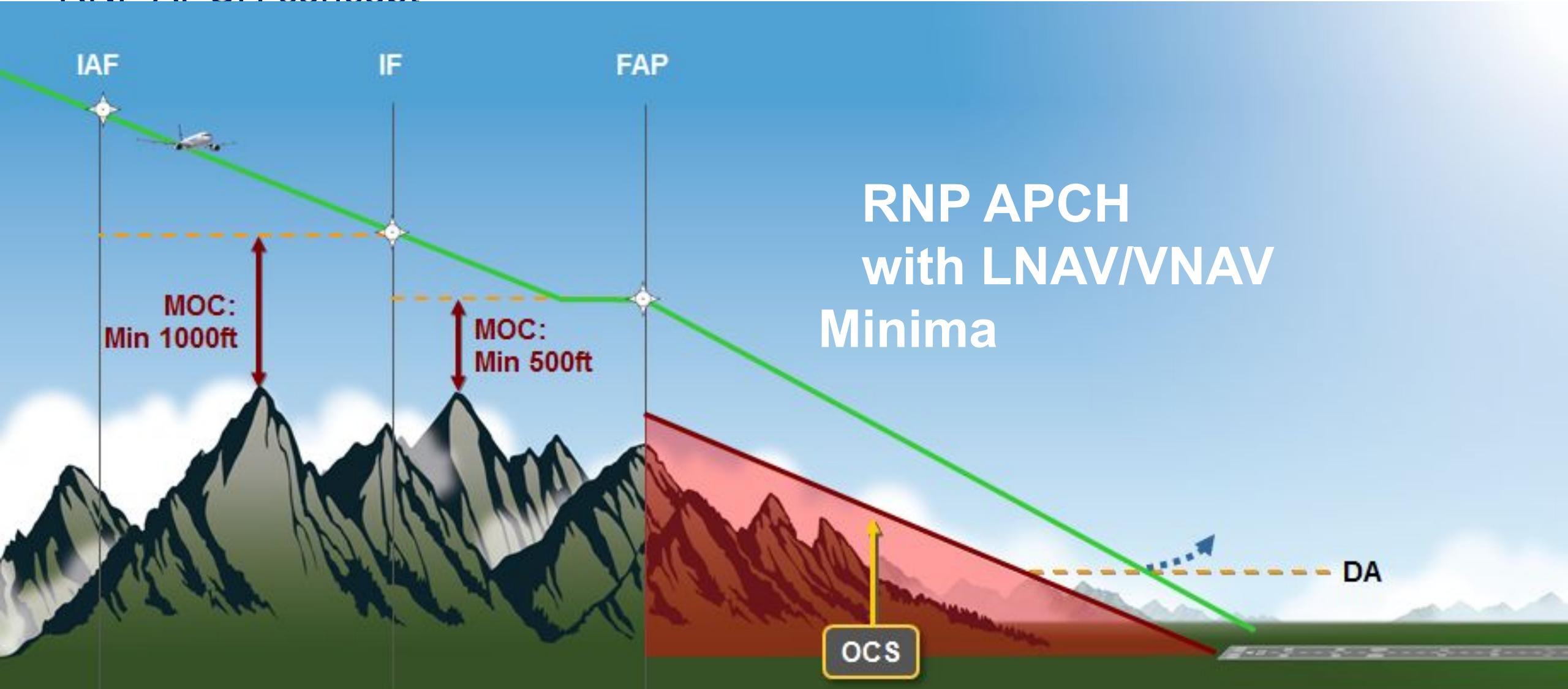


CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
LPV DA	737/45 411 (500-7/8)			NA
LNAV/ VNAV DA	927-1½ 601 (600-1½)			NA
LNAV MDA	1000/40 674 (700-¾)		1000-1½ 674 (700-1½)	NA
CIRCLING	1000-1 669 (700-1)		1080-2¼ 749 (800-2¼)	NA

RNP APCH concept

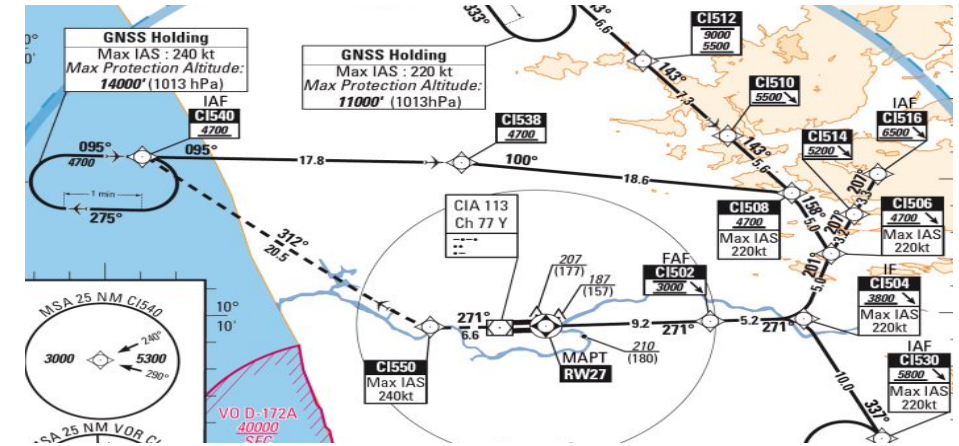


RNP APCH concept



RNP APCH with LNAV and LNAV/VNAV

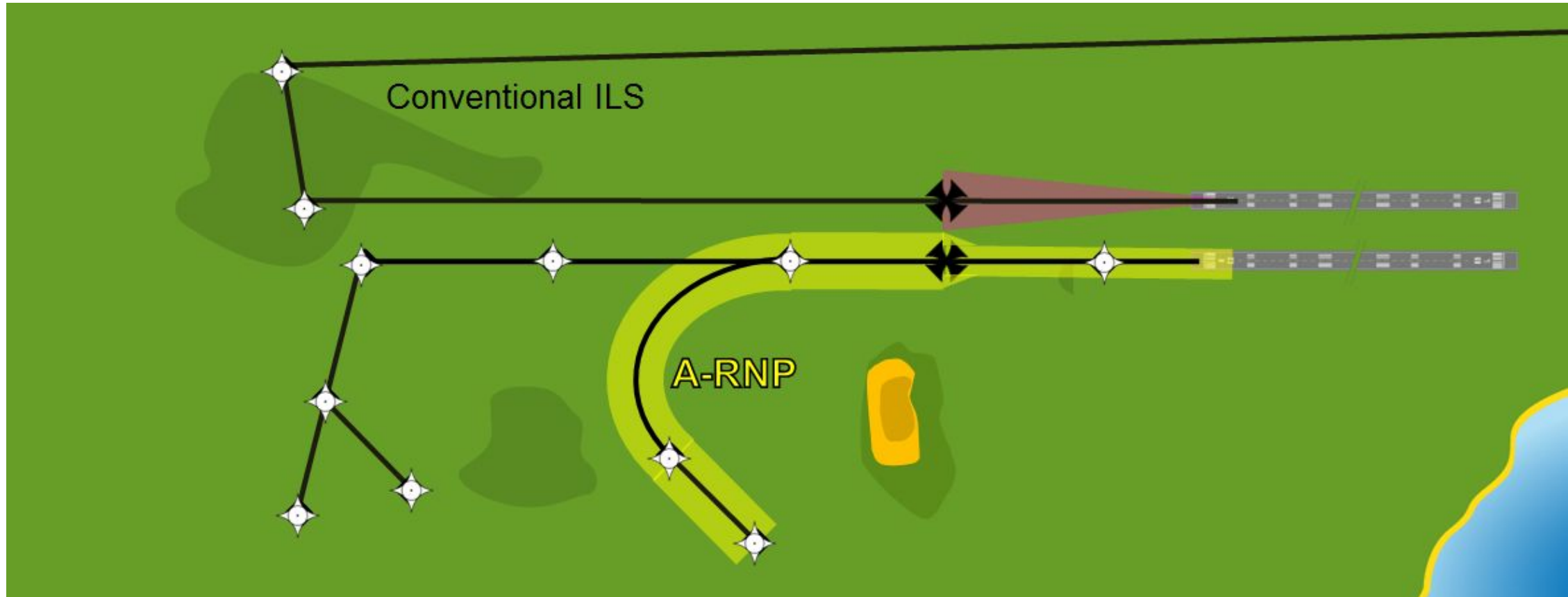
- Operation called RNP or RNAV(GNSS) or RNAV(GPS)



Regulation	Aircraft compliance
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Advanced RNP and RF leg

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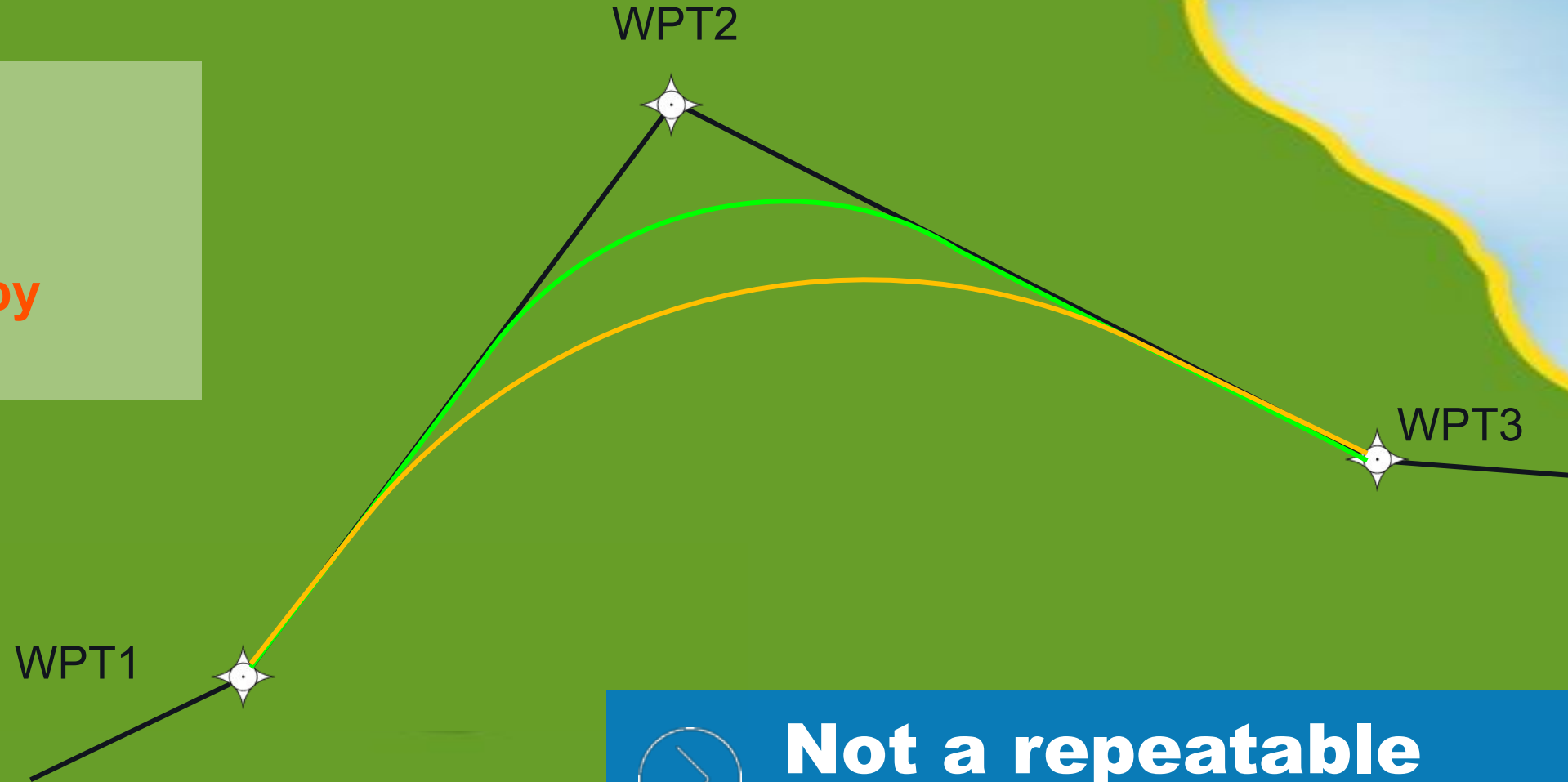


RF legs

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Without RF legs

Fixed bank flight –by



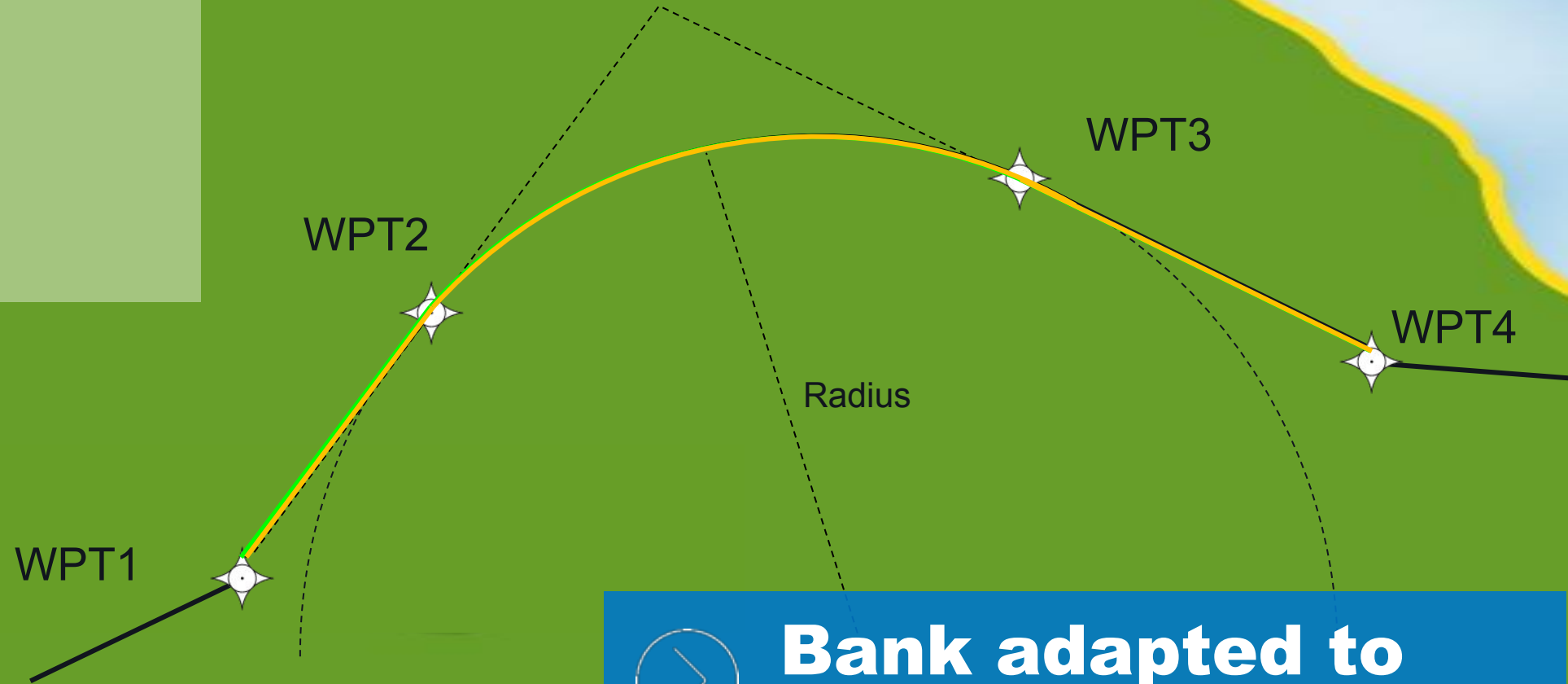
**Not a repeatable
trajectory**

ADVANCED RNP: RF legs

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With RF legs

Fixed trajectory



**Bank adapted to
the trajectory**



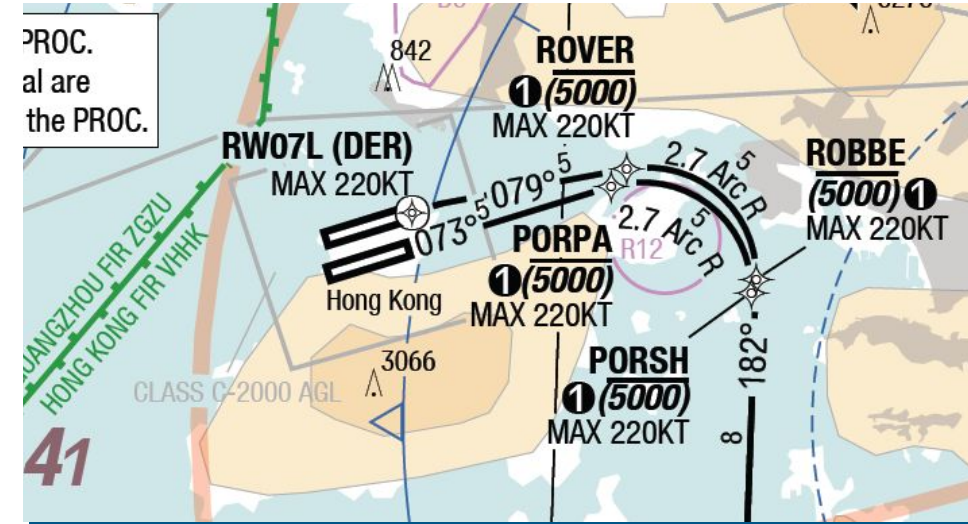
Smaller protection zone Gain of Airspace




Without RF legs

With RF legs

RF leg capability

- **Decongestion of Terminal Airspace**
- **Use of RF legs**
- **SIDs, STARS:** RNP 1 with RF leg
- **Approach:** RNP APCH with RF (outside Final segment)



Regulation	Aircraft Compliance
 AC 90-105 app5 RF capability AC 90-105A app I  CS-ACNS	FMS2 + GPS  75% of Airbus fleet

Advanced RNP according to ICAO PBN Manual

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New operation

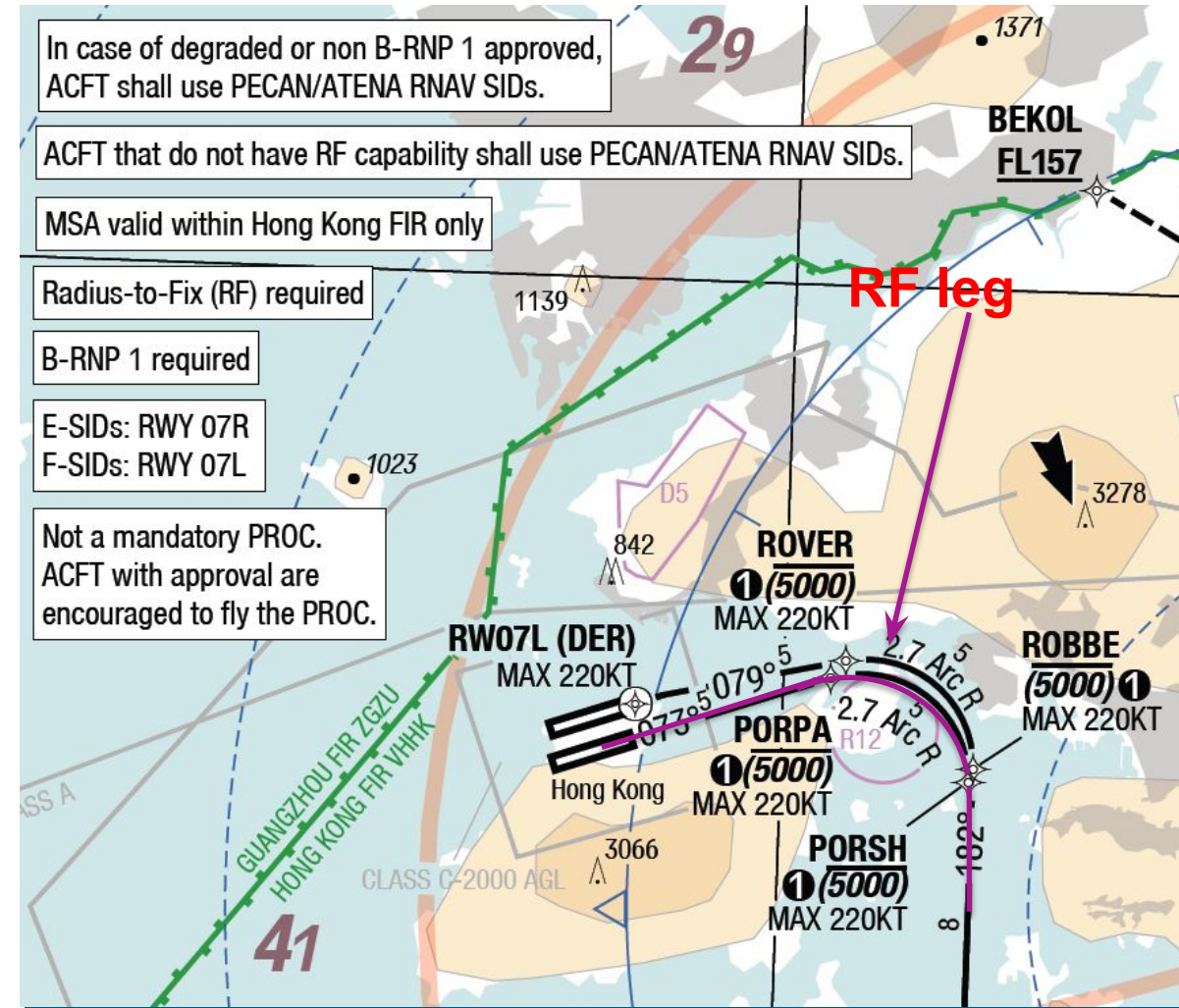
- **Concern operation**

RNAV 5, 2, 1

RNP 2, 1, APCH

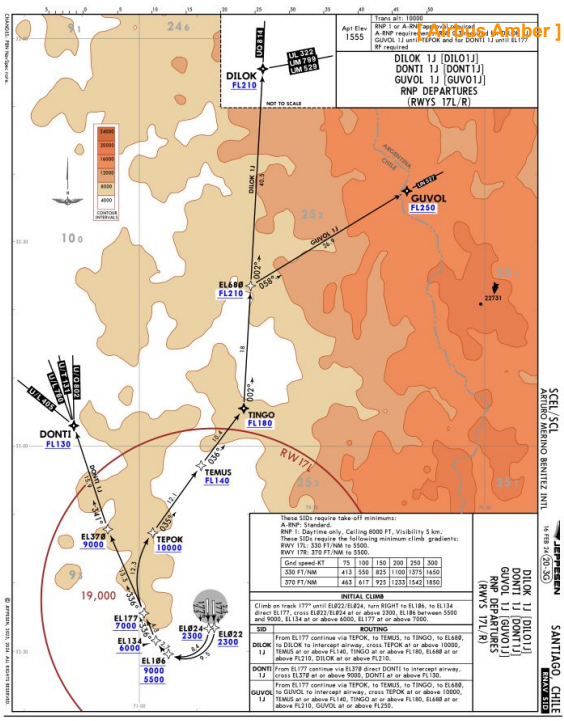
- **Functional requirement**




— RF legs	required
— Fixed Radius Transition	optional
— RNP scalability	optional
— Higher continuity	optional
— Baro VNAV	optional
— Time Of Arrival Control	optional (not yet defined)



Advanced RNP and RNP scalability option

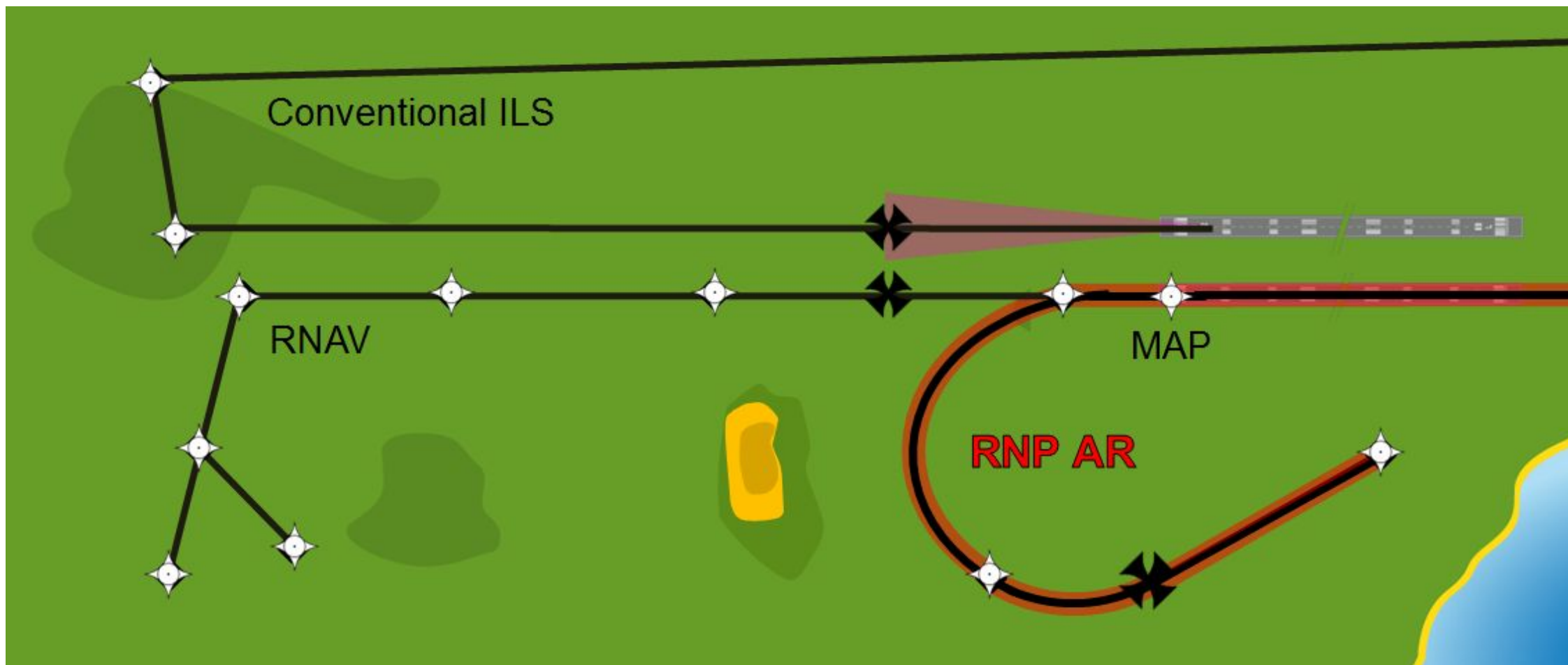
- **Allows RNP value down to 0.3NM** in initial and intermediate
- Concept is changing on ICAO PBN manual ed 5th
- Not harmonised between EASA and FAA
- Airbus is waiting for harmonized requirements (and operational usage)



Regulation	Aircraft Compliance
<div> AC 90-105A app H</div> <div> CS-ACNS</div>	<div> under study</div>

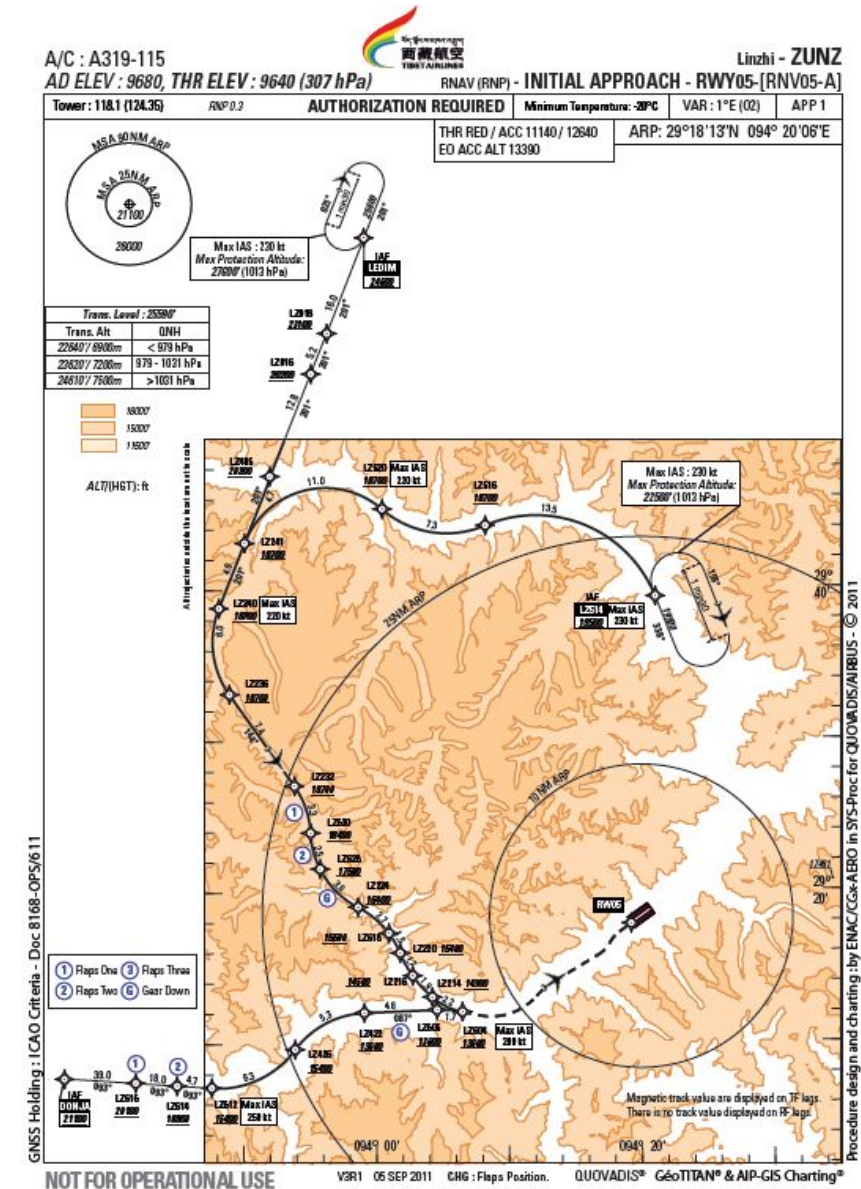
RNP AR: Authorisation Required

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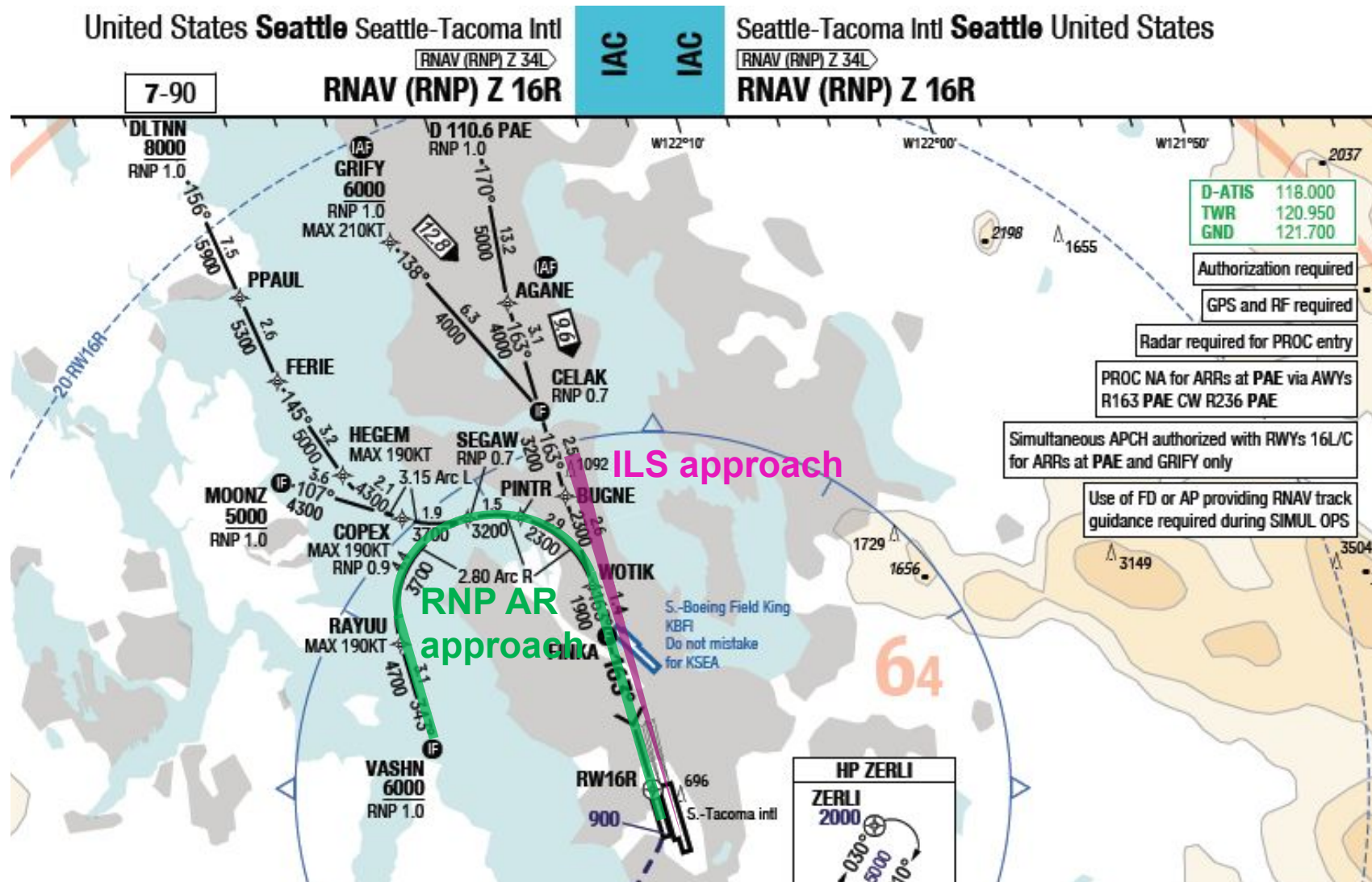
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RNP AR in traffic-challenging environment

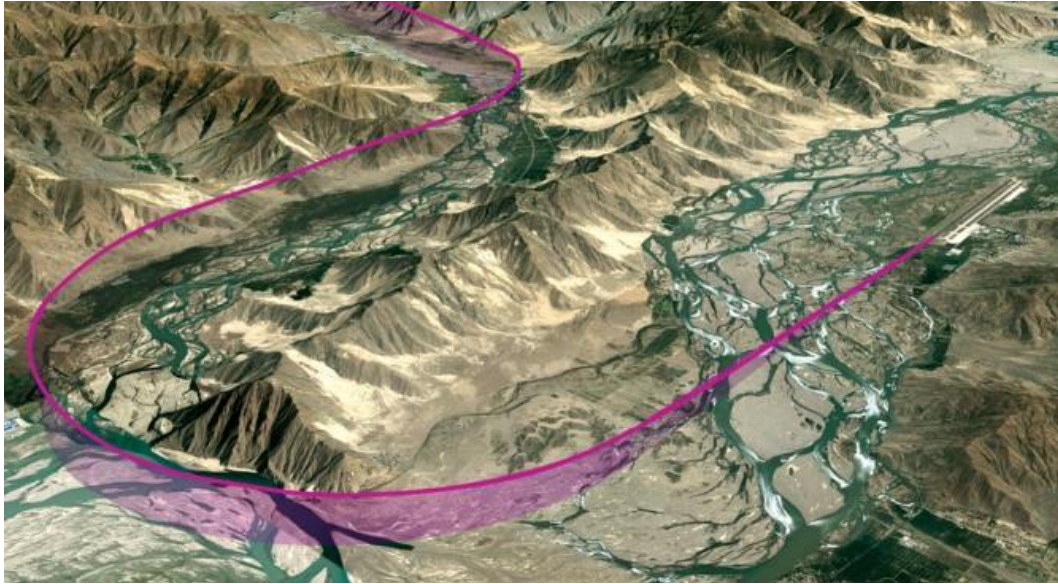
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- Late turn
- Closely Space Parallel Operation



RNP AR: Authorisation Required

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Regulation		Aircraft compliance	
	AC 90-101A	Specific aircraft modification	
	AMC 20-26	Specific equipment (minimum configuration)	

Required system standard for RNP AR operations (e.g. A320/A330)

In addition to the RNP AR MOD

- **Minimum FMS standard:** R1A + additional options (NAV in GA, No disconnection below MDA, Baro/Radio...)
- **TAWS with direct GNSS input**

Specific to RNP AR below 0.3NM

- **Minimum ADIRS Standard**
- **EIS with Lateral deviation**
- **T3CAS or EGPWS (PEAK, ELEVVIEW)**



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Aircraft Documentation





EASA & FAA Regulations

Compliance statement

AFM / Lim

Airworthiness Standard Compliance

SOPs

FCOM SOPs

- Normal SOPs
- Management of degraded navigation

Minimum Equipment To start procedure

MMEL FCOM SOPs

- Equipment required to start procedure

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Compliance with PBN regulation indicated in AFM

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Compliance with EASA and/or FAA regulations for PBN

In AFM/LIMITATIONS / 22-AFS / FMS / Airworthiness Standard Compliance

If capability installed (MOD) ⇒ AFM of the MSN indicates the capability

If not capable ⇒ no statement of compliance in the AFM of the MSN



AFM is the proof for A/C capability regarding PBN

In AFM/LIMITATIONS / 22-AFS / FMS / Airworthiness Standard Compliance

AIRWORTHINESS STANDARD COMPLIANCE

The FMGES has been demonstrated to comply with applicable airworthiness requirements, including FAA AC 20-130A, for a navigation system integrating multiple navigation sensors, when operating with aircraft position based on:

- IRS position and GPS update, or
- IRS position and radio navaid update, or
- IRS position only.

The FMGES also complies with the airworthiness part of:

- EASA AMC 20-4 (JAA TGL 2 REV 1) for Basic RNAV
- EASA AMC 20-27 for RNP APPROACH (RNP APCH) operations with or without APV BARO-VNAV operations
- FAA Advisory Circular 90-105A for RNP2 operations in domestic, oceanic and remote continental area
- FAA AC 90-105 for:
 - RNP1 operations in Terminal area with or without RF leg
 - RNP APCH operations with or without APV BARO-VNAV Operations in final approach segment
 - RNP APCH operations with or without RF leg capability in the initial, the intermediate and the missed approach segments.

Note : 1. RNP APCH without APV BARO-VNAV operation corresponds to RNAV(GNSS) approach with LNAV Minimum.
 2. RNP APCH with APV BARO-VNAV operation corresponds to RNAV(GNSS) approach with LNAV/VNAV Minimum.

- JAA TGL 10 for Precision RNAV (compliance with paragraph 8.2 has not been demonstrated)
- FAA Advisory Circular 90-100A for terminal and en route RNAV operations
- FAA Advisory Circular 20-129 for baro VNAV
- FAA Order 8400.33 for RNP 4 in oceanic and remote area.
- FAA Order 8400.12A for RNP 10 in oceanic and remote area.
RNP 10 oceanic/remote area operations are approved:
 - with GPS PRIMARY
 - without GPS PRIMARY (GPS deselected or inoperative), provided time limitations in IRS only navigation, acceptable to the operational authorities, are established.

Note : Compliance with the applicable airworthiness requirements does not constitute an operational approval.
 Such authorization must be obtained by the operator from the appropriate authorities.

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Airbus documentation: Compliance to PBN regulations in AFM

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Specificities for RNP AR

- Compliance in LIMITATIONS / 22-AFS / FMS / NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE
- Reference of the ACD: Airworthiness Compliance Document


NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE			
With GPS PRIMARY:			
The FMGES is certified in accordance with the performance requirements of MASPS ED-75/DO-236 for RNP operations. The RNP accuracy with GPS PRIMARY has been demonstrated to be :			
	- With AP ON: In NAV mode (all phases), or In F-LOC (approach phase)	- With AP OFF and FD ON: In NAV mode (all phases), or In F-LOC (approach phase)	With AP OFF and FD OFF
En Route	1 NM	1 NM	1.1 NM
In Terminal Area	0.5 NM	0.51 NM	0.51 NM
In Approach	0.3 NM	0.3 NM	- With F-LOC deviation: 0.3 NM , or - Without F-LOC deviation: not authorized
For RNP AR (SAAAR or equivalent):			
The aircraft is compliant with the airworthiness part of the EASA AMC 20-26 and FAA AC 90-101A Appendix 2 and FAA AC 20-138C Appendix 2.			
<u>Note</u> : Compliance with the applicable airworthiness requirements does not constitute an operational approval. Such authorization must be obtained by the operator from the appropriate authorities.			
The aircraft is capable of conducting RNP AR operations when operated in accordance with the recommendations provided in the Airbus Airworthiness Compliance Document (ACD) reference LR34D14013950 at the latest issue.			
Detailed RNP AR levels approved through the Airworthiness Approval of the aircraft are provided in the ACD.			
Guidance for Operational Approval is provided in the ACD.			
RNP AR performance has been demonstrated with AP ON (<i>See the note below</i>), based on the operational assumptions of the ACD for the following modes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Departure in NAV mode,- Initial approach in NAV or APP NAV modes,- Final approach in FINAL APP mode,- Missed approach in NAV mode.			
<u>Note</u> : Navigation performance and recommendations regarding RNP AR operations with AP OFF / FD ON are available in the ACD.			
Without GPS PRIMARY:			
The FMGES is certified in accordance with the accuracy requirements and assumptions of MASPS ED-75/DO-236 for RNP operations provided the appropriate RNP value is checked or entered on the MCDU and HIGH accuracy is displayed.			
Without GPS PRIMARY (GPS deselected or inoperative) the navigation accuracy is a function of ground radio navaid infrastructure or elapsed time since last radio update.			

END

RNP AR: Airworthiness Compliance Document

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- Only applicable to A/C with the ACD referenced in AFM (specific by MOD)
- Part of the certification dossier and approved by EASA
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- ACD structure
 - RNP AR demonstration hypothesis (minimum configuration, definitions)
 - Demonstrated excursion values for:
 - Normal operations
 - Engine Out
 - Probable failures (sizing failures indicated)
 - Remote failures (sizing failures indicated)
 - Operational recommendations, operational mitigations
 - Annexes :
 - Flight Crew Training Program
 - System description
 - Operational approval dossier

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A330 - RNP AR - ACD AIRWORTHINESS COMPLIANCE DOCUMENT MOD
203442
Technical Report REFERENCE
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SUMMARY:

This document has been developed in response to specific requests from the Airworthiness Authorities to provide all the assumptions, limitations and supporting information necessary for the safe conduct of RNP AR operations (Required Navigation Performance with Authorization Required). This document outlines the navigation capabilities of all A330 A/C that have been upgraded for RNP AR operations with the MOD 203442.

This document is primarily intended for use by operators to support operational approval by the appropriate Regulatory Authorities. This document is referenced in the AFM.

This document is only applicable to A/C with an AFM that references this ACD.

KEYWORDS RNP AR; ACD

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Specific FCOM chapter in PRO / SPO / 51-PBN

- General

- Compliance
- Definition

- Equipment Required

- Procedure

- Flight preparation
- Before entering Airspace
- Inside Airspace
- Management of degraded navigation
- Leaving Airspace

RNP 1 / TERMINAL RNP 1 - BASIC RNP 1

GENERAL

RNP 1 operations correspond to RNP 1 Terminal operations.

In RNP 1 airspace, GPS enables to ensure the RNP value of 1 nm.

REQUIRED RNP 1 EQUIPMENT

The minimum navigation equipment required to enter RNP1 airspace is:

- One FMGEC
- One MCDU
- One GPS
- Two IRS
- One FD in NAV mode
- Two NDs (the temporary display of ND information via the PFD/ND switch is permitted on one side).

PROCEDURE

FLIGHT PREPARATION

RAIM/AIME availability should be confirmed for RNP 1 operations.

Refer to [GPS PRIMARY Availability \(If Installed\)](#)

BEFORE ENTERING RNP 1 AIRSPACE

The FMS navigation database provides the terminal procedure (RNAV SID, RNAV STAR, RNAV TRANSITION, etc.) of the flight plan. The flight crew must check the terminal procedure from the published charts with the FMS navigation database on the 5 PBN page (waypoint sequences, tracks, distances, and altitude or speed constraints).

Airbus documentation: FCOM contents for RNP APCH / RNP AR

● For RNP APCH

Approach RNP operations in **PRO /NOR /SOP /approach /guidance management /using FINAL APP guidance**

● For RNP AR (when MOD embedded)

Specific chapter in **PRO/NOR/SOP approach /guidance management /using FINAL APP guidance for RNAV(RNP) for Approach procedure**

APPROACH USING FINAL APP GUIDANCE

GENERAL

The following items are to be performed in addition to previous SOP chapters in the following cases:

- RNAV(GNSS) approaches with LNAV and LNAV/VNAV minima
- Conventional approaches based on VOR or NDB using FINAL APP guidance.

Note: For RNAV(RNP), Refer to [APPR using FINAL APP for RNAV\(RNP\)](#)

AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT

For RNAV(GNSS) approaches, 1 FMS must be operative in GPS PRIMARY.

In addition, the following equipment is recommended:

1 MCDU, 1 FD, 1 PFD and 1 ND on the PF side, and both FCU channels.

DESCENT PREPARATION

WEATHER AND LANDING INFORMATION OBTAIN

- The FMS does not take into account the effect of low OAT on the vertical profile. Therefore, vertical managed guidance may not be used below a minimum OAT. This minimum OAT is either indicated on the approach chart, or defined by the Operator.

Note: For RNAV(GNSS) approach with LNAV VNAV minima, use of QNH from a remote station is prohibited.

Focus on equipment management concept, example of RNP 1 on A320

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Before the PBN procedure

Equipment required list

EQUIRED RNP 1 EQUIPMENT

The minimum navigation equipment required to enter RNP 1 airspace is:

- One FMGC
- One MCDU
- One GPS
- Two IRS
- One FD in NAV mode
- Two NDs (the temporary display of ND information via the PFD/ND sw is permitted on PM side).

During the PBN procedure

Rely on messages and A/C behaviour

MANAGEMENT OF DEGRADED NAVIGATION

- **If one of the following messages is displayed, the flight crew should resume navigation with the FMGC that provides the correct position:**

GPS PRIMARY LOST. on one ND/MCDU

NAV ACCUR DOWNGRAD on one ND/MCDU.

- **If one of the following MCDU or ECAM messages is displayed, the flight crew should check the position data via the MCDU PROG page in order to identify which FMGC position is correct:**

GPS PRIMARY LOST. on both NDs/MCDUs

FMS1/FMS2 POS DIFF

CHECK IRS 1(2)(3)/FM POSITION.

CHECK A/C POSITION .

NAV FM/GPS POS DISAGREE .

The flight crew should resume navigation with the FMGC that provides the correct position.

- **If NAV ACCUR DOWNGRAD is displayed on both sides:**

The flight crew should inform the ATC that the RNP 1 capability is lost.

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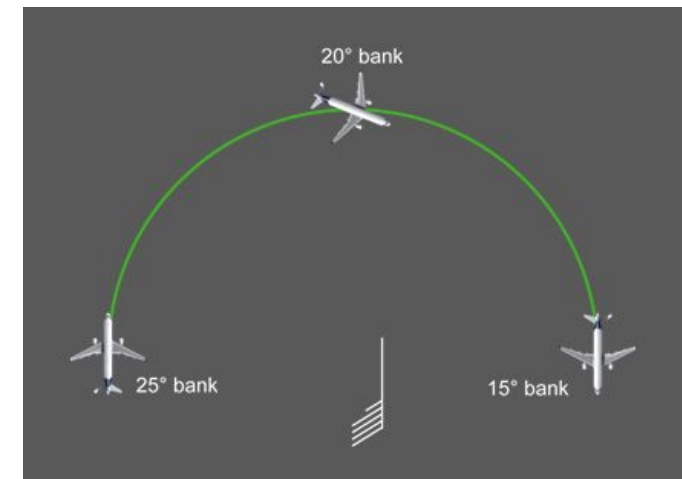
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Airbus documentation: FCTM contents on RF leg

- **Introduction on guidelines to fly an RF leg in the FCTM**
- **Contains:**
 1. RF leg Characteristics
 2. Use of AP/FD
 3. Speeds management along RF legs
 4. Go-around during RF leg
 5. Use of DIR TO function consideration
 6. Engine-Out considerations



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PBN Operations taken into account in the MMEL

22-10-01A
22-10-01B

Autopilot (AP)

FLIGHT PREPARATION/LIMITATIONS

▣ When one AP is inoperative:

For aircraft with the RNP AR capability, RNP AR operations strictly below 0.3 NM are not permitted.

Maximum landing capability is CAT 3 SINGLE.

▣ When both APs are inoperative:

For aircraft with the RNP AR capability, RNP AR operations are not permitted.

RVSM operations are not permitted.

Maximum landing capability is CAT 1.

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AIRCRAFT DESIGN



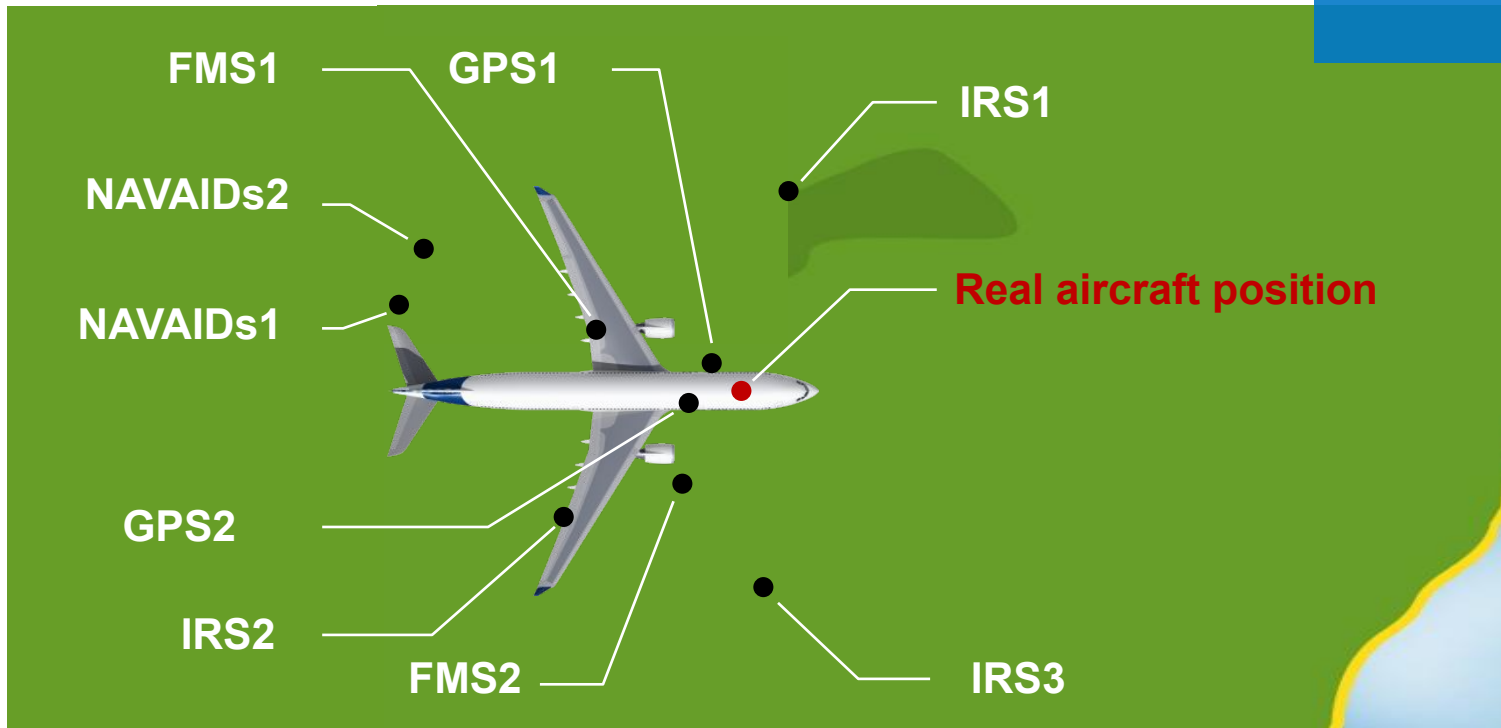
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**Flight
Guidance**

**Cockpit
HMI**

AIRCRAFT POSITION

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Based on different position sources

- **Inertial position**
ADIRS
- **GNSS position**
MMR/GPS SU
- **Radio position**
VOR, DME, LOC
- **A/C position** on A350
FMS position on others

Position sources



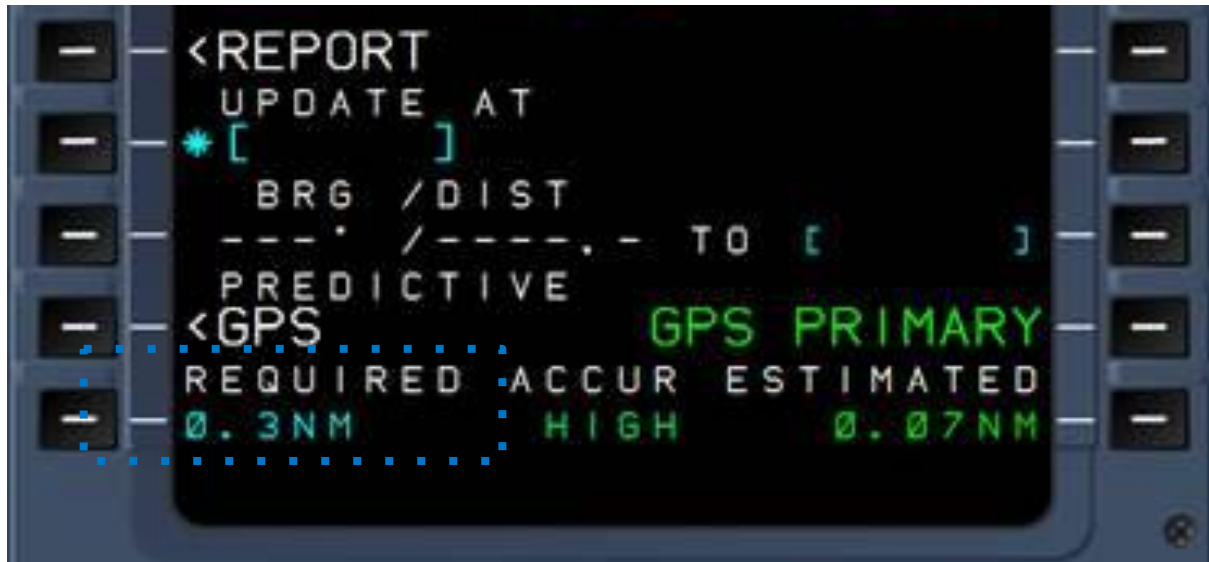
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- **Inertial position**
ADIRS
- **GNSS position**
MMR
- **Radio position**
NAVAIDs

- **GNSS/Inertial**
IRS/GPS
- **NAVAIDs/inertial**
IRS/DME/DME **IRS/VOR/DME**
- **Inertial Only**
3IRS

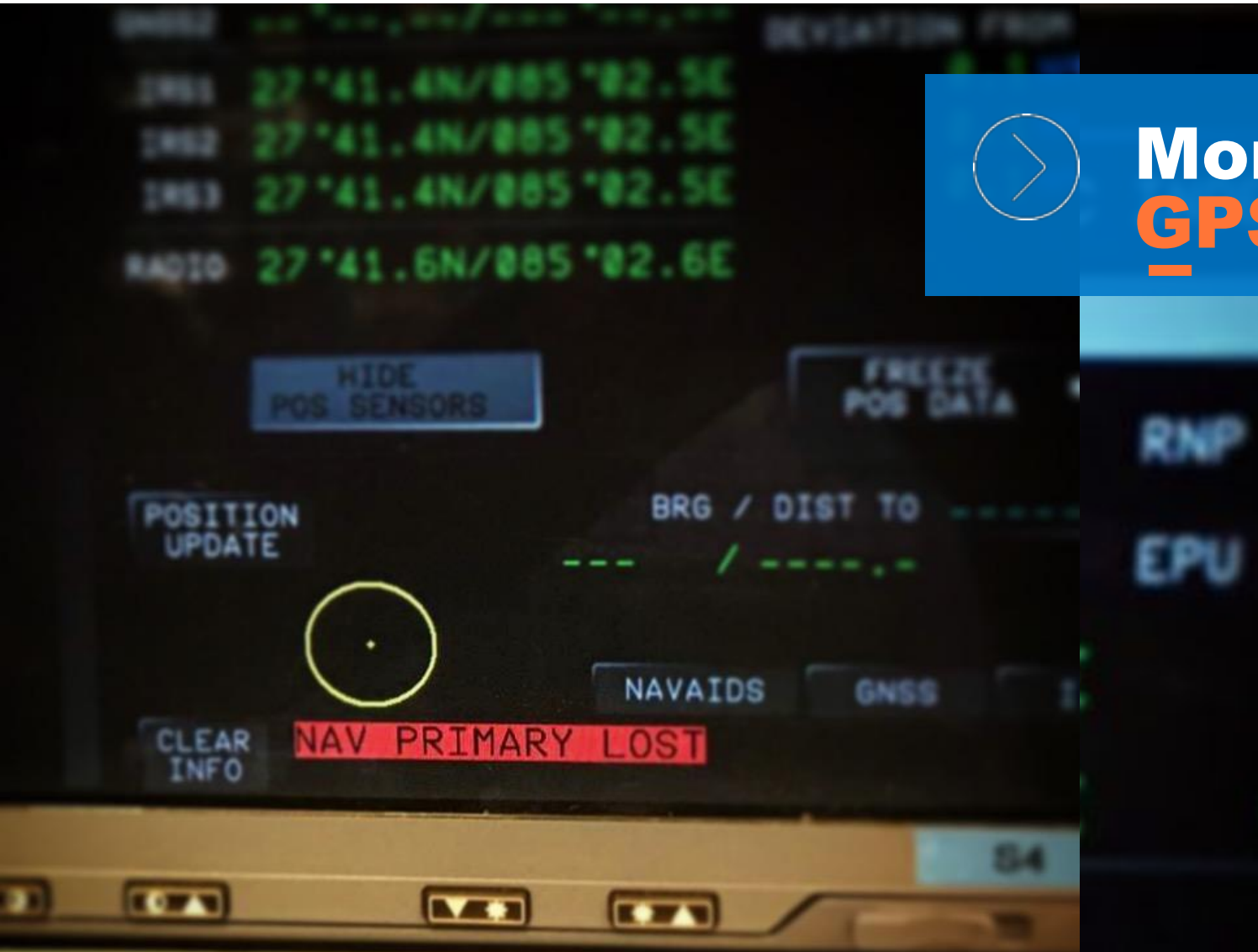
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AIRCRAFT POSITION : ACCURACY & INTEGRITY LIMITS



RNP value

- From NDB
- Default value
- Manually entered
(Not recommended)



Monitoring and Alerting: **GPS/NAV PRIMARY LOST**

- **Based on GNSS/Inertial mode**
Integrity monitoring related to threshold

GPS/NAV PRIMARY LOST

message triggered regardless of the selected RNP value



Monitoring and Alerting: **GPS/NAV PRIMARY LOST**

$$HIL_{GPS} > \text{MAX}(\text{UIL}, 2 \times \text{RNP})$$

UIL = 2NM in Enroute, 1NM in
Terminal, 0.3NM in approach



GPS PRIMARY LOST

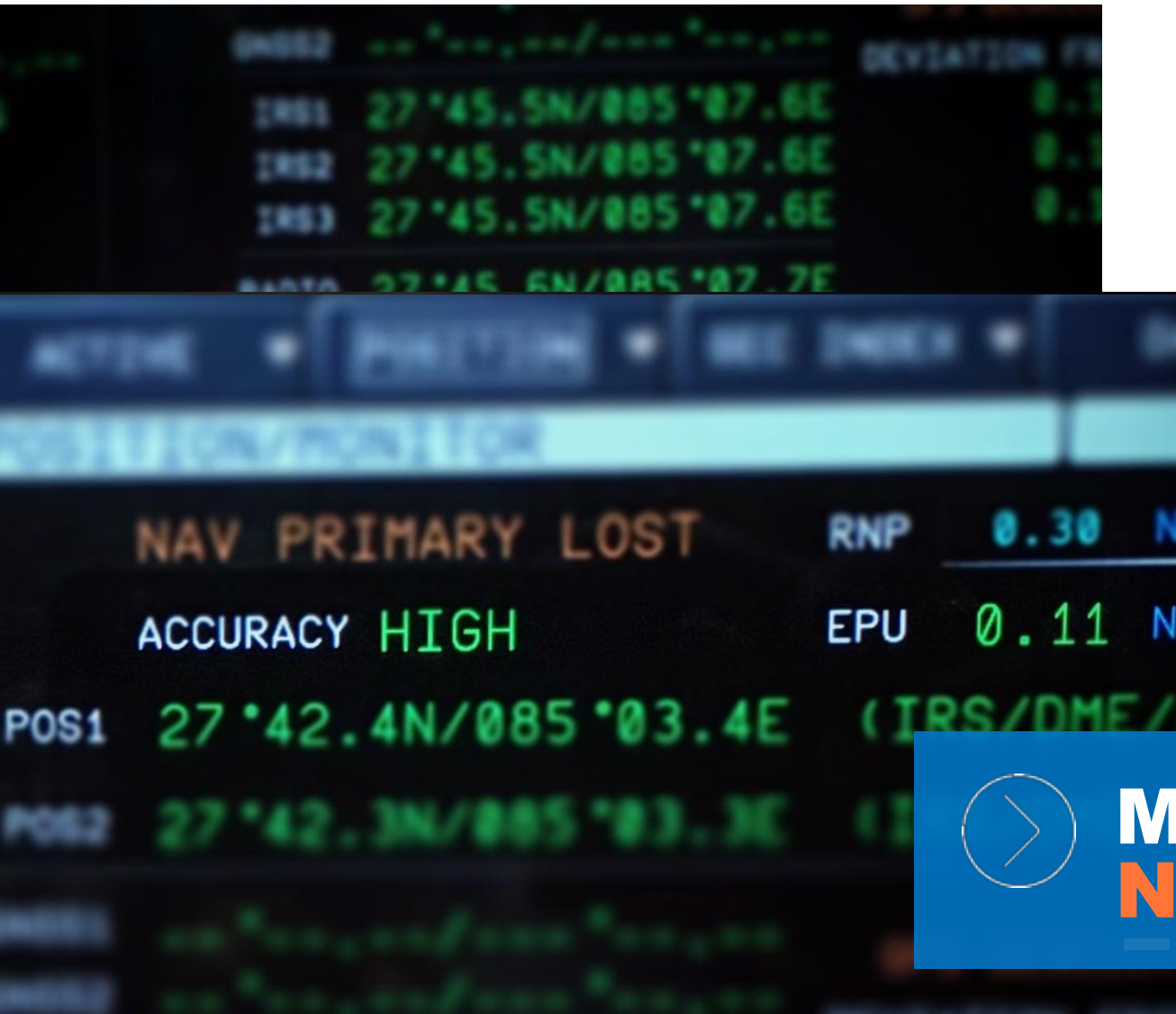
Example: RNP ARCH procedure, RNP=0.3NM

GPS PRIMARY LOST triggered when $HIL_{GPS} > \text{MAX}(0.3, 2 \times 0.3) = 0.3 \Rightarrow$ corresponding to RNP= 0.15 criteria

Note: More complex algorithm on A350 and A380 Batch 7 with a budget for PDE and FTE in HIL monitoring

MONITORING / ACCURACY

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- **If GNSS/Inertial mode lost**
Reversion to NAVAIDS/Inertial or Inertial only
- No more integrity monitoring
- Accuracy monitoring related to RNP Value



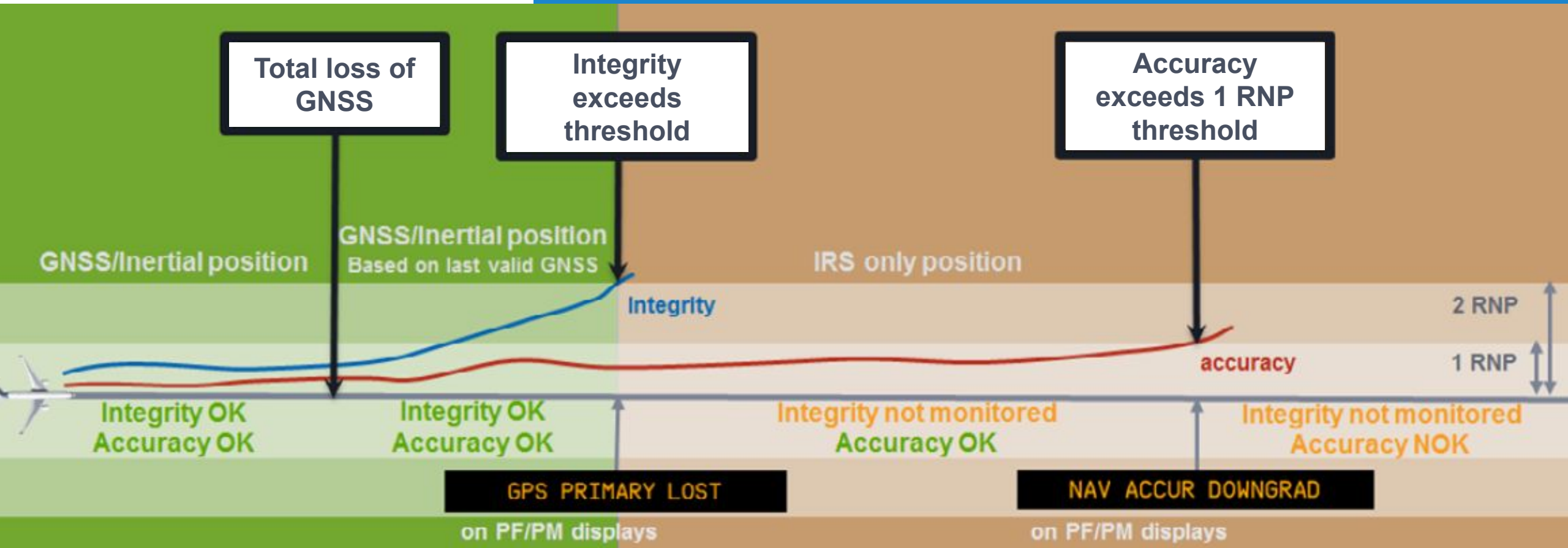
Monitoring and Alerting:
NAV ACCUR DOWNGRADED

MONITORING example on A320 aircraft

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Example of GNSS loss in low RNP operations without NAVAIDS





Dedicated RNP AR monitoring function for A350

- **Management of the RNP AR capability by PRIMs**

Monitoring Performance & minimum configuration for RNP AR

STATUS

ALL PHASES

RNP AR

INOP SYS

APPR & LDG

RNP AR CAPABILITY DOWNGRADED

AUTO FLT FMS 1 REJECTED
RNP AR CAPABILITY DOWNGRADED
MINIMUM LIMITED TO RNP 0.30
AP 2.....SELECT
FMS SWTG.....BOTH ON 2

ECAM message

- **Triggered when**

System failure leading to a loss of capability (but not 0.3NM capability)

- ☐ **redundancy loss**

- ☐ **revert to 0.3NM minima or Go Around**

A350 RNP AR CAPABILITY MANAGEMENT

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RNP AR CAPABILITY LOST



ND message

AUTO FLT FMS 1+2 REJECTED
RNP AR CAPABILITY LOST
BACKUP GUIDANCE ACTIVE
KEEP NAV ENGAGED FOR BKUP GUIDANCE
ABOVE SAFETY ALTITUDE
TO ACCESS FMS FUNCTIONS.....PULL HDG

ECAM message

- **Triggered when**

Integrity/Accuracy NOT in accordance with RNP level

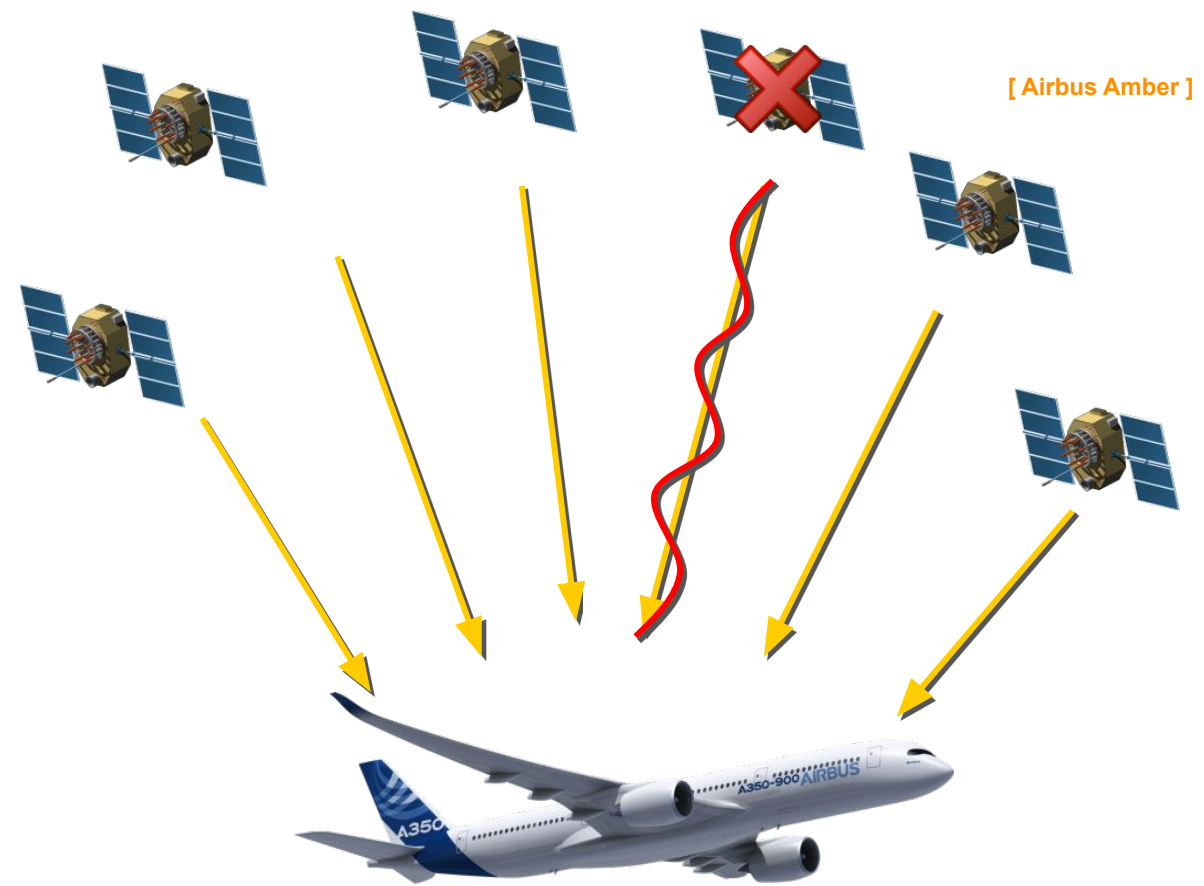
System failure leading to a loss of RNP AR capability

- **Go Around**

- **Additional help like Backup Guidance...**

DISPATCH and RAIM Prediction

- RNP operation requires GPS
 - Check the GNSS availability at dispatch
 - “RAIM prediction”
 - Check the number of satellites in sight
- But
- GPS hybridation on Airbus A/C
 - Check the availability of GPS PRIMARY



CHECK GNSS Availability at dispatch

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with 24 satellites worldwide,
GPS PRIMARY function available all the time




GNSS AVAILABILITY

SHOW TREE Path : FCOM ▾ / PRO ▾ / NOR ▾ / SOP ▾ / Flight Preparation ▾ / GPS PRIMARY Availability (If Installed) ▾ /

GPS PRIMARY AVAILABILITY (IF INSTALLED)


For RNP operations requiring RAIM check:

RAIM availability may be checked using the PREDICTIVE GPS MCDU page .

For RNP operations requiring RAIM/AIME check:

RAIM and AIME are available worldwide, if 24 GPS satellites or more are operative.

If the number of GPS satellites is 23 or less, the flight crew should check RAIM/AIME availability using the approved version of the Honeywell/Litton ground-based prediction software.

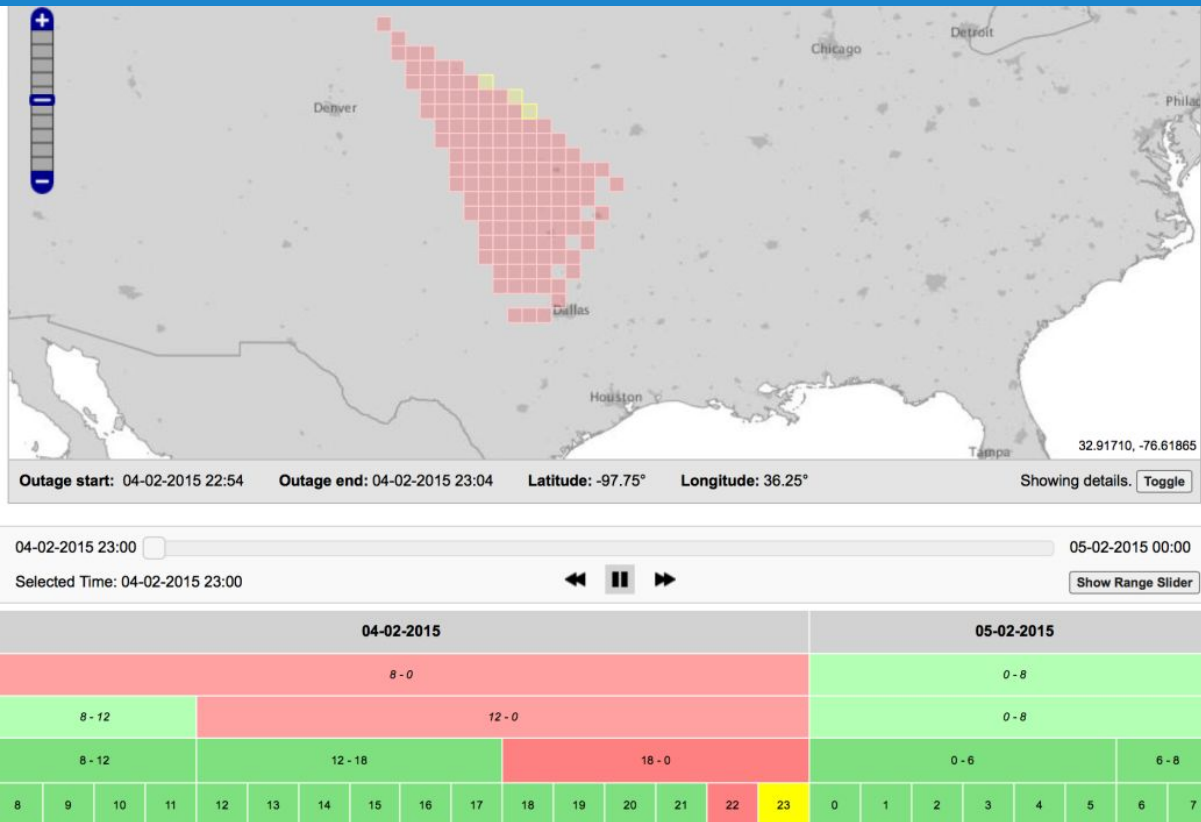
RAIM availability may be checked using the PREDICTIVE GPS MCDU page .

CHECK GNSS Availability at dispatch

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Ground Based Prediction Program



Otherwise, **use Ground Based Prediction Program** when

- GNSS availability demonstration not declared in the AFM (old A/C)
- less than 24 satellites available
- Potential terrain masking of GNSS signal (RNP AR in mountainous area)

AIRCRAFT DESIGN



Position

**Flight
Guidance**

**Cockpit
HMI**

Flight Guidance modes



With Managed Modes

- **NAV mode**
- **Approach modes**
 - FPA|NAV
 - FINAL APP
 - APP-DES|NAV (A350)
 - FLS
 - SLS



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AIRCRAFT DESIGN



Position

**Flight
Guidance**

**Cockpit
HMI**

COCKPIT HMI

On-Board Monitoring

TSE



Operational use



NSE

Accuracy

Integrity

NAV ACCURACY

GPS PRIMARY

FTE

XTK

OBPMA

COCKPIT HMI – Lateral excursion monitoring



XTK on ND

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L/DEV on PFD

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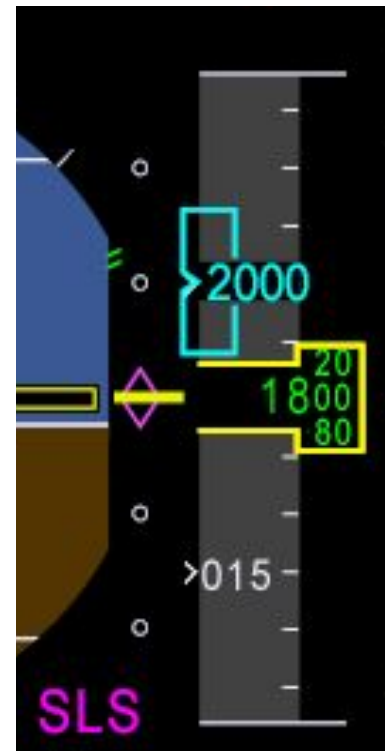
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V/DEV on PFD



xLS deviations



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