



# Overview of Evolution to Performance Based Navigation





# Overview

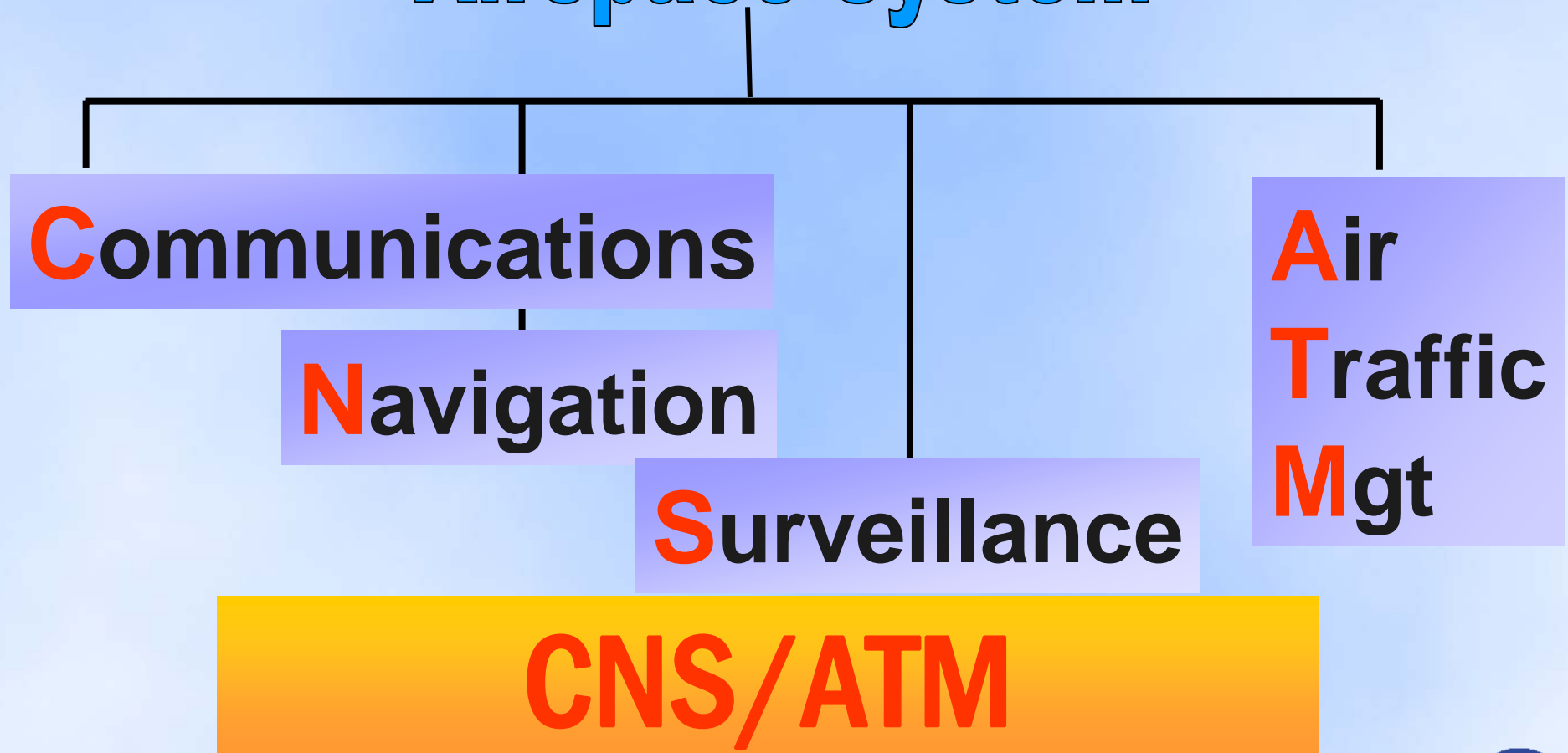
- Learning Objectives: at the end of this presentation you should:
  - Understand what are the two main elements of Performance Based Navigation
  - Understand the key difference between the two elements
- This presentation will discuss
  - Navigation in Context
  - Evolution to Performance Based Navigation
  - Performance Based Navigation
    - What Is It?
    - What is Area Navigation (RNAV)?
    - What is Required Navigation Performance?
    - What is the Key Difference?





# Navigation in Context

## Airspace System

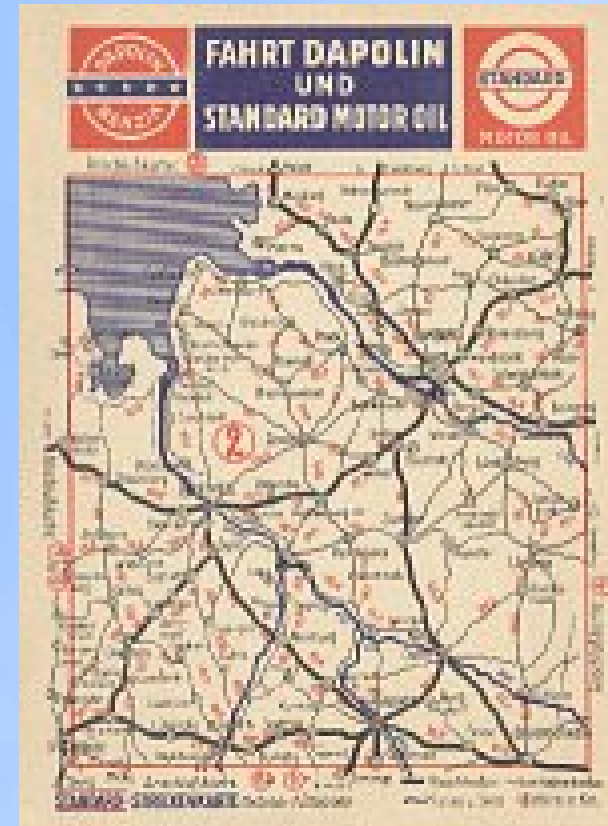




# Navigation: The Beginning IFR

## I Fly Roads!

- And Rivers
- And Railroads
- And Buildings
- And Telephone Lines
- And Whatever Else I Can See





# The Early Days

## Night and Weather!

- 1910s
  - First Bonfires and Beacons
- Early 1920s
  - Lighted airport boundaries
  - Spot-lit windsocks
  - Rotating lighted beacons on towers
  - Lighted Airways
    - 1923 Dayton to Columbus, Ohio (USA) – 72 km

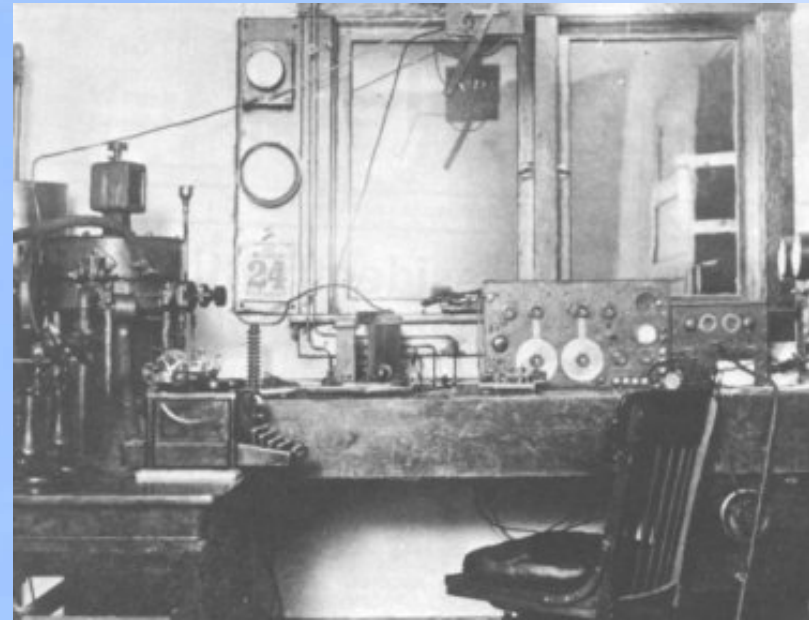




## Late 1920s-1930s

# Radio!

- Radio for Two-Way Communications
  - Weather Updates
  - Request Help With Navigation
- Radio for Navigation
  - Radio Marker Beacons
  - 4-Course Radio Range System
- Pilots Listen for Navigation Signals





# 1930s - 1940s

## VOR!

- Static-Free VHF Omni-directional Radio Range
  - Pilots Navigate by Instrument
- VOR (with improvements) becomes a primary NAVAID for decades
  - Defines Routes
  - Supports Approach Procedures



**VOR**  
**Has Done a Great Job**  
**For Decades!**





# 1940s-1950s

## ILS!

- 1929: First system tested
- 1946: (Provisional) ICAO selects ILS as primary landing air for international “trunk” airports
- Today: ILS Cat I, Cat II, Cat III



## ILS

# Still Does a Great Job!







## From 1950s

# DME!

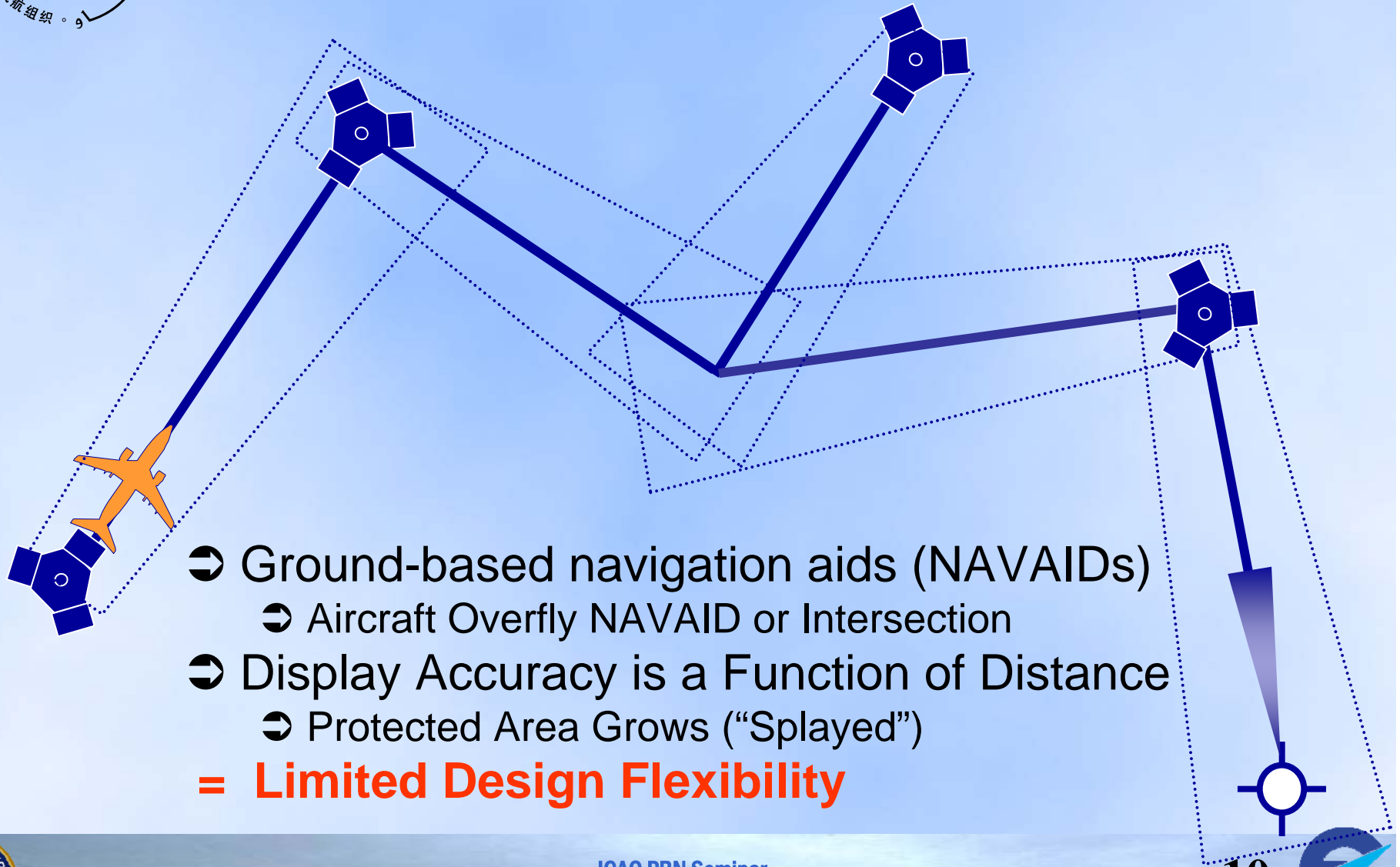
- 1961: first regular civil use (pilot tuned)
- In PBN, DME use is based on automatic tuning



**DME is incorporated into  
PBN**



# Conventional Navigation

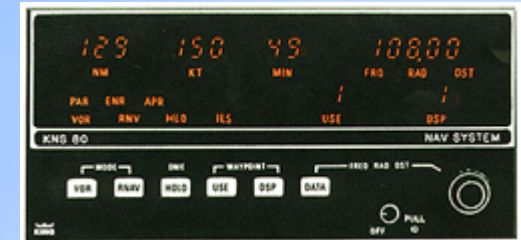


- ⇒ Ground-based navigation aids (NAVAIDs)
    - ⇒ Aircraft Overfly NAVAID or Intersection
  - ⇒ Display Accuracy is a Function of Distance
    - ⇒ Protected Area Grows (“Splayed”)
- = Limited Design Flexibility**





# Evolution of RNAV



- Long Range Navigation (LORAN)
- Omega Radio Navigation System\*
- Inertial Navigation
- VOR/VOR and VOR/DME
- Multi-sensor Flight Management System (FMS)
- GPS, GLONASS, and Augmentations

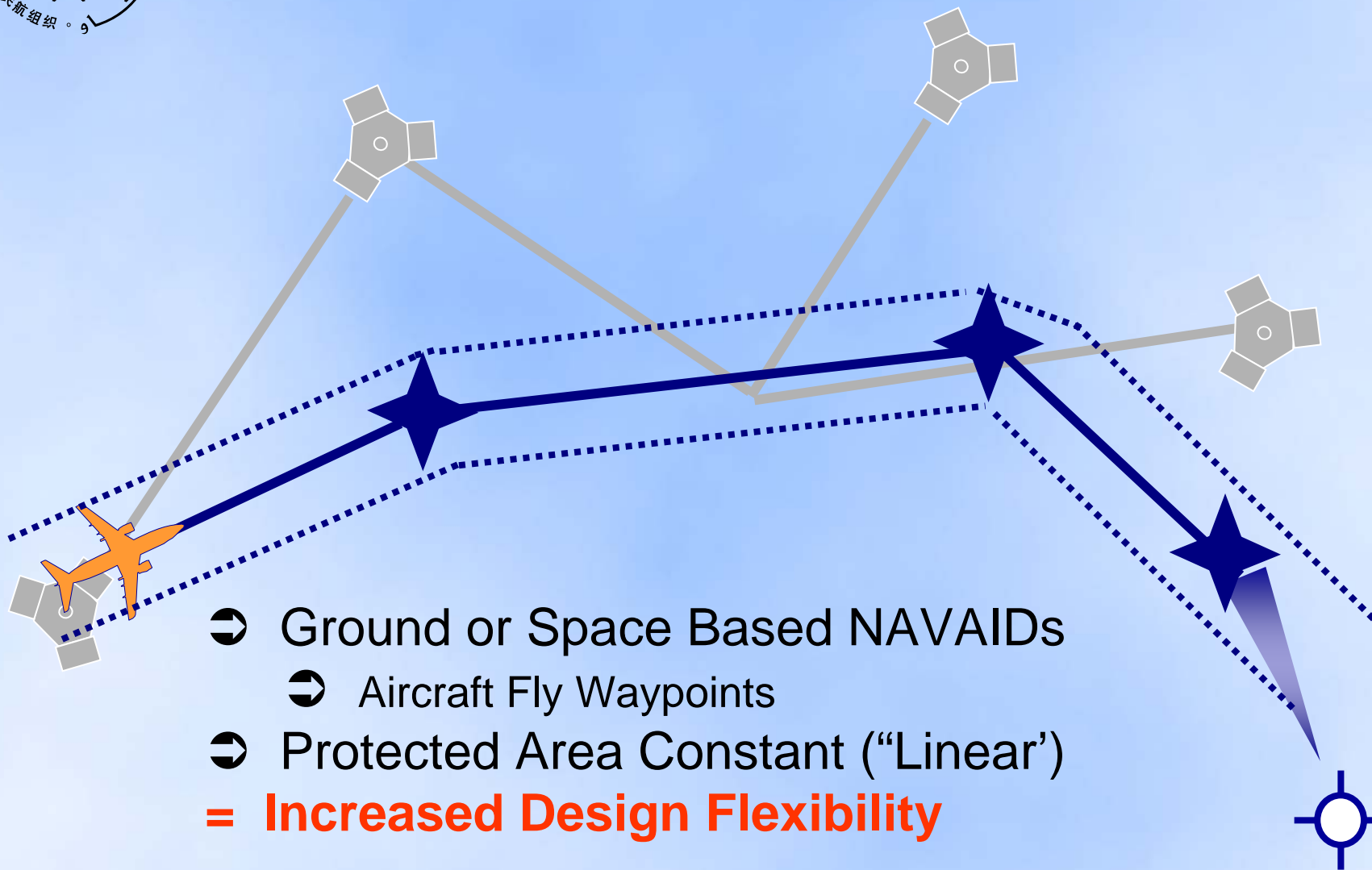


\*terminated in 1997





# Area Navigation (RNAV)



- ➔ Ground or Space Based NAVAIDS
  - ➔ Aircraft Fly Waypoints
  - ➔ Protected Area Constant (“Linear”)
- = Increased Design Flexibility**





# Evolution of Required Navigation Performance (RNP)

- ICAO: Developed RNP concepts
  - Initially defined by ICAO Special Committee on Future Air Navigation Services (FANS) for “Required Navigation Performance Capability” (RNPC)
  - ICAO Review of the General Concept of Separation Panel refined to “Required Navigation Performance” (RNP)
  - ICAO Doc 9163 *Manual on Required Navigation Performance* (First Edition 1993)
    - **RNP**: “A statement of the navigation performance necessary for operation within a defined airspace”





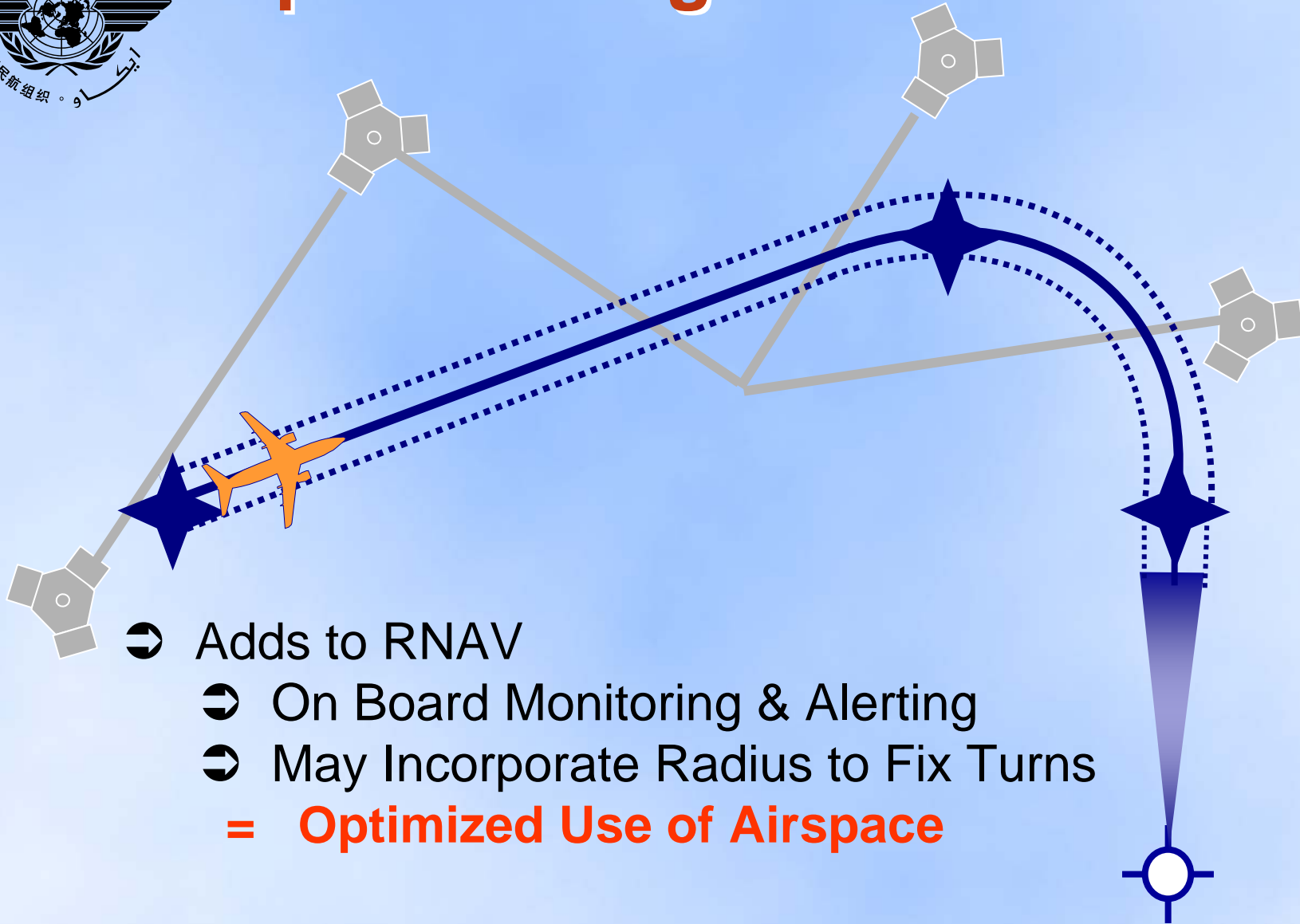
## Evolution of RNP (2)

- RTCA/EUROCAE: Defined performance and functional requirements
  - RTCA DO 236/EUROCAE ED-75 *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards: Required Navigation Performance for Area Navigation* (2003)
    - **RNP**: “A Statement of the navigation performance accuracy necessary for operation within a defined airspace”
    - **RNP RNAV**: “An area navigation capability that meets all of the requirements of this document”
    - **RNP Type**: “RNP Types are established according to navigational performance accuracy in the lateral plane...”
    - **RNP (x) RNAV**: “A designator used to indicate the minimum navigation system requirements needed to operate in an area, on a route or a procedure”
- Manufacturers: Delivered “RNP” based on different versions of requirements





# Required Navigation Performance

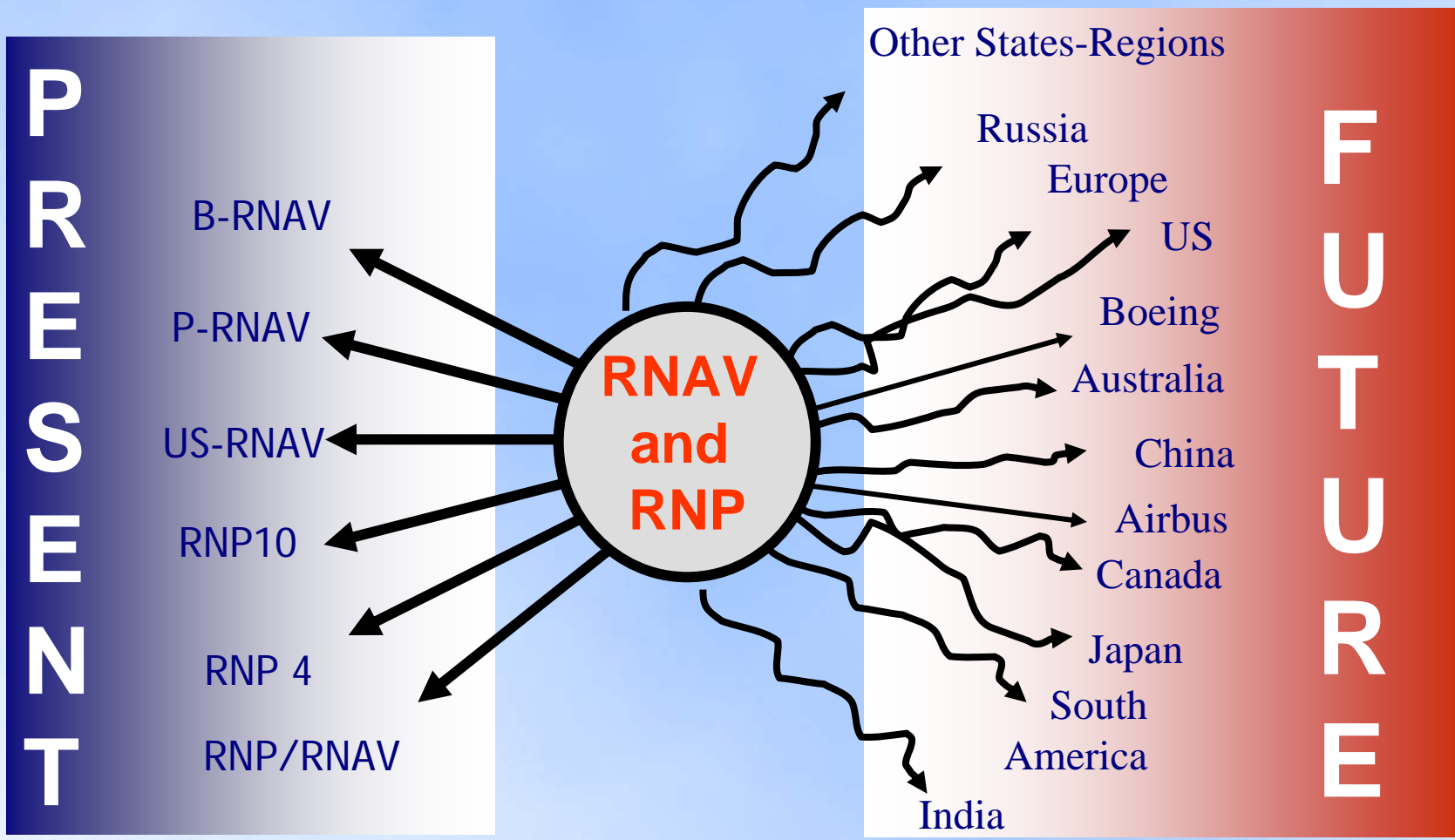


- ➔ Adds to RNAV
    - ➔ On Board Monitoring & Alerting
    - ➔ May Incorporate Radius to Fix Turns
- = Optimized Use of Airspace**





# RNAV and RNP Divergence







# The Problem Addressed: ICAO Action

- Need for focal point in ICAO to address problems experienced with RNP Concept
  - GNSSP/4 recommendation 1/1
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Air Navigation Conference
- Individual Air Navigation Commission Panels not suitable to address the problem
- ANC (163/9) approves establishment of Required Navigation Performance Special Operations Requirements Study Group (RNPSORSG) as coordinating group
  - “ICAO RNP Study Group”





# RNP SORSG Members

- Subject Matter Experts from
  - States
    - Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Japan, United Kingdom, United States
  - Agencies
    - EUROCONTROL
    - ICAO Secretariat
  - Industry Stakeholder Groups
    - IATA (International Air Transport Association)
    - IFALPA (International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations)
    - ICCAIA (International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations)





# RNP SORSG Main Goals

- Achieve and document a common understanding of RNP and RNAV and associated concepts and functionalities
  - Define RNAV and RNP
  - How do they relate to each other?
  - What is the essential distinction?
- Harmonize use of RNP and RNAV on global basis, for benefit of operators and service providers
  - Identify operational and airworthiness requirements for RNP and RNAV

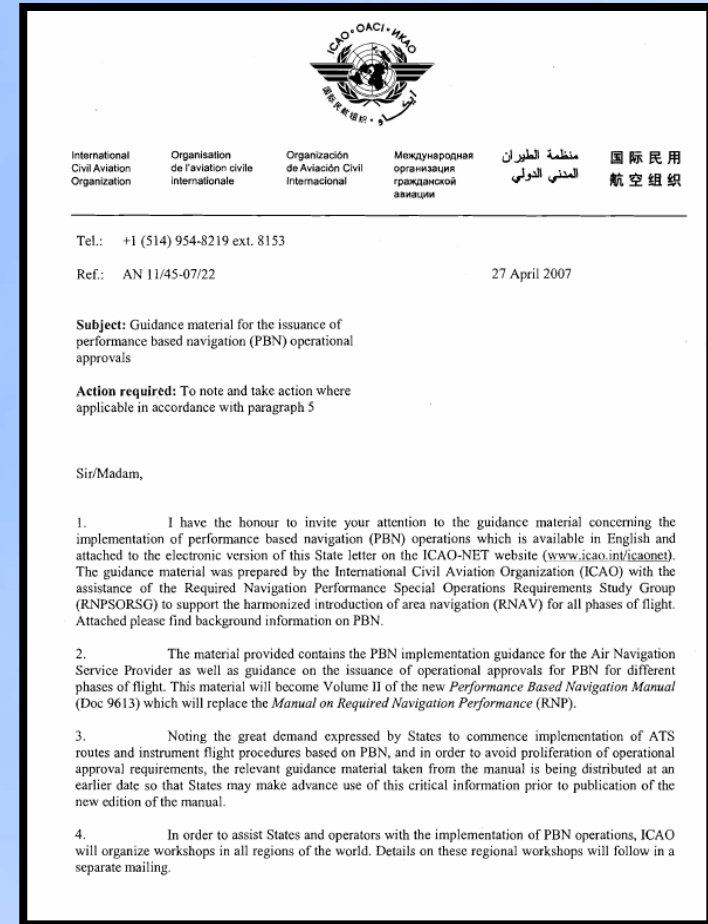




# RNP SORSG

## April 2004 – April 2007

- Completely revised ICAO Doc 9613
  - Draft *Manual on Performance Based Navigation*
    - Vol I – PBN Concept and Implementation Guidance
    - Vol II – Implementing RNAV and RNP
      - Navigation Specifications
- ICAO State Letter AN 1 1145-07122 (27 April 2007)
  - Vol II Navigation Specifications can be used now





# Transition to Performance Based Navigation

- Navigation based on specified system performance requirements for aircraft operating on a air traffic route, instrument approach procedure, or in a designated airspace
  - Potential for aircraft to demonstrate requirements compliance through a mix of capabilities, rather than only specific equipment
  - Regulators will not always need to write new compliance documents for new capabilities

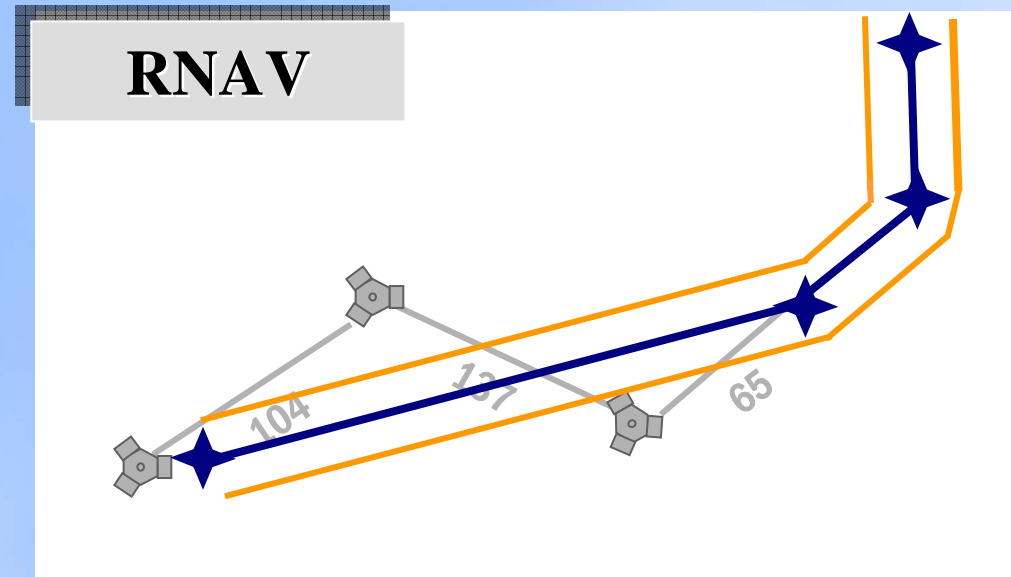
**PBN's 2 Key Elements:  
*RNAV* and *RNP***





# Definition: RNAV

- RNAV is a method of navigation enabling aircraft to fly on any desired flight path:
  - within the coverage of referenced NAVAIDS, or
  - within the limits of the capability of self-contained systems, or
  - a combination of these capabilities

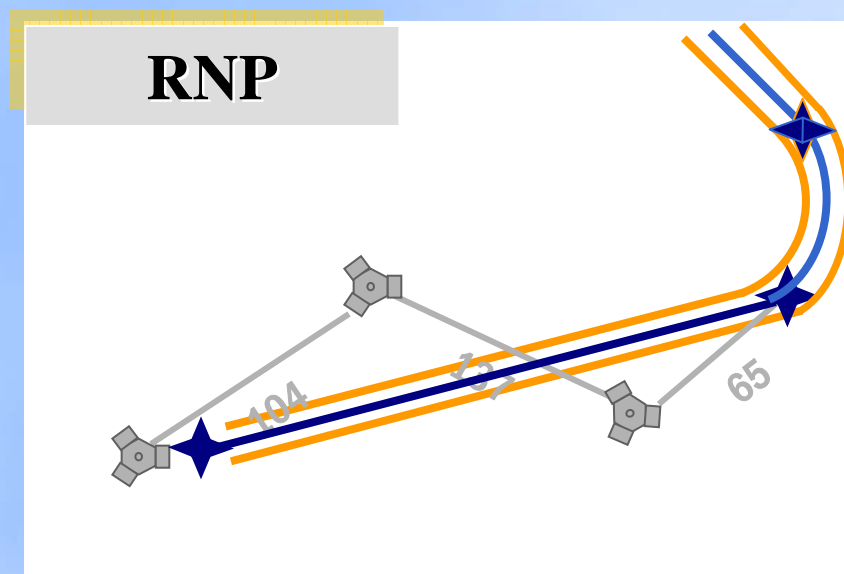


Blue line shows RNAV route without constraints of ground-based NAVAIDS



## Definition: RNP (System)

- An area navigation system which supports on-board navigation performance monitoring and alerting



**RNP isn't "fundamentally different" from RNAV:  
RNP is *MORE* Than RNAV**





# RNAV and RNP (Notional)

## RNAV 1







# RNAV and RNP (Notional)

**RNP 1**

**Alert to Pilot**

Track Centerline



1 Nautical Mile 95% of flight time

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**The Key Difference:  
On-Board Performance Monitoring and Alerting**





# Summary

- Navigation is one element in the CNS/ATM infrastructure that enables an Airspace System
- Evolution to Performance Based Navigation (PBN)
- Learning Objectives were
  - Understand what are the two main elements of Performance Based Navigation
    - RNAV and RNP
  - Understand the key difference between the two elements
    - On-Board Performance Monitoring and Alerting





Bearing in mind the target audience in ICAO Regions

# Feedback and Questions

