



# Performance Based Navigation (PBN)

**What is area navigation?**

**What is PBN?**





# Overview

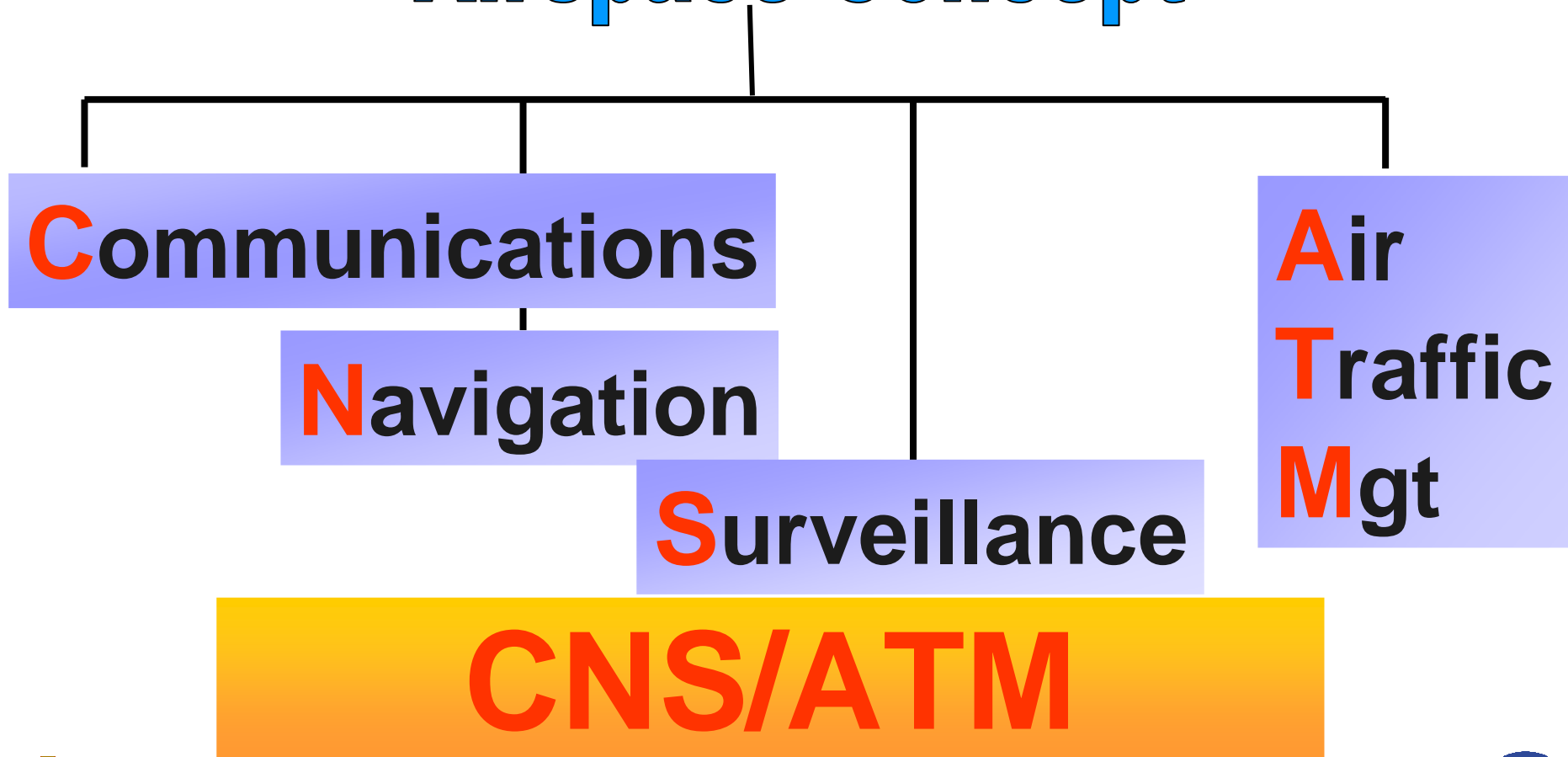
- ✈ Learning Objectives: at the end of this presentation you should:
  - Understand what is RNAV and RNP and how correct use can improve operational efficiency and Airspace Capacity
- ✈ This presentation will discuss
  - Navigation in Context
  - Evolution to Performance Based Navigation
  - Performance Based Navigation
    - What Is It?
    - What is Area Navigation (RNAV)?
    - What is Required Navigation Performance?
    - What is the Key Difference?





# Navigation in Context

## Airspace Concept





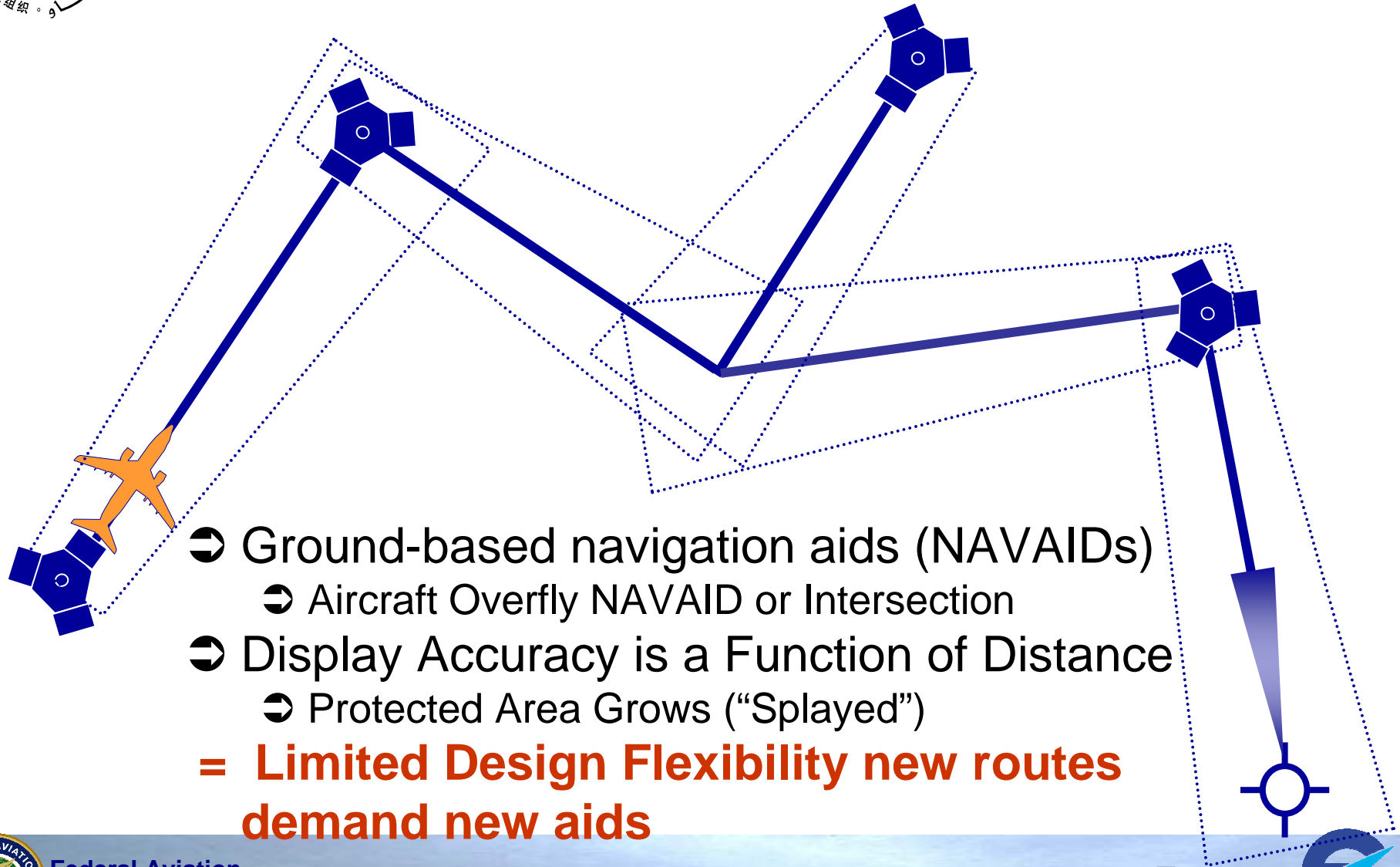
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## What is area navigation?





# 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 new routes demand new aids**





# Conventional Navigation Aids

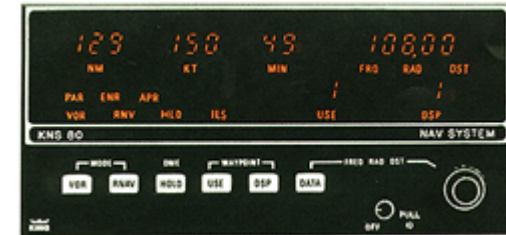
- ➔ Routes predicted on flying to or from point source navigation aids
- ➔ Primarily VHF Omni-directional Radio Range
  - Pilots Navigate by setting course shown on chart into the OBS of VOR display
- ➔ VOR has been primary NAVAID for decades
  - Defines Routes
  - Supports Approach Procedures





# Evolution of RNAV

- DECCA Navigator and Long Range Navigation (LORAN)
- Both hyperbolic systems with route definition system in airborne receivers
- Omega Radio Navigation System
- Inertial Navigation
- VOR/DME RNAV
- Multi-sensor Flight Management System (FMS) (DME/DME and VOR/DME) integrated with inertial navigation
- GPS, GLONASS, and Augmentations



terminated in 1997  
Federal Aviation Administration

Airspace Concept Workshops for PBN Implementation

# How Satellite Ranging Works

(x,y,z)  
hh:mm:ss

2 Satellite moves on Orbit

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"01100100"

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At the next broadcast

- It will be hh:mm:ss
- I will be at (x,y,z)
- I will say "01100100"

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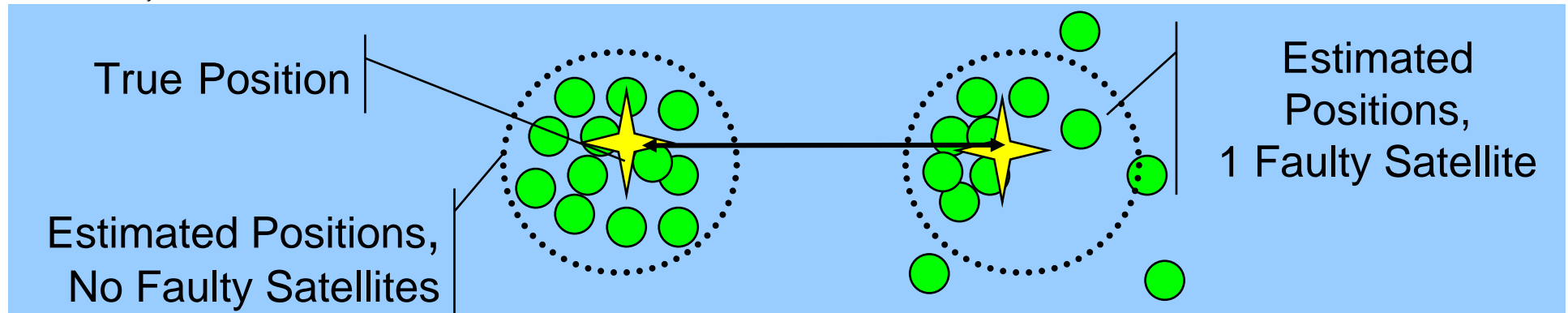
Receiver

Receives "01100100" with time delay.





# What is RAIM?



Checks the integrity of the position fix:

- Includes local errors, such as interference
- Based on the consistency of measurements

Requires:

- no data from outside the satellite receiver
- redundant satellite measurements

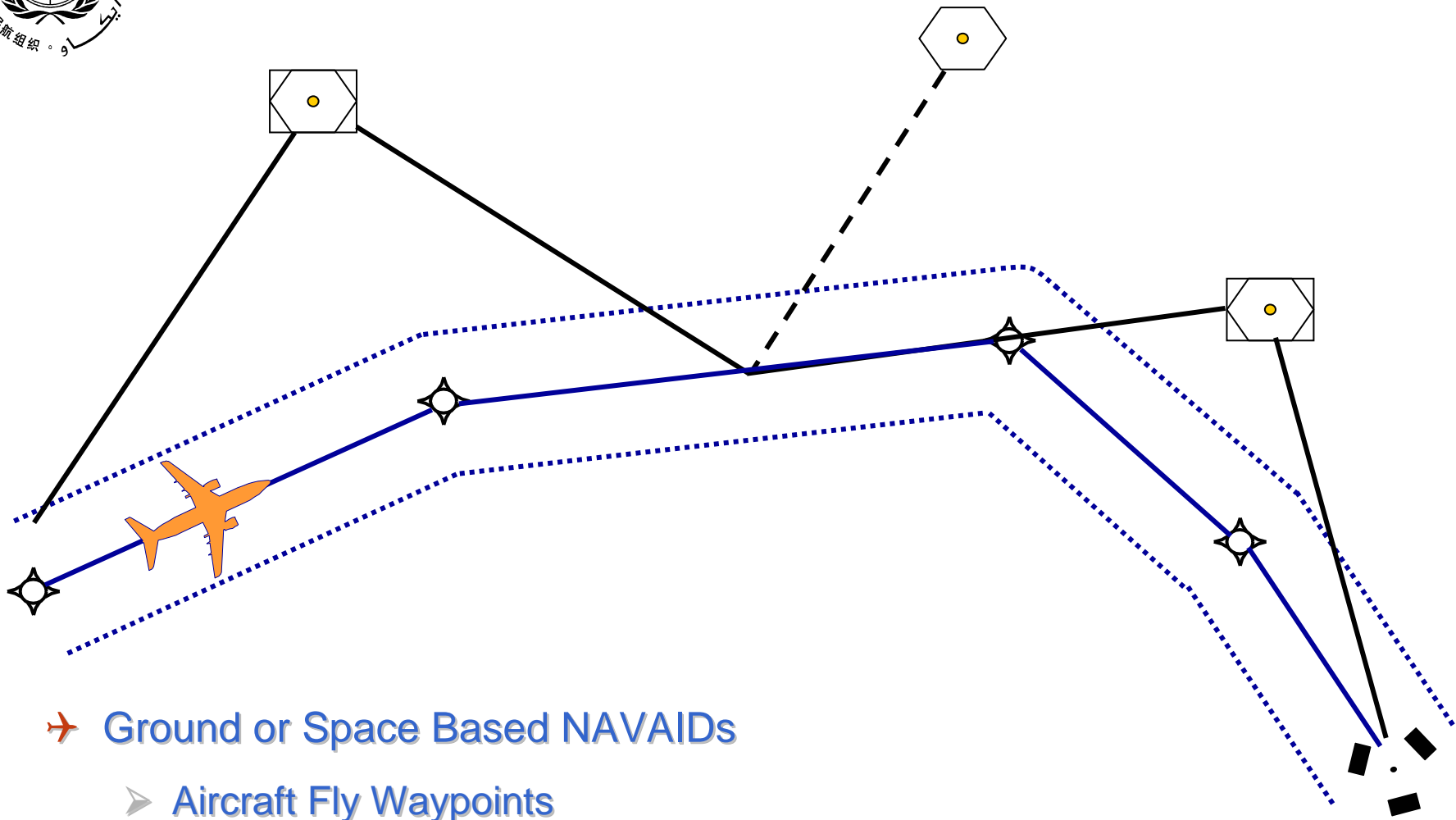
A “rule of thumb”:

- 5+ satellites to detect a problem
- 6+ satellites to detect & isolate problem

Most assume only 1 faulty satellite - Multiple failures more difficult to detect.  
New algorithms being developed to cater for increased risk of multiple failures due to increased satellite numbers



# Area Navigation



- ✈ Ground or Space Based NAVAIDS
    - Aircraft Fly Waypoints
- = Increased Design Flexibility**



# Evolution of Required Navigation Performance

## ✈ ICAO: Developed RNP concept

- Initially defined by ICAO Special Committee on Future Air Navigation Systems (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”





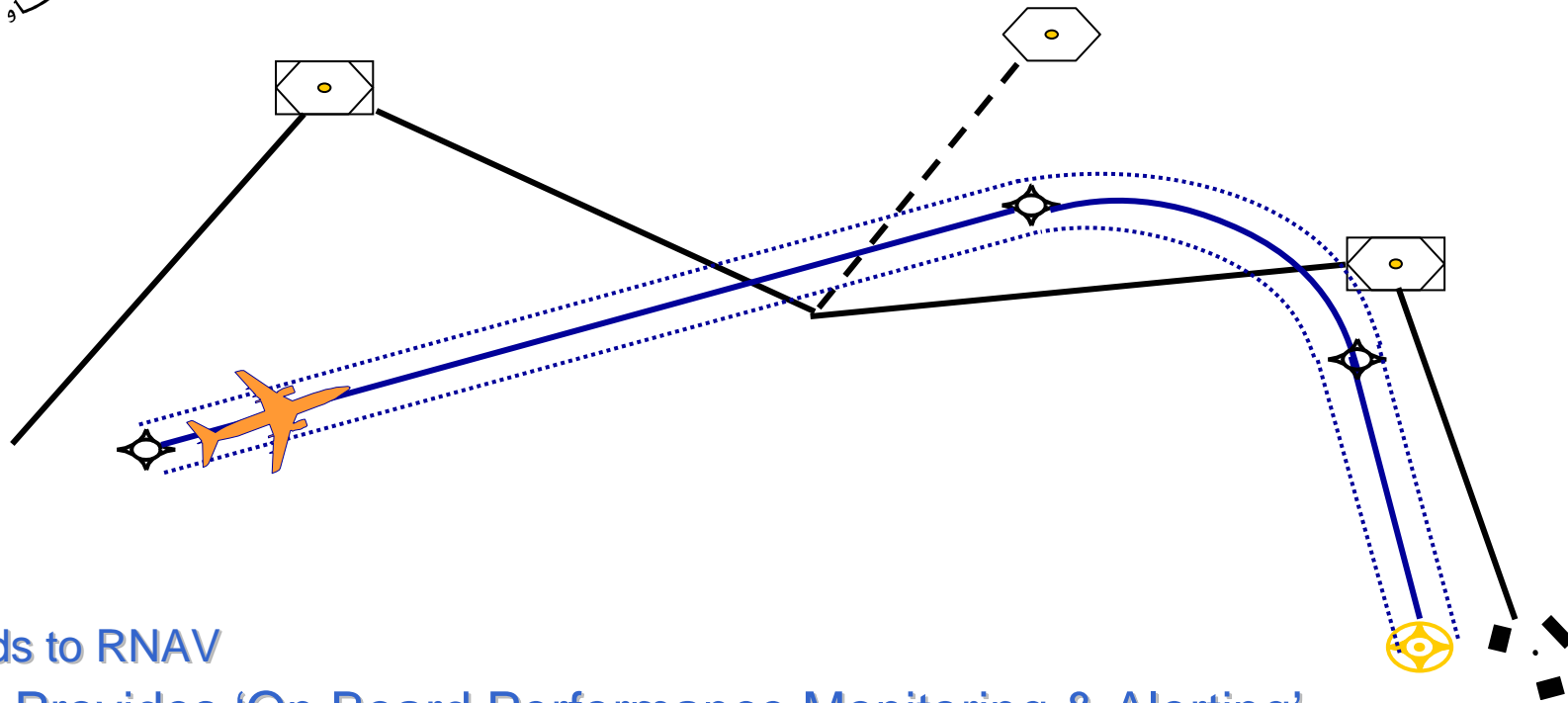
# Evolution of RNP continued

- 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





# RNP



- ✈ Adds to RNAV
  - Provides 'On Board Performance Monitoring & Alerting'  
**Increased reliance upon correct operation of nav systems**
  - May Incorporate additional functionality  
eg Radius to Fix Turns (A-RNP1)

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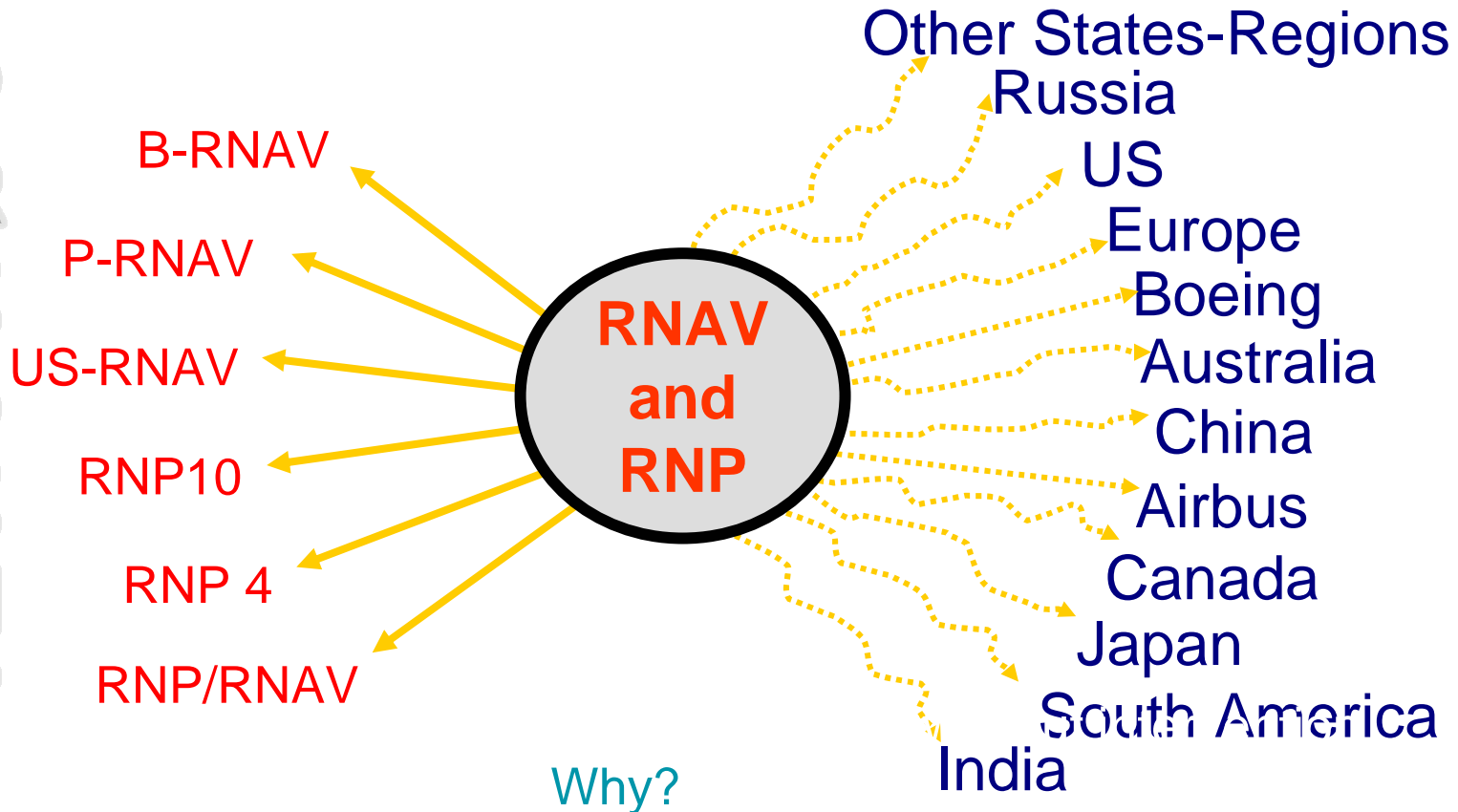
**Optimize use of Airspace**





# Why was PBN Required

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Why?

RNP majored on accuracy

Implementations needed specific functionality as well as accuracy





# The Problem Addressed at ICAO

Need to avoid:

- Confusion over meaning of RNP
- cost of unnecessary multiple certifications against different specifications

GNSSP/4 recommendation 1/1

- 11th 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”





# 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

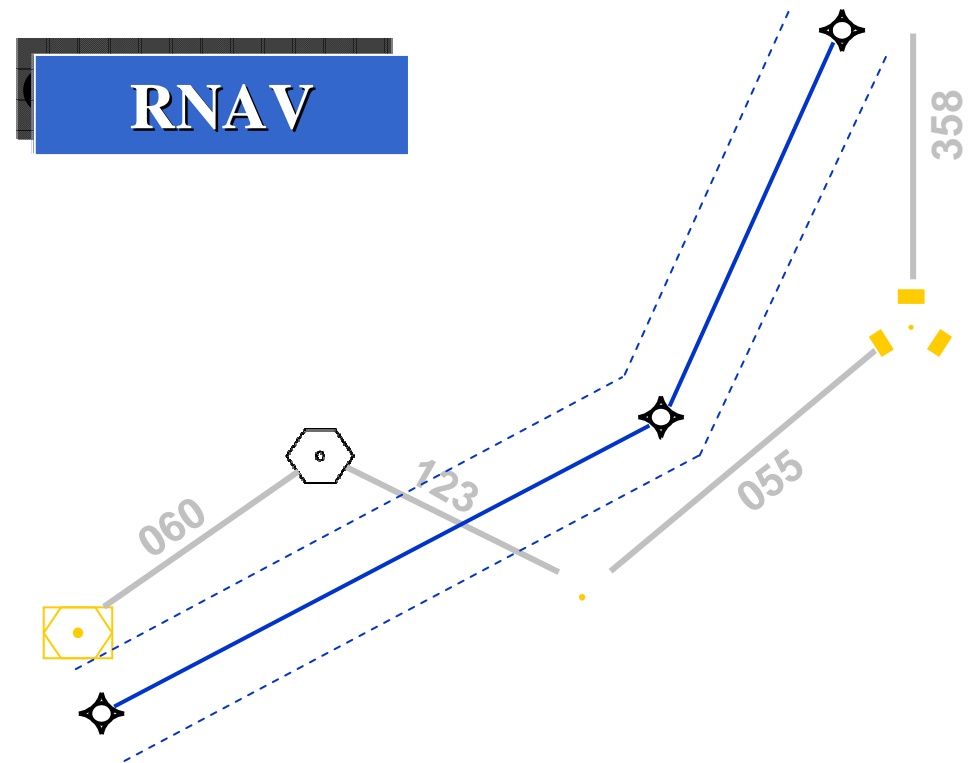
**PBN has 2 Key Elements:  
*RNAV* and *RNP***





# Definition of Area Navigation

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



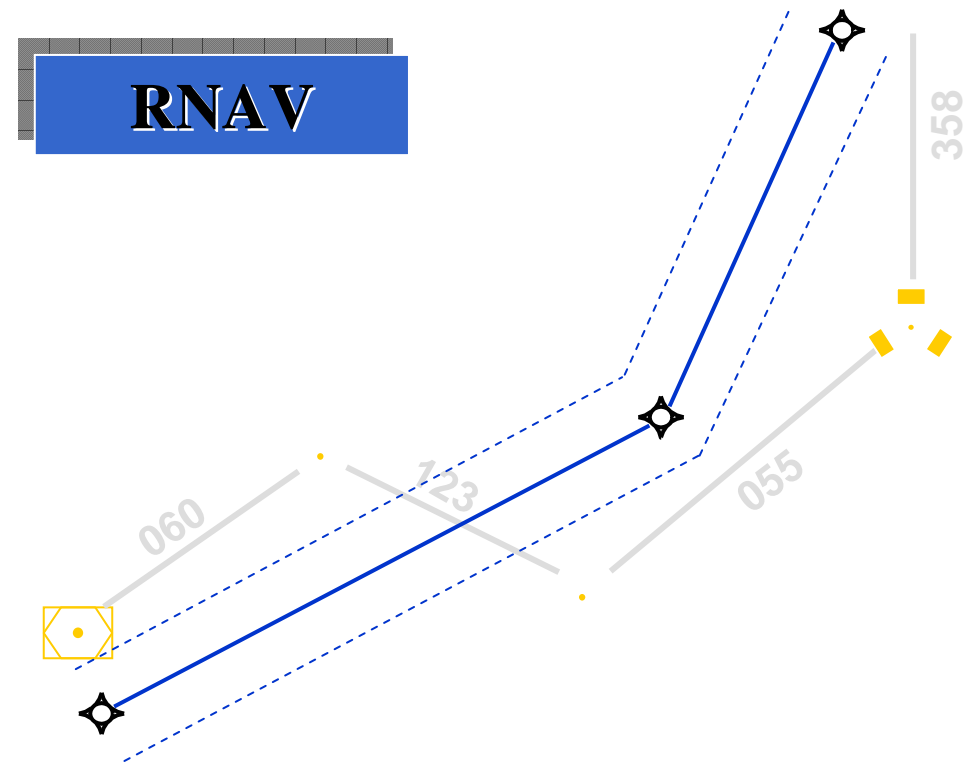
Blue line shows RNAV route without constraints of ground-based NAVAIDs





# Definition of a RNAV System

- ✈️ A navigation system which permits aircraft operation on any desired flight path:
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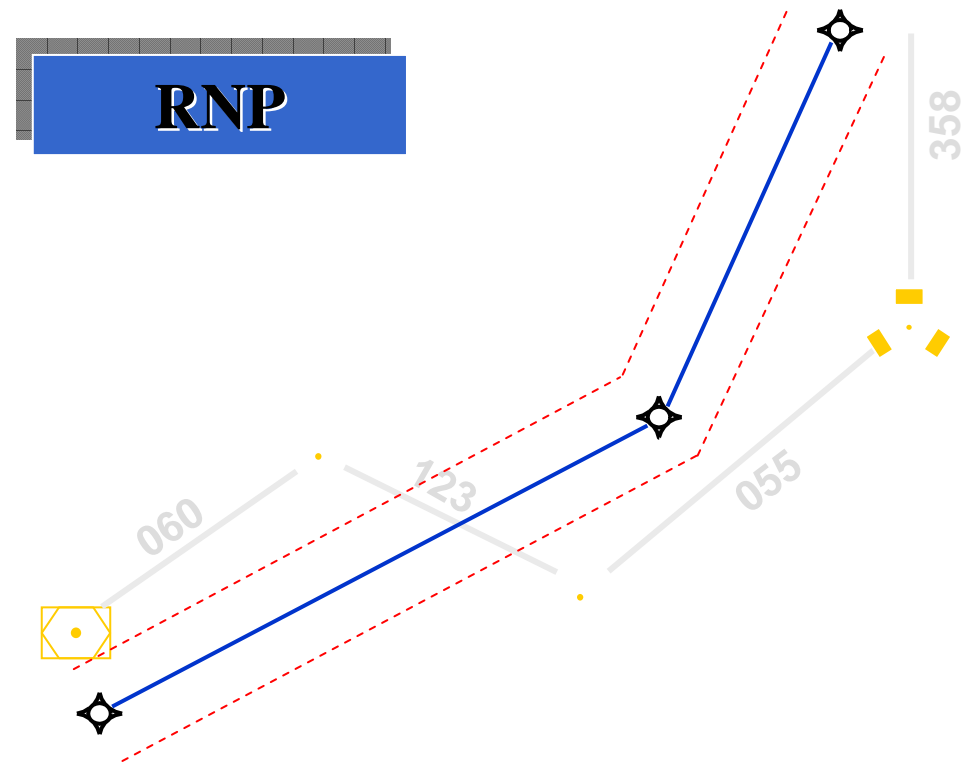
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# Definitions for RNP

- ➔ RNP Route:
  - An ATS route established for the use of aircraft adhering to a prescribed RNP Specification
- ➔ RNP System:
  - An area navigation system which supports on-board performance monitoring and alerting
- ➔ RNP Operations:
  - Aircraft operations using a RNP System for RNP applications



Blue line shows RNP route without constraints of ground-based NAVAIDs



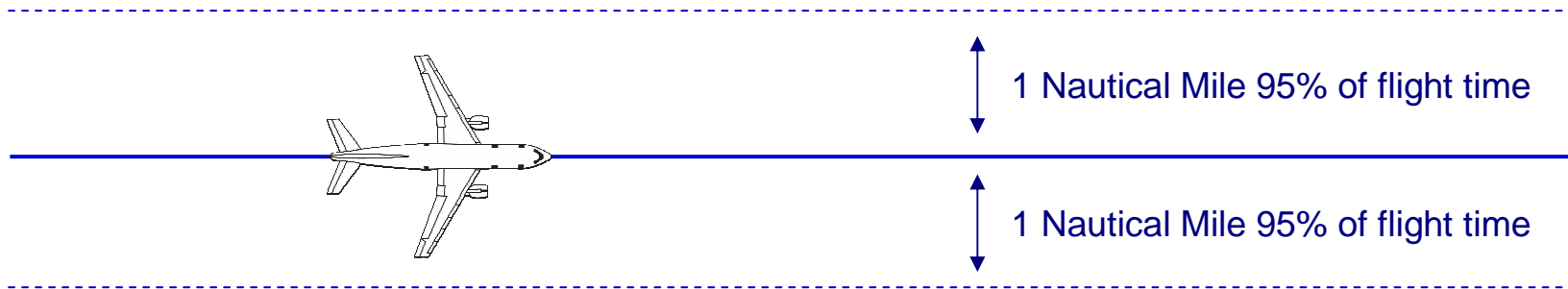


# RNAV and RNP

## RNAV 1

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**2\*RNP Alert  
to Pilot**



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

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





# Benefits

Transition to a total RNAV environment

→ Flight efficiency, optimise airspace etc

PBN systematises RNAV

→ Avoid proliferation of standards (costs for certification)

RNP allows increased reliance on RNAV

→ Closer routes

→ Avoid need to cross check against point source Nav aids (e.g. VOR)

Infrastructure

→ Once Dual GNSS (supported in certain dense airspace by DME)

→ VOR and NDB can be decommissioned





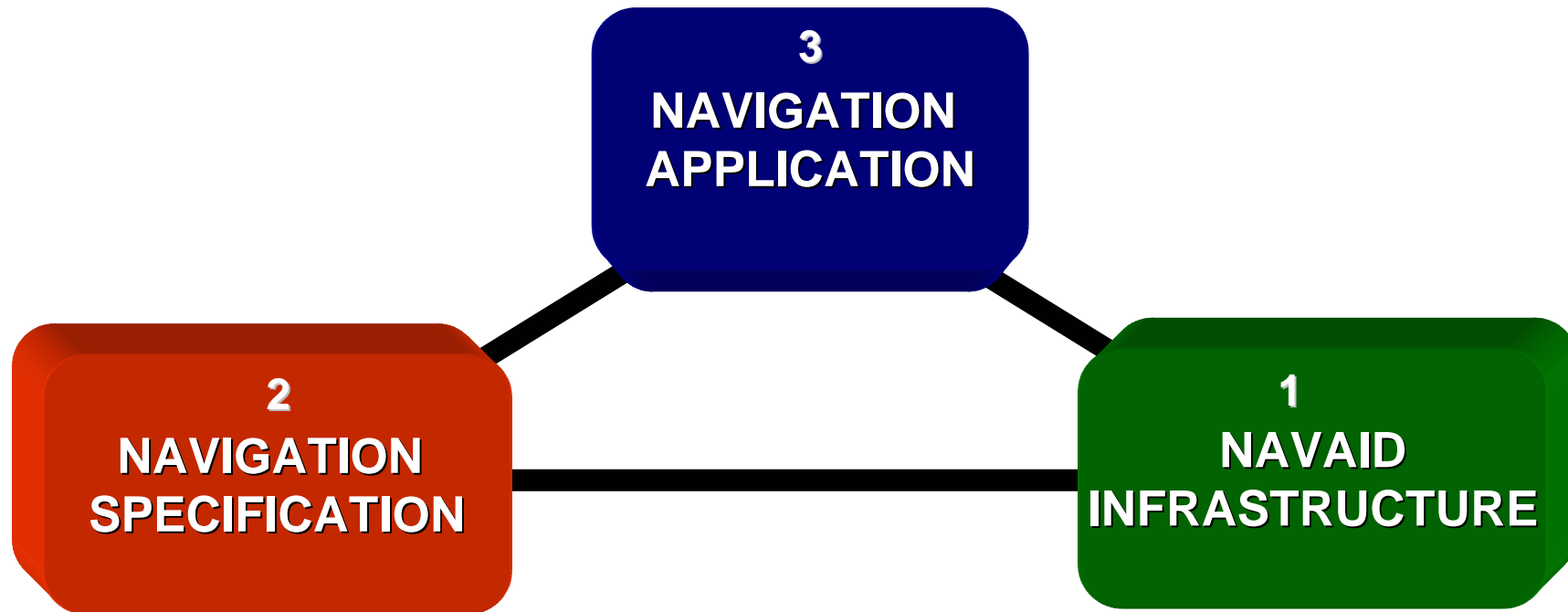
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## What is PBN?



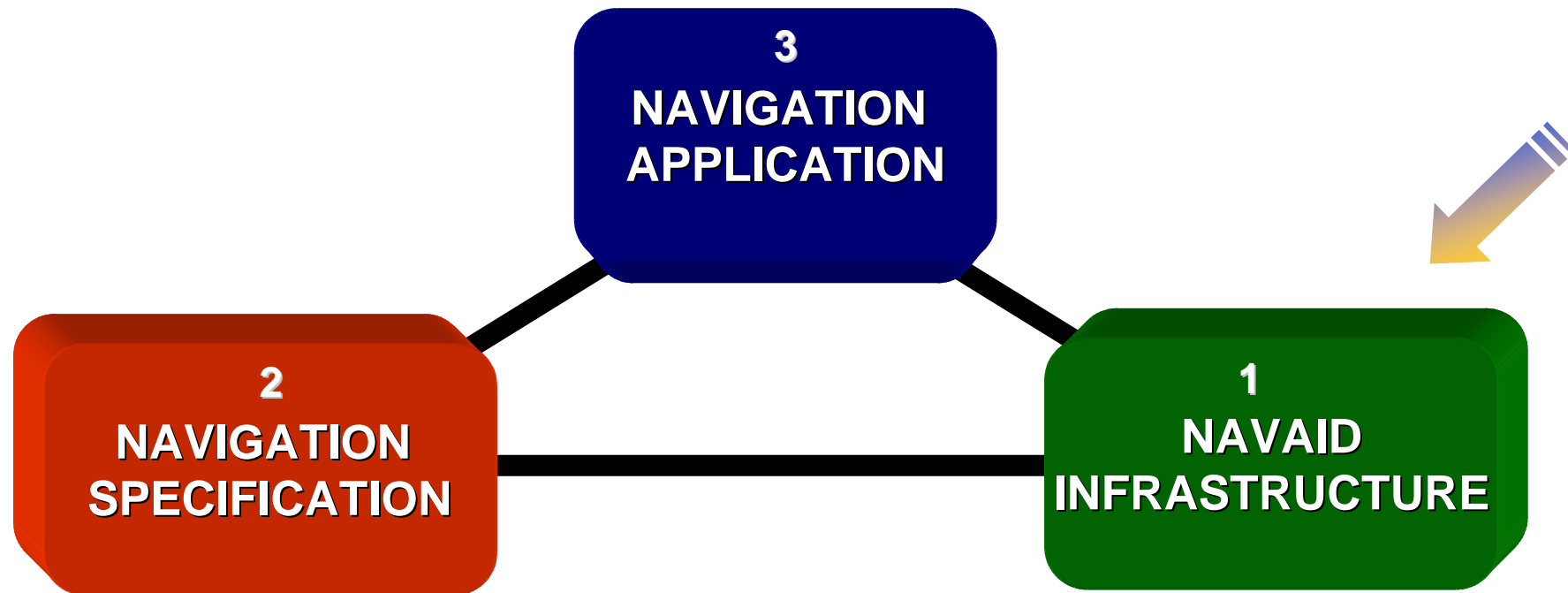


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## - Navaid Infrastructure -

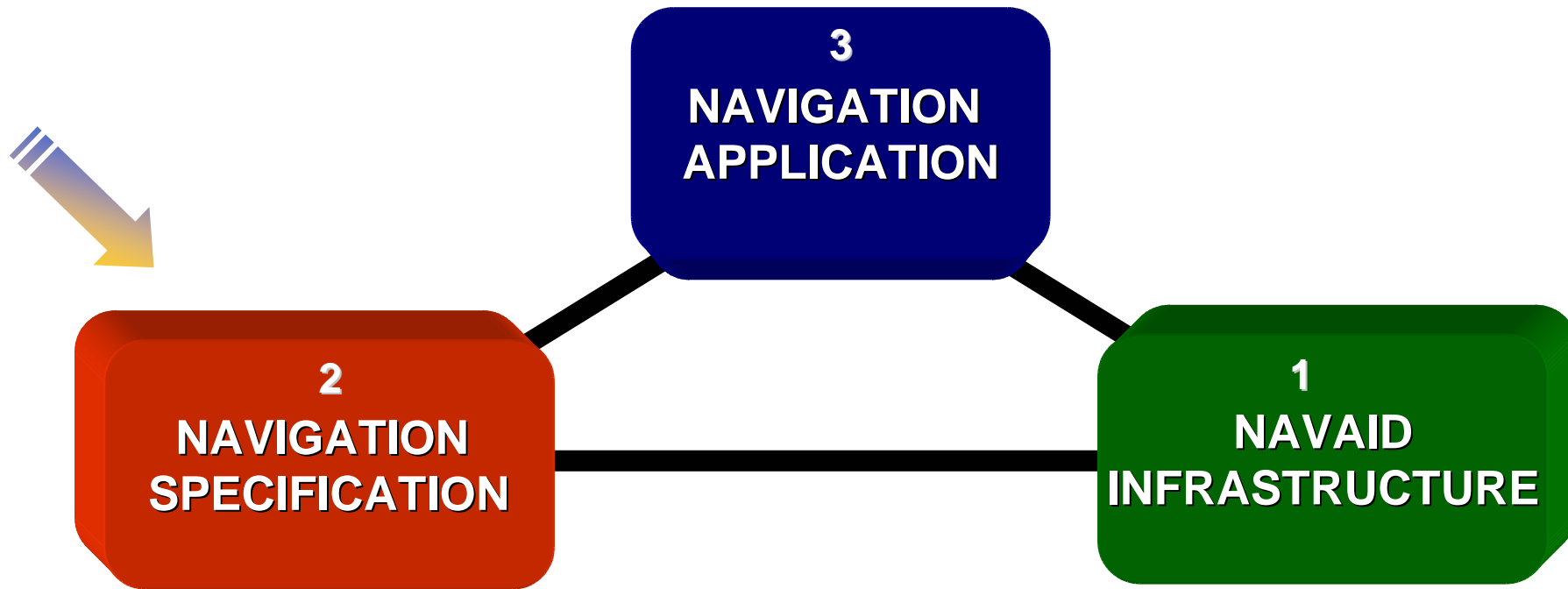
- **Ground-based Navigation Aids (Nav aids)**
  - VOR; DME; (Not NDB)
  
- **Space-based Nav aids**
  - GNSS
    - GPS; Glonass; *future Galileo*

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NAVAID  
INFRASTRUCTURE





# Components of PBN Concept





# Components of **PBN** Concept - Navigation Specification -

Aim is to  
limit  
number  
of Nav. Specs  
in global use

## 2 NAVIGATION SPECIFICATION

International Navigation Specifications published  
in Volume II of PBN Manual

- What **PERFORMANCE** is required of the RNAV system?
- What Functionalities must RNAV system have to achieve *Performance*
- What Navigation Sensors must be integrated in RNAV system to achieve *Performance*
- What requirements are placed on the Air crew to achieve the required *Performance* from the RNAV system?

Accuracy  
Integrity  
Continuity  
Availability

Document used by State as basis for developing  
Certification & Operational Approval





# Components of PBN Concept - Navigation Specification -

International Navigation Specifications published  
in Volume II of PBN Manual

## 2 NAVIGATION SPECIFICATION

- PERFORMANCE
- Functionalities
- Navigation Sensors
- Air crew requirements

Previous  
RNP  
Concept

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# Components of PBN Concept - Navigation Specification -





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- On-board performance monitoring and alerting does not only refer to 'containment' in the MASPS; Annex 11 or PANS-OPS.
- On-board performance monitoring and alerting allows the air crew to detect that the RNP system is not achieving the navigation performance required of the RNP system





# Components of PBN Concept - Navigation Specification -

## ICAO NAVIGATION SPECIFICATIONS

### RNAV SPECIFICATIONS

Designation  
**RNAV 10**

*For Oceanic and Remote  
Continental navigation  
applications*

Designation  
**RNAV 5  
RNAV 2  
RNAV 1**

*For En Route & Terminal  
navigation applications*

### RNP SPECIFICATIONS

Designation  
**RNP 4**

*For Oceanic & Remote  
Continental navigation  
applications*

*\* Under development*

Designation  
**RNP 2\***

**B-RNP 1**

**A-RNP\***

**RNP 0.3\***

**RNP APCH\***

**RNP AR APCH**

*for various phases of  
flight*

Designation  
**RNP with additional**

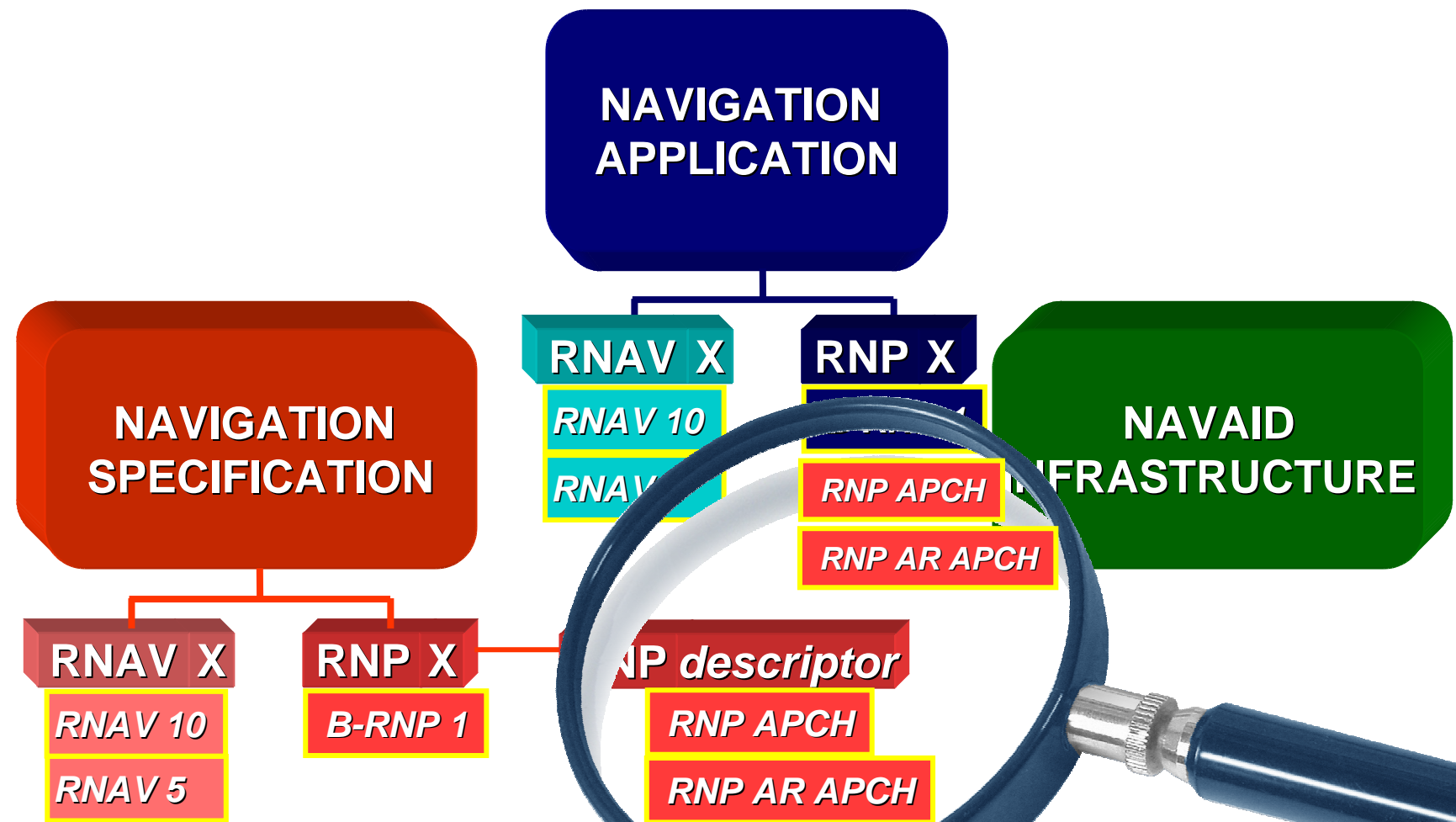
**requirements to be  
determined  
(e.g. 3D, 4D etc)**

International NS in Volume II of PBN Manual





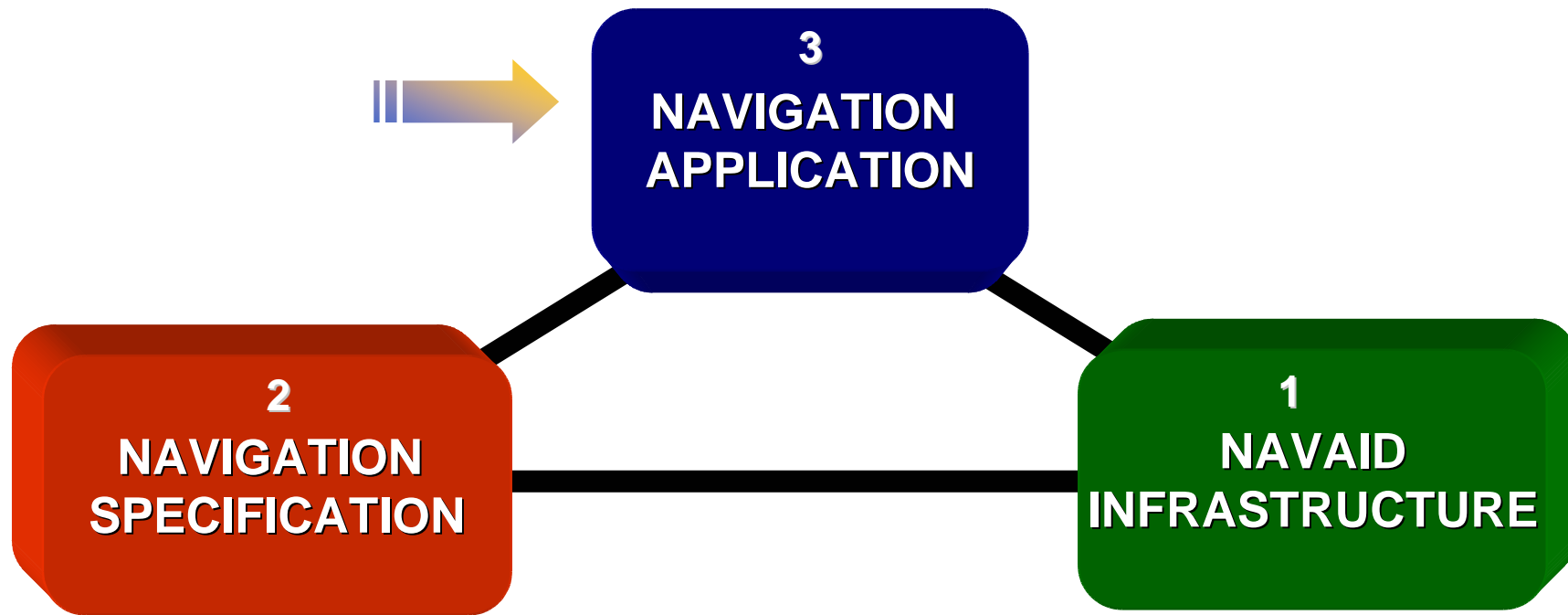
# Components of PBN Concept - Designation -



X = Navigation Accuracy in NM



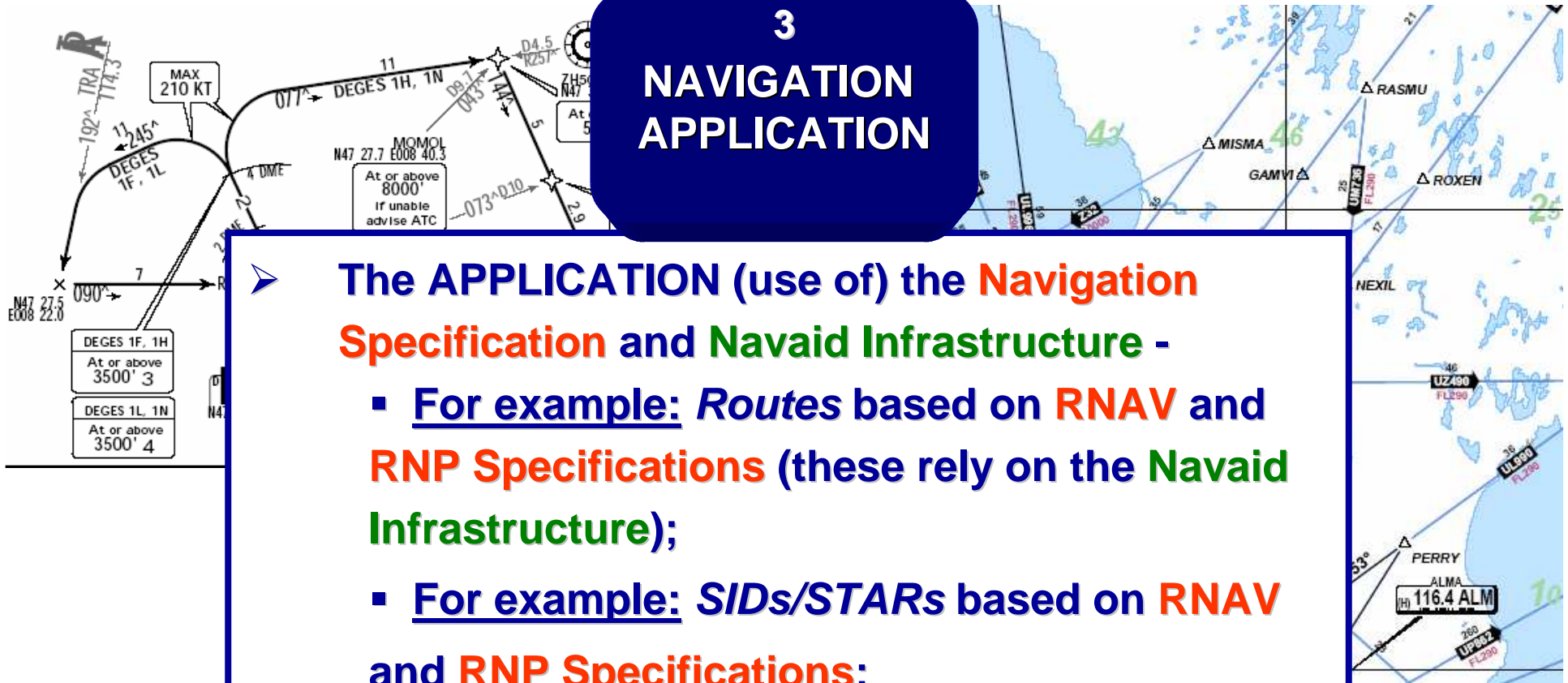
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# Components of PBN Concept - Navigation Application -

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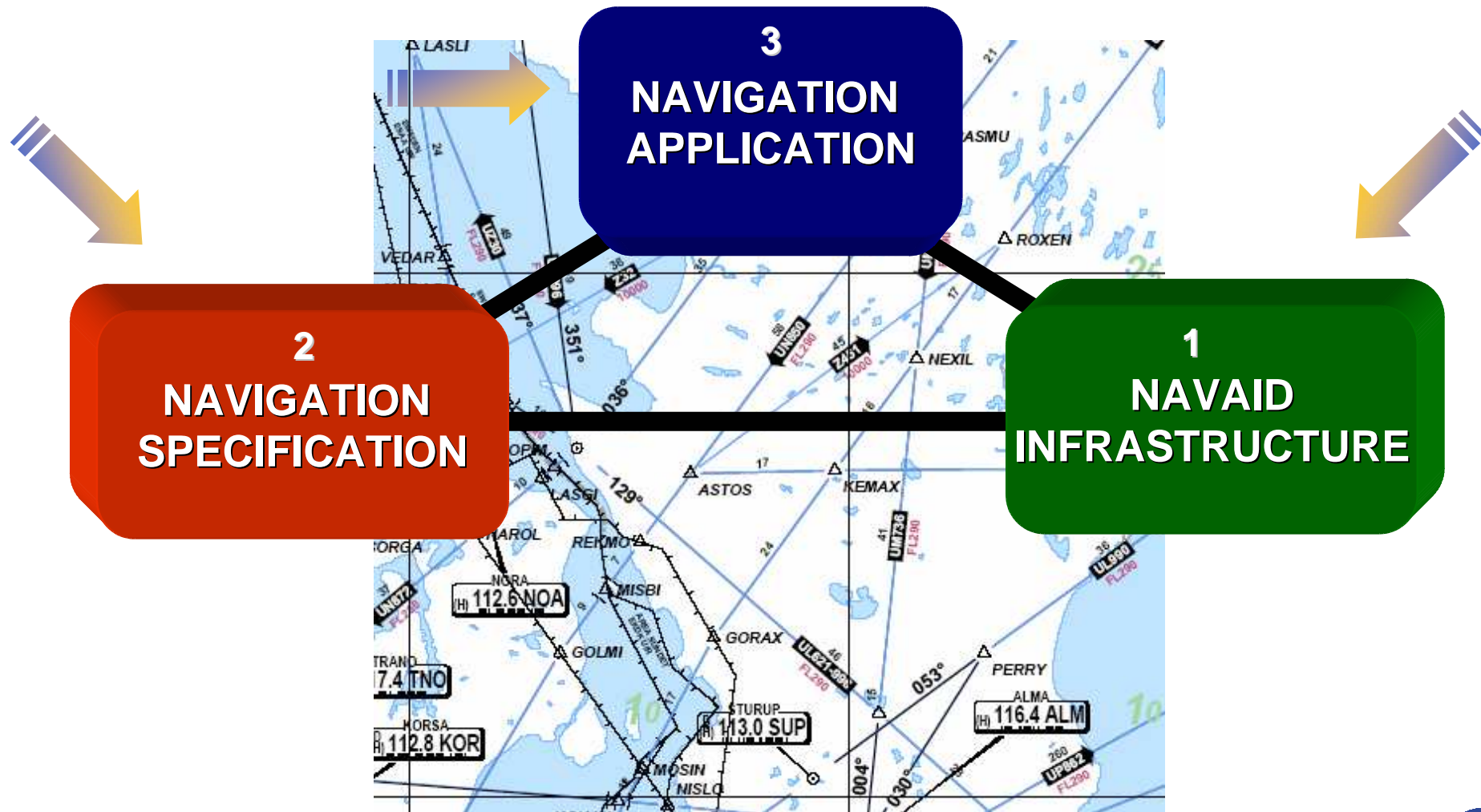


- The APPLICATION (use of) the Navigation Specification and Navaid Infrastructure -
  - For example: Routes based on RNAV and RNP Specifications (these rely on the Navaid Infrastructure);
  - For example: SIDs/STARs based on RNAV and RNP Specifications;
  - For example: Approach procedures based on RNP Specifications





# Components of PBN Concept





# Example: RNAV 1 Specification

**RNAV 1 APPLICATION**

**ICAO RNAV 1 SPECIFICATION**

- PERFORMANCE
- Functionalities
- Navigation Sensors
- Air crew requirements

**NAVAID INFRASTRUCTURE**

Navigation Sensors

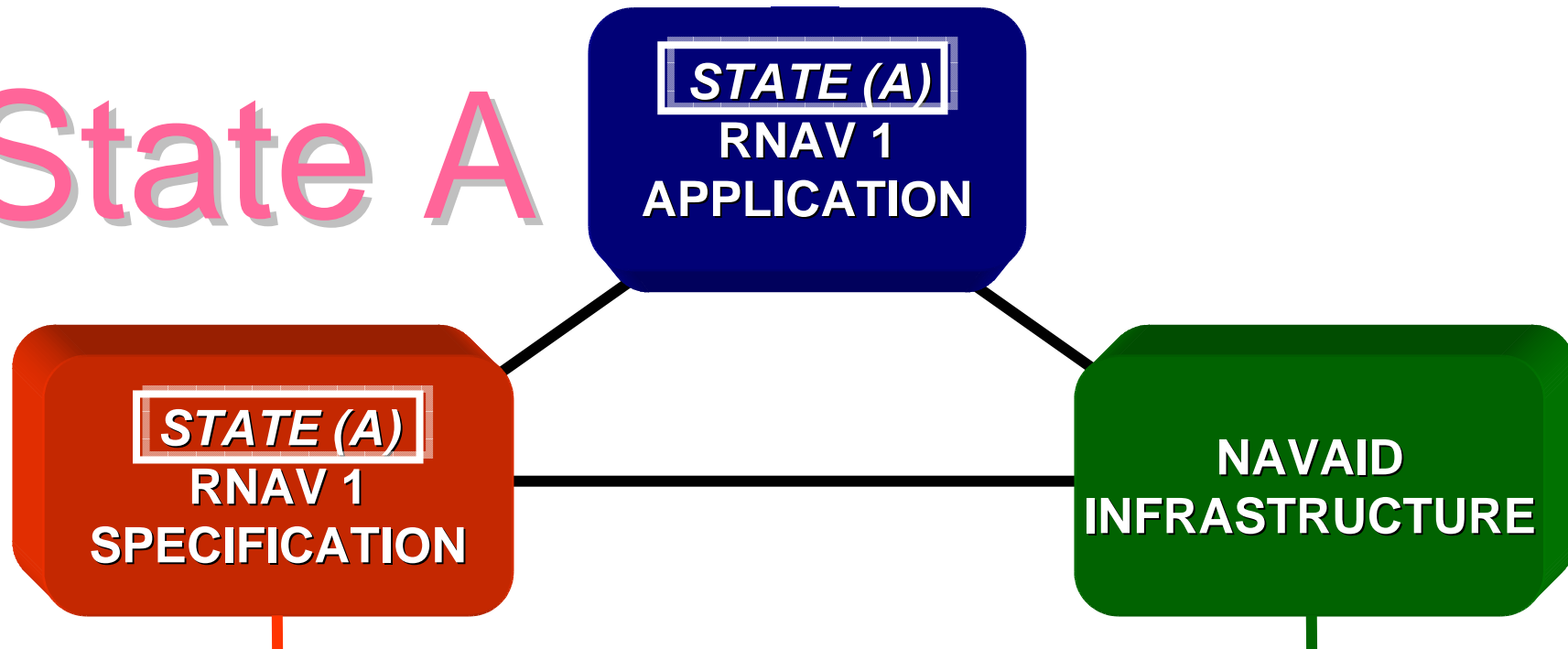
- (1) DME/DME/IRU ←
- (2) DME/DME ←
- (3) GNSS ←

- (1) DME
- (2) DME
- (3) GPS



# E.G: RNAV 1 Specification (A)

# State A



Navigation Sensors

(3) GNSS ←

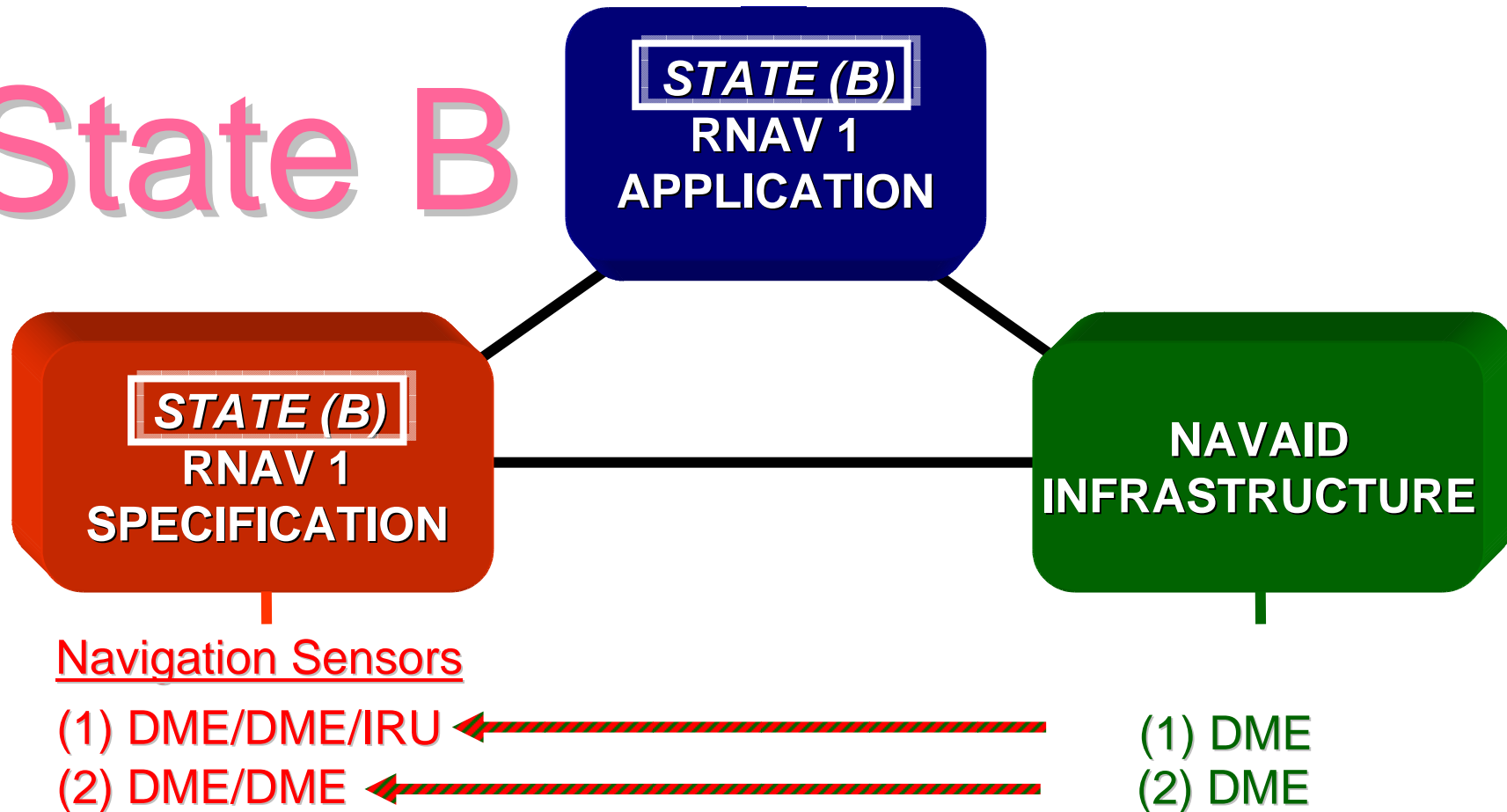
(3) GPS





# E.G: RNAV 1 Specification (B)

## State B





# PBN in Context: Part of the Solution

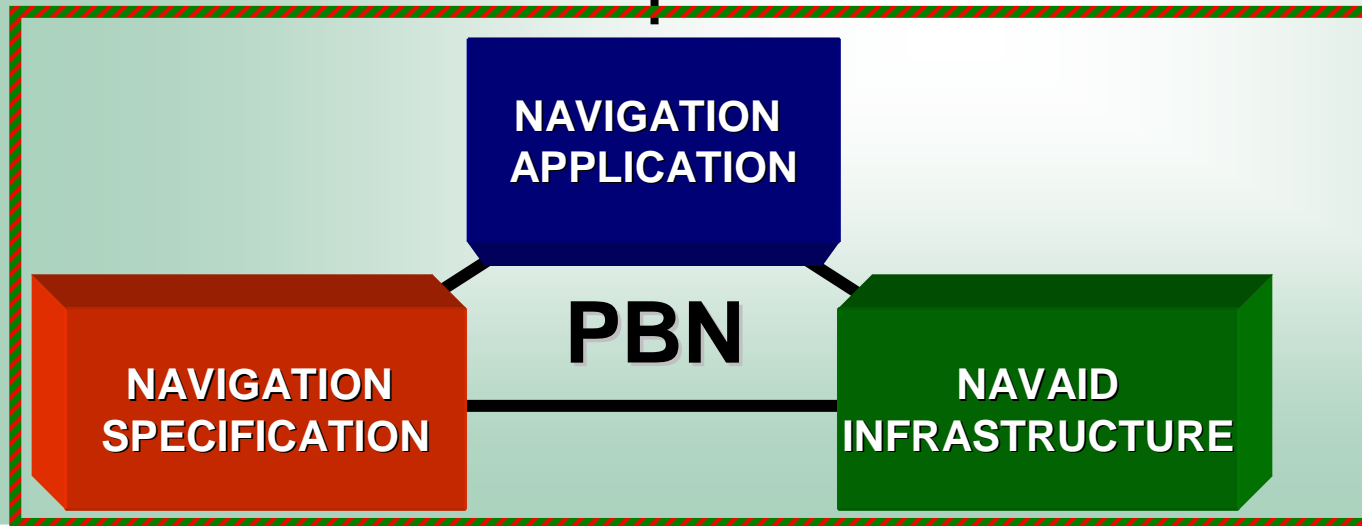
## Airspace (Operational) Concept

**COM**

**NAV**

**SUR**

**ATM**





# Airspace Concept

Assumptions: CNS/ATM/Traffic/RWY/MET

Inter-centre letters  
of Agreement

Traffic assignment  
[incl. regulation]

Special techniques:  
CDA; Point Merge

*Flexible Use of Airspace*

*Airspace Classification*

**Airspace  
Design:  
Routes; Volumes;  
Sectors.**



# Airspace Concept

**Airspace Design: particularly Routes and IFPs**

## Conventional Navigation

**Airspace Design** based on assumptions that all aircraft equipped with NDB/VOR and/or DME and airspace designed on those assumptions.

## RNAV (pre-PBN)

**Airspace Design** based on assumptions that 'RNAV equipped' aircraft can use RNAV routes. Exceptionally, Nav Spec required e.g. RNP 4.

## PBN

**Airspace Design** must, in all cases match....

(a) **Aircraft fleet capability, which must match...**

(b) **An ICAO PBN Navigation Specification**

(c) **... and available NAVAID Infrastructure**





# What's new with PBN

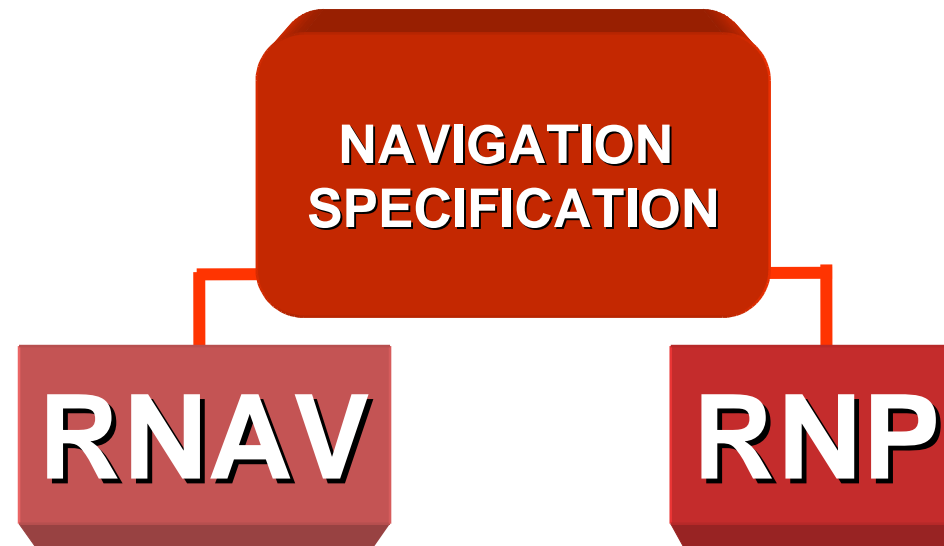


- RNAV system needed
- Operational approval needed for airspace implementation
- Different sensors can be used to achieve the same performance



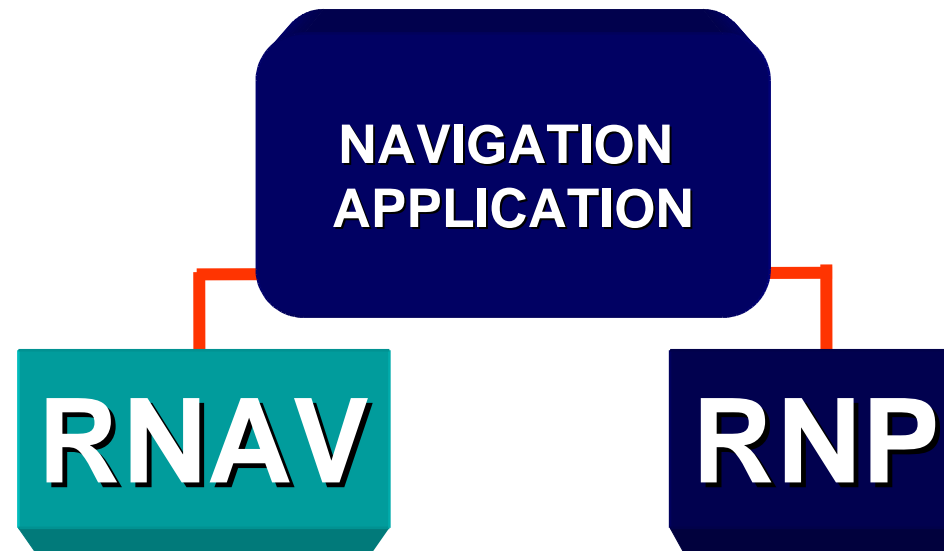


# Concept Summary





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