

Mode S Radar Coverage

Surveillance/MICA Workshop

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Mode S radar coverage



- Coverage maps define the 3-D regions within which
 - surveillance of aircrafts is maintained (surveillance coverage)
 - aircrafts are lockout (lockout coverage)
- 3 formats of coverage maps
 - European Mode S (EMS) Coverage Map
 - Surveillance and Lockout range per sector
 - Surveillance and Lockout unique range (circular coverage)

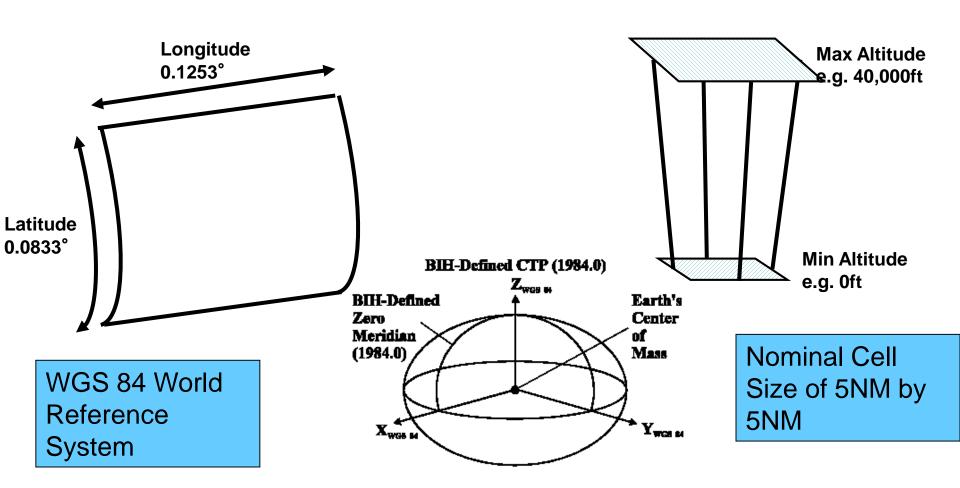
European Mode S (EMS) Coverage Map



- Developed by EUROCONTROL in the frame of POEMS contract
- Geodesic maps (latitude/longitude)
 - Maps have the same common origin
 - Latitude 33° North and Longitude 15° West
 - Maps have the same cell size
 - ΔLatitude: 0.0833° and ΔLongitude: 0.1253°
 - Cells 5NM x 5NM (around Latitude of Paris)
 - Vertical extent for each cell
- EMS Coverage maps allocated by the MICA Cell when supported by Mode S radar
- Lockout coverage is 1 cell smaller than the Surveillance coverage in IC allocations

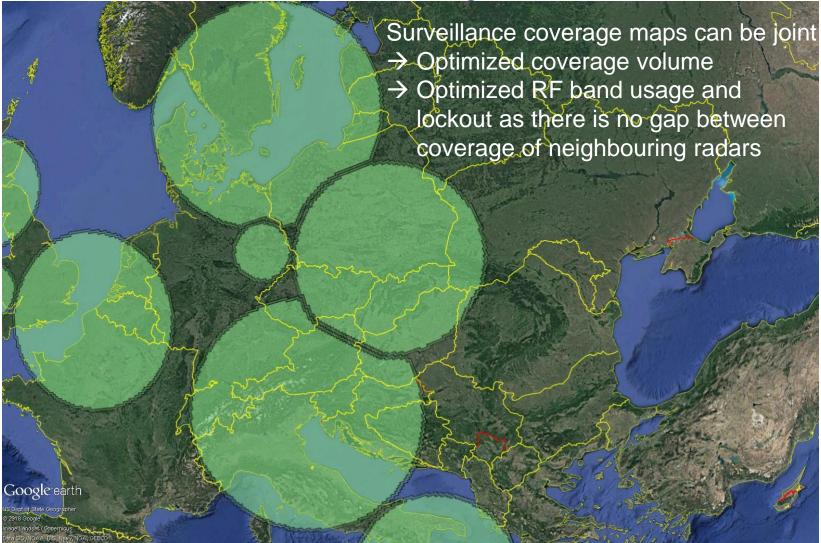
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EMS Coverage Map Cell Definitions





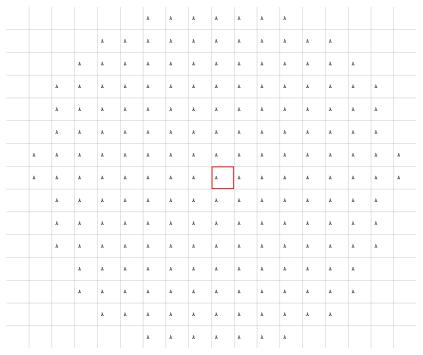
Example of EMS Coverage Map Surveillance and Lockout coverage



SMGET Tool



- EMS Coverage Map can be modified with SMGET tool
 - Here below is a screenshot of SMGET depicting the coverage of a radar having a range of 40NM.



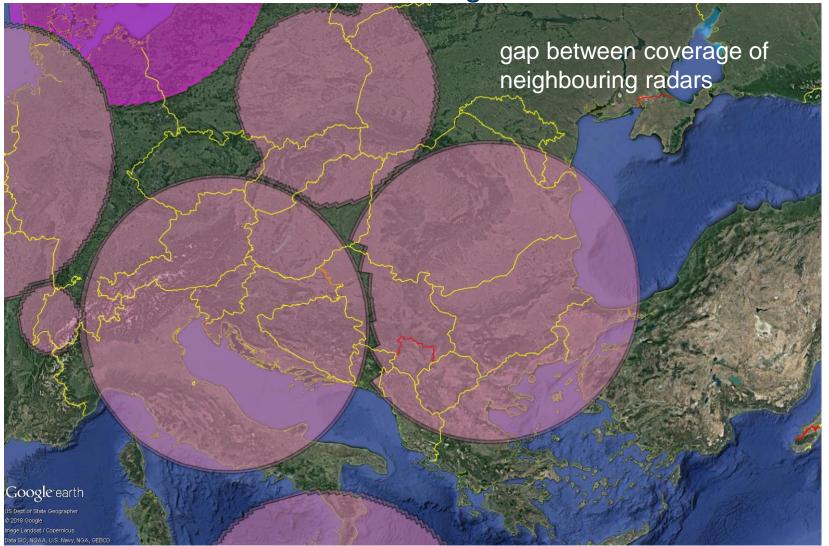
Surveillance and Lockout Range per Sector



- Surveillance and Lockout coverage divided into sectors (e.g. 32 sectors of 11.25°)
- Surveillance and Lockout ranges provided by sector
- If EMS Coverage Map not supported by the radar, surveillance and lockout range per sector is allocated by the MICA Cell
- Lockout range is in general 5NM smaller than the Surveillance range in IC allocations



Example of Range per Sector Surveillance and Lockout coverage



Global Range for circular coverage



- One unique surveillance range and one unique lockout range
 - Circular coverage
 - Not flexible for IC allocation
- If EMS Coverage Map and Range per Sector not supported by the radar, surveillance and lockout global range is allocated by the MICA Cell