

# Point Merge in Germany

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# Agenda

- History of Point Merge in Germany
- Point Merge Hanover
- Point Merge Leipzig/Halle
- Way forward

# History

Two approaches towards Point Merge within DFS:

- German/EU research project „iPort“ 2012: FTS and RTS for Munich (MUC) and Leipzig (LEJ) airports

Motivation: Capacity, reduction of ATCO workload

Planning of 3rd RWY at MUC

Cargo Hub of DHL, high traffic peaks btwn. 22-02h loc

- In Parallel:  
Operational staff at Frankfurt (FRA) developed several PM Systems  
Motivation: Capacity (4th RWY, capacity goal 126 movements/h) as well as noise reduction due to CDO  
Goal: Implementation of PMS as of 2016

# History

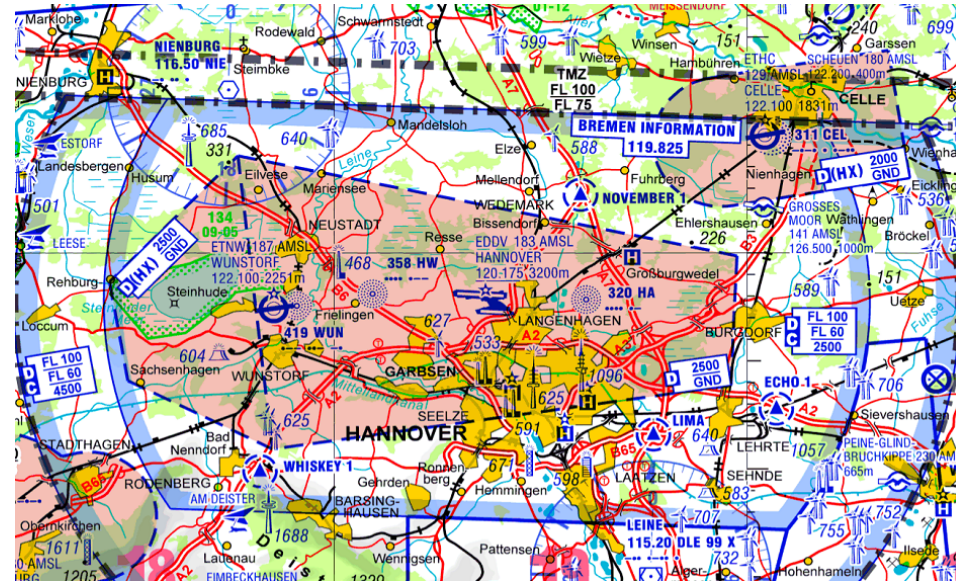
## Summary FRA:

- Development of several, sometimes „interesting“ solutions for the integration of the PM Systems in the complex airspace structure around FRA
- RTS 2013
- Problems due to high complexity at FRA independant parallel operations, crossing DEP RWY, a/c usage restrictions at northern RWY, TRA, nearby airports like EDFH, EDDK, EDDN, EDDS...., noise abatement
- Very difficult to establish PMS
- Management decision in 2013: Implementation of PMS as German „use case“ at an 2 RWY-airport with less complex environment  
-> Project start PMS EDDV in August 2013, internally as „trial“ procedures

# PMS at Hannover EDDV

EDDV environment:

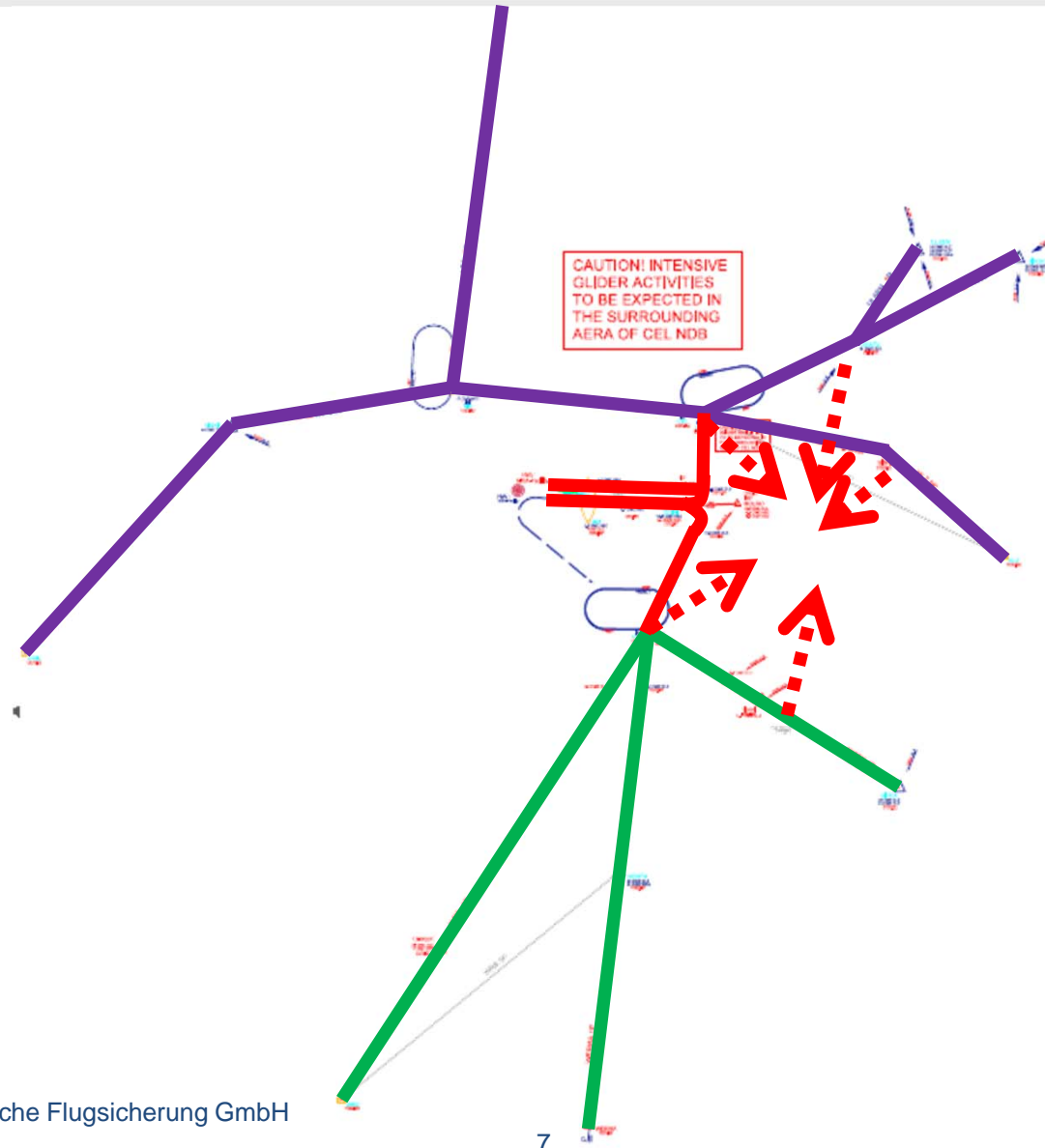
- 2 RWYs
- Traffic 76,000 movements/year
- Airbase ~ 10NM west of EDDV THR RWY 27, Training base for military transport aircraft -> APP has to ensure 12NM separation to EDDV Arrivals -> Usage of PMS expected
- Implemented 11DEC14 (1st procedure with the requirement of RNAV-1 in Germany)
- As expected: barely used, more usage expected in summer 2015



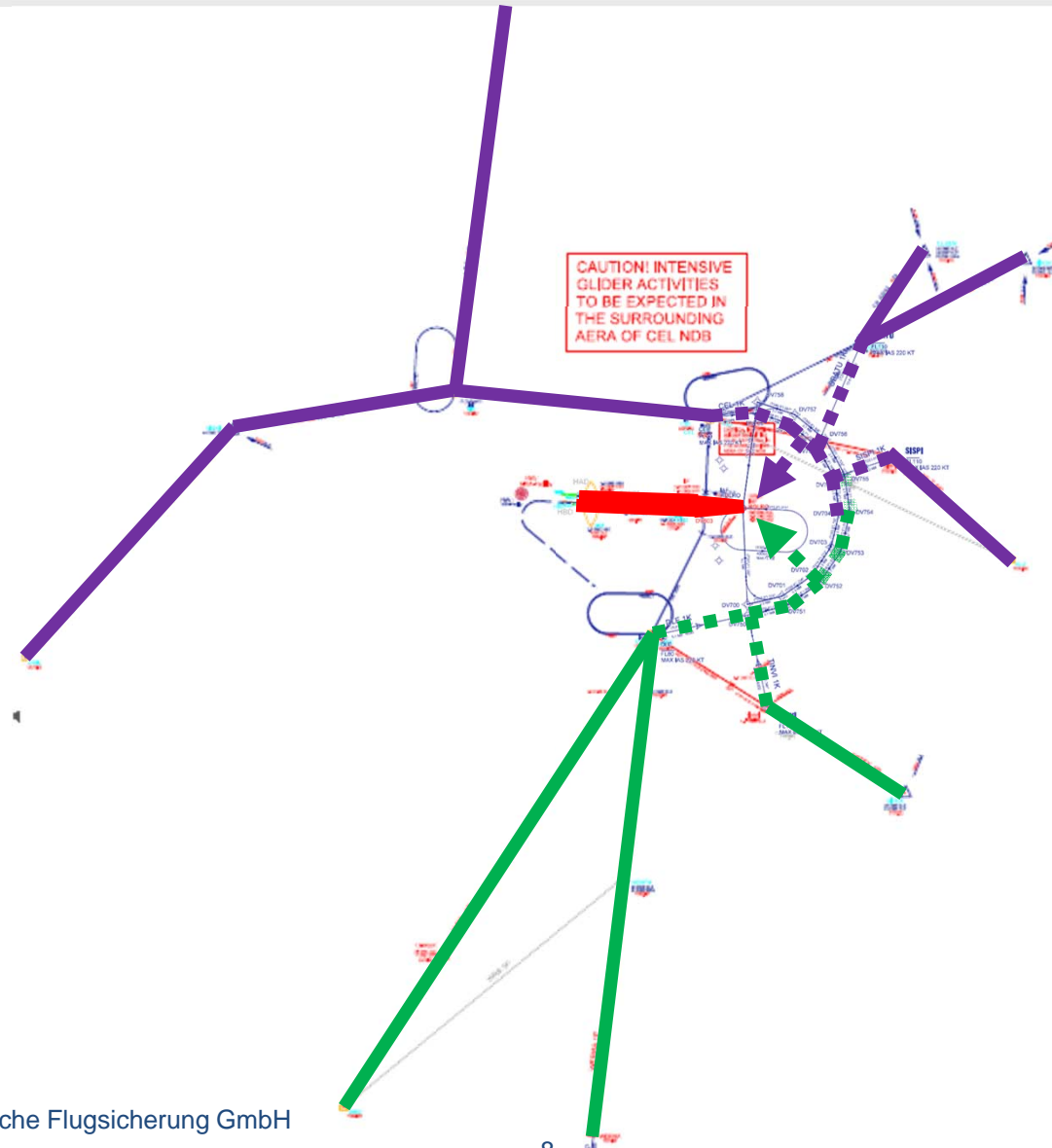
# PMS at Hannover EDDV - Concept

- Current concept includes conventional STAR and RNAV overlay transitions (downwind-concept)
- When using published Arrival procedures (transitions) difficult to establish 12 NM separation gap for Wunstorf military traffic
- Rare usage of Transitions, usually vectoring to final approach
- RTS: very easy to establish 12 NM separation using PMS
- PMS published „By ATC only“ due to expected rare usage
- In principal: Start of PMS STAR is IAF of existing conventional STAR/IAP
- APP Unit decides to use PMS -> clearance at least 2 minutes before arriving IAF (FMS programming)
- PMS STAR not filable, no customer concerns regarding trip fuel planning

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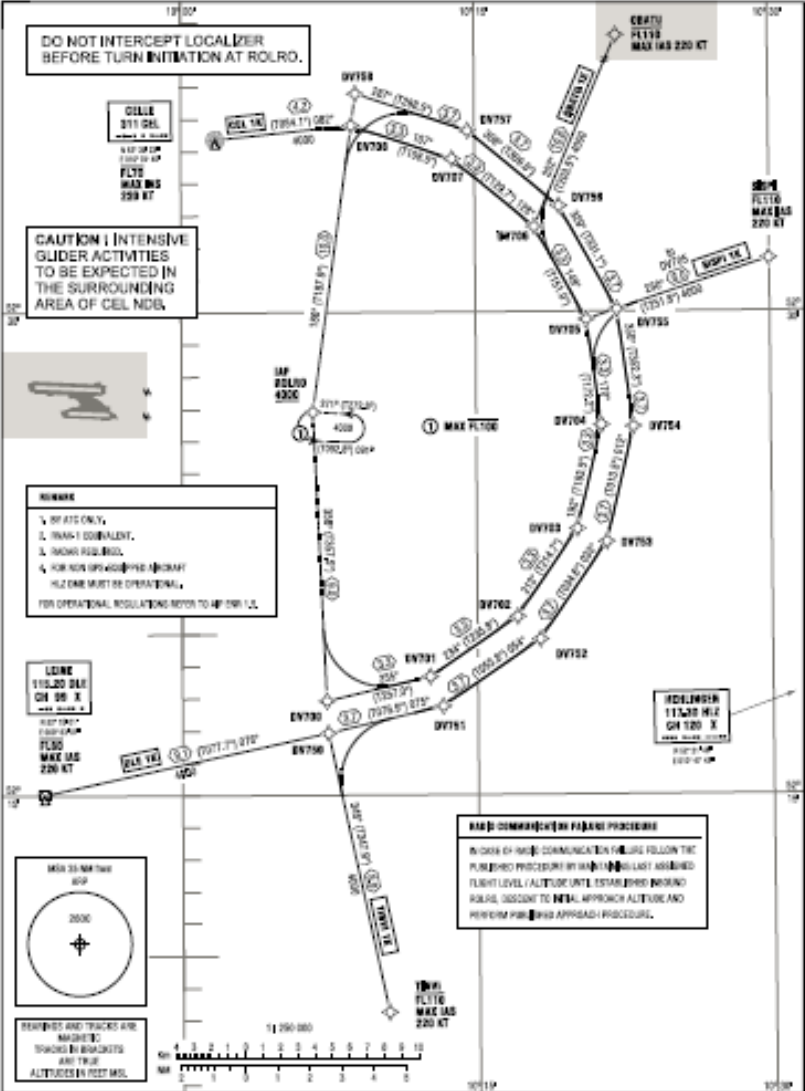
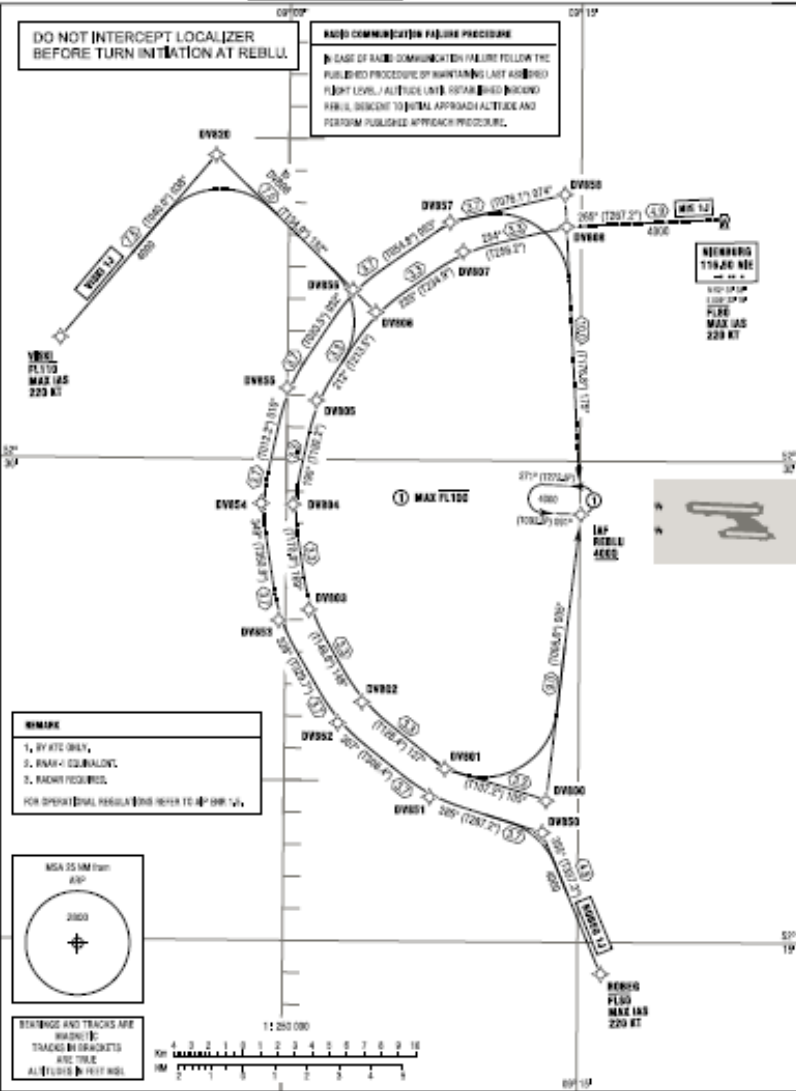


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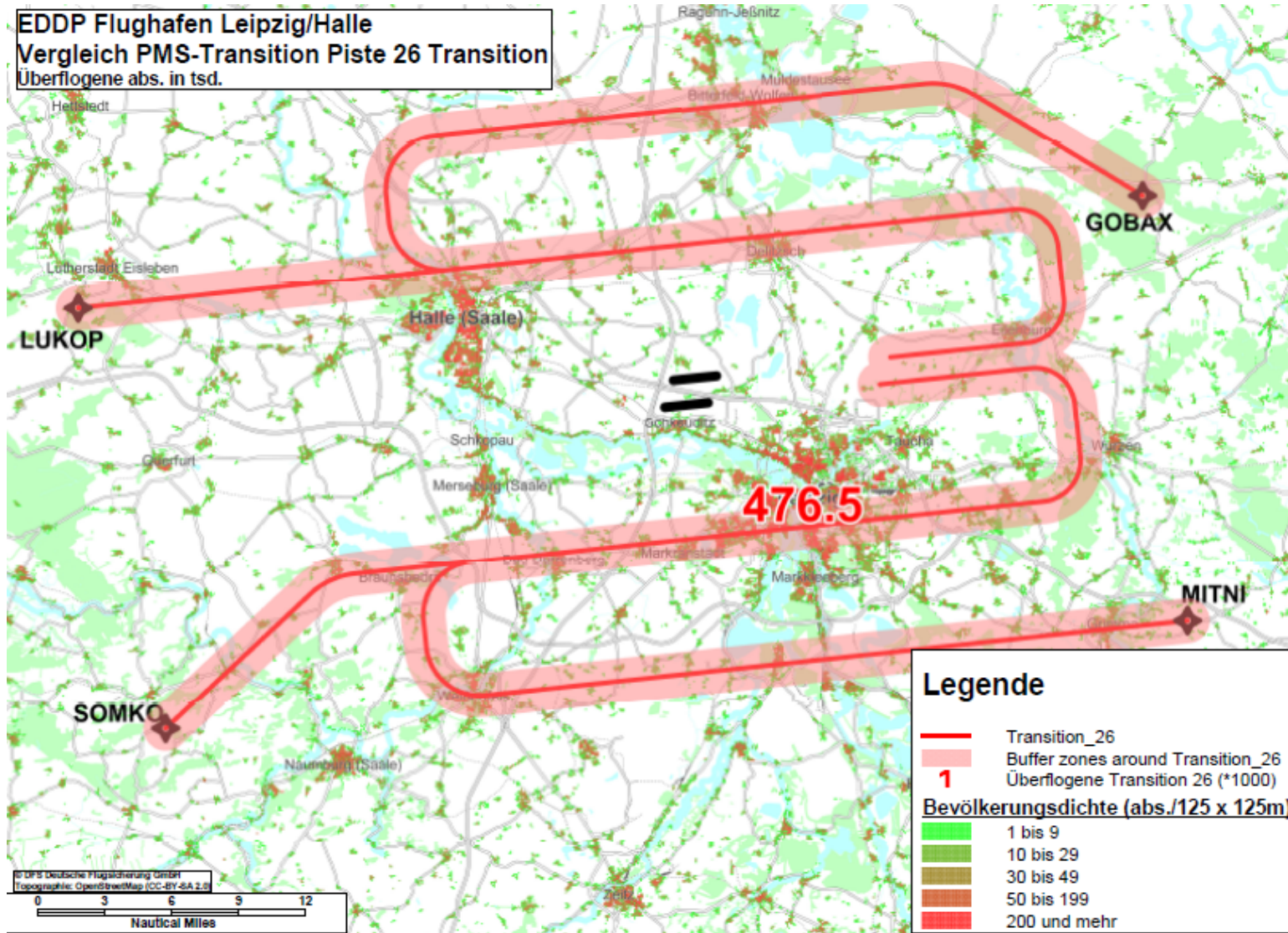
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# PMS Leipzig EDDP

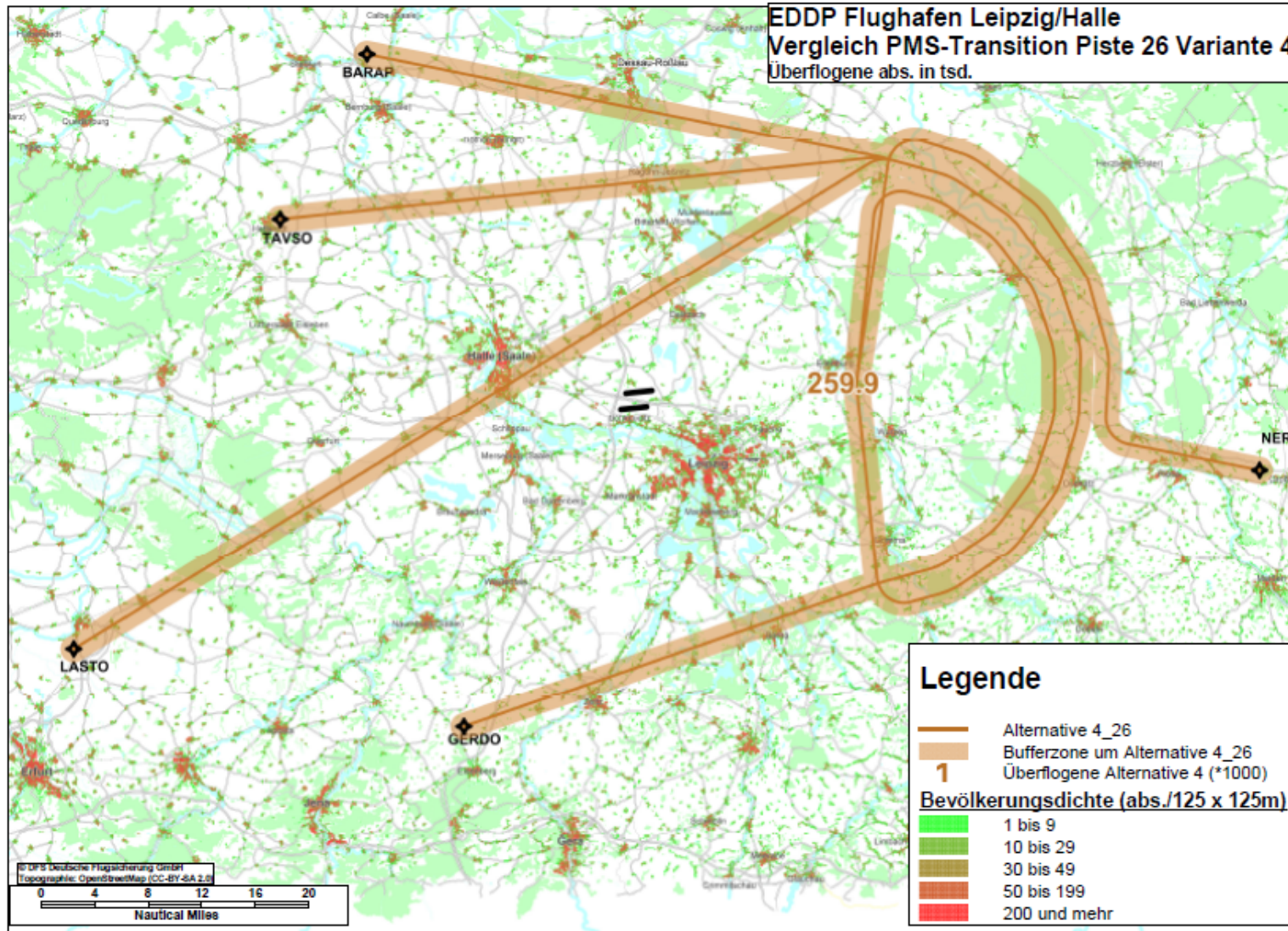
- Approx. 63,500 movements/year
- Hub for Express Cargo Airline
- 60+ inbound per night, most within two inbound rushes
- No dedicated approach control unit
- Project start April 14
- Implementation planned DEC15

# PMS Leipzig EDDP – Status-quo: Transitions to final approach



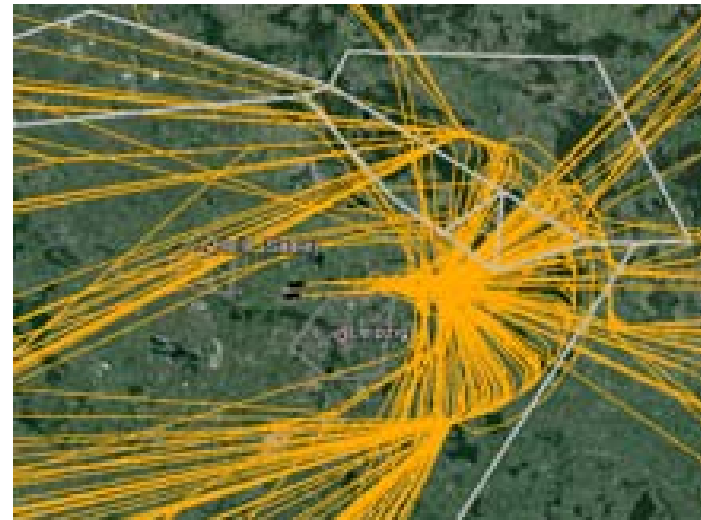
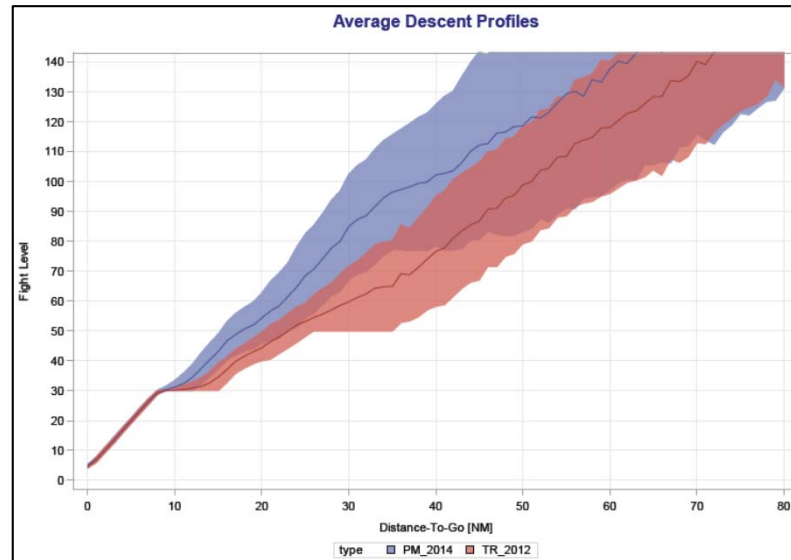


# PMS Leipzig EDDP



# PMS Leipzig EDDP – Results of Simulation

- Reduction in Workload
- Slightly reduced Flight Time
- Higher vertical profile
- Nearly no overflights of Leipzig



# PMS Leipzig EDDP - Issues

- From a noise perspective very good results expected, but:
- Significant concerns by main customer regarding fuel planning:
  - Fear that sequencing legs influence the trip fuel amount, for long range flights up to 3 tons more fuel required → reduction in pay-load
- Other general issues:
  - RNAV-1 requirement ->NAV DB capacity (Procedures/APT)
  - Radio communication failure procedures (→ no level change on sequencing leg)
  - Safety assessment (→ vertical instead of lateral separation)

# Way forward

- PMS Hanover trial to be evaluated by end of 2015
- PMS Leipzig will be introduced as trial first.
- Solution for fuel planning issues needs to be found
- Results will be used to decide about possible introduction at other German airports
  - Munich – parallel independant runways, 380.000 movements/year
  - Berlin – parallel independant runways, 250.000+ movements expected
  - Hamburg – Crossing runway system, 155.000 movements/year
- Decision by end of 2015

Thank you for your attention



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