

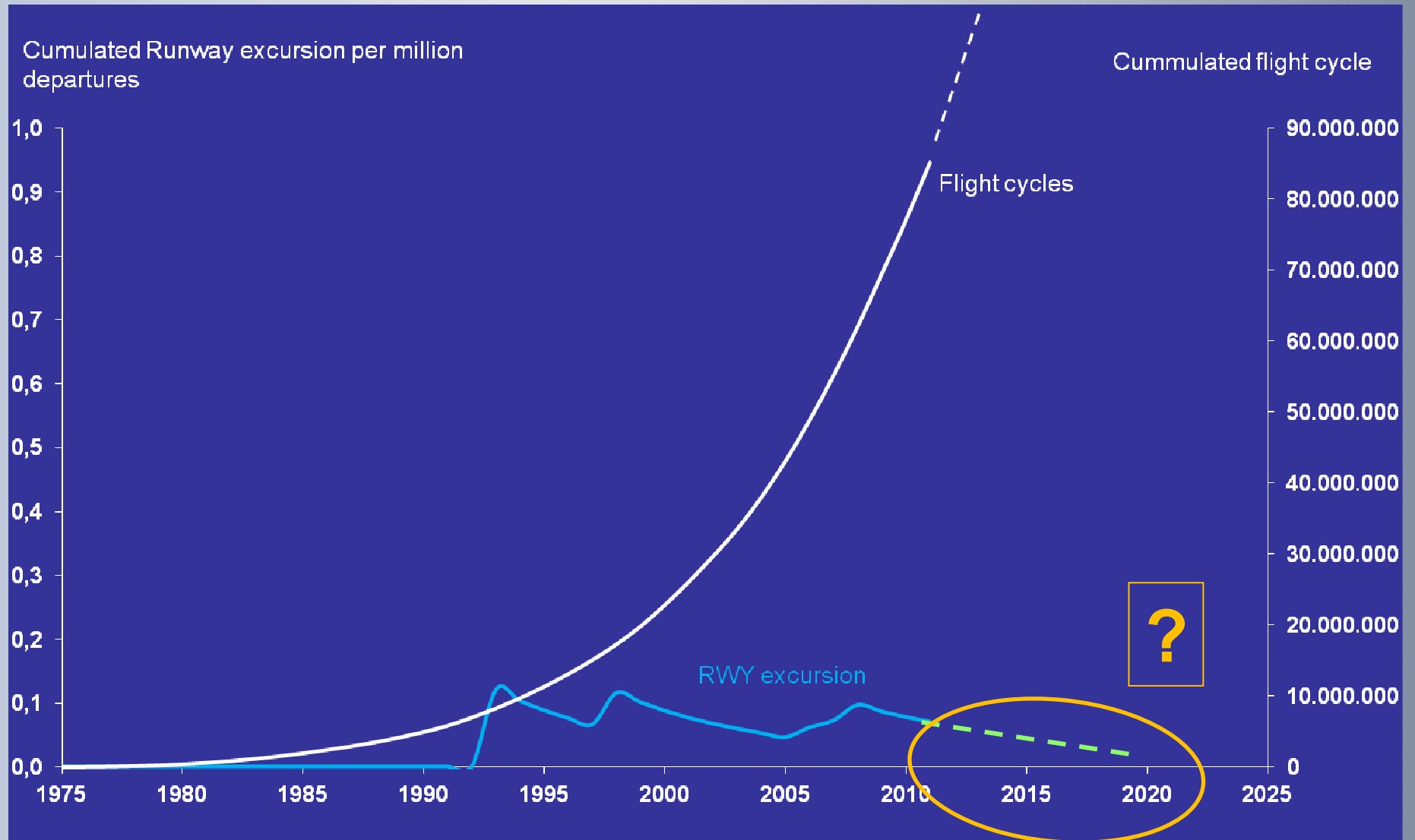
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# Runway Overrun Prevention System

Focus on end of Runway Excursions

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# All Airbus aircraft – Runway excursion



## ROW / ROP - The Challenge

**To achieve a Reduction in Runway Excursions  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

NTSB Safety Recommendations to FAA (March 29, 2011)

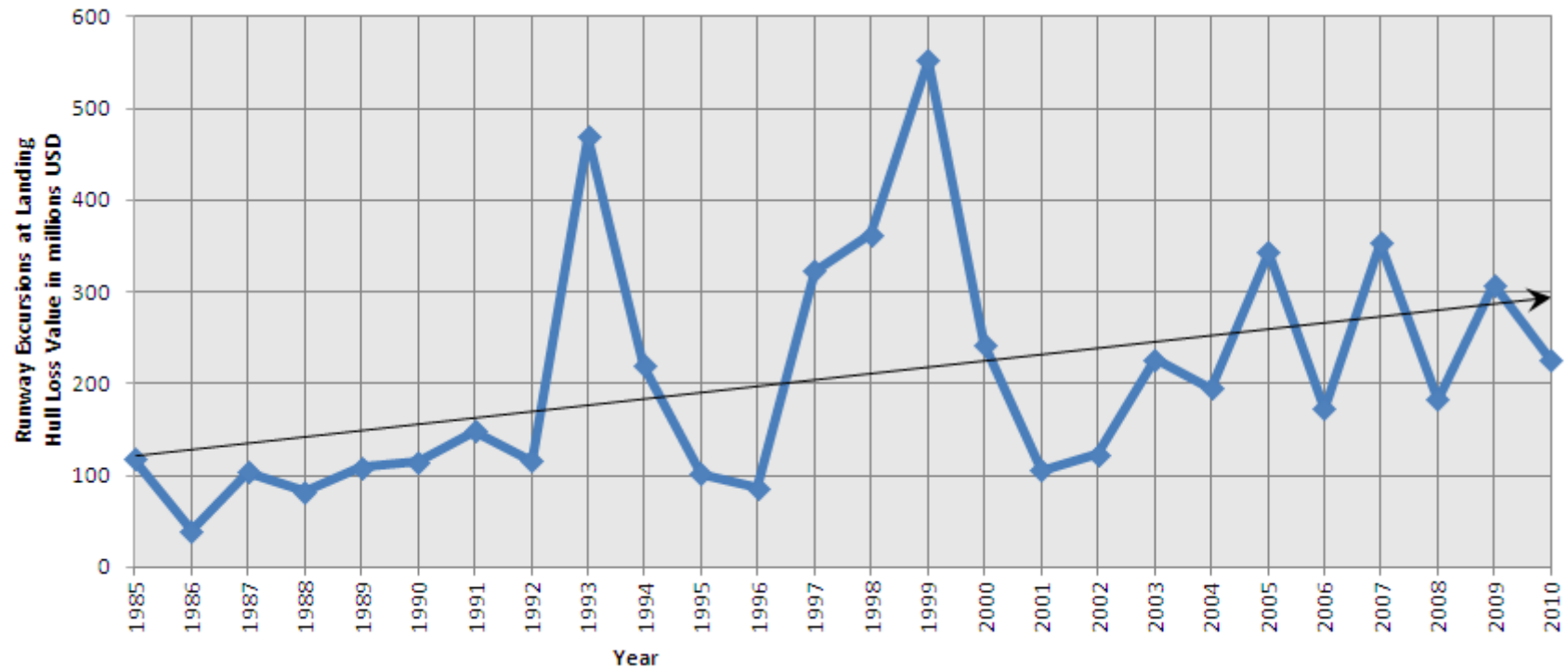
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# The Challenge

- From concept to mandate
  - ▶ TCAS: 17 years
  - ▶ EGPWS: 21 years
  - ▶ ROPS or equivalent solution: 25 years???
- Why so long?
- We have to find new ways of getting great safety ideas into general use more quickly if we want to attack today's accident rate and make a difference "tomorrow."

# Safety at Landing: the n°1 Air Transportation Safety Issue

*Hull Losses Claims Data over 1985-2010 Period (only claims above 10m\$)*



Source : ASCEND Database

**Landing excursions claims: a deteriorating situation  
Aviation industry now needs a game changer...**

# Safety at Landing: the n°1 Air Transportation Safety Issue

## *Existing Situation*

- Most of accident with overruns at landing follow dangerous deviations at low altitude (Toronto)

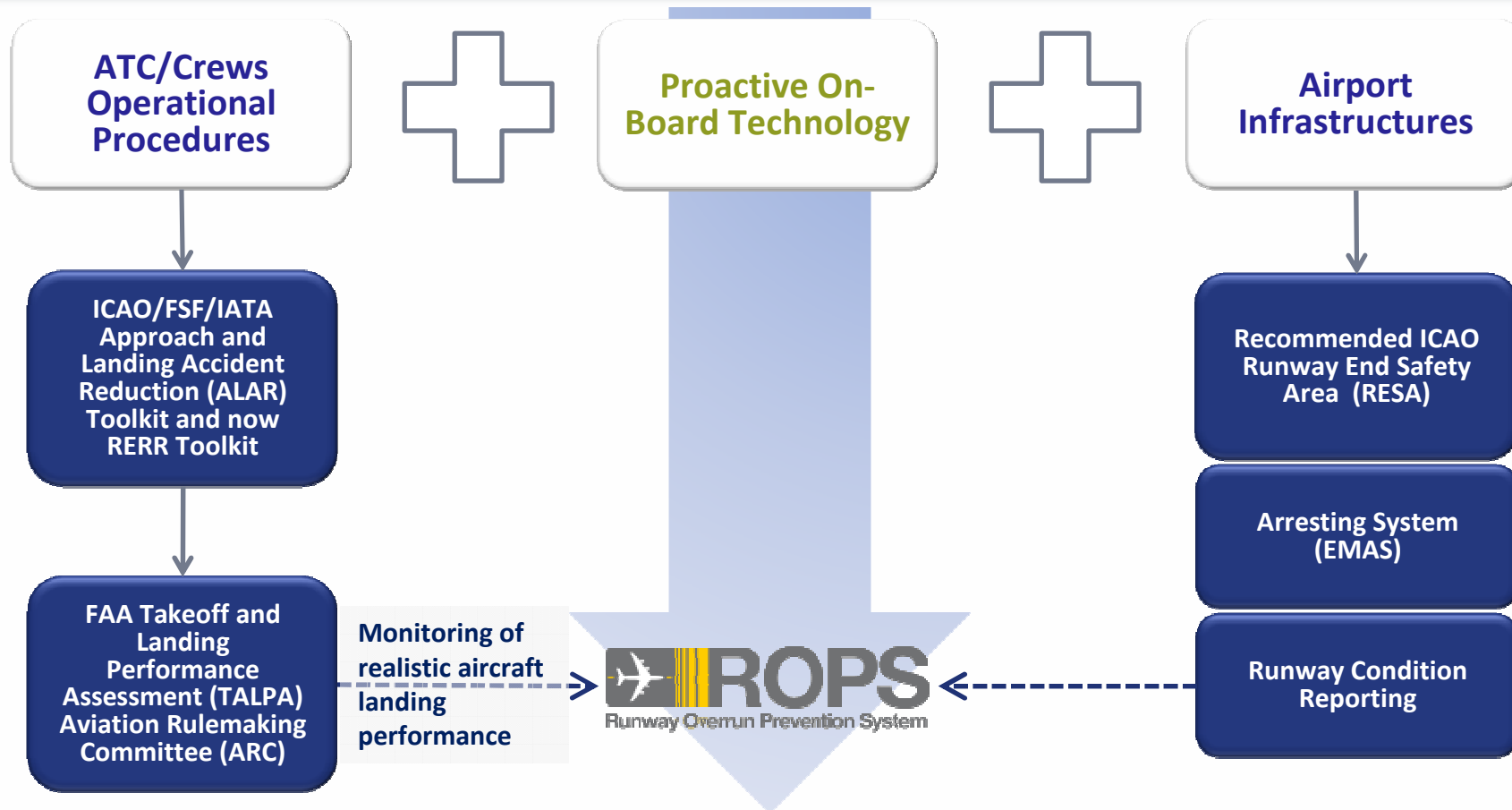
*Note - Non adherence to SOP at intermediate altitude remains exceptional*

- Contributors to runway excursions at landing accidents and incidents
  - ▶ 59% touched down in the recommended touchdown zone
  - ▶ 62% experienced tailwind
  - ▶ 76% respected FSF/IATA/ICAO Stable Approach criteria

**Training and Procedures are not enough  
Aviation industry now needs a game changer...**

▶ 100% where with perfectly healthy aircraft

# Runway Excursion Risk Mitigation Means *Technology, a Part of the Solution*



**Only a combined prevention approach should be effective;  
Like EGPWS/TCAS, on-board technology will be key to mitigate Runway Excursion Risk**

# Runway Overrun Prevention System

## *Design principles and Achievements*

- A technology designed to monitor continuously total energy and aircraft landing performance vs. runway end, from short final up to aircraft stop
- A true guidance to assist crew in:
  - ▶ The go-around decision making process by removing doubt about the ability to continue to a safe landing
  - ▶ Gives clear and immediate assistance under changing conditions at low altitude after the normal “stabilised ‘ approach criteria points
  - ▶ The timely application of on-ground retardation means
- Very promising safety benefits, demonstrated with a review/replay of actual runway excursions and 3 years in-service experience
  - ▶ Vast majority of Airbus events would have been avoided
  - ▶ No spurious alerts reported
  - ▶ Not considered by pilots as a “too” talkative and intrusive function



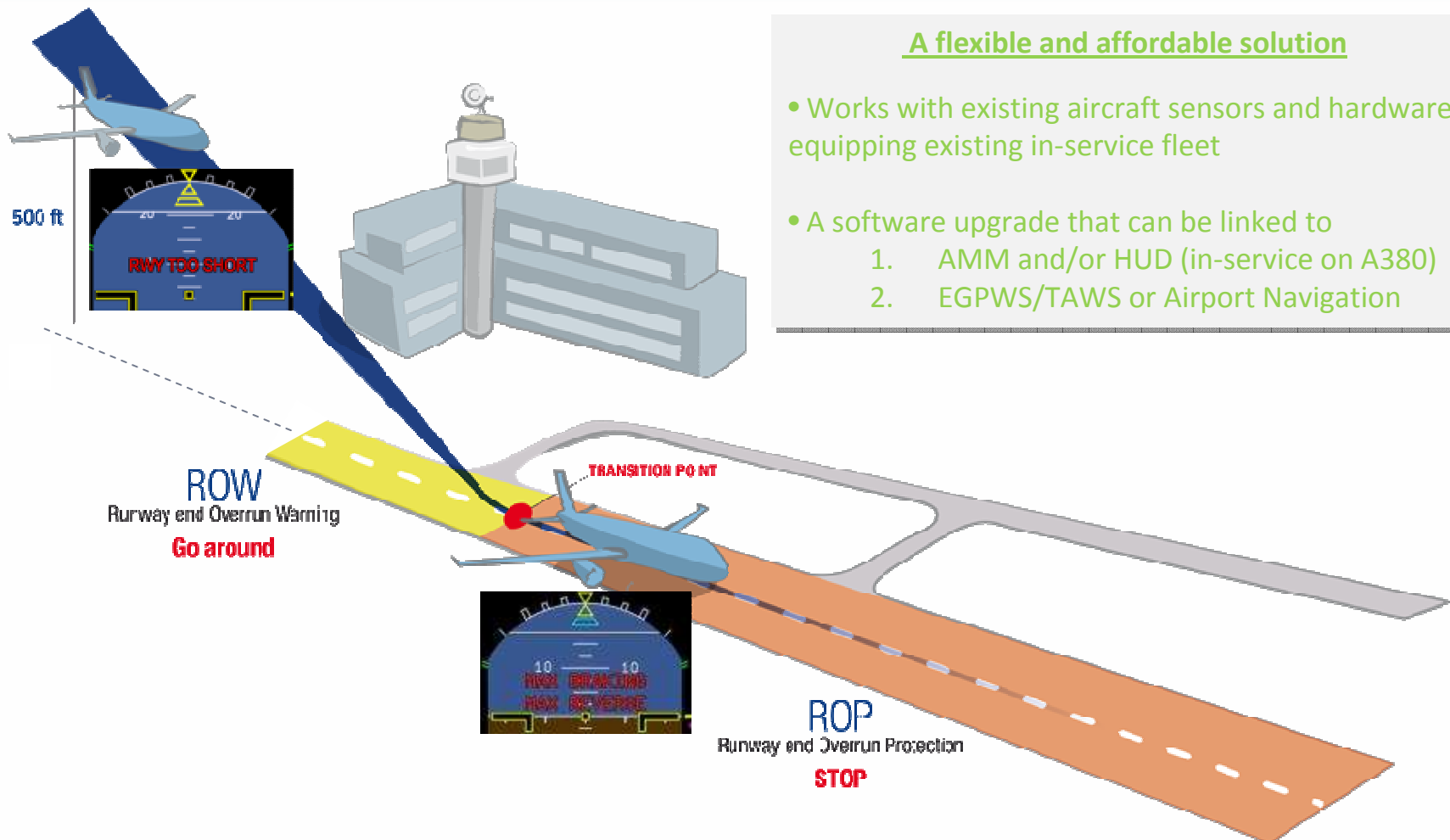
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*ROPS = Runway Overrun Warning (ROW) + Runway Overrun Protection (ROP)*

- ROPS automatically detects current landing runway using terrain database
- **ROW** performs a **real time in-flight landing distance assessment** with respect to detected landing distance available
  - If the detected landing distance available is assessed **too short**, ROW triggers an alert to encourage the crew to **go around**
  - On A320 Family, A330/A340 and A380, DRY and WET runway conditions are assessed
  - On A350XWB, all runway conditions are assessed
- **ROP** performs a **real time on-ground stopping distance assessment** with respect to detected landing distance available
  - If the detected landing distance available is assessed **too short**, ROP triggers an alert to encourage the crew to **apply and keep all available retardation means**
  - In such conditions, on A380 and A350 only, if the Autobrake is armed, max braking is applied automatically without delay

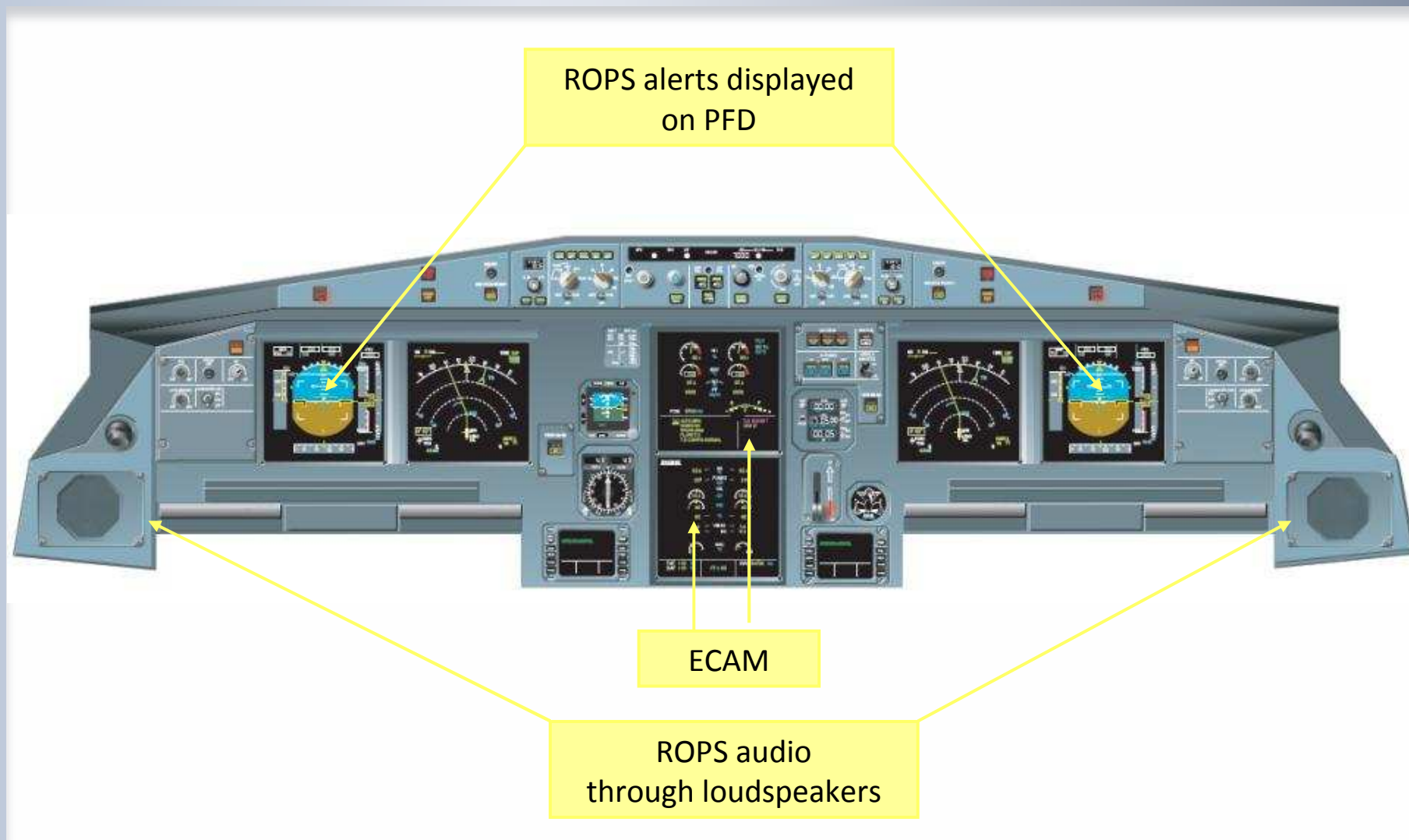
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## Quick Description



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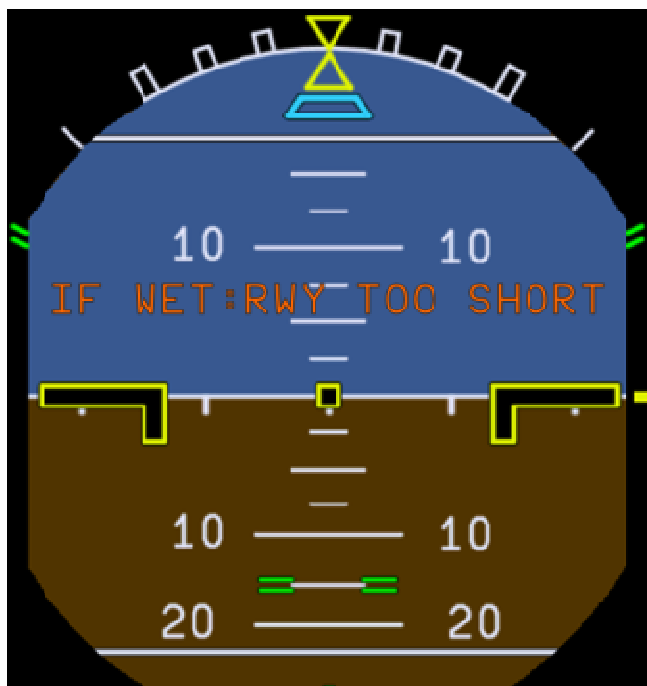
## A320 Family and A330/A340 HMI Overview



# Runway Overrun Prevention System

*Description of the function - ROW alarms (1/2)*

**If ROW WET distance to stop is longer than remaining runway length:**



Below 400ft :

Amber message **on PFD** (flashing for 9s)

And, no audio

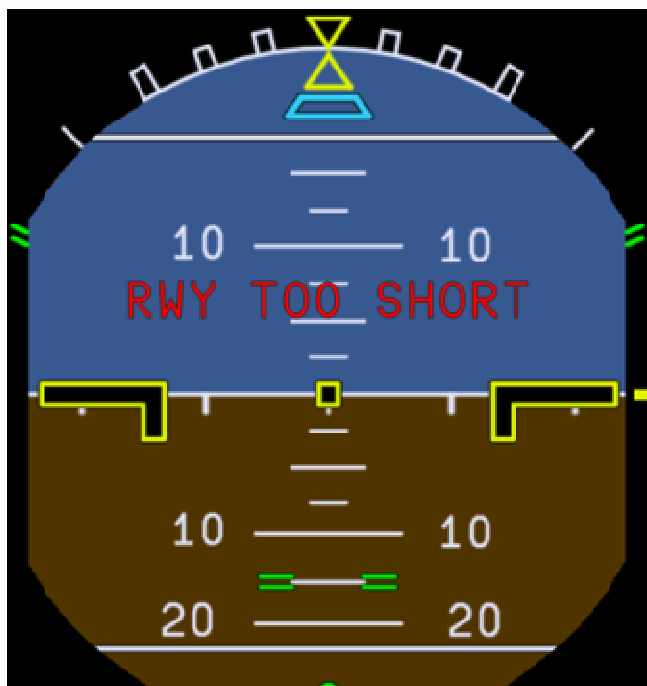


→ **Standard Operating Procedure : Go-Around if runway is not DRY**

# Runway Overrun Prevention System

*Description of the function - ROW alarms (2/2)*

**If ROW DRY distance to stop is longer than remaining runway length:**



Below 400ft :

Red message **on PFD** (flashing for 9s)

And, below 200ft :

Audio callout "**RWY TOO SHORT**"

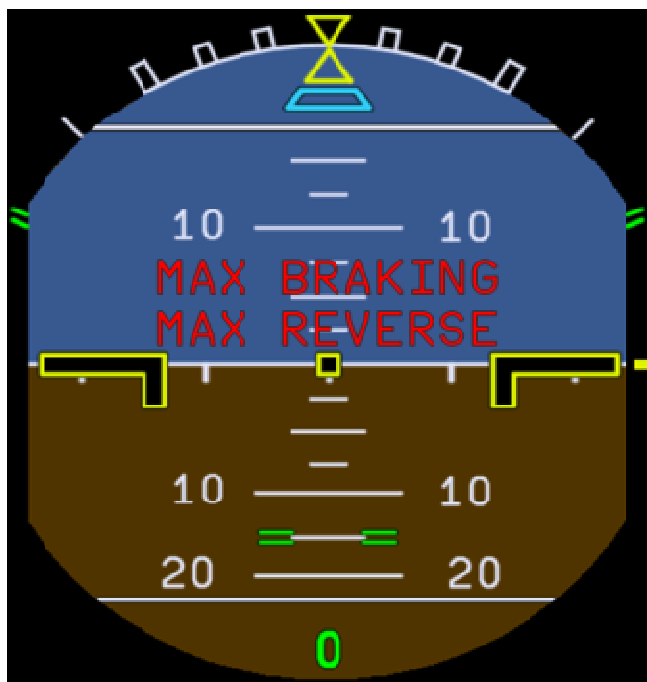


→ **Standard Operating Procedure : Go-Around (whatever runway condition)**

# Runway Overrun Prevention System

*Description of the function - ROP alarms*

**If ROP distance to stop is longer than remaining runway length:**



- Red message **on PFD**

- Until max pedal deflection :

Repetitive audio **“BRAKE... MAX BRAKING”**



Then, until max reverse selection :

Repetitive audio **“SET MAX REVERSE”**



- At 80kt (if still in overrun situation)

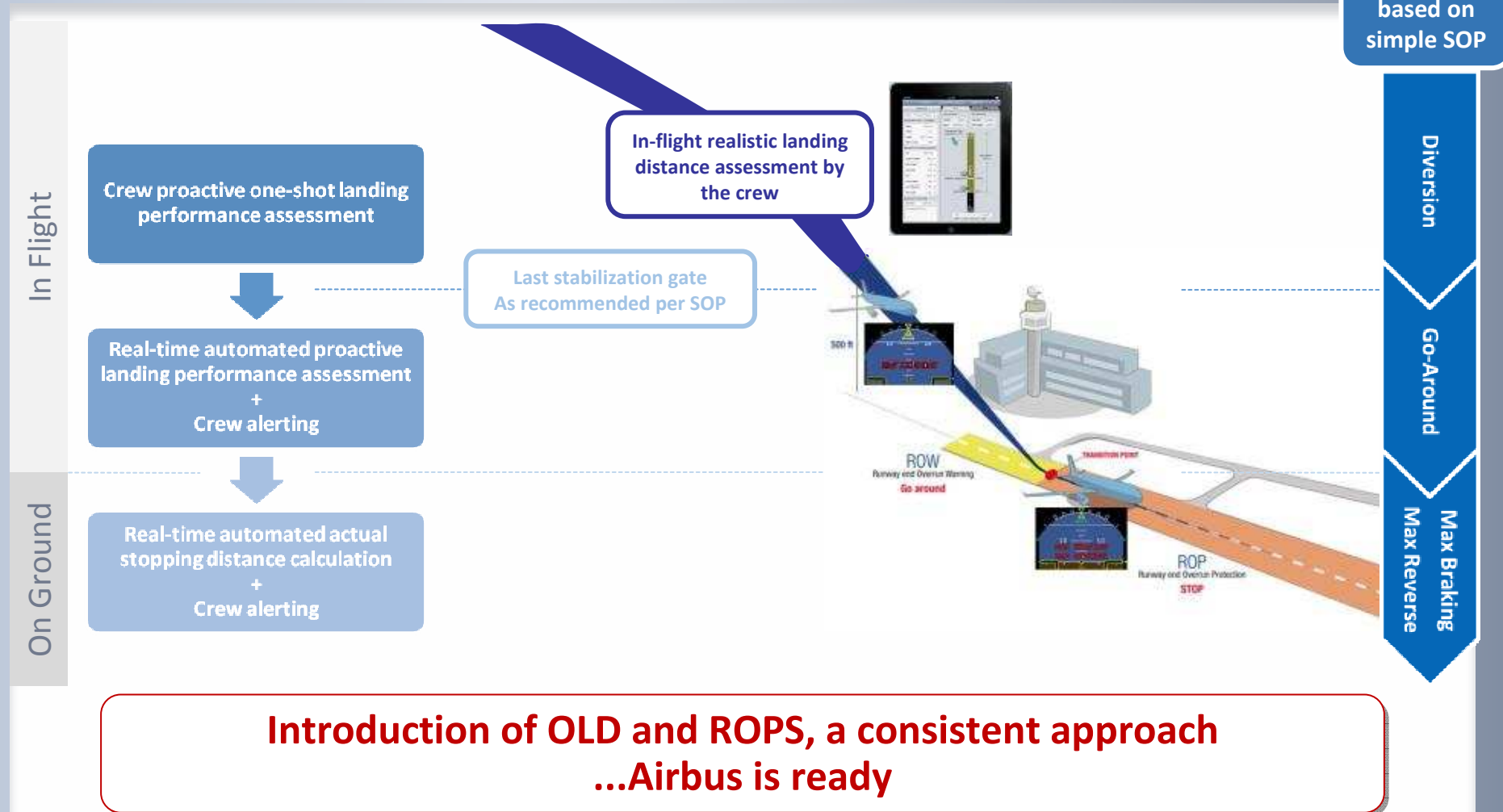
One audio **“KEEP MAX REVERSE”**



→ **Standard Operating Procedure : Apply Full Pedals and Set/Keep Max Reverse**

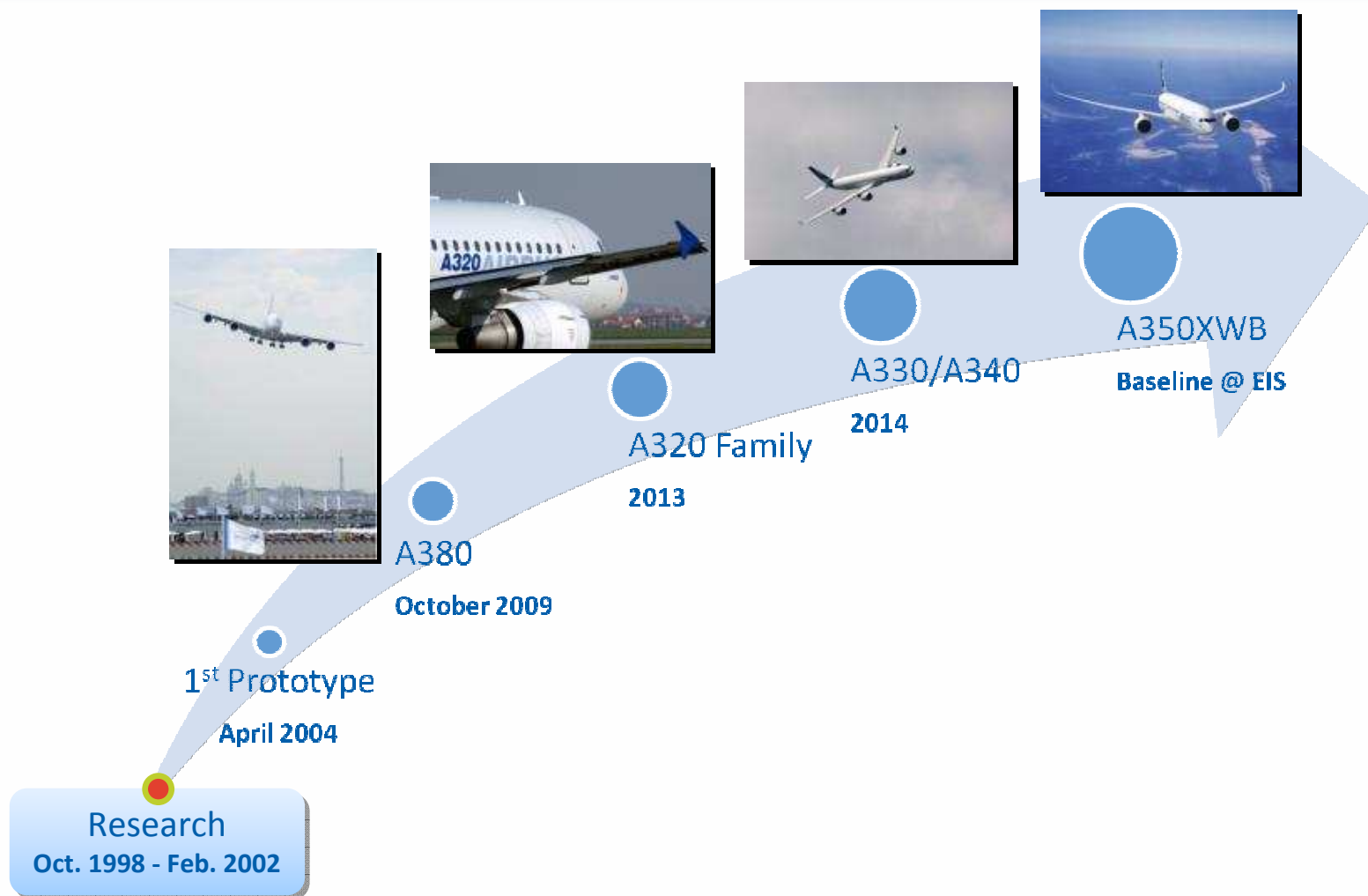
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*A Natural Link with In-Flight Realistic Landing Distance Assessment*



# Runway Overrun Prevention System

*Timeline for AIRBUS Fleet*





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## Competition vs. ROPS

Main factors of Runway Overrun at landing	Solved by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long flare</li> <li>• Stabilization not achieved at 1000/500 ft</li> <li>• No approved and defined realistic operational landing distance</li> <li>• Wind shift at low altitude</li> <li>• Approach becoming unstable at low altitude</li> <li>• Long derotation</li> <li>• Late selection of engine thrust reversers</li> <li>• Runway friction coefficient lower than expected</li> <li>• Cancellation of reversers at 70kts</li> <li>• Late/weak manual braking (w/o or after AB disc)</li> <li>• Failure affecting the landing distances</li> <li>• Contaminated runway snow, ice ... more slippery than reported, no approved realistic operational landing distance defined on contaminated runway</li> </ul>	<div> <div> R O P S  In-Service </div> <div> R O P S  A350 XWB </div> </div>

# Conclusion and Perspective

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(A-11-28 safety recommendation to FAA)

## European Aviation Safety Agency (June 2012)

*Release of draft Terms of Reference to mandate existing on-board technologies on airplane  
To increase the level of safety by reducing the number of runway excursions*

## Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (October 2012)

*Positive Business Case related to the deployment of ROPS-like technology to mitigate runway excursion risk in Latin America  
Recommendation to implement such on-board technology*

## European Action Plan for Prevention of Runway Excursions (January 2013)

*“On-board real time performance monitoring and alerting systems that will assist the flight crew with the land/go-around decision and warn when more deceleration force is needed should be made widely available.”*  
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## RASG-Pan America ROPS Installation Cost Benefits Analysis (October 2012)

**Airbus believes  
ROPS is that requested and already available technology,  
ROPS represents a tangible short-term opportunity**

# Conclusion and Perspective

- ROPS is a realistic solution to respond to worldwide safety agencies requests to mitigate runway excursions
  - Available for Airbus FBW aircraft
  - Accessible for all other TAWS-equipped types
- Human Factors and technical requirements have been rigorously tested
- ROPS design fully integrates operational procedures and training requirements



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