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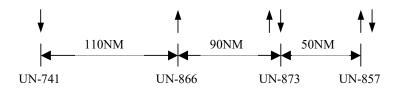
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Executive Summary

This report presents the 2018 collision risk assessment made for the EUR/SAM Corridor. It assesses the current and projected lateral and vertical collision risk in the Corridor, where RNP10 and RVSM are implemented, for flight levels between FL290 and FL410.

Two quantitative risk assessments, based on suitable versions of the Reich Collision Risk Model, have been carried out. The first assessment corresponds to the lateral collision risk whilst the second one concerns the vertical collision risk. The vertical collision risk assessment has been split into two parts. The first part considers the risk due to technical causes, whilst the second one considers the complete risk due to all causes, including the operational ones.

The analysed scenario is the airspace where RNP10 and RVSM are implemented. The current route network structure is composed of four nearly parallel north-south routes, being the two easternmost bidirectional and the other two, unidirectional. Traffic on the DCT Area, placed to the west of the current UN-741, has not been considered in the analysis.



Current route network

As far as crossing traffic is concerned, apart from the traffic on the published routes that crosses the Corridor in SAL, Dakar and Recife (UR-976/UA-602, UL-435 and UL-695/UL-375, respectively), traffic that crosses the Corridor using non-published routes with carry more than 50 flights per year have been considered.

The internal software tool CRM, used in previous studies, has been updated and used to obtain the different parameters of the Reich Collision Risk Model in each one of the UIRs crossed by the Corridor.

The CRM program uses flight plan data obtained from Palestra, Enaire's database for the Canaries, and traffic data from the samples provided by SAL, Dakar and Atlantic-Recife. Real data from the Canaries has been available for the complete year 2018. However not all the data from the rest of the FIRs/UIRs was available at the end of the year. The traffic samples used to perform this analysis are the ones from 1st March 2018 to 31st March 2018. This month has been selected as it was the one with the higher number of flights from the months with all the information available. The number of flights and the flight time for the complete year 2018, required for some of the calculations, have been extrapolated.

Besides, extrapolation of traffic data has been necessary in some cases in order to obtain the traffic distribution along the Corridor and on crossing routes. Therefore, trajectories and information at required waypoints (i.e., time and FL) have been assumed, considering the most logical routes and speeds. This may have an influence on the results, as several assumptions have been made due to the incompleteness and inconsistencies, in some cases, of the provided data.

Considering a number of parameters such as probabilities of lateral and vertical overlaps, lateral, vertical and crossing occupancies, average speed, average relative velocities and aircraft dimensions, the lateral, technical vertical and total vertical collision risks have been assessed and compared with the maximum Target Level of Safety (TLS) values allowed, $TLS = 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$, $TLS = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ and $TLS = 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$, respectively.



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The risk has been evaluated in 6 different locations along the Corridor and an estimation of the collision risk for the next 10 years has been calculated, assuming a traffic growth rate of 3.3% per year.

The results obtained are very similar in all the locations and the risk associated to the Corridor is the largest of all the values obtained.

Assuming that the traffic levels of March 2018 are representative of the whole year, the calculated lateral collision risk is 2.6845*10⁻⁹, whilst the lateral collision risk estimated for 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% is 3.7142*10⁻⁹. These values do not take into account traffic on the DCT Area routes.

As far as the technical vertical risk is concerned, the value of the collision risk for 2018 (assuming traffic levels of March 2018 are representative of the whole year), is estimated to be 1.9301*10⁻¹³ and the technical vertical collision risk estimated for 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%, 2.6704*10⁻¹³. Both values are below the TLS.

Regarding the vertical risk due to large height deviations, it has been calculated using the LHD notifications reported by the four involved States. Taking these LHDs into account, the total vertical risk in the Corridor is 4.3259*10⁻⁸, which greatly exceeds the TLS.

In previous safety assessments, such as [Ref. 3], [Ref. 5], [Ref. 8], [Ref. 9] or [Ref. 10], it was remarked that all the deviations received had been due to coordination errors between ATC units and not related to RVSM operations. In the same way, it was also explained that none of those reports received indicated that there had existed any traffic in conflict. This is also the case of this study.

Given that coordination errors continue to be the main cause of occurrence of LHD, the use of adequate corrective actions to reduce this type of errors should be applied as soon as possible in order to reduce the risk levels.



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1. Introduction

This report presents the 2018 collision risk assessment made for the EUR/SAM Corridor. It assesses the current and projected lateral and vertical collision risk in the Corridor, where RNP10 and RVSM are implemented, with real data of traffic between FL290 and FL410 collected from 1st March 2018 to 31st March 2018 and with the number of flights and the flight time required for some of the calculations extrapolated for the complete year 2018.

For this study, the program CRM has been updated and used to obtain the different parameters of the Reich Collision Risk Model in each one of the UIRs crossed by the Corridor. Taking these values into account and the traffic forecast for the future, it has been possible to estimate the collision risk for the following years.

To perform the present study, the procedure has been the one described in [Ref. 33]. Any change with respect to that document will be explained and detailed in the present document.

2. Airspace description

The airspace description is the one presented in [Ref. 33], where the changes or new information regarding the airspace in the year 2018 are included.

2.1. Data sources and software

For this study, flight progress data from the Canaries, SAL, Dakar and Atlantic ACCs, between FL290 and FL410, have been made available from 1st March 2018 to 31st March 2018. When data, such as the number of flights or flight time for the rest of 2018 has been necessary, it has been extrapolated using information from Canaries as a basis.

Data for the complete year 2018 from the Canaries are based on the flight progress information stored in Palestra, Enaire's database. It consists of initial flight plan data updated by the controllers with pilot position reports.

The analysed Palestra flight plans have been those which cover the time period from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018. They include reports for all waypoints in the Canaries UIR.

Besides data from Palestra, traffic samples from SAL, Dakar and Atlantic-Recife have also been available for this assessment for all 2018, although not all of them was available at the moment of performing this assessment. Data provided by States include information from all aircraft overflying the airspace on the four main routes of the Corridor.

Regarding crossing routes, SAL and Dakar provide traffic information from airways UR-976/UA-602 and UL-435, respectively. On the other hand, Recife provides crossing traffic data from route UL-375/UL-695.

2.2. Aircraft population

The most common aircraft types, the number of flights per type and the proportion of these types over the total of flights detected during 2018 between FL290 and FL410 have been analysed.

Table 1 shows the values obtained for the Canaries UIR in 2018 together with the geometric dimensions of these aircraft types. Similar results have been obtained for the rest of UIRs.



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Aircraft type	Count	% AC	Length (m)	Wingspan (m)	Height (m)
A332	5906	19,023%	63.70	60.03	16.74
B738	3134	10,095%	39.47	34.31	12.50
B77W	2566	8,265%	73.90	60.90	18.50
B763	2285	7,36%	47.60	54.90	15.90
B752	2131	6,894%	47.32	38.05	13.60
A320	1933	6,226%	37.57	34.10	11.76
A333	1856	5,978%	63.70	60.03	16.74
A343	1686	5,431%	63.70	60.30	16.74
B772	1288	4,149%	63.70	60.90	18.50
B789	1257	4,049%	62.80	60.10	16.90
A346	1229	3,959%	74.37	63.60	17.80
B788	963	3,102%	56.70	60.10	16.90
B748	761	2,451%	76.30	65.45	19.50
A321	550	1,772%	37.57	34.10	11.76
A359	485	1,562%	66.80	64.75	17.05
B38M	449	1,446%	39.50	35.90	12.30
A319	387	1,247%	33.84	34.10	11.76
B744	347	1,118%	70.70	64.40	19.40
B77L	209	0,673%	67.78	61.68	18.50
B762	206	0,664%	48.50	47.60	15.80
E35L	126	0,406%	26.33	21.17	6.76
A21N	111	0,358%	44.51	35.80	11.76
B737	100	0,322%	33.60	34.30	12.50
FA7X	84	0,271%	22.82	25.80	7.74
CL60	75	0,242%	20.86	19.35	6.28
GLEX	73	0,235%	30.30	28.65	7.57
A20N	62	0,2%	37.57	35.80	11.76
A400	58	0,187%	42.40	45.10	14.70
F2TH	58	0,187%	20.21	19.33	7.55
F900	57	0,184%	20.20	19.30	7.60
C17	52	0,167%	53.00	51.80	16.80
FA8X	45	0,145%	24.46	26.29	7.94
GLF5	44	0,142%	29.42	28.50	7.87
GLF4	39	0,126%	26.90	23.79	7.64
A345	36	0,116%	67.90	63.45	17.10
E190	34	0,11%	36.24	28.72	10.57



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Aircraft type	Count	% AC	Length (m)	Wingspan (m)	Height (m)
A310	25	0,081%	46.40	43.89	15.80
A339	21	0,068%	63.66	64.00	16.79
GL5T	21	0,068%	28.69	28.65	7.70
GLF6	21	0,068%	30.41	30.36	7.72
FA50	20	0,064%	18.52	18.96	6.97
G280	20	0,064%	20.30	19.20	6.50
WW24	18	0,058%	15.90	13.70	4.80
LJ35	16	0,052%	14.71	11.97	3.71
LJ60	13	0,042%	17.89	13.35	4.44
CL30	12	0,039%	20.90	18.40	6.10
IL96	12	0,039%	69.10	73.30	20.78
IL76	11	0,035%	46.59	50.50	14.76
GALX	10	0,032%	18.99	17.71	6.52
C680	9	0,029%	11.22	14.95	4.56
C750	9	0,029%	22.05	19.38	5.84
E135	9	0,029%	26.33	20.04	6.76
LJ45	9	0,029%	17.68	14.58	4.30
E195	8	0,026%	38.65	28.72	10.55
ASTR	7	0,023%	16.94	16.05	5.54
E550	6	0,019%	20.74	20.25	6.44
E75L	6	0,019%	31.68	28.65	9.86
A124	5	0,016%	69.10	73.30	20.78
CL35	5	0,016%	20.90	21.00	6.10
CRJX	5	0,016%	39.01	26.02	7.50
C56X	4	0,013%	15.80	17.00	5.20
CRJ2	4	0,013%	26.80	21.21	6.30
E290	4	0,013%	36.20	33.70	11.00
H25C	4	0,013%	16.40	15.70	5.20
MD11	4	0,013%	61.20	51.70	17.60
A318	3	0,010%	31.40	34.10	12.60
E170	3	0,010%	29.90	26.00	9.67
H25B	3	0,010%	15.60	15.70	5.40
A30B	2	0,006%	53.60	44.80	16.50
B777	2	0,006%	67.78	61.68	18.50
C550	2	0,006%	13.30	14.40	4.40
C650	2	0,006%	14.29	15.91	4.57
FA10	2	0,006%	13.86	13.08	13.08
IL62	2	0,006%	53.12	43.30	12.35
LJ55	2	0,006%	16.80	13.30	4.50



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Aircraft type	Count	% AC	Length (m)	Wingspan (m)	Height (m)
PC12	2	0,006%	14.40	16.20	4.30
B757	1	0,003%	49.70	38.05	13.50
B767	1	0,003%	54.94	50.26	16.50
B787	1	0,003%	56.70	60.10	16.90
С30Ј	1	0,003%	29.80	40.40	11.84
C560	1	0,003%	14.90	13.80	4.20
E145	1	0,003%	29.87	20.04	6.75
A350	1	0,003%	66.80	64.75	17.05
A342	1	0,003%	59.39	60.30	16.74
A340	1	0,003%	59.39	60.30	16.70
G150	1	0,003%	17.30	16.94	5.82
K35R	1	0,003%	41.50	39.90	12.70
A330	1	0,003%	63.60	60.30	16.70
B735	1	0,003%	31.01	28.88	11.10
DC9	1	0,003%	35.78	28.26	8.38
E3CF	1	0,003%	46.60	45.00	12.70
GLF3	1	0,003%	25.30	23.70	7.40
Unknown	5	0,016%			

 ${\bf Table~1}. \\ {\bf Aircraft~population~and~number~of~flights~per~type~during~2018~in~the~Canaries~UIR.}$

The data sample in the Canaries UIR includes 31046 flights of 95 different aircraft types. The population is dominated by large and medium airframes such as A330-200, B737-800, B757-200, A320, B777-300ER, B767-200, A330-300 or A340-300. These 8 types make up about 69.24% of the total number of flights. The next 12 types, which also belong to the Airbus and Boeing families, make up another 26.17% and the rest 4.59% is distributed among the other 75 aircraft types.

2.3. Temporal distribution of flights

Several graphs, showing the temporal distribution of flights, will be displayed in this section. The first one, Figure 1, shows the distribution of the number of flights per day in EDUMO, TENPA, IPERA and GUNET from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018, differentiating between northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) traffic. Next, Figure 2 shows the distribution of the number of flights per day in the Canaries for the traffic sample selected in this study: from 1st March 2018 to 31st March 2018.



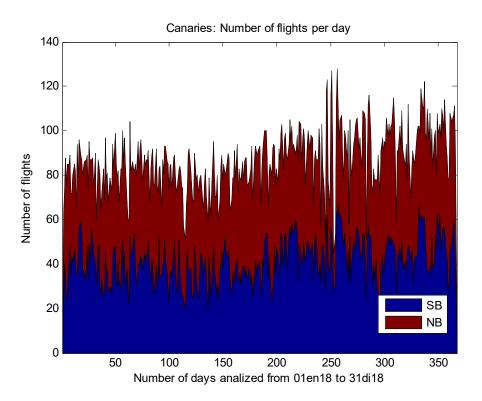


Figure 1.
Number of flights per day in the Canaries. Year 2018

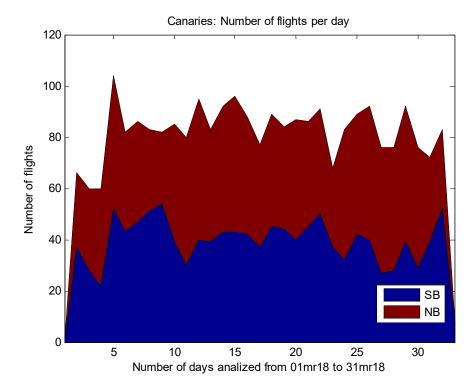


Figure 2.
Number of flights per day in the Canaries. March 2018



The overall average traffic for 2018 is 85.06 flights per day with a standard deviation of 15.06 flights per day, while in March the average is 80.87 with a standard deviation of 21.01 flights per day. So, March can be considered as a representative month of the whole year.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of the yearly traffic over the days of the week.

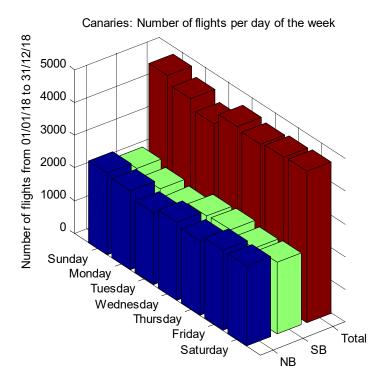


Figure 3.
Number of flights per day of the week in the Canaries. Year 2018

The distributions of flights per half-hour are shown in the following figures. The first one shows the distribution of flights obtained with the time of waypoint crossing in EDUMO, TENPA, IPERA and GUNET (Canaries) during 2018.



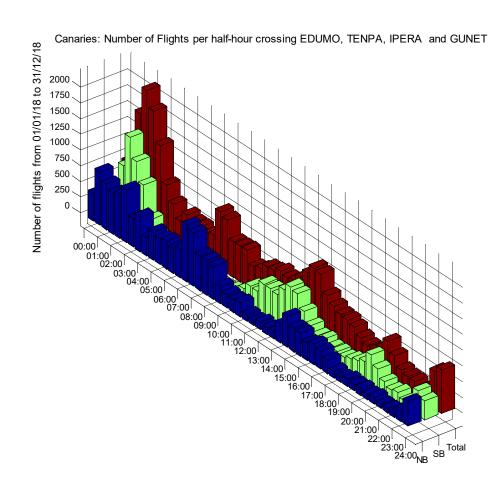


Figure 4.
Number of flights per half-hour crossing EDUMO, TENPA, IPERA and GUNET. Year 2018

It can be seen that during 2018, in the Canaries, it is from 00:00h to 3:00h and from 11:00 to 15:00h when the highest concentration of southbound flights occurs, while most of the northbound aircraft concentrate from 00:00h to 10:00h.

Figure 5 shows the temporal distribution for the 2507 aircraft detected in Canaries during March 2018. Following, Figure 6 shows the temporal distribution of the 1953 aircraft detected over this period in Recife, according to the time of day at which they crossed DIKEB, OBKUT, ORARO and NOISE waypoints. They also distinguish between northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) traffic.

In this figure, it can be seen that in Recife the highest traffic concentration occurs between 00:00h and 7:00h and, in a lower extent, from 15:00h to 24:00h.



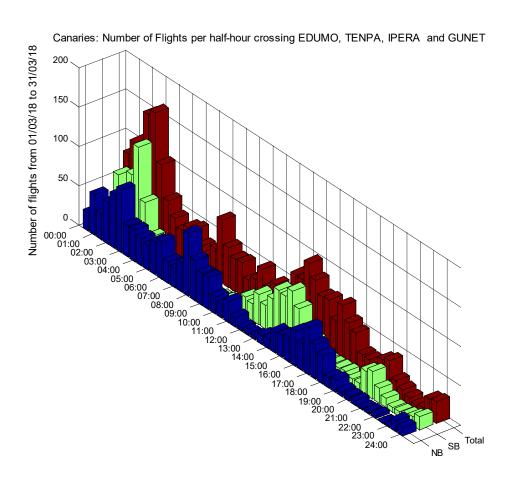


Figure 5.
Number of flights per half-hour crossing EDUMO, TENPA, IPERA and GUNET. March 2018



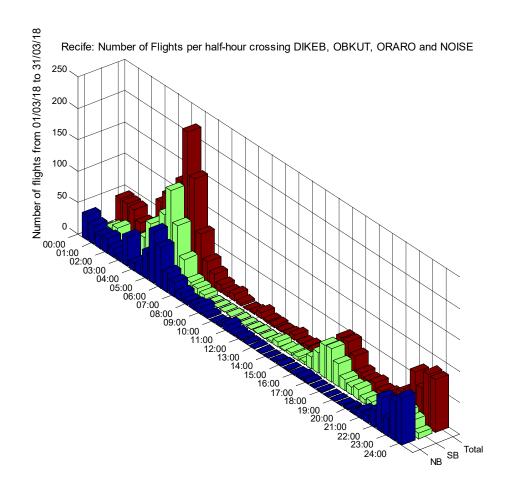


Figure 6.
Number of flights per half-hour crossing DIKEB, OBKUT, ORARO and NOISE. March 2018

2.4. Traffic distribution per flight level

Traffic distribution per flight level during 2018 will be depicted in the graphics of this section. Figure 7 shows the total amount of traffic for the main routes in the Canaries, distributed by route and flight level. Figure 8 and Figure 9 are similar, but they only include the southbound and the northbound traffic, respectively.





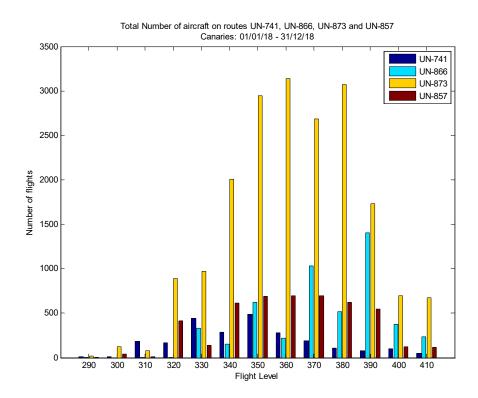


Figure 7.
Number of aircraft on routes UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857 in the Canaries

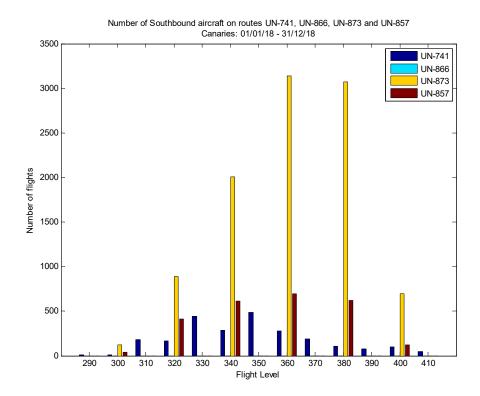


Figure 8. Number of Southbound aircraft on routes UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857 in the Canaries



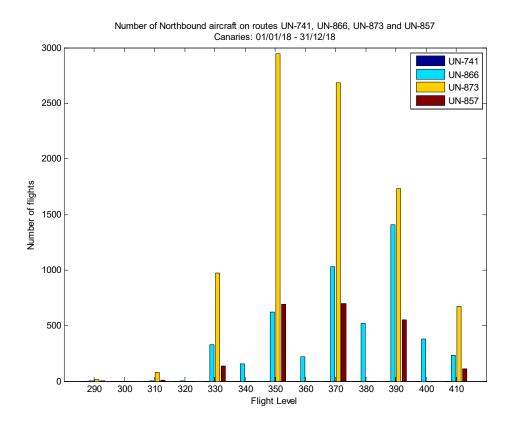


Figure 9.
Number of Northbound aircraft on routes UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857 in the Canaries

3. Lateral collision risk assessment

As it has been said, the Reich model to calculate lateral collision risk is explained in [Ref. 33]. In the following sections all the parameters required for the calculation (those that appear in Equation 1) will be analysed.

$$N_{ay} = P_y \left(S_y \right) \cdot P_z \left(0 \right) \cdot \frac{\lambda_y}{S_x} \cdot \left\{ E_{y_{same}} \cdot \left[\frac{\left| \Delta \overline{v} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_x} + \frac{\left| \overline{\dot{y}} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_y} + \frac{\left| \overline{\dot{z}} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_z} \right] + E_{y_{opposite}} \cdot \left[\frac{2 \cdot \left| \overline{v} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_x} + \frac{\left| \overline{\dot{y}} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_y} + \frac{\left| \overline{\dot{z}} \right|}{2 \cdot \lambda_z} \right] \right\}$$

Equation 1.

3.1. Average aircraft dimensions: λ_x , λ_y , λ_z

In previous Table 1, the dimensions of the aircraft types found in the Canaries UIR during the studied period were presented. Using this information, the average aircraft dimensions have been calculated with the dimensions of each aircraft type and the proportions of flights by type as weighting factors. These data are shown in Table 2.





FIIR/SAM	Corridor	2018 Collisi	ion Rick	Assessment

Location	Value Length (λ_x) (ft)	Wingspan (λ_y) (ft)	Height (λ_z) (ft)
Canaries	179.82	165.15	50.25
SAL1	210.18	195.80	56.22
SAL2	207.35	192.92	55.54
Dakar1	208.08	191.41	55.23
Dakar2	206.25	191.62	55.29
Recife	206.37	193.51	55.99

Table 2. **Average aircraft dimensions**

3.2. Probability of vertical overlap: Pz(0)

In this collision risk assessment, the values for $P_z(0)$ and $P_z(1000)$ (see 4.1.5) have been calculated using the Eurocontrol RVSM Tool. In the case of $P_z(0)$, the obtained result has been $P_z(0)=0.47748$.

3.3. Average ground speed: v

Using the limitation to 575 kts explained in [Ref. 33], the speed of each aircraft that flew during the analysed period of time on each route in the Canaries UIR is shown in the following graphs:

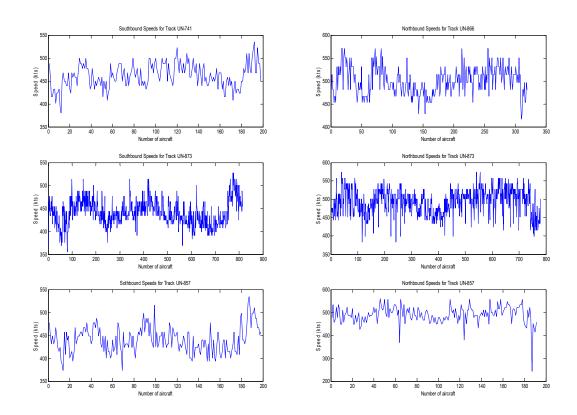


Figure 10.
Speeds limited to 575 kts in the current scenario in the Canaries

Similar graphs can be obtained for the rest of locations.





From these speeds, the average ground speed obtained in the different locations is shown in Table 3:

Location		Average speeds	
Location	Southbound (kts)	Northbound (kts)	Average (kts)
Canaries	447.9	497.1	472.5
SAL1	440.3	478.7	459.5
SAL2	438.2	485.6	461.9
Dakar1	474.5	491.1	482.8
Dakar2	463.2	461.5	462.4
Recife	456.4	468.1	462.2

Table 3. **Average speeds**

3.4. Average relative longitudinal, lateral and vertical speeds: Δv , \bar{y} and \bar{z}

The results obtained for the current scenario for relative longitudinal speeds can be seen in Table 4. The value considered in the collision risk assessment is the one shown in the last column of the table.

Landin		Average relative longitudinal sp	peeds
Location	Southbound (kts)	Northbound (kts)	Average (kts)
Canaries	15.4	19.1	17.2
SAL1	20.1	25.6	22.8
SAL2	61.5	24.2	42.9
Dakar1	4.9	22.9	14.0
Dakar2	41.1	8.4	24.7
Recife	49.3	22.5	35.9

Table 4. **Average relative longitudinal speeds**

As far as the average relative lateral and vertical speeds are concerned, in this study, the values considered have been $|\bar{y}| = 42 \text{ kts}$ and $|\bar{z}| = 1.5 \text{ kts}$, respectively, as it is described in [Ref. 33], in previous risk assessments and as it was considered in [Ref. 2].

3.5. Lateral overlap probability: $P_v(S_v)$

To calculate the weighting factor α it has been used as a reference the Appendix A of the study made by ARINC [Ref. 2], summarized in Annex 1 of [Ref. 33]. In 2018, only one lateral deviation was reported in Canaries. SAL, Dakar and Recife did not report any lateral deviation. Information about this considered deviation is shown in Table 5.



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FIR/UIR	Date	Entry point	Non-expected flown segment	Deviation
Canaries	070118	GUNET	GUNET-ETIBA	0 NM¹

Table 5. **Lateral deviations reported in 2018**

Therefore, the same assumptions made in [Ref. 2] and [Ref. 6] can be considered, i.e., conservatively, one aircraft experiencing a lateral navigation anomaly has been observed in each FIR/UIR, and the value of α can be obtained using next equation:

$$\alpha = 1 - 0.05^{1/n}$$

Equation 2.

where n is the annual number of flights. As only this number is available for Canaries, extrapolations have been performed to estimate the annual flights for the other UIR/FIRs, using the number of flights of August. Table 6 shows the number of aircraft in August in each FIR and the number of aircraft estimated using the correspondence with the Canaries FIR. Data in cursive indicates if the value is estimated.

Considered period	Canaries	SAL1	SAL2	Dakar1	Dakar2	Recife
March 2018	2507	1825	1608	1767	1958	1953
Jan-Dic 2018	31060	22610	19922	21892	24258	24196

Table 6. Number of aircraft considered for the α calculation

Using Equation 2 and taking the number of aircraft indicated in Table 6, different values of α have been calculated for each FIR. Table 7 summarizes the assumptions and the obtained results.

FIR	α
Canaries	9.6445*10-5
SAL1	1.5970*10-4
SAL2	1.5803*10-4
Dakar1	1.4349*10-4
Dakar2	1.4375*10 ⁻⁴
Recife	1.2902*10-4

Table 7. α for each FIR

¹ Information confirmed by Canaries ATC

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Using Equation 11 of [Ref. 33], the lateral overlap probability obtained for the different lateral separations between routes existing in the Corridor are the following ones:

RNP10 Symin=50NM	P _y (50)	P _y (90)	Py(110)	Py(140)
Canaries	5.8767*10-8	1.7321*10 ⁻⁸	1.1611*10 ⁻⁸	6.3721*10 ⁻⁹
SAL1	1.0015*10 ⁻⁷	3.4176*10 ⁻⁸	2.2909*10 ⁻⁸	1.2573*10 ⁻⁸
SAL2	9.7895*10 ⁻⁸	3.3322*10-8	2.2336*10-8	1.2259*10 ⁻⁸
Dakar1	9.0362*10 ⁻⁸	3.0020*10-8	2.0123*10-8	1.1044*10-8
Dakar2	9.0581*10 ⁻⁸	3.0107*10-8	2.0181*10-8	1.1076*10-8
Recife	8.4192*10 ⁻⁸	2.7174*10-8	1.8215*10 ⁻⁸	9.9971*10 ⁻⁹

Table 8. Lateral overlap probability for different separations between routes with RNP10

The probability increases when the spacing between the routes decreases, as it was expected.

3.6. Lateral occupancy

As it was described in [Ref. 33], the next occupancy values must be computed:

- $E_{v_{same}}$: same direction occupancy for routes UN-873/UN-857
- $E_{y_{same}}^*$: same direction occupancy for routes UN-866/UN-873
- $E_{y_{same}}^{**}$, same direction occupancy for routes UN-866/UN-857
- $E_{y_{opposite}}$: opposite direction occupancy for routes UN-866/UN-873
- $E_{y_{opposite}}^*$: opposite direction occupancy for routes UN-741/UN-866
- $E_{y_{annusite}}^{**}$, opposite direction occupancy for routes UN-866/UN-857

3.6.1. Traffic growth hypothesis

This study presents the collision risk calculated from data corresponding from 1st March 2018 to 31st March 2018, but it also presents an estimate of the collision risk over a 10 years horizon.

To do that, it is necessary to know the traffic forecast for that period of time in the studied airspace. Taking into account the last data given by STATFOR-EUROCONTROL for the high-growth scenario, [Ref. 21], the annual traffic growth rate for the traffic flows in the Canary Islands airspace would be 3.3%.

3.6.2. Lateral occupancy obtained values

This section presents the same direction and opposite direction lateral occupancy values provided by the CRM programme for the current time and an estimate of the occupancy until 2028, with the annual traffic growth rate indicated before, 3.3%.





Table 9 shows the number of aircraft and the number of same and opposite direction proximate pairs detected on the four routes, from 1st March 2018 till 31st March 2018 in the Canaries, SAL, Dakar and Recife UIR/FIRs.

Number of flights March 2018	Canaries	SAL1	SAL2	Dakar1	Dakar2	Recife
Number of flights on UN-741	198	162	138	232	216	477
Number of flights on UN-866	322	308	306	304	307	291
Number of flights on UN-873	1596	797	849	882	892	893
Number of flights on UN-857	391	247	237	267	267	213
Total number of flights	2507	1514	1530	1685	1682	1874
Number of same direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-866/UN-873	28	22	31	33	31	32
Number of same direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-866/UN-857	9	10	9	12	12	5
Number of same direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-873/UN-857	69	44	44	50	52	42
Number of opposite direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-741/UN-866	6	5	0	1	4	9
Number of opposite direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-866/UN-873	7	4	3	3	7	2
Number of opposite direction proximate pairs for tracks UN-866/UN-857	3	4	0	0	0	0

Table 9. Lateral occupancy parameters in the Corridor FIR/UIRs

Assuming an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%, the occupancies for the next 10 years are summarized in Table 10. It holds that occupancy is approximately proportional to traffic flow rate:

3.3% annu	al traffic growth	Canaries 2018-2028	SAL1 2018-2028	SAL2 2018-2028	Dakar1 2018-2028	Dakar2 2018-2028	Recife 2018-2028
	UN-873/UN-857	0.0550-	0.0581-	0.0575-	0.0593-	0.0618-	0.0448-
Same	(Eysame)	0.0762	0.0812	0.0796	0.0821	0.0855	0.0620
direction	UN-866/UN-873	0.0223-	0.0291-	0.0405-	0.0392-	0.0369-	0.0342-
lateral	(E*ysame)	0.0309	0.0402	0.0561	0.0542	0.0510	0.0473
occupancy	UN-866/UN-857	0.0072-	0.0132-	0.0118-	0.0142-	0.0143-	0.0053-
	(E**ysame)	0.0099	0.0183	0.0163	0.0197	0.0197	0.0074
	UN-866/UN-873	0.0056-	0.0053-	0.0039-	0.0036-	0.0083-	0.0021-
Opposite	(Eyopposite)	0.0077	0.0073	0.0054	0.0049	0.0115	0.0030
direction	UN-741/UN-866	0.0048-	0.0066-	0.0000-	0.0012-	0.0048-	0.0096-
lateral	(E*yopposite)	0.0066	0.0091	0.0000	0.0016	0.0066	0.0133
occupancy	UN-866/UN-857	0.0024-	0.0053-	0.0000-	0.0000-	0.0000-	0.0000-
	(E**yopposite)	0.0033	0.0073	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 10.

Lateral occupancy estimate for the Canaries until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%





3.7. Lateral collision risk

Once all the parameters are obtained, it is possible to calculate the lateral collision risk for the current scenario. This value must not exceed the maximum allowed, for which the system is considered to be safe. This threshold, denominated TLS (Target Level of Safety), has been set to $TLS = 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$. It means that $5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ accidents per flight hour are the maximum accepted.

3.7.1. Lateral collision risk obtained values

In the current system, with RNP10, two unidirectional routes and two bidirectional routes, the collision risk values obtained until 2028 in the different locations are the ones shown in the following table and figures.

Lateral	3.3% annual traffic growth						
collision risk	Canaries	SAL1	SAL2	Dakar1	Dakar2	Recife	
2018	1.2461*10-9	2.6845*10-9	2.3702*10-9	1.6920*10-9	2.5580*10-9	1.9113*10-9	
2019	1.2872*10-9	2.7731*10-9	2.4484*10-9	1.7479*10-9	2.6424*10-9	1.9744*10 ⁻⁹	
2020	1.3297*10-9	2.8646*10-9	2.5292*10-9	1.8055*10-9	2.7296*10-9	2.0395*10-9	
2021	1.3736*10-9	2.9592*10-9	2.6127*10-9	1.8651*10-9	2.8197*10-9	2.1068*10-9	
2022	1.4189*10-9	3.0568*10-9	2.6989*10-9	1.9267*10-9	2.9128*10-9	2.1764*10-9	
2023	1.4657*10-9	3.1577*10-9	2.7880*10-9	1.9902*10-9	3.0089*10-9	2.2482*10-9	
2024	1.5141*10-9	3.2619*10-9	2.8800*10-9	2.0559*10-9	3.1082*10-9	2.3224*10-9	
2025	1.5640*10-9	3.3695*10-9	2.9750*10-9	2.1238*10-9	3.2108*10-9	2.3990*10-9	
2026	1.6156*10-9	3.4807*10-9	3.0732*10-9	2.1939*10-9	3.3167*10-9	2.4782*10-9	
2027	1.6690*10-9	3.5956*10-9	3.1746*10-9	2.2663*10-9	3.4262*10-9	2.5599*10-9	
2028	1.7240*10-9	3.7142*10-9	3.2794*10 ⁻⁹	2.3410*10-9	3.5392*10-9	2.6444*10-9	

Table 11. **Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Corridor**



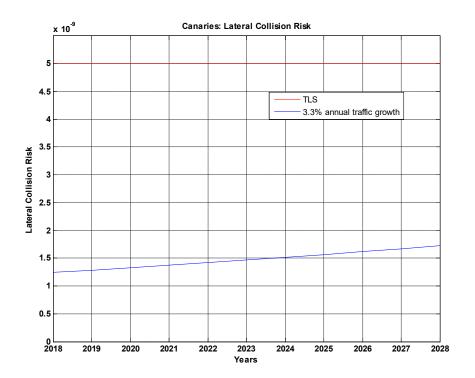


Figure 11.

Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Canaries

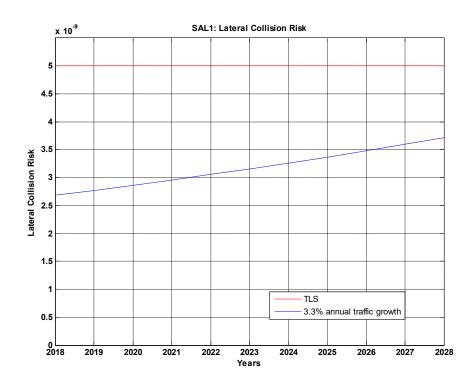


Figure 12.
Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL1



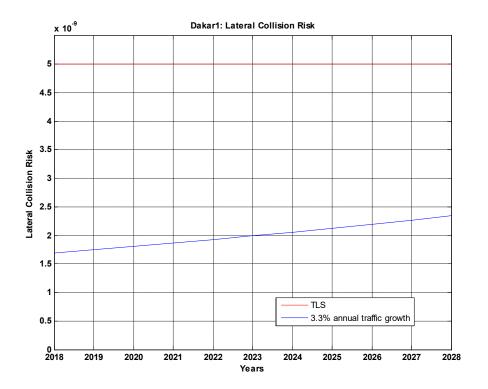


Figure 13.
Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL2

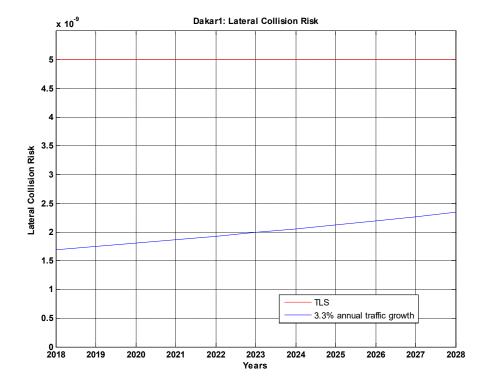


Figure 14.
Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar1



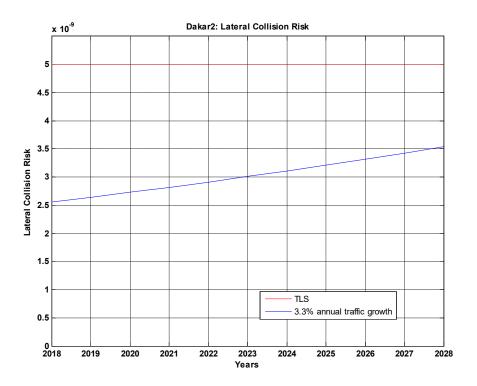


Figure 15.
Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar2

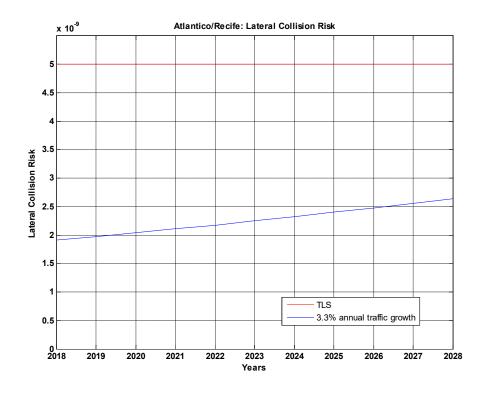


Figure 16.
Lateral collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Recife

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3.7.2. Considerations on the results

Lateral collision risk is below the $TLS = 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ with the current traffic flow and it is estimated that, considering 3.3% as the annual traffic growth rate, the TLS would not be exceeded in the period under consideration.

The values obtained for the lateral collision risk are similar to those ones presented in the previous collision risk assessments, [Ref. 5] to [Ref. 9]. It has also been confirmed that the results are similar in all the analysed locations.

4. Vertical collision risk assessment

4.1. Technical vertical collision risk assessment

Technical vertical risk represents the risk of a collision between aircraft on adjacent flight levels due to normal or typical height deviations of RVSM approved aircraft. It is attributable to the height-keeping errors that result from the combination of altimetry system errors (ASE) and autopilot performance in the vertical dimension.

As it has been indicated, the Reich model to calculate technical vertical collision risk is explained in [Ref. 33]. In the following sections all the parameters required for the calculation (those that appear in Equation 3) will be analysed.

$$\begin{split} N_{aZ} &= P_{Z}(S_{Z}) \cdot P_{y}(0) \cdot \frac{\lambda_{x}}{S_{x}} \cdot \left\{ E_{z_{same}} \cdot \left[\frac{|\Delta \overline{v}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{x}} + \frac{|\overline{y}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{y}} + \frac{|\overline{z}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{z}} \right] + E_{z_{opposite}} \cdot \left[\frac{2 \cdot |\overline{v}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{x}} + \frac{|\overline{y}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{y}} + \frac{|\overline{z}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{z}} \right] \right\} + \\ &+ P_{Z}(S_{Z}) \cdot \sum_{1}^{n} P_{h}(\theta_{i}) \cdot E_{z}(\theta_{i}) \cdot \left\{ \frac{v_{rel}(\theta_{i})}{\frac{\pi \lambda_{h}}{2}} + \frac{|\overline{z}|}{2 \cdot \lambda_{z}} \right\} \end{split}$$

Equation 3.

4.1.1. Average aircraft dimensions: λ_x , λ_y , λ_z , λ_h

Table 2 showed the average aircraft dimensions for the lateral collision risk model. Clearly, the same dimensions apply to the vertical model. In addition, the vertical model for crossing traffic needs the average diameter of a cylinder enveloping the aircraft (λ_h), which is the largest of the average aircraft wingspan or fuselage length. Table 12 shows the pertinent average aircraft dimensions.

Location	Value Length (λ_x) (ft)	Wingspan (λ_y) (ft)	Height (λ_z) (ft)
Canaries	179.82	165.15	50.25
SAL1	210.18	195.80	56.22
SAL2	207.35	192.92	55.54
Dakar1	208.08	191.41	55.23
Dakar2	206.25	191.62	55.29
Recife	206.37	193.51	55.99

Table 12.

Average aircraft dimensions for the vertical collision risk model



4.1.2. Probability of lateral overlap: $P_v(0)$

As it is indicated in [Ref. 33], the most conservative assumption consists of assuming that the full aircraft population are using GNSS, $\alpha=1$. Thus, taking the probability density as Gaussian2, with 0 mean and 0.06123 NM standard deviation, the value obtained for the lateral overlap probability is: $P_y(0) = 4.6071 * 2\lambda_y$, with λ_y expressed in NM.

4.1.3. Probability of horizontal overlap: $P_h(\theta)$

As it was previously explained, in the EUR/SAM Corridor there is traffic crossing the Corridor in published routes in SAL, Dakar and Recife, but there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor in non-published routes or changing from one route to another.

Probability of horizontal overlap has been calculated for all these routes using Equation 37 in [Ref. 33]. The values of S_h and σ_{rc} considered are the same that are used in the CAR/SAM region, i.e., $S_h = 80 \ NM$ and $\sigma_{rc} = 0.3 \ NM$ (this last value is the one established in the Doc 9574, [Ref. 15]). This probability has only been calculated whenever proximate events have been detected, as it will be seen in 4.1.6.

The obtained results are shown in Table 13 and Table 14.

Horizontal overlap probability						
Location	Diameter (λ_h)	Route (Point)	Angles (°)	$P_h(\theta)$		
Canaries	0.0296 NM	ISOKA-APASO (ISOKA)	151-29	9.0752*10 ⁻⁷		
		UR-976/UA-602 (GAMBA)	95-85	5.9268*10 ⁻⁷		
		ULTEM-LUMPO (IRENE)	91-89	5.9035*10 ⁻⁷		
		BAMUX-SEPOM (BS001)	102-78	6.0447*10 ⁻⁷		
		BAMUX-ILGAS (BI001)	95-85	5.9268*10 ⁻⁷		
		ULTEM-ILGAS (RL001)	108-72	6.2299*10 ⁻⁷		
CATA	0.0246 ND4	EDUMO-BI002 (BI002)	127-53	7.4989*10 ⁻⁷		
SAL1	AL1 0.0346 NM	CVS-BS004 (CVS)	152-28	1.2943*10-6		
		NEMDO-BI003 (BI003)	154-26	1.3873*10-6		
		IREDO-BL003 (BL003)	134-46	8.3638*10 ⁻⁷		
		CVS-UGAMA (CVS)	101-79	6.0216*10 ⁻⁷		
		CVS-UGAMA (UGAMA)	98-82	5.9650*10-7		
		CARME-PISPU (PISPU)	145-35	1.0558*10-6		

Table 13.

Horizontal overlap probabilities in Canaries and SAL1

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² As the calculation of $P_y(0)$ is dominated by the core of the densities, the choice of the type of the probability density is less critical than for the calculation of $P_y(S_y)$.





Horizontal overlap probability								
Location	Diameter (λ_h)	Route (Point)	Angles (°)	$P_h(\theta)$				
		CARME-KENOX (KENOX)	149-31	1.1466*10-6				
CALO	0.0241 NIM	BAMUX-KENOX (KENOX)	162-18	1.9200*10-6				
SAL2	0.0341 NM	BULBO-ORABI (BULBO)	157-23	1.5164*10-6				
		BULBO-ORABI (ORABI)	155-25	1.4010*10-6				
		UL-435 (DIGUN)	98-82	5.7444*10 ⁻⁷				
		ENUGO-APIGU (ENUGO)	96-84	5.7179*10 ⁻⁷				
		APOXA-GONSA (GONSA)	92-88	5.6879*10-7				
	0 0220 NIM	XUVIT-DIGUN (DIGUN)	158-22	1.5656*10-6				
Dakar1		TARIM-DIGUN (DIGUN)	169-11	3.0777*10 ⁻⁶				
Dakari	0.0339 NM	LIRAX-MESAB (LIRAX)	154-26	1.3359*10-6				
		SAGRO-BUXON (SAGRO)	124-56	6.9431*10 ⁻⁷				
		TARIM-SAGRO (SAGRO)	167-13	2.6112*10-6				
		SAGRO-MOSOK (MOSOK)	137-43	8.5115*10-7				
		KENOX-RIXAD (KENOX)	127-53	7.2215*10 ⁻⁷				
		IP007-NANIK (NANIK)	160-20	1.7175*10-6				
Dakar2	0.0240 NIM	IP008-NANIK (NANIK)	169-11	3.0810*10-6				
	0.0340 NM	IRAVU-MESAB (MESAB)	153-27	1.2908*10-6				
		DIGUN-MOVGA (DIGUN)	146-34	1.0446*10-6				
Dagifa	0.0242 NIM	UL-695 (DIKEB)	97-83	5.8391*10 ⁻⁷				
Recife	0.0343 NM	ERETU-PUGSA (ERETU)	165-15	2.3125*10-6				

Table 14.

Horizontal overlap probabilities in SAL2, Dakar1, Dakar2 and Recife

4.1.4. Relative velocities

Equation 27 in [Ref. 33] contains four relative speed parameters, $2|\bar{v}|$, $|\Delta \bar{v}|$, $|\bar{y}|$ and $|\bar{z}|$ for the same/opposite vertical risk and relative speeds for each one of the crossing pairs of routes, $v_{rel}(\theta_i)$.

The average along track speed $2|\bar{v}|$ is taken as in the lateral collision risk model.

Regarding $|\Delta \bar{v}|$, it has been calculated, as in the lateral case, from the differences between the speeds of all the pairs of aircraft that constitute a vertical proximate pair in the same direction.



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Location	Vertical average relative longitudinal speeds							
	Southbound (kts)	Northbound (kts)	Average (kts)					
Canaries	13.6765	26.1244	19.9005					
SAL1	19.4597	26.1358	22.7977					
SAL2	48.4790	11.4194	29.9492					
Dakar1	3.1040	21.2506	12.1773					
Dakar2	12.7335	13.2701	13.0018					
Recife	23.0494	27.7601	25.4048					

Table 15.

Vertical average relative longitudinal speeds

For the vertical collision risk model, $|\dot{y}|$ is the mean of the modulus of the relative cross-track speed between aircraft on the same track. Consequently, there is no operational reason why this relative speed should have a particularly large value. As it was presented in the previous studies, [Ref. 3] to [Ref. 9], a conservative value, 20 kts, was used based on the assessment made by ARINC in [Ref. 2] and on the AFI Region Assessment, [Ref. 23]. This value has been taken here too.

The mean relative vertical speed of the vertical collision risk model applies to aircraft that have lost their assigned vertical separation minimum of S_z . The value $|\overline{z}| = 1.5 \text{ kts}$ will be taken here as in the lateral collision risk assessment.

As far as relative speed in crossing routes is concerned, it is obtained by:

$$v_{rel}(\theta_i) = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 - 2v_1v_2\cos(\theta_i)}$$

Equation 4.

where v_1 and v_2 are the average speeds in each one of the routes and θ , the intersection angle. The relative speeds used in this study are summarized in Table 16 and Table 17. V1 refers to the average speed on the corresponding parallel route and V2, to the crossing route. As it was said before, this velocity is only calculated if proximate pairs for the crossing route are detected.





Location	Crossing route (Point)	V ₁ (kts)	V ₂ (kts)	θ (°)	$V_{rel}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ (kts)
Camanias	ICOVA ADACO (ICOVA)	472.47	205.60	29	229.73
Canaries	ISOKA-APASO (ISOKA)	472.47	395.69	151	840.72
	LID 076/LIA 602 (CAMDA)	459.51	471.49	85	629.04
	UR-976/UA-602 (GAMBA)	439.31	4/1.49	95	686.46
	TH TEM LUMBO (IDENE)	459.51	450.85	89	638.11
	ULTEM-LUMPO (IRENE)	439.31	430.83	91	649.34
	DAMILY SEDOM (DS001)	459.51	467.06	78	583.14
	BAMUX-SEPOM (BS001)	439.31	407.00	102	720.10
	DAMIN II CAS (DIO01)	450.51	150.06	85	620.44
	BAMUX-ILGAS (BI001)	459.51	458.86	95	677.10
	LILTEM IL CAS (DI 001)	450.51	449.00	72	533.51
	ULTEM-ILGAS (RL001)	459.51	448.02	108	734.24
	EDI MO DIOO2 (DIOO2)	450.51	424.16	53	399.40
CALI	EDUMO-BI002 (BI002)	459.51	434.16	127	799.86
SAL1	CLIC DCOOL (CLIC)	459.51	491.73	28	232.24
	CVS-BS004 (CVS)			152	923.02
	NEMBO BIOGZ (BIOGZ)	459.51	471.24	26	209.68
	NEMDO-BI003 (BI003)			154	906.90
	IDEDO DI 002 (DI 002)	459.51	458.80	46	358.82
	IREDO-BL003 (BL003)			134	845.31
	CNG LICAMA (CNG)	450.51	169.71	79	590.48
	CVS-UGAMA (CVS)	459.51	468.74	101	716.28
	CYC HCAMA (HCAMA)	450.51	460.74	82	609.03
	CVS-UGAMA (UGAMA)	459.51	468.74	98	700.58
	CARME DISDLI (DISDLI)	450.51	264.76	35	263.82
	CARME-PISPU (PISPU)	459.51	364.76	145	786.64
	CARME KENOV (KENOV)	461.00	400.25	31	237.93
	CARME-KENOX (KENOX)	461.90	400.25	149	830.96
	DAMIN KENOV (KENOV)	461.00	475.72	18	147.31
C. 1 T. 0	BAMUX-KENOX (KENOX)	461.90	475.73	162	926.08
SAL2	DITI DO OD A DI (DITI DO)	461.00	405.71	23	180.48
	BULBO-ORABI (BULBO)	461.90	425.71	157	869.82
	DITI DO ODADI (ODADI)	461.00	425.71	25	195.33
	BULBO-ORABI (ORABI)	461.90	425.71	155	866.60

Table 16. Relative speeds in crossings (Canaries and SAL)





Location	Crossing route	V ₁ (kts)	V ₂ (kts)	θ (°)	$V_{rel}(\theta)$ (kts)
	III 425 (DICUM)	492.91	490.60	82	632.11
	UL-435 (DIGUN)	482.81	480.69	98	727.16
	ENUGO-APIGU (ENUGO)	482.81	483.19	84	646.37
	ENUGO-APIGU (ENUGO)	402.01	465.19	96	717.87
	APOXA-GONSA (GONSA)	482.81	483.84	88	671.49
	AFOAA-GONSA (GONSA)	402.01	403.04	92	695.35
	XUVIT-DIGUN (DIGUN)	482.81	486.55	22	185.00
	AUVII-DIGUN (DIGUN)	402.01	460.33	158	951.55
	TARIM-DIGUN (DIGUN)	482.81	477.16	11	92.18
Dakar1	TAKIM-DIGON (DIGON)	402.01	4//.10	169	955.55
Dakari	LIRAX-MESAB (LIRAX)	482.81	464.23	26	213.80
	LIKAX-WESAB (LIKAX)	402.01	404.23	154	922.77
	SAGRO-BUXON (SAGRO)	482.81	478.68	56	451.40
	SAUKO-BUZON (SAUKO)			124	848.94
	TARIM-SAGRO (SAGRO)	482.81	475.73	13	108.74
	TAKIM-SAGKO (SAGKO)			167	952.38
	SAGRO-MOSOK (MOSOK)	482.81	477.05	43	351.83
	SAGRO-MOSOR (MOSOR)			137	893.07
	KENOX-RIXAD (KENOX)	482.81	452.79	53	418.32
	KENOA-KIAAD (KENOA)	462.61	432.79	127	837.40
	IP007-NANIK (NANIK)	462.36	485.17	20	166.06
	II 007-IVAIVIK (IVAIVIK)	402.30	403.17	160	933.14
	IP008-NANIK (NANIK)	462.36	481.74	11	82.52
Dakar2	II 000-IVAIVIK (IVAIVIK)	402.30	401./4	169	939.75
Dakai 2	IRAVU-MESAB (MESAB)	462.36	486.16	27	222.63
	IKA V U-WESAB (WESAB)	402.30	400.10	153	922.33
	DIGUN-MOVGA (DIGUN)	462.36	495.86	34	281.98
	DIGUN-MOVGA (DIGUN)	402.30	473.00	146	916.40
	UL-695 (DIKEB)	462.21	465.36	83	614.63
Recife	OL-053 (DIKEB)	402.21	405.50	97	694.71
Reciie	ERETU-PUGSA (ERETU)	462.21	483.59	15	125.26
	ERETU-TOGSA (ERETU)	402.21	403.33	165	937.71

Table 17. **Relative speeds in crossings (Dakar and Recife)**

4.1.5. Vertical overlap probability: P_z(S_z)

With 2018 traffic and height-keeping performances information, the probability of vertical overlap has been calculated by means of Equation 43 in [Ref. 33], using the Eurocontrol RVSM Tool, being the resulting values $P_z(1000) = 9.87916 \cdot 10^{-13}$ and $P_z(0) = 0.47748$.

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4.1.6. Vertical occupancy

As it is explained in [Ref. 33], vertical occupancy can be defined for same and opposite direction traffic in the same way as lateral occupancy.

This section presents the vertical occupancy values provided by the CRM program for the current time and an estimate of the occupancy until 2028, with the annual traffic growth rate previously indicated, 3.3%.

4.1.6.a. Canaries

Table 18 shows some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in Canaries location, based on traffic levels representative of 2018.

Vertical occupancy	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	198
Number of flights on UN-866	322
Number of flights on UN-873	1596
Number of flights on UN-857	391
Total number of flights on main airways	2507
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	12
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	24
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	102
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	9
Total number of same direction proximate events	36
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	111
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0287
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0886

Table 18.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in the Canaries location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in the Canaries airspace there are some non-published crossing trajectories, as it was explained before. The number of flights on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on crossing flight ISOKA-APASO	2
Total number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	2507
Total number of flights	2507

Table 19. **Number of flights in Canaries airspace**



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All the flights on the non-published routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes. Therefore, the total number of flights is 2507.

To calculate crossing occupancies, it is necessary to obtain the number of proximate pairs, i.e., the number of pairs for which horizontal separation is less than S_h . The value selected for S_h is set to the value used in the CAR/SAM study, [Ref. 19], i.e. $S_h = 80NM$.

Proximate events can be obtained comparing differences of passing times at the crossing point. The time window to be used in each case depends on the speeds and intersection angle of the routes, as it is explained in Annex 2 of [Ref. 33]. The values obtained for the Canaries are shown in Table 20, where v1 refers to the average speed on the corresponding parallel route, v2 refers to the average speed on the crossing route, and θ 1 and θ 2 are the two possible crossing angles, depending on the headings. With these time windows, the number of proximate pairs obtained can also be seen in Table 20. It is to be noted that only data for the crossing routes for which proximate pairs have been detected are presented.

Time windows for crossing routes						Number of proxim crossing	
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL
IGOVA ADAGO	IGOVA	472.47	205.60	151°	45	0	4
ISOKA-APASO	ISOKA	472.47	395.69	29°	13	0	0

Table 20.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in the Canaries.

Once vertical occupancy is calculated based on current traffic levels, it is possible to estimate the occupancy in the following years taking into account the forecasted annual traffic growth rate. Vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 21.

3.3% annual traffic growth		2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	
Same direction vertical occupancy		0.0287	0.0306	0.0327	0.0349	0.0372	0.0397	
Opposite d	Opposite direction vertical occupancy		0.0886	0.0945	0.1008	0.1076	0.1148	0.1225
Crossing		151°	0.0032	0.0034	0.0036	0.0039	0.0041	0.0044
occupancy		29°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 21.

Vertical occupancy estimate for the Canaries until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%



4.1.6.b. SAL1

Table 22 collects some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in SAL1, obtained with data from March 2018.

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	162
Number of flights on UN-866	308
Number of flights on UN-873	797
Number of flights on UN-857	247
Total number of flights	1514
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	12
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	24
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	13
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	2
Total number of same direction proximate events	36
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	15
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0476
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0198

Table 22.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in SAL1 location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in SAL1 there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor on routes UR-976/UA-602 and on non-published routes. The number of flights on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UR-976/UA-602	103
Number of flights on ULTEM-LUMPO	68
Number of flights on BAMUX-SEPOM	30
Number of flights on BAMUX-LUMPO	1
Number of flights on BAMUX-ILGAS	34
Number of flights on ULTEM-ILGAS	6
Number of flights on BL001-BS002	1
Number of flights on IREDO-BL003	4
Number of flights on IPERA-BI004	2
Number of flights on EDUMO-BI002	22
Number of flights on NEMDO-BI003	22
Number of flights on IRENE-KESIK	7
Number of flights on CVS-UGAMA	63
Number of flights on CVS-BL002	5
Number of flights on CVS-BS004	2
Number of flights on PISPU-CARME	6
Number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	1514
Total number of flights	1825

Table 23. **Number of flights in SAL1 airspace**



All the flights on the non-published routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes, except for the flights on the trajectories that cross the complete corridor (311 flights). Therefore, the total number of flights is 1825.

The time windows to obtain proximate pairs and the number of proximate events are, in this case, the ones shown in Table 24. It is to be noted that only data for crossing routes for which proximate events have been detected are presented.

T	ime window	Number of proximate events due to crossing traffic					
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL
IID 076/IIA 602		450.51	471.40	95°	16	10	16
UR-976/UA-602		459.51	471.49	85°	14	0	8
ULTEM-LUMPO		459.51	450.85	91°	15	5	9
ULTEM-LUMPO		439.31	430.83	89°	15	17	16
BAMUX-SEPOM		459.51	467.06	102°	17	4	3
DAMOX-SEFOM		439.31	407.00	78°	14	0	8
BAMUX-ILGAS		459.51	458.86	95°	16	3	4
DAMUX-ILGAS		439.31	430.00	85°	15	7	15
ULTEM-ILGAS		459.51	448.02	108°	18	0	2
ULTEM-ILGAS				72°	14	0	0
IREDO-BL003	BL003	BL003 467.47	458.80	134°	28	0	2
IKEDO-BE003				46°	12	0	0
EDUMO-BI002	D1003	BI002 430.17	434.16	127°	25	0	3
EDUMO-BI002	B1002			53°	13	0	0
CVS-BS004	CVS	467.47	491.73	152°	41	0	1
C V 5-D5004	CVS	407.47		28°	11	0	0
NEMDO-BI003	BI003	467.47	471.24	154°	46	0	2
NEWIDO-BIO03	B1003	407.47	4/1.24	26°	11	0	11
	CVS	467.47	468.74	101°	16	0	4
CVS-UGAMA	CVS	+0/.4/	+00.74	79°	14	4	5
C V 5-UUAIVIA	UGAMA	463.78	468.74	98°	16	0	1
	UGAMA	+03.78	+00.74	82°	14	1	1
PISPU-CARME	PISPU	467.47	364.76	145°	40	0	3
1 ISI O-CARIVIE	11310	70/.4/	304.70	35°	14	2	0

Table 24.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in SAL1

It can be seen that some proximate events involve aircraft at the same flight level. 36 of these events at the same level involve aircraft within 15 minutes or less of each other. Several reasons are possible for this apparent violation of the required separation, such as:

- A tactical flight level change to separate crossing traffic was not included in the provided data;
- There was an error in the time provided in the data;
- The air traffic controller did not register a flight level change;
- The aircraft made contact too late to allow an action by the air traffic controller;
- There was an operational error that was not registered by the air traffic controller and/or by the aircraft;
- Passing times at the crossing point are not precise, due to the need of extrapolation of the traffic data.





Further analysis would be required for these cases to identify whether they are in fact proximate events at the same level or not. No more information is available for further clarification and no deviation reports have been received. Therefore, in this assessment, for the purpose of accounting for these events in the collision risk model, the "same flight level" crossing proximity events are counted as "adjacent flight level" proximity events. This approach was also followed by ARINC in [Ref. 2]. Nevertheless, if it could be shown that these events were in fact violations of the vertical separation standard, then these events should be treated as large height keeping deviations and be accounted for in the total vertical collision risk.

With these considerations, vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 25. Only crossings different from zero have been shown.

	3.3% annual traffic	growth		2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Sai	me direction vertical	occupancy		0.0476	0.0507	0.0542	0.0579	0.0617	0.0658
Opp	Opposite direction vertical occupancy			0.0198	0.0211	0.0226	0.0241	0.0257	0.0274
	IID 056/IIA 600		95°	0.0252	0.0269	0.0287	0.0306	0.0327	0.0349
	UR-976/UA-602		85°	0.0088	0.0094	0.0100	0.0107	0.0114	0.0121
	III TEM I IIMDO		91°	0.0121	0.0129	0.0137	0.0146	0.0156	0.0167
	ULTEM-LUMPO		89°	0.0219	0.0234	0.0250	0.0266	0.0284	0.0303
	DAMIN CEDOM		102°	0.0055	0.0058	0.0062	0.0067	0.0071	0.0076
	BAMUX-SEPOM		78°	0.0088	0.0094	0.0100	0.0107	0.0114	0.0121
	DAMIN II CAC		95°	0.0044	0.0047	0.0050	0.0053	0.0057	0.0061
	BAMUX-ILGAS		85°	0.0197	0.0210	0.0225	0.0240	0.0256	0.0273
	ULTEM-ILGAS		108°	0.0022	0.0023	0.0025	0.0027	0.0028	0.0030
			72°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	IREDO-BL003	BL003	134°	0.0022	0.0023	0.0025	0.0027	0.0028	0.0030
Crossing			46°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
occupancy	EDUMO-BI002	BI002	127°	0.0033	0.0035	0.0037	0.0040	0.0043	0.0045
			53°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	CNG DG004	CVS	152°	0.0011	0.0012	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015
	CVS-BS004		28°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	NEMBO DIOO2	D1002	154°	0.0022	0.0023	0.0025	0.0027	0.0028	0.0030
	NEMDO-BI003	BI003	26°	0.0121	0.0129	0.0137	0.0146	0.0156	0.0167
		CVIC	101°	0.0044	0.0047	0.0050	0.0053	0.0057	0.0061
	CVC LICAMA	CVS	79°	0.0088	0.0094	0.0100	0.0107	0.0114	0.0121
	CVS-UGAMA	LICANA	98°	0.0011	0.0012	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015
		UGAMA	82°	0.0022	0.0023	0.0025	0.0027	0.0028	0.0030
	DICDLI CADAE	DICDLI	145°	0.0033	0.0035	0.0037	0.0040	0.0043	0.0045
	PISPU-CARME	PISPU	35°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 25.

Vertical occupancy estimate for SAL1 until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%



4.1.6.c. SAL2

Table 26 collects some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in SAL2, obtained with data from the March 2018.

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	138
Number of flights on UN-866	306
Number of flights on UN-873	849
Number of flights on UN-857	237
Total number of flights	1530
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	13
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	20
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	27
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	1
Total number of same direction proximate events	33
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	28
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0431
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0366

Table 26.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in SAL2 location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in SAL2 there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor on non-published routes. The number of flights on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on XIBOT-MOGSA	1
Number of flights on SNT-BOTNO	26
Number of flights on BAMUX-KENOX	15
Number of flights on VEPOP-KENOX	1
Number of flights on CARME-KENOX	10
Number of flights on SVT-KENOX	10
Number of flights on BULVO-ORABI	10
Number of flights on MARIA-IREDO	15
Number of flights on EXTER-CARME	2
Number of flights on CVS-INESS	1
Number of flights on CARME-PISPU	6
Number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	1530
Total number of flights	1608

Table 27. **Number of flights in SAL2 airspace**

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All the flights on the crossing routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes except for 78 of them. Therefore, the total number of flights in this case is 1608.

The time windows to obtain proximate pairs and the number of proximate events are, in this case, the ones shown in Table 28. It is to be noted that only data for crossing routes for which proximate events have been detected are presented.

	Time windo	Number of proximate events due to crossing traffic					
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL
DAMIN KENOV	KENOX	447.19	475.72	162°	66	0	0
BAMUX-KENOX			475.73	18°	11	0	1
	BULBO	458.90	425.71	157°	54	0	6
DI II DO OD A DI				23°	12	3	0
BULBO-ORABI	ORABI	458.78	425.71	155°	51	0	2
				25°	12	2	0
CADME KENOV	KENOX	447.19	400.25	149°	43	0	0
CARME-KENOX				31°	12	0	1

Table 28.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in SAL2

Here again, as it happened in SAL1, there are 5 proximate events at the same flight level within 15 minutes of each other. The same reasons explained before are of application here.

No deviation reports have been received for these cases either, and therefore, the hypothesis of considering proximate events at the same flight level as proximate at adjacent flight levels will also be made for this location. Nevertheless, this hypothesis should be verified.

With these considerations, once vertical occupancy is calculated based on current traffic levels, it is possible to estimate the occupancy in the following years taking into account the forecasted annual traffic growth rate. Vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 29. Only data for crossing trajectories in which proximate events have been detected are included.

3.3% annual traffic growth					2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Sai	Same direction vertical occupancy			0.0431	0.0460	0.0491	0.0524	0.0559	0.0597
Opposite direction vertical occupancy			0.0366	0.0391	0.0417	0.0445	0.0475	0.0506	
BAMUX-KENOX	DAMIIV VENOV	KENOX	162°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	DAMUA-KENUA	KENUX	18°	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016	0.0017
	BULBO-ORABI	BULBO	157°	0.0075	0.0080	0.0085	0.0091	0.0097	0.0103
Crossing			23°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
occupancy		ORABI	155°	0.0025	0.0027	0.0028	0.0030	0.0032	0.0034
			25°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	CARME-KENOX KI	KENOX	149°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
		KENUA	31°	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016	0.0017

Table 29.

Vertical occupancy estimate for SAL2 until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%



4.1.6.d. Dakar1

Table 30 collects some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in Dakar1, obtained with data from March 2018.

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	232
Number of flights on UN-866	304
Number of flights on UN-873	882
Number of flights on UN-857	267
Total number of flights	1685
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	24
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	23
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	51
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	4
Total number of same direction proximate events	47
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	55
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0558
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0653

Table 30.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in Dakar1 location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in Dakar1 there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor on route UL-435 and on non-published trajectories (including those that cross the complete Corridor and those that correspond to changes between routes). The number of flights on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UL-435	30
Number of flights on ENUGO-APIGU	8
Number of flights on APOXA-GONSA	3
Number of flights on GARKO-LIRAX	1
Number of flights on XUVIT-DIGUN	29
Number of flights on XUVIT-SAGRO	1
Number of flights on TARIM-SAGRO	5
Number of flights on TARIM-GARKO	2
Number of flights on TARIM-DIGUN	23
Number of flights on SAGRO-BUXON	6
Number of flights on SAGRO-MOSOK	21
Number of flights on LIRAX-IRAVU	10
Number of flights on KENOX-RIXAD	4
Number of flights on ENUGO-IP007	2
Number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	1685
Total number of flights	1767

Table 31. **Number of flights in Dakar1 airspace**





The flights on the crossing routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes except for those that fly on any of the trajectories that cross the whole Corridor and those that join the main routes from the DCT area (which amount 82 flights). Therefore, the total number of flights in this case is 1767.

The time windows to obtain proximate pairs and the number of proximate events are, in this case, the ones shown in Table 32. It is to be noted that only data for crossing routes for which proximate events have been detected are presented.

	Time wind	Number of proximate events due to crossing traffic					
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL
UL-435		482.81	480.69	98°	16	13	5
UL-433		402.01	460.09	82°	14	0	2
ENUGO-APIGU		482.81	483.19	96°	15	2	2
ENUGO-AI IGO		702.01	403.17	84°	14	5	1
APOXA-GONSA		482.81	483.84	92°	15	0	0
AI OXA-GONSA		402.01	403.04	88°	14	0	4
XUVIT-DIGUN	KUVIT-DIGUN DIGUN 4		486.55	158°	52	0	0
AUVII-DIGUN	DIGUN	476.60	460.33	22°	10	0	2
TARIM-DIGUN	DIGUN	476.60	477.16	169°	107	0	0
TAKIM-DIGUN	DIGUN	470.00	4//.10	11°	11	1	1
LIRAX-IRAVU	LIRAX	476.79	464.23	154°	46	0	2
LIKAA-IKAVU	LIKAA	470.79	404.23	26°	11	0	0
SAGRO-BUXON	SAGRO	476.60	478.68	124°	21	0	1
SAGRO-BUZON	SAUKU	470.00	4/8.08	56°	11	0	0
TARIM-SAGRO	SAGRO	476.60	475.73	167°	85	0	1
TAKINI-SAUKU	SAUKU	4/0.00	4/3./3	13°	11	0	0
SAGRO-MOSOK	MOSOK	475.92	477.05	137°	28	0	0
SAGRO-MOSOR	MOSOK	4/5.92	4//.03	43°	11	2	0
KENOX-RIXAD	KENOX	477.6.60	452.79	127°	23	0	2
KENUA-KIAAD	KENUA	476.60	432.19	53°	12	0	0

Table 32.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in Dakar1

Here again, as it happened in the locations previously analyzed, there are 10 proximate events at the same flight level within 15 minutes of each other. The same reasons explained before are of application here.

Given that no deviation reports have been received for these aircraft, it will be assumed that they are due to the extrapolation of data and the lack of data regarding flight level changes in the traffic data provided, and they will be considered as adjacent level proximate events. Nevertheless, this hypothesis should be verified when more information is available, because it may have an impact on the results in case that any of the proximate events were, in fact, at the same flight level.



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With these considerations, once vertical occupancy is calculated based on current traffic levels, it is possible to estimate the occupancy in the following years taking into account the annual traffic growth rate forecasted. Vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 33.

3.3% annual traffic growth					2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Sa	0.0558	0.0595	0.0635	0.0678	0.0723	0.0772			
Opj	posite direction vert	ical occupanc	y	0.0653	0.0697	0.0743	0.0793	0.0846	0.0913
	UL-435		98°	0.0204	0.0217	0.0232	0.0248	0.0264	0.0282
	UL-433		82°	0.0023	0.0024	0.0026	0.0028	0.0029	0.0031
	ENUGO-APIGU		96°	0.0045	0.0048	0.0052	0.0055	0.0059	0.0063
	ENUGO-AFIGO		84°	0.0068	0.0072	0.0077	0.0083	0.0088	0.0094
	APOXA-GONSA		92°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	APOXA-GONSA		88°	0.0045	0.0048	0.0052	0.0055	0.0059	0.0063
	XUVIT-DIGUN	DIGUN	158°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			22°	0.0023	0.0024	0.0026	0.0028	0.0029	0.0031
	TARIM-DIGUN	DIGUN	169°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Crossing			11°	0.0011	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016
occupancy	LIRAX-IRAVU	LIRAX	154°	0.0023	0.0024	0.0026	0.0028	0.0029	0.0031
			26°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	SAGRO-BUXON	SAGRO	124°	0.0011	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016
	SAGRO-BUXON	SAGKU	56°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	TARIM-SAGRO	SAGRO	167°	0.0011	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0015	0.0016
	TAKIM-SAGKO	SAGRO	13°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	SAGRO-MOSOK	MOSOK	137°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	SAGRO-MOSOK	MOSOK	43°	0.0023	0.0024	0.0026	0.0028	0.0029	0.0031
	VENOV DIVAD	KENOX	127°	0.0023	0.0024	0.0026	0.0028	0.0029	0.0031
	KENOX-RIXAD	KENUA	53°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 33.

Vertical occupancy estimate for Dakar1 until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%

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4.1.6.e. Dakar2

Table 34 collects some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in Dakar2, obtained with data from March 2018.

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	216
Number of flights on UN-866	307
Number of flights on UN-873	892
Number of flights on UN-857	267
Total number of flights	1682
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	17
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	22
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	84
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	9
Total number of same direction proximate events	39
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	93
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0464
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.1106

Table 34.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in Dakar2 location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in Dakar2 there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor on non-published routes. The number of flights on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on MOSAD-MIKOL	1
Number of flights on IP006-NANIK	6
Number of flights on IP007-NANIK	66
Number of flights on IP008-NANIK	190
Number of flights on IP008-MOSAD	1
Number of flights on IRAVU-MESAB	10
Number of flights on DIGUN-MOVGA	13
Number of flights on DIGUN-ENOTO	4
Number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	1682
Total number of flights	1958

Table 35.
Number of flights in Dakar2 airspace

All the flights on the non-published routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes except for 276 of them. Therefore, the total number of aircraft in this case is 1958.

The time windows to obtain proximate pairs and the number of proximate pairs are, in this case, the ones shown in Table 36. It is to be noted that only data for crossing routes for which proximate events have been detected are presented.



	Number of proximate events due to crossing traffic									
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL			
IDOOZ NANIIZ	NANIIV	169.07	105 17	160°	58	0	0			
IP007-NANIK	NANIK	468.07	485.17	20°	11	1	5			
IP008-NANIK	NANIK	468.07	481.74	169°	110	0	0			
IP006-NAMK				11°	11	2	31			
IRAVU-MESAB	MEGAD	459.19	450.10	450 10	450 10	196 16	153°	44	0	6
IKA V U-IVIESAD	MESAB		486.16	27°	11	0	0			
DICIN MOVCA	DIGUN	468.07	495.86	146°	35	0	0			
DIGUN-MOVGA				34°	11	2	5			

Table 36.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in Dakar2

Here again, as it happened in the locations previously analysed, there are 5 proximate events at the same flight level within 15 minutes of each other. The same reasons explained before are of application here.

No deviation reports have been received for these cases either, and therefore, the hypothesis of considering proximate events at the same flight level as proximate at adjacent flight levels will also be made for this location. Nevertheless, this hypothesis should be verified.

With these considerations, once vertical occupancy is calculated based on current traffic levels, it is possible to estimate the occupancy in the following years taking into account the annual traffic growth rate forecasted. Vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 37.

3.3% annual traffic growth			2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	
Same	Same direction vertical occupancy			0.0464	0.0495	0.0528	0.0563	0.0601	0.0642
Oppos	Opposite direction vertical occupancy			0.1106	0.1180	0.1259	0.1344	0.1434	0.1530
	IP007-NANIK	NANIK	160°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	IFUU/-INAINIK	INAINIK	20°	0.0061	0.0065	0.0070	0.0074	0.0079	0.0085
	IP008-NANIK	NANIK	169°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Crossing			11°	0.0337	0.0360	0.0384	0.0410	0.0437	0.0466
occupancy	IRAVU- MESAB	MESAB	153°	0.0061	0.0065	0.0070	0.0074	0.0079	0.0085
			27°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	DIGUN- MOVGA	DIGUN	146°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			34°	0.0072	0.0076	0.0081	0.0087	0.0093	0.0099

Table 37.

Vertical occupancy estimate for Dakar2 until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%

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4.1.6.f. Recife

Table 38 collects some results on same and opposite vertical occupancy in Recife, using data from March 2018.

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UN-741	477
Number of flights on UN-866	291
Number of flights on UN-873	893
Number of flights on UN-857	213
Total number of flights	1874
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-741	78
Number of same direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-866	14
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-873	98
Number of opposite direction vertical proximate pairs for tracks UN-857	2
Total number of same direction proximate events	92
Total number of opposite direction proximate events	100
Same direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.0982
Opposite direction vertical occupancy (S _x =80NM)	0.1067

Table 38.

Vertical occupancy due to same and opposite direction traffic in Recife location with current traffic levels

Apart from the traffic on the main routes, in Recife there is also some traffic crossing the Corridor on routes UL-695/UL-375 and on non-published routes. The traffic on these routes can be found in the following table:

Number of flights	March 2018
Number of flights on UL-695/UL-375	27
Number of flights on ERETU-PUGSA	51
Number of flights on main routes (UN-741, UN-866, UN-873 and UN-857)	1874
Total number of flights	1953

Table 39. **Number of flights in Recife airspace.**

The time windows to obtain proximate pairs are, in this case, the ones shown in Table 40. All the flights on the non-published routes are already included in the number of flights on the main routes except for 79 of them. Therefore, the total number of aircraft in this case is 1953.

	Time wind	_	of proximate events due crossing traffic				
Route	Point	v1 (kts)	v2 (kts)	θ (°)	t (min)	At the same FL	At adjacent FL
III 605		462.21	465.36	97°	16	2	3
UL-695		402.21	403.30	83°	14	1	8
ERETU-PUGSA	ERETU	453.78	483.59	165°	82	0	7
EKETU-PUUSA	EKETU	433.78	403.39	15°	11	0	0

Table 40.

Time windows for crossing occupancies and number of proximate events in Recife

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As it occurred in other locations, there is one proximate event at the same flight level within 15 minutes of each other.

As no large height deviation reports have been received for these events, it will be considered that they are proximate events at adjacent flight levels, as it has been done in other locations, assuming that they are due to the need of extrapolation and the lack of data about flight level changes. Nevertheless, this hypothesis should be verified, because it may have an impact on the results, as it has been explained before.

With these considerations, once vertical occupancy is calculated based on current traffic levels, it is possible to estimate the occupancy in the following years taking into account the annual traffic growth rate forecasted. Vertical occupancy values from 2018 to 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% are shown in Table 41.

3.	3% annual traf	fic growth		2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Same	direction vertic	al occupai	ıcy	0.0982	0.1048	0.1118	0.1193	0.1273	0.1359
Opposi	te direction ver	tical occup	ancy	0.1067	0.1139	0.1215	0.1297	0.1384	0.1477
	UL-695		97°	0.0051	0.0055	0.0058	0.0062	0.0066	0.0071
Crossing	OL-093		83°	0.0092	0.0098	0.0105	0.0112	0.0120	0.0128
occupancy	ERETU-	ERETU	165°	0.0072	0.0076	0.0082	0.0087	0.0093	0.0099
	PUGSA	EKEIU	15°	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 41.

Vertical occupancy estimate for Recife until 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3%

4.1.7. Technical vertical collision risk

The technical vertical collision risk values obtained until 2028 in the different locations are the ones summarized in the following table, considering that the traffic growth factor is 3.3% per annum. These results can also be seen in Figure 17 to Figure 28.

Technical Vertical	3.3% annual traffic growth							
Collision risk	Canaries	SAL1	SAL2	Dakar1	Dakar2	Recife		
2018	1.3458*10 ⁻¹³	3.9851*10 ⁻¹⁴	6.7553*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.2056*10 ⁻¹³	1.9260*10 ⁻¹³	1.9301*10 ⁻¹³		
2019	1.3902*10 ⁻¹³	4.1166*10 ⁻¹⁴	6.9782*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.2454*10 ⁻¹³	1.9896*10 ⁻¹³	1.9938*10 ⁻¹³		
2020	1.4361*10 ⁻¹³	4.2524*10 ⁻¹⁴	7.2085*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.2865*10 ⁻¹³	2.0552*10 ⁻¹³	2.0596*10 ⁻¹³		
2021	1.4835*10 ⁻¹³	4.3927*10 ⁻¹⁴	7.4463*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.3290*10 ⁻¹³	2.1231*10 ⁻¹³	2.1275*10 ⁻¹³		
2022	1.5324*10 ⁻¹³	4.5377*10 ⁻¹⁴	7.6921*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.3728*10 ⁻¹³	2.1931*10 ⁻¹³	2.1977*10 ⁻¹³		
2023	1.5830*10 ⁻¹³	4.6874*10 ⁻¹⁴	7.9459*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.4181*10 ⁻¹³	2.2655*10 ⁻¹³	2.2703*10 ⁻¹³		
2024	1.6353*10 ⁻¹³	4.8421*10 ⁻¹⁴	8.2081*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.4649*10 ⁻¹³	2.3403*10 ⁻¹³	2.3452*10 ⁻¹³		
2025	1.6892*10 ⁻¹³	5.0019*10 ⁻¹⁴	8.4790*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.5133*10 ⁻¹³	2.4175*10 ⁻¹³	2.4226*10 ⁻¹³		
2026	1.7450*10 ⁻¹³	5.1670*10 ⁻¹⁴	8.7588*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.5632*10 ⁻¹³	2.4973*10 ⁻¹³	2.5025*10 ⁻¹³		
2027	1.8025*10 ⁻¹³	5.3375*10 ⁻¹⁴	9.0478*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.6148*10 ⁻¹³	2.5797*10 ⁻¹³	2.5851*10 ⁻¹³		
2028	1.8620*10 ⁻¹³	5.5136*10 ⁻¹⁴	9.3464*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.6681*10 ⁻¹³	2.6648*10 ⁻¹³	2.6704*10 ⁻¹³		

Table 42. **Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Corridor**



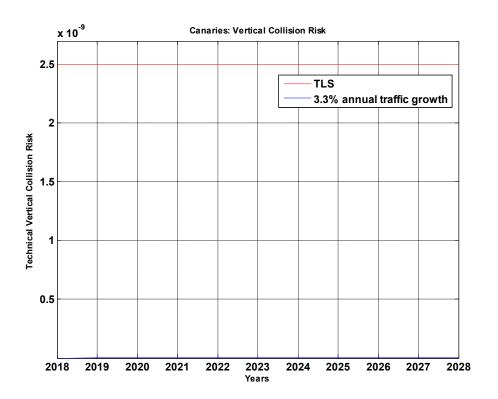


Figure 17.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Canaries

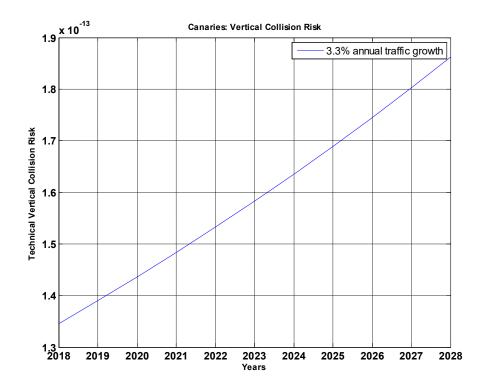


Figure 18.

Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Canaries (enlarged)



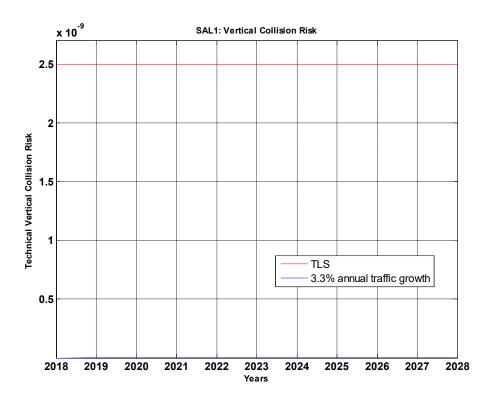


Figure 19.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL1

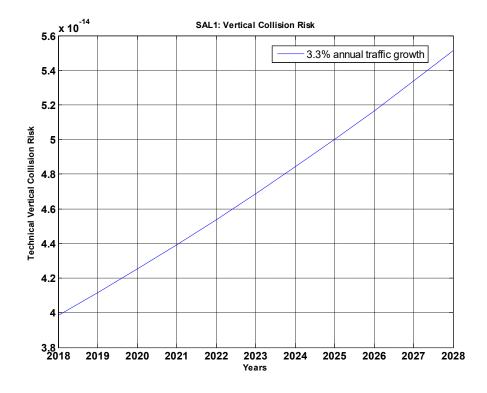


Figure 20.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL1 (enlarged)



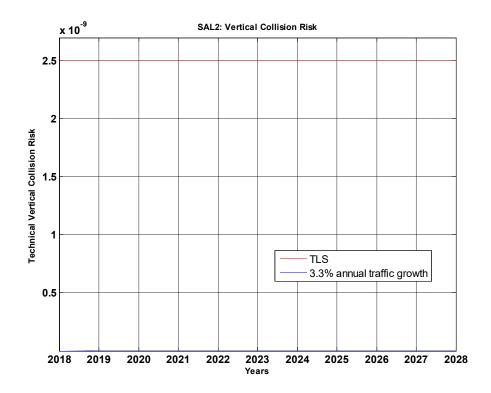


Figure 21.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL2

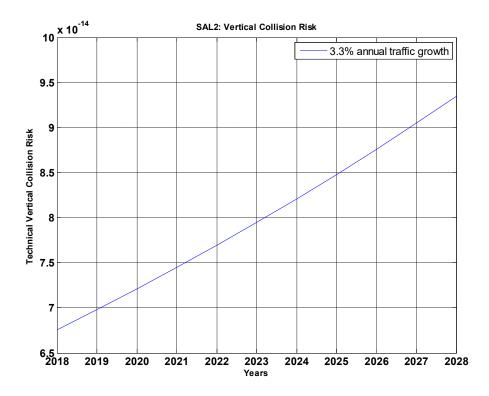


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Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL2 (enlarged)



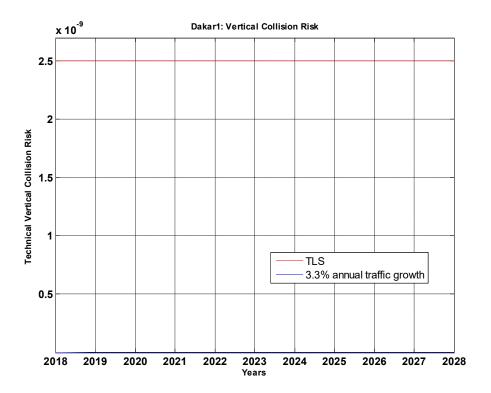


Figure 23.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar1

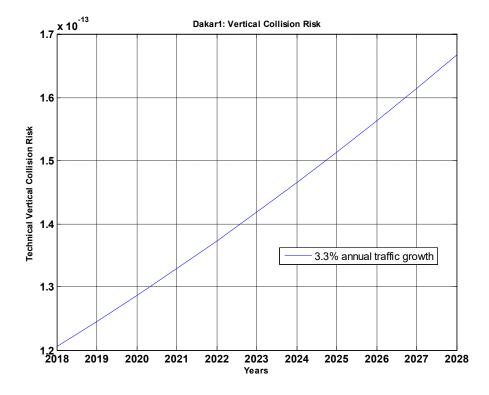


Figure 24.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar1 (enlarged)



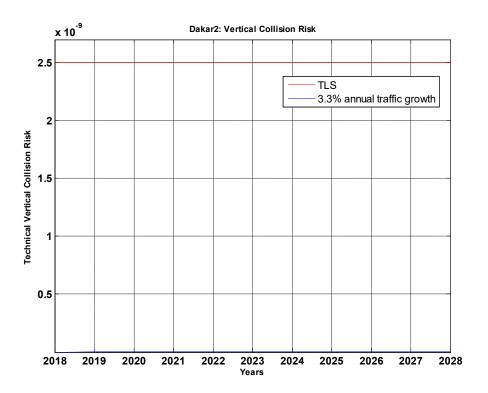


Figure 25.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar2

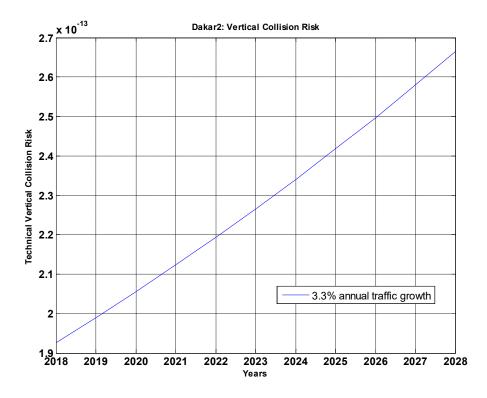


Figure 26.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar2 (enlarged)





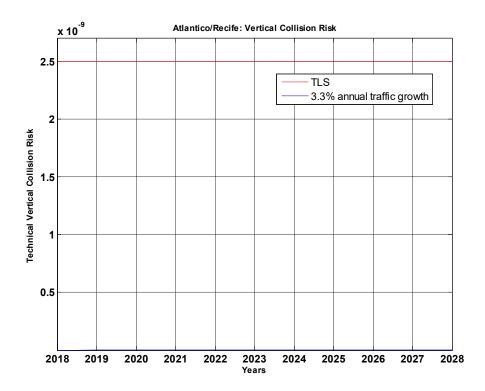


Figure 27.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Recife

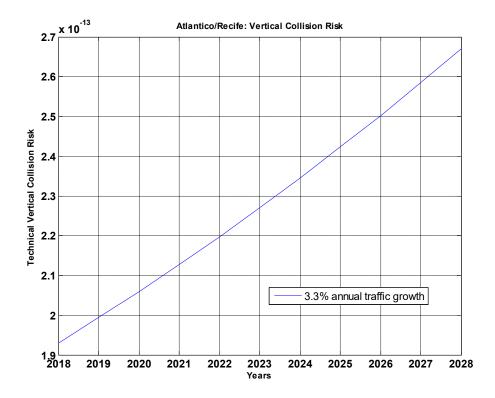


Figure 28.
Technical vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Recife (enlarged)

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4.1.8. Considerations on the results

It can be seen that the estimates of the technical vertical risk are below the technical TLS even in 2028 in all the locations, and similar to the values obtained in the last year assessment ([Ref. 9]).

4.2. Total vertical collision risk assessment

In order to assess the total vertical risk, the risk due to large, atypical height deviations³ must be assessed and added to the technical vertical risk.

In accordance with the ICAO recommendations ([Ref. 32]), large height deviations can be classified as reflected in Table 43. This classification has been used in the EUR/SAM Corredor.

	LHD types
Code	LHD Description
A	Flight crew fails to climb or descend the aircraft as cleared
В	Flight crew climbing or descending without ATC clearance
С	Incorrect operation or interpretation of airborne equipment
D	ATC system loop error
Е	ATC transfer of control coordination errors due to human factors
F	ATC transfer of control coordination errors due to technical issues
G	Aircraft contingency leading to sudden inability to maintain level
Н	Airborne equipment failure and unintentional or undetected level change
I	Turbulence or other weather related cause
J	TCAS resolution advisory and flight crew correctly responds
K	TCAS resolution advisory and flight crew incorrectly responds
L	Non-approved aircraft is provided with RVSM separation
M	Other

Table 43. **LHD classification according to ICAO**

4.2.1. Data on EUR/SAM large height deviations

As it has been explained in [Ref. 33], data needed for the different models should be obtained from the large height deviation reports received from the different UIRs.

The information that has been made available for this assessment can be seen in the following tables, where the time spent at an incorrect flight level, necessary to calculate the risk due to an aircraft levelling off at a wrong level, had to be estimated in the major part of the LHDs, since it was not included in the reports. Therefore, it has been necessary to use default values according to the following set of criteria:

³ A RVSM large height deviation (LHD) is defined as any vertical deviation of 90 metres/300 feet or more from the flight level expected to be occupied by the flight.



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- Coordination error (no notification of the transfer or transfer at unexpected flight level) and detection of the aircraft when entering the UIR: 5 minutes.
- Coordination error (no notification of the transfer) and undetected aircraft in the UIR. The duration of the flight in that UIR, taking into account its speed.

Table 44 indicates the months for which LHD reports have been received before March 15th, 2019⁴. From these LHDs, only those affecting the four main routes have been considered⁵. Table 45, Table 46 and Table 47, show the details of the deviations reported in the Canaries, SAL, Dakar and Atlantic-Recife, respectively. It can happen that a State reports an LHD that affects another. In this case, the LHD will be included only in the table of the affected FIR.

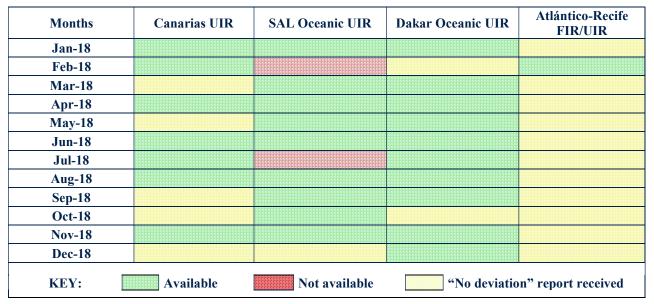


Table 44.

Received data from January 2018 to December 2018

Although in Table 44 it is indicated that there are reports associated with Recife, these are deviations not related to the Corridor, so they have not been considered in the study and are not shown in the following tables

⁴ The deadline agreed for all States to send their information is January 31th of the year after the one studied.

⁵ The considered LHDs have been those that have taken place in the main routes and in incorporations to the main routes coming from the DCT area. It is to be noted that a larger number of deviations has been reported by States. However, not all of them concerned lateral or vertical deviations and not all of them affected the main routes or the RVSM flight levels. These deviations have not been included in the assessment and are not presented in this report.

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Date	Route	Duration	Coordinated FL	Observed FL	Deviation	Cause	Category
240118	UN866	0.08333 h	FL370	FL390	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
150218	UN866	0.08333 h	FL380	FL360	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
120318	UN873	0.08333 h	FL330	FL330	0	Coordination Error	Е
200318	UN873	0.08333 h	FL270	FL370	10000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
060418	UN873	0.08333 h	FL350	FL370	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
060418	UN866	0.08333 h	FL390	FL390	0	Coordination Error	F
260418	UN866	0.08333 h	FL370	FL370	0	Coordination Error	F
040618	UN873	0.08333 h	FL350	FL370	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
040618	UN873	0.08333 h	FL325	FL330	500 ft	Coordination Error	Е
060718	UN873	0.08333 h	FL390	FL370	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
110818	UN873	0.08333 h	FL330	FL350	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
200818	UN857	0.08333 h	FL390	FL390	0	Coordination Error	F
041118	UN873	0.35000 h	FL390	FL390	0	Coordination Error	Е
041118	UN873	0.01667 h	FL370	FL370	0	Coordination Error	Е

Table 45.

Large height deviations reported in the Canaries

Date	Route	Duration	Coordinated FL	Observed FL	Deviation	Cause	Category
180318	UN873	0.08333 h	FL380	FL360	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
200318	UN873	0.08333 h	FL340	FL340	0	Coordination Error	Е
090418	UN873	0.08333 h	FL370	FL390	2000 ft	Coordination Error	E
240418	UN857	0.08333 h	FL370	FL390	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
110918	UN873	0.08333 h	FL320	FL320	0	Coordination Error	Е
120918	UN873	0.08333 h	FL400	FL400	0	Coordination Error	Е
120918	UN873	0.08333 h	FL360	FL360	0	Coordination Error	Е
101018	UN866	0.08333 h	FL370	FL370	0	Coordination Error	Е
041118	RANDOM	0.08333 h	FL380	FL380	0	Coordination Error	Е
271118	UN857	0.08333 h	FL380	FL380	0	Coordination Error	Е

Table 46.

Large height deviations reported in SAL

Date	Route	Duration	Coordinated FL	Observed FL	Deviation	Cause	Category
160118	UN873	0.08333 h	FL360	FL340	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
140318	UN873	0.08333 h	FL360	FL380	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
280318	RANDOM	0.08333 h	FL330	FL350	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
290318	RANDOM	0.08333 h	FL340	FL360	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
300318	UN741	0.08333 h	FL370	FL380	1000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
140518	UN866	0.01666 h	FL350	FL370	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
240518	UN873	0.01666 h	FL370	FL350	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
290518	UN741	0.08333 h	FL360	FL340	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е
160818	UN873	0.08333 h	FL400	FL380	2000 ft	Coordination Error	Е

Table 47. **Large height deviations reported in Dakar**



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After an analysis of the deviation reports, it can be concluded that all of the registered deviations are due to errors in coordination between adjacent ATC units, resulting in either no notification of the transfer or in transfer at an unexpected flight level.

4.2.2. Total vertical collision risk

The total vertical risk is the sum of the technical risk and the risks due to large height deviations involving whole numbers of flight levels (both climbing/descending aircraft and level flight aircraft) and the risk due to large height deviations not involving whole numbers of flight levels. So,

$$N_{az}^{total} = N_{az}^{tech} + N_{az}^{wl} + N_{az}^{cl/d} + N_{az}^*$$

Equation 5.

Technical risk has already been calculated in 4.1.7.

Regarding the risk due to large height deviations, as it can be seen in Table 45, Table 46 and Table 47, there are no reports due to large height deviations not involving whole numbers of flight levels and $N_{az}^* = 0$.

All deviations reported are due to coordination errors between ATC units for which there is not enough information it is assumed that the level change, if any, took place in the transferring UIR following appropriate clearances and, when the aircraft entered the new UIR, the aircraft was already established at the incorrect flight level. Therefore, in these cases, the number of crossed levels is zero. Deviations that involve entering a new UIR before than the coordinated time have also been considered.

Consequently, the terms to be calculated are the risk due to an aircraft levelling off at a wrong level and not the risk due to an aircraft climbing or descending through a flight level without a proper clearance.

Most of the parameters used to calculate these two risks have already been presented within the vertical technical collision risk section (4.1). The new values required are the ones necessary to calculate the probabilities of vertical overlap and the relative vertical speed for an aircraft climbing or descending.

In the following table, relevant data for these calculations, based on traffic levels representative for the year 2018, have been gathered, namely: the time spent at a wrong level, the number of crossed levels and the total flight time within those months in which a LHD or a "no LHD" reports have been received for each location. As the annual flight time information is only available for the Canaries FIR, the annual flight time in each FIR has been estimated relating the flight time in August in each FIR with the one calculated in the Canaries and applying the same proportion to the complete year.





N CO'. La	Jan-Dec 2018				
Number of flights	Canaries	SAL	Dakar	Recife	
Same direction time at incorrect level (h)	1.3666	0.7500	0.9166	0	
Opposite direction time at incorrect level (h)	0	0.0833	0	0	
Same direction number of crossed levels (N)	0	0	0	0	
Opposite direction number of crossed levels (N)	0	0	0	0	
Total FIR/UIR flight time (h)	20872.73	24166.89	34125.13	23486.71	
Total Corridor flight time (h)	102651.46	102651.46	102651.46	102651.46	
Wrong level, same direction vertical overlap probability	3.1262*10 ⁻⁵	1.4818*10-5	1.2826*10 ⁻⁵	0	
Wrong level, opposite direction vertical overlap probability	0	1.6464*10-6	0	0	
Climb/descend, same direction vertical overlap	0	SAL 1	Dakar 1 0	0	
probability	0	SAL 2	Dakar 2 0	0	
Climb/descend, opposite direction vertical overlap		SAL 1	Dakar 1 0		
probability	0	SAL 2	Dakar 2 0	0	
Climb/descend relative vertical speed (kts)	15	15	15	15	

 $\label{thm:condition} Table~48.$ Operational vertical collision risk parameters in the Corridor

Table 49 shows the estimate of the total vertical collision risk, sum of the technical vertical risk and the operational vertical risk, considering that the traffic growth factor is 3.3% per annum. These results can also be seen in Figure 29 to Figure 34.

Total Vertical			3.3% annual	traffic growth		
Collision risk	Canaries	SAL1	SAL2	Dakar1	Dakar2	Recife
2018	6.7431*10 ⁻⁸	1.4141*10 ⁻⁷	1.7560*10 ⁻⁷	5.7046*10 ⁻⁸	4.8489*10-8	1.9301*10 ⁻¹³
2019	6.9656*10-8	1.4607*10-7	1.8139*10 ⁻⁷	5.8929*10 ⁻⁸	5.0089*10-8	1.9938*10 ⁻¹³
2020	7.1955*10 ⁻⁸	1.5090*10-7	1.8738*10-7	6.0873*10-8	5.1742*10-8	2.0596*10 ⁻¹³
2021	7.4329*10 ⁻⁸	1.5587*10-7	1.9356*10 ⁻⁷	6.2882*10-8	5.3449*10-8	2.1257*10 ⁻¹³
2022	7.6782*10-8	1.6102*10-7	1.9995*10 ⁻⁷	6.4957*10-8	5.5213*10-8	2.1977*10 ⁻¹³
2023	7.9316*10 ⁻⁸	1.6633*10-7	2.0655*10-7	6.7101*10-8	5.7035*10-8	2.2703*10 ⁻¹³
2024	8.1934*10 ⁻⁸	1.7182*10-7	2.1337*10-7	6.9315*10-8	5.8917*10 ⁻⁸	2.3452*10 ⁻¹³
2025	8.4637*10-8	1.7749*10 ⁻⁷	2.2041*10-7	7.1603*10-8	6.0861*10-8	2.4226*10 ⁻¹³
2026	8.7430*10-8	1.8335*10-7	2.2768*10-7	7.3966*10-8	6.2870*10-8	2.5025*10 ⁻¹³
2027	9.0316*10-8	1.8940*10 ⁻⁷	2.3519*10 ⁻⁷	7.6406*10-8	6.4945*10 ⁻⁸	2.5851*10 ⁻¹³
2028	9.3296*10 ⁻⁸	1.9565*10 ⁻⁷	2.4296*10 ⁻⁷	7.8928*10 ⁻⁸	6.7088*10 ⁻⁸	2.6704*10 ⁻¹³

Table 49. **Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028**





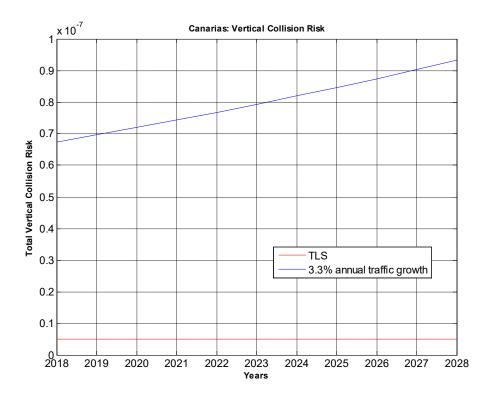


Figure 29.

Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in the Canaries

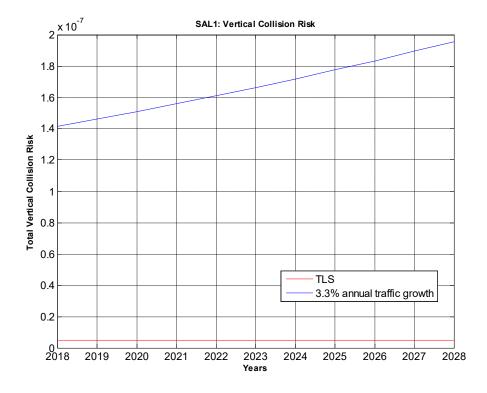


Figure 30.
Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL1



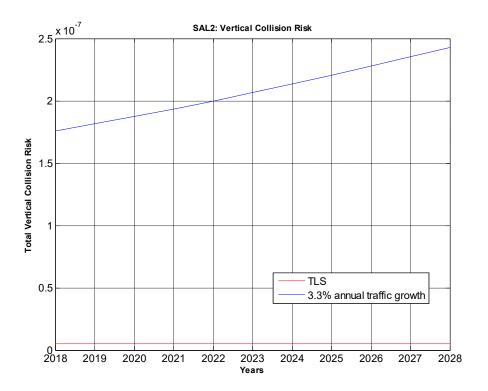


Figure 31.
Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in SAL2

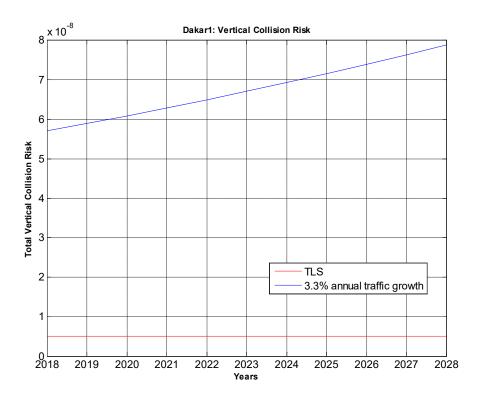


Figure 32.
Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar1





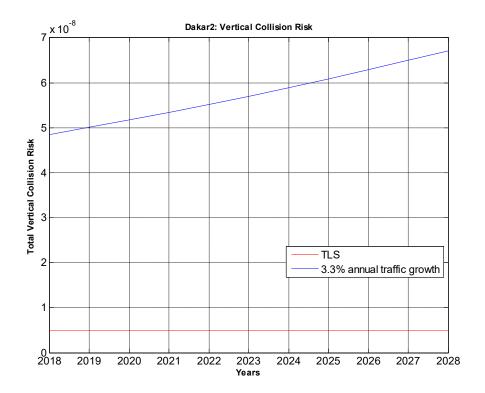


Figure 33.
Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Dakar2

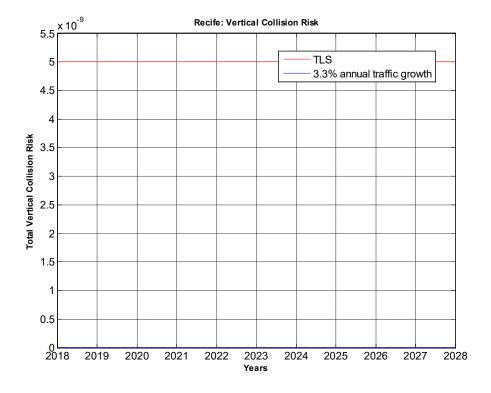


Figure 34.
Total vertical collision risk for the period 2018-2028 in Recife



4.2.3. Considerations on the results

The total vertical risk calculated using the deviations reported by the States is higher than the TLS in all locations except in the Recife FIR because in this case, no deviations were reported in the corridor (some deviations were reported not related to the corridor and not taken into account in this analysis).

In previous safety assessments, such as [Ref. 3], [Ref. 5], [Ref. 8], [Ref. 9] or [Ref. 10], it was remarked that all the received deviations had been due to coordination errors between ATC units and not related to RVSM operations. In the same way, it was also explained that the deviation reports indicated that there was not any traffic in conflict. That is also the case of this study.

The same problem, the collision risk being higher than the TLS if coordination errors are taken into account, was already identified in the previous safety assessments and the corresponding conclusions were presented. Nevertheless, it is also advisable to insist on the need of implementing adequate corrective actions to reduce operational errors in the Corridor.

4.2.3.a. Influence of the $P_v(0)$ value

As it was indicated in 4.1.2, the selected value of $P_y(0)$ could be overly conservative, having this parameter a direct influence on the vertical collision risk results. Alternative calculations have also been made using a value of $P_y(0)=0.059$, which is more similar to the ones used in European studies and in the Collision Risk Assessments performed by other Regional Monitoring Agencies ([Ref. 29], [Ref. 30] and [Ref. 31]).

Using this value of $P_v(0)=0.059$, the obtained results are shown in Table 50.

	Vertical risk				
FIR/UIR	Technical risk	Total vertical risk			
Canaries	3.1903*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.7221*10-8			
SAL1	9.0761*10 ⁻¹⁵	4.3259*10 ⁻⁸			
SAL2	1.3873*10 ⁻¹⁴	3.8764*10 ⁻⁸			
Dakar1	2.4877*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.6366*10-8			
Dakar2	3.9418*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.3931*10 ⁻⁸			
Recife	3.9266*10 ⁻¹⁴	1.9301*10 ⁻¹³			

Table 50.

Technical and total vertical risk using Py(0)=0.059

As it can be seen in Table 50, even if a value of $P_y(0)=0.059$ were used, the results for the total vertical risk would still be above the TLS except in the Recife FIR.



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5. Conclusions

Given that not all the traffic data from the different UIRs for the required period of time were available at the end of the year, only real traffic data for one month from all Corridor UIRs have been used for this study. Besides, some information was still missing and some inconsistencies have been detected. However, more information is available for large height deviation reports, as information for all FIR/UIR and months has been received. Nevertheless, some conservative assumptions had to be made regarding the modelling of probability densities and the extrapolation of traffic data.

Taking this into account, the following conclusions can be extracted from the analysis in the six different locations considered (the risk associated to the Corridor is considered to be the largest of the values calculated for each location):

• Lateral collision risk assessment:

- The probability of lateral overlap increases as the separation between routes decreases, as it was expected. The value obtained for $S_y = 50 \, NM$ is between $P_y(50) = 1.0015 \cdot 10^{-7}$ and $P_y(50) = 9.7895 \cdot 10^{-8}$, depending on the location, whilst the lateral overlap probability obtained for $S_y = 90 \, NM$ is between $P_y(90) = 1.7321 \cdot 10^{-8}$ and $P_y(90) = 3.4176 \cdot 10^{-8}$.
- For current traffic levels, the lateral collision risk obtained is 2.6845*10⁻⁹, whilst the lateral collision risk estimated for 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% is 3.7142*10⁻⁹. These values do not take into account traffic on the DCT Area route.
- o It should be remarked that the values of lateral technical collision risk for 2018 and the projection to the next 10 years, are similar to those obtained in previous collision risk assessments.

• Vertical risk assessment:

- O Vertical risk is split into two parts, one for the technical vertical risk and the second one for the vertical risk due to all causes. The same collision risk model is used for both. The differences are the value of the vertical overlap probability and the relative vertical speed to use in each one.
- The probability of vertical overlap due to technical causes was based on the probability distribution of Total Vertical Error (TVE). This was obtained by convoluting probability distributions of Altimetry System Errors (ASE) and typical Assigned Altitude Deviation (AAD). In the absence of any direct monitoring data from the EUR/SAM Corridor, 2018 height-keeping data and models from the EUR airspace provided by Eurocontrol have been used.
- The value of the vertical overlap probability calculated by means of EUROCONTROL RVSM tool with traffic data from the Canaries for 2018, for S_z =1000 ft is P_z (1000) = 9.87916 · 10⁻¹³.
- O The lateral overlap probability for aircraft nominally flying at adjacent flight levels of the same path, $P_y(0)$ has been obtained conservatively assuming that all aircraft are using GNSS and that their lateral path-keeping errors standard deviation is 0.0612 NM. The value obtained for $P_y(0)$ is between 0.2492 and 0.2969 depending on the location, which is much higher than the value assumed by the RGCSP, 0.059.
- The value of the vertical technical collision risk for the current traffic levels is estimated to be 1.9301*10⁻¹³. The technical vertical collision risk estimated for 2028 with an annual traffic growth rate of 3.3% is 2.6704*10⁻¹³. Both values are below the TLS.



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- The technical vertical risk obtained in this study is similar to the one obtained in the previous safety assessment although slightly higher than in 2017.
- The vertical risk due to large height deviations has been calculated using the deviations reported by the States. The total vertical risk calculated using these deviations is much higher than the TLS, except in the Recife FIR because in this case, no deviations were reported in the corridor.
- All the deviations received were due to a coordination error or resulted in a coordination error, and they
 are not related to RVSM operations.
- The same problem, the collision risk being higher than the TLS if coordination errors are taken into account, was already identified in the previous safety assessments.

It can be concluded that lateral and technical vertical collision risks are below the TLS. Nevertheless, the validity of these results depends on the validity of the assumptions made.

Regarding the total vertical risk, the risk greatly exceeds the TLS even with current traffic levels (except in Recife FIR). In any case, as the main problem, coordination errors, is clearly identified, the use of adequate corrective actions to reduce coordination errors in the Corridor would reduce the risk. These measures should be applied as soon as feasible.

As the accuracy of the assessment greatly depends on the availability and accuracy of the data provided, it is recommended that for next assessments:

- Accurate flight progress data from all FIR/UIRs be made available, including as much information as possible
 in the traffic samples, to facilitate the verification of traffic flows, distribution and passing frequencies used in
 the analysis.
- Data on lateral and vertical deviations obtained from radar data and incident reports should be provided in order
 to improve the estimation of overlap probabilities (a continuous monitoring process is required to obtain a
 representative data sample on deviations for future assessments).
- All LHDs should be reported before the deadline and better information about LHDs must be made available, as not always complete information about them has been provided.



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7. Acronyms

AAD ASSIGNED ALTITUDE DEVIATION

ADS AUTOMATIC DEPENDENT SURVEILLANCE

ASE ALTIMETRY SYSTEM ERROR

ATC AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

ATS AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

DE DOUBLE EXPONENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

EUR/SAM EUROPE/SOUTH AMERICA

FIR FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

FL FLIGHT LEVEL

FMC FLIGHT MANAGEMENT COMPUTER

FTE FLIGHT TECHNICAL ERROR

G GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION

GL GENERALISED LAPLACE DISTRIBUTION

HFDL HIGH FREQUENCY DATA LINK

HMU HEIGHT MONITORING UNIT

kts KNOTS

MASPS MINIMUM AVIATION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

MDG MATHEMATICS DRAFTING GROUP (EUROCONTROL)

NAT NORTH ATLANTIC

NM NAUTICAL MILE

RGCSP REVIEW OF THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF SEPARATION PANEL

RNP REQUIRED NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE

RVSM REDUCED VERTICAL SEPARATION MINIMUM

SAT SOUTH ATLANTIC

SATCOM SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

SATMA SOUTH ATLANTIC MONITORING AGENCY

STATFOR AIR TRAFFIC STATISTICS AND FORECASTS (EUROCONTROL)

TVE TOTAL VERTICAL ERROR

UIR UPPER FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION