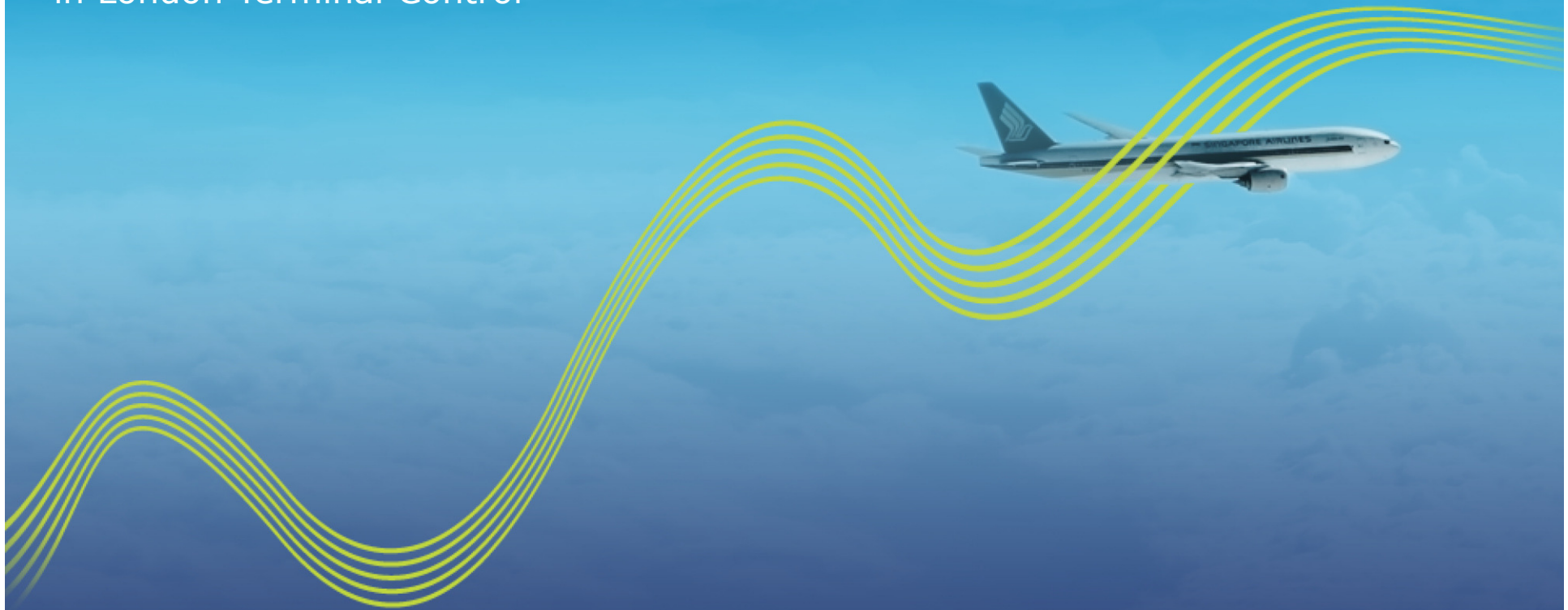


# Swanwick Terminal Control

Strategies for Level Bust Reduction  
in London Terminal Control



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## Mode S Parameters

December 2005 – Mode S data enabled for TC  
Initial focus on Mode S derived Selected Flight  
Level (SFL) (Register 4,0)

Elementary data downlinked:

- > Mode S Flight Identification (Register 2,0)
- > Mode S Aircraft Address (Register 2,0)

Enhanced data downlinked:

- > BPS (Register 4,0)
- > Ground Speed (Register 5,0)
- > Magnetic Heading (Register 6,0)
- > Indicated Airspeed (Register 6,0)

## Mode S Parameters

- Standard TC operating configuration – Mode S SFL
- Options for displaying data

Aircraft Data	
R Y R 5 Y X	
MODE A	3224
MODE C	62
SFL	30
BPS	1019
G/SPEED	G246
IAS	I240
HDG	H055
ROC/ROD	-1229/MIN
CAPABILITY	ENHANCED
A/C ID	R Y R 5 Y X
A/C ADDR	4CA242

Mode S derived SFL

Mode S derived BPS

Mode S derived Aircraft  
ID and Aircraft Address

NODE Tracker derived RoC / RoD Data

Mode S derived Magnetic Heading data

Mode S derived Indicated Airspeed

NODE Tracker derived Ground Speed

R Y R 5 Y X  
A 6 2 K K 30  
G 2 4 6 I 2 4 0 H 0 5 5 R 1 2 0 0

## BAT (barometric pressure setting advisory tool) ARR

- Introduced on a phased basis from 2010
- Provides an advisory to controllers for arrival aircraft beneath the transition level of a difference in the downlinked Mode S BPS vs London QNH
- Difference is greater 5hPa – eligible for BAT advisory
- Enhanced detection of level busts



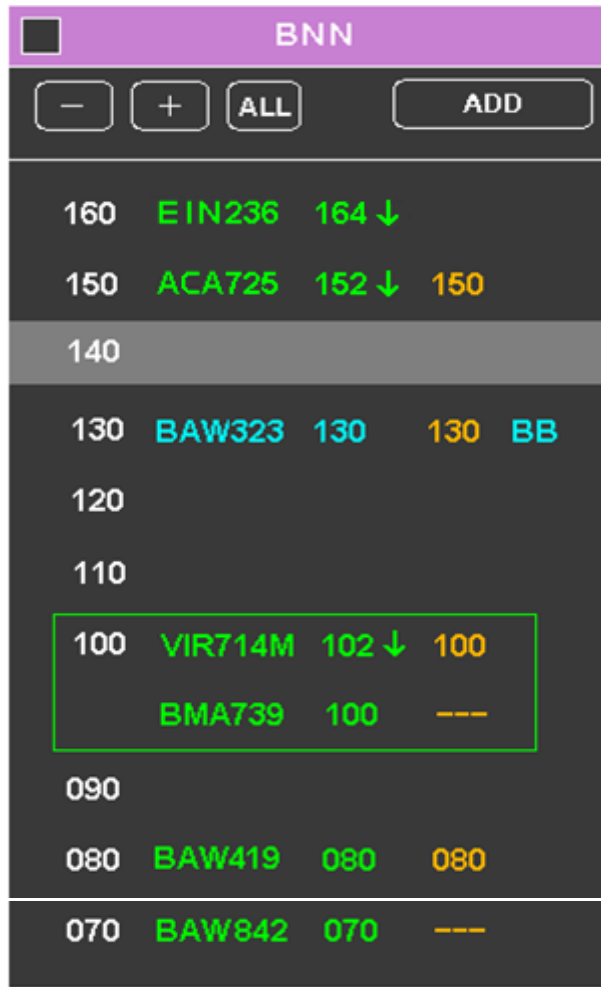
# BAT DEP

- Introduced in 2013 for departures beneath the transition level
- Provide the earliest possible alert once aircraft are within CAS for advisory to controller
- Also uses error is greater 5hPa
- Detection of level busts

## MODE S & STACK LISTS

- Each hold has its own stack list which shows all aircraft holding there.
- The level occupancy is based on Mode C which an individual aircraft is at, as well as its selected MODE S level.
- Traffic displayed in accordance with MATS Part 1 level vacation rules. This can only be done if the Mode S Stack list reflects the same information as your strips, as your flight progress strips are your primary source of data.
- The line along the bottom indicates the divide between the levels available to TC Area and those available to TC Approach at the hold fix.

## Vertical Stack List



BNN			
160	EIN236	164 ↓	
150	ACA725	152 ↓	150
140			
130	BAW323	130	130 BB
120			
110			
100	VIR714M	102 ↓	100
	BMA739	100	---
090			
080	BAW419	080	080
070	BAW842	070	---

Traffic displayed in accordance with MATS  
Part 1 level vacation rules

Traffic automatically “laddered”

Same level indication

Blocked levels

Manual addition of traffic

Min. stack indication

## Same Level Indicator (SLI)

Two or more aircraft at the  
same VSL level within 15  
NM of the stack beacon

Aircraft height ordered SLI  
is not an alert



## STCA

If an A/C in the VSL is subject to an STCA then all A/C in the conflict chain are force populated to the VSL for the duration of the conflict.

Presentation in VSL reflects the STCA display used in the target label

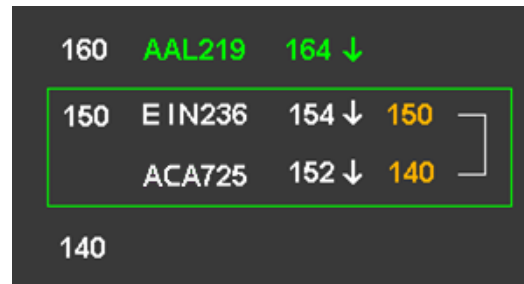
Aircraft are height ordered during STCA, regardless of distance from beacon



A screenshot of a VSL display showing a High Severity STCA. The display is height-ordered. At the top, AAL219 is at 140 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 144. Below it, EIN236 is at 130 with a red label and a red downward arrow to 134, and BAW842 is at 130 with a red label and a red downward arrow to 130. A red bracket on the right groups EIN236 and BAW842. The bottom of the display shows 120.

140	AAL219	144 ↓	
130	EIN236	134 ↓	130
	BAW842	130 ↓	130 PH
120			

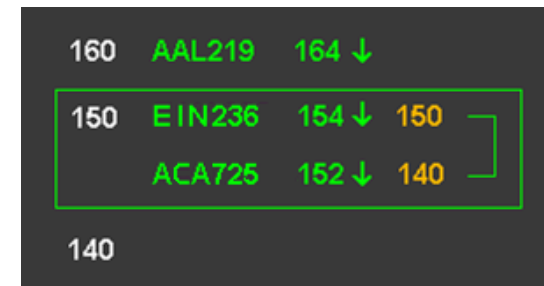
High Severity  
(with a/c forced in showing  
route code)



A screenshot of a VSL display showing a Low Severity STCA. The display is height-ordered. At the top, AAL219 is at 160 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 164. Below it, EIN236 is at 150 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 154, and ACA725 is at 152 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 150. A green bracket on the right groups EIN236 and ACA725. The bottom of the display shows 140.

160	AAL219	164 ↓	
150	EIN236	154 ↓	150
	ACA725	152 ↓	140
140			

Low Severity  
(within 15 NM of beacon so  
SLI displayed)



A screenshot of a VSL display showing an Acknowledged STCA. The display is height-ordered. At the top, AAL219 is at 160 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 164. Below it, EIN236 is at 150 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 154, and ACA725 is at 152 with a green label and a green downward arrow to 150. A green bracket on the right groups EIN236 and ACA725. The bottom of the display shows 140.

160	AAL219	164 ↓	
150	EIN236	154 ↓	150
	ACA725	152 ↓	140
140			

Acknowledged  
(aircraft remain height  
ordered until system  
detects conflict is resolved)



## Vertical Displacement Tool (VDAT)

### **Deviations from SFL**

- Aircraft must have passed through SFL by 300ft or more

### **Slow Rate of Descent**

- If aircraft is at SFL, it has to have vacated that level by 400ft or more before becoming eligible for an alert
- Its vertical rate is then monitored – if a rate of 380ft or less is detected and sustained for 12 seconds then an alert will be generated

## Future Airspace Strategy

CAA strategic framework  
for UK airspace

## 2 Major projects

- LAMP
- Transition Altitude

# LAMP

London Airspace Management Programme.

- De-confliction of routes
- Less tactical intervention = Less chance of error
- More continuous climb



## Transition Altitude

- Key Enabler for the LAMP Project
- Harmonisation throughout Europe
- Raising the transition altitude out of very congested airspace reduces the risk.

## Increase Pilot and Controller Awareness.

- Lower Pressure NOTAM
- Visit the Business Aviation Community
- Identify Key Airports
- Briefing For controllers
- Consider Different Phraseology



## Conclusions

### Current NATS Strategies

- Technology
- Airspace design
- People