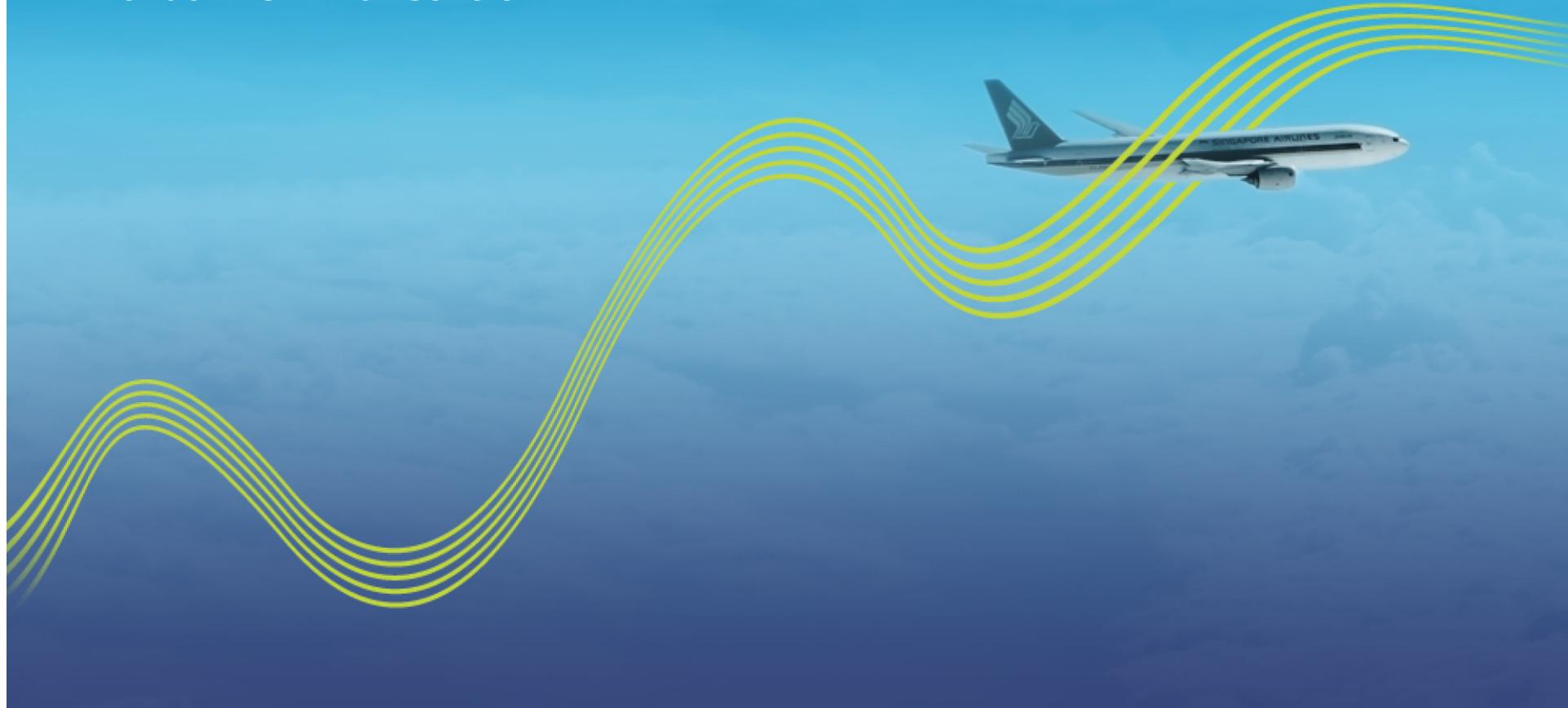


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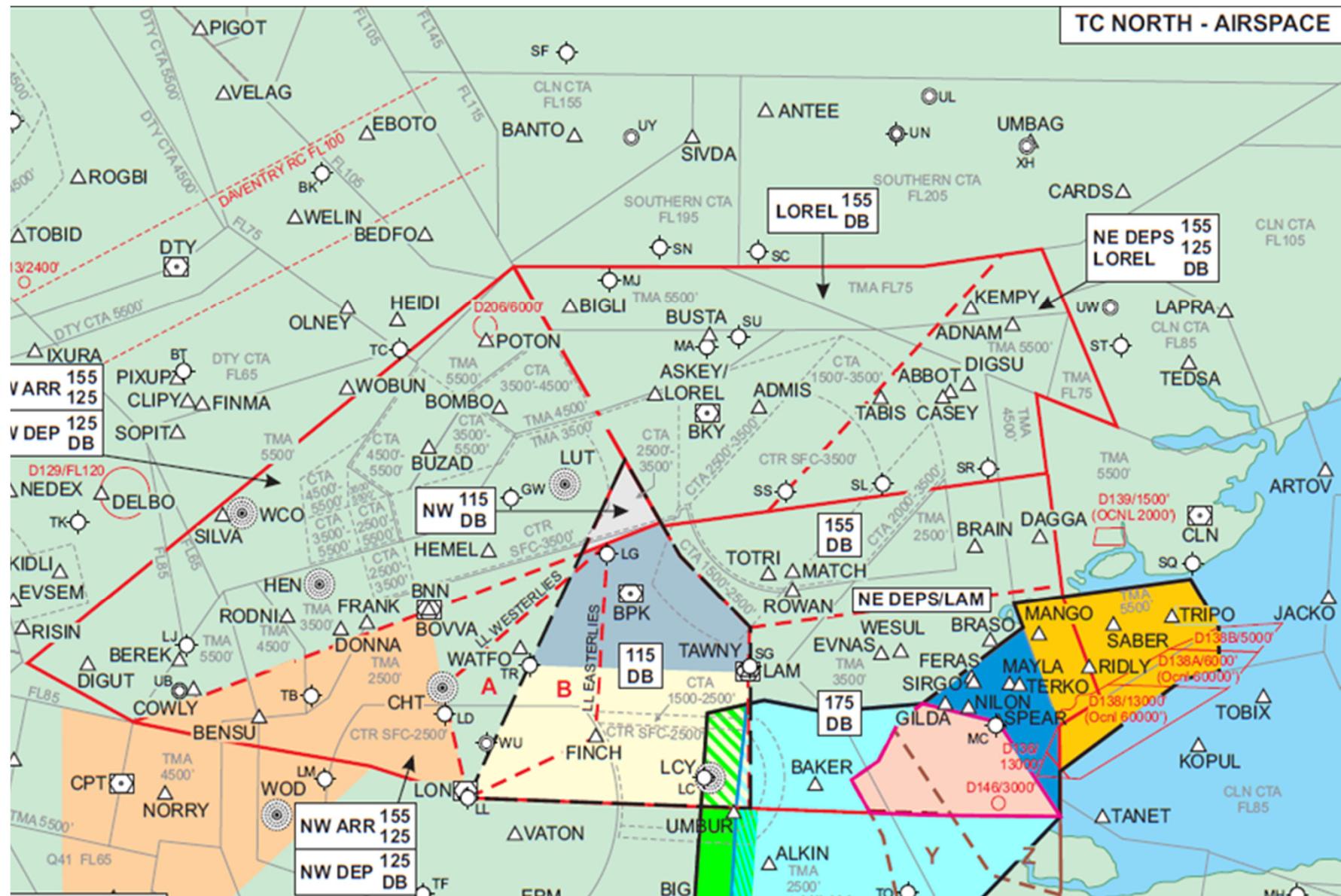
Strategies for Level Bust Reduction
in London Terminal Control

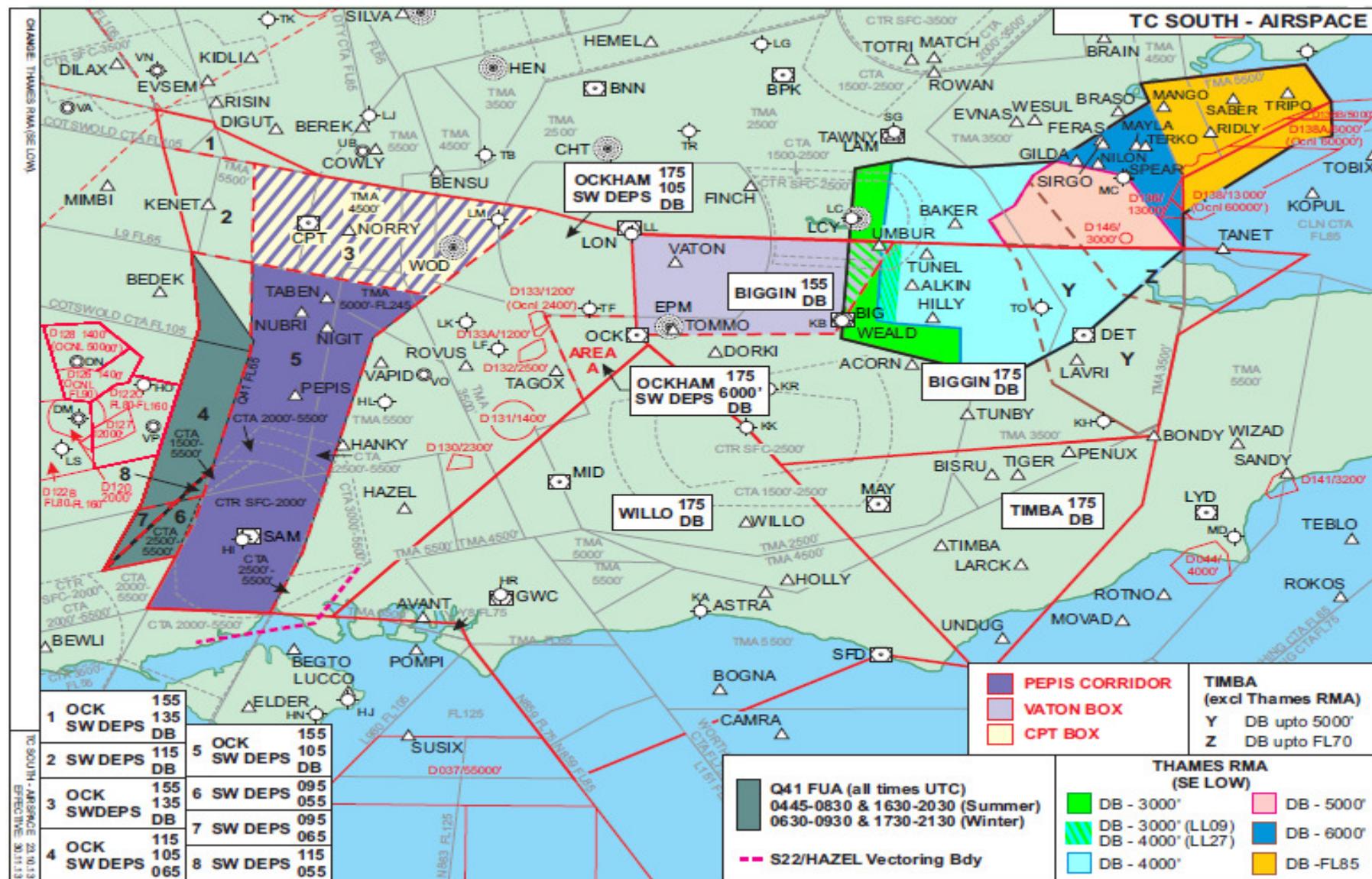


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TC NORTH - AIRSPACE





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:

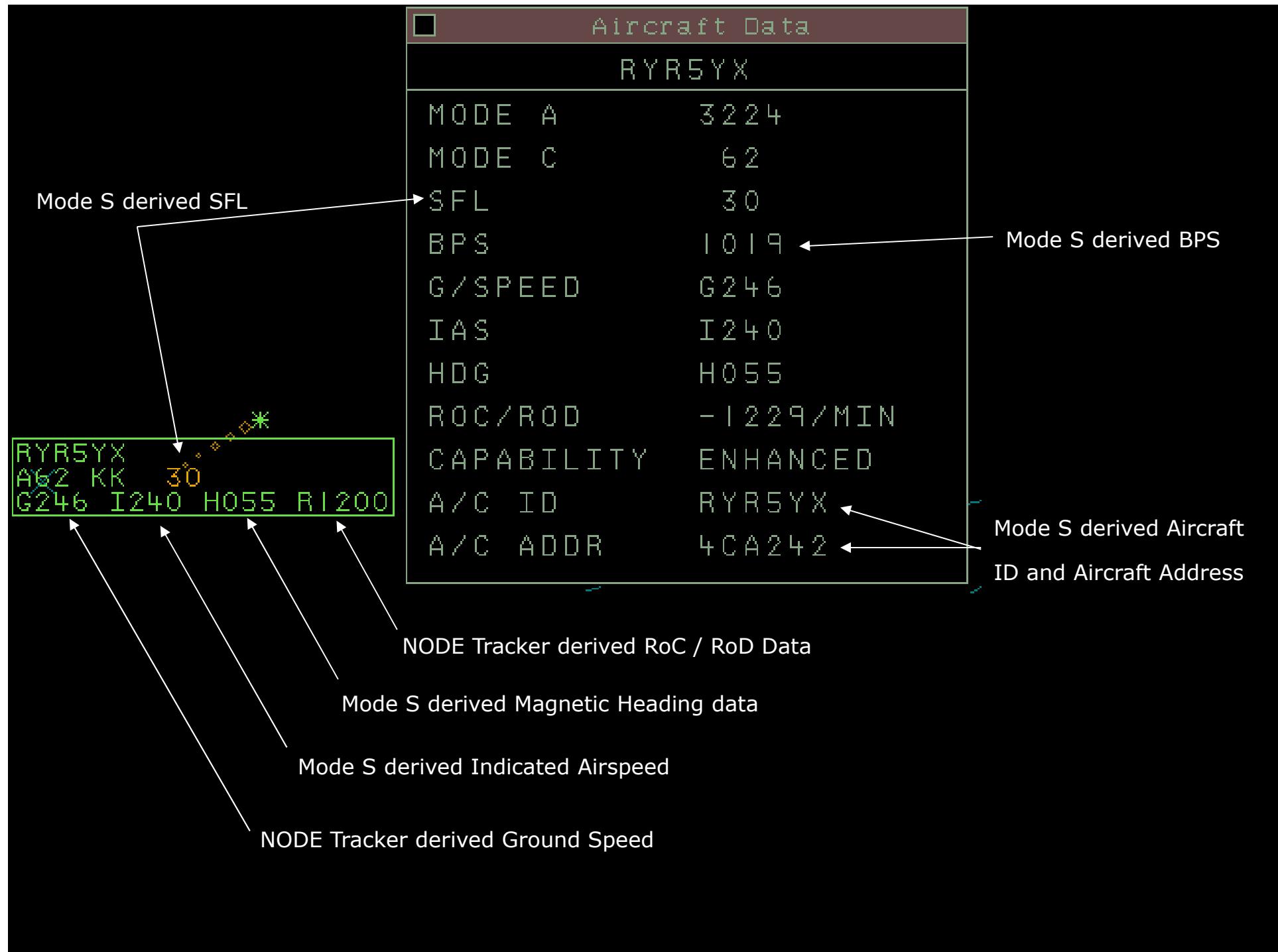
- › Mode S Flight Identification (Register 2,0)
- › Mode S Aircraft Address (Register 2,0)

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



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

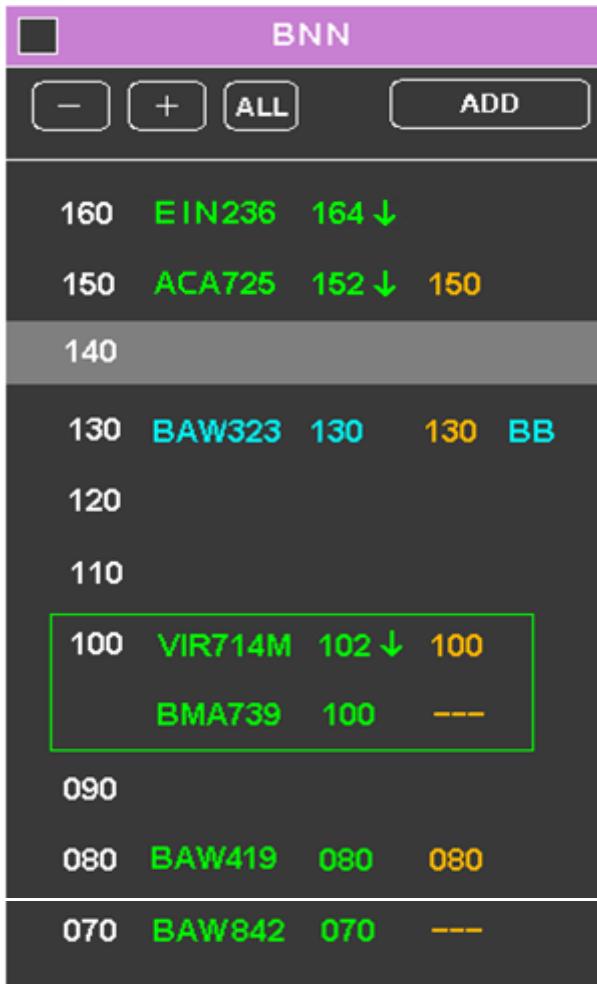
BAT DEP

- › 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



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

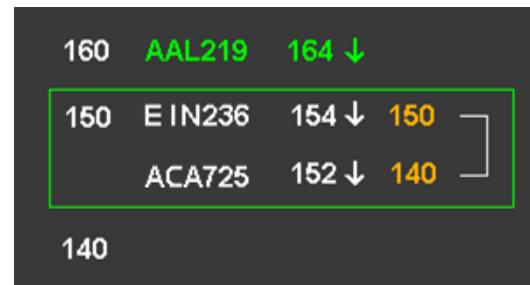
If an A/C in the VSL is subject to an STCA then all A/C in the conflict chain are force populated to the VSL for the duration of the conflict.

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

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



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



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



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

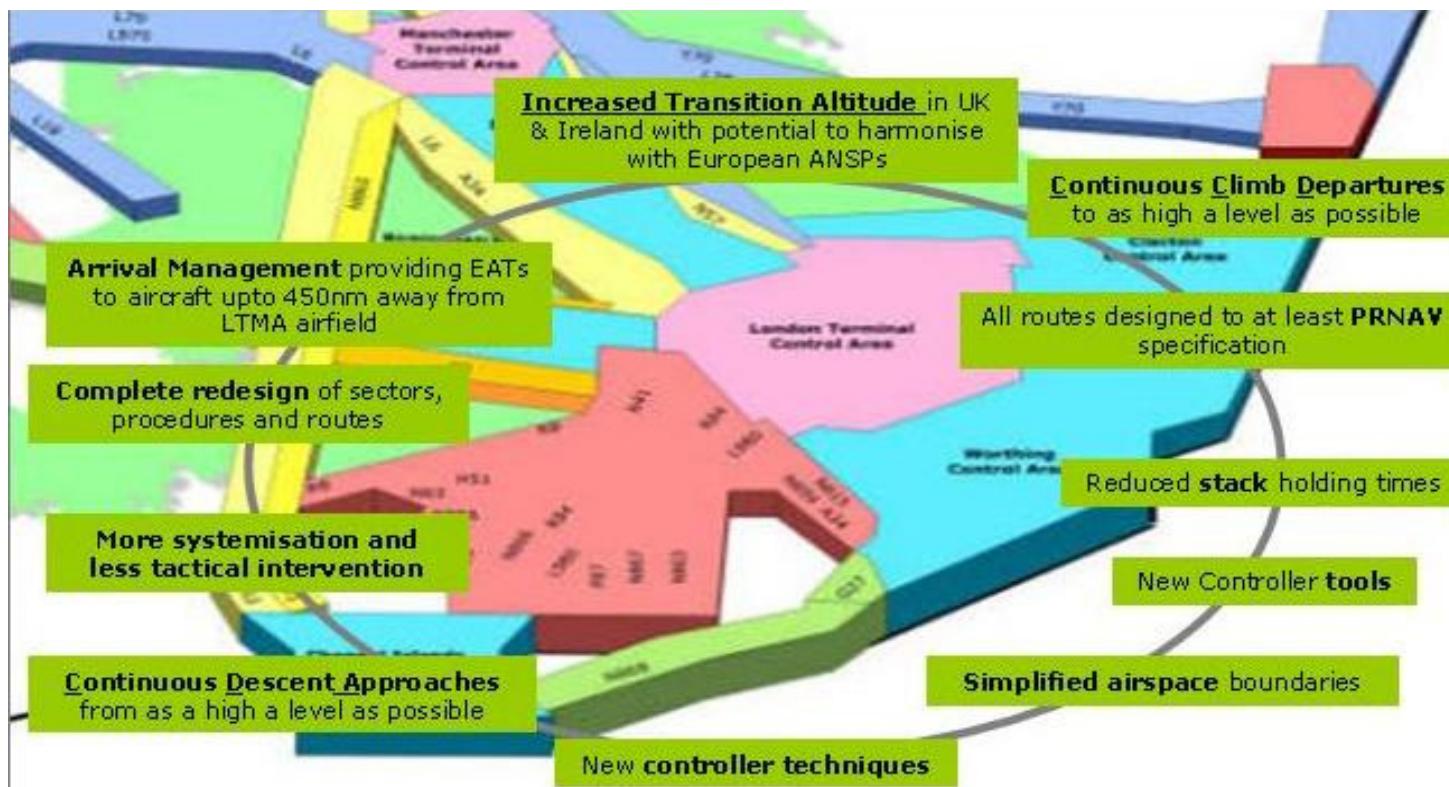
2 Major projects

- 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