

# Aeronautical Communication and Navigation

*Aircrafts, Airports, Phases of Flight, Aeronautical charts*

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# History



1901 Radio transmission across the Atlantic, England



1903 Wright Brothers – first ever manned flight, USA



1911 Cal Rodgers, \$50,000-prize ambition (if < 30 days)  
First transcontinental flight (84-hr in the air)  
75 stops, 16 crashes, many hospital visits  
**Modified Wright brothers plane (EX)**  
35-horsepower engine, 50-60 MPH

# History



**1914** January, 1<sup>st</sup>.  
First commercial flight, St.Petersburg – Tampa,  
Florida, USA, \$400  
5-m altitude, 21 miles, 23 minutes  
**Benoist XIV plane**



**1919** London-Paris flight  
2 hr 30 min., £21 per passenger



**1946** Cathay Pacific of Hong Kong  
**1947** Malayan Airways Limited (later Singapore,  
**1951** Japan Airlines Malaysia Airlines  
**1960** Thai Airways International

# Many types of aerial vehicles



# Worldwide numbers



~240 airlines



~45,000 airports (World)  
~ 50 airports (Thailand)

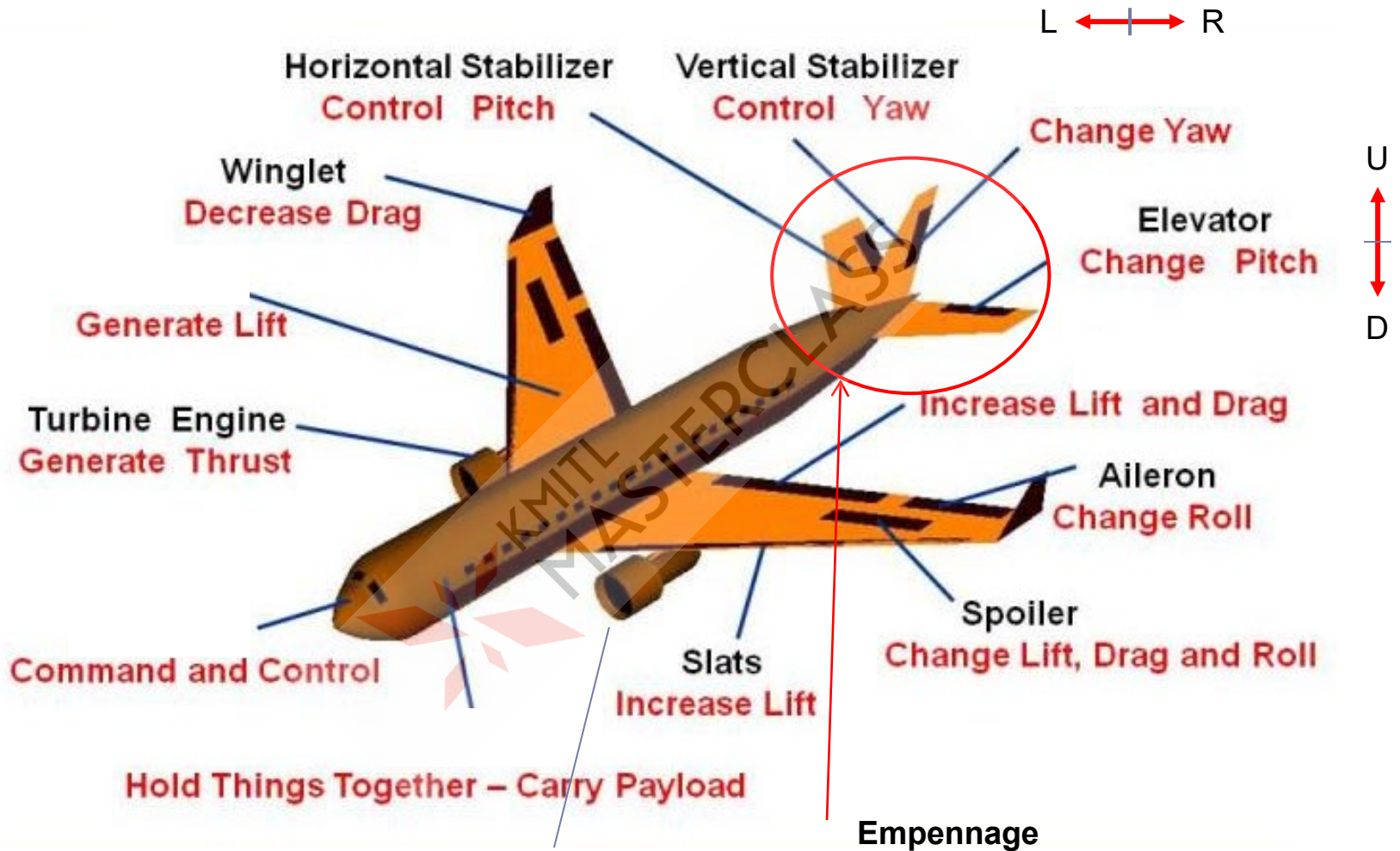
# June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Busiest Air Travel on Record)



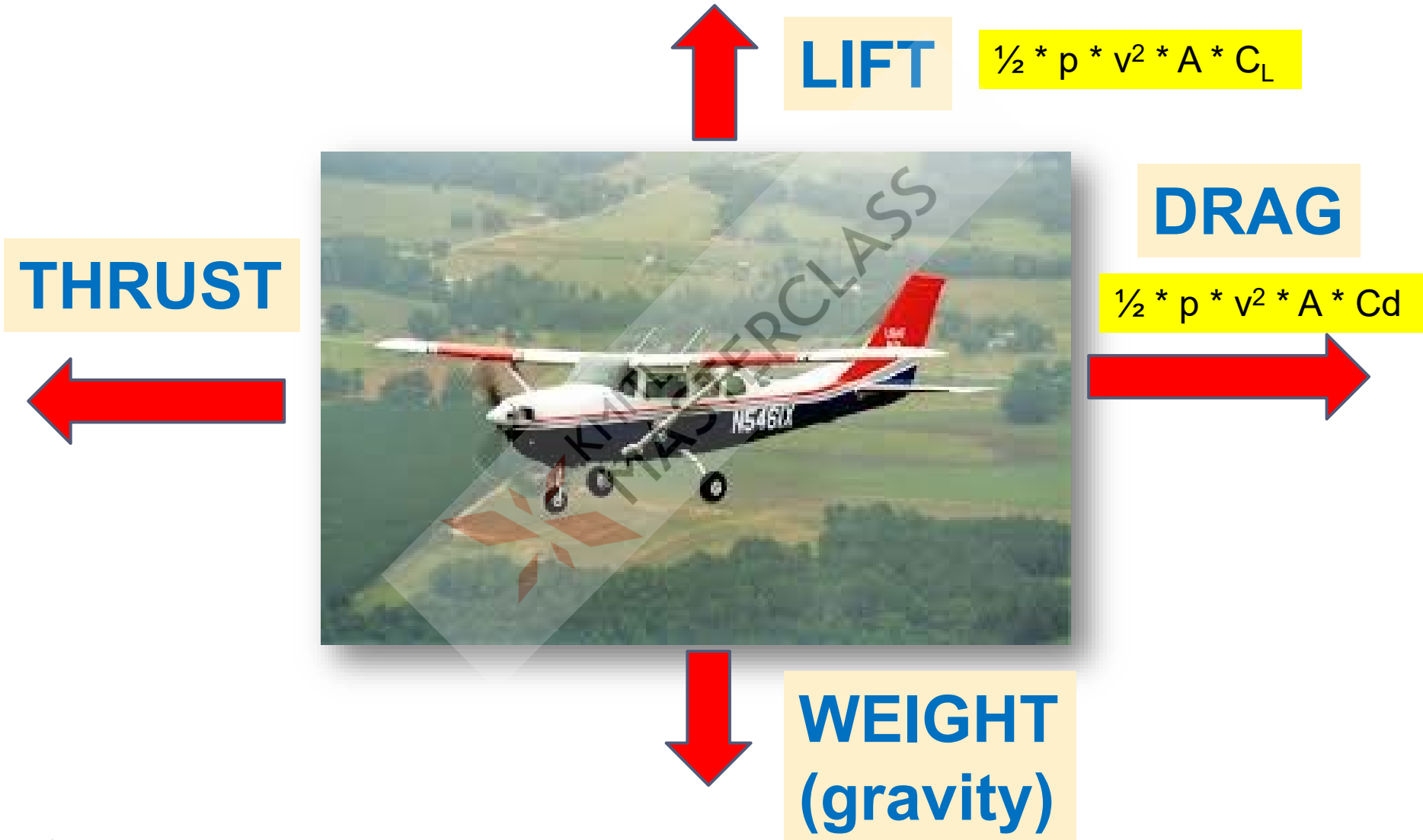
**202,157** planes in 24 hours

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/07/the-world-s-busiest-day-for-air-travel-mapped>

# Aircraft parts and functions



# Four Forces of Flight





# Lift

$$L = A_s * C_L * \left(\frac{1}{2} * \rho * v^2\right)$$

$\rho$  = air density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

$v$  = velocity (m/s)

$A_s$  = wing surface area (m<sup>2</sup>)

$C_L$  = coefficient of lift (no unit)

## Exercise:

Compute the Lift given the following parameters

$$A_s = 510 \text{ m}^2$$

$$C_L = 0.52$$

$$\rho = 0.30267 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$v = 265 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{Aircraft weight} = 286 \text{ tons}$$

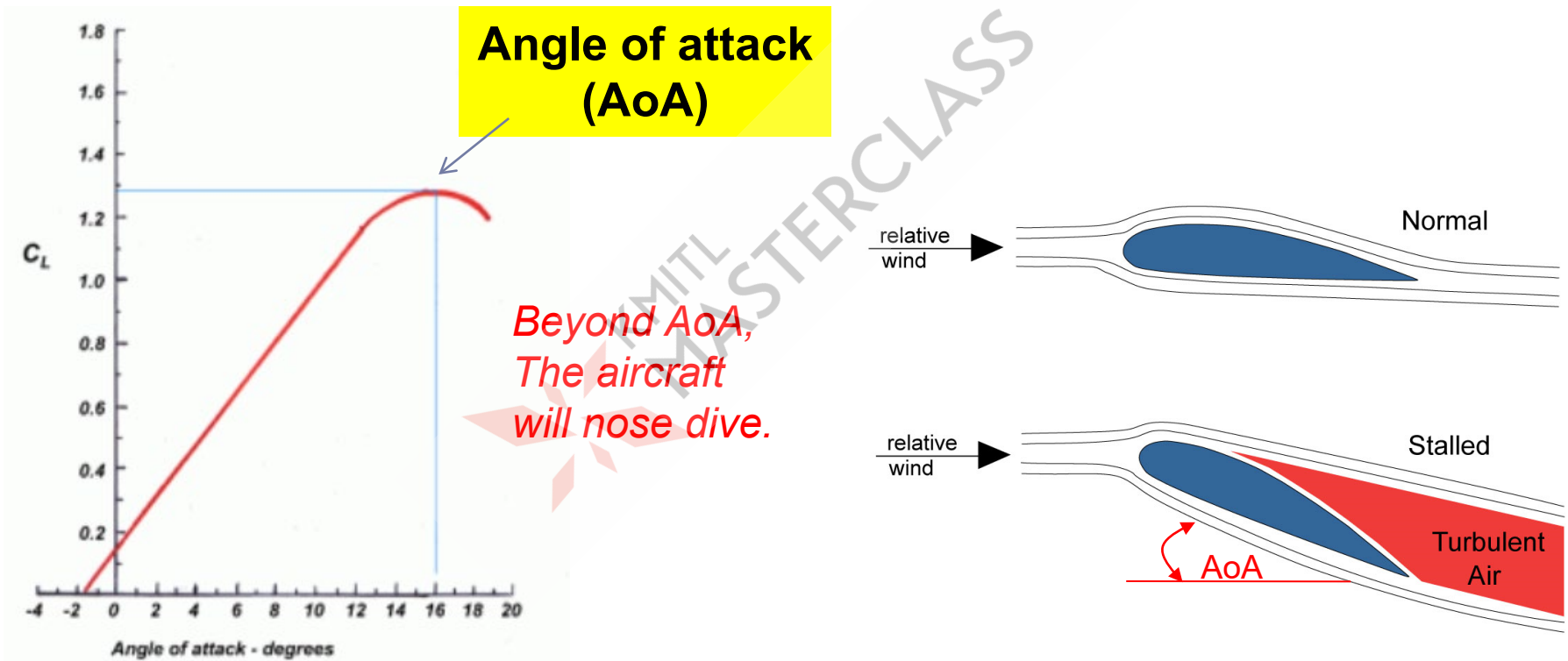
$$1 \text{ MPH} = 0.44704 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow L &= A_s * C_L * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) * \rho * v^2 \\ &= 510 * 0.52 * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) * 0.30267 * 265^2 \\ &= 2,817,762.027 \text{ (newtons, N)} \\ &= 287,233.56 \text{ (kg)} \sim 287 \text{ tons} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 \text{ kg} = 9.81 \text{ N}$$

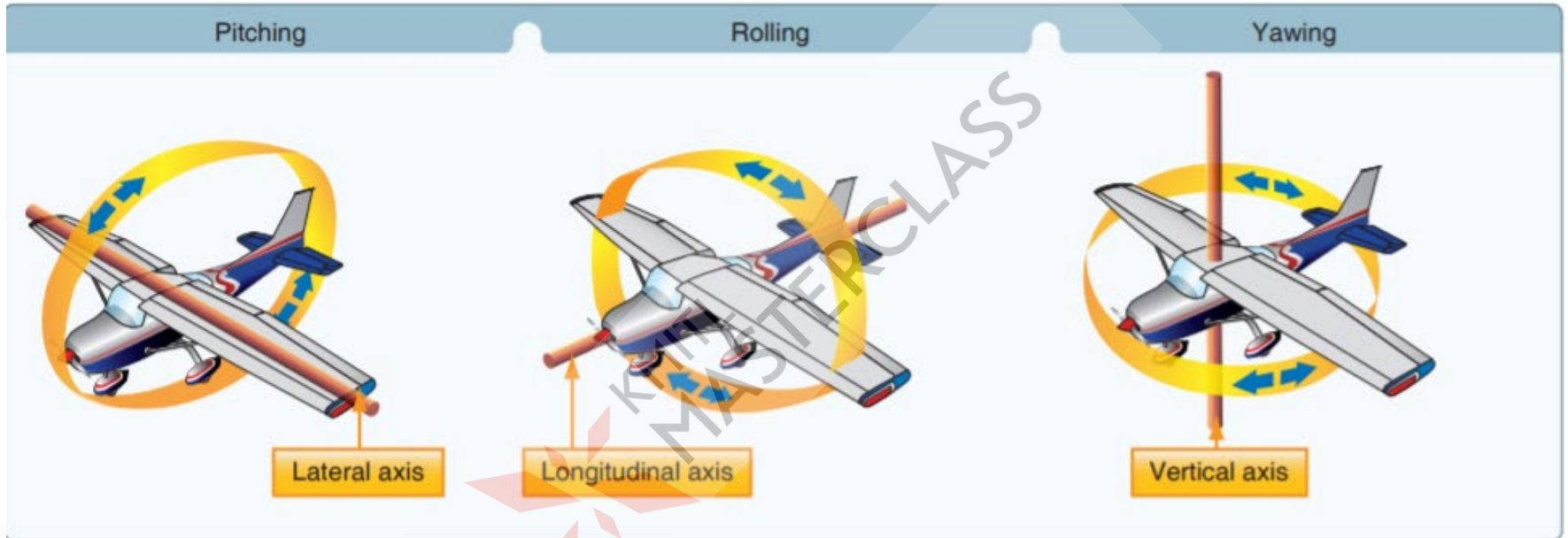
# Angle of Attack (AoA), Stall

AoA = The angle which the Lift coefficients  $C_L$  will decrease.



<http://rckavalaacroteam.com/lift-factor/>

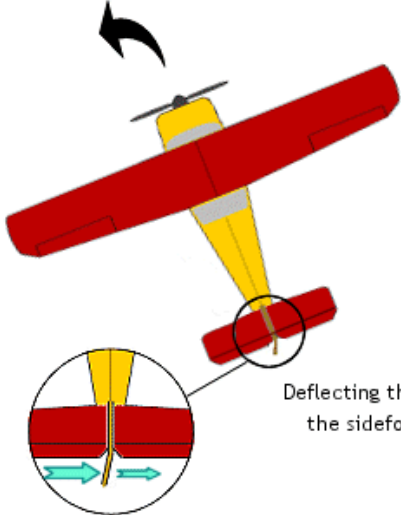
# Roll, Pitch, Yaw



# Rudder

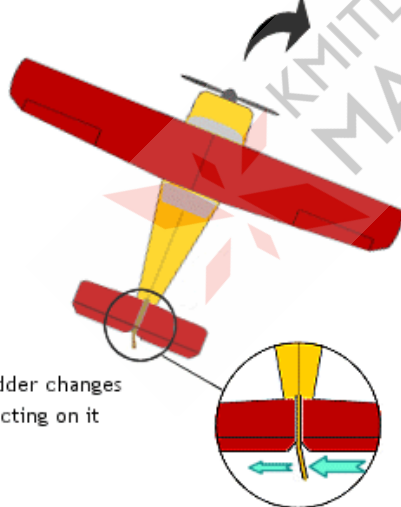


Turn left



Left rudder increases air pressure on the left side of the fin

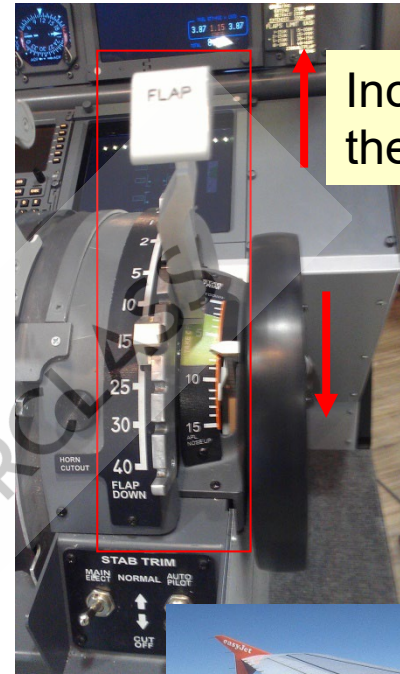
Turn right



Right rudder increases air pressure on the right side of the fin

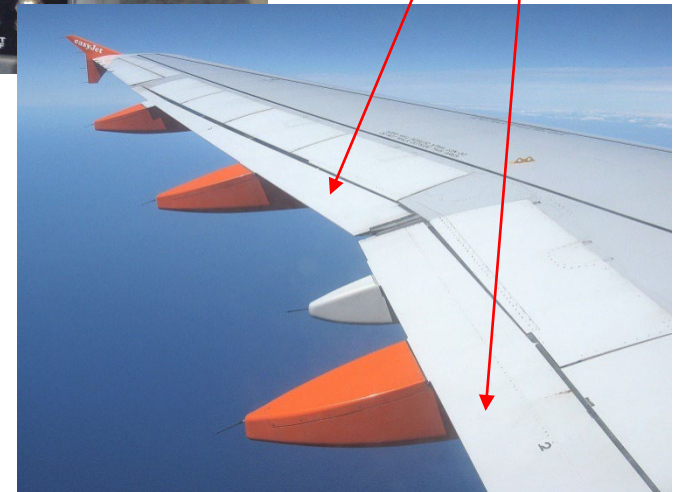
Deflecting the rudder changes the sideforce acting on it

# Flap



Increasing the flap

Extending flap increases the amount of lift



# Movement control

**While taxiing..**

Steering tiller



**In the air**

Yoke/Flight Control Column

Push backward – Descend

Tilt right

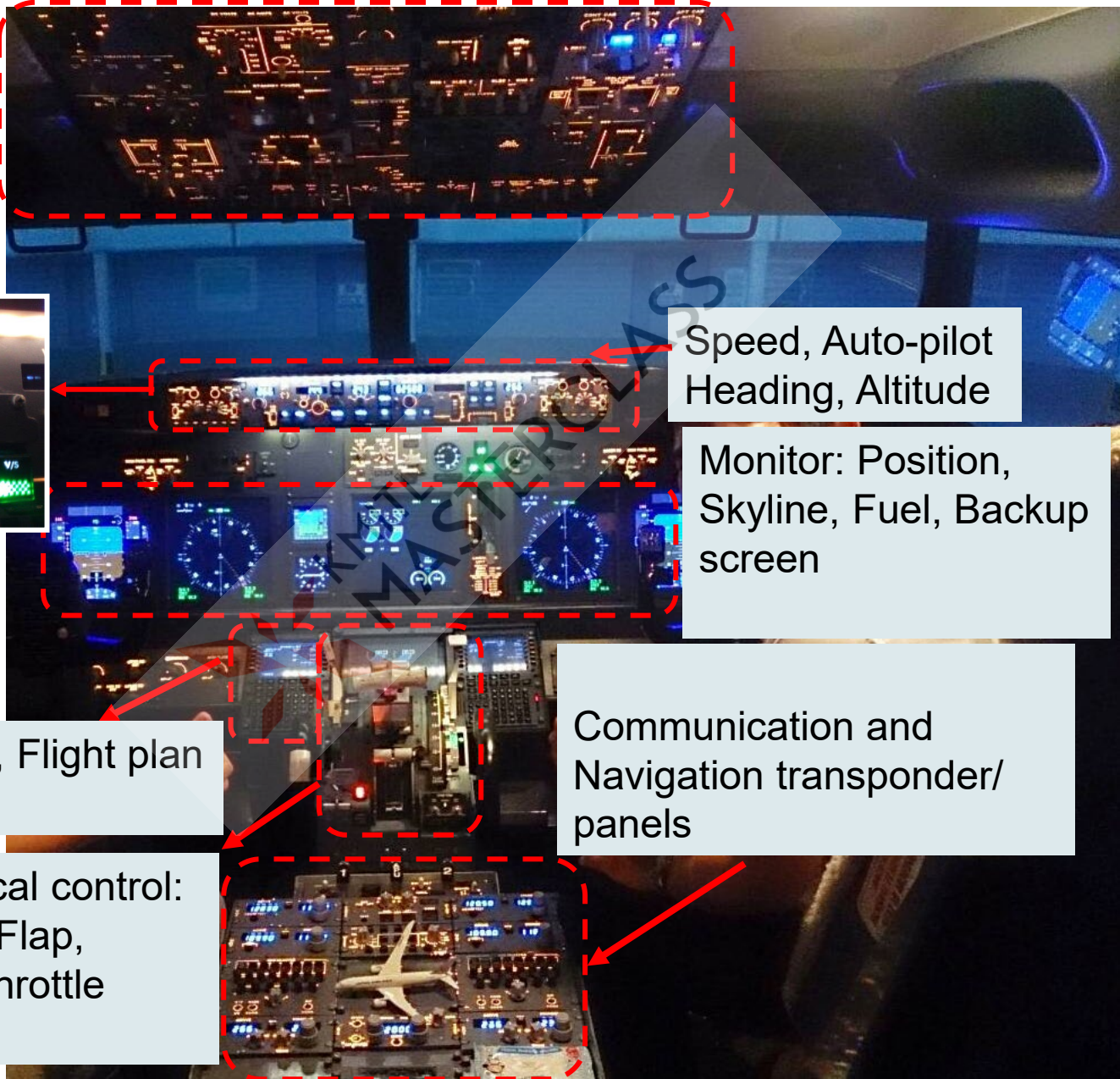


Tilt left

Pull forward – Ascend

# Inside the cabin of Boeing 737

Engine start,  
Fuel, Electricity,  
Generator, A/C  
Lights around  
the plane,  
hydraulics,  
temperature  
Seat belt sign,  
Cabin Pressure



Speed, Auto-pilot  
Heading, Altitude

Monitor: Position,  
Skyline, Fuel, Backup  
screen

Data Entry, Flight plan  
screen

Communication and  
Navigation transponder/  
panels

Mechanical control:  
Throttle, Flap,  
reverse throttle

# Flight Instruments

Analog

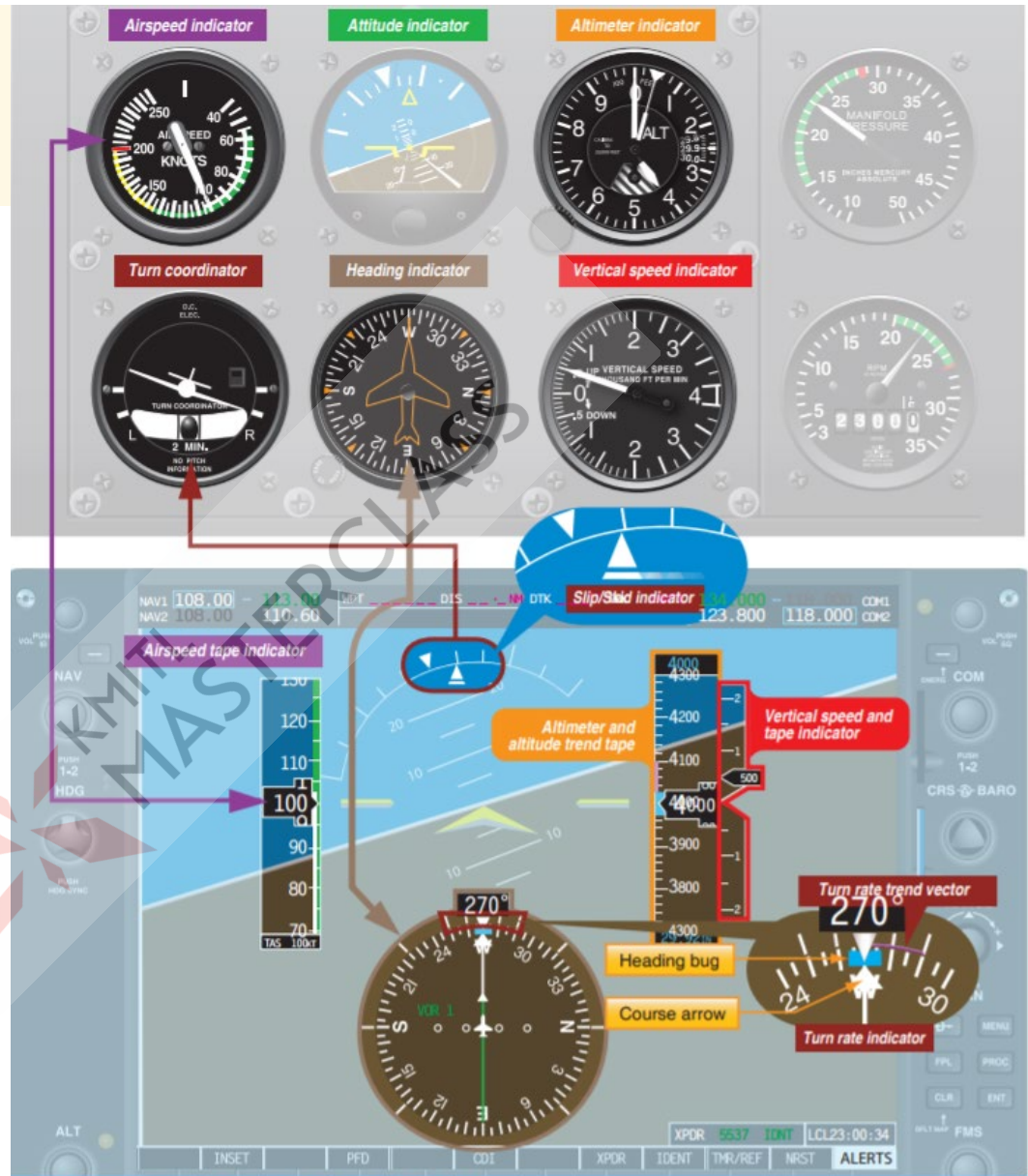


Digital

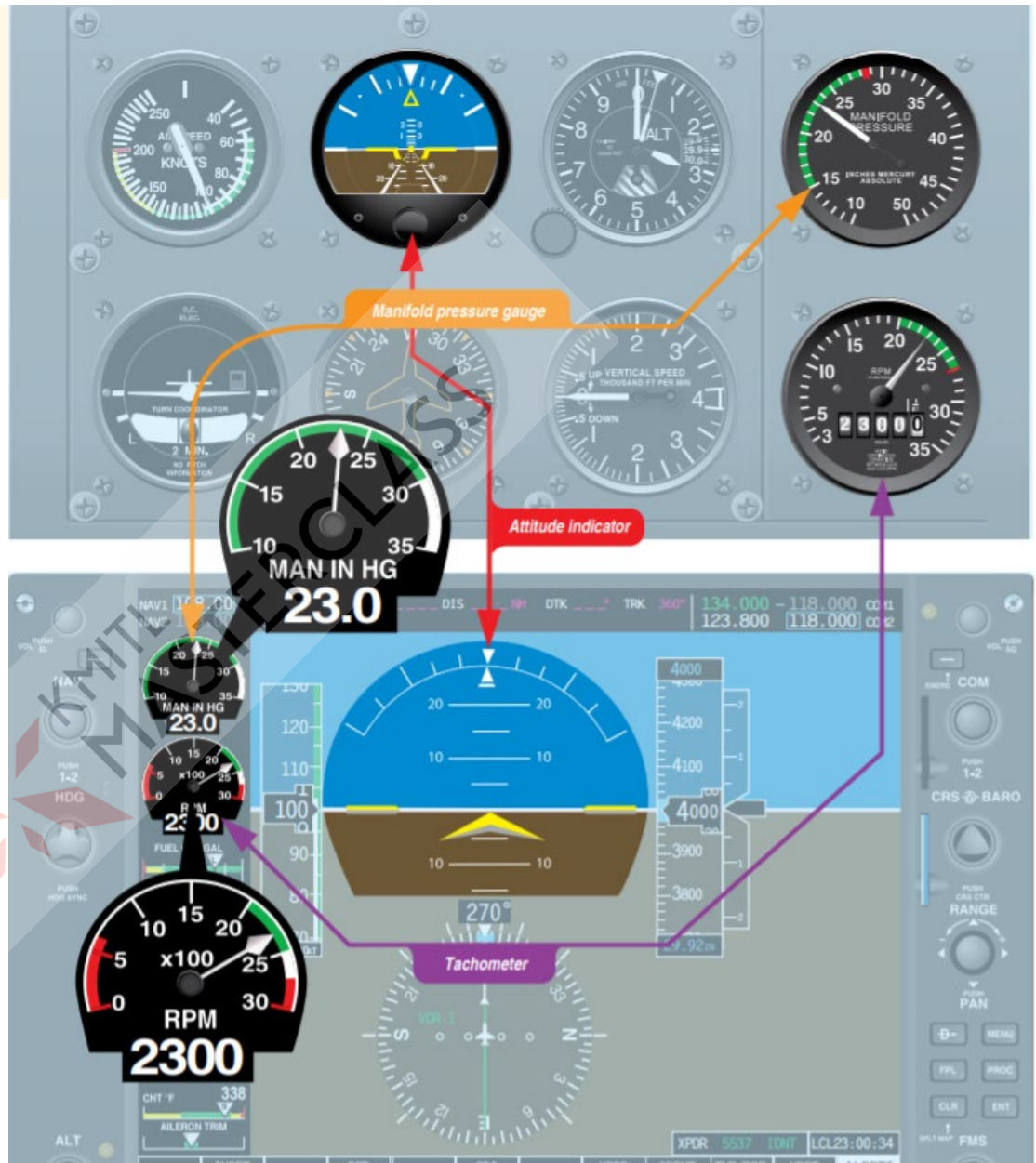




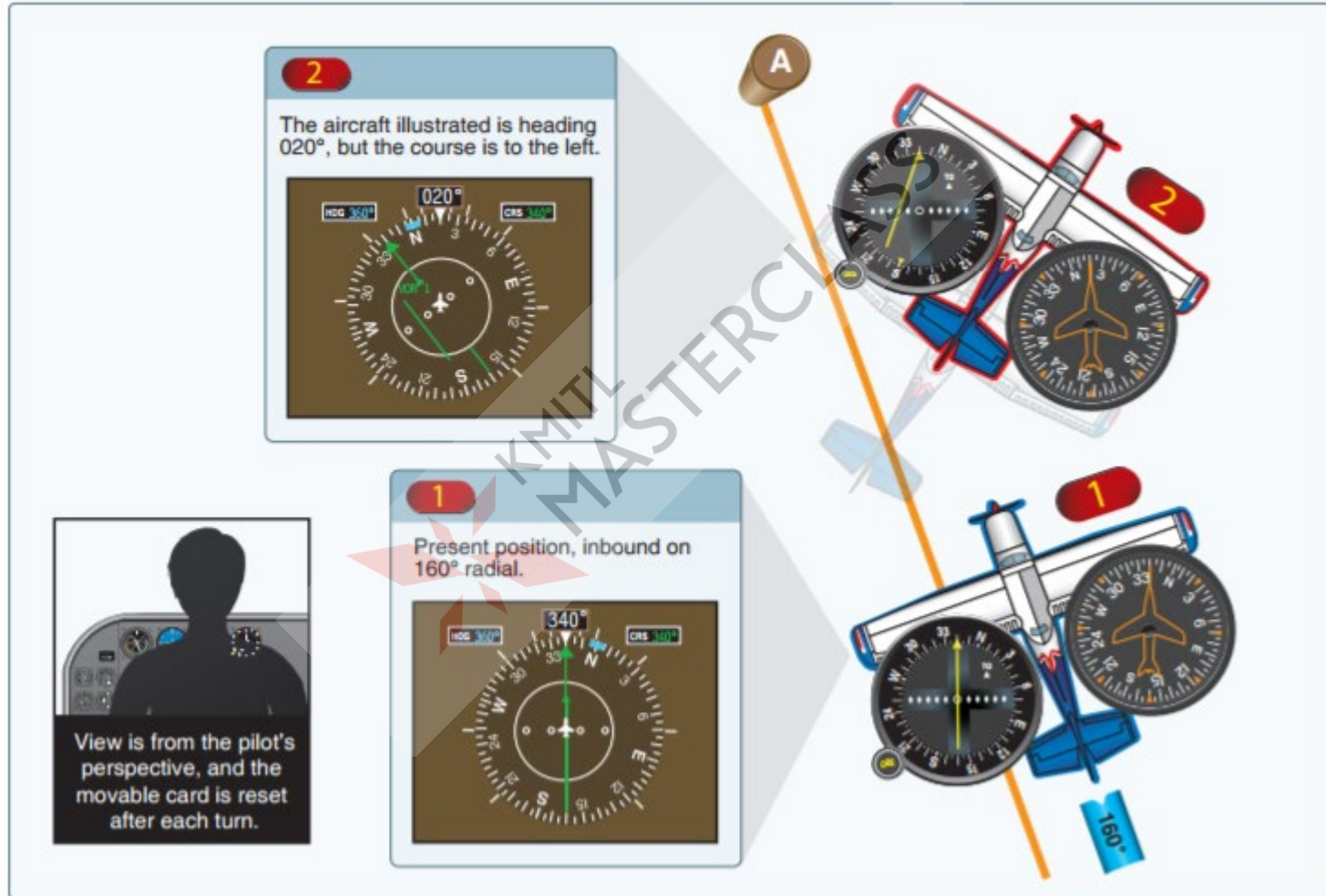
# Performance Instruments



# Control Instruments



# Navigation Instruments (1)



# Navigation Instruments (2)

**Fly down**

Glideslope needle indicates "fly down" to intercept glideslope



**Fly up**

Glideslope needle indicates "fly up" to intercept glideslope



Glideslope



# NATO/ICAO Phonetic Alphabet

## International Radiotelephony Spelling Alphabet

The availability of at least one medium of universal communication is important. This is particularly true for safety and efficiency in international air navigation.

The alphabet below is used internationally, not only in aviation but also in maritime operations as well as in everyday communications.

**A** Alfa

**B** Bravo

**C** Charlie

**D** Delta

**E** Echo

**F** Foxtrot

**G** Golf

**H** Hotel

**I** India

**J** Juliett

**K** Kilo

**L** Lima

**M** Mike

**N** November

**O** Oscar

**P** Papa

**Q** Quebec

**R** Romeo

**S** Sierra

**T** Tango

**U** Uniform

**V** Victor

**W** Whiskey

**X**-ray

**Y**ankee

**Z**ulu

<http://www.icao.int>

Spelling alphabet, ICAO Annex 10, Vol. II



A Alpha

AL FAH

B Bravo

BRAH VOH

C Charlie

SHAR LEE

D Delta

DELL TAH

E Echo

ECK OH

F Foxtrot

FOKSTROT

G Golf

GOLF

H Hotel

HO TELL

I India

IN DEE AH

J Juliet

JEW LEE

ETT

K Kilo

KEY LOH

L Lima

LEE MAH

M Mike

MIKE

N November

NO VEM BER

O Oscar

OSS CAH

P Papa

PAH PAAH

Q Quebec

KEH BECK

R Romeo

ROW ME OH

S Sierra

SEE AIR RAH

T Tango

TANG GO

U Uniform

YOU NEE

FORM

V Victor

VIK TAH

W Whiskey

WISS KEY

X X-ray

ECKS RAY

Y Yankee

YANG KEY

Z Zulu

ZOO LOO

# Call Sign

- ▶ Unique designation for a transmitting station
- ▶ Aircraft
  - ▶ Type A: Registration number (marks)
    - ▶ (Thailand) HS321 → *Hotel Sierra three-two-one*
    - ▶ (USA) N978CP → *November-niner-seven-eight-Charlie-Papa*
    - ▶ (Britain) G4980 →
  - ▶ Type B: Company/Agency + Registration Marks
  - ▶ Type C: Flight number
    - ▶ Thai 113
    - ▶ KLM645

# Call Sign

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- ▶ **President of the United States**
  - ▶ Air Force One (US Air Force aircraft)
  - ▶ Air Force One Foxtrot (when only the family of the President is aboard.)
  - ▶ Marine One (US Marine aircraft)
  - ▶ Navy One (US Navy aircraft)
  - ▶ Executive One (civilian aircraft)
- ▶ **Vice President of the United States**
  - ▶ Air Force Two (US Air Force aircraft)

# Unit for Altitude – Flight level

- Normally, we use “feet” (ft) for Altitude
- After about 11,000 ft → Call flight level (FL)

$$\text{FLAAA} = \text{AAA} \times 100 \text{ feet}$$

$$\text{FL300} = 30,000 \text{ ft}$$





# Units for Distance/Speed

1 NM (nautical mile) = 1.852 km  
= 6,076.1 feet

1 NM ~ 1.15 x statute mile (SM)

1 knot = 1 NMPH = 1.15 MPH = 1.852 km/hr

1 mach = 758 MPH

## Exercise:

A flight is at 'En Route' level of FL300 and speed of 450 MPH, what is

- (a) the height from ground in km, and
- (b) the speed in km/hr, knots, and machs?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } 33,000 \text{ ft} &= 33,000 \times 0.3048 \text{ m} \\ &= 10,058.4 \text{ m} \sim 10 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

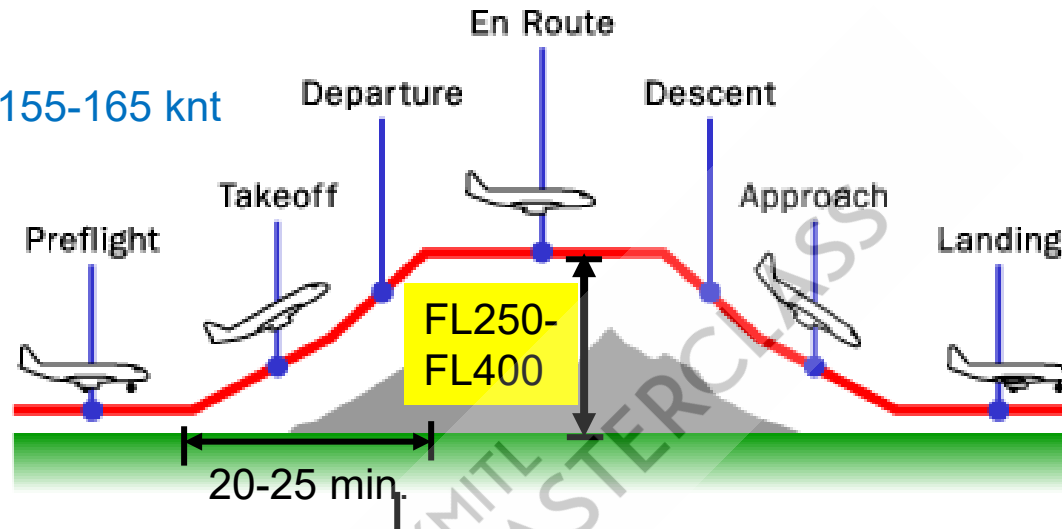
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } 450 \text{ MPH} &= 450 \times 1.852 / 1.15 \\ &= 724.7 \text{ km/hr} \\ &= 450 / 1.15 = 391.3 \text{ knots} \\ &= 450 / 758 = 0.593 \text{ mach} \end{aligned}$$

# Phases of Flight

## Boeing 747

Takeoff speed = 155-165 knt

475-500 knts  
878-926 km/hr

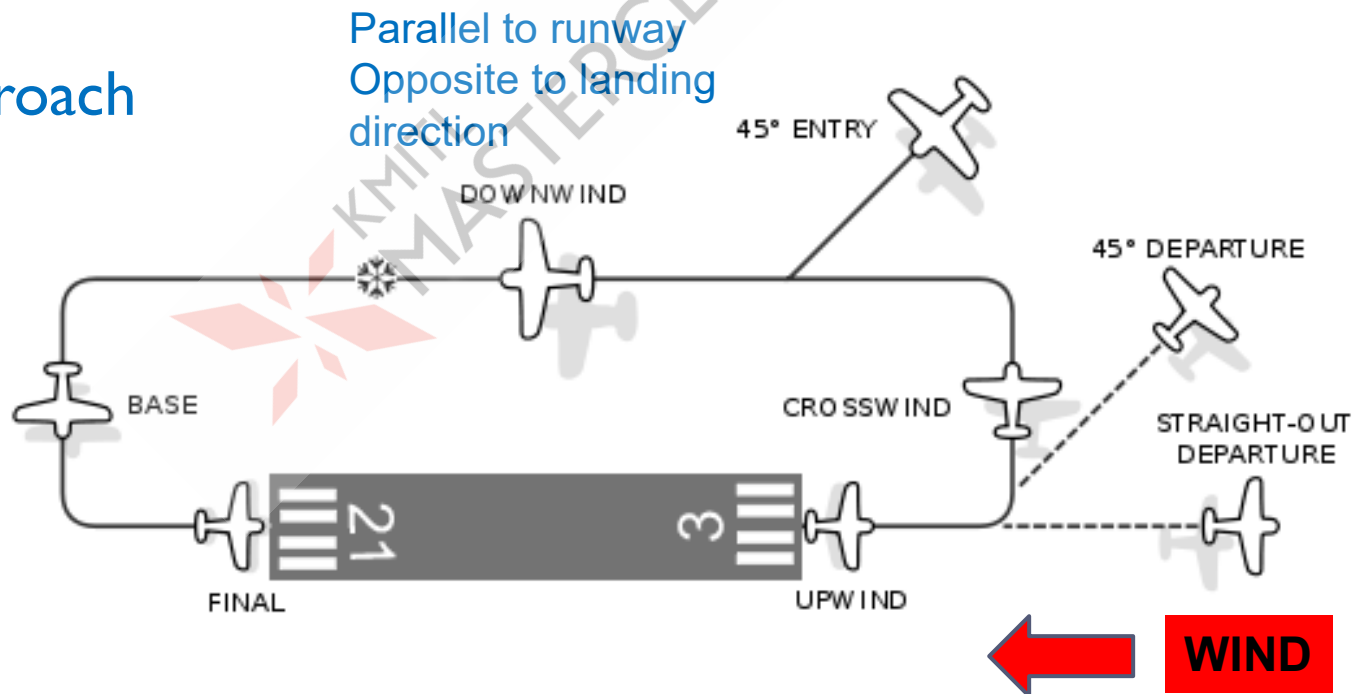


- Preflight** - This portion of the flight starts on the ground and includes flight checks, push-back from the gate and taxi to the runway.
- Takeoff** - The pilot powers up the aircraft and speeds down the runway.
- Departure** - The plane lifts off the ground and climbs to a cruising altitude.
- En route** - The aircraft travels through one or more center airspaces and nears the destination airport.
- Descent** - The pilot descends and maneuvers the aircraft to the destination airport.
- Approach** - The pilot aligns the aircraft with the designated landing runway.
- Landing** - The aircraft lands on the designated runway, taxis to the destination gate and parks at the terminal.

# Typical Traffic Patterns

There are five different legs of the traffic pattern:

- ▶ Upwind Leg
- ▶ Crosswind Leg
- ▶ Downwind Leg
- ▶ Base Leg
- ▶ Final Approach



# Procedures of Departure



1. Request clearance delivery (RCD)  
File a flight plan

2. Clearance delivery (CLD)

3. Clearance delivery acknowledgement (CDA) **ATC Clearance Frequency**



**flight data person** reviews the weather and flight-plan information and enters the flight plan into the host computer.

The computer generates a **flight progress strip** that will be passed from controller to controller throughout your flight.

**Be prepared to enter different frequencies for Tower, Departure, etc.**

# Procedures of Departure

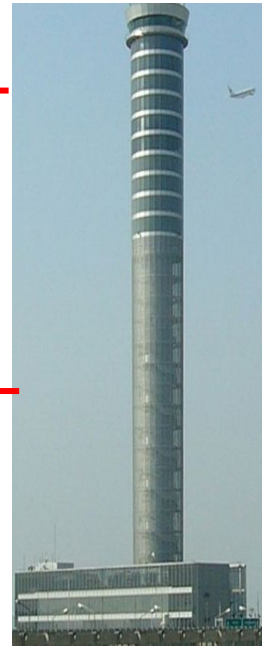


## Tower Frequency

Ground controller directs the pilot to push back from gate, taxi to the takeoff runway, Short hold.



gives final clearance for takeoff



# After takeoff

- Talk to ATC at waypoints
- at transition altitude (different for each country)
- at different altitudes
- Obtain Weather info
- Send ADSB signals
- etc....

## En Route



Radio signal  
flight number, altitude  
airspeed, destination

Radar signal



Tower Frequency

Activates a transponder device in the aircraft

# Descending

## En Route



- Set ILS frequency (localizer, GS)
- Descend to fixed altitudes (based on flight plan)
- Set descending speed (based on flight plan)
- May change due to traffic condition
- Talk to ATC or read from ACARS printout
- Checklist (VREF, landing velocity (ex. 140 knts))

(Arrival) Frequency

Descend



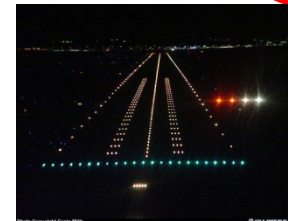
(Arrival)  
Tower Frequency



Turns to  
Localizer  
signal

Rear wheels  
land first

Localizer





# Radio frequencies at VTBS

## Communication

Service designation	Call sign	Frequency	Hours of operation	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
APP	Bangkok Approach	122.35 MHz / 262.5 MHz 124.35 MHz / 262.5 MHz 125.2 MHz / 262.5 MHz 121.7 MHz / 262.5 MHz 125.8 MHz <sup>(2)</sup> 121.5 MHz <sup>(1)</sup> / 243.0 MHz <sup>(1)</sup>	H24	(1) Emergency frequency (2) Clearance delivery for aircraft departing to adjacent aerodromes and helicopters operating within BKK CTR (3) For RWY 01R/19L (4) For RWY 01L/19R
APP	Suvarnabhumi Departure	119.25 MHz		
ARR	Suvarnabhumi Arrival	133.6 MHz 126.3 MHz 133.4 MHz 121.5 MHz		
TWR	Suvarnabhumi Tower	118.2 MHz <sup>(3)</sup> / 274.5 MHz 119.0 MHz <sup>(4)</sup> 121.5 MHz <sup>(1)</sup> / 243.0 MHz <sup>(1)</sup>		East rwy West rwy
SMC	Suvarnabhumi Ground	121.65 MHz / 275.8 MHz 121.75 MHz 121.95 MHz		East apron Main apron West apron
ATIS	Suvarnabhumi Airport	127.8 MHz / 278.6 MHz		D-ATIS Synthesis Voice Broadcast

## Navigation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DVOR/DME	SVB	111.4 MHz CH51X	H24	13 39 32.5 N 100 43 53.2 E	RWY01L/19R and RWY01R/19L ILS LOC coverage expanded service volume up to 25 DME altitude not below 2 500 ft AMSL.	
ILS CAT II LOC/DME RWY 01L GP	I-SWS	109.1 MHz CH28X		13 42 22.3 N 100 44 37.8 E		
ILS CAT II LOC/DME RWY 19R GP	I-SWN	109.5 MHz CH32X		13 40 27.8 N 100 44 03.6 E		
ILS CAT II LOC/DME RWY 19R GP	I-SWN	109.5 MHz CH32X		13 40 07.5 N 100 44 02.4 E		
ILS CAT II LOC/DME RWY 01R GP	I-SES	110.1 MHz CH38X		13 42 03.9 N 100 44 28.9 E		
ILS CAT II LOC/DME RWY 19L GP	I-SEN	110.5 MHz CH42X		13 41 39.3 N 100 45 42.1 E		
		331.4 MHz	13 40 27.8 N 100 44 03.6 E			
		332.6 MHz	13 42 03.9 N 100 44 28.9 E			
		334.4 MHz	13 39 33.4 N 100 45 13.1 E			
		329.6 MHz	13 41 19.0 N 100 45 40.9 E			

## ATC Clearance

Frequency	Outbound routes
120.8 MHz	A464 (SOUTHBOUND), G458, M751, W19, W31
133.8 MHz	A1 (EASTBOUND), A202, W1
135.8 MHz	N891, G474, R468 (EASTBOUND)
128.7 MHz	A1/L507, A464 (NORTHBOUND), B346, G463/P646, R468 (WESTBOUND), R474, W9, W21

# Airports

- **Controlled airport (Towered airport)**
  - Air traffic control (ATC)
  - Two-way radio with ATC
- **Uncontrolled airport**
  - No ATC, two-way radio, not required
  - Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF)

## Other categories:

- Civil airports
- Military/government airports
- Private airports

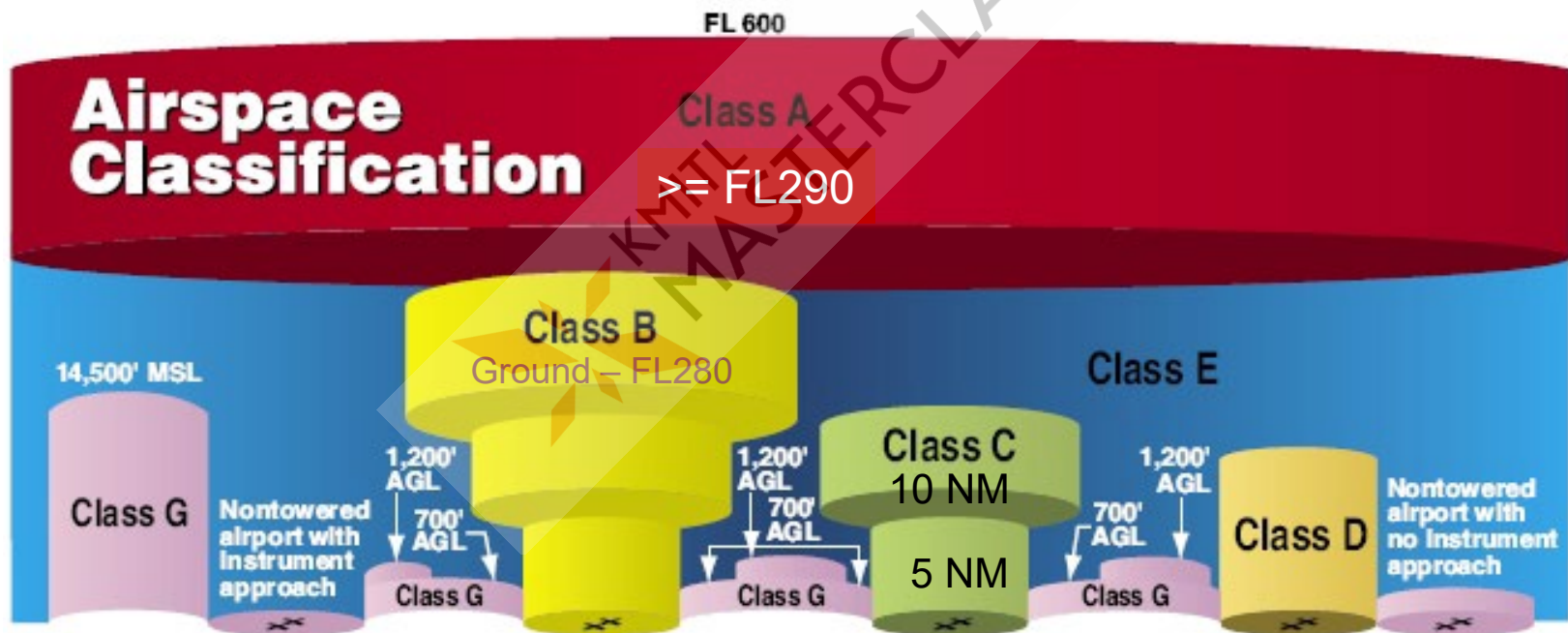
# Airspace Classification

## ▶ Controlled Airspace

- ▶ Class A,B,C,D,E

## ▶ Uncontrolled Airspace

- ▶ Class G



# Future Airspace



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2bJBrEzQCo>

# Air Traffic Control Tower

132.2 m  
from ground

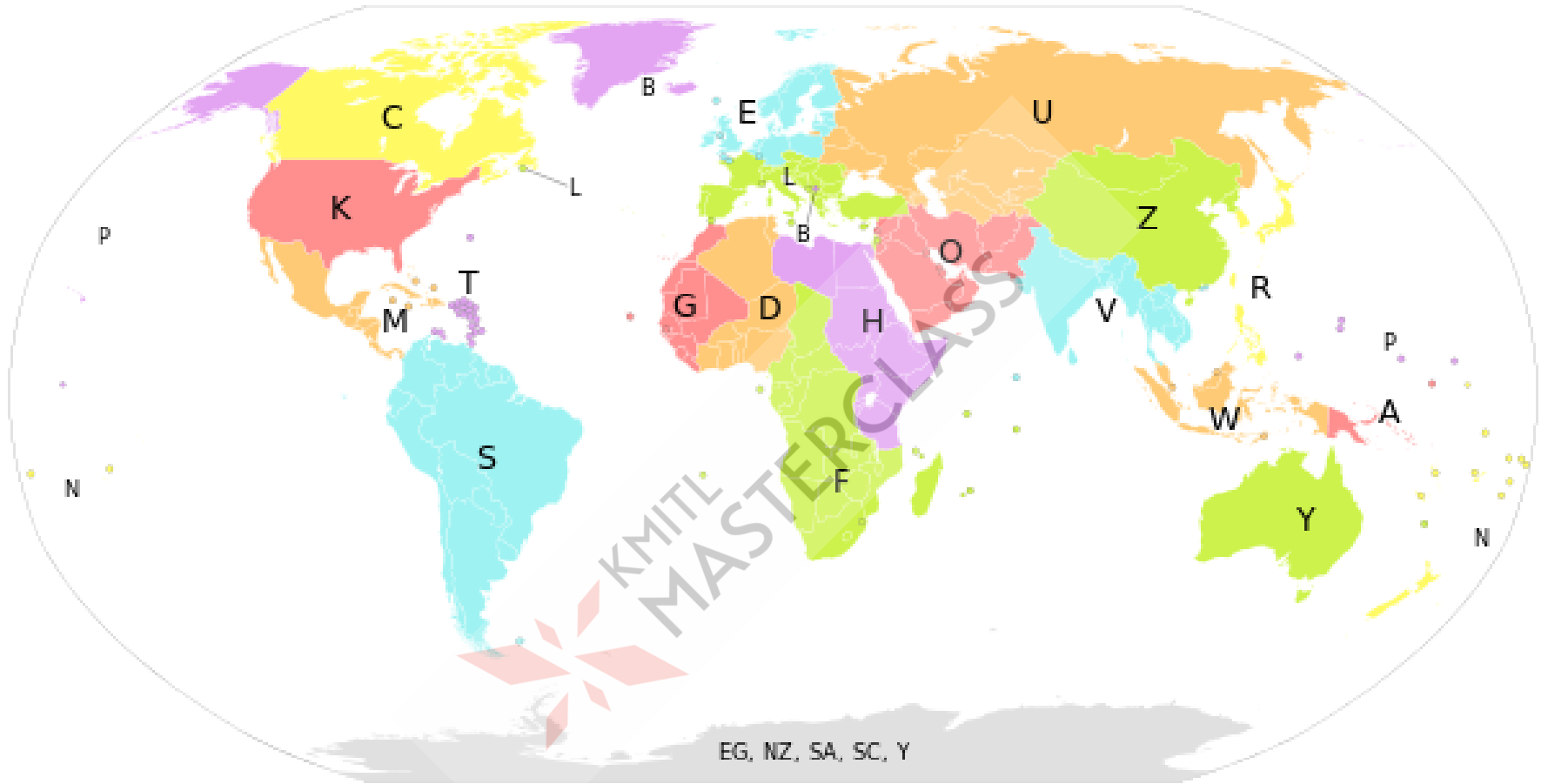
The control  
tower at  
Suvarnabhumi  
Airport is the  
tallest one in  
the world!



## Air traffic controllers (ATC)

Responsible for the separation and efficient movement of

- aircraft and vehicles operating on the taxiways and runways of the airport itself
- aircraft in the air near the airport, generally 5 to 10 nautical miles (9 to 18 km) depending on the airport procedures.



Map of world regions classified according to the first letter of the ICAO airport code.

# Air Traffic Control (ATC)

The services are divided into three sectors:

1. Aerodrome Control Service
2. Approach/Departure Control Service  
(both 1 and 2)
  - ▶ provided at all commercial airports throughout Thailand
  - ▶ within a 30 NM radius from each airport
  - ▶ Transition altitudes: 11,000 feet
3. Area Control Service (Tung Mahamek)
  - Enroute

# Ground Control (1er)

- ▶ Responsible for **all ground traffic, aircrafts taxi**
  - ▶ Gates → takeoff runways
  - ▶ Landing runways → Gates.
- ▶ **Clearance to taxi**, you receive this on the ground frequency. At Suvarnabhumi airport, ground is, for example, **121.75 MHz**.
- ▶ Which way to taxi and which runway to go to for takeoff?
- ▶ Once your plane reaches the designated takeoff runway, the ground controller passes the strip to the **Arrival/Departure controller**.



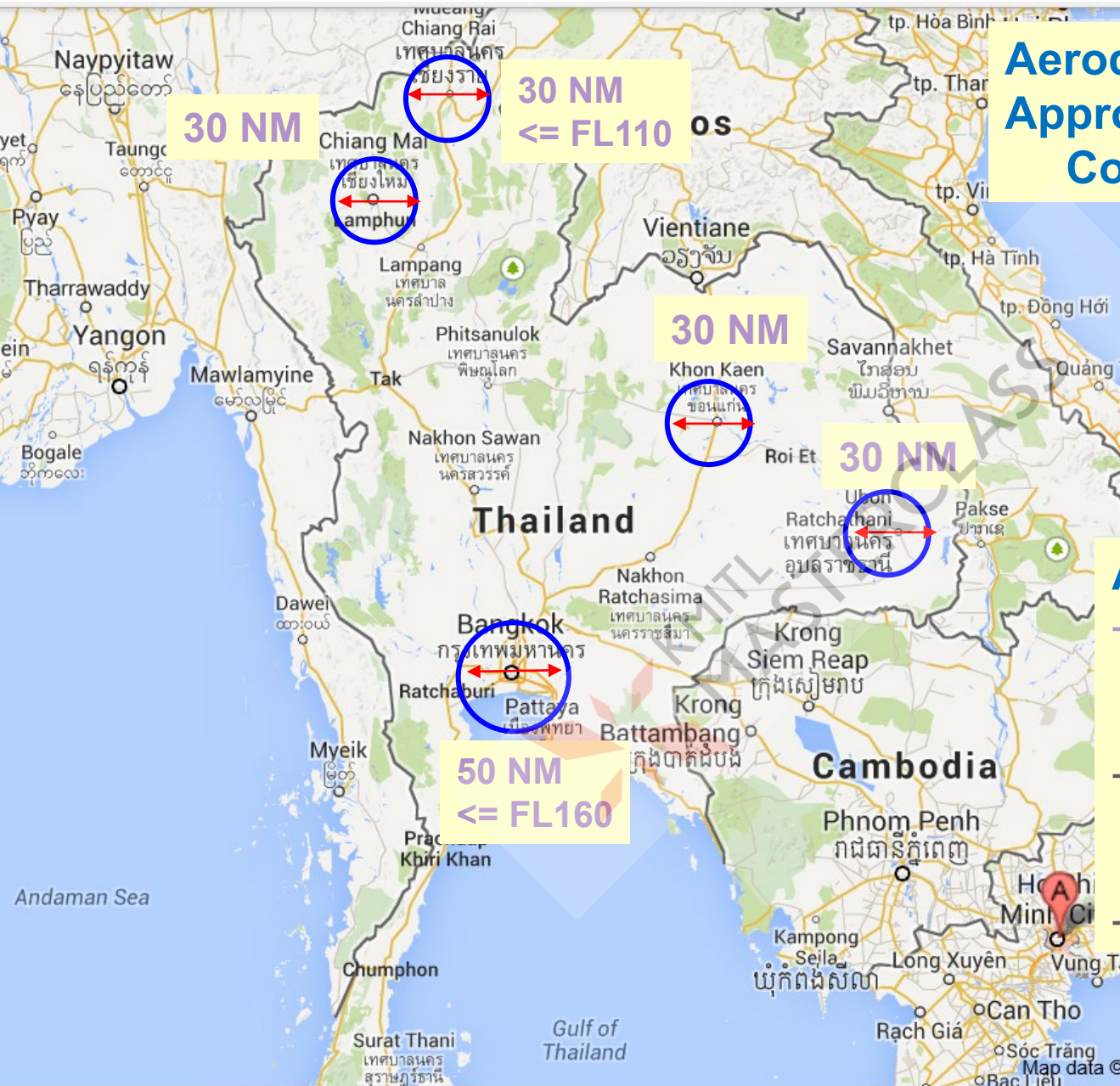


# Aerodrome Control Service Approach/Departure Control Service

**ALL  
AIRPORTS**

## Area Control Center

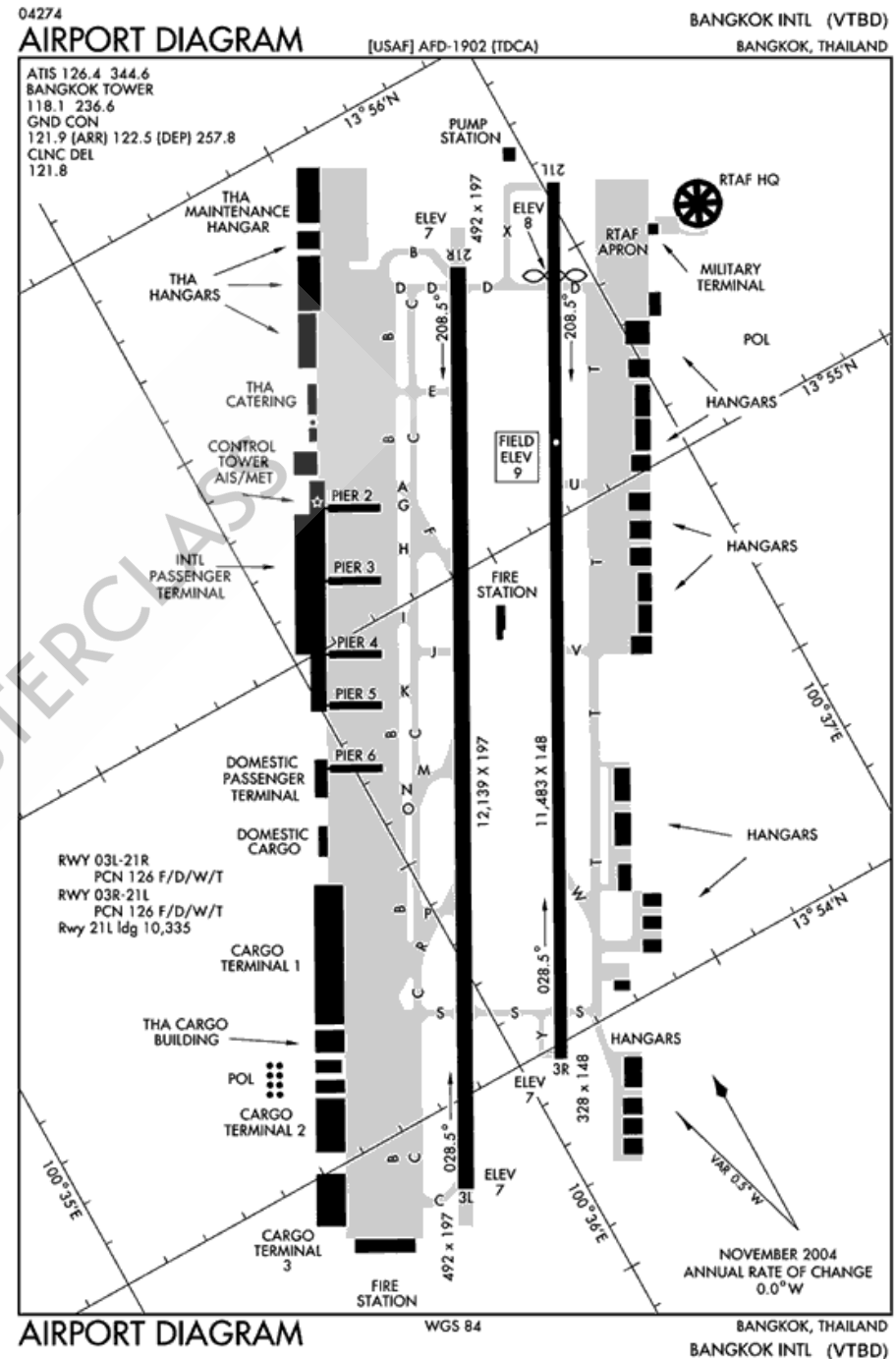
- whole of Thailand airspace outside the airport area
- and part of South China
- Sea west of Cambodia
- FL135 to FL460



# Don Muang Terminal Diagram (VTBD)

## Runway

- ▶ 21R/03L
- ▶ 03R/21L
- ▶ 3494 m x 61 m
- ▶ Asphalt



# Suvarnabhumi Airport (VTBS)

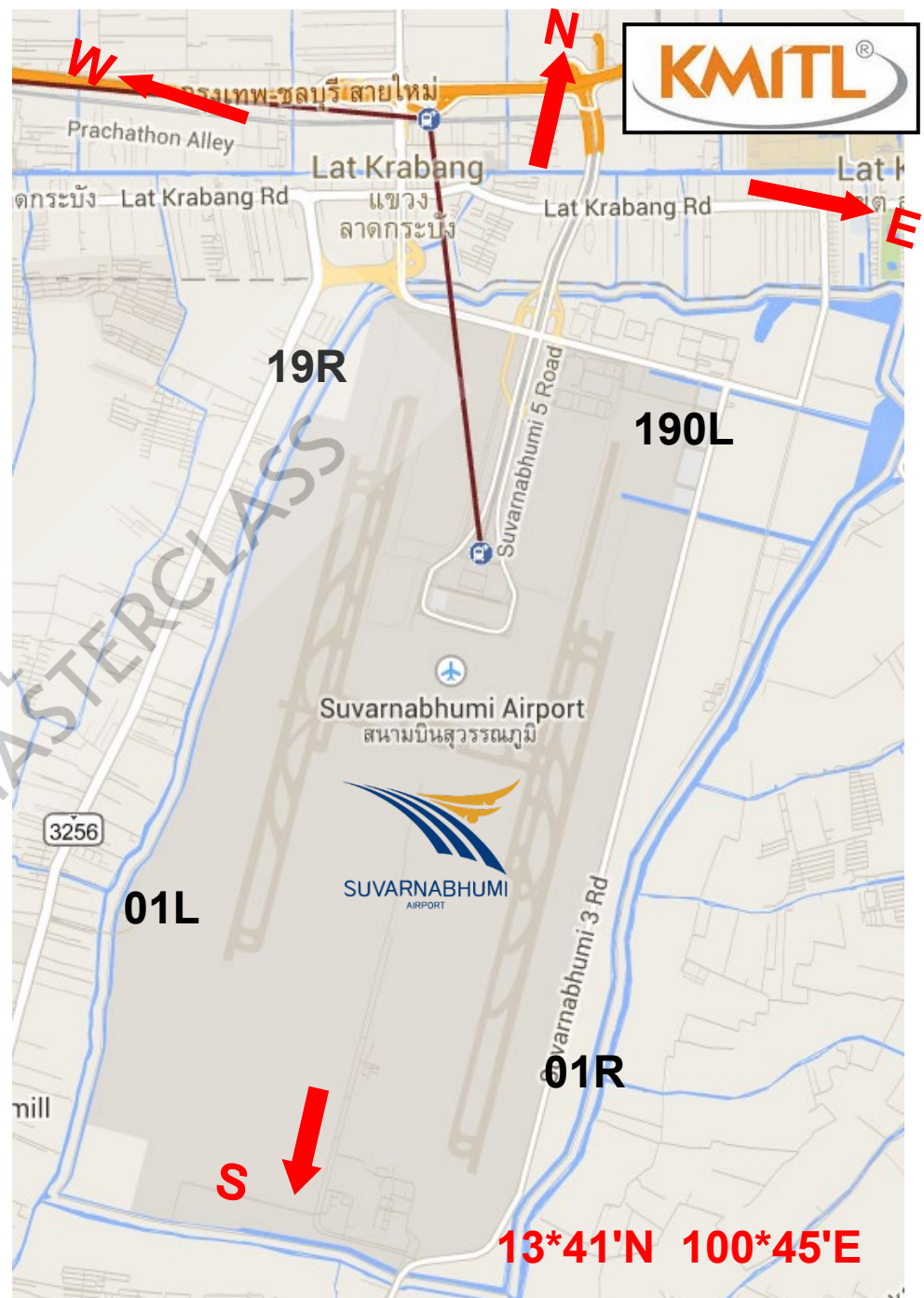


## Runway

- ▶ 01R/19L ( $14.42^\circ$ ,  $190.42^\circ$ )
- ▶ 01L/19R
- ▶ (LxW) = 3700 m x 60 m
- ▶ Asphalt

## Taxiway

- 30-m wide



AIRCRAFT PARKING /  
DOCKING CHART- ICAO

13 41 09 N  
100 44 56 E

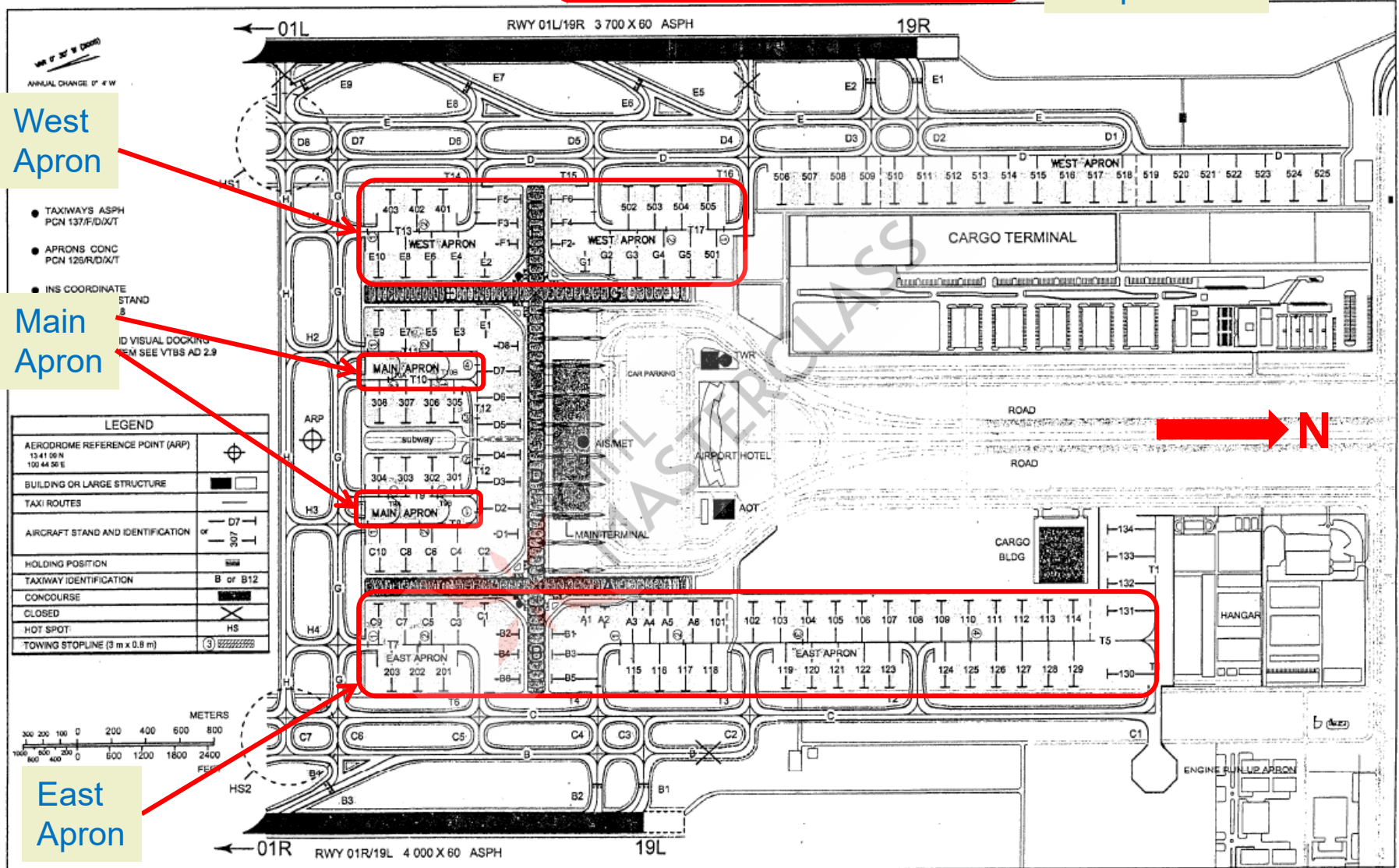
APRON ELEV  
1.8 m (5.9 ft)

TWR FREQ 119.0 (RWY 19R/01L)  
TWR FREQ 118.2 (RWY 19L/01R)

GND FREQ 121.95 (WEST APRON)  
GND FREQ 121.75 (MAIN APRON)  
GND FREQ 121.65 (EAST APRON)

# Usable Frequencies

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West Apron

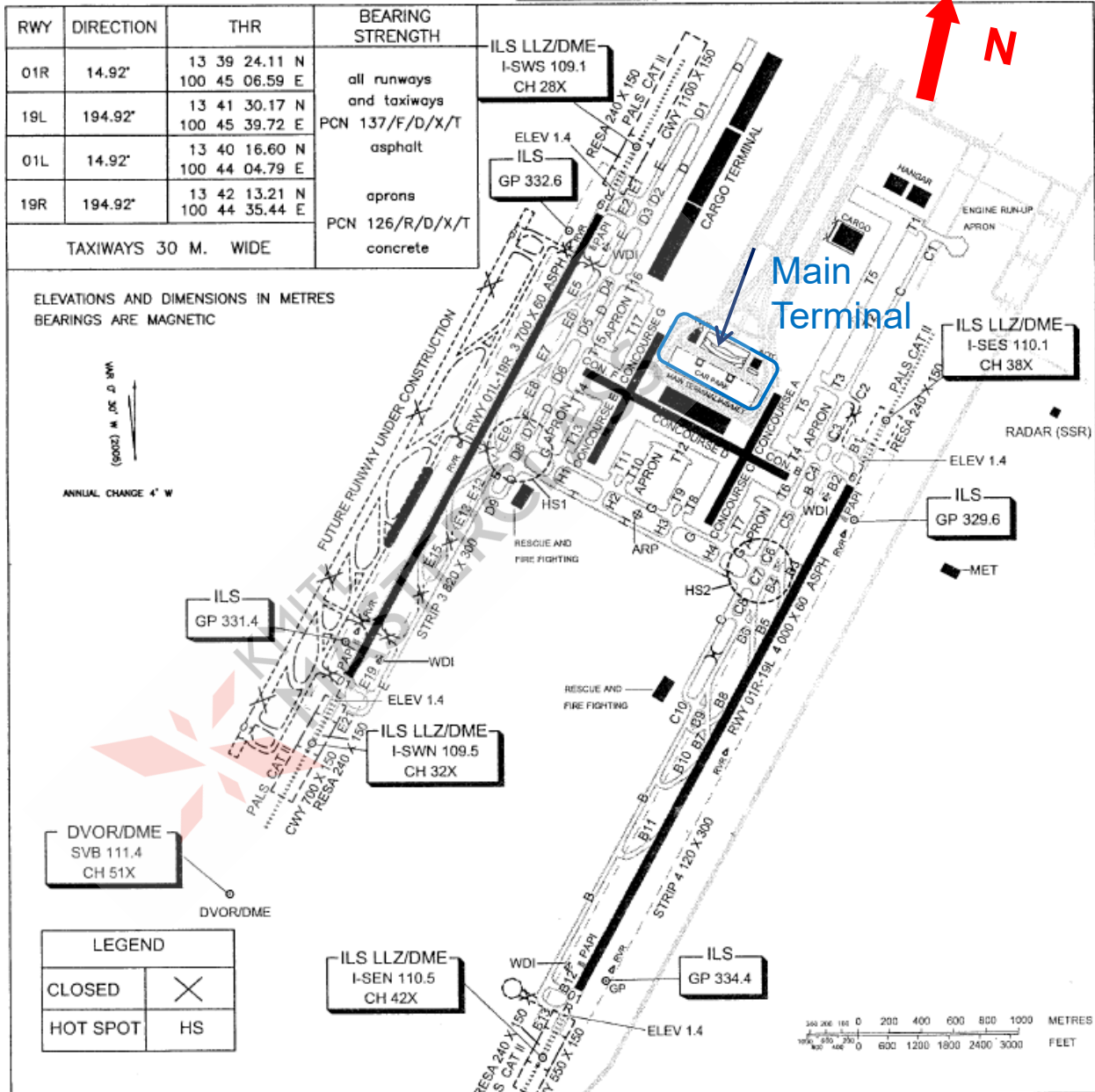
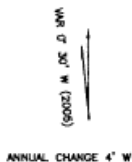
Main Apron

East Apron

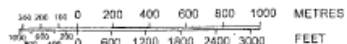
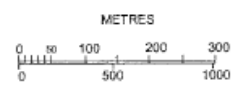
RWY	DIRECTION	THR	BEARING STRENGTH
01R	14.92°	13 39 24.11 N 100 45 06.59 E	all runways and taxiways PCN 137/F/D/X/T asphalt
19L	194.92°	13 41 30.17 N 100 45 39.72 E	
01L	14.92°	13 40 16.60 N 100 44 04.79 E	aprons PCN 126/R/D/X/T concrete
19R	194.92°	13 42 13.21 N 100 44 35.44 E	

TAXIWAYS 30 M. WIDE

ELEVATIONS AND DIMENSIONS IN METRES  
BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC



LEGEND	
CLOSED	X
HOT SPOT	HS

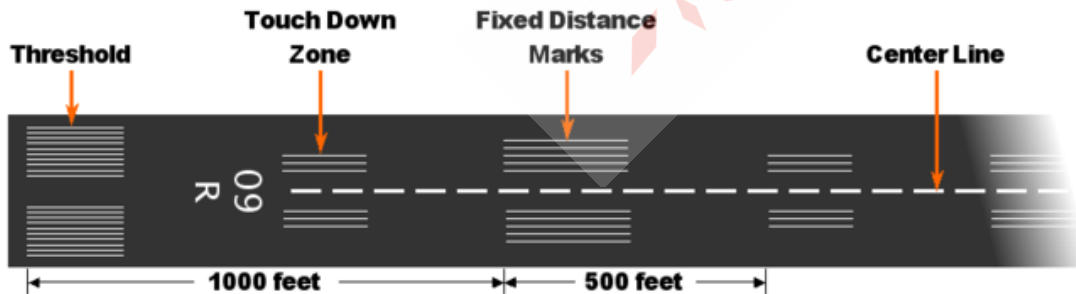
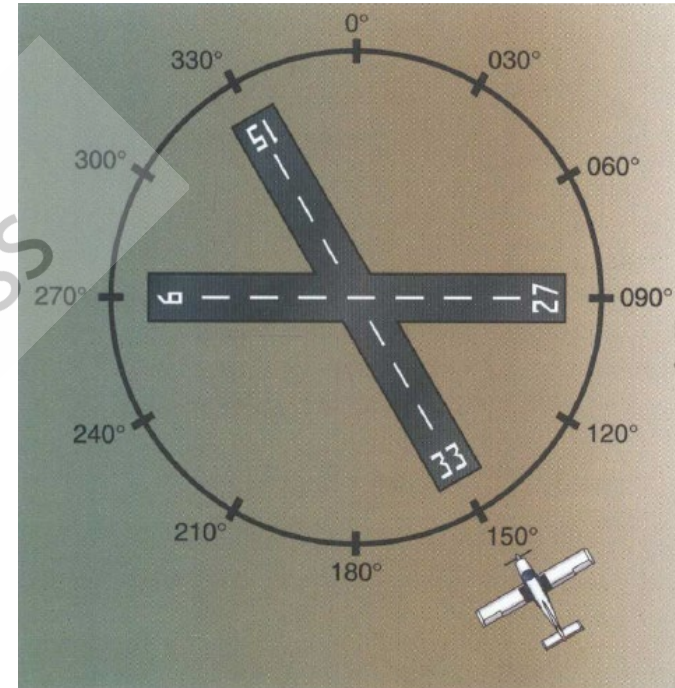


MARKING AND LIGHTING AIDS  
RWY 01L/19R SIMILAR TO RWY 01R/19L

# Runways

- Runway number: between 01 and 36
- Indicates **magnetic direction**
  - $327^\circ \rightarrow 330^\circ \rightarrow$  Runway 33
  - A runway numbered 09 points east ( $90^\circ$ )
  - A runway 18 is south ( $180^\circ$ )
  - A runway 27 points west ( $270^\circ$ )
  - A runway 36 points to the north ( $360^\circ$  rather than  $0^\circ$ )

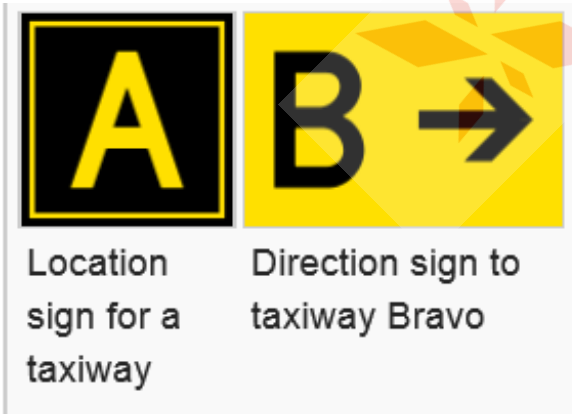
**Magnetic north reference**



Q: What is difference in runway number on the opposite side?

# Taxiway

- ▶ Path on an airport connecting runways with ramps, hangars, terminals and other facilities

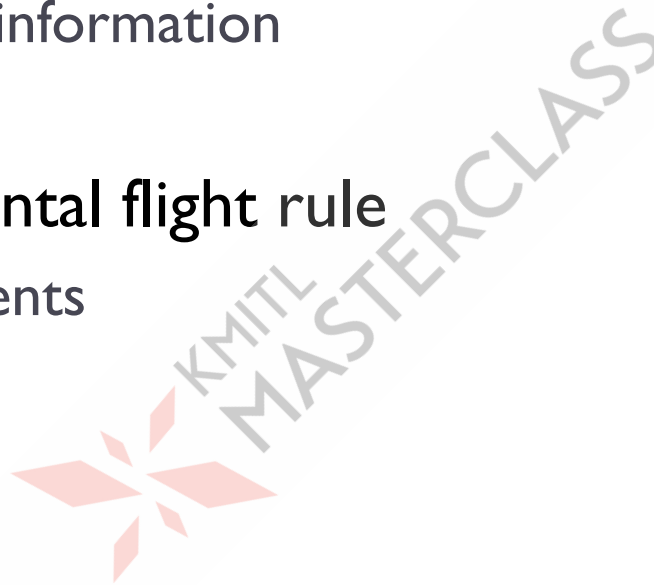




# VFR vs. IFR runways

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- ▶ VFR = Visual flight rule
  - ▶ Rely on visual information
- ▶ IFR = Instrumental flight rule
  - ▶ Need instruments



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