



# Runway Incursion: Pilots' Perspective

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### *➤ The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations*

- Represents more than 100,000 pilots worldwide*
- Over 100 member associations*
- Permanent representation at the ICAO Air Navigation Commission*
- 12 Specialist Committees*

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*The Mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of professional pilots by providing representation, services and support in order to promote the highest level of aviation safety worldwide.*



# **RUNWAY SAFETY MANUAL**

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# Runway Incursions: Today's Main Topics

- Communications Hazards
- Operational Hazards
- Visibility Hazards
- Airport Design Hazards
- Construction Hazards

# Runway Incursions



Tenerife-The Worst Disaster in Aviation History

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**MD80/Citation runway collision, Milan – 2001**  
**118 Dead**

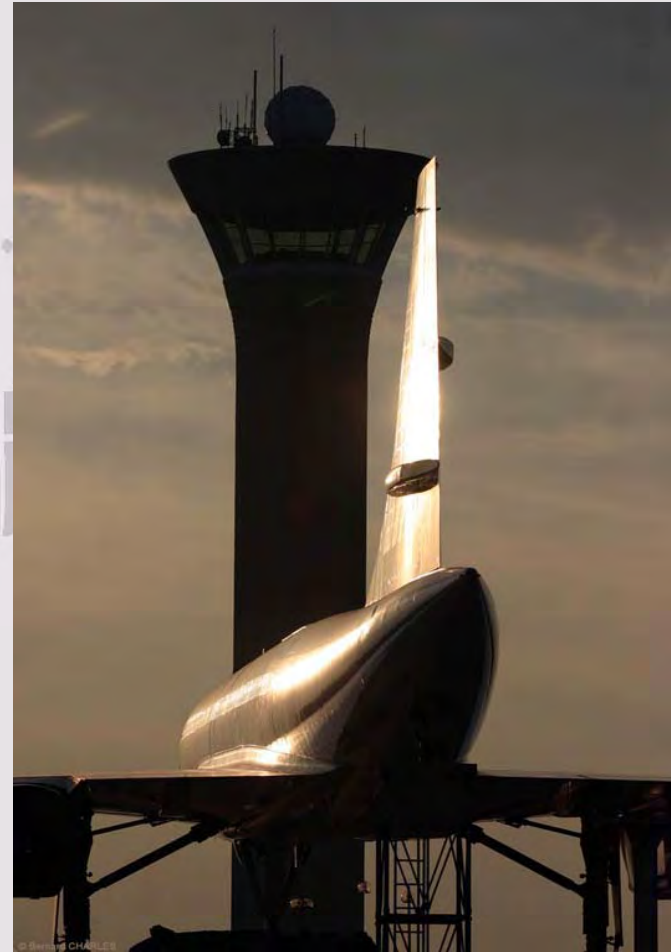
# ICAO Definition

- Definition of Runway incursion:
  - *Any occurrence at an aerodrome involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and take-off of aircraft.*



# Runway Incursions happen

- When situational awareness is lost because
- Errors are not caught in time
- Communications breakdown



## ... when humans err

- Pilots and Drivers entering or crossing a runway without a valid clearance
- Air Traffic Controllers giving a clearance to enter or cross an occupied runway

# Runway Incursions



# There are Three Types of Runway Incursions

**Operational Errors**

**Air Traffic Controllers**

**Pilot Deviations**

**Commercial, General Aviation & Military**

**Vehicle & Pedestrian Deviations**

**Airport Authority Vehicles, ARFF (Fire Trucks), Tugs, Tenants' Personal Cars, Delivery Trucks, , Trash Trucks, Construction Vehicles, Pedestrians, Law Enforcement, Sightseers, etc.**

# It's still happening!

Runway Incursion Totals by quarter FY2011 vs. FY2010

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1st-QTR 2011					1st-QTR 2010				
MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL	MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL
OCT	10	43	19	72	OCT	13	41	11	65
NOV	16	46	10	72	NOV	8	54	9	69
DEC	13	45	13	71	DEC	7	36	15	58
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>192</b>

2nd-QTR 2011					2nd-QTR 2010				
MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL	MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL
JAN	17	47	15	79	JAN	9	41	18	68
FEB	14	56	15	85	FEB	11	43	13	67
MAR	17	52	13	82	MAR	11	61	13	85
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>220</b>

3rd-QTR 2011					3rd-QTR 2010				
MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL	MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL
APR	15	59	20	94	APR	19	55	16	90
MAY	21	47	5	73	MAY	13	54	15	82
JUN	12	47	31	90	JUN	17	63	18	98
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>270</b>

4th-QTR 2011					4th-QTR 2010				
MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL	MONTH	OE/D	PD	VPD	TOTAL
JUL	17	46	12	75	JUL	19	69	16	104
AUG	11	42	15	68	AUG	21	64	19	104
SEP	15	63	15	93	SEP	10	48	18	76
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Data valid through 18-May-2012

Runway Incursion Totals by quarter FY2012 vs. FY2011

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FEB	0	49	10	70	FEB	14	56	15	85
MAR	1	66	21	109	MAR	17	52	13	82
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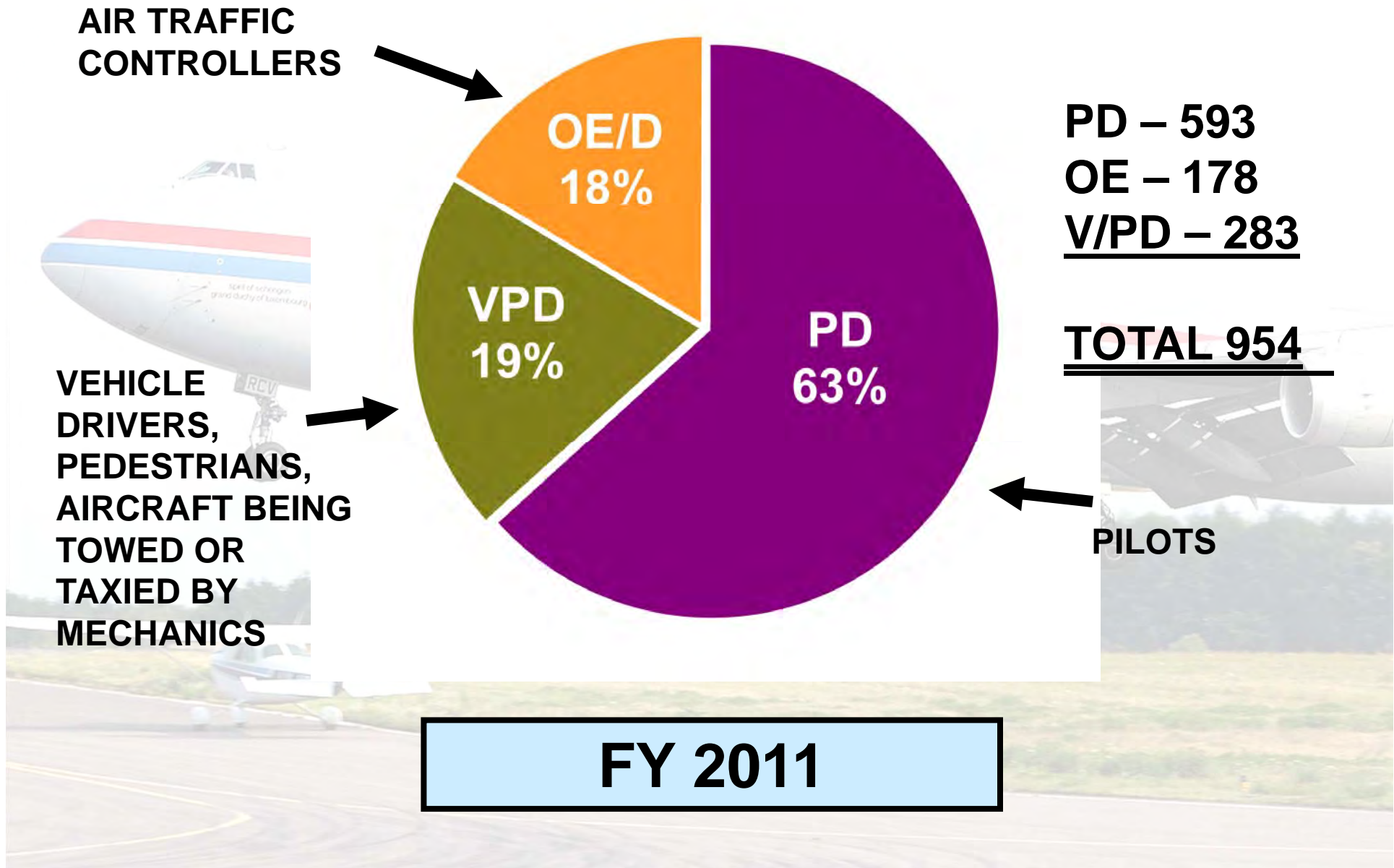
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# Distribution by Type of Runway Incursions



# Contributory factors

Controllers - more than one position

Crew not familiar with the airport

Deficient markings, signage and lighting

Multiple rwy ops - closely spaced parallel

Misapplied conditional clearance

Inadequate driver training

**Communication**

# Language Proficiency: The Trail of Wreckage

- Trident/DC-9 mid-air collision, Zagreb -1976
- Double B747 runway collision, Tenerife - 1977
- B707 fuel exhaustion, JFK - 1990
- B757 CFIT, Cali - 1995
- IL-76/B747 mid-air collision, India - 1996
- MD83/Shorts 330 runway collision, Paris/CDG -2000
- MD80/Citation runway collision, Milan - 2001
- ...

- ❖ The common element:
- ❖ Lack of **English** language proficiency



# Communication Hazards

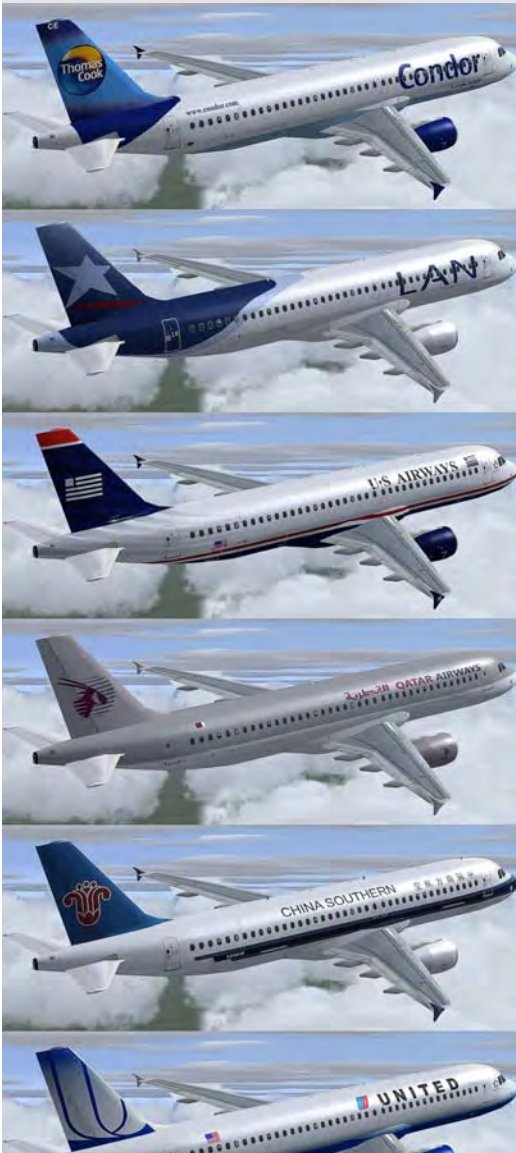
- Quality
  - Standard phraseology is not always used
  - Reception is not always clear
  - Frequency congestion - an increasing factor at many airports
- Flight crews must often communicate simultaneously with multiple people
  - Flight deck: checklists and briefings
  - Cabin crew: passenger safety or technical issues
  - Dispatch, AIRINC or other services related to operational issues
- Multiple tower / ground frequencies

# Use ICAO Aviation English!



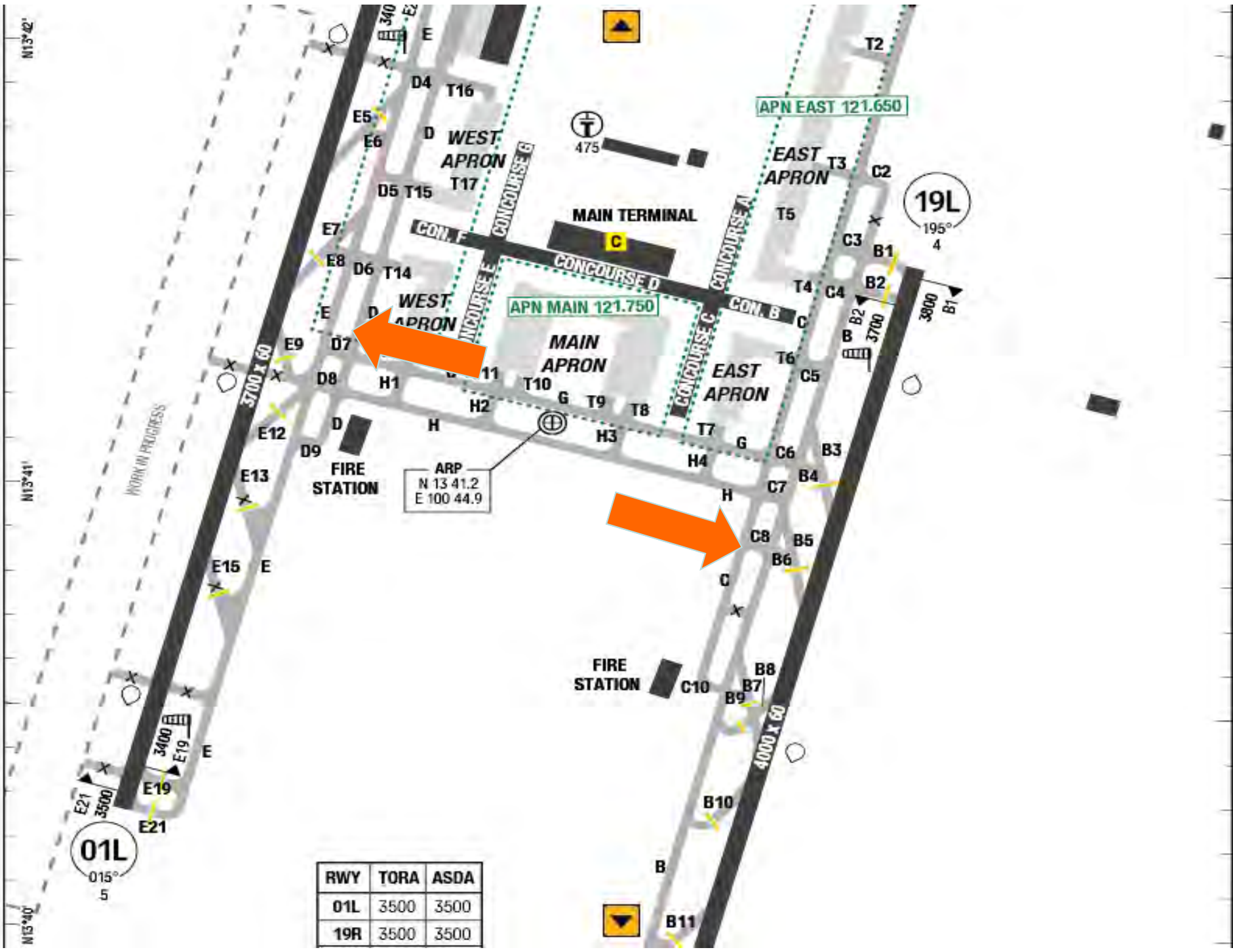
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# Conditional Clearances



# Operational Hazards

- Workload issues that must be managed during taxi-out:
  - Completion of pre-departure checklists
  - Second engine start requirements
  - Coordinating amended ATC clearances
  - Complex taxi routing
- All have the potential to contribute to incursion risks



01L  
015°  
5

19L  
195°  
4

RWY	TORA	ASDA
01L	3500	3500
19R	3500	3500

**Cessna 441 Entered the Runway as an MD-80 was Departing**



**King Air and a B1900 "Met" at the Intersection of Two Runways**

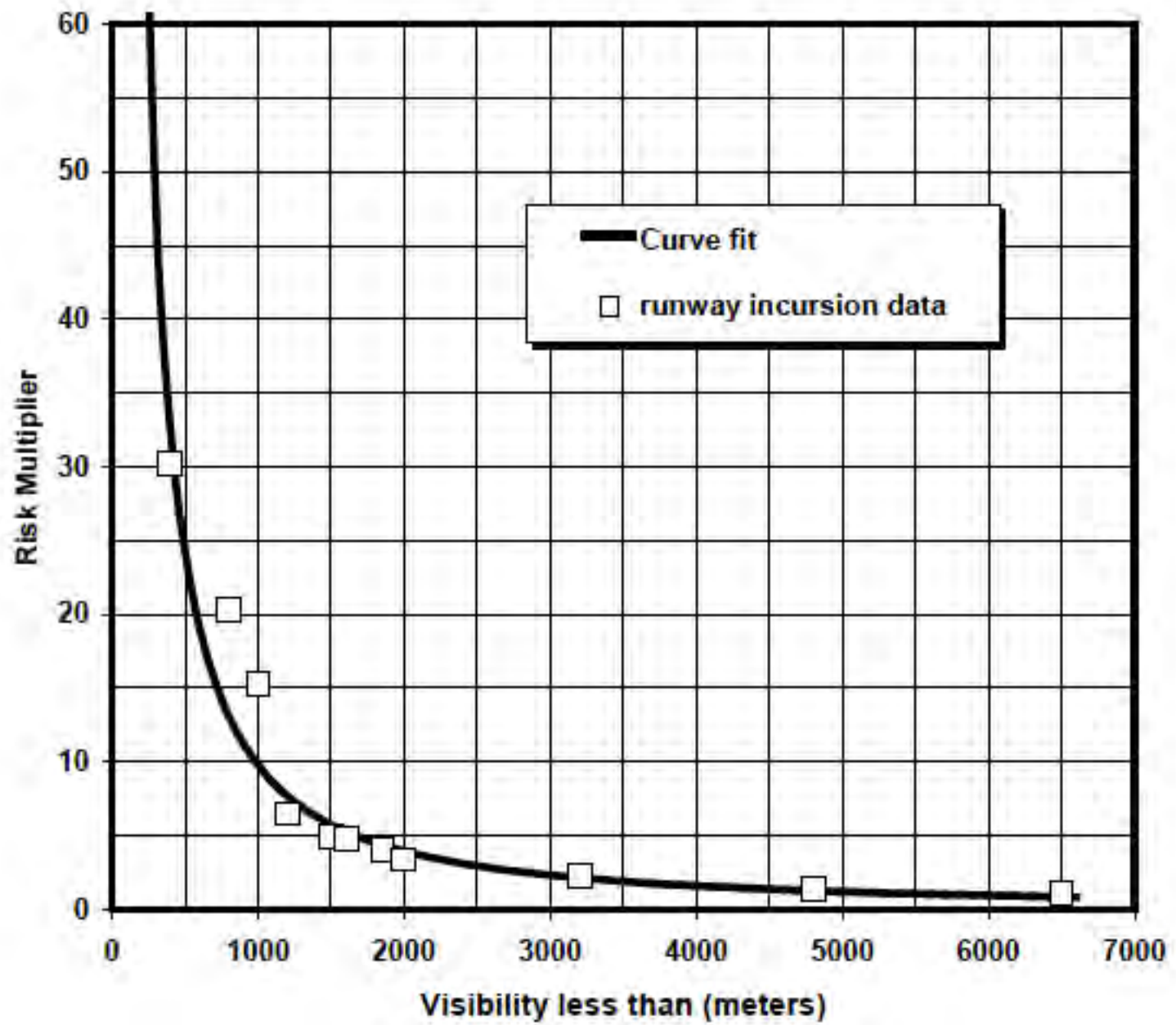
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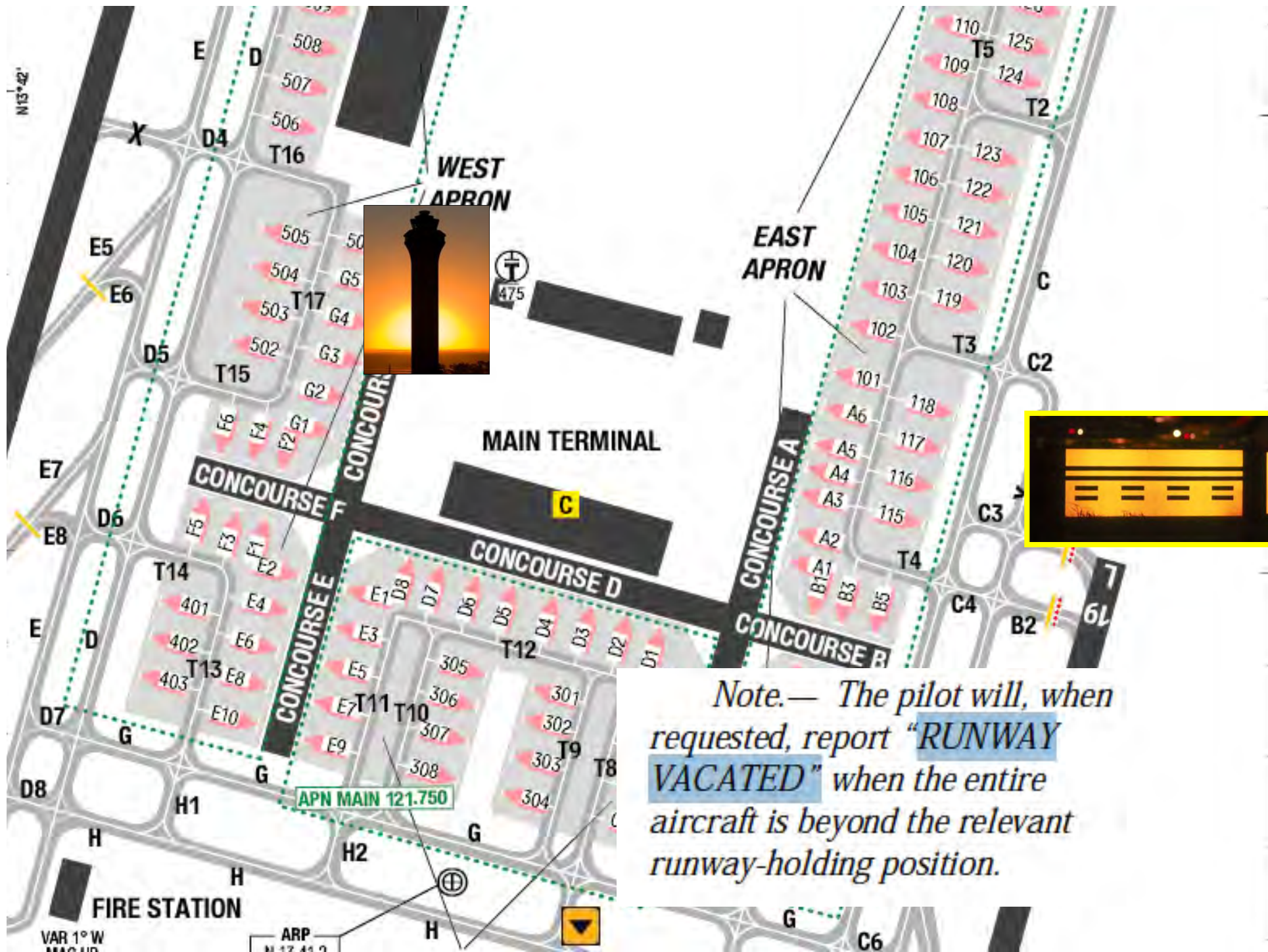
- Flight crew disorientation
- CAT III landings have become routine, but the aircraft must still be taxied manually in low visibility operations
- Not only due to fog or other “low visibility” phenomena
- Visibility may be an issue in clear weather due to glare or reflection (snow or water) – potential for confusion issues when landing on closely spaced parallel runways
- Visibility hazards generally increase pilot workload and is a common contributing factor to incursion risk

# Visibility Hazards









**...the HOLD POSITION SIGN May Be the ONLY Indication You Are Approaching the RUNWAY SAFETY AREA and the HOLD POSITION !!!**

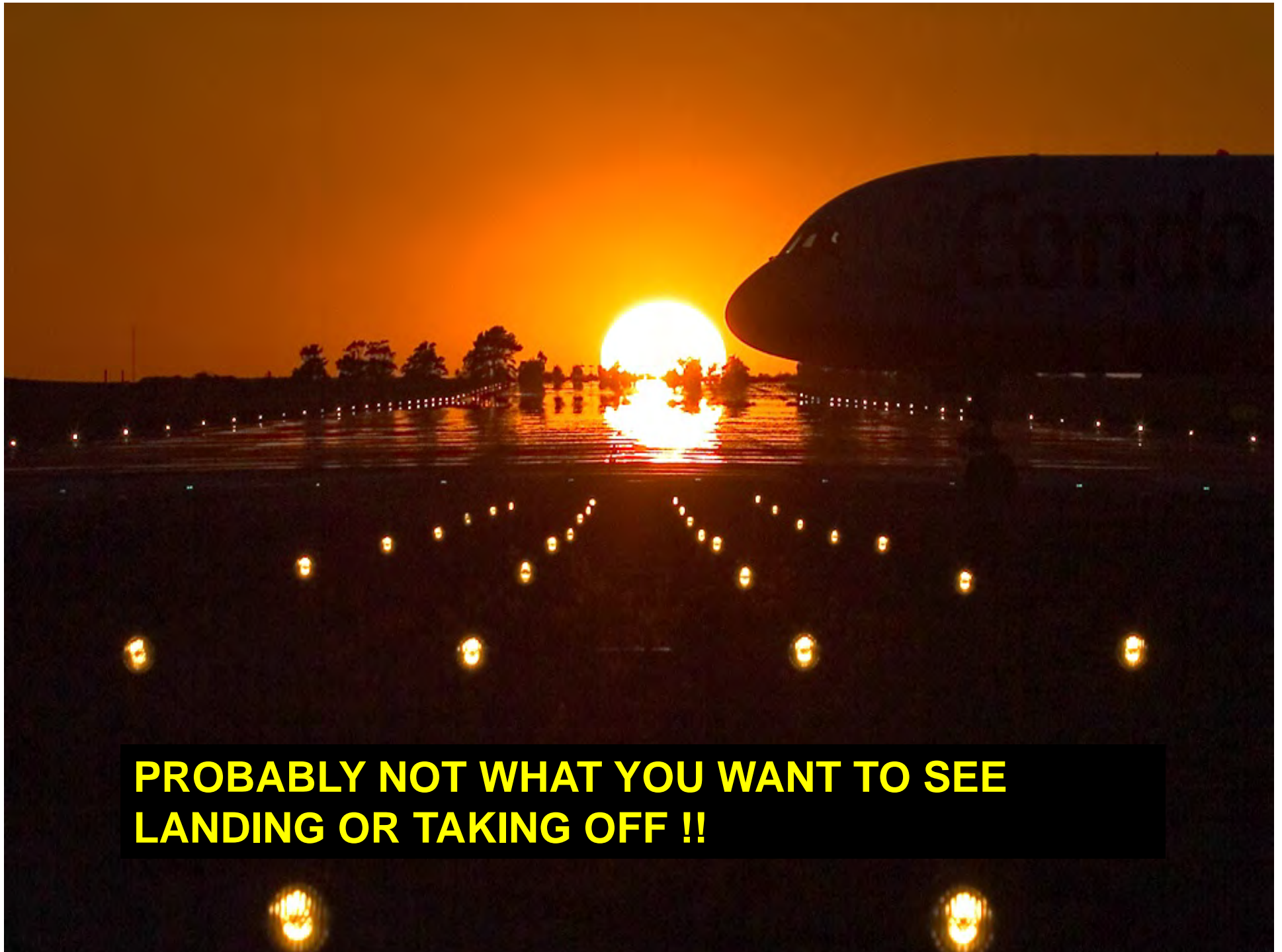


Where is the  
Hold Short  
Sign?

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Where is the  
Hold Short  
Marking?

**Low Sun Angles and Glare Can  
Drastically Affect Visibility of  
HOLD SHORT POSITIONS**



**PROBABLY NOT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE  
LANDING OR TAKING OFF !!**

# Signage

*Signage may be complex, inadequate or not clearly visible*

- Complexity



- Bad positioning / bad environment



# Markings

**Why are markings so important to pilots?**

- **Permanent**
  - **Can't be blown away**
  - **Allow for low visibility operations**
- 

# Markings

*Pop quiz?*



**The three most important  
things about painted  
markings are?**



# Markings

*Contrast*



*Contrast*

# Markings



**Let us take a look at some of examples of why contrast and many other aspects of signs and markings is so important**

***Uncontrasted Hold Bar  
Look Hard it's Here!***





***This is much better!***

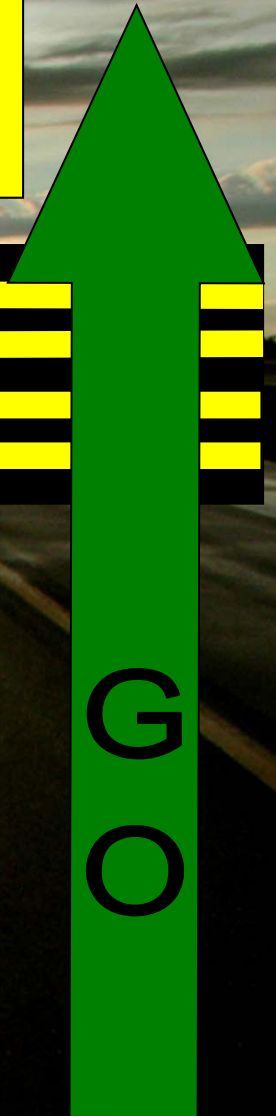


**Which side is Runway?**

# Orientation of the Hold Marking to the Flow of Traffic and its Meaning

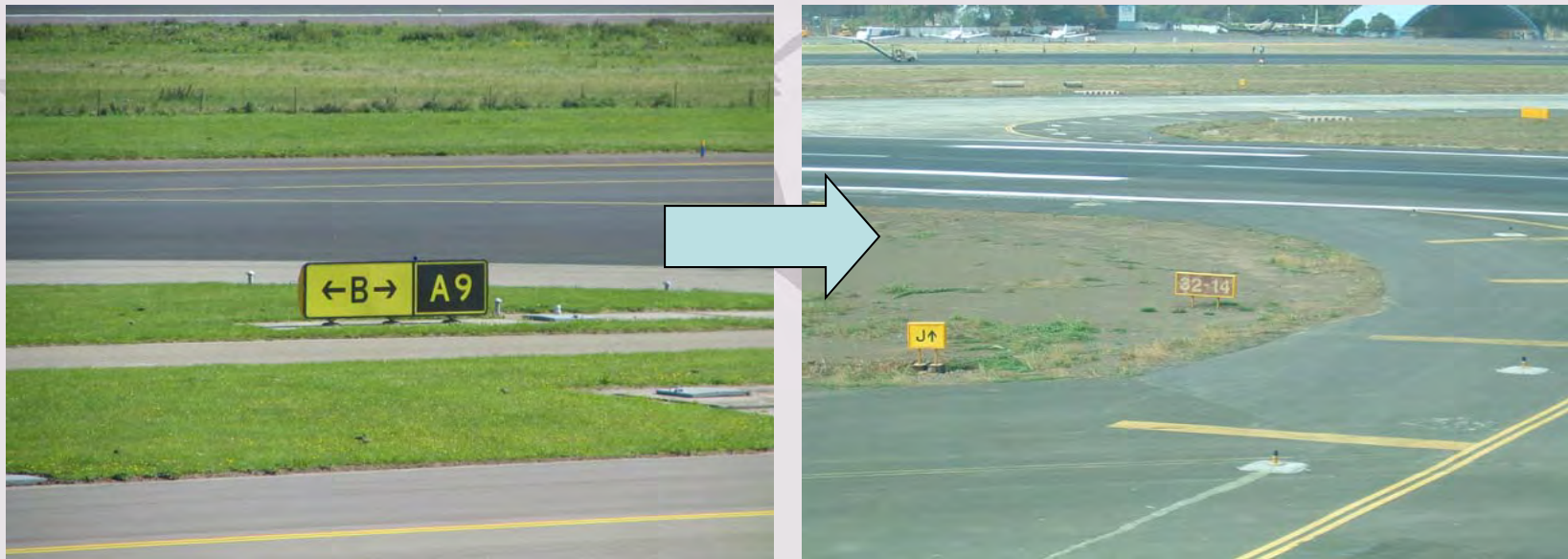


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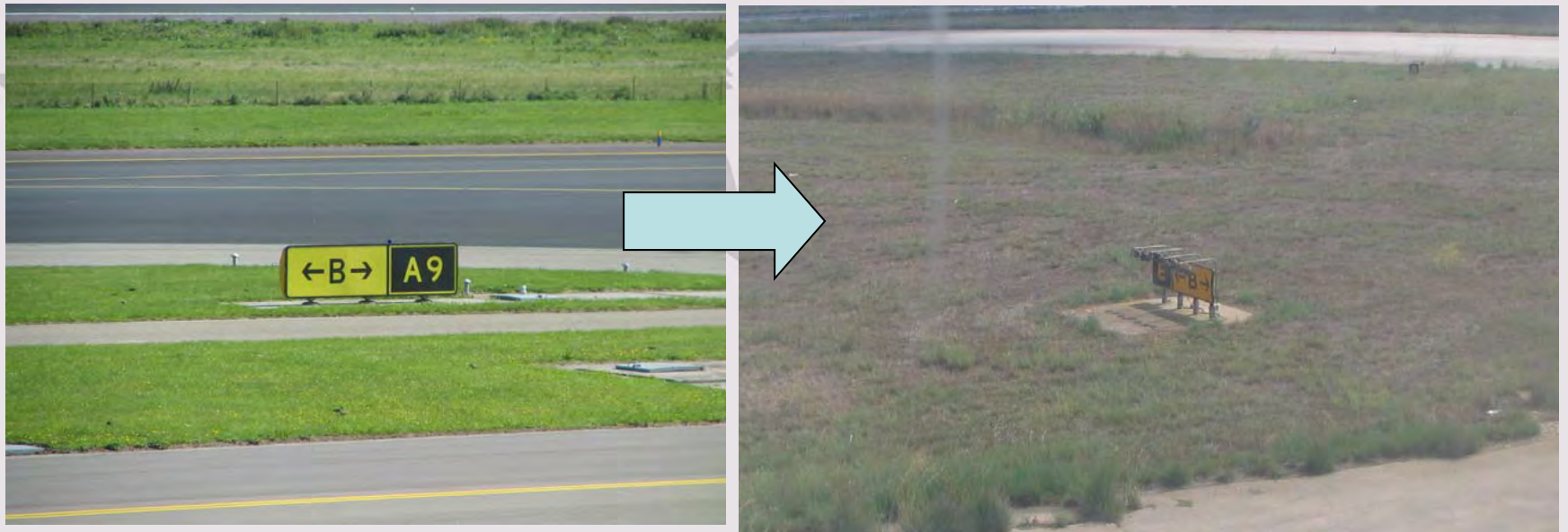


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# Signs are signs but.....

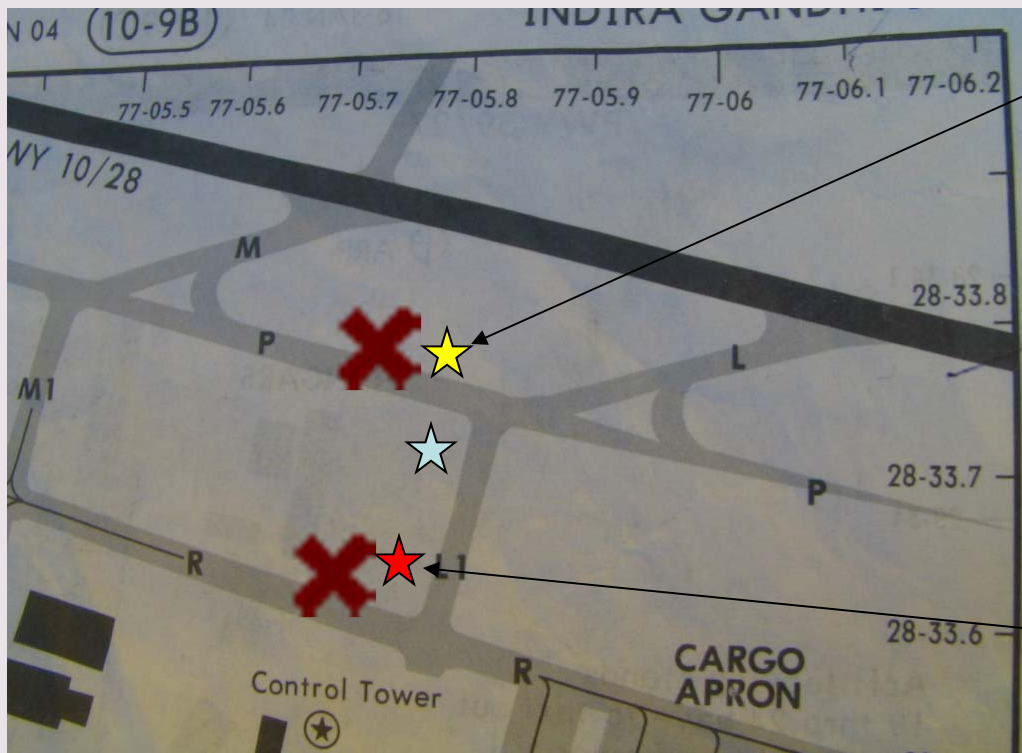


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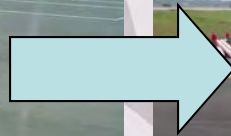


# Signs Position!



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# What is the yellow “x” for?





Where do we go from here?

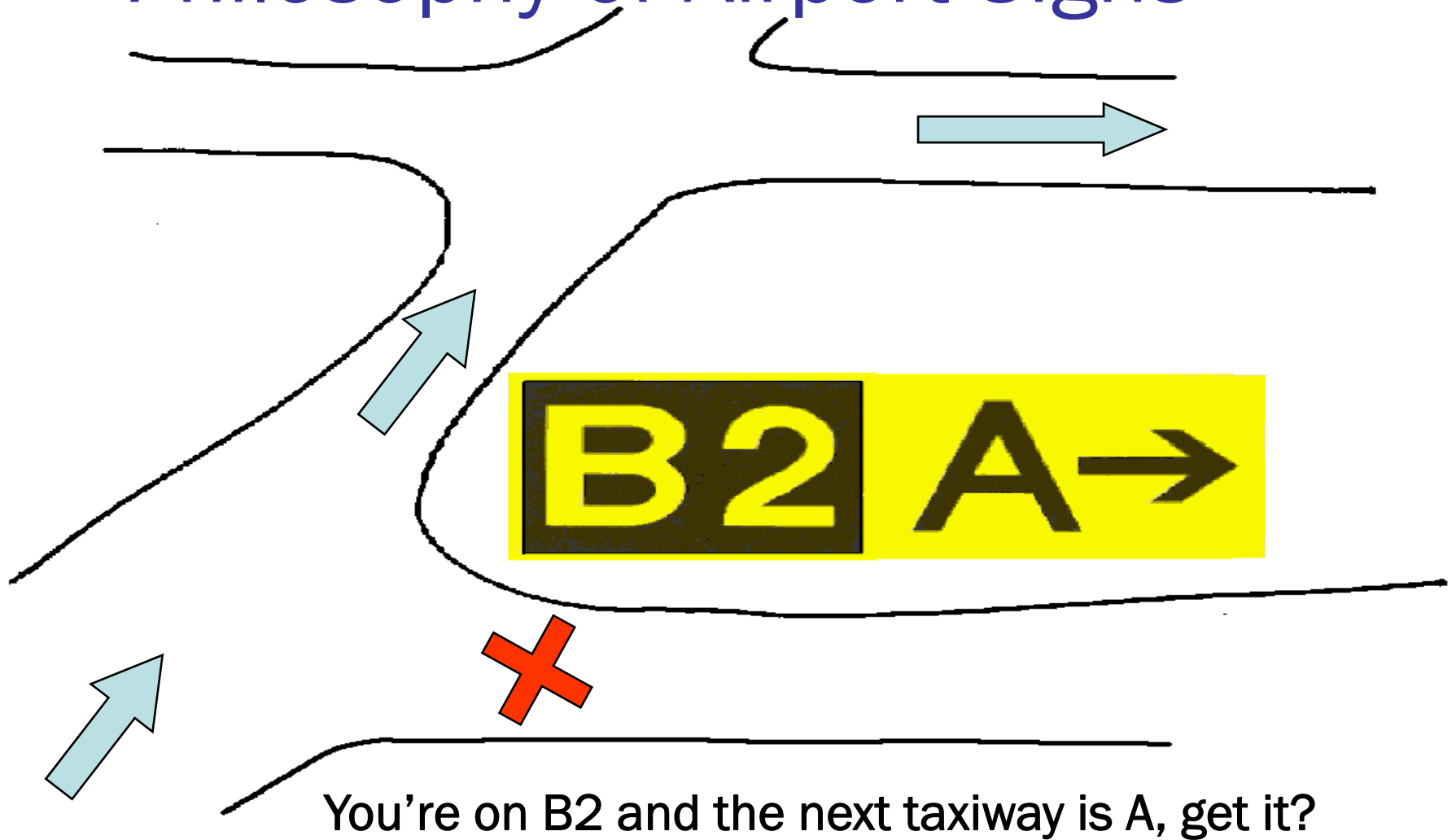
# Understanding Sign Placement

- Signs are placed to convey a message
- Highway signs follow a different philosophy from Aeronautical ground signs
- Highway signs: “This way to xxxx”
- Aeronautical signs:  
“You are here” + “The next way is xxxx”  
(Location+Direction)
- Human Factors: Stress and confusion

# Philosophy of Highway Signs



# Philosophy of Airport Signs



# Ensure All Runway Markings, Signage & Holding Points Comply with ICAO



**SO... Now What Do YOU LOOK FOR???**





# To Aid or Confuse?

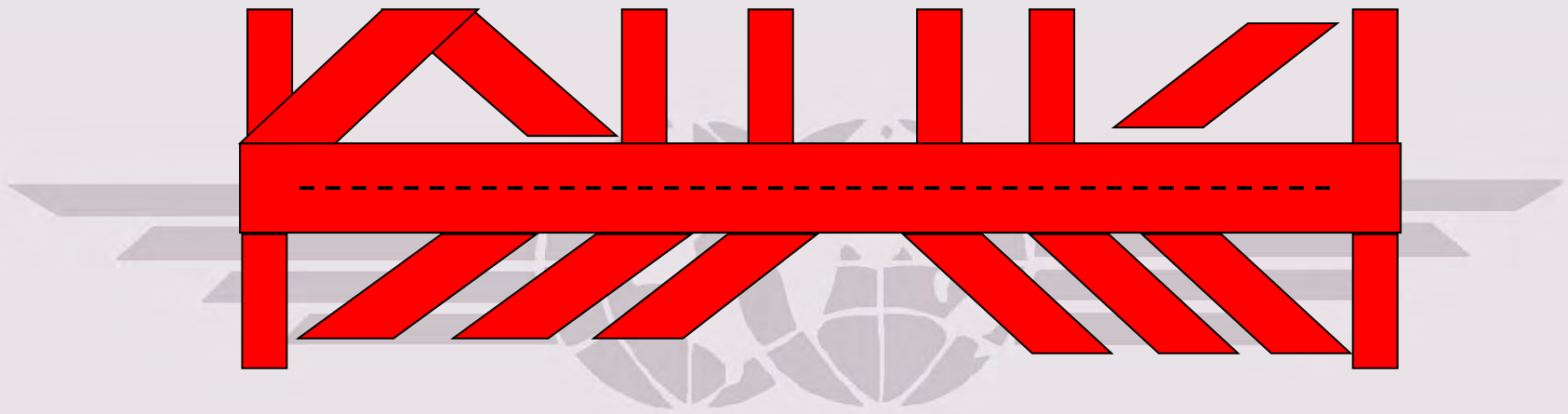


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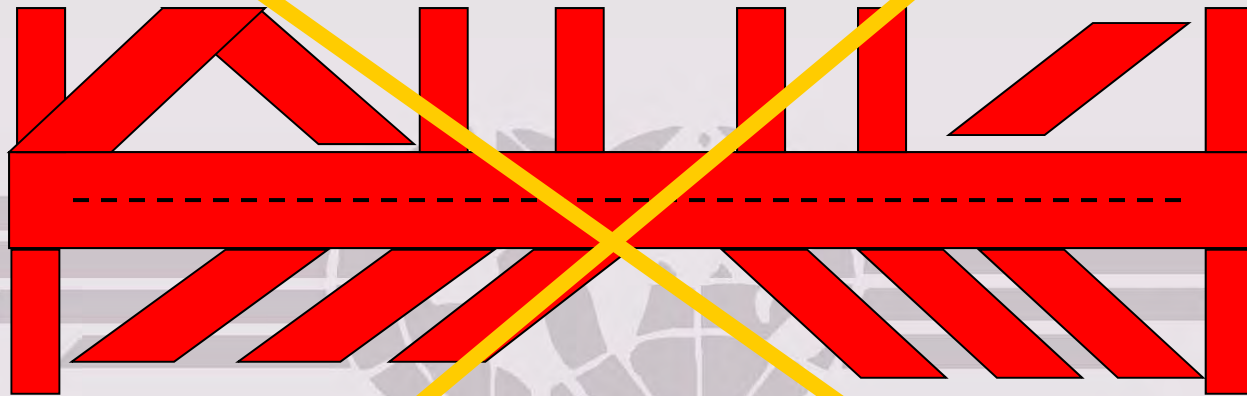
# Airport Design Hazards

- Multiple runway and taxiway intersections
- Converging intersections at various angles
- Closely spaced parallel runways
  - Failure to hold short after landing
  - Runway confusion risk, especially for low visibility landing operations
- Runways in close proximity to terminal aprons

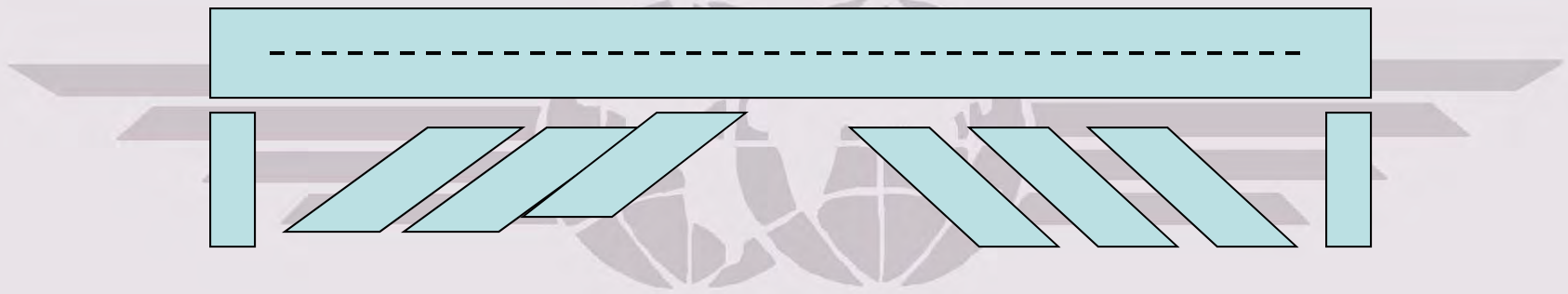
# Bad design



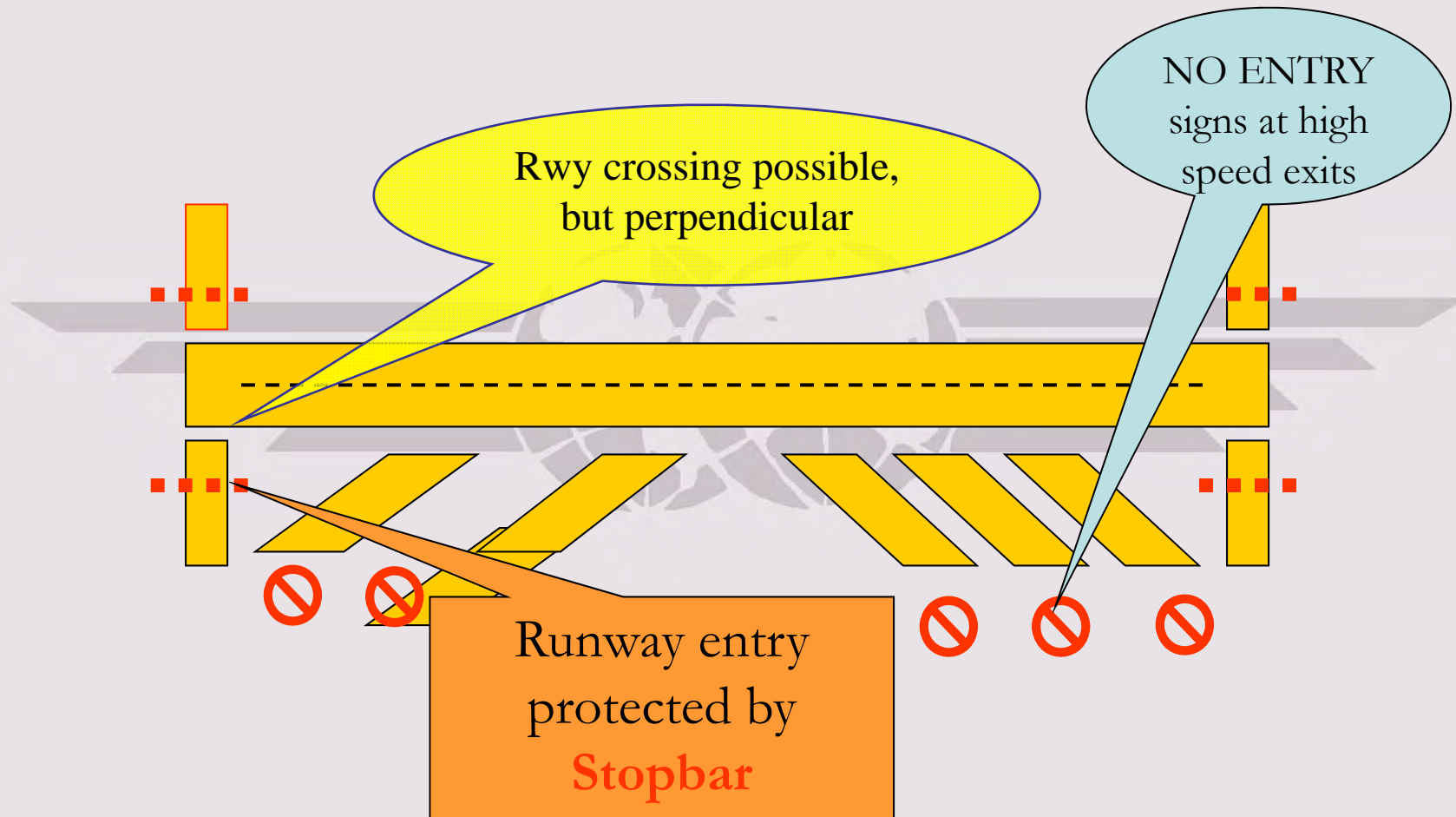
# Lesson 1: Design Out The Hazard!



# Good design

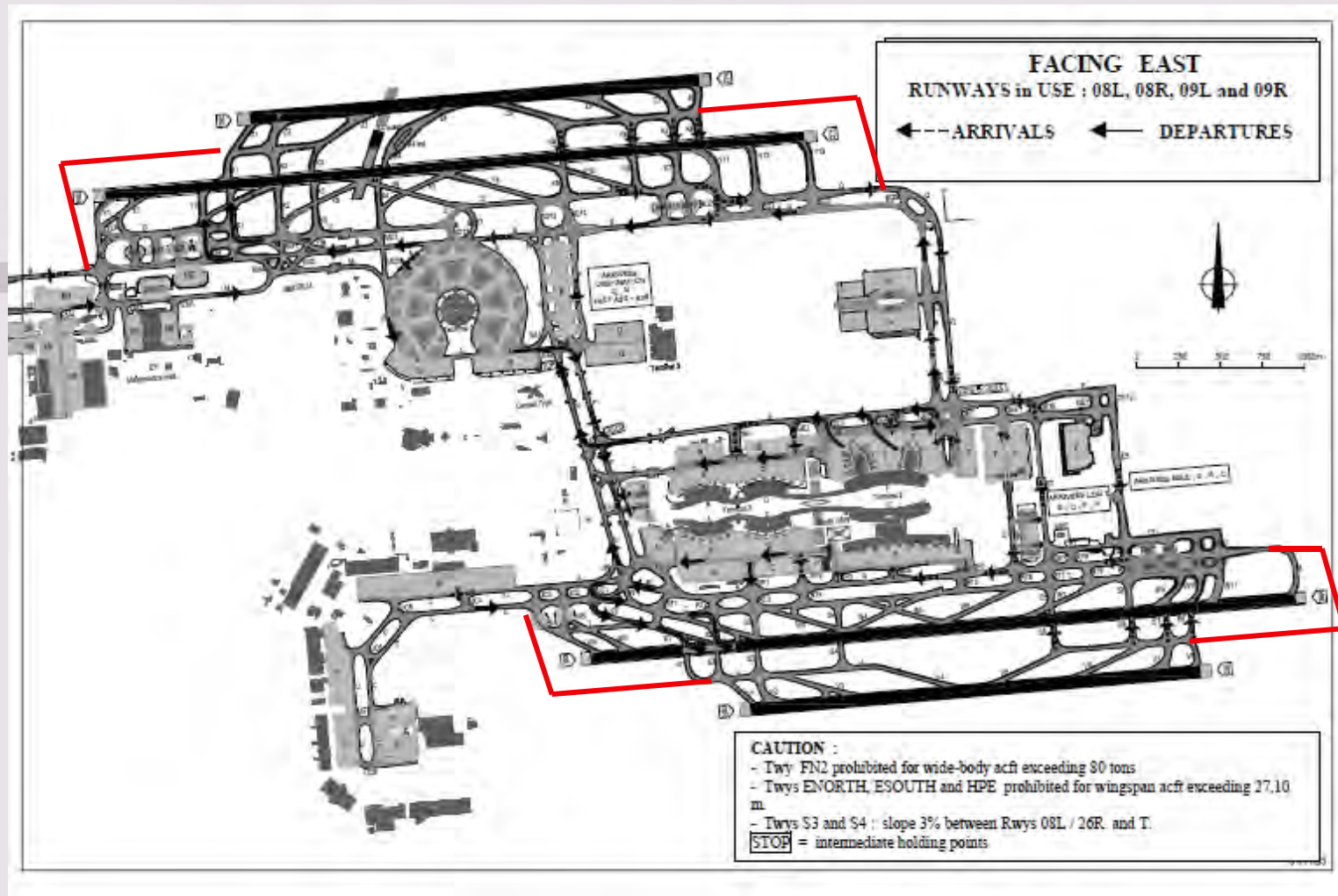


# Cautious design



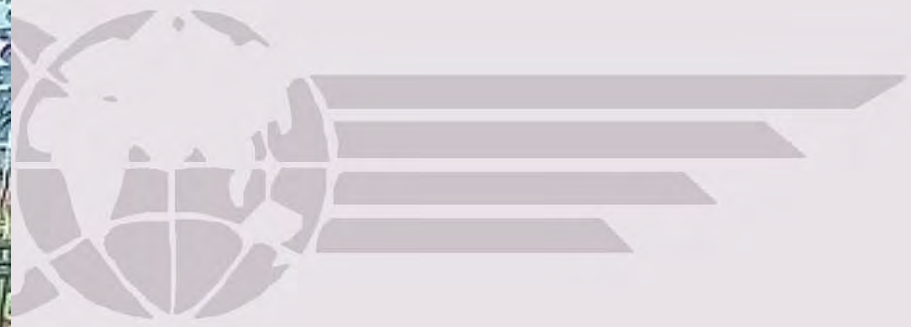


# DESIGN OUT avoid runway crossing by perimeter taxiways





# LOW ENERGY crossing



# Airport Design<->Procedures

“GOOD airport design **beats** Airport, ATC and Cockpit procedures.”



# Construction Hazards

*Hazards appear when part of the airport becomes non-operational*

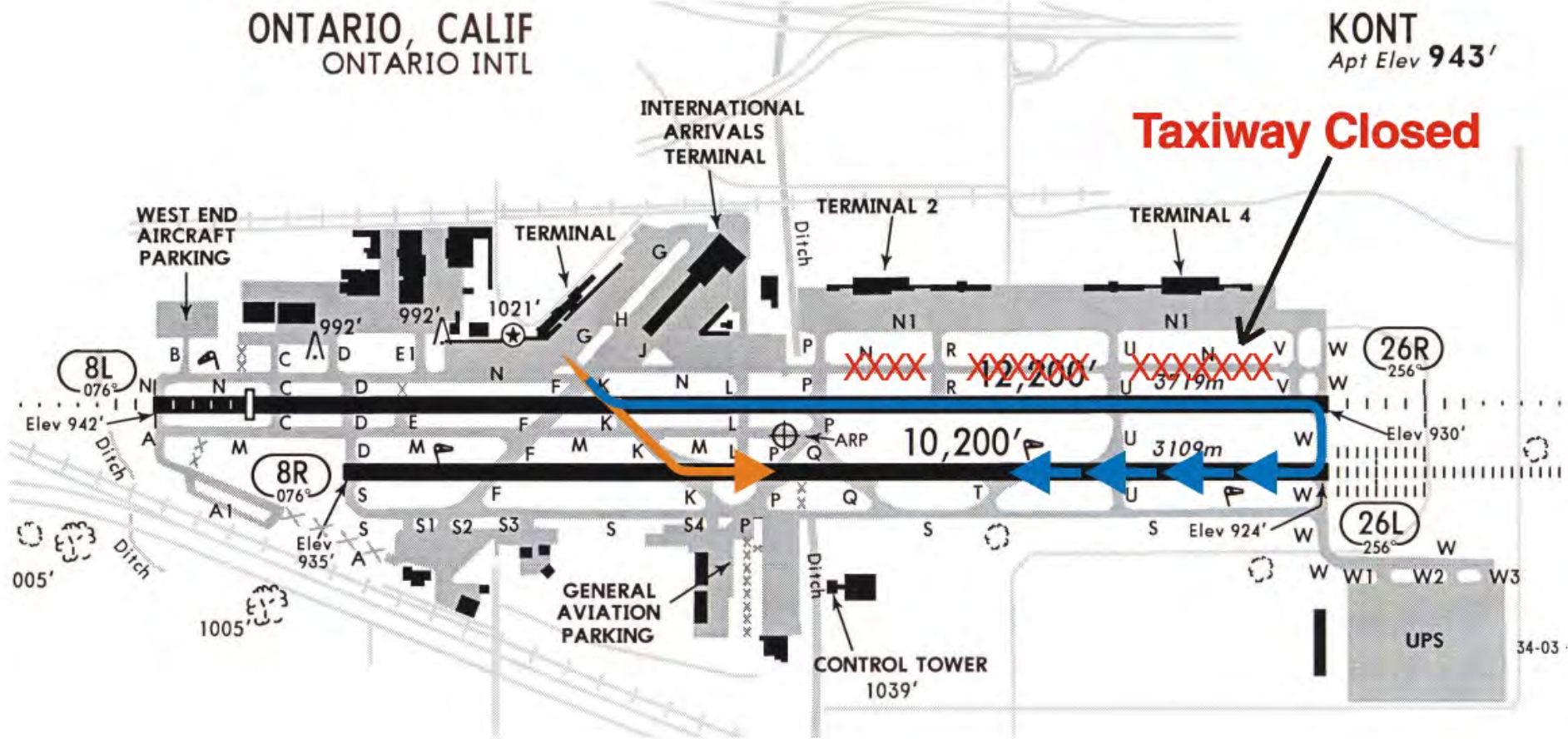
- Non-routine operations necessitating use of unfamiliar taxi routes
- Taxi routes that may result in more frequent runway crossings more frequently due to closed taxiways
  - The more crossings, the higher the incursion risk
- Increased use of intersection take-offs
- Runway confusion – potential for operations on closed runways

Do not use  
runways as  
taxiways and  
vice versa!

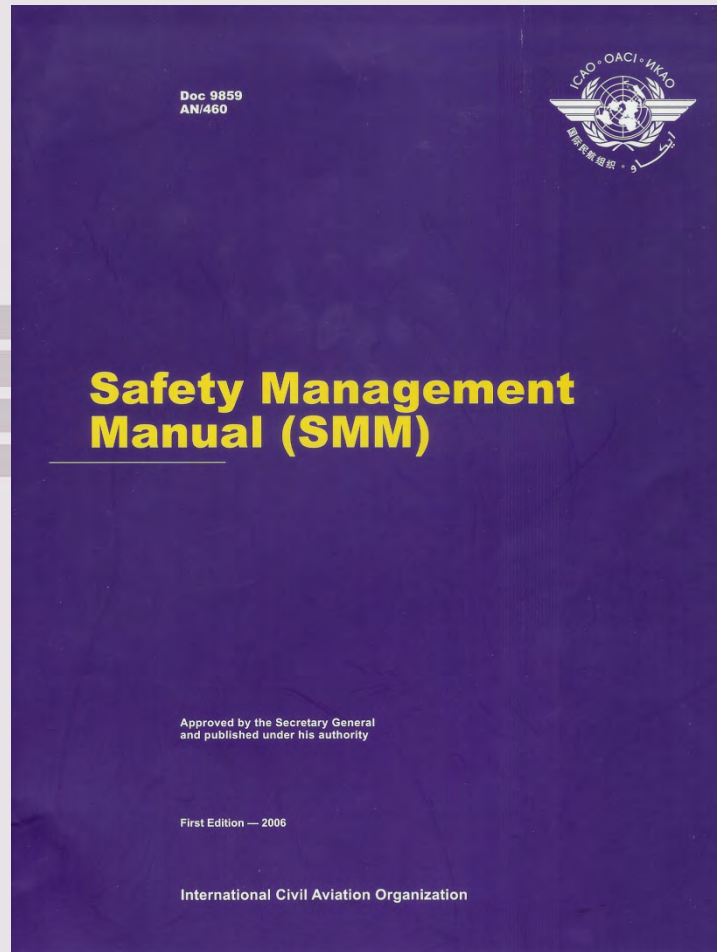


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# EASY TO BECOME CONFUSED!



# Carry Out a Safety Risk Assessment



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# Just Culture

- How can we have the non-punitive reporting system in this region
- How is the feedback channeled to the relevant authority
- How can we changed the system in States such as Italy where many individuals identified in Milan Linate accident in 2001 were issued jail terms

# LRST- Some things that you can do!

- Take offs and (Runway crossings) only at perpendicular entries
- Runway entries protected by stopbar (Traffic light principle-Do not Cross!)
- Runway exits protected by no entry signs
- Do not use Runways as taxiways (+ vv)
- Produce “Hot Spot” Charts
- ICAO Markings, Signage and Lighting

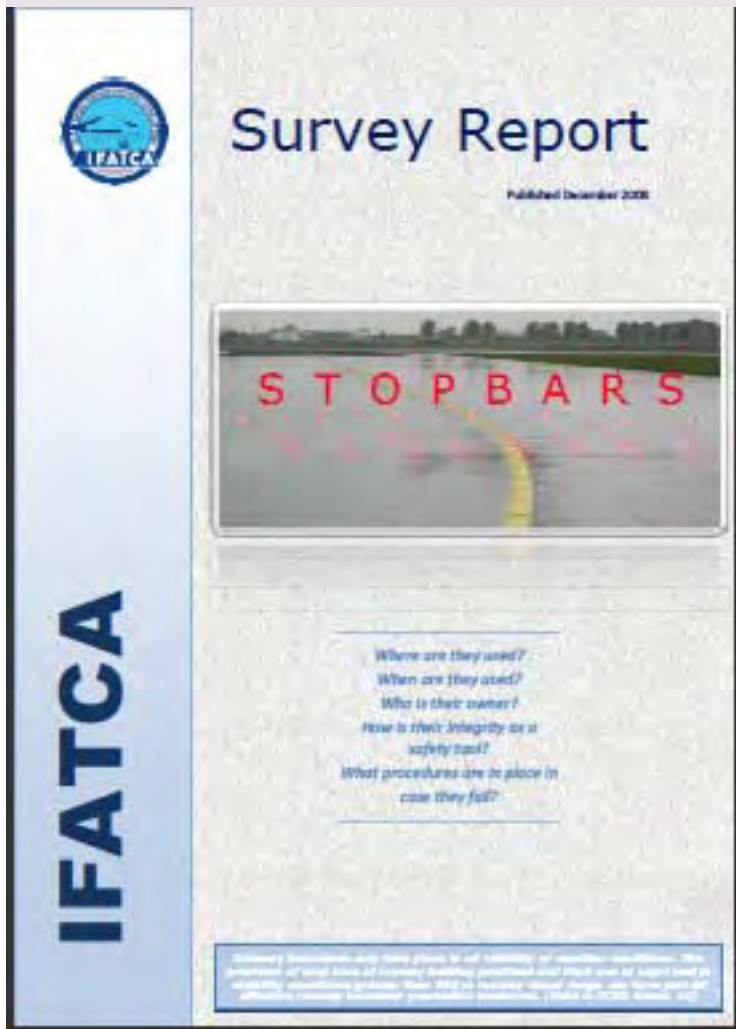


# Stopbar used as traffic lights



Use in all visibilities, not just for low vis operations

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- 70 A/Ps in 29 countries
- Inconsistent and insufficient ICAO provisions
- 56 A/P has STOPBAR
- 6 Permanently ON
- 23 Used only in LVP
- 8 only use during NIGHT
- No contingency procedure
- R/T vs. Follow-me Car

# Stop Bars mean **STOP**



Stop Bars are a final safety net in runway incursion prevention – NEVER cross a red stop bar



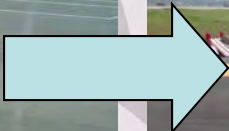
# Contingency for U/S stop bars

What are pilots to do?

- Challenge!
- Work with the airport to ensure alternative access
- Develop proper procedures
- Request a marshaller/"Follow Me"

# Make Sure Closed Runways are properly marked and signed





# Identify+ Notify “Hot Spots”

## Chicago Midway Airport - Runway Incursion “Hot Spots”

When approaching Runway 13L from November Taxiway, pilots should be aware of the following:

- The taxiway is not the standard 90 degree angle to the runway, and
- Runway 13L has a displaced threshold.

When approaching Runway 22R from November Taxiway, the pilot should be aware of the following:

- The taxiway is not the standard 90 degree angle to the runway, and
- Runway 22R has a displaced threshold.

When approaching Runway 22L from Papa Taxiway, the pilot should be aware of the following:

- Aircraft may be parked at the end of B Concourse.
- The hold bar is 180 feet from the runway instead of the standard 257 feet.

When approaching Runway 4L from Whiskey Taxiway, the pilot should be aware of the following:

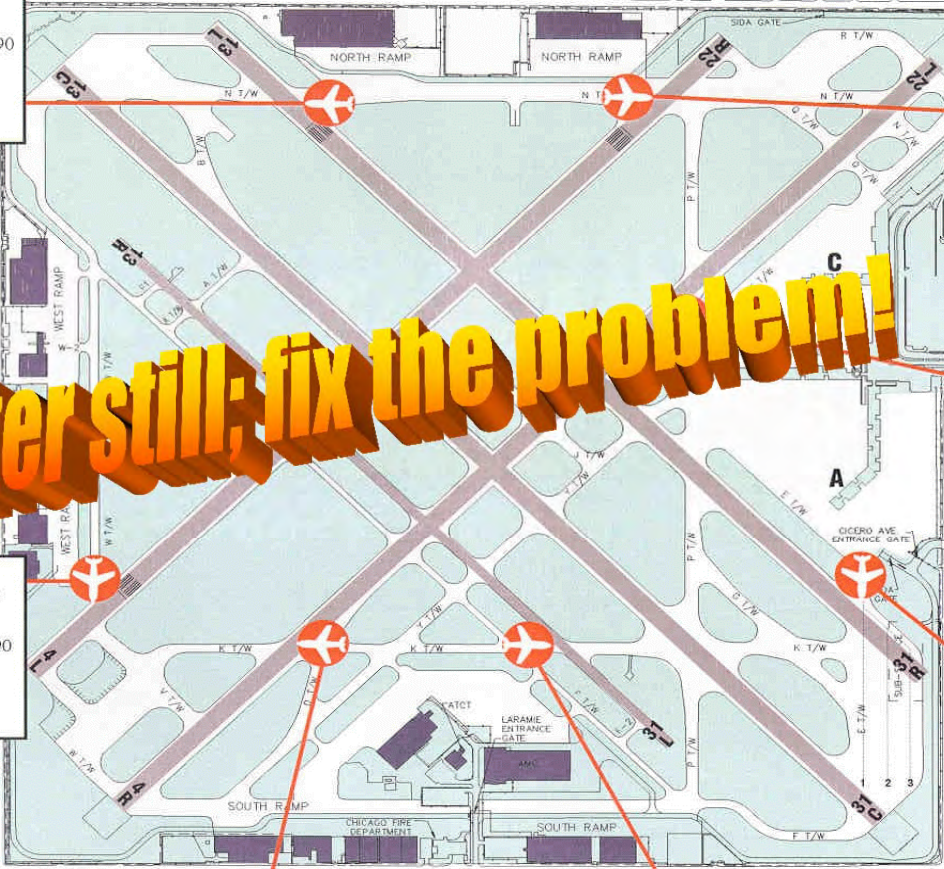
- The taxiway is not the standard 90 degree angle to the runway, and
- Runway 4L has a displaced threshold.

When approaching Runway 31R on Echo Taxiway from A Concourse area, pilots should be aware that the hold bar is 200 feet from the runway instead of the standard 257 feet.

When approaching Runway 4R from Kilo Taxiway, pilots should be aware that the hold bar for the runway is directly after the Yankee Taxiway intersection and before the Delta Taxiway intersection.

If right turn onto Foxtrot Taxiway from Kilo Taxiway is missed, the hold bar for Runway 31L is directly after Foxtrot Taxiway intersection.

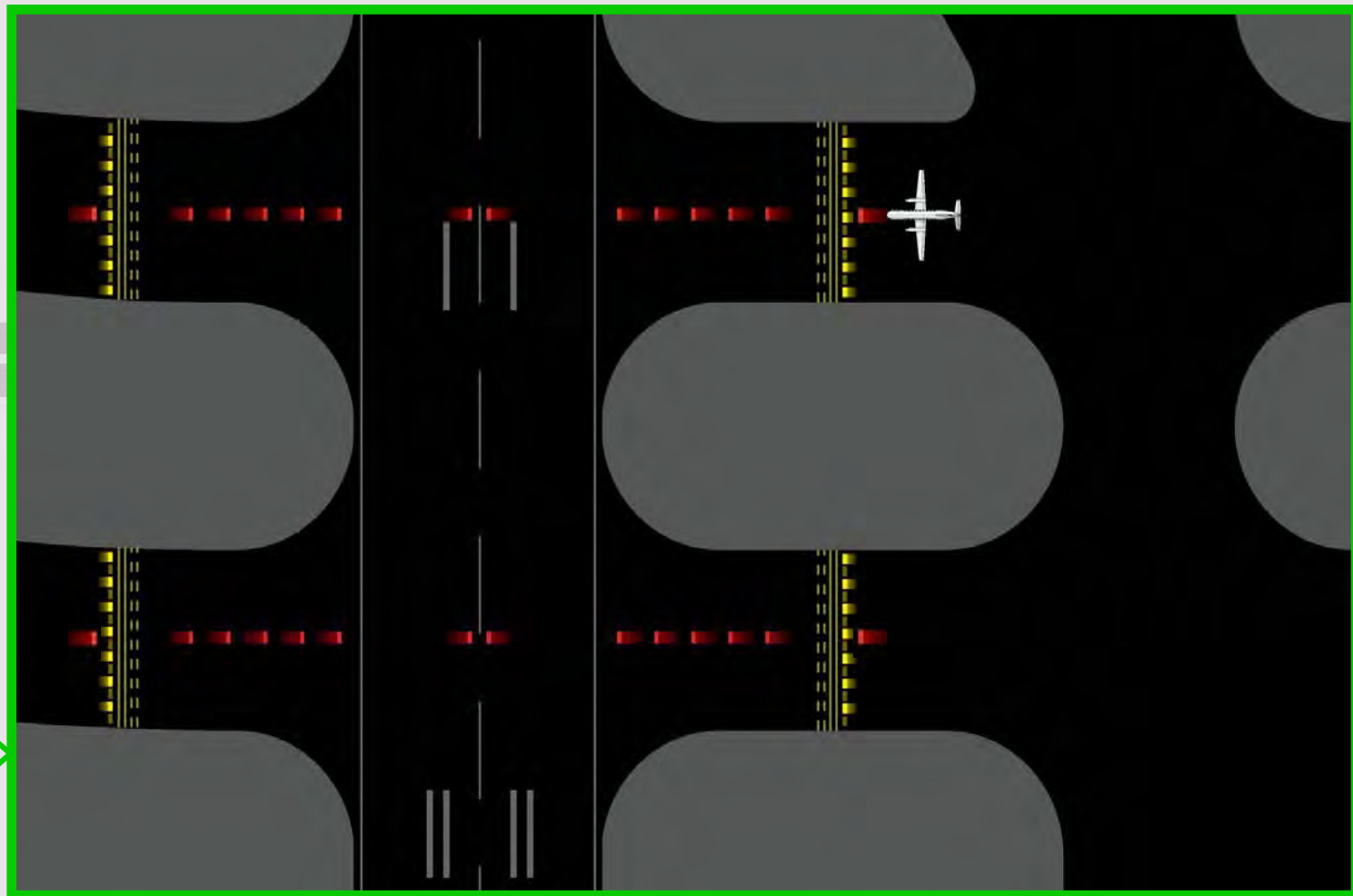
**Better still; fix the problem!**



X:MDW/HOTSPOTCDR

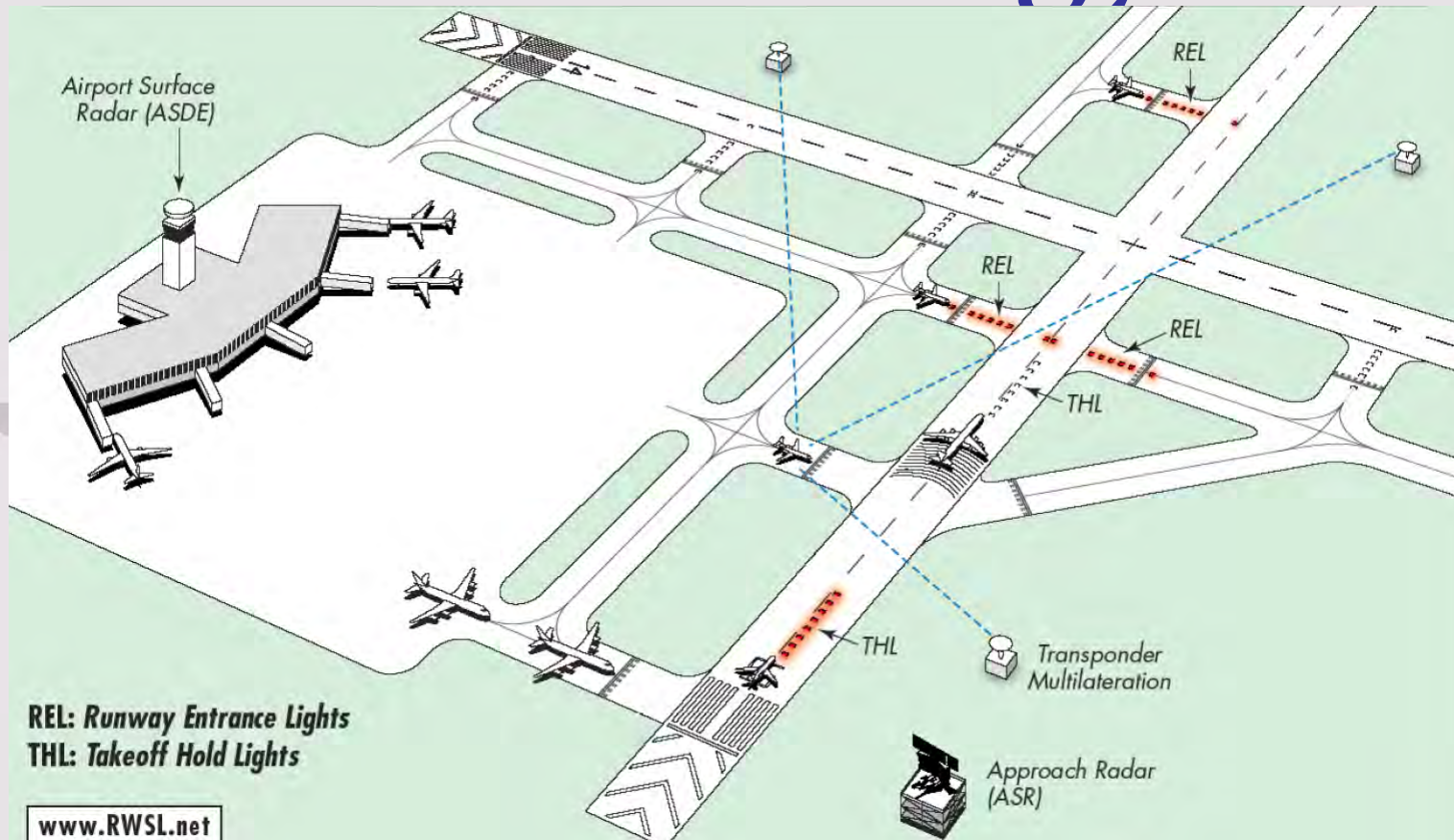
# Runway Status Lights (RWSL)

If Lights are **RED**, Stop.





# Technology



- RELs and THLs turn on and off automatically, driven by fused multi-sensor surveillance
- RELs turn on when it is unsafe to enter runway; visible from taxi hold position
- THLs turn on when it is unsafe to takeoff; visible from takeoff hold position (and final)

# New Technology Ground Marker Project

- → Description

- Provides a voice message to the cockpit indicating precise surface location via existing avionics
- Extends ILS marker system to surface (i.e., ground marker)



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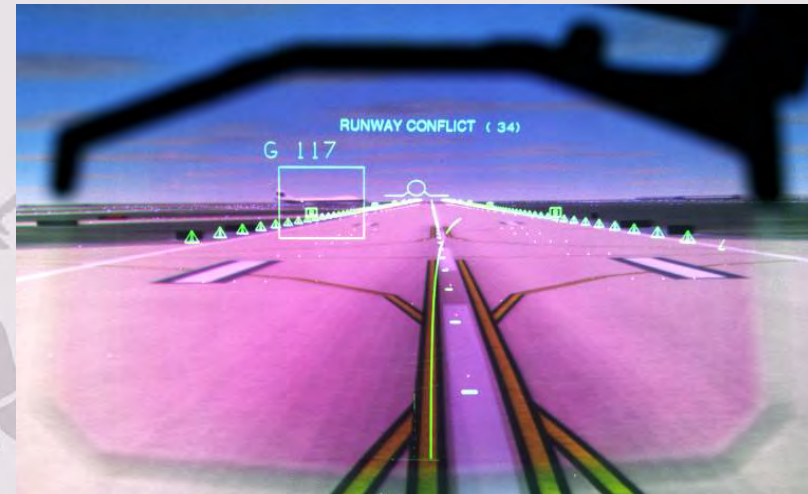


# Existing Technology- Runway Incursion Monitoring and Conflict Alert System

- Safety net detects conflict
- Passed to controller
- Understood by Controller
- Decide on recovery actions
- Pass to Pilot(s)



# What is needed



Simultaneous positional information  
Simultaneous proximity warning for Pilots, Controllers and Drivers

Technology is only part of the answer  
Pilots can do more for safety,  
but not everything !



For the most success...  
*Work as a Local Runway Safety  
Team!*



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# Airport Liaison Representative Programme

**Objective:**

**To enhance SAFETY and  
EFFICIENCY at airports served  
by ALL IFALPA pilots!**

# Airport Liaison Representative Programme

- This Objective will be accomplished by:
  - Building a **rapport** with airport personnel so that potentially troublesome plans can be identified before implementation, and current shortcomings can be rectified.
  - Providing a **resource** for airport personnel by providing a pilot's perspective of issues during planning and operations.



# Vienna Airport



# Liaison Visit



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# Visit to CENTRAIR



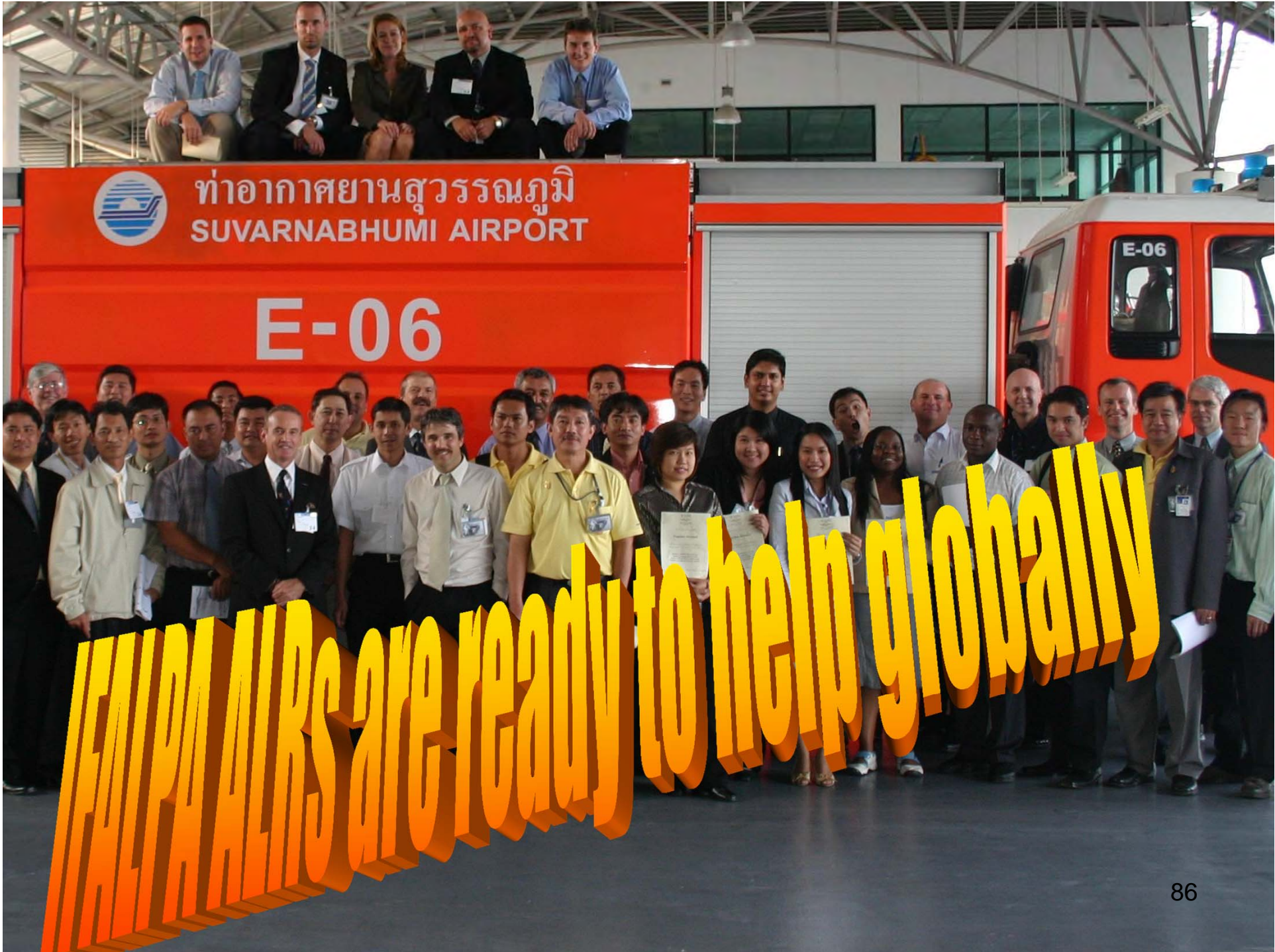
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# Questions?

# Thank you!



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