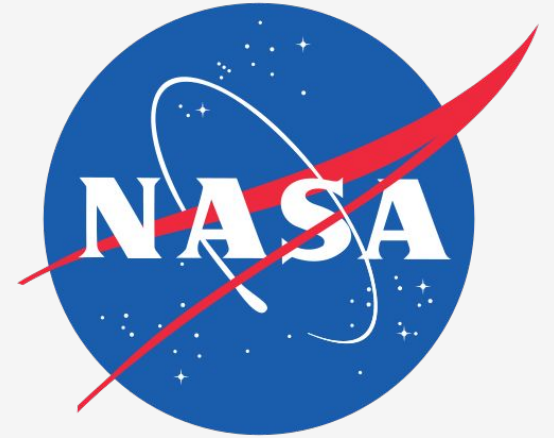


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# What is UAS Traffic Management?



UTM is an “air traffic management” ecosystem for small UAS in low altitude airspace

UTM utilizes industry’s ability to supply services under FAA’s regulatory authority where these services do not exist.

UTM development will ultimately identify services, roles/responsibilities, information architecture, data exchange protocols, software functions, infrastructure, and performance requirements to enable the management of low-altitude UAS operations.

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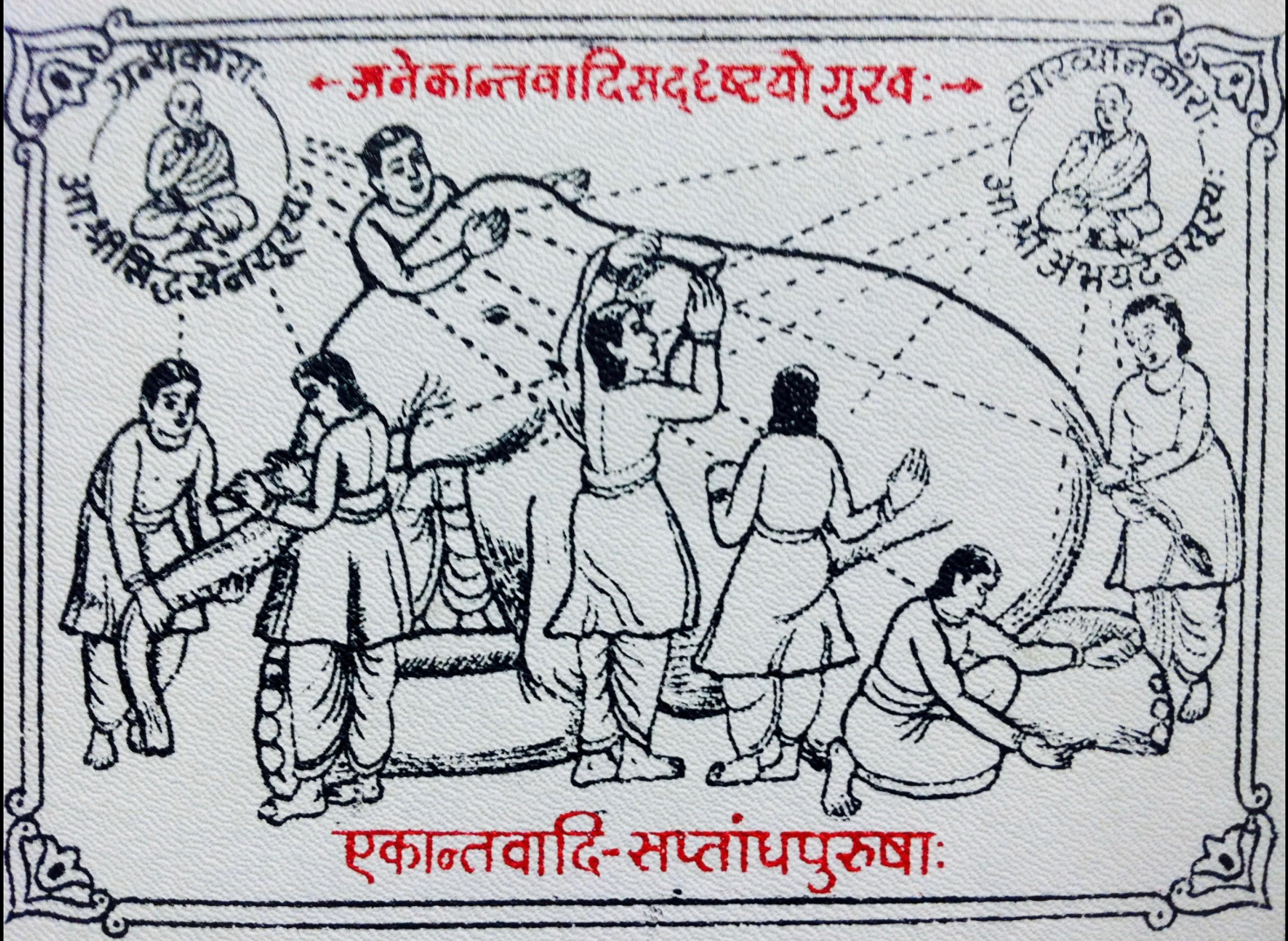
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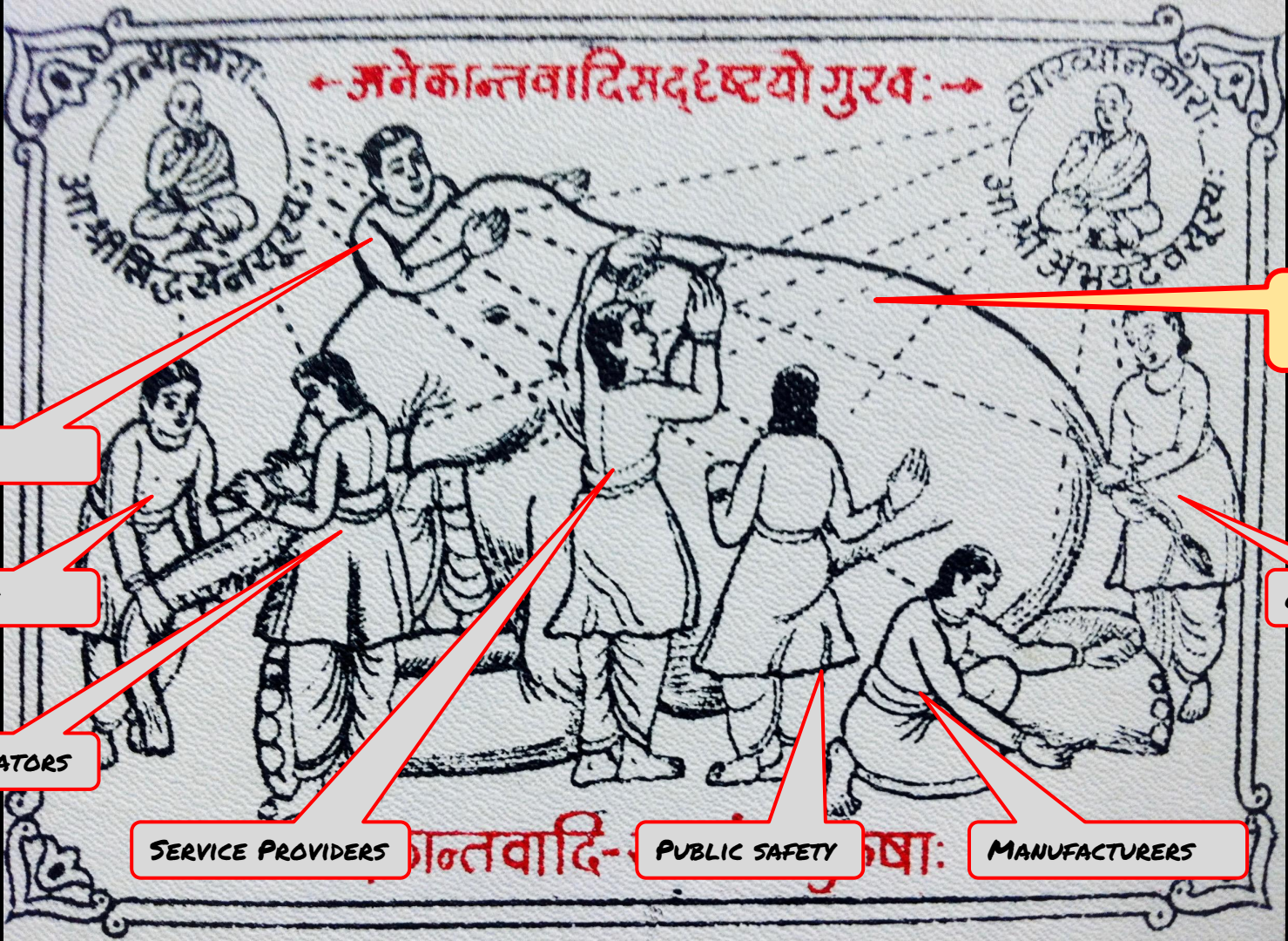
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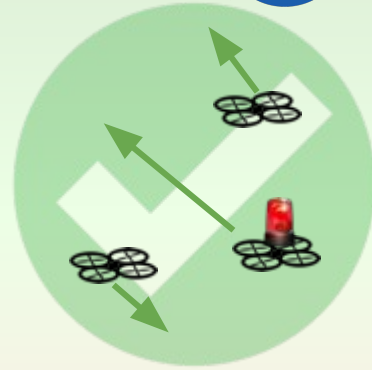
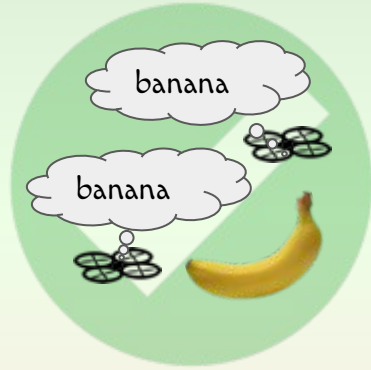
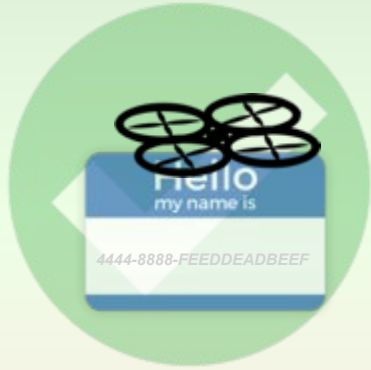
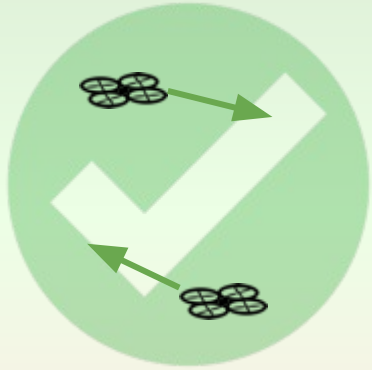
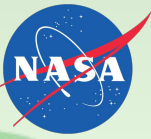
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# UTM core operating principles



# Technical Capability Levels (TCL)



Risk-based development and test approach



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Low Traffic Density

Rural Applications

Multiple VLOS Operations

Notification-based  
Operations

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Sparse Population

Low-Mod Traffic Density

Rural / Industrial Applications

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Tracking and Operational  
Procedures

## TCL 3

Moderate Population

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Vehicle to Vehicle Communication  
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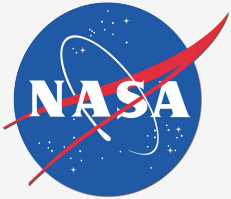
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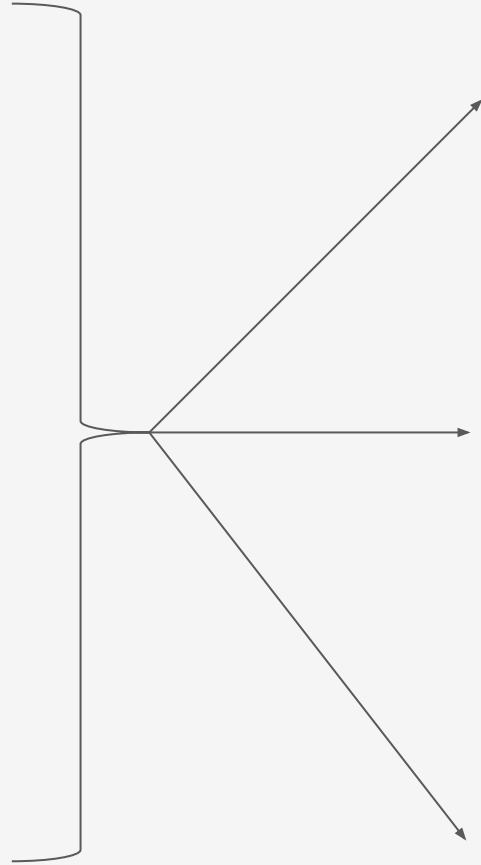
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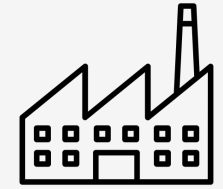
Software Testing Approaches

Component and Service Requirements

Field Testing Results and Analysis



Regulator/ANSP



Industry



Example SDOs

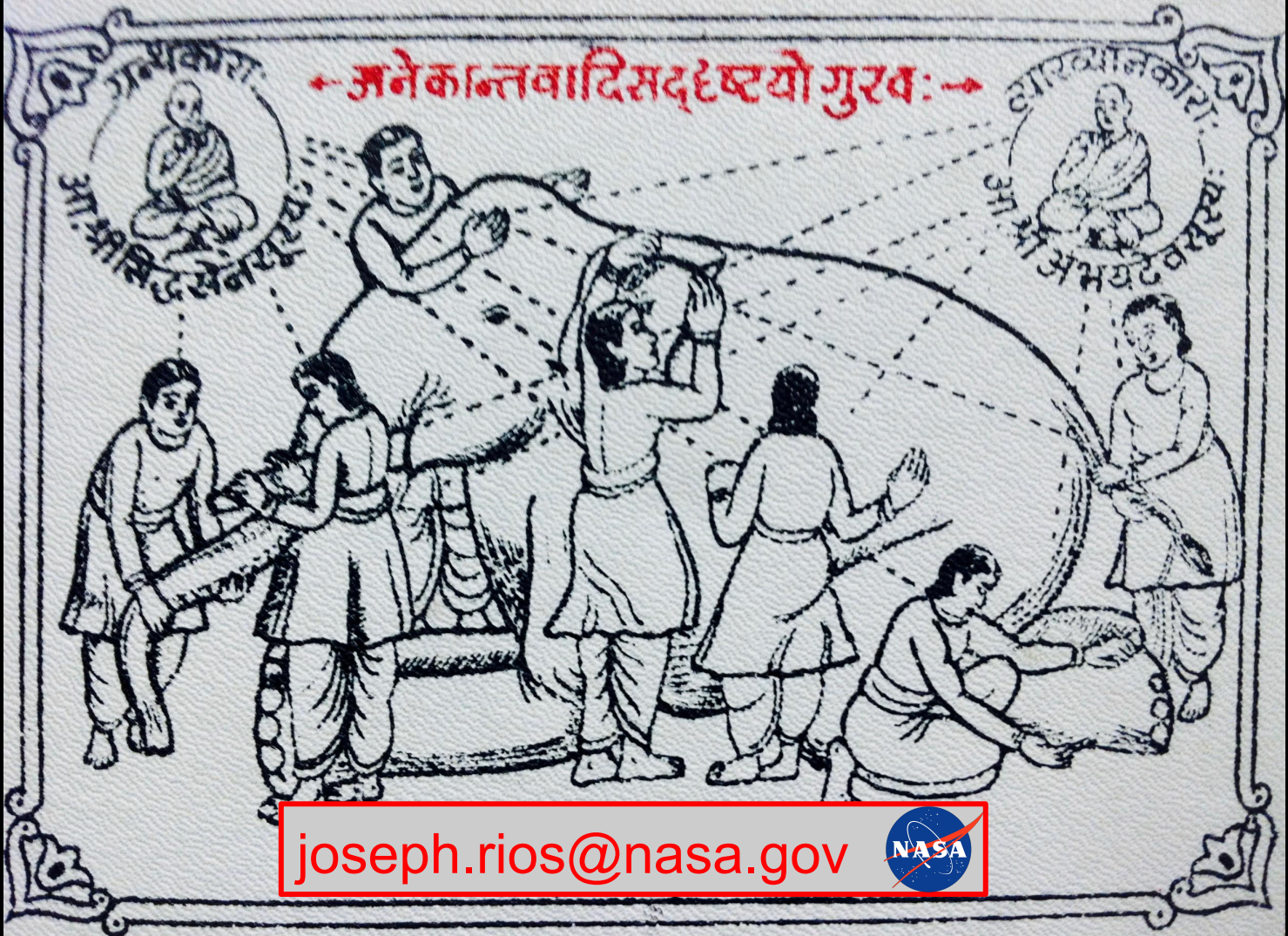
# C-UAS System confusion matrix



		Actual	
		<b>Bad Drone</b>	<b>Good Drone</b>
Predicted/Sensed	<b>Bad Drone</b>	<p><i>True Positives</i></p> <p>Mostly the domain of the C-UAS system, somewhat supported by UTM when it returns a negative operation lookup.</p>	<p><i>False Positives</i></p> <p>C-UAS system can correlate sensed operation with known UTM operation, reducing the chance of false positives.</p>
	<b>Good Drone</b>	<p><i>False Negatives</i></p> <p>UTM should provide all “good drone” information to reduce false negatives.</p>	<p><i>True Negatives</i></p> <p>UTM helps to confirm drones are where they should be and who they say they are.</p>

**increasing specificity**

Likely UTM's key impact for C-UAS systems



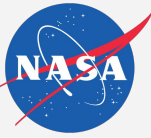
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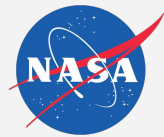
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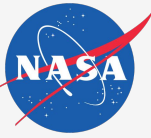
## NASA UTM Docs

- <https://utm.arc.nasa.gov/documents.shtml>
- APIs: <https://github.com/nasa/utm-apis/tree/v4-draft>

# Backup slides

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Leveraged industry best practice of “shift left security” by incorporating cybersecurity early in our processes.

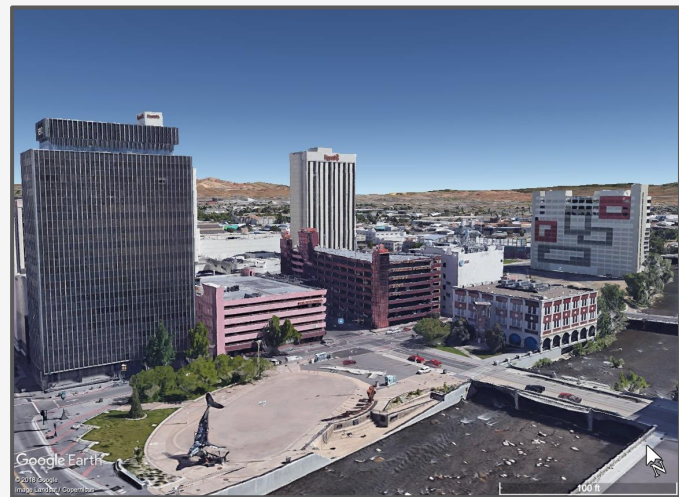
**Categorization** of our data early in Project to meet FIPS 199 and NIST SP 800-122 requirements.

Implemented NASA’s **Secure Coding Practices** by making members of development team responsible for certain practices and socializing them with rest of team.

Detailed **threat modeling** of our system to aid design choices early in development.

NASA IV+V scans of our code base upon request, providing detailed **origin analysis** results.





Reno test range



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Corpus Christi test range

## TCL4

- Furthering the tools and concepts for urban operations
- Comm+Nav, Detect and Avoid, Large scale contingency management, etc.
- Flights May-Aug 2019