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LED

More Than Just a Light

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LED LIGHTS CAN BE ENCODED WITH IQVR.

IQVR stands for **I**nstrument **Q**ualified **V**isual **R**ange-a concept developed in early 2006 as the result of discussions with the FAA's GPS Team Lead, Calvin Miles who named the process.

IQVR exploits nature of **LED lights** to **exceed Infra red sensor performance** on **"HOT"** incandescent runway lights in fog.

- **IQVR** integrates airport LED approach, runway edge, and taxiway lighting with on board EFVS guidance systems by applying software -with only modest modifications to lights and on board flight guidance systems.

LED LIGHTS CAN BE ENCODED WITH INFORMATION

Encoding LED Runway and approach lights and adding IQVR synchronous detection software to the on Board EVFS sensor enables:

- Up to 300% increase in visual range over Infra red in daylight FOG.
- Mitigation of Wrong Surface Operations through positive “machine” identification of:
 - Runways
 - Taxi ways
 - Turn offs
 - Gates
 - Aeronautical Obstruction Lighting
 - Helicopter Landing Pads



OPERATIONAL BENEFITS

Greater Efficiencies Across the Board

IQVR

- Reduces weather related diversions
- Improves on time departures/arrivals
- Reduces SMGCS delays
- Lowers fuel costs & scheduling complexities
- Estimated Yearly CARBON Emission Reduction in US of 850 Million Pounds

Creates a virtual operational “**CAT 1.5**” **ILS** for equipped aircraft without changing IFR Approach Minimum Categories, or ILS technology.

Biggest winners:
Airports, Fleet Operators, The Environment.

OPERATIONAL BENEFITS

- Slash missed approaches due to visibility
- Slash weather induced diversions
- Reduce Wrong Surface Operations
- Encode Rwy and Airport ID in the lights
- Augment traffic flow efficiency's of ADS-B
- Provide non-RF backup to ILS/GPS precision approach guidance
- Verify SVS by registering display with “real world +/- one (1) foot vertical – clearing way for Heads Down to Touchdown;
- In US: reduce Carbon emissions by over 850 million pounds

STATUS REPORT

Current Development

**IQVR has attained
DoD Technology Readiness Level 5.**

TRL 5: “Validation of large scale prototype in Relevant environment.”

- Tests at SANDIA NATIONAL LABS Fog Chamber in Albuquerque late 2017
- Tests at Oregon Institute of Technology Light Scatter Lab early 2018

Next Steps: TRL 6 and 7

MARKET SECTOR VALUE

Airports

Competitive advantage

- Reliable IMC arrivals
- Safer ops
- Smoother traffic flow
- CAT 1.5 ILS
- Mitigation of SMGCS
- Reduced missed approaches
- Eliminates wrong surface operations

Airlines/ Corporate

Improves EFVS 3X

- Reliable arrivals
- Lowers fuel burn
- Preserves legacy EFVS with slight mod
- Highest immediate economic impact on Regionals and box haulers (**CAT 1.5 ILS**)

FAA

Breaks LED regulatory log jam

- *Enhances* ADS-B traffic flow
- Relieves congressional pressure
- Turbo charges Obstruction lighting and Rotor wing PinS ops

Environmental/ Political

Reduce Carbon emissions

by almost one billion pounds

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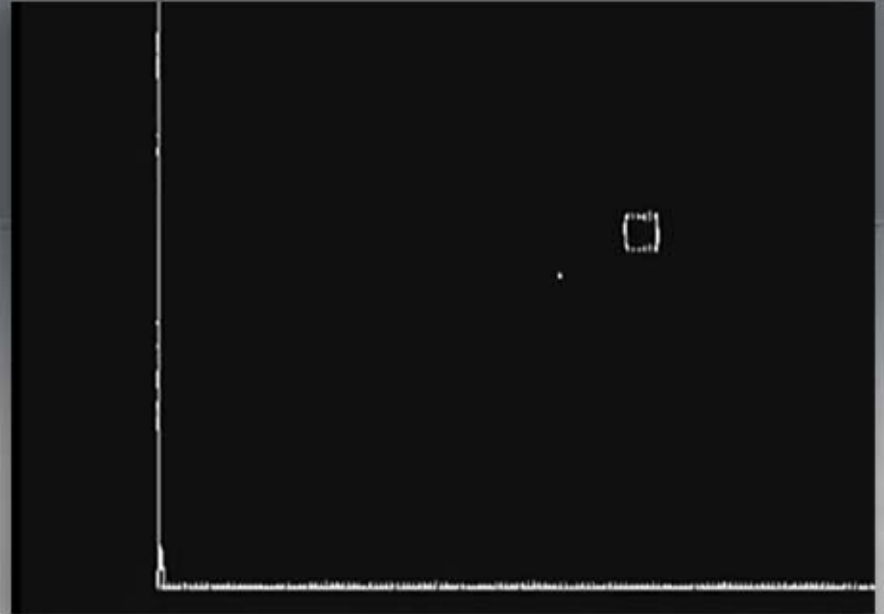
Cooperative Research and Development (CRADA) executed with FAA

TRL 6: “Prototype system tested in intended environment close to expected performance.”

TRL 7: “Demonstration system operating in operational environment at pre commercial scale.”

- Flight tests to begin shortly at FAA Hughes Technical Center, Atlantic City NJ.

OUR KITTY HAWK MOMENT



RVR



How Far out will you acquire the Runway?

Human Vision
ILS Cat 1

1/2 Mile (missed)

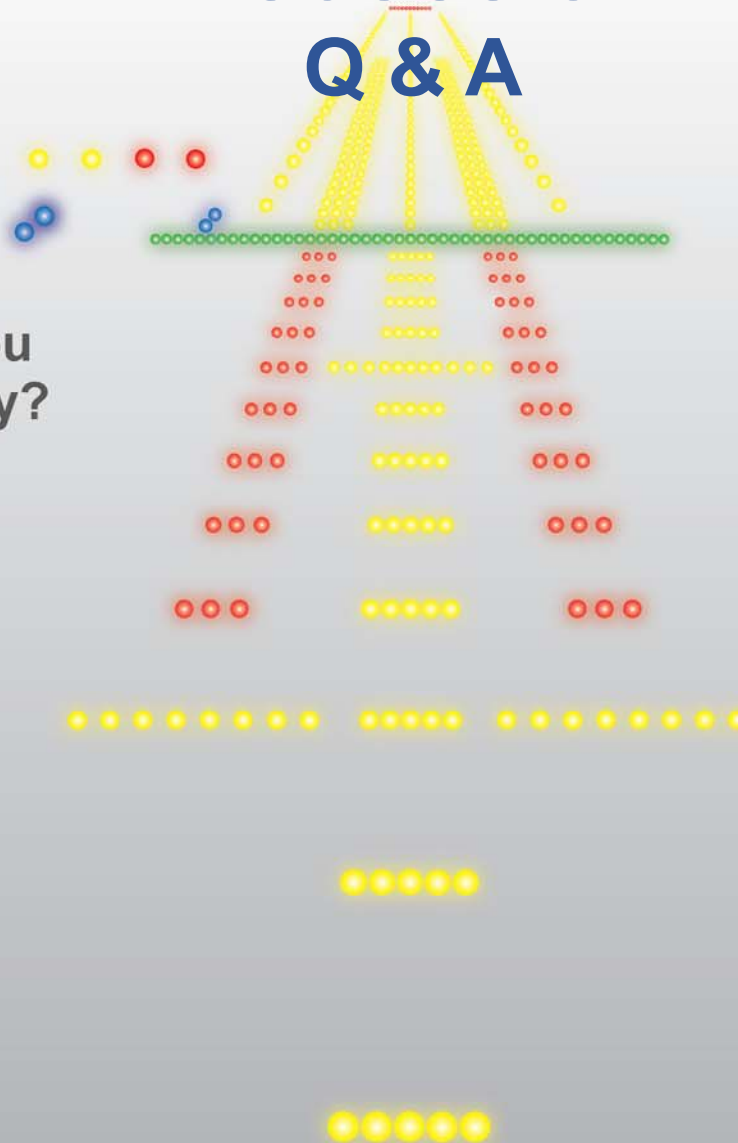
EFVS-Infra red/
Head UP Assist

~ 3/4 Mile out

IQVR Visible light
on LED lights

2.2 Miles out

DISCUSSION Q & A



1400 ft
(1/4 MILE)
Ceiling Indefinite

IQVR Enabled
systems will **acquire
the runway** landing
environment up to
300% sooner than
Infra red enhanced
vision systems.





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