



# AIRFIELD 4.0

technologies that will  
revolutionize airfield operations

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## Digital Transformation



### AIRFIELD 1.0

**1910**

Kerosene flares, Beacons and floodlights

Goosenecks kerosene flares lighting small airfield landing strips. Airway navigational beacons



### AIRFIELD 2.0

**1940**

Incandescent, Halogen, CCRs, transformers, control panels

Incandescent airfield lighting advanced to halogen lights and lighting systems with touchdown zones and centerline visual aids



### AIRFIELD 3.0

**1980**

Computerized airfield control, Powerline carrier, LED

Airfield lighting computer systems, A-SMGCS leveraging powerline carrier technology and LED airfield lights



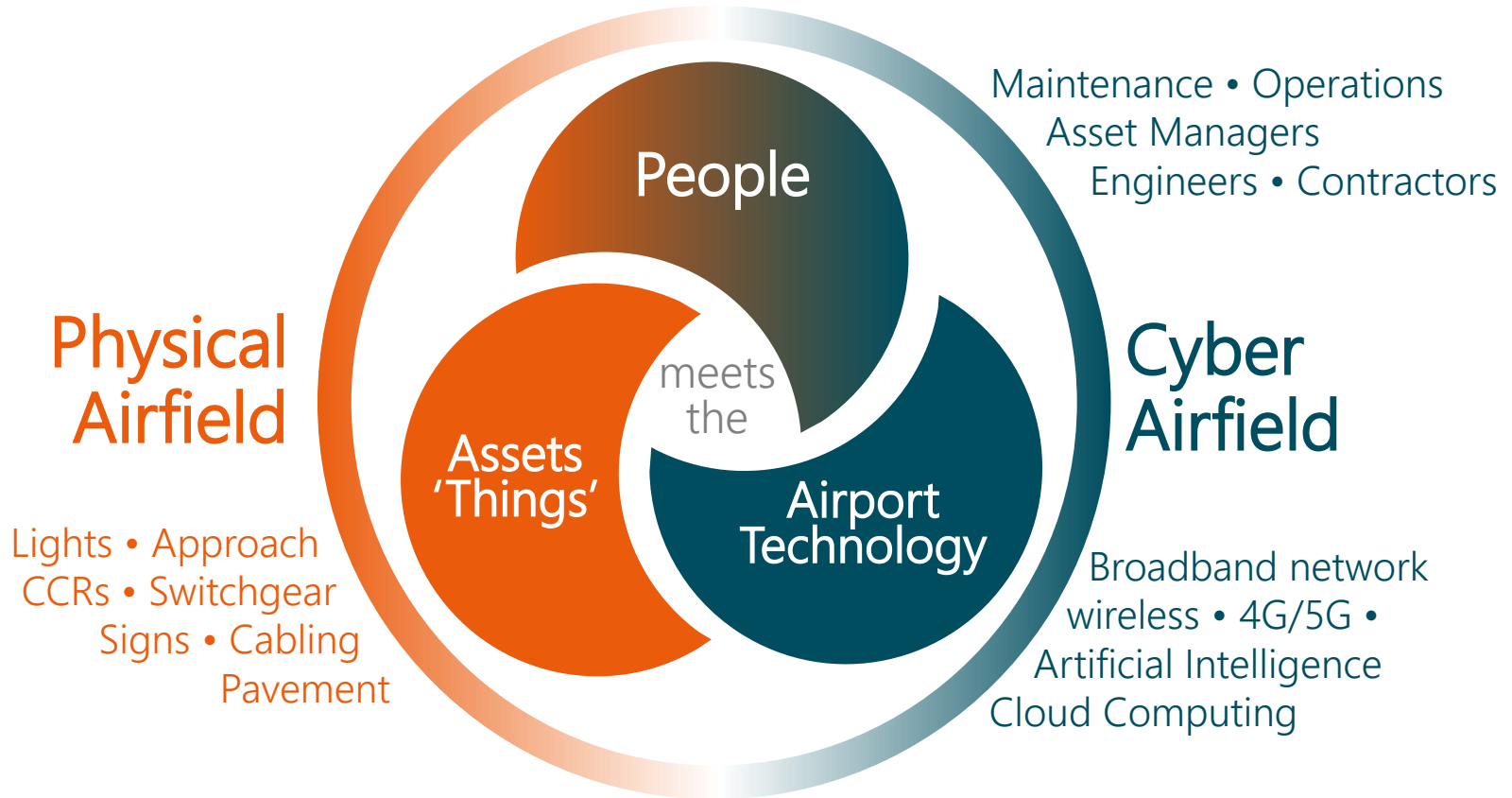
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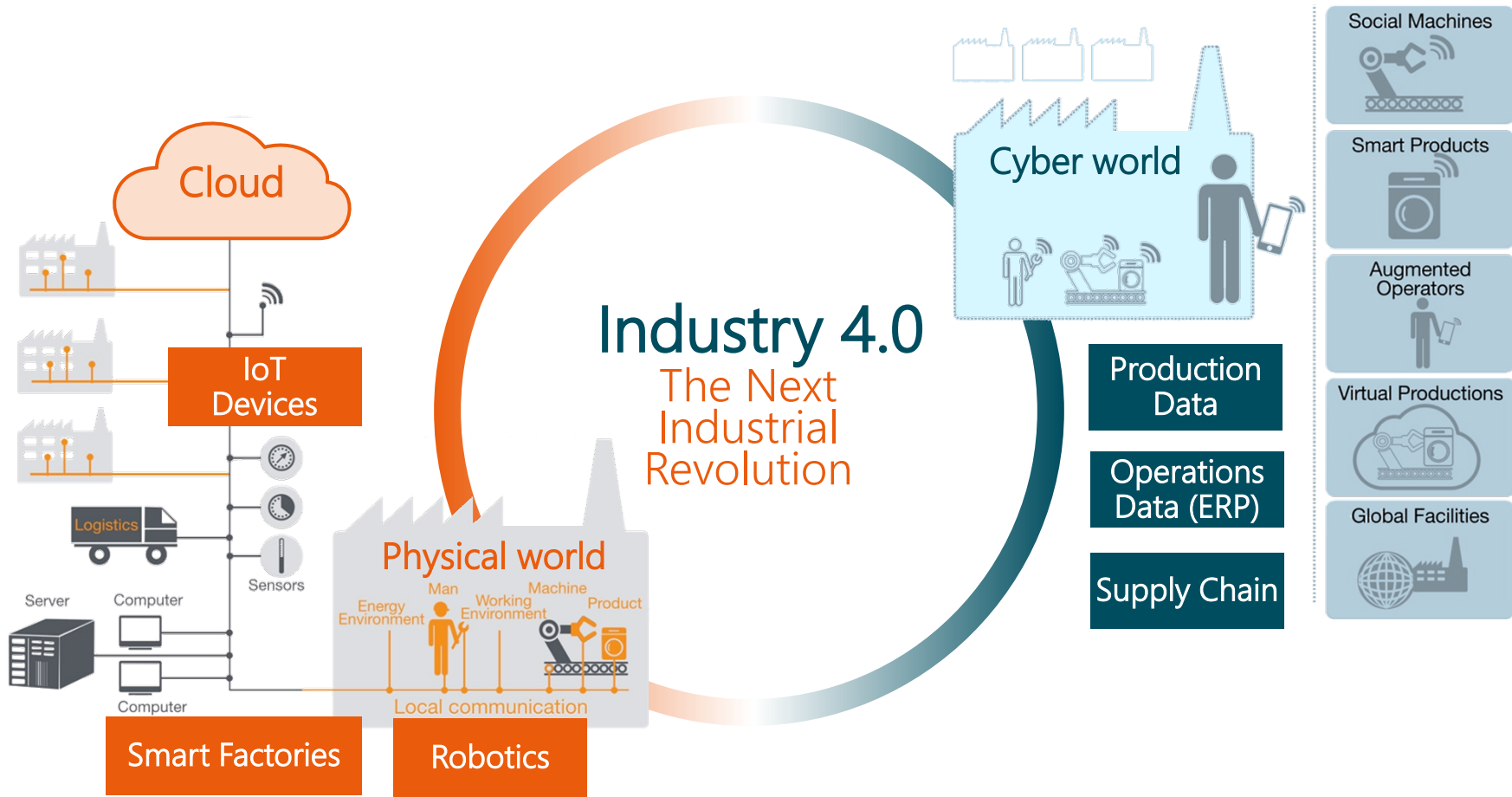
**TODAY**

Broadband airfield wireless networks, Remote Asset Monitoring, Internet of Things

IoT airfield lighting, wireless connectivity, AI analytics, remote monitoring and operational dashboards

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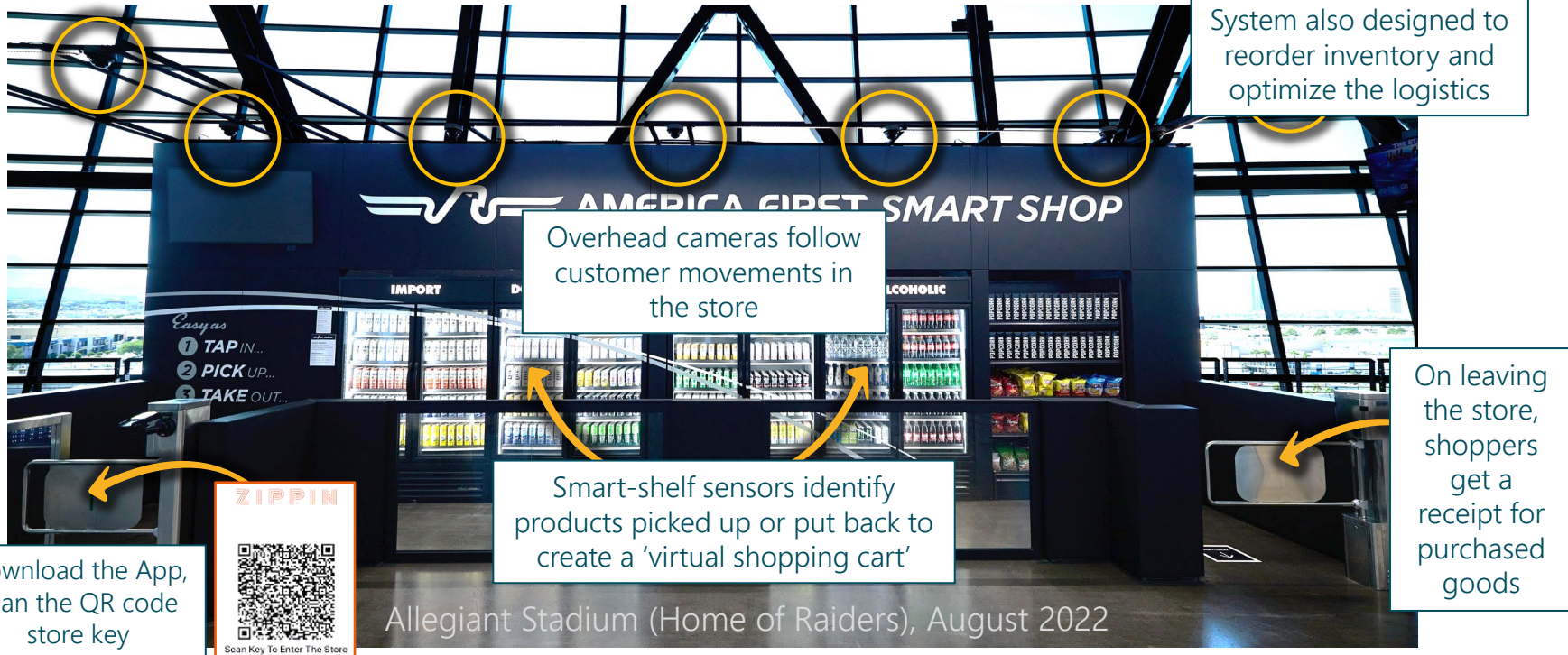


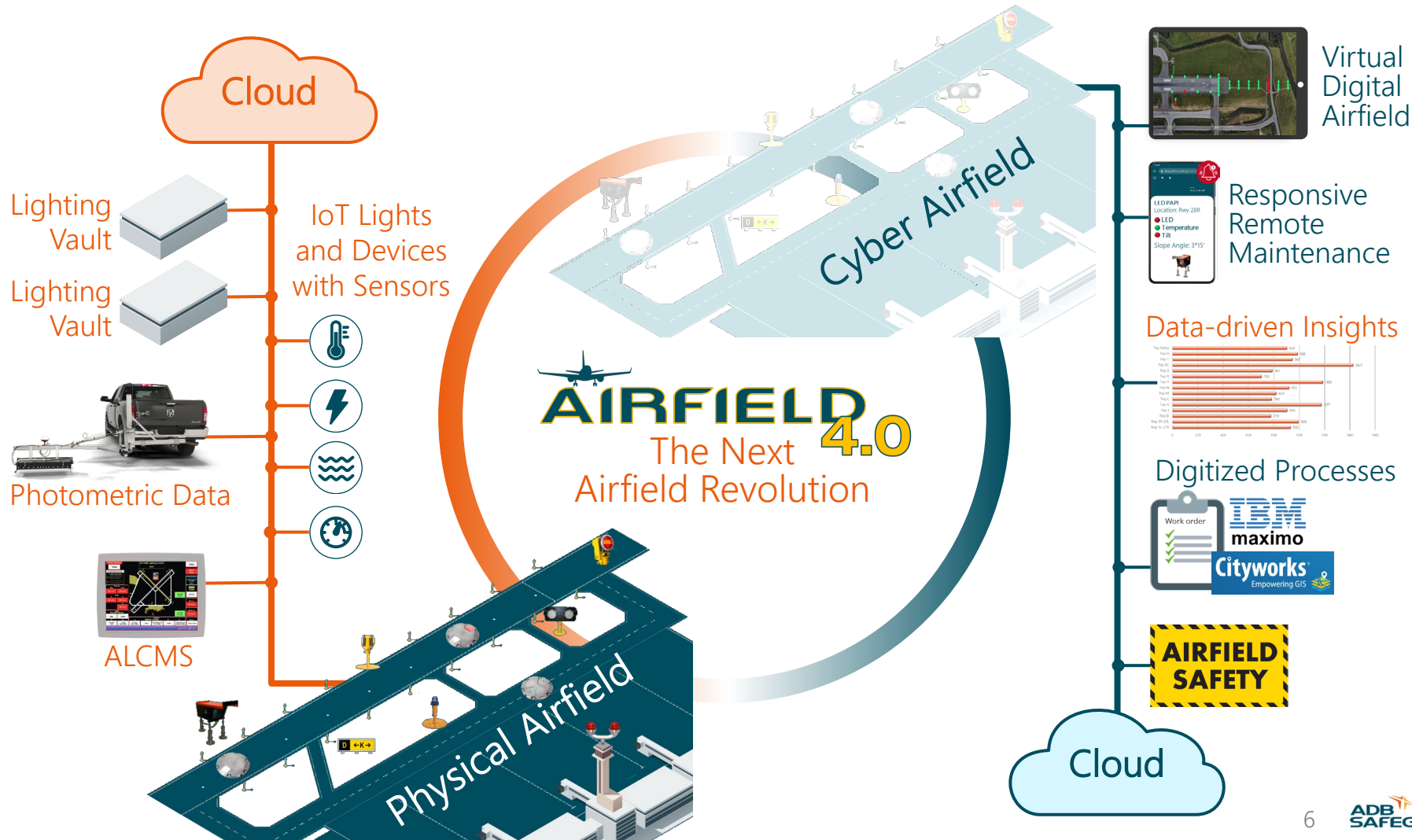




### RESULTS

66% speed increase (3.5m versus 10m wait)  
45% concessions growth compared to 2021



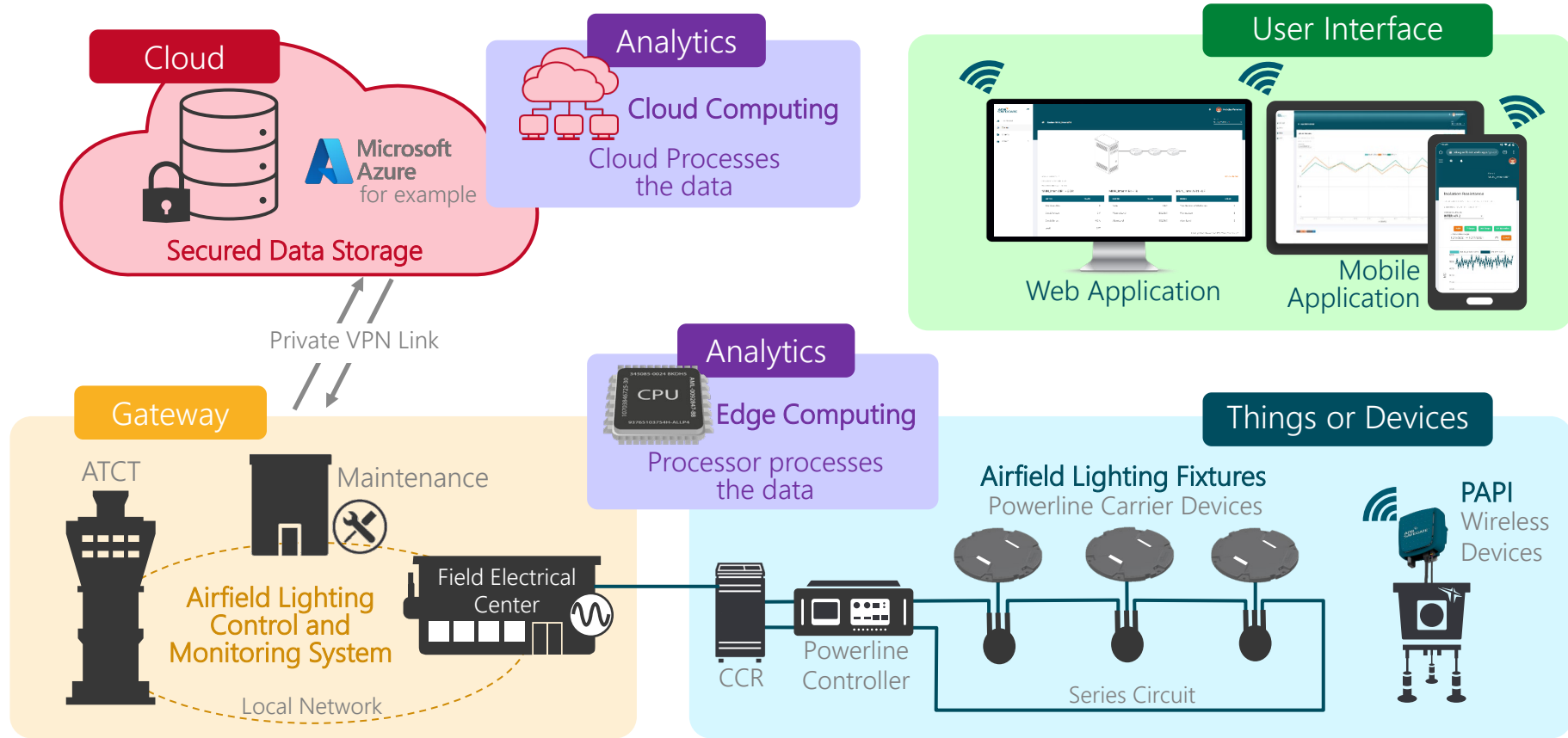


Gooseneck flares  
to the

**IoT**  
Internet of Things



# Internet of Things **IoT** 5 Main Components



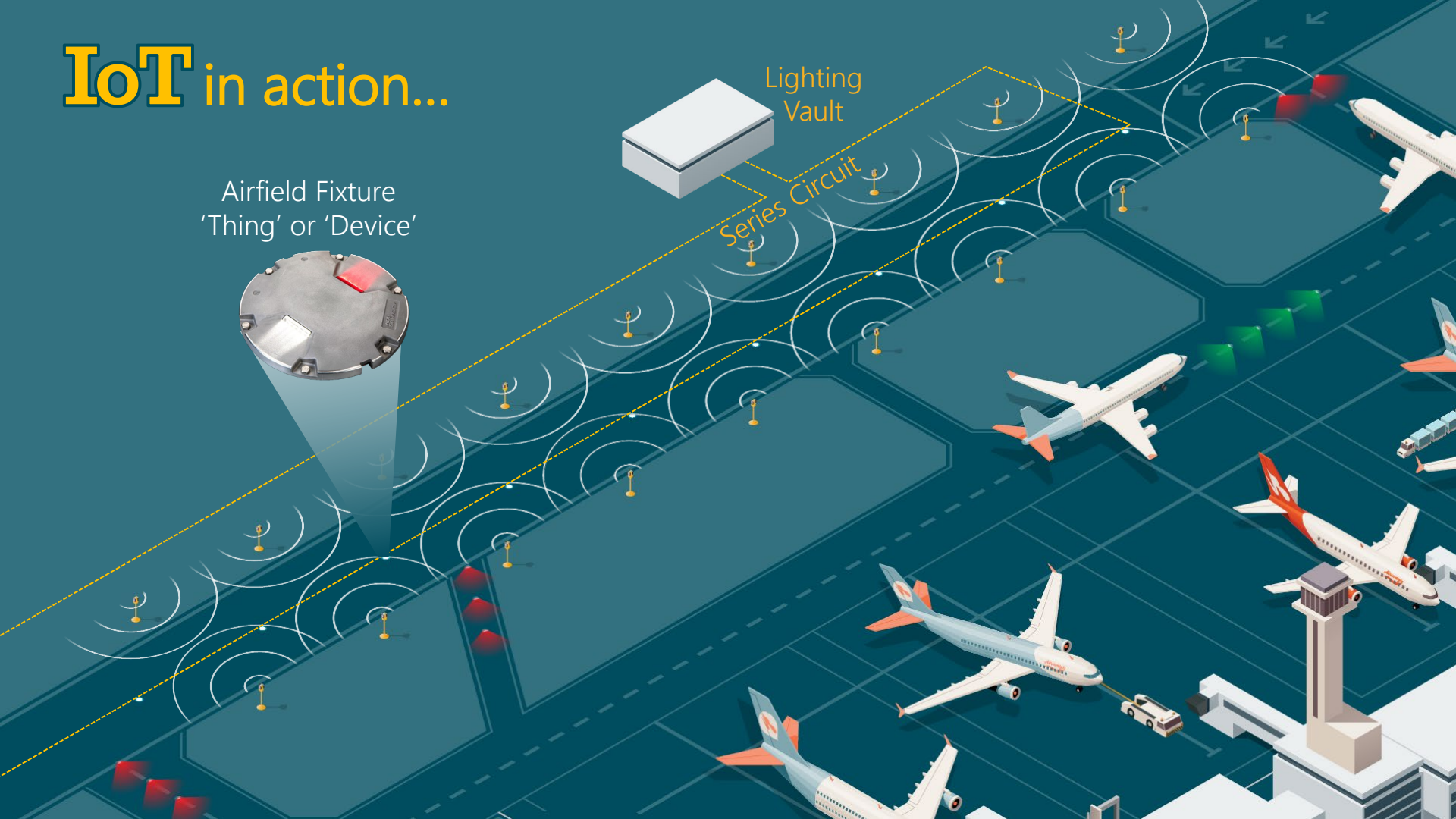


# IoT in action...

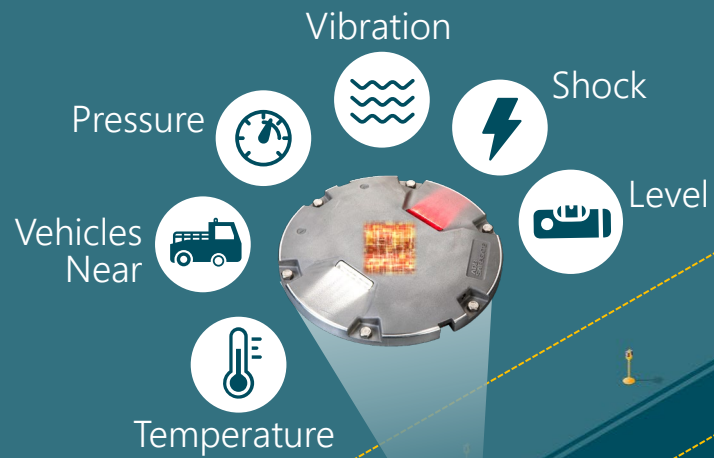
Airfield Fixture  
'Thing' or 'Device'

Lighting  
Vault

Series Circuit

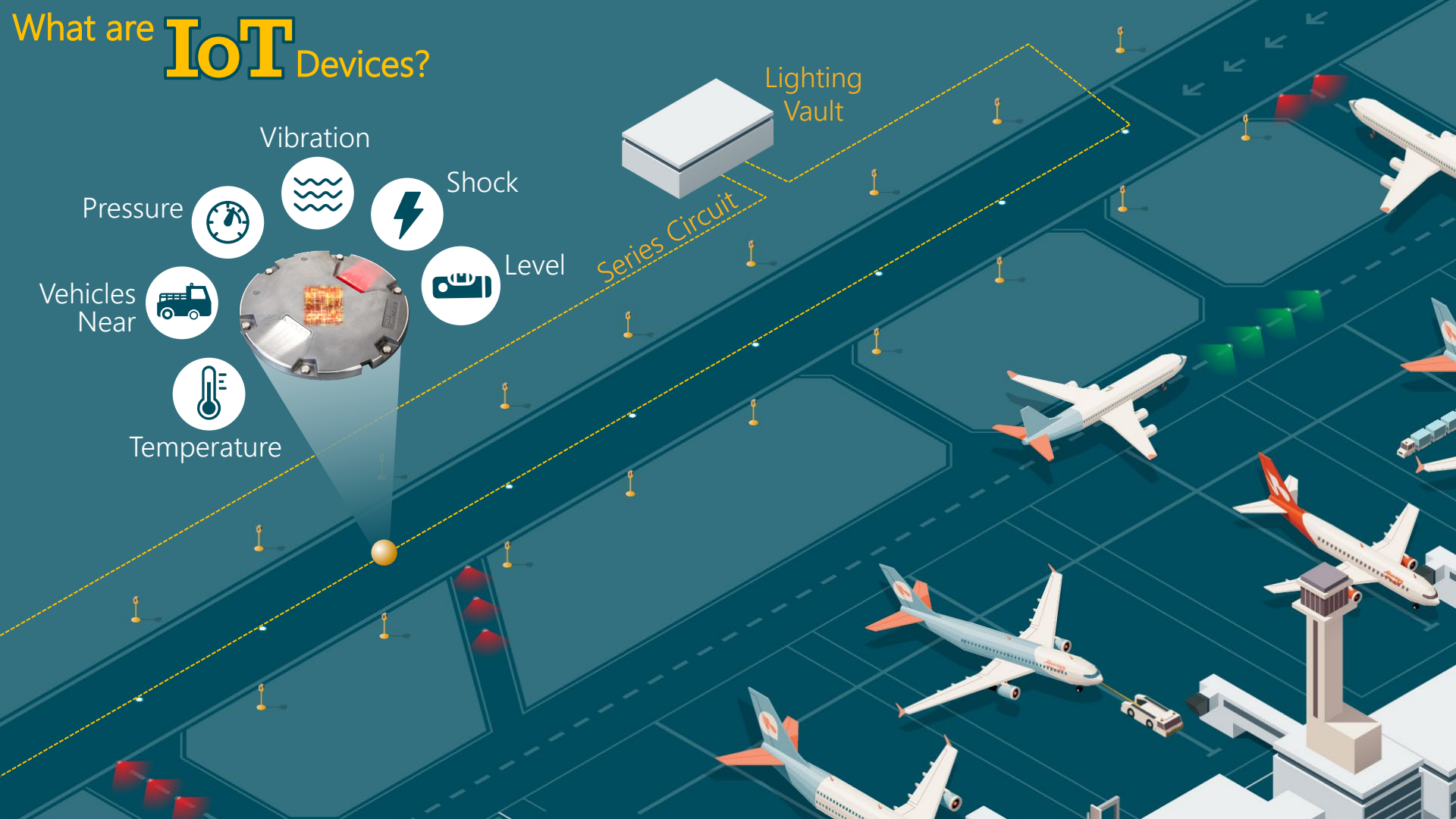


# What are IoT Devices?



Lighting Vault

Series Circuit



# IoT Devices you might be using



**amazon echo**

Request songs, place phone calls, set timers, ask questions and get information



**fitbit**

Smartwatch tracks your fitness activity, sleep, heart rate and more



**August Smart Lock**

Manage doors from any location hassle-free



**amazon dash**  
BUTTON

Quickly order household essential items you've set up on Amazon.



**belkin we mo**

**Smart Light Switch**

Manage your home lights from the wall, your mobile or by using your voice



**Microsoft HoloLens**

Augmented reality with see-through holographic lenses





## Data Ingestion

- IoT enabled devices (sensors) collect data
- Data is ingested by the devices and sensors



## Data Transmission

- Data is transmitted to the cloud via Gateways
- Gateway is a method of transmission that connects to the Internet
- Wi-Fi, Cellular, Satellite



## Data Processing

- Taking the IoT devices **raw input data** and outputting it as **information** people can view, understand and react to



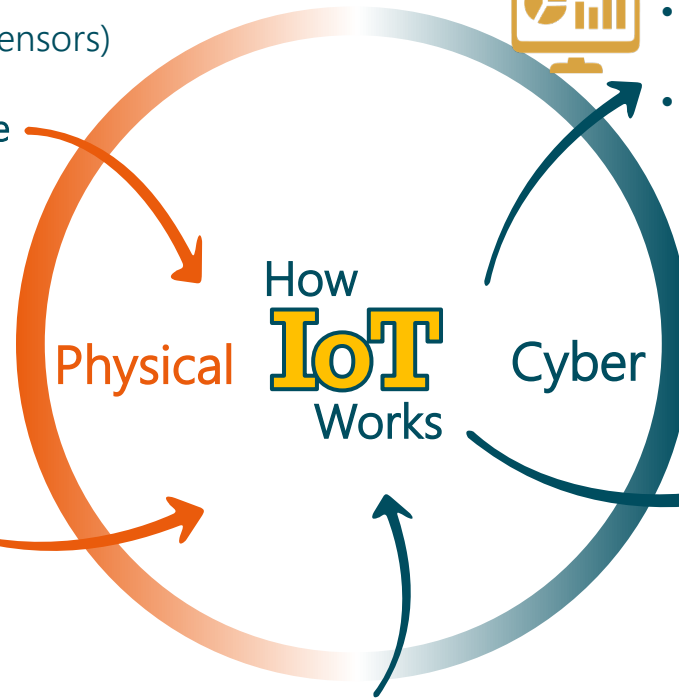
## Data Analysis and Prediction

- Uses **historical data collected over time**
- Provides actionable insights that help in **predicting future events**



## Data Visualization

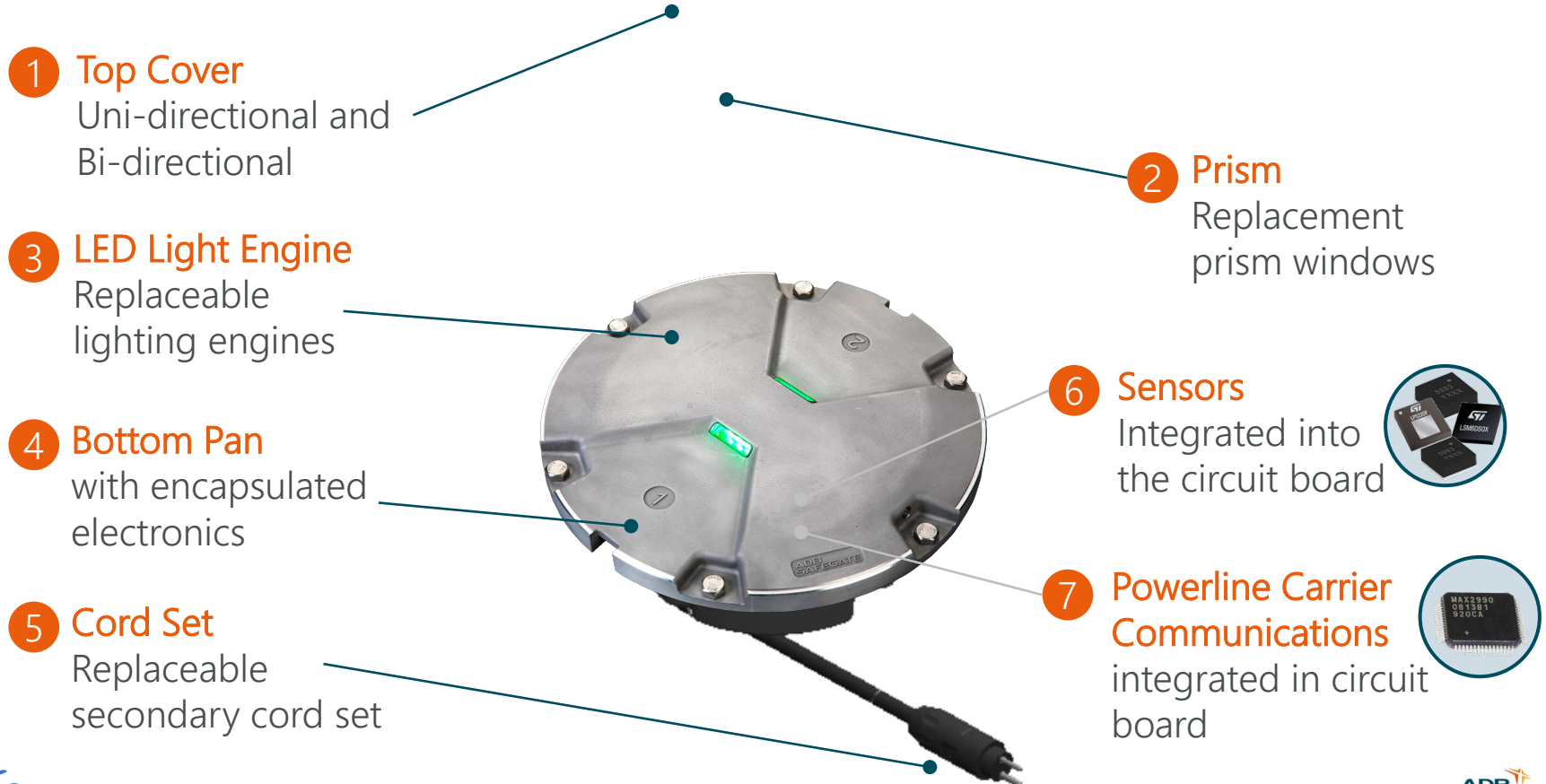
- Real time information **visualized in applications** for the end user
- Tables, meters, alarms, notifications



# IoT Device

## Airfield Lighting Fixture

# IoT Airfield Lighting Fixture



# Types of Sensors

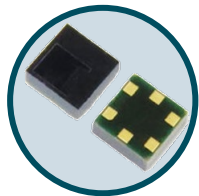
## Live Demo



### 3D Accelerometer & Gyroscope

with embedded pedometer

2.5 X 3mm



### Temperature & Humidity

-40°C to 120 ° C

2 X 2mm

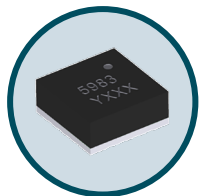
## Live Demo



### Pressure

260 to 1260 hPa

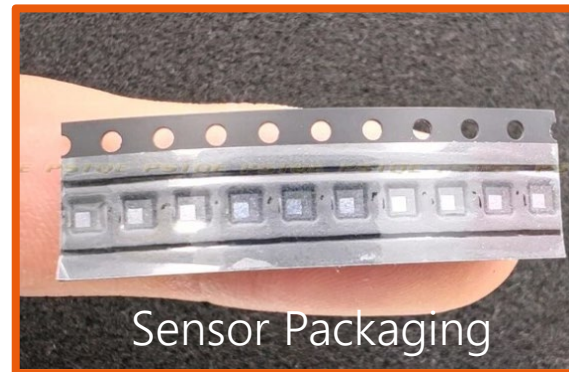
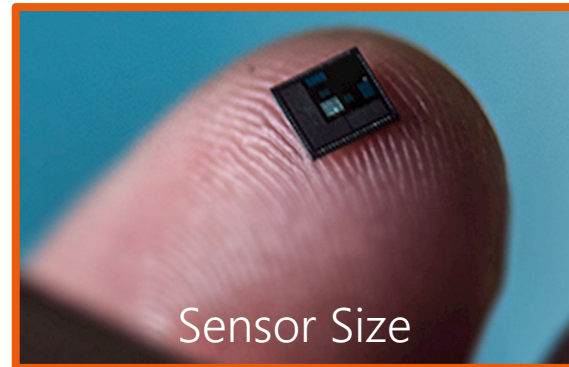
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### 3-axis Magnetic Field

Digital Compass

3 X 4mm





# 3D Accelerometer & Gyroscope

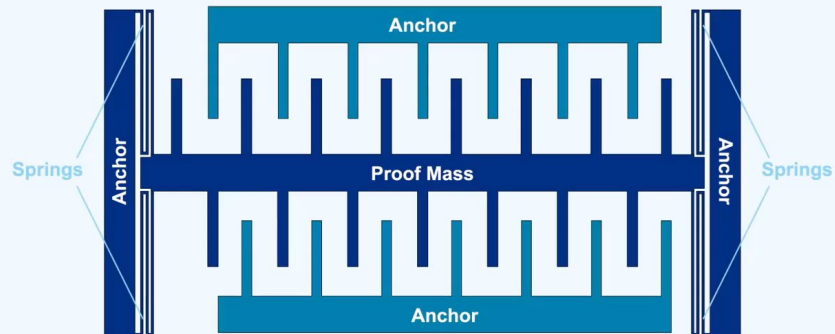
## Sensor Overview

### What is an Accelerometer?

- MEMS or micro-electro-mechanical system
- Measures the **vibration, or acceleration** of motion of a device (light fixture)
- The gyroscope can measure and maintain the **tilt and lateral orientation** of the light

### How does it work?

#### Micro-Electro-Mechanical System (MEMS)



### Applications

- Vehicle airbags
- Drone auto-leveling
- Camera stabilizer
- Machinery vibration / stability
- Smartphones to wake up or auto rotate images





# 3D Accelerometer Sensor Demonstration #1



## Vibration Simulation

- Fixture is installed in a base can
- Hit the light fixture with a rubber mallet
  - Simulated roll over vibrations from planes or vehicles
- Light will **flash for 2 seconds** indicating the detection of the vibration



Simulation Only



# Demonstration #1

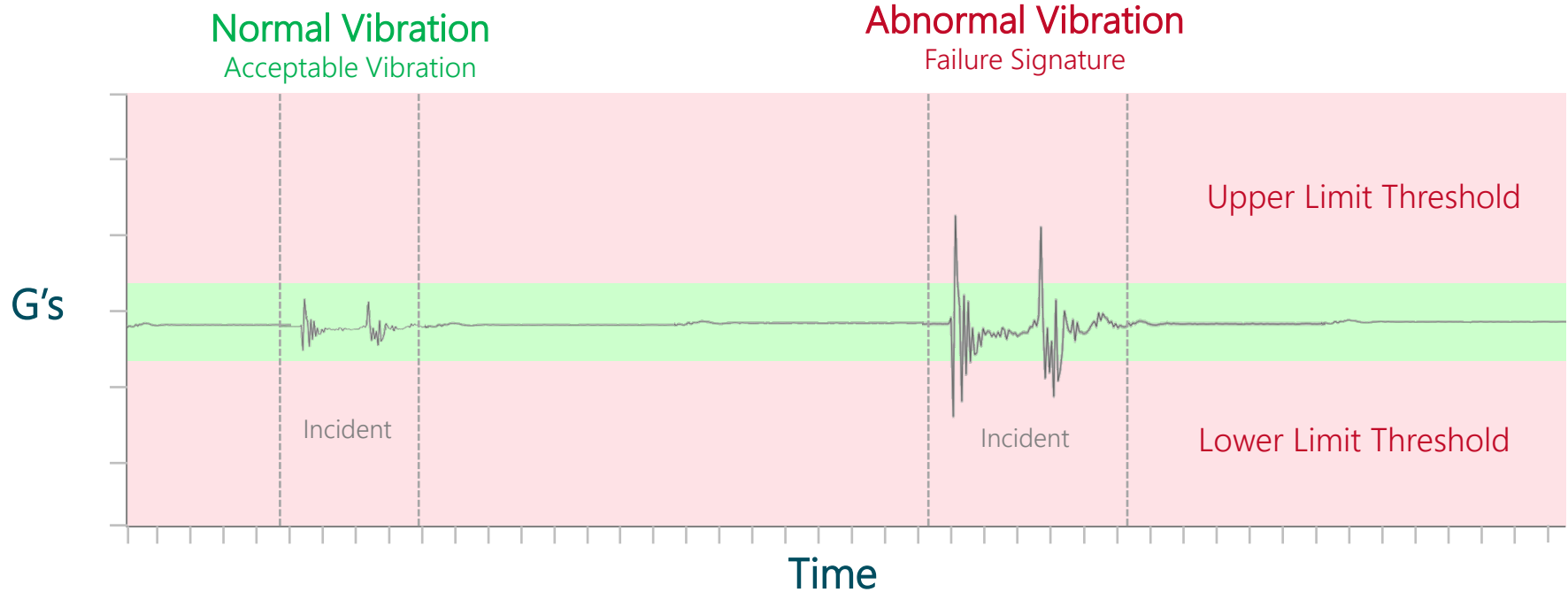
Airfield Lighting Fixture  
shock and vibration detection





# 3D Accelerometer Sensor Demonstration #1

## Accelerometer Sensor Data





# 3D Accelerometer Sensor Demonstration #1

## Accelerometer Sensor Data

How could this be used?



### Loose Fixture

Fixture not completely torqued or clamping force not sufficient



### Over-Torquing

Deformed bottom pan loosens fixture mounting



### Base Can Installation

Flange Ring, Concrete, P-606 Epoxy



### Loose Bolt(s)

Thread marks on the fixture thru holes is a good indication of fixture movement



### Fixture Installation Issues

Not per FAA AC 150/5340-30 +0 and -1/16"



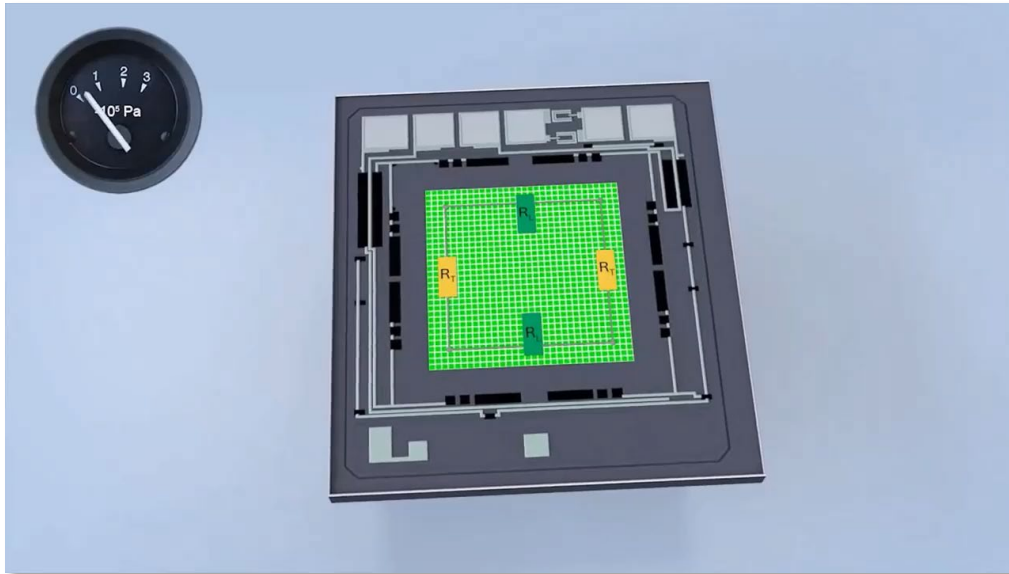
# Piezoresistive Pressure Sensor

## Sensor Overview

### What is a Pressure Sensor?

- Ultra compact piezoresistive sensor
- Functions as a digital output barometer

### How does it work?

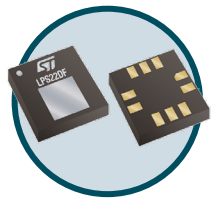


### Applications

- Altimeters and barometers for portable devices
- GPS applications
- Weather station equipment
- Fitness watches



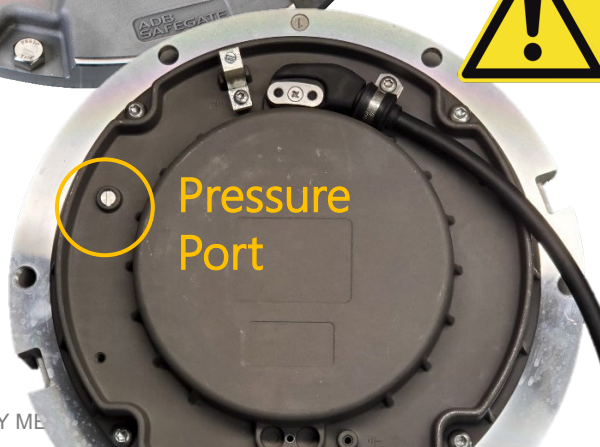
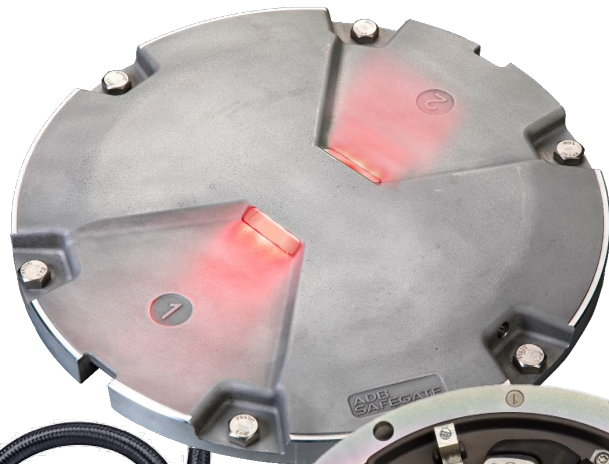
improves accuracy of wearable fitness devices, particularly with respect to calories spent, walking on inclines versus climbing stairs



## Pressure Sensor Demonstration #2



Digital Ball Pump



### Loss of Pressure Simulation

- Ball pump is used to simulate the small amount of pressure within a fixture as it heats up internally when turned ON
- Release pressure from the fixture
- Light will detect the pressure loss and change to **RED**



Simulation Only

# Demonstration #2

Airfield Lighting Fixture  
pressure loss detection







# 3D Accelerometer Sensor Demonstration #1

Pressure Sensor Data

How could this be used?



Cracked Fixture  
Top Cover

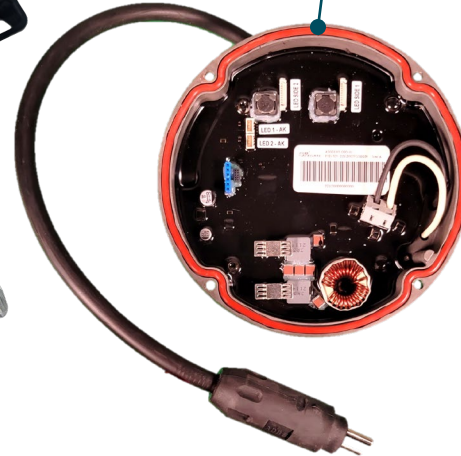


Cracked Prism  
Window

Prism sock  
seal failure



O-ring failure  
or not seated  
correctly



Damaged Prism



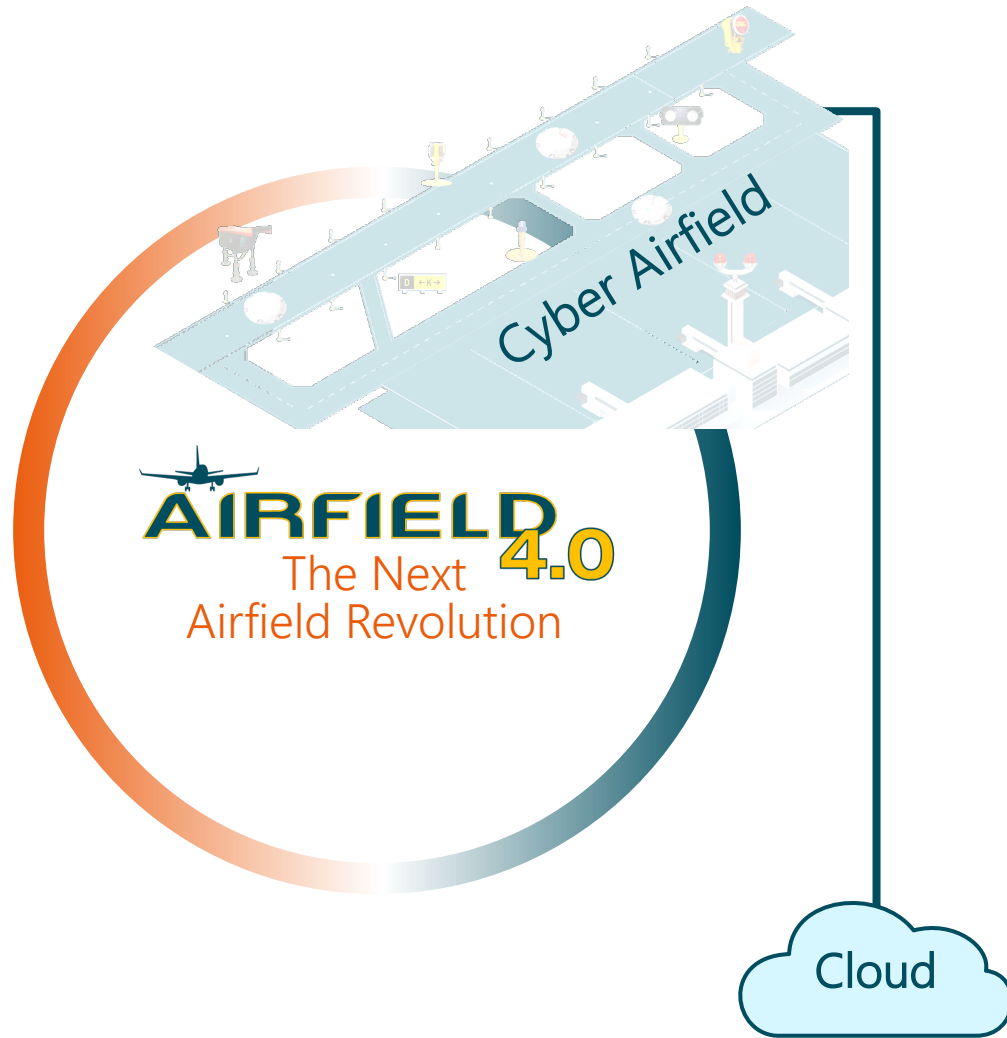
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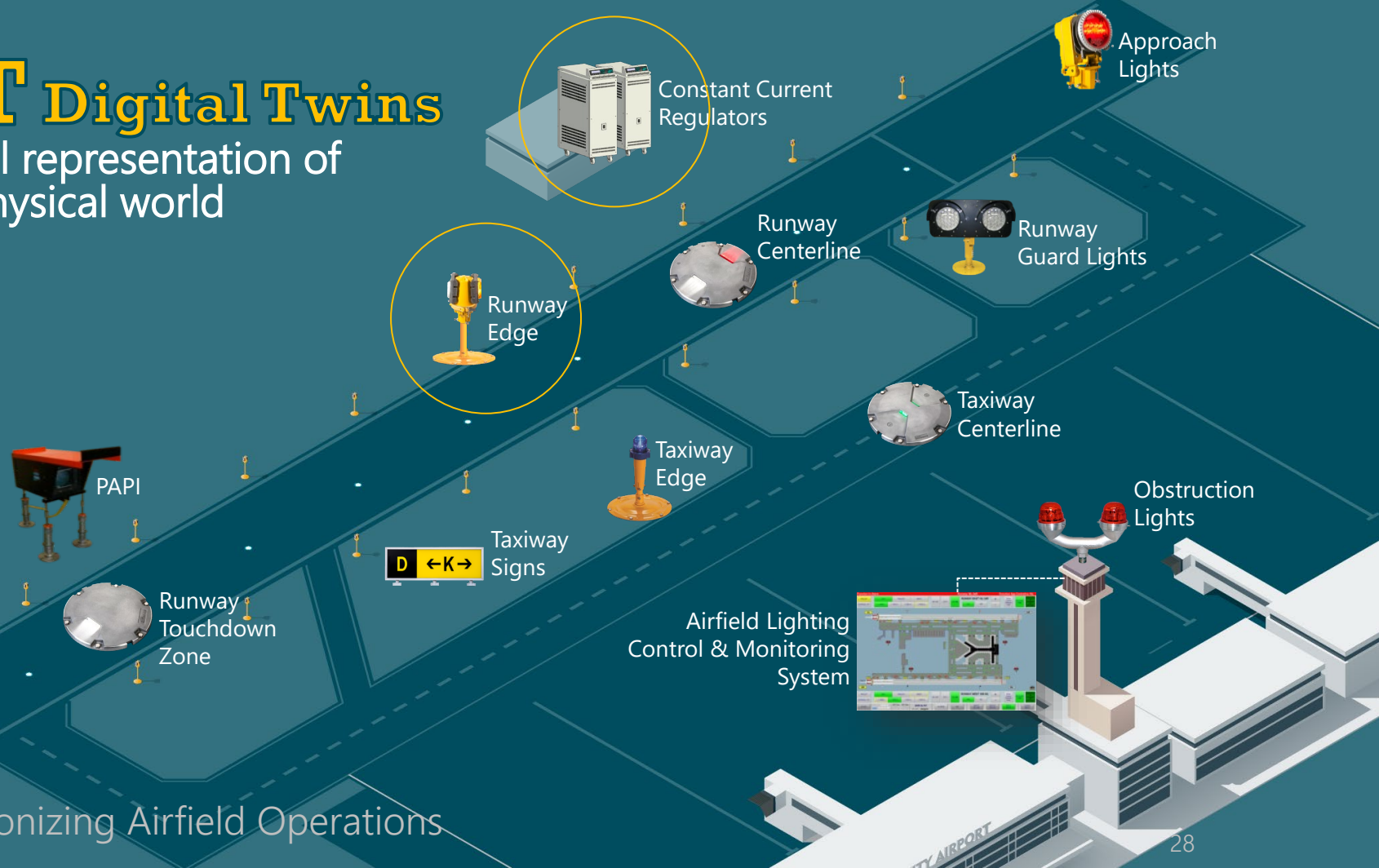


# Virtual Digital Airfield & Digital Twins



# IoT Digital Twins

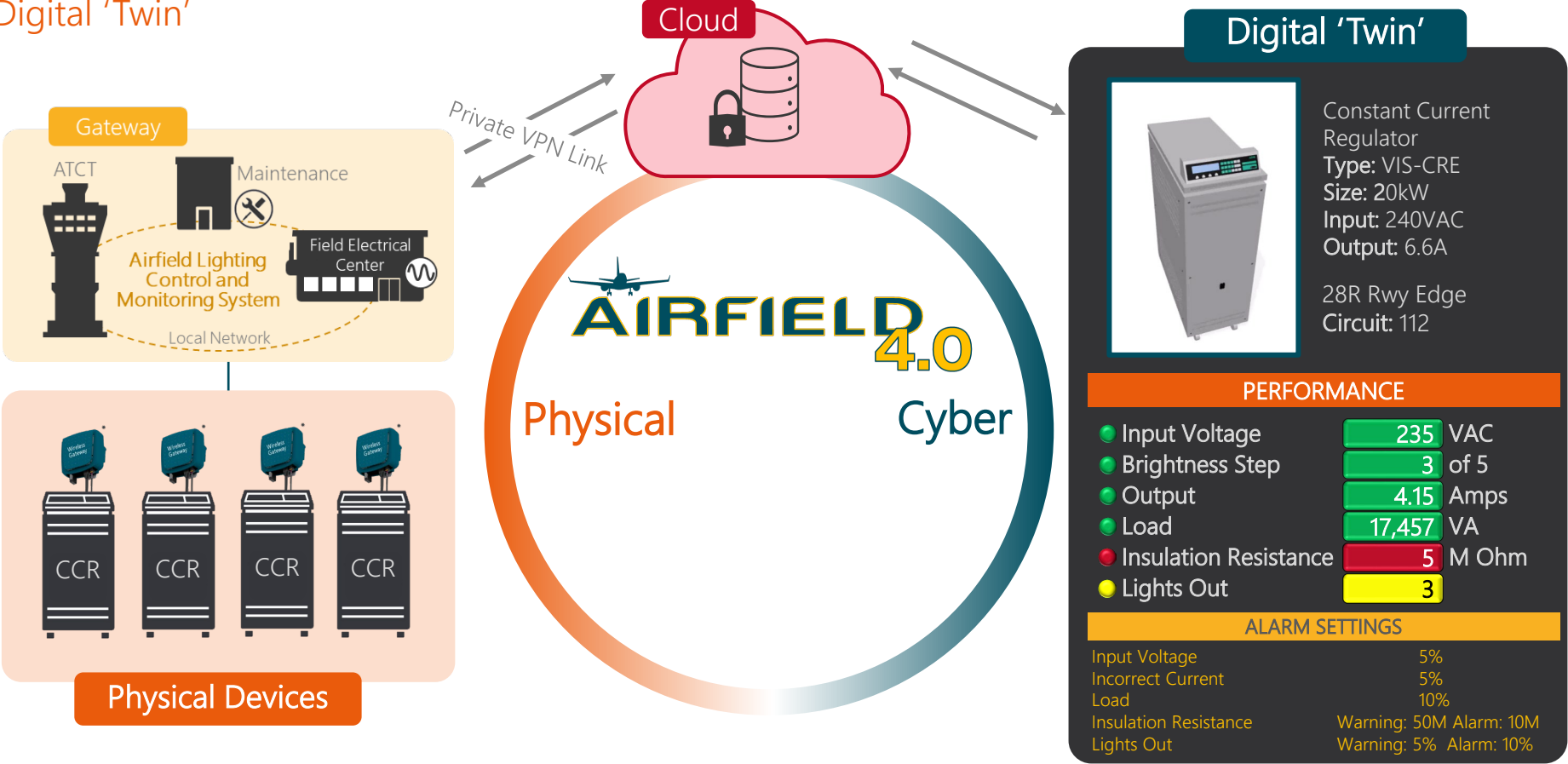
Virtual representation of the physical world



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# Revolutionizing Airport Operations

## Digital 'Twin'



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## Digital 'Twin'

### Runway Edge Light

- Detect head rotating on column
- Detect light out of alignment



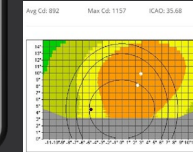
Physical Device

### Digital 'Twin'



Runway Edge Light  
Type: L-862 (L)  
Color: White-Yellow  
Option: without Artic Kit

#### Photometrics



Candela  
95%

#### PERFORMANCE


Alignment	-25 °
Toeing	+45 °
Temperature	95 °F
LED Status	OK
LED Usage	6780 hours
Vibration	Warning

#### ALARM SETTINGS

Alignment	2 degrees
Toeing	10 degree
Temperature	10%
LED Usage	Warning: 30000 hours

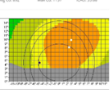


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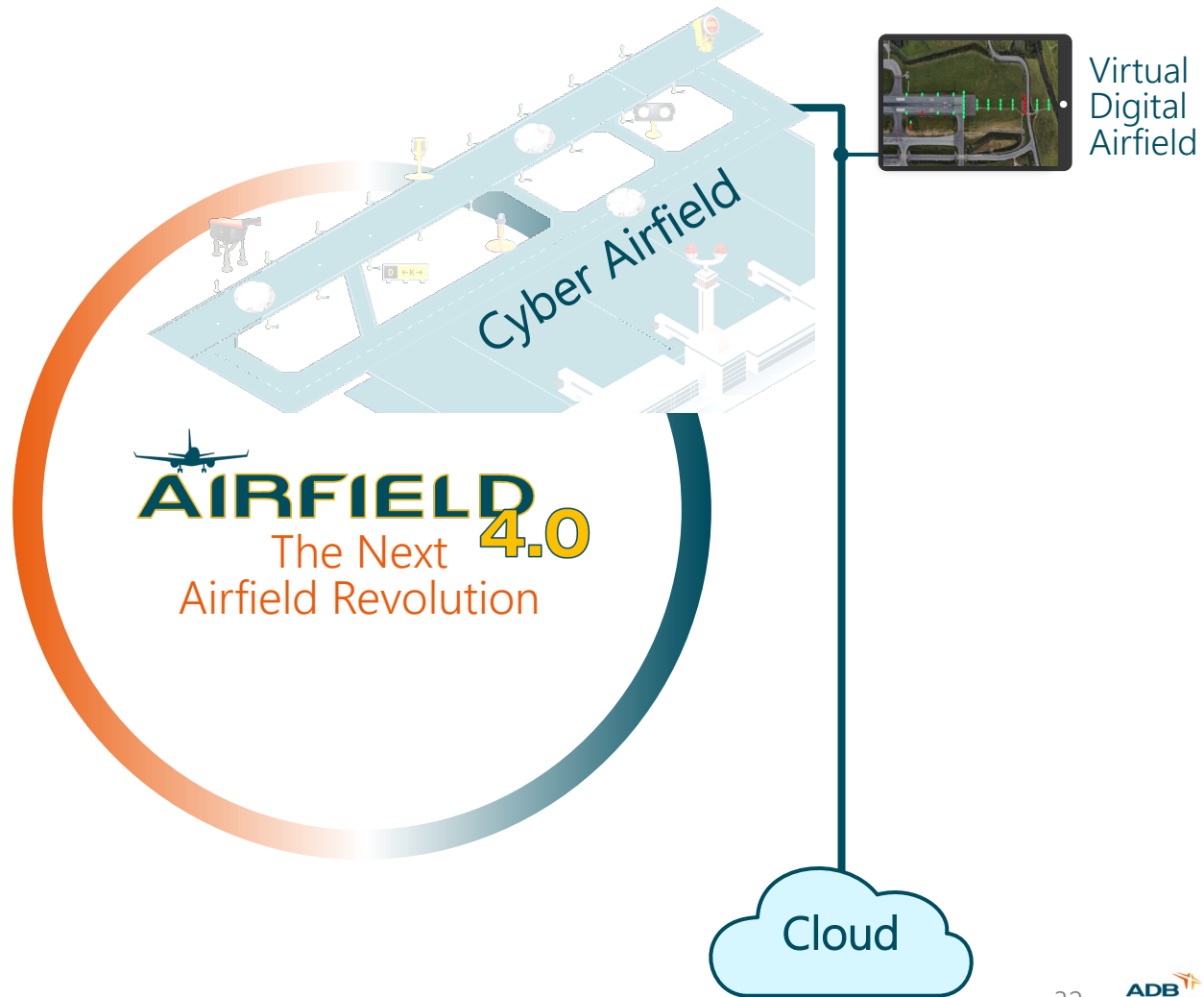
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Virtual  
Digital Airfield

# Responsive Remote Monitoring





# Remote Monitoring



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## Remote Monitoring



IoT Enabled

LED Steady-burner Approach



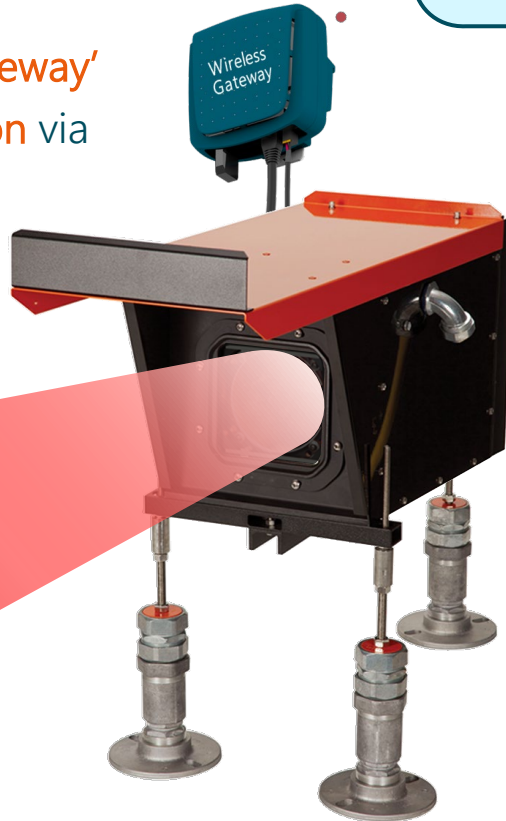
Complete Steady-burner Bar

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## Remote Monitoring

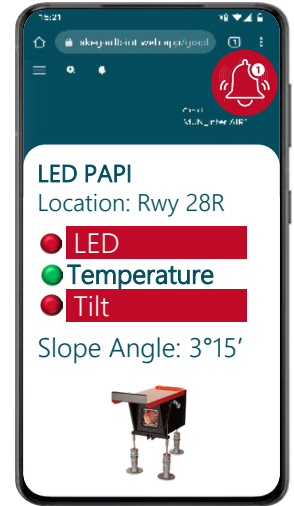
### IoT Enabled Device

- Connect a **wireless 'Gateway'**
- Establish **communication** via Wi-Fi, Cellular (5G/4G)
- 'Gateway' will stream **operational data to the cloud**



### PAPI Remote Monitoring

- Real-time data can be viewed from **any web device**
- **Alarm events** trigger notifications to essential personnel
  - **Lamp Failure**
  - **Out of Alignment**

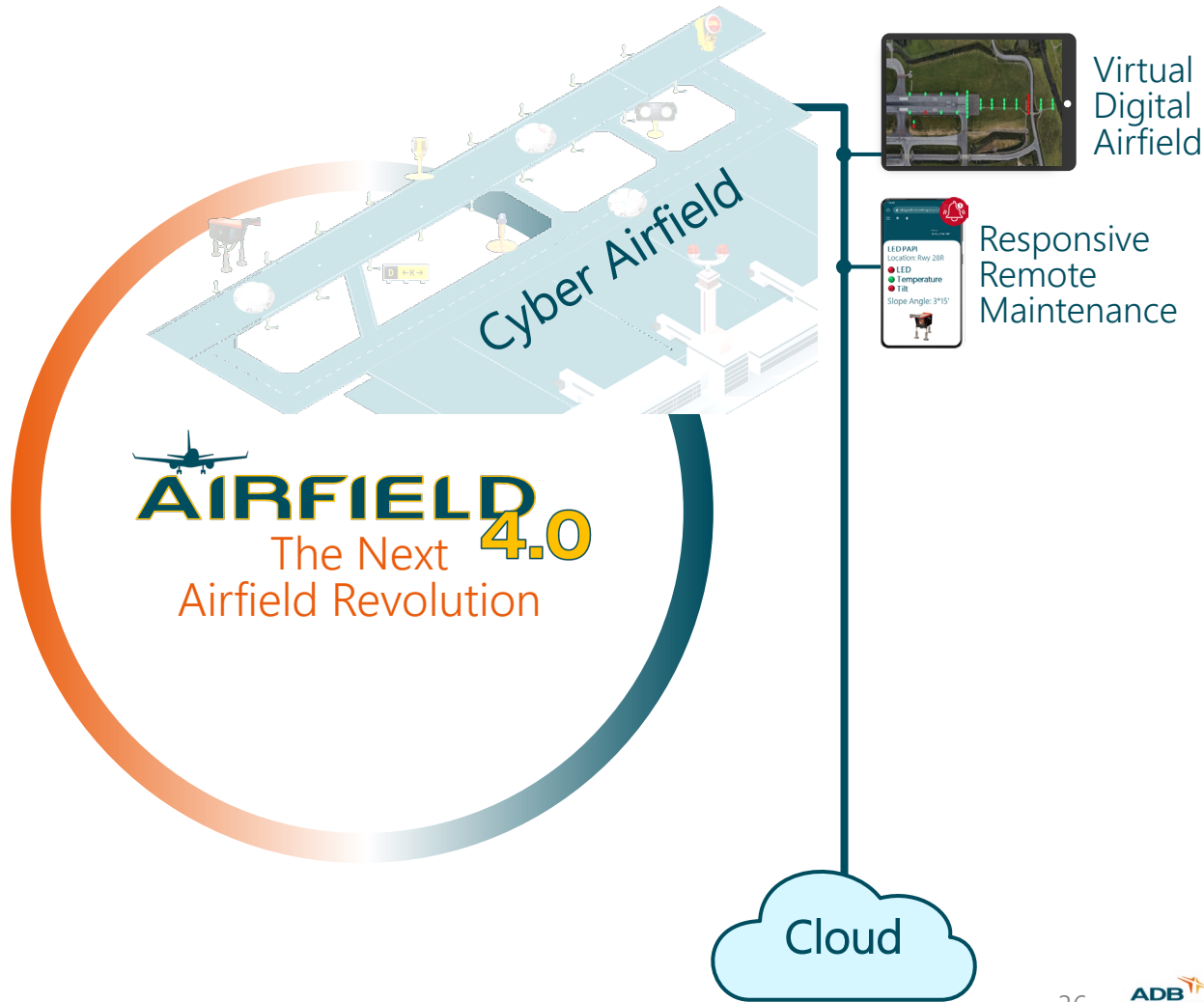


Maintenance Smartphone



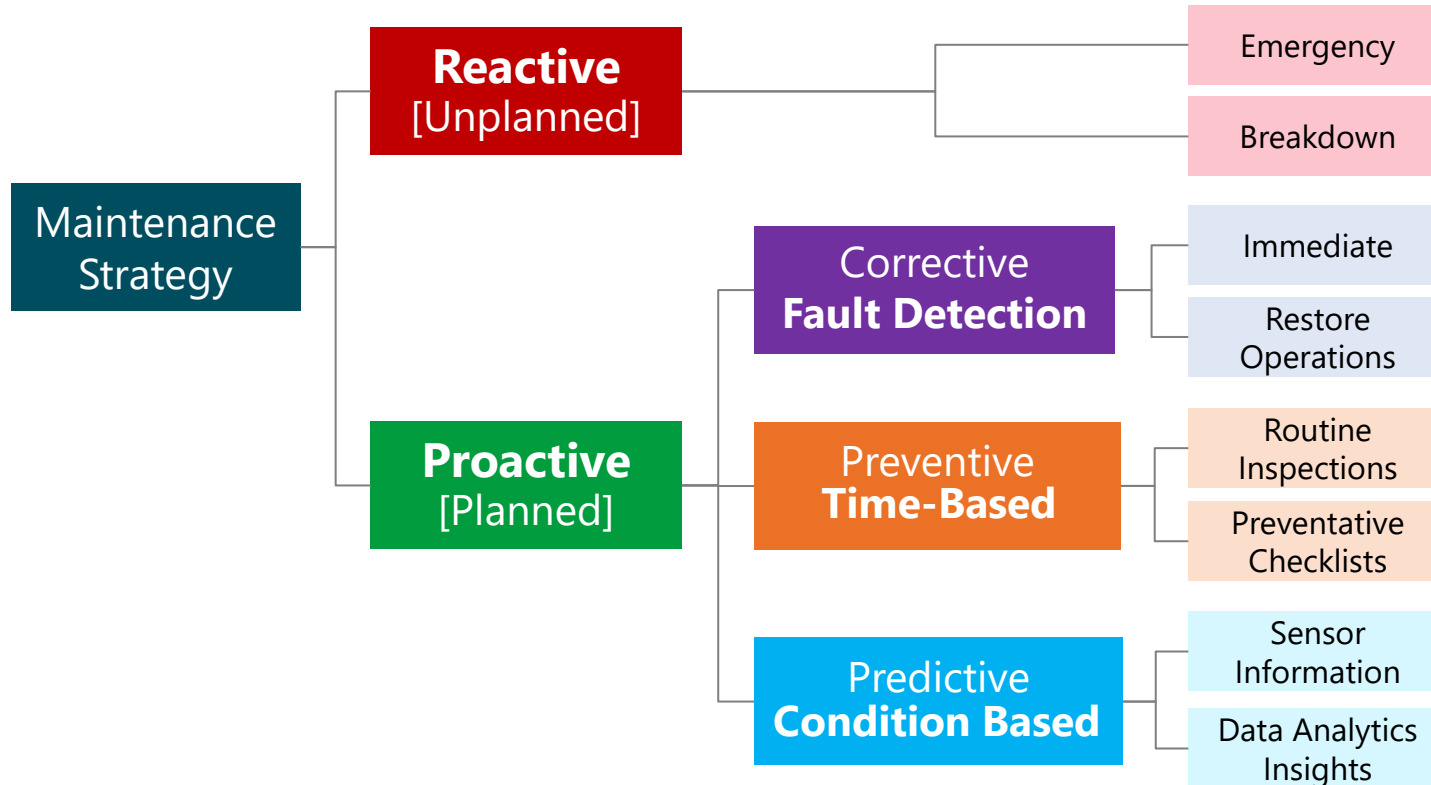
# Data-driven Insights

Optimizing Asset Management and Maintenance



# Data Analytics will Revolutionize Maintenance Strategies

from Preventive to Predictive

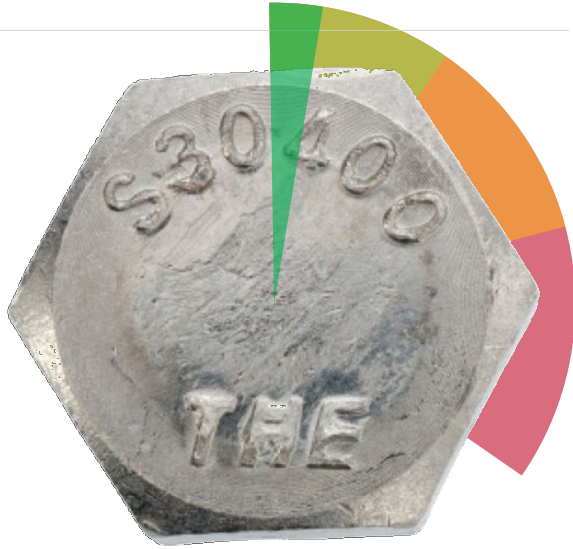


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# From Preventive to Predictive

## Advanced Bolt Torquing

### Angle of Rotation of the Bolt



## Torque Management System Programmable Wrenches

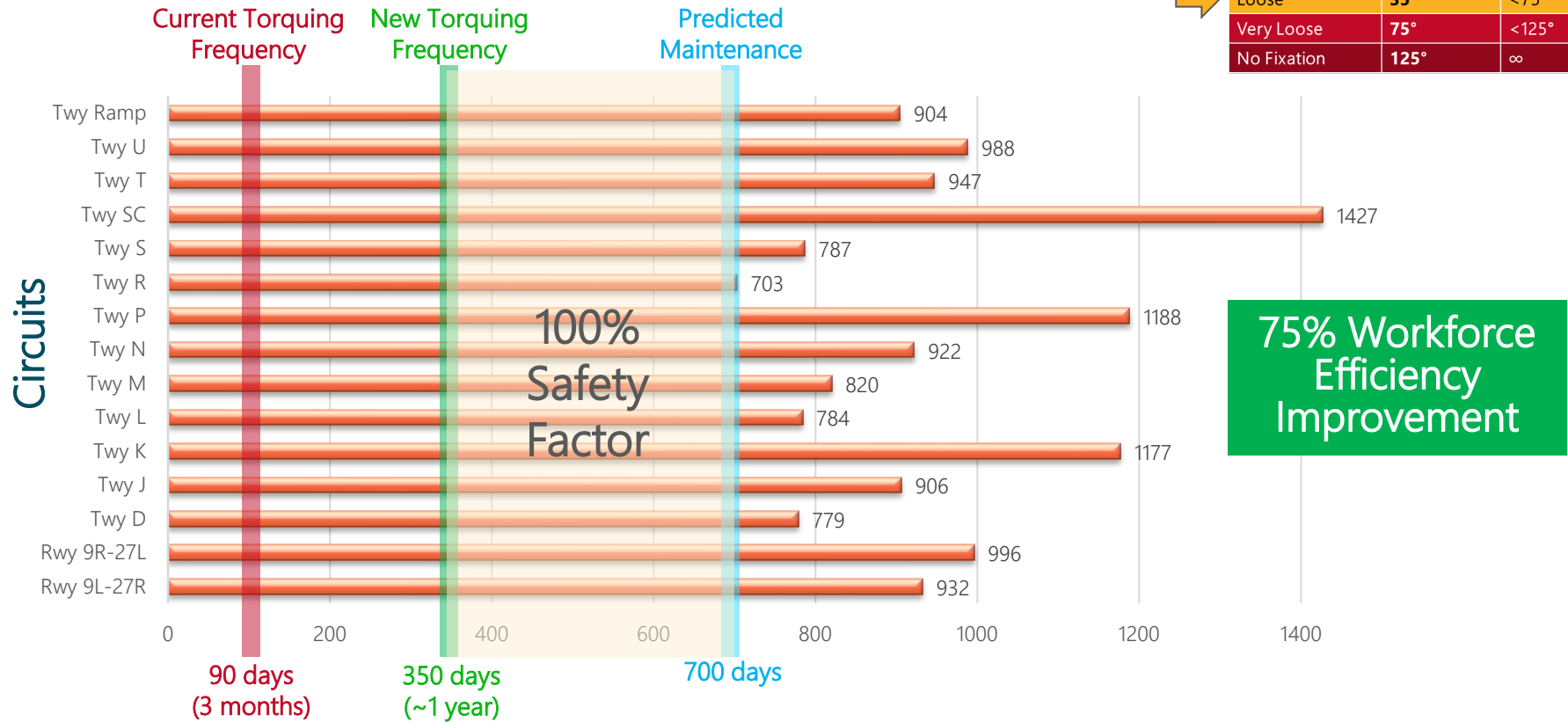
- Measure & records bolt movement
- Torque bolt to set value



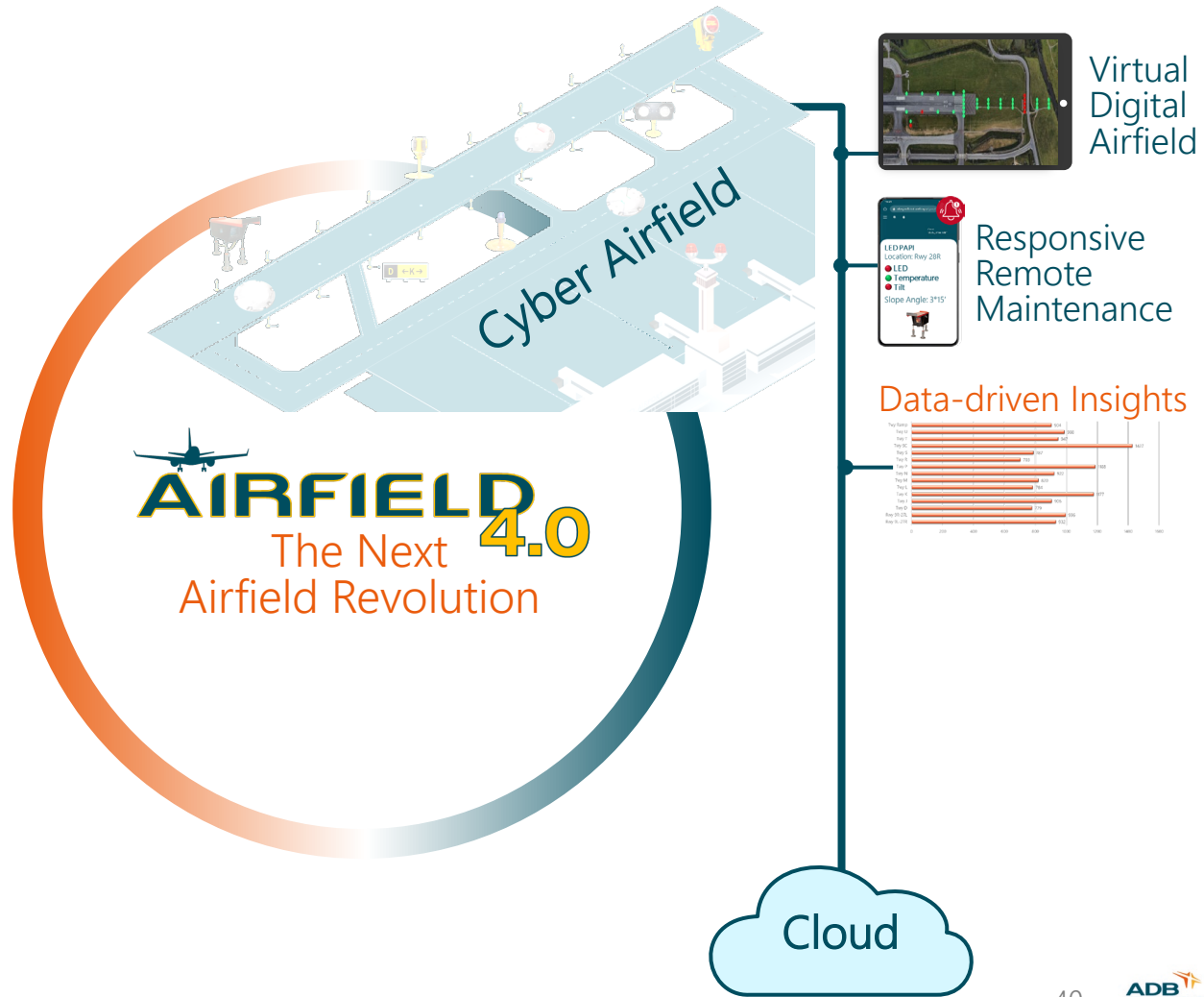


Days before bolts are 'Loose'  
(>35° angle of rotation)

Bolt Fixation Categorization	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Very Tight	0°	< 9°
Tight	9°	< 35°
Loose	35°	< 75°
Very Loose	75°	< 125°
No Fixation	125°	∞



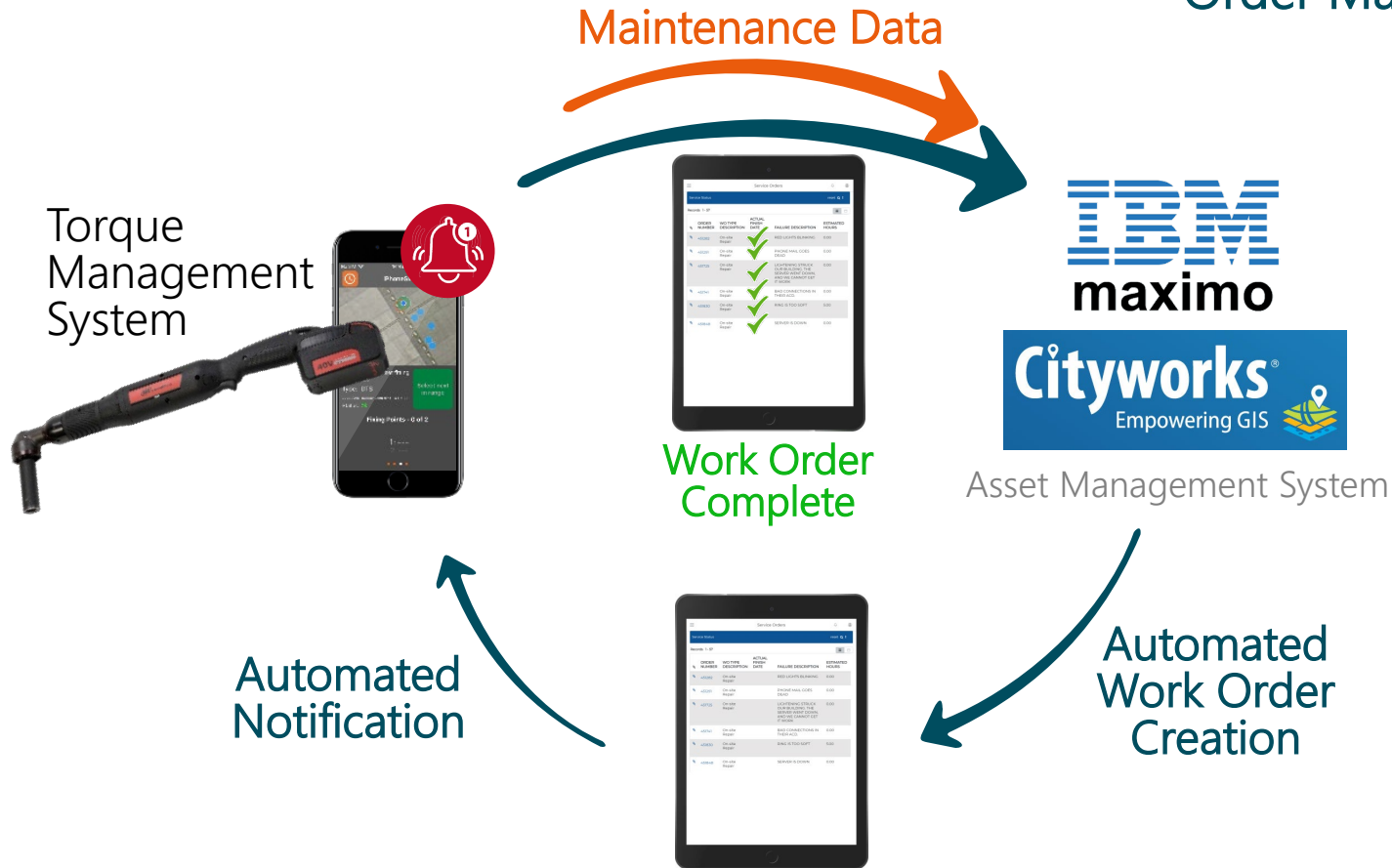
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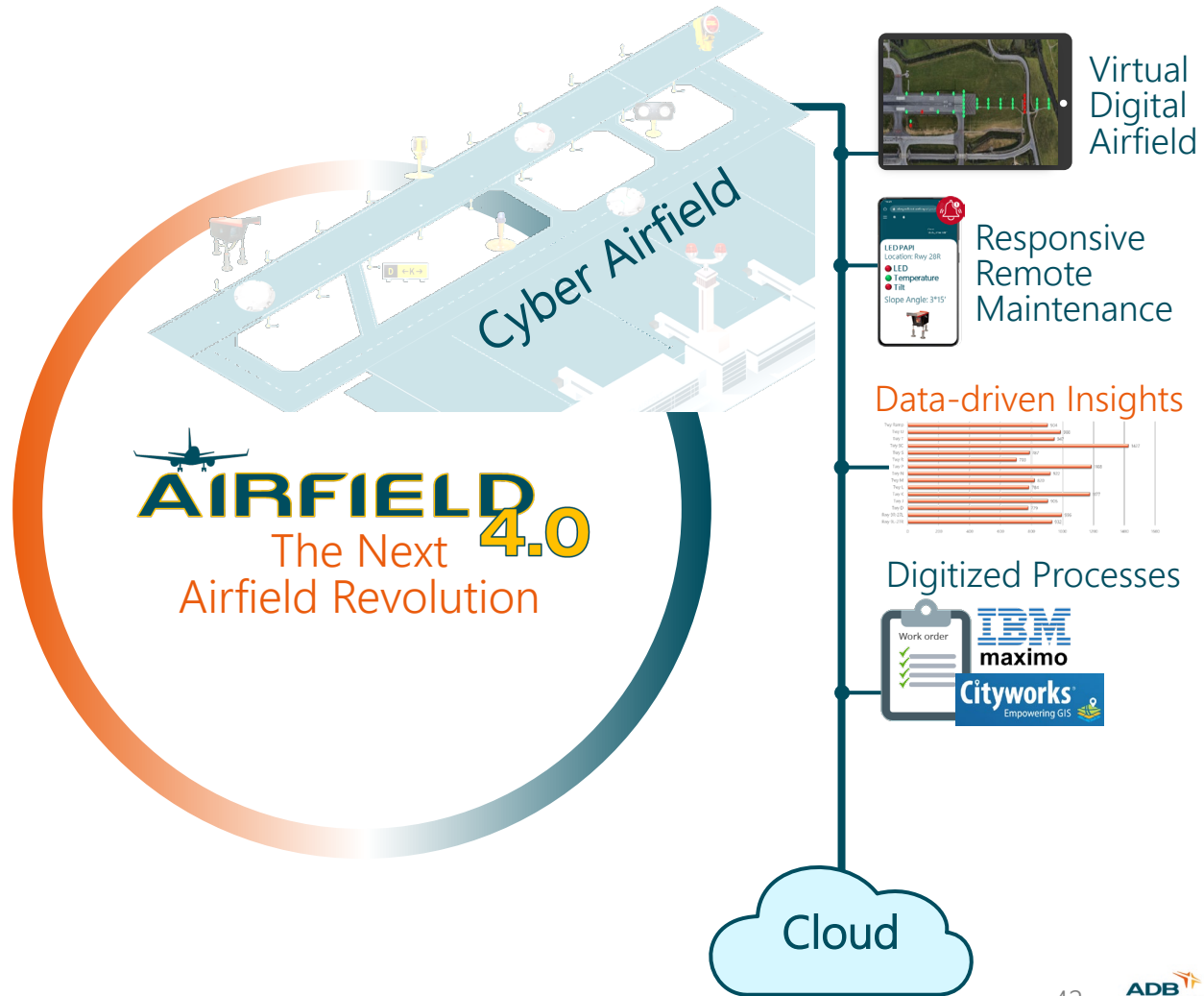
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## Digitized Processes

# Automated Work Order Management



# Airfield Safety



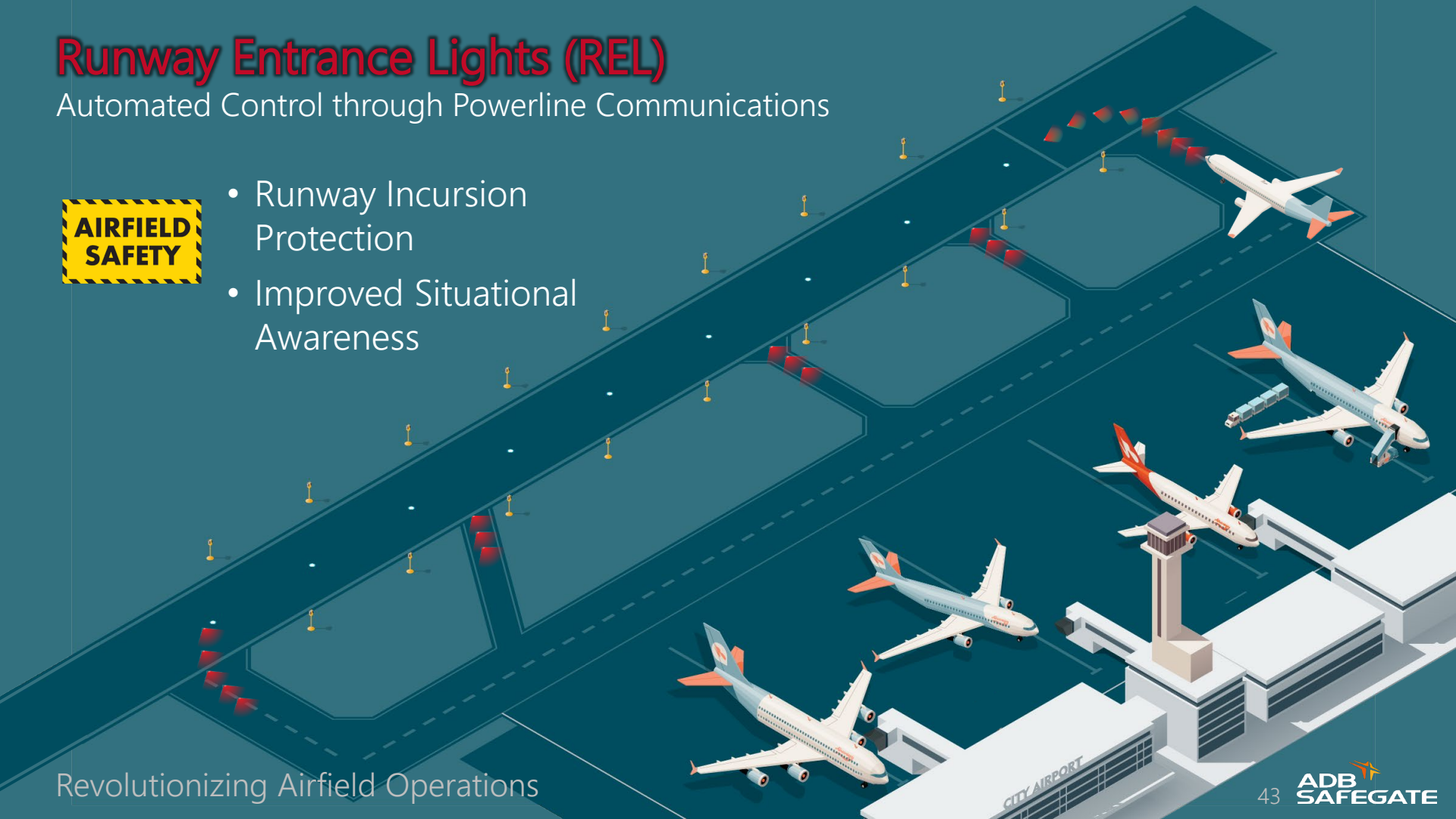
# Runway Entrance Lights (REL)

Automated Control through Powerline Communications

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SAFETY**

- Runway Incursion Protection
- Improved Situational Awareness

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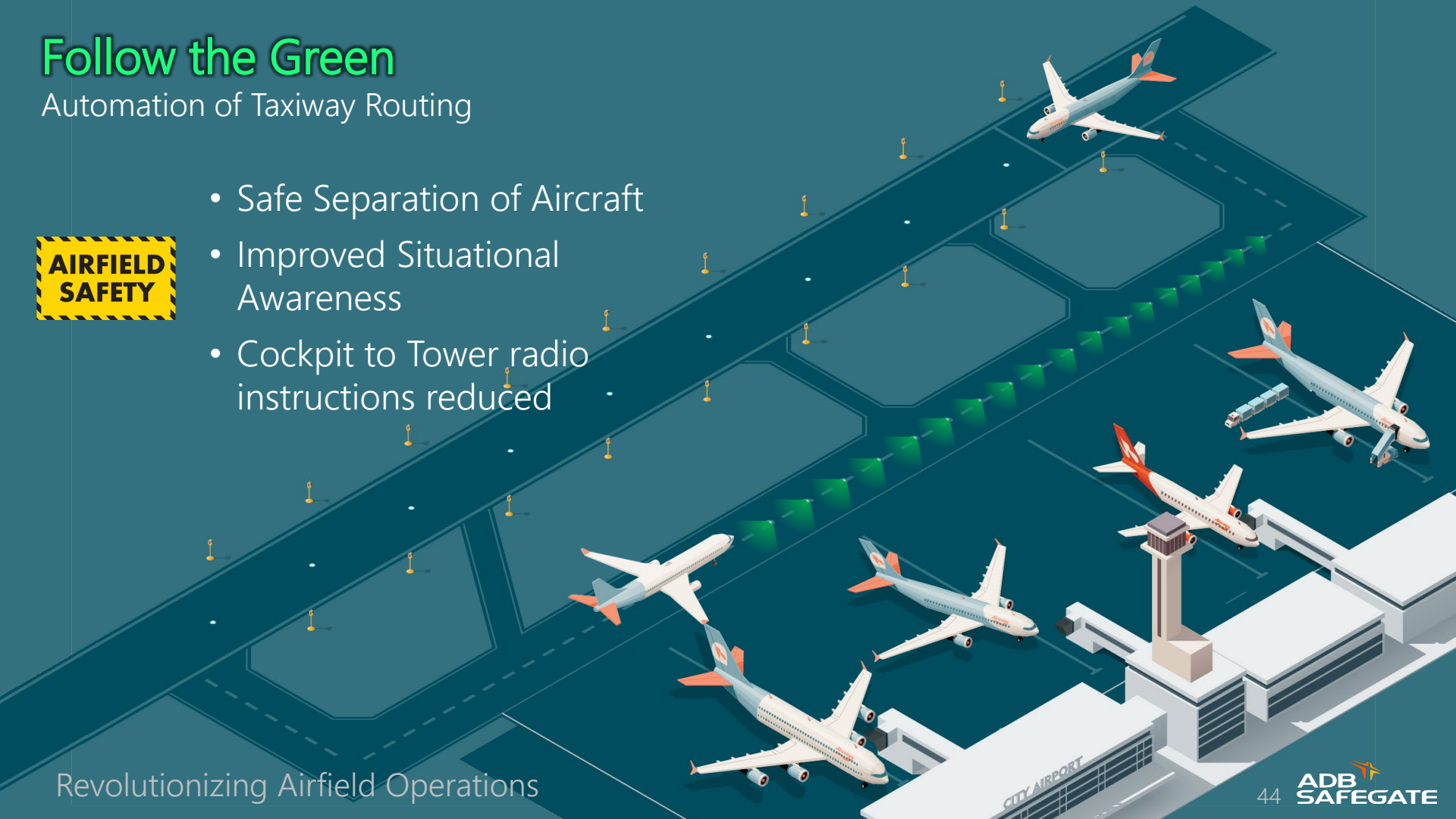
# Follow the Green

## Automation of Taxiway Routing



- Safe Separation of Aircraft
- Improved Situational Awareness
- Cockpit to Tower radio instructions reduced

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# Advanced Airfield Monitoring

Monitoring for  
Runway and Taxiway  
Lighting Systems

- FAA AC 150/5340-26  
Maintenance of  
Airport Visual Aid  
Facilities
- ICAO Annex 14  
Chapter 10

Warning  
Threshold %

Alarm  
Threshold %

Adjacency  
Detection

Exact Location

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AC 150/5340-26C  
Appendix A

Table A-8. Runway and Taxiway Lighting Systems

Parameter	Standard	Tolerance / Limit: Initial	Tolerance / Limit: Operating
1. Runway lights			
a. Threshold lights	All on	All on	75% on for VFR and non-precision IFR runways 75% on
b. End lights	All on	All on	
c. Edge lights	All on	All on	85% on except for CAT II and CAT III runways which require 95% serviceable
d. Centerline lights	All on	All on	95% serviceable
e. Touchdown Zone lights	All on	All on	90% serviceable
2. Taxiway lights			
a. Edge lights	All on	All on	85% on - see note 3 for CAT III taxi routes
b. Centerline lights	All on	All on	90% on - see note 3 for CAT III taxi routes

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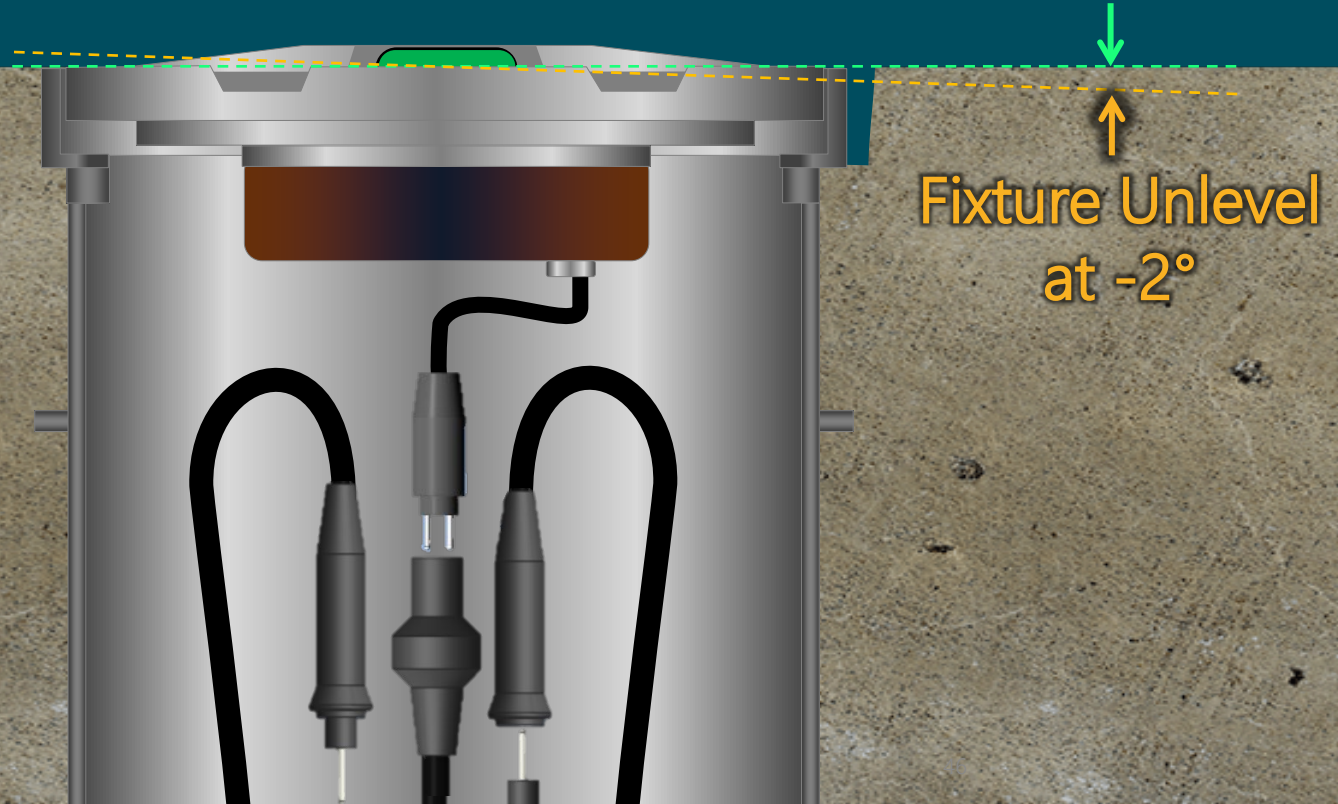
# Fixture Installation Check

FAA AC 150/5340-30 Chapter 11

The light beam must be aligned with  
a tolerance of  $\pm 1$  degree

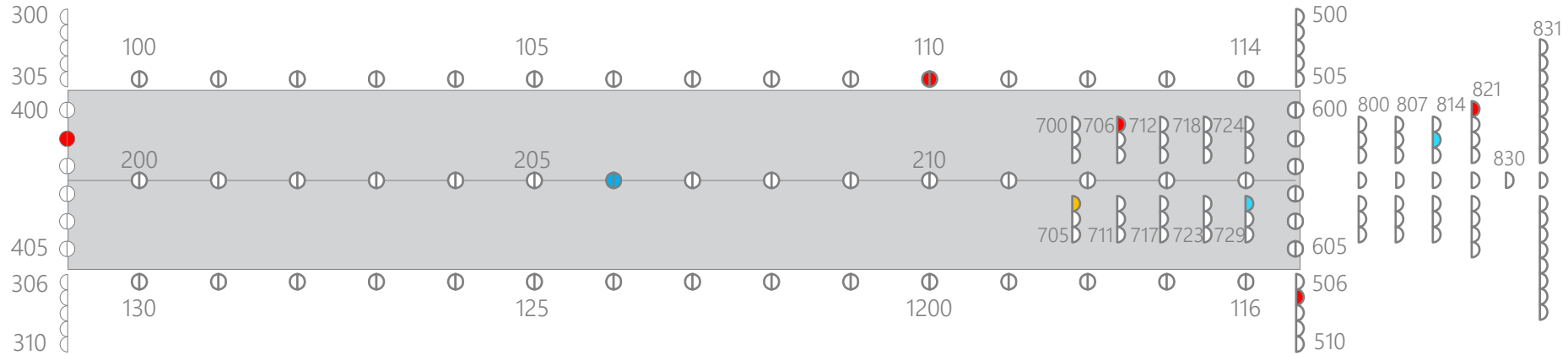
Taxiway B Centerline

Fixture ID	Alignment Check
100	0.3°
101	0.5°
102	0.5°
103	0.1°
104	0.0°
105	1.0°
106	0.3°
107	1.5°
108	0.5°
109	0.5°
110	2.2°
111	0.3°
112	0.3°



# Runway Lighting Validation Check

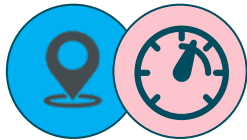
## Automated Asset Validation



### IoT Lights with Sensors



3D Accelerometer  
& Gyroscope  
Alignment & Level



3-axis Magnetic  
Field  
Toeing & Direction

### Runway 10L-28R Lighting Validation Report

ID	Circuit	Error
110	Runway Edge	Toeing
206	Runway Centerline	Alignment
401	Runway Threshold	Toeing
703	Touchdown Zone	Level
706	Touchdown Zone	Toeing
727	Touchdown Zone	Alignment
815	ALSF II Approach	Alignment
821	ALSF II Approach	Toeing

# The Pace of Innovation is Accelerating



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