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Practice Sharing of A-SMGCS Lighting Guidance Application in China

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Guided by controllers' calls



Guided by Follow-me Vehicle

Increasing large, complex and busy airports

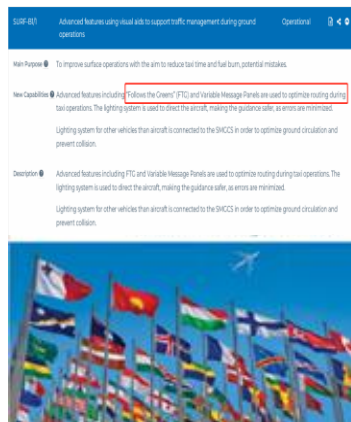
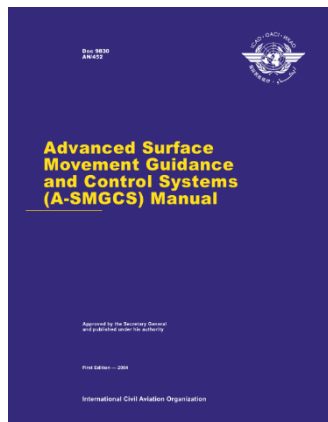


More obvious in low visibility



- Heavy workload
- Error-prone
- Low efficiency
- Conflict risks
- Low capacity

- ICAO DOC 9830 recommends that A-SMGCS Level IV adopts lighting guidance to guide aircraft taxiing .
- ICAO DOC 9750: ASBU SURF-B1/1 recommends “Follows the Greens” (FTG) to optimize routing during taxi operations.
- After more than ten years of research and verification of A-SMGCS lighting guidance, CAAC has applied it in Beijing Daxing International Airport in 2019 to realize all-weather lighting guidance, reaching the operation standard of A-SMGCS Level IV .



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Standard specifications



Operating regulations

Surveillance process

Fusion track

Routing

Taxing route

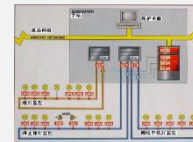
Conflict detection

Conflict alert

Guidance control

Light control instructions

Light status



ILCMS
(Individual light control and monitoring system)

Taxiway center line lights
Stop bars

A-SMGCS



SMR



MLAT



SSR

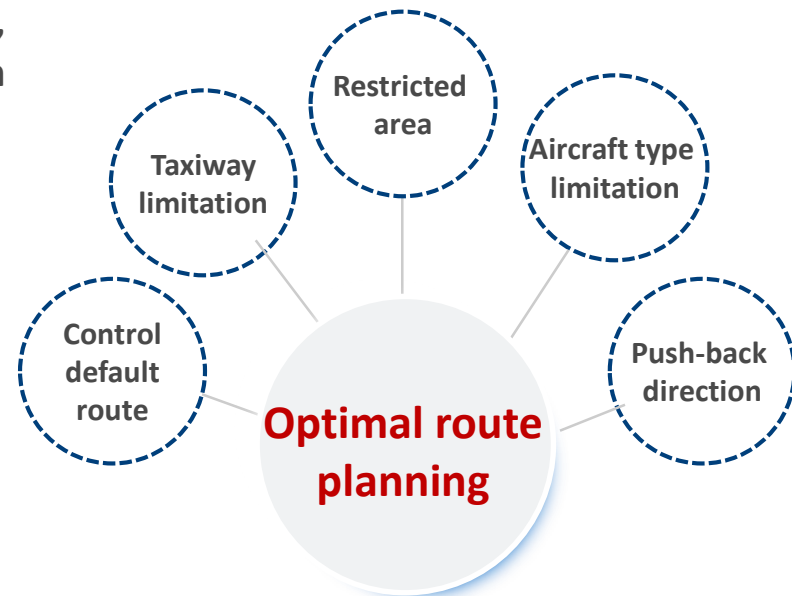
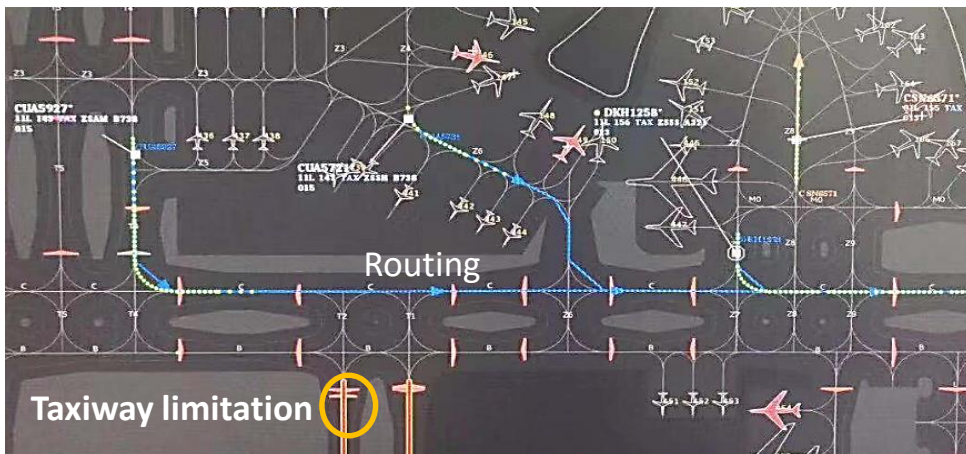
(1) Accurate Surveillance Signals Covering the Whole Surface

- Construction of SMR, MLAT, etc. covering the entire surface of the aerodrome;
- A-SMGCS fuses surveillance source data to form accurate (accuracy of 7.5m), continuous and stable synthetic track data covering the entire surface.



(2) Routing

- Based on the control operation rules and limitations, adopting intelligent algorithm to automatically plan the optimal taxi route for aircraft;
- Supporting manual planning and modification.

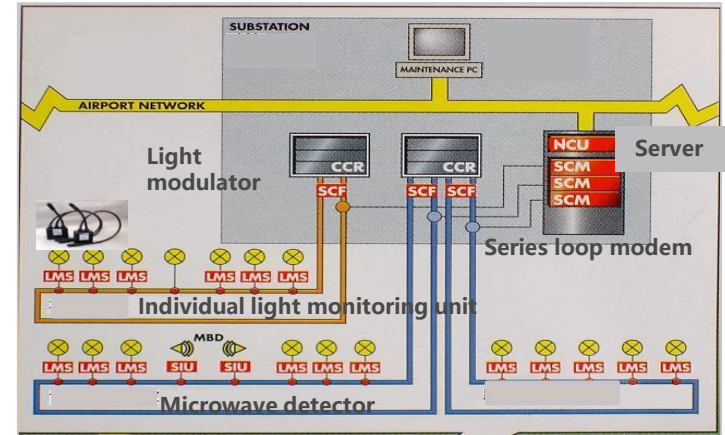


Dijkstra algorithm etc.

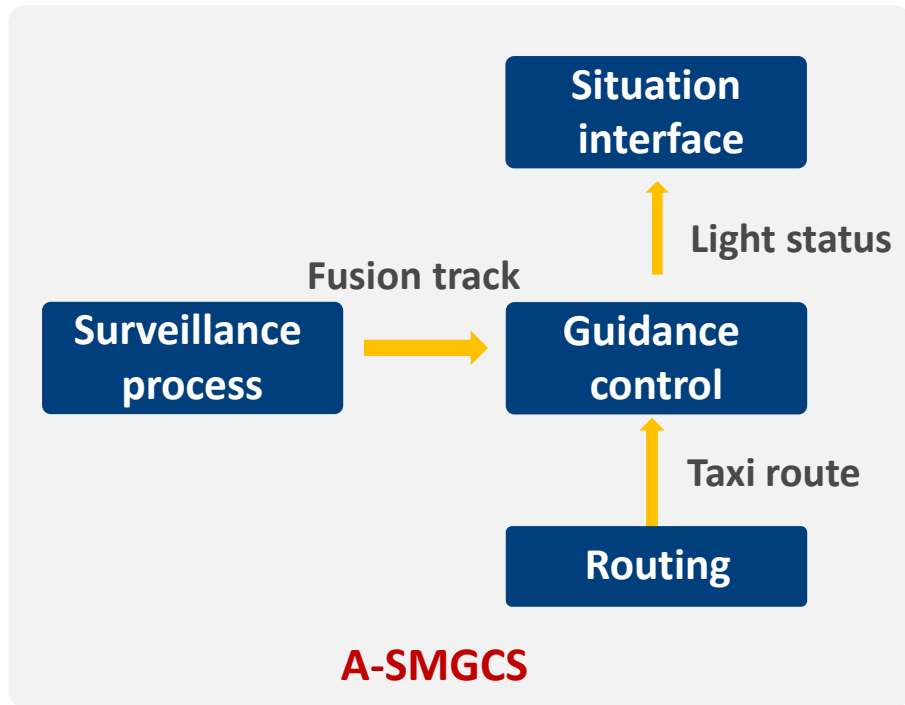
(3) ILCMS --- Basis for Lighting Control

ILCMS that can interact with A-SMGCS is constructed by the aerodrome side, and the aerodrome surface can be controlled by an individual light or a light segment:

- Taxiway center line lights;
- Stop bars (Deployed at taxiway intersections and runway access points) .



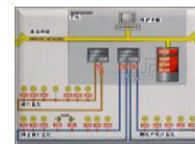
(4) Lighting Guidance Instruction Generation and Interactive Control



Light control instructions
(Light segment No.,
Switch instructions)



Light status
(Light segment No.,
Switch status,
Failure status)



ILCMS

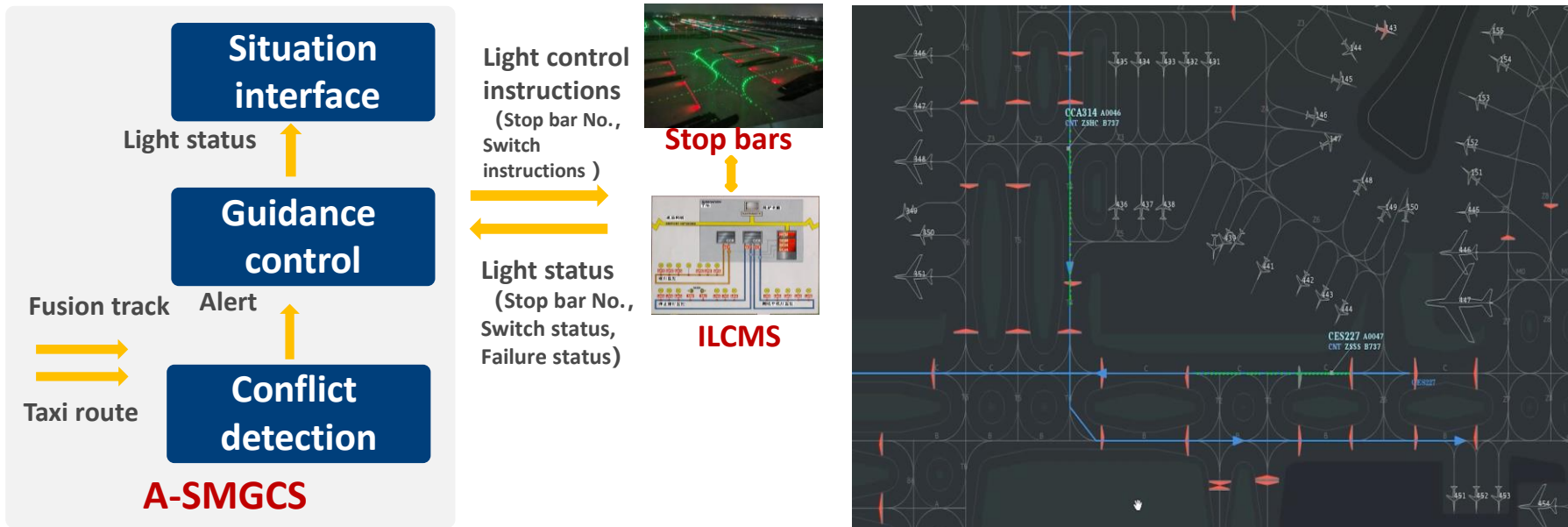
Control information
Status information



Taxiway center line lights
Stop bars

(5) Conflict Resolution During Taxiing

Conflict detection and resolution technology is applied to realize conflict resolution during aircraft taxiing while a conflict occurs.



(6) Formulating Standards and Operating Regulations

- In 2019, Standard MH/T 4042-2014 of CAAC was revised to form **Technical Requirements for A-SMGCS** to regulate the technical requirements for lighting guidance.
- In 2021, the A-SMGCS lighting guidance test certification was implemented, and then the **A-SMGCS Level IV official license** was issued.
- ATMB and airports jointly formulated **operation regulations of lighting guidance** to ensure the smooth operation of lighting guidance.

民航明传电报

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关于下发《高海拔场面活动引导与控制系统技术要求（试行）》的通知

民航各地区管理局，各机场公司，各地区空管局：
为进一步推进高海拔场面活动引导与控制系统（以下简称A-SMGCS系统）民航应用，确保系统建设实施与开放运行安全，为各运输机场A-SMGCS系统使用许可、工厂验收、现场验收等测试工作提供指导，我办组织对行业标准《高海拔场面活动引导与控制系统技术要求》（MH/T 4042-2014）进行了修订和完善，重点增加了对A-SMGCS III/IV级系统路由规划、引导等功能的要求。现下发行业试行，请各单位遵照执行，并在试行过程中及时反馈相关意见与建议，确保规范不断完善。



A-SMGCS 滑行引导工作程序

一、前言

A-SMGCS系统是空管系统重要的自动化系统，大兴机场A-SMGCS系统在开放时具备IV级引导功能，在国内尚属首次进行，但目前没有关于A-SMGCS滑行引导的相关工作规范，此程序的制定旨在指导相关部门明确工作职责并规范相关工作程序。A-SMGCS系统IV级滑行引导功能只是辅助提高航空器驾驶员在复杂机场滑行的能力，并不能因为实施A-SMGCS滑行引导而减少航空器驾驶员在滑行过程中应承担的责任，增加管制员额外的职责。

二、相关术语

- 塔台：**指挥航空器在跑道区域、滑行坪区域的起飞、降落、穿越跑道及地面滑行、拖曳等活动。
- 机坪：**指挥航空器在滑行坪区域的地面推出、开车、滑行、拖曳等活动。
- 灯光滑行监控中心：**机场灯光管理部门。
- A-SMGCS 滑行引导：**指通过A-SMGCS系统由人工或系统自动控制航空器在机场地面滑行的滑行路径，并通过机场灯光系统中的滑行道中线灯、停止轮灯等向航空器驾驶员发出引导信号，航空器



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On September 25, 2019, **Beijing Daxing International Airport** came into service and started **the all-day and all-weather lighting guidance** of A-SMGCS Level IV.



3. Application Case



(1) Project Construction and Operation Preparation

Supporting construction

- 3 SMRs;
- 3 ADS-Bs;
- 44 MLATs.

Supporting construction

ILCMS and navigational lighting aid
(over 4000 light segments, over 20000 lights)

In August 2019,

CAAC tested the lighting guidance system, issued the Temporary License of A-SMGCS Level IV, formulated lighting guidance operation regulations.

2017.11

Started construction of the A-SMGCS project.

From May to June 2019

- on-site installation,
- joint test after surveillance source access;
- running-field test.

In July 2019,

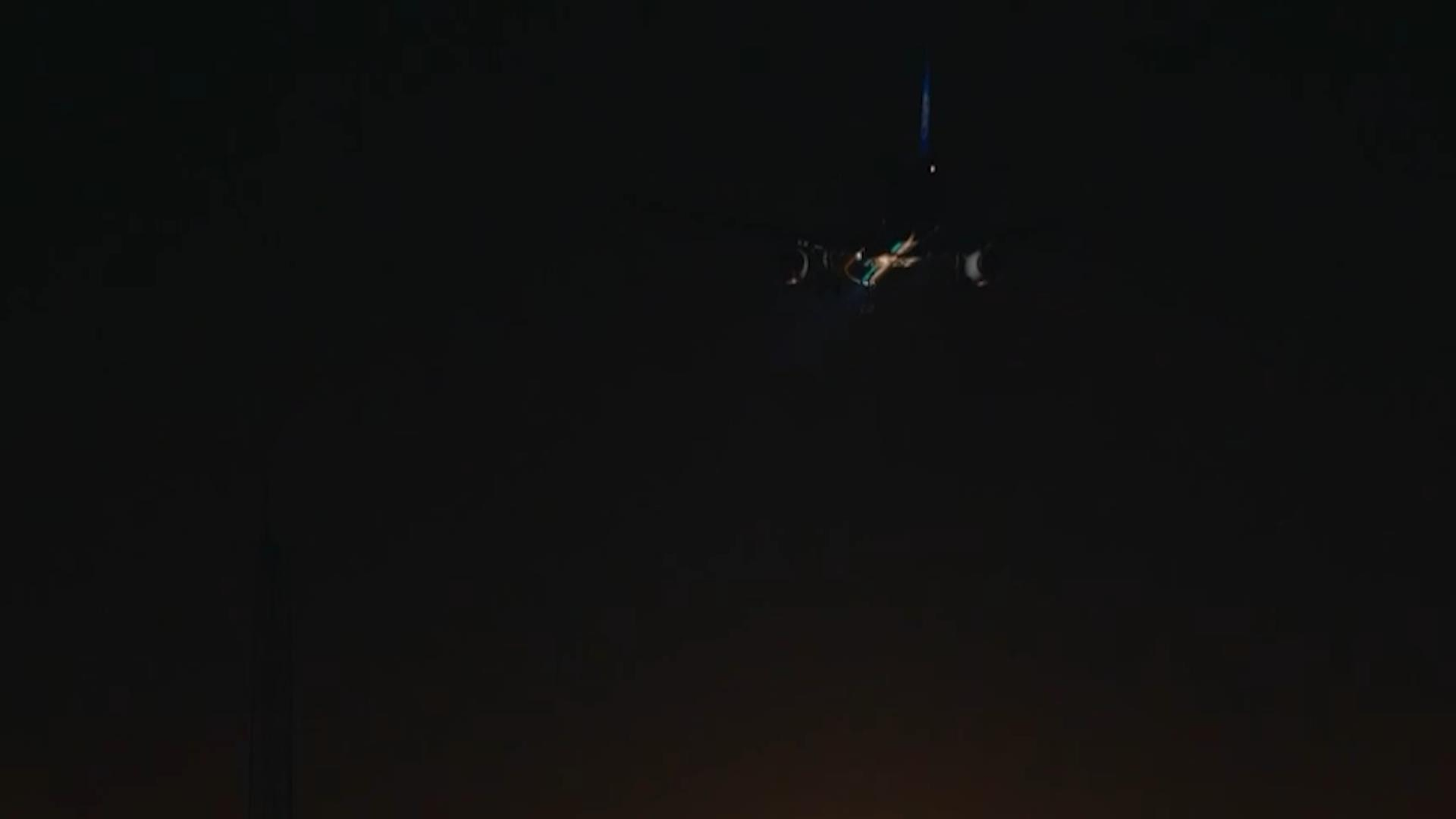
- joint test with ILCMS
- lighting guidance function verification

In August 2019,

participated in 3 flight tests, including CAT IIIB flight test, with operation capability of low visibility of RVR75m

2019.9.25

Started A-SMGCS lighting guidance operation



(2) Application Effect

Continuous all-weather operation

- **All-weather** operating for continuous **3 years**;
- Guidance days accounting for **99.5%** of the total days;
- Proportion of guided flights: **> 99%**;
- Max. number of guided flights in a single day: **> 800**.

Operation in low visibility

- **43 low-visibility** operations, total **148hrs**;
(up to November 2021)
- Total 1,699 flights take-off and landing;
- **RVR175m** take-off and landing **with passenger on-board**.





3. Application Case

(2) Application Effect

Improving operation efficiency

- Reduce call volume and workload ;
- Reduce error rate;
- Improve taxiing guidance safety and efficiency;
- Improve operation capacity and safety under
- Low visibility conditions;
- Replace follow-me vehicles, reduce running cost.



CCA101, **Taxi follow green light** hold short of T4



Taxi follow green light hold short of T4 , CCA101





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4. Construction and Operation Advices

1. As surveillance data are the basis of lighting guidance, a sufficient number of SMRs and MLATs should be deployed in advance, and the system testing should focus on the full coverage, accuracy and stability of the surveillance data.

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2. ILCMS should be accomplished before the A-SMGCS.
Light segments should be coordinated and reasonably planned by ATMB, aerodrome, and lighting manufacturer to improve the efficiency of lighting guidance.



4. Construction and Operation Advices

3. The light response loop time is controlled within 3 seconds. If the response loop time is too long, it will limit the taxiing speed of the aircraft and the timeliness of conflict resolution which may lead operational risks.

4. Before official operating, sufficient time should be reserved for aircraft lighting guidance test to verify the quality of surveillance signals and the correctness of the lighting guidance function.



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5. Summary and Outlook

The promotion of A-SMGCS lighting guidance operation at Beijing Daxing International Airport by CAAC is an in-depth exploration and practice of the standard of ICAO DOC 9830 operation concept of lighting guidance.

The A-SMGCS Level IV lighting guidance operation in China will provide experience for Authorities to promote the construction and implementation of A-SMGCS Level IV lighting guidance, and provide support for the implementation of ICAO ASBU to improve the safety and efficiency of surface operations.



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An aerial night view of an airport terminal building, illuminated with warm orange lights. The terminal has a unique, multi-lobed star-like shape. The surrounding area is dark, with blue lights indicating flight paths and taxiways. A few aircraft are visible on the ground and in the air. A prominent green dotted line traces a path through the air traffic control area.

THANKS!