

# Airline Industry Turbulence Safety Initiatives

**NCAR Turbulence Mitigation Workshop IV**

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# Industry Turbulence Safety Action Team (ITSAT)



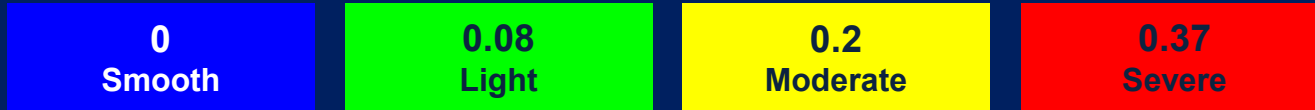
- Built on success of **InfoShare** forums
  - *collectively address systemic safety risks via open sharing in a non-competitive, protected environment*
- **[Nov 6, 2019]**: kickoff meeting; formed notional sub-groups
- **[April-May 2020]**: re-focus in wake of COVID; data standardization effort survives
- **[Sept 2020]**: aligned on first initiative: *research study on normalization of in situ turbulence detection methodologies*
- **[Mar 2, 2021]**: submitted formal research proposal to FAA Weather Needs Portal:  
*“Operational assimilation of disparate automated in situ turbulence sensing applications”*

# Normalization of intensity scales will be a challenge

## Vertical Wind-Based Eddy Dissipation Rate (EDR) [NOAA, Boeing; A/C weight class]



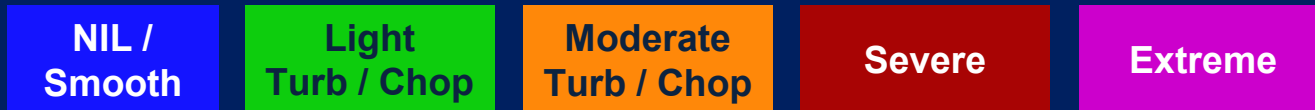
## Aircraft Vertical Accelerations (RMS-g)



## iPad Accelerometer



## Standard Pilot Reports (PIREPs)



# What is the “ideal state”?

- Maximize the number of sensors contributing to real-time, standardized measure of atmospheric state
- Improve quality and quantity of observations used to initialize and validate numerical weather forecast models
- Calibrate industry SOPs and end users to objective observation set
- Establish scalable standards to handle future new entrants (e.g., ADS-B)  
>> *foundation for RTCA DO-370 v2.0?*



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- Determine how to harmonize current and future eddy dissipation rate algorithm performance in operational environments and publish the results of this determination. (A-21-27) (See section 4.1.2.)

# Research methodology

- Live flying testbed? Simulated environment? Both?
- How many different aircraft types or sub-fleets?
- What measurement or reporting rate/interval to use?
- Incorporate QAR / DFDR data?
- Minimum sample size needed?
- Consider regional coverage, time of day, seasons, altitudes?

