CASE STUDIES

SimVIS MAXVIEW SYSTEM



PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND INITIAL REQUIREMENTS

The **SimVIS** project was initiated to meet the growing need for advanced visual systems in Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft operations. eVTOL aircraft, designed for urban air mobility, require a large Field of View (FOV) to ensure safe and effective operation, particularly during takeoff, landing, and low-altitude maneuvers. The ability to have a clear and unobstructed downward view is critical for pilots to accurately perceive vertical distances and obstacles, which is essential for avoiding hazards and ensuring precision in operations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The project's primary objective was to develop a visual simulation system that could provide eVTOL operators with an immersive and comprehensive visual experience. Unlike traditional dome projection systems, which offer a "decent chin bubble view," the client required full-floor coverage through a cylindrical view. This requirement was driven by the need to offer rotary and eVTOL aircraft operators a seamless, calibrated, and matched forward-ground view. The visual system needed to create a smooth transition in 2D visuals, ensuring that the entire environment, from forward to downward views, was fully integrated and realistic.

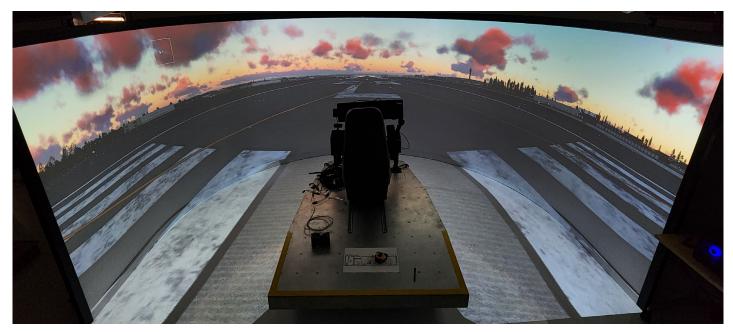
PRODUCT SELECTION AND SYSTEM DESIGN

To meet these objectives, the ZK430ST projector was selected as the core component of the visual system. The ZK430ST was chosen for its 4K resolution, long-life laser light source, and short-throw lens capabilities. These features were crucial for the project, as they allowed the integration of five projectors within a compact space, providing the necessary coverage without compromising on image quality. The decision to use the ZK430ST also aligned with the project's budget constraints, as it enabled the use of a traditional screen rather than a custom fiberglass dome, which would have significantly increased costs. The final system design resulted in a compact footprint of $4.5 \text{m} \times 4.5 \text{m} \times 2.7 \text{m}$, making it easily relocatable and capable of being rotated as needed



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The visual system was powered by two computers running XPlane12 and TruVIEW software, enabling the first global implementation of a visual system that incorporated five 4K projectors with a cylindrical screen and floor views that were seamlessly blended and synchronized.

OUTCOME

The **SimVIS MaxVIEW System** delivered a geometrically correct FOV with seamlessly blended visuals, offering a superior viewing experience that met the specific needs of rotary and eVTOL aircraft operators. The system not only provided the required full-floor coverage but also ensured a smooth transition between forward and ground views, thereby enhancing the overall realism and safety of eVTOL operations. This innovative visual system set a new standard in eVTOL simulation, showcasing the potential for future advancements in urban air mobility training and operations.



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