Imaging Through Volume Turbulence (IVT)

turbulence mitigation

snow mitigation
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Get clearer electro-optical and infrared imagery when imaging through turbulence and snow

Electro-optical and infrared (EO/IR) imagery collected over long distances can be degraded by atmospheric turbulence. Other conditions such as low light and snowfall can also degrade imagery. Such degradations limit a user’s ability to detect, recognize and identify objects from a safe distance. Using specialized image-processing algorithms, MDA’s Imaging through Volume Turbulence (IVT) capability removes these degradations and provides a clearer image from greater distances, enabling improved character and facial recognition.

Image clarity in real time
To achieve the best performance, MDA provides an integrated sensor and processor solution. Good performance can also be achieved with a processor-only option that can be used with most existing video sensors. Real-time processors are available in server-based and small form factor configurations to meet specific size, weight and power (SWaP) requirements. IVT can be integrated into stationary structures or mobile platforms on the ground, at sea or in the air. By increasing a sensor’s operational range, we enable the user to remain unobserved and accurately identify and classify objects at long-range with greater confidence.

Benefits
- Real-time enhancement to video data collection
- Reduces image distortion and blur caused by atmospheric turbulence to provide a true image of an object
- Improves image clarity through electronic stabilization
- Enhances contrast
- Extends the operational range and effectiveness of a sensor for unmatched range performance
- Increases situational awareness and improves response time
- Maximizes performance of existing sensor systems
- Integrates easily with most camera systems

Applications
Ideal for long distance optical surveillance and targeting where enhanced resolution is needed, including:
- Law enforcement (border patrol, surveillance, traffic control)
- Defense and Intelligence (land, air and sea based ISR)
- Nature enthusiasts

Figure 1. Real-time IVT processing improves resolution for clearer facial recognition and the ability to read text as shown in this rooftop-to-ground scenario at a range of 1 kilometer.

Figure 2. The IVT system processor uses proprietary algorithms to mitigate turbulence-induced blur, apply image stabilization, and enhance contrast (IR imagery shown).

Figure 3. IVT can mitigate turbulence-induced degradations even in low-light conditions.
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