Micropower Impulse Radio [MIR] (U)

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Satellite security Sensor

Proximity Fuze

Satellite Approach Sensor

Through-Wall Position Sensor

Imaging Sensor

HERMES Bridge Inspection

LLNL was created to design and test nuclear weapons

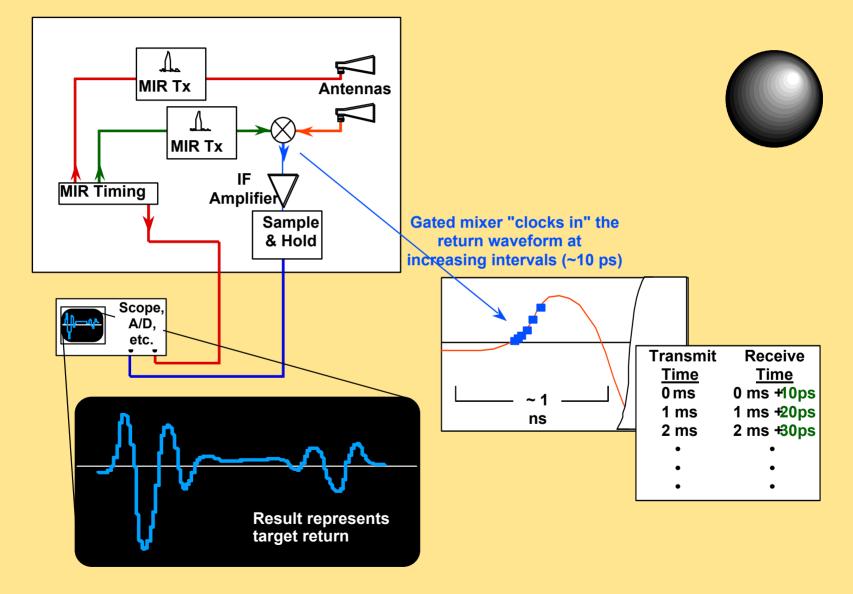
- Multidisciplinary laboratory Engineers and physicists developing technology in a (secure) university setting
- Impulses from the beginning Electric impulses were used to initiate nuclear events and electromagnetic impulses result



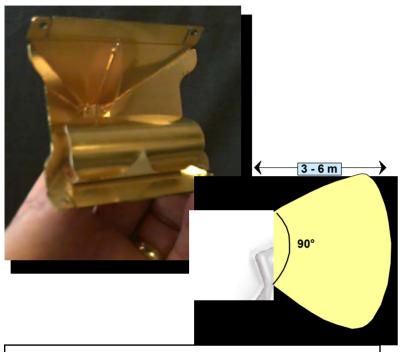


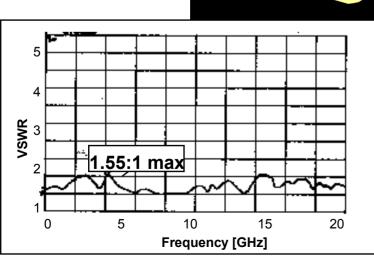
 Accept the big challenge - Over 7000 technical personnel and over \$10B in capital facilities means LLNL can tackle large complex projects

Simplified MIR block diagram showing gated receiver

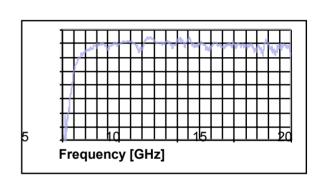


LLNL developed high performance antennas for micropower impulse radar applications









Features:

Wideband (1.5 - 20 GHz) Impulse (50 Ω match, DC - 20 GHz) Beamwidths 15° to 360°) Compact (e.g. 3 in x 1.7 in for 90°) Lightweight (45 g)

Primary Advantages - Stealth and Low Power



Watch battery

9V battery



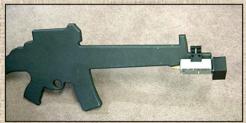
- Wideband signals are virtually undetectable
- Tested at top USN, Army & Luga facilities - no detection!
- Religion is "Small, Light & Cheap"
- Many other advantages derive from using impulses...

Emergency Response to the WTC Attack

Sensor Search and Rescue Efforts Sept 13-Sept 19

Three sensors were used at the WTC site







Key Features

- Detects breathing
- Battery Operated (1 hr)
- Visual LCD display
- Two-piece unit
- Detects Motion
- Battery Operated (6 days)
- Visual LED display
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- Battery Operated (6 days)
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- Water-resistant

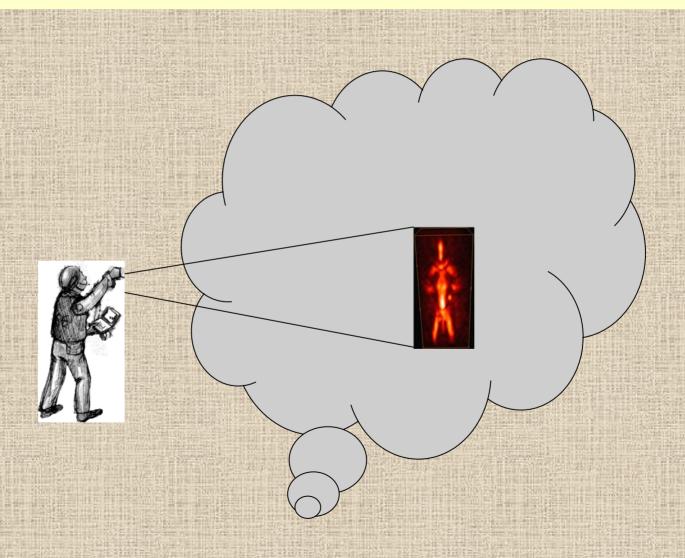
What's next...

MIR could indicate motion inside

70% of urban assault casualties occur at the entrance

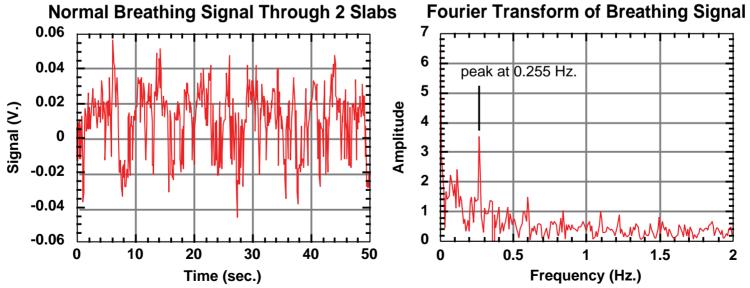


Squad tool could also see through smoke or sheetrock walls

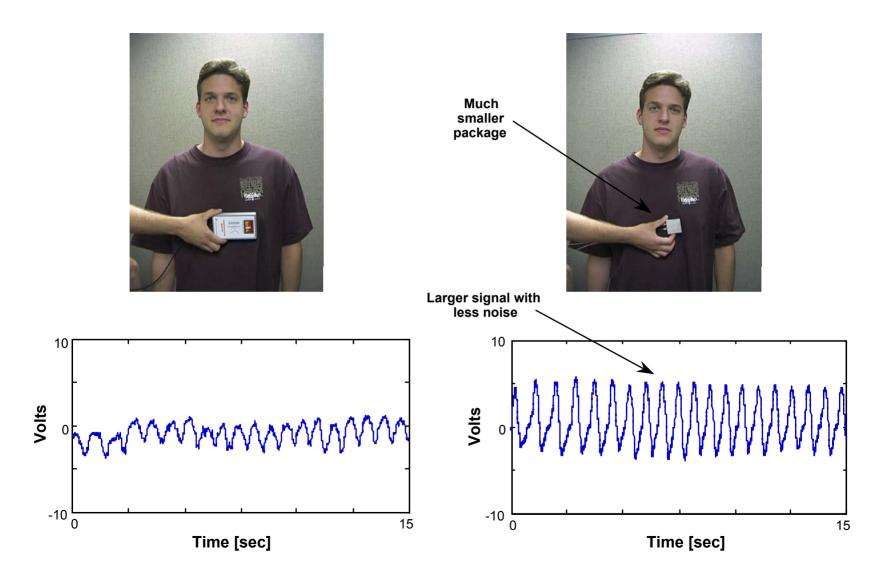


Detection of breathing signals through reinforced concrete using the Rubble Rescue Radar

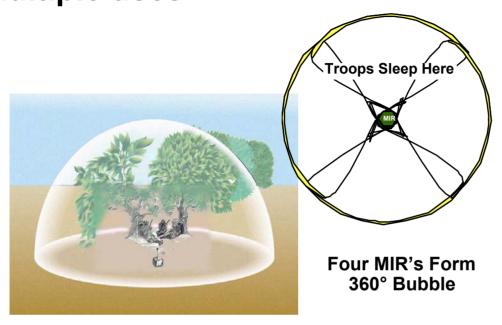




Dielectric antennas improve MIR heart monitor signal response and reduce package size

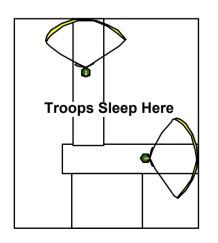


Each MIR covers 90° azimuth and might have multiple uses





Individual MIR used for Trail Ambush or Trap



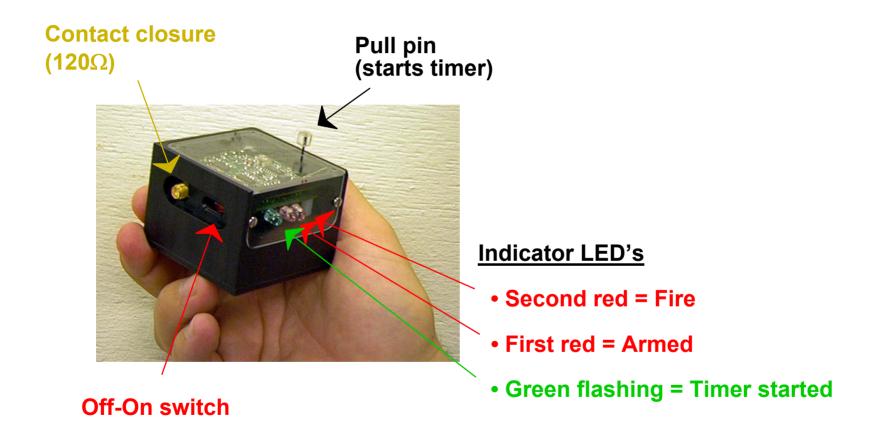
Individual MIR's Gaurd Building Access

Range gate provides precise protective "bubble"

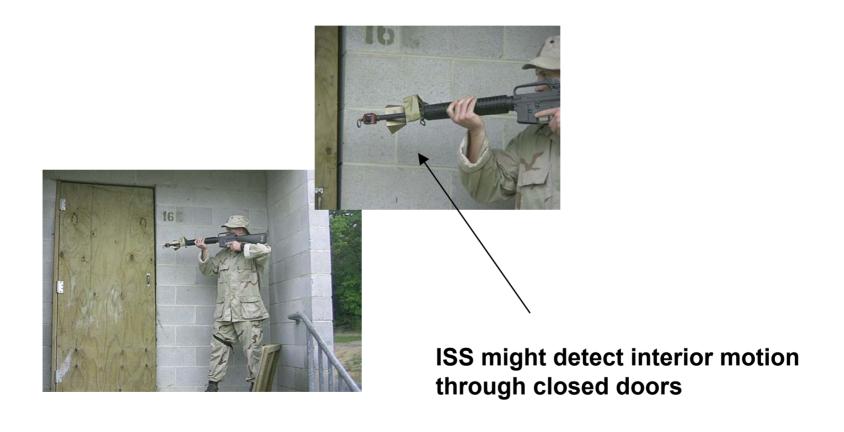
"Stealthy" signal is difficult to detect

Quadrant sensor could protect sleeping troops

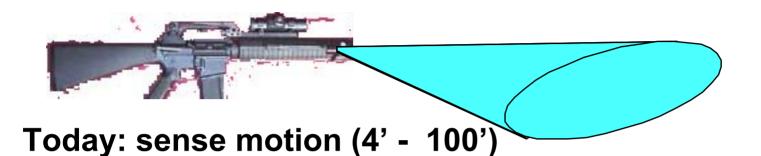
LLNL electronic trip-wire

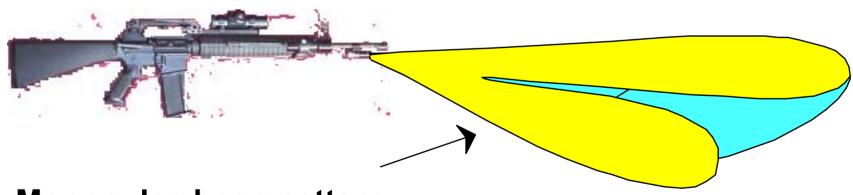


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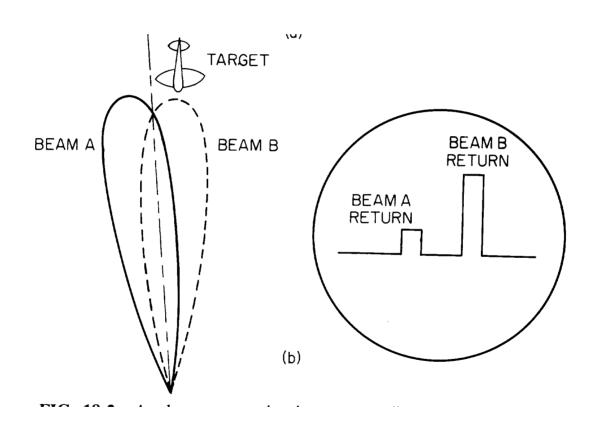
Multichannel system may allow point and shoot capability



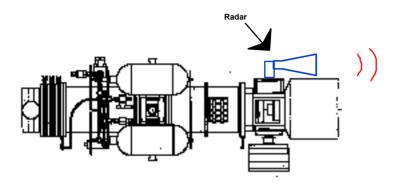


Monopulse beampattern used for precision pointing

Monopulse works by subtracting the two beams and driving a control loop to zero



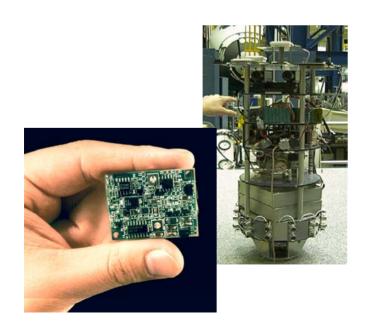
Micro-power impulse radar may be modified for use aboard autonomous space vehicles for precise ranging



Precise position is important:

For collision avoidance

For remote or autonomous control



MIR's precise position measurement capability may provide a solution

Low cost

Low Power

Rugged and compact

Majority of off-shore gross tonnage is containerized and is currently not protected from WMD shipments



Sea - Nearly standard shipping containers

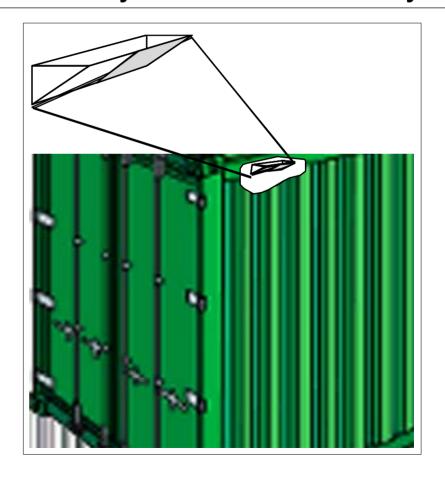
Land - Large shipping containers

Air - Shipping containers

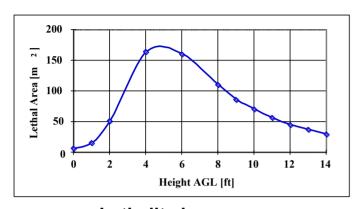
LLNL Shipping Security Sensor Suite (LS4) could provide onboard sensing for shipping containers and trailers



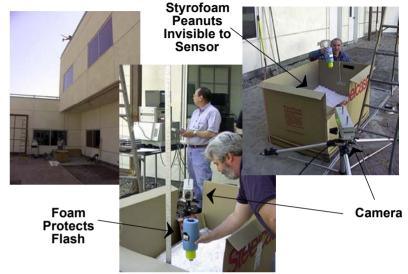
LS4 could be small, unobtrusive and fit the variety of containers in industry

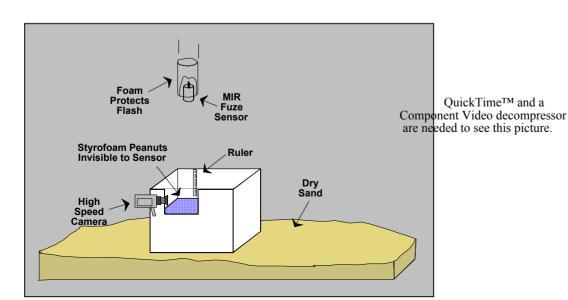


Proximity fuze sensor demonstrates revolutionary capability for small munitions



Lethality increases dramatically with burst height







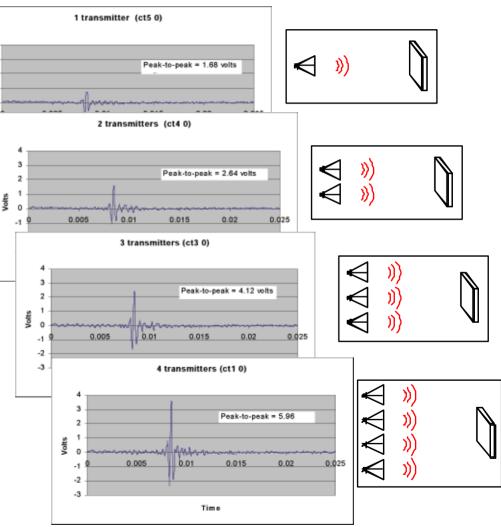
Coherent pulse addition has been demonstrated



Alignment achieved with simple variable resistor (potentiometer)

 High-speed, low-cost A/D could be used for time alignment

 Scalable technique (unlimited number of elements possible)



Wideband Radar Imaging: Simulation Showing Detection & Imaging Capabilities of Motion Through Walls

Simulation parameters

Radar access from outside of one wall

Room size: 3 x 3 meters

Motion of people is less than 1 cm

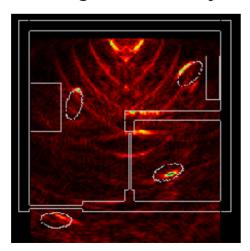
Bistatic data acquisition

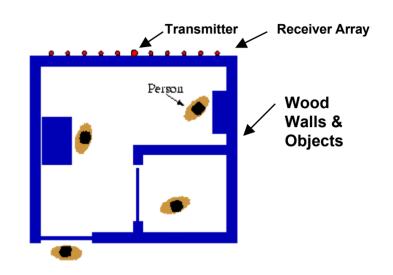
single transmitter

linear array of receivers (100 elements)

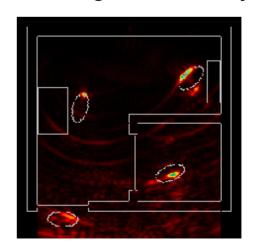
frequency band: 1 GHz to 4 GHz

Radar Image of Stationary Scene



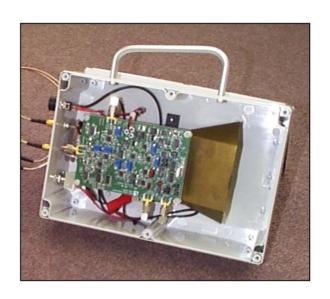


Radar Image of Motion Only



Hand-held Impulse Radar for NDE

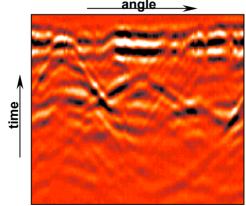




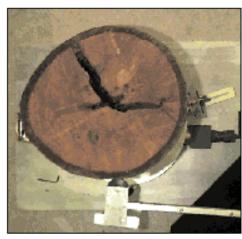
Radar imaging of a utility pole



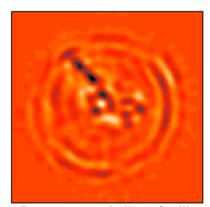
Rotational Stage Testbed



Radar data from a 360 degree circular monostatic scan of the utility pole



Utility pole containing a fissure



Reconstructed slice of utility pole clearly shows the fissure

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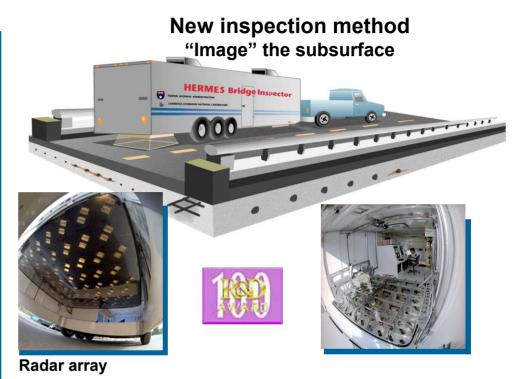
"HERMES will revolutionize the way bridge inspection is done..." Erol Kaslan, Caltrans

Old inspection method "Listen" for damage



Drag chain

- Destructive and costly
- Requires closure of bridge (inconvenience)
- Poor resolution (feet)



- Non destructive and inexpensive
- Travels at highway speeds
- 1-inch resolution in 3D to 1-foot depth

Estimated savings in U.S. = \$25 million dollars per year. Target the critical bridges; reduce unnecessary repairs.

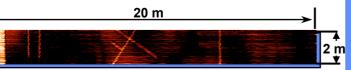
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HERMES uses 64 impulse radars to scan the bridge deck at highway speeds

Calibration phase

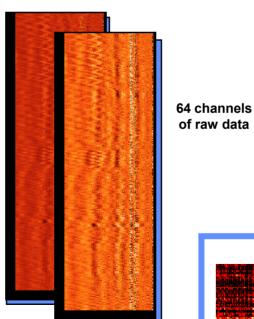




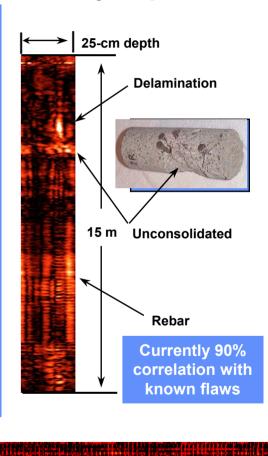


Acquisition phase

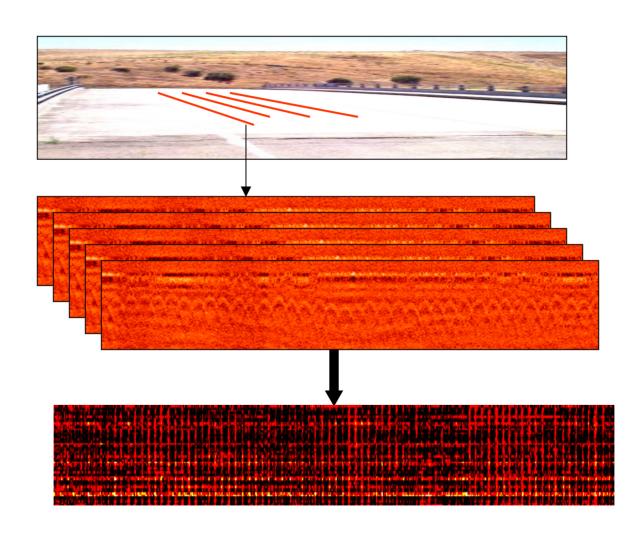




Analysis phase



Radar 3D tomographic imaging



LLNL's Engineering Support Department







Coordination & Quality Control

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Drafting & Phototooling

Special Processing

Rapid Prototype
Service Centers

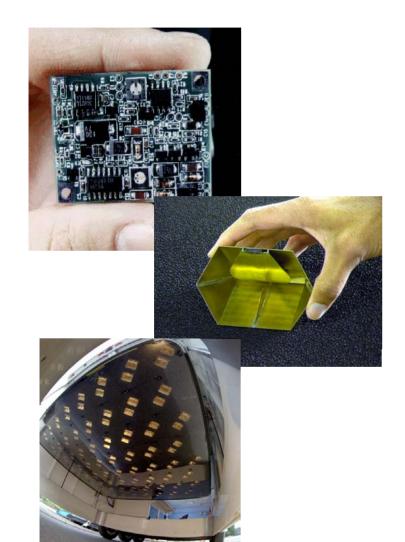


Instrumentation & Control Systems
Development

Field Support Installation/Electronics



Summary



We would like to participate

- Patented technology
- Resources
 - —Management experience
 - —Technical talent
 - —Advanced engineering facilities
- Experience in:
 - Microwave system development
 - —GPR arrays & SAR imaging
 - —Communications
 - —Diagnostic & Instrument Devp't
 - —Commercializing when complete