



# **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency**

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# DARPA Organization



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## **Tactical Technology**

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Air/Space/Land/Sea Platforms  
Unmanned Systems  
Space Operations  
Laser Systems  
Precision Strike

## **Information Exploitation**

Bob Tenney  
Mark Davis

Sensors  
Exploitation Systems  
Command & Control

## **Strategic Technology**

Dave Honey  
Larry Stotts/Brian Pierce

Space Sensors/Structures  
Strategic & Tactical Networks  
Information Assurance  
Underground Facility Detection  
& Characterization  
Chem/Bio Defense  
Maritime Operations

## **Defense Sciences**

Brett Giroir  
Barbara McQuiston

Physical Sciences  
Materials  
Biology  
Mathematics  
Human Effectiveness  
Bio Warfare Defense

## **Information Processing Technology**

Charlie Holland  
Barbara Yoon/Chuck Morefield

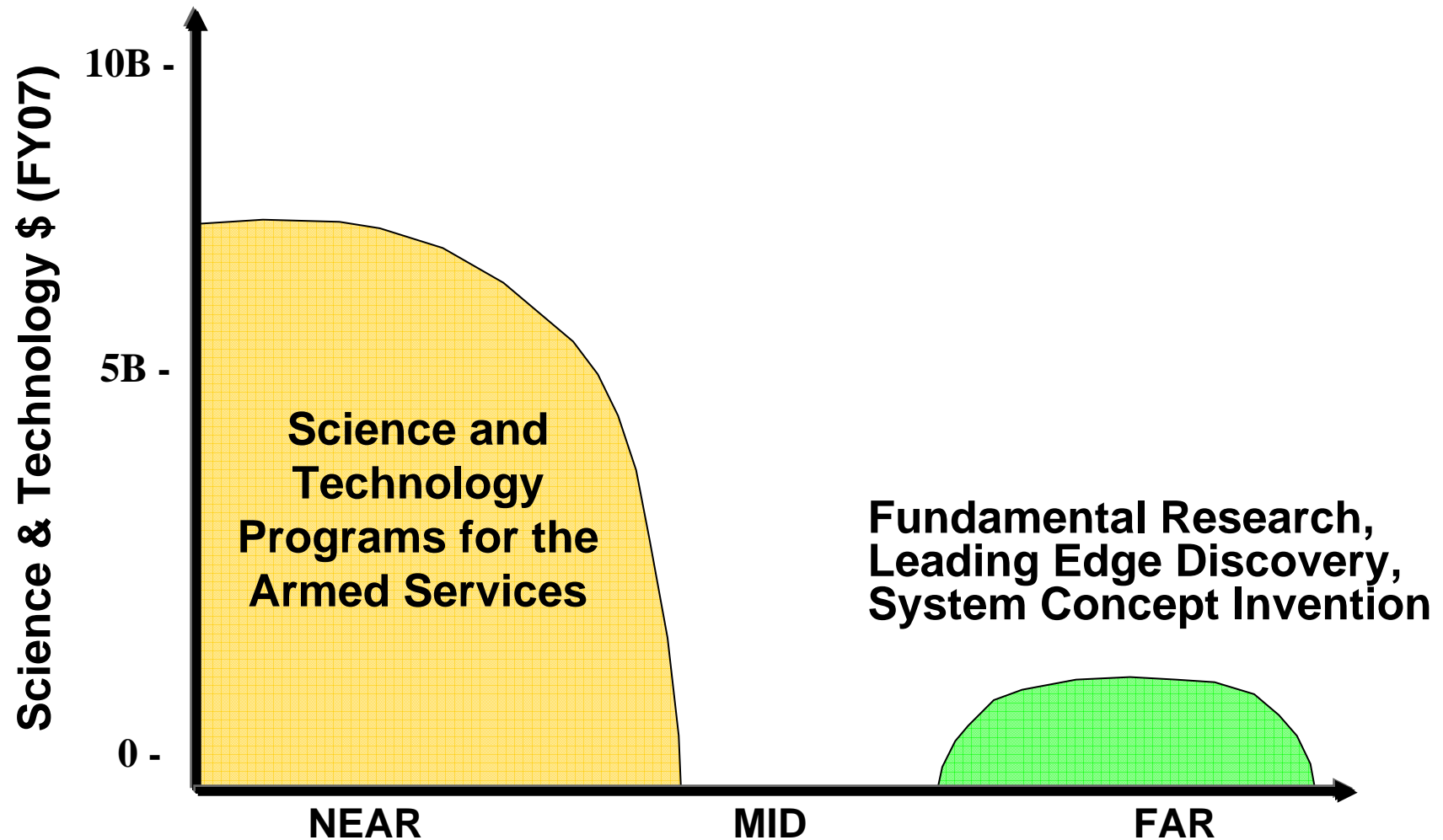
Cognitive Systems  
High Productivity Computing  
Systems  
Language Translation

## **Microsystems Technology**

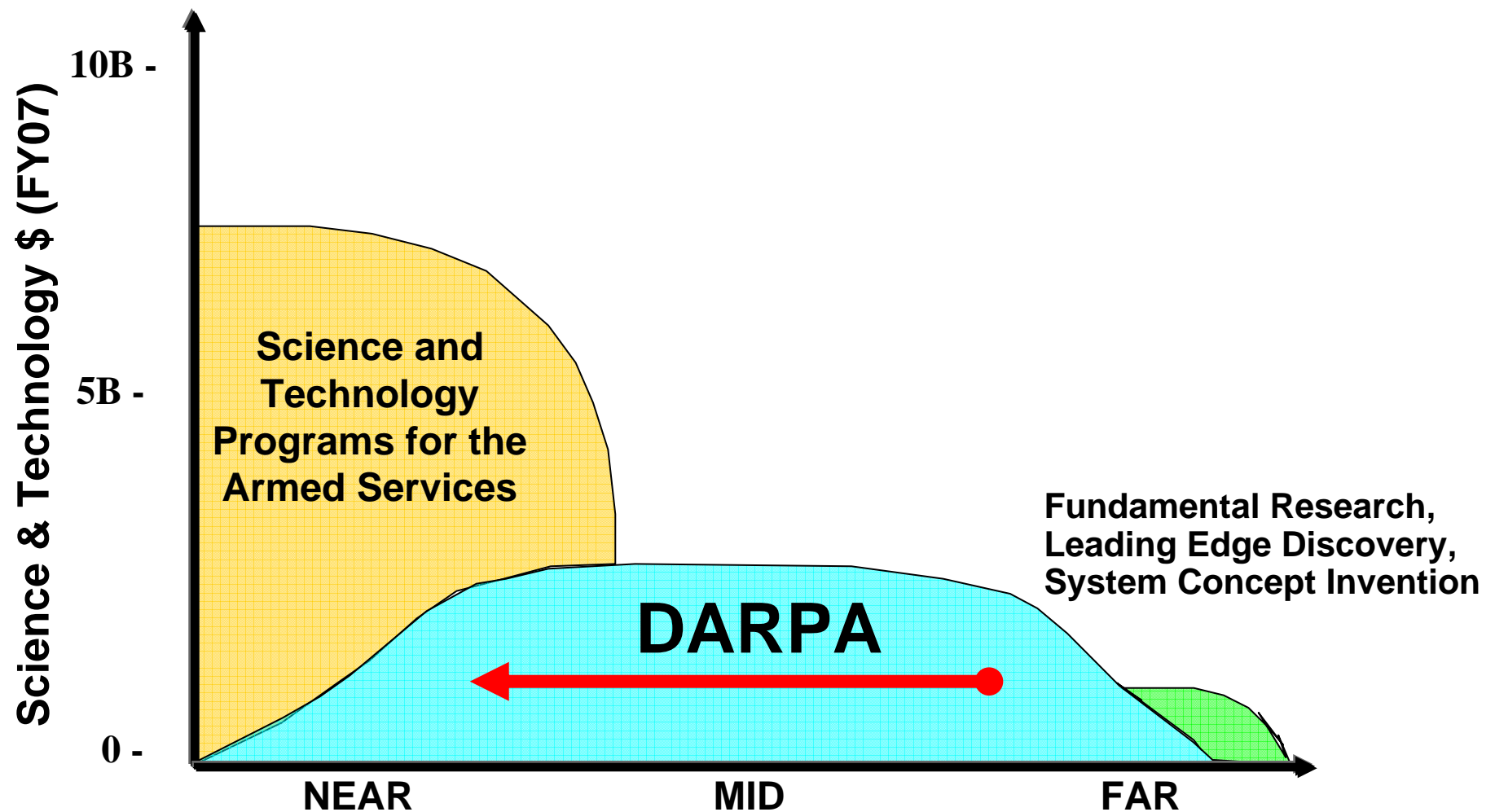
John Zolper  
Dean Collins

Electronics  
Photonics  
MEMS  
Algorithms  
Integrated Microsystems

# DARPA Role in Science and Technology

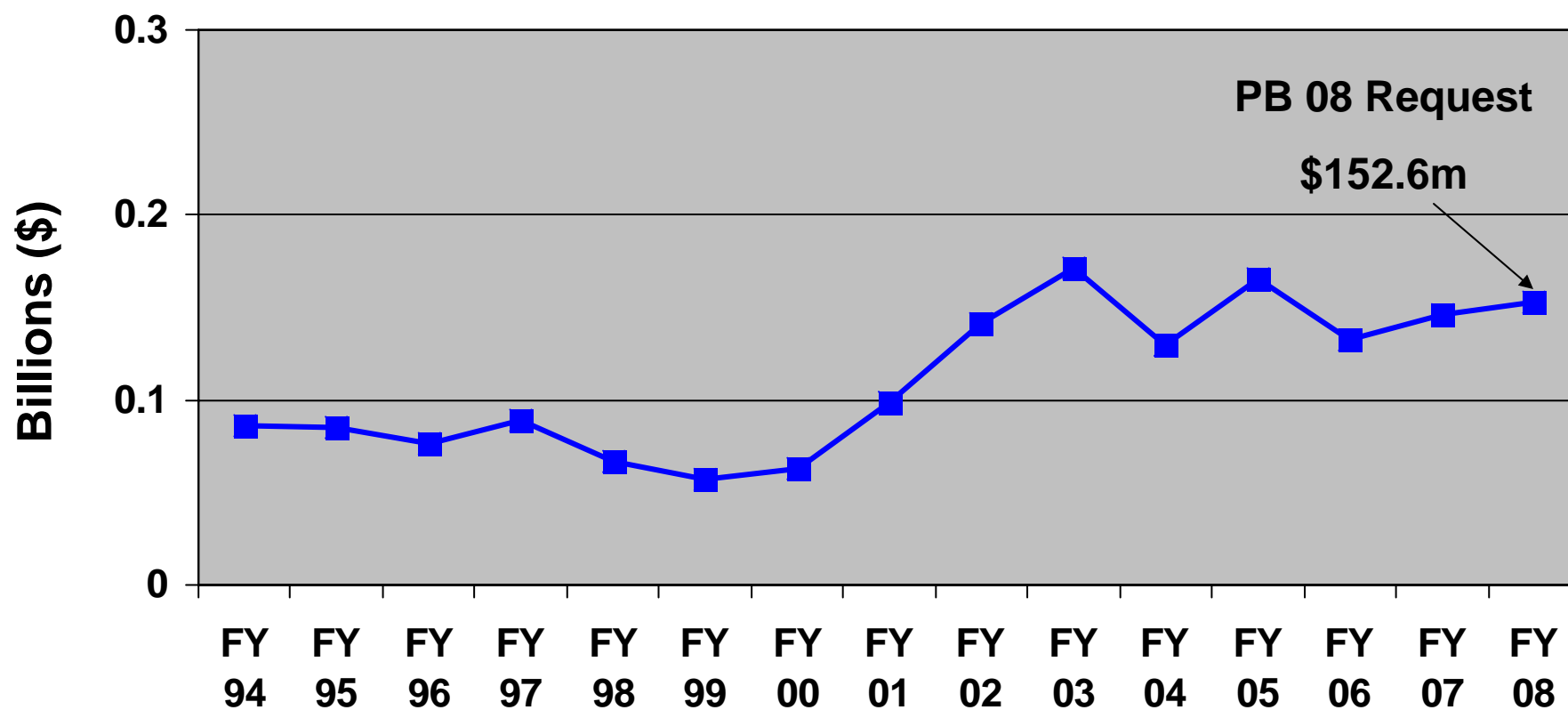


# DARPA Role in Science and Technology



# DARPA Basic Research Funding (\$B)

Budget Activity 6.1 ("University" funding)



# Basic Research Examples



- **Defense Science Studies Group**
- **Computer Science Studies Group**
- **Computer Sciences Futures Group**
- **Young Squirrels Awards**
- **Finding the Fundamental Laws of Biology**





# DARPA Accomplishments





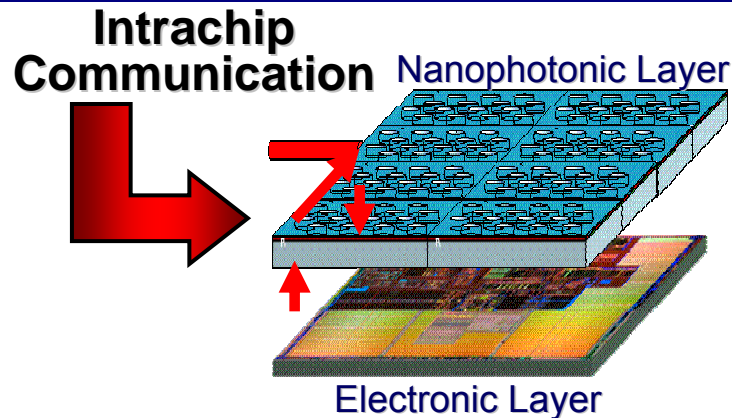
# Future Icons

- **Low-cost titanium to enable routine use (\$3.5/lb military grade alloy)**
- **Accelerate Development & Production of Therapeutics & Vaccines from 12+ years to 16 weeks or less**
- **Alternative Energy Sources for military operations, such as jet fuel from plants**
- **Prosthetics to enable a Soldier's return to the unit without loss of capability**
- **Quantum Information Science for new computational capabilities**
- **Networks - Self-forming, Robust, Self-defending to enable true network centric operations**
- **Chip Scale Atomic Clock to replace communication devices' reliance on GPS time signal**
- **Networked Sensors – Determine, track, and neutralize elusive threats, such as IED factories**
- **High-productivity computing system – peta scale computer for important DoD applications**
- **Air Vehicles - Fast Access, long loiter**
- **High Energy Liquid Laser Area Defense System as a penetration aid to replace stealth**
- **Submarines – reduce size and cost while maintaining existing capabilities**
- **Space capabilities to enable global military operations**
- **Real time language translation to replace linguists (Defense Language Institute, III → IV)**
- **Solid State for the next generation of systems**





# Ultraperformance Nanophotonic Intrachip Communication (UNIC)



## Vision:

- Create enhanced pathway to high-bandwidth, high-performance and low power intra-chip communication for ultra-dense 2D and 3D systems on a chip

## Goal:

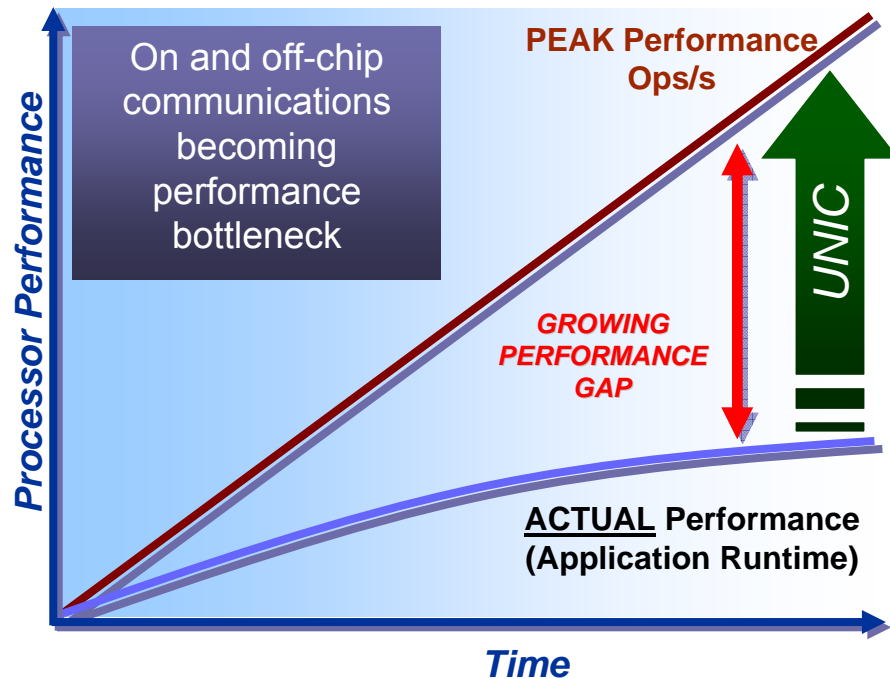
- Demonstrate nano-photonic technology using CMOS compatible fabrication processes that would significantly exceed electrical global interconnect performance (and hence total performance) for IC microprocessor chips
- Develop nano-photonic architecture/system design that would enable such performance superiority
- Demonstrate a functional chip with all necessary components working together

## Technical Challenges:

- High integration density
- Low power dissipation devices
- High speed devices (Low latency)
- Low loss waveguides and devices
- Small physical size
- Fabrication fully compatible and integrable with mainstream electronics

## Impact:

- >10X increase in processing performance as a function of power dissipation



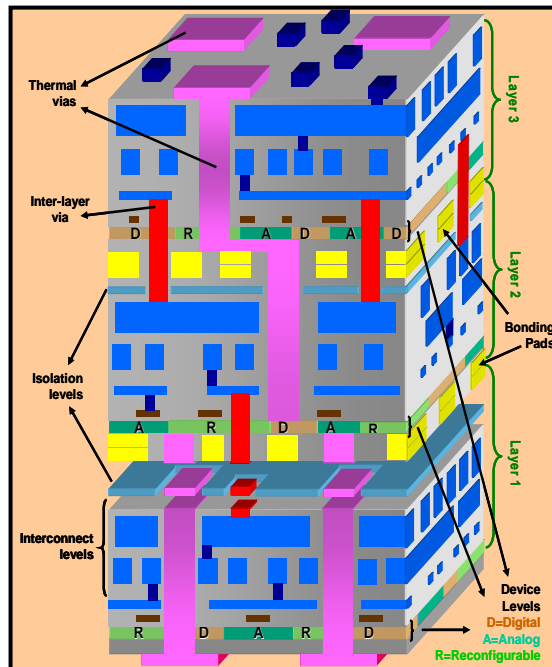
**The Ultimate On-Chip Data Link: Eliminating the Interconnect Bottleneck**



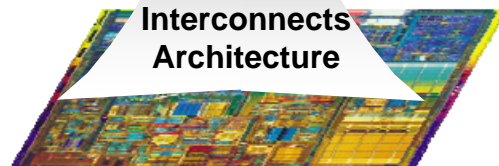
# 3-Dimensional Electronic Circuits (3-D IC)



3D



2D



## Goal:

- Develop the Design and Process Technology for True 3D Integrated Circuits (multiple active layers)

## Challenges:

- Achieve dense 3D Interconnections of Multi-layer Circuits
- Design Tools that Optimize Place & Route of Circuit Blocks, Synthesis of 3D circuits with Electro-Thermal Analysis
- Thermal mitigation

## Key Accomplishments:

- 3D-IC technology development based on thin layer wafer transfer methods.
- High density 3D vias demonstrated.
- Through wafer vias in development for mm-wave applications.
- 3D Supercomputer chip designed.

## Impact:

- Higher speed/lower power system-scale circuits
- Larger chip effective area, more transistors/unit volume. Improved computational density.

**The Next Revolution in Digital Electronics**



# Slow Light

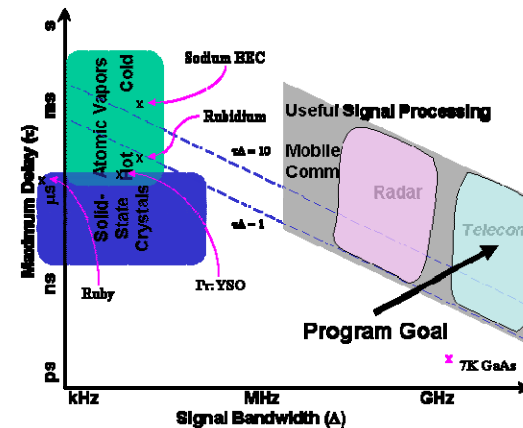
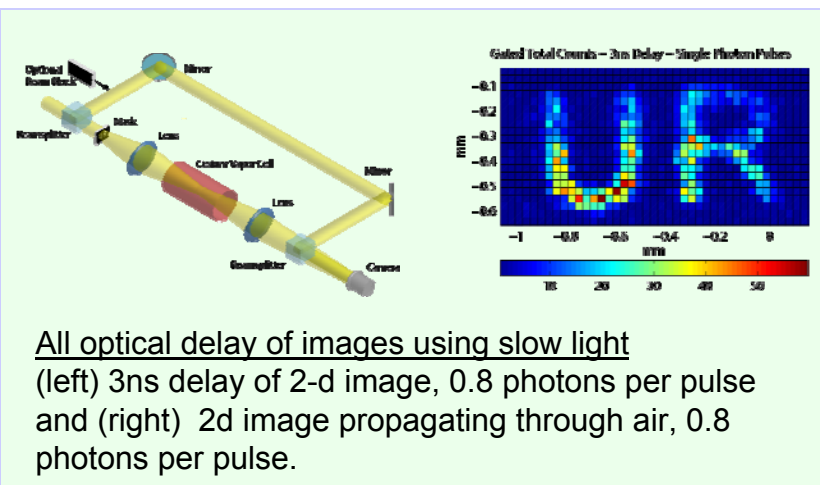
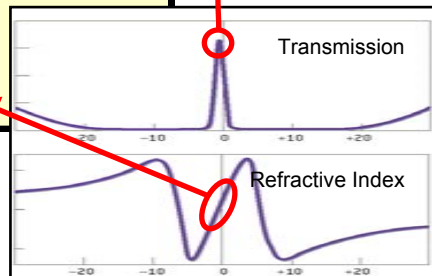
Exploring the limits and applications of slowing, storing, and manipulating light in various media (Slow light  $n_{\text{group}} \ll c$ )

Group velocity – velocity at which a pulse of light propagates through a material

$$v_{\text{group}} = \frac{c}{n + \omega \frac{dn}{d\omega}}$$

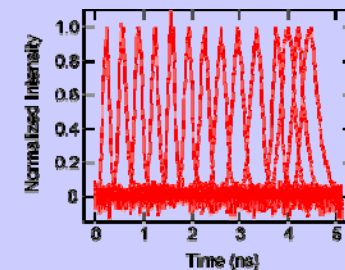
Ultra-slow group velocity

High transmission with large effective nonlinearity



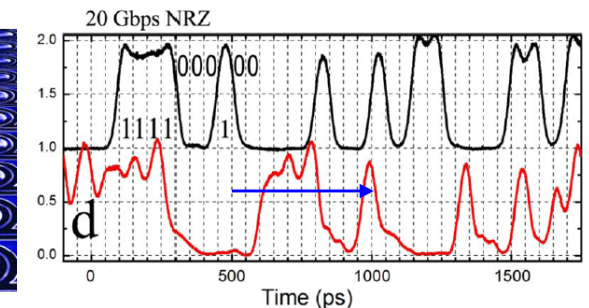
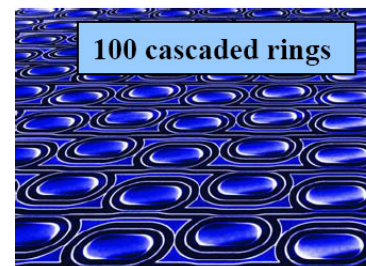
Delays shown at many different bandwidths and material systems open range of applications

Demonstrated fiber-based technique to produce delays > 1200 pulse widths.

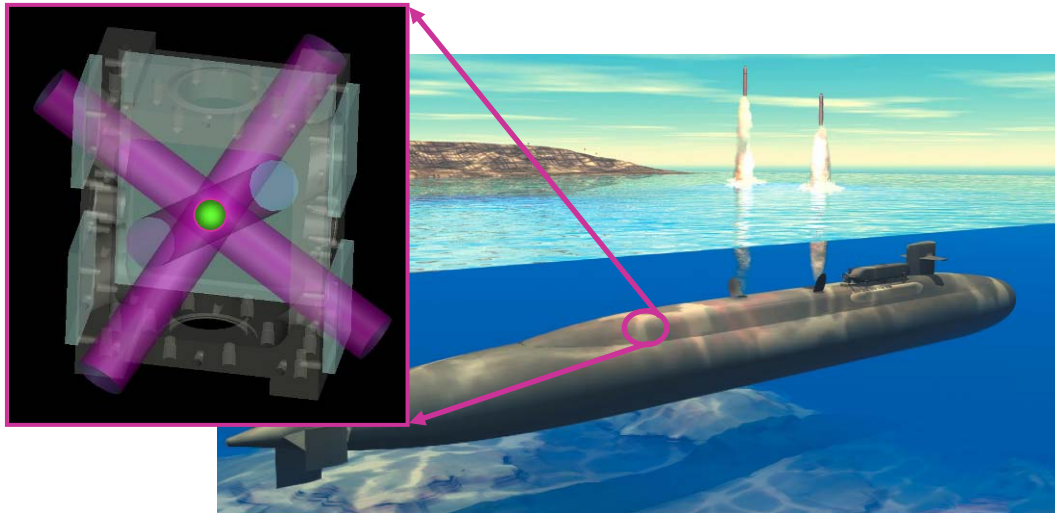


Demonstrated 10 bit buffering at 20 Gbps using 10μm ring resonators

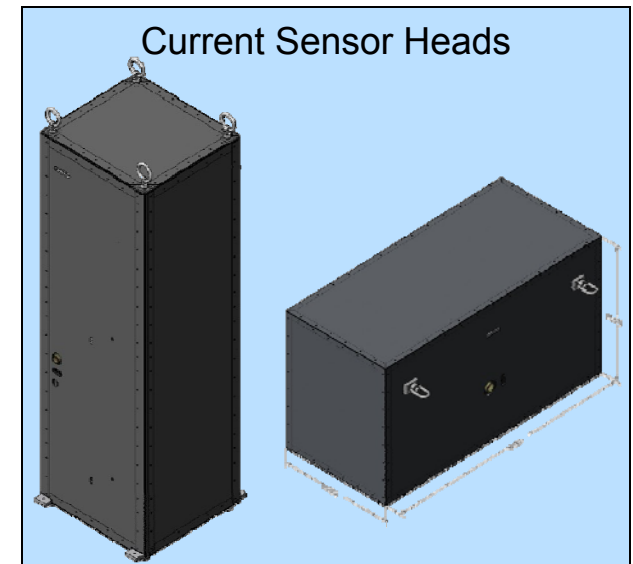
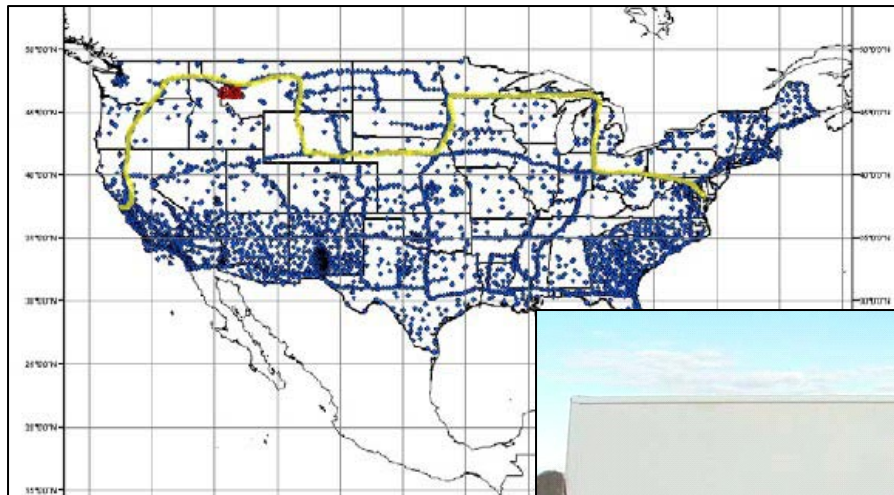
Optical Buffer



# Precision Inertial Navigation Systems: Ultra-cold Atom-based Inertial Measurements



- Ultracold atom navigation relies on precise measurements of forces acting on atom cloud
  - Platform motion decoupled from acceleration, rotation measurements
  - System measures gravity to compensate for local variations in gravity vector
- Available regardless of geography, jamming, etc.
- Will drive atom-based navigation system across country to demonstrate system performance





# The Future

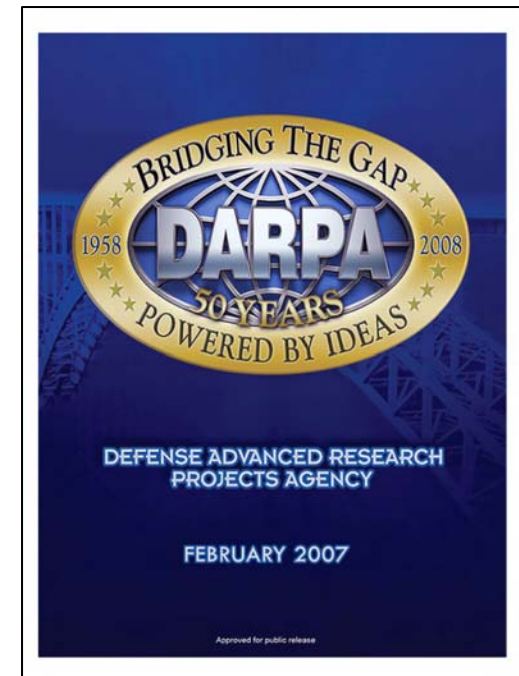


- DARPA Always Interested in Innovative Ideas

- Solicitations: [www.darpa.mil](http://www.darpa.mil)
- Talk to DARPA Program Managers
- Become a DARPA Program Manager

- Upcoming Events

- 25th DARPA Systems & Technology Symposium (DARPA Tech 2007)  
August 7 - 9 2007, Anaheim, California
- Urban Challenge, November 3, 2007
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference / Dinner
  - April 10, 2008 – Washington, D.C.



## DARPA Strategic Plan

[www.darpa.mil/body/mission.html](http://www.darpa.mil/body/mission.html)



