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GPS guided UAS

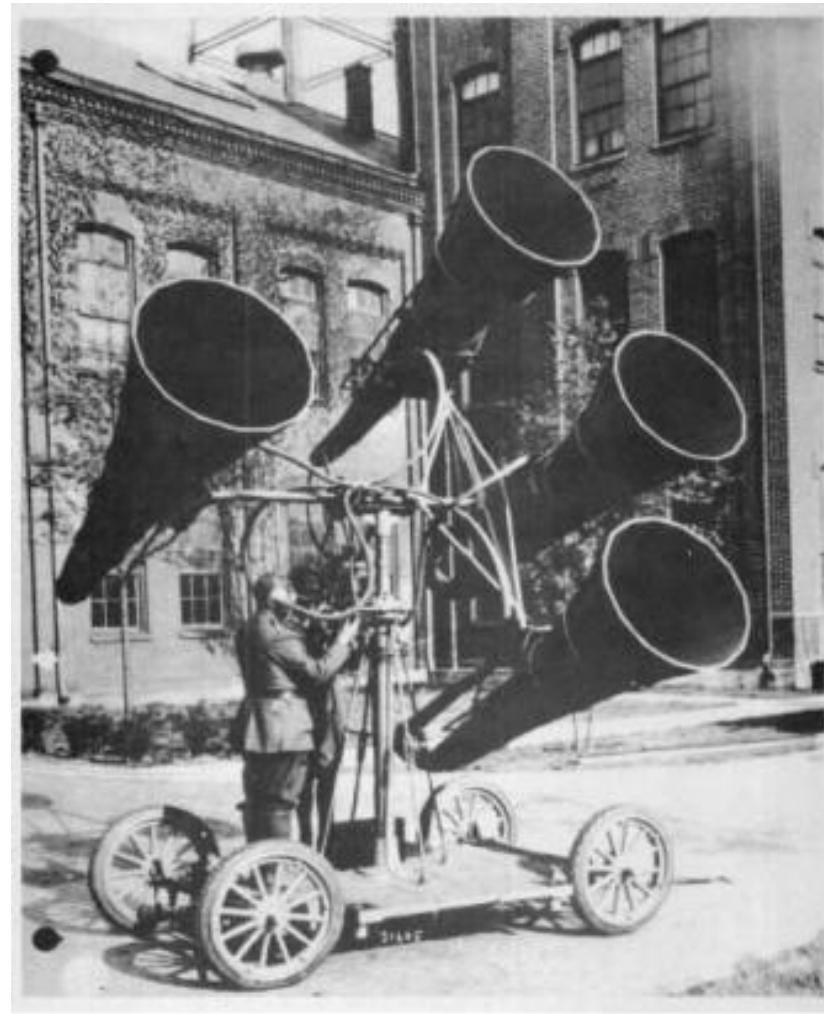
- 2011 - arrested for plotting to fly 3 remote control planes into the US Capitol and the Pentagon
- \$6500 remote-controlled plane that could be guided by GPS and fly at 100mph (160km/h).

Prevent a UAS 'Boston'

- UASs will become common for commercial use
- Rapidly advancing technology such as silent engines, better batteries, GPS, surveillance
- Small UAS platforms in the real world are difficult to detect.

-Keith Lindsay, LANL

Aircraft Detection Technologies



Early Aircraft Sound Detection
dodlive.mil

RAdio Detection and Ranging



<http://computer.yourdictionary.com/radar>

UG/GGS Information Services

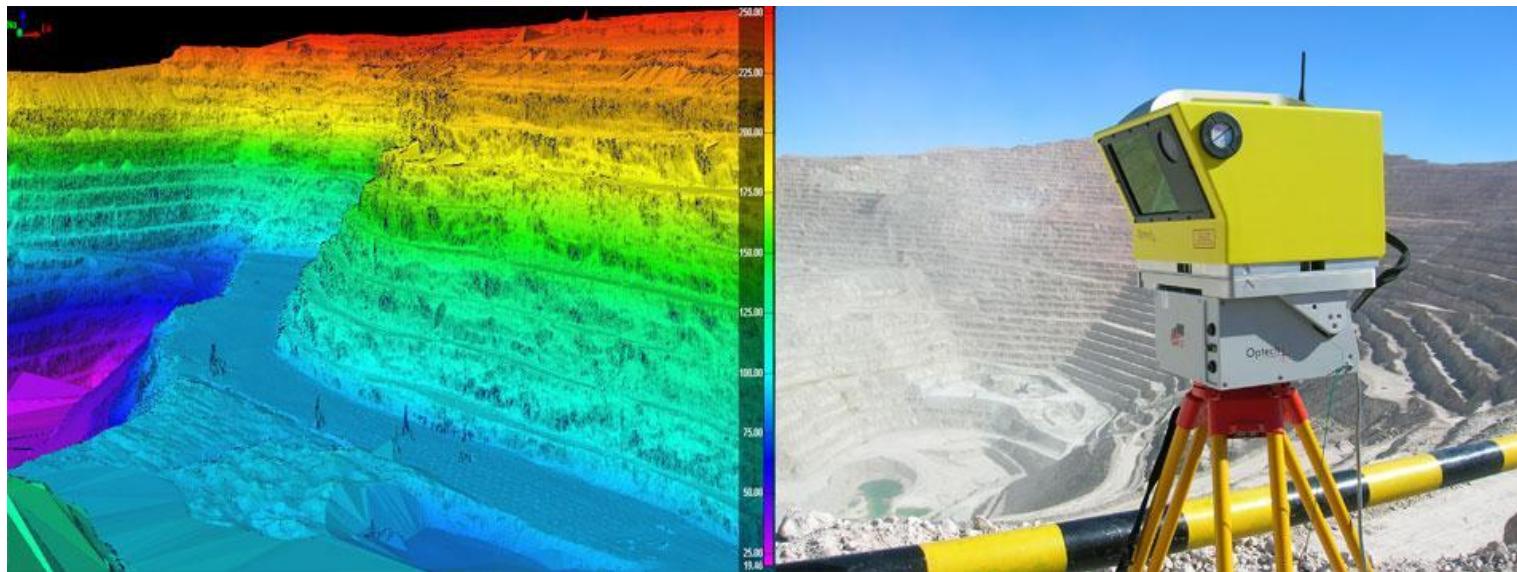
Small UASs - low radar cross section,
stealth possibilities



UAS
Detection

LIDAR

Laser Imaging Detection and Ranging

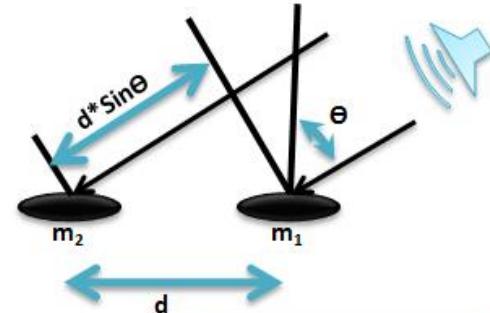


http://www.mapping-solutions.co.uk/applications/images/lidar_mining.jpg

Least expensive LIDAR system ~\$20,000

Acoustic Source Localization

- Use of microphone array
- Detect and characterize UAV
 - Are there changes to UAV sound based on payload, modifications from designer, age of system, etc.?
 - How big would your library of sounds need to be to account for differences?
 - Limited range
 - Active research to decrease noise
 - Use swarm



$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{\zeta * C}{f_s * d} \right]$$

C – Speed of sound
 ζ – Time Delay between Microphones
 f_s – Signal Sampling frequency
d – Inter Microphone Distance

IR

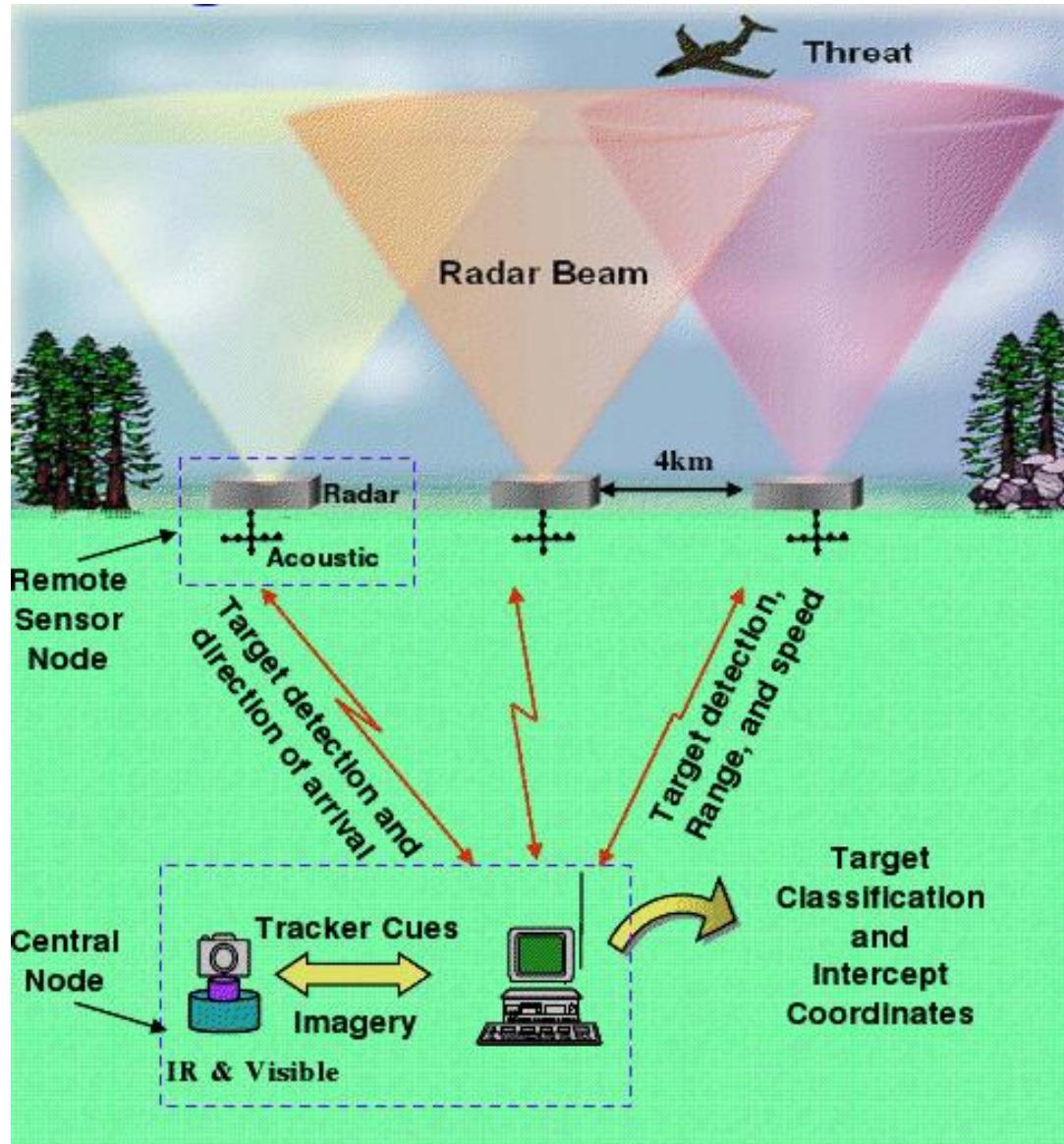
Infrared Detection of Heat Signature

- Proof of concept showed use at 5 km possible for Cessna-sized UAS
- Active research to reduce heat signature



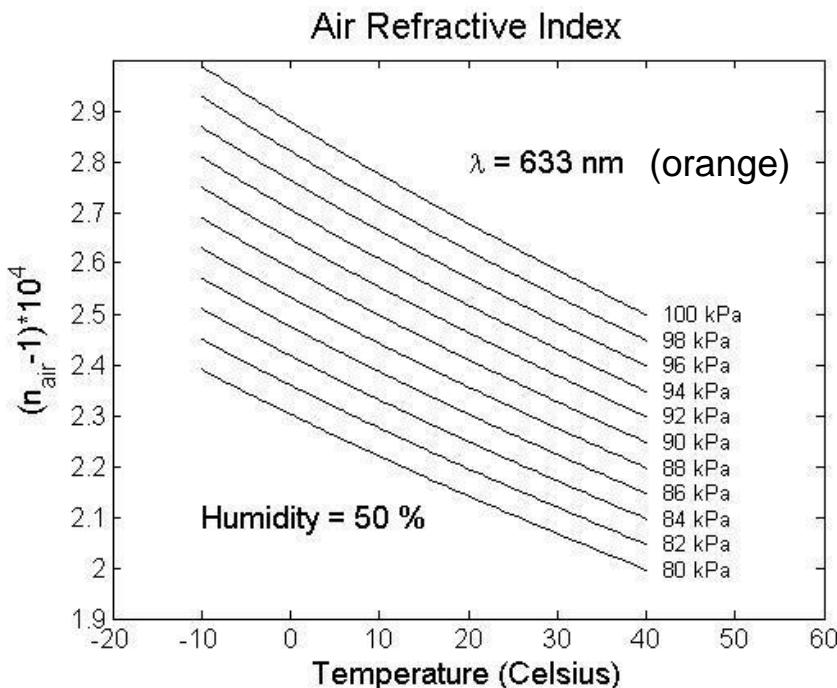
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Sensor Fence

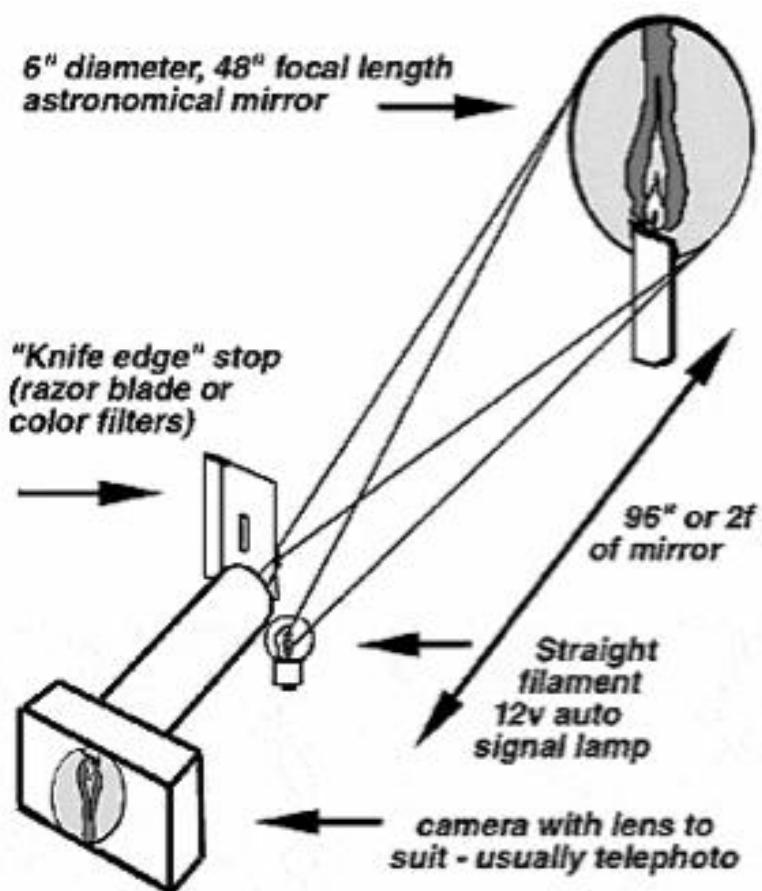


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Physics of Schlieren

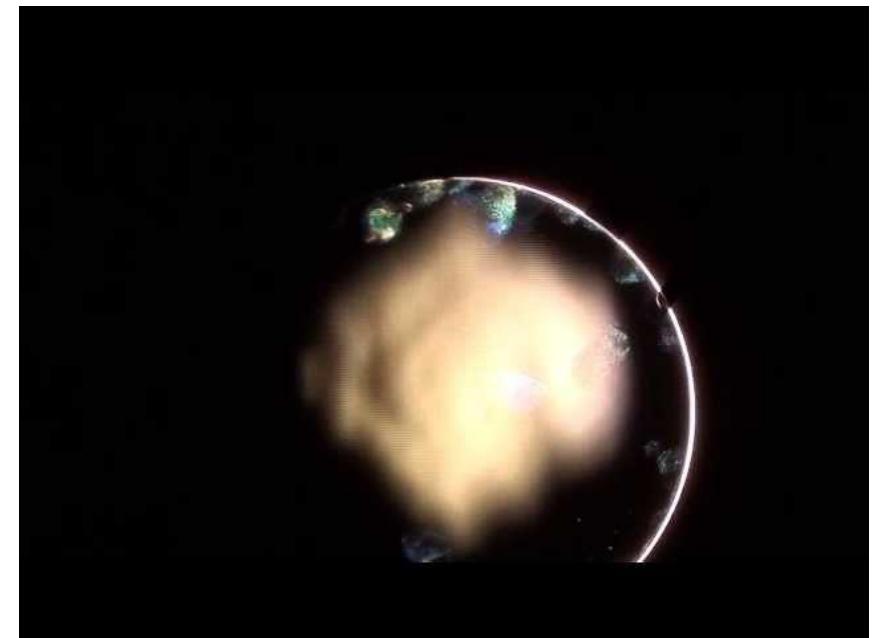


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Traditional Schlieren in Action

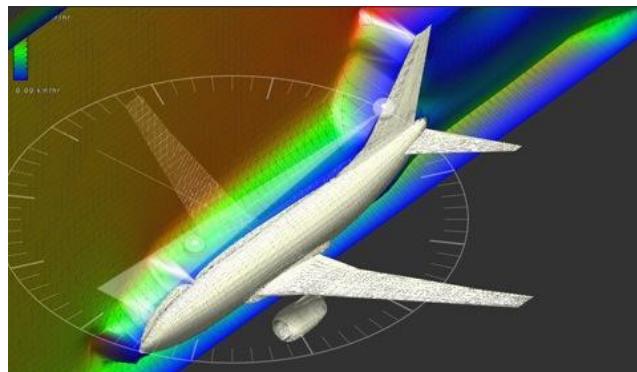


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Technique works by...

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Pressure



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Temperature



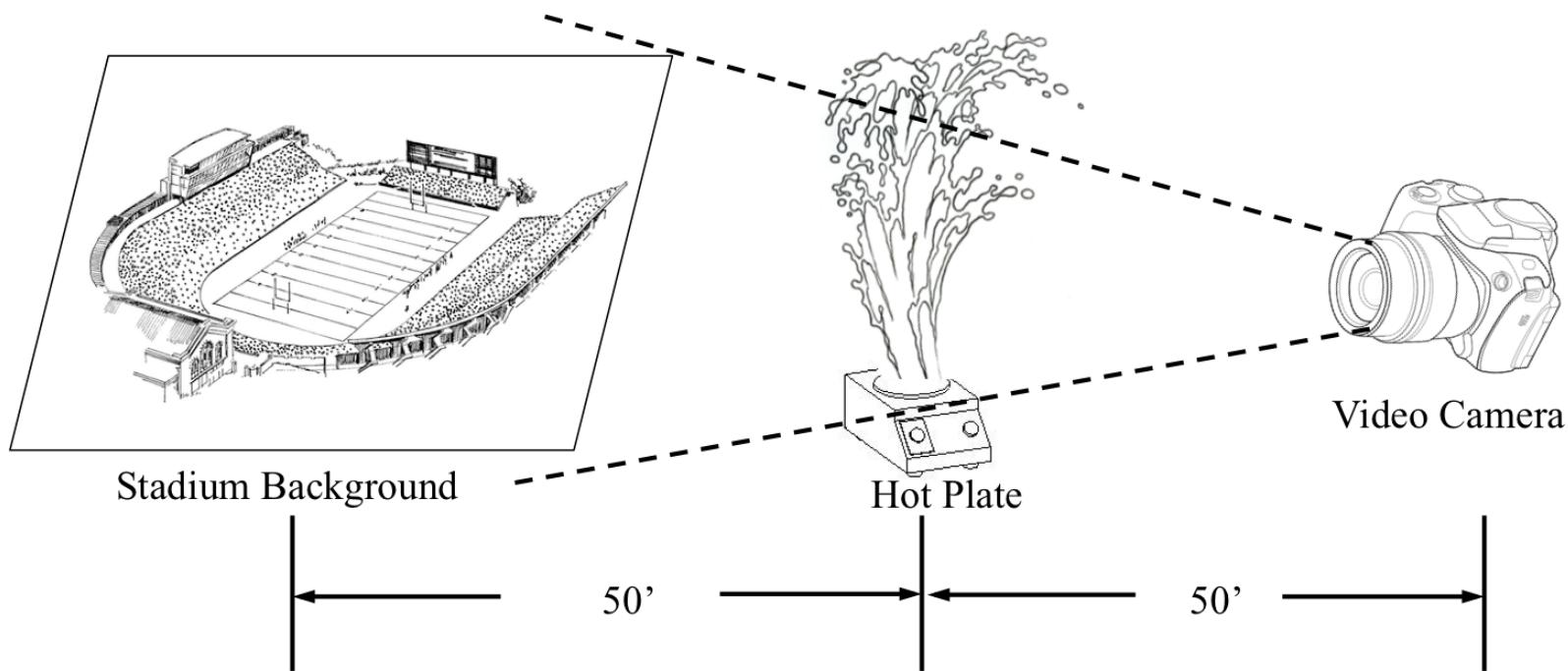
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Exhaust



www.nationalgeographic.com

Background Oriented Schlieren (aka BOS)



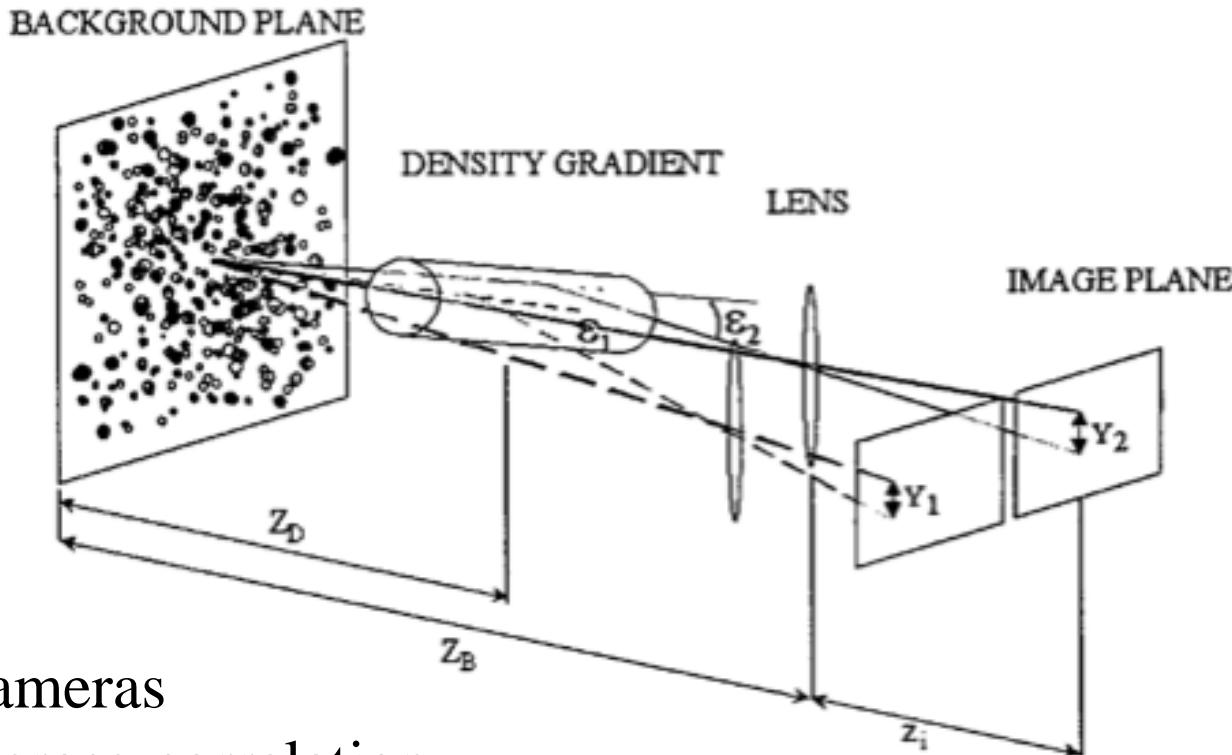
BOS Proof of Concept



- Typical urban background target (crowded stadium)
- Hot plate at 200 °C creating air disturbance
- Detectable plume from 50' distance

BOSS

(Background Oriented Stereoscopic Schlieren)



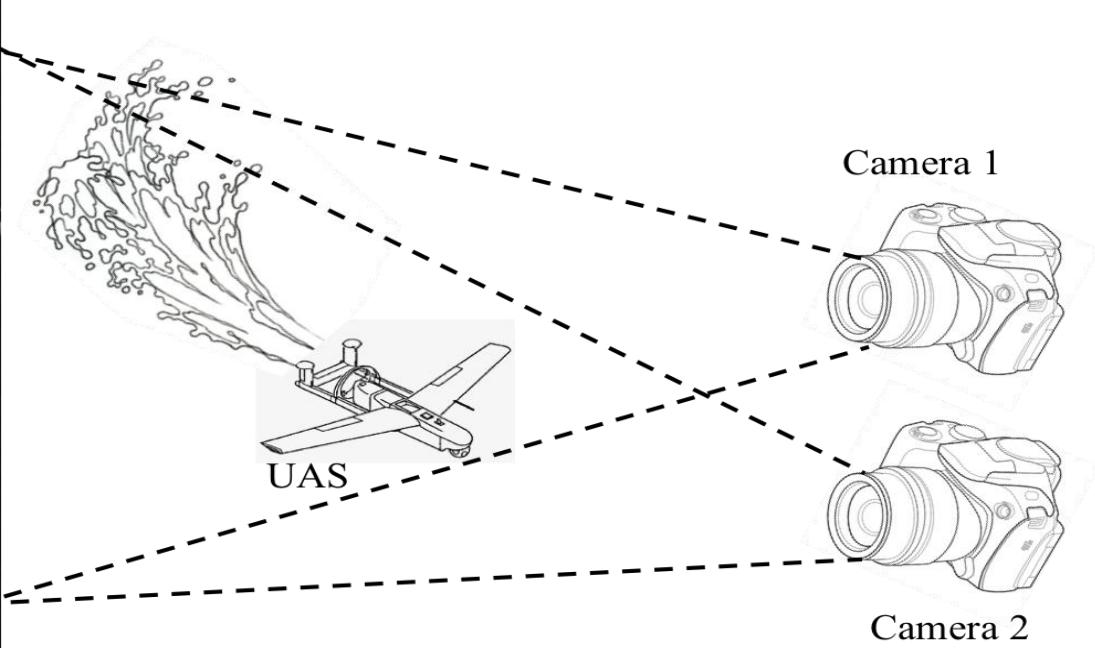
- Two cameras
- Image cross-correlation
- Added distance dimensionality

Richard, H.. European Research Office, 2001

BOSS Video



Urban Landscape



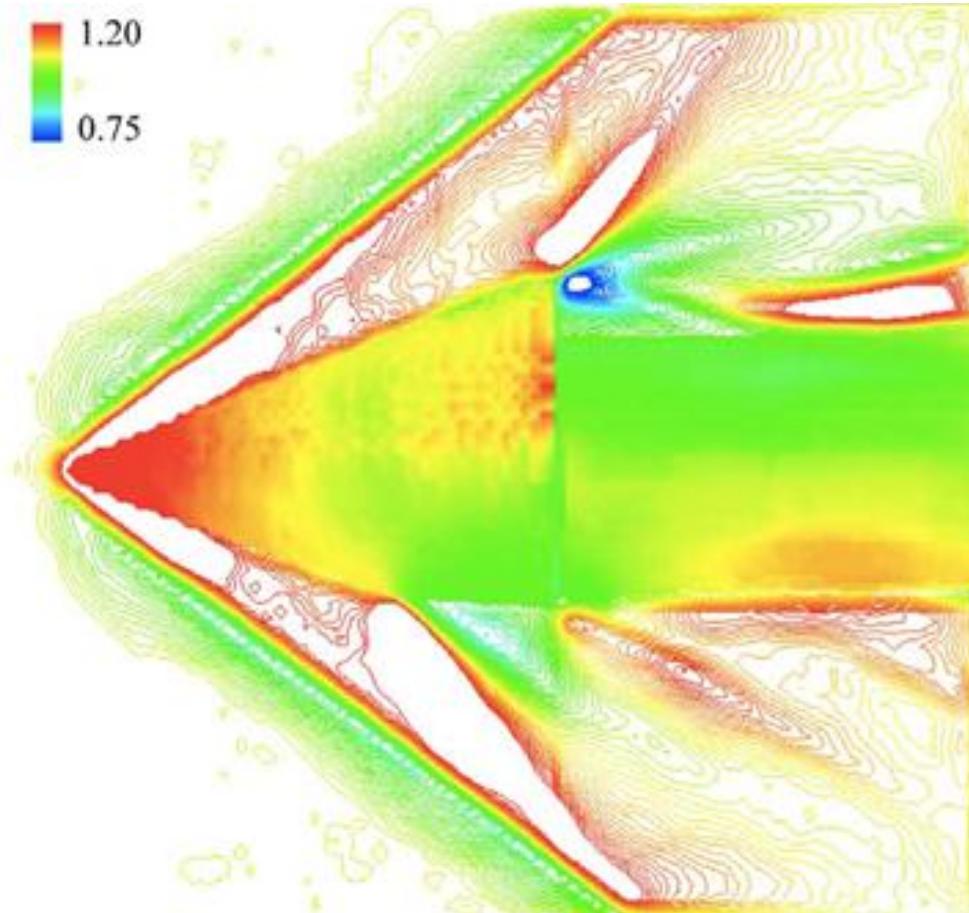
Dyed Smoke in vapor plume from a landing airplane.

Airplane through a cloud.



3D-BOS

Imaging air flow around an object in a wind tunnel

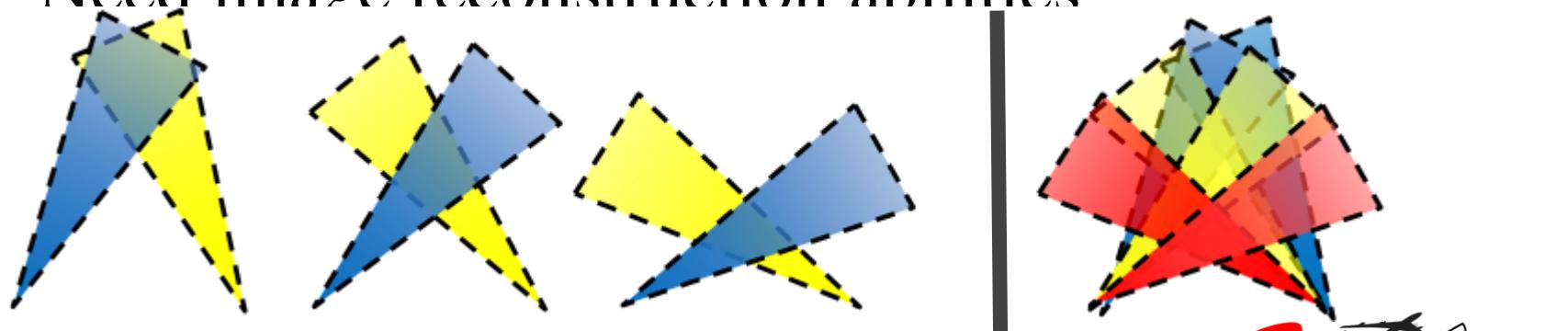


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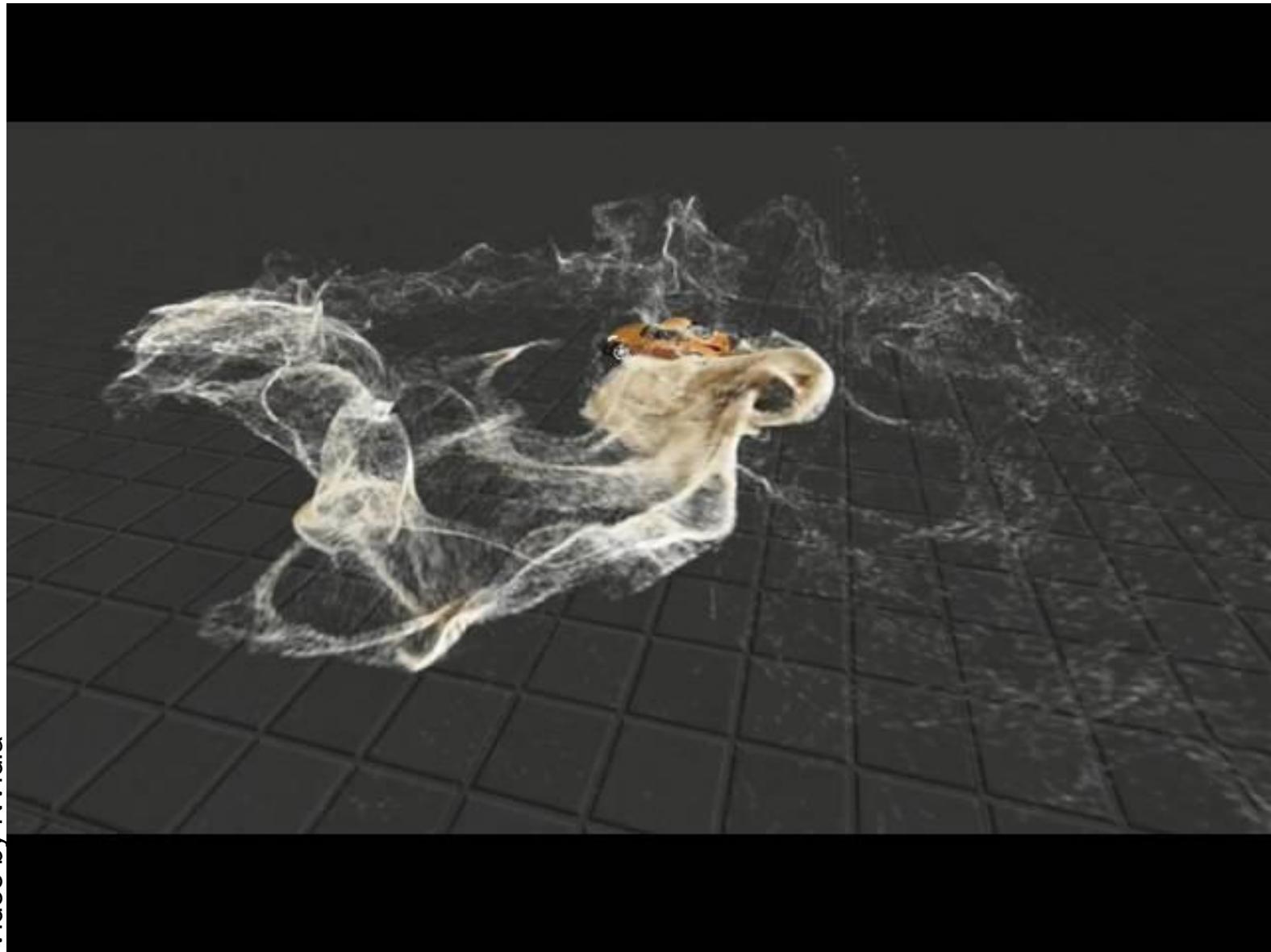
3D-BOSS

3-D Reference-Free Background-Oriented Schlieren

- Utilize stereoscopic views from cameras to generate 3-D air flow and then sweep the area to determine the changes in the air with respect to the movement along an axis
- Need image reconstruction abilities

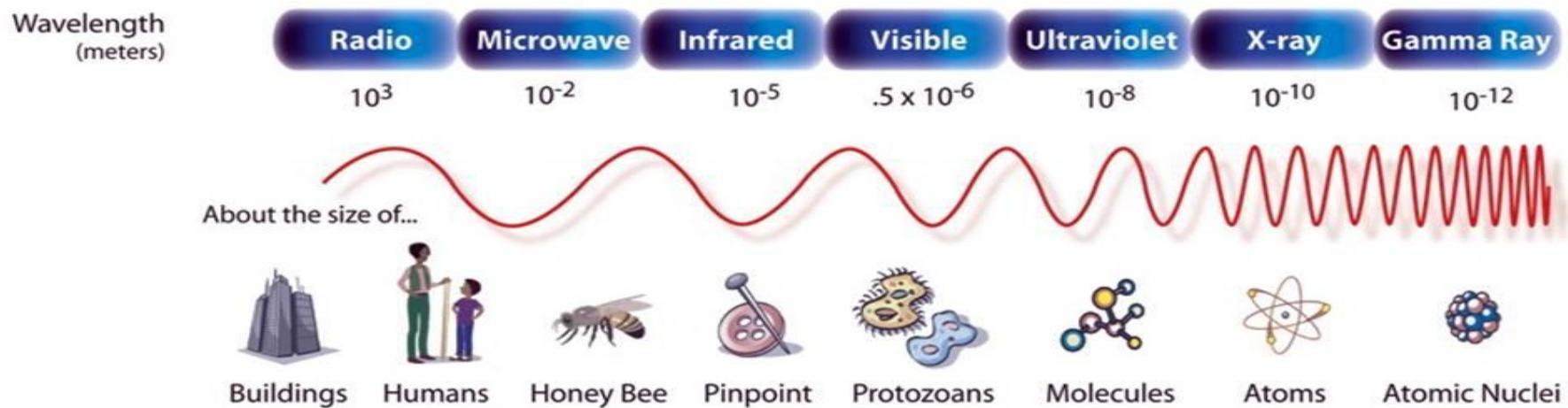


End Goal



Alternate Wavelength 3D-BOSS

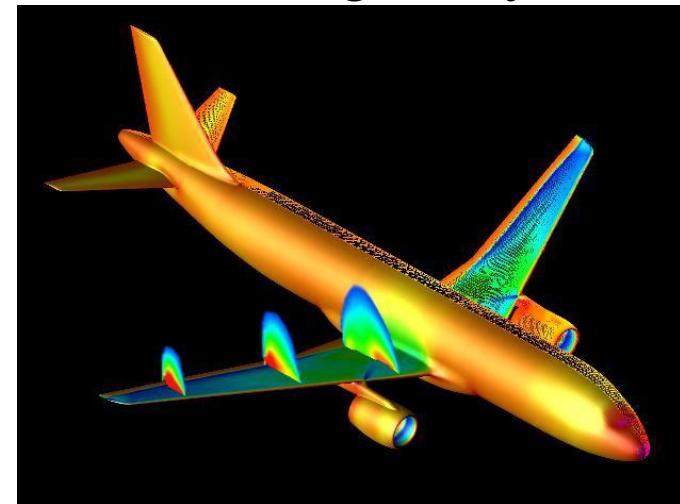
- Explore Schlieren imaging using non-visible wavelengths
- IR, Ultraviolet, microwave, etc.



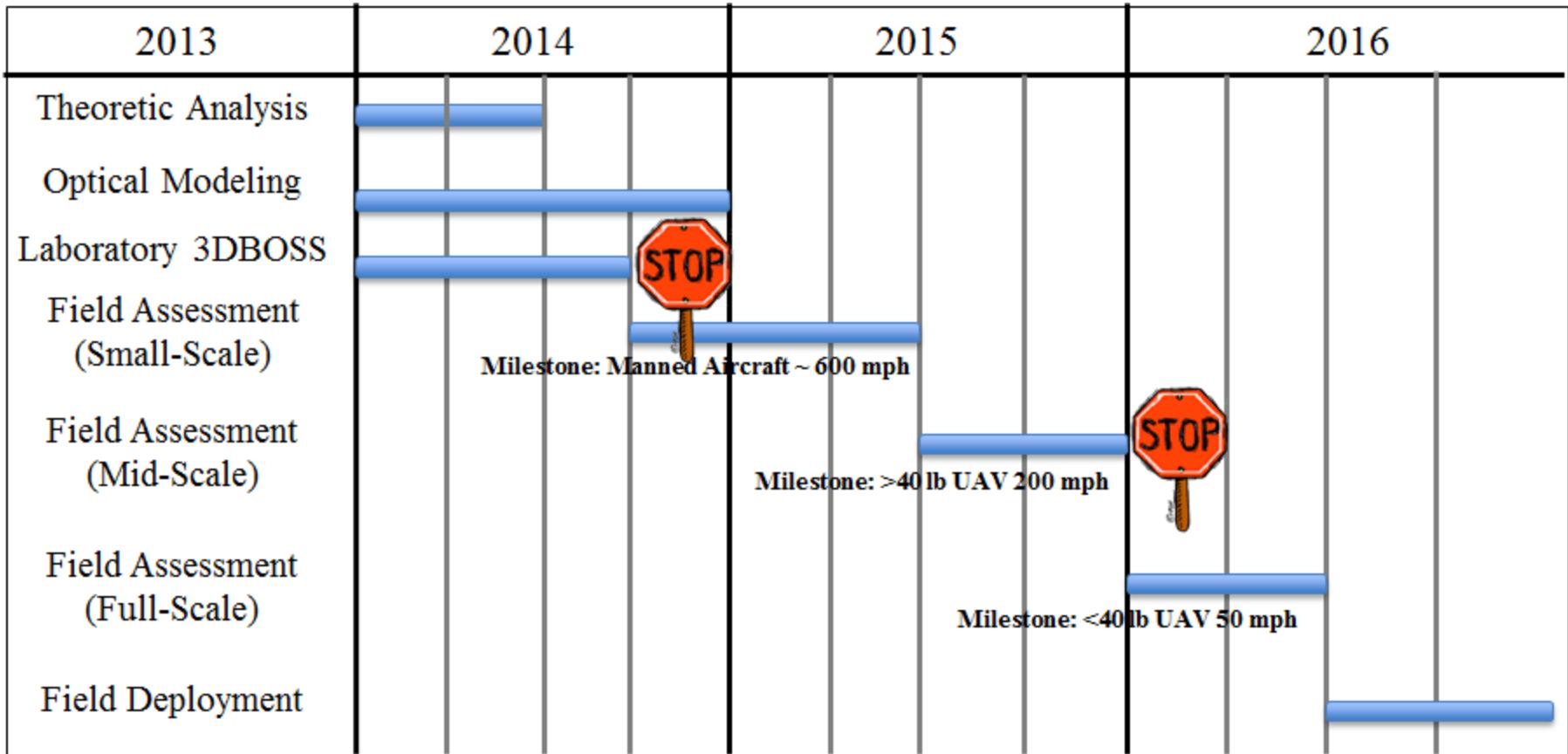
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Potential Issues

- Long distance imaging may prove very challenging
- Air pressure change from propellers and wings may be too subtle for detection



Milestones



Budget Justification

- 4 full-time graduate students
- 2 full-time postdocs
- 2 half-time staff members
- Additional funds will be used to promote interdisciplinary ties between LANL subject matter experts and our research group
- \$200k a year for materials and travel.
 - Variety of cameras
 - Image analysis equipment
 - Image processing software

\$1.18M/yr for  **3 years**
Detection

Impact at LANL

- Addition line of defense from unfriendly UAS attack
- Portable lightweight system for vehicle mounting or even for use by the individual warfighter



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World Impact

- Turbulence detection for commercial air travel
- Tool for weather prediction
- Introduction of new technology



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