

# ***Enabling Science & Technology for National Security Applications***

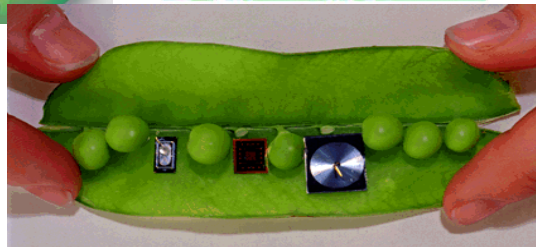
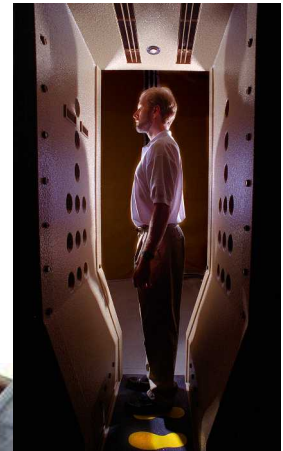
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# *Some Global Issues that can Affect US National Security*

**Energy Security**

**Terrorism**

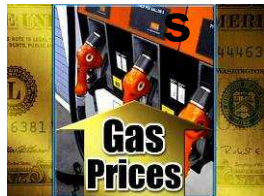
**Political Instability**



**Waste**



**Energy Disruption**



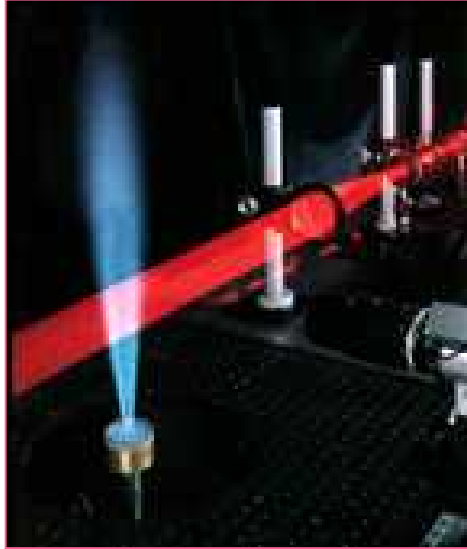
**Climate**

**Water**



**Proliferation of SNM and Weapons Expertise**

# *Sandia is a National Security Science and Engineering Laboratory*



- Historical mission has been non-nuclear components in nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons security
- Today, broader mission in science & engineering for national security

*“We work on technologies at a scientific lab, but we must emphasize that science is not an end. The end is solving problems for the nation. Science is perhaps the best tool to achieve that end.” C. Paul Robinson, SNL President & Director 1995-2005*



# *Sandia National Laboratories Sites*



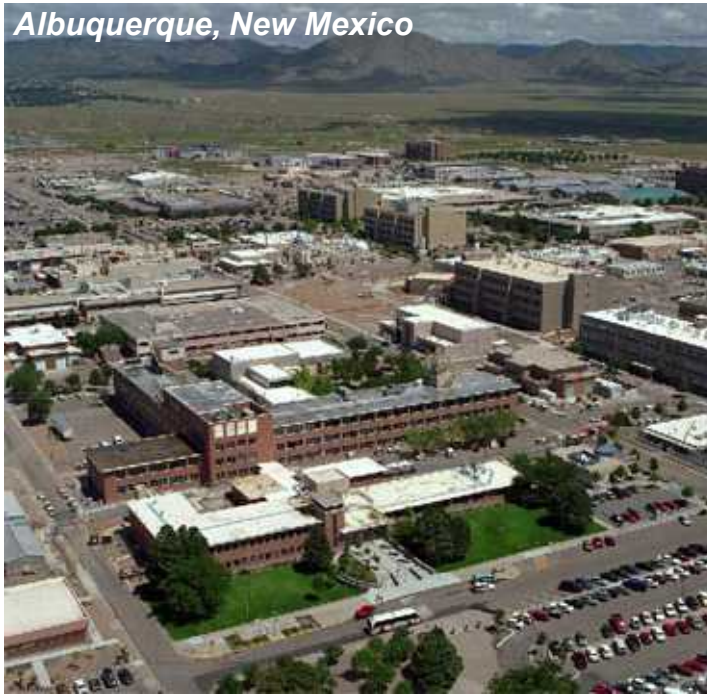
*Pantex, Texas*



*Tonopah, Nevada*



*Kauai, Hawaii*



*Albuquerque, New Mexico*



*Livermore, California*



*WIPP, New Mexico*



*Yucca Mountain, Nevada*

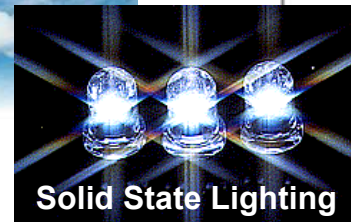
# *Sandia's National Security Missions*

- Nuclear Weapons
- Non-Proliferation
- Defense Systems & Assessments
- Energy & Infrastructure Assurance
- Homeland Security

**Air Launch Cruise**

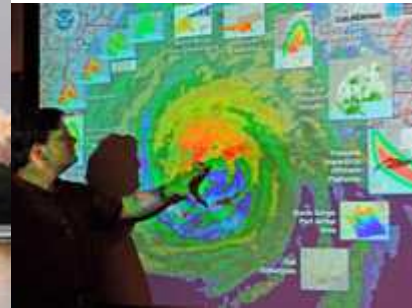


**Support for Shuttle Return to Flight**



**Solid State Lighting**

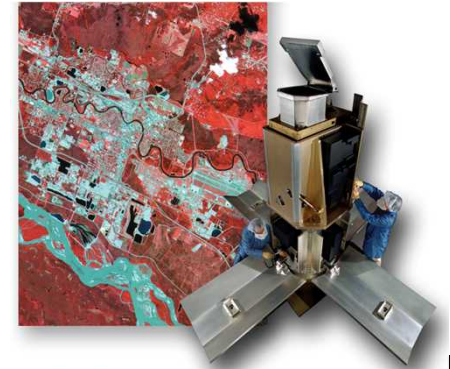
**Katrina Analyses**



**Radiation Monitoring**



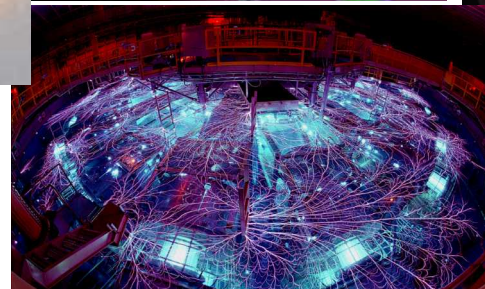
**Satellite Imagery**



**Drugs/Explosives Detection**



**Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment**



**Energy R&D**



**Chem-Bio Threats**

# Nuclear Weapons

- Responsible for all non-nuclear components (> 90% of total weapon parts)
- *Mission includes “Surety” (Safety & Reliability) of the Nuclear Stockpile*
- *A lot of functionality in small, rugged packages with very high reliability*



**W88 SLBM**  
**Arming, Fuzing, &**  
**Firing System**

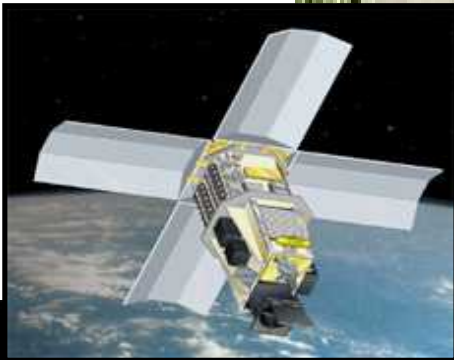
Radars  
Impact fuzes  
Shock absorbers  
Casing  
Detonators  
Firing sets  
Transverters  
Capacitors  
Switches  
Switch tubes  
Rectifiers  
Programmers  
Neutron generators  
Reservoirs  
Stronglinks  
Batteries  
Timers  
Spin generators  
Parachutes  
Ejector systems  
PAL controllers



**B83 Strategic Bomb**

# Nonproliferation

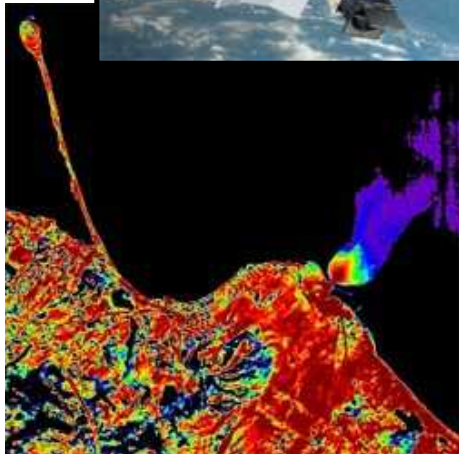
Monitoring &  
Verification



Neglected Russian  
Nuclear Facilities



Soviet “String & Wax”  
Security System



SNL International Programs Bldg. FSU Personnel Redeployment

*“We must keep the most dangerous weapons in the world out of the hands of the most dangerous people in the world” George W. Bush*



# Defense Systems & Assessments



- Remote Sensing and Verification
- Surveillance, and Reconnaissance
- Integrated Military Systems

**“RSVP”**

**(Remote Sensing & Verification Program)**



**Future Combat System  
Integrated Support Team**



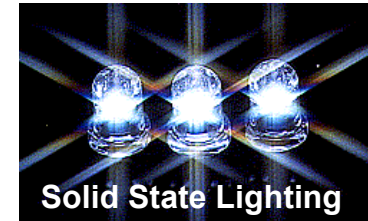
**TACMS-P  
(Tactical Missile System – Penetrator)**



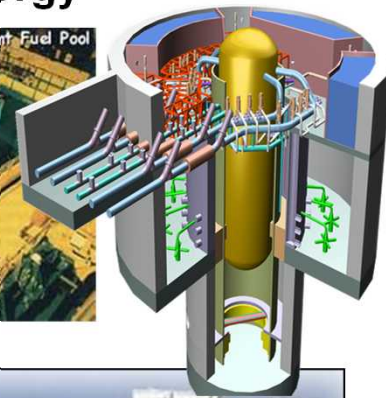
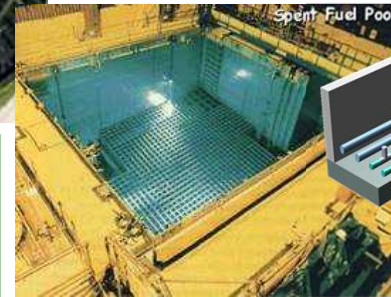
**Shuttle Heat Shield Inspection**

# Energy & Infrastructure Assurance

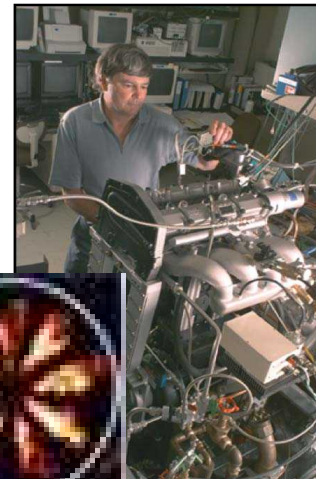
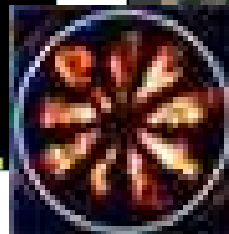
- Secure energy supplies for national security
- Clean, abundant and affordable energy
- Water research
- Infrastructure protection



**Nuclear Energy**



**Solar/Wind Energy**



**Combustion Research**



**Water Desalination**

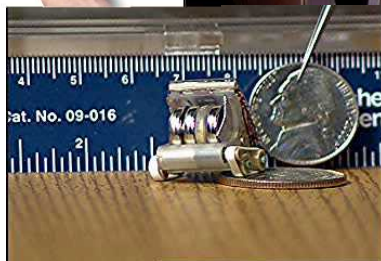
# Homeland Security

- Homeland Defense & Force Protection
- Risk Management & Infrastructure Protection
- Catastrophic Event Mitigation

## Bomb Disablement



## Rad/Chem/Bio Detection & Analysis



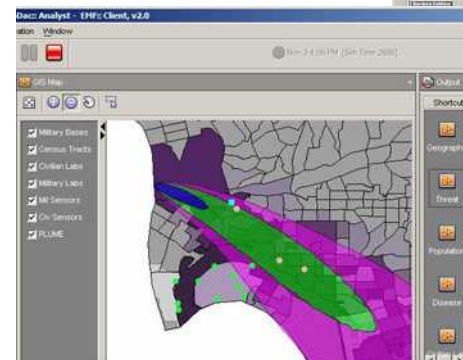
## Chem/Bio Neutralization



## Force Protection



## Threat & Vulnerability Assessments



# *Explosives Detection Portal\**

## Need:

- Rapid scanning of personnel who may be carrying or who may have been handling explosives
- For use at airports, government buildings, sports arenas, etc.

## Technical Approach:

- Walk through system that uses Sandia patented technology to collect and concentrate vapor and particles from air that flows around person.
- Different versions use either a commercial ion mobility spectrometer or a mass spectrometer to identify trace amounts of a variety of explosives.
- Can also be configured to detect illegal drugs



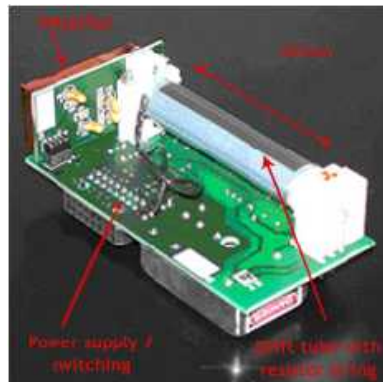
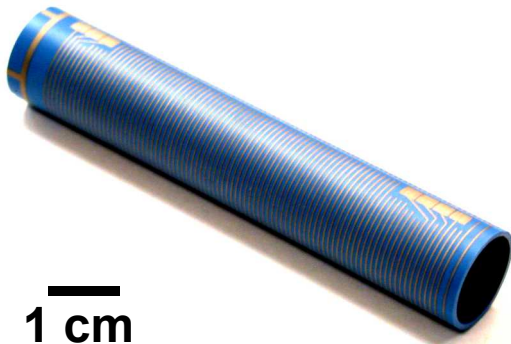
# Miniaturization with Novel Materials Technologies

## Need:

- Low cost handheld unit to screen suspicious packages, vehicles, or even people for traces of explosives, illegal drugs, etc.

## Technical Approach:

- Hound™ – mated Sandia collection/pre-concentration technology to commercial IMS.
- MicroHound™ – developed miniature IMS drift tube using novel materials and processing technologies including LTCC, screen printing, and LIGA.
- Detect explosives, drugs, & chem/bio weapon agents



Hound™



MicroHound™

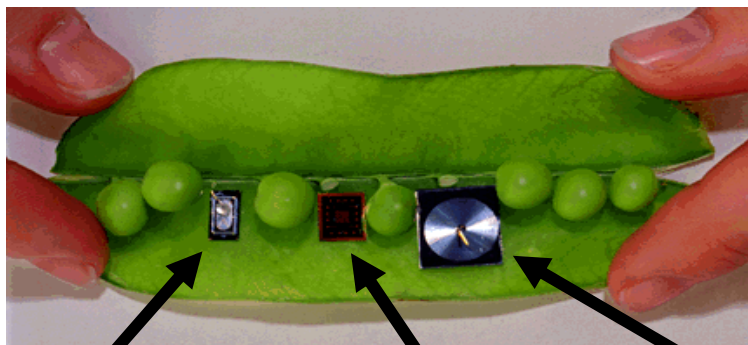


## Need:

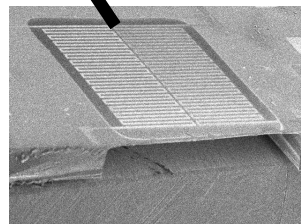
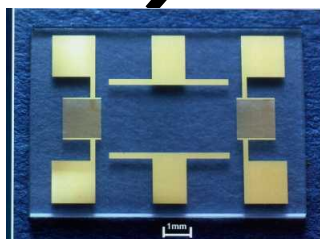
- Small, inexpensive, handheld analyzer for military, first responders, and other applications.

## Technical Approach:

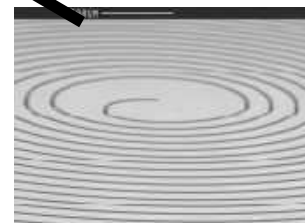
- Use surface micromachining to create Micro Electro Mechanical System (MEMS).
- Use Gas Chromatography (GC) column together with selective-surface sensors instead of IMS.



**Chemically-Selective  
Detectors  
(SAW sensor)**

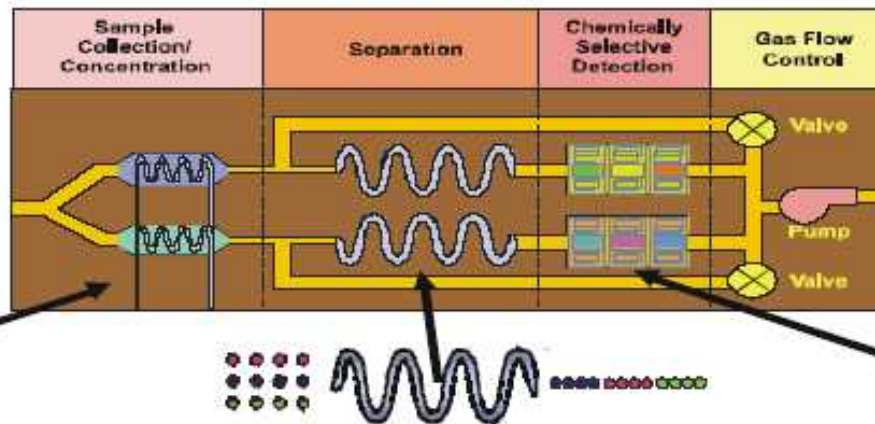


**Preconcentrator**

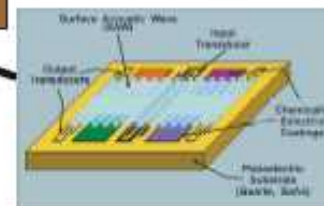


**~1 Meter Gas  
Chromatograph  
Column**

# $\mu$ ChemLab™ Schematic/Components



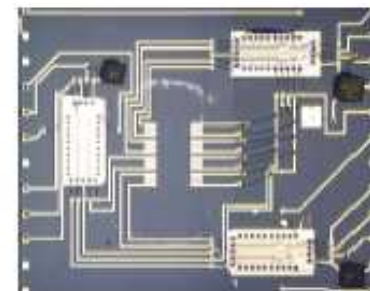
Gas Chromatograph separates species in time



Preconcentrator accumulates species of interest



Acoustic Sensors provide sensitive detection

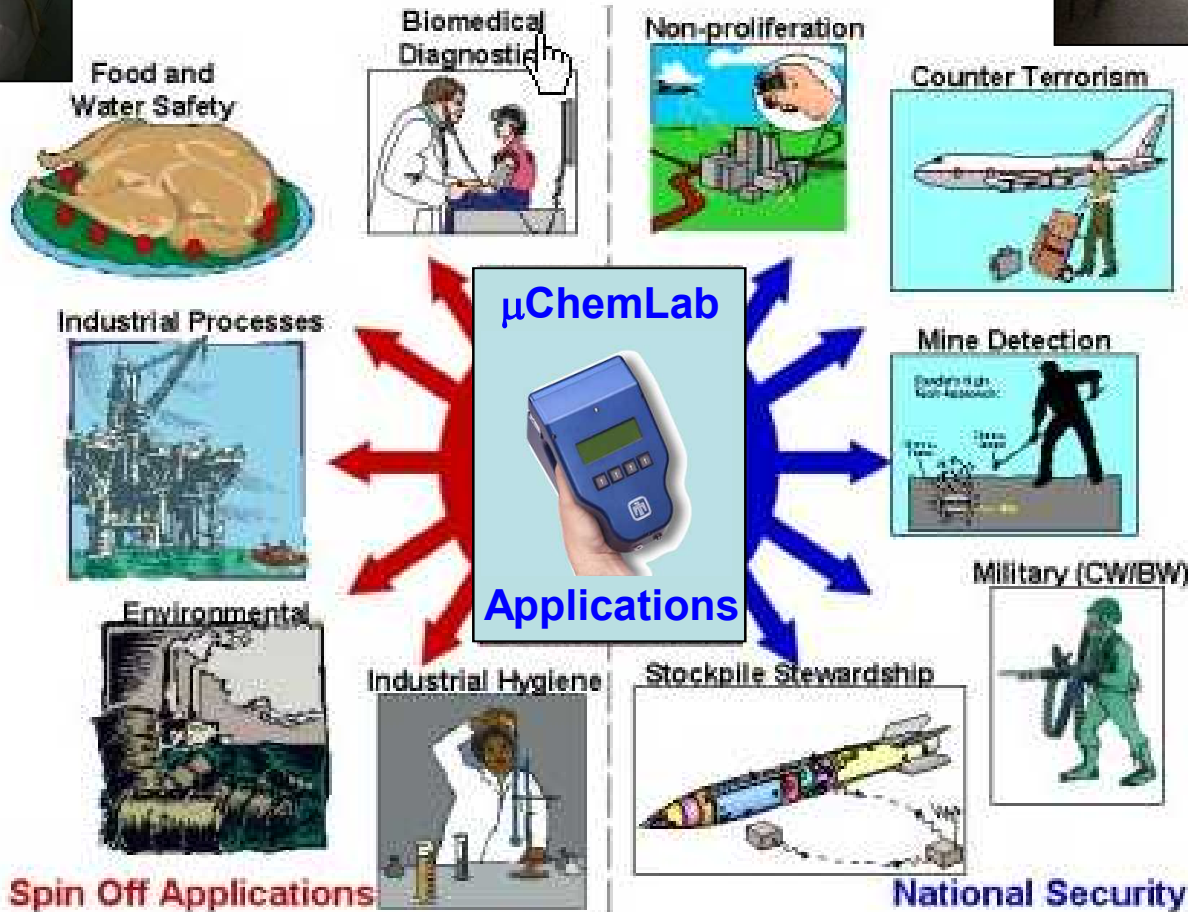


# Many Current & Potential Applications



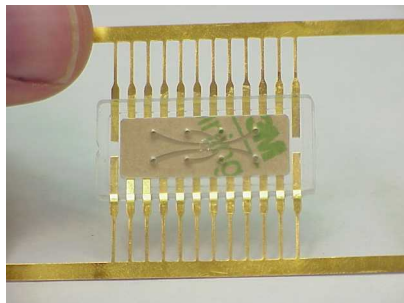
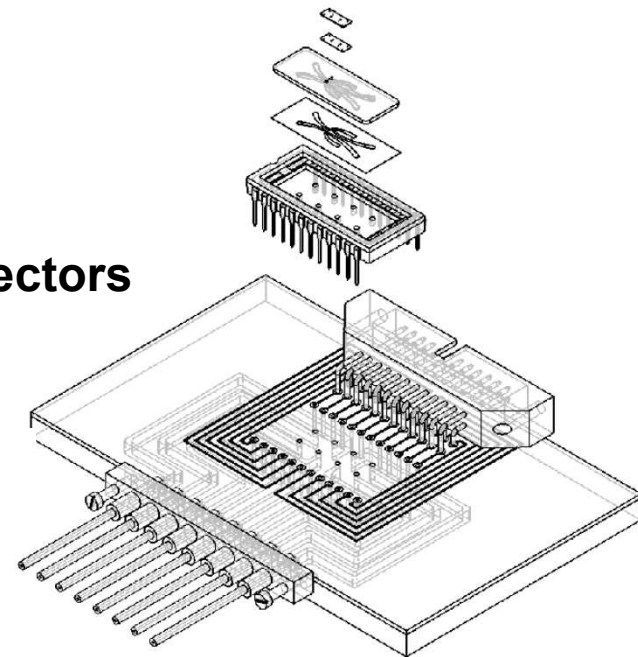
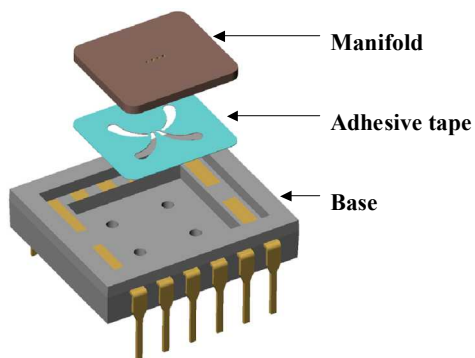
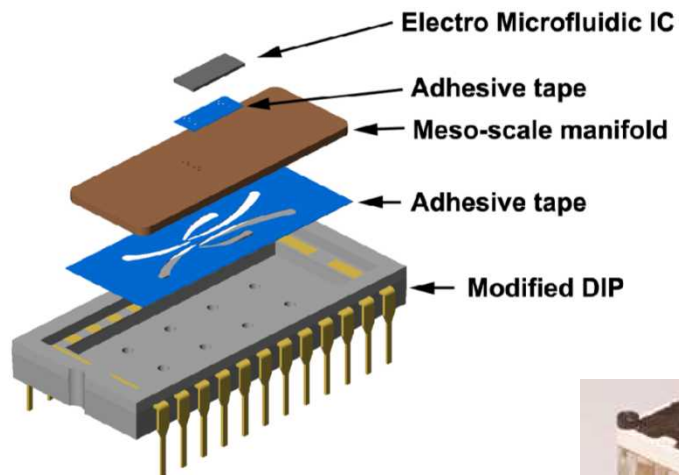
**NOAA Project to Detect Toxins in Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)**

**Monitoring Subway Stations**

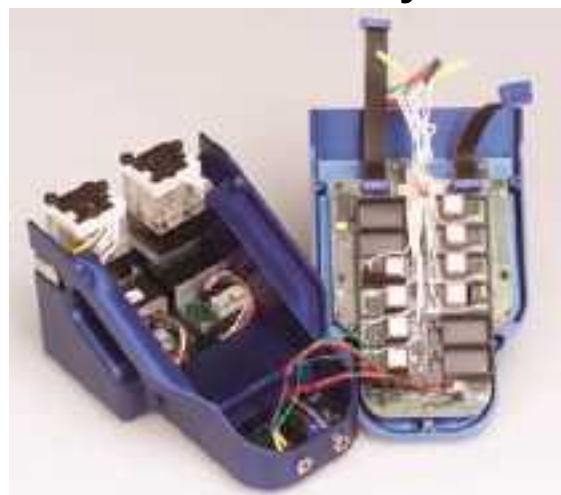


# *Electro-Microfluidic Devices*

- Device and board level packages
- Standard interface
- Chemical sensors, biological sensors, drop ejectors

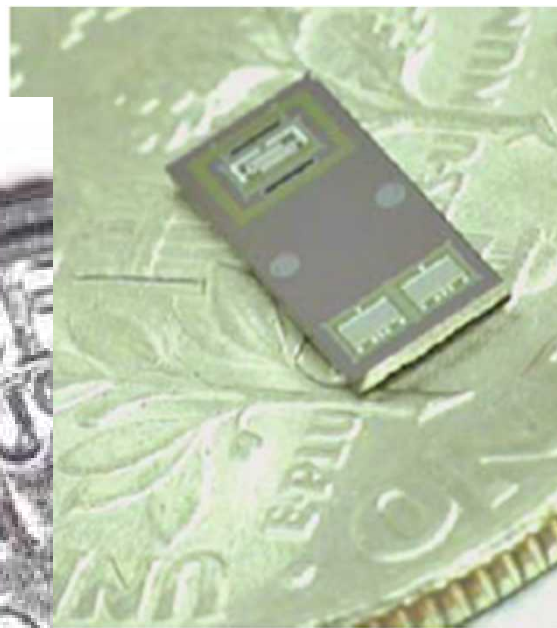
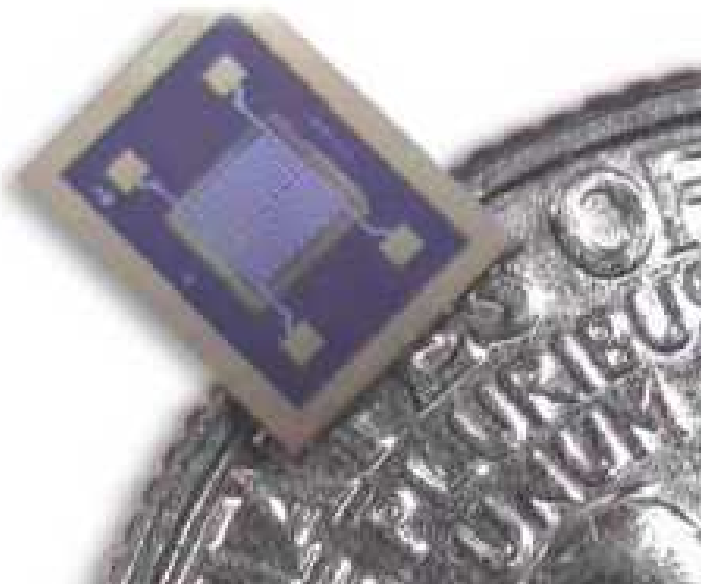


**Liquid Phase  $\mu$ ChemLab<sup>TM</sup>  
for Fluid Analysis**



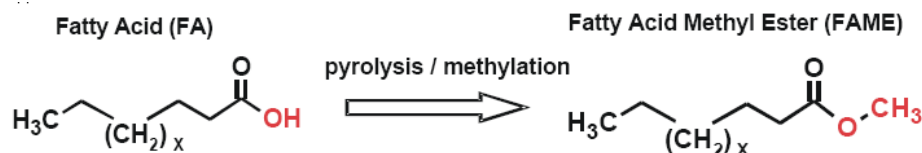
# Further $\mu$ ChemLab™ Refinements In-Progress

**Micropyrolyzer atop a dime**



**Monolithic all-Si  
 $\mu$ ChemLab™ with  
Preconcentrator,  
GC column & Pivot  
Plate Resonator  
detectors on a  
dime**

**used for Fatty Acid Methyl Esther (FAME)  
identification of micro-organisms  
(bacteria, anthrax, other pathogens)**

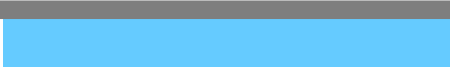


**Full-up Monolithic Analysis  
System on a Sandia Micro-robot**



# Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

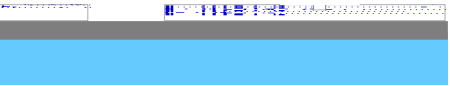
**Deposit Ground Plane Layer**



**Deposit Sacrificial Oxide**



**Pattern Sacrificial Oxide**



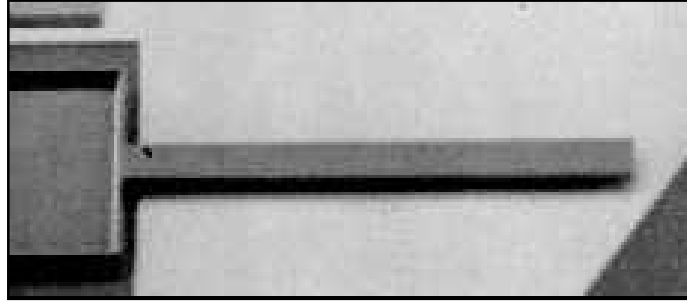
**Deposit Poly-Si Layer**



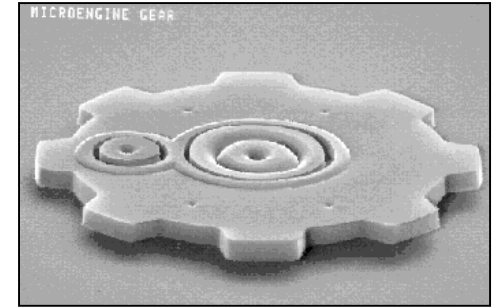
**Remove Sacrificial Oxide to Release**



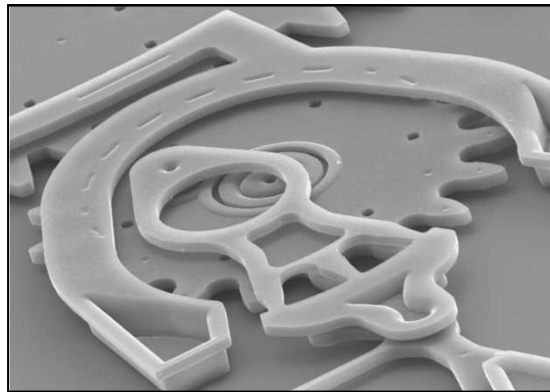
**2 levels**



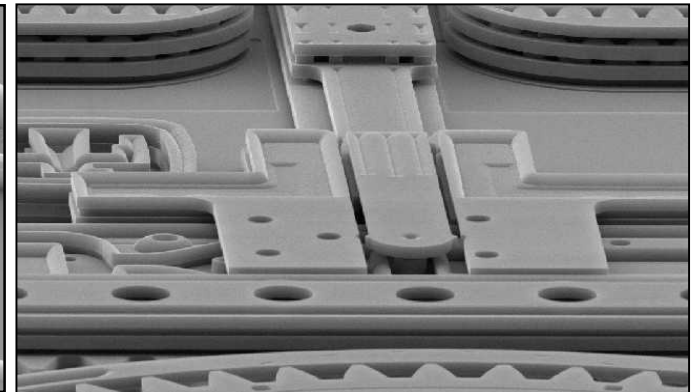
**3 levels**



**4 levels**



**5 levels**

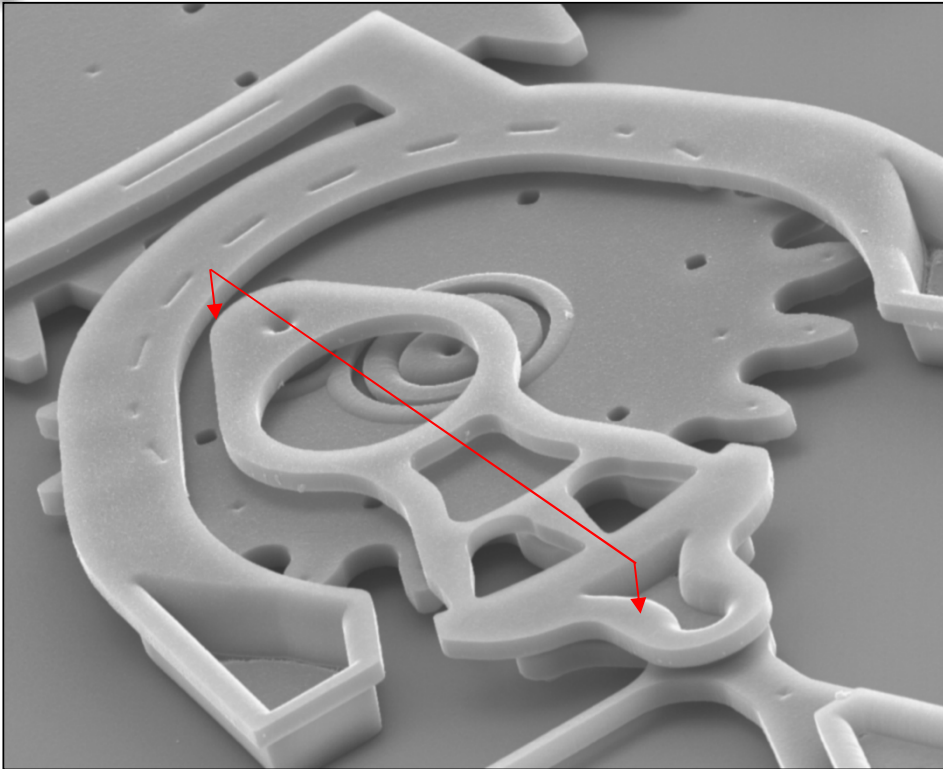




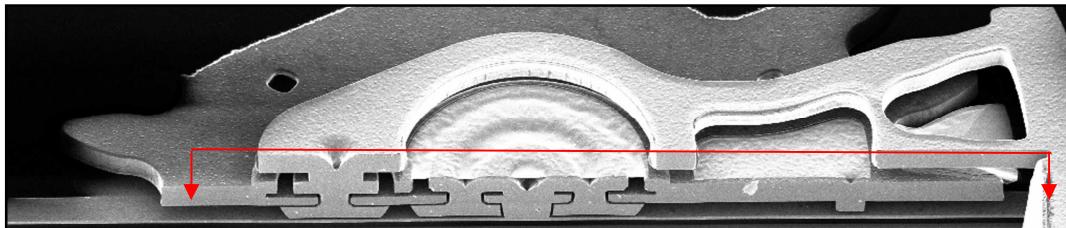
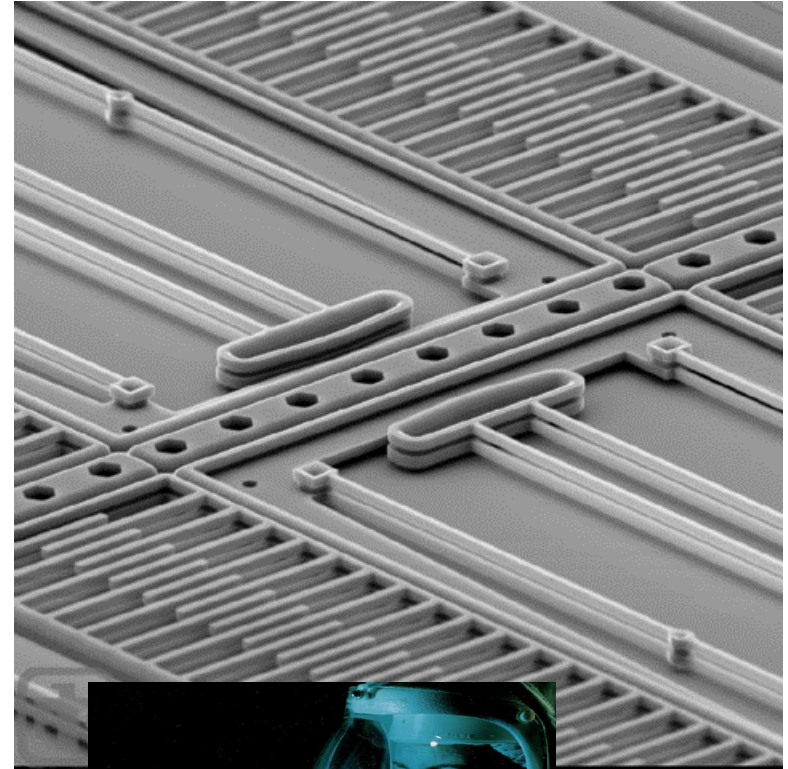
# *SUMMiT™ Process*

*(Sandia Ultra-planar Multi-level MEMS Technology)*

Gear Assembly



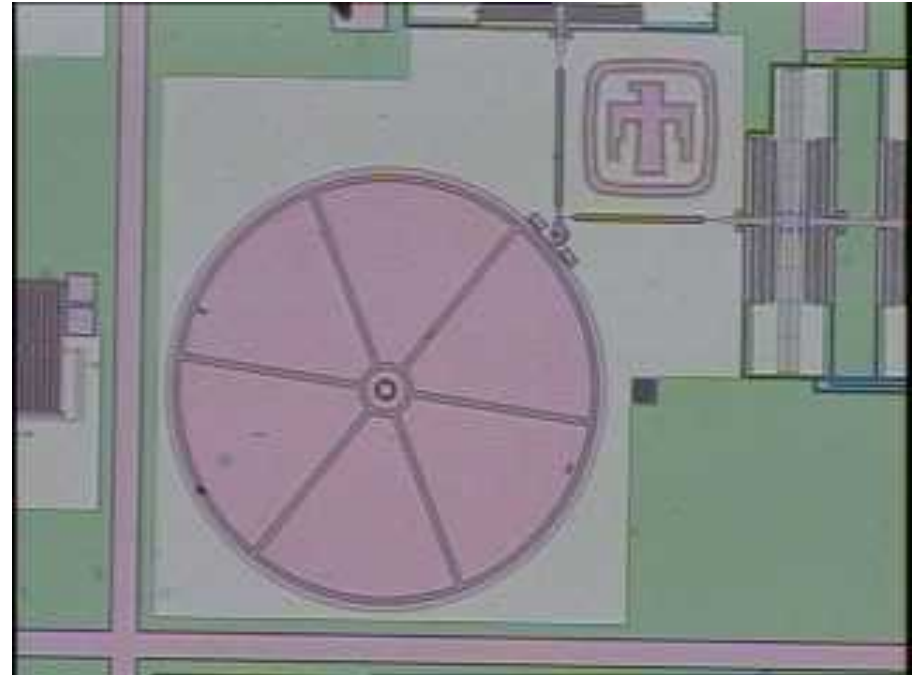
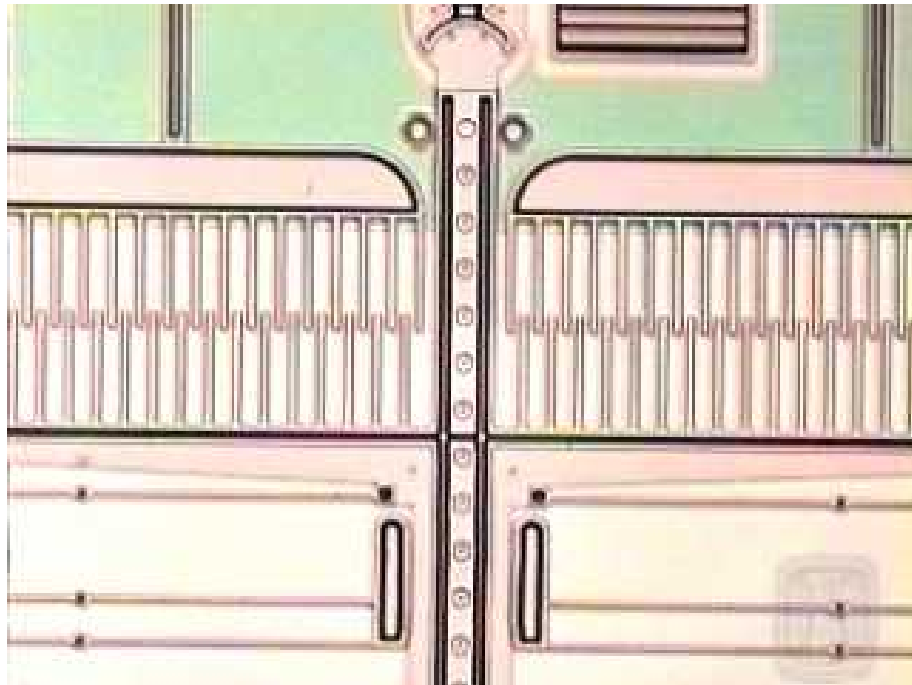
Comb Drive



*There is no piece part assembly!*



# *MEMS Drives in Action*



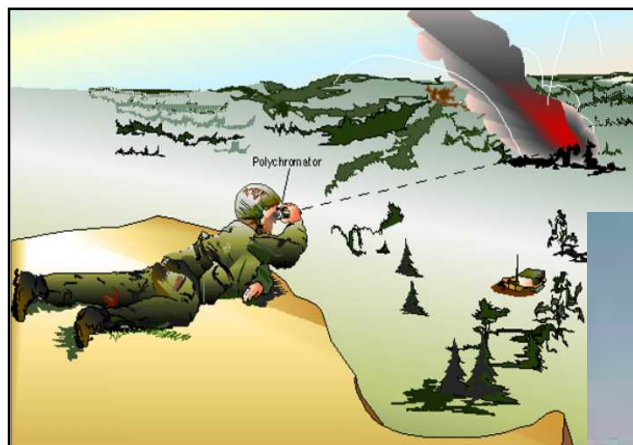
# Remote Chemical Analysis

## Need:

- *Remote and rapid field analysis* of unknown chemical species
- Useful for war fighters, first responders, fire fighters, env. monitoring, ...

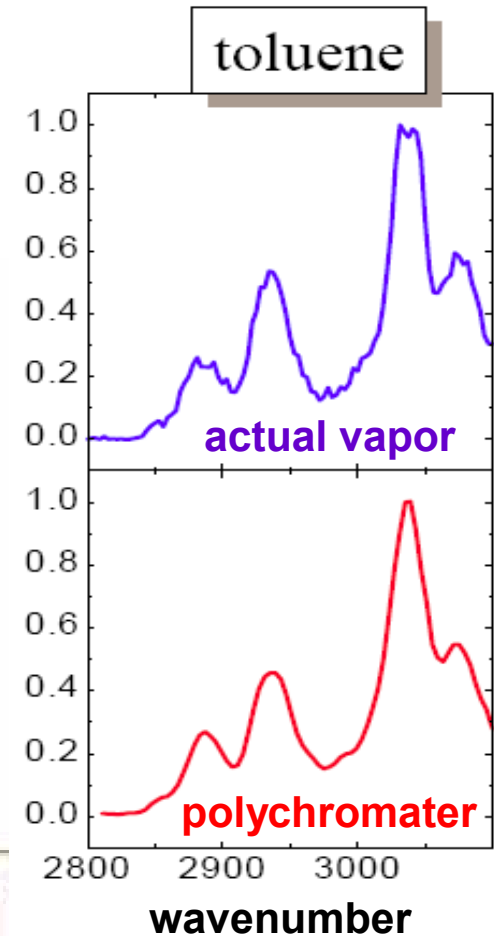
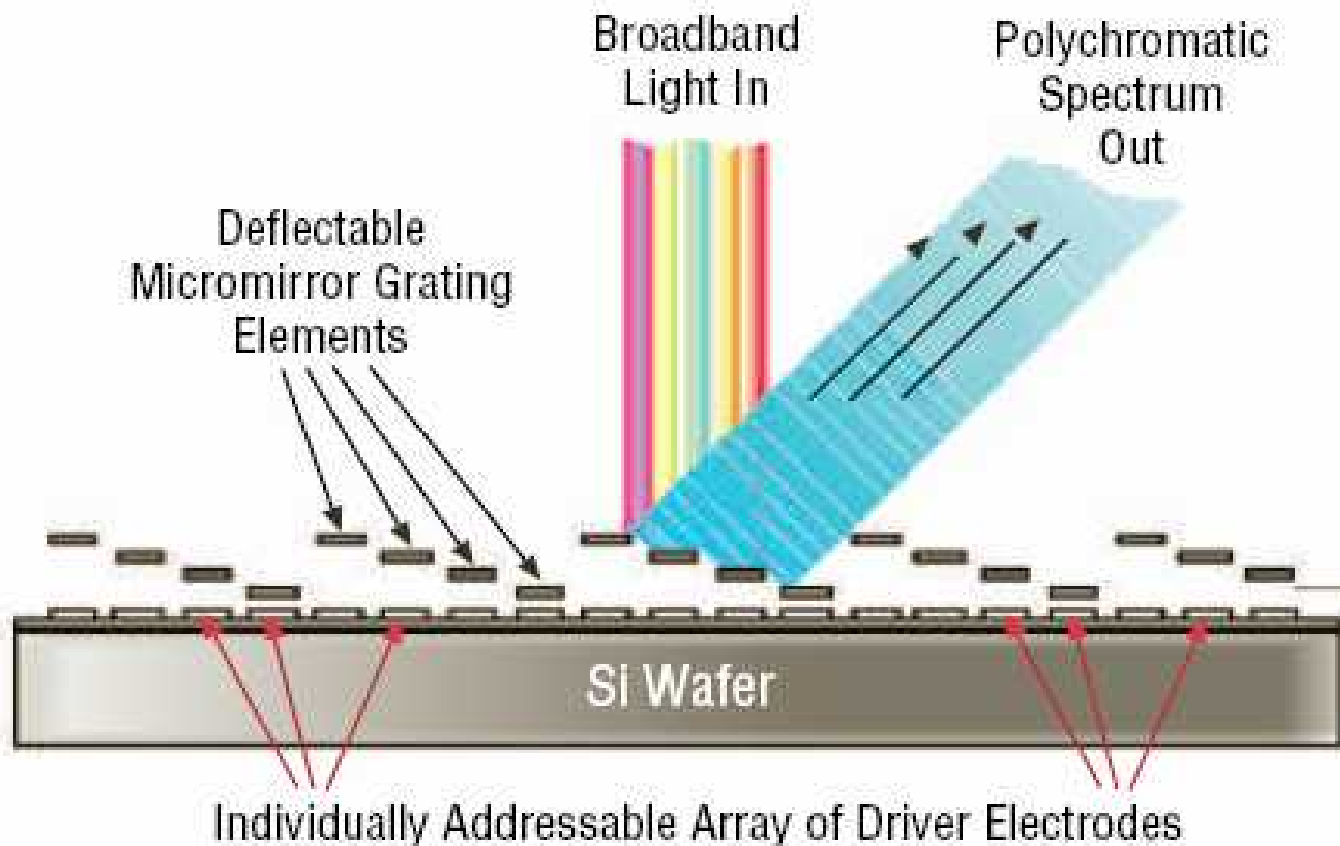
## Technical Approach:

- MEMS programmable optical diffraction grating replaces the reference cell in a correlation IR spectrometer
- MEMS grating creates synthetic polychromatic reference spectra of target species, providing high selectivity & sensitivity

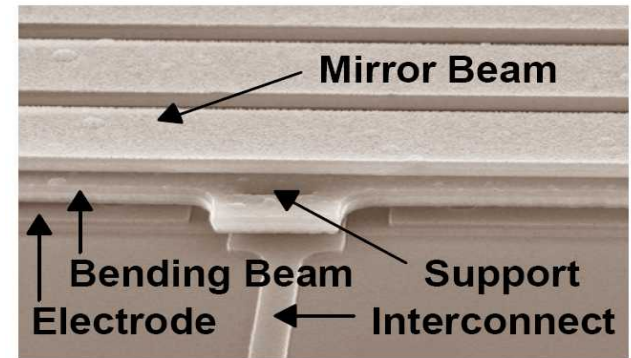
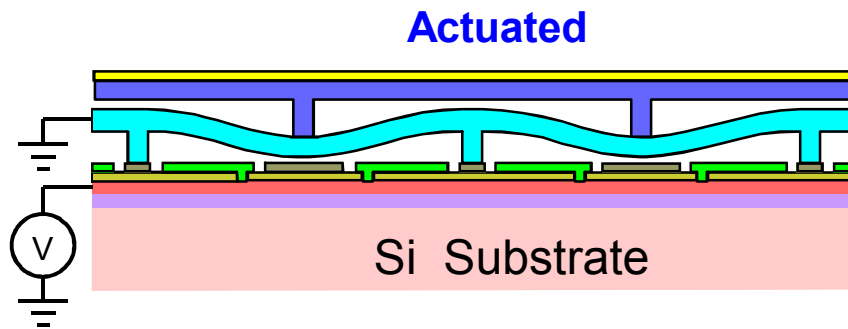
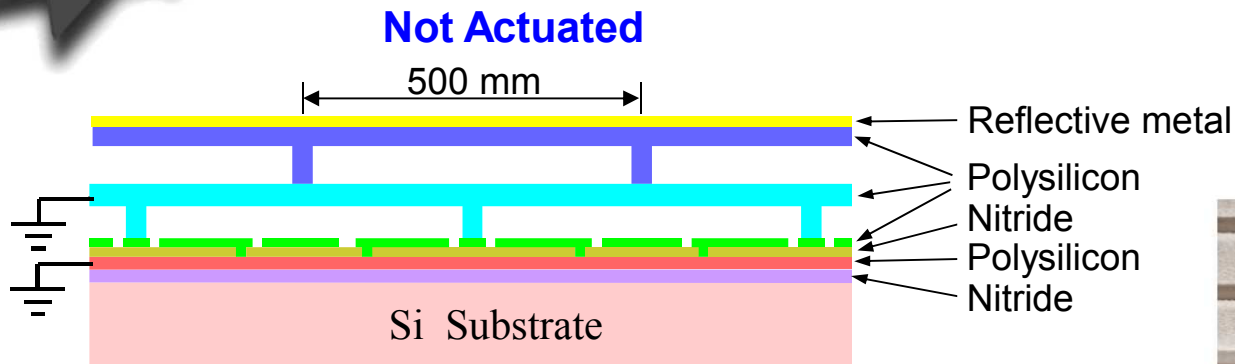


# *MEMS Polychromator*

*(Sandia/MIT/Honeywell/DARPA)*

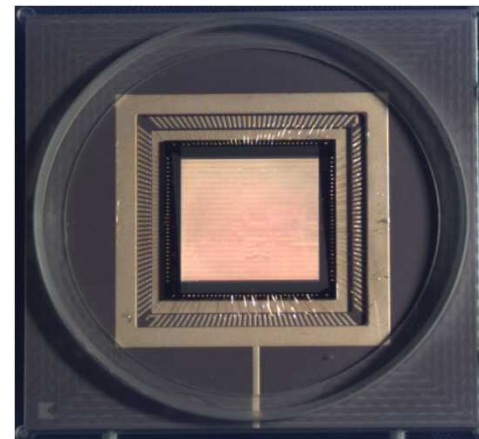


# Actuation Principle: Leveraged Bending



*Fabricated at Honeywell*

- Overall size: 1 cm by 1 cm
- Micromirror length: 1 cm
- Micromirror width: 10  $\mu\text{m}$
- Vertical travel: 2  $\mu\text{m}$

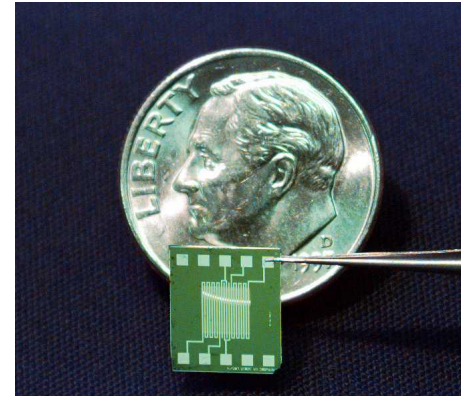


**1024 Grating Element  
Polychromator Array**

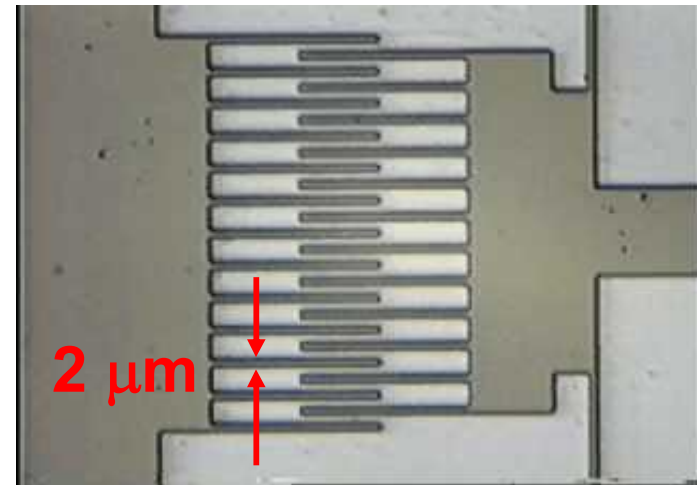
# *Amorphous Diamond (aD): Enables High Performance MEMS and Sensors*

## Stress-Free aD

- Deposited by pulsed laser deposition
- Room temperature growth
- Stress state can be tailored
- Hard, wear resistant
- Water-repelling (prevents stiction)
- High strength (enables thin membranes)
- Chemically resistant (can operate in harsh environments)
- Biocompatible (enables bio-sensors and bio-MEMS)
- Compatible with conventional lithographic processing



aD Flexural Plate Wave Sensor  
(environmental, chemical and biological sensing)



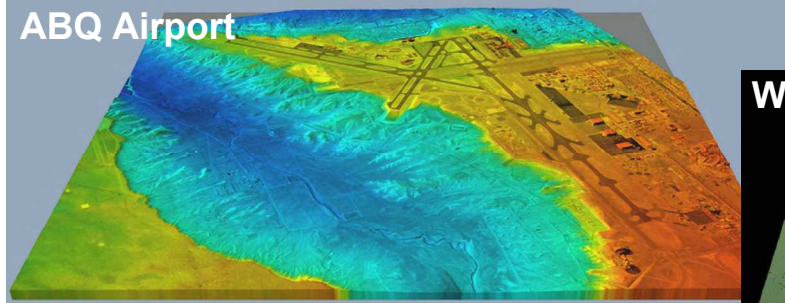
First demonstration of an aD MEMS device

# Ultra Hi-Res Imaging with Synthetic Aperture Radar

Predator UAV

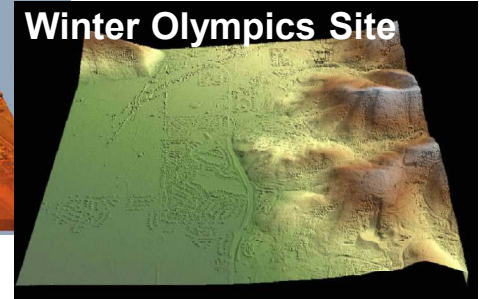


ABQ Airport

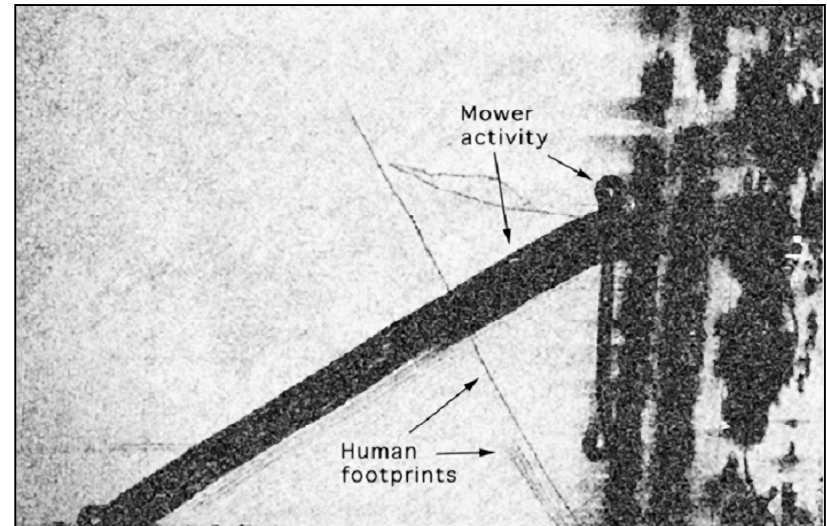
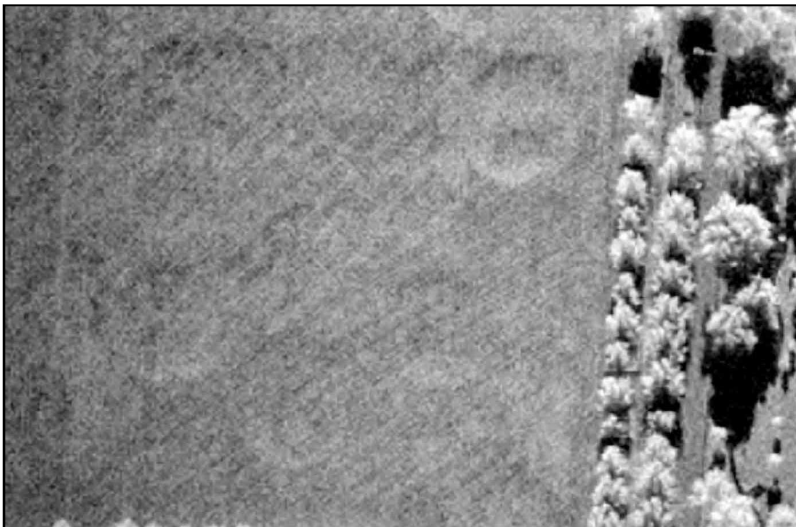


Rapid Terrain  
Visualization

Winter Olympics Site



- Provides hi-res photographic-like images through clouds, rain, and fog during the day or at night up to 50 miles away.
- New Mini-SAR relies heavily upon RF MEMS and solid state GaN power supplies.



Coherent Change Detection

# 3-D Direct Write Conformal Electronics

## Possible Applications:

- Global Positioning System
- 2-Way RF Communication
- Remote Weapon Control
- Sensor array

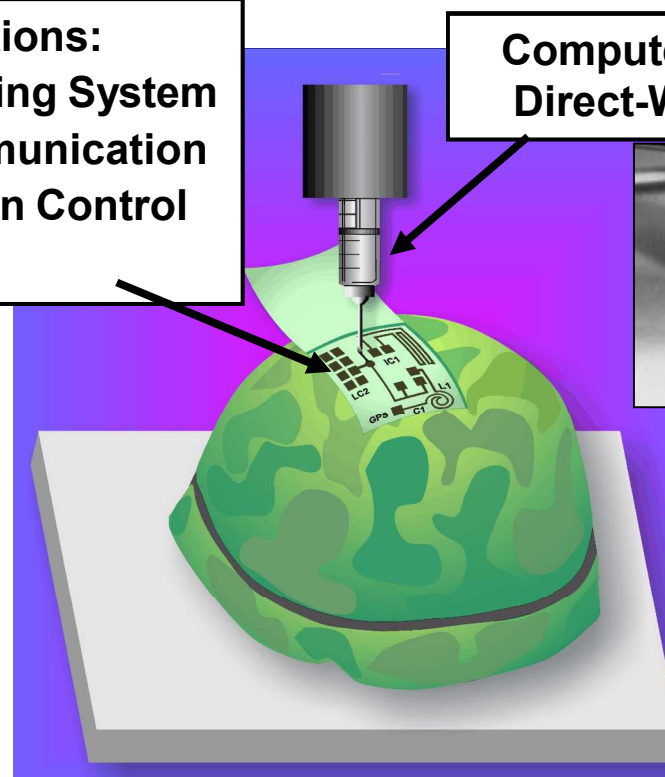
## Computer Controlled Direct-Write System



## Aerogels -- the world's lightest solid!

- Combination of low density ( $\leq 5\%$ ) and small cell size ( $< 20$  nm) confer unique properties to aerogels.
- Aerogels have 3x lower thermal conductivity than ceramic fiber insulation

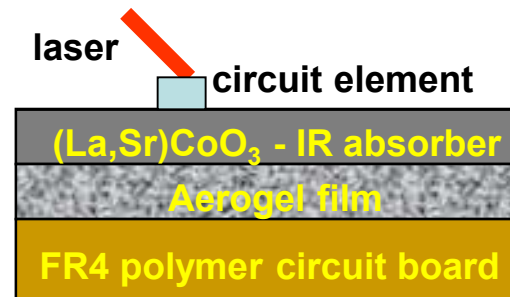
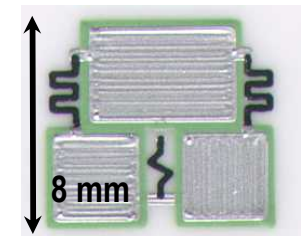
Aerogel insulation & rapid thermal processing  
used to reduce thermal impact on substrate -  
⇒ processing reduced from min to sec



## Transformer



## RF filter



# *Chemical and Biological Remediation*

## Need:

- Quickly, safely, economically decontaminate areas containing chem/bio hazards.
- Safely neutralize legacy chemical weapons in an environmentally friendly manner.

## Technical Approach:

- Surfactant/oxidizer decontamination foam that is effective, safe, & inexpensive.
- Use shape charges to open munition inside a special containment vessel, then render hazardous agent harmless with caustic chemicals inside the vessel.

Decon  
Foam



- Effective against all typical chem/bio hazards
- Non-toxic, non-corrosive foam, fog, or mist.
- Successfully neutralize anthrax in Congressional office bldgs & commercial bldgs. in NY.
- Commercially licensed, used by US military.

Explosive  
Destruction  
System (EDS)



- Designed for WWI/WWII vintage CW materiel.
- Portable system obviates need to transport potentially unsafe legacy weapons.
- >100 legacy weapons neutralized to-date.
- Possibly >100 buried munition sites in US.

# *Bomb Disablement*

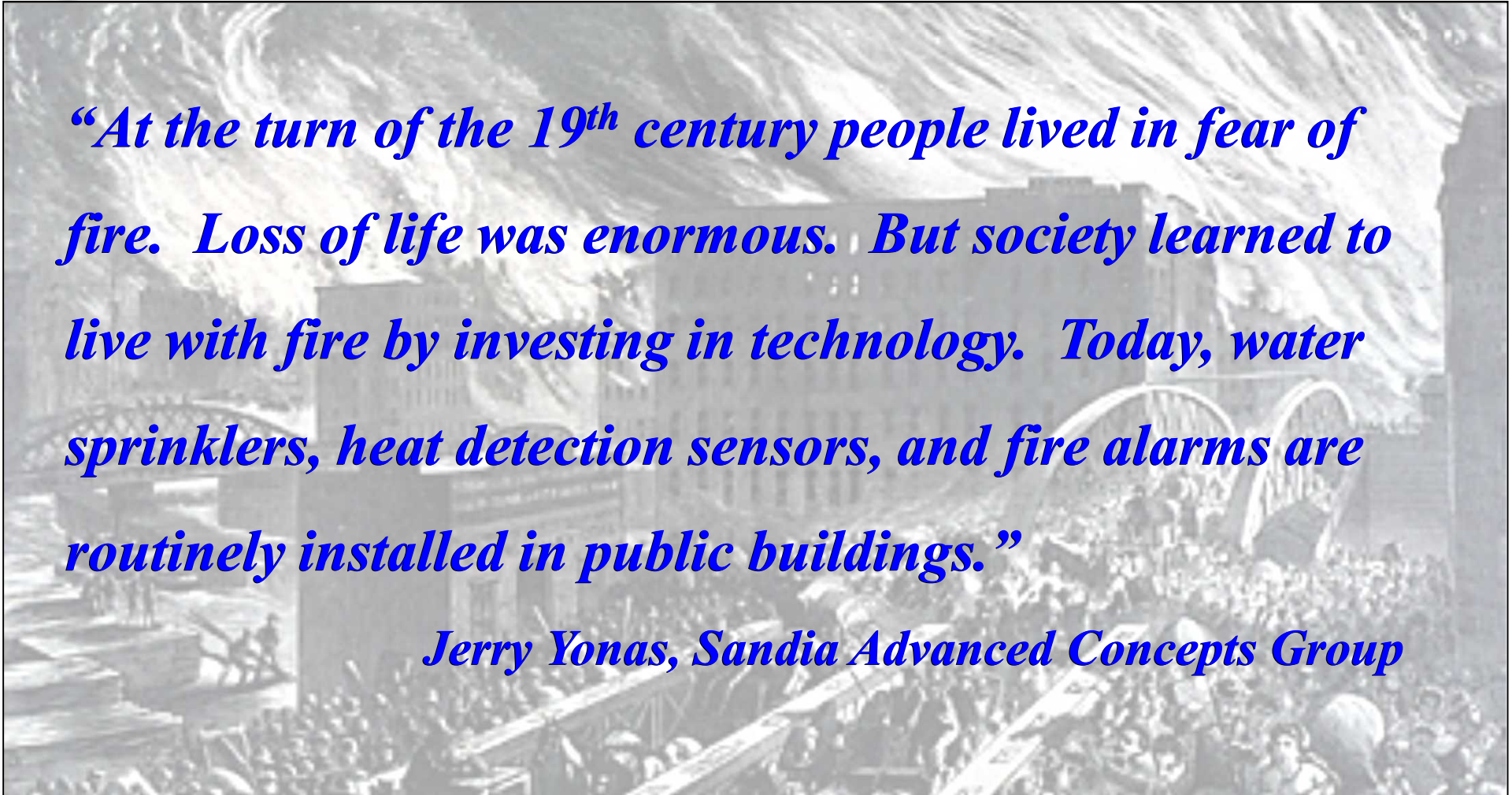
**Sandia PAN Disruptor was used to disable Unabomber and Shoe Bomber devices.**



- Safe, non-explosive disablement saves lives and preserves critical evidence.
- Since 1994 Sandia has held an ongoing series of regional bomb disposal workshops.
- PAN commercially licensed in 1995.
- Sandia PAN Disruptor is now the primary bomb disablement tool for bomb squads across US.



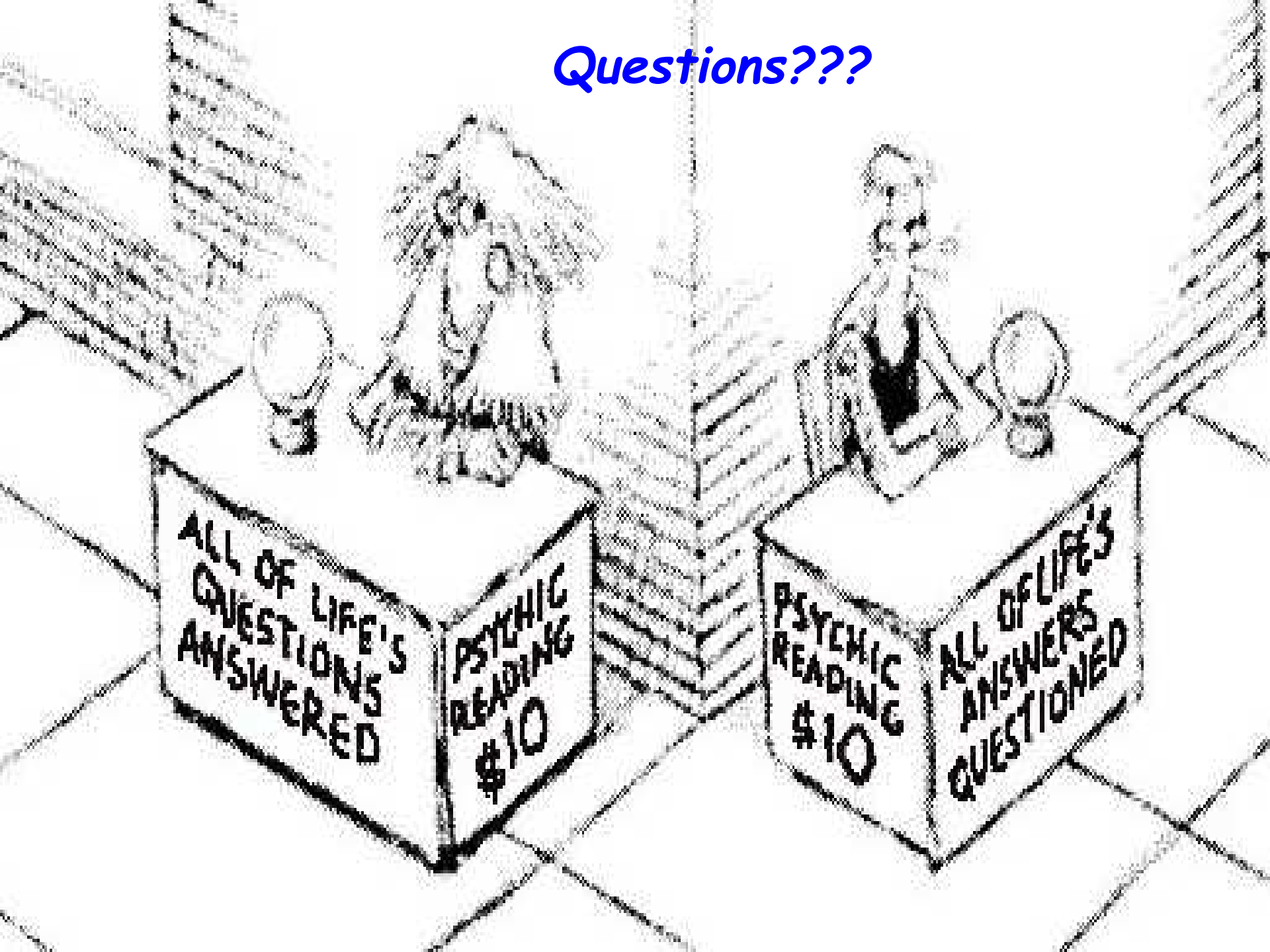
# *Fear of Fire*



*“At the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century people lived in fear of fire. Loss of life was enormous. But society learned to live with fire by investing in technology. Today, water sprinklers, heat detection sensors, and fire alarms are routinely installed in public buildings.”*

*Jerry Yonas, Sandia Advanced Concepts Group*

*Questions???*





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