THz Radar Imaging (Caltech/JPL)

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Program: Navy Explosive Ordinance Division Phase 2 (through June 2010).

Purpose: Develop THz imaging radar for remote undergarment screening at 4-25m

Underlying Technology: Solid state broad band swept frequency THz heterodyne sensor/source technology & FMCW radar

State-of-the-Art: Passive THz systems being ³ developed under DARPA. This is the first active 3D radar system to be prototyped & tested

Major Accomplishments to date:

Prototyped complete 550-650 GHz instrument
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with 30 GHz FMCW sweep and scanned
single pixel imaging and ranging
Resolution <2cm in 3D, 1msec/pixel
Complete pixel-by-pixel display in real time
Much new phenomenology uncovered leading
to expanded applications & sponsors





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Images from 600 GHz FMCW radar system using different reconstruction algorithms. Resolution is 1x1x1 cm on target at 4m.