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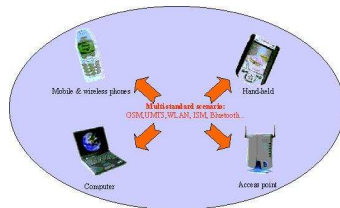
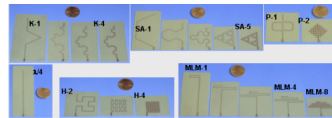
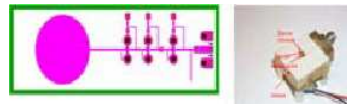
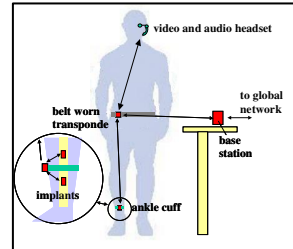
Why ACE?

Problems to be solved

- No European antenna community
- Cooperation industry – university too weak
- Research not always relevant
- Too much duplication
- Little reuse of software and test facilities
- Little cooperation in PhD education
- Weak dissemination

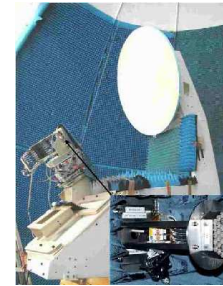
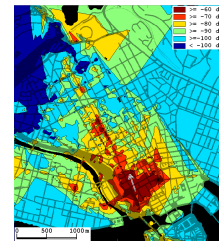
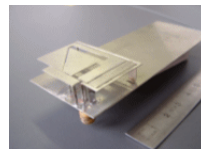
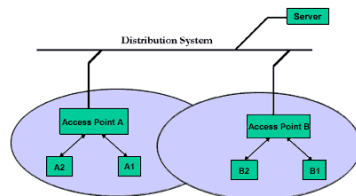
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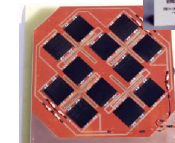
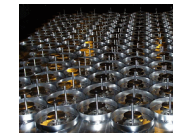
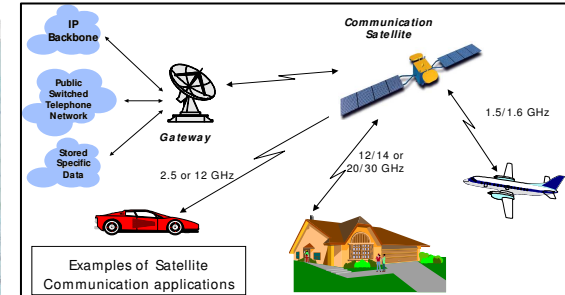


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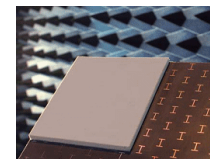
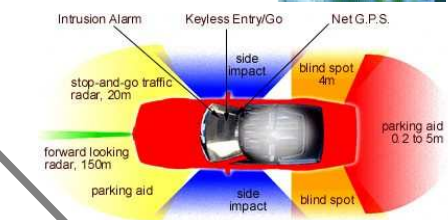


ACE for GAN
via Satellites



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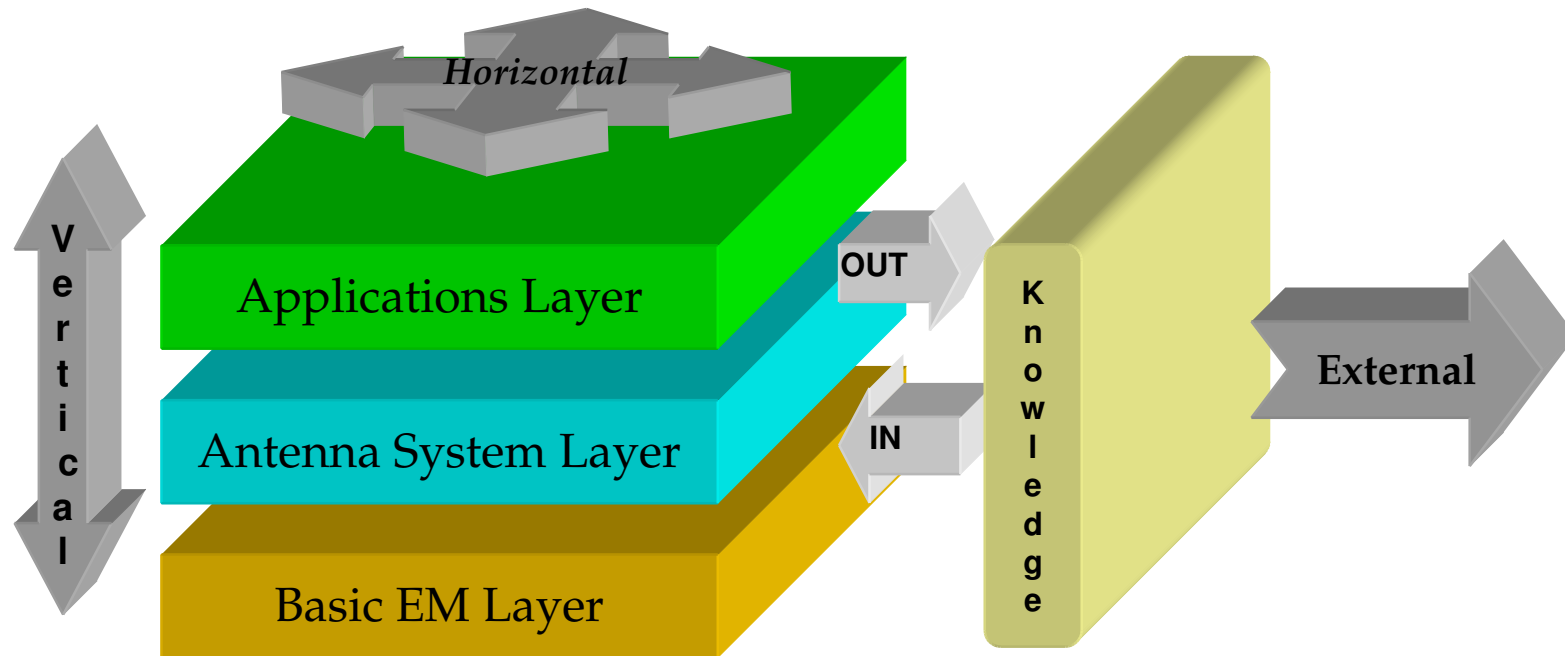


Size

- ACE has a duration of 2+2 years and started 1 January 2004
- ACE has 5400 + 5100 kEURO
- ACE has 51 participants from 17 countries
- ACE involves 323 researchers and 130 PhD students



Activities





Cooperation with wireless applications

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The aim was to increase the relevance of the research through information through

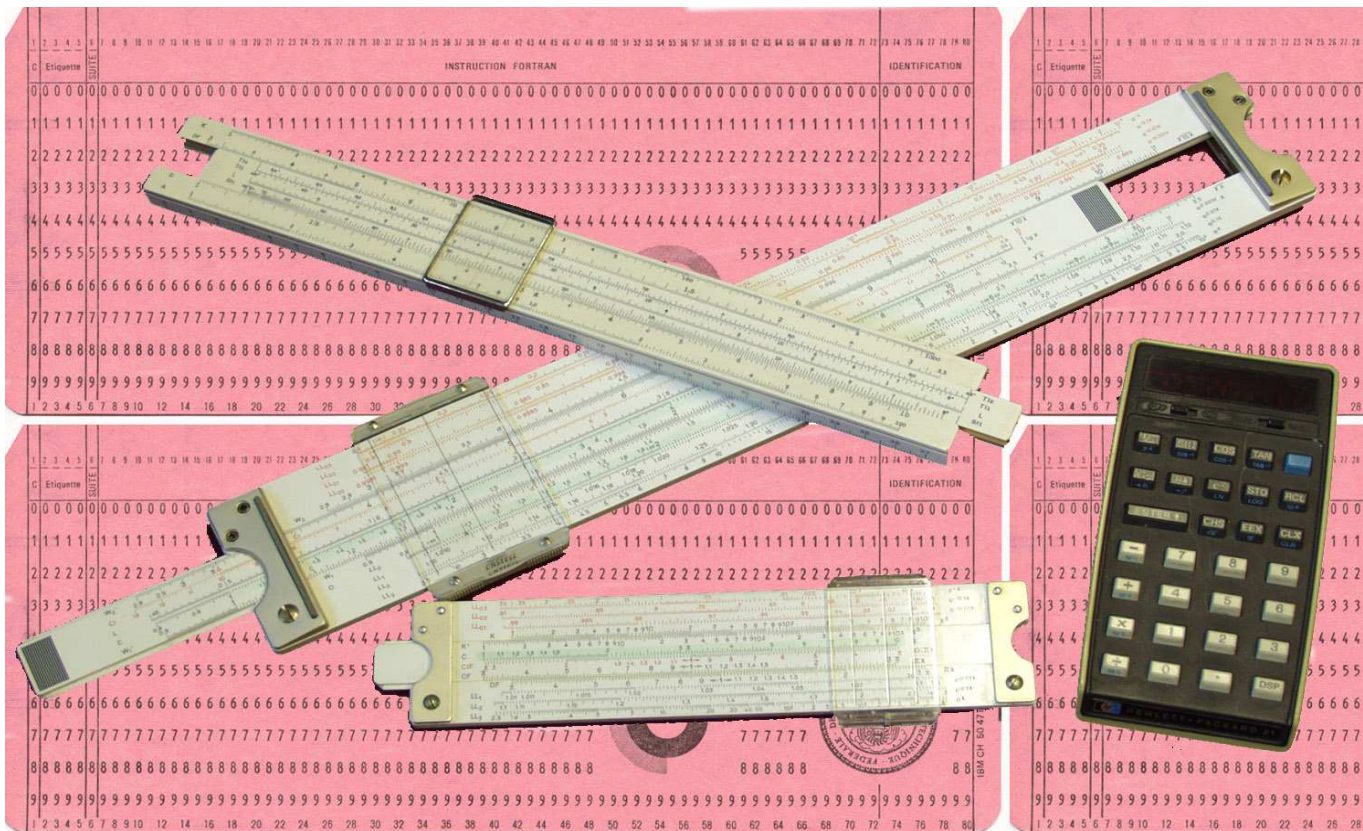
- Dedicated meetings with users, manufacturers and agencies
- Literature and conferences



Antenna software initiative

Guy Vandebosch, Raphaël Gillard

Much has happened the last 30 years...



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Antenna software initiative

- General-purpose solvers are not sufficient
- Many special solvers are developed, but they are
 - not documented
 - not evaluated
 - not available
 - hard to combine



Antenna software initiative

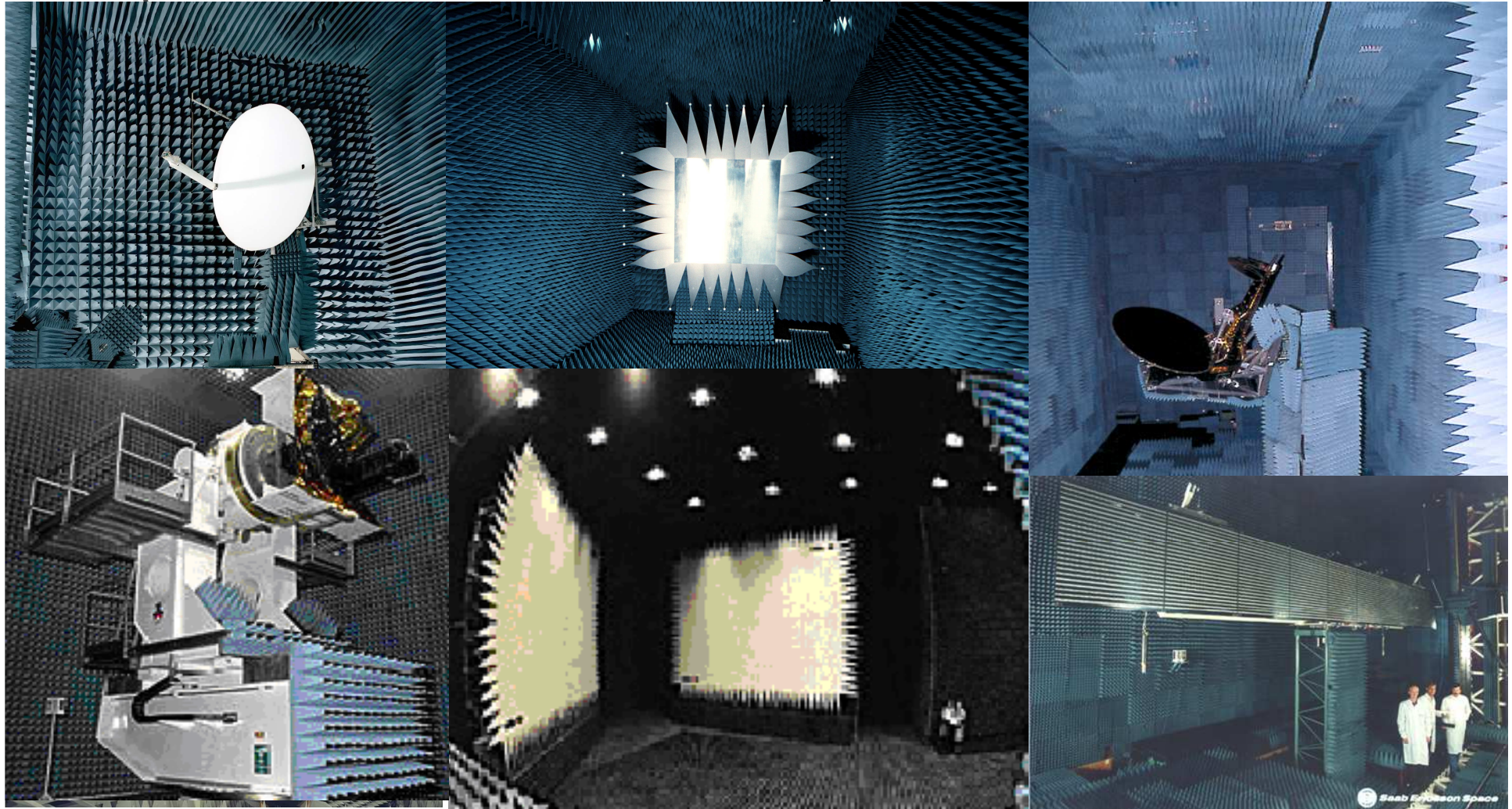
Accomplishments:

- Inventory of software
- Benchmarking
- Integration of selected software
- Standardization of data files and interfaces (EDI)



Antenna measurement techniques

Olav Breinbjerg

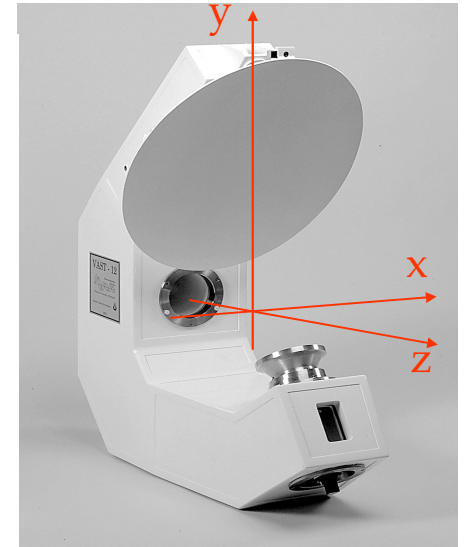
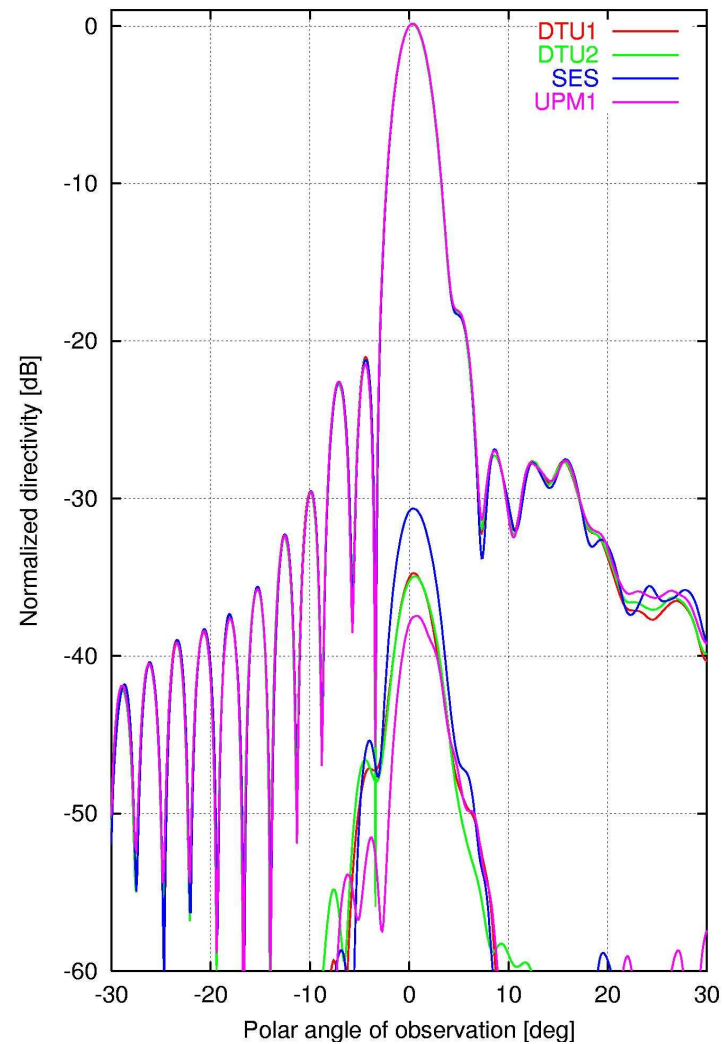
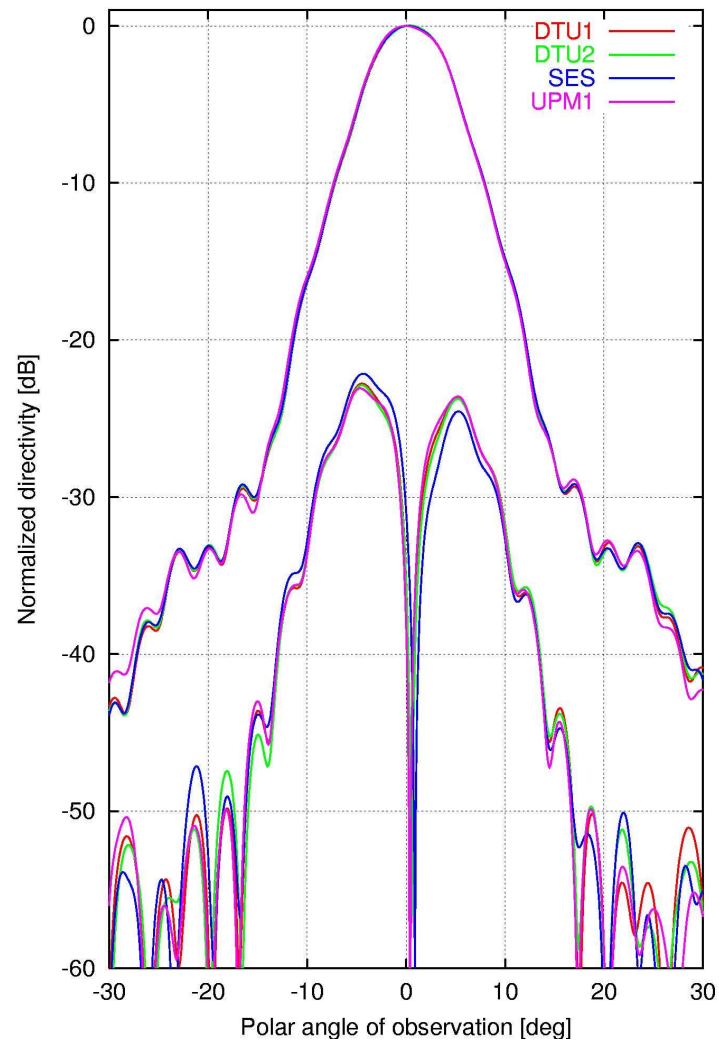


Test ranges at ESA and Saab Space

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Antenna measurement techniques



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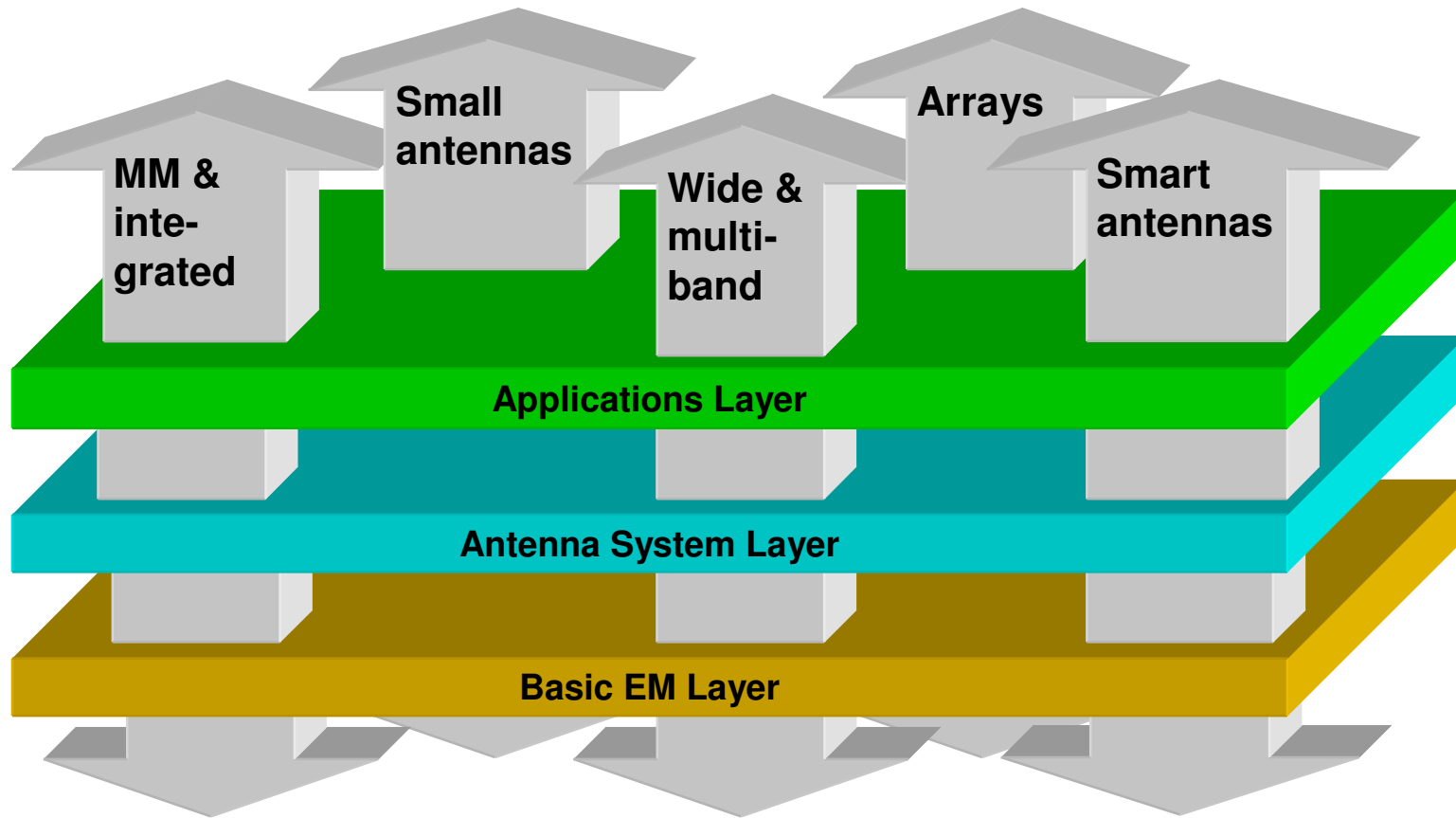
Antenna measurement techniques

Accomplishments:

- Test ranges mapped/known, benchmarked and available
- Procedures are compared and standardized
- Benchmarking antennas are available, both simple “do-it –yourself”, and advanced for sending around



Activities

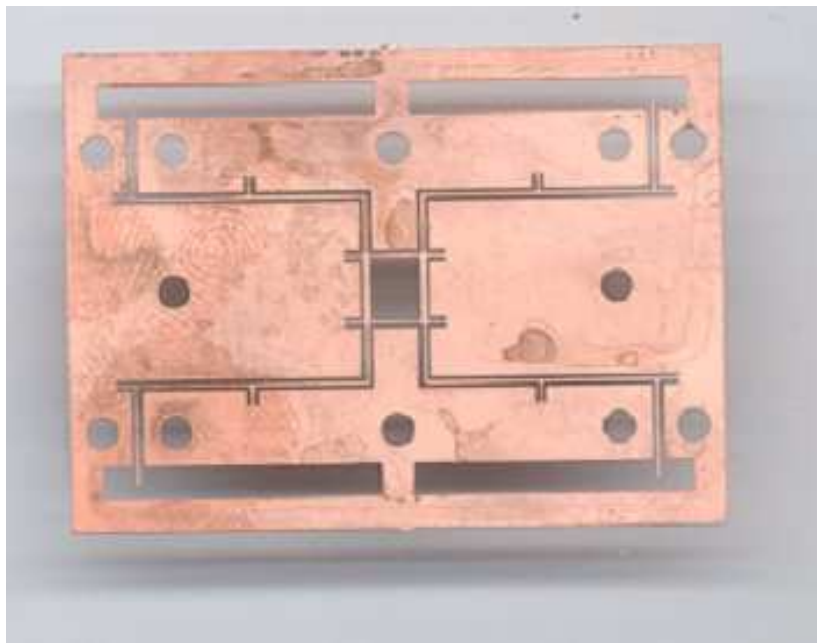




Millimetric/integrated antennas

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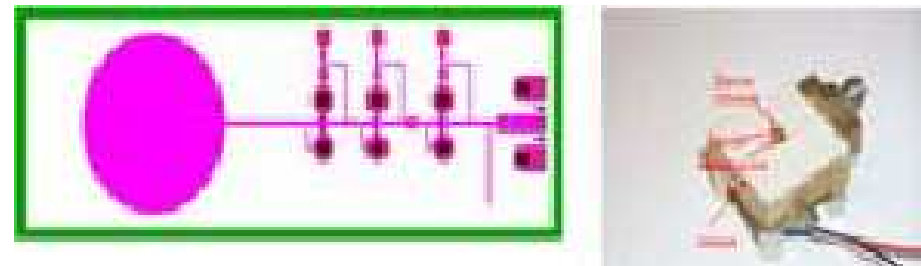
MILLIMETRIC ANTENNAS



*Micromachined couplers
(U. Birmingham)*

INTEGRATED ANTENNAS

Amplifiers, MEMS...



*Active integrated antenna
(University of Rennes)*

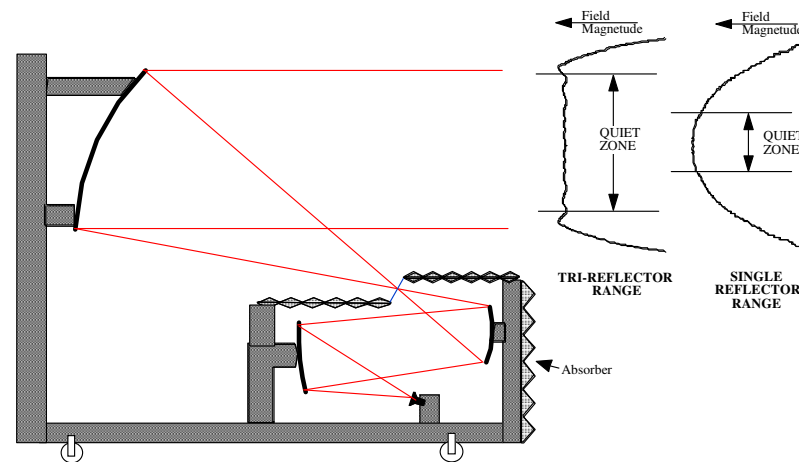
a||e Millimetric/integrated antennas

TECHNOLOGIES: Review, delta research

DESIGN: Assess, select and benchmark

MANUFACTURING: Manufacture and evaluate

TEST: Assess, test and evaluate



300 GHz tri-reflector (Queen Mary)

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Millimetric/integrated antennas

Accomplishments:

- A unique multidisciplinary knowledge on all aspects of mm-wave and integrated antennas: Concepts, design tools, manufacturing, testing
- MEMS integration (cooperation with AMICOM)

This is the future for all high data rate communication, car radars...



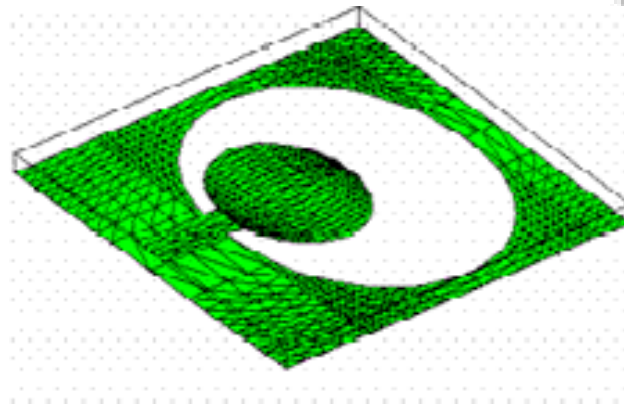
Small antennas

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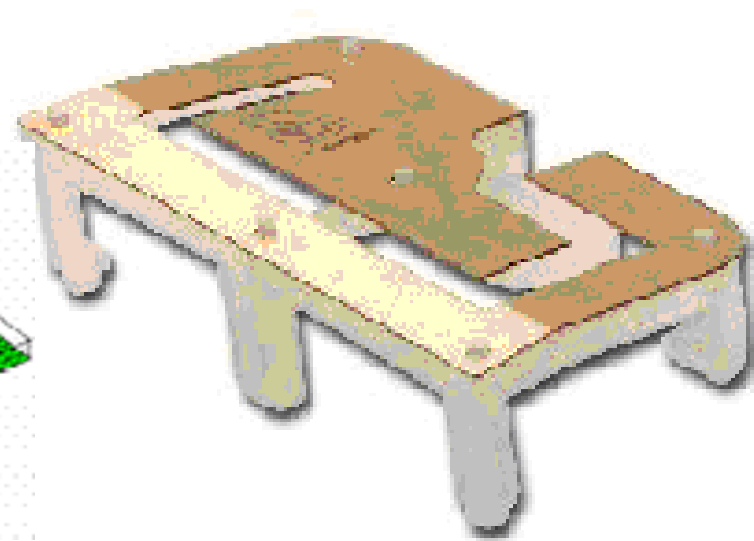
SMALL ANTENNAS



Cochlear implant for hearing aids



UWB antenna



Planar integrated antenna for mobile-phone (IMST)



Small antennas

TEST FACILITY BENCHMARKING



Test fixture for antenna test benchmarking (Chalmers University of Technology)

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Small antennas

Accomplishments:

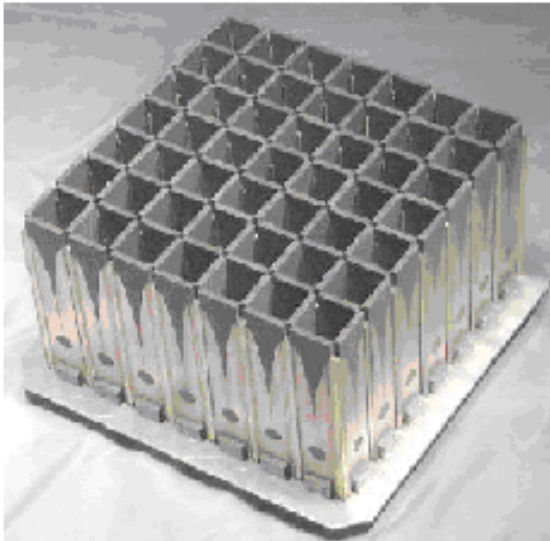
- Increased industry-university cooperation
- Better understanding of the fundamentals of small antennas
- New knowledge and designs for UWB and multifrequency antennas



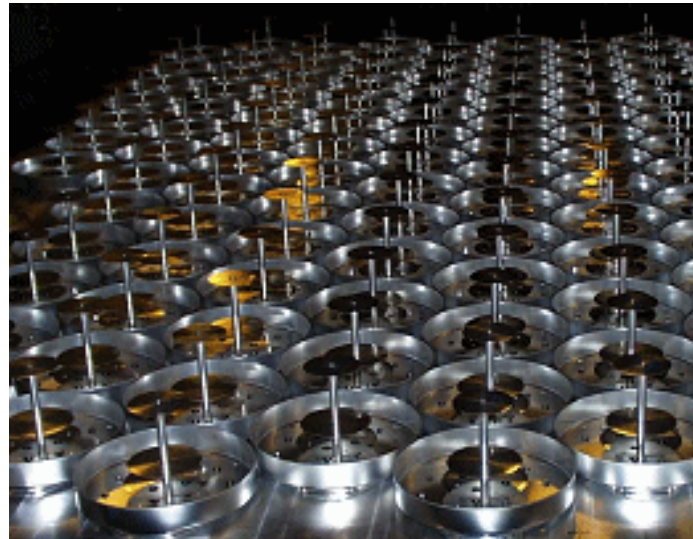
Wideband and multiband antennas

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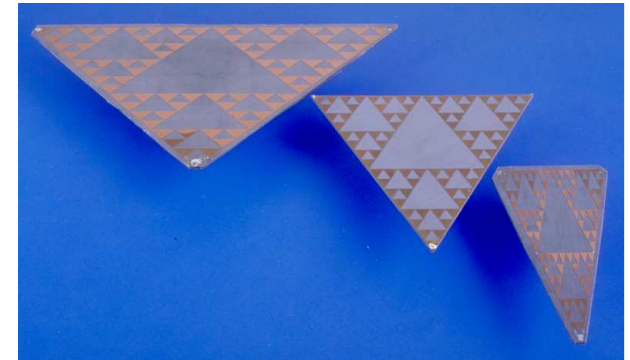
RADIATORS wideband, multiband



*Wideband (2-6 GHz)
array tapered-slot
elements (FOI)*



*Tx/Rx elements
(Saab Space)*



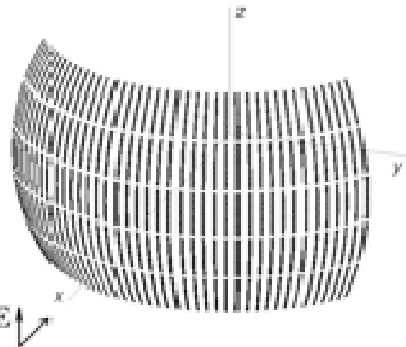
*Prefractal Sierpinski
monopoles
(Univ. Catalunya)*



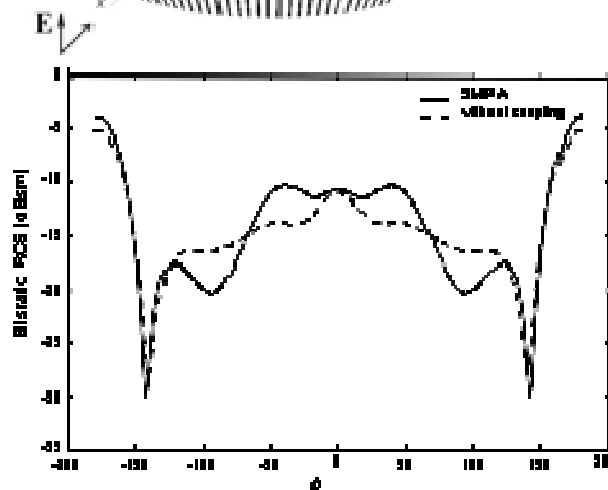
Wideband and multiband antennas

REFLECTOR SURFACE MODELS

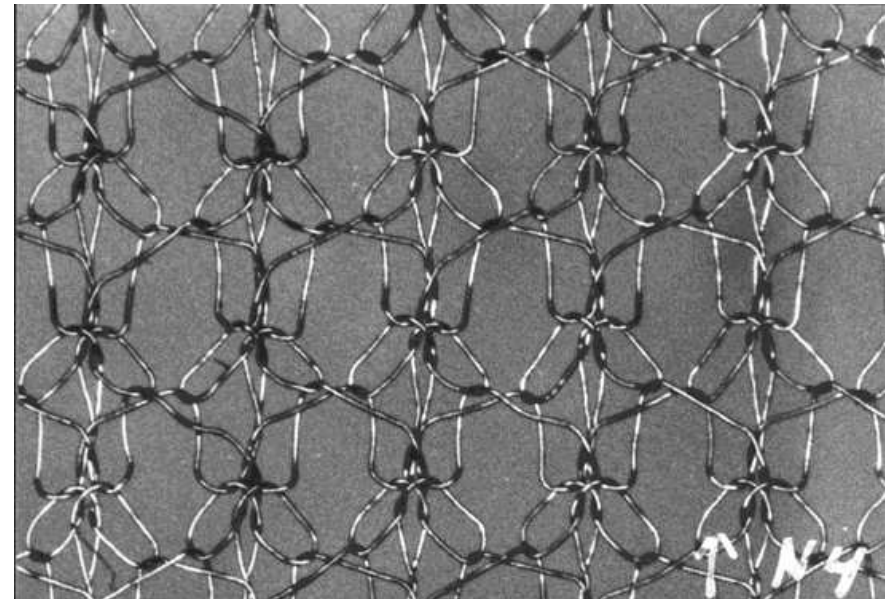
Dichroic, composite, wire-grid...



*FSS on curved shell
(Univ. Zagreb).*



*Bistatic RCS of FSS
in azimuthal plane.*



Mesh reflector

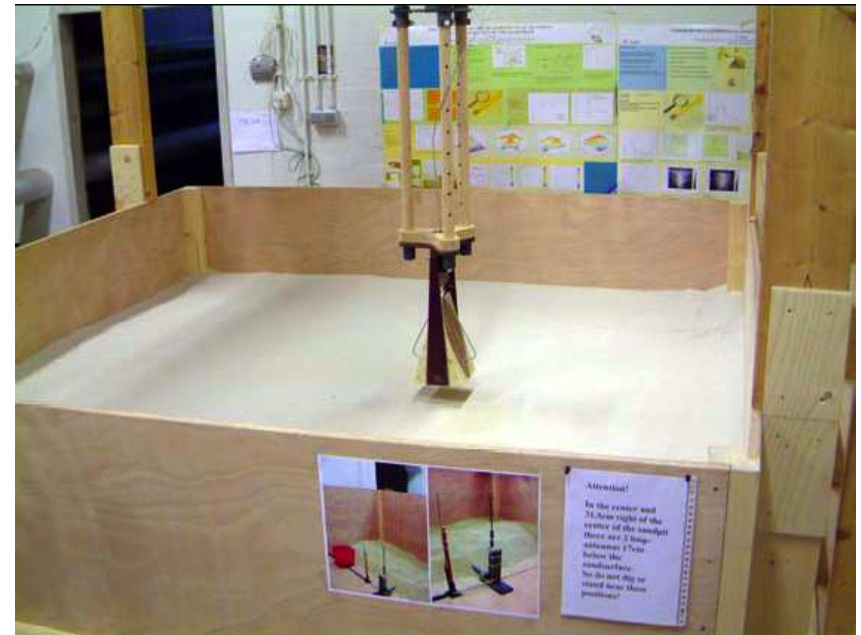


Wideband and multiband antennas

SURFACE PENETRATING RADARS



*Joint GPR antenna test facility
(Ørsted, Tech. Univ. Denmark)*



"Sand pit" GPR test facility (TU Delft)



Wideband and multiband antennas

Accomplishments:

- Wideband, UWB better known and understood
- Modelling of reflector surfaces (including FSS flat or curved) compared and improved
- GPR antennas benchmarked, common facilities opened, BPR also addressed

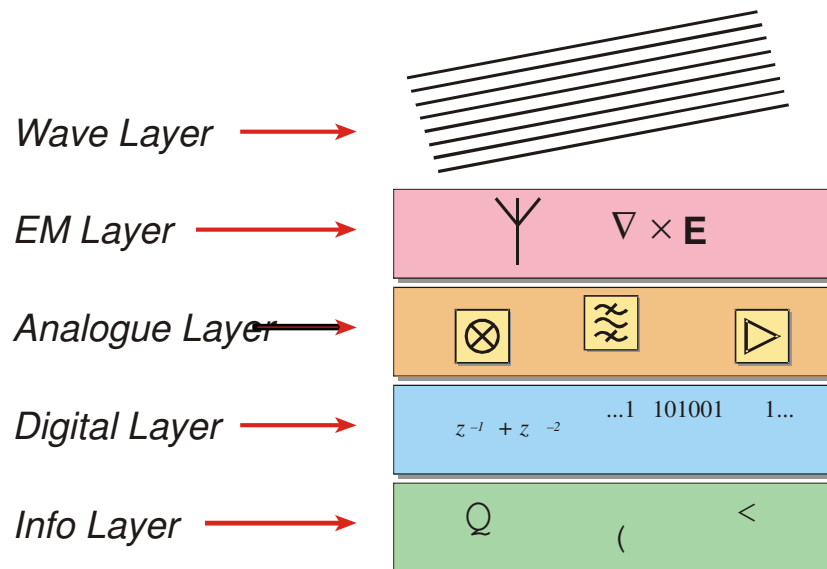


Planar and conformal arrays

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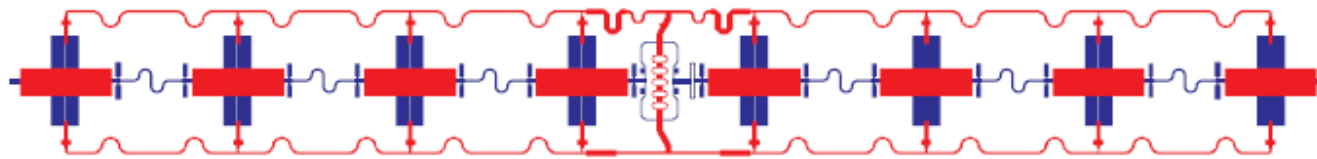
ACTIVE ANTENNAS ARCHITECTURE

Software models

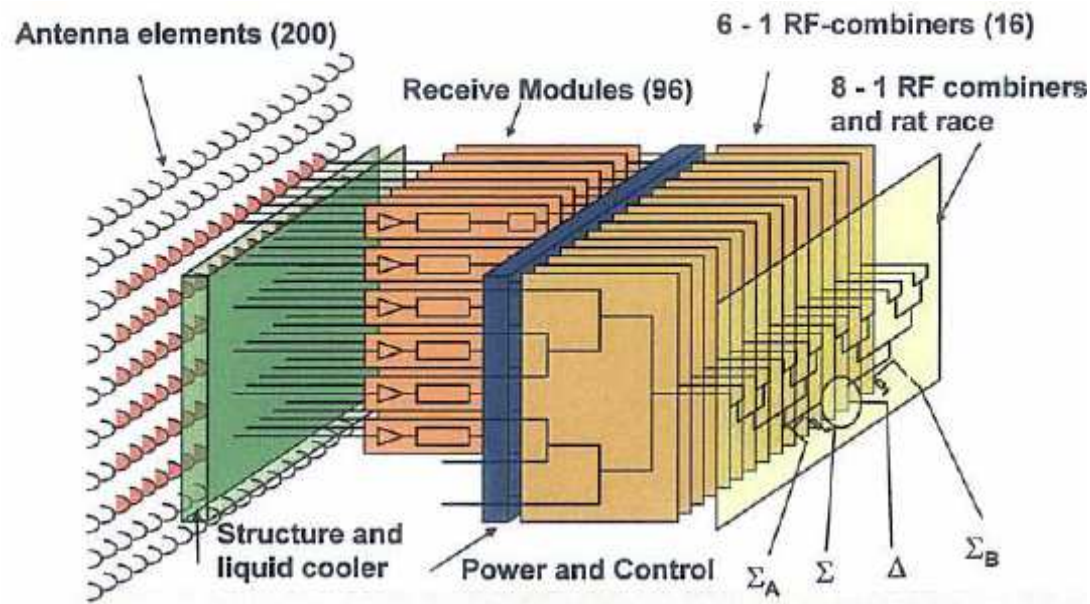


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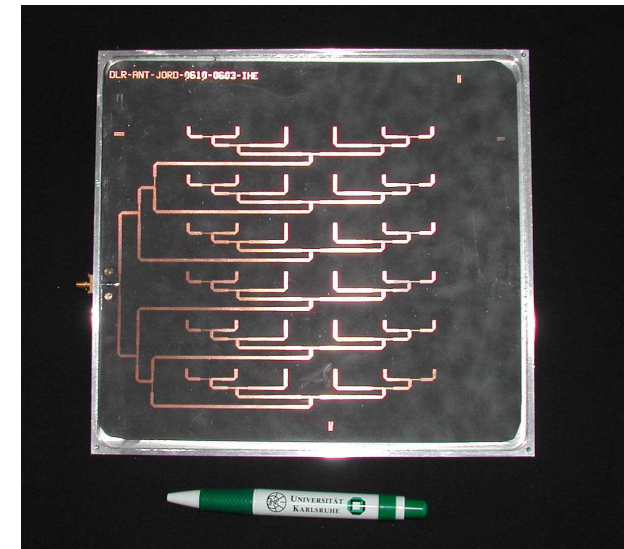
BEAM-FORMING TECHNIQUES Rf, optical, digital



Series-fed dipole array (Saab Space, EPFL, IDS)



Active Electronically Scanned Array (SMW)

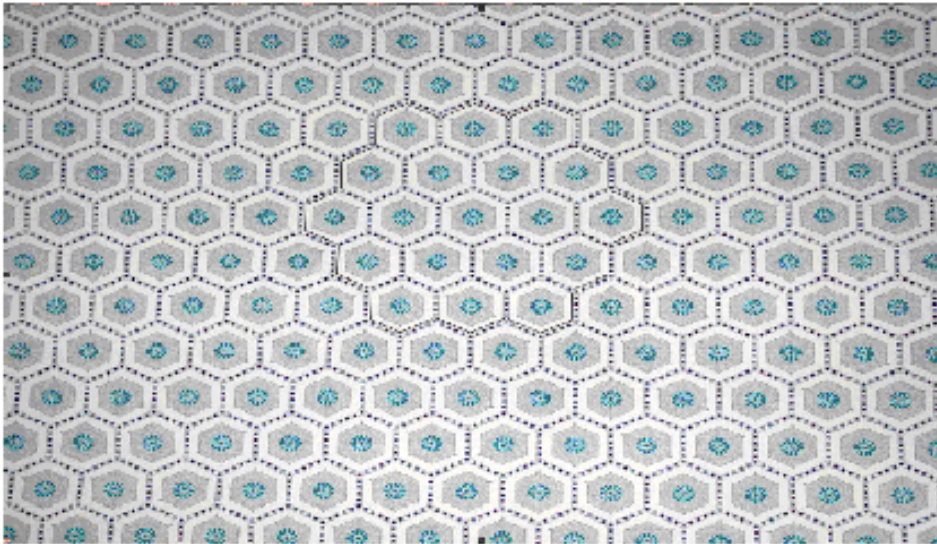


Parallel feed for patch array (Univ. Karlsruhe)

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REFLECTARRAYS



*Phase-controlled reflectarray_by
MEMS switches (Alcatel-Space &
Thales R&T)*

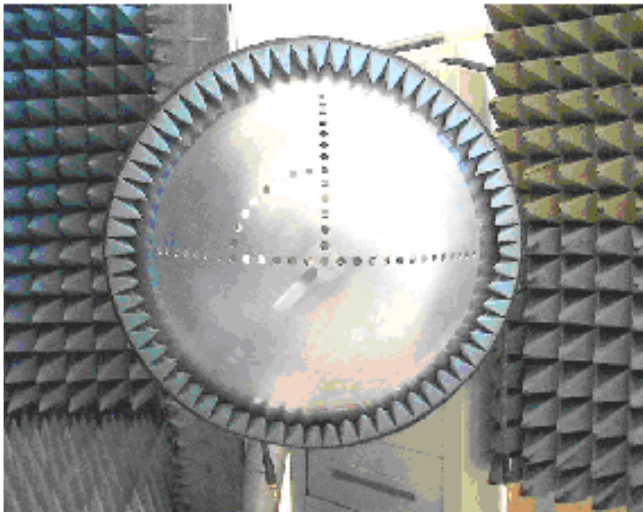


Multilayer Reflectarray (UPM)

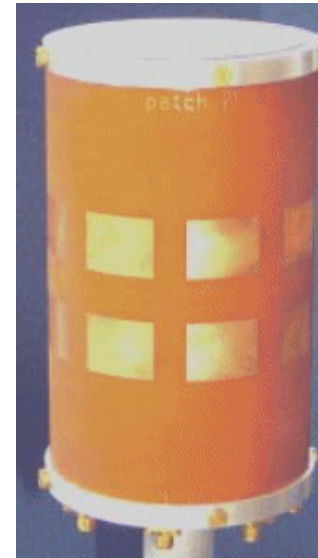
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CONFORMAL ANTENNAS

Select conformal geometries; Compare modelling methods



Doubly curved conformal array to be integrated on aircrafts (Saab Microwave Systems)



Conformal antennas for base-station (University of Karlsruhe)



Wide-scanning conformal array (Alcatel Space, CASA & LEMA-EPFL)

Planar and conformal arrays

Accomplishments:

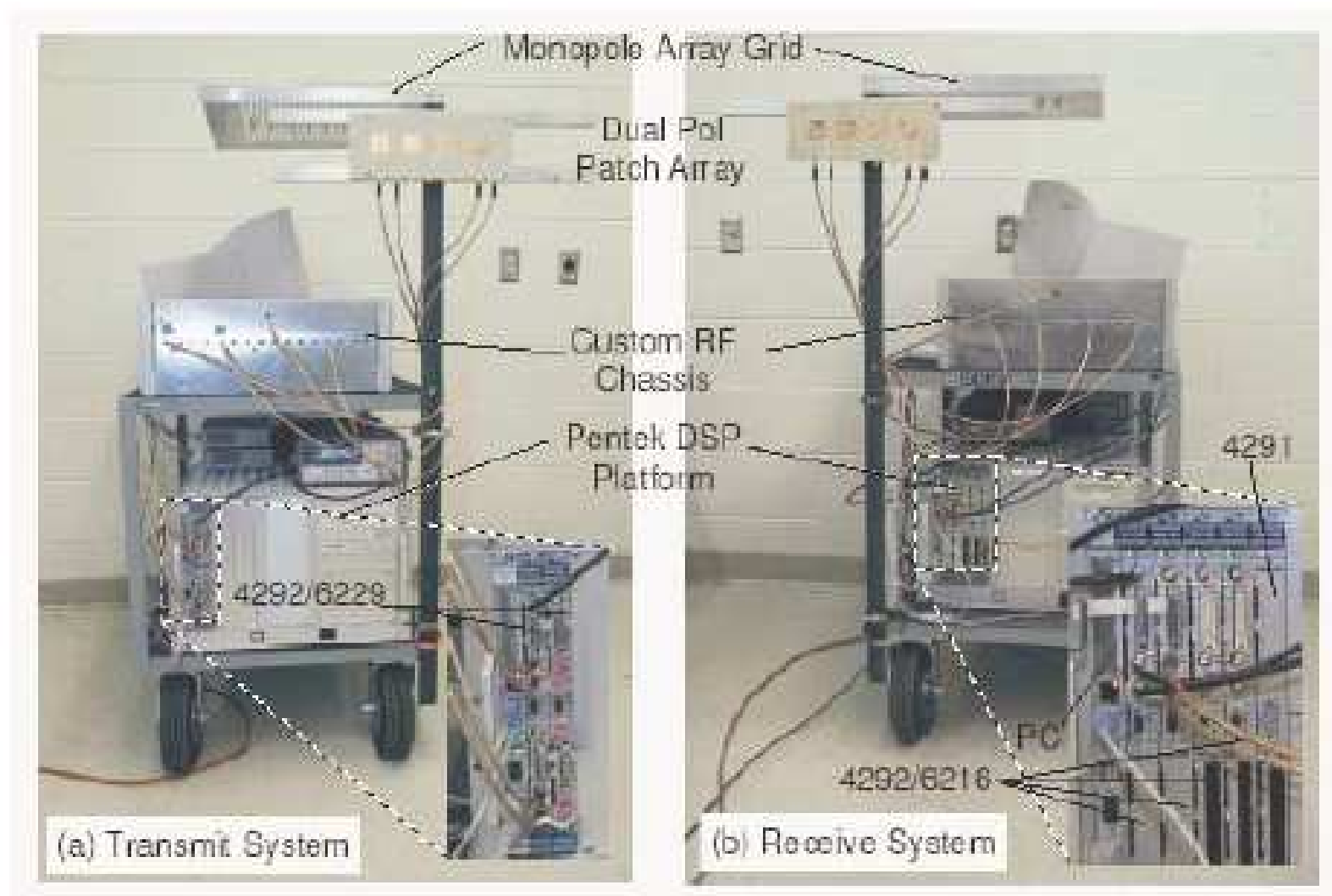
- Modelling of complete active array antennas established
- BFN types classified, compared and evaluated
- Reflectarray theory and design improved
- Conformal antenna software benchmarked, and combined



Smart antenna systems

MIMO TEST BED

Angeliki Alexiou

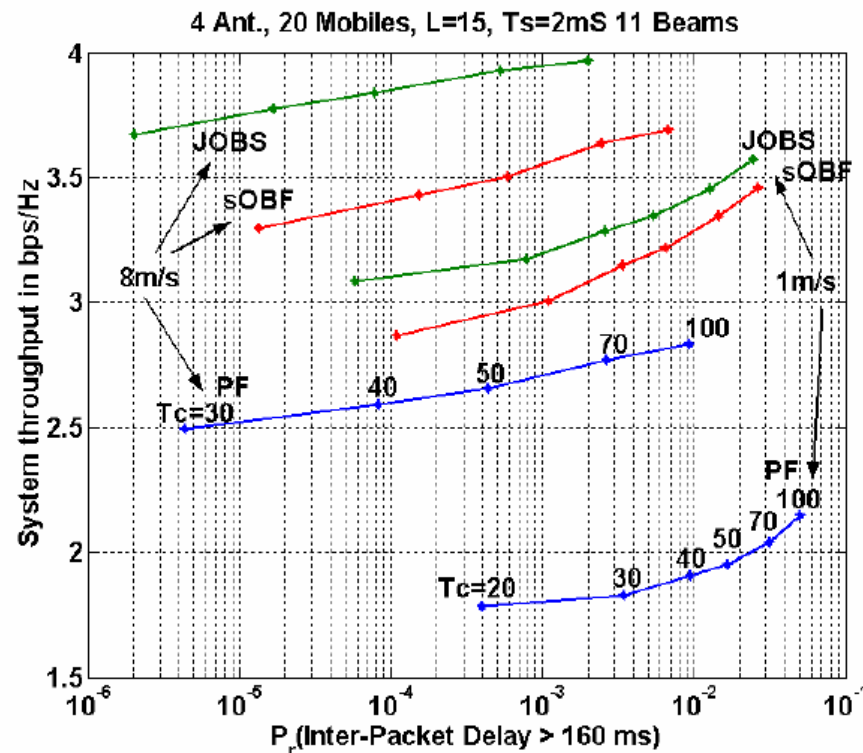


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SMART ANTENNAS



Cross layer optimisation
based on joint scheduling
and QoS criteria

Joint Opportunistic BF and Scheduling (JOBS)



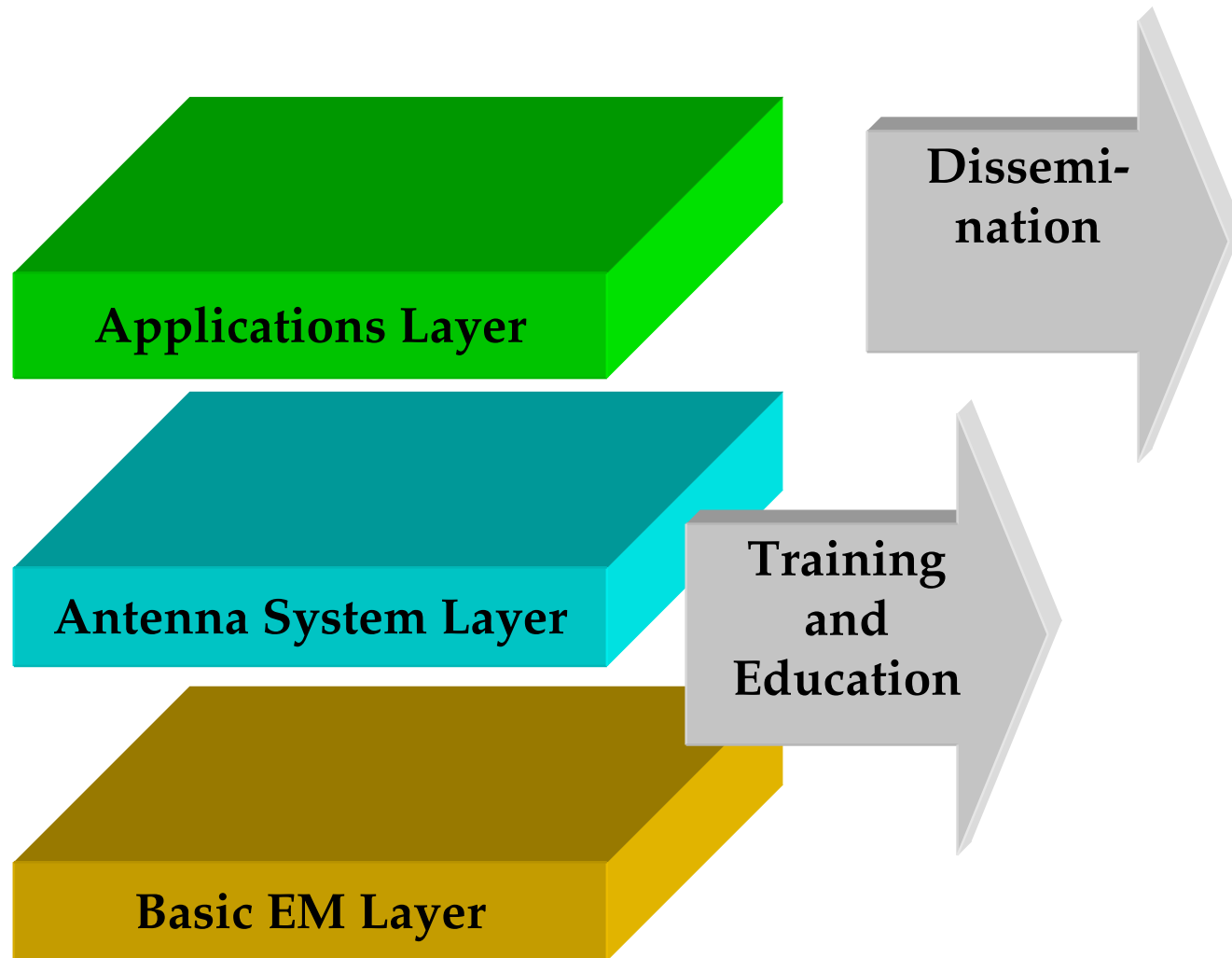
Smart antenna systems

Accomplishments:

- MIMO systems, MIMO channels, reconfigurable antenna arrays better understood
- MIMO testbeds established
- System and EM knowledge combined
- Context aware and cross layer optimisations for smart antennas



Activities





Training and education

Björn Lindmark

- Educational material available
- A virtual lab created

VALab

The screenshot shows the ANTENNAS VCE website, a Virtual Center of Excellence. The main navigation bar includes links for News, Events, Links, and Contact us. The left sidebar contains a 'Remote Execution' section with links to Introduction, How to, Available material, VALab home, Training & Ed. home, and VCE home. The main content area features an 'Introduction to the Remote Execution service' section, which explains the service's aim to provide users with a set of executable routines. Below the text is a diagram illustrating the VALab architecture. The diagram shows a 'Student_1' box on the left, which contains a code snippet:

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call remote_execution
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. This box is connected to a central 'VALab' box, which in turn is connected to two partner boxes on the right: 'Partner 01' and 'Partner 02'. Each partner box contains 'Module A' and 'Module B'. The connections are represented by green arrows from the Student_1 box to the VALab box, and purple arrows from the VALab box to the Partner boxes.

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Coordinator: O. Bucci
Antenna Synthesis

CHALMERS – Gothenborg, April 16-20, 2007
Coordinator: P-S Kildal
Artificial EBG Surfaces and Metamaterials for Antennas

IMST – Düsseldorf, April 23-27, 2007
Coordinator: Dirk Manteuffel
Industrial Antenna Design

TNO – Den Haag, May 7-11, 2007
Coordinator: G. Gerini
Phased Arrays and Reflectarrays

TKK – Helsinki, May 21-25, 2007
Coordinator: A. Raisanen
Antenna Measurements for Millimeter and
Submillimeter Wavelengths

UPC – Barcelona, June 4-8, 2007
Coordinator: L Jofre
Compact Antennas

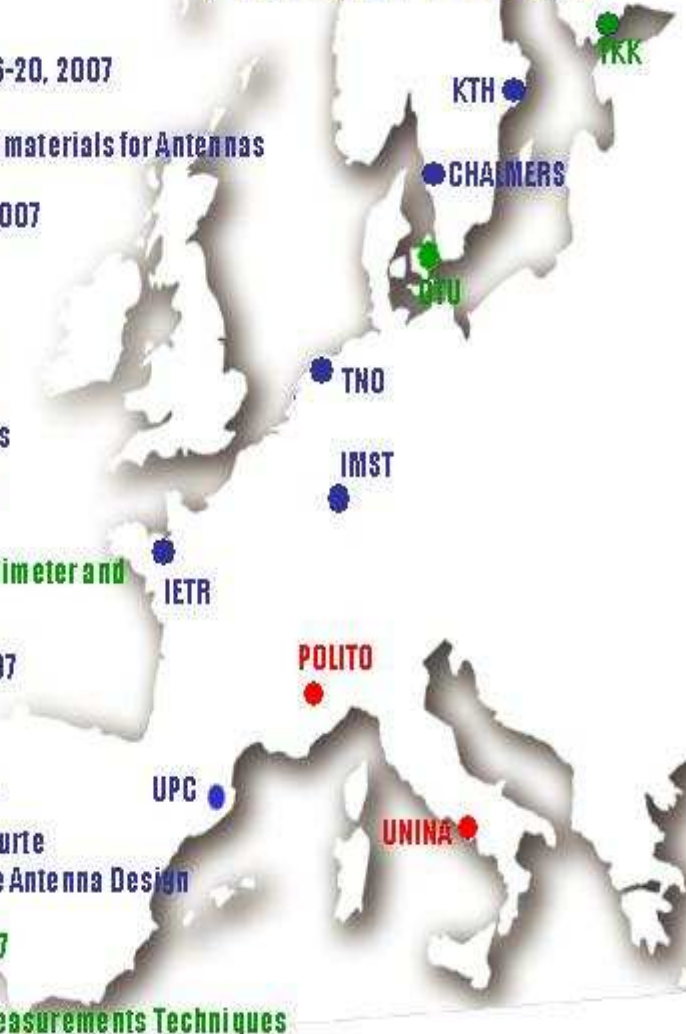
IETR – Rennes, June 18-22, 2007
Coordinator: K. Mahdjoubi, Laheurte
Microwave and Millimeter Wave Antenna Design

DTU – Copenhagen, July 2-6, 2007
Coordinator: O. Breimhjerg
Advanced Near Field Antenna Measurements Techniques

KTH – Stockholm, August 27-31, 2007
Coordinator: B. Lindmark
MIMO Communication Systems and Antennas

POLITO – Torino, September 10-14, 2007
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Advanced Computational EM for Antenna Analysis

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Analysis ■

Design ■

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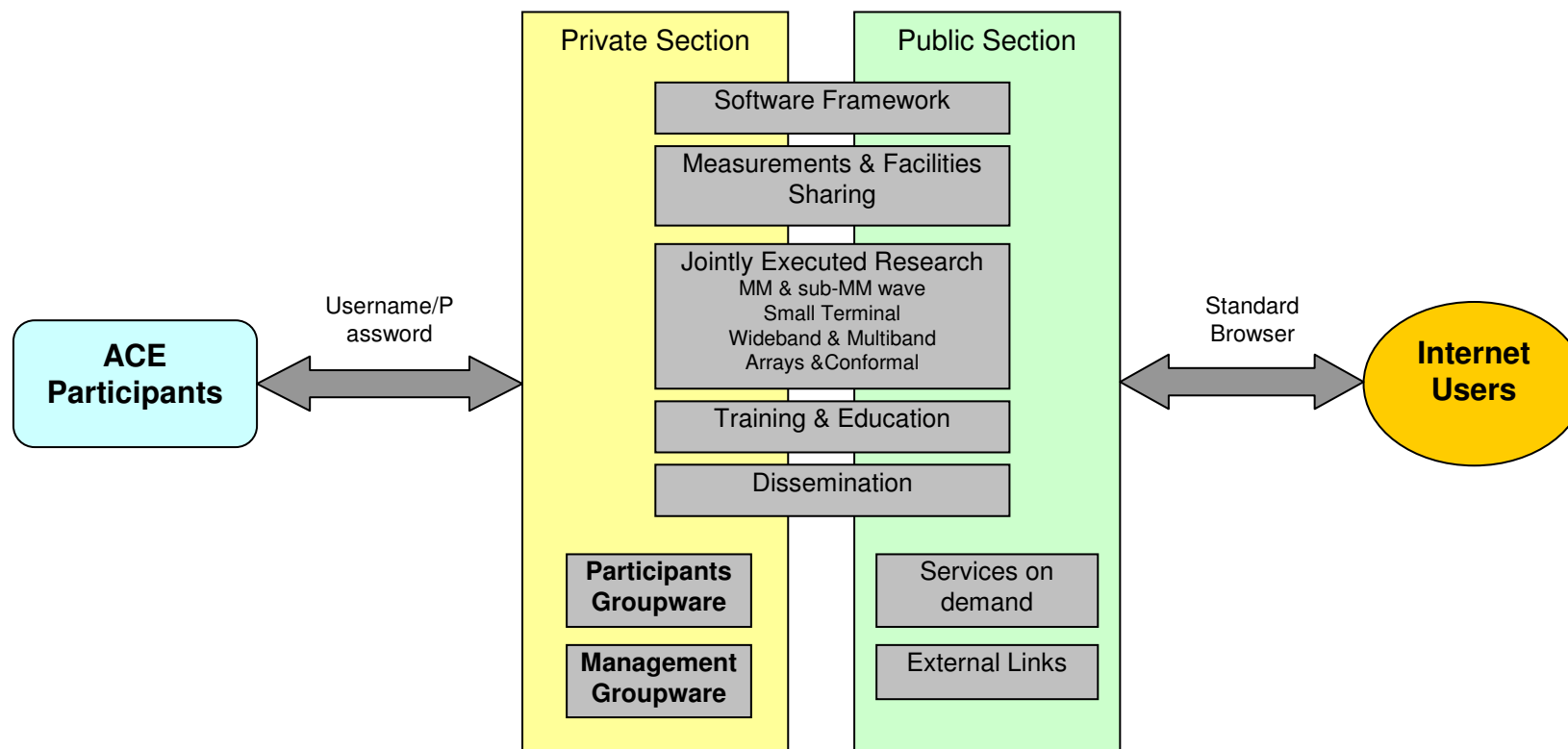


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