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# Wideband Networked Sensors

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# Outline

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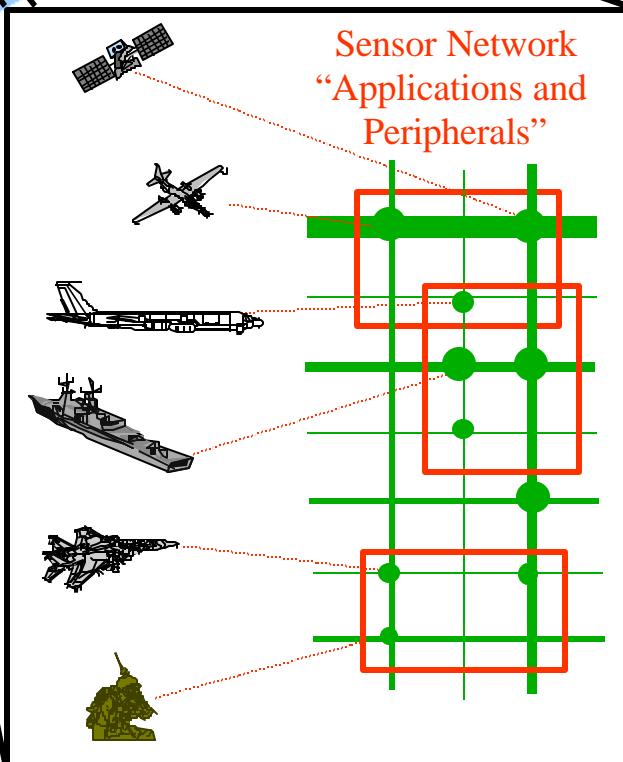
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- **Millstone Testbed Demonstration**
- **Summary**



# Increased Awareness (JV 2010+)



*A network-centric force increases battlespace awareness by overcoming the limitations of standalone sensors through employment of sensor networks*



- **Sensor Networks enable Commanders to**
  - Rapidly generate Battlespace Awareness
  - Synchronized with operations
- **Components of Sensor Networks**
  - Space, Air, Sea, Ground and Cyberspace Based Sensors
- **Operational Capabilities**
  - Improved Data Fusion
  - Dynamic Sensor Tasking
  - Universal Sensor Recruitment

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\*From D. Alberts, and John J. Garstka. "Information Superiority/Command and Control Seminar: Keynote Presentation."

# NGI VISION



## Goal 1

Advanced Network  
Technologies

## Goal 2.1

High Performance  
Connectivity

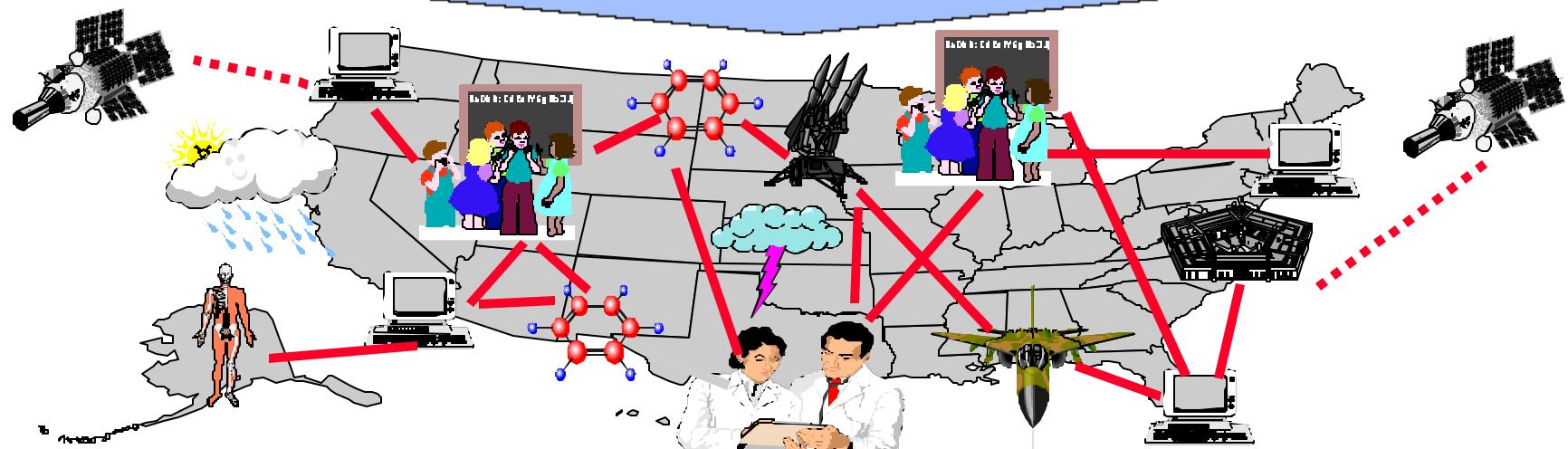
## Goal 2.2

Ultra-High  
Performance Tech.

## Goal 3

Revolutionary  
Applications

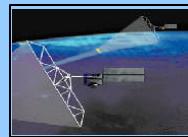
## Next Generation Internet





# High Performance Sensor Networking

## Web-based Broadband Sensor Fusion



Packetized  
Broadband  
Communications

**Integration / fusion of distributed multi-frequency and multi-aspect systems for improved performance:**

- Sensitivity
- Metrics
- Discrimination/ combat ID
- Targeting

### Attributes:

- Packetized with net-based timing
- Wideband open system architecture
- Net-based advanced imaging
- Land, air, and sea based
- Robust to countermeasures



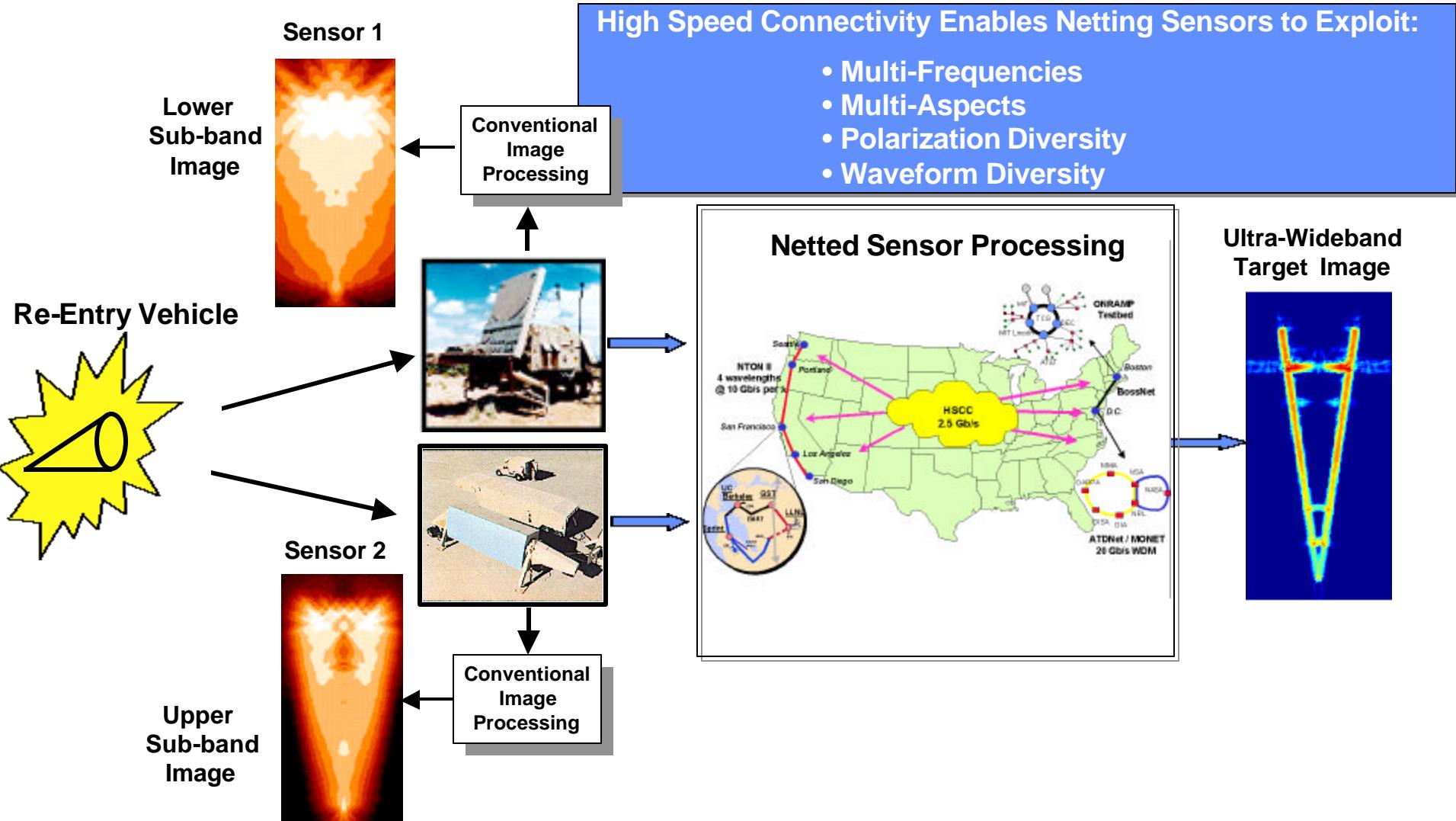
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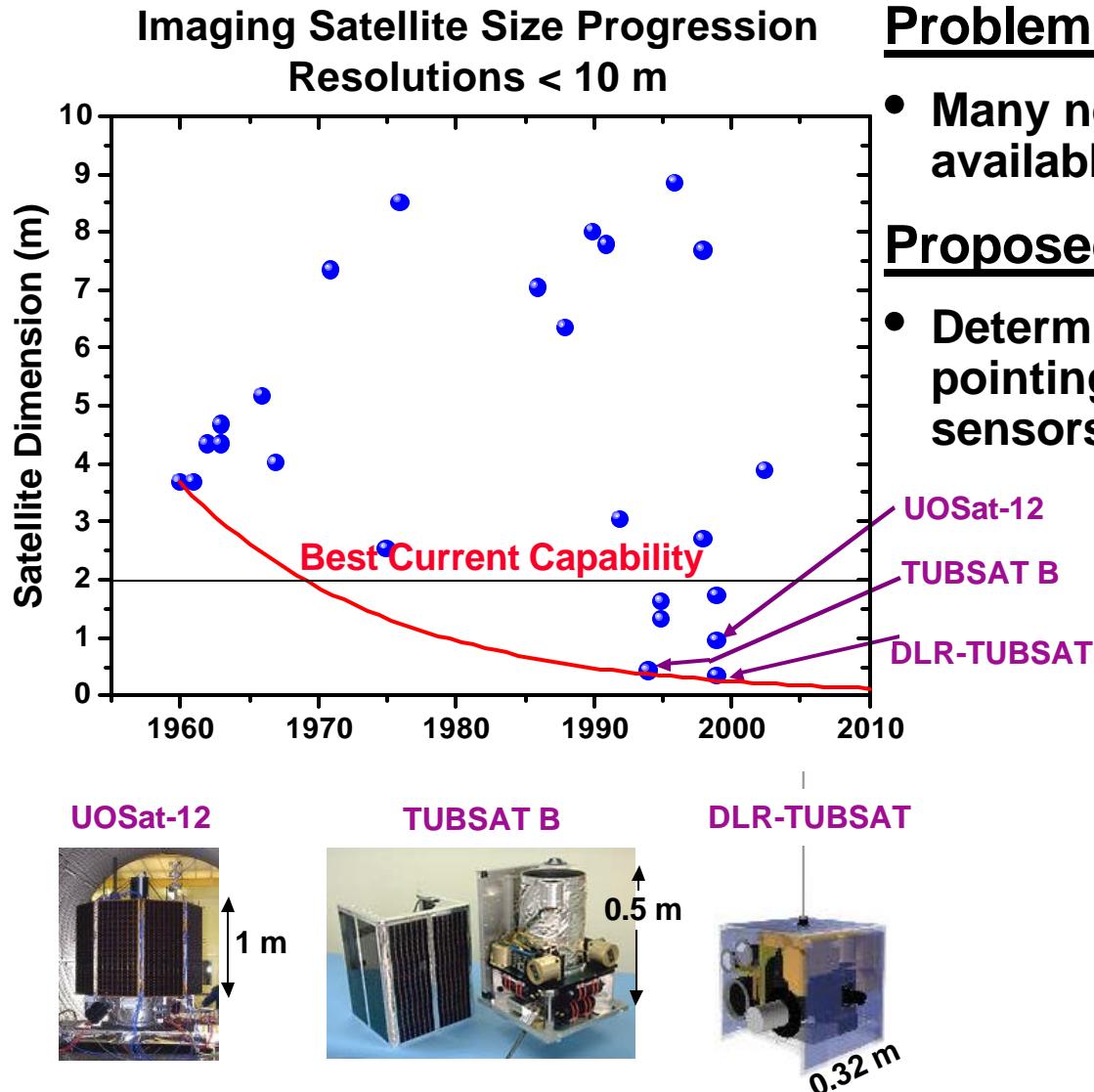


# Ultra-Wideband Target Imaging Using Distributed Sensors





# Militarily Significant Payloads Doing More in Smaller Packages



## Problem:

- Many new imaging satellites will be available to potential adversaries

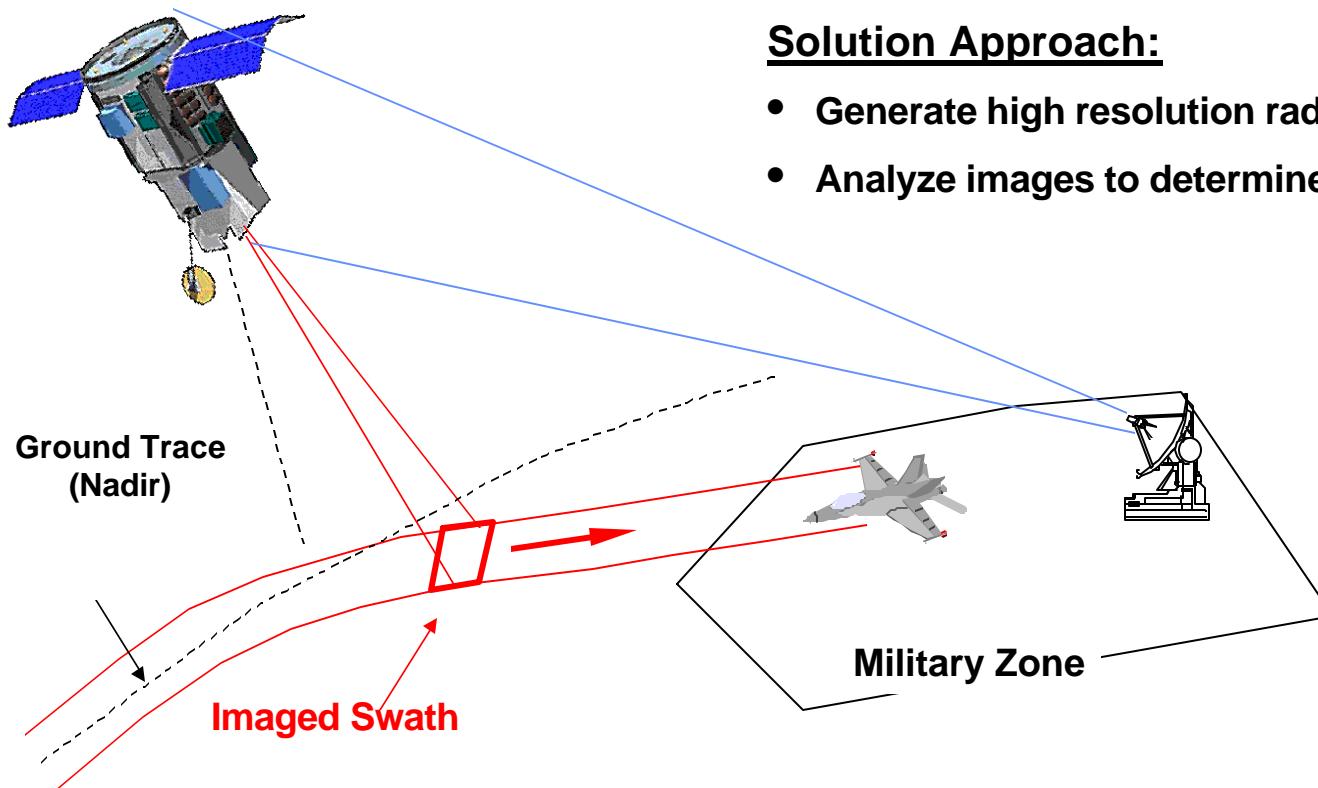
## Proposed Approach:

- Determine imaging satellite status and pointing using wideband netted sensors





# Satellite Threat Assessment



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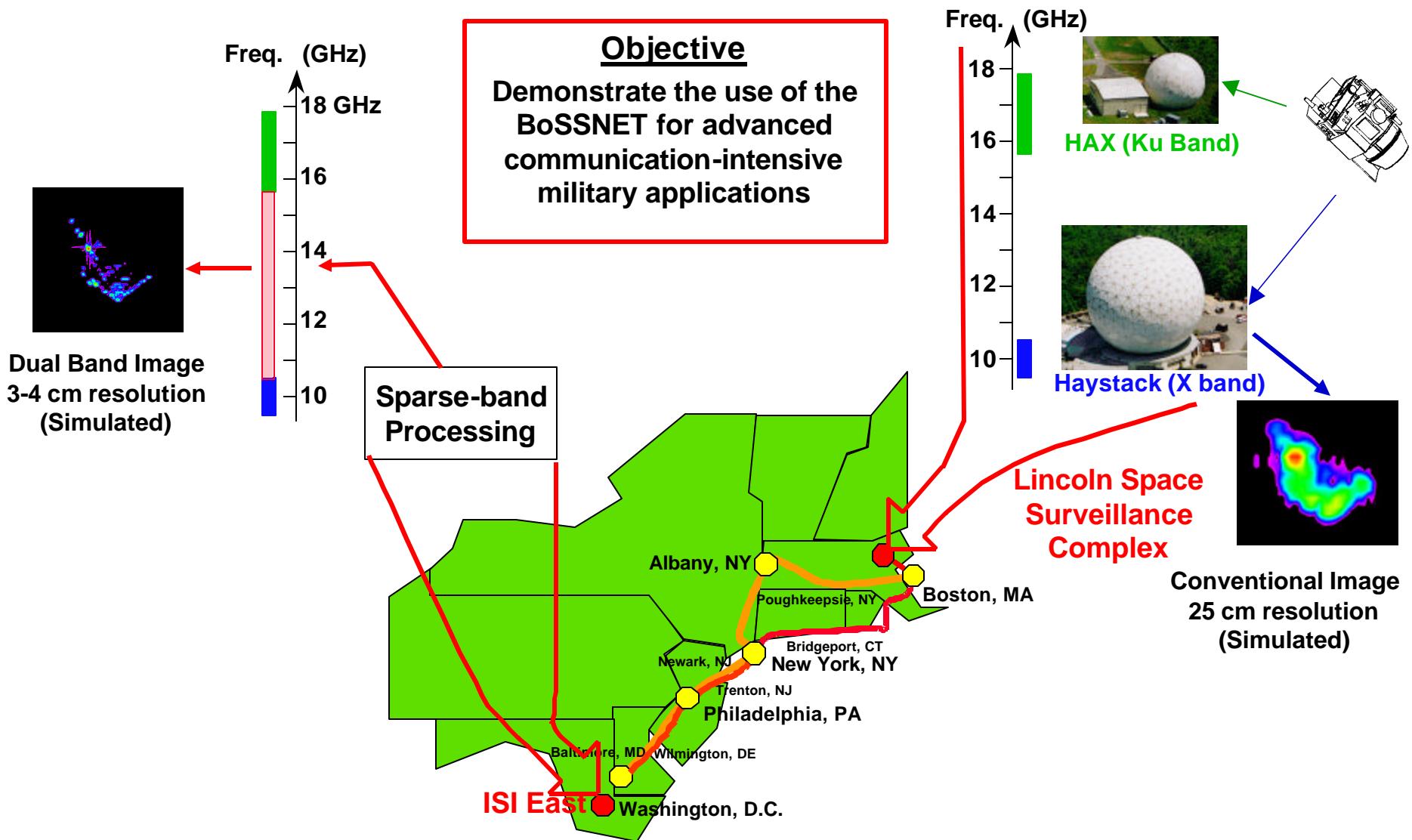
- Many new imaging satellites will be available to potential adversaries in near future
  - Capable of off-nadir imaging
  - Dimensions shrinking (< 1 meter)

## Solution Approach:

- Generate high resolution radar images
- Analyze images to determine satellite orientation



# Wideband Networked Sensors - WNS Program -

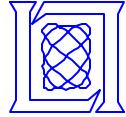




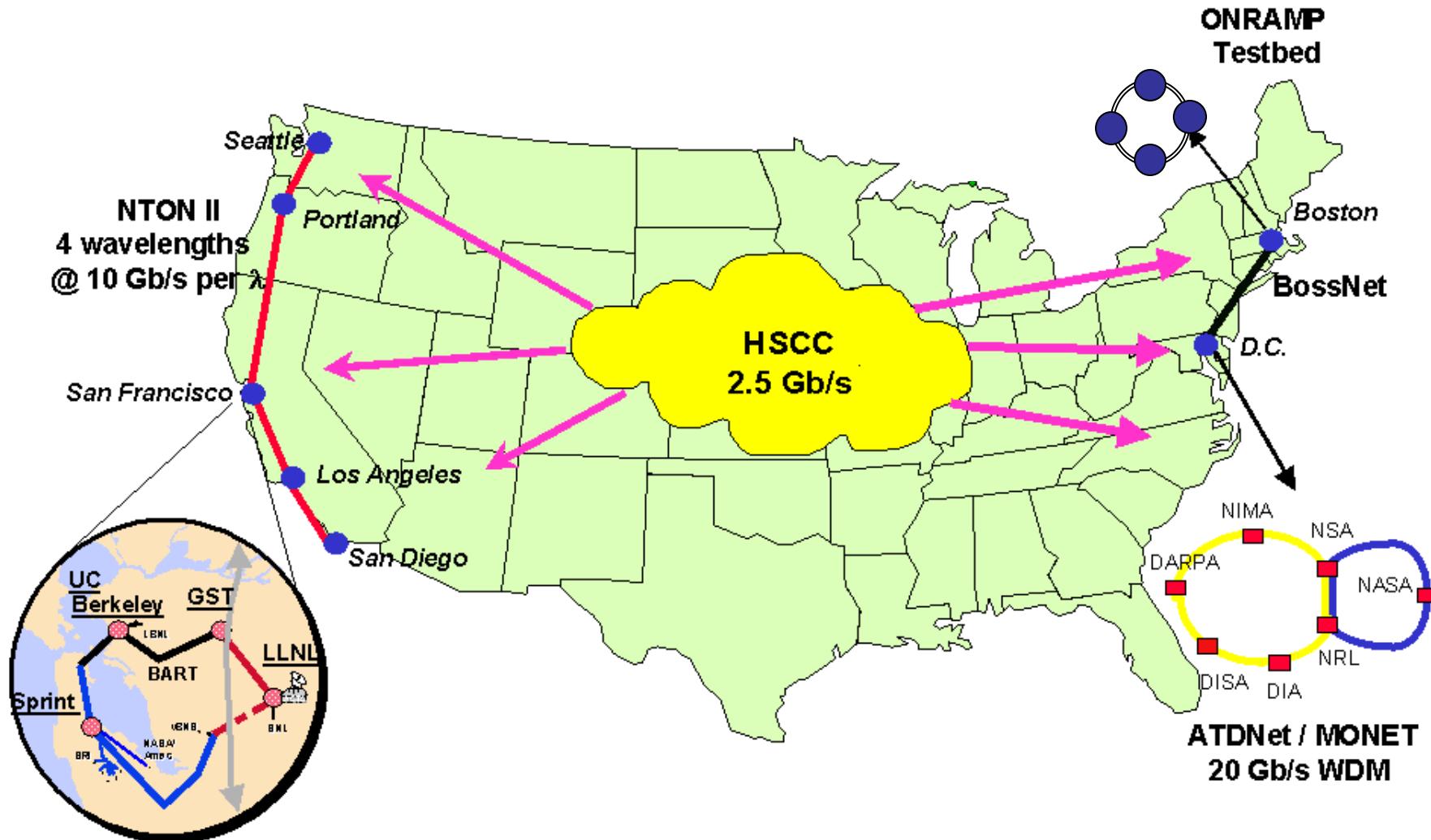
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# Connectivity to Other NGI Projects (Supernet)



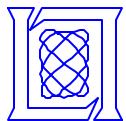
# Lincoln Space Surveillance Complex (LSSC)

Haystack Radar (HAY)

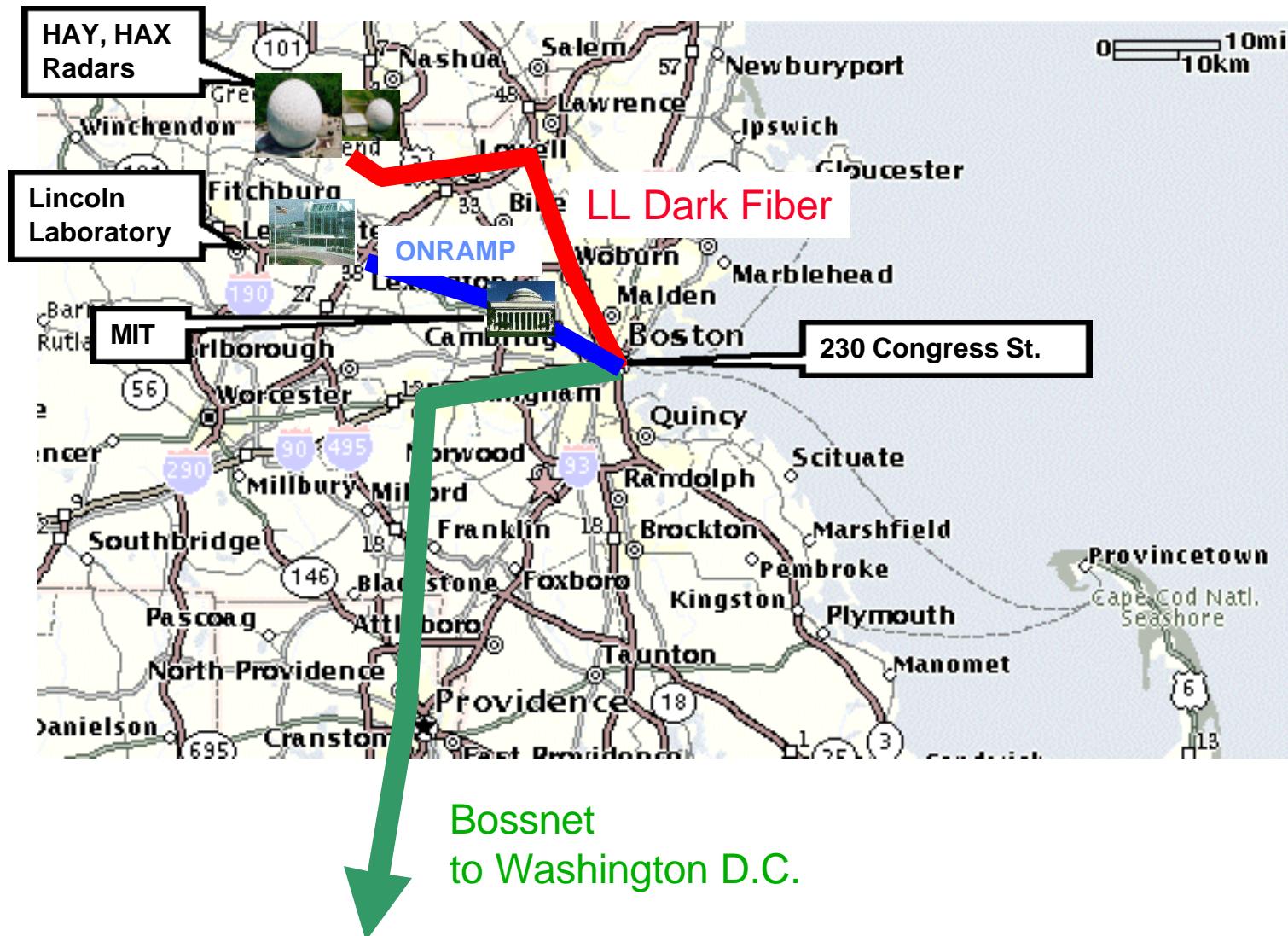
Haystack Auxiliary Radar (HAX)

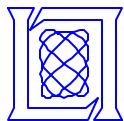
Millstone Hill Radar (MHR)





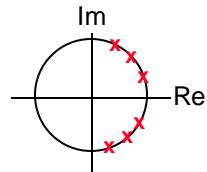
# Lincoln Dark Fiber Plant, October 2000





# Wideband Networked Sensors Development Path

## Sparse-Band Algorithms



Combine X and Ku data  
to synthesize UWB radar in real-time

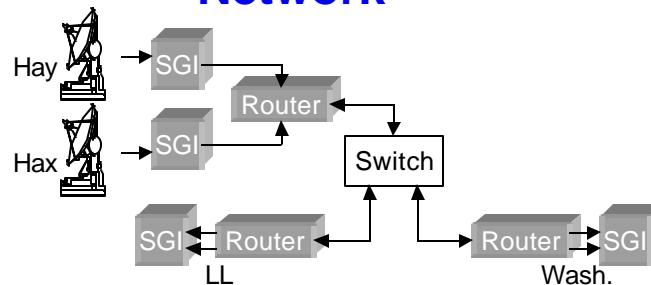
$$M(f_n) = \sum_{k=1}^p a_k p_k^n$$

## Processing and Integration

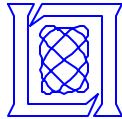
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## Demonstration

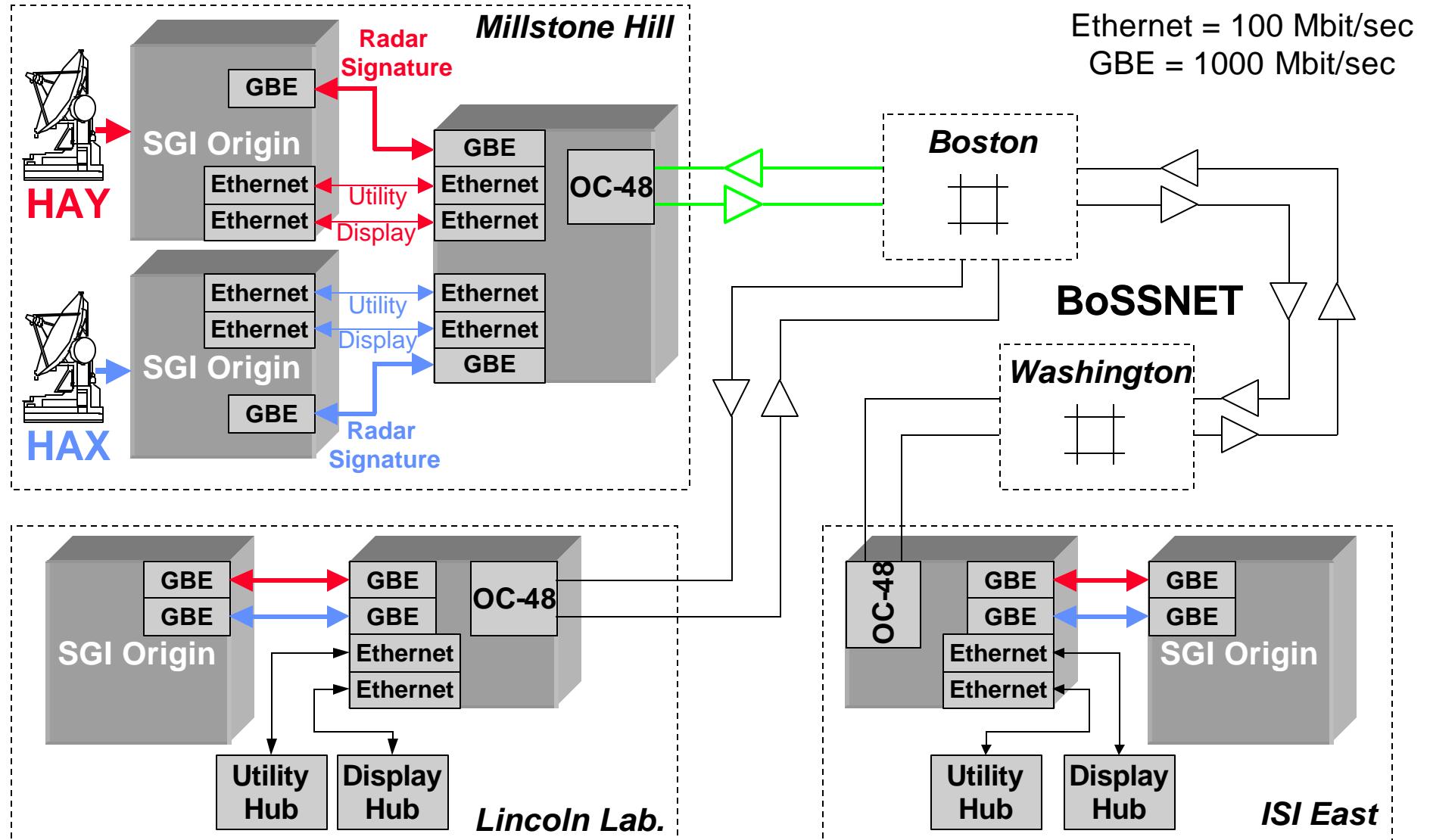
### Hay/Hax Upgrade



Demonstrate Gbits/sec bandwidth as  
the enabler for advanced  
ultra wideband imaging

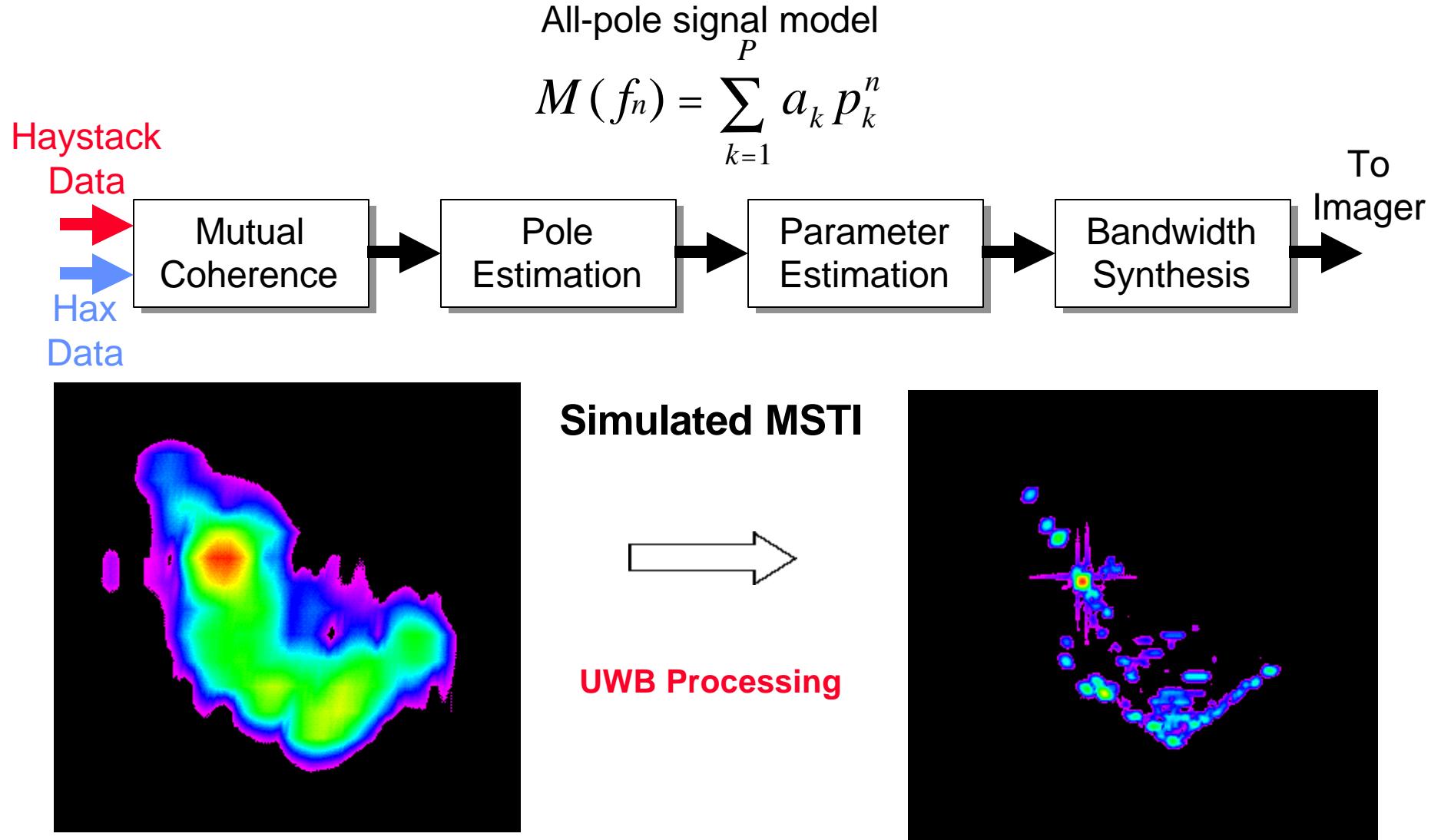


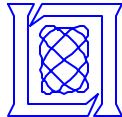
# System Network Architecture



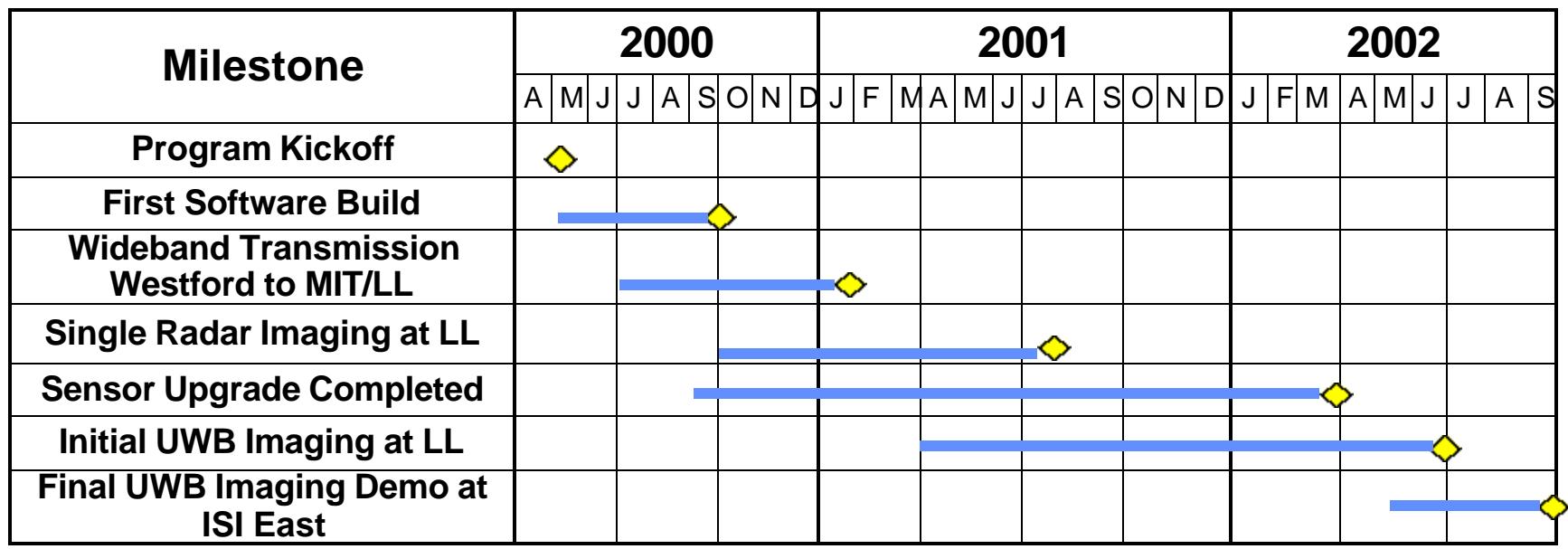
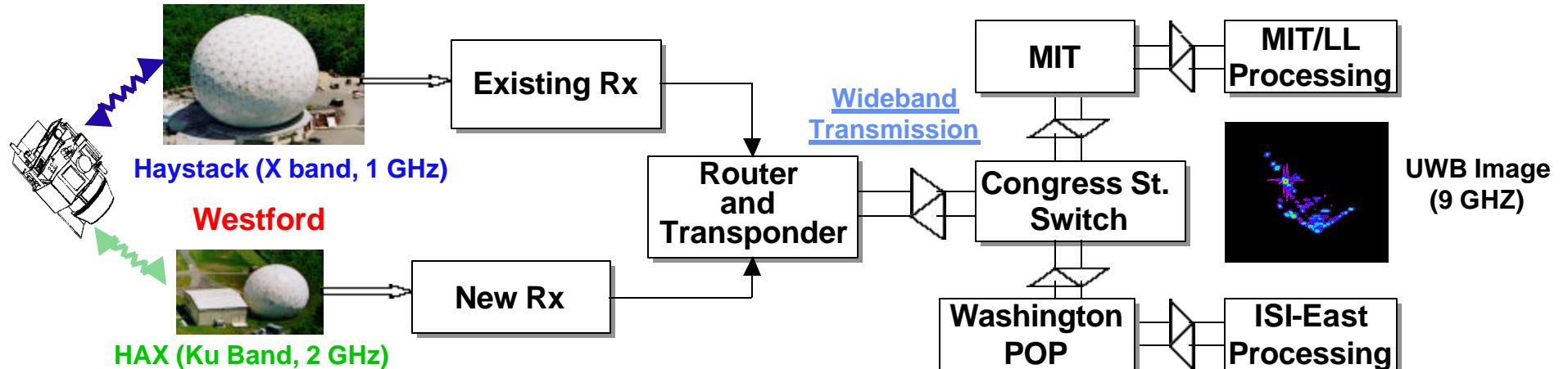


# Sparse Band Processing

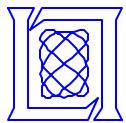




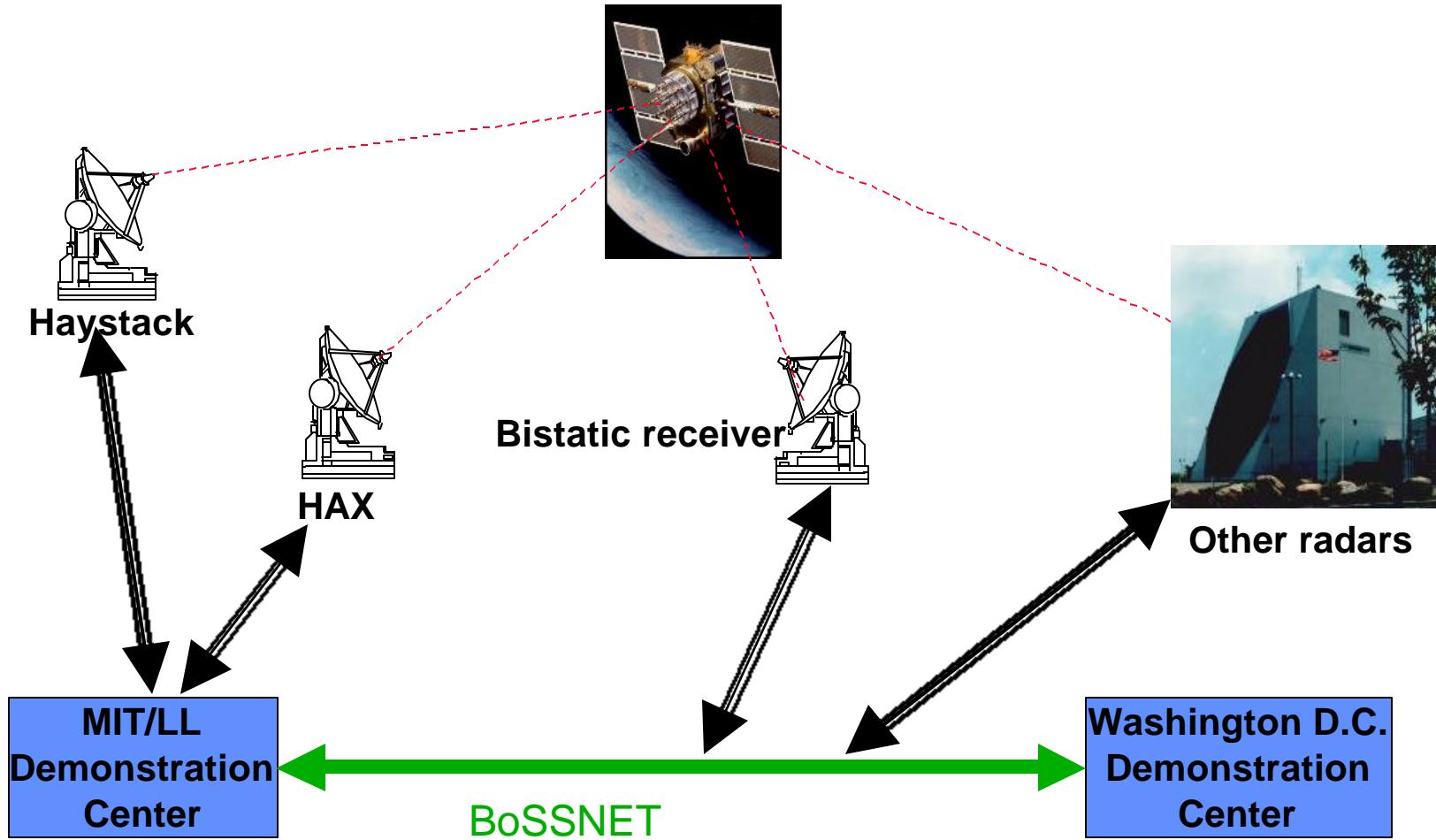
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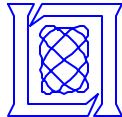


◆ Program Milestones



# Bistatic Imaging Radar and Sparse Aperture Processing (Future)





# Summary

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- Demonstrate utilization of wide bandwidth networks to fuse multiple sensor data to support C<sup>3</sup>I and Battle Management
- Packetized broadband communications is the enabler for multi-sensor coherent netting and exploitation
- Millstone testbed will provide a demonstration of wideband networked sensors at over 1 Gbits/sec:
  - Wideband multi-frequency coherent processing
- Program leverages existing advances in the following areas:
  - BoSSNET high bandwidth long distance optical link
  - Haystack and Hax radars with existing Radar Open Systems Architecture (ROSA)
  - Sparse Band Processing (SBP) algorithms from BMD efforts
  - High resolution satellite image generation and analysis tools