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CREOL moved into its dedicated \$20M facility on the campus of the University of Central Florida. Dr. Riza established CREOL's first Photonic Information Processing Systems Laboratory in the new CREOL Building. CREOL has made good progress on experimentally evaluating the fiber-optic interconnect issued related to our Aegis photonic beamformer. In particular, we have experimentally evaluated the use of fiber-to-fiber optical coupling using single-mode fibers, GRIN rod lenses, and imaging lenses. Previously, we experimentally showed that an inter-fiber gap distance of 5 cm or less is necessary to prevent high (e.g. 5 dB or higher) optical loss when no loss preventing optics is used between the fibers. Our new experiments using imaging lenses between the fiber ports demonstrate the key factors that are important for reducing coupling loss. Main experimental conclusions are outlined in report. CREOL has also starting looking at the fiber array design and packaging issues. Using GRIN-fiber lenses, we have concluded that a hexagonal array geometry for fiber packing provides the highest channel packing density. Lockheed-Martin Lab-Syracuse has recently provided CREOL with preliminary Navy Aegis radar time delay unit electrical specs. We are developing the optical specs based on that data.

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Attached is the Quarterly Progress Report along with the SF298 form requested by Ms. Cynthia Sloan of the Atlanta ONR office.

If you have any questions, please call me at (407) 823-2836. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Betsy L. Gray'.

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Quarterly Progress Report 3:

From

Dr. Nabeel A. Riza (Principal Investigator)

CREOL-University of Central Florida-Orlando

**Progress Report:**

1. Over Dec. 95 and Jan.96, CREOL has moved to its dedicated \$ 20 M facility on the campus of the University of Central Florida. I have established **CREOL's first Photonic Information Processing Systems Laboratory** in the new CREOL Bldg. Our labs are located in 3 separate rooms on the second floor of the Bldg. These labs have been named:

- (a) Signal Analysis Systems Laboratory,
- (b) Control Systems Laboratory, and
- (c) Communication Systems Laboratory.

There is also a separate Computer Room. In early April, 96, CREOL will have its formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

2. CREOL has made good progress on experimentally evaluating the fiber-optic interconnect issues related to our Aegis photonic beamformer. In particular, we have experimentally evaluated the use of fiber-to-fiber optical coupling using single-mode fibers, GRIN rod lenses, and imaging lenses. Previously, we experimentally showed that an inter-fiber gap distance of 5 cm or less is necessary to prevent high (e.g., 5 dB or higher) optical loss when no loss preventing optics is used between the fibers. Our new experiments using imaging lenses between the fiber ports demonstrate the key factors that are important for reducing coupling loss. The main experimental conclusions are:

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(a) Imaging lens aberrations limit the ultimate uniformity of the light over the N output fiber channels. A worst case maximum optical signal variation of 0.55 dB was obtained between the center and 9th channel (located at 14.4 mm from the center). This measured optical variation is small, and can be further improved with higher quality lenses.

(b) By using these imaging lenses with the GRIN-fiber assemblies, the optical channel to channel crosstalk between two adjacent channels is below the measurement range ( $< -60$  dB) when the GRINs are placed side-to-side (i.e., inter-channel gap is 1.8 mm). When the inter-channel gap is smaller, i.e., 0.9 mm, we measured a -56 dB optical crosstalk level. These results indeed show that imaging lens play a critical role is minimizing crosstalk.

(c) Input-Output port separation misalignment along the optic axis is NOT a critical loss factor. Experimentally, we showed that for a 5 % separation misalignment error, the measured optical loss was very small, i.e.,  $< 0.1$  dB. This means, optic axis separation misalignment is not a critical loss factor.

(d) The relative angular tilt misalignment between the input-output port GRIN assemblies was experimentally determined to be critical as a loss factor. Experimentally, we showed that a small angle misalignment error of less than 0.1 degrees is required for an optical loss of  $< 5$  dB.

3. CREOL has also starting looking at the fiber array design and packaging issues. Using GRIN-fiber lenses, we have concluded that a hexagonal array geometry for fiber packing provides the highest channel packing density.

4. Lockheed-Martin Lab-Syracuse has recently provided CREOL with some preliminary Navy Aegis radar time delay unit electrical specifications. CREOL is developing the optical specifications based on the LM provided data. Initial data indicates requiring a 7-bit time delay unit over a 3 to 6 Ghz frequency range.

5. Future work at CREOL will include generating Aegis radar time delay unit optical requirements, and Displaytech ferroelectric liquid crystal switch evaluation.

P.S. Please see attached viewgraphs for technical details. The computer disk contains the appropriate viewgraphs for your future use.