US and ITU Policies for Use of Spectrum Above 100 GHz

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VDI Corporate Facts

- World's leading mmWave and THz Test and Measurement and Components company
- Privately held
- Thousands of systems in the field
- Hundreds of customers in over 40 countries
- Channel partners with Keysight
- Distributors in many countries around the world







VDI Corporate Facts

Year	1996	2004	2020
Number of Employees	2 part time	≈ 10 full time	85 full time
Location and Physical Size	Leased time and space at UVA	3000 sq ft and leased UVA lab space	25k sq ft for all operations including microelectronics
Product Offering	Diodes	Diodes and Components	Diodes, Components, Custom and Standard Systems



I'm going to talk about policy ...

... but first, a story.

Things



Things on the Internet



I like ...

The Internet



But Most Favorite Thing that is on the Internet is ...

My Car



Other People Like My Car Too

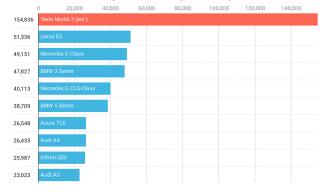


Tesla Model 3 Dominates US Premium-Class Small & Midsize Car Market — 23% of 2019 Sales*



January 18th, 2020 by Zachary Shahan

Small & Midsize Luxury Cars — 2019 (USA Sales)





Tesla overtakes Volkswagen as value hits \$100bn

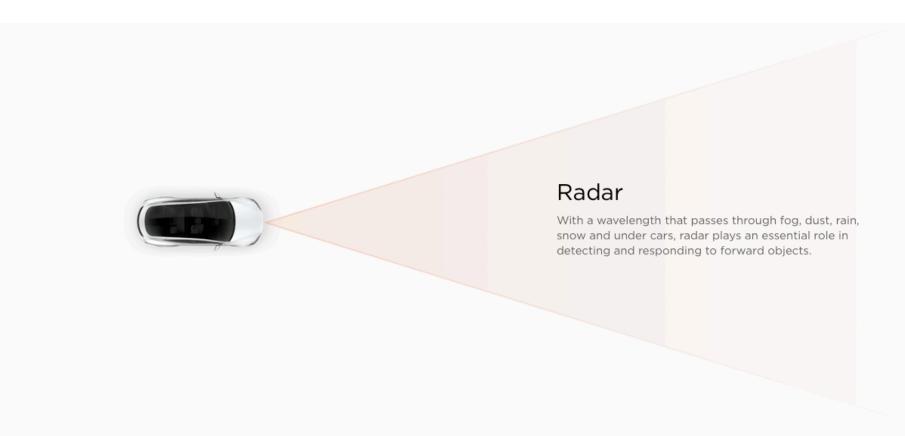


Tesla has displaced Volkswagen as the world's second most valuable carmaker, after a dramatic rise in share price pushed its market value to more than \$100bn (£76.1bn).

Why Do I Like My Car?

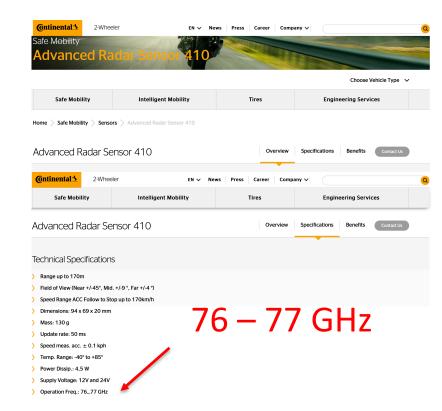
- 1. I think it looks nice
- 2. It accelerates quickly
- 3. It occasionally drives itself
- 4. Most importantly ...
- ... it has a mmWave radar!

Car Sensors Including Radar



What Radar does it Have?



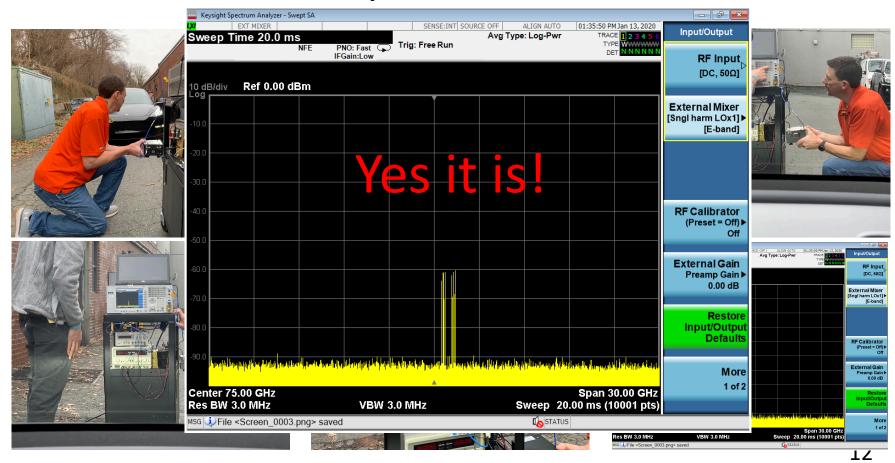


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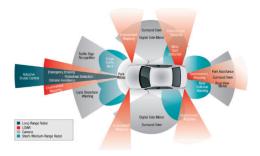




Is it Really a mmWave Radar?



Others Have Tried to Spoof the Radar

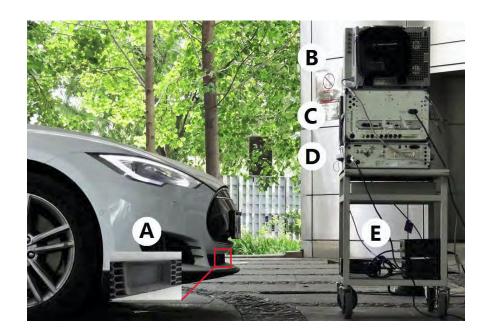


The secret of Tesla's millimeter wave radar -Hypnotizing Tesla

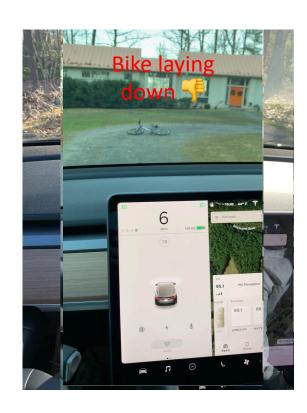


DFE CON is a fun party for "hackers", how about "blind" a Tesla? Some Chinese hackers just did it.





But What Does it Really See?





And the Car Did not See the Deer!



So We Need More Sensors

- Need to be able to see more targets and more of the environment
- Could be a combination of many sensors
- Optical cameras, LIDAR, ultrasound, radar are all viable candidates
- More sensors are better
- Radar spatial resolution scales with wavelength
- So why not mmWave/THz sensors above 100 GHz?
 4 x 70 GHz = 280 GHz 4 time the spatial resolution
- RadSenseComm multiple functions on one radio

The mmWave Coalition is Trying to Help

The mmWave Coalition is a group of innovative companies united in the objective of removing regulatory barriers to technologies using frequencies ranging from 95 GHz to 450 GHz. The Coalition does not limit itself to supporting any particular use or technology but rather it is working to create a regulatory structure for these frequencies that would encompass all technologies and all possible uses, limited only by the constraints of physics, innovation, and the imagination.



mmWave Coalition Members

- American Certification Body, Inc.
- Azbil North America Research and Development, Inc.
- Global Foundries, Inc.
- Keysight Technologies
- National Instruments
- Nokia Corporation
- NSI-MI Technologies
- Cubic/Nuvotronics, Inc.
- NYU WIRELESS
- Qorvo, Inc.
- RaySecur
- Samsung Research America Inc.
- VEGA Americas
- Virginia Diodes, Inc.
- VUBIQ Networks
- Would be great to have your organization too!



Caution!

- It is early in game in the formulation of regulations above 100 GHz!
- It will take years to achieve a regulatory framework!

Passive Spectrum Uses Have to be Protected

- Oldest is Radio Astronomy
 - Focus is frequencies with molecular resonances to detect molecules in distant places
 - Observatories for 95+ GHz in high arid places
- Earth Exploration-Satellite Service(EESS)
 - Also focuses on molecular resonances
 - Worldwide coverage from downlooking satellite sensors necessary
 - Includes weather observation

Why mmWave/THz differs from classic spectrum policy assumptions

- Atmospheric absorption in many cases has a big impact on radio propagation
- Small wavelengths permits narrowly focused beams and use of antenna design approaches not practical at lower bands
- Due to high density of molecular resonances mmWave/THz has many bands with passive allocations and special protections

Regulatory Alphabet Soup – Layman's Explanation









- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is an international/UN organization
- Radio Rules (RR) are a treaty and US is a signatory
- World Radiocommunication
 Conferences (WRC) meets every 4
 years to discuss RRs and other topics

- Federal Communications
 Commission (FCC) oversees
 commercial interests in the US
- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) oversees federal government interest in the US
- The FCC issues Notices for Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) when there is a change to be made

Example of Difference in Regulations



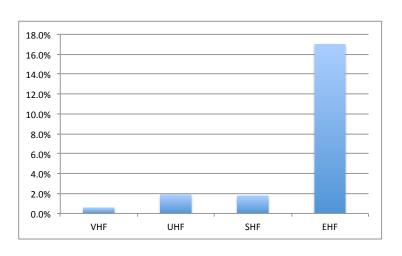
5.340 All emissions are prohibited in the following bands: ..., 100-102 GHz, 109.5-111.8 GHz, 114.25-116 GHz, 148.5-151.5 GHz, 164-167 GHz, 182-185 GHz, 190-191.8 GHz, 200-209 GHz, 226-231.5 GHz, 250-252 GHz. (Allocations <100 GHz omitted)



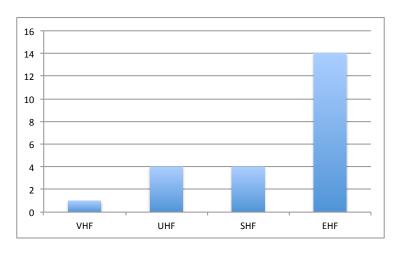
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Available Spectrum from RF to THz Bands

Size of Unavailable Bands



Number of Unavailable Bands



- These charts are based on US allocations that differ slightly from ITU RR 5.340
- ITU designates:

VHF: 30 – 300 MHz

UHF: 300 MHz - 3 GHz

SHF: 3 - 30 GHz EHF: 30-300 GHz

Previous National Spectrum Policy Precedents



 From 2003 to 2019 highest frequency permitted for nonexperimental license in US was 95 GHz



 In 2012 UK permitted unlicensed use of the 122-123 GHz and 244-246 GHz bands up to 20 dBm EIRP



In 2014 these limits were extended to apply to whole EU



 In 2014 Japan permitted use of 116-134 GHz but technical details not readily available

Recent National Policy/Regulatory Activity

FCC Decision 3/21/19 Spectrum Horizons NPRM Outcome

 https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-19A1_Rcd.pdf

BAND	BANDWIDTH	POWER (AVERAGE EIRP)
116-123 GHz	7 GHZ	40 dBm*
174.8-182 GHZ	7.2 GHZ	40 dBm*
185-190 GHz	5 GHZ	40 dBm*
244-246	2 GHZ	40 dBm*

Ofcom (UK) Proposals 1/17/20

 https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0034/ 189871/100-ghz-consultation.pdf

BAND	BANDWIDTH	POWER (AVERAGE EIRP)
116-122 GHz	6 GHz	Indoor 40dBm Outdoor 20 dBm
174.8-182 GHz	7.2 GHz	Indoor 40dBm Outdoor 20 dBm
185-190 GHz	5 GHz	Indoor 40dBm Outdoor 40 dBm

Also included new rules for experimental licenses

Recent International Developments

- WRC 2019 concluded in November in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
- Before WRC 2019 there were not allocations above 275 GHz
- Allocations made for fixed and mobile for: 275-296 GHz, 306-313 GHz, 318-333 GHz and 356-450 GHz
- Resolution made for a study plan for ITU-R for increased sharing above 71 GHz. Bands of interest include 100 - 102 GHz, 116 - 122.25 GHz, 148.5 - 151.5 GHz, 174.8 - 191.8 GHz, 226 -231.5 GHz and 235 - 238 GHz

Need More Work on Sharing

- Protecting Radio Astronomy is more straightforward
- Protecting Earth Observation is more complicated
- There is 900 GHz of room to work it out!
- Many issues deal with comms, but may not be applicable to radar and sensing
- Channels with 10s of GHz of bandwidth would be great
- I need more sensors for my car so it doesn't run over Sailor!

The End

- I hope my story kept you awake at the end of day
- mmWave/THz can contribute to the RadSenseComm of Things on the Internet/Internet of Things
- The regulatory framework for spectrum above 100
 GHz is beginning to take shape