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# Carbon Nanotube X-Ray Stationary Gantry CT

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### So What, Who Cares?

#### Why Purchase a Stationary Gantry CT and Why Purchase from a New Vendor?

- Why Purchase a Stationary CT?
  - Stationary CT implemented with CNT x-ray tubes enables high-speed high-resolution CT imaging in an AT-2 footprint.
  - Can upgrade or extend capability beyond Dual-Energy CT through additional scatter detectors on stationary gantry.
- Why Purchase from a New Vendor? In the Southern Hemisphere?
  - Good Question!
  - Small Australian business
  - Listed company ASX:MX1
  - World's first and only CNT x-ray tube in the market
  - 5-Eyes and ADF/US DoD connections and projects
  - Micro-X's path to bring CNT CT into the market is through collaboration and partnership.

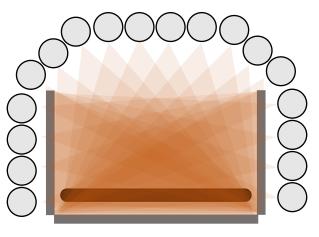




# **Stationary Gantry CT**

### High Speed CT Designed for EDS

- Designed specifically for high speed explosives detection.
- Simpler system design makes maintenance easier and lowers cost of ownership.
- Multiple possible design configurations because image geometry is not restricted by rotating gantry.
- Multiple certified EDS stationary gantry systems exist.
- Challenging to implement at checkpoint due to:
  - Size of system multiple x-ray tubes makes system large and heavy.
  - Power of system multiple x-ray tubes simultaneously draw power.

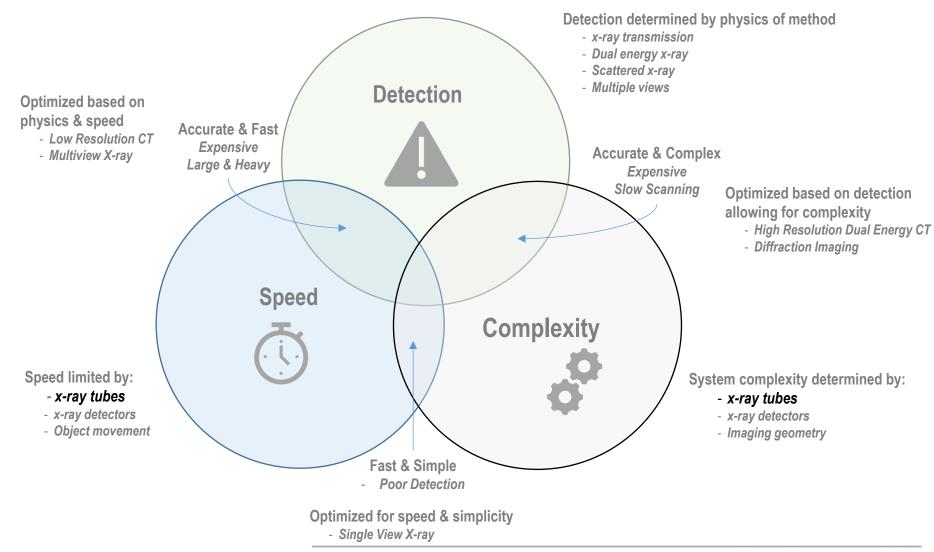


Example Stationary CT System



### **Improved Detection Limited**

#### Trade-offs in Conventional X-ray Detection





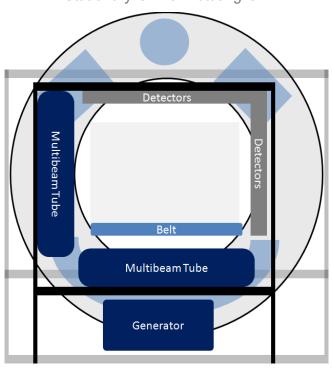
## Micro-X Technology Advantage

#### **CNT Applied to Stationary CT**

- CNT X-rays are electronically controlled
  - Efficient use of power
  - High speed "flash photograph" imaging
- CNT emitter miniaturizes the x-ray tube
  - High resolution CT in AT-2 footprint
- Enables CT to be deployed to a wider range of checkpoints.
- Stationary gantry can be easily upgraded by expanding technology beyond dual energy CT.
  - Increased explosives detection capability with addition on other detection techniques.

#### **Size Comparison**

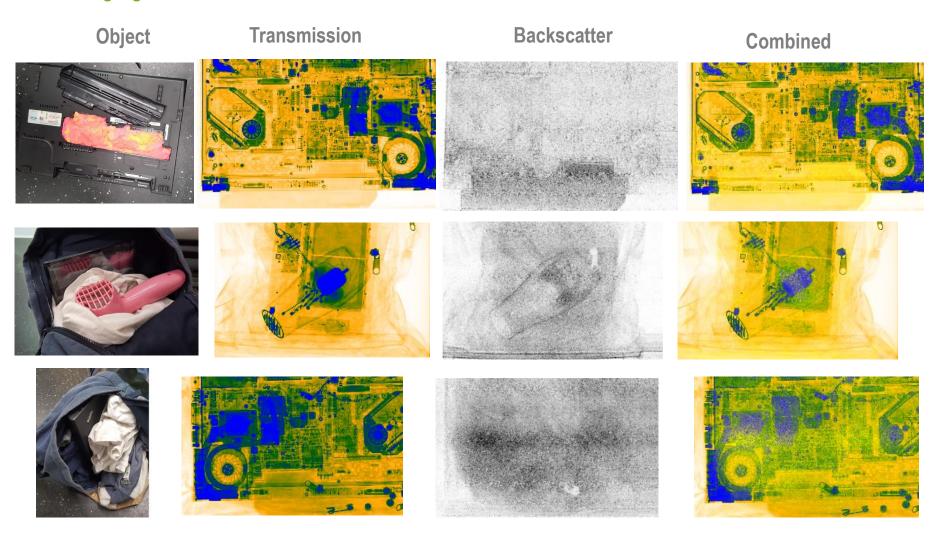
Stationary CT vs. Rotating CT





### **Combined Transmission And Scatter**

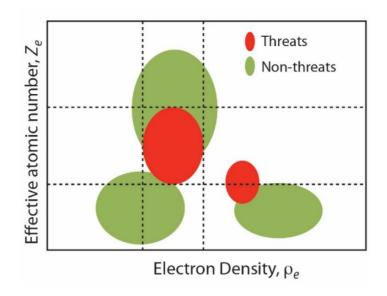
First Imaging Tests Results

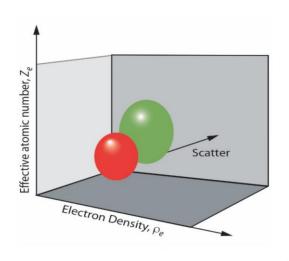




### **Dual Energy CT and Scatter**

Combing X-ray Transmission and Scatter





- X-ray Scatter provides orthogonal detection signal to conventional dual energy 3D imaging
- When combined with CNT x-ray tubes can deliver a combined dual energy stationary gantry CT with scatter imaging system.





### Micro-X Ltd

#### Benefits and Challenges of Being Small and Australian

- Small, but listed ASX:MX1 (access to capital)
- First CNT x-ray system in the world to go on sale.
- Innovating simultaneously in both medical and security markets.
- Benefits of being small and Australian
  - The 'Tyranny of Distance' encourages a global outlook
    - Micro-X Inc. a US wholly owned subsidiary
    - Global partnerships in USA and Europe
    - Won UK Department of Transport FASS contract
  - Australian innovation in technology
    - Strong government support for innovation and small business
    - Close relationship between US and AUS in security (5-Eyes)
- Challenges of being small and Australian
  - Overcoming the prejudices of distance
  - Recognition on a global stage



### **Barriers to Entry**

#### Barriers to Entry for a New Vendor

- Established and Competitive market
  - Multiple solutions exist with a range of capabilities (from single view through CT)
  - Multiple rotating gantry CT solutions in testing and initial deployment
  - Existing CONOPS for AT-2
- Multiple Established Vendors
  - Have access to large data sets for ATR development
  - Have years of real experience with CT and EDS
- Highly Regulated Market
  - Long certification process
- Security-Sensitive Customer
  - Requires existing Government relationship to start development

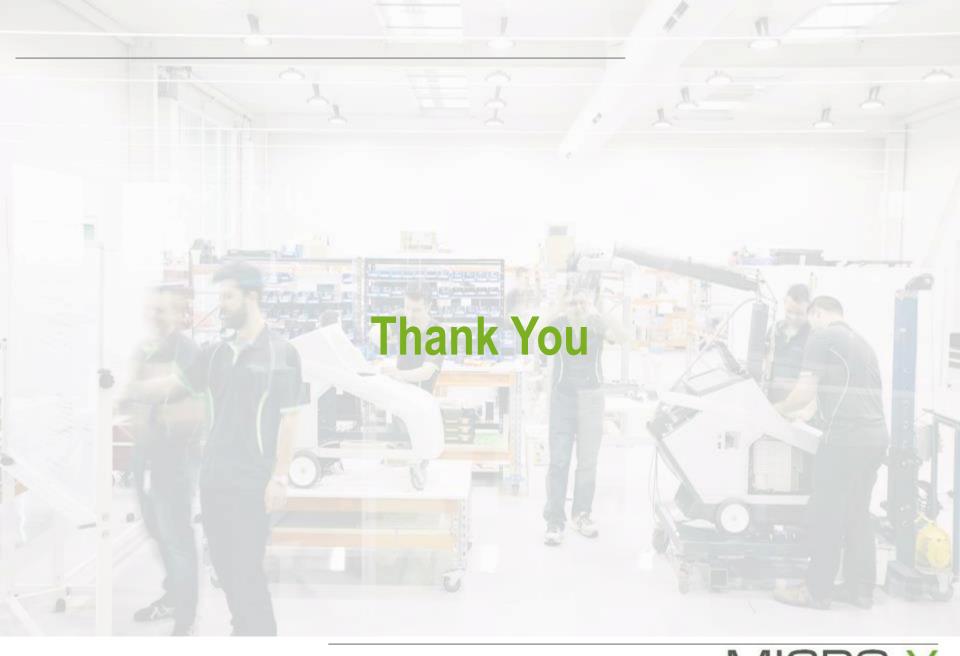


## **Future Airport Security Solutions in UK**

How the UK is breaking down barriers of entry to new technologies

- UK Department of Transport:
  - Questioned paucity of innovation in aviation security technology;
  - Commissioned study to identify barriers to innovation;
  - Found innovation required government intervention: leadership, investment, direction, and support
  - Looked at the way the global defense agencies develop bespoke solutions to anticipated competitive needs.
  - Sought to specifically engage smaller and more diverse companies and organizations.
  - Borrowed a Ministry of Defence Technology Accelerator program model.
  - Recognized the importance of joint government/industry capability planning workshops





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