

# Magneto-Inductive (MI) Technology Overview

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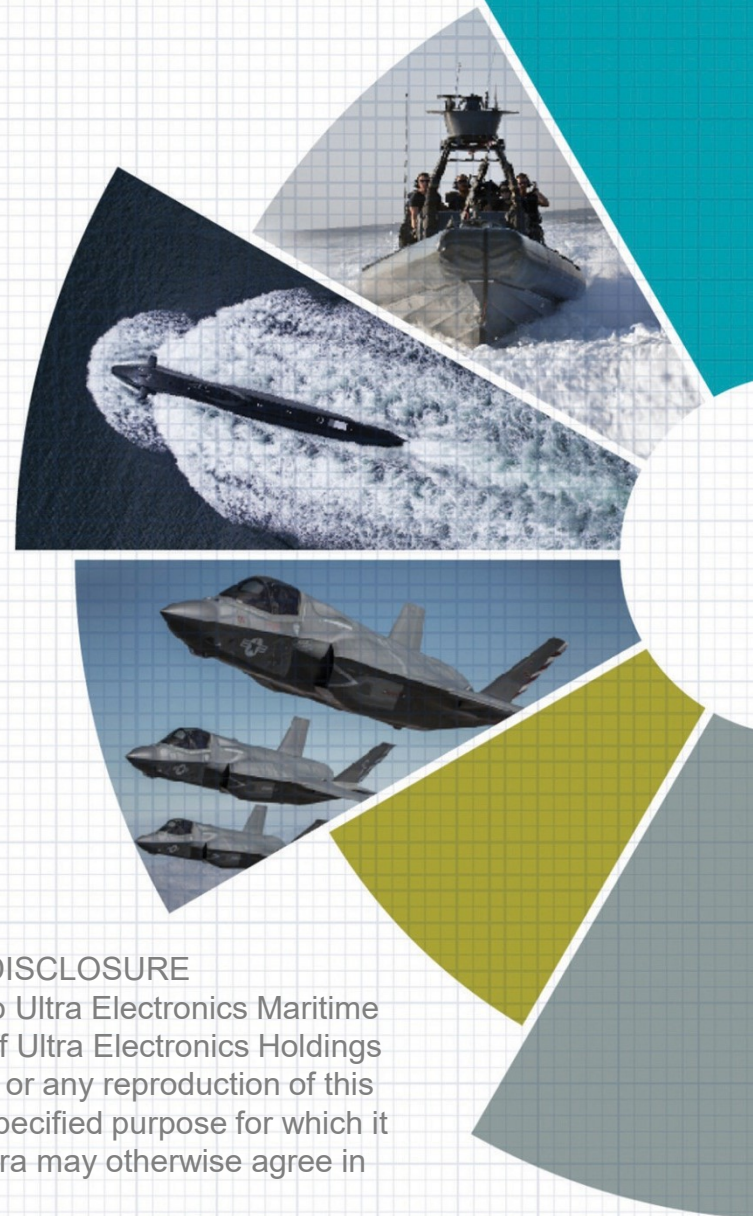
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## Ultra 'At a Glance'

- FTSE 250 stock with strong financial track record



- Broad geographic reach and a wide customer base
- Operations in UK, USA, Canada, and Australia

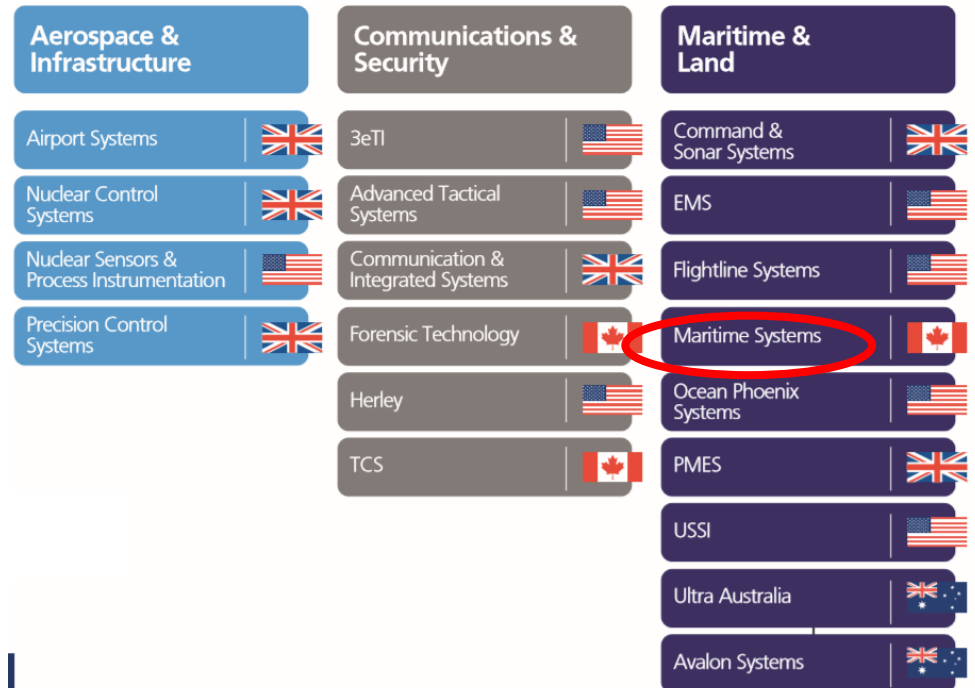
Geographic reach



# What underpins Ultra's performance?

## STRUCTURE AND CULTURE

- Agile, customer-focused organisation
- Value knowledge of customers' need
- Devolved authority and responsibility
- Flat structure and minimum bureaucracy
- Focused on innovation to achieve differentiation



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# Ultra Electronics Maritime Systems

More than 70 years experience in design, development, & manufacturing of sophisticated military systems for customers around the world

- Expendables
  - Sonobuoys
- Sonar
  - Towed Receiver Arrays (ships & submarines)
  - Low Frequency Active/Passive Sonar
- Magneto Inductive Signaling & Communications



# MI Technology Overview

## HISTORY

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- Magneto-Inductive Systems Limited (MISL) had a 20+ year background in R&D, product development and manufacturing of MI products for military customers, primarily the US Department of Defense.
- MISL was acquired by Ultra in May 2008.
- Engineering, Business Development and Management is now integrated with Ultra in Dartmouth, NS.

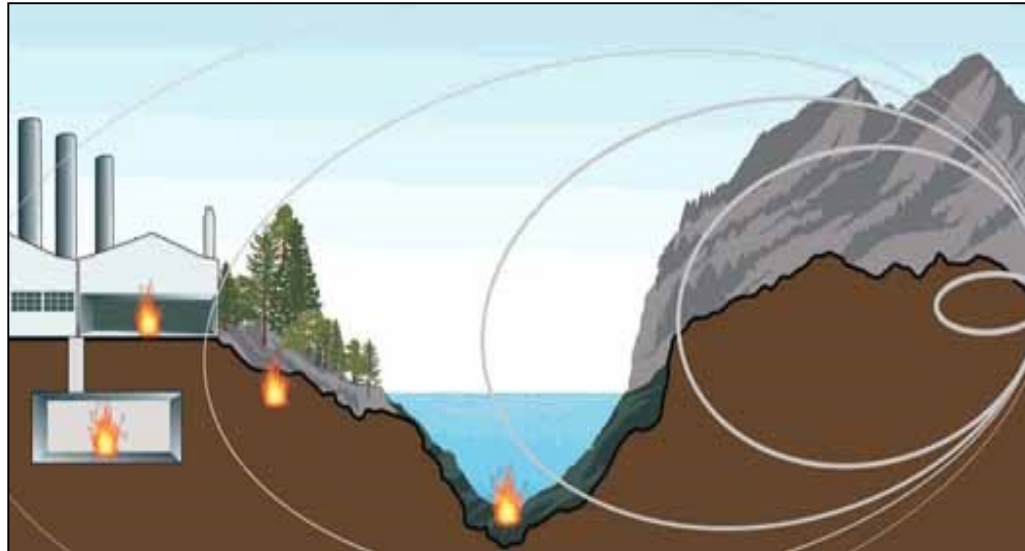


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## HOW IT WORKS - BASICS

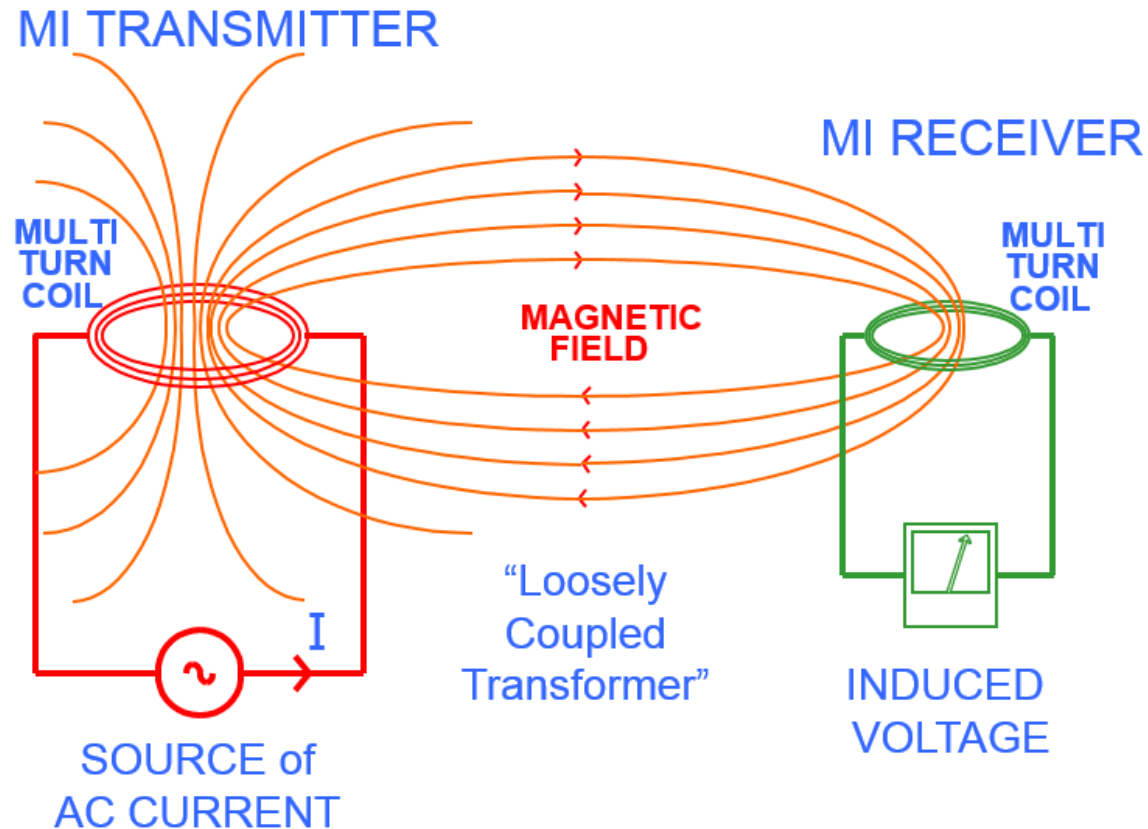
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- Uses Magnetic Fields for Signaling and Communication.
- Can transmit through almost anything: air, water, earth, rock, etc.
- Can be used for communication in “difficult” environments: underground caves/tunnels, mining and underground rescue, and in urban structures.
- Electrical conductivity of the medium attenuates the MI field strength (higher conductivity = higher attenuation).



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## HOW IT WORKS – COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES



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## COMPARISON WITH RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

	MI	Common RADIO
Frequency	< 10 kHz	Most > 30 MHz, Minimum 3KHz
Range	50 m – 2 km	100m - many km
Directionality	Omnidirectional	Line of Sight
Electromagnetic Field used	Magnetic  Magnetic Moment = Current * Area * Turns	Electric and Magnetic
Detection /Jamming	Difficult	Easy
Reflection Susceptibility	Minimal	Yes
Conductive Medium Effects	Minimal	Yes
Propagation Loss with distance	$1/R^3$	$1/R^2$



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## PRODUCTS

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### DiverCOMM



- Frequency: ~ 5 kHz
- Range: Voice + data (2412bps): 100m  
Narrowband Data (25bps): 200m
- Applications: Military and Commercial Diver Communications

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### Rockphone / TerraCOMM

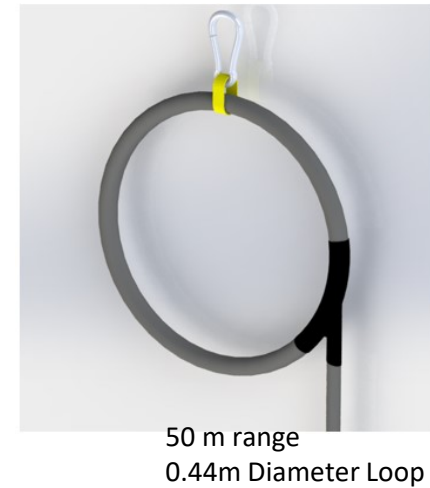
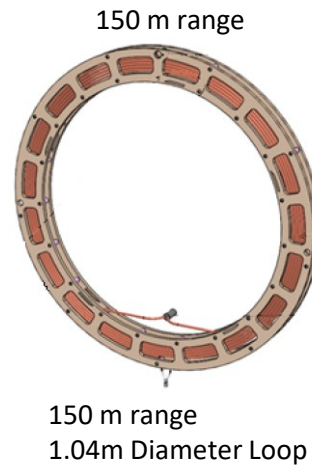
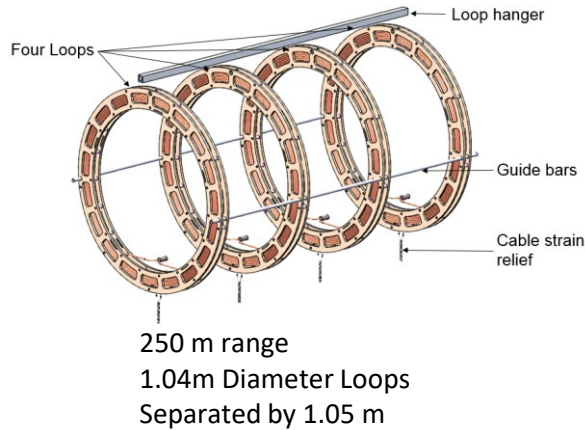
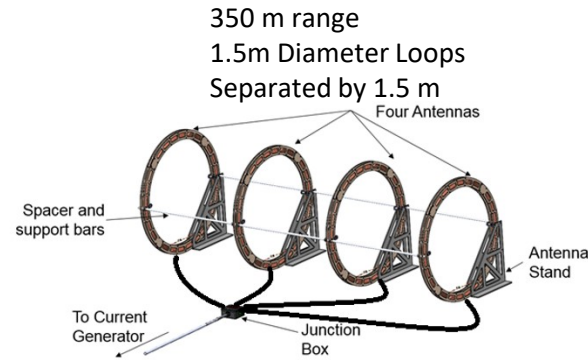
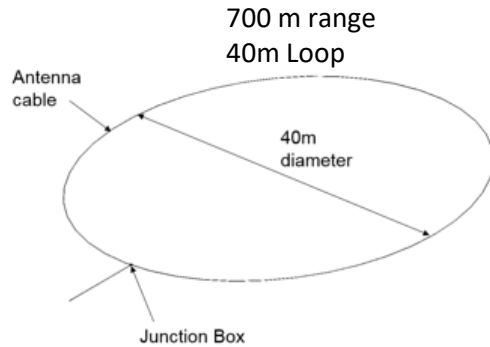


TerraCOMM™ Transceiver

- Frequency: ~ 5 kHz
- Range: Voice + data  
(2412bps): 100m  
Narrowband Data (25bps):  
200m
- Applications: Mining / Tactical  
/ Rescue Communications for  
through-earth voice and data  
communication system

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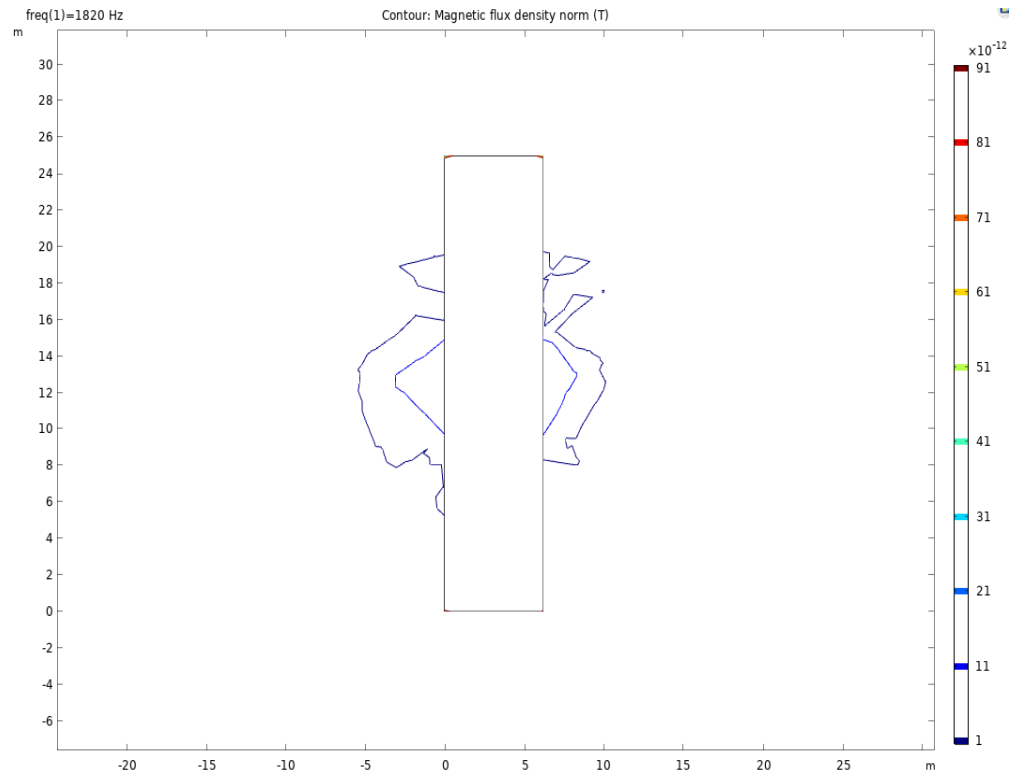
## WIRELESS BLASTING WG200 – MULTIPLE ANTENNA OPTIONS



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## SIMULATION 1 – TWO ANTENNAS (0.44M DIAMETER) IN ALUMINUM BOX

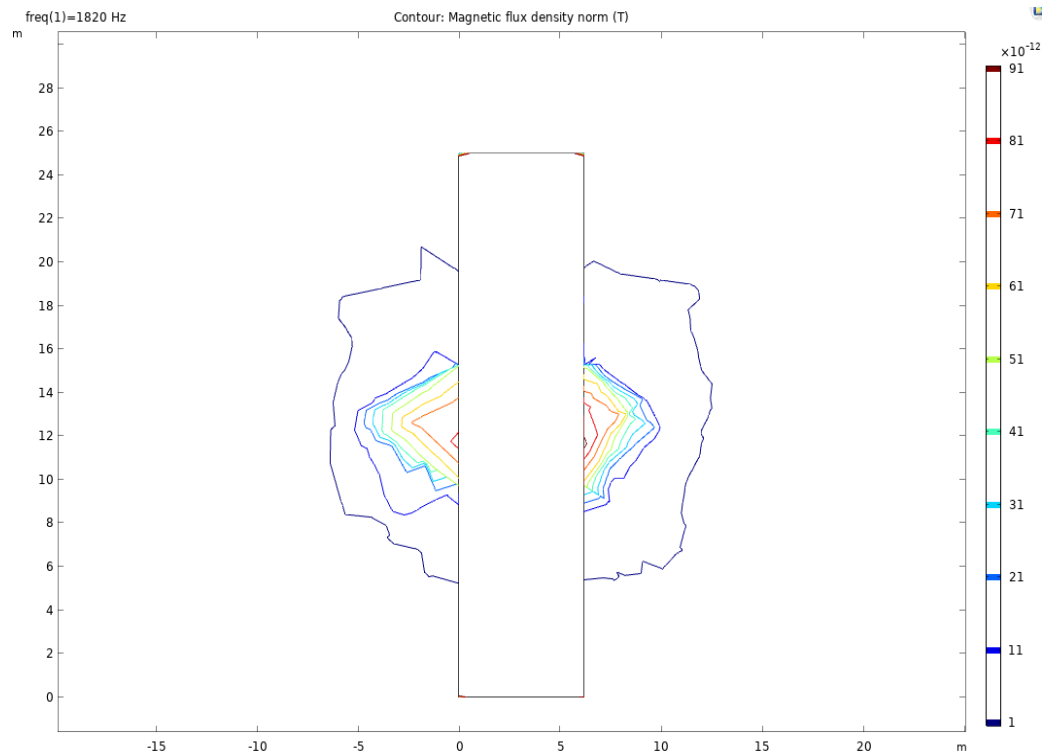
- **Power source:** 18.4 Amps-meters<sup>2</sup> (Am<sup>2</sup>) at the center of the box (6.2 x 6.2 x 25 meters)
- **Aluminum thickness:** 0.25"
- **Max Distance:** As per the contour lines below, 10 picoTesla (pT) MI field strength is achievable 4 meters past the aluminum box.



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## SIMULATION 2 – TWO ANTENNAS (0.44M DIAMETER) IN ALUMINUM BOX

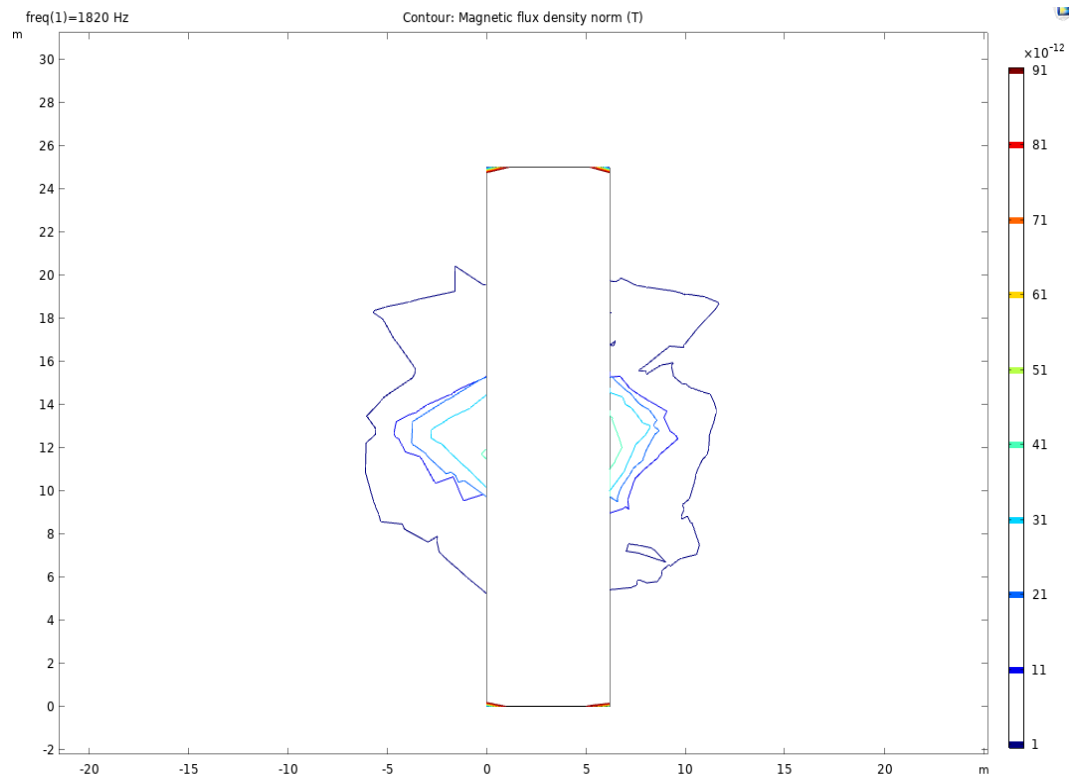
- **Power source:**  $18.4 \text{ Am}^2$  at the center of the box (6.2 x 6.2 x 25 meters)
- **Aluminum thickness:** 0.125"
- **Max Distance:** As per the contour lines below, 10 pT MI field strength is achievable 5 meters past the aluminum box. The increased density of the contour lines indicates stronger MI field outside of the box.



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## SIMULATION 3 – ONE ANTENNA (0.44M DIAMETER) IN ALUMINUM BOX

- **Power source:** 9.2 Am<sup>2</sup> at the center of the box (6.2 x 6.2 x 25 meters)
- **Aluminum thickness:** 0.125"
- **Max Distance:** As per the contour lines below, 10 pT MI field strength is achievable 5 meters past the aluminum box.





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## CONCLUSION

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- ULTRA's proprietary Magneto-Inductive technology supports several exciting product applications.
- It is being applied very effectively to wireless blasting systems in mines around the world, establishing new capabilities and a new market segment.



Questions?





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