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Physical Security

PERIMETER SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES

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Why Secure the Perimeter?

Your Perimeter is Your FIRST line of Defense

- Detect intruders before they gain access
- The perimeter usually has easy access for response
- Using a combination of physical barrier and electronic sensors provide 3 primary functions –
 - DETER
 - DELAY
 - DETECT



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Perimeter protection

Perimeters vary from the dysfunctional to extreme



Outdoor Sensor Challenges

Outdoor sensors face challenges not associated with indoor sensors

- Wind and Rain
- Temperature fluctuations
- Vegetation
- Blowing debris
- Animals
- Traffic
- Terrain

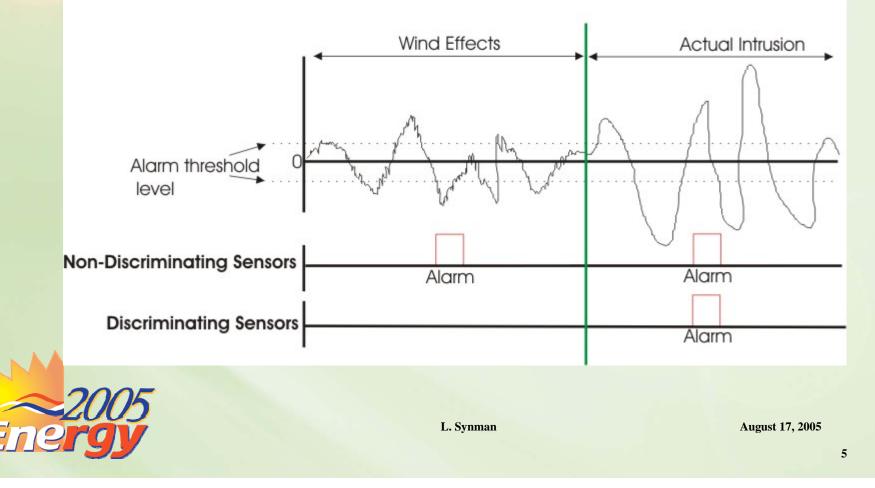


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Understanding Detection

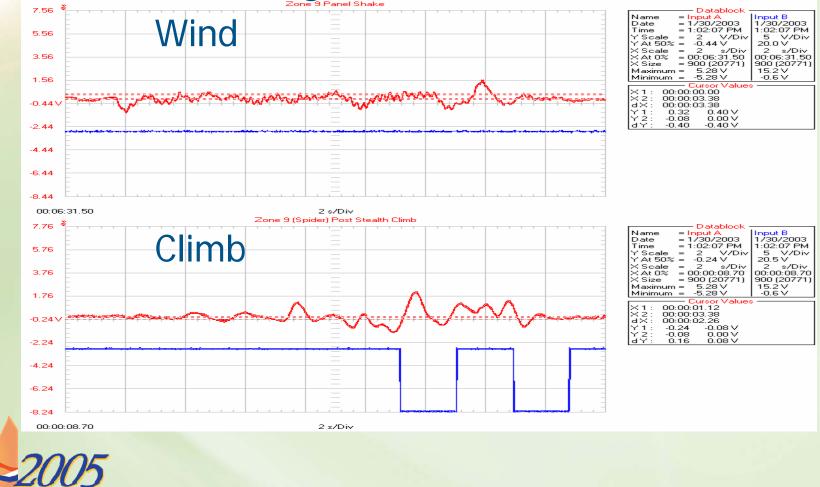
Weather *will* induce signals into a sensor...there must be some way of discrimination

Comparison of Discrimination Sensors



Understanding Detection

Real Discriminating Sensors



Choosing a technology

- " You get what you pay for "
- Assess the security threat
- Understand the technology
- There will be an "operational" cost
- Combine technologies, physical barriers and video verification.



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Types of Perimeter Sensors

Fence Mounted Sensors

- Vibration
- Acoustic (micro-phonic)
- Fiber optic
- Capacitive (strain gauge)
- Volumetric Sensors
- Video Motion Sensors
- Barrier Sensors



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Fence Mounted Sensors

Vibration Sensors

- Oldest technique (spring & Washer)
- Washer makes contact on vibration
- No discrimination
- False alarms





Fence Mounted sensors

Acoustic Sensors (micro-phonic)

- Coaxial cable used as microphone
- "listens" to fence noises
- Problems with expansion and contraction
- No discrimination
- False alarms
- Weather station not viable solution



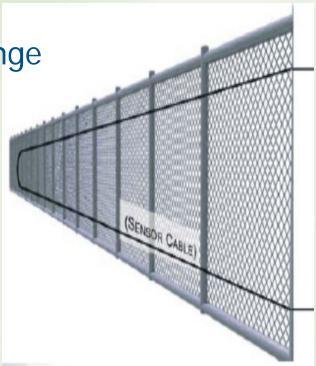


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Fence Mounted sensors

Fiber-Optic Sensors

- Good medium security sensors
- Light patterns analyzed for change
- Easier to discriminate
- Limited zone lengths
- Specialized cable repair
- Limited durability





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Fence Mounted Sensors Capacitive (Strain Gauge) Sensors





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Fence mounted Sensors

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Capacitive (Strain Gauge) Sensors

- Excellent high security sensor
- Allows full discrimination
- Fence becomes effective strain gauge
- Only reacts to physical fence distortion
- Frequency parameter minimizes weather effects
- Higher initial cost lower operational cost
- Low maintenance and easy repair





- Invisible Field Sensors detecting the "presence" of a body in the field
- Microwave
- Radar
- Seismic
- P.I.R.
- Active Field Sensors
- M.A.D Technology



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Microwave

- Active field with transmitter and receiver.
- Some problems in fog and rain
- Good for vehicle entrances



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Radar

- Good long range detection
- Good for rapid deployment
- Problems with terrain variations
- Costly





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Seismic Sensors

- Ground vibration sensors
- No discrimination
- False alarms
- Suitable for rapid deployment





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P.I.R (Passive Infra-Red)

- Heat sensing detector
- Looks for differences in heat sources
- Problems in hot-weather and fog
- Better suite for indoor applications





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Active Field Sensors

- Creates an RF field either from underground cable or fence wires
- Looks for interference from body
- No animal discrimination
- Problems with ground water and soil conductivity



Volumetric Sensors M.A.D. Technology (Magnetic Anomaly Detection)





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M.A.D. Technology

- Does not create any active field, Uses the Earths magnetic field as medium.
- Moving metal passing through field induces signals.
- No animals detected.
- Ideal for remote areas with no fences



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Video Motion Sensors

- Detect pixel changes on camera pictures
- Most cameras have basic VMD built-in
- Problems with lighting variations and weather effects
- Newer technologies like "Totaltrack" reinventing the wheel. More effective





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Barrier Sensors

Fence is both the sensor and the barrier Taut-wire Fence

- Highest security
- Each wire is monitored for strain change
- Very costly
- Extremely effective
- Can be combined with high-voltage





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Barrier Sensors

Taut-wire Fence





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Adding Value to the System

Video verification is valuable.

- Evaluate alarms before responding.
- Less disruption from false alarms
- Valuable legal evidence

Perimeter lighting for most vulnerable time.

- Lighting is a deterrent too
- Aids in video surveillance



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Closing the Perimeter

Perimeter must be complete.

 Use access control, vehicle gates and bollards for enclosure.





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Adding Value to the System

Add deterrents and delays.

- Add barbed wire & outriggers.
- A difficult barrier will DETER intrusion attempts







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