

Opportunity Title: Simulation of Emerging Sensor Technologies Fellowship

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Application Deadline 2/28/2024 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description **Research Topic Description, including Problem Statement:**

Scientific and engineering advances in areas such as quantum, photonic and manufacturing techniques are creating opportunities for the development of new types of sensors which may create as-yet unquantified opportunities (and threats) for the IC trying to operate in environments where current sensors are ineffective.

For most use cases traditional methods of gathering environmental data from the commercial world are very mature, such as light (imagery/photos/video), pressure (audio), magnetics (object detection), RF, and motion (accelerometers and gyros). Capability upgrades are mostly in the processing of the output, not the sensing itself.

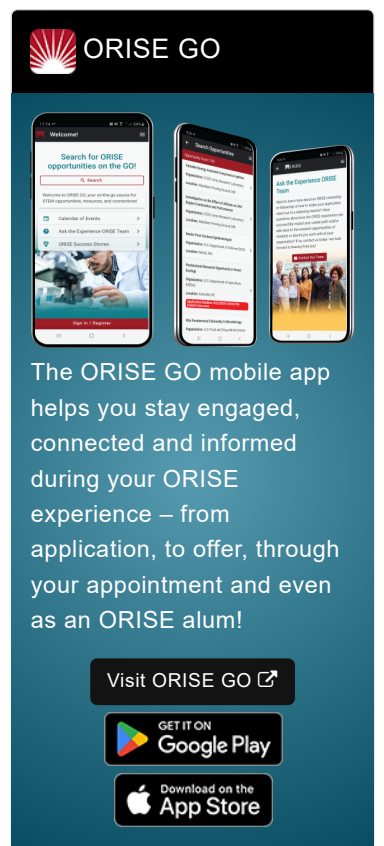
There are however still several areas where current sensors fail to gather useful information:

- Non-illuminated ultra-low light imaging.
- Speech detection in high noise, highly reverberant environments.
- Position in GNSS-denied environments.

The aim of this research topic is to investigate the use of simulated environments to quantify/qualify the effectiveness of novel sensing methods in environments where current sensors are ineffective.


Example Approaches:


- Create a scenario within a simulated environment, model novel sensor techniques and quantify.
- Using information on novel sensors that can detect faint objects or detect without the photons even hitting the object.
- Gravimetry sensors used to passively detect objects underground.
- Increase sensitivity of GPS receivers.




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We are not overly prescriptive as regards solutions; all techniques are welcome. We are, however, looking for methods which could be practically used as technique matures.

Key Words: Edge, IoT, Cloud, Compute, Neural Networks, post-CMOS, Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, green AI, Sensors, Emerging technologies, Simulated environments, Modelling, Imagery, Audio, Magnetic, RF, Motion, Quantum sensors.

Qualifications **Postdoc Eligibility**

- U.S. citizens only
- Ph.D. in a relevant field must be completed before beginning the appointment and within five years of the appointment start date
- Proposal must be associated with an accredited U.S. university, college, or U.S. government laboratory
- Eligible candidates may only receive one award from the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

Research Advisor Eligibility

- Must be an employee of an accredited U.S. university, college or U.S. government laboratory
- Are not required to be U.S. citizens

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#))
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 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** ([2](#))
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