

The Mine of the Future Current Mine Automation Trends

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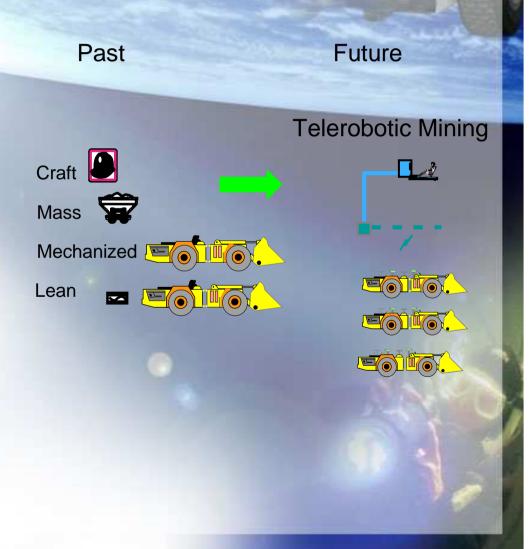


Future Possibilities to be considered

- Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Techniques applied to current mining
 - Mine large low grade deep deposits
 - Perfect Safety, Minimize Costs and Maximize Revenues
 - Mine Large Scale Underwater Deposits
 - Begin to look at Space
- Demand for minerals and metals continues to grow
 - 2% growth means the current production on the earth must double every 38 years to keep up with demand!! Or prices will rise.

Mining and Processing Plant Integration

- Mining Unit Operations
 - U/G and Open Pit
 - Understand Unit Process timing
- Computer integrated Manufacturing Techniques applied to mining (Toyota Production System)
- Compared Manual Techniques to Teleremote



The six Epochs of Production Technology Changes

	English	American	Tayloristic	Dynamic	Numerically	Computer
	System	System	System		Controlled	Integrated
						Manufacturing
Number of Machines	3	50	150	150	50	30
Minimum Scale (people)	40	150	300	300	100	30
Staff/Line Ratio	0:40	20:130	60:240	100:200	50:50	20:10
Productivity Increase	4:1	3:1	3:1	3:2	3:1	3:1
Rework fraction	0.8	0.5	0.25	0.08	0.02	0.005
Number of Products	Large	3	10	15	100	Large
Engineering Ethos	Mechanical	Manufacturing	Industrial	Quality	Systems	Knowledge
Process Focus	Accuracy	Repeatability	Reproducibility	Stability	Adaptability	Versatility
Work Ethos	Perfection	Satisfice	Reproduce	Monitor	Control	Develop
Requied Skills	Mechanical Craft	Repetitive	Repetitive	Diagnostic	Experimental	Learning, Abstracting
Control of Work	Inspection of work	Tight supervision	Supervision	Loose supervision	No work supervision	No work supervision

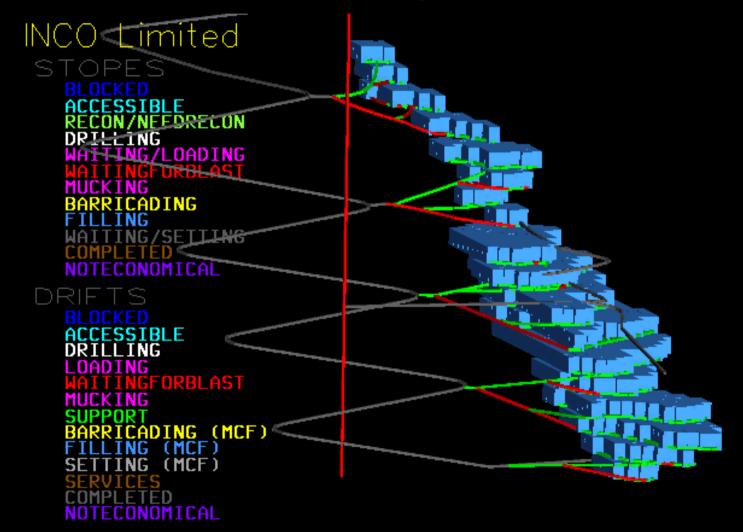
Years

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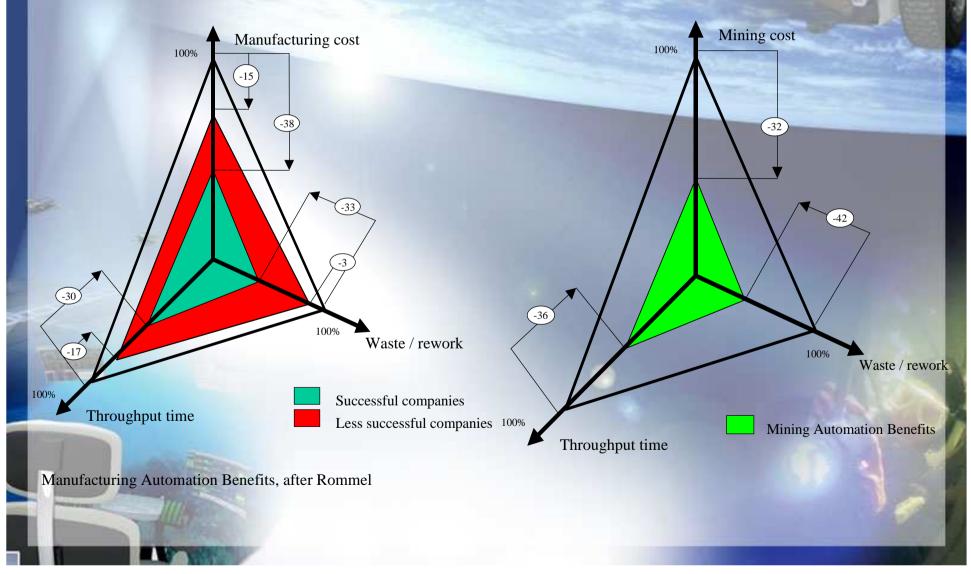
Mining Production Technology 2000

Manufacturing Production Technology

Mine Simulators developed to investigate the potential

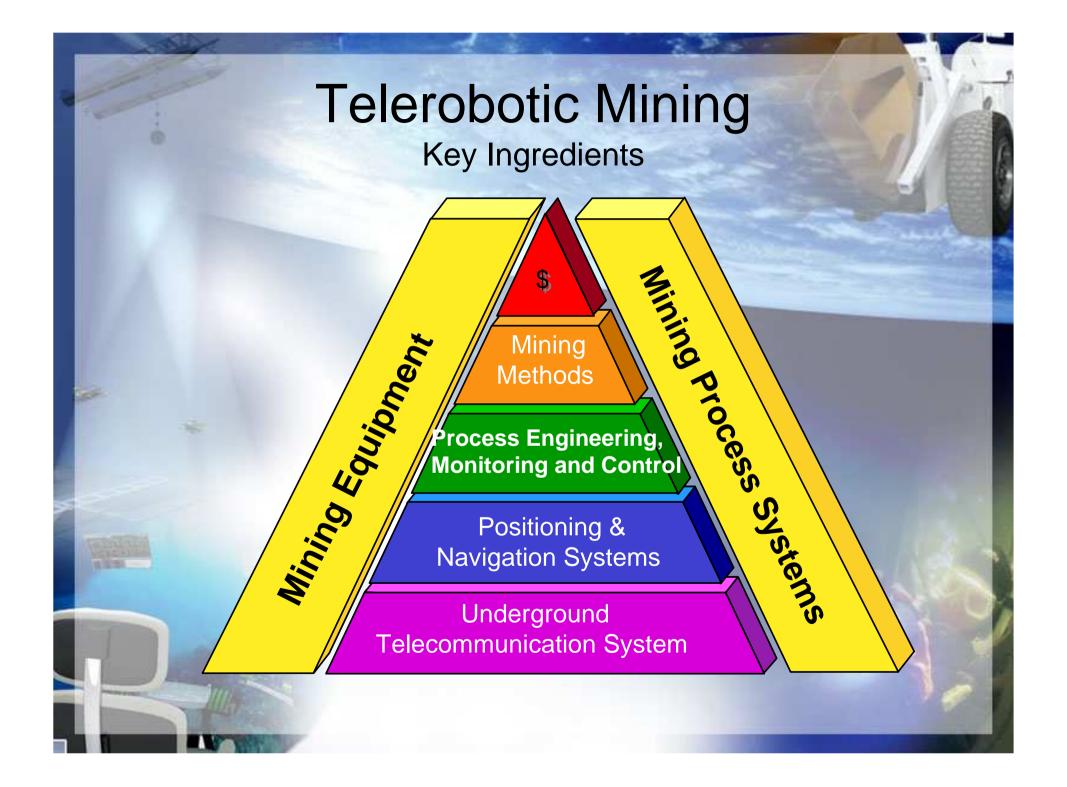












Telecommunications Breakthrough was required for Teleoperation

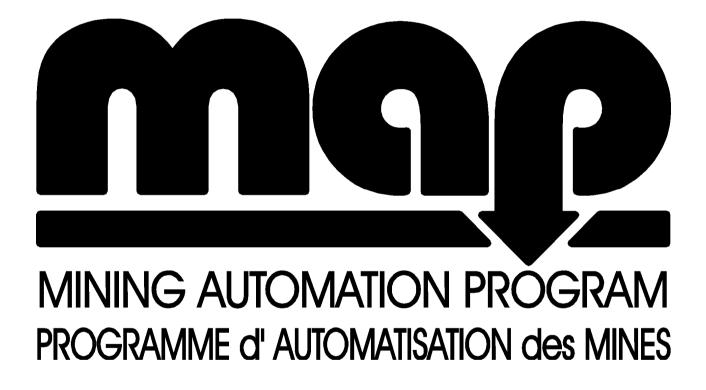


System capability 500 mb/s with near zero latency underground

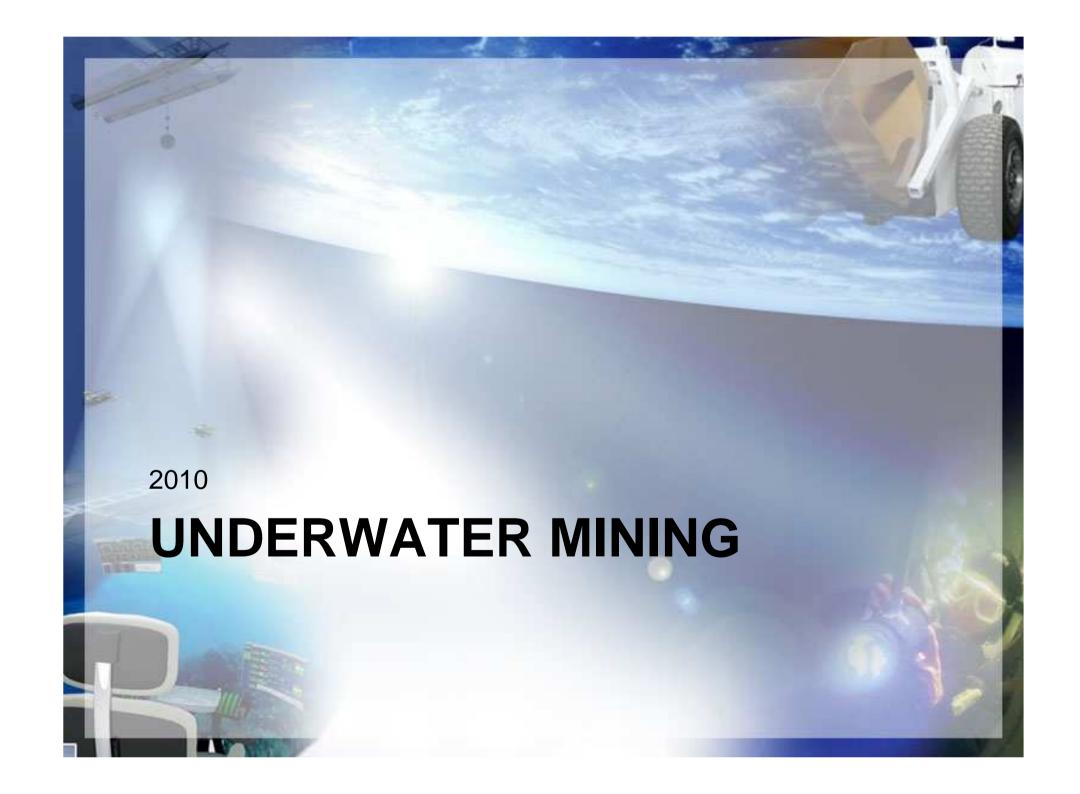
Automatic Haulage Truck

- 70 ton Truck
- Electric/Hydraulic
- 25% grade capable
- Automatic Steering
 and Guidance
- Worked in Production for 2 years
- Moved 2 million tons
- Uptime 95%

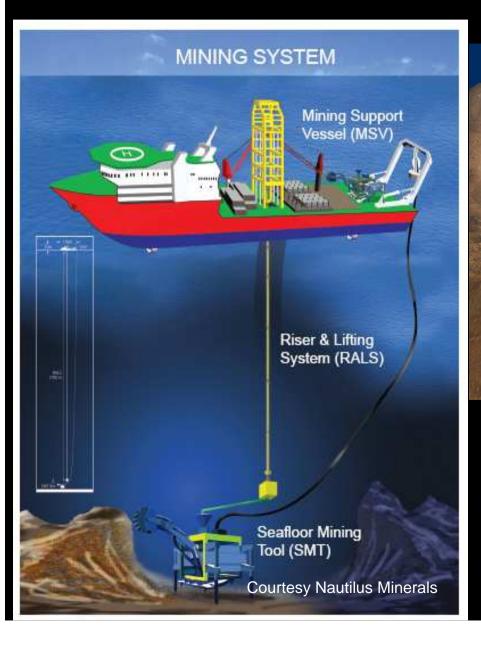








Mining system to be deployed by Nautilus Minerals



Seafloor Mining Tool (SMT)

Courtesy Nautilus Minerals and their technical alliance partner, Soil Machine Dynamics

Mining to start in Q4 2010 subject to timely permitting

2m

Courtesy Steve Scott

District	Hokuroku,	Noranda,	Solwara 1 Golder Associates NI43-101, 2008. Inferred + indicated (4% Cu cutoff) is 2,170,000 t <u>drilled</u> .	
	Japan	Canada		
Mines	12	20		
Ave Mt	12	10		
<u>Wt %</u>				
Copper	1.6	2.1	7.2	
Zinc	3.0	1.4	0.6	
Lead	0.8	~0	-	
<u>g/t</u>				
Silver	93	21	31	
Gold	0.6	4.1	6.2	

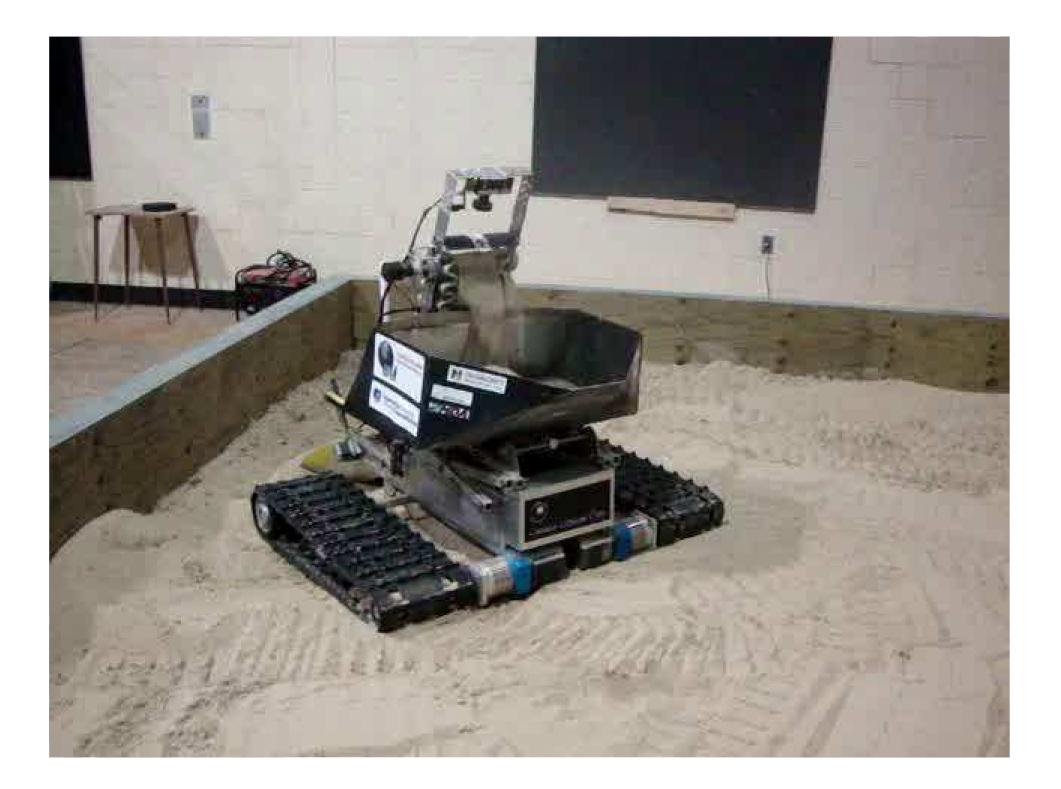


Control Systems



NASA Rokbot







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NON GPS ROBOTIC MAPPING

Non GPS Mapping System



Mine Survey using Penguin System

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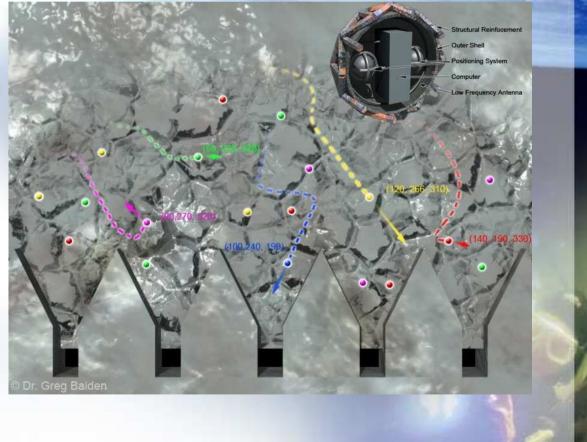
SMART ROCKS UNDERGROUND GPS

Initial SmartRocks Conceptual Idea

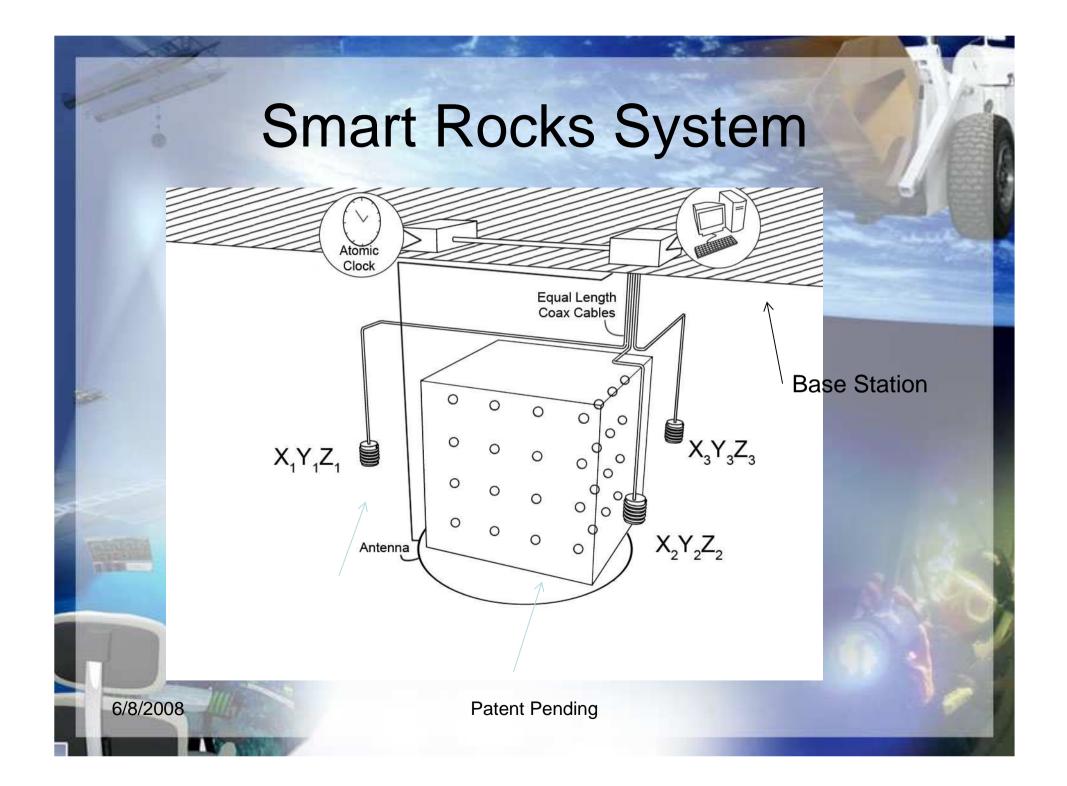
- Create a dynamic sensing system using synthetic rocks to determine location and path of flow within the rock mass of a block cave operation in real time
- Outcomes

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- Material Flow Monitoring SystemUnderground
 - equivalent of GPS



Patent Pending

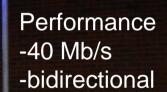


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FREE SPACE OPTICAL COMMUNICATION

Optical Communication Technology





Teleoperation of an Untethered Robotic Submarine using our newly developed Optical Communication System













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TELECOMMAND SPREADER/ROTOPALA

Stacker/Rotopala Telerobotics Project







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REMOTE LASER SCANNING AND INSPECTION



Long Distance Laser Scanning Robot System

- Purpose
 - Travel to unsafe conditions to inspect
- Current work
 - Travel into a mine 1.5 km where ground collapse is possible, no ventilation and no road maintenance
- Perform surveying and cavity scanning to assist the client in determining possibility of collapse





Telerobotic Multi-purpose Robot System

- System consists of
 - Telecommand Trailer with two workstations
 - Communications is done using Cisco Long Distance Antennas meshed with short range broad coverage antennas
 - Two Robots
 - Work Robot Beaverbot
 - Communications Robot -Combot





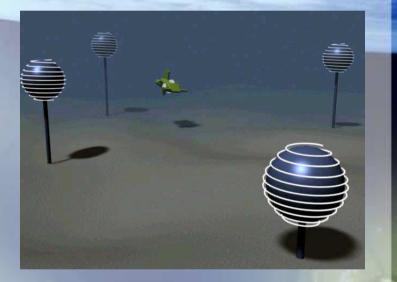




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Wireless Optical Cellular Communication Concept

- Radio Systems have difficulty functioning in surface environments due to regulation
- Develop a concept that:
 - Consists of a wireless optical network capable of transmitting/receiving multiple video, monitoring and control channels
- An underwater environment seemed ideal to constrain the problem



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