

Spectral Sieve EW/ISR Payload



CACI's Spectral Sieve, part of the SkyTracker® Technology Suite, is the leading passive direction-finding/geolocation solution for tactical unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and ground-based applications. It is a real-time, multi-function, multi-mission system that brings precision intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities, including situational awareness and targeting data, to small operational units. Spectral Sieve integrates with groups 1-3 UAS platforms, manned platforms, and terrestrial systems. Spectral Sieve systems are operational at technology readiness level 9 and are deployed in combat areas of operation.

Radio-frequency integrated circuits (RFICs) are Spectral Sieve's enabling technology. Our specialized RFIC is a miniature, wideband, software-programmable radio on a chip that provides continuous tuning across the spectrum. The small RFIC allows the implementation of a five-channel radio within a 20-square-inch circuit board with supporting circuitry. Spectral Sieve uses these radios in conjunction with antenna arrays for coherent signal processing. Arrays of up to four elements are possible, with a fifth independently tunable radio available for additional waveform captures.

With the core RFIC technology, and the latest in commercial field-programmable gate array and ARM/digital signal processing technologies, the low size, weight, and power (SWaP) of Spectral Sieve's hardware enables it to operate across a variety of platforms, from group 1 UAS platforms to Air Launched Effects air vehicles. Spectral Sieve's low SWaP also enables simultaneous operation with other platform-hosted sensor packages.

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Spectral Sieve Features

- Compatible with more than 16 platforms.
- Real-time signals of interest processing with metadata display.
- Spectral Sieve's SEWSI graphical user interface with integrated Win-TAK mapping interface.
- Mission recording and playback.
- Compatible with ROVER and RaptorX software suites; interfaces to android team awareness kit and electronic warfare planning and management tool.
- Ruggedized field-ready receiver, storage, and signal analysis system.
- Flexible broadband RF data acquisition.
- Gigabit ethernet port with GbE Streaming App for Vita-49 radio data output to external general-purpose processor for expanded capabilities.
- Integrated baseband software-defined radio.
- Four-channel coherent receiver for array processing; one single-channel receiver for survey.
- Pre-selector filters for higher dynamic range.
- Switchable inputs to allow two arrays with up to four elements each.
- Mission-specific antenna arrays and mounts for platform integration.
- Onboard data storage; signal and data processing.
- Waveform recording.
- USSOCOM modular payload compliant (2U size; custom packaging options available).

Notes:

*Additional development required for production release.

Spectral Sieve 5.1 Electronics

- Spectral Sieve 5.0 digital board
 - Increased operations processing for more efficient channelization, faster signal processing, and video co-processing.
- Spectral Sieve 4.0 radio board
 - Increased signal coverage (high frequency into 4G band) and side instantaneous bandwidth.
 - Architecture allows three arrayed inputs with two independent channels or four arrayed inputs with one independent channel.
- Extended band universal filter board
 - Coherent and continuous coverage from ultra high frequency/very high frequency into 4G band.
 - Factory configurable with customized fixed filters to address more challenging environments.

Spectral Sieve Applications

- Geolocation.
- Direction finding.
- Spectrum analyzer.
- Protocol processing.
- CACI SNARE survey.
- Tagging, tracking, locating mission support.
- Joint Interface Control Document 4.2 compatibility.
- Multi-channel processing.
- Decryption.
- Open Language Interface for Voice Exploitation compatibility (previously known as RATS)*.

General Specifications

Standard Frequency Range	Key bands in UHF/VHF
Tuning Resolution Sensitivity	Varies with deployment
Comms Link Bandwidth	~10 kbps (up) 30 - 300 kbps (down)

Application Specifications

Operational Bands	Tactically relevant
Performance	Real-time, tactically relevant

Size, Weight and Power Specifications (SWaP)

Dimensions – core stackup	7.0 x 4.3 x 3.0 in (with heatsink)
Weight – core stackup	918 g (2.0 lbs.)
Power Consumption	18W

Environmental Specifications

Operating Temperature Range	-32 to 49°C (-25 to 120°F)
Shock	21G half-sine shock pulse
Vibration	<5 kHz w/o isolation mounts 3.7 Grms random, 20 – 2000 Hz
Environmental Exposure	Dust and sand resistant, submersible in some configurations

Interface Specifications

Payload Communication	10/100 ethernet
Payload Data Link	UAS data link/MANET radio networks
DC Voltage Input	11 – 32V (regulated)
Serial Interface	RS232

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