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II. Graduate Students

Several graduate students have been supported or partially under this research grant, leading to the successful completion of PhD dissertations. The students and their dissertation titles are listed below.

1. Teng-Tai Hsu
Dissertation title: Frequency and time-domain analysis and signal processing of waves scattered from finite arrays

2. Stanislav Vitebskiy
Dissertation title: Ultra-wideband, short-pulse ground-penetrating radar

3. David R. Kralj
Dissertation title: Ultra-wideband, time-domain electromagnetics

III. Publications in which grant support is acknowledged


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**V. Patents derived from this work**

None