

# JABLOTRON ALARMS, a.s. Collaboration with CERN / Medipix and ARDENT

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### **JABLOTRON** Holding



- Established in 1990 = 20 year history
- 100% Czech private company
- Specialization = flexibility
- Diversification = stability



# JABLOTRON ALARMS



#### Products:

- Building alarms (83%)
- Home automation
- Car alarms
- Baby breathing monitor
- Digital photo album

Totally about 160 items





#### CERN + Medipix = Timepix



- Medipix Collaboration 1990 CERN
- Development of hybrid pixel-array detector of ionizing particles
- Outcome of the initiative = Timepix
- Camera into the world we cannot see but is all around...
- 256 x 256 pixels, 55um pitch
- 14mm x 14mm surface area
- What we can see?
  - Heavily charged particles (alpha, beta...)
  - X-rays, Gamma rays, Hot neutrons, Fast neutrons
- Various types of particles leave various tracks
- Shapes of the tracks can be recognized
  - ... so the type of the particles
  - ... and the amount of energy



# Seeing is believing





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# The leg of mouse...







# The bone of mouse...



#### What is it all good for?



- Get a knowledge about the environment all of us live in
- Medical particularly less harmful form of human body screening
- Safety potential application of intelligent dosimeters
  - Feedback not just about the amount energy with traditional dosimeters
- Tomography, material analysis
- Industrial e.g. nuclear power plants
- Educational schools, universities
- Research LHC, satellites, bio studies



#### The very first steps



- Year 2010 The first mission to CERN
- CEO Mr. Dalibor Dědek
- Faced a challenge to get a "go ahead"...
- Acquired two types of licenses for application of Timepix detector:
  - Educational toolkit
  - Homeland security detectors
- Primary objective
  - Support research
  - Encourage new ways of education strategy
  - Learn something new and diversify our know-how
- "Learn by providing a teaching tool"
  ...our first aim was the educational kit





#### IEAP



- Institute of Experimental and Applied Physics in Prague (ÚTEF)
- Division of CTU (ČVUT)
- Founded and led by Dr. Stanislav Pospíšil (from 2002)
- One of the core contributors in Medipix Collaboration
- Results have been widely recognized around the world!
- Strong engagement in-between JABLOTRON and IEAP





http://www.utef.cvut.cz/en

#### MX-10 The tool



- Timepix-based USB connected measurement tool for schools and universities
- First few detectors are being already successfully tested
- Deploying into the market from Q1 2013
- The result would have never come out without IEAP
- Mutual synergy at the first sight
  - Hardware engineering and manufacturing (JABLOTRON)
  - Sophisticated proven firmware / PC software and years of experience (IEAP)



### What's next?



- Homeland security portable detector
- Hand-held-like device for police, fire-brigade, airport security, etc.
- Intelligent dosimeter
- Developed under ARDENT / CERN initiative
- JABLOTRON has recruited a talented researcher from overseas particularly for this project - Dr. Vijayaragan Viswanathan



# ARDENT



- Advanced Radiation Dosimetry European Network Training initiative
- Marie curie initial training network under EU FP7 4M€
- 7 Full partners
  - CERN (coordinator), Switzerland
  - Austrian Institute of Technology, Austria
  - Czech Technical University IEAP, Czech republic
  - Jablotron Alarms a.s, Czech republic
  - Politecnico di Milano, Italy
  - MI.AM, Italy
  - IBA Dosimetry, Germany
- 5 Associate partners
  - ST Microelectronics, Italy
  - University of Erlangen, Germany
  - University of Houston, USA
  - University of Ontario, Canada
  - University of Wollongong, Australia





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# Objectives



- Development of advanced instrumentation for radiation monitoring
  - Radiation dosimetry
  - Micro and nano-dosimetry
  - Photon and neutron spectrometry
- Technologies
  - Gas detectors
  - Solid state detectors
  - Track detector techniques
- Applications
  - Characterization of radiation fields
    - Homeland and security
    - Check radiation leakage
      - Around nuclear power plants
      - Medical environment (e.g X-ray rooms)



Source: IEAP, Czech technical university

# **JABLOTRON - ARDENT**



- Participate in the international research initiative
- Bring research from point of view of private enterprise
  - Research
  - •Feasibility study / Market survey
  - Production
  - Marketing
- Development of Medipix-based radiation monitoring system
  - Design of Medipix/Timepix monitoring system to fields outside elementary particle physics
  - •Development and preparation of educational kit for high schools and universities
  - Investigation of possible applications in radiation

# Conclusion



- ARDENT will bring
  - High energy physics outcome to other fields
  - Research focus in radiation dosimetry
  - External collaborations
  - Extensive training and learning opportunity for early stage researchers
    - Skilled manpower in the radiation dosimetry field
  - Educational toolkit for students
    - To cultivate passion towards research
  - Hand held radiation monitoring instruments
    - To better understand and characterize the environment





