

Re: A challenge to non-SRians

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"Myxococcus xanthus" <mold-guardian@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:ce5e7813.0408020936.2473435a@posting.google.com...

> dubious@radioactivex.lebesque-al.net (Bilge) wrote in message
news:<slrncgs819.ok.dubious@radioactivex.lebesque-al.net>...

> >Myxococcus xanthus:

> >>"greywolf42" <mingstb@marssim-ss.com> wrote in message

> >>news:<10gnufp2ctkrm97@corp.supernews.com>...

> >>>

> >>> Here's the simplest that I can think of (it may need to be more

> >>> complex, depending upon your win/lose criterion).

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> >>>> A source of light pulses will be located at a position (S).

> >>>> There will be a

> >>>> target/detector/reflector (T) placed a long distance away (some

> >>>> miles). Each location will have a recording clock, synchronized

> >>>> to the GPS time (no e-synching allowed). A light pulse will be

> >>>> sent from the source to the target and back (at least two

> >>>> 'bounces'*). The arrival times will be

> >>>> recorded. The orientation of the source-target will be changed,

> >>>> or duplicated with other source-receiver combinations.

> >>>>>

> >>>>>To minimize cost, you want to go with COTS test equipment as much as

> >>>>>possible, renting as much as possible.

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> >>>>>>Please supply an equipment list, suppliers, and estimated cost.

> >>>>>>>

> > It should cost very little. Just about everything required could

> > be programmed into a few microcontrollers at less than \$5.00/controller.

> > Maybe \$10.00 for one with a good D/A converter. Programmers can built

> > for less that \$20.00 and the software required can be obtained without

> > any cost at all. That leaves very little in the way of test equipment

> > required and with a reasonable deposit, I can loan a scope, at least

> > one pulser, a function generator, about a half-dozen power supplies,

> > a couple of dvm's and a few other miscellaneous odds and ends,

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> That sounds great! I'd even be willing to chip in a modest amount of

> money, maybe \$20, to see this done. There should be enough interest in

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> *this newsgroup to collect the funds in \$10–\$20 increments to help set
> up the experiment. Of course, Greywolf needs to put up \$1000.*

Sure. I also expect some investment costs.

> *We need an escrow agent and money handler, somebody who could be
> trusted by both sides.*

Whaddya mean 'we' Myxo? You aren't playing. Though you are welcome to offer sage advice. ;)

> > *though*
> > *I doubt I'll ever really have to worry about anything materializing.*
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> *There are several problems, besides the obvious ones, that need to be
> overcome.*
> *1) First of all, I doubt that Greywolf has the electronics expertise
> to conduct the experiment himself, so he'd have to trust somebody like
> you to set up and perform the experiment. Would he be willing to trust
> you?*

Why would I trust Bilge? If I need assistance, I'll ask my Dad. He designed communications gear for the US Navy ... including satellites and time standards.

> *2) "Secret identities" need to be revealed. People like Greywolf and
> you have been very careful to hide your true identities.*

LOL! I freely provide my name to whoever asks. My name is Barry Mingst. And a trivial effort by Google will provide this.

Now Bilge (David Semon) is a different matter. But he's also irrelevant, as he's not a party to the bet.

> *However, I
> don't see how a contract could be written up without revealing your
> identities to Paul and to at least one other person who would need to
> act as witness.*

So, who is the fruiting bacterium?

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