

Detection Hardware

John Belmont:

Designers are showing off the latest in military hardware, and at first glance you might mistake this convention in London for a toy show. But these remote-controlled vehicles are anything but toys.

Raglan Tribe:

The robot that we've made is actually built on a remote-control platform. So, expensive toy, but it's very durable. You can carry it on your back, and you can control it from a PDA, where you can see a map view for instance. And then you can designate where it needs to go to.

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All the vehicles on display will be put through their paces in a series of military scenarios as part of the Ministry of Defence's Grand Challenge.

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Viewing an adversary from afar has proven to be a valuable combat advantage. This tiny helicopter can be piloted through virtual reality goggles and a small, handheld joystick.

David Jones:

Our approach really is to use a visual detection: looking at the targets, essentially, using a camera, where you have the helicopter based, hovering over the area of interest.

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And having that type of vision is sure to make combat missions a whole lot safer.

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