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# WPI Body Area Network Conference

# "Practicality of BAN for Physiological Monitoring and Various Applications"

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## BioHarness™ - BlueTooth BAN

#### **Biometric Monitors**

- ECG, Heart rate,
- Breathing Rate,
- Skin temperature,
- Activity
- Posture



- **Logging for 20 days**
- **Local wireless (Bluetooth)**
- Wired (optical) defense



Mobile feedback



Shirt



**BioHarness** 

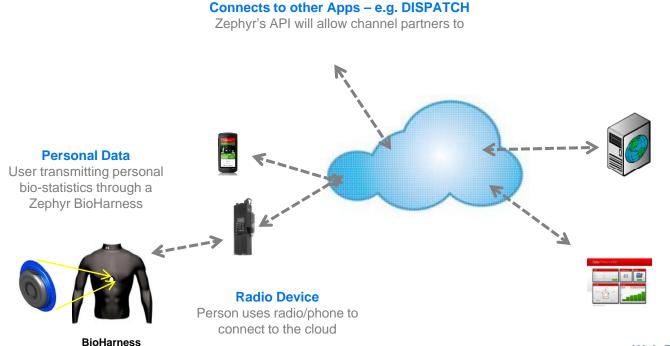


Radio interface device to voice radio





## **BAN** to Internet



#### **Zephyr Vault**

The web portal securely stores all Published data from remote sensors.

From here **mobile phones** and **personal computers c**an access the information transmitted by the devices in real time

#### **Web Portal**

Performance is viewed and analyzed in the cloud.

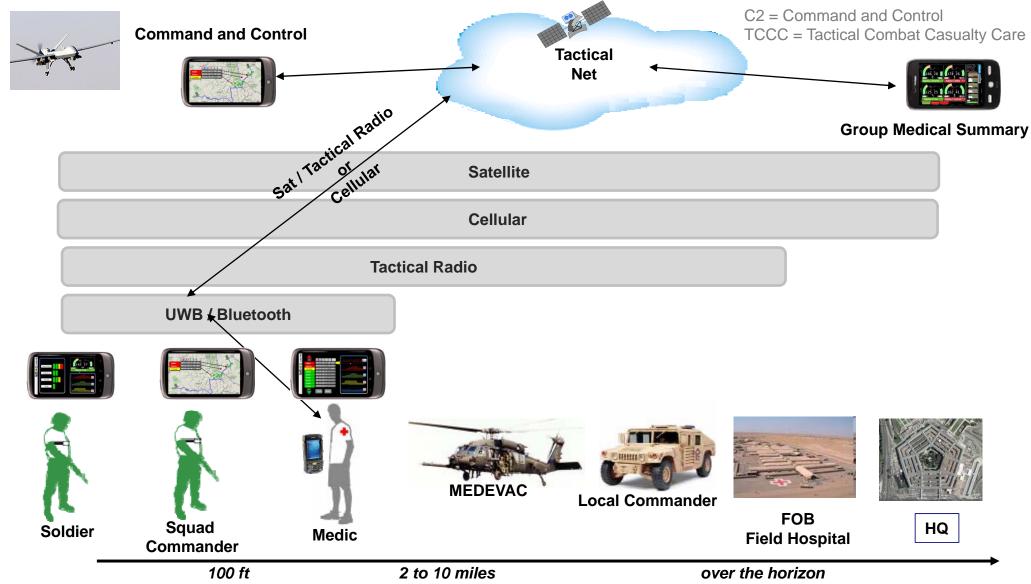


Blood Glucose Blood Oxygen Weigh Scale Blood Pressure

- BAN connects system to the cloud
- Data is valuable when viewed some where else

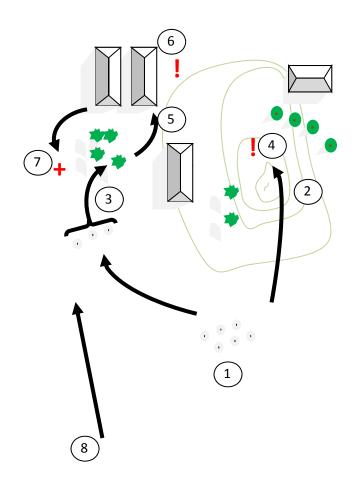


## **BAN Tactical Communications**





## BAN should support concept of operation



- 1 Squad quick ropes from helicopter
- (2) Sniper goes to high ground
- Attack group assembles behind ground cover

Sniper is ambushed and injured. He uses his personnel PSM display to treat himself. Squad commander sees the injury on his device and changes tactics assuming no over site from fire control. Medic uses his PSM display determines Sniper is dealing with bleeding and is not in shock so stays with attack team.

- (5) Attack team splits and enters building.
- 6 Attack team has casualty, medic sees this on his display and attends casualty.
- Medic takes casualty to CCP, casualty collection point.
- 8 COC, command and control at FOB, Forward Op Base, sees causalities on their display and immediately deploys QRF, Quick Reaction Force.
- 9 MEDEVAC sees vitals on their PSM display, gives advice and treats immediately.











## PSM use examples in First Responder

#### ON SCENE

- UPDSIDE DOWN = BAD always
- STATIONARY = BAD for a Fire Fighter
- HEART RATE RECOVERY= indicates fatigue, uses combination of HR and Acceleration.

#### REHAB

- Automate vital sign monitoring. HRrest, BRrest, BP, SpO2
- Reduce EMS workload, trending offers more insight than occasional data.

#### FITNESS

 Increased fitness = less risk of heart attack and increased situational awareness. Europe has a VO2max > 45 ml/min/kg

#### TRAINING

- Remote vital signs to monitor performance for job related training.
- Normal levels indicates safety and continuation is acceptable.



# **Usage Philosophy**

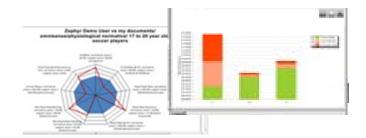
Enter personnel into database

**Baseline physiology** 

**Monitor live** 

Reports (change conops based on historical data)







## Value Analysis of new technology

# Incremental Function Value

Reference Function Value

- Incremental value = sum of increased function or decreased hassle associated with innovation type.
- Reference value = what customers use as the next best alternative
- A product in general should excel in at least 6 areas of innovation to have good chance of success.



## New Technology – value analysis

#### **PERSONAL**

1 FASHION COMFORT

Only unnoticeable tech Will be adopted.
No one wants to look silly.

2 ENTANGLEMENT RISK

Tech should not encumber or snag.

3 DONNING DOFFING
Ease of use is

Ease of use is imperative

## PERFORMANCE

4 RADIO RANGE

Under all realistic obstacles and interferes

5 BATTERY LIFE

Operational ease of use. Multi mission capability. Minimum spares. Easily purchased in the field.

Battery life time vs cycles.

(6) SIZE WEIGHT

Always a minimum. Extra weight removes Other equipment or Increases fatigue.

## **WORK FLOW**

7 DEPLOYMENT

At base, going to on scene, during the mission, maintenance

8 TRAINING LOAD

Easy to use and remember how to use.
Applies to wearer and the support /command team.
Uses standard measures

9 EQUIPMENT INTEGRATION

Radio, computers, displays, computers, uniform

## **ORGANISATION**

(10) SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Allows prediction future mission success. Increased safety. Personal and to commanders

(11) COST SAVINGS

Can be from increased mission efficiency, decreased injuries or less overall equipment

12 STANDARDS

Susceptibility to jamming, Detectability by others, Environmental loads

NFPA, FCC, Intrinsic safety, CE, FDA, HIPAA ...



## Value Analysis Examples



### **COLD: Custom short range ISM radio**

good for situational awareness, interference issues, not enough range for operational use, not a standard interface to other systems.



#### WARM: Bluetooth connected shirts to APCO Radios

good for situational awareness, integrated into uniform, Bluetooth good for displays, requires Motorola radios



#### **HOT: Cellular connected shirts**

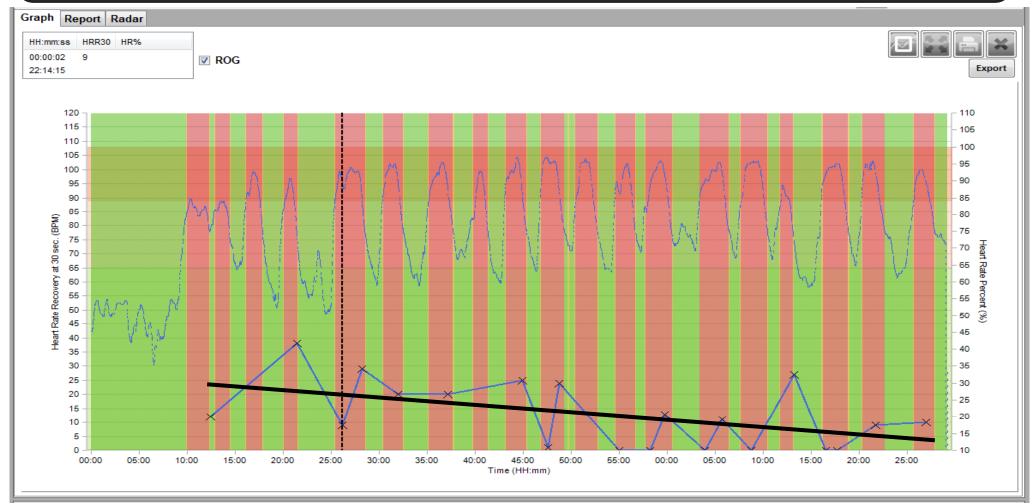
Secure cellular in uniform. Zero deployment hassle and always connected to internet. Still needs BAN for displays



# Thank you



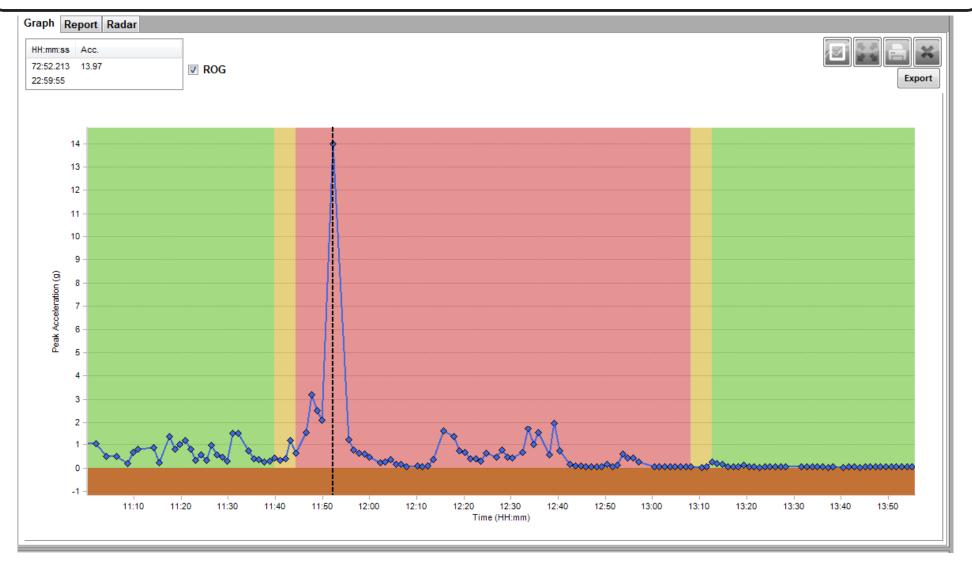
## **Tracking and Managing Player Fatigue**



This plot shows Heart Rate Percentage and Heart Rate Recovery trends over time through an entire hockey game. The downward trend in Heart Rate Recovery correlates to the fatigue of the player resulting in a decrease in sharpness and performance as well as a decrease in aggressiveness of play. HRR can be tracked in live mode based on our algorithms which automatically detect and display the data in the player's bioguage. Knowing what level is too low for a player is key to knowing how ready they are to perform at their optimal level of performance.



## **Tracking/Detecting Impact on Players**



Continuous measurement of impact, track how much abuse players are enduring game to game. This image shows a 14g impact when one player was slammed into the boards.