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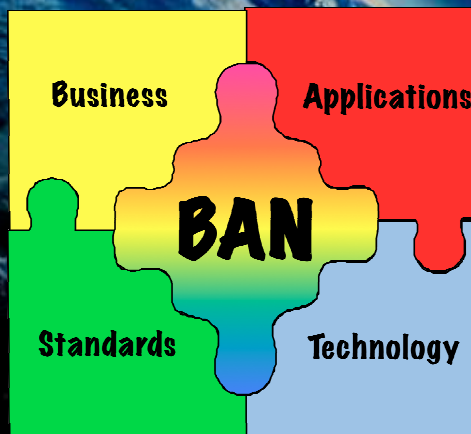


# **BODY AREA NETWORKS and Wireless Medical Monitoring**

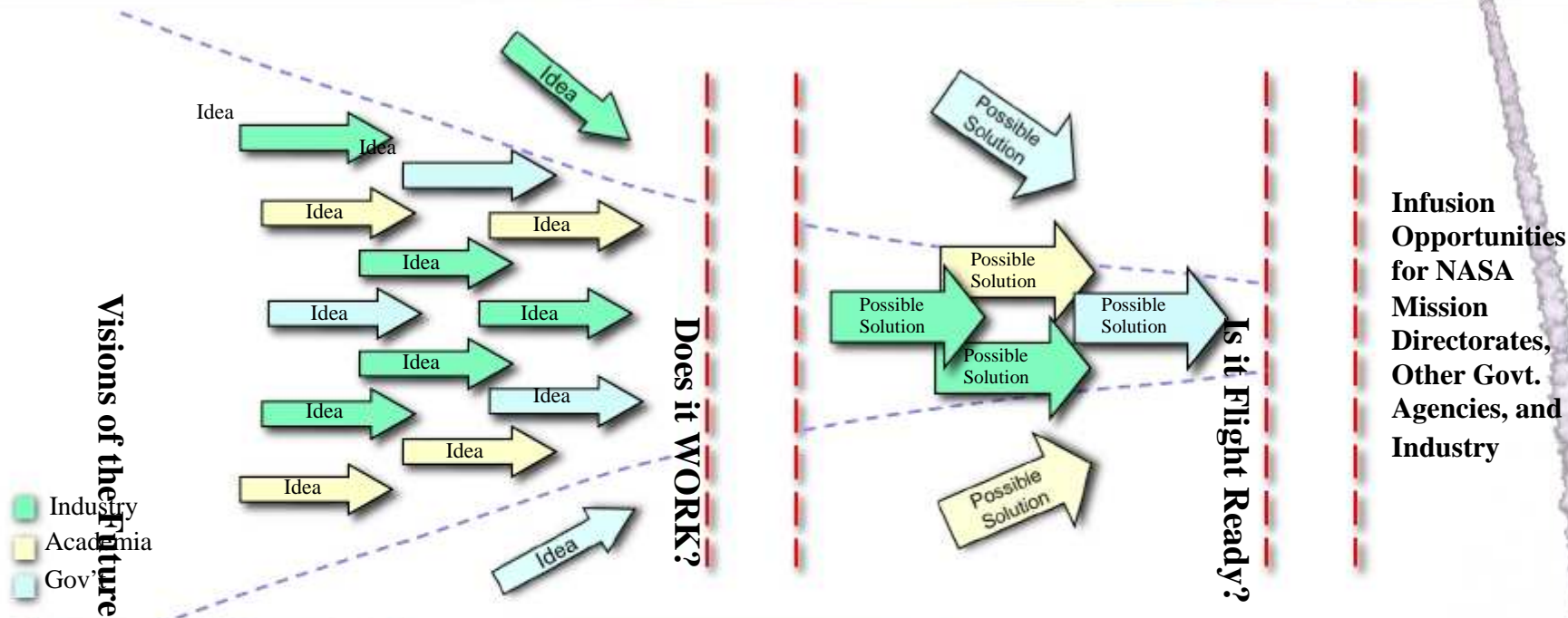
## **Lessons Learned from Space Technology Development**

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# NASA's Space Technology Program - Development Approach



Creative ideas regarding future NASA systems or solutions to national needs.



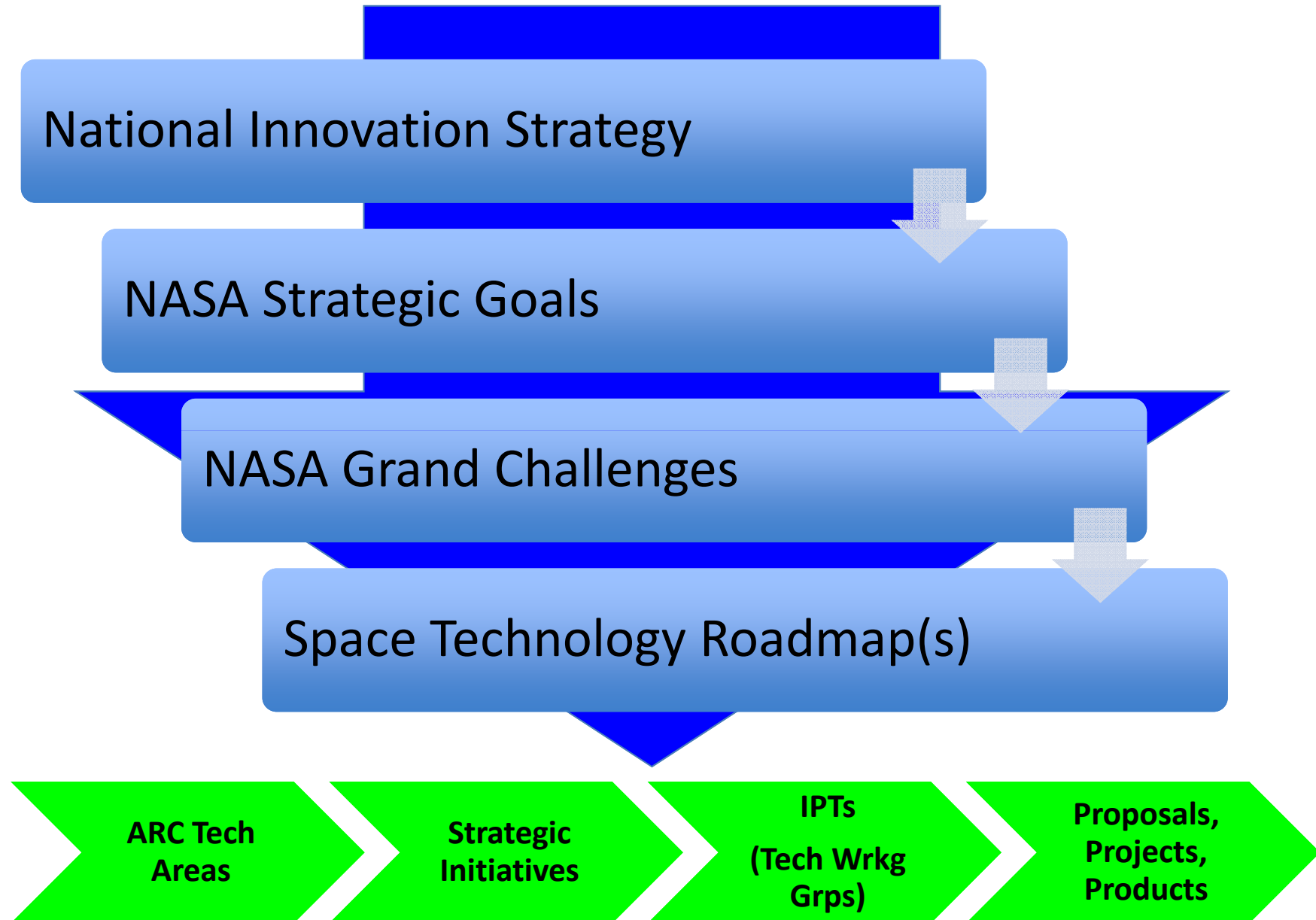
Prove feasibility of novel, early-stage ideas with potential to revolutionize a future NASA mission and/or fulfill national need.



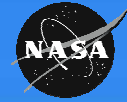
Mature crosscutting capabilities that advance multiple future space missions to flight readiness status



# TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION DEFINITION FLOWC



# NASA's Space Technology Program

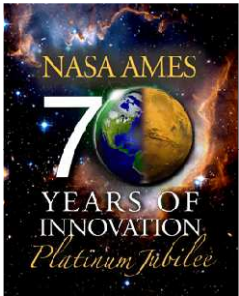


## NASA SPACE TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP TECHNICAL AREA BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

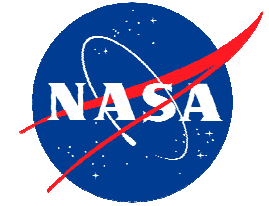
### STR • TABS TECHNOLOGY AREA BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE



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| TA01 |  | • LAUNCH PROPULSION SYSTEMS                       | TA08 |  | • SCIENCE INSTRUMENTS, OBSERVATORIES & SENSOR SYSTEMS       |
| TA02 |  | • IN-SPACE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGIES                | TA09 |  | • ENTRY, DESCENT & LANDING SYSTEMS                          |
| TA03 |  | • SPACE POWER & ENERGY STORAGE                    | TA10 |  | • NANOTECHNOLOGY  |
| TA04 |  | • ROBOTICS, TELE-ROBOTICS & AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS    | TA11 |  | • MODELING, SIMULATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & PROCESSING |
| TA05 |  | • COMMUNICATION & NAVIGATION                      | TA12 |  | • MATERIALS, STRUCTURES, MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & MANUFACTURING |
| TA06 |  | • HUMAN HEALTH, LIFE SUPPORT & HABITATION SYSTEMS | TA13 |  | • GROUND & LAUNCH SYSTEMS PROCESSING                        |
| TA07 |  | • HUMAN EXPLORATION DESTINATION SYSTEMS           | TA14 |  | • THERMAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS                                |



# NASA-Ames Technology Elements



*Definition - Development -- Infusion*



## Strategic Initiatives

- Transformational Small Spacecraft, Subsystems, and Mission Architectures
- Biological Technologies for Life Beyond Low Earth Orbit
- Low Cost, Off-the-Shelf Space Technologies
  - (ex: PhoneSat --COTS Sp Tech Utilization)
- GREEN Technologies (Technologies for Sustainability)
- Emerging Aeronautics Systems and Technologies
- Other Recommended Initiatives ?
  - **Disaster/Homeland Security Monitoring, Mitigation, Training**
  - Autonomous Laboratories on Planetary Surfaces ?
  - Hybrid Systems Modelling and Analysis
  - Advanced Information, Robotics, and Autonomous Systems
- Graduates
  - Synthetic Biology
  - PhoneSat





# Smart Healthcare Management Systems

Developing systems to monitor the health and performance of NASA personnel and the functional status of the systems that support them



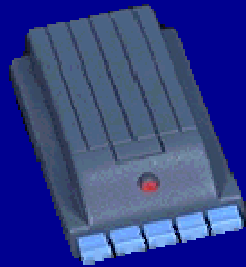


# Physiological Monitoring of Astronauts

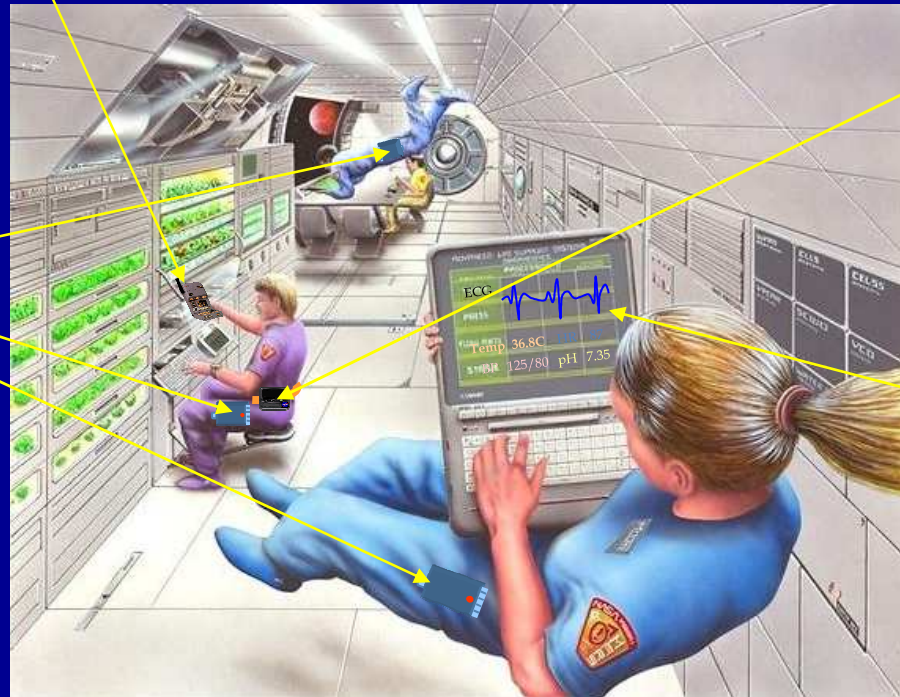
**TriSponder** quickly displays Health Status.



**Biotelemeter** implanted in animals, or ingested by/attached to astronauts senses Body Temperature, Blood Pressure, Blood pH, and Heart Rate.



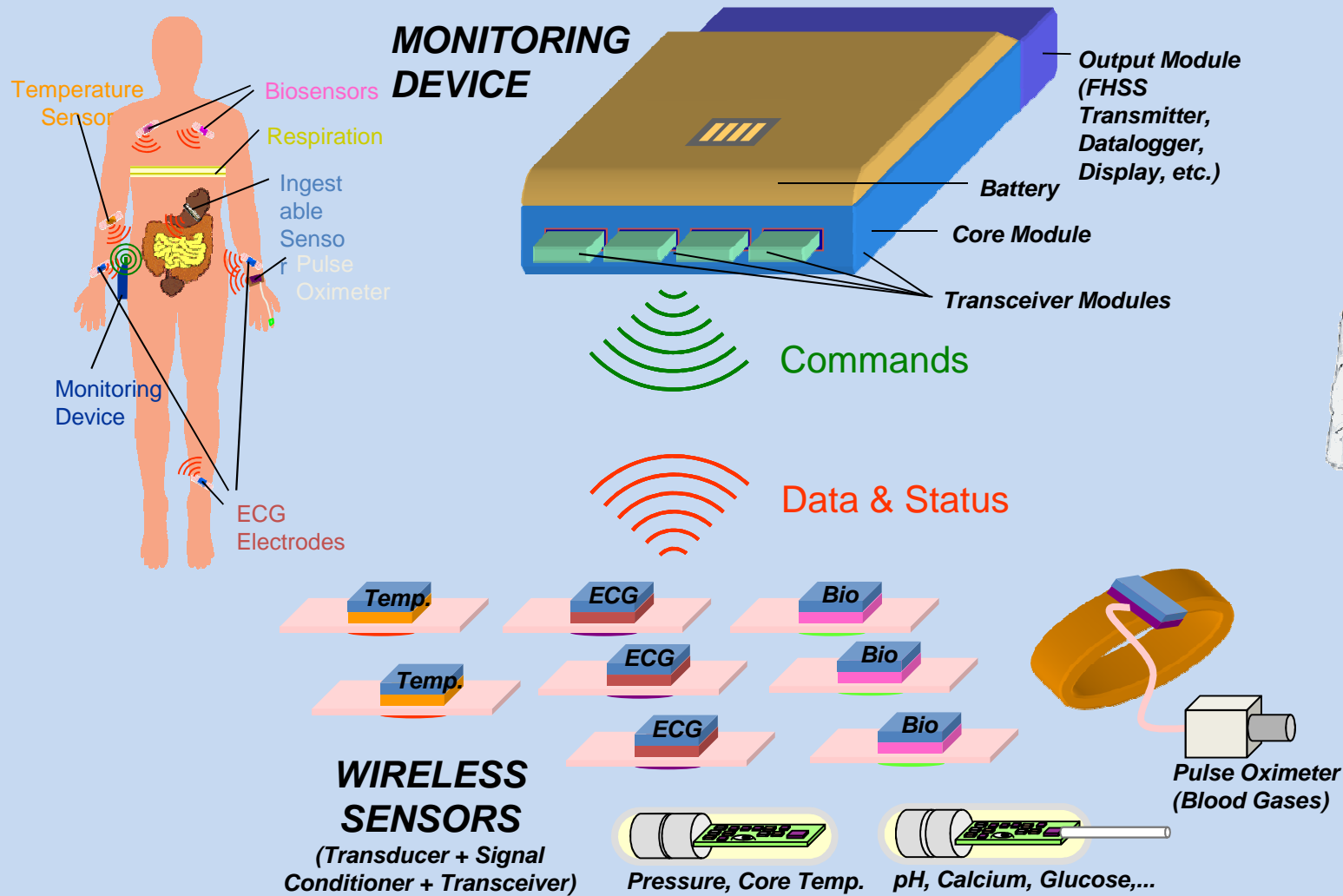
**Physiological Signal Conditioner (PSC)** acquires ECG, EEG, EMG, and EOG (and other bio-parameters of interest).



**Transponder** relays biotelemeter signal to other monitoring devices.

**Laptop** monitors and analyzes Physiological Parameters.

# Wireless Sensor Network for Health Monitoring

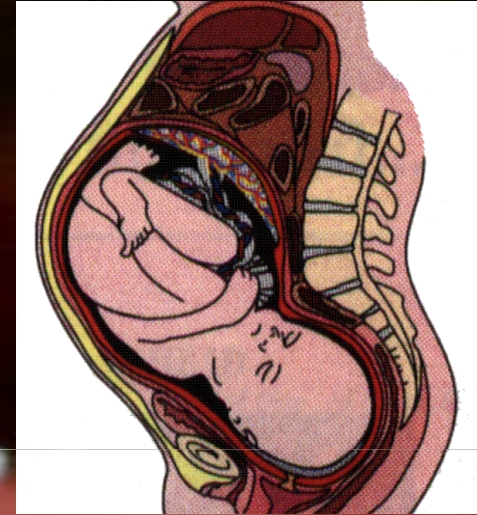




# Fetal Biotelemetry System

**Collaborative  
development  
efforts with  
UCSF Fetal  
Treatment  
Center**

- **Fetal Health  
Status Monitor**
- **pH/temp/HR  
Fetal  
Biotelemetry  
System**
- **pH/temp/ECG/pr  
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System**



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## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DESIGNER

DENTAL  
ORTHOPEDIC  
ELECTRO MEDICAL  
SURGICAL/MEDICAL  
IMAGING/DIAGNOSTICS

The Digest of Medical Design Engineering News  
[www.medicaldesigner.com](http://www.medicaldesigner.com)

**"Pill-Sized" transmitter**  
to monitor at-risk pregnancies



**Editor's Choice**  
high-resolution display panel

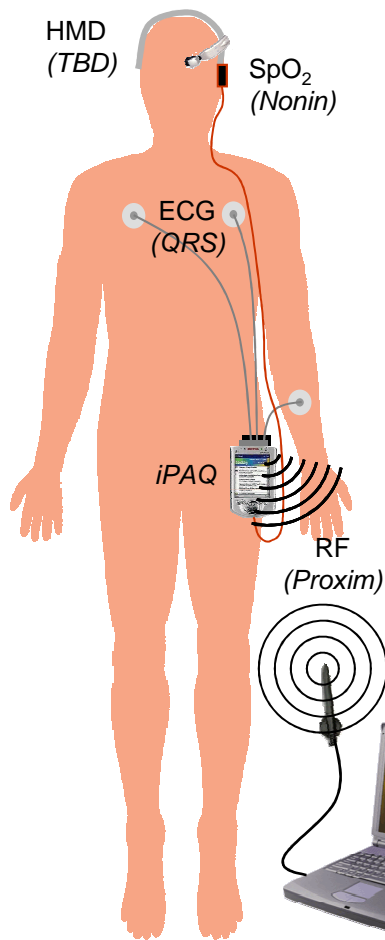


**Medical Products**  
motors & drives





# Distributed Environmental and Physiological Monitoring



**Dave Williams  
Demonstration**

## Environmental Monitor (MPM)

- Temp.
- Pressure
- O<sub>2</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub>

## Head Mount Display

## Physiological Monitor (iPAQ)

- Body Temp.
- Blood Pressure
- SpO<sub>2</sub>
- Respiration
- Heart Rate / ECG
- Activity

Server  
(Laptop)



**Space Station / Shuttle Scenario**



## Server

- Data Display
- Data Distribution
- Data Analysis



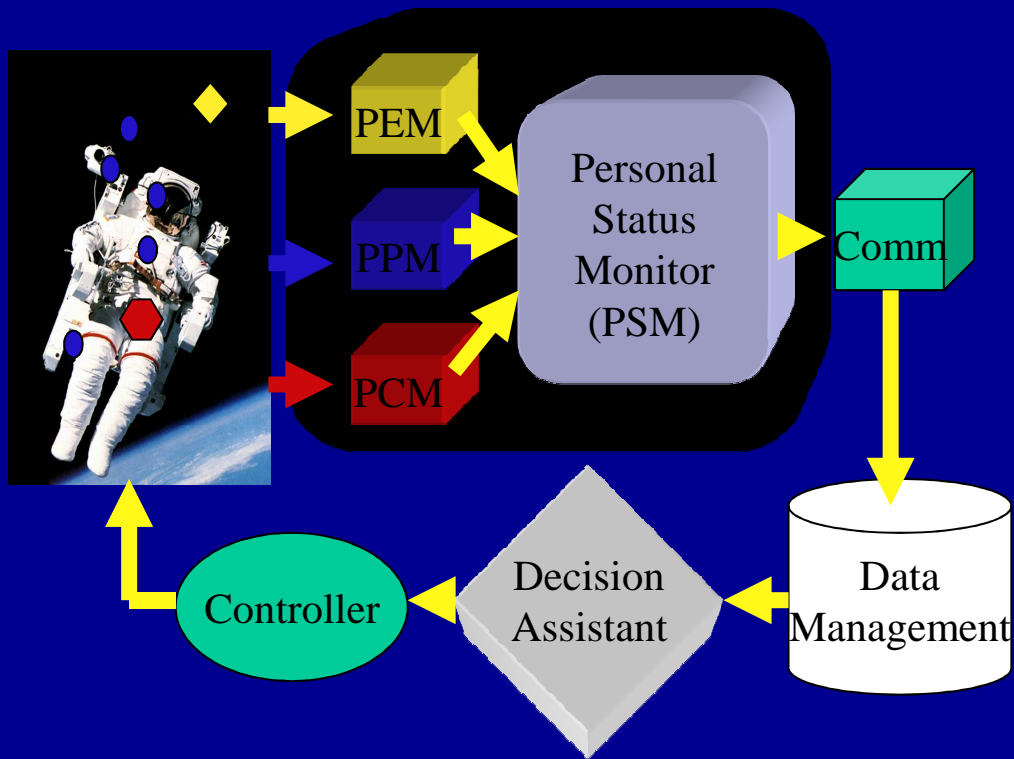
**SENSORS 2000!**  
Sensor Technology for the New Millennium



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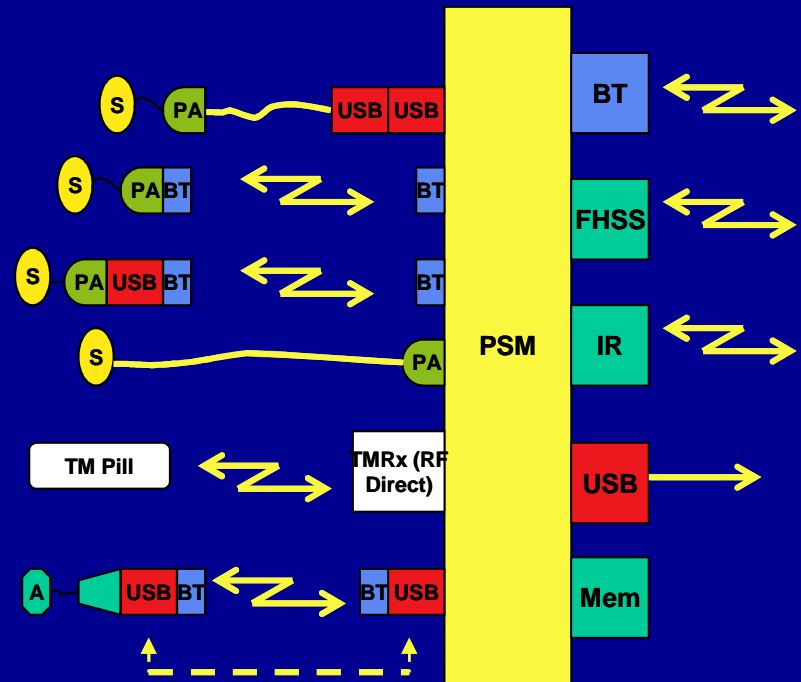


# Smart Healthcare Monitoring System



PSM: Personal Status Monitor  
 PPM: Personal Physiological Monitor  
 PEM: Personal Environmental Monitor  
 PCM: Personal Clinical Monitor

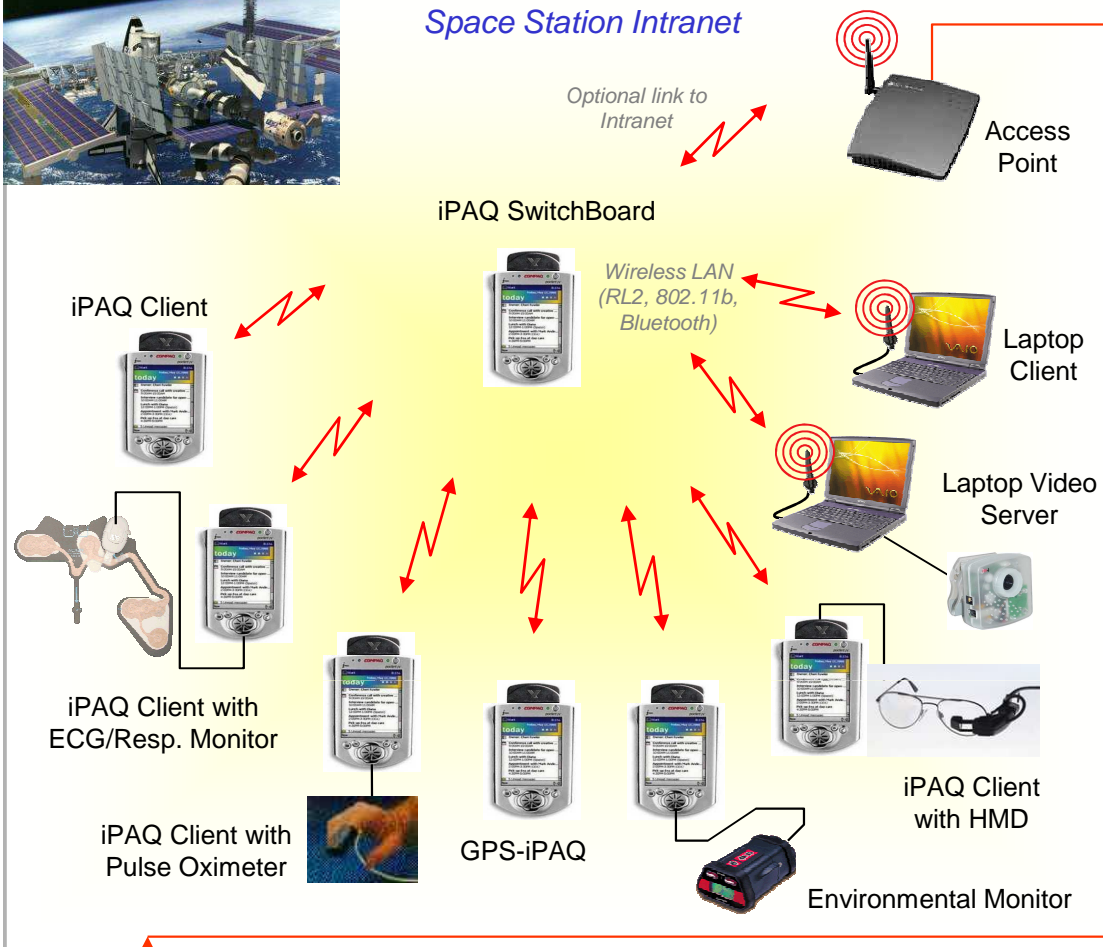
## SHMS Interface Strategy



PSM: Personal Status Monitor  
 PA: PreAmplifier  
 S: Sensor  
 BT: BlueTooth  
 USB: Universal Systems Buss  
 A: Actuator  
 TM: Telemetry Transmitter Module  
 FHSS: Freq. Hopping Spread Spectrum  
 IR: InfraRed  
 Mem: Memory  
 TMRx: Telemetry Receiver

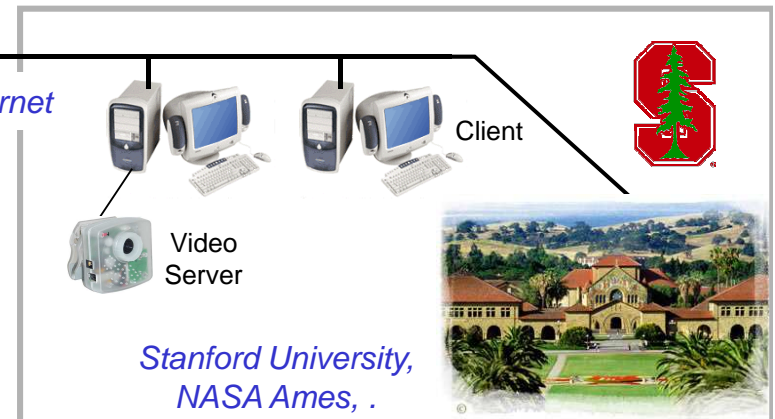
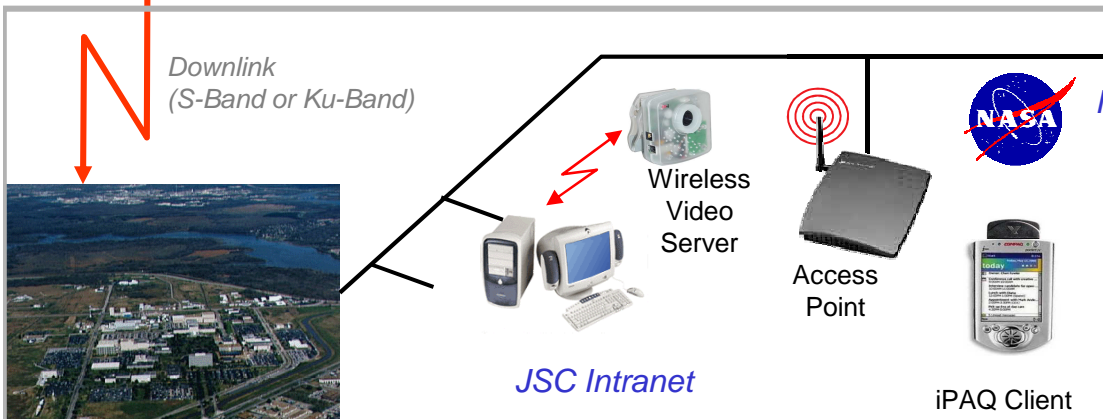


### Space Station Intranet



## Prior System: Smart Health Care Management System (SHMS)

- ✓ Various Data Sources supported (Physiological and Environmental Sensors, Video (wired/wireless), GPS)
- ✓ Various Client Devices supported (Pocket PCs, HMDs, Laptops, PCs)
- ✓ Local ad-hoc Networking using iPAQ-SwitchBoard or Laptop-SwitchBoard
- ✓ Ad-hoc Network can be connected to Intranet as soon as Access Point is in range, as well as Internet
- ✓ Compatible with most Wireless LAN Technologies (RangeLAN2, 802.11b, Bluetooth)
- ✓ Low Bandwidth Requirement (128-kbps S-Band compatible)
- ✓ Modular, Flexible, Reliable, and Secure

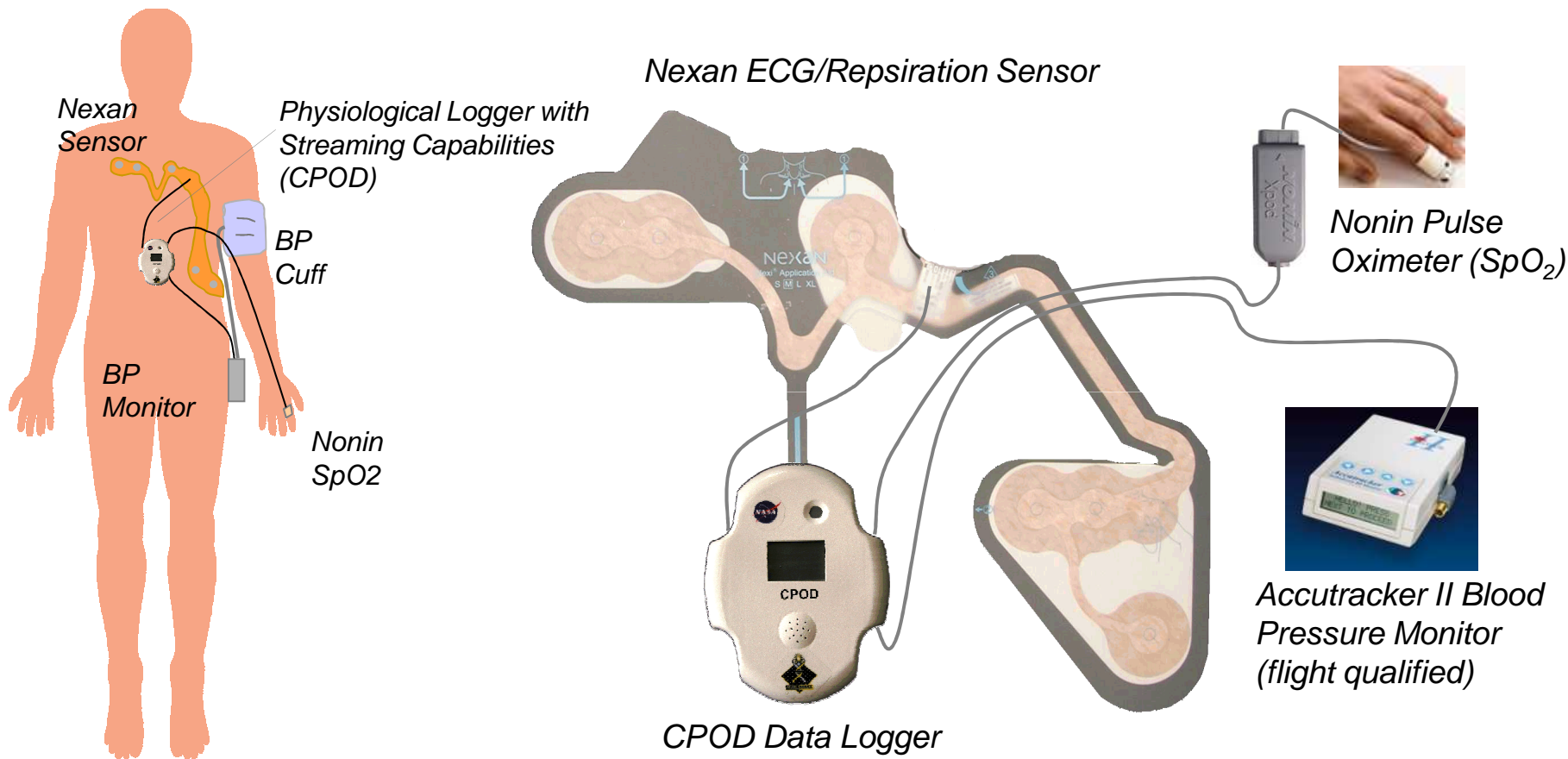




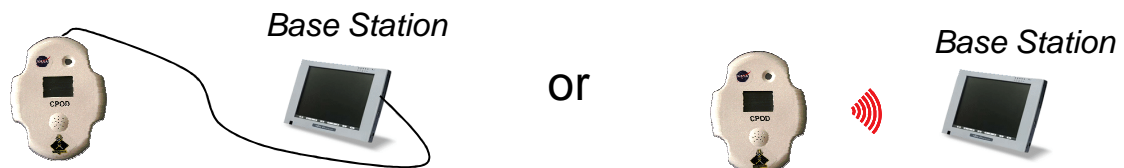
# LIFEGUARD



## LifeGuard Monitoring System - Overview



CPOD logs data.  
Download via RS-232 or wireless:





# Smart Healthcare Management Systems

## Non-NASA Application of SHMS: Homeland Security and Defense



NASA DART  
Participation

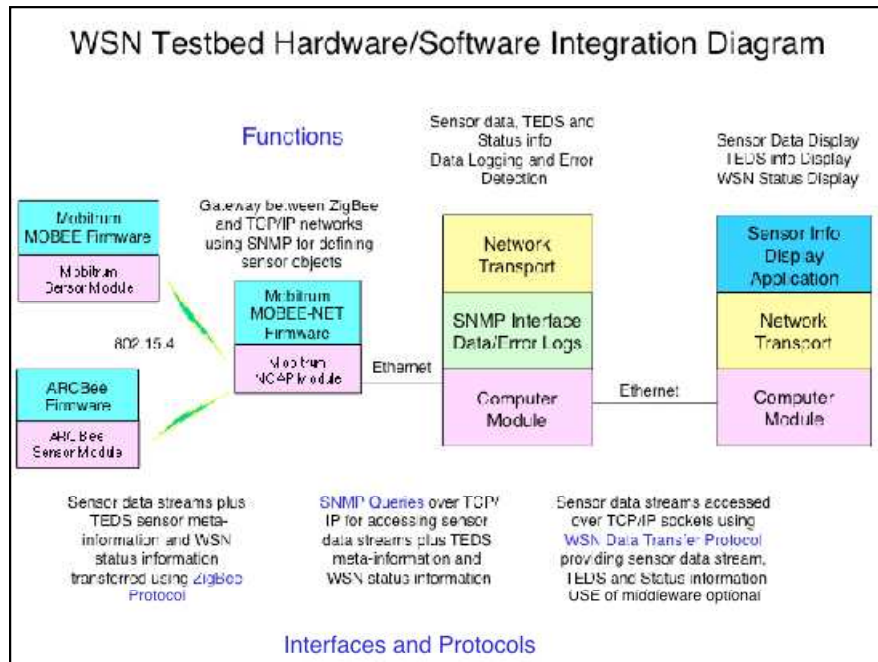


# Test, Applications, and Integration

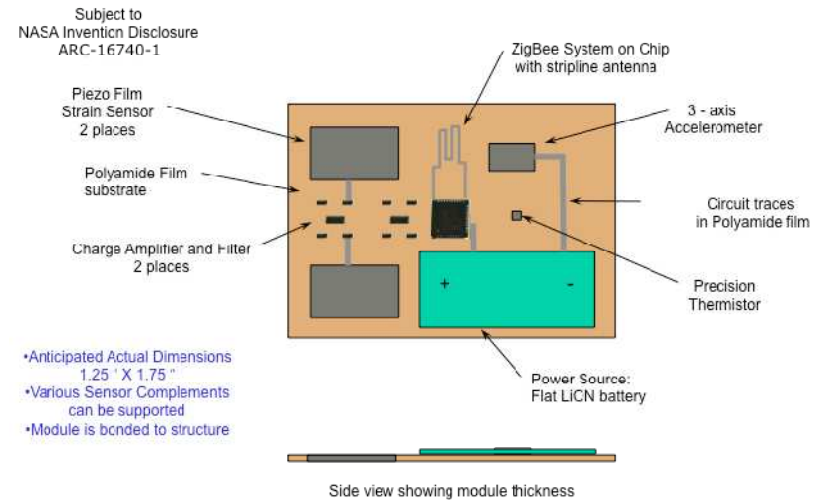
*Testing, testing, and more testing*



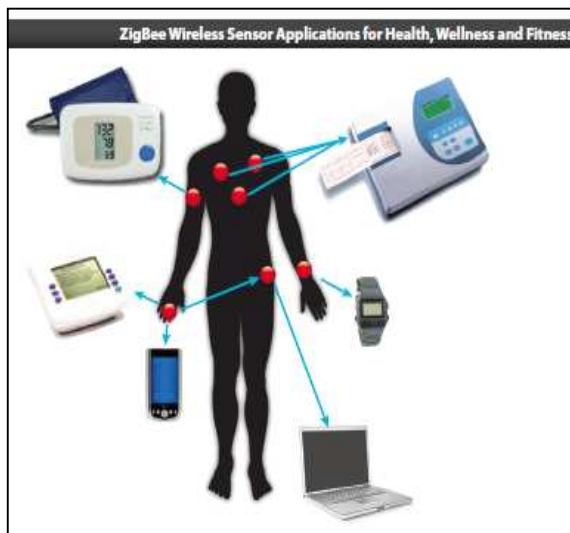
# ARC Wireless Technology for Space Discovery and Systems Health Technical Area



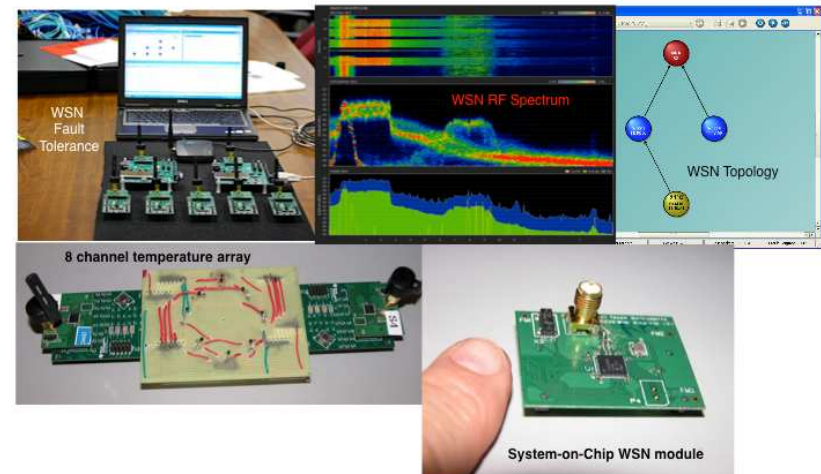
### WSN Shroud Sensor Module (SSM) Design Concept



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Rev. A, 4/20/2011



### Wireless Sensor Network Testbed





### Haughton Mars Project Field Work 2002



### Desert Rats Field Simulations at Meteor Crater 2002



### First Wireless LAN in Space – 1996 STS 76 / Mir 21



### Mobile Agents at Mars Desert Research Station 2003



# Warfighter Physiological Status Monitoring



*"Tool Kit" to Understand Warfighter Physiology*

## CURRENT

### SENSORS/ MEASUREMENTS

- 1 Headband EEG and Oximetry
- 2 Acoustic  
(Voice Stress and Content Analysis)
- 3 Dead Reckoning Module  
(3-Axis Accelerometer, GPS, Magnetometer, Altimeter)
- 4 EKG, EMG, and Thoracic Impedance Cardiography
- 5 Body Core and Skin Temperature
- 6 Near-Infrared (or Other) Technology\*  
Tissue pH, Glucose, and Lactate
- 7 Wrist-Worn Actigraph
- 8 Boot-to-Boot Impedance\*
- 9 Foot Contact (Weight/Locomotion)
- 10 Wireless



### PHYSIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONCERN

- Hypothermia
- Hyperthermia
- Hypoxia
- Metabolic Fatigue
- Vigilance Lapses
- Dehydration
- Psychological Stress
- Inadequate Restorative Sleep
- Desynchronization of Circadian Functions
- Jolt, Blast, and Repeated Impact Exposure
- Toxic Substance Exposure

**Predict Significant Performance Degradation and Impending Casualty**

## FUTURE

*Specifications for Minimal Sensor Set to Predict Warfighter Physiology*

\* Concept

# NASA – DHS – First Responder PSM

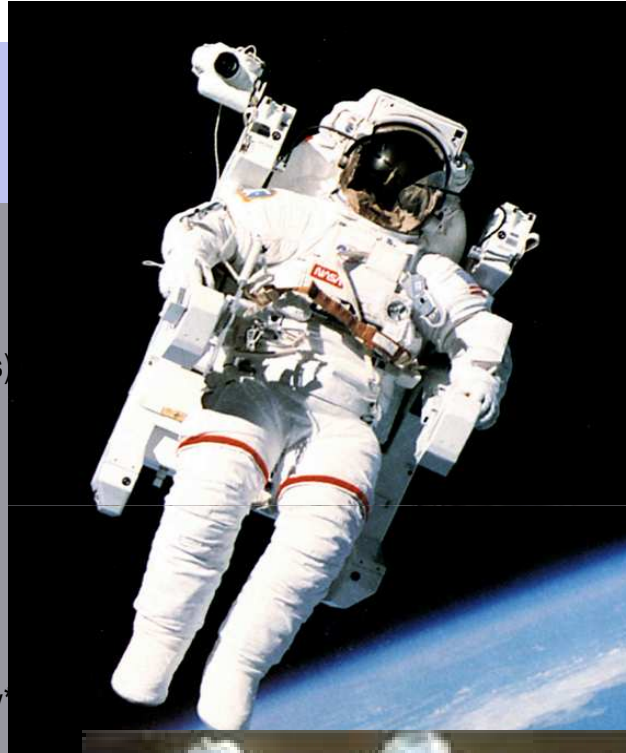
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# EVA and IVA Physiological Monitoring

- Keep crew safe, healthy, and performing optimally
- Prevent, recognize, diagnose, and treat illness and injury
- ❖ *IVA – medical exams, exercise, research, fitness evaluations*



# EVA and IVA Physiological Monitoring Requirements

**TABLE 51- MEASUREMENTS OF VITAL PARAMETERS**

Parameter	Unpressurized Options	Pressurized Options	Low Surface Options
Breath flow (real time)	X	X	X
ppO <sub>2</sub>	X	X	
Oxygenation (real time)			X
Suppression (real time)		X	X
ppCO <sub>2</sub> (real time)		X	X
Condensation (water vapor real time)	X	X	X
Thermal load (real time)	X		X
Head (real time)		X	X
Mouth (real time)			X
Radiation (real time)			X

**Notes:**  
 For all parameters, the requirements are based on the individual's basis for the parameter. For example, for suppression, the requirements are based on the individual's basis for the parameter.

## Requirements (Medical Operations)

Monitoring ECG	Minimum of 2 independent channels for up to 48-hours
Diagnostic ECG	12-lead for both 10-30 second "snapshot" mode, and 10-minute "full disclosure" mode
Heart Rate	0-250 beats per minute
Respiratory Rate	0-150 breaths per minute
Body Temperature	84.0 ° F to 108.0 ° F
Blood Pressure	Systolic 60-250 mmHg Diastolic 30-160 mmHg
Blood Oxygen Saturation	70-100%

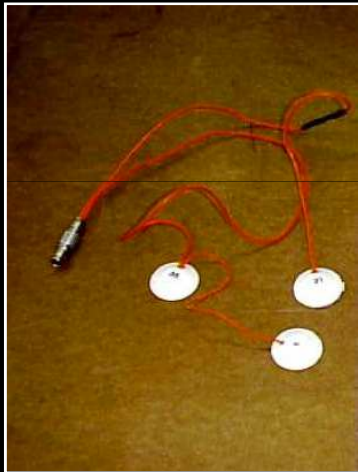
## Requirements (Research)

Holter Monitor/ECG	Minimum of 2 independent channels for up to 48-hours
Diagnostic ECG	12-lead ECG for a minimum of 10 sequential minutes that employs 8 independent channels (using a standard 10-electrode configuration)
Cardiac Output	Continuous cardiac output for up to 24 hours
Continuous Blood Pressure	Continuous Blood Pressure for up to 24 hours
Body Temperature	84.0 ° F to 108.0 ° F

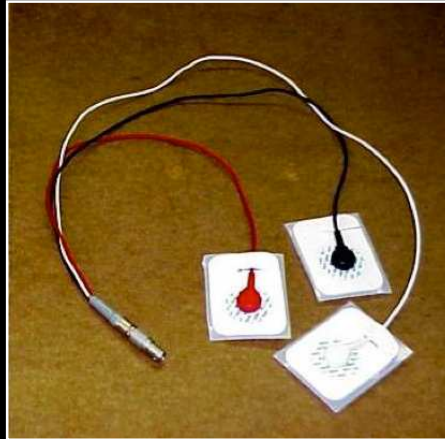
# The Challenges

- Maximize the comfort, ease of use, reliability, and accuracy
- Minimize the equipment's mass, volume, power, and time for set-up and use

Apollo  
Sensors



Shuttle  
Sensors



Space  
Station  
Hardware



# EVA HR Monitoring Requirements

## Guiding Standard

ANSI EC-13 Cardiac Monitors, Heart Rate Meters

## Requirement Name (#)

## Performance Requirements

### Accuracy (HR-01)

$\leq \pm 10\%$  or  $\leq \pm 5.0$  bpm (whichever is greater)

### Range (HR-02)

0-250 bpm

### HR Calculation Methods (HR-03)

Beat-to-beat (Required)

Averaged over 5, 15, or 60 seconds (Desired)

### Beat-to-Beat Accuracy (HR-04)

24 millisecond

## Desirement Name (#)

## Performance Desirements

### Sensor Type and Placement (HR-05)

Minimize skin preparations

Reduce don/doff time

Avoiding wet gel electrodes

Achieve accuracy during dynamic operational environment

# EVA HR Technologies Recommendations

Recommendations based on:

- Market Studies
- Testing at the NCHP, ARC, JSC, GRC, and SBIRs



## Sensor Type

- E-textiles
- Surface Protrusion
- Flexible Rubber
- Hard Button
- Capacitive Electrode
- Photopleth
- Non-Contact (radar, laser)

# Nyx SBIR Prototype Delivery

Wearable Health Monitoring System



# Nanosonic SBIR Prototype Delivery

Lightweight Metal Rubber™ Textile Sensor for In Situ Lunar Autonomous Health Monitoring



Metal Rubber™ nanostructured fabric material

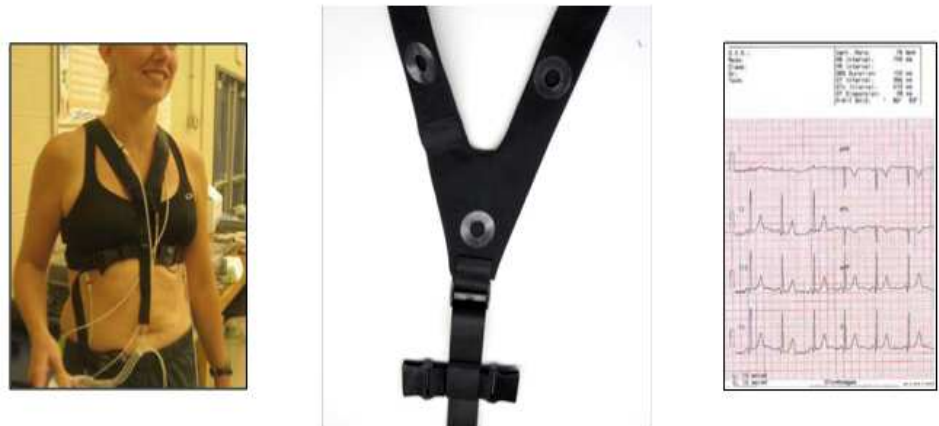


Metal Rubber™ EKG sensor patch integrated into shirt



# Orbital SBIR Prototype Delivery

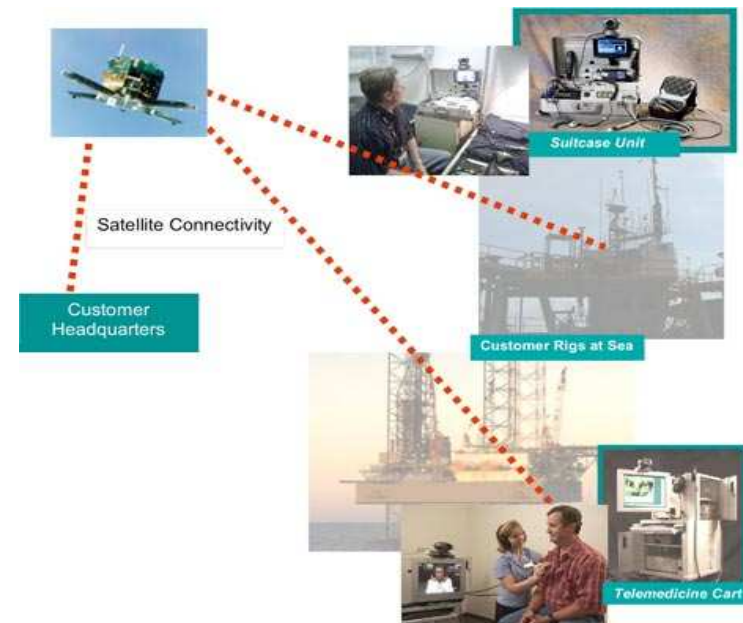
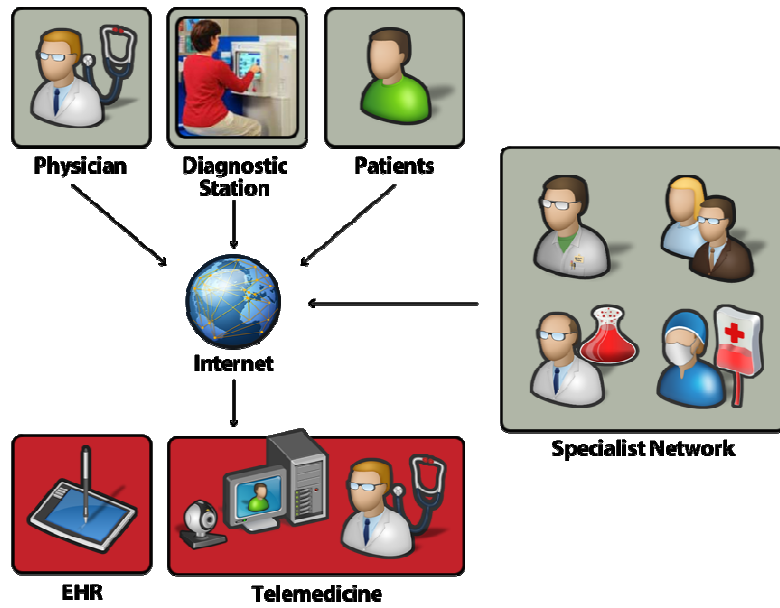
Lunar Health Monitor

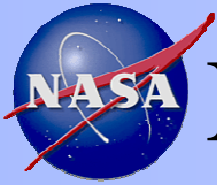


# Market Survey/Lessons Learned

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Many systems rely on perspiration/moisture</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nearby EMI can totally disrupt biomedical signals</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Not all systems have local display, ensure data is actually recording</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Have no buttons on the device that can be accidentally toggled</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The sensor is only the front end - many other factors contribute to final signal quality</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motion artifact remains one of key problems</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wireless an option - but many technical issues remain</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Some devices need attention to keeping them in place on the body</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Three considerations for sensor contact to skin</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Placement of sensors sometimes key</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Pick a financially viable company</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Get agreement on the definition of easy to don/doff</b></li></ul>

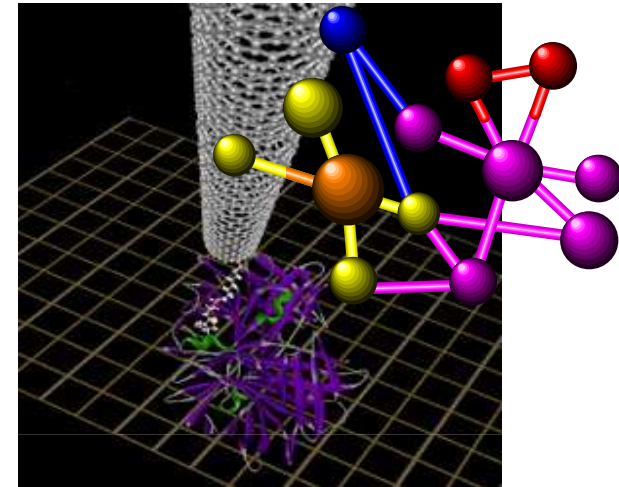






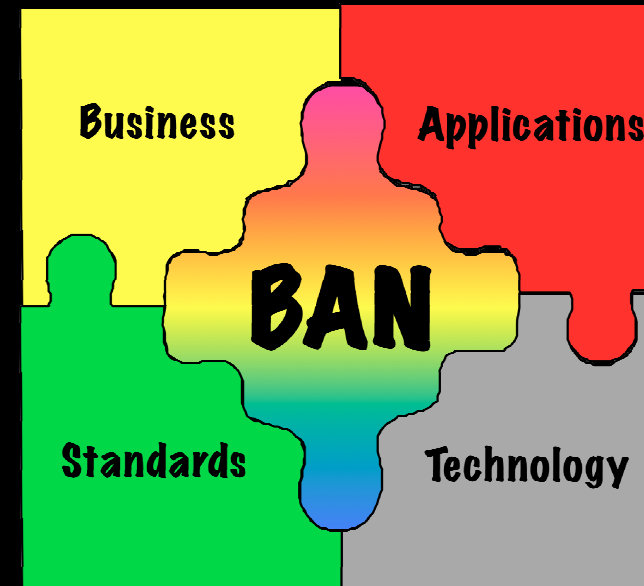
# Future Space Medicine Health Care

- Portability and application of nano-technology
- Minimally/non-invasive, efficient diagnostic systems capable of detecting abnormal human function across all body systems
- Health care approaches capable of therapeutic intervention for a wide range of pathological and trauma scenarios



# **BAN / Wireless monitoring systems** **problems for acceptance**

- *hard to use*
- *don/doff*
- *attachment/motion artifact*
- *reliability*
- ***communications***
- *Power-data interfaces*
- *data-info-decision*
- ***ad-hoc network***
- *acceptance*
- *cost*



• *Sensing technologies and miniaturization is NOT the most critical issue*

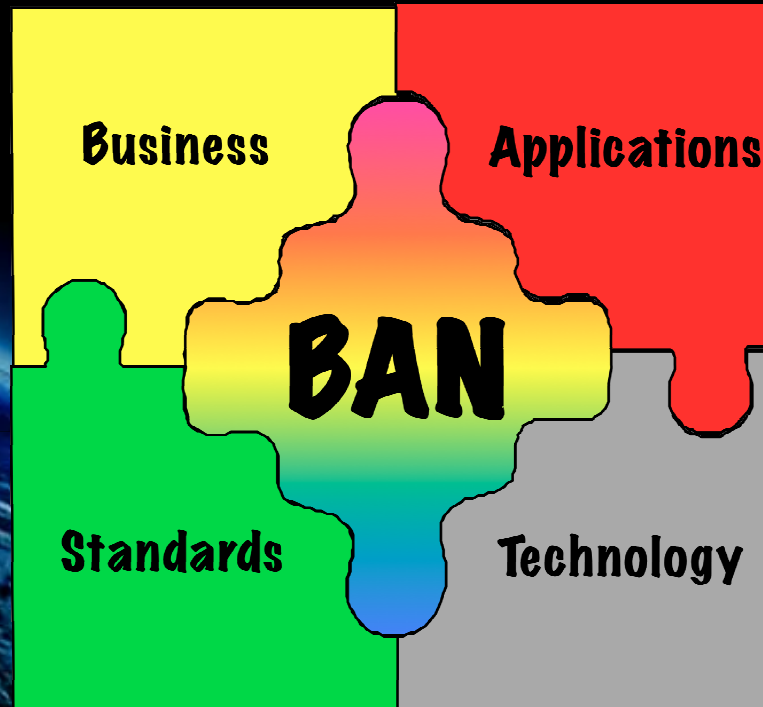
# Conclusion

*Continue to improve the human to biomedical sensor interface*





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*Thank You!*

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