



# Military Medicine Partnership: Naval Challenges



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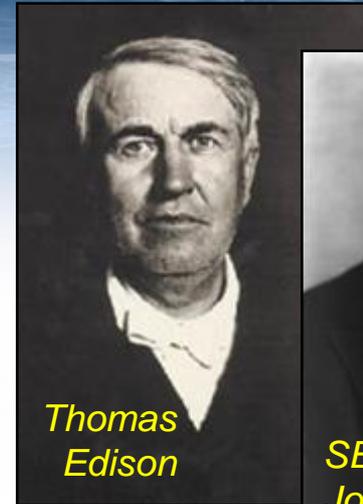


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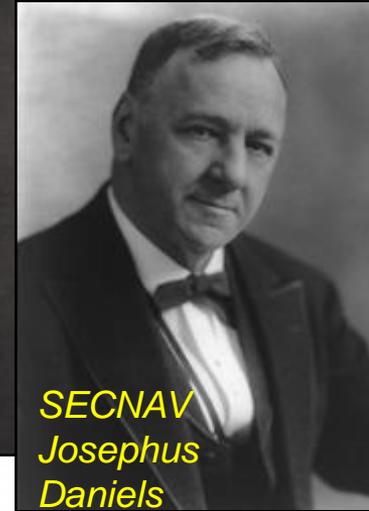
## Naval Research Laboratory

(Appropriations Act, 1916)

*“[Conduct] exploratory and research work ... necessary ... for the benefit of Government service, including the construction, equipment, and operation of a laboratory....”*



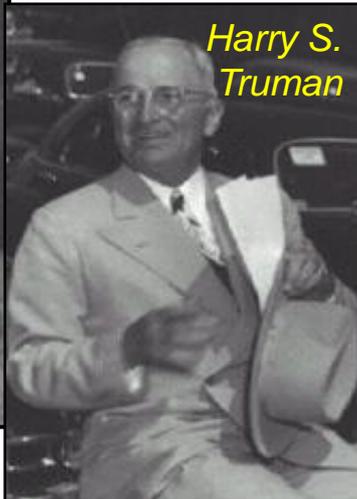
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## Office of Naval Research

(Public Law 588, 1946)

*“... plan, foster, and encourage scientific research in recognition of its paramount importance as related to the maintenance of future naval power, and the preservation of national security....”*

**Sustained Support for Science & Technology**

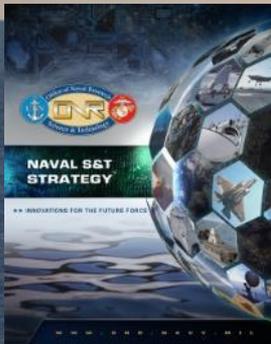


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- 23 Locations
- \$2.1B / year
- >1,000 Partners



*Discover*



*Develop*



*Deliver*

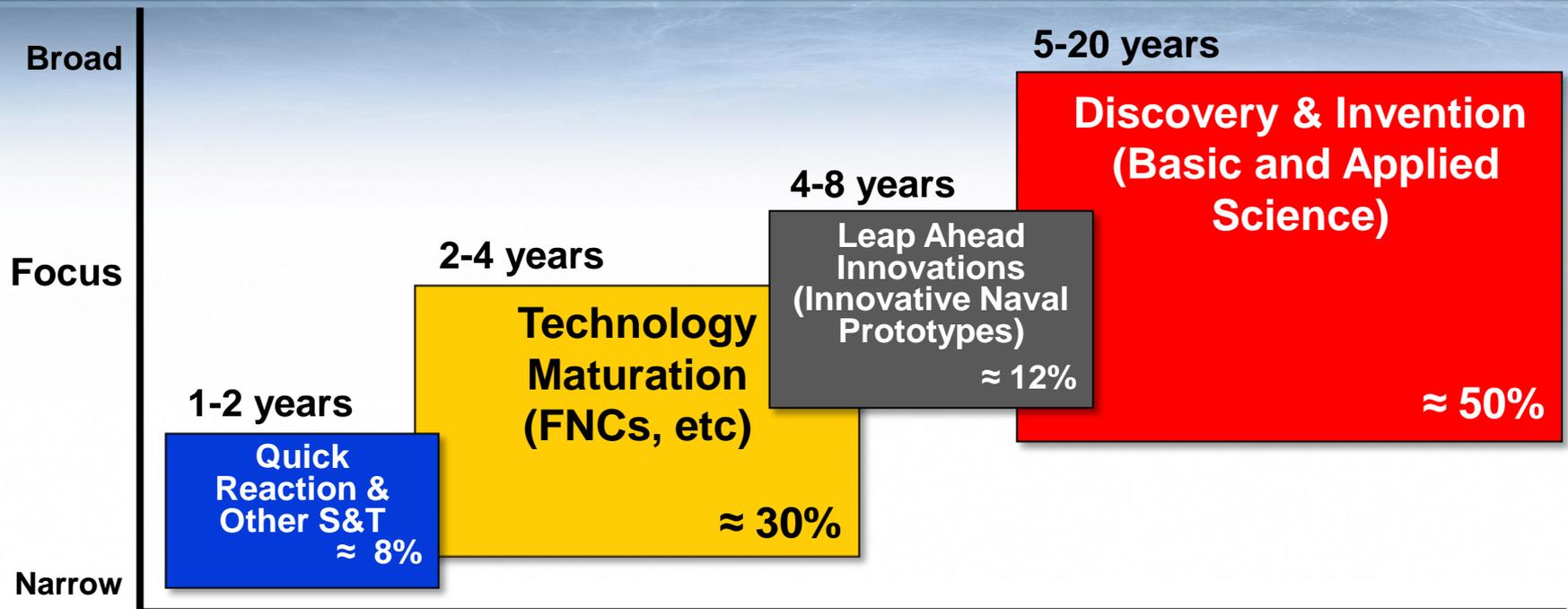


*Technological Advantage*





# Naval S&T Investment Balance



**Current Fleet/Force**



**Fleet/Force in Development**



**Future Fleet/Force**



**~ 50% Focused on Near & Mid-Term Capabilities**



# ONR is part of the NR&DE, Providing Full-Spectrum RDT&E

## RDT&E Budget (6.1-6.7)

### S&T Budget (6.1-6.3)

<p>6.1 Basic Research</p>	<p>6.2 Applied Research</p>	<p>6.3 Advanced Technology Development</p>	<p>6.4 Adv. Comp. Development &amp; Prototypes</p>	<p>6.5 System Development &amp; Demonstration</p>	<p>6.6 RDT&amp;E Management Support</p>	<p>6.7 Operational System Development</p>
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## Naval R&D Establishment

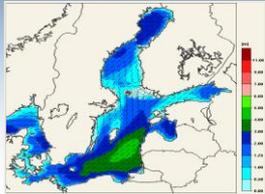
(ONR, SYSCOMs and their Warfare Centers, PEOs)

### Office of Naval Research





# Naval S&T Focus Areas



## Assure Access to the Maritime Battlespace

- Ocean/Atmospheric Sciences
- Underwater Acoustics
- Ocean Sensing



## Autonomy and Unmanned Systems

- Robotics
- Machine Learning
- Perception
- Human Machine Interface



## Expeditionary and Irregular Warfare

- Situational Awareness
- Decision Making
- Mobility / Logistics
- Soldier Protection



## Information Dominance / Cyber

- Communications / Information Technology
- Computer Science
- Mathematics / Data Analytics



## Power Projection and Integrated Defense

- Directed Energy
- Energetic Materials



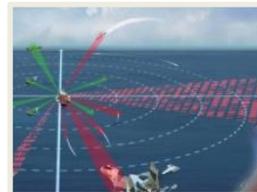
## Platform Design and Survivability

- Air/Surface/Subsurface Vehicles
- Materials
- Corrosion / Biofouling
- Manufacturing Technologies



## Power and Energy

- Renewable Energy
- Propulsion
- Power Control
- Thermal Management



## Electromagnetic Maneuver Warfare

- EM Propagation & Waveforms
- Sensors and Electronics
- Optical Systems



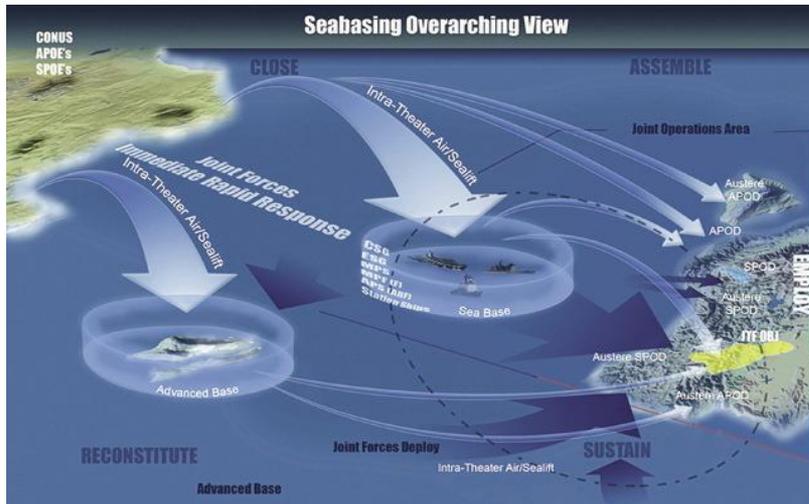
## Warfighter Performance

- Biomedical / Bioengineering
- Cognitive / Neural Sciences
- Training Technologies
- Force Health Protection



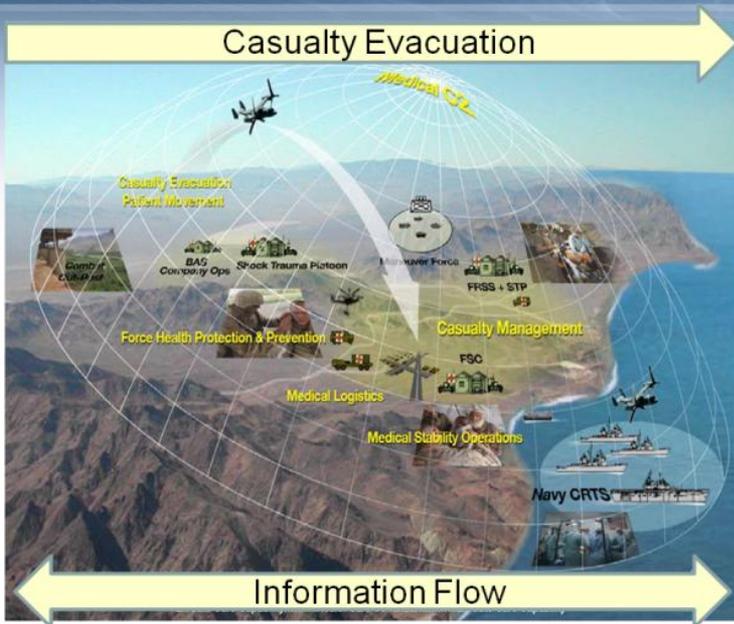
# Operational Challenges

***“Over the horizon force projection with operational reach approaching 240 nautical miles (nm) will ... increase the risk of in-transit clinical degradation of severely wounded casualties.” “The Naval Fleet and the Marine Corps lack the capability to safely transport...over the times and distances expected in Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare”.***  
*(USMC ORD for The En Route Care System)*



***Current C4I systems do not provide operational and clinical situational awareness to nonmedical C4I systems, and patient movement and personnel tracking systems do not interact and are labor-intensive.*** (NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (NWDC) TACMEMO 4-02.2-14)

# The Challenge: Trauma Care on the Battlefield



Due to remoteness of military operations, patient holding times may range from between 6 to 72 hours before transport to a medical center is possible



"Unlike in the US and other developed countries, medical care in military operations or in disaster relief efforts involves **long times and distances** before the casualty arrives at to advanced medical care."



# Casualty Evacuation Is a Complicated Bi-directional Information Network



## Enroute Critical Care System

- Patient status communication between Distributed Navy and Marine Operations ashore and the Seabase
- Constant patient monitoring and treatment during movement of patients during ship to ship, shore to ship and during En route Care flight transfers
- Reduces effects from the **“Tyranny of Distance”** as we move from CENTCOM to AFRICOM and PACOM Areas of Responsibilities

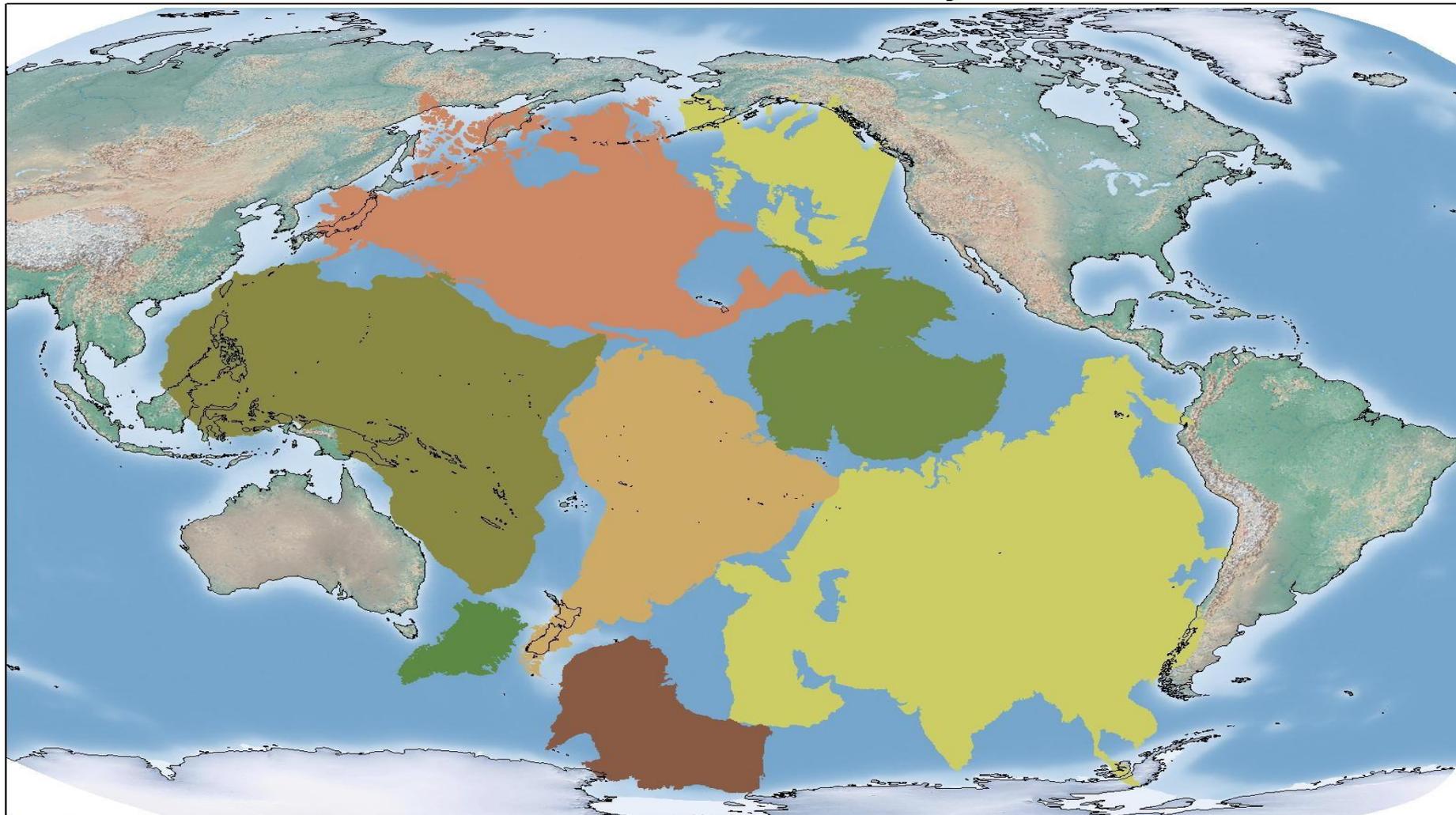
***Patient tracking is not just about moving people, it is about knowing what a person needs so you can make a decision about a person in a quick and organized way. (A MODEL FOR NATIONWIDE PATIENT TRACKING, 2009)***



# Pivot to the Pacific: A Bigger Place to Maneuver

**Pacific Ocean** (155,557,000 sq km)    **Atlantic Ocean**(76,762,000 sq km)

*The Continents and Greenland in the Pacific Ocean*



Basemap Projection: Robinson  
Continents & Greenland Projection: Fuller

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# The Challenges of Africa

11.67 million sq miles (30.22 million km<sup>2</sup>)



HADR and distributed operations, the number of casualties exceeds medical staff and evacuation capacity.



# Medical Transportation Then.....





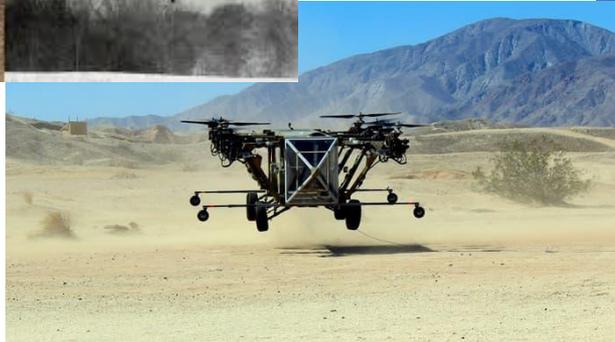
# Medical Transportation Now.....





# The Future Transport: CASEVAC by UAV/UGV/USV

*“Due to evolution of future Seabasing, ability to support Ship-to-Objective Maneuver (STOM), and establishment of Enhanced Company Operations (ECO), the Corps requires... unmanned platforms” (USMC UNS for UAS)*



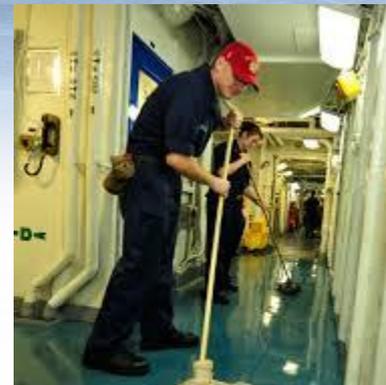
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**The ACCS is an essential enabler of CASEVAC by unmanned platforms**



# Today's Ships

## Challenge Patient Movement onboard





# Medical Space Unique Challenges onboard Naval Platforms





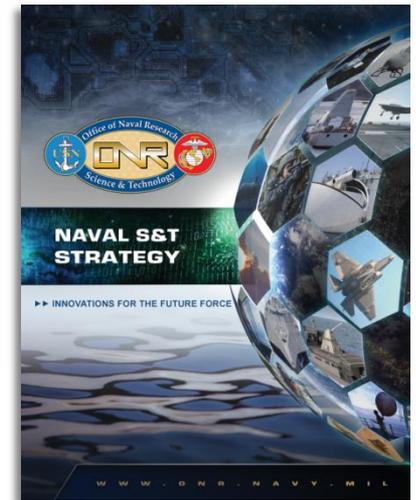
# Strategic Guidance is the Foundation for our Naval S&T



## National & Naval Strategy/Direction



## Warfare Enterprise's S&T Objectives





# A Sample of Guiding Documents

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**Initial Capabilities Document  
For  
Navy Expeditionary Health Support Services (NESS)**



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Subj: USMC EXPEDITIONARY HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT (EHSS) INITIAL CAPABILITIES DOCUMENT (ICD)

Ref: (a) MROCUM 12-2012 of 09 Feb 12

Encl: (1) EHSS ICD Executive Summary  
(2) EHSS ICD Briefing slides  
(3) EHSS ICD

- Purpose.** To obtain MROC approval of the EHSS ICD.
- MROC Staffing Results.** The EHSS ICD and supporting documentation was electronically staffed to the MROC via the reference. All MROC members concurred with the EHSS ICD.
- Decision.** The MROC approves the EHSS ICD.

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**Initial Capabilities Document  
for  
Combat Casualty Care Devices and Products**  
30 December 2014



(FCB Review)

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Proposed JSD: JROC Interest

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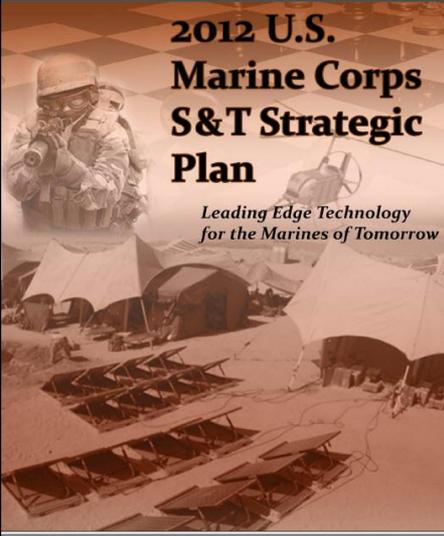
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**2012 U.S. Marine Corps S&T Strategic Plan**

*Leading Edge Technology for the Marines of Tomorrow*



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

- Initial Capabilities Documents**
- Navy Expeditionary Health Support Services
  - USMC Expeditionary Health Support Services
  - Combat Casualty Care Devices and Products
  - Joint Force Health Protection
- Science and Technology Strategic Plan**
- USMC S&T Plan

NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (NWDC) TACMEMO 4-02.2-14

**NAVY EN-ROUTE CARE**

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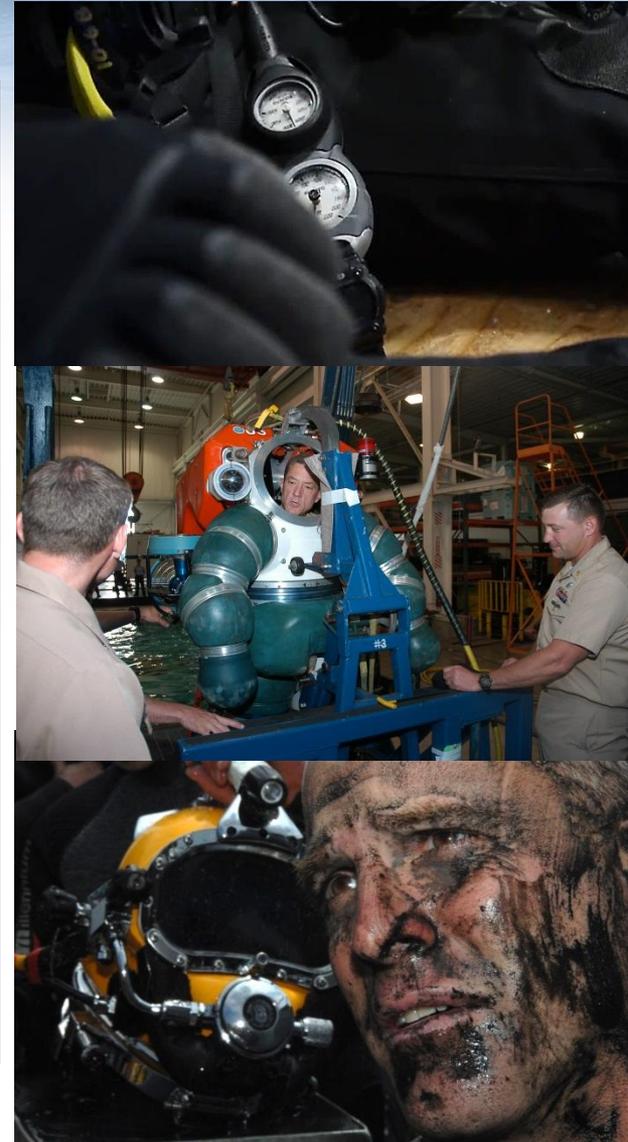
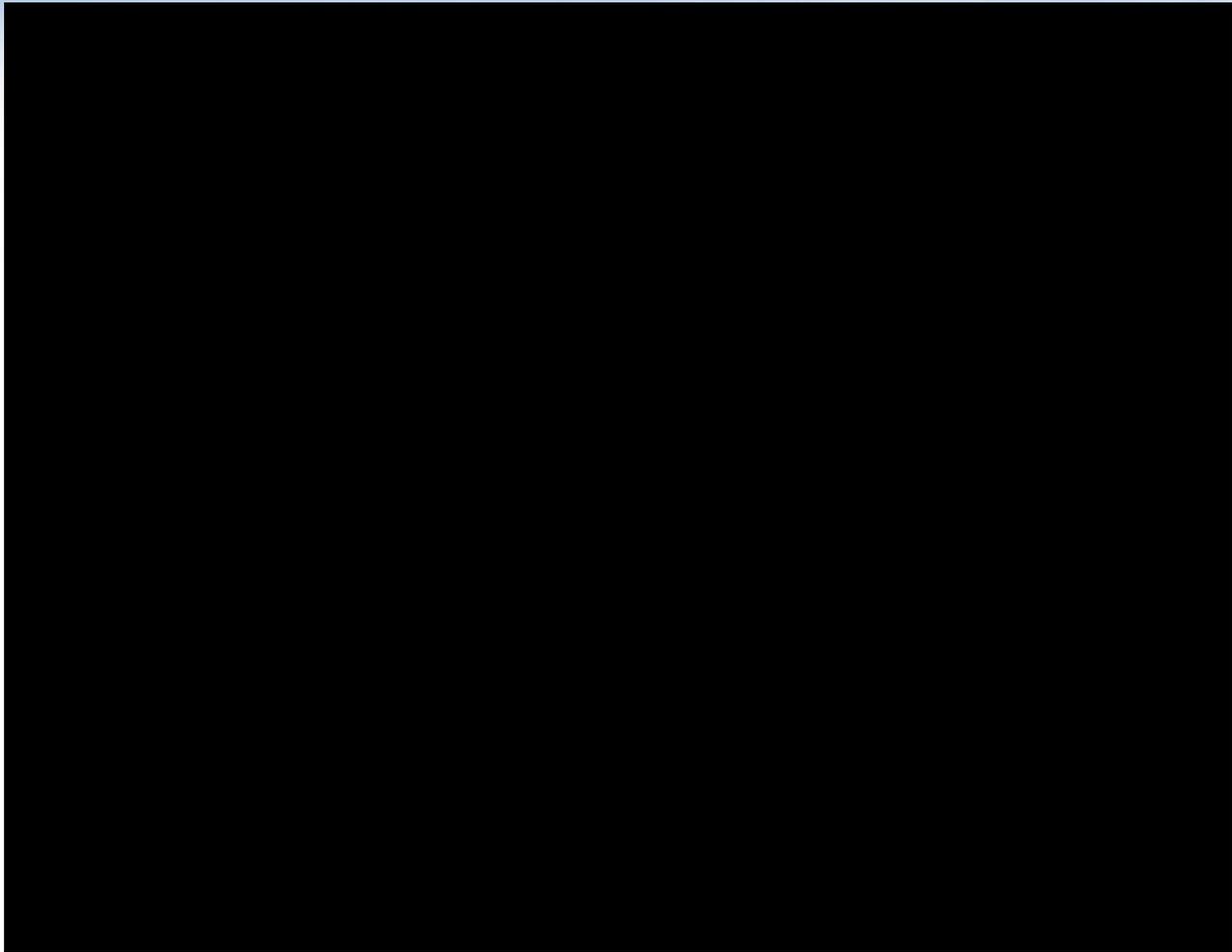
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# Navy Diving "State of the Art"



## Biometric Monitoring desired because of the extreme environment

- Need for a breathing apparatus
- Hyperbaric pressure
- Thermal stress
- Dark with limited means of communication

## Start with basic physiological measurements

- Respiration rate
- Heart rate/variability
- Core temperature

## Technical challenge

- Seawater and sensors/electronics don't mix
- Can't use wireless



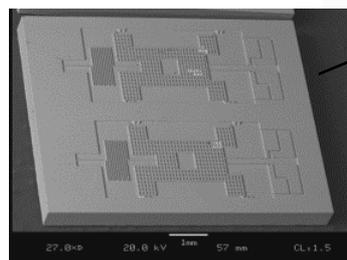
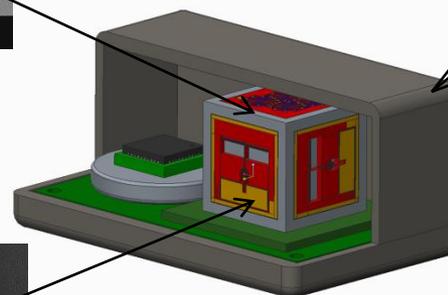
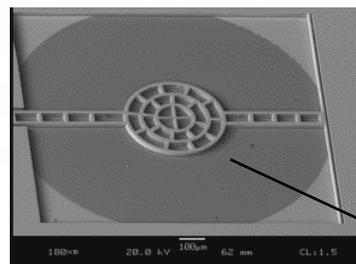


# Challenges of Blast / High Energy Events



- **Objective**
  - To design and demonstrate minimally powered (or un-powered) inertial and pressure sensors to detect and quantify blast loads capable of inflicting mTBI.
- **Proposed solution**
  - Develop threshold MEMS sensors with mechanical switch closures to indicate blast exposure
  - Momentary contact for minimally powered version
  - Latching switch for un-powered version
- **Status**
  - Conducting laboratory testing of sensors and electronics
  - Tactical prototype expected Q4 FY16

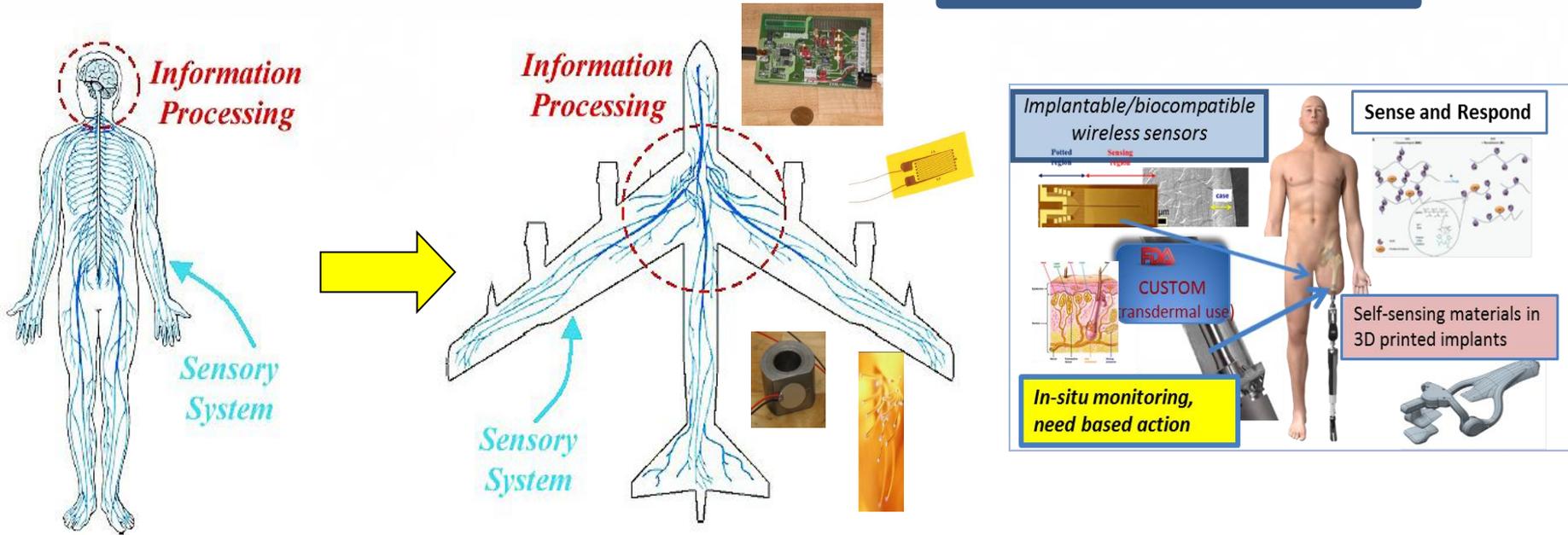
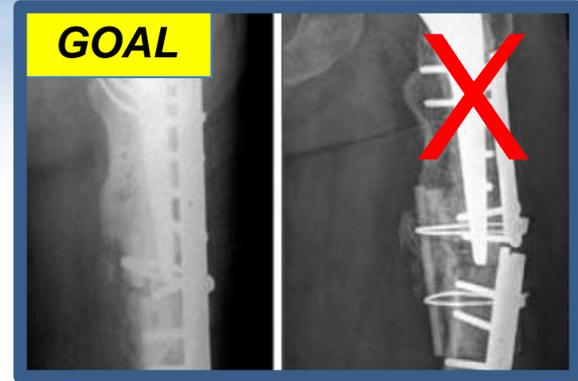
- **Technical Gap**
  - **Current sensors require power to operate**
    - **Battery life causes service life limitation**
    - **Larger batteries become too bulky**
  - **Commercial sensor approach requires data reduction**
    - **While detailed data is good for blast wave analysis, it may be burdensome when a quick yes/no exposure is desired**



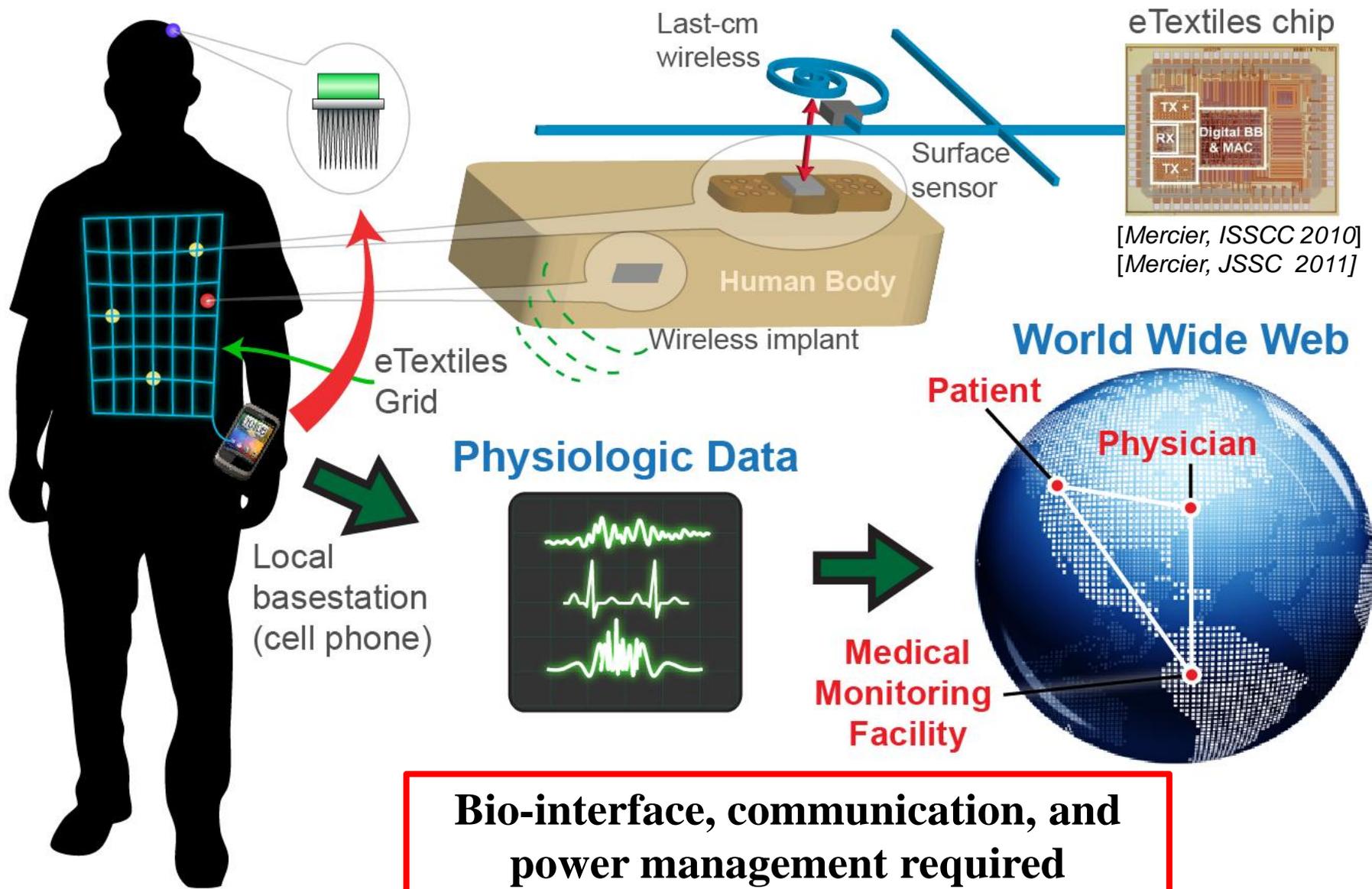
# Structural Health Monitoring for Health: Multidisciplinary Field

- *What is SHMH?*

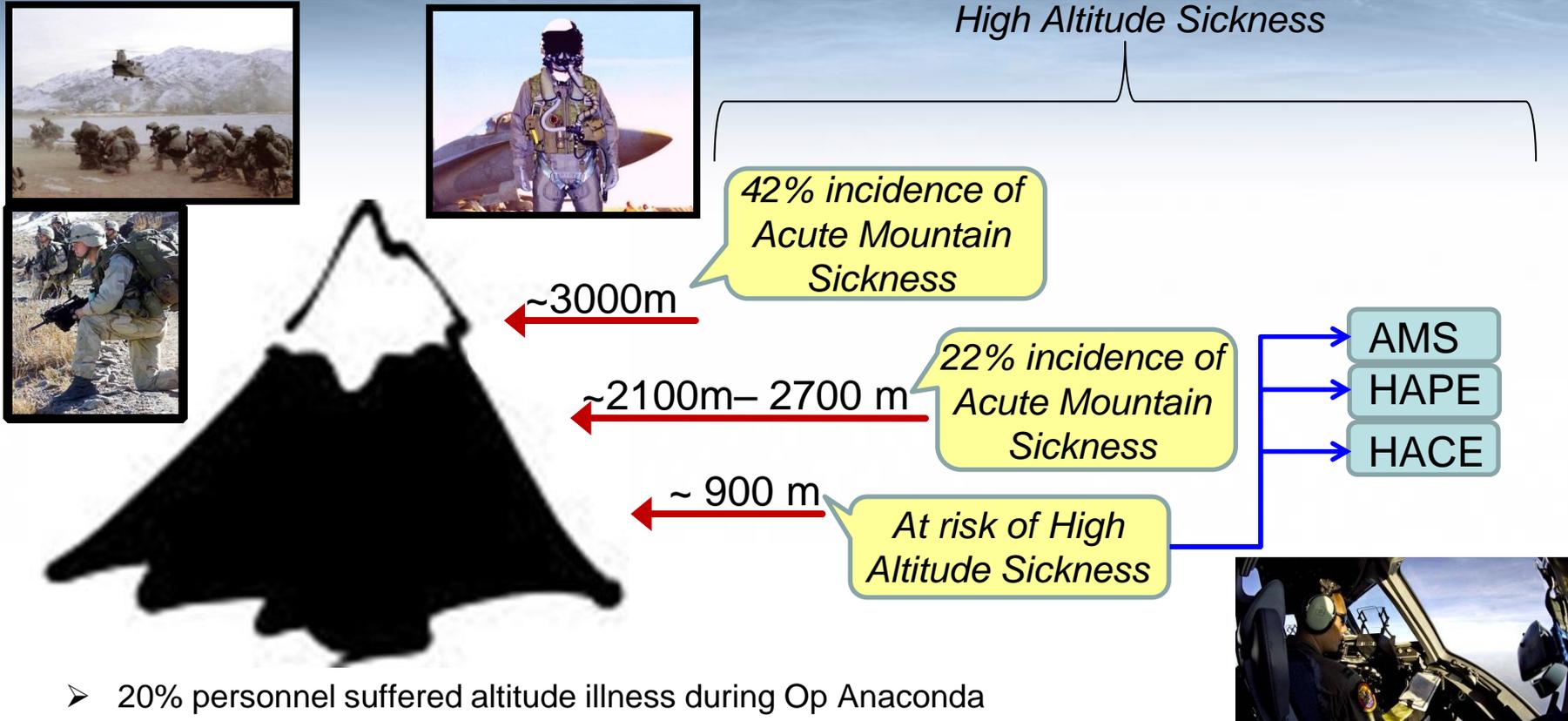
Structural Health Monitoring is the process of developing a damage assessment capability for aerospace, civil and mechanical infrastructure



# Enabling vision: Body Area Networks



# Altitude-Induced Hypoxemia



- 20% personnel suffered altitude illness during Op Anaconda
- Half of Afghanistan is over 2000m, with an average elevation of 4500m, resulting in mild- to life-threatening altitude sickness in un-acclimatized Warfighters.
- US Security Analysis: > 60 world-wide high altitude areas for possible military engagement
- HAPE/HACE may reach as high as 15%, and one incident can compromise an entire unit.
- Current treatments are a logistical burden and have side-effects.





# Altitude exposure impairs Warfighter health and performance

**HYPOXIA** – lack of oxygen to tissue

## Neurological side effects

Anxiety / Euphoria

Confusion

## Impaired Judgment / Memory

Dizziness

Fatigue

Headache

Hot/Cold Flash

Difficulty Communicating

Loss of Muscle Coordination

Numbness

Visual Impairment

Loss of Peripheral Vision

Loss of Consciousness

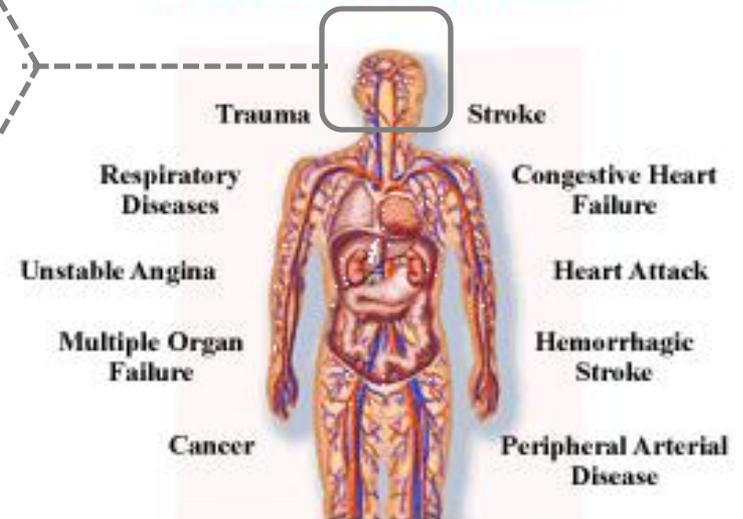
Oxygen deprivation



Cells/tissues fail/die



Hypoxic Conditions



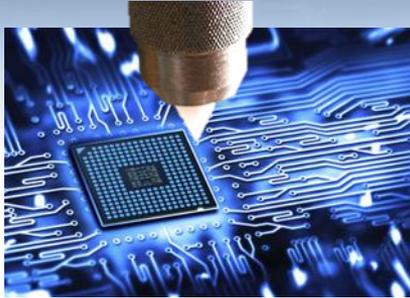
How to measure or predict hypoxia?



*Signs and Symptoms are similar for other physiologic events, such as A-LOC, G-LOC, SD*

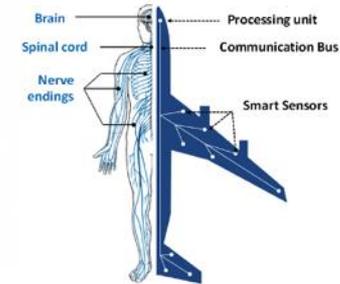
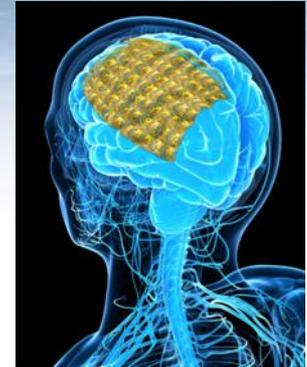


# Printed 3D Flexible Electronics: DoD Relevance



Mission specific devices on-demand

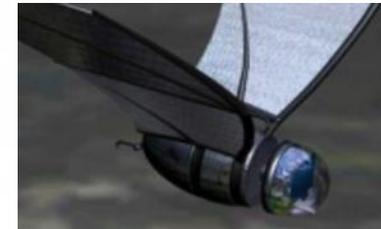
Bio-electronic implants and interfaces



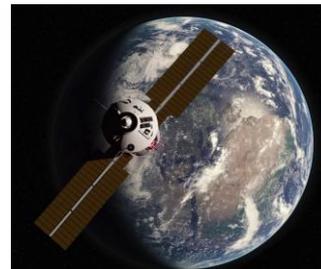
Structure health monitoring

## Areas of Implementation

Reconfigurable autonomous systems



Smart skins & wearable electronics



Tracking, tagging & locating

Tunable treatments for low observables



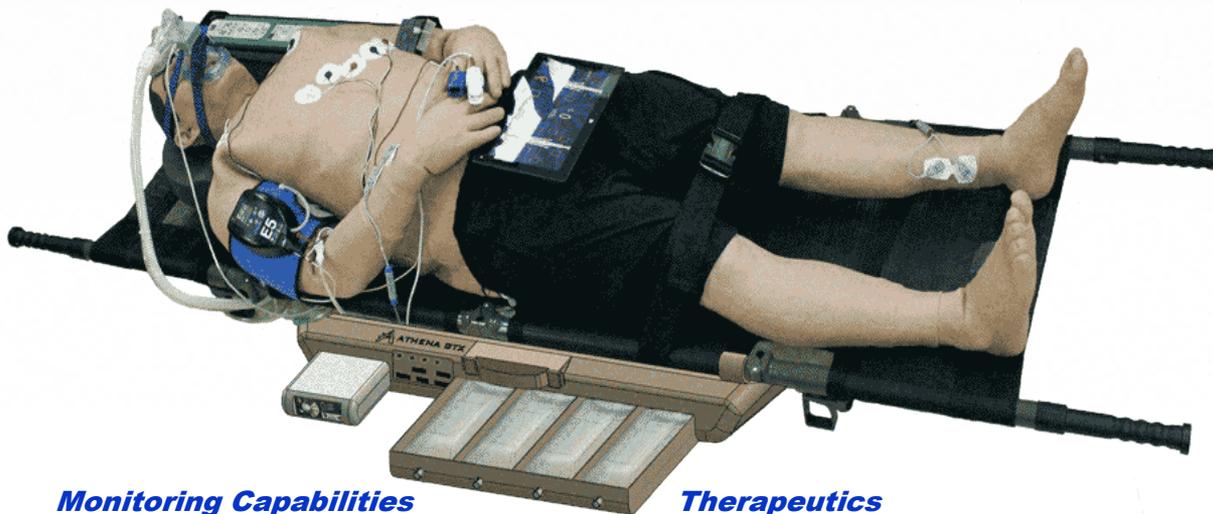
Printed 3D flexible electronics will enable a new generation of systems capable of sensing, actuating, recording, processing and communicating with their surroundings in ways unfeasible today.



# A Solution - Automated Critical Care System Mobile Casualty Monitoring and Care



**Automated Critical Care System (ACCS)**  
**The ICU in a Suitcase**  
**Treating multiple systems in a single patient**



### **Monitoring Capabilities**

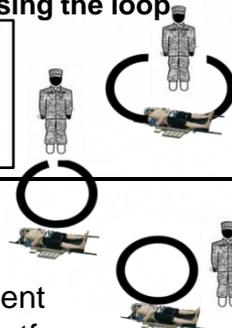
- **IV Fluid input**
- **SPO2**
- **Non Invasive Blood Pressure**
- **Cardiac Output**
- **Ventilation to include Volume, Rate Pressure (PEEP)**

### **Therapeutics**

- **Mechanical Ventilation**
- **Supplemental Oxygen**
- **Physiological Monitoring**
- **Casualty and Fluid Warming**
- **Analgesia / Sedation Therapy**
- **Fluid and Drug Infusion**

Therapeutic interventions:  
 Open loop or human in the loop  
 Semi-closed or human on the loop  
 Closed Loop or human supervising the loop

*The more technologies that have to simultaneously work together increases the difficulty*



### **Challenges:**

#### **Hardware Issues:**

- ❖ Interoperability of equipment
- ❖ Autonomous Transport Platform Development
- ❖ Battery Technology
- ❖ Lightweight Oxygen Generation

#### **Telemedicine issues**

- ❖ Data prioritization / Metering
- ❖ Bi-directional Communications
- ❖ Cybersecurity – Protection from nefarious acts
- ❖ Data Presentation – Easily Understood



## **Casualty Monitoring and Therapeutic Care**



# Example of Technology Desires

## Hardware

- ❖ Lighter / More Power / Faster Charging Battery Technology
- ❖ Lightweight Single man Oxygen Generation
- ❖ Sensor / Hardware Interoperability
- ❖ Hypoxia monitoring / Prediction / Resilience to extreme environments

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# Questions??



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