

# EE-511

## Sensors in medical instrumentation

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# Objectives

- To know the **techniques** used to detect and convert **physiological information to electrical signals**.
- To be able to control the **fundamental principles and methods** used for **physiological signal conditioning** with the help of examples from existing medical instrumentation design.
- To establish a more **efficient communication with the medical and clinical partners** thanks to a better **understanding of medical instrumentation**.

Date	Lecture (14–16 h)		Exercises (16–17 h)
20.02†	Basic safety of ME equipment		
27.02†	Biopotentials, bioimpedances, electrodes		Session 1
06.03†	Metrology of biopotentials		Session 2
13.03†	Metrology of bioimpedances		Session 3
20.03†	TEST 1	Optical sensors (PPG, oBPM)	Session 4
27.03†	Optical sensors (SpO2, NIRS)		Session 5
3.04*	Resistive sensors		Session 6
10.04*	Inductive sensors		Session 7
17.04*	TEST 2	Resistive & Inductive sensors	Session 8
24.04	Easter holiday		
1.05*	Capacitive sensors		Mock test
8.05*	Capacitive sensors		Session 9
15.05*	Piezoelectric sensors		Session 10
22.05*	TEST 3	Capacitive & Piezoelectric sensors	Session 11
29.05	Ascension holiday		

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# Evaluation

- The final grade will be a weighted sum of
  - three tests during the semester (weightage: 15%) and
  - Final Exam (weightage: 85%)
- Tests are in the form of quiz
- Final Exam is in the form of problems and quiz

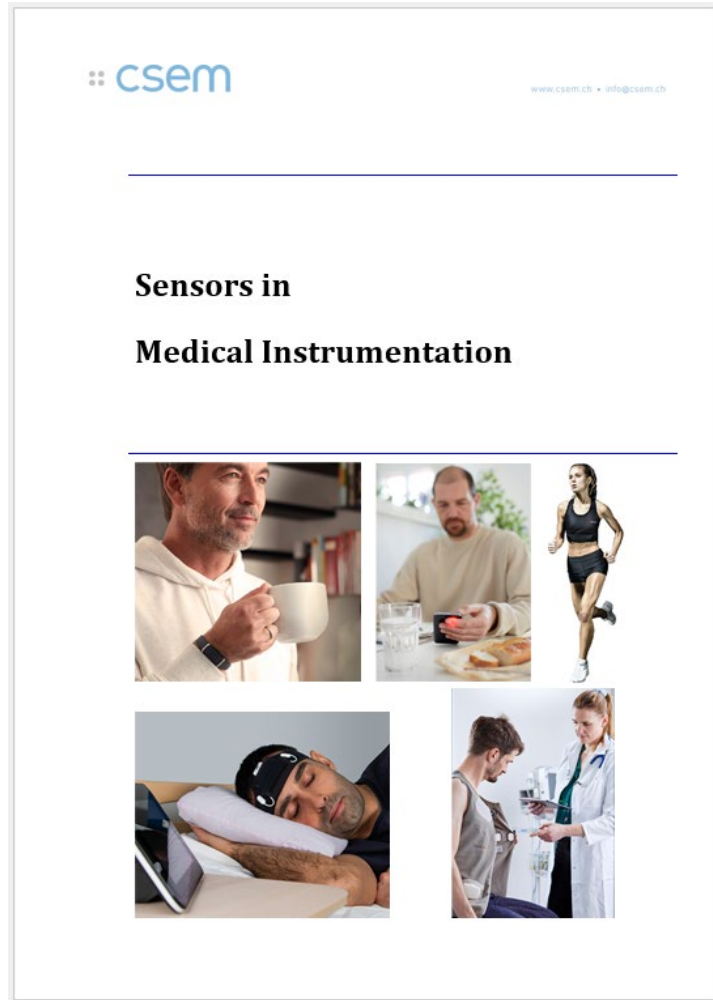
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## Additional reference:

- **Medical Instrumentation—Application and Design, John G. Webster (Editor), Fourth Edition** (2010), John Wiley & Sons, ISBN-13 978-0471-67600.

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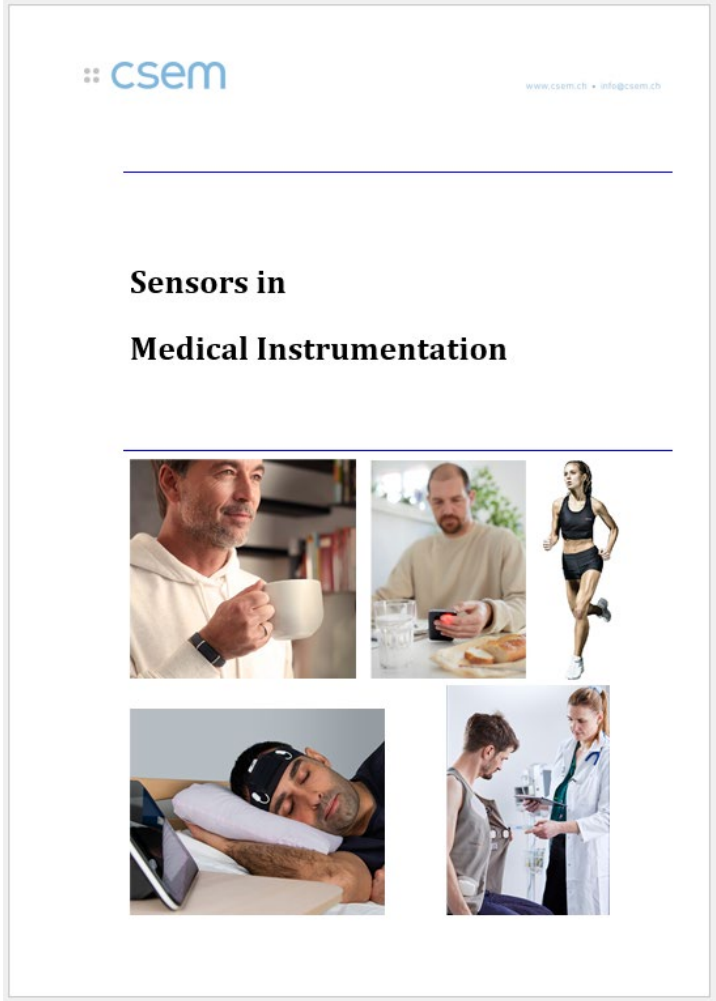


Chapters 1 and 2 not explicitly taught  
(reference or refresher)

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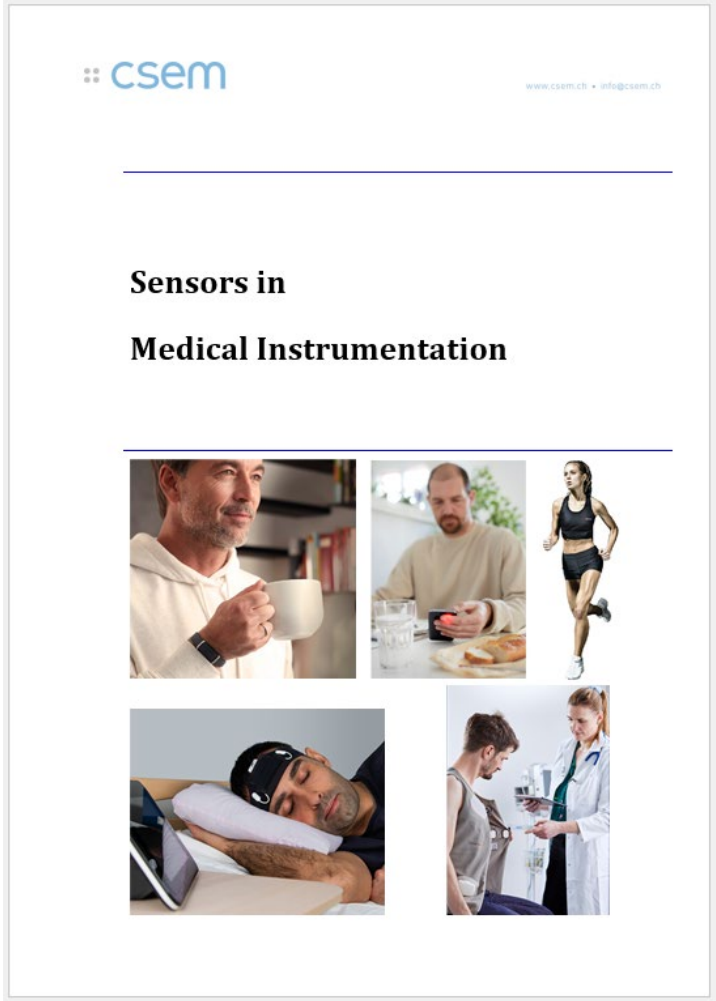


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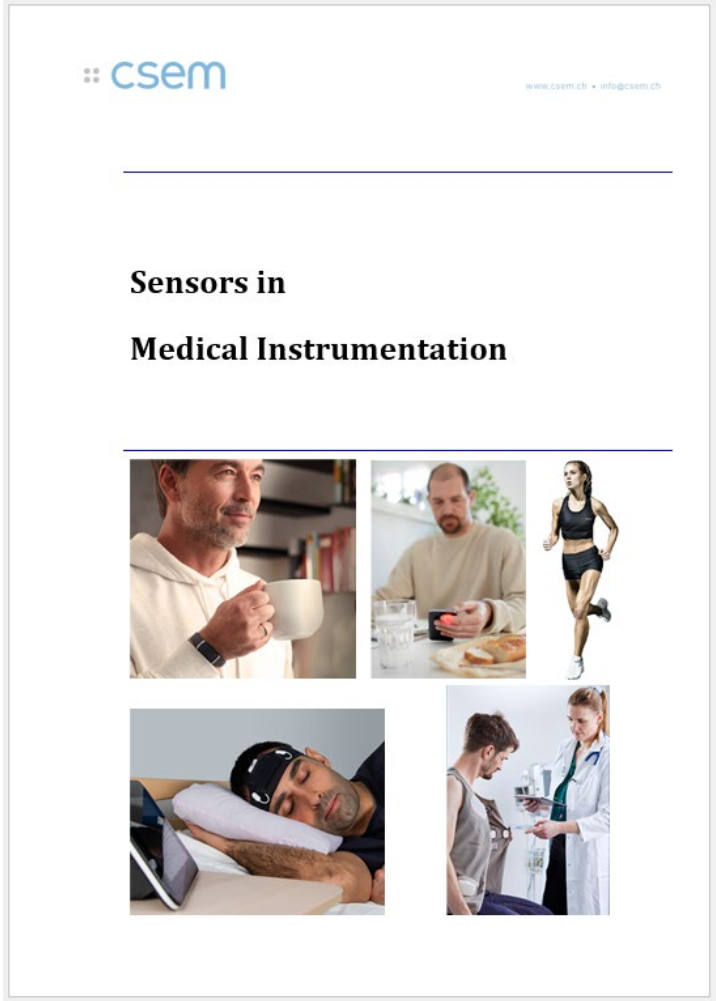
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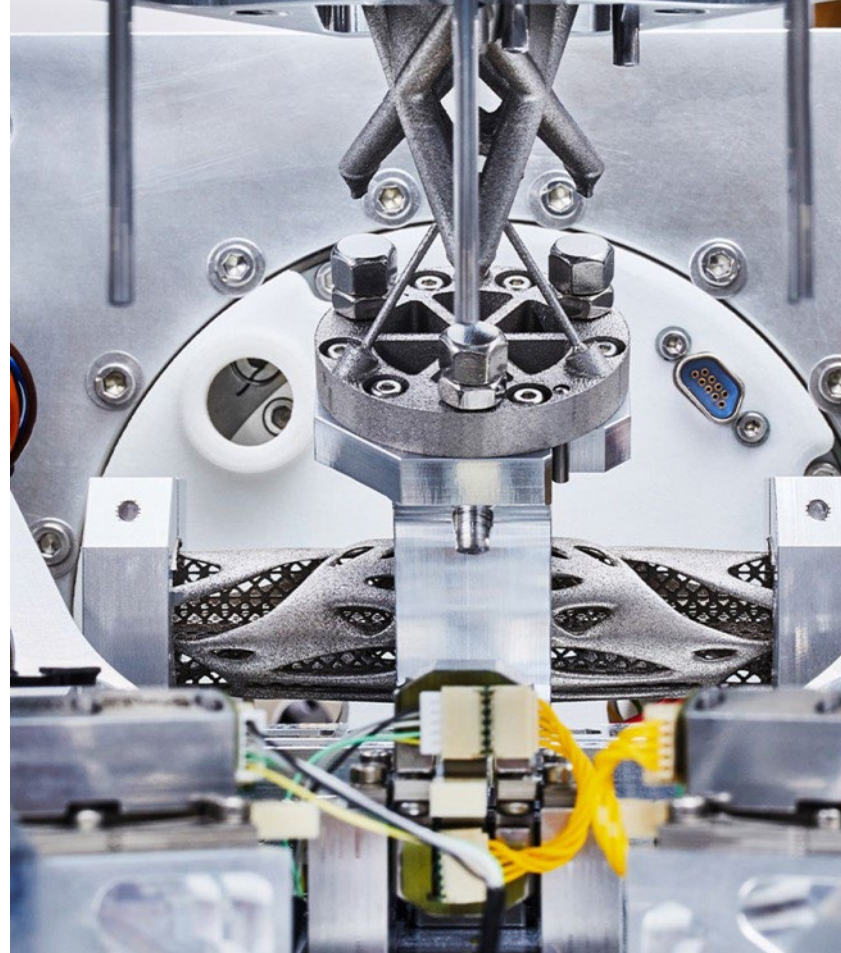
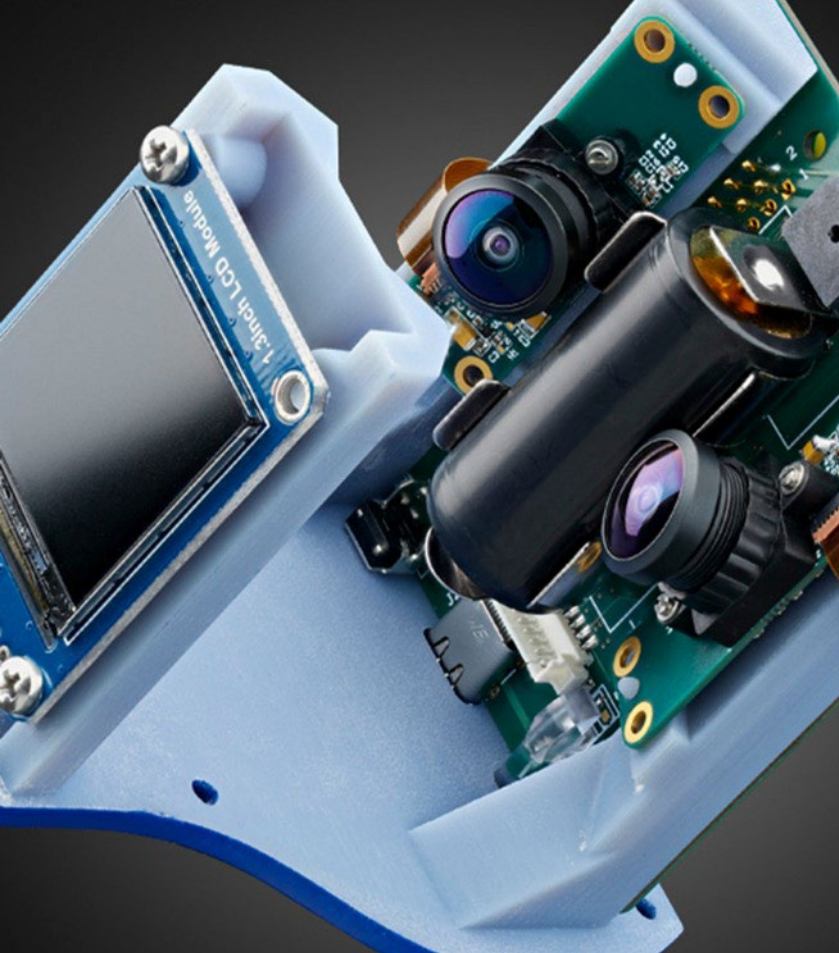
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# COMPANY PRESENTATION



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# CSEM AT A GLANCE

We are a public-private, non-profit Swiss **technology innovation center**

We enable competitiveness by **developing and transferring world-class technologies to the industrial sector**



**1984**  
FOUNDED



**600**  
SPECIALISTS  
in 2023



**100.4**  
MIO TURNOVER  
in 2022

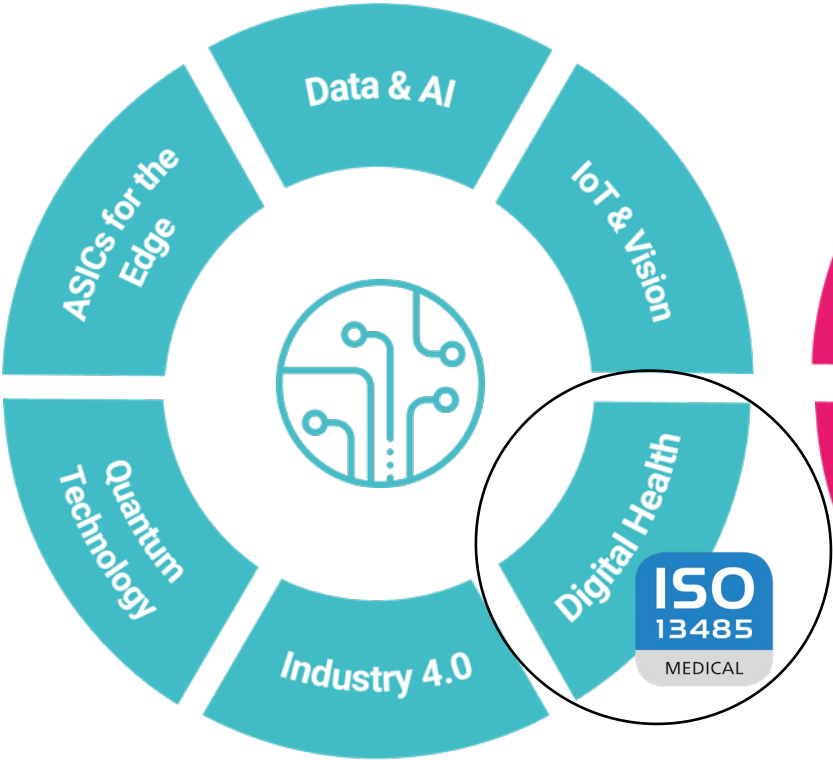


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VENTURES  
since 1984

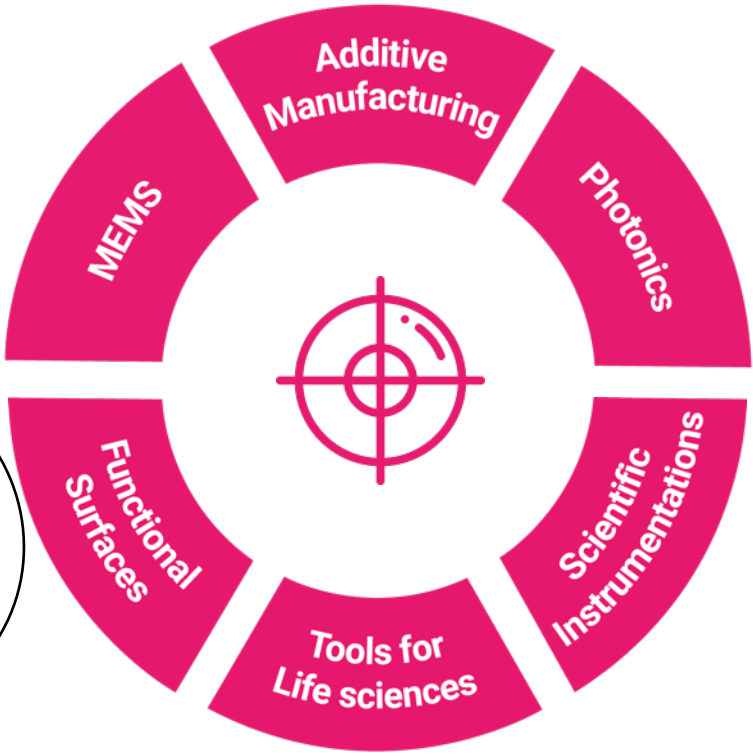
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## Digital Technologies



## Precision Manufacturing



## Sustainable Energy



# DIGITAL HEALTH @ CSEM

About 60 people divided in 5 groups

Medical systems

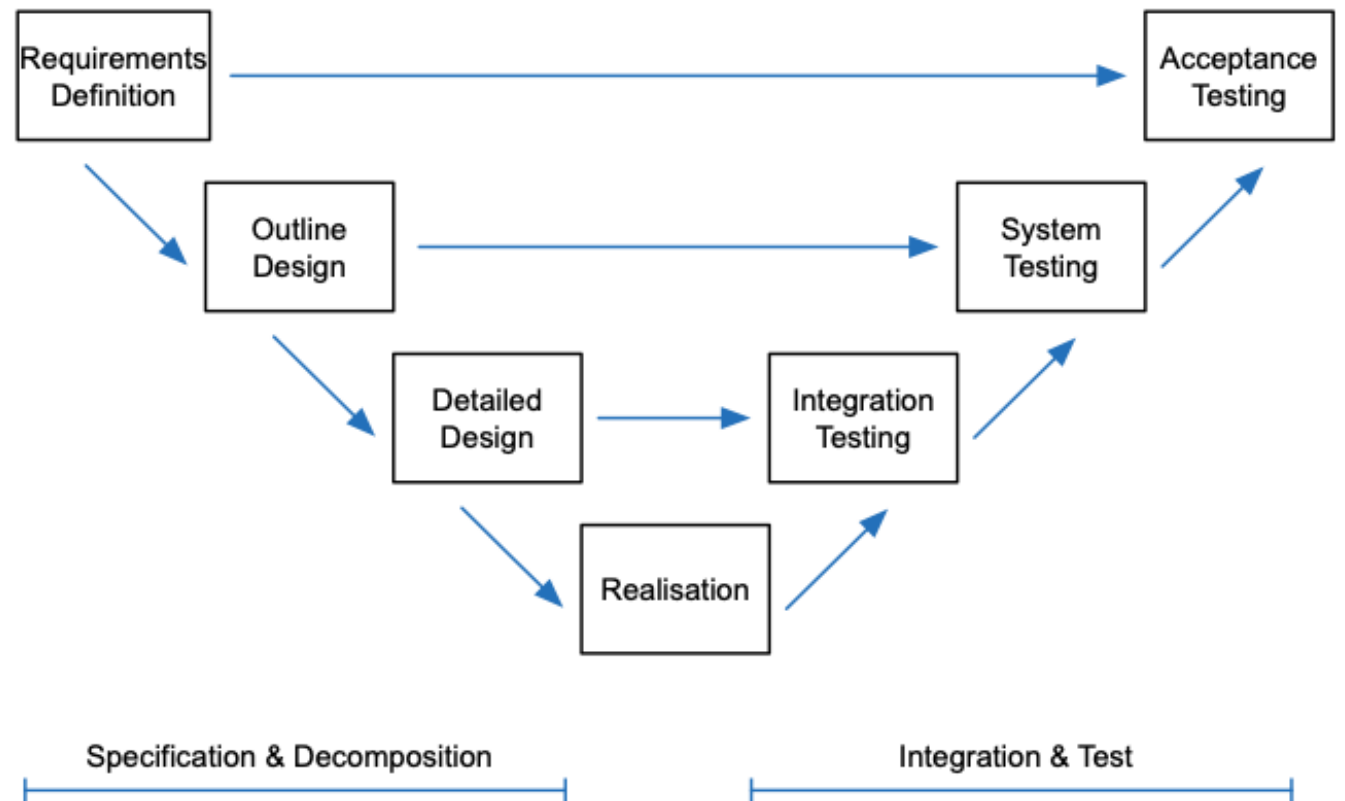
Signal processing

Edge & cloud software

Electronics & sensing

Prototyping

V diagram



# EXAMPLE #1: CUFFLESS BLOOD PRESSURE

Unmet need,  
Issue to solve



CSEM's solution,  
Technology platform  
(hardware + signal processing)



Clinical trials,  
Validation



Technology transfer,  
Innovative product  
(companies / startups)

cuffless blood pressure



wrist sensor with oBPM®



in collaboration with hospitals, e.g.,

**INSELSPITAL**  
UNIVERSITÄTSSPITAL BERN  
HOPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE DE BERNE  
BERN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

**CHUV** Centre hospitalier  
universitaire vaudois

**Hôpital neuchâtelois**



medical product commercialized by



# EXAMPLE #2:

## NON-INVASIVE PULMONARY ARTERY PRESSURE

Unmet need,  
Issue to solve



CSEM's solution,  
Technology platform  
(hardware + signal processing)

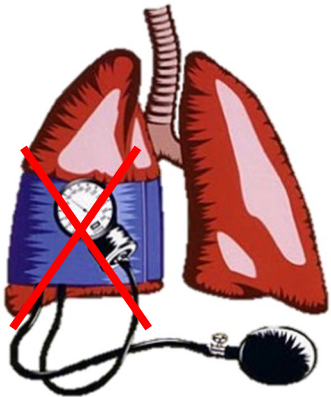


Clinical trials,  
Validation



Technology transfer,  
Innovative product  
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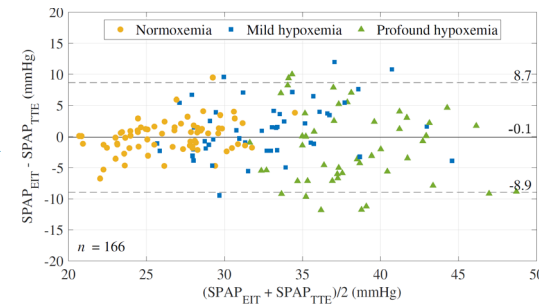
pulmonary artery pressure



EIT / ECG multi-electrode vest



accuracy analysis



(technology  
not yet transferred)

# EXAMPLE #3:

## COOPERATIVE SENSORS FOR IMAGING WEARABLES

Unmet need,  
Issue to solve



CSEM's solution,  
Technology platform  
(hardware + signal processing)

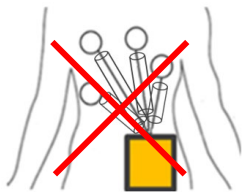


Clinical trials,  
Validation

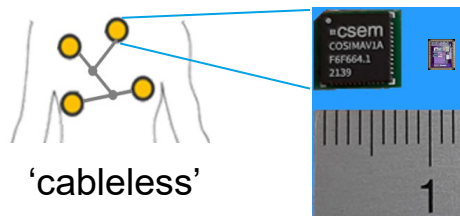


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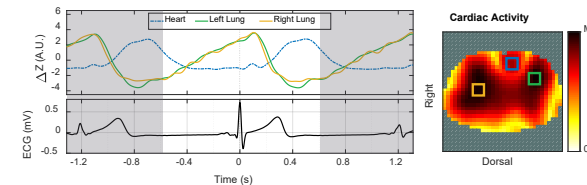
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biopotential / impedance



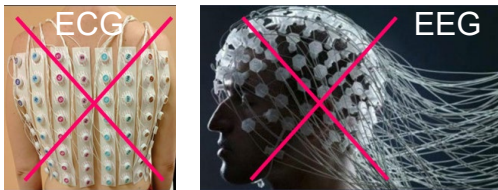
cooperative sensors,  
ASIC



signal and image processing



(technology  
not yet transferred)



up to 250 electrodes

