

# The Promise of Mobile & Social Technologies to Improve Individual and Population Health

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## Center for Wireless and Population Health Systems



**Research on systems of wireless, clinical, and home technologies to measure and improve lifestyle and other health-related behaviors in:**

- Healthy adolescents
- Overweight and obese children and adults
- HIV infected adults with substance abuse
- Adolescents risk for type 2 diabetes
- Adolescents with chronic disease
- Older adults to promote successful aging
- Adolescents recovering from leukemia and other chronic disease
- Young adults to prevent weight gain
- Adults with schizophrenia
- Exposure biology research
- Cancer comparative effectiveness research



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## Guiding principles for our research



### **Clinical needs -**

**Measuring and improving health behaviors as a means of preventing and/or managing illness such as diabetes, CVD, cancer, and obesity**

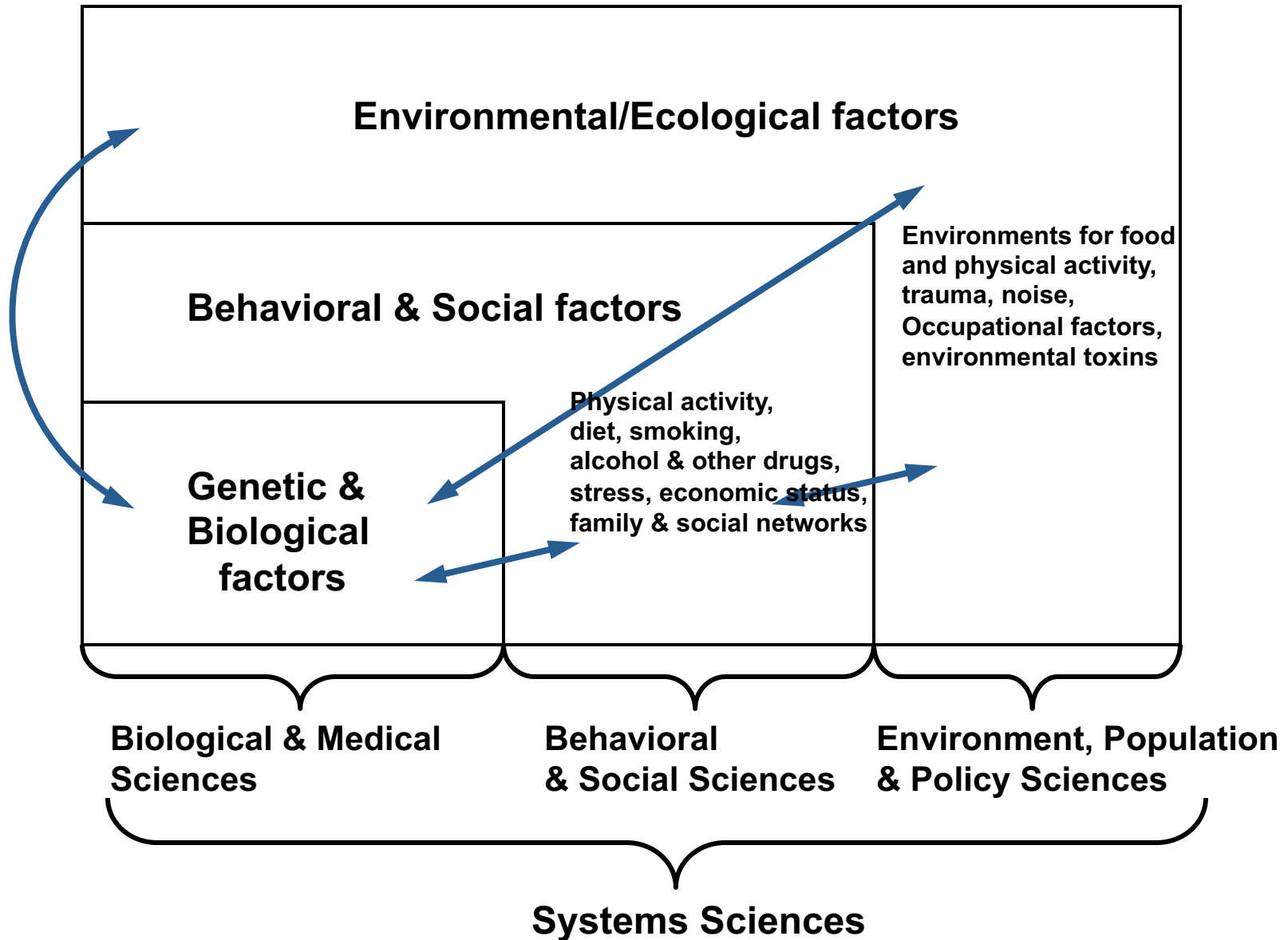
### **Population-level needs -**

**Measuring and promoting health behavior change at a population level to leverage investments and policies in the areas of public health, transportation, urban planning, education and other areas important to human health and sustainability**

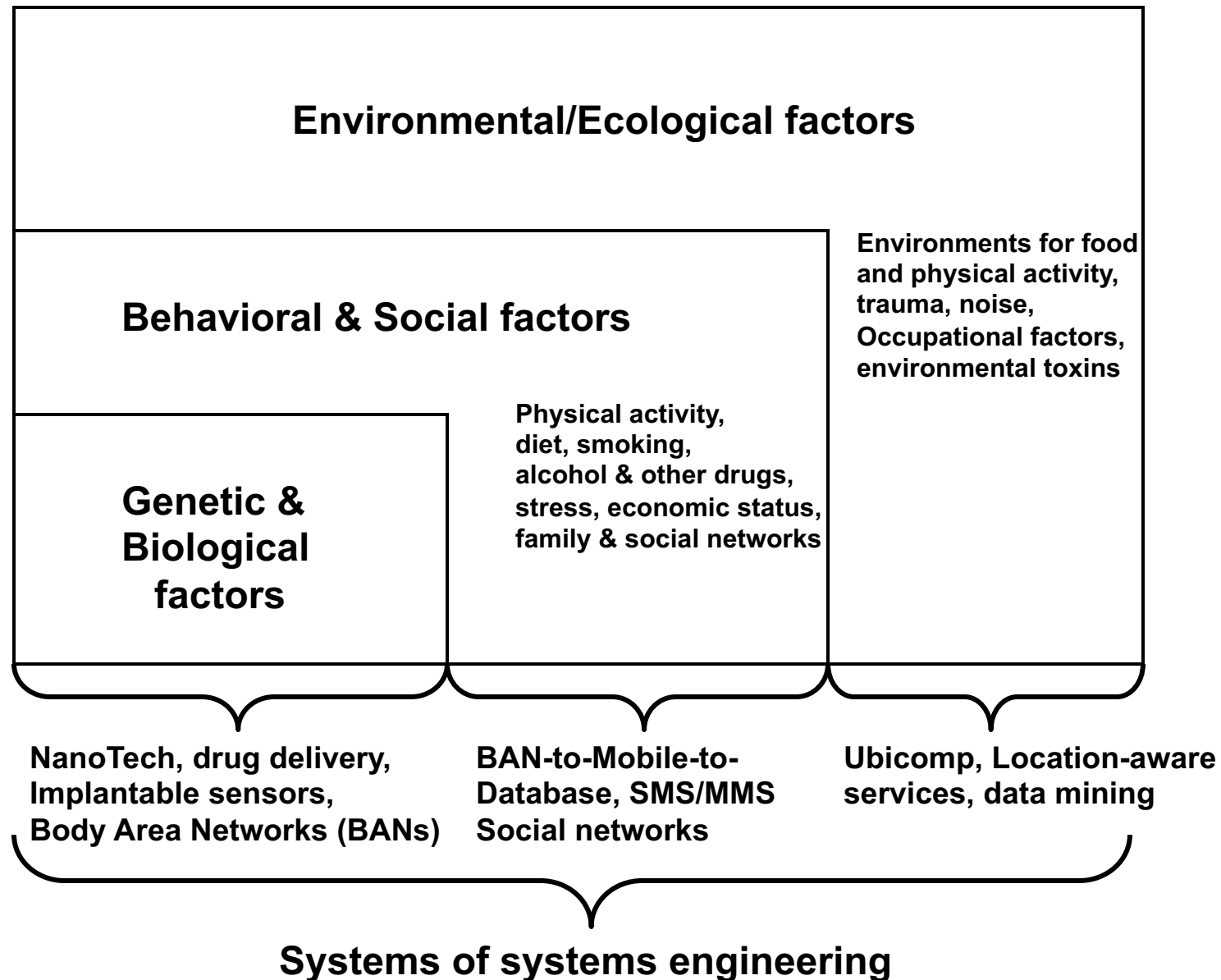
### **Theory -**

**That helps us understand what is happening, why, and how we might change it for the better**

Our point of view is an ecological one: Many factors continuously interact with one another to create health outcomes

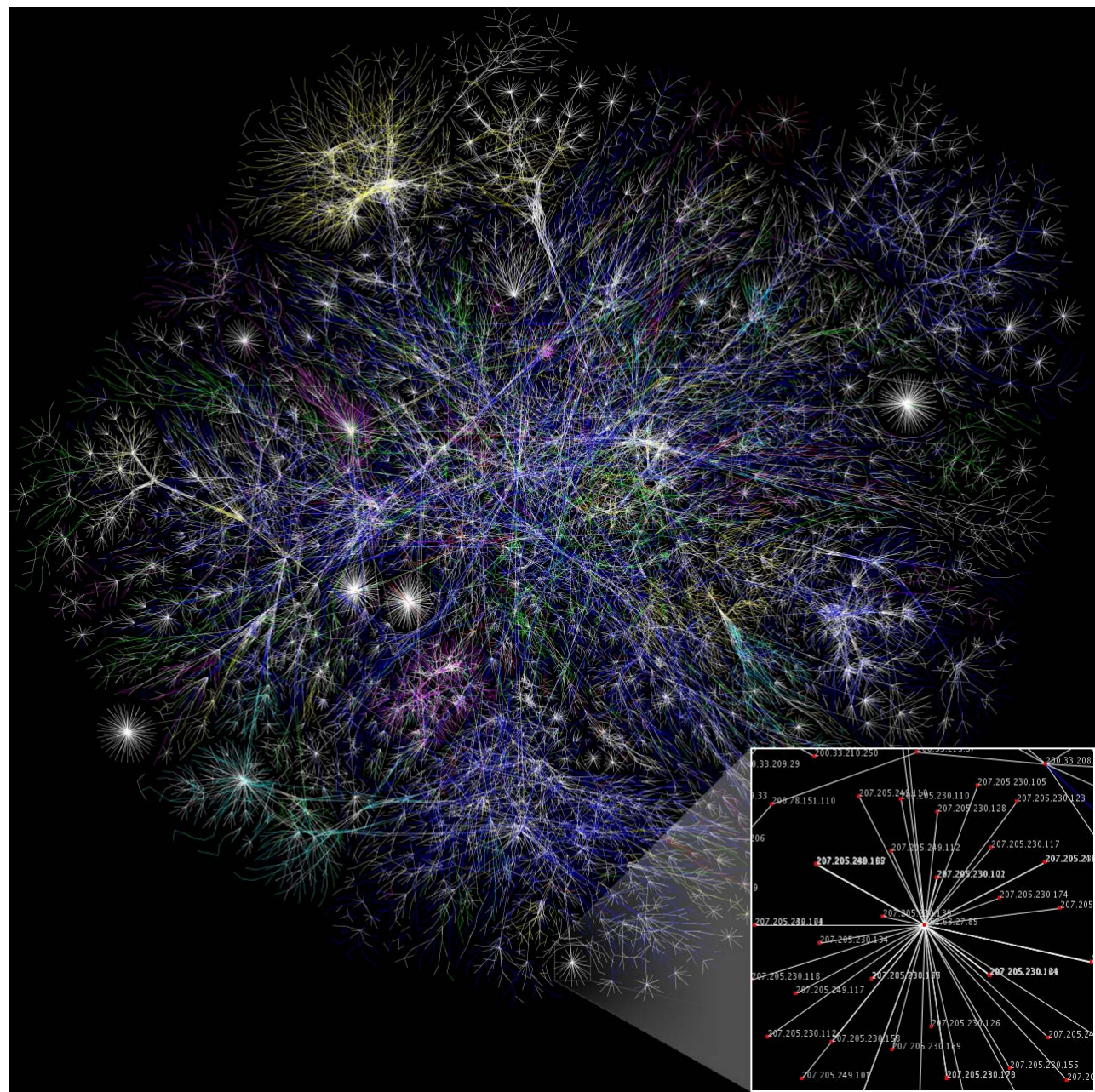


**We work hand-in-hand with engineers who are developing technologies to influence these factors to shape better health outcomes**





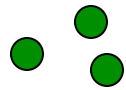
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of the Internet  
is that it  
ties all of  
these things  
together in  
ways useful  
to those of us  
who work  
in health...**



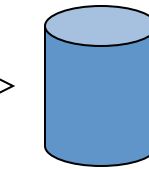
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**In part, it's about collecting  
data from Sensors...**

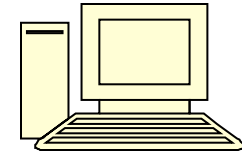
**Sensors embedded in the environment**



Geocoded data on safety, location of recreation, food, hazards, etc



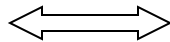
Sensor data



+ Genetic, Clinical & Personal Health Data

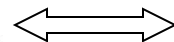
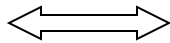
**Psychological & Social sensors**

Mood, Social network (peers/family)  
Attention, voice analysis



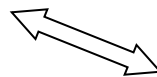
**Biological sensors**

BP, Resp, HR, Blood (e.g. glucose, electrolytes, pharmacological, hormone), Transdermal, Implants



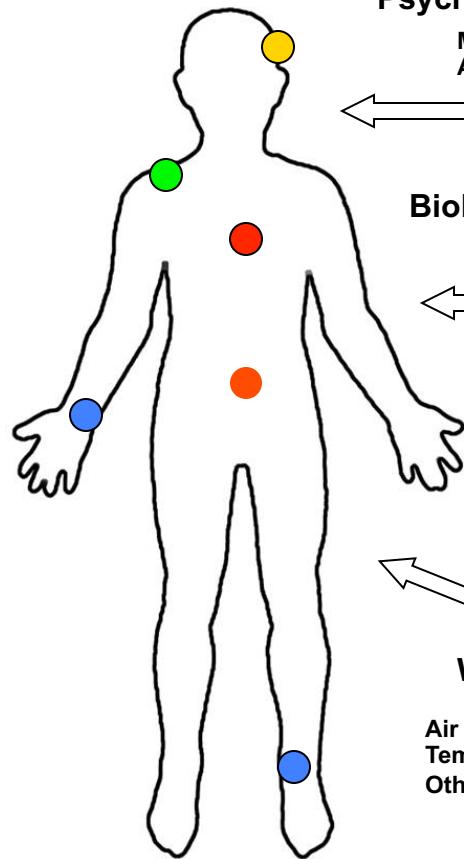
**Diet & Physical Activity sensors**

Physical activity (PAEE, type), sedentary  
Posture/orientation, diet intake (photo/bar code)



**Wearable Environmental sensors**

Air quality (particulate, ozone, etc)  
Temperature, GPS, Sound, Video,  
Other devices & embedded sensors

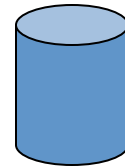


+  
Data on environmental determinants of health

+  
Analysis & comparison of parameters in near-real time (normative and ipsative)

+  
Sufficient population-level data to comprehend trends, model them and predict health outcomes

+  
Feedback in near or real-time via SMS, audio, haptic or other cues for behavior or change in Rx device



**= True Preventive Medicine!**

**In part, it's about collecting  
data from Sensors...**

**It's also about data-driven  
interventions via Mobile  
and Social Media...**

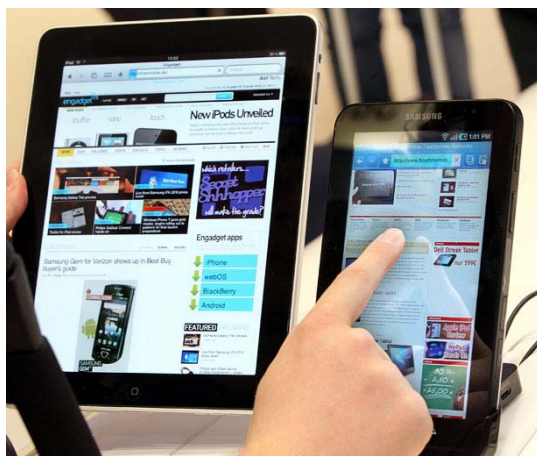
## Rapidly growing base of mobile information devices...

**5+ Billion Mobile Phone users**

- UN International Telecomm Union (2011)

**14.2 Million iPads sold, 2010; 75% of market**

- Wikipedia (2011)



## **Total Text Messages sent July, 2009 - June, 2010:**

**1.8 Trillion –**

**- 260 messages/person on earth**

**~ 80% of all mobile users worldwide**

**Source: CTIA**



## Social Media

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

facebook®

- **Almost 600 Million active users**
- **50% of active users log on once/day**
- **About 70% of Facebook users are outside the US**

The Twitter logo, featuring the word "twitter" in a light blue, rounded, lowercase font with a white outline.

twitter

- **Over 100 million registered users**
- **180 million unique users each month**



twitter

Login Join Twitter!

We can confirm that Twitter was blocked in Egypt around 8am PT today. It is impacting both Twitter.com & applications. (1/2)

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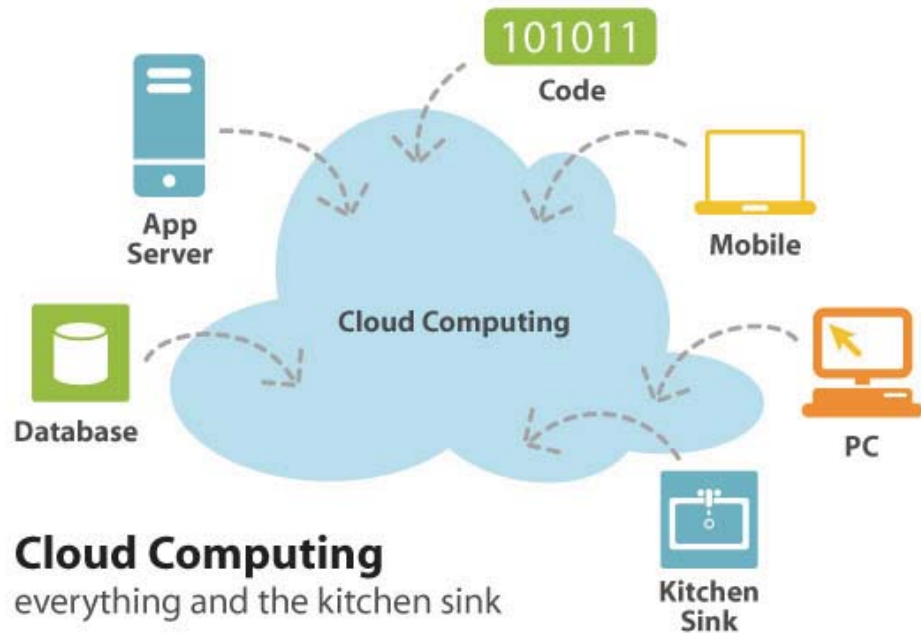
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**The power of these media...**





And finally it's  
the Cloud...



# Projects in Sensing and Intervention



PALMS

SMART

CYCORE

mDIET &  
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# PALMS

## Physical Activity Location Measurement System

An integrated suite of **sensors** and **software** to enable **continuous capture and analysis** of data on **temporal & spatial** characteristics of **physical activity and other data** important to exposure biology research

PALMS supports gathering data from multiple participants within studies and aggregating and comparing data between and among multiple researchers across studies

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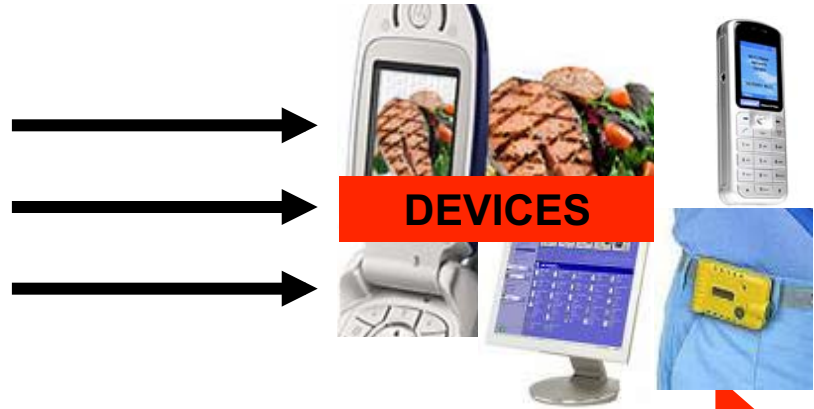


# Exposure Biology Program: Deliverables

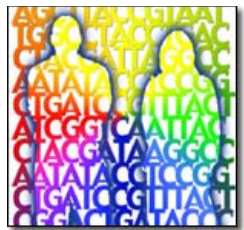
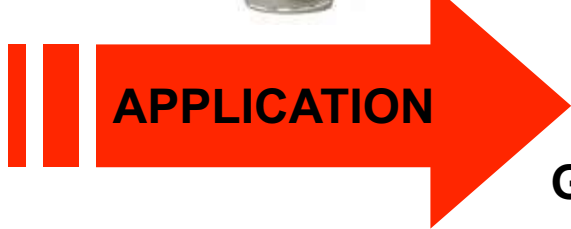
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## Environmental Sensors

- **Diet/Physical Activity**
- **Chemicals/Biologics**
- **Psychosocial Stress/Addictive Substances**



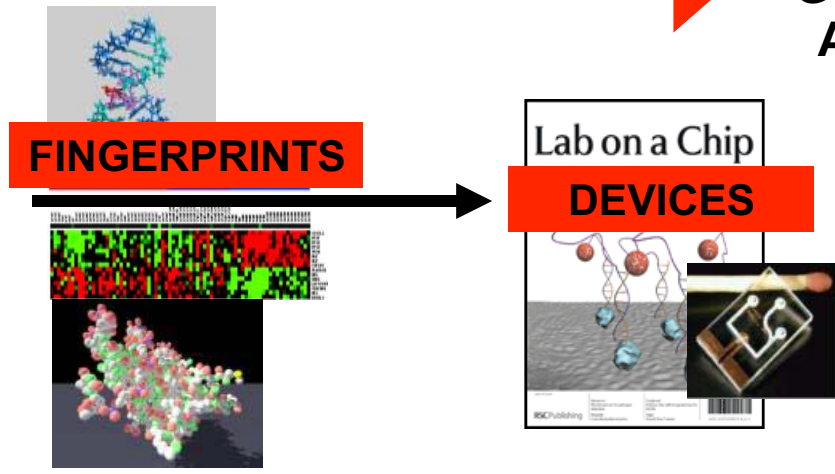
**DEVICES**



**Genome Wide Association**

## Biological Response

- **Biomarkers**
- **Centers–biomarkers/biosensors**
  - **Inflammation**
  - **Oxidative stress**
  - **Programmed cell death**
  - **Epigenetic markers**



**FINGERPRINTS**

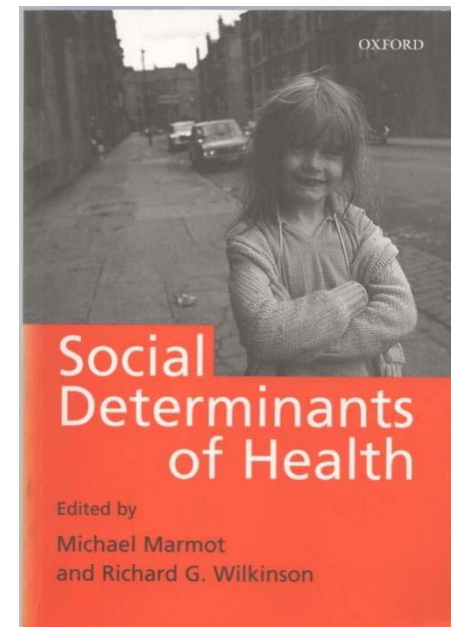
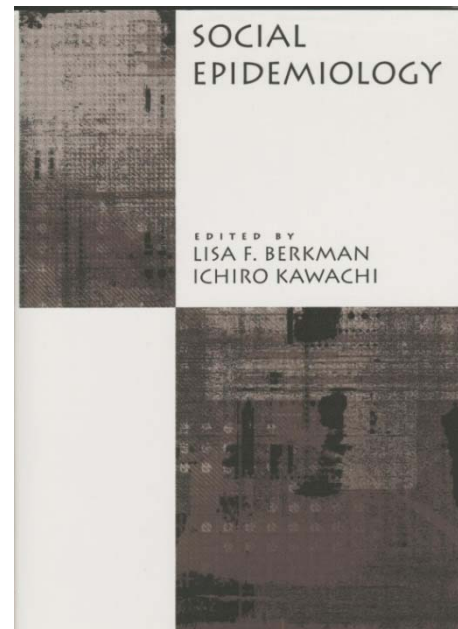
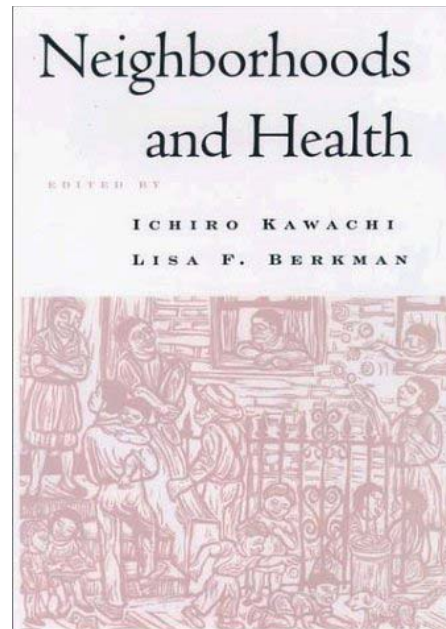
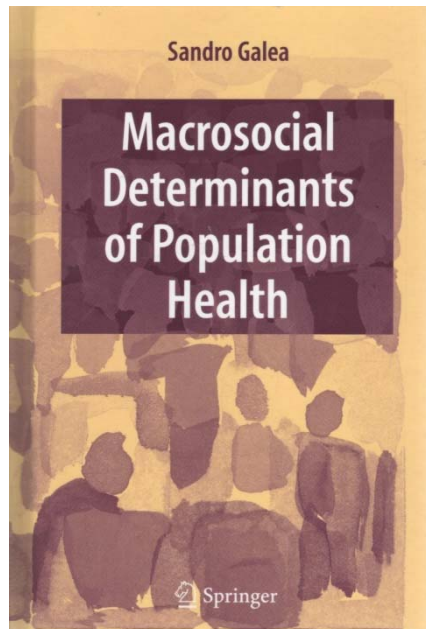
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# Importance of Place



## in the Health of Individuals and Populations

- Disease clusters
- Health disparities
- Toxic exposure
- Stress & incivilities

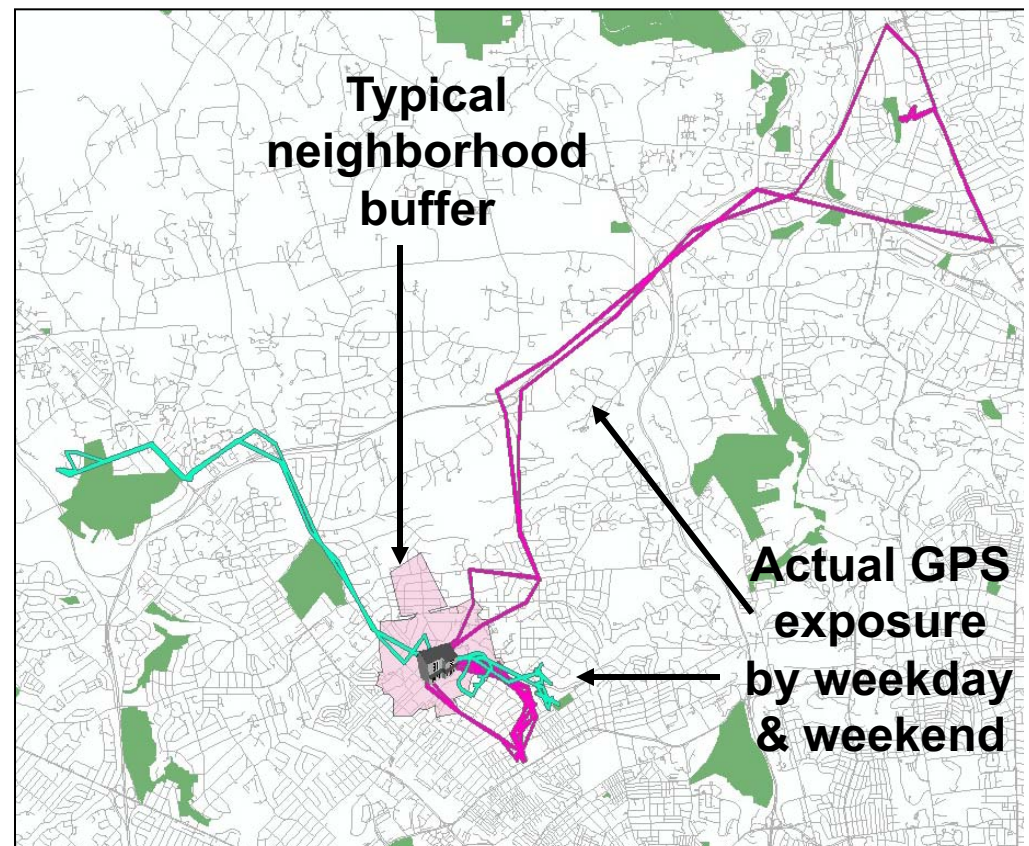


# Temporal-spatial Context

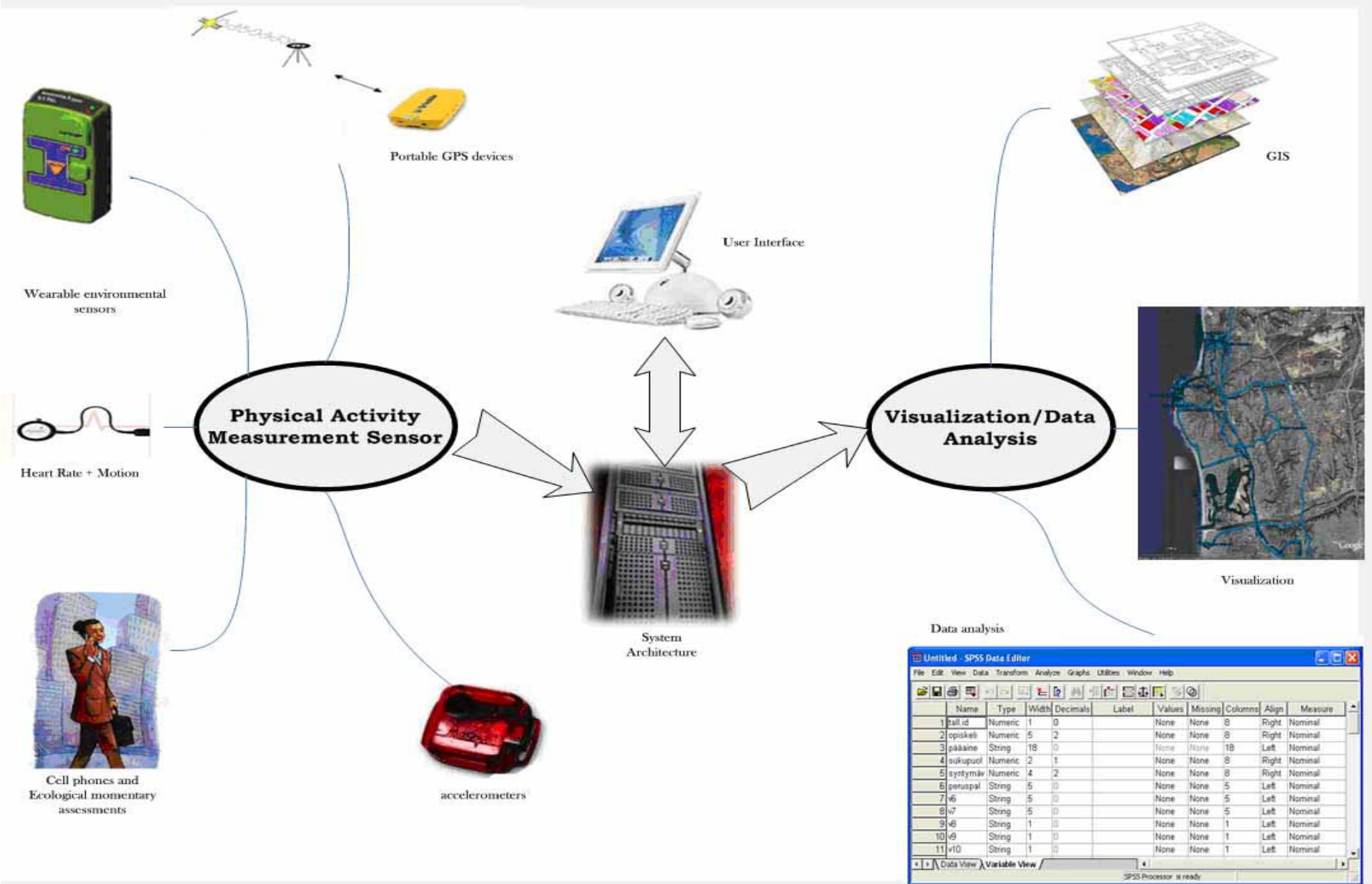


- Is related to health behaviors, morbidity & mortality
- Moderates intervention effects & and is a modifiable component in interventions

- Current studies estimate temporal-spatial effects based upon residence or school/work location rather than actual exposure
- Little is known about how PA type, frequency, intensity and duration, or episodes of extended sedentary behavior moderate these exposures
- Concurrent & continuous measurement of PA/sedentary behavior and exposures of interest will be essential if health researchers are to understand these relationships



# PALMS Overview



# PALMS Sensors

## Physical Activity and Heart Rate

- M – Actigraph
- M – Actical
- HR+M - Actiheart
- HR+M – Actitrainer
- HR+M + respiration + skin temp – Bioharness



## Location – GPS Dataloggers

- GlobalSat DG-100
- GlobalSat BT-335
- Qstarz 1000
- Any GPX device





Motion & heart rate sensors tell us how active a person is but not when or where...



# Combined with GPS, We Know Where Physical Activity Occurs



Heart rate  
shown in  
Google Earth

resting  
light  
moderate  
vigorous

# Placing these data within GIS Provides Context

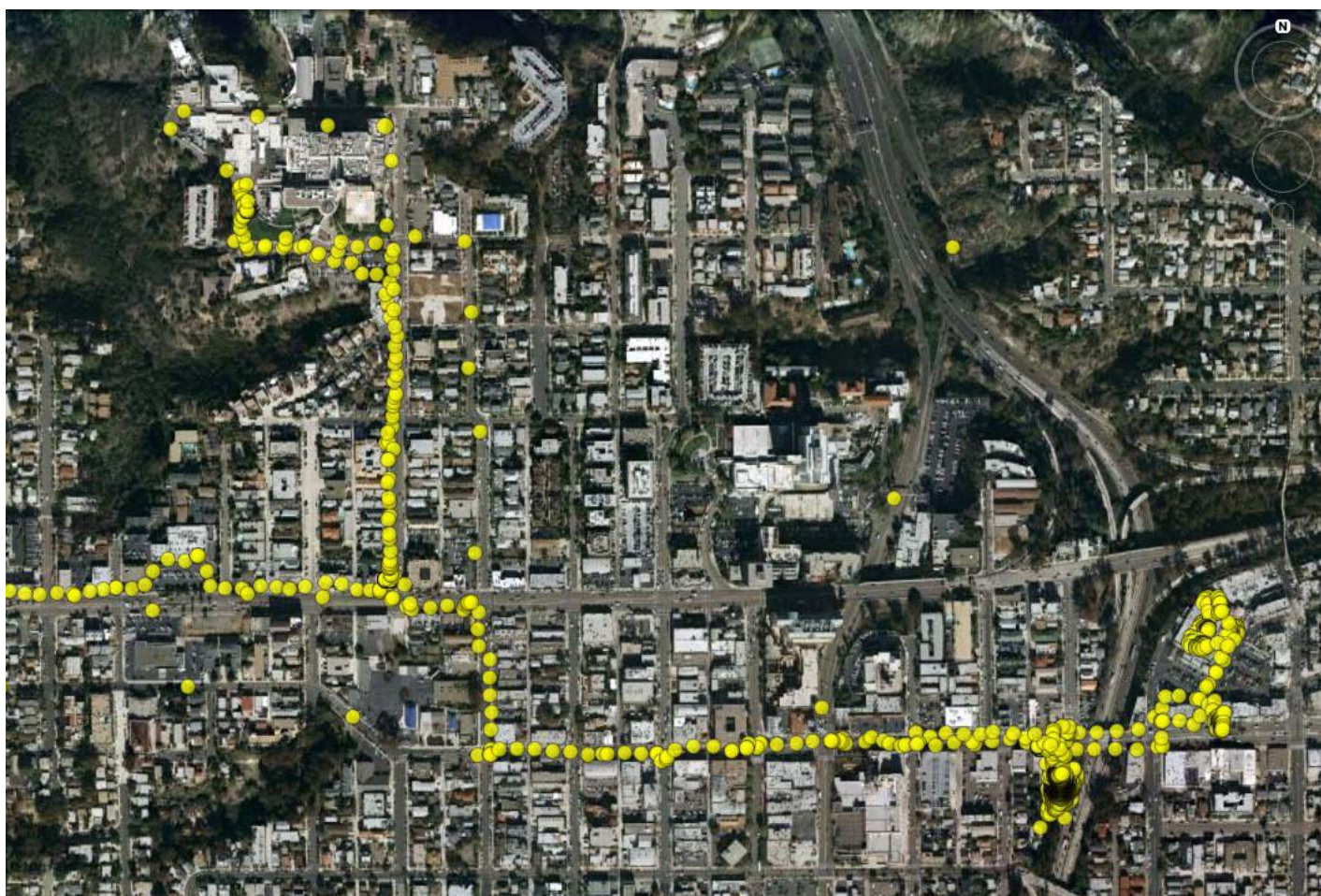


**Heart rate  
shown in  
ESRI ArcGIS  
against land use**

# GPS Data



**Research Question: How much time is spent in residential neighborhoods and how does this affect our estimates of the relationship between health and place?**



Example:

one subject's  
neighborhood

collected over 3  
days

15 second epoch

# Determine Indoor / Outdoor



**Research Question: Is time spent outdoors related to cancer outcomes, mental health status or pollution exposures of interest?**



**Tracking indoor and outdoor time**

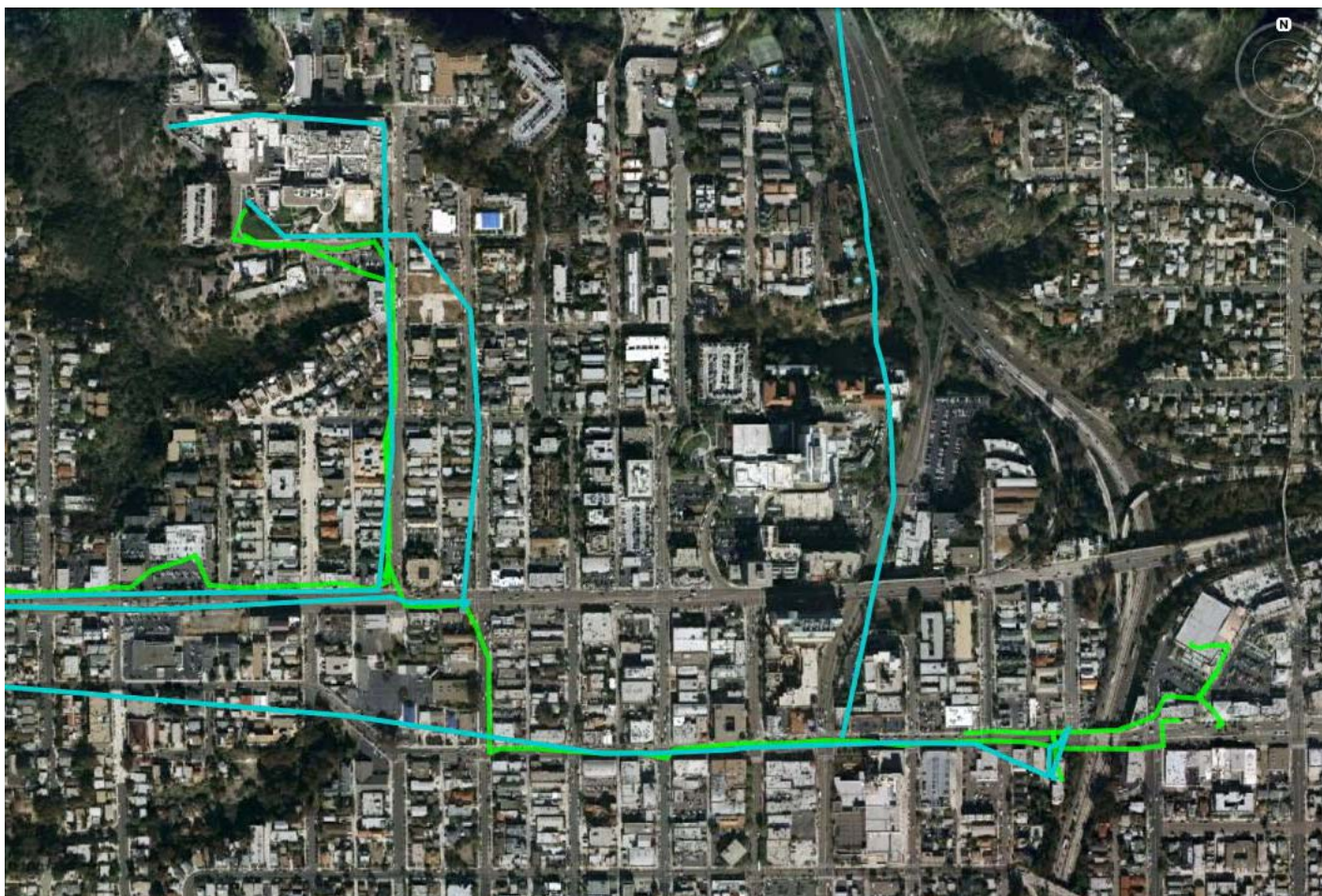
30 second epoch

**Indoors**

**Outdoors**

# Identify Mode of Transport

**Research Question: Is active commuting (walking or cycling) or time spent in car related to obesity?**



**Vehicle**

**Pedestrian**

**Bicycle**

# Detect Locations & time spent

**Research Question: Are places where people spend lots of time associated with unhealthy behaviors (e.g. snacking) or toxin exposure?**



Size of gray areas reflect relative amount of time at location

# Merge GPS & Activity Data



**Research Question: Which park features support the most physical activity?**



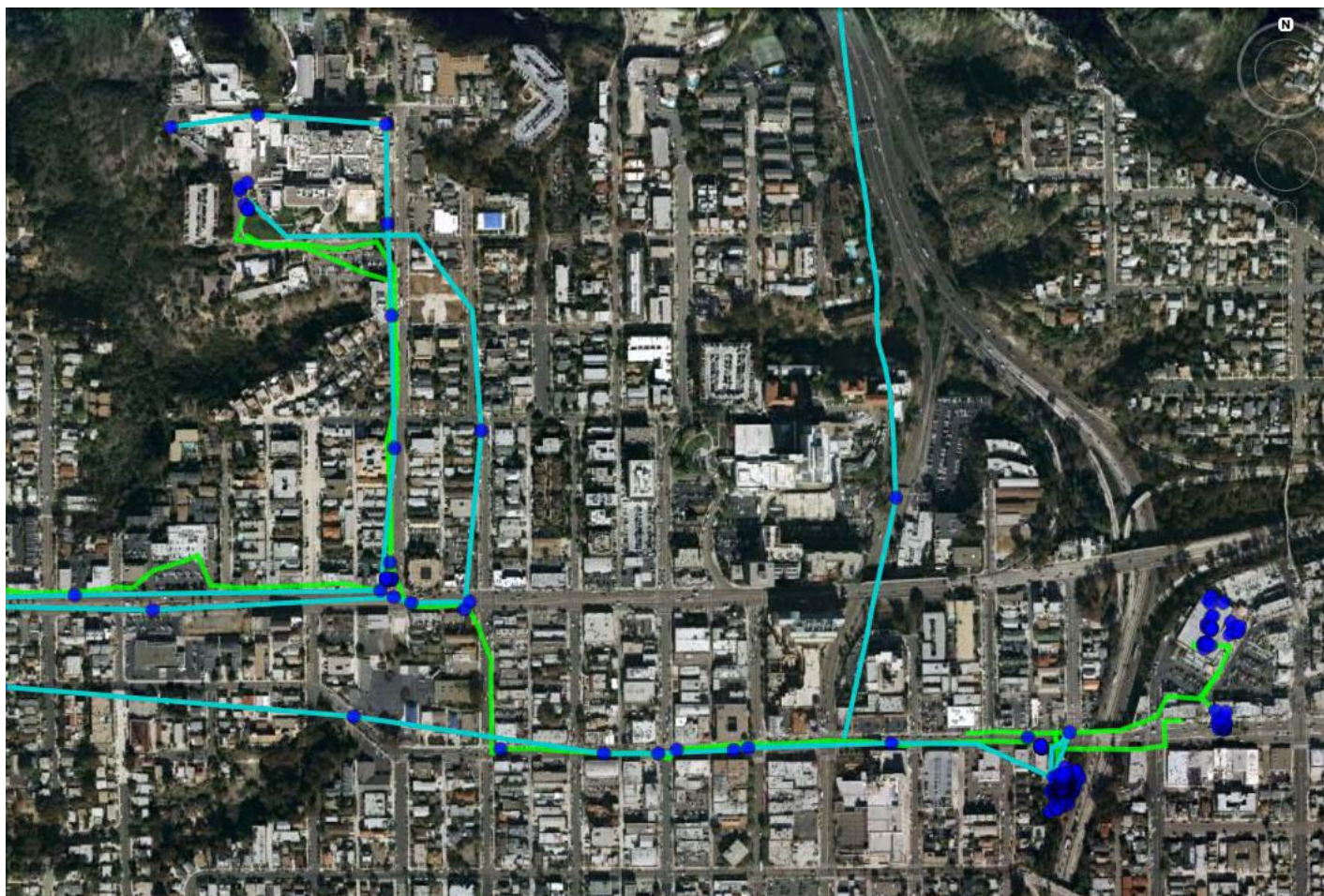
**Sedentary**  
**Light**  
**Moderate**



# Isolate Periods of Sedentary Time

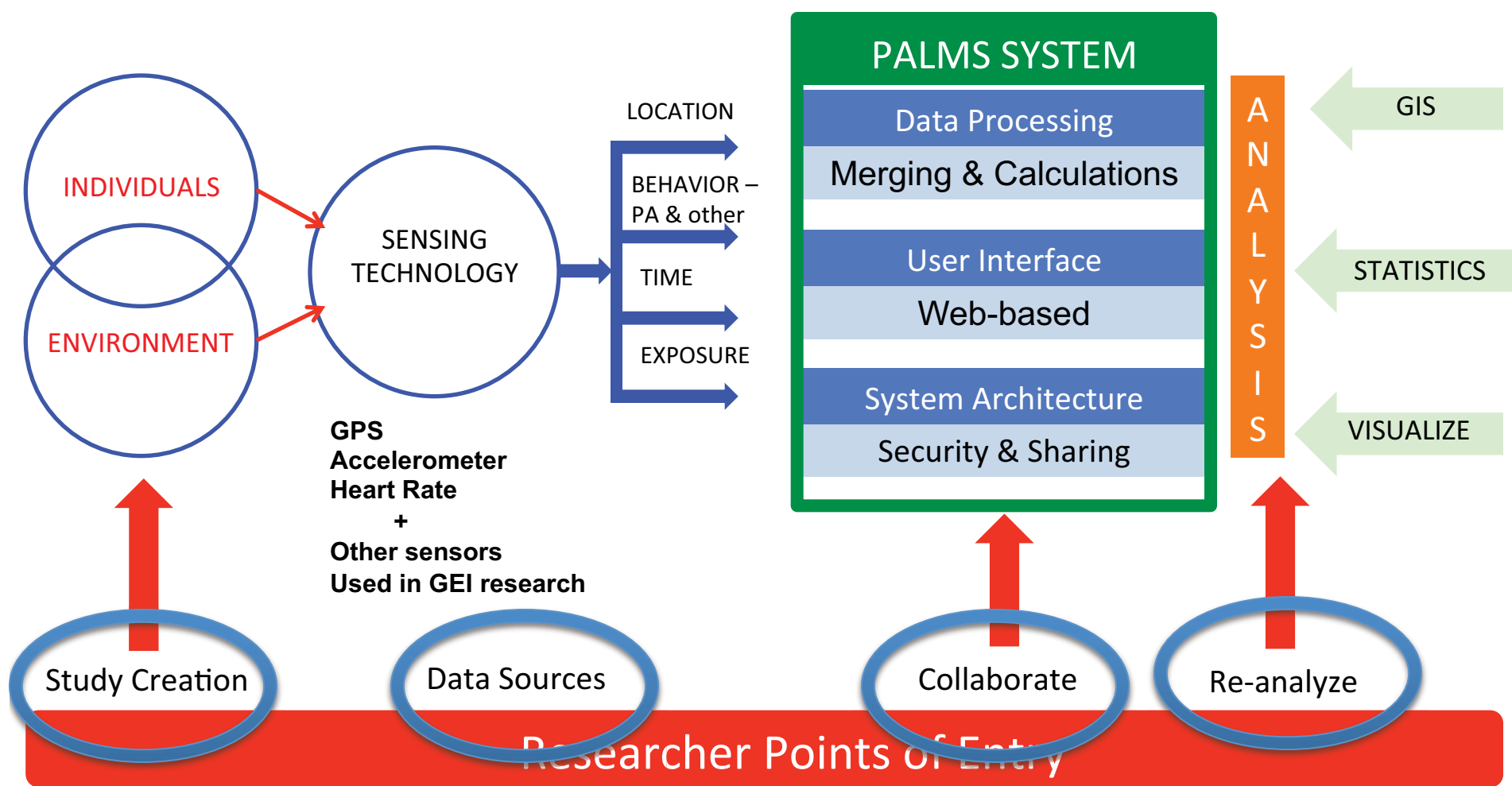


**Research Question: Which locations entail prolonged periods of sitting and how might these relate to incidence (or treatment) of metabolic syndrome?**



**Sedentary**

# PALMS Researcher Support



# PALMS

## Prototype

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PALMS > PALMS Pilot III > Dataset

Zephyr BioHarness

Friday, March 19, 2010

Data Grid  
Timeline Chart

ECG - Noise (volts)  
RES - Breathing Wave Amp  
RES - Respiration Rate (br

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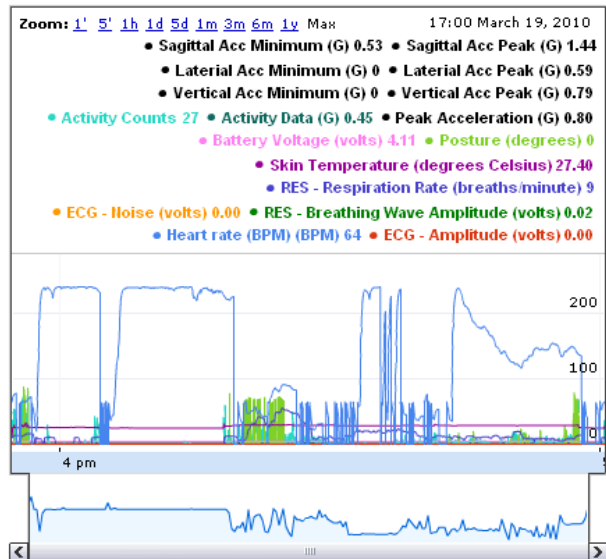
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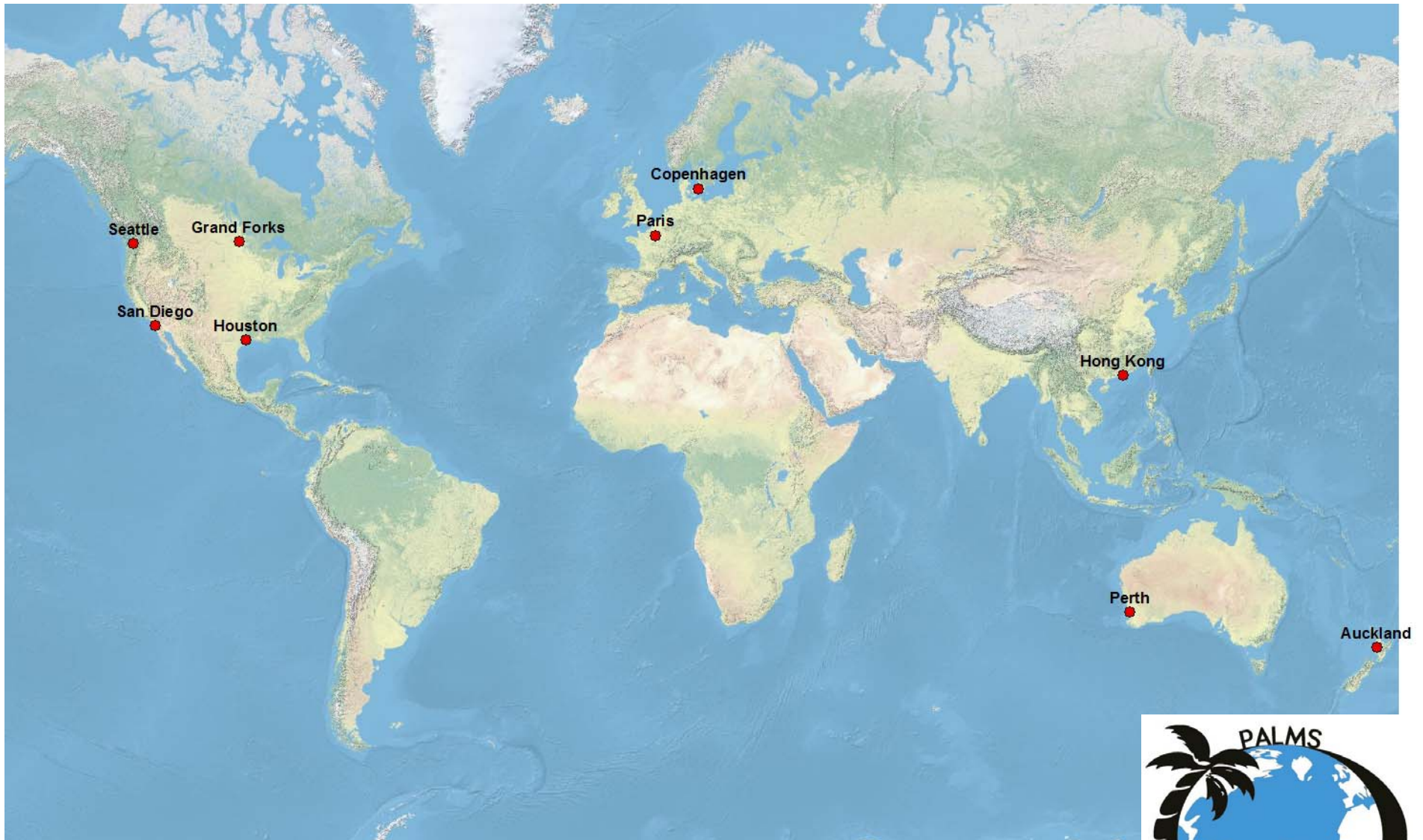
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# PALMS Users Worldwide (5 – 7 days of data for 1000+ participants)



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**PALMS was recently featured in article on measuring the human “exposome”**

**Feb 16, 2011**

**NEWS FEATURE**

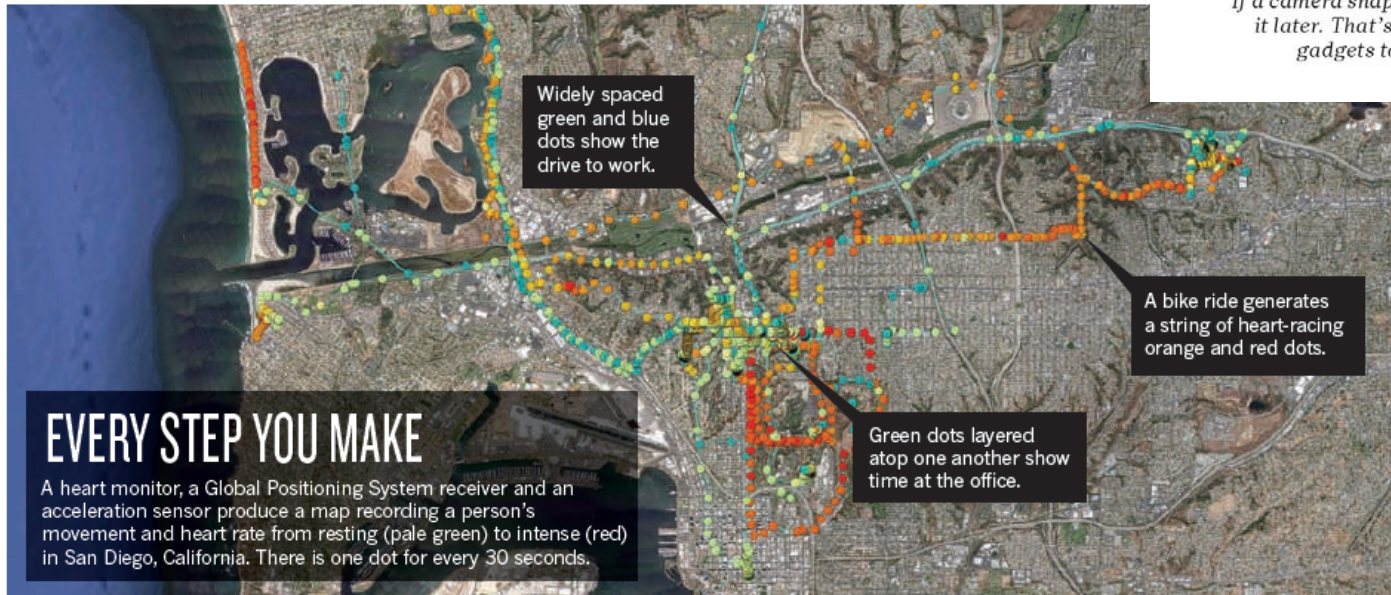


# EVERY BITE YOU TAKE

*If a camera snaps everything you eat, you can't lie about it later. That's why scientists are building high-tech gadgets to measure the human 'exposome'.*

BY BRENDAN BORRELL

SOURCE: PALMS PROJECT



## EVERY STEP YOU MAKE

A heart monitor, a Global Positioning System receiver and an acceleration sensor produce a map recording a person's movement and heart rate from resting (pale green) to intense (red) in San Diego, California. There is one dot for every 30 seconds.



# CYCORE

CYber-infrastructure for  
COmparative Effectiveness REsearch



## PURPOSE

To improve **cancer-related comparative effectiveness research** by better capturing data on physiological, behavioral and psychological status from research participants at home and as they go about their daily lives.

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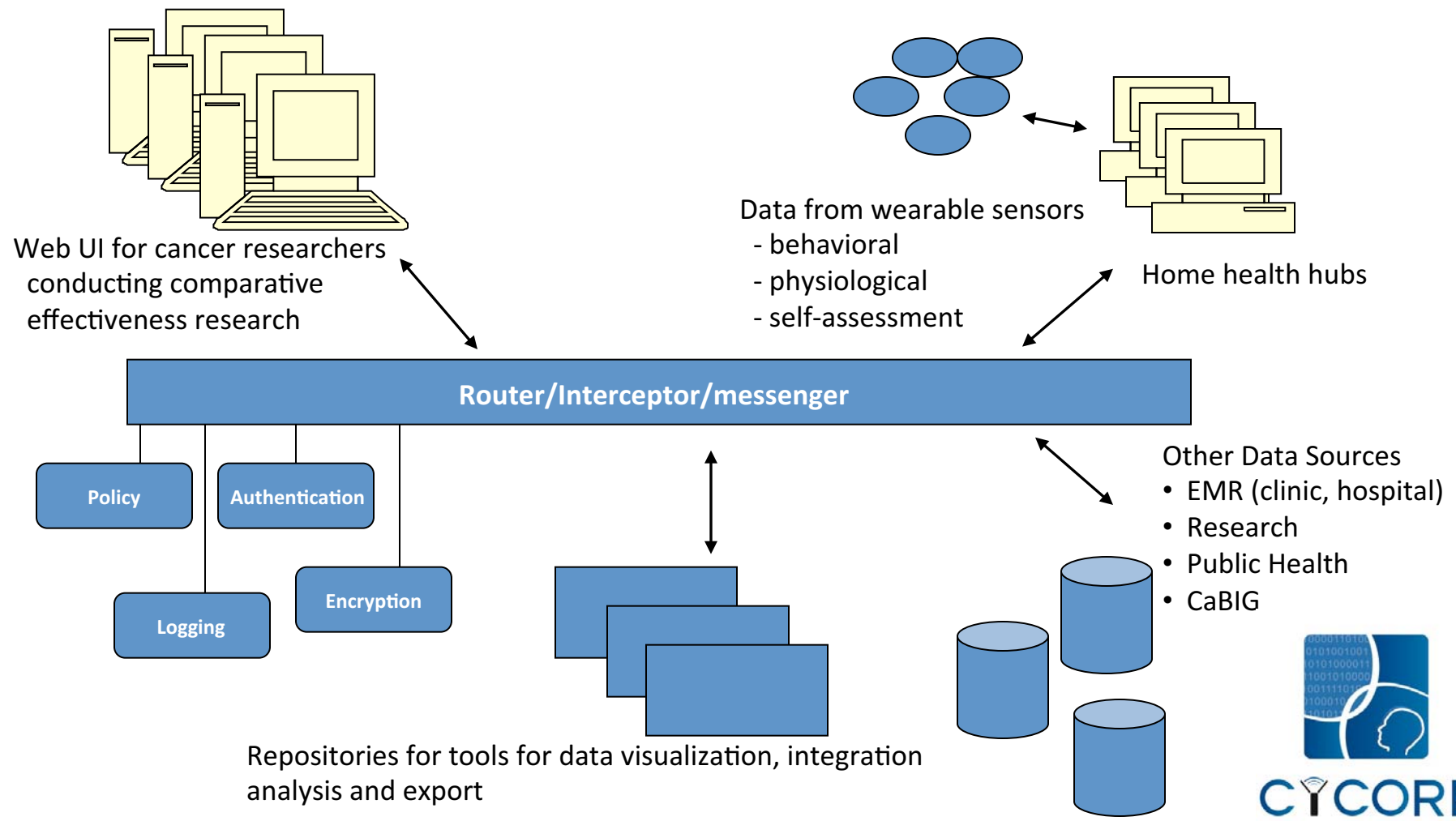
# CYCORE

Cyber-infrastructure for Comparative Effectiveness Research



CENTER FOR WIRELESS & POPULATION HEALTH SYSTEMS

## CORE SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE





## Wireless Devices -

- **Weight scale**
- **BP Monitor**
- **Accelerometer**
- **Pulse Oximeter**
- **GPS**
- **Zephyr Bioharness**
- **Easily extensible to other devices as needed**

## CYCORE Home Health Hub

**Additional planned sensing at home:**

- **Ecological Momentary Assessment**
- **Video capture of behaviors and other observable outcomes**
- **CO Monitor for expired air in smokers**

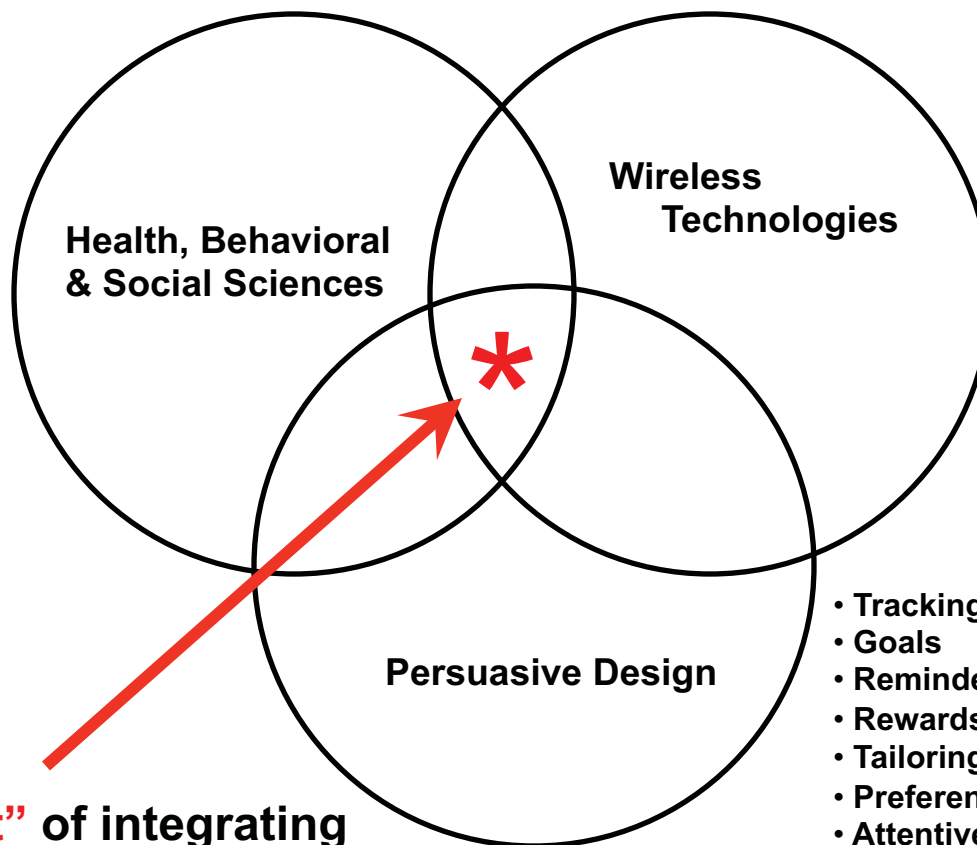




# From Sensing to Intervention: - “Wireless Persuasion”



- Medical care
- Public health
- Personal health
- Social Networks



- Mobile phone apps
- Body area networks
- Wearable sensors
- Ecosystem of external sensors (home, work, etc.)
- SMS/MMS
- Cloud computing
- Server analytics, data mining

- Tracking
- Goals
- Reminders
- Rewards
- Tailoring
- Preference based
- Attentive
- Ecological
- Context Aware
- Cybernetic

- Cog Sci
- Media/Comm
- Beh Sci
- Soc Sci
- Hum/Comp Interaction

The “**sweet spot**” of integrating wireless & design to promote improved health behaviors

# mDIET

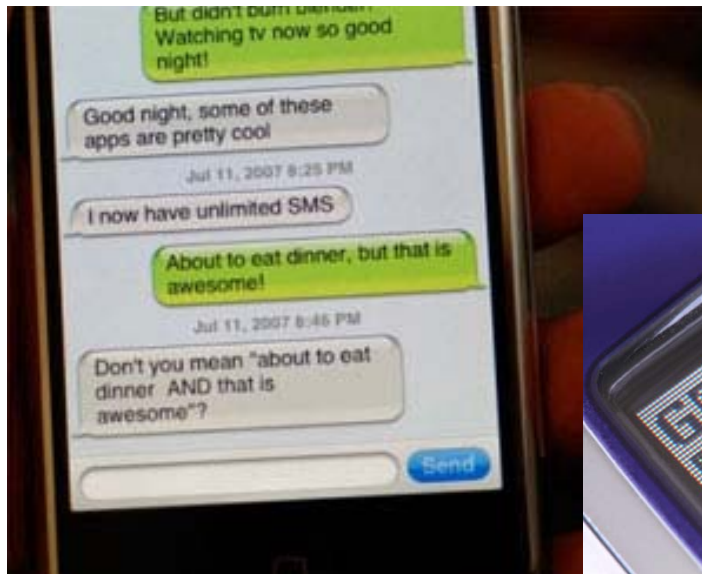
Mobile Diet Intervention through Electronic Technology



CENTER FOR WIRELESS &  
POPULATION HEALTH SYSTEMS

## PURPOSE

**Randomized Clinical Trials to evaluate the use of Text Messages (SMS) to improve dietary behaviors and weight outcomes in obese men and women.**



# mDIET



mobile Dietary Intervention Through Electronic Technology

**Research question:**

**Can a behavioral intervention delivered primarily through text messages be effective in promoting short term weight loss in overweight/obese adults?**

**Funded by a grant from the National Cancer Institute  
R21 CA115615-01A1**



# Types of mDIET Messages

Type of Text or Picture Message	Example
Motivational Sayings	<i>Never say never, you can do it! Keep up the good work!</i>
Nutrition & Physical Activity Tips	<i>Try 10 baby carrots and a tablespoon of fat-free dressing for a 100 calorie snack; Want extra steps? Take the stairs today</i>
Nutrition & Physical Activity Reminders	<i>Remember to move more today to reach your 12,000 step goal; Be sure to practice portion control strategies at your next meal</i>
Short-Term Goal Reminders	<i>Think about what you can do in the next 4 hours to be healthy</i>
Behavior Questions	<i>Have you practiced portion control strategies today? Have you reached your 12,000 step goal today?</i>
Weekly Weight Questions	<i>What is your weight?</i>
Weekly Weight Graphs	<i>Chart of weekly weights</i>
Portion Control Picture Messages	<i>Pictures of portion sizes</i>

## MMS used for Images and Graphs



Add a variety of colorful vegetable to your shopping list this week. Choose green, red, orange and yellow veggies.



A one-cup serving size is about the size of a tennis or baseball.



Nice progress. You're on your way to reaching your goal. It will take time, but you have the motivation to succeed.

# Personalized Text Messages

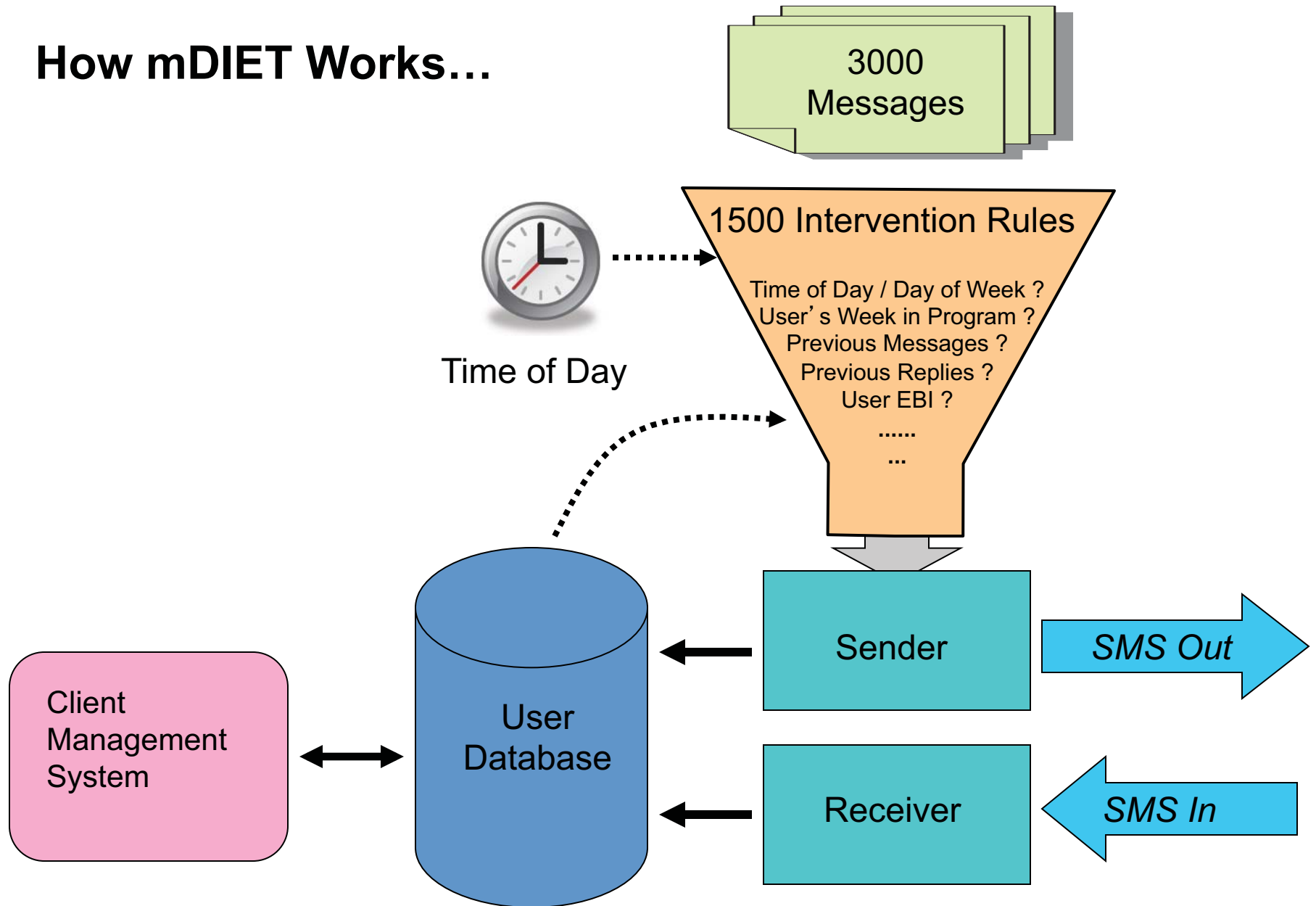
- **Eating Behaviors**
  - 4 items on the EBI were emphasized (based on our own logic rules)
- **Name**
  - Some text messages included their first name (*e.g. Congrats, Maria! You continue to improve. You're clearly working hard and it shows*).
- **Grocery Store**
  - Participants were asked to identify the grocery store that they most frequently visit (*e.g. Did you buy fruits and vegetables from Trader Joes this week?*)
- **Social Supporter**
  - Participants were asked to identify someone in their personal life (family member, friend, co-worker) that could part of their social support system (*e.g. Have you been telling Mark about your weight loss success?*)

# Rule-based Dialogues

Messages sent are based on the user's previous responses

Cell Phone Message Activity			
Week	Timestamp	Message Type	Message
6	7/28/2007 7:00:55 PM	Sent	Have you tried substituting your meals with more vegetables, beans and whole grains lately (Y or N)
6	7/28/2007 7:36:21 PM	Response	NO
6	7/28/2007 7:36:22 PM	Sent	Try substituting your meat dish today with beans, tofu or vegetables to eat more with less calories.
7	7/29/2007 7:00:29 AM	Sent	What is your weight today? (Please enter your weight.)
7	7/29/2007 7:49:49 AM	Response	166
7	7/29/2007 7:49:50 AM	Sent	Great! You've lost weight. You are making progress. Get motivated by challenging yourself to improve for next week.
7	7/29/2007 4:01:37 PM	Sent	Consider this: leaving food on your plate will reduce your calorie intake.
7	7/29/2007 7:01:32 PM	Sent	Did you clean your plate the last time you ate? (Y or N)
7	7/29/2007 7:42:18 PM	Response	YES
7	7/29/2007 7:42:20 PM	Sent	It's alright. Take it one meal at a time and get in the habit of not finishing everything on your plate.
7	7/30/2007 7:00:47 AM	Sent	Remember: When you're at home, you can only eat what's in your house. Replace the high cal foods with low-cal foods!
7	7/30/2007 8:10:11 AM	Response	OK, will do.

# How mDIET Works...





# mDIET Pilot Study

## Randomized Controlled Trial:

Participants were randomized to either an Intervention (mDIET) or Control group:

### mDIET

- Weight loss program using text and MMS messages along with modest amount of adjunctive intervention elements

### Control

- Usual care

Participants completed 3 in-office measurement visits over a 4 month period

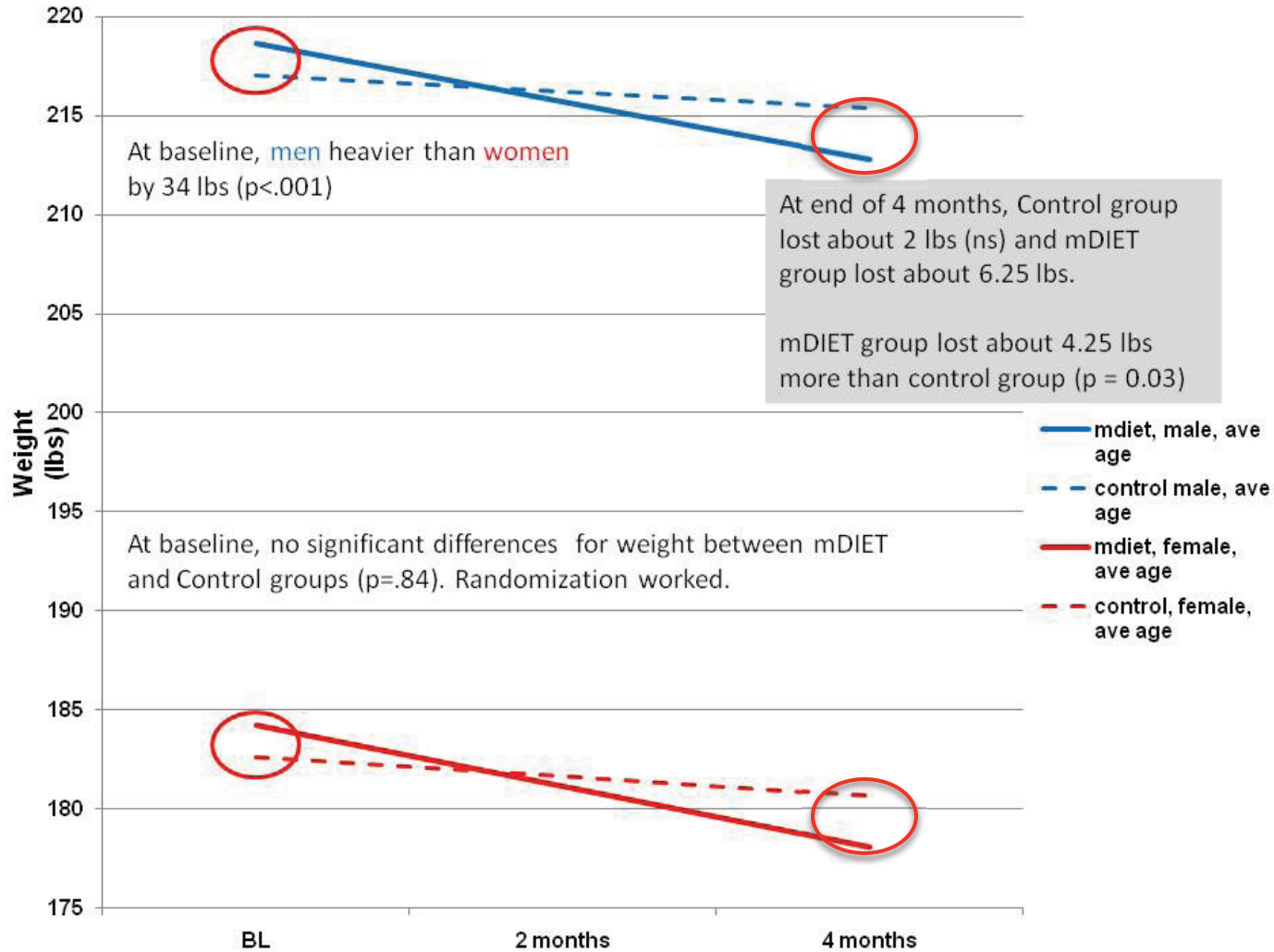
Sample N = 63, 81% Women (Mean = 45.9 years)

#### Race/Ethnicity

76.2%	Caucasian or White
15.9%	African American or Black
3.2%	Asian American/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
4.8%	Prefer not to state
22.2%	Hispanic

# mDIET

Mobile Diet Intervention through Electronic Technology



# Participant Feedback on mDIET

- “Steady reminder – keeping health on my mind”
- “Felt commitment every day – could not let myself forget my goals”
- “They served as an excellent reminder to watch what I ate”
- “Keeps me focused”
- “Constant reminders to believe in myself and make the right choices”
- “I found that texting your weight every week was extremely helpful”
- “I miss my 6am message!”

Overall satisfaction with mDIET program for weight loss *95.6% of participants would recommend mDIET to friends/family*

Original Paper

## A Text Message–Based Intervention for Weight Loss: Randomized Controlled Trial

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**Abstract**

**Background:** To our knowledge, no studies have evaluated whether weight loss can be promoted in overweight adults through the use of an intervention that is largely based on daily SMS (Short Message Service: text) and MMS (Multimedia Message Service: small picture) messages transmitted via mobile phones.

**Objective:** This paper describes the development and evaluation of a text message–based intervention designed to help individuals lose or maintain weight over 4 months.

**Methods:** The study was a randomized controlled trial, with participants being exposed to one of the following two conditions, lasting 16 weeks: (1) receipt of monthly printed materials about weight control; (2) an intervention that included personalized SMS and MMS messages sent two to five times daily, printed materials, and brief monthly phone calls from a health counselor. The primary outcome was weight at the end of the intervention. A mixed-model repeated-measures analysis compared the effect of the intervention group to the comparison group on weight status over the 4-month intervention period. Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) models examined weight change between baseline and 4 months after adjusting for baseline weight, sex, and age.

**Results:** A total of 75 overweight men and women were randomized into one of the two groups, and 65 signed the consent form, completed the baseline questionnaire, and were included in the analysis. At the end of 4 months, the intervention group ( $n = 33$ ) lost more weight than the comparison group ( $\square 1.97$  kg difference, 95% CI  $\square 0.34$  to  $\square 3.60$  kg,  $P = .02$ ) after adjusting for sex and age. Intervention participants' adjusted average weight loss was 2.88 kg (3.16%). At the end of the study, 22 of 24 (92%) intervention participants stated that they would recommend the intervention for weight control to friends and family.

**Conclusions:** Text messages might prove to be a productive channel of communication to promote behaviors that support weight loss in overweight adults.

**Trial Registration:** Clinicaltrials.gov NCT00415870; <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00415870> (Archived by WebCite at <http://www.webcitation.org/5dnolbkFt>)

(*J Med Internet Res* 2009;11(1):e1) doi:[10.2196/jmir.1100](https://doi.org/10.2196/jmir.1100)

**KEYWORDS**

Mobile phone; obesity; SMS; text message; health behavior

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Resulted in the  
**first** report in the literature  
of an RCT evaluating  
SMS/MMS for weight loss

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# Next Phase: ConTxt & Text4Diet™



## **ConTxt -**

**1-year Randomized Trial among 300 Overweight/Obese Adults beginning 8/11**

**English and Spanish Language**

**3-arms: SMS only, SMS + Brief Phone Counseling; Usual Care**

**Primary Outcome: Weight status at 1-year**

**Secondary Outcomes: Behaviors related to weight control**

## **Text4Diet™ –**

**Santech, Inc. is developing a commercial version with enhanced SMS functionality including secure SMS if desired**

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# SMART Social Mobile Approach to Reduce Weight



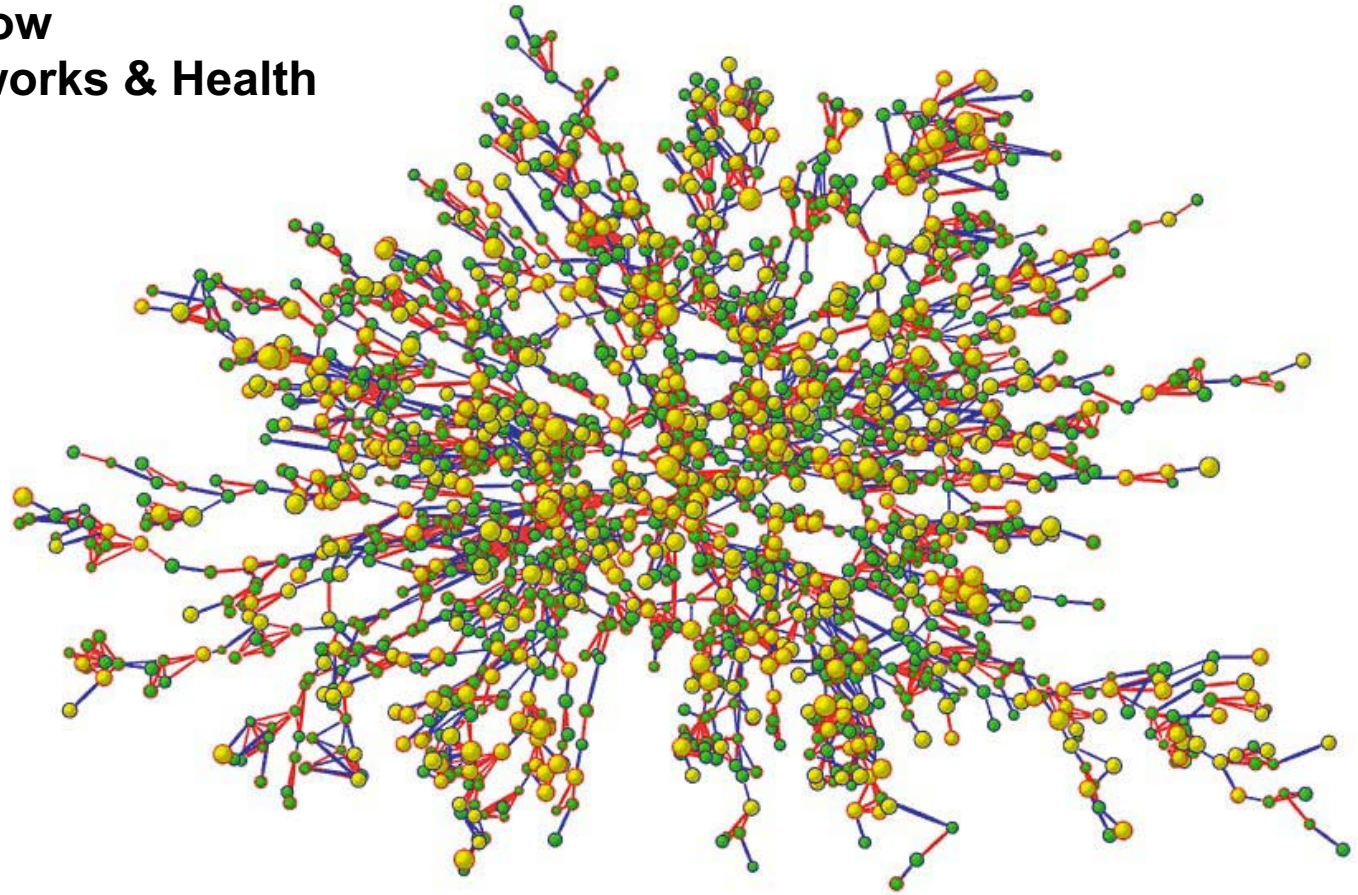
## PURPOSE

To leverage **social networks, social media, mobile phones, and the web** for weight loss among 18-35 year old young adults.

**Funded with a 5-year grant from NHLBI/NIH**



**Take What We Know  
About Social Networks & Health  
And Turn It Into  
Interventions To  
Improve Health...**



**Largest Connected Subcomponent of the  
Social Network in the Framingham Heart Study in the Year 2000.**

**Each circle (node) represents one person in the data set.  
The size of each circle is proportional to the person's body-mass index.**

**Christakis & Fowler, The spread of obesity in a large social network over 32 years.  
New England Journal of Medicine, 2007**

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# SMART

Social Mobile Approaches to Reduce Weight



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## INTERVENTION

**Facebook** an intact social network

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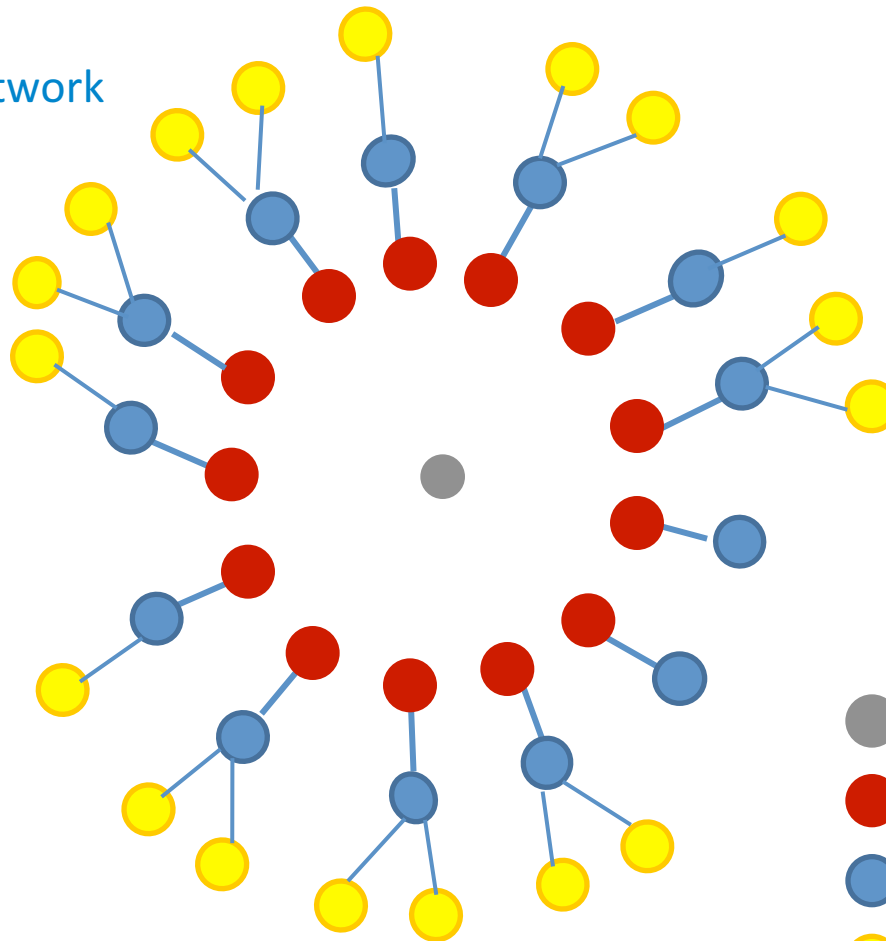
**Mobile Phone** txt messaging

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**Smartphone** mobile apps

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**Website**

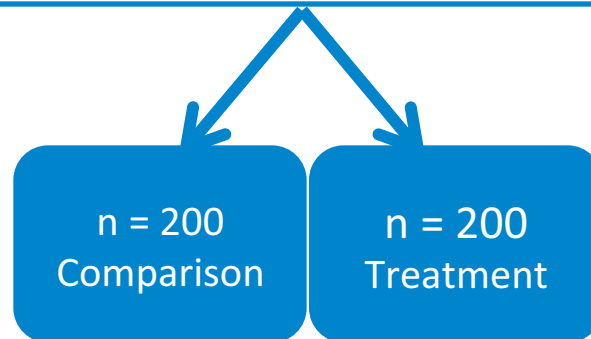


- SMART Study
- 1° - Participant
- 2° - Friend of Participant
- 3° - Friend of Friend



# Study Design:

400 Subjects, 18-35 years old male & female,  
Weight:  $25 < \text{BMI} \leq 34.9$   
University students  
at four colleges in the San Diego area



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- Owns a personal computer
- Owns a mobile phone and uses text messaging
- Facebook user / willing to start using Facebook
- **RECRUITMENT BEGINS:** March 2011
- **ENROLLMENT BEGINS:** April/May, 2011

## Collaborators and platforms:



**STANFORD**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

*Stanford University Medical Center*

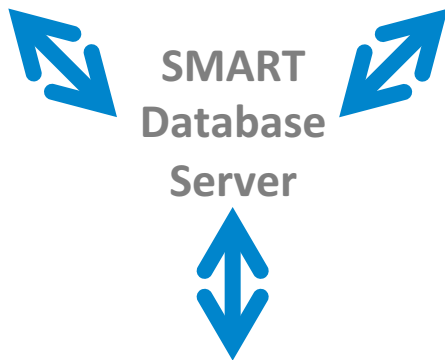
# Treatment Modalities



## Web



## Facebook



## Mobile

txt  
apps  
m.web

# Treatment: Mobile Apps



Mobile + Facebook Apps

APP	TARGET BEHAVIORS & STRATEGIES					
	Self-Monitoring	Intention Formation	Goal-Setting	Goal Review	Feedback	Knowledge
Be Healthy		X	X	X		
Track Me (EMA)	X	X			X	X
Goal Getter			X	X	X	
Facts / Quizzes					X	X

# Goal Getter

# Goal Getter!



## Friend's View

Setting a Milestone Surprise for a friend.



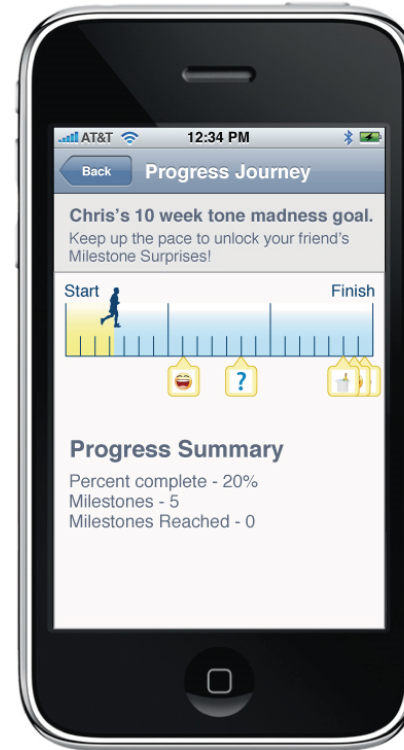
## User's View

Sharing your progress to get surprises.



## User's View

Viewing your progress and milestones.

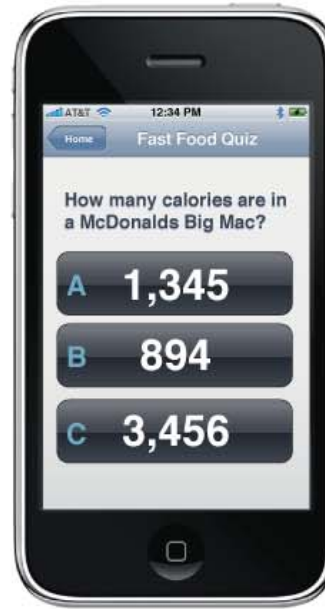


## User's View

Viewing your progress, and a reached milestone.



# Facts & Quizzes



# Facebook Apps



-Every individual is responsible for 1 healthy meal idea in a week.



-Individuals go to Eating Club Group Facebook Page and create an invite.



-Invites include the healthy concept, whether its not eating dessert, eating vegan, or splitting a meal.



-Those ideas are listed in the Description and the invite is sent with secret setting so as not to highlight 'dieting' type behavior.

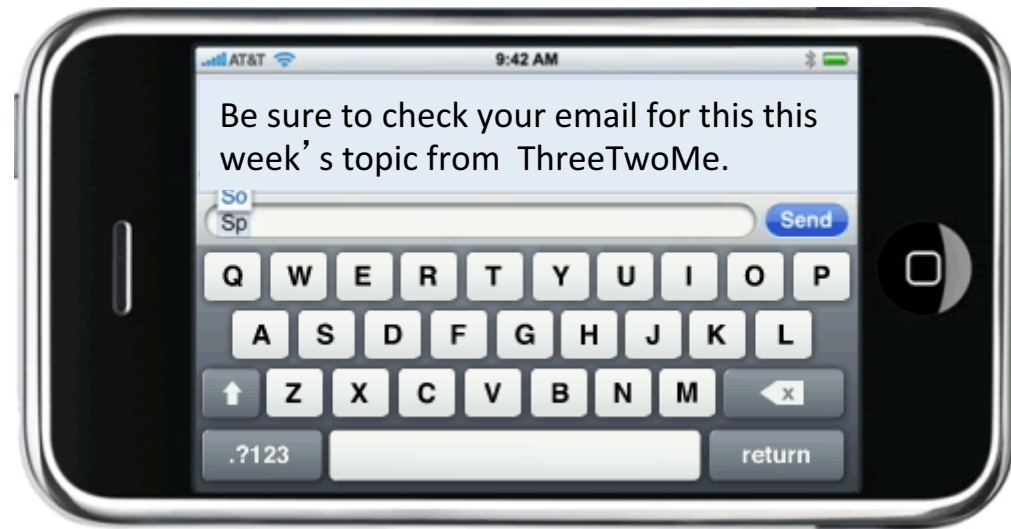
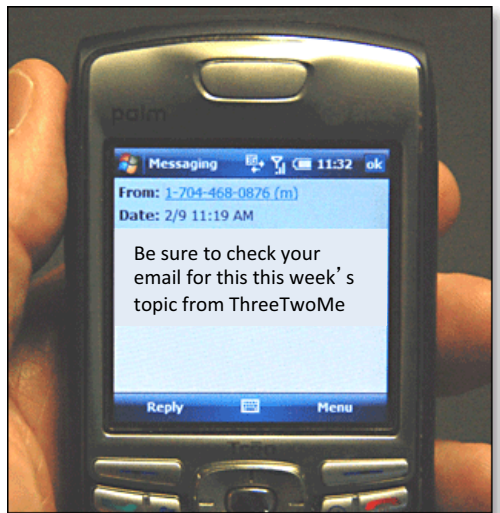


-Members can see their healthy meals on the Group Page and on their Profile's Events Page.



-Pair holds each other accountable for decisions made at the table.

# Treatment: Txt Msgs



# SMART is using “State of the Science” Behavioral Theory & Principles



## Core Behavior Strategies

Self-monitoring

Intention Formation

Goal Setting

Goal Review

Feedback on performance

Michie et al., 2009

### Theoretical Principles

Social Cognitive Theory

Ecological Theory

Social Network Theory

Theories of Operant Learning

Theories of Tailored Health Communications

Self Regulation Theory

Behavioral Choice Theory



# Treatment Roadmap



## A step-wise intervention built upon *core* self-regulation strategies



- A **16-week step-wise program**
- The **16-week program repeated six times** in the course of 2-year RCT
- The following will be introduced with each new cycle:
  - New skills
  - More detailed and advanced skills
  - Reinforce core strategies and introduce new strategies
  - New and refined apps based on user experience and feedback
  - Re-address, in new ways, skills the participant may be having difficulty with (based on analysis of previous cycles)
- Flexible program:
  - Enables participants to enter trial at the first step
  - Program to enable highly tailored content throughout based on progress

## Hypotheses we are considering related to Social Networks & Intervention effects



**Participants who receive support messages from at least one of their closest social contacts on Facebook are more likely to succeed at weight loss than those who do not.**

**Participants who are socially active with a greater number of contacts on Facebook are more likely to succeed than those who are not.**

**Participants who are in highly transitive networks (their friends are friends with one another) are more likely to succeed than those who are not.**

**Participants with close friends on Facebook who discuss diet, physical activity and other study-related behaviors in status messages are more likely to succeed than those who do not have such friends.**

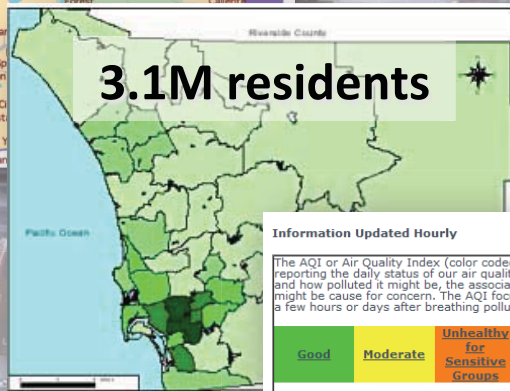
**In part, it's about collecting  
data from Sensors...**

**It's also about data-driven  
interventions via Mobile  
and Social Media...**

**And ultimately about integrating  
the two in real time...**

# CITISENSE

Mobile-phone-based Participatory Sensing for Environmental Exposures



Information Updated Hourly

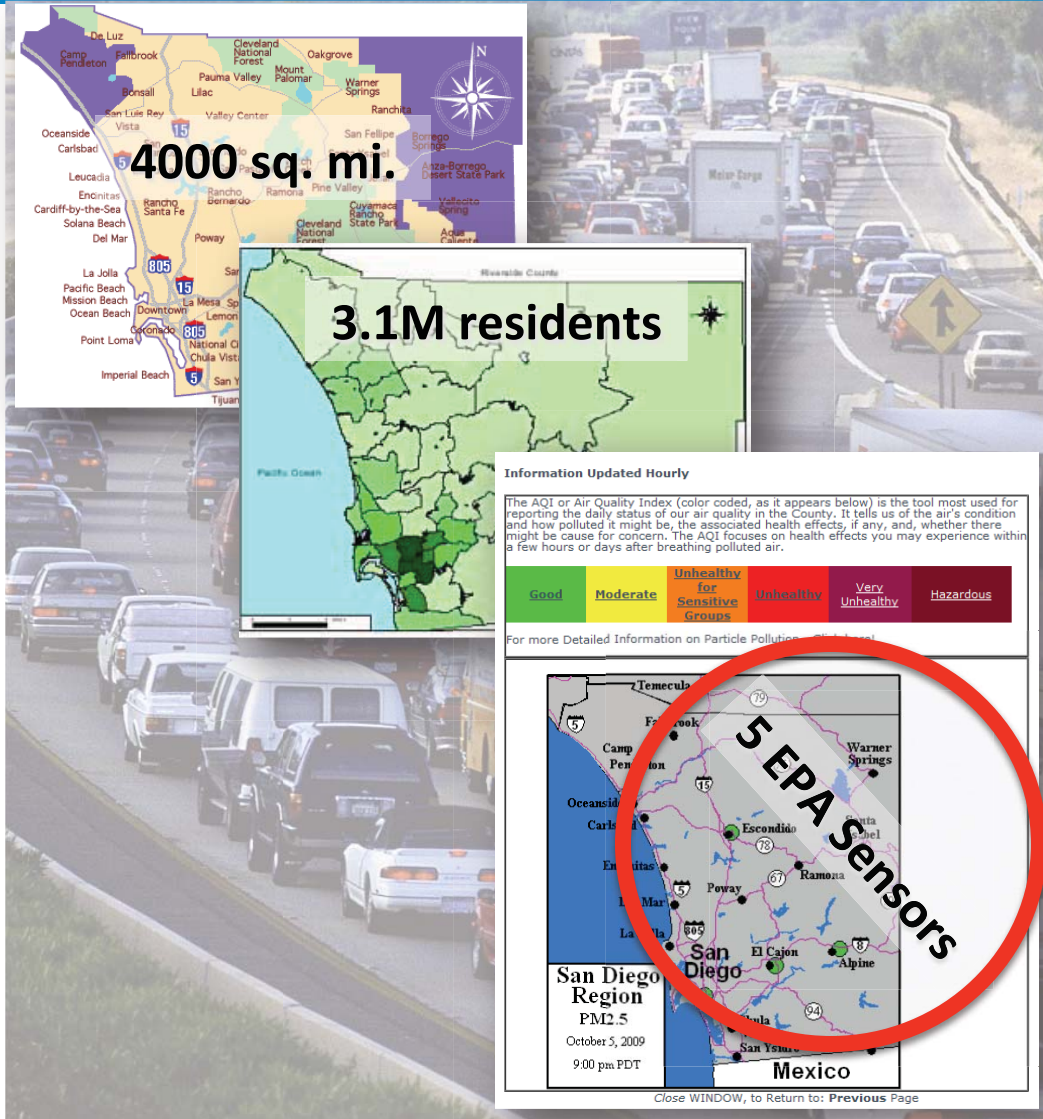
The AQI or Air Quality Index (color coded, as it appears below) is the tool most used for reporting the daily status of our air quality in the County. It tells us of the air's condition and how polluted it might be, the associated health effects, if any, and, whether there might be cause for concern. The AQI focuses on health effects you may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air.



For more Detailed Information on Particle Pollution, click here.



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158 million live in counties violating air standards

Primarily due to diesel trucks & autos (particulates, benzene, sulfur dioxide, formaldehyde, etc.)

Asthma 50% higher near highways

30% of public schools near highways

350,000 – 1,300,000 respiratory events in children annually, many due to the poor quality of air



# CITISENSE

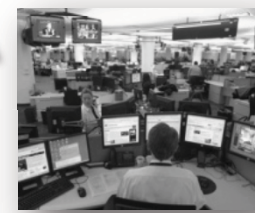
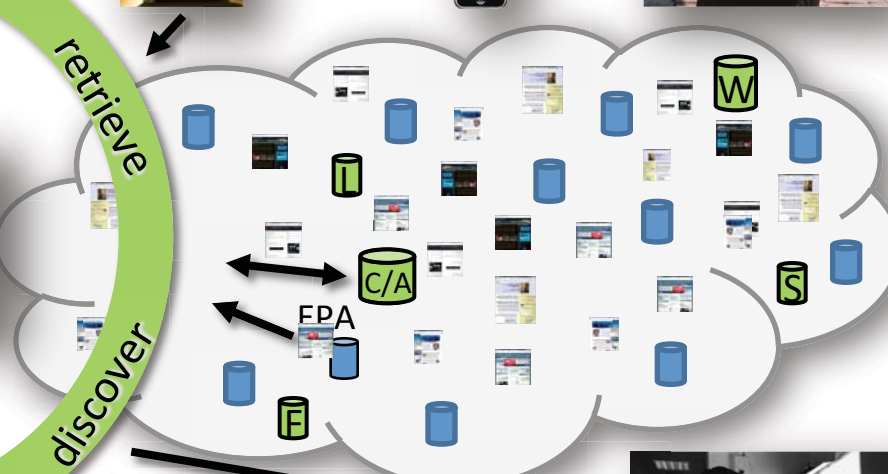
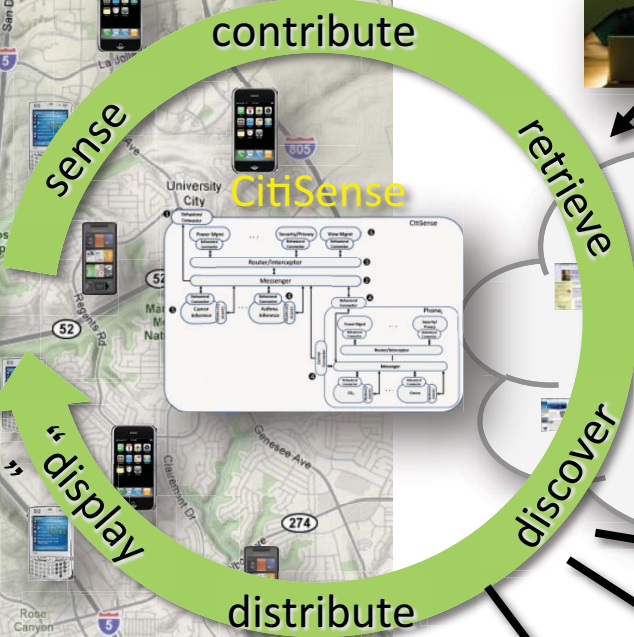
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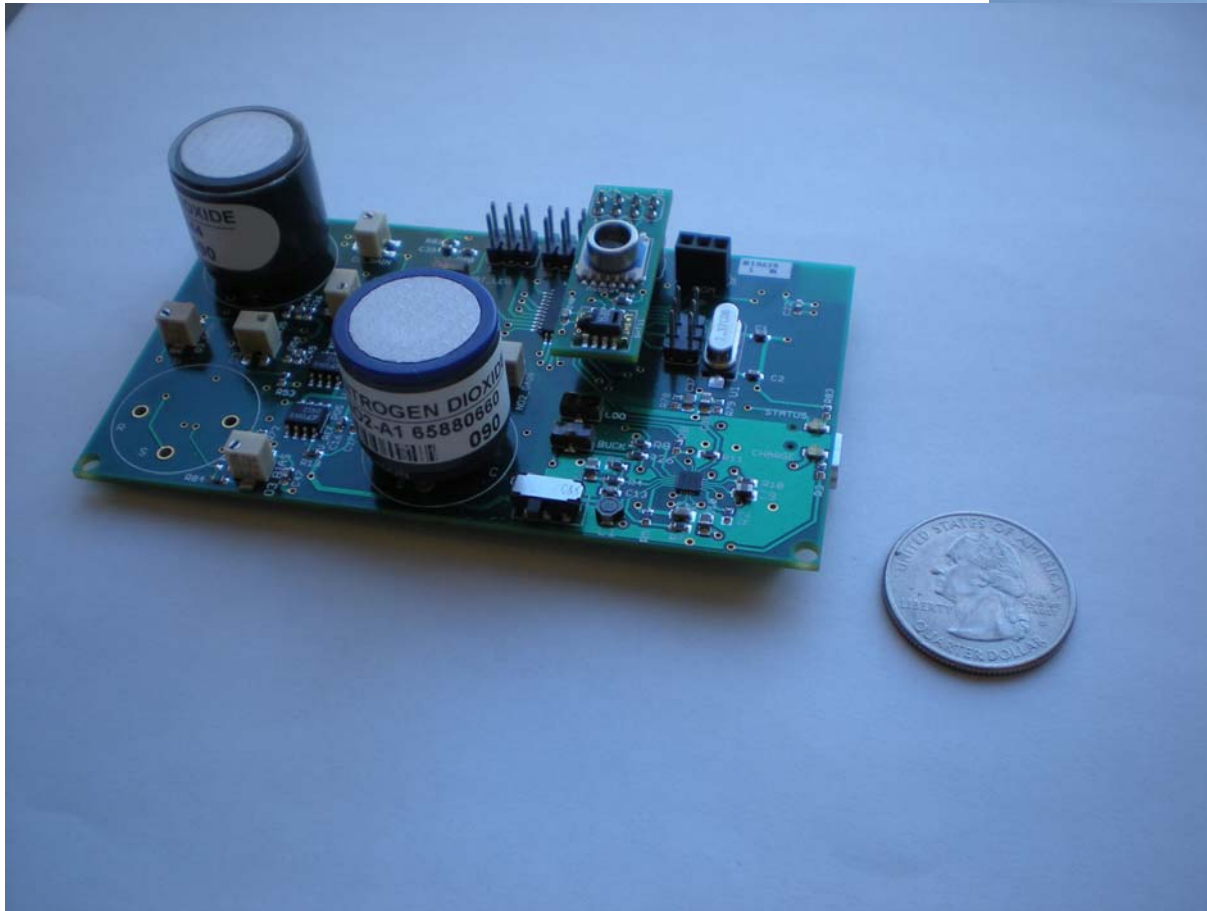
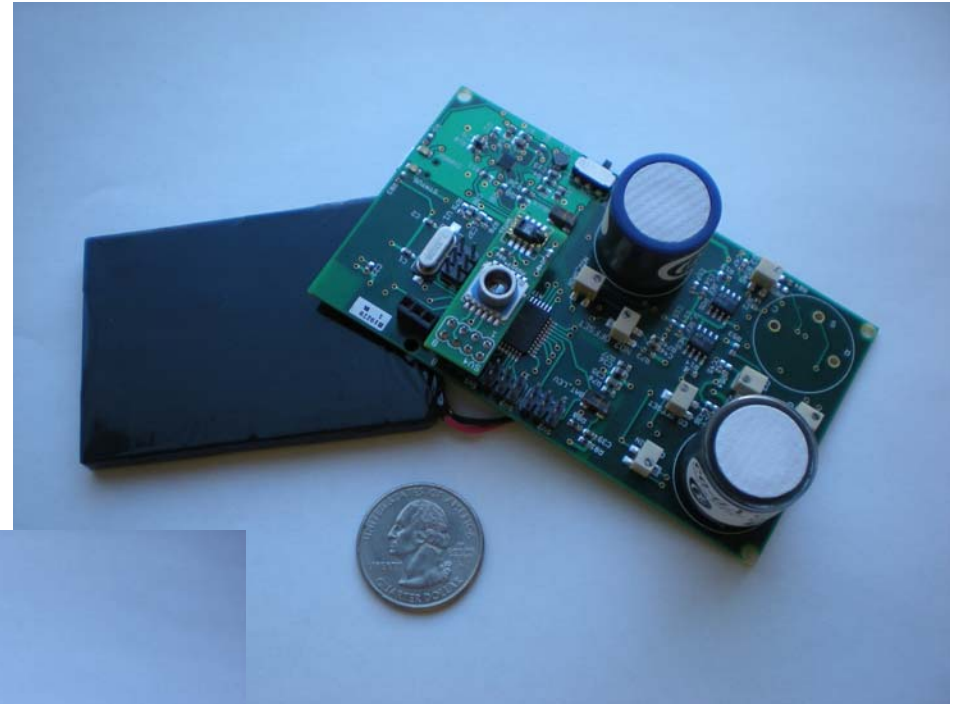


CitiSense Sensor



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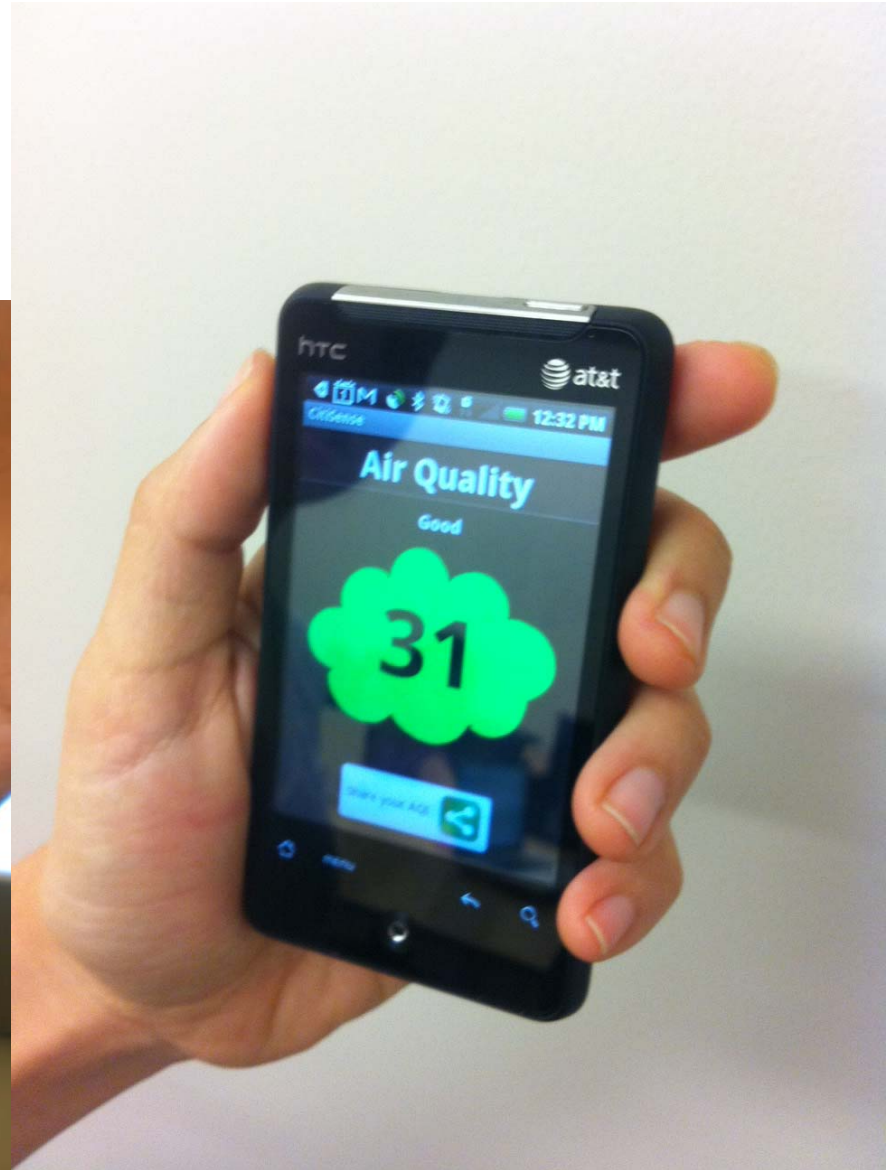
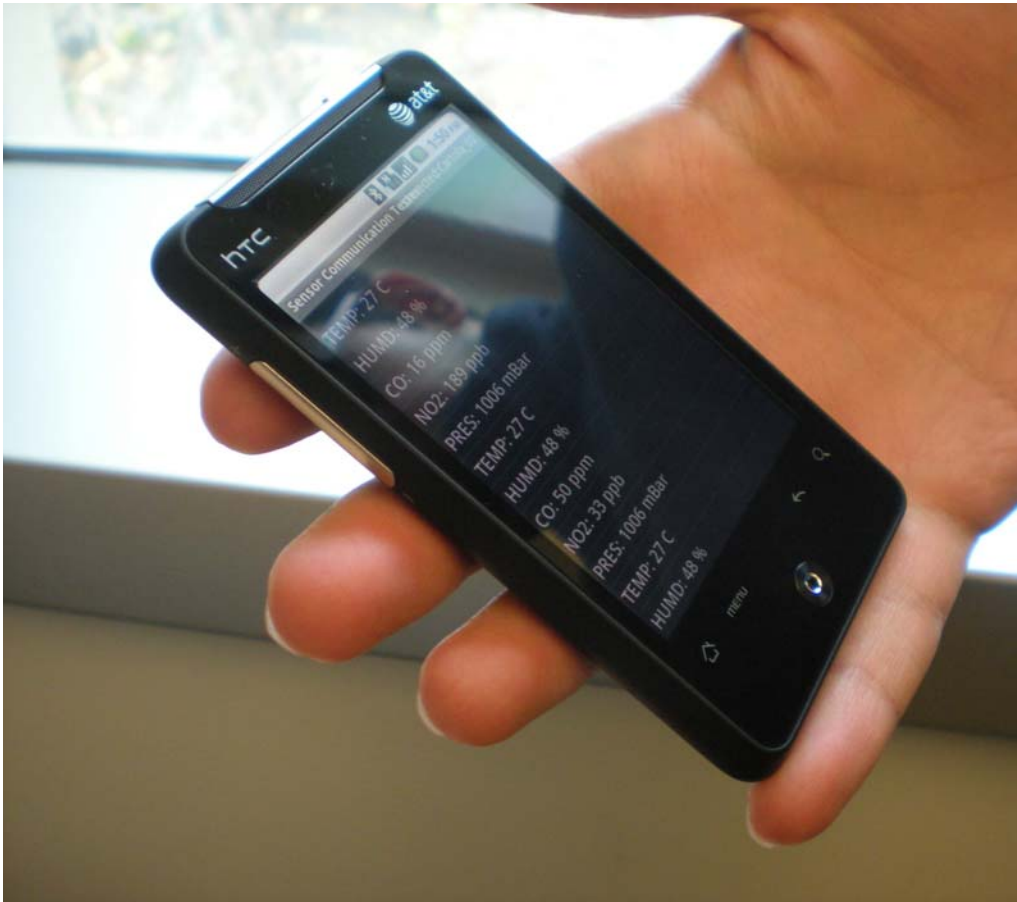
## CitiSense Sensor Board



NOX (nitrogen oxides)  
CO (carbon monoxide)  
Temperature  
Pressure  
Humidity

Connects via Bluetooth  
radio to mobile phone

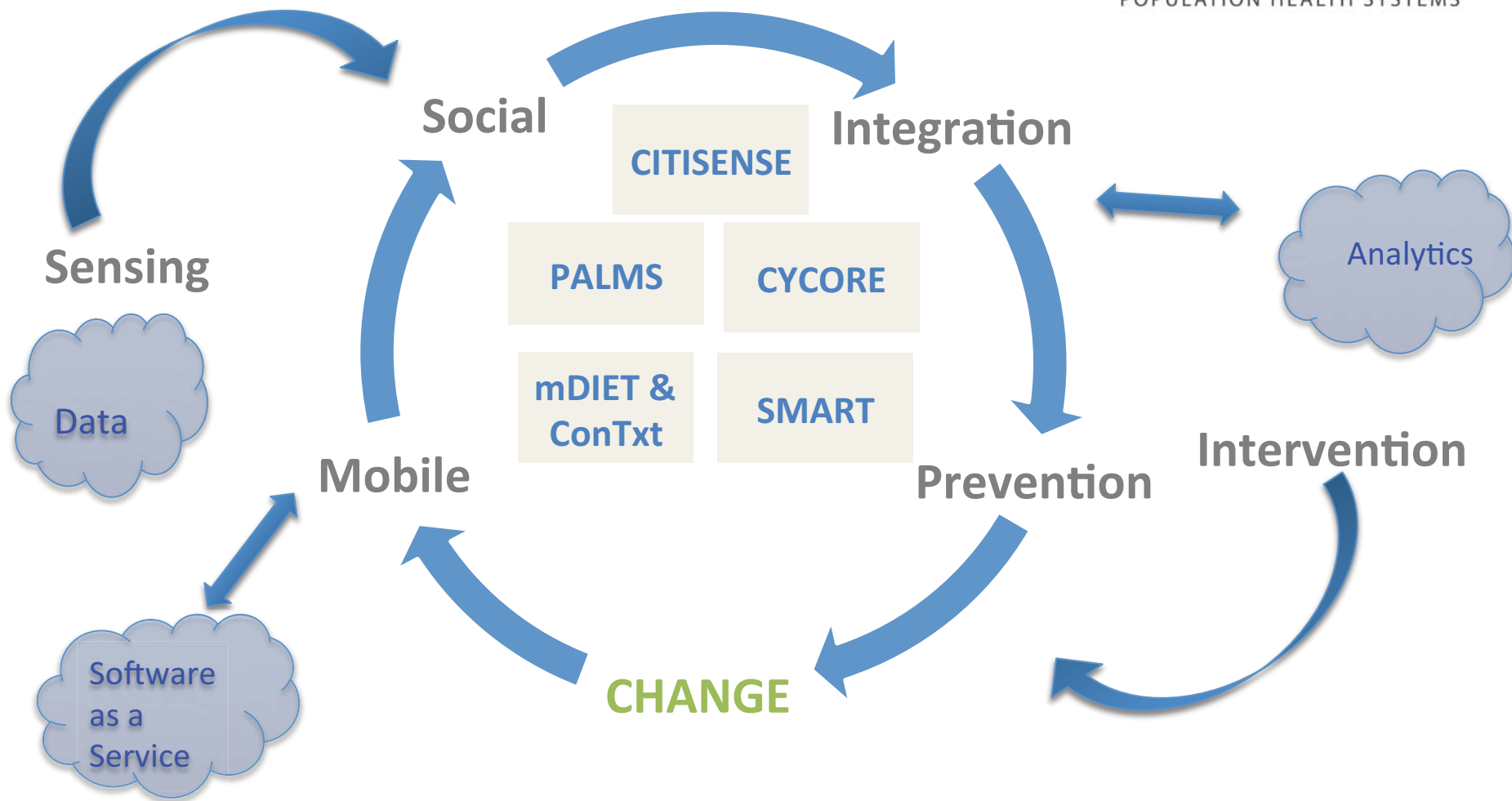
## CitiSense Android Phone Interface (beta)



**Developing UI to allow users to understand local air quality and to share with others via Facebook & Twitter...**



# True “Health Systems” Change





## In Conclusion... What is the Unique Role For Each of Us?



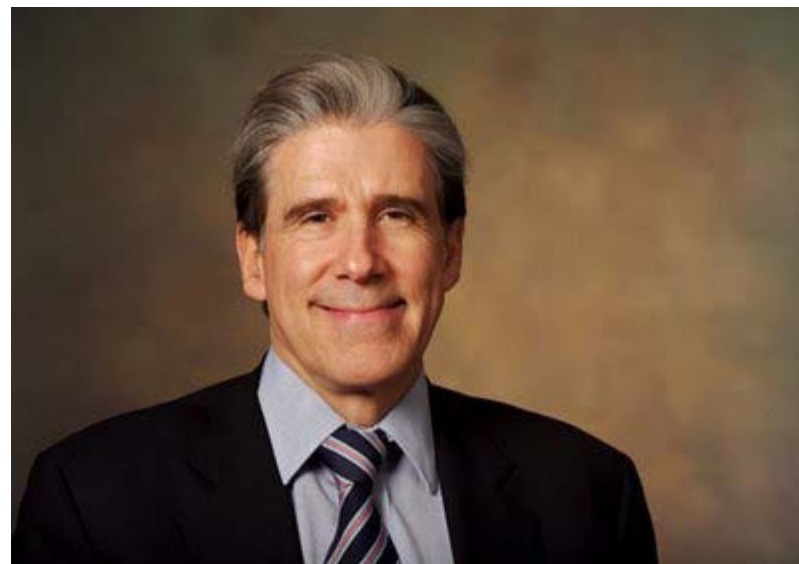
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**Dean, Harvard School of Public Health**

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