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# The (technical) Challenge of Radiation Monitors in Space (Industry View)

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# RUAG Space at a Glance

- Leading European space product supplier to the industry
- Eight sites in four countries (Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Austria)
- US office in Denver, Colorado
- 1158 employees (end 2014)
- Total revenues (2014): 322 mCHF
- Headquarters: Zurich (CH)



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# Eight Sites in Four European Countries

## Switzerland

Zurich, Emmen, Nyon

## Sweden

Gothenburg, Linköping

## Austria

Vienna, Berndorf

## Finland

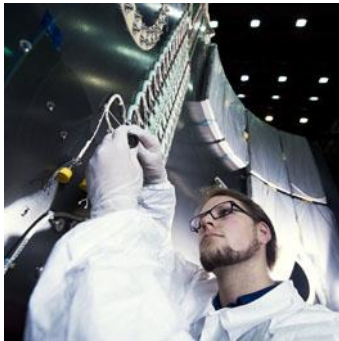
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# RUAG Space Product Portfolio

## Launcher Structures & Separation Systems



- Launcher Fairings & Structures
- Payload Adapters & Separation Systems
- Sounding Rocket Guidance

## Satellite Structures, Mechanisms & Mech. Equipment



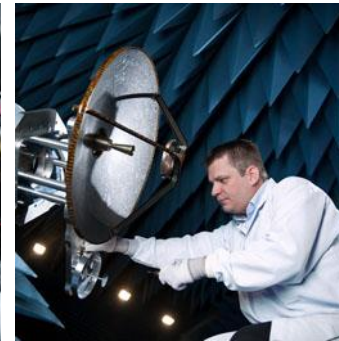
- Satellite Structures
- Satellite Mechanisms
- Slip Rings
- Mechanical Ground Support Equipment
- Thermal Systems

## Digital Electronics for Satellites and Launchers



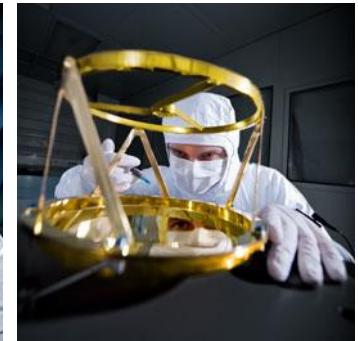
- Satellite & Launcher Computers
- Navigation Receivers & Signal Processing

## Satellite Communication Equipment



- Receivers & Converters
- Antennas
- Optical Communication

## Satellite Instruments



- Satellite Instruments



**Because scientists need accurate data.  
Our instruments collect them.**

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**... and we need the scientists to define the right sensors!**

# Scientific Instruments

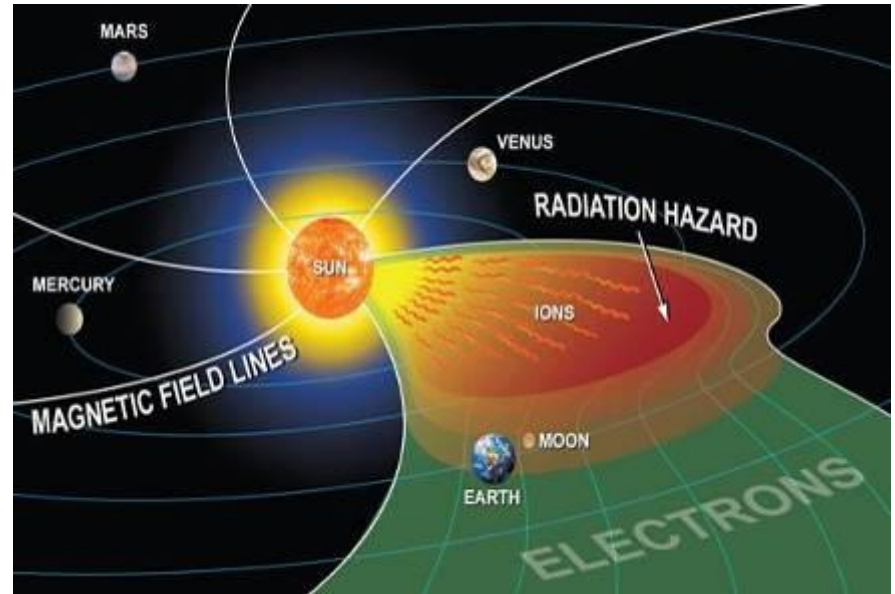
- Scientific instruments
- Opto-electronic subsystems
  - proximity/front-end electronics
  - mirrors, telescopes, etalons, spectrometers
  - detector modules
  - focal planes
  - thermal engineering for observation instruments.
- Radiation Monitors
- Micro-Bioreactors



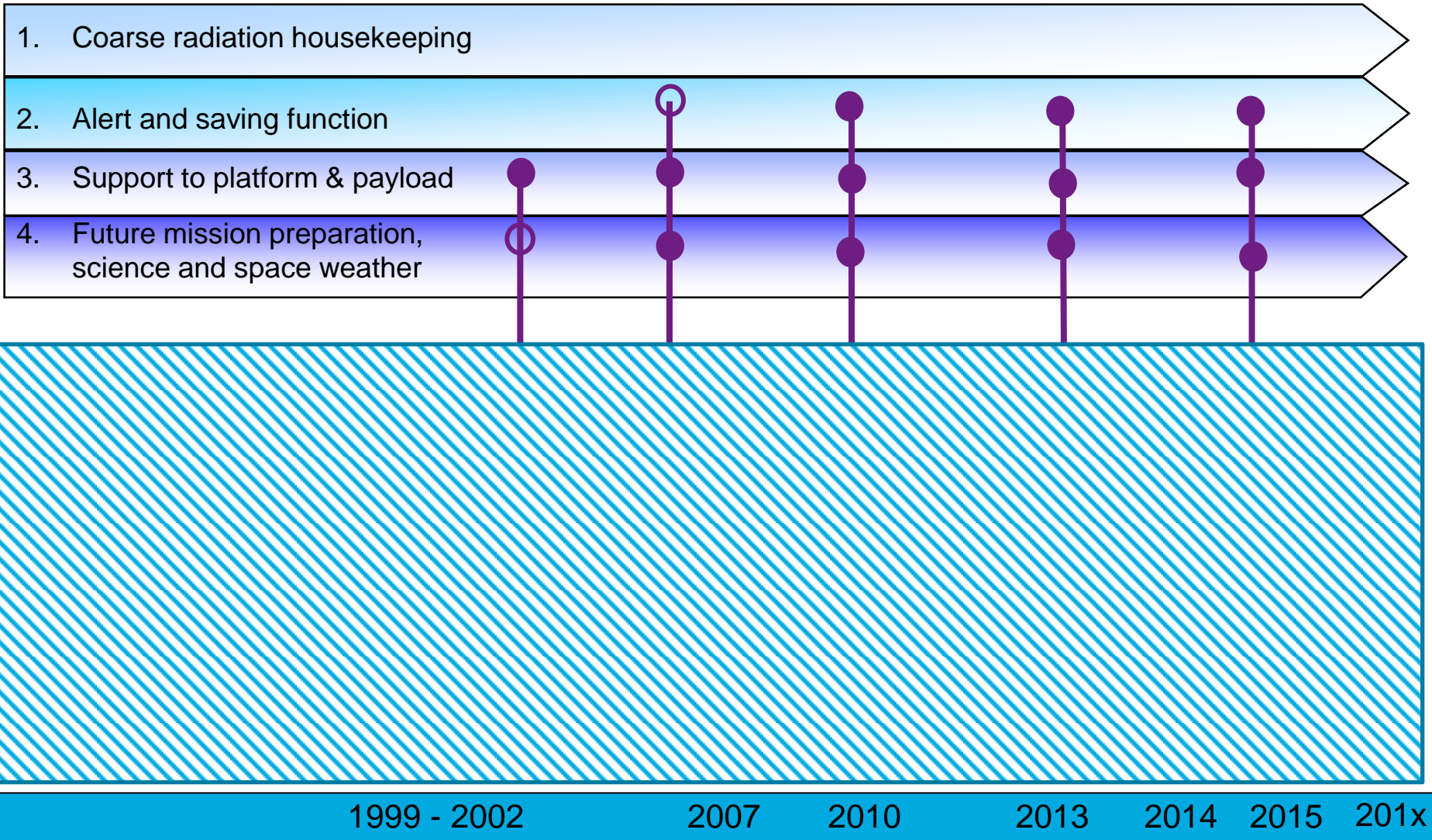
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# Radiation Monitors



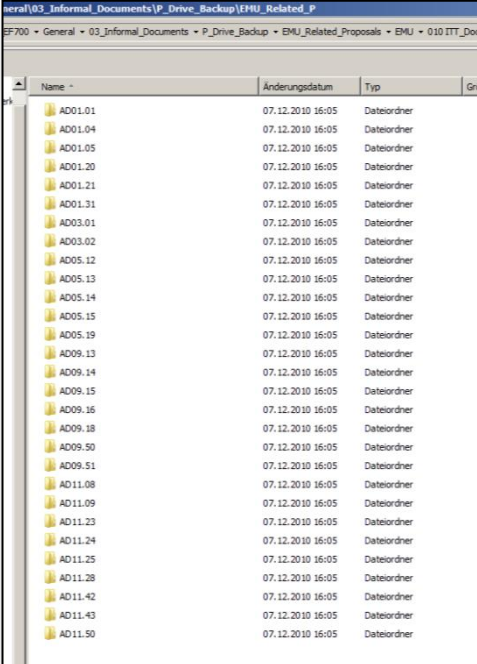
# ESA's categorization for RM



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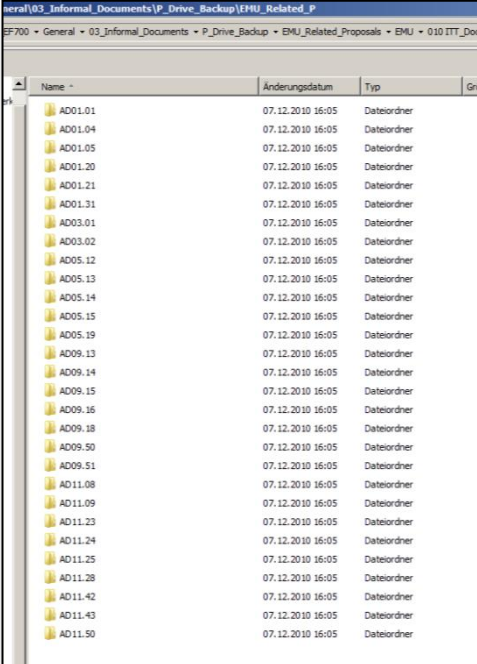
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# The proposal

- 6 Week tiime to deliver proposal
- Challenging performance requirements (see next slides)
- Some teaming boundary conditions / restrictions
- Heritage as key requirement
- Recurring units
- Stringent cost targets

# Challenges

- 1st trouble for the monitor start at T-0 and ends just a few minutes later  
→ the launch
  - Non-ops
  - High mechanical loads, vibration, acoustic noise, depressurization, thermal gradient
  - High shock at stage and fairing separation by pyrotechnics
- In orbit environment
  - Here it gets quiet, but ...
  - Large temperature gradients, limited (thermal) protection
  - Continuous thermal cycling → stress in many ways
  - Radiation.... → obviously !!
- Very limited on-board resources
  - Power
  - Mass ↔ volume
  - Mostly no thermal control

# Challenges

- No access for repair / maintenance but long mission time
- Very long lead times, mainly for EEE
- Very limited set of «approved» components  
Conservative mounting
- Compatibility requirements (→ ESCC)
  - Connectors → size!
  - EMC
  - Material properties (eg. outgasing)

NGRM: approx. 2000 tracked requirements

# What we did ...

- EMU (Galileo)
  - Protons, Electrones, Heavy Ions, TID
  - 8 W
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■ While in full EMU qualification → next monitor ITT / spec came out

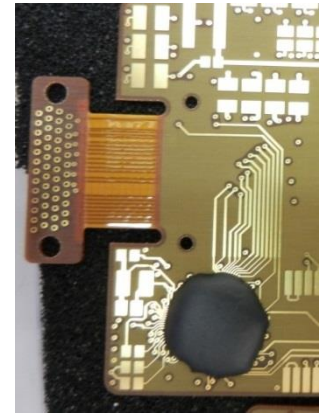
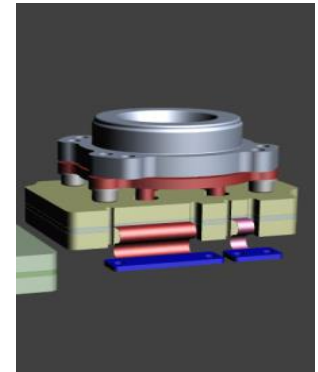
## ■ NGRM

- 1 W
- 1 kg
- 1 lt
- rest the same (just lower budget)

→ **What and how to do??**

# NGRM

- Custom read-out ASIC
  - Silicon / diode based detectors
    - size, power
  - Die bonding
  - COB technology
    - footprint
    - mass
  - Special rigi-flex PCB
  - External sensor port to allow non-standard measurements
  - Changeable S/C interface
- Lots of qualification effort

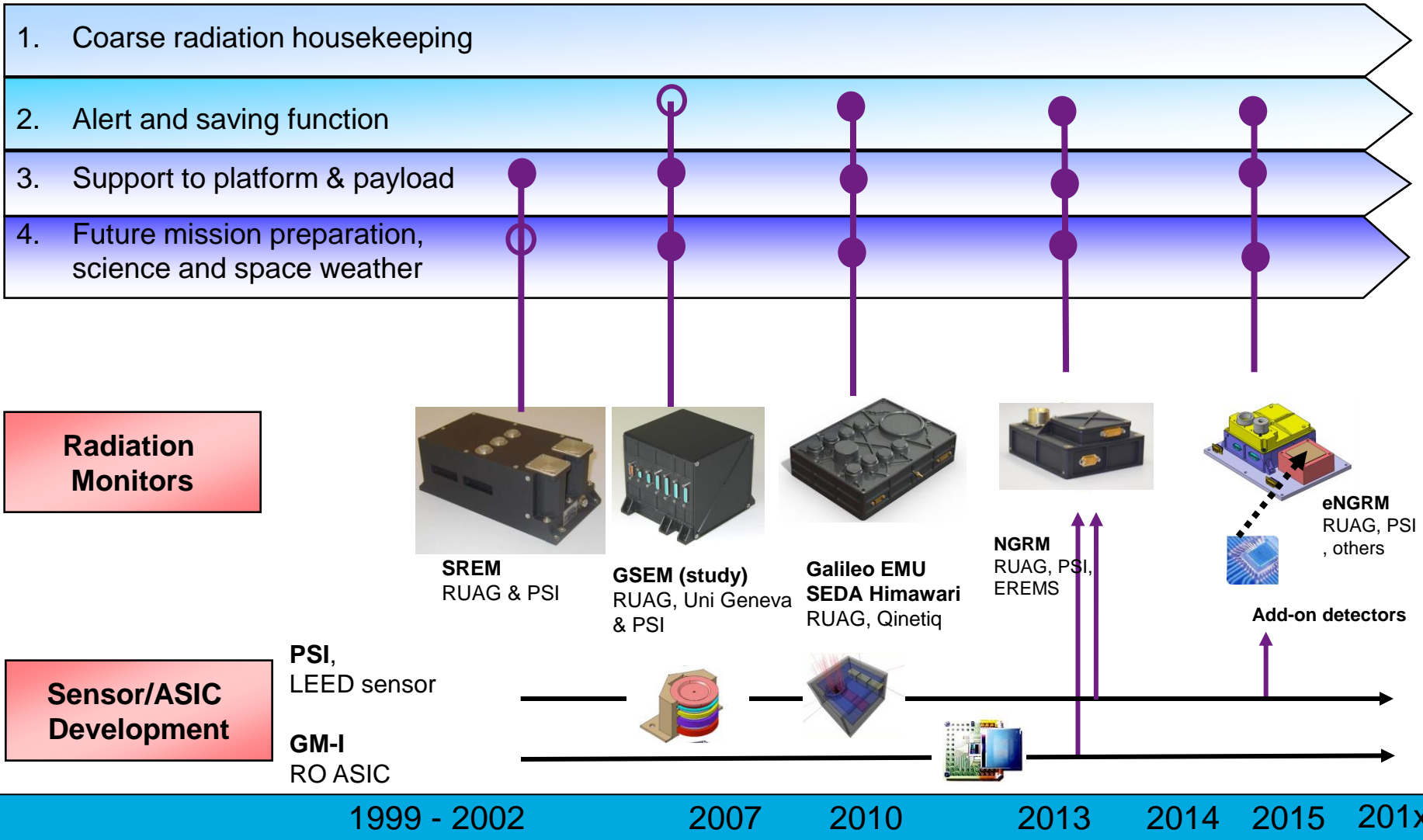


# Radiation Monitor Heritage

- SREM, EREM (1999 – 2002)
  - Standard Monitor for ESA
  - Flying on 8 mission, incl. Giove (Galileo precursor) & Rosetta
  - <http://srem.web.psi.ch>
- GSEM (2005 – 2007)
  - Study for future Radiation Monitor concepts (→ eg NGRM)
- EMU (2009 – 2013)
  - Tailored to Galileo needs / specifications, especially Charging Sensor
  - Selected (by ESA) Galileo satellites will be equipped with EMU
  - EMU units for 2 Japanese GEO missions delivered in August 2013 and in Orbit since Oct. 2014
- NGRM (2013 – now)
  - SREM successor
  - Low resource requirement
  - Generic
  - Quali in 3Q15
  - IOD on EDRS-C



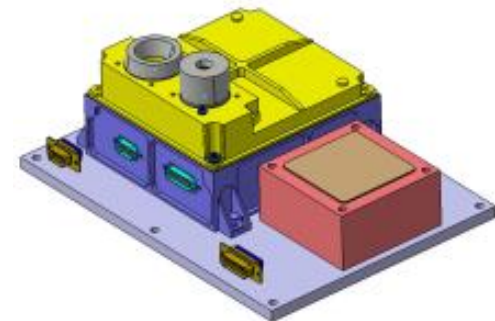
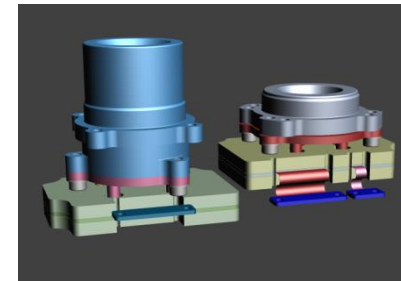
# Product Roadmap



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# Radiation Monitor Outlook

- Recurring Units
  - MTG 6 units
  - Other 6 units for ESA in discussion
  - Interest in US and Asia
  - Upcoming ESA missions
- Detector Kit for Embedded Monitors
  - Core Kit
  - Relay on S/C on-board resources
- Act as instrument Host for non-standard external sensors
  - Qualified, standard based and “no-worry interface” towards Space Craft (firewall)
  - Allows buffering of data
  - Standardized serial interface to external sensor
  - User definable protocol
- Miniaturization



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