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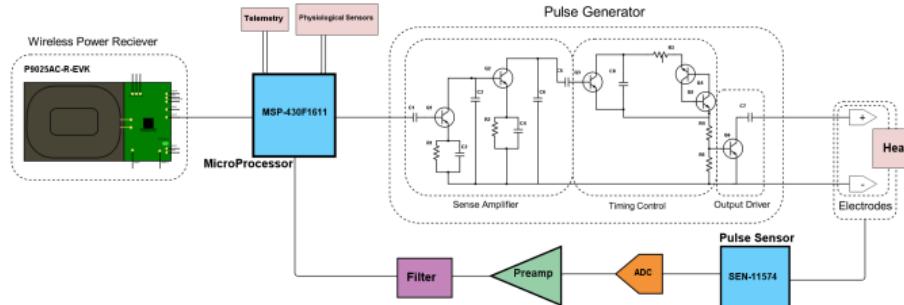
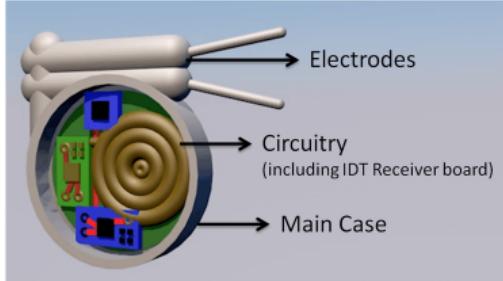
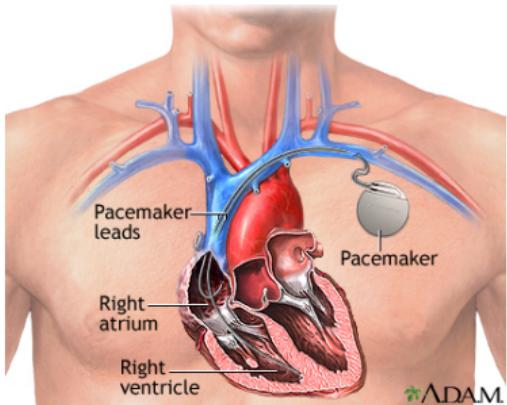


FIG 1. A pacemaker is a small, battery-operated device. This device senses when your heart is beating irregularly or too slowly. It sends a signal to your heart that makes your heart beat at the correct pace. In general, a hear pacemaker contains a small micro-controller and electrodes that connect the heart tot the generator. The electrodes carry the electrical message to the heart. A defective pacemaker can cause more harm than good

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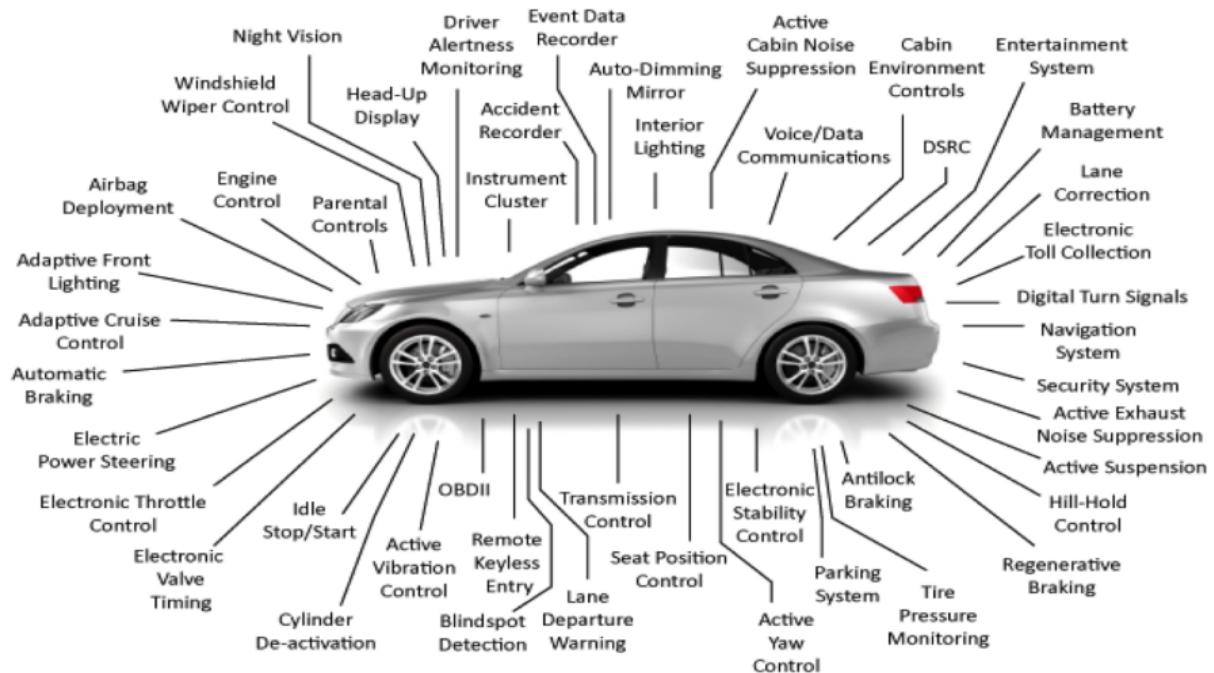


FIG 3. Embedded controllers found in a modern vehicle

¹Should we be worried that our cars are controlled by software?

²How Software Is Eating the Car—The trend toward self-driving and electric vehicles will add

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FIG 4. Traffic lights—How do you guarantee that cars won't clash into each other?

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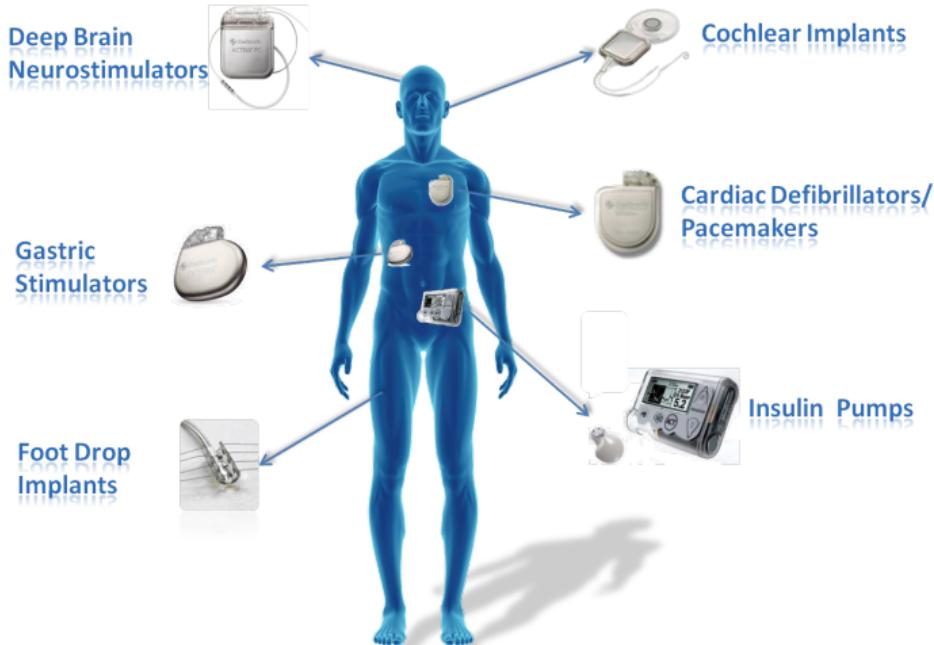


FIG 5. implantable medical devices—Fatal consequences if they fail to work as intended

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FIG 6. Artist's conception of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover on Mars. Its mission almost failed due priority inversion.

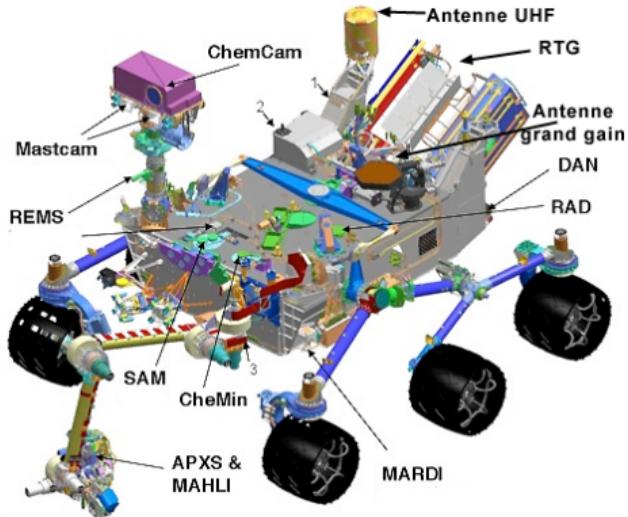


FIG 7. Instrumentation of the Mars Rover

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