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Embedded Linux<sup>3</sup>

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- file-systems, networking
- Pretty UI

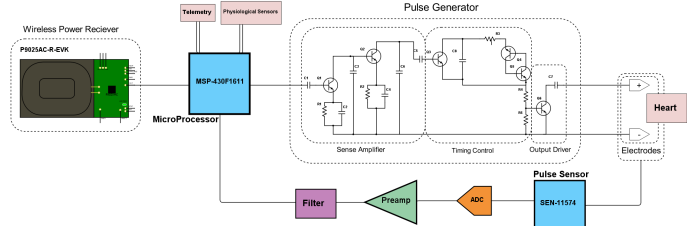
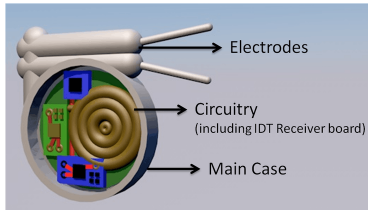
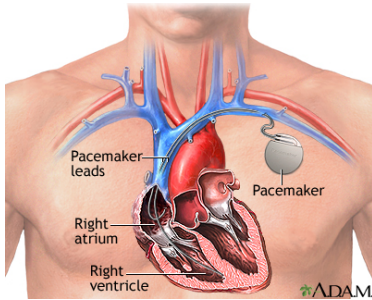


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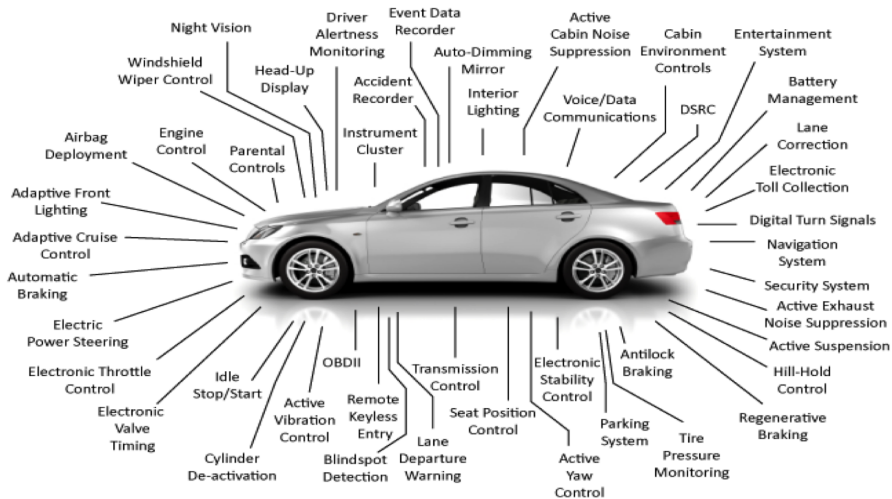


FIG 3. Embedded controllers found in a modern vehicle

<sup>1</sup> Should we be worried that our cars are controlled by software?

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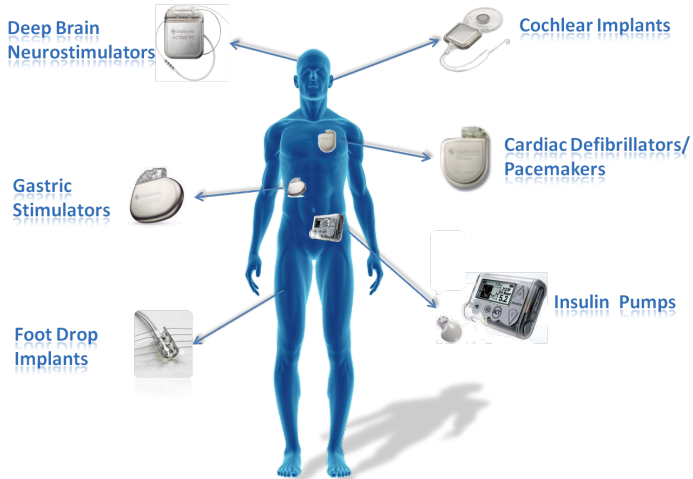
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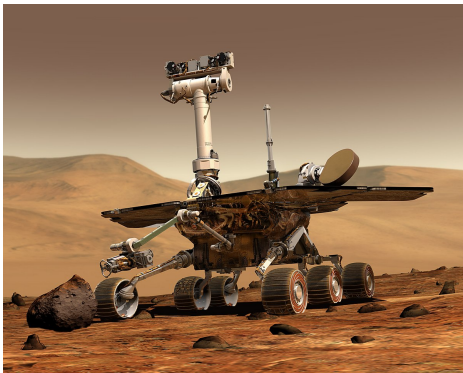
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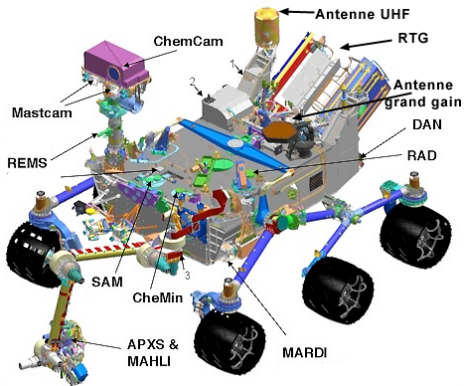


**FIG 5.** implantable medical devices—Fatal consequences if they fail to work as intended

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



**FIG 7.** Instrumentation of the Mars Rover

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