



Innovation in Partnership with the National Security Innovation Network (NSIN)



It started with a conversation...

- Do you have problems on your installation for which you don't have a solution?
 - Yes... Of course!
- Do you have problems that you have a concept for a solution but don't know how to execute it?
 - **Yes...Often!!**
- Do you want to work with talented students and professors to solve these issues?
 - **YES PLEASE!!!**

And we were off and running...

Mission

We build networks of innovators to generate new solutions to national security problems.

- The Department of Defense's (DoD) current model for problem-solving is expensive and inefficient.
- The complexity of problems the DoD faces and the speed at which solutions are required means new problem solvers are critical.
- Adding intellectual diversity from non-traditional solution providers (e.g. the academic and early-stage venture communities) is necessary to solve problems more economically, faster, and better.
- A networked approach enables the consistent problem-solving capability for the DoD that helps bridge the civil-military divide and improves outcomes for service members.





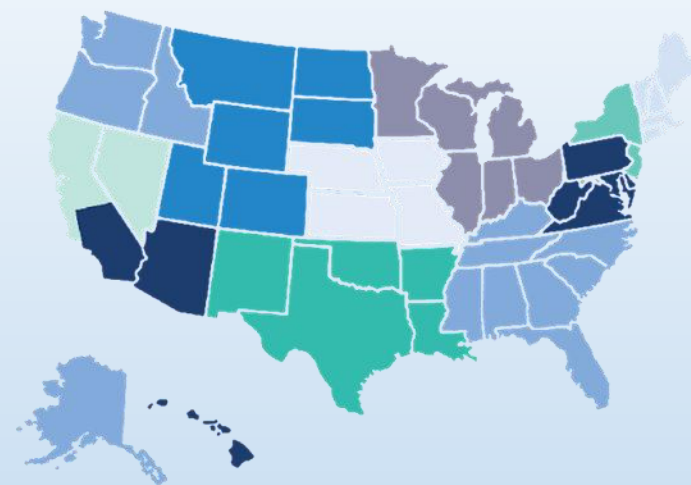
Who

- › DoD program office reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering
- › Program of Record FY20
- › NSIN pays for all programming



What

- › Partners with universities and the venture community to bring innovative tools and solutions to warfighters



Where

- › HQ in Arlington, VA
- › 33 regional positions across 20 states
- › 21 embedded personnel at universities



NSIN

NSIN by the Numbers

NSIN Funding
FY 2019-2021:

\$95
million dollars

NSIN has helped

909

DoD organizations solve

963

problems
by generating

1,366
unique solutions.

Engaged

6,925

new people in the
National Security
Innovation Base.

Supported

370

new companies to enter
the National Security
Innovation Base and spun
out **33 of DoD-funded
technologies.**

Companies in NSIN
programs have **raised**

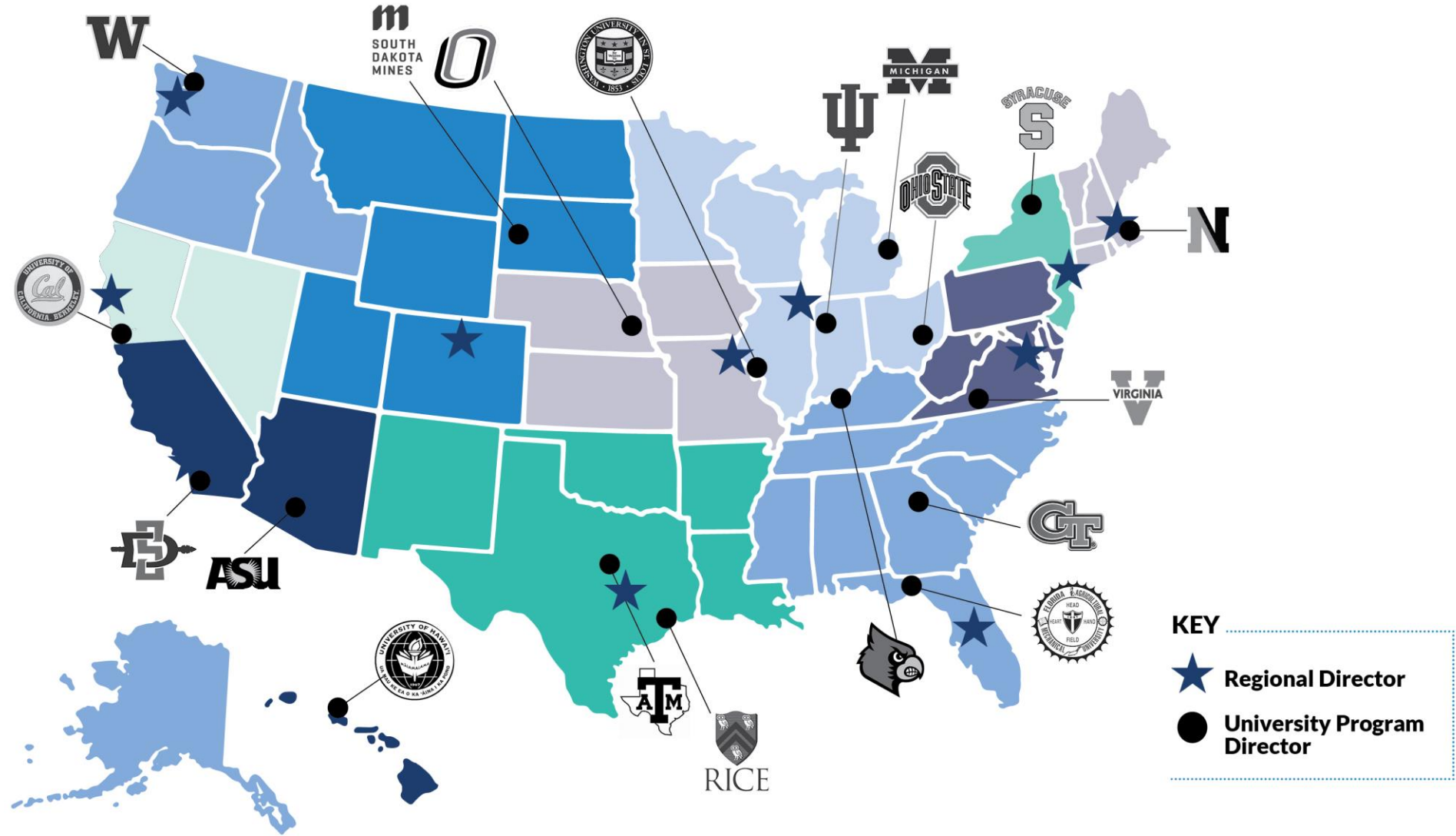
\$640

million in private
funding and

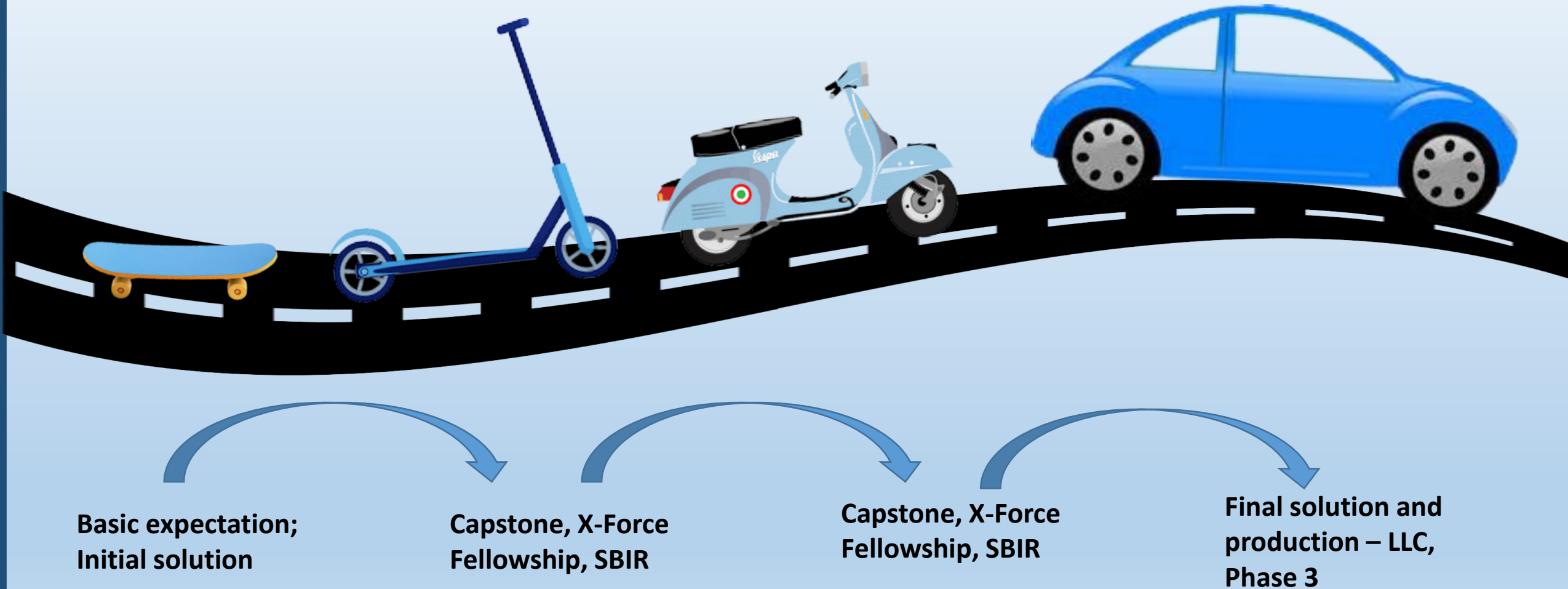
\$295

million in DoD funding.

NSIN University Partners



Solution Evolution



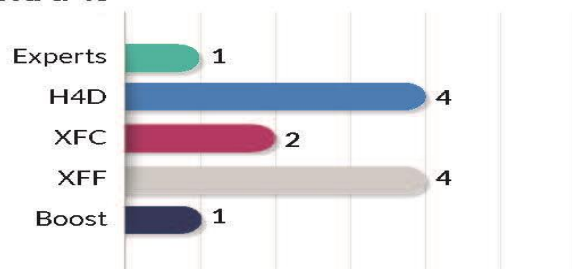


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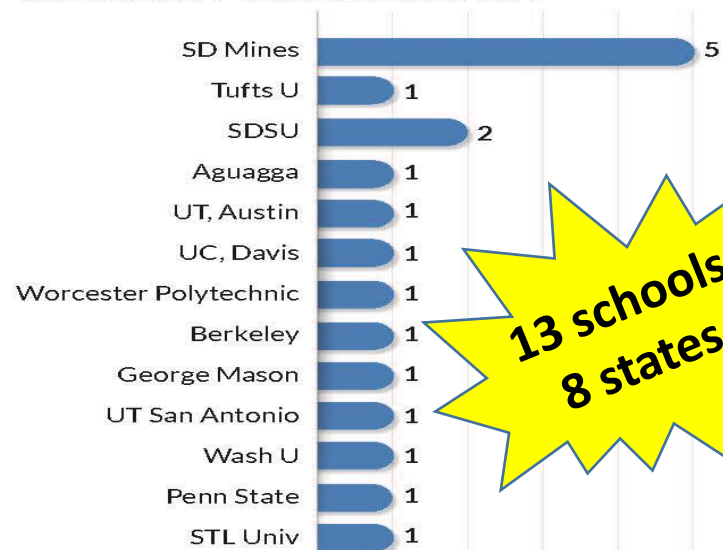
2021 – Completed Projects

ELLSWORTH AFB USE OF NSIN PROGRAMS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

NSIN PROGRAMS



UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION



13 schools
8 states



NSIN PROGRAM	UNIT	PARTNER	PROBLEM
H4D	28 CES	South Dakota Mines	Concrete Spalling
H4D	28 MXG	South Dakota Mines	Training Analysis
X-Force Capstone	28 CES	San Diego State University	Counter Drone
X-Force Capstone	28 SFS	San Diego State University	Wind Proof Trash Cans
H4D	28 SFS	University of Texas, Austin	RoadCon
H4D	28 FSS	University of California, Davis	Resource Connections w/Spouses
Boost (SBIR)	28 CES	Aguagga (Tacoma)	PFAS Onsite Destruction
X-Force Fellowship	28 MXG	Berkeley	Data Analysis & Dashboards
		George Mason University	Data Analysis & Dashboards
		University of Texas, San Antonio	Data Analysis & Dashboards
X-Force Fellowship	28 MXS	South Dakota Mines	3D Printing of B-1 Parts
		Washington University St. Louis	3D Printing of B-1 Parts
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X-Force Fellowship	28 MSG	South Dakota Mines	Energy Resilience Trade-off Matrices
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		Penn State	Energy Resilience Trade-off Matrices
X-Force Fellowship	28 CS	South Dakota Mines	Network Wire Tracing
		St. Louis University	Network Wire Tracing
		Washington University St. Louis	Network Wire Tracing
Experts	28 MSG	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Energy Resilience
		Tufts University	Energy Resilience



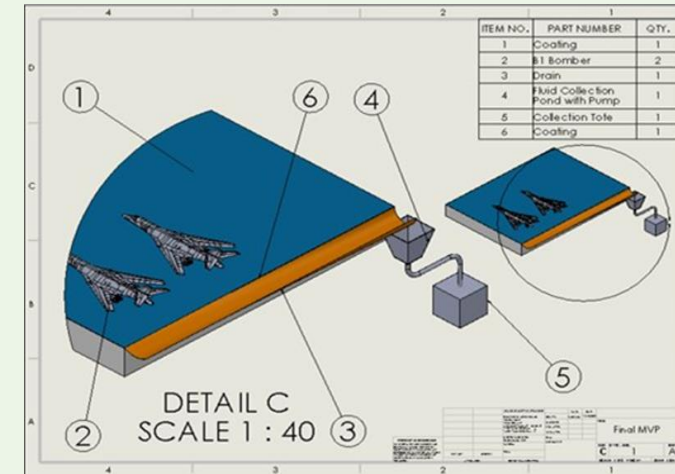
H4D

Taming the Dragons Breath

Completed Dec 2020

Problem: Heat and chemicals degree concrete at twice the normal rate

Solution: Recommended chemical concrete coating and a fluid collection method



**Phase 1
SBIR**

**Member
of team
formed
LLC; Phase
1 SBIR**



H4D

Filling in the Blanks: MXG Training

Completed Dec 2020

Problem: There is no easy means of gathering all maintainer training on one dashboard to make decisions on requirements

Solution: Started working with Excel tools to synthesize data

**Completed
by 2021
X-Force
Fellowship**

With the guidance of:
Scott Shaffar
Barry Dorr
Michael Hard
Michael Lester
Dr. Thad Welch
Dr. John Wood



Project Overview

Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota outsourced a project for Drone Force One to design and manufacture. The product will detect and identify multi-rotor UAVs that enter a specified area. To achieve this we employed our knowledge and research to develop a unit which will detect and identify a nearby UAV and alert a computer interface of its presence.



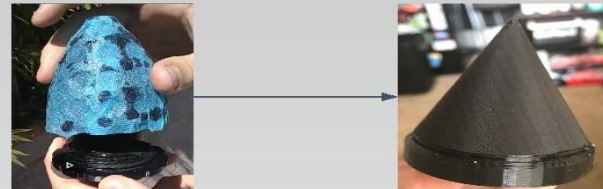
Completed May 21
Prototype in use by SFS
for training

Manufacturing Approach

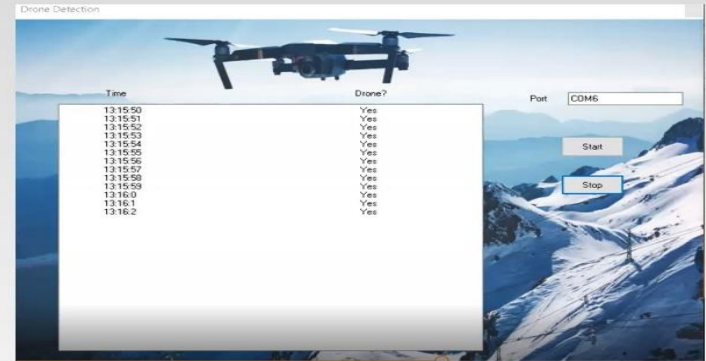
- Sheet Metal Construction
- Water-Jet & Welding
- Powder Coat Finish

Prototype Development

- Microphone Fairing
- Drone Detection Software



Detection GUI



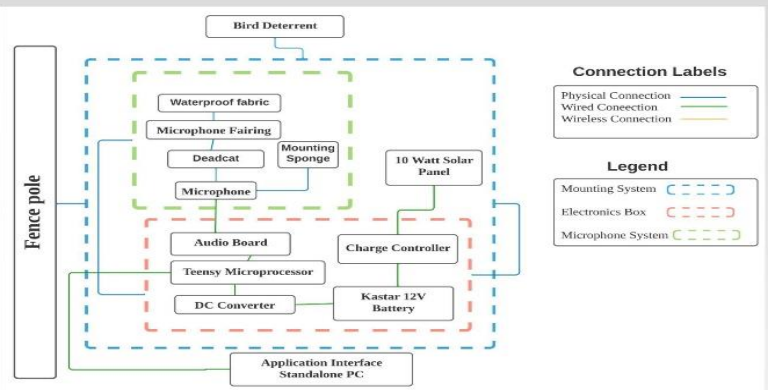
Project Requirements/Specs

- Withstand South Dakota Weather
- Tamper Resistance
- Identify Presence of a Multi-Rotor Drone

Main Components

- 10 Watt Solar Panel
- Teensy 3.6 with Audio Shield
- IP67 Electronics Box
- 3D Printed Microphone Fairing

System Level Diagram



Drone Force One Team Members





Automatic Trash Lock (GUST)

By All Weather Trash Team
Sponsored By USAF and NSIN



SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Project Overview

Problem Statement:

High wind conditions at Ellsworth AFB have led to tipped residential trash cans causing an unsightly mess of spilled trash, costly cleanup, and risk to aircraft

Need:

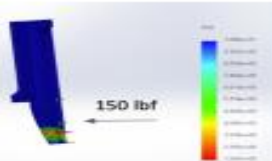
The trash can lid must stay closed whenever tipped over, must auto-lock when users interact to dispose of trash, and lastly must open when inverted by the local refuse company's trash collection truck.

Engineering Analysis

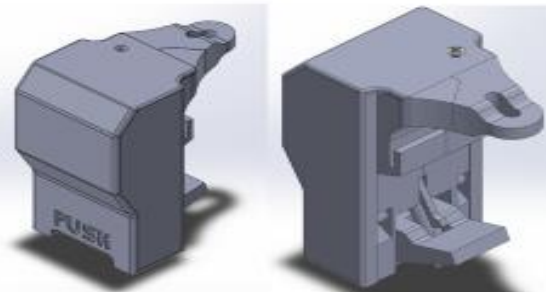
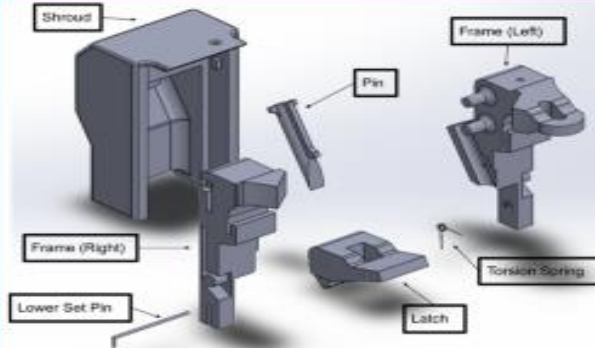
Factor of Safety Analysis on all Parts with ASA & Ultem 1010 Resin

FOS @ C	Shroud	Pin	Outer Tab	Latch	
ASA	18	1.01	6.2		1.1
Ultem 1010	44	1.2	14		2.4

- Stress analysis was performed using Solidworks simulation to determine if the pin could achieve a reliable factor of safety at a max force of 150 lbf.



CAD Models – Exploded View



Final Product

- GUST is made using ASA for its UV resistance and high tensile strength.
- The gravity-driven internal components keep the trash can closed when knocked over and open the trash can when inverted by the trash truck.



Prototype Iterations



Testing Methods

- Manual Tip Test



- Refuse truck pickup test



- Load stress on latch and pin



- Freezing weather condition affects



Team Members



Hector Cea
(Team Lead)
Analyst/Research Lead



Jacob Hoppe
CAD Specialist/
Design Lead



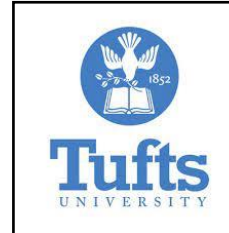
Collin Vizina
Manufacturing
Lead/Prototyping



David Arushanyan
Research/Supply
Manager

Completed May 21.
Team & SDSU have
patent pending.
EAFB beginning
production

EXPERTS BETA “ENERGY”



WPI



Discussion of Energy Solutions with
Academia: Generation, Transmission,
Storage, Efficiency, and
Resilience

Completed Jun 21

Follow-on Summer Fellowship created
research portfolio and decision matrices



Where Are We Going Now?

H4D
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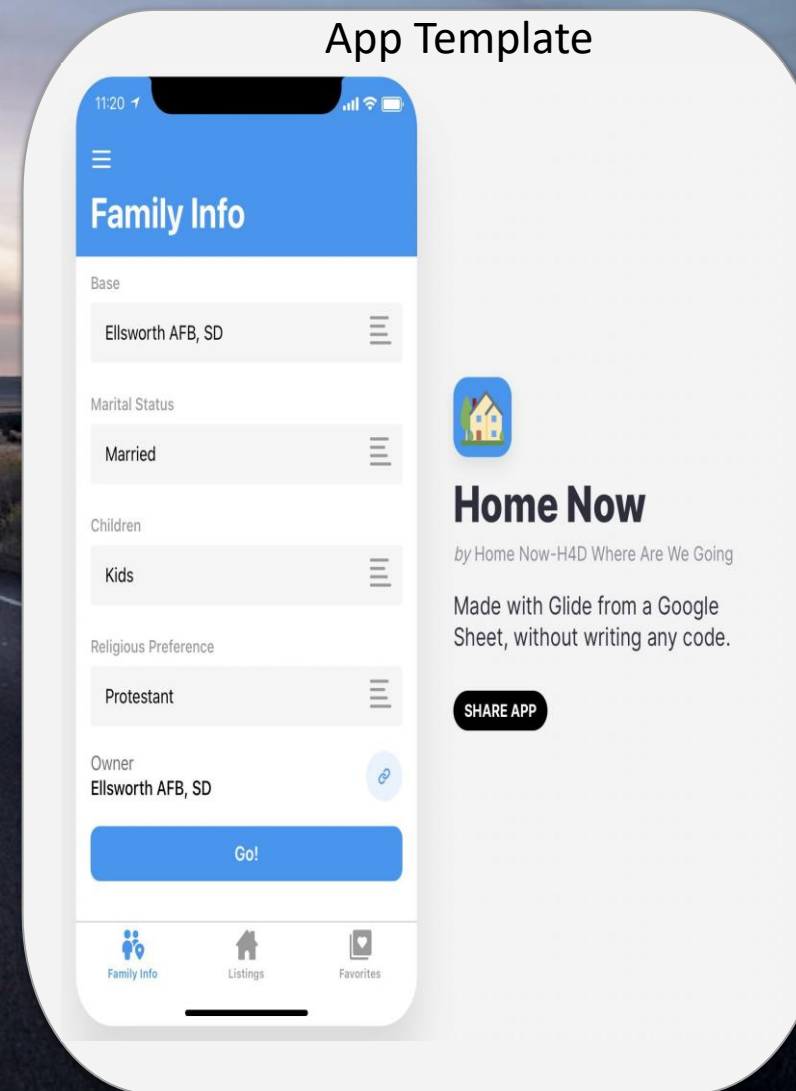
Initial Findings:

- Interviewed 200+ individuals
- A 30 min commute from base was the max considered by all.
- Schools were top priority followed by crime/safety, all based on the house location.
- There is a need for an App to manage data and needs

Next Steps:

- Student LLC continuing work and partnered with Dyess
- New App name is PCS PAL

App Template

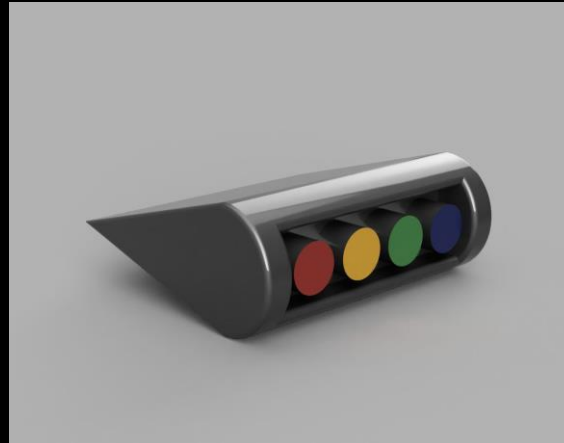
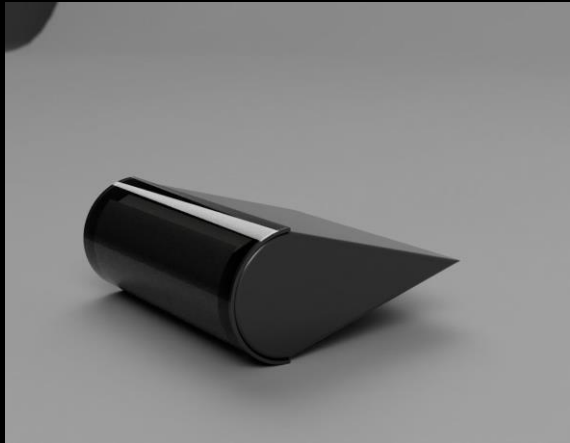


ROADCON

H4D



V1

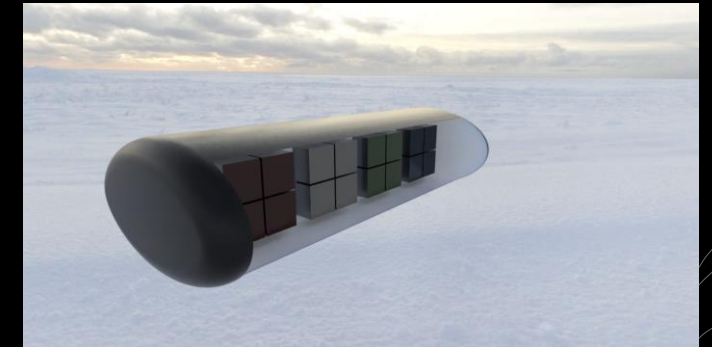
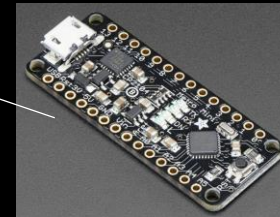


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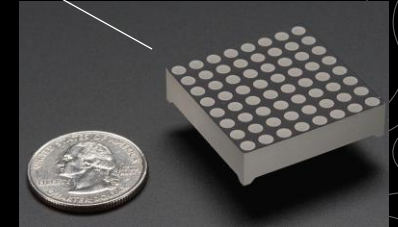
Planning a follow-on project to
continue the work

V2

Arduino



LED Panel



X-FORCE 2021 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS



MXG Data Analysis and Dashboards for Training

Follow on to Dec 20 H4D project. Final solution created and in use!

October 18, 2021

Berkeley X-Force Fellows Team Up with Military Sponsors to Solve Real-World Problems



The X-Force Fellowship gives undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to tackle real-world national security issues in DoD agencies. (Photo courtesy of NSIN)



Energy Decision
Matrices
Follow-on to Experts
Beta
project. Provided
wealth of
research and tool for
decision-making.

STORAGE

Data	Fixed O/M Cost [USD/kW-yr]	Capitol Cost [USD/kWh]	Round-Trip Efficiency	Cycle Life #	Cycle Life yrs**	Carbon Footprint [kgCO2eq/MWh-1]	Technical Feasibility	Energy Density Wh/L	
Lithium ion LFP	9.31	\$415	86%	2000	5.77	11	10	350	2
Lithium ion NCM	9.57	\$425	86%	1200	6.08	11	10	460	2
Sodium Sulfur	10	\$900	87%	5,000		176	6	250	4
Redox Flow	11.97	\$426	70%	5,201		53	2	75	1
Lead Acid	12.72	\$378	85%	599	2.13	149	10	85	1
Sodium Ion		N/A	92%	37000		140.33	2	312.5	3
Molten-Salt Thermal	N/A		93%	NA	NA	27	5	290	3
Geothermal**							8		
Hydrogen Fuel Cells	28.51	\$312	35%	10403	20	47	9	1750	5
Flywheels	5.6	\$200	90%	10000	20	438	10	50	2
Pumped Hydro	30.4	\$262	80%	13870	40	273	1	1.1	9
Compressed Air	16.12	\$119	52%	10403	30	27	8	4	2
* All numbers based on storage systems rated to output in the range of 10MW for 10 hours (100MWh)									
** Geothermal Data was difficult to find in usable forms									

Scaled (out of 10) (worst to best)	Cost /kWh	Round-Trip Efficiency	Energy Density Wh/L	Cycle Life	Carbon Footprint [kgCO2eq/MWh-1]	Technical Feasibility	TOTAL
Weight	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lithium ion LFP	5.85	8.6	7	1.4	9.7	10	42.6
Lithium ion NCM	5.75	8.6	10	0.9	9.7	10	45.0
Sodium Sulfur	1.00	8.7	5.4	3.6	6.0	6	30.7
Redox Flow	5.74	7	1.6	3.7	8.8	2	28.9
Lead Acid	6.22	8.5	1.8	0.4	6.6	10	33.6
Sodium Ion*		9.2	6.8	10.0	6.8	2	34.8
Non-Batteries							
Molten-Salt Thermal		9.3	6.3		9.4	5	30.0
Hydrogen Fuel Cells**	6.88	3.5	10	7.5	8.9	9	45.8
Flywheels	8.00	9	1.1	7.2	0.0	10	35.3
Pumped Hydro	7.38	8	0	10.0	3.8	1	30.1
Compressed Air	8.81	5.2	0.1	7.5	9.4	8	39.0

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Data Filter

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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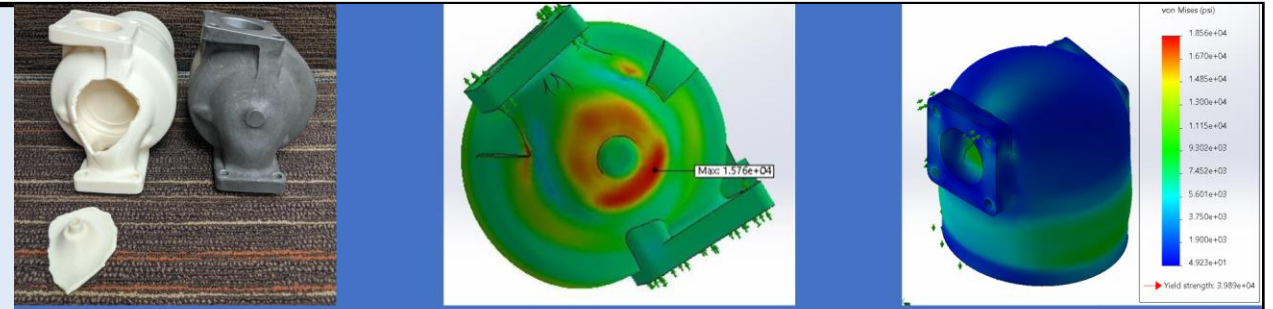
Record-Breaking X-Force Fellowship Concludes

Boasting a record-breaking cohort of 282 students, the NSIN X-Force Fellows presented their final projects to Department of Defense (DoD) problem sponsors last week. During the 10-week-long program, Fellows developed solutions ranging from military policy improvements to mechanical engineering. Read more about what the Fellows accomplished this summer.

[Learn more >>](#)



Fix My Broken Bones
Reverse engineered
designs; proved increased
durability.
Researched best software
options for modeling.
Multiple solutions in use.



Air Force-1 Reverse Engineering and 3D Modeling



It Hurts When IP
Developed Cable
Management plan and
3-D printed bundling
device.
Solution in place.

Rack Cable Bundler



Adjustable Cable Bundler



Fall '21 Innovating for National Security & Capstone Projects

Things that Go Bump Under the Snow

Develop means to alert snow equipment operators of obstructions under the snow to reduce damage to plow blades and vehicles.

Child Care Finder

Create a user-friendly platform that creates a one-stop place for parents seeking any kind of child care.

Better Waze to Clear Snow

Improve efficiencies of snow removal and real time status communications.

Deicing Fluid Remix

Analyze and recommend mitigation options for deicer fluids used on aircraft

Slip Sliding Away

Develop a method of catching fluids before they fall from the aircraft wings to the hangar floor causing slipping hazards.

Oh My Aching Back

Create a device that is safe around the aircraft to lift heavy boxes raised overhead during maintenance.



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UNIVERSITY

Lord of the Fliers

Develop data analytics and collation methods for airfield status data.

If It's In Stock, We Got It!

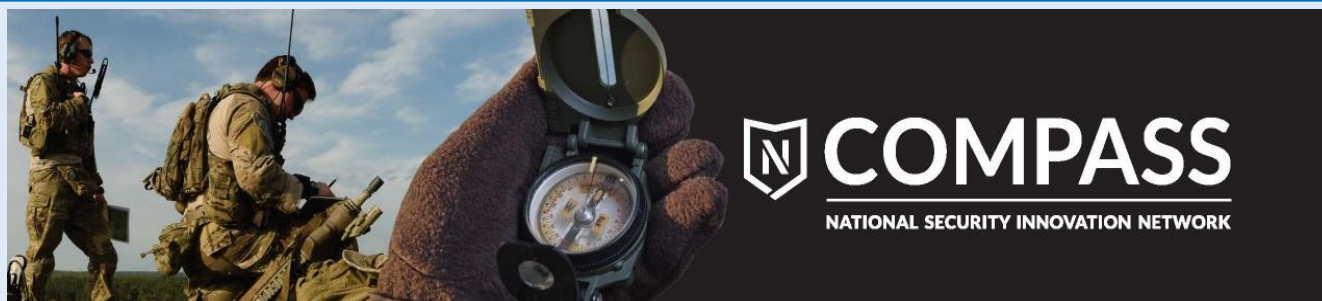
Assess retail inventory process; develop efficiencies to create time savings and better control cost of sales and variances.

Learning Curve

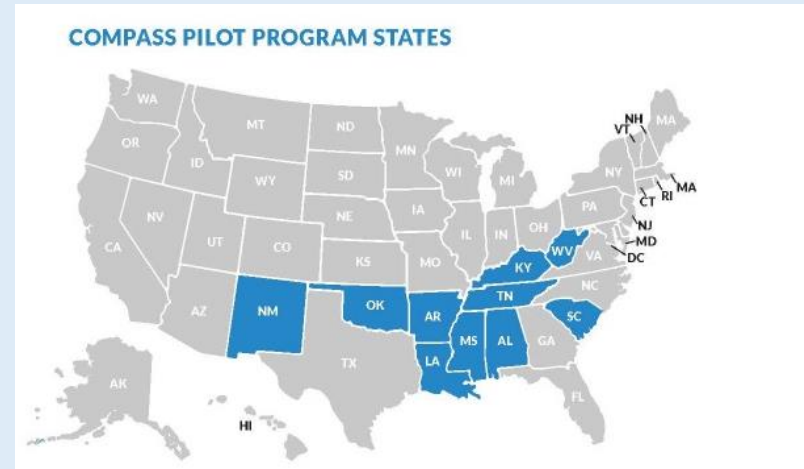
Create means of collecting diverse unit training data from multiple platforms and allowing easy assessment of

Show Me the Money

currency/gaps.
Data management and decision-making tool for tracking and approving unfunded requirements



NSIN's newest pilot program. Recruits start-ups from low income states to solve DoD problems. Businesses move through a 3-month incubator program. Ellsworth's problem set for the cohort is Resilient Energy. Starts in Nov.



NSIN Design Thinking Bootcamp: Free class taught by University of California-Berkley. Virtual 4 weeks in 3 hour blocks M-W-TH. Up to 40 students. Planning on hosting in Jan 22.



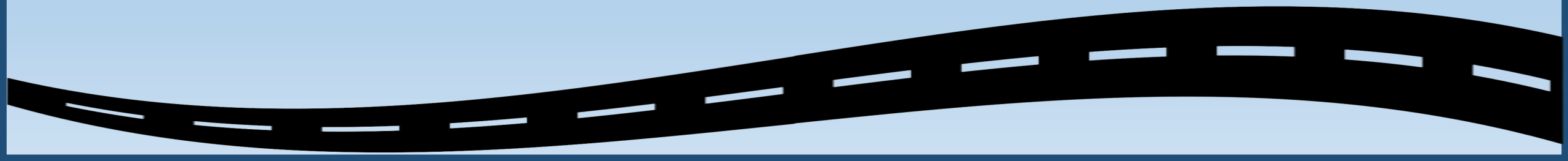
Benefits to the Installation & Community

- **Installation Perspective**

- Fresh approaches to solve short and long term problems
- Re-energized base personnel; shadow program to promote innovation
- Provides foundation for SBIR/STTR or commercialization opportunities
- Positive interaction between military members and student teams; synergy of ideas
- Exposure to military life and potential for recruitment

- **Community perspective**

- Strengthened ties to installation, academic institutions, and entrepreneurs
- Unique experience for students
- Potential to create start-ups and build defense economy



Questions??

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