



# Perspektywy obrazowania magnetyczno-rezonansowego na Międzynarodowej Stacji Kosmicznej

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# Inicjatywa „Space MRI” – geneza i uczestnicy

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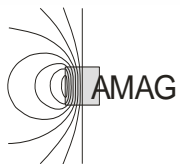
Team: 20 scientists, engineers and business experts from the following scientific and business and organizations:



National Research Council of Canada,  
Institute for Biodiagnostics, Winnipeg



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY US, California



AMAG, Kraków, designer and manufacturer of magnet systems



COM DEV Canada, designer and manufacturer of space hardware



MRI-TECH, Kraków – Winnipeg,  
manufacturer of low-field MRI systems



# Prezentacja projektu dla CSA

- G. Sarty, S. Kontulainen, A. Baxter-Jones, R.A. Pierson, K. Turek, A. Obenaus, B. Tomanek, J. Sharp, A. Scott, L. Piche, "**Compact MRIs for Astronauts and Earthlings**", CASI\*\* ASTRO2012, Abstract 8, Quebec City April 24-26, 2012.
- Zaprezentowana została koncepcja systemu o wadze poniżej 800 kg, wystarczająco małego aby zmieścić się w międzynarodowej, standardowego pojemnika ładunkowego
- Koszt wyniesienia 1 kg ładunku \$30 000
- Budżet CSA\* zbyt mały aby sfinansować ten projekt

\* CSA – Canadian Space Agency

\*\*Canadian Areonautics and Space Institute

# Zmiana koncepcji

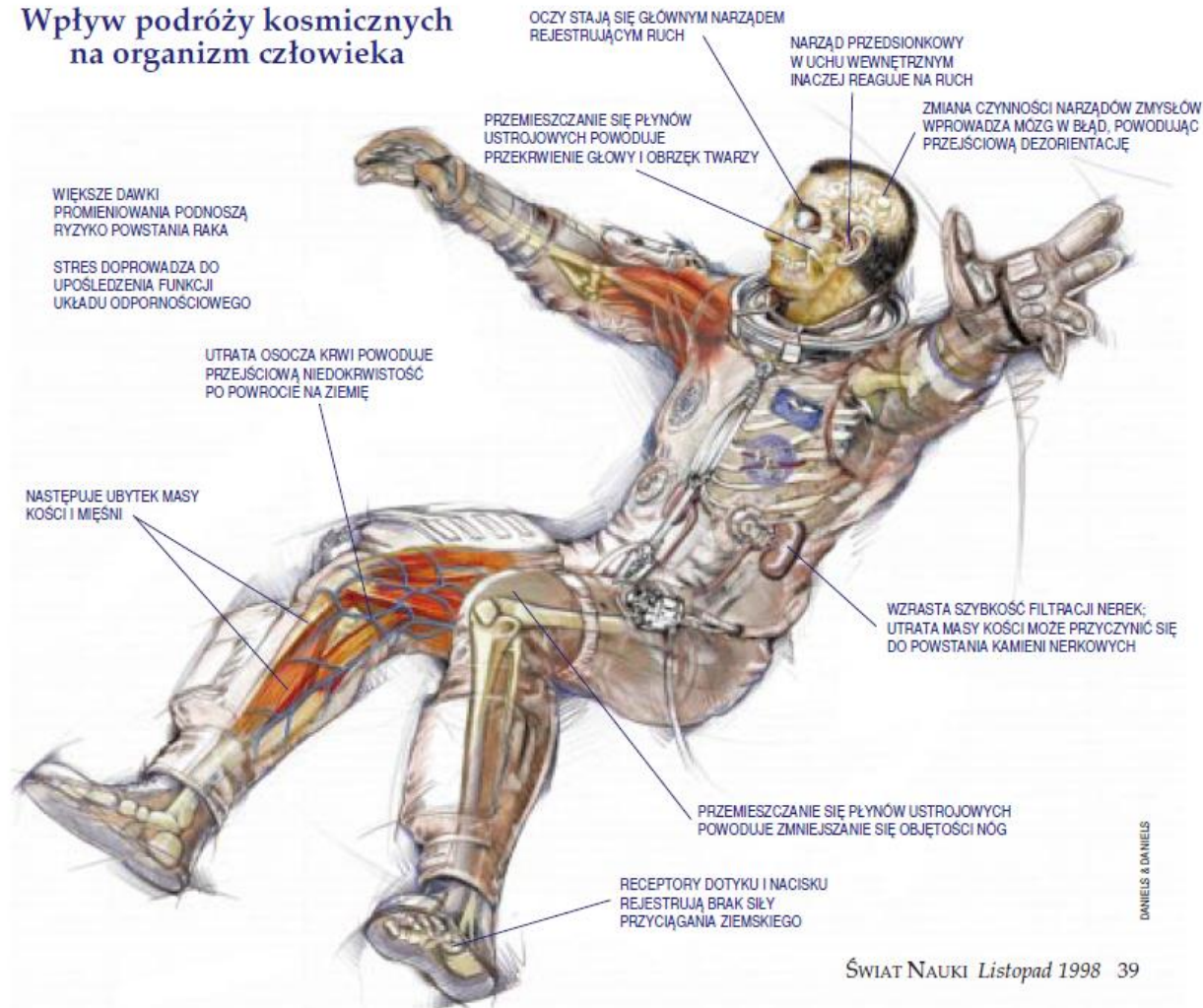
- Wrist compact MRI system
- Maj 2013. Public Works and Government Services Canada ogłosił w imieniu Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada przetarg na opracowanie wstępnego projektu „Life science Research System”.
- Październik 2013. Zespół złożył do PWGSC ofertę zatytułowaną „Wrist Magnetic Resonance Imager: ISS-MRI”

Po co MRI na ISS?

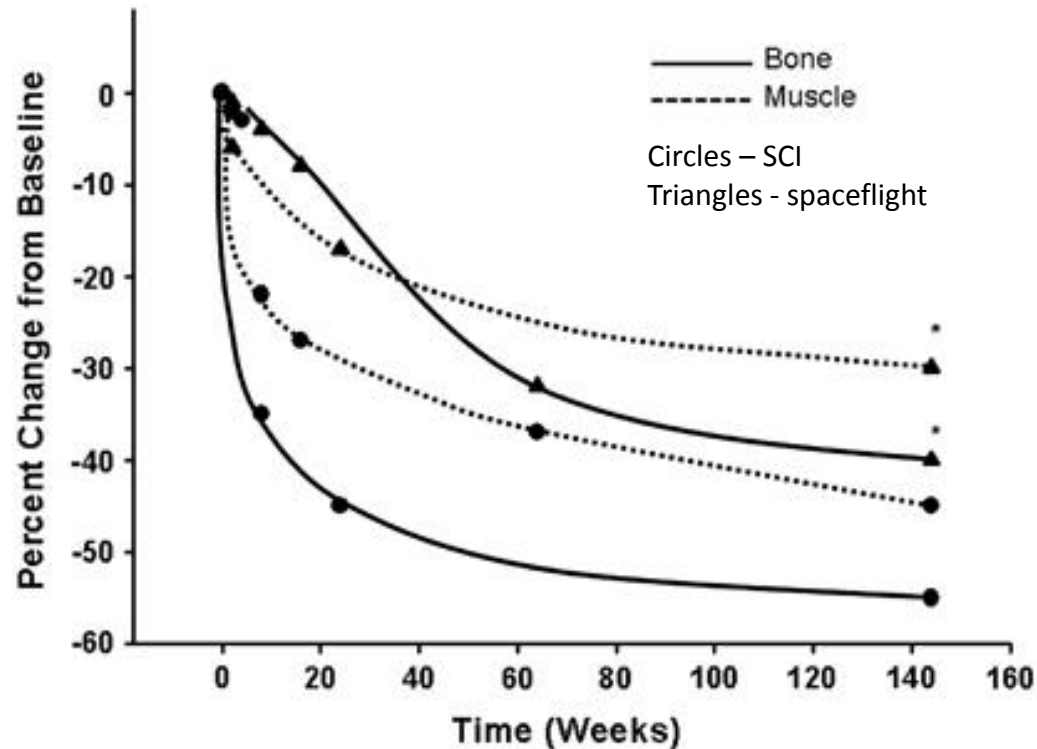


# Zdrowie ludzkie w warunkach mikrogravitacji

## Wpływ podróży kosmicznych na organizm człowieka

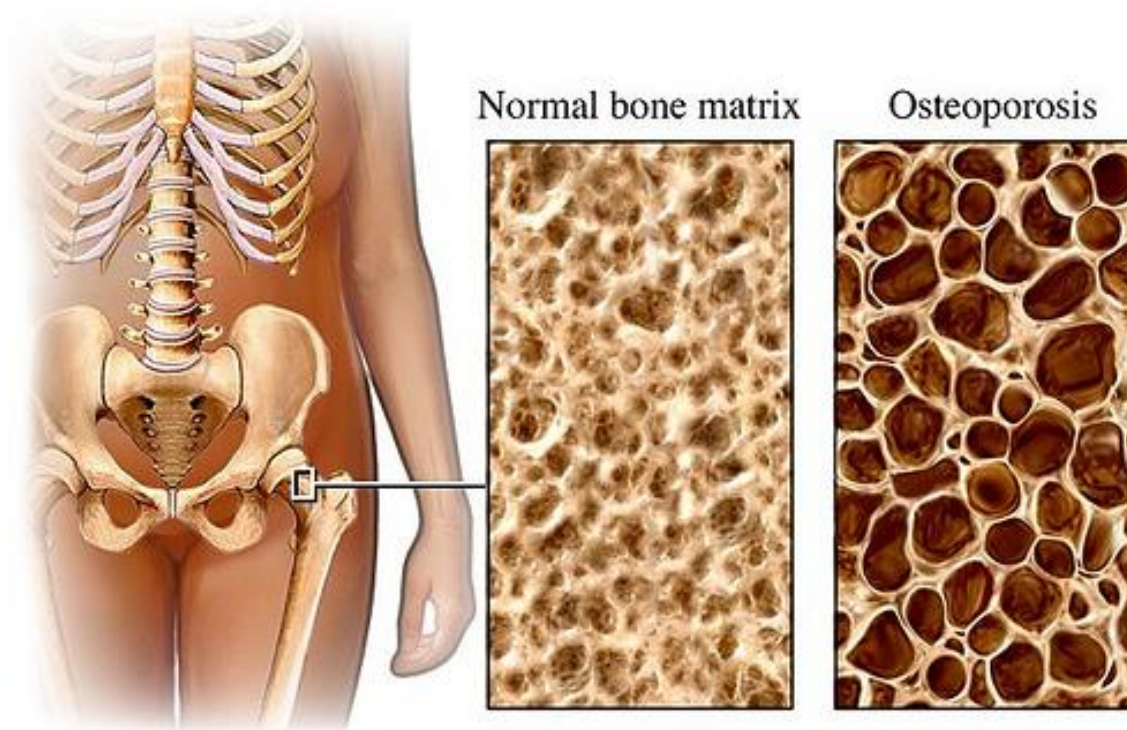


# Atrofia kości i mięśni



Challenges, concerns and common problems: physiological consequences of spinal cord injury and microgravity, J M Scott, D E R Warburton, D Williams, S Whelan and A Krassioukov, Spinal Cord **49**, (2011) 4-16.

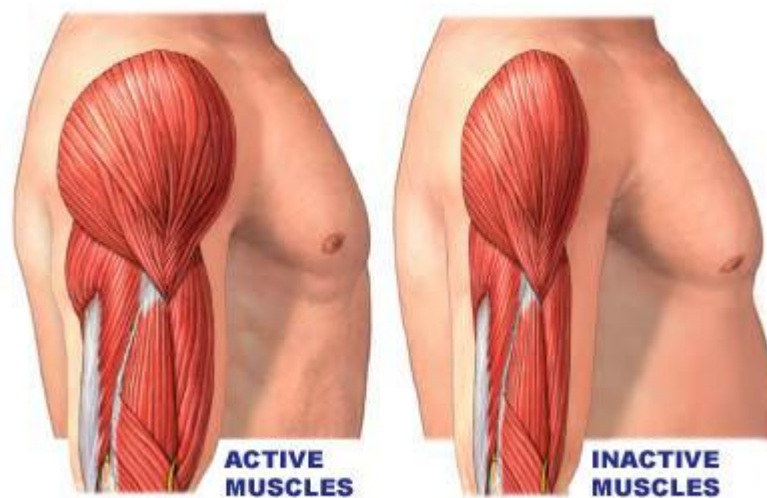
# Atrofia kości



Ubytek masy kostnej i osłabienie struktury przestrzennej kości  
<http://www.thehealthage.com/2012/05/osteoporosis-bone-loss-detected-earlier-nasa/>



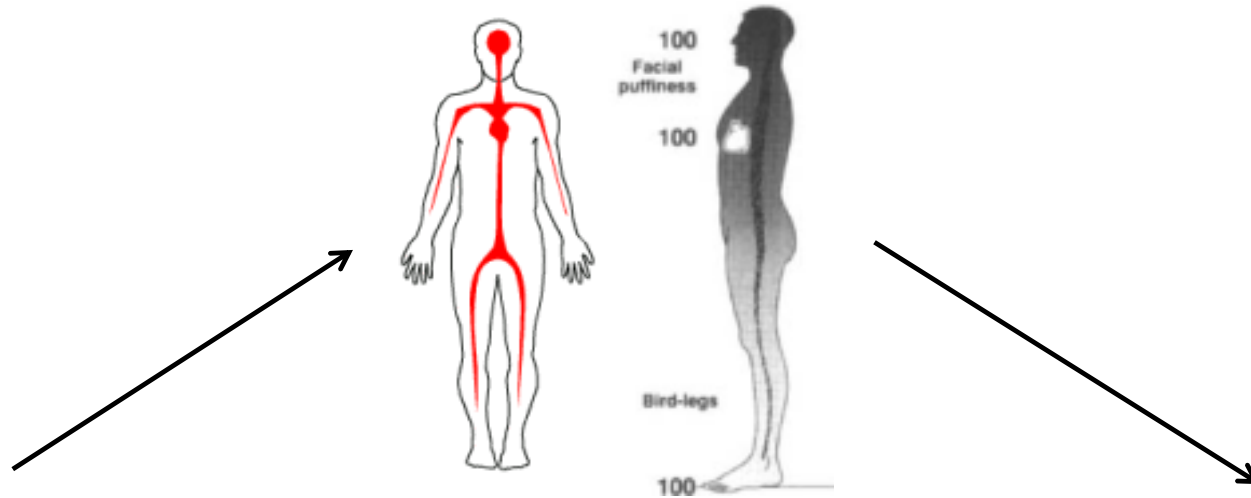
# Atrofia mięśni



Astronauci tracą do 20% masy mięśni w czasie pobytu w przestrzeni kosmicznej

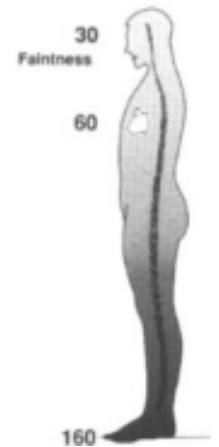
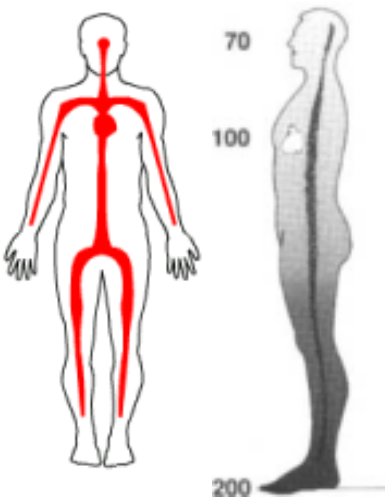
# Przemieszczenie krwi

Mikrogravitacja



Przed lotem

Po powrocie



# Monitorowanie powstawania kamieni nerkowych

- Wzrasta szybkość filtracji nerek w wyniku utraty masy kości
- Kamienie nerkowe mogą już obecnie być wykryte w czasie misji kosmicznych za pomocą Advanced Diagnostic Ultrasound in Microgravity (ADUM).
- MRI będzie istotnie łatwiejszy w użyciu dla astronautów
- Znacznie krótszy czas szkolenia

# Plany wyprawy załogowej na Marsa

April 15, 2010 President Barack Obama w głównym przemówieniu o polityce dotyczącej przestrzeni kosmicznej w Kennedy Space Center on, U.S.:

**By the mid-2030s, I believe we can send humans to orbit Mars and return them safely to Earth. And a landing on Mars will follow. And I expect to be around to see it.**

The United States Congress has mostly approved a new direction for NASA: asteroid exploration in 2025 and orbiting Mars in the 2030s



# Mapa drogowa NASA

Mapa drogowa NASA badań prowadzonych na ludziach określa 15 dyscyplin

Dyscypliny relewantne do projektu:

- Zdrowie ludzkie i środki zaradcze
- Zdrowie behawioralne i wydajność
- Zdrowie radiacyjne
- Autonomiczna opieka medyczna

# Problems with Weight and Size

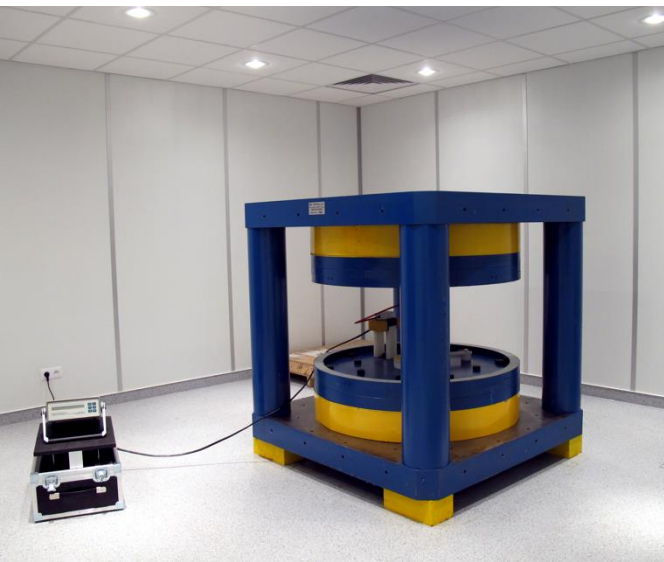
1,5 T, 3 t



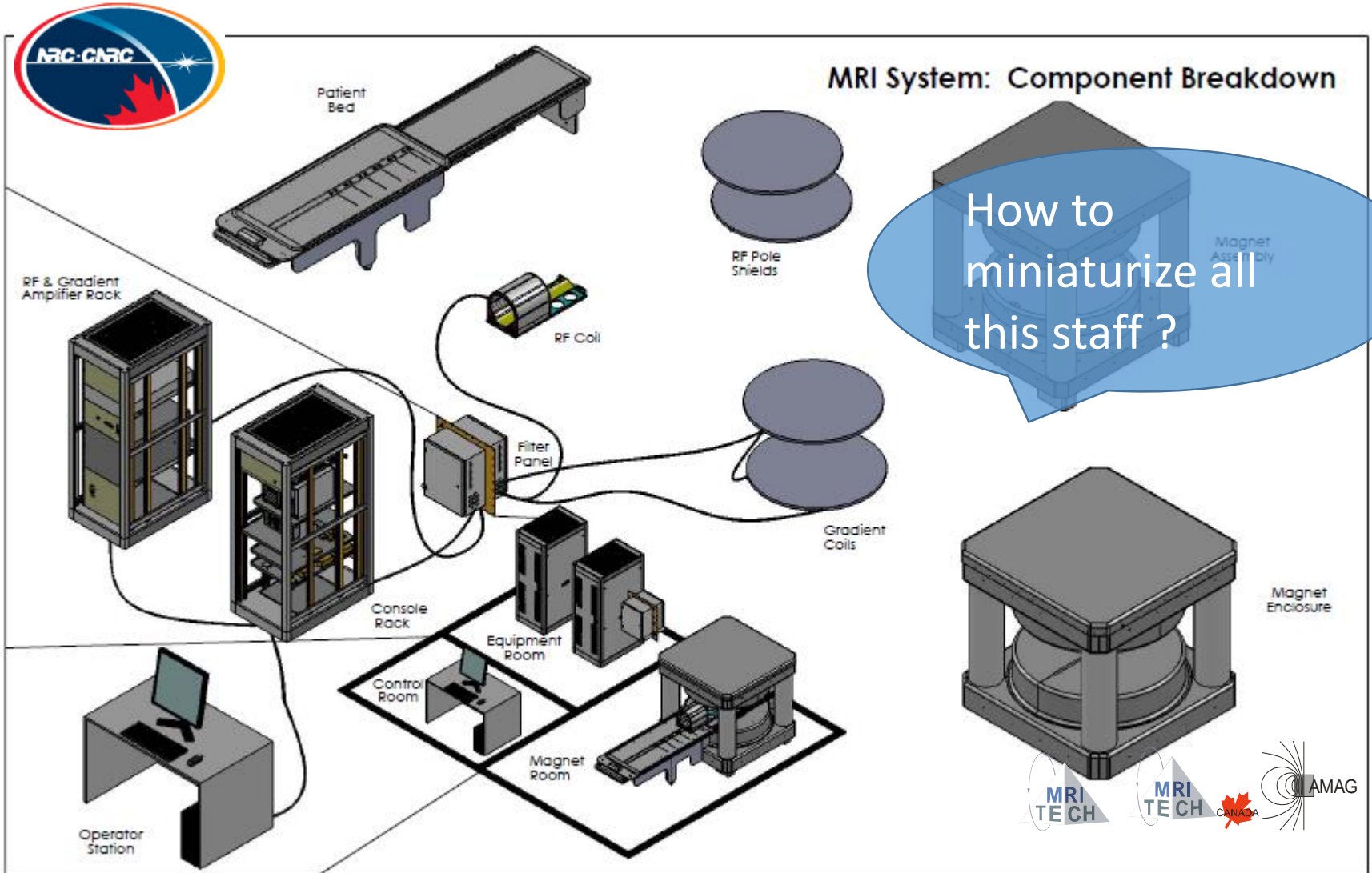
0,35 T, 16 t



# System Cirrus Open 0.2 T

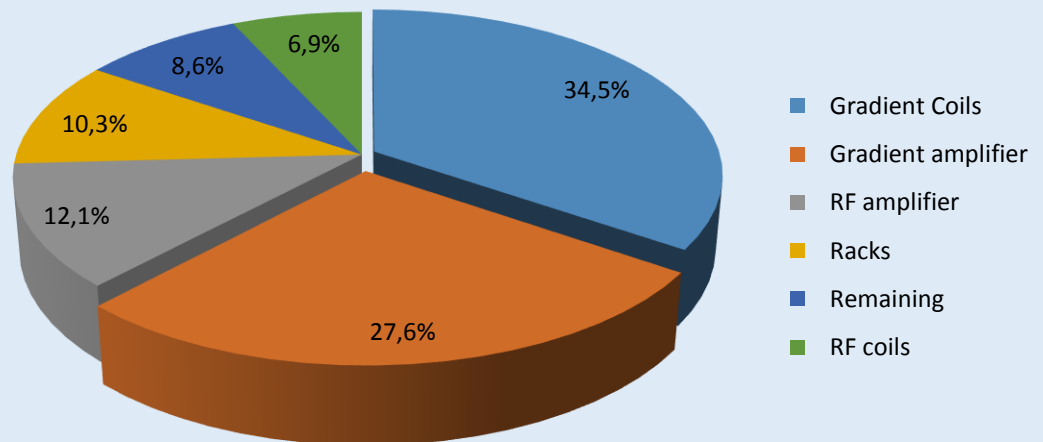
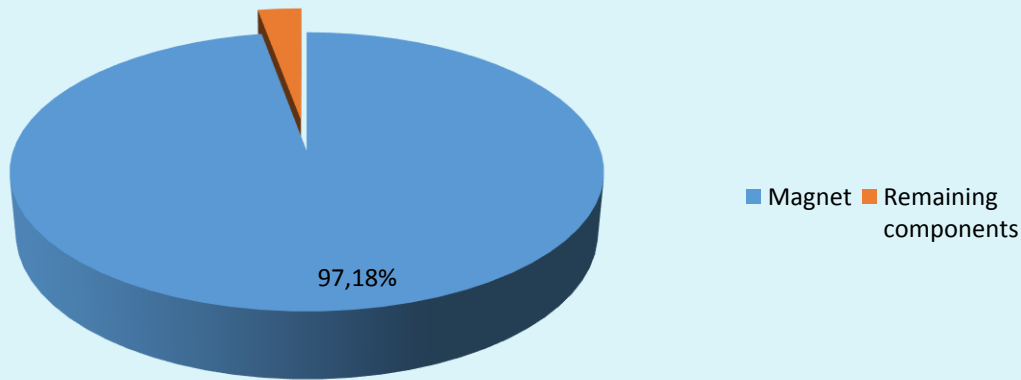


# Components of MRI System



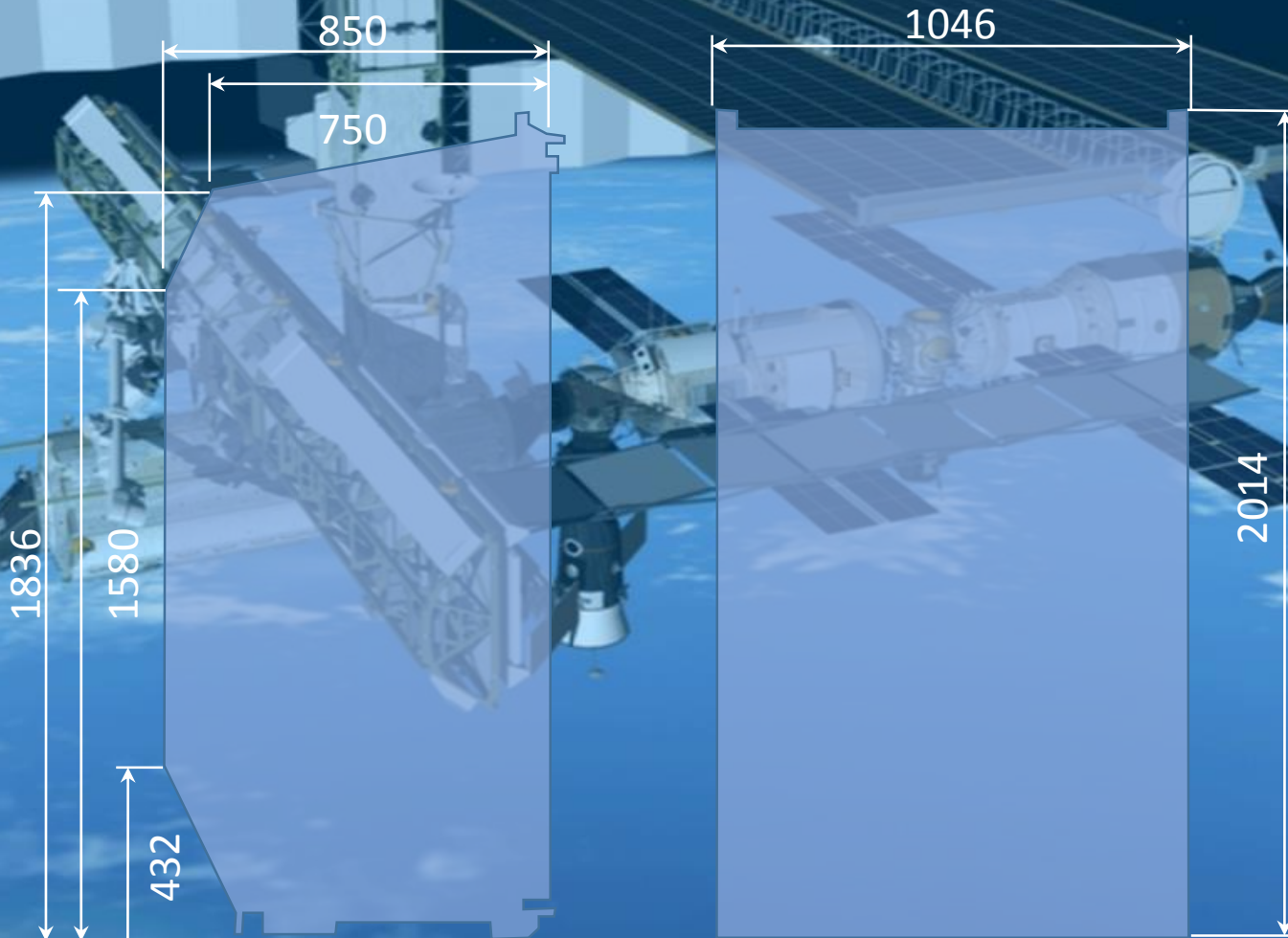


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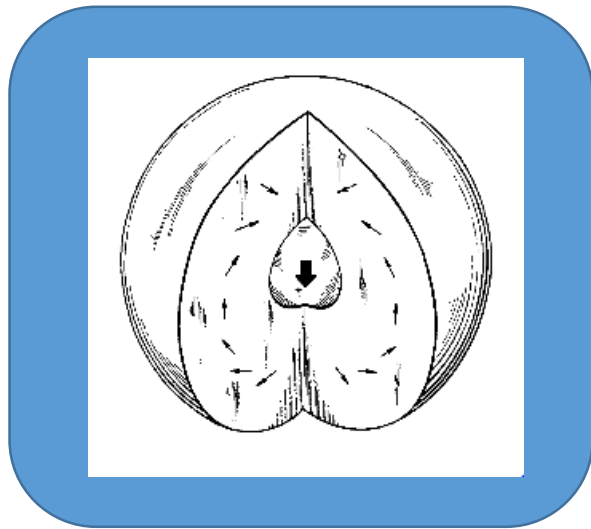


# Wymagania

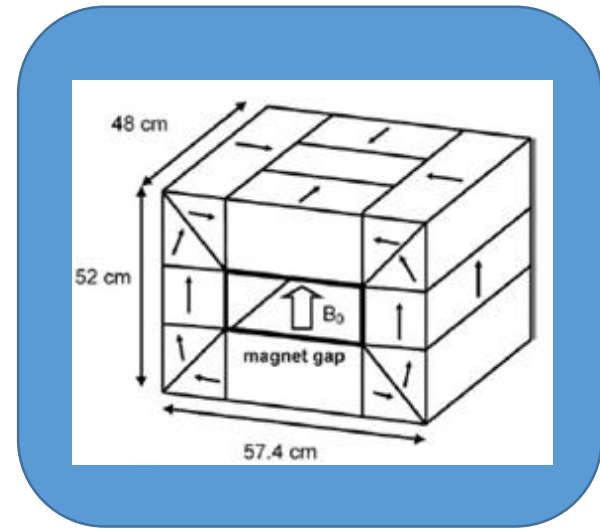
International Standard Payload Rack (ISPR) wymiary  
Masa kompletnego systemu:  $m = 804.2 \text{ kg}$



# Current State of Art Compact Mouse MRI



Hollow spherical flux source  
Invented by H.A. Leupold 1988



Modification of the spherical  
structure for MRI application  
by NEO-MAX Co., Ltd. Japan  
1 T magnet

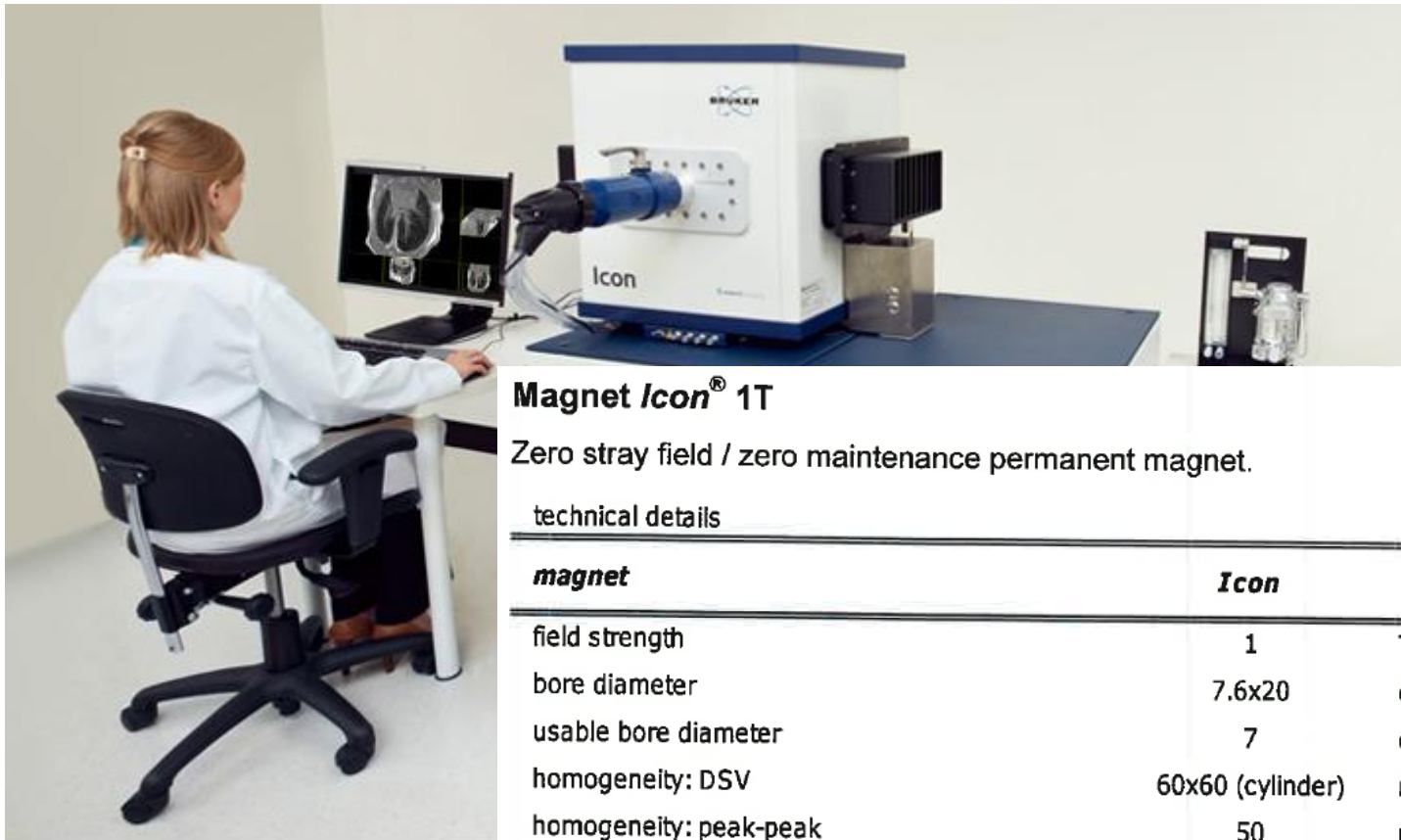
# Current State of Art Compact Mouse MRI



$B_0$	1 T
Homogeneity over 30 mm DSV	10 ppm
Cylindrical imaging volume	3.5 cm (Diameter) x 5 cm (Length)
Size	57.4 cm (W) x 52 cm(H) x 48 cm (D)
Bore size	24 cm (W) x 9 cm (H) x 48 cm (D)

Shirai, T., et al. (2005). "Development of a compact mouse MRI using a yokeless permanent magnet." *Magn. Res. Med. Sci.* 4: 137 - 143.

# Current State of Art. Bruker's Icon 1 T



## Magnet *Icon*<sup>®</sup> 1T

Zero stray field / zero maintenance permanent magnet.

### technical details

<i>magnet</i>	<i>Icon</i>	
field strength	1	T
bore diameter	7.6x20	cm
usable bore diameter	7	cm
homogeneity: DSV	60x60 (cylinder)	mm
homogeneity: peak-peak	50	ppm
stray field. center to 0.5 mT (lateral)	<0.7	m

➤ *Peak-to-peak homogeneity specification including RT shims*

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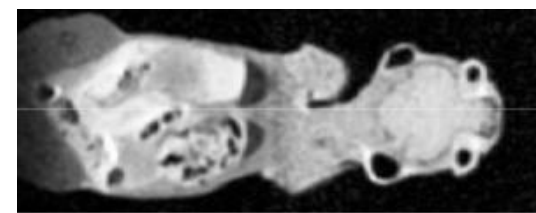
# Current State of Art Wrist MRI



# Current State of Art Magtritek's Compact MRI

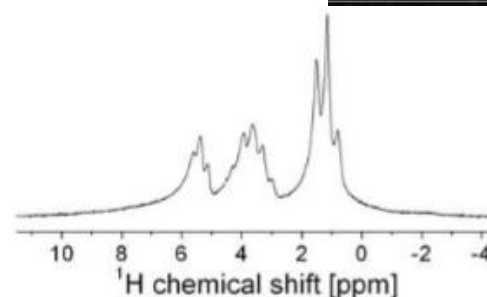
## benchtop TOMOGRAPHY

The power of MRI and spectroscopy  
combined on a benchtop system



### Technical Specifications

Operating frequency	20 MHz / 0.5 Tesla
Sample tube diameter (OD)	40 mm
Sample length	Clear bore
Field uniformity	< 1 ppm
Gradient coils	Active shielded - 0.25 T/m
Magnet weight	100 kg
Magnet dimensions	cylinder: $\phi = 30$ cm length = 40 cm



# Current State of Art Extremity MRI

GE Optima MR430s 1.5 T (superconducting)



Esaote O scan 0.35 T (permanent)





# Rozwiązanie problemu

Kombinacja trzech istniejących technologii:

- Technologia TRACE MRI rozwinięta w IBD NRC
- Halbach MRI magnet developed by AMAG, Kraków
- Miniature RF amplifiers

G.E. Sarty, J. Sharp, B. Tomanek, K. Turek, A. Obenaus, A. Scott, L. Piche, S. Kontulainen, P. Chilibeck, J. Farthing, A. Baxter-Jones, R. Pierson, "**A Magnetic Resonance Imager for the International Space Station**", International Astronautical Federation, 63rd International Astronautical Congress, Naples, Italy, October 1-5, 2012.

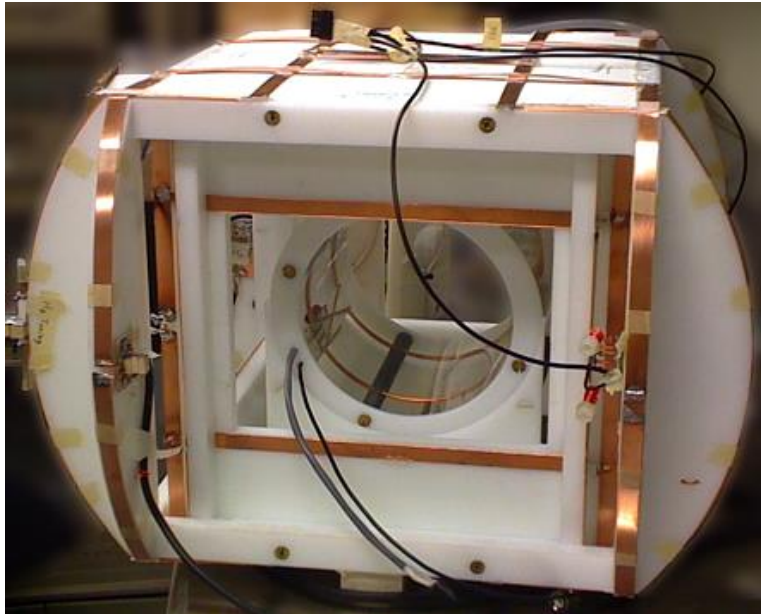
# TRansmit Array Spatial Encoding (TRASE) MRI

TECHNOLOGY

## A cheaper, quieter MRI machine

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is expensive, noisy and requires bulky equipment. It can also have side effects, such as stimulating nerves in patients. These problems arise from the constant switching between positive and negative radiofrequency fields gradient pulses that manipulate the spin of hydrogen nuclei throughout the patient's body. Energized nuclei produce radiofrequency signals, which carry the information used to build up an image.

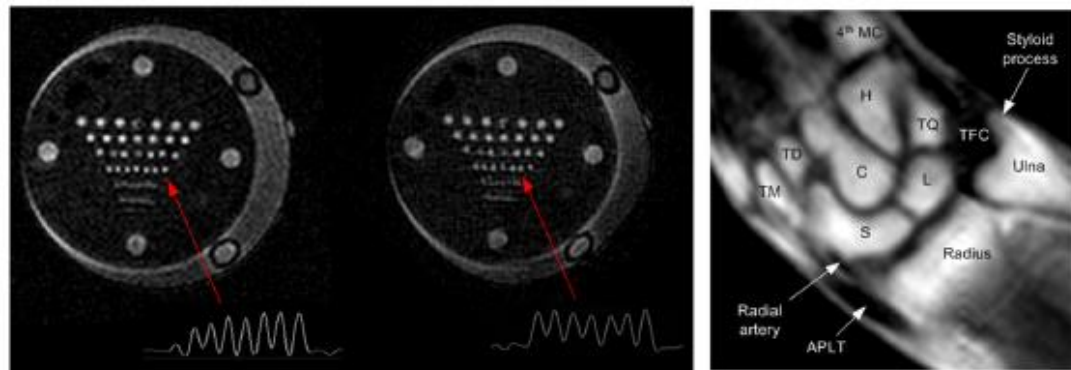
By exploiting the radiofrequency pulses used to prepare the nuclei, Jonathan Sharp at Alberta Innovates Technology Futures in Calgary, Canada, and his colleagues removed the need for switched magnetic fields. Instead, they manipulated the nuclei using pairs of resonant radiofrequency fields twisted in opposing directions and a static magnetic field. The technique could make MRI cheaper, accessible and quieter. *NMR Biomed.* <http://doi.org/nqf> (2013)



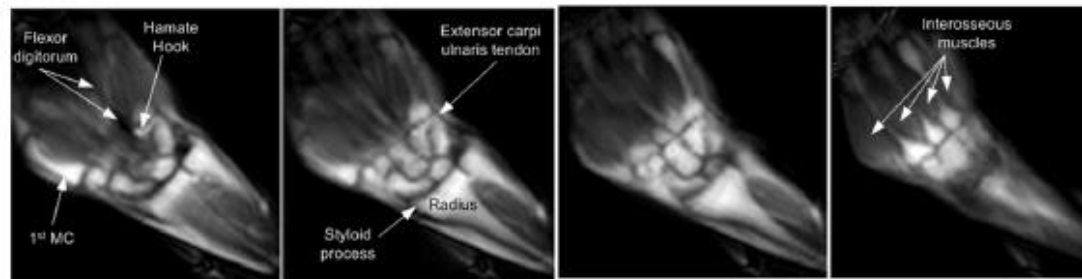
New method of spatial encoding using  $B_1$  gradients produced by special RF coils

Sharp J.C., King S.B., Deng Q, Volotovskyy V. and Tomanek B., High-resolution, MRI encoding using radiofrequency phase gradients, *NMR Biomed.* 26 (2013) 1602-1607.

# TRACE MRI - Obrazy



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*Sharp J.C., King S.B., Deng Q, Volotovskyy V. and Tomanek B., High-resolution, MRI encoding using radiofrequency phase gradients, NMR Biomed. 26 (2013) 1602-1607.*

# Effect of Utilizing TRASE Technology

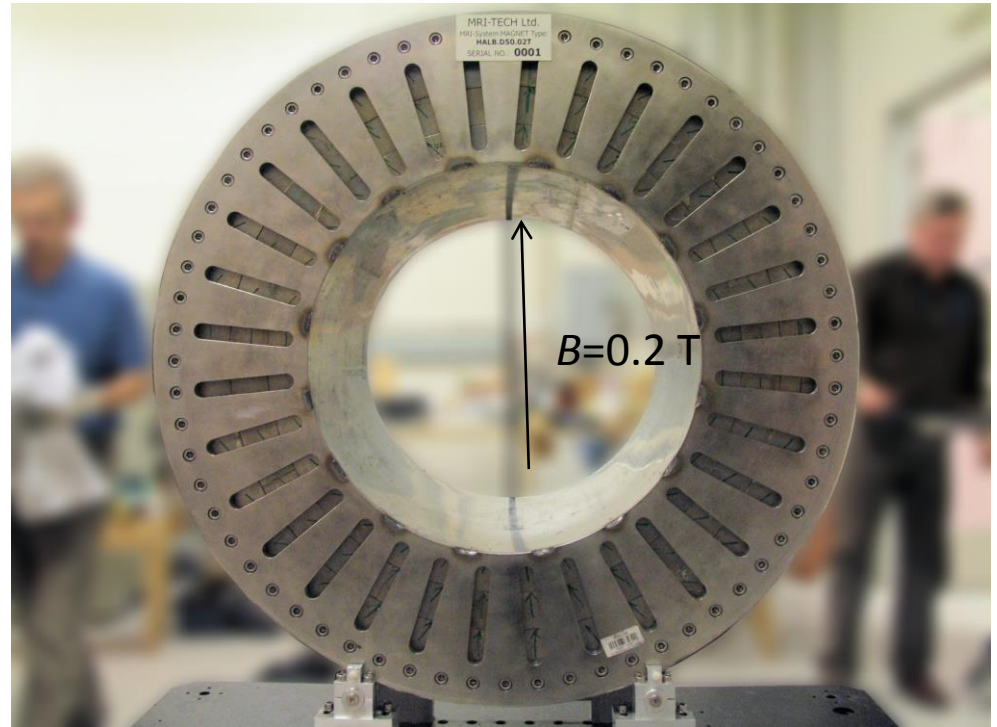
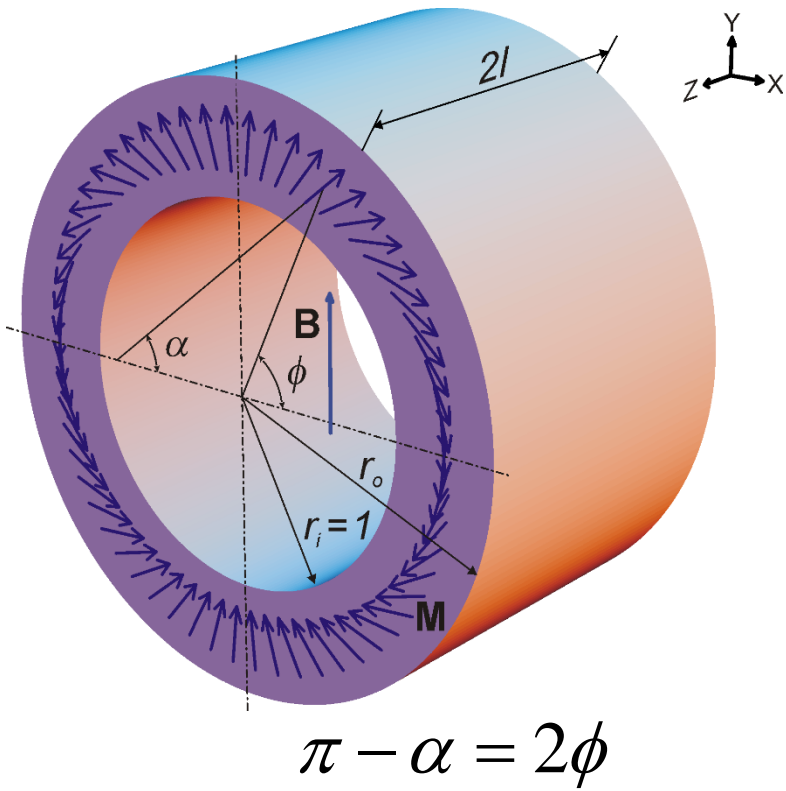
## Gradient equipment is:

- heavy
- expensive,
- power hungry
- complex
- noisy
- can induce eddy currents in nearby conducting structures including patient

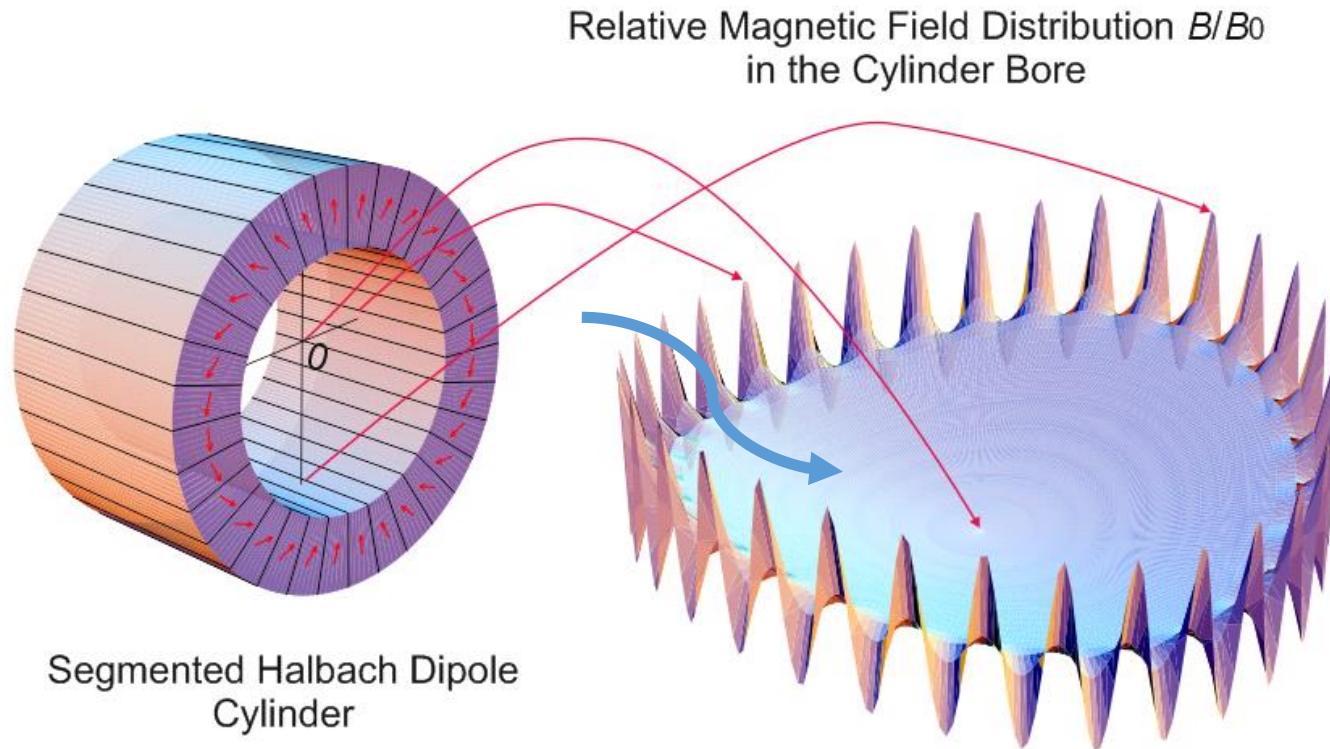


**Fortunately it can be eliminated !!!**

# Halbach Magnets

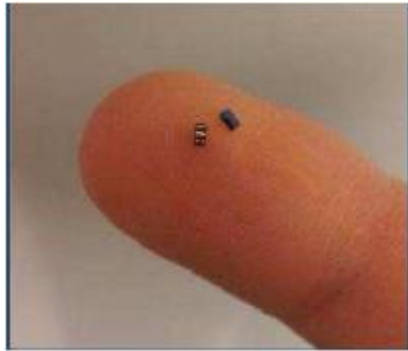


# Mathematical Framework



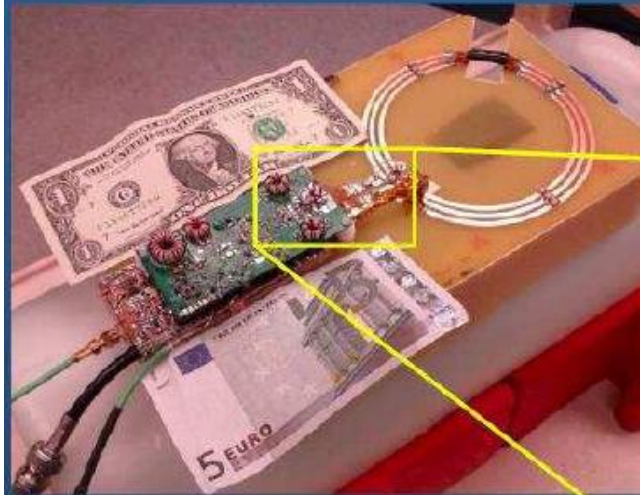
1. K. Turek, P. Liszkowski, *Surface charge contribution to the 3D magnetic field in Halbach dipole cylinders (submitted to IEEE Mag.)*.
2. K. Turek, P. Liszkowski, *Perturbations of homogeneity of magnetic field generated by finite Halbach dipole magnets, JMR, **238** (2014), 52-62.*

# Miniature RF amplifiers technology

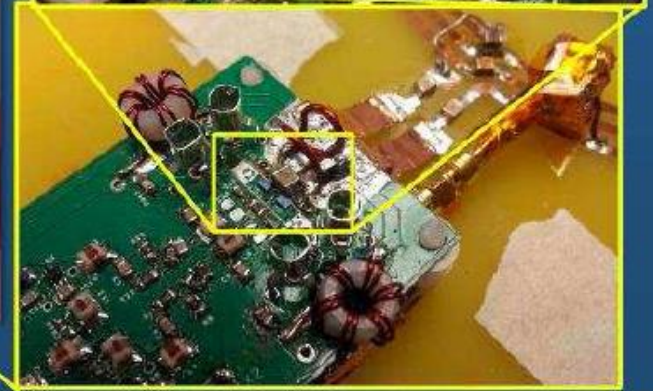


Module designed for 63.6MHz  
Mounted on D=10cm, N=3 RF coil<sup>3</sup>  
16VDC, 5VDC, and RF inputs

The heart of  
the amplifier,  
eGaN FETs  
from EPC  
Corporation



<sup>3</sup>N Gudino, poster #2738



*M. Twieg, M. J. Riffe, N. Gudino and M. A. Griswold, Enhancement Mode GaN (eGaN) FETs for On-Coil MRI Transmitt Amplifiers, Proc. Int. Soc. Mag. Reson. Med. 21 (2013)*

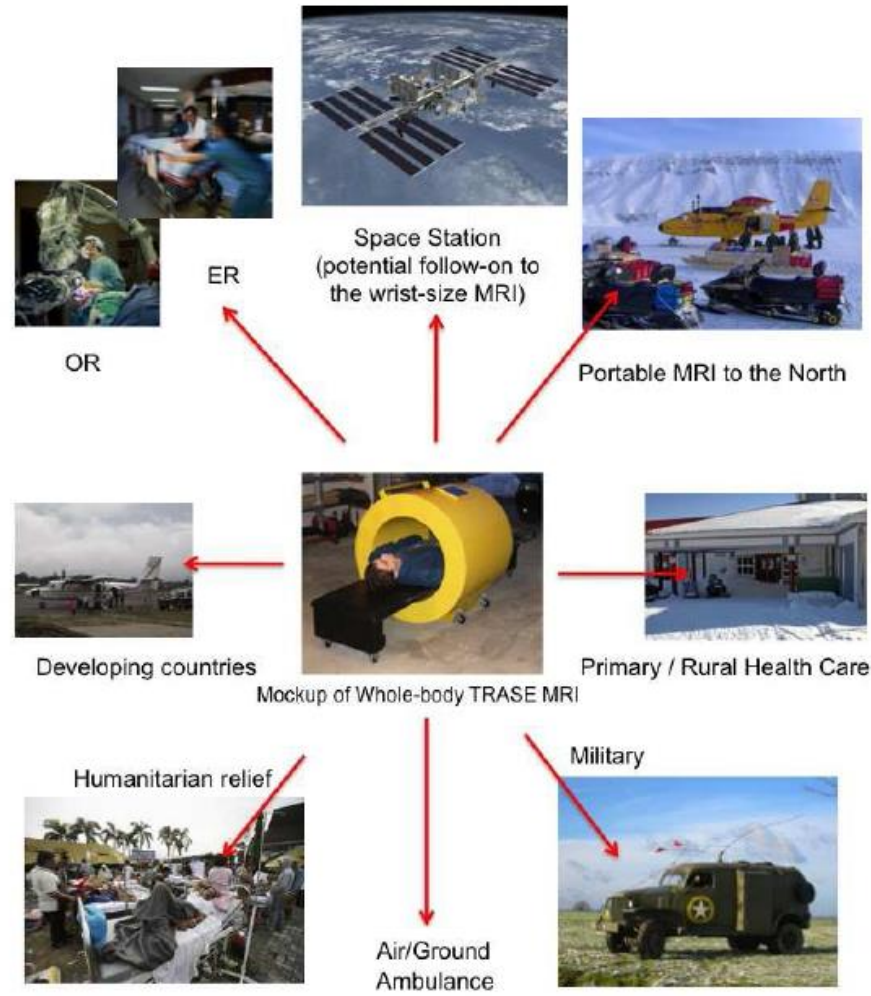
The amplifier as applied to a conventional MRI RF coil

# Obecny status projektu

- Grudzień 2013 CSA przyjmuje ofertę sprzedaży Jej Wysokości Królowej Kanady studium wykonalności sytemu MRI nadgarstka do badań na ISS.
- Obecnie (10.01.2014) studium wykonalności projektu jest w fazie realizacji.



# Z przestrzeni kosmicznej na ziemię

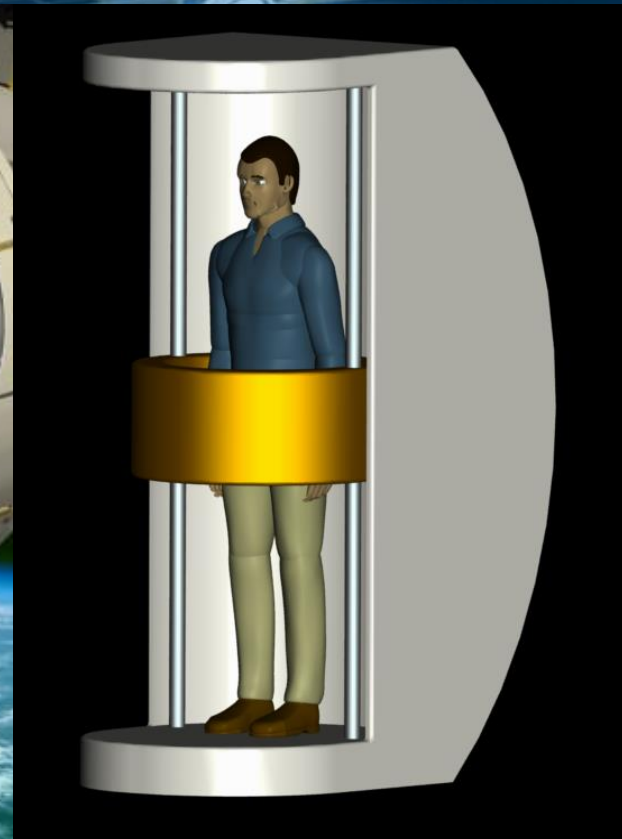
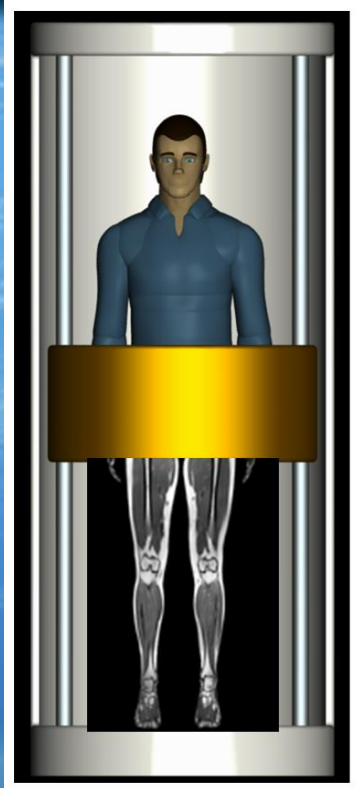


ER – Emergency Room  
OR- Operating room



Autor rysunku: Gordon Sarty

# Vision of the Space MRI Scanner



Dziękuję z uwagą

