

# Resilient Design of Extraterrestrial Habitats

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# Outline

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- What is resilience?
- How does this apply to deep space habitats?
- Challenges in a system of systems
- What is RETH Institute?
- How can we design for resilience?
- What are the specific challenges in this approach?



# Previous Projects

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- NSF MRI
- NSF NEESR
- NSF CISE
- NSF RCN



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# What is resilience?

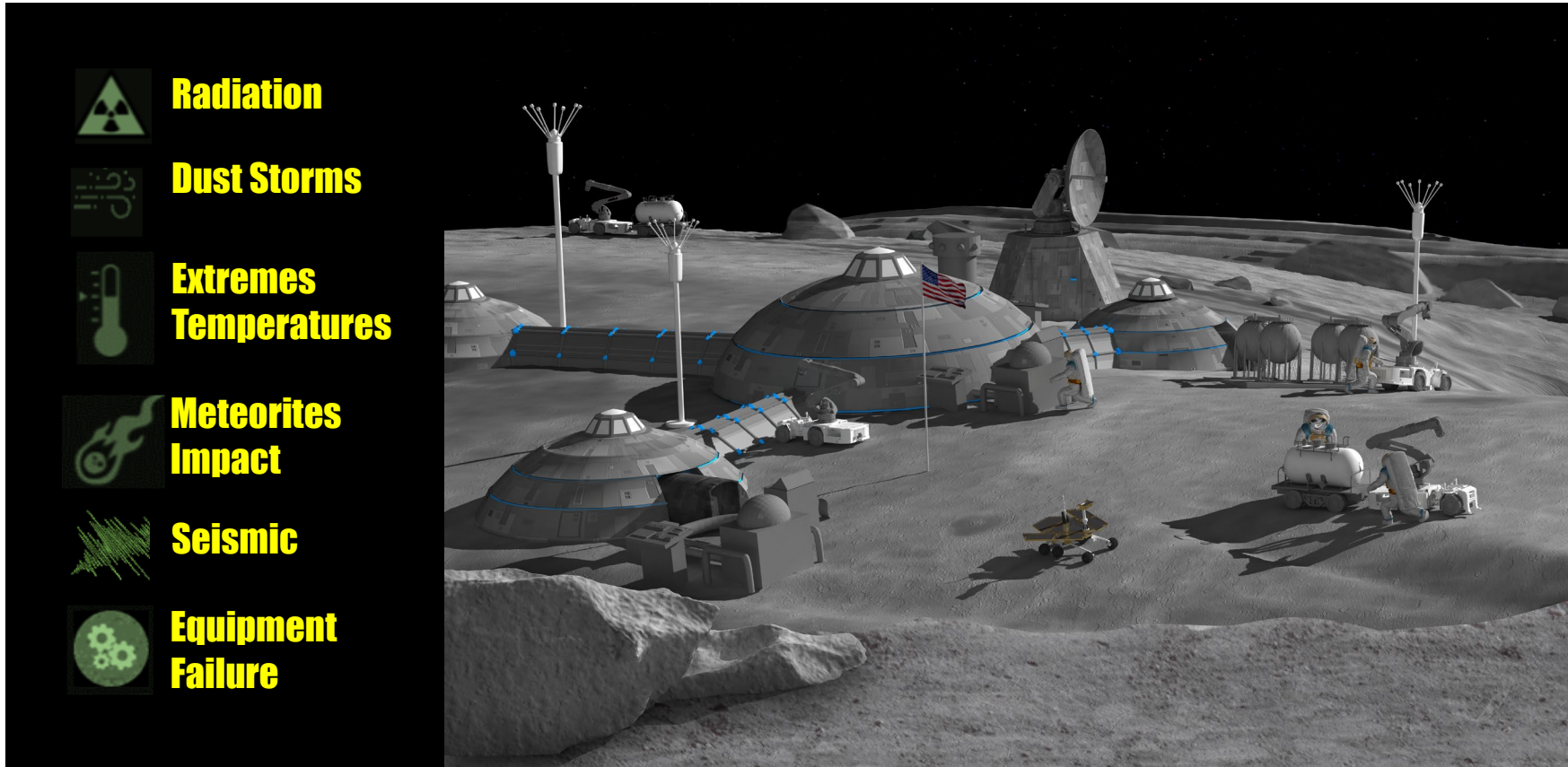
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



- Resilience is *not* simply robustness, reliability or redundancy....
- Resilience is a comprehensive approach that accounts for *disruptions* through the design process and adapts to them in operation
- We currently lack the innovative design frameworks and technologies needed for deep space habitats to successfully achieve this level of resilience and function autonomously under (and transition between) a variety of unmanned and manned operating modes.



# RETH Institute



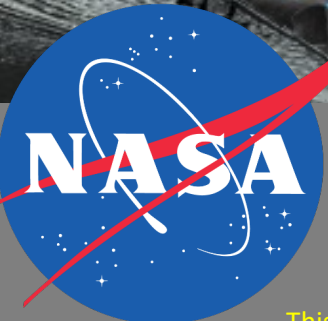
-  **Radiation**
-  **Dust Storms**
-  **Extremes Temperatures**
-  **Meteorites Impact**
-  **Seismic**
-  **Equipment Failure**

In a world of **finite resources, irreducible uncertainty, and extreme hazards**, safety is created through **proactive resilient processes** rather than through reactive barriers and defenses.



*Vision: Enable the design and realization of smart and resilient space habitats.*

*Mission: To propel space exploration forward by developing new knowledge, technologies and techniques and collaborating with other NASA centers and industry to establish the knowhow to create smart and resilient extraterrestrial habitats.*



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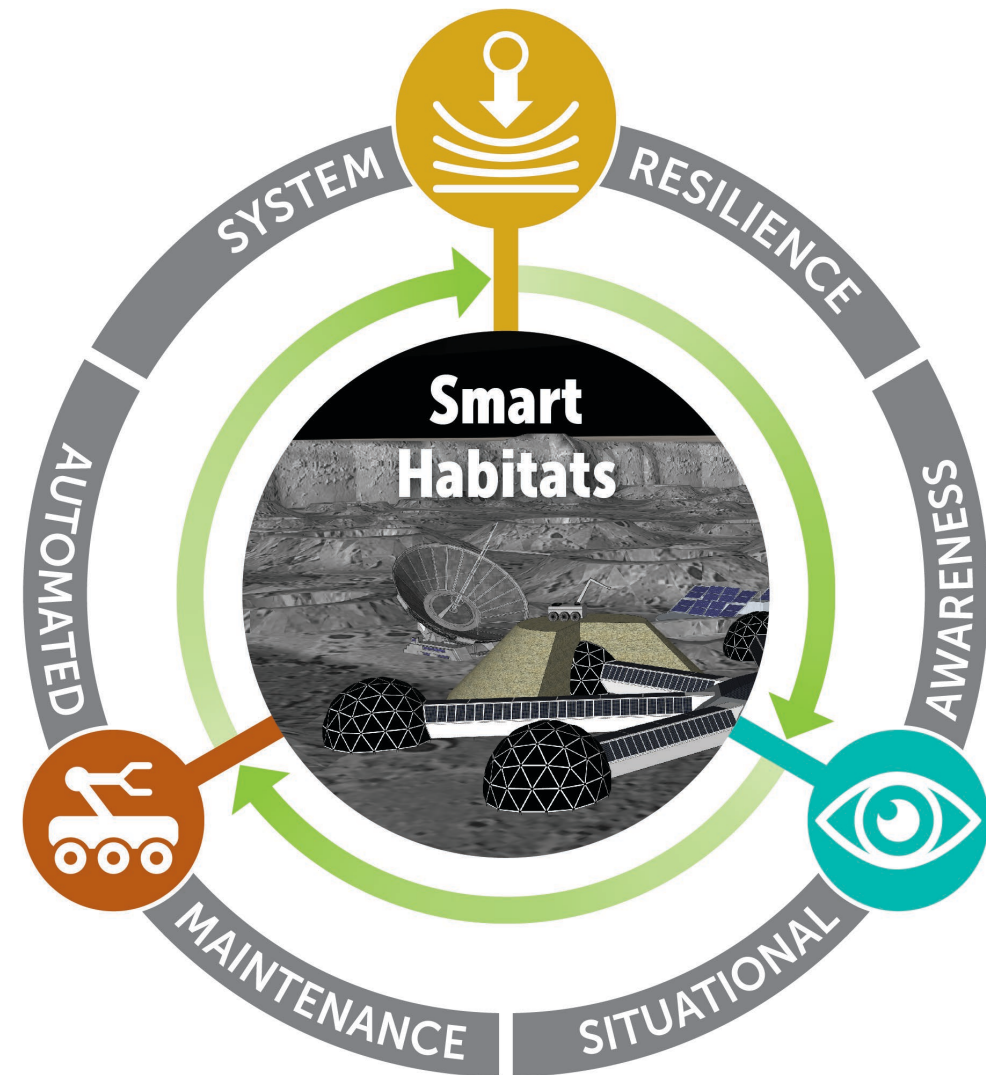
## Partner Institutions:

- Purdue University (HQ)
- University of Connecticut
- Harvard University
- University of Texas-San Antonio



## Corporate Partners

- Collins Aerospace
- ILC Dover



# Civil Engineering



# Mechanical Engineering



# Aero... Engineering





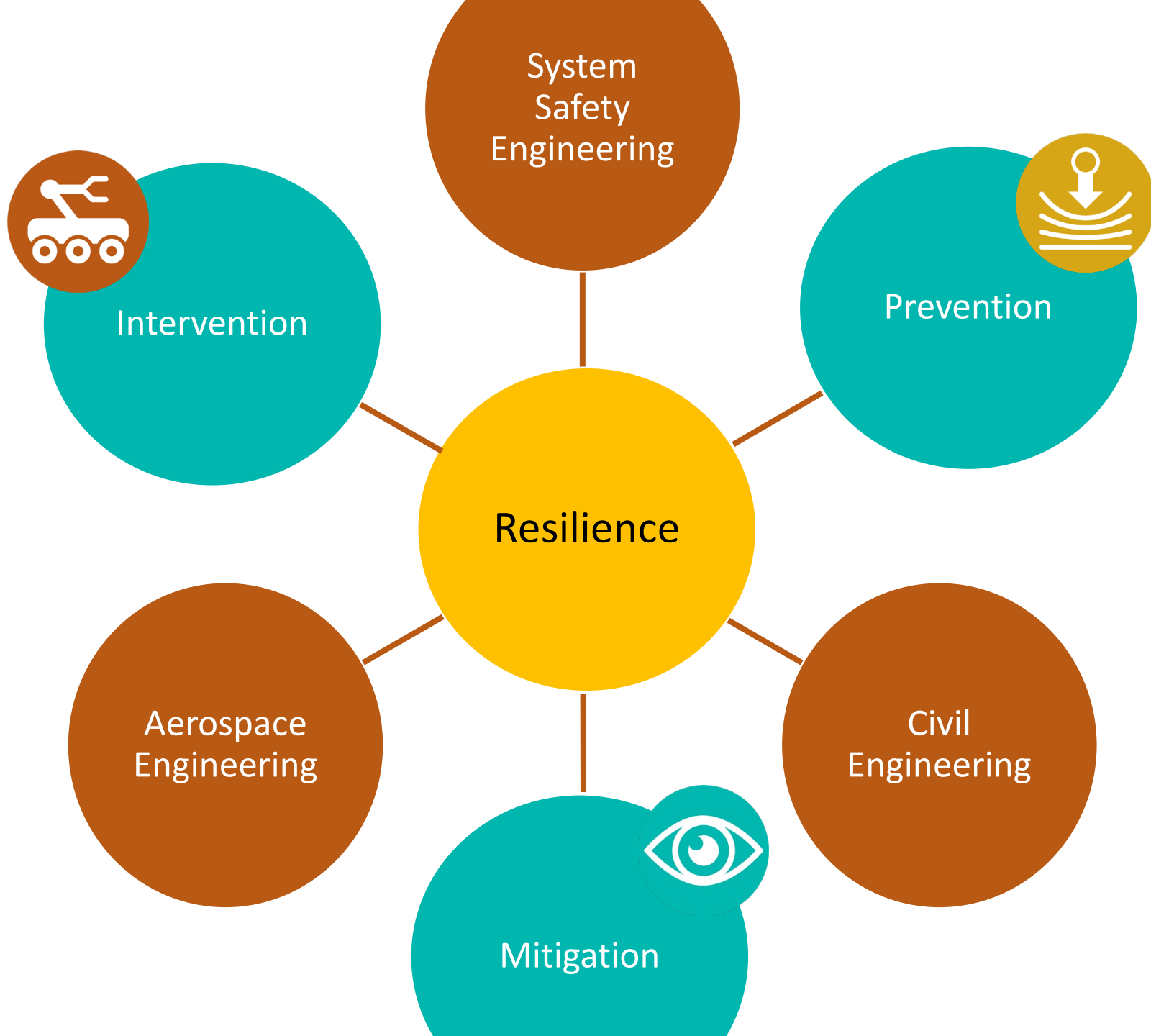
# Resilient Design of System-of-Systems

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- Multi-hazard / Unknown hazards
- Numerous failure modes / vulnerabilities / cascading failures
- Emergent behaviors / complex systems
- Limited resources
- Numerous configurations / modes of operation
- Long periods of dormancy





System  
Safety  
Engineering

Prevention

Civil  
Engineering

Resilience

Intervention

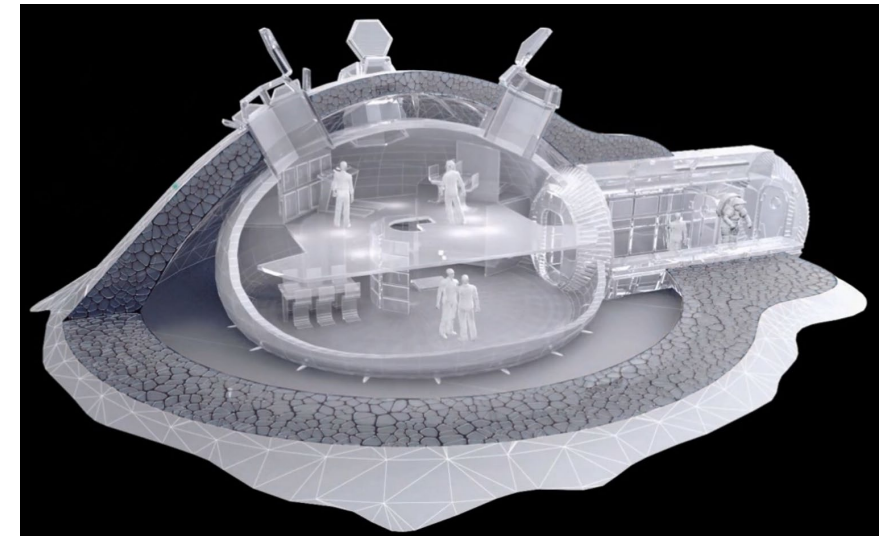
Aerospace  
Engineering

Mitigation

# Resilience is not robustness, reliability or redundancy ...



- Risk analysis, risk management and health management are widely used to support system performance and reliability
- Existing approaches are driven by avoiding or minimizing the occurrence of known/anticipated faults.
- For long term space habitat system this is inadequate:
  - high reliability is **inefficient** and **costly**
  - disruptions are **inevitable**, yet difficult to predict
  - humans will **not always** be present



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# Our Approach to Resilience

1 State estimation, assessment of performance or function.

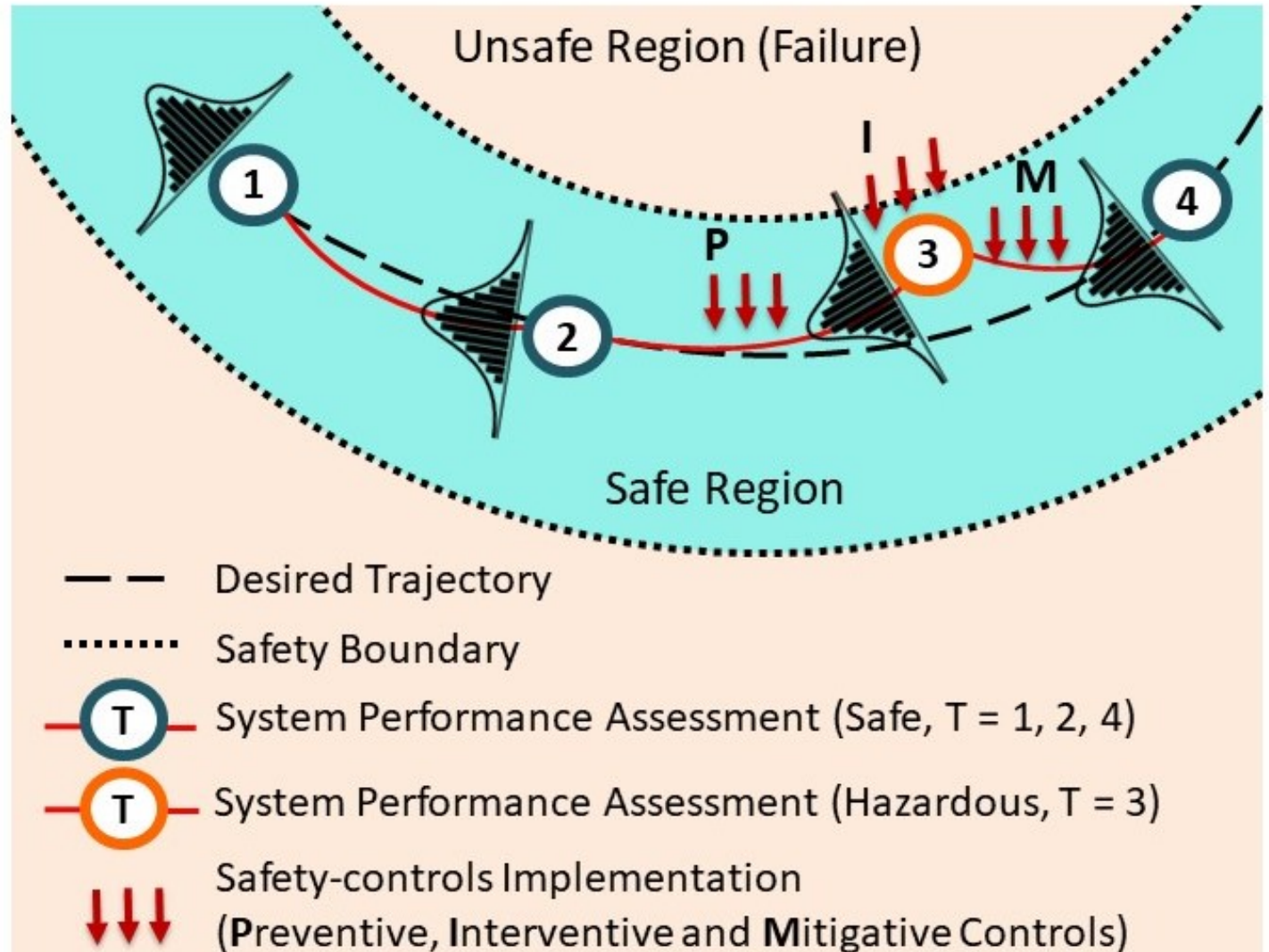
2 Within boundary.

↓↓↓ Safety-controls act (passive)

3 State estimation, identification of undesirable trajectory. Action must be taken. *Decision* made.

↓↓↓ Safety-controls act (adaptive)

4 State estimation, assessment of performance or function. Within boundary.





Thrust 1 will develop the techniques needed to establish a control-theoretic paradigm for resilience, and the computational capabilities needed to capture complex behaviors and perform trade studies to weigh different choices regarding habitat architecture and onboard decisions.



Thrust 2 will develop and validate generic, robust, and scalable methods for detection and diagnosis of anticipated and unanticipated faults that incorporates an automated active learning framework with robots- and humans-in-the-loop.



Thrust 3 will develop and demonstrate the technologies needed to realize teams of independent autonomous robots, built using soft materials, that navigate through dynamic environments, select the appropriate modular sensors and end-effectors for specific needs, and collaboratively replace damaged structural elements using deployable modules.

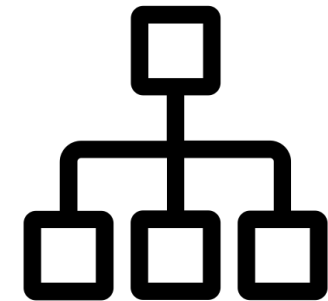
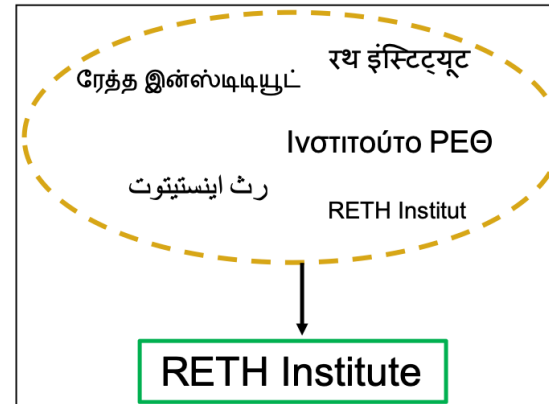
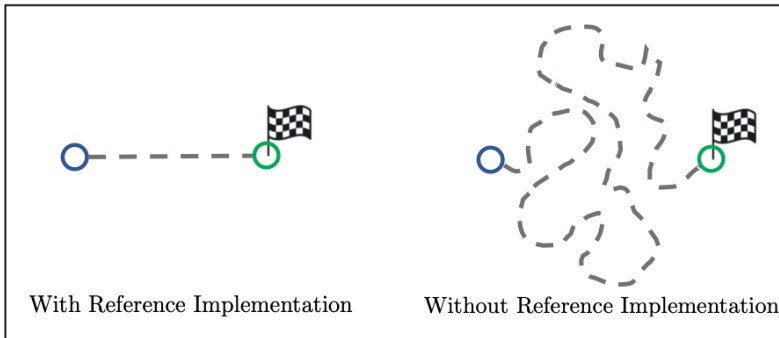
# Reference Implementation

- End-to-end representative example that is used to establish the steps and tool chain that must be developed

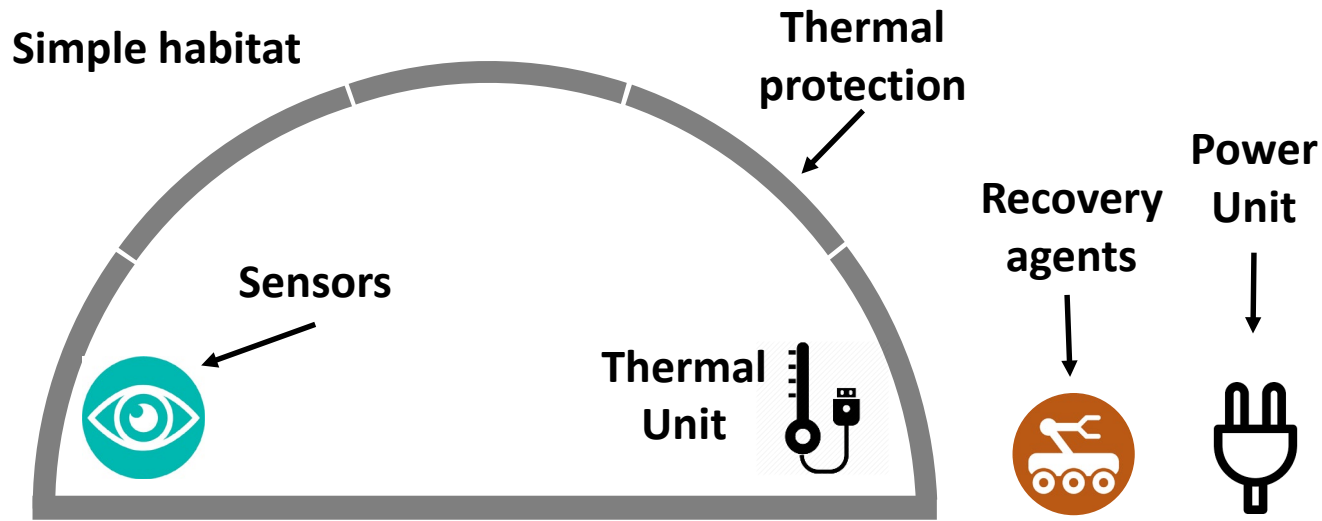
Demonstrate the process (end-to-end)

Develop a common language

Establish framework for more accurate models



# Thermal Management



## Environmental Model

External temperature  
Radiative heating  
Meteoroids

## Structural Subsystem

Damage state

## Thermal Subsystem

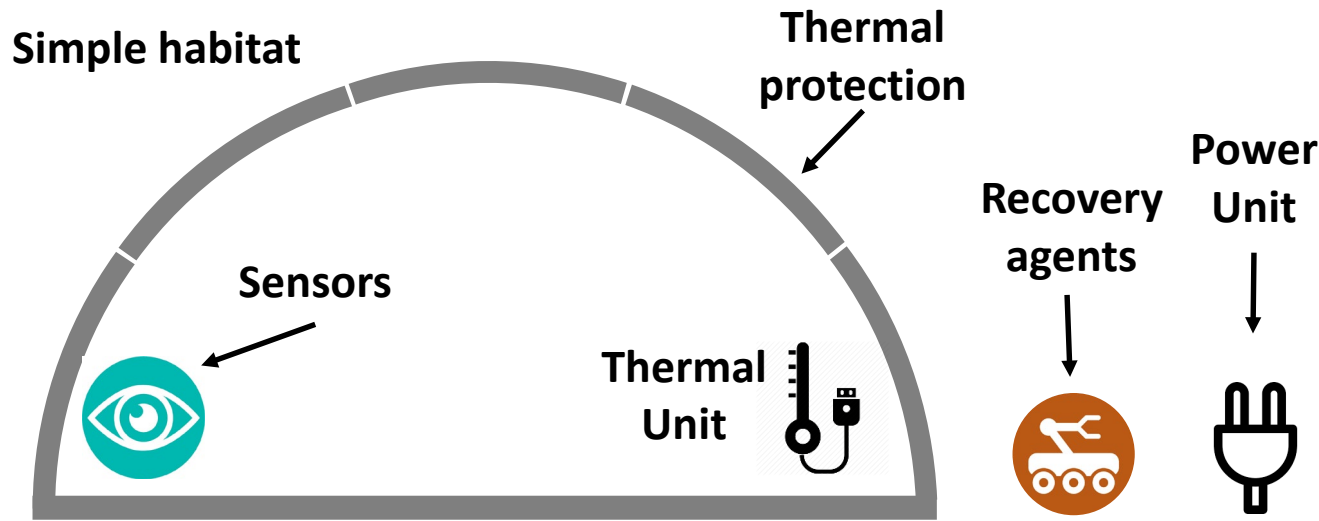
Conductivity  
Damage influence  
Management

## Power Subsystem

Limitations



# Thermal Management



## Sample Research Questions

- *What are the safety controls?*
- *How to model the interdependencies between subsystems?*
- *How to determine the number/location of sensors needed?*
- *How do we quantify the resilience power of safety controls?*
- *What is the impact of a sensor failure?*
- *What partitioning of the system is appropriate for cyber-physical testing?*

### Sensing

Temperature  
Accelerometers

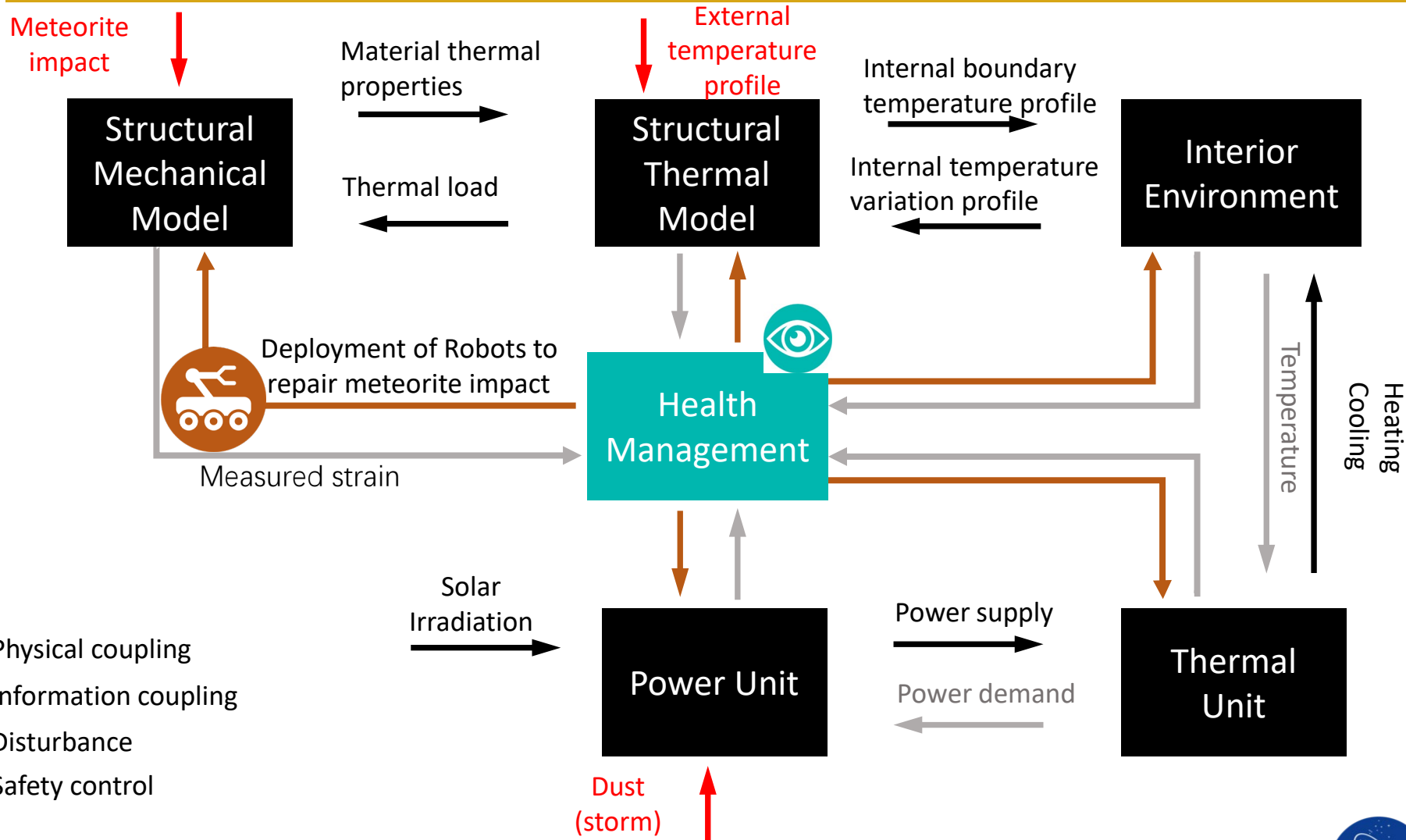
### Interventions

Repair  
Data Gathering





# Thermal Management



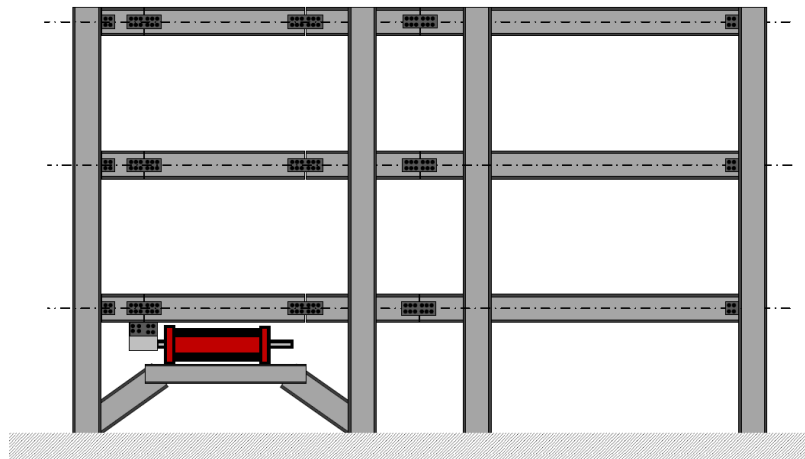
- Physical coupling
- Information coupling
- Disturbance
- Safety control



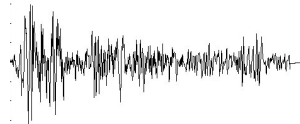
# Past work ... Real-time Hybrid Simulation



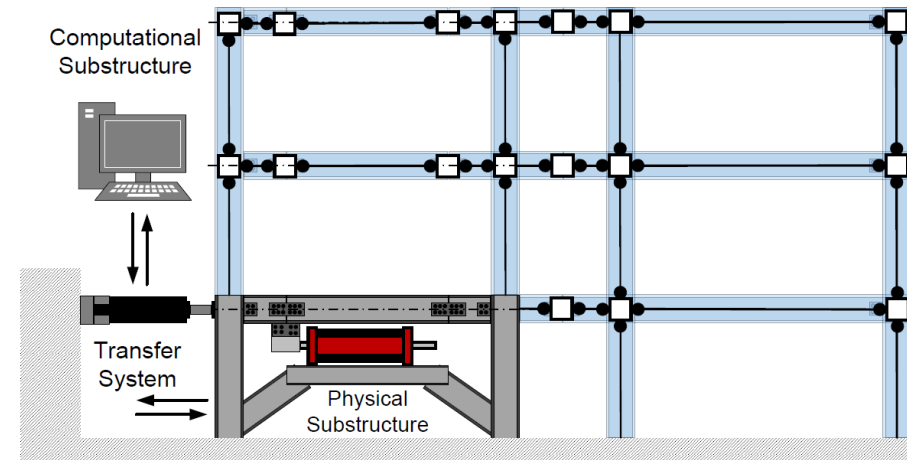
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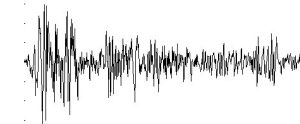
Seismic  
Excitation



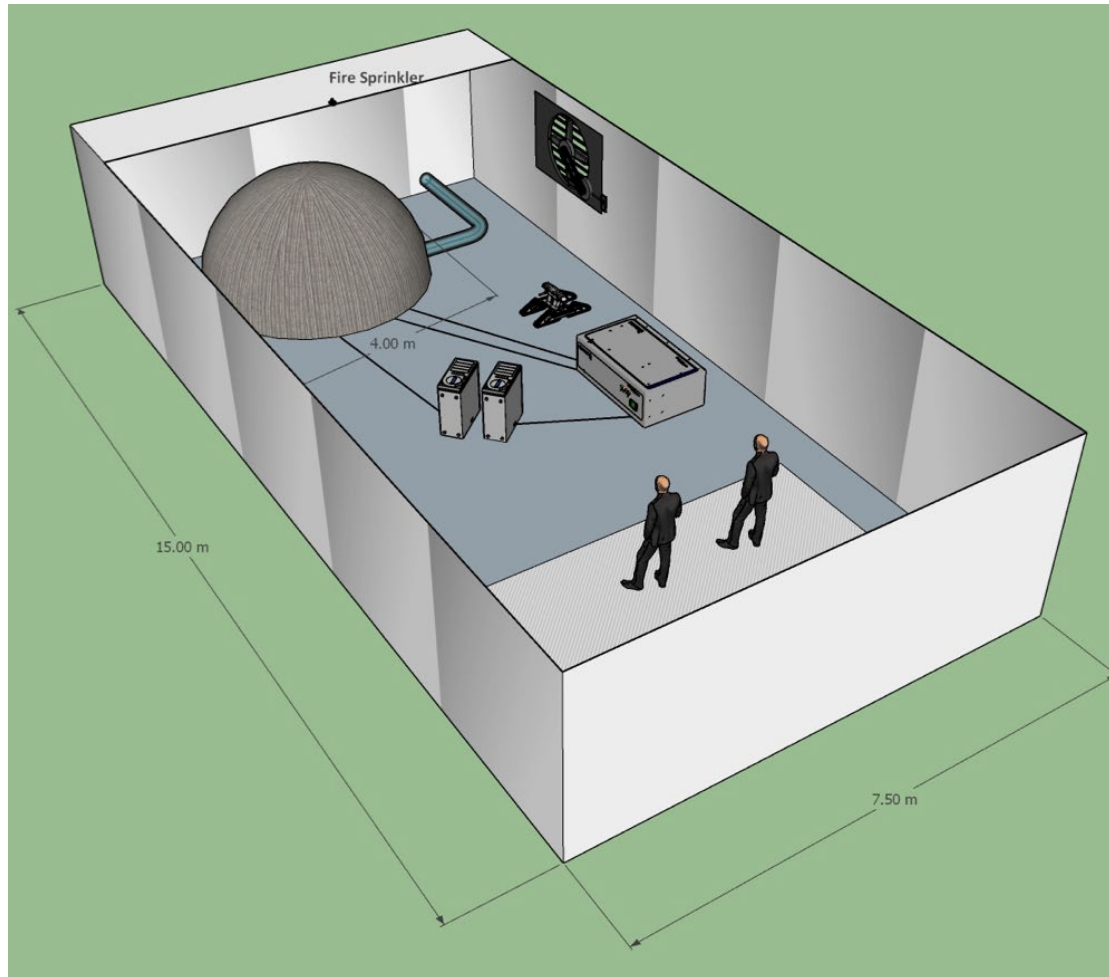
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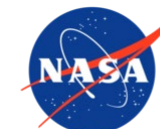
# Cyber-Physical Testbed



The “**reconfigurable habitat**” will initially consist of one dome-type structure, with removable panels and several subsystems.

We can emulate various conditions, operating modes, configurations – sometimes physically and sometimes virtually.

We can examine resilience under various faults, deterioration, etc. Growth of the habitat system can also be investigated.



# Cyber-Physical Testbed Characteristics

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- Includes Cyber Components
- Includes Physical Components
- Can be configured in multiple ways
  - to represent different *reference systems*
  - to examine different aspects of a *single reference system*
- Leverages the control-oriented dynamic computational modeling platform (CDCM) for real time execution
- Leverages our models, codes/software, etc



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