

# Helmet Core Temperature Sensor

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# Preliminary Presentation

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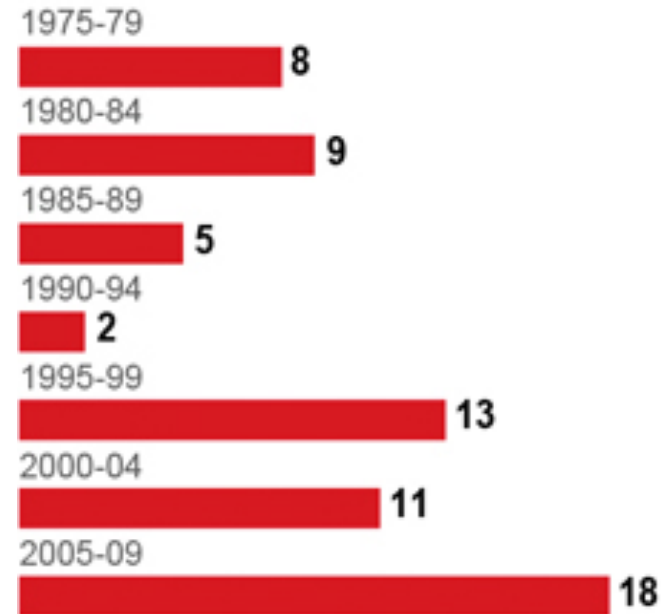
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# Background and Need

- 1979-1995: 7000 heat related deaths in the US (1)
- Heat illness - Third leading cause of death in US high school athletes (2)
- Since 1995, 39 football players have died of heatstroke (2)

## Heat deaths rising

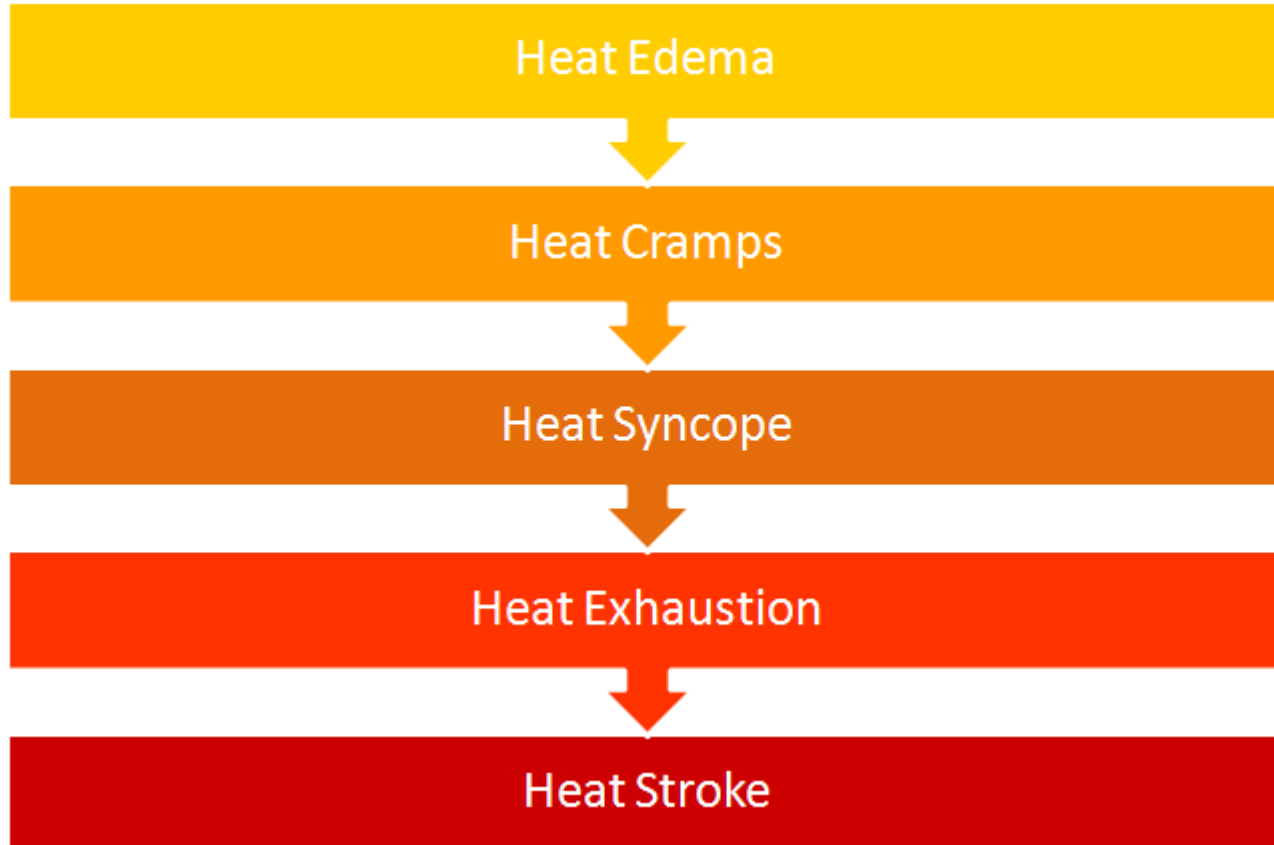
Heat-related fatalities that occurred during sports have more than doubled since 1975.



Source: Korey Stringer Institute  
By Veronica Salazar, USA TODAY

1. "Heat Illness Among High School Athletes --- United States, 2005--2009." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 20 Aug. 2010. Web. 29 Sept. 2013.
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# Stages of Heat Illness



# Project Scope

- System that uses sensors to measure a player's core temperature
- installed in a football helmet or mouth guard and will alert the player if he/she is overheating
- Accurately measure core temperature in a timely manner allowing athletes to get immediate treatment
- Research will be done to determine the best location for the sensors and the number of sensors needed
- system must not compromise the helmet or mouth guards protective integrity and must meet current industry durability standards for repeated impacts

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# Design Specification

Specification	Requirement
Size	All components fit in existing equipment
Weight	Light enough to not alter equipment's position
Audible	Alarm is easily heard by athlete (~75 dB)
Accurate	$\pm .1^{\circ} \text{C}$
Reliable	Limited false alarms
Durable	Can continue operating after an impact of 1200 SI
Cost	No requirement

# Design Specification

- Sensor Placement
- Number of Sensors
- Frequency of Readings
- Power Requirement
- Equipment Standards
  - Acceptable Severity Index on all impact tests

$$SI = \int_0^T a(t) dt$$



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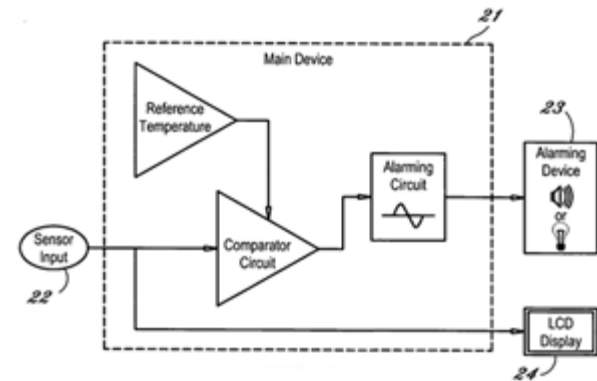
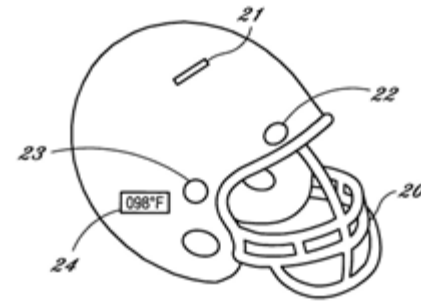
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# Patent: Temperature Measuring Helmet

- A patent filed for a temperature monitoring device
- The device uses thermistor sensors and comparison circuit
- Measures skin temperature on the forehead



# Patent: Helmet Sensor

- A patent for a device to monitor helmet temperature and movement
- The device measures skin temperature on the forehead

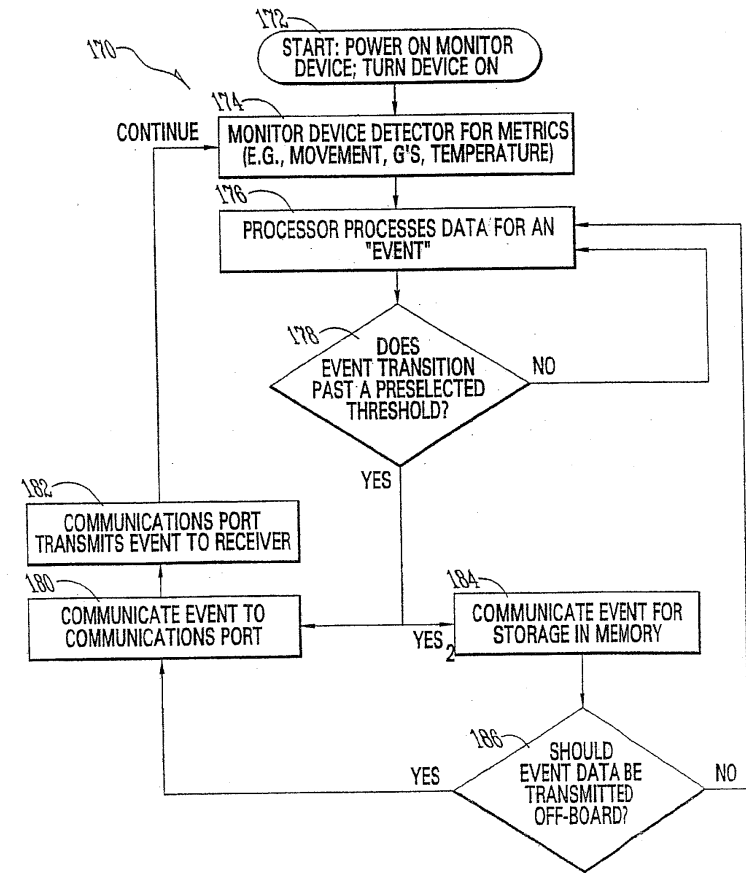


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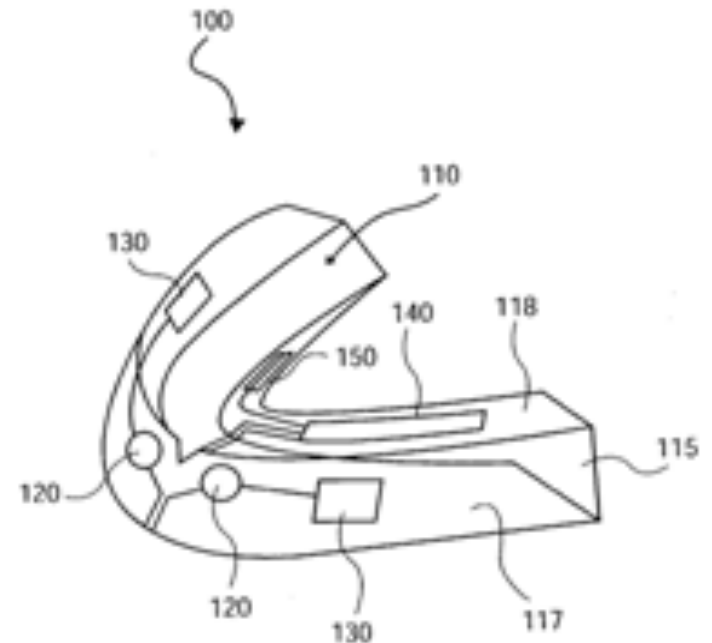
# Heat Observation Technology



- Hothead Technologies, Inc
- Collects body temperature inside a helmet on an individual
- Monitors forehead skin temperature
- Transfer information to cloud based database

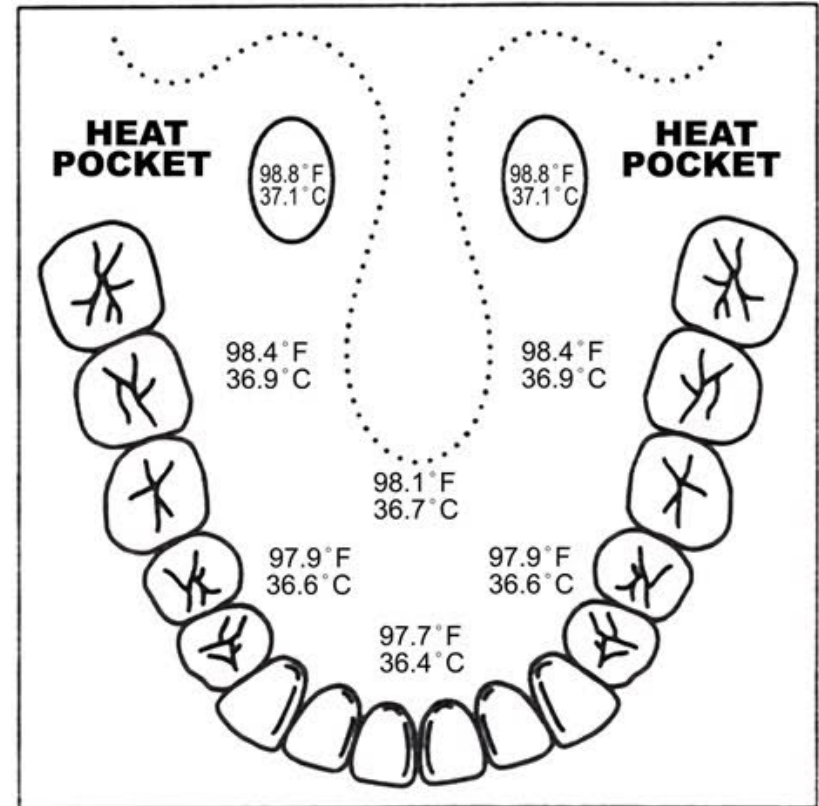
# Mouthpiece Monitor

- monitor a subject's core temperature during physical exercise using a mouthpiece
- temperature sensor that can read the subject's core temperature and is then transmitted to the processor
- temperature passes a certain set threshold, an alarm will be activated



# Oral Temperature

- -0.4 degrees below core temperature
- different temperatures in different parts of mouth cavity
- highly influenced by food or fluid intake and breathing - impractical for exercise



# Temporal Scanner™

- Exergen Corporation
- Measures core temperature based on the temporal artery
- Scans for temperatures while in contact with skin
- Displays highest temperature read

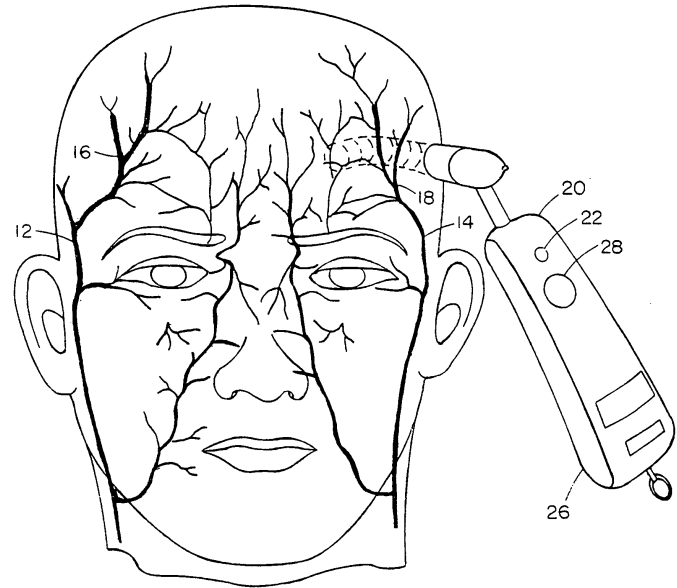


FIG. 1

# Temporal Artery Thermometry

- $T_c = (h/pc)(T_s - T_a) + T_s$
- Represents heat transfer from blood to skin and heat loss of skin to surroundings
- Parameters are empirically derived
- Most accurate when p is at a maximum

$T_c$	core temperature
$T_s$	surface temp.
$T_a$	ambient temp.
h	heat transfer
p	perfusion rate
c	blood specific heat



# Preliminary Design Schedule

	September					October				November				December	
Tasks	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28	3	10	17	24	1	8
Team/Project Selection	Green	Blue													
Project Scope		Green	Blue												
Preliminary Literary Search		Green	Green	Green	Blue										
Preliminary Report and Presentation			Green	Green	Blue										
Design Options				Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue						
Web Page					Green	Blue									
Design Safe						Blue									
Progress Report and Presentation							Green	Green	Blue						
Final Design								Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue		
Final Report and Presentation											Green	Green	Green	Blue	
Poster													Green	Green	Blue

# Current Organization



Grace

- Preliminary Report
- Existing Technologies (Temperature Sensors)
- DesignSafe



Norman

- Progress Report
- Existing Technologies (Exergen)
- Project Website



Tyler

- Final Report
- Project Specifications
- Sensor Locations/CAD