



ALCOMETRE

AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO PREVENT DRUNK DRIVING

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The Existing Problem

- ▶ Totally preventable.
- ▶ Those who are otherwise generally law-abiding, commit this offense.



**Not everyone who gets hit
by a drunk driver dies.**



 Jacqueline Saburido was 20 years old when the car she was riding in was hit by a drunk driver. Today, at 23, she is still working to put her life back together.
[Learn more at www.TexasDWI.org](http://www.TexasDWI.org)

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE 

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QUICK FACTS

- ▶ 14,000
 - ▶ 160 million
 - ▶ 9 billion
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- ▶ 14,000 fatalities a year in the US from car accidents due to drunk driving

- *NHTSA, 2007*



- ▶ Over 160 million people in the United States consume alcohol.



NHTSA, 2007

- ▶ Drunk driving costs the US economy \$9 billion per year.



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Stakeholders

- ▶ The Community



- ▶ Law Enforcement Agencies

- ▶ Insurance Companies



- ▶ Non-profit Groups

Traditional Solution

- ▶ Breathalyzers

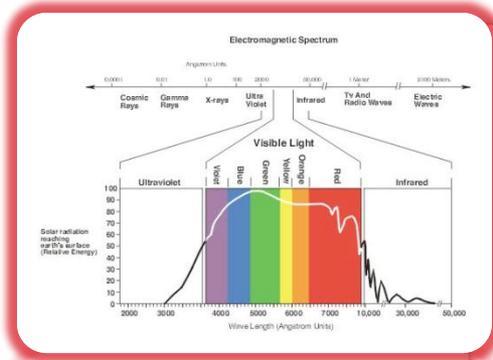
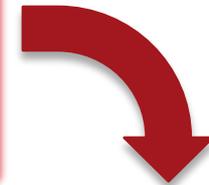
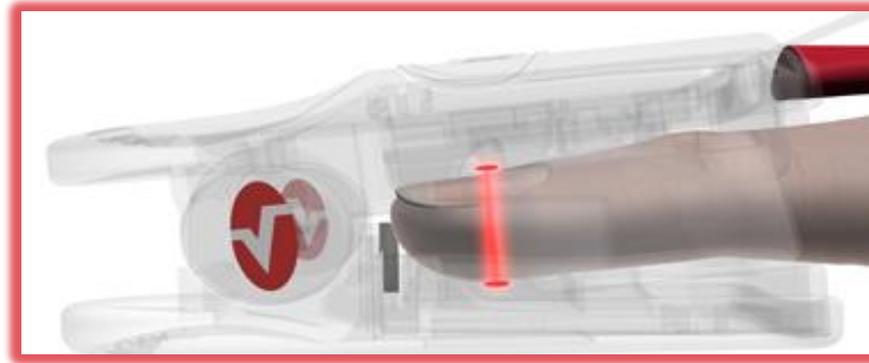
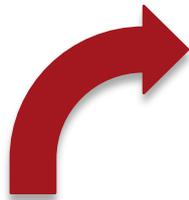


Shortcomings of Breathlyzers

- ▶ Recalibration needed
- ▶ Lung capacity
- ▶ Impurities in the mouth
- ▶ Hygiene

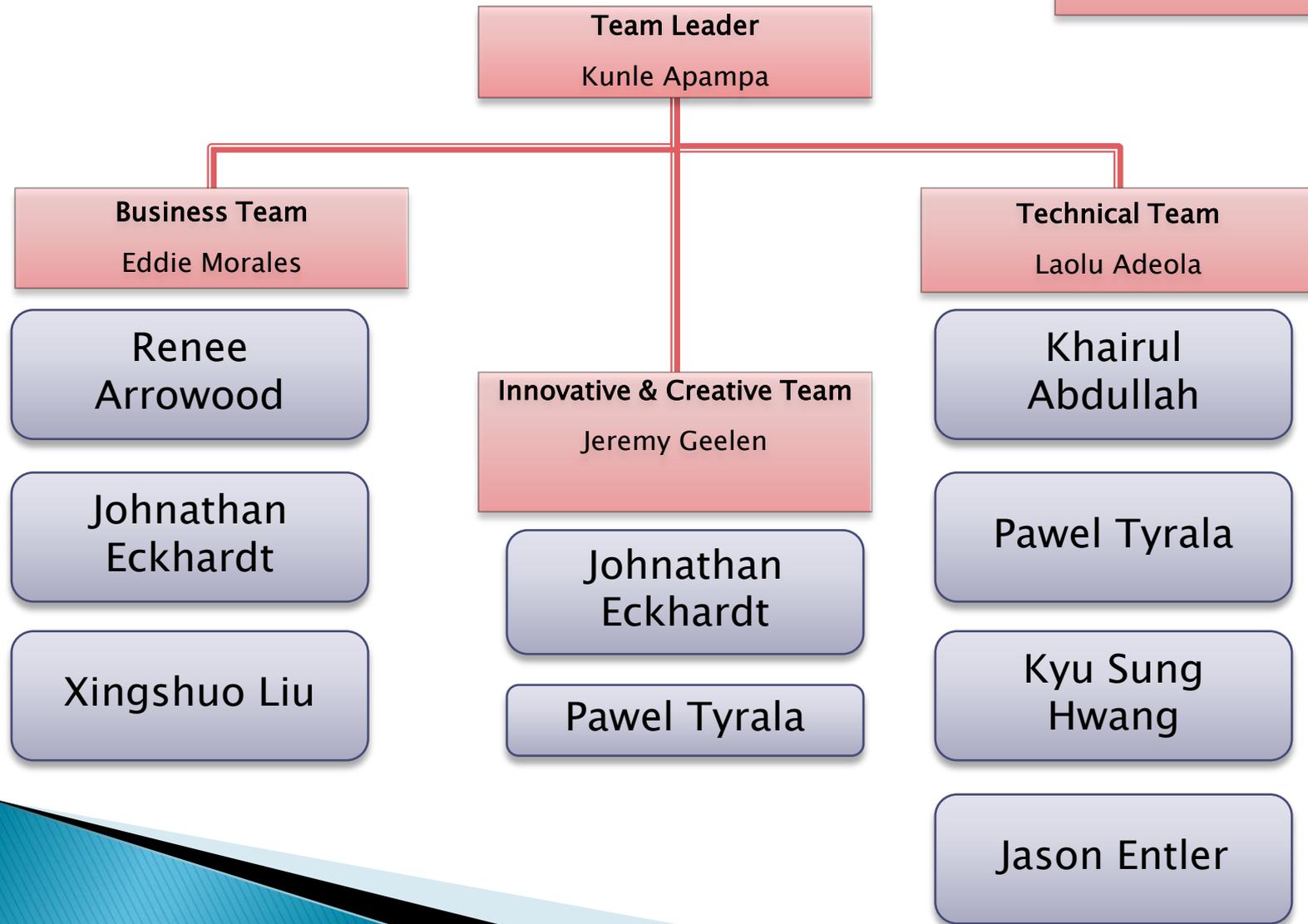


OUR SOLUTION



TEAM ORGANIZATION

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SETTING OBJECTIVES



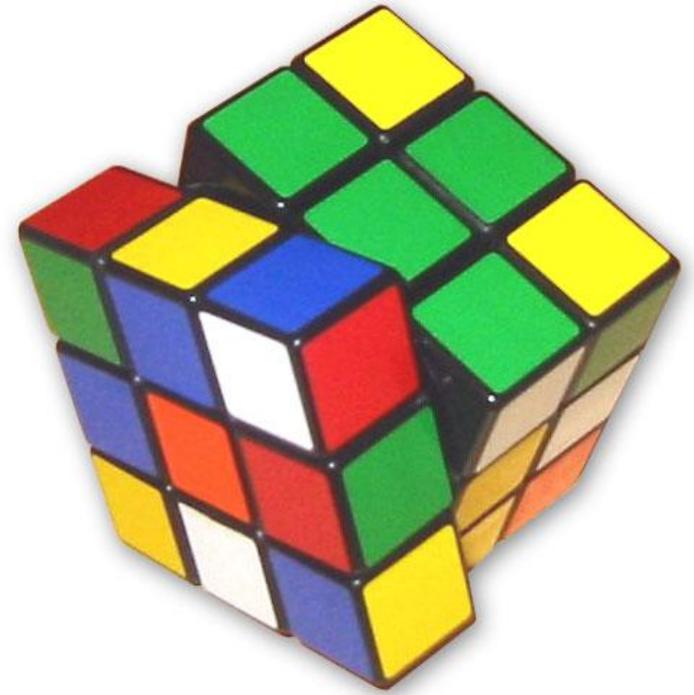
- ▶ Research infrared, biometric scanners.
- ▶ Identify current technology.
- ▶ Identify competition .
- ▶ Engage our potential market and conduct feasibility study.
- ▶ Prepare an opportunity assessment.
- ▶ Build a prototype.

TASKS & MEETINGS

- ▶ Prepared Gantt Chart
 - ▶ Set milestones
 - ▶ Met twice a week
 - ▶ Each person had to turn in a report each week
 - ▶ Sub-team leaders compiled reports
 - ▶ Finding reviewed once a week
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The Beginning

- ▶ Vague Idea About The Technology
- ▶ Reference To Similar Applications
 - Hospitals Checking Properties With Light
- ▶ Wide And Unfocused Research
- ▶ Proved Difficult



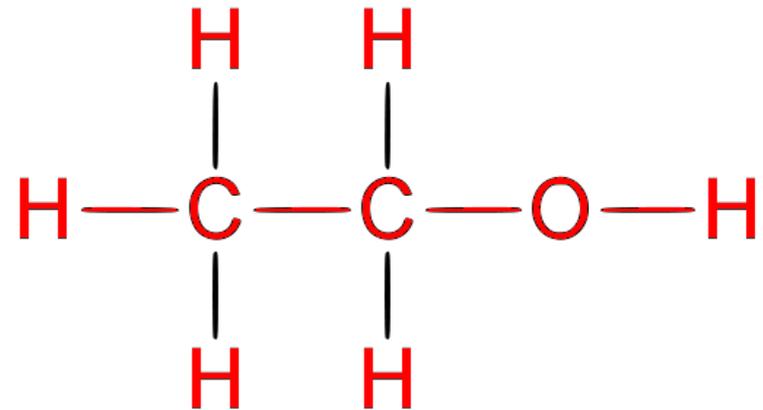
Regroup & Focus

- ▶ Inefficient Beginning
- ▶ Focus Efforts
 - Alcohol in blood?
 - Physical effects
 - Other body functions



Report & Re-evaluation

- ▶ What Do The Findings Tell Us
- ▶ **Alcohol In Blood**
 - **Alkanols – Ethanol**
- ▶ Physical Effects
 - Drowsy, Slurred Speech, Breath
- ▶ Other Body Functions
 - Kidney Function
 - Heart Rate



Content Detection

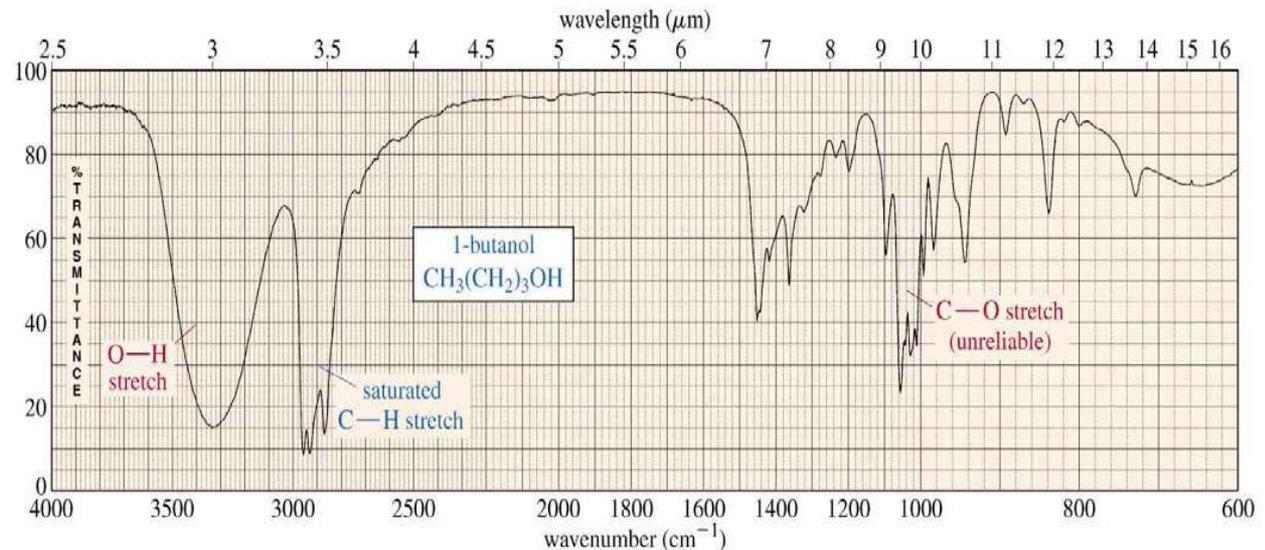
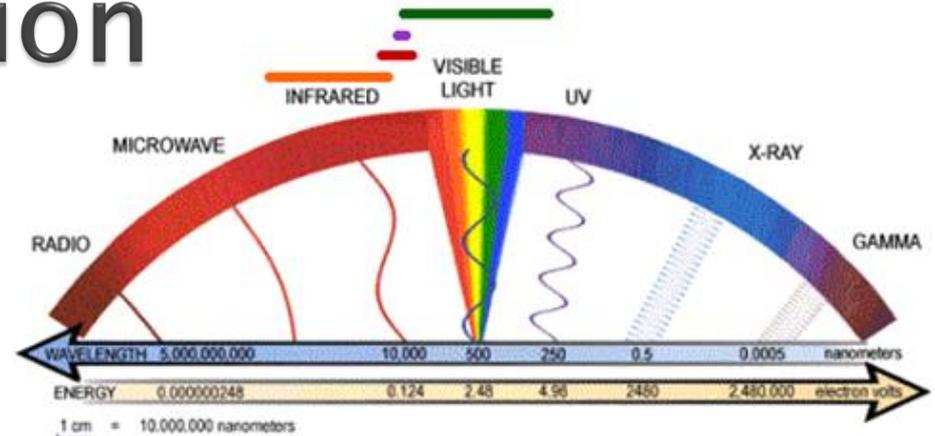
▶ Infrared: The Focus

- Non Destructive
- Low Energy

▶ Producing A Spectrum

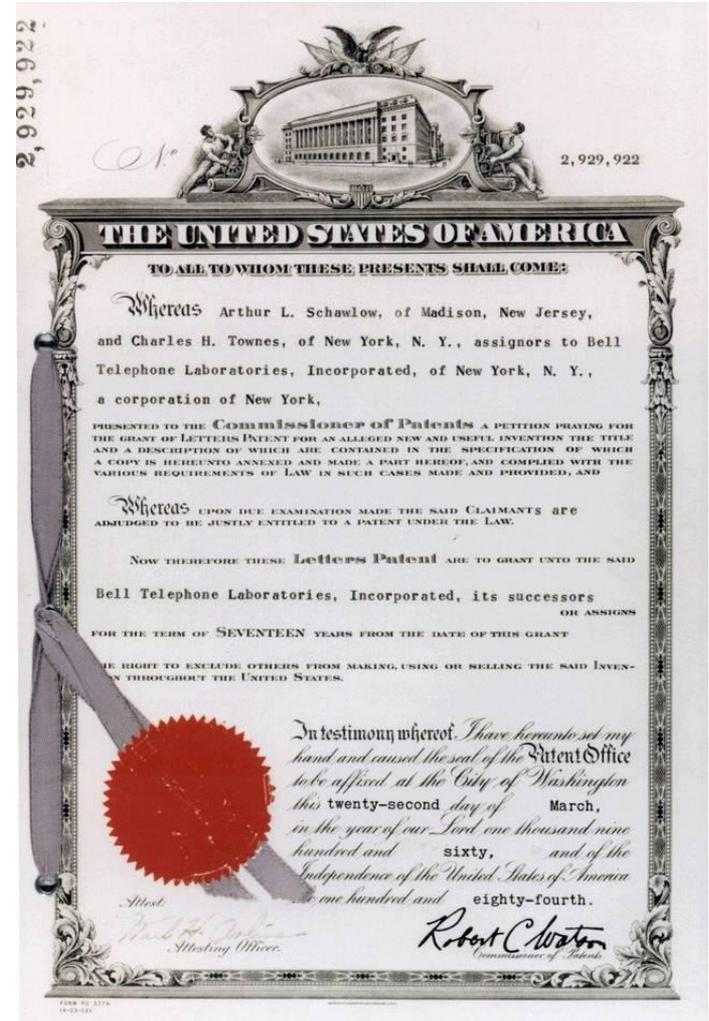
▶ Interpreting The Spectrum

- Sorting Impurities
- Accuracy



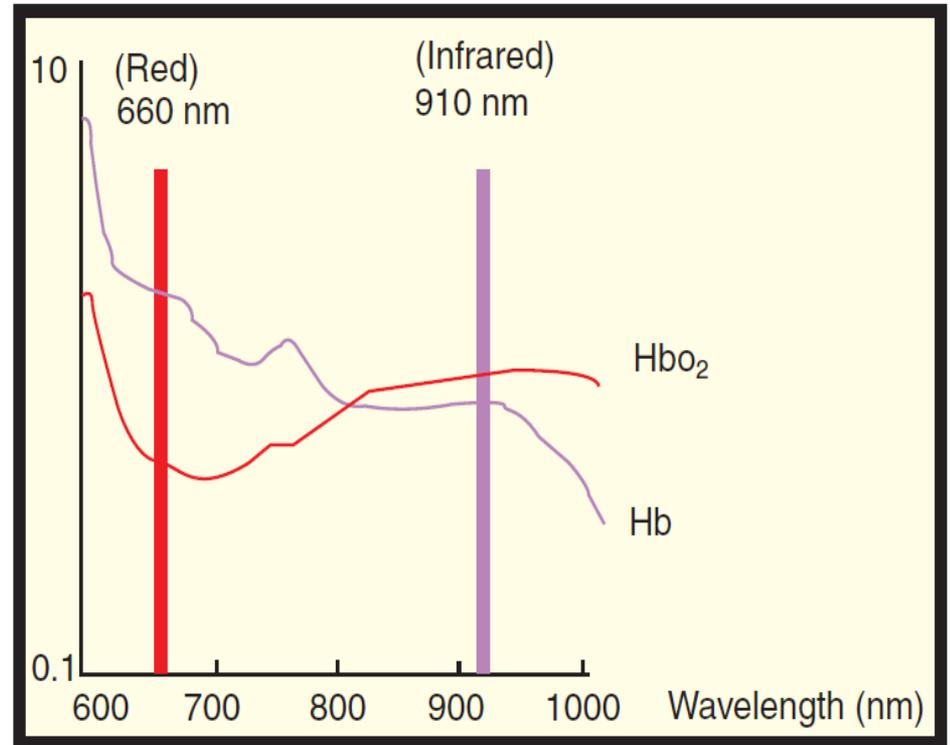
Patents

- ▶ Look At Patents For More Ideas
- ▶ 2 Of Particular Reference
 - One Was Vague & Abstract
 - Other Referenced Pulse Oximeters
- Let's Try This Out



Pulse Oximeter

- ▶ Try the same method
- ▶ Research into workings
 - Readings based off comparisons
 - Extensive testing for alcohol
 - Many assumptions
 - University of Łódź study

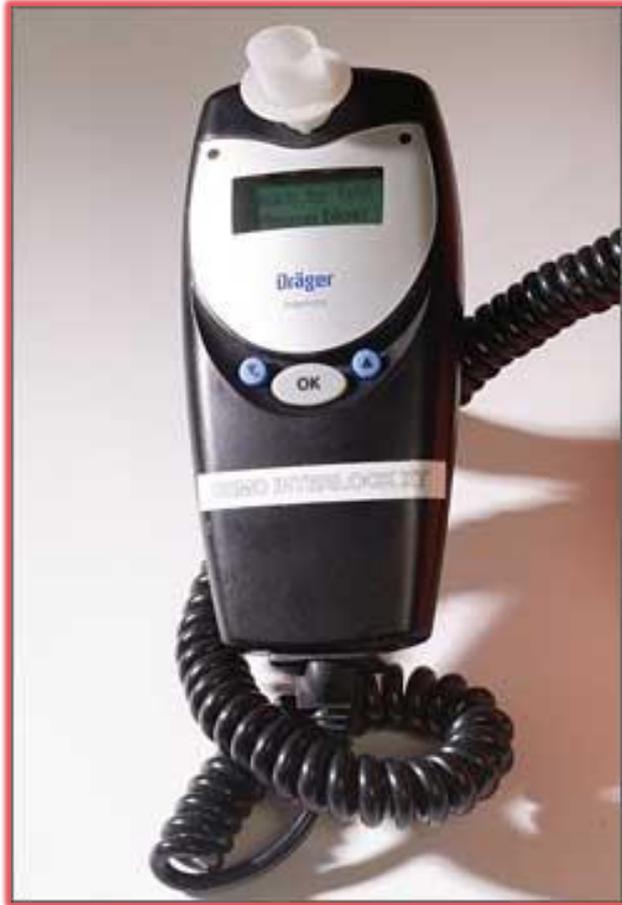


Prototype

- ▶ **Proof Of Concept**
 - Simple prototype
 - Modify working oximeter
 - Car Ignition



Industry analysis: OVERVIEW



- ▶ Approximately 180,000 interlocks nationwide (BAIID system)
- ▶ The public has not been introduced to the concept of voluntary alcohol testing

Industry analysis: COMPETITIONS

- ▶ TruTouch Technologies



- ▶ Smart Start



Industry analysis: BARRIERS TO ENTRY



▶ Advertising



▶ Production Cost



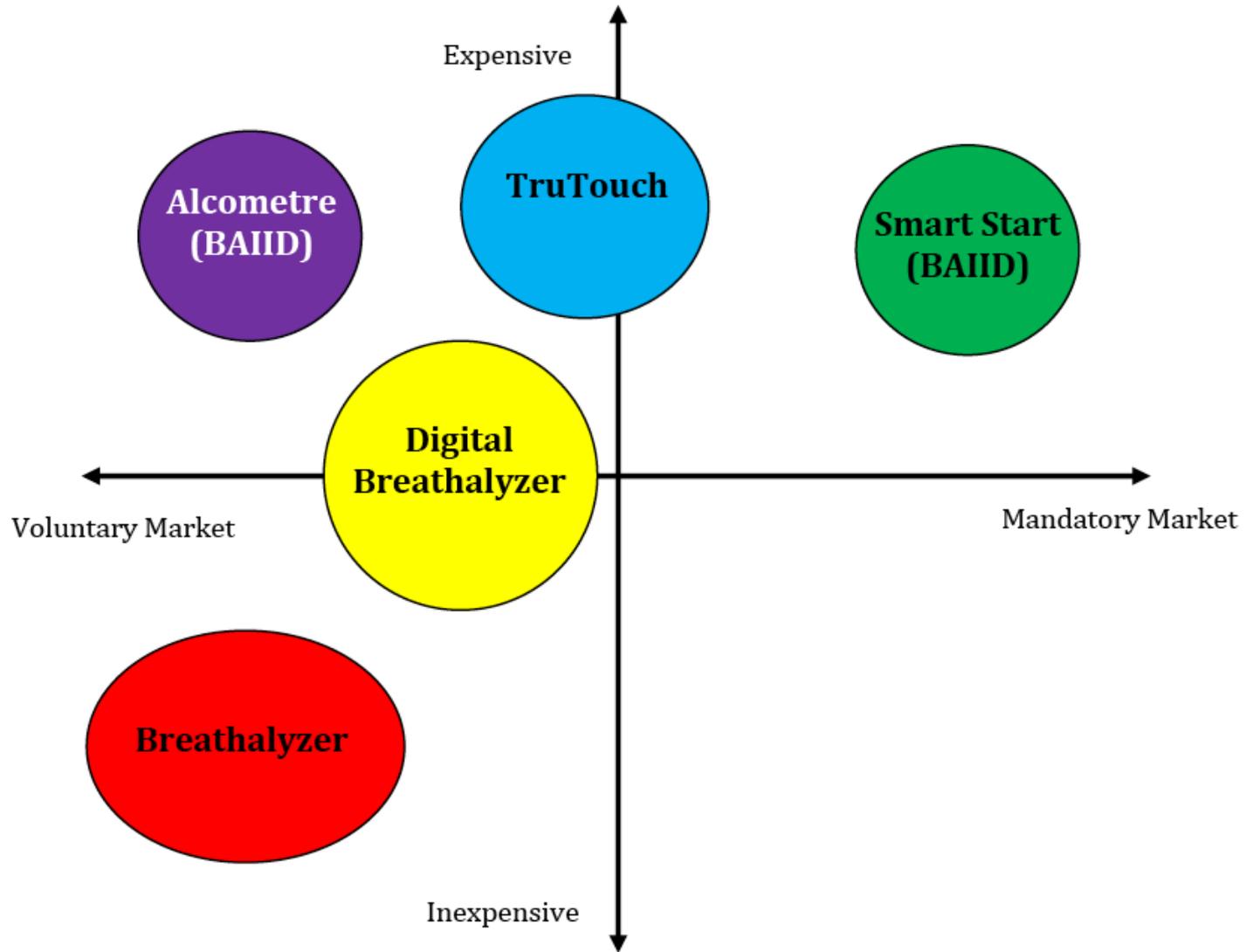
▶ Research & Development



▶ Overall Barriers to Entry



PRODUCT POSITIONING



S.W.O.T Analysis: Strengths & Weaknesses

- ▶ Strengths:
 - No need for calibration
 - Non-invasive
 - Accurate measure
- ▶ Weaknesses:
 - Device not transferable
 - Function of the device depends on the cars
 - Relatively expensive



S.W.O.T Analysis: Opportunities & Threats

▶ Opportunities:

- The Public concern of drunk driving (organizations such as MADD)
- Product Development – not only detecting alcohol

▶ Threats:

- Strong competitors
- Patent



Business Model: Alcometre for Parents

Check
Alcohol
Levels

Contact
Parents with
Status

Control
Ignition Based
on Readings

- Customized Setups
- Parents have control over their children's vehicle
- Real-time communication service

Business Model: Parents Pricing

- ▶ Initial Installation Fee
- ▶ Monthly service fee
- ▶ Optional upgrade for more functions



DISTRIBUTION CHANNEL

- Business to Business sale to auto shops
- Internet sales

Business Model: Parents Promotions

- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Internet promotions
- ▶ Events at auto shops
- ▶ Discounts



CONCLUSION

- ▶ With the problem identified, Alcometre would be entering an untapped market.
 - ▶ The product with the service provides a unique package for the customer.
 - ▶ The problem of drunk driving needs to be solved, fast!
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FUTURE WORKS



- ▶ Develop a business model for the private and public sector market.
- ▶ Build a working prototype to back-up research.
- ▶ Estimate and calculate the manufacturing costs of the device.
- ▶ Create a well-structured customer acquisition model.
- ▶ Save lives.