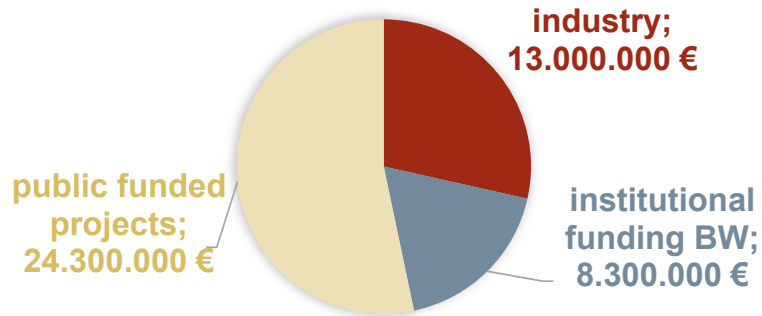




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45,6 M€ revenue (2022)



270 employees (2022)

Member of the Innovation Alliance
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Business sectors

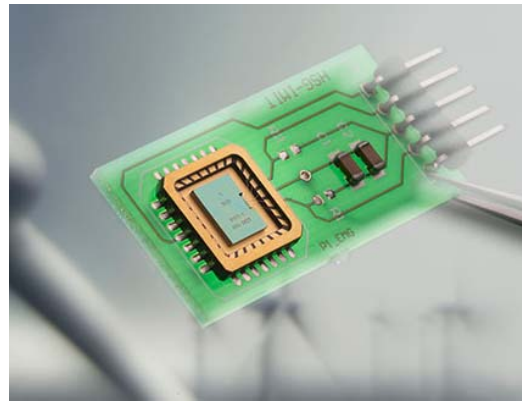
Researching

Exploring
the future



Engineering

Developing
tailored products



Manufacturing

Making
it happen



Venturing

Creating
future value



Business sector Venturing

**Creating
future value**

Hahn-Schickard spin-offs: > 200 high tech jobs in the region



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Business sector Manufacturing

**Making
it happen**

Examples of Point-of-care platforms from our spinoffs (centrifugal microfluidics)



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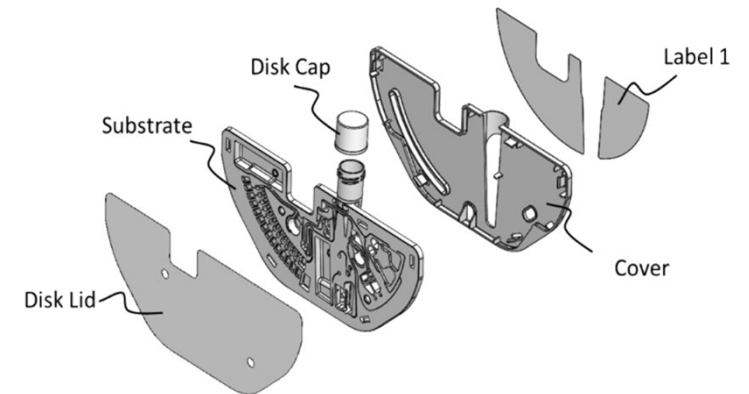
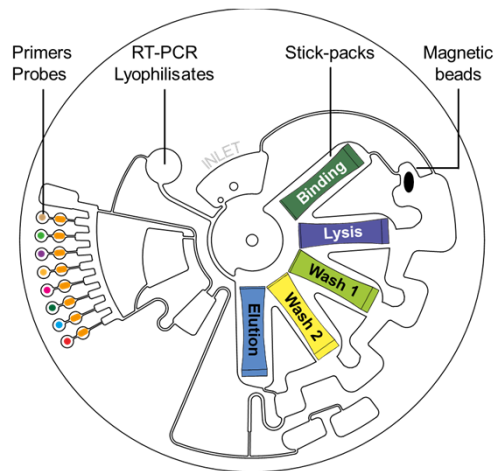
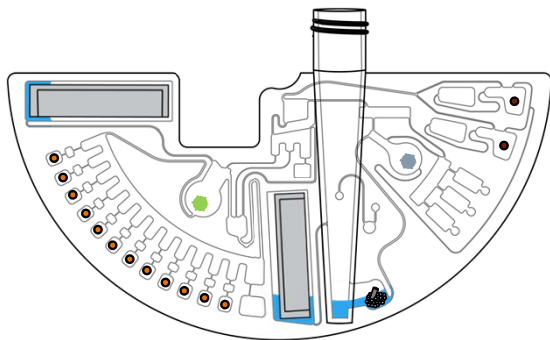
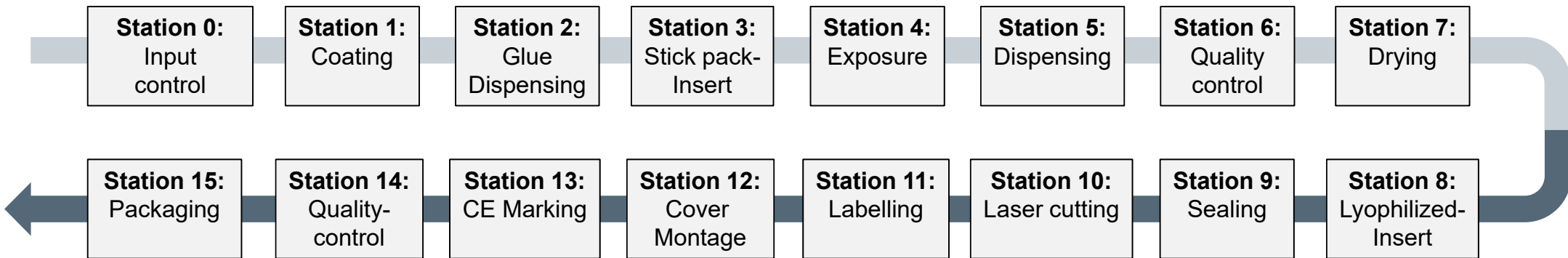
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Plattform 1 (SD)  Plattform 2 (EHBS)



In house production according to ISO 13485: Assemble of cartridges



Automatisierung (1/2)



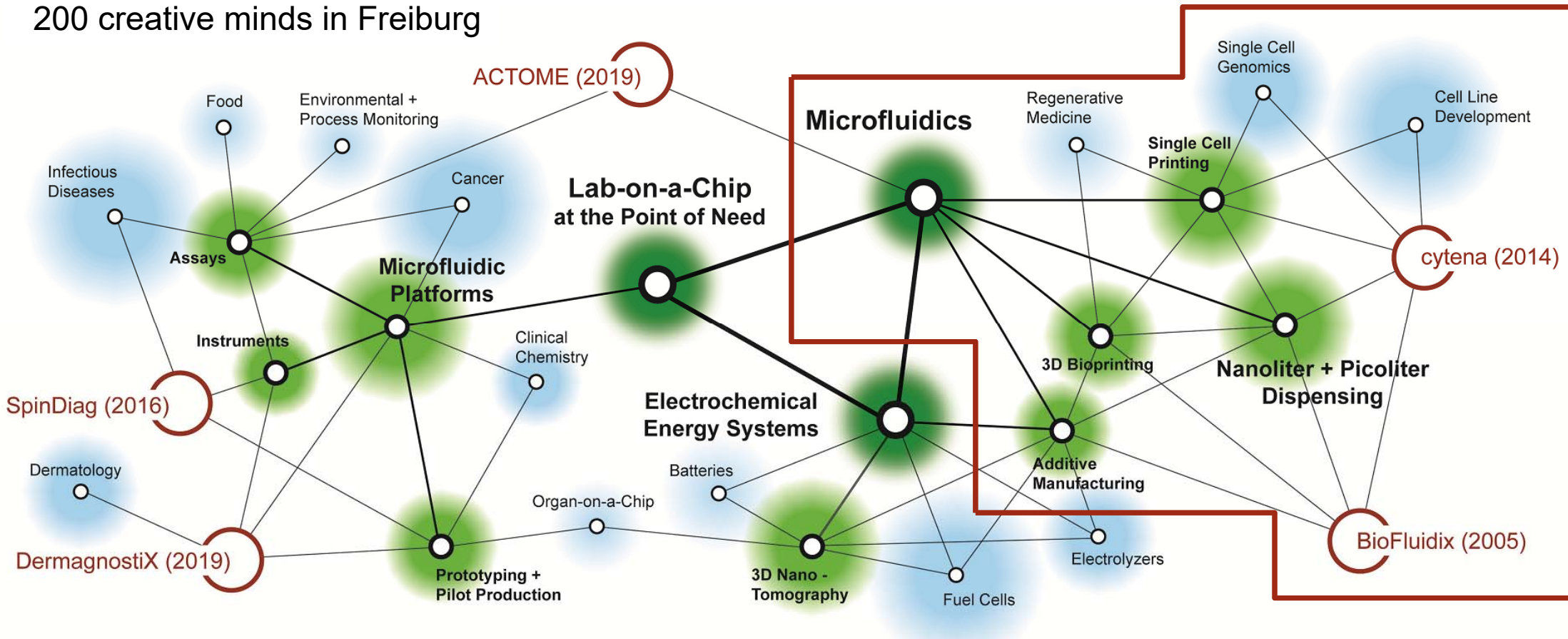
16.05.2024 R. Streller - Flexible Manufacturing System

Kernkompetenzen und Anwendungsfelder

Hahn-Schickard FR im Verbund mit IMTEK-Anwendungsentwicklung & Spin-Offs



200 creative minds in Freiburg



Laboratory Automation

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Laboratory Automation– overview of the groups



Printing processes and systems

- Development of hybrid printing systems (polymer + metal)
- Process development

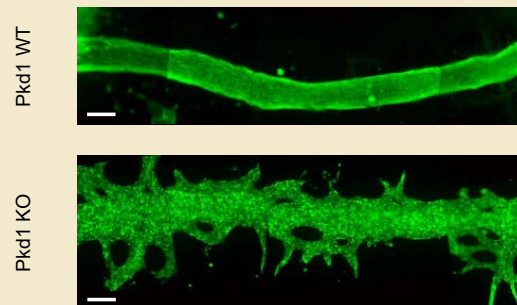
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3D BioPrinting

- Single micro tumor deposition for personalized medicine
- Biofabrication of vascularized bone tissue and perfusable nephron tubules

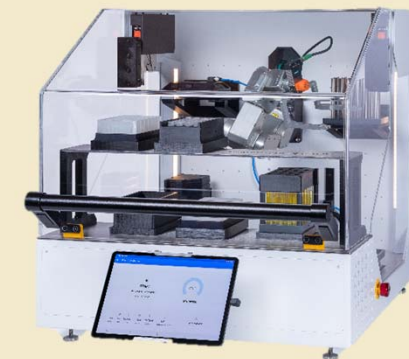
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Robotics & Instrumentation

- Sensors, measurement & novel non-contact dosage technologies
- Laboratory Automation

Dr. Sabrina Kartmann



Printing processes and systems

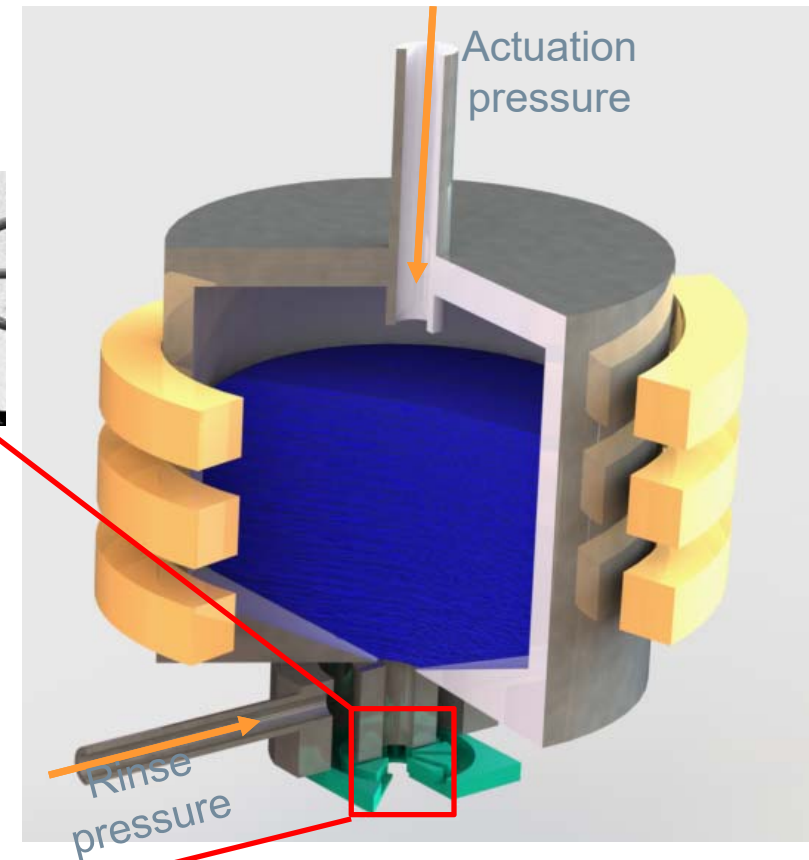
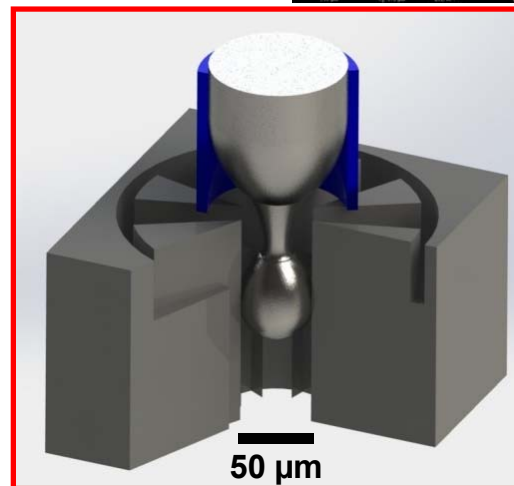
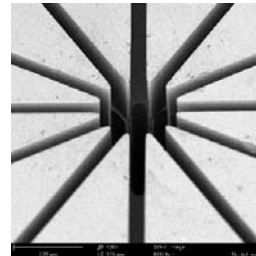
StarJet Technology

For direct, non-contact printing of molten metals

- Molten metal is ejected from nozzle in liquid state
- Metal solidifies upon impact on target

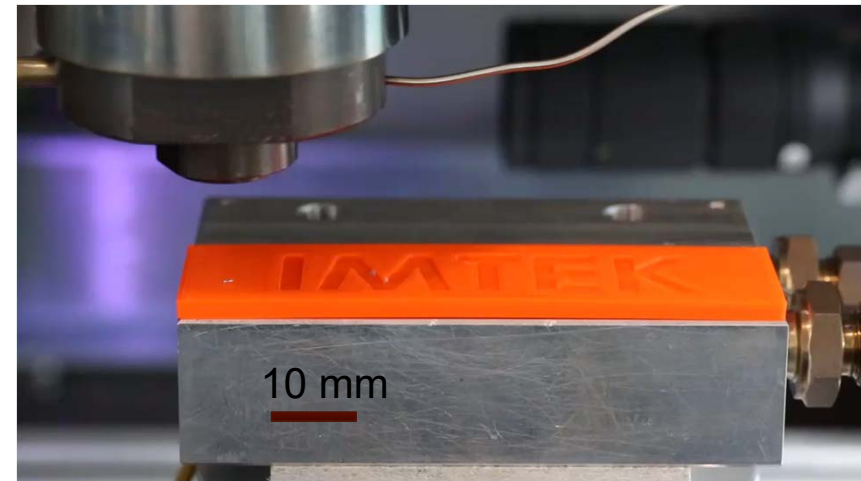
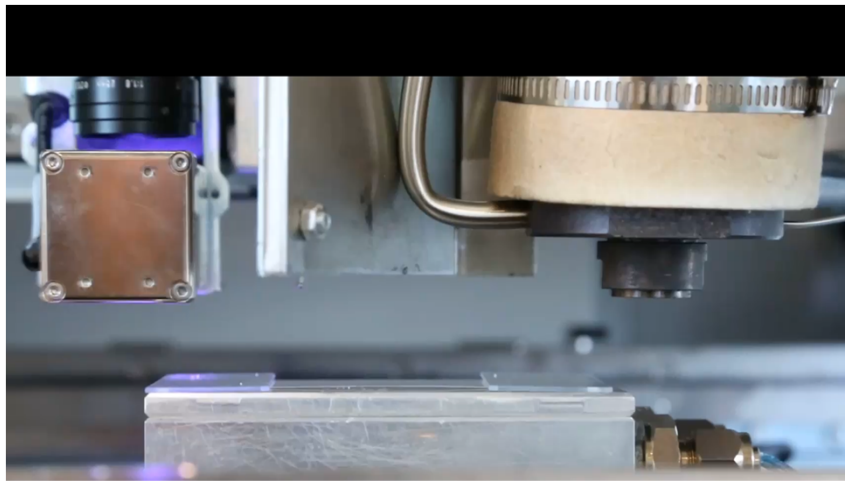
Pneumatically driven printhead

- Star-shaped nozzle chip
 - High directional stability
 - Oxidation reduced by sheath flow
- **No temperature limitation for material**
 - Bulk tin alloy (Solder) > 150 °C
 - Bulk Zink alloy (ZAMAK) > 400 °C
 - Bulk Aluminium alloy > 660 °C
- **No chemical / post-treatment needed**
(no inks / pastes / particles)



Molten metal interacting with polymer

- StarJet can operated at Drop-on-demand or Jet mode
- High temperature of StarJet is still compatible with temperature sensitive polymers



Printhead Temperature @ 400 °C

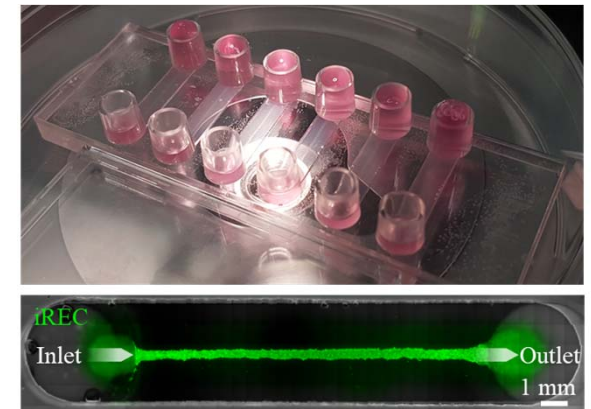
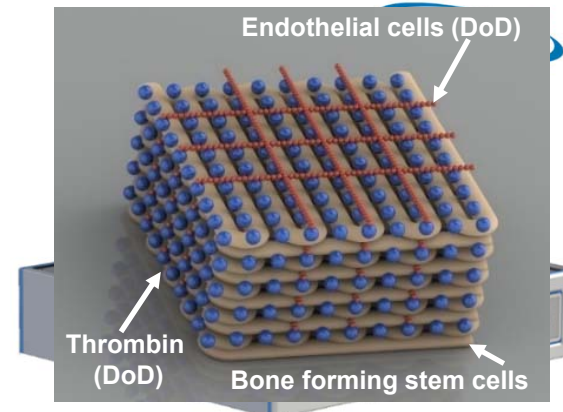
Substrate: 3D printed PETG with T_g of 60

3D BioPrinting

3D bioprinting for medicine and drug discovery

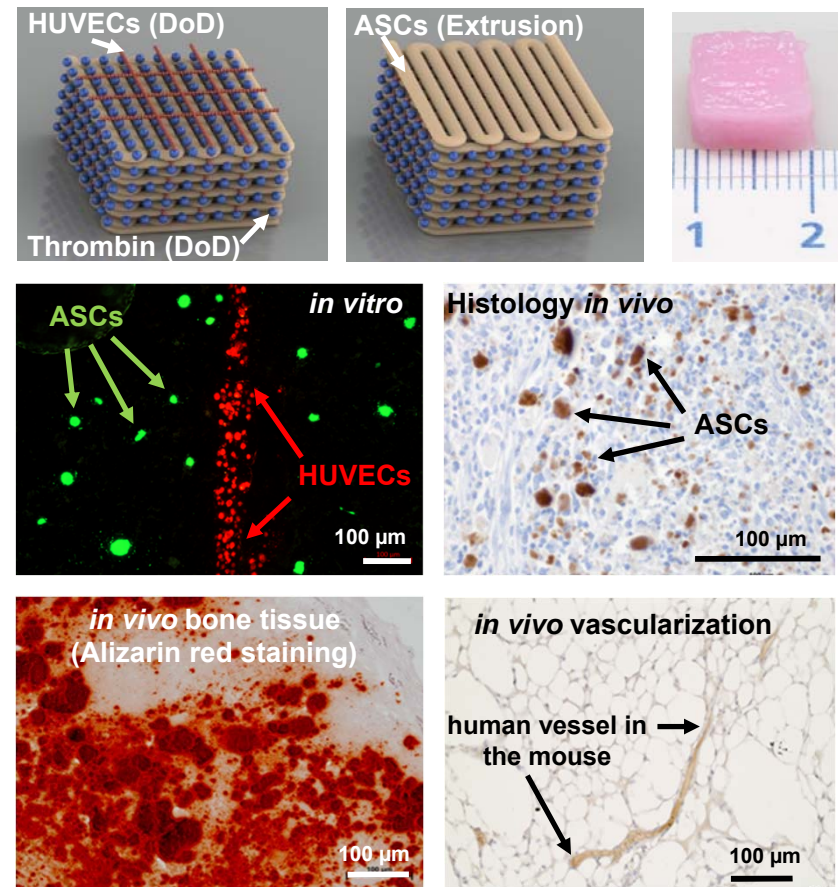


- Drop-on-demand and extrusion-based printing technologies on a single platform
- Biofabrication of vascularized bone tissue and perfusable nephron tubules
- Hybrid 3D bioprinting processes supporting cellular self-assembly for regenerative medicine and organ-on-a-chip applications
- Single micro tumor deposition for personalized medicine
- Standardization in 3D Bioprinting
 - Bioprinting Fidelity Imager



Hybrid bioprinting of vascularized bone tissue

- Relevant cell types
 - Osteogenic differentiation of human adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells (ASCs)
 - Human umbilical cord vascular endothelial cells (HUVECs)
- Hybrid bioprinting process
 - Extrusion of ASCs into complex osteohydrogels
 - Linear drop-on-demand printing of HUVECs
 - FDM printed polycaprolactone to increase mechanical stability during printing
- Formation of mineralized bone tissue and human blood vessels *in vivo*

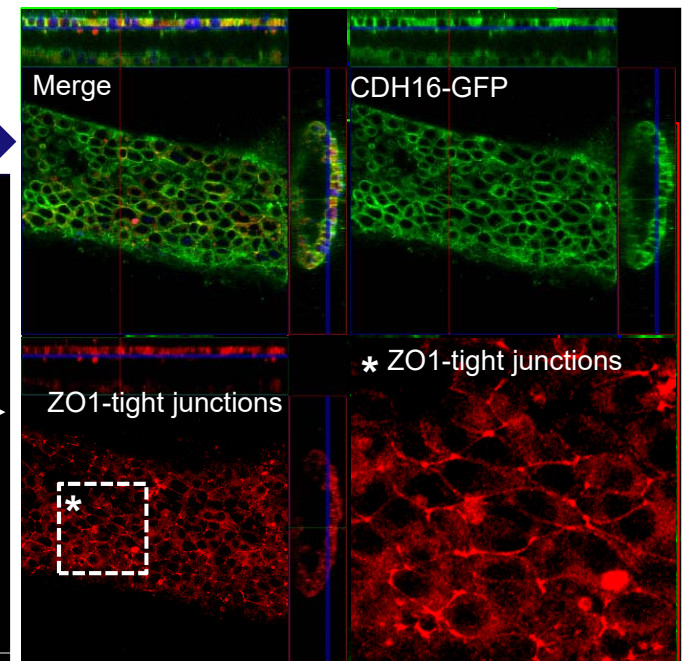
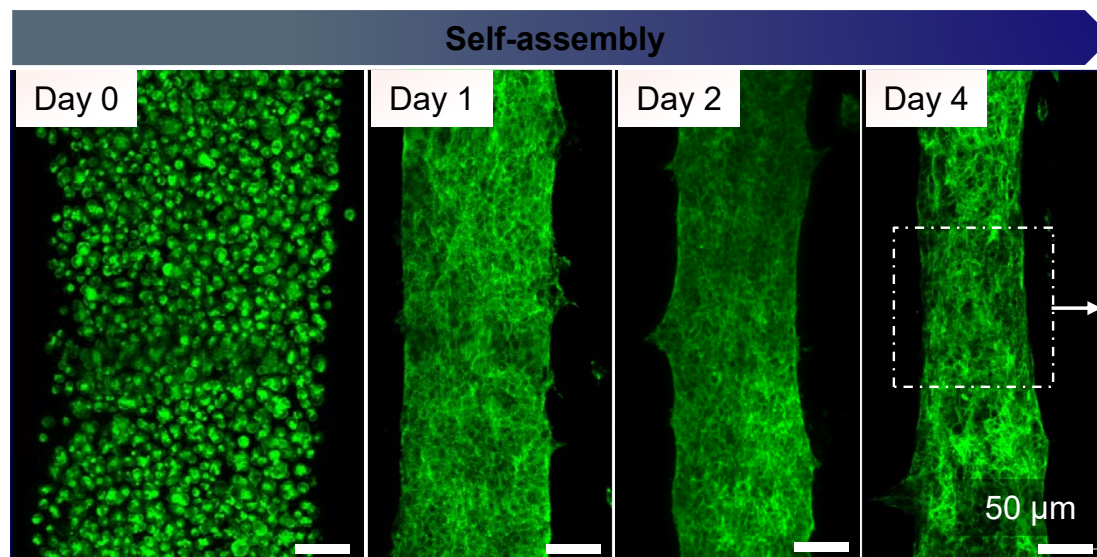
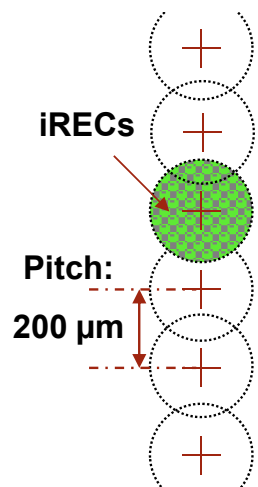


Rukavina, et al. *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*. 2020

Physiological bioprinted kidney cell model

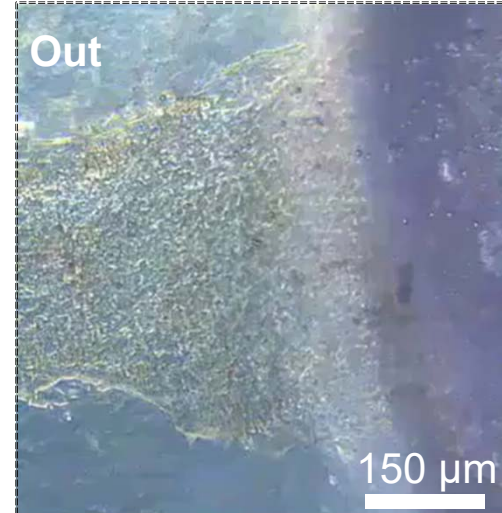
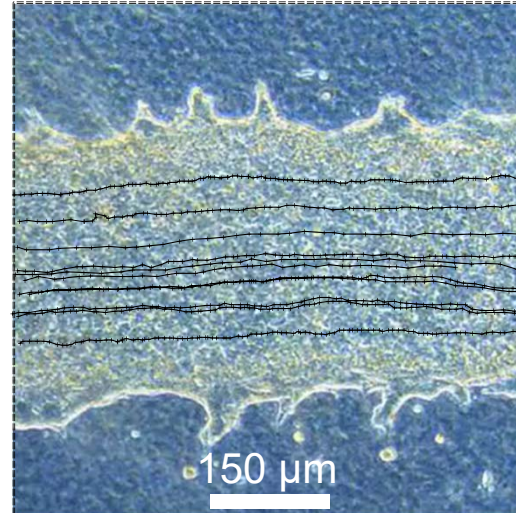
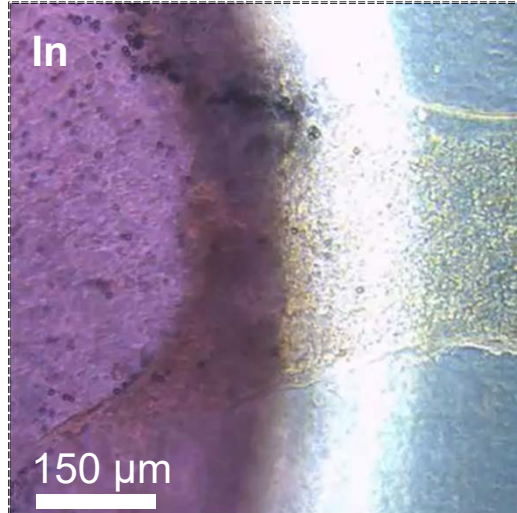
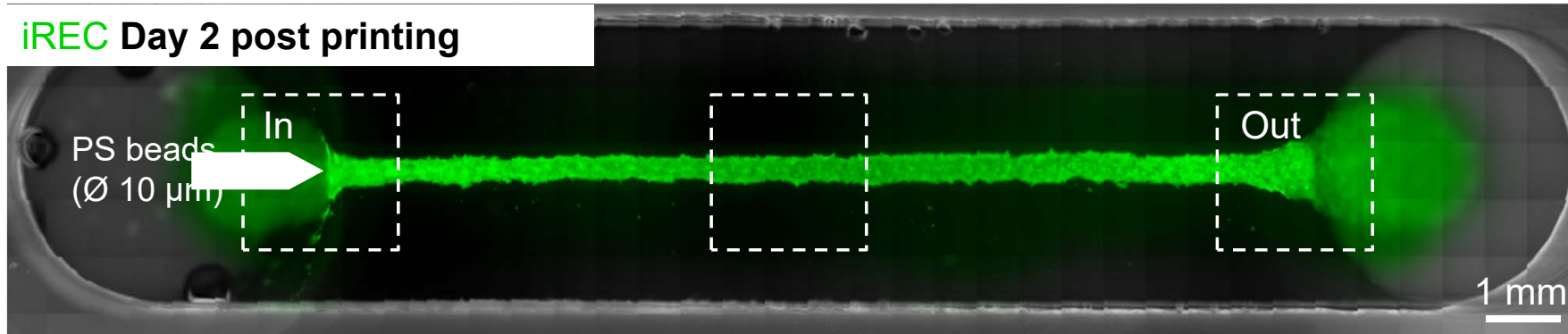
- Self-assembly of inducible renal epithelial cells (iRECs) results in tubular structures within a natural hydrogel matrix
- More physiological structure and dimension than previous models

Print design



Perfusion of nephron-like tubuli

iREC Day 2 post printing

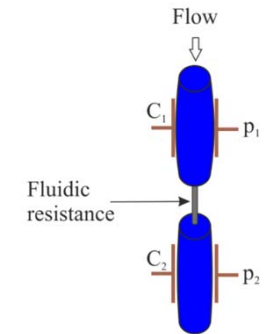
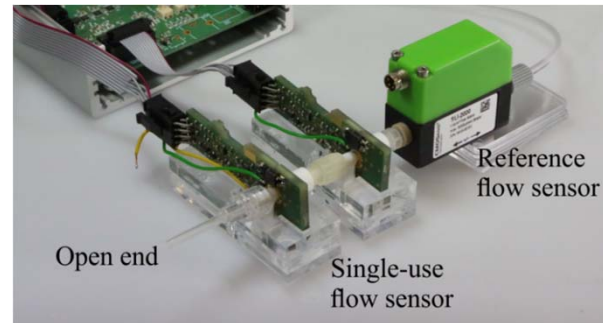


Robotics & Instrumentation

Different flow sensing techniques

Capacitive flow sensor

- Capacitive measurement principle
- Contaminated parts can be exchanged after use
- Flow range: 60 to 6000 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$
- High speed: $< 2 \text{ ms}$



$$\text{Flow} \sim \Delta p / R_f$$

[Kartmann, S., et al., Sensors and Actuators A: Physical 247 (2016): 656-662.]

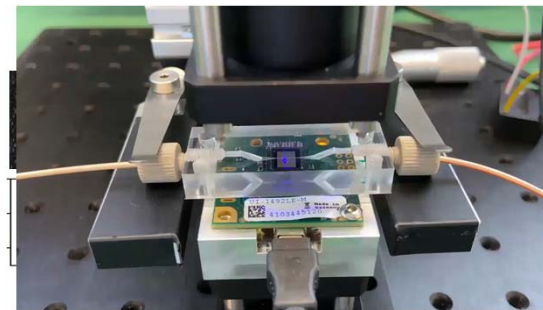
Patentfamilie: WO2014048911A1

Calorimetric flow sensor

- Flexible low-cost polymeric foil with embedded sensors and heaters
- Flow range: 80 – 800 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$

Holo μ -PIV flow sensor (MEDD II)

- Under development
- Flow range: 5 to 500 nL/min



Automated Volume Measurement

Multiple measurement methods

- Executed on the same individual droplet
- Under identical conditions
- With “arbitrary” liquids

Investigated methods

- Gravimetric (reference)
- Stroboscopic
- Droplet sensors

Off-line reference

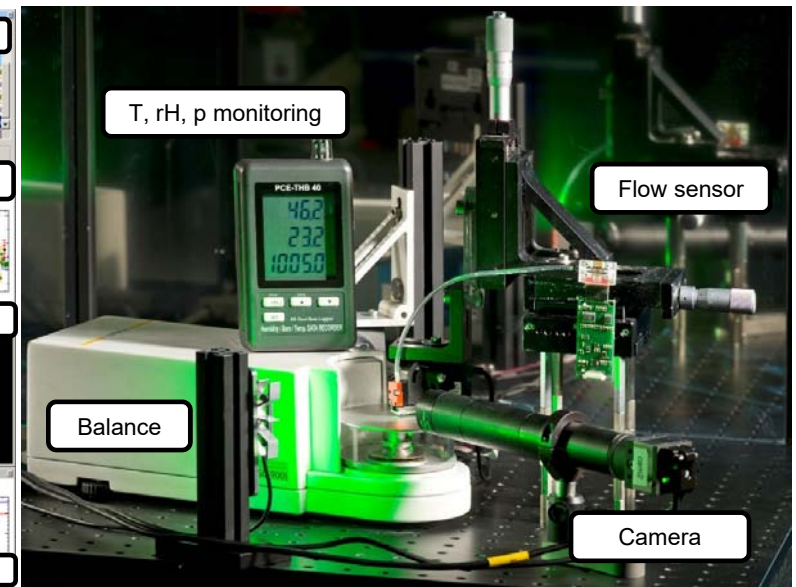
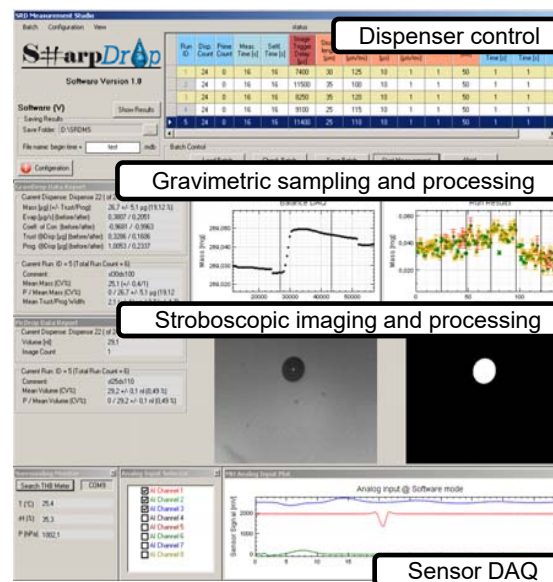
- Fluorometric Method (Artel MVS)

SharpDrop Software

- Acquisition of all sensor data
- Analysis and direct display of the results

Participation in ISO/TC48 WG5 (Expert)

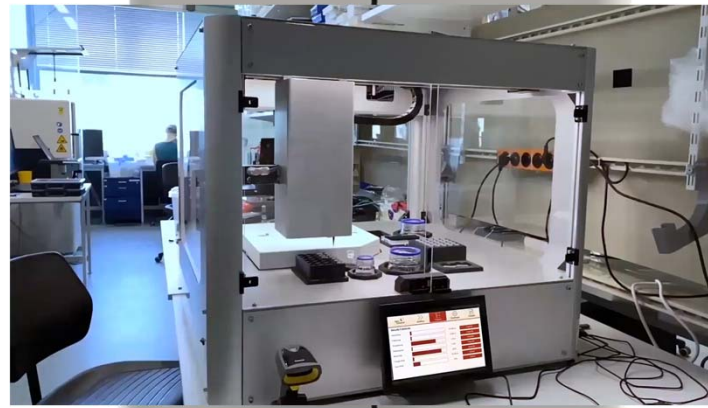
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Automation of laboratory processes

Liquid handling workstations

- Fields of application: biotechnology, pharmaceutical and food technology
- Customized solutions
- Use of different motion technologies (SCARA, 6-axis robot arm, axis systems)

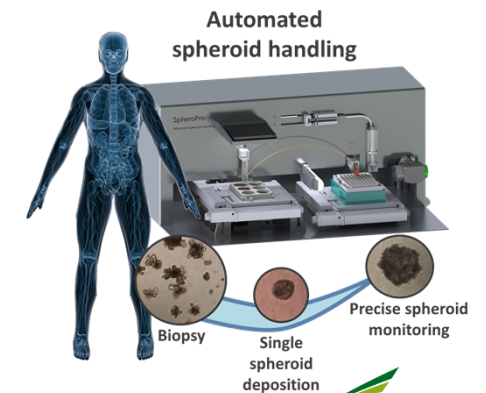


Development of new components

- Pressure & flow sensors
- Incubator, Heater, gripper

Small autonomous embedded systems

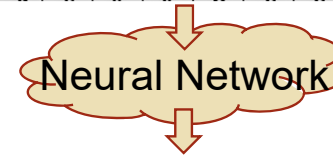
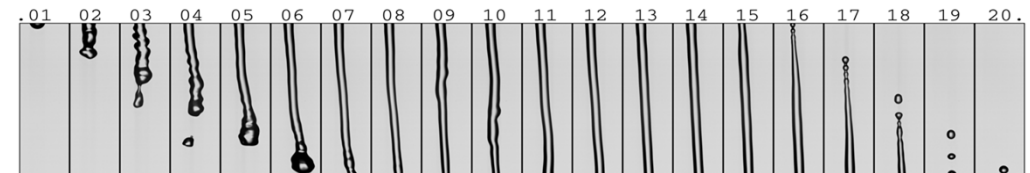
- Based on our embedded Linux platform
- Miniaturized processing systems
 - Microbioreactors (e.g. for cell line development)
 - Perfusion systems for organ-on-chip application



Computer Vision

Dosing technology

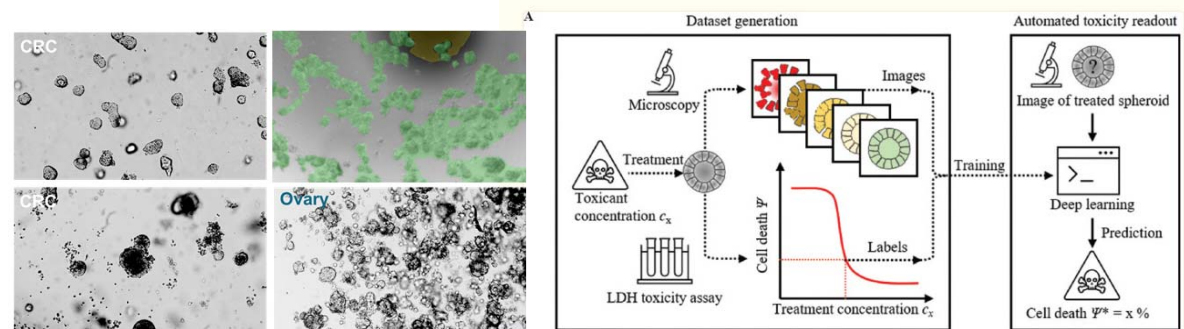
- Determination of the volume of jets with the help of deep learning
- Determination of rheological properties with the help of deep learning



Volume (nL), viscosity etc.

3D cell culture

- Optimization of 3D cell culture workflows using computer vision
- Image recognition for printing cells/spheroids
- Deep learning-assisted nephrotoxicity testing with bioprinted renal spheroids



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