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- Co-located across 2 sites:



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- ▶ *4 Labs, ~200 m²*

Tyndall National Institute

- ▶ *Lee Maltings Complex*
- ▶ *3 Labs, ~150 m²*

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What We Do

Photonics – A Key Enabling Technology

The Science of Working with Light

Communications

Powering Fast Internet & Datacentres



Energy

Photovoltaic Solar Cells



Transport

Enabling Self-driving Cars



Manufacturing

Optimising Process Monitoring



Health

Revolutionising Medical Imaging



Environment

Advanced Sensors & Diagnostics



Imaging & Microscopy

- Element/ingredient mapping
- Medical imaging
- Defect analysis



Spectroscopy

- Contaminant identification
- Cancer screening
- Chemometrics



Sensing & Detection

- Environmental monitoring
- Water & soil analysis
- Autonomous cars



Process Monitoring

- In-line/on-line sensing
- Machine vision
- Process analysis & control



Nanophotonics

- Photonic crystals
- Hybrid lasers
- Photonic Integrated Circuits

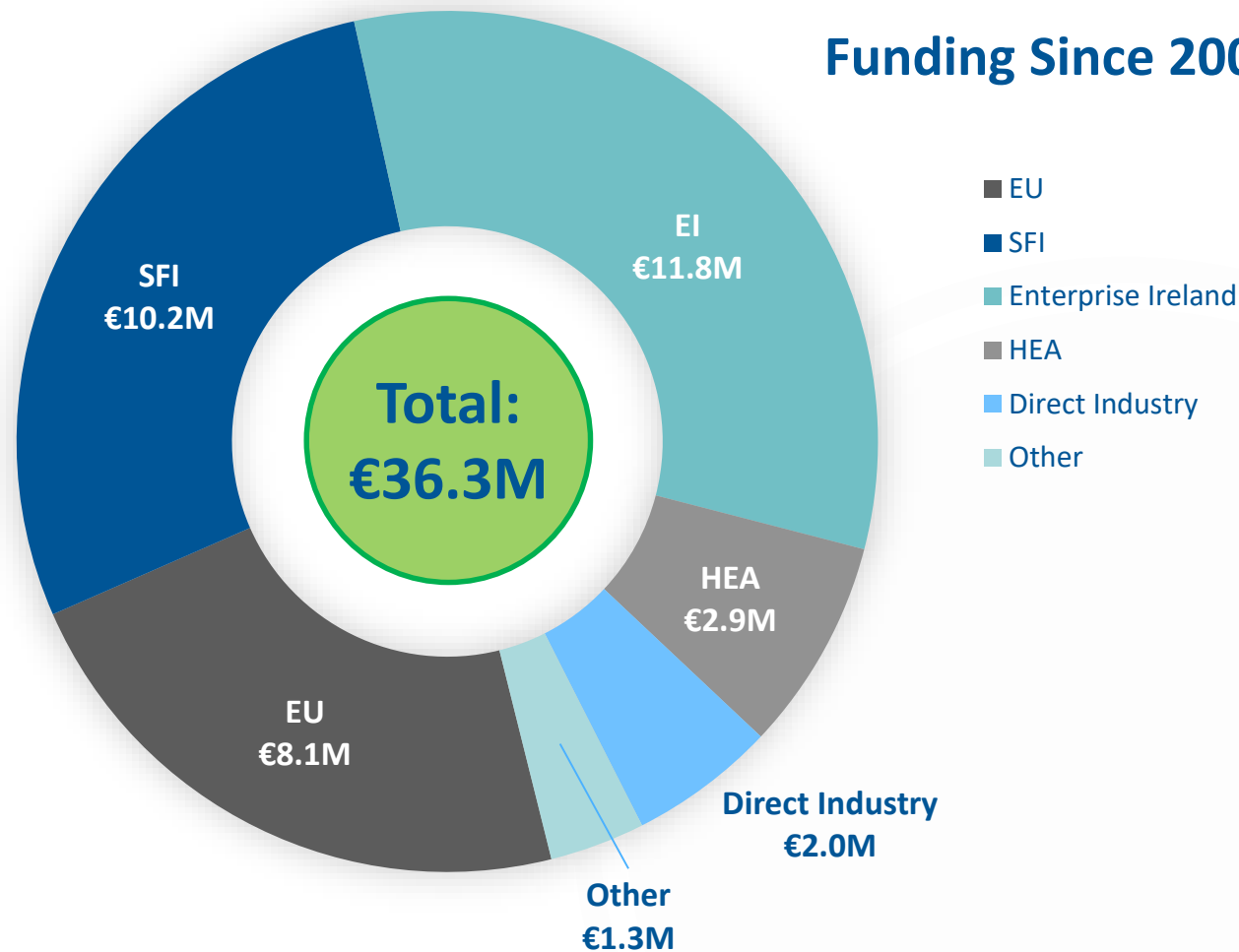


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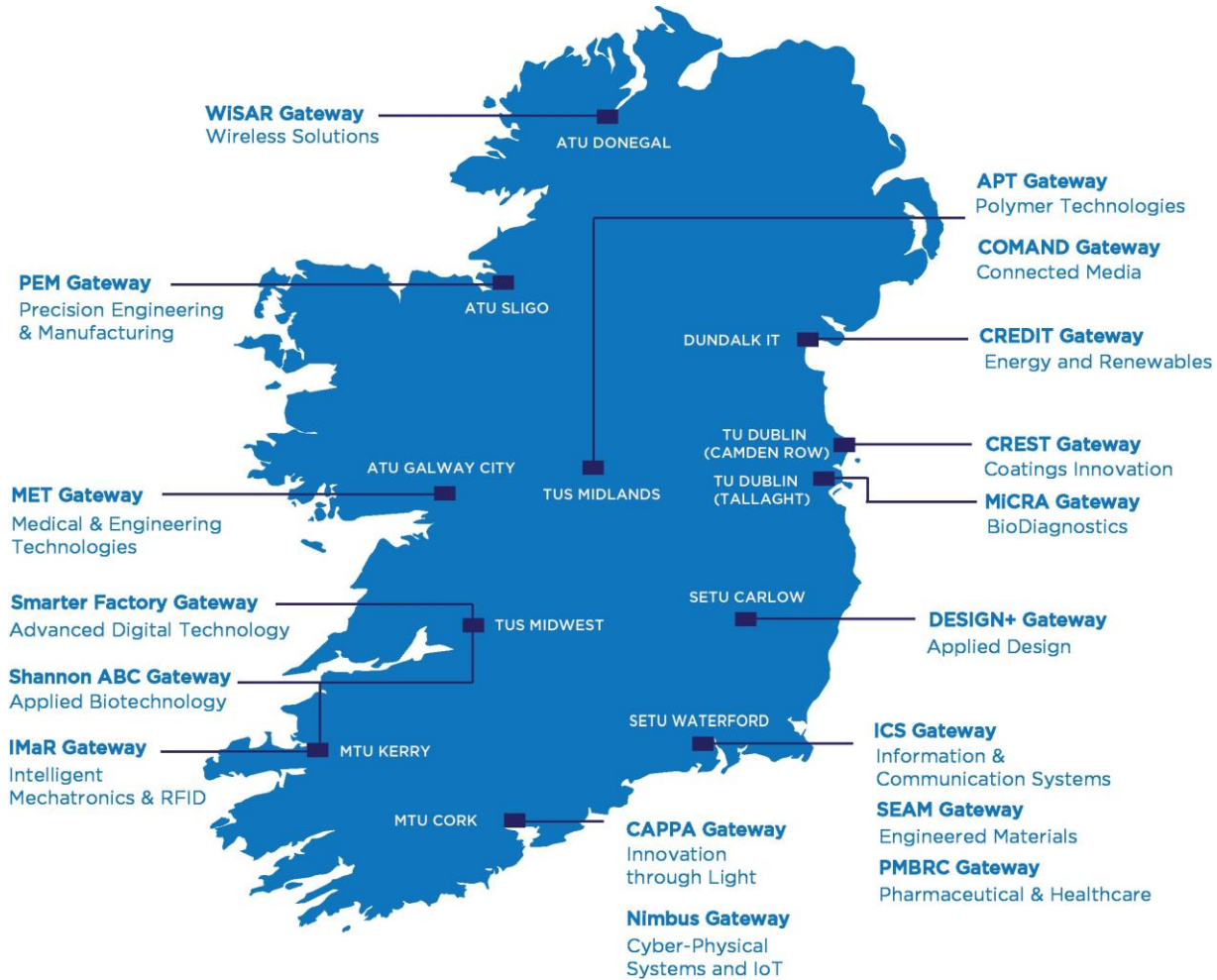
Since 2006:

- >250 Proposals Submitted
- ~50% Success Rate
- Coordinator on 10 EU Grants
- 4 phases of ARE/Tech Gateway
- IPIC SFI Centre – 2 phases
- 13 EI Innovation Partnerships
- PRTL I IV & V funding

Funding Since 2006



Working With Industry



- 17 Gateways
- Funded By Enterprise Ireland
- Deliver R & D Solutions to Industry
- ~ 7,500 completed projects with Irish companies
- Food, Pharma, Design, Process Control, Process monitoring, material testing
- <https://www.technologygateway.ie/>
- *The Enterprise Ireland Technology Gateway Programme is co-financed by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-27 and the Northern & Western Regional Programme 2021-27.*

Core Competencies



Spectroscopy

- Fluorescence Detection
- Time – Dependent Change Analysis
- Structural Changes in Materials
- Raw Ingredient Characterization
- Failure Mechanism Exploration
- Polymer Analysis
- Hyperspectral Imaging



Imaging and Microscopy

- Inspection
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy
- Polarized Light Imaging
- Defect Analysis
- Contamination Identification
- Raman Imaging



Sensing and Detection

- Fibre – Based Sensing
- Trace Gas Sensing
- Sensors for Machine Vision and Inspection
- Sensors for Biomedical Applications
- Optical Sensing
- Detection of Concentrations
- Environmental Monitoring



Process Monitoring

- In – line monitoring of moisture levels
- In – line monitoring of blend uniformity
- Online monitoring of rinse samples for cleaning verification
- Development of process automation to remove manual inspection
- Ingredient tracking in production processes



Data Analytics

- Contamination Analysis
- Industrial Process Analysis
- Optimisation
- Principal Component Analysis
- Multivariate Curve Resolution

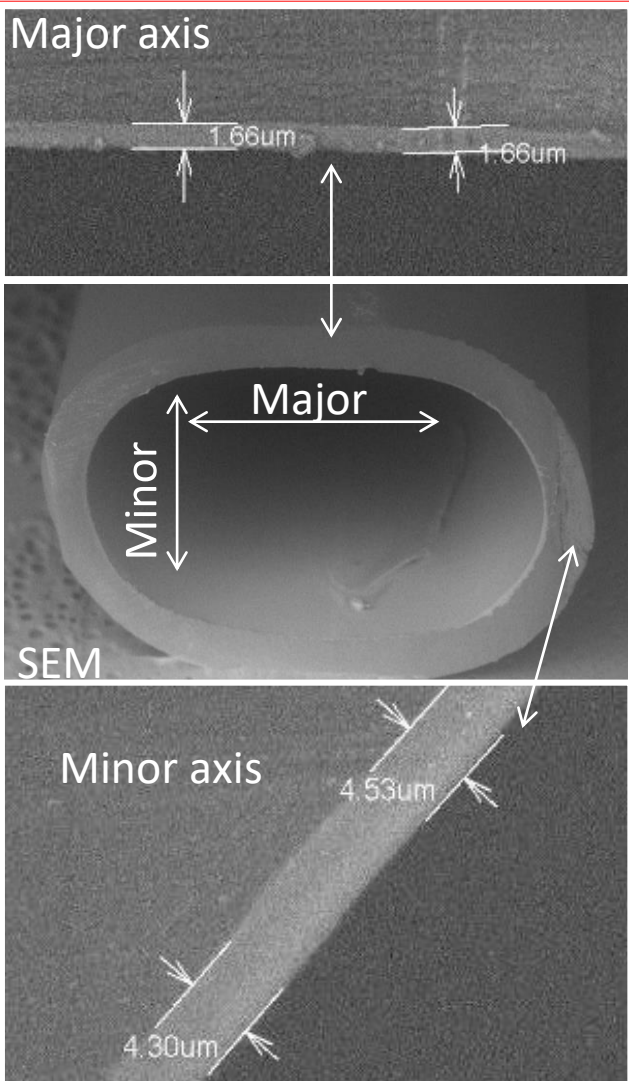


Optical Design

- Lens Design
- Imaging and Detection System design
- Laser optics
- Optical fibre systems
- Physical Phenomena modelling

Coating Inspection

Layer thickness



The Problem

Coatings

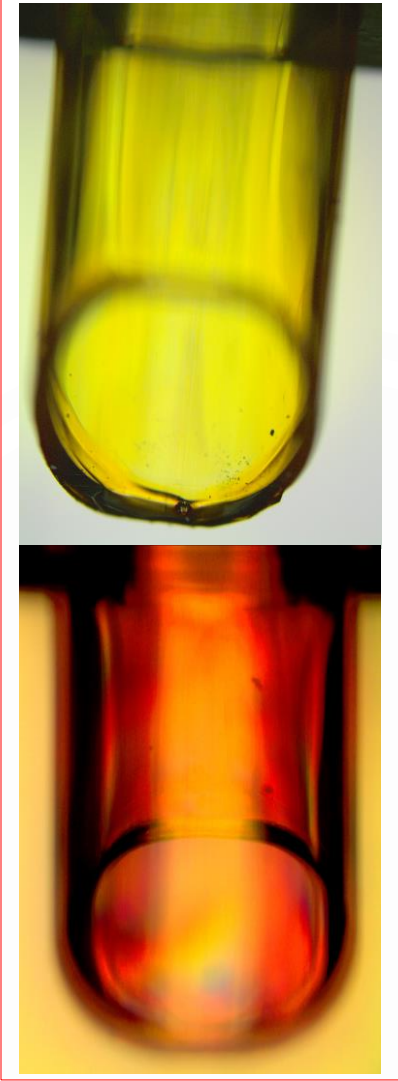
- Lubrication coating (PU and PVP) on the inner wall of the device (PP or PC). The coating consists of a top and base coat layer.

Injector nozzle

- IOL becomes stuck
- Bursts the nozzle tip during use
- Coating can be pushed out during use

Current inspection relied on dye staining and optical imaging

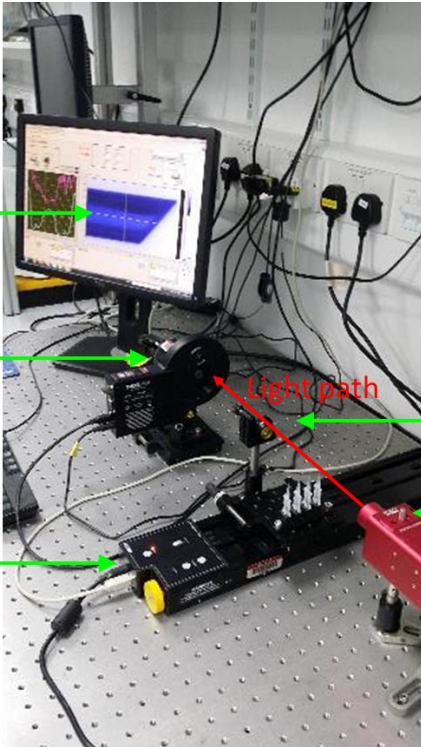
- Labour-intensive and the dyes used are hazardous materials with Carcinogenic properties.
- Destructive testing



Destructive Dye Testing

Coating Inspection System

Set-up



Nozzle image
(480 x 300 px,
~11 μm px)

IR camera &
automated
filter wheel

Automated
stage
(4 samples)

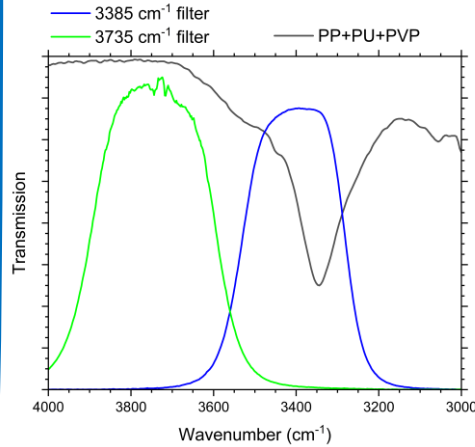
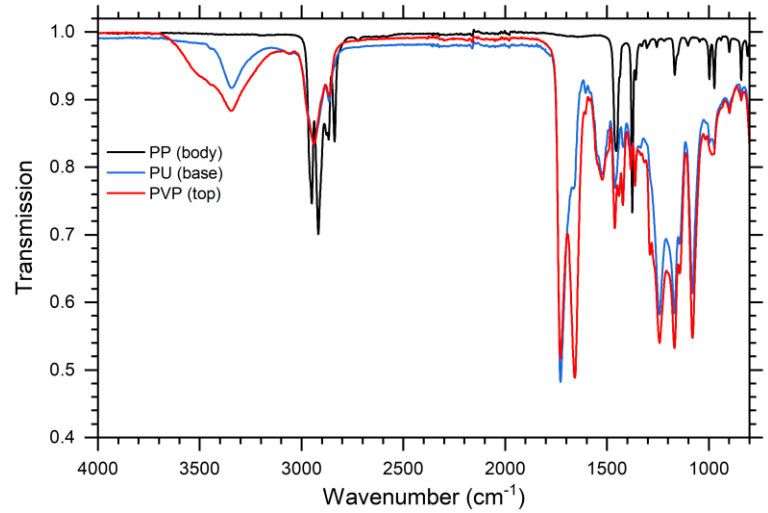
Light path

Purpose
built
IR optic

IR source

Fully automated with current settings
8 nozzles
30 seconds per nozzle
4.5 minutes for 8 nozzles
Machine vision to analyze samples
Self-calibrating system

Methodology

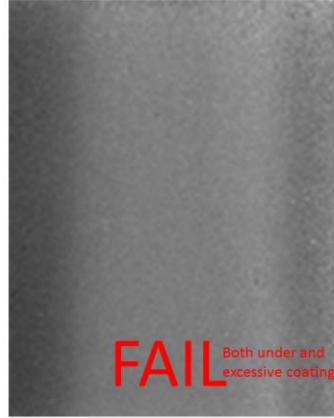


Measure transmission
in 2 wavelength
ranges

1. ~3735 cm⁻¹
2. ~3385 cm⁻¹

Measurements

Sample lip Transmission Ultrasert 3.5 – grayscale
Scale: Black T=0.5, White T=1



Processed images for under-
and excessive coating
are binary
White regions are outside range
Black regions are inside range

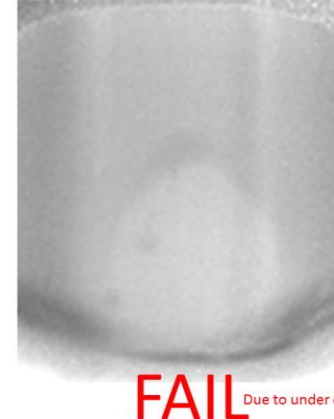
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Cleaning cycle in Pharma Industry



Mixing Vessel

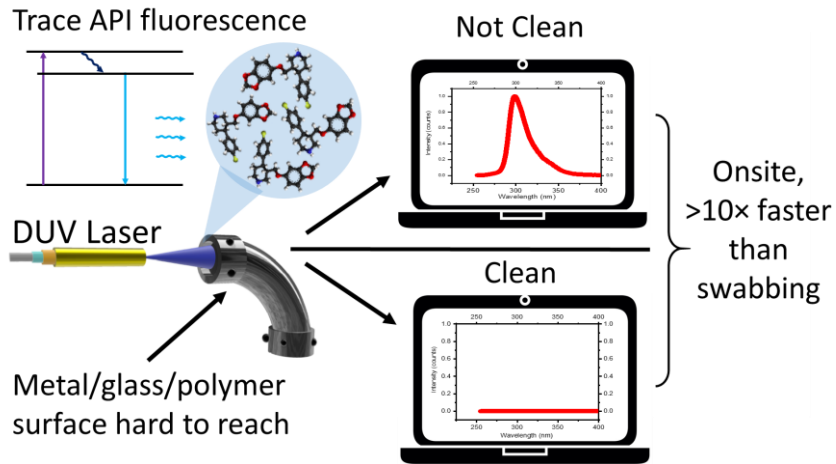


Equipment becomes dirty after each batch of product made

Equipment should be clean to a high level: No trace of previous batch allowed:

Up to parts per billion

Solution: Portable instrument for onsite validation

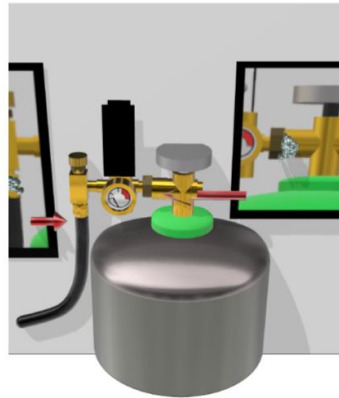


Identify product

(a)

+

Identify environment

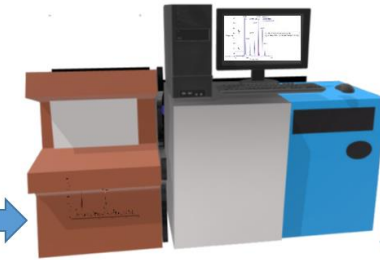


HPLC/TOC

(b) Sampling of accessible area only (≈ 1 hr)

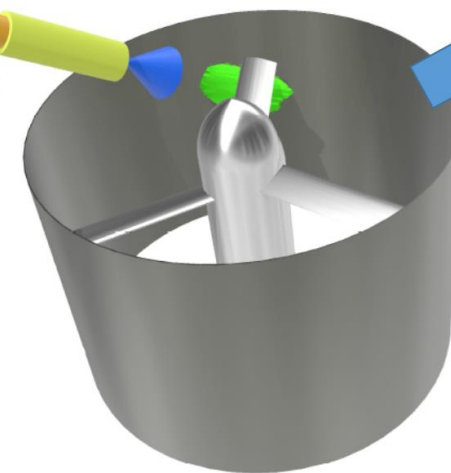


(c) Dedicated lab space (HPLC/TOC) (≈ 5-6 hr)



DUV F

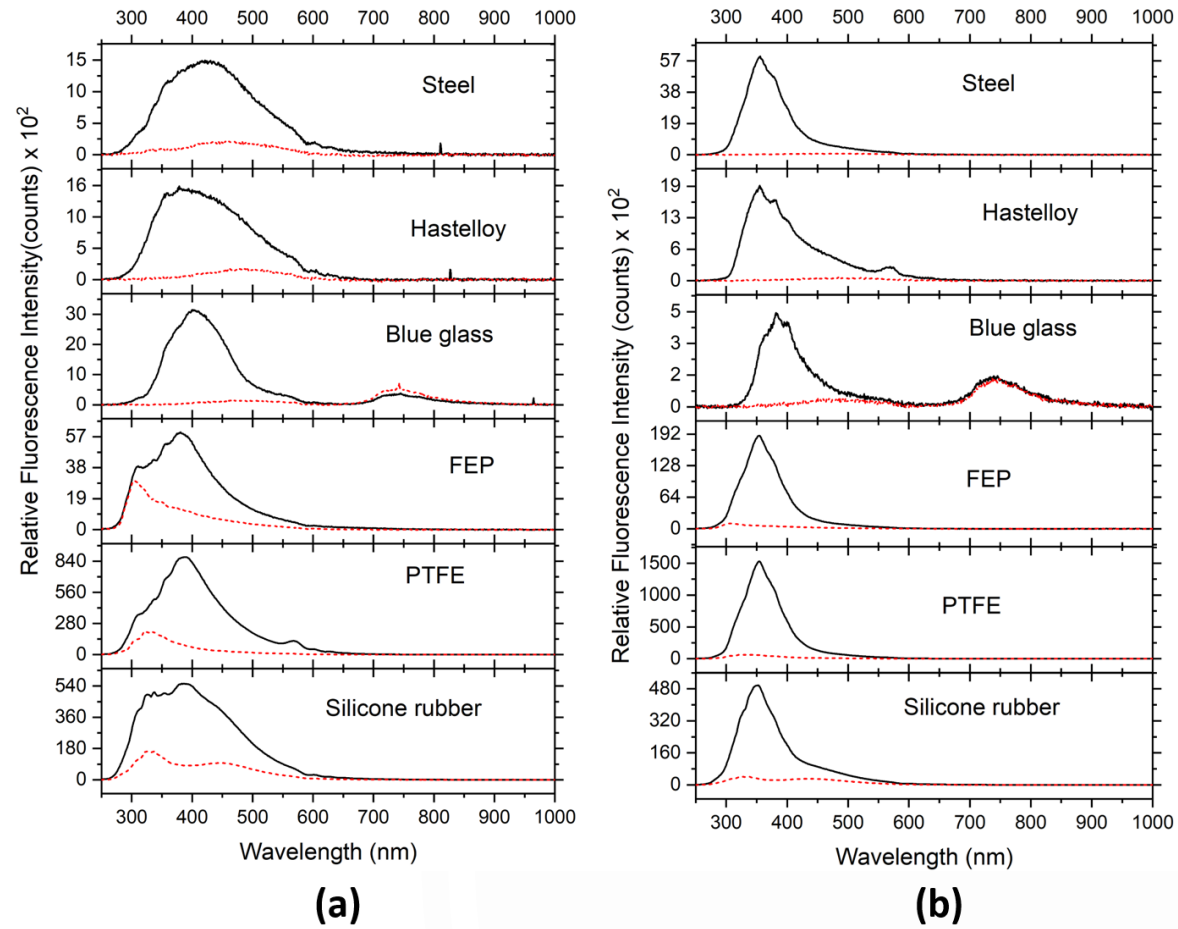
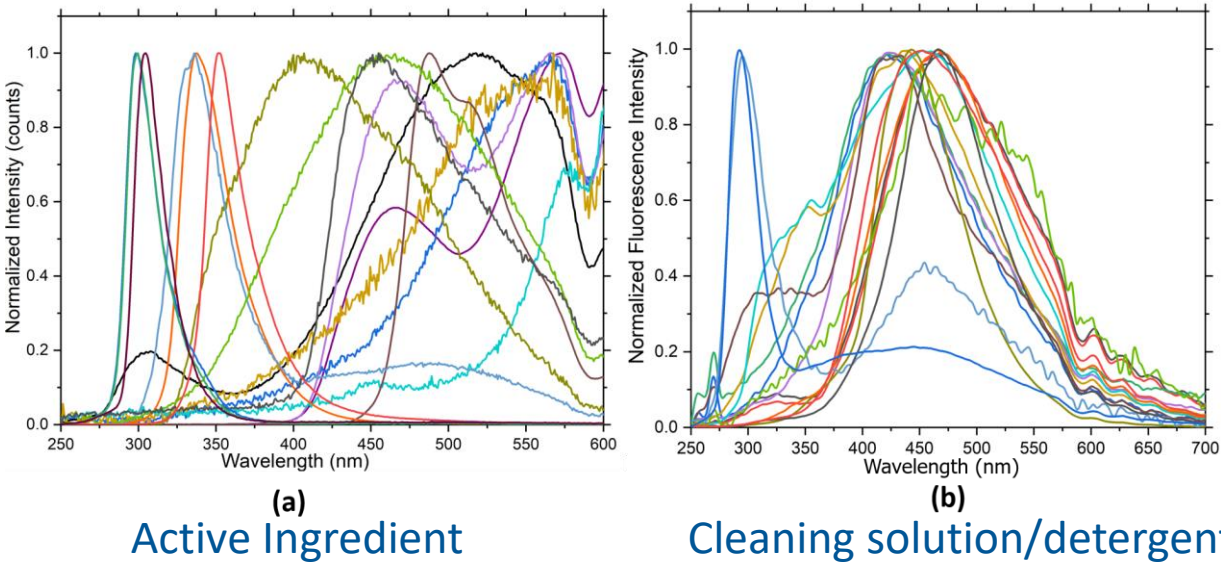
(d) Direct onsite measurement of hard to reach areas (≈ 30 min)



(e) Restart/ Stop cleaning cycle

Device performance

Fluorescence of different trace samples from companies

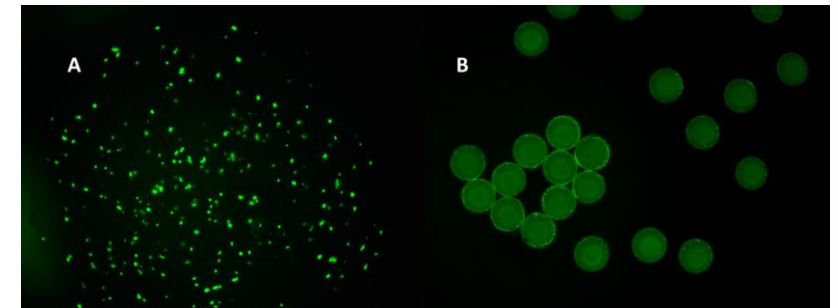
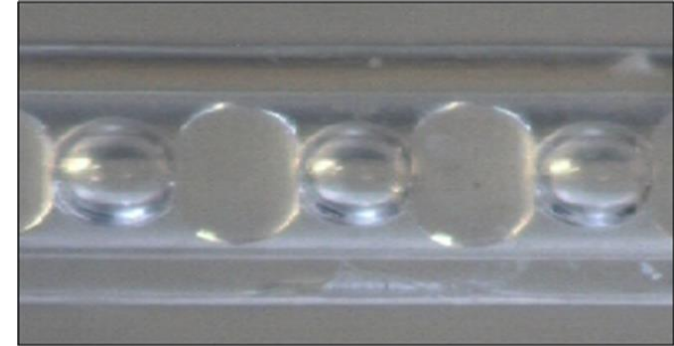


Fluorescence of trace samples on different surfaces

Chullipalliyalil, K., Lewis, L. and McAuliffe, M.A., 2019. Deep UV laser-Induced fluorescence for pharmaceutical cleaning validation. *Analytical chemistry*, 92(1), pp.1447-1454.v

Drug Testing \ Cell counting and viability

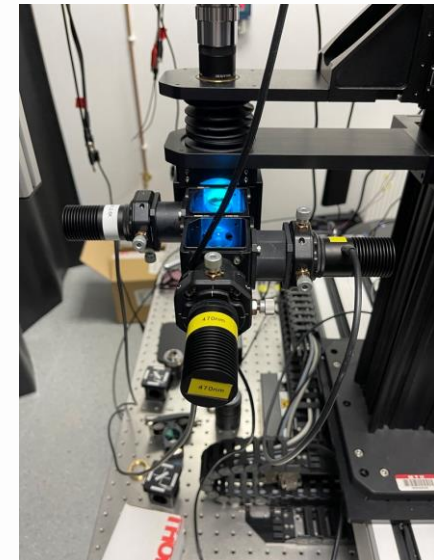
- Predicting cell response to new compounds such as drugs etc.
- 2D methods (including both in vitro and in vivo models) often lack predictive power, specificity, sensitivity and speed
- Organoids (clusters of cells) and are much larger (order of hundreds of μm) than single cells (order of several μm).
- 3D cell culture systems (organoids based) represent a more physiologically relevant platform and could provide a high-throughput, automated means for rapid screening



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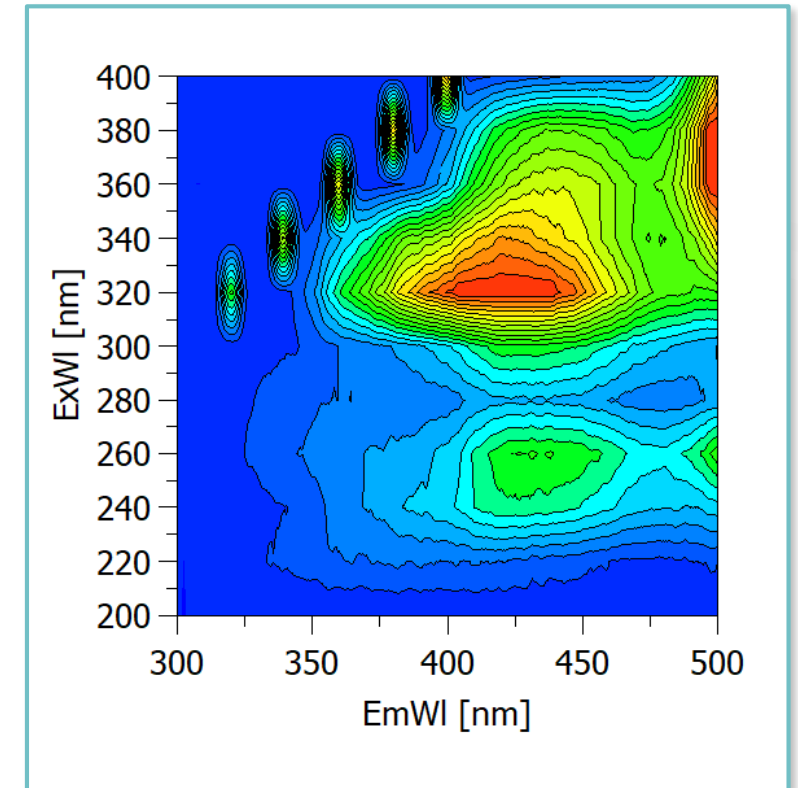
Multimodal, upright microscope based wide field imaging bed capable of:

- Imaging of cells (20-40 μm) and organoids (200-300 μm) in gel matrix/droplets
- White light EPI (reflected light) and transmitted light illumination (LED based)
- EPI/reflected light excitation/detection for steady-state fluorescence at 480nm (FITC) and 525nm (PI) (LED based)
- Transmitted light fluorescence excitation/detection for steady-state fluorescence at 488nm (FITC) and 525nm (PI) (LED based)
- X-Y-Z scanning (mapping and 3D imaging with DOF larger than 500 μm)
- Increased sensitivity for bio-luminescent cells
- Development of hardware control and image acquisition and analysis software layer capable of:
 - Image acquisition in X-Y-Z defined points (sample mapping)
 - Z-stacking



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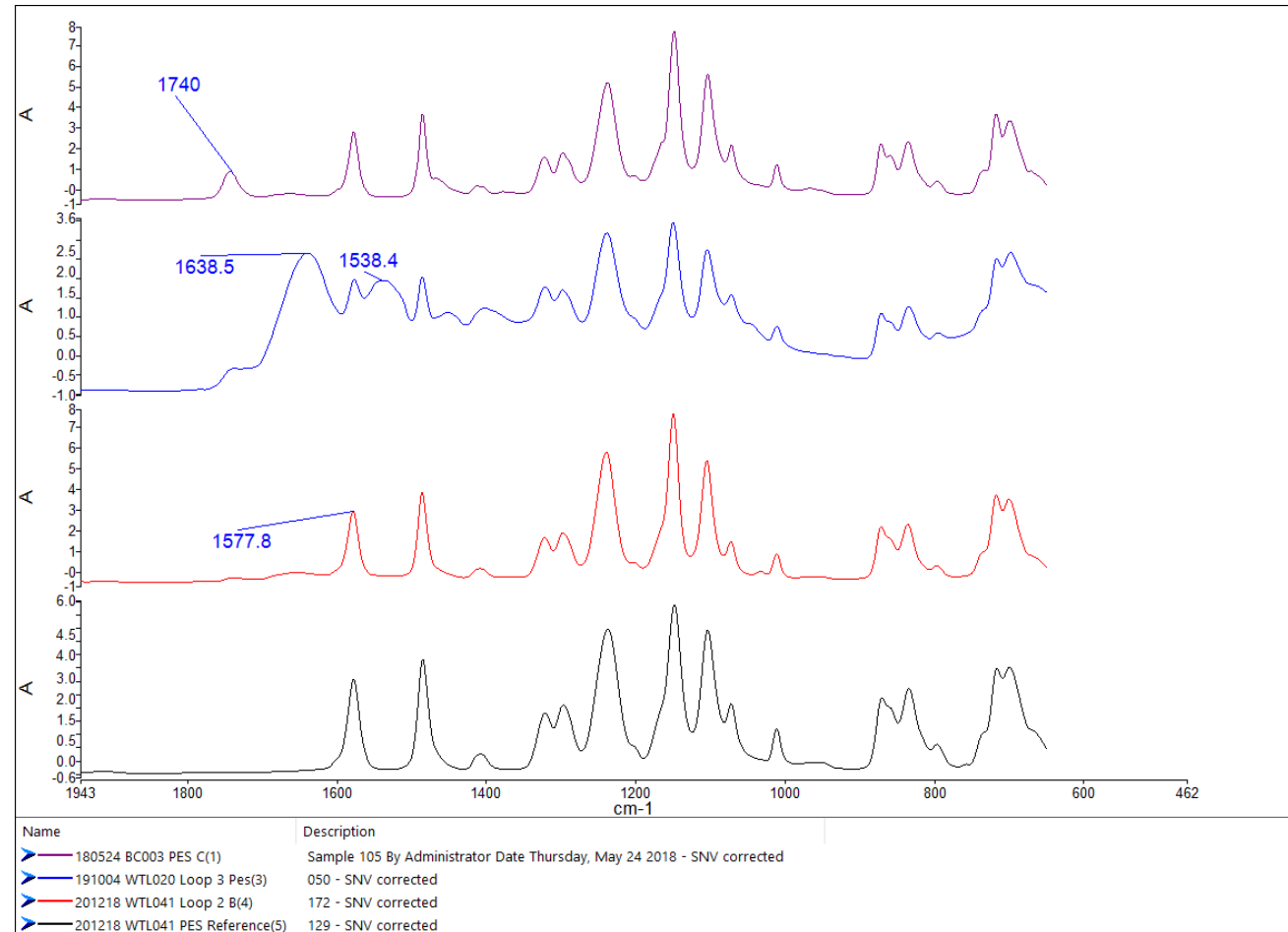
- **Case Study: Ultrafiltration membrane post-mortem**
 - UF membranes applied in whey protein concentration
 - Lifespan and separation efficacy determine efficiency
 - Where membrane blocking has occurred, spectroscopic techniques (FTIR/Raman) may:
 - ▶ Identify fouling material
 - ▶ Identify pore blocking mode
 - ▶ Show membrane thermal integrity compromised
 - ▶ Show membrane pH limits exceeded
 - Fluorescence spectroscopy can be used to track protein leakage into permeate (inset)



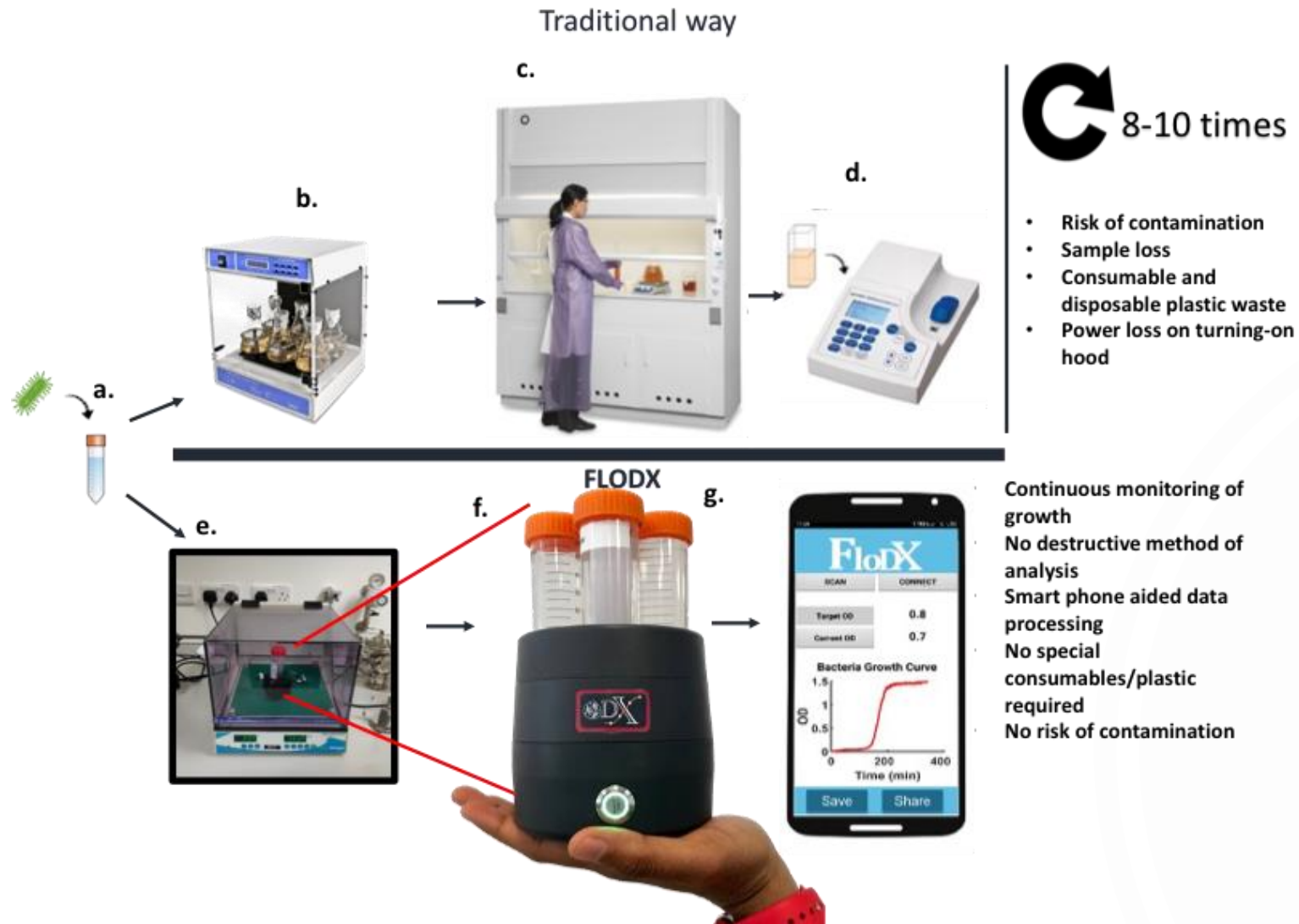
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Identification of Membrane Failure Mode

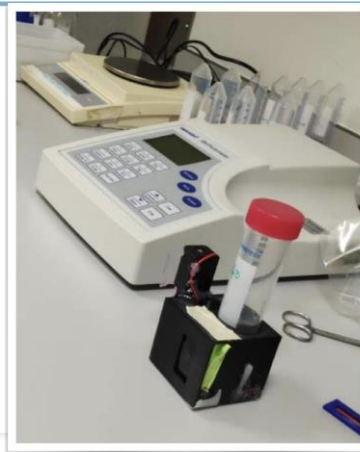
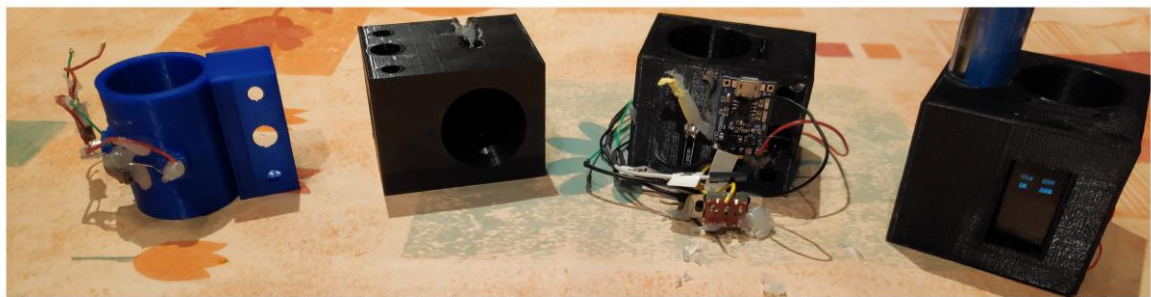
- Pore blocking by fat
 - ▶ Carbonyl peak detected at *ca.* 1740 cm^{-1}
- Protein layer formation
 - ▶ Amide I & II bands found at *ca.* 1650 cm^{-1} & 1550 cm^{-1}
- Heat damage
 - ▶ Aromatic absorption peak shift at *ca.* 1580 cm^{-1}



Continuous Bacterial Growth Monitoring



Early design iterations and prototypes



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ODX: A Fitness Tracker-Based Device for Continuous Bacterial Growth Monitoring

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SUBJECTS: 3D printing, Bacteria, Circuits, Diodes, Sensors



Geographical breakdown

| Country | Count | As % |
|----------------|-------|------|
| United States | 81 | 20% |
| United Kingdom | 34 | 8% |
| Germany | 19 | 5% |
| Spain | 18 | 4% |
| Ireland | 16 | 4% |
| India | 13 | 3% |
| Australia | 13 | 3% |
| Canada | 11 | 3% |
| Netherlands | 8 | 2% |
| Other | 32 | 18% |

Demographic breakdown

| Type | Count | As % |
|---|-------|------|
| Members of the public | 199 | 49% |
| Scientists | 195 | 48% |
| Practitioners (doctors, other healthcare professionals) | 8 | 2% |
| Science communicators (journalists, bloggers, editors) | 1 | <1% |

stefano campanaro (@scampanaro) Checking bacterial growth from @your_sofa

Jan Majta (@janmajta) It's been a while since I've seen such a crazy-brilliant idea

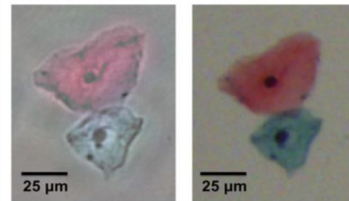
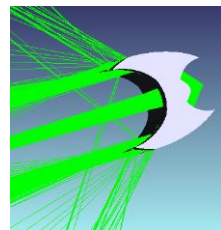
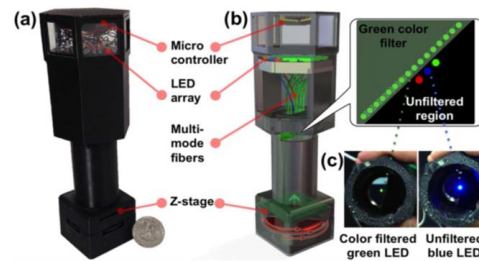
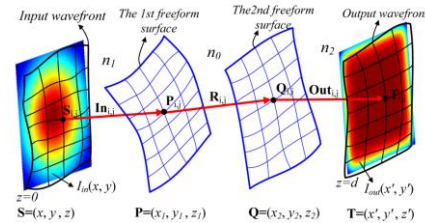
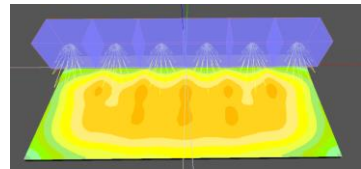
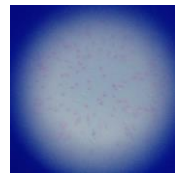
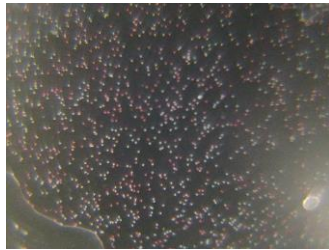
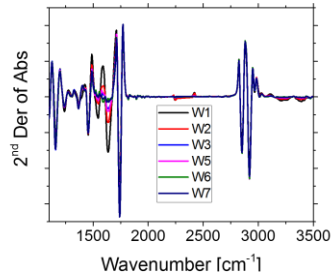
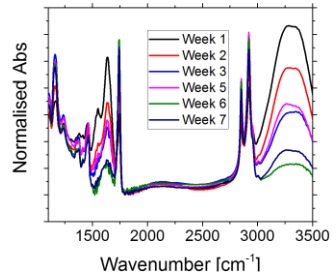
Lisa Gibson (@lisagibson) Oh man, this could have saved me so many weekends in the lab. Really cool idea if it works! <https://t.co/ODXU148gk>



analytical Chemistry
 ODX: A Fitness Tracker-Based Device for Continuous Bacterial Growth Monitoring



Short Study Examples



- Point of care medical device
- Beverage quality monitoring device
- Optical blood pressure measurement device for heart surgery
- Oral bacterial decontamination device
- UV Water Purification system for aquaculture
- Development of a bacterial contaminant detection unit
- Challenge set development for product consistency
- Golf aid for shot alignment
- Optical design for emergency lighting
- UV disinfection unit for food and beverage
- Stability testing of cosmetics products
- Development of on-site infection detection system (Veterinary)

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