



From Silicon to Solutions:

The Role of Chiptech in Modern Medicine

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One of the largest institutions of higher education in the Netherlands (3 locations: Enschede, Deventer & Apeldoorn)

~27,000 students (3,500 int., 74 nationalities), 2,800 employees



Research is organized in **40 different research groups** and together they add to the research agenda focused on **Living Technology** (interplay between technology and society)

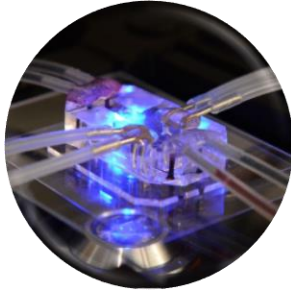
Research is organized into 5 different priorities:

- Health, wellbeing and technology
- Safety, security and digitalisation
- Circular innovation and energy transition
- Key enabling technologies (KETs)
- Social and economic innovation methodologies (KEMs)

interdisciplinary and practice-oriented research



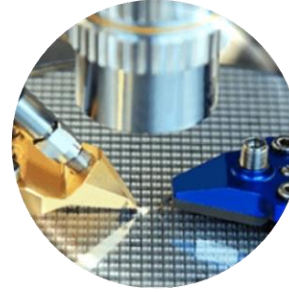
Research topics



Lab and organ-on-chip



Molecular sensing (POCT)



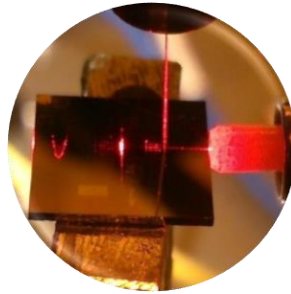
Testing and probing



Nanoforensics



E-waste



Precision assembly



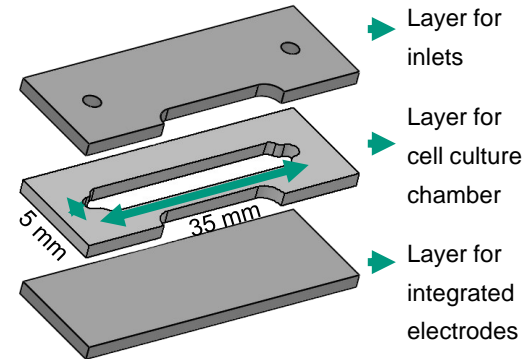
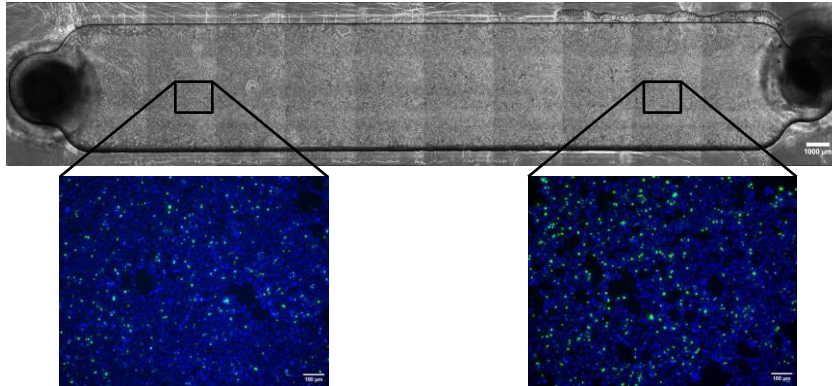
Functional nanostructures



Societal embedding

Development of a Heart-on-a-Chip device

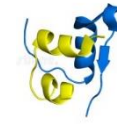
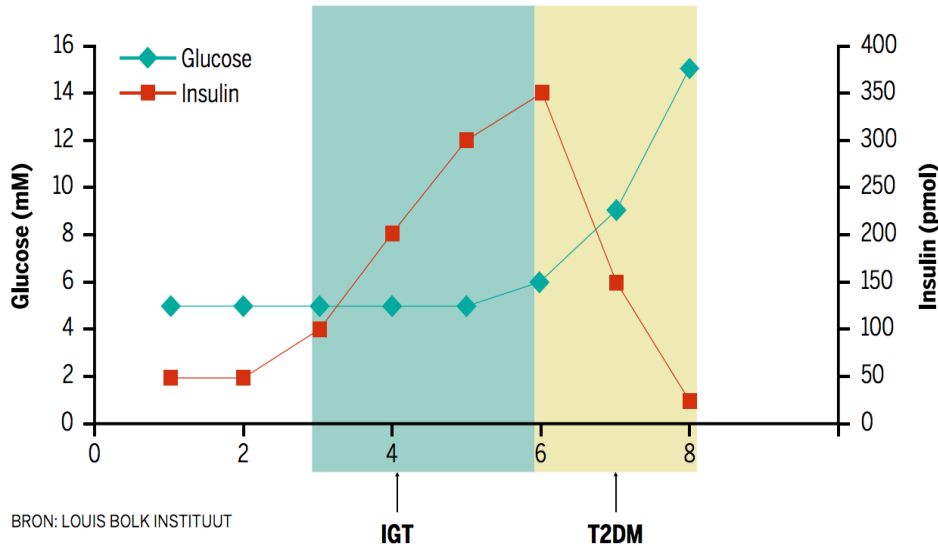
- HL-1 cardiomyocytes are cultured in a PMMA chip
- Live/dead staining \rightarrow 98% alive



Integration of electrodes to measure impedance and pace the cells



Measuring insulin (next to glucose)



1.3 nm

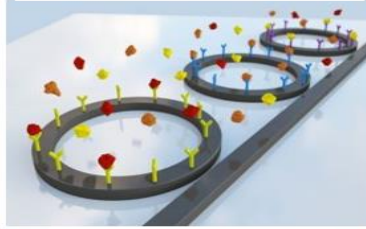
Insulin



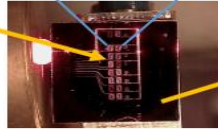
Measuring insulin gives a much more complete picture of the stage of progression towards diabetes, and enables early detection and diagnosis of “prediabetes”

Integrated photonic chips as sensors

Micro ring resonators
coated with antibodies



Blood sample
(using finger
prick)



Photonic chip
(1 x 1 cm)

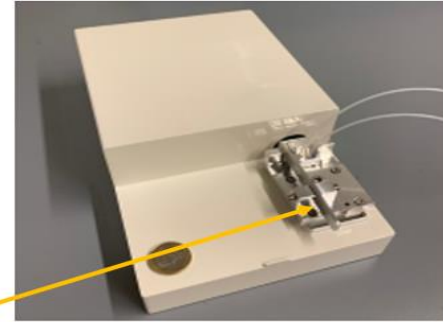
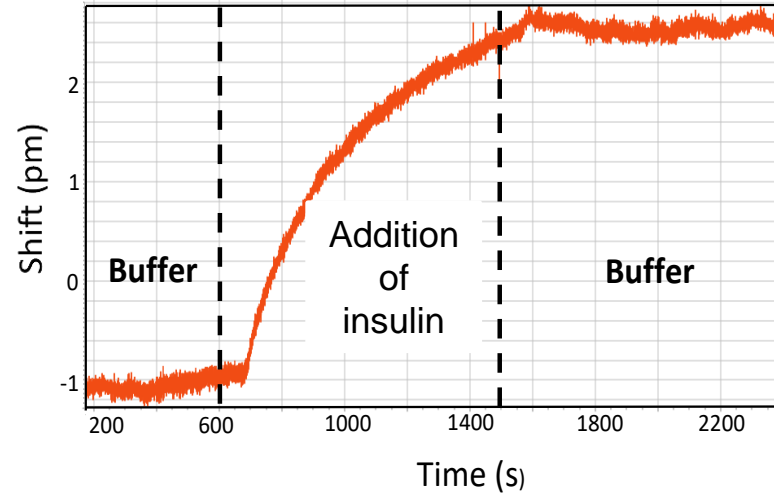
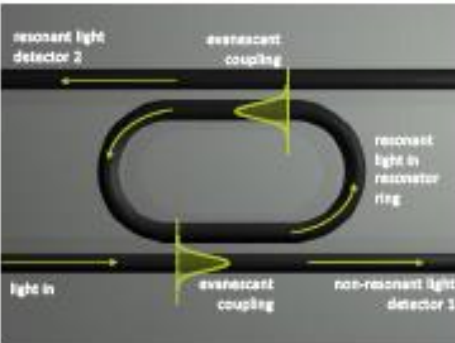
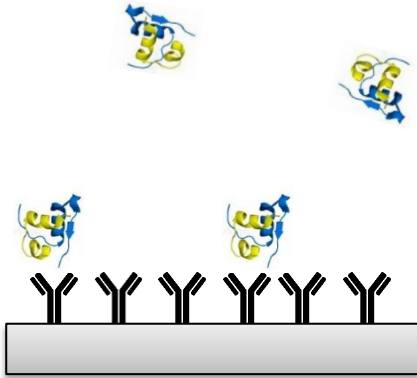


Table-top read-out device

Use of integrated photonic chips (so-called microring resonators)
to detect the presence of insulin in a blood sample.

Detection principle



Signal is the wavelength at which the microring is resonating. When anything binds to the surface, this wavelength changes proportionally.

Thank you



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