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Sensors: newest developments

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Principal member of the technical staff Emerging sensors

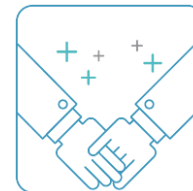




WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE
> 12,000 M²
CLEANROOM
CAPACITY



MORE THAN
5,000 SKILLED
PEOPLE
FROM OVER 95 NATIONALITIES



A
TRUSTED
PARTNER
FOR COMPANIES, STARTUPS & ACADEMIA

mec

USA
Berkeley

USA
San Francisco

USA
Orlando

Belgium
Leuven (HQ)

The Netherlands
Wageningen/Nijmegen – OnePlanet Research Center

The Netherlands
Eindhoven – Holst Centre

India
Bangalore

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Shanghai

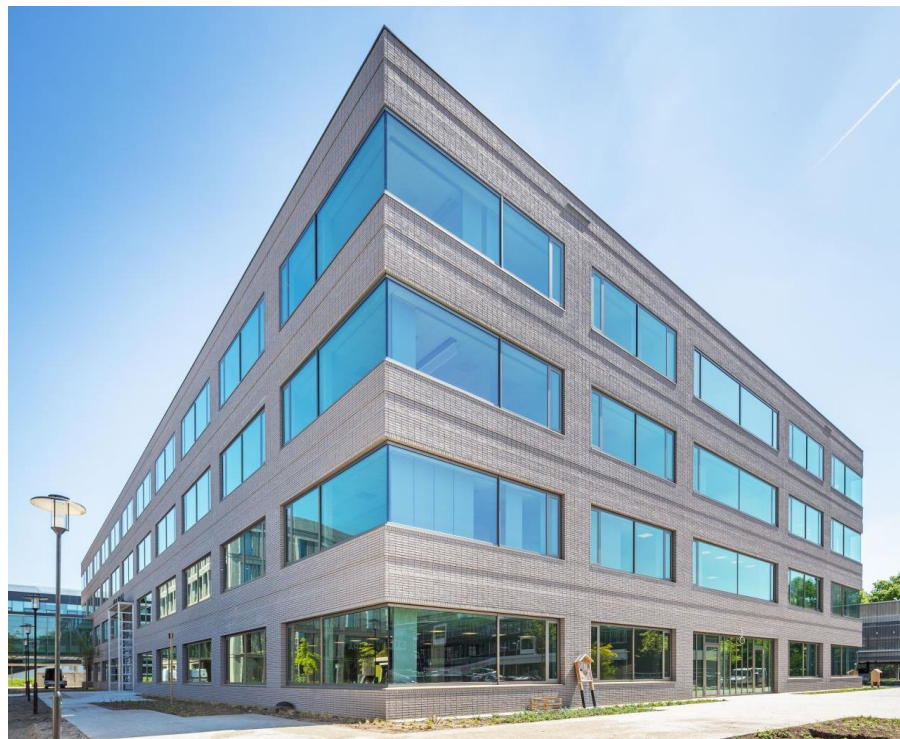
Japan
Osaka

Japan
Tokyo

Taiwan
Hsinchu

Overview imec-nl

And my role



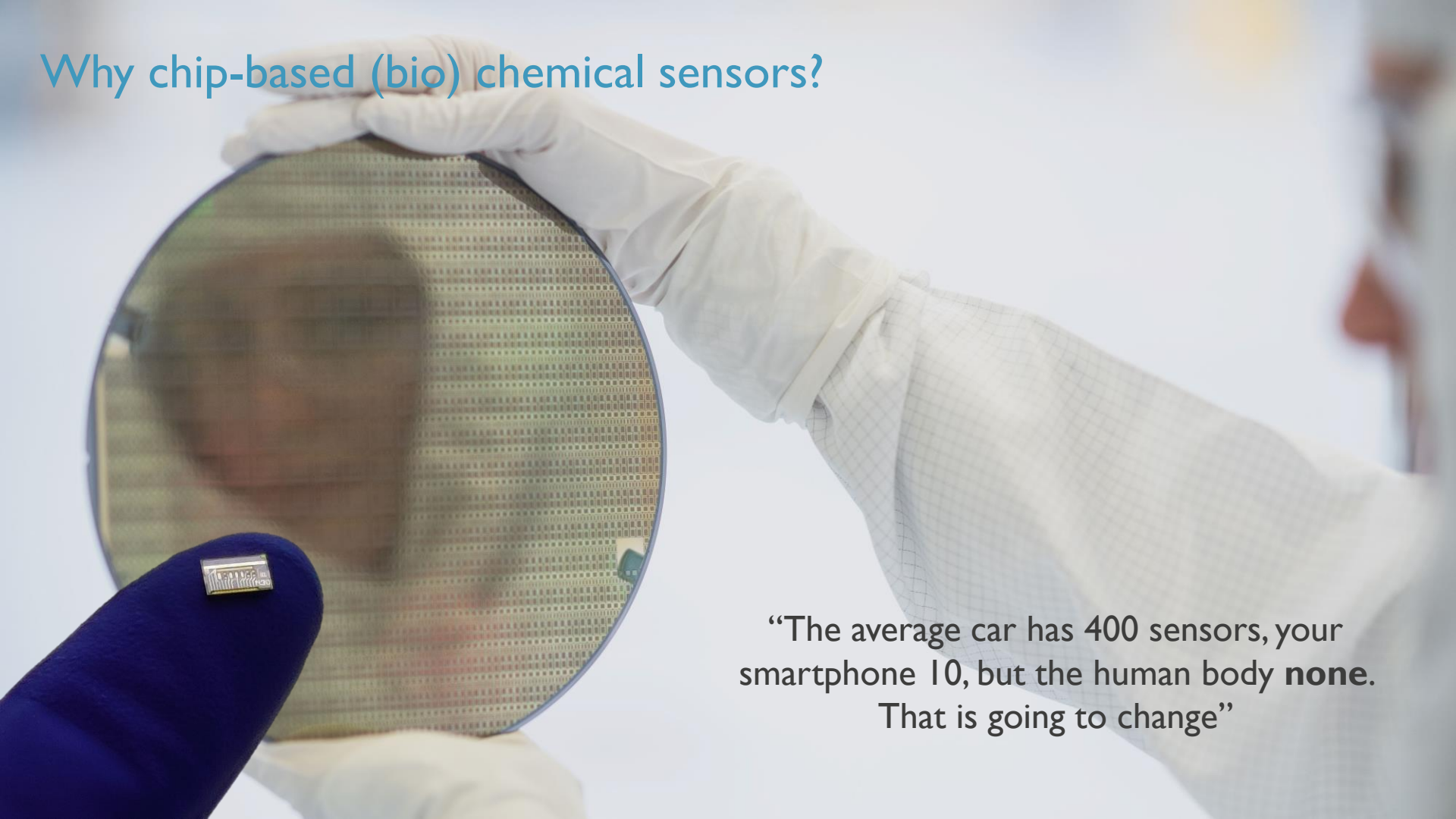
Imec @ OnePlanet



Imec @ Holst Centre

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Why chip-based (bio) chemical sensors?



“The average car has 400 sensors, your smartphone 10, but the human body **none**. That is going to change”

Three waves of analyte sensing



Clinical Analyzers

“Sample to the Lab”

*driver: workflow efficiency
routine for 100+ analytes*



Point-of-Care Diagnostics

“Lab to the Sample”

*driver: rapid results
many analytes available*



In-vivo Analyte Sensors

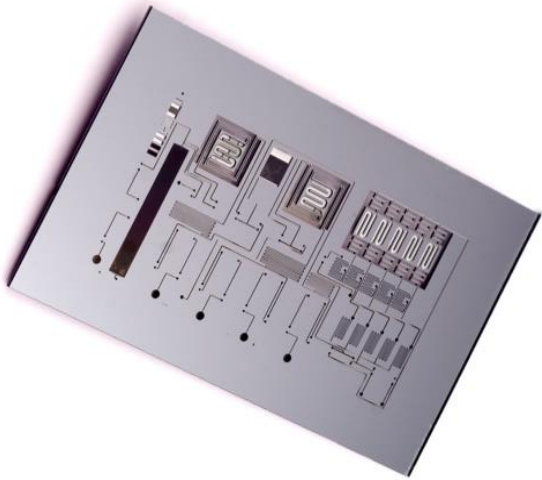
“Wear the Lab”

*driver: frequent measurements
very few analytes available*

technical challenges

- *Sensor technology suitable for repeated use*
- *Sensor technology bio-compatible and bio-robust*

Breath-based, fast PCR test for SARS-CoV-2



PCR analysis < 10 min!



Repeated use

What does that mean?

3 days

Smart Ingestible
Sweat patches
In-line blood monitoring
(short-term)
Dialysis/Urine



1 month

Bioprocess monitoring
CAR-T
Food
Organ on a chip
In-line blood monitoring
(long-term)



> 1 year

Implantable sensors
Air/(waste) Water quality
monitoring



Impact and importance of gut health

Inflammatory Bowel Disease /
Irritable Bowel Syndrome

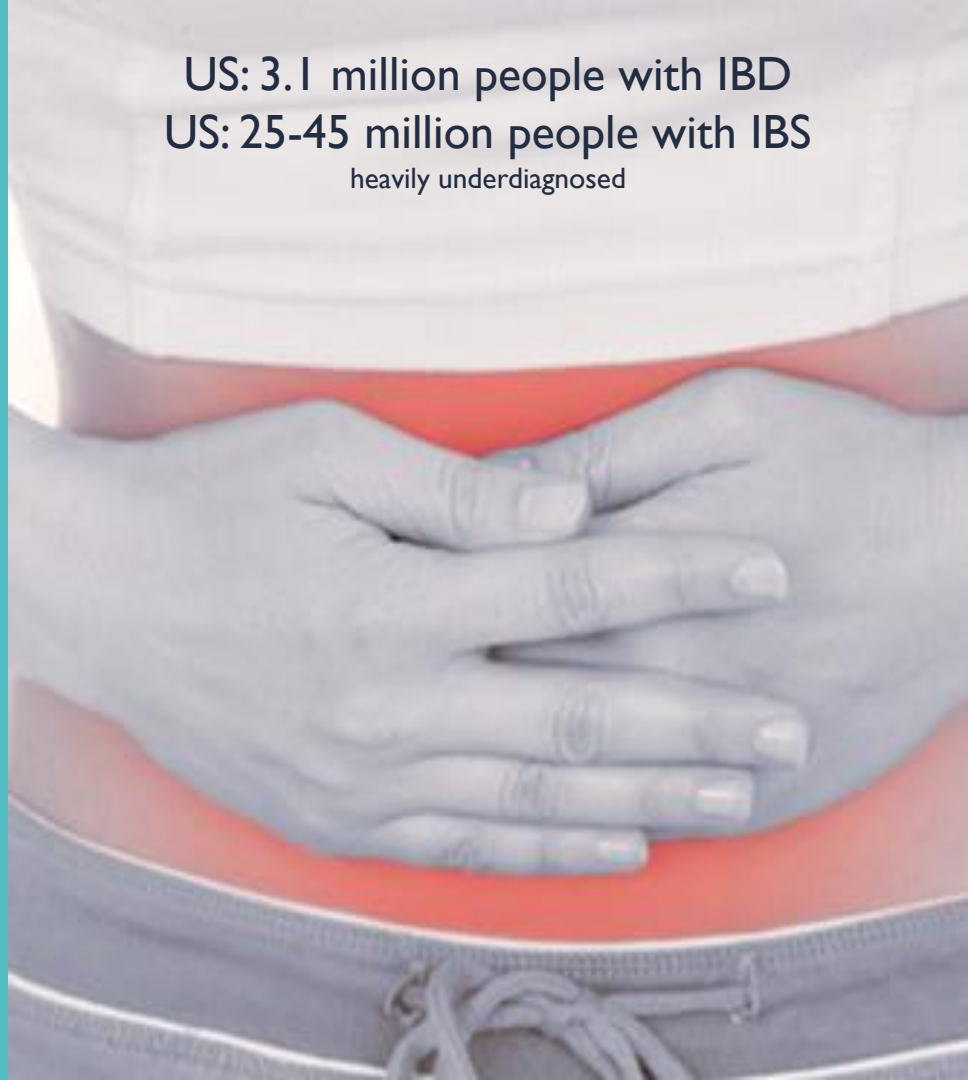
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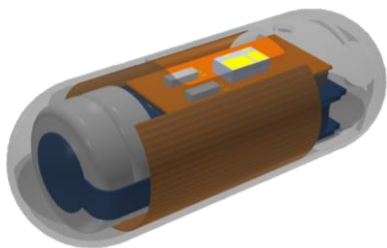
of population suffer from digestive
complaints or disorders¹

More Research and
Non-invasive tools are needed

¹Sperber, A. D., et al. (2021). *Gastroenterology*

US: 3.1 million people with IBD
US: 25-45 million people with IBS
heavily underdiagnosed





BIOSENSING @ HOME - INNOVATIONS FOR EARLY SIGNALING

Dehydration

Kidney function

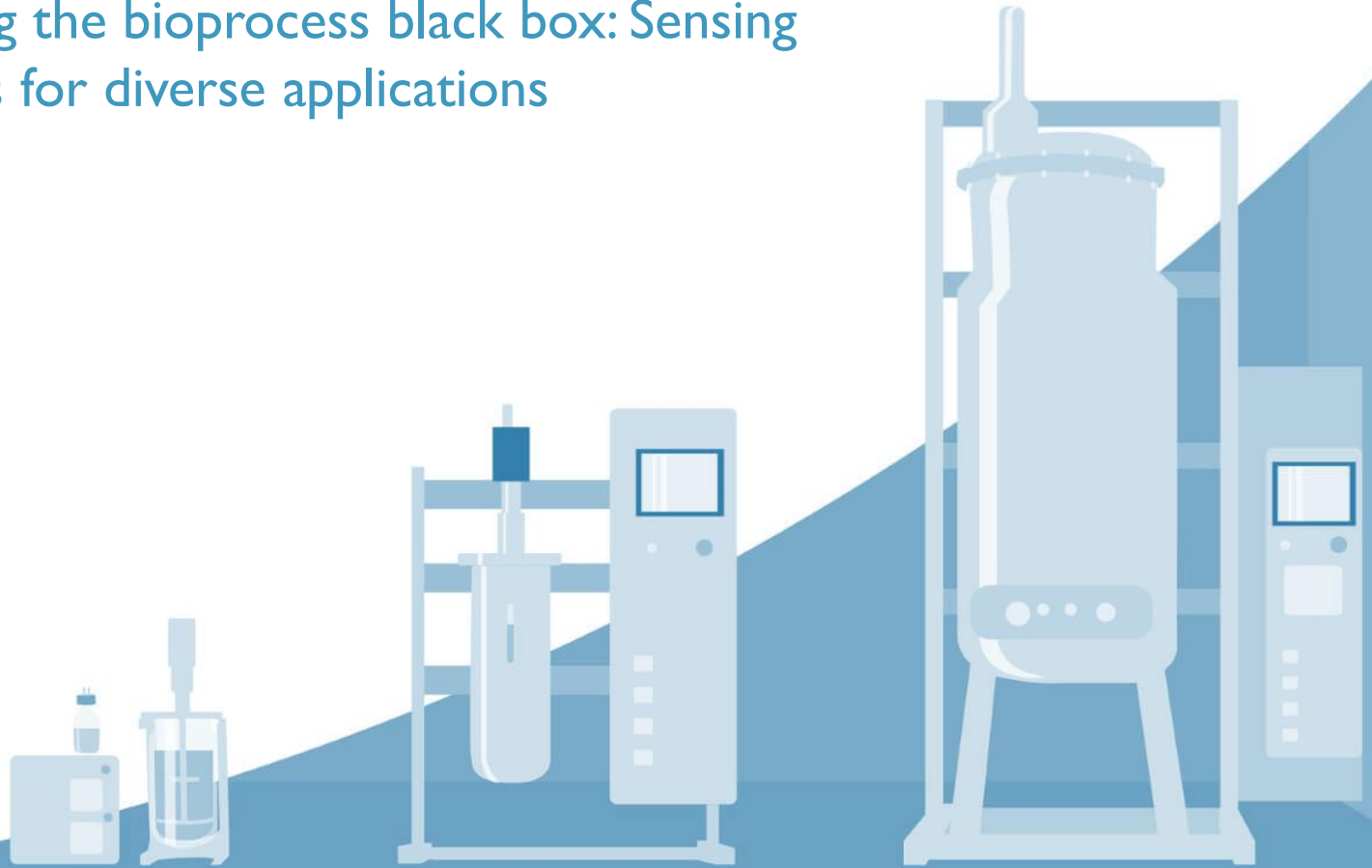
Urinary tract
infections

Low-grade
Inflammation

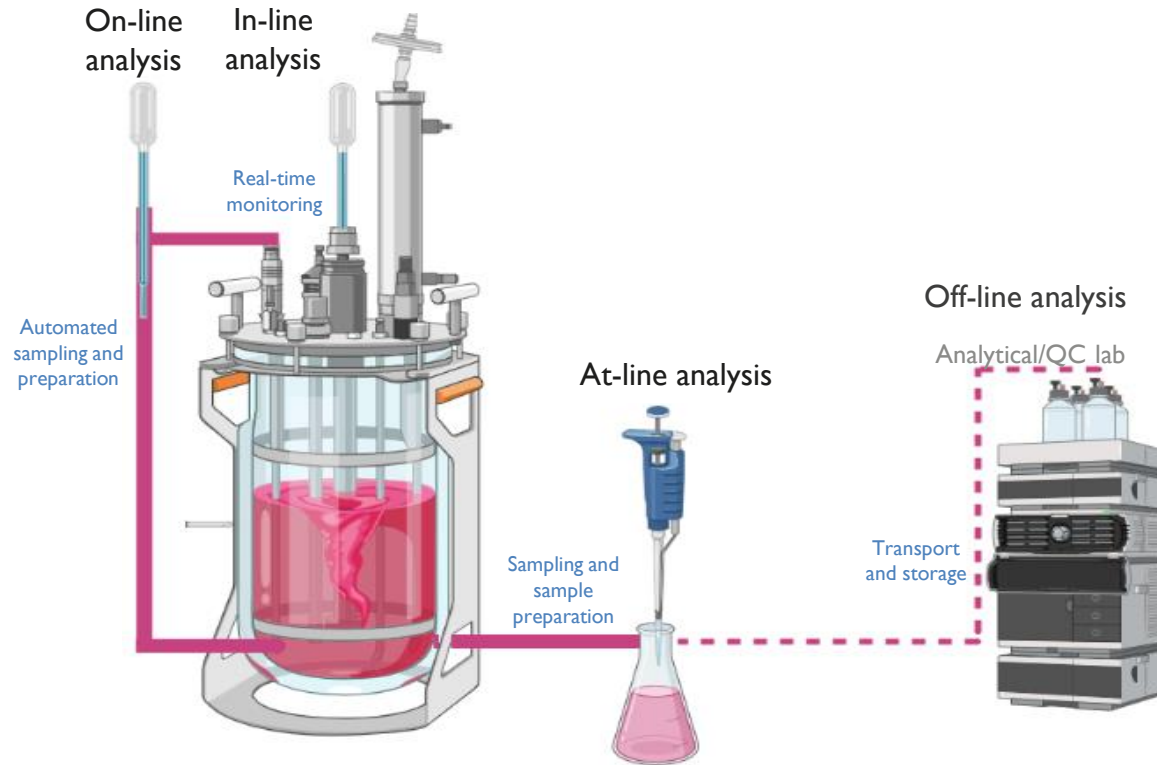


Process Analytics Technology (PAT)

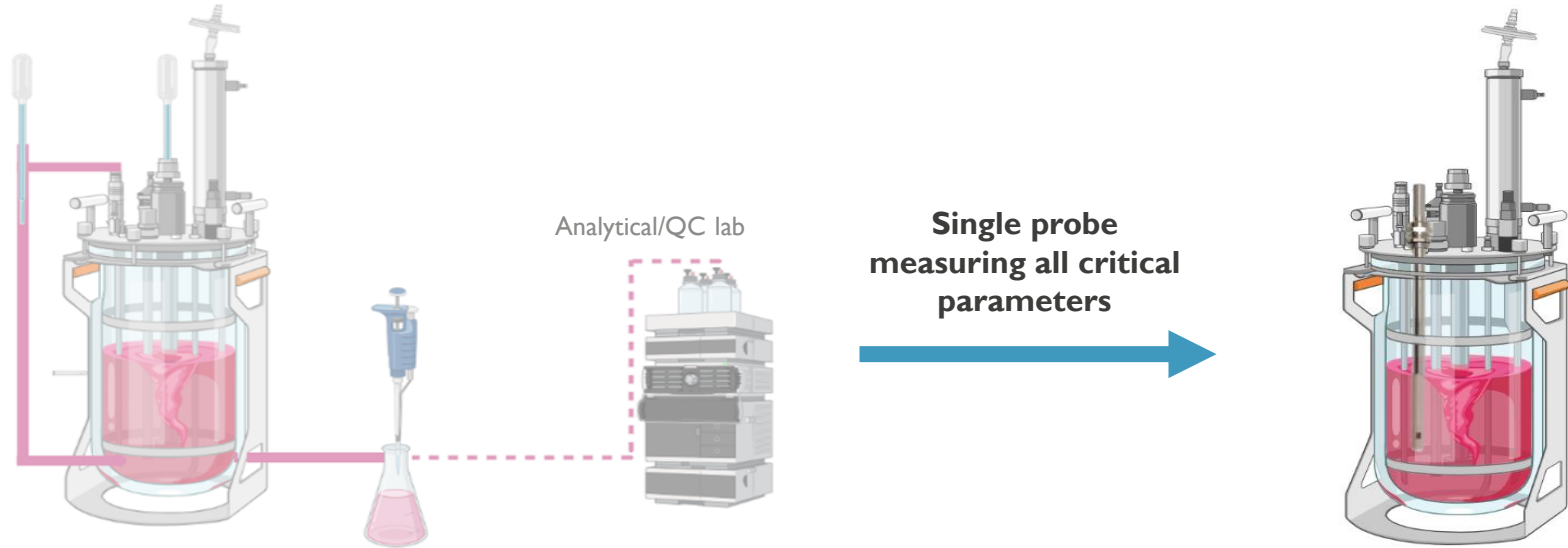
Decoding the bioprocess black box: Sensing solutions for diverse applications



Q&C in and around the reactor



One probe, multiple sensors: revolutionizing bioprocess monitoring

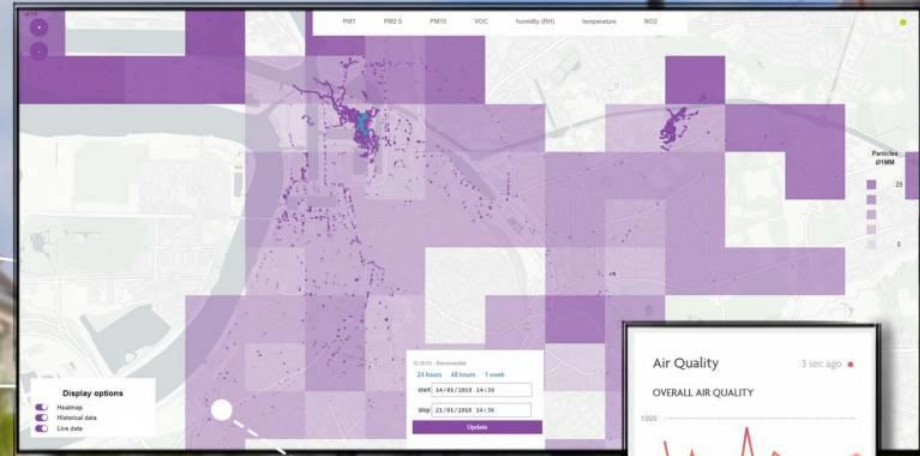


PATcube Sensor Specifications & Performances



Air and Water quality

TRACK RECORD AIR QUALITY





NO2

PM2.5

NO2

Simulated Real-time

☒ OFF Receptors off

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20-24
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Technology & AI for Environmental Monitoring

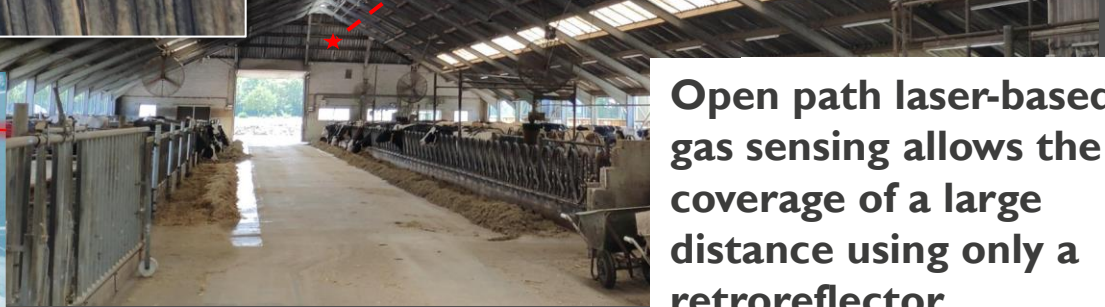
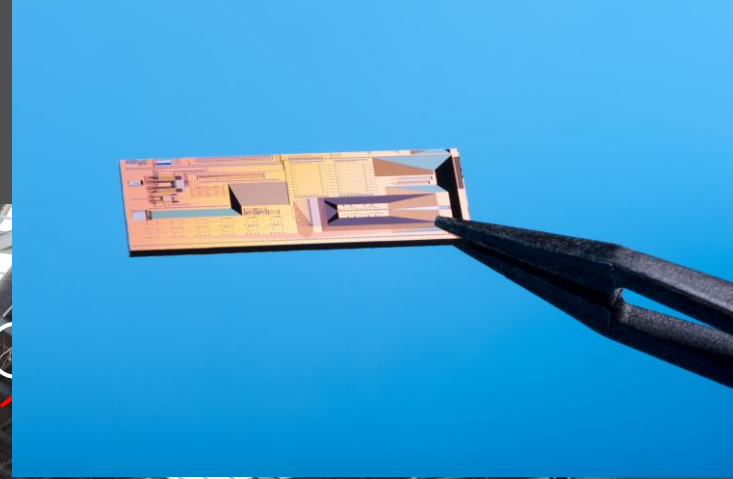
Air quality sensor

- Nitrogen oxides
- PM dust
- Ammonia
- Methane



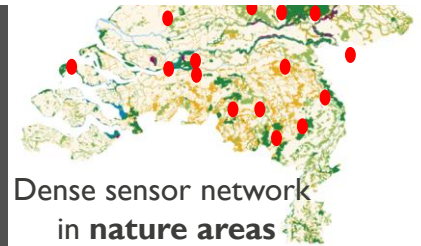
OPEN PATH GAS SENSING

AMMONIA AND
METHANE
SENSING
INSIDE THE
BARN



Open path laser-based
gas sensing allows the
coverage of a large
distance using only a
retroreflector.

AMMONIA AND METHANE SENSING
AROUND THE BARN



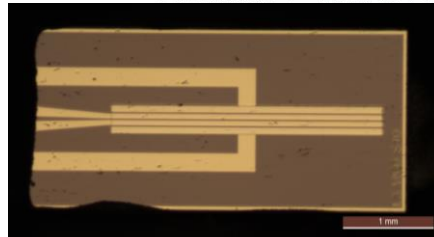
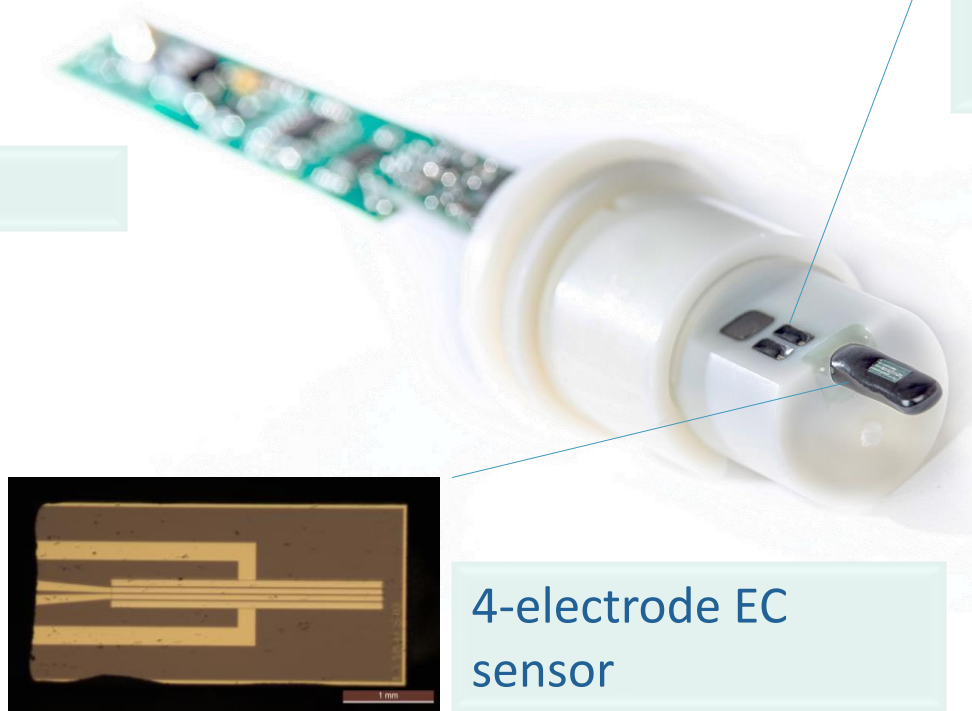
Water Quality Monitoring

challenge: sensor technology robustness

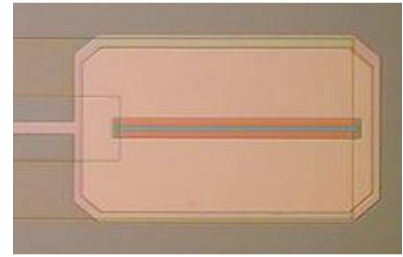


Sensor probe

Readout



4-electrode EC
sensor



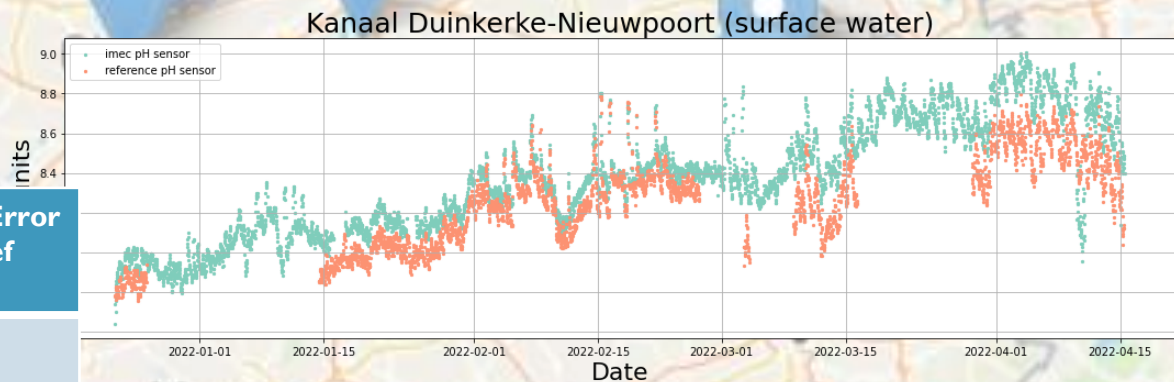
2x ISFET pH-
sensor



WQMD DEPLOYMENTS

- ✓ More than 40 WQMDs have been deployed in Flanders
- ✓ The Imec sensors are being validated against commercial sensors, which are installed next to the imec sensor probes
- ✓ The imec sensors provide **accurate** measurements **without maintenance** during their **>6 months** of operation in the field

	lifetime	Correlation	Mean Error w.r.t ref
EC sensor	Up to 14 mo.	> 95%	< 10 %
pH sensor	Up to 8 mo.	> 80%	< 0.2 pH



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USE CASE: BLANKAART RESERVOIR & IJZER WEST-FLANDERS





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