

## Conclusions

- **Remote vital monitoring wearable technology** is now mature enough to fit the needs of pharma companies for clinical trial applications
- **New technologies will face resistance** from the medical community **and require grounded scientific evidence**
  - Publication in technical outlets
  - Publication in peer-reviewed scientific outlets
  - Membership of standardization bodies
- Respiration is high on the list, but **let's not forget all other therapeutic areas**





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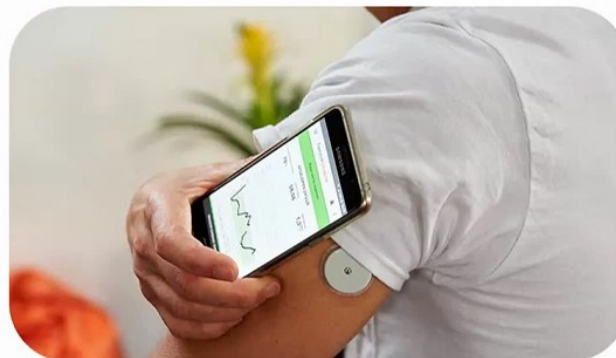
## Wearables

Over the hype

- **18 years since we started**
  - 11 years from the first Fitbit
- The wearables market in 2020 expected to be **~US\$ 19,000 Million**
- More than **440 Million Users in 2020**
- Diverse market such as
  - Entertainment
  - Payments
  - Wellbeing
- Slow but steady adoption in medical environments



First version of Fitbit released in 2009, source Fitbit

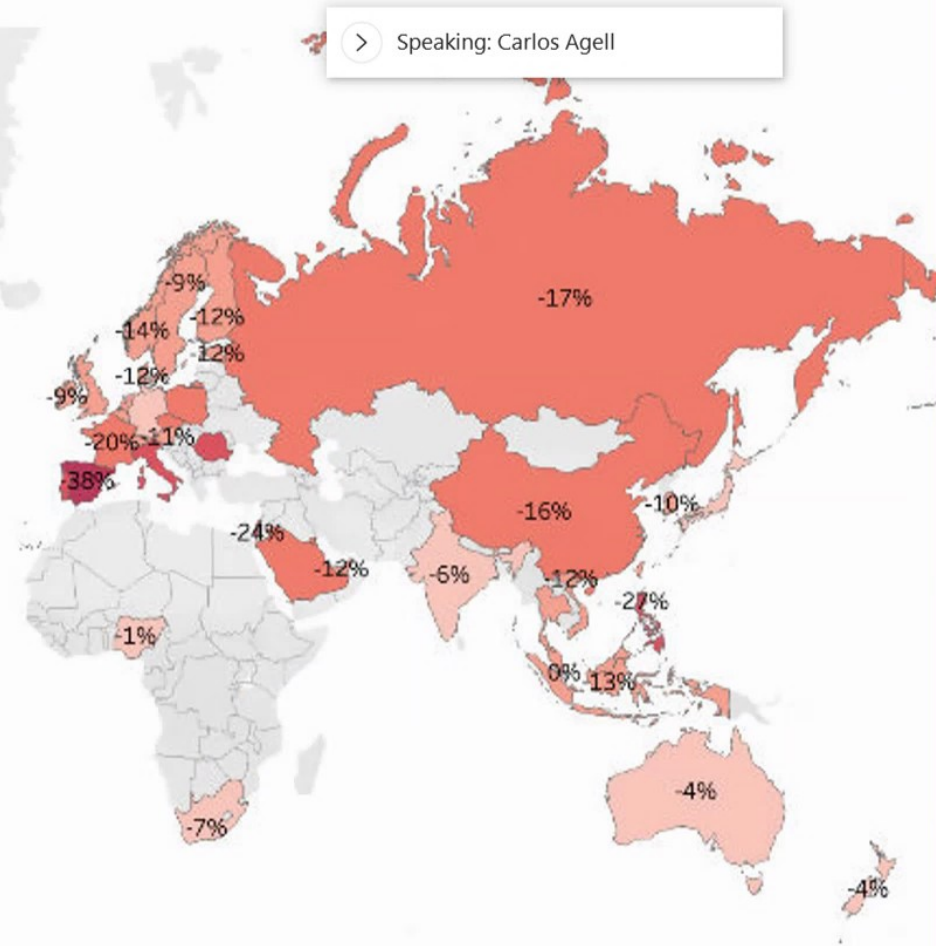
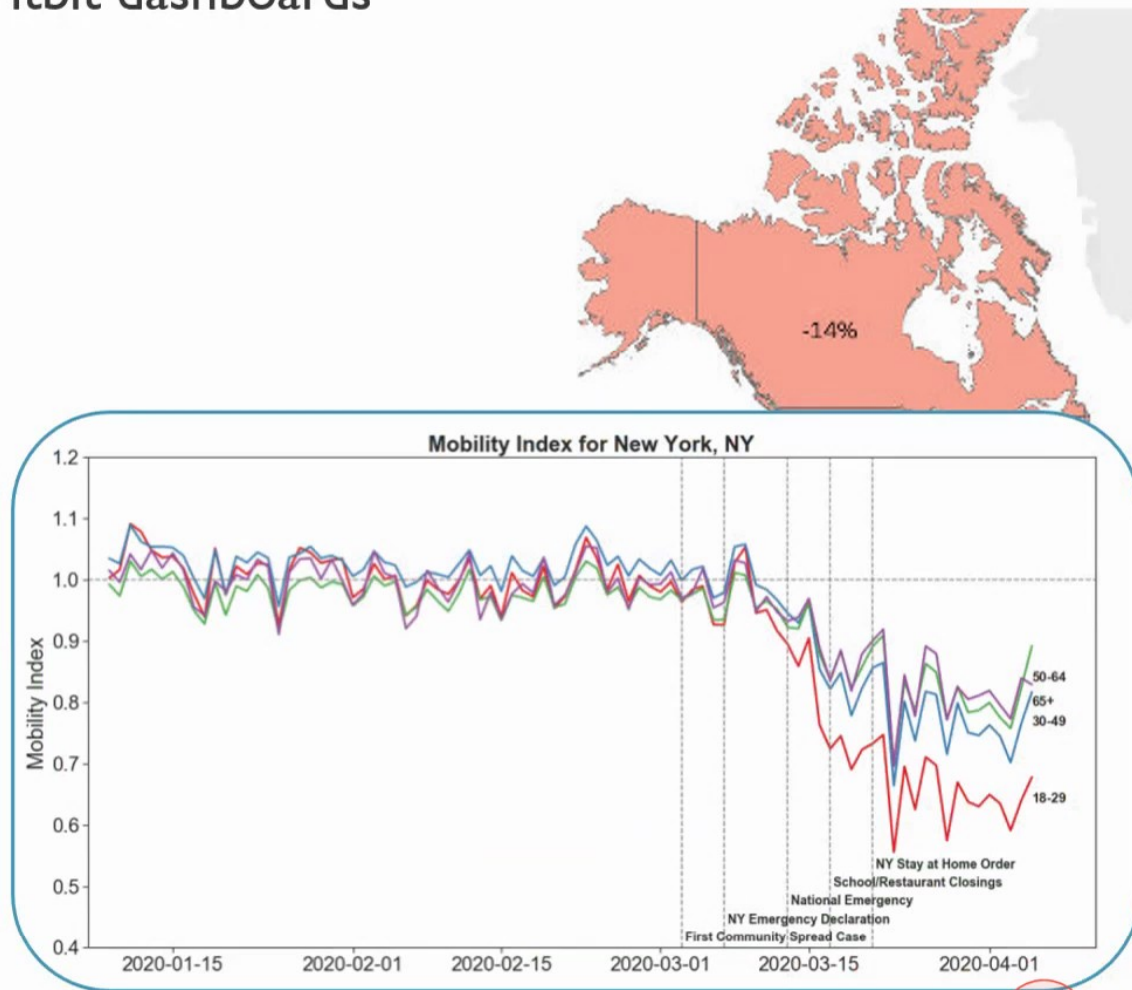


Abbott's FreeStyle Libre remote glucose monitoring system, Source Diabetes vereniging Nederland

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## Fitbit dashboards



Source *Fitbit NEWS*



## Present healthcare view

### Remote vital sign monitoring

- Mostly wearable-based sensors
- Wearable – Smartphone – Cloud architecture
- Process with AI, trend detection
- Detect anomalies (notify the user)
- Generate doctor's report



Source BioTelemetry

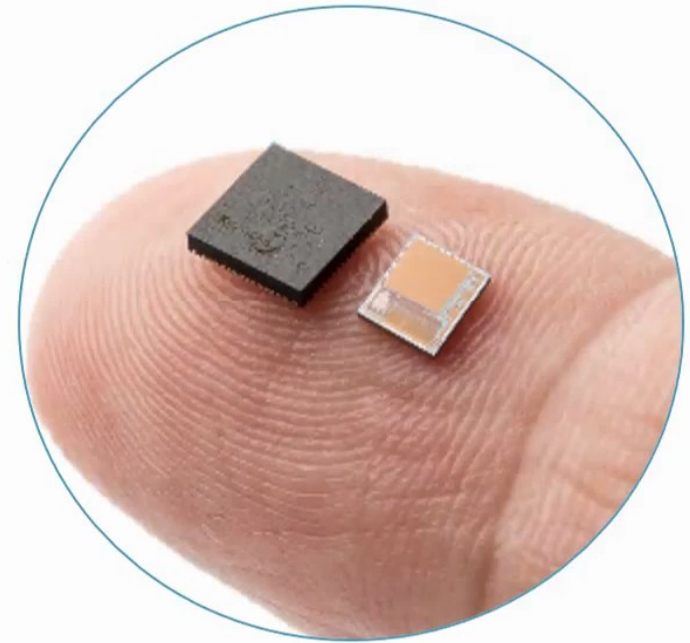


# Imec multimodal acquisition chipsets: Museic

Foundation for next generation wearables

- Going from single mode ...
- ... to multimode
  - Cardiac activity (ECG)
  - Heart rate
  - Respiration rate

**Museic** family of chipset:  
available for licensing



Vital signs sensing with one  
single chip Museic v3



## Beyond today's wearables

- Use existing wearable tech to perform **seamless trials**

- Beyond wearables: **new form factors**

- Beyond sensing: **closing the loop**

- On the horizon: **artificial organs**



# Getting most out of current wearables

Using them for pharma trials

- Great starting point for **next-generation experimental trials**
- Pervasive and ambulatory companion for **classical Randomized Control Trials**
- Promising tool for **Real World Evidence** trials
- Envision trials where you **receive a device kit** at home, **sign in through an app** and then live your usual life



Source Experitest



# Imec investigational devices for Real World Evidence

Set of **wearable devices enabling data collection in the real world, including** patch and wrist form factors:

- A great starting point for feasibility studies and proof of concepts for your next application
- Enabling unobtrusive 24/7 data collection
- Potential to create longitudinal studies for the processing of data across populations, conditions, interventions, etc.
- A tool for the **pharma/medical device** industry
  - Where the data from the investigational device can help back up medical evidence and endpoints.
  - Raw data, features, analysis and high-level conclusions all available for investigational purposes



# Stress at work

Examples of wearable-based  
Real-world Study

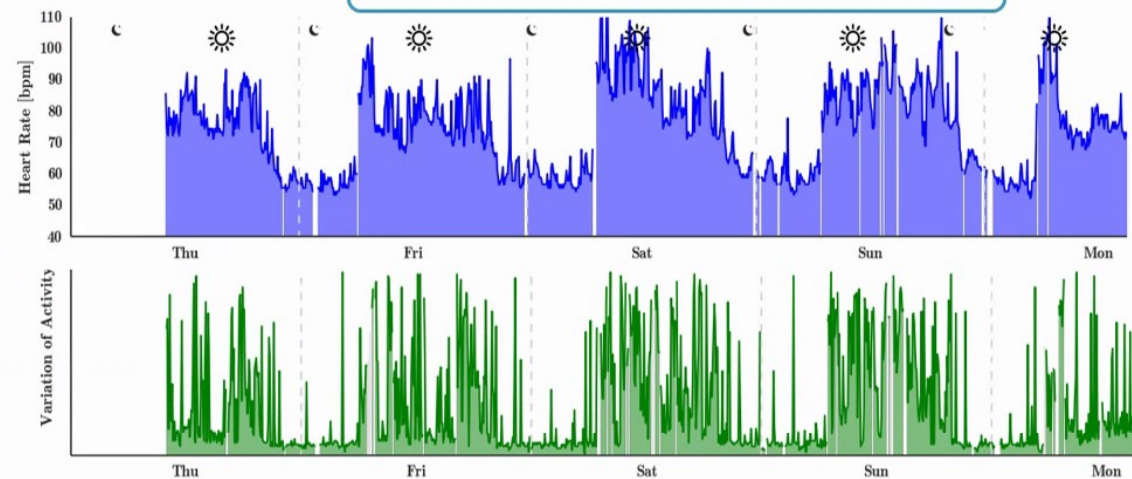
## Large-scale wearable data reveal digital phenotypes for daily-life stress detection

Elena Smets, Emmanuel Rios Velazquez, Giuseppina Schiavone, Imen Chakroun, Ellie D'Hondt, Walter De Raedt, Jan Cornelis, Olivier Janssens, Sofie Van Hoecke, Stephan Claes, Ilse Van Diest & Chris Van Hoof

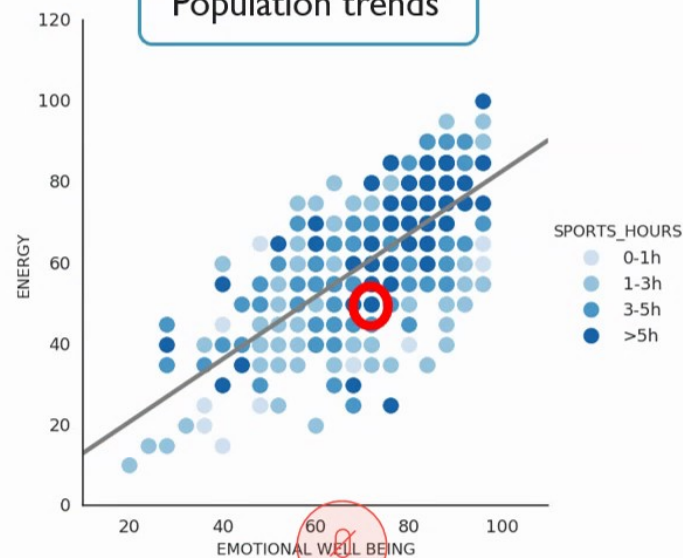


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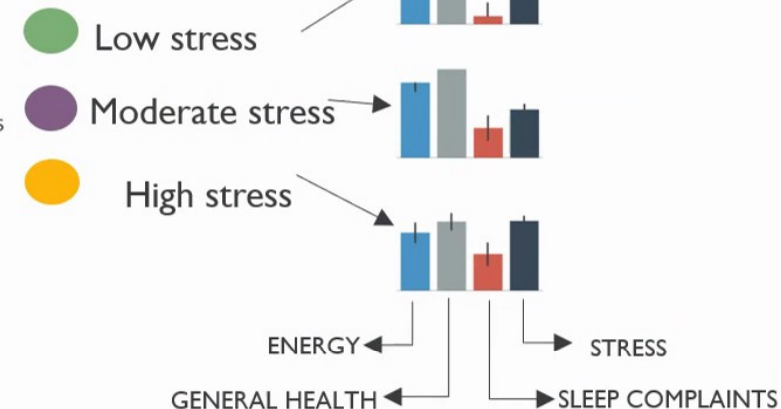
Daily dynamics of the individual's traits



Population trends



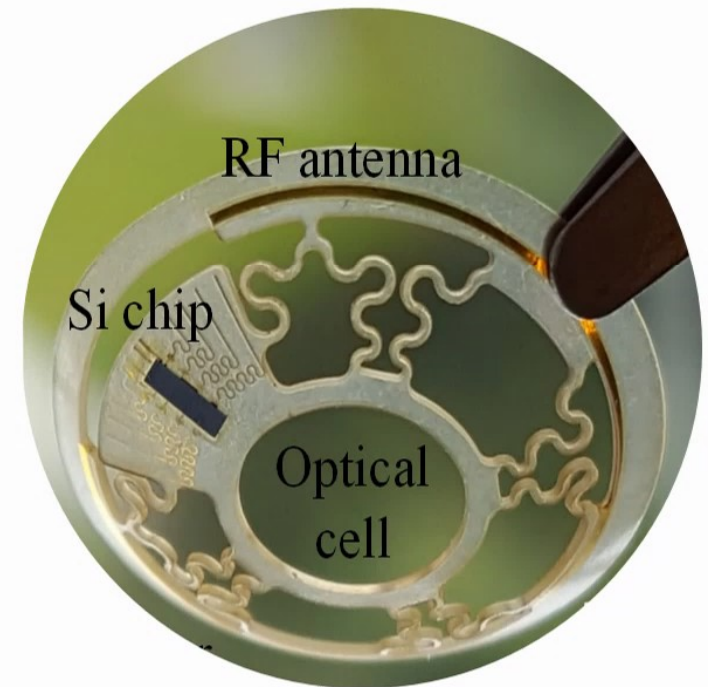
Link to Health Indicators



# Insertables: smart lens platform

In-eye and actuation platform

- **Lens inserts**
  - Lens insert based on custom ultra-thin silicone chipset and **unique stretchable interconnect**
  - **< 150  $\mu\text{m}$  (6 mil)** wrinkle-free thermoformed insert
  - **Polyimide carrier**
- **Integrated antenna design**
  - **NFC** and **charging**
- **Custom chipset:** driving signal generation, power management, sensor signal conditioning & communication
- **Example ophthalmological devices:**
  - Unique silicon, integration and process technology



# Next-generation smart electronic ingestibles/insertables

Under development

Sensing

Power

Actuation & stimulation

Signal processing

Communication

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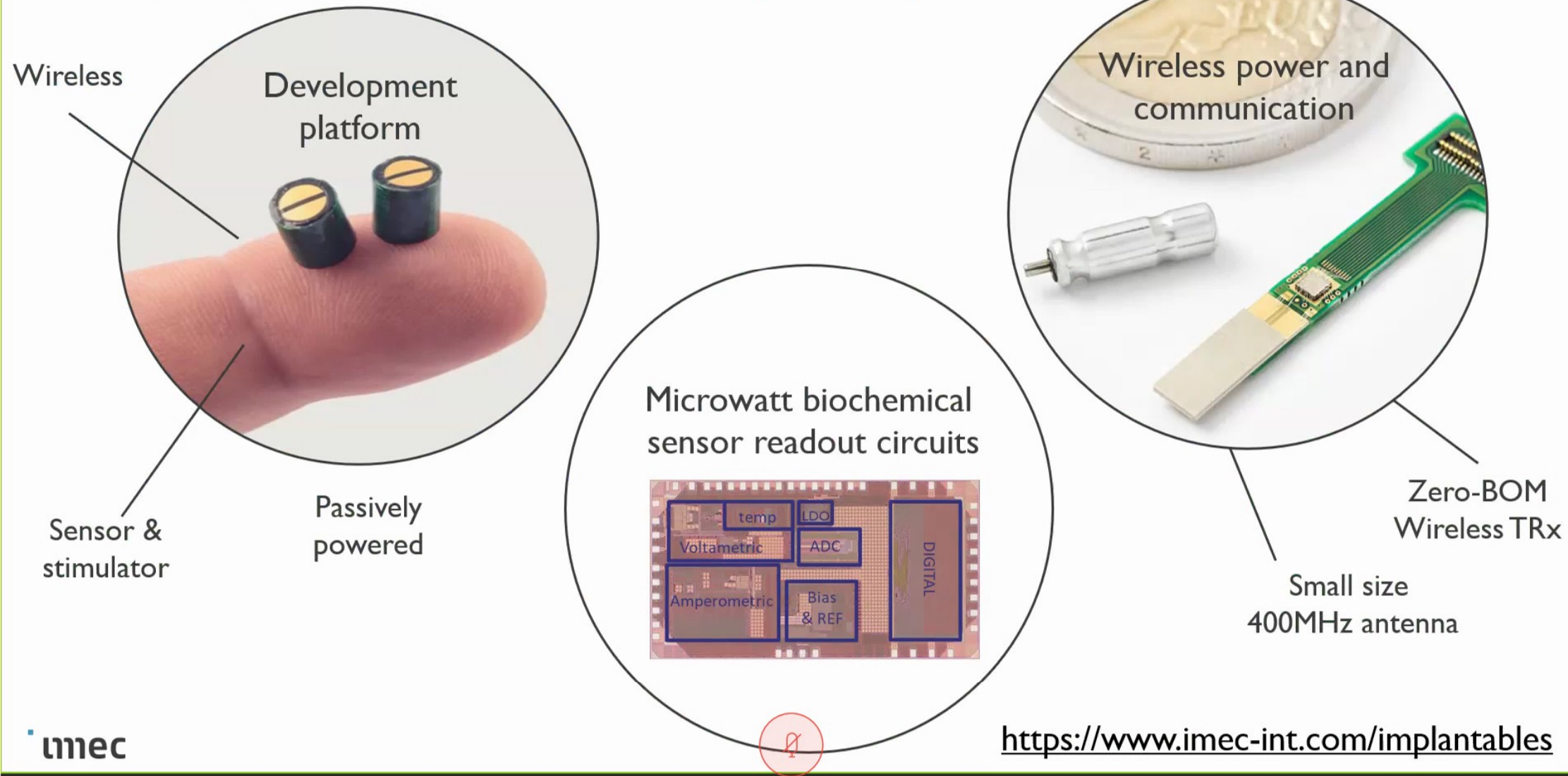


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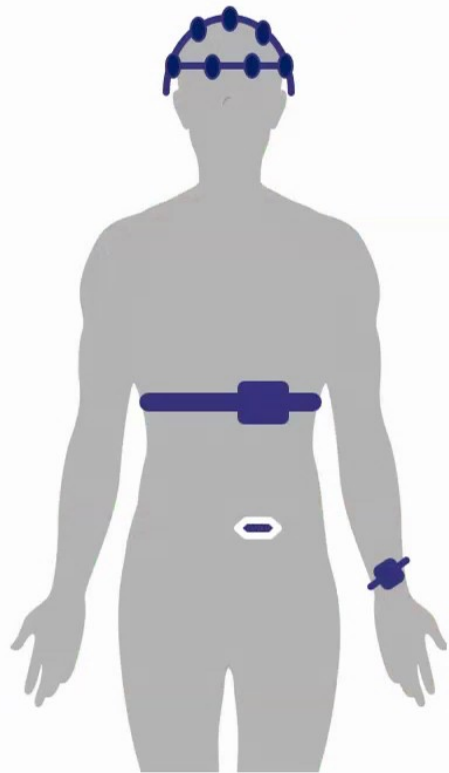
# Going implantable: flexible development platform



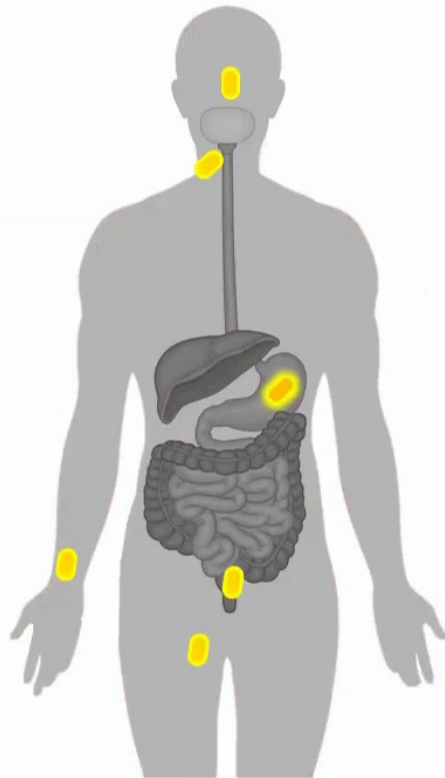
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# Seamless integration

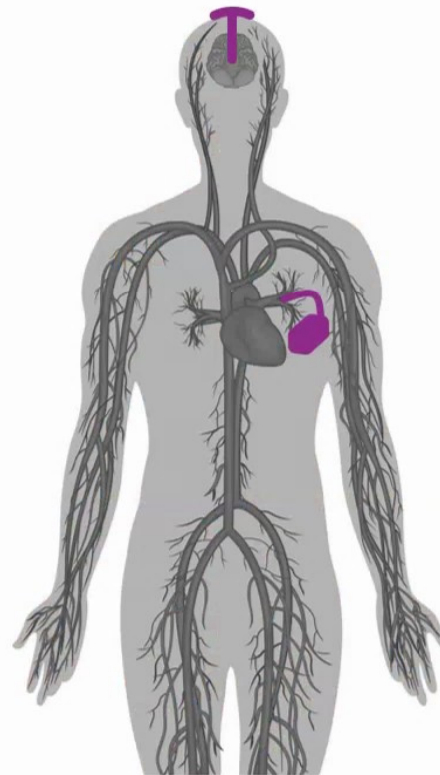
Non-contact technology



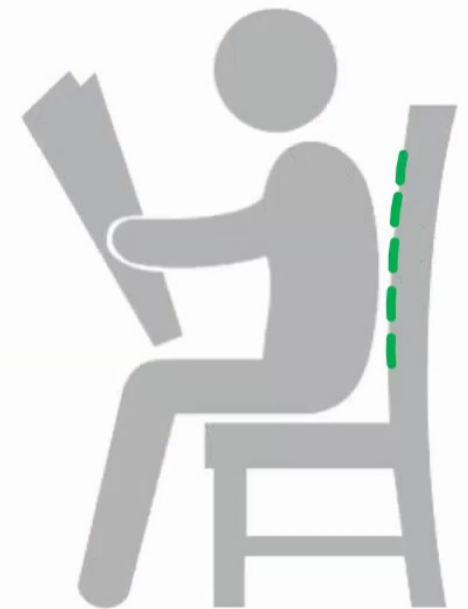
**Wearables**



**Insertables**



**Implantables**



**Invisibles**

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# Imec's invisible sensing platform

## Capacitive sensing:

- Biopotentials (ECG, EEG, ...)
- bioimpedance (respiration,...)
- auxiliary sensors (ETI, motion,...)

Through multiple layers of textile

## RF-radar sensing

- pulse: HR, HRV, ...
- respiration
- fall detection
- localization & tracking

Remote (up to several meters)

## Other sensors

- Exploratory
- COTS

## Algorithms for sensor fusion & motion artifact handling

- Sensor fusion of signals from different sensor types
- Adaptive motion artifact reduction in non-contact signals
- Signal quality indicators and array selection

## Application validation

- Building application demonstrators and increasing TRL level
- Validation in real-life scenarios e.g. automotive, clinical, office, ...



# Voice-based heart rate monitoring

- **Heart rate** extraction from **audio**
- **Non-contact** and invisible **vital signs monitoring**
- Heart rate within **15 – 20 sec**
- Can be used with devices such as **smartphone**, **voice assistants**, **mics** and **other audio inputs**.



# Creating new healthcare technology

Building blocks to enable next generation of closed loop devices

Device development towards “closing the loop”

Sensing



Interaction



Algorithms

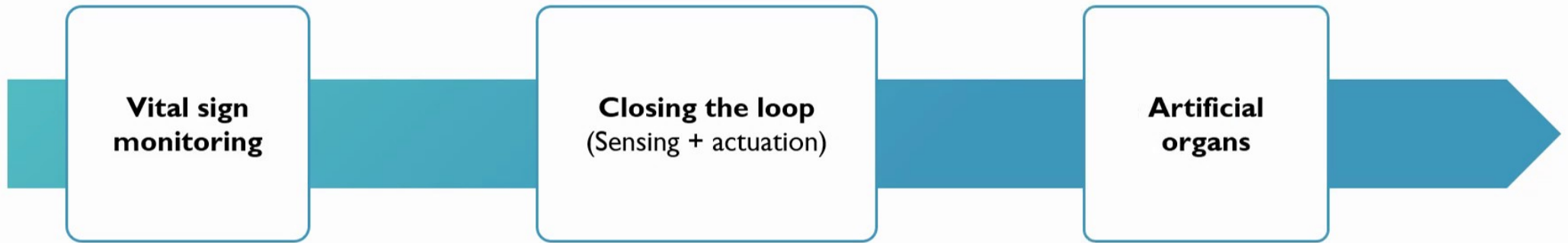


Actuation



# Horizon: artificial organs

Where sensing is just a tiny piece



## Adaptation and the medical community



# Approach for internal research

Need for a strong scientific foundation

- **Technology** is published in technical venues (conferences, papers)



- **Clinical results** are published in medical and scientific journals

## CHF

The added Value of In-Hospital Tracking of the Efficacy of Decongestion Therapy and Prognostic Value of a Wearable Thoracic Impedance Sensor in Acutely Decompensated Heart Failure with Volume Overload: Prospective Cohort Study,

<https://cardio.jmir.org/2020/1/e12141/>

## COPD and respiratory

Chest Movement and Respiratory Volume both Contribute to Thoracic Bioimpedance during Loaded Breathing

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-56588-4>

## Cardiorespiratory fitness

Using Biosensors and Digital Biomarkers to Assess Response to Cardiac Rehabilitation: Observational Study

<https://www.jmir.org/2020/5/e17326/>

## Stress

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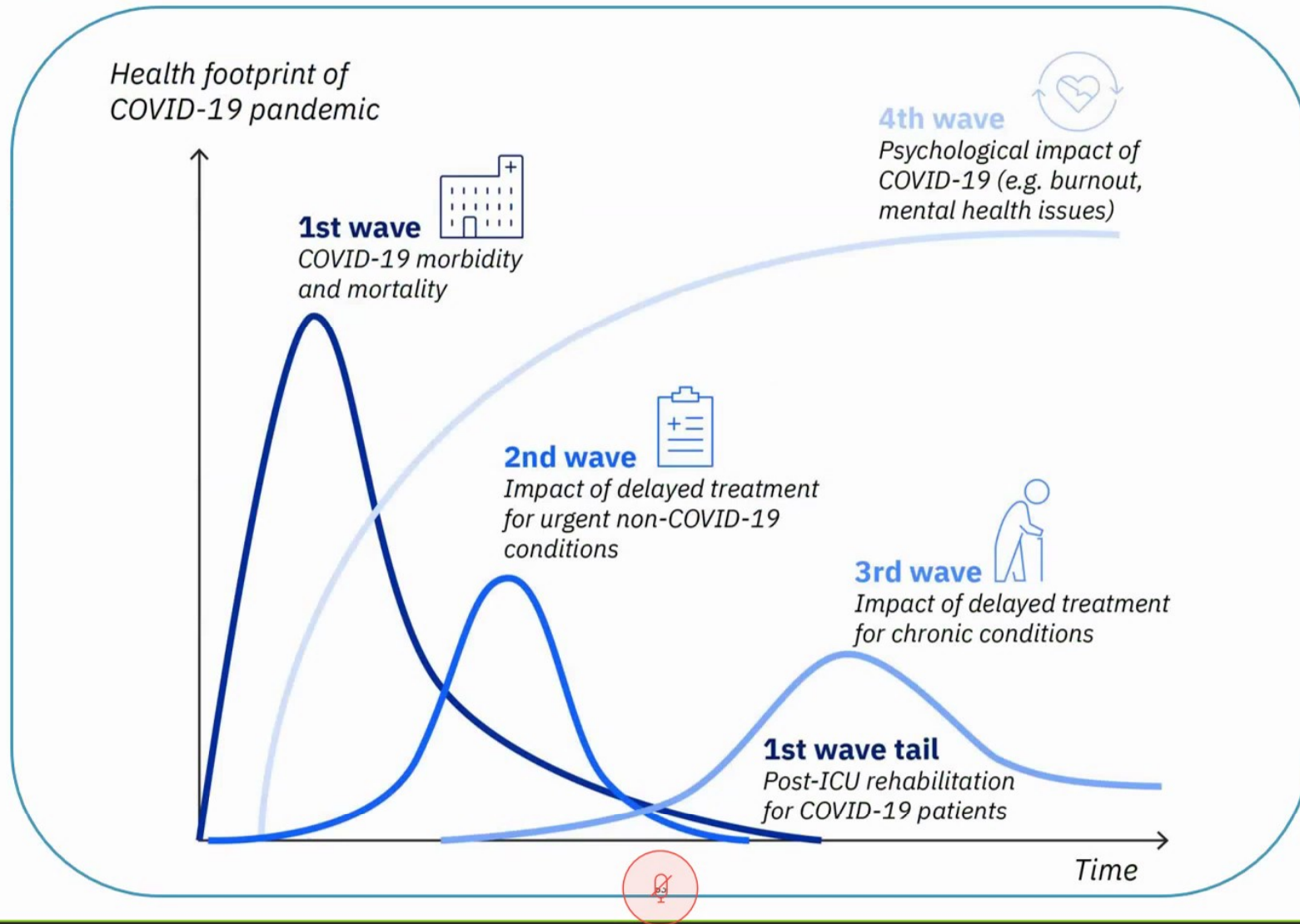


# Standardization: paving the future

- **Imec experts** are **members of standardization organizations** at International, European and National levels
  - International Standardization Organization (**ISO**)
  - International Electrotechnical Commission (**IEC**)
  - European Committee for electrotechnical standardization (**CEN-CENELEC**)
- **Imec** has an active role **in defining the future standards and roadmaps** in the fields of
  - **Cardiovascular**: CHS experts are members of Joint Working Group 22 working on electromedical diagnostic and patient monitoring equipment, developing the next-generation standards for cardiac monitoring
  - **Renal**: working with the US FDA setting a roadmap for the future towards kidney replacement technologies



# Mental health



# Platforms for mental health monitoring



Acquisition of **brain electrical activity (EEG)** using dry electrodes

- **Simple** EEG acquisition setup: no wiring, signals available within seconds
- EEG can be taken **on the go**
- **Modular platform** enables plug-and-play benchmarking of components

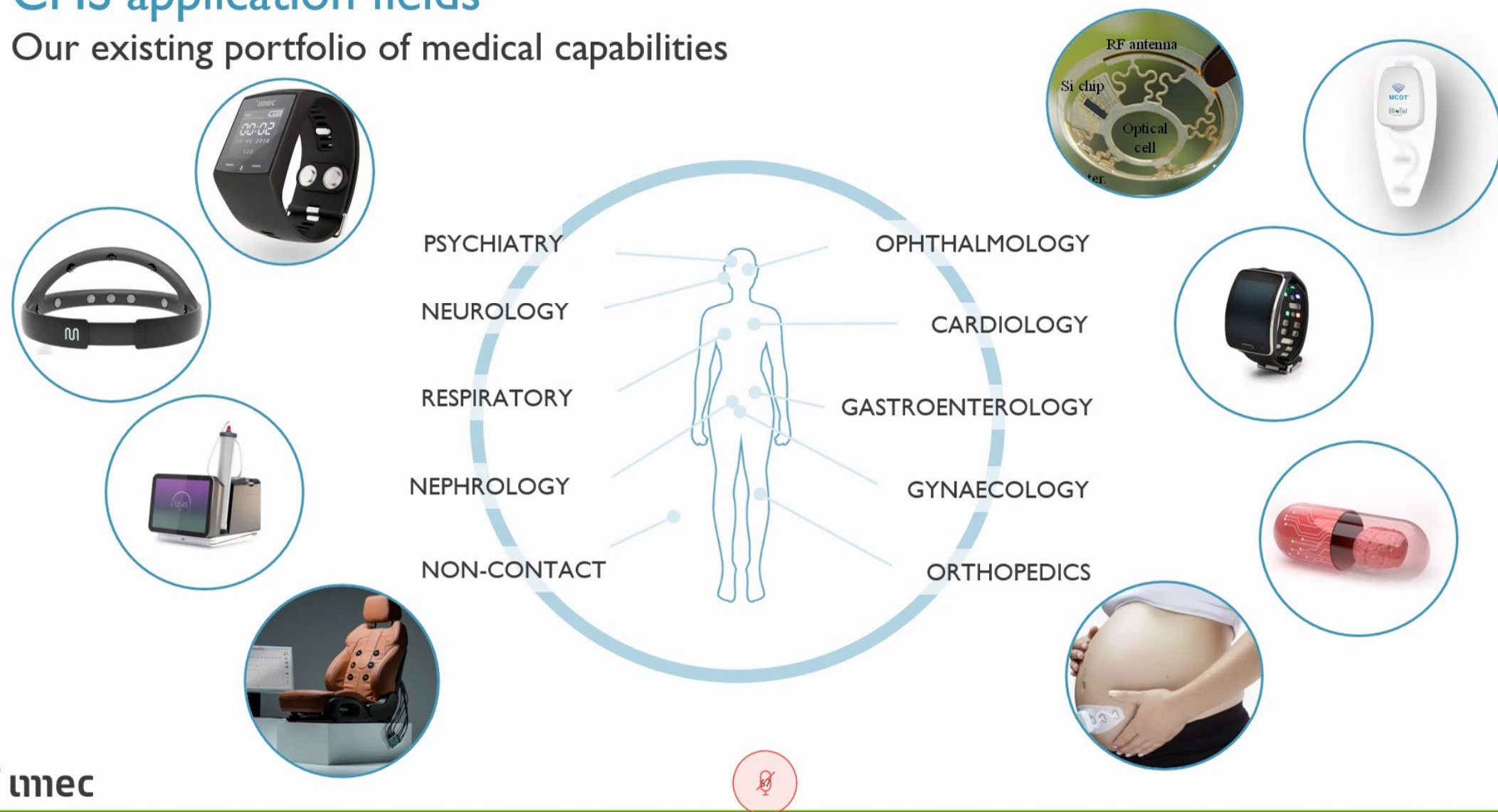
Mental health **wrist-based** platform

- **GSR, PPG, temperature & motion**
- High-level features (**HR, HRV**)
- **Data models for multiple applications** from stress, activity recognition to pain monitoring



# CHS application fields

Our existing portfolio of medical capabilities



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