

# Advanced Technologies for Cell and Tissue Culture

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# Adv Tech for tissue culture

## Background: bioreactors for native vessels

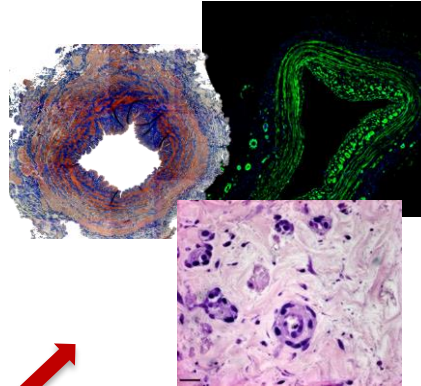
### Biomechanics

pulsatile flow and pressure  
stimulation CPD



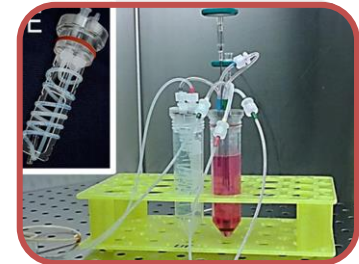
Piola et al, *JTERM*, 2013  
Prandi, Piola et al., *PlosOne*, 2015  
Piola et al., *Ann of Biomed Eng*, 2016

### Experimental campaign



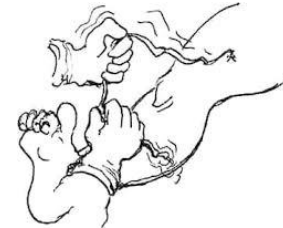
### Oxygen levels

Bicompartmental devices

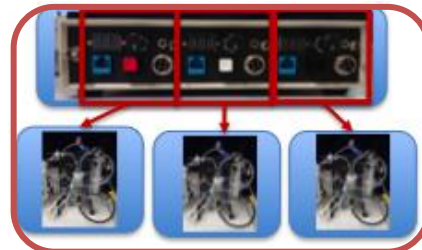


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Devices for the  
operating rooms



### Modularity/compactn

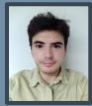


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Maurizio Pesce, Marco Agrifoglio

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## Bioreactors for complex hydrodynamic stimulation



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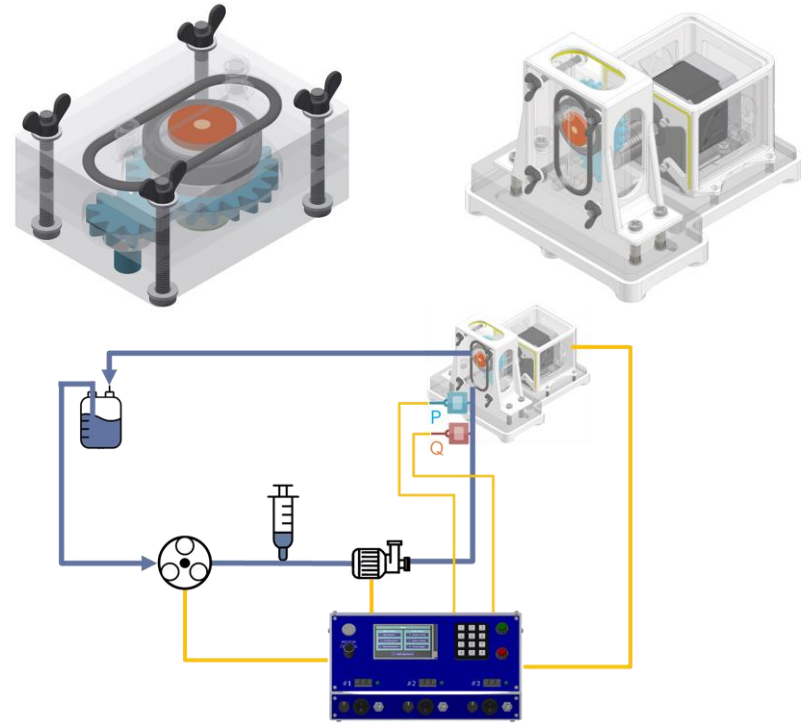
### Characteristics

- Controlled **hydrodynamic multidirectional stimulation** for studying vascular endothelial dysfunctions
- Modular and versatile, integrated with an electronic control unit

### Aims

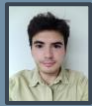
- TECH: **hardware** che **software** optimization
- BIO: **biological validation** on **cell monolayers** and **biological tissue samples**

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## Bioreactors for complex hydrodynamic stimulation



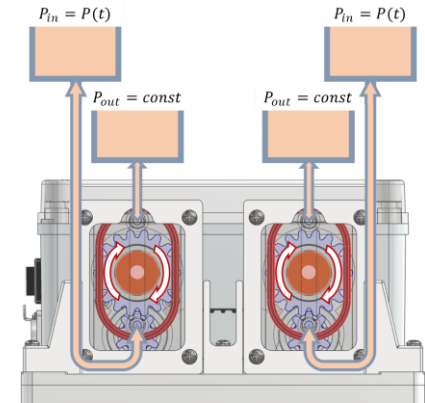
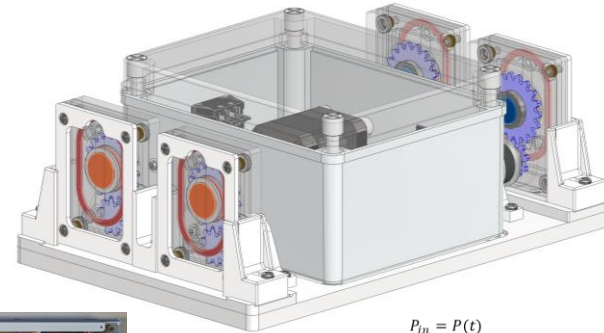
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### Characteristics

- Controlled **hydrodynamic multidirectional stimulation** for studying vascular endothelial dysfunctions
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- Integration with pressure-driven actuation enabling pressure gradients

### Aims

- TECH: **hardware** and **software** optimization
- BIO: **biological validation** on **cell monolayers**

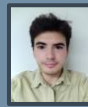


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## Bioreactors for recapitulating in vitro vascular graft implantation



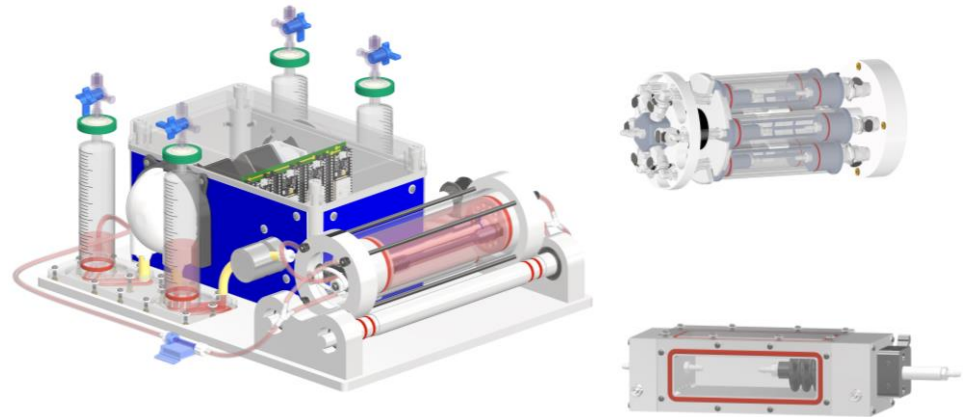
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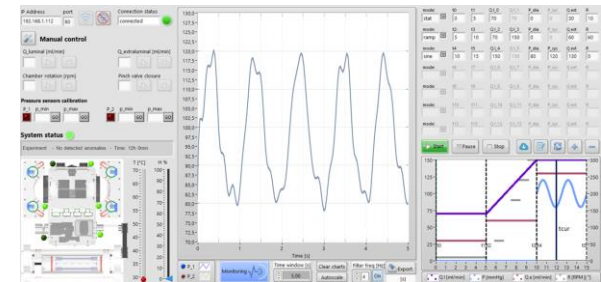
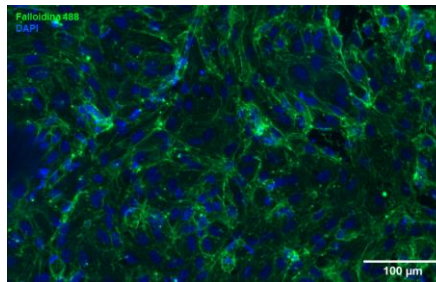
- Advanced culture system mimicking physiological (and pathological) vascular pulsatile conditions
- Seeding protocols for endothelialization
- Multipurpose chambers

### Aims

- TECH: **hardware** and **software** optimization
- BIO: **biological validation** for the endothelialization and conditioning of vascular grafts



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## TTOP: True Tissue on plate platform (tissue-organ on chip)

### In vitro models of tissue barriers



#### Characteristics

- optical accessibility
- contact co-culture
- easy to use
- versatility of the biological sample
- sample retrieval and reuse in different platforms

#### Awards

S2P 2020



STARTCUP LOMBARDIA 2021



Pre seed grant POLI360

Innostar Award 2022



Bocconi for innovation 2023



2D / 3D cells



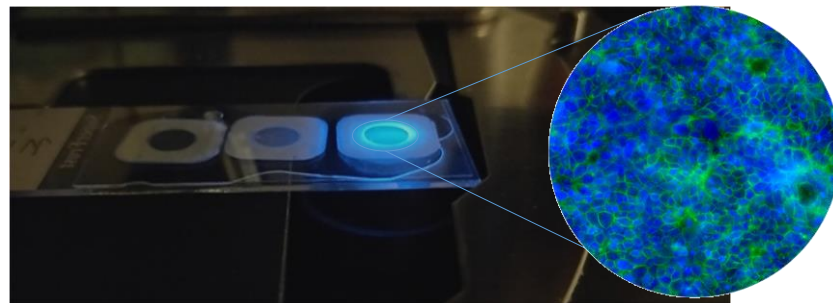
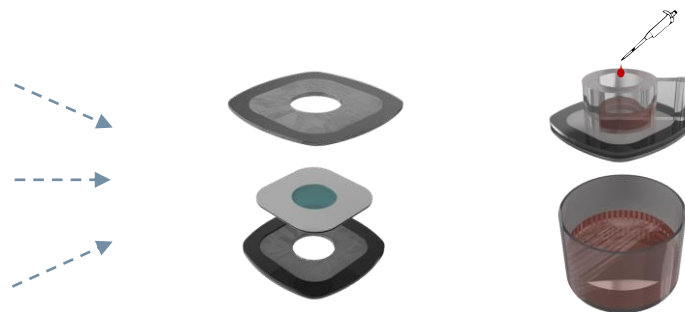
Organoids



Organotypic tissues



Tissue biopsies



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### *In vitro models of tissue barriers*

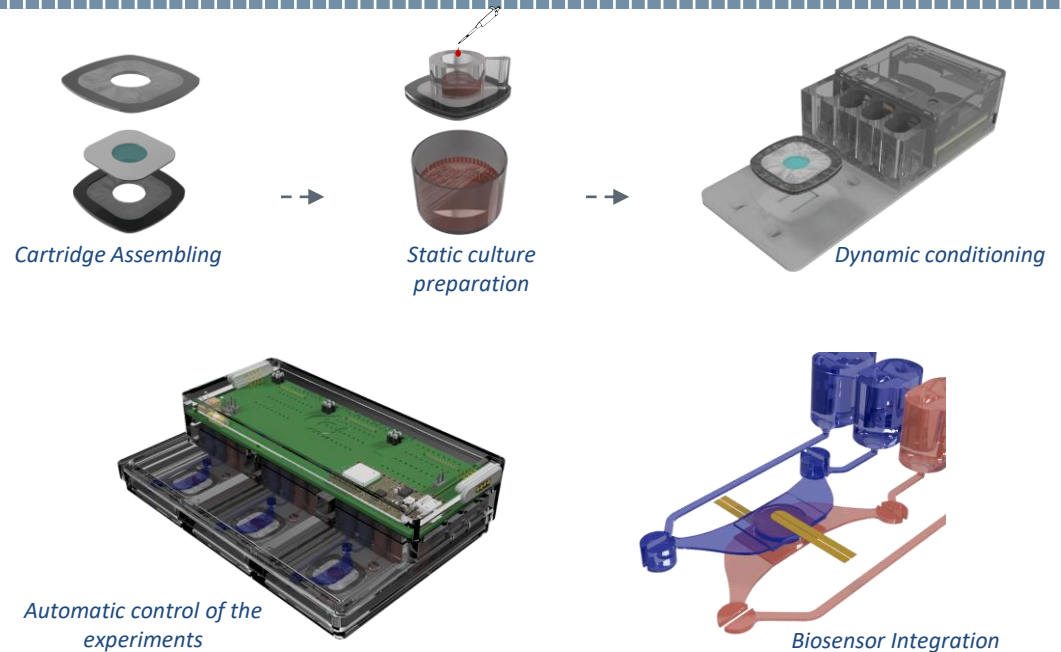


#### **Characteristics**

- **Modular and versatile platform for tissue barriers**
- Towards an **automated platform**

#### **Aims**

- **TECH control System optimization**
- **TECH biosensor integration for monitoring cell growth and functions**
- **BIO biological validation of the dynamic platform**



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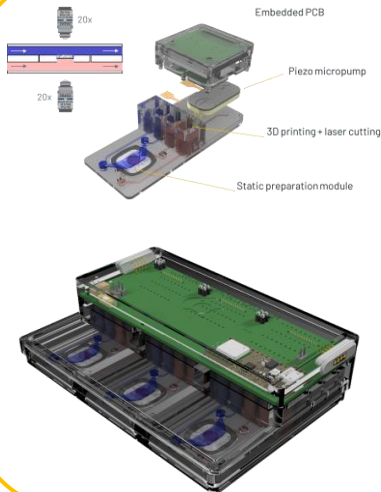
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## **TECH development – main activities**

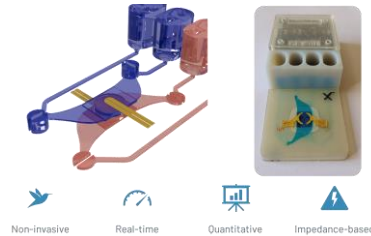
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### **Dynamic system setting** Control system optimization

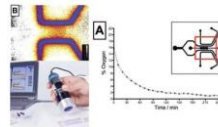


### **biosensor integration** for monitoring cell growth/functions

#### *TEER / Impedance*

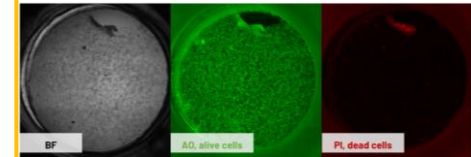


#### *Oxygen*



### **biological validation of** the dynamic platform

*Under flow culture of*  
*endothelial/epithelial cells*





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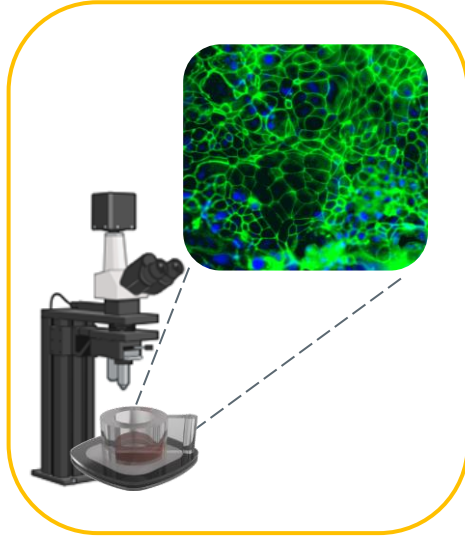
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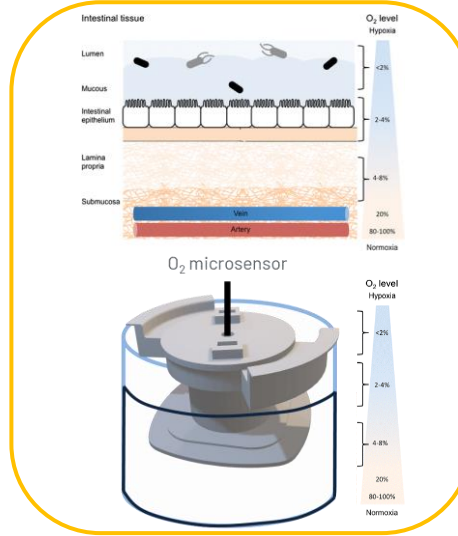
**BIO development – main activities**

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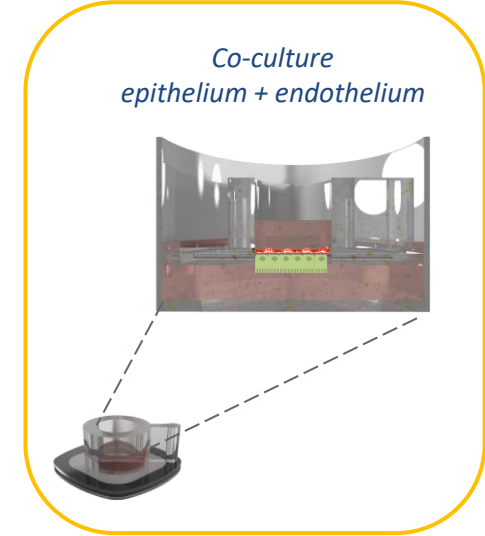
*Intestinal epithelium  
model with Caco-2*



*Characterization of  
 $O_2$  gradients in vitro*



*gut-vascular barrier  
in vitro model*



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## **Development and collaborations**

**BIO validation of the platform with tissue models available on the market**

*Ospedale San Raffaele*

**Compatibility with 3D bioprinting and other post-culture equipment for cell/tissue analyses**

**Modification of the membranes and materials**

*Marco Cantini, Manuel Salmeron-Sanchez, Glasgow Univ.*

**TTOP used for studying physiopathology and new treatments in cardiovascular field**

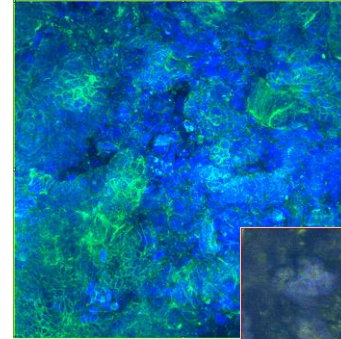
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**In vitro Lung models in TTOP**

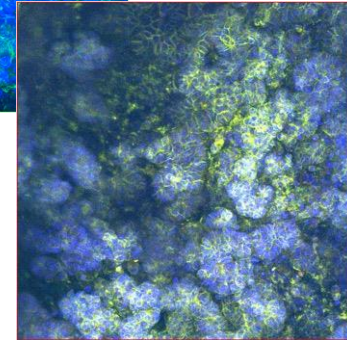
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A BICO COMPANY



**TTOP**  
COMPLEX CONDITIONS SIMPLE CONTROL

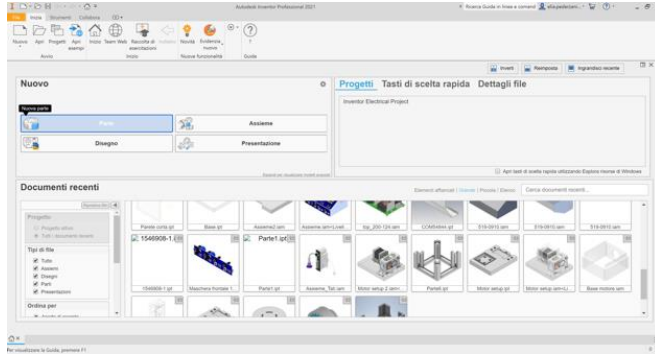


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## Work flow and main activities

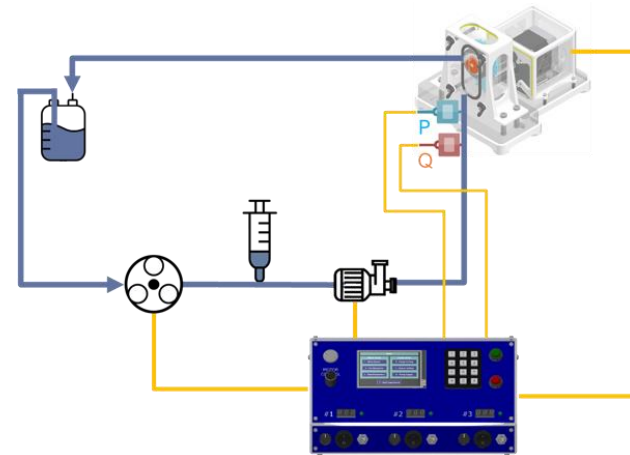


## 2. Design and realization of the hydraulic circuit

- Choosing the **actuation components**
- Design of the **hydraulic circuit**
- **Process automations** (seeding, medium change)

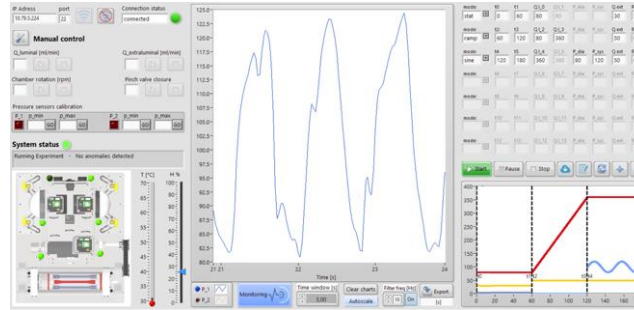
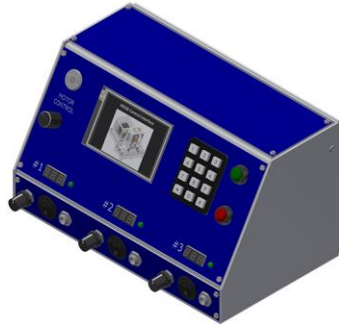
## 1. Design and prototyping of culture chambers/components/supports

- Design with **CAD** (Inventor)
- **simulations**
- **prototyping** (laser, drilling machine, 3D printing)



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### 3. Control system development

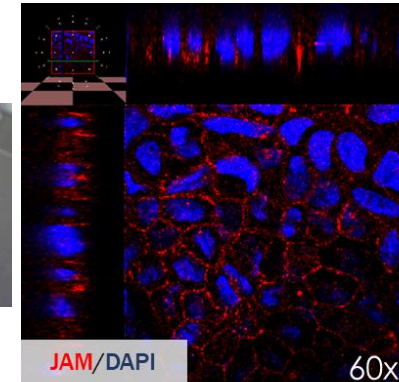
- Arduino programming
- Control unit realization

### 4. Bench tests

- Phantom
- Biological tissues/prototissues

### 5. Experimental campaign: in vitro model development (ATTIC Lab)

- cell / tissue cultures
- Culture post processing and analyses (hysto, IF):  
tissue morphology,  
cell density and proliferation,  
cell / tissue characterization



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## *Involved Labs*

- **Advanced Technologies for Tissue Culture - ATTiC Lab**
- **Rapid Prototyping Lab**
- **Experimental Micro e Bio-fluid dynamics Lab**

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