

KIT Center of Health Technologies

The vision of KITHealthTech is to create a unique interaction with patients and citizens, physicians and clinics →

12 Main Research Topics of KITHealthTech ➔

To enable and accelerate cutting edge research in Health Technologies, KITHealthTech will focus on three main overarching Thematic Fields →

Focus Fields are dynamic structures giving the FOCUS to highly relevant scientific challenges →

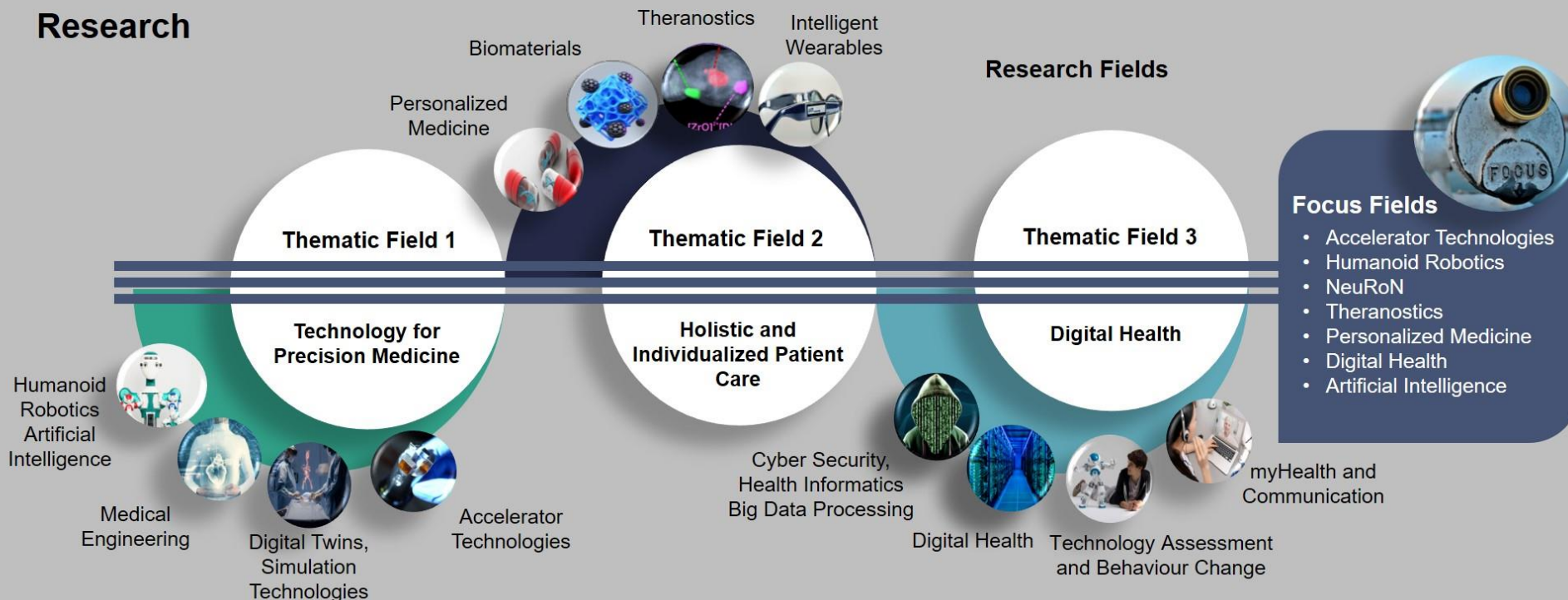
KITHealthTech

KIT Center of Health Technologies



Karlsruher Region of Health Technologies

Research



Transfer & Innovation

- Interaction with Society
- Engagement with Healthcare Providers
- IP Generation
- Industrial Collaboration
- Industrial Partnerships
- Spin-offs

Teaching

Study Program
Medical Technology

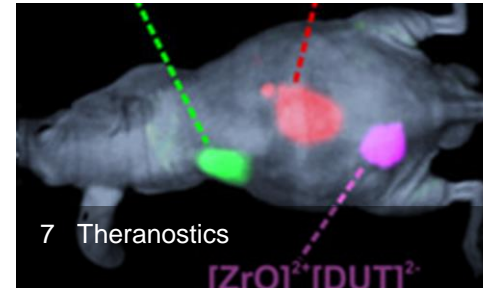
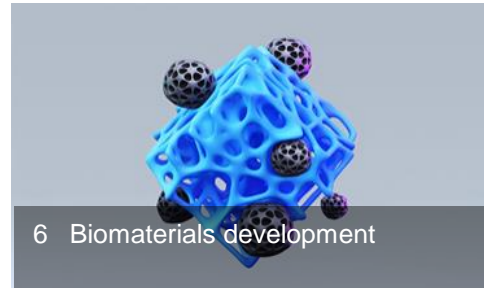
- Bachelor and Master Programs
- Specialization for Other Study Programs
- Graduate Schools
- upCAT Accelerator

Research Fields

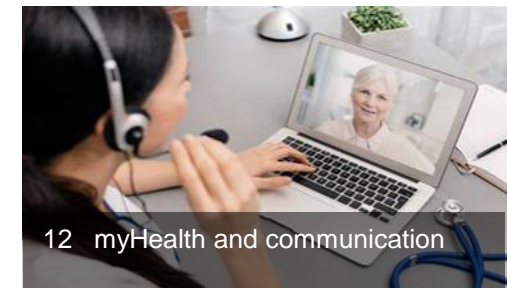
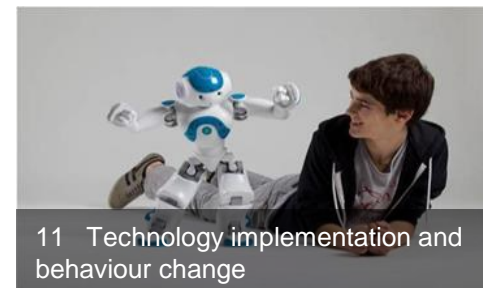
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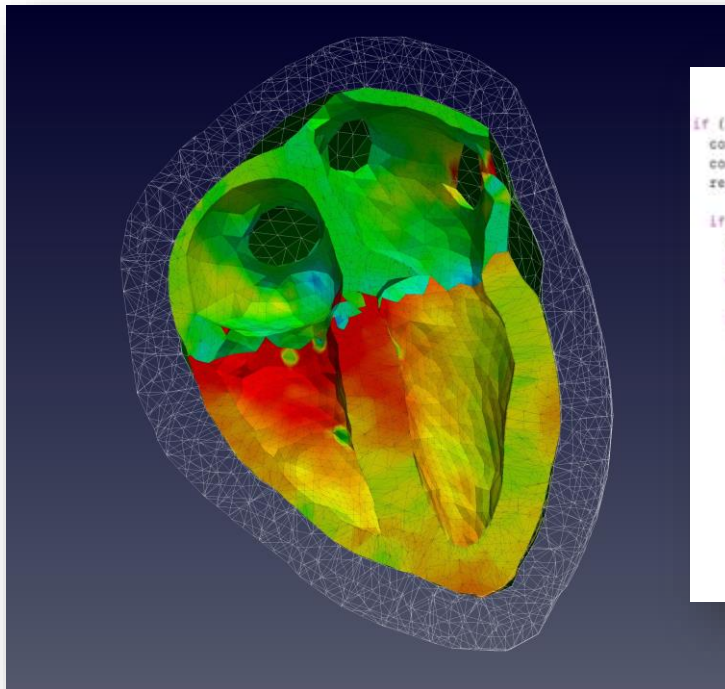
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Thematic Field 1: Digital Twin & Simulations Technology

Computational Models of the Heart

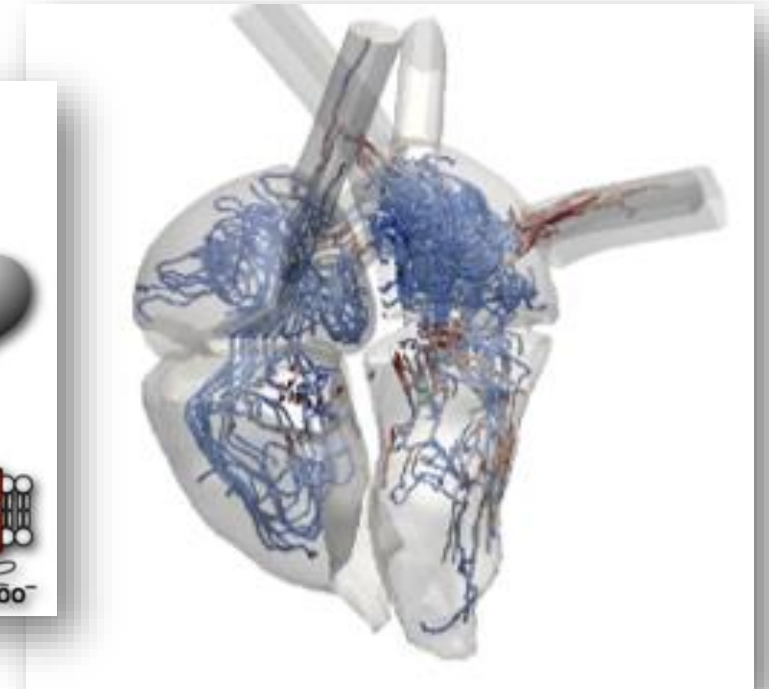
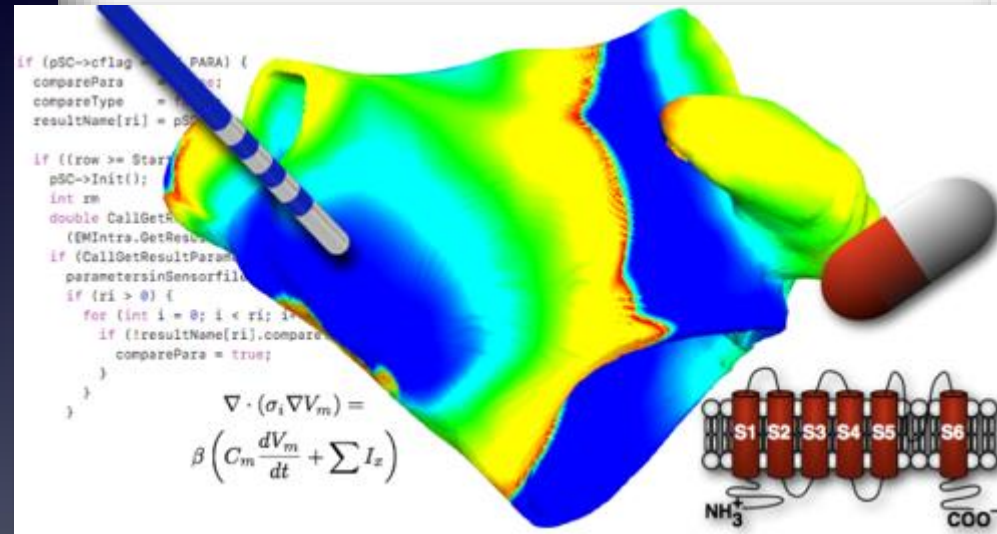
- Modelling of the electrophysiology and mechanics of the heart
- Integration from ion channels via cells to tissues and organs



@ A. Loewe (KIT)

Numerical Simulations of the Heart

- Numerical Simulations of Hemodynamics in the Human Heart (CFD)
- Possible extension towards air flow in breathing/nasal air flow



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Thematic Field 1/2: Simulations & Biomaterials

Quantifying lung perfusion parameters

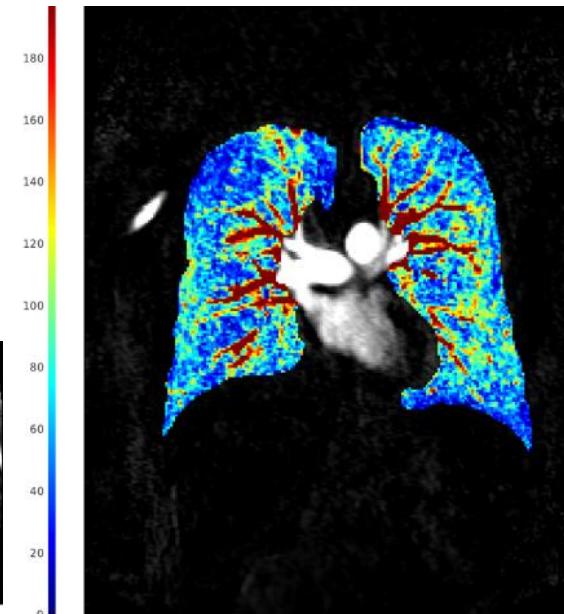
- Dynamic contrast enhanced MRI (DCE-MRI) of the lung
- Quantification the perfusion parameters and abnormalities based on mathematical methods



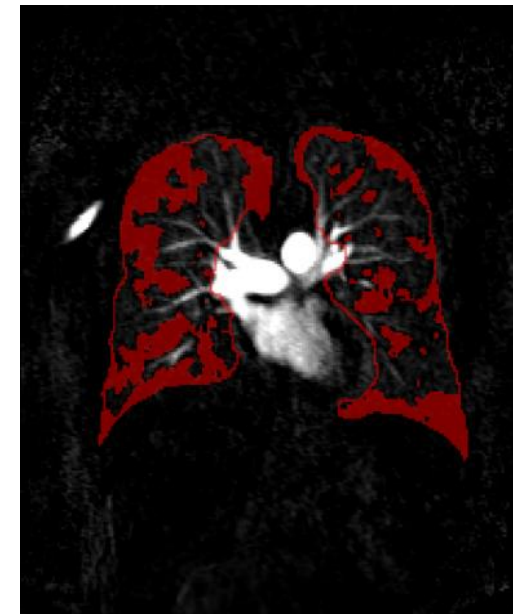
Pulmonary Blood Flow

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Perfusion Defects



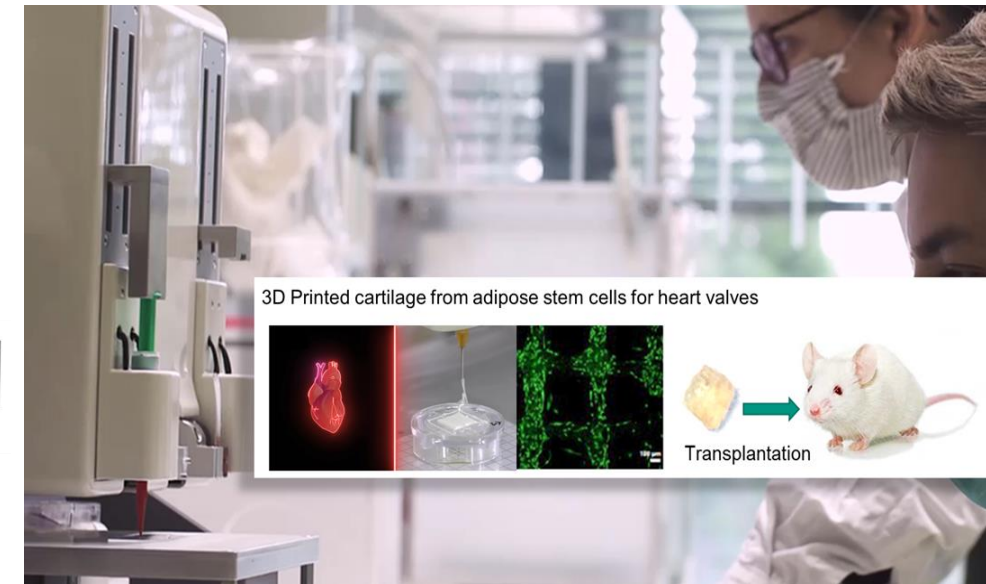
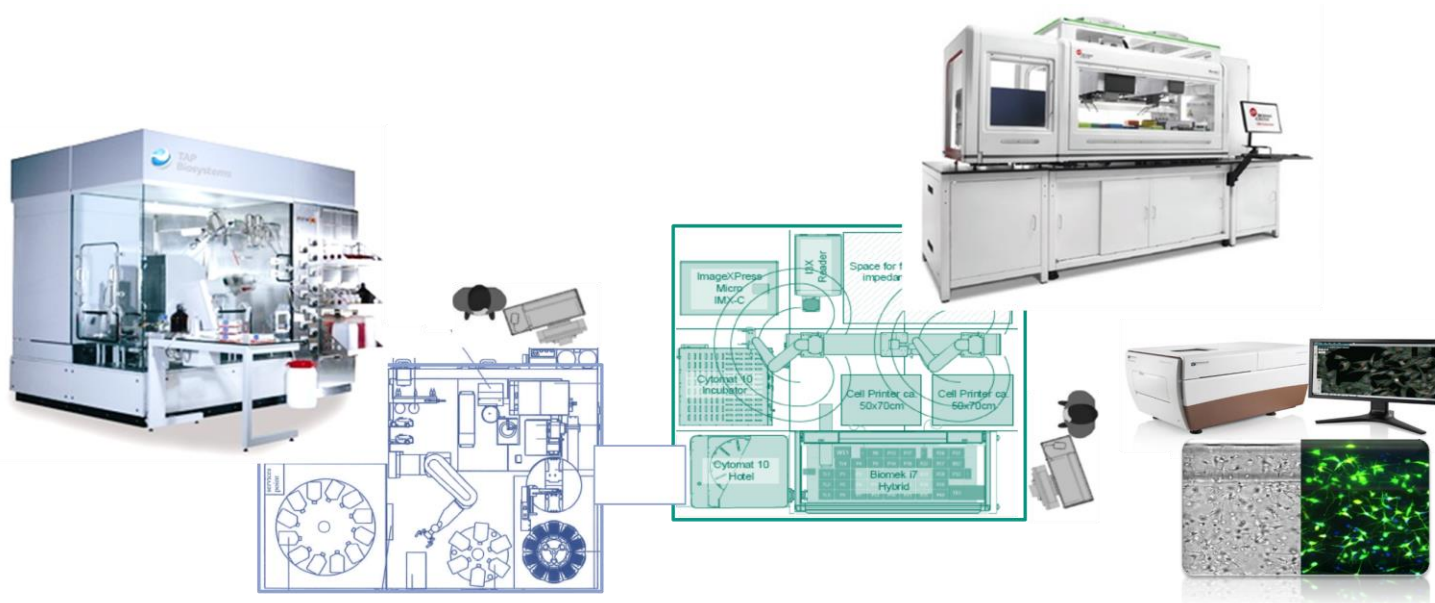
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Thematic Field 2: Biomaterials

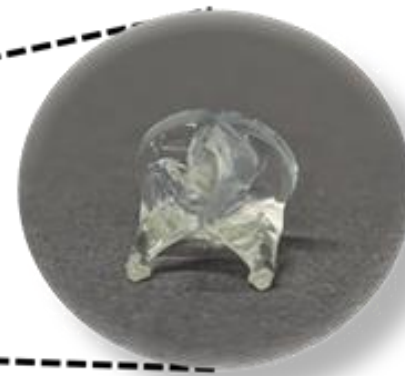
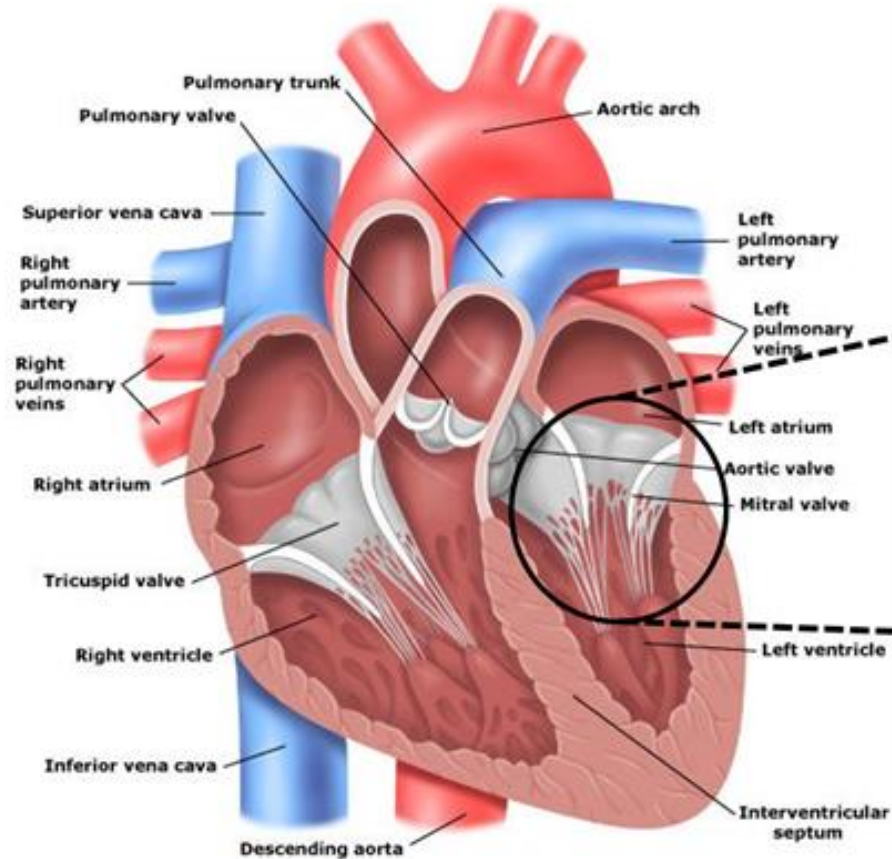
BioMAT Foundry

- 3D bioprinting automation, fully autonomous bioprinting and materials development pipeline
- hybrid biomaterials for pharmaceuticals, regenerative medicine, and biotechnology
- Implant materials



@ U. Schepers, J. Hubbuch, M. Franzreb, S. Bräse, W. Wenzel, J. Aghassi, M. Wegener, C. Wöll, S. Dehnen (KIT)

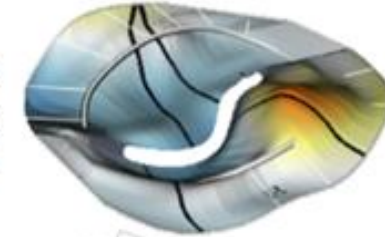
Thematic Field 2: Biomaterials



3D Bioprinting of the mitral valve

Surgery trainer and simulator

3D Valve Model



Preop. Simulation

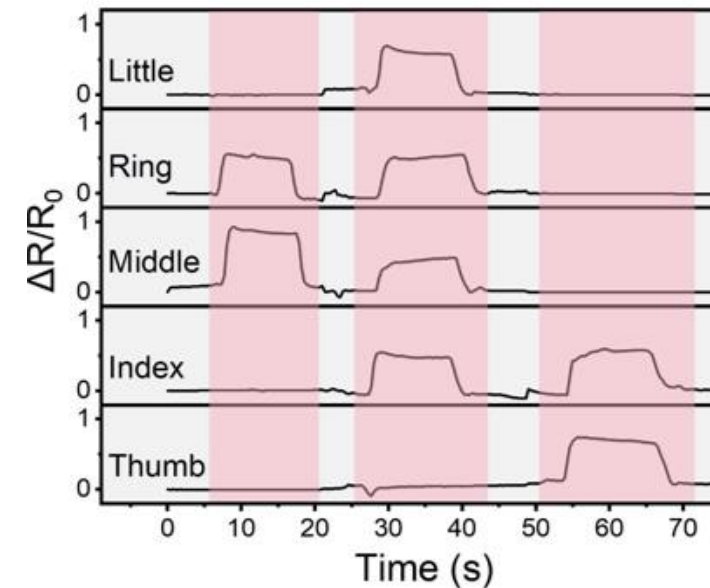
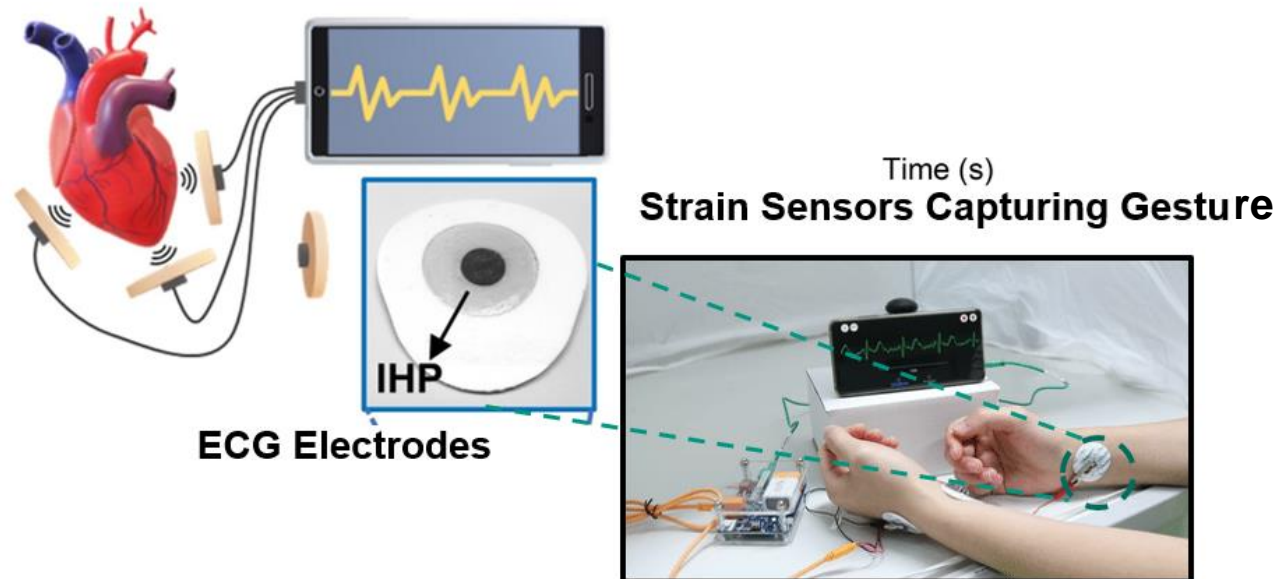


Mitral Valve Repair

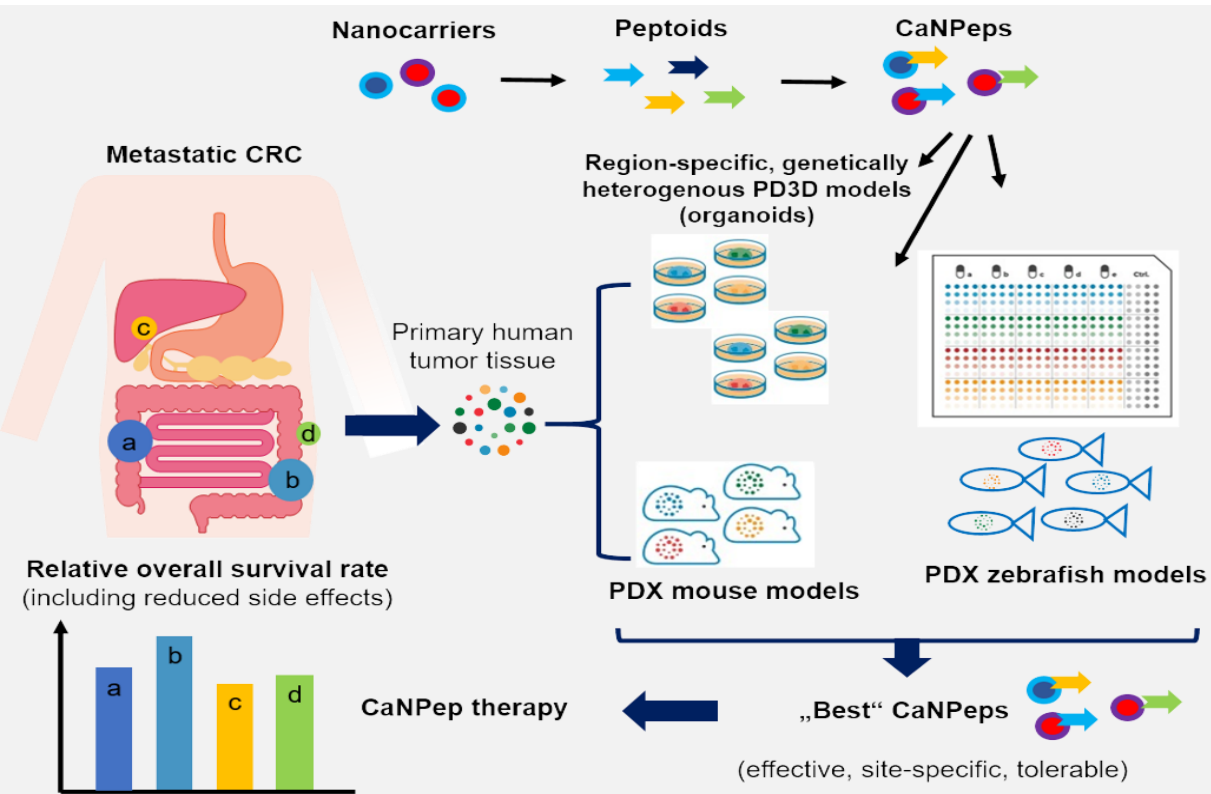


Developing soft materials with novel properties

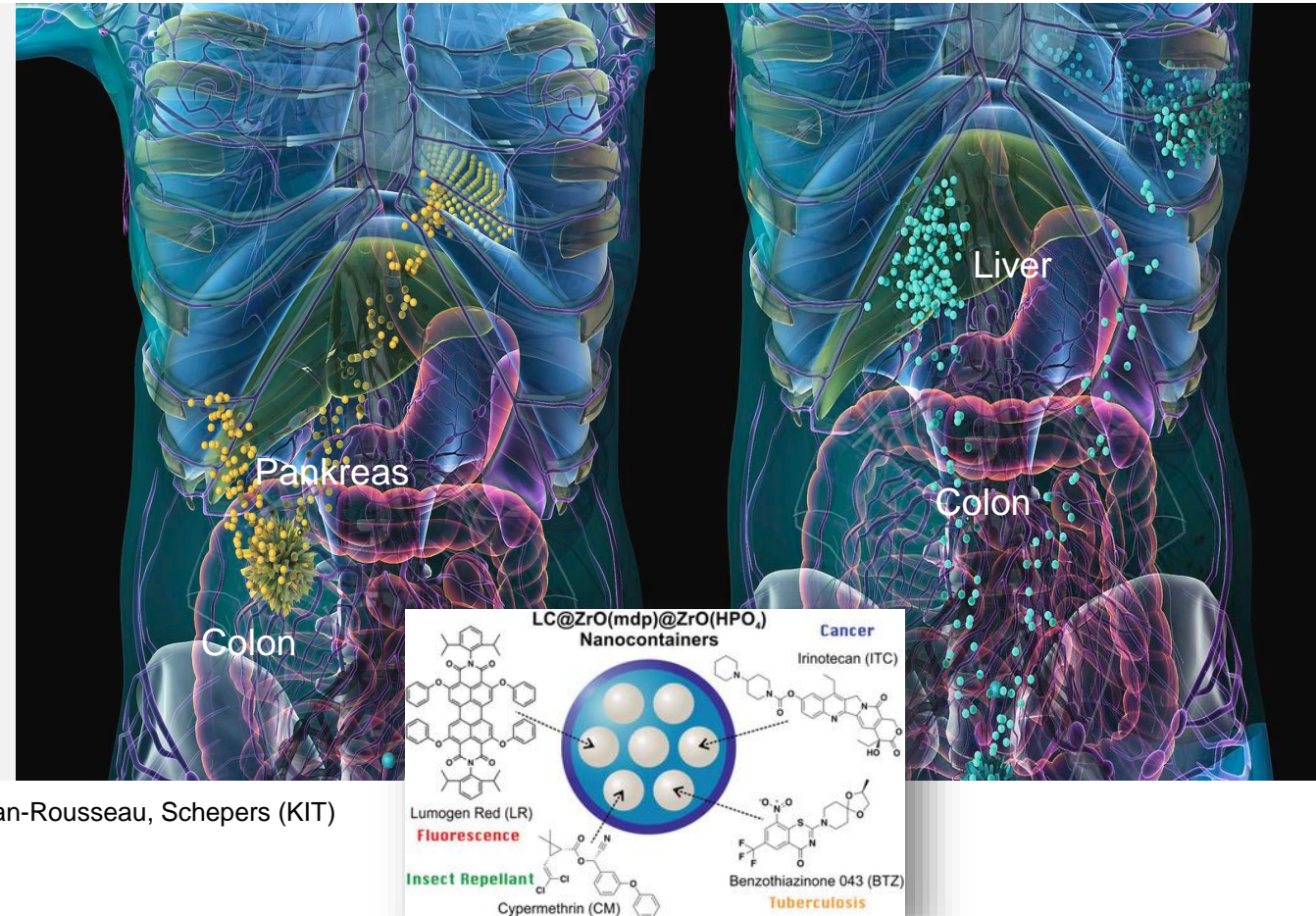
Soft Materials for Precise and Long-term Health Monitor



Thematic Field 2: Theranostics



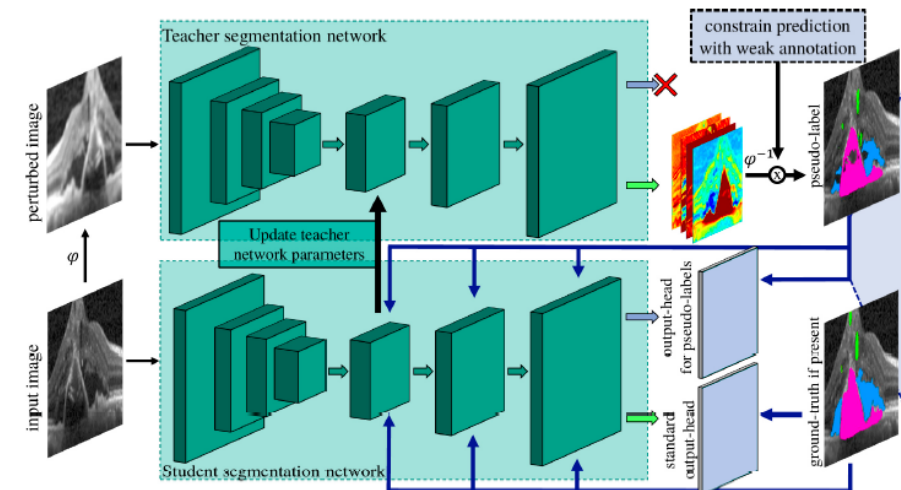
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Thematic Field : Cyber Security, Health Informatics, Big Data Processing

Weakly and noisy health data

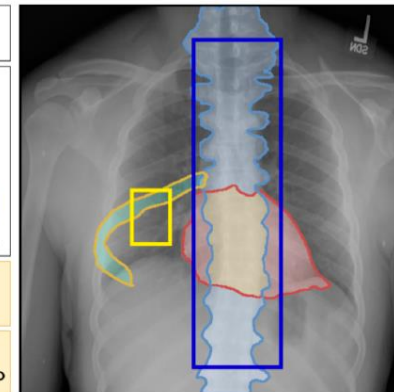
- Machine learning methods with little or weakly annotated data
- Exploring methods for modeling the uncertainty of learned (deep learning) models



Medical Report Findings:

Heart size within normal limits.
Mild levocurvature of the spine.
A 9 mm pulmonary nodule is noted partially overlying the posterior 6th right rib on the frontal view.

Observation:	Normal	Mild Levo-curvature	Pulmonary Nodule
Anatomy:	Heart	Spine	Posterior 6th right rib



@R. Stiefelhagen (KIT)

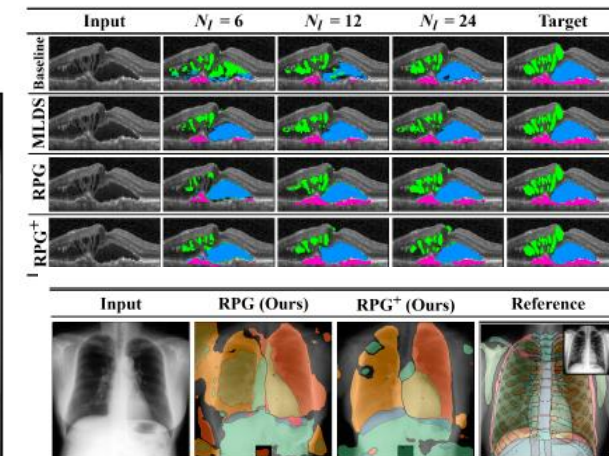
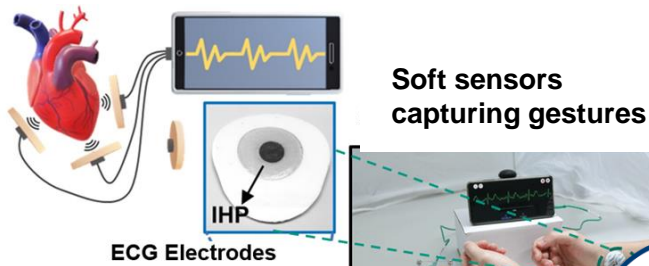


Figure 4: Qualitative Segmentation Results on extended anatomical x-ray annotations.

Towards a Digital Twin (Patient) at KIT: Biomaterials design for heart tissue replacements

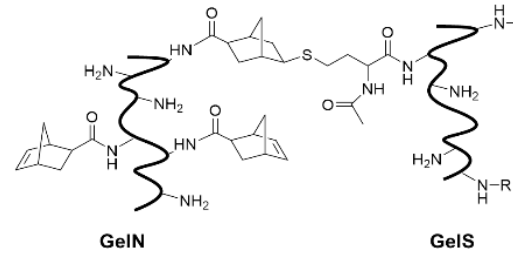
Experiments

Soft materials for sensors



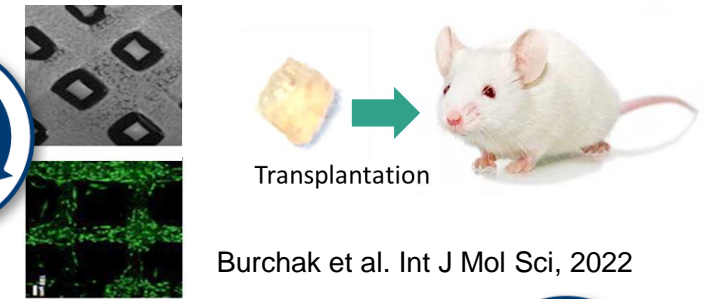
Wang et al. ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 22

Autonomous Materials Development

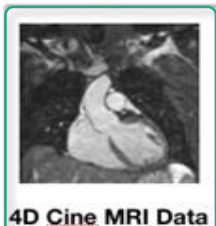
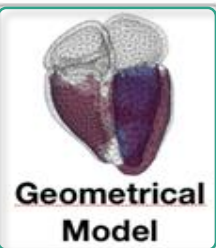


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3D Bioprinting of heart tissue



Simulation and
Digital Twin

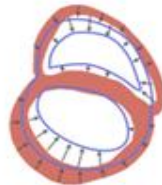


CardioMechanics

Simulation & Parameter Estimation Framework

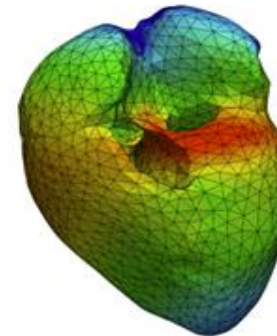
- Coupled with Electrophysiological Model of the Heart for ActiveTension Development
- Nonlinear Continuum Mechanics
- Finite Element Analysis
- Circulatory System Model
- Parameter Optimization Algorithms

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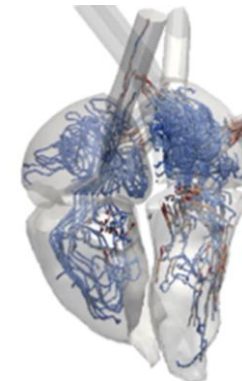


Personalized Biomechanical Simulation

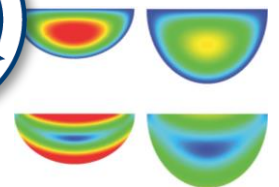
Diagnosis / Prognosis Intervention Planning



Numerical Simulations of Hemodynamics



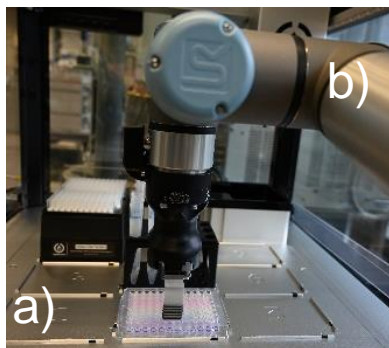
Simulations of Hemodynamics



Kappings et al. Adv. Mater. Technol. 2018

Towards Digital Bioprocess Twins at KIT: Bioadsorbents for biopharmaceutical applications

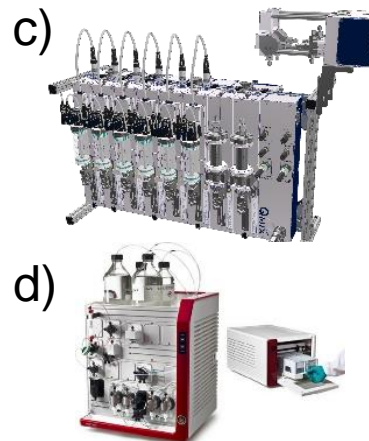
Automated high throughput screening



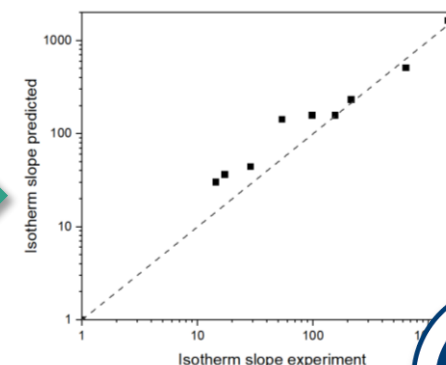
Automated laboratory

Including:

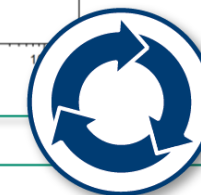
- Liquid handling station (a))
- Robotic arm for plate transfer (b))
- High-pressure precision pumps (c),d))
- Detectors e.g. plate reader
- Vacuum manifold for sample collection



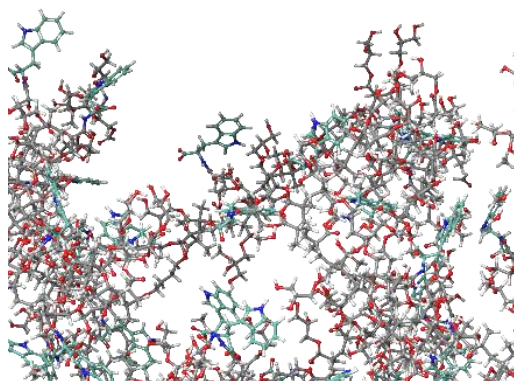
Prediction of experimentally determined data



- Training of models with trainings-sets
- Predict experimental data using test-sets

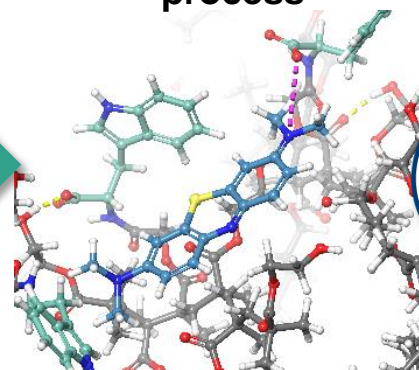


Virtual materials design

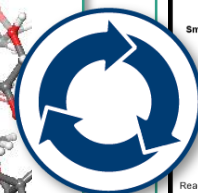


- Digital twin of a chromatography resin
- All-atom resolution

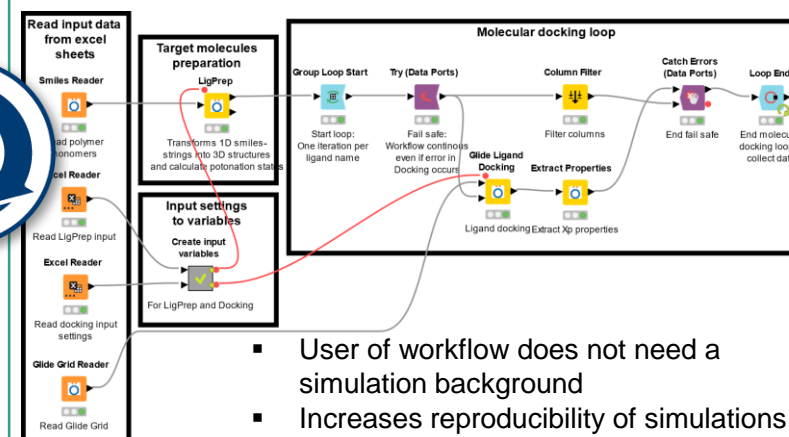
Simulation of adsorption process



- Adsorption of dye molecules
- Calculation of binding energies



Automatization of simulations with workflow technology



- User of workflow does not need a simulation background
- Increases reproducibility of simulations

Research Platforms



3ROCKIT



KD²lab



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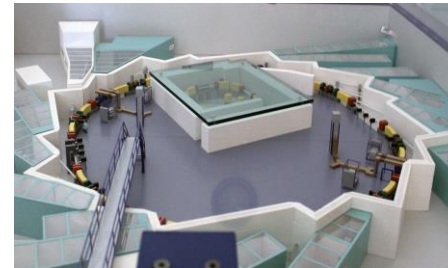
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Accelerator Platform



Innovation Lab



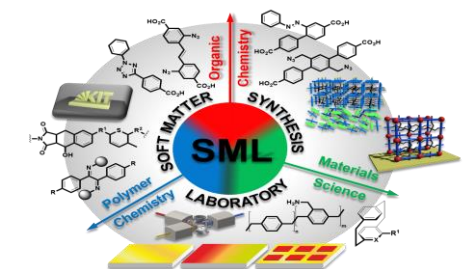
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COMPLAT



Soft Matter Lab

Research Platforms

3ROCKIT

3ROCKIT stands for **R**eplace **R**educe **R**efine **O**rganismal **R**esearch by **C**omputational and **C**ellular technologies@KIT. Research groups at KIT develop novel *in vitro* and *in silico* technologies to ultimately replace animal studies and methods for automated and intelligent surgical assistance and for future autonomous interventions.



Today, the enormous development in the health technologies sector would not be possible without interventions and tests in living organisms. To analyze the effects of novel technologies, drugs and implants inside the body in health and disease and to transfer this knowledge into the clinic, conducting research on living organisms is therefore still indispensable. Today, the 3Rs, **R**educing, **R**eplacing and **R**efining the animal research, are reflecting the awareness and responsibility of scientists and society towards a more ethical use of animals in product testing and scientific research. At KIT we have strongly committed ourselves to the 3R principles by using non-animal research wherever it is possible and by encouraging technology development of alternative methods. In the last years we set up a Research Field on “Lifescience engineering” with a strong focus on *in vitro* and especially on *in silico* alternatives to animal testings.

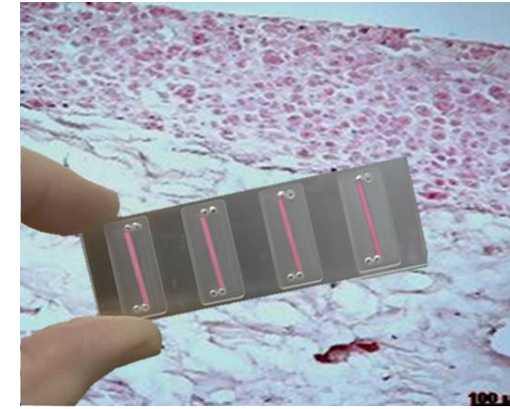
3RockIT Core Units



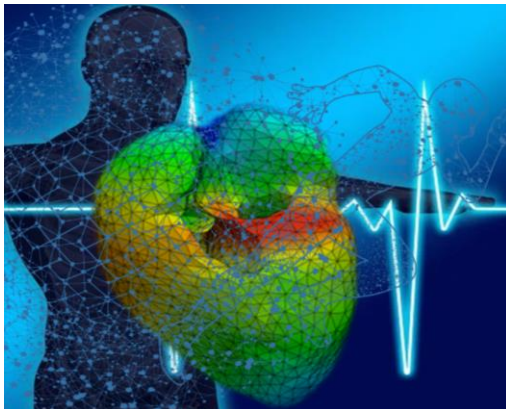
Preclinical Research Center



BioBank



Tissue Engineering Center



Center of Computational Tissues

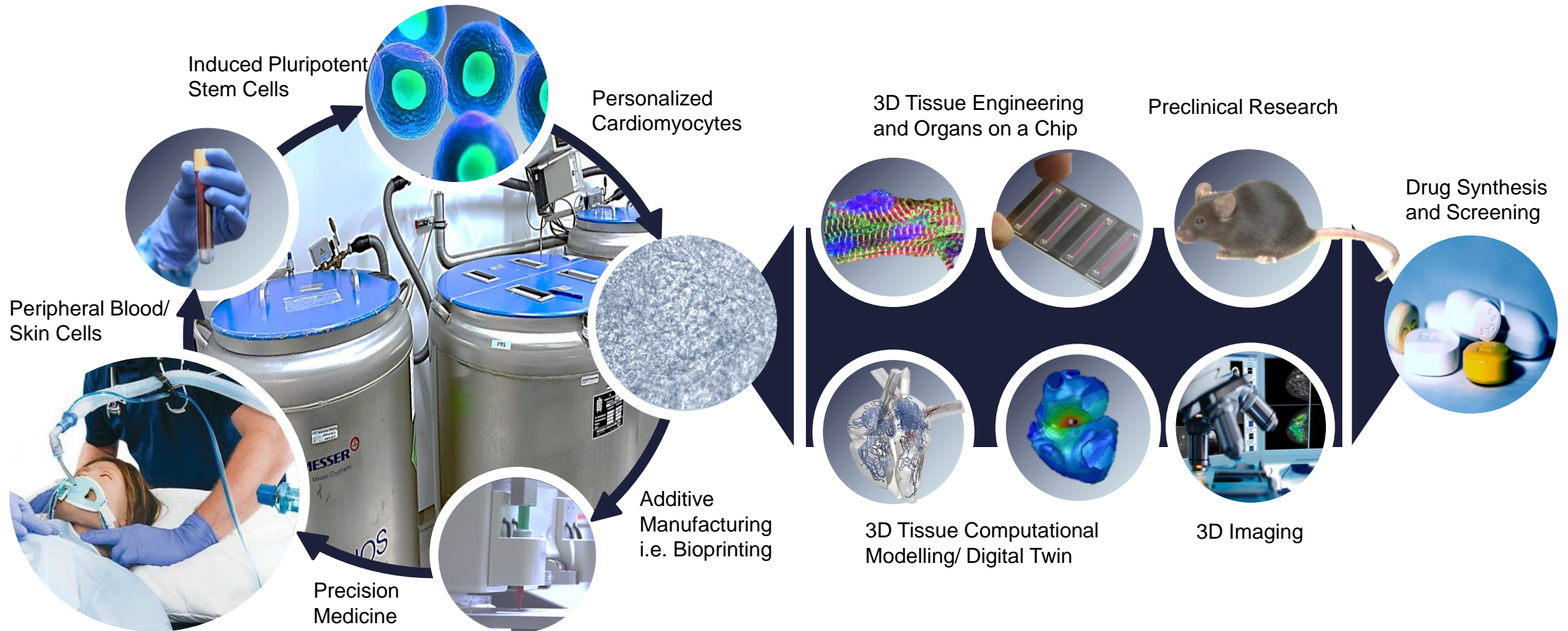


Tissue Imaging Core

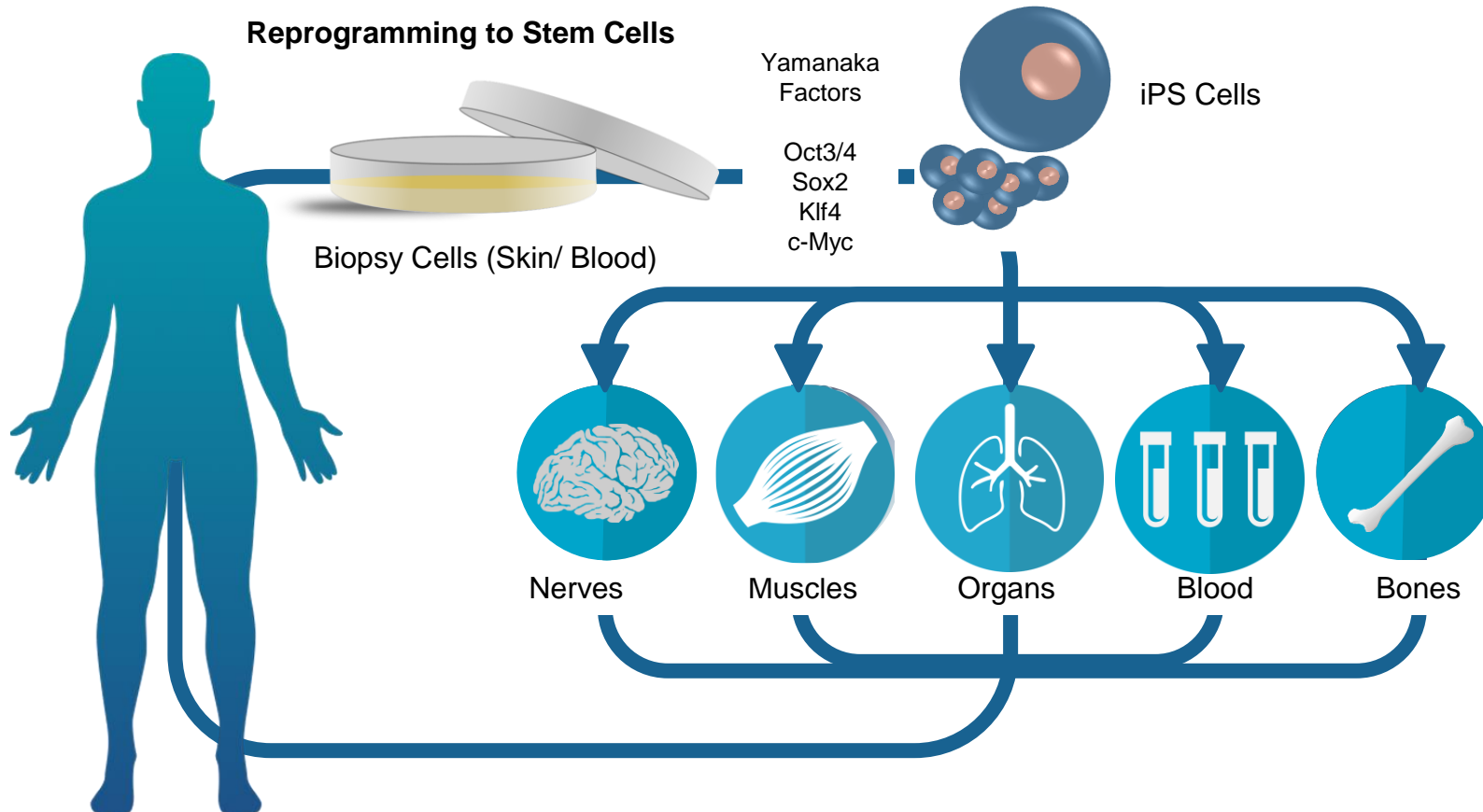


3D-Printing Center

3RockIT: Vision and Concept



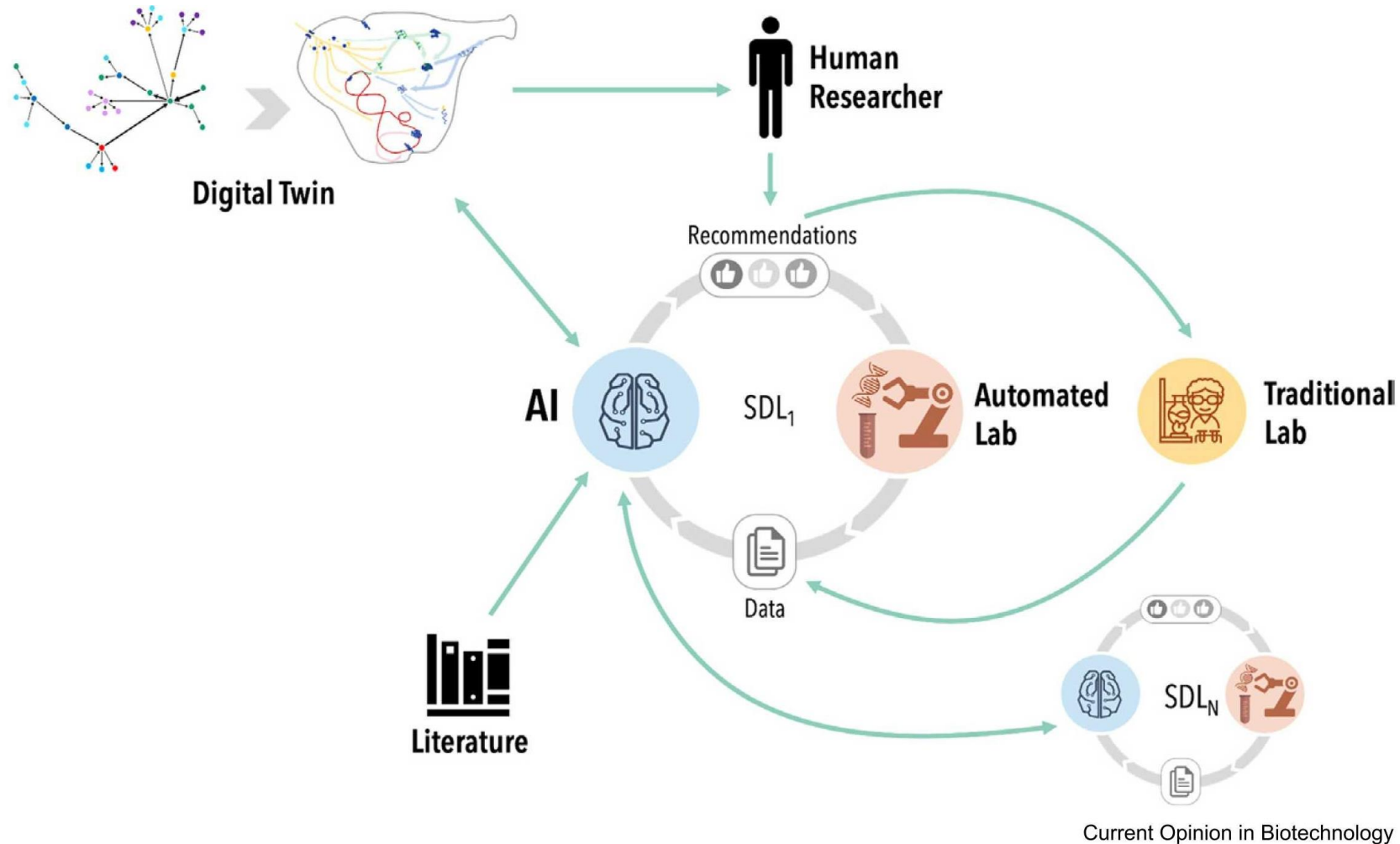
3ROCKIT : BioBank



Storage at BioBank



Platforms: Self driving labs for biomaterials development



Cell Factories

- Microbiomes of extremophile micororganisms as model organisms
- Artificial organisms/ biohybrid technologies

Center for Synthetic Genomics

- Synthetic Biology
- Artificial „synthetic“ genomes
- Genome editing
- Self-reproducing structures
- Artificial organisms

Understanding Biology

- Fully automated culture of cells, organoids, 3D tissues
- 3D Imaging Platform
- Genomics and Spatial Transcriptomics Platform
- Proteomics, Metabolomics and Interactomics

Manipulating Biology (Chem.ASAP)

- High throughput synthesis and screening
- Digital twins of novel biologically relevant molecules
- Synthesis, Characterization & functional analysis

Reconstructing Biology (Bio.Mat Foundry)

- (Bio)materials acceleration platform
- Additive Manufacturing, processes development
- Digital twins of novel bioinstructive bioadaptive materials systems

Engineering Biology

CIW,BIW, BIO.CAR

- Fabrication/scale-up processes

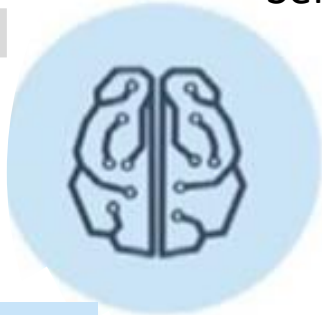
Bioengineering Data

- ELN/repositories/RDM
- Machine learning models
- VirtMat

AI

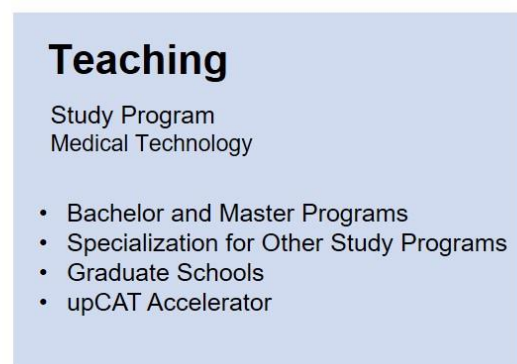
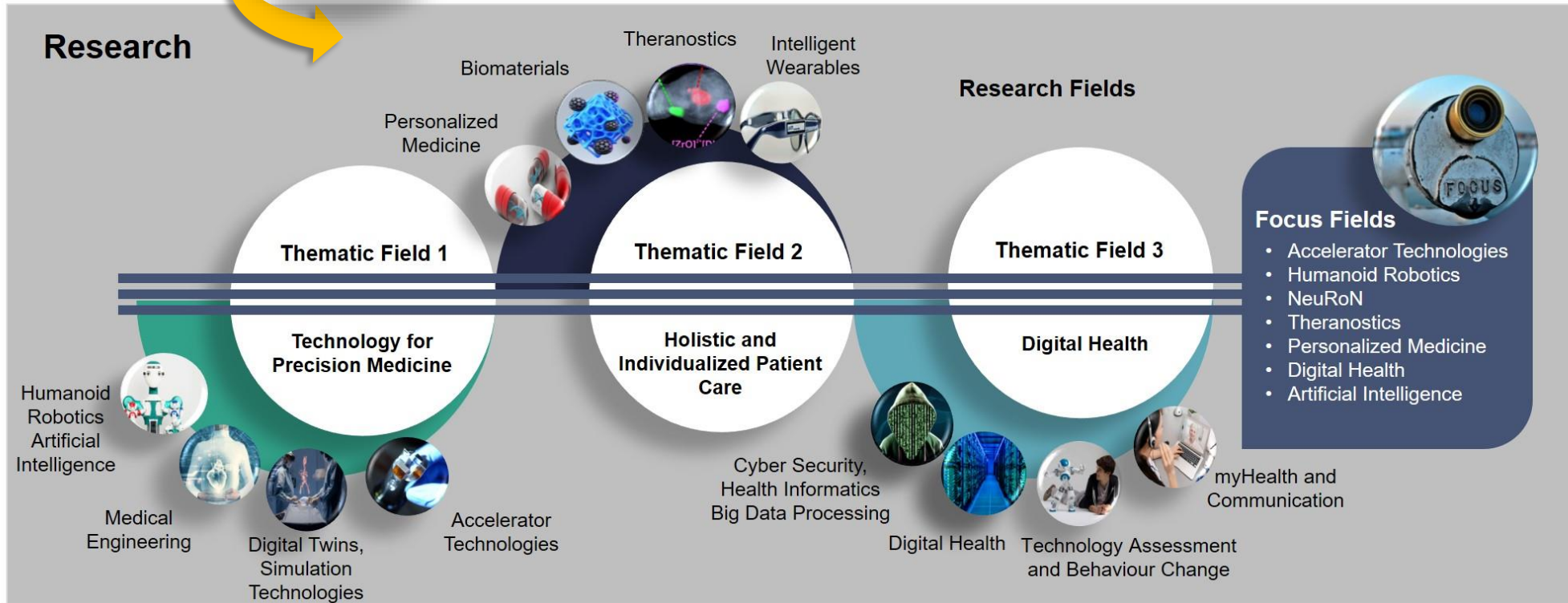
Self Driving Labs

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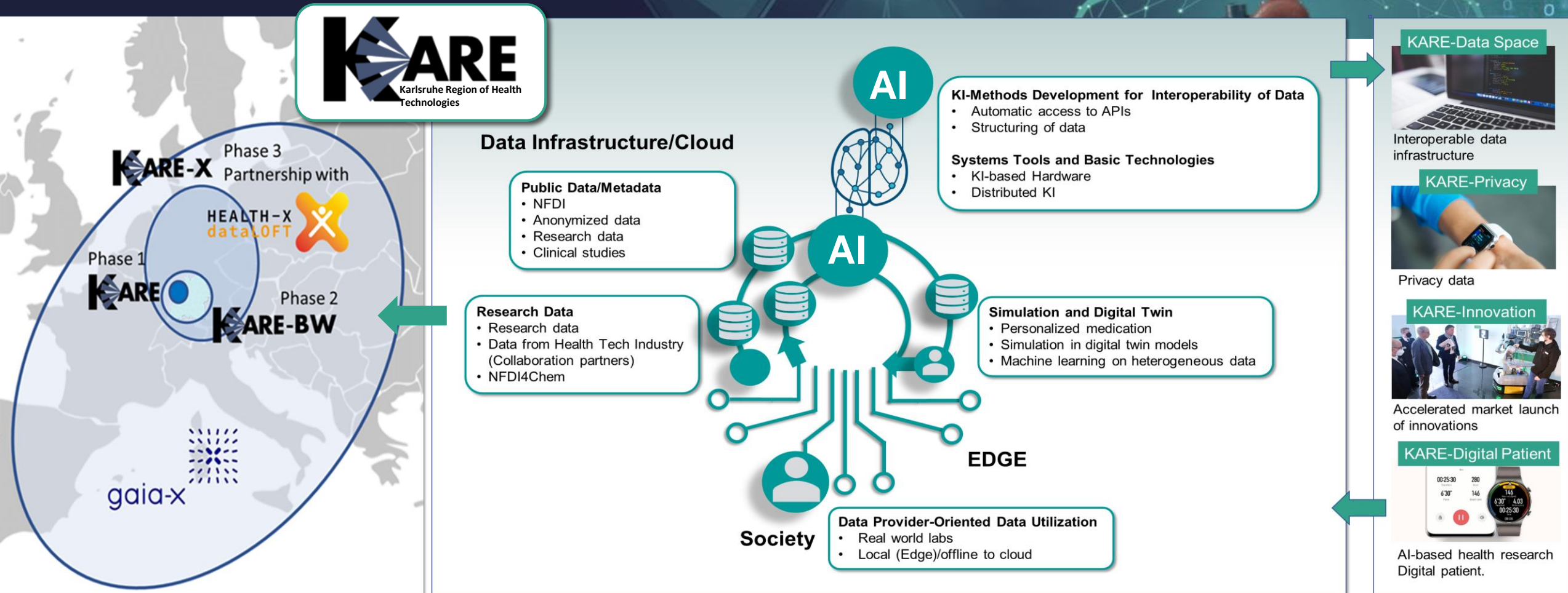


BiologAI

- AI Methods for building digital twins
- AI methods and process automation
- Data Interoperability
- Data compatibility



KARE: Data Space Interoperability

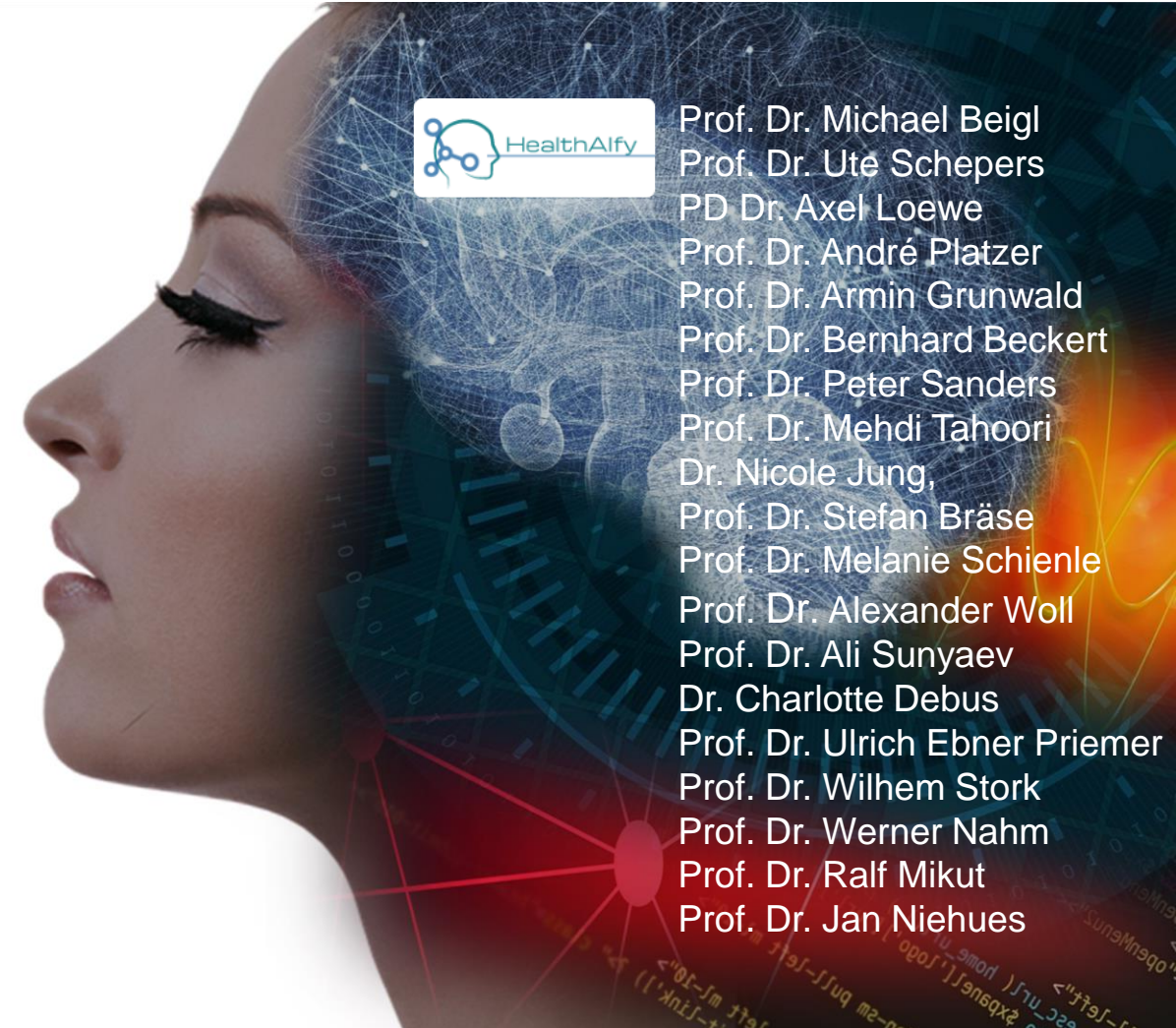


Research on AI systems for interoperability of all types of data spaces (research data (e.g. biomaterials, smart wearables), health data, weather, mobility, etc.).

KARE-Digital Patient and „HealthAlfy“

The KARE Data Space as the basis of AI-based health research and establishment of the digital patient.

- **Incorporating evidence-based research data and building the digital patient based on interoperable data spaces.**
- Combining personal health data with evidence-based research data (P3 MSE Materials Research).
- Consolidated data in standardized infrastructure is essential enabler for AI-based research
- **Establishment of personalized computer models that accompany patients over a long period of time (digital twin)**



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1. März 2023, 10:59 Uhr

Direkt aus dem dpa-Newskanal

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Neue Technologien für Präzisionsmedizin, humanoide

Anzeige



Hochschulen

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