



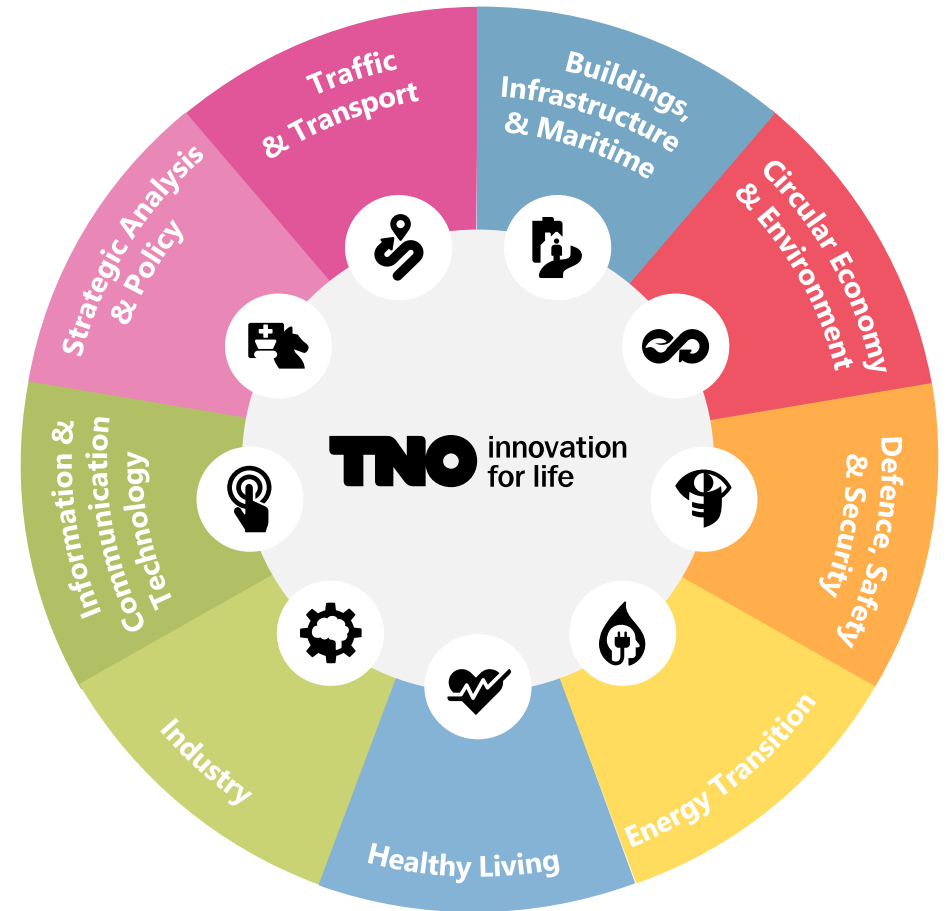
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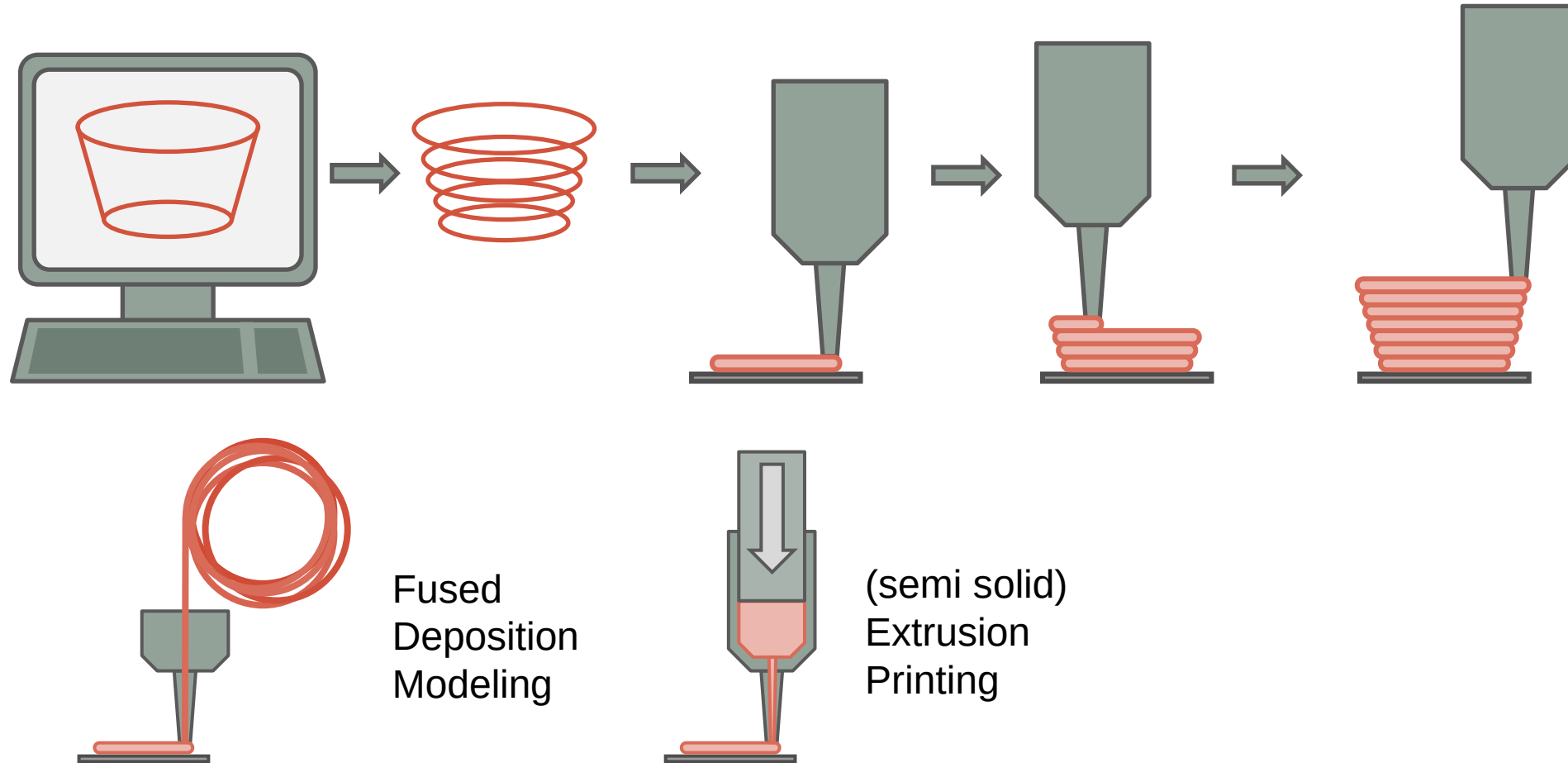
WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

- › Largest independent contract research and innovation organization in The Netherlands, est. 1932
- › Over 3400 researchers active in 9 Units
- › Positioned between universities and commercial companies
- › **Mission:** Apply scientific knowledge to boost the innovative strength of our partners
- › *Active in the 3D printing space for 30+ years*



› 3D PRINTING

OVERVIEW OF TECHNOLOGIES



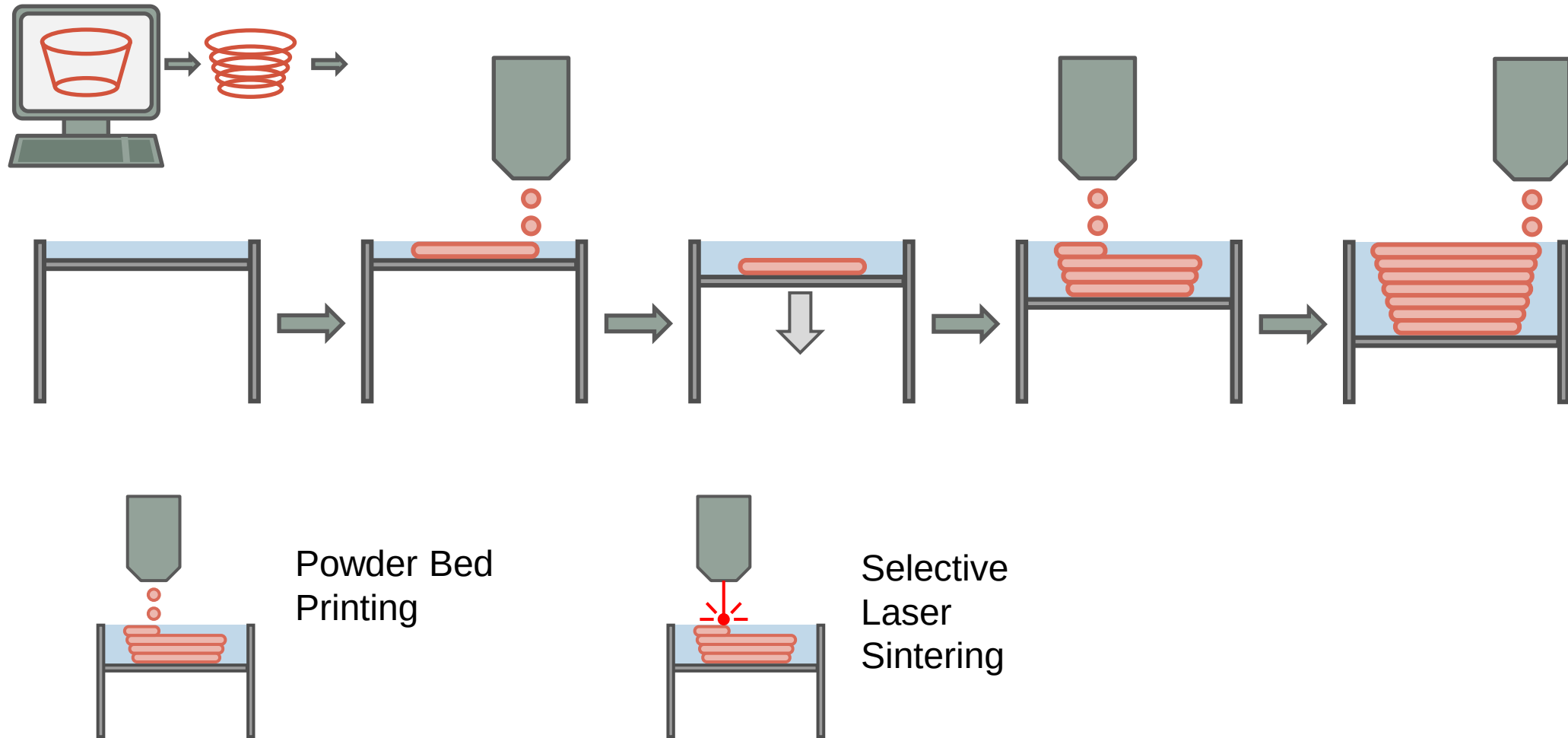
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EXTRUSION PRINTING



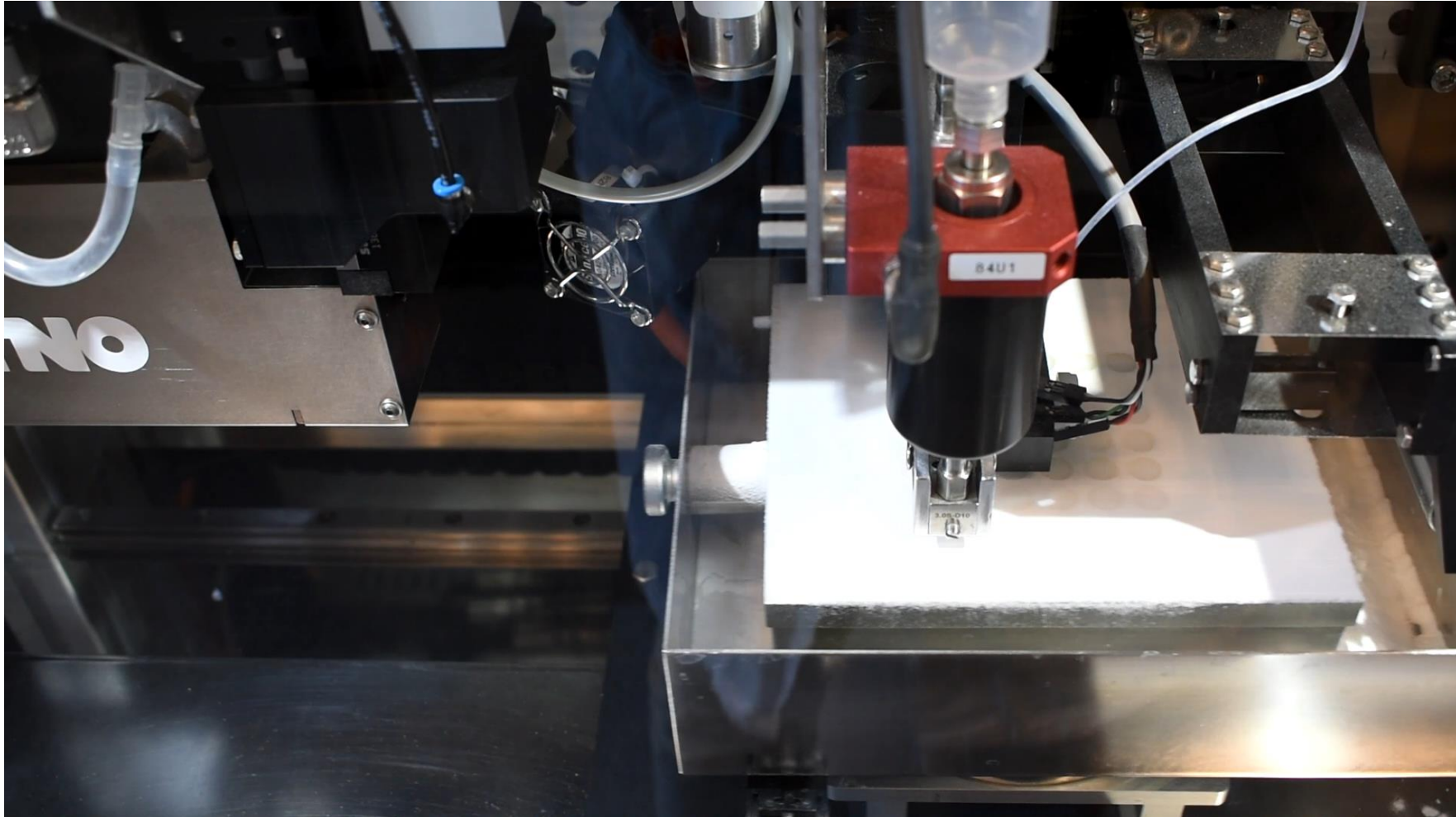
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OVERVIEW OF TECHNOLOGIES



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POWDER BED PRINTING + SELECTIVE LASER SINTERING



› 3D PHARMA PRINTING PRINTED TABLETS (TNO)



› 3D PHARMA PRINTING

USPs

› Research & Development tool

- › Quickly produce and screen new formulations, shapes, dosages, release profiles, ...
- › Printing ON medical products – e.g. conformal deposition on implants

› Personalized medication

- › API dose tuned to the need of the individual patient – including children's medication
- › Polypill – combine multiple APIs to decrease pill burden
- › Creation of specific dosing regimes – slow in- or decrease of API over time

› Different logistics

- › Local and on demand production
- › Creation of small batches
- › Less stability issues (?)

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ECO-SYSTEM



university of
 groningen



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for life



InnoGenerics

**Utrecht
University**



**Alliance
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THE 3DP
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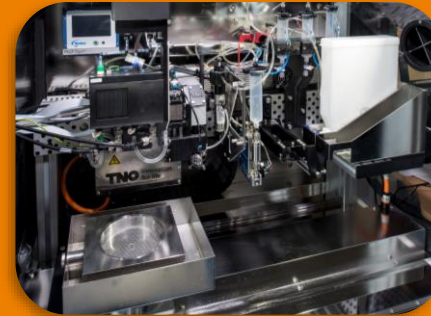
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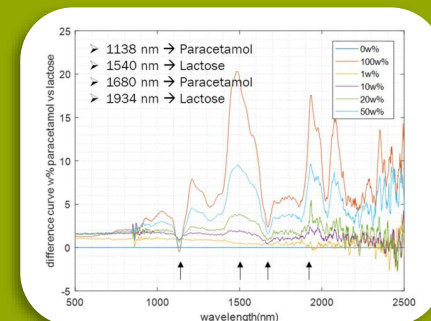
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› NEXT GENERATION EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS DEVELOPED BY TNO



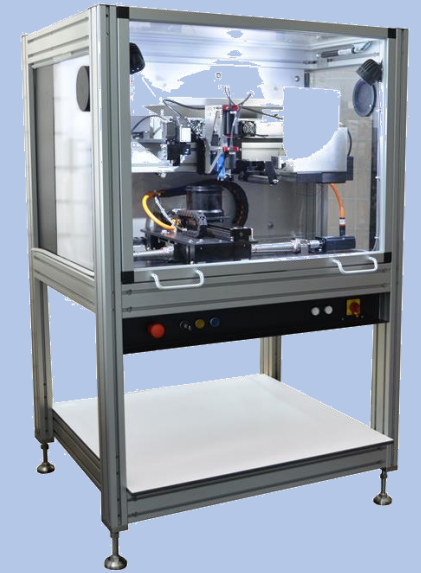
High accuracy
Extrusion printing



High speed, high power
Extrusion printing



Up-scaling
Technologies



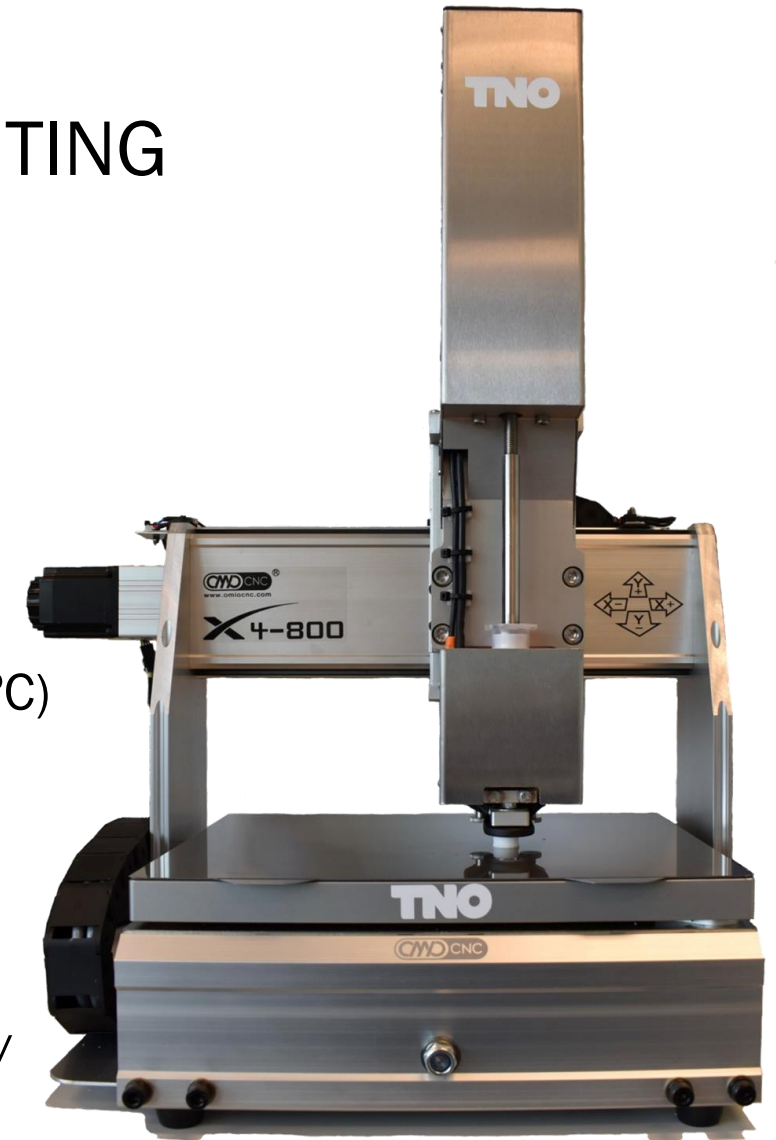
Powder bed printing and
Selective laser sintering
(separate or combined)

› TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

HIGH ACCURACY (LOW MELT) EXTRUSION PRINTING

Focus: high accuracy for small tablets (e.g. paediatrics)

- › Stiff print head and syringe construction
- › Stainless steel syringes / aluminum nozzles
- › Smaller step size for extrusion motor
- › High accuracy temperature control for syringes and nozzles ($\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- › *Powerful extruder with monitoring of extruder force*
- › *Print speed up to 3000 mm/min*
- › *Integrated cooling air shower, adjustable in air temperature and flow*
- › *Print bed can be heated, levelled, and switched out*
- › *Easy to clean*



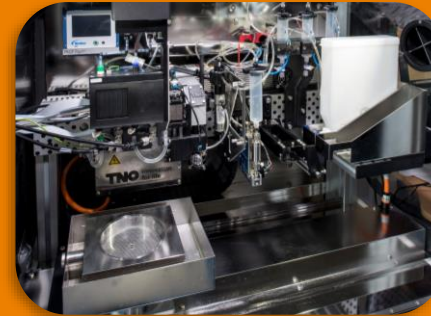
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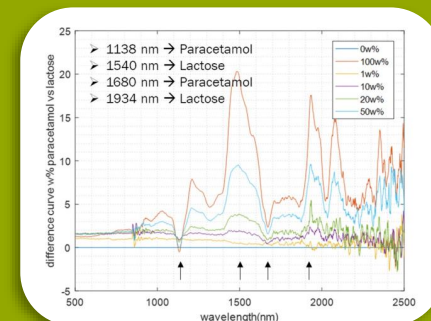
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Current situation

Manipulating drugs needed in **>50%** of drug administrations in children

crushing tablets	making suspension
taste masking	splitting tablets
opening capsules	using iv fluids orally
diluting solutions	cutting patches

A.vd Vossen et al. Acta Paediatrica 2019 108, 1475 – 1481.

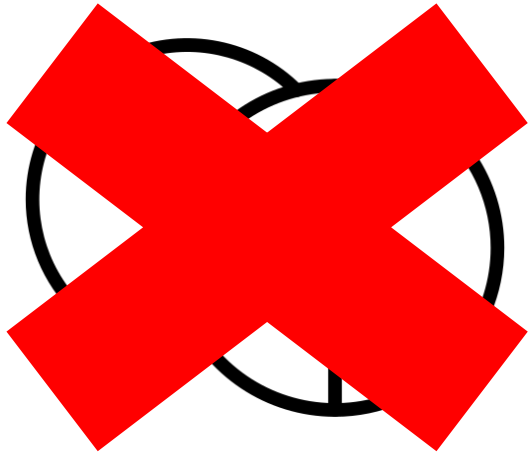
*Slides courtesy of Elisabeth Ruijgrok, PharmD, PhD
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ErasmusMC

Sophia Children's Hospital



Flecainide 4.2 mg



Tablet 50 mg?

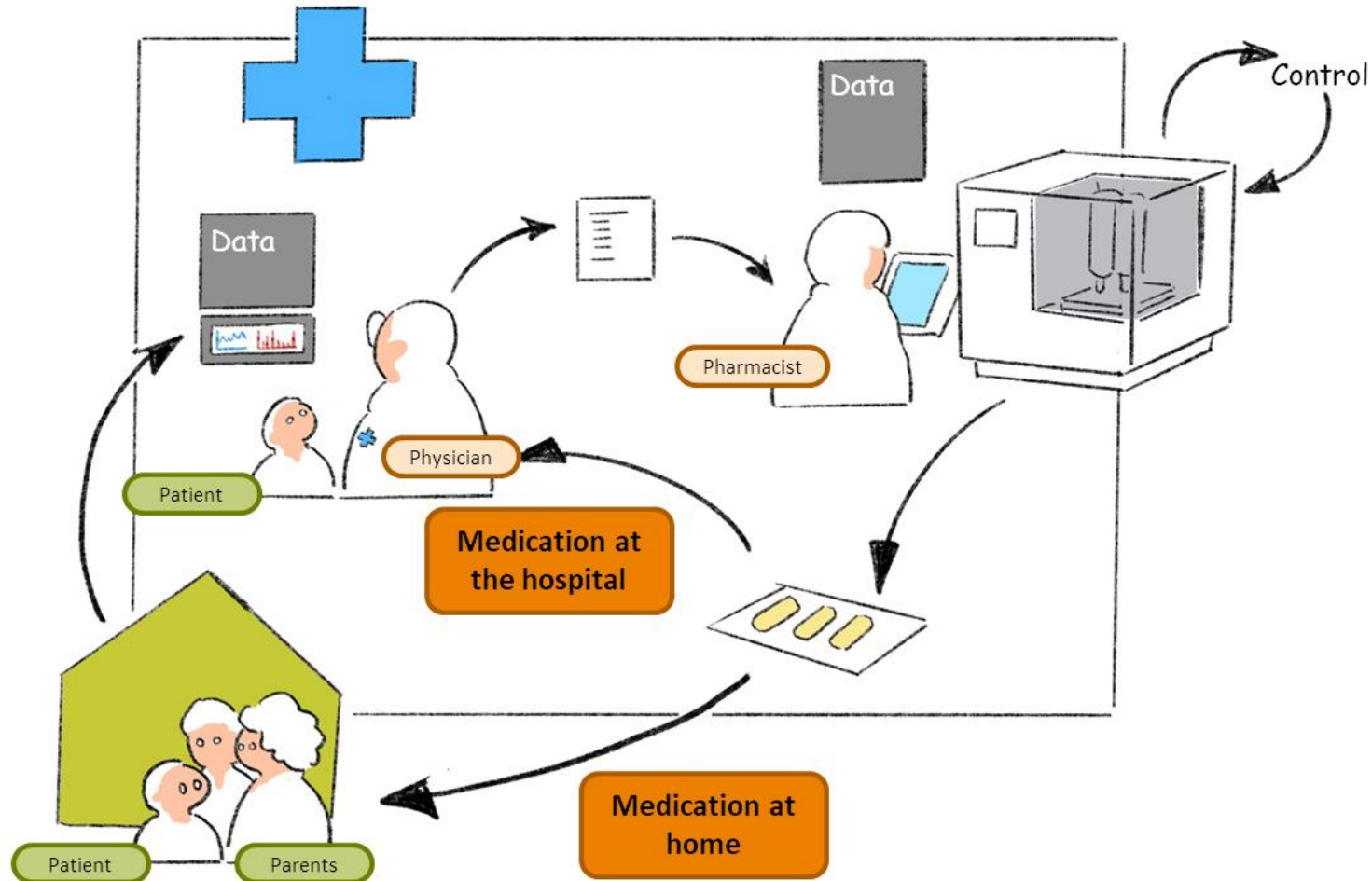




Drug manipulation

› PRINTING OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

COLLABORATION ERASMUS MC



Safe and affordable production of tailor made medication for individual patients by developing technological automated production lines either in the hospital or in more centralized locations.

3DMM **Erasmus MC** **Alliance Healthcare** **APOTHEEK A15** **DIGITALIS** **TNO innovation for life**

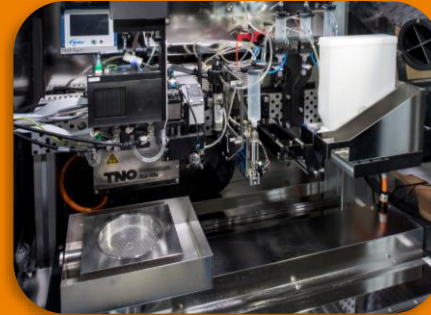
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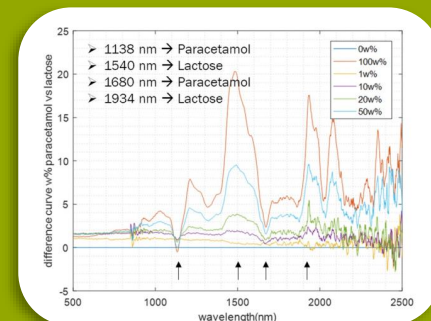
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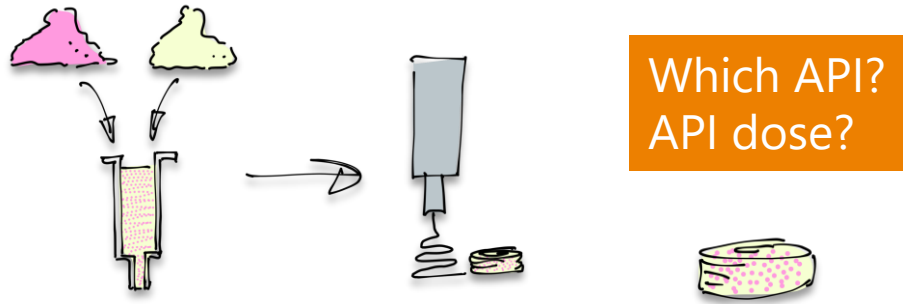
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NON-DESTRUCTIVE VALIDATION

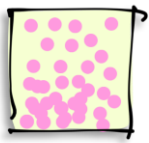
TABLET QUALITY - HOW TO VALIDATE?

- When producing ever smaller series of tablets destructive testing will be no longer a valid solution.

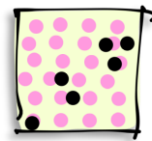


Which API?
API dose?

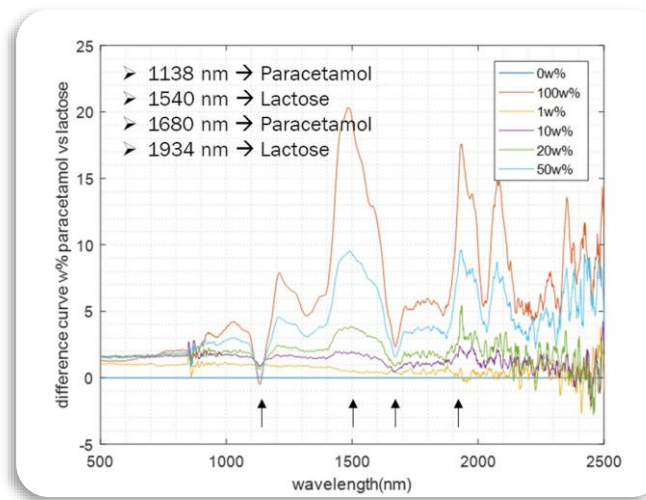
$\text{API dose} = \text{Tablet weight} \times \text{API \% in bulk}$



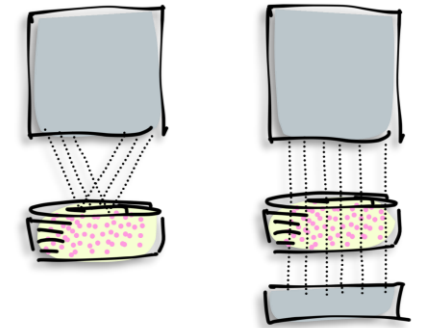
If: No inhomogeneity



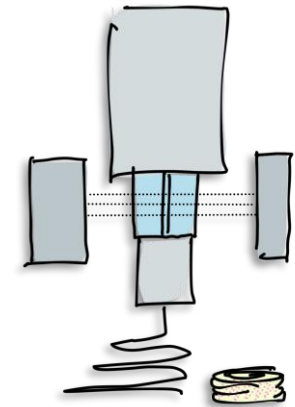
If: No API degradation



Spectral analysis



Look at tablet

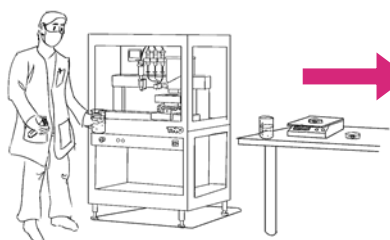


Look at filament

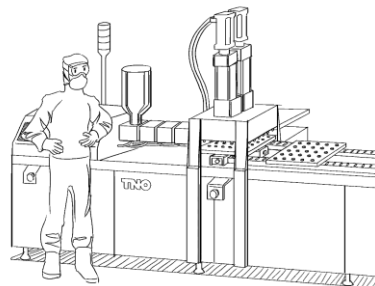
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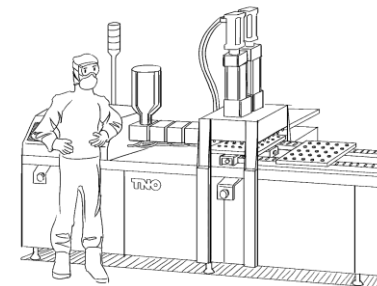
PHARMA R&D



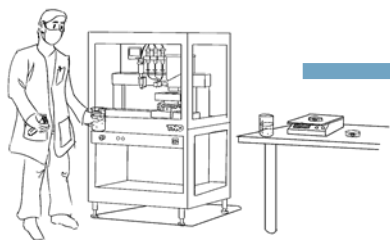
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FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION**



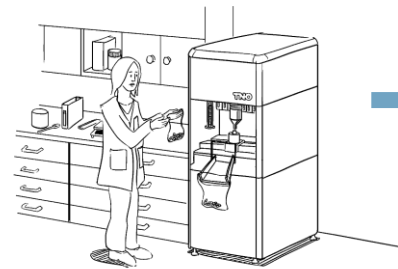
**PHARMA
FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION**



**HOSPITAL PHARMACY
R&D**



**HOSPITAL PHARMACY
PERSONALIZED MEDICINE**



**GENERAL PHARMACY
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TIME

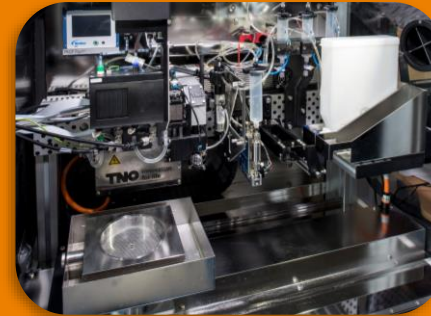
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OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE

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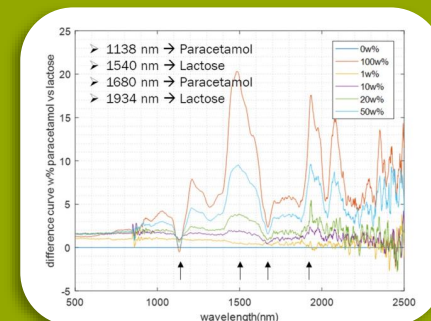
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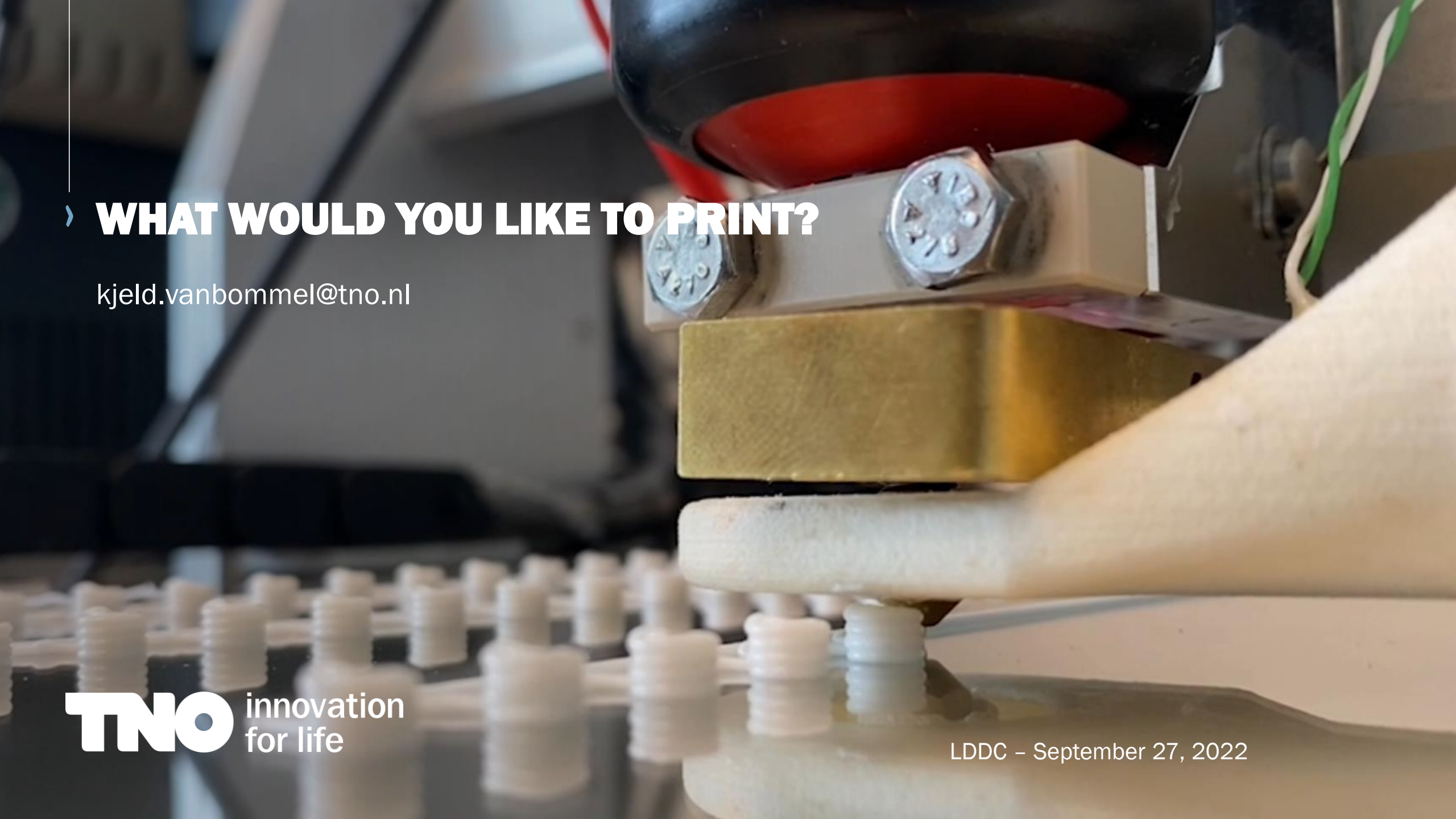


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› WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRINT?

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