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Lab-on-Fiber: Fluorescence and Colorimetric Sensors for the Monitoring of Wounds and Other Diseases

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Project Aim



Development of a **multi-sensor platform** to allow a time and spatial resolved **detection of relevant metabolites for wound healing**



Continuous monitoring of wounds





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Glucose detection Strategic Focus Area Personalized Health and Related Technologies

Hype cycle for emerging technologies



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https://www.businessinsider.com/wearables-arent-as-exciting-anymore-2015-8?r=US&IR=T

Wearables acceptance





→ Wearables: from low burden to «no burden» → «Disappearing Electronics» - Disappearables

Kelly and Gilbert, 2018, The Wearer, the Device, and Its Use: Advances in Understanding the Social Acceptability of Wearables, Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Kvedar et al., Nature Biotechnology, 34, 239-246, (2016)

Hybrid and multimaterial fibers





Thermal drawing



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Multicompartment fibers





Fibers – tailoring the properties











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Fibrous colorimetric sensors



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Polymer optical fibers as chemical sensors







Sensing dyes immobilized in xerogel cladding material







Sensing dyes immobilized in porous material **OR**

introduction of porous materials into the xerogel cladding for faster gas diffusion



Ratiometric pH sensors











pH sensor: integration into the fiber





stitched inert fiber

Key success factors of fiber-based wearables

- Precision \rightarrow steering of materials properties
- Reliability \rightarrow high time and spatial resolution
 - Relevance \rightarrow partnership with hospitals
- Acceptance

→ disappearables
→ immediate benefit (sensing of danger signals)

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Fiber-based "disappearables" for health















Thank you

