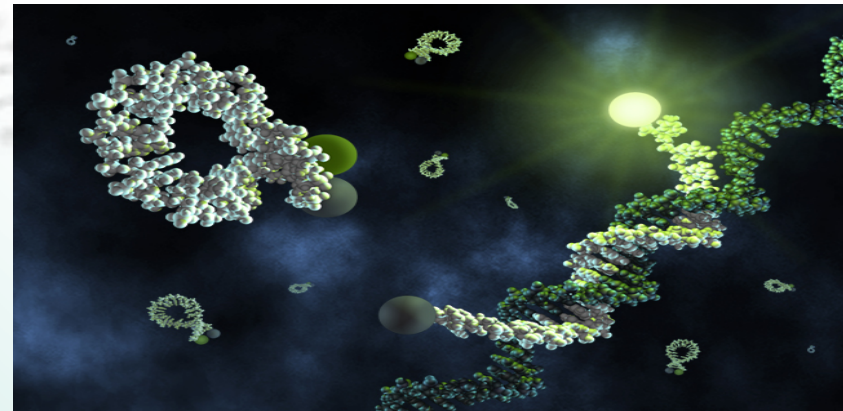


MicroActive - Project no 17319

# Automatic Detection of Disease Related Molecular Cell Activity

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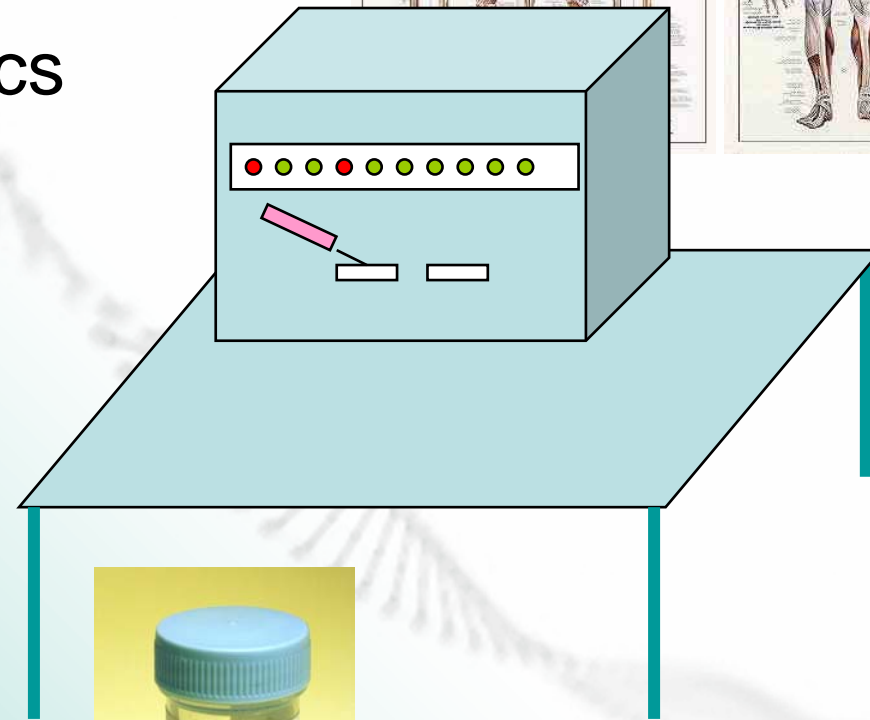
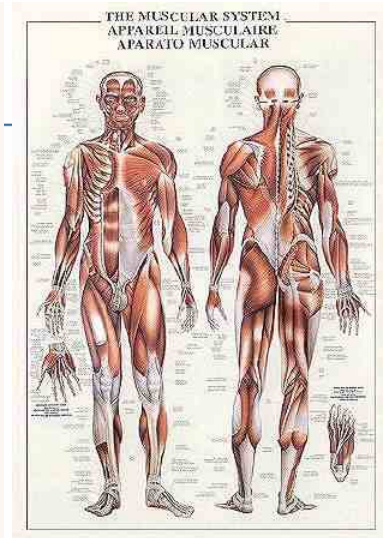
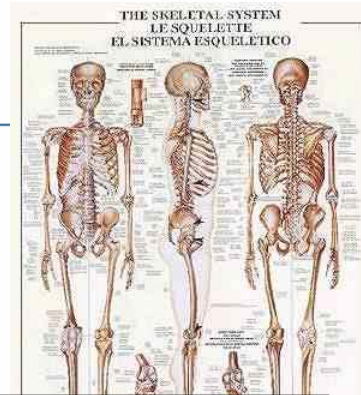
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## Main objective for MicroActive

To develop an instrument for molecular diagnostics intended for use in the doctors' office

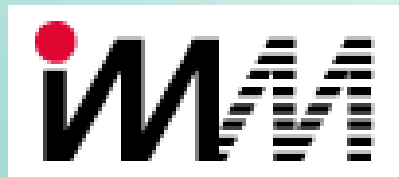
- Human papilloma virus
- Cervical cancer
- RNA
- Two microchips
- Instrument



# MicroActive - partners

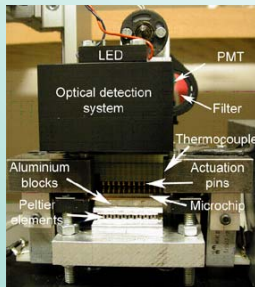


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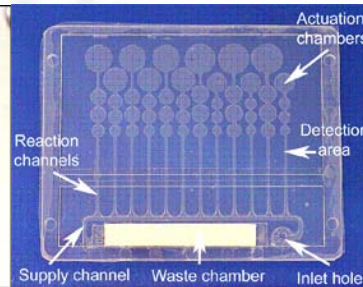
# Workpackages highly interconnected for integrated system



**WP1**  
Automatic  
Diagnosis  
System



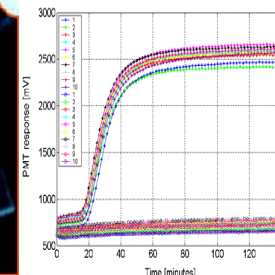
**WP2**  
Sample  
preparation chip



**WP3**  
Amplification  
and  
detection chip



**WP4**  
Surface  
modification  
and spotting



**WP5**  
NASBA  
reaction

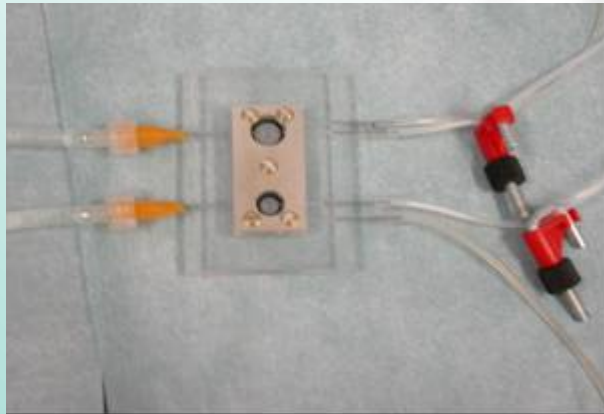


**WP6**  
Meeting  
the needs  
of end-users

Close cooperation between biochemists, doctors and physicists gives corrections and new insight

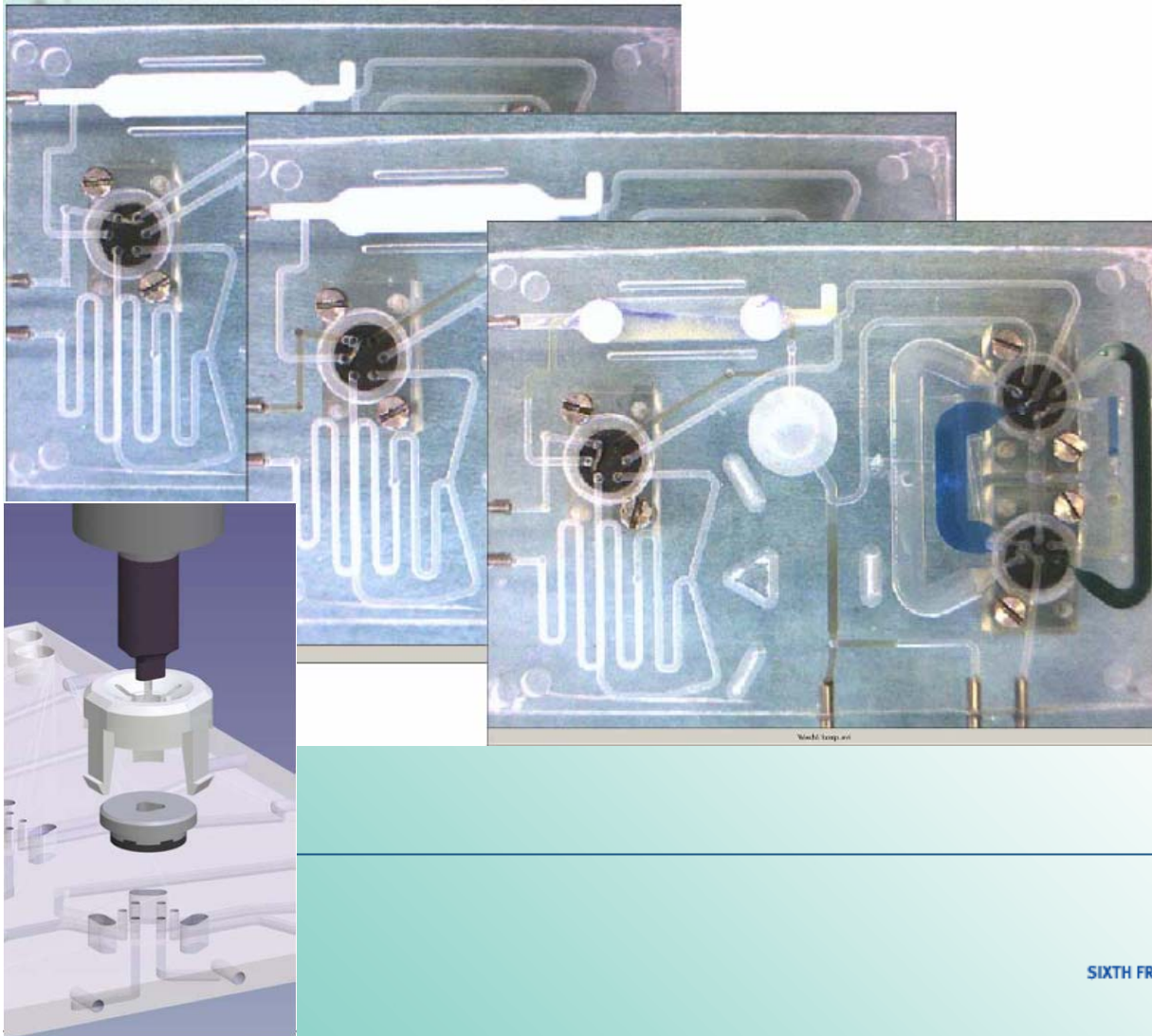


## Sample preparation tests using cervical cells

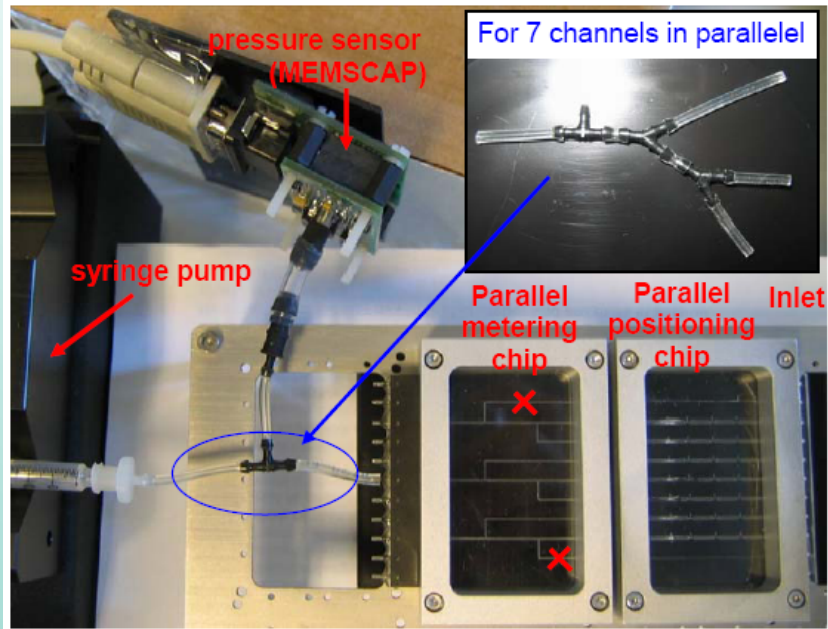


- Cell concentration
- Cell lysis
- Nucleic acid capture and purification
- Nucleic acid elution
- Compare with gold laboratory standards
- Use Biobank of clinical specimens established in project

# Sample preparation chip



- Reagent and buffer storage
- Filters
- Optical control
- Pumps, valves
- Extracted RNA transferred to next chip

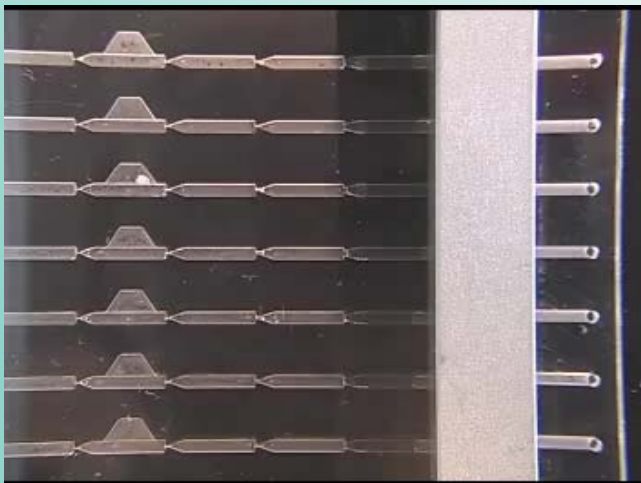


# Amplification and detection chip

Metering of parallel plugs for analysis

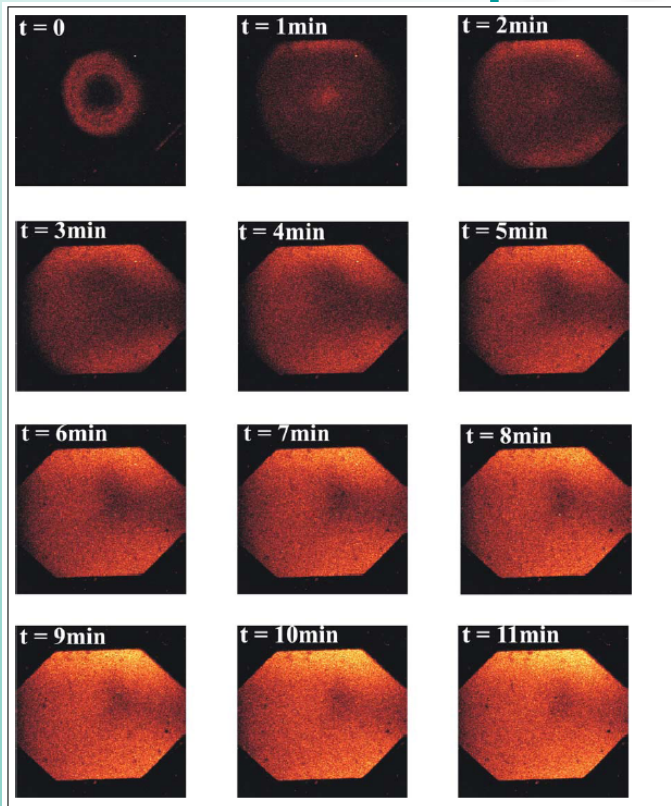
Parallel plug actuation method based on pressure and surface patterned channels

Number and sized of reaction chambers with dried reagents decided

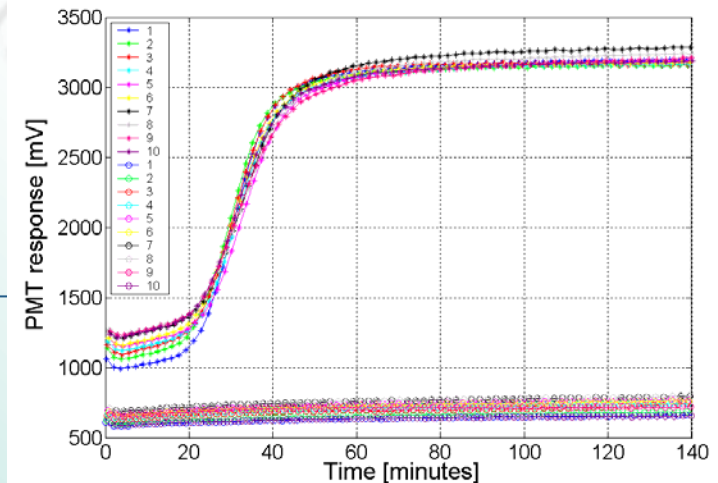




# NASBA amplification in micro-chambers



- Re-hydration and mixing of dried reagents
- Optimization of drying agents
- Re-activation of dried reagents
- NASBA amplification in sample plugs using dried reagents – partly successful





## Exploitation potential

- Cervical cancer – caused by HPV viruses
- Time to result 2 hours – compared to 3 weeks
- Few false positive results
  
- For use in doctors' offices, laboratories
- Doctors' questionnaire
  - General practitioners inexperienced with molecular diagnostics
  - Clear procedure needed for follow up of positive results
  
- BioFluidics manufacturing potential
- NorChip, distribution potential

