



# Healthcare and Medical Technology at Budapest University of Technology and Economics

brief introduction

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**BME:** ~1 160 staff; ~24 000 students (2012)

Faculty of Civil Engineering (1782-)  
 Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (1871-)  
 Faculty of Architecture (1873-)  
 Faculty of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology (1873-)  
**Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics (1949)**  
 Faculty of Transportation Engineering (1951-)  
 Faculty of Natural Sciences (1998-)  
 Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences (1998-)

Advanced Vehicle Control Knowledge Centre

Biomechanical Cooperative Research Centre  
 BME–AUDI Hungaria Cooperative Research Centre

#### 1+1/11 knowledge centres (project-oriented units)

Centre of Public Administration's Information Technology (1999-)  
 Federated Innovation and Knowledge Center (2009-)  
 Innovation and Knowledge Centre of Information Technology (2006-)  
 Mobile Innovation Centre (2004-)  
**Healthcare Technologies Knowledge Centre (2007-)**  
 Student Innovation Centre (2009-)  
 Integrated Energetics Knowledge Centre (2009-)  
 Virtual Reality and Immersive Technologies Laboratory (2009-)  
 Morgan Stanley–BME Financial Innovation Centre (2009-)  
 Intelligent and Embedded Systems Knowledge Centre (2010-)  
 ... and a few more

#### 10 departments (education & research units)

Department of Automation and Applied Informatics  
 Dept. of Broadband Infocomm. and Electromagnetic Theory  
**Department of Computer Science and Information Theory**  
**Department of Control Engineering and Information Technology**  
 Department of Electric Power Engineering  
**Department of Electronics Technology**  
 Department of Electron Devices  
**Department of Measurement and Information Systems**  
 Department of Networked Systems and Services  
**Department of Telecommunications and Media Informatics**

# *Healthcare Technologies Knowledge Center*

## *Field of activity*

Assistive information and communication systems for elderly persons, chronically ill and disabled people.



## Selected R&D&I projects of BME EMT

**CCE – Connected care for elderly persons suffering from dementia (AAL Joint Programme, 2009-2012),**  
*with British, Dutch and German partners.*



- A system utilizing ICT tools and based on open-standards was developed to support the independent living of elderly persons struggling with cognitive impairments.

**CARE – Safe private homes for elderly persons (AAL Joint Programme, 2009-2012),**  
*with Austrian, Finnish and German partners.*



- To support the independent living of elderly persons, a system based on visual motion sensors that automatically recognizes a fallen or immobilized person was developed.

**CVN – Connected vitality: the personal telepresence network (AAL Joint Programme, 2010-2013),**  
*with Austrian, Dutch, Spanish and Swedish partners.*



- A telepresence – social presence – system, enabling people physically far from each other to participate in joint on-line activities, e.g. playing games, was developed.

**TeleNyugi (TeleCalm) activity tracking system (IVF-NSC programme, 2013-2015),**  
*with Czech, Slovak and Taiwanese partners*



- Its goal is to continuously provide information – through mobile ICT devices – about the course of normal daily activities or eventual incidents of elderly family members.

**M3W - Maintaining and Measuring Mental Wellness (AAL Joint Programme, 2011-2014),**  
*with Swiss, Luxembourgian and Greek partners*



- The main objective of the project is to develop a mental wellness toolset for self usage in order to help non-professionals in delaying and eventually detecting mild cognitive impairments of elders as early as possible.

## Further information

*Healthcare Technologies Knowledge Center*

- └ <http://emt.bme.hu>
- └ <http://silvergate112.eu>
- └ <http://www.cceproject.eu>
- └ <http://care-aal.eu>
- └ <http://www.connectedvitality.eu>
- └ <http://m3w-project.eu>



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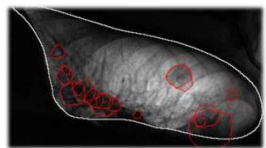
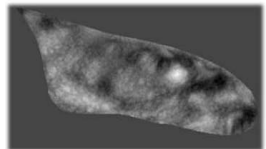
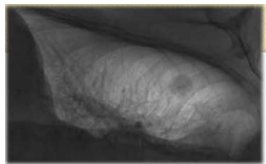
# ***BME – MIT competences related to Healthcare and Medical technologies***

## ***Fields of activities***

Embedded systems, medical laboratory technology  
Image processing and analysis  
Intelligent systems for assistive technologies

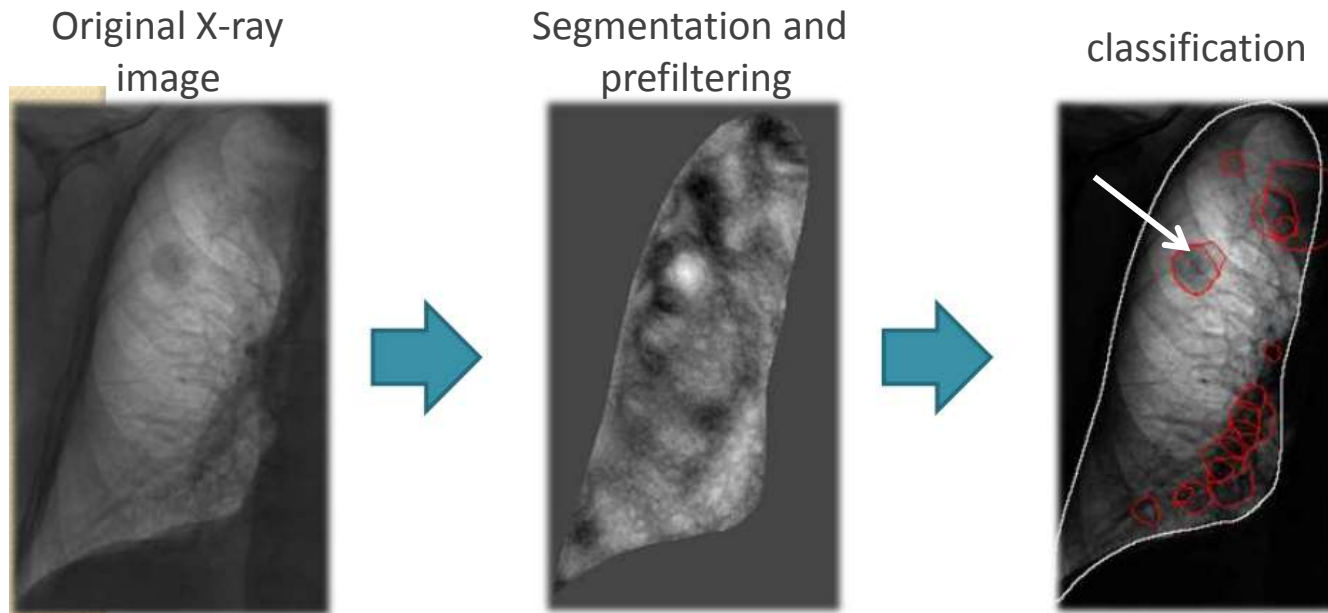


# CAD Systems for X-ray Chest Radiography



- CAD system for diagnosing traditional digital X-ray PA images
- CAD system for a digital chest tomosynthesis system
  - The goal is early detection of abnormalities
  - Screening for lung cancer and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
  - Tomosynthesis is a real alternative to Low Dose CT
- Approach applied  
*image processing and machine learning*
- Special feature  
*preprocessing: elimination of „anatomical noise”  
(shadows of ribs, clavicle, heart)*

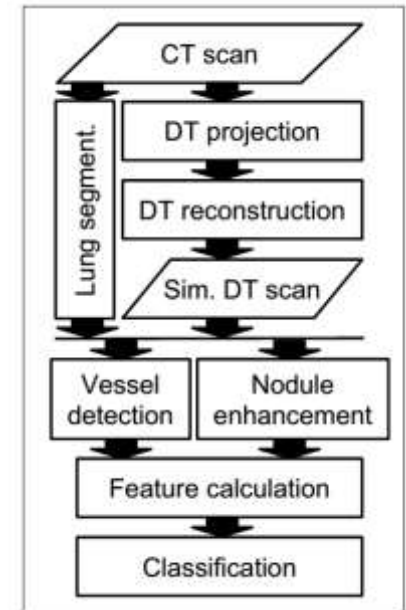
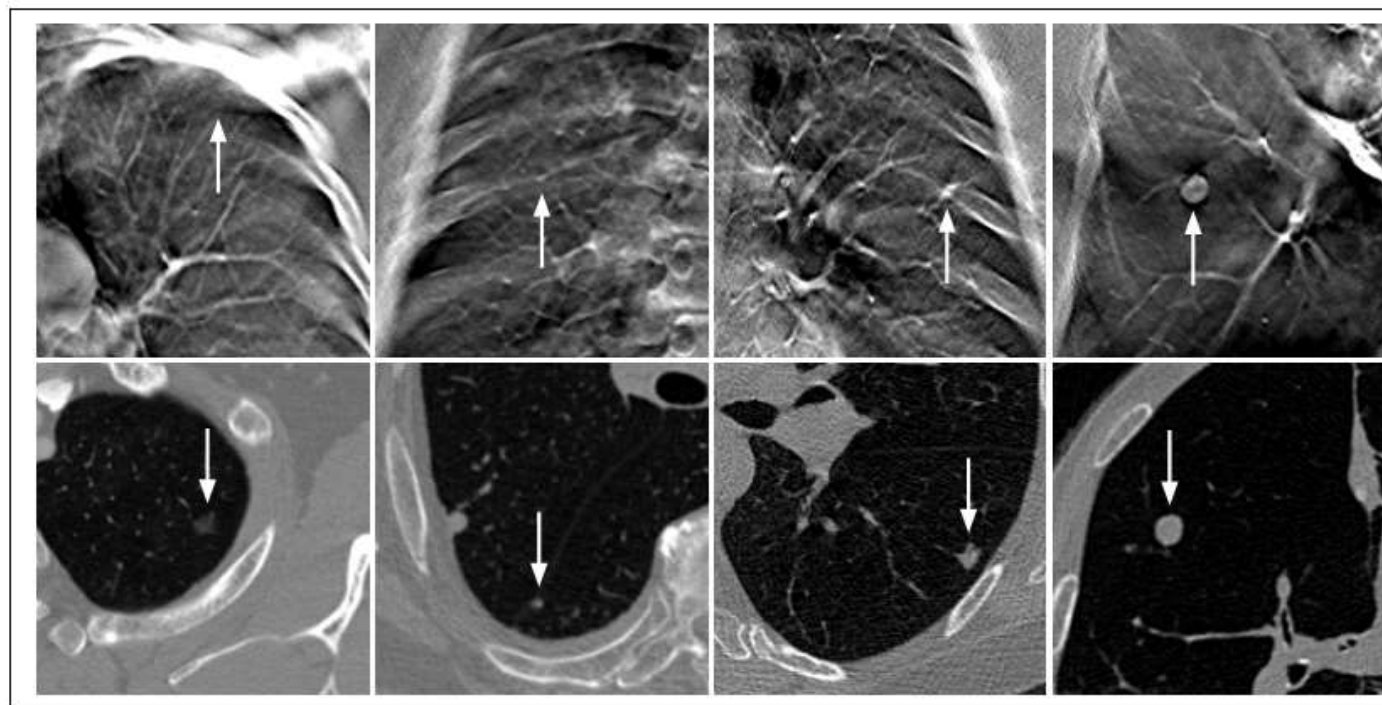
## The main steps of nodule detection using X-ray PA images



**Results:** Sensitivity of nodule detection (using joint analysis: radiologist +CAD) is increased by 18-30% comparing to that of the results of radiologists



## Results on nodule detection using digital chest tomosynthesis



Invisible

Hardly visible

Visible

Clearly visible

# Medical Technologies Laboratory



## R&D&I fields

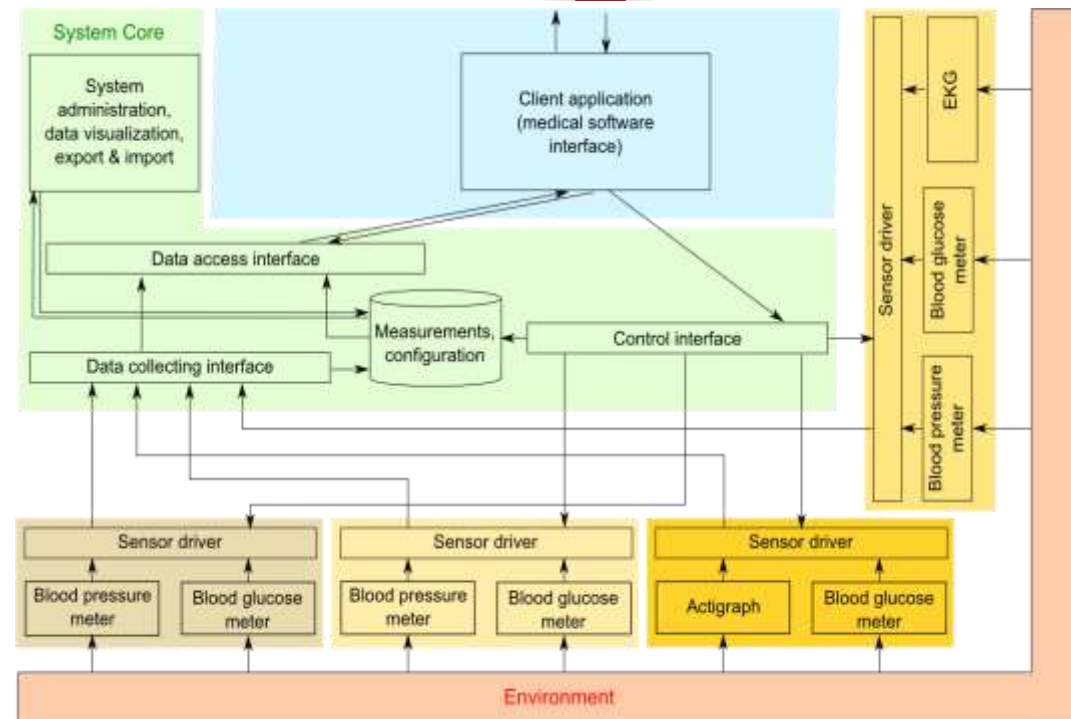
- Marker-based motion analysis/tracking
- Movement based neural disorder characterization
- New methods for blood pressure measurement
- Home Health Status Monitoring
- Drivers vigilance characterization
- Measurement and evaluation of heart rate variability (HRV)



# TeleHealth Monitoring System

(General intelligent system for assistive technologies)

- Home health status monitoring
- Adaptable for different diseases
  - ✓ Hypertension
  - ✓ COPD
  - ✓ Sleep disorders
  - ✓ Diabetes etc.
- Different medical devices are and can be integrated
- Several patients with different diseases and conditions can be monitored in parallel
- Simple configuration interface for the doctor



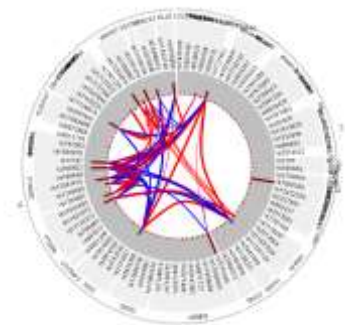
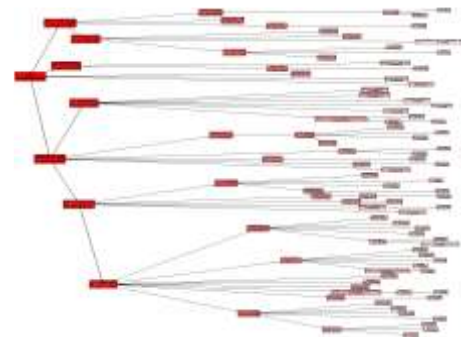
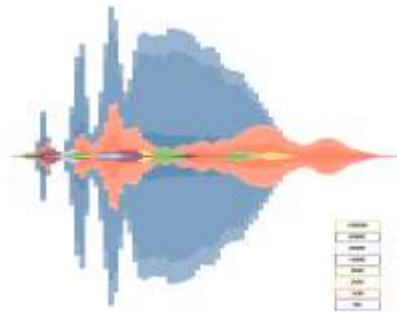
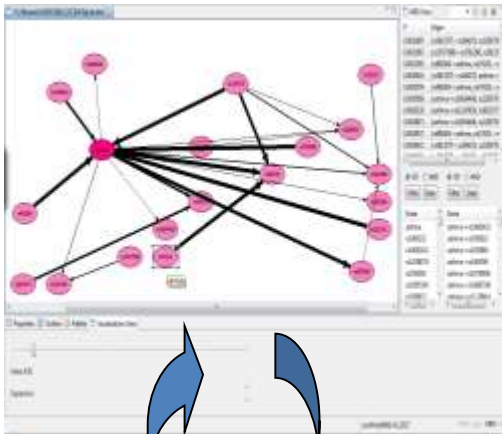
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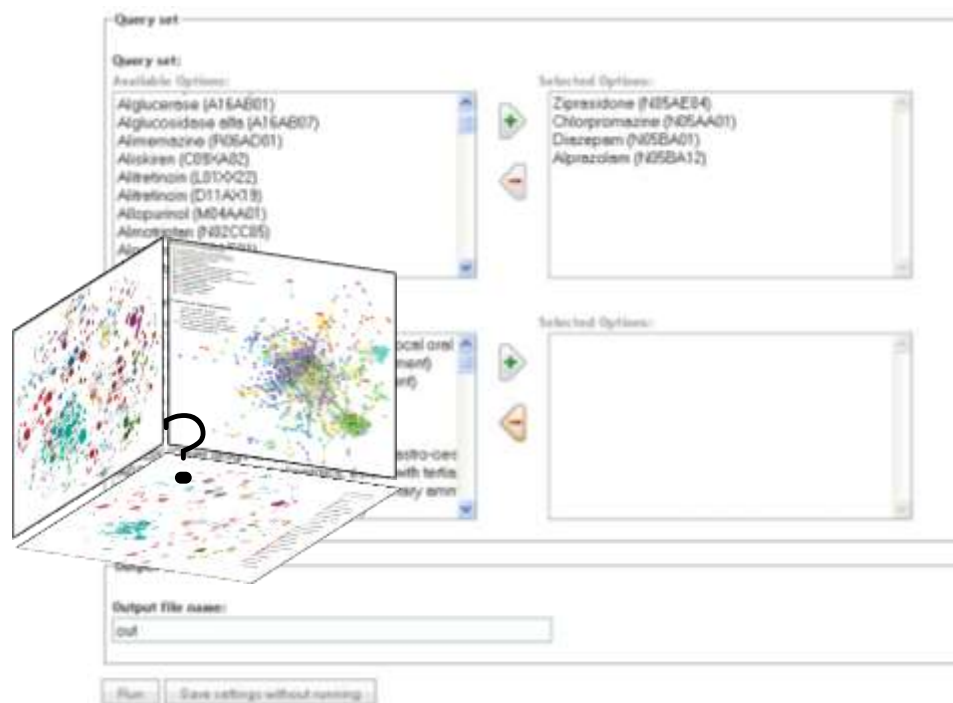
# Data and knowledge fusion in biomedicine

- Bayesian systems-based biomarker discovery
- Kernel-based data and knowledge fusion
- Semantic data and knowledge fusion

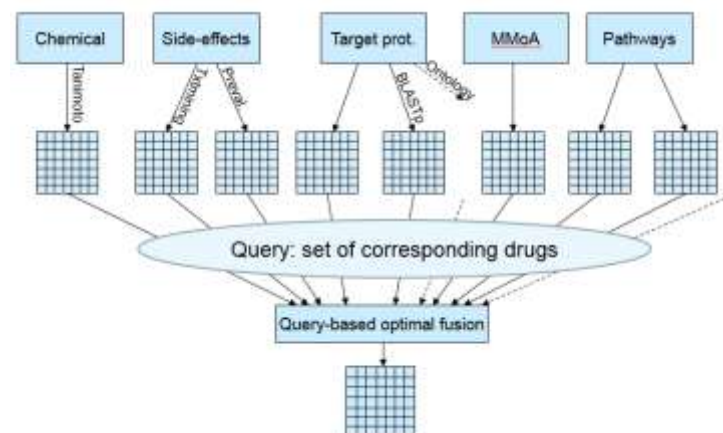


**„all models are wrong, but some are useful”**  
**→e.g.** there are stable, interesting properties

## Integration of chemo- and systems biologic information resources for drug repositioning



### Similarity-based fusion in drug repositioning





# ***BME – IIT competences related to Healthcare and Medical technologies***

## ***Fields of activities***



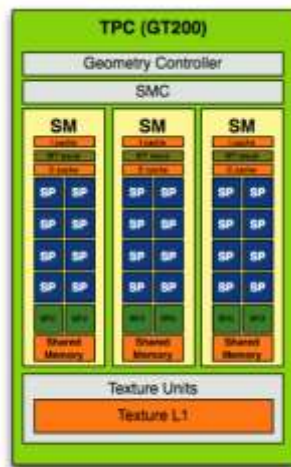
Medical informatics, hardware accelerated 3D image reconstruction, medical image processing, 3D sensorics and robotics, motion tracking and 3D monitoring



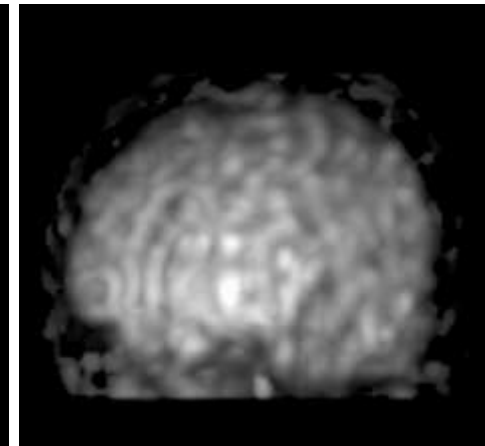
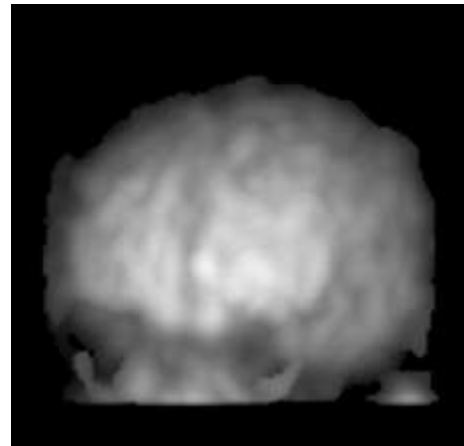
# Efficient Concurrent SPECT and PET Reconstruction Algorithms

Medical Imaging

- **3D OSEMRRAC**  
3D Ordered Subset EM with Resolution Recovery and Attenuation Correction
- Efficient algorithm for GPU



BEFORE reconstruction      AFTER reconstruction



## Graphics Lab Medical Visualization

Field of activities:

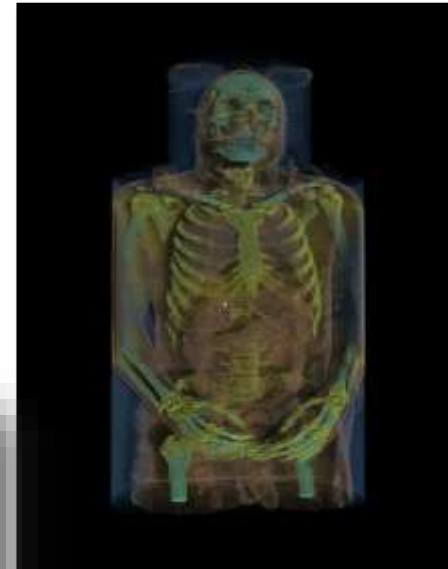
- Medical visualization
- CT and PET reconstruction
- GPGPU methods



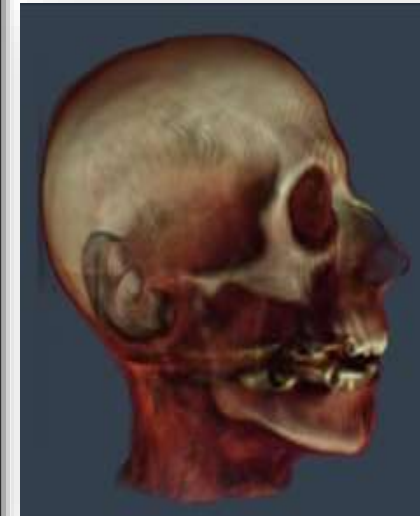
Direct volume rendering



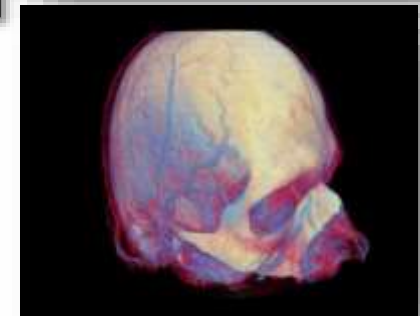
Transfer function tuning



Translucent rendering



Ambient occlusion

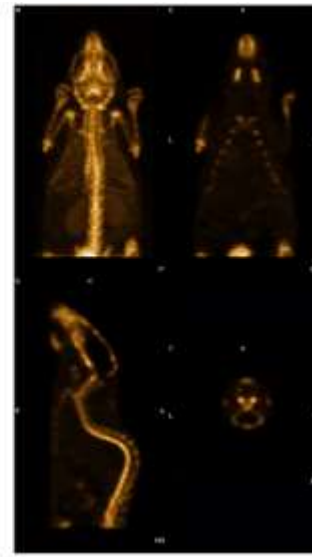
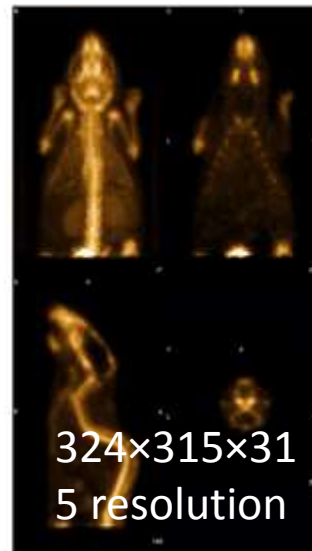
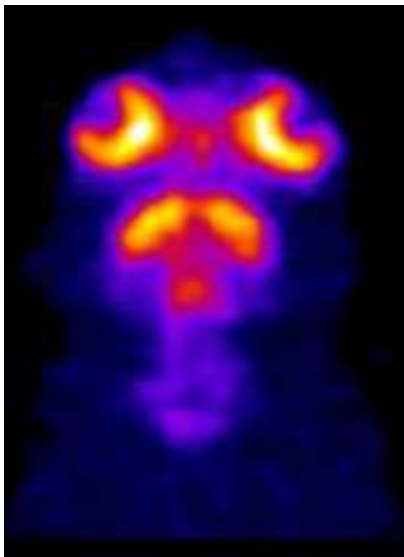


Illustrative visualization



## Positron Emission Tomography

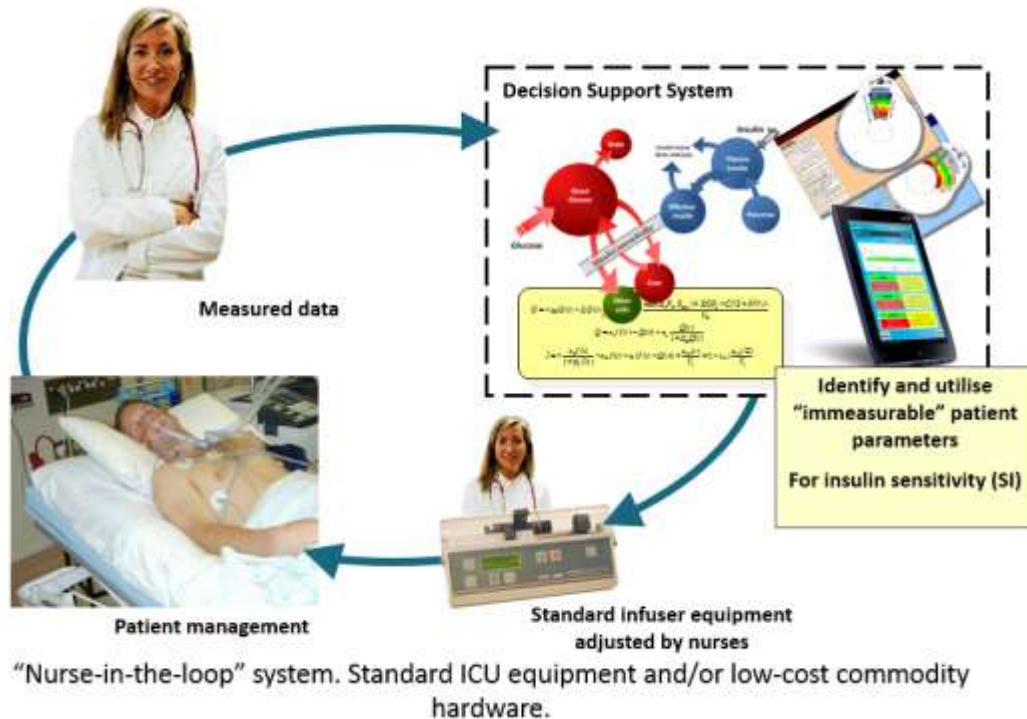
- GPU cluster implementation
- Positron range, scattering, detector response compensation
- TV and Bregman regularization



# Accurate glycemic treatment for intensive care patients

Model based diagnostics  
and therapeutics

AGC treatment – STAR



## Current research goals:

- STAR during liver transplantation
- Combination of STAR with Continuous Glucose monitoring
- STAR Advanced feeding regimes
- NICU protocol in Miskolc



Source: <http://biomed.brown.edu>

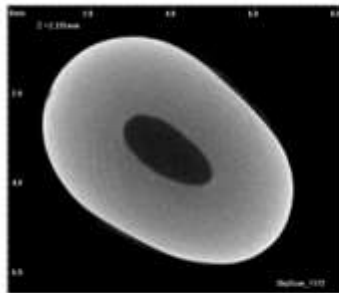
# CT image segmentation methods

## • Dental microCT

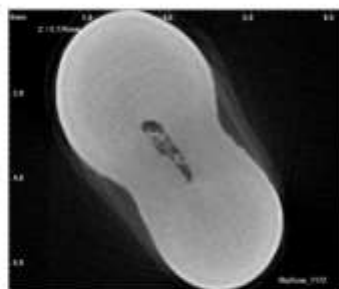
- Parallel sections
- Single channel intensity images
- High resolution  $\sim 2500\text{dpi}$
- Pixel distance = Slice distance

## • Obstacles

- Circular artefacts
- Granular texture
- Inter-slice artefacts
- Odd shape of the root canal's section



Easy case

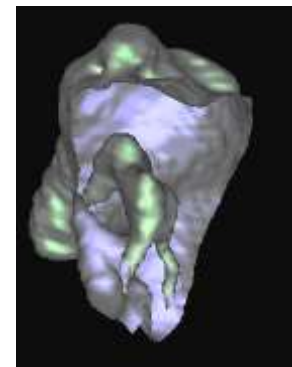
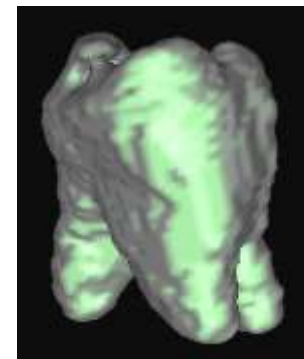
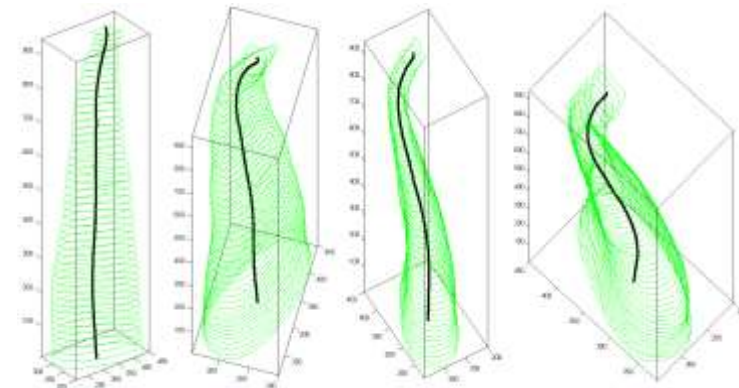


Inter-slice artefacts and odd shape in root canal



Granular texture visible in preprocessed image

## Medical Image Processing

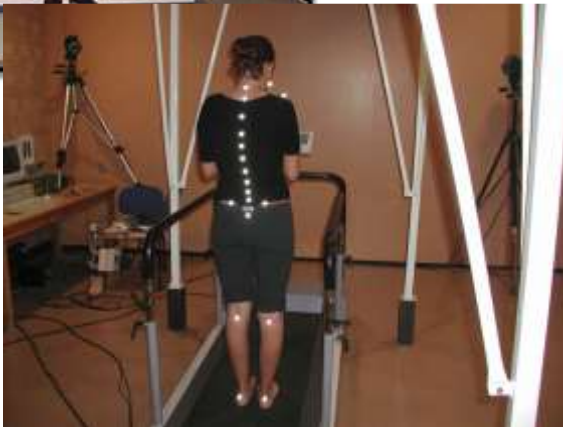


# Research Projects Summary

- Currently running projects:
  - FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IRSES: eTime—Engineering Technology-based Innovation in Medicine (Project number 318943, Funding scheme: Marie Curie Actions— International Research Staff Exchange Scheme - IRSES)
  - BAKTAT - Secure NFC Application Provisioning and Management (Hungarian National Office of Research and Technology, grant id: BAKTAT)
  - DIAD\_NFC - Dynamic Distribution of Independent NFC Applications – Concept and Implementation (Hungarian National Office of Research and Technology, grant id: DIAD\_NFC)
  - OTKA 80316 - Quality and safety improvements of image guided surgical procedures and nuclear medical imaging using advanced computer science (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, grant id K80316)
  - OTKA 82066 - Novel methods for the improvement of medical diagnostics (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, grant id K82066)
- Recently completed major projects:
  - TERATOMO - Development of a teraflop capacity image reconstruction system for various medical tomography devices used for diagnosis (Hungarian National Office of Research and Technology, grant id: Teratomo/TECH\_08\_A2 (2008))
  - PETCT - Development of multimodality imaging system for serial production dedicated to biomedical research and human diagnostic imaging (Hungarian National Office of Research and Technology, grant id: PETCT\_06/NKFP06A1-PETCT\_06)
  - StoLPaN: Store Logistics and Payment with NFC (EU FP6: Contract Number 033591)

## 3D motion tracking and therapy laboratory

Motion tracking  
rehabilitation



- Goethe Gait Lab
- Rehabilitation
- Motion tracking
- *Horse-riding therapy* for Down syndrome, autism and visually impaired people  
→ movement coordination rehabilitation





# *Hand-in-Scan*

## *The visible improvement*



<http://www.handinscan.com/>



# Hand-in-Scan – objective hand hygiene control

## Primary applications of Hand-in-Scan

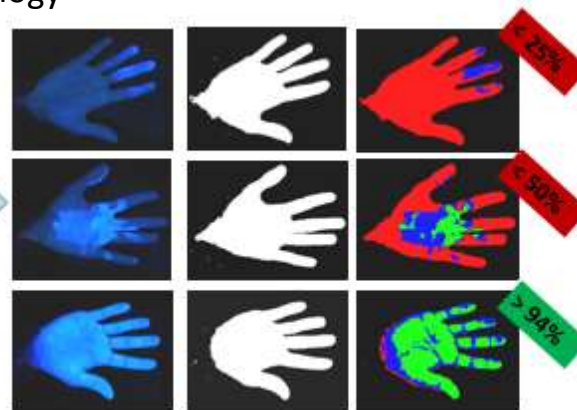
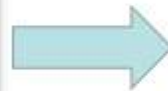
- Education of medical students
- Medical institution staff training
- Public health awareness raising
- Tight control over the hospital staff's compliance
- Great potential in the food industry
- Improving clean-room technology



- objective evaluation and feedback
- reporting towards the Hospital IT System
- creating large case studies/user databases



Clinical prototype



Software-based evaluation

# *Research Center for Biomechanics*

## *Fields of activities*



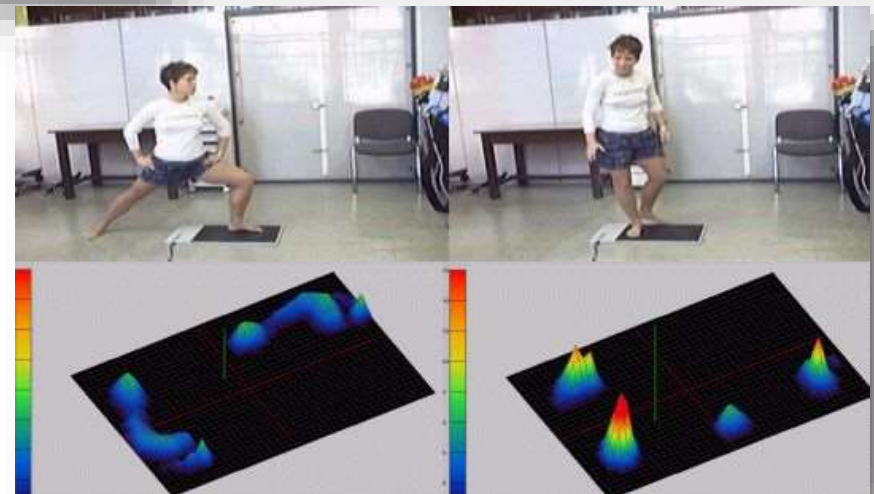
Human and animal biological systems  
Human medicine equipment  
Testing and development of implants





Diff. sports activity  
monitoring

Pressure  
distribution



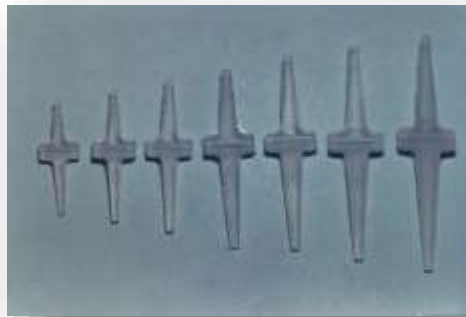
# Experimental analysis of human lumbar spine in traction hydrotherapy



# Mechanical properties of human tissues



## Silicon based organ replacement



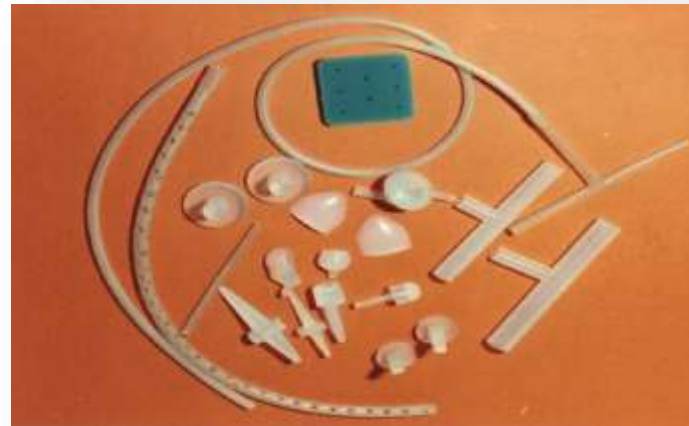
finger



elbow



surgical tool:  
skin expander





# ***BME – TMIT competences related to Health and Well-being***

## ***Speech applications in Healthcare and Medical field***



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# Speech, Mobile and Multimodal Interaction



- Multilingual text-to-speech experience (12 languages)
- Multilingual speech recognition experience (6 languages)
- Application of Nao robot in the treatment of *bone marrow transplanted children*
- Speech-based service automation (e.g. directory assistance, media archive search: [www.mindroom.hu](http://www.mindroom.hu) )
- *Industrial grade software solutions (reference users: T-Mobile Hungary, Wincor-Nixdorf, NCR, Avaya, ...)*
- *Flagship publication(s): Interspeech conferences, Books published by e.g. Kluwer and Springer*

# Applications for Disabled and Elderly People



- Applications for the visually impaired (Hungarian version of the Jaws for Windows screen reader, NaviSpeech mobile navigation aid, etc.)
- Applications for speech impaired (SPECO –speech corrector- for 6 languages, VoxAid communication aid)
- GOH method for hearing screening of children
- E-mail and SMS-reading for elderly people
- MedicineLine medical information system
- Voice disorder diagnosis from speech
- Depression diagnosis from speech
- **Flagship Publications: ICCHP conferences**



# *Sensors and Microfluidics Lab*

## *Fields of activities*

Lab-on-a-Chip, blood testing,  
wearable wireless sensor devices



## Our main-streams:

- Everything a doc wants to know? ... only from 1 droplet of blood? → *Lab-on-a-Chip (LoC)*
- Comfortably wearable health monitoring devices

Our handheld  
Electrochemical  
Impedance  
Spectroscopy (EIS) LoC  
platform →



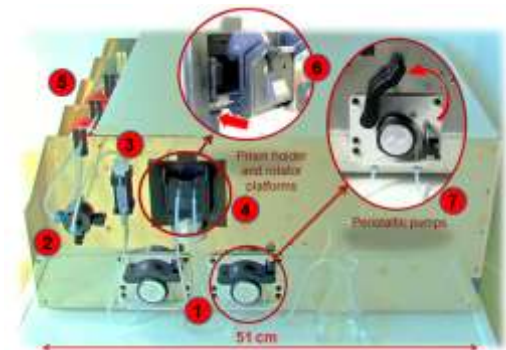
*Blood testing for embolism in 15 minutes →*  
*Bluetooth → INTERNET DATABASE*



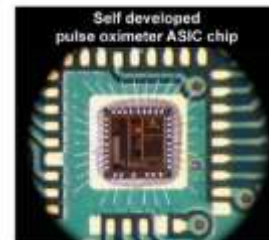
(Comfortably) wearable wireless sensor devices

← Bluetooth ECG    Wireless pulseoximeter (838 MHz) →

Surface Plasmon  
Resonance imaging  
(SPRi) biosensor  
platform (in house  
developed HW + SW)  
*with equal or better*  
*performance*  
*parameters vs. competitor products*



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**Thank you for attention!**