

**MagnebotiX AG** is a spin-off of the Multiscale Robotics Lab of the ETH Zurich, founded in 2014.

We develop magnetic manipulation systems for high precision control of micro-objects to perform delicate tasks at scales of cells to humans. Our patented products drive ground-breaking research and enable unique processes in nanorobotics, biology and medicine.

# Who we are - the Founders



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# Magnetic MAGIC for Medicine

Magnetic manipulation – works remotely, can control both position and orientation (5 DOF), is not harmful to biological systems.

**Our systems are used for**

- **The study of the mechanobiology of membranes, cells, tissues**
- **the development of microsurgical procedures**
- **the manipulation of delicate micro-objects**
- **targeted drug delivery**

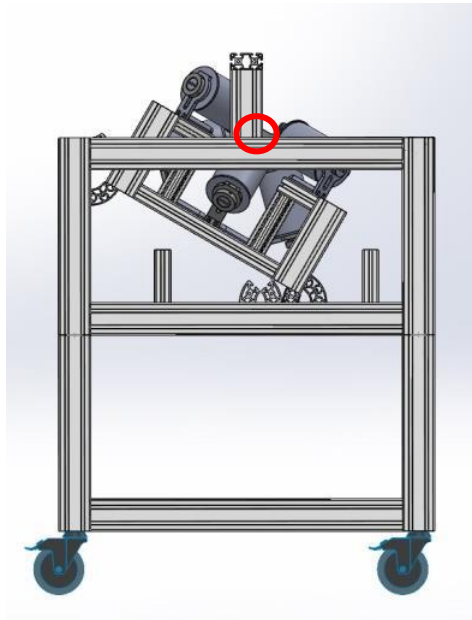


# Our products

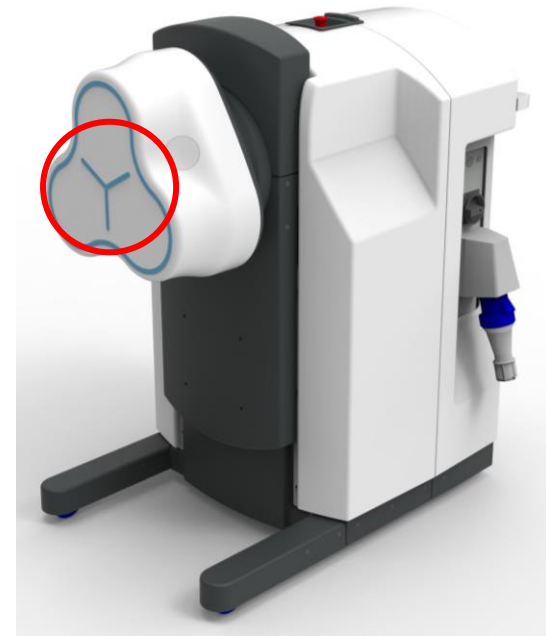
MFG-100 – the MiniMag



The OctoMag

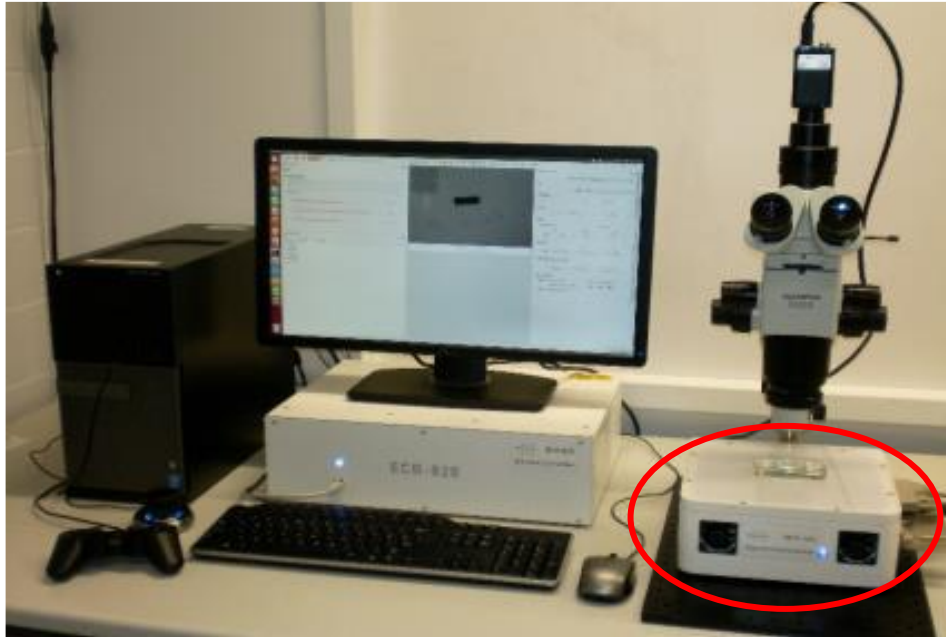


The Navion

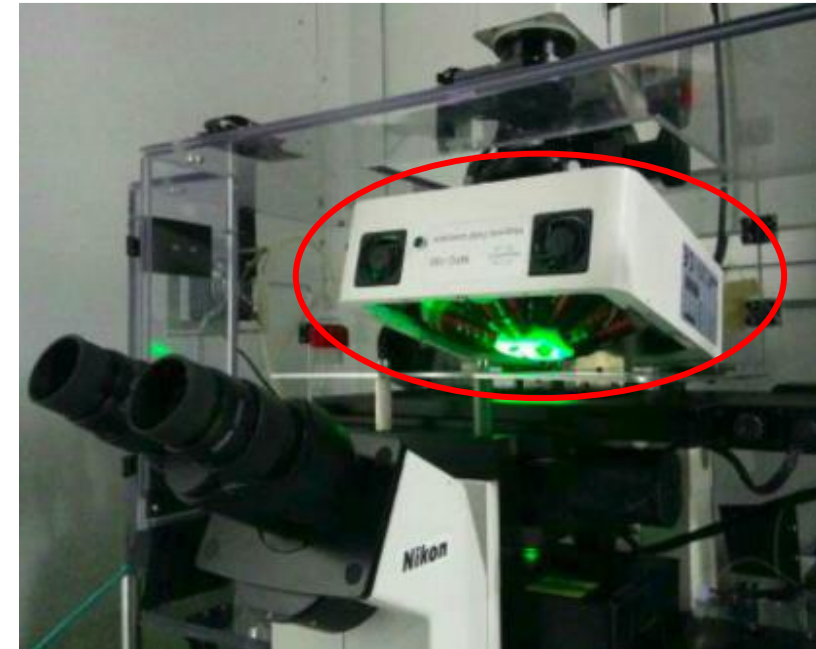


# The MiniMag – for cells, microfluidics and tissues

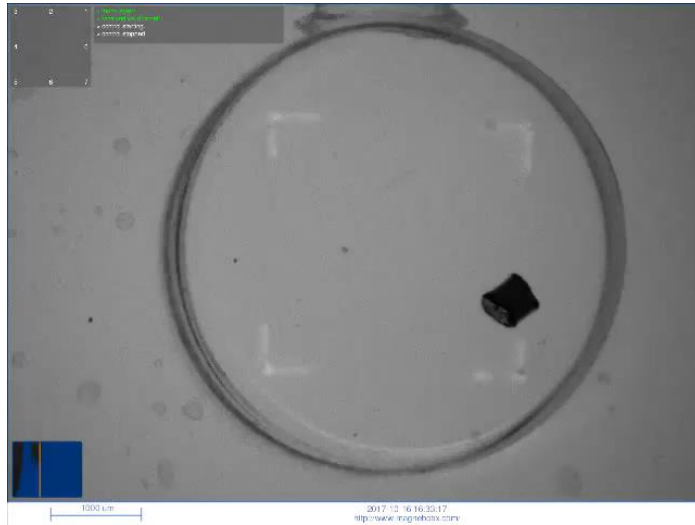
MFG-100 under an upright microscope



MFG-100-i on a higher magnification inverted microscope (mechanobiology)

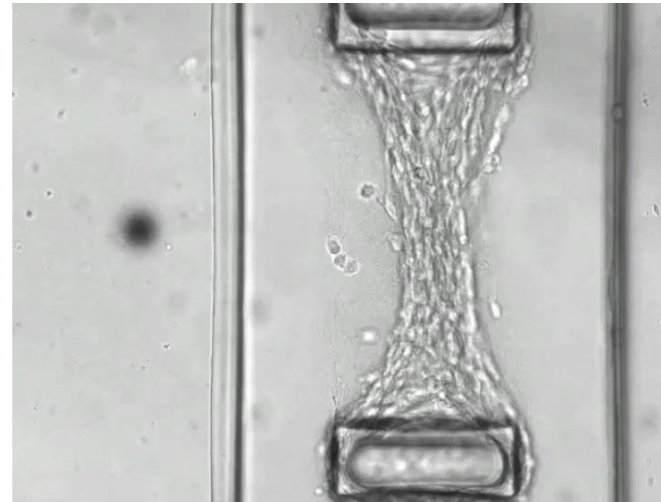


# Remote, non-contact control of magnetic micro-particles using visual feedback



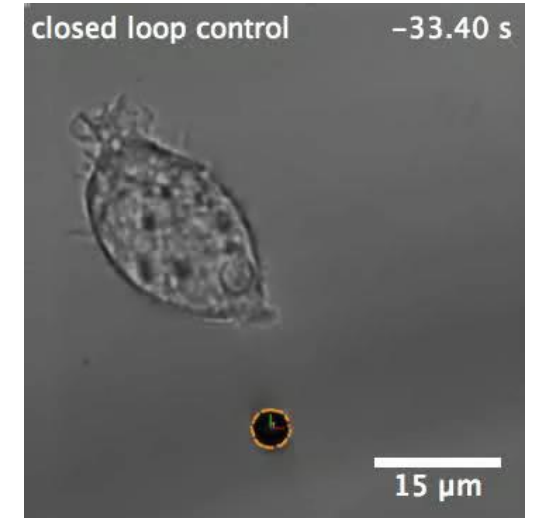
Magnetic particles can be controlled with micrometer precision...

*a 1/4mm magnet in a dish*



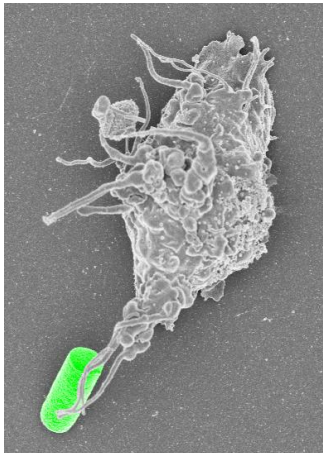
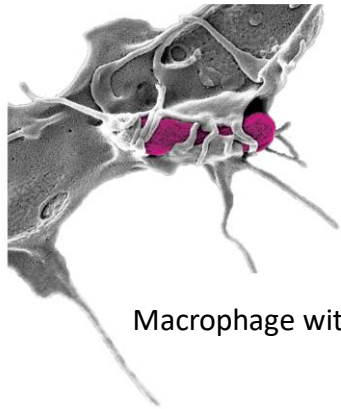
... for non-contact manipulation in 3 dimensions

*access all sides of a suspended microtissue*

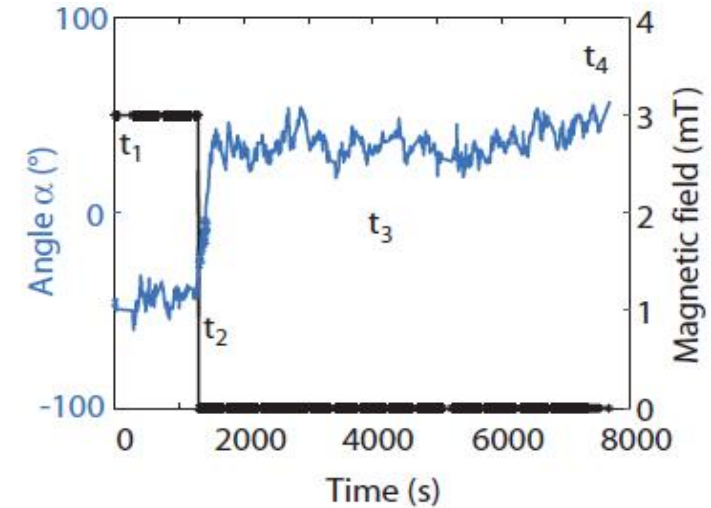
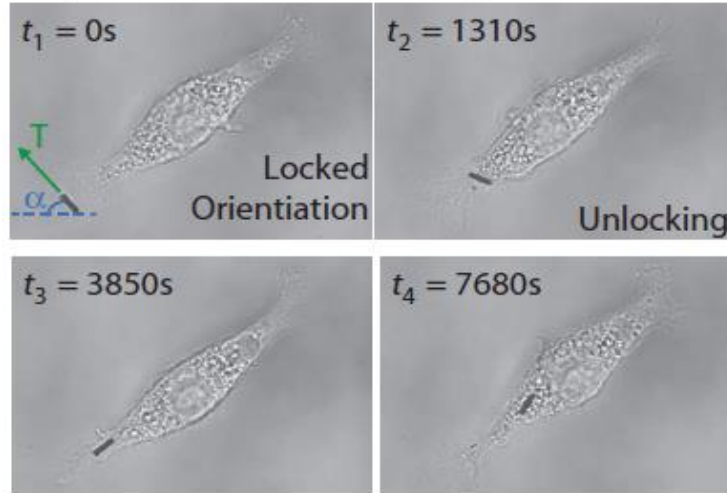


Single cell studies for mechanobiology or targeted drug delivery

# Probing the immune response with a magnetic prey



Magnetic prey in action\*



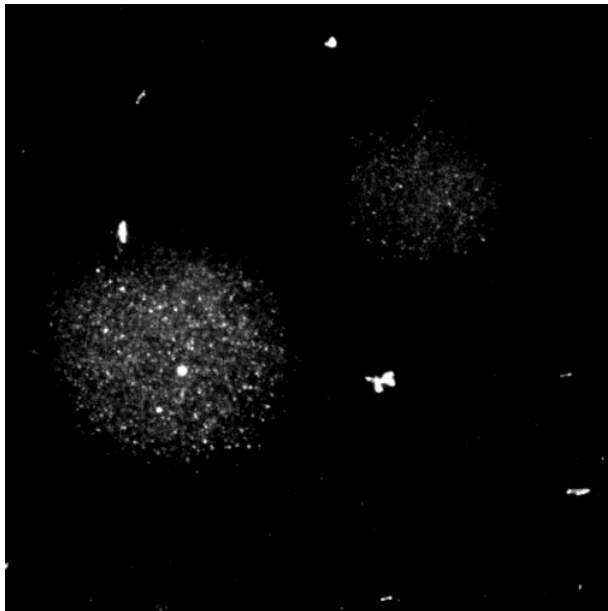
A magnetic micropillar (length 7 $\mu$ m, diam. 2 $\mu$ m) with adsorbed IgG to mimic a bacterium is guided to a macrophage. When the micropillar is magnetically restrained perpendicular to the phagocyte axis the attack is very slow. When the orientation clamp on the pillar is released the phagocyte quickly rotates it to be parallel to the cell axis and endocytosis ensues.

\*Image provided by Dr. Avalos and Dr. Gerber

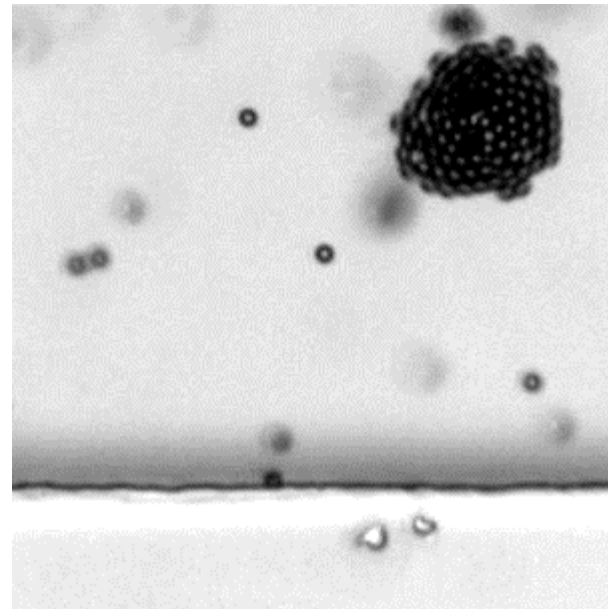
Schuerle, *al.*, *Science Robotics*, 2017.

# Targeted cargo delivery with combined acoustic and magnetic control:

Magnetically induced clumping in a channel



Acoustic guidance to the wall and combined induction of transport – even upstream

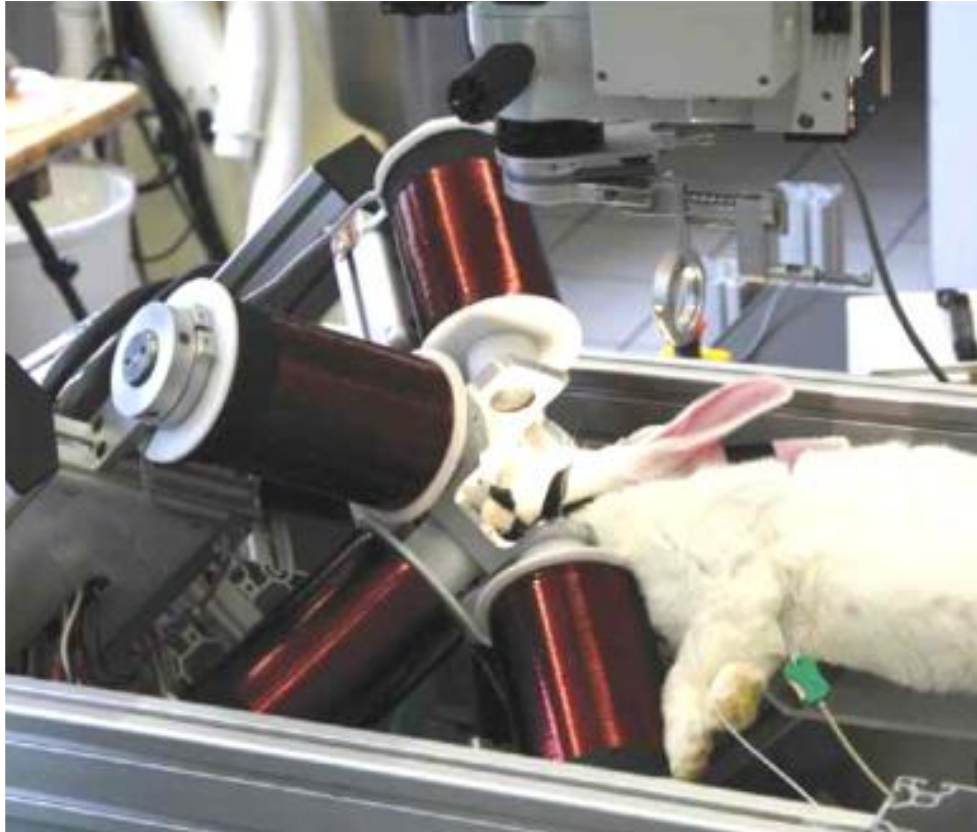


Note: related to M-ERA project “nanoPD”

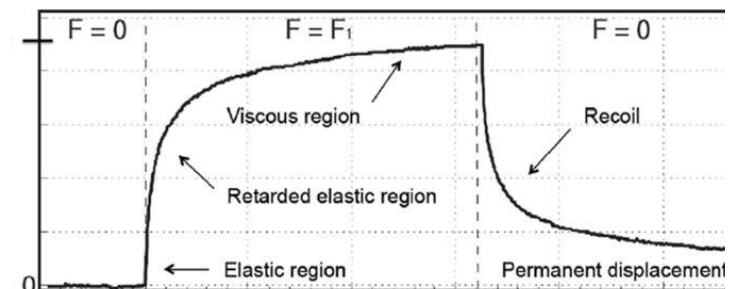
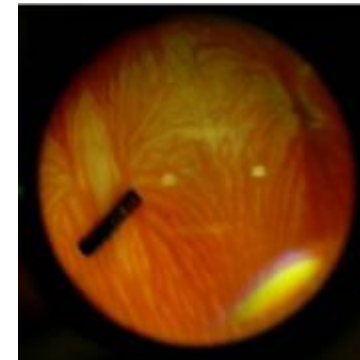


# The OctoMag – for tissues, organs and small animals

Studies of the eye



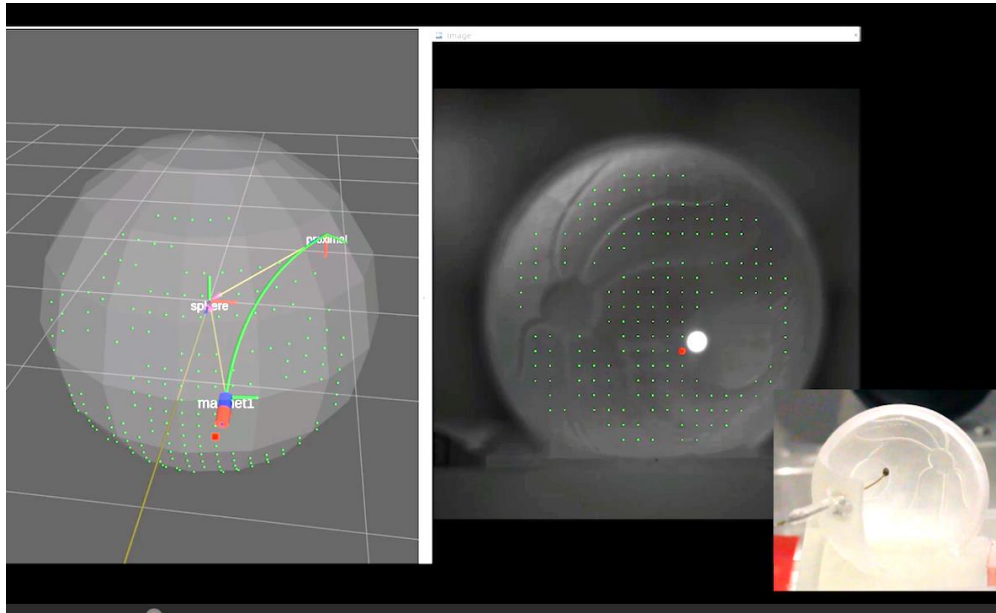
Non-contact rheology in a rabbit eye with injected magnetic micro-particle ( $L = 1.8\text{mm}$ ) for characterization of the vitreous humour (viewed through the retina)



Ref.: Pokki et al., Biomed. Microdev. 2015

# Micromanipulation in medicine

## Micro-surgery in the eye

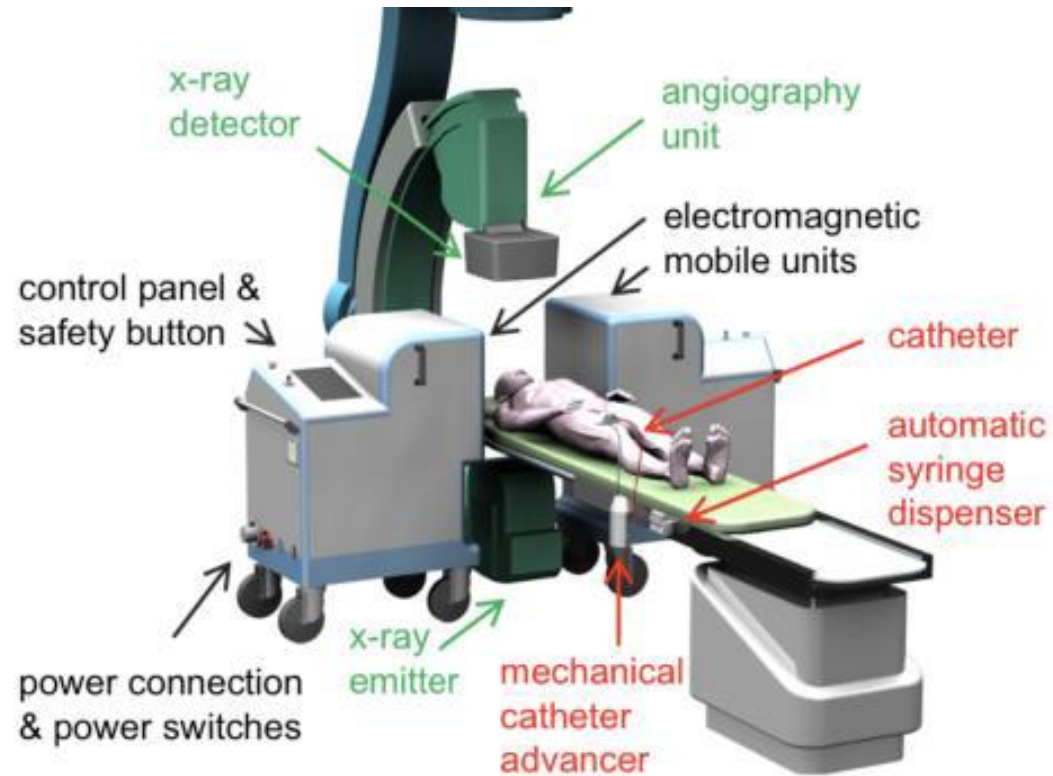


The magnetic field of the OctoMag is used to aim an optical fiber for retinal re-attachment in a mockup of an eye



A small magnet is steered to the retina, interacts with a small artery, and is retracted.

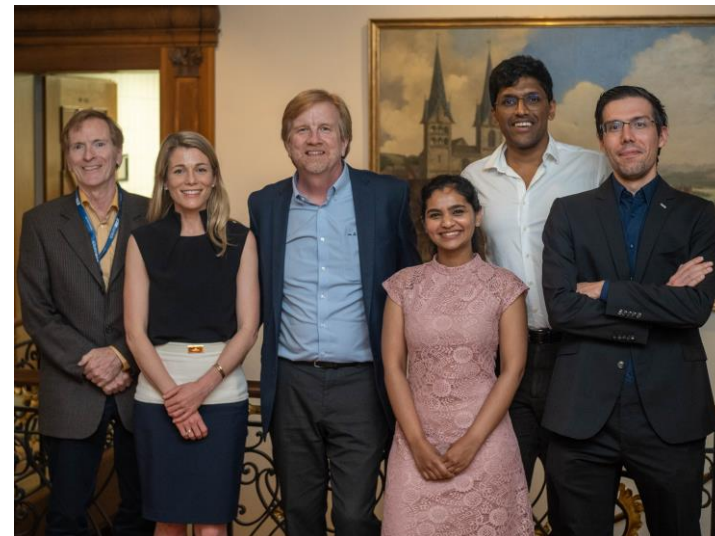
# The MBX-Navion – for full-scale medical research



# A touch of M\*A\*G\*I\*C ...

*Magnetic Actuation Generates Innovative Concepts*

... brought to you by our great team of engineers and interns



# The MagnebotiX story – we’re building the future of magnetic actuation

Our thanks for support of research projects to the ETH Zurich, Innosuisse (mechanobiology), M-ERA.net (nanoPD) and H2020 (ANGIE)

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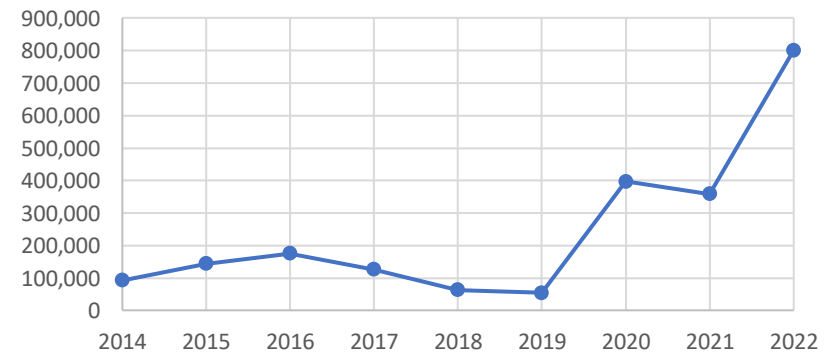
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