



Call for Radical Innovation



We boost radical ideas in Photonics:

- **bring together players** from research, business and society
- **interdisciplinary** teams, **co-operate** with partners along the entire value chain
- Create **open innovation** culture
- address **customer needs** from start – **end user** is part of the team



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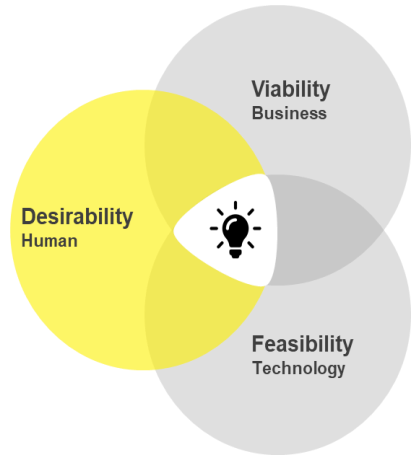
Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency

With the leading house:



SWISSMEM

- ❖ For early-stage innovation: observe, design & test phase
- ❖ Other funding programs available for the implementation phase!



- Do you have an identified unsolved challenge?
- Build teams to test and verify innovation ideas!
 - Test the desirability, viability and feasibility of the idea
 - With an interdisciplinary team with an academic partner and an implementation partner / end-user involved

Grant up to
CHF 25'000

Simple, fast, little administrative effort

Applications from SMEs, startups, large companies, etc. are highly welcome!

Submissions possible at any time – no fixed deadlines



Expert support ⓘ

Matchmaking support ⓘ

Methodology support ⓘ

Funding ⓘ

Phase I:



Find a Challenge, Build an Innovation Team

- If you already have an idea for a project: contact us directly and apply for a project!
- Participate in one of our events to get inspired:



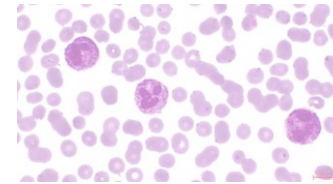
Workshops 2023



Microassembly

16. March 2023 /
Neuchâtel - Ciposa SA

with



Photonics for spatially resolved tissue analysis

12. April 2023 / Swissmem Zürich

with



Connecting Startups, Young Companies and the Photonics Industry

5. Sept 2023 / Swissmem ZH



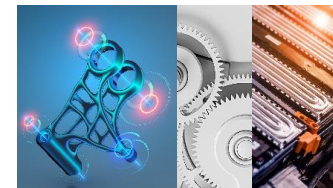
Image Analysis Technologies for Robotics and Automation

12. Sept. 2023 / Chur - FHGR



Ultrafast Laser Microprocessing in Transparent Materials

14. Nov. 2023 / Regensdorf



Young Talents for Innovative Industries

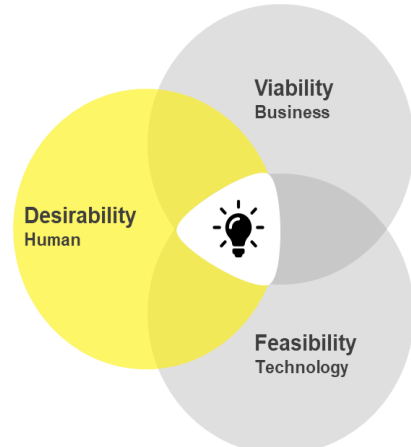
15./16. Feb. 2024 / Biel



Phase II:



Run a Booster project

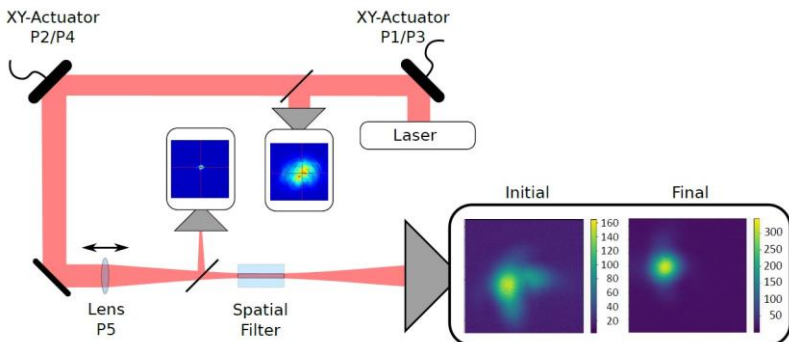


The Venn diagram shows three overlapping circles: **Desirability Human** (yellow), **Viability Business** (grey), and **Feasibility Technology** (grey). A lightbulb icon is positioned in the center where all three circles overlap.

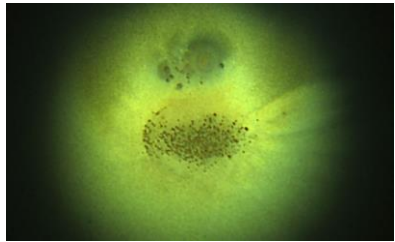
- CHF 25'000.- and 5 months time to:
 - Elaborate potential solutions for your challenge
 - And test desirability, viability and feasibility of the idea



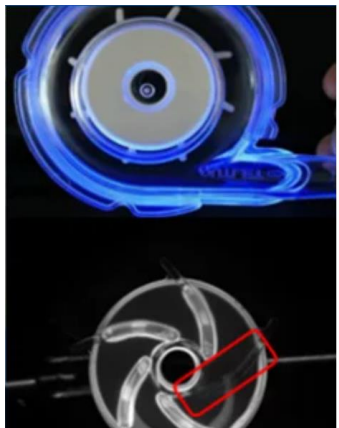
- **Title:** *Demonstrator for a fully automated palletizing*
- **Team:** No-touch robotics GmbH, Feinwerkoptik Zünd AG, Optics Balzers AG, Mikrop AG, Zünd Präzisionsoptik AG
- **Project idea:** Versatile Pick & Place Automation Cell for Small Optical Components with novel robotic perception and gripping technologies.
- **Status:** Internal development project ongoing



- **Title:** **Laser stabilization with Machine Learning Algorithms**
- **Team:** FHNW, PSI, ETHZ/Inspire, TLD Photonics AG
- **Project idea:** Lasers suffer from long-term pointing instabilities due to environmental and other influences. We studied feasibility of Bayesian optimization method from Machine Learning to optimize the laser beam in those multi-dimensional aspects in a fast and reliable way.
- **Status:** Internal development project ongoing: implementation at PSI



- **Title: Pracmatic – Practical monitoring over time during optical interference coating production**
- **Team:** Bühler, Evatec, Fisba, Materion Balzers Optics, Opcos, Schott, Swissoptic, UniNE, BFH, OST, RhySearch
- **Project idea:** Investigate factors influencing particle formation and finding practical, industrial methods for eliminating the creation of particles during deposition of optical thin film coatings. Developing robust, easy-to-use, cost effective in-process diagnostic tools and/or software for monitoring the coating processes.
- **Status:** Innosuisse project ongoing (100.288 IP-ENG, 1.78 Mio)



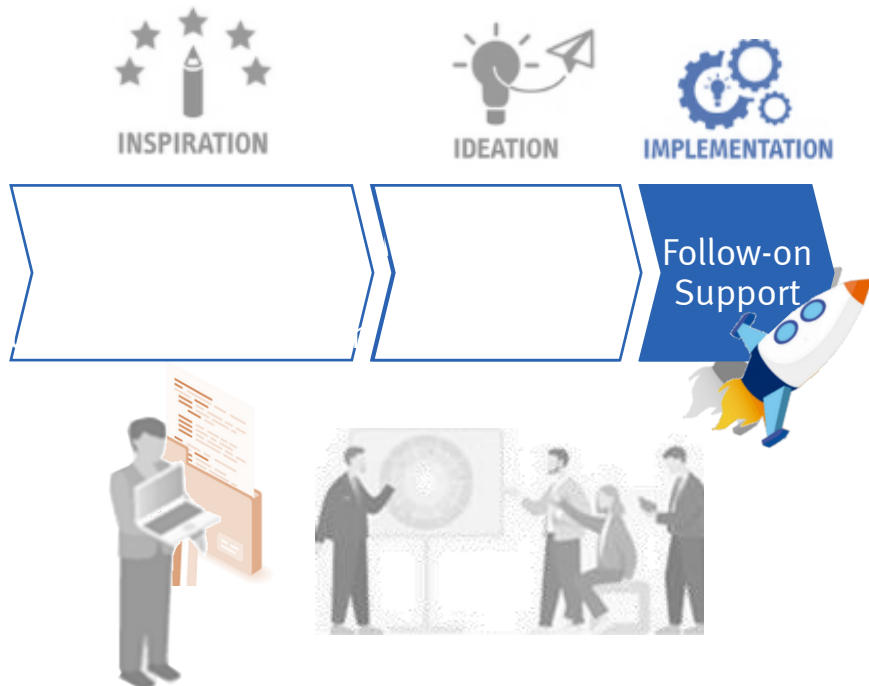
- **Title: Automated visual inspection of a life-supporting blood pump**
- **Team:** Thoratec Switzerland GmbH / Abbott Laboratories, ZHAW, FH OST
- **Project idea:** Sensor technology for a visual inspection of a blood pump. Visual inspection will be fully integrated into a decision with a zero tolerance for wrong pass-
❖ More examples can be found on our website -> <https://www.ntnphotonics.ch/projects>
- **Status:** Application for Innosuisse project ongoing

.. And after the booster project?

Innovation
Booster

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Phase III:



Implementation:

Successful booster projects go on..:

- **Development project** within the company
- **European** funded projects
- **Innosuisse** Innovation cheque, innovation project, impulse grant,... :



Support Innovation in the
Photonics Community CH
(Support, Networking,
Matchmaking, Workshops, ..)



supporting more mature ideas with:

- Swiss National Photonic Clusters
- Support for: 'large' Innosuisse Innovation Projects, EU projects, international initiatives, ..

boosting radical ideas with:

- Early stage development of need and customer-oriented innovation
- Innovation Booster projects:
get financial support (up to 25k) and missing skills on demand

If you have a need, contact us - either Swissphotonics or the Booster - we will be happy to coordinate between the organizations

Follow us – Stay updated about our events and activities:



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