

Winner of the 2022 Academic Startup competition



Rabo Duurzame Innovatieprijs 2023

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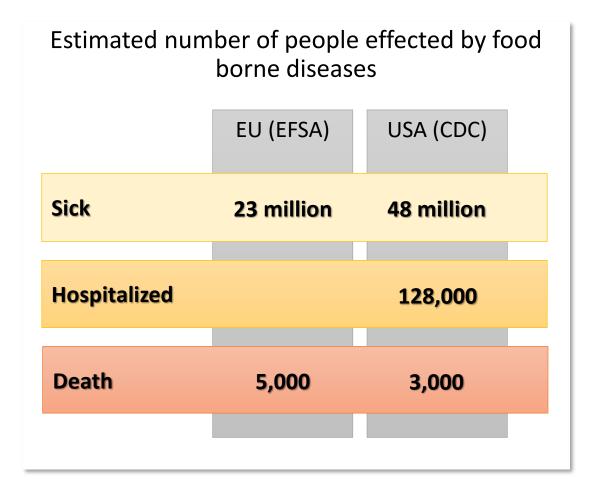
Sensip-dx BV

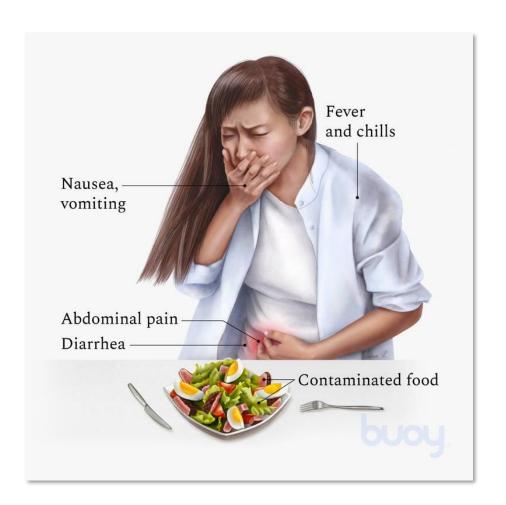
Monitor micro-organisms in food production

General company presentation

May 2023

Food Poisoning





Food poisoning is mainly caused by bacteria ...



... so, food companies need to control bacteria in their processes.

Measuring *living* Bacteria takes way too long

Golden standard: plating

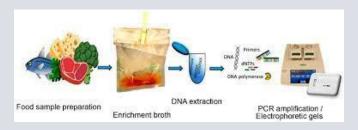


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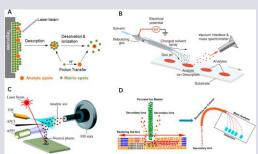
2/3 DAYS



Modern technologies



(Mass) Spectrometry



PCR

Results based on Bacteria fragments (dna / cell membrane)

still present after pasteurization





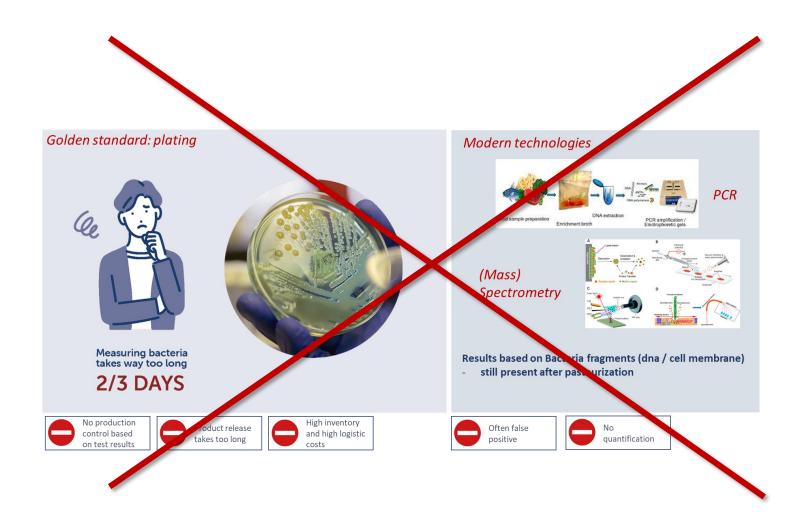








Sensip-dx measures *living* bacteria in 15 min.





Sensip-dx will shorten this to:

15 MINUTES

measuring presence and amount of living bacteria

Faster and so fresher from farm to fork

- Reduction of inventory
- Reduction of recalls
- Reduction of complaints
- Test more in process = more prevention
- Faster re-start after contamination
- Higher customer agility
- Increased chain speed

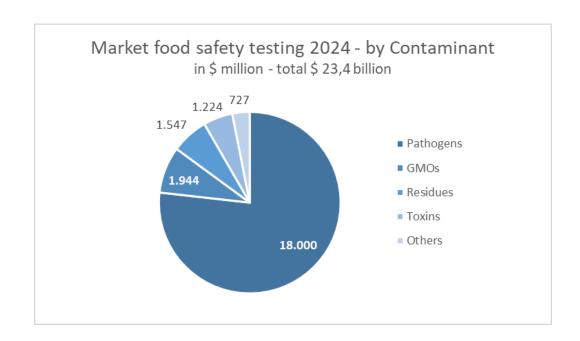
Less Food Waste

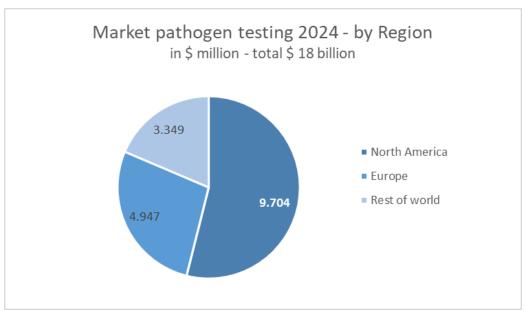
 Today 30 % of food is destroyed before it reaches the consumer.



Market potential: \$ 18 billion

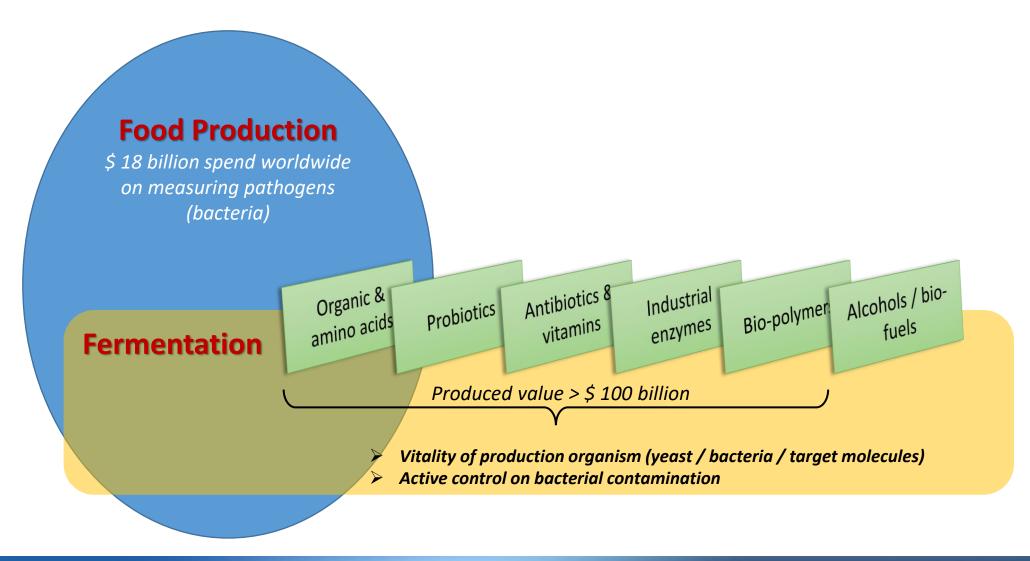
- Target market, detecting pathogens in food:
 - \$ 15 billion in USA, Canada and Europe.





Source: BCC report 2022 FOD011L: Global Markets and Technologies for Food Safety Testing

A result in only 15 minutes enables active process control



From Prototype to product in the market in 2024.



Sensip-dx: Solid scientific base



Sensip-dx is a spinout from the University Maastricht



and has a worldwide exclusive license on the UM patents and the underlying mature technology + right to purchase patent

➤ 100 + articles in respected journals with peer review the last 10 years



Sensip-dx combines established results

Solid scientific base



Improved sensitivity

< 100 CFU



Demonstrated Selectivity for bacteria



Tested in real life samples







Mature technology fields

Microfluidics / Thermodynamics / Polymers & polymerization / Mechanics / Electronics

NO fundamental Research

A great team & support







Support from inventors > 10 postdocs & PhD students





Engineering companies fill the gap in know-how and needed equipment

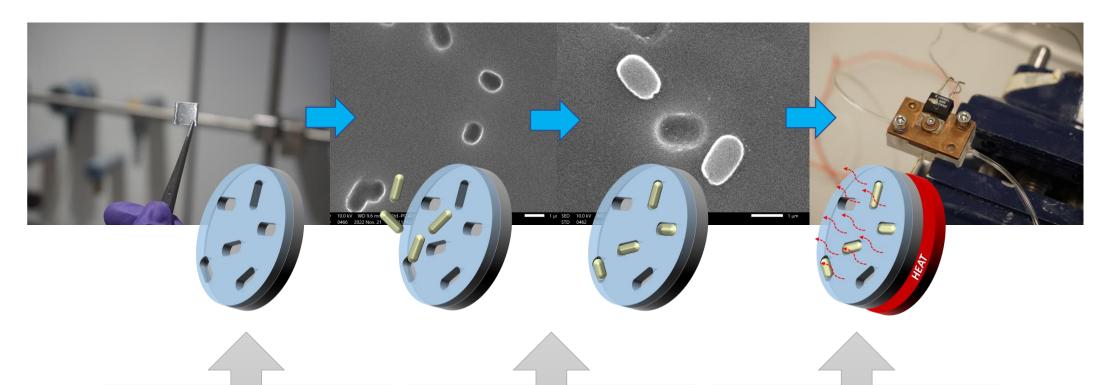
Active shareholders with food background actively support business development

Together with market parties

... enables market introduction in 2024



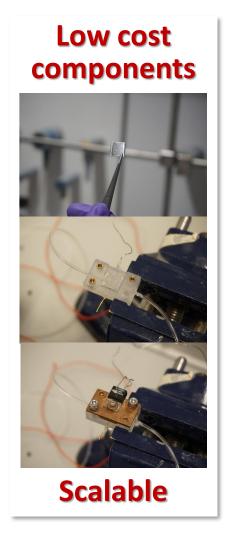
Sensip-dx product: how does it work?



A small aluminum disk with a thin plastic layer has imprints of a sort bacteria. (Surface Imprinted Polymer) When a sample flows over this disc containing the same sort bacteria, the imprints will capture these.

The more bacteria captured, the more insulative the sensor will be, measured with a heat source.

Sensip-dx: good financial base



Target costs price per test per bacterium:

\$1

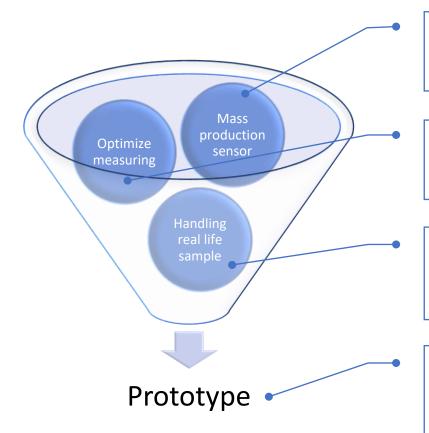
Todays customer cost per test per bacterium

\$5 - \$25

= good margin

= price competitiveness

Technical Fields - status



Sensor production:

A scalable protocol to mass produce the sensor where every sensor is equal

What did we achieve – status Dec '23

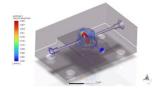
Reproduced the UM-protocols for the sensors and realized the first improvements toward a mass production protocol.



Flow cell design:

Optimize measurement cell that operates optimal in every environment

Critical success factors that influence the measurements are determined and being analyzed (simulation models)



Complex sample matrix:

Ability to process e.g. egg-white and sour fruit juices, and pre-enrichment to enable measuring.

First results in measuring directly in egg-white realized. To be tested at customer production site.



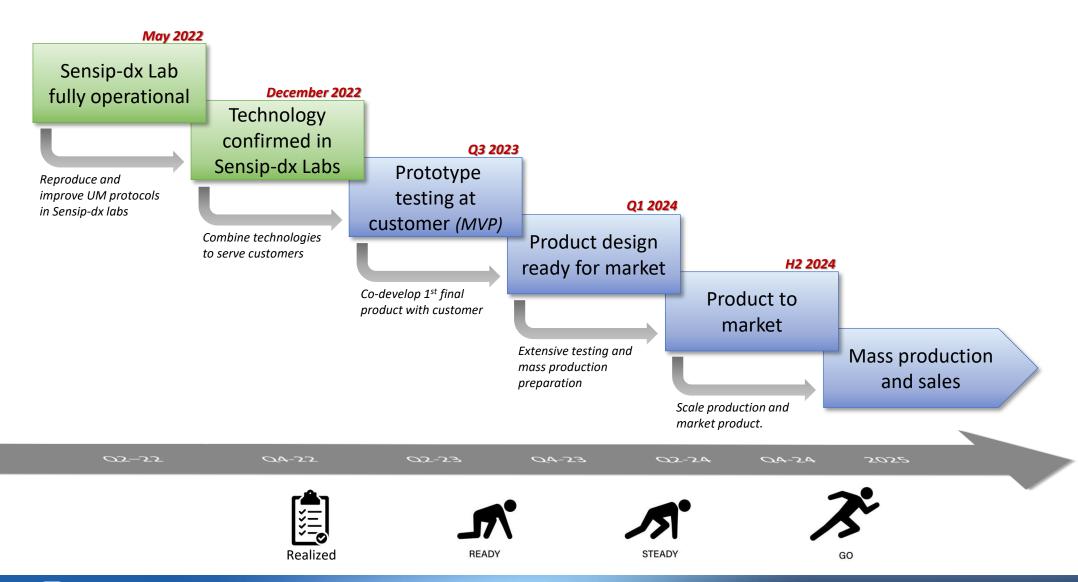
Prototype:

Bring above fields together, add pumps, electronics, etc., and design a user-friendly product.

First generation prototype that measures stand alone a bacterium in a fluid, operational and improved.

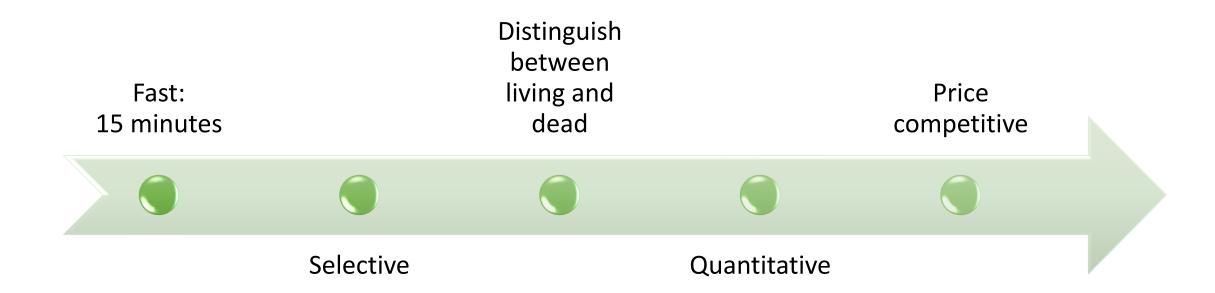


Technical Fields - path to market





Sensip-dx: Unique selling points (USP)



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