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## Education

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**California Institute of Technology** Pasadena, CA  
Doctor of Philosophy, 2008  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics Option  
Thesis Advisor: Prof. Stephen R. Quake  
Thesis Topic: Microfluidic Large-Scale Integration and its Application to Systems Biology

**Fairleigh Dickinson University** Madison, NJ  
Bachelor of Science, Biology, cum laude, 2001  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, with Honors, cum laude, 2001

## Professional Experience

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**École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne** Lausanne, Switzerland  
Associate Professor 2015 - present  
Institute of Bioengineering, School of Engineering

**École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne** Lausanne, Switzerland  
Tenure Track Assistant Professor 2008 - 2015  
Institute of Bioengineering, School of Engineering

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute** Stanford, CA  
Visiting Graduate Student 2005 - 2008  
Department of Bioengineering, Stanford University

**California Institute of Technology** Pasadena, CA  
Graduate Student 2001 - 2008  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics Option

**California Institute of Technology** Pasadena, CA  
Co-Director, Microfluidic Foundry 2003 - 2005

**BASF Bioresearch Corporation** Worcester, MA  
Intern Summer, 1999 and 2000

## Current preprints

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1. Volpetti F., Petrova E., and Maerkl S.J., "A microfluidic biodisplay.", **bioRxiv**, DOI: 10.1101/112110 (2017) [paper link](#)

## Peer Reviewed Publications

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32. Bulushev R.D., Mrion S., Petrova K., James S.D., Maerkl S.J., and Radenovic A., "Single Molecule Localisation and Discrimination of DNA-Protein Complexes by Controlled Translocation Through Nanocapillaries.", **Nano Letters**, DOI: 10.1021/acs.nanolett.6b04165 (2016) [paper link](#)

31. De Maddalena L.L., Niederholtmeier H., Turtola M., Swank Z., Belogurov G.A., and Maerkl S.J., "GreA and GreB enhance Escherichia coli RNA polymerase transcription rate in a reconstituted transcription-translation system.", **ACS Synthetic Biology**, DOI: 10.1021/acssynbio.6b00017 (2016). [paper link](#)
30. Tatarova Z., Abbuehl J.P., Maerkl S.J., and Huelsken J., "Microfluidic co-culture platform to quantify chemotaxis of primary stem cells" **LOC**, DOI: 10.1039/C6LC00236F (2016) [paper link](#).
29. Woodruff K. and Maerkl S.J., "A High-Throughput Microfluidic Platform for Mammalian Cell Transfection and Culturing" **Scientific Reports**, DOI: 10.1038/srep23937 (2016) [paper link](#).
28. Piraino F.\*, Volpetti F.\*, Watson C., and Maerkl S.J., "A Digital-Analog Microfluidic Platform for Patient-Centric Multiplexed Biomarker Diagnostics of Ultra-Low Volume Samples", **ACS Nano**, DOI: 10.1021/acsnano.5b07939 (2016). Featured in: EurekaAlert, The Times of India, RTS, SwissInfo, EPFL News. [paper link](#).
27. Blackburn M.C., Petrova E., Correia B.E., and Maerkl S.J., "Integrating Gene Synthesis and Microfluidic Protein Analysis for Rapid Protein Engineering.", **Nucleic Acids Research**, DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkv1497 (2015). [paper link](#)
26. Niederholtmeier H.\*, Sun Z.\*, Hori Y., Yeung E., Verpoorte A., Murray R.M., and Maerkl S.J., "Rapid cell-free forward engineering of novel genetic ring oscillators.", **eLife**, DOI: 10.7554/eLife.09771 (2015). [paper link](#)
25. Volpetti F., Garcia-Cordero J.L., and Maerkl S.J., "A microfluidic platform for high-throughput multiplexed protein quantitation." **PLoS One**, DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0117744 (2015). [paper link](#)
24. Knight B., Kubik S., Ghosh B., Bruzzone M.J., Geertz M., Martin V., Denervaud N., Jacquet P., Ozkan B., Rougemont J., Maerkl S.J., Naef F., and Shore D., "Two distinct promoter architectures centered on dynamic nucleosomes control ribosomal protein gene transcription" **Genes & Development**, doi: 10.1101/gad.244434.114 (2014). [paper link](#)
23. Acimovic S.S., Ortega M.A., Sanz V., Berthelot J., Garcia-Cordero J.L., Renger J., Maerkl S.J., Kreuzer M., and Quidant R. "LSPR Chip for Parallel, Rapid, and Sensitive Detection of Cancer Markers in Serum." **Nano Letters**, doi: 10.1021/nl500574n (2014). Featured in: Science Daily, Phys.org, EurekaAlert. [paper link](#)
22. Nobs J.B. and Maerkl S.J. "Long-term single cell analysis of S. pombe on a microfluidic microchemostat array." **PLoS One**, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0093466 (2014). [paper link](#)
21. Garcia-Cordero J.L. and Maerkl S.J. "A 1,024-sample serum analyzer chip for cancer diagnostics." **Lab on a Chip**, doi: 10.1039/C3LC51153G (2013). Featured in: LOC Top 10%, Chemistry World, LOC most downloaded articles, Lab on a Chip Blog. [paper link](#)
20. Niederholtmeier H., Stepanova V., and Maerkl S.J. "Implementation of cell-free biological networks at steady-state." **PNAS**, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1311166110 (2013). [paper link](#)
19. Denervaud N., Becker J., Delgado-Gonzalo R., Damay P., Rajkumar A.S., Unser M., Shore D., Naef F. and Maerkl S.J. "A chemostat array enables the spatio-temporal analysis of the yeast proteome." **PNAS**, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1308265110 (2013). Featured in: LOC Research Highlights, Molecular Systems Biology Editor's Selection, GenomeWeb. [paper link](#)
18. Rajkumar A.S., Denervaud N., and Maerkl S.J. "Mapping the fine structure of a eukaryotic promoter input-output function." **Nature Genetics**, doi: 10.1038/ng.2729 (2013). Featured in: EPFL News, Scicasts, Medical-Express, Radio Canada [paper link](#)
17. Woodruff K., Fidalgo L.M., Gobaa S., Lutolf M.P., and Maerkl S.J. "Live Mammalian Cell Arrays." **Nature Methods**, doi: 10.1038/nmeth.2473 (2013). Featured in Faculty of 1000. [paper link](#)
16. Garcia-Cordero J.L., Nembrini C., Stano A., Hubbell J.A., and Maerkl S.J. "A high-throughput nanoimmunoassay chip applied to large-scale vaccine adjuvant screening." **Integrative Biology**, doi: 10.1039/C3IB20263A (2013). Inside Front Cover, Most Read Articles, Top Ten Most Accessed Papers in Q2 2013. [paper link](#)

15. Niederholtmeyer H. and Maerkl S.J. "Real-time mRNA measurement during an in vitro transcription and translation reaction using binary probes." **ACS Synthetic Biology**, doi:10.1021/sb300104f (2012). [paper link](#)
14. Rockel S., Hens K., Geertz M., Deplancke B. and Maerkl S.J. "iSLIM: a comprehensive approach to mapping and characterizing gene regulatory networks." **Nucleic Acids Research**, doi:10.1093/nar/gks1323 (2012). [paper link](#)
13. Garcia-Cordero J.L. and Maerkl S.J. "Multiplexed surface micropatterning of proteins with a pressure-modulated microfluidic button-membrane." **Chem. Commun.**, doi:10.1039/C2CC37740C (2012). Inside Front Cover, Special Issue on Microfluidics [paper link](#)
12. Geertz M., Shore D., and Maerkl S.J. "Massively parallel measurements of biomolecular interaction kinetics on a microfluidic device." **PNAS**, doi:10.1073/pnas.1206011109 (2012). Covered by: Science Daily, ASBMB, Phys.org, Radio Canada. [paper link](#)
11. Schroeter C., Ares S., Morelli L.G., Isakova A., Hens K.J.I., Gajewski M., Juelicher F., Maerkl S.J., Deplancke B. and Oates A. C. "Ubiquitous dimerization and selective DNA binding determine the dynamics of the zebrafish segmentation clock's core circuit." **PLoS Biology**, 10(7): e1001364 (2012). Highlighted in: Nature Reviews Genetics. [paper link](#)
10. Rajkumar A.S. and Maerkl S.J., "Rapid Synthesis Of Defined Eukaryotic Promoter Libraries.", **ACS Synthetic Biology**, doi:10.1021/sb300045j (2012). Top 5 most read articles in July. [paper link](#)
9. Schultzberger R.K., Maerkl S.J., Kirsch J.F. and M.B. Eisen "Probing the Informational and Regulatory Plasticity of a Transcription Factor DNA-Binding Domain.", **PLoS Genetics**, **8(3)**: e1002614 (2012). [paper link](#)
8. He B., Holloway A., Maerkl S.J. and Kreitman M., "Does positive selection drive transcription factor binding site turnover? A test with Drosophila cis-regulatory modules.", **PLoS Genetics**, e1002053 (2011). [paper link](#)
7. Fidalgo L.M. and Maerkl S.J., "A software-programmable microfluidic device for automated biology.", **Lab on a Chip**, **11(9)**, 1612-9 (2011). Top 10 most accessed papers in March 2011. [paper link](#)
6. Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R. "Experimental determination of the evolvability of a helix-loop-helix transcription factor.", **PNAS**, **106**, 18650-5 (2009). Featured in: Faculty of 1000. [paper link](#)
5. Huang L, Maerkl S.J., and Martin O.J., "Integration of plasmonic trapping in a microfluidic environment.", **Optics Express**, **17**, 6018-24, (2009). [paper link](#)
4. Gerber D, Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R."An in vitro microfluidic approach to generating protein interaction networks", **Nature Methods**, **6**, 71-4 (2009). [paper link](#)
3. Einav S., Gerber D., Bryson P., Sklan E.H., Elazar M., Maerkl S.J., Glenn J.S. and Quake S.R."Pharmacological Inhibitors of a New Hepatitis C Target Discovered by Microfluidic Affinity Analysis", **Nature Biotechnology**, **26**, 1019-27, (2008). Cover; Featured in: Chemistry World. [paper link](#)
2. Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R., "A Systems Approach to Measuring the Binding Energy Landscapes of Transcription Factors", **Science**, **315**, 233-7 (2007). Featured in: Scientific American, Chemical & Engineering News, HHMI News, Nature Methods. [paper link](#)
1. Thorsen T., Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R., "Microfluidic Large Scale Integration", **Science**, **298**, 580-4 (2002). Science Express, Cover; Featured in: Faculty of 1000, Chemical & Engineering News, Nature Science Update, Technology Research News, Science Watch Top 10, ESI-Topics: Microfluidic Devices Top 10 papers (2007). [paper link](#)

## Reviews and Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

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6. Garcia-Cordero J.L. and Maerkl S.J., "Mechanically Induced Trapping of Molecular Interactions and Its Applications.", **Journal of Laboratory Automation**, doi: 10.1177/2211068215578586 (2014). [paper link](#)

5. Maerkl S.J., "Next generation microfluidic platforms for high-throughput protein biochemistry.", **Current Opinion in Biotechnology**, **22(1)**, 59-65 (2011). [paper link](#)
4. Geertz M. and Maerkl S.J., "Experimental strategies for studying transcription factor–DNA binding specificities.", **Briefings in Functional Genomics**, **9(5-6)**,362-73 (2010). [paper link](#)
3. Maerkl S.J., "Integration column: Microfluidic high-throughput screening.", **Integrative Biology**, **1(1)**, 19-29 (2009). [paper link](#)
2. Geertz M., Rockel S., and Maerkl S.J., "A high-throughput microfluidic method for generating and characterizing transcription factor mutant libraries.", **Methods in Molecular Biology**, **813**, 107-23 (2012). [paper link](#)
1. Rockel S., Geertz M., and Maerkl S.J., "MITOMI: A microfluidic platform for *in vitro* characterization of transcription factor–DNA interactions.", **Methods in Molecular Biology**, **786**, 97-114 (2012). [paper link](#)

## Patents

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6. Maerkl S.J., Piraino F., Volpetti F., "A system, device and method for multiplexed biomarker diagnostics of ultra-low volume whole blood samples", US Provisional Patent Application n 62/267,959.
5. Maerkl S.J. and Garcia-Cordero J.L., "A High-throughput Nanoimmunoassay Chip.", WO 2014/060869 A1.
4. Fidalgo L.M. and Maerkl S.J., "A programmable, universally applicable microfluidic device platform.", patent application number EP10151515.3.
3. Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R., "Programming Microfluidic Devices with Molecular Information", # 60/762,344.
2. Maerkl S.J. and Quake S.R., "Mechanically Induced Trapping of Molecular Interactions", US 9,329,179 B2.
1. Maerkl S.J., Thorsen T., Bao X., Quake S.R. and Studer V., "Microfluidic Large Scale Integration", # WO2004 028955.

## Invited Conference Talks

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### 47 Invited Conference Talks

- 2016** Frontiers in NanoBioEngineering and Medicine, EPFL, Switzerland.
- 2016**  $\mu$ TAS, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016** All SystemsX.ch Day, Bern, Switzerland
- 2016** Prosense Winter School, EPFL, Switzerland.
- 2015** Microfluidics Congress, London, UK.
- 2015** EMBL Symposium: Biological Oscillators: Design, Mechanism, Function, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2015** Dagstuhl Seminar 15352, Dagstuhl, Germany.
- 2015** EPFL-ETHZ joint Summer School in Translational Biology, Interlaken, Switzerland.
- 2015** VIB Conference: Next-Generation Antibodies and Protein Analysis: Tools and Technologies, Gent, Belgium.
- 2015** Lab on a Chip European Congress, Berlin, Germany.
- 2014** Synthetic Biology, Engineering, Evolution & Design, Manhattan Beach, USA.
- 2014** Workshop on Microfluidics and Microsystems, Ecole Polytechnique, France.
- 2014** Ludwig Cancer Research Center Minisymposium, CHUV, Switzerland.
- 2013** Annual Meeting of the National Doctoral Program in Informational and Structural Biology, Saariselka, Finland.
- 2013** Frontiers in Nanomedicine and Imaging, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2013** The Physical Biology of the Cell, Hawaii, USA.
- 2013** Microfluidics for Systems Biology and Bioprocess Development, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2012** 59th AVS International Symposium, Tampa, USA.
- 2012** MipTec 2012, Basel, Switzerland.
- 2012** Swiss Single Molecule Localisation Microscopy Symposium, EPFL, Switzerland.

**2012** EMBL Conference: Microfluidics 2012, Heidelberg, Germany.  
**2012** GDR Microfluidique / Micro Nano Systems, Bordeaux, France.  
**2011** 104th International Titisee Conference on Genomic Regulation, Titisee, Germany.  
**2011** 1st International SystemsX.ch Conference, Basel, Switzerland.  
**2011** Bertinoro Computational Biology (BCB) Meeting, Italy.  
**2011** 12th International Conference on Systems Biology (ICSB), Heidelberg/Mannheim, Germany.  
**2011** USGEB Meeting 2011, University of Zurich, Switzerland  
**2010** All SystemsX Day, University of Geneva, Switzerland.  
**2010** Swiss Image-Based Screening Conference, EPFL, Switzerland.  
**2010** NCCR Frontiers in Genetics Annual Meeting, Saas-Fee, Switzerland.  
**2010** NanoBio-Zurich 2010, Zurich, Switzerland.  
**2010** 24th Annual Symposium of the Protein Society, San Diego, USA.  
**2010** Molecular Basis of Evolutionary Innovations, Marche-en-Famenne, Belgium.  
**2010** CMI Annual Review Meeting, EPFL, Switzerland.  
**2009** BioNano 2009, Aigle, Switzerland.  
**2009** Euroensors School 2009, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
**2009** 435. WE-Heraeus-Conference, Physics of Biological Function, Bad Honnef, Germany.  
**2009** Information Processing in Cells and Tissues (IPCAT 2009), Ascona, Switzerland.  
**2008** NCCR Frontiers in Genetics Annual Meeting, Saas-Fee, Switzerland.  
**2008** Synthetic Biology Workshop, University of Groningen, Netherlands.  
**2008** All-SystemsX.ch Day, Basel, Switzerland  
**2008** Union of the Swiss Societies of Experimental Biology, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
**2006** Genomes, Medicine and the Environment Conference, Hilton Head, SC.  
**2006** BioLSI-2, Caltech, CA.  
**2005** Biophysical Society Meeting, Long Beach, CA. (Poster)  
**2004** BioLSI-1, Aspen, CO.  
**2002** DARPA-BIOS Principal Investigator Kickoff Meeting, San Diego, CA.

## **Invited Seminars**

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### **42 Invited Seminars**

**2016** Institut Pasteur, Paris, France.  
**2016** University of Bern, Switzerland.  
**2016** TU Darmstadt, Germany.  
**2016** Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland.  
**2015** Yale University, USA.  
**2015** FAS Center for Systems Biology, Harvard University, USA.  
**2015** School of Biological Sciences, University of Edinburgh, UK.  
**2015** IGBMC, Strasbourg, France.  
**2015** KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium.  
**2015** ICFO, Castelldefels, Spain.  
**2015** TU Eindhoven, Eindhoven, Netherlands.  
**2015** Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands.  
**2014** Institute of Molecular Pathology, Vienna, Austria.  
**2014** Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Vienna, Austria.  
**2014** California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, USA.  
**2013** Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
**2013** Department of Fundamental Microbiology, UNIL, Switzerland.

2013 Columbia University, New York, USA.  
2013 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.  
2013 Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, USA.  
2013 University of Washington, Seattle, USA.  
2013 Lewis-Sigler Institute, Princeton University, USA.  
2012 Institute of Chemical and Bioengineering, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2012 Institute of Biochemistry, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2011 Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2011 Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules CA, USA.  
2009 Life Technologies / Invitrogen, Carlsbad CA, USA.  
2009 SystemsX.ch SME workshop, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2009 ICFO, Castelldefels, Spain.  
2009 GeneArt AG, Regensburg, Switzerland.  
2009 Zurich Research Laboratory, IBM, Switzerland.  
2008 Institute of Biochemistry, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2008 Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of Cologne, Germany.  
2008 Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2008 Institute of Bioengineering Retreat, EPFL, Switzerland.  
2008 CCMX Workshop, EPFL, Switzerland.  
2008 Institute of Molecular Systems Biology, ETHZ, Switzerland.  
2007 Department of Ecology & Evolution, University of Chicago, USA.  
2007 Buck Institute, Novato CA, USA.  
2007 Bioengineering Department, University of San Diego, USA.  
2007 University of California San Francisco, USA.  
2007 Lewis-Sigler Institute, Princeton University, USA.

## Conferences Organized

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2016 1st European Congress on Cell-free Synthetic Biology, Congressi Stefano Franscini, Ascona, Switzerland (co-organizers: Richard Murray and Paul Freemont).  
2015 MRS Fall Meeting, Symposium K: Materials Science, Technology and Devices for Cancer Modeling, Diagnosis and Treatment, Boston, USA (co-organizers: Rong Fan, Sharon Gerech, Tony Dickherber, Miqin Zhang)  
2013 Physical Biology of Transcription, University of Geneva, Switzerland (co-organizer: David Shore)  
2012 Swiss Society of Biomedical Engineering Annual Meeting, EPFL, Switzerland

## Awards

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2016 **ERC Consolidator Grant**  
2012 **Prix SSV - Ambition:** EPFL prize for dedication to teaching and promotion of EPFL students and the school at large.  
2008 **Demetriades-Tsafka-Kokkalis Prize in Biotechnology or Related Fields:** The prize honors annually the best Caltech Ph.D. thesis in the given category.  
2005 **1<sup>st</sup> place Innovator's Challenge. Category: Biotechnology.** The I-Challenge is a joint technology contest amongst Stanford University, UC Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology.

## Professional Activities

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2014 - 2015, Mentor for "Mentoring Deutschschweiz"  
2008 - 2012, Executive Board Member, Swiss Society of Biomedical Engineering (SSBE)

## Reviewer for

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**Funding Agencies:**

Swiss National Science Foundation, Medical Research Council, A\*STAR, ERC Consolidator Grant, Israel Science Foundation, BBSRC, NC3Rs

**Journals:**

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature Methods, PLoS ONE, Lab on a Chip, Sensors and Actuators B, Biomedical Microdevices, Aging Cell, ACS Chemical Biology, Journal of Biotechnology, Interface Focus, Journal of Laboratory Automation, RSC Advances, Biotechnology Journal, Analytical Chemistry, ACS Nano, ACS Synthetic Biology, Nature Communications, Scientific Reports, Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology, Nucleic Acids Research, Metabolic Engineering, Nature Nanotechnology, Cell, Scientific Data, Nature Microbiology

## Funding Sources

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## Research Grants:

**2017 - 2020**, Principal Investigator, EPFL-Biltema Foundation Grant. "Microfluidic Single-cell T-cell Screening."

**2017 - 2022**, Principal Investigator, ERC Consolidator Grant. "RetroNets: Reverse Engineering Gene Regulatory Networks."

**2015 - 2017**, Principal Investigator, SystemsX.ch Special Opportunity Grants. "Development of a high-throughput platform for systems immunology and protein engineering."

**2015 - 2018**, Principal Investigator, HFSP Program Grant (RGP0032/2015). "Establishing microfluidic cell-free systems for the rapid characterization of genetic networks."

**2015 - 2016**, Co - Principal Investigator, EPFL Integrated Food and Nutrition Center, "On-demand synthesis of vitamins."

**2015 - 2018**, Principal Investigator, SystemsX.ch IPhD grant (SNF:51PHP0 157292 / SysX:2014/242). "Comprehensive analysis of transcription factor - promoter interaction in vitro and in vivo."

**2012 - 2015**, Principal Investigator, SNSF grant (CR23I2 140697). "Development of a microfluidic platform for the high-throughput quantitation of proteins."

**2011 - 2014**, Co - Principal Investigator, ProDoc SNSF (PDFMP3 137065). "Development of a microfluidics/biochip platform for high-throughput analysis of cellular chemoattraction."

**2010 - 2012**, Principal Investigator, Marie Curie Actions - Intra-European Fellowship (IEF). "Microfluidic device for high-throughput three-dimensional culture, mechanical stimulation and drug screening of stem cells."

**2010 - 2013**, Co - Principal Investigator, FP7 - SPEDOC. "Surface Plasmon Early Detection & Treatment Follow-up of Circulating Heat Shock Proteins & Tumor Cells."

**2009 - 2010**, Co - Principal Investigator, SystemsX.ch, IPP. "A computational high-throughput platform for characterizing transcription regulatory interactions."

**2008 - 2013**, Principal Investigator, SystemsX.ch, DynamiX RTD. "A systems approach to characterizing and modeling the yeast transcriptional regulatory network."

**2008 - 2009**, Principal Investigator, Nano-Tera, NTF. "A programmable, universally applicable microfluidic device platform."

## Miscellaneous:

**2016**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2015**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2014**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2014**, Nikon Instruments, iGEM project sponsor

**2013**, KGF, Physical Biology of Transcription Meeting Sponsor

**2013**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2012**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2011**, Nikon Instruments, iGEM project sponsor

**2011**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2010**, Nikon Instruments, iGEM project sponsor

**2010**, KGF, iGEM project sponsor

**2009**, Nikon Instruments, iGEM project sponsor

**2009**, KGF (Roche, Novartis, Merck, Syngenta), iGEM project sponsor

## Teaching

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### **2014 - present**

Scientific project design in regenerative medicine and diagnostics (Masters), EPFL

Physical Biology of the Cell I (Bachelor), EPFL

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL

### **2013**

Physical Biology of the Cell I (Bachelor), EPFL

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Silver Medal, Qualified for World Championship

### **2012**

Physical Biology of the Cell I (Bachelor), EPFL

Genome and Network Architecture (Master), EPFL

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Gold Medal

### **2011**

Genome and Network Architecture (Master), EPFL

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Gold Medal, Qualified for World Championship

### **2010**

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Gold Medal, iGEMers prize (shared with Slovenia, Cambridge, Imperial College London, and MIT)

### **2009**

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Gold Medal, Special Prize "Best New BioBrick or Device, Engineered" (shared with University of Freiburg)

### **2008**

iGEM Project Course (Bachelor, Master), EPFL: Bronze Medal

### **1999-2003**

Teaching Assistant, Intro. to the Design of Biol. Molecules and Systems, Caltech, 2002-2003

Teaching Assistant, Molecular Biology Laboratory, Caltech, 2002

Peer Tutor, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 1999-2000

## Students and Collaborators

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### **Post-Doctoral Fellows:**

Francesco Piraino, 2013-

Nadanai Laohakunakorn, 2015-

### **PhD Students:**

Kristina Woodruff, 2012-

Francesca Volpetti, 2012-

Ekaterina Petrova, 2013-

Zoe Swank, 2015-

Ivan Istomin, 2015-

Barbora Lavickova, 2016-

Gregoire Michielin, 2016-

Fabien Jammes, 2017-

### **Co-Advised Students:**

Amanda Verpoorte (McKinney Lab), 2012-

Simone Giaveri (Stellacci Lab), 2016-

### **Master Students (Thesis):**

### **Master Students (Projects):**

### **Undergraduate Students (Projects):**



**Interns:****Interns:**

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## **Alumni**

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**Post-Doctoral Fellows:**

Jose Garcia-Cordero, 2010-2013  
Luis Miguel Fidalgo, 2009-2012  
Marcel Geertz (Post-Doc, Shore Lab), 2008-2012

**PhD Students:**

Matthew Blackburn, 2010-2016  
Henrike Niederholtmeyer, 2010-2015  
Jean-Bernard Nobs, 2009-2014  
Arun Rajkumar, 2008-2013  
Sylvie Rockel, 2008-2013  
Nicolas Denervaud, 2008-2012  
Tatjana Petrov, 2009-2011

**Co-Advised Students:**

Zuzana Petrova (Huelsken Lab), 2012-2016  
Johannes Becker (Naef Lab), 2012-2015  
Meltem Elitas (McKinney Lab), 2008-2012  
Bin He (Kreitman Lab, U. Chicago), 2008-2012  
Lina Huang (Martin Lab), 2008-2010

**Master Students (Thesis):**

Thomas Simonet (external), 2015  
Craig Watson, 2015  
Adele Drame-Maigne (external), 2014  
David Moi, 2014  
Nicolas Gobet (external), 2010-11  
Valoise Mendoh, 2010-11

**Masters Students (semester projects):**

Killian Chochet, Fall 2015  
Pernille Rainer, Fall 2015  
Thibaud Szymczak, Fall 2015  
Lea de Maddalena, 2014-2015  
Praneeth Karempudi, 2015  
Alexander Belushkin, Spring 2014  
Christophe Nell, Spring 2014  
Steve Beguin (EPFL), Fall Semester 2013  
Sylvain Bernard, 2013

**Undergraduate Students (Projects):**

Golzar Mesbah, Summer 2015  
Julien Delisle, Spring 2014  
Stefano Tartini, Spring 2014  
David Christe, Spring 2014  
Astrid Kibleur, 2011

Viktoria Stepanova, 2009

### **Interns:**

Felix Faltings (EPFL), Intern, 2016  
Stefan Bassler (University of Heidelberg), Intern, 2016  
Caroline Werlang (B.S. Chemical Engineering, Caltech), Fulbright Fellow, September 2015 - 2016  
Malek Kabani (EPFL), Intern 2016  
Evgenia Pankevich (Lomonosov Moscow State University), SRP Intern , 2016  
Caroline Werlang (B.S. Caltech), Fulbright Scholar, September 2015 - 2016  
Anna Olerinyova (Oxford University), SRP Intern, 2015  
Emma Hemus (McGill University), ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship, 2015  
Charlotte ter Haar (Northwestern University), Whitaker International Fellow, 2014-2015  
Holly Rees (University of Cambridge), SRP Intern, 2014  
Mathieu Quinodoz (EPFL), Intern, 2013  
Florian Borse (EPFL), Intern, 2013  
Dennis Zhou (Cornell University), SRP Intern, 2013  
Vincent Zimmern (EPFL), Intern, 2012  
Heidi Culver (Johns Hopkins University), SRP Intern, 2011  
Arja Ray (IIT Kharagpur), Summer Intern, 2011  
Kelli Xu (UCSD), SRP Intern, 2010  
Bhaskar Ganesh Chennuri (IIT Guwahati), Summer Intern, 2010  
Siddharth Gupta (IIT Guwahati), Summer Intern, 2009

## **Committees**

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<b>2016</b>	Synthetic and Systems Biology Search Committee, Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Italy
<b>2016</b>	Bioengineering Faculty Search Committee, EPFL
<b>2015 - present</b>	Agora Lab and Facilities Design Team, Swiss Cancer Center
<b>2015 - present</b>	"Future Leaders in Bioengineering" Award Committee, Bioengineering EPFL
<b>2015</b>	Synthetic Biology Search Committee, UNIL
<b>2014</b>	Member, Immunoengineering Search Committee, STI EPFL
<b>2010 - present</b>	CMI/CMI+ Committee, STI EPFL
<b>2010 - present</b>	EDBB Committee, SV EPFL
<b>2009 - present</b>	Bureau de Recherche, STI EPFL
<b>2008 - 2009</b>	BioMEMS Search Committee, IBI EPFL
<b>2008</b>	BioE Curriculum Committee, IBI EPFL

## **PhD committees**

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### **Thesis Committees (16 total)**

**2017**, Julien Cors, Advisor: Bradley Nelson  
**2017**, Roman Bulushev, Advisor: Aleksandra Radenovic  
**2016**, Yoji Tabata, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2016**, Nathalie Brandenburg, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2015**, Arun Shivanandan, Advisor: Aleksandra Radenovic  
**2015**, Sowmya Balasubramanian, Advisor: Florian Wurm  
**2015**, Simone Allazetta, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2014**, Yuya Okawa, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2014**, Alina Isakova, Advisor: Bart Deplancke  
**2014**, Aline Roch, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2014**, Philipp Lienemann, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
**2013**, Nicolas Descharmes, Advisor: Romuald Houdre  
**2012**, Meltem Elitas, Advisor: John McKinney  
**2012**, Steffen Cosson, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf

2012, Stefan Kobel, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2008, Elodie Dahan, Advisor: Yusuf Leblebici

**Candidacy Committees (23 total)**

2017, Thomas Simonet, Advisor: John McKinney  
2015, Michael Graf, Advisor: Aleksandra Radenovic  
2015, Oleg Mikhajlov, Advisor: John McKinney  
2015, Vincent Trachsel, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2014, Daniel Strebinger, Advisor: David Suter  
2014, Li Dong, Advisor: Martin Gijss  
2014, Yannick R. Devaud, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf & Martin Ehrbar (USZ)  
2014, Tian Qiu, Advisor: Jeffrey Hubbell  
2014, Tabata Yoji, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2013, Laura Kolb, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2013, Katrin Schneider, Advisor: John McKinney  
2013, Nathalie Brandenburg, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2013, Stefano Varricchio, Advisor: Dario Floreano  
2012, Volodymyr Koman, Advisor: Olivier Martin  
2012, Manuel Fankhauser, Advisor: Melody Swartz  
2012, Michael Unger, Advisor: Heinz Koepl (ETHZ)  
2012, Shourya Dutta Gupta, Advisor: Olivier Martin  
2011, Mukul Girotra, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2011, Sagar Manoli, Advisor: Florian Wurm  
2011, Aline Roch, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2010, Irina Krier, Advisor: Bart Deplancke  
2010, Yuya Okawa, Advisor: Matthias Lutolf  
2010, Alina Isakova, Advisor: Bart Deplancke  
2009, Meltem Elitas, Advisor: John McKinney