

# PSSRC Funding workshop

Denmark

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  - Co-amorphous, ASD, in situ amorphization, mesoporous silica, deep eutectic solvents
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- Instrumentation:
  - XRPD (nitrogen, temperature), DSCs, TGA, DMA, TMA, Rheometers, spectroscopy (NIR, FTIR)



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Group leader



Prof. Thomas Rades



Assoc. Prof.  
Korbinian Löbmann

## Group 2: Manufacturing and materials (M&M-group)

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  - Traditional and future manufacturing of pharmaceuticals:
    - Crystallization, granulation, coating, semisolids, spray/freeze-drying, tableting
    - Printing (3D), Extrusion (HME), Electrospray, microfluidics, continuous manufacturing,
  - **Modelling**, materials and quality control
    - PAT and data analytics, process spectroscopy
- Instrumentation:
  - Raman spectroscopy, IR, NIR compaction simulator, HME, single-crystal X-Ray, DVS, printers,
  - Access to: atomic force microscopy
  - Computer cluster (molecular dynamics)



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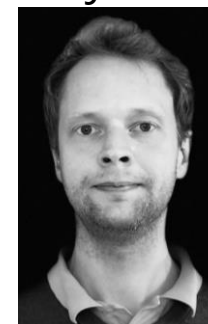
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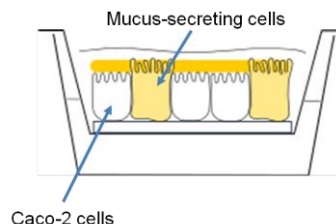


# Group 3: Physiological pharmaceuticals (PP-group)



Prof. Anette Muellertz

- Research topics:
  - Preformulation (small molecules and biologics)
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- Instrumentation:
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# Funding opportunities

- Nordic POP: University of Helsinki
  - Exchange of students, Visits of students etc. (fully funded)
  - <https://nordicpop.ku.dk/>
- EU: Marie Curie Fellowship
  - [https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/get-funding\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/get-funding_en)
- KU offers grant workshops: <https://health.easysignup.com/98/>
  - Marie Curie PF **online grant writing workshop 7-9 June 2021.**
- Danish funding:
  - Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond (DFF)
  - Innovation Fond DK
  - Carlsberg, Lundbeck, Novo Nordisk Foundation

# Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond (DFF)

- Public funding
- Research Project 1: 3-years
- Research Project 2: 4.5 years (several research, e.g. PhD student plus PostDoc)
- Senior researcher needs to apply
- [https://dff.dk/en/front-page?set\\_language=en](https://dff.dk/en/front-page?set_language=en)

# Innovation Fund DK

- Also possible to create a start-up in Denmark (spin-out company)
- Industrial PhD and Postdoc projects
- Collaboration between university and company
- Succesrate around 20%
- <https://innovationsfonden.dk/en>

# Private Fonds

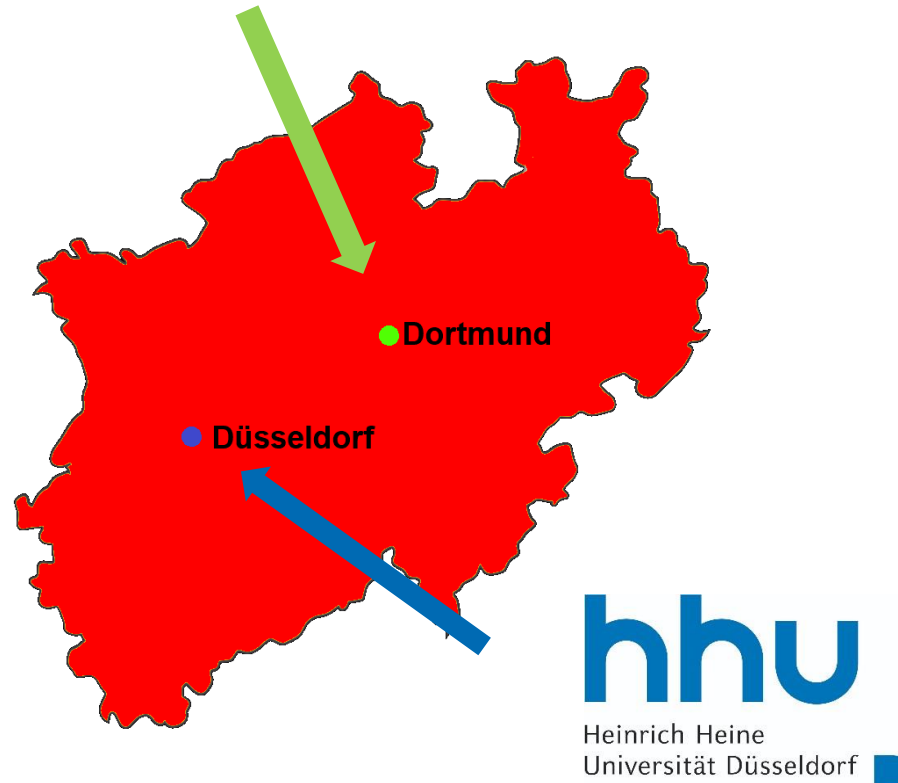
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  - Mostly focuses on neuroscience
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  - mostly focused on biomedical research;
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- PP-group:
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- Extrusion/ Spheronization
- Continuous Granulation by Roll Compaction/Dry Granulation
- Continuous Granulation by Twin-Screw Granulation
- Solid Lipid Extrusion
- Tableting
- Coating Processes
- Melt Extrusion



- Paediatric formulations
  - Minitablets
  - Orodispersible Tablets
  - Film formulations
  - Ion-exchange resonates
  - Devices for individual dosing
  - Pulmonary drugs and devices
- Orphan drugs
- Taste assessment and masking
- Process analytical technologies



- Biodegradable Macromers
- Bioactive Hydrogels
- Bioprinting

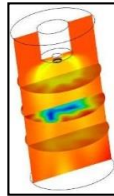


- **3D Printing in Pharmaceuticals**
- **FDM printing**
  - Filament extrusion for fused deposition modelling
  - Development of a one-step extrusion-printing technique
  - Drug printing for individual dosing
- **Rapid prototyping**
- **Powder printing**
- **Poorly soluble drugs**
  - Child appropriate formulations of poorly soluble drugs
  - Biopharmaceutical characterization of amorphous solid dispersion

# Organizational structure

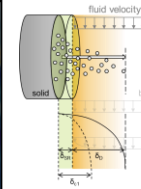
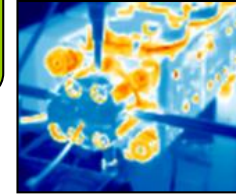
	TU Dortmund University	Faculty Bio- and Chemical Engineering
<b>Founded in</b>	1968	1969
<b>Area</b>	172.000 m <sup>2</sup>	15.000 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Students</b>	~33.000	~1200
<b>Staff</b>	6.200	188
<b>Professors</b>	300	13
<b>Faculties/ Laboratories</b>	16	13 (5 in pharmaceuticals)





## Head of chair

*Prof. Dr. M. Thommes*



## Working groups

### Spray and dispersing processes

*Dipl.-Chem. G. Schaldach*

### Particle separation from gases

*Prof. Dr.-Ing. D. Pieloth*

### Extrusion

*Dr.-Ing. J. Winck*

### Granulation and milling

*Dr.-Ing. J. Bartsch*

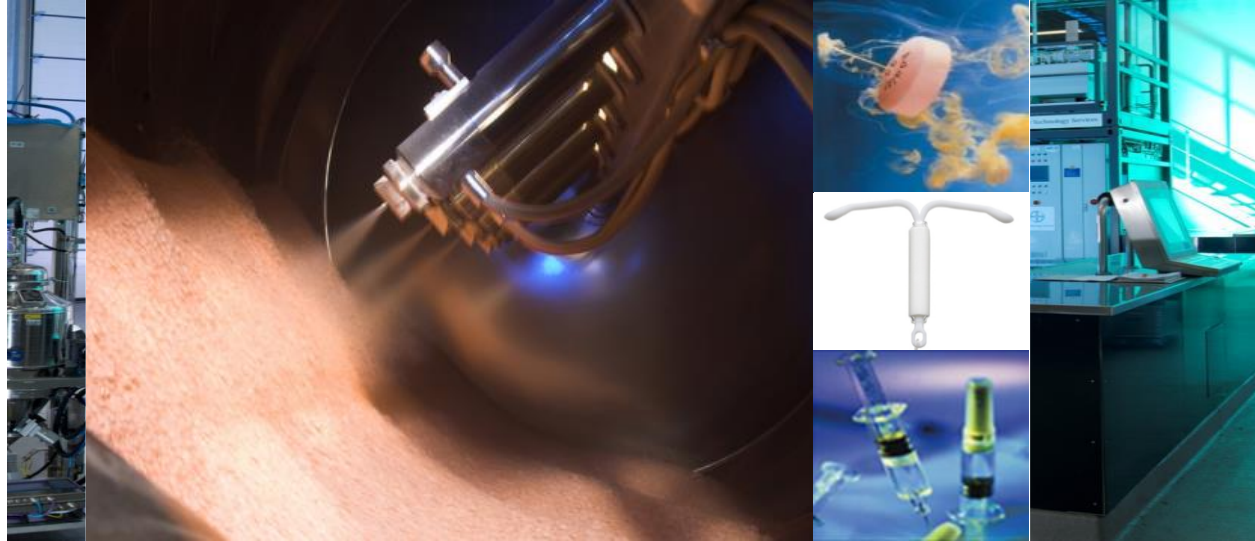
## Projects

- production of SCS via spray drying
- production of sub-micron particles via spray drying
- continuous tablet coating

- performance improvement of fibrous filters
- production of sub-micron particles via precipitation

- hot-melt-extrusion
- comparing manufacturing techniques for ASDs
- molecular phenomena in polymeric systems

- continuous melt milling
- modelling of the drug dissolution behaviour
- direct compression
- modelling of FBG



**DDiC**  
Drug Delivery **innovation** Center

Started September 1, 2017

[ddic.invite-research.com](http://ddic.invite-research.com)

*demonstrating future production concepts*

## Academic Partners

HHU Düsseldorf: Prof. Dr. J. Breitkreutz  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. P. Kleinebudde  
TU Dortmund: Prof. Dr. G. Schembecker  
Prof. Dr. G. Sadowski  
Prof. Dr. M. Thommes  
EMAU Greifswald: Prof. Dr. W. Weitschies\*  
LMU München: Prof. Dr. G. Winter\*  
\* external academic partners

## Industry Partners

TIER-1:	Bayer	TIER-2:	Ashland	Haver & Boecker
	Merck		Inosim	L.B. Bohle
	UCB		Parsum	Amoform
			Siemens	Nisso Chemical Europe

12 Ph.D. students were employed since September 2017  
Also a number of Postdocs were hired!

# National Funding Opportunities – PhD students

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- **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)**

- Full PhD programme in Germany
- Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees
- One-Year and Short-Term Grants

- **DFG (German Research Foundation)**

- Walter-Benjamin-Programme

- You are in Germany and want to go abroad
    - Postdocs in early career phase
    - Applicants must have worked in Germany for the last three years

- **Humboldt-Foundation**

- Humboldt Research Fellowship

- You are in outside of Germany and want come to Germany
    - Postdocs in early career phase
    - Additional support in Germany: e.g. intensive language course

- **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)**

- Bilateral Exchange of Academics (short term visits: up to 3 months)



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[https://www.dfg.de/en/research\\_funding/programmes/individual/walter\\_benjamin/index.html](https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/individual/walter_benjamin/index.html)

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Great:

Visit <http://www.research-in-germany.org/en> for an excellent overview of all programmes!

Also great:

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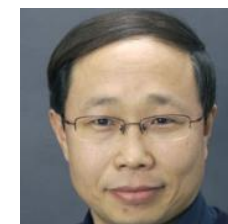
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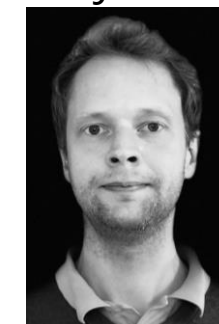
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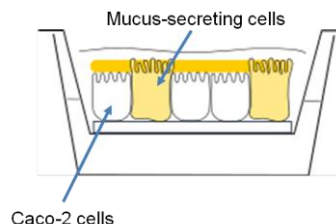


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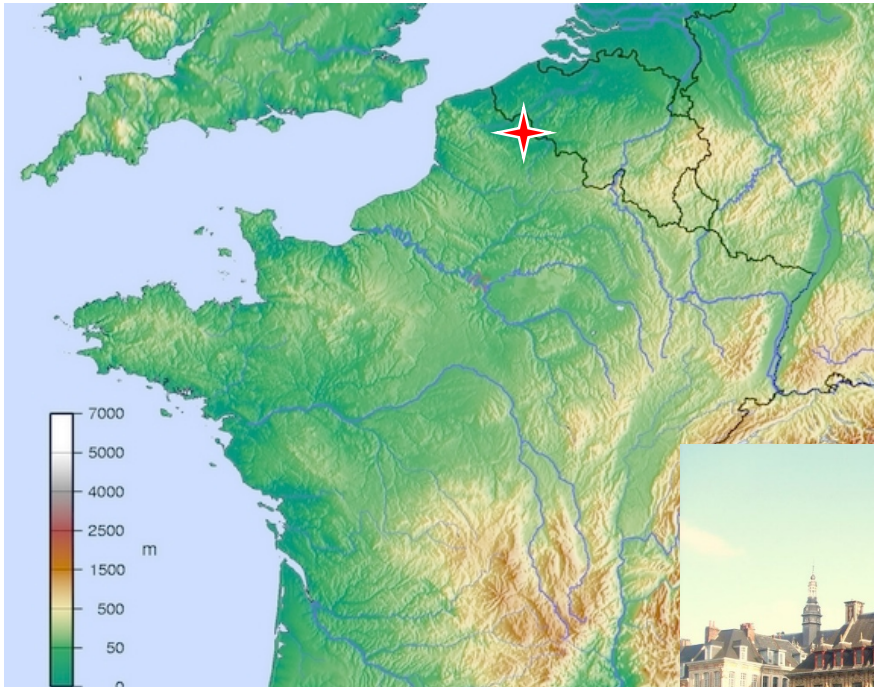
# Research funding in France: A guide through the jungle



Dr. Susanne Muschert, Associate Professor in Pharmaceutical Technology



# But, where is Lille?







Pr M.P. Flament-Leterme, Pr F. Siepmann, Pr J. Siepmann,  
Dr S. Muschert, Dr Y. Karrout, Dr M. Hamoudi, Mr. H. Florin,  
Mr. M Fossart, M. J. Vérin

**Formulation & characterization of innovative solid dosage forms**



Parodontology

Pr E. Deveaux,  
Dr K. Agossa



Plastic surgery

Pr P. Guerreschi

Ear Nose Throat Surgery

Pr C. Vincent

Vascular surgery

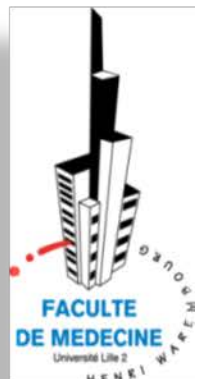
Pr J. Sobocinski



Maxillo-facial surgery-Stomatology

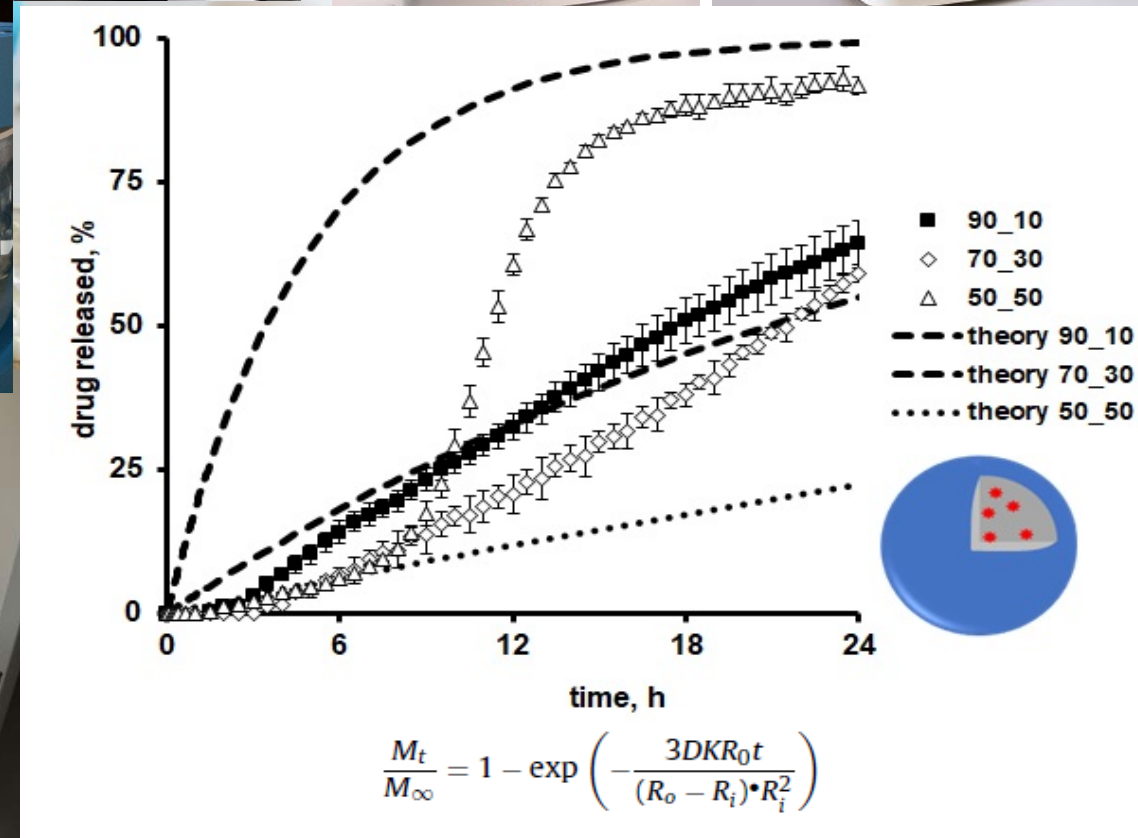
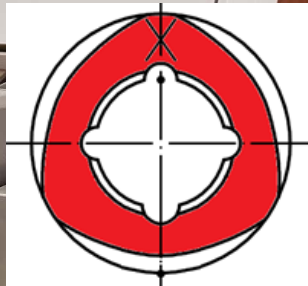
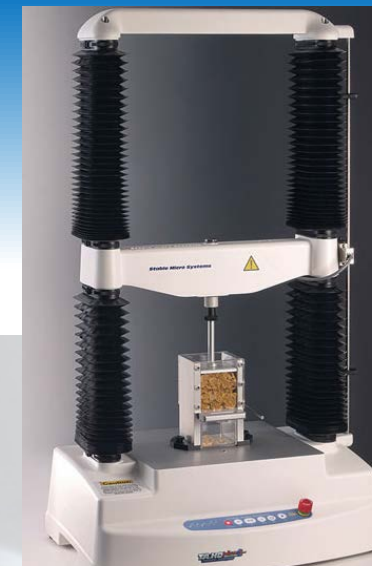
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**Functionalization of biomaterials for medical devices, tissue engineering**





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For internships  
3 to 10 months

**Master (MPhil, MSc) students:**  
Funded PhD positions



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M2 Biology Health

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*International mobility fellowship*

*& merit fellowship*

*Interactive seminars & practical training*

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Traineeship & study mobilities

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Doctoral mobilities

**Young researchers (PhD & PostDocs):**  
Individual funding opportunities for secondments  
or positions

[UdL MobLilex](#)  
Outgoing & Ingoing  
scientific mobilities  
3 to 12 months

[Mermoz grant](#)  
Mobility grant  
12 to 26 consecutive weeks



**Procope Mobility**  
Doctoral mobility  
1 to 3 months  
Information: [Mail](#)







(Partenariat Hubert Curien) ProCope

**(bilateral submission)**

Projects of 2 years  
Only travelling costs are concerned  
(around 4000 €/y)



UFA/DFH

Université franco-allemande/  
Deutsch Französische Hochschule  
Via the University of Lille  
(IR responsible)



Maupertius Program



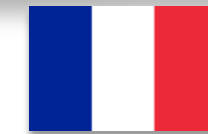
Workshops, Conferences & Summerschools

**Confirmed researchers:**  
Collaborations in international projects &  
International Events



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european  
partner





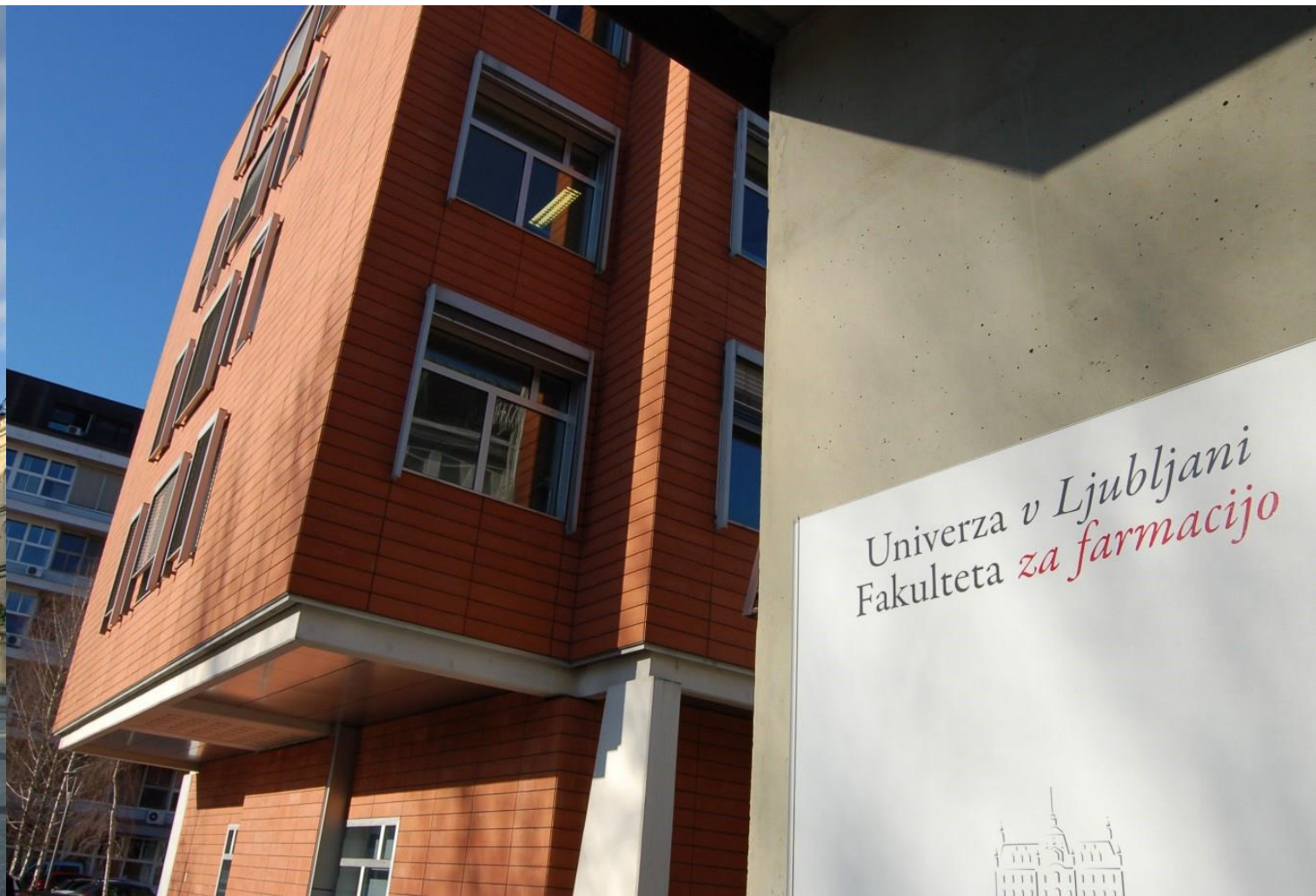
# Introduction and funding opportunities

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy

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## Faculty of pharmacy University of Ljubljana (UL FFA)







## The Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology

Head: Prof. Mirjana Gašperlin

University teachers: 8 + 2

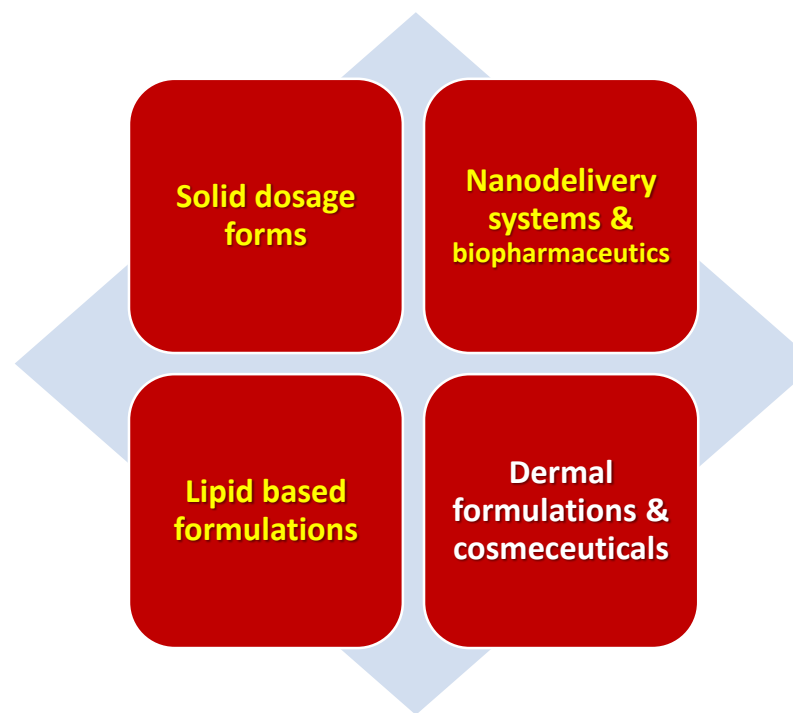
Assistants: 7

Researchers: 1

Young researchers: 2 + 2

Technical staff: 3

Research associates: 2

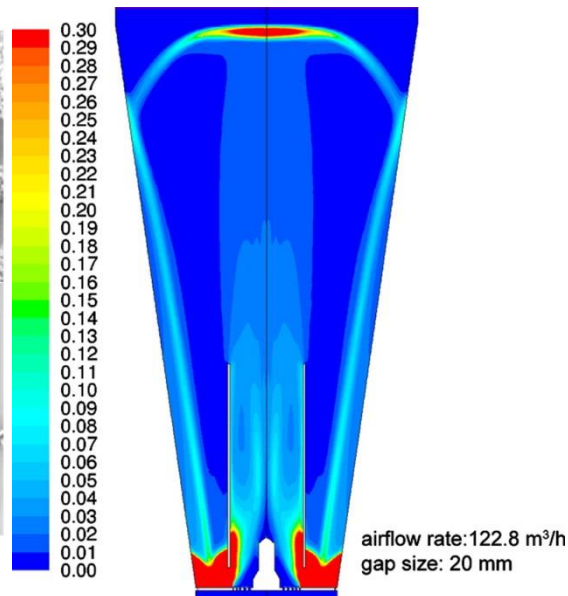
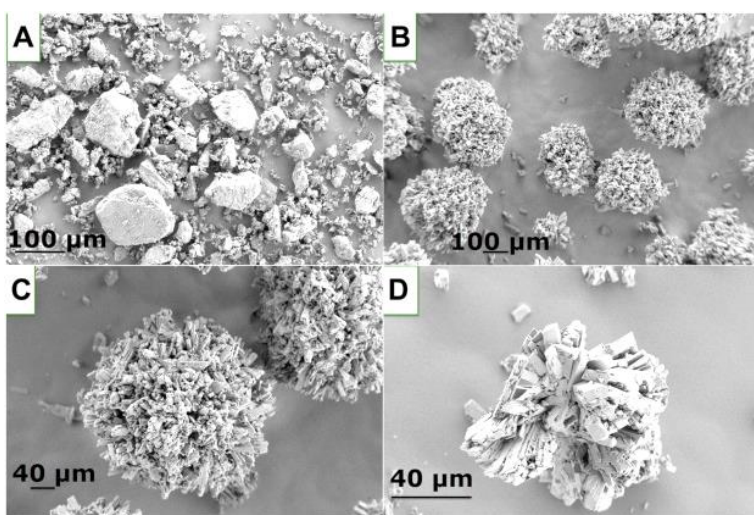




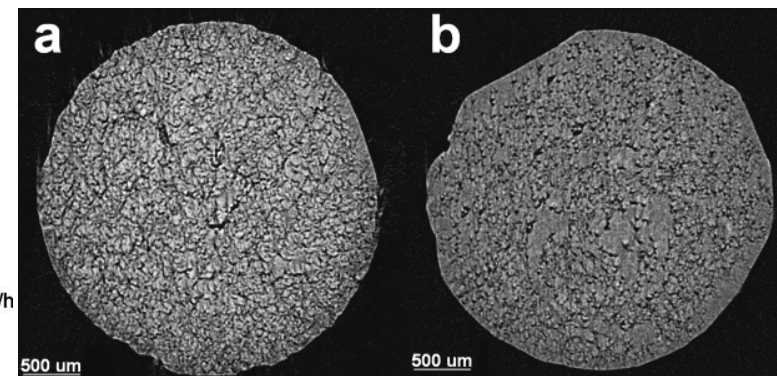
## Characterisations, troubleshooting, studies of...

## Solid dosage forms and process development:

- solid surface
- flow properties, segregation
- amorphous state stability
- solubility and dissolution rate
- investigation of mechanical properties of materials
- influence of mechanical characteristics of solids on tablet compression, chipping
- particle and tablet coating
- crystallization, tableting
- extrusion and 3D printing
- granules, pellets, capsules and tablets
- patient friendly dosage forms (mini and (oro)dispersible tablets, medicated wafers, films, straws)
- modified release
- microcapsules



**Team:** Prof. dr. Stane Srčič  
Prof. dr. Odon Planinšek  
Assoc. Prof. dr. Rok Dreu  
Assoc. Prof. dr. Ilija German Ilić





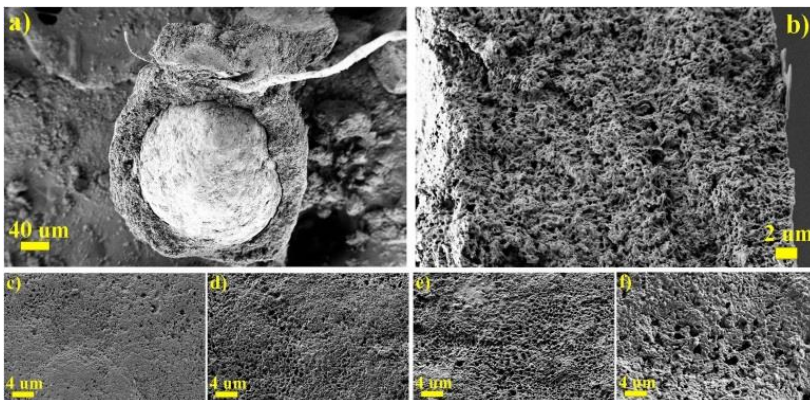


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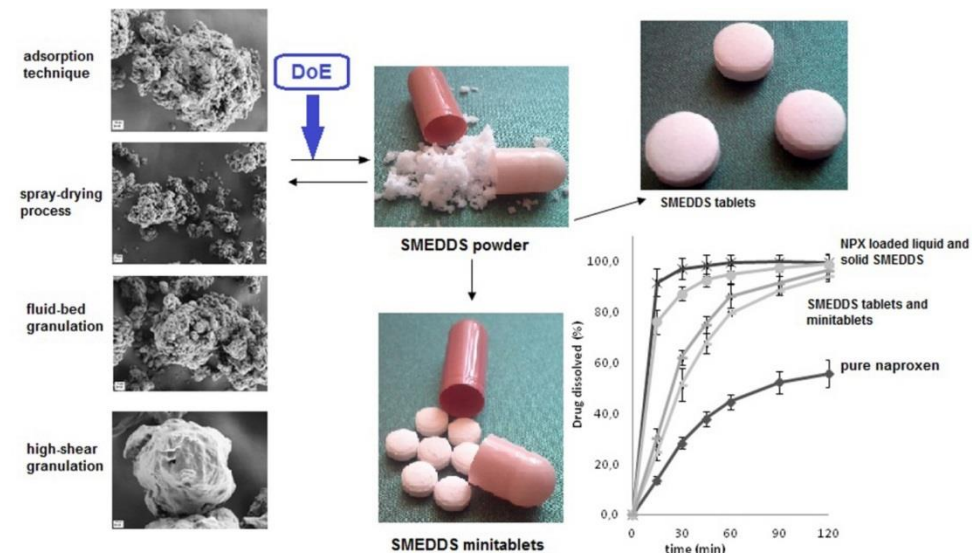
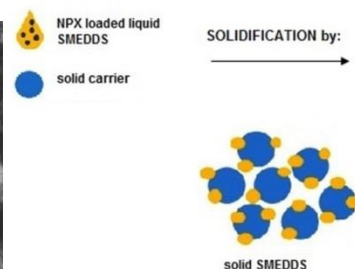
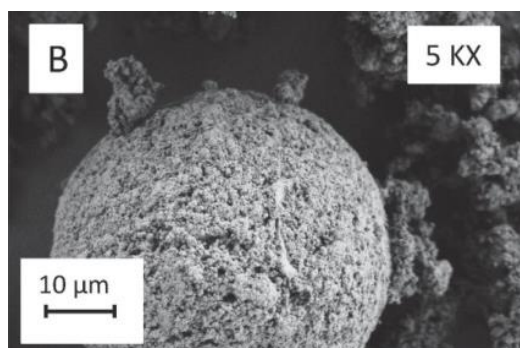
## Lipid based formulations and process development:

- pseudo ternary phase diagrams construction
- *in vitro* cell toxicity
- penetration & permeability studies
- solidification of liquid SMEDDS
- evaluation of liquid and solid SMEDDS

- microemulsions
- dry emulsions
- SMEDDS – Self Micro Emulsifying Drug Delivery Systems
- hot-melt technologies (granulation, spray conegealing)



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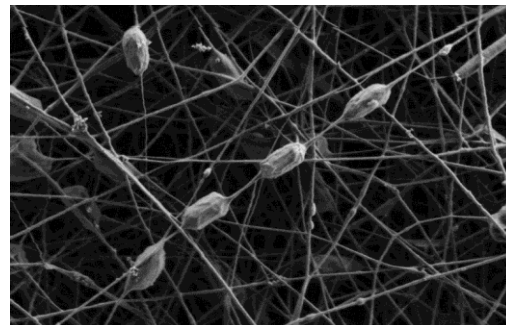
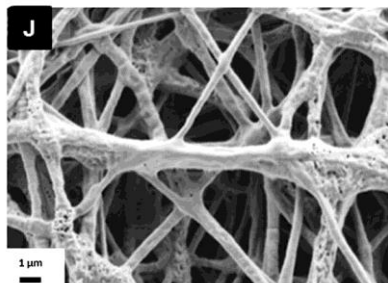
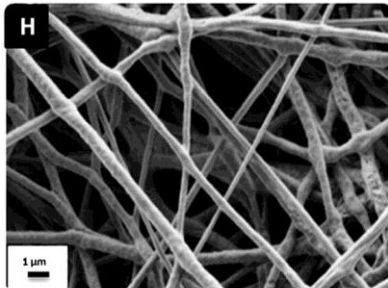


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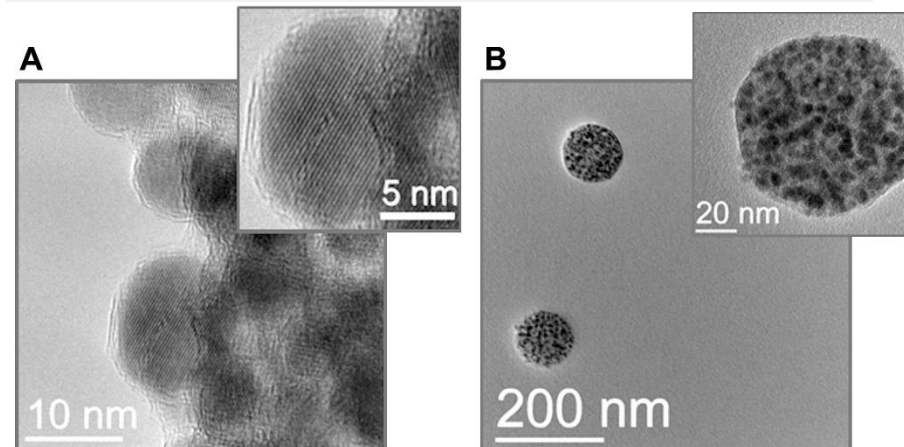
- characterization of nanomaterials
- development of mild condition based technologies for preparation of nanomedicines with biopharmaceutics or probiotics (lyophilization, electrospinning)
- safety and toxicity of nanomedicines (in vitro biological characterization)

## Nanodelivery systems development:

- nanofibers
- polymeric & solid lipid nanoparticles
- nanosuspensions
- liposomes
- thermoresponsive micelles and hydrogels
- SPION-based nanotheranostics



**Team:** Prof. dr. Julijana Kristl  
Assoc. Prof. dr. Petra Kocbek  
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# Processing equipment

- mixing (*Bioengineering Inversina*)
- high shear granulation (*4M8-TriX, ProCept*)
- fluid bed granulation (*top-spray, GPCG1, Glatt*)
- fluid bed hot-melt granulation (*BX-CGD1, Brinox, Tornado chamber*)
- fluid bed pelletization and powder layering (*rotor chamber, GPCG1, Glatt*)
- film coating and layering of pellets, granules, mini-tablets (*Wurster and swirl-Wurster chamber; GPCG1, Glatt and BX-CGD1, Brinox*)
- Capsule filling granules, pellets, multicomponent; (*MG Futura, MG2*)
- Twin screw Extruder/granulator (*Leistritz ZSE 12 HP-PH – 40T*)
- tableting (conventional, mini-tablets, of pellets, bilayer) (*SP300, IMA Killian*)
- pan coating of tablets (*Glatt GMPC I, Glatt*)
- spray drying/congealing (*B-290, Büchi*)
- high pressure homogenisation (*APV-2000, Invensys*)
- ultrasound homogenisation (*CV33, Omni*)
- separation (*Ultracentrifuge Sorwall WX 100*)
- lyophilisation (*Beta 1-8K, Martin Christ*)
- microencapsulation (*IE 50R, Inotech*)
- electrospinning/electrospraying (*Fluidnatek LE100, Bioinicia*)

# Analytical tools

## Resident analytical instruments

- DSC and TGA (*Mettler Toledo*)
- ATR-FTIR (*Nexus, Nicolet*)
- contact angle meter (*DSA 100, Krüss GmbH*)
- UV/VIS spectrophotometer (*HP 8453, Agilent*)
- chromatography systems (*1100, Agilent; UPLC, Waters*)
- IGC- Inverse Gas Chromatography (*Gas Chromatograph, Agilent*)
- modular rheometer (*Physica MCR 301, Anton Paar*)
- particle sizing instruments (*Mastersizer 3000, Malvern; Zetasizer Nano ZS, Malvern*)
- FT- IR spectrometer (*1600 FTIR, Perkin–Elmer*)
- Coupled RAMAN and AFM (*XploRA PLUS (Horiba Scientific) + OmegaScope (AIST-NT)*)
- PAT equipment:

*FBRM probe C35, Mettler Toledo*

*PATVIS APA, Sensum*

## Accessible research tools

- $^{14}\text{N}$  NQR - Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance
- AFM - Atomic Force Microscopy (*Nanoscope IIIa system, Veeco*)
- Nanoindentation
- SEM (*Supra 35 VP, Carl Zeiss*)
- TEM (*CM100, Philips*)
- fluorescence microscopy,
- XRPD (*PANalytical X'Pert PRO MPD*)



## ***SI - funding opportunities***

### **3rd cycle study – PhD candidates:**

- Erasmus+ KA131 doctoral mobility in a form of Studies or Traineeship

Both type of mobility support thesis research.

Study mobility depends on a call, traineeship type can be applied anytime (at your University or national coordinator).

Is currently limited to minimum of 3 months, shorter mobility will be available from September 2021 onwards.

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy has currently Erasmus inter-institutional agreements that include 3rd cycle signed with the following PSSRC members:

University of Helsinki and University of Lille (this is not limiting Traineeship mobility).

# ***SI - funding opportunities***

## **Post-Doc position:**

- MSCA COFUND EUTOPIA-SIF postdoctoral fellowship

Eligibility: recognised Researchers (stage 2), PhD holders without permanent research position

Duration: 2 years, with a monthly average gross salary of 4.350 € and a supplementary budget for research and travel expenses.

Key Research areas: materials engineering, health

Application selection: rigorous two-stage selection process including an external review of all eligible proposals by renowned experts and interviews with short-listed candidates

Next call for applications: Autumn 2021

## ***Past PSSRC collaborations***

PhD student:

Aleksander Aleksovski (2014, Ghent)

Academic exchange:

Assoc. prof. dr. Rok Dreu (2014, Düsseldorf)

Assoc. prof. dr. Ilija German Ilić (2018, Graz)

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship

Dr. Rok Šibanc (2017-18, Düsseldorf)

Collaborations resulted in 8 papers with Düsseldorf, Graz and Ghent.

# Collaborations & visits in the past

2020:  
Vanessa DUEPHANS  
Anna JUSTEN



2014:  
Sabrine SMEDEGAARD JENSEN



2013:  
Petra PRIEMEL



2020:  
Susanne MUSCHERT

