

### **Enabling Technologies**

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High throughput and exceptional accuracy in sample analysis are essential characteristics of modern lab machines.

Technologies from HEIDENHAIN, ETEL, and IMT contribute significantly to achieving these objectives and provide higher productivity as well as faster, more reliable processes.





#### **HEIDENHAIN: Linear encoders**

- Optical scanning principle
- Precise and robust graduations
- Scalable to the needs of the application



#### **ETEL: Linear motors**

- Exceptional performance
- Simple integration
- Patented cogging-free motion



#### **ETEL: Motion control**

- Motion system optimized for the application
- Point-to-point motion
- Scanning motion



#### **IMT: Microfluidics**

- Microfluidic chips and flow cells for tomorrow's biotechnology
- Glass components; nanopatterns and optical thin films
- Exact dosage of extremely small volumes

# **Motion control**

Precise motion control enables significant improvements in speed and system throughput while avoiding standstill and slow travel.



#### **HEIDENHAIN: Linear encoders**

As part of the control loop, linear encoders have a decisive influence on position accuracy and on smooth motion control.

- Accuracy down to the nanometer level
- Measuring step of just a few picometers
- Variety of interfaces allows for easy implementation



#### **ETEL: Motion control**

- Scalable solutions, ranging from components such as motors and electronics all the way to complete motion systems
- Intelligent motion strategies
- Distributed architecture can handle multiple axes simultaneously

#### ETEL: Linear motors

- High acceleration
- Patented cogging-free motion
- Exceptional thermal efficiency



# **IMT** microfluidics

Flexible process offerings that enable mircofluidic solutions in glass: design consultancy, prototyping, and scalable manufacturing



- Nano-scale patterning of glass down to 350 nm
  - Pillars, wells, channels
- Electrode integration
  - Materials: Au, Pt, ITO, Ti
  - Features sizes down to 2 µm
- Biocompatible bonding
- ISO 9001: 2015

#### Applications

NGS flow cell, organ-on-a-chip, lab-on-a-chip, single-cell analysis, cell enrichment, sample preparation and many more





Nanopatterning enabling high-throughput multiplex assays and next generation sequencing

Structured waveguides enabling signal-to-noise reduction



Complex glass structuring enabling multiple-emulsion droplet generation



Electrode integration enabling pathogen detection

#### Advantages of microfluidics in glass

- Selection of available glass types
- Bioinert
- Excellent chemical, mechanical, and optical properties
- Outstanding surface properties
- Cost-efficient scaling from prototyping to mass manufacturing

## **Optical detection system**

For the rapid analysis of biomarkers, it is important that movements from one camera position to the next occur at high speed. Within a short period of time, a stable position should be established so that a sharp image can be recorded immediately. Motion technology from HEIDENHAIN supports this process with a short "seek and settle time" and by providing position stability at the focus (Z axis), for example.

With HEIDENHAIN linear encoder: position stability for sharp images, accuracy, high throughput





Without linear encoder: unclear and unstable images

#### Sharp images

- Position stability: avoid image jitter with HEIDENHAIN technologies
- Excellent surface properties, low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE), low auto-fluorescence

#### Accuracy

- Exact focus position enabled by linear encoder
- Field of view overlapping is avoided

#### High throughput

- Rapid movement from image to image
- Short seek and settle time

# Liquid handler

A modern lab analysis instrument is expected to feature high throughput as well as reliability in the handling of samples.

A system from ETEL, or the use of components from HEIDENHAIN, increases throughput. Smooth motion at high accelerations enables, for example, a high throughput without the formation of drops that cause sample contamination.



#### High throughput

- Fast and precise movement between samples
- Closed loop motion technology
- Modern linear motor technology

#### No spilling

- Optimized motion control
- Low jitter
- Cogging-free linear motor



Spilling may occur when a conventional system is sped up to achieve higher throughput. Vibrations are introduced in such drives, which support spilling of small droplets. With technologies from ETEL and HEIDENHAIN the motion of the instrument is fast and very smooth at the same time. Vibrations are at a very low level and consequently contamination of the instrument by spilling is avoided.

### The technology partners

HEIDENHAIN is the specialist for advanced encoder technology

www.heidenhain.com

ETEL provides high-end motion control systems and components for nanometer precision

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IMT is the expert for precise microfluidics devices on glass

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