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## ***MALDI-TOF (MS)***

***evaluation for routine diagnostics***

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## Medizinisches Versorgungszentrum / MVZ

**Dr. Eberhard & Partner**

Laboratoriumsmedizin Dortmund

Germany

founded in 1977 (private/independent)

laboratory for hospitals and physicians  
in the surrounding area

current projects in medical microbiology:

**ESBL-Microarrays**

**MALDI-TOF-MS**

(additional: blood culture and yeasts)

**FISH**

(fluorescence-in-situ-hybridisation)





# Multi-Drug-Resistent bacteria - a challenge

**E** nterococcus faecium

**S** taphyloc. aureus

**K** lebsiella pneumoniae

**A** cinetob. baumannii

**P** seudom. aeruginosa

**E** nterobacter cloacae

**VRE**

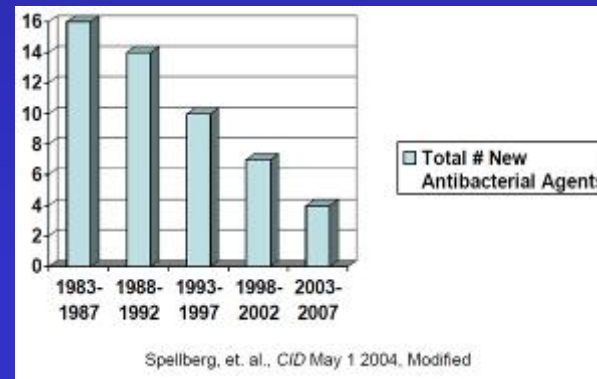
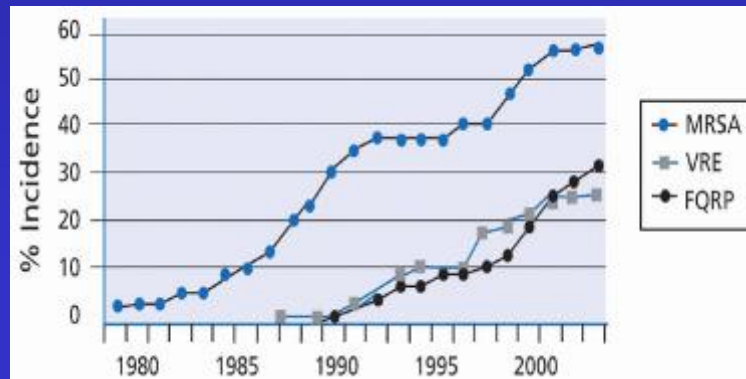
**MRSA**

**ESBL**

**Carbapenemases, MDR**

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**ESBL+AmpC, MDR**



**IDSA:**

*Bad bugs*

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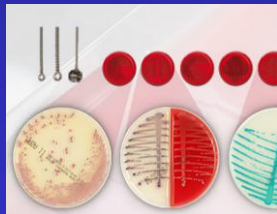
*No drugs*



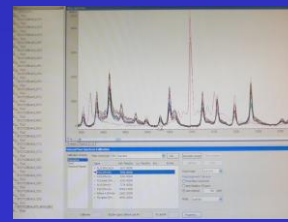
# identification / determination of resistance

... methods currently used in our laboratory routine ...

**culture**  
streaking manually or  
by Innova (automated)



**identification**  
VITEK 2/XL (biochem.) or  
MALDI-TOF (mass-spectrom.)



**resistance**  
agar-diffusion or  
VITEK 2/XL (MIC)





## **MALDI-TOF (Mass-Spectrometry) - objectives**

### **objectives for the evaluation of mass spectrometry:**

#### **improving our diagnostics:**

- higher quality of identification and faster results

#### **integration into routine diagnostics:**

- to work with the system in an efficient way - workflow?
- new perspectives: blood-cultures, Mycobacteria and yeasts?

### **tests of the system:**

#### **comparison of routine identification methods vs. MALDI-TOF:**

- Vitek, Microscan Walkaway, api / Rapid ID
- 16S Sequencing
- quality of identification in different groups of bacteria

#### **double testing in MALDI-TOF**



## introducing the method of MALDI-TOF (MS)

### **theoretic advantages of mass-spectrometry-method in a medical microbiology laboratory:**

**method for identification of cultural grown microorganisms**

**significant faster than the biochemical identification methods**

- **biochemistry:**            hours / days
- **MALDI-TOF-MS:**        few minutes (!)

**in some cases more precise identification possible?**

- **based on identification of ribosomal proteins (!)**

**improvement of microbiological diagnostics?**

**... faster and more precise !?**



## ... what means „MALDI-TOF-MS“?

**M**atrix  
**A**ssisted  
**L**aser  
**D**esorption /  
**I**onisation  
**-**  
**T**ime  
**O**f  
**F**light  
**-**  
**M**ass  
**S**pectrometry



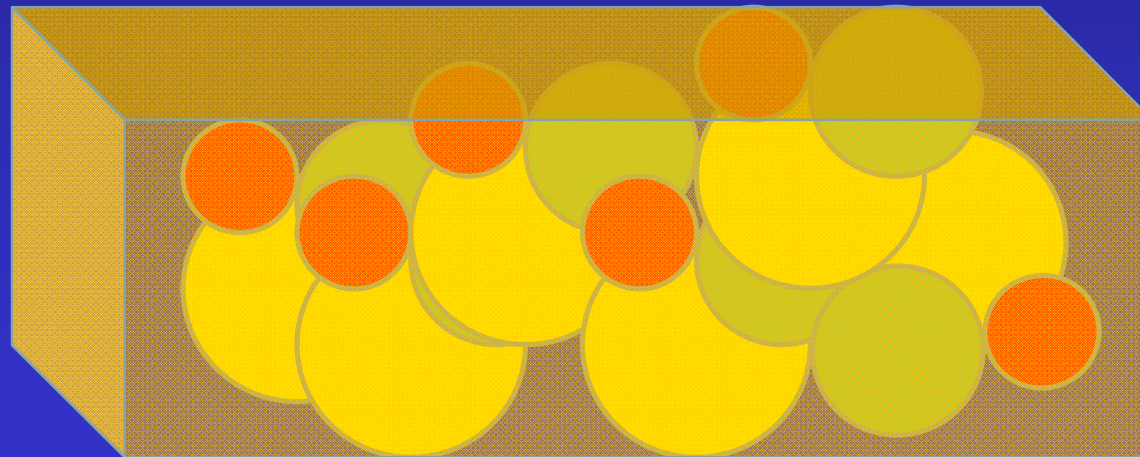


## Matrix Assisted:

**proteins that should be analysed are embedded in the matrix and crystallise - the analytes are not destroyed**

**substance of the matrix consists of small organic molecules:**

- they absorb energy (e.g. laser-beam)
- they deliver protons (charged positive)
- e.g. benzoic acid-derivates, formic acid







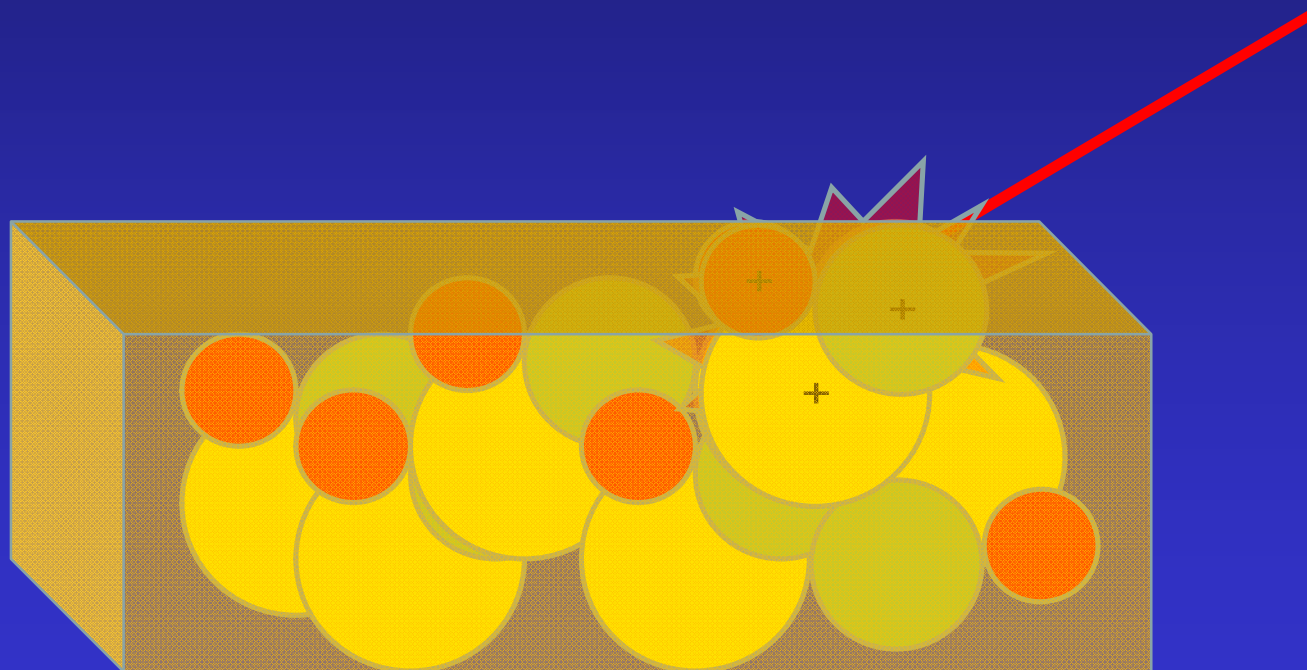
## Laser Desorption/Ionisation

**Desorption:** molecules leave the surface of the solid object

- ... in contrast to "adsorption"

**Ionisation:** molecules become electrical charged particles

- ... e.g. by coming close to protons





## Time Of Flight

**ionized molecules were accelerated in an electric field**

**are flying through a flight-tube (high-vacuum)**

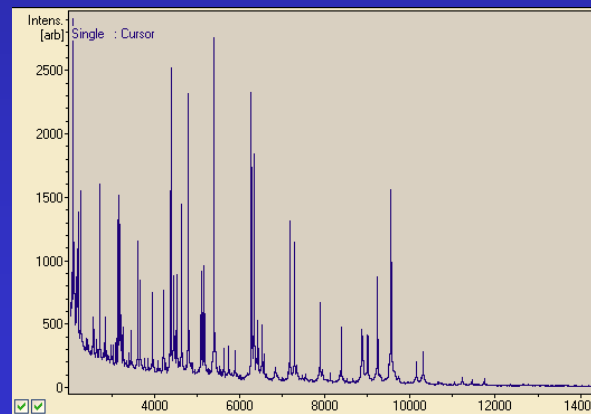
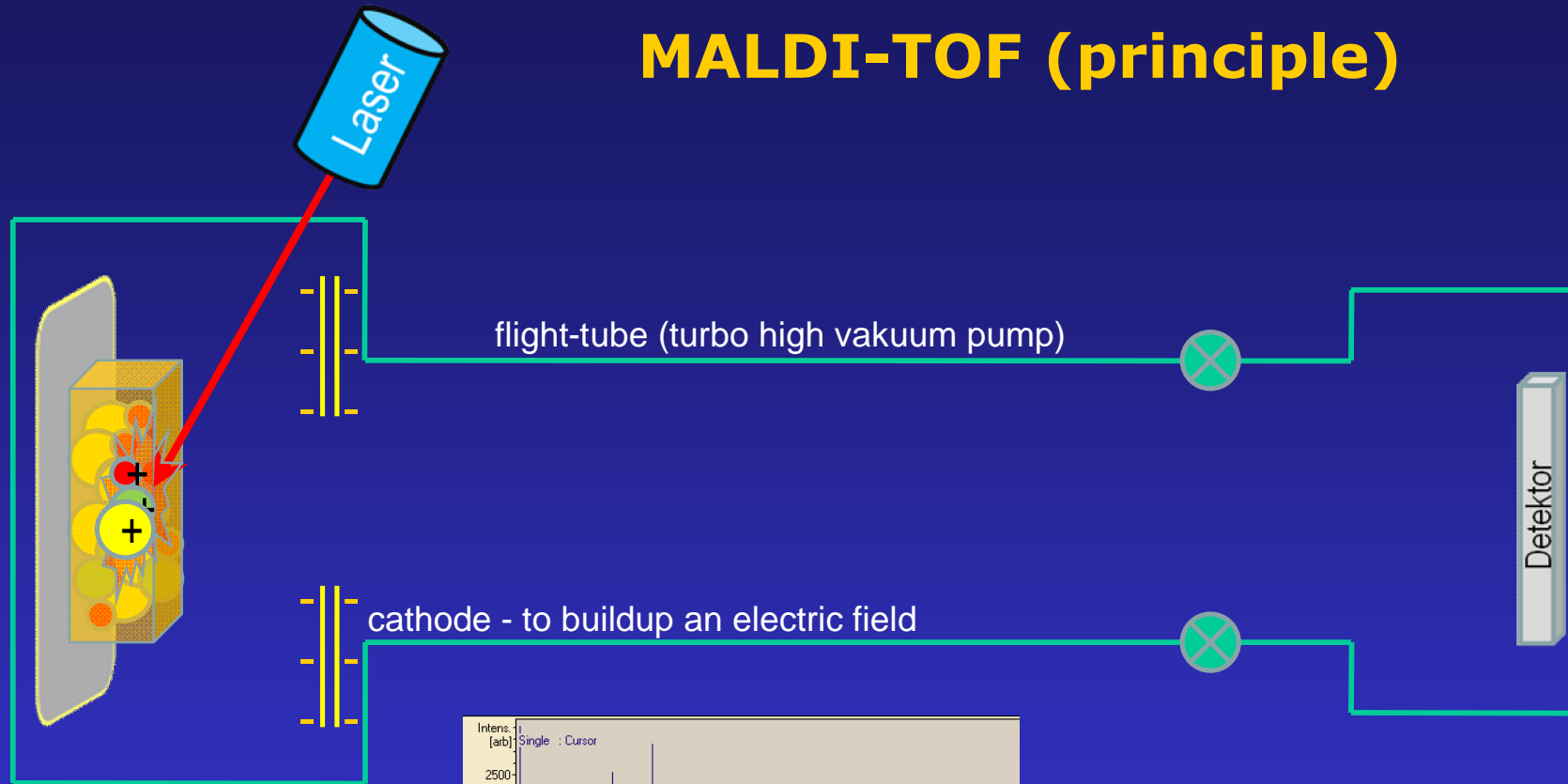
**- time of flight is dependent of mass and the kind of charge  
(large slower)**

**at the end of the flight-tube a detector is located**





# MALDI-TOF (principle)



**specific spektrum of masses - compared to database ...**



## workflow - identification via MALDI-TOF:

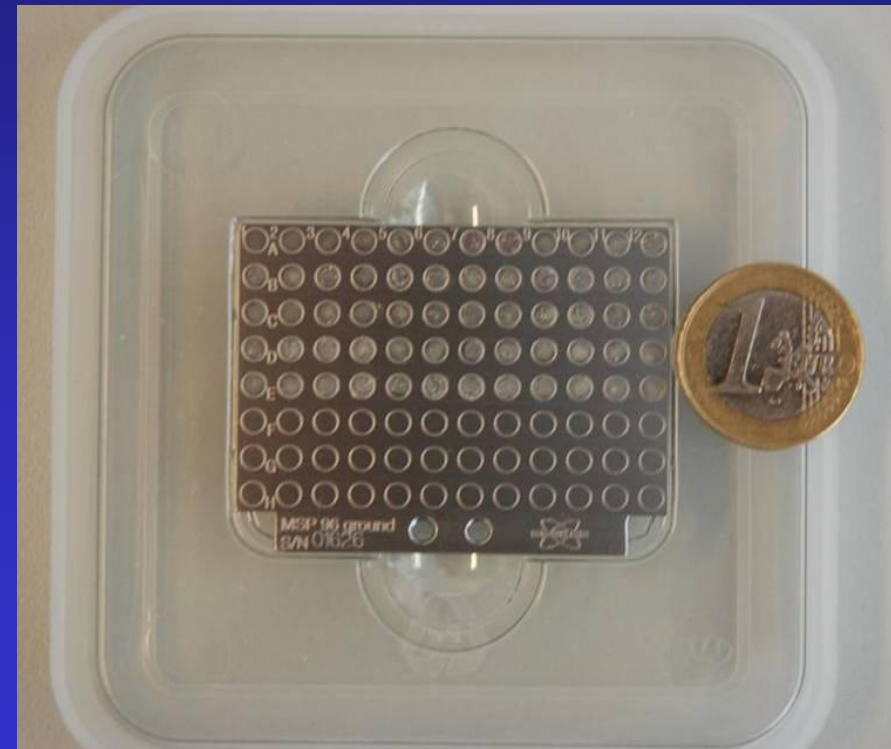
### cultural growth of a microorganism and preparation



*... parallel: preparing test for resistance-determination*



## **inoculation of colonies onto the metal target (precoated with a matrix-solution)**



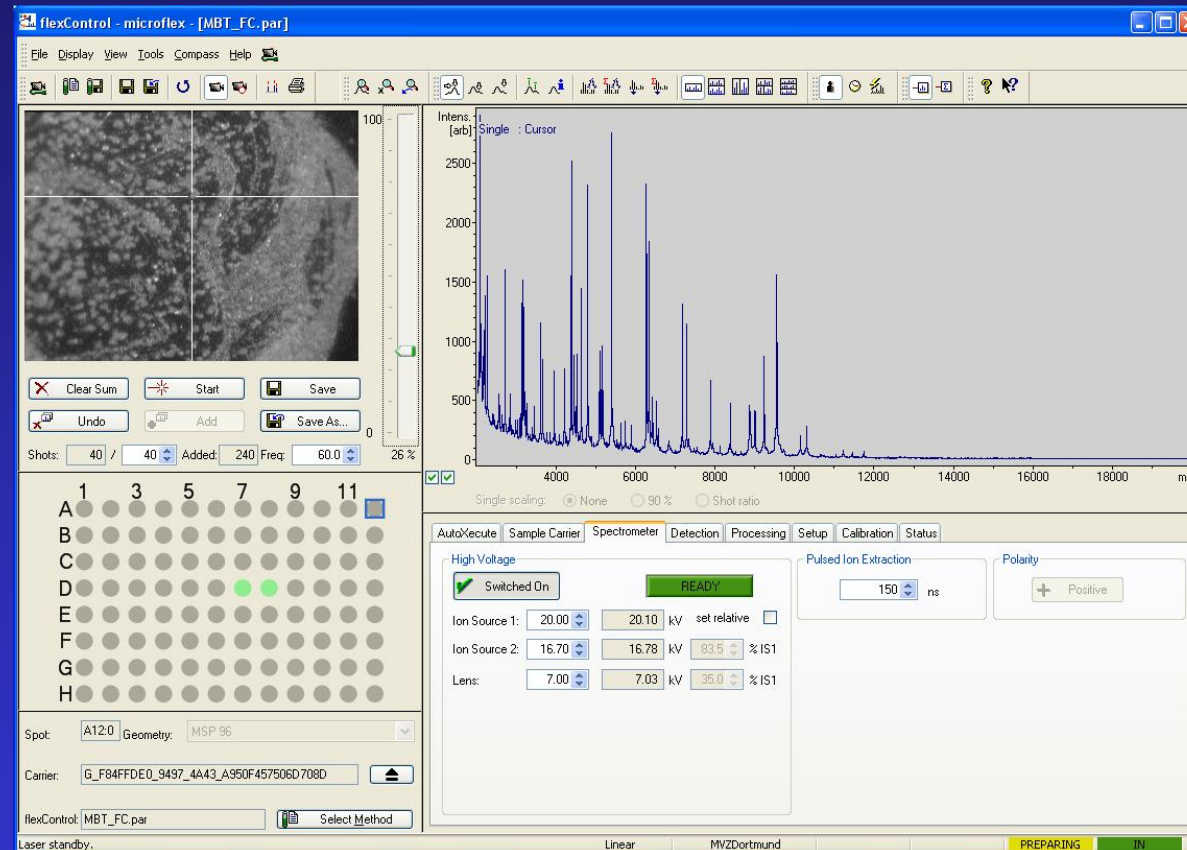


## measurement in MALDI-TOF (mass spectrometry) (creation of a spectrum of masses)





## comparison with reference-spectres in data base (similarity / probability is calculated)



identifikation possible within minutes ...



## reported results

Rank (Quality)	Matched Pattern	Score Value	NCBI Identifier
1 (+++)	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> ATCC 700324 THL	2.408	<a href="#">571</a>
2 (+++)	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> ESBL 30298 PFM	2.394	<a href="#">571</a>
3 (+++)	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> DSM 5175T HAM	2.14	<a href="#">571</a>
<b>Meaning of Score Values</b>			
Range	Description	Symbols	Color
2.300 ... 3.000	highly probable species identification	(+++)	green
2.000 ... 2.299	secure genus identification, probable species identification	(++)	green
1.700 ... 1.999	probable genus identification	(+)	yellow
0.000 ... 1.699	not reliable identification	(-)	red
(+)			
8 (+)	<i>Raoultella ornithinolytica</i> DSM 7464T HAM	1.751	<a href="#">54291</a>
9 (+)	<i>Raoultella planticola</i> DSM 3069T DSM	1.741	<a href="#">575</a>
10 (-)	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> 15282_1 CHB	1.659	<a href="#">548</a>





## results of our first evaluation:

**about 1.000 isolates tested / identified in 2010:**

**overall good identification results for our routine samples**

**enterobacteriaceae: good results with high scores**

- problems with species closely related; E. coli/Shigella

**anaerobes: good results with high scores**

- better than biochemical methods

**candida: ID with lower scores, extraction helps**

- taxonomy sometimes difficult

**streptococci: good results for  $\beta$ -haemol. Streptococci**

- problems with viridans streptococci and pneumococci

**„difficult“ bacteria: Actinobaculum, Acidovorax, Pandorea**



## MALDI-TOF in diagnostics of blood cultures:

**until now: more than 50.000 isolates tested / identified:**

**10.800 enterobacteriaceae** (incl. Salmonella, Campylobacter, Yersinia)

**6.000 candida**

**5.600 staphylococci**

**3.800 anaerobic bacteria** (Bacteroides, Prevotella Clostridium)

**2.800 nonfermenters** (Pseudomonas, Acinetobacter)

**3.600 streptococci** ( $\beta$ -haemol., pneumococci, viridans)

**2.900 enterococci**

**MALDI-TOF - an option for sepsis-diagnostics?**

- comparable to molecularbiological methods?
- detection directly from blood cultures?



## diagnostic of blood cultures - usual timeline in the routine:

- collecting specimen (patient)
- transport of specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible
- incubation: **up to 7 days**



## positive :

- **gram-staining + culture**  
(immediately)
- **1. day: preparing identification and resistance determination**  
(in some cases at the same day: ID and parts of the RESI)
- **2. day final results**  
(ID + Resi)

established method but  
complex and time-consuming...

## faster methods available?



## **MALDI-TOF directly from blood cultures possible?**

- method is spreading in microbiological laboratories
- data bases became better and better ... and are growing
- fast and shure identification of microorganisms

**... initial calculated antimicrobial therapy is  
in a lot of cases earlier possible!**

### **main task:**

- disturbing proteines / molekules from the media of blood cultures  
must be eliminated !

### **actually:**

- trying to evaluate an optimized preparation method for  
diagnostics of blood cultures, Mycobacteria and yeasts  
via MALDI-TOF  
(special extraction protocol)



## **conclusion:**

**evaluation of MALDI-TOF (MS) was successful !**

**Workflow has to be planned thoroughly  
(... then a high throughput is possible)**

**Very fast method**

**(... early identification can be very helpful in choosing the antimicrobial therapy)**

**Very promising method with the potential to replace some of the biochemical methods**

**(... optimisation of preparation-/extraction-methods leads to more specific results - even for blood cultures, Mycobacteria, yeasts etc.)**

**but: Susceptibility testing with conventional systems is necessary further on**



**... according to all medical issues it is useful to act as qualified, effective and innovative PARTNERS ...**



**... working hand in hand, and ...**



## ... remembering hand disinfection!



(... the most important vehicle for microorganisms!)

# Please support your hygiene-management !

# Thanks for your attention!