



*...inspiring abilities*

## **An IIT Madras incubated startup**

*“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.” – **Christopher Reeve, the first Superman and survivor of a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed neck down for the rest of his life***

# About Us



## Vision

Inspire ability in the community through technology and create a flatter world where no one is left behind



## Mission

Democratize access to assistive and rehabilitation technologies through affordable devices



## Guiding Principles

User-centric | Meaningful | Affordable | Aesthetic



**9+**

Member strong, diverse and inclusive team. Expanding!



**30+**

Years of lived experience with disability



**1.2cr\***

secured and growing



**75+**

Years of research and engineering experience



**5+**

Value chain partners secured and multiple others under discussion



**100+**

Years of corporate experience



**4+**

Products in pipeline. 2 of them scheduled to launch by end of 2024



**50+**

Years of experience understanding assistive devices

# Real World Problem and Solution

From lived experience and conversation with peers and rehab professionals

Only 1 out of every 10 get the right rehabilitation

Rehab programs are not standardized; assessments are subjective and not tracking progress is difficult

High quality rehab tech is cost prohibitive and only available in select few hospitals

Existing therapy is boring and results in patient fatigue



# Market Potential and Target Segment (PLUTO)

- **Strong Growth Prospects:** The global hand rehabilitation market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 9%, doubling its value from USD 400 million in 2022 to over USD 800 million by 2030.
- **Technological Advancements:** Robotic-assisted devices and virtual reality-based rehabilitation systems are transforming treatment outcomes, driving demand
- **Expanding Home-Based Care:** Portable and user-friendly rehabilitation devices for home use are a key growth driver, catering to an aging population and rising chronic conditions

# Technology and Innovation and roadmap

## Device 1: Hand Neurorehabilitation Robot (PLUTO)

A gamified portable rehabilitation robot that provides assistance and resistance to train fine motor skills for persons with stroke, tetraplegia (**TRL: 8, approvals**)



## Device 2: Arm Neurorehabilitation Robot (AREBO)

A portable rehabilitation robot to train arm movement with both assistance and resistance (**TRL: 5, functional prototype**)

Jointly developed with IIT Madras and Christian Medical College, Vellore. Background IP with IITM and CMC, exclusive license to Thryv

# Competitors

Key Competitors	Overview
Tyromotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Established in 2007</li><li>• 90+ employees</li><li>• 55 distributors across 65 countries</li><li>• 5000 plus devices sold</li></ul>
Rymo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Established in 2020</li><li>• 5 employees</li><li>• Focus exclusively on therapeutic equipment</li></ul>
Biometrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Established in 1993</li><li>• Leader in sensors, instruments and software</li><li>• Used by thousands of hospitals,</li></ul>

- PLUTO Advantages**
- Portability
  - Quality
  - No need for dedicated real estate
  - High quality rehab to the doorstep

# Introductions



**Prof. Sujatha Srinivasan**  
**Leadership & Mentoring**

*IIT Madras | R2D2*

**Forte:** Research, mechanism design, movement biomechanics

**Experience:** 30 years in mechanical engineering, prosthetics, leading AT lab



**Justin Jesudas**  
**Leadership, Strategy & Execution**

*R2D2 | ex UBS | ex Cognizant*

**Forte:** Team building, product innovation

**Experience:** 20 years in research & analytics, market & business strategy



**Sashank Allu**  
**Product and Strategy**

*Purdue University | IIM Calcutta*

**Forte:** Control systems, assistive technology

**Experience:** Mechanical engineering, robotic controls



**Prof. Sivakumar Balasubramanian**  
**Research and Development**

*CMC Vellore*

**Forte:** Neurorehabilitation technologies, FES, sensorimotor assessment

**Experience:** 20 years in rehab technology



**Rejin John Varghese PhD**  
**Product Development**

*Imperial College London | Ex-Schlumberger | IIT Bombay*

**Forte:** Research, Soft & Wearable Robotics

**Experience:** Mechanical Engineering, Assistive & Rehabilitation Robotics



**Senthil Kumar**  
**Finance & Risk Management**

*Chartered Accountant | ex E&Y | ex Infosys*

**Forte:** Corporate finance, accounting

**Experience:** CFO, building startups, investment management



**Manish Anand PhD**  
**Research and Development**

*IIT Madras | Ex Purdue University*

**Forte:** Mechatronics, machine design

**Experience:** Developing technology for rehabilitation



**Ann David PhD**  
**Research and Development**

*CMC Vellore*

**Forte:** Neurorehabilitation

**Experience:** Behavioural modelling, Medical devices and technology



**Sathish Balaraman**  
**Product Development**

*R2D2 IIT Madras | CMC Vellore*

**Forte:** Integrated product development, clinical trials

**Experience:** Bioengineering, specializing in rehabilitation devices

# Board of Advisors



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# Partner: R2D2 @ IIT Madras

Thryv's Product Development is supported by the TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2)

## Commercialized Products

**Sujatha Srinivasan, PhD**  
Professor  
Department of  
Mechanical Engineering  
IIT Madras



Arise Standing  
Wheelchair



Kadam –  
Polycentric Knee



NeoBolt + NeoFly

## Facilities



- Gait & Motion Analysis Lab
- VO2 Analyzer
- UTM
- Double Drum Test
- Drop Test
- VMC

**31**  
research  
publications

**19**  
conference  
publications

**13**  
patents granted

**09**  
patents pending