

# Towards a sensible digital society

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# Outline

Introduction

Education

Research

The human factor

Valorisation



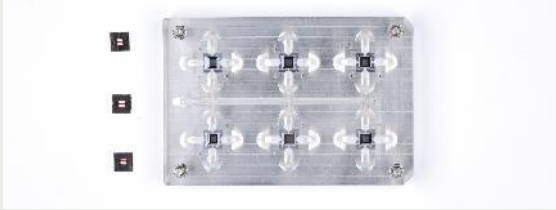
## Our Ambition



“EEMCS’s ambition is  
to give society the technology  
**to create a better world”**”



# Faculty of **Electrical Engineering, Mathematics & Computer Science**



MICRO ELECTRONICS



QUANTUM & COMPUTER  
ENGINEERING



ELECTRICAL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



APPLIED MATHEMATICS



SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY



INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

# EEMCS Facts and Figures

**48**

full professors

**130**

associate/assistant  
professors

**210**

permanent  
scientific staff

**132**

support staff

**463**

PhD students

**66**

Postdocs

**1556**

MSc students

**1729**

BSc students

**€ 65M**

annual turnover

# What's in a smartphone?

## Electrical Engineering

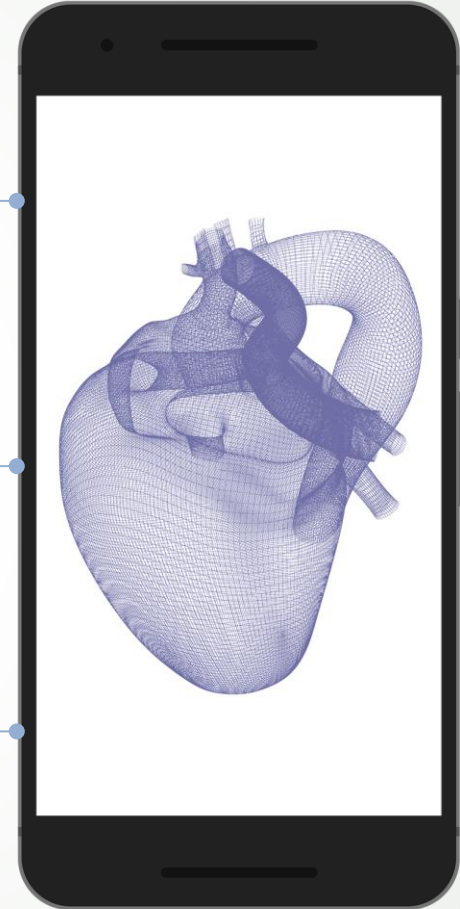
- Sensors/5G/RF transceivers/sound processing/memory/processor/GPS/NFC/signal optimization

## Computer Science

- Android/IOS/Windows/Apps/GUI/encryption /access control/augmented reality

## Mathematics

- IC design/Signal optimization/EM theory/algorithms /net work analysis/RF optimization



# How many sensors are there in your smartphone?

- A. 2
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 10

Votes: 1  Closed





# Which sensors are in a smartphone?

- Accelerometer
- Ambient Temperature
- Gravity
- Gyroscope
- Light
- Linear Acceleration
- Magnetic Field - *Creating a compass*
- Orientation - *Determining device position*
- Pressure
- Proximity

# Topics

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# Micro-Master on Solar Energy Engineering (MOOC = Massive Open Online Course)



## Energy Conversion

Apr 25 to Jul 11, 2017

**250** paid

31500 registered



## Technology

Sep 5 to Nov 21, 2017

**135** paid

14500 registered



## Systems

Nov 28, 2017 to Feb 20, 2018

**94** paid

13000 registered



## Photovoltaics in Microgrids

Feb 20 to May 8, 2018

**61** paid

10000 registered



## Capstone project

Jun – Jul 2018

**0** paid

21 registered

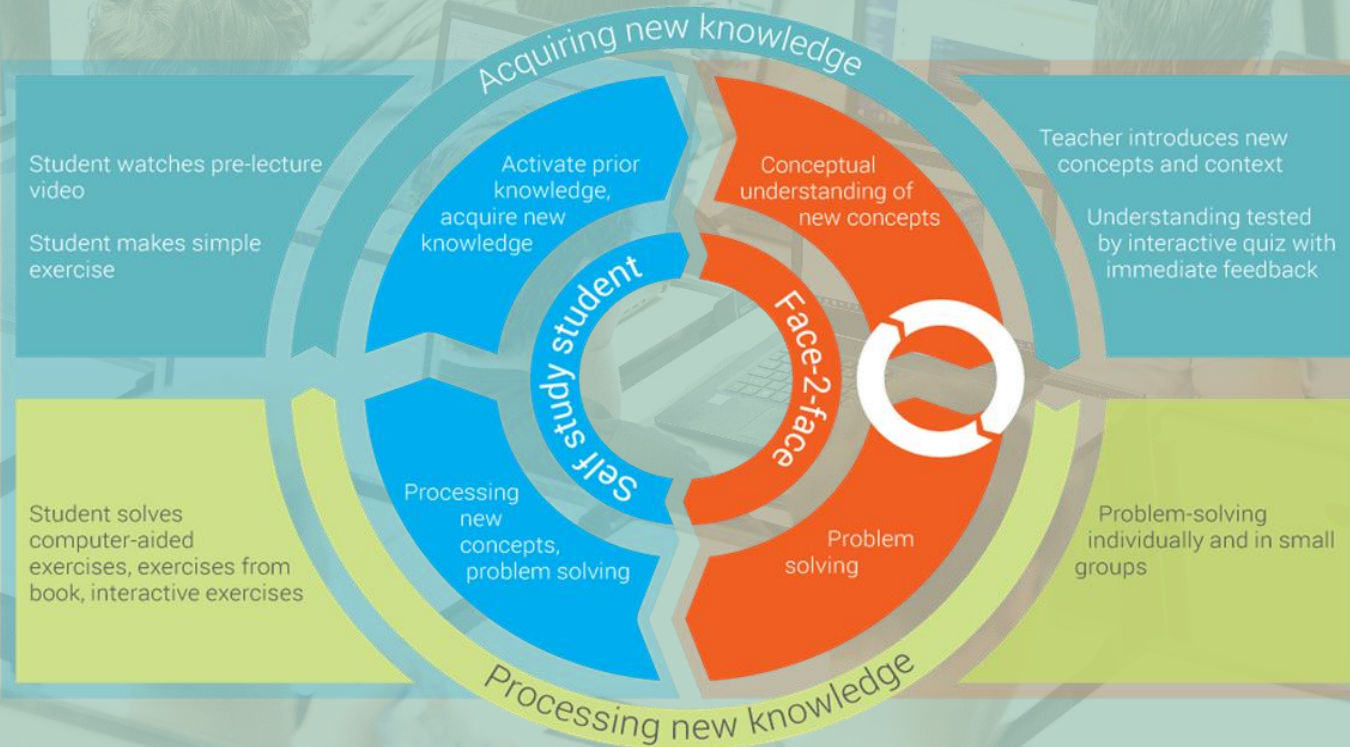
# Project Innovation Mathematics Education (PRIME)

Activate students

Transfer maths to engineering

Mathematical modelling

# Prepare, Participate, Practice



# Digital Skills

Important for various fields and jobs.  
Proper data analysis is the ethical responsibility.  
Learning how to write code.

Modules to choose from:

1. Basic Python
2. Data structures
3. Software design
4. Hardware
5. Data science

# Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Report: TU Delft Engineering Teaching is in the Top 5 of the World!

## Box 27: Blended learning approach to mathematics teaching in Years 1 and 2

Mathematics education is a mandatory element of the bachelor programs at TU Delft, the Applied Mathematics department to all first- and second-year students. Each mathematics course – such as calculus, linear algebra and statistics – is tailored to the particular disciplinary focus of each bachelor program. Nonetheless, the model was recognized for its problems, including low student engagement and the difficulties of delivering effective education to large numbers of students through a traditional lectured-based approach.

In response, TU Delft launched a major initiative in 2014 to transition its mathematics blended learning approach, starting with a pilot in Civil Engineering. The new courses developed in partnership with learning developers at the TU Delft Extension School at training of all 25 mathematics teachers in the Applied Mathematics department. Using a flipped classroom approach, students watch an introductory video and complete exercises or assignments at home, work in groups on discipline-specific exercises during class, and then take online homework after class. Course components are tailored to the students' discipline of study and regular feedback is provided, both online and in-class. Active learning and student engagement is further supported using interactive concept maps, designed to guide students through mathematical concept and reinforce the relationships between them. To date, the new blended learning approach has been rolled out across four of the eight Faculties at TU Delft.

## Box 26: Solar Energy MOOC

Launched in 2013, the *Solar Energy* MOOC<sup>96</sup> was among the first to be developed at TU Delft. Bringing together 6–10 minute videos with custom animations, exercises, assignments and exams, this eight-week course guides students through the design of a photovoltaic system.

In its first year alone, the MOOC attracted 57,000 enrollments; total enrollments to date have exceeded 160,000. The MOOC is particularly noted for the levels of active peer-to-peer interaction and learning that it has facilitated between students, as well as the student-generated content and information. Indeed, in the first year alone, feedback from the MOOC's registered learners was used to generate the world's largest database of images of regional solar energy systems.

Drawing on both the experience and the materials developed through this MOOC, the TU Delft on-campus master elective in *Solar Energy* was transformed to a flipped classroom model. Launched in September 2014, the course was designed to run concurrently with the MOOC. Students were asked to follow the MOOC's lectures online, with classroom time devoted to exercises and discussion. Using this approach, the instructor was able to cover 30% more material in the course than had previously been possible. The new pedagogy also yielded significant improvements in students' exam performance. In the four years between 2010–2013, the pass rate for the on-campus *Solar Energy* elective had fluctuated between 67% and 72%; following the introduction of the flipped classroom approach in 2014, pass rates increased to 89%.



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MATHEMATICS

# Project **REPRO**

Looking for the optimal emergency vehicle distribution to save lives

Goal: within 15 min at scene in 95%



# How

- How to handle peak demands?
- How many ambulance base stations are needed and in which locations?
- How many ambulance teams do we need in base station and when?
- How to realize a maximum coverage by a smart dynamic and proactive real-time repositioning of the ambulances?



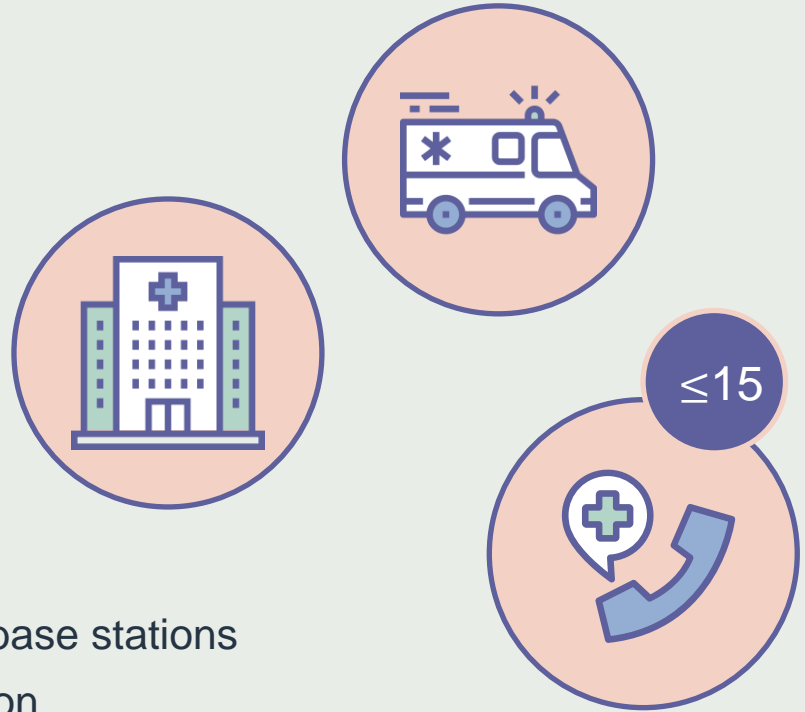
# Location model

## Input

- Demand locations with demand
- Potential base stations
- Driving time between all locations
- Number of available ambulances
- Busy fraction of the ambulances

## Model

- Determines location of base stations
- Determines number of ambulances for each base stations
- Maximizes the expected coverage of the region



# Location model

- Maximize expected coverage
- Determine number of ambulances available within 15 minutes
- Limit total number of ambulances

$$\text{Max} \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{k=1}^p d_i (1-q) q^{k-1} y_{ik}$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_i} x_j \geq \sum_{k=1}^p y_{ik}, \forall i \in I$$

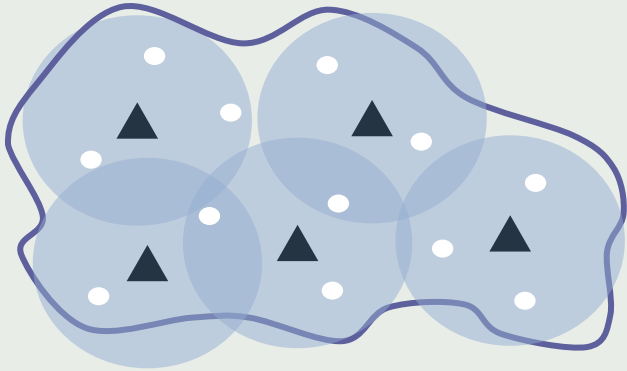
$$\sum_{j \in J} x_j \leq p$$

$$x_j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall j \in J$$

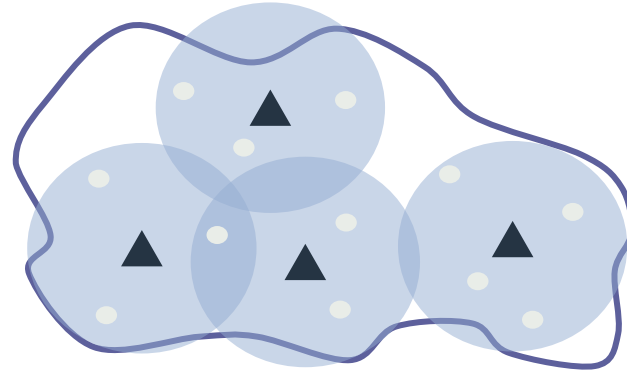
$$y_{ik} \in \{0,1\}, \forall i \in I, k = 1, \dots, p$$



# Ambulance planning

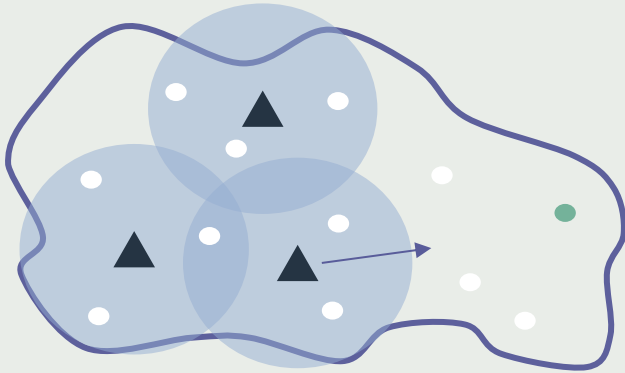


- 12 locations within 15 min with **5** base stations

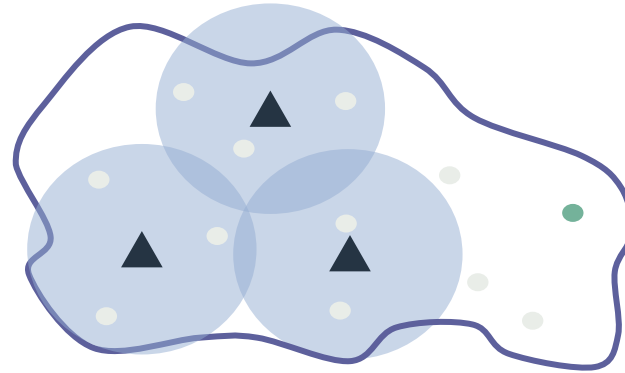


- All 12 locations within 15 min with only **4** base stations

# Ambulance planning



- Dynamic Maximum Expected Coverage Location Problem (D-MEXCLP)-algorithm



- With this algorithm the time to arrival can be reduced with 15-20% in the province of Utrecht



# Which section worked on the ambulance case?

- A. Analysis
- B. Mathematical Physics
- C. Numerical Mathematics
- D. Optimization
- E. Statistics

Votes: 1  Closed



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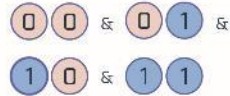
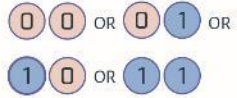
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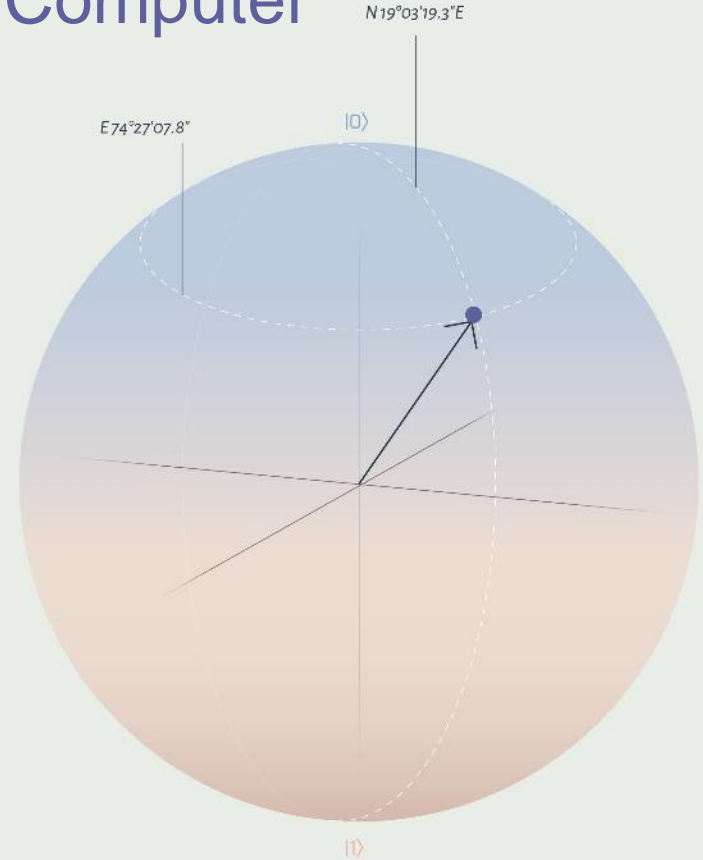
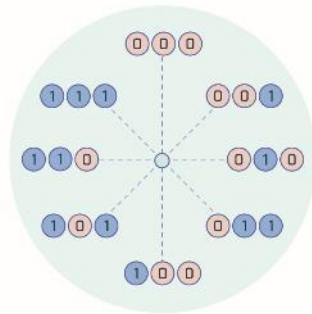
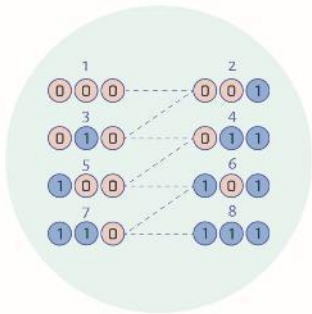
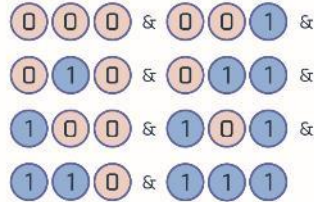
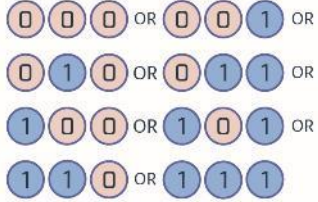
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# Building Blocks of the Quantum Computer

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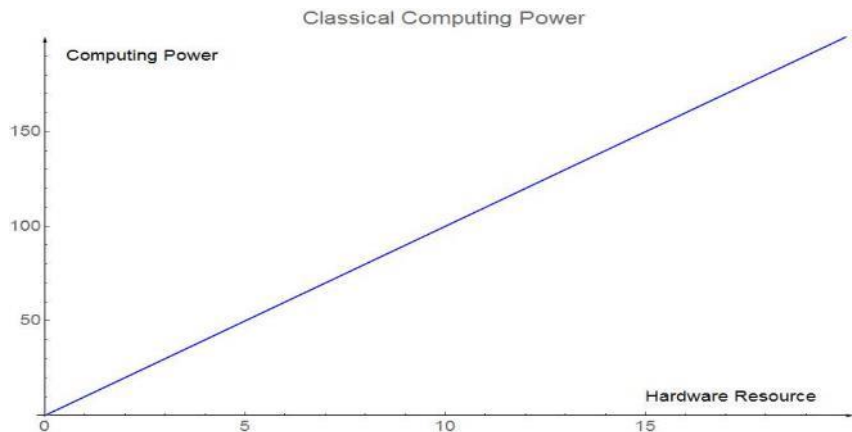


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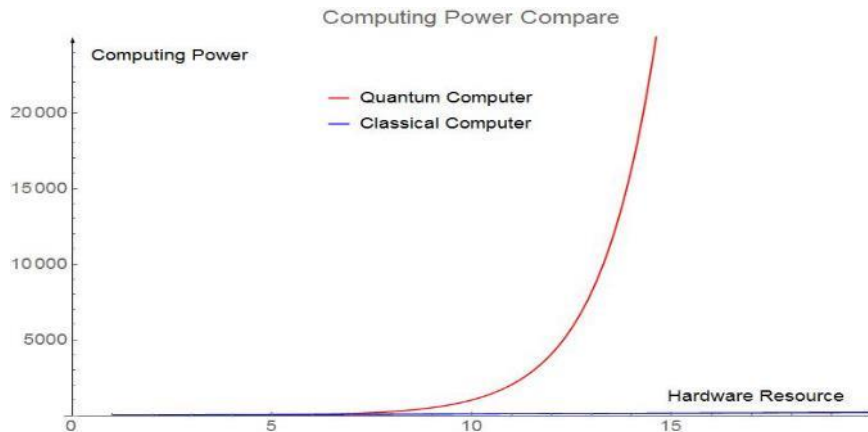
# Classical vs. Quantum Computing

## Classical Computer



Linear speedup

## Quantum Computer



Exponential speedup

**Doubling the computation power: adding only one qubit!**

# The power of quantum computers

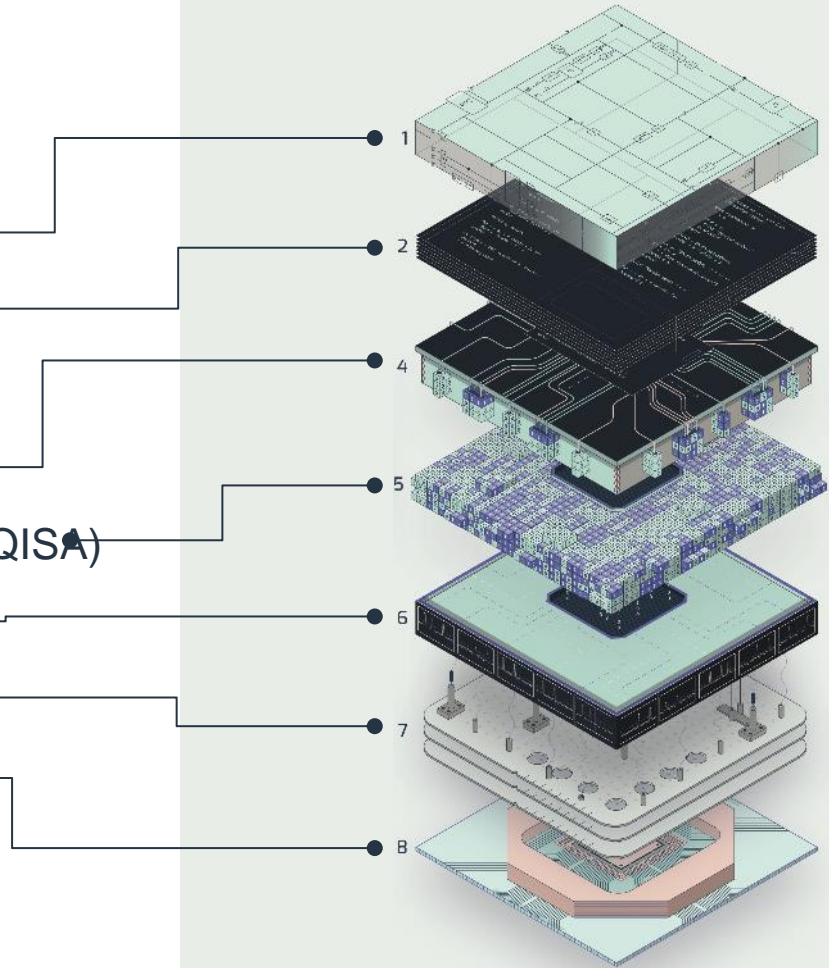
Problem: factoring 2048 bit number (2x3x5x7x11x13x.....)

- **100 Years**
- **105 Trillion €**
- **107 TWatts**
- **Consume all earth's energy in 1 month**

**A quantum  
computer  
would need  
26 hours**

# Quantum system stack

1. Quantum algorithms
2. Quantum programming language
3. Quantum error correction (QEC)
4. Compiler
5. Quantum instruction set architecture (QISA)
6. Microarchitecture
7. Quantum to classical interface
8. Quantum processor



# The power of quantum computers

## Applications for Quantum Computing



En/Decryption



Green aircraft: Predict airflow over a wing  
Diagnose DNA sequence



Big data



Optimization



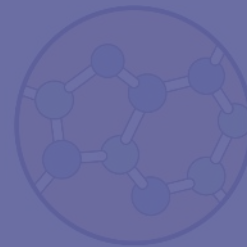
Catalyst analysis



Protein folding



New medicine



Molecule simulation

Secure communication technology

Flood predictions

# Which statement about classical computers and quantum computers is true?

- A. Quantum computers will overtake all classical computers
- B. Soon the quantum computer will be in every smartphone
- C. Quantum computers work with qubits and classical computers with bits
- D. The fact that both bits and qubits can be green and blue at the same time

Votes: 1  Closed

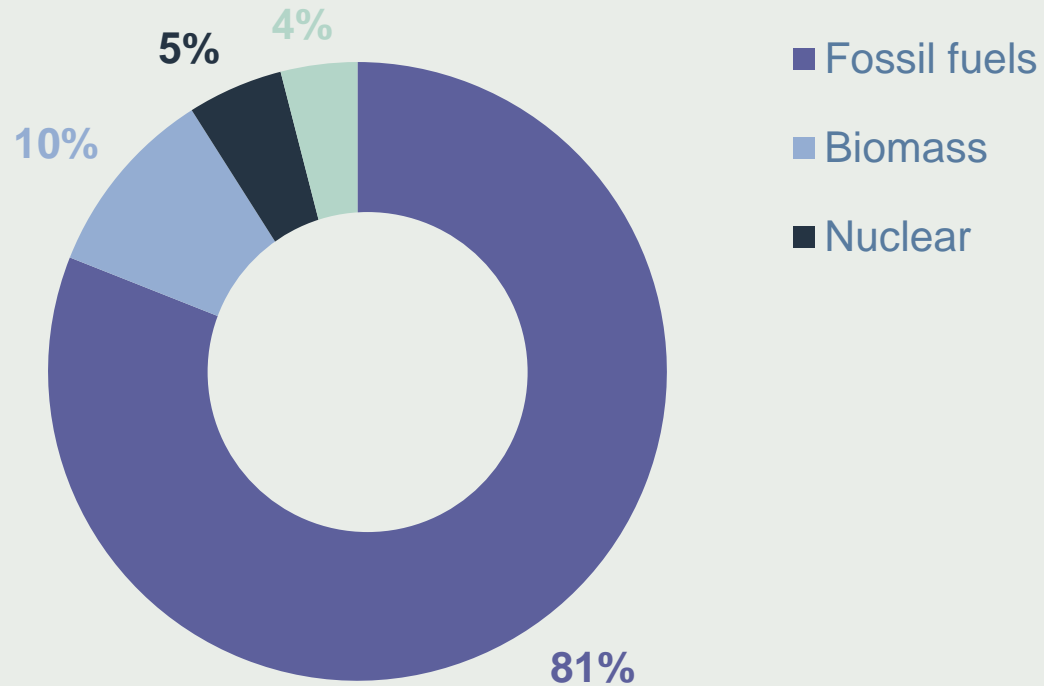


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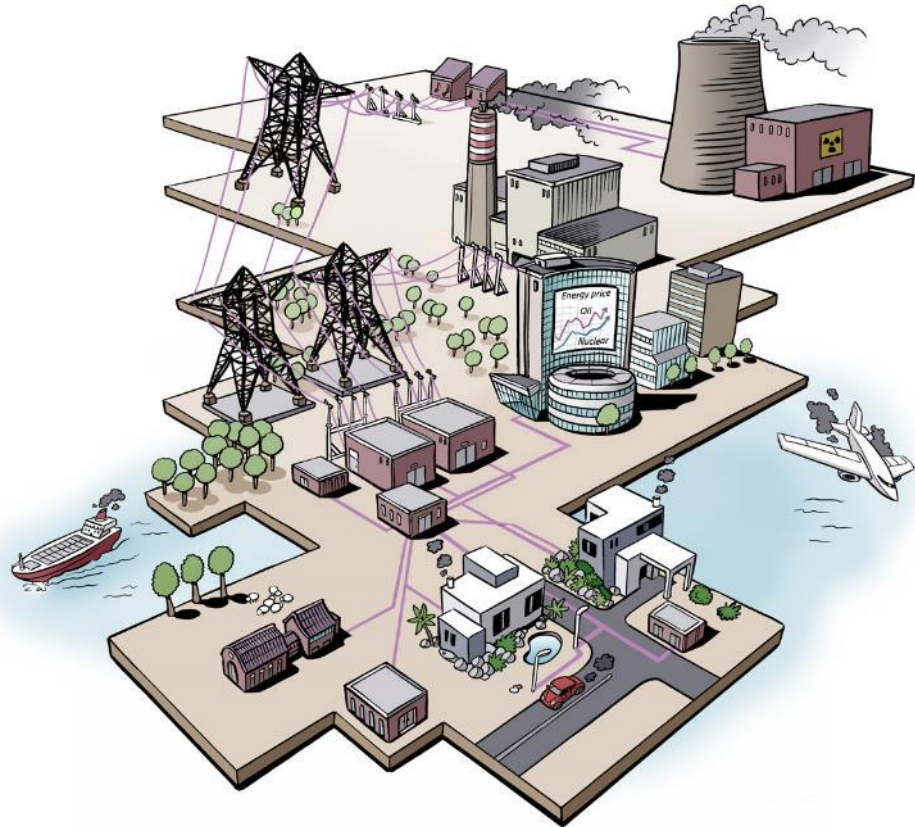
**ENERGY TRANSITION**

# Primary energy consumption in 2015



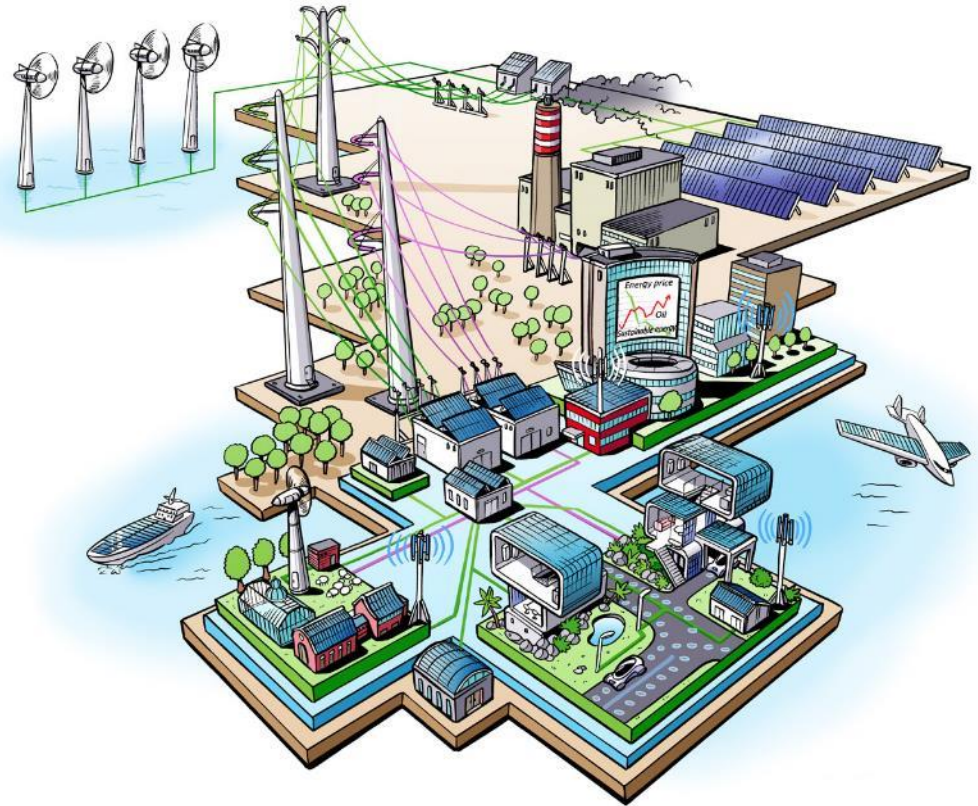
# Energy transition in the power sector

- Central generation
- Supply follows demand
- One-directional flow



# Energy transition in the power sector

- Central and distributed generation
- Intermittent supply
- Demand follows supply
- Bi-directional flow
- DC transmission and systems



# Energy Initiative-related leading programs

**DUWIND**

Wind energy

**PowerWeb**

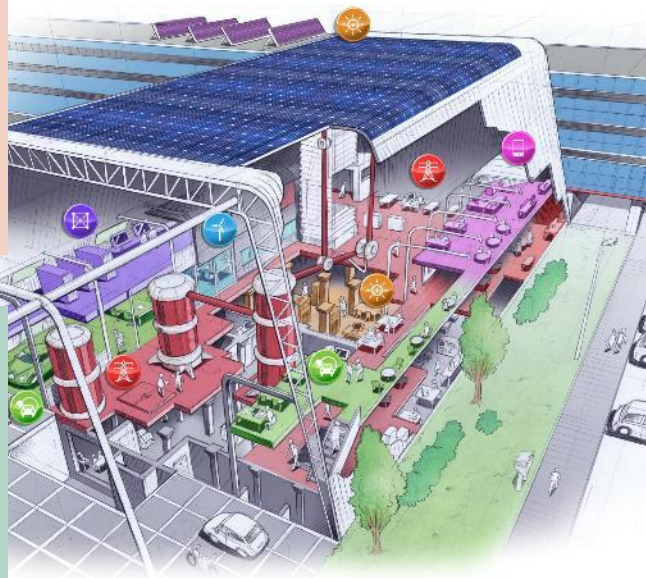
Smart grid

**Urban Energy**

Smart cities

**E-refinery**

From electrons to molecules



ESP Lab: System integration

# Electrical Sustainable Power Lab



## Microgrid

Local e-generation,  
E-vehicles, Storage  
House appliances



## Digitalization

Data centre, IT,  
Super computers,  
Security



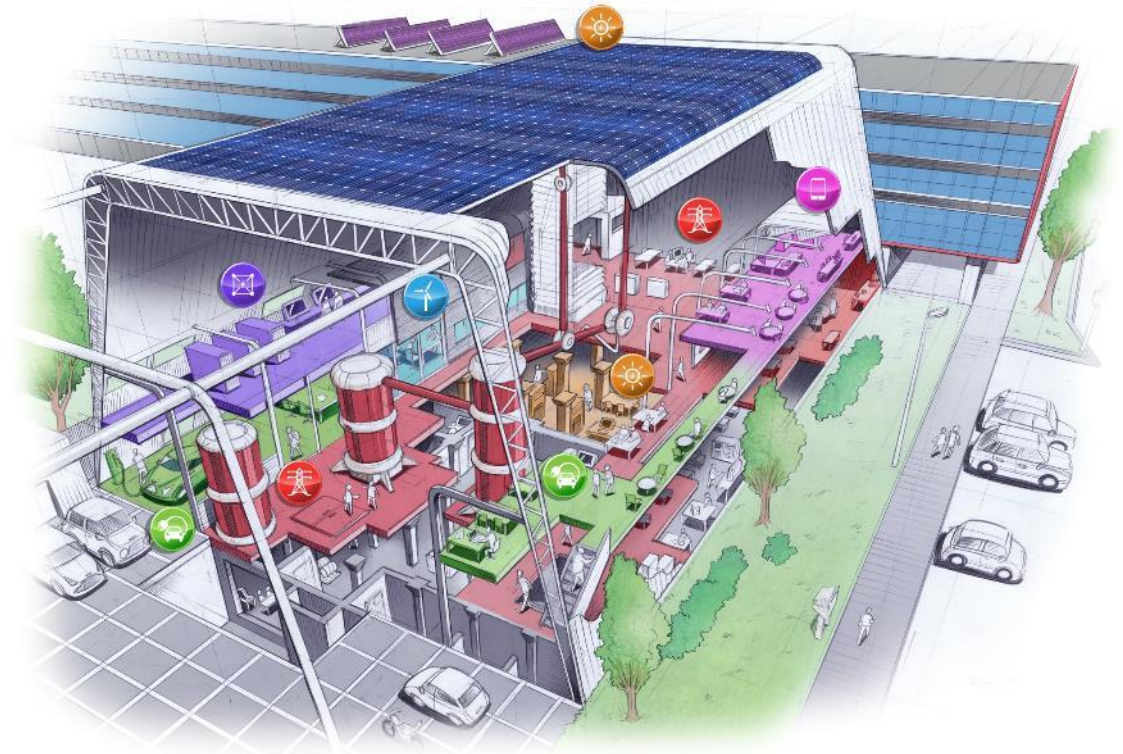
## E-generation

Photovoltaics  
Wind energy



## System grid

HV components  
Assets, Diagnostics



How many times larger is the energy received from the sun than the global energy demands?

- A. 9
- B. 90
- C. 900
- D. 9000

Votes: 1  Closed



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**MICROELECTRONICS**



# Organ-on-Chip Technology: The Revolution in Health Care

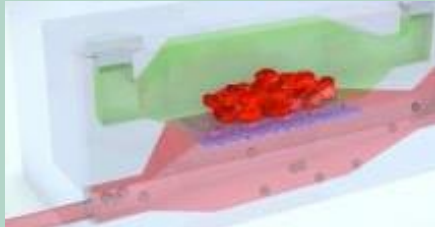


## The Problem

- Too many ineffective medicines and high cost
- Medicine side effects: a significant cause of death

## Why?

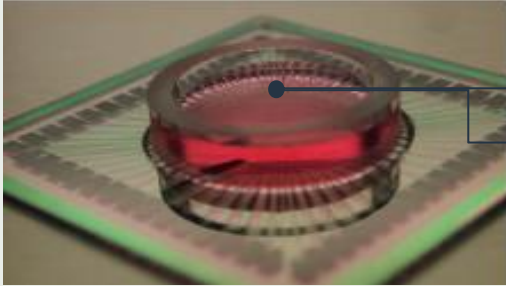
- Limited understanding in disease processes in humans
- Limited prediction in a patient's response to a medicine
- Animal models; not good/optimal for humans



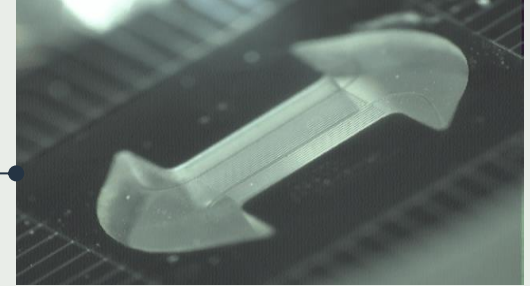
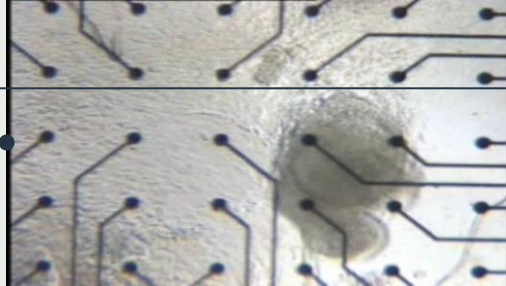
## The Solution: Organ-on-Chip Technology

# Heart-on-a-Chip: proof of concept

Chip



Human heart cells

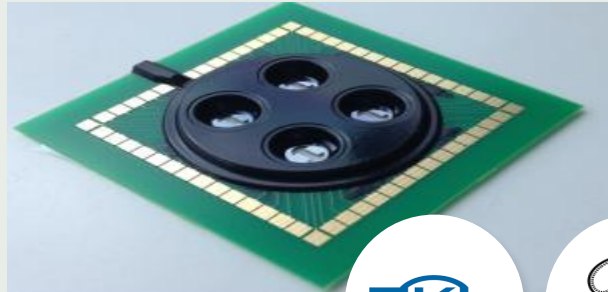


# Wat is Organ-on-Chip

- Create the smallest functional modules of healthy or diseased tissues using microfluidics, microelectronics and microfabrication

## Cells

- Combination of cell culture and a micro-fabricated chip that replicates the minimal functional unit of an organ



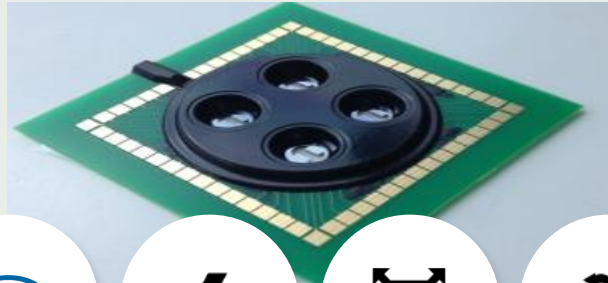
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## Stimulation

- The chip replicates the dynamic conditions of the body

Cells



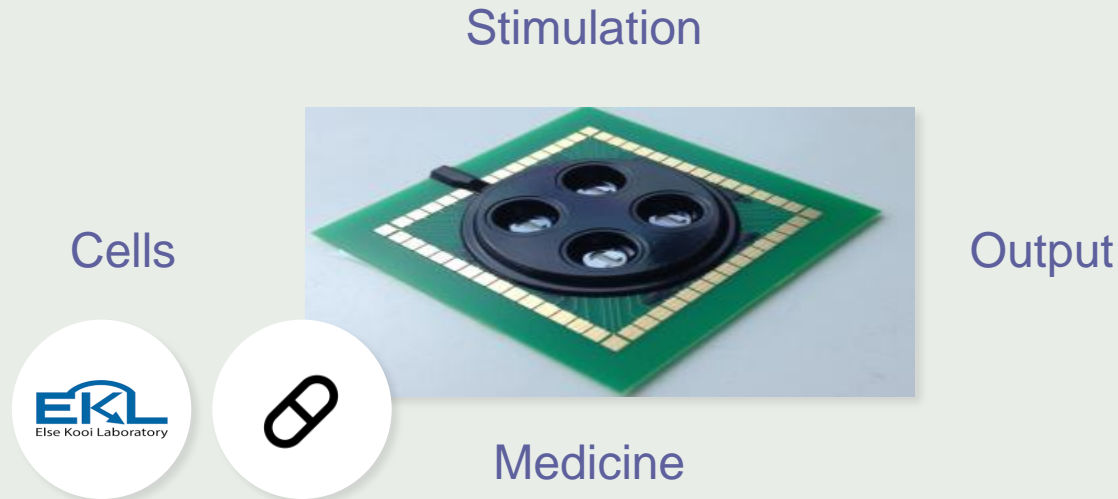
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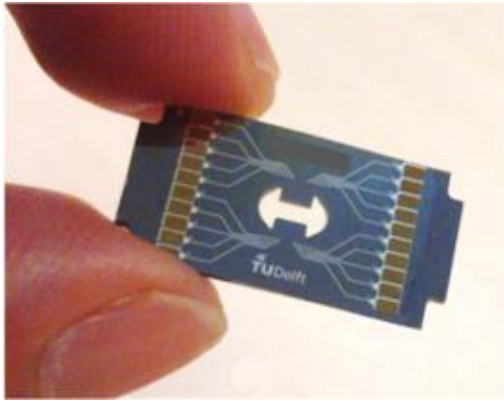
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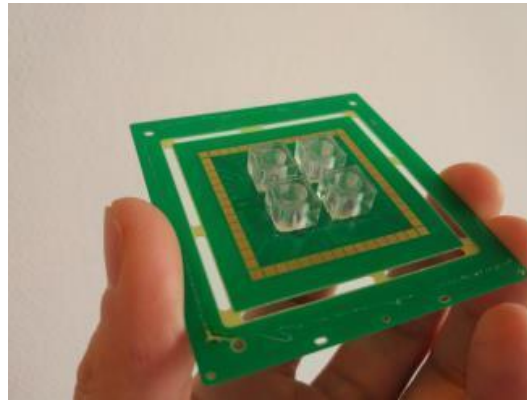


- The system provide a predictive model to test medicine

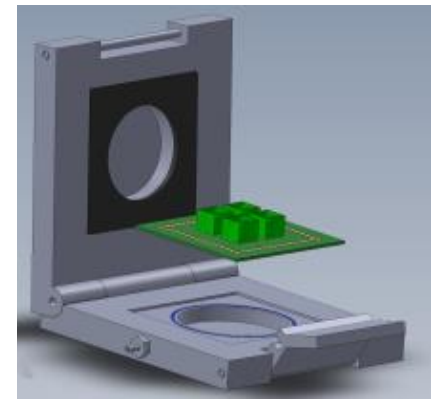
# From chip to system



Chip



Integration



Read out

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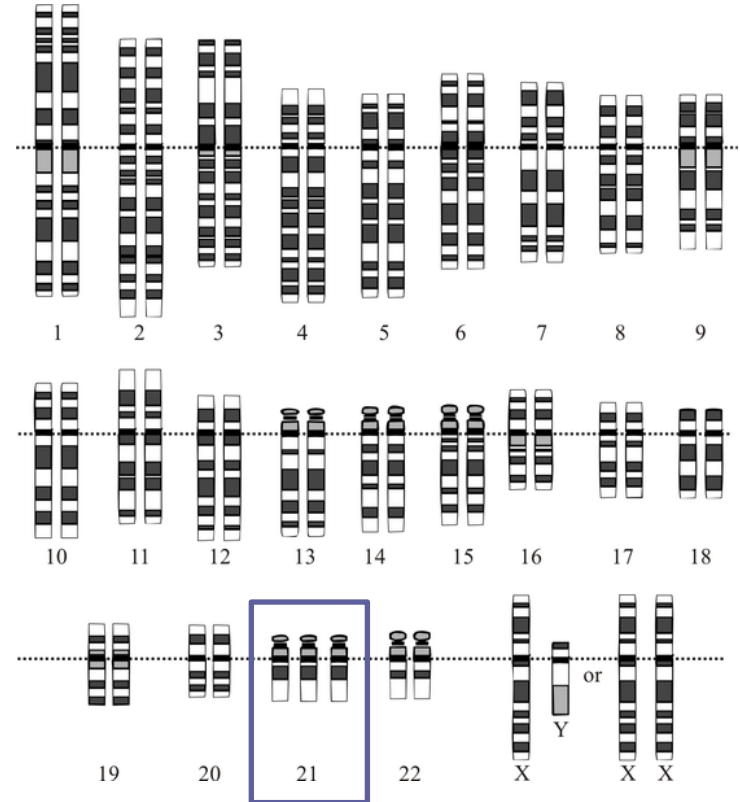
**NIPT TEST**

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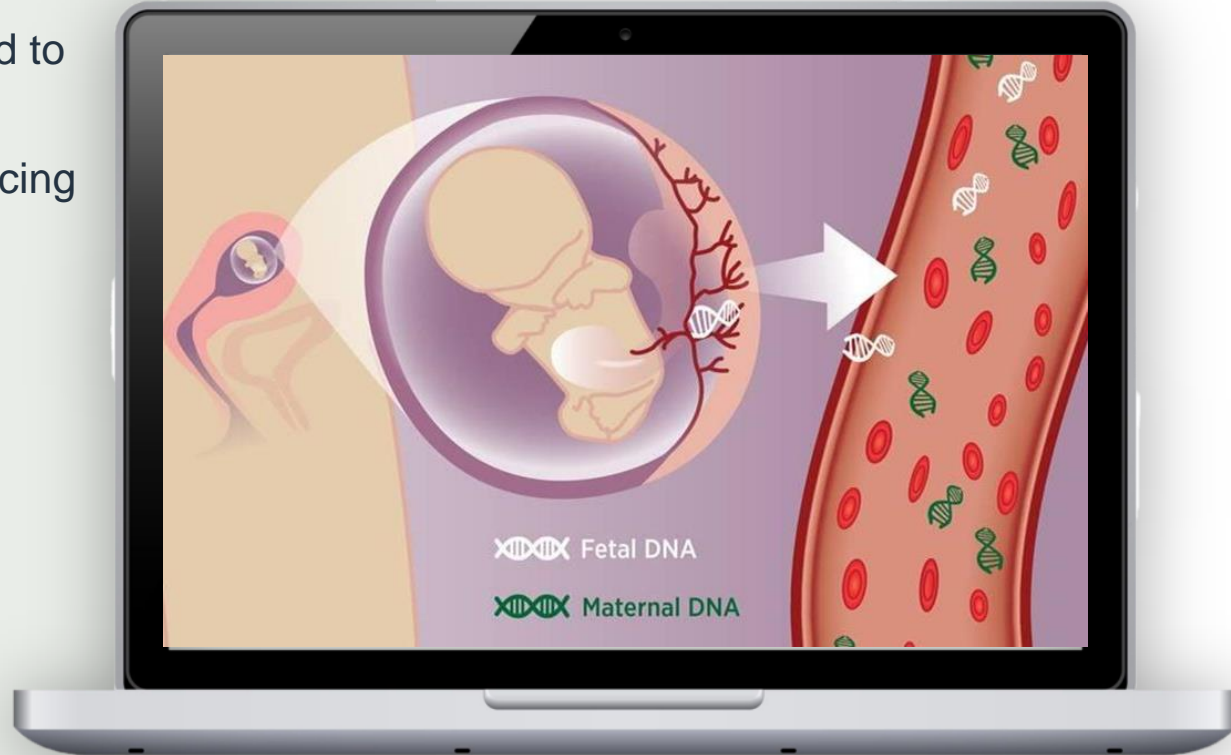
# Non-Invasive Pregnancy Test (NIPT)

- Women over 36 years who have increased risk of a baby with Down syndrome
- Testing was invasive with a needle to sample small amount of tissue from the placenta
- This comes with a 1% chance of miscarriage



# Non-Invasive Pregnancy Test

- External reference is needed to detect abnormalities
- High coverage DNA sequencing required
- Making it an expensive test



# Non-Invasive Pregnancy Test

- TUD contribution leads to low cost test because of
  - Within sample comparison: no requirement to re-run healthy references!!
  - Affordable low coverage Next Generation Sequencing
- NIPT can detect Down syndrome and other genome deviations
- Test done on plasma from maternal blood: no risk of miscarriage
- Used in most Dutch medical centers

## **WISECONDOR: detection of fetal aberrations from shallow sequencing maternal plasma based on a within-sample comparison scheme**

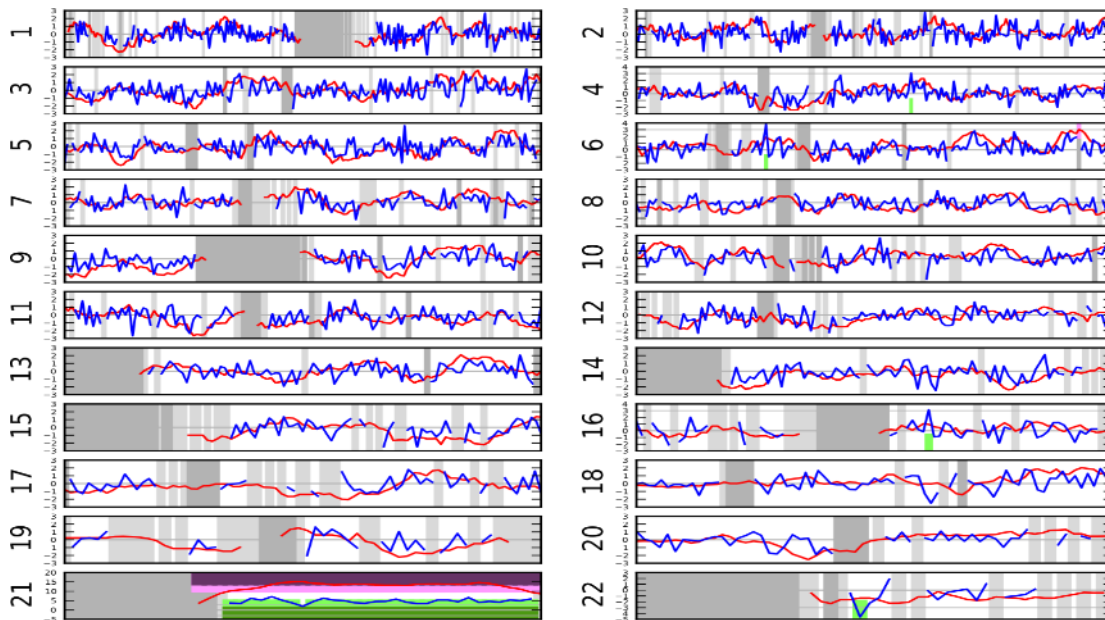
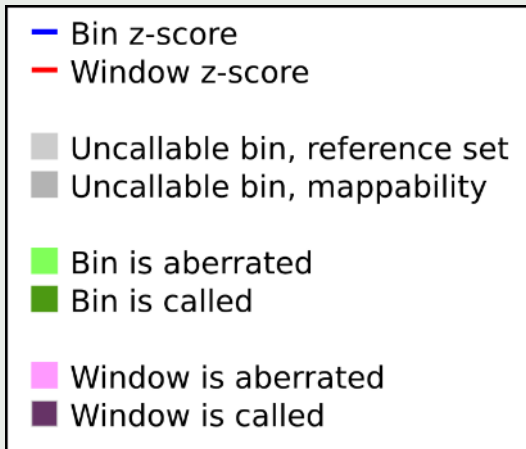
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# Results

## Non-Invasive Pregnancy Test



# Which of the three was leading this effort?

- A. Electrical Engineering
- B. Mathematics
- C. Computer Science

Votes: 1  Closed



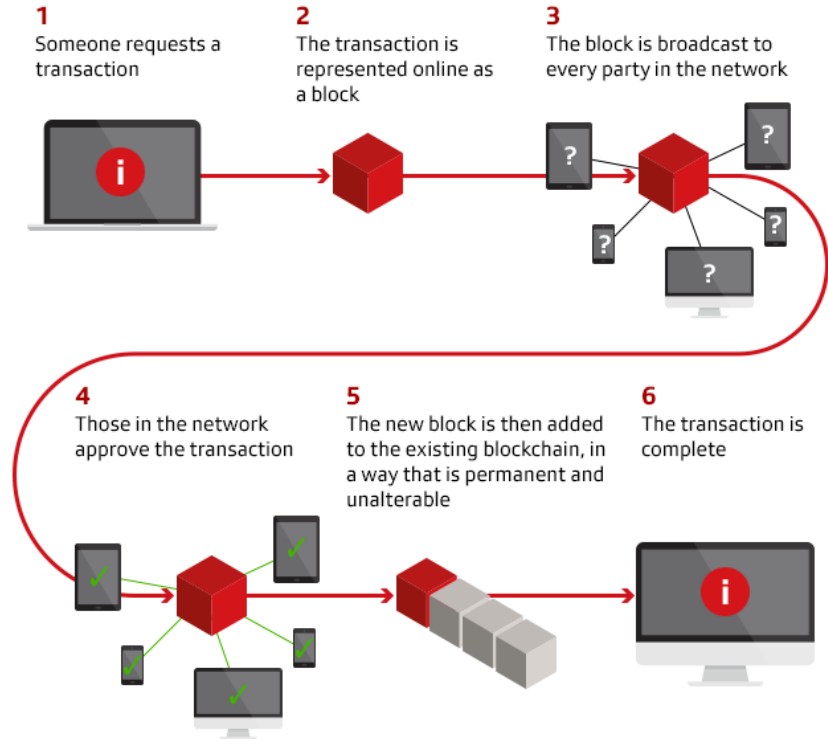
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**BLOCKCHAIN**

# How does blockchain work?

- Create trust through software  
→ Secure
- Unalterable copies of the blocks:  
Mathematical protection (hashing)
- Distributed  
→ No single point of failure
- No third party involvement  
→ Reduce costs and transaction time

## How a blockchain works



Source: Financial Times, PwC United States

# Delft Blockchain Lab

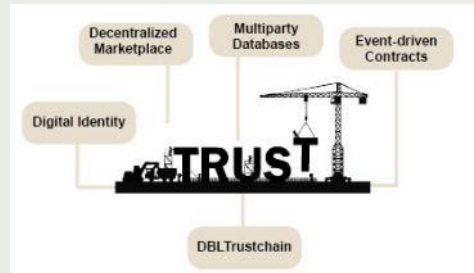
## Digitizing trust for society and the economy

### Largest academic blockchain lab in EU

- 70 master students / year – 8 professors

#### Key achievements:

- Trustchain - draft IETF Internet Standard
- Prototype blockchain-based digital identity



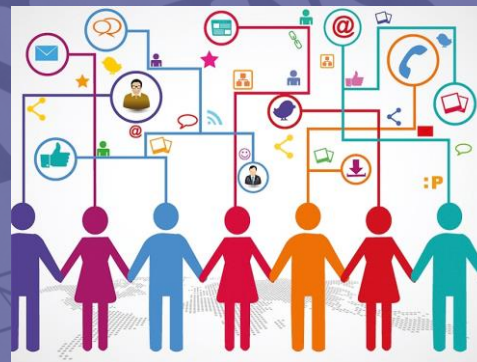


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PASPOORT



# Digital ID based on trustchain technology



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Digital Single Market

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## TU Delft helps develop digital ID for use on your phone

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## Utrecht en Eindhoven gaan digitale identiteitskaart testen

Geschreven op 08 juni 2018. Gepost in [ID-Plicht - Paspoort](#)

De Nederlandse overheid gaat in de gemeenten Utrecht en Eindhoven voor het eerst een digitaal alternatief voor de identiteitskaart testen die volledig vanaf de smartphone te gebruiken is. Een groep proefpersonen krijgt dan een identiteitsapp die alleen te openen is met biometrische gegevens, zoals een gezichts- of vingerafdrukscan.

Eenmaal geopend toont de app een foto van de gebruiker en een QR-code. Die kan worden gescand door de persoon die de identiteit van de gebruiker wil weten. Wie de app scant, krijgt niet de volledige persoonsinformatie te zien, alleen relevante informatie wordt getoond. In een slijterij ziet een werknemer na een scan bijvoorbeeld alleen of de klant meerderjarig of niet is. In een hotel kan de gebruiker met de app bewijzen dat hij is wie hij zegt dat hij is, zonder onnodige persoonlijke details te delen.

De echtheid van de digitale identiteitskaart wordt gecontroleerd aan de hand van een blockchaintechnologie van de [TU Delft](#), de zogenoemde Trustchain. Als de test succesvol is, ziet de TU Delft mogelijkheden om met de app zowel offline als online de identiteit aan te tonen.

Alles bij de bron; [NU](#)

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# Ethical dilemma examples of autonomous systems

- Autonomous vehicles will be faced with decisions that will result in fatalities
- Can an algorithm replace a recruiter?
- Google Images search for “C.E.O.” produced 11 percent women, even though 27 percent of United States chief executives are women

# Recommender systems: hazards

## Over-personalization (“Algorithmic bias”)

intellectual isolation (filter bubble)

confirmation bias

frictionless information sharing (social media)

groups around same opinions (echo chambers)

tunnel vision

Intellectual segregation



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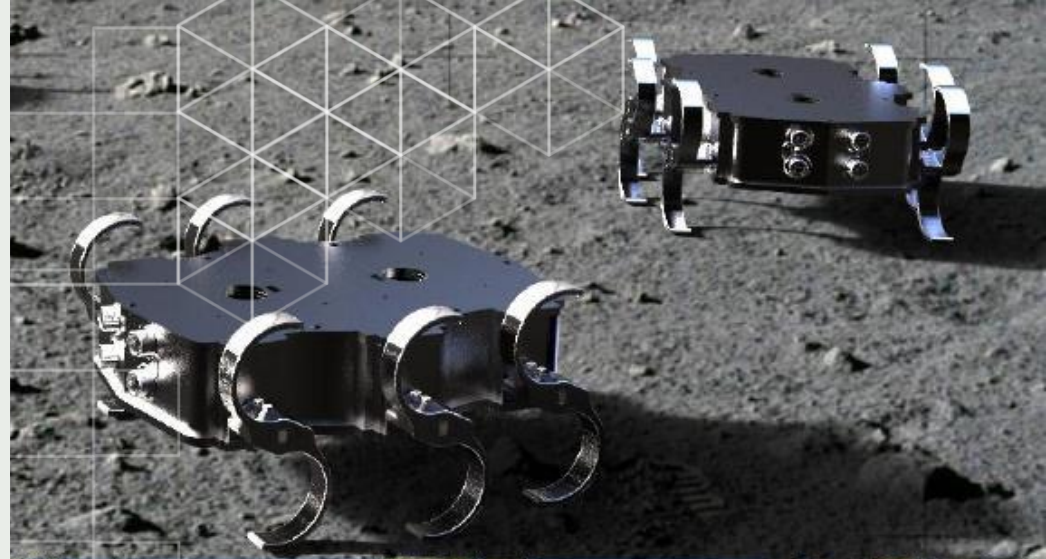
# Autonomous Intelligent Technology (AiTech)

- Executive Board of the TUD has formed a taskforce to develop a program in which designing and engineering autonomous technology is done with a focus on human responsibility and the need of meaningful control
  - Create awareness and ownership of responsible computing-based engineering and design
  - Transparency, confidentiality, fairness, explainability, and trustworthiness
  - Develop definitions and (quantifiable) criteria for algorithm and system properties as well as for the overall concept of ‘meaningful human control
  - Design and engineer concrete autonomous systems that are under meaningful human control.
- Joint forces of 4 faculties: EEMCS, Industrial Design Engineering, Mechanical, Materials and Maritime engineering and Technology, Policies and Management

# Swarm Robot

Joint effort: 3ME, AE, IDE, EEMCS

 TU Delft Robotics Institute







# Swarm Robots: The Ideal platform

- To show power of EEMCS expertise:
  - AI, RF, Communication, Sensors, Signal processing, Optimization, Power electronics, Self deploying sensor networks etc.
- To test at low cost use cases:
  - Find people in earthquake situations
  - Find explosives/chemicals/gas leaks in dangerous situations
  - Intruder detection (perimeter defence)
  - Waste collection



# Concluding slides



## Our Ambition

**“EEMCS’s ambition is to give society the technology to create a better world”**

- For this to happen we do research in all of the three EEMCS disciplines: electrical engineering, computer science and mathematics and create useful knowledge
- Often a combination these three disciplines is needed to come to powerful solutions
- We will need skilled and responsible engineers to realize these solutions
- We must not forget about the human factor

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