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Green ICT  
Medische toepassingen  
Wireless body area networks  
Performantie van draadloze netwerken  
Blootstelling aan elektromagnetische velden  
Communicatie en propagatie voor draadloze netwerken

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Low  
exposure

Energy  
efficient

Maximum  
coverage



# Green ICT

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# **Accounting for Energy Cost when Designing Energy-Efficient Wireless Access Networks**

*Promotor*

Prof Luc Martens, Prof Wout Joseph

*Supervisor*

Margot Deruyck

## ■ Context

- In literature: lot of effort to develop energy-efficient networks
- However: for companies, the energy cost is the most appropriate parameter
- How can we take into account energy cost as a parameter during the network design process?
  - ◆ And still develop an energy-efficient network?





## ■ Aim

- Develop an algorithm for the design of an energy-efficient network by taking into account energy cost as extra parameter
- Evaluate influence on the network, (renewable) energy provisioning system, and battery system

## ■ Method

1. Literature study
  - Design of energy-efficient wireless access networks
  - Identify prediction models for energy cost and energy production
2. Implementation of an algorithm
  - In Java, tool available in research group
3. Evaluation/comparison of different scenarios
  - Proofing your algorithm works
  - Recommendations for practical implementation



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# **Designing Heterogeneous Green Wireless Access Networks**

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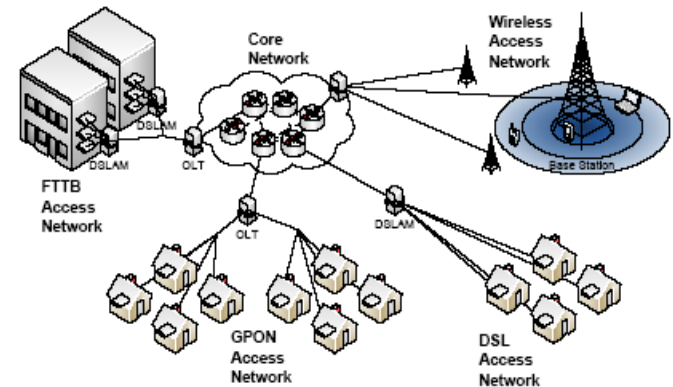
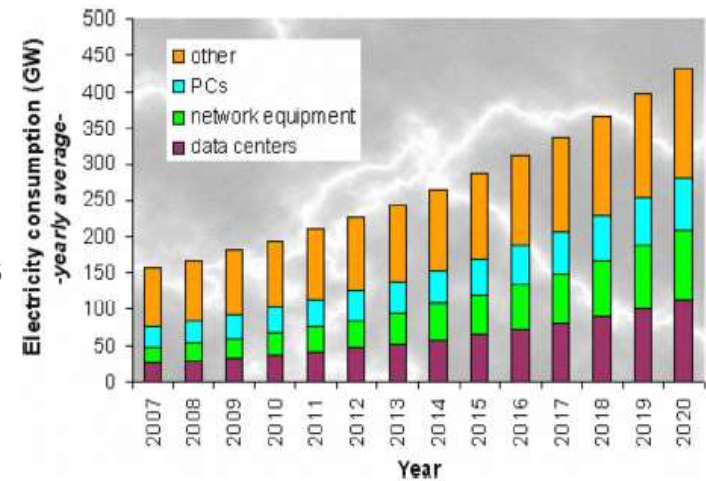
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## ■ Context

- ICT: 4% of worldwide energy consumption
  - ◆ Expected to double in the next 10 to 15 years
- Wireless access networks are large consumers
- Important to quantify the power consumption of the different elements in the network
- Also human exposure becomes more and more important
- We developed a deployment tool for future green wireless access networks
  - ◆ Disadvantage: only one wireless technology is considered

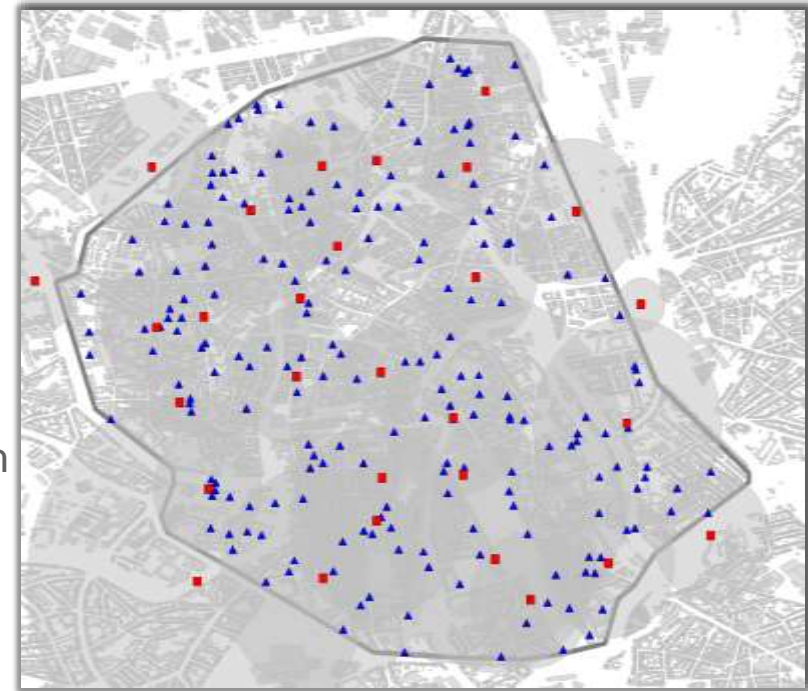


## ■ Aim

- Support for heterogeneous networks
  - ◆ Multiple wireless technologies at the same time

## ■ Method

1. Literature study
  - ◆ Design of energy-efficient wireless access networks
  - ◆ Power consumption of the different base station types and technologies
  - ◆ Evaluation of the human exposure
2. Implementation of an algorithm
  - ◆ In Java, tool available in research group
  - ◆ Design of an energy-efficient network with low human exposure by choosing the right base station type and technology at each location
3. Evaluation/comparison of different scenarios
  - ◆ Proofing your algorithm works
  - ◆ Recommendations for practical implementation



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# Designing and visualizing green wireless access networks based on Google Maps

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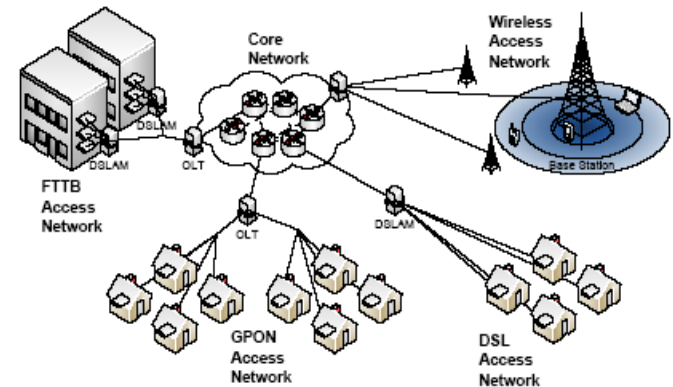
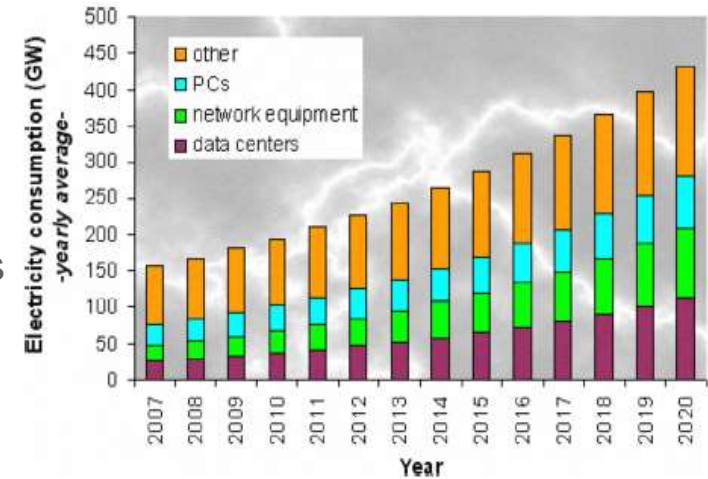
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  - ◆ Disadvantage: only compatible with shape files



## ■ Aim

- Supporting Google Maps as well
- Visualizing the network performance

## ■ Method

- Based on the simulation tool (in Java) developed in our research group
- Input based on Google Maps
  - ◆ Indicating the area to cover
  - ◆ Extract all the needed information about the area
  - ◆ Provide compatibility with the tool
  - ◆ Design of an appropriate GUI
- Output: visualize the network in Google Maps
  - ◆ Visualize the performance
    - Bit rate, coverage, signal strength, health map exposure, etc.



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Master Thesis 2016 - 2017

# Green Factory: Optimization of Industrial Electricity Consumption Cost by Production Scheduling

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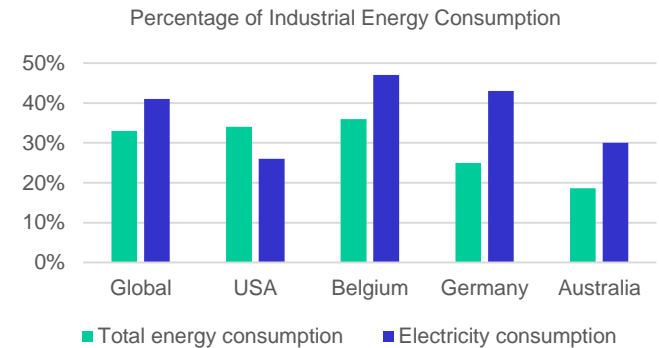
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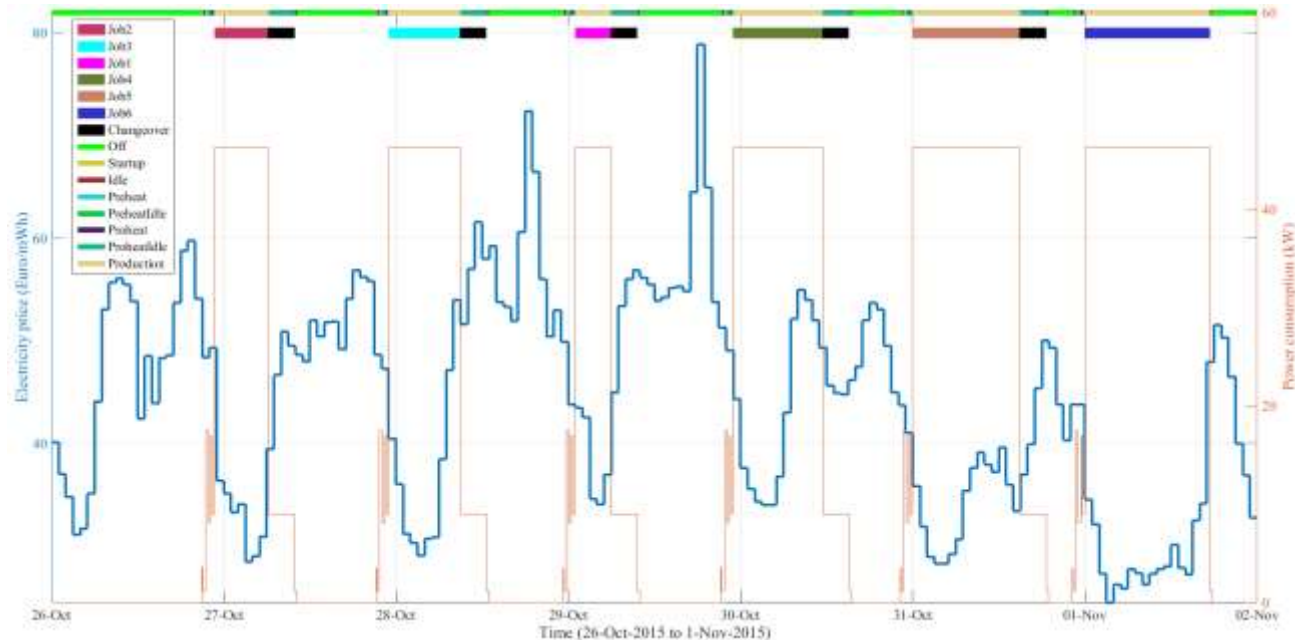
## ■ Background

- The global industry leads to very high energy consumption
- Expenditure on energy consumption is becoming no longer negligible for industrial enterprises
- Volatile electricity price over time
- Higher greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during peak hours of electricity demand
- The production activities on industrial machines/lines are usually scheduled in advance either manually or automatically, which provides high potential to control and minimize the industrial energy consumption by using computer-based intelligence



## ■ Purpose

- To create advanced algorithms for automatically scheduling production activities, which take the volatile electricity price into consideration
- These algorithms are loadable into an internal memory of one or several digital computers, and executable for intelligently recommending an optimal production schedule
- Multiple optimization objectives: energy cost minimization, total weighted tardiness/earliness minimization, makespan minimization, GHG emissions minimization, etc.
- Main parts of the thesis: (1) Literature review, (2) problem formulation, (3) optimization and implementation, (4) numerical validation and analysis



## ■ Methods

- **Literature review:** optimization metaheuristics, energy-conscious production scheduling
- **Problem formulation:** mixed-integer programming (MIP), a model proposed
- **Optimization and implementation:** coding of the MIP model and the optimization metaheuristic, preferably in Java
- **Numerical validation and analysis:** various numerical experiments to test the correctness of the implementation, and further to assess the performance of the proposed energy-conscious production scheduling method to reduce energy cost (and/or GHG emissions)
- **Bonus:** (1) performance benchmark between the proposed energy-conscious production scheduling method and the ones at WAVES, (2) joint publication for conferences and/or journals

A person is holding a tablet that displays a smart thermostat interface. The interface shows a temperature of 23.6°C and several modes: 'ECO MODE' (highlighted in green), 'NORMAL', and 'OFF'. The background of the image is a blurred view of a brick house with a gabled roof under a blue sky with some clouds.

*Direct user feedback for domestic energy use*

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Vanhecke, Toon De Pessemier

## ■ Context

- Environment-friendly buildings
- More efficient use of energy
- Current energy usage in high-performance buildings turns out to be higher than design targets, due to inefficient user behaviour

### → Direct user feedback

- Might reduce energy consumption with  $> 20\%$
  - Makes building occupants more aware of energy
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- Implementation of user feedback platforms not straightforward

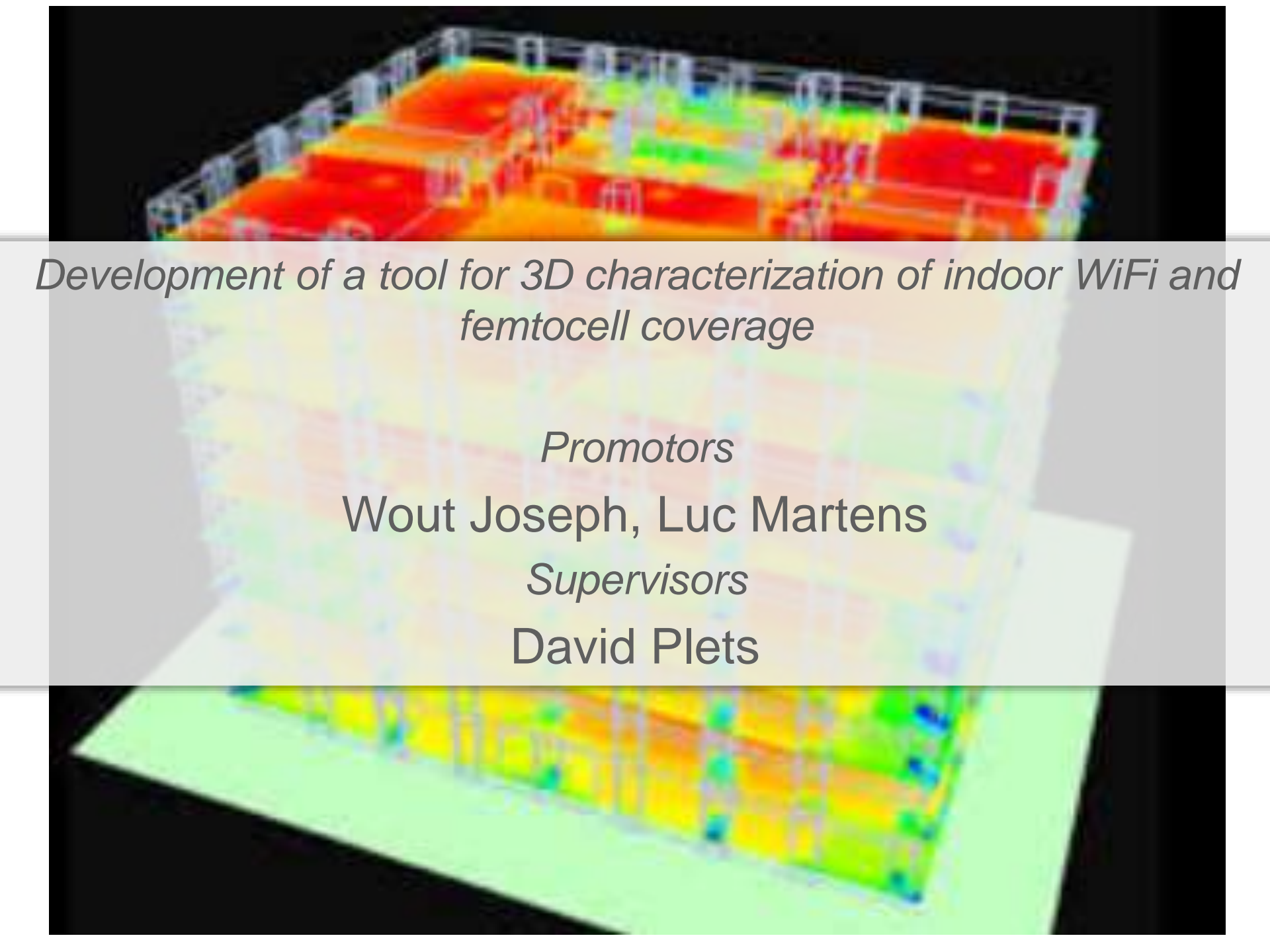
## ■ Goal

- Implement and test operational prototype of user feedback tool (heating, water, electricity)
  - Neighbourhood in Kortrijk equipped with extensive energy monitoring
- Concrete goals
  - Set up web application
  - Link monitoring data to application in real-time
  - Select and implement data reduction and normalization methods
  - Select and develop graphical representation of results
  - Test user acceptability and effectiveness of the tool





# **Draadloze netwerken: propagatie / lokalisatie / performantie**

A 3D visualization of a building's interior, showing a color-coded map of WiFi and femtocell coverage. The top floor is shown in a perspective view, with colors ranging from red (high coverage) to blue (low coverage). The bottom floor is shown in a top-down view, also with a color-coded map. The building's structure is outlined in white.

*Development of a tool for 3D characterization of indoor WiFi and femtocell coverage*

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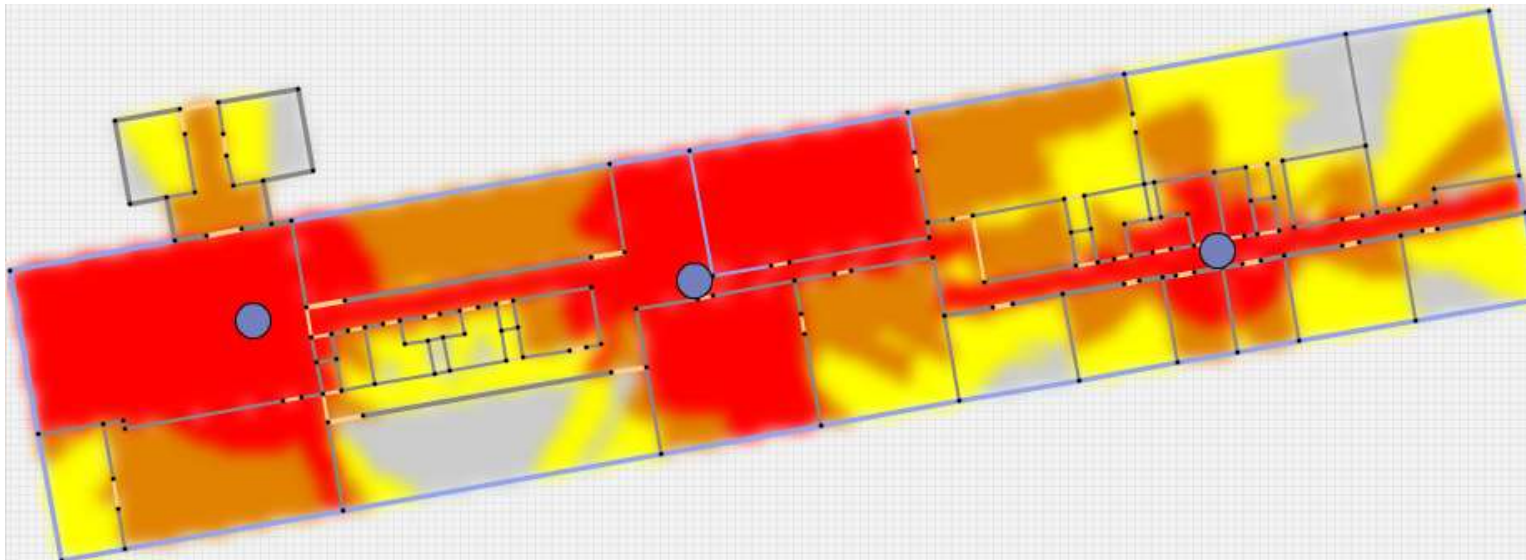
David Plets

## ■ Context

- Expansion of wireless networks, also indoor
  - Very complex environment
- Prediction tools require accurate path loss models
  - Environment (office vs. industrial)
  - 3D influences
    - Height transmitter (access point) and receiver (laptop)
    - Floor of transmitter and receiver
  - Transmission frequency (2.4 – 5 GHz)
  - Technology (WiFi vs. 4G femtocells)
- Accurate determination of influences is necessary

## ■ Goal

- Design of indoor 3D network planning tool by accurately characterising influencing factors on path loss
  - Execute path loss measurements to assess influence of height, frequency, environment,...
  - Analyse data and construct models
  - Incorporate models in existing tool





- 1. Configure floor plan, networks and requirements
- 2. Configure common parameters
- 3. Run a prediction tool
- 4. Review results

*Graphical redesign and implementation of existing network planning tool in HTML5*

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David Plets, Kris Vanhecke

**Drawing Tools**

- Draw Walls
- Draw Doors
- Draw Windows
- Accesspoints
- Activities
- Connections
- Eraser

**Draw Walls**

Material

- Brick
- Layered Drywall
- Concrete
- Glass
- Wood
- Metal
- 0db

Thickness

- Thin
- Thick

Snap to

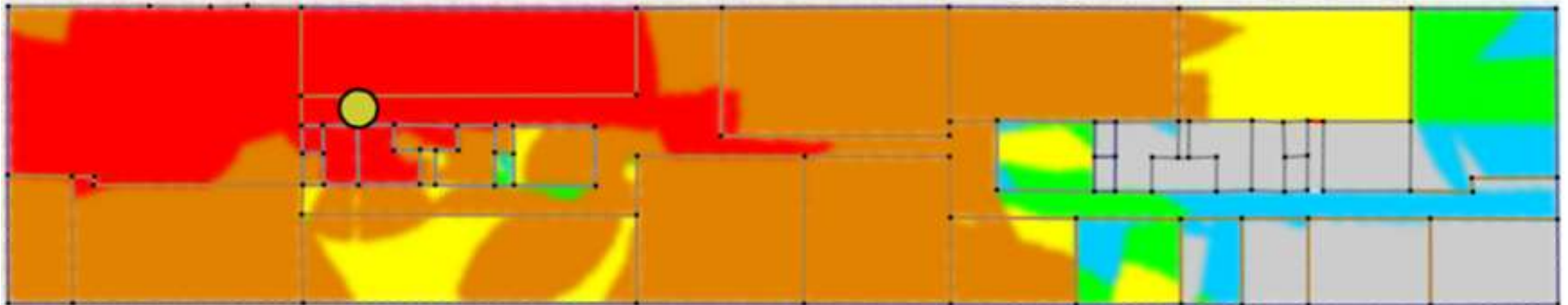
- Grid
- Walls

Stop drawing



## ■ Context

- Increased use of wireless communication in indoor environments
- Automated network planner very useful for network deployers
- Current tool in Adobe Flex 3 (Flash)





## WiCa Heuristic Indoor Propagation Prediction Tool

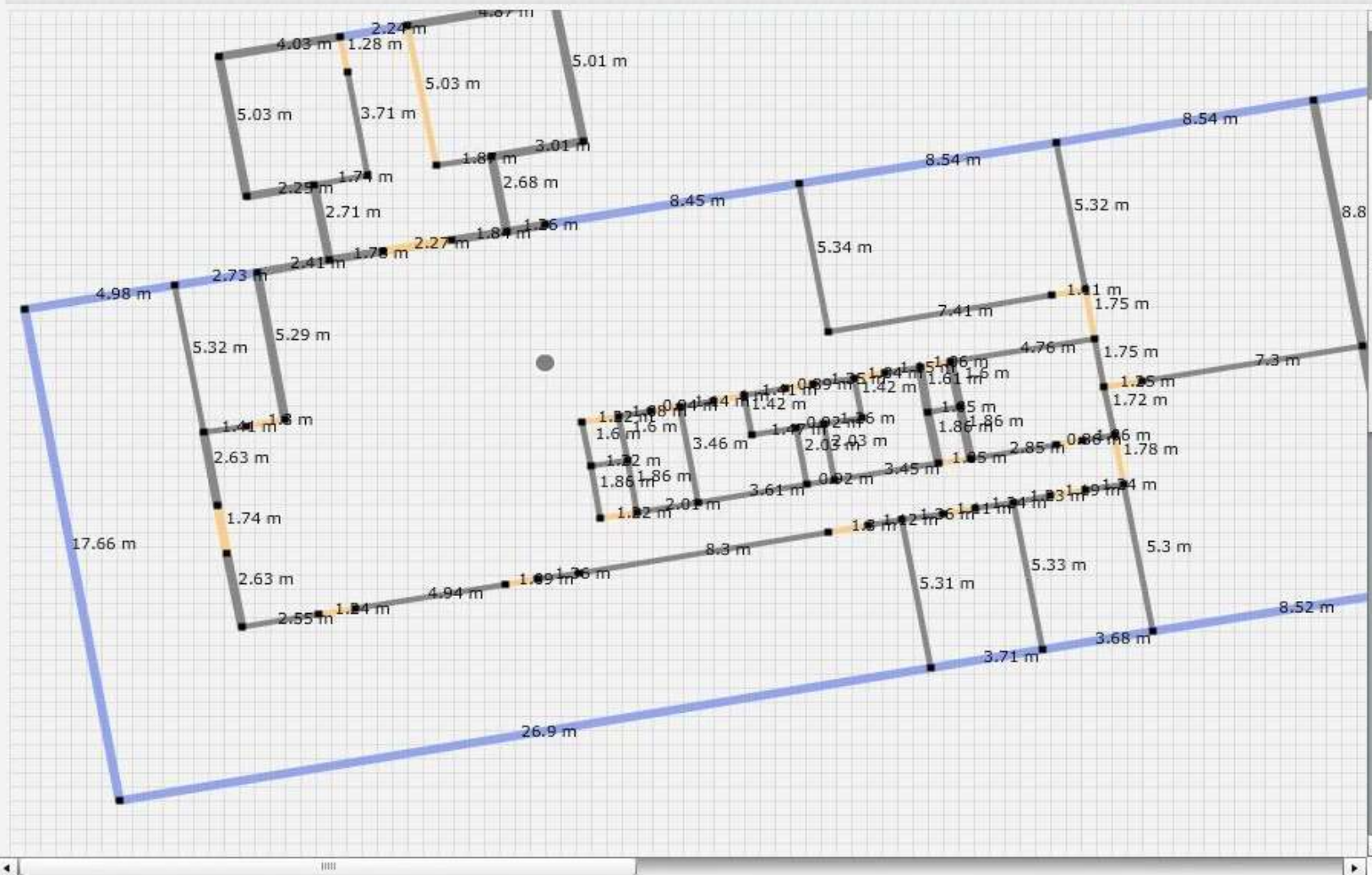


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### Drawing Tools



### Draw Walls

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- Layered Drywall
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- Metal**
- Odb

#### Thickness

- Thin**
- Thick

#### Snap to

- Grid**
- Walls

Stop drawing

## ■ Context

- New, more flexible and standardized technologies available (HTML5)
  - Flash being used less and less
- Redesign and implementation of existing GUI functionalities (standard HTML, CSS, Javascript)
- Make tool cross-platform and cross-browser

## ■ Goal

- Graphical redesign and implementation of existing planner in HTML5
  1. Preparatory study on HTML, CSS & Javascript libraries for rich UI development (w2ui, jQuery UI, ToolbarJS)
  2. Study current tool architecture & functionalities
  3. Identify possible improvements
  4. Study requirements for user-friendly application
  5. Redesign existing functionalities in HTML5: student is responsible for user interface with backend where algorithms are run
  6. User-friendliness, stability, maintainability, efficiency
  7. Testing: cross-platform, cross-browser
  8. Comparison with original tool



*Outdoor LoRa network planning and localization for IoT*

*Promotors*

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Luc Martens, Margot Deruyck, Jens Trogh

## ■ Context

- LoRa is a new technology designed to support Internet-of-Things (IoT) applications
  - Low data rates, long range, high sensitivity
  - Smart cities
  - Localization (trash cans, people, boats,...)
- Accurate localization requires
  - Characterization of wireless channel
  - Design of intelligent algorithms





## ■ Goal

- Develop and validate wireless channel models for LoRa
  1. LoRa literature study
  2. Outdoor channel models
  3. Set of measurements in Ghent → models
  4. Perform LoRa network planning
    - Three LoRa base stations within range for triangulation
  5. Develop localization algorithms
    - Based on the developed path loss models
    - Add intelligence (maximum node speed, possible trajectory,...)
  6. Final testing phase of localisation algorithms





*Wireless localization with a Visible Light Positioning (VLP)  
algorithm*

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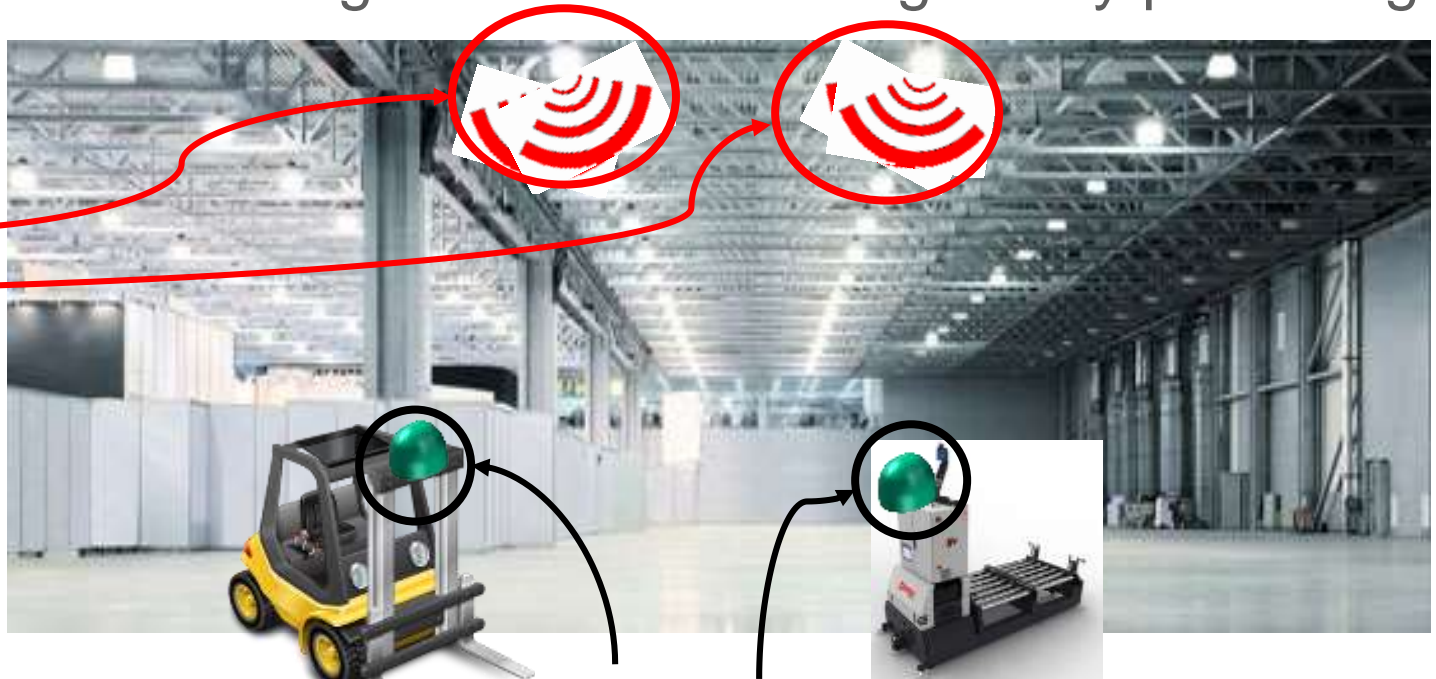
Luc Martens, Jens Trogh, Emmeric Tanghe, Wout  
Joseph



## ■ Context

- Huge interest of industrial players in accurate localization
- Current systems very expensive
  - Location tracking based on visible light very promising

*Modulated  
LED  
signals  
from  
different  
sources*

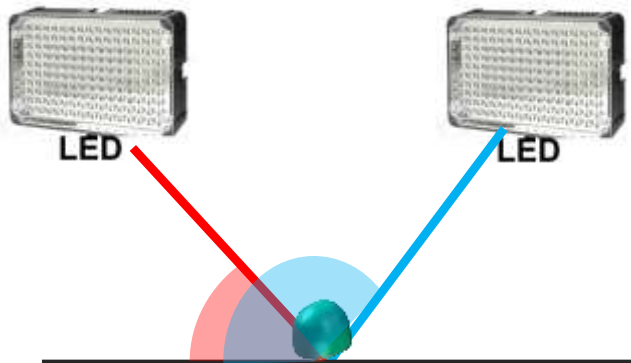


*Receiver module with photo diode*

## ■ Goal

- Develop VLP-based location tracking algorithm

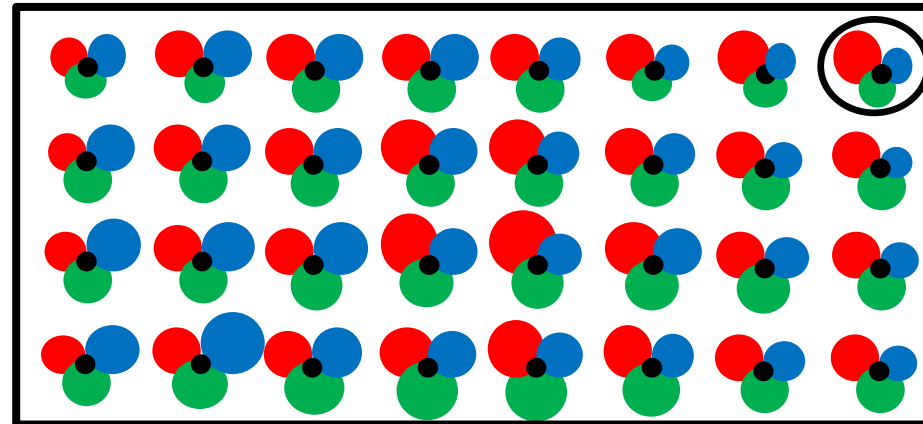
### 1. Angle-of-Arrival-based



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KULeuven-DraMCo*

### 2. RSSI-based

- Compare measured and predicted light intensities



## ■ Adaptieve locatiebepaling in een MIMO-UWB draadloos netwerk

- Ontwerpen van een algoritme die aan de hand van elektromagnetische propagatiepaden de ongekende positie schat van een mobiele gebruiker

### Literatuurstudie

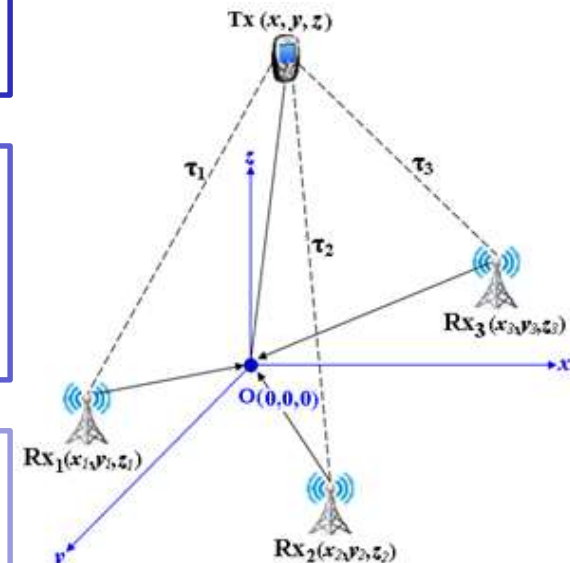
- Schatten propagatiepaden
- Ultra-Wideband technologie
- Algoritmen voor locatiebepaling

### Adaptieve locatiebepaling

- Obstructie van directe pad tussen Tx en Rx
- Afwegen verschillende benaderingen (bv. RSSI)
- Ontwerp hybride-strategie die algoritmen combineert

### Analyse

- Uitvoeren testmetingen en bepaling evaluatie-metriek
- Parameter sensitiviteits-analyse (AoA, delay, vermogen)
- Betrouwbaarheid locatiebepaling en/of frequentie-gedrag



## ■ Clustering van Ultra-Wideband multipad-propagatie

- Ontwerpen van een algoritme die propagatiepaden groepeert op basis van gelijkaardige parameters zoals vermogen en aankomsthoek i.f.v. frequentie

### Literatuurstudie

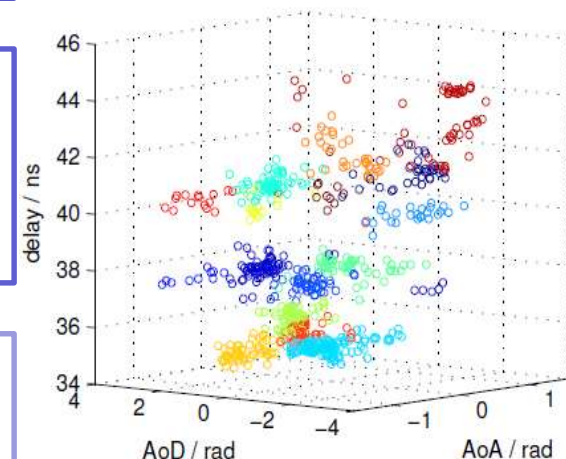
- Schatten propagatiepaden
- Ultra-Wideband en frequentie-afhankelijkheid
- Algoritmen voor clustering van propagatiepaden

### Ontwikkeling clusteringsalgoritme

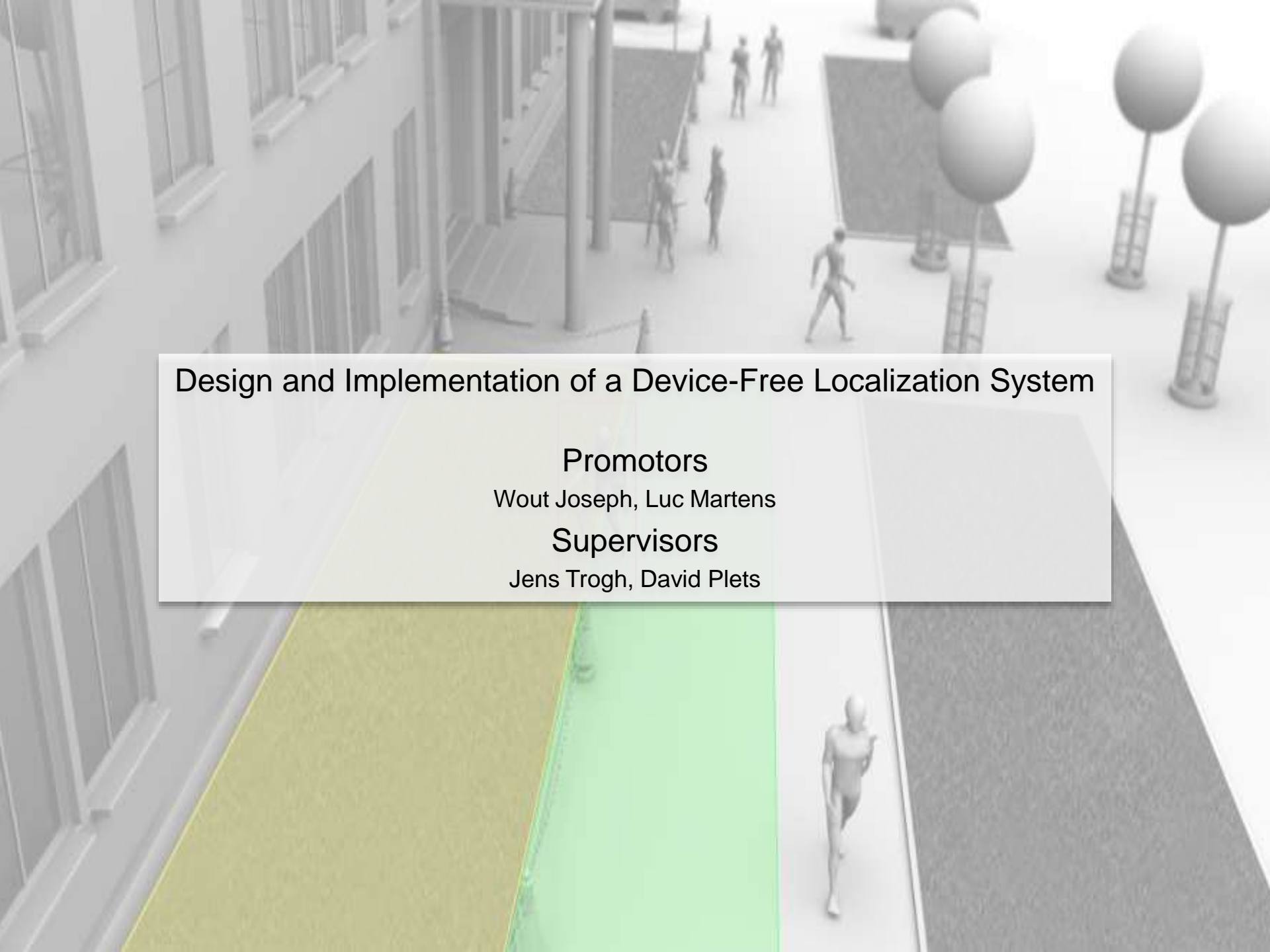
- Clustering-metriek (AoA, AoD, delay, vermogen)
- Clustering-strategie (apart, gezamenlijk, hybride)
- Combinatie met frequentie-afhankelijkheid van UWB

### Analyse

- Uitvoeren testmetingen en bepaling evaluatie-metriek
- Feedback naar algoritme en/of validering met ray-tracing
- Analyse i.f.v. verschillende domeinen (ruimtelijk, frequentie)





A 3D architectural rendering of a city street scene. The scene includes a multi-story building on the left with windows, a paved walkway, a road with a person walking, and several spherical streetlights on the right. A white rectangular text box is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Design and Implementation of a Device-Free Localization System

## Promotors

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## Supervisors

Jens Trogh, David Plets



## ■ Context

- Localization and tracking systems
  - ◆ Active area of research
  - ◆ Applications in many sectors
    - Tracking patients, visitors, equipment, goods,...
- Device-free localization
  - ◆ Passive localization
  - ◆ Track an object that is not actively participating
  - ◆ Useful for e.g.: intrusion detection, low cost surveillance,...

## ■ Goals

- Development of a device-free localization system
  - ◆ Locate one or more persons in a building
  - ◆ Track a person as he or she moves through the building
- Outline
  - ◆ Literature study
  - ◆ Design of a passive localization system
  - ◆ Implementation and verification
  - ◆ Validation on wireless testbed

# **Wireless body area networks / Wireless sensor networks**

A black and white cow is standing in a stable stall. The stall has a wooden floor and a metal railing. The cow is facing away from the camera, and its body is mostly white with black patches. The background is slightly blurred, showing the structure of the stable.

*IoT and cows: lameness detection algorithms for animals*

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Tuytens, Matthias Van den Bossche

## ■ Context

- Anomalies in cow health cause significant loss for the farmer and suffering for the animal
  - Dairy cows with lameness produce much less milk
- Use on-cow sensors for lameness detection
  - Longer lying times
  - Different walking pattern





## ■ Goal

- Design of algorithms that derive degree of lameness from on-cow sensors
  
- 1. Literature study on lameness and current detection methods
- 2. Conduct training experiments
  1. Equip cows with sensors (accelerometer, barometer, compass,...)
  2. Track movement of animal with sensors and camera system
  3. Algorithms to detect lying times, degree of movement, (maximal) speed,...
- 3. Validation experiments on a new set of animals

## ■ Goal

4. Test algorithms on lame animals
  1. Characterize differences between healthy and lame cows
  2. Develop lameness detection algorithms
  3. Determine the sensors that have the best predictive performance
5. Analysis of sensor sampling rate vs. energy consumption

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(Instituut voor Landbouw- en  
Visserijonderzoek)*





*Thesisvoorstel*

# **Wireless monitoring of health and performance parameters of race horses**

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*Begeleider*

Günter Vermeeren

## ■ **Scaling up of farms = TREND in agriculture**

- Need to monitor livestock to quickly diagnose diseases
- Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) deployed on animal body
  - ◆ Layout
    - Sensors placed **on** and **in** the body
    - Data collector: link to the backend
  - ◆ Monitoring of vital signs:
    - Heart beat
    - Body temperature
    - Behavior or Activity
  - ◆ Key aspect in the design = energy efficiency
    - Knowledge of path loss (PL) ?

## Investigation of on-body, in-to-out and off-body PL in a wireless sensor network for equine monitoring

### ■ Tasks:

- Literature review on candidate WSN technologies, sensor antennas, LoRa technology, etc.
- Numerical study of PL using state-of-the-art commercial FDTD simulation tool Sim4Life (ZurichMedTech, Switzerland)
  - ◆ Design of homogeneous model of a horse
  - ◆ Modelling of selected antennas
  - ◆ PL investigation for selected WSN technologies
- Measurements and tests
  - ◆ with LoRa sensors and sensor technologies on phantom models
  - ◆ Optionally, measurements on real horses
- Comparison and ranking of different WSN technologies for energy efficiency







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**Thesisvoorstel**

# Characterization of On-Body Radio Propagation in the 60-GHz Band

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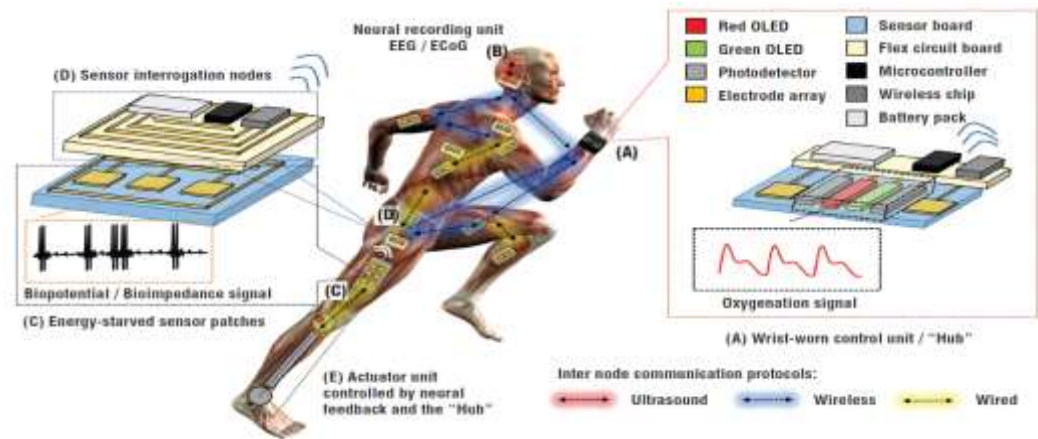
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- 60-GHz wireless communication systems
  - Body area networks
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- Human body is lossy and is exposed to this radiation

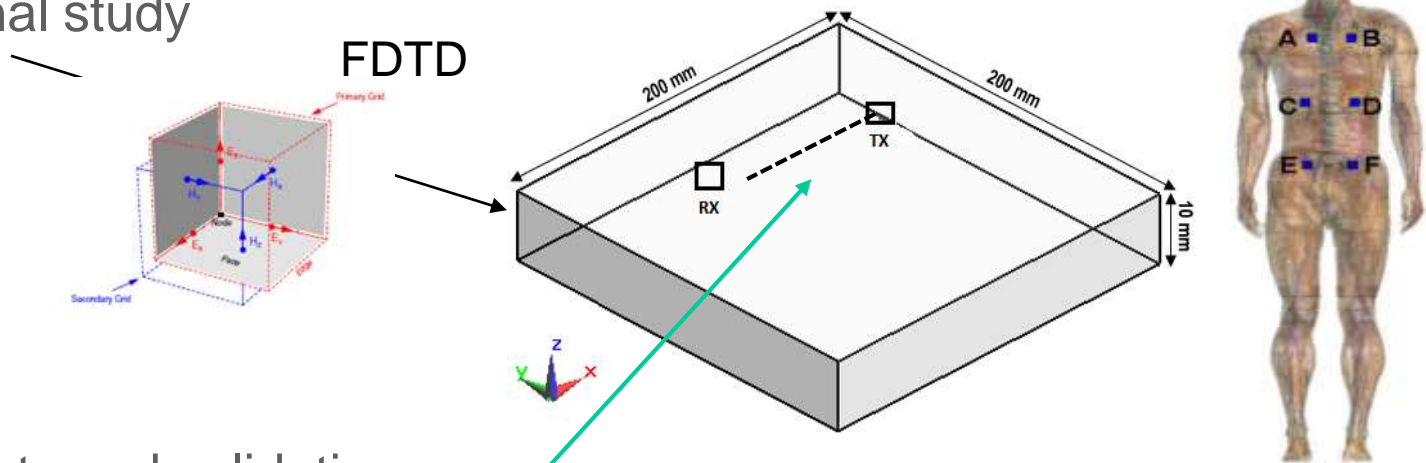


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- Efficient design of wearable technologies
  - Study on-body propagation in the 60-GHz band



- Study of 60 GHz propagation along (on the surface of) the human body
- Goal:
  - Understanding the effect of body morphology on 60 GHz radio propagation

- Computational study



- Measurements and validation

- Using at least two antennas as the transmitter and the receiver on body (different height, distance)
- Measurement of channel parameters (for example: path gain)



# Medische toepassingen



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# Stimulation of neural population for auricular vagus nerve stimulation

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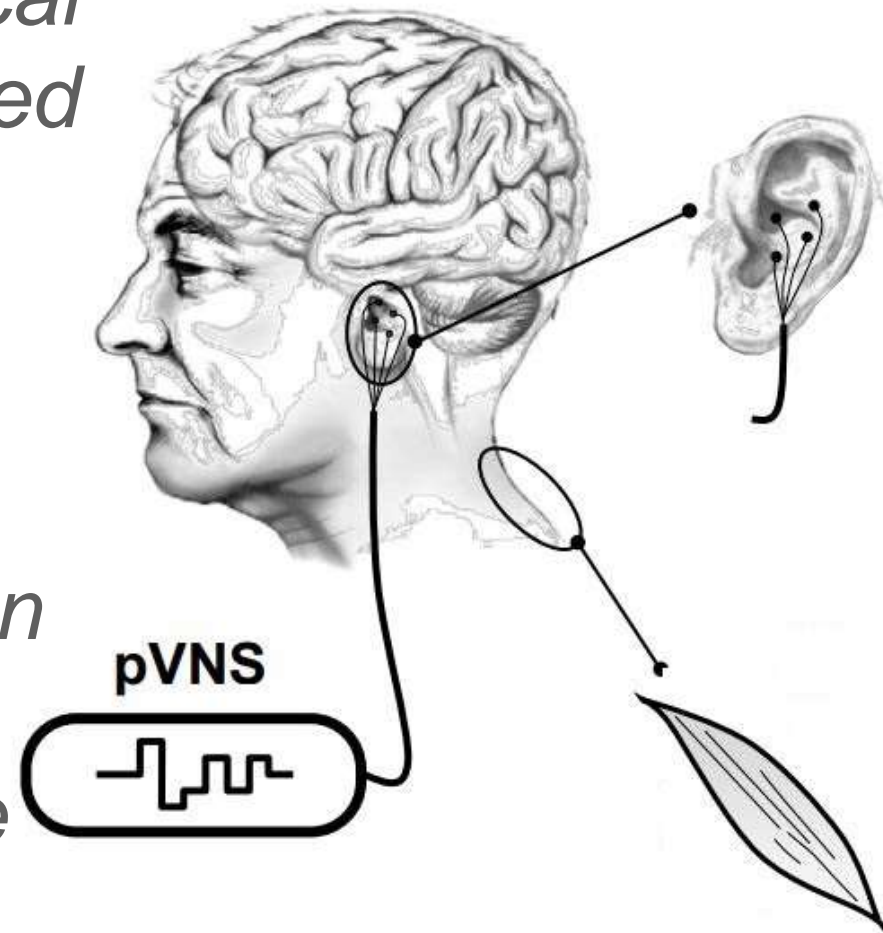
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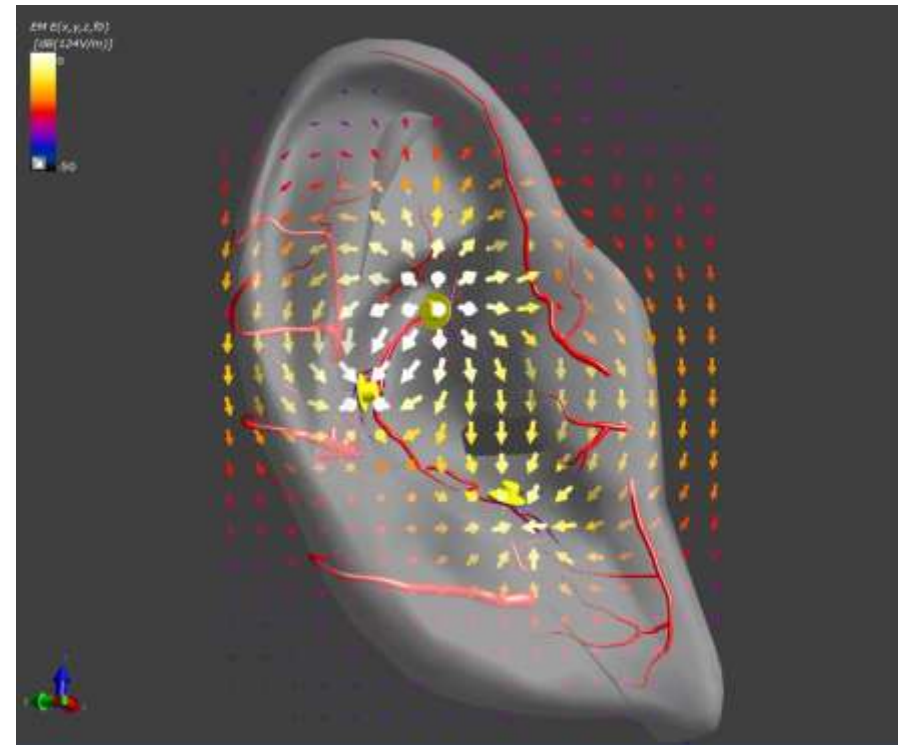
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- *Stimulation of the cervical vagus nerve by implanted devices: treatment for epilepsy, major depression, ...*
- *Auricular Branch of the Vagus Nerve Stimulation => minimally-invasive way of neuromodulative intervention*



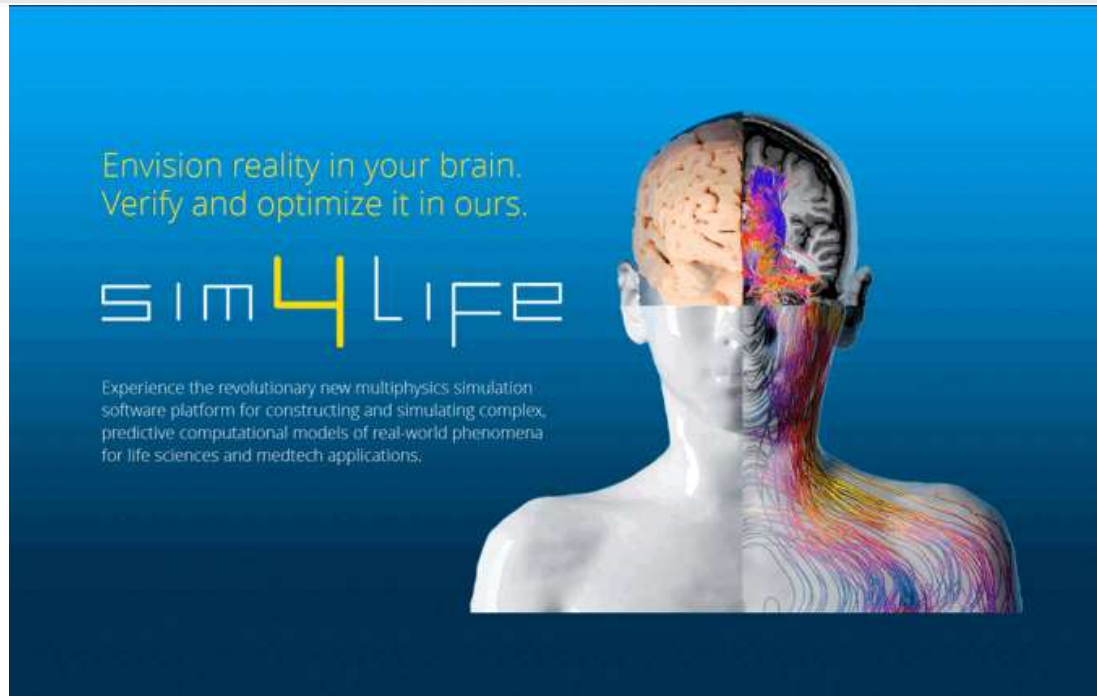
## Purpose

1. *Model and simulate the neural population in the ear based on single nerve positions*
2. *Simulate the neural population stimulation with a map of percentage of stimulated neurons.*
3. *Optimize the stimulation pattern (position of the electrodes, electrode depth inside the ear, pulse design) to perform maximum percentage of targeted stimulated nerves.*



## *Simulation platform*

# 3D Electromagnetic solvers



Envision reality in your brain.  
Verify and optimize it in ours.

**sim4Life**

Experience the revolutionary new multiphysics simulation software platform for constructing and simulating complex, predictive computational models of real-world phenomena for life sciences and medtech applications.

*Low frequency solver*

*Neuronal solver*

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# Numerical modelling of ultrasound propagation in the human brain

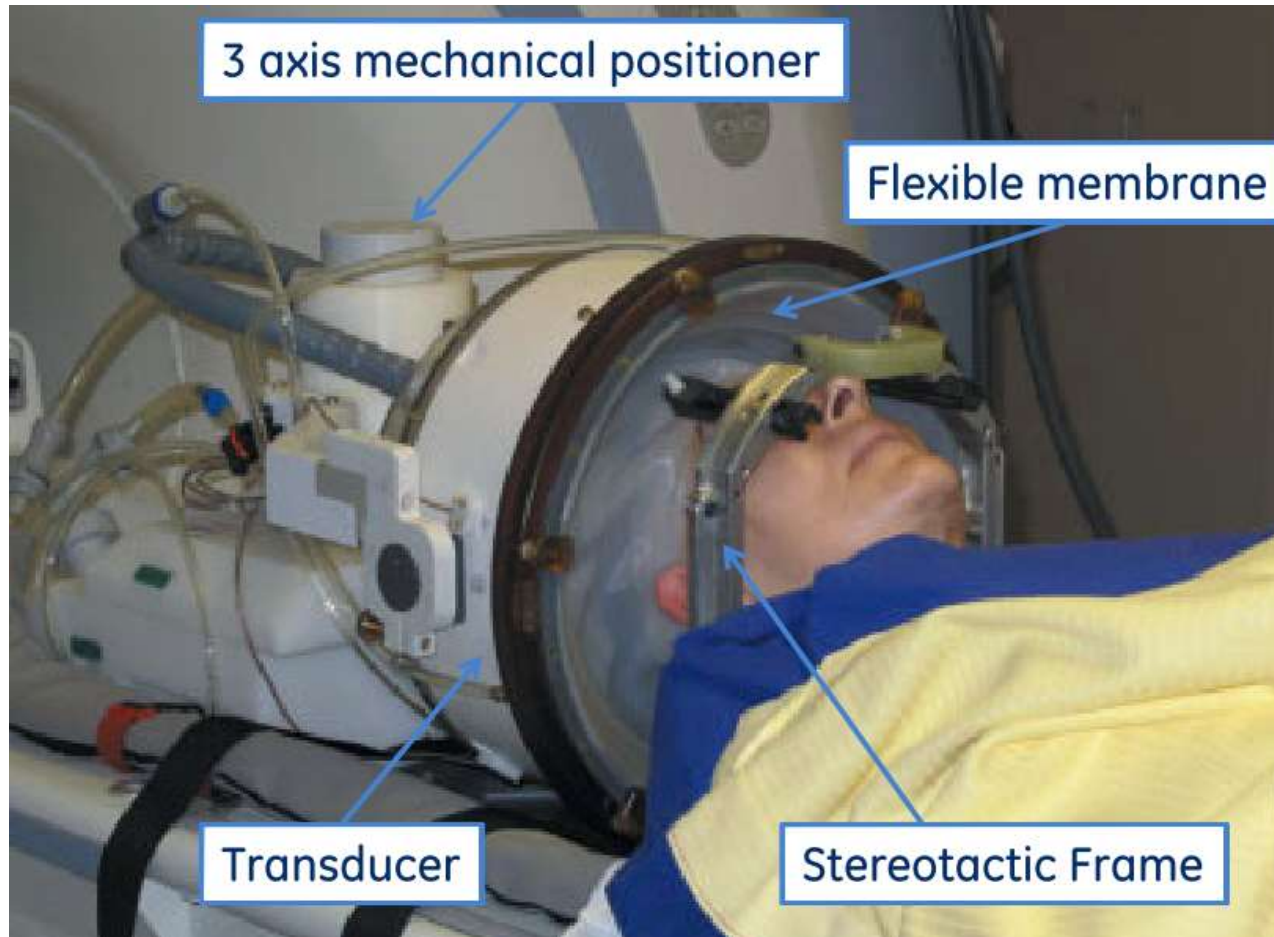
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## ■ Low-intensity focused ultrasound (LiFUS)

- neuromodulation for treatment of neurological disorders



## 1) FDTD simulations of US propagation in the brain

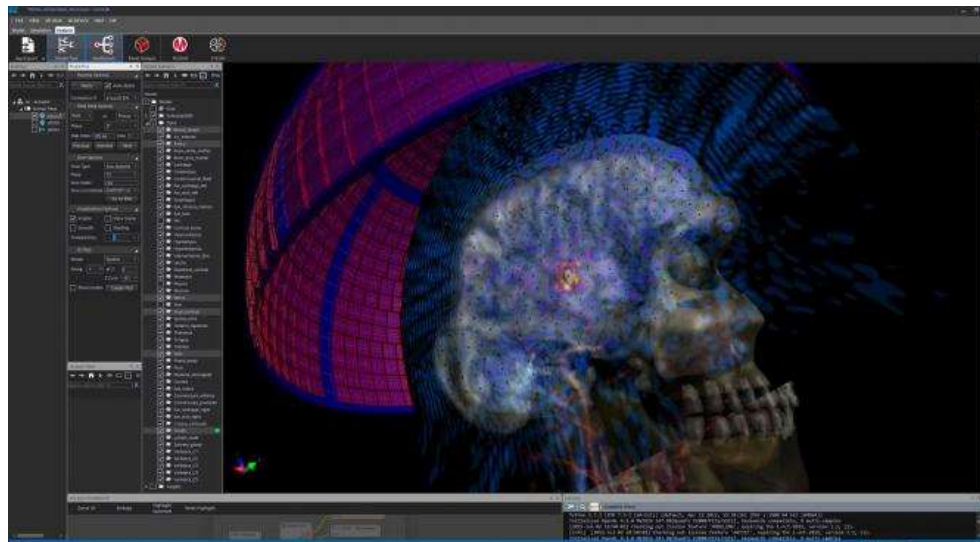
- in Sim4Life software

## 2) Simulations of the neuron electrodynamics during US stimulation

- with in-house Matlab code (modifications needed)

## 3) Design of US transducer array and stimulation signal

- the goal is to target the deep brain



# Blootstelling aan elektromagnetische velden

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# Dosimetry of transcranial magnetic stimulation devices for patients and clinical staffs

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Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS):  
technique for noninvasive stimulation of the  
human brain

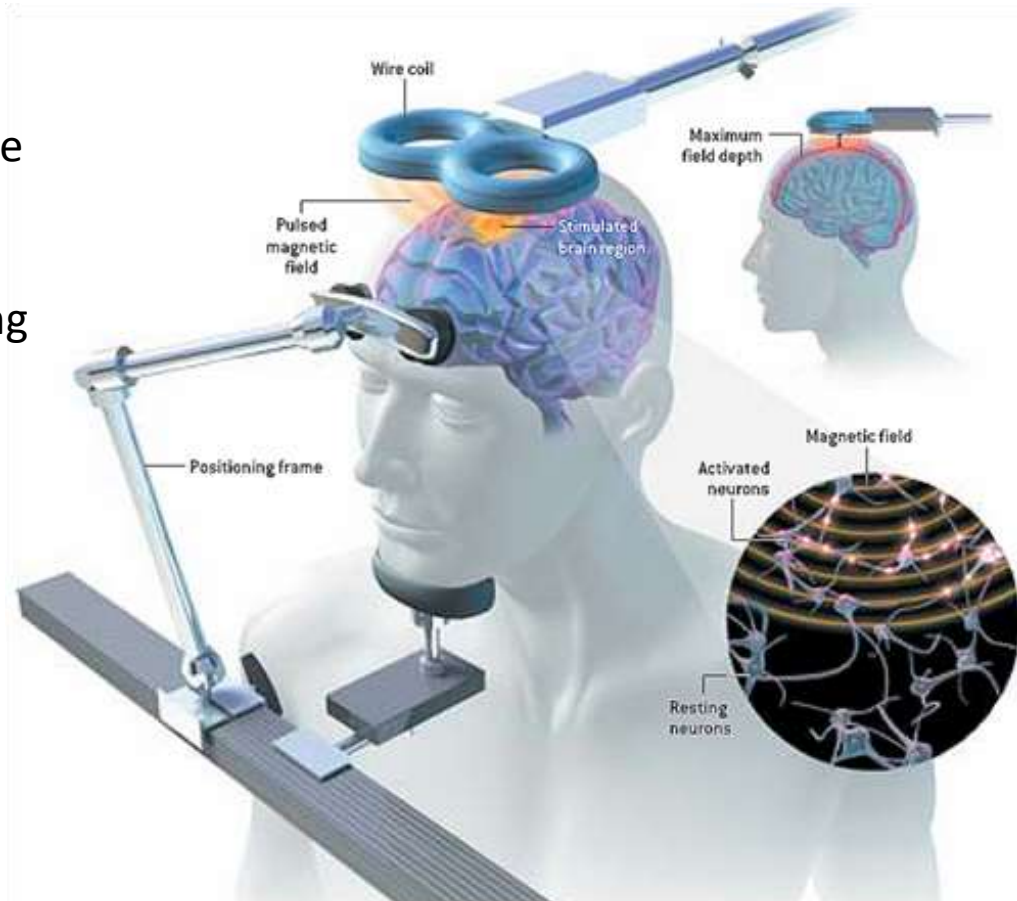
Exposure of the human body to time-varying  
magnetic fields



Induction of internal body currents

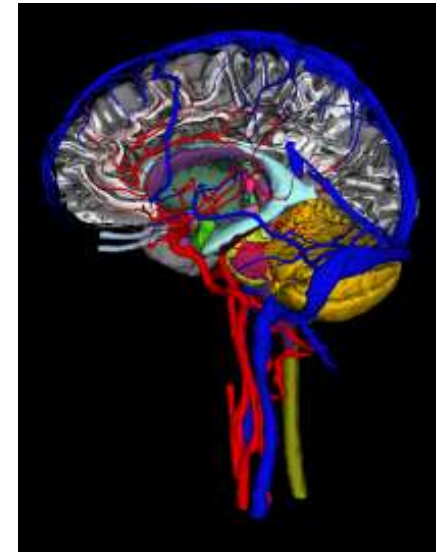
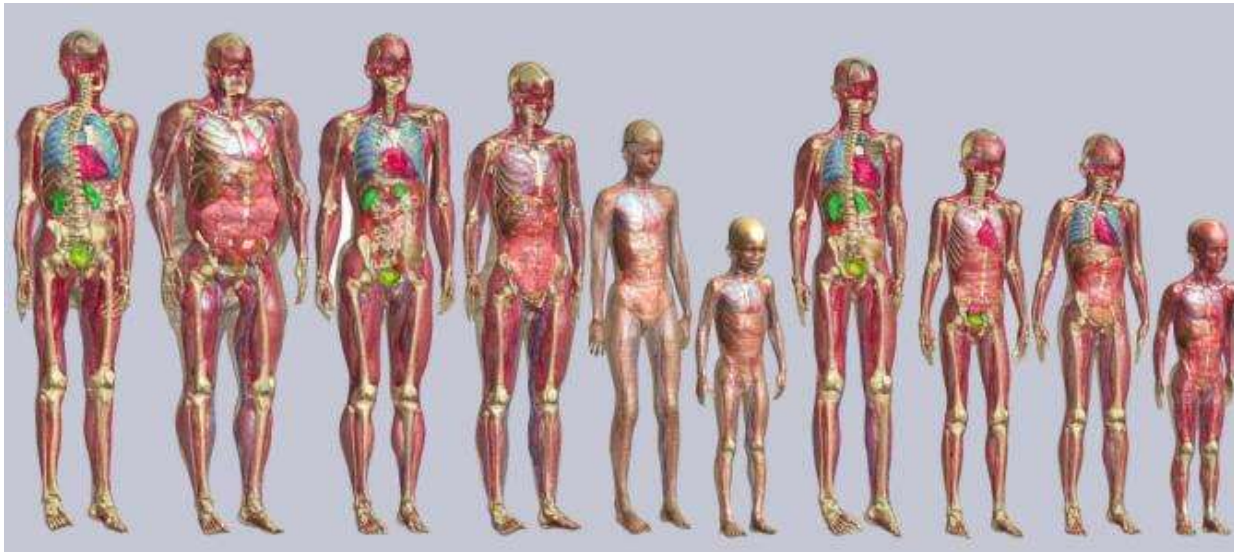


Health problems



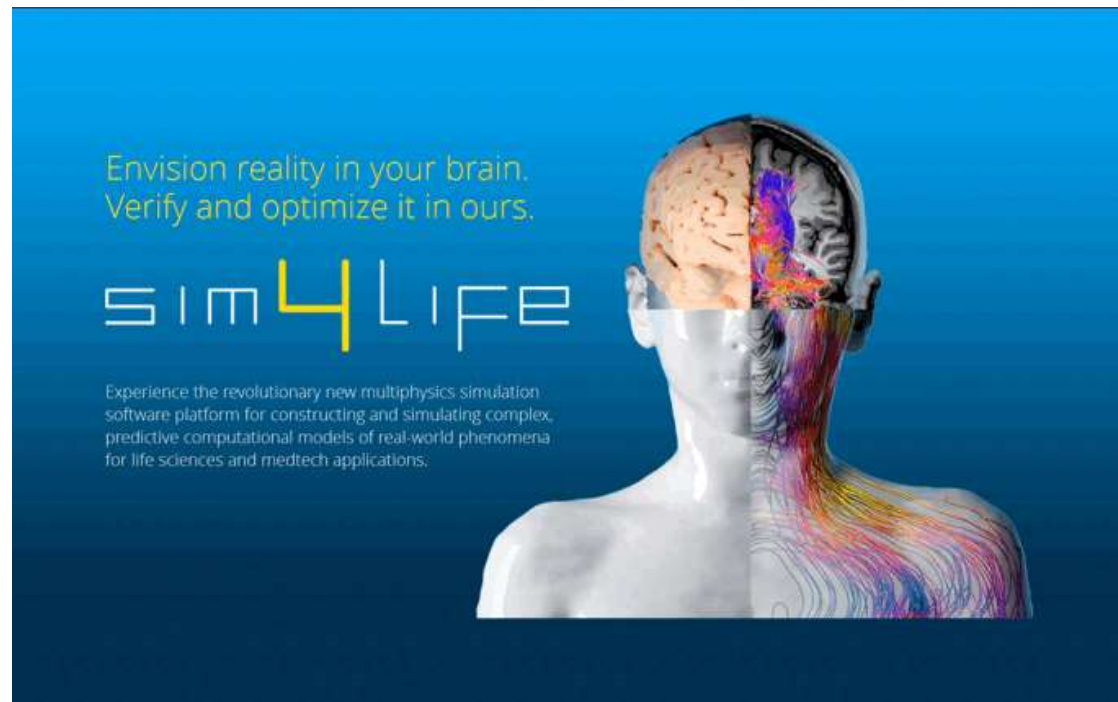
# Purpose

1. Design and simulate TMS coil
2. Calculate the induced electro-magnetic field in head model functionalized for EM-Neuron simulations
3. Determine exposure of patients and workers exposed to TMS devices



# Method

## 3D Electromagnetic and Neuronal Solvers



# WAVES

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# Design of a Radio Frequency Personal Exposimeter for FM Band

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## Large Measurement Uncertainty

- Personal exposure meters (PEMs)
- People are exposed to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields (FM radio)



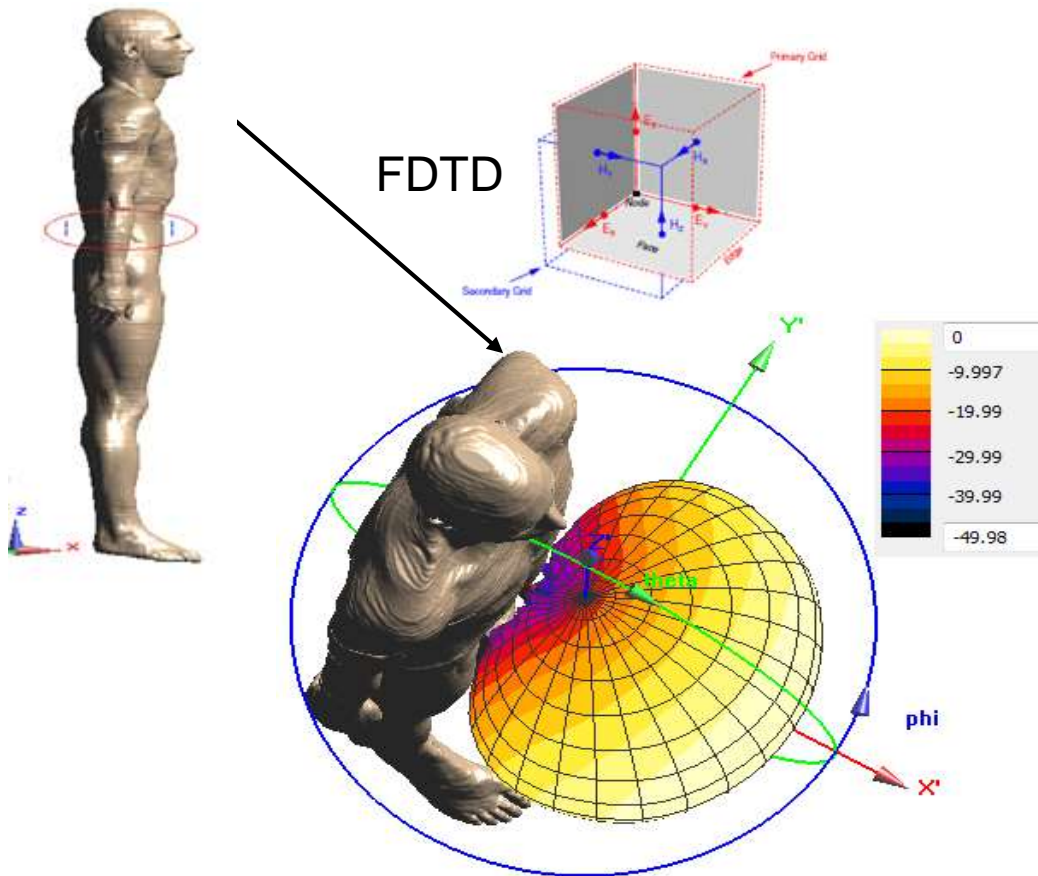
## Underestimation of the actual exposure

- Location of PEMs on body → measurement variation
- PEMs are calibrated in free space while they are used on body

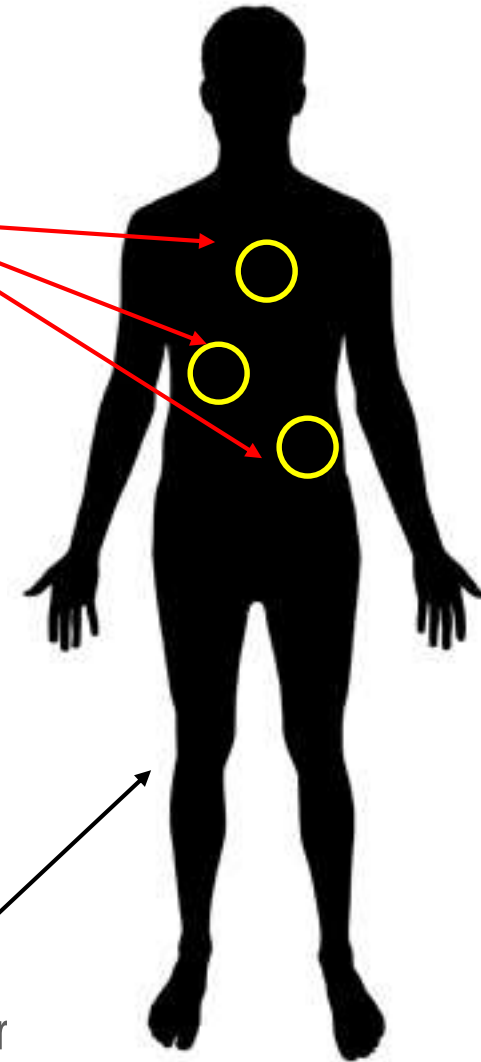


- Design a personal exposimeter for FM band (87.5-108 MHz)
- Investigation whether the designed exposimeter can estimate the actual exposure in FM-band
- Application in real indoor environment

- Numerical simulations



Antenna(s)



- On-body calibration of the designed exposimeter
- Measurements in real (indoor, outdoor) environments

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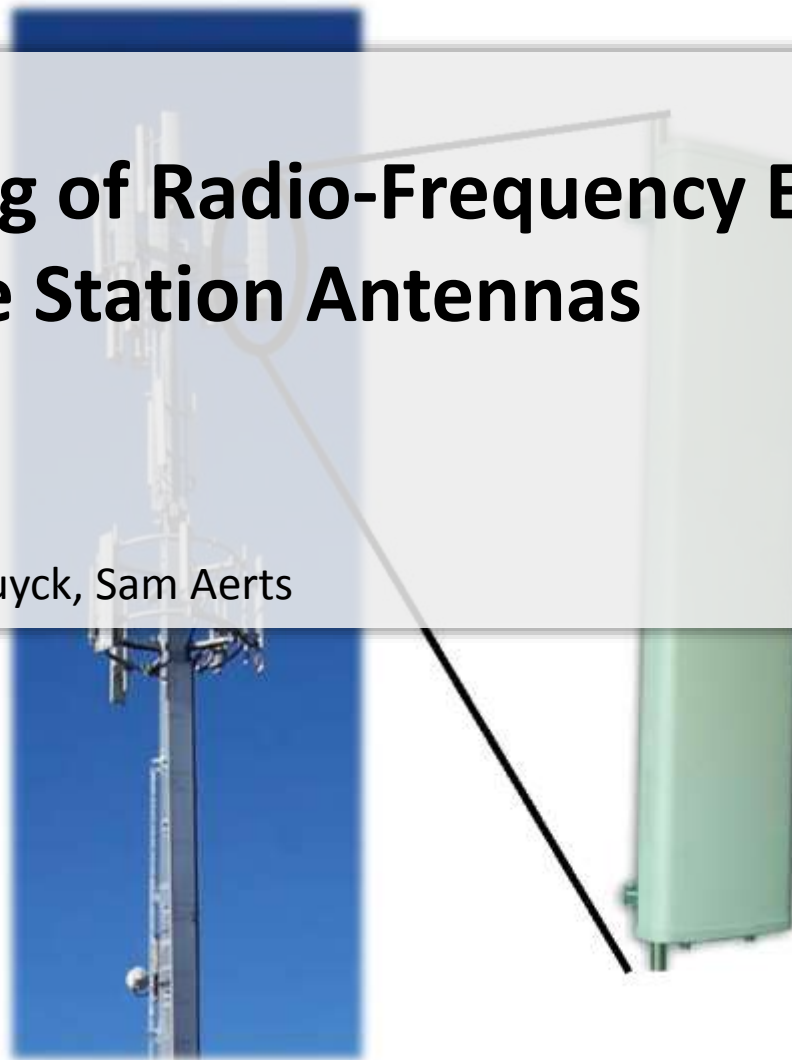
# **Spatial mapping of Radio-Frequency Exposure Caused by Base Station Antennas**

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- **Base station antennas**



People are **exposed** to this radiation

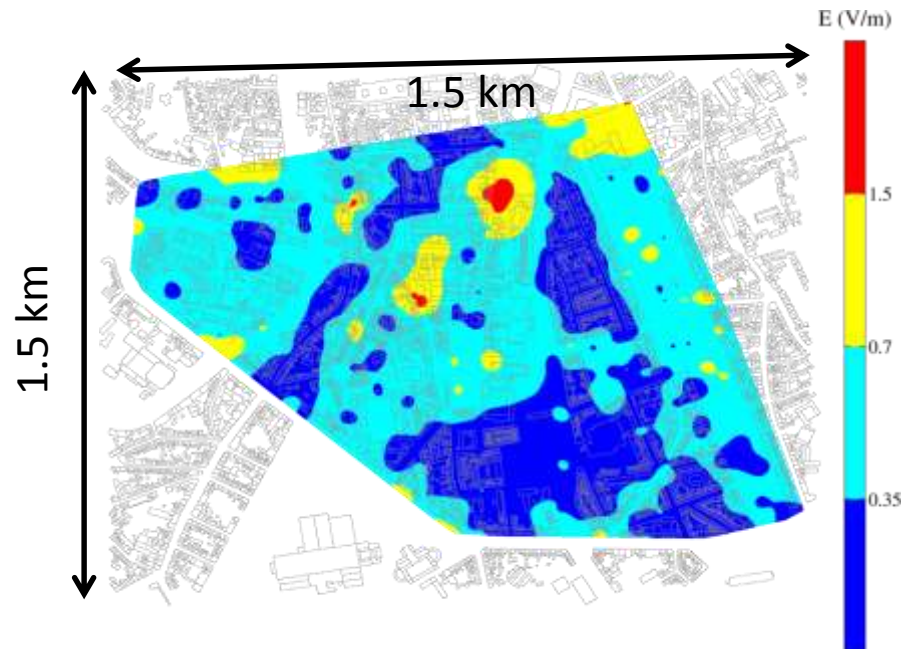
- Exposure can be **measured** using **RF probes** or **personal exposimeters**







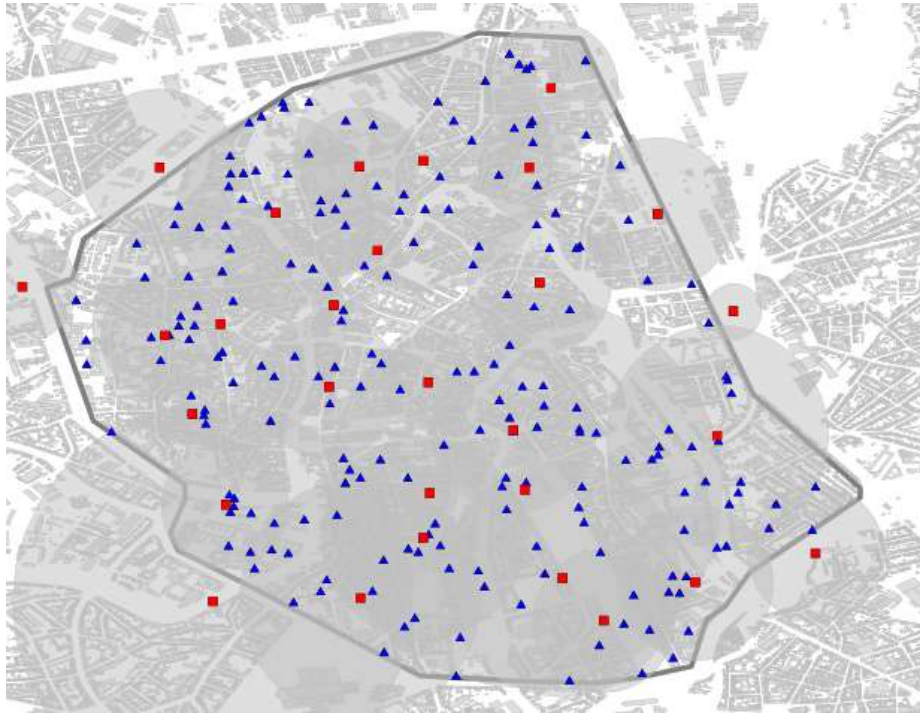
- **Base station antennas** emit Radio-Frequency (RF) radiation
  - ↓
  - People are **exposed** to this radiation
- Exposure can be **measured** using **RF probes** or **personal exposimeters**
  - ↓
  - These measurements can be used to make **exposure maps**



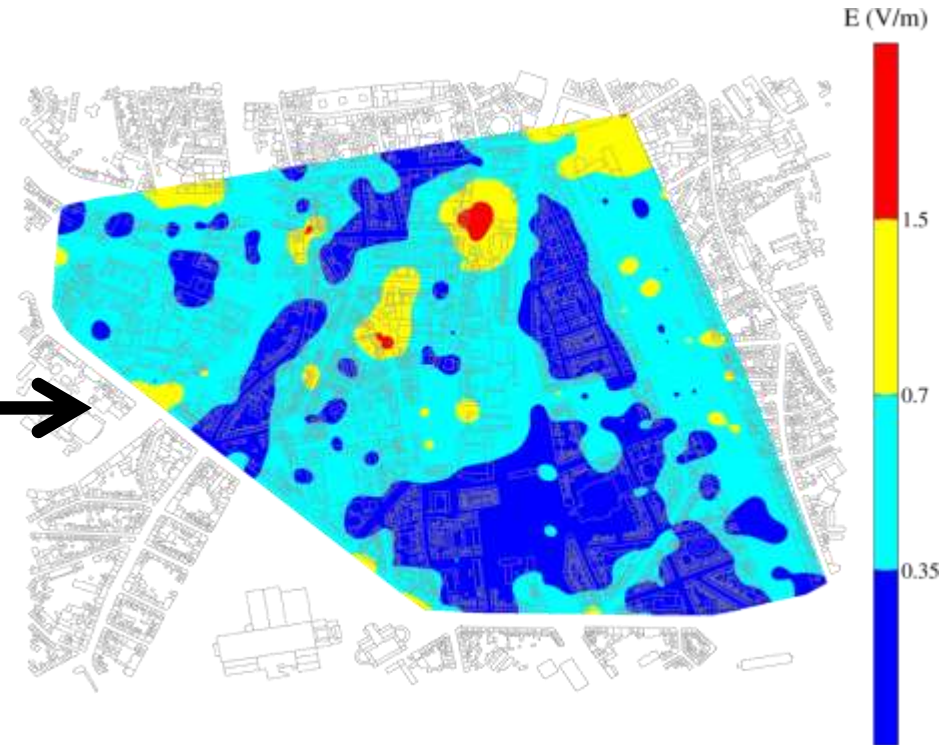
Measuring a large area is:

- **Time-consuming**
- **Expensive**

If we know the **location** of all base station antennas?



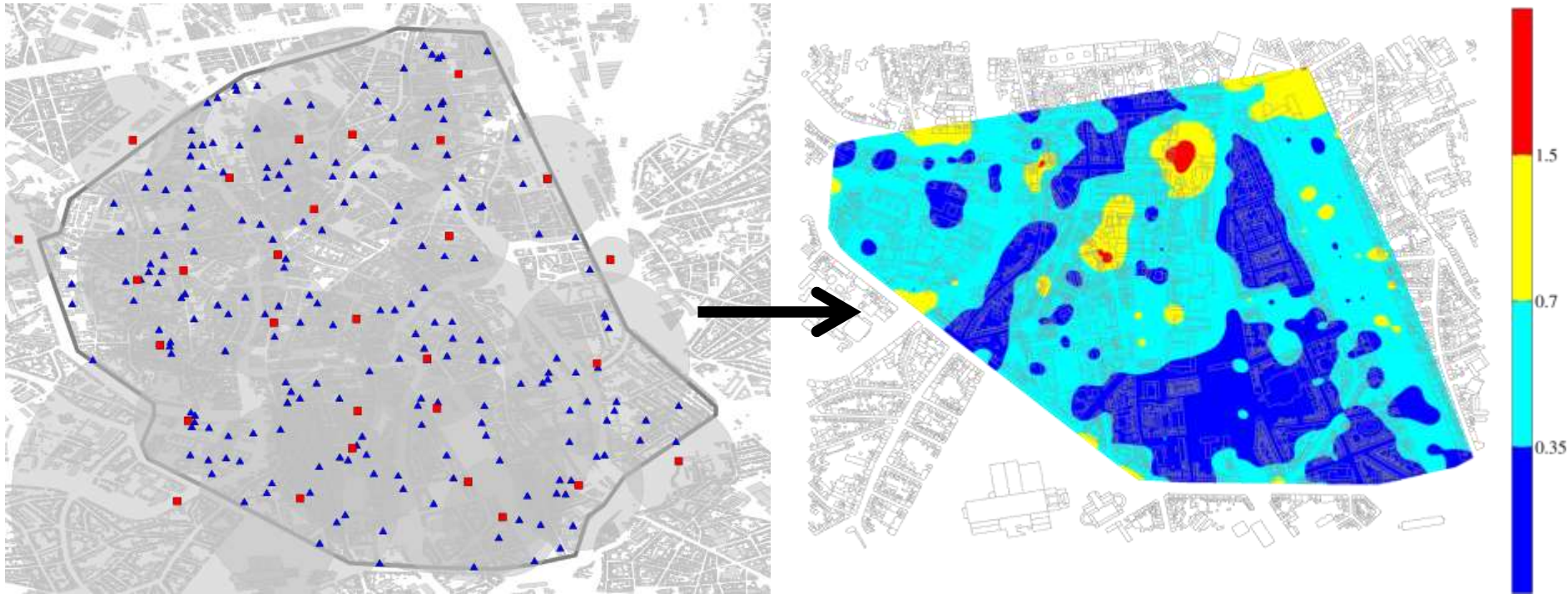
If we know the **location** of all base station antennas?



Could we then **simulate** this exposure?



Locations of base station antennas in Ghent (Flanders) are known



1. Implement algorithm of **propagation** of RF radiation in tool
2. Translate the result of this propagation into **personal exposure**
3. Validate the results (the exposure map) with **measurements** (the alternative)

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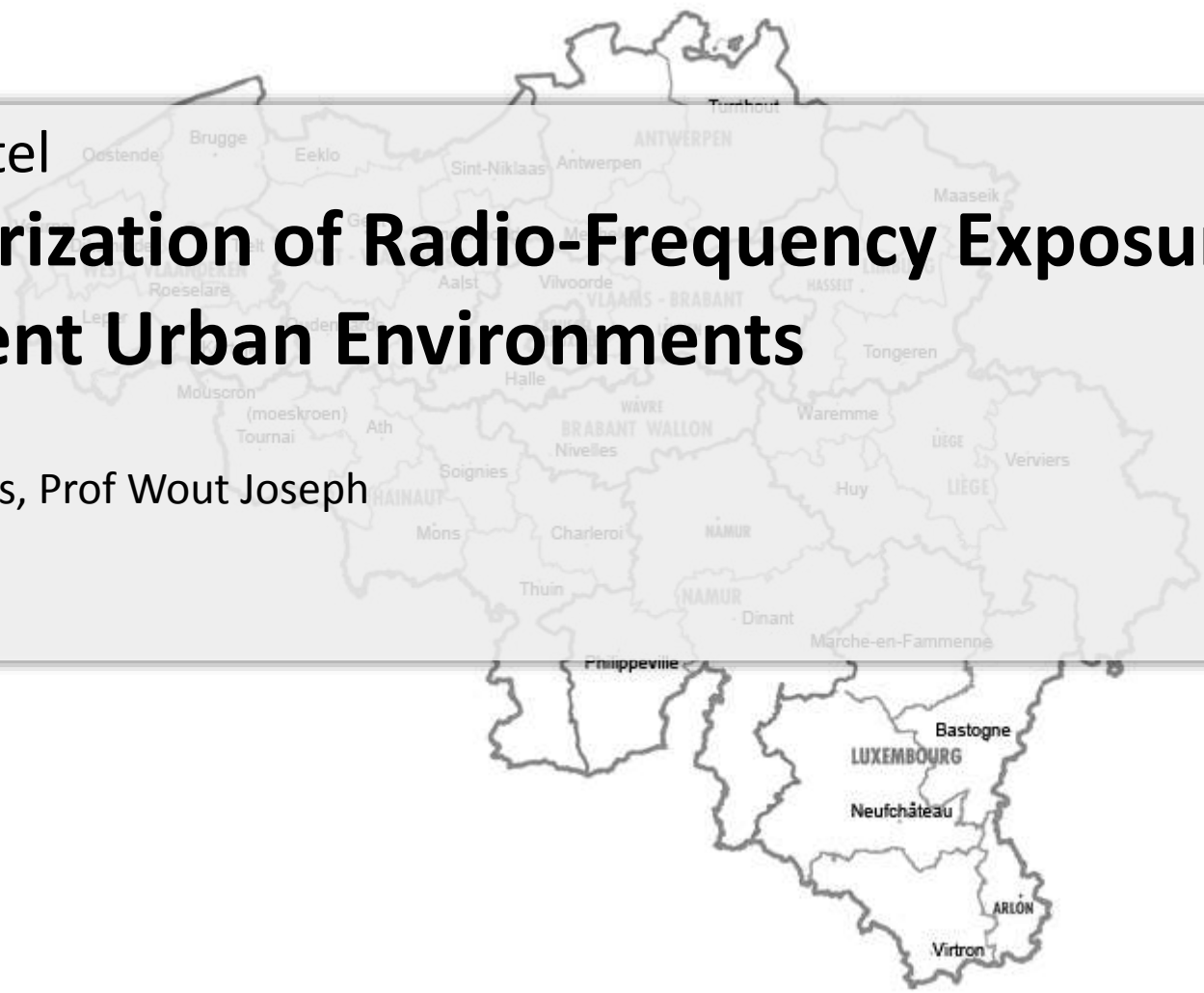
# Characterization of Radio-Frequency Exposure Levels in Different Urban Environments

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## Flanders

f (MHz)	Cumulative Norm (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Residential <sup>1</sup> (W/m <sup>2</sup> )
10-400	0.50	0.011
400-2 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	0.0012 x f	2.7 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> x f
2 x 10 <sup>3</sup> -10 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	2.5	0.053

<sup>1</sup>Residential, maximum per antenna

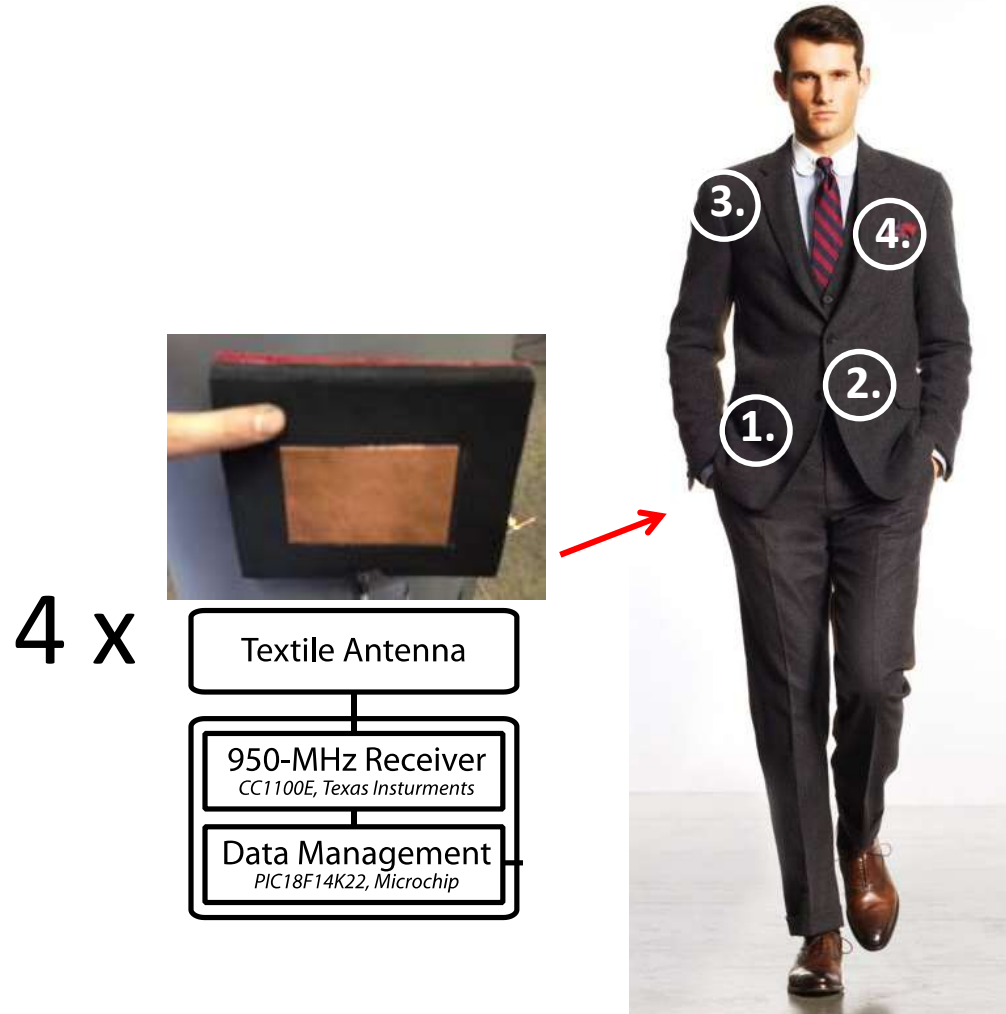
**Different Regulations**

Does this lead to differences in exposure?

## Brussels

f (MHz)	Norm (W/m <sup>2</sup> )
10-400	0.043
400-2 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> x f
2 x 10 <sup>3</sup> -10 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	0.22

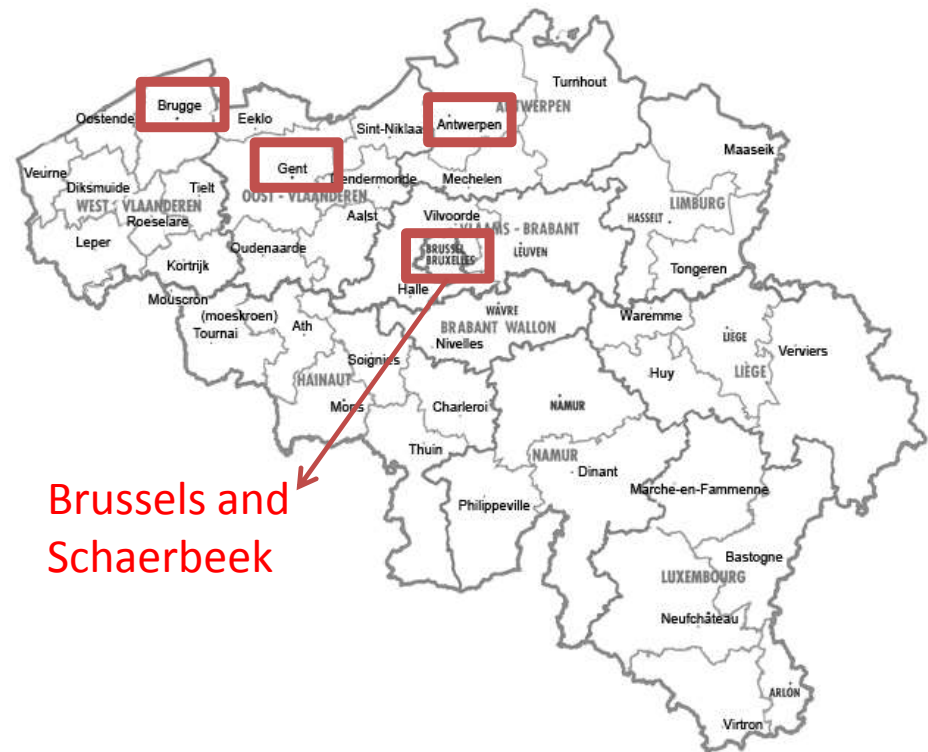
## Measurements of **personal exposure** using a **new measurement device**



## Measurements in **different micro-environments**

Type of micro-environment	urban*
<u>outdoor areas</u>	
downtown area	2
business area	2
shopping area	2
residential area	2
<u>public places</u>	
railway station	2
bus station	2
university	2
<u>transportation mode</u>	
train	2
bus	2
metro/tram	2
car	2
<b>Total N</b>	<b>22</b>

\* Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Brussels, and Schaerbeek



Comparison of five cities in Flanders and Brussels

# *Spatiotemporal modelling of environmental exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields*

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Continue blootstelling aan radiofrequente (RF) elektromagnetische straling (GSM, UMTS, LTE, Wi-Fi, FM, ...)

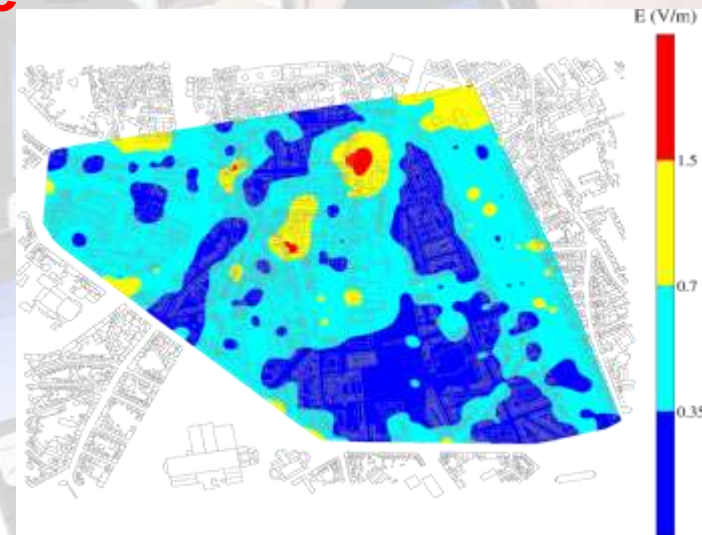
? Waar hoeveel ?



Nood aan informatie

## In kaart brengen van elektromagnetische straling

- Moeilijk in real-life: (bewegende) obstakels, interferentie, ...
- Simulaties, **maar** veel nauwkeurige info nodig
- Interpolatie, **maar** veel tijdrovende metingen nodig





**Land-use regression (LUR)** = techniek die *in-situ* metingen combineert met *predictor variabelen* uit **geografische informatie** om tot een blootstellingsmodel te komen.

$$B(x, y, t) = a * m(x, y, t) + b * p(x, y) + c$$

met **B(x,y,t)** = **blootstelling** op plaats (x,y) en tijdstip t, **m(x,y,t)** = **meting** op plaats (x,y) op tijdstip t, **p(x,y)** de **predictor-waarde** op plaats (x,y), en a, b, en c constanten.

Wordt **veel gebruikt in environmental exposure modeling**, maar nog nooit voor blootstelling aan RF-EMF.

1. Opzoeken van de locatie & **properties van basisstations** in Gent (<http://www.sites.bipt.be/>) en opslaan in een **Geographical Information System (GIS)**. (Al deels gedaan in vorig onderzoek.)
2. **Meten van de radiofrequente straling in een stratengrid in Gent**. De metingen zullen enkele malen herhaald worden op verschillende tijdstippen om **temporele trends in de blootstelling** vast te stellen.
3. Verwerken van de data met een statistical software package (*R* of *SPSS*) in een **land use regression model van de RF blootstelling**.
4. **Valideren van het finale model** met onafhankelijke metingen en data, en vergelijken van de resultaten met bestaande technieken.



*Thesisvoorstel*

**Studie van de absorptie veroorzaakt door de straling van poorten voor elektronische artikelbeveiliging**

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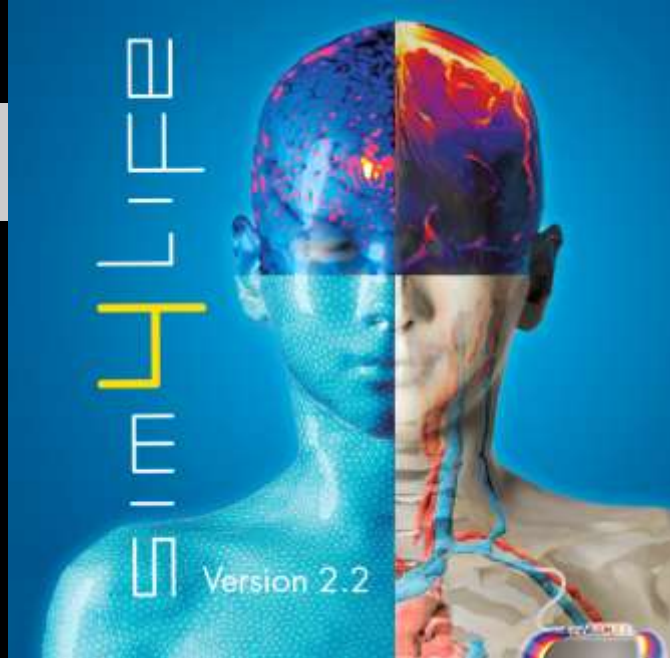
A photograph of a cluttered office desk. In the background, a person wearing a black and white striped sweater is seated at a desk, typing on a keyboard. The desk in the foreground is made of light-colored wood and is covered with various items: a coiled black cable, a grey electronic device with a small screen and buttons, a square metal tray containing a small object, a grey mouse, and a keyboard. A white text box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Referentie niveaus soms overschreden".

Referentie niveaus soms overschreden

Doelstelling: Voldaan aan basisrestricties?



*FDTD tool*

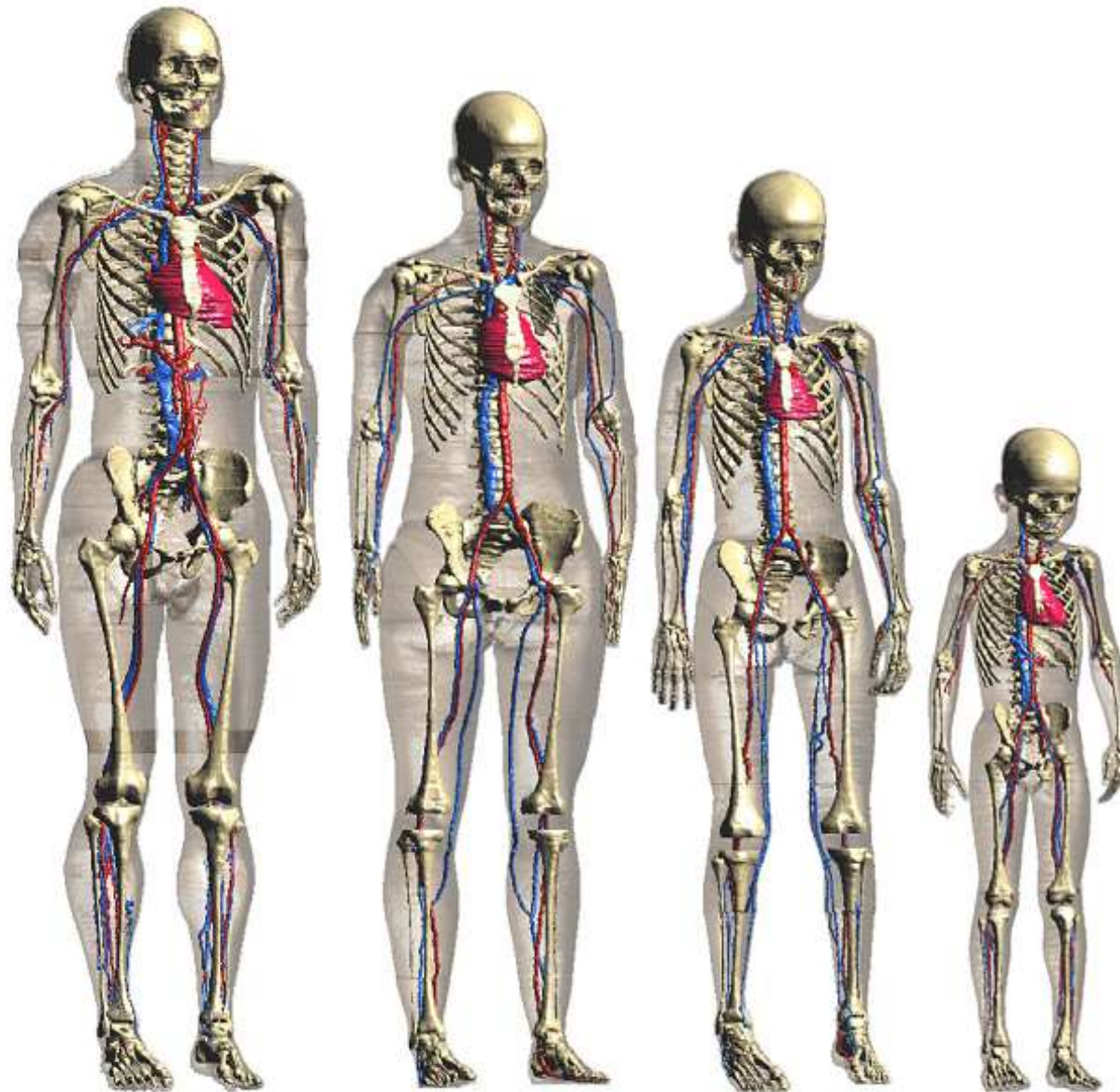


## 3D electromagnetic solvers

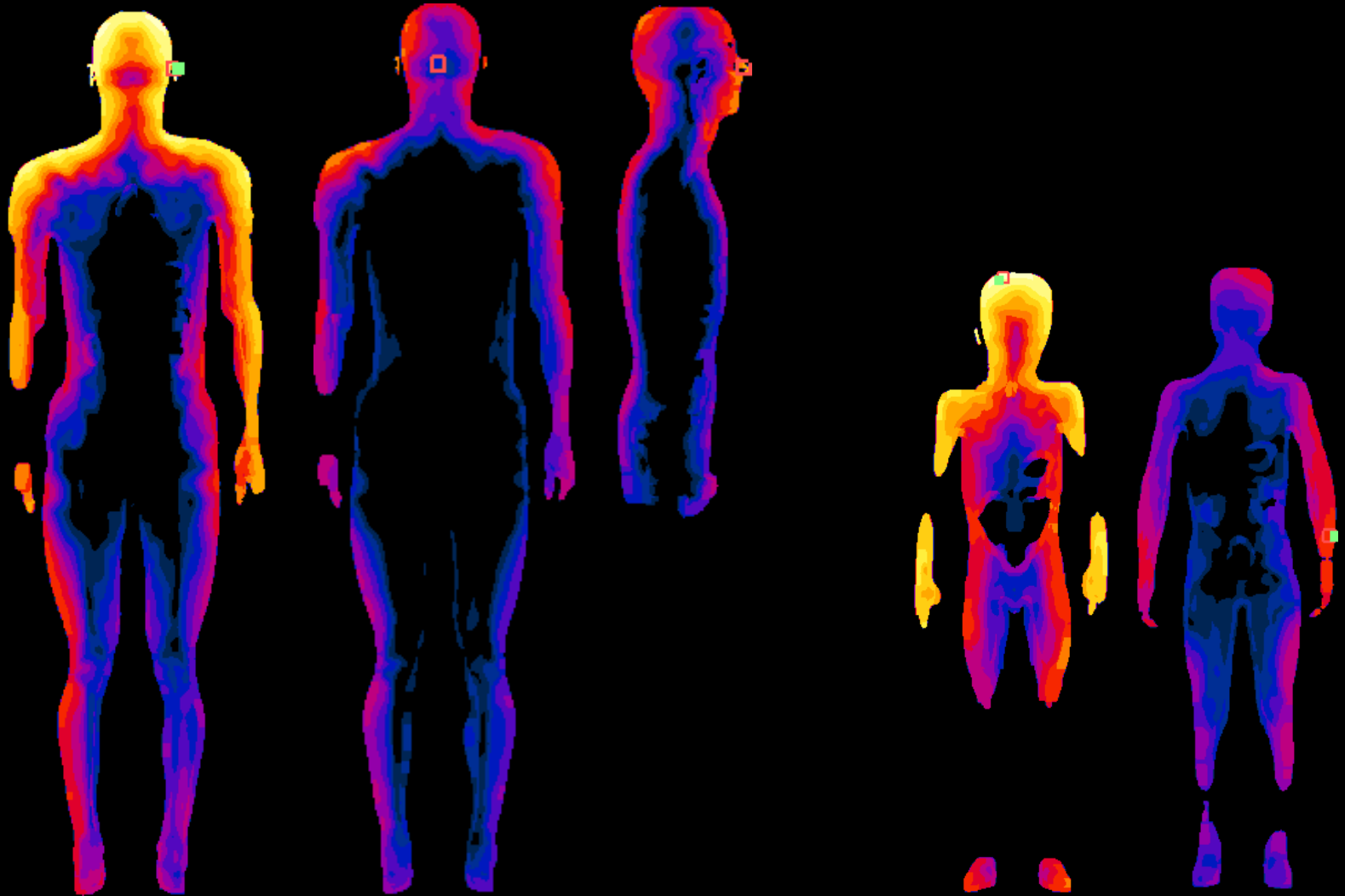
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