

# The Green Lab

## Introduction to the course

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# Announcement about your study plan

## Computer Science track Software Engineering & Green IT constrained choice

### Description

Students need to choose one course of 6 EC from the Foundations of Computing and Concurrency constrained choices, one course of 6 EC from the Mathematics constrained choices, one course of 6 EC from the...

[More information](#)

- ✓ Computer Science JD Foundations of Computing and Concurrency constrained choice year 1 and year 2
- ✓ Computer Science JD Mathematics constrained choice year 1 and year 2
- ✓ Computer Science JD Programming constrained choice year 1 and year 2
- ✓ Computer Science JD Societal Perspectives on Computer Science constrained choice
- ✓ Computer Sciences JD Security constrained choice
- ✓ CS JD Research Skills constrained choice

### Description

Students must complete at least one course of 6 EC from those listed below. Alternatively, students may complete Large Research Project Computer Science XM\_0130 (12 EC).

[More information](#)

COURSE NAME	PERIOD	CREDITS	CODE
Literature Study	Ac. Year (sept)	6.00 EC	XM_0131
Research Project Computer Science	Ac. Year (sept)	6.00 EC	XM_0129

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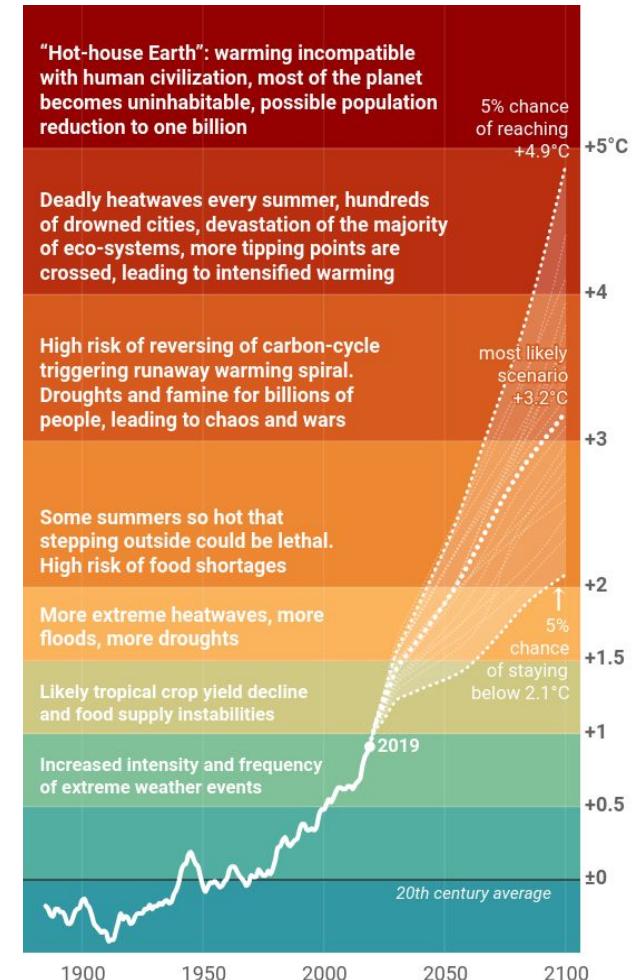
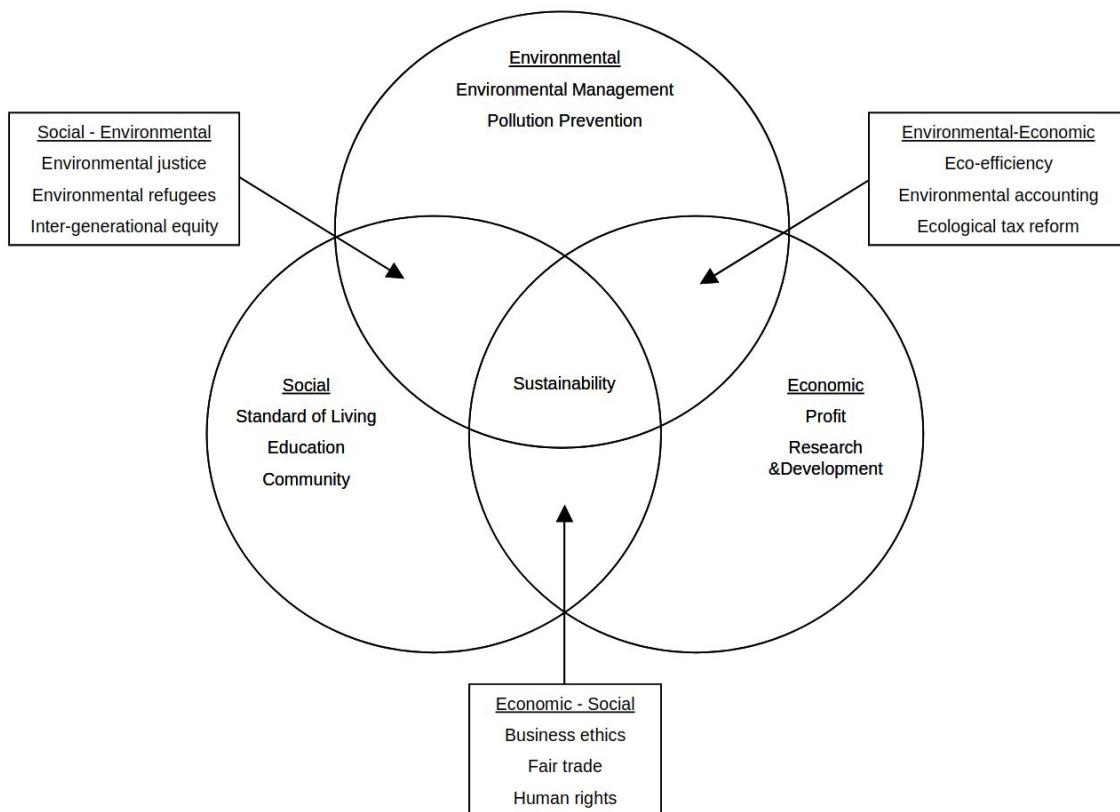
Computer Science pre-approved elective courses			
COURSE NAME	PERIOD	CREDITS	CODE
Individual Systems Practical	Ac. Year (sept)	6.00 EC	XM_405088
Industrial Internship	Ac. Year (sept)	6.00 EC	XM_405080
Large Research Project Computer Science	Ac. Year (sept)	12.00 EC	XM_0130

Total of 18 additional ECTs to go  
DEEPER into a specific research topic!

# Our Common Future

"Sustainable development is development that meets the **needs of the present** without compromising the ability of **future generations to meet their own needs.**"

- United Nation, Brundtland Report, 1987



The solid line shows **5-year average** of global land and ocean temperature anomalies (NOAA). Dotted lines show different percentiles of warming predictions according to [Raftery et al., 2017](#). Inspired by [The Guardian](#).

source: <https://t.co/2y4fvielXf>

# Our Common Future

"Sustainable development  
present without compen-  
sation can't meet their own need"

- United Nation, ETC

Scientists: We need to find  
a solution to global warming

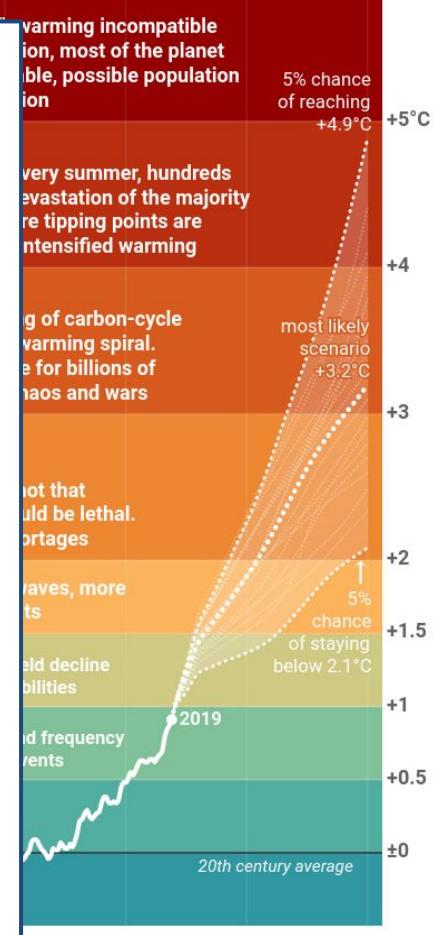
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Social - Environmental  
Environmental justice  
Environmental refugees  
Inter-generational equity

Social  
Standard of living  
Education  
Community

Fair trade  
Human rights



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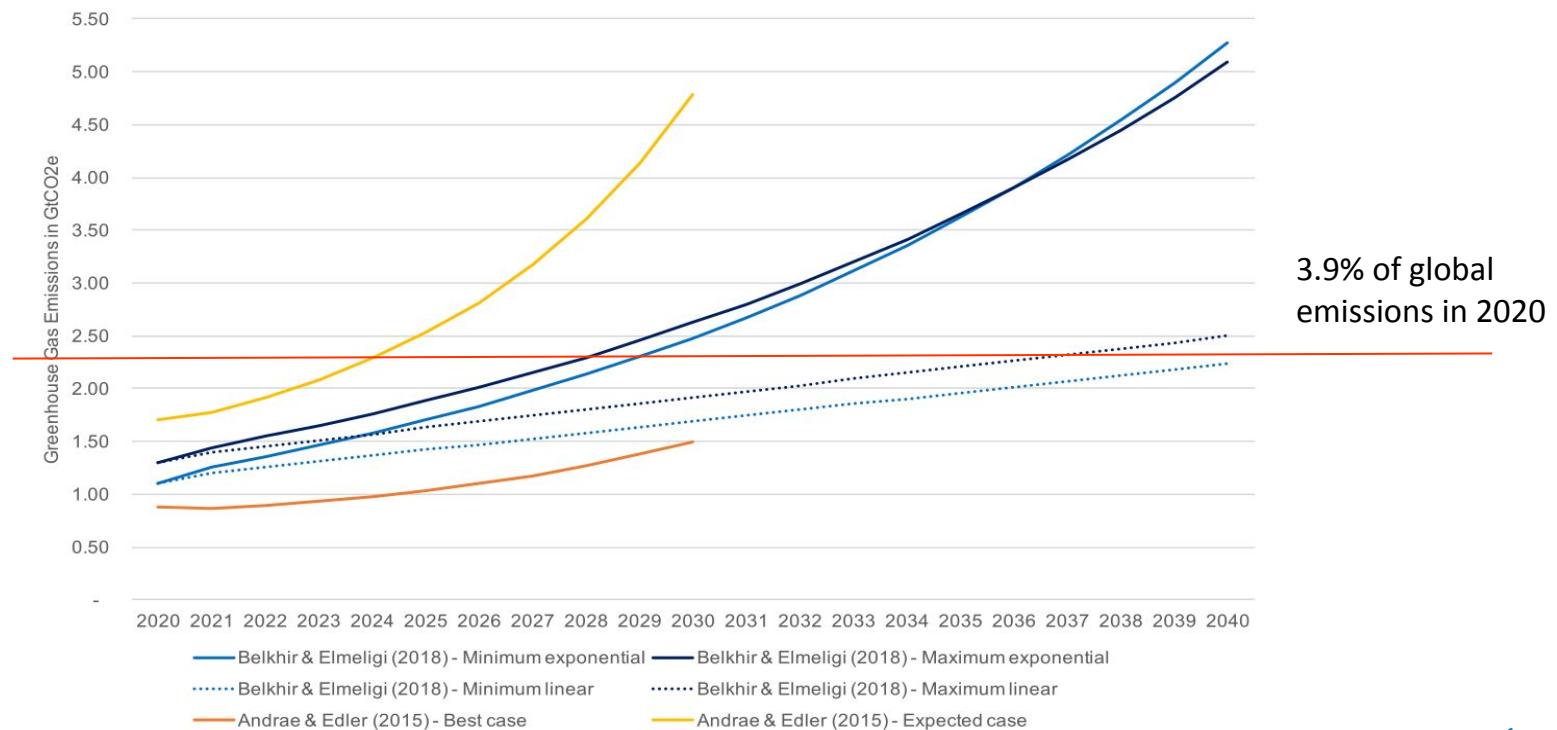
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# Information Communication Technology (ICT) is unsustainable

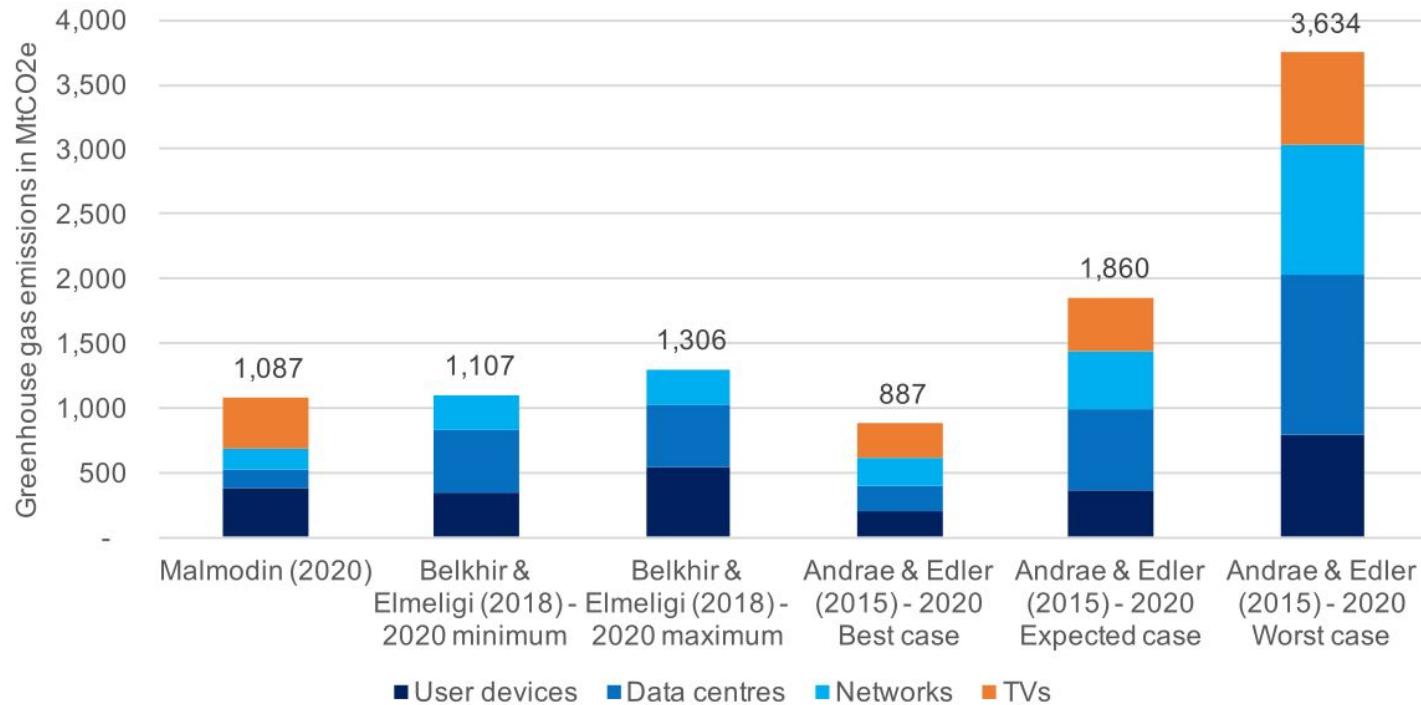
ICT has growing carbon footprint:

- Embodied (extraction materials, transport, manufacturing)
- Use/Operational
- End-of-Life (disposal)



# ICT is unsustainable

- Estimate suffer of “Truncation Error”
- Not accurate but useful drivers (30% Embodied, 70% Use)



# Rebound Effects

A *rebound effect* happens when improved resource efficiency leads to higher consumption, offsetting the expected benefits.

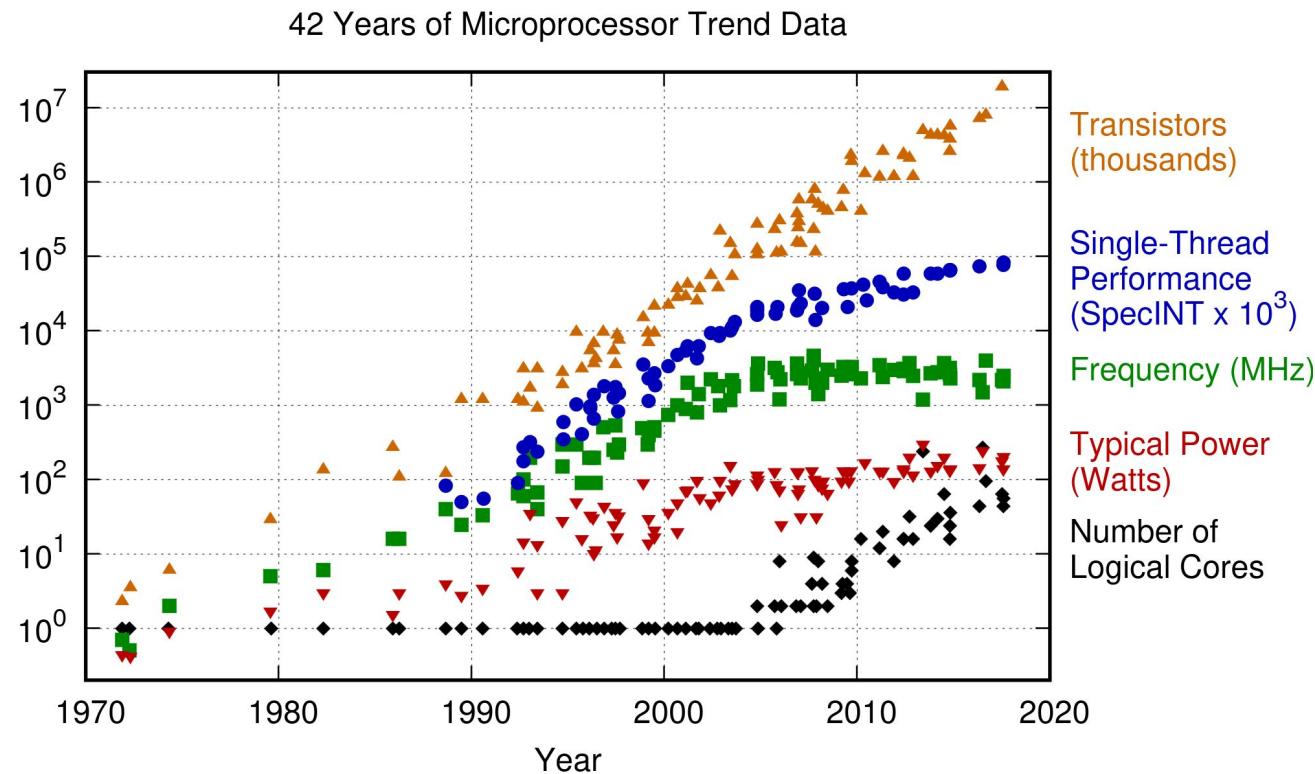
- *Direct rebound:*
  - *Cloud Computing:* Increased energy expenditure due to easy access to cloud resources
- *Indirect rebound:*
  - *Food Delivery Apps:* Increased transportation and packaging waste
- *Economy-Wide rebound:*
  - *Fashion Delivery Apps:* Increased consumption of clothes and production



Source: <https://rb.gy/fd7sdf>

# Moore's law

- The number of transistors on a microchip doubles about every two years, while the cost halves
- System complexity over chip density



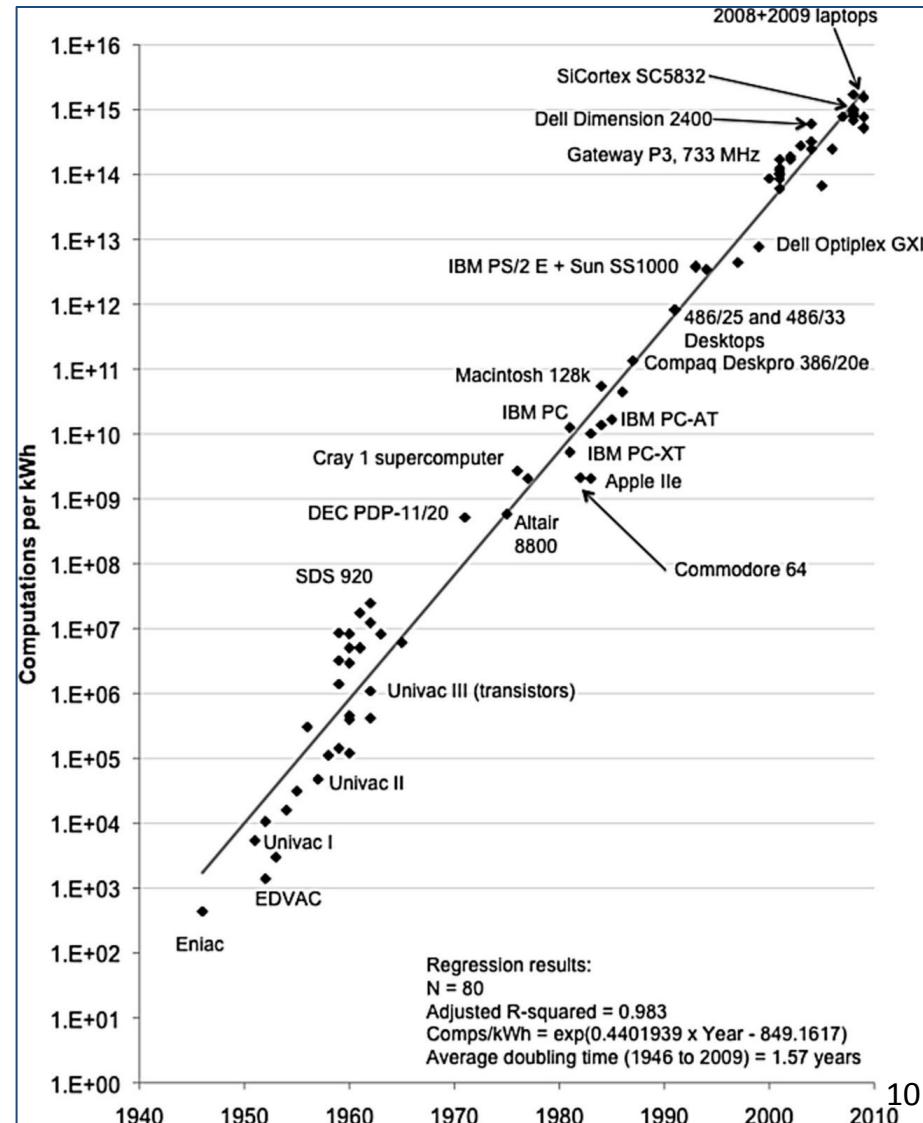
Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten  
New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp

# Is hardware energy-efficient?

**Koomey's Law:** peak output *energy efficiency* of hardware doubles every 1.5 years

After 2000, the doubling time increased to about 2.6 years

- not accurate since it refers to the energy efficiency at full load
- wasted by inefficient software



# In this course

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Software Energy Consumption:

- Correlated
- Measurable



Source: <https://xkcd.com/1445/>

# Where does this energy go?



**Battery charge efficiency: 90%**

CPU: 500 - 2,000 mW

GSM: 800 mW

Display: 400 mW

GPS: 176 mW

Gyroscope: 130 mW

Microphone: 101 mW

Bluetooth: 100 mW

Accelerometer: 21 mW

# Where does this energy go?



## Energy loss:

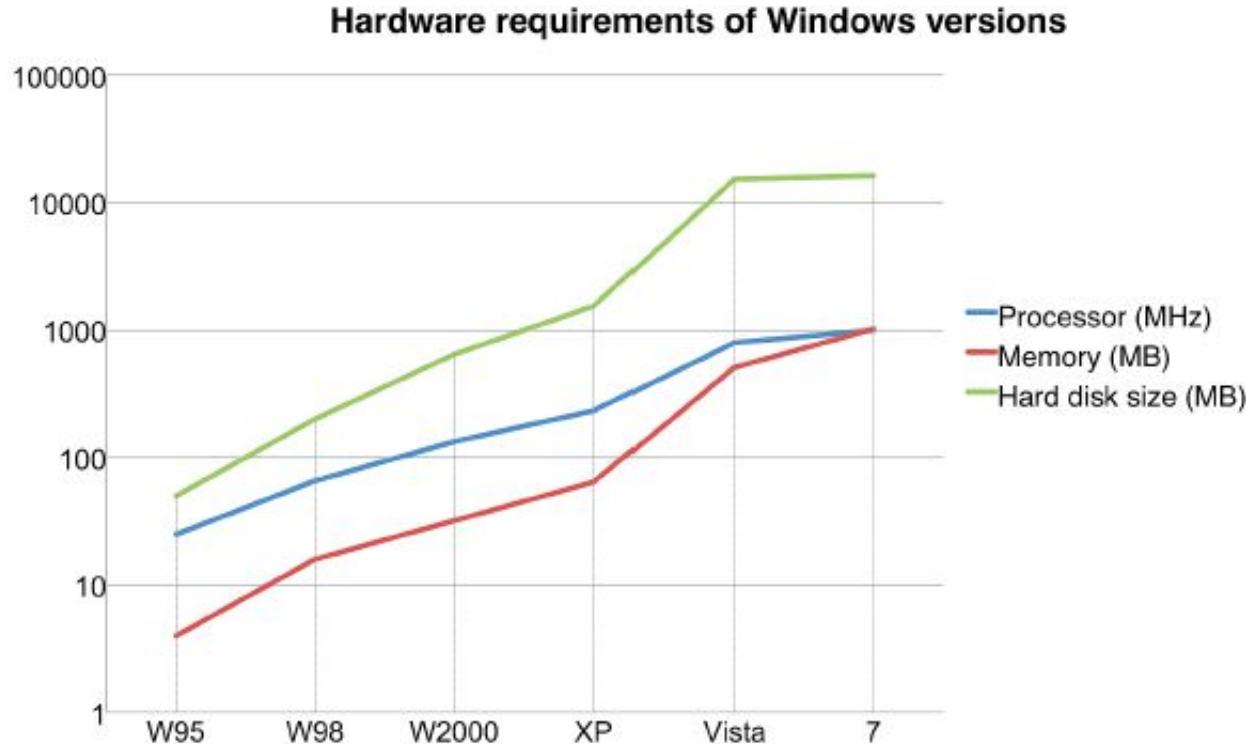
- Low utilization
- Cooling
- Lighting

**Min utilization rate: 10%**  
**Max utilization rate: 80%**

$$\text{PUE} = \frac{\text{Total Facility Energy}}{\text{IT Equipment Energy}}$$

"Good" PUE =  $100000 \text{ kW} / 80000 \text{ kw} = 1.25 = 80\% \text{ is used}$

# Ok, so what about software?



"Software gets slower more rapidly than hardware gets faster"

(Wirth's law)

# Why is software consuming more and more?

## 1. **Software is a gas**

Software always expands to fit whatever container it is stored in

## 2. **Software grows until it becomes limited by Moore's Law**

The initial growth of software is rapid, like gas expanding, but is inevitably limited by the rate of increase in hardware speed

## 3. **Software growth makes Moore's Law possible**

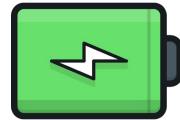
People buy new hardware because the software requires it

## 4. **Software is only limited by human ambition and expectation**

We'll always find new algorithms, new applications, and new users

*Nathan P. Myhrvold, Microsoft, ACM 1997*

# Let's touch the problem



Battery Drainer

# The Green Lab

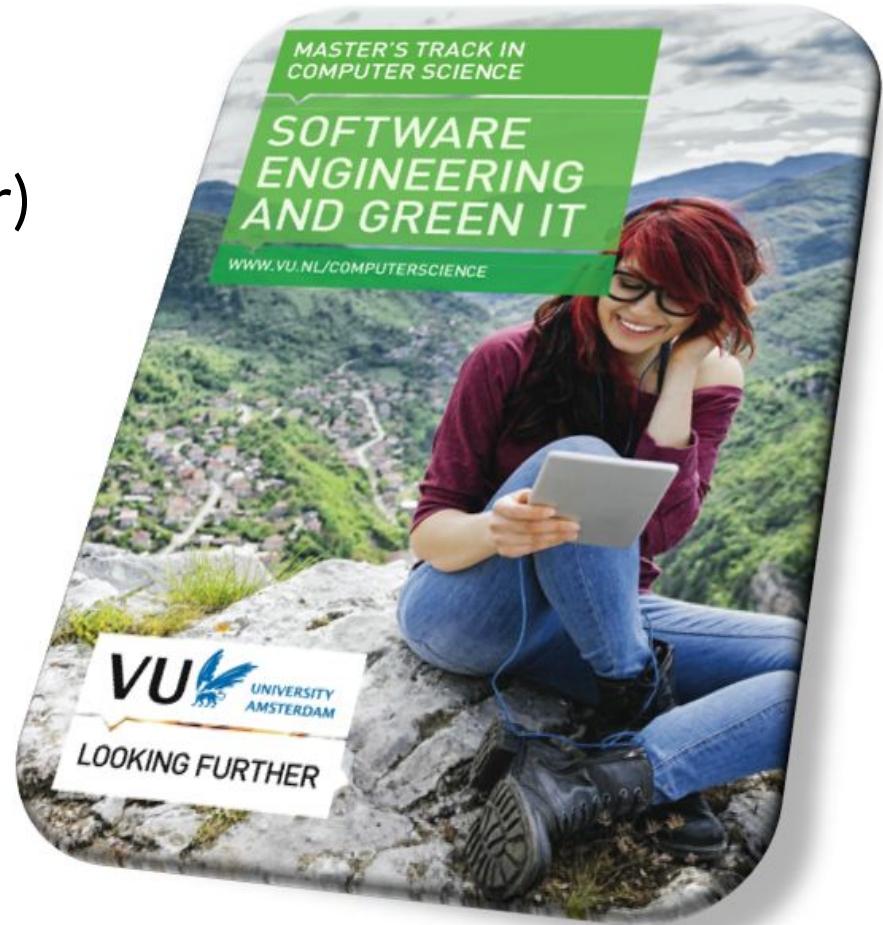
**Code:** X\_418158

**Period:** 1 (September-October)

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Language:** English

**Technically challenging:** YES!



# What this course is about

- **MAIN GOAL** – to learn about:
  - energy efficiency of software
  - empirical software engineering
    - data-driven
    - the experimental process
- Build a successful experiment in the lab
  - software measurement
  - Data analysis with R
  - Data visualization with R
  - How to write a scientific report

# Who is who

- Ivano Malavolta
    - i.malavolta@vu.nl
    - Room 10A-33 – NU building
  - Vincenzo Stoico
    - Measurement tools – Cloud/IoT
    - General support on experiments
  - Radu Apsan, Serein Li, Arturo Abril Martinez
    - Measurement tools
  - Italo Rossi del Aguila, Chiara Zambianchi, Jakub Frąć
    - R + R Studio
    - Statistical analysis with R
    - Data visualization with R
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- Coordinator
- Lecturer  
and support
- Teaching  
assistants

# Course schedule

wk		Tuesdays		Fridays	Assignments
1	Tue 03/09 - 11:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L1 - Introduction to the course; Example of team project; Intro to Energy and Green IT [Vincenzo]	Fri 06/09 - 9:00 HG-KC07	L2 - How to design and develop green software [Vincenzo]	
2	Tue 10/09 - 11:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L3 - Experimental Process; GQM; Construct threats to validity [Ivano]	Fri 13/09 - 9:00 MF-BK37, MF-BK43, MF-BK50	LAB1 - Lab environment, tools, and devices (Android/Experiment Runner) [Radu, Serein, Arturo]	GQM (deadline: 13/09 - 23:59)
3	Tue 17/09 - 9:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L4 - Experiment planning; Subjects and variable selection; Measurement theory basics; External threats to validity [Ivano]	Fri 20/09 - 11:00 HG-KC07	L5 - Experiment Design (basics and advanced); Internal threats to validity [Ivano]	
4	Tue 24/09 - 11:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L6 - Data Analysis; Hypothesis Testing; Conclusion threats to validity [Ivano]	Fri 27/09 - 9:00 MF-BK37, MF-BK43, MF-BK50	LAB2 - R in practice [Chiara, Italo, Jakub]	Experiment design (deadline: 27/09 - 23:59)
5	Tue 01/10 - 11:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L7 - Statistical Tests [Ivano]	Fri 04/10 - 9:00 MF-BK37, MF-BK43, MF-BK50	LAB3 - Statistical tests with R [Chiara, Italo, Jakub]	
6	Tue 08/10 - 11:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L8 - Data Visualization; Experiment Reporting [Ivano]	Fri 11/10 - 9:00 MF-BK37, MF-BK43, MF-BK50	LAB4 - Data visualization in R with ggplot2 + QA [Chiara, Italo, Jakub]	
7	Tue 15/10 - 9:00 Theater 2 (NU-C745)	L9 - Software Carbon Intensity; Final QA [Ivano]	Fri 18/10 - 9:00 HG-KC07	Guest lecture	
8	FINALIZE PROJECT				Final report (deadline: 25/10 - 23:59)

2 types of lectures

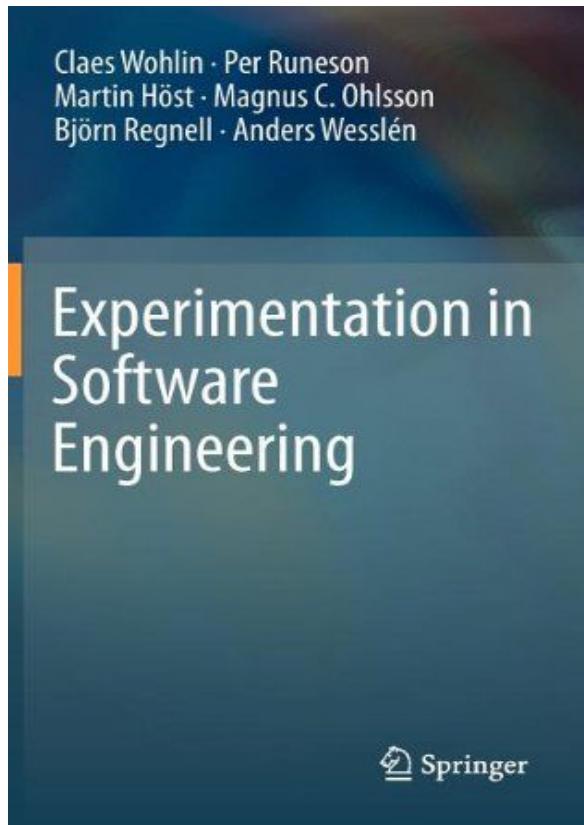
- Theory
- Labs

# A typical lecture

- ~5 minutes
  - discussion about the previous lecture/lab
    - questions about how it went, feeling about the tools, problems, ideas, etc.
- ~1.5 hours
  - lecturing, giving and explaining examples, moderation of possible discussions
- ~5 minutes
  - wrap up, discussion of reading material, look forward to the next phases of the course

Each lecture will be your  
compass, not your book

# Textbook



## **Experimentation in Software Engineering**

by Anders Wesslén, Björn Regnell, Claes Wohlin, Magnus C. Ohlsson, and Martin Host

<http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-642-29044-2>

It is also available on Canvas

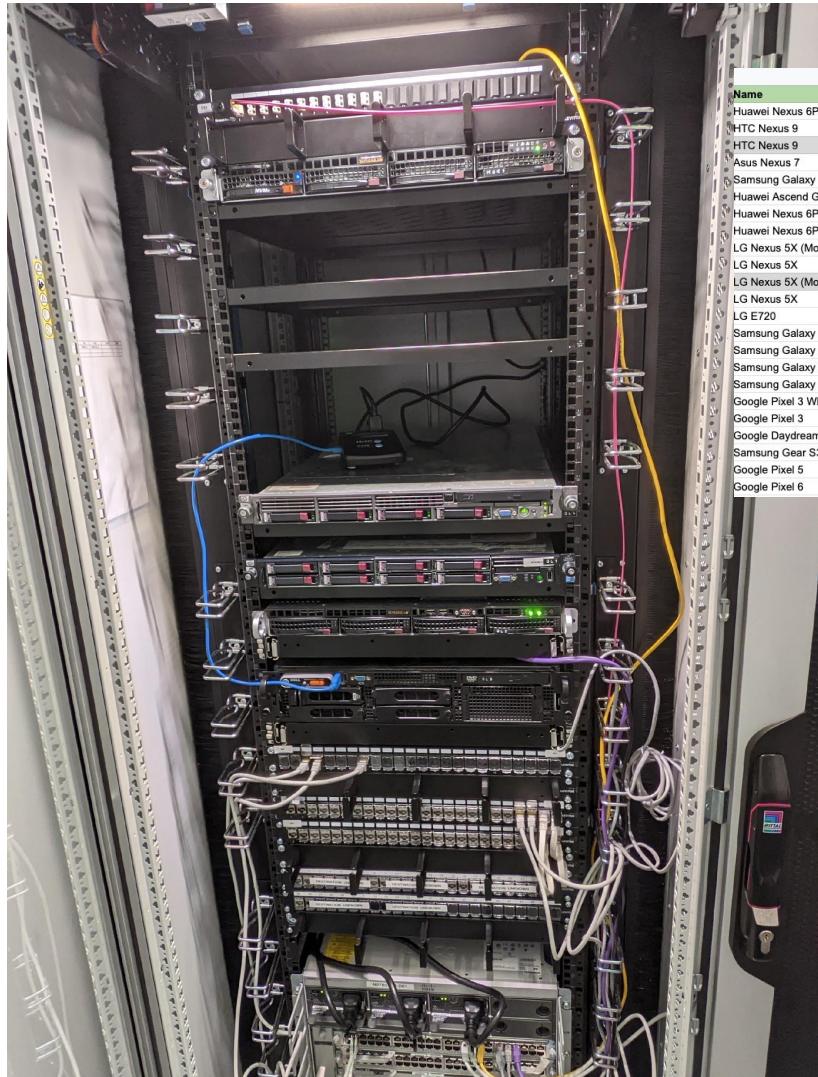
Additional books also available on Canvas, use them as manuals

# A typical Lab session

- ~5 minutes
  - discussion about the previous lecture
- ~40 minutes
  - the TA shows you how to use the tools
  - explanation of a simple exercise and its execution in an interactive manner
  - the source code of the exercise will be available on Canvas
- ~45 minutes
  - you will work on a small hands-on exercise
  - you can ask questions at any time to the instructor, thus solving your problems "on-demand"
  - bring your own laptop

MANDATORY  
ATTENDANCE

# The Green Lab is also a physical place



Name	Type	Technical spec	CPU	Memory	Android	Trepn	Battery	stats	Released	Rooted?
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
Huawei Nexus 6P	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Qualcomm MSM8994 Snapdragon 810 - Octa-core 1.5+2.0 GHz	3Gb	6.0.1	Yes	Yes			2015	Yes
HTC Nexus 9	Tablet	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Nvidia Tegra K1 - Dual-core 2.3 GHz Denver	2Gb	5.1.1	Yes	No			2014	
HTC Nexus 9	Tablet	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Nvidia Tegra K1 - Dual-core 2.3 GHz Denver	2Gb	6.0.1	Yes	No			2014	
Asus Nexus 7	Tablet	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Qualcomm Snapdragon S4Pro - Quad-core 1.5 GHz Krait	2Gb	6.0.1	Yes	Yes			2013	
Samsung Galaxy Nexus 3	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> TI OMAP 4460 - Dual-core 1.2 GHz Cortex-A9	1Gb	4.4.4	No	No			2011	
Huawei Ascend G300	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Qualcomm MSM7227A Snapdragon S1 - 1.0 GHz Cortex-A5	512Mb	4.0.3	No	No			2012	
Huawei Nexus 6P	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Qualcomm MSM8994 Snapdragon 810 - Octa-core 1.5+2.0 GHz	3Gb	8.1.0	Yes	Yes			2015	
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LG Nexus 5X (Monsoon-compatible)	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Hexa-core (4x1.4 GHz Cortex-A53 & 2x1.8 GHz Cortex-A57)	2Gb	to check	No	Yes			2015	
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LG E720	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Qualcomm MSM7227 ARM1136E-S (1x600 MHz)	418Mb	2.2	No	No			2010	
Samsung Galaxy J7 Duo	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Octa-core (2x2.2 GHz Cortex-A73 & 6x1.6 GHz Cortex-A53)	4gb	8.0.0	No	Yes			2018	
Samsung Galaxy J7 Duo	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Octa-core (2x2.2 GHz Cortex-A73 & 6x1.6 GHz Cortex-A53)	4gb	8.0.0	No	Yes			2018	
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Google Pixel 3 White	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> Octa-core (2x2.2 GHz Cortex-A73 & 6x1.6 GHz Cortex-A53)	4gb	8.0.0	No	Yes			2018	
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Google Daydream for smartphone	VR visor	<a href="https://vr.google.com/d">https://vr.google.com/d</a>	-	-	-	-			-	-
Samsung Gear S3 42mm WiFi LTE	Smartwatch	<a href="https://www.samsung.co">https://www.samsung.co</a>	-	-	-	-			-	-
Google Pixel 5	Smartphone	<a href="http://www.gsmarena.co">http://www.gsmarena.co</a> -	8Gb	to check	to check	to check			2020	No
Google Pixel 6	Smartphone	<a href="https://www.gsmarena.co">https://www.gsmarena.co</a> -	8Gb	to check	to check	to check			2021	No

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<b>TurtleBots</b>			
TurtleBot3 Burger (customized with IN Robot)	Module	<a href="https://www.robotis.">https://www.robotis.</a>	Tahsin
RaspberryPi Camera	Module	...	Tahsin
Energy Monitor Device	Device	...	Tahsin
TurtleBot3 Burger	Robot	<a href="https://www.robotis.">https://www.robotis.</a>	Locker 13
Energy Monitor Device	Device	...	Locker 13 on TurtleBot
Raspberry Pi Camera Module V2	Module	<a href="https://www.raspber">https://www.raspber</a>	Locker 13 on TurtleBot
TurtleBot3 Burger	Robot	<a href="https://www.robotis.">https://www.robotis.</a>	Locker 13
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<b>Arduino</b>			
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# Grading

- Team project (100% of the final grade)
  - start day-1 with the project work
  - if you are not familiar with the technologies
    - study and practice (A LOT!)
  - teams of 5 students
- Aims:
  - to put in practice what you will learn
  - to develop your technical skills



Start forming teams NOW!

# Schedule and deliverables

- **Deliverable 1** (20% of the final grade)
  - Experiment goal, scope description, and related work
  - Deliverable:
    - written report
  - Deadline: 13 September: 23:59
- **Deliverable 2** (30% of the final grade)
  - Detailed design of the experiment
  - Deliverable:
    - written report
  - Deadline: 27 September: 23:59
- **Deliverable 3** (50% of the final grade)
  - Final report of the experiment
  - Deliverables:
    - written report
    - GitHub repository containing:
      - experiment execution scripts and source code
      - raw data and analysis scripts in R
      - video presenting your experiment
    - Deadline: 25 October: 23:59

# Grading

To pass the course the following conditions must be met:

- The score of each assignment must be 6.0 or higher
- The final weighted grade of all assignments must be 6.0 or higher
- Recorded video completed
  - ~15 minutes in total, with each team member presenting ~3 minutes

Deadlines are firm!

# Relationship with lectures and labs

**Attendance** to all lectures and labs is MANDATORY

Each lecture/lab will correspond to a specific part of your project

- you can look at how each part should be done
- you can ask questions interactively
- you start reasoning concretely on your project

Misinterpreting or not applying what the lecturer/TA teaches will result in failing the course

- for example: using R for data analysis is mandatory

# What we expect from you

This is a **6 credits** course

- we ask you to invest approximately 150 hours for passing the exam

Your estimated average time per week is as follows:

- Attending lectures and lab sessions: 3 hours
- Studying literature and lecture material: 7 hours
- Working on your team project: 8 hours

**TOTAL: 18 hours**

- **Total study time: 18 hours x 7 weeks = 126 hours**
- Final push:  $150 - 126 =$  24 hours

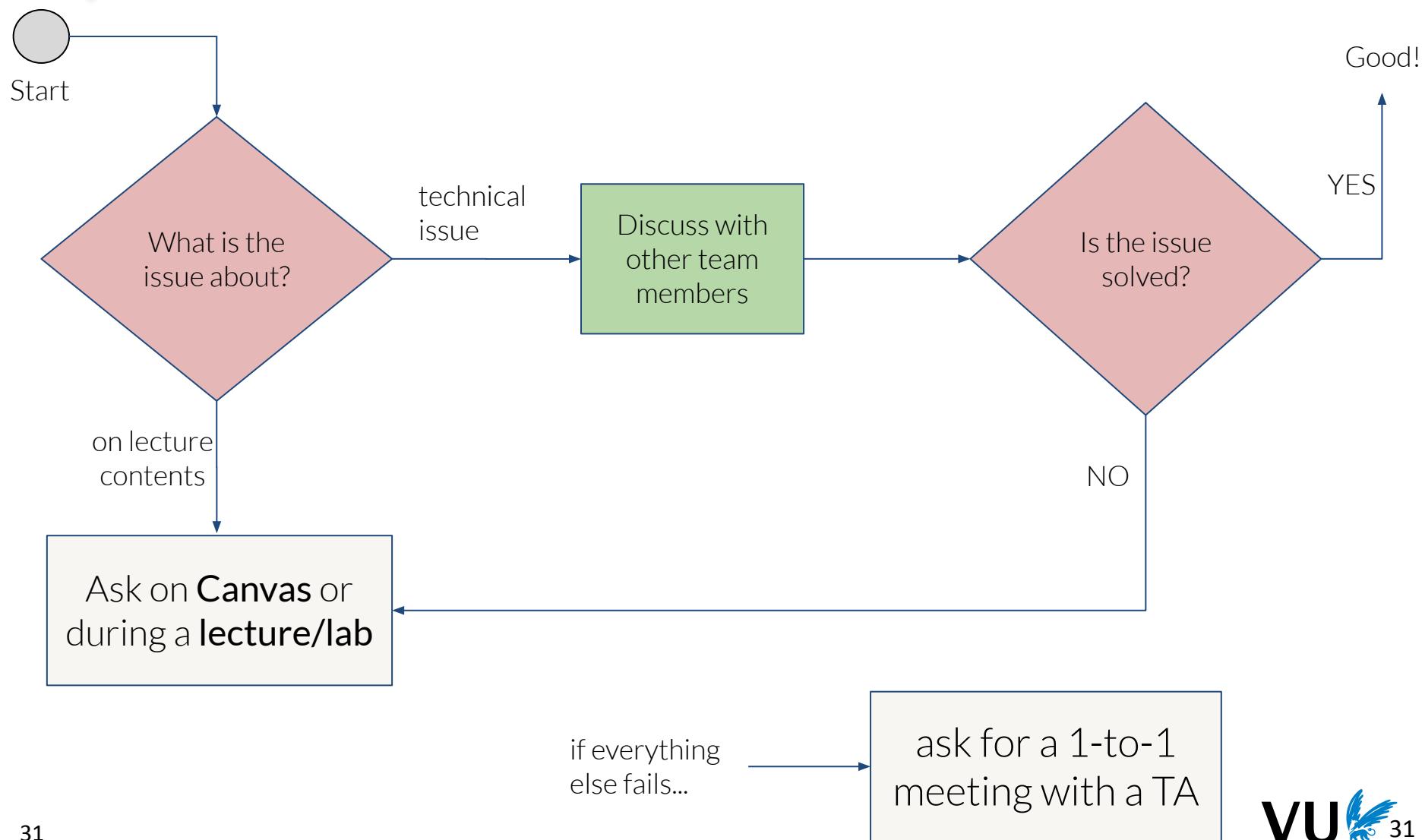
# Fraud

Information exchange and collaboration are fully allowed within each single team, cases of plagiarism or inter-team collaboration and assignment contents exchange will be reported to and managed by the official fraud committee.

The use of generative AI to create ready-made content in assignments is considered fraud (*still, you can use it for grammar checks and polishing your English*).

In case of fraud, the consequences of those acts may potentially lead to: formal warning, inclusion of the formal warning in your VU student file, suspension from education and exams for up to one year.

# Communication



# This course is about opportunities



Other publications:  
<https://s2group.cs.vu.nl/pages/greenlab>

# First action!

- Form your team (by tomorrow!)
  - fill this form:
    - <https://forms.gle/yc54gEoqEJJy7wt6A>
    - on September 6 we will finalize the teams on Canvas
- Start getting familiar with technologies
  - Experiment Runner
    - <https://github.com/S2-group/experiment-runner>
  - Android Runner
    - <https://github.com/S2-group/android-runner>

