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2024



**Programme  
Master  
Microtechnique**

# Welcome to Microengineering !

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presentation



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# What is Microengineering ?



Microengineering is a branch of engineering that deals with the design and fabrication of very small structures and devices, typically on the scale of micrometers or smaller. It involves the use of microfabrication techniques to create complex systems and machines with dimensions that are often measured in microns.

Microengineering encompasses a wide range of applications, including micro-electronics, micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS), microfluidics, nanotechnology, and bioengineering. Some examples of microengineering products include microsensors, micro-actuators, micro-optics, microfluidic chips, and microelectronic devices.

Microengineering plays an increasingly important role in many fields, including medicine, electronics, materials science, and environmental monitoring. By creating devices that are small, efficient, and precise, microengineering is enabling new applications and advancing scientific understanding in a variety of areas.

# Historical background

Jaquet-Droz Automata  
(*La Chaux-de-Fonds* - 1768 et 1774)



Ancestors to modern robotics

*Le dessinateur*  
(2000 pièces)





# Watch Valley: Birthplace of Swiss Watchmaking



# Building on history

Medtech & Microtechnology  
Lab technologies & diagnostics  
Neurotechnologies  
Digital health  
Immunology  
Oncology

39 research institutes  
1'000 companies  
5'000 students

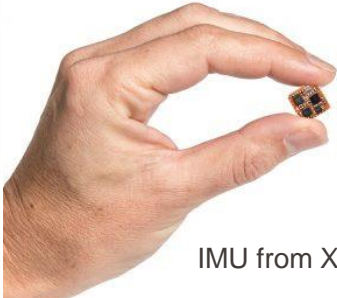


# Why go Small ???

## Size and Mass



IMU on Saturn V (1960)

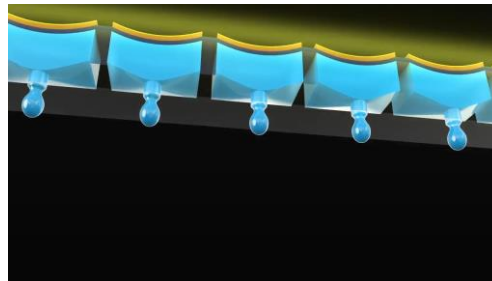


IMU from Xsens (2019)

## Speed



40'000 droplets per second



## Energy consumption



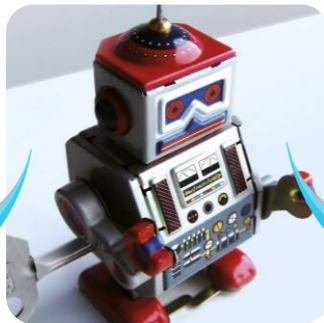
Robotics master



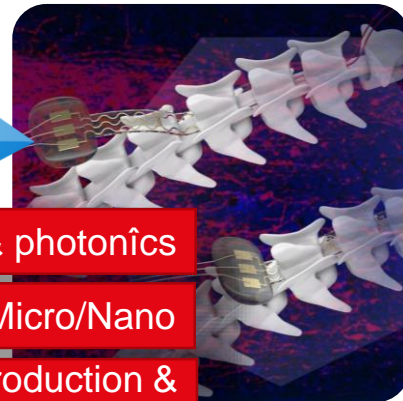
Industrial

Mobile

Medical



Microengineering master



Optics & photonics

Micro/Nano

Advanced production & manufacturing

Minors

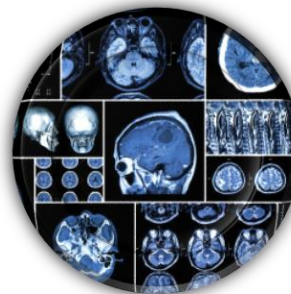
Optics & Photonics



Biomedical Technologies



Imaging





## Other EPFL BaS programs

4.50 average

No mandatory prerequisite rules

Recommended background:

- Electronics
- Programming
- Mechanical design
- Microfab

### Robotics master



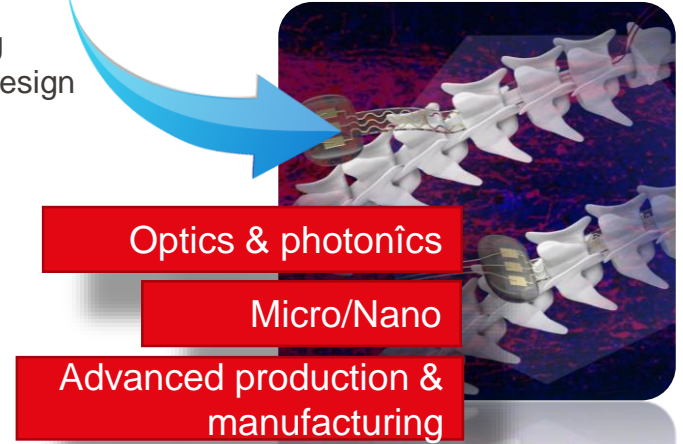
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 SG1

Industrial

Mobile

Medical

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Optics & photonics

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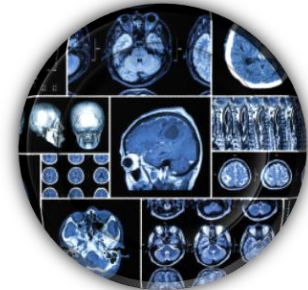
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Imaging



# Master program structure

## **ELECTIVE COURSES**

Orientations and specializations  
are possible | 90 ECTS

## **INTERNSHIP**

In a company or a laboratory

**MASTER**  
**120 ECTS**

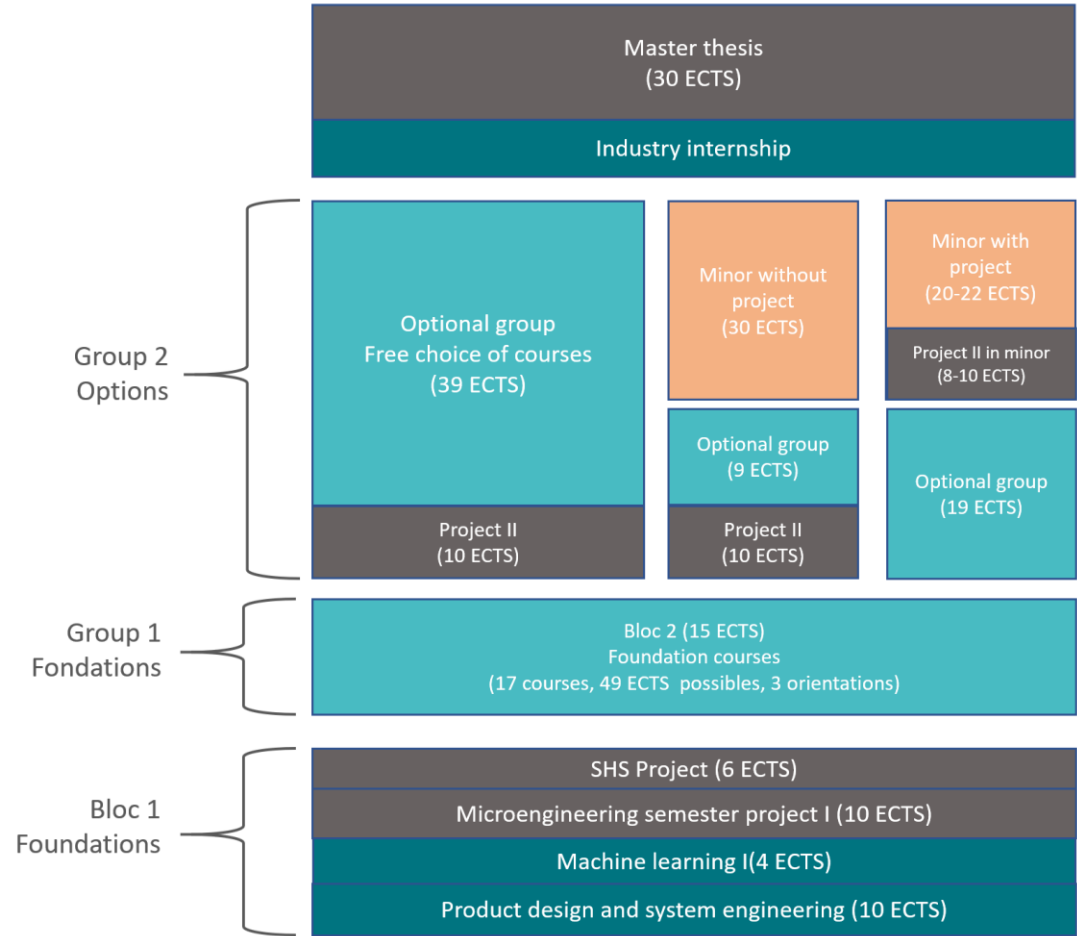
## **INCLUDING AN OPTIONAL MINOR**

30 ECTS

## **MASTER'S THESIS**

At EPFL, in a company  
or at another university | 30 ECTS

# Master Program structure



# Products Design and Systems Engineering

Foundational course in the first semester letting groups of students create their own product from concept to prototype, including a first marketing plan. With invite speakers from Academia and Industry.

**Fred**  
Electrical Designer

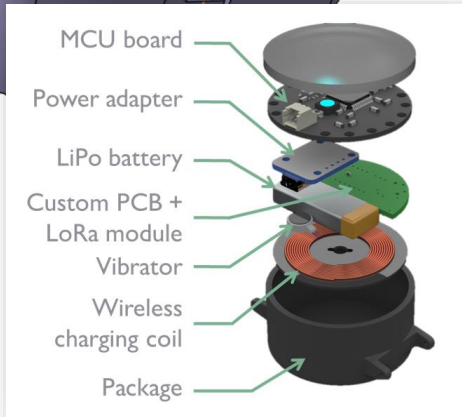
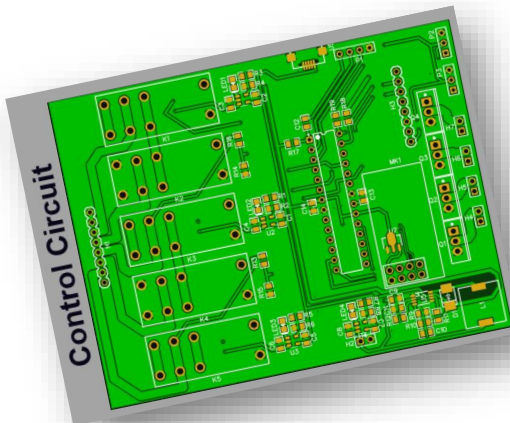
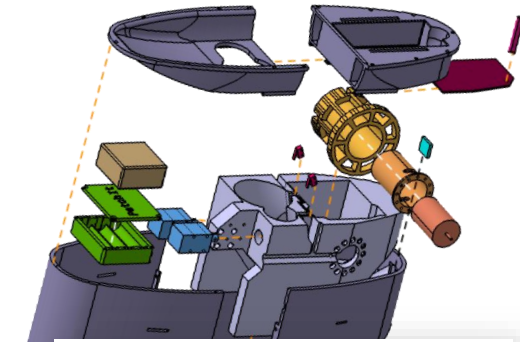
**Pablo**  
Propulsion Designer

**Andrea**  
Propulsion Designer

**Charlotte**  
CAD designer

**Hugo**  
Programmer

**Florian**  
Business developer

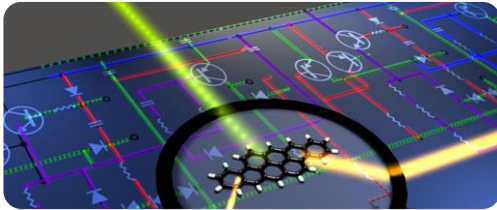




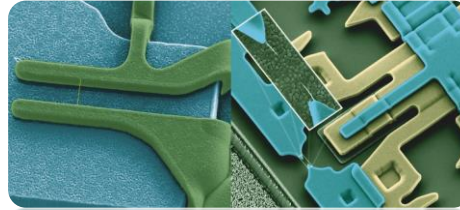
# Orientations – Microengineering Master

Orientations are meant as **guidelines** to help students choose their courses

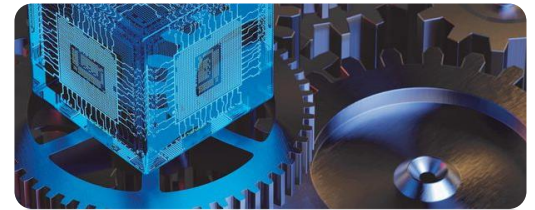
A  
Optics and Photonics



B  
Micro and Nanosystems



C  
Advanced and Production  
and Fabrication



# Orientations - Master Microengineering

Bloc 1

Products Design and System Engineering

Machine learning I

Semester project 1

SHS

Group 1: Fall

## A: Optics and photonics

Computational optical imaging

Selected topics in advanced optics

Optical design with Zemax

## B: Micro & Nanosystems

Scaling laws in micro- and nanosystems

Smart sensors for IOT

Micro-mechanical devices

Processing with intelligent systems

## C: Advanced Production and Fabrication

Introduction to additive manufacturing

Applied and industrial robotics

Manufacturing systems and supply chain dynamics

Group 1: Spring

Optical detectors

15 ECTS to validate this Group

Microfluidics & microsystems

Nanoscale heat transfer

Metrology

Nanotechnology

Fundamentals and processes of PV devices

Laser fundamentals and applications for engineers

# Orientations - Master Microengineering

Group 2 : Fall

## A: Optics et Photonics

- Biomedical optics
- Biomicroscopy I
- Nonlinear optics
- Nonlinear optics for quantum technologies
- Optics laboratories Fall

## Physique des composants semi-conducteurs

- Lasers: theory and modern applications
- Quantum and nanocomputing
- Basic integrated photonic components: fundamentals and simulations
- Nonlinear optics for quantum technologies

## Micro et Nanosystems

- Physical models for micro and nanosystems
- Fundamentals of analog IC design
- Fundamentals of biosensors and electronic biochips
- Neural interfaces
- Radiofrequency circuits design techniques

## C: Advanced Production and Fabrication Techniques

- Commande embarquée de moteurs
- Commande non-linéaire

Group 2 : Spring

- Biomicroscopy II
- Fundamentals of Biophotonics
- Optics laboratories Spring
- Deep learning for optical imaging

## Photonic systems and technology

- Metrology practicals
- Nanophotonics
- Physics of photonic semiconductor devices
- Advanced photonic transducers: classical and quantum applications
- La science quantique, une vision singulière

## Micro et Nanosystems

- Micro and nanosystems mechanisms for extreme environments
- Large area electronic devices and materials
- IC design I
- Nanobiotechnology and biophysics
- Sensors in medical instrumentation

## Micro et Nanosystems

- MEMS practicals I
- Organic and printed electronics
- MEMS practicals II

- Advanced additive manufacturing technologies
- Analyse de produits et systèmes
- Computational motor control
- Laser microprocessing
- Haptic human robot interfaces
- Industrial automation
- Continuous improvement of manufacturing systems
- System identification

35 ECTS + 1 semester project to validate this Group

And more ...

### AI / ML

- Software architecture
- Machine learning II
- Machine learning programming: Distributed intelligent systems
- Model predictive control
- Advanced control systems

### Signals & Bio

- Image processing I
- Image processing II
- Bio-image informatic, Audio
- Neural signal and signal processing
- Translational neuroengineering
- Applied biomedical signal processing
- Introduction to Bioengineering

### Systems

- Embedded systems
- Systems engineering
- Lab on app development for tablets and smartphones
- Management de projet et analyse du risque
- Space mission design and operations

### Robotics

- Basics of mobile robotics
- Legged robots
- Aerial robotics
- Evolutionary robotics
- Intercultural presentation skills

Imaging

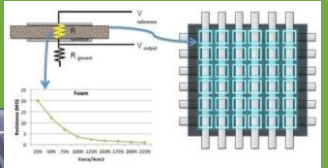


**REGENT**  
 LIGHTING



Smart fabric printing

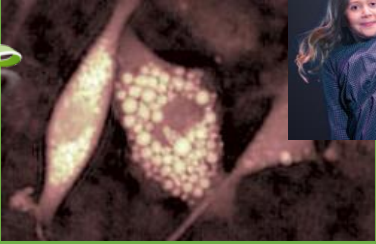
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**SUSS** MicroOptics

**Lyncée tec**

**NANO LIVE**  
 Looking inside life



photon focus

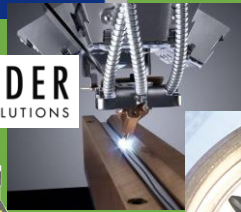


Example of  
 Industry Players  
 Optics & Photonics

**TRUMPF**

**SYNOVA**

**SCHNYDER**  
 GEAR CUTTING SOLUTIONS



**teltec**  
 systems ag



Laser marking

**COHERENT**



**LUMENTUM**

Laser cutting



Microfab,  
MEMS, Sensors  
and Packaging

**ASML**



**e smart**

Systems Engineering

**TESA**  
TECHNOLOGY



**SUSS** MicroOptics

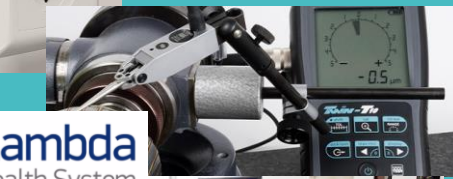
**csem**

**ST**  
life.augmented



**aleva**  
NEUROTHERAPEUTICS

**Lambda**  
Health System



Example of  
Industry Players  
Micro &  
Nanosystems

Sensors, Wireless and IOT

**logitech**



**Gaitup**

**GEO SATIS**  
securing people



Watchmaking



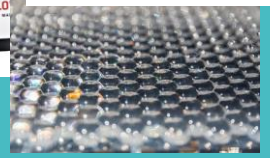
**BVLGARI**  
**ROLEX**



**EMS**  
ELECTRO MEDICAL SYSTEMS



**insolight**



Advanced manufacturing



Supply chain



Example of Industry  
players  
Advanced Manufacturing  
& Production



PHILIP MORRIS  
INTERNATIONAL



ETEL

Materials processing



Asycube  
Flexible feeders



Industrial robotics

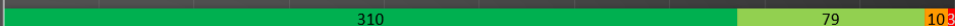


# Master internship evaluations

Company evaluation (August '21 – August '23, 403 MT & RO students)

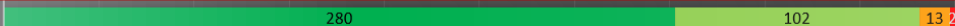
■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Sufficient ■ Insufficient

Overall Evaluation

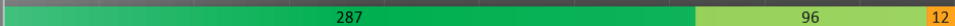


## Independence

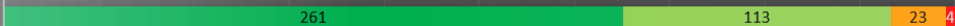
Capacity to self-evaluate and to respond constructively to feedback



Access sources of information and to evaluate them

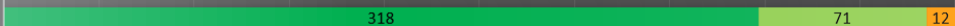


Ability to present and defend her/his own ideas

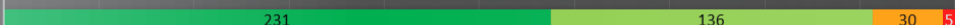


## Communication

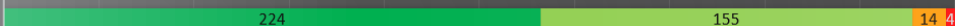
Interpersonal skills and engagement, including in a multicultural context



Communication (clarity, reasoning, self-confidence)

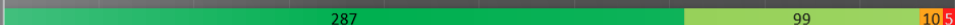


Written communication (structure, clarity, coherence of reasoning)

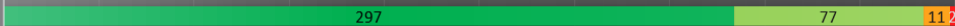


## Integration in the professional world

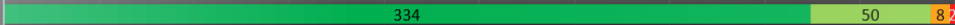
Quality of the work delivered



Capacity to work in teams

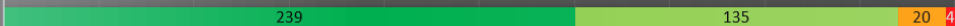


Respect for the organizations procedures/ rules and for their professional ethical codes

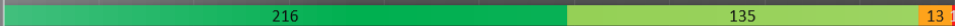


## Planning and management of work tasks

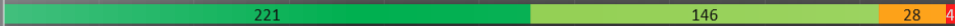
Work planning, monitoring of activities, and management of emergent issues



Evaluation of resources required

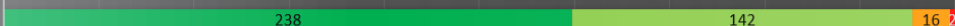


Definition of work objectives and management of priorities

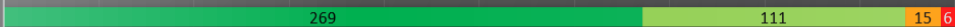


## Application of scientific and technical knowledge

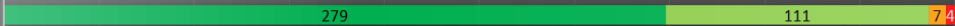
Mastery of domain-specific methodologies



Ability to resolve complex problems



Technical skills and knowledge



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

## Electronique

Electrotechnique I+II: BA1-2  
Electronique I+II: BA3-4  
Systèmes logiques: BA3  
Microcontrôleurs: BA4

## Software

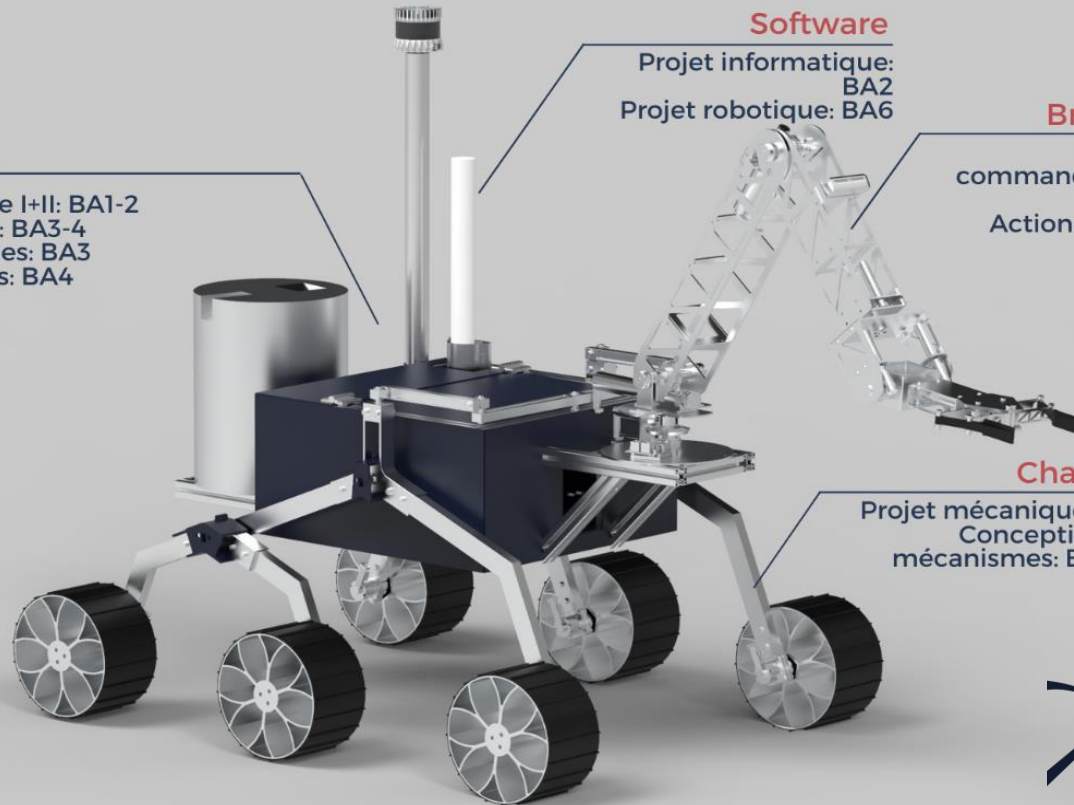
Projet informatique: BA2  
Projet robotique: BA6

## Bras robotique

Automatique et  
commandes numériques: BA5  
Actionneurs I+II: BA5-6

## Chassis

Projet mécanique: BA1  
Conception de  
mécanismes: BA3-4.



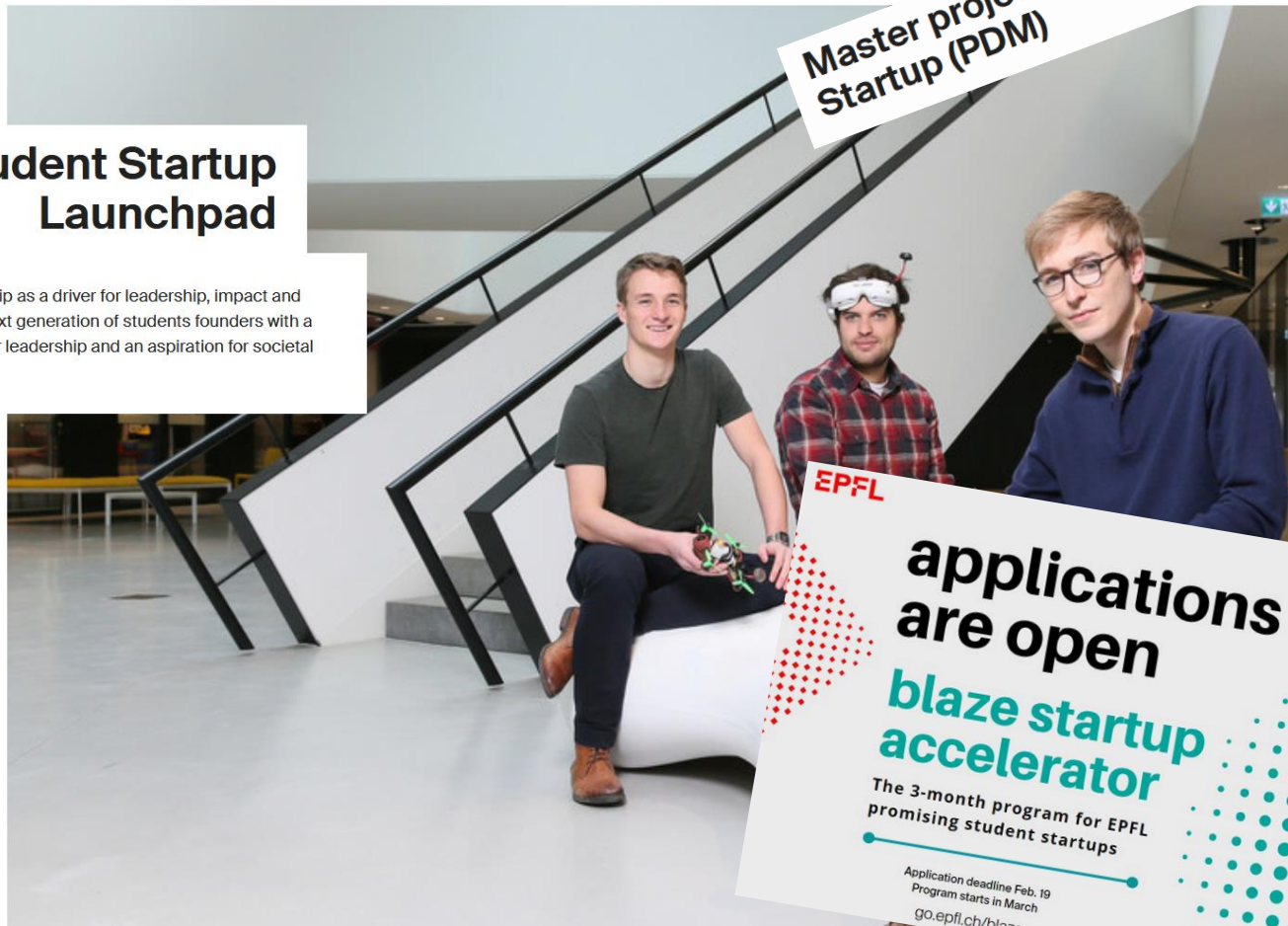


# Entrepreneurship !

## Student Startup Launchpad

We foster student entrepreneurship as a driver for leadership, impact and innovation. We are building the next generation of students founders with a drive for excellence, an instinct for leadership and an aspiration for societal impact.

Master project in your  
Startup (PDM)



EPFL

applications  
are open

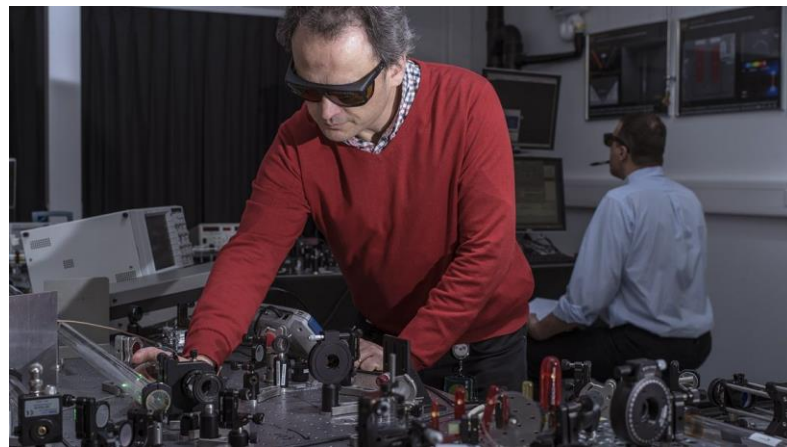
blaze startup  
accelerator

The 3-month program for EPFL  
promising student startups

Application deadline Feb. 19  
Program starts in March

[go.epfl.ch/blaze](http://go.epfl.ch/blaze)

# Research - IEM to host your projects



IEM covers the following major technical fields:

- Electronic Circuits and Devices
- Micro-manufacturing and Micro- and Nano-technologies
- Robotics
- IoT, Computer & Communication Engineering
- Optics, Photonics and wave engineering
- Machine learning, Information Science and Systems
- Power and Energy

## Research in IEM :

- 37 Full Professors / Associate Professors / Tenure-Track Assistant Professors
- 1 SNSF-funded Professor
- 13 Adjunct Professors
- 11 Senior Scientists
- 1 Member of the US National Academy of Engineering
- 1 Member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences
- 1 Member of the Academia Europaea
- 2 Members of Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences
- 25 ERC grants : 12 Advanced, 6 Consolidator and 7 Starting grants since 2008

# One Institute on 3 campuses

**EPFL**  
**iem**  
institute of **electrical**  
and **micro** engineering

## Geneva - Campus Biotech

- Bio- and neuroengineering (Wyss center)
- Human Brain Project
- Center for neuroprosthetics

• 420 staff  
• 9 chairs  
• 3880 m<sup>2</sup>

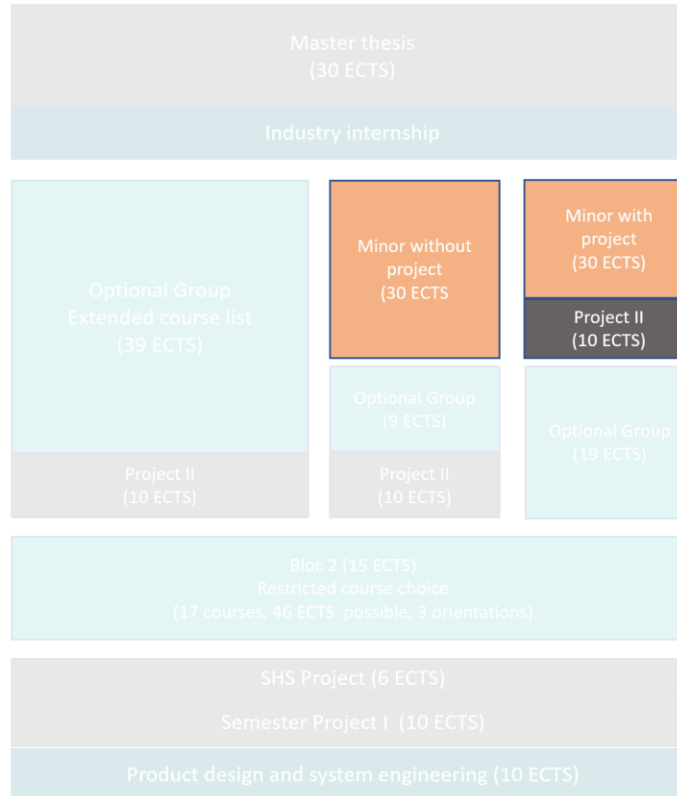
## Neuchâtel - Microcity

- Microengineering and nanotechnologies

• 230 staff  
• 11 chairs  
• 8035 m<sup>2</sup>



# Minors...





# Recommended and possible Minors


Data and internet of things	Interdiscipl.	EL	Atienza D.	r
Energy	Interdiscipl.	GM	Maréchal F.	r
Imaging	Interdiscipl.	MT	Sage Daniel	r
Engineering for sustainability	Interdiscipl.	SIE	Gilliéron P.Y. , Leterrier	r
Technology management and entrepreneurship	Interdiscipl.	MTE	de Rassenfosse G.	r
Neuro-X	Discipl.	NX	Hummel F, Micera S.	r
Photonics	Interdiscipl.	MT	Martin O.	r
Physics of living systems	Interdiscipl.	SV	Persat A.	r
Quantum science and engineering	Discipl.	SIQ	Macris N. et Klinke H.	r
Biomedical technologies	Interdiscipl.	MT	Guiducci C.	r
Spacial technologies	Interdiscipl.	EL	Kneib J.-P.	r
Computational science and engineering	Discipl.	MA	Pouchon O.	r
Architecture	Discipl.	AR	Kochnitzky Palluel L.	c
Computational Biology	Interdiscipl.	IN	Salathé M.	c
Biotechnology	Interdiscipl.	CGC	Pick H.	c
Chemistry and chemical engineering	Discipl.	CGC	Marendaz J.-L.	c
Cyber security	Discipl.	IN	Hazboun E.	c
Data science	Discipl.	SC	Hazboun E.	c
Integrated Design, Architecture and Sustainability	Interdiscipl.	AR	Andersen M., Rey E.	c
Territories in transformation and climate	Interdiscipl.	AR	Joost St.	c
Civil engineering	Discipl.	GC	Turberg P.	c
Electrical and electronic engineering	Discipl.	EL	Gay-Balmaz Ph.	c
Mechanical engineering	Discipl.	GM	Prenleloup A.	c
Systems Engineering	Interdiscipl.	MTE	Weber Th.	c
Computer science	Discipl.	IN	Hazboun E.	c
Life sciences engineering	Discipl.	SV	Grisoni B.	c
Financial engineering	Discipl.	IF	Fahlenbrach R.	c
Mathematics	Discipl.	MA	Pouchon O.	c
Physics	Discipl.	PH	Mari D.	c
Materials science and engineering	Discipl.	MX	Marselli B.	c
Environmental sciences and engineering	Discipl.	SIE	Gilliéron P.-Y	c
Statistics	Discipl.	MA	Mhalla L.	c
Communication systems	Discipl.	SC	Hazboun E.	c

**r** Recommended in the study plans  
**c** Choice of the courses with the advice of the initiating section and the person in charge of the minor

# Minors administrated by our section

**mt EPFL**  
microtechnique  
microengineering  
section

## Photonics minor 2023-24



**Project obligatoire du mineur en Photonique**

Project in photonics	Divers enseignants	10 AP
	Achuel/Martin O.	6 A

**Bases en photonique pour étudiants n'ayant aucune formation en photonique**  
Ingenieur optique

Beneš-Chelms	4 A
Moser	3 P
Moser Ch./Kippenberg	4 A
Rohr	3 A
Gallinet	4 A
Pastus/Pu	3 P
Breit	4 P
Grassein	4 P
Kippenberg	6 A
Brenard	6 P
Yatsev	6 A
Martin O.	3 A
Bulla	4 A
Beneš-Chelms	3 P

**Foundations of photonics**  
Basic integrated photonic components: fundamentals and simulations  
Laser fundamentals and applications for engineers  
Lasers: theory and modern applications  
Nonlinear optics  
Nonlinear optical for quantum technologies  
Optics laboratories  
Photonics systems and technology  
Physics of photonic microelectronic devices  
Quantum electrodynamic and quantum optics  
Quantum optical and quantum information  
Quantum physics II  
Spontaneous Brillouin scattering optics  
Semiconductor physics and light-matter interaction  
Advanced photonic transducers: classical and quantum applications

**Applied photonics**  
Fundamentals & processes for photovoltaic devices  
Fundamentals of biophotonics  
Image processing I  
Image processing II  
Imaging optics  
Laser microprocessing  
Microfabrication technologies  
Nanophotonics  
Optical Design with ZEMAX OpticStudio  
Optical Simulators  
Organic and printed electronics

Baif	3 P
Rallavoin	3 P
Unser/Van de Ville	3 A
Leibling/Sage/Unser/Van de Ville	3 P
Pastus	3 P
Hofmann	2 P
Qui-Fingger	4 A
Mosser	3 A
Pu	3 A
Beneš	3 A
Brenard/Sudramanian	2 P

**Biomedical photonics**  
Biomedical optics  
Biomicroscopy I  
Biomicroscopy II  
Photomedicine

Wagnières	3 A
Albug	3 A
Albug + Seitz A.	4 P
Wagnières	2 P

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Explore cutting-edge technologies to control electrons and photons

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microengineering  
section

## Imaging minor 2023-24



**Project obligatoire du mineur en Imagerie**

Project in imaging	Divers enseignants	8 AP
	Unser/Simeoni/Guzdar	3 A

**Bases en Imagerie**

Mathematics of imaging (starting 24-25)	Unser/Simeoni/Guzdar	3 A
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**Autres cours**

**Instrumentation and Optics**  
Imaging optics  
Metrology  
Metrology practicals  
Optical detectors  
Electron microscopy: advanced methods  
Fundamentals of biophotonics

Paalis	3 A
Charbon/Fandner/Bruschini	3 P
Charbon/Fandner/Bruschini	2 P
Besse	3 A
Hébert/Duncan	3 P
Radenovic	3 P

**Image Processing and Analysis**  
Image analysis and pattern recognition  
Image processing I  
Deep learning for optical imaging  
Lab in signal and image processing  
Computational photography  
Computer vision  
Visual intelligence : machines and minds  
Mathematical foundations of signal processing

Thiran	4 P
Unser/Van de Ville	3 A
Unser/Van de Ville/Leibling/Sage	3 P
Paalis	3 P
Thiran	4 P
Sustubnik	5 P
Fua	4 P
Zamer	5 P
Fageot/Simeoni/Bejar	6 A

**Application-Specific Courses**  
Biomege informatics  
Biomicroscopy I  
Biomicroscopy II  
Fundamentals of biomedical imaging  
Neural signal and signal processing  
Image processing for Earth observation  
Qualitative imaging for civil engineering  
Sensing and spatial modeling for earth observation  
Histoire de l'image I

Seitz/Sage	4 P
Albug	3 A
Albug/Seitz	4 P
Grueter	4 P
Mocrea/Van De Ville	6 A
Tula	4 A
Anoh	3 A
Skaloud, Beme, Tula	5 P
Lugon	3 A

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**Project obligatoire du mineur en Technologies biomédicales**

Project in biomedical technologies	Divers enseignants	8 AP
	Manley	3 P
	Zilberly	4 A
	Roy	4 P
	Radenovic	2 A

**Bases biomédicales**  
Biophysics : physics of the cell  
Cellular biology and biochemistry for engineers  
Physiologie par systèmes  
Seminar in physiology and instrumentation

Manley	3 P
Zilberly	4 A
Roy	4 P
Radenovic	2 A

**Autres cours**

Analog circuits for biochip  
Applied biomedical signal processing  
Bioelectronics and biomedical microelectronics  
Biomege informatics  
Basics in Biomicroscopist \*  
Computational neurosciences : neuronal dynamics  
Biomechanics of the cardiovascular system  
Biomechanics of the musculoskeletal system  
Biomedical optics  
Biomicroscopy I  
Biomicroscopy II  
Bio-nano-chip design  
Biophysics : physics of biological systems  
Fundamentals of biomedical imaging  
Fundamentals of biophotonics  
Fundamentals of biosensors and electronic biochips  
Ingenieur optique  
Light, liquids and interfaces  
Mechanobiology: how mechanics regulate life  
Microfabrication technologies  
Nanobiotechnology and biophysics  
Neural interfaces  
Neural signals and signal processing  
Neuroscience: cellular and circuit mechanisms  
New tools & research strategies in personalized health  
Numerical methods in biomechanics  
Sensors in medical instrumentation  
Translational neuroengineering

Camara/Schmid/Skivervik	3 P
Leimay	4 A
Schweid	3 A
Sage/Seitz	4 P
Martin	4 A
Gestner	5 P
Siergopoulos	3 P
Planes	5 P
Wagnières G.	3 A
Albug	3 A
Albug/Seitz A.	4 P
Camara	3 A
Baif/Salhard J.	4 A
Grueter	4 P
Radenovic A.	4 A
C. Guiducci	3 A
Achour/Martin O.	6 A
Baif S.	4 A
Penas/Sakar	3 A
Bigger/Ges	4 A
Fries B.	3 P
Lacour	6 A
Mocrea/Van De Ville	6 A
Crochet/Petersen	5 A
Tono	4 P
Teller A.	3 P
Chenard/Bonucci	3 P
Blawieck/Courthé/Hummel/Mocrea	6 P

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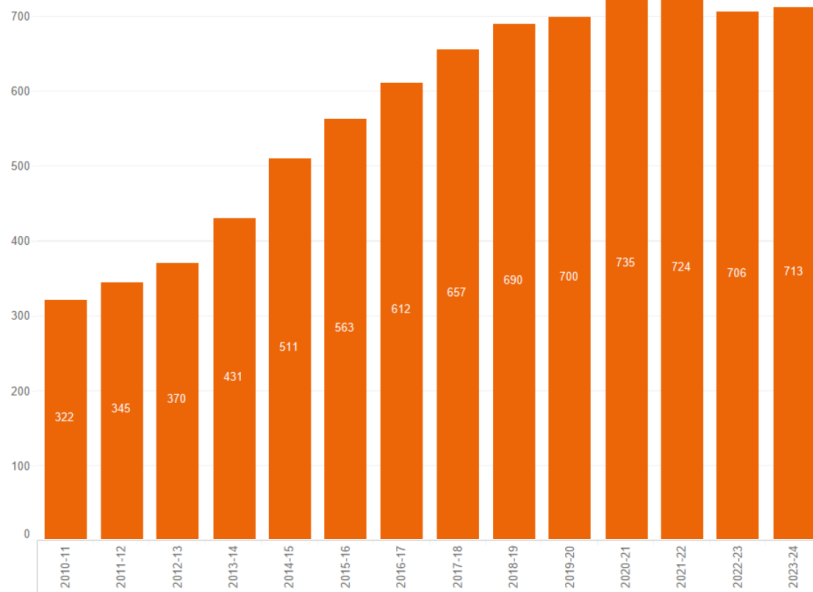
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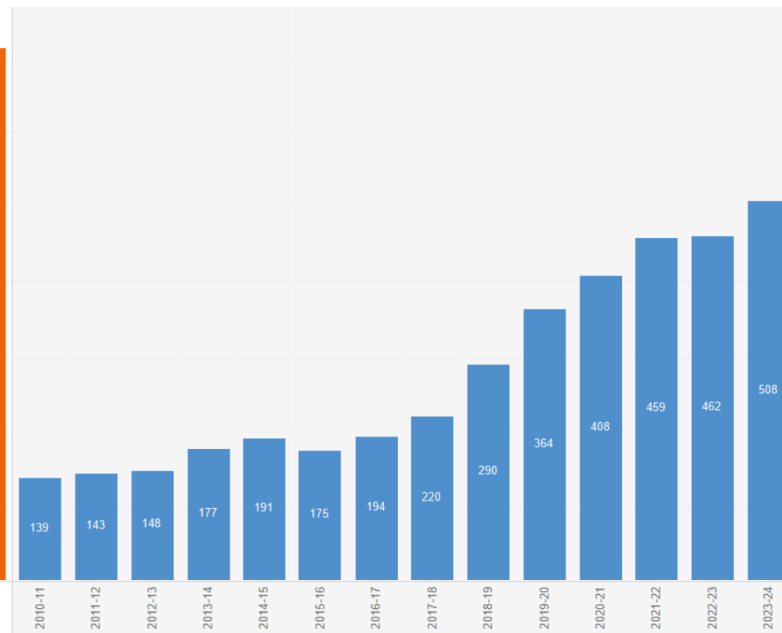
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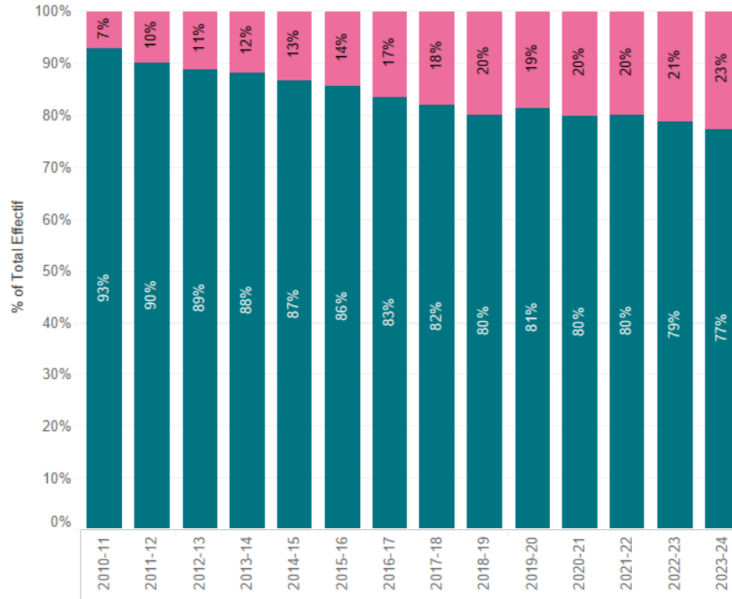


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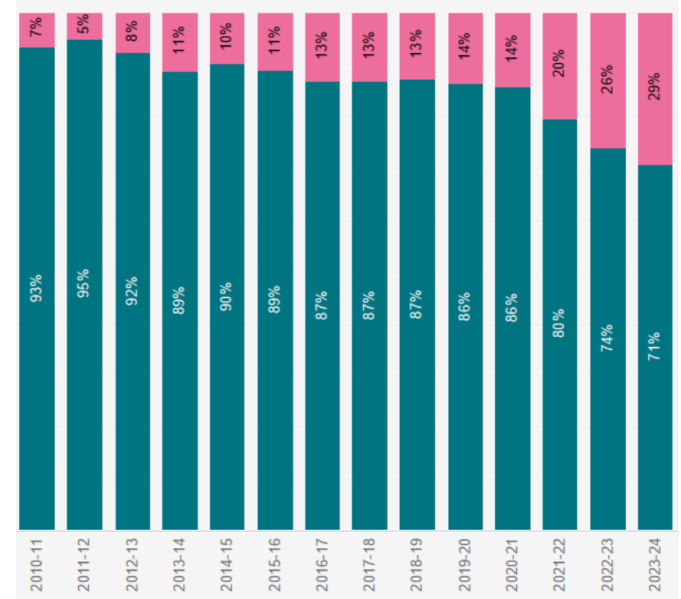


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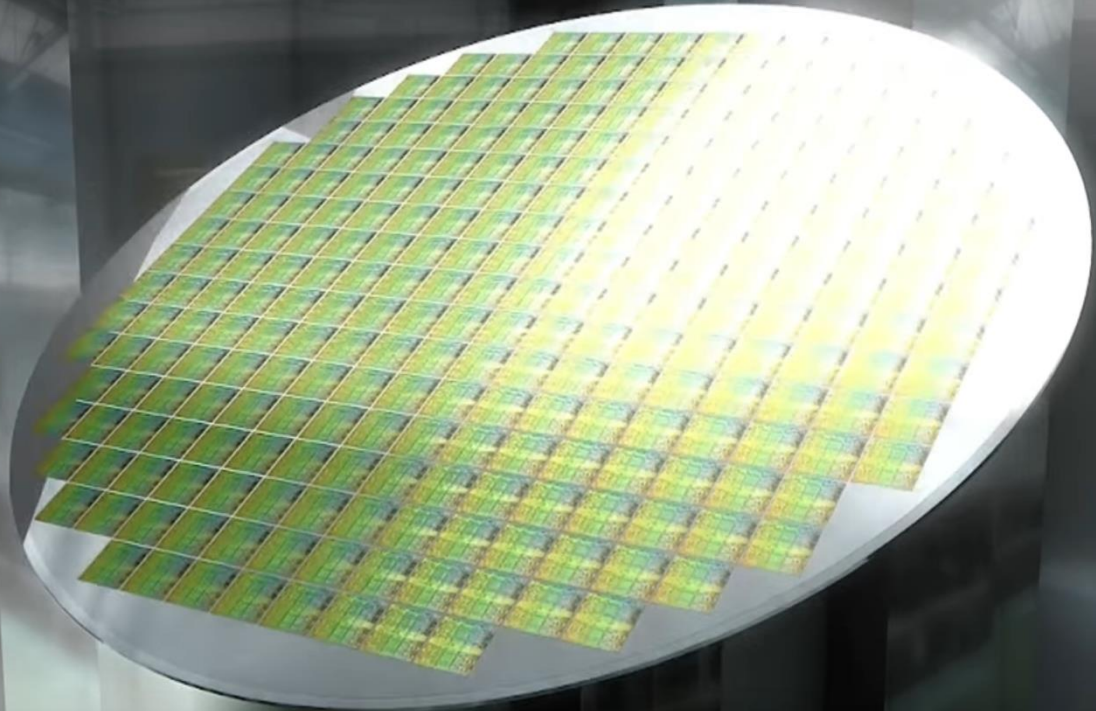
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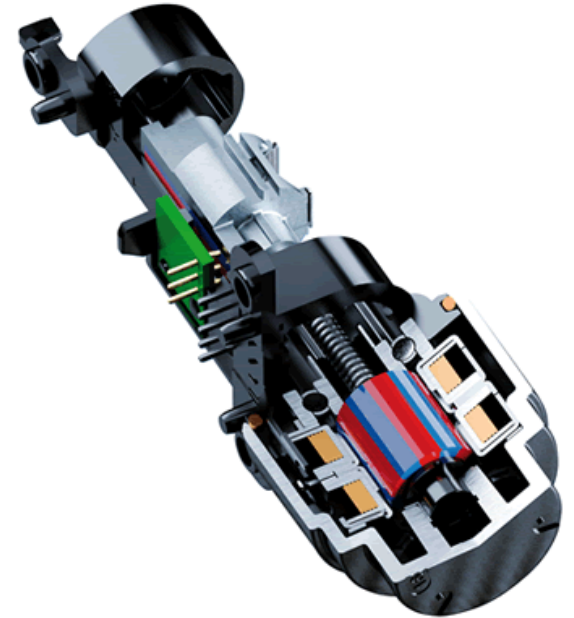
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