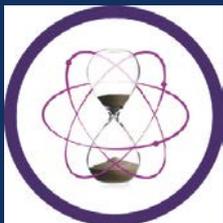


# Quantum Technologies



Netherlands activities in  
Preparation of FET Flagship  
Freeke Heijman / Servaas Duterloo NL  
Board of Funders meeting Brussels, 30 June 2016



# National Icon: QuTech (Delft)

*2013: Minister launched Delft Advanced Research Center*

Ambition

- From quantum **science** to quantum **engineering**
- Building a regional ecosystem for Europe

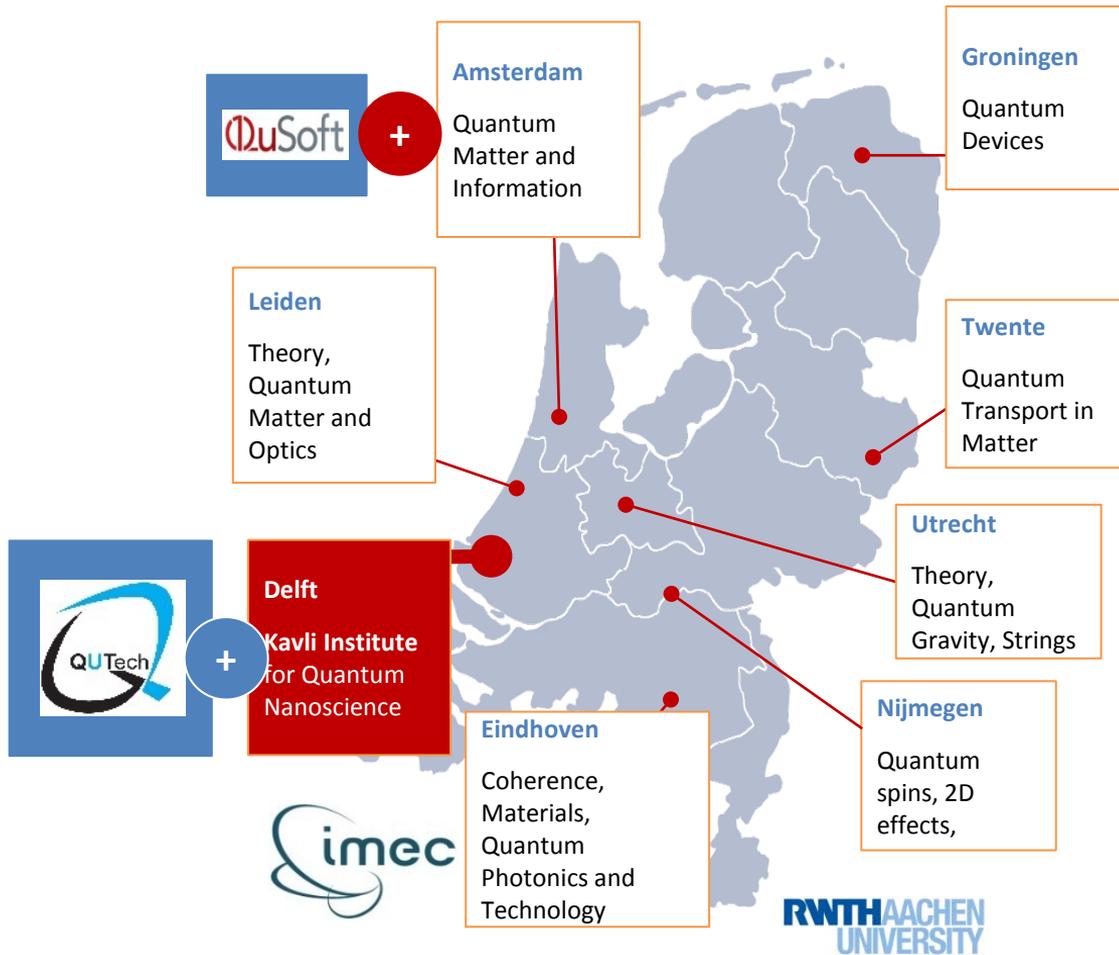
Achievements

- 8 ERC grantees hosted in QuTech
- ERC Synergy grant
- Microsoft Partnership, Intel Partnership

Recent outcome

- National partnership € 250 mln.
- Amsterdam EU Presidency Conference

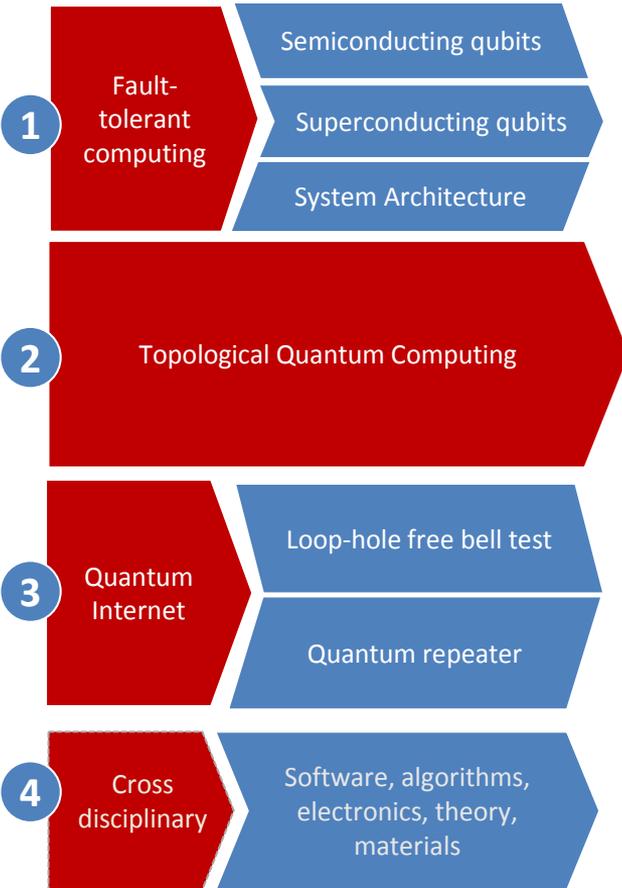




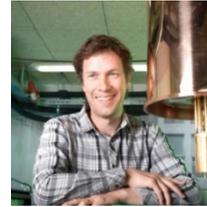
- ✓ All Quantum experts within 3 hours driving distance
- ✓ Over 300 fte in quantum related research
- ✓ Est. € 250 mln. QuTech base funding over 10 yrs (PPP)
- ✓ Est. € 350 mln. additional grants over 10 yrs (European and national)

Source: FOM

## Primary roadmaps



## Top People involved



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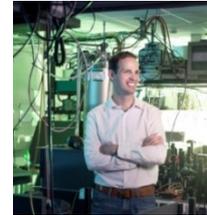
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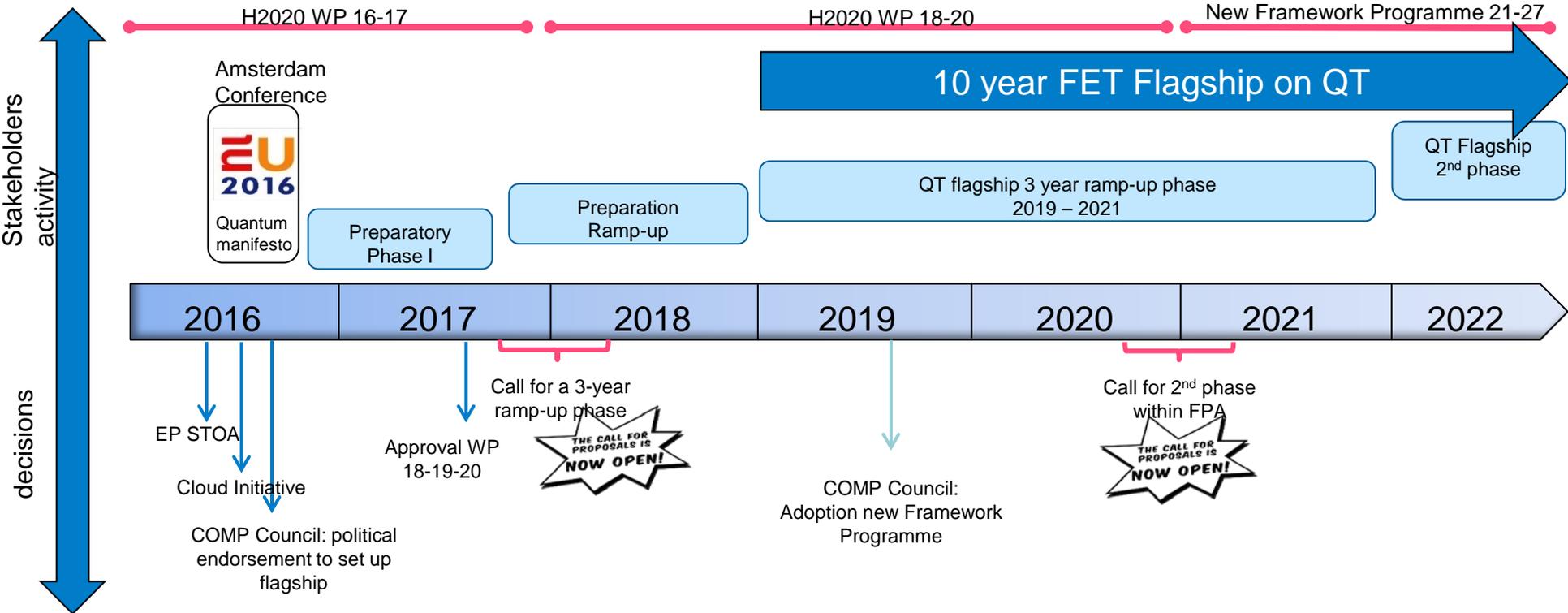
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# CONFIDENTIAL



FPA: Framework Partnership Agreement

# Timeline

- 17-18 May: Launch Manifesto in Amsterdam
- 26-27 May: COMP Council Conclusions
- June: BoF meeting, July: appointment HLSC
- November 2016: Deliverables by HLSC
- June 2016 –June 2017: preparatory phase flagship





# Features of Flagship preparatory process

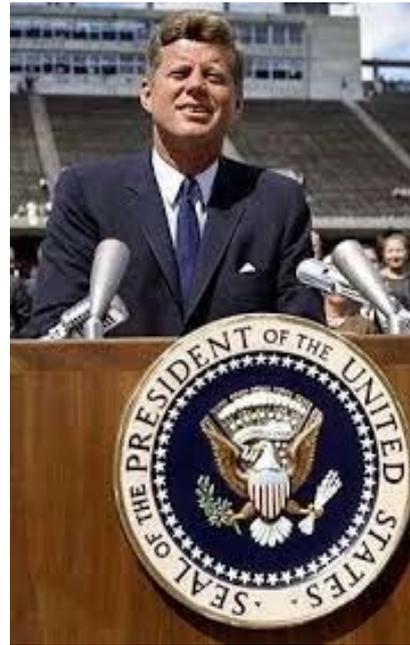
- High Level steering Committee appointed by Commission
- **Offer to BoF:** Netherlands' liaison between BoF and HLSC
- Supportive leadership of proactive member states
- European set-up encompassing all actors
- MS involvement via Flagship Board of Funders and QUANTERA
- Serving and involving science, industry and policy communities
- Appropriate consultation of scientific and industrial stakeholders
- Reporting to EC and directly to High-level group on Competition and Growth
- Deliverables HLSC: Strategic Research Agenda, Implementation, Governance



“No more science as usual” ...  
“...Timing is essential in this endeavour as our competitors do not wait. Outside Europe a number of industrially driven initiatives have emerged, for instance in the area of *quantum computing*”.

Gunther Oettinger, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/oettinger/announcements/speech-quantum-technologies-conference-amsterdam-17-may-2016\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/oettinger/announcements/speech-quantum-technologies-conference-amsterdam-17-may-2016_en)



“Do we have a chance of beating the Soviets by a rocket to land on the moon, or by a rocket to go to the moon and back with a man? “

“I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth”

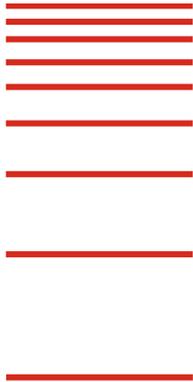
JFK, 25<sup>th</sup> May 1961

<http://history.nasa.gov/monograph37.pdf>



# Features of a Flagship

- No more science as usual, moon-shot approach
- Involving broad expertise from academia, national labs, industry – not only physicists but also electrical engineers, computer science, material science
- Set a unifying goal: e.g. Quantum Computer, Q- Internet, Q- Repeater, Q- Simulator
- Short term applications to be generated through other H2020 instruments – perhaps in Partnering Projects
- Making a difference for the researchers involved



# H2020/FET Framework conditions

Mission of a flagship is a given

*Long-term, large scale research initiative aiming to solve ambitious S&T challenges. From science to technology to economic value....*



Implementation model can be reinvented (fit for purpose)

**priorities** across H2020 (LEIT, FET) and across EU business as usual (1 gets all) to

**“daring”**: mission driven with goals that can be evaluated, competition, involve complementary expertise...

# Strategic Research agenda

*Oettinger: I expect the most high risk – high gain part of the agenda to be at the core of the flagship effort which should be taken-up by our risk taking Future and Emerging Technology programme. Other chapters with shorter time to market like communication and sensing may be better served by more industry oriented funding schemes.*





# A “postcard” from Amsterdam





# Annex – food for thought



# SWOT Analysis Flagship instrument

## Strengths

Size of consortia  
Possibility to get and to keep European Quantum research communities engaged  
Output and impact orientation  
Possibility of an enduring effort  
Possibility of larger than national Member State scale funding  
Prestige and acknowledgement

## Weaknesses

Bureaucratic  
Lengthy and complex procedures  
Swiftness to adapt to changes  
Impossibility to discard obsolete research results or activities  
Risks of administrative issues with large number of partners

## Opportunities

Competitive bidding for R&D cooperation by industry and European Union  
Option of long term programming  
Creating “a face” towards US and Asian research programmes  
Demonstrate good and sound governance of European cooperation between scientists and industry  
Leveraging additional national and private funding

## Threats

Breakdown of functioning due to other items on the EU Research agenda  
Conflicts within the flagship structures  
Relation with the board of funders  
Conflicts over funding, IP over complexity  
Conflicting IP and funding interests between Core projects and partnering projects  
Politics in Commission / Member states  
Companies to shy away if results disappoint  
Slowdown of advanced groups by slower ones



# Strategy

*High risk – high gain part of the agenda to be at the core of the flagship effort which should be taken-up by our risk taking Future and Emerging Technology programme.*

*Other chapters with shorter time to market like communication and sensing may be better served by more industry oriented funding schemes.*

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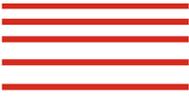
# Implementation model

## Lessons learned

- Fit for purpose
- No scattering of funding
- Structure follows strategy
- No guts no glory

## An invitation to be inspired by

- ASML story
- ERC synergy grants (reintroduced by 2018?)
- IARPA, e.g. CSQ, CSQ, LogiQ, MQCO
- NASA e.g. project organisation for Apollo programme
- ESA, e.g. MeliSSA project



# Governance model



## Role of the EU

- Funding of CP, supporting the genesis, ensure delivery



## Role of EU MS / national governments

- Funders for PP, (first?) Users
- Regulation, proliferation



## Role of universities, RTOs

- Provide the backbone for research, researchers, cooperation and facilities
- Research, education, valorisation (IP, tech transfer)
- Facilitation / interface with researchers and funders



## Role of Industry/SMEs

- Funding, market take up, adding value