



**.AGORIA** SOLAR TEAM





# READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

THE BELGIAN SOLAR TEAM IS RECRUITING!

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# HISTORY



2005



2009



2013



2017



2007



2011



2015

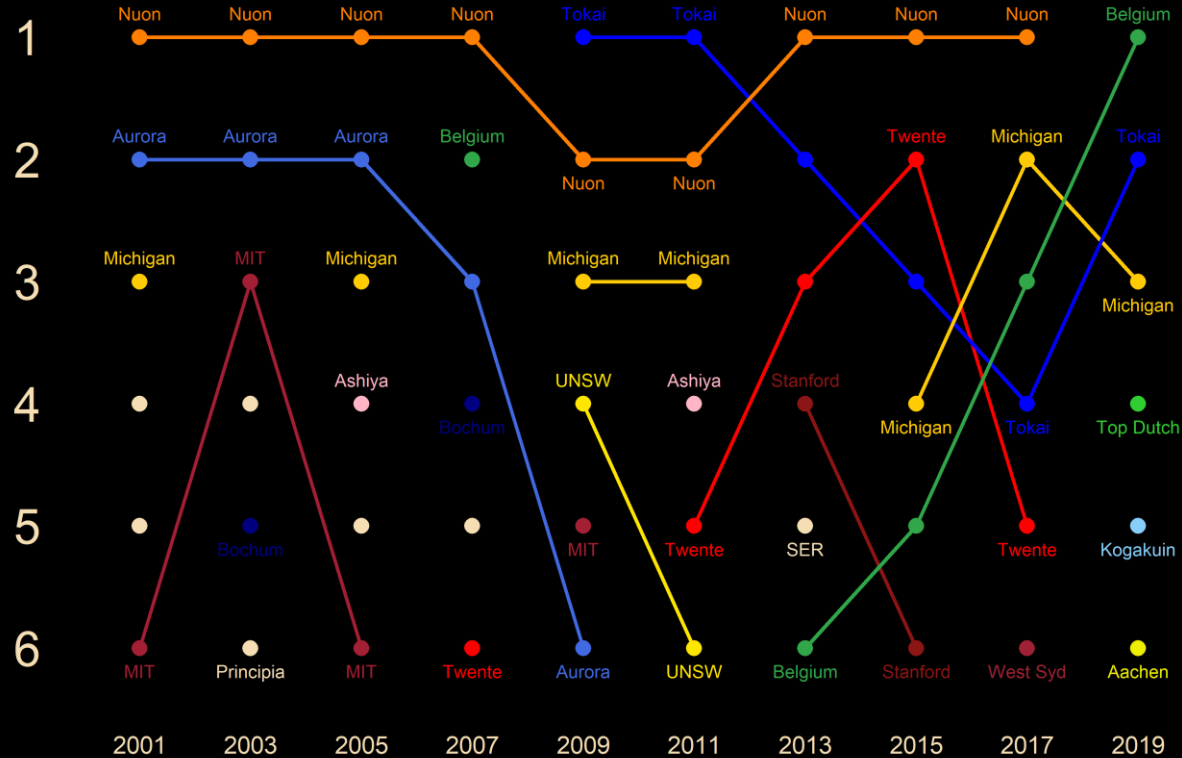


2019



# World Solar Challenge – Top 6 since 2001

ScientificGems.wordpress.com





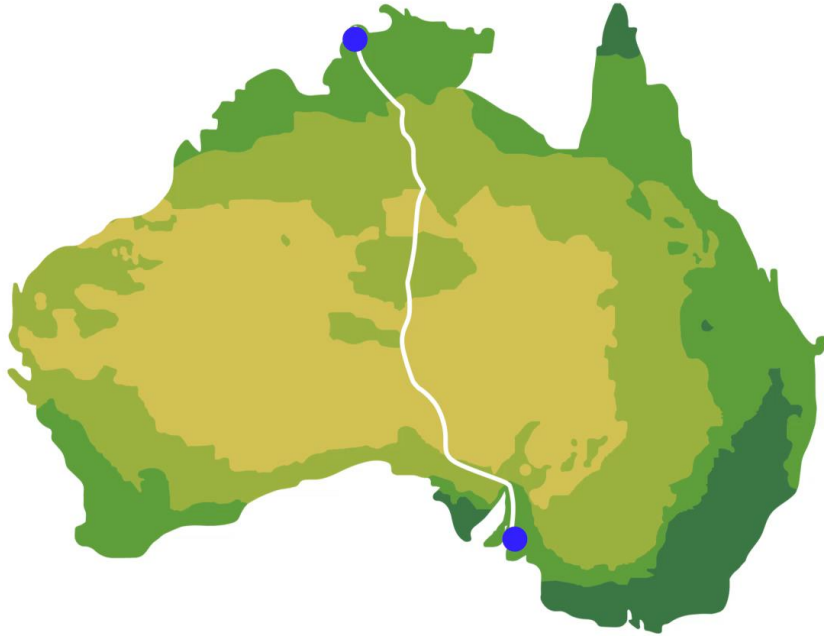
## HISTORY



LUMEN EUROPEAN SOLAR CHALLENGE







Darwin to Adelaide

**3021 km** in  $\pm 5$  days

Every **2** years

**Over 50** international teams

**15 months** to build a solar car



# QUALIFIER

- 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Main competitors beaten
- New Belgian Record on Hidden Valley



# DAY 1

- Took 1st place in 10 min
- Strategic speed
- Ended within seconds of 2nd and 3rd





# DAY 2

- Catch-up and overtake
- On the podium
- Camping along the road: flies everywhere





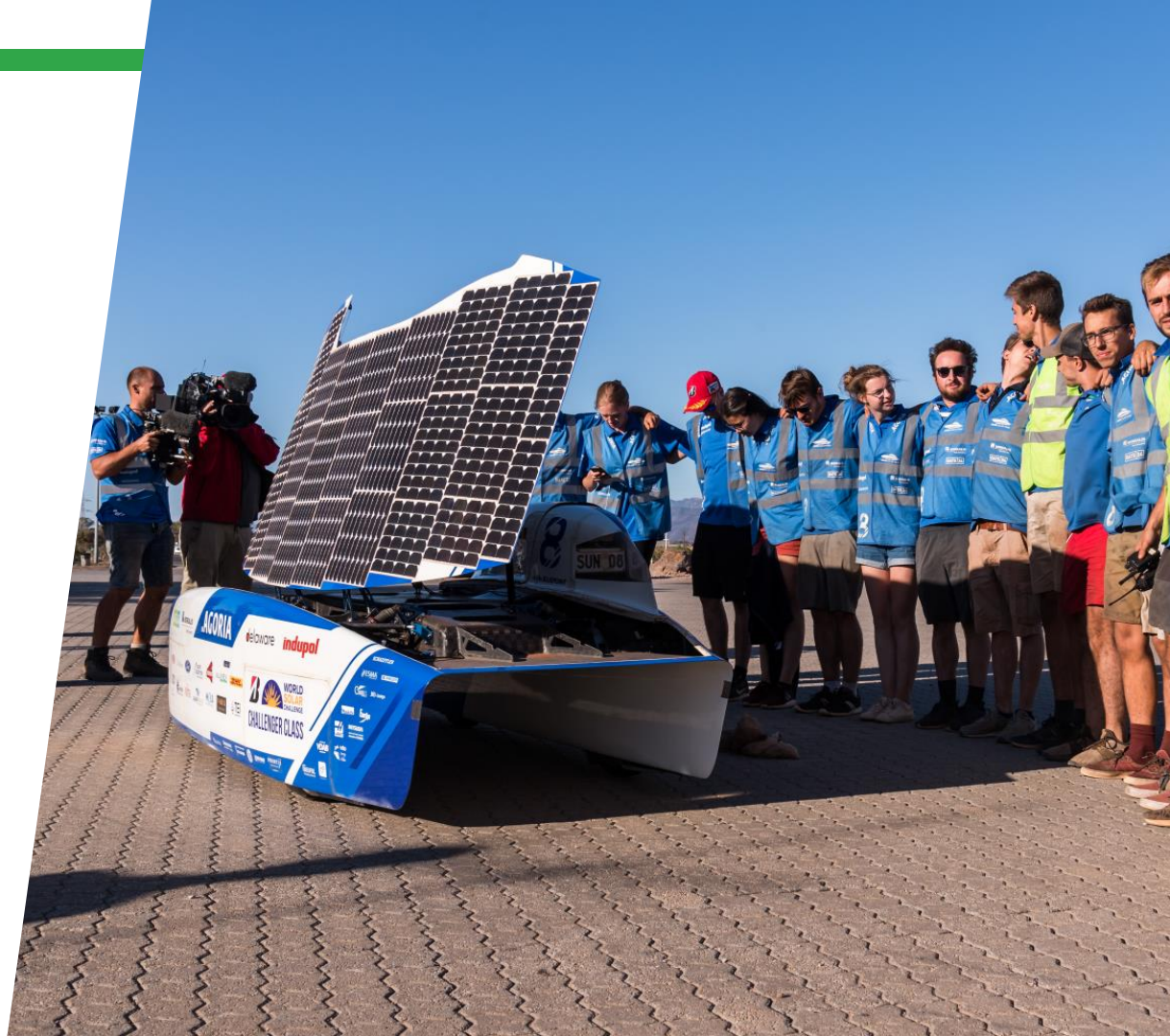
# DAY 3

- Crosswinds and crabbing
- Technical difficulties
- Sandstorm



# DAY 4

- Twente DNF
- Gap on Delft: 7 min
- Actually first due to control stop error





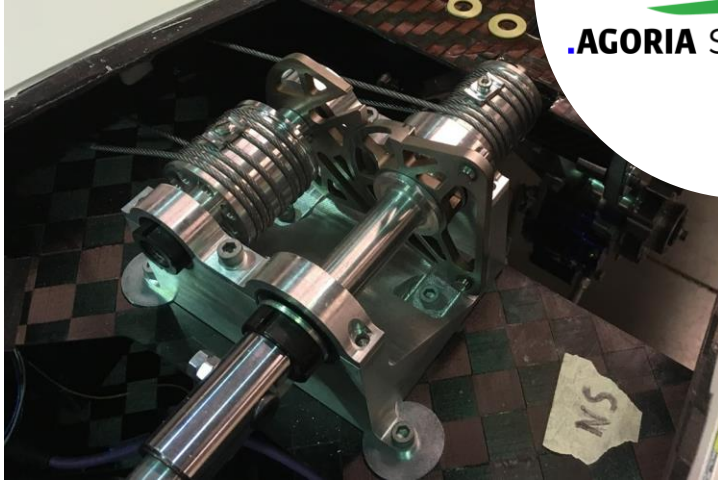
# DAY 5

- Delft under pressure
- Finish first!
- Excess energy left in battery





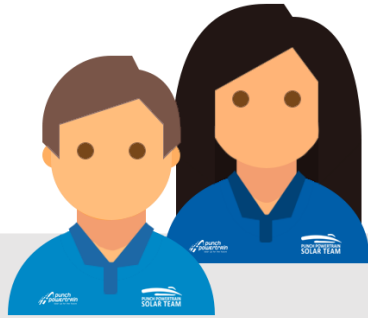
# THE PROJECT – SOLAR TEAM VZW







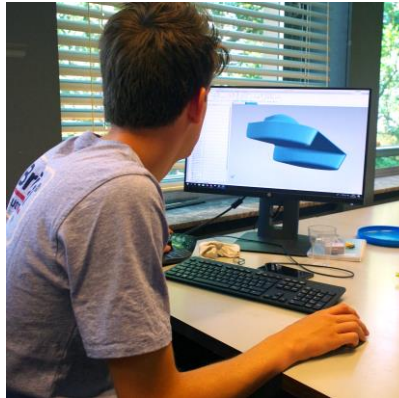
# THE PROJECT - PHASES



**EXPLORATION**  
*July – August 2020*



**DESIGN**  
*September – December 2020*



**PRODUCTION**  
*January – May 2021*

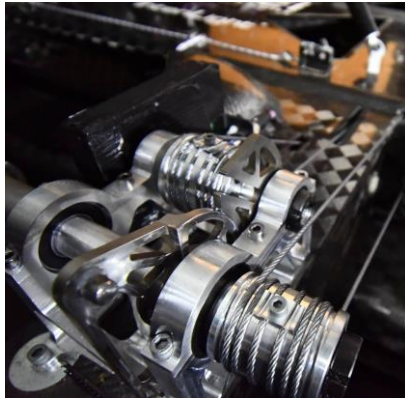




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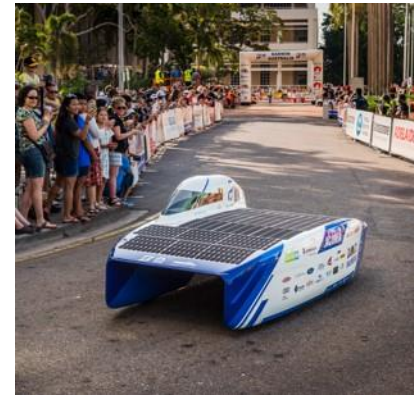
**ASSEMBLY**  
*May – June 2021*



**TESTING**  
*July – August 2021*



**RACE DOWN UNDER**  
*September – October 2021*



## THE PROJECT – WORK LOAD

- Starts off as a regular work week (9 – 18h) and free weekends
- 10 holidays throughout summer
- Gradually builds up
- Every (sub)department has its own busy periods



VICTORY!

October 21, 2021







VACANCIES

## VACANCIES

1. Aerodynamics
2. Mechanical Systems
3. Structural design
4. Production
5. High Voltage
6. Low Voltage
7. Race Strategy
8. Marketing
9. Logistics
10. Teamleader

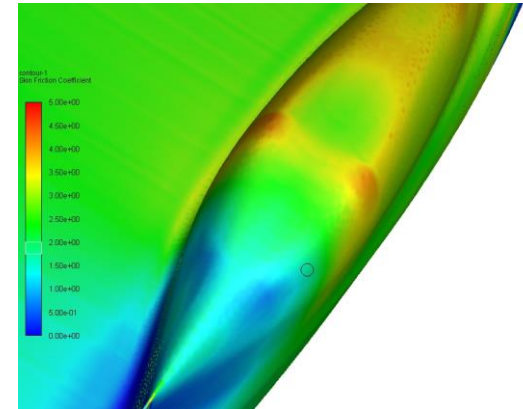
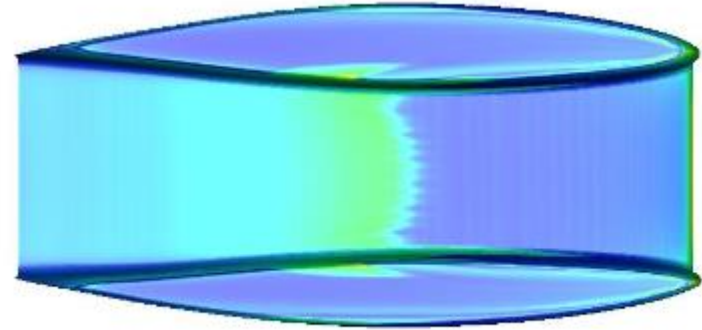


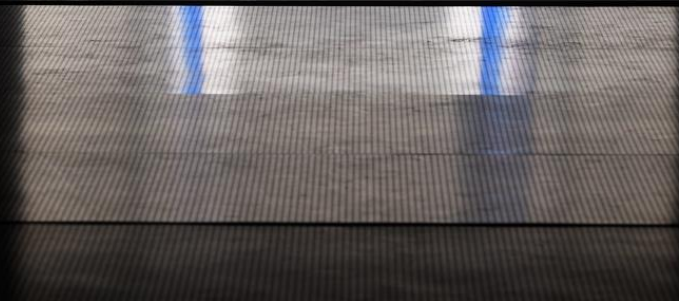
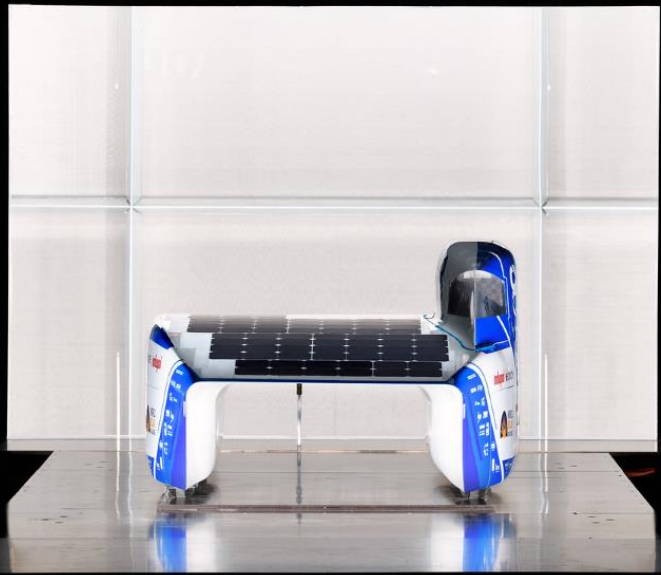
# AERODYNAMICS

- Design outer shell
  - Design air flow across (rotating) wheels
  - Limit internal airflow
  - Wind tunnel validation
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- 1 theoretical profile: manage mesh, simulations and results
  - 2 practical profiles: produce CAD drawings

And also...

- Quality management @ production site

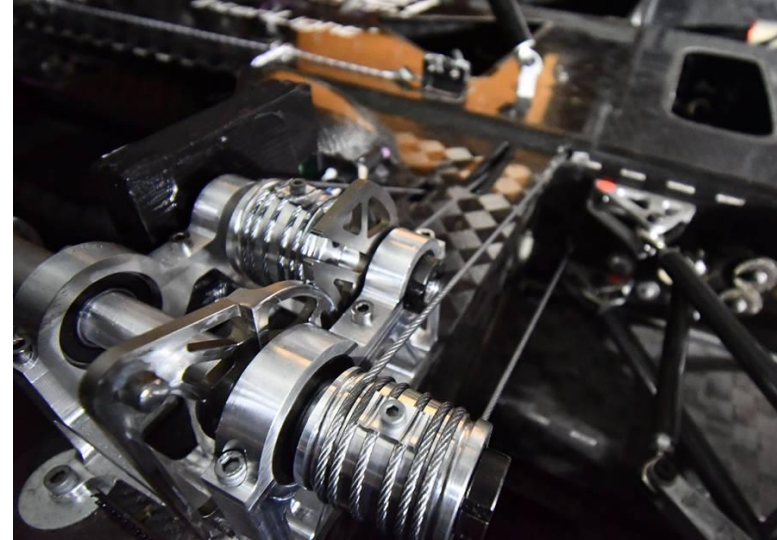




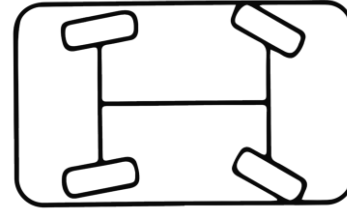


# MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

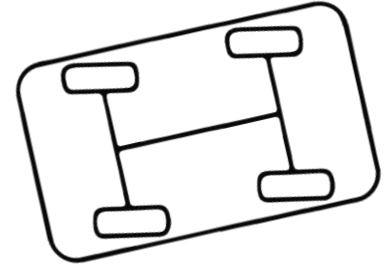
- Create the design space
- Design braking, crabbing, locking, steering, suspension, tilt systems and motor hub
  - Create CAD drawing
  - Simulate strength/stiffness
  - Integrate within the assembly
- Manage the assembly
- Innovate on stability, early-on testing...



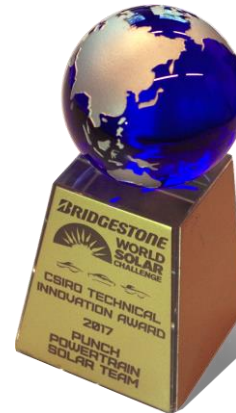
# TECHNICAL INNOVATION



**FOUR WHEEL  
STEERING**



**CRABBING  
SYSTEM**

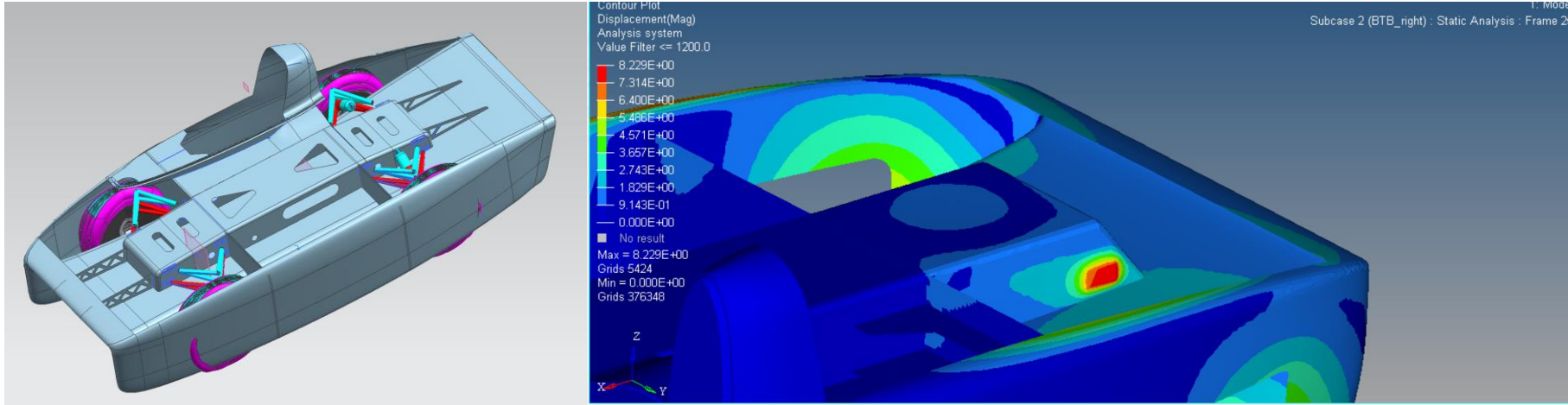


**Technical Innovation  
Award at WSC  
2017 and 2013**



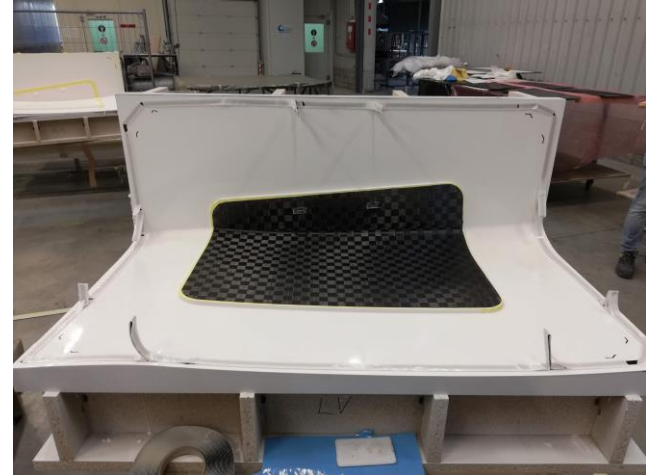
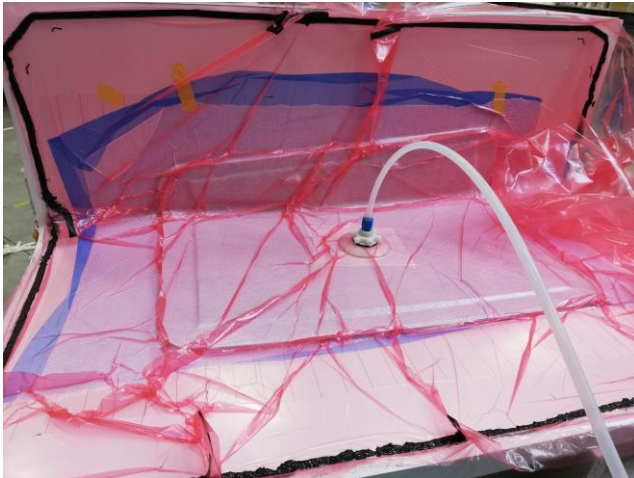
# STRUCTURAL DESIGN

- Design the structure of the bottom shell, torsion box, top shell and canopy
  - Simulate required strength of the different components
  - Determine what materials used and where
  - Unfurl the 3D shape
- Be the structural expert @ production site



# PRODUCTION

- Be responsible for the production of the next solar car
- Test different composite materials, glues, production processes...
- Create the moulds for the different structural components





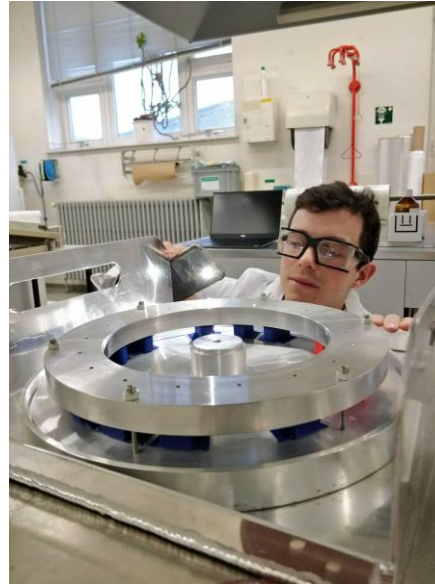
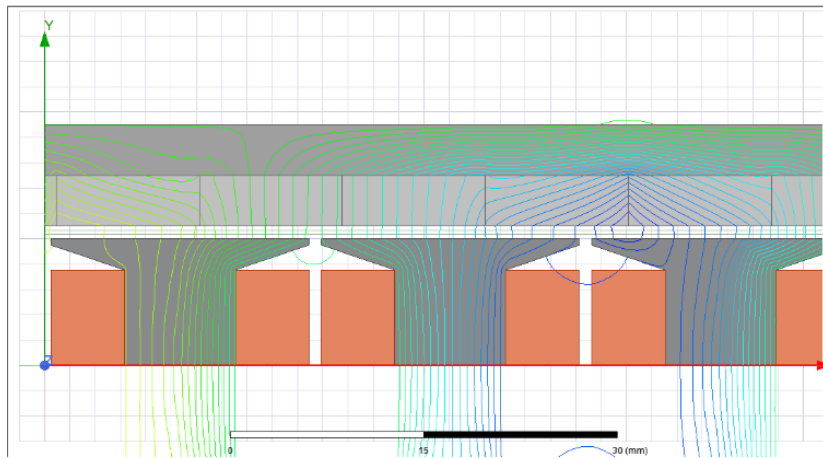
# HIGH VOLTAGE

- Consists of three main topics
  - Design of electric motor
  - Design of solar panel
  - Design of battery pack



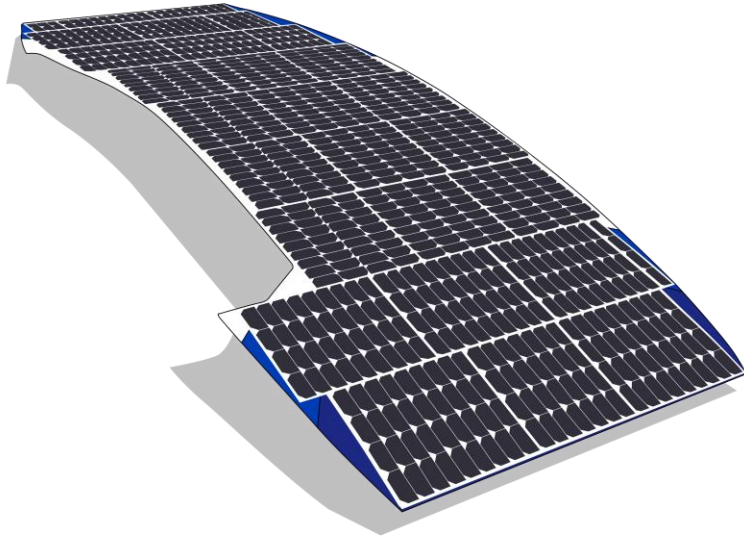
# HIGH VOLTAGE - MOTOR

- Simulate electromagnetic field
- Determine configuration, select materials and construct motor
- Cooperate with Mechanical Systems for the mechanical design



# HIGH VOLTAGE – SOLAR PANEL

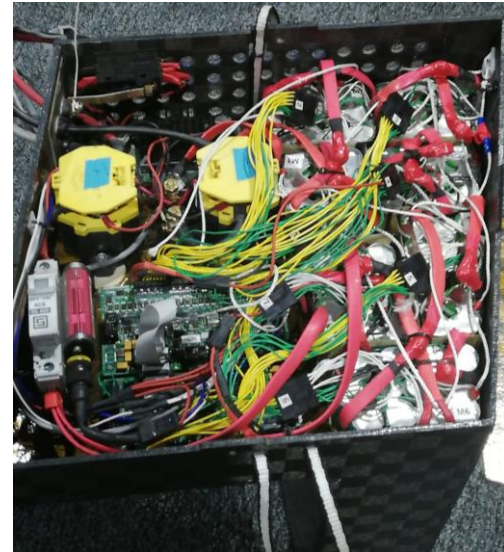
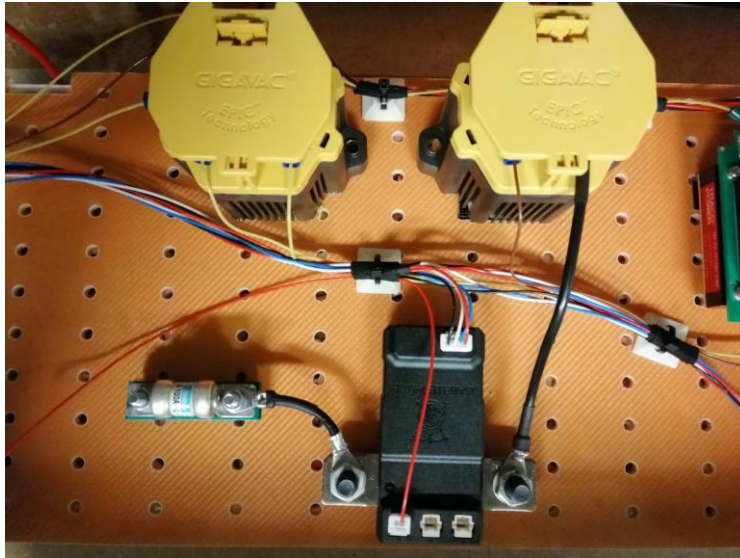
- Solar cell selection
- Determine optimal configuration in cooperation with Aerodynamics
- Produce solar panel





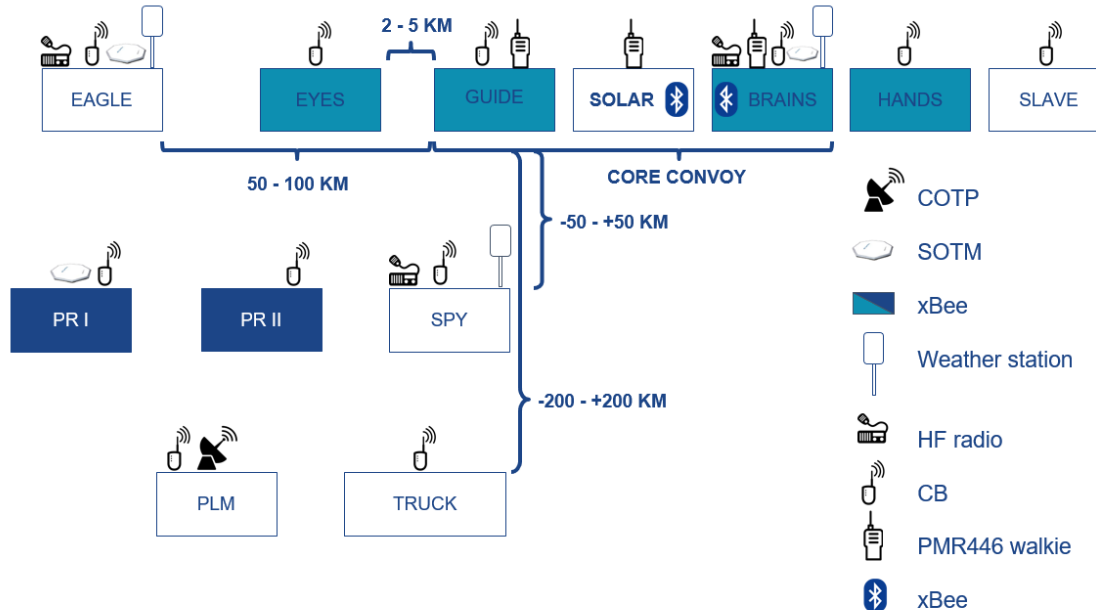
# HIGH VOLTAGE - BATTERY

- Find the best cells available
- Create battery pack
- Improve Battery Management System
- Electronics battery pack

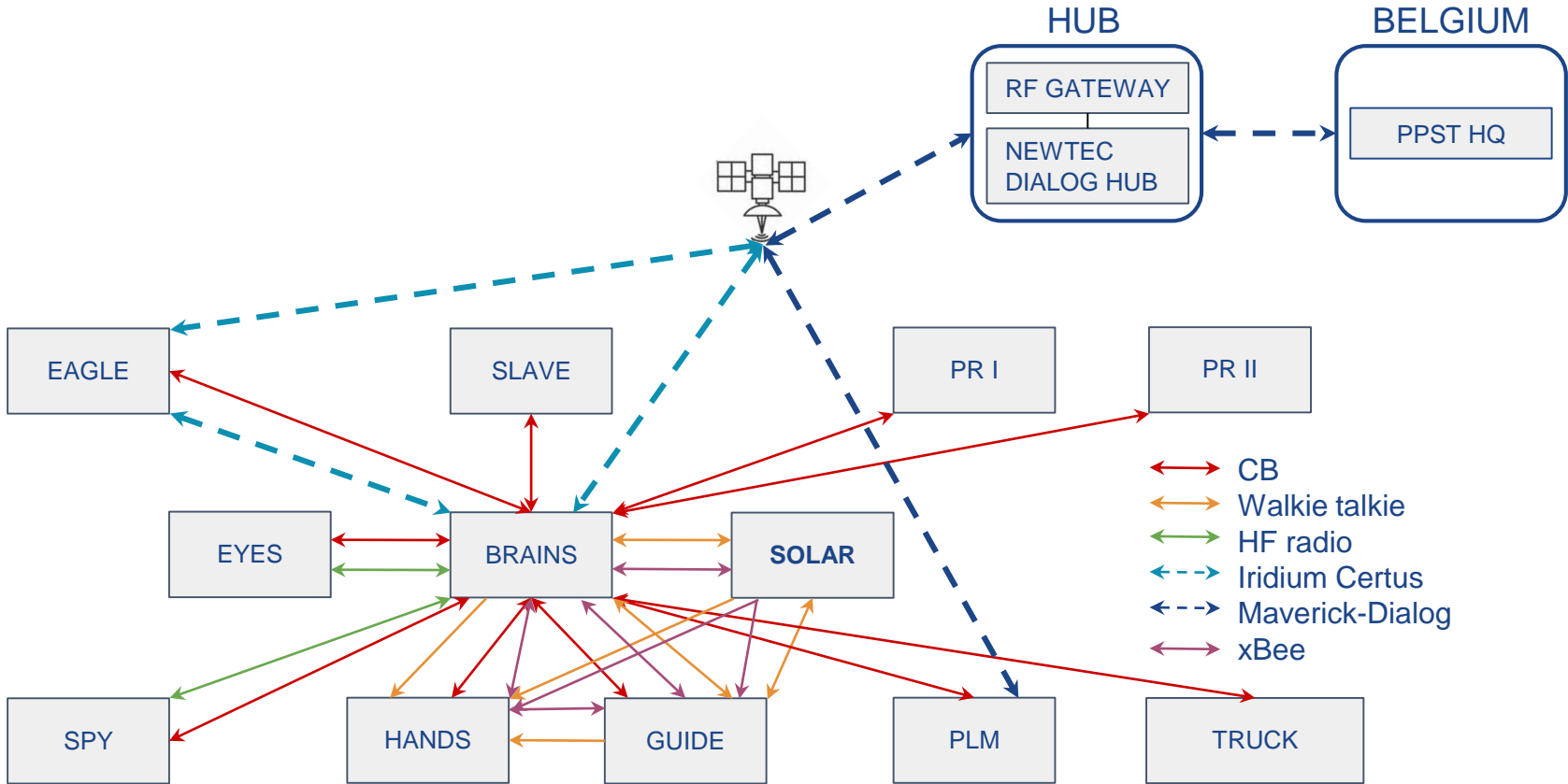


# LOW VOLTAGE

- Improve existing low voltage systems
- Set up communication software solar car – convoy – convoy
- Design motorcontroller and monitoring system



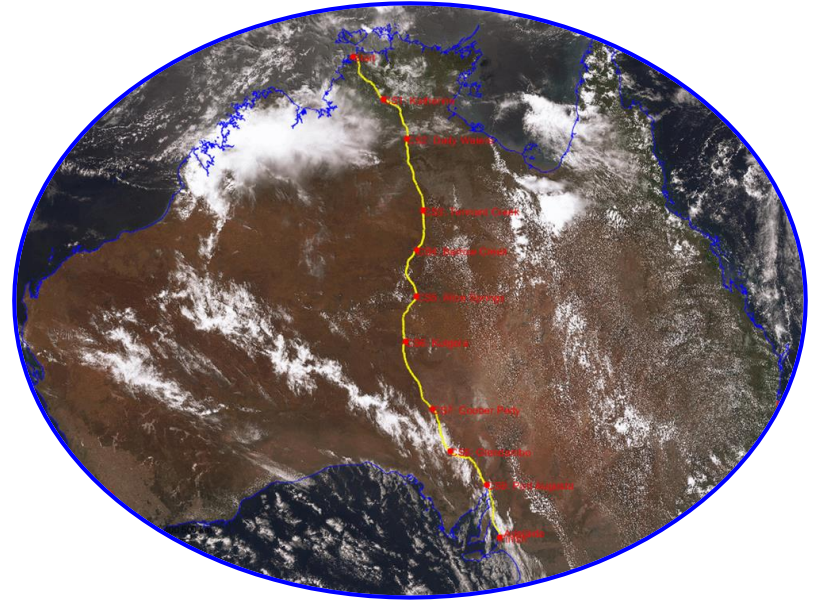
# COMMUNICATION





## RACE STRATEGY

- Defend a race focus within the team
- Improve existing strategy program
- Implement connection with monitoring software
- Expand satellite program/connection
- Improve existing outgoing/incoming power models



- Different topics
  - Business Relations
  - Events
  - External communications
  - Finance
- Everyone specialised in two topics

## MARKETING – BUSINESS RELATIONS

- Develop a strong network in different industries
- Maintain and create new partnerships
- Being creative and combining technical skills and soft skills to acquire new partnerships
- Good communicator and listener, negotiator, diplomatic approach





## MARKETING - EVENTS

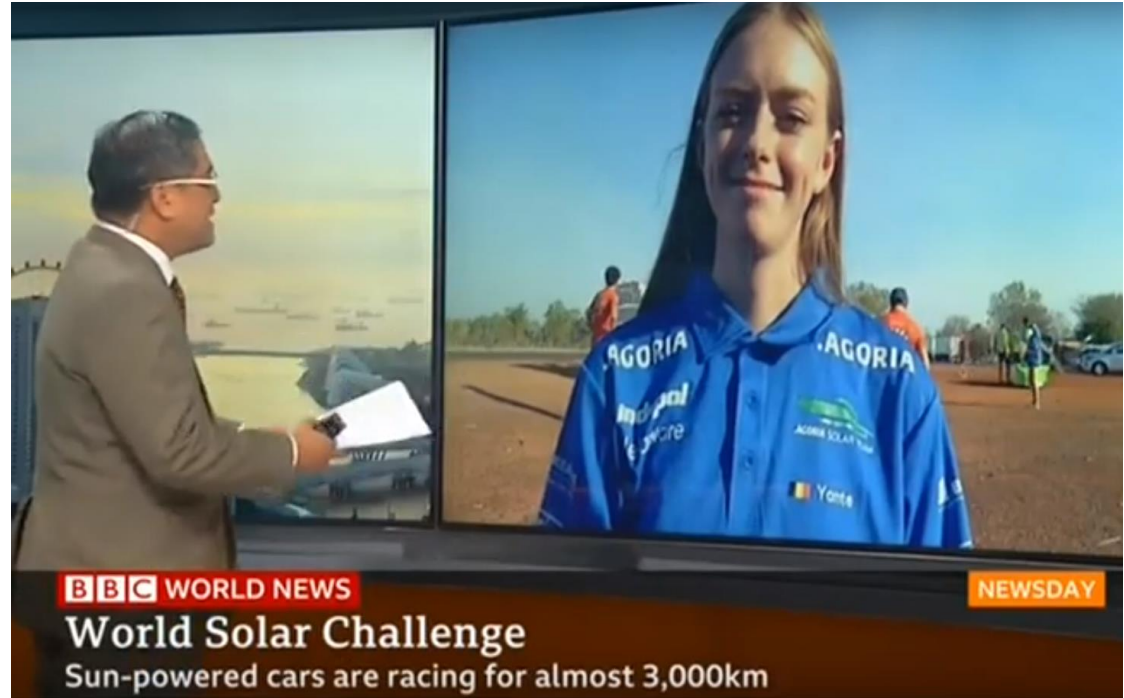
- Organizing several events for partners in cooperation with Business Relations
- Organizing the Big Reveal of the next solar car, both for press and partners
- Organizing the Solar Olympics and Pitch Bootcamp
- Working together with leaders of the event industry (Location, Light, Sound, Catering, ...)
- Good communicator, creative, organizational mindset, negotiator





## MARKETING – EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- Communication with press
- Managing the social media
- Building a story about the project



## MARKETING - FINANCE

- Draw up the budget for the entire project
- Following up all expenses
- Responsible for accounting of the organization
- Being involved in all financial decisions


## LOGISTICS

- Parttime function
- Head of small group
- Arrange transport of all goods and people to and from Australia
- Manage transportation in Belgium and Australia





# TEAMLEADER

- Manage a team of about 20 people
  - Project management
  - Help the team where needed
  - Lead (technical) discussions/meetings
  - People management
  - Head of RvB
  - Representation of the Solar Team
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WHO?

***YOU!***

Engineering Science  
Business Engineering  
Engineering Technology

**Master students or  
graduates**





## POSTGRADUATE TECH INNOVATIONS IN VENTURES & TEAMS

VENTURES & TEAMS

STUDY PROGRAMME

ADMISSION & FEE

APPLICATION

CONTACT US

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KU Leuven (bio)tech teams and start-ups*

APPLY NOW

#### WE ARE LOOKING FOR TECH TALENTS!

Are you an (almost) graduated science, engineering or technology student?  
Are you interested in the field of (bio)technological innovation and  
entrepreneurship? And are you seeking a unique and out of comfort learn  
and work experience?

Join one of our team projects or kick-start your own venture!





## TEAM OR START-UP PROJECT

44 ECTS

Take the chance to participate in a team project or to pre-start your own venture. You will work in the team or on your business idea for the whole academic year to:

- › develop entrepreneurial and business skills
- › really design, develop and implement innovative (bio)technical systems
- › grow as a person and as a professional
- › get experienced in collaborating and communication with students and professionals from different background.

## TECHNOVATION HUB ACADEMY

*Minimum 6 ECTS*

Together with the organisation [Technovation Hub](#) we'll offer you customised and hands-on workshops on e.g. product design, digital marketing, accountancy, legislation, etc.

All workshops are led by inspiring and experienced professionals from industry.

*In collaboration with*



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## OPTIONAL COURSES

*Minimum 6 ECTS*

Select courses out of the full range of offered KU Leuven courses (technical as well as non-technical).

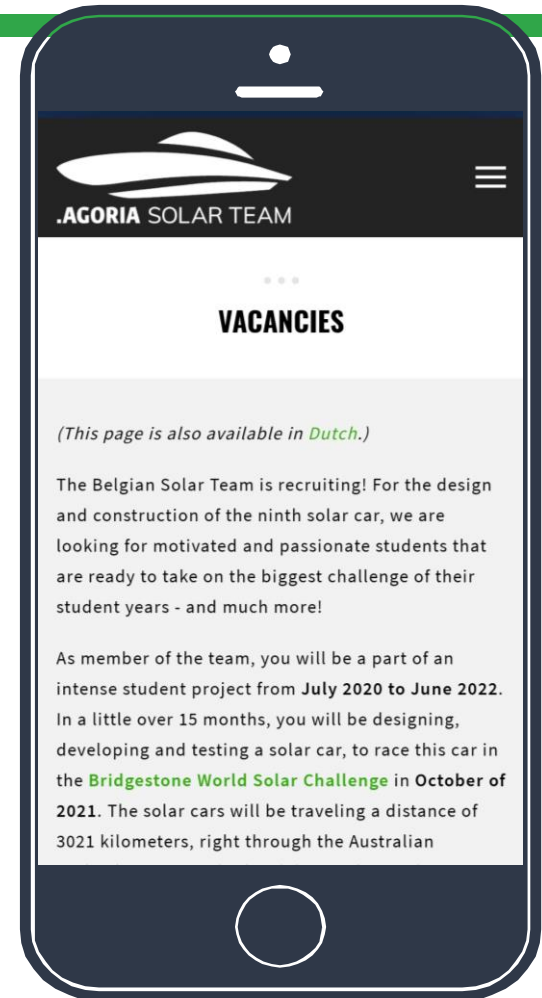
This can be courses within your own domain of expertise or from totally different fields. You select these courses based on your personal interests and based on the skills or knowledge you need for your (team) project.

# HOW?

Send your **CV** and **motivation letter** to  
[recruitment@solarteam.be](mailto:recruitment@solarteam.be)

**Deadline:** March 1, 2020

[solarteam.be/vacancies](https://solarteam.be/vacancies)







## WHAT NEXT?

Apply before **March 1, 2020**

Go through 3 selection rounds

Selection in April 2020

Start of project on July 2, 2020





Grab a drink!