

# Kan internettet gøre verden grønnere?

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IS STAYING ONLINE  
**COSTING**  
THE EARTH?

policy connect



# Internet: The key for climate improvements

- **Internet compensates own weight in CO2 1.5x (~10x in 2030)**
- **Autonomous cars and digitalisation can cut 60% of energy consumption in transport sector**
- **Buildings: 10%** energy saved by better temperature control
- **Lighting: 20%** electricity with smart-light
- **Digital technologies can cut global emissions by 15%**



**GeSI** GLOBAL ENABLING  
SUSTAINABILITY  
INITIATIVE



Digitalization  
& Energy

WORLD  
ECONOMIC  
FORUM

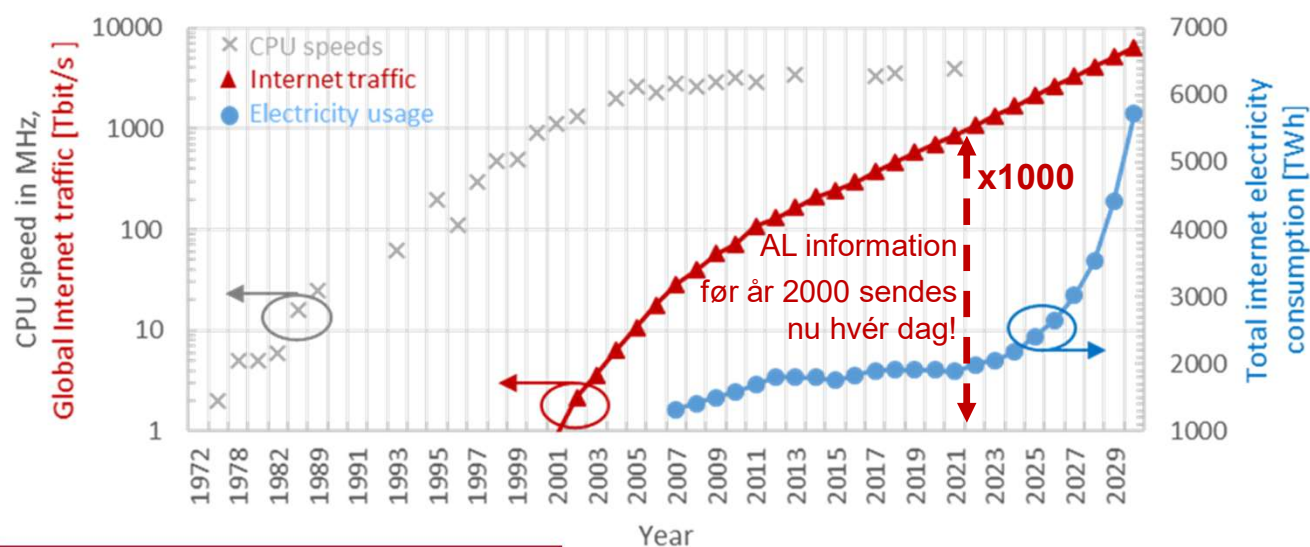
**Only possible if internet doesn't use more energy than it saves**



# Background: Internet growth and energy consumption



Internet traffic and electricity consumption



## GreenCOM consortium:

- Energi-efficient technologies
- ICT with higher capacity
- Increased accessibility
- Critical functionalities
- Green secure IoT solutions
- Green internet protocols
- Green certificate



How to stop data centres from gobbling up the world's electricity

NEWS FEATURE • 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 • CORRECTION 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 Nicola Jones



< Death notice: Moore's Law. 19 April 1965 – 2 January 2018

**Science** "We will need new more energy-efficient technologies in 3-4 years from now!"

Masanet, Koomey et al, Science 2020, "Recalibrating global data center energy-use estimates"

# DTU Popular time- and energy usages



## Derfor sluger dit videoopslag på Facebook og din yndlingsserie på Netflix meget strøm

Det er ikke kun din mobiltelefon, din tablet eller dit fjernsyn, der bruger strøm, når du deler en video på Facebook eller streamer en time af din yndlingsserie på Netflix. Den tunge datatrafik mellem dit hjem og det datacenter, du bruger ude i verden, bruger endnu mere strøm.

Hvis datacenteret kører på sort strøm, som stammer fra et **kuldrivet** kraftværk, vil din handling føre til et udslip af drivhusgassen CO<sub>2</sub>.

Hvis datacenteret derimod kører på **grøn strøm**, vil CO<sub>2</sub>-udslippet være nul.



4 friends for 2 hours:  
 140 Wh, 24 g CO<sub>2</sub> ~ boil 1.2 litres water.  
 125 millioner gamers worldwide 1 year:  
 14 TWh, (50%DK electricity), 2.5 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> (5 pct. DK total GHG emission),  
 ~ boil 125 billion litres water ~Lake Arresø  
 or / all lakes in Lake District in UK

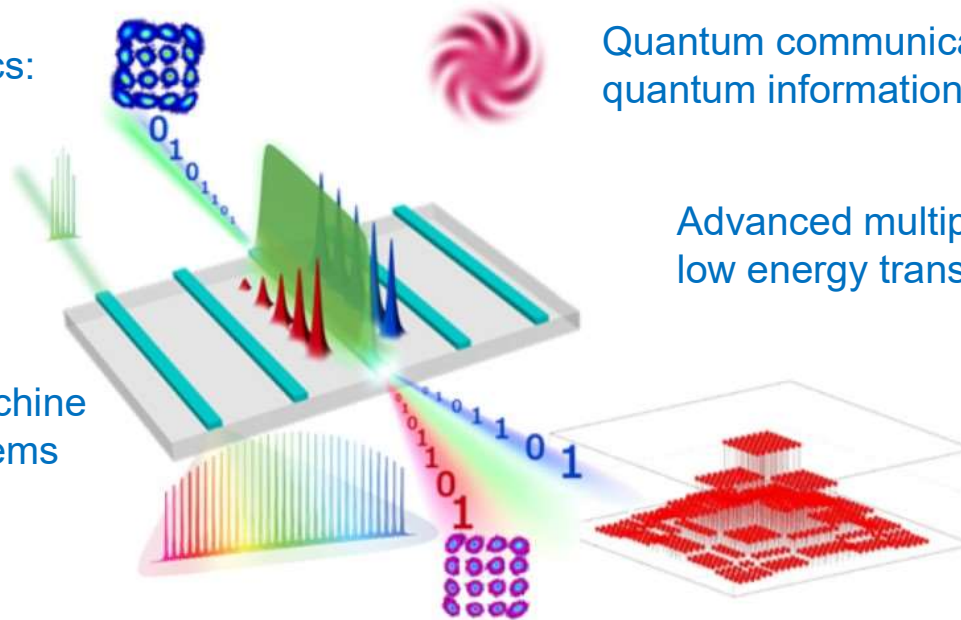
Integrated nonlinear photonics:  
Ultra-fast, ultra-broadband,  
low-energy

Quantum communications,  
quantum information processing

Advanced multiplexing, high capacity,  
low energy transmission systems

Microwave photonics, machine  
learning for photonic systems

Information theory, advanced  
signal processing and coding



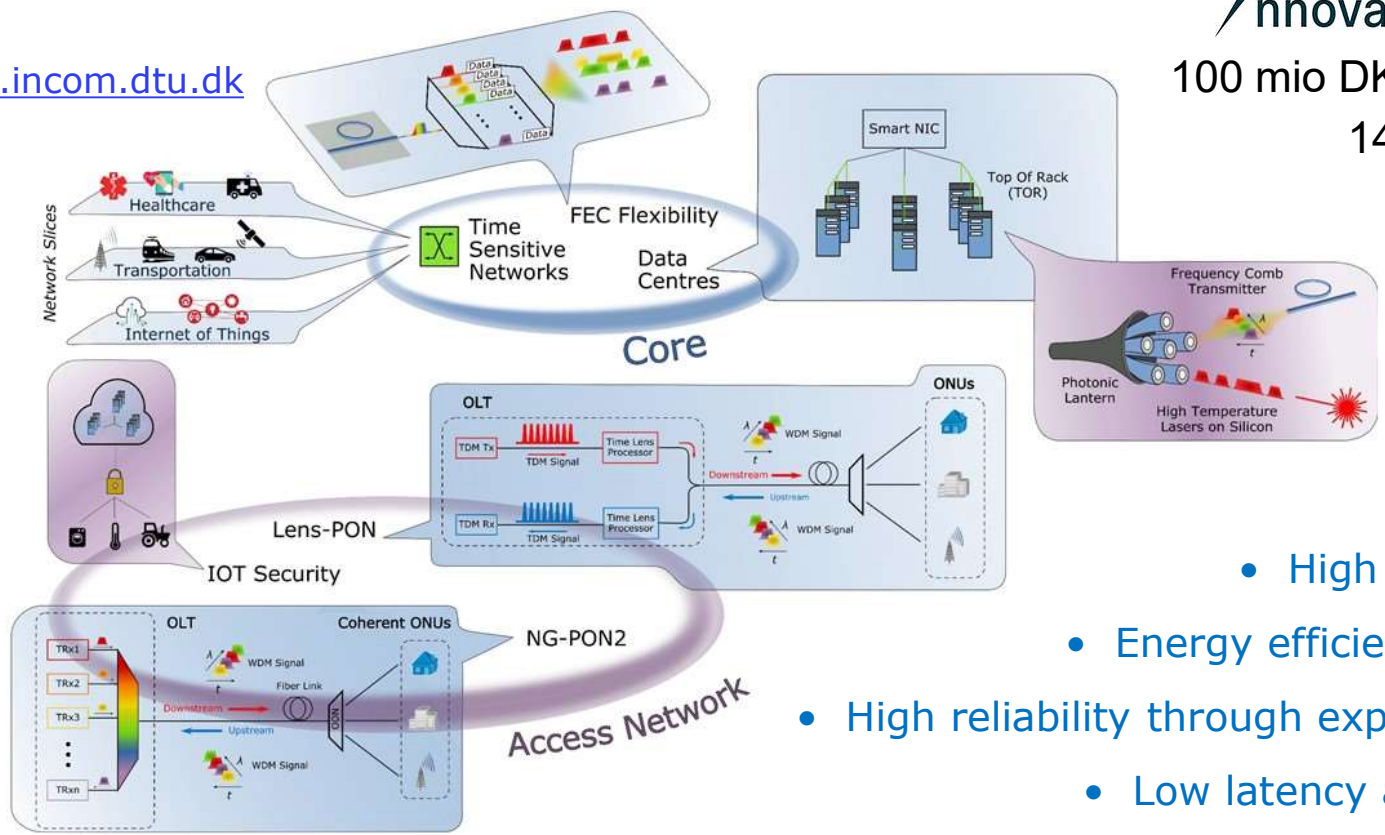


# Energy, capacity, flexibility – cross-network-layer

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Innovation Fund Denmark

100 mio DKK –60M IFD + 40M partners,  
14 partners: 2xUni, 12xindustry  
3 years 2018-2021

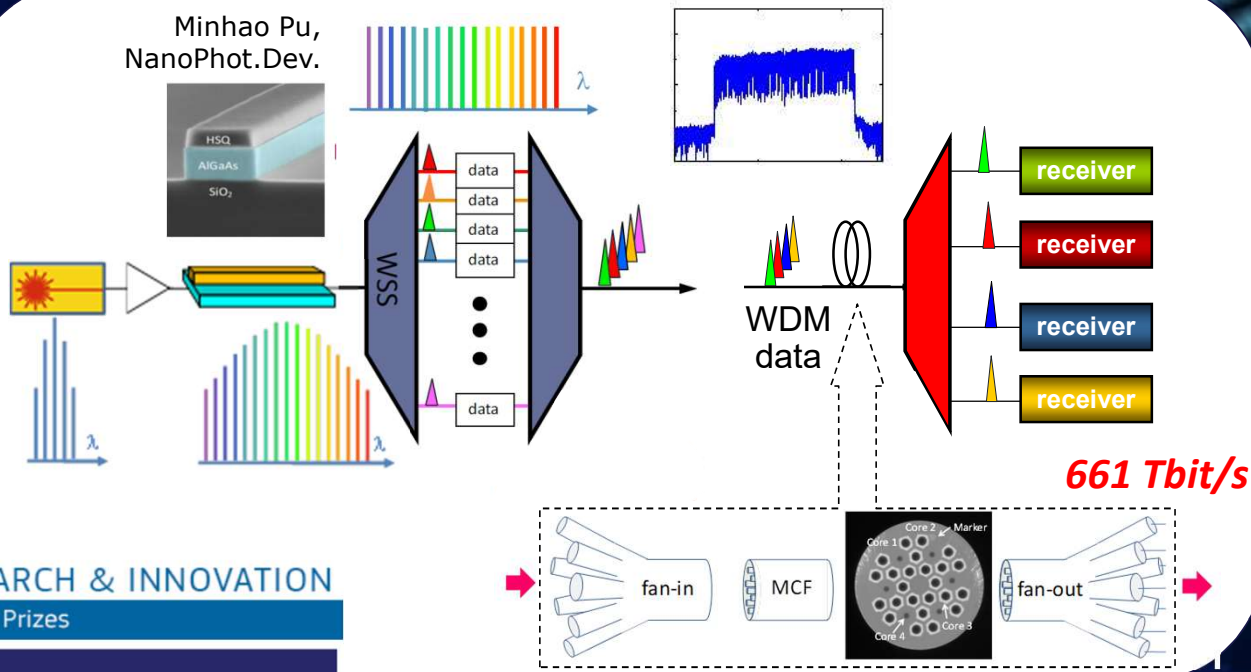


- Optical frequency combs
- High capacity through new fibres
- Energy efficient optical time lens systems
- High reliability through expanded capacity and security
- Low latency and time sensitive switching

# A single chip capable of feeding the whole internet



Minhao Pu,  
NanoPhot.Dev.



**661 Tbit/s**



**Horizon Prize**  
BREAKING THE OPTICAL TRANSMISSION BARRIERS

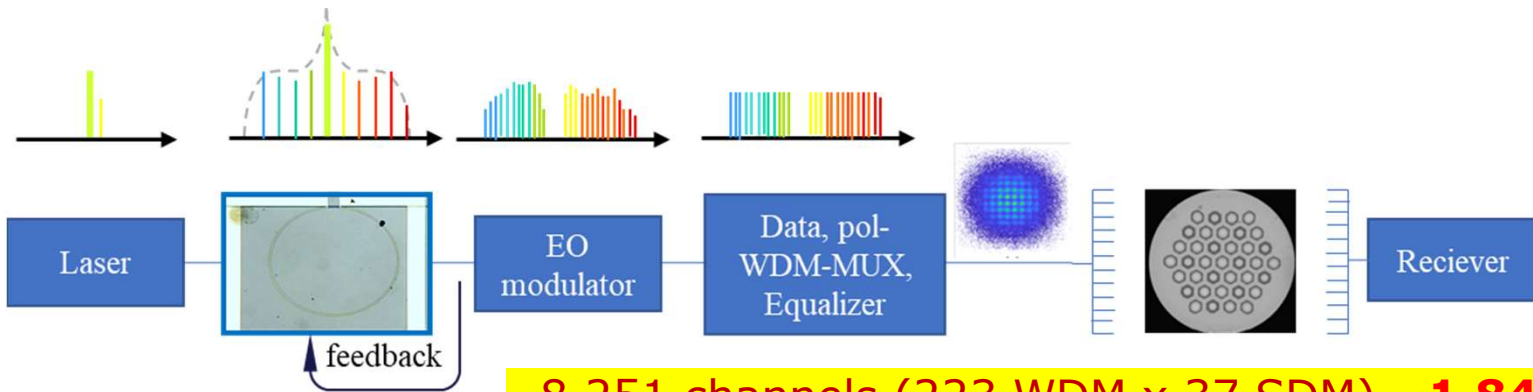
**PHOTONMAP**  
cracked the optical transmission challenge and won the prize  
*Team led by Technical University of Denmark*

**661 Tbit/s: more than 2x global internet traffic!**  
**All on the light from a single optical chip**  
**Won EU competition**

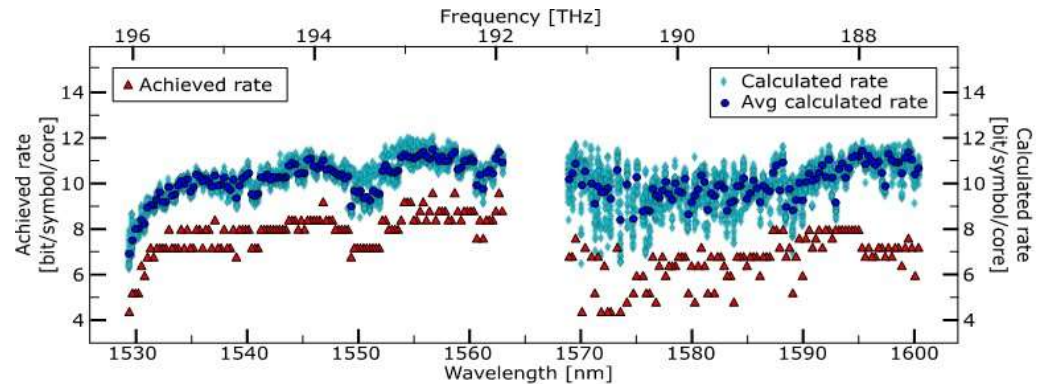
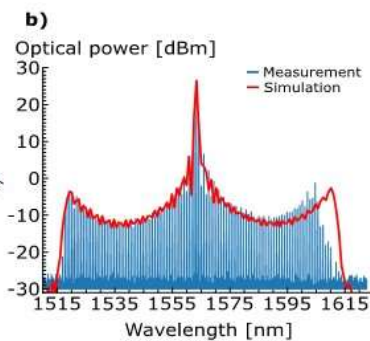
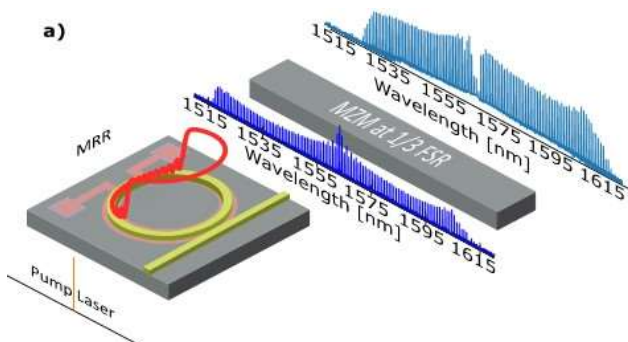


- Hot topic paper @ CLEO 2020

- “Single Dark-Pulse Kerr Comb Supporting 1.84 Pbit/s Transmission over 37-Core Fiber.” (SPOC, FORCE (Chalmers), Fujikura)



**8.251 channels (223 WDM x 37 SDM) ~ 1.84 Pbit/s**





# Need for international "green ICT-certificat"



Energy/climate-certificate must be international **standard**.

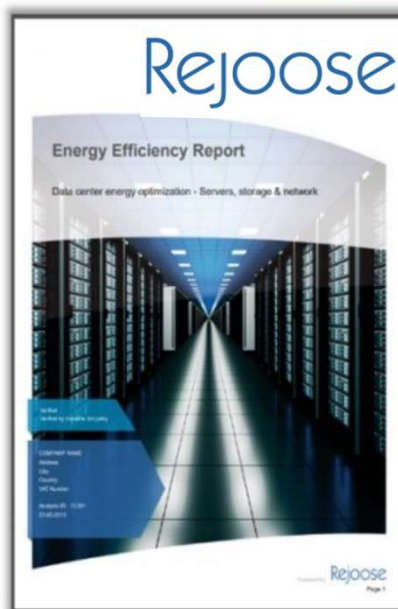
Like our CO2-model, it must contain:

- **Energy-efficiency [Wh/GB]**
- **Total energy consumption**
- **Share of green energy**
- **e.g. green compensation**

**Danish example Rejoose:** maps directly e.g. server room hardware

## Video Streaming

	Final Grade	Clean Energy Index	Natural Gas	Coal	Nuclear	Energy Transparency	Renewable Energy Commitment & Siting Policy	Energy Efficiency & Mitigation	Renewable Procurement	Advocacy
Company	<b>F</b>	2%	19%	39%	31%	F	F	F	F	F
Company	<b>C</b>	17%	24%	30%	26%	F	D	C	C	B
Company	<b>D</b>	22%	20%	25%	25%	D	F	F	F	F





## OUTPUT | GREEN TRANSITION PLAN

CLIMATE CONFERENCE AAU-CPH 2019

PANEL: ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF GROWING INTERNET (REPS FROM DTU, DANSK ENERGI, TELIA, GREENPEACE, HUAWEI)

THE PANEL AGREED ON:

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY** IN ICT IS **VERY IMPORTANT** – AND **RELEVANT FOR POLICY MAKERS** TO ADDRESS.
- POLICY MAKERS SHOULD INTRODUCE AN **ENERGY-EFFICIENCY CRITERION** ON ALL NEW ICT EQUIPMENT, **BEFORE DEPLOYMENT** IS ALLOWED, AND INSIST ON **PHASING OUT OLD** INEFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND NETWORKS. EXISTING **PARALLEL NETWORK** INFRASTRUCTURE SHOULD ALSO BE **QUESTIONED**
- **REGULATE** ICT-ENERGY-CONSUMPTION BY THE **PRICE ON ELECTRICITY** – COMPANIES SHOULD PAY THE FULL COST OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AS A MINIMUM
- **PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS** SHOULD **ONLY USE GREEN ICT** SOLUTIONS, SUCH AS ONLY USE GREEN CLOUD SOLUTIONS (GREEN DATA CENTRES)

# Summary

- ICT is good for the climate – challenge: energy-efficient ICT
- Optical technologies have enormous power:
  - 1 chip can carry 2x internet traffic – 1.8 Pbit/s record today
- Certificate to evaluate services to choose the green one necessary
- Public-private collaborations required

Don't worry,  
we're on it!

