

## **Project: Mesoscale modelling of the Fischer-Tropsch process**

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### **Can you do a short presentation about you?**

My name is Michel van Etten. I just celebrated my 27th birthday. I am originally from Tilburg, but I did both my Bachelor and Master in Chemical Engineering at the Eindhoven University of Technology. In June 2017 I started with this PhD-project, also at the TU/e, in the Inorganic Materials and Chemistry department.

### **How is living in another city?**

In the first month of my PhD I decided to finally leave my parent's place and so I bought an apartment in Eindhoven. I've been living there for six months now, and I am happy that I made that decision last year. Or in other words ... Eindhoven is a nice city to live in.

### **How/why did you finish in Eindhoven?**

I finished up in Eindhoven because I liked it better than Utrecht during orientation in high school, and because it is quite close to my parent's place.

### **How did you become interested in science?**

During high school I participated in the so-called "VWO-werkweek" at the TU/e, in which I came in contact with "real" research for the first time. Afterwards I decided that I wanted to go to this university for studying chemical engineering.

### **Did you know right away that you wanted to be a research scientist?**

No, I wanted to become a lawyer when I was young. But during the bachelor and master I found out that I wanted to do research after I would get my degree.

### **What do you enjoy the most about your research?**

The moment that I deliver something that finally works how I want it to work. Also education I enjoy a lot.

### **What is your biggest motivation?**

Having a cold beer with friends is always a good motivator!

### **How do you see yourself fitting in the MCEC project?**

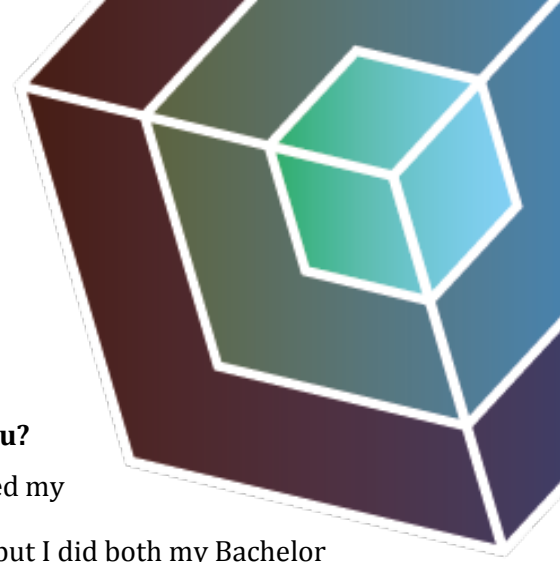
Bridging the gap between reality and theory by trying to understand the whole process.

### **If you had a time machine and two beers, with which scientist would you like to meet?**

I would chose the two beers then.

### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Spending time with friends, watch TV-series and go to concerts.



**Is science the answer to everything?**

Nope.

**What do you want to do after finishing your PhD?**

I think I would like to keep on working at a university.

