Contact tracing

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Context

- Contact tracing is crucial for fighting COVID-19 pandemic
- Traditional contact tracing:
  - Human operators collect and inform contacts of positive people
  - Complex with highly contagious diseases
  - System failures have potentially high impact
- Contact tracing apps:
  - Available hardware used to detect and classify contacts
  - Dependent on several parameters and adoption
  - Dedicated wearables are being developed

Personal dissertation

- Discussion on contact tracing apps focused on centralized vs. decentralized approach
- Scarcely adopted by population:
  - BLE has possibly high consumption and low accuracy
  - Bad communication and high scepticism
  - Wearables prone to failure for same reasons
- Traditional contact tracing is fundamental, but issues:
  - Technical problems happen and can break the chain
  - Highly dependent on people memory and honesty
  - Close contacts may not want to lose workdays: government actions are necessary

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