



**Why does it bother you? You could say who cares...**

I think it is mostly because women are not seen as capable of many things. Then you try to show it or prove it: "I can also do it..."

**If you could speak to all those with that kind of mind frame, what could you tell them to convince them they are wrong?**

When you look at the statistics, all girls are as good, maybe even better in school than the boys in mathematical studies. I think that at the end, they are somehow not supported to choose engineering or science. They give up. I think this should not happen. They should not think, *"Oh no, I cannot choose it because this is a man's job."*

**They give up, not because it is difficult for them, but because the people do not expect them to be there.**

Exactly. I think they also get influenced from that. Of course, it is hard to study, but I think also women give up more easily than men.

**Why didn't you give up?**

I think I had support from, for example, my parents. If I thought I couldn't do it, they would say, "No you can do it!"

**I have another guess: you are very competitive, and you want to prove that you can do it.**

Yes, I'm also a competitive person, but I think I'm more competitive with myself. I want to prove to myself that I can do it. Of course, you care what people say, but mostly I think the competition is with myself.

**Is it to prove that you are good or is it to prove that, even against other people's expectations, you are able to do great things in this profession?**

I would say both. I do it for myself, but I also like to do it.

***"Will, passion and talent"***

**What is the drive for you to take on such a heavy load?**

I also like what I am doing. Otherwise, I wouldn't do it. I would say the two important aspects are, I like it, but I am also good at it, and I want to do it.

**It's a mixture of three things then?**

The will, passion, and talent.

**Which one is the strongest?**

I think the will. I also think that if you like what you do, chances are better.

**Where did you find the strong will to do this?**

I think it's just something you have.

**You are so lucky! You have the talent, will, and passion. Were you born with these three things that are important to succeed?**

I think everybody has that probably, but you can lose it along the way. I don't think that you get it from somewhere. I think you have it, but you

