

# lecture 8 - HARDWARE DESIGN IS NOT DEAD!

This lecture, we wanted to take a step back, and think a little about *why what we are doing here is important*. To help you find *future directions for your work*,  
**AND INSPIRE YOU TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!**

# UHHH NOUN CEMENTS

- **lab sections + layout DRs are tomorrow and thursday!**
  - **can come to n>1 lab section, but be there for at least your lab section**
- **Will be sending emails to fix ya'll's registration - don't make us have to fail you**
- **track 2 write-ups due Friday 5pm over email!**
- ***pizza + good vibes in lobby 13 7pm wednesday!***

*why should we care about hardware in a world that's becoming increasingly driven by software?*



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## Undergraduate majors count

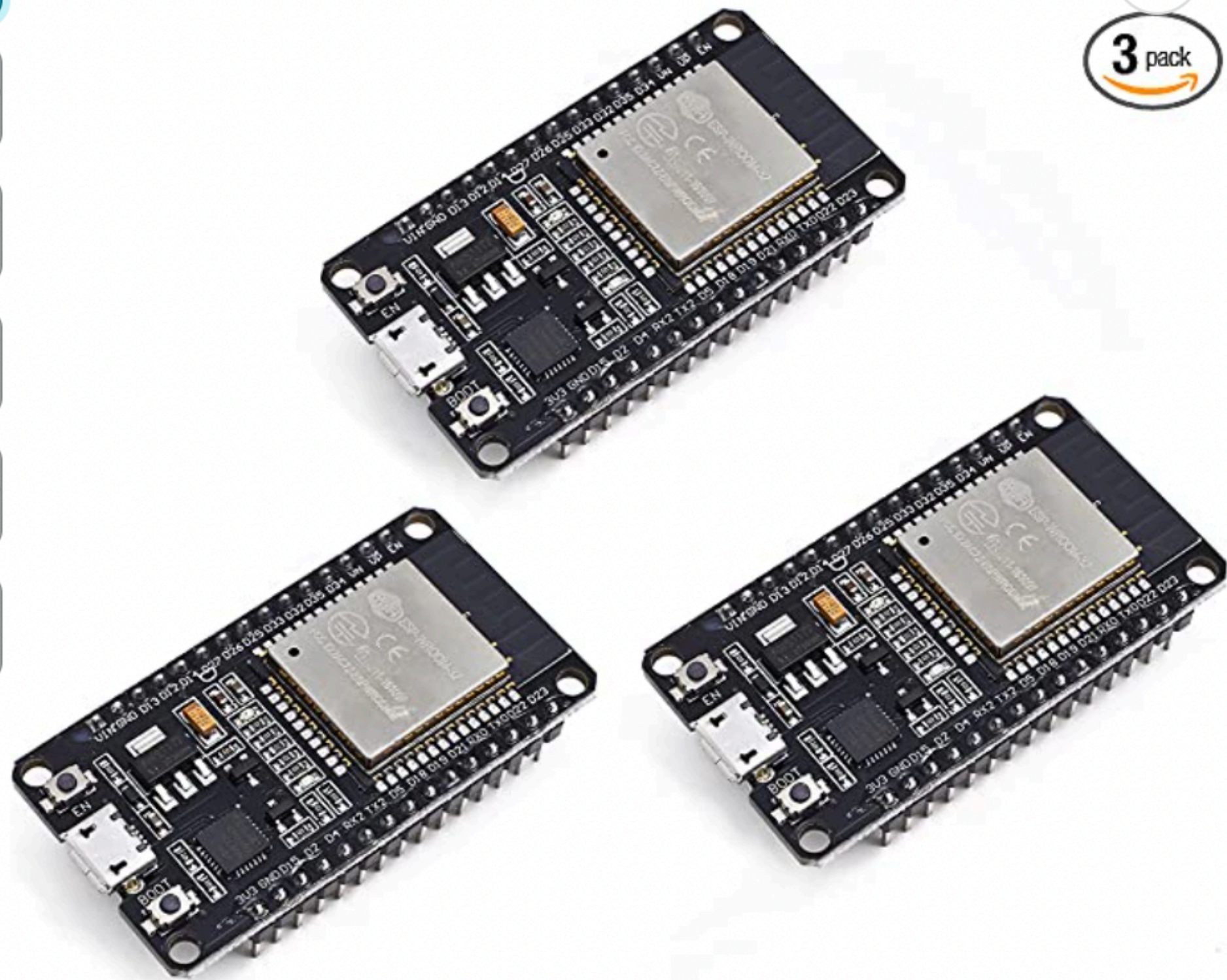
Prior Years

2022-2023 ▾

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# don't even need a PCB



Teyleten Robot ESP32S ESP32 ESP-WROOM-32 Development Board 2.4GHz Dual-Core WiFi +Bluetooth 2 Function Microcontroller for Arduino (ESP32 30P, 3PCS)

Brand: Teyleten Robot

★★★★★ 370 ratings | 45 answered questions

Amazon's Choice for "esp32 development board"

-10% \$17<sup>88</sup>

List Price: \$19.88 ⓘ

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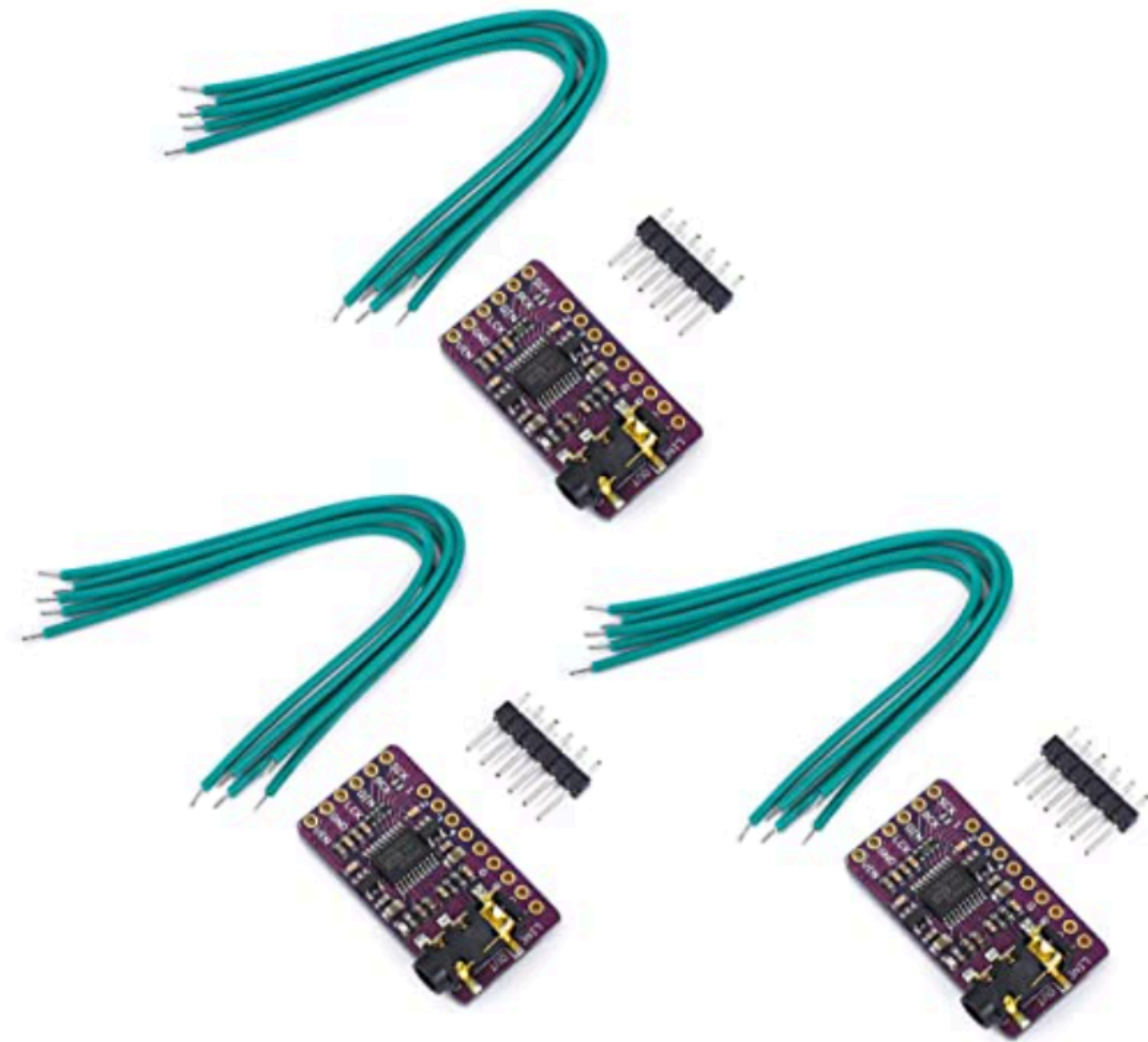
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Size: **ESP32 30P**

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Teyleten Robot PCM5102 PCM5102A AUX Stereo Digital Audio DAC Decoder Board Module Voice Module Player Module Digital-to-Analog Converter IIS I2S for Arduino Raspberry Pi (3PCS)

Brand: Teyleten Robot

★★★★★ 7 ratings

\$16<sup>88</sup> (\$5.63 / Item)

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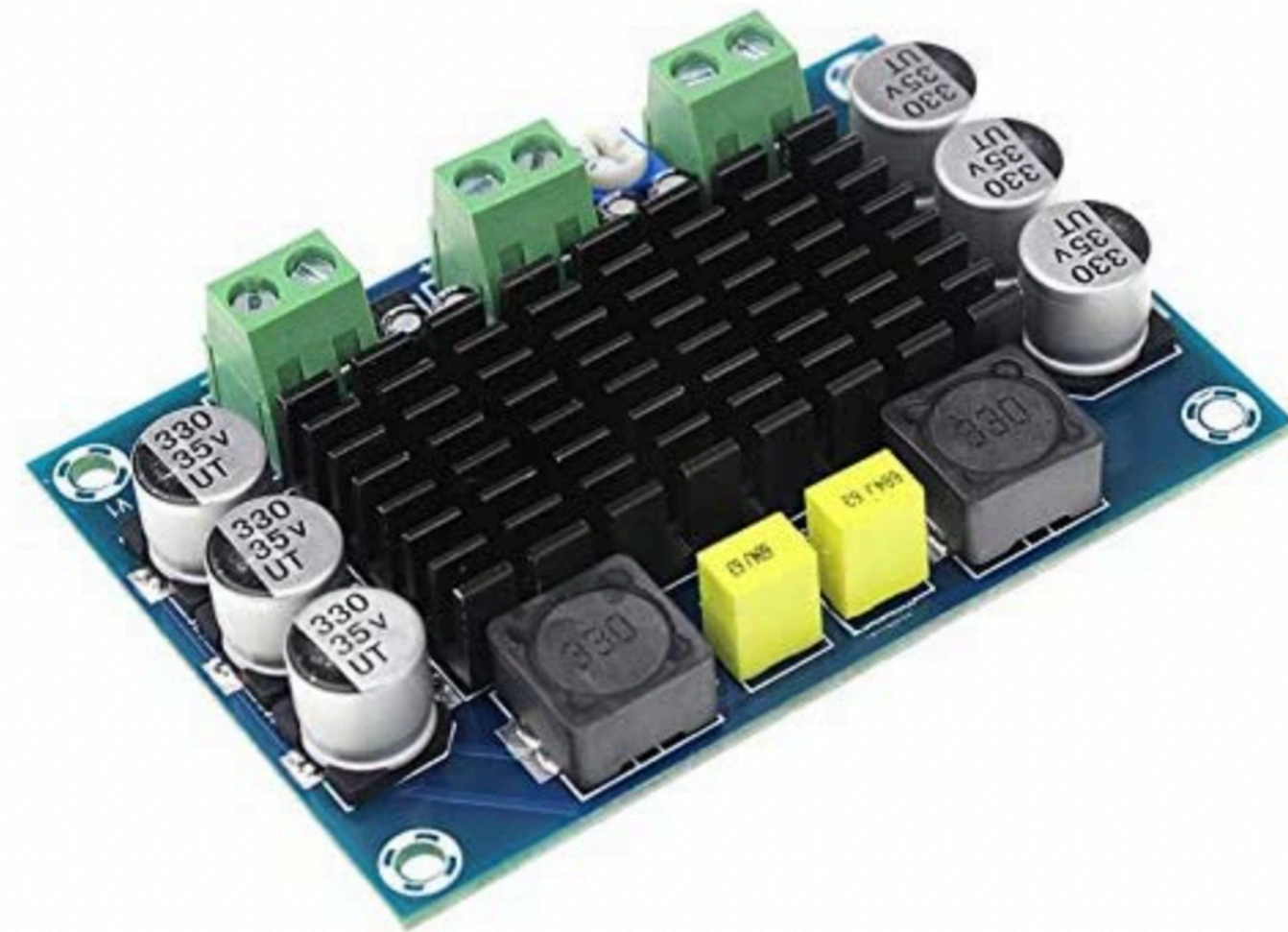
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- The DAC Module provides a super affordable high-quality DAC for the Raspberry Pi. Since it's digital audio, it sounds really good, much better than the onboard analog audio. The stereo jack comes soldered onto the board already.
- Line out stereo jack; pHAT format board; Uses the PCM5102A DAC to work with the Raspberry Pi I2S interface

# don't even need a PCB

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## HiLetgo 2pcs TPA3116 100W Audio Amplifier Board DC 12V 24V TPA3116DA Mono Channel Digital Audio Amplifier Board High Power AMP Module

[Visit the HiLetgo Store](#)

★★★★☆ 69 ratings | 6 answered questions

\$14<sup>49</sup>

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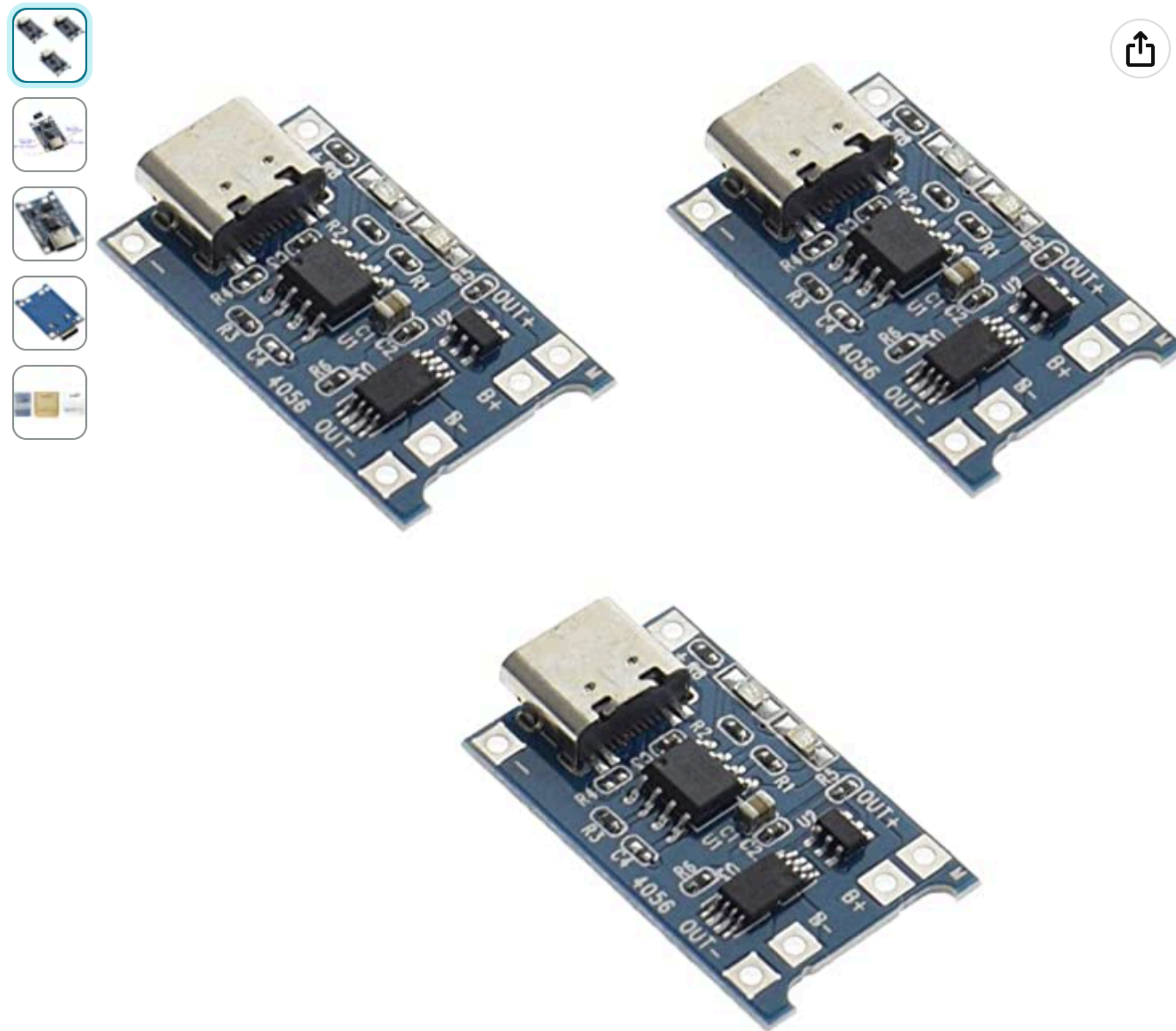
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|---------------------------|----------|
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| <b>Manufacturer</b>       | HiLetgo  |
| <b>Brand</b>              | HiLetgo  |
| <b>Number of Channels</b> | 1        |

### About this item

- TPA3116 100W Power Amplifier Board
- DC 12V 24V TPA3116DA Mono Channel Digital Stereo Audio Amplifier

Report incorrect product information.

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## HiLetgo 3pcs TP4056 Type-c USB 5V 1A 18650 Lithium Battery Charger Module Charging Board with Dual Protection Functions

[Visit the HiLetgo Store](#)

★★★★★ 171 ratings | 12 answered questions

\$5<sup>99</sup>

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|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Brand         | HiLetgo |
| Color         | Green   |
| Input Voltage | 5 Volts |

### About this item

- Input interface: Type-c USB.
- Battery overcharge lifting voltage: 4.00 V
- Battery: over-current protection current 3 A
- Maximum charging current output: 1000 ma
- Light state: no load the light not bright, red light for recharging, is full of green light.

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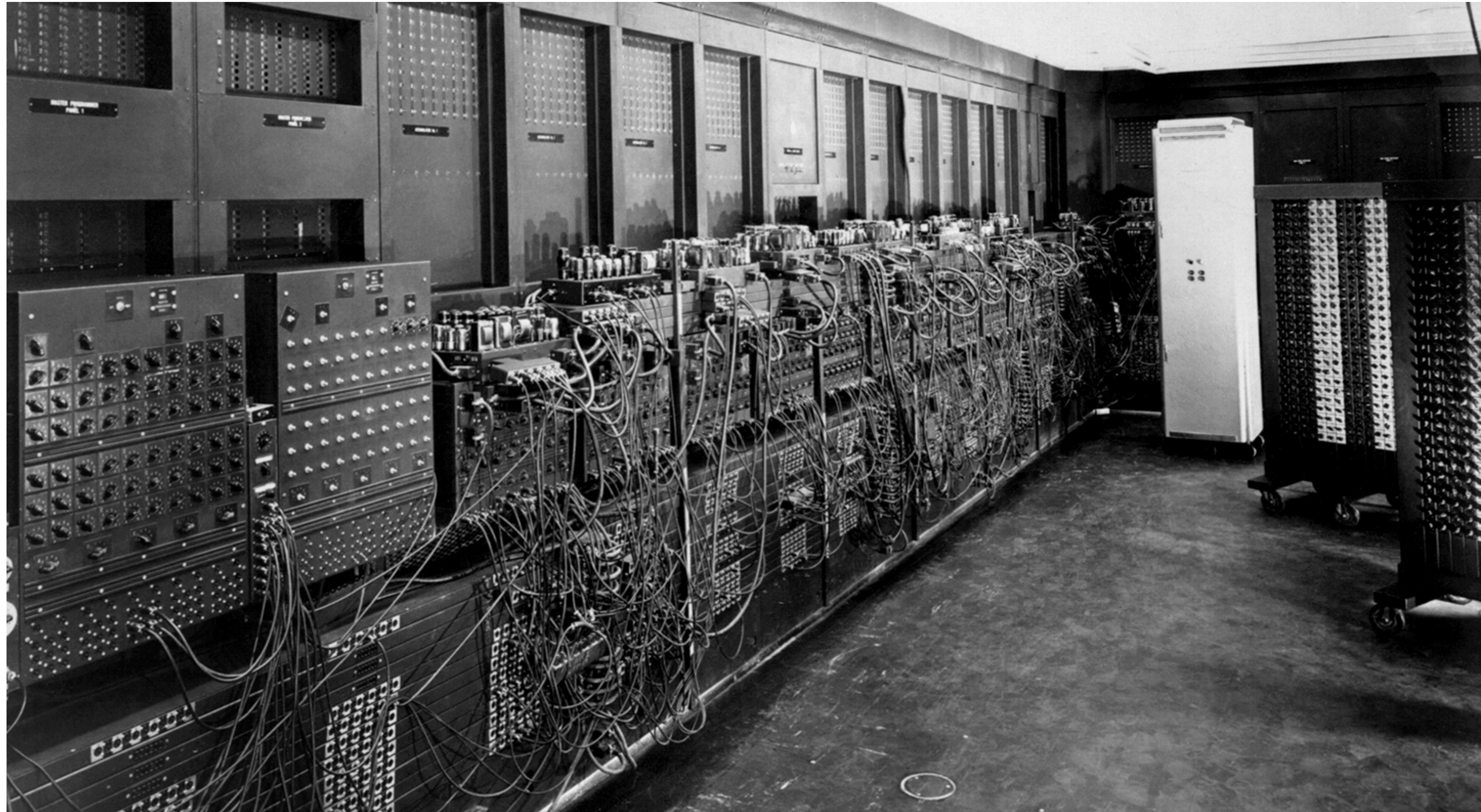
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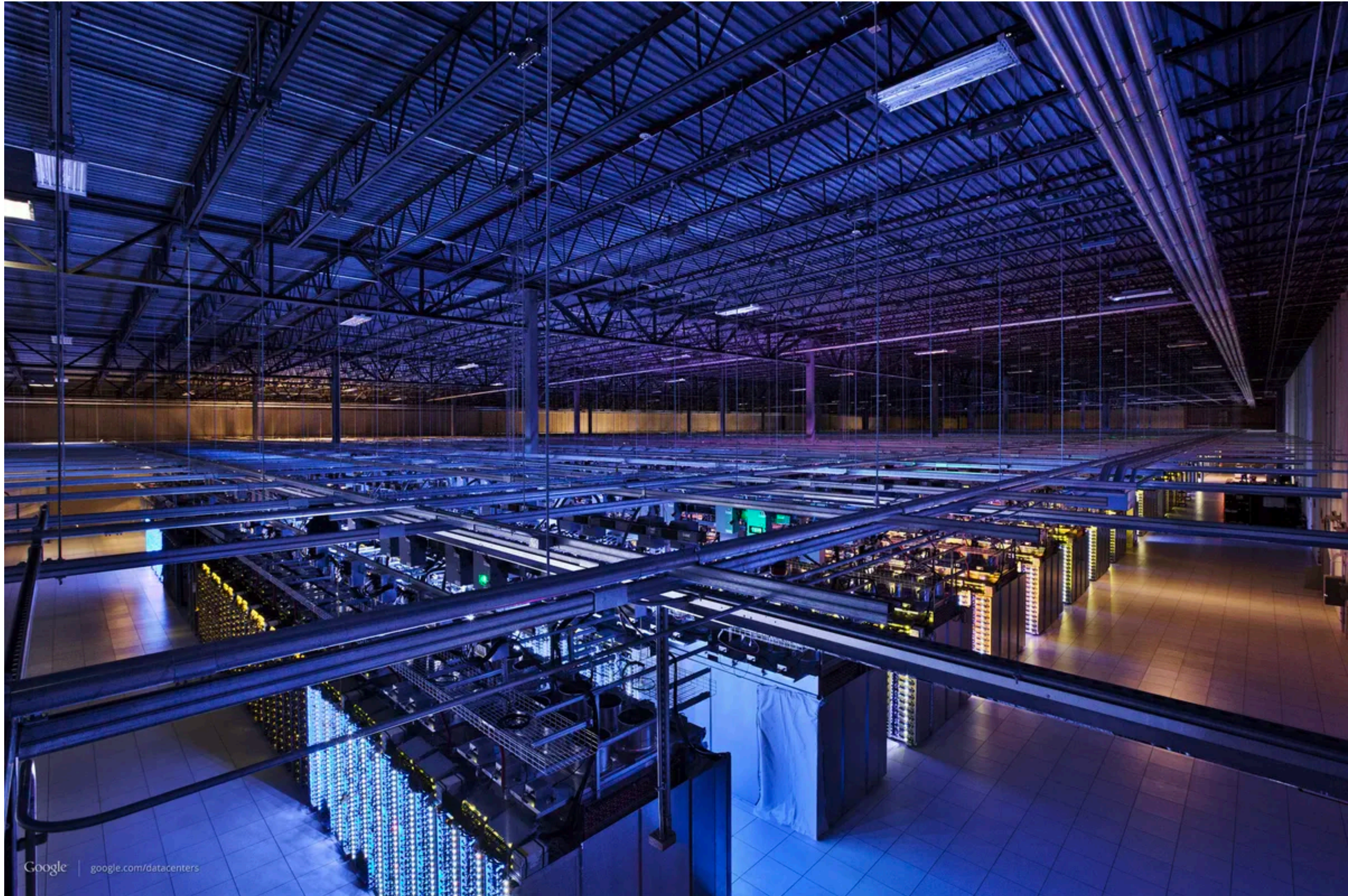
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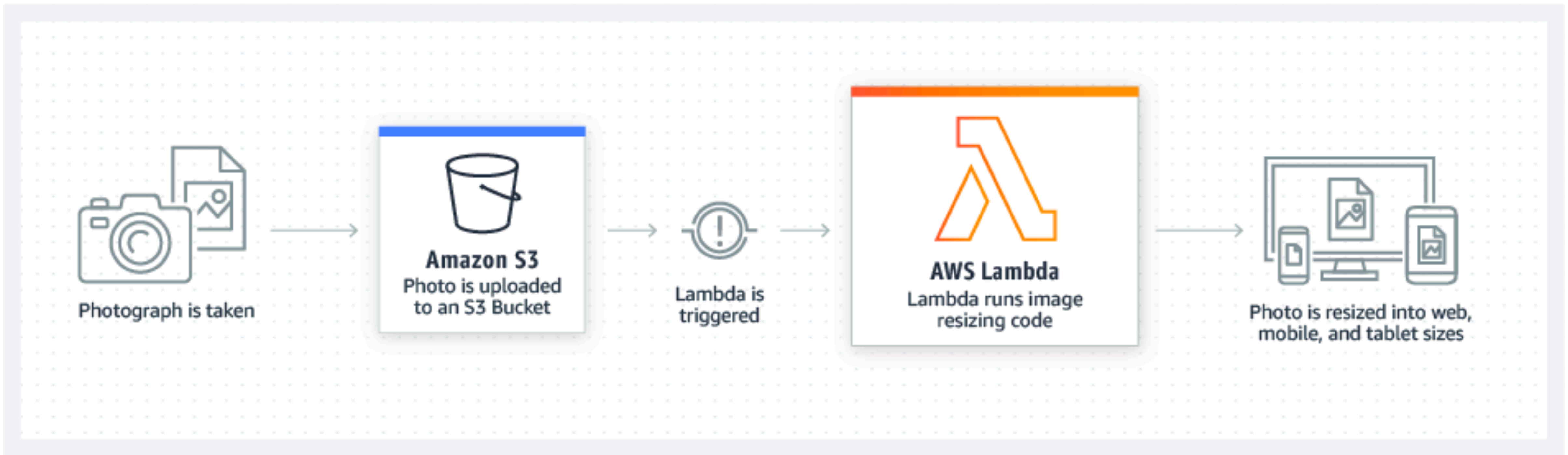
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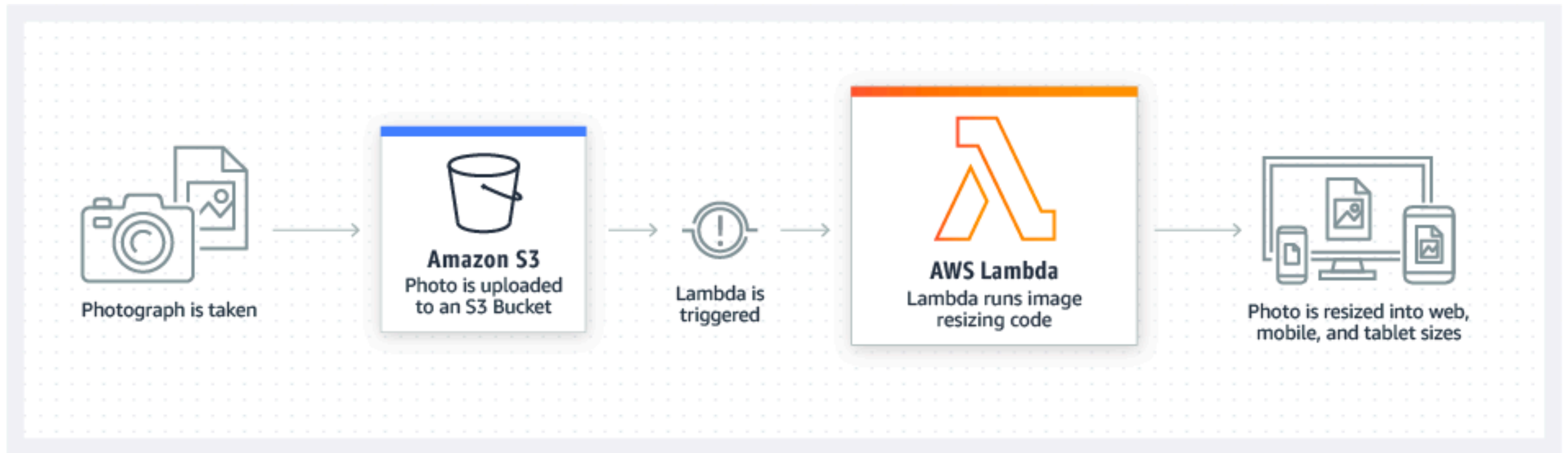








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# in summary

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- *hardware is a commodity*
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- *do we keep EEs around just to keep the wheels turning?*



**yes!**

*And that's all we do. Good night folks.*

# climate change

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  - *25% global energy consumption goes to transport*

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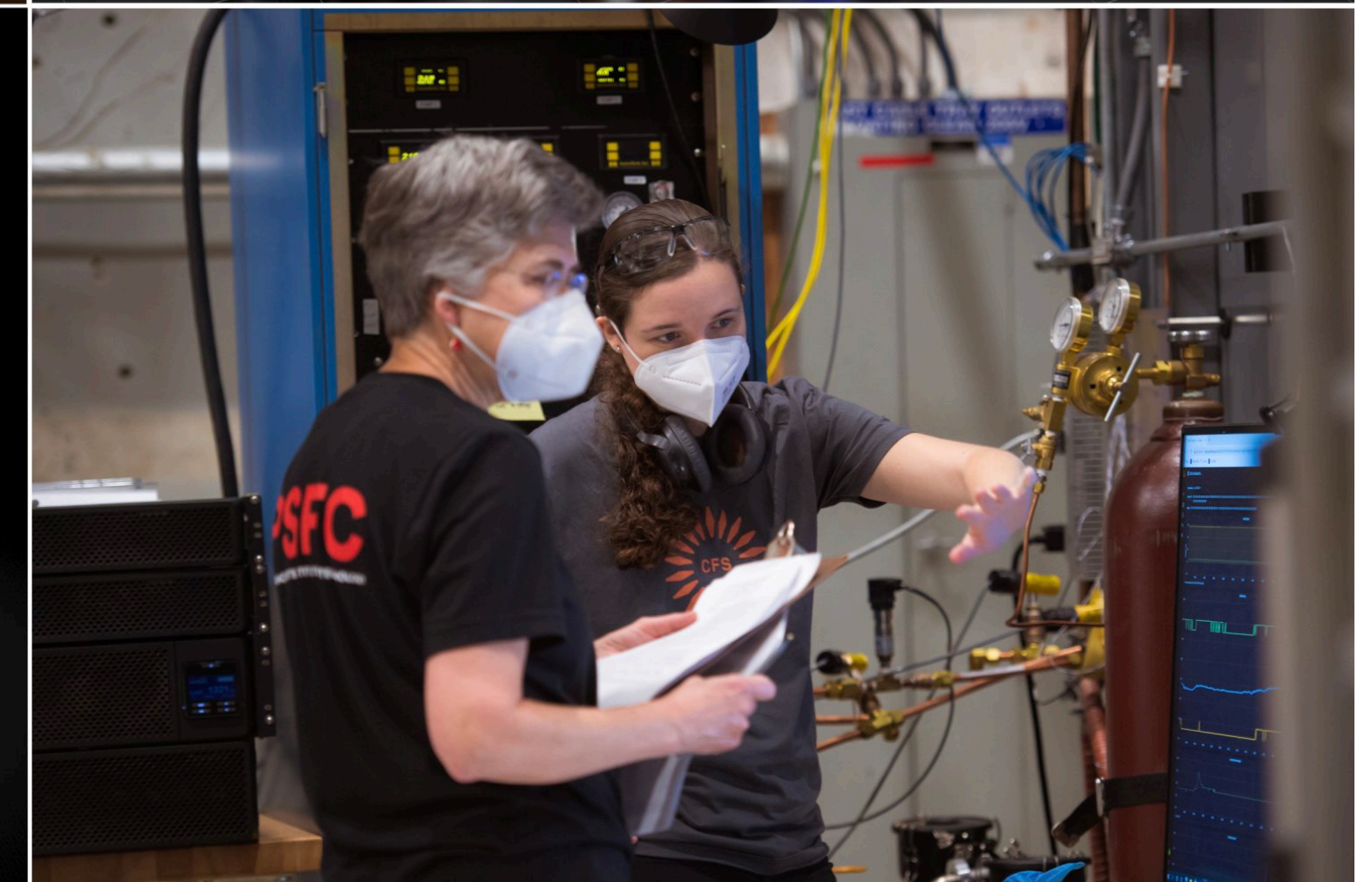
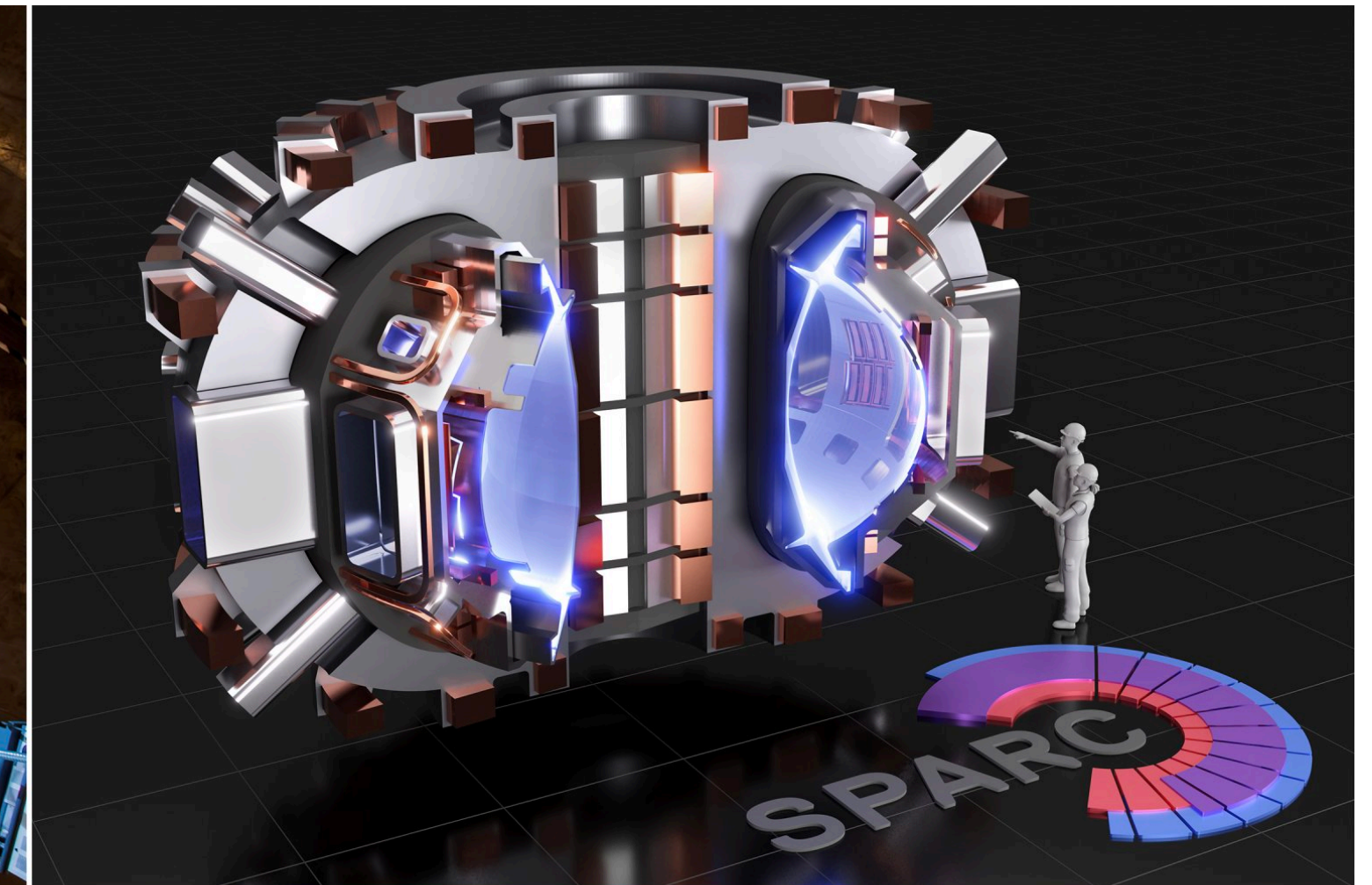
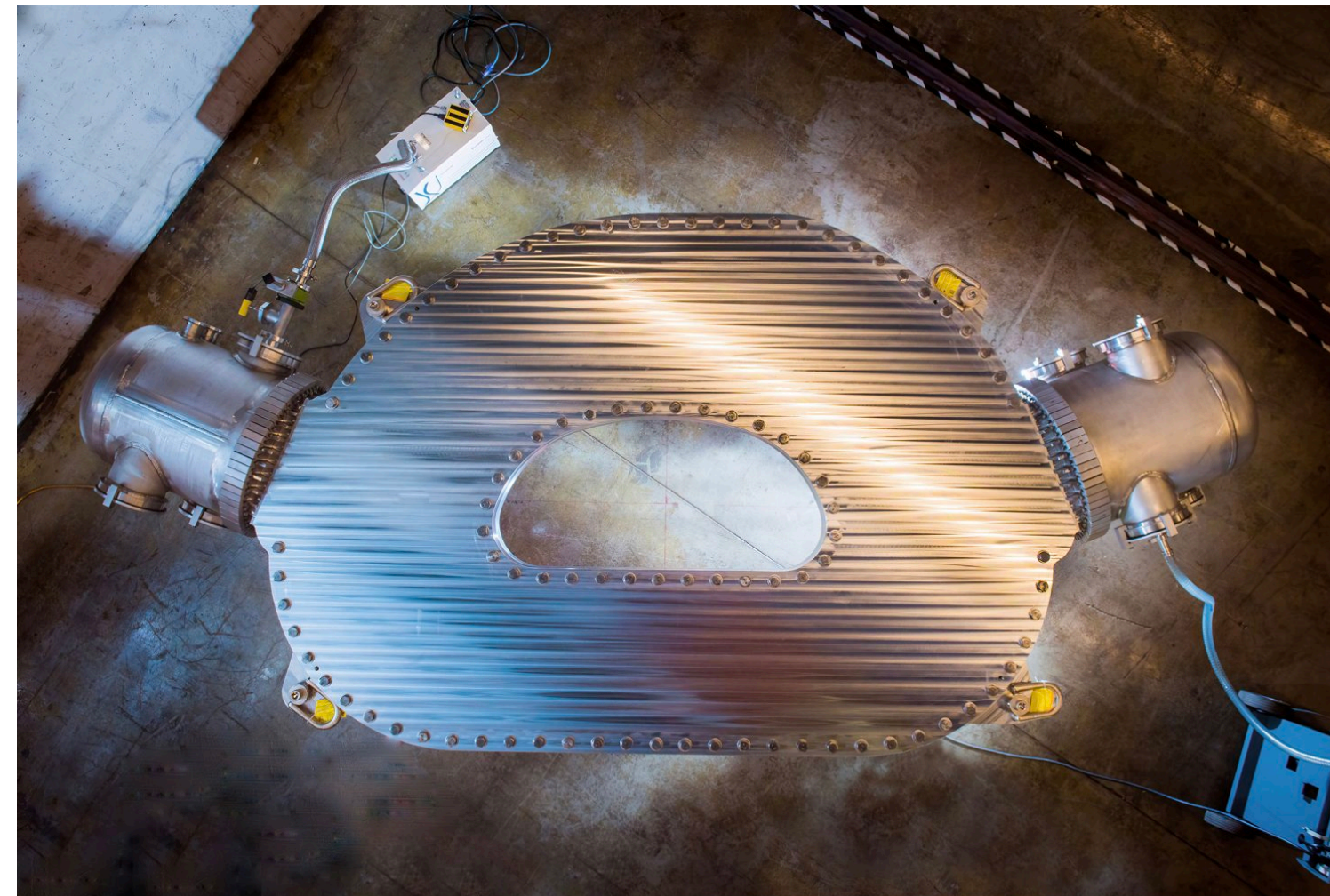


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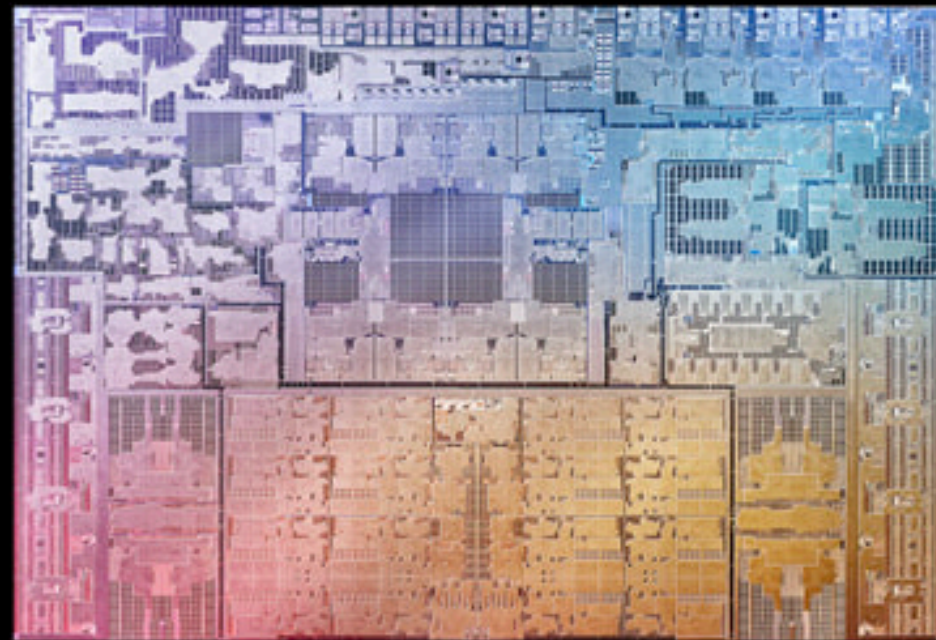
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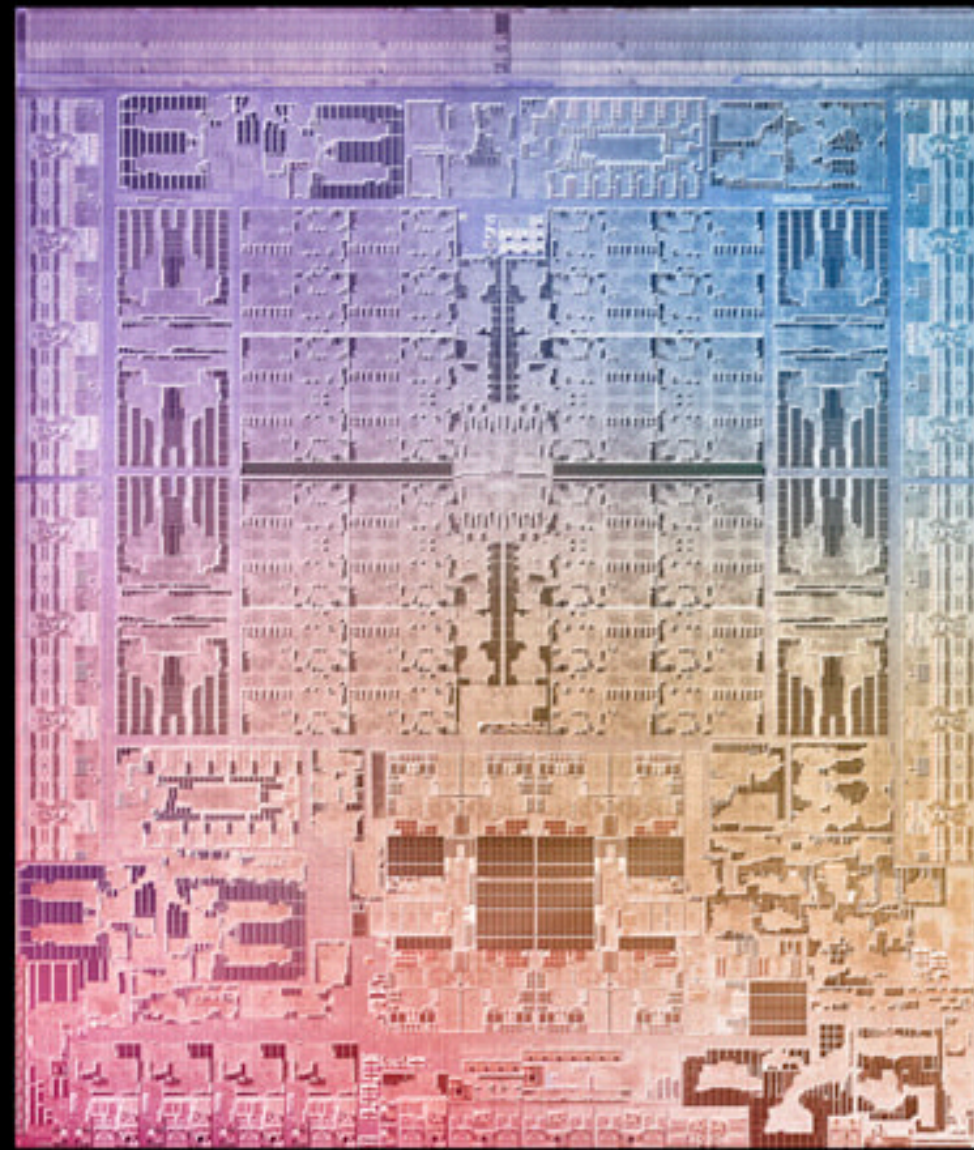
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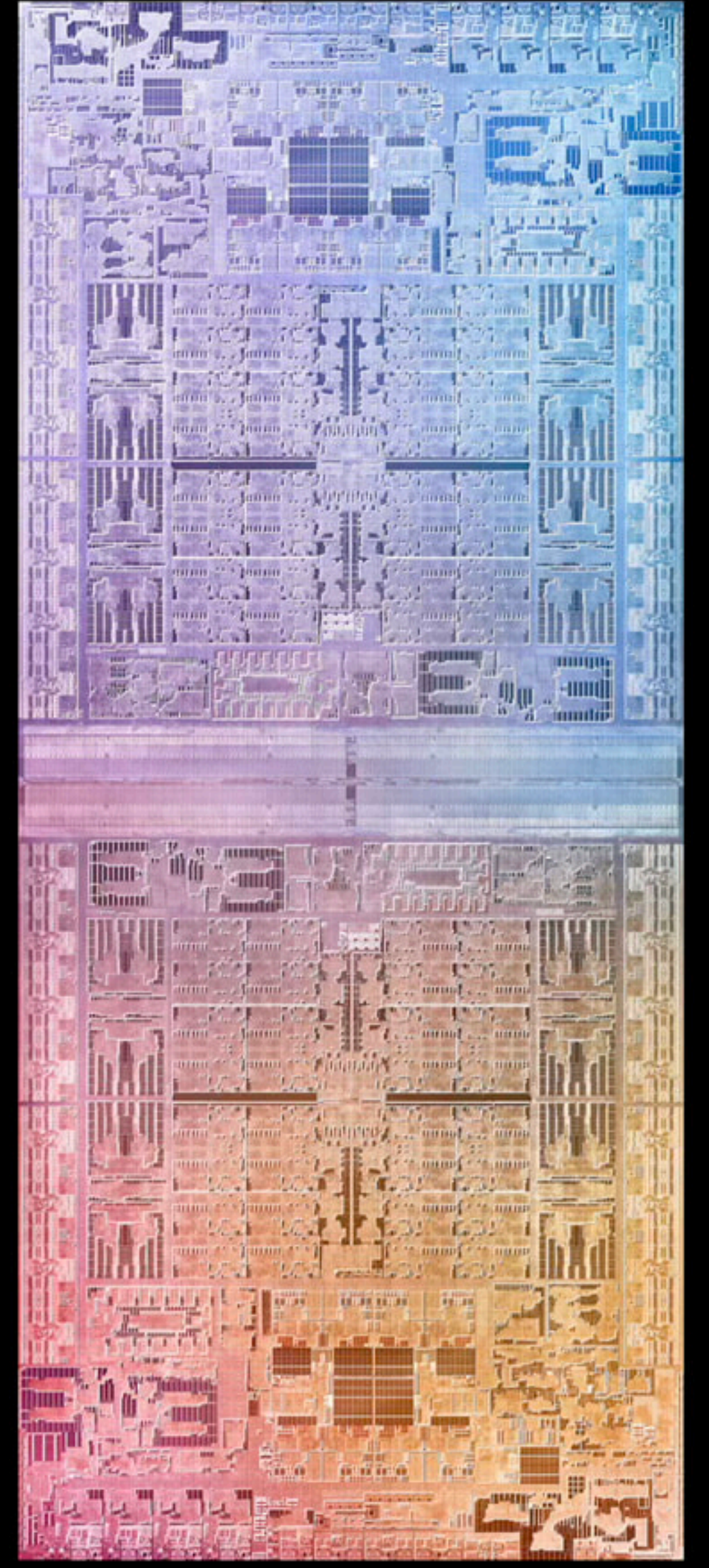
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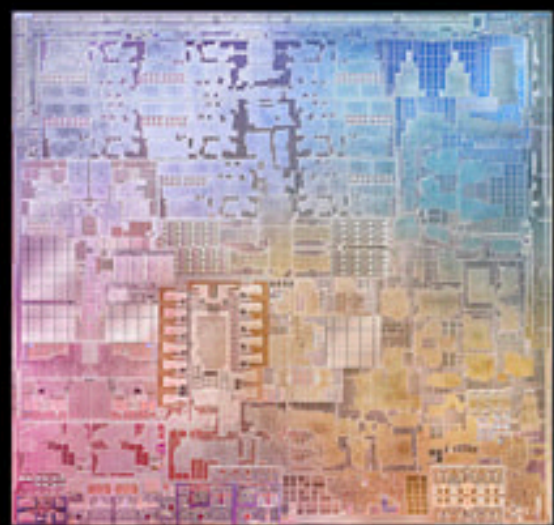


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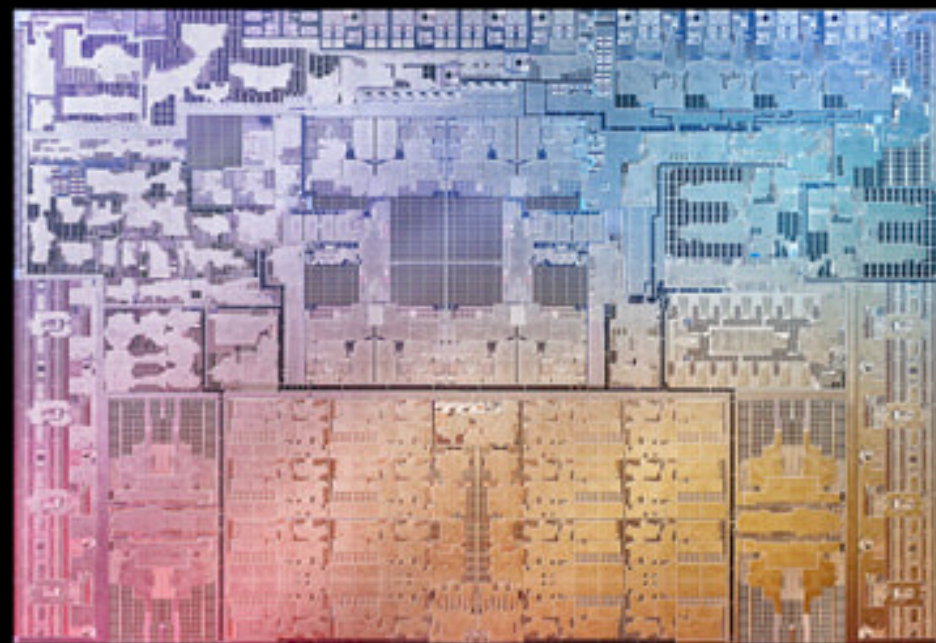


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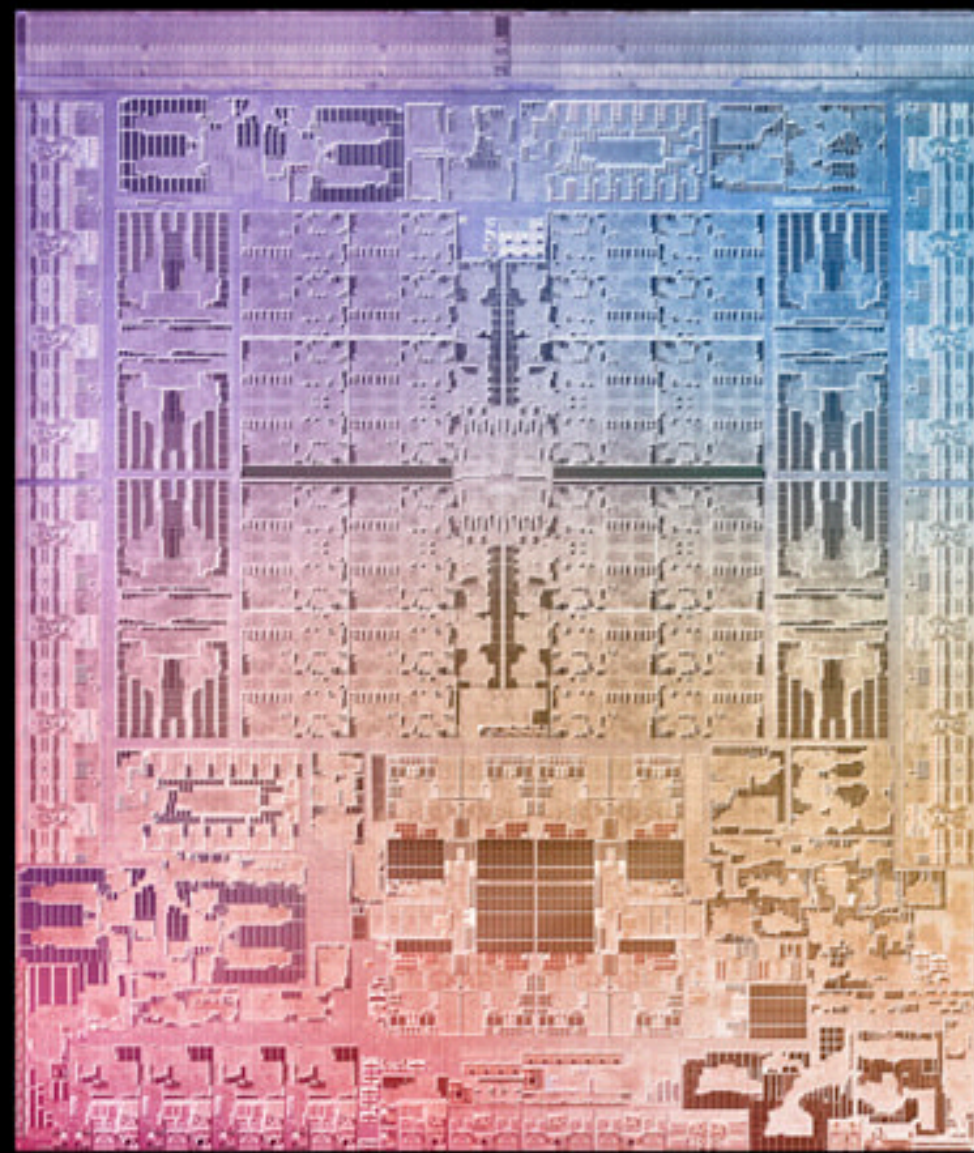
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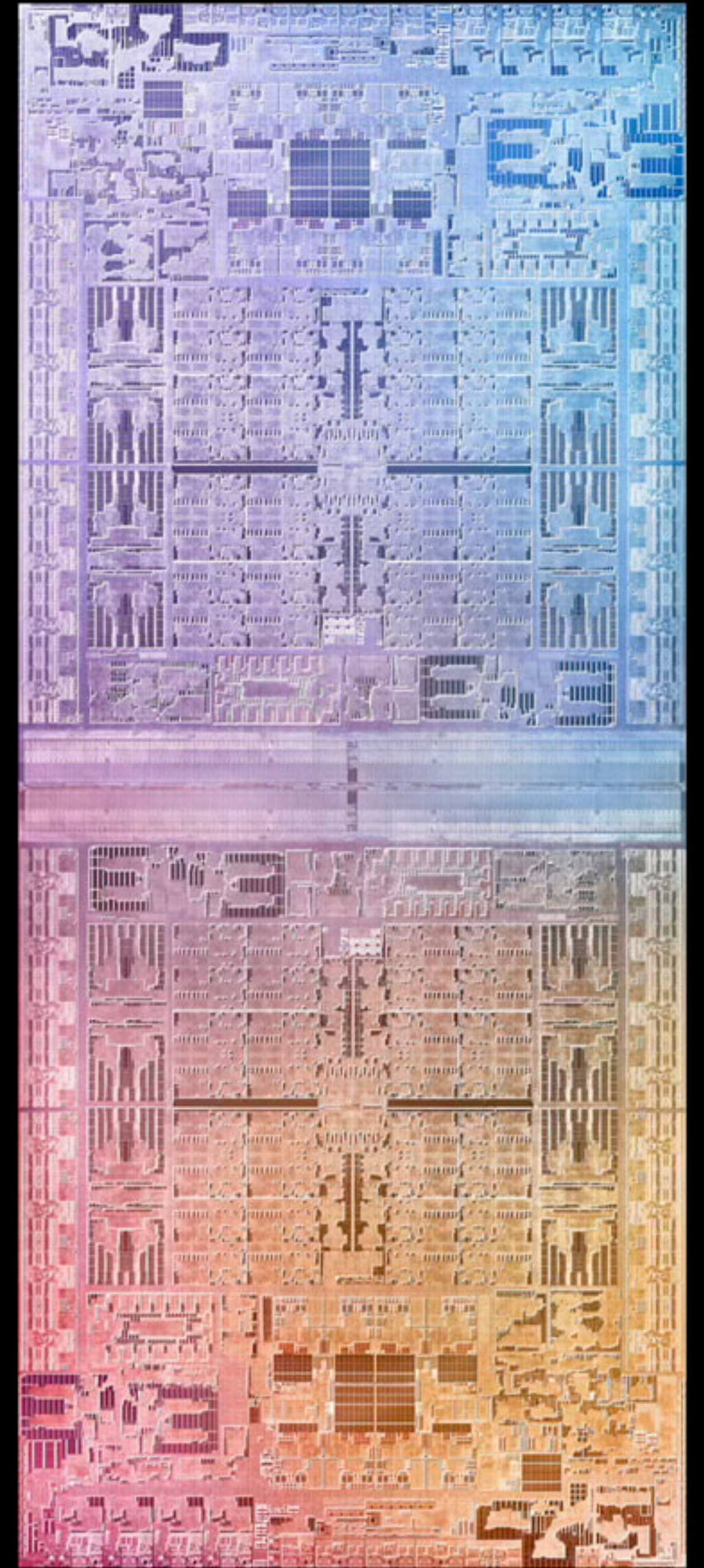
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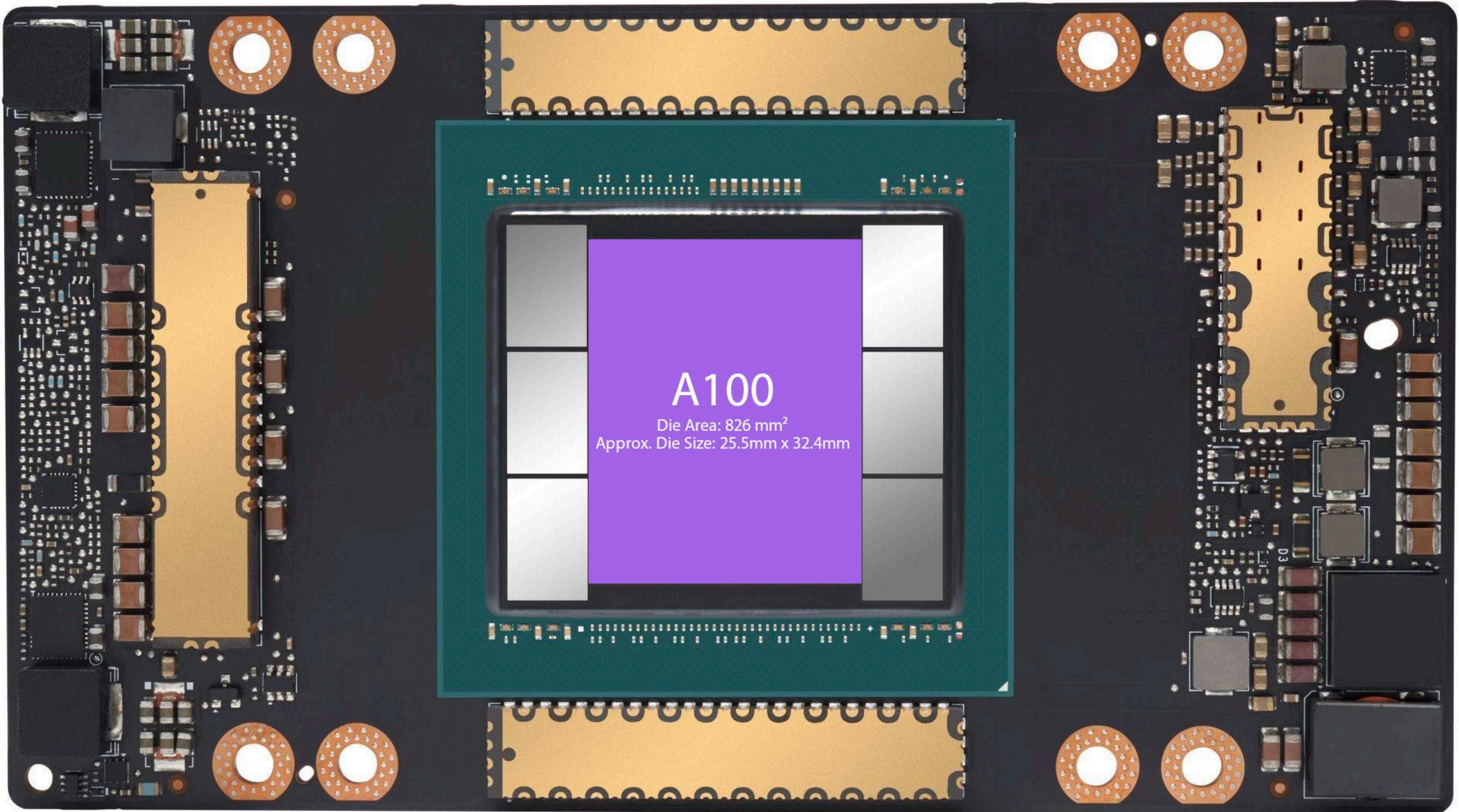
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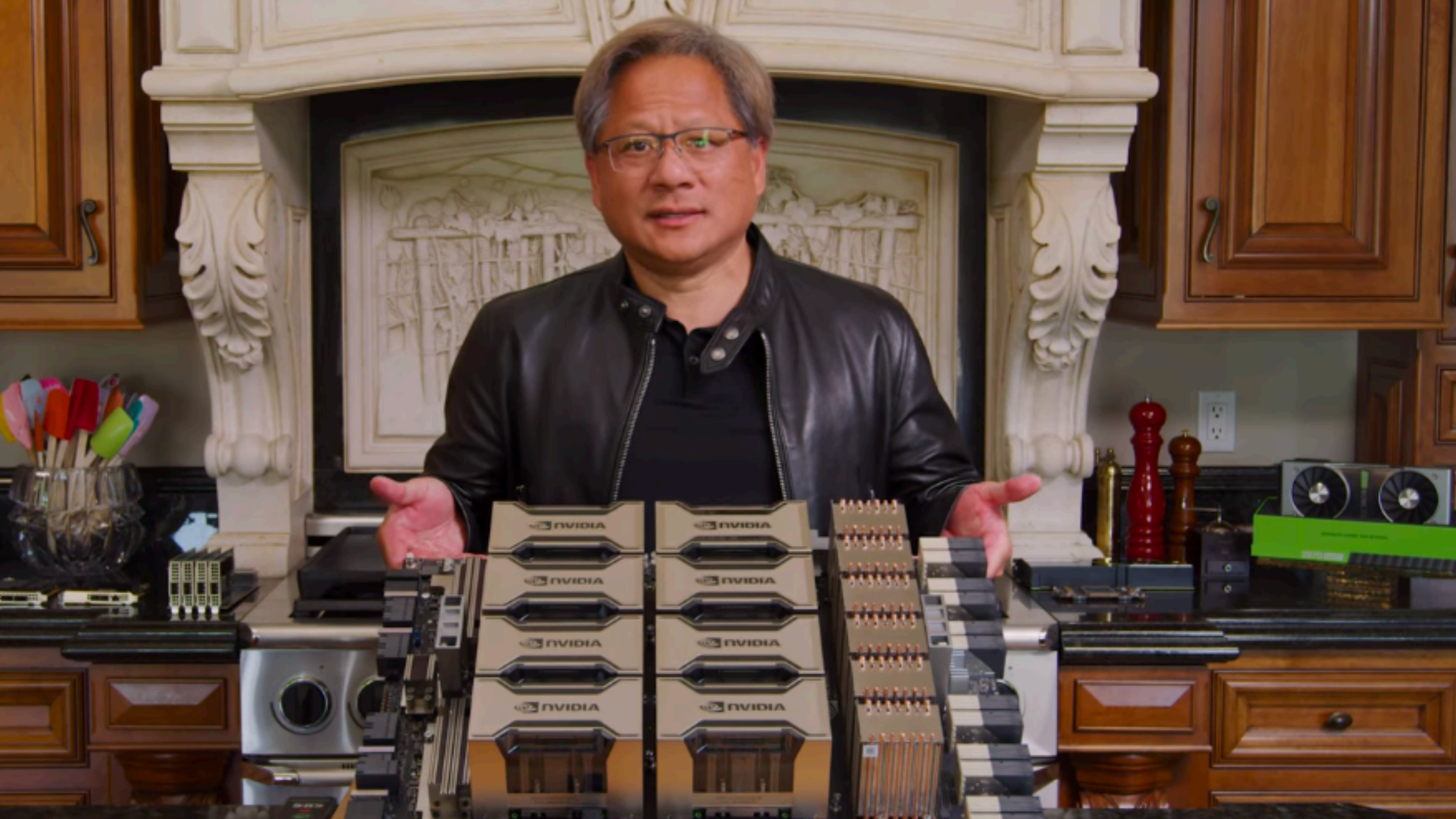
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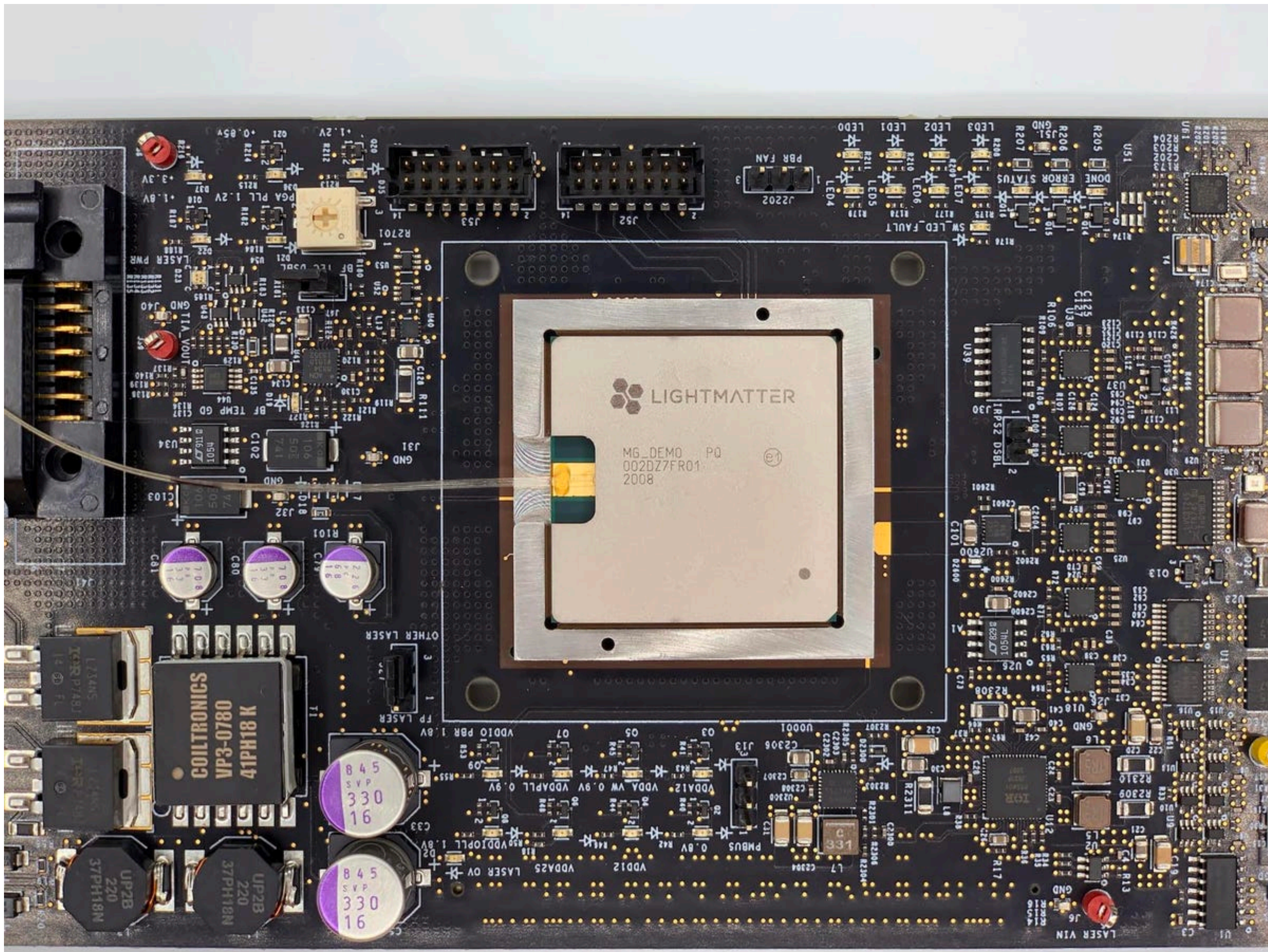
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  - *ARM's got wayyy better power efficiency*
  - *starting to work it's way into datacenter*

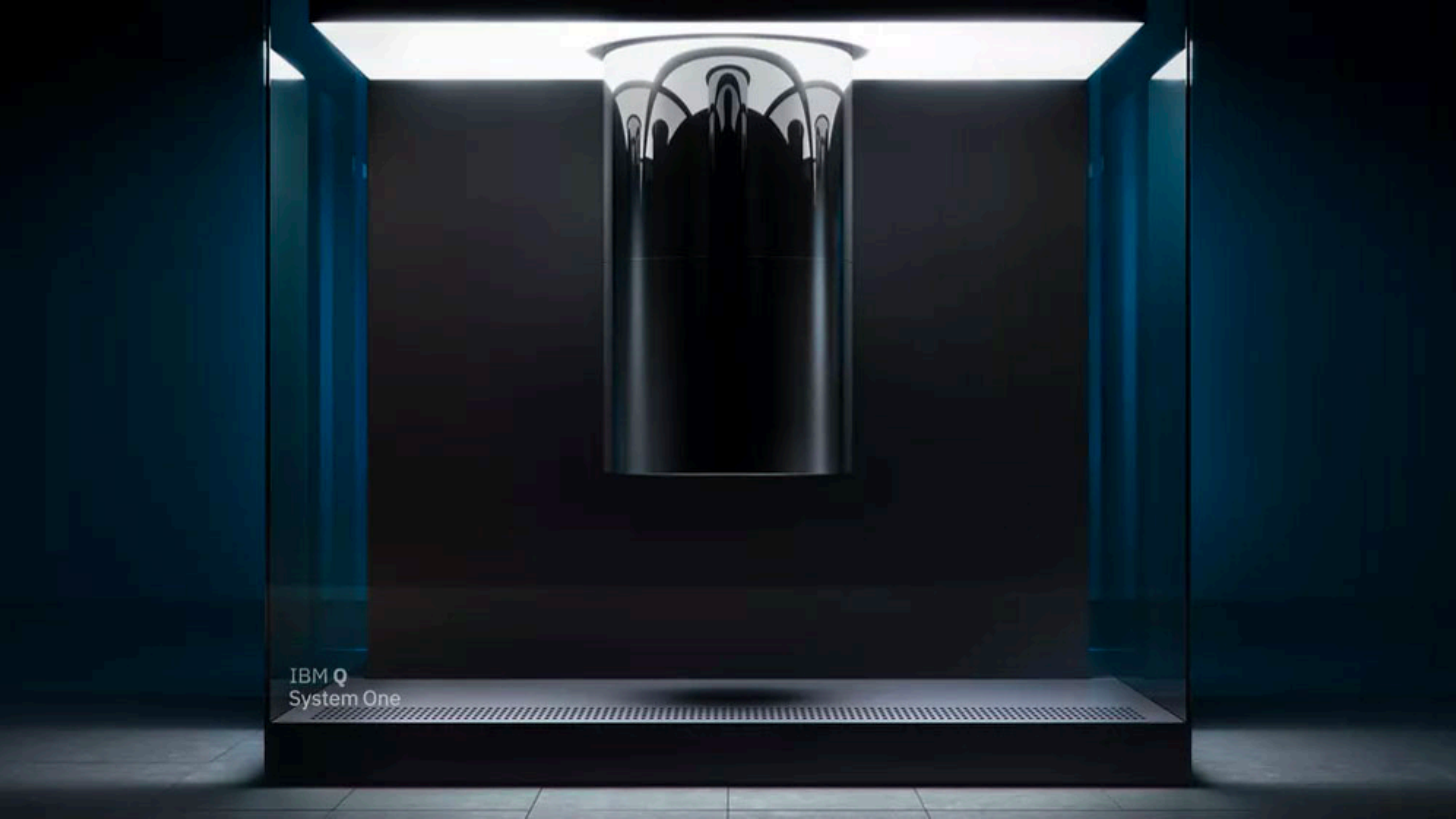


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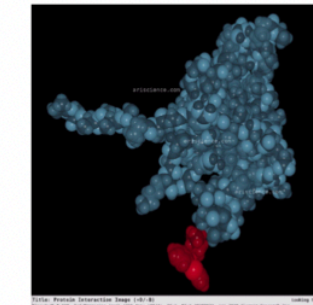
The image shows the IBM Q System One quantum computer. It is a large, dark, rectangular structure with a prominent cylindrical component in the center. The top of the structure is illuminated with a bright, white light, creating a strong contrast with the dark interior. The cylindrical component has a series of curved, metallic-looking structures on its top surface. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and futuristic.

IBM Q  
System One

# more pandemics

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## SARSCOV2/COVID19 protein interruption search with existing active compounds using quasi-quantum simulation



● Completed project

### Abstract

COVID-19 is a highly transmissible disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV2). Although vaccine development is critical, it is also a lengthy process. To this end ARIScience has developed a state-of-the art molecular simulation software to identify whether existing FDA-approved drug active compounds may interrupt SARSCoV2 proteins. This quasi quantum simulation software autonomously disassembles SARS-CoV-2 proteins, identifies target areas on the protein, and then identifies drug compounds with highest potential for interruption. If an existing drug compound, or cocktail of compounds, can be discovered to affect the speed, formation, and activity of different parts of multiple viral proteins, a multi-pronged attack strategy to slow down COVID-19 can be developed, which in turn can help save civilian lives in the U.S. ARI can currently simulate 1213 drugs and have already completed simulations against 5 SARS-CoV-2 proteins. Preliminary simulation results are confidentially attached to this request pending subsequent validation steps of our overall research.

PI

Joy Alamgir  
ARIScience

Therapeutics

Drug repurposing

### Results (3)

27 May 2021

Results available

[Final report](#)

# occupational injuries



# the case for hardware

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# the case for hardware

- *if you want to solve big existential problems, hardware's for you*
- *and even if you don't:*
  - *understanding hardware lets you write better software.*
  - *understanding underlying first principles lets you design better things.*
    - *debugging ensures that you learn <3*
- *it's kinda just really fun*

# the case for hardware



# UN SDGS

**the** Sustainable Development Goals + **their** *translation to hardware design.*



[HTTPS://SDGS.UN.ORG/GOALS](https://sdgs.un.org/goals)






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Direct Impacts from  
Hardware DESIGN

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**No Poverty**




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**Health + Well Being**



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**Education**



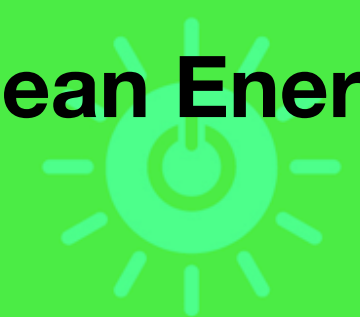
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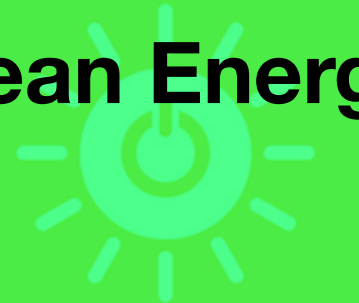
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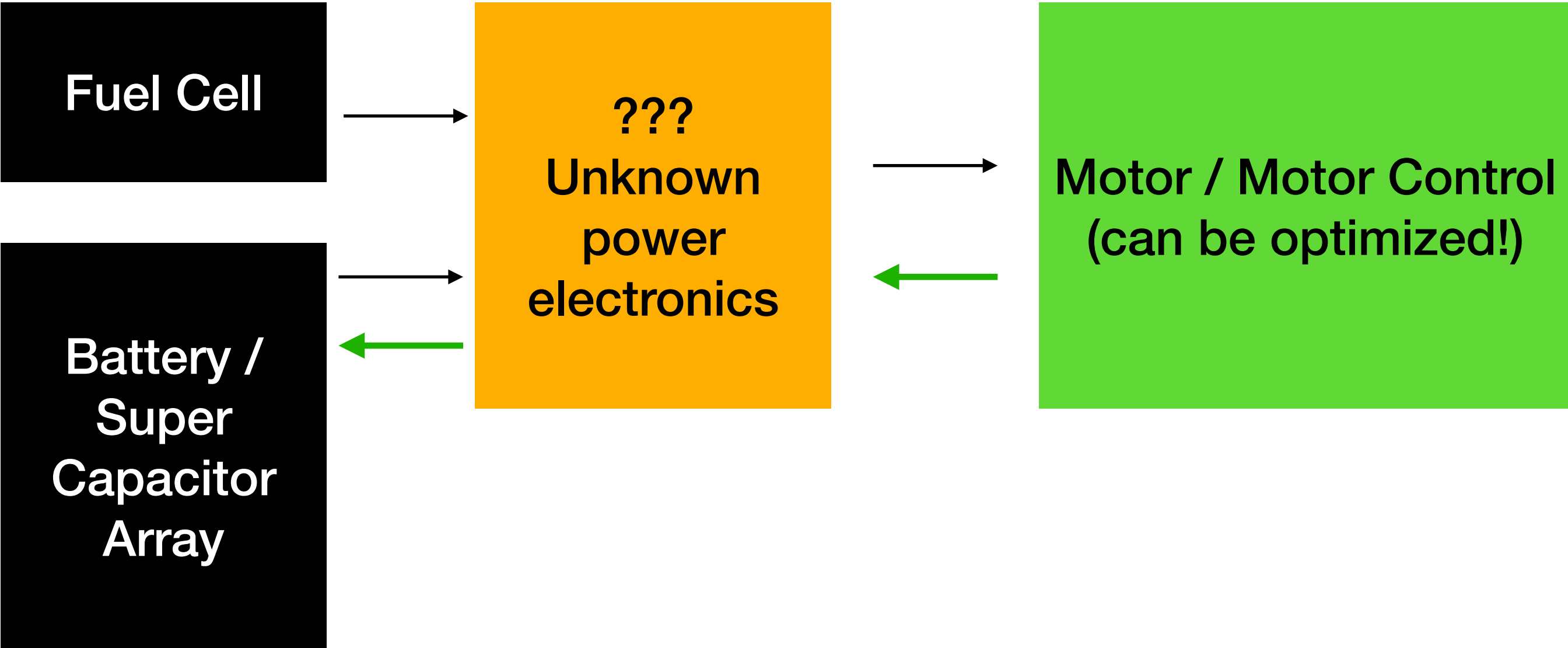
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# CLEAN ENERGY



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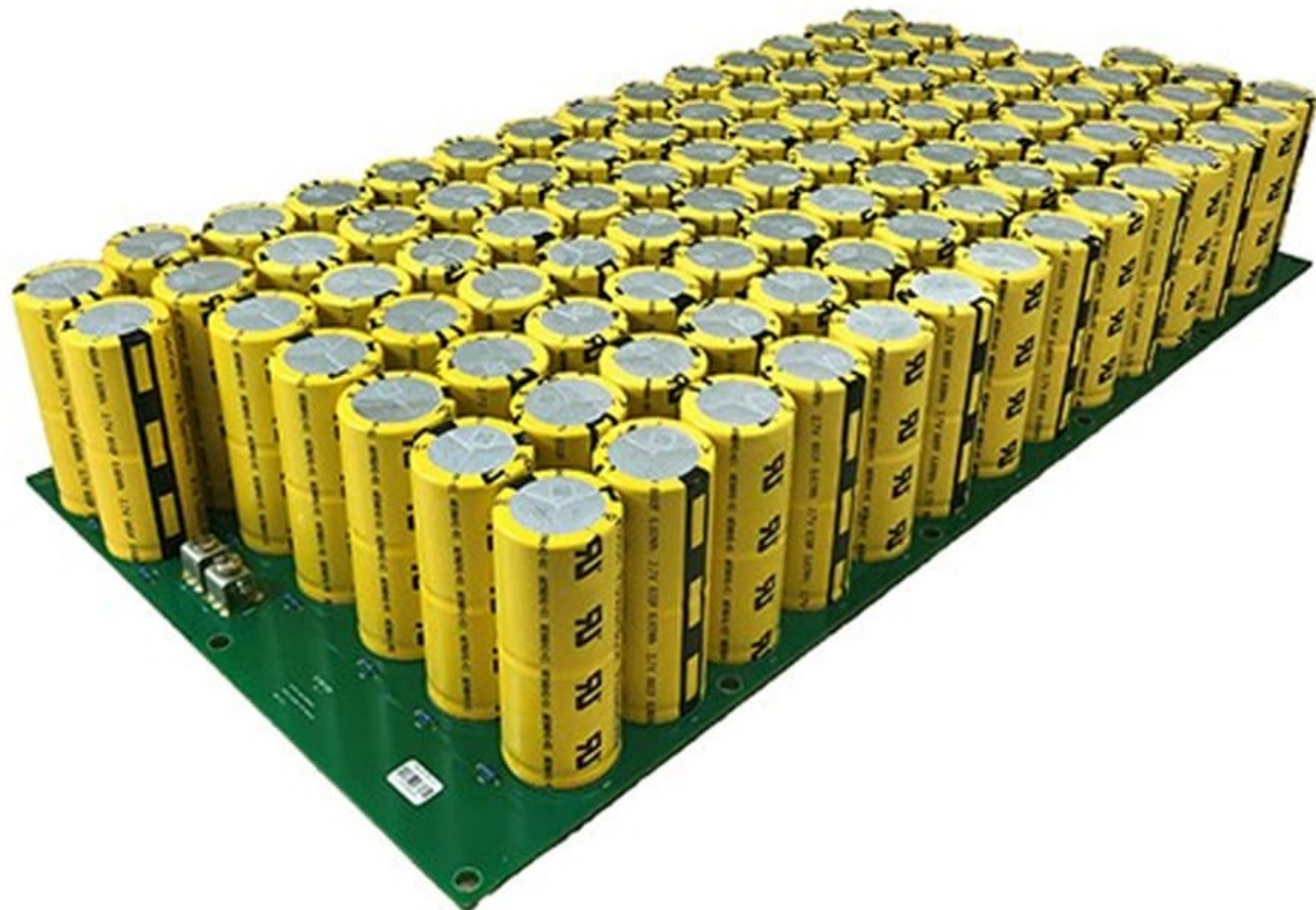


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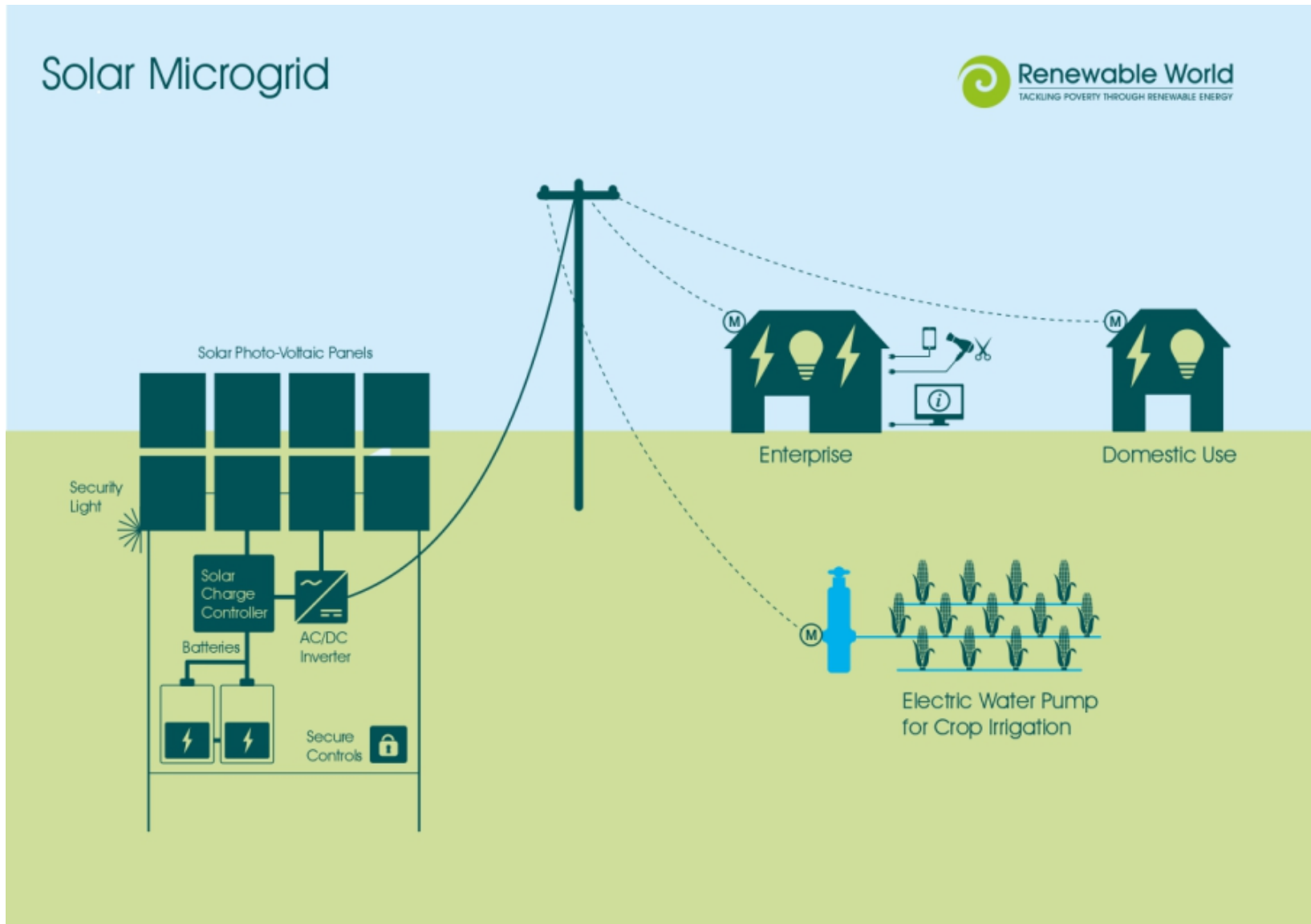


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# CLEAN ENERGY



<https://renewable-world.org/our-approach-to-renewable-energy/technologies/solar-microgrids/>



*Microgrids + local energy production can help developing and developed nations manage their energy consumption, and they require NEW technology like super capacitors which require advanced power electronics.*

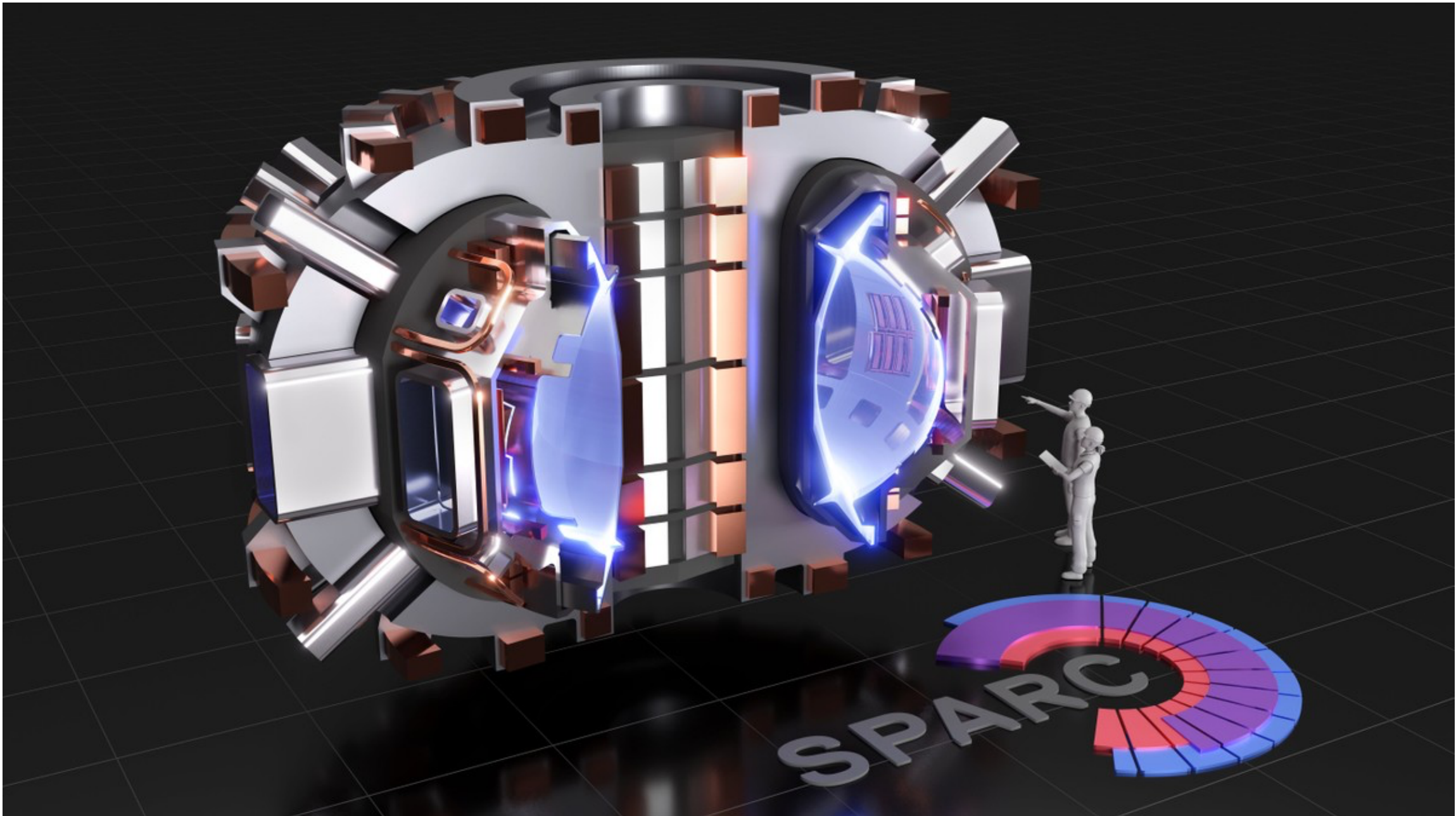
[HTTPS://D-LAB.MIT.EDU/RESEARCH/ENERGY](https://d-lab.mit.edu/research/energy)



**Can't use a traditional Lithium Battery-Management System, needs circuitry that manages charge and discharge rate efficiently. Capable of super high currents but this could be a problem for many electrical systems. HUGE voltage swings on the output of these devices, how do we stabilize the voltage?**

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**Nuclear Fusion requires advanced power supply design, magnetic design, energy capture, and so many other things!**

**Superconductors!  
Superconducting magnets!**

<https://cfs.energy/technology/sparc>



**[HTTPS://CFS.ENERGY/](https://cfs.energy/)**

# ZERO HUNGER



IronOx is using robots, controls, and electronics to make farming more sustainable. How do we deliver nutrients in precise quantities to plants without wasting energy? As in optimal plant production per unit energy, space, and water used!!!

—> this requires controls, instrumentation, robotics, sensing, etc. etc.

[HTTPS://IRONOX.COM/SUSTAINABILITY/](https://ironox.com/sustainability/)





Multispectral Image Sensing that allows farmers to predict crop yield, identify diseases, and etc.

\*\*greatly reduces chances of crop failure with constant monitoring, can also help plan next year's field.

<https://www.dji.com/p4-multispectral>

<https://ageagle.com/>

<https://www.pix4d.com/product/sequoia/>



Helps deliver lifesaving drugs during the pandemic.

-GPS technology, advances in IMUs, motors and motor control, batteries, navigation and targeting.

[HTTPS://WWW.FLYZIPLINE.COM/](https://www.flyzipline.com/)

## The Moving Ambulance: Sissala Tricycle

Created with the communities of Sissala East District, Tumu Ghana  
and The Virtue Foundation Manufactured in Tumu Ghana.



- 1. Ambulance Interior:** A removable patient stretcher, seats for nurse and family member, first aid kit, birthing kit, IV Drop, lighting, and window to the driver
- 2. Window Coverings:** Leather panels cover the windows of the ambulance, allowing the passengers to modify the amount of ventilation coming in while keeping dust out.
- 3. Custom Suspension:** Our suspension features a custom dual shock design, allowing for an extremely comfortable ride in any road conditions
- 4. Ambulance Sirens:** Our Ghana made design works like a conventional ambulance with sirens and lights to signal to other vehicles.

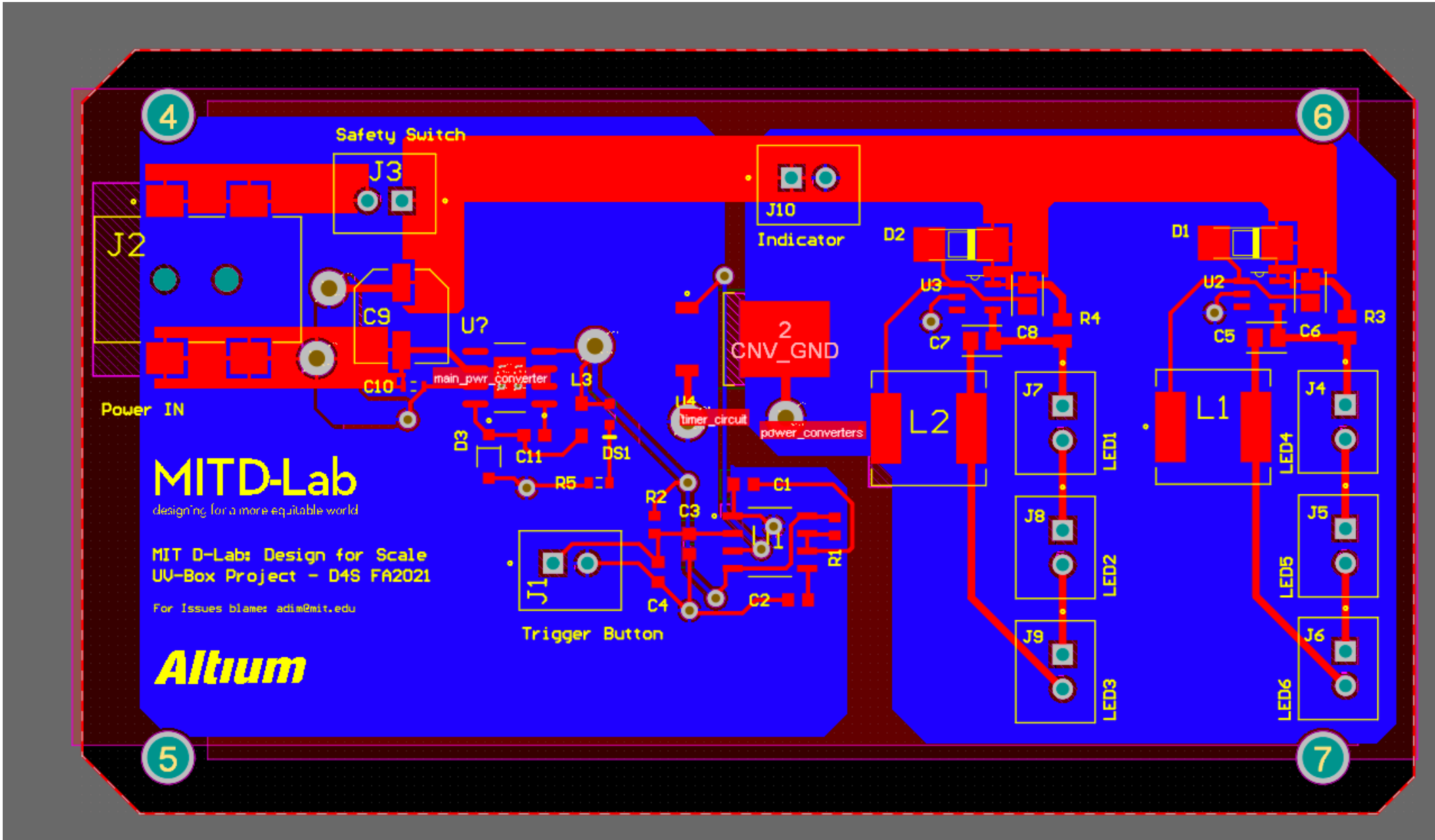


Helps reduce pregnancy related deaths  
in rural Ghana.

- sensor system on-board tracks  
ambulance use allowing the organization  
to deploy ambulances where they are  
most needed and to tailor the product  
to the needs of the local people.

[HTTPS://WWW.MOVING.HEALTH/](https://www.moving.health/)

Don't have a good link, but **INGESTIBLE**  
flexible PCBs that go inside you for drug  
delivery, monitoring, etc. are becoming a thing  
too!



## LOW COST UV DISINFECTION!!!

- how do we sanitize in the developing world?
- low cost LED drivers? Low cost LEDs?

# Sustainable MANUFACTURING

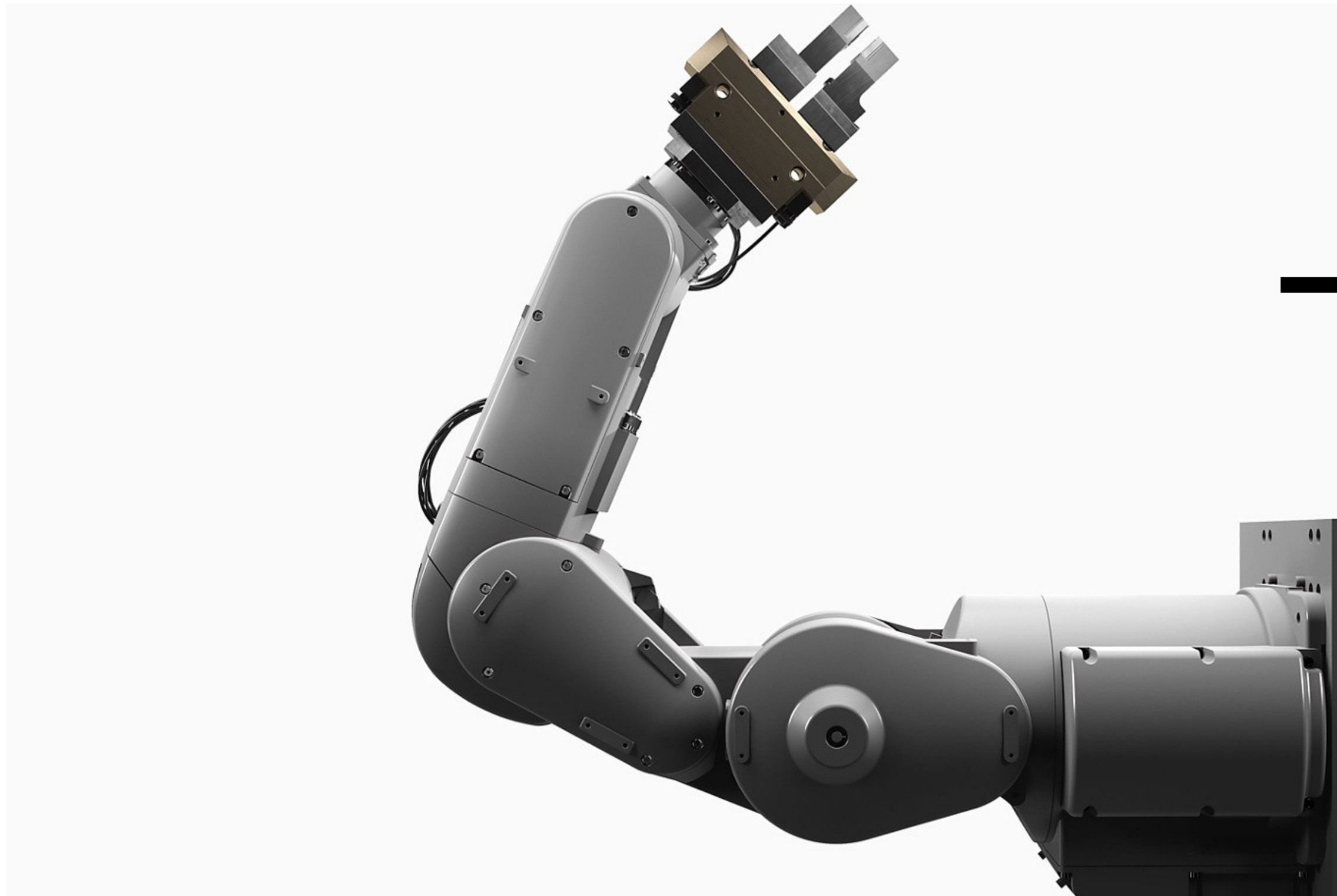


Plastics pollution is a MASSIVE problem, over 90% of plastic waste does NOT get recycled according to nat geo.

—> using hardware design to solve plastic recycling! Heat, thermals, power systems, more!

[HTTPS://PRECIOUSPLASTIC.COM/](https://preciousplastic.com/)

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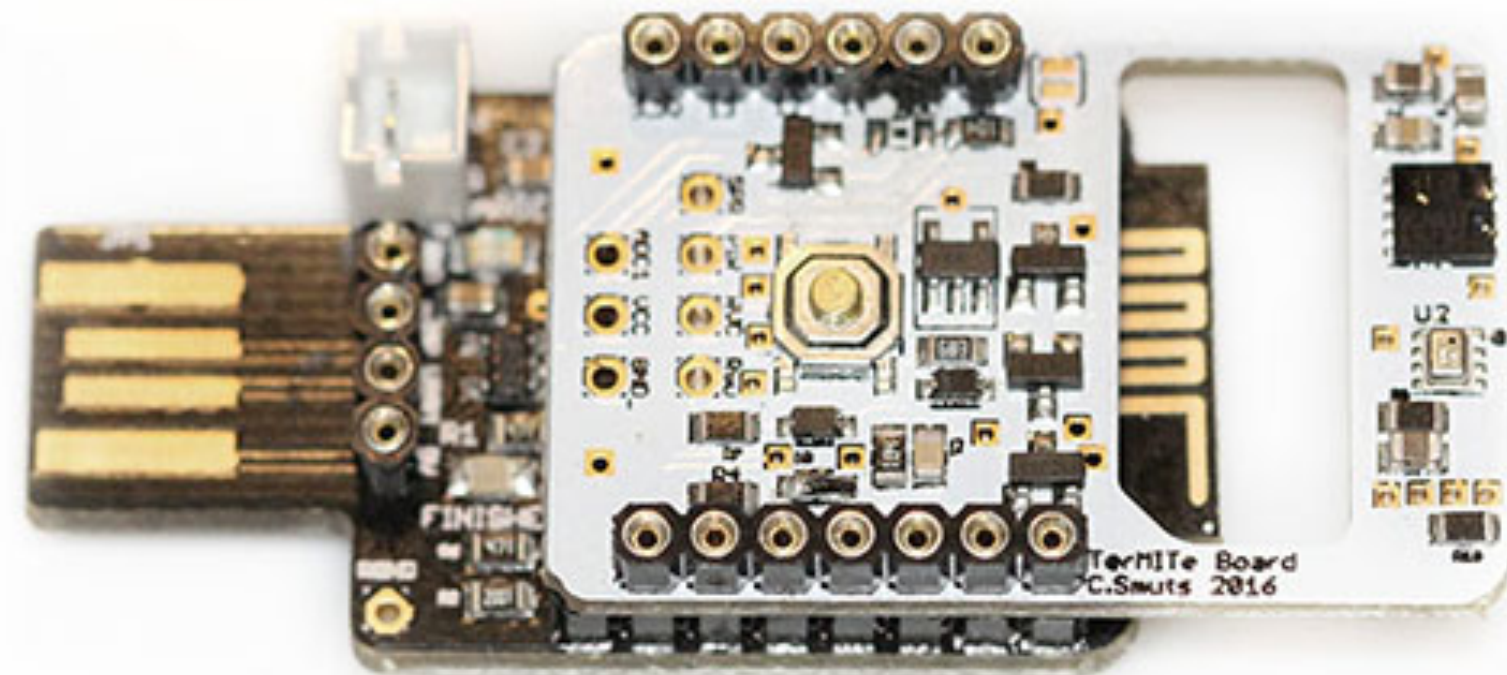


How do we design electronic systems so that AS MUCH OF THE SYSTEM can be recycle when we get to the product stage? How do we re-use components as much as possible to protect our planet.

Down to the RESISTOR LEVEL.

[HTTPS://WWW.APPLE.COM/ENVIRONMENT/](https://www.apple.com/environment/)

# Life Below Water + On Lab, Sustainable Cities, Etc.



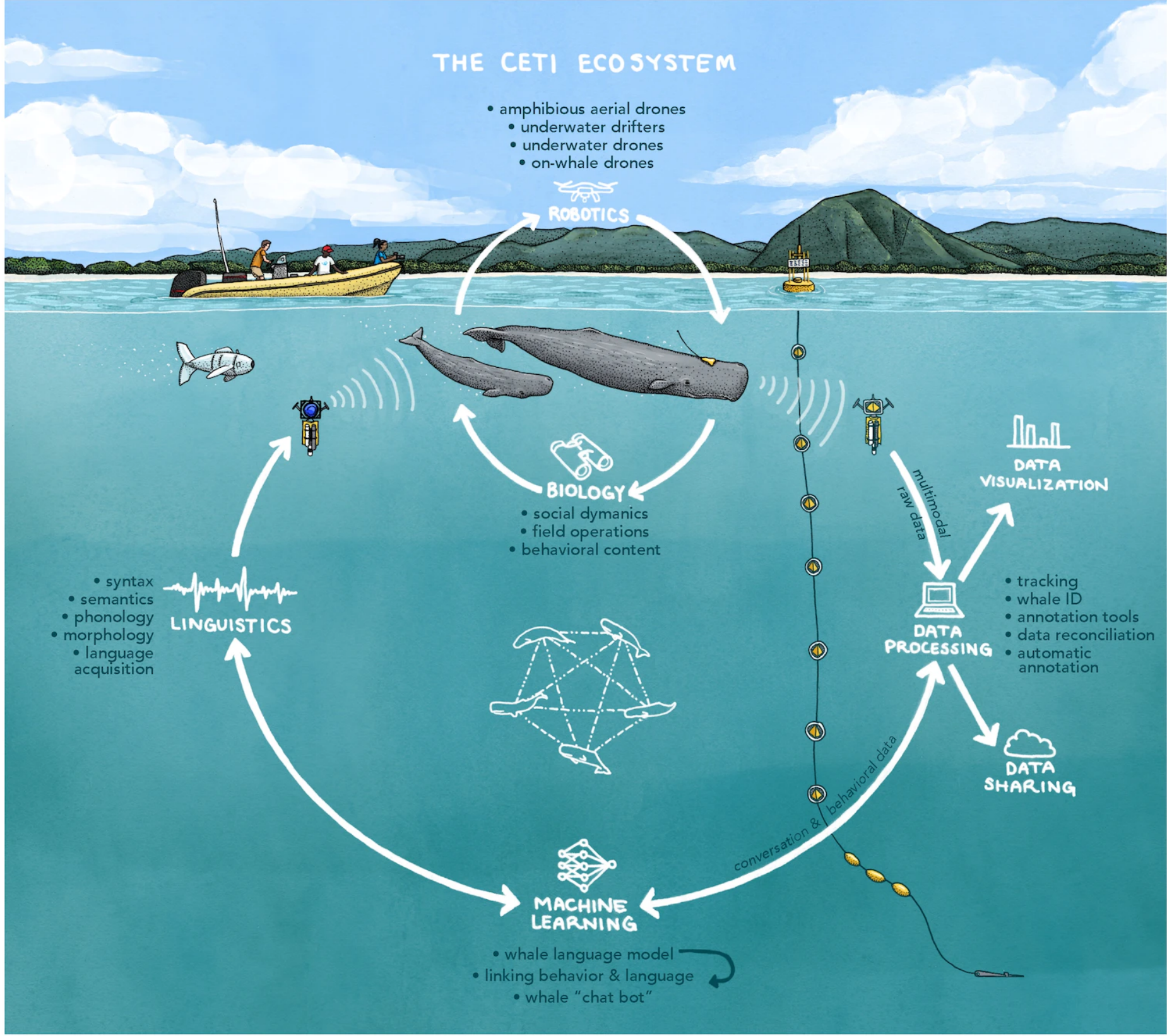
Getting data to make our cities  
more sustainable using IoT

- design of robust, small, low-power  
sensor and datalogging/transmission  
systems to install in our cities.

[HTTPS://TERMITES.SYNTHETIC.SPACE/](https://termites.synthetic.space/)



# Life Below Water + On Lab, Sustainable Cities, Etc.



Using acoustics + signal processing to get a better understanding of whales and how they behave for conservationists around the world.

[HTTPS://WYSS.HARVARD.EDU/NEWS/TALKING-WITH-WHALES/](https://wyss.harvard.edu/news/talking-with-whales/)

# **A BRIEF STORY ABOUT MY HS CHEM TEACHER...**

(And why she's my Hero, and always will be...)

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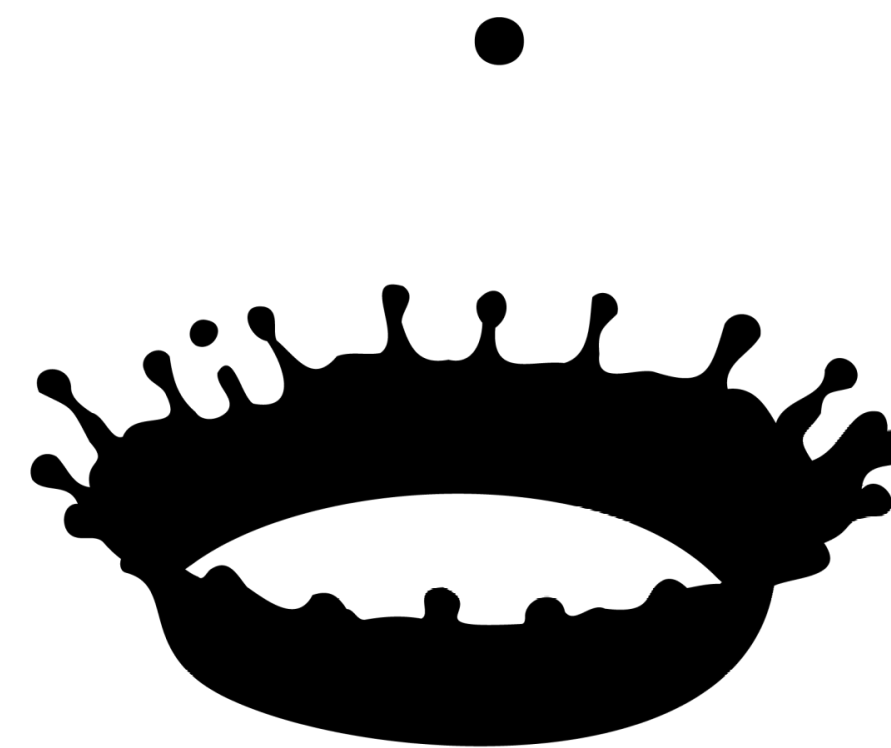
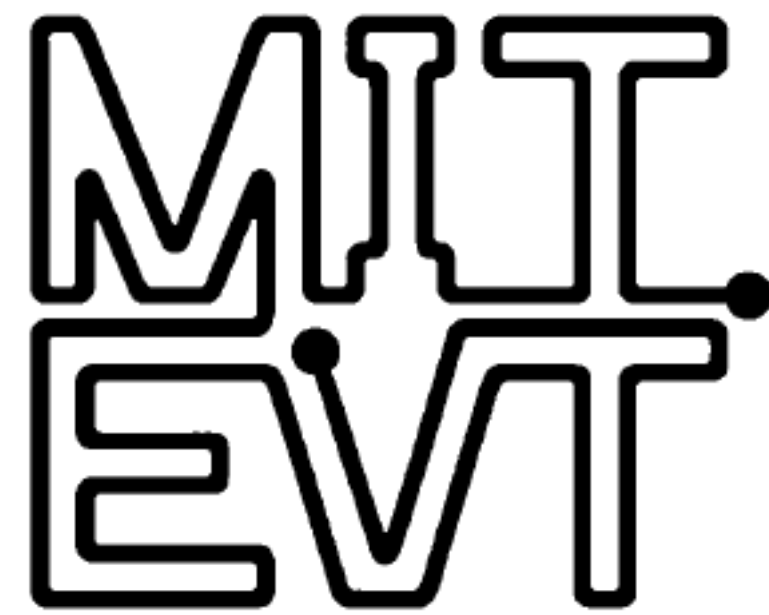
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# CHECK THESE PEOPLE OUT:

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designing for a more equitable world



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# classes we've enjoyed

- **6.002 - intro circuits**
- **6.131 - power electronics lab**
- **6.334 - graduate power electronics (v cute dog included)**
- **6.111 - digital systems lab**
- **6.832 - underactuated robotics**
- **6.800/843 - robotic manipulation**
- **8.03 - vibrations and waves**
- **8.223 - classical mechanics II**
  
- **6.SiP - silicon photonics**
- **6.900 - engineering for impact**
  
- **2.70 - FUNdaMENTALs of Precision Product Design**
- **2.14 - feedback controls**
- **2.12 - intro to robotics**
- **2.74 - bio-inspired robotics**
- **2.001/2.003/2.004 - intro MechE Classes**
- **2.007/2.008 - Design + Manufacturing**
  
- **2.678/2.679 - good electronics classes in MechE**
- **2.72 - Elements of Mechanical Design**
- **2.737 - Mechatronics**

**THANK YOU FOR  
A GREAT CLASS <3**

**FREE DINNER + MUSIC! 7-9PM LOBBY 13  
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