

Data Center Innovation Forum



April 9, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
 Scottsdale, Arizona

Plug and Play accelerateAZ and AFCOM Phoenix are co-hosting the Data Center Innovation Forum, during AZ Tech Week

This forum connects professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and investors working in the data center industry. Attendees will hear from local startups and get an overview of the market. Join us to connect Arizona's data center ecosystem

The day will feature:

- **Industry Overview:** Gain an overview of the data center industry and opportunities to get engaged.
- **Startup Showcase:** Tech startups will deliver presentations on their company and product.
- **Strategic Networking:** Connect with professionals, academics and entrepreneurs in the data center industry looking to collaborate.

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Agenda

Arrival & Networking	9:00 AM
Opening Remarks Plug and Play AFCOM Phoenix	9:15 AM
Startup Showcase Nimbus ChemRid Himaya Power	9:25 AM
Group Ideation Emerging Tech Sandbox Proving Ground Workforce Development	9:40 AM
Networking	10:15 AM

Featured Startups

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AZ Tech Week Community Events

April 6–12
Phoenix, Arizona



Monday to Friday - 8am

VC Coffee Hours

Join us at AZTECHWEEK 2026

April 6-10, 2026
8:00am - 10:00am

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Monday - 1pm

Mining Innovation Forum

Join us at AZTECHWEEK 2026

April 6, 2026
Greater Phoenix, Arizona

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Monday - 3:30pm

Energy Innovation Forum

Join us at AZTECHWEEK 2026

April 6, 2026
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Tuesday - 8am

accelerateAZ Expo

Join us at AZTECHWEEK 2026

April 7, 2026
Phoenix, Arizona

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Wednesday - 3pm

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Wednesday - 7:00pm

Tech Trivia Night

Join us at AZTECHWEEK 2026

April 8, 2026
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Thursday - 9:00am

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Thursday - 5:30pm

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Thursday April 9th

AZ Tech Week Calendar

AZTECHWEEK 2026

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April 6-12, 2026

ArizonaTechWeek.com

Mining Innovation Forum

April 6, 2026 | 1 PM – 3:30 PM
Scottsdale, Arizona



Plug and Play accelerateAZ and the University of Arizona are proud to co-host the Mining Innovation Forum, during AZ Tech Week

This forum serves as a platform for mining professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and investors. Attendees will discover emerging technologies and university resources to scale product development and testing. Join us at the frontier of mining innovation.

The day will feature:

- **Industry Insights:** Executives will share insights on emerging trends they're watching
- **Startup Showcase:** Rising mining technology startups will deliver presentations on their product and vision.
- **Strategic Networking:** Connect with professionals, academics and entrepreneurs in the mining sector looking to collaborate

Speakers



Dean Riley
Research Scientist
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



Jill Ladegard
Senior Director
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Agenda

Arrival & Networking	1:00 PM
Opening Remarks Plug and Play The University of Arizona Scottsdale Center The University of Arizona School of Mining	1:30 PM
Startup Showcase Lunasonde Crow Industries Durin Model Mining	1:45 PM
Tech Adopting in the Mining Industry Jill Ladegard, Worley Joseph Keffer, Freeport McMoran Dean Riley, University of Arizona Ted Feldman, Durin James Crowell, Crow Industries	2:45 PM
Networking	3:15 PM

Featured Startups

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Energy Innovation Forum

April 6, 2026 | 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Scottsdale, Arizona



Plug and Play accelerateAZ and the University of Arizona are proud to co-host the Energy Innovation Forum, during AZ Tech Week

This forum convenes industry professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and investors working in the battery and energy fields. Attendees will hear from local startups developing battery and solar technology. Join us to charge up Arizona’s energy tech ecosystem.

The day will feature:

- **Local Opportunities:** Learn about events ,programs and ways to get engaged in the AZ energy ecosystem
- **Startup Showcase:** Emerging AZ battery and solar startups will deliver pitches.
- **Strategic Networking:** Connect with professionals, academics and entrepreneurs in the energy sector.

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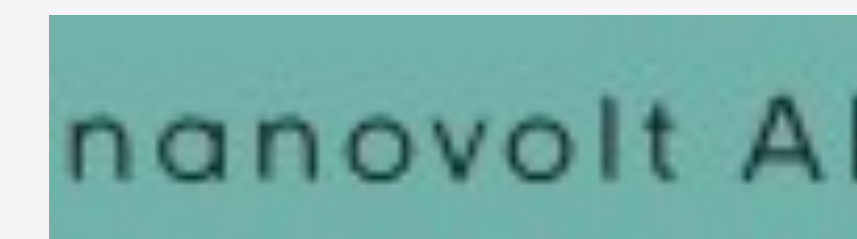


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Arrival & Networking	3:30 PM
Opening Remarks Plug and Play The University of Arizona Scottsdale Center	3:45 PM
Startup Showcase Ampcera BKPK.ai New Use Energy Nanovolt Beyond Silicon Solentrex	4:00 PM
Networking	5:15 PM

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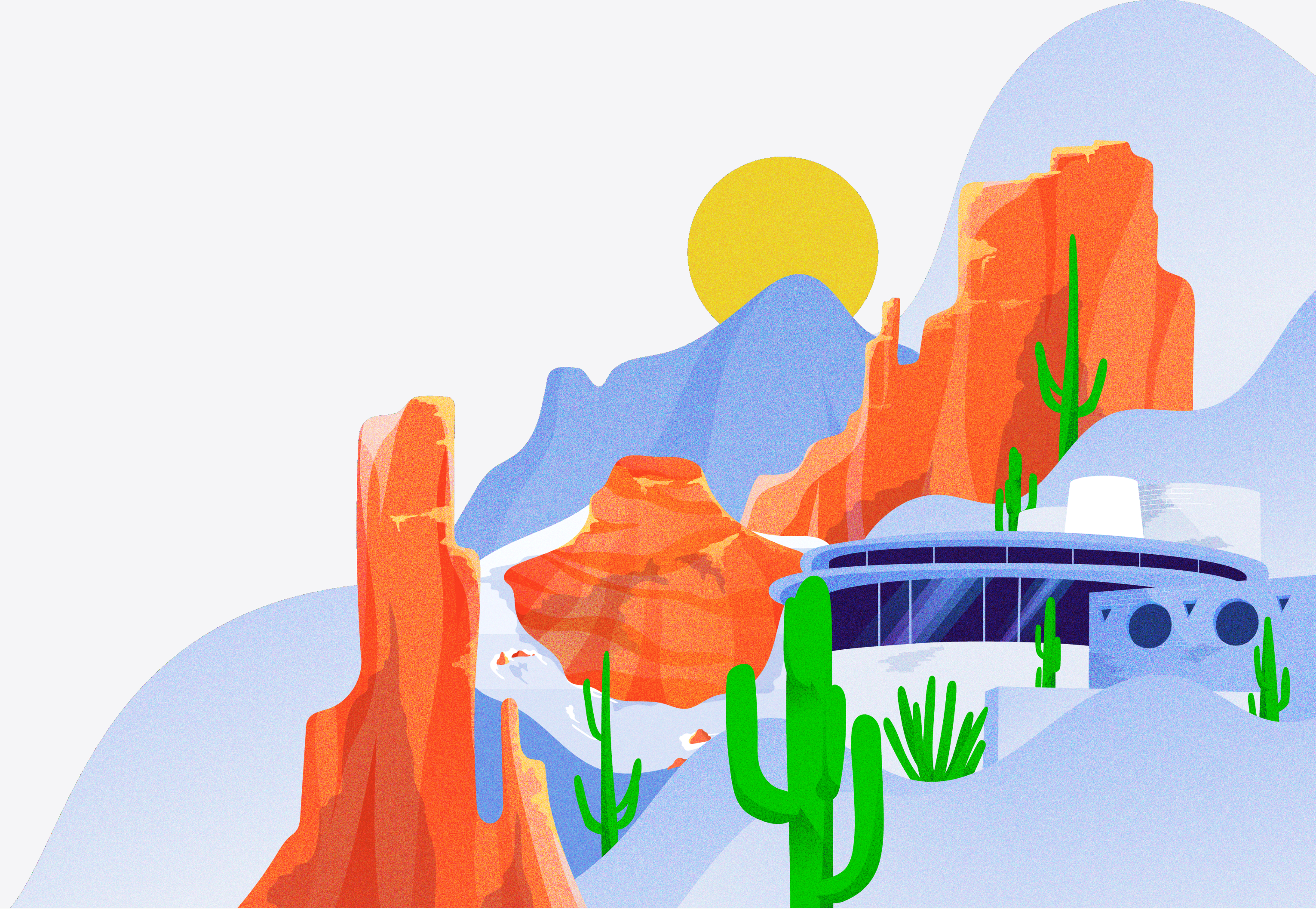


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accelerateAZ Expo

April 7, 2026 | 8 AM – 1 PM
Phoenix, Arizona



Plug and Play accelerateAZ is proud to present the accelerateAZ Expo at the inaugural Arizona Tech Week, powered by the Arizona Commerce Authority.

This forum serves as the intersection for industry leaders, rising entrepreneurs and visionary investors.

Speakers



Sandra Watson
President & CEO
ARIZONA
COMMERCE AUTHORITY



Danny Seiden
President & CEO
ARIZONA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



Jose Esparza
SVP, Public Policy
aps



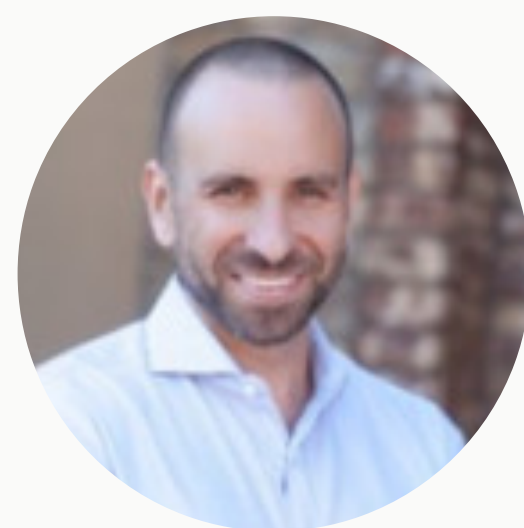
Saeed Amidi
Founder & CEO
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Josh Hollin
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Jon Berry
Market Director
WA Western Alliance Bank



Andrew Leto
Founder & CEO
Emerge



Doug Sylvester
General Partner
XCELLERANT
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Registration & Networking Breakfast	8:00 AM
Opening Remarks Saeed Amidi, Plug and Play Sandra Watson, Arizona Commerce Authority Jon Berry, Western Alliance Bank Josh Hollin, Benchmark Electronics	9:00 AM
Founder Fireside Chat Andrew Leto, Emerge	9:30 AM
Energy Innovation Fireside Chat Jose Esparza, APS Danny Seiden, Arizona Chamber	10:00 AM
Investor Panel Doug Sylvester, Xcellerant Ventures Aaron Favreau, PHX Angels Saeed Amidi, Plug and Play Ayah Hamdan, Plug and Play	10:30 AM
Startup Showcase DeepLook Medical Carrier1 Matur Energy Knightwerx	11:00 AM
Networking & Lunch	11:30 AM

Partners



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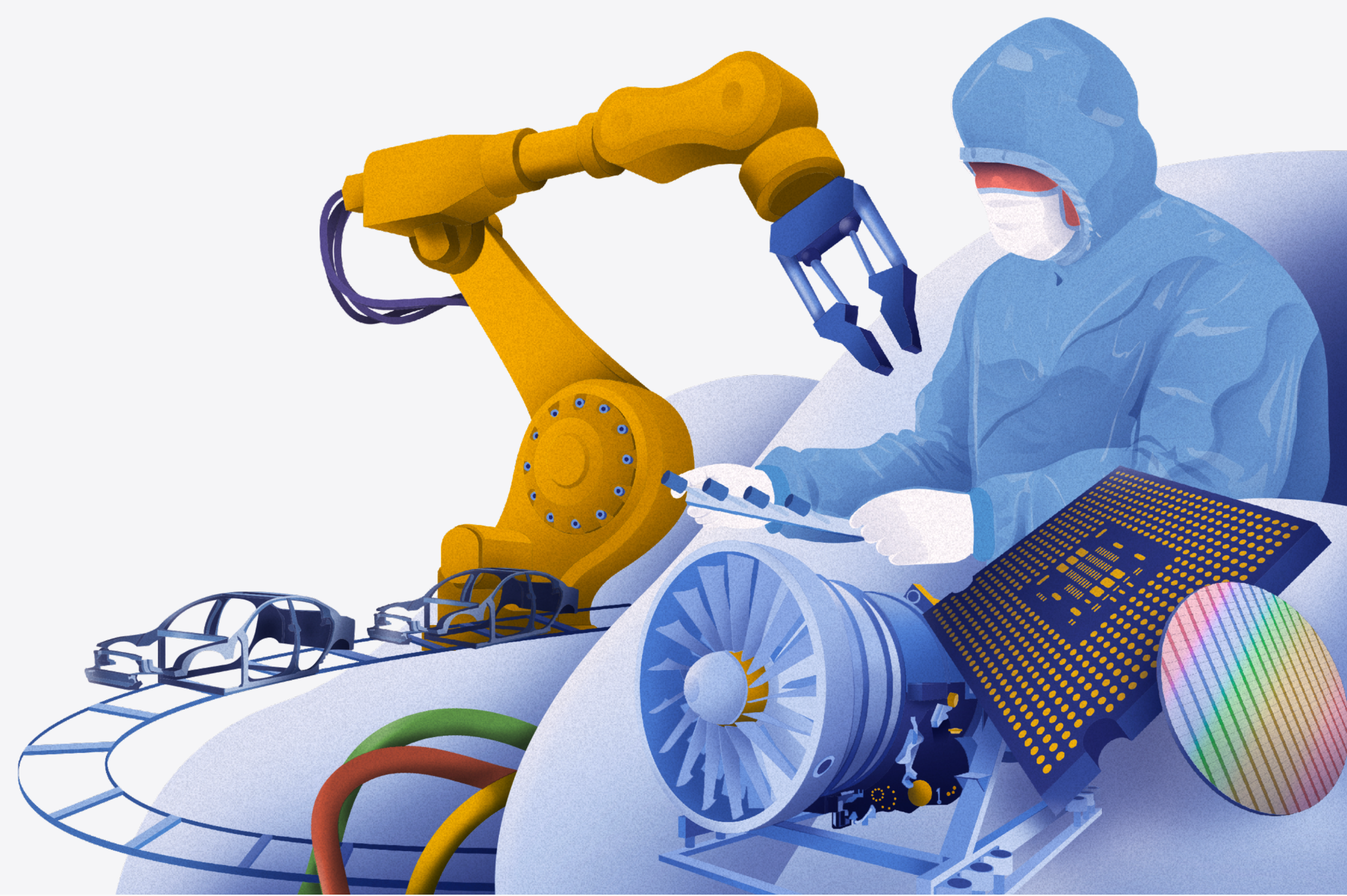
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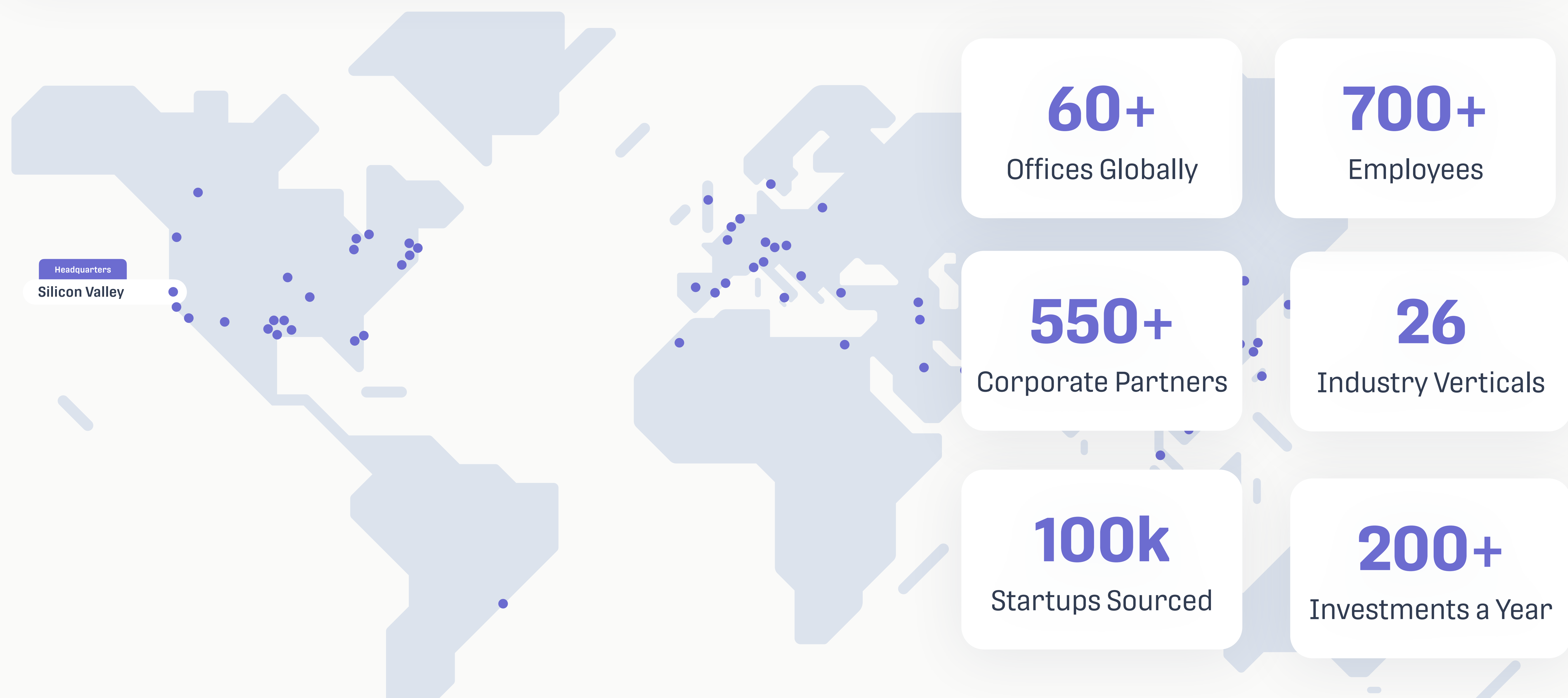
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