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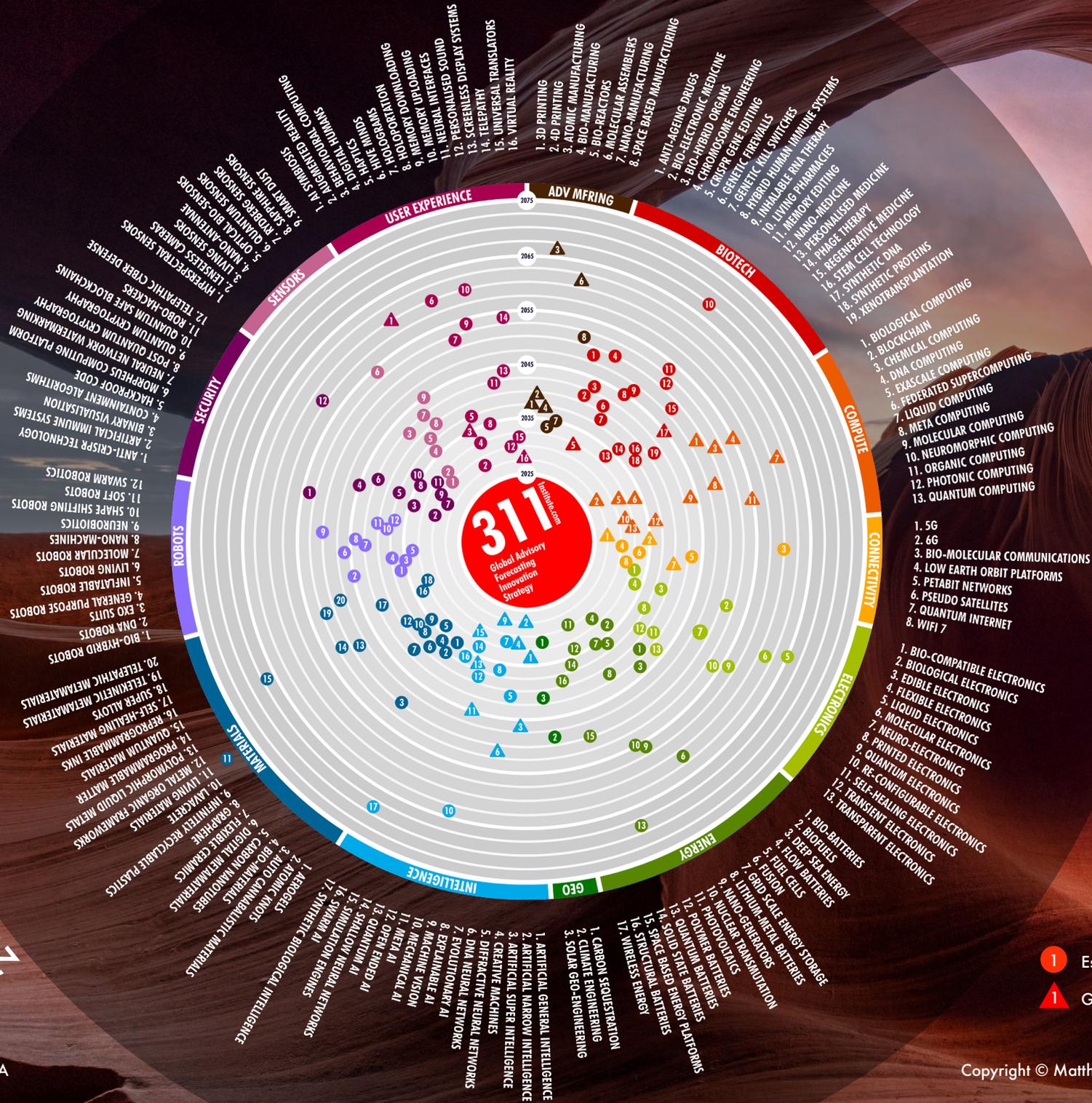


**E**VERY YEAR I publish a new Griffin Emerging Technology Starburst, and this year is no different. However, as the years change it would be all too easy just to consign all that hard work to the filing cabinet of history, never for them to be seen again. But that, in my opinion at least, would be a horrible waste so instead welcome to my Museum of the Future.

While the rest of this Codex looks to the future in this section we look to the present and the past, a kind of history of the future if you will, and put all those Starbursts proudly on display where you can scan and review them all at your leisure to see just how many powerful emerging technologies there are, and see first hand how difficult it is to keep up with them all and figure out the multitude of ways they can be combined together to create the products and paradigms that will shape our collective future.

Dive in to the wormhole ...

# 2023 GRIFFIN Emerging Technology Starburst



1 Estimated Wide Spread Use  
 ▲ General Purpose Technology

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# 2023 STARBURST REVIEW

**I**N THE 2023 Griffin Emerging Technology Starburst I extended the timeline to 2075, an increase from the 2022 Starburst which only extended to 2070, and tracked the development of 167 of the world's most promising emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, I promoted 31 new emerging technologies and demoted 31.

## USING THE STARBURSTS

The Starbursts have been specifically designed to let you quickly see the estimated maturity of different technologies across different technology categories, and to get the most benefit from them I recommend you combine the information from this codex with that found in some of the other codexes in my Codex of the Future series, such as my [311 Trends Codex](#) and [How to Build Exponential Enterprises Codex](#).

By doing this you will have all the frameworks and information you need to quickly model future scenarios, assess their impact on your organisation, as well as global business, culture, and society, and everything you need to develop new products, roadmaps, and strategies.

## TIMELINE:

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# 2025 to 2075

# 2022 GRIFFIN Emerging Technology Starburst



1 Estimated Wide Spread Use  
 1 General Purpose Technology



# 2022 STARBURST REVIEW



**I**N THE 2022 Griffin Emerging Technology Starburst, which displays 167 of the world's most significant emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, up to a timeline of 2070, I promoted 28 new emerging technologies and demoted 28.

In 2022 there was an up tick in notable world firsts compared to 2021 which as the global pandemic faded wasn't unexpected as investment and R&D flows started returning to pre pandemic norms. Therefore, as expected, I saw an increase in the number of new emerging technologies which were double the number spotted in 2021. Biotech, Compute, Energy, Intelligence, and Materials saw the largest gains.

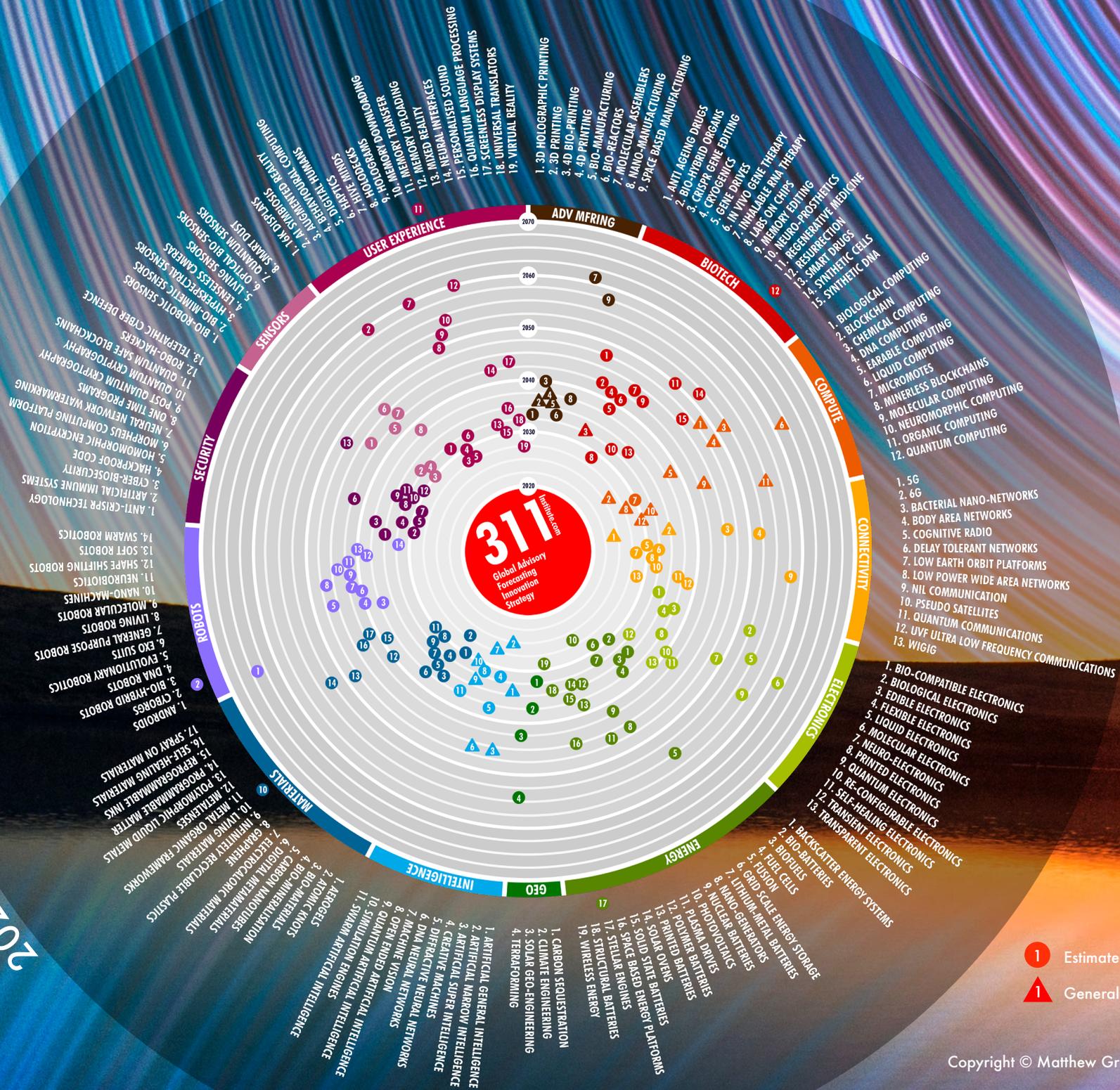
2022's breakthroughs and stand out world firsts included: 100% effective personalised cancer therapies • AI designs new chemical weapons and simulates all known proteins • AI redistributes wealth better than politicians • AI generated content and

Digital Humans move mainstream • Chromosome Engineering accelerates biological evolution millions of years • First decentralised social network launches • First flexible ceramic • First lab grown blood cells • First Mechanical AI • First stress measuring wearable • First light based blood test • First tunnel dug by autonomous swarm robots • First telekinetic and telepathic materials • Google staffer claims AI is sentient • Lawyers drop NFTs to serve anonymous crims • Human mini-brains beat machine AI • Lab grown meat gains FDA approval • Military drone fleets emerge • Molecular computers break records • Russia first nation to use hypersonic weapons in wartime • Self-assembling space structures ace tests • Starlink achieves global network coverage. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

### 2022 to 2070

# 2021 GRIFFIN Emerging Technology Starburst



1 Estimated Wide Spread Use  
 ▲ General Purpose Technology



# 2021 STARBURST REVIEW



**I**N THE 2021 Griffin Emerging Technology Starburst, which displays 167 of the world's most significant emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, up to a timeline of 2070, I promoted 17 new emerging technologies and demoted 17 - the lowest of any year so far.

In 2021 there were fewer notable world firsts than in 2020 which, as in 2020, I again attribute to the fact that much of the world's investment and R&D flows were re-aligned to fight the global pandemic, COVID-19. There was also a marked decrease, of approximately 23 percent year on year, in the number of new emerging technologies that appeared, and this marks the first consecutive year on year decline I've seen since I've been keeping records.

Unsurprisingly Biotech, Compute, and Energy saw the largest gains, and this was the year that many emerging technologies showed the world what they were capable of - whether it was using

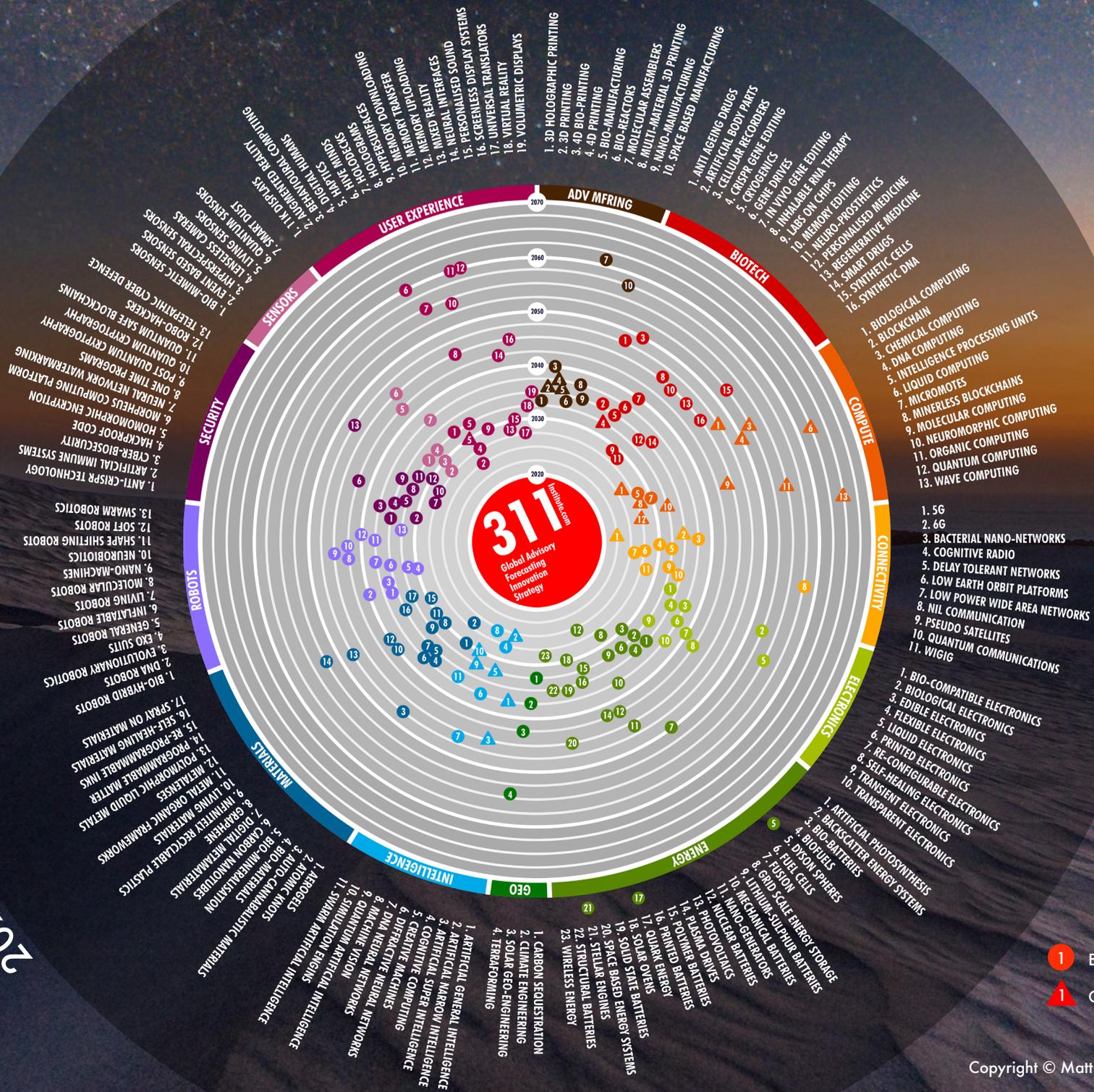
AI to develop vaccines or 3D printing to print out of stock parts for ventilators.

2021's stand out world firsts included:  
AI learning the art of "Diplomacy" • First 2nm computer chip • First 5G NR installation • First 5 minute EV charging system • First AI credited as an inventor • First autonomous Hunter-Killer drone kill • First Bio-Artificial Kidney • First empathetic first person VR surgery preview • First EV with 1,000km range • First green steel • First unethical Human burgers • First Internet of Electricity material • First mass biometric spoofing cyber attack • First Metaverse city • First re-programmable satellite • First spontaneously replicating living robot. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

### 2021 to 2070

# 2020 GRIFFIN Emerging Technology Starburst



1 Estimated Wide Spread Use  
 ▲ General Purpose Technology



# 2020 STARBURST REVIEW

IN THE 2020 Starburst I extended the timeline to 2070, an increase from the 2019 Starburst which only extended to 2060, and tracked the development of 167 of the years most significant emerging exponential technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 major categories, one of which “Electronics” was a new addition. I also promoted 44 new emerging technologies, and demoted 45.

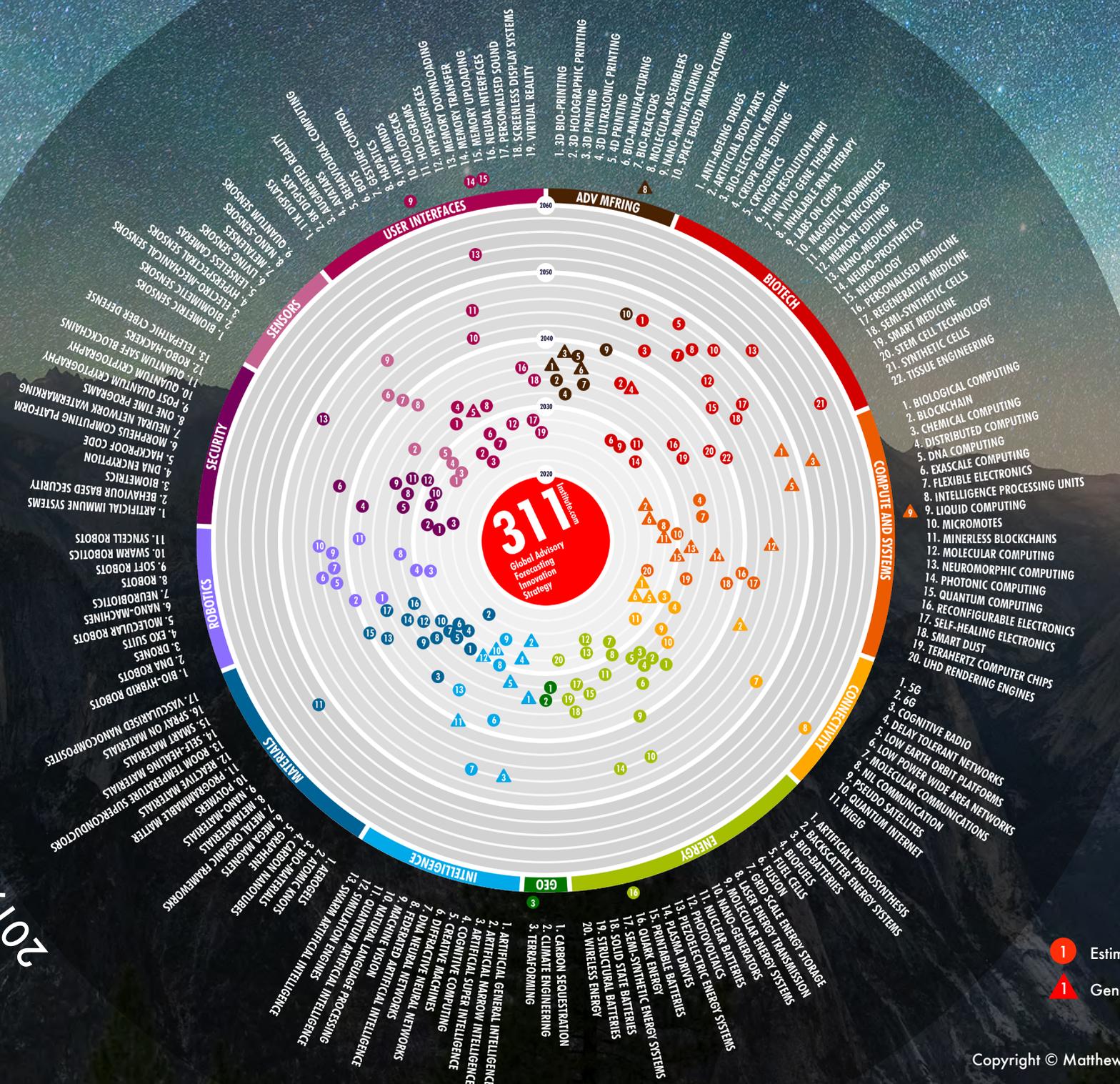
In 2020 there were fewer notable world firsts than in 2019 which I attribute to the fact that much of the worlds investment and R&D flows were re-aligned to help the world conquer the debilitating global pandemic, COVID-19. There was also a marked decrease, of approximately 40 percent year on year, in the number of new emerging technologies that appeared this year and this is reflected in the 2021 Starburst that saw the lowest number of new entries since my records began. Unsurprisingly though the Biotech and Intelligence categories saw the largest gains.

2020’s stand out world firsts included:  
Advanced DeepFakes • First 3D printed mini human heart • First 6G satellite test • First AI generated interactive procedural VR game • First AR smart contact lenses • First artificial living cells • First Bio-Synthetic network • First CRISPR in vivo gene editing • First hypersonic weapons deployment • First in vivo 3D Bio-Printing robot • First novel Cancer vaccine • First pilotless commercial aircraft • First protein folding AI • First reversal of human ageing • First room temperature superconductor • First virtual food. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

### 2020 to 2070

# 2019 GRIFFIN Emerging Technology Starburst



2030  
2020  
2010  
2000

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INTELLIGENCE

1. ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE  
2. ARTIFICIAL NARROW INTELLIGENCE  
3. ARTIFICIAL SUPER INTELLIGENCE  
4. COGNITIVE SUPER INTELLIGENCE  
5. CREATIVE COMPUTING  
6. DIVERGENT MACHINES  
7. DNA NEURAL NETWORKS  
8. FEDERATED ARTIFICIAL NETWORKS  
9. MACHINE VISION  
10. NATURAL VISION  
11. QUANTUM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
12. SIMULATION ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
13. SYNTHETIC ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

1. CARBON SEQUESTRATION  
2. CLIMATE ENGINEERING  
3. TERRAFORMING

1. ARTIFICIAL PHOTOSYNTHESIS  
2. BACKSCATTER ENERGY SYSTEMS  
3. BIO-BATTERIES  
4. FUEL CELLS  
5. FUSION  
6. LASER ENERGY TRANSMISSION  
7. GRID SCALE ENERGY STORAGE  
8. LASER ENERGY SYSTEMS  
9. NUCLEAR BATTERIES  
10. NUCLEAR BATTERIES  
11. MOLECULAR ENERGY SYSTEMS  
12. PHOTOVOLTAICS  
13. PLASMA DRIVES  
14. RAINWATER BATTERIES  
15. RAINWATER BATTERIES  
16. DARK ENERGY  
17. DARK ENERGY  
18. SOLID STATE BATTERIES  
19. STRUCTURAL BATTERIES  
20. WIRELESS ENERGY

1. BIO-HYBRID ROBOTS  
2. DNA ROBOTS  
3. DRONES  
4. EXO SUITS  
5. MOLECULAR ROBOTS  
6. NANO-MACHINES  
7. NEUROBOTS  
8. ROBOTS  
9. SOFT ROBOTS  
10. SWARM ROBOTS  
11. SYNCELL ROBOTS

1. ARTIFICIAL IMMUNE SYSTEMS  
2. BEHAVIOUR BASED SECURITY  
3. BIOMETRICS  
4. DNA ENCRYPTION  
5. HACKROOF CODE  
6. MORPHOUS COMPUTING PLATFORM  
7. NEURAL NETWORK WATERMARKING  
8. ONE TIME PROGRAMS  
9. POST QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY  
10. QUANTUM SAFE BLOCKCHAIN  
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12. ROBO-HACKERS  
13. TELEPATHIC CREEP DEFENSE

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# 2019 STARBURST REVIEW

**I**N THE 2019 Starburst I extended the timeline to 2060, an increase from the 2018 Starburst which only extended to 2040, and tracked the development of 169 of the years most significant emerging technologies, across 12 major categories, one of which “Intelligence” was a new addition. I also promoted 28 new emerging technologies, and demoted 28. For the first time the Starburst also visualised 25 General Purpose Technologies (GPT) that will drive innovation and disruption across multiple sectors.

In 2019 there were more notable world firsts than in 2018, especially in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). However, there were also noticeable breakthroughs in Advanced Manufacturing, Computing, Robotics, and Synthetic Biology.

2019’s stand out world firsts included: Achieving Quantum Supremacy • AI beats superstar human gamers • An evolving AI that developed new tools • Beef 3D printed in space • First 8 base pair synthetic DNA organism • First

aerosol based mRNA in vivo genetic engineering therapy • First AI counsellor • First AI designed vaccine • First AI signed by a record label • First AI strategy development platform • First AI written book • First fully autonomous EV energy grid • First fully autonomous vertical farm • First in vivo autonomous robot voyage • First lab grown fillet steak • First living metabolising material • First metamaterial invisibility cloak • First plasma light sabres • First programmable DNA computer • First programmable living robots • First replicating synthetic cells • First synthetic human genome designed by an AI • First ultrasound tractor beam. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

### 2019 to 2060





# 2018 STARBURST REVIEW

**I**N THE 2018 Starburst, which displays 169 of the world's most significant emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 11 categories, I expanded the timeline from 2035 to 2040, promoted 42 new emerging technologies and demoted 42.

In 2018 I saw a notable increase in the number of world firsts compared to 2017, especially in the fields of Computing and Materials. There were also notable worthy breakthroughs in Advanced Manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computing, Neural Interfaces, and Synthetic Biology.

2018's stand out world firsts included: A million core Neuromorphic computer that simulated a whole mouse brain • An AI made out of DNA • An AI made out of glass • Development of the world's most durable material • Estonia becoming the first nation capable of re-booting itself • First 3D printed AI • First 5G robot remote surgery • First AI generated art sold at auction • First AI politician •

First AI Robo-Coder • First AI Synthetic Content generators • First conscious robot • First game of human telepathic Tetris • First million core Neuromorphic computer • First Quantum Compass • First space elevator trials • First successful regenerative medicine trial to re-grow severed frog limbs • Living human memories edited for the first time • Memories transferred between living animals • Video's replayed from bacterial biological computers • Weaponisation of neural networks. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

### 2018 to 2040





# 2017 STARBURST REVIEW



**I**N THE 2017 re-designed Starburst, which displays 169 of the world's most significant emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 11 categories, I expanded the timeline to 2035, promoted 38 new emerging technologies and demoted 38.

2017 lagged 2016 for technology world firsts which, but it has to be said that many of those world firsts were Artificial Intelligence (AI) related.

Despite this though unlike 2016 the world firsts I witnessed in 2017 were spread across a much broader range of themes including Advanced Manufacturing, AI, Computing, Creative Machines, Food Manufacturing, Holography, Nano-Medicine, Quantum technology, Robotics, and Synthetic Biology.

2017's stand out world firsts included:  
A biological teleporter • An AI created by another AI • An AI run autonomous organisation • Brain controlled drug delivery Nanobots • Designer babies •

First human in vivo cancer vaccines and gene editing trials • First inter-continental Quantum network • First self-evolving self-fabricating robots • Self-coding and self-learning AI's • The creation of a six DNA base pair alien life form.

2017 was also the year we saw the first architectures, and prototypes, for the first Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) agent, a serious Blockchain competitor, and the emergence of the first viable DNA, Chemical, Liquid, and Photonic computing platforms. And I am just getting started!

## **TIMELINE:**

# 2017 to 2035

# CONCLUSION



**P**EOPLE SAY change is a constant, but in today's technology fuelled world this simple phrase is a deceiving, and often comforting, misnomer because change isn't constant, it's exponential, and the only boundaries to what we can achieve as individuals and as a global society are the ones that we invent for ourselves.

As researchers and scientists increasingly prove that nothing is impossible, that yesterdays science fiction is simply the future generations status quo, and as we all continue to bear witness to an increasingly rapid rate of change that's affecting and transforming every corner of global culture, industry, and society the future belongs to all of us equally, and we should never loose sight of that.

As you race into your own future I wish you well, and never forget you have all the friends and support you need around you as we all voyage through time and space together on this fragile living spacecraft we call Earth.

Explore More,

**Matthew Griffin**  
Founder, 311 Institute

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Notes:

A full-page background image of an astronaut in a white spacesuit floating in space. The astronaut is positioned on the left side, facing towards the right. The background is a vast, star-filled galaxy with a bright blue and white nebula-like structure. The Earth's horizon is visible at the bottom, showing a blue sky and white clouds.

**THIS IS NOT THE END.**  
**EXPLORE MORE.**

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