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## Quanexum Accelerating cryogenic semiconductors

### In a nutshell

Quanexum is pioneering advanced computing and sensing technologies by pushing the boundaries of cryogenic electronics. This field is rapidly gaining importance due to the increasing demands for high-performance and quantum computing. Operating electronics at low temperatures, such as 77 K and 4 K, offers significant benefits, including faster processing speeds, higher gain, reduced leakage currents, lower thermal noise, and ultra-low power consumption. However, developing low-temperature electronics presents major challenges, largely due to the lack of mature ecosystems to support this cutting-edge technology. To bridge these gaps, Quanexum has developed the QX-Model, which enables accurate cryogenic circuit simulation, along with the QX-AMS, an automated cryogenic measurement system that allows high-throughput data acquisition. These innovations accelerate the development of cryogenic electronics, paving the way for future advancements in computing and sensing.

#### Why is our technology important?

The absence of reliable transistor models validated at cryogenic temperatures remains a significant barrier to designing electronics that meet stringent specifications for extreme environments. Existing industrial compact models, optimized for room-temperature applications, cannot accurately capture the unique behavior of transistors at low temperatures. As a result, circuit performance under cryogenic conditions cannot be confidently simulated or optimized before fabrication, leading to costly design iterations. Additionally, developing industry-standard models is resource-intensive due to the large number of required parameters, while the limited throughput of low-temperature electrical data—often gathered through manual, labor-intensive processes—further constrains progress. The combination of missing cryogenic transistor models and inaccessible cryogenic data makes the development of cryogenic electronics both costly and inefficient. The QX-Model, verified through comprehensive cryogenic data from the QX-AMS system, addresses this critical gap by enabling accurate circuit simulations for cryogenic conditions, thus playing an essential role in advancing cryogenic electronics and supporting next-generation computing and sensing applications.

#### The benefits of our solution

- The QX-Model enables pre-fabrication design verification through accurate cryogenic circuit simulation, reducing costly design iterations and associated risks.
- The QX-AMS boosts measurement throughput for lab-level and non-foundry users, streamlining the data acquisition process and significantly shortening development timelines for cryogenic electronics.

#### Keywords

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