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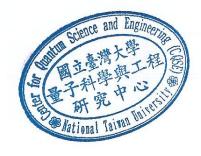
Abstract:

Quantum technology is one of the most disruptive "deep technologies" that have attracted enormous venture investments from global tech giants, leading investment firms, financial institutions and government agencies in advanced economies. While the investment activities across the quantum technology stack are mainly driven by elite circles competing for first-mover and monopolistic advantages, the cross-disciplinary nature of quantum technologies calls for global collaboration and coordination in R&D and responsible commercialization. Decentralized Finance ("DeFi") an emerging alternative funding market empowered by the blockchain technologies underpinning cryptocurrencies can potential serve as a viable financing channel for quantum technologies in sync with the "Open Source" ethos of the Internet, and could potentially benefit small players and follower countries in the tech arms race dominated by big players and superpowers. This presentation examines the pros and cons of DeFi when being applied to deep tech such as quantum technology and lay out a strategic framework for leveraging its power to accelerate investment into quantum technologies for small economy such as Taiwan.

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