



FLEXIBLE & RIGID FLEXIBLE PCB'S



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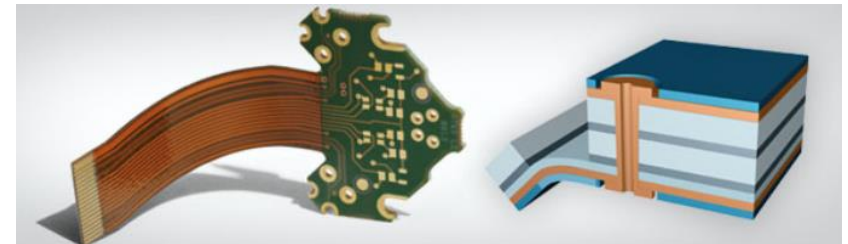
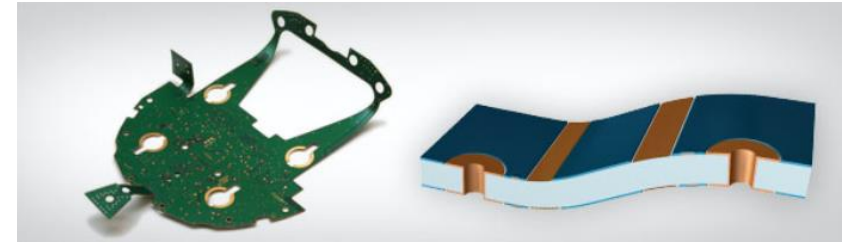
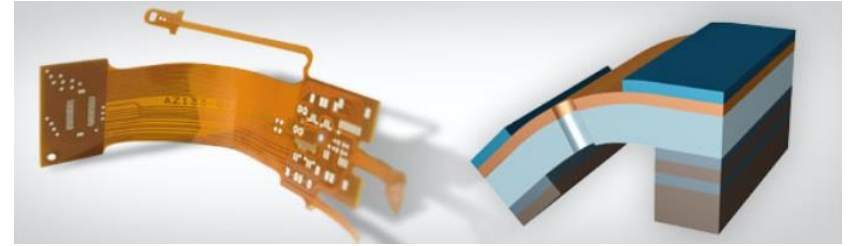
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Team robust electronics

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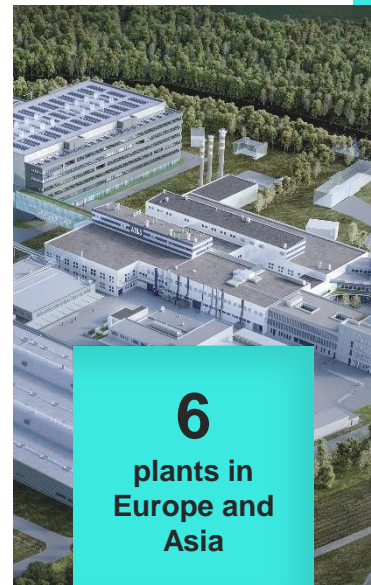
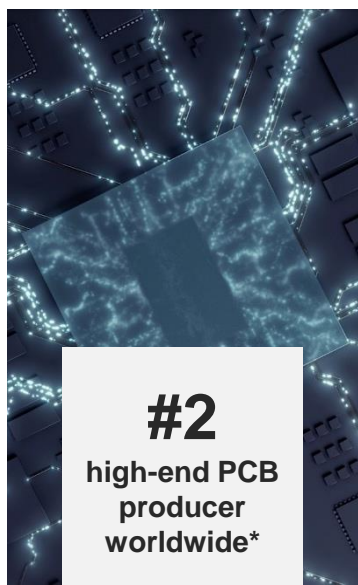


ABOUT US

AT&S



WORLD LEADING HIGH-TECH PCB & IC SUBSTRATES COMPANY



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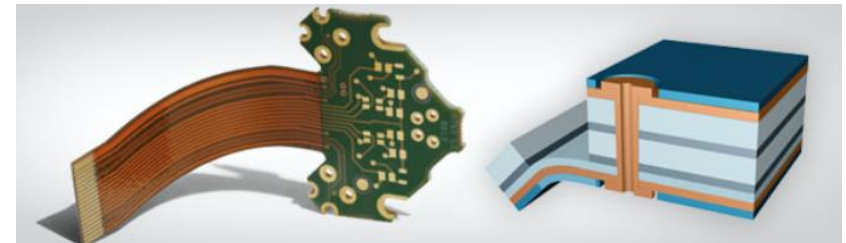
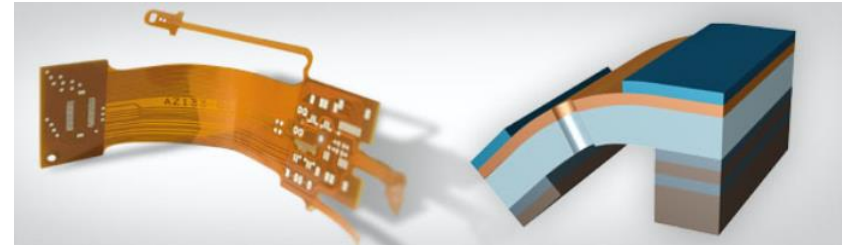
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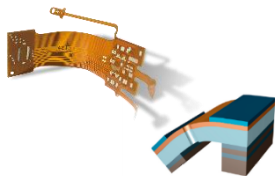
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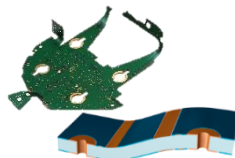
PORTFOLIO – FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS

Flexible printed circuit boards



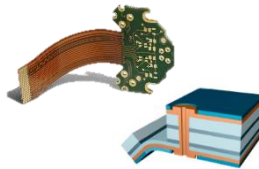
Used to replace wiring and connectors, allowing for connections and geometries that are not possible with rigid printed circuit boards.

Semi-flexible printed circuit boards



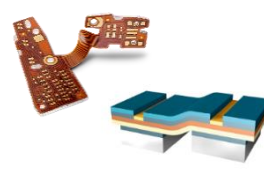
More limited bend radius than flexible printed circuit boards. The use of a standard thin laminate makes them a cost-effective alternative.

Rigid-flex printed circuit boards



Combine the advantages of flexible and rigid printed circuit boards, yielding benefits for signal transmission, size and stability.

Flexible printed circuit boards on aluminum



Used when installing LEDs in car headlights, for example, where the printed circuit board is bonded to an aluminum heat sink to which the LEDs are then attached.

Production site

Ansan, Fehring

Fehring

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Ansan

Applications

Nearly all areas of electronics, including measuring devices and medical applications

Automotive applications

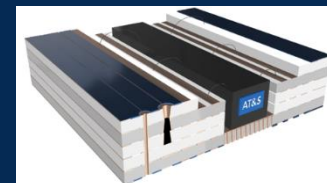
Industrial electronics, such as production machines and industrial robots

Lighting, automotive, building lighting

2.5D® Technology Platform

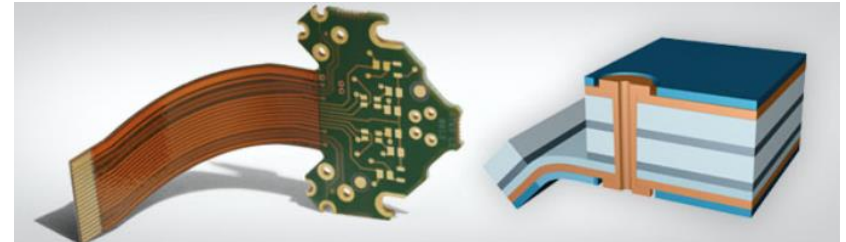
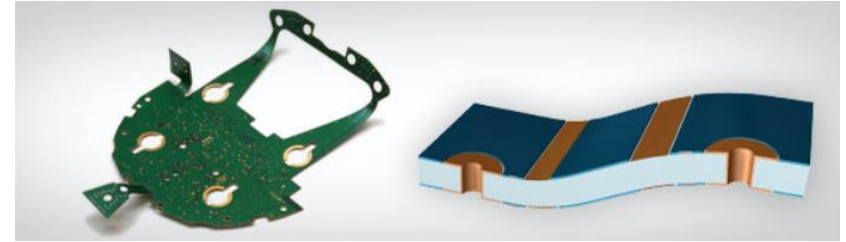
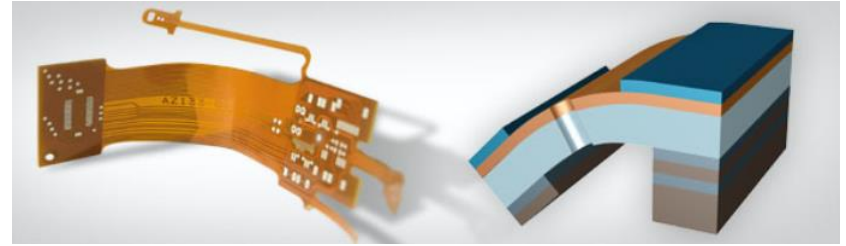
Combines mechanical and electronic miniaturization, and enables partial reduction of the thickness of a circuit board. Advantage: populated assemblies have a thinner profile. Can be also used to make cavities in the printed circuit board, e.g. for acoustic channels. Major application for this technology is the 2.5D® rigid-flex printed circuit board, a lower cost alternative for flex-to install applications.

Production sites: Leoben, Shanghai, Nanjangud



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PRODUCTION SITES & CAPABILITIES



Leoben, Headquarters
Austria



Fehring
Austria



Nanjangud
India



Chongqing
China



Shanghai
China



Ansan
Korea



Kulim
Malaysia

**Start of Production
2024**

PRODUCTION SITES & CAPABILITIES

Plant FEHRING



- Located in the culinary region of Styrian Volcanic Land
- Management System:
 - ISO 9001
 - IATF 16 949 [Aut]
 - ISO 13 485 [Med]
 - AS 9100 [Aerospace]
 - ISO 14 001 [Environmental]
 - ISO 45 001 [Health & Safety]
 - ISO 50 001 [Energy]
 - ISO 27 001 [Information-Security]



PRODUCTION SITES & CAPABILITIES

Plant Fehring / Austria



Capabilities

Technology :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard 2 Layer PTH - Standard Multilayer - High Frequency PCB's - Semi flexible PCB's - IMS (ALU or Copper) with HDI - Flex and Rigid Flex
Production Format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 609,6 x 457,2mm [18 x 24inch] - 609,6 x 530mm [21 x 24inch]
Base Material:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FR4 (mid to high TG) - Teflon (High Frequency material) - Polyimide
PCB Thickness:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0,07mm – 2,4mm
Max. Layer Count:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FPC: 2 Rigid-FPC: 6 Rigid: 10 IMS: 4
Minimum Line / Spacing :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100/100µm (Outer Layers) - 80/80µm (18µm Inner Layers)

Capabilities

Base Copper Foil :	- 12µm/18µm/35µm/70µm/105µm
Smallest Drill size:	- Mech. Drilled: 0,2 mm Laser Drilled: 0,11mm
Annular Ring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mech. Drilled Std. 150µm Advanced: 50µm (Rigid) - Laser Drilled: Std. 100µm Advanced: 75µm
Aspect Ratio:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mech. Drilled: Std.: 1 : 7 Advanced: 1 : 8 - Laser Drilled: Std.: 1 : 0,8 Advanced: 1 : 1
Soldermask :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curtain Coating Photosensitive Ink - Screen print Photosensitive Ink (Green / Blue / Black / Red / White / Amber [flexible]) - Dam width Std.: 100µm Advanced: 75µm - Misregistration Std.: 100µm Advanced: 50µm
Surface Finish :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENIG, ENEPIG - OSP - Immersion Tin, Immersion Silver - Electrolytic Gold - HASL lead-free (Rigid) - Carbon
Contour :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milling - Scoring - Laser Cutting
Additional Print :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ID Print - Peelable Soldermask
Specials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depth Milled Rigid Flex - IMS Copper 1mm - IMS with HDI Layers with filled Micro Vias - burr-free Edge Plating - Pattern Plating for High Frequency Applications

PRODUCTION SITES & CAPABILITIES

Plant ANSAN



• Located in the Ansan industrial area & 1 hour away from the capital Seoul

• **Management System:**

ISO 9001

IATF 16 949 [Aut]

ISO 13 485 [Med]

ISO 14 001 [Environmental]

ISO 45 001 [Health & Safety]

ISO 27 001 [Information-Security]



PRODUCTION SITES & CAPABILITIES

Plant Ansan / South-Korea



Capabilities

Technology :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Side & Double Side Flex PCB - Multilayer Flex & Rigid Flex PCB - HDI Multilayer Flex & Rigid Flex PCB - Flex on Aluminum - Thin Rigid PCB's
Production Format:	- 250mm x 315 - 420mm (max.)
Base Material:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FR4 (mid to high TG) - FCCL Polyimide $\geq 12,5\mu\text{m}$ - BT (high performance material)
PCB Thickness:	- 0,05mm – 1,6mm
Max. Layer count	- FPC: 10 Rigid-FPC: 12 Layer
Minimum Line/Spacing :	- 50 μm / 50 μm (40 μm / 40 μm)

Capabilities

Base Copper Foil :	- 6 μm (Half Etching)/9 μm /12 μm /18 μm /35 μm
Smallest Drill size:	- Mech. Drilled 0,1 mm Laser Drilled: 0,05mm
Annular Ring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mech. Drilled Std. 100μm Advanced: 75μm - Laser Drilled: Std. 100μm Advanced: 50μm
Aspect Ratio:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mech. Drilled: Std.: 1 : 4 Advanced: 1 : 5 - Laser Drilled: Std.: 1 : 0,8 Advanced: 1 : 1
Soldermask :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screen print Photosensitive Ink (Green / Blue / Black) - Dam width Std.: 100μm Advanced: 75μm - Misregistration Std.: 50μm Advanced: 25μm
Cover Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laser Cutted - Soft Tool punch - Hard Tool punch
Surface Finish :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENIG, ENEPIG, - DIG [Direct Immersion Gold] ... Ni free!! - Electrolytic Gold - Electrolytic Tin
Contour :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milling - Laser Cutting - Punching
Additional Print :	- ID Print
Specials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metal Stiffener (etched SUS stiffener) - Edge plating (half holes) - Epoxy Via Fill - EMI shielding, Ferrite Sheet application - Copper Filled stacked Microvias - SMT assembly on Flex

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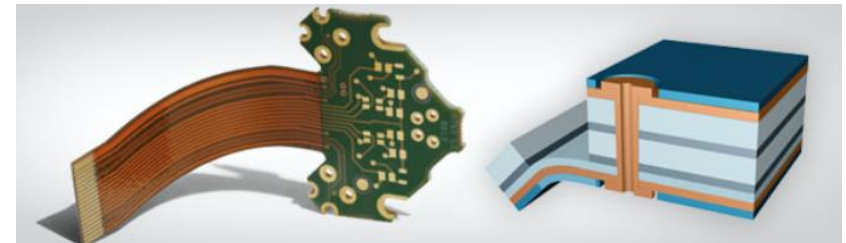
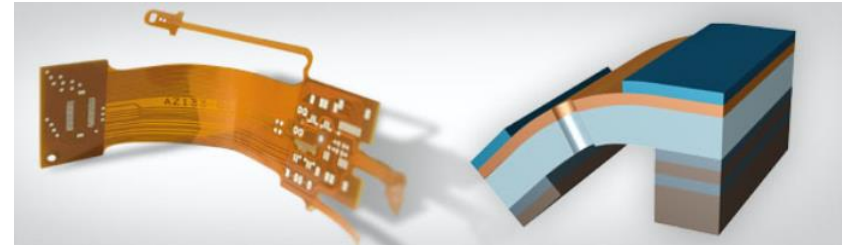
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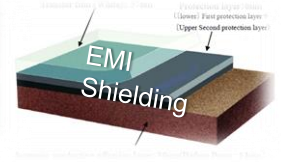
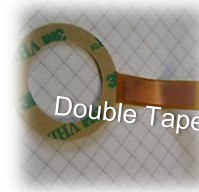
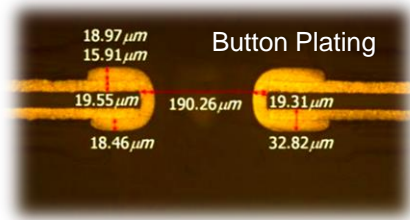
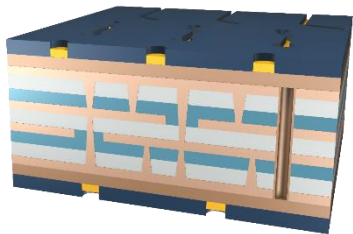
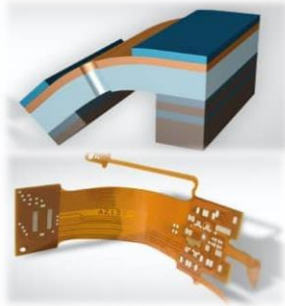
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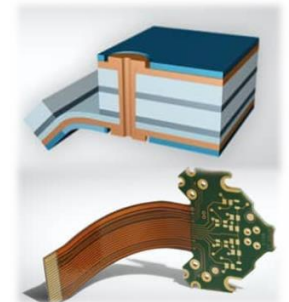
KEY FACTS

Flexible Pcb



Rigid-Flexible Pcb

- Max. Layer Count: FPC: 10 R-FPC:12
- Base-Copper: $\geq 6\mu\text{m} - 35\mu\text{m}$ (70 μm)
- Line/Space: $\geq 40\mu\text{m}$
- Soldermask opening: $\geq 25\mu\text{m}$
- Laser-Drill- ϕ : $\geq 50\mu\text{m}$
- Polyimid Thickness: $\geq 12,5\mu\text{m} - 125\mu\text{m}$
- Stiffener: FR4, Cu, Al, SuS, PI
- Flex: offers the highest level of miniaturization
- Rigid-Flex: combine rigid & flex areas
offers the highest grade of reliability



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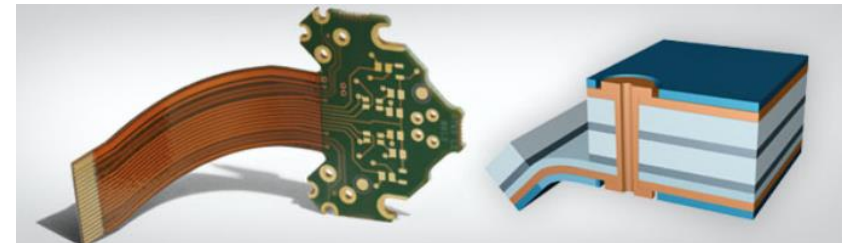
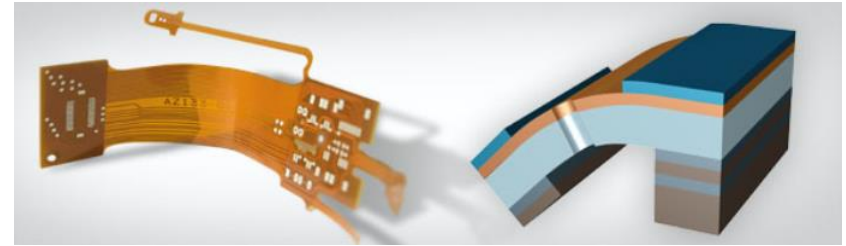
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BENEFITS FLEX & RIGID-FLEX

Reliability

- robust against vibrations (less connectors & solder joints)
- robust against environmental influence

Miniaturization

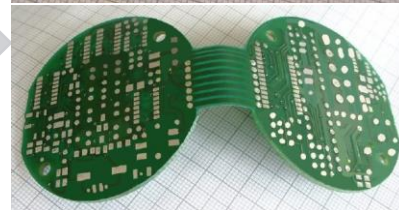
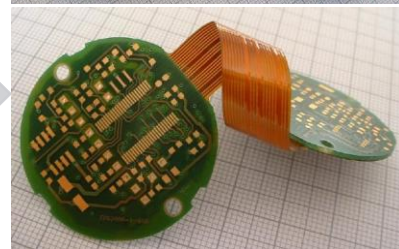
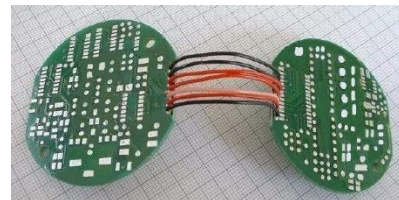
- Less weight & reduced size
- small flex area length & tight bending radii
- save space in the housing & realizes complex 3D shapes
- smallest design rules by using thinnest PI foils

Better Performance

- better signal integrity:
constant impedance (connector = impedance shift)
direct copper connection from rigid to rigid area
- rolled copper for high bending performance

Logistik & Cost

- source & store only 1 Pcb – no connector, cable, ...
- Reduced process steps – no connector assembly
- reduced test effort – full electrical function given after assembly
– no need to connect the cable manually before testing



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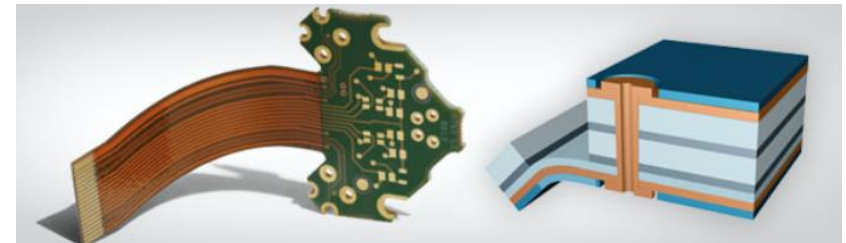
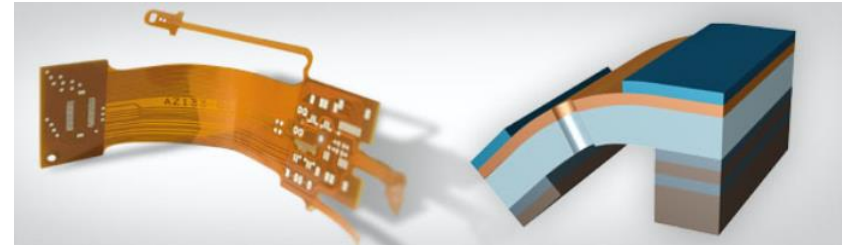
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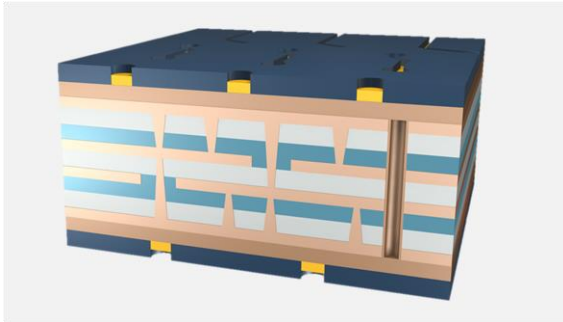
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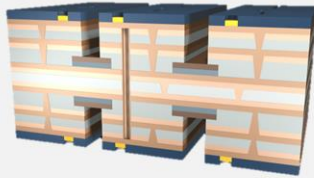
Hearing Aids



- Very thin full flexible PCB buildups
 - PI FCCL 12,5 μ m / Adhesive 13 μ m
 - Anylayer buildup structure
 - 2 - 6 layer
- Miniaturized design
 - Down to 40 μ m Line/Space with tight tolerances
 - Flip Chip Designs
- Less annular rings
 - 150 μ m Pads for laser drilling

APPLICATIONS

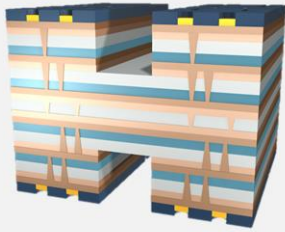
Camera boards



- For High End Cameras
- Rigid Flex 6 layer Anylayer structure
- High Inspection standards
 - Cleanliness – no particles or residues allowed
- High accuracy needed
- High reliability requirements
 - In use between -30° to +40°

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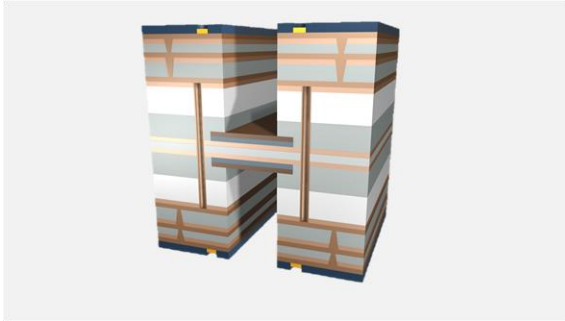
Cardiac bionics



- Pacemaker, Leadless pacemaker & ICDs
- Flex & Rigid Flex buildup structures
- High testing standards
 - Special Inspection requirements
 - IST Testing required
 - 4 wire testing
- Miniaturized design
 - Very tight BGA design (copper to copper distance, soldermask dams)
- Tight contour tolerances

APPLICATIONS

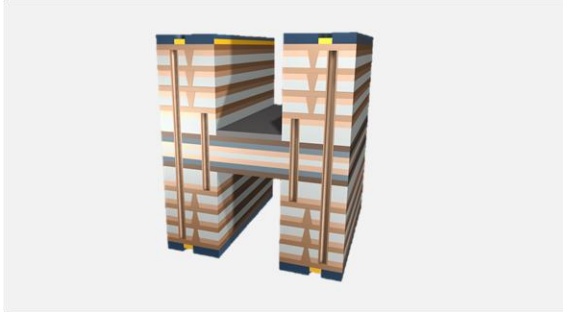
Automotive Camera Imager



- For Front cameras in cars
- Complex 8 layer Rigid Flex build up structure
- For smallest possible bending radius
- High automotive reliability
- IATF 16949 automotive certification

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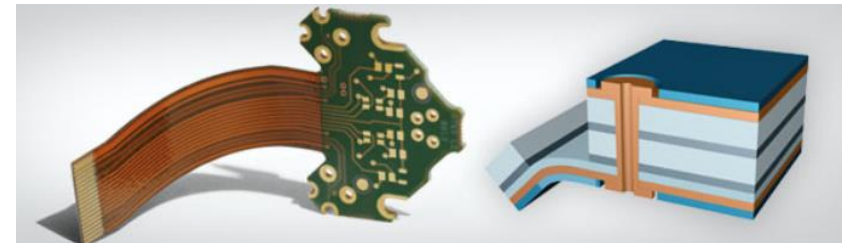
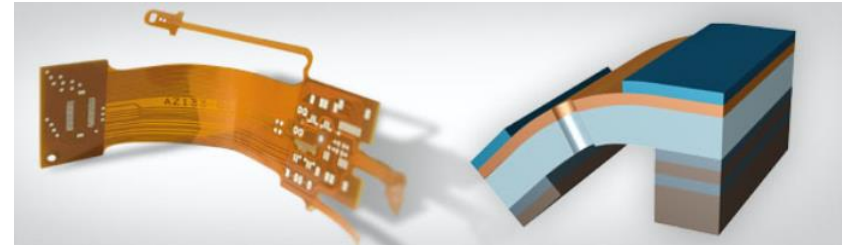
Sport watches



- Need of added functionality to the basic features of a sport watch
- FDA approved devices
- Up HDI 10 layer & Anylayer
- Complex build ups
- Mechanical stability needed
- High drop test requirements
- Fine design requests

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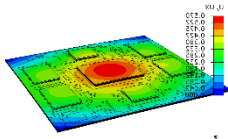
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ADVANCED INTERCONNECT SOLUTION SERVICES

PPS

Product &
Process
Simulation



- Warpage simulation
- Reliability simulation
- Failure analysis
- Heat management

HDC

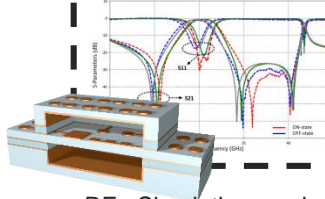
Hardware
Development
Center



- PCB / Substrate - Layout
- Technical concepts
- Data conversion
- Drawings

RF

Radio
Frequency



- RF - Simulation service
- Integration of passive RF functionality
- Integrated antenna systems

PDS

Product
Development
Services



- Project management
- Assembly services
- Technology consulting

FTD

Functional
Test
Development



- Test services
- Laboratory services

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

PPS
Product &
Process
Simulation

FTD
Functional
Test
Development

- Prediction of RF, thermal, reliability and warpage characteristics
- Speed-up product qualification by industry unique PCB(A) simulation
- Design for test and test development

HDC
Hardware
Development
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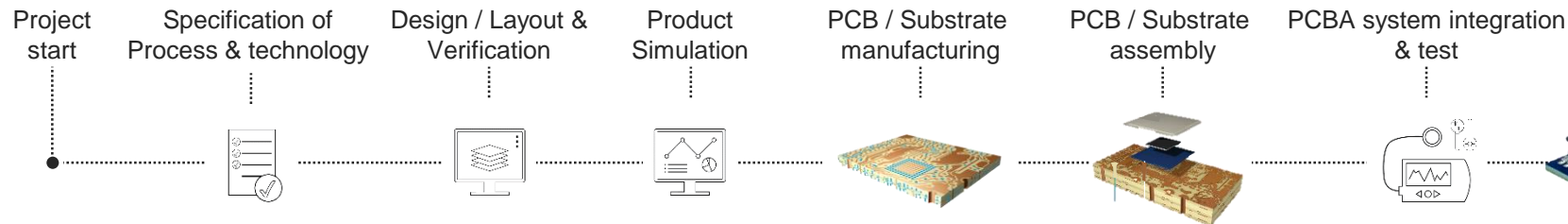
RF
Radio
Frequency

- Cost reduction
- Yield optimization
- Performance improvement

PDS
Product
Development
Services

- Turnkey solution provider
- Assembly service
- Project management

**FINAL
PRODUCT**





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

ADDITIONAL SLIDES

The background of the slide features a series of thin, light teal lines that intersect to form various geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons. Some of these intersection points are marked with small, solid teal dots. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on geometric patterns.

AISS SERVICE PORTFOLIO

PPS

Product &
Process
Simulation

WARPAGE

- Panel
- Card
- System

RELIABILITY

- Copper Interconnections
- Solder Interconnections

FAILURE ANALYSIS

- Stress in PCB / Substrate
- Stress in Component
- Bendable PCB

HEAT MANAGEMENT

- Spreading
- Dissipation

HDC

Hardware
Development
Center

TECHNICAL CONCEPTS

- Requirement Analysis
- Optimization in Context of AT&S Technologies
- Improved Build-ups

DATA CONVERSION

- Connection between Chip & PCB / Substrate Design
- Mechanical & Electrical Design Collaboration

DRAWINGS

- Mechanical
- Electrical
- 3D - PCB / Substrate

PCB / SUBSTRATE - LAYOUT

- Conventional PCBs
- Advanced PCBs
- Substrates / Packaging

RF

Radio
Frequency

INTEGRATION OF PASSIVE RF FUNCTIONALITY

- Novel Build-up Concepts & Demonstrator Design
- Simulation and Measurement Comparison

INTEGRATED ANTENNA SYSTEMS

- Advanced Concept to Module Design
- Antenna Concepts
- System Level and Antenna Measurements

RF - SIMULATION SERVICE

- Antenna Analysis
- Filters Analysis
- Transmission Line Analysis

PDS

Product
Development
Services

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Turnkey Solution Provider
- Project Coordination for Modules & Assembly
- Module & Assembly Cost Calculation

BACKEND SERVICES

- Technical Interface to External Partners
- Project Coordination & Consulting
- Wafer-Level Services

TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING

- Technology Roadmap Support
- Embedding

FTD

Functional
Test
Development

TEST SERVICES

- Test assessment & optimization
- Test Program & HW Development
- EMS & OSAT coordination

LABORATORY SERVICES

- Validation
- Characterization
- Failure analysis support

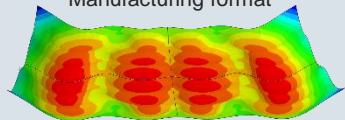
PPS - PRODUCT AND PROCESS SIMULATION CAPABILITIES



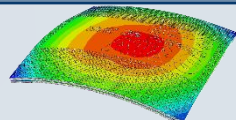
WARPAGE

PANEL:

Manufacturing format

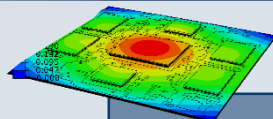


CARD (PCB / SUBSTRATE):



e.g.: PCB with embedded components

SYSTEM (PCBA / SUBSTRATE):



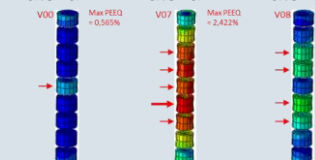
Fully assembled
PCB

Objective: Design &
Material Optimization

RELIABILITY

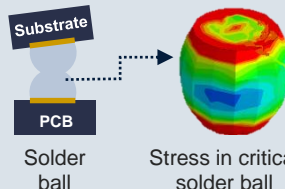
COPPER INTERCONNECTIONS:

Material A Material B Material C



Via stress in different materials

SOLDER INTERCONNECTIONS:



Solder
ball

Stress in critical
solder ball

Objective: Lifetime
Optimization

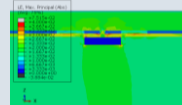
FAILURE ANALYSIS

STRESS IN PCB / SUBSTRATE:

PCB Cross-Section

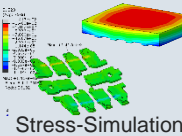
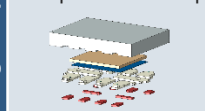


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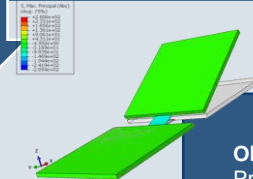


STRESS IN COMPONENT:

Component build-up



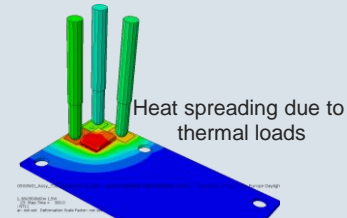
BENDABLE PCB:



Objective: Failure
Prediction

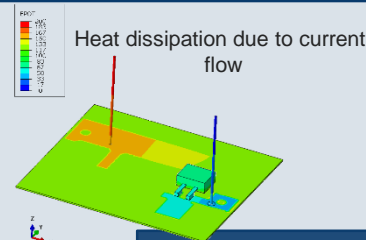
HEAT MANAGEMENT

SPREADING:



Heat spreading due to
thermal loads

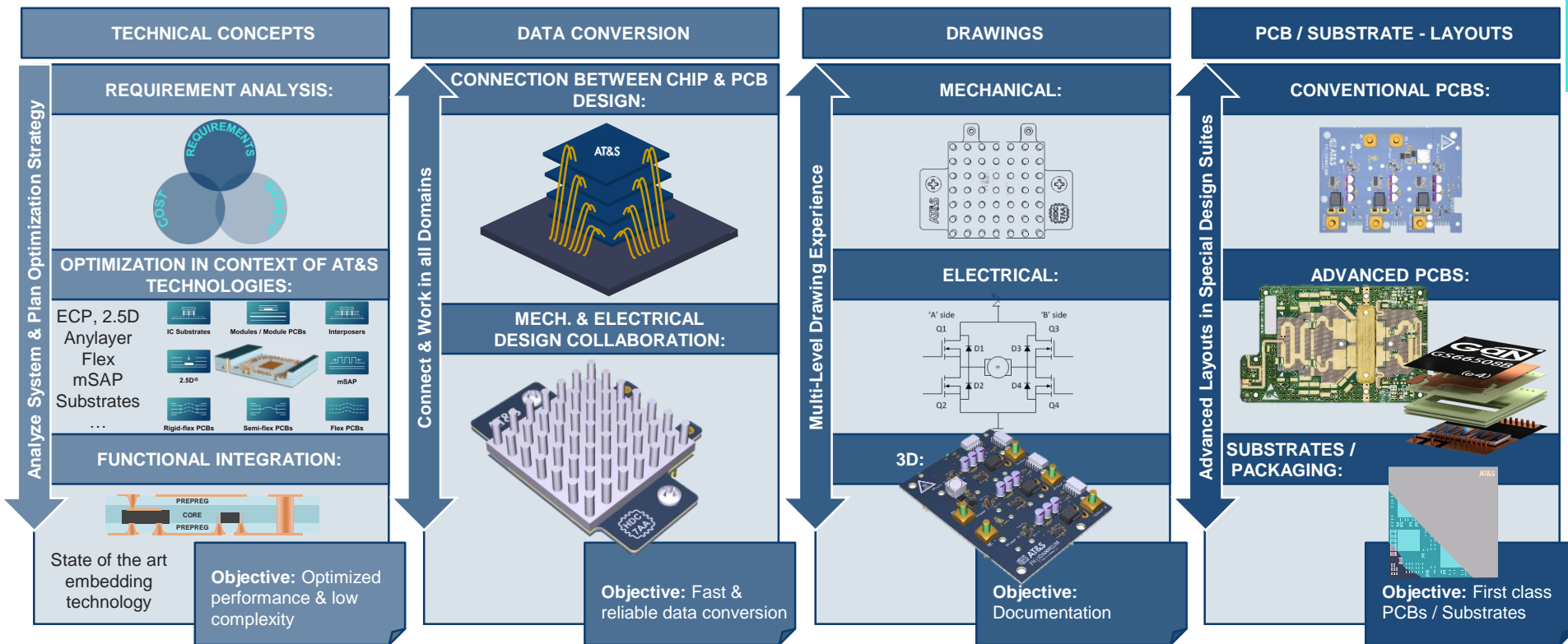
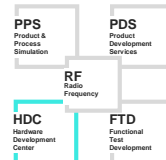
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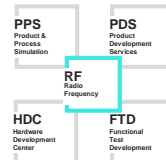
Heat dissipation due to current
flow

Objective: Thermal
Optimization

HDC - HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT CENTER CAPABILITIES

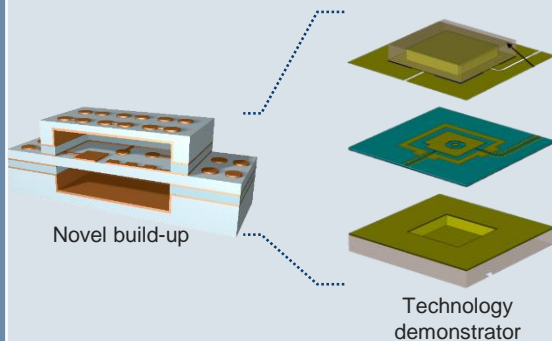


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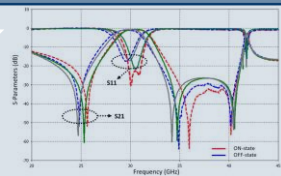


INTEGRATION OF PASSIVE RF FUNCTIONALITY:

NOVEL BUILD-UP CONCEPTS & DEMONSTRATOR DESIGN:



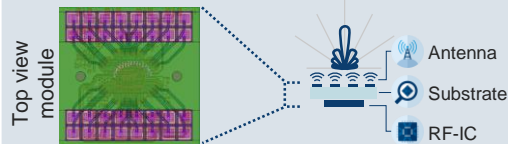
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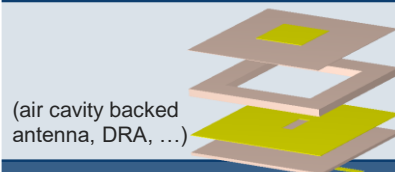
Objective: Demonstrate high RF performance using new technologies

INTEGRATED ANTENNA SYSTEMS

ADVANCED CONCEPT TO MODULE DESIGN:



STATE OF THE ART ANTENNA CONCEPTS:



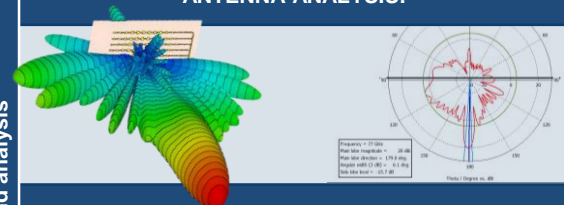
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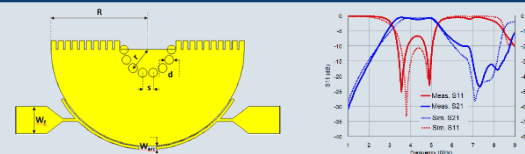
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Partner: IMST

RF - SIMULATION SERVICE

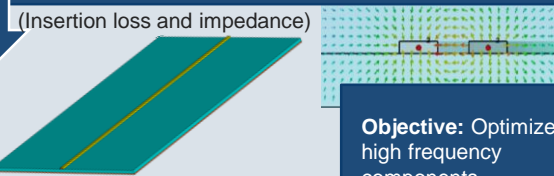
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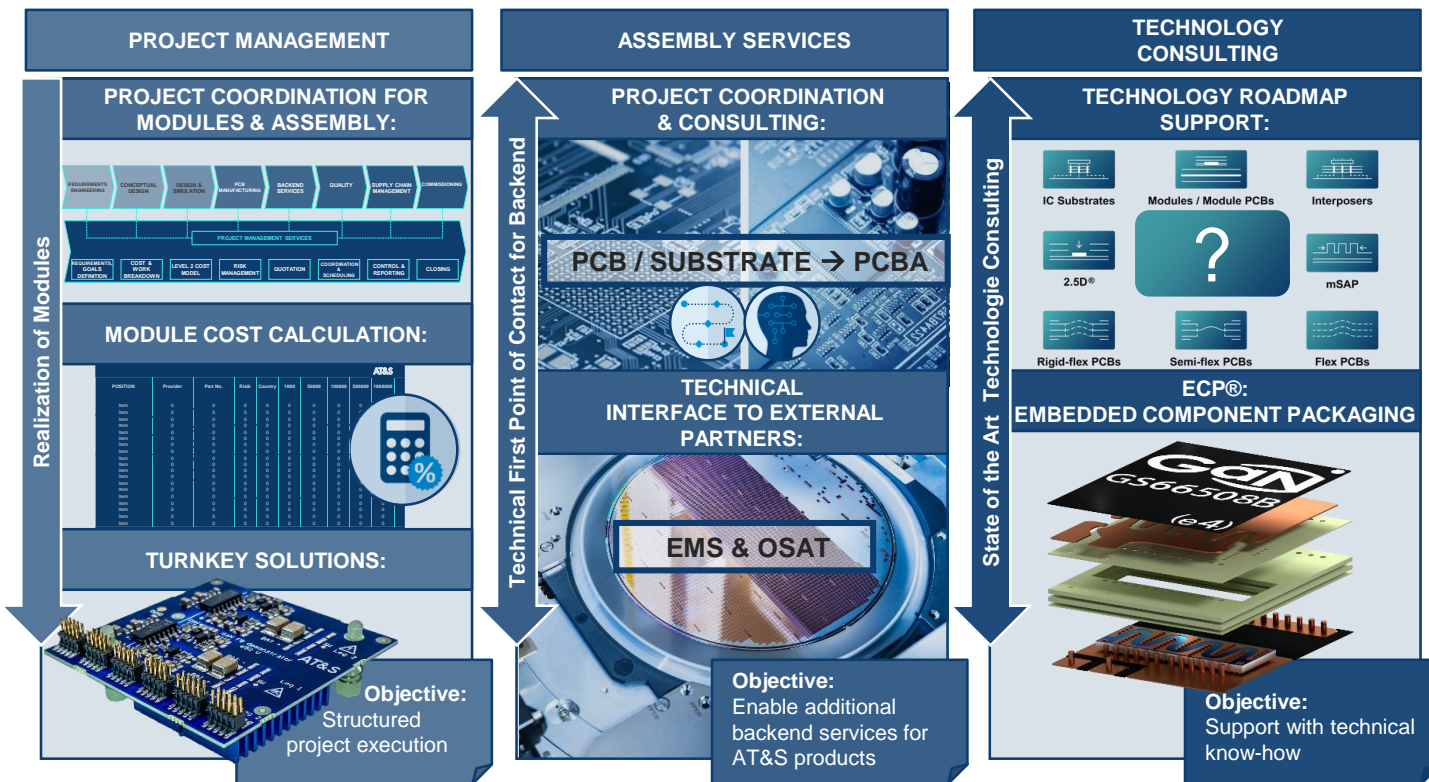


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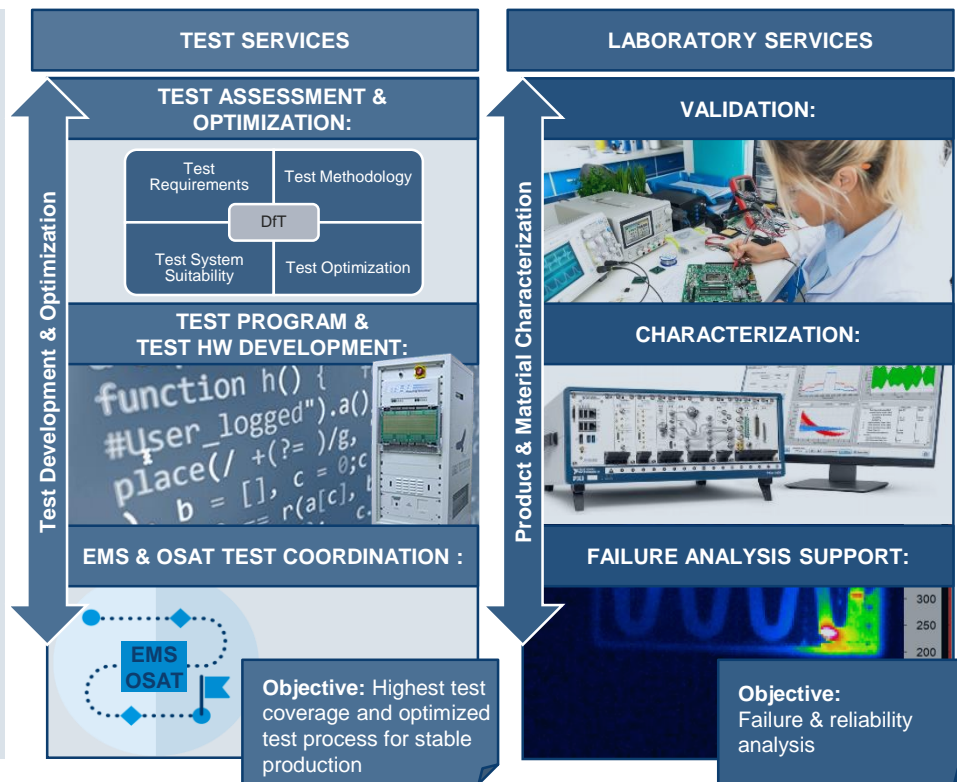


Objective: Optimize high frequency components

PDS - PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CAPABILITIES



FTD - FUNCTIONAL TEST DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES



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