

**Welcome to the  
MID SUMMIT & MID WORKSHOP 2022  
a joint event of:**





**Wednesday, 21st September 2022**

**9:30**                    **Opening: Prof. A. Zimmermann, Hahn-Schickard & Prof. J. Franke, 3-D MID e.V.**  
**Welcome by Ministerial Council Claus Mayer, Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Arbeit und**  
**Tourismus Baden-Württemberg**

**10:00**                    **MID Applications**

- **New Applications**  
**Thomas Hess, HARTING AG**
- **Si-Wafer Replacement and MID LDS Transformer**  
**Dr. Sebastian Bengsch, Ensinger**
- **Metalized-plastic Technology Enabling 3D Millimeter-wave Components**  
**Prof. Jan Hesselbarth, Uni Stuttgart – IHF**
- **Advantages of 3D Circuit Design in an ECAD Tool**  
**Christian Röck, Altium**





**Wednesday, 21st September 2022**

**12:00 Lunch, Networking, Exhibition and Poster Session**

**13:00 New Materials and Technologies**

- **Metallization of Oxide Ceramic Substrates via Laserinduced Direct Metallization**  
Philipp Ninz, Uni Stuttgart
- **Evaluation of printed strain gauges on 2.5D substrates**  
Felix Häußler, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg - FAPS
- **3D Printed Chip Packaging**  
Dr. Ashok Sridhar, TNO Holst Centre
- **Contacting Inkjet-Printed Silver Structures and SMD**  
Jonas Jäger, Hahn-Schickard





**Wednesday, 21st September 2022**

**15:00            Networking, Exhibition and Poster Session**

**16:00            General Meeting 3-D MID e. V. or  
Excursion to Hahn-Schickard (organized bus ride to Stuttgart)**

**19:00            Evening Event**





**Thursday, 22nd September 2022**

**9:00 Keynote „Smarter Surfaces for a Smarter Future“: Markus Thamm, Salcon International**

**9:30 Networking and Poster Session of Current Research Projects**

**10:00 Additive Manufacturing Processes**

- **Retrofit Sensor Technology**  
Peter Peetz, IMS Connector Systems
- **Rapid Prototyping of MID by Stereolithographic Printing**  
Dr. Hendrik Mohrmann, Contag
- **Functionalized Otoplastic (MikroBO)**  
Hartmut Richter, Audifon
- **Pad printing electronics – enabling the future of 3D connected surfaces**



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**13:00 MID and Beyond Workshops**

- **New Research Areas**
- **Printed Hybrid Electronics**
- **Sustainability**
- **Market Research**
- **Solution approaches: thermal resistance vs. reliability**

**15:00 Networking, Exhibition and Poster Session**

**15:30 Round up of MID and Beyond Workshops**

**16:00 Closing Statement**





**Exhibitors**



# MID and Beyond Workshops



**Printed Hybrid Electronics**



**New Research Areas**



**Sustainability**



**Solution approaches:  
thermal resistance vs.  
reliability**



**Market Research**



# Hahn-Schickard-Gesellschaft für angewandte Forschung e.V.

**Applied research,  
development and foundry  
services for industry**

**40,9 M € (2021)**

- 12,9 M € industrial revenue
- 7,7 M € financial support from federal government in BW

**261 FTE Employees in 2021**



Institute of Microassembly Technology  
Stuttgart (ISO 9001:2015)



Institute of Micro and Information Technology  
Villingen-Schwenningen (ISO 9001:2015)



Institute of Microanalysis Systems  
Freiburg (ISO 13485:2016)



Institut of Microanalysis Systems  
Ulm

# Core competences

Precision machining + polymer technologies

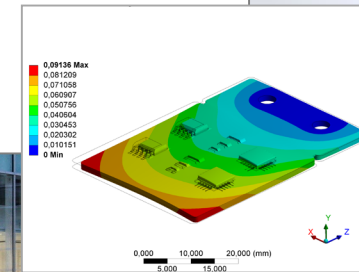
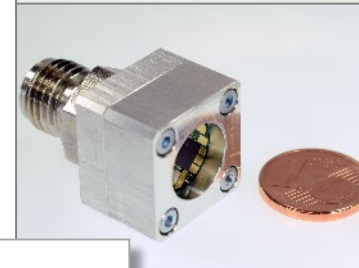
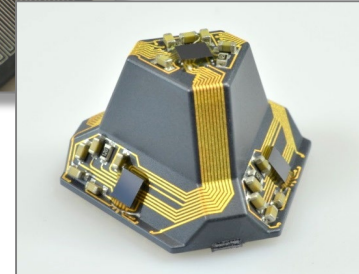
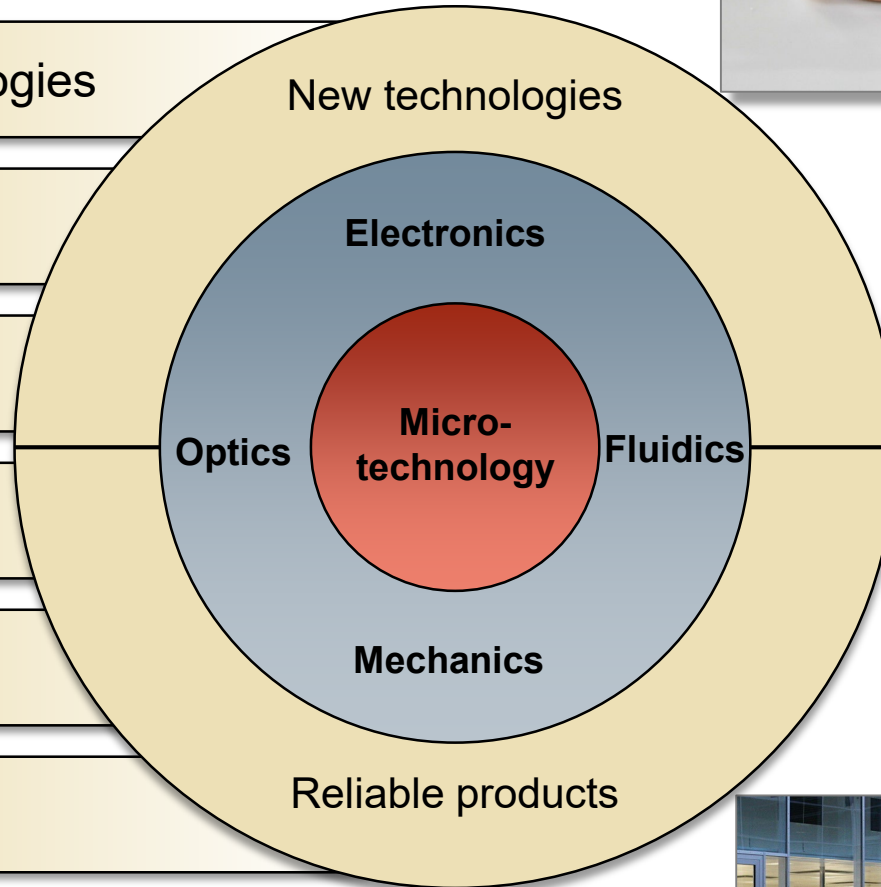
Functionalization of surfaces + MID

Micro assembly + packaging

Sensors + systems

Modeling + reliability

Production





# Business fields

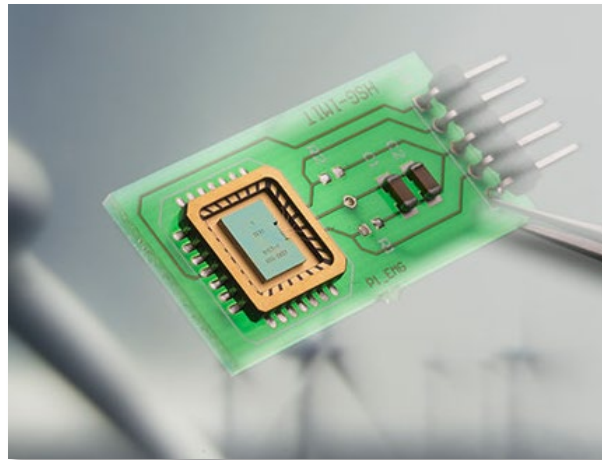
## Researching

Exploring  
the future



## Engineering

Developing  
tailored products



## Manufacturing

Making  
it happen



## Venturing

Creating  
future values

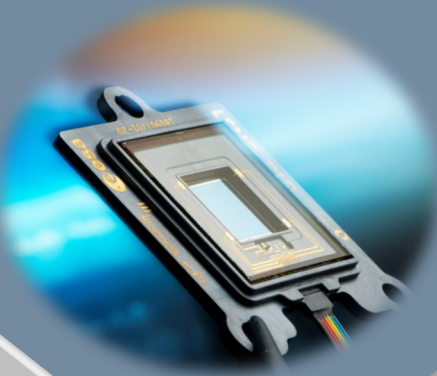


# Application examples from various industries



Touch sensor ID.3

Automotive



Sensors and packages

Space

Industrial



Inclination sensor



3D Display

Consumer



Medical



Ischemia sensor



**3-D MID e.V. was founded 1992 and is the world's largest network in the field of Mechatronic Integrated Devices (MID).**







Pushing Performance  
Since 1945

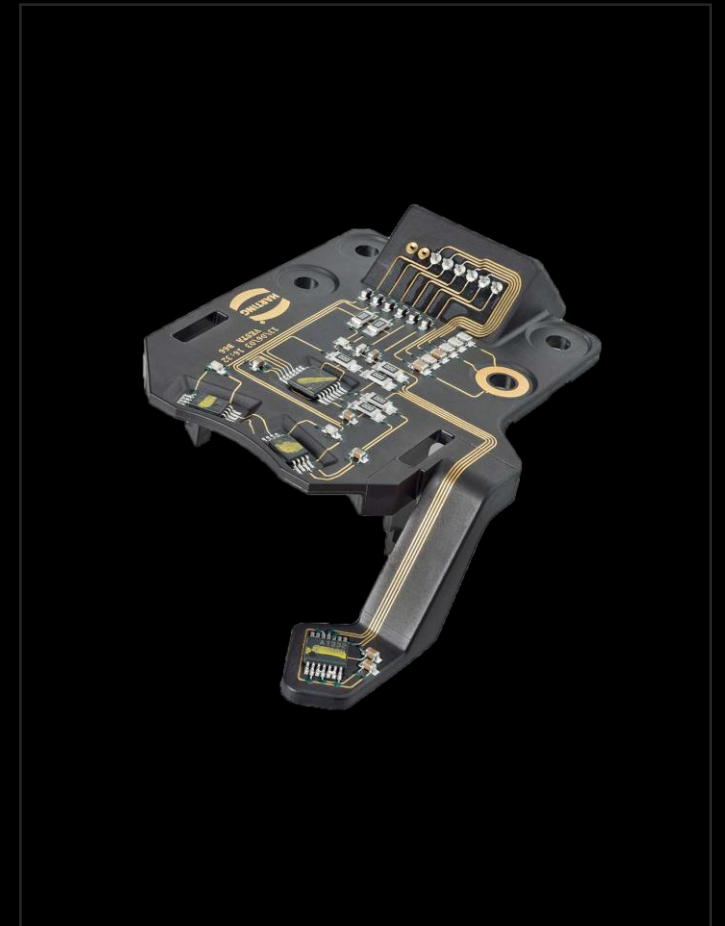
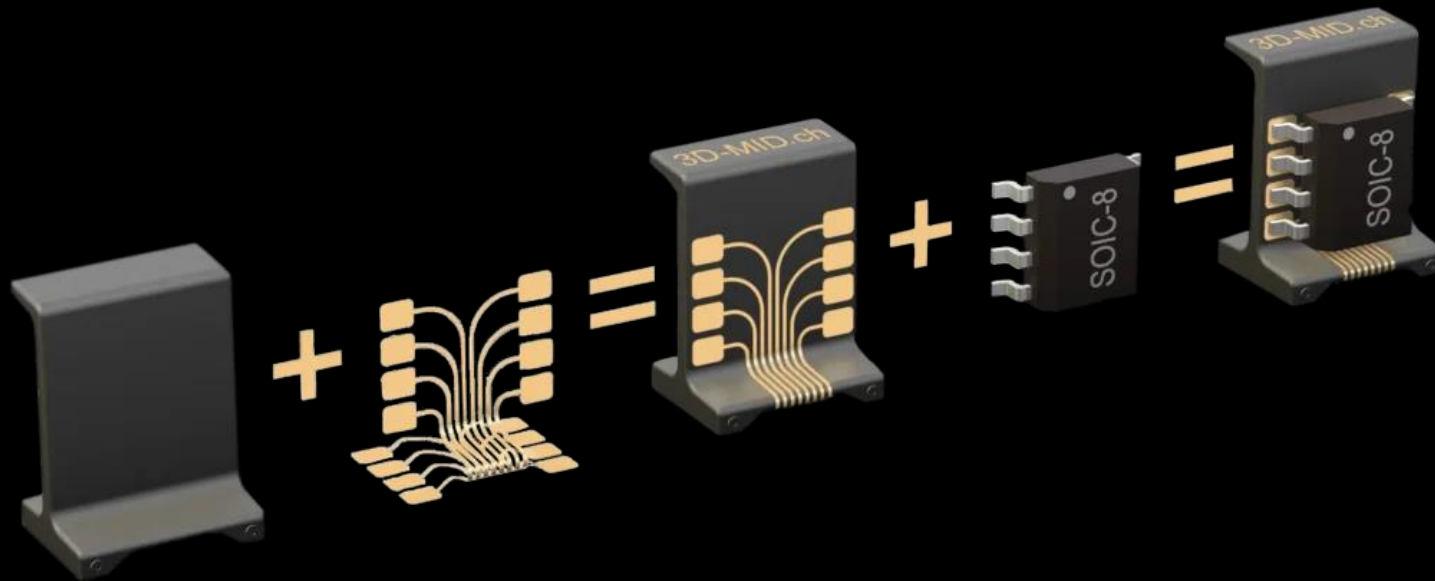
# WELCOME

3D-Circuits by HARTING since 2003

# What is 3D-MID Technology

## MID

Molded Interconnect Device or  
Mechatronic Integrated Device





# LASER DIRECT STRUCTURING

LDS -PROCESS



# Focus Markets

## Medical



3D-MID for Medicals

- Sensors
- Camera Solutions
- Lightning Solutions
- Antennas
- Switches

The Medical section features a dark background with a human figure silhouette. Two hexagonal callouts show 3D-MID components: a cylindrical sensor and a curved, segmented antenna structure. A central hexagonal box lists the application areas.

## Automotive




3D-MID for Automotive

- Sensors
- Camera Solutions
- Lightning Solutions
- Antennas
- Switches

The Automotive section features a dark background with a car silhouette. Two hexagonal callouts show 3D-MID components: a curved antenna structure and a flat, rectangular antenna with a complex circuit pattern. A central hexagonal box lists the application areas.

## Industrial



3D-MID for Industrials/Robotics

- Sensors
- Camera Solutions
- Lightning Solutions
- Antennas
- Switches

The Industrial section features a dark background with a robotic arm silhouette. A hexagonal callout shows a spherical antenna with a complex circuit pattern. A central hexagonal box lists the application areas.



# Positioning

Until 2020



customized solutions

Build-to-print

High quantities

High investment cost

2020

Transition phase

Development of customizable standard products



2025

From 2025

customized solutions



standard products

HARTING's concept for success

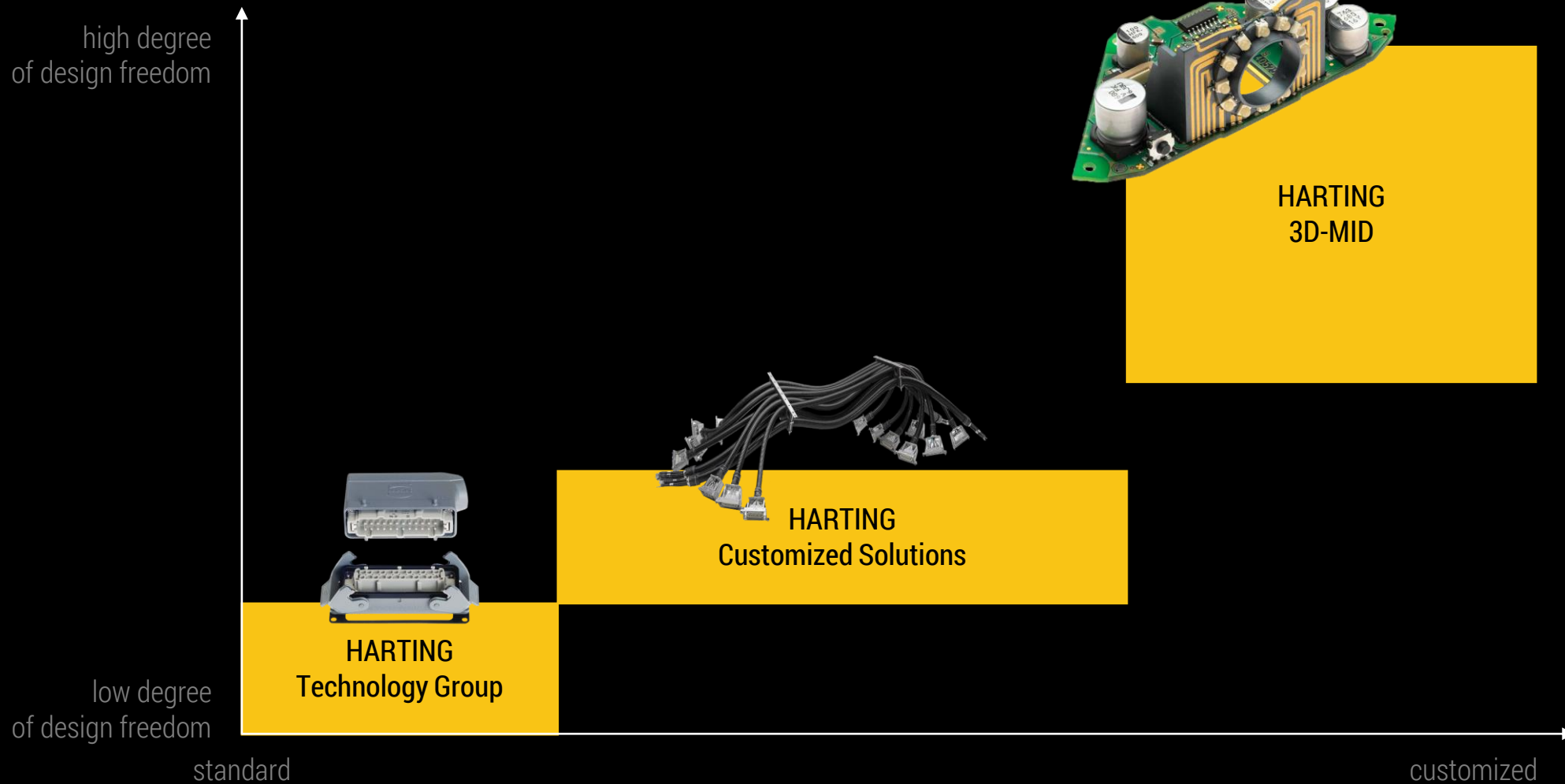
standardization

Low entry barriers to technology

Supplier with focus on Europe and North America

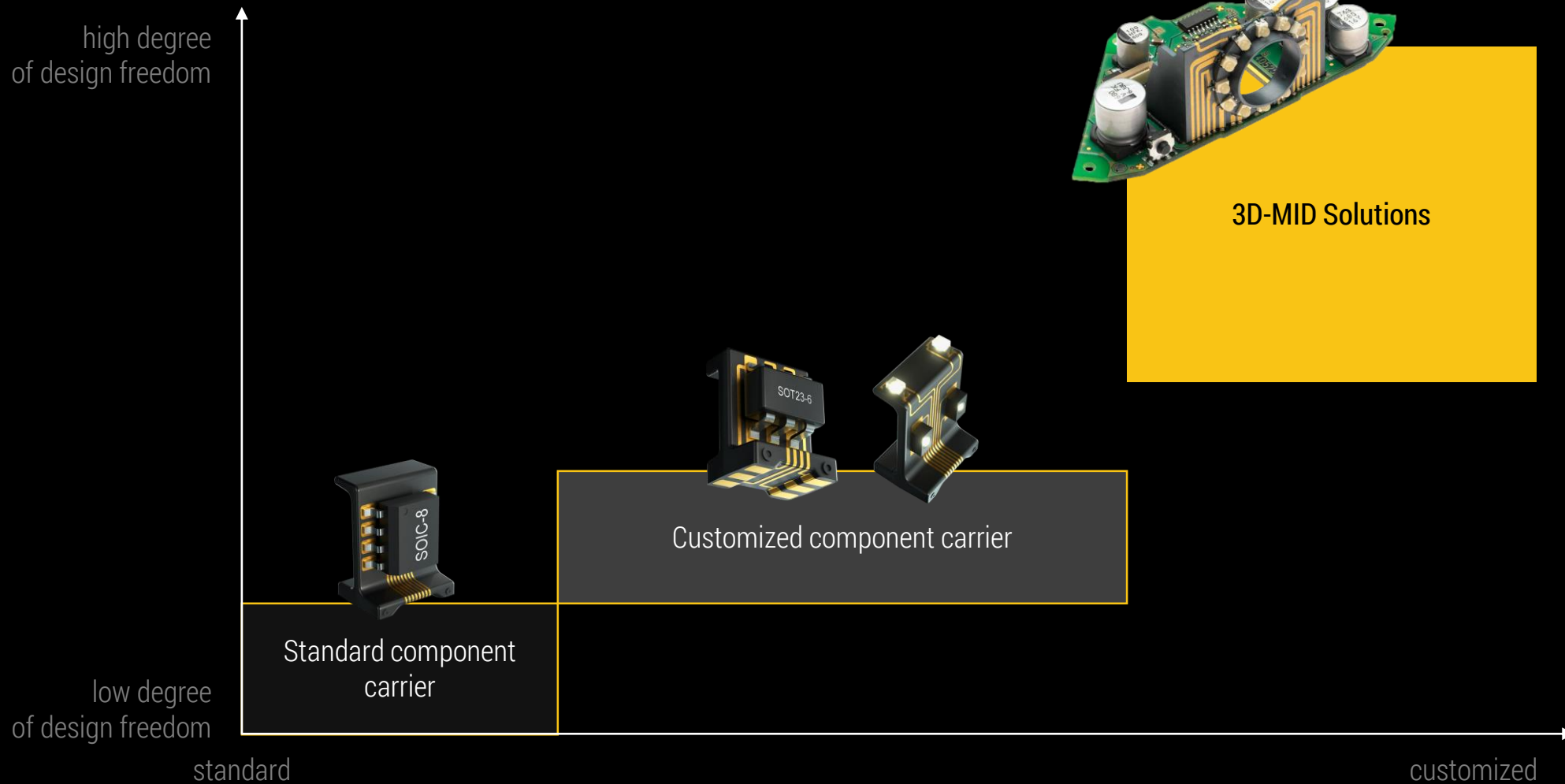
Trusted supplier

# HARTINGs Product Portfolio

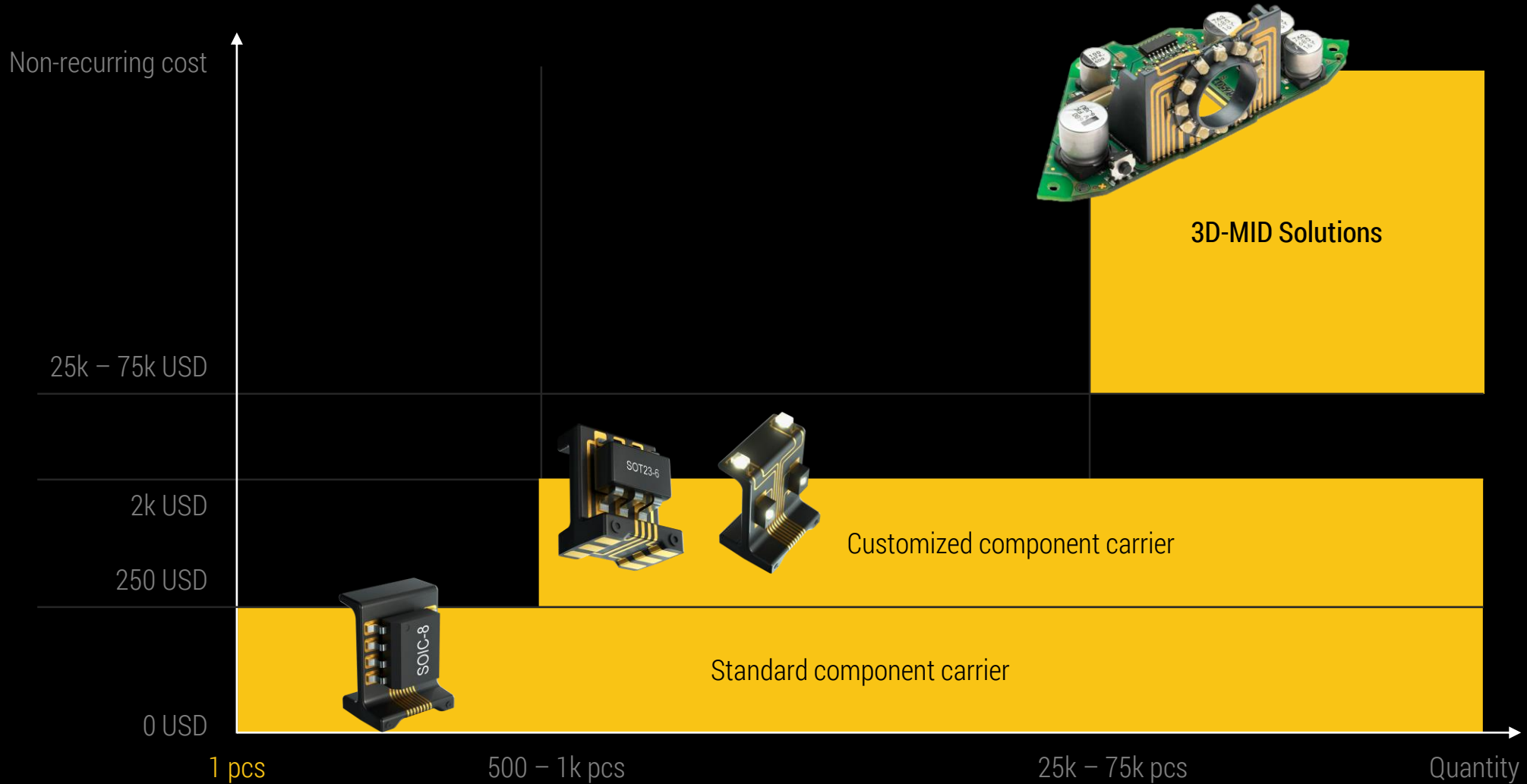




# HARTINGs 3D-Circuits Portfolio

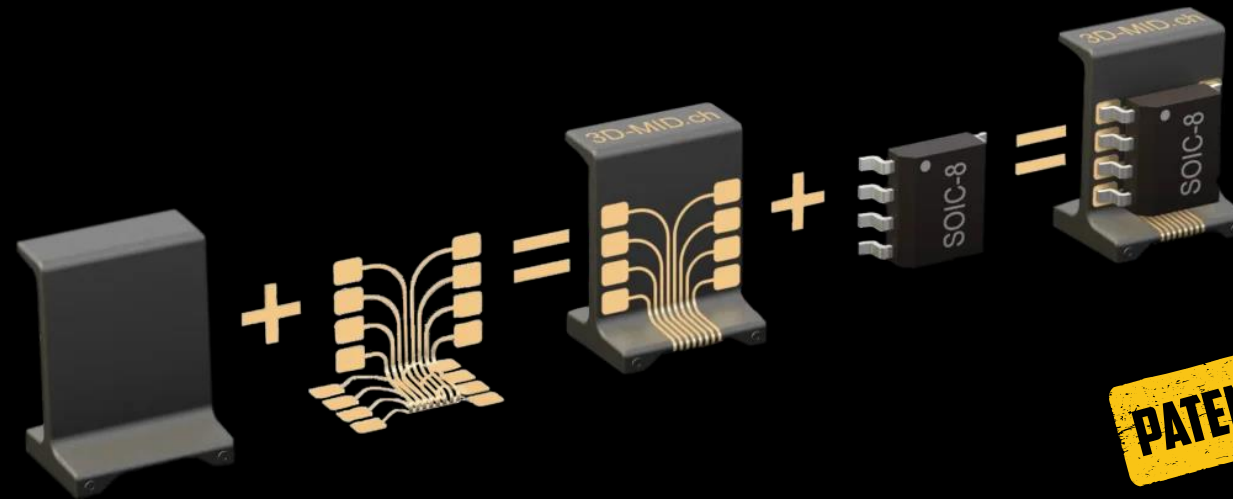


# Low entry barrier





# 3D-MID component carrier



Universal design  
of substrate



Customized layout  
for traces



Use of high  
temperature plastic  
for reflow soldering

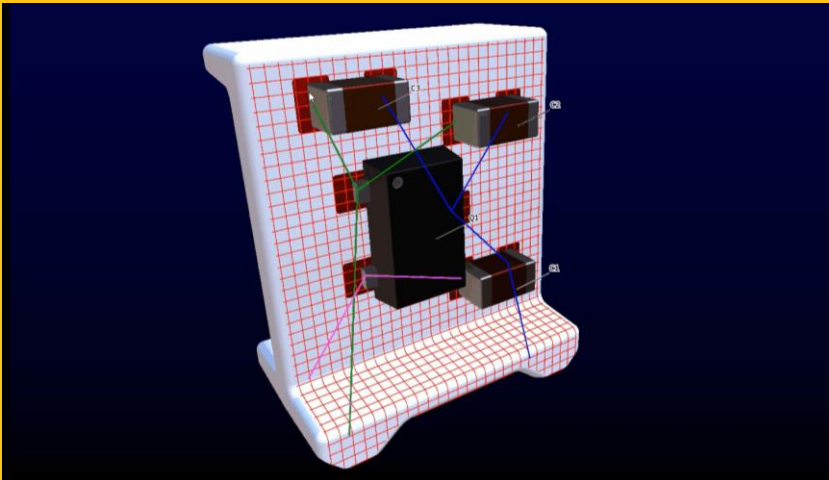
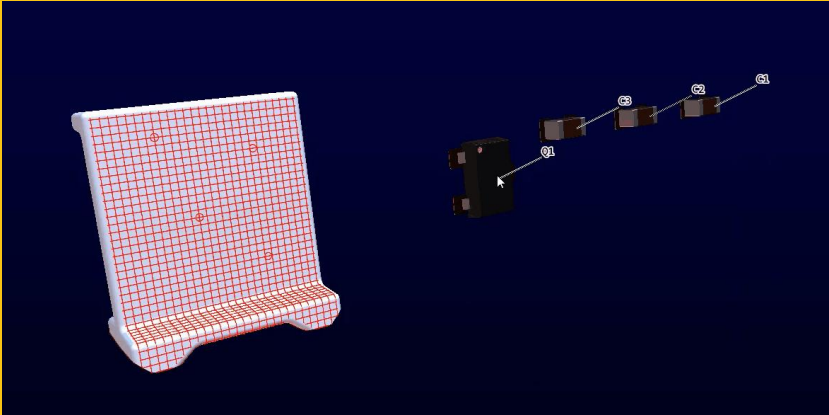


Shipped in tape &  
reel as sub-assembly  
for fully automated  
SMT processing



Significant cost savings due  
to elimination of mounting  
elements and simplification  
of assembly process

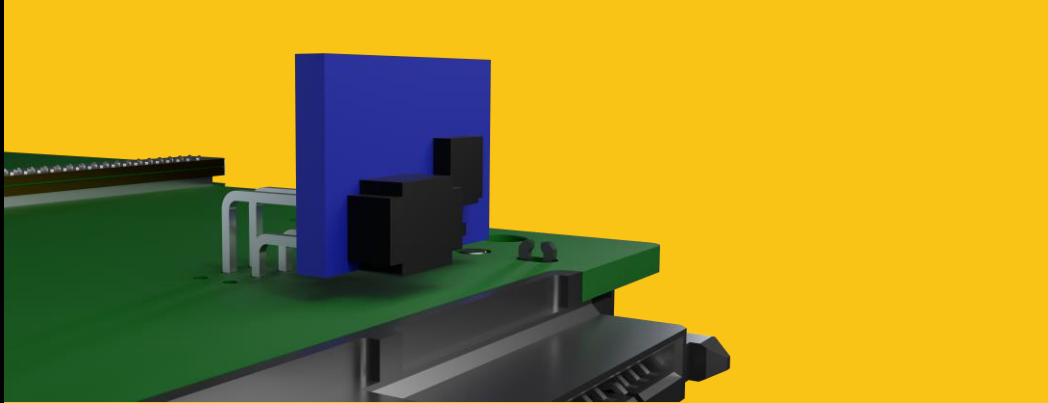
# 3D-Layout Tool



## Further information

- Soon by Mr. Christian Röck – 11:30am
- [MIDs make comeback - Altium.com](#)
- [True 3d Circuit Design - Altium.com](#)

# 3D-MID Applications – Chip Carrier



- Customer:  
Data storage company
- Industry:  
Industrial Electronics
- Description:  
FIR Sensor for high precision non-contact temperature measurements (Far Infrared)



## Added Value

- Scanning of the objects must be perpendicular to the PCB
- Fully automated SMD process at high volumes of 200k+ pcs per year
- Elimination of manual assembly step



# 3D-MID Applications – Secure Cover



- Customer:  
Grid+
- Industry:  
Finance
- Description:  
Hardware Wallet for crypto currencies



## Added Value

- 4 secure zones combined in one part
- Higher security
- Less sensitive to hacking attempts

# 3D-MID Applications – Chip Carrier



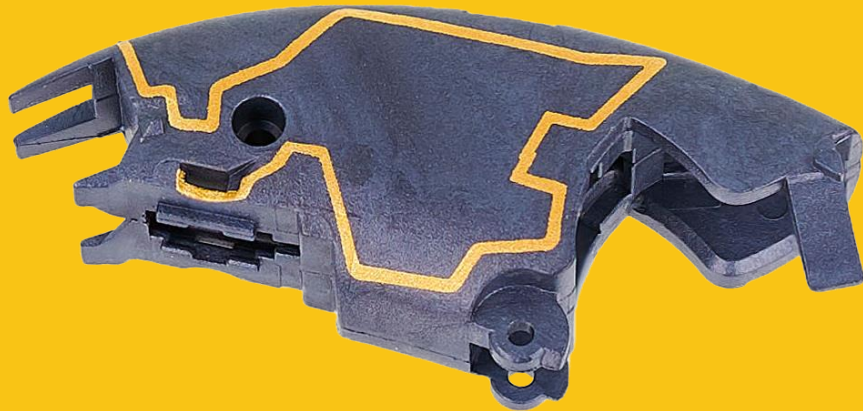
- Customer:  
Touchtronics, US
- Industry:  
Industrial Electronics
- Description:  
Accelerometer



## Added Value

- Fully automated SMT assembly
- Elimination of manual assembly process
- Cost savings by >50%

# 3D-MID Applications – Hearing Aid



- Customer:  
European Hearing Aid Manufacturer
- Industry:  
Medical
- Description:  
Antenna implemented on housing



## Added Value

- Integration of antenna structure directly on housing
- Elimination of flex PCBs
- Reduction of complexity in the assembly process



# Conclusion

## Customizable products

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Universal design  
of substrate

Build-to-print

High quantities

High investment cost

## Low entry cost

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No need of injection molding  
tool

Layout can be done with Altium  
3D Layout tool

Building trust  
Tests can be carried out  
inexpensively

## Attractiveness

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No need of injection molding  
tool

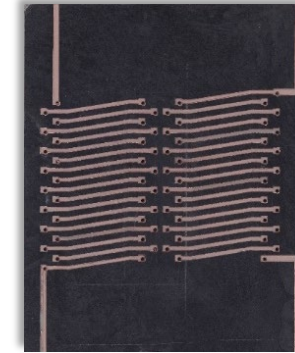
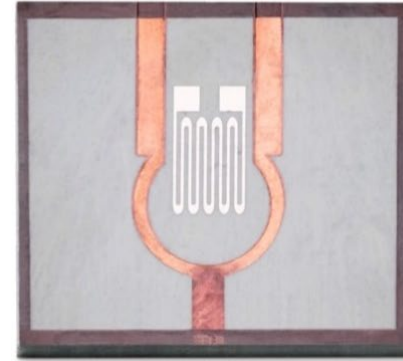
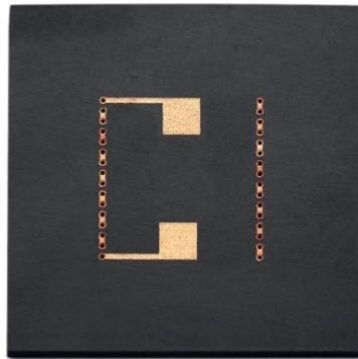
Economically attractive for  
small quantities

Technology attractive for a  
larger number of customers



Pushing Performance  
Since 1945

# Thank you



# *Ensinger Microsystems*

*Si-Wafer Replacement and LDS MID Transformers*

Property of *Ensinger GmbH*



# Engineering and Production Competence in High-Performance Plastics



Fig. a: Ensinger Nufingen, Germany



Fig. b: Ensinger Seewalchen, Austria

**Founded:** 1966

**Managing Directors:** Dr. Roland Reber, Dr. Oliver Frey, Ralph Pernizsak

**Headquarters:**  
Nufingen, Baden-Württemberg

**Employees:**  
appr. 2.600

**Turnover:**  
appr. 500 Mio. Euro

**Locations Worldwide:** 35

**Materials:**  
Engineering plastics and HT plastics

**Compounds**



Nufringen - Germany

**Injection Moulding**



Ergenzingen - Germany  
China, Brasil

**New Business Factory  
Microsystems**



Nufringen -  
Germany

**New Business Factory  
Additive Manufacturing**



Nufringen -  
Germany



- Si-Wafer Replacement (Ensinger Microsystems Technology)
  - State of the Art LDS
  - Initial Situation / New Technology
  - The Process / Comparison Silicon
  - Advantage “No Packaging”
  - Benefits of Ensinger Microsystems
- LDS MID Transformer
  - SoA and Benefits
  - Advantage “No Packaging” when Combined with LDS
  - Application Example LAN Transformer
- Further Application Examples
- Use Cases of Ensinger Microsystems Technology
- Value Chain



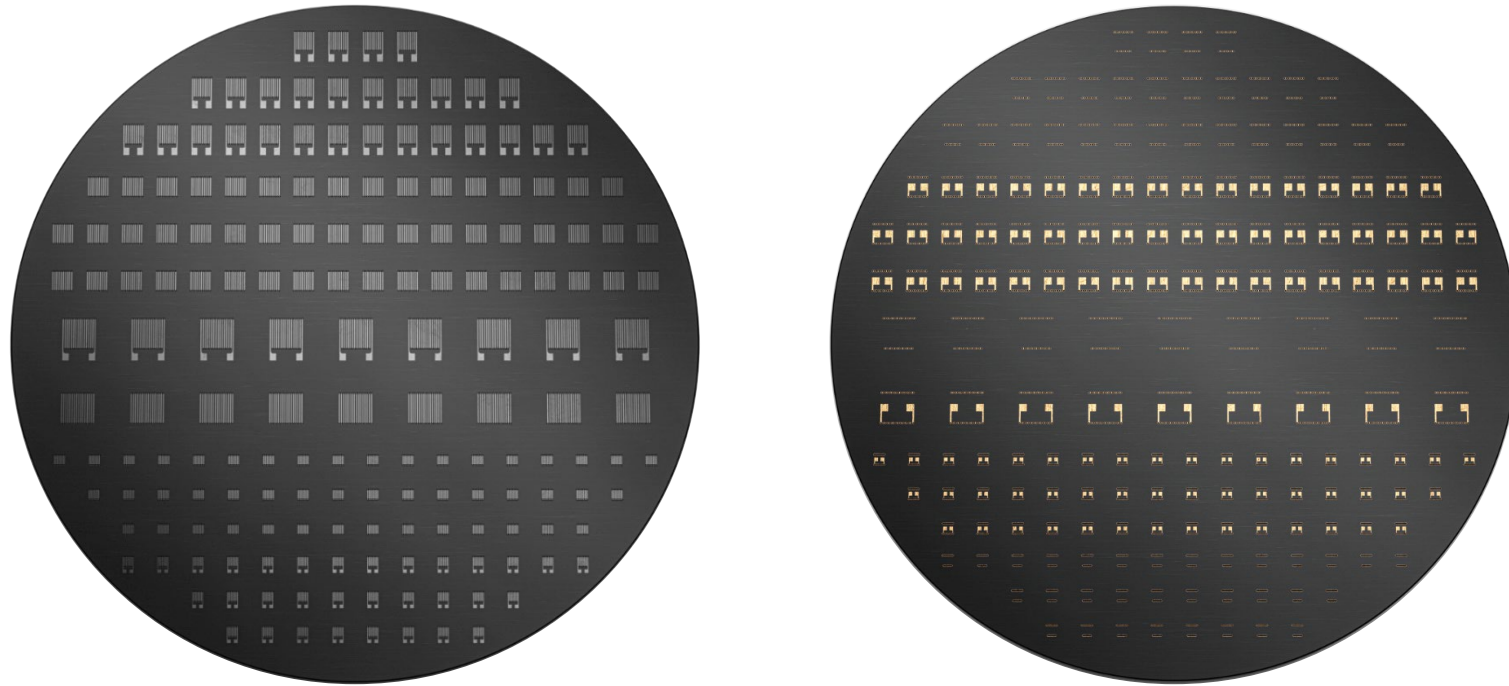


Fig. 1: Wafer Front- and Back-Side

# ***Si-Wafer Replacement***

## ***Ensinger Microsystems Technology***

## TECACOMP® LDS Compounds for Laser-Direct-Structuring



Fig. 3: LDS Process Chain



Fig. 4: LDS Antenna Smartphone



Fig. 5: Apple® AirPods® –  
Well established technology at the market

- LDS is a technology that has proven itself in large-scale production for years. Ensinger Compounds is networking in the LDS / MID world and supplies PPA, LCP and PEEK based TECACOMP LDS compounds to "MID processors".
- The **limits** of this technology ends well **above microstructures** as often **required** in microsystem technology.

## *Initial Situation / New Technology*

- Worldwide growth and bottleneck market for wafers - based almost 100% on silicon wafers.
- IMPT (Leibniz University of Hanover) has developed a process to produce wafers from TECACOMP PEEK LDS.
- Microstructures can be realized directly on the PEEK surface.
- In combination with LDS, finished systems such as AMR sensors can be produced without a silicon chip with significant cost savings.
- Precision: ICs and transistors are technically not possible. The field of application is in the area of sensors, such as ABS sensors, camshaft sensors, strain gauges, PT elements, etc....
- The *Ensinger New Business Factory Microsystems* plant has conceptualized the industrial production and is looking for interested customers with specific projects.



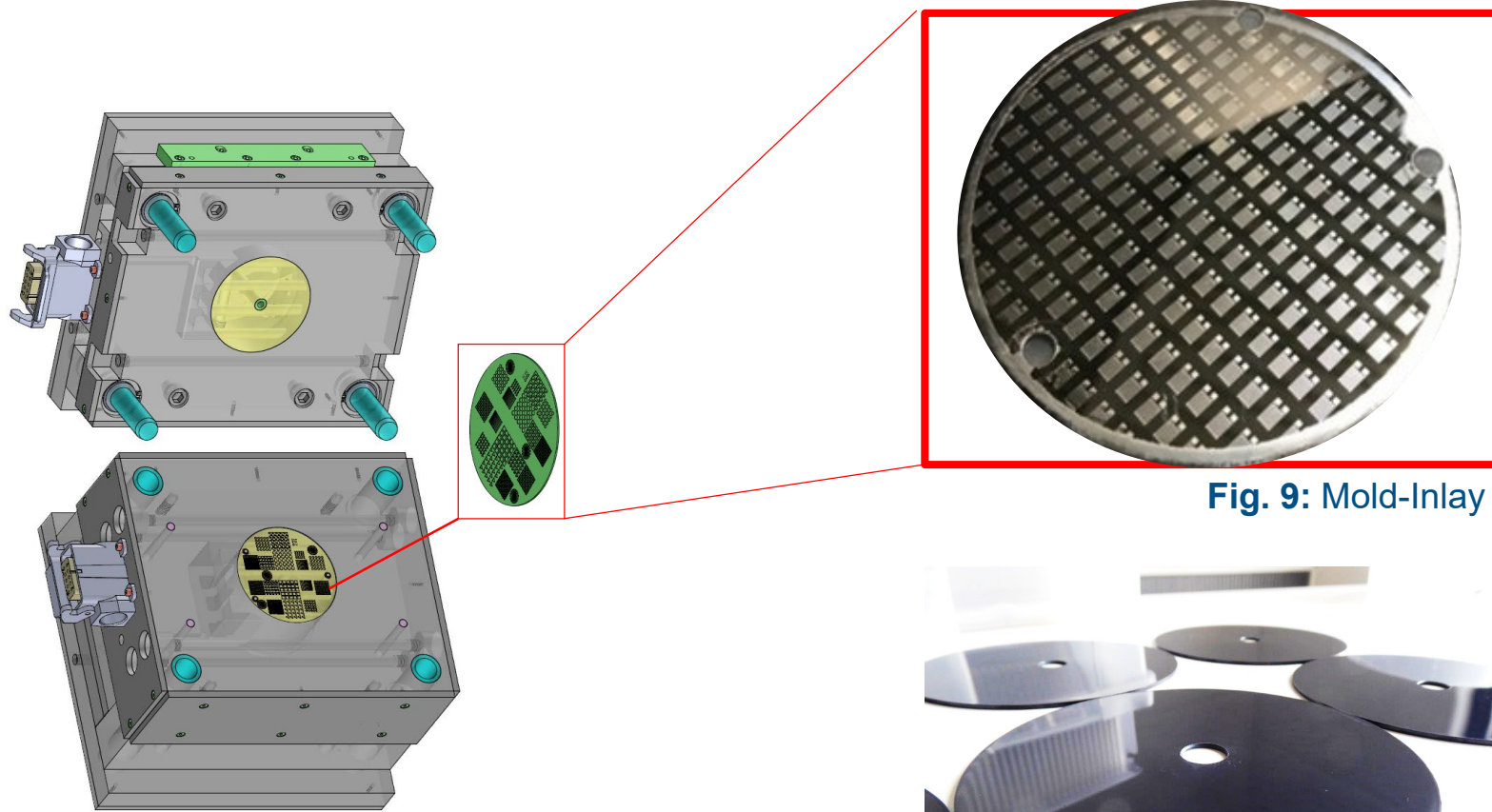


Fig. 9: Mold-Inlay

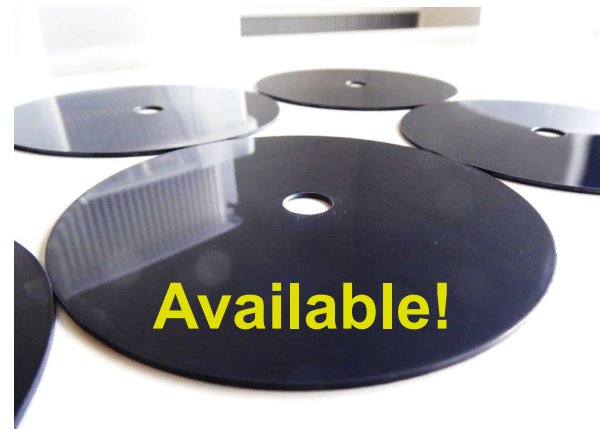


Fig. 10: PEEK Wafer (blanks)

# The Process / Comparison Silicon II

## Advantages manufacturing (new concept):

- Wafer blank already structured
- Reduction from 7 to 3 manufacturing steps
- No clean room required
- No lithography required

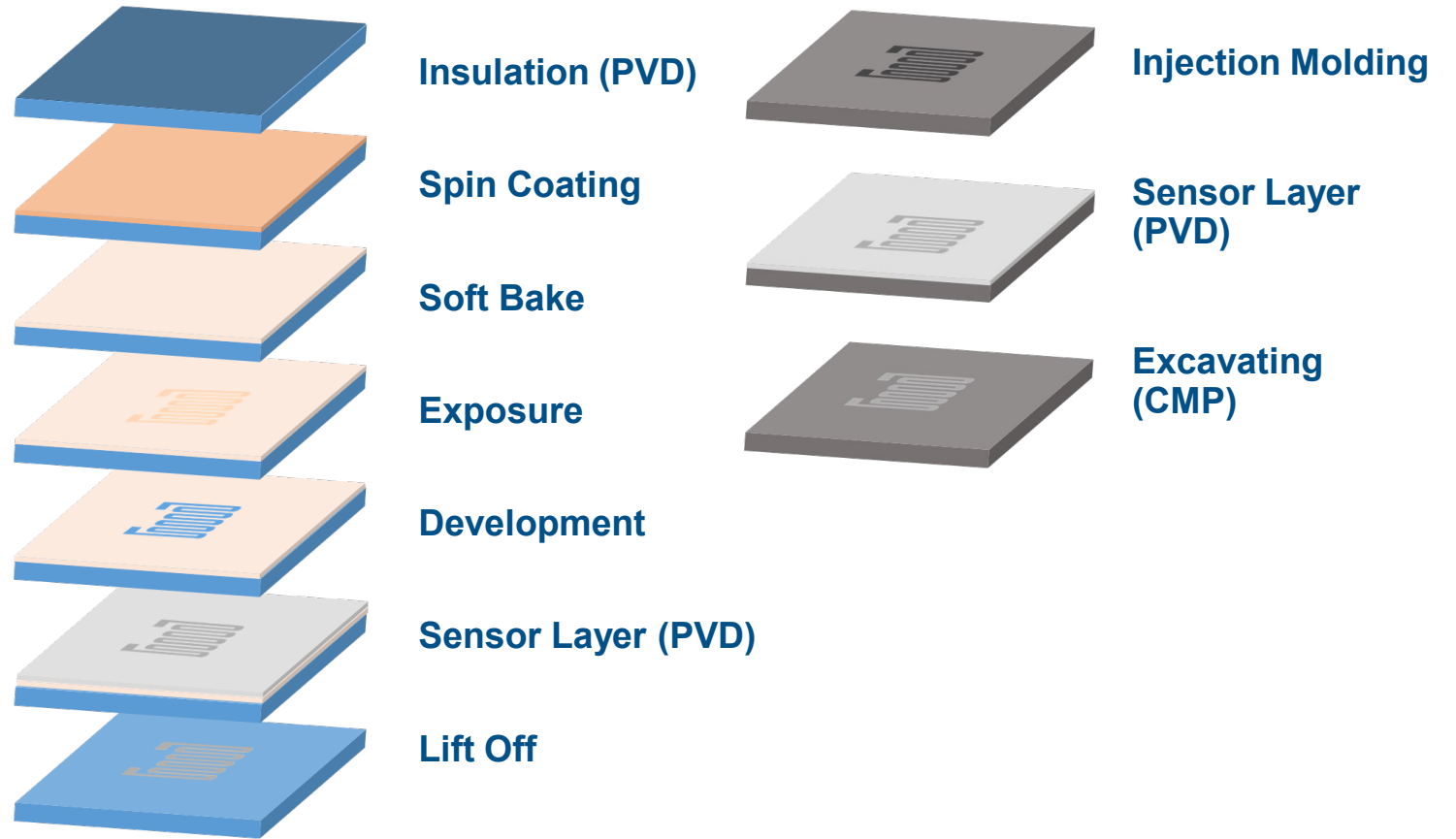
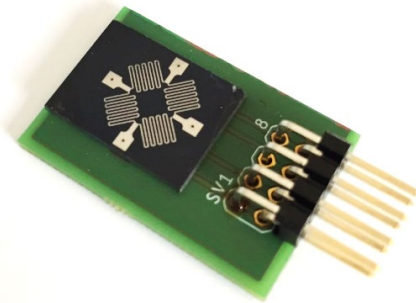
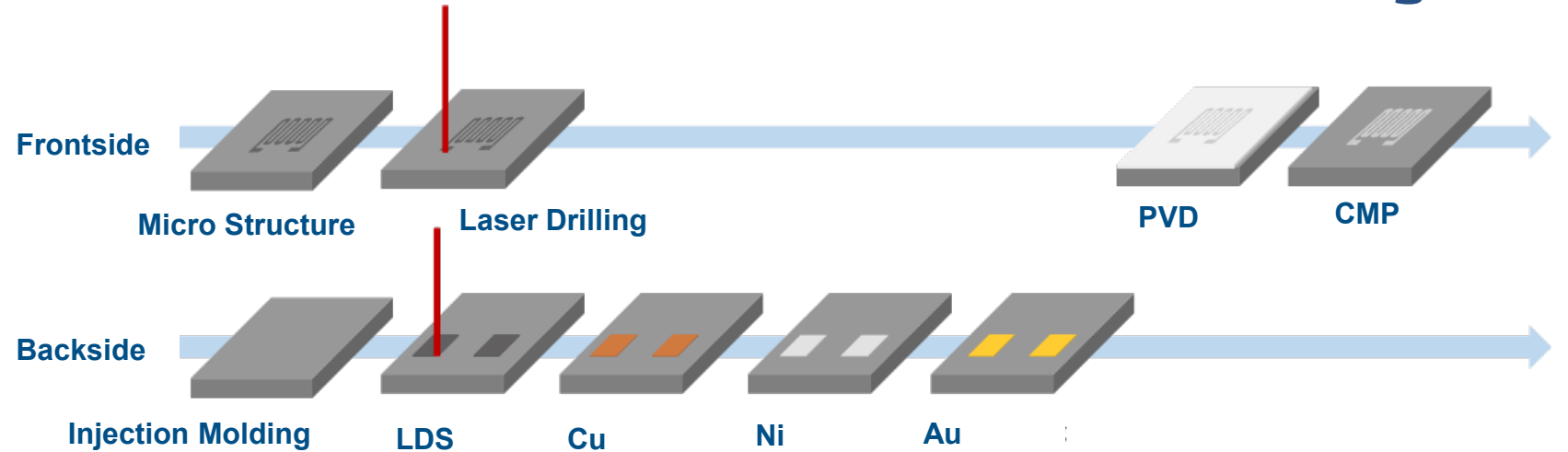


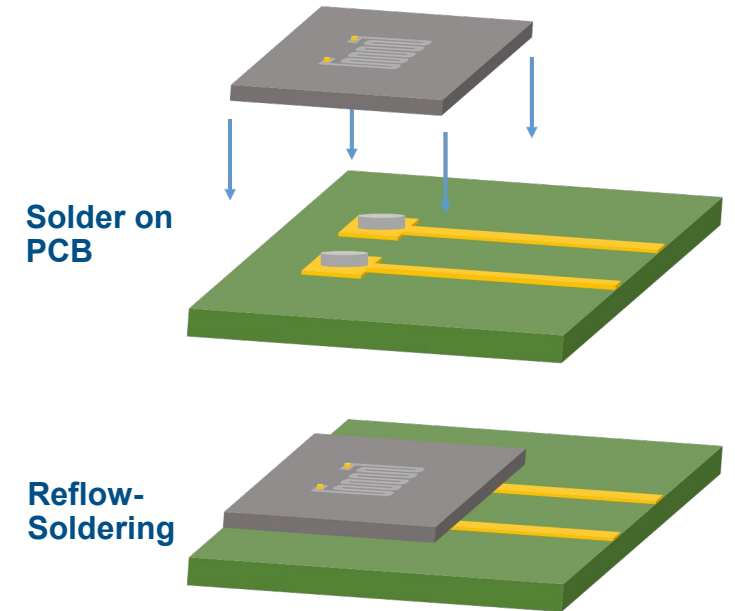
Fig. 11: Left: known process based on silicon , right: new process based on PEEK LDS

# Advantage “No Packaging” in Combination with LDS

- Laser-drilling of vias through LDS technology
- Thus soldering of backside contacts possible
- **No wire bonding**
- **No housing necessary**



**Fig. 12:** Finished AMR/GMR sensor on soldered PEEK chip  
(Wheatstone Bridge)



**Fig. 13:** Process chain Incl. back-end

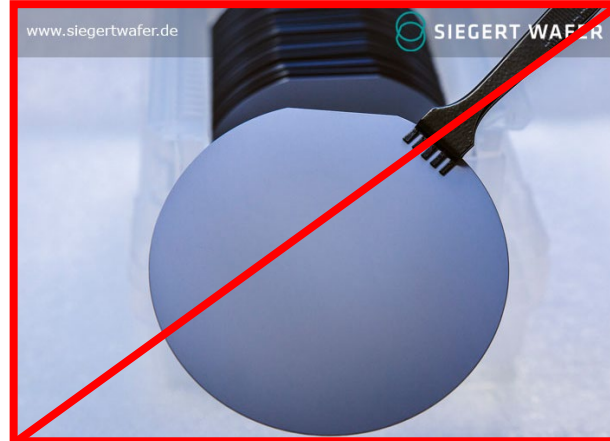


Fig. 6: Clean Room at *Bosch Fab Reutlingen*



✓ Clean room technology can be neglected!

Fig. 7: Silicon Wafer by *Siegert Wafer*



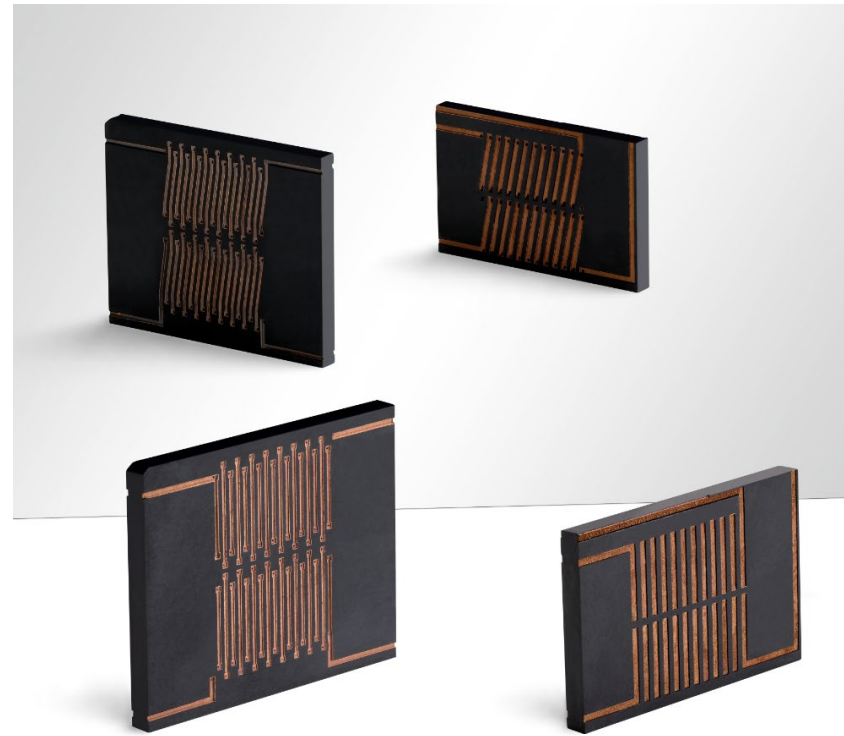
✓ We realize thin film technologies on a plastic substrate instead of silicon!

Fig. 8: Wire Bonder by *Palomar*



✓ Less infrastructural invest in machines!

- Lower material costs due to the use of polymer materials.
- We combine the technology with the well-known LDS.
- **We save costs!**



**Fig. 19:** MID Transformers

# ***MID-Transformers***

## ***TECACOMP<sup>®</sup> LDS***

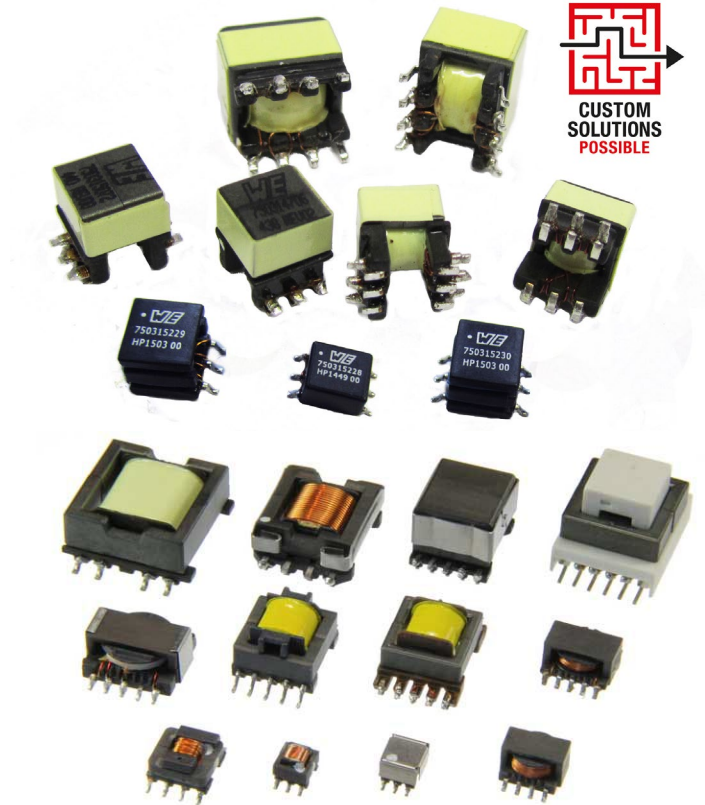


Fig. 20: Variety of SMD coil systems

Quelle: Würth Electronic

- Wound coils for transformers/inductors and filters are state of the art
- Winding technology is complex and cost-intensive
- Construction height is limited by winding technology and core
- Additional packaging increases volume
- Contacting via SMD package is usually challenging
- Laser-drilling of VIAs (Vertical Interconnect Access - VIA) through LDS technology
- Thus soldering of backside contacts possible
- **No winding technology**
- **No package necessary**
- Core integrated in MID component
- Winding of the conductor path via "daisy-chain" (LDS)



## Advantage "No Packaging" when Combined with LDS

- Insertion of vias through LDS technology
- Thus "daisy-chain" windings and soldering of backside contacts possible
- **No winding** technology
- **No housing** necessary
- **Volume savings** of up to **80 %** possible
- **Weight savings** due to significantly lower copper content
- **Material savings** on core, housing and copper leads

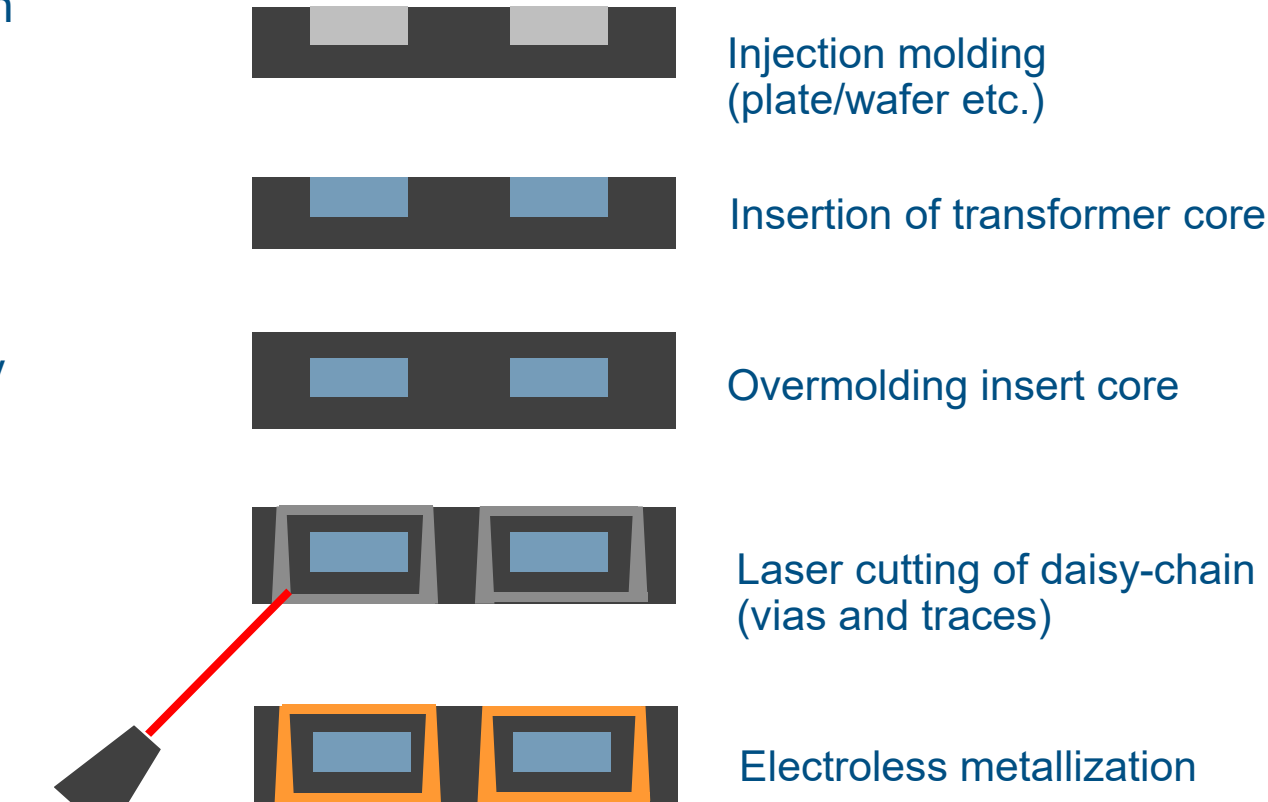


Fig. 21: MID transformer process chain

## Application Example LAN Transformer

- Reduced number of production steps
- Requirements for plant technology and equipment significantly reduced
- Elimination of winding technology and packaging
- Short supply chain
- Example LAN transformer (component costs with winding technology between 5 - 12 € per component)



Fig. 22: LAN transformer SMD coil systems



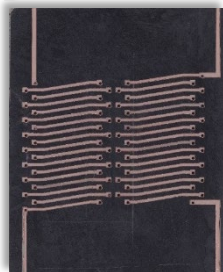
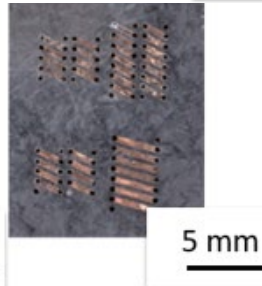
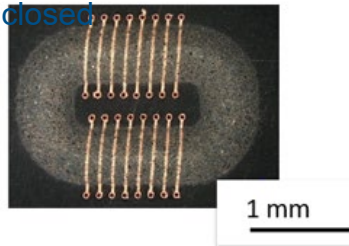
Fig. 23: Winding machine

Quelle: [www.armaturewindingmachine.com](http://www.armaturewindingmachine.com)

Passive Components

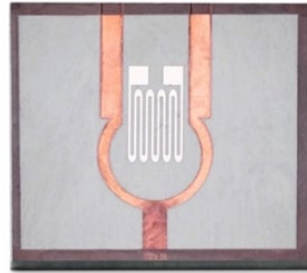
**Fig. 24: Micro-Transformer**

Gap on the market between wound coil transformers and Si-SMD transformers can be closed



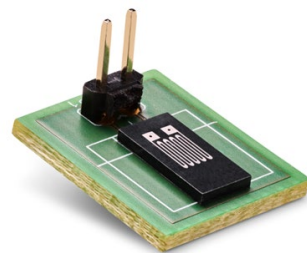
**Fig. 25: Eddy Current-Sensor**

Distance, displacement or position measurement



**Fig. 26: AMR/GMR-Sensor**

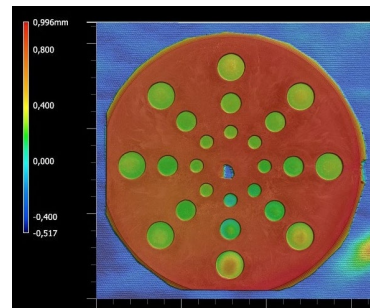
Distance, displacement or position measurement



Magnetic Field Sensors

**Fig. 27: Pressure Sensors/Membranes / Strain-Gauges Pt-Elements**

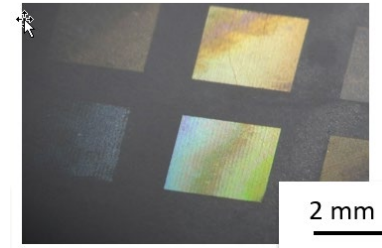
Displacement, pressure, strain, stress, temperature



DMS/Temp./Strain Gauges

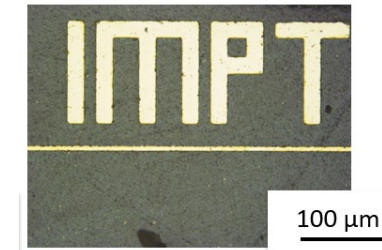
**Fig. 28: Bragg Grating**

Light-coupling, strain-gauge, CO2-sensors etc.



**Fig. 29: Waveguide**

Directly in the PEEK surface from 5 μm



Optical Components

Passive Components

**Fig. 30: Micro-Transformer**  
 Gap on the market between wound coil transformers and Si-SMD transformers can be closed.

Power supply *Apple® MacSafe®*

Magnetic Field Sensors

**Fig. 31: AMR/GMR-Sensor**  
 Distance, displacement or position measurement.

Angle measurement by *Heidenhain GmbH*

DMS/Temp./Strain Gauges

**Fig. 32: Pressure Sensors /Membranes /Strain-Gauges /Pt-Elements**  
 Displacement, pressure, strain, stress, temperature.

Tensile test bench *ZwickRoell GmbH*

Optical Components

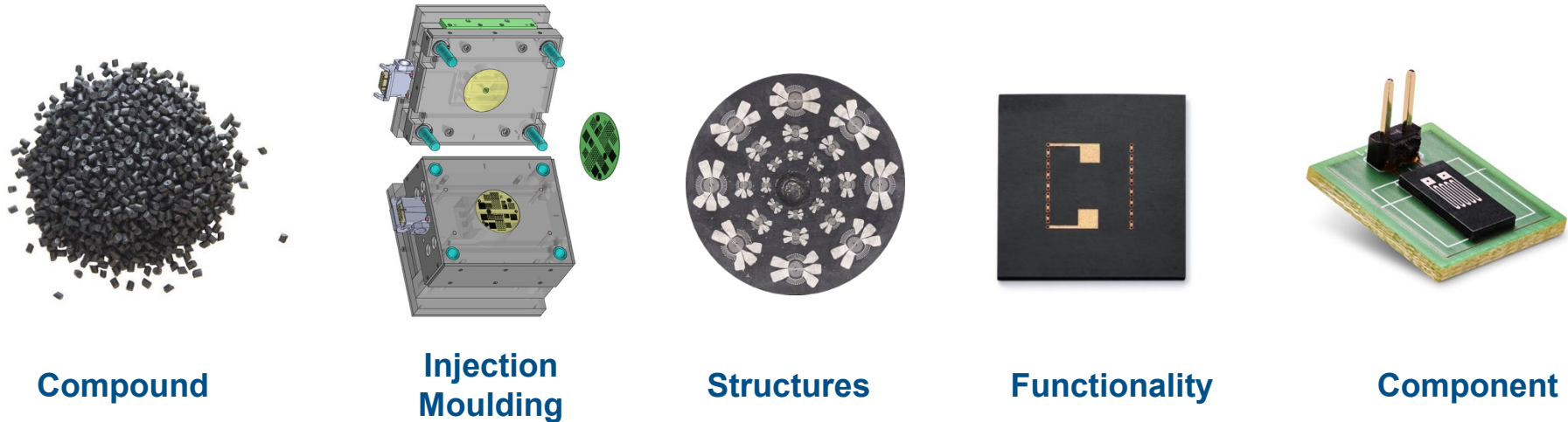
**Fig. 33: Bragg Grating**  
 Light-coupling, strain-gauge, CO2-sensors etc.

CO2 sensor *E+E Elektronik*



# Value Chain Ensinger Can Provide

- Ensinger and its partners may provide every manufacturing step.
- From compound to finished component – You choose!
- Short supply chain: **Made in Germany!**



Value Chain at Ensinger GmbH – What Can Ensinger Offer You?

Fig. 34: Value Chain

**VIELEN  
DANK!**

**Your Contact**



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# **Metalized-plastic technology enabling three-dimensional millimeter-wave components**

**Jan Hesselbarth**

**University of Stuttgart**

## **Outline:**

- **Definitions of terms and problem**
- **Metalized-plastic structures in comparison to other technologies**
- **Drawbacks of metalized-plastic structures technology**
- **Examples**
- **Conclusion**



**Term definitions:**

1.5 GHz ... 150 GHz : wavelength 200 mm ... 2 mm

Component size:  $\frac{1}{2}$  ... few wavelengths

Feature size: roughly 10% of wavelength

Tolerance: approx. less than 1% of wavelength

**- frequency range of interest:**

Transmission lines + connectors (“interconnects”)

**- “passive component” of interest:**

Resonators / frequency filters

Antennas / arrays

**- signal/power loss issue:**

The higher the frequency, the more precious is power

Loss/power is proportional to field/current squared

Field/current density reduction asks for distribution/size

**3D is best for lowest loss**

**Statement of problem:**

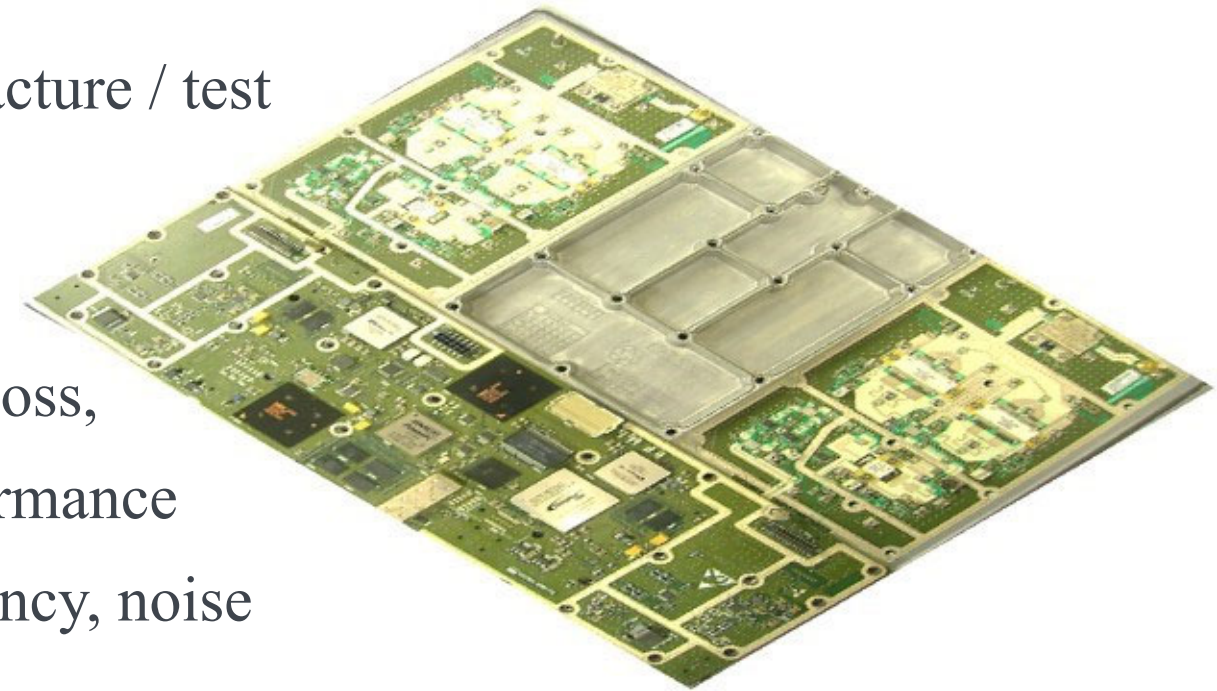
**- the high-frequency electronic circuit on a circuit board:**

Easy design / manufacture / test

Low cost

Compact

Large signal/ power loss,  
thus poor RF performance  
w.r.t. power, efficiency, noise



**- the ideal “low-loss” microwave / mm-wave circuit & component:**

Complicated design / manufacture / test

High cost

Large volume

Low loss, thus best  
RF performance w.r.t.  
power, efficiency, noise



## **Metalized-plastic structures in comparison:**

### **- compared to metal machining:**

- + comparable dimensional accuracy (with molding, not necessarily with 3D-printing)
- + low cost at high quantity (with molding, not necessarily with 3D-printing)
- + low weight
- + solderable (low heat capacity)

### **- compared to planar board technologies:**

- + real 3-D shapes for RF performance and functionality

## Metalized-plastic structures — drawbacks:

- no need (for incremental improvement of subsystem performance in existing applications) ??

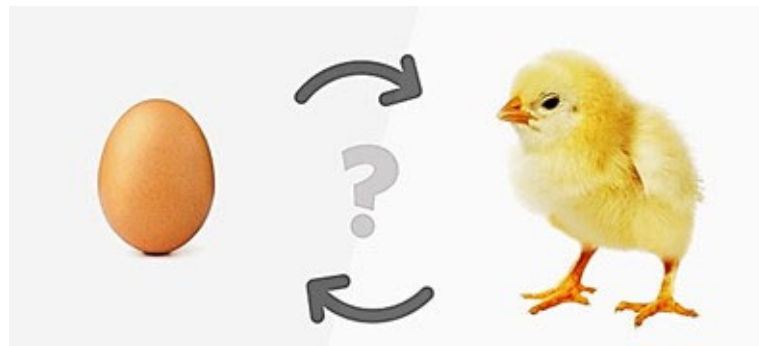
- “complicated”:

+ no standardized / structured design process

+ final RF performance difficult to predict

+ high NRE costs

→ Looks like a chicken-and-egg-problem ...



[wikipedia]

... to be solved by accumulating examples/experiences



**Examples of microwave / millimeter-wave components based on metalized-plastic:**

**- fully metalized (molded plastic part fully coated by thin metal)**

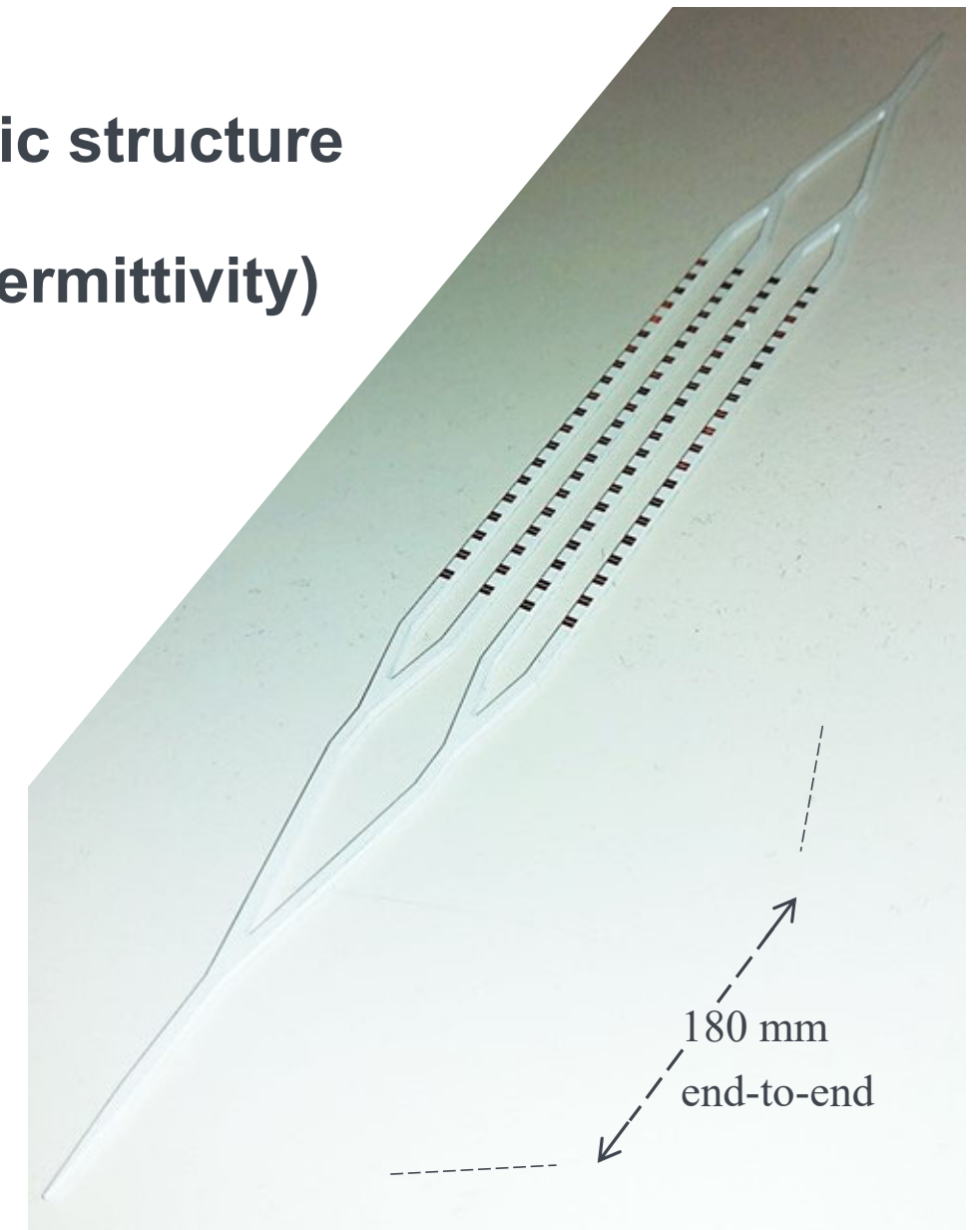
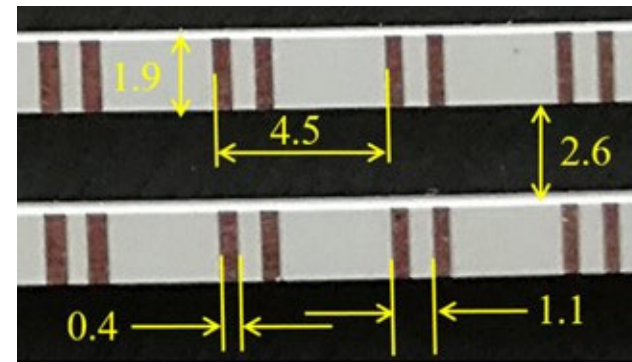
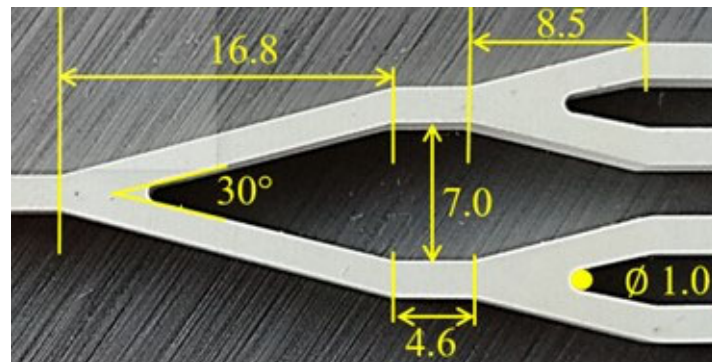
+ pro arguments: structural complexity, accuracy vs cost, solderability, weight

**- partly metalized (dual-molded plus metal, laser-actuated metalization)**

+ pro arguments: further enhanced structural complexity

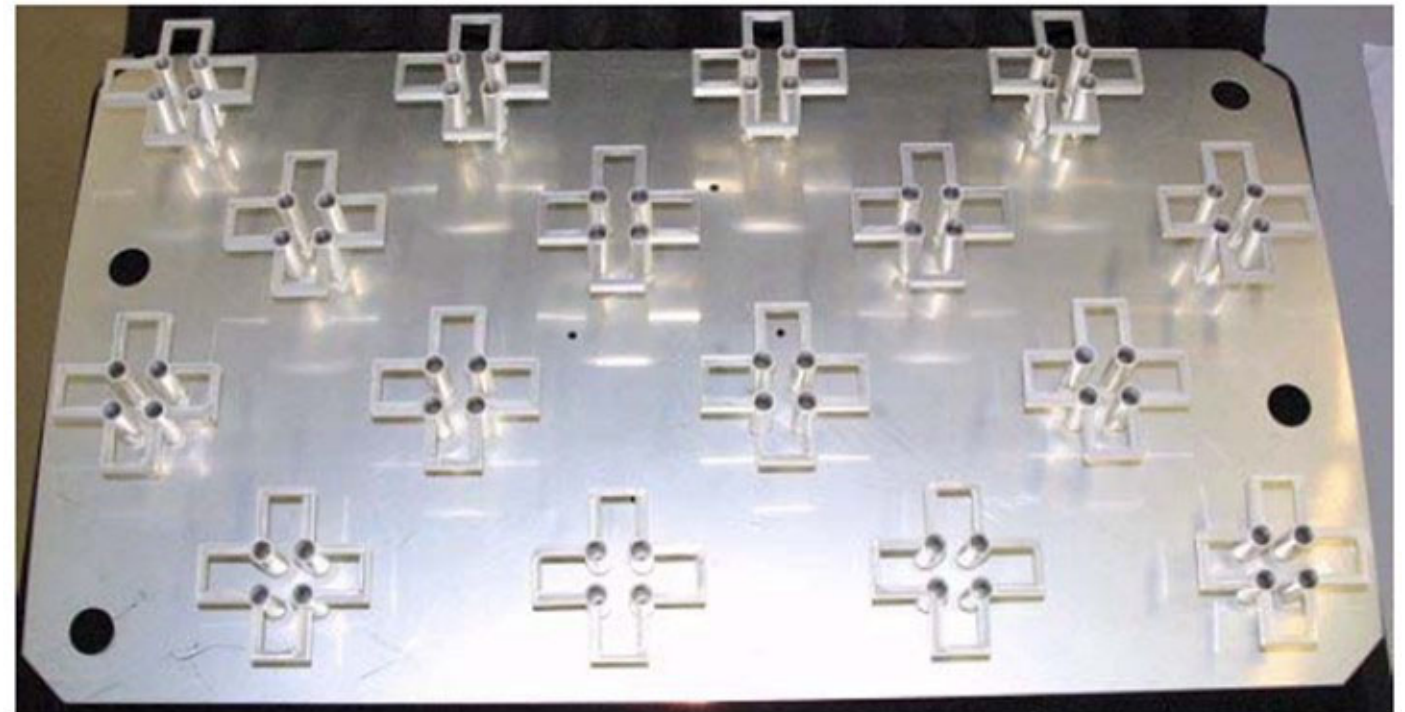
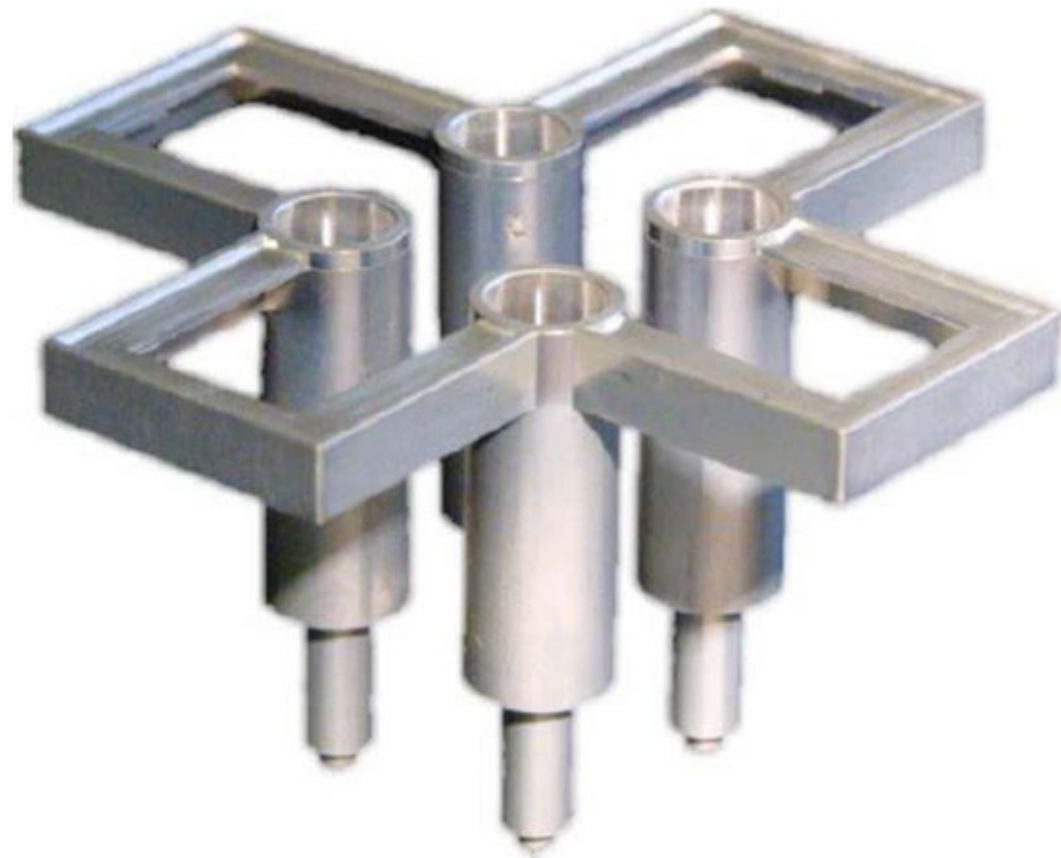
**Example 0 : Antenna : “conventional” : milling of etched copper-plated circuit board**

- dielectric waveguide leaky-wave antenna array (~ 35 GHz)
- con: limited degrees of freedom in design of metal / dielectric structure
- pro: use of “microwave dielectric” (low loss tangent, high permittivity)



**Example 1 : Antenna : fully metalized molded plastic**

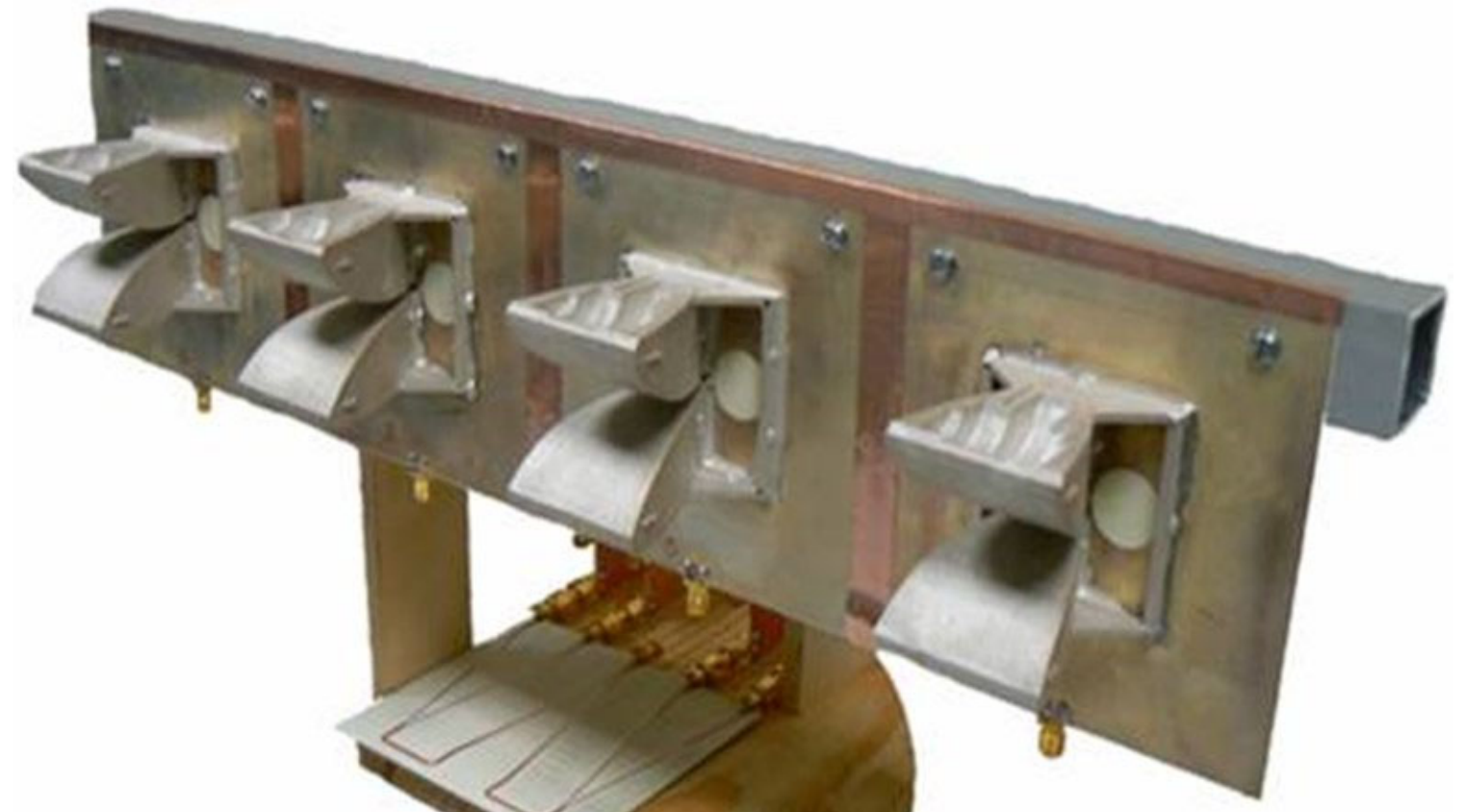
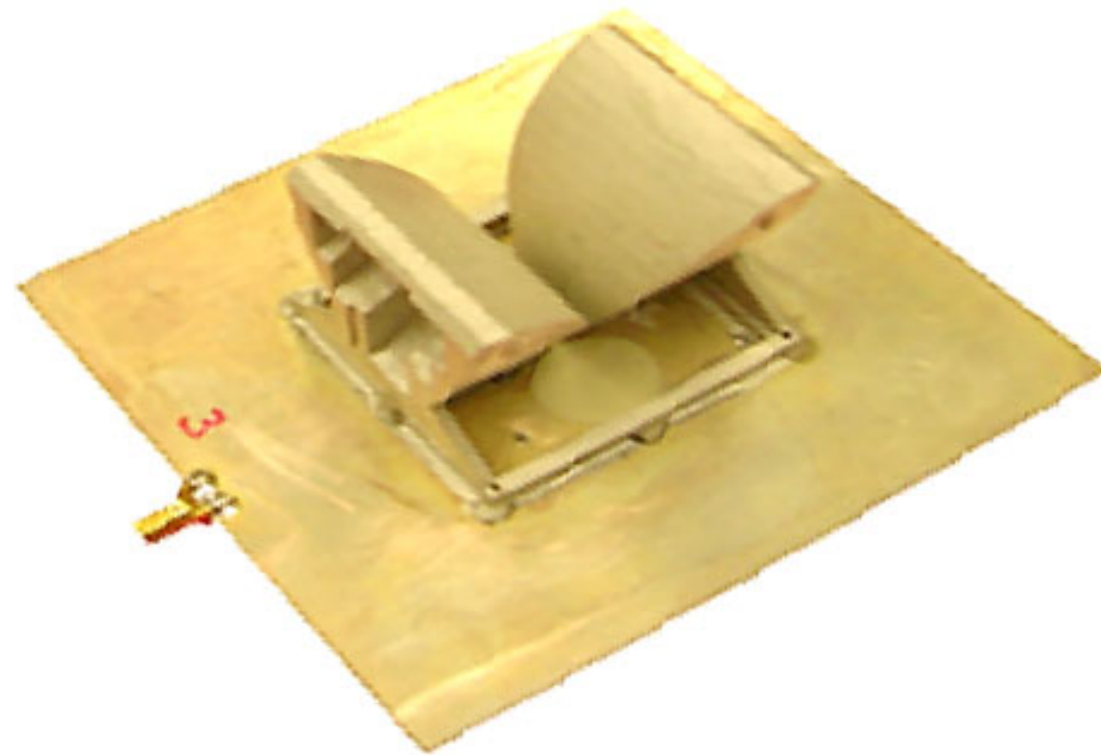
- **SMT mounted/soldered dual-polarized dipole-over-ground radiator for cellular (~ 2 GHz)**
- **large frequency bandwidth (result of structural complexity), low weight, mounting features**





**Example 2 : Antenna : fully metalized 3D-printed plastic**

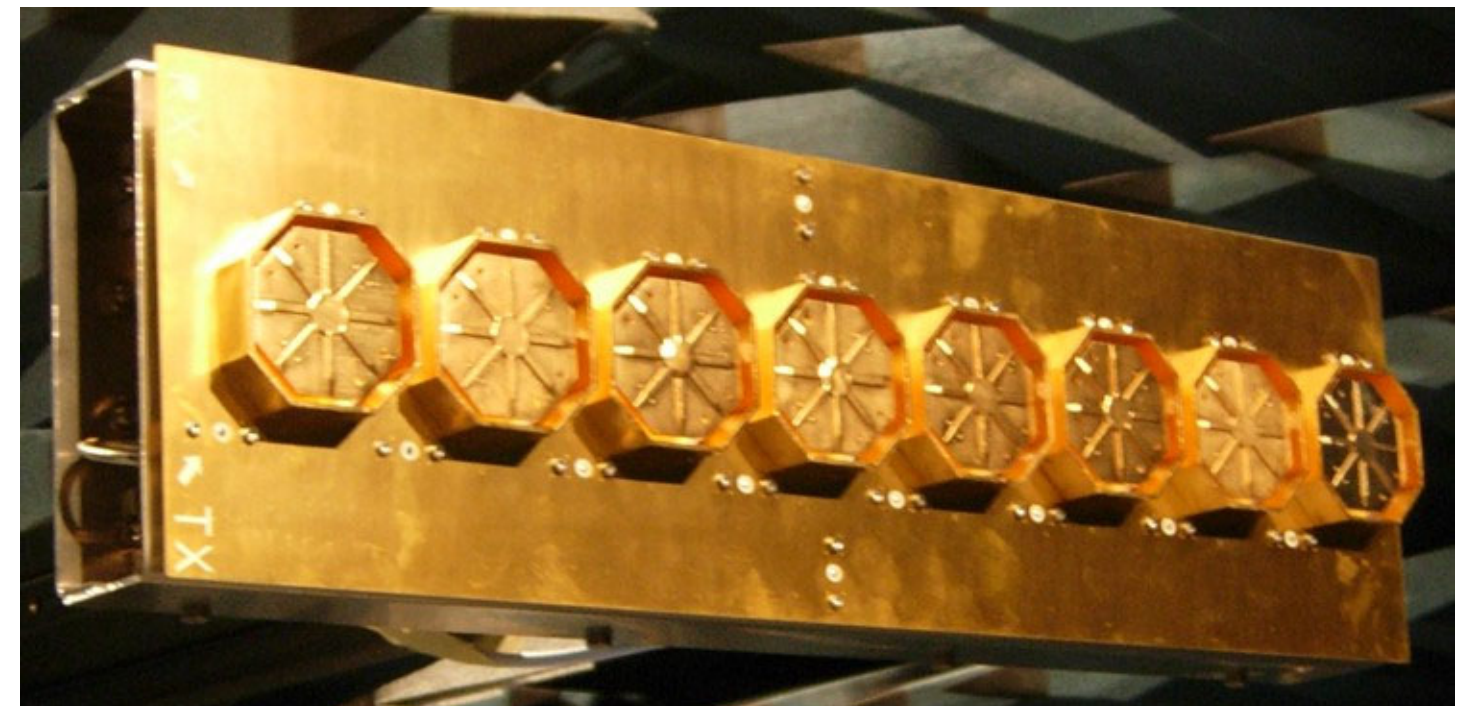
- research prototype 3D Vivaldi-type radiator for UWB (scaled, 1.9 GHz – 3.3 GHz)
- frequency-stable beam shape & large frequency bandwidth (result of structural complexity)





### Example 3 : Antenna : fully metalized 3D-printed plastic

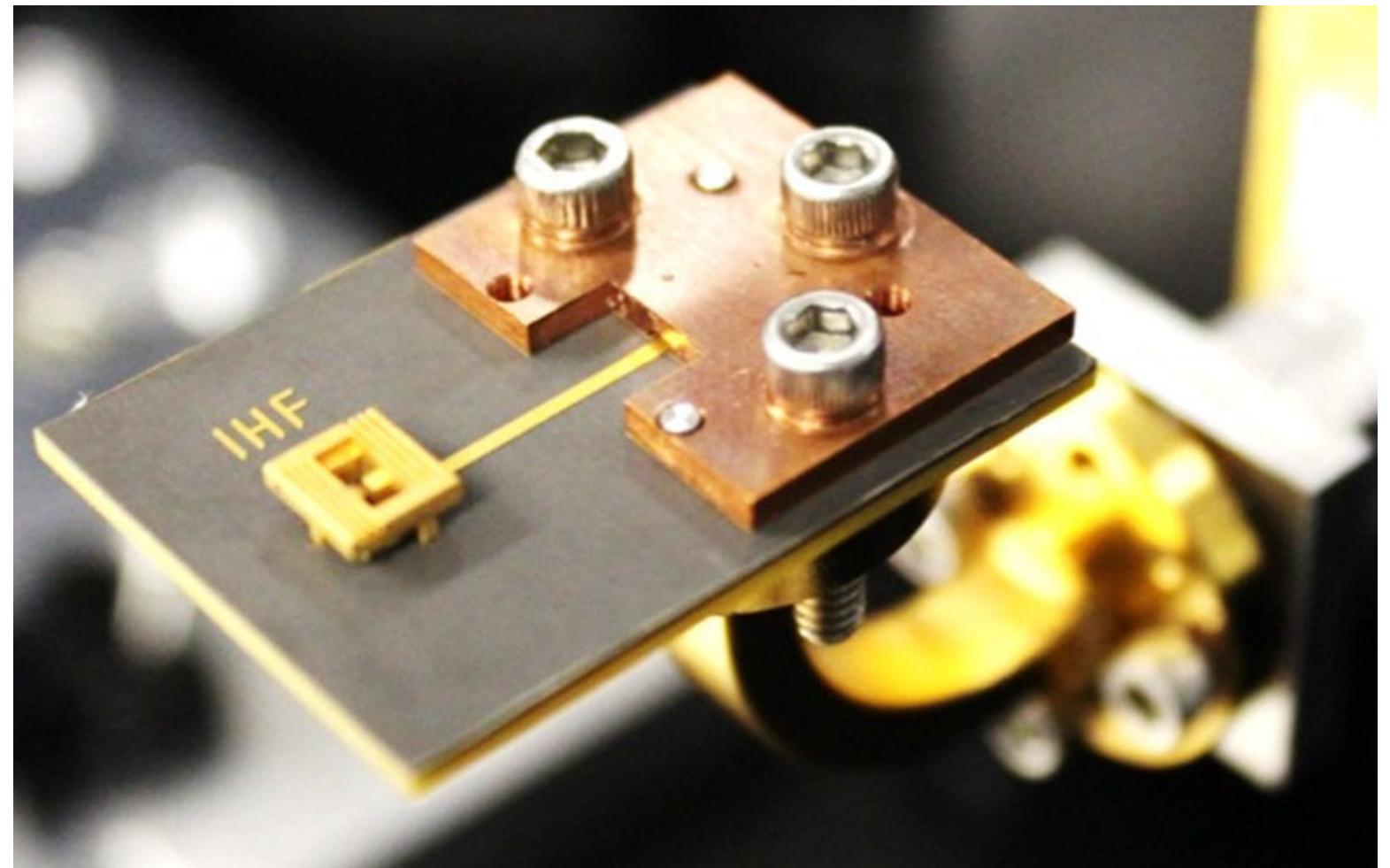
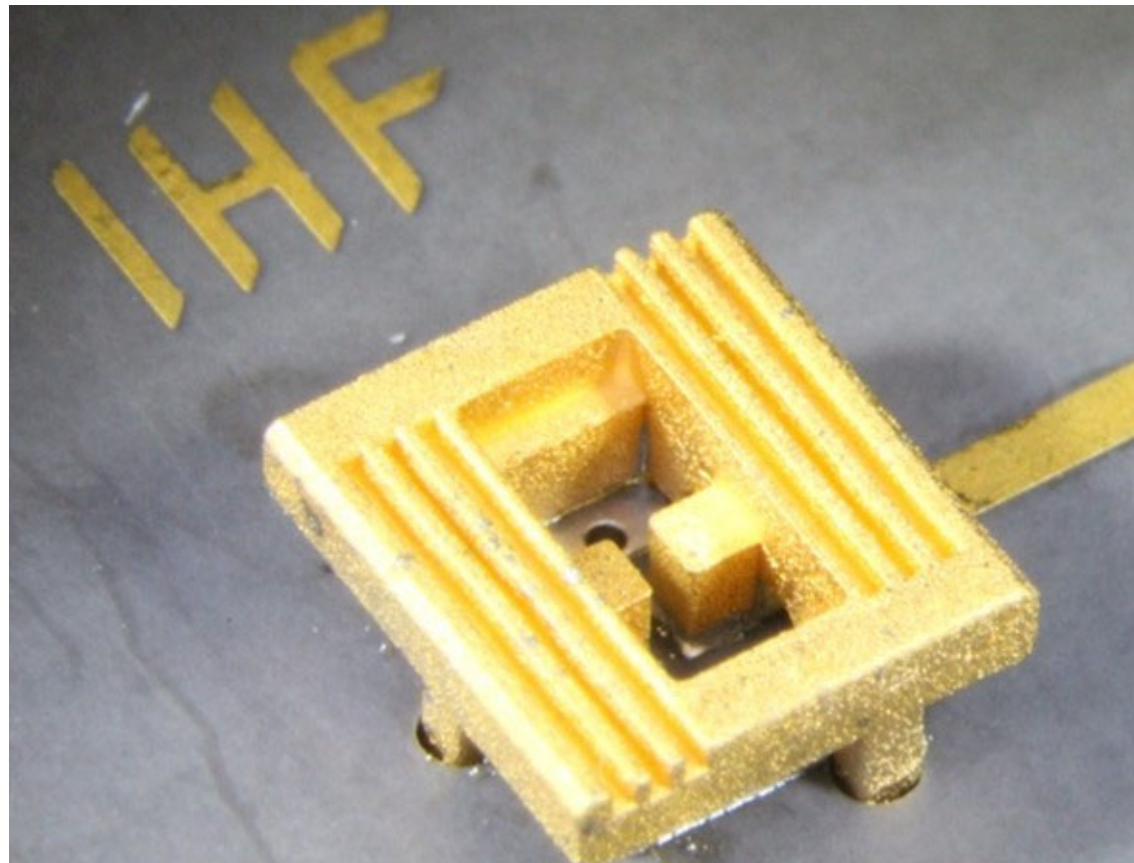
- research prototype 3D substrate-less dual-polarized patch antenna for cellular (~ 2 GHz)
- large frequency bandwidth (result of structural complexity), low weight, mounting features
- *unique*: no dielectric substrate for patch radiator (cost, weight, intermodulation, recycling)



**Example 4 : Antenna : fully metalized molded plastic**

- **SMT mounted/soldered horn-type radiator for 60-GHz frequency band**
- **large frequency bandwidth (result of structural complexity), record-high efficiency (low loss)**

[component of IMS Connector Systems]





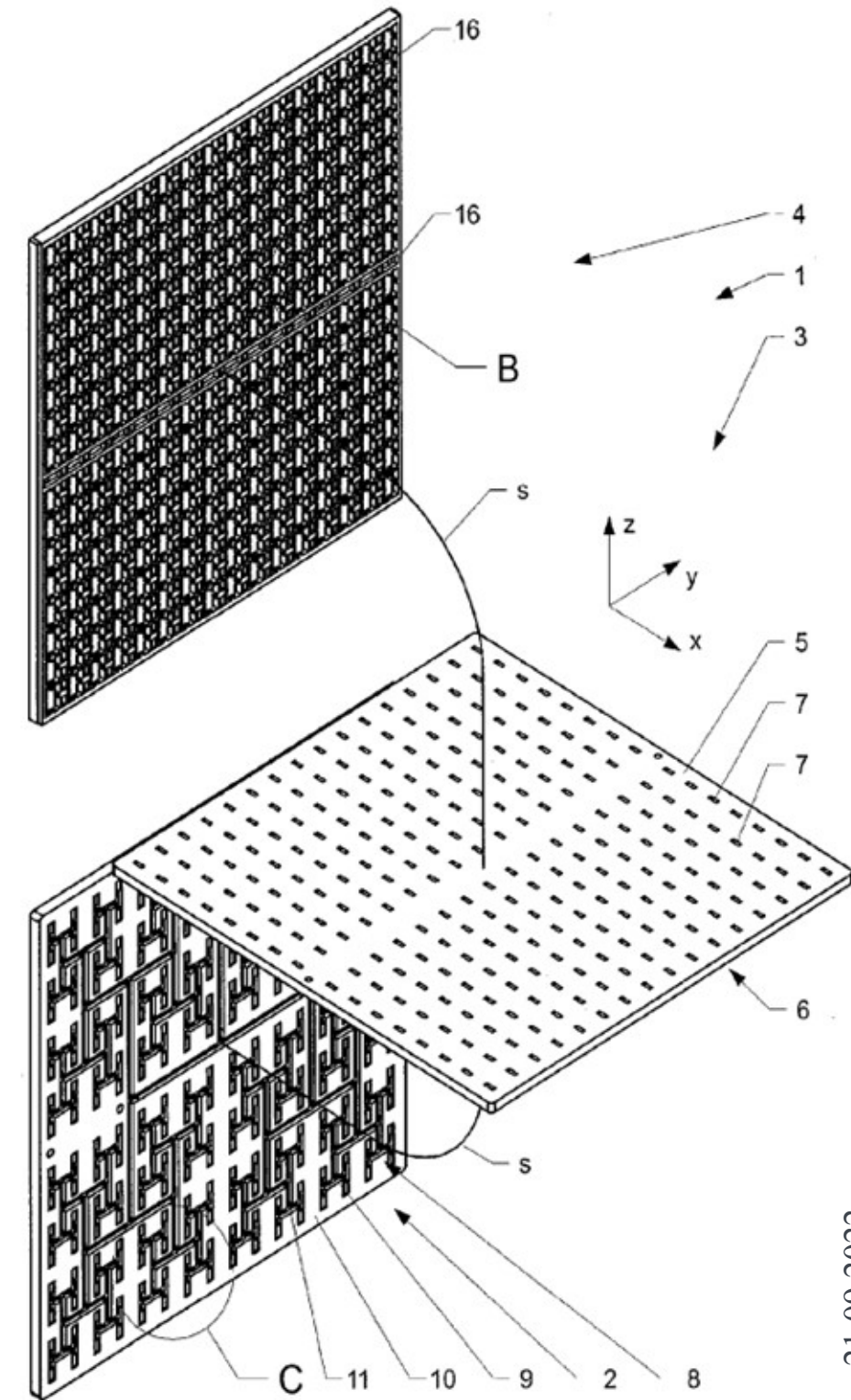
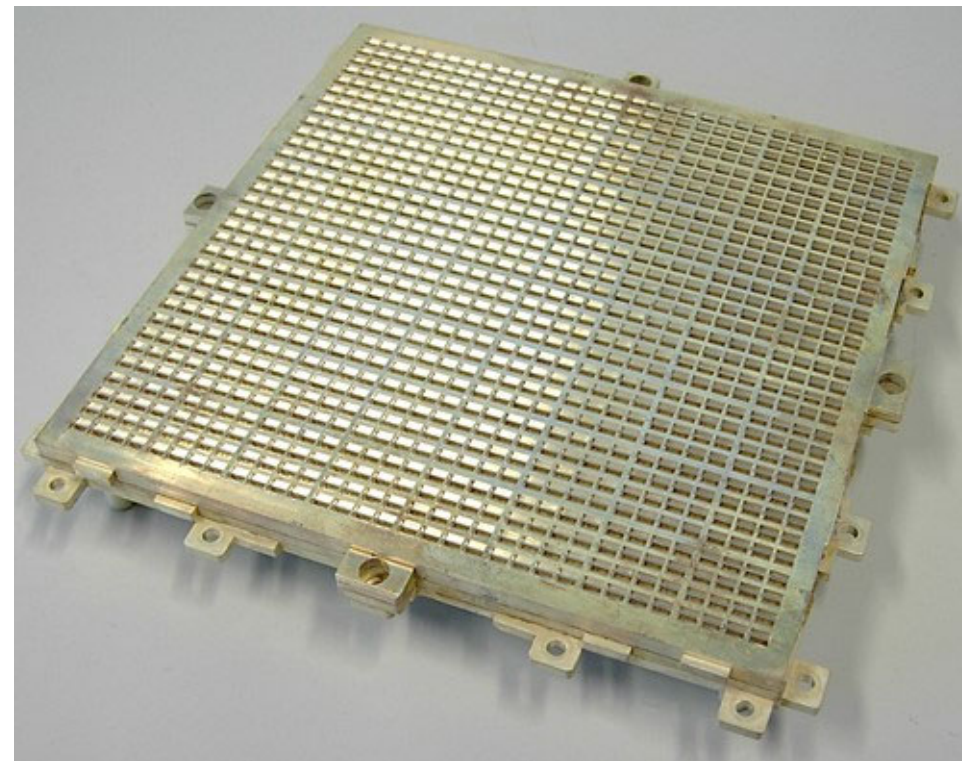
**Example 5 (1/2) : Antenna : fully metalized molded plastic**

**- connectorized 32x32-element open-ended-waveguide array with 1:1024 divider (60-GHz-band)**

**- large frequency bandwidth (result of structural complexity), record-high efficiency (low loss)**

**- *unique*: smaller size (both area and depth) than equivalent parabolic mirror antenna**

[component of Huber+Suhner]





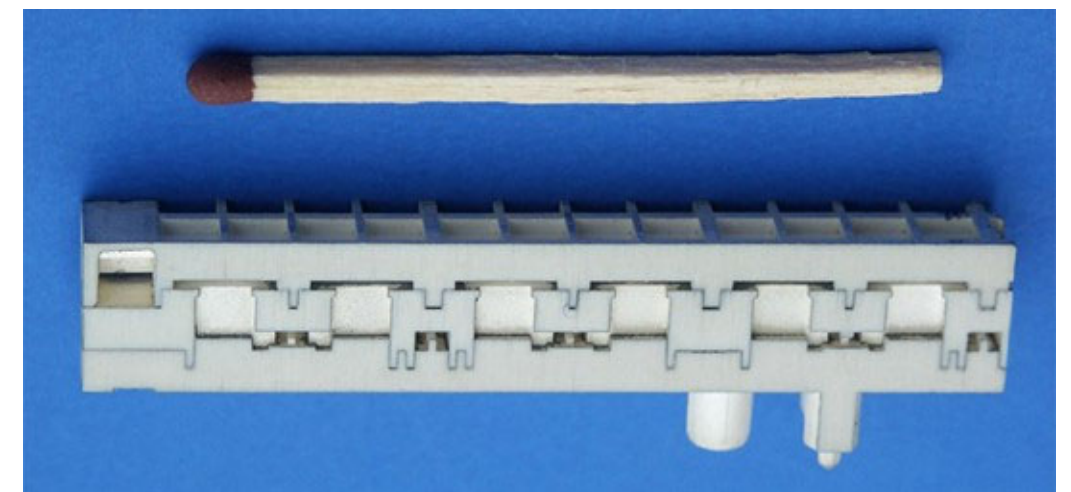
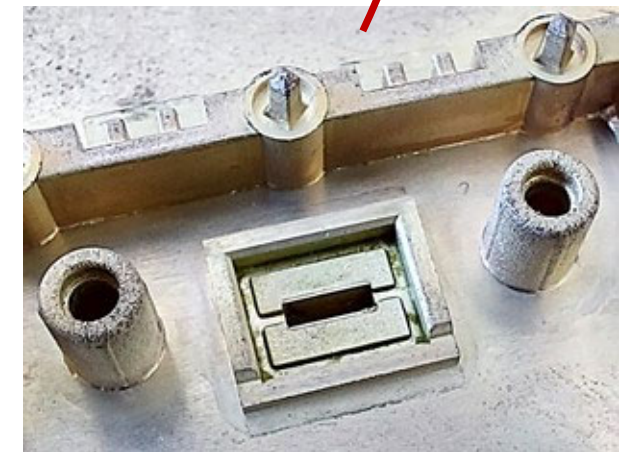
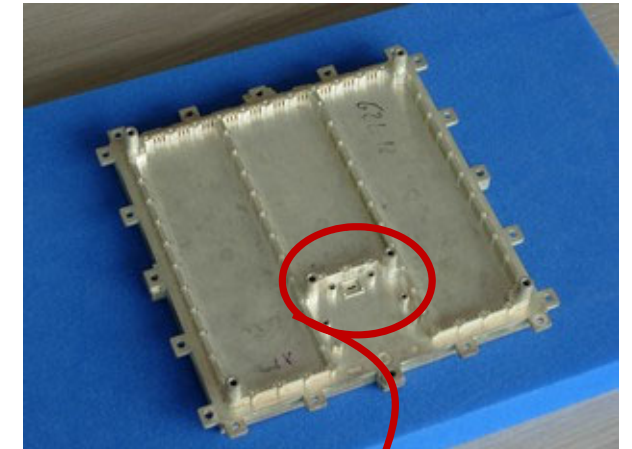
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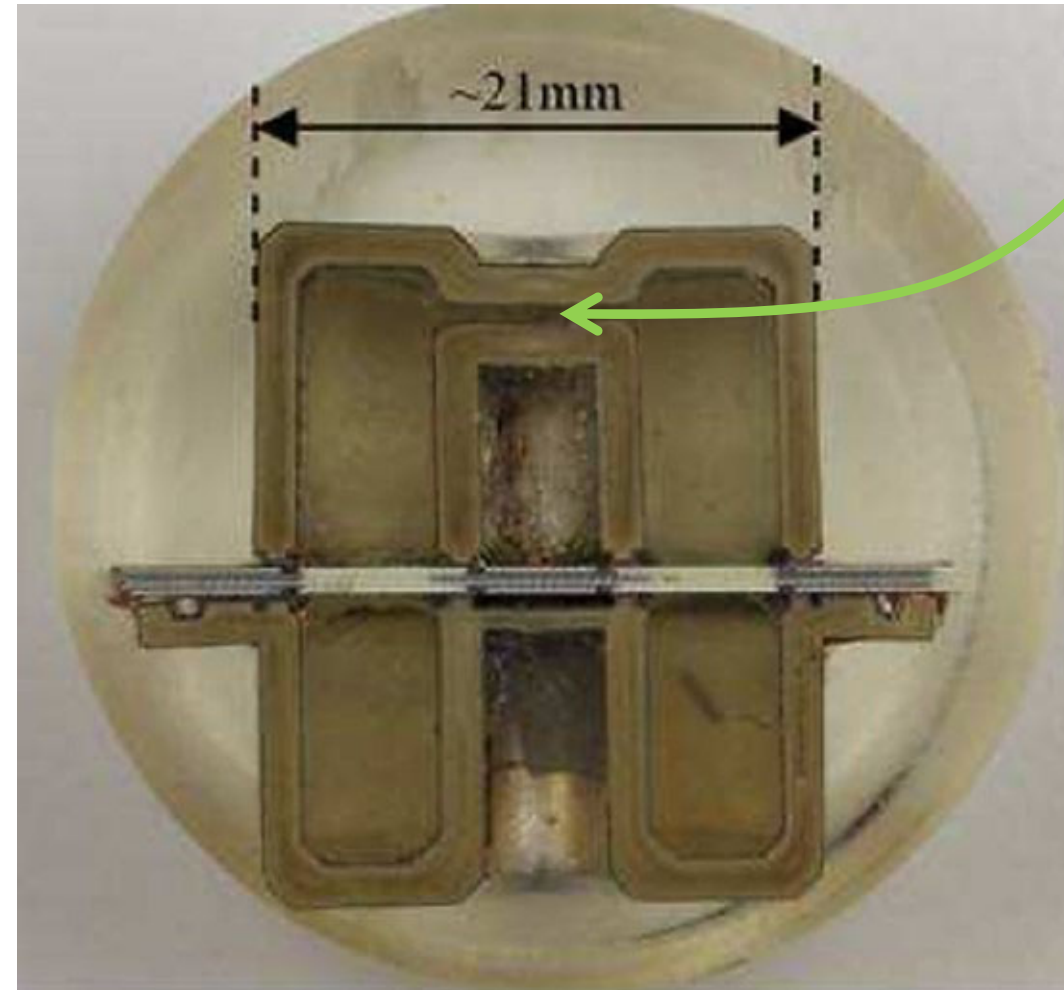
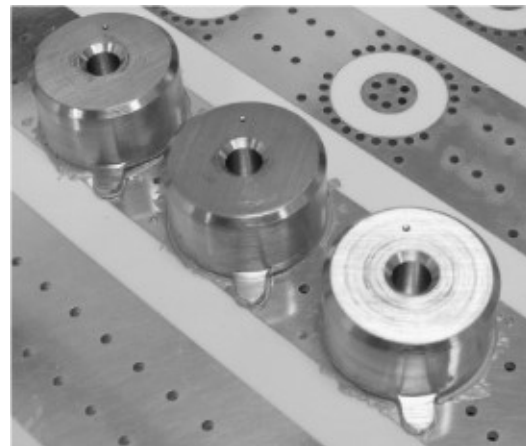
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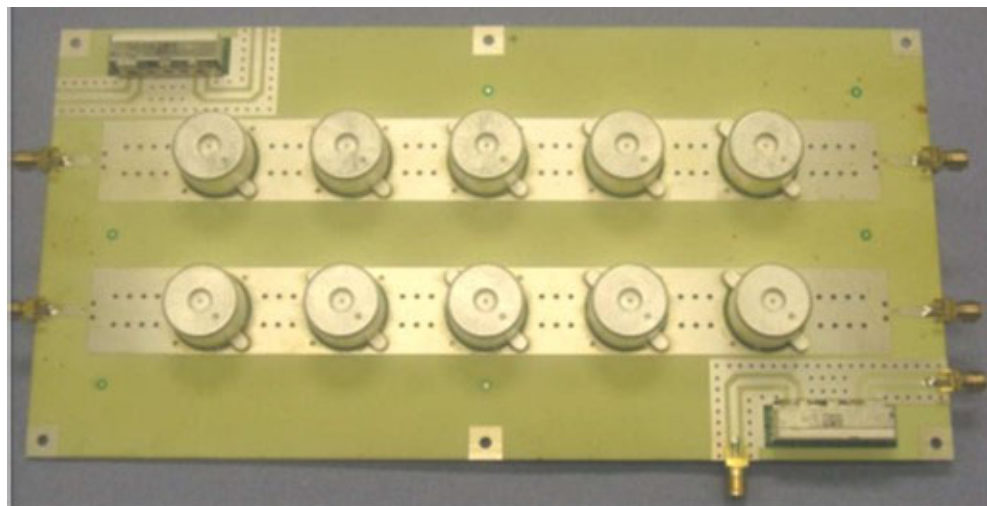


### Example 6 : Bandpass frequency filter : fully metalized molded plastic

- SMT mounted/soldered re-entrant coax resonator(s) (~2 GHz)
- *unique*: much lower loss than board-based filters, much simpler than full-3D filters

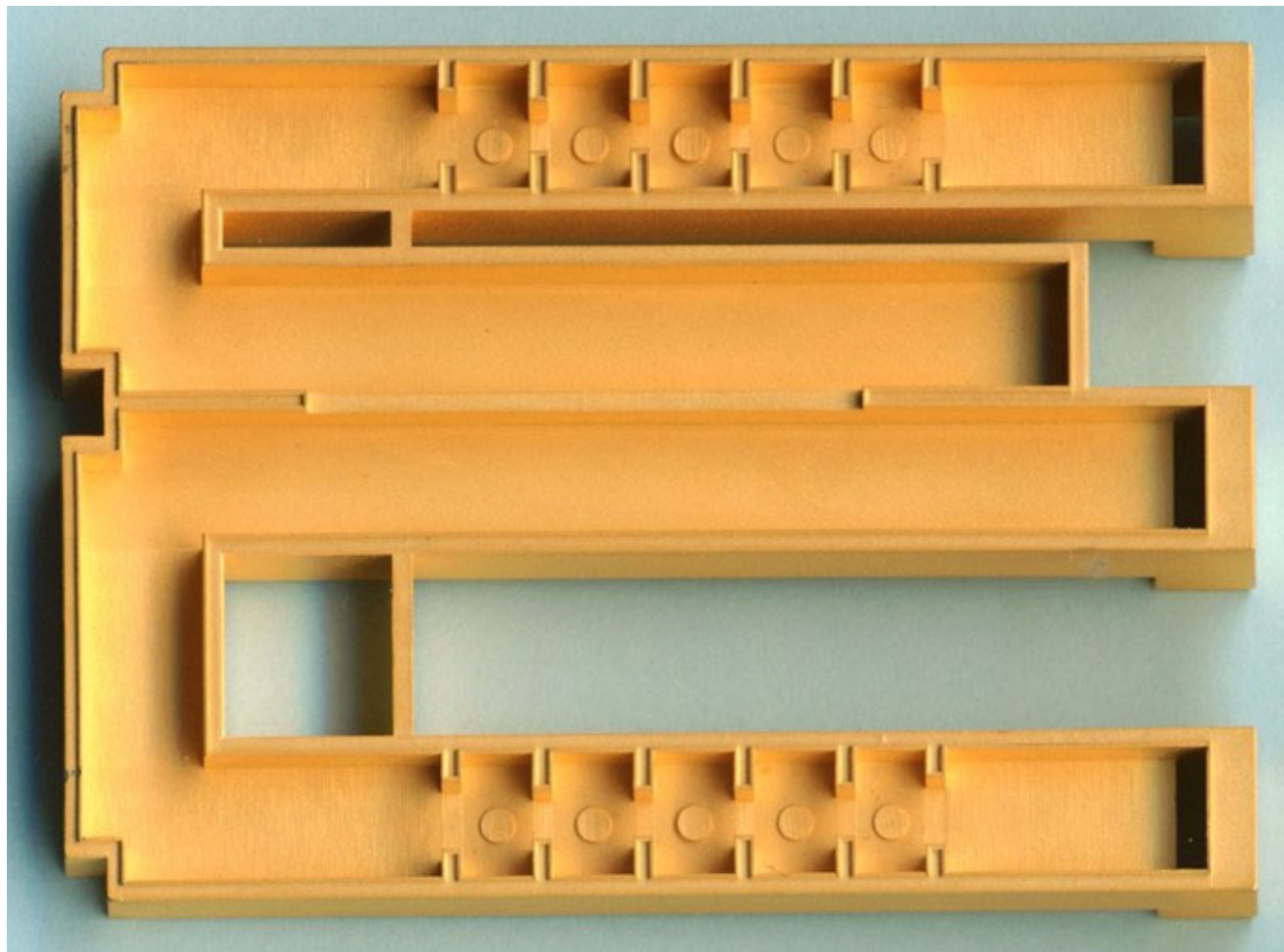


critical gap distance  
(dielectric spacer?)

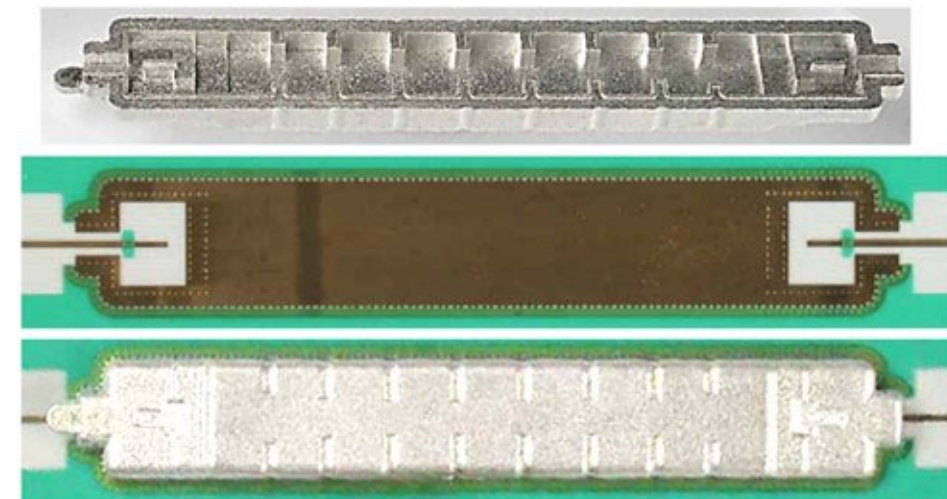


**Example 7 : Bandpass frequency filter : fully metalized molded plastic**

- **SMT mounted/soldered rectangular waveguide iris filter (diplexer) (~33 GHz)**
- **rods in molding form to adjust for parts-shrinkage and large-quantity abrasion correction**



Assembly concept:



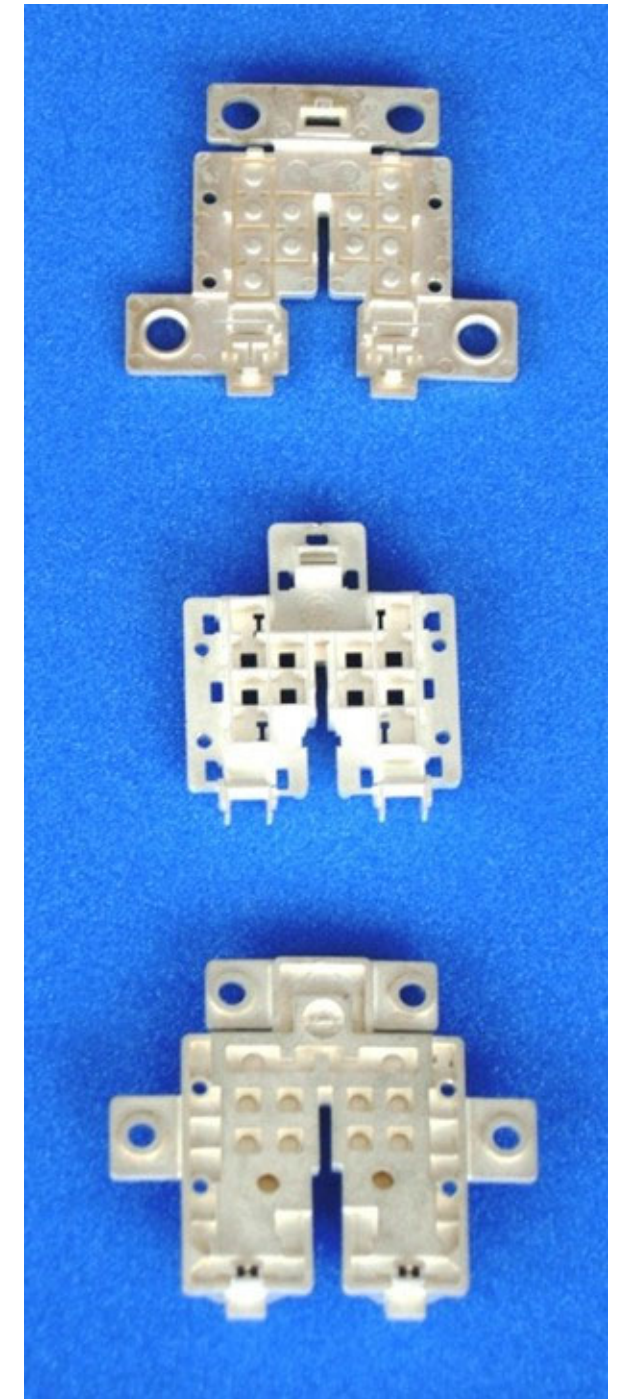
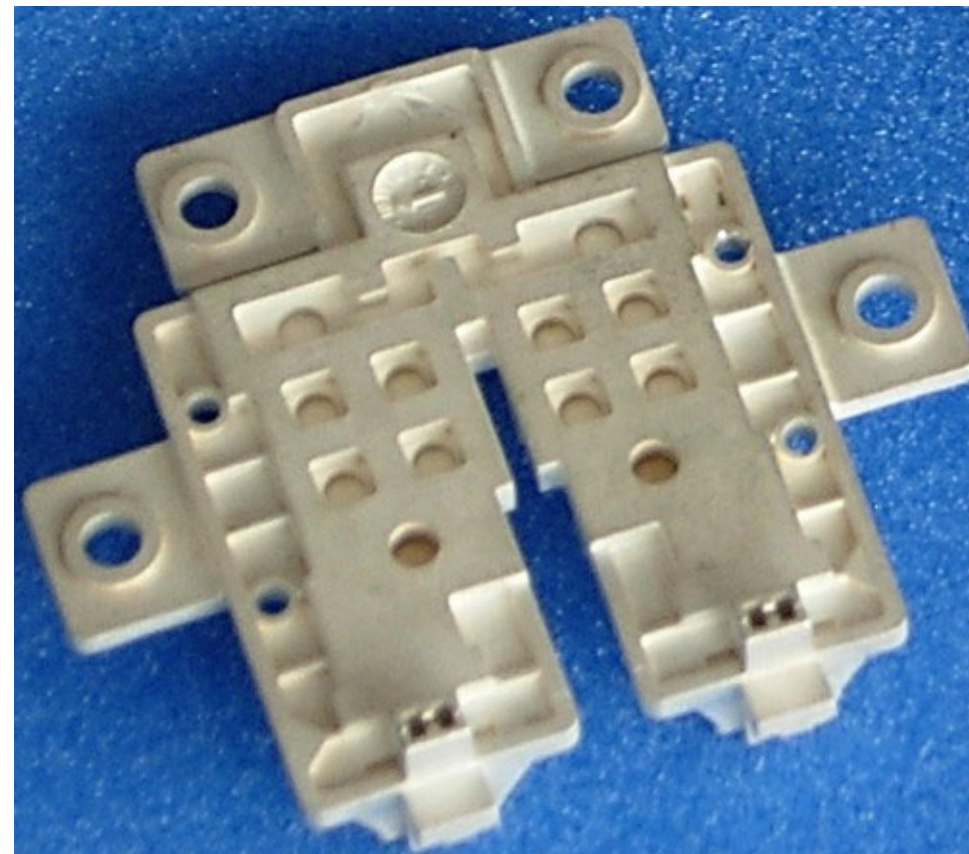
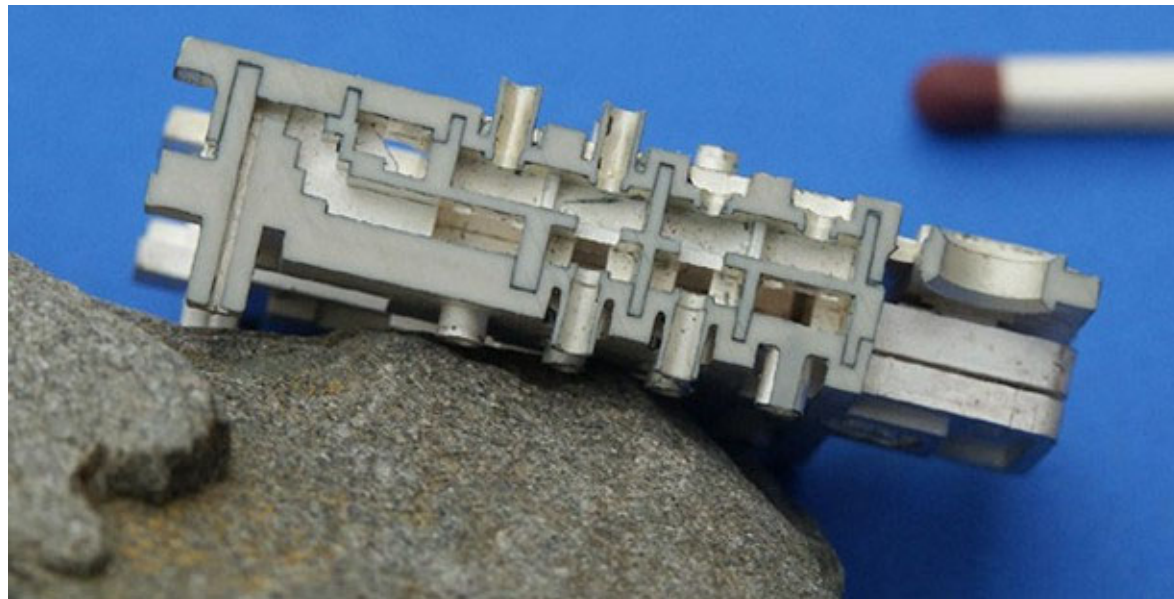
[component of EADS]



**Example 8 : Bandpass frequency filter : fully metalized molded plastic**

- rectangular waveguide iris filter (diplexer) (~60 GHz)
- rods in molding form for adjustments
- *unique*: specific in/out connections (replacing screwed flanges)

[component of Huber+Suhner]

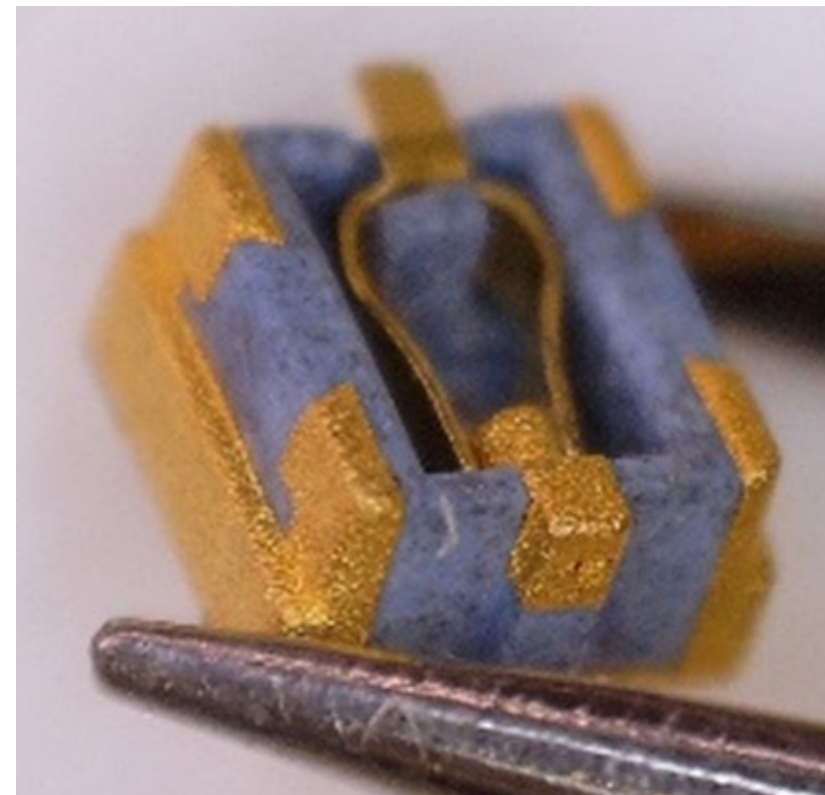
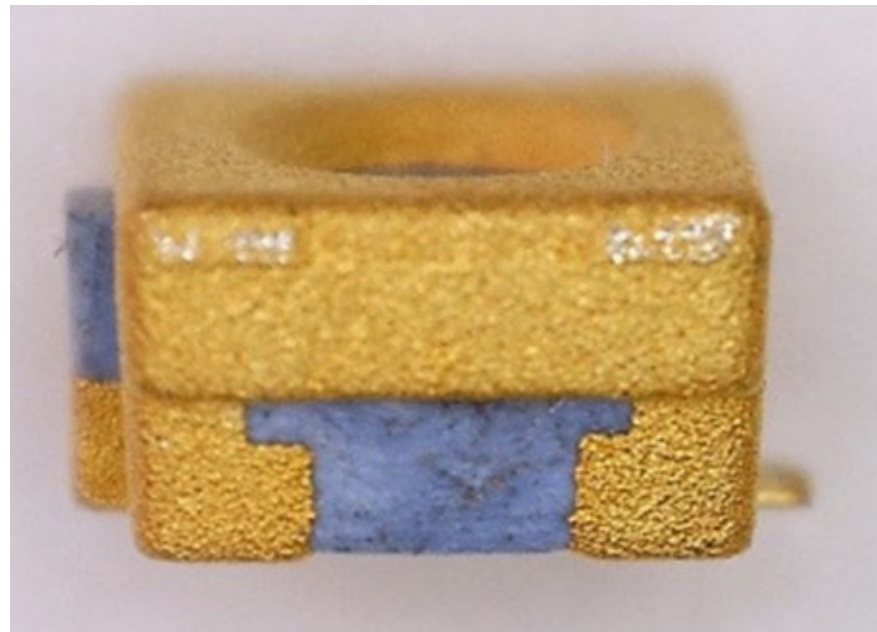




**Example 9 : Connector : partly metalized dual-molded plastic**

**- SMT mounted/soldered coaxial connector with switch (3 GHz)**

[component of IMS Connector Systems]





### Example 10 : Antenna : partly metalized (laser-actuated metalization) molded plastic

- SMT mounted/soldered LDS antennas

[pictures taken from catalogue/datasheets of Molex]



dual-band (2.4 GHz & 5-6 GHz)

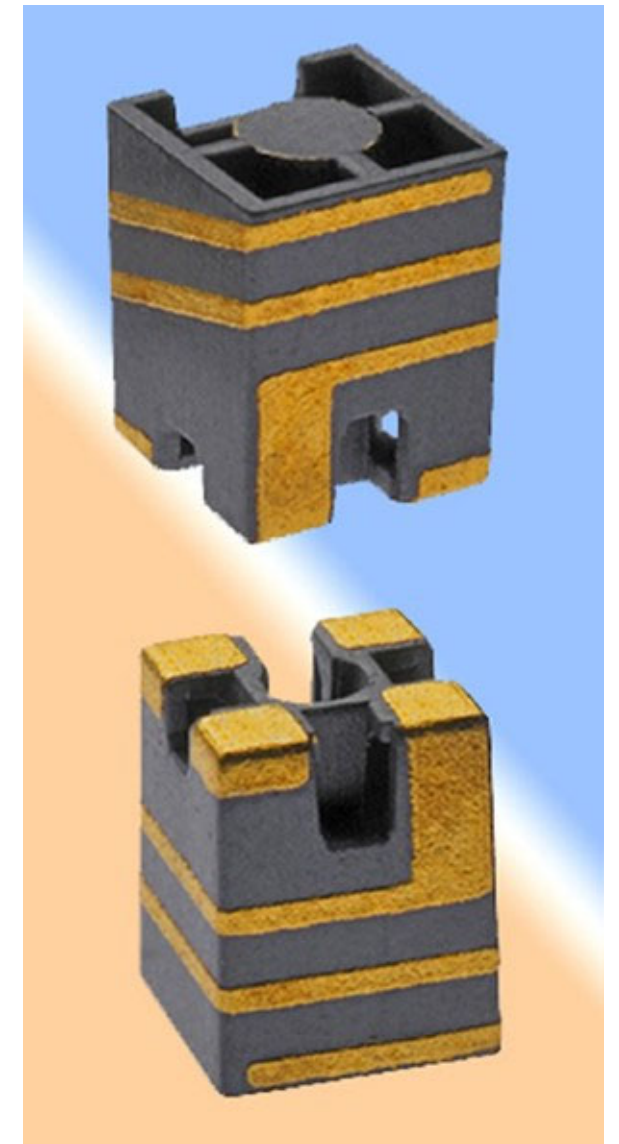
3 x 5 x 4 mm<sup>3</sup>



PIFA (1.575 GHz)

12 x 12 x 6mm<sup>3</sup>

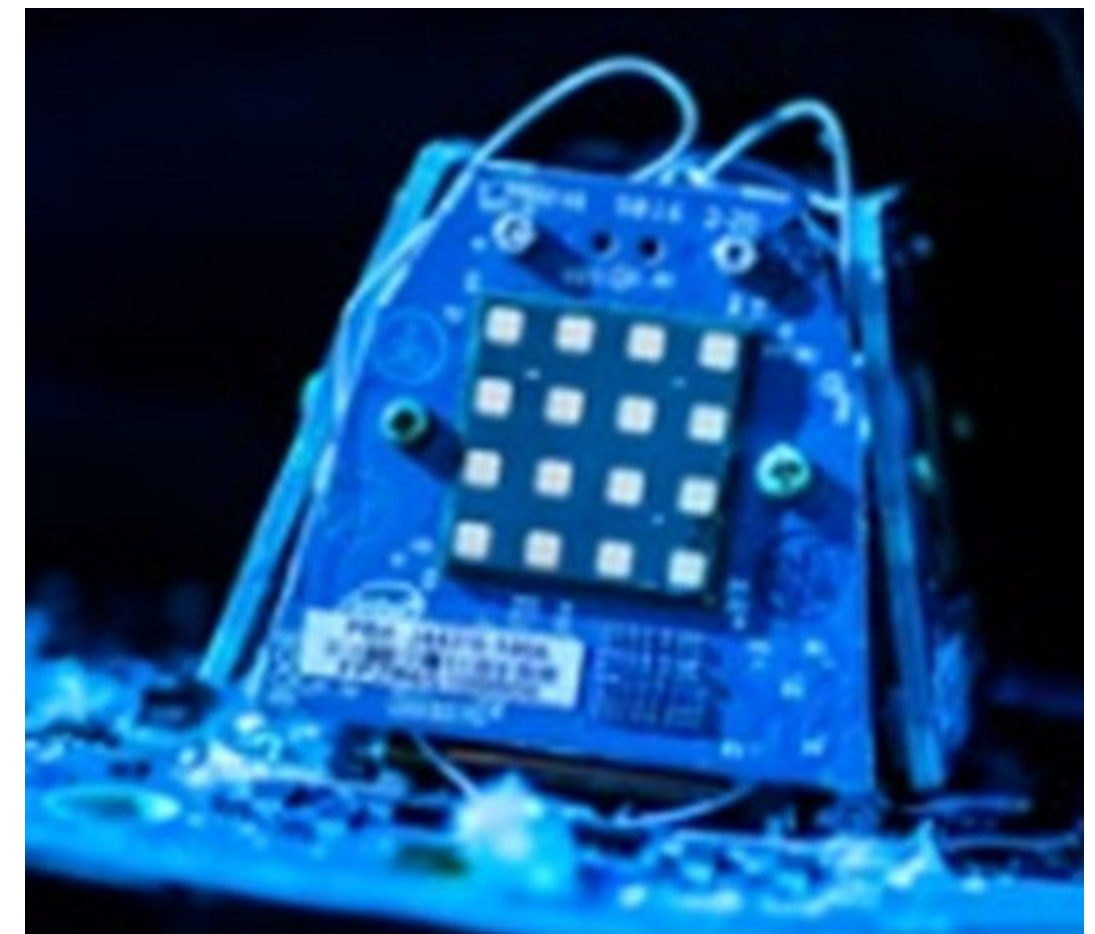
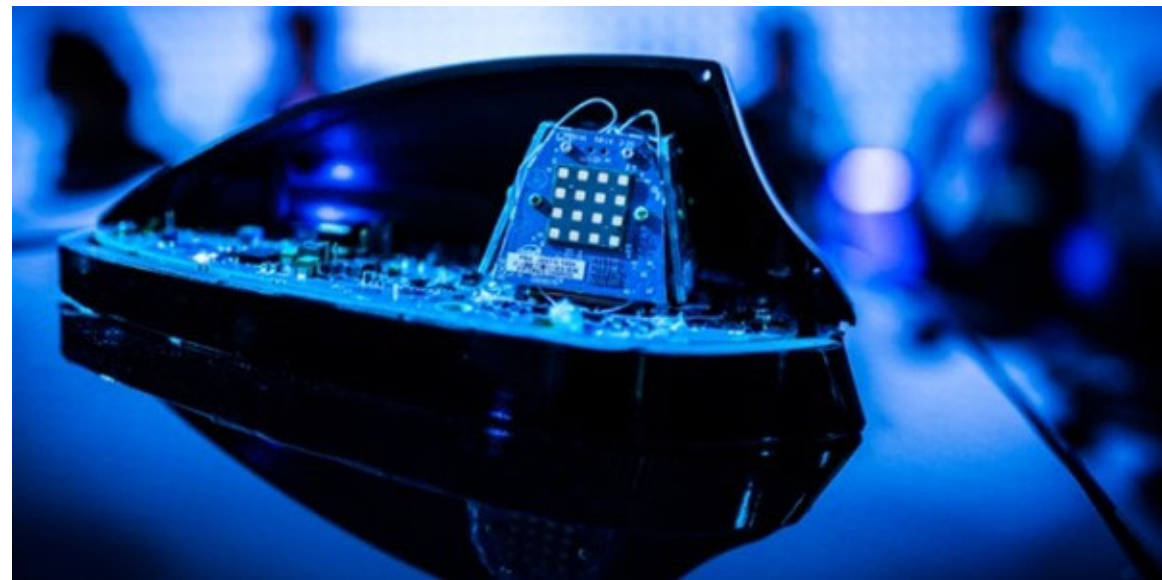
bi-filar helix antenna (2.4 GHz)



**Example 11 (1/4) : sub-system : partly metalized (laser-actuated metalization) molded plastic**

- project “KOM-MID”: 28 GHz LDS-MID sub-system with active electronics and antennas
- problem: 5G shark-fin car-roof antenna with hemi-spherical coverage: ridiculous packaging

[Ericsson/Intel 5G trial, 2017]

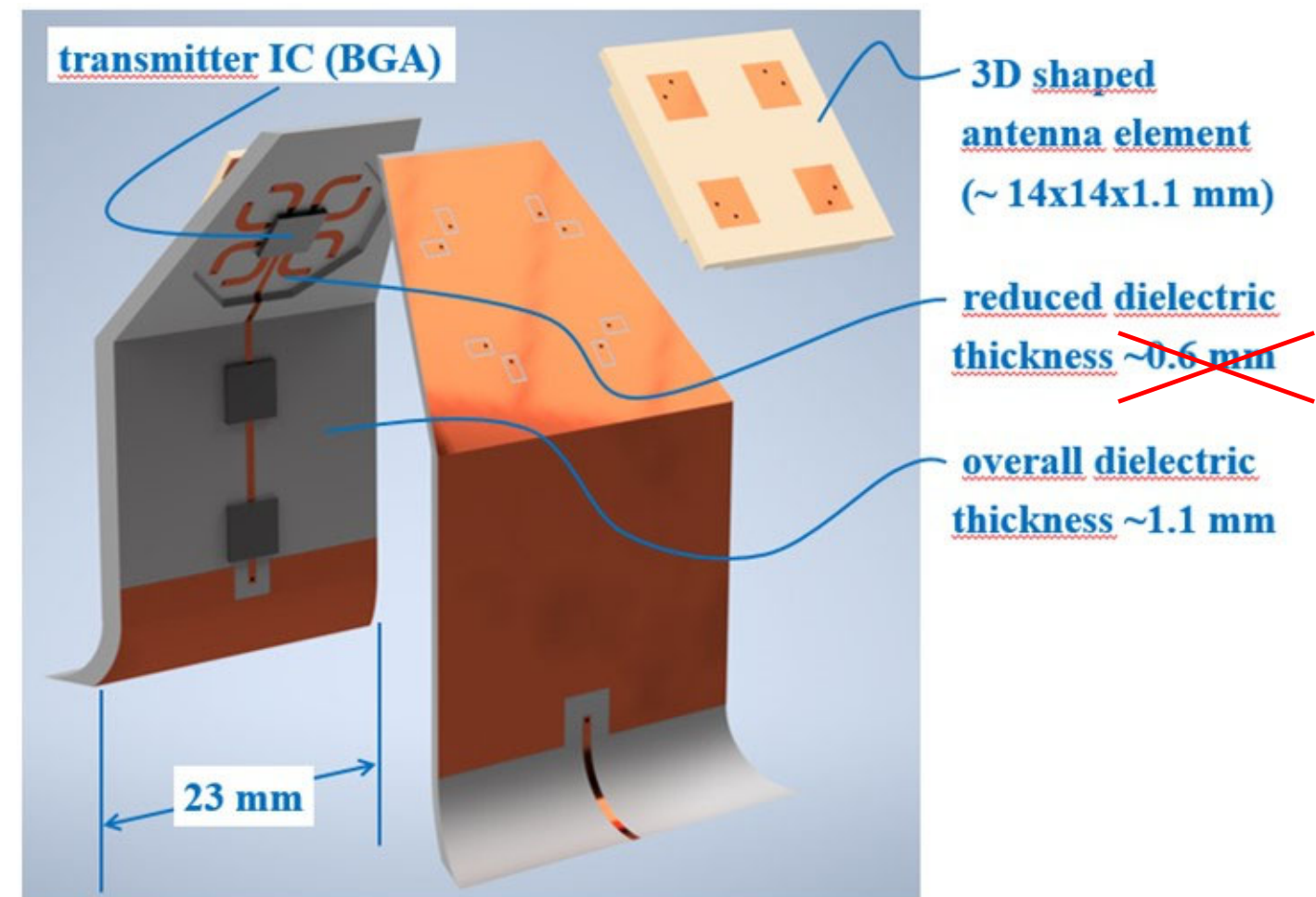
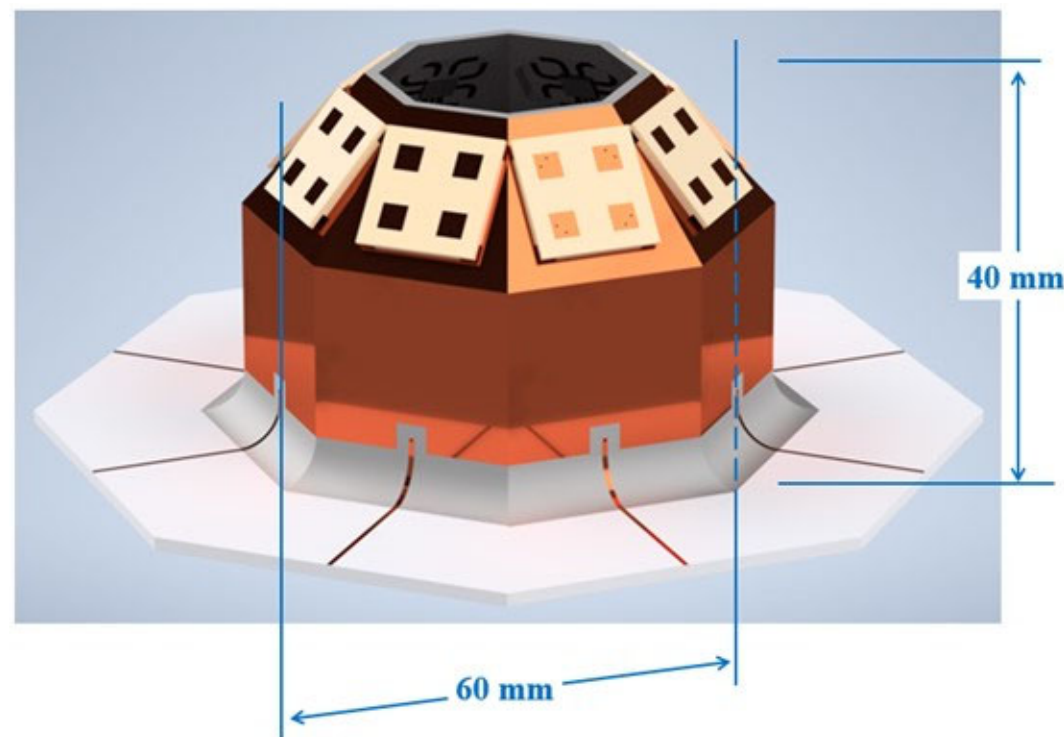




### Example 11 (2/4) : sub-system : partly metalized (laser-actuated metalization) molded plastic

- project “KOM-MID”: 28 GHz LDS-MID sub-system with active electronics and antennas

+ basic 3D structure for hemi-spherical beam steering:



**Example 11 (3/4) : sub-system : partly metalized (laser-actua**

**- project “KOM-MID”: 28 GHz LDS-MID sub-system with activ**

+ LDS-MID 3D parts: “antenna” mounted on “sector”:

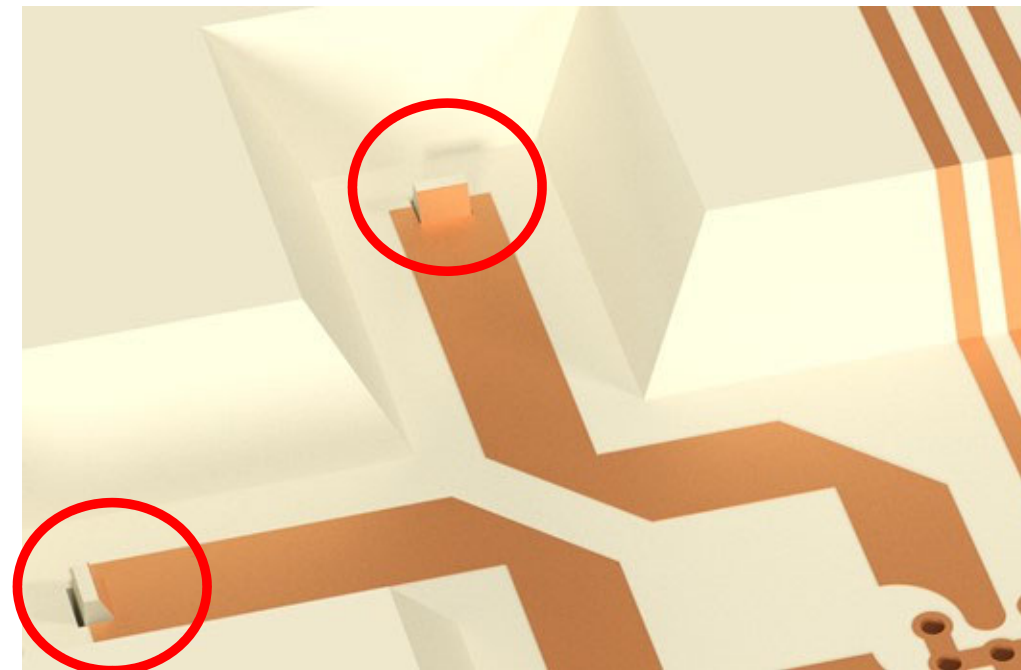
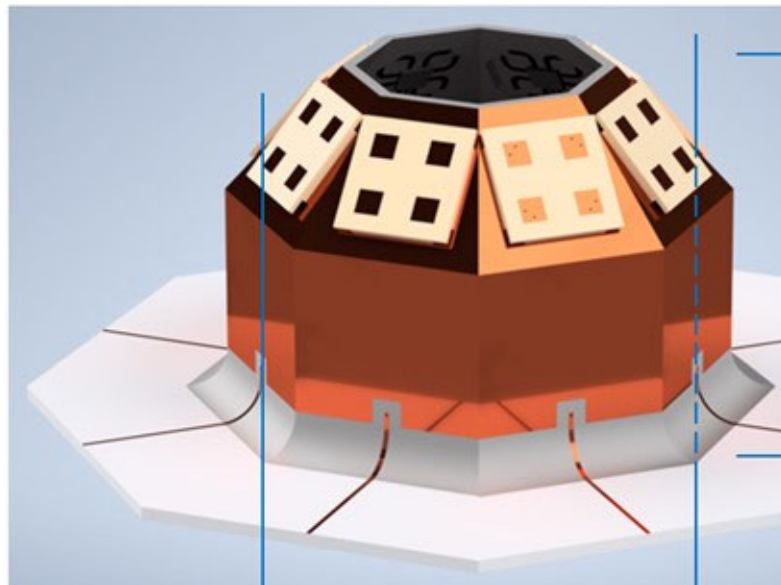




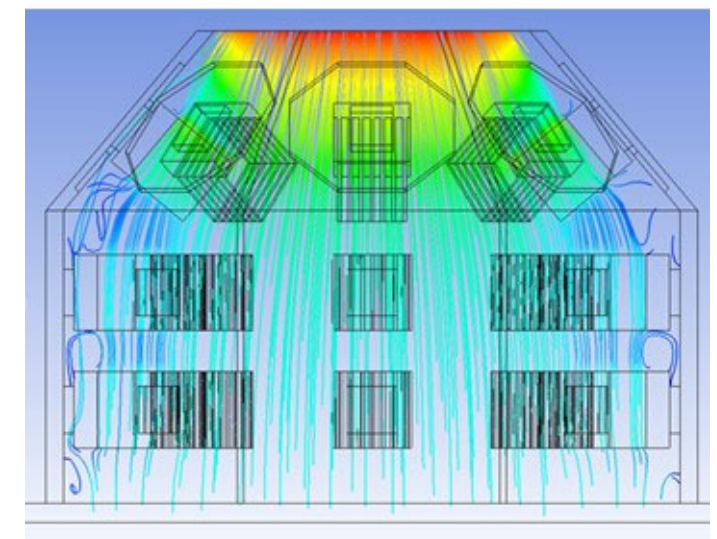
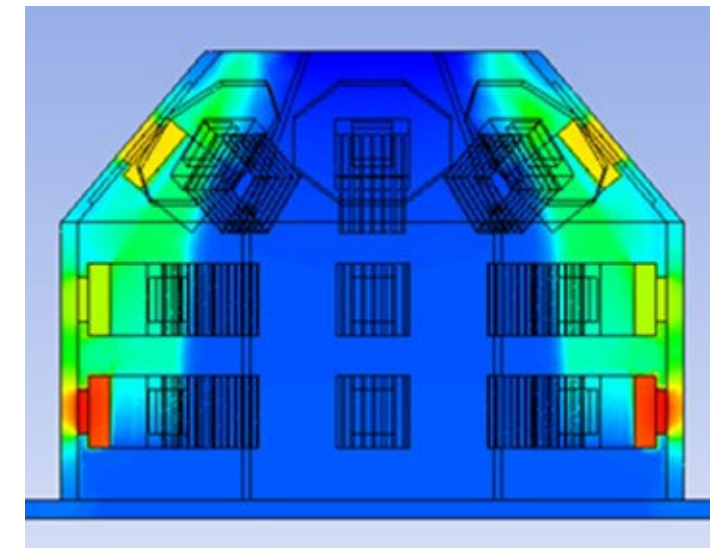
**Example 11 (4/4) : sub-system : partly metalized (laser-actuated metalization) molded plastic**

**- project “KOM-MID”: 28 GHz LDS-MID sub-system with active electronics and antennas**

+ technical challenges: connection for 28 GHz; thermal management



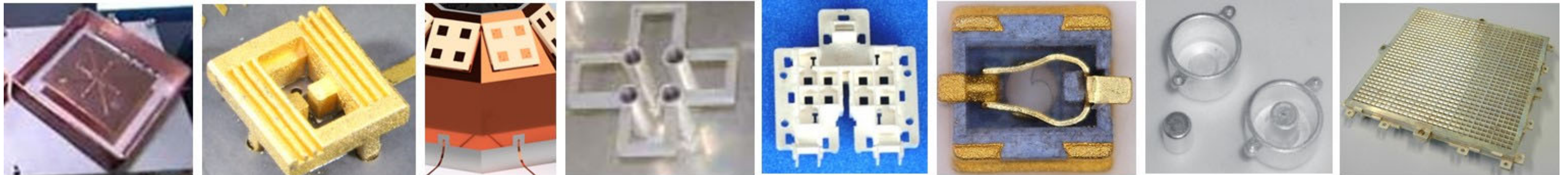
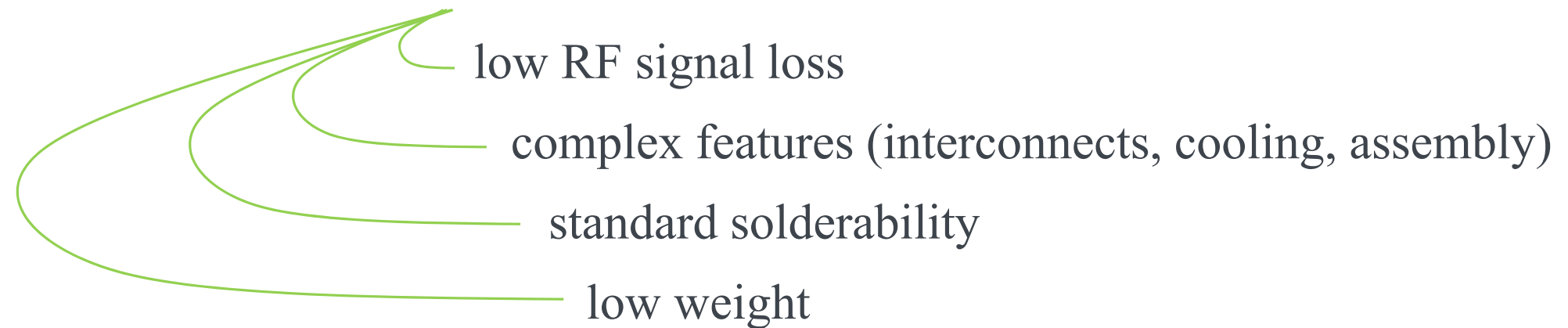
metalized tilted slope plug+pin



forced flow of air with cooling fins (temp, flow):

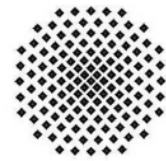
## Conclusion:

- specifics of metalized-plastic technology must be respected in applications of mm-wave
  - + structural shape (indentations, shadowing), detail size & accuracy, quantity & NRE-costs
- suitable application cases result in unique performance and competitive cost



# Thank You

# Questions?

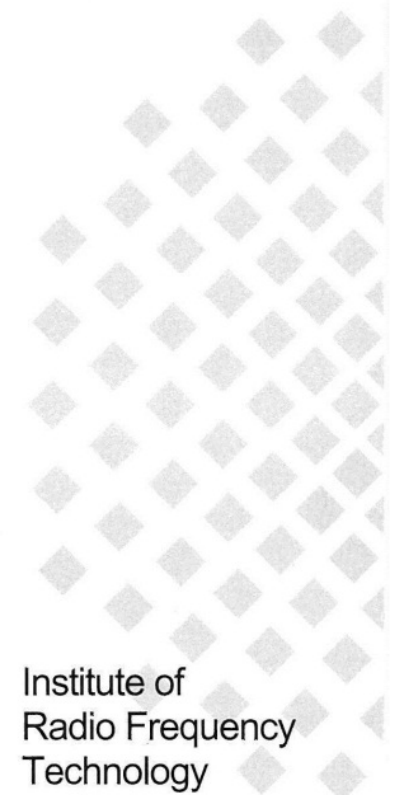


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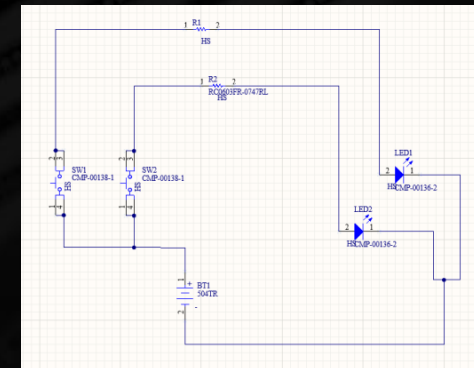
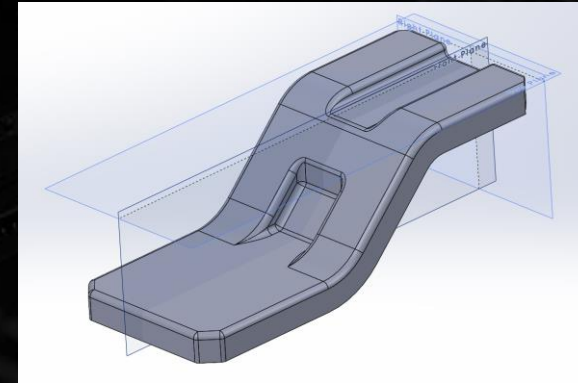
# Advantages of 3D Circuit Design in an ECAD Tool

September 21, 2022

**Christian Röck**  
Field Application Engineer

# Current situation

- **MID - Who's domain is that ?**
  - Mechanical or Electrical
  - actually both as it is a combination
- **What tools are used ?**
  - Mechanical tools
    - used for the mechanical part
    - electrical either complex and multiple exchange based on 2D files
    - or time consuming "Freehand" Design
  - Electrical tools
    - not able to support 3D
    - need complex import - export based on 2D File formats
    - multiple repeats of manual file exchange



# Designing with MCAD only

- **Disconnected and Distorted Projected Trace Sketches**
- **Logically Disconnected**
- **No ECAD Component Library**
- **Time Consuming “Freehand” PCB design**



# A Better Solution

**Altium**®

- **Netlist Displayed Connections**

Optimize routing with better component placement

- **Clearance and Connection Check Rules**

Prevent mechanical and electrical problems

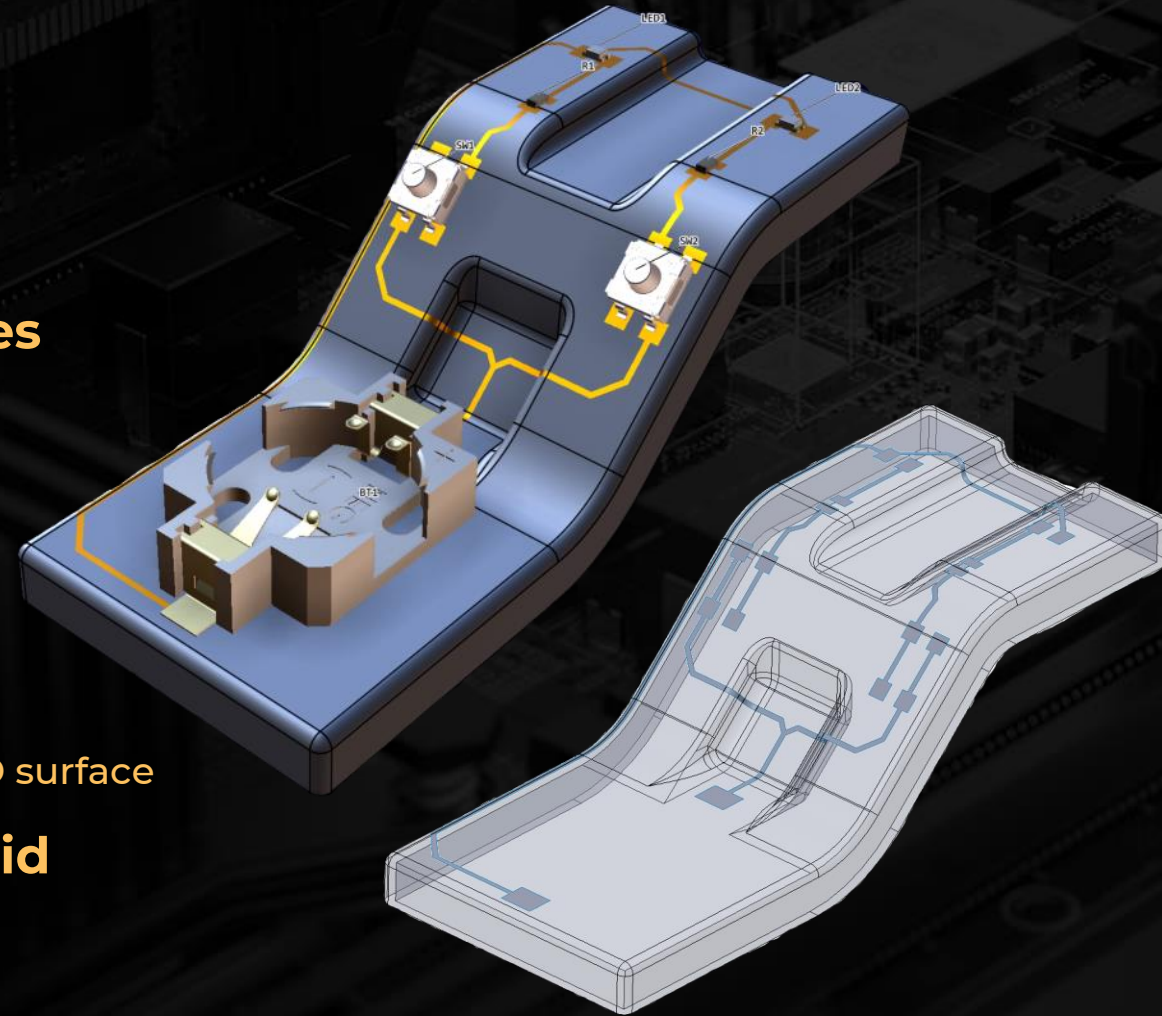
- **100.000s Components Available**

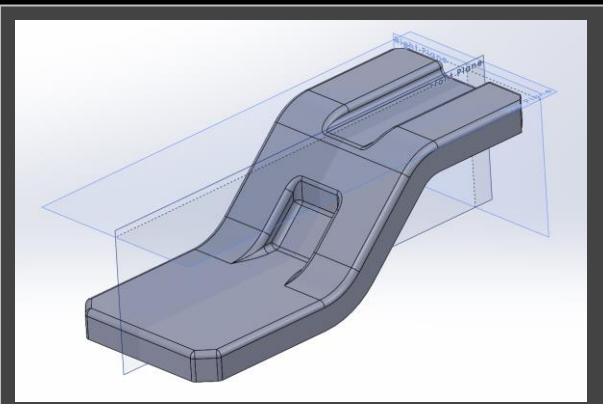
Save time making use of existing component models

- **Direct 3D Routing Over Substrate**

Speed up routing by laying traces directly over the 3D surface

- **Output Formats STEP, IGES or Parasolid**

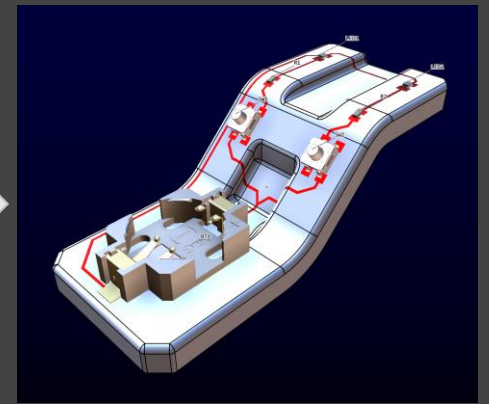
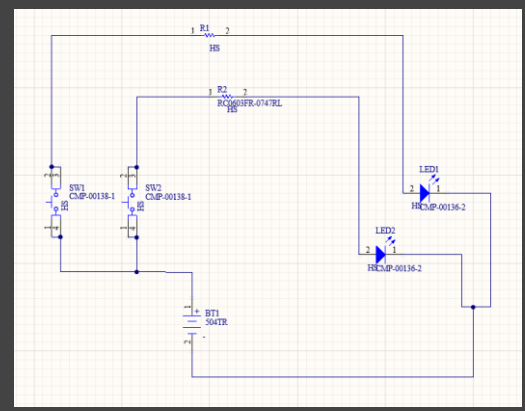




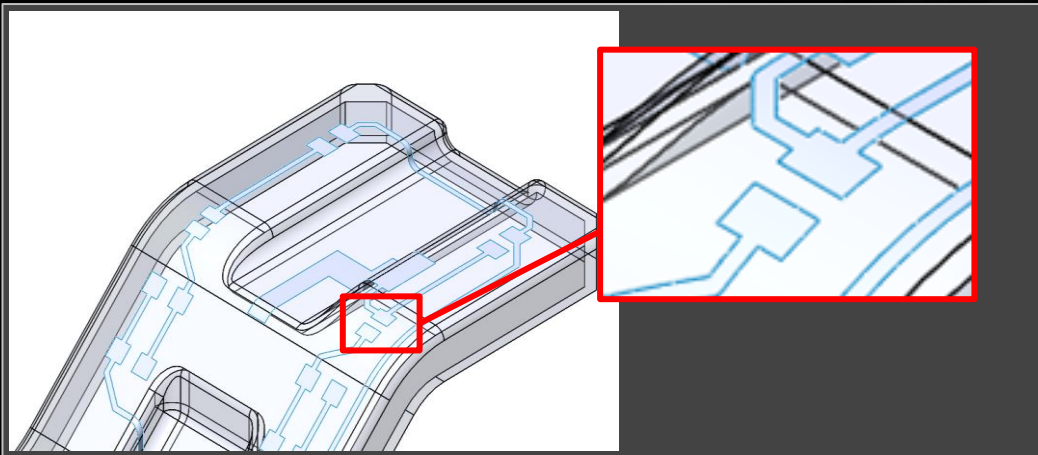
Substrate Design in MCAD



STEP/IGES



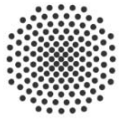
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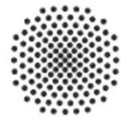
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**Thank you**





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## Metallization of oxide ceramic substrates via laser-induced direct metallization

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M.Sc. Alexander Schilling

At the MID Summit & MID Workshop 2022, Böblingen, Germany

By the Research Association Mechatronic Integrated Devices 3-D MID e.V.

# Who we are and what we do



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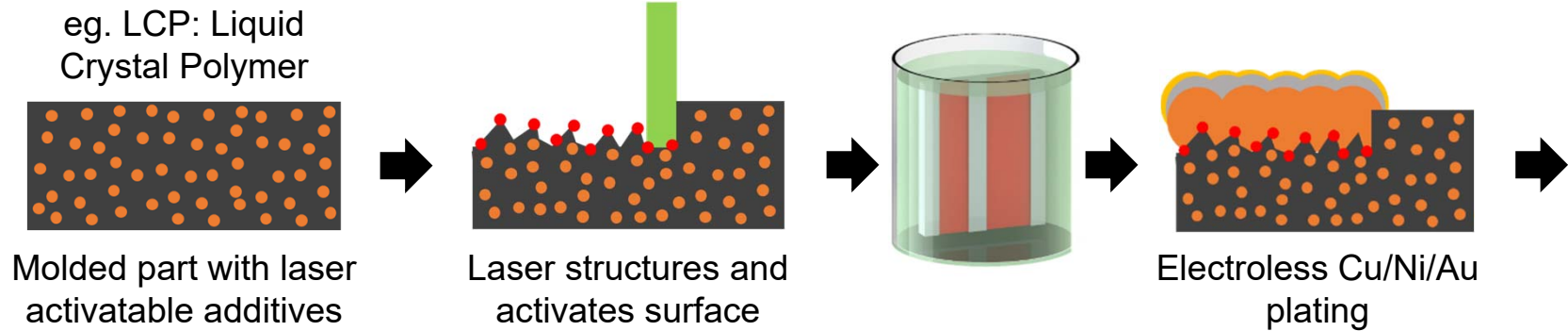
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- 3D electronics

Director: Prof. André Zimmermann  
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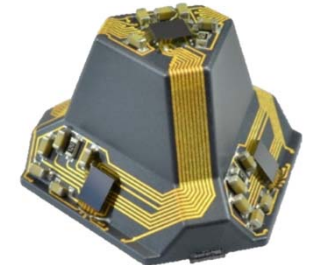


# State of the art: Polymeric 3D-MID via LPKF-LDS

**MID: Mechatronic integrated device**  
Structural part + metallic conducting paths



Antenna module  
[Molex]



Proximity sensor  
[Hahn-Schickard]



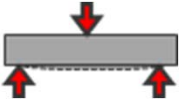
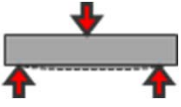


Sensor carrier  
[Harting AG]



# Motivation for ceramic 3D MID

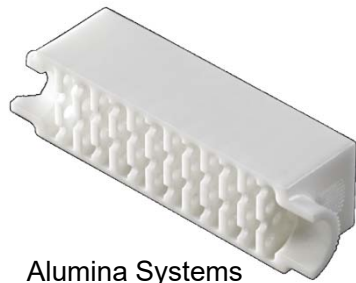
## Limitations of polymers → Why use ceramics

	Property	Unit	LDS-LCP	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	Thermal conductivity	W/(K·m)	0.8-1.6	25-30
	CTE (RT-150 °C)	10 <sup>-6</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	16-40	5-9
	Young's modulus	GPa	11.5	300-400
	Strength	MPa	90	300-400 Up to 1000°C



# Example applications of ceramic components

Heat exchanger



Alumina Systems

Grinding disc



Kläger Spritzguss

Endoscop nozzles



Kläger Spritzguss

Connector with filter



Lithoz

Vacuum insulator



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Hip joint prosthesis



CoorsTek

Pump wheel



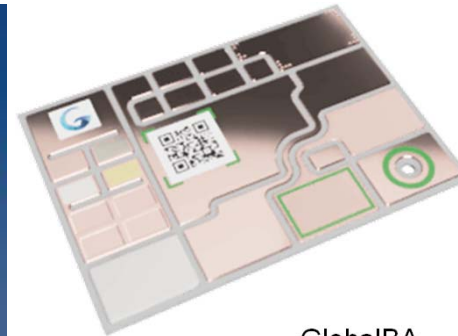
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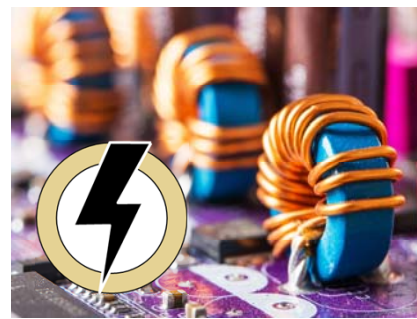
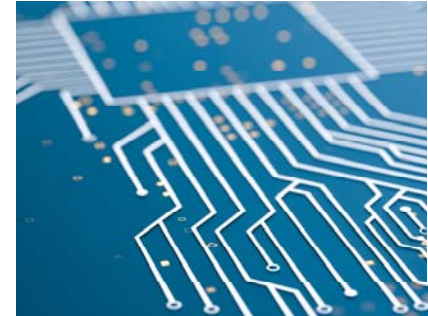
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Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> DCB Substrate



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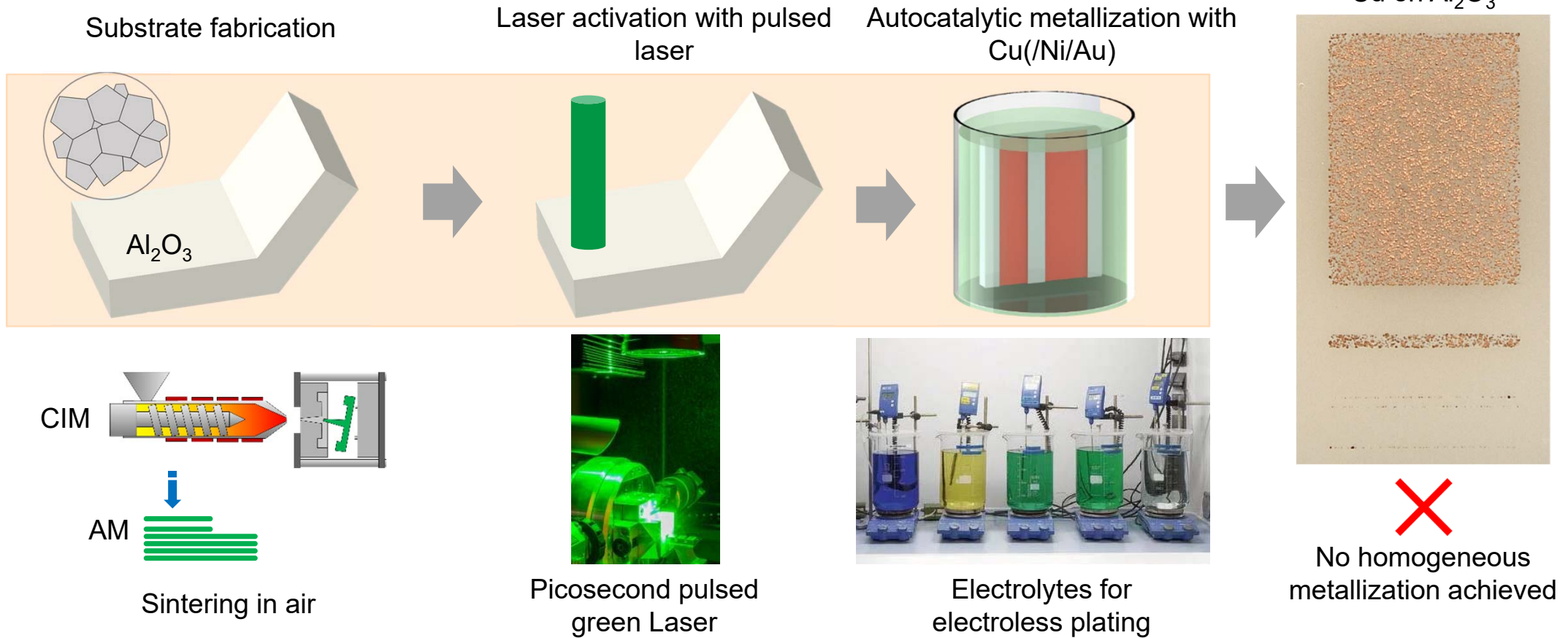
# Possible new fields of application for ceramic 3D-MID





# Direct laser induced metallization of ceramics

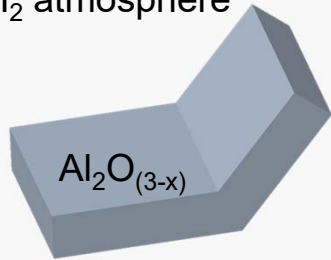
## General process chain



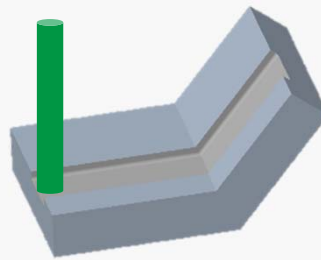
# Material requirements

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  needs to be modified to enable laser activation

Sintering in  $\text{H}_2$  atmosphere

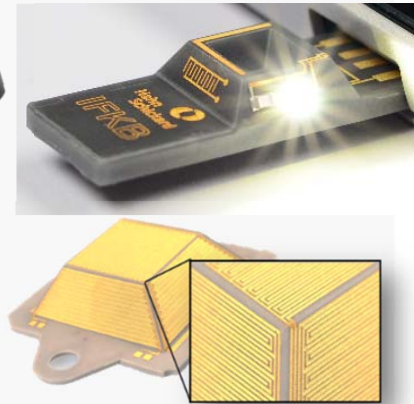
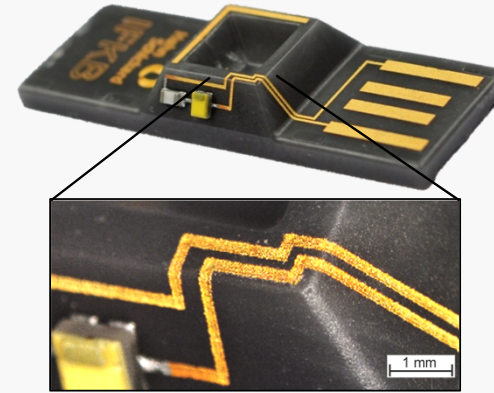


\$ Complex process technology

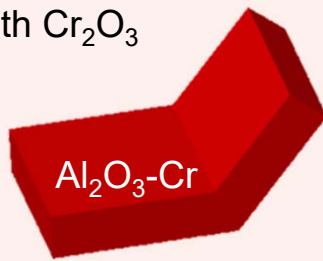
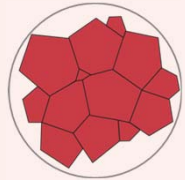


Picosecond pulsed green Laser

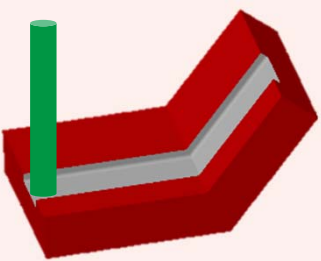
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Doping with  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$



\$ Sintering at ambient atmosphere

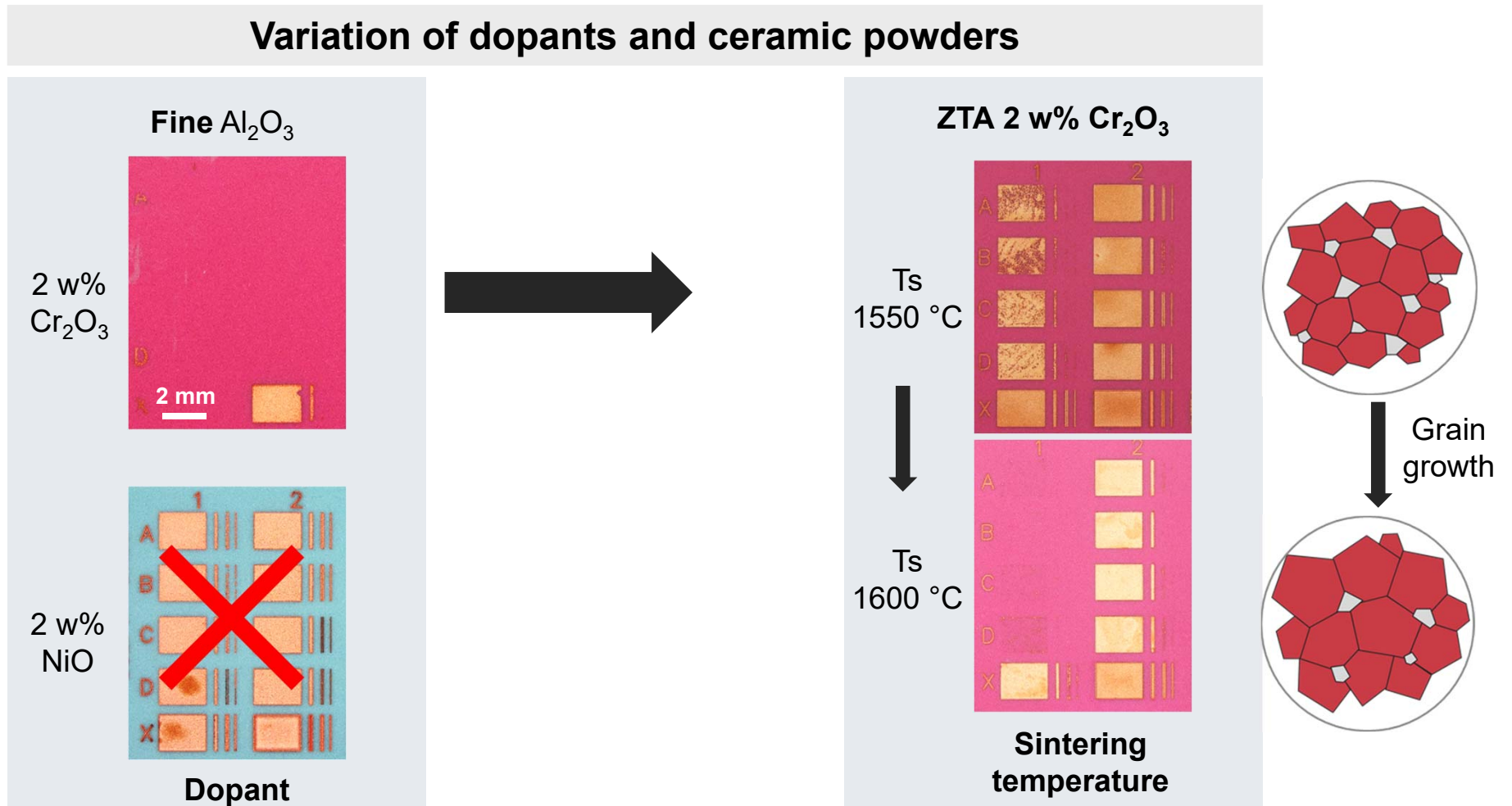


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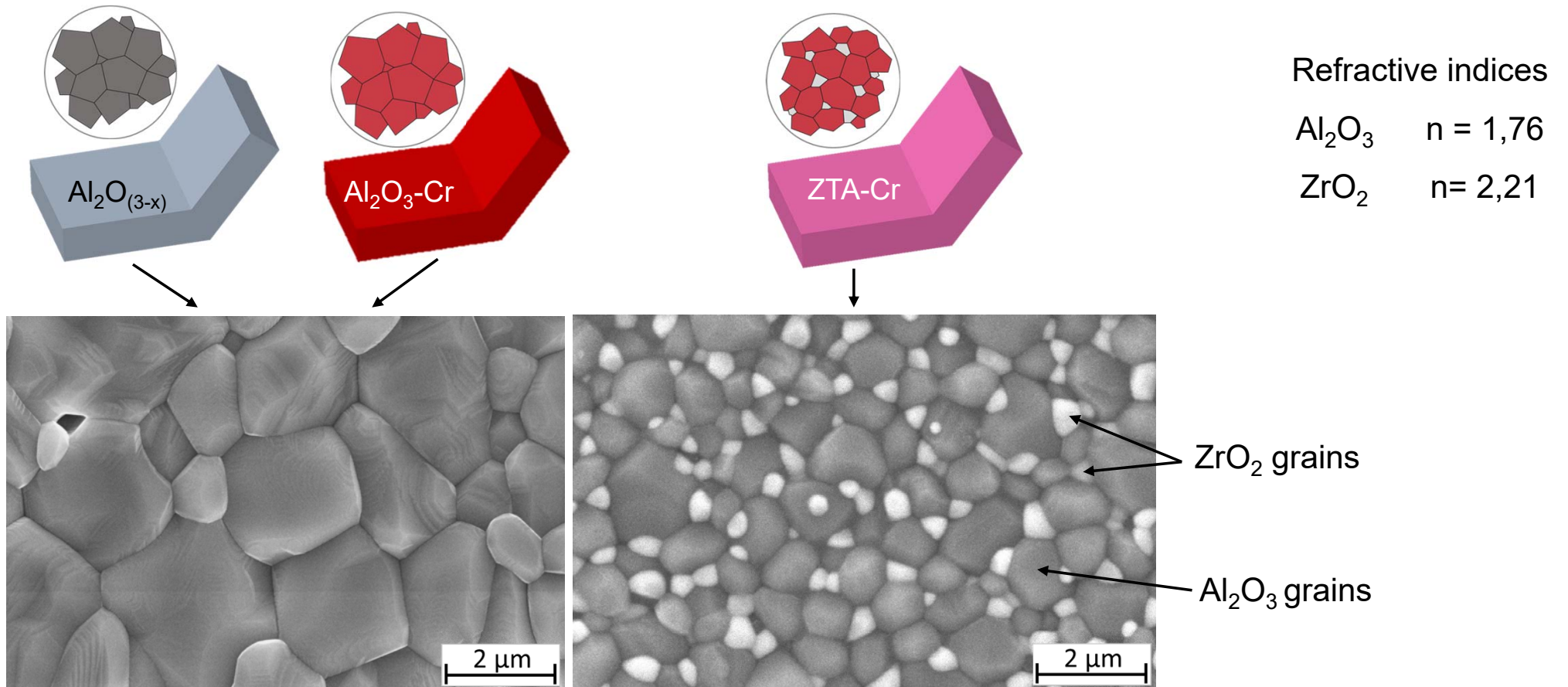


# Influences of raw materials





# The ceramic substrate microstructure

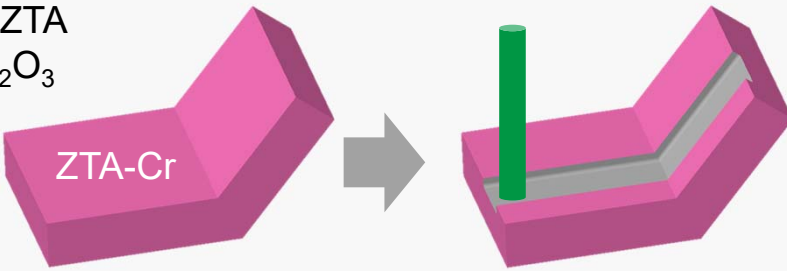


Oxygen vacancies, dopings, porosity, grain boundaries and additional phases (can) increase laser absorption

# Material and laser variation

ZTA needs to be modified to enable laser activation

Doping ZTA with  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$

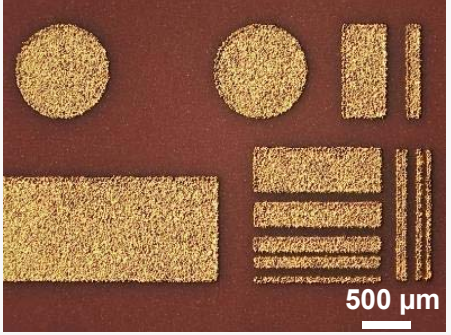
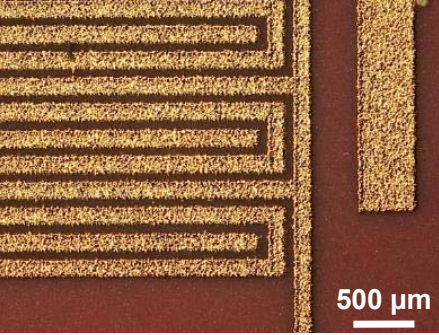


ZTA-Cr

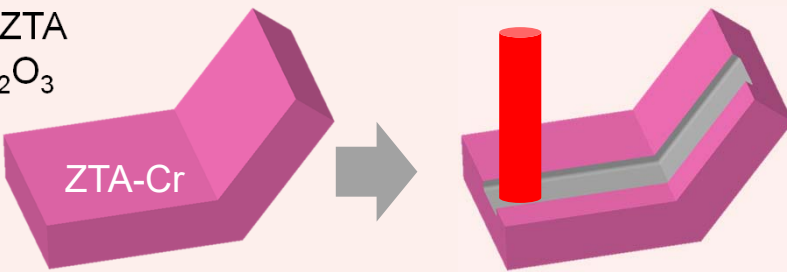
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Doping ZTA with  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$


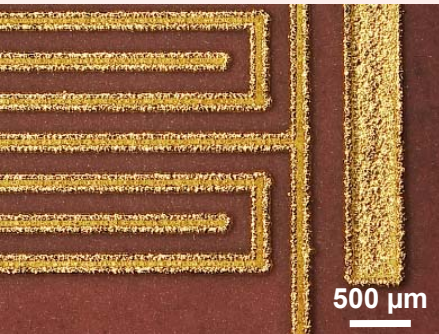


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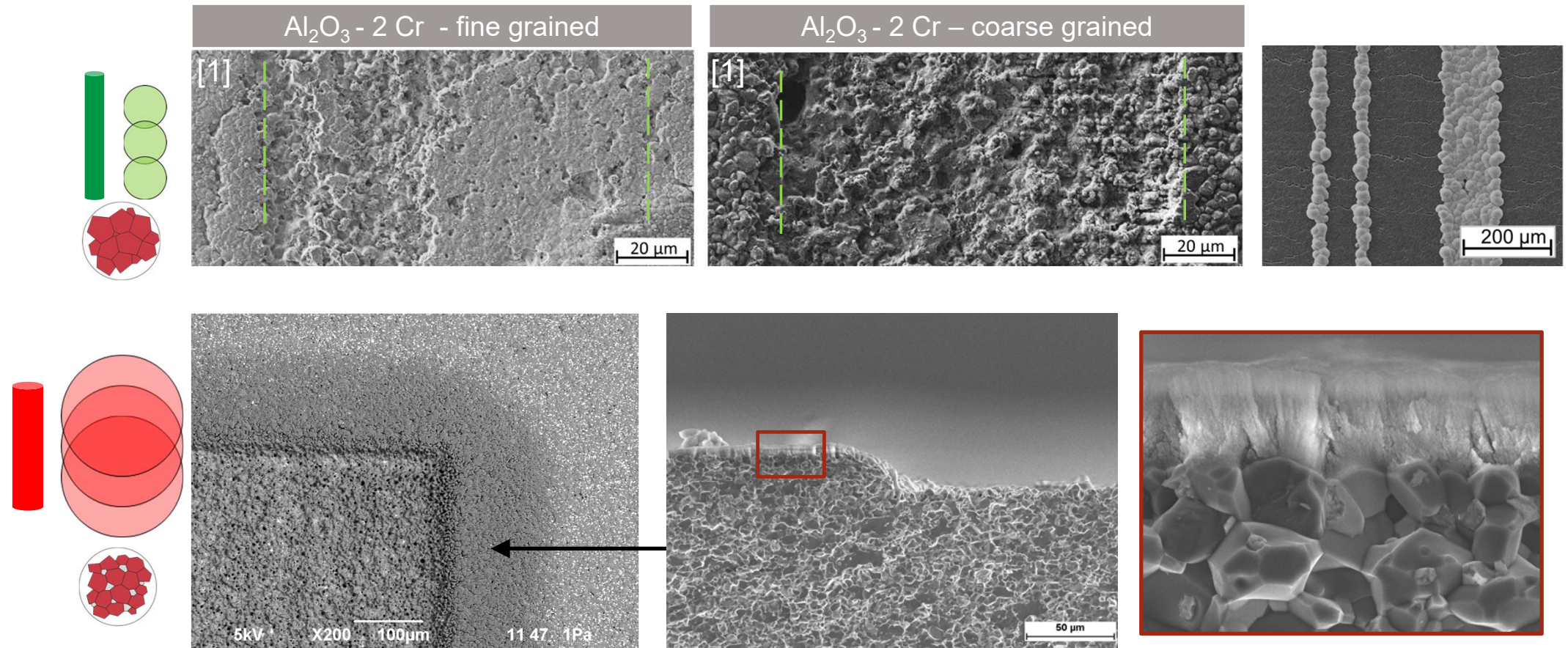
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# Impression of material and laser influence

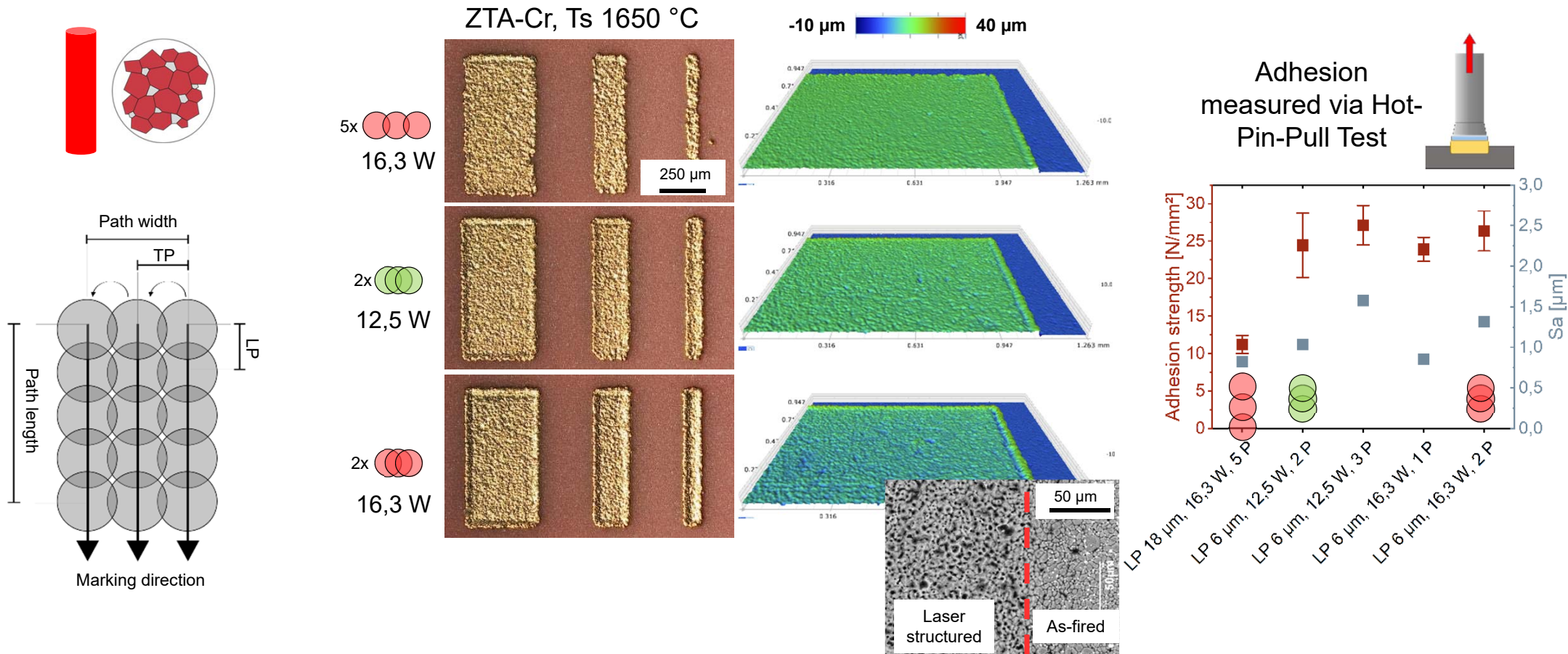


Source [1]: Dissertation Philipp Ninz: „Dotierte Aluminiumoxid Substrate und deren Herstellungsprozessketten für die selektive laserinduzierte Metallisierung“ ISBN 978-3-8440-8446-7 February 2022



# Influence of laser parameters with ns-IR laser

## Laser parameters have strong influence on metallization



# Influences on laser activation of alumina ceramics

## Ceramic substrate



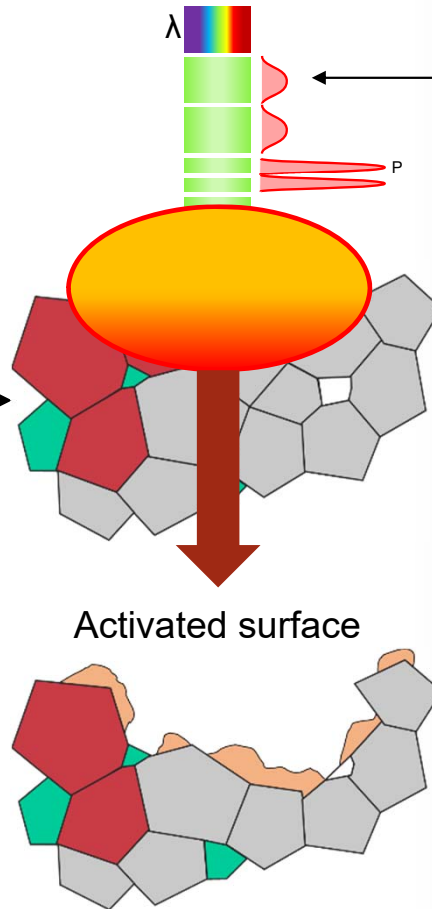
### Influencing parameters:

- Raw materials / powders
- Dopant materials / powders
- Manufacturing parameters



### Substrate properties:

- Grain Size
- Porosity
- Phase composition
- Surface roughness
- Stoichiometry
- Impurity distribution
- Absorption spectrum

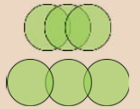


## Laser activation + Metallization



### Structuring properties:

- Wavelength  $\lambda$  (Vis, IR, UV)
- Pulse duration (ns, ps)
- Pulse fluence ( $J/cm^2$ )
- Pulse overlap / Pitch



### Metallization properties

- Plating speed
- Plating time
- Electrolyte composition

# Material and laser overview matrix

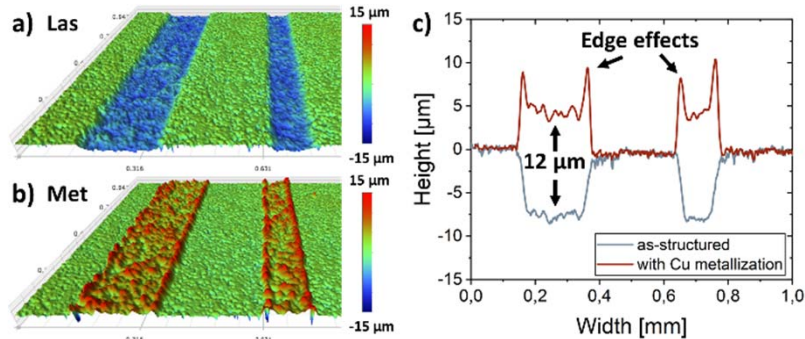
	 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_{(3-x)}$	 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cr}$	 ZTA-Cr	Accuracy (Spot size)	Thermal impact
ps-G	 			10/23 $\mu\text{m}$ 	Low 
ns-IR	 			60/85 $\mu\text{m}$ 	High 



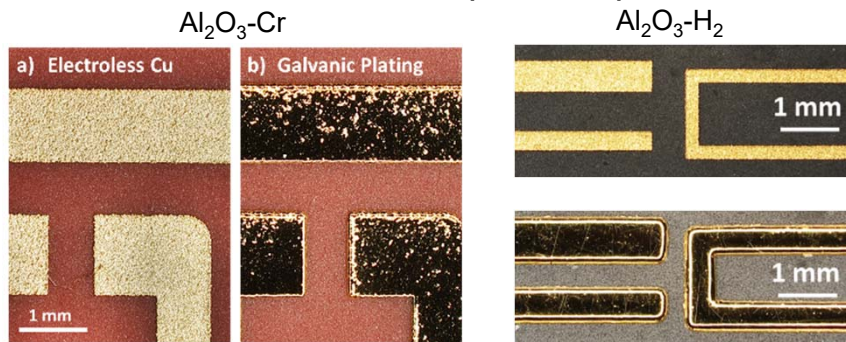
# Design features of ceramic MIDs

## Metallization thickness

Cu thickness after electroless plating

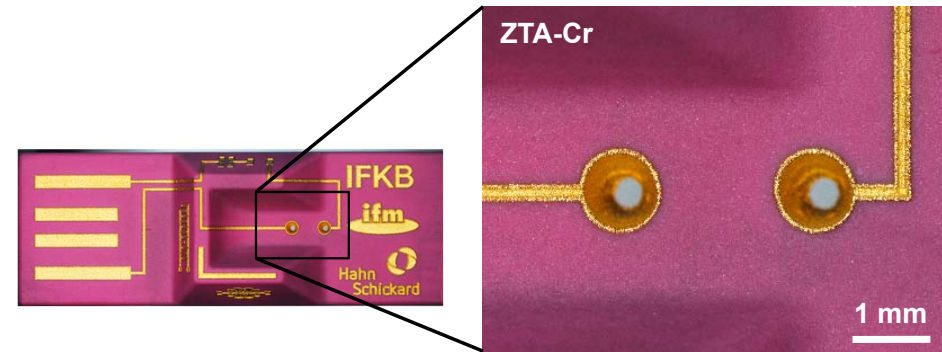
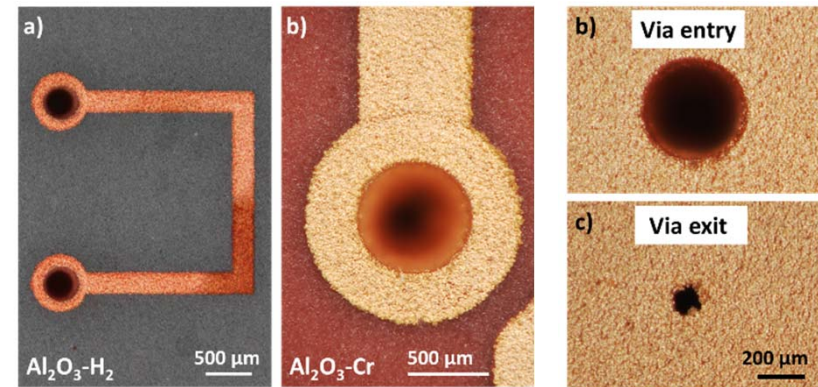


Galvanic plating increases Cu thickness to up to 100 μm



## Vias

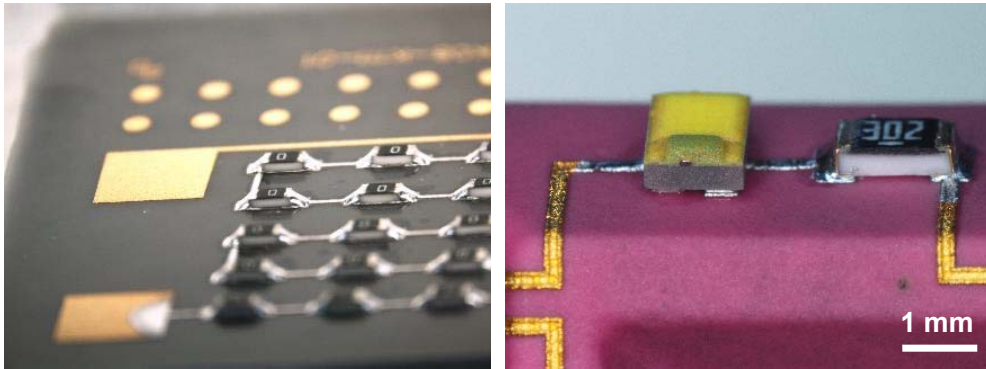
Vias can be laser drilled and metallized



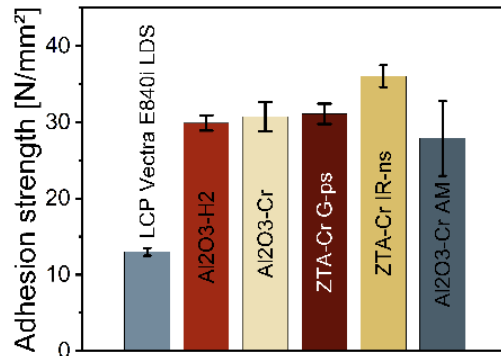
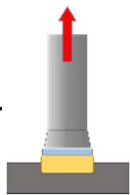
# Interconnect technologies

## Soldering of components

Reflow soldering is possible

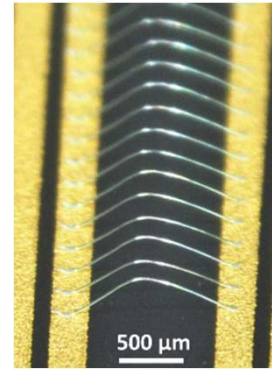


Adhesion measured via Hot-Pin-Pull Test



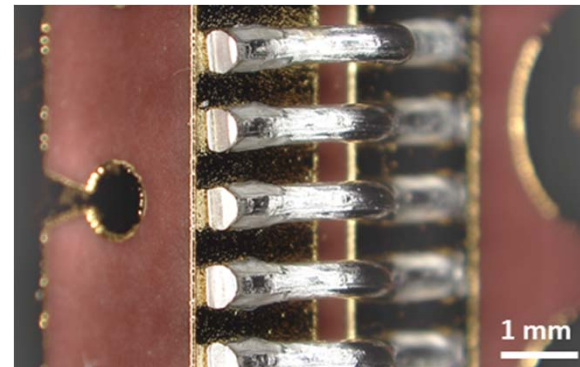
## Wire bonding

Wire bonding is possible



Wedge-wedge bonds with Al-wire with 25 µm diameter

- Fulfills DVS2811 norm with  $56 \pm 12$  % medium failure load
- No pads pulled off
- No wire failure

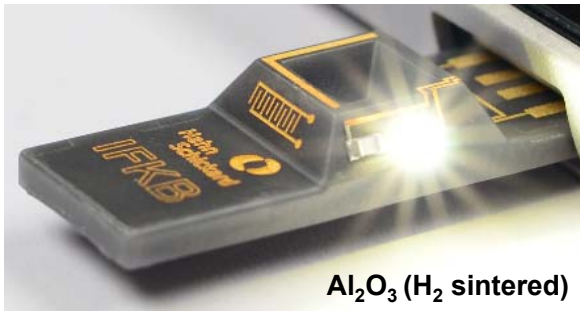


250 µm thick wire bonds on galvanically plated Metallization

# Summary and outlook

## Industrial application is possible

Picosecond pulsed green Laser

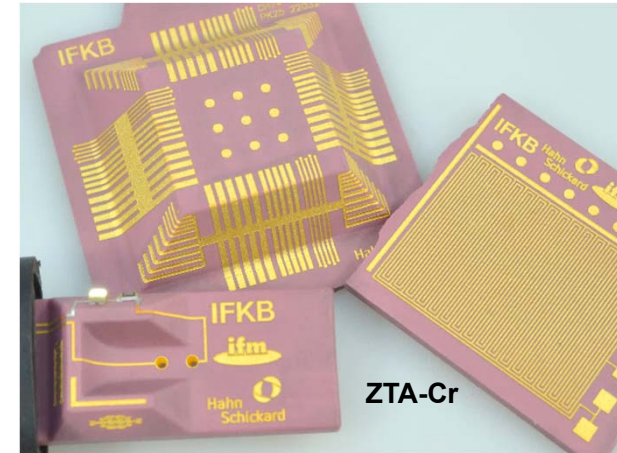


$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{H}_2$  sintered)



$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -Cr

Nanosecond pulsed IR Laser



ZTA-Cr

**Get creative ! Get in touch with us!**

## Open research topics

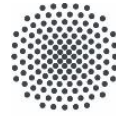
- What's the nature of the catalytic sites and how can they be quantified?
- Development of flexible production chains for prototyping or small lot sizes → IGF **FlexiKer3D** (22459 N)



We'll keep investigating



# Thank you!



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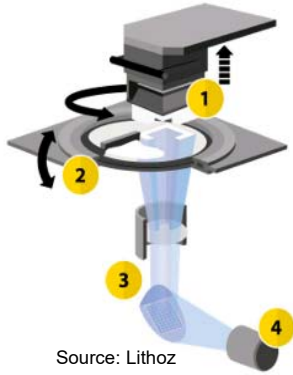


# Outlook: Additive manufactured laser activatable ceramics

## Lithography based Ceramic Manufacturing (LCM) shaped doped $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$



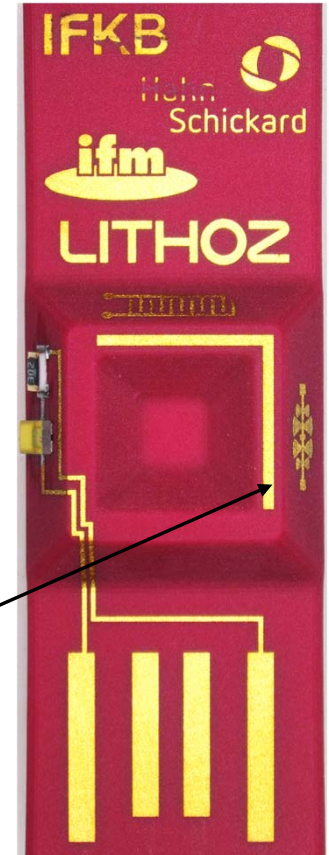
LCM process



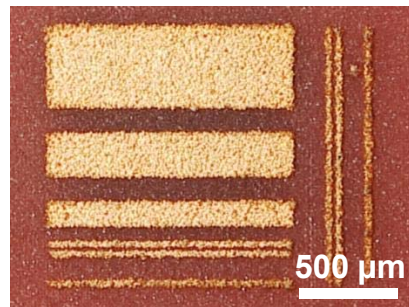
- 1 Building platform
- 2 Vat
- 3 Optical system
- 4 LED



Working 3D Demonstrator



Test Structures



Test Structures on Demonstrator



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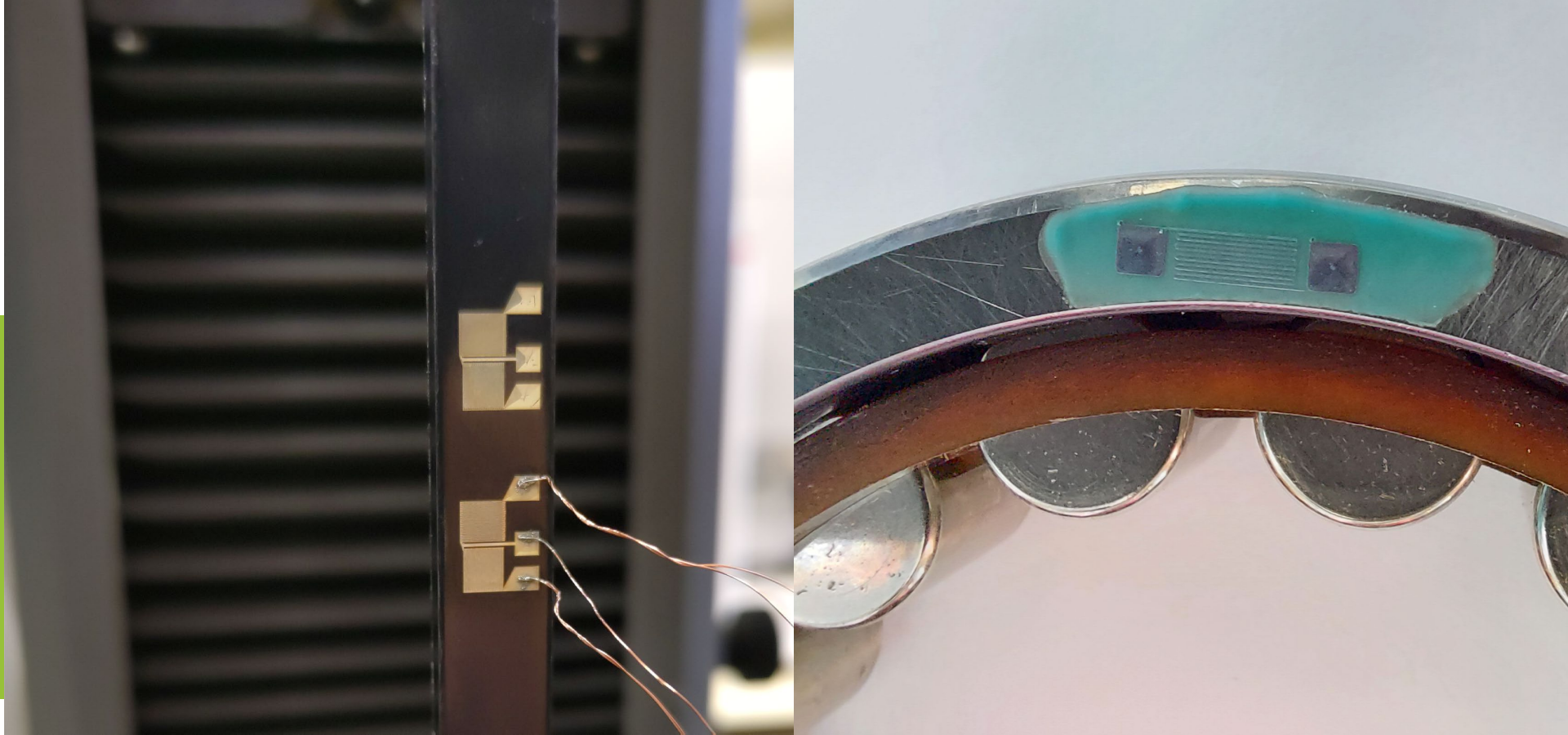
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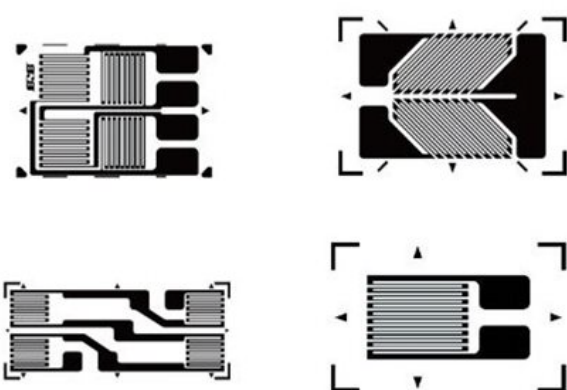
## Printed strain gauges on 2.5D substrates MID Summit 2022

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Jewgeni Roudenko - Technische Hochschule Nürnberg



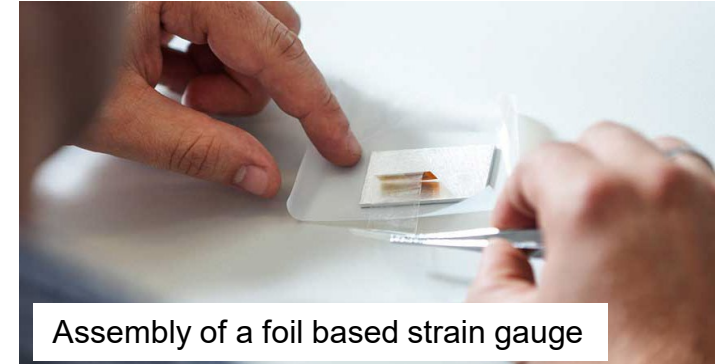
Strain gauges can be made of resistive materials to allow for strain sensing and physical parameters derived thereof.



$$\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} = k \cdot \varepsilon \quad \text{with } \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

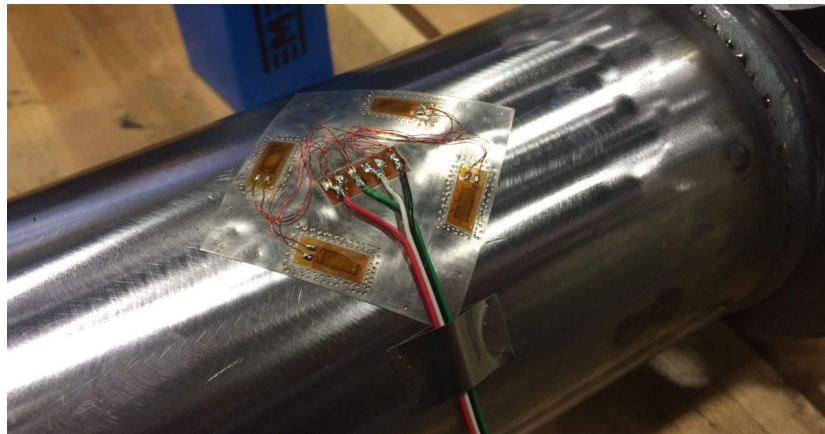
- Torsion measurement
- Strain measurement
- Torque measurement
- Load measurement

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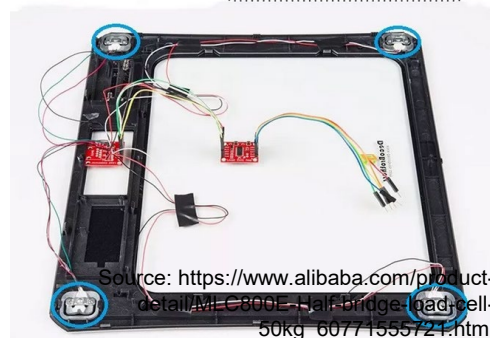
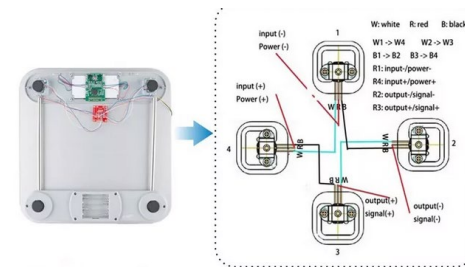


Assembly of a foil based strain gauge

Source: HBM



Source: Dewesoft



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Pressure sensor on ceramic membrane

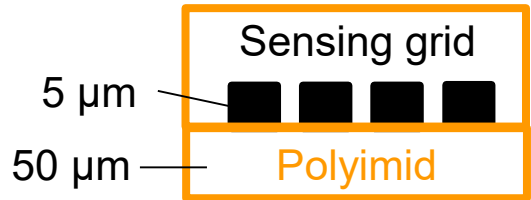
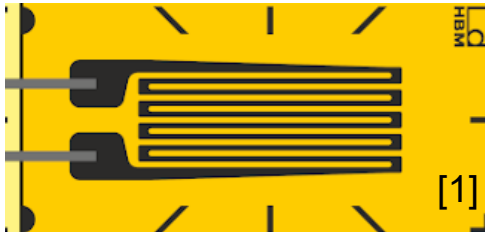
**Manufacturing and application of foil based strain gauges is a tedious process with typically manual application steps required.**

**Foil strain gauge production:**

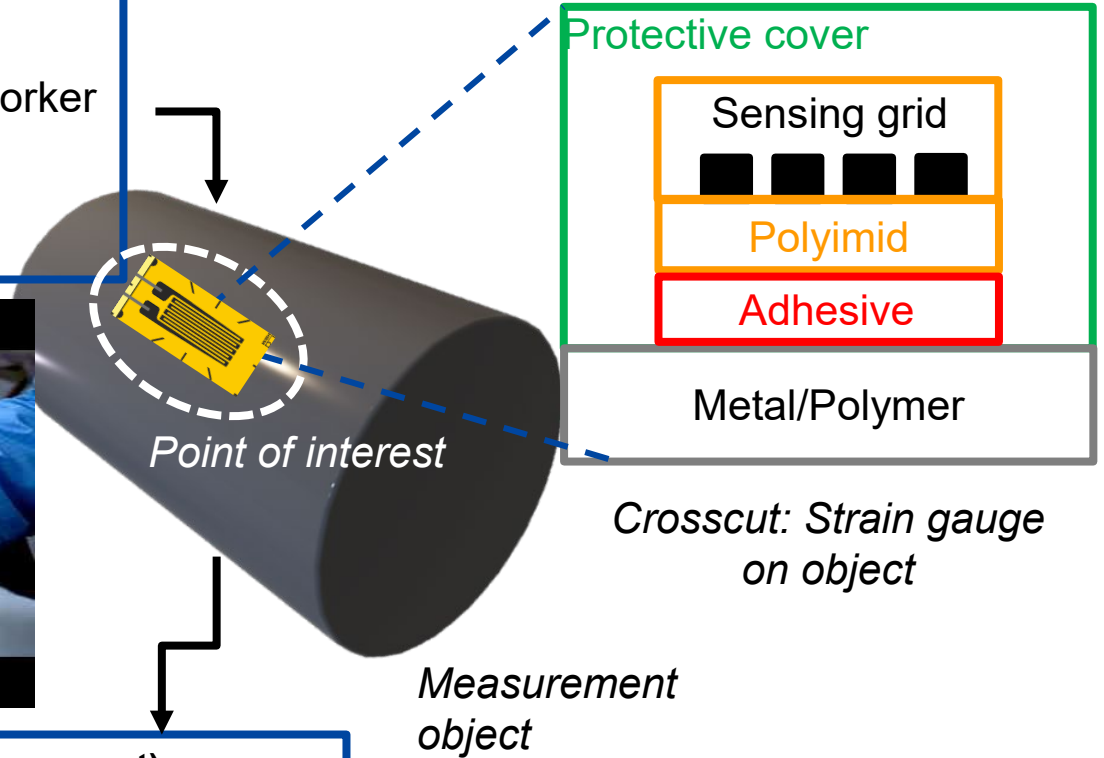
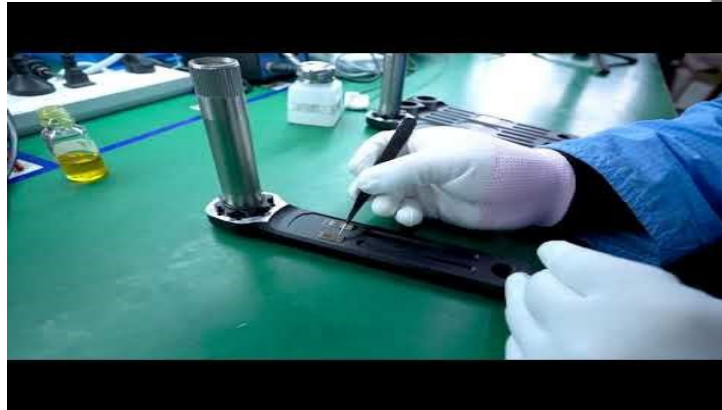
- Lithography
- Etch processes

**Assembly:**

- Manually by experienced worker
- Potential cause of failure
- Costly



*Crosscut: Strain gauge*



**Measurement (monitoring of a component):**

- Force conveyed via adhesive
- Strain analysis
  - **Change in length of grid (wire)**
  - **Electrical resistivity R ↑**
  - **GF-Factor known → Strain is detected**

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} = k \cdot \varepsilon \quad \text{with } \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

If requirements can be met by additively manufactured and applied strain gauges directly on the object manual assembly steps are avoided and 3D mechatronic application is possible.

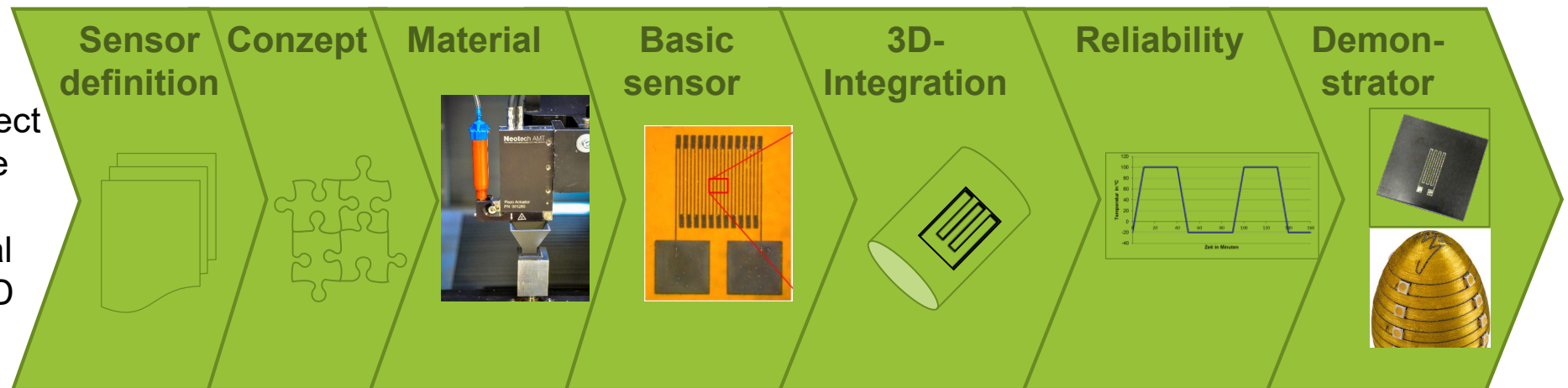
### Requirements

- Sensor linearity
- Feasibility
- Electrical resistivity values suitable for existing instrumentation
- Hysteresis
- Reliability

### Challenges

- Compatibility of materials
- Printing strategy
- Limits of printing processes
- Process stability
- Transferability

Evaluation within the research project PreSens to define requirements for potential industrial use within 3D MID applications



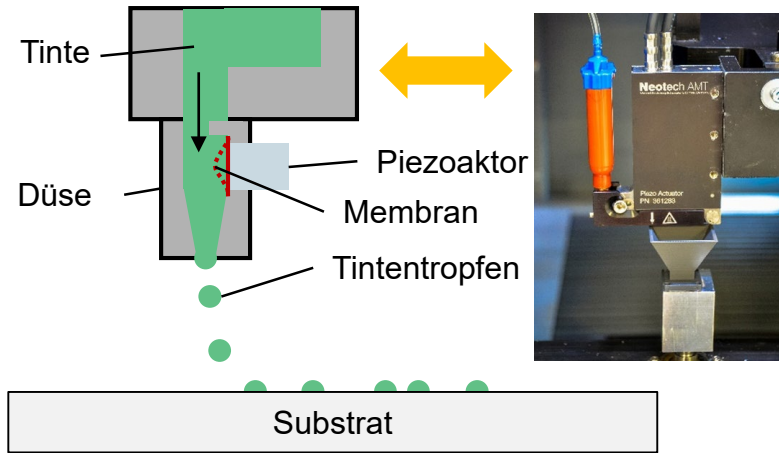




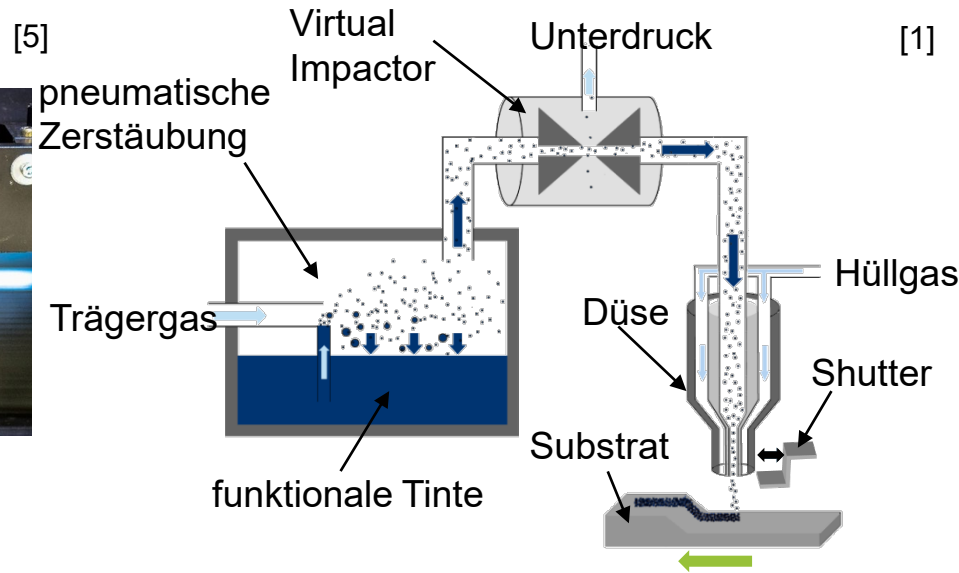
# Using inkjet printheads for low and high viscosity inks and the aerosoljet process, functionalized inks and pastes can be applied digitally.

- Additive metallization
- Contactless and mask free
- Flexible layer heights
- Direct integration
- 3D-Geometrien possible

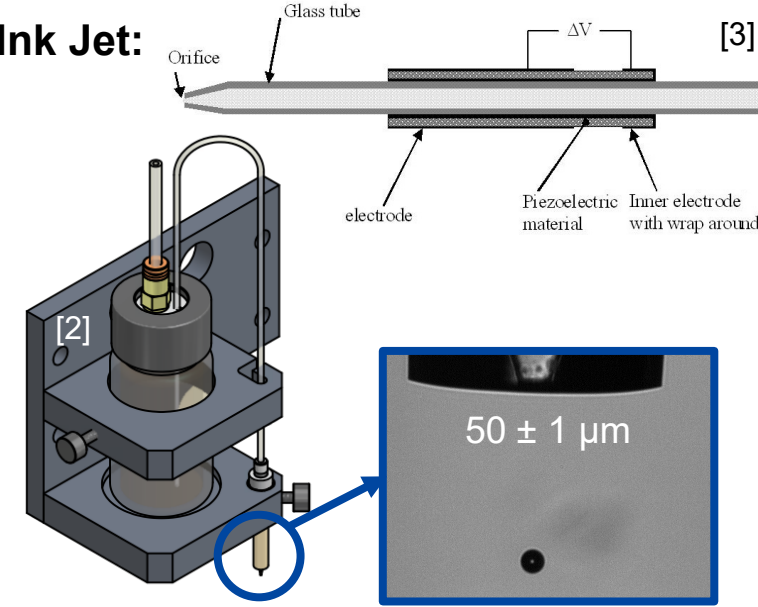
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## Aerosol Jet:



## Ink Jet:



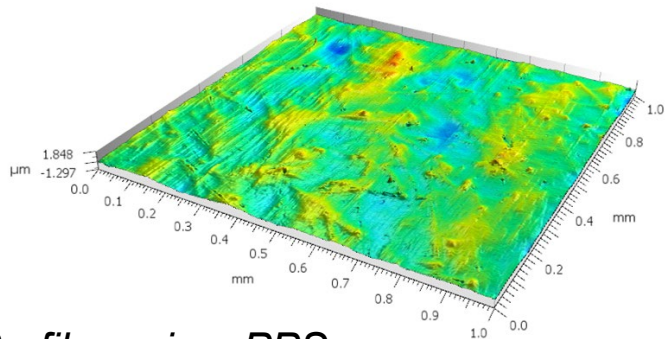
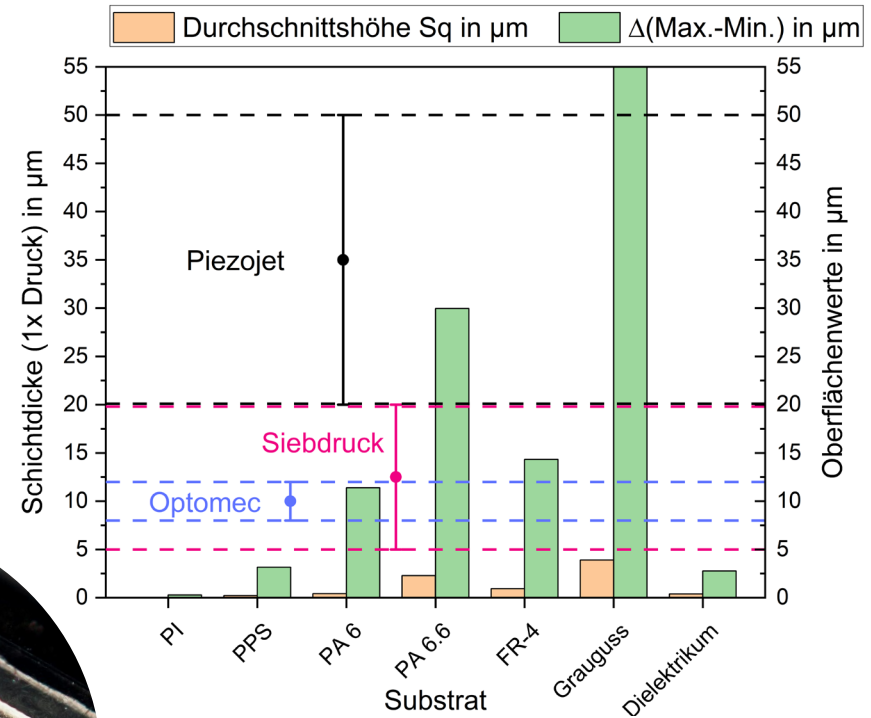
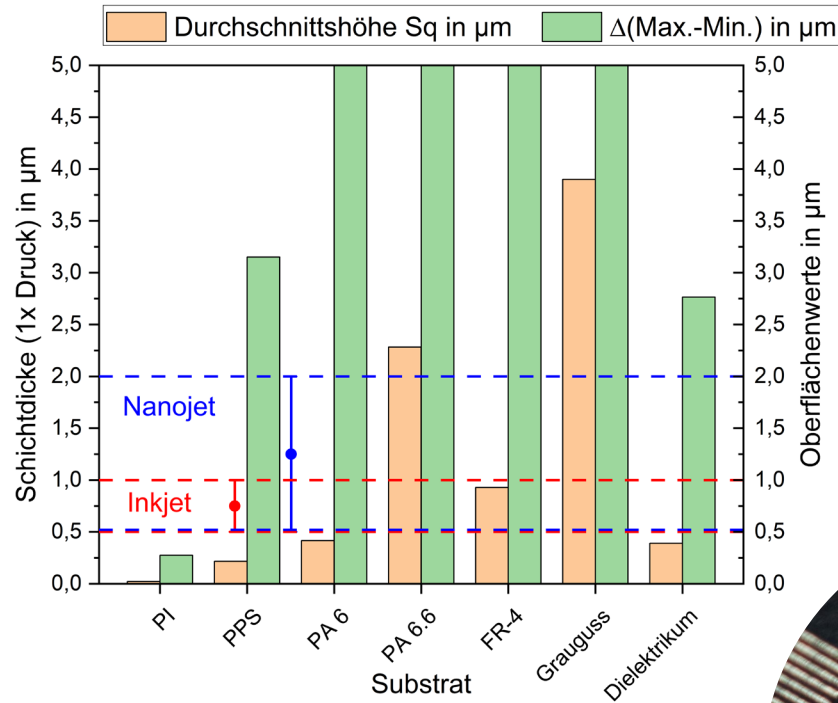
	Piezo-Jet Fa. Neotech AMT	Aerosol-Jet Fa. Optomec	Nanojet (Aerosol)	MircoFab Ink Jet Head
Viscosity	bis zu 200 Pa·s	bis zu 1.000 mPa·s	< 20 mPa·s	3 mPa·s - 20 mPa·s
Line width	300 μm – 500 μm	40 μm – 1000 μm	10 μm - 1000 μm	150 μm – 300 μm
Layer thickness	20 μm – 50 μm	1 μm - 20 μm	0,5 μm - 1 μm	0,5 μm – 1 μm
Exemplary material	Ag Paste Henkel (26 Pa·s)	Ag Tinte PARU PG-007	Ag Tinte UT Dots Ag40X	Ag Tinte UT Dots AgIJ

This slide provides an overview on the printing materials used throughout the project.

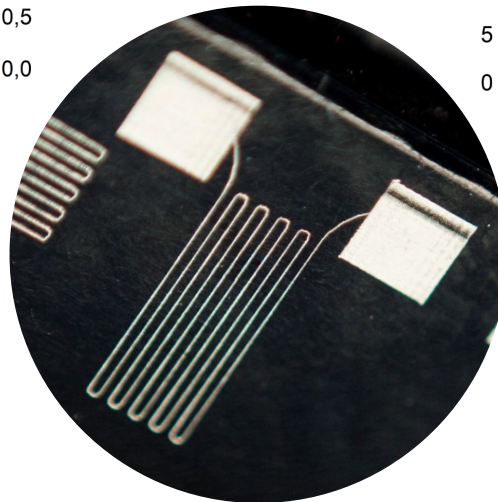
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Ag	PARU PG-007	Henkel ECI 1011		UT Dots Ag40TE	Novacentrix FG-32	
Cu <sup>1</sup>	Dycotec CU-5010	Novacentrix CP-009 <sup>2</sup>			Novacentrix CP-009 <sup>3</sup>	
CuNi <sup>1</sup>	Applied <sup>4</sup> Nanotech OC5545-T	Applied Nanotech PS5545 <sup>5</sup>			Applied Nanotech PS5545 <sup>5</sup>	
C	Creative Materials EXP2652-28	Peptech Flexink Conductive 001-GCB		Creative Materials EXP2652-28 verdünnt	Peptech Flexink Conductive 001-GCB	
PEDOT:PSS	Heraeus Clevios P JET 700 N	AGFA Orgacon EL-P-Serie		Heraeus Clevios P JET 700 N <sup>6</sup>	AGFA Orgacon EL-P-Serie	
Dielektrikum			Dupont ME 780		Dupont ME 780	
Schutz			GenesInk Protect S		GenesInk Protect S	
Schutz (manueller Auftrag)	ME Systeme M-Coat C					

	Substrate	Name
Polymer/Verbund	Polyimidfolie (75 µm)	Dr. Dietrich Müller GmbH FI16005 Flexiso (Referenzsubstrat)
	PA6	BASF Ultramid B3EG6 EQ
	PA6.6	BASF Ultramid A3EG6 EQ
	PPS	Celanese Fortron 1140L4 oder Toray A495MA2B
	FR-4	Shengyi Technology S 1000H
Metalle	Grauguss	Funk Guss GJS 400-18
	Stahl 1.4548	
	Aluminium EN AW 7075	

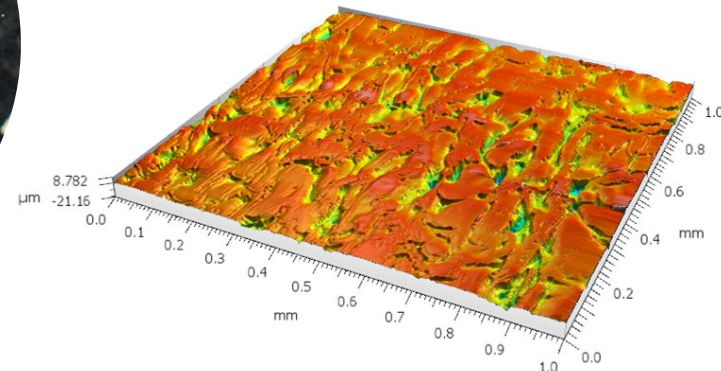
There are several challenges regarding printed strain gauges, e.g. surface roughness and compatibility between inks and substrates are detrimental to a successful functionalization.



Profile series: PPS



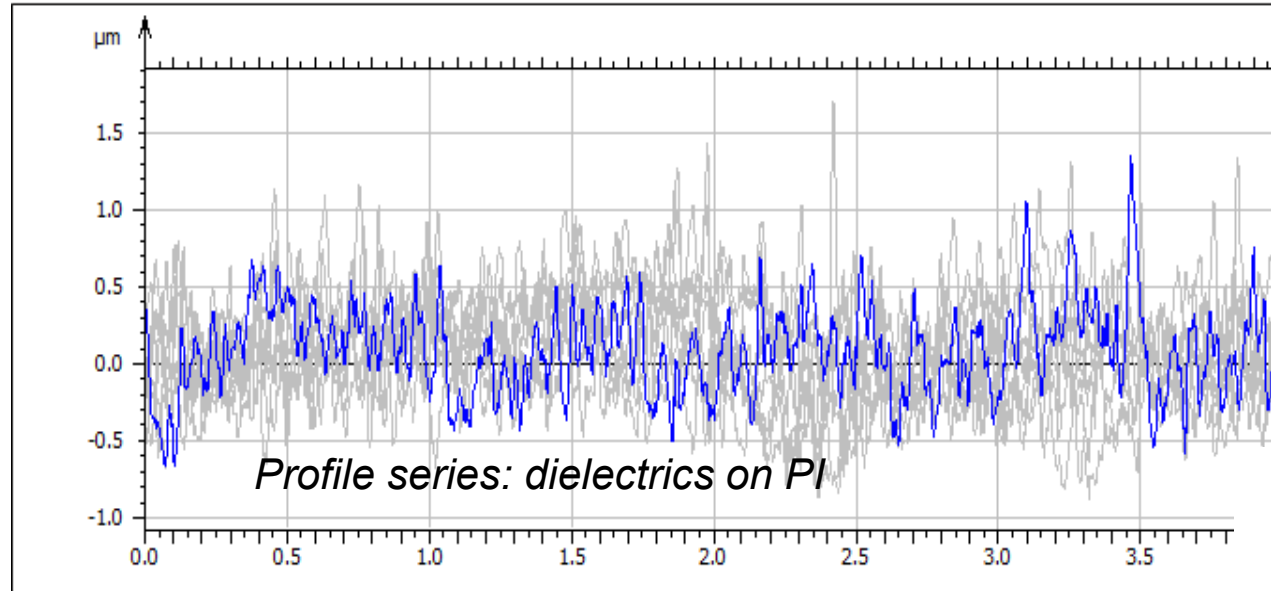
PA6.6





For metallic substrates application of dielectrics is required to allow for sensing giving the possibility to compensate roughness.

Piezojet printed dielectric (DuPont ME780)



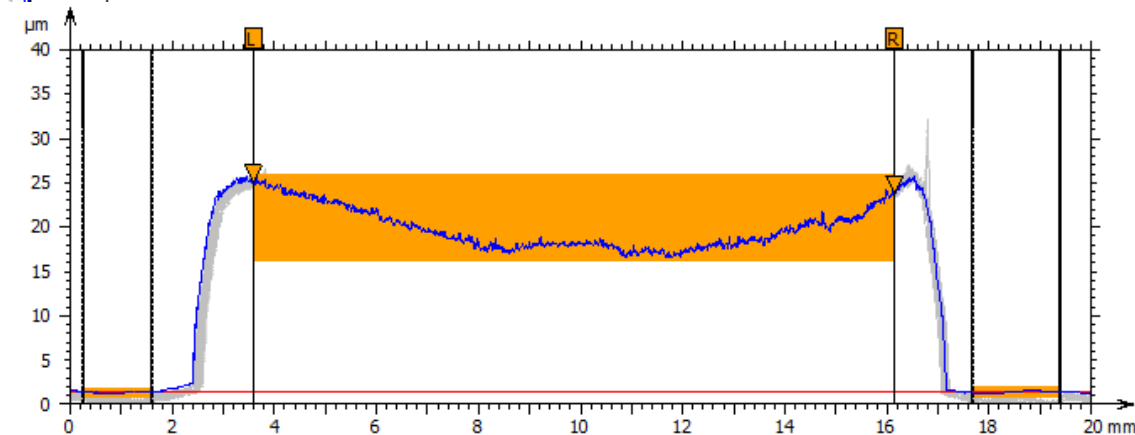
ISO 25178 - Primary surface

S-Filter ( $\lambda_s$ ): Gauß, 8.000  $\mu\text{m}$

Höhen-Parameter

Sq	0.390	$\mu\text{m}$
Sz	2.765	$\mu\text{m}$
Sa	0.305	$\mu\text{m}$

Average height

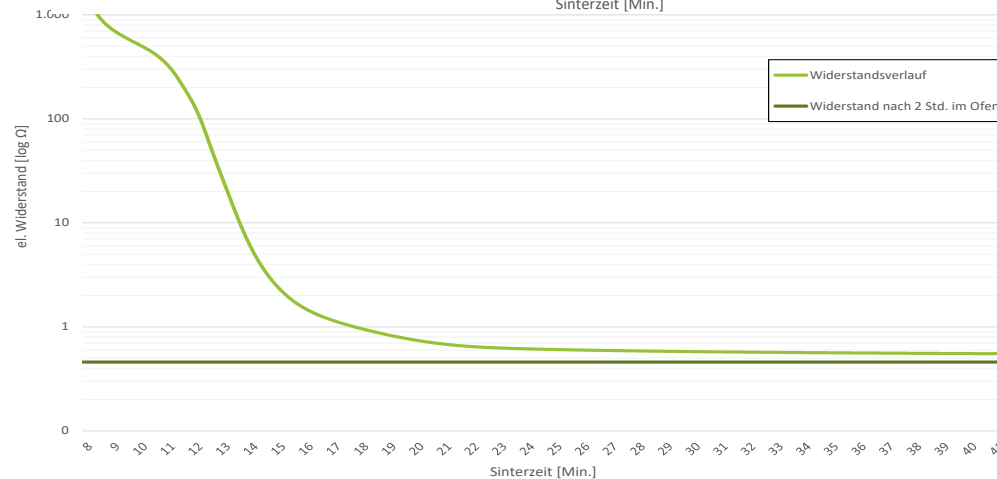
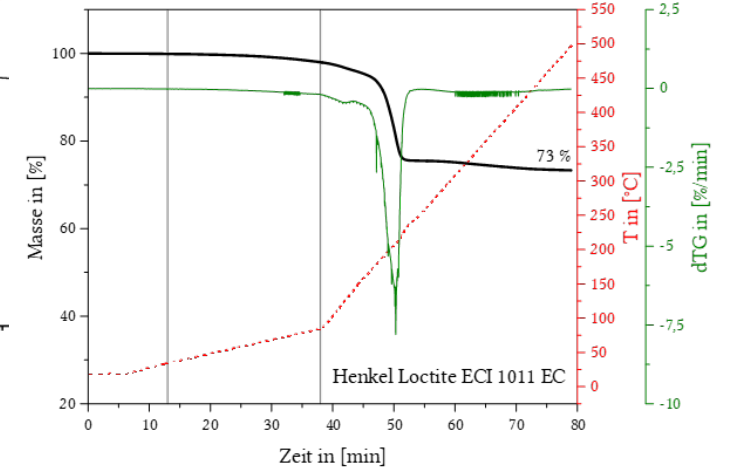
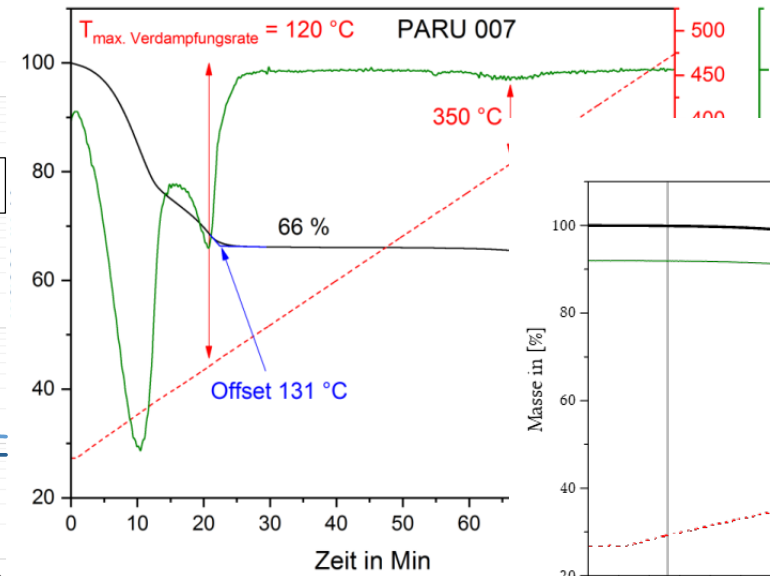
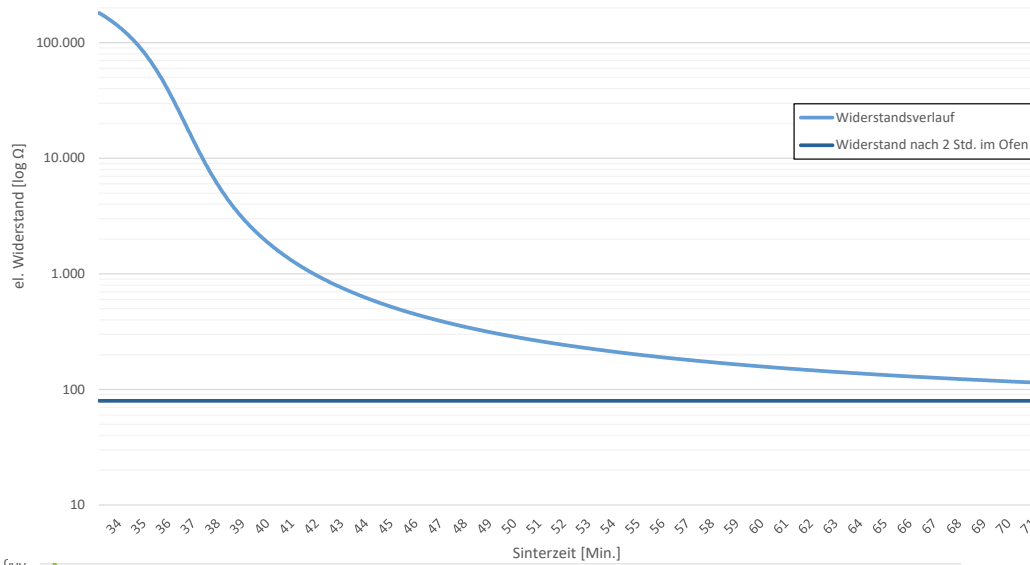


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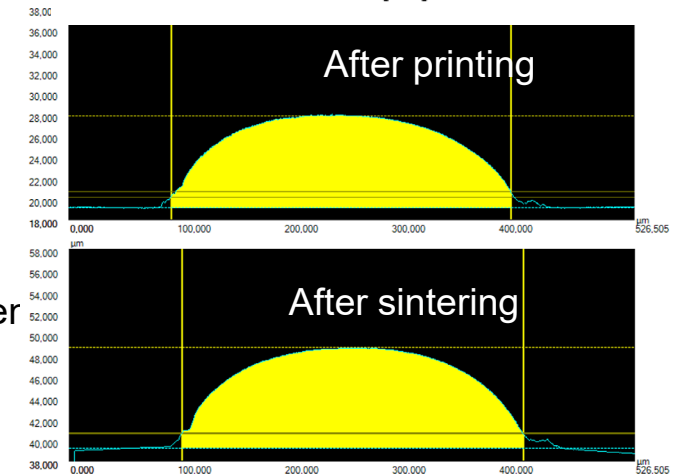
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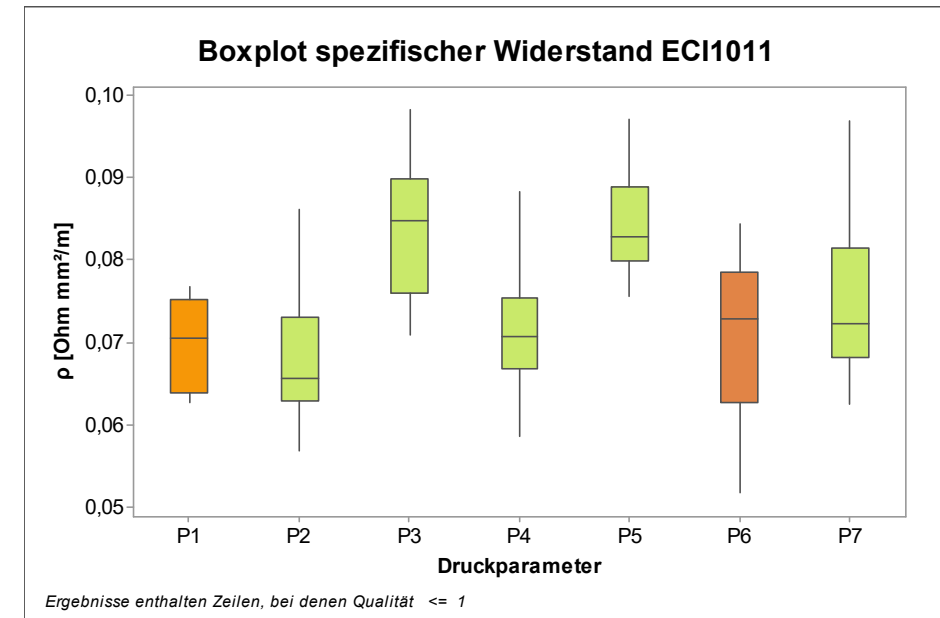
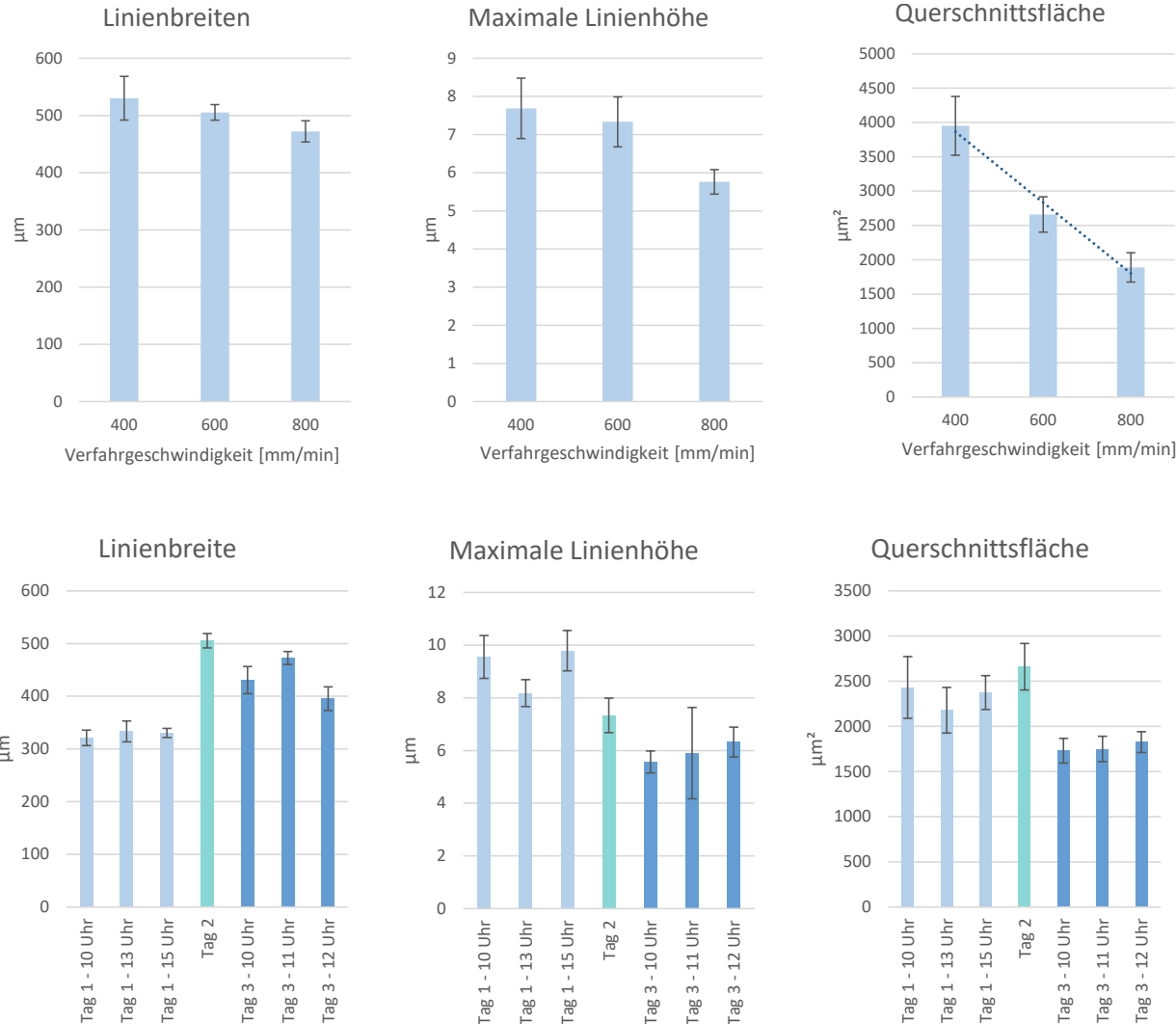
# For metal based functional inks resistivity is dependent on time and may change during use.



- Potential post-sintering during use
- Sintering material dependent



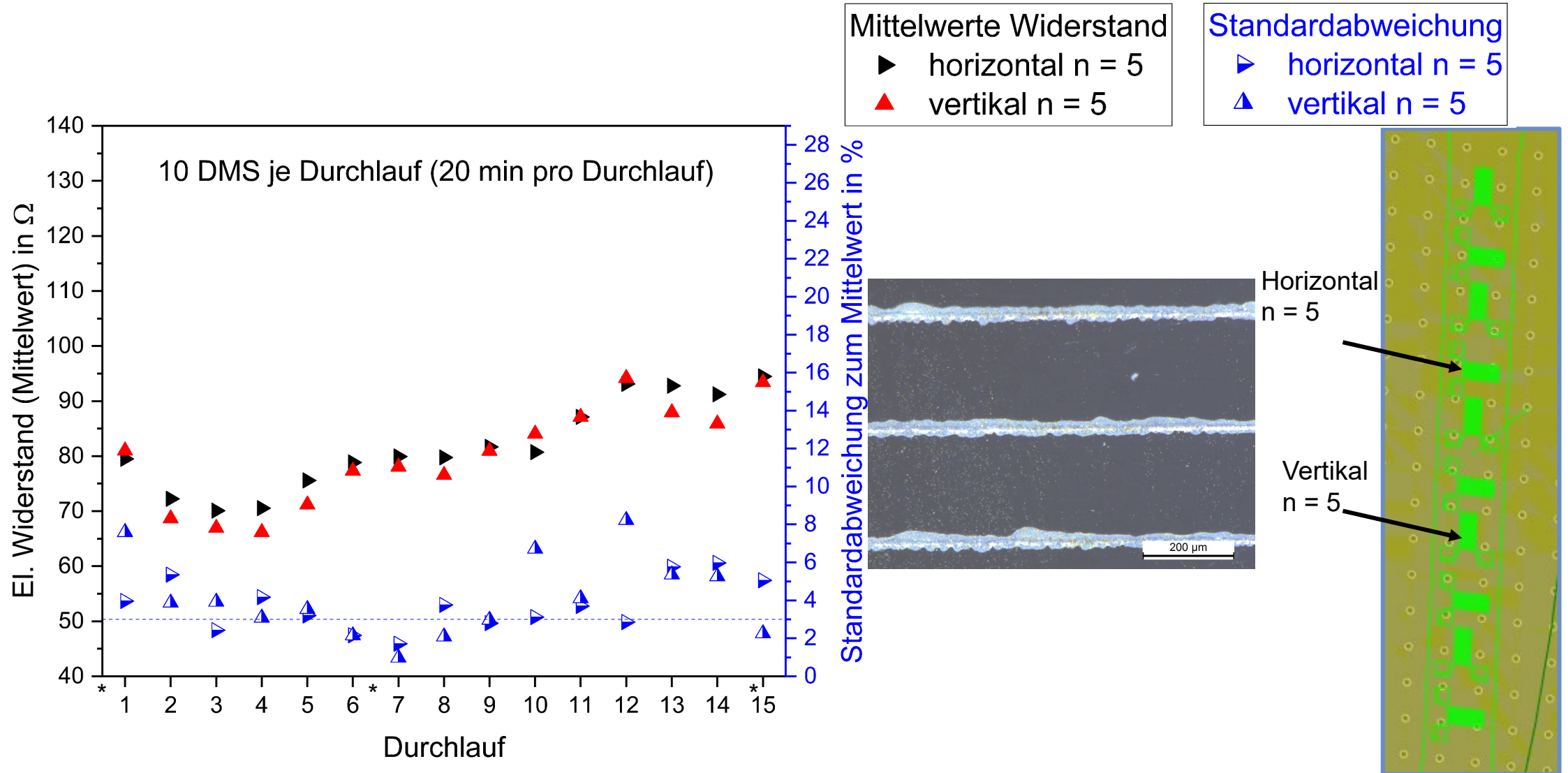
# Changes in material deposition over time and between shifts have to be minimized and possibly compensated for in electronics.



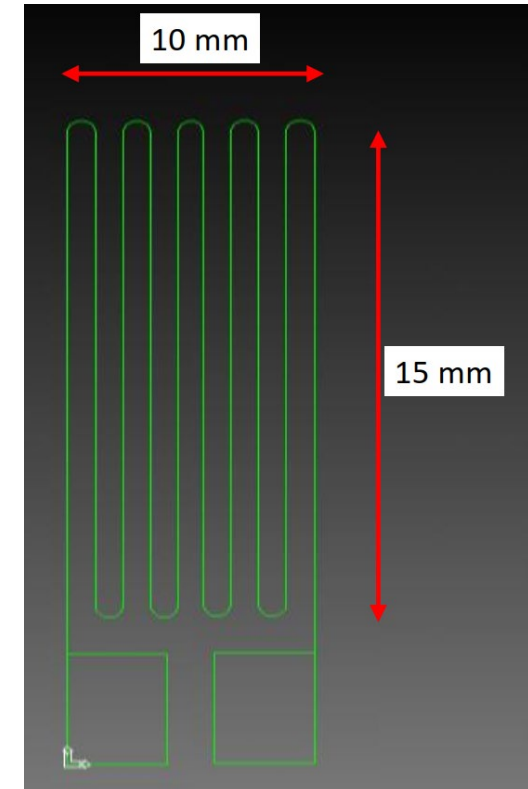
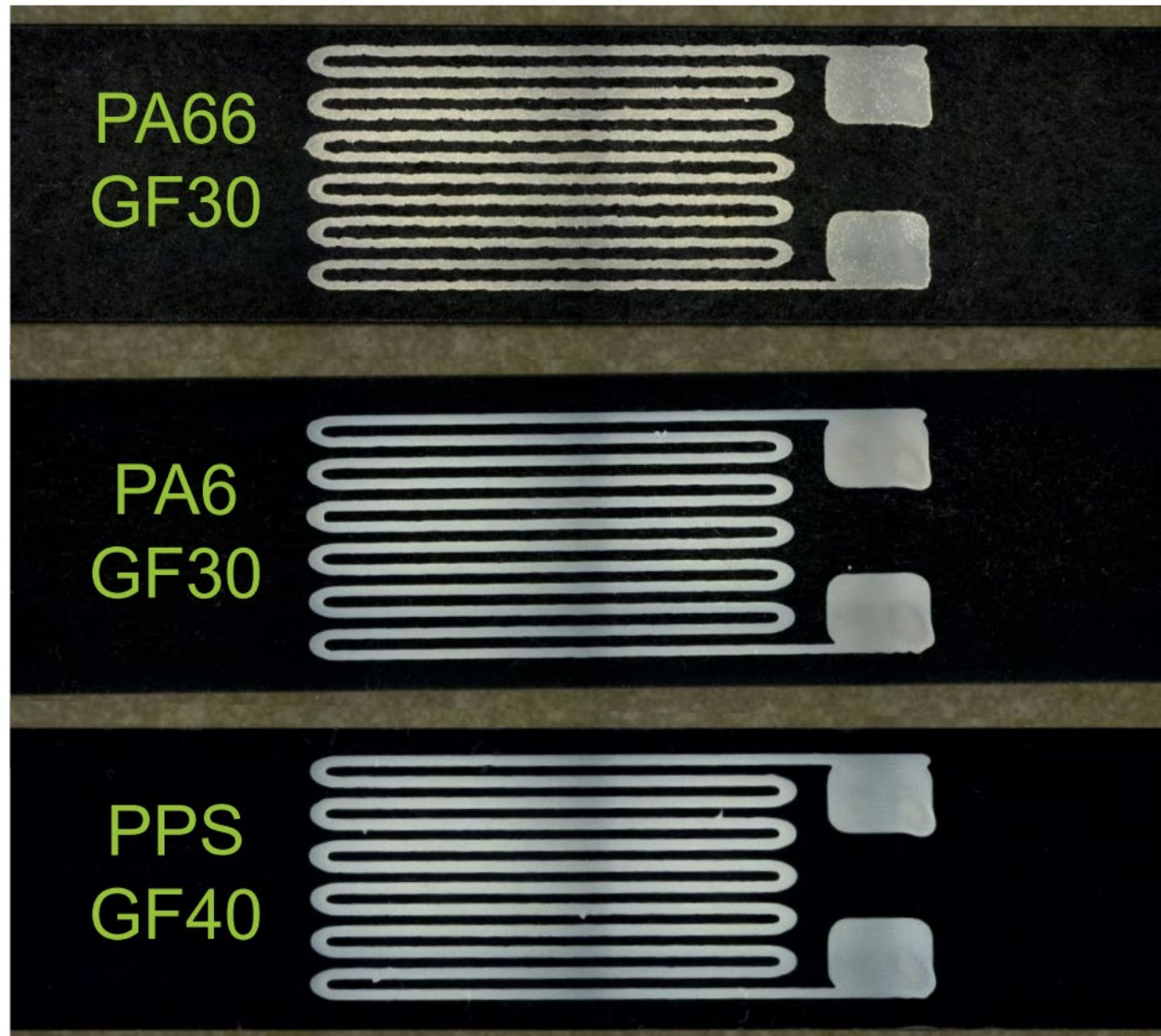
Standard deviation in R approx. 7,2- 11,2%



**Smallest geometries comparable to conventional strain sensors could be generated using the IDS aerosoljet printing system with deviations in R around 2 to 6%**



Functionalization using piezojet printing requires larger sensing structures and therefore larger measurement objects.

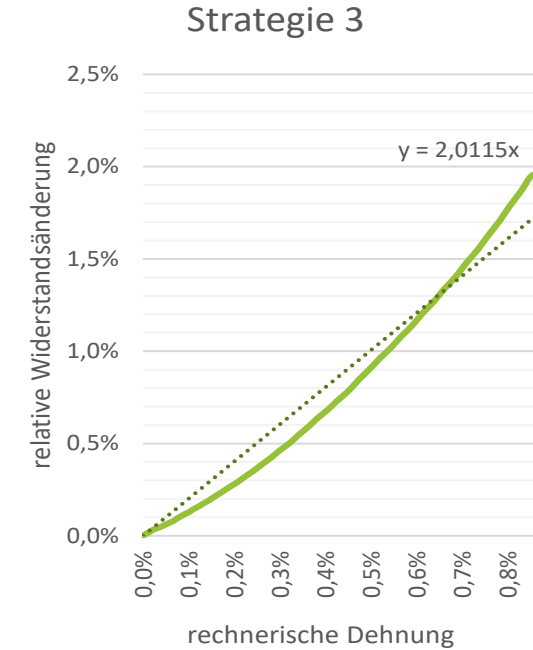
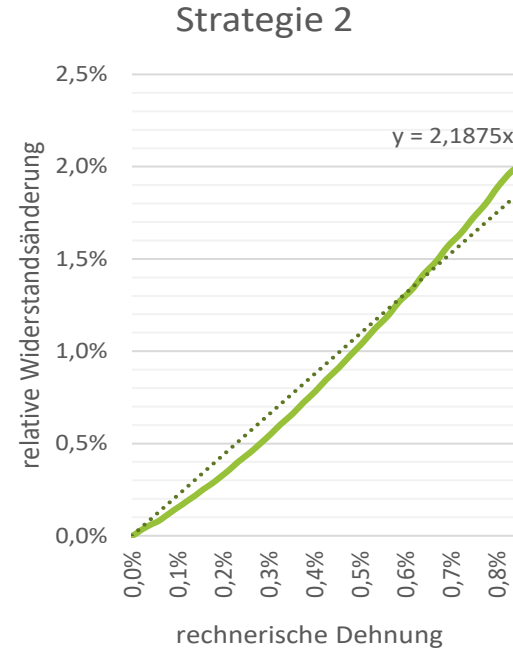
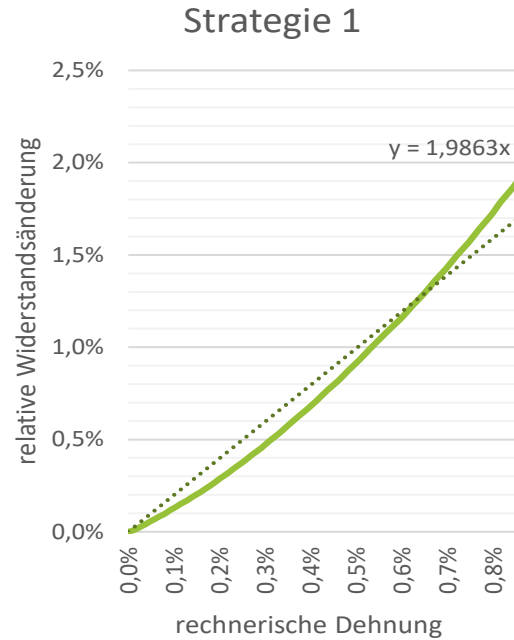
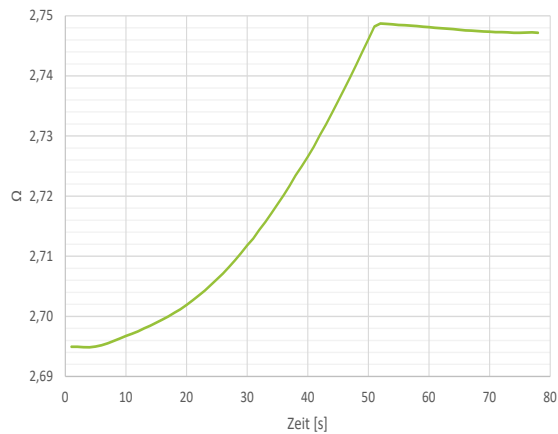
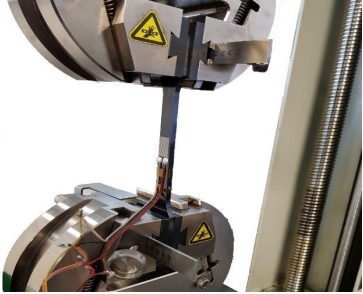


Line spacing: 1000  $\mu\text{m}$  bzw. 700 $\mu\text{m}$  (dep. on ink)

Pad size: ca. 3x4mm<sup>2</sup>

Pad distance: ca. 4mm

Gauge factors were found to be around 2,3 at a tensile strain of 0,8% for the piezojet printed ECI1011 ink.



P7: k-Faktor: 2,24

P1: k-Faktor: 2,35

k-Faktor: 2,24

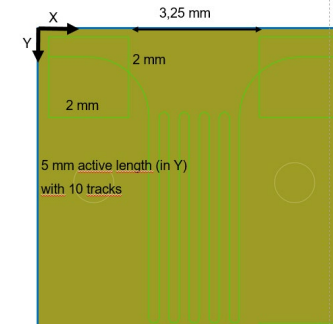
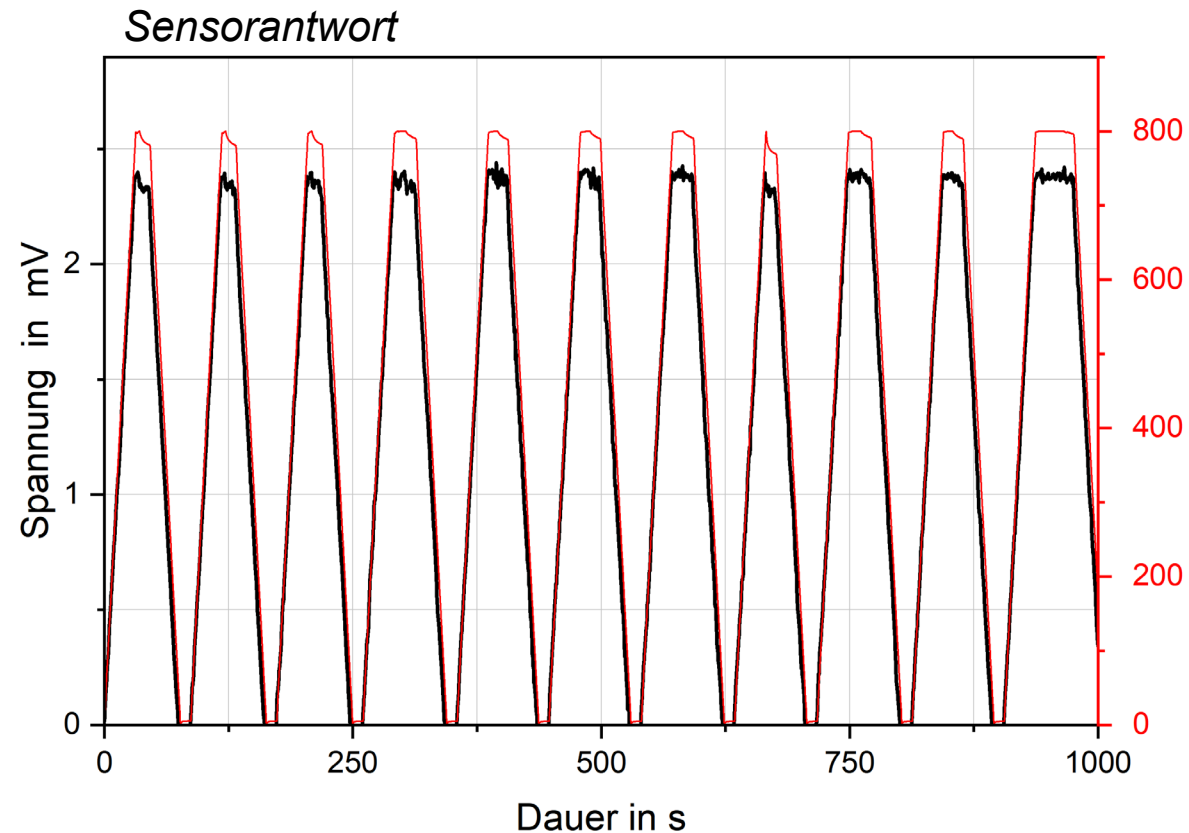
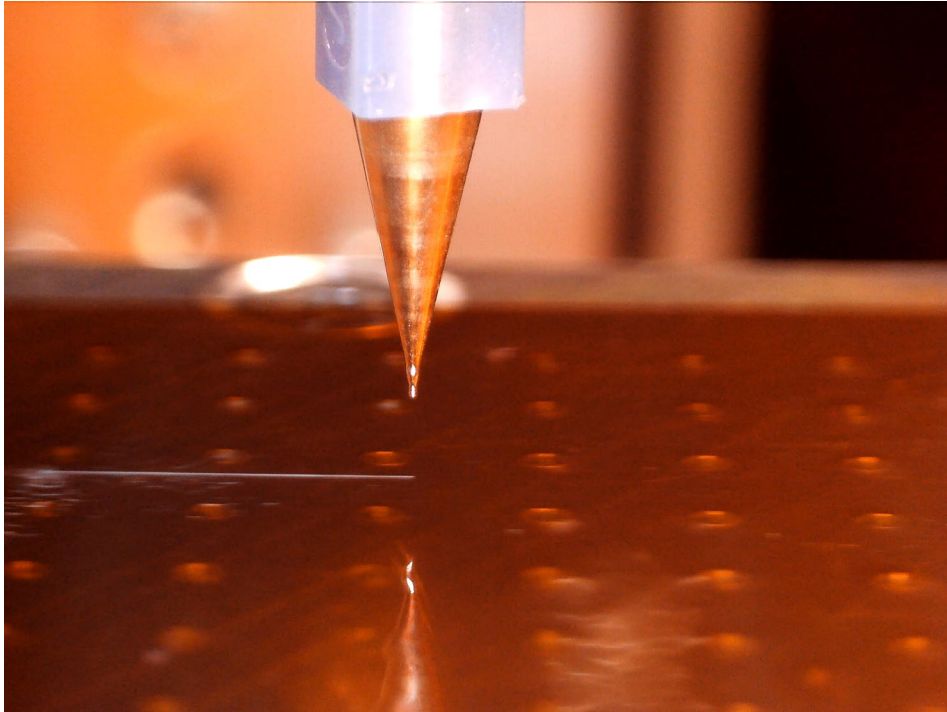
Calculation without extensimeter or reference sensor.

Tensile bars according to DIN EN ISO 527 Typ 1A – Material PPS Fortron 1140L6, area 40mm<sup>2</sup>

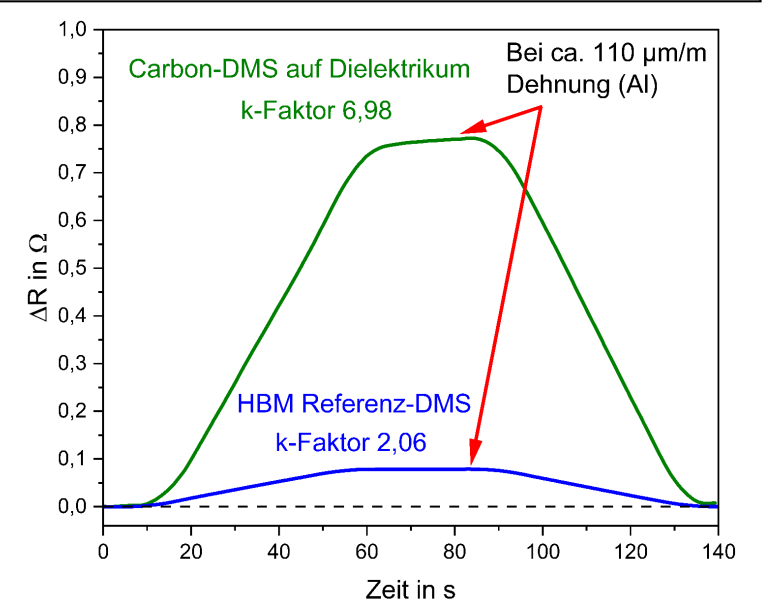
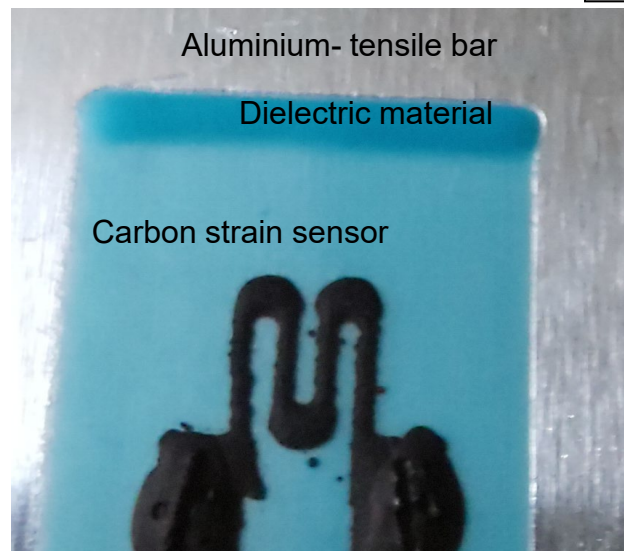
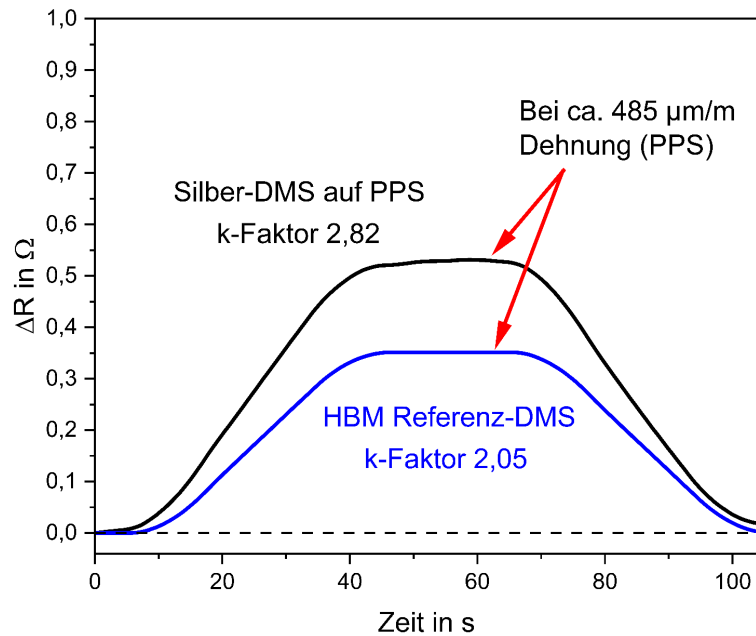
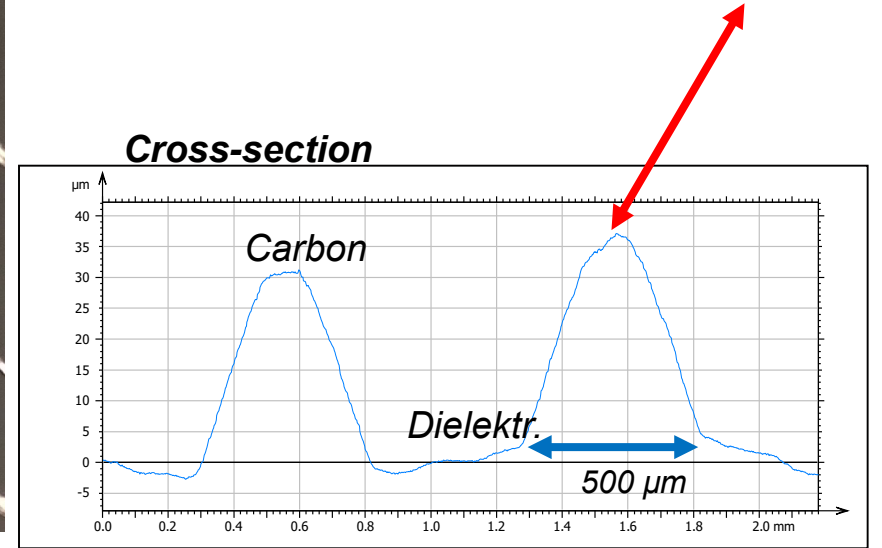
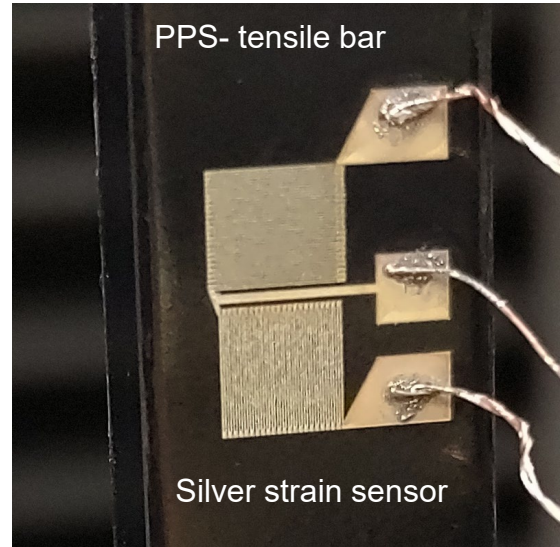
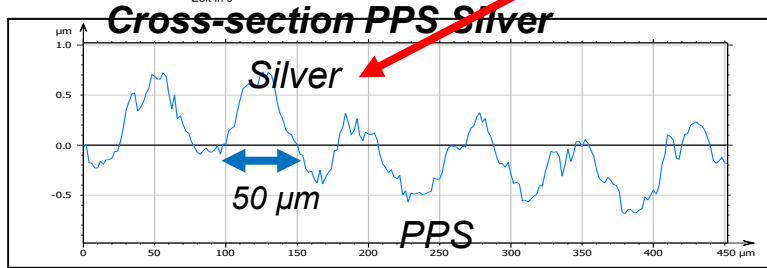
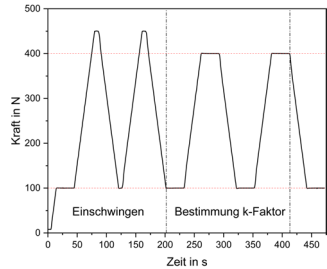


Nanojet printing at TH Nürnberg allows smaller structures with a good sensor response for silver ink at about 80 Ohms to 100 Ohms.

- Silver ink UTDots Ag40X
- Polyimid foil 125  $\mu\text{m}$
- 200 °C
- 60 min
- Cyclic strain testing
- Aluminium bar

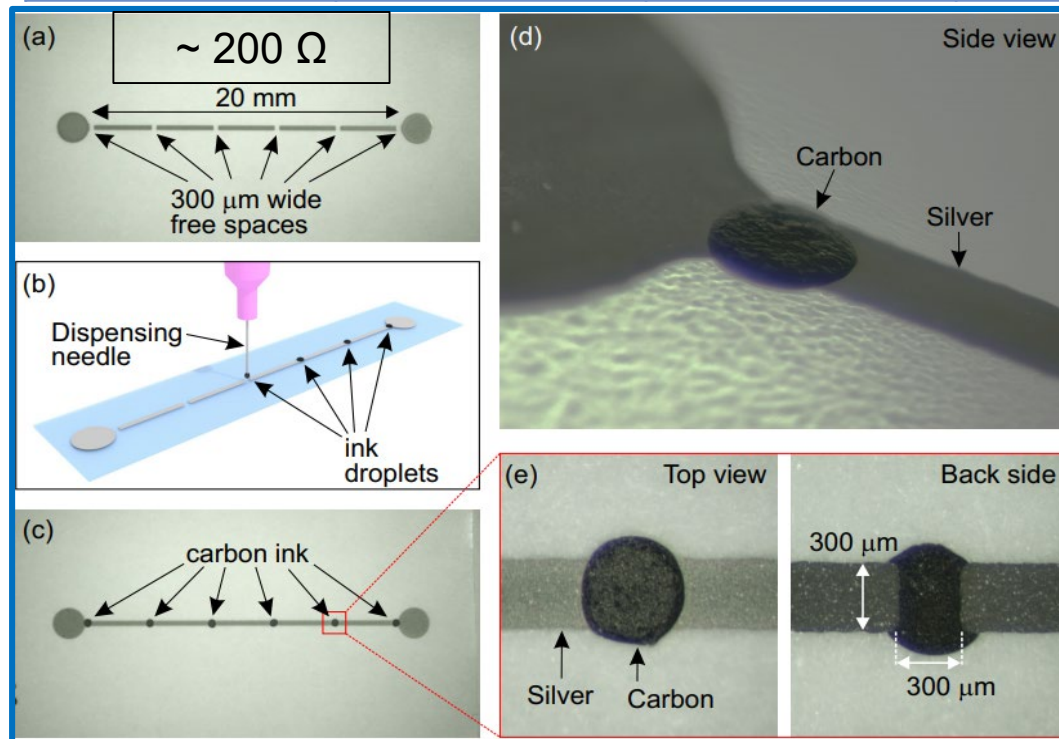


Actual results of printed on tensile bars show values in accordance with literature.



# A hybrid concept of silver and carbon inks for high sensitivity, low resistivity sensors was realized using screen printing and dispensing.

Substrat - PET			Ω/mm	Substrat - PI		Ω/mm
		Stddev in %			Stddev in %	
Querschnitt	2296 μm <sup>2</sup>	14	0,23	2402 μm <sup>2</sup>	15	0,44
Linienbreite	347 μm	6,5		292 μm	6	
Widerstand	388 mΩ	5		743 mΩ	4,5	

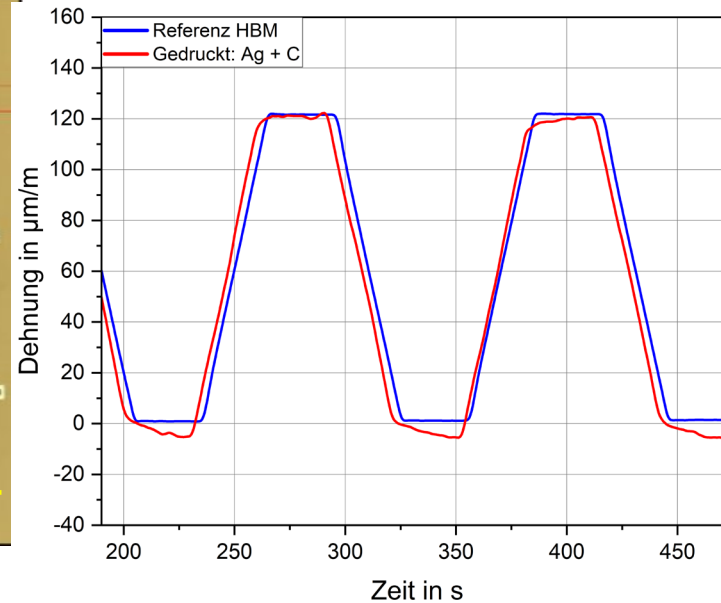
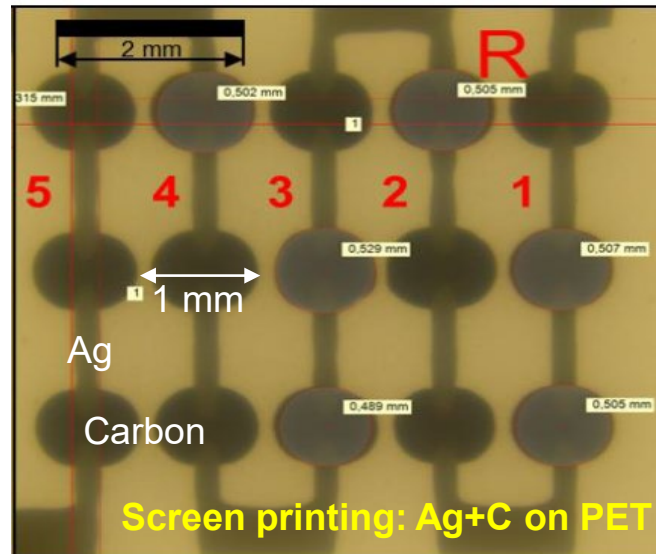


- High sensitivity (k-Faktor)  $GF = 7,7$
- Sensor mainly made (90%) from silver tracks
- Distributed sensing
- Very local sensing
- Cheap manufacturing (screen, dispensing)



Results of the hybrid concept show factor 10 higher resistivities at high gauge factors.

Process	Standard dev. To average R in %	$\Omega/\text{mm}$	Line width in $\mu\text{m}$	Layer height in $\mu\text{m}$
Nanojet (Ag)	2 - 5	1,3 - 2,3	50	1,5
Screen (Ag)	5	0,3	250	10
Screen (Ag) + Dispensing (C)	8	13	1000	30

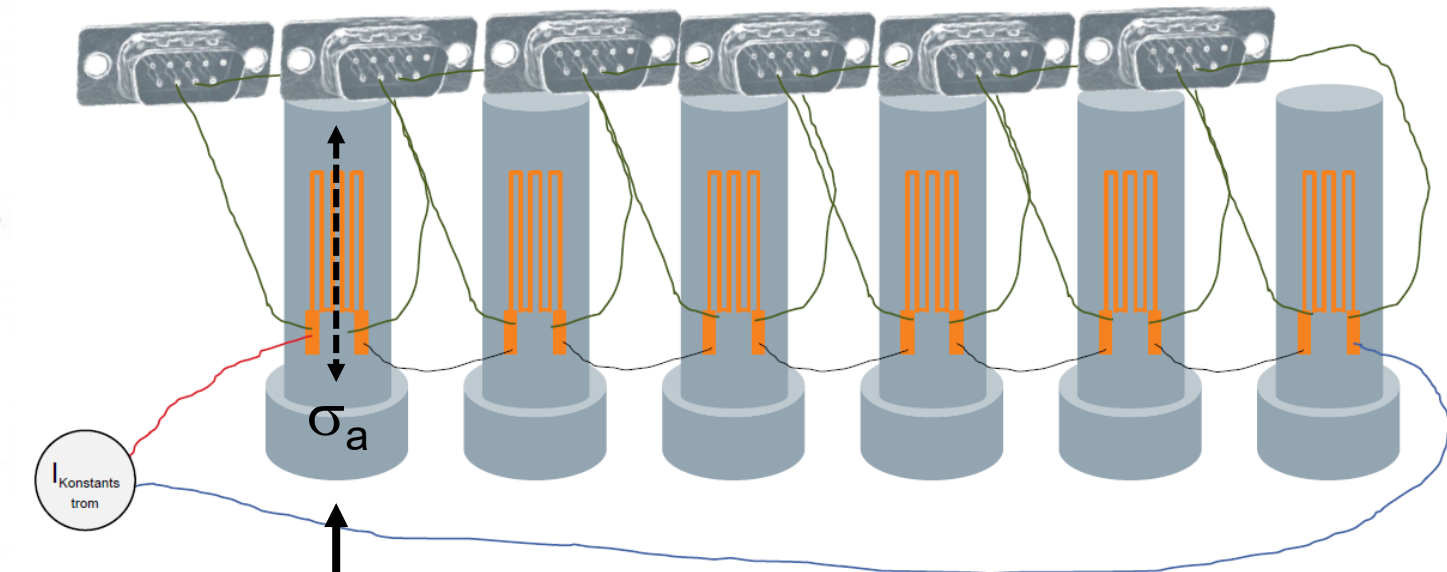
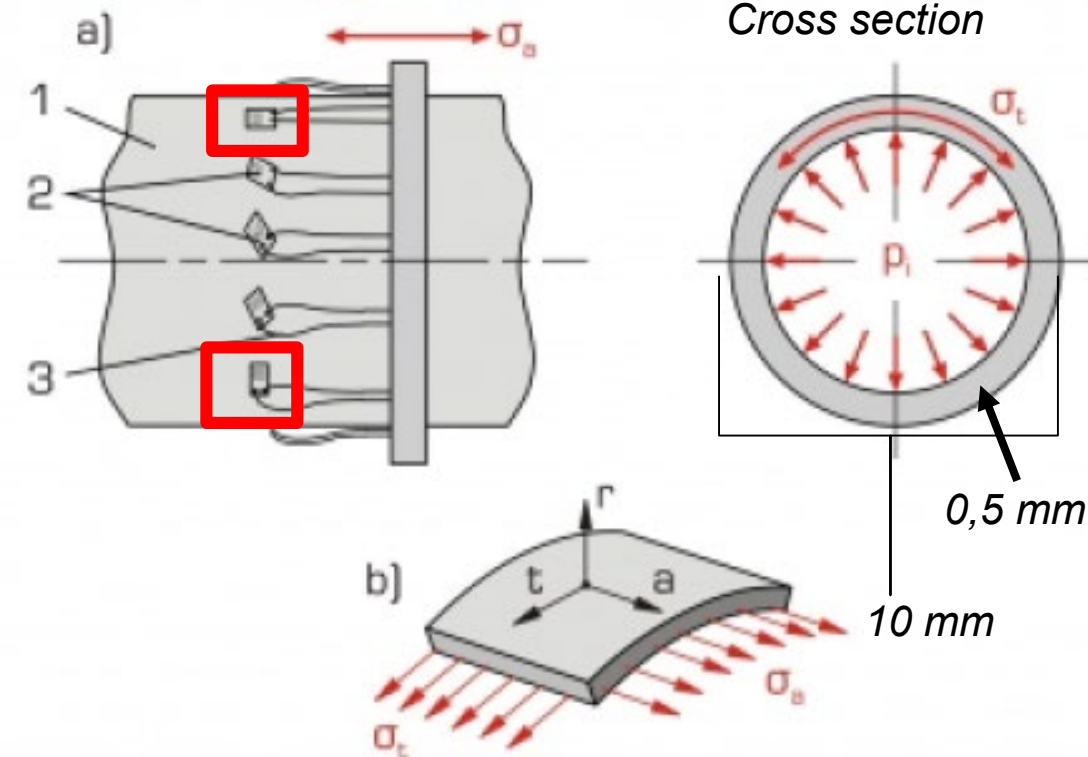
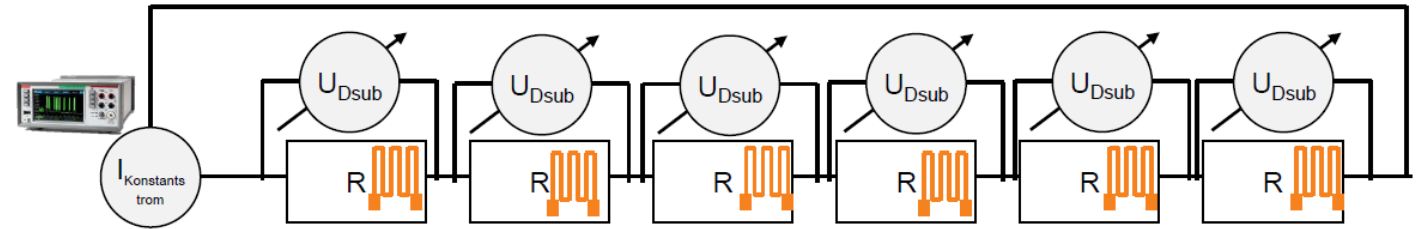


Process	Material	Gauge factor
Referenz (HBM)	Konstantan (CuNi)	2,06
Screen + Dispensing	Ag + C	6 - 7
Screen	Ag	1,21
Nanojet	Ag	2,80

For 3D applications a test on a hollow cylinder is planned to have a geometric and directly printed sensor in a pressure chamber.

Overlay of

- Axial-strain ( $\sigma_a$ )
- Tangential-strain ( $\sigma_t$ )

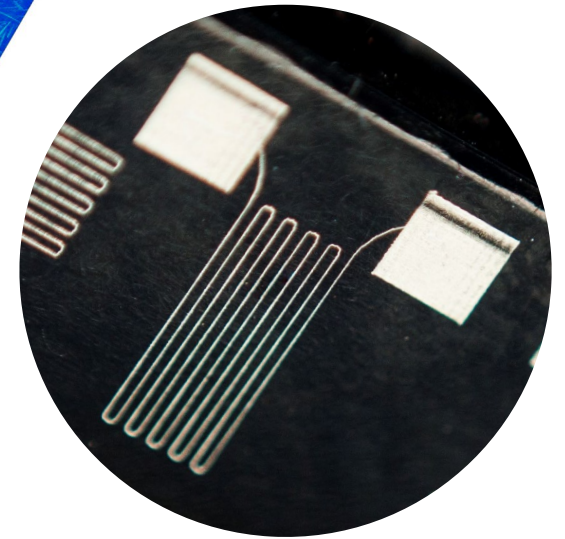
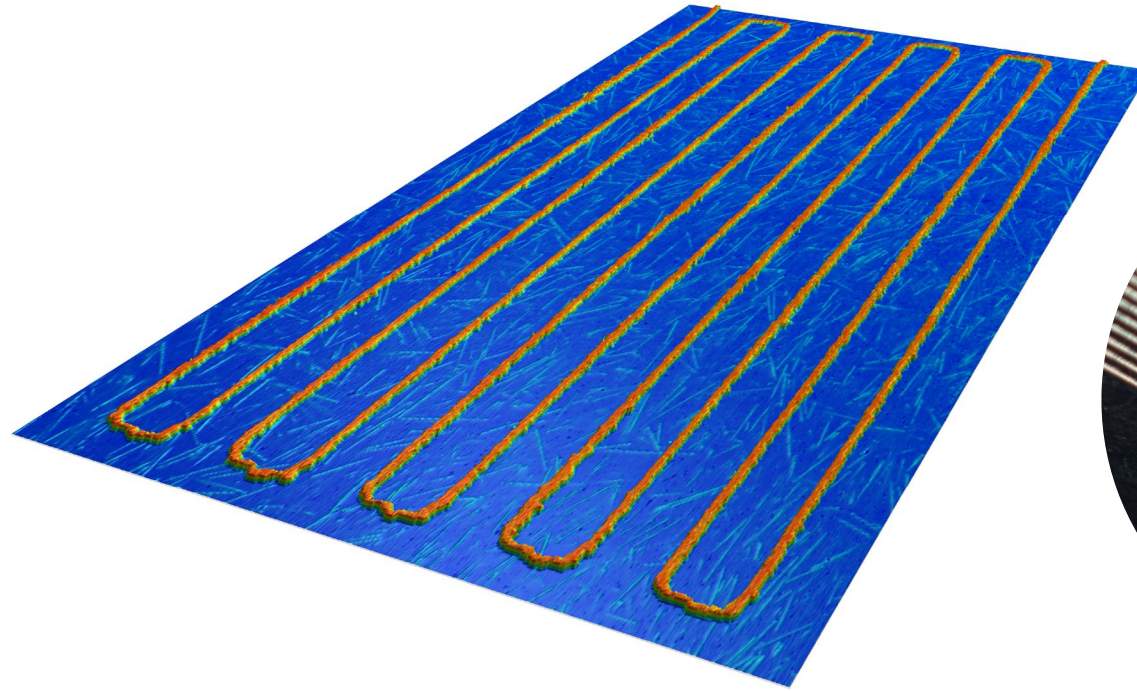


Aluminium-hollow cylinder  
(AlCuMgPb-F38)  
Length: 5 cm  
Diameter: 1 cm

## Findings

- Printing of strain gauges directly on geometric surfaces possible
- Suitable printing process application specific
- Fairly low resistivities for metal piezojet combinations
- Aerosoljet process most suitable for fine structures at higher resistivities compatible to existing instrumentation
- To be investigated
  - Encapsulation
  - Reliability (also longterm)
  - Direct application without manual steps on 3D surfaces
- Challenges remain
  - Material compatibility
  - Reproducibility
  - Drift





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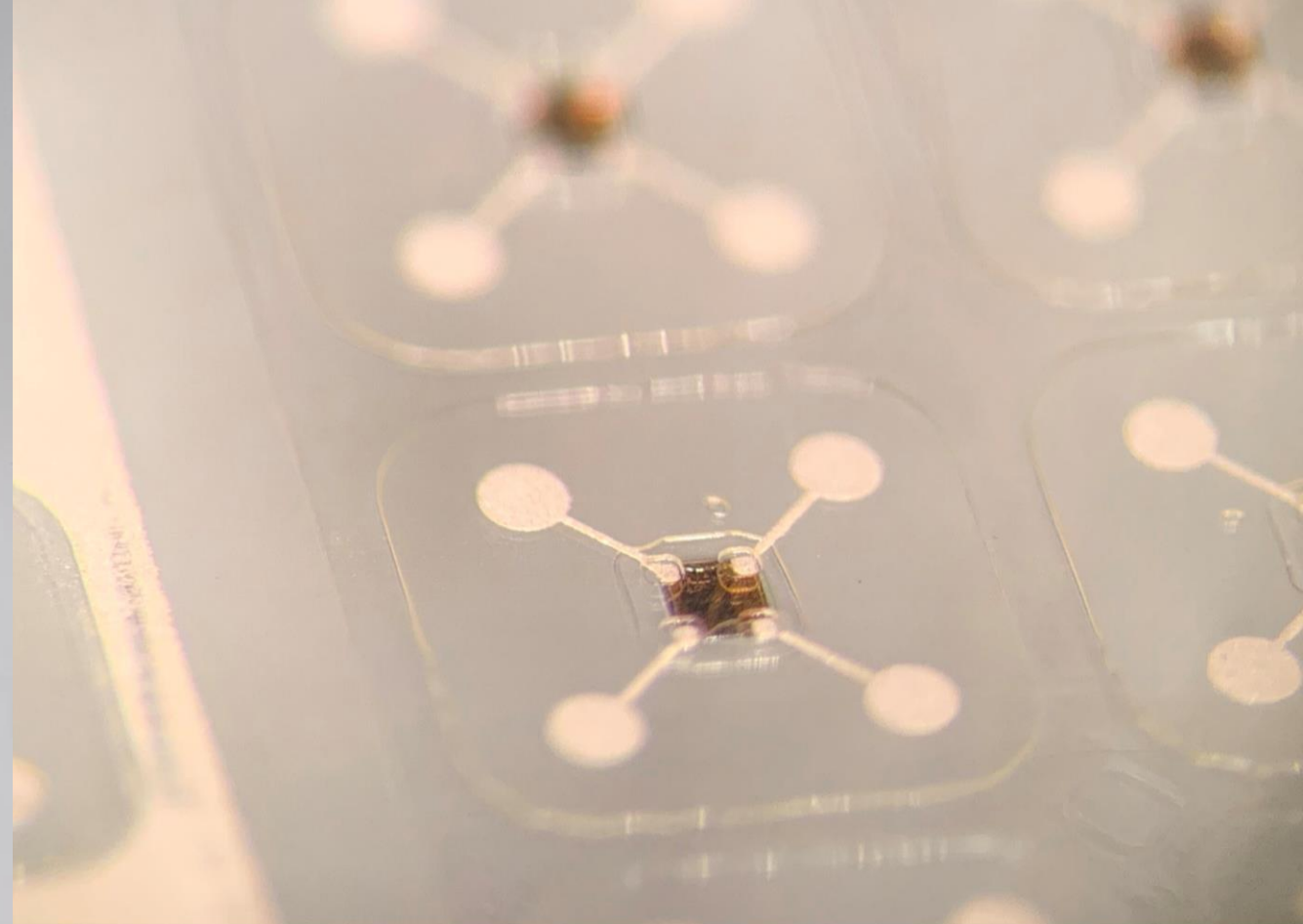
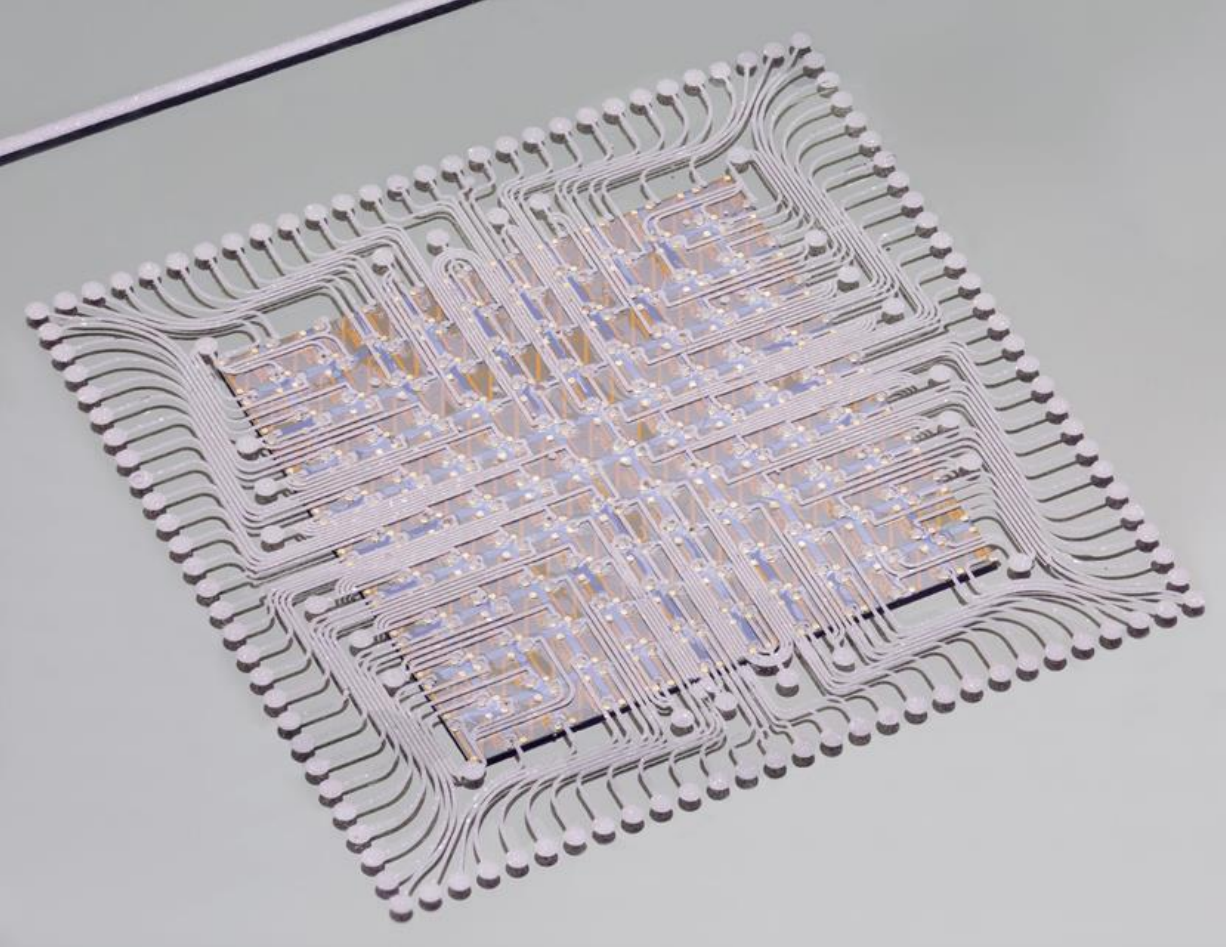
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# Advancements in Functional Printing

## *3D Printed Chip Packaging*

2022-09-21 | Dr.ir. Ashok Sridhar | Business Development

# An Introduction to Holst Centre



# Holst Centre

An aerial photograph of the Holst Centre campus. The image shows a large complex of modern, multi-story buildings with flat roofs and large windows, interspersed with green spaces and trees. A prominent feature is a large, irregularly shaped pond or lake on the left side of the campus. In the background, a highway with multiple lanes is visible, along with more buildings and a clear blue sky. The overall scene depicts a well-planned, high-tech campus environment.

- ✓ Started in 2006 on initiation from Philips Research, named after Gilles Holst, first director of Philips Research
- ✓ Located at the High Tech Campus in the heart of Brainport area, home of Dutch high tech industry
- ✓ Aimed at fostering and orchestrating innovation with and between companies



# Holst Centre fundamentals

- Managed and run by 2 reputed R&D institutes: TNO and imec
  - TNO: biggest Dutch R&D organisation focused on applied research aimed at improving societal welfare coupled to economic growth
  - Imec: famous Belgian R&D institute aimed at advancing chip technology

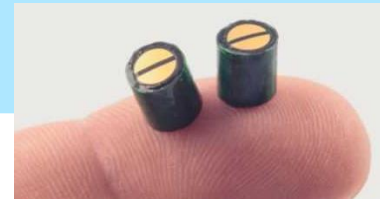
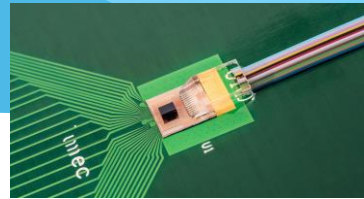
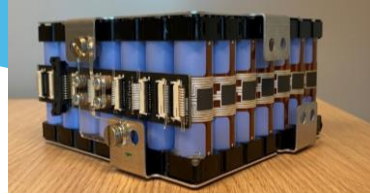
**TNO** innovation  
for life

- Thin film, printed and flexible electronics
- Energy storage

- Health care technology
- Integrated photonics

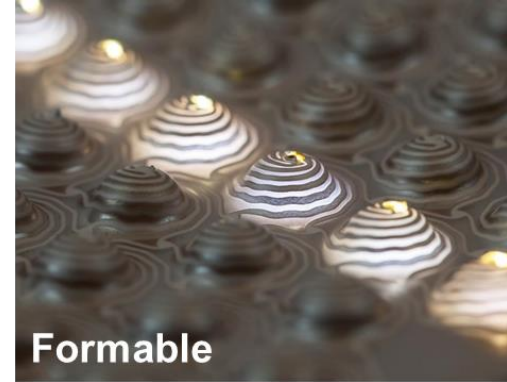
**imec**

- Low-power wireless communication
- Edge AI



# Expertise of Holst Centre

New form factors and design freedom by printing...



...and enabling new applications by combining with traditional components!

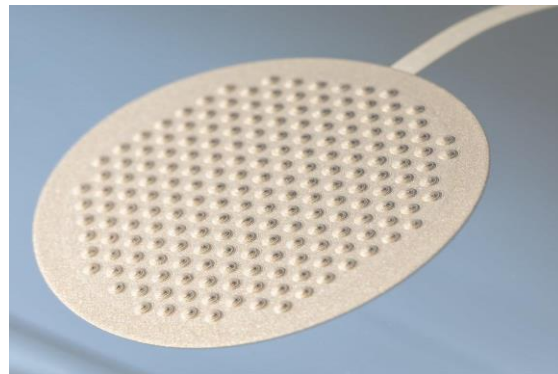


# R&D orchestrator

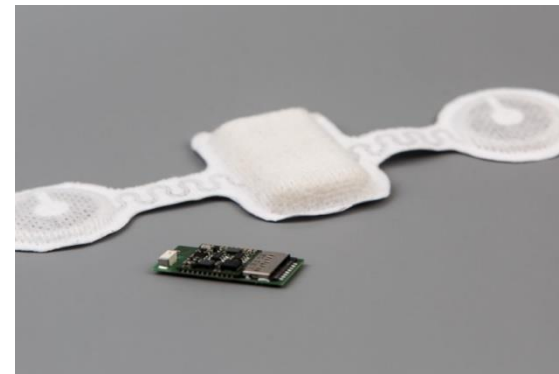
- One-stop shop approach
- From application requirements to full system design and material + equipment development
- Organizing and executing complex and disruptive innovations with and along the value chain



Materials, equipment, processes => pilot line



Electrodes, sensors, electronic components



Health patch, IoT devices, optical switch



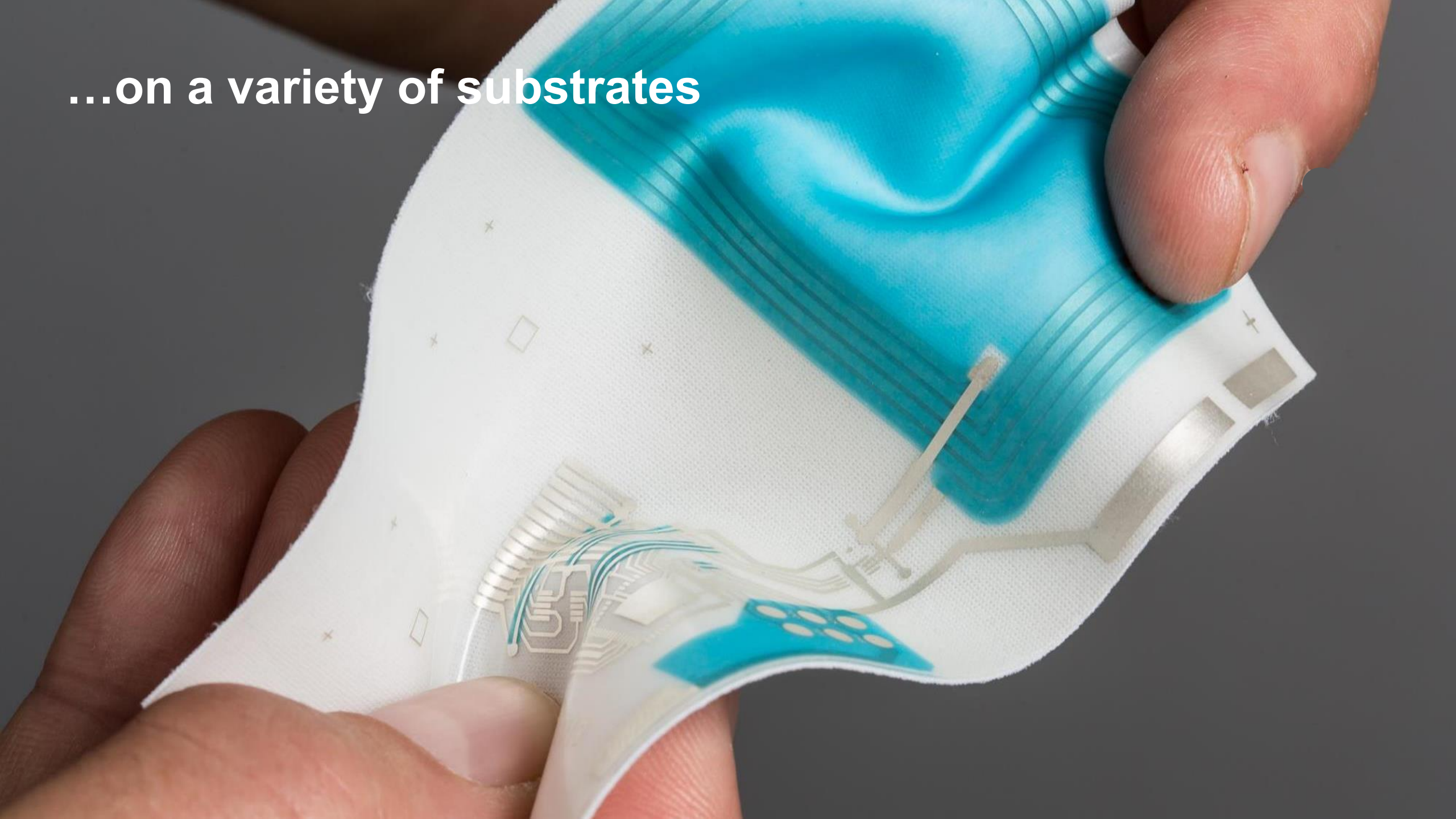
(Clinical) trials, data analysis, algorithms



Smart use of **PRINTING...**



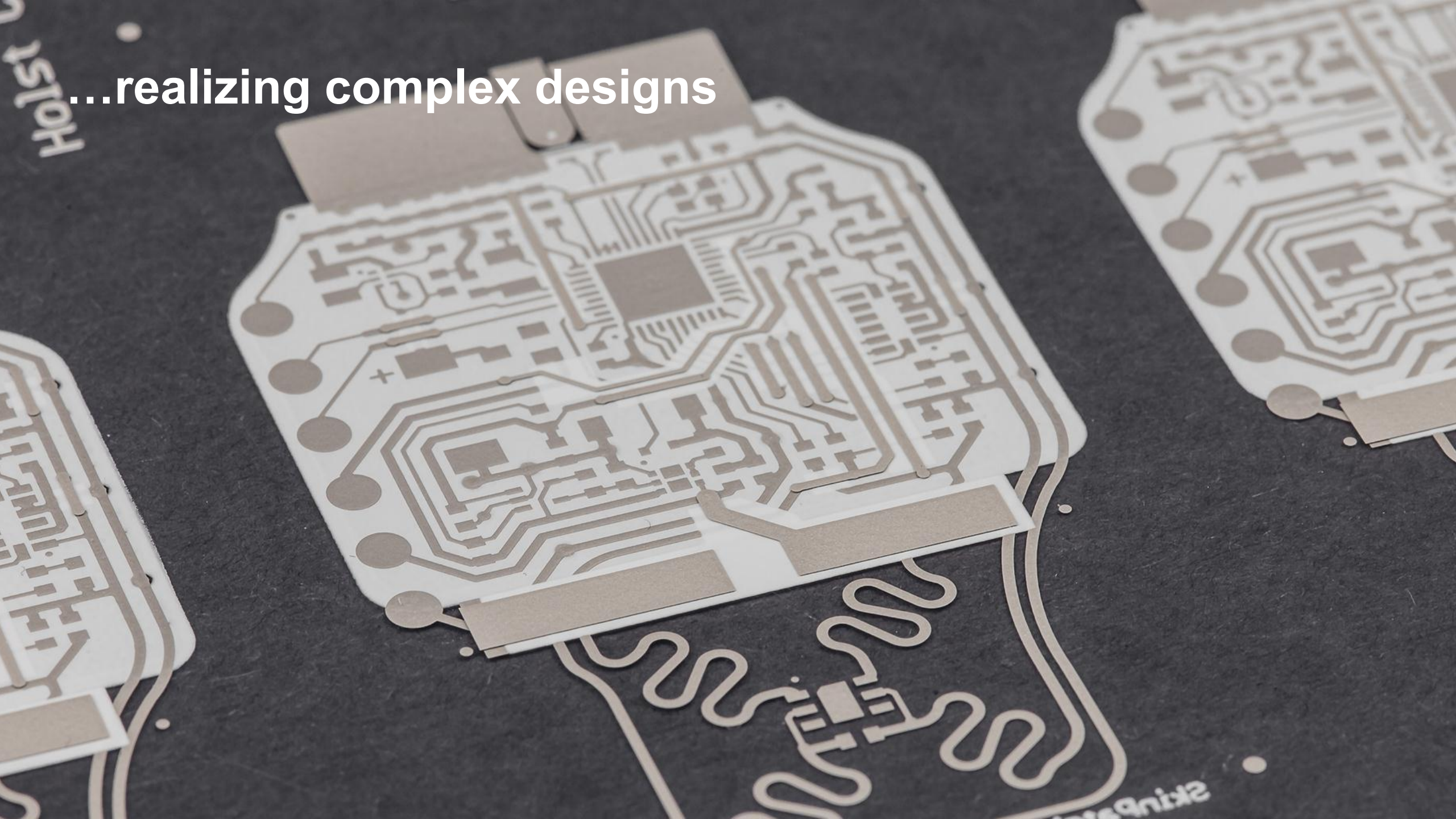
...on a variety of substrates





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...realizing complex designs



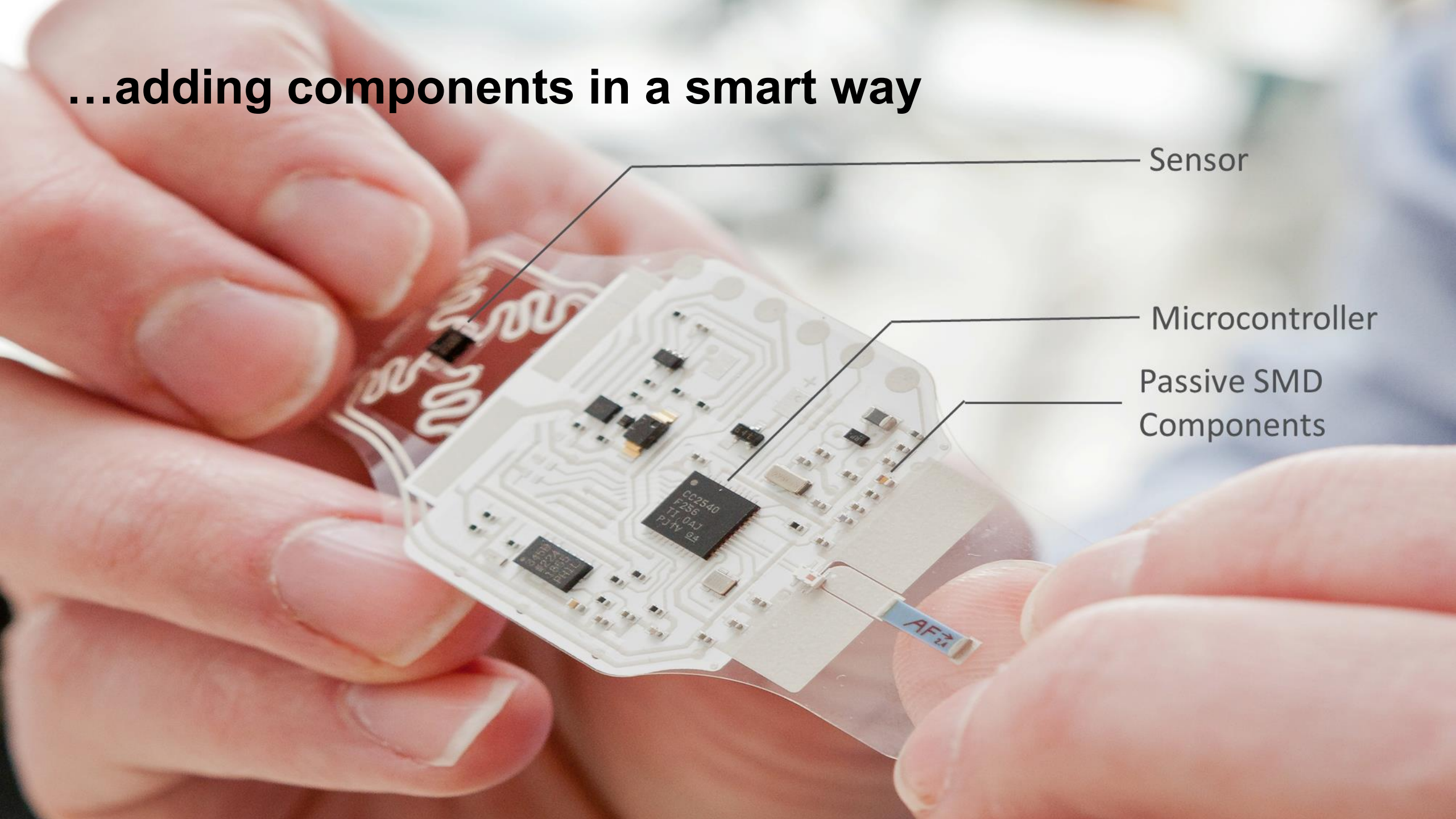


**...adding components in a smart way**

Sensor

Microcontroller

Passive SMD  
Components



# What's next in printing and integration?

# Market drivers

- **Finer resolution**
- **Higher throughput**
- **Greater degree of integration**
- **Mass customization**
- **Sustainability**

...of course, it goes without saying that these drivers cannot be compromised at a product level:

- Cost
- Quality
- Reliability



# Market drivers: $\mu$ LED display

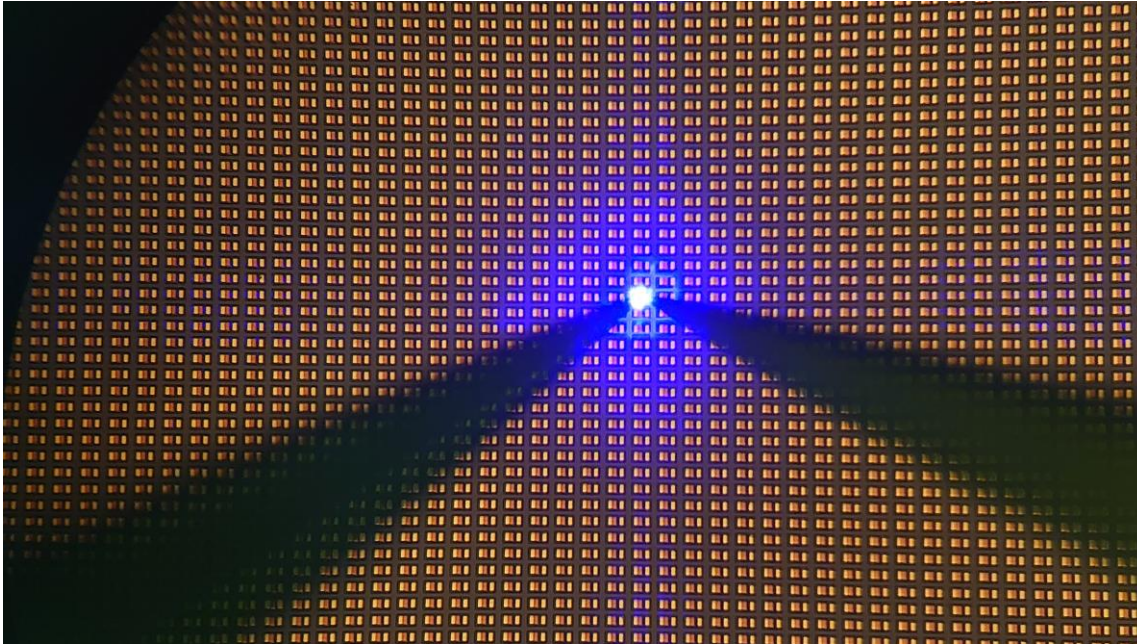
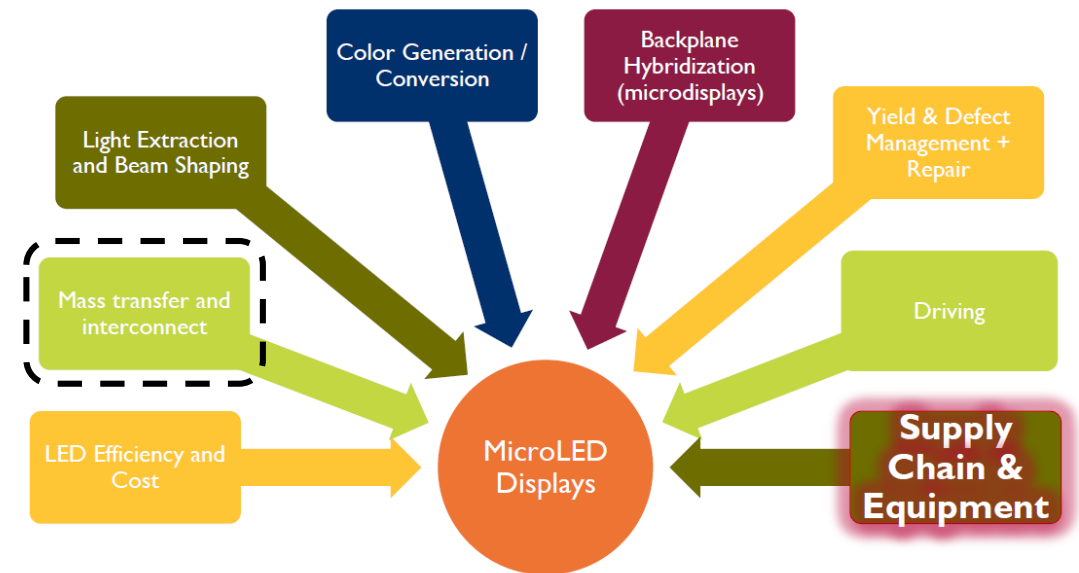


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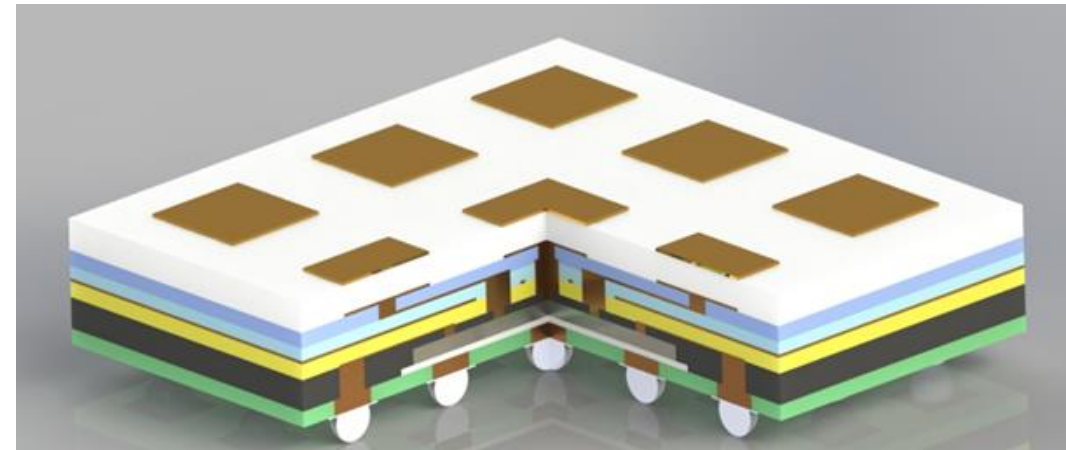


# Market drivers: Chip integration

- Antenna-in-package (AiP)
- Stressless chip packaging
- Optical devices
- Organ-on-chip devices
- ...



Chip Integration  
Technology Center



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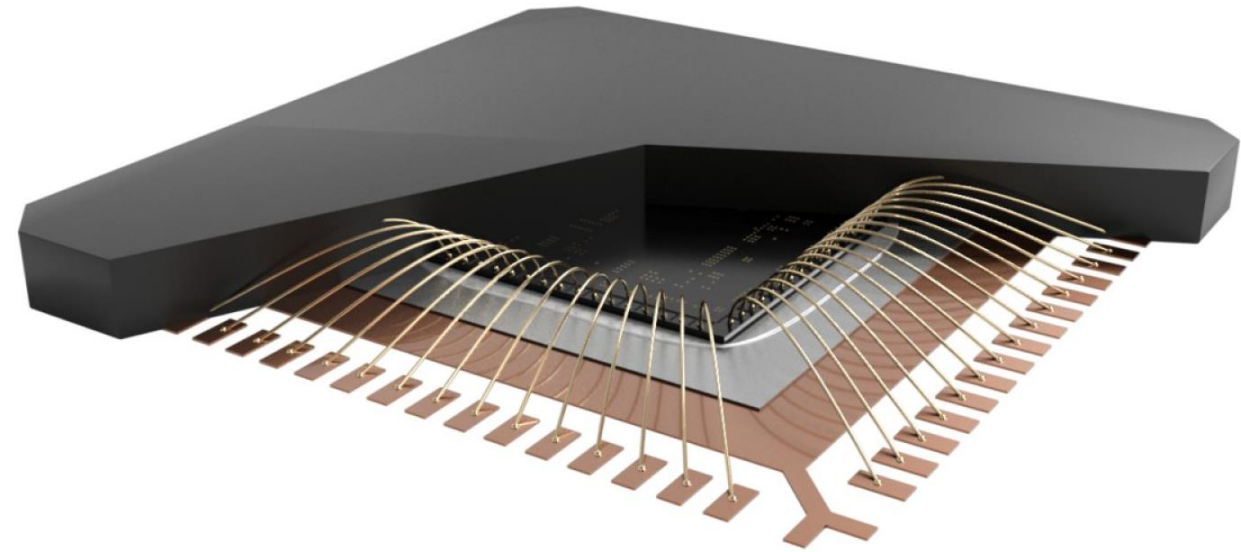
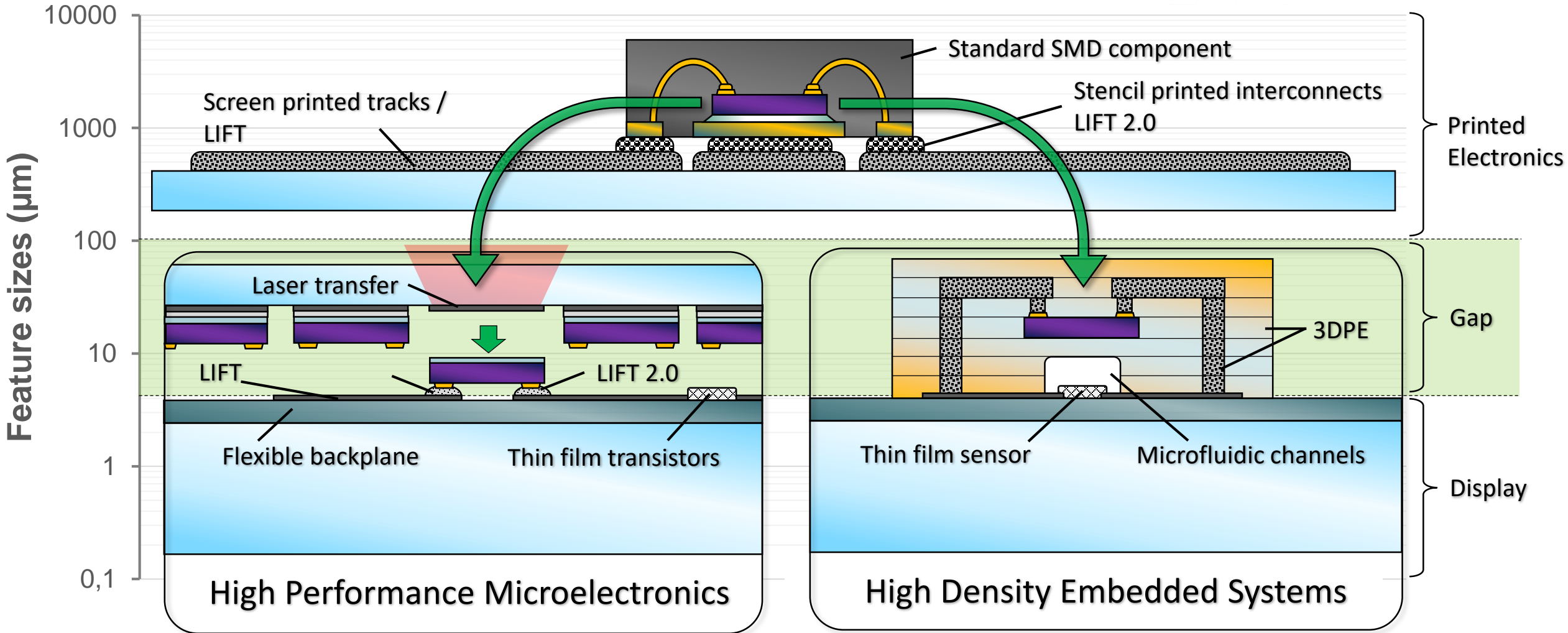


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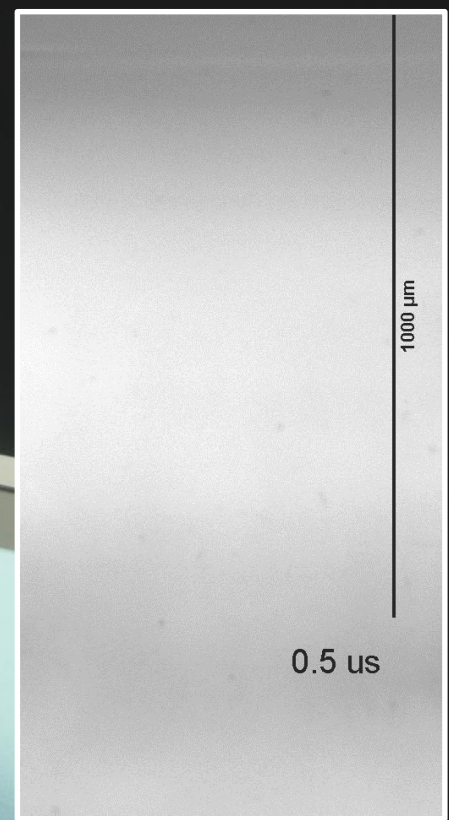
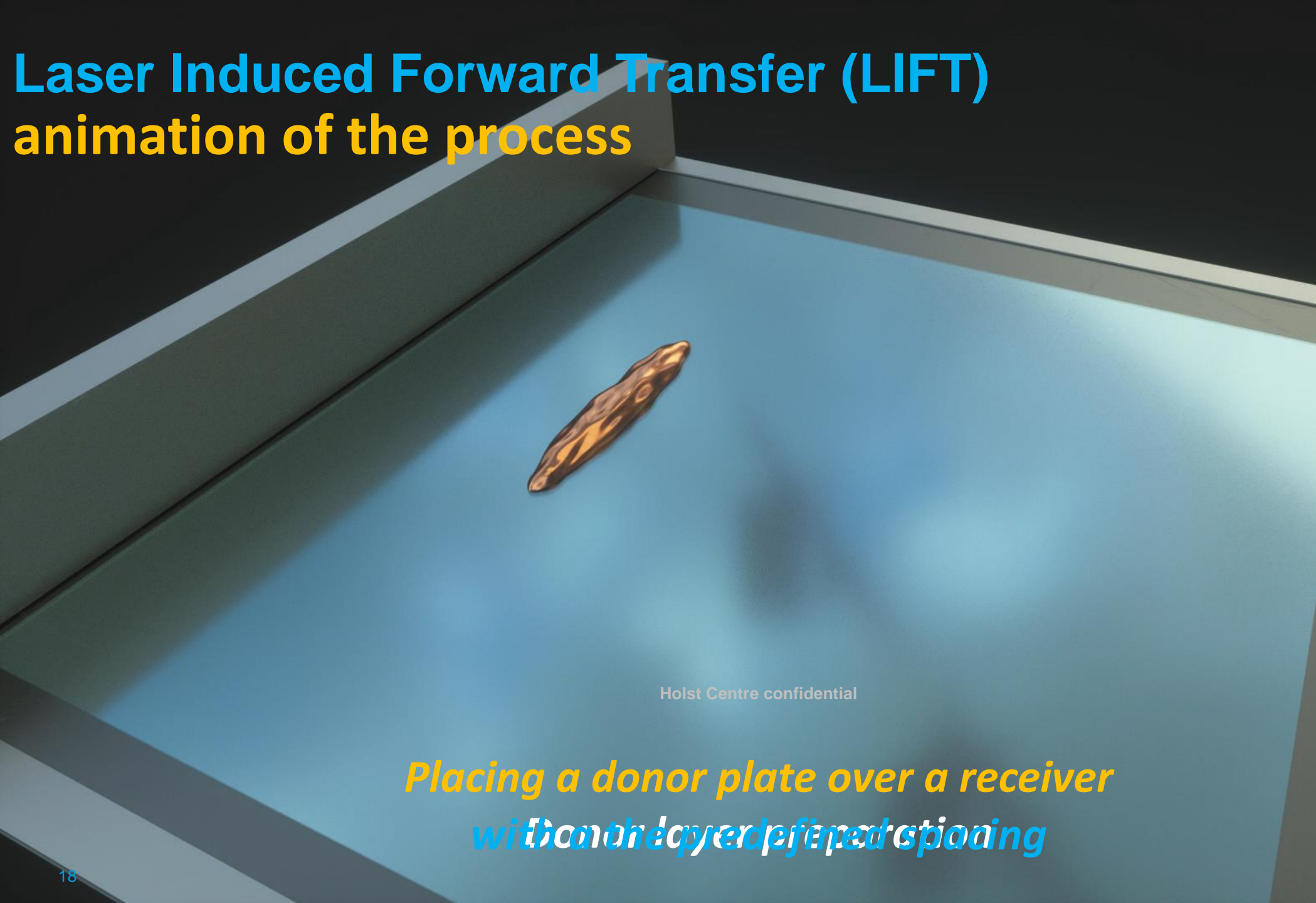


**Bridging the gap...**

# New printing technologies to bridge the gap



# Laser Induced Forward Transfer (LIFT) animation of the process



real process video

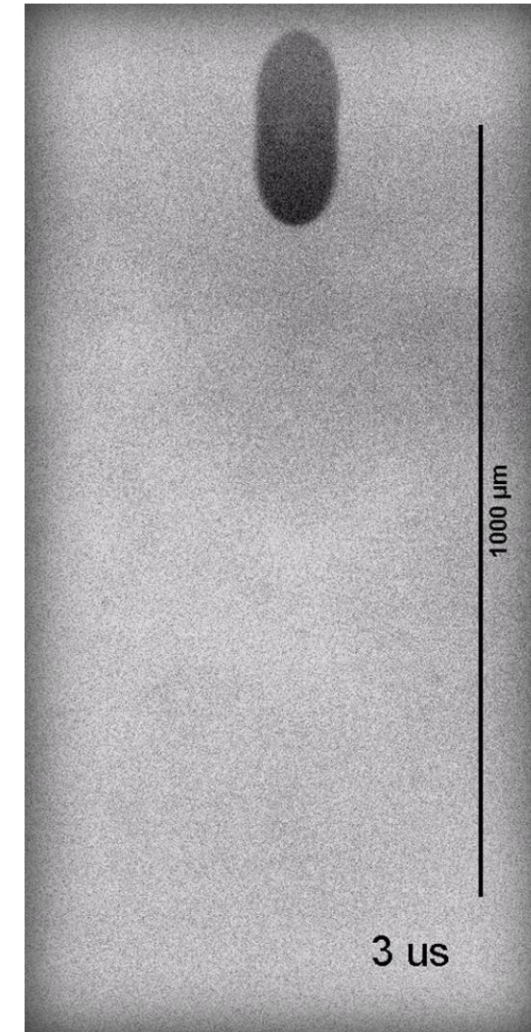
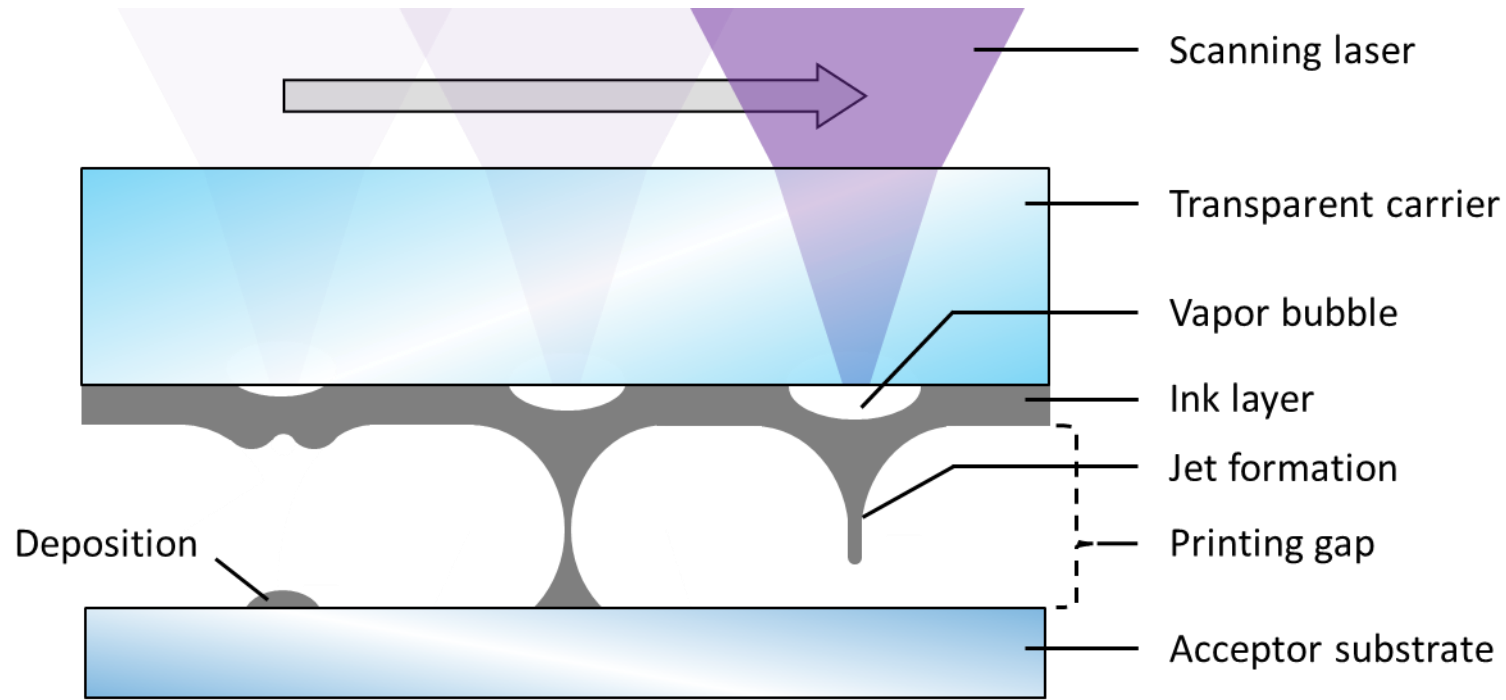
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*Placing a donor plate over a receiver  
with a predefined sporing pattern*



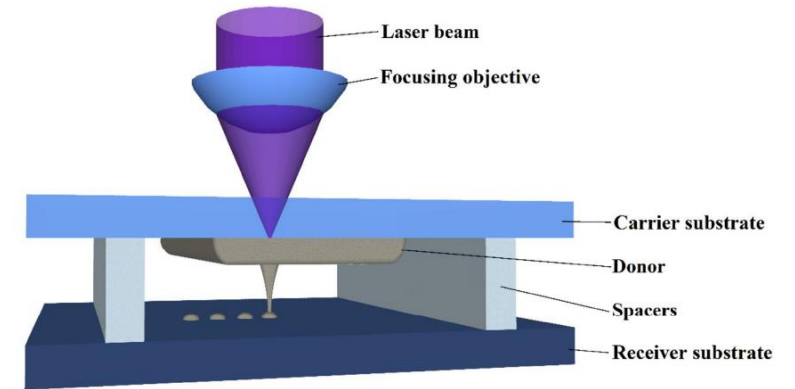
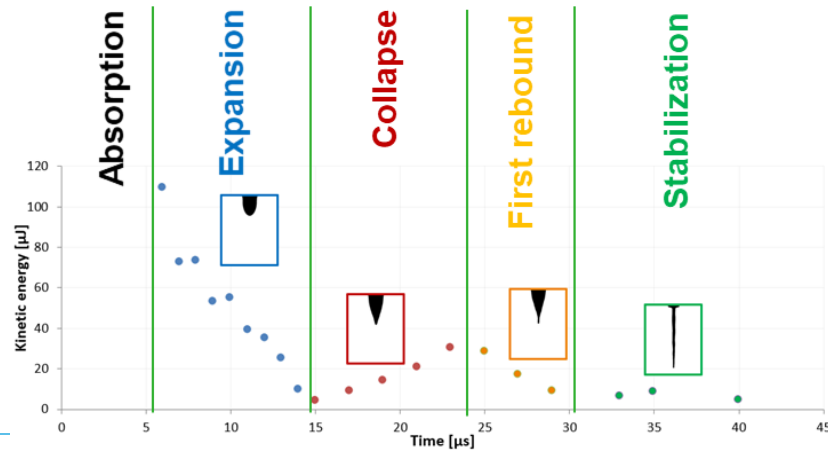
# Working principle: LIFT 1.0.

- A laser pulse rapidly heats the ink at the ink/carrier interface
- A vapor bubble expands and ink layer forms a jet
- The jet touches the acceptor substrate and leaves a deposition

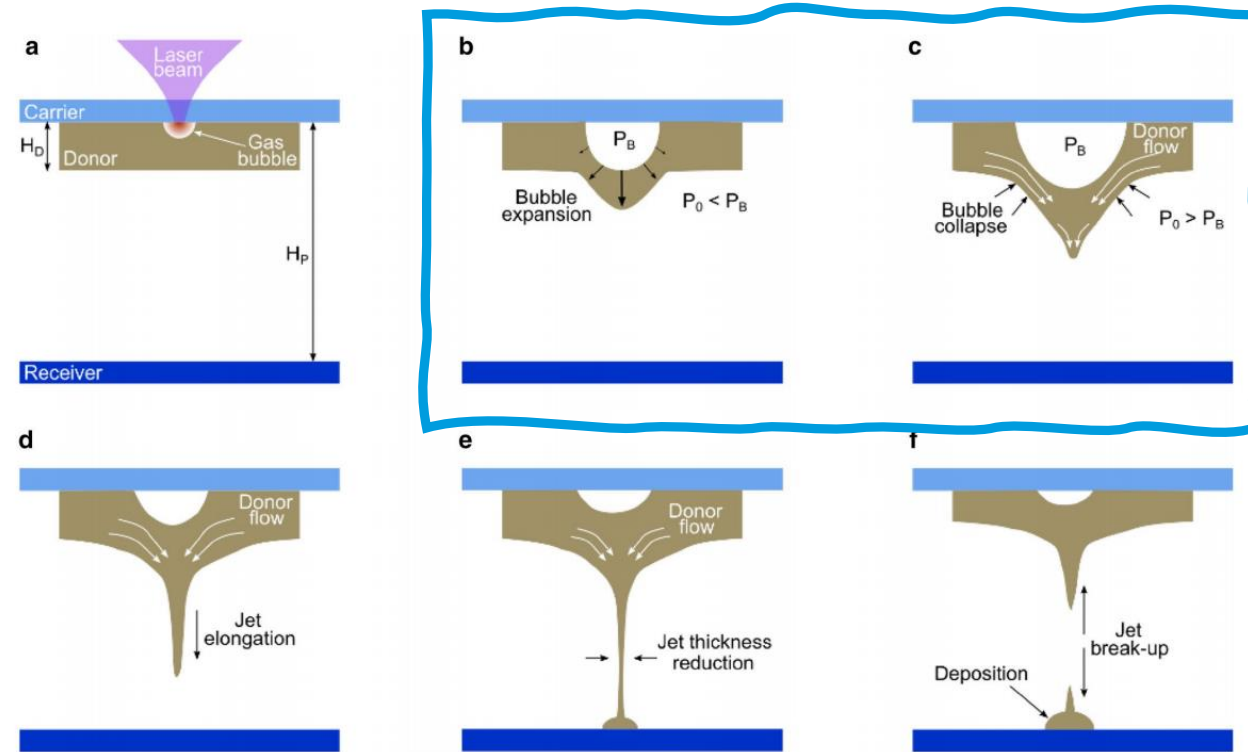


# Phases of LIFT process

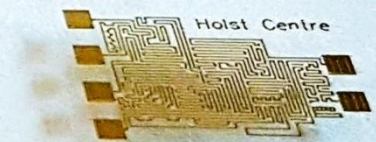
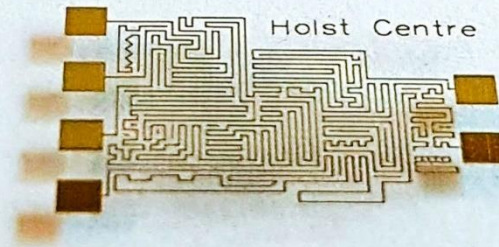
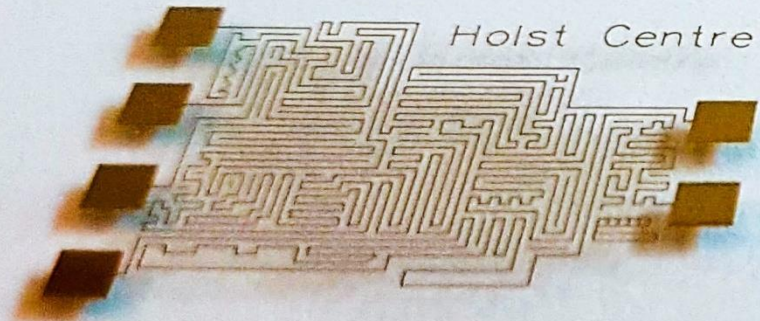
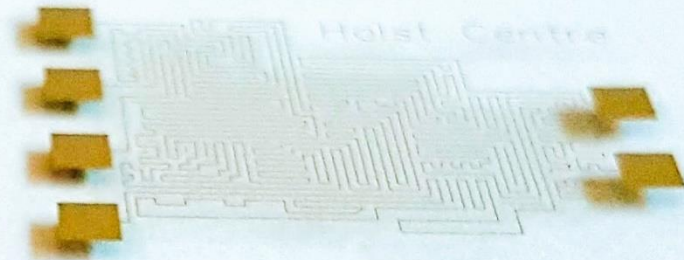
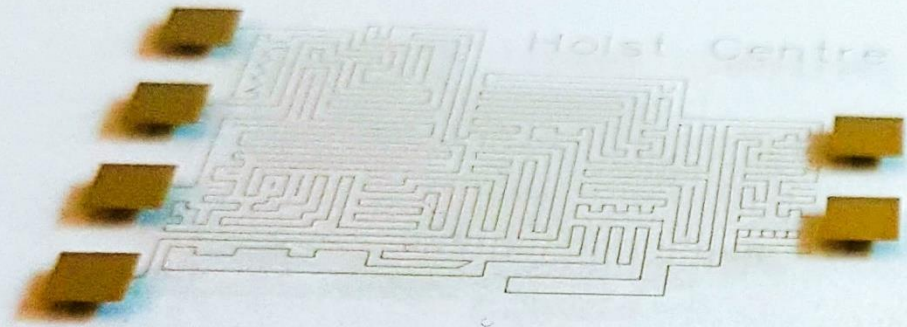
- Initial gas bubble and Ps depends on laser parameters, material absorption properties and material composition
- Donor flow and jet elongation depends on material rheology (viscosity, thixotropy, recovery time, particle size)



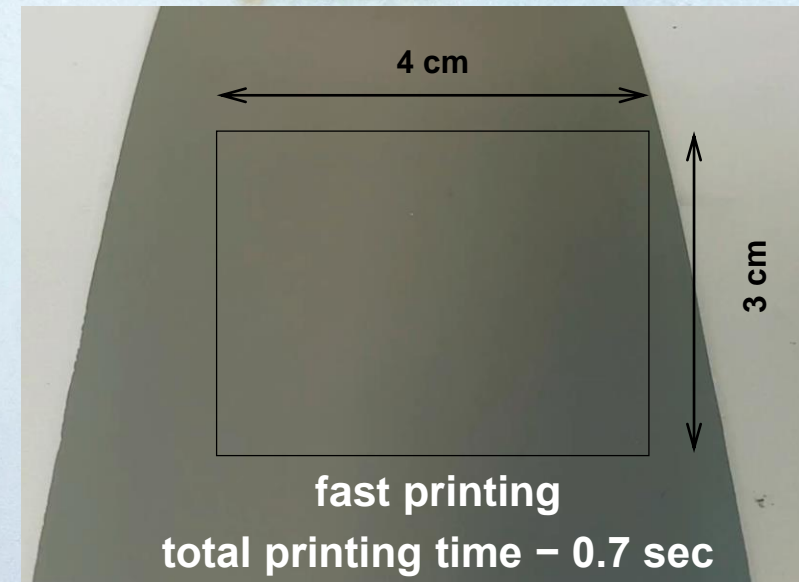
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**Ultrafast printing** of conductive structures  
*printing speed 2.8m/s*





# Uniqueness of LIFT 1.0.

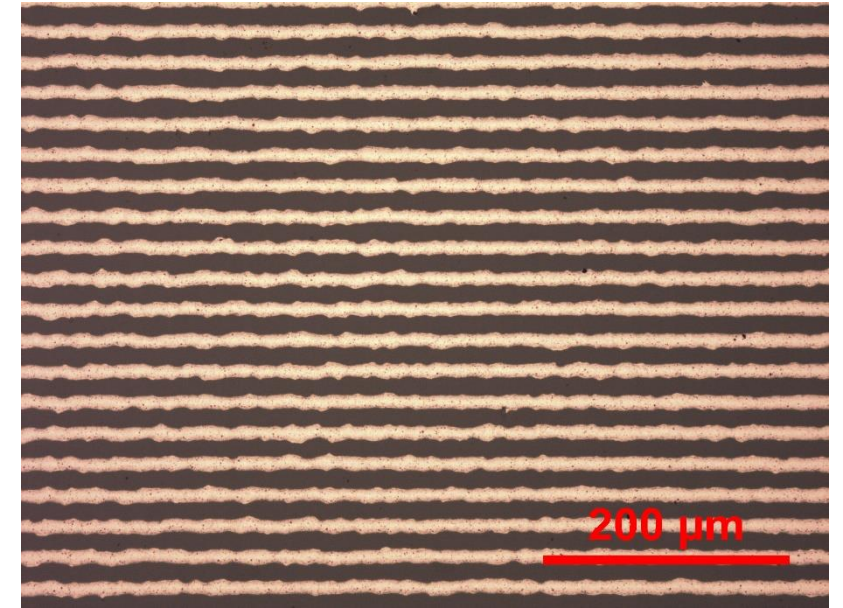
- **Fast processing**      The printing speed is only limited by the coating process
- **Non-contact**      Printing on non-planar surfaces
- **High resolution**      Feature sizes down to 15  $\mu\text{m}$  are possible



Fast processing

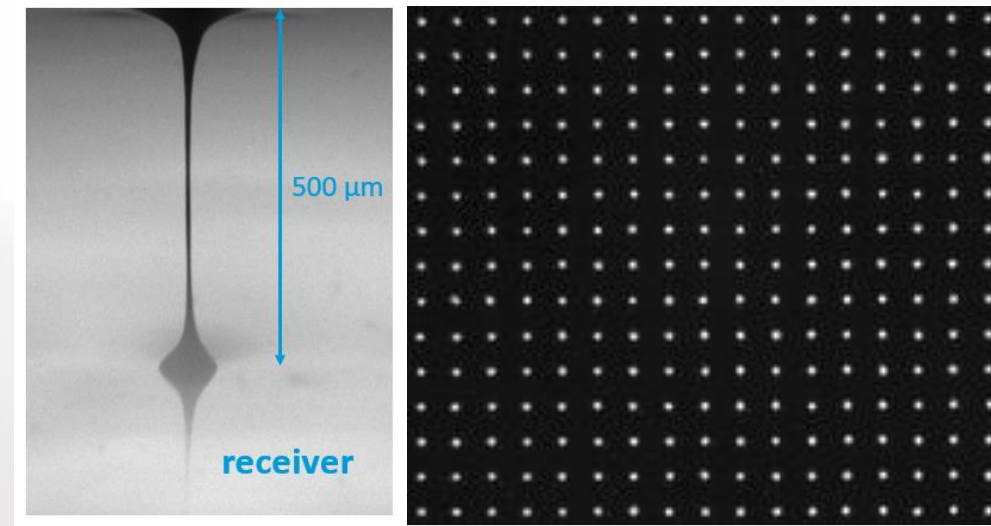


Printing on non-planar surfaces



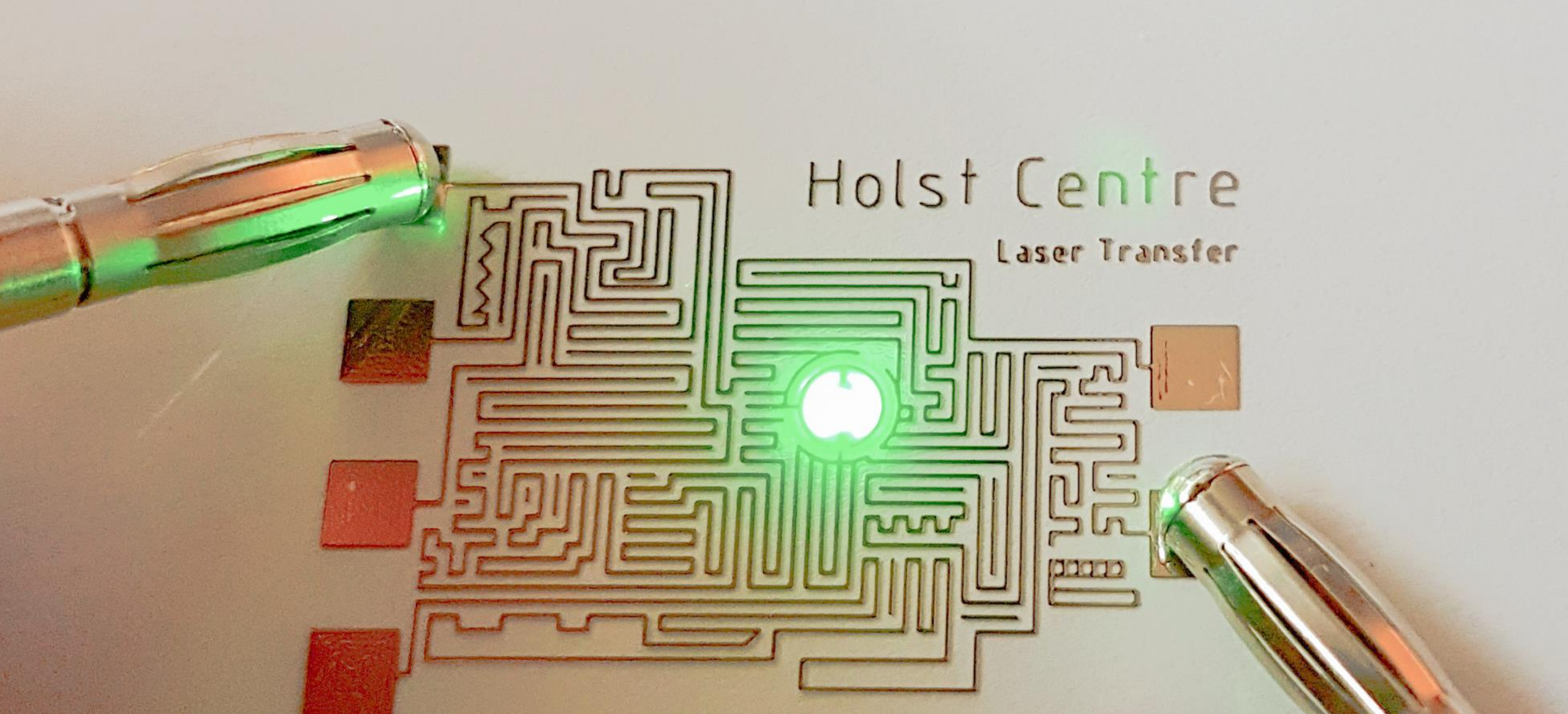
High resolution features

# Printing interconnect materials



- printing of a **conductive adhesives**
- **>10k dots** (200 μm size, **0.5 mm spacing**), printed in **less than 1 second**
- (.... thereby beating any other jetting technology)
- using the laser system based on budget pulsed laser





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Laser Transfer

**Functional demonstrator on PEN**

- 160µm conductive tracks
- ICA Bondpads
- 0402 component picoLED

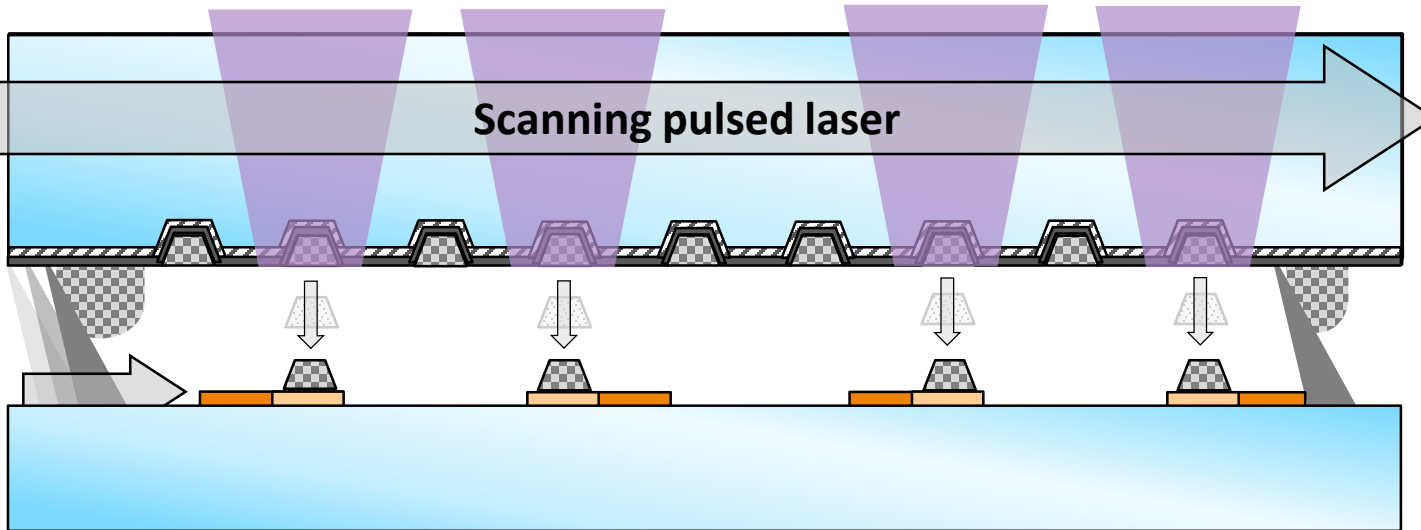


# Volume-controlled laser printing: LIFT 2.0.

- Laser printing technology enabling ultra-fast printing of interconnects
- Laser pulse accurately accelerates pre-defined patterns towards substrate
- Additive manufacturing with high material efficiency

Structuring and printing of micro-components

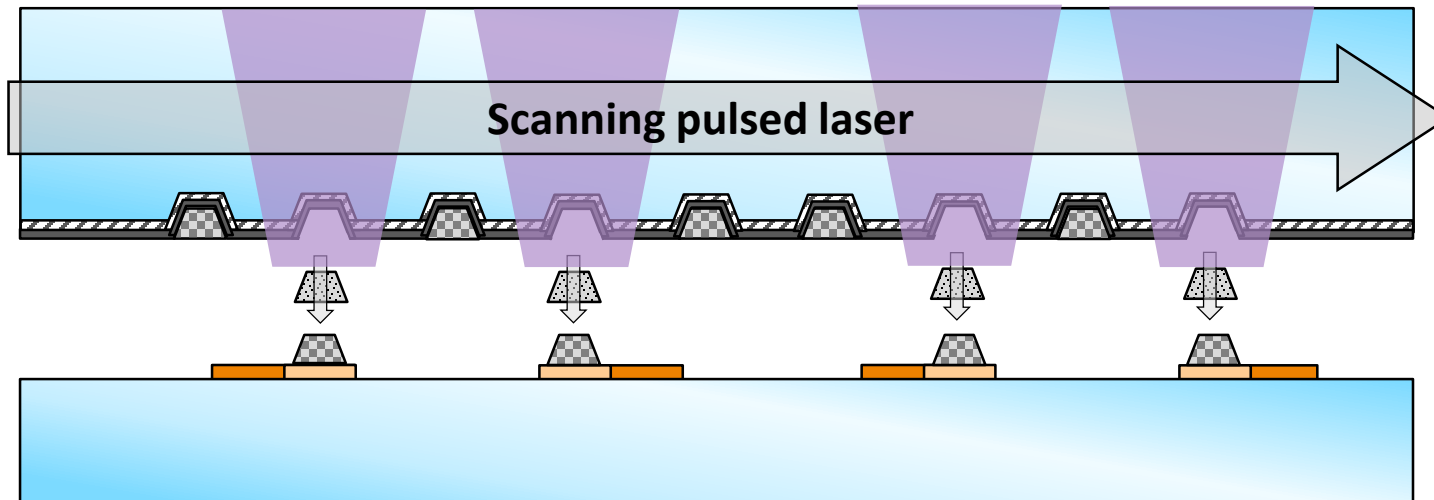
Scanning pulsed laser



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## *Selective transfer of fine interconnect dots*



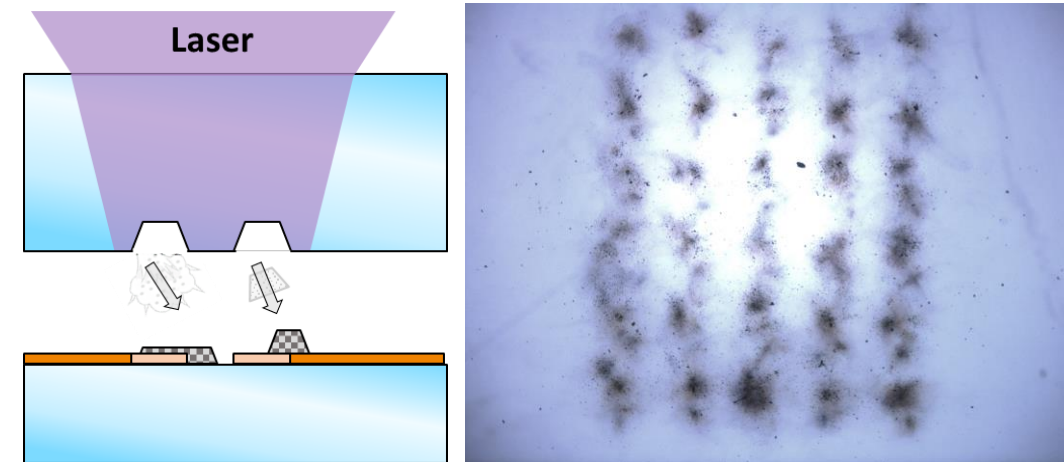
# Heat flux control is crucial

Laser printing of solder paste from cavities  
**with Holst Centre release stack**



*clean fine dots of solder paste*

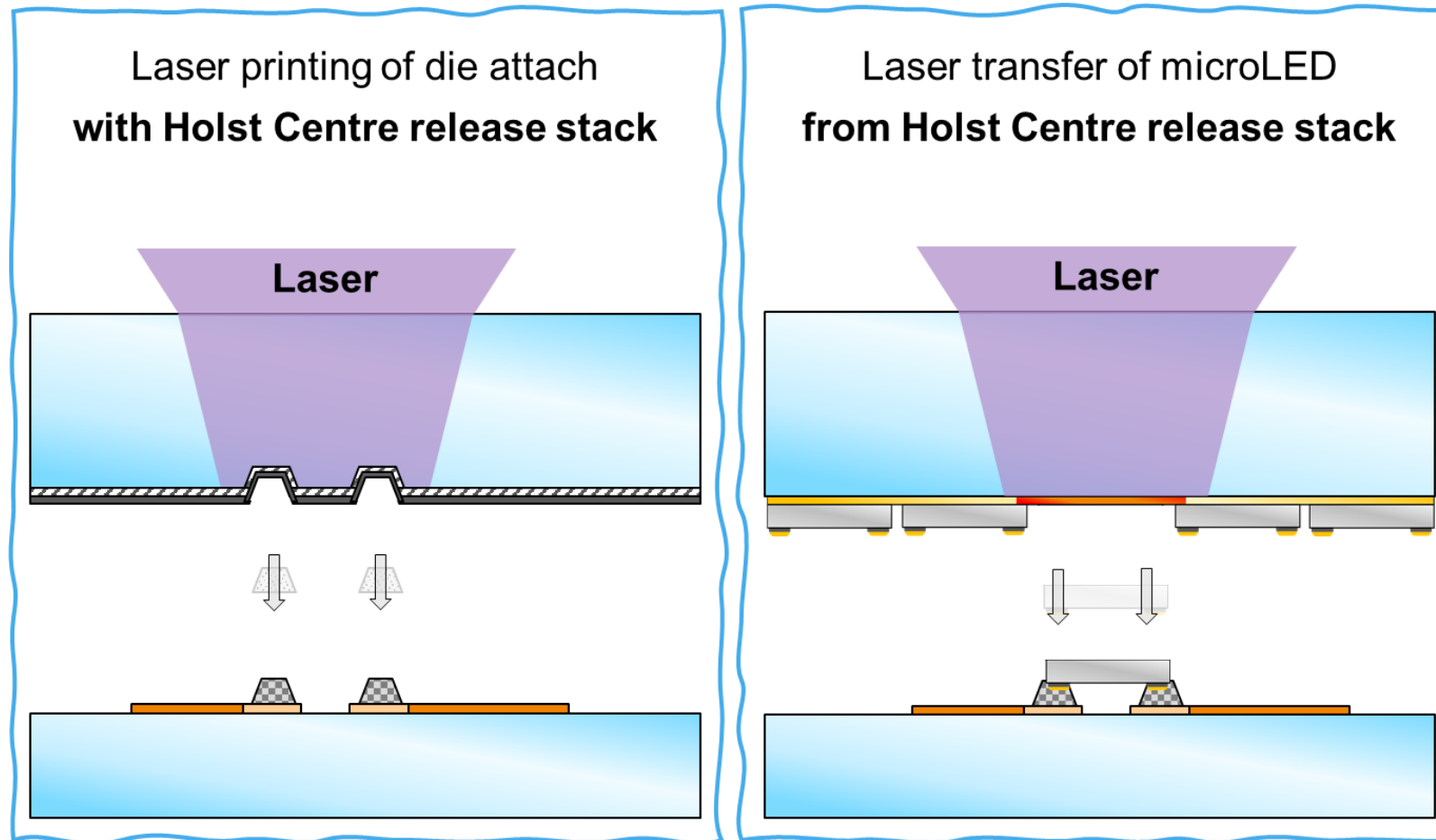
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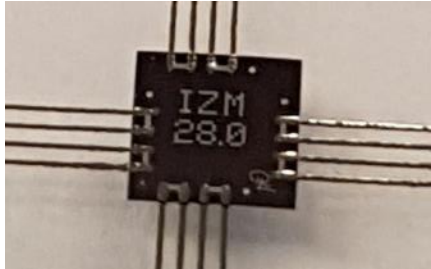
*dust spray of solder balls*



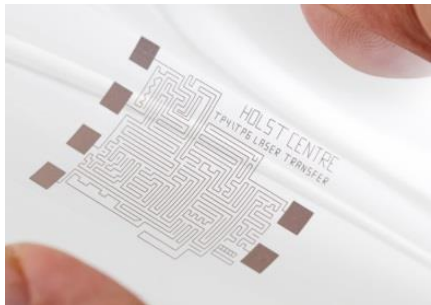
# High throughput assembly of $\mu$ LEDs



# LIFT as a "one-stop-shop"

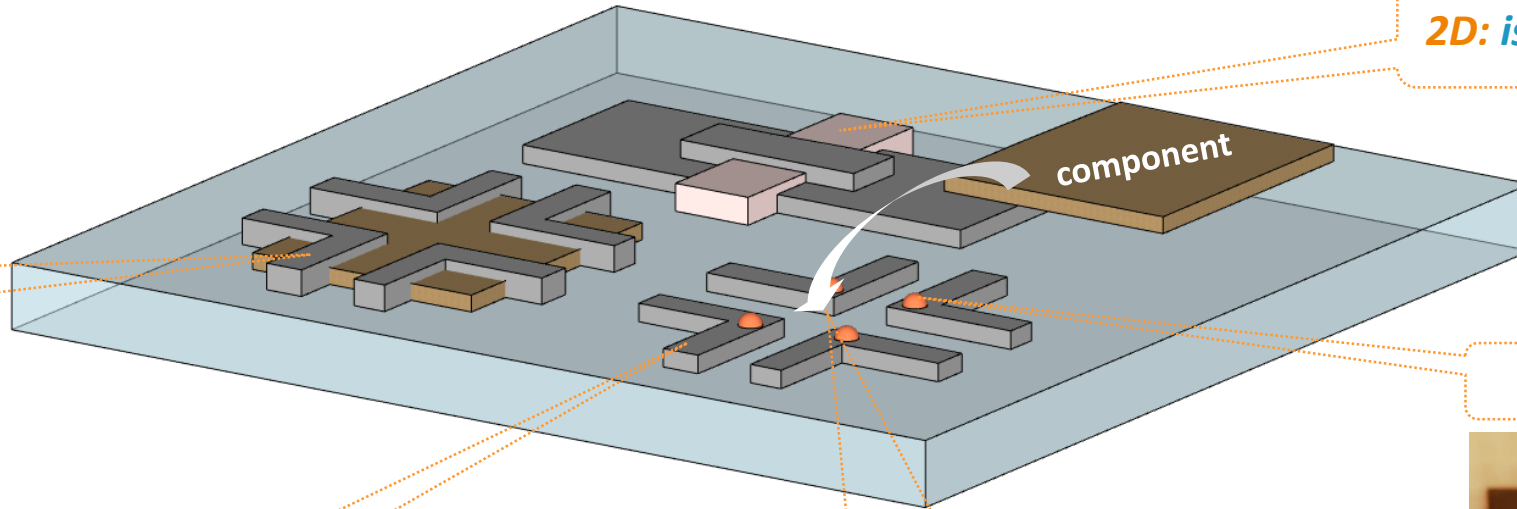


**Face-up integration  
(2.5 printing)**

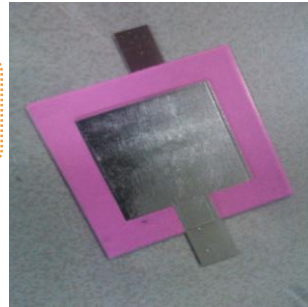


**2D: conductive circuit  
(silver/copper paste)**

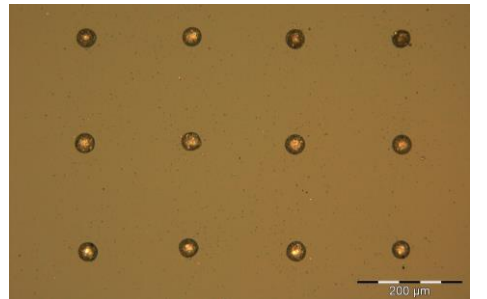
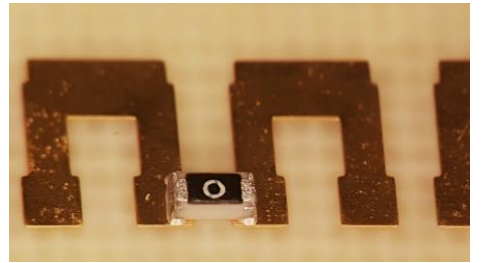
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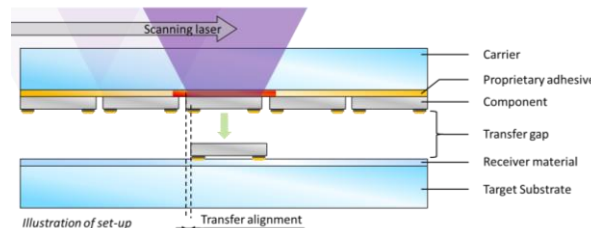
**2D: isolation**



**interconnects**

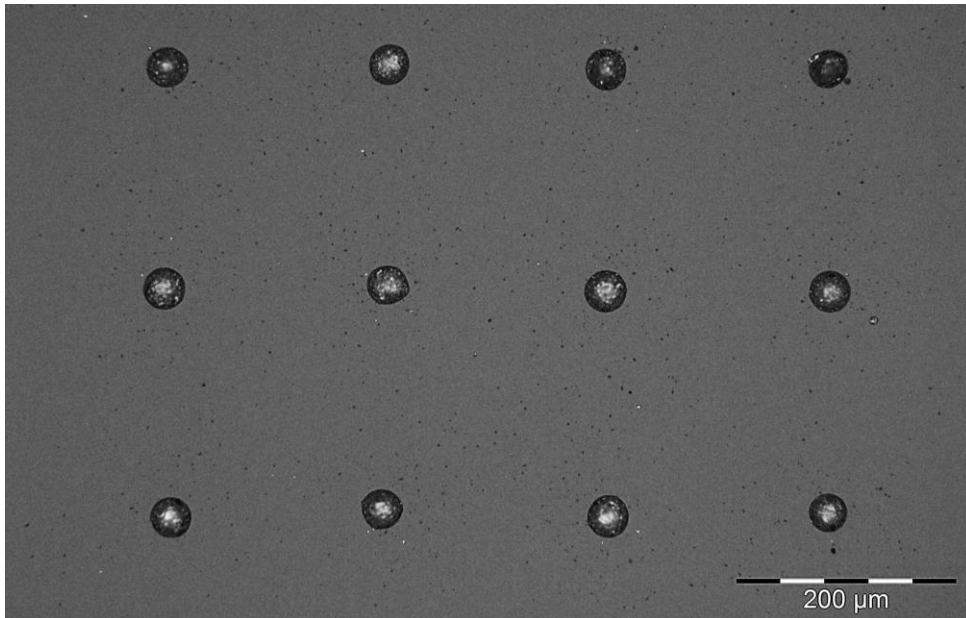


**Laser Die Transfer: mini/ $\mu$ LED**



# Fine interconnect printing

**35  $\mu\text{m}$  dots of conductive adhesive**



**40  $\mu\text{m}$  dots of solder paste**

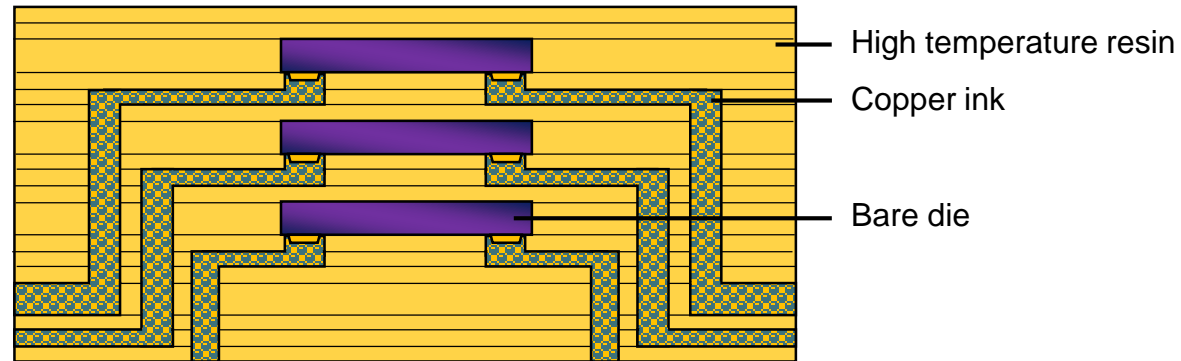




# From 2.5D to 3D...

# Increased IC Density enables 3D printed chip package

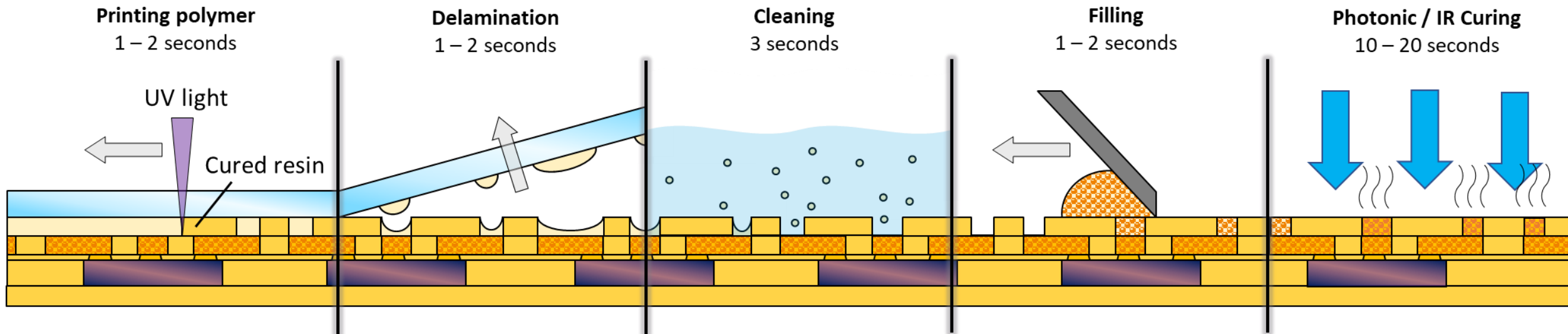
- Printing  $< 30 \mu\text{m}$  conductive traces will be interesting for chip packaging applications
- High throughputs at low costs are required to be competitive
- Printing conductive tracks with a single nozzle system is not an option
- Only stereolithography can achieve high resolution features at high throughputs



Embedding bare die  
components  
Requires  $< 30 \mu\text{m}$  features

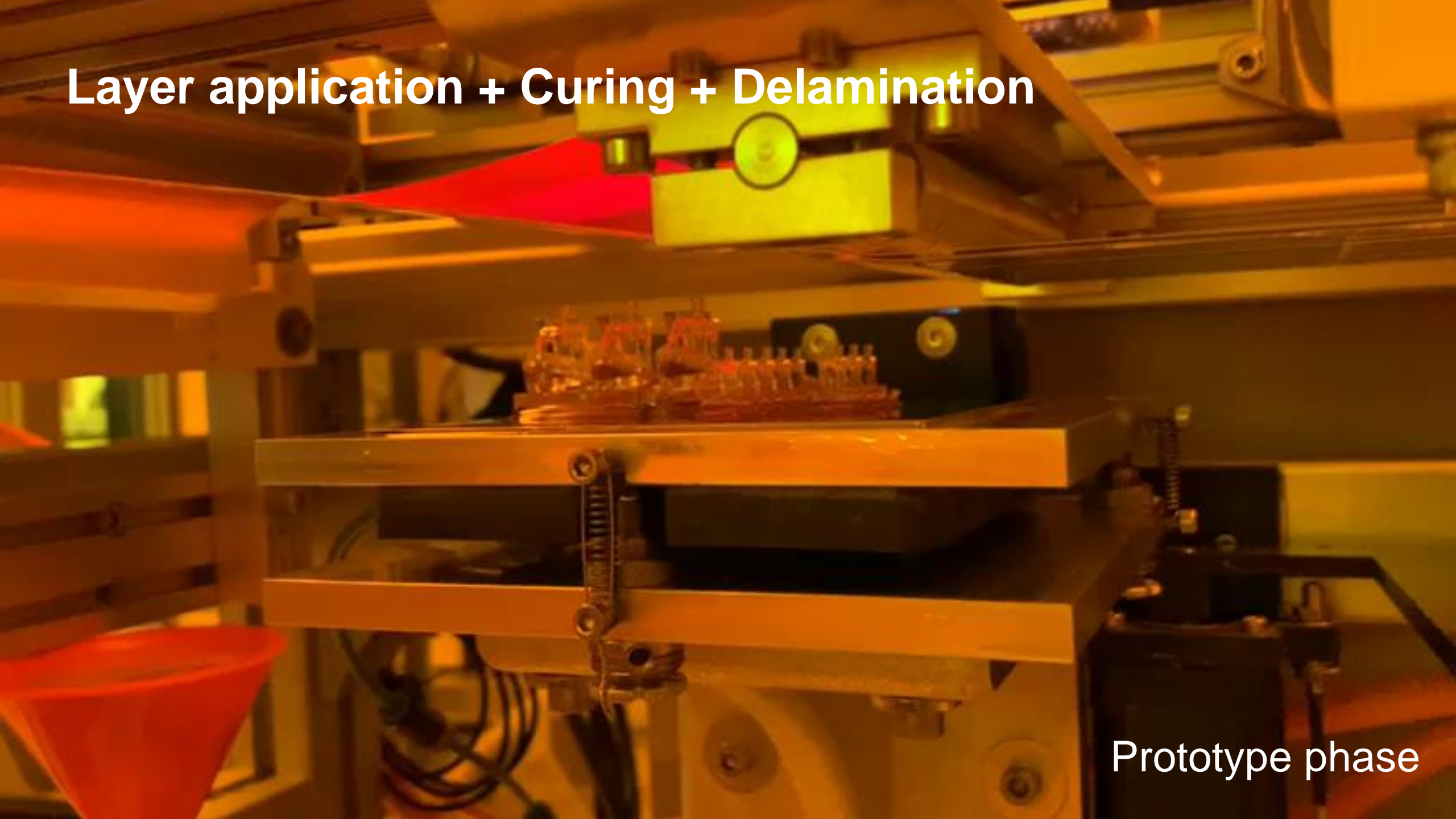
# Stereolithography + Filling (3D-ALE)

- New lamination/delamination method produces mirror-like surface with groove structures
- Grooves are filled with highly loaded inks at speeds of up to 100 mm/second
- Throughput increased by 100 times: 30 seconds per layer
- Resolution increased by 10 times:  $\leq 20 \mu\text{m}$  line/spacing





# Layer application + Curing + Delamination



Prototype phase

# Groove filling tool

- Patented pumping tool used for groove filling
- Allows the use of high solid content inks

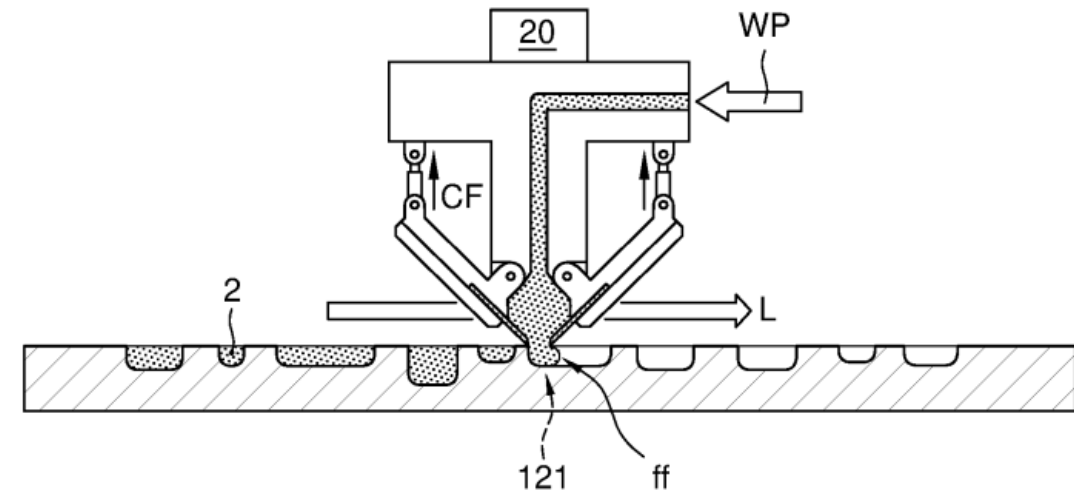
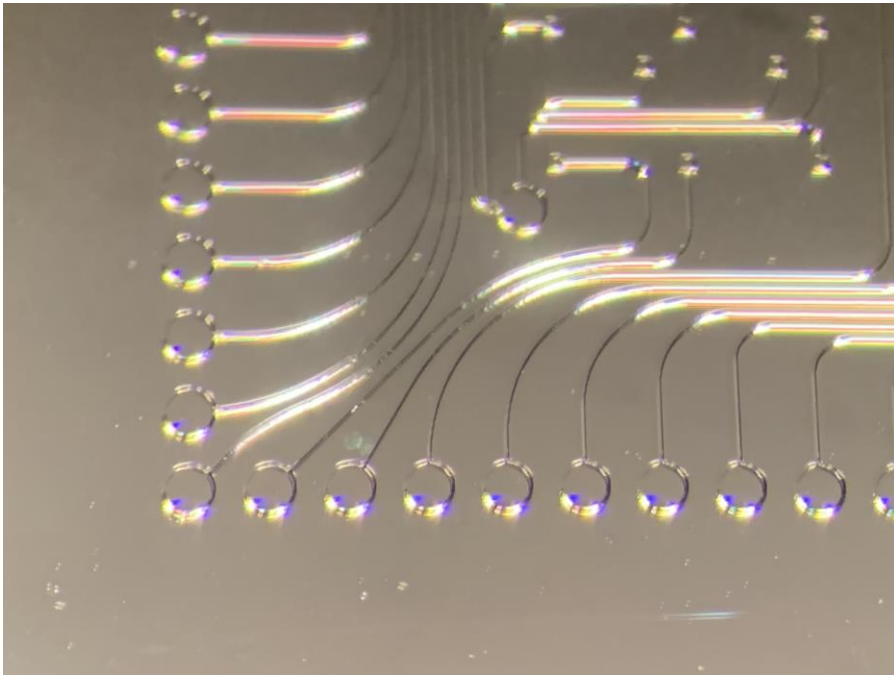
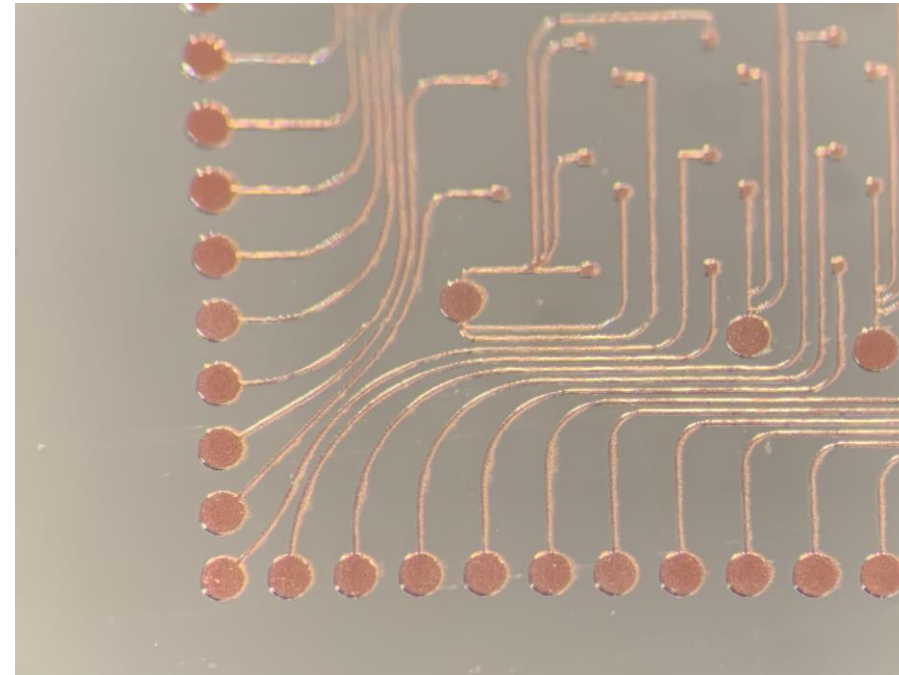


FIG. 2B



Cleaned grooves: 10  $\mu\text{m}$  wide, 15  $\mu\text{m}$  deep

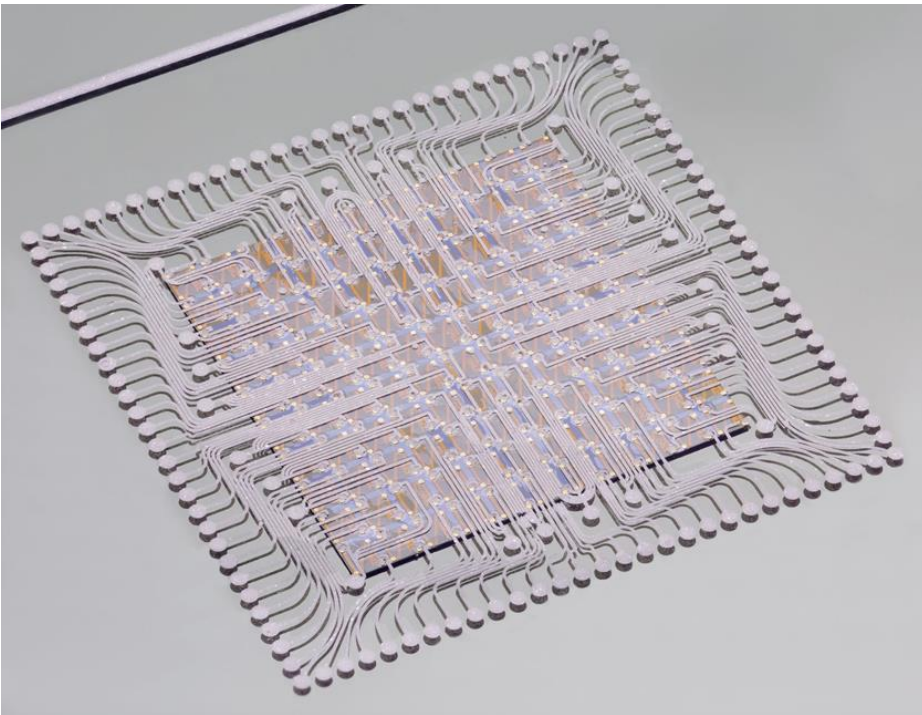


Filled grooves with Cu nanopaste

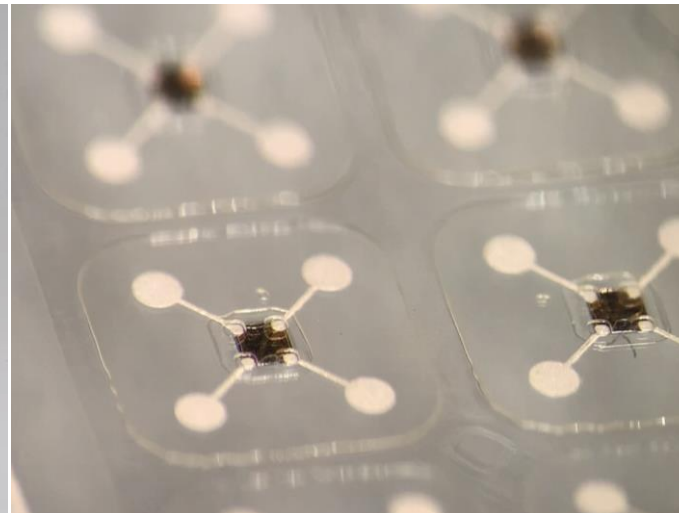


# Stereolithography + Filling: Results

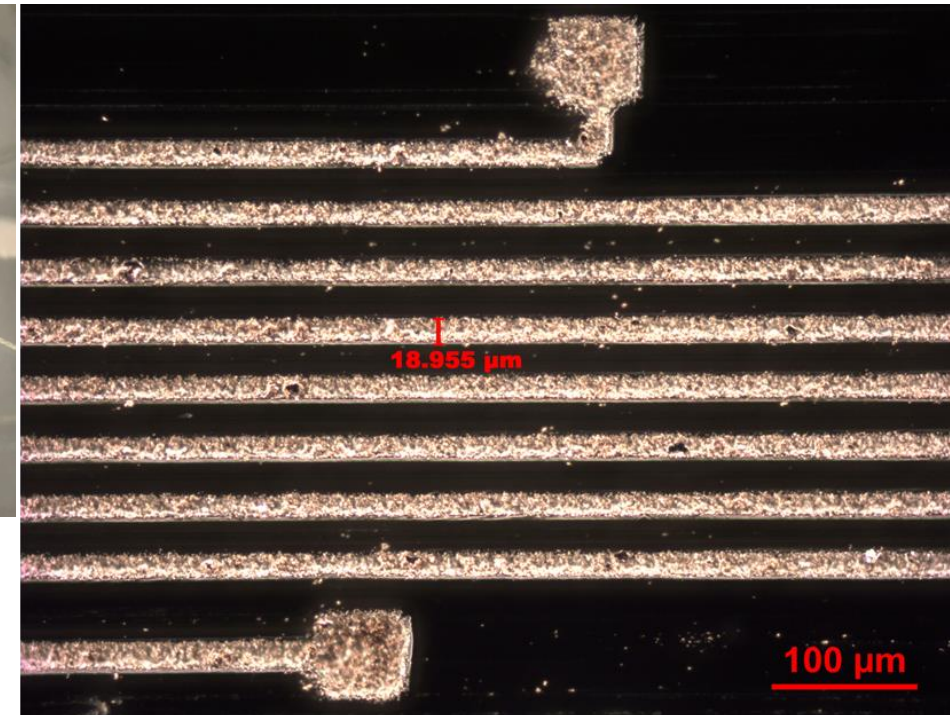
Clean filling of high aspect ratio grooves with silver micron flake paste



Fan-out structure with 220 interconnects



Stressless chip packaging



20 µm line/spacing, after filling and curing



# Summary and outlook



- Holst Centre is actively developing technologies such as Volume-Controlled Laser Printing (LIFT 2.0.) and 3D-ALE, which are promising for chip integration and packaging
- Together with its sister institute CITC, Holst Centre is developing application-specific technologies with industrial partners in healthcare, IoT, 5G and microLED domains
- Broader range of materials and improvements in electrical and thermal performance of material are key to the success of these technologies
- Holst Centre looks forward to learning more about your experiences and requirements, and is open to collaborating with you.

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# LEPUS Next Platform





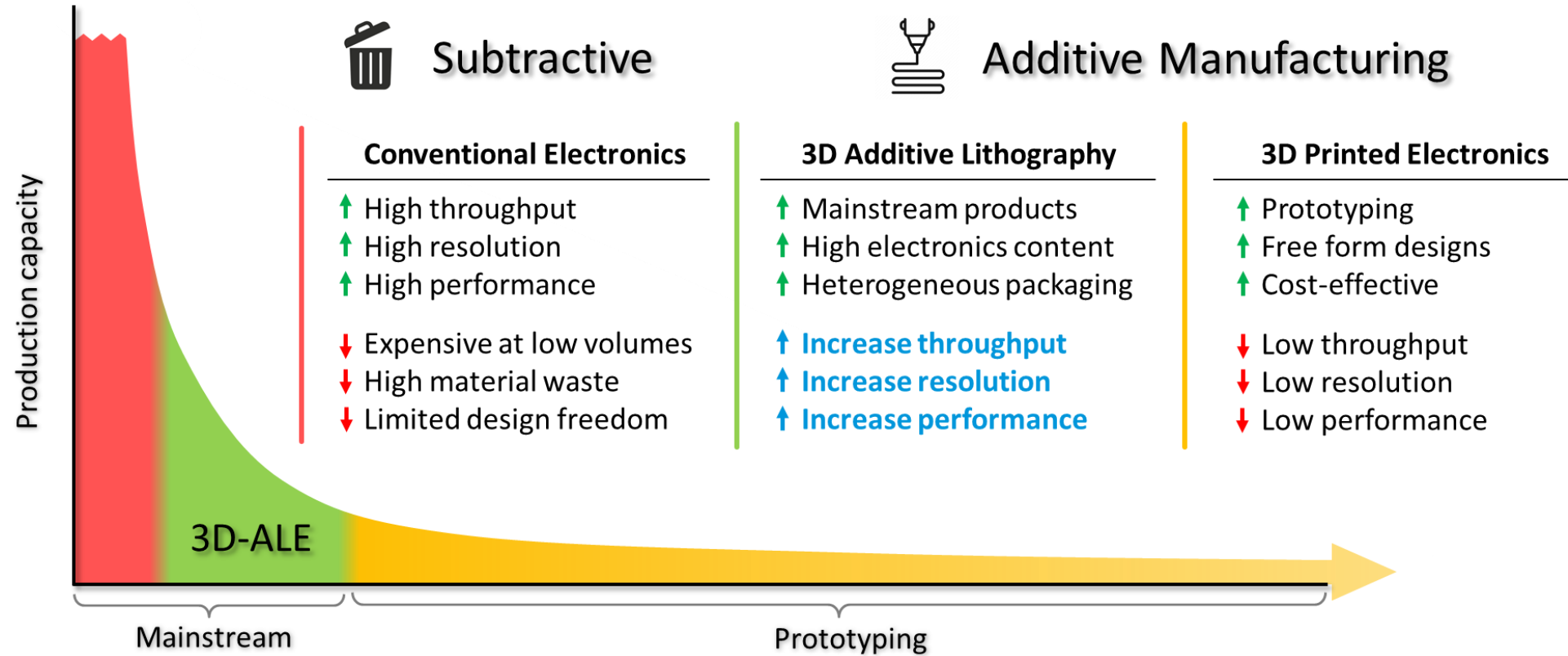
# Printing technology comparison

Throughput limits current  
3D printing technologies  
from becoming mainstream

		Conductive				
		Inkjet	Dispensing	Electroplating	LIFT	Filling (New)
		Performance ⬆️	Performance ⬆️	Performance ⬆️	Performance ⬆️	Performance ⬆️
Structural	Inkjet	Resolution ⬆️	Throughput ⬆️ Thermal curing of solvent rich inks			
	Dispensing	Resolution ⬇️		Throughput ⬆️ Printing with a single nozzle		
	SLA	Resolution ⬆️		Throughput ⬆️ Cleaning and curing steps	Throughput ⬆️ Additional steps outside of printer	Throughput ⬆️ Parallel printing / Digital process

Available at Holst Centre

# Where 3D-ALE fits in...



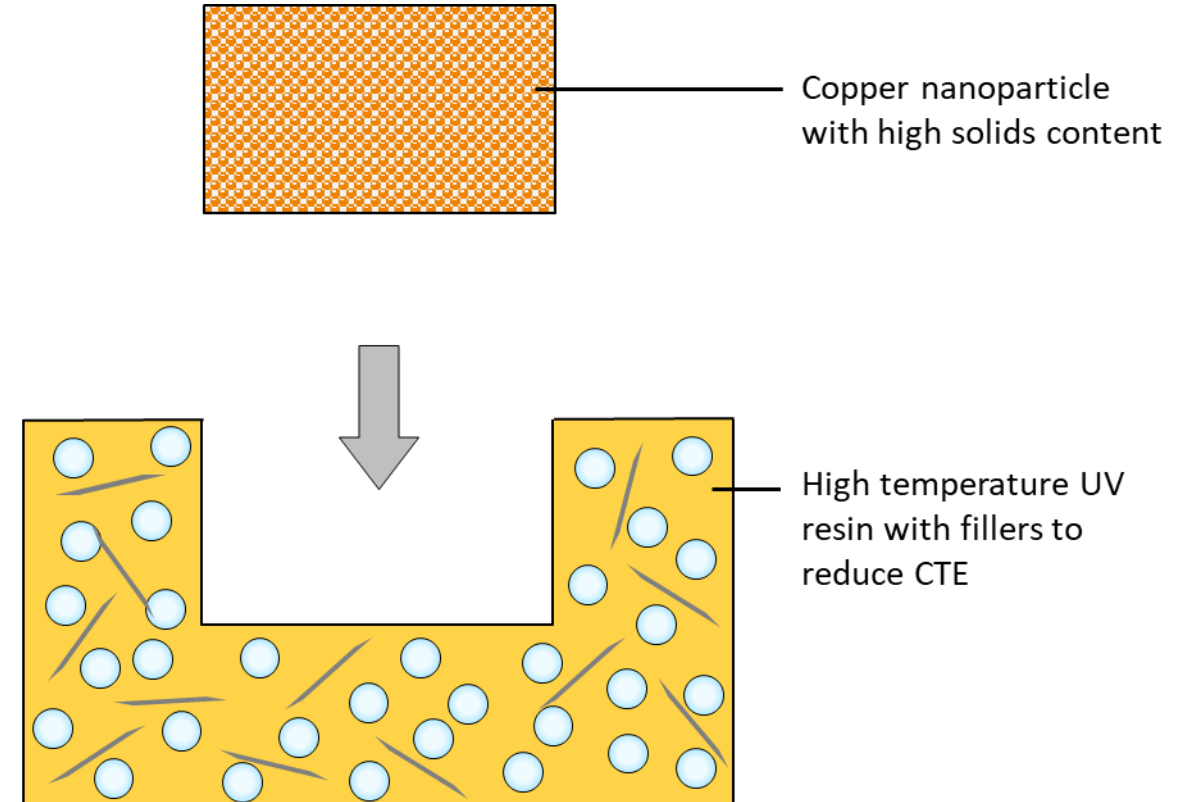
# Materials for 3D-ALE

- **High performance conductors**

- Electrical conductivity:  $\geq 50\%$  bulk Cu
- Thermal conductivity:  $\geq 100$  W/mK
- Viscosity range: **10 to 10,000 Pa·s**

- **High performance UV resins**

- Thermal expansion coefficient:  $< 20$  ppm/K
- High temperature resistance:  $> 200^\circ\text{C}$
- Viscosity range: **1 to 100 Pa·s**





# **MID Workshop and MID Summit 21.09.2022**

## **Contacting inkjet-printed silver structures and SMD**

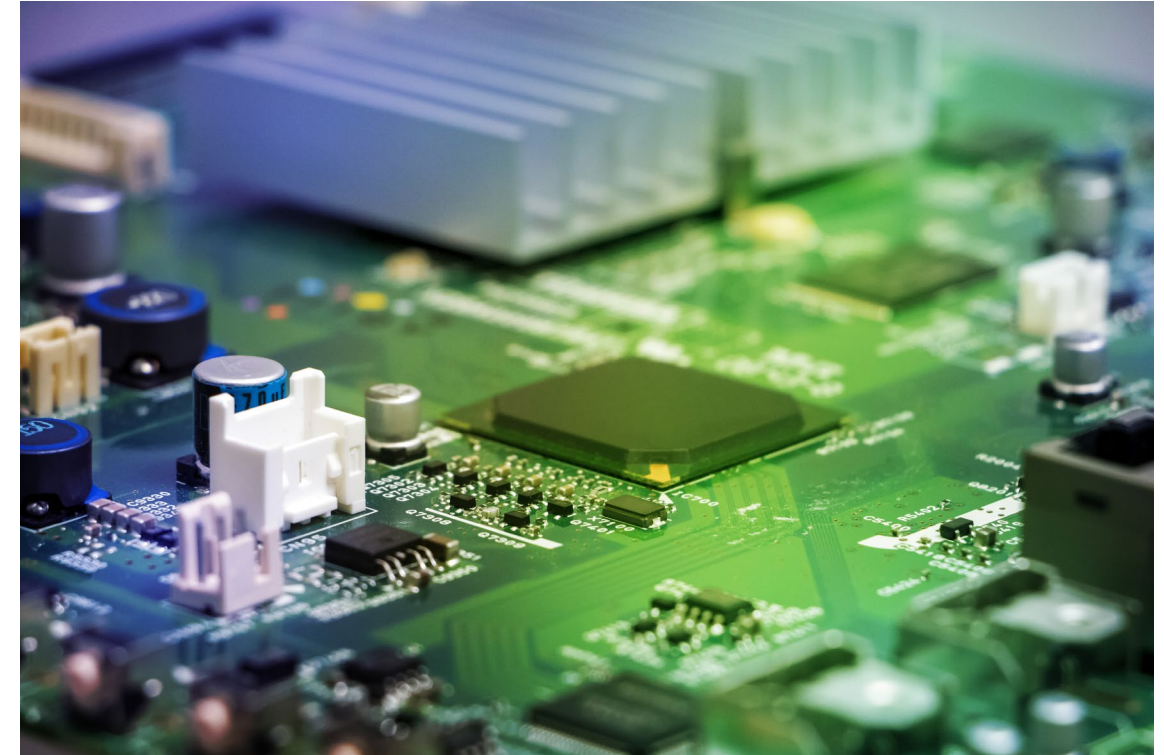
**Jonas Jäger**

**Hahn-Schickard  
Stuttgart, Germany**

# Motivation: Why do we need electrical connections on printed electronics?

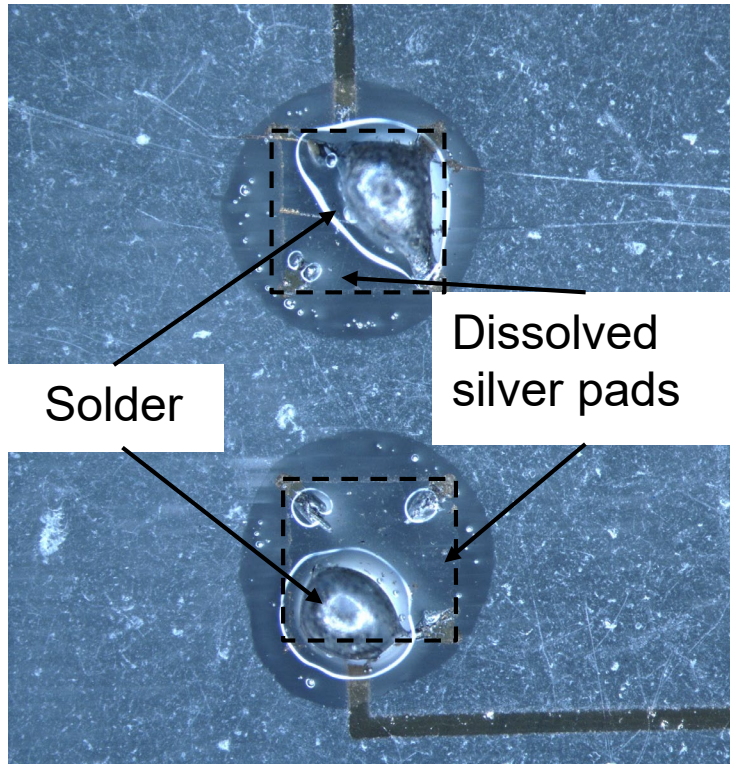


Digital printing technologies: Great value (3D, huge variety of substrates, resource-friendly), ...

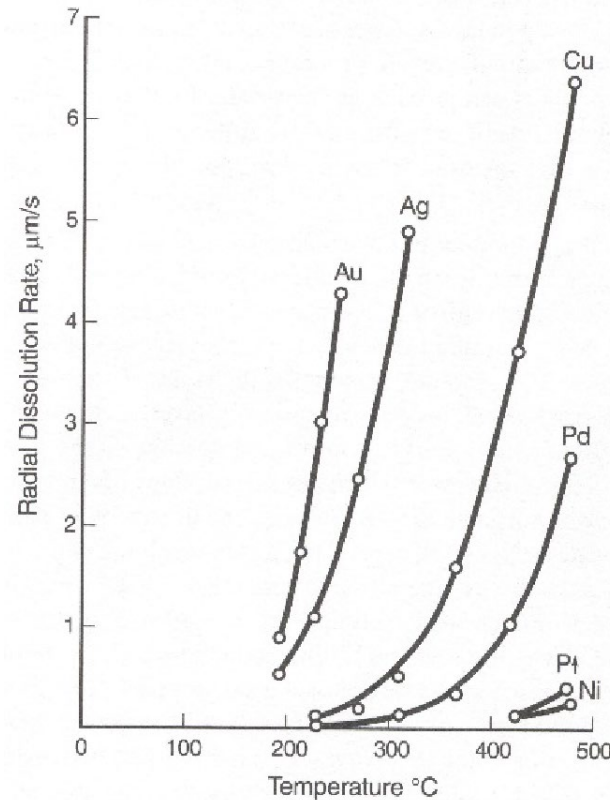


... but often not useful without connection to MCU, battery, sensors or other electronic components

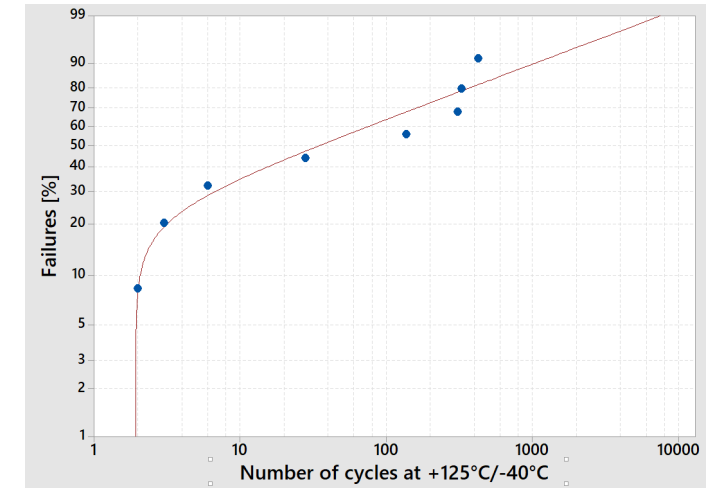
# Why is contacting of digitally printed electronics difficult?



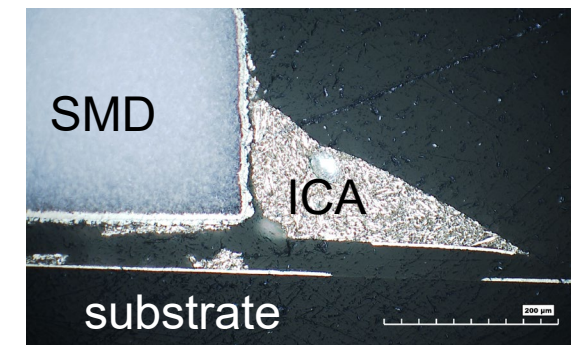
Dissolution of thin printed silver structures in SnAgCu solder



Dissolution rate of metals in SnPb solder [W.G. Bader „Dissolution of Au, Ag, Pd, Pt, Cu and Ni in a molten tin-lead solder“]



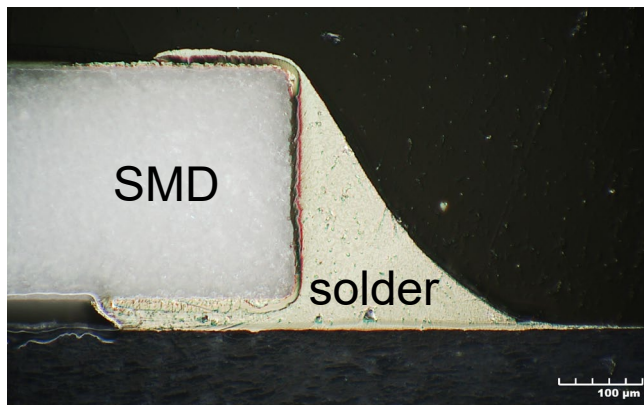
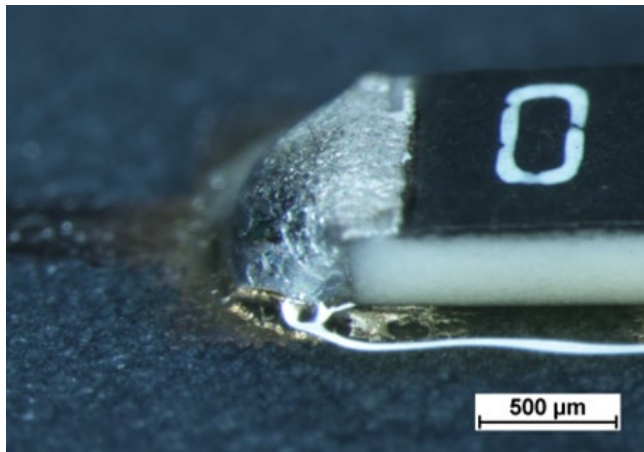
Low reliability of ICA connections between SMD and printed structures



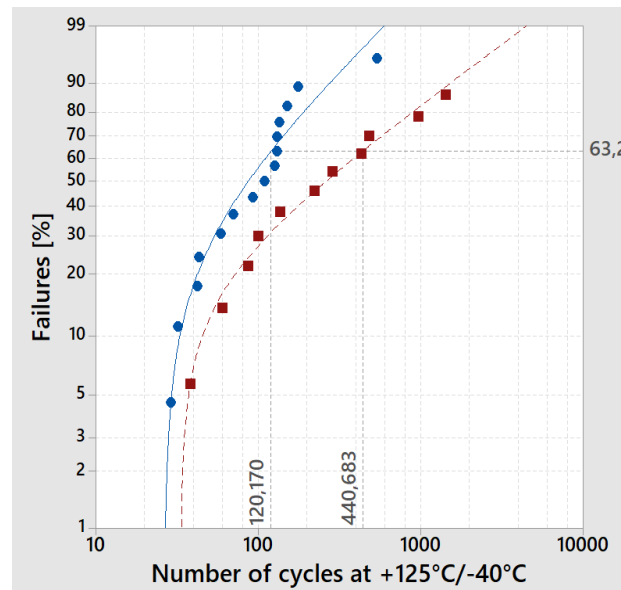


# What did we do to solve the existing problems?

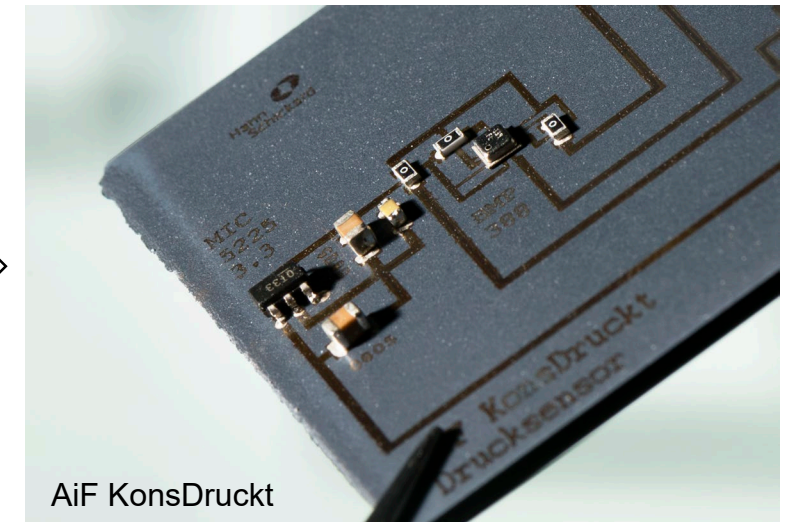
Process development: Inkjet,  
soldering, adhesive bonding,  
semi-sintering



Reliability testing:  
Thermal shock, damp heat



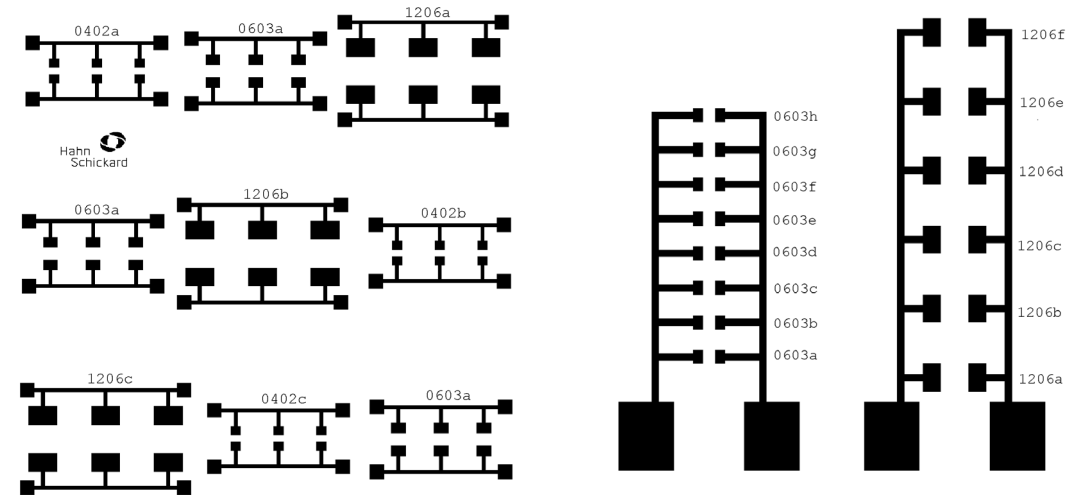
Reliable connections on digitally  
printed structures for advanced  
applications





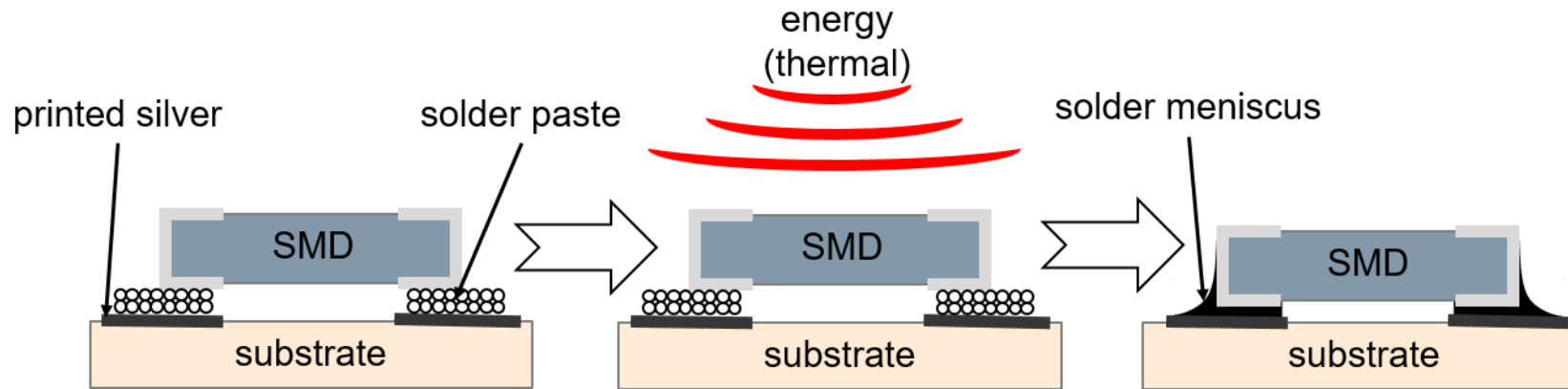
# Inkjet-printing and SMD assembly

- Inkjet-printer: Dimatix Materials Printer 2850
- Pre-treatment of substrate: atmospheric plasma (depending on substrate)
- Silver nanoparticle ink (30 wt.-% metal)
- Thermal curing: 200 °C
- SMD sizes:
  - 0402 (1 mm x 0.5 mm)
  - 0603 (1.6 mm x 0.8 mm)
  - 1206 (2 mm x 1.25 mm)

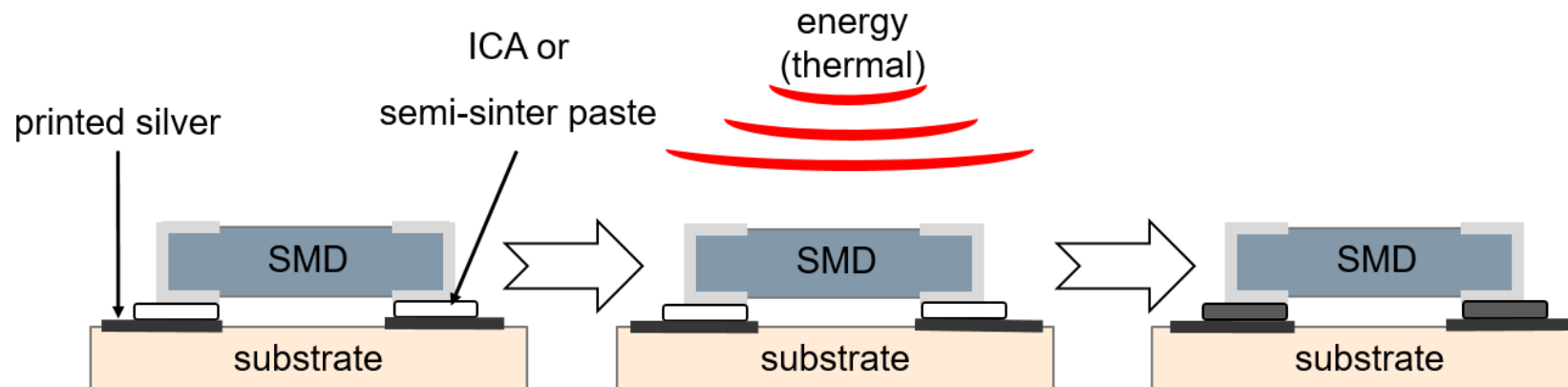


Layouts for printing parallel connections: standard layout (left), layout for 4-wire-measurement (right).

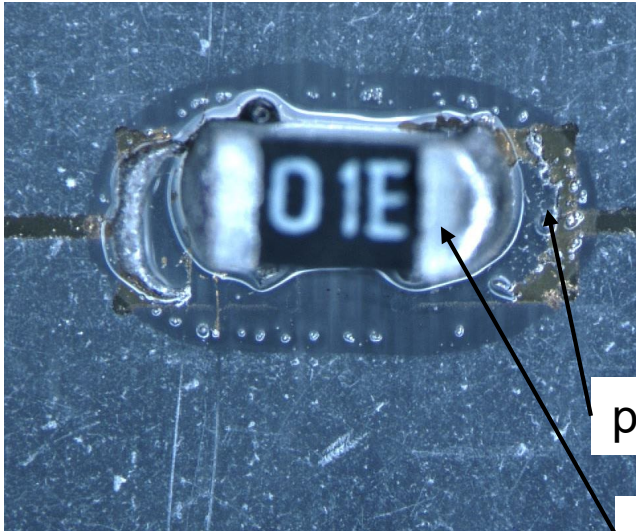
## ▪ Soldering



## ▪ Adhesive bonding (Isotropic Conductive Adhesive), Semi-Sintering



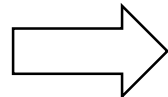
**SnAgCu, high temperature**



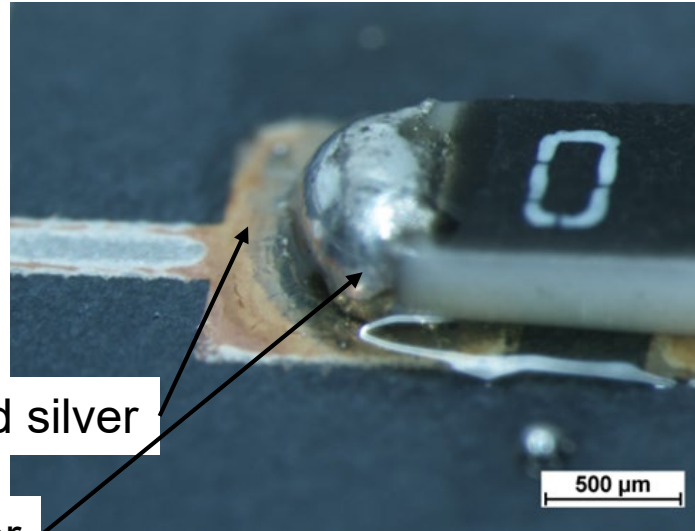
printed silver

solder

Complete dissolution of printed silver structures in SAC solder. High temperature, high dissolution.



**SnBi, low temperature, low Ag layer thickness**

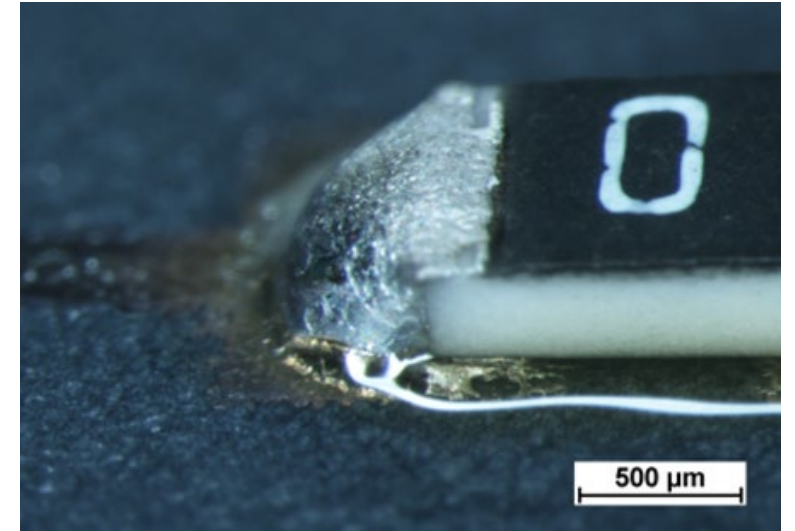


500 µm

Lower melting SnBi solder. Partly dissolution of printed silver structures at 155 °C for 5 min. Poor wetting of SnBi solder.

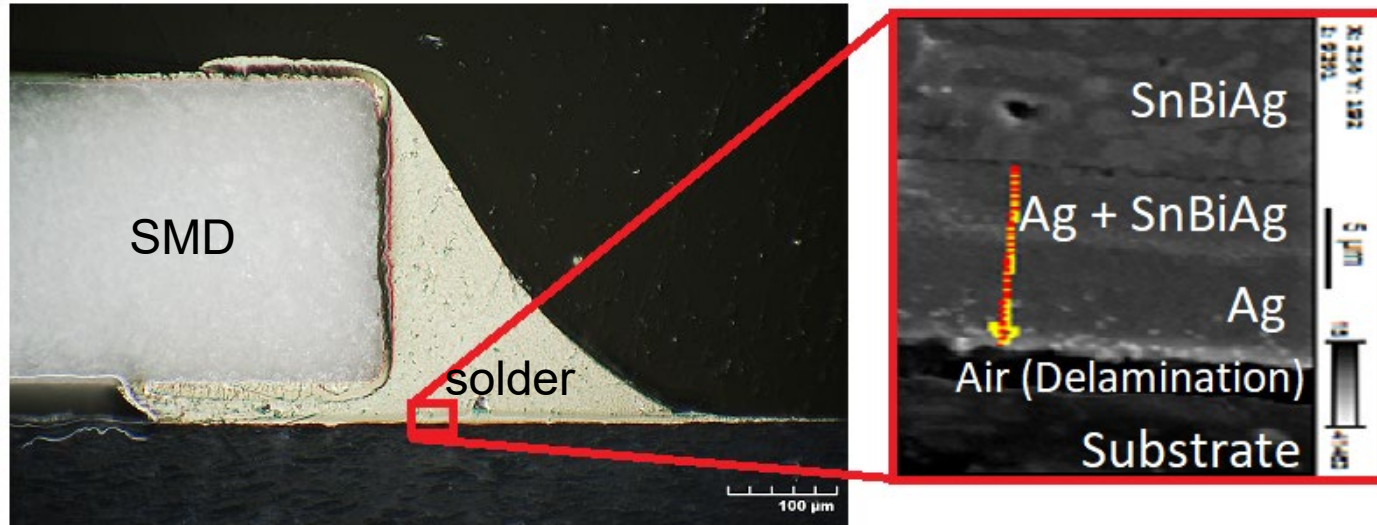


**SnBi, homogeneously printed structures > 5 µm**

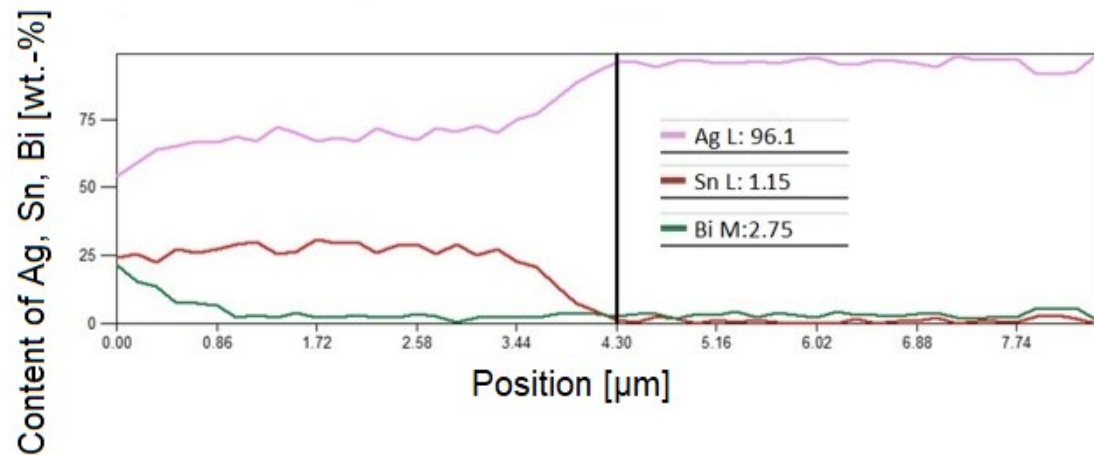


500 µm

Homogeneously printed silver structures, thickness > 5 µm. No dissolution and good wetting of SnBi solder.



- Thickness of intermetallic phase: 5 μm
- Soldering peak temperature: 155°C
- Substrates: LCP, PA6T, PA66



Soldering on 10 μm thick inkjet-printed silver structures. SEM and EDX analysis



- 1206 SMD, SnBiAg solder, thermal shock (+ 125 °C, - 40 °C)
  - PA6T, PA66 (CTE 98, 70 ppm/K): Infantile failures
  - LCP perpendicular to flow direction (CTE 24-35 ppm/K): Low lifetime (441 cycles)
  - LCP parallel to flow direction CTE (9-17 ppm/K): High lifetime (> 2000 cycles)

**Good results!** 😊

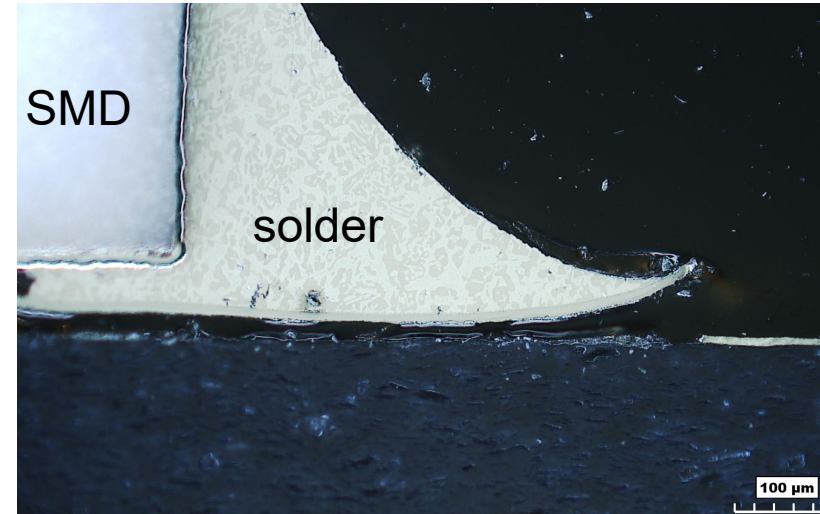
→ **Low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) of substrate benefits reliability**

- 0603 SMD, SnBiAg solder, thermal shock
  - LCP perpendicular to flow direction (CTE 24-35 ppm/K): High lifetime (> 3500 cycles)

**Good results!** 😊

→ **Small SMD size benefits reliability**

- Failure mechanisms after thermal shock:  
Delamination between printed structure and substrate

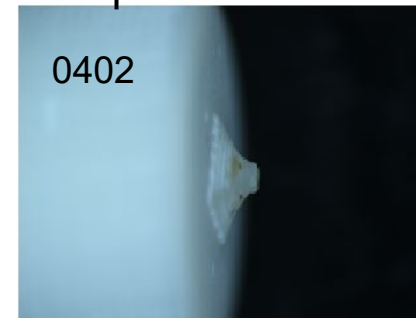
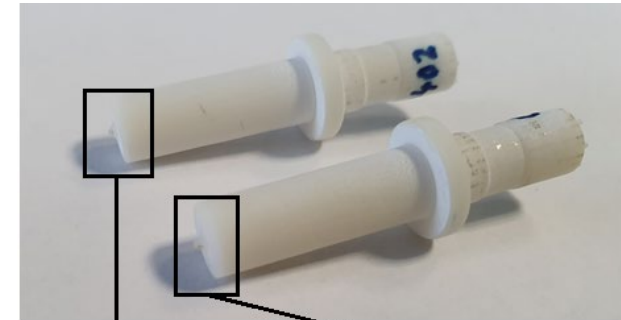


Delamination of solder joint of 1206 SMD after thermal shock [IGF report 20337N]

- Damp heat test, SnBiAg solder, 0402, 0603, 1206:
  - 0 % failures after 1000 h at 85 °C, 85 % r.h.
  - **Good results!** 😊

# Isotropic Conductive Adhesive

- Two different silver-based epoxy ICA
- Dispensing or stamping
- Curing at 80 °C to 150 °C for 5 min to 120 min
- Substrates: LCP, PC
- Printed structures: No special properties needed (thickness, homogeneity)



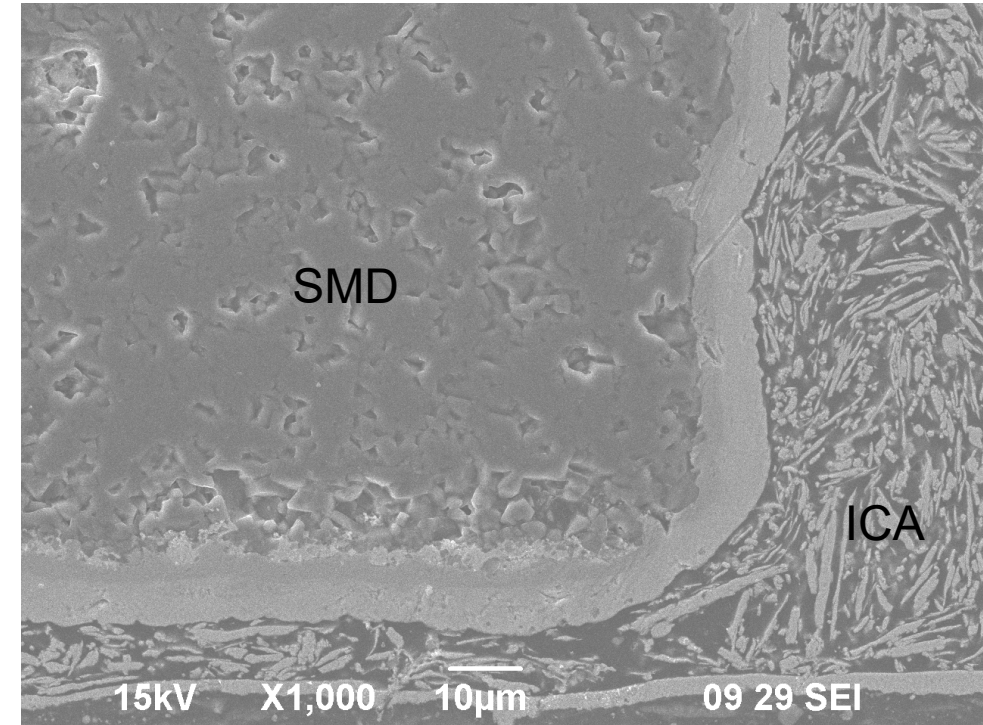
Additively manufactured stamps

# Isotropic Conductive Adhesive: Reliability

- Thermal shock 0603 and 1206 SMD on LCP (24-35 ppm/K) at + 125 °C / - 40 °C: lifetime > 3500 cycles

**Good results!** 😊

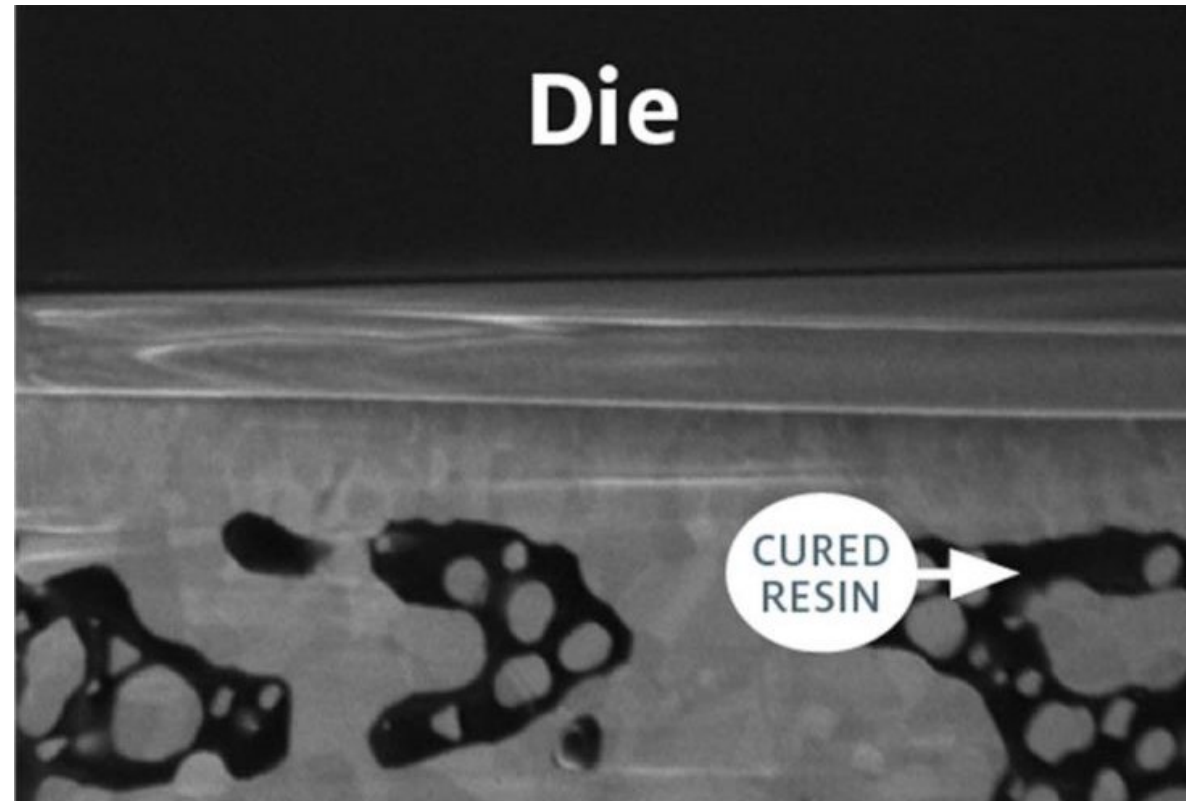
- Delamination starts between SMD and ICA
- Only 1.1 % SMD (0402, 0603, 1206) on LCP failed after 1000 h at 85 °C, 85 % r.h. **Good results!** 😊
- 60 % SMD (0402, 0603, 1206) on PC failed after 1000 h at 85 °C, 85 % r.h.



SMD mounted with ICA on LCP after 3500 cycles thermal shock.



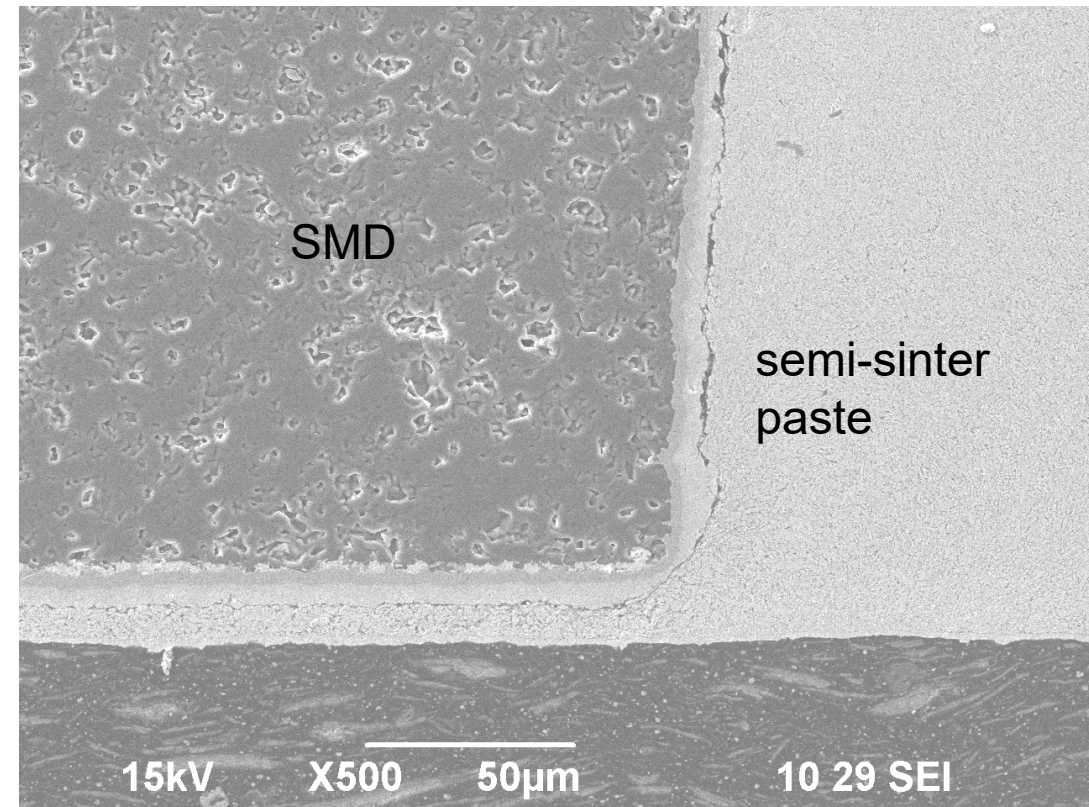
- Paste / resin highly loaded with silver filler (→ high electrical and thermal conductivity)
- Dispensing and stamping
- Curing at 175 °C - 200 °C for 1 h
- Substrates: LCP, PI
- Printed structures: No special properties needed (thickness, homogeneity)



Semi-sintering [[www.henkel-adhesives.com](http://www.henkel-adhesives.com)]

# Semi-Sintering: Reliability

- 1206 SMD on LCP and PI at + 125 °C / - 40 °C:  
lifetime > 3500 cycles. **Good results!** 😊
- Delamination starts between SMD and paste

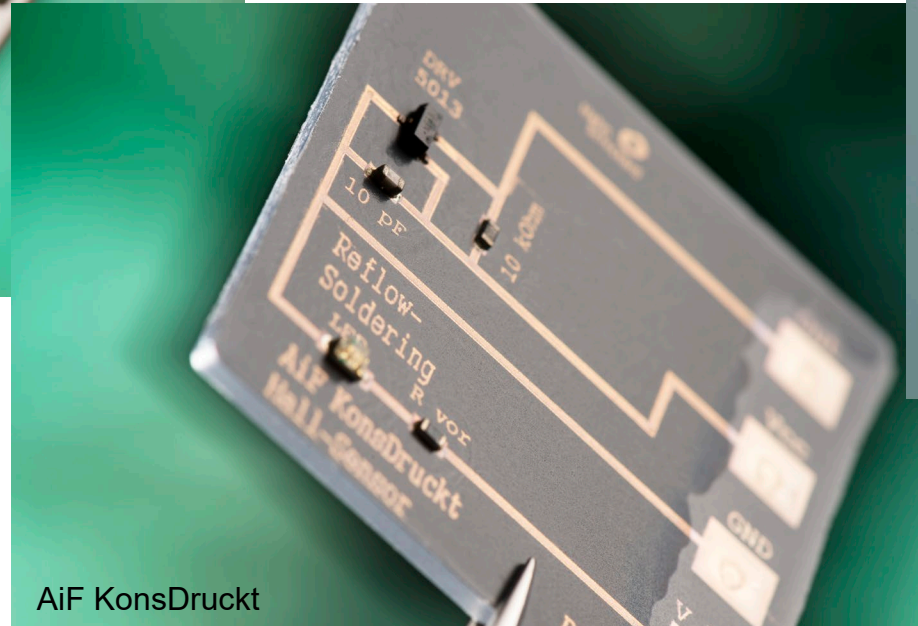
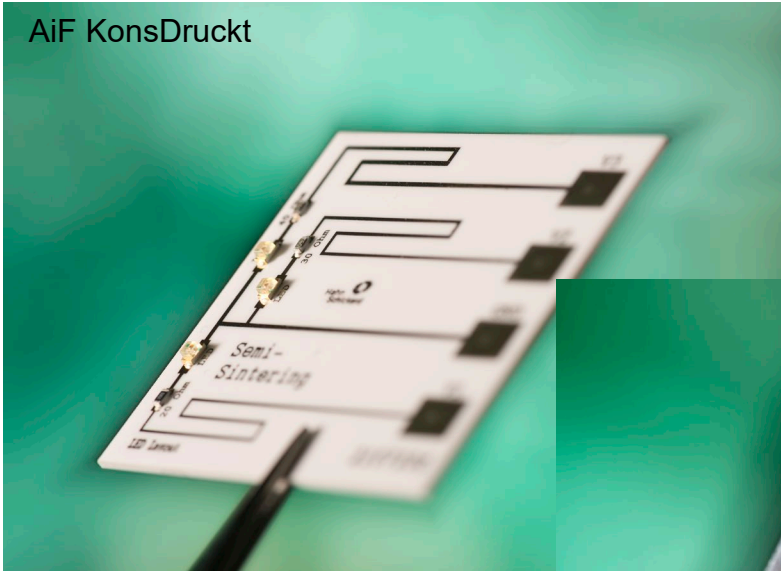


Starting delamination between semi-sinter paste and SMD after thermal shock.

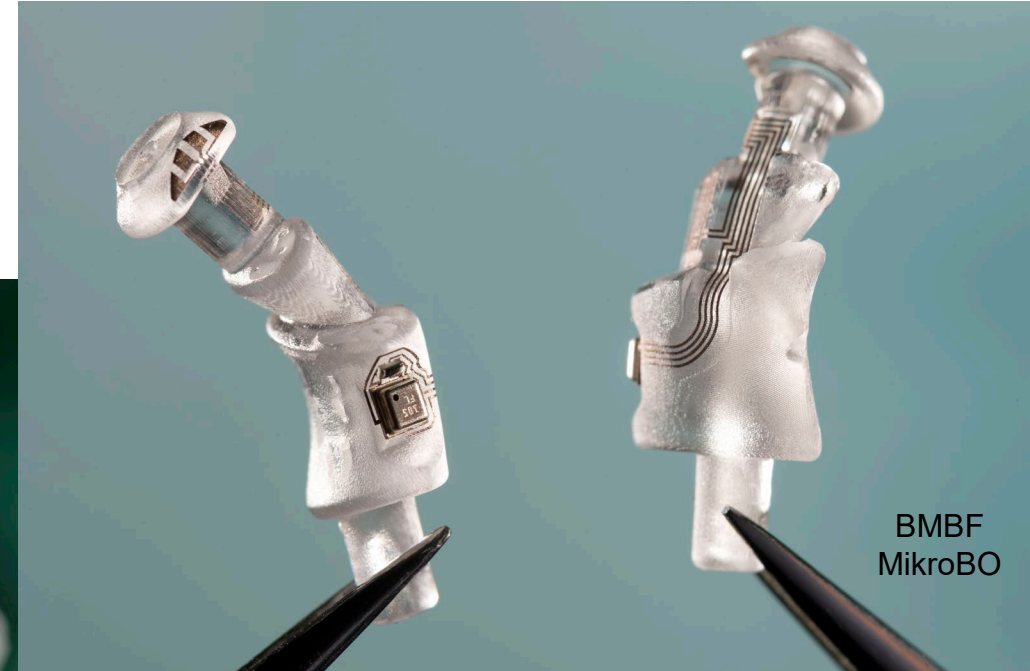
- **SMD assembly by soldering, ICA bonding and semi-sintering successfully demonstrated on inkjet-printed silver structures**
- **Electrical connections between inkjet-printed silver structures and 0603 SMD on LCP substrates can withstand**
  - 3500 cycles at + 125 °C / - 40 °C
  - 1000 h at 85 °C / 85 % r.h.
- **ICA and semi-sintering are good alternatives to soldering**
- **Selection of materials is crucial**

# Conclusion

AiF KonsDruck



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BMBF  
MikroBO

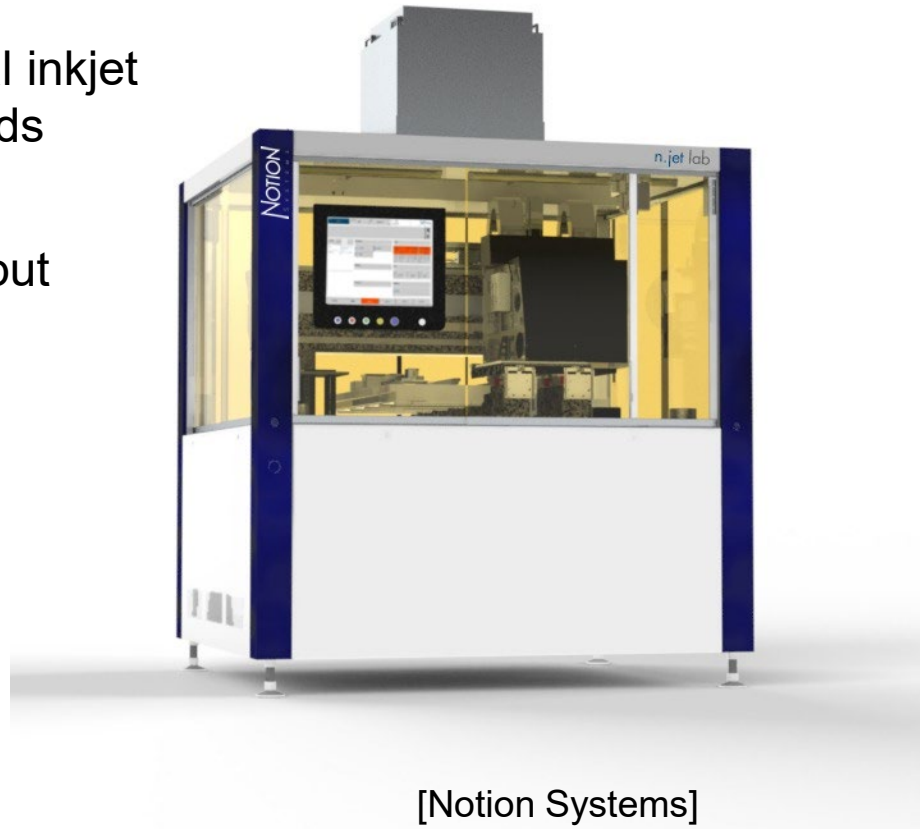
**New products with digitally printed electronics can be designed and manufactured**

**Reliable connections between SMD and digitally printed conductive structures are feasible**



# Outlook: New digital printing technologies at Hahn-Schickard shortly available

- Multiple industrial inkjet printheads
- High throughput



[Notion Systems]



[Neotech AMT]

- Multiple printing technologies
- FFF, pellet extruder and plasma included
- Curing, dispensing and pick and place included



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# This is TactoTek®

We develop, validate and commercialize injection-molded structural electronics (IMSE®) – technology that transforms the way electronics are designed and built

**40+** global patent families, 120+ granted patents

**HQ** in Oulu, Finland


**Offices** in USA, Germany, Japan and South Korea

**Head count** 100

**ISO9001** certified







We want to make technology invisible and seamlessly integrated. We're here to disrupt hardware — turning conventional structures into smart, natural and interactive surfaces.



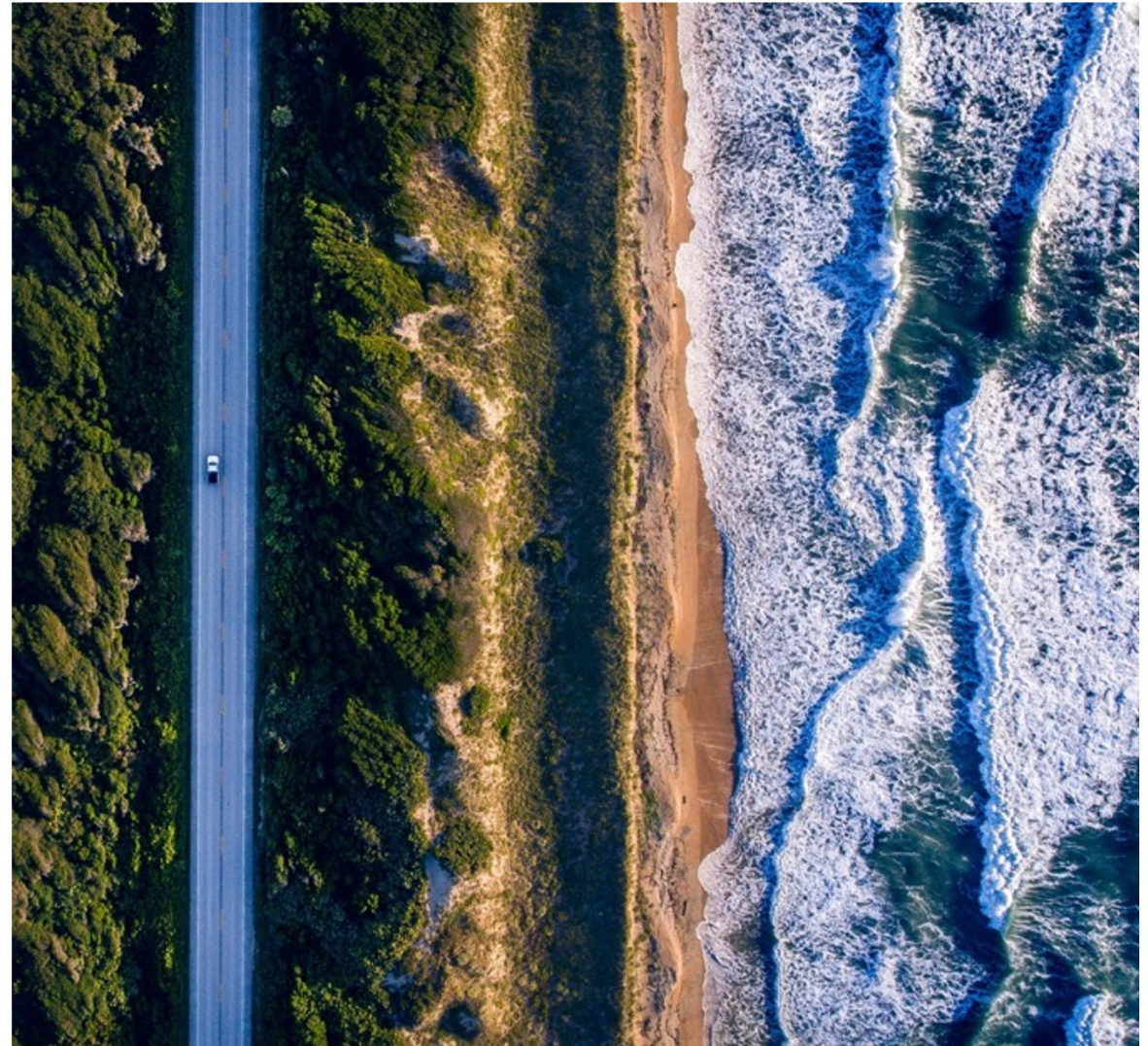
# Market trends driving change

Interconnected human-machine interfaces appear all around us

Consumers expect intuitive and consistent user interfaces

Use of illumination for providing function and styling to surfaces is increasing

Regulatory initiatives require minimizing waste and material usage, and maximizing recycling





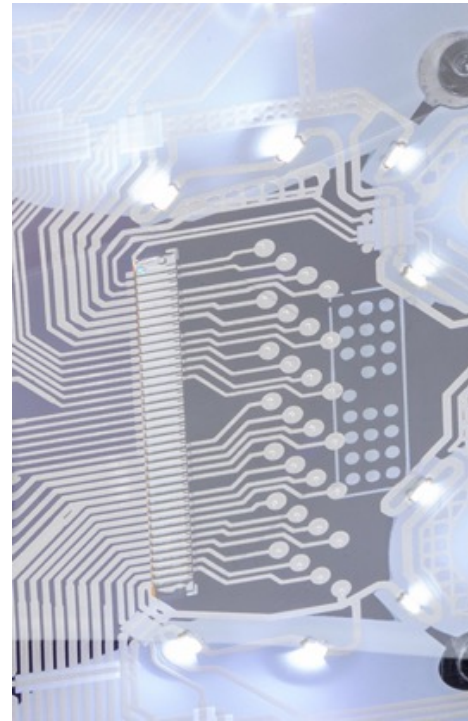
# Transforming how smart surfaces are made



Reduced emissions



Brand differentiation



Efficiency with simplicity



Delighting user experiences

# Innovative design that leads to brand differentiation

Ultra-thin, lightweight structures with encapsulated electronics liberate design and save space

Seamless forms with genuine 3D designs

Design freedom for intuitive HMI, UX, and UI designs

Innovative and diverse illumination opportunities

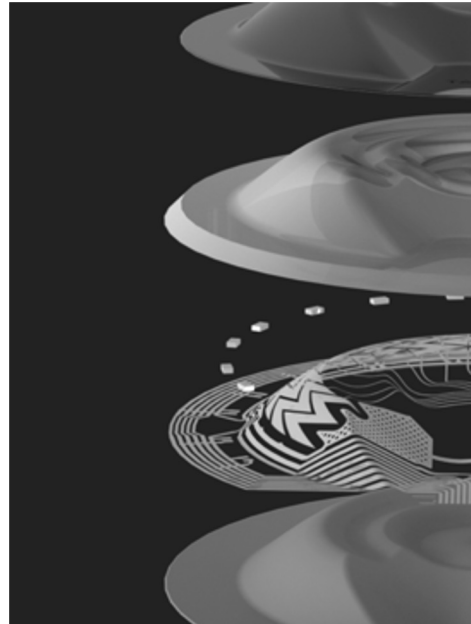
Fast product update and variant management opportunities for decoration and functions



# Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60%



Carbon neutral manufacturing  
80% less tools needed



90% less toxic waste



Sustainable materials  
Plastics use reduced by 70%



100% recyclable



# A smarter, more efficient approach to making electronics

Well-known materials and production processes used in an innovative way

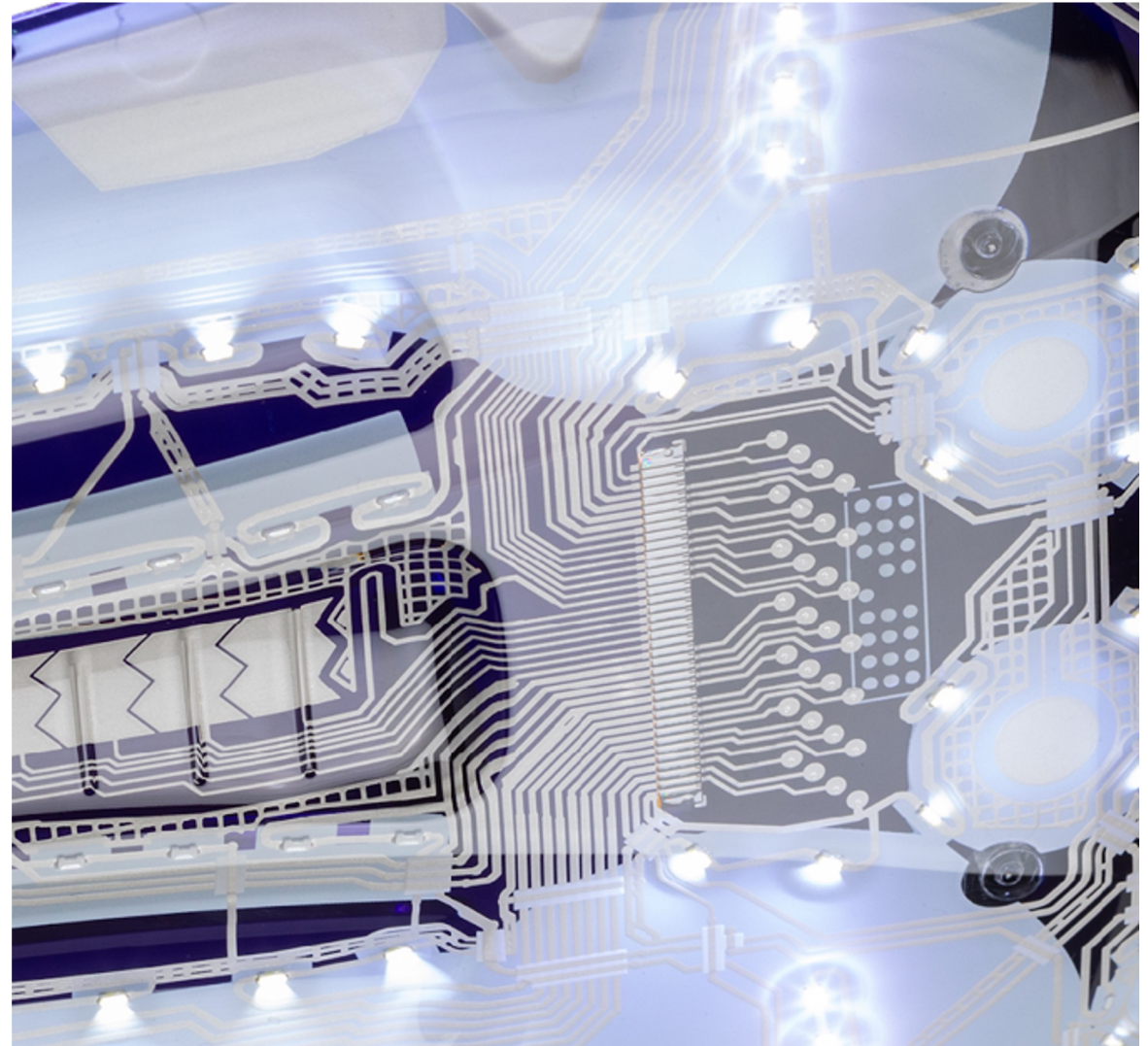
Simulation-based design processes

Electronics and components molded within the surface structure, full-size circuit board eliminated

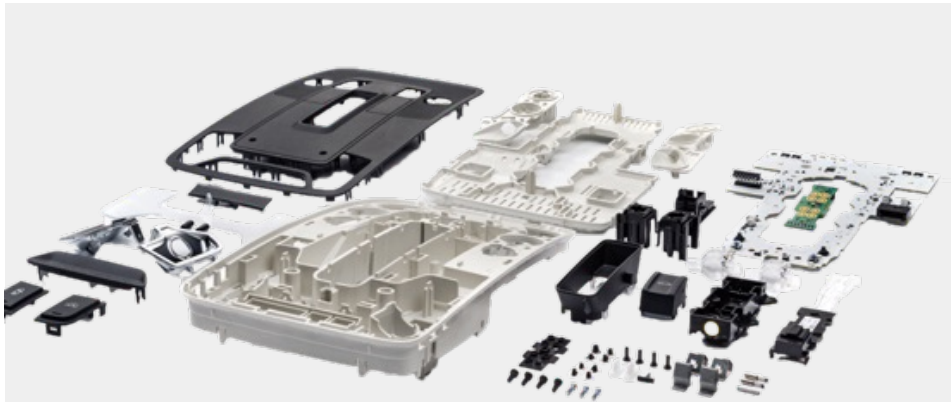
Reliability & durability increased due to encapsulated structure

Up to 90% thinner parts

Up to 80% less weight

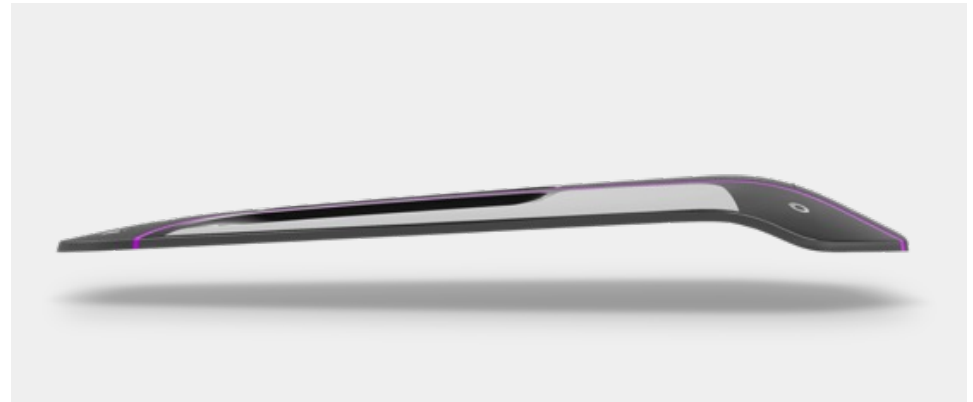


# Comparing IMSE<sup>®</sup> with conventional



## Conventional Electronics

64 parts + PCBA  
Costly assembly  
45mm assembly depth  
470 grams



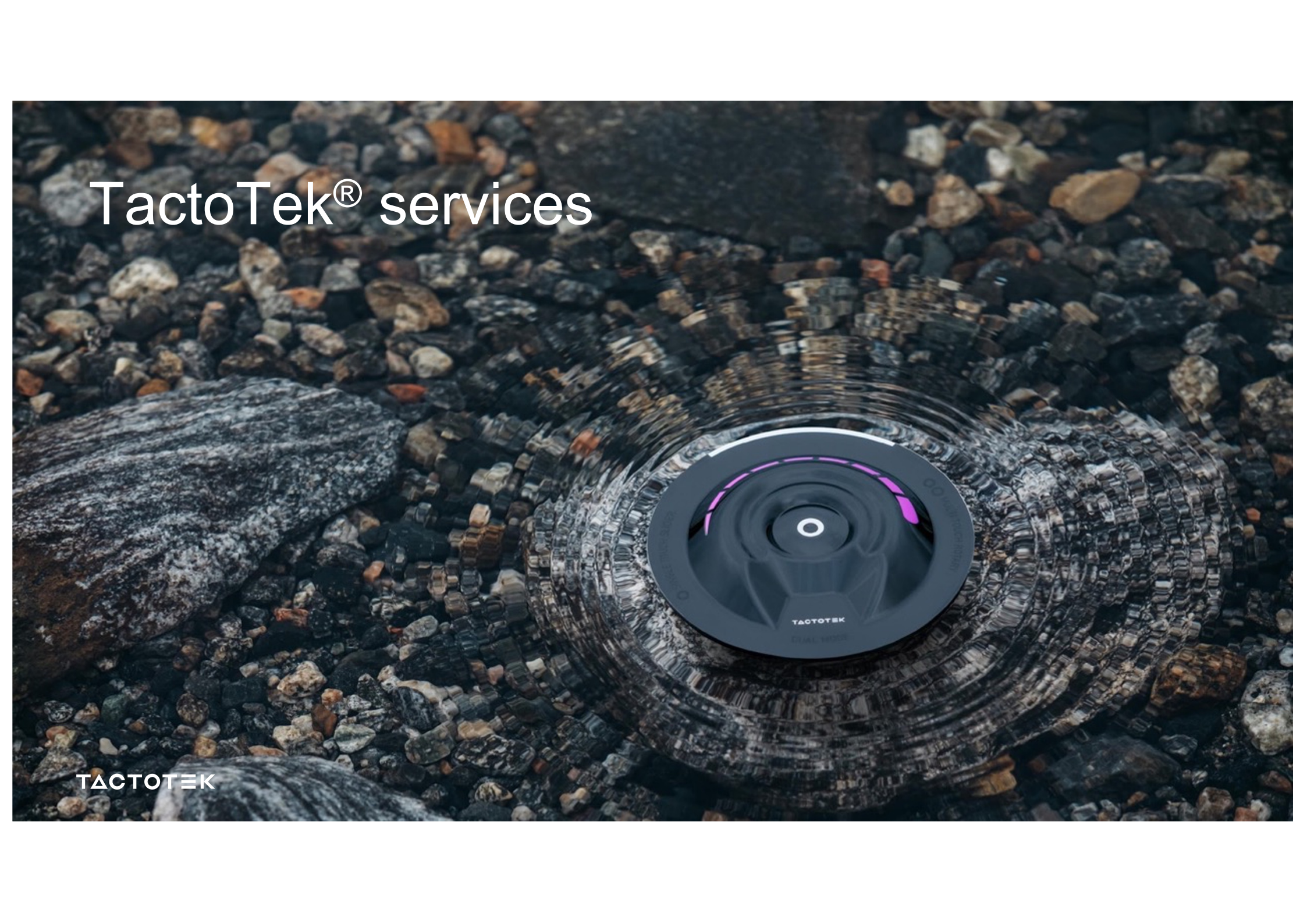
## IMSE Smart Molded Structure

One molded part + small PCBA  
Fewer parts to design, less tooling, less inventory,  
minimal assembly  
3 mm molded material thickness, **90% less**  
200 grams, **57% less**  
Co2eq **60% less**



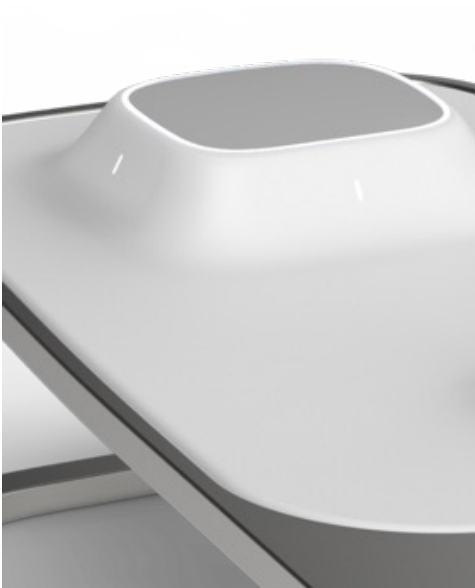
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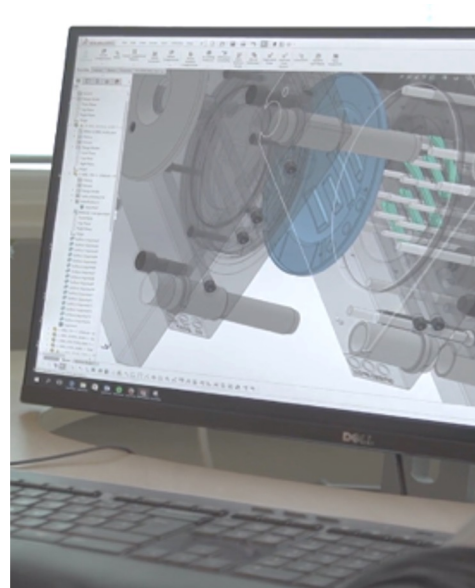


# How we operate



## **TactoTek® Design & Prototyping services**

Your design vision, TactoTek's IMSE® engineering to bring it to life. We will also manufacture your IMSE prototypes.



## **IMSE Designer® License**

Enables you to master IMSE design



## **IMSE Builder® License**

Become a certified IMSE part manufacturer and mass produce IMSE parts



## **TactoTek® Manufacturing**

TactoTek manufactures your IMSE parts



# Introducing IMSE<sup>®</sup> technology

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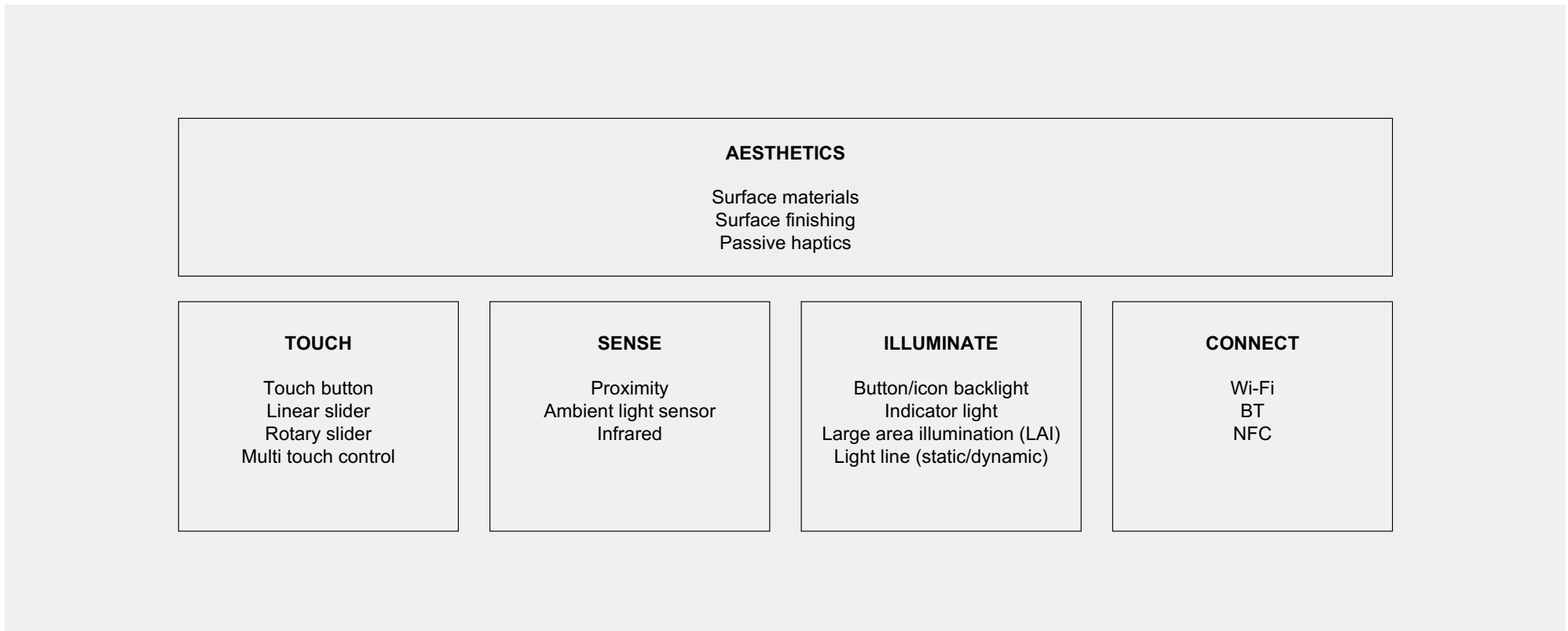
# Revolutionary way to create smart surfaces

IMSE® enables creating a single-piece, seamless part that integrates electronics within the surface

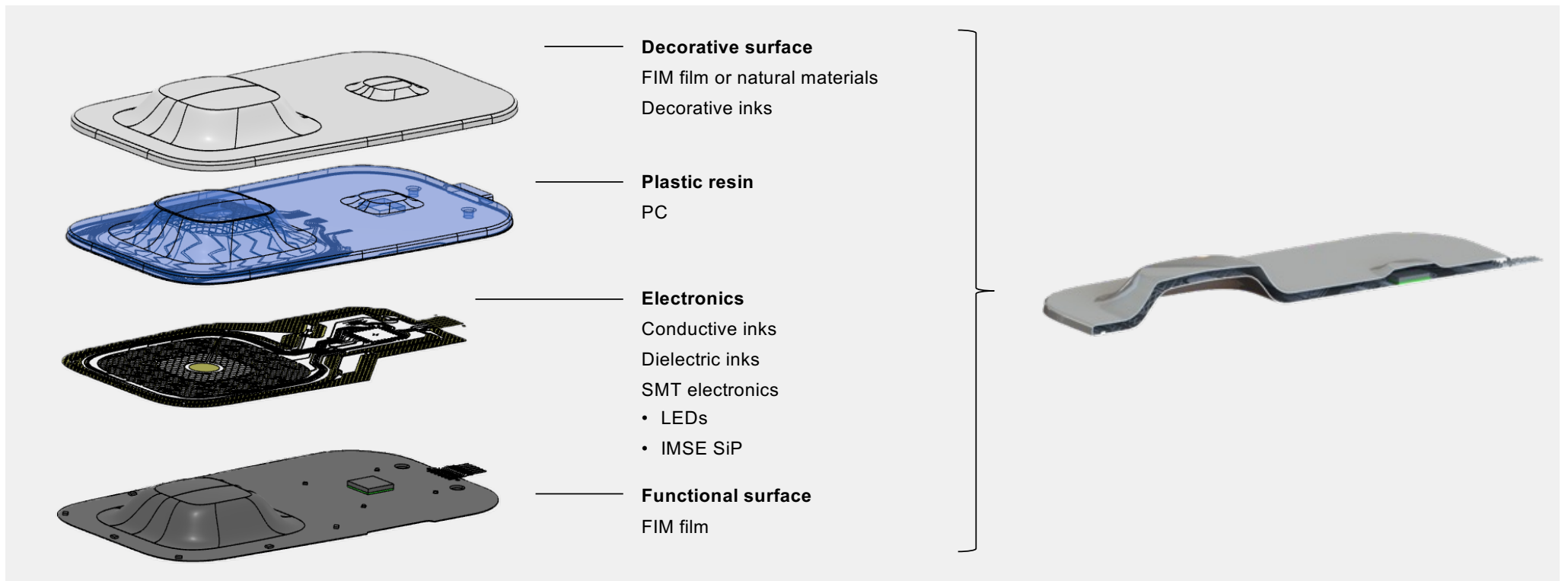




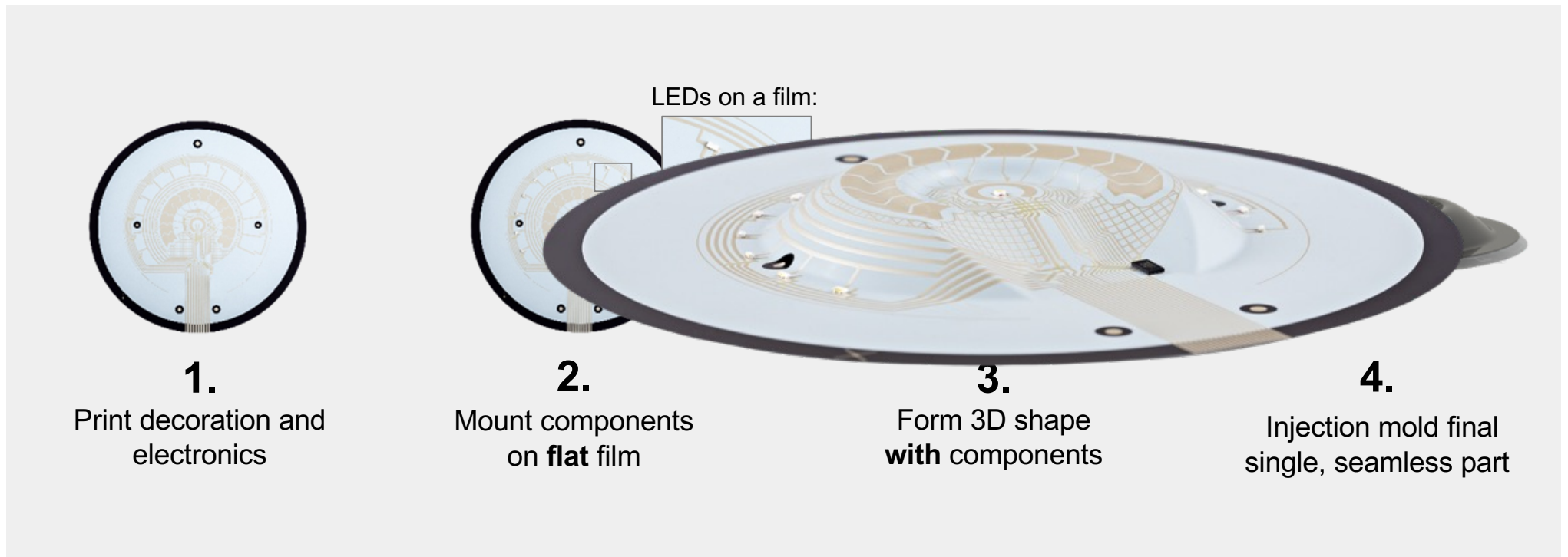
# Design enablers for a next generation of UX



# IMSE<sup>®</sup> creates a smart, thin, seamless surface structure



# Manufacturing process overview





# The future of car interior design

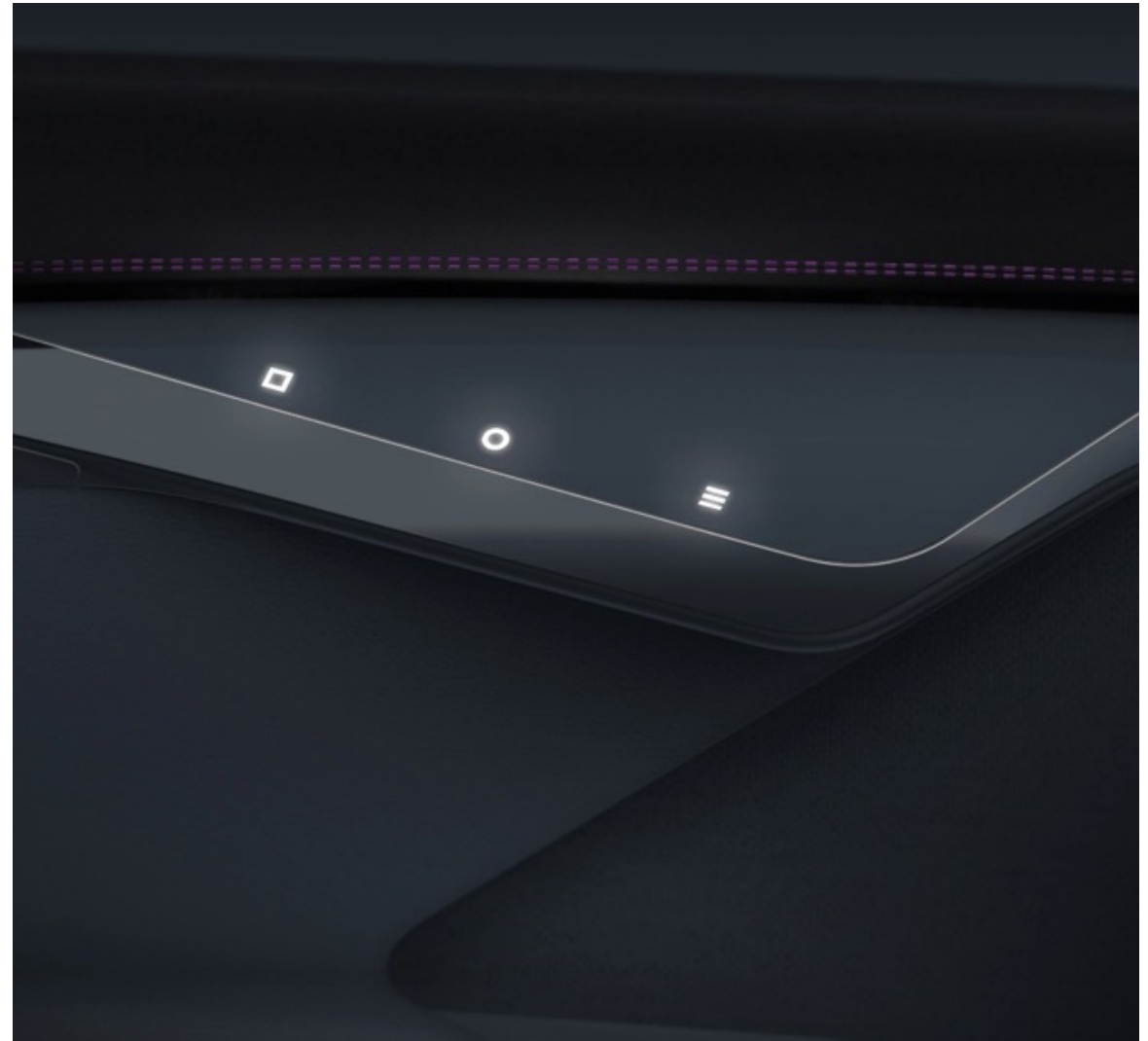
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# IMSE<sup>®</sup> Door Trim concept

Light, “floating” structure combining illumination and touch controls

- Multitude of surface and ambient illumination possibilities
- Large area illumination (LAI) for styling and indication of functions
- Graphical and functional variants with a single tool set



# Origo Steering Wheel

[Origo Steering Wheel](#) HMI brings mobile device user experience to driving, enhancing safety, design and usability

- 3D touch sensors and illumination integrated in the steering wheel
- Multiple mechanical controls replaced
- IMSE® part thickness 4 mm
- Winner of CES Innovation award and German Design Award

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# TactoTek® Mesa IMSE® Controller

Elegant, intuitive touch control interface

- Capacitive touch controls – buttons and sliders
- Software configurable gesture facets
- Lighting system for the HMI (top side)
- Ambient illumination for decorative or informative purposes (bottom side)
- IMSE SiP – sophisticated system electronics, integrated inside the IMSE part



# Join the revolution



CEVT



PassiveBolt

FORVIA



ALPSALPINE

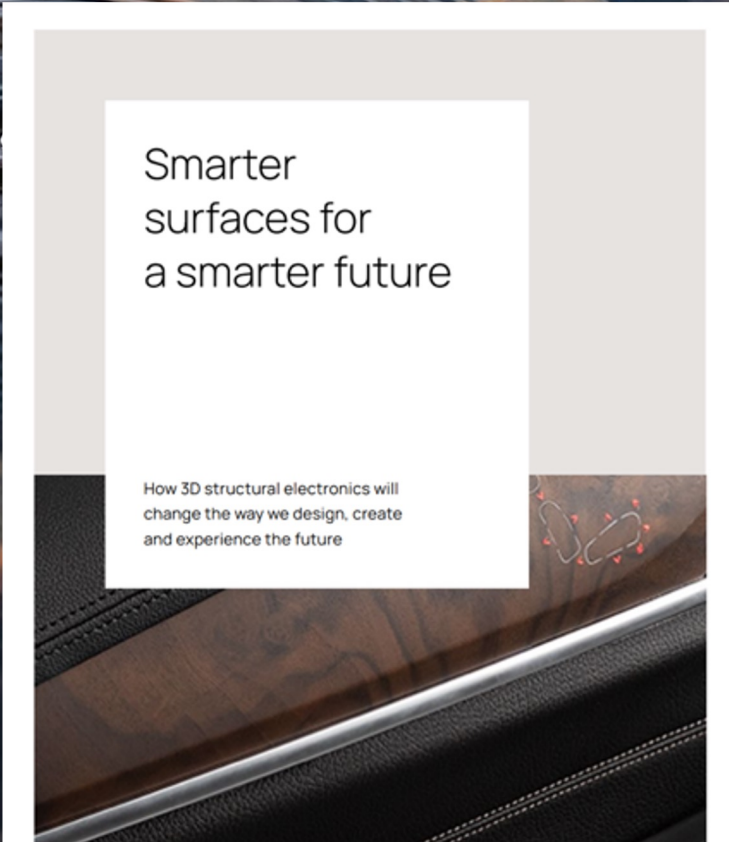


TACTOTEK

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TACTOTEK

Discover a step  
change in design  
and innovation

An inset image showing a close-up of a car's interior, specifically the leather seat and dashboard area. A white rectangular text box is overlaid on the image.

Smarter  
surfaces for  
a smarter future

How 3D structural electronics will  
change the way we design, create  
and experience the future





# IMS CONNECTOR SYSTEMS

Retrofit Sensor Technology – MID Summit & MID Workshop, Sept. 21-22nd 2022, Böblingen – Germany

Peter Peetz / CEO



# AGENDA

1. Products by IMS Connector Systems - Design-In Partner for Real time Data Exchange

2. Data-based Innovation Process  
ends with Demonstrator –  
supported by Hahn-Schickard Digi Pro



3. Value add for Customer

4. Q & A

# 1. PRODUCTS BY IMS CONNECTOR SYSTEMS - DESIGN-IN PARTNER FOR REAL TIME DATA EXCHANGE

With tradition and experience.



Production of the first RF connector systems and cable assemblies

1863

1989



**Automotive:**  
Manufacturing of SMA connector systems according to FAKRA standard

2011



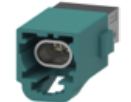
**Telecommunications:**  
Development of 4.3-10

2017



**Telecommunication:**  
License agreement for the production of NEX10®

2020



**Automotive:**  
Development of HTP

Foundation of the family business by Johann Morat

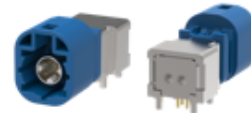


1972

**Telecommunications:**  
Manufacturing of components for cell phones

2002

**Automotive:**  
Development of High Speed Data HSD®



2015

**Automotive:**  
Development of MCA



2019

**Industrial:**  
Development of SmartMod

2020

» Cooperation with Aptiv + Lear Corp. + Turck





# 1. PRODUCT PORTOFOLIO IMS CONNECTOR SYSTEMS - AUTONOMOUS DRIVING – 5G SYSTEMS – ... SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE



HIGH-GRADE ANTENNA TECHNOLOGY



RADIO UNITS, SMALL CELLS DEVICES



SMART ANTENNAS



AUTONOMOUS DRIVING

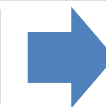


## 2. DATA-BASED INNOVATIONSPROCESS – VALUE CHAIN POSITION AS DEVELOPMENT PARTNER



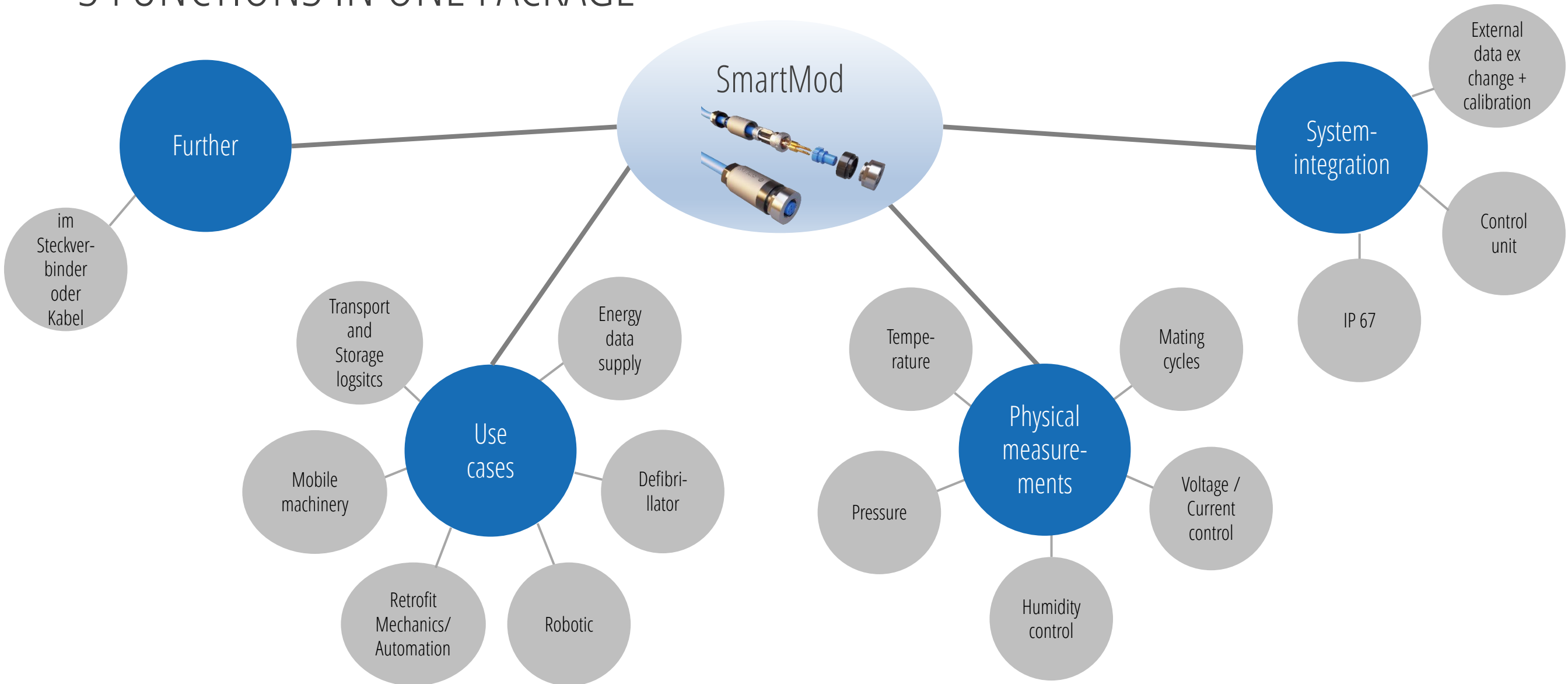
1 ... 4 Commodity Business (high volume >1 Mio. pcs./month, high competition, CM is target)

1 ... 4 Design-In / Technical Sales Concept (Requirement spec. is starting point)



**Value add position from IMS CS**

# 2. DATA-BASED INNOVATIONSPROCESS - 3 FUNCTIONS IN ONE PACKAGE





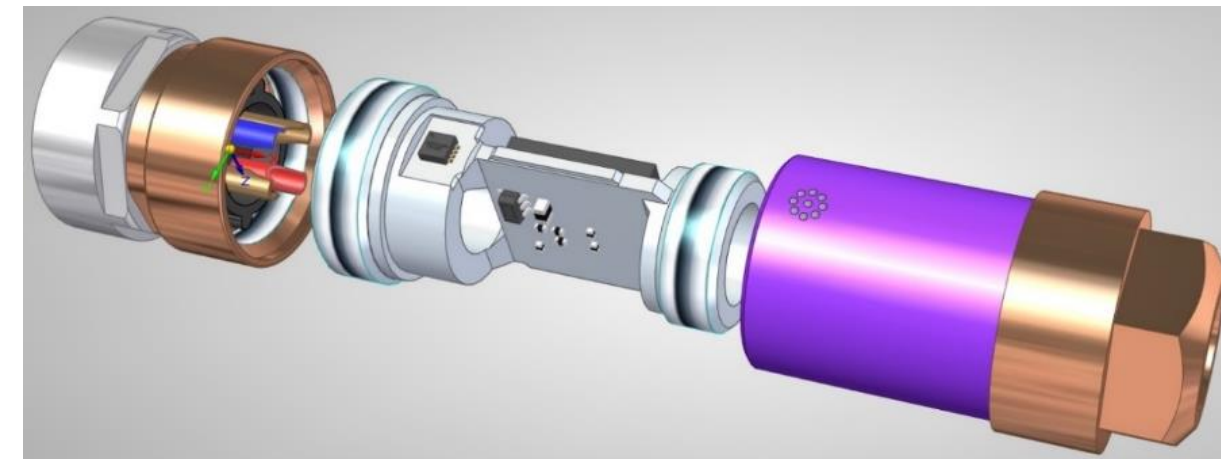
## 2. DATA-BASED INNOVATIONSPROCESS – EARLY VALUE ADD CHECKING FOR CUSTOMER AND INCREASED MARKET VALUE FROM START OF DEVELOPMENT

Industrie Standard Connector called **smart mod**

- 3D MID (Molded Interconnect Devices)
- Molded circuit (Technologieinnovation)
- M8/M12 Standard Industrial
- Molding device was designed by Hahn-Schickard
- Sensoric element – humidity, Temperature and pressure used
- Data transfer via  $\mu$ -Controller and active electronic components
- Value by demonstrator: Risk and Solutions as soon as possible before development starts.



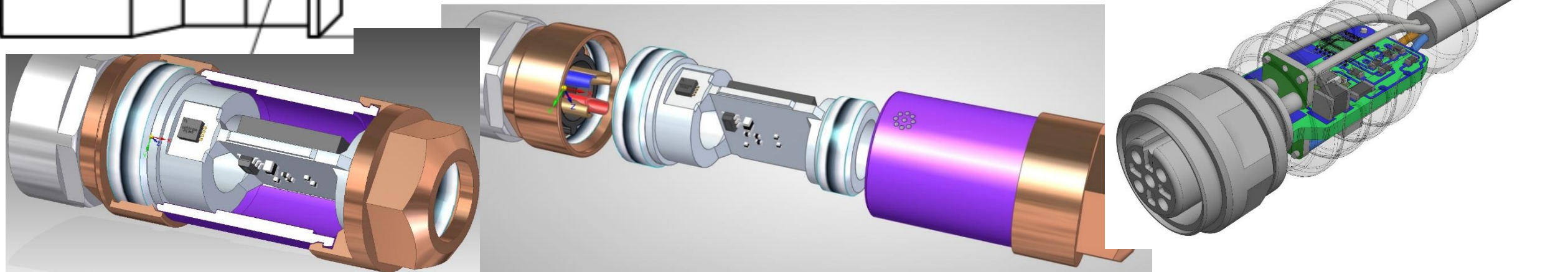
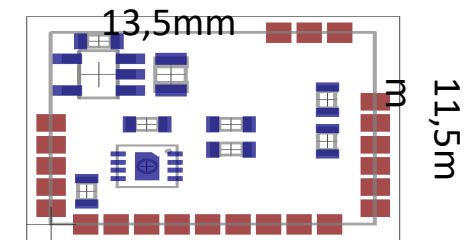
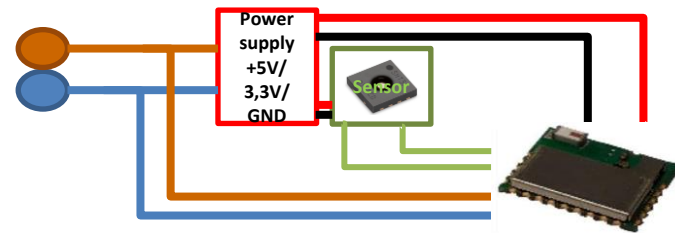
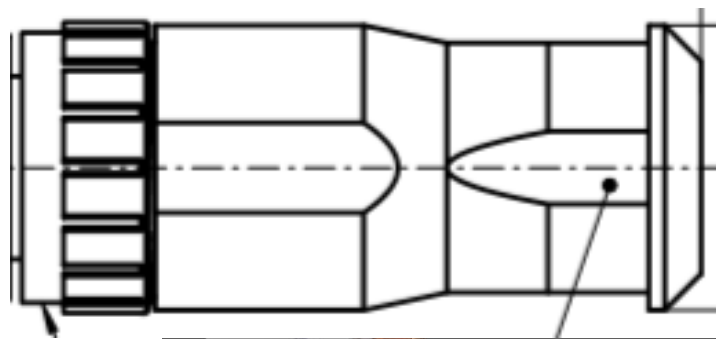
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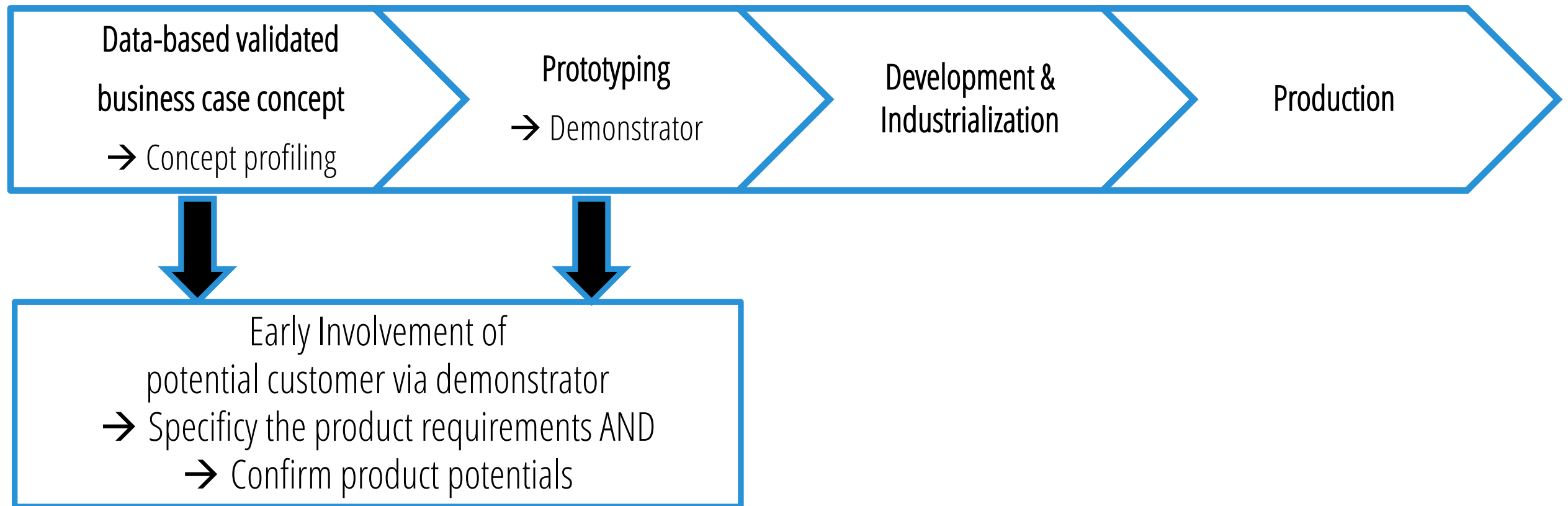
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## 2. Data-based Innovation Process – Demonstrator was produced by Hahn-Schickard / Project DigiPro

- SMART Connector M12 Bluetooth Proj.Nr.:11539
  - Start was January 2020 with Partner Hahn Schickardt
    - The construction of the chassis was finished in the last week of January
    - Target is to get a 3D MID Prototype includes sensoric and wireles communication via bluetooth till the end of june.
    - 30.06.20 public presentation of „DigiPro“ and „SMART Connector“

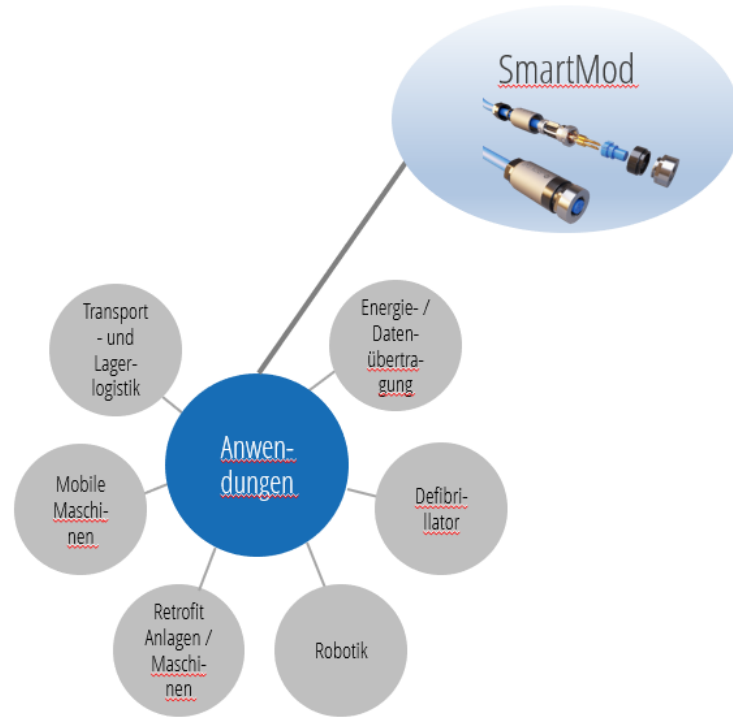


### 3. VALUE ADD FOR CUSTOMER – FACTBASED VALIDATION + DEMONSTRATOR TO CLOSE PROCESS





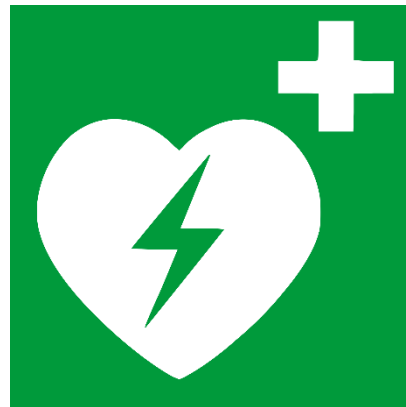
# 3. VALUE ADD FOR CUSTOMERS - SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES



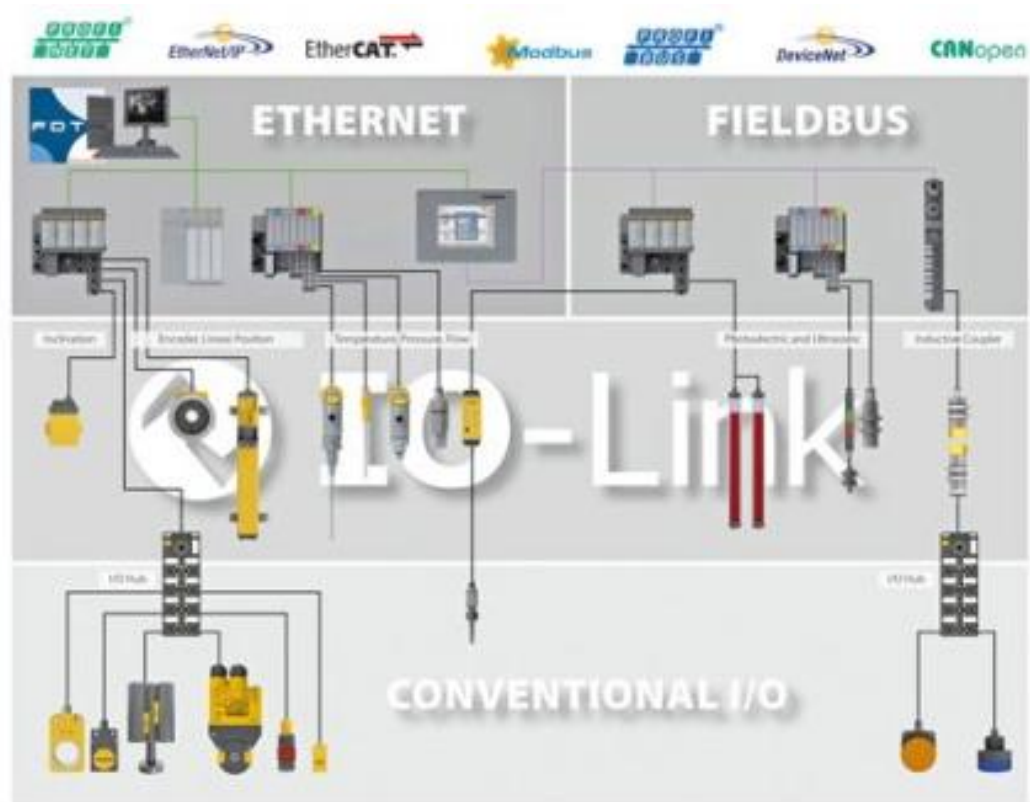
-> Examples for Product Use:

Predictive Maintenance/Retrofit – high availability due to significantly reduced risk of failure

- Voltage monitoring for passengers and freight elevator
- Voltage monitoring and logging of environmental parameters at public AED
- Continuous logging of the voltage parameters (freely adjustable) for robots
- Complete monitoring of the network in the area of transport and warehouse logistics
- Energy and data transmission systems in the crane area



# 3. VALUE ADD FOR CUSTOMERS - HIDDEN FUNCTION VIA SMART CONNECTOR



<https://www.turck.de/de/iolinkpassivverteiler-verdrahten-auspuffproduktion-4017.php>



SINGLE PAIR ETHERNET -  
ENABLER FÜR IIOT

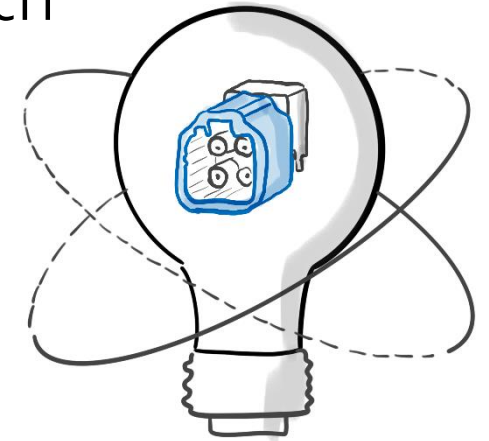


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Thank you very much

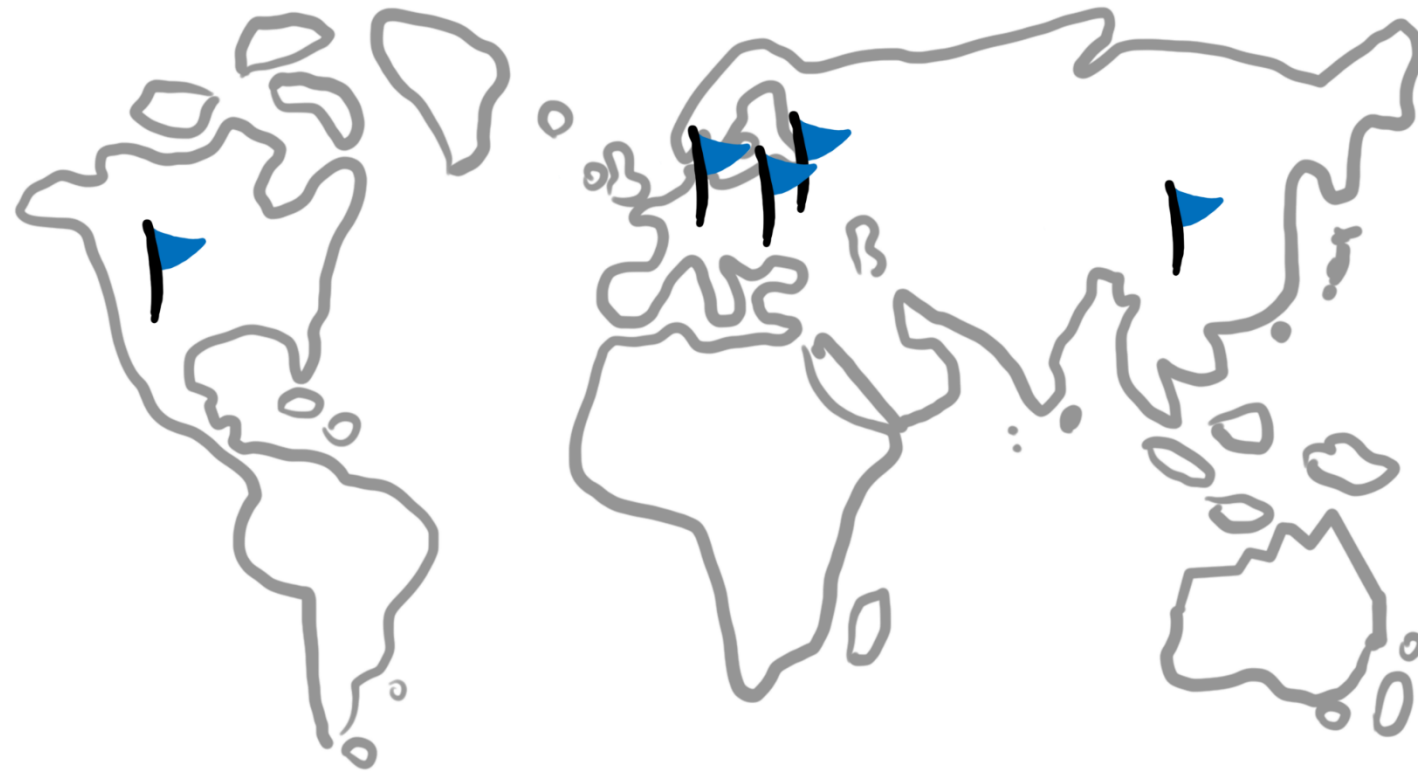


Q & A

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# Rapid Prototyping of MID by Stereolithographic Printing

22. September 2022

Dr. Hendrik Mohrmann

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## PCB Production

- Automotive, medical, communication, aviation, lighting,...
- Prototypes, small series and series
- Express-Delivery in 4h, Multilayer in 14h
- Newest Materials and Technologies
- Line/Space <math>< 25\mu\text{m}</math>, Micro-Vias ( $\varnothing 40\mu\text{m}</math>), Laser Drilling, HF-Materials, Rigid-Flex, IMS$
- (Rigid-) Stretchable PCBs



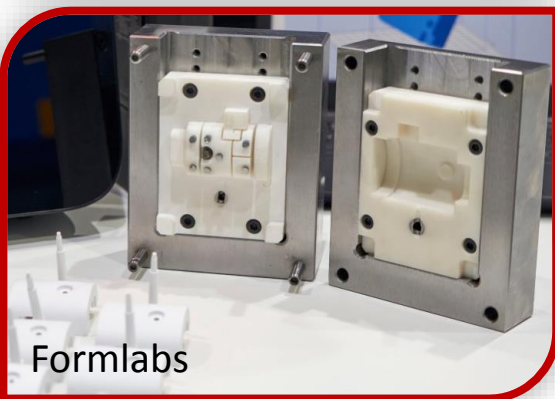
## 3D-MID

- Member of 3D-MID e.V. since 2016
- Customer Orders of 3D-printed MID since 2019
- R&D projects involving MID



## Injection Moulding problematic in product development

- Expensive tooling
- Long iteration cycles



## LPKF-Protopaint

- High material versatility
- Assembly by conductive glue

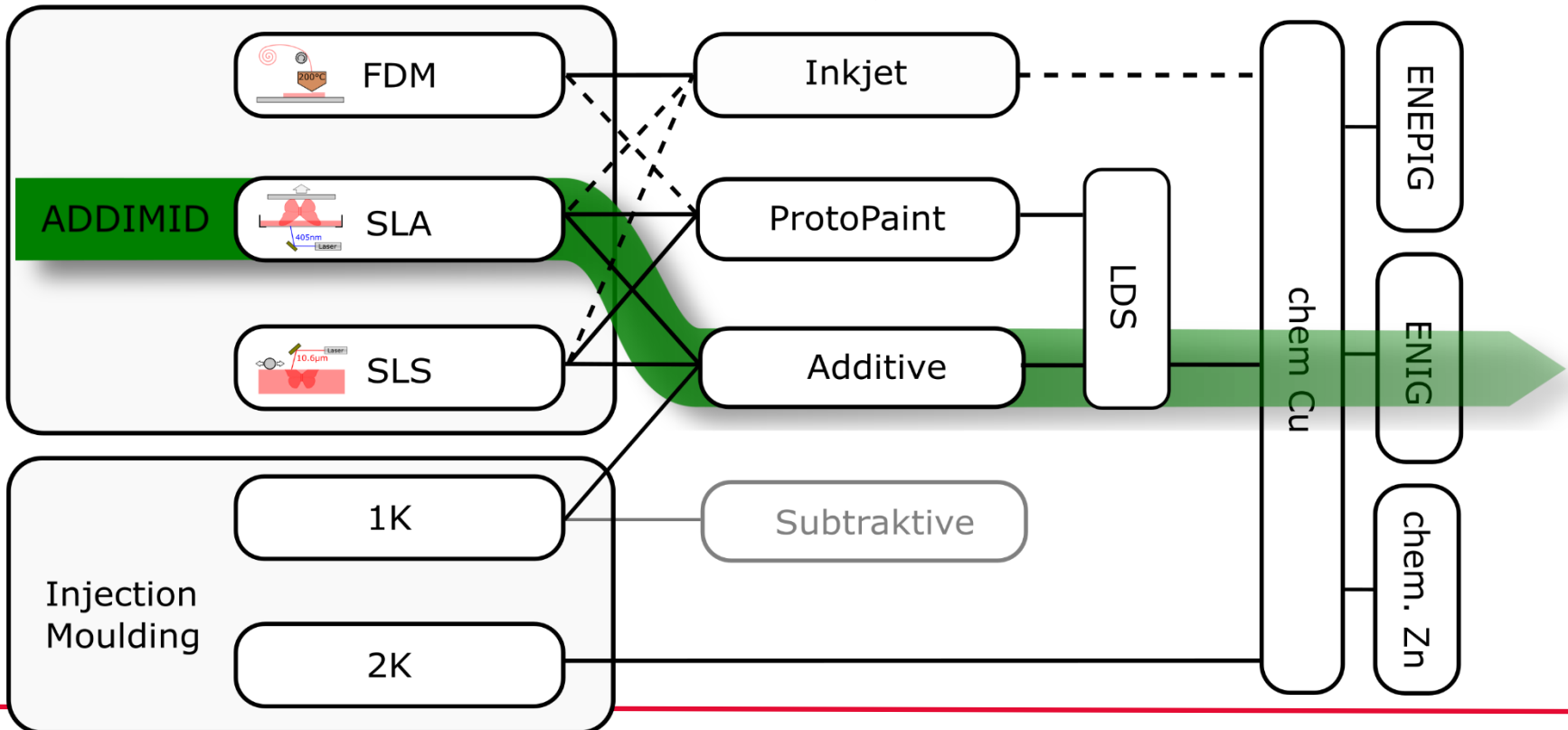
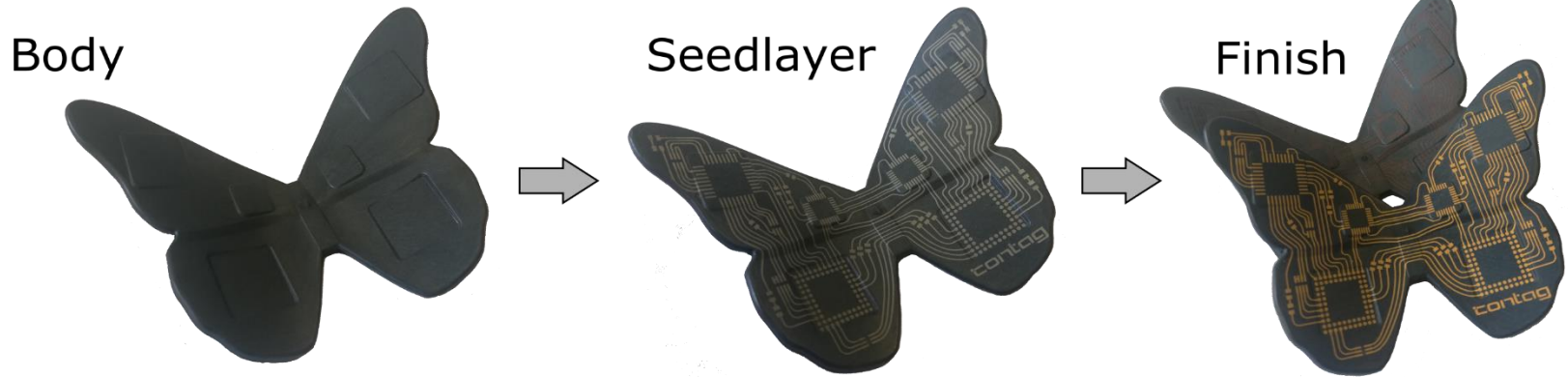
## 3D-printed mould

- Close to serial production
- HT-material for mould



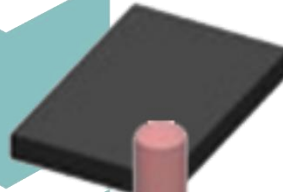
Additive manufacturing of  
LDS-approved materials

# Production Strategies of 3D-MID



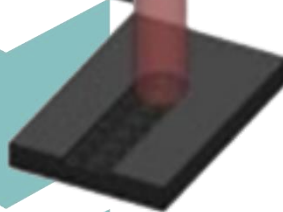


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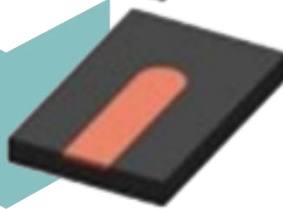
**Production of Body**  
3D-printed LDS-resin

2



**Laser Direct Structuring**  **TEPROSA**  
metal seeds on rough surface

3



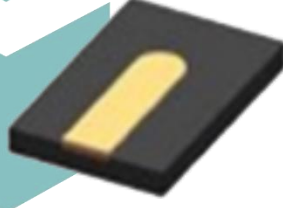
**Chem Cu**  
8-12 $\mu$ m

4



**Electroless Ni**  
5 $\mu$ m

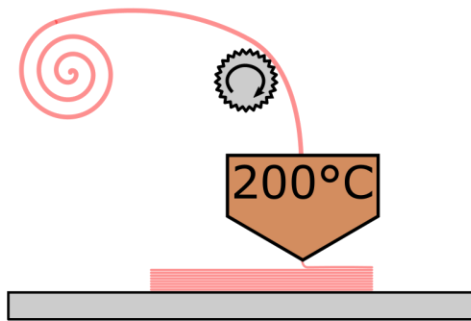
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**Immersion Au**  
>50nm

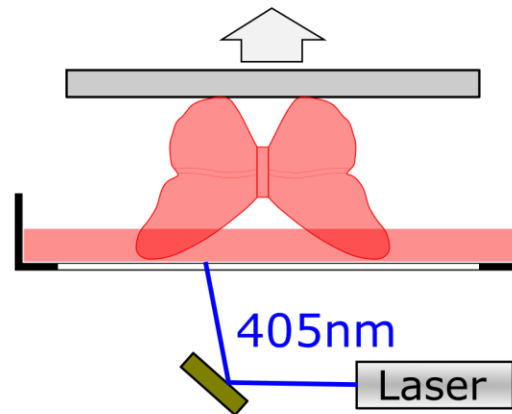


## Fused deposition modeling



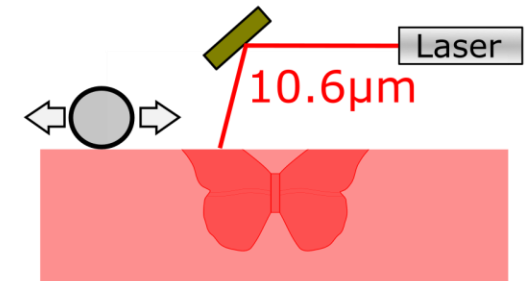
- PLA , ABS, PEEK, Ultem, Polysulfon
- Thermoplastics
- Resolution >100μm
- Structured surface
- Anisotropic

## Stereolithography



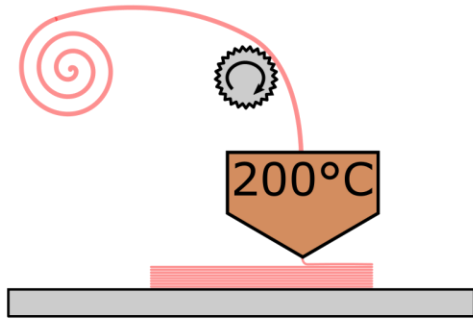
- UV-curing Thermosetting
- Mainly acrylic
- Thermally stable to 250°C
- Resolution >25μm
- Highest surface quality

## Selective Laser Sintering

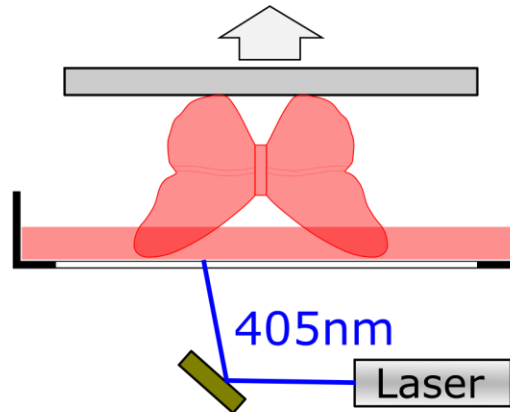


- Mostly Nylon
- Thermoplastics
- Thermally stable to 160°C
- Resolution >25μm
- Porous surface

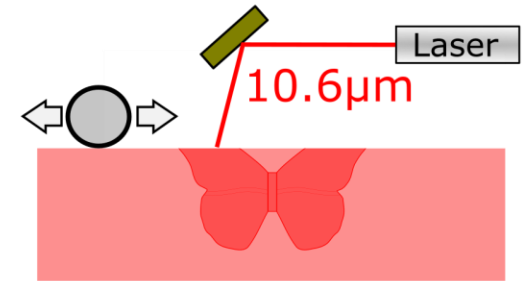
## Fused deposition modeling



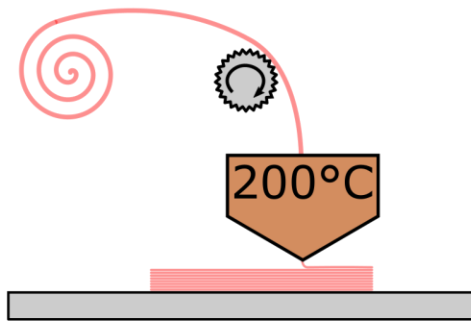
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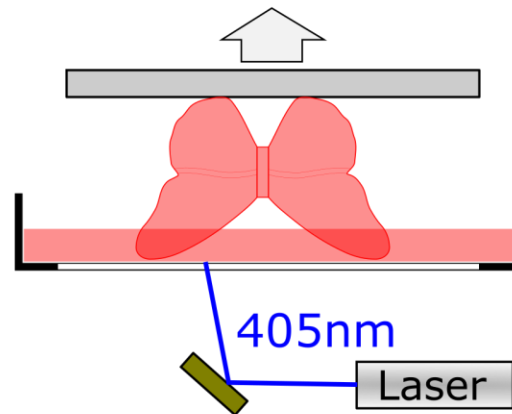
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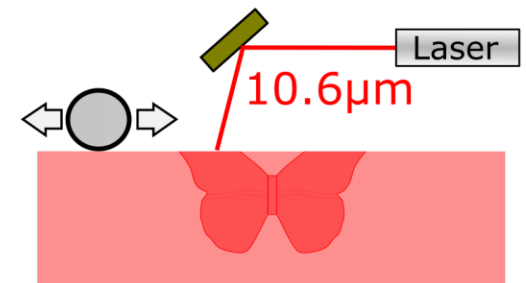
## Fused deposition modeling



## Stereolithography



## Selective Laser Sintering



 **blz** BAYERISCHES  
LASERZENTRUM

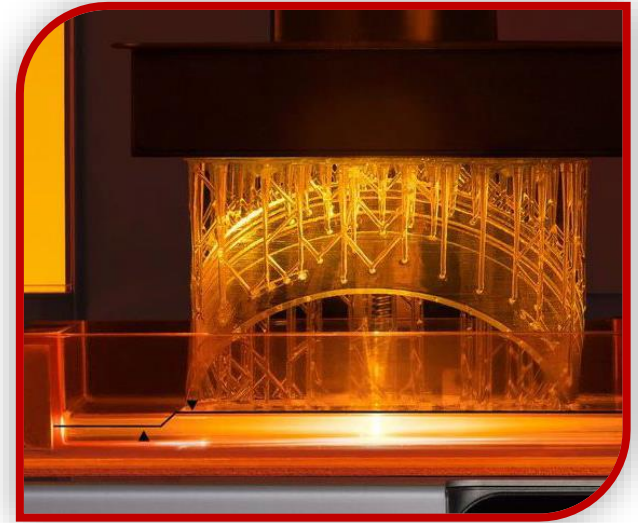
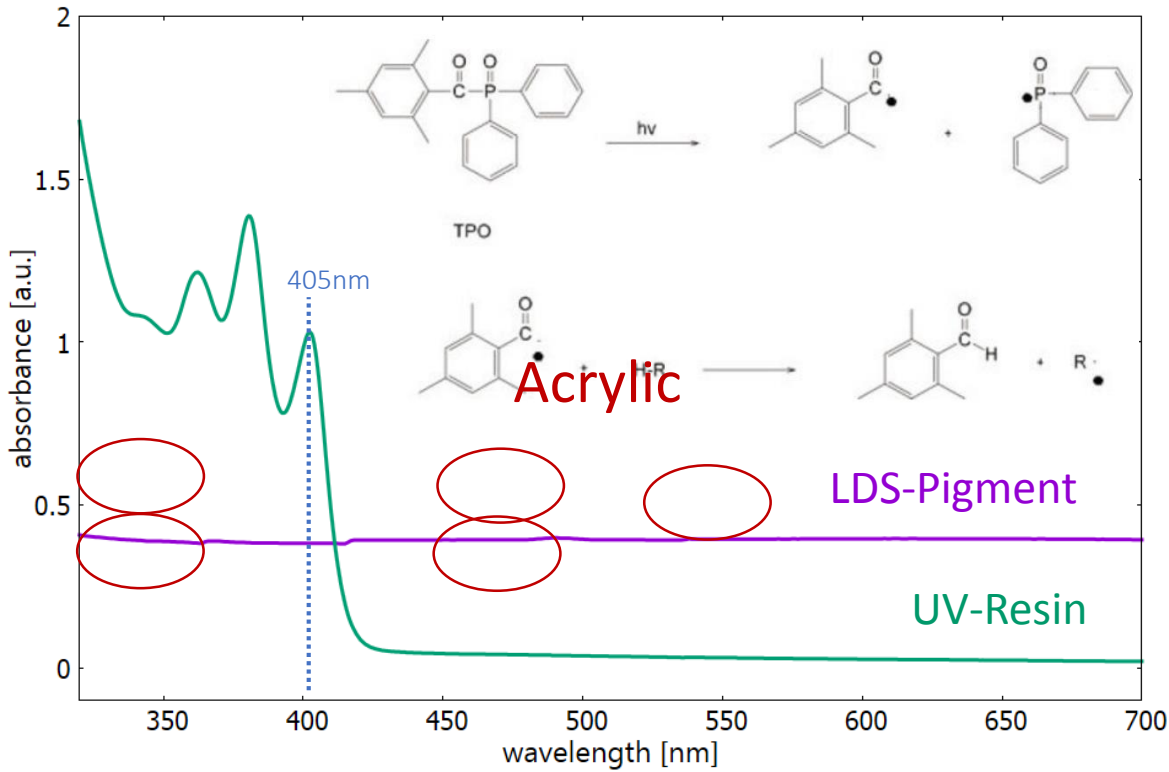
Hahn   
Schickard

 **Fraunhofer**  
IEM



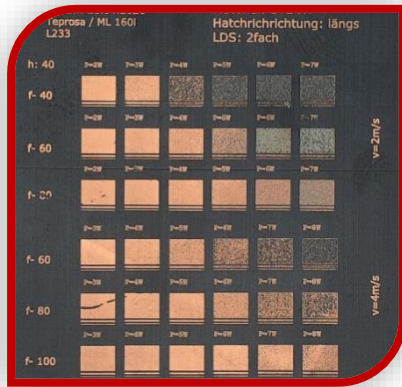


## Free-Radical Polymerization



	SLA (Form3)	DLP (Prusa SL1S)	LPKF 160i	unit
Light Source	CW-Laserdiode	LED-Array	Nd:YAG	
Power density	$\sim 10^6$	2,2	$\sim 10^{15}$	mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Resolution	25	50	80	μm
Exposure (40mJ/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	9	-	s

# Laser Direct Structuring



Frequency 40 kHz  
Hatch 40µm  
Scanning Speed 2m/s



2W

3W

4W

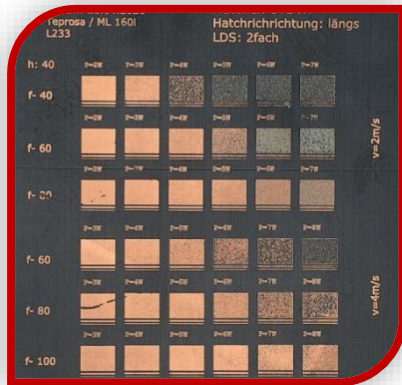
5W

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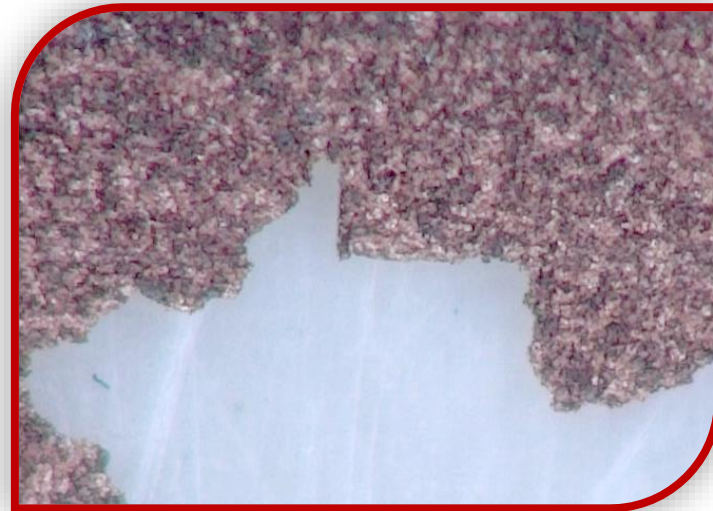
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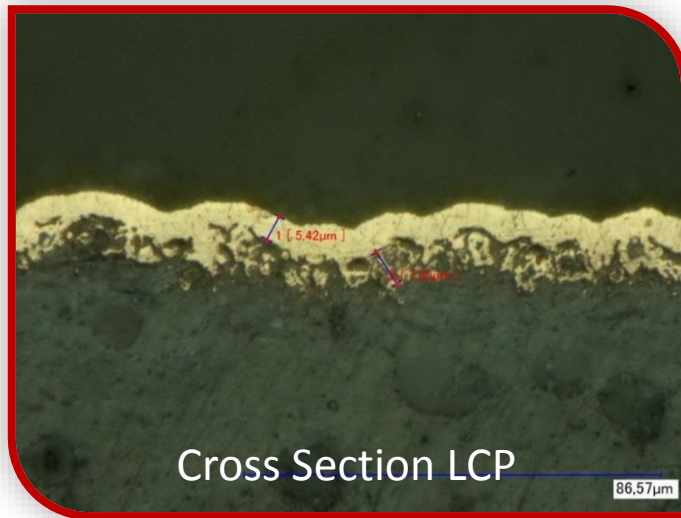
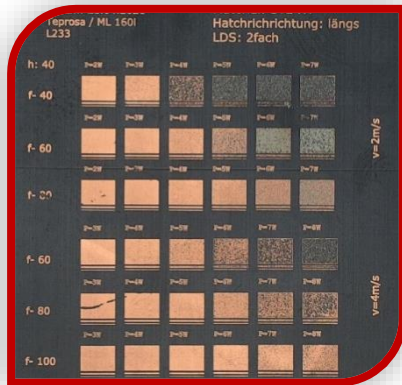


Frequency 40 kHz  
Hatch 40µm  
Scanning Speed 2m/s



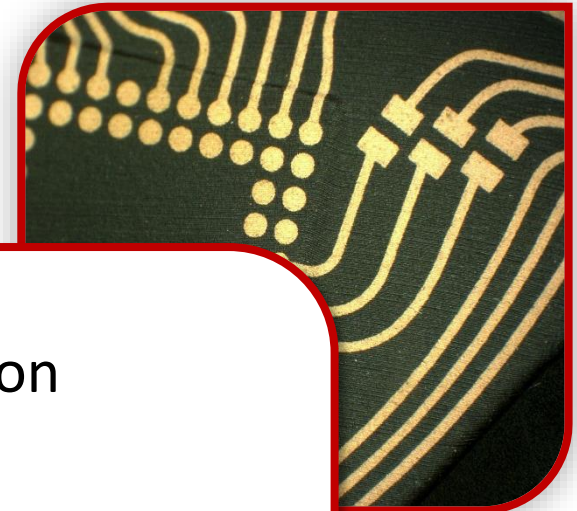
- High Power leads to cracks below surface
- Best results for low Power and high Frequency
- ps-Pulses for higher reliability (?)

# Laser Direct Structuring



- Reliable LDS-parameter
- Chemical Cu-buildup up to 50µm



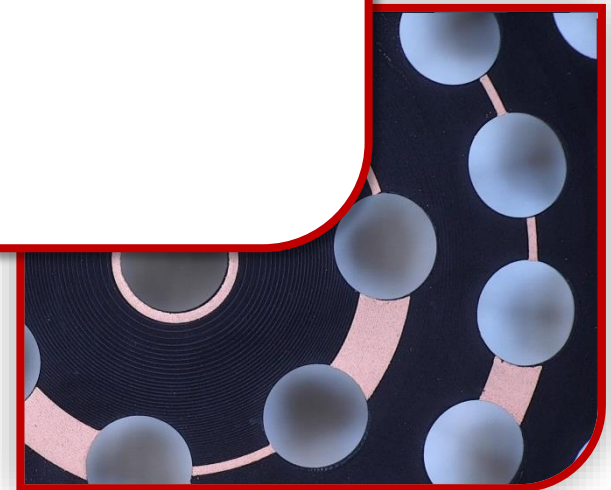
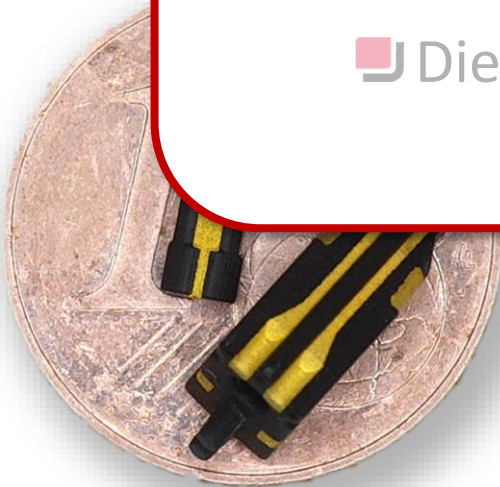


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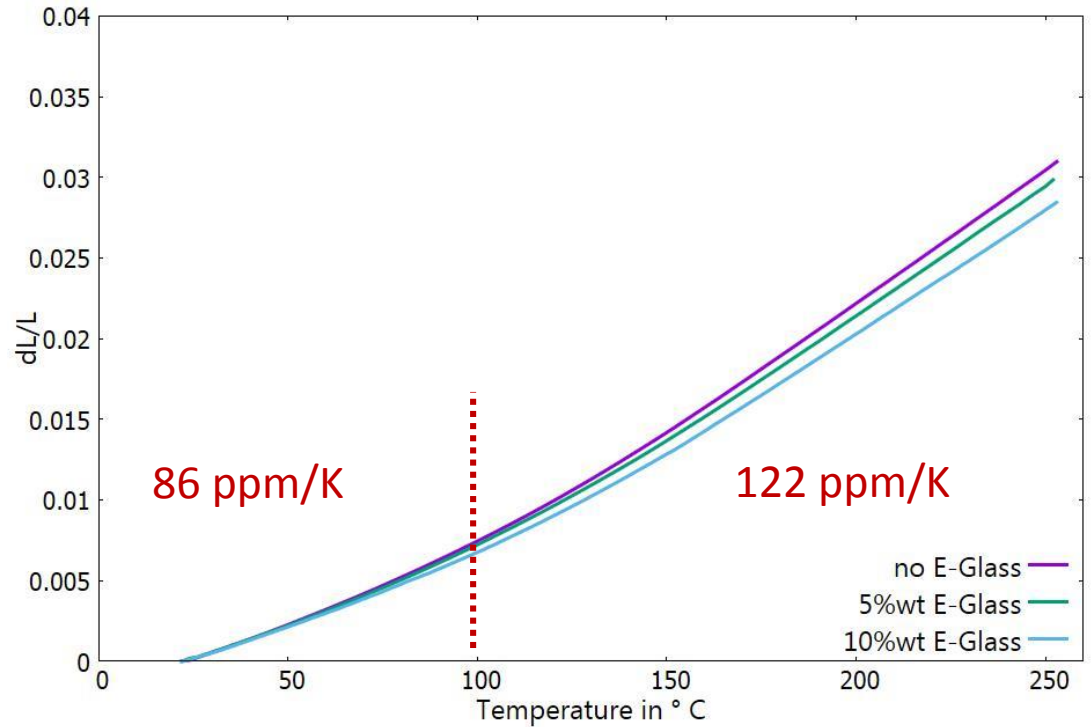
■ Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

■ Assembly: Thermal stability

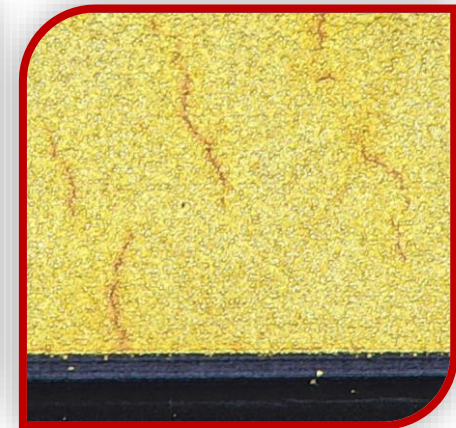
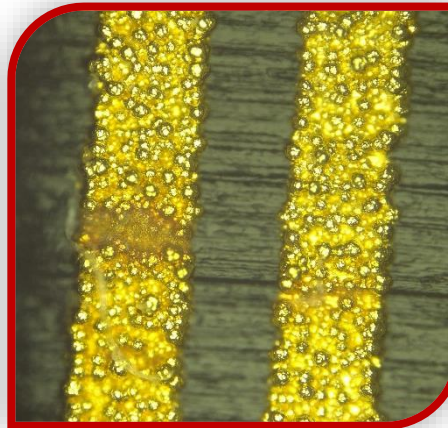
■ Dielectric properties



# Thermal Expansion



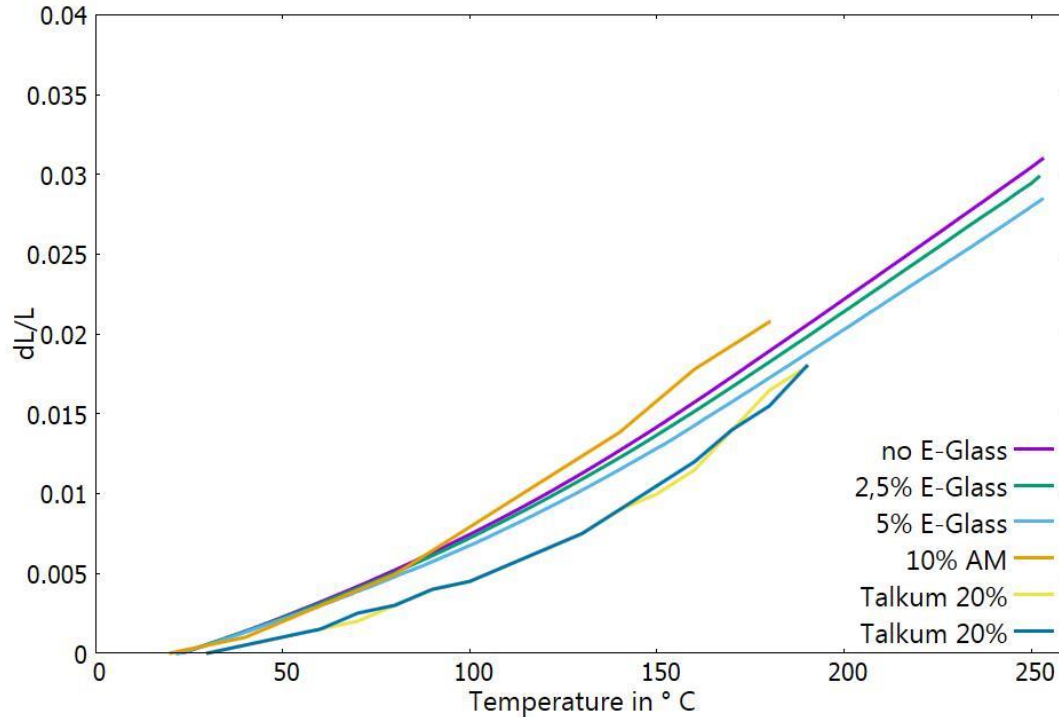
- CTE=122 ppm/K (RT-250°C, sTMA)
- CTE isotropic
- Reduction of CTE through
  - high filler content
  - change to different resin system



# Thermal Expansion

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Vol.-%	Vol.-%	Vol.-%	Vol.-%	Vol.-%	Vol.-%	Vol.-%
Epoxidharz	45,00	45,00	45,00	45,00	45,00	45,00	45,00
Glasperlen	38,00	15,00					
Glasfaser	7,00	30,00					
LDS Additiv	1,50	1,50	1,50	1,50	1,50	1,50	1,50
Talkum	8,50	8,50	26,75	8,50	8,50	17,00	17,00
Wollastonit			26,75		45,00	36,50	
Aluminiumoxid				45,00			36,50

Raschig Epoxidur:  
CTE= 16-18ppm/K (50-180°C)



- 20% wt Talkum:  
75ppm/K (30-130°C)  
173 ppm/K (130-190°C)
- 24% wt E-Glass not printable

[Rudin et.al., 2014, MID-Forum im Rahmen der SMT]



Material	Heat Deflection Temperature [°C]	Elongation at Break	Tensile Modulus [GPa]	CTE (0-150°C) [ppm/K]
Formlabs Tough 1500	52	51%	1,5	97
Formlabs HighTemp	238	2,4%	2,9	74
PlastCure Rigid 10 500	120-125	1-2%	7,7-8,2	,Low CTE'
Druckwege Type D	260	2,5%	2,45	-
Rogers Radix	76,7	2,3%	2,7	123 (50-250°C)
Pocan DP 7140 LDS	>255		12	36/56
Vectra E 840i LDS	>260	3%	10	12/27
Rogers 4350B	>280 (T <sub>g</sub> )	-	19,65	11-14 (X/Y), 46 (Z)
Panasonic R1755-M	150 (T <sub>g</sub> )			13-15 (X/Y), 40/240 (Z)

SLA

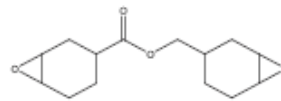
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PCB

Ionic

Epoxides

3,4-Epoxy cyclohexylmethyl-3',4'-epoxycyclohexane carboxylate



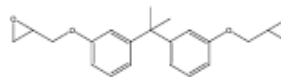
Low shrinkage and chemical and thermal resistance

Fragility and low toughness

Ionic

Epoxides

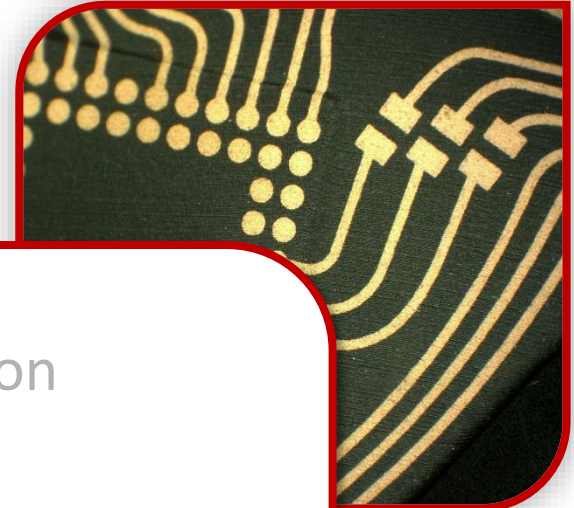
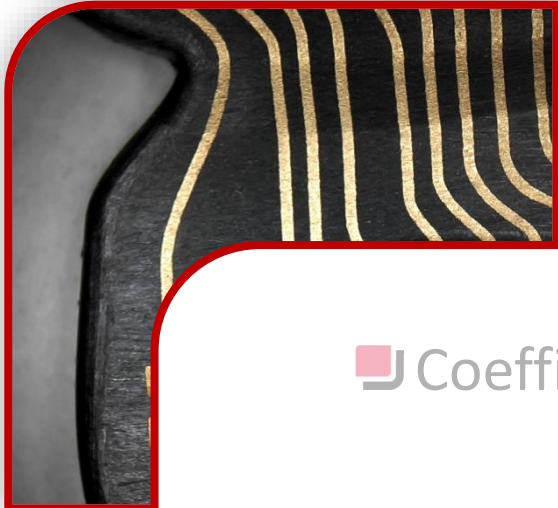
Dicyclic ether derivative of bisphenol A (ADE)



Low shrinkage and chemical and thermal resistance

Fragility and low toughness

**We need low-CTE UV-curing Resin!**

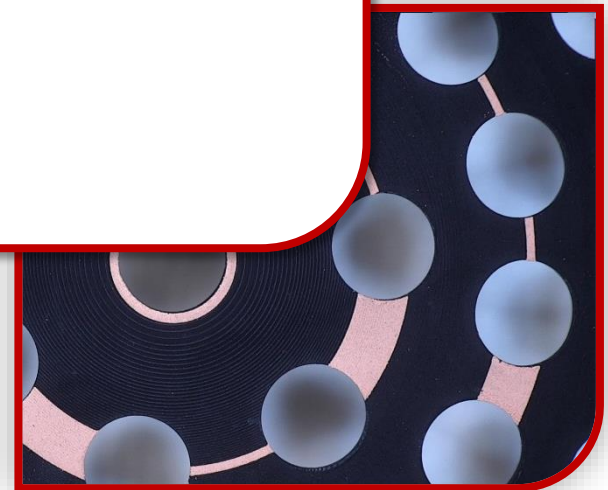
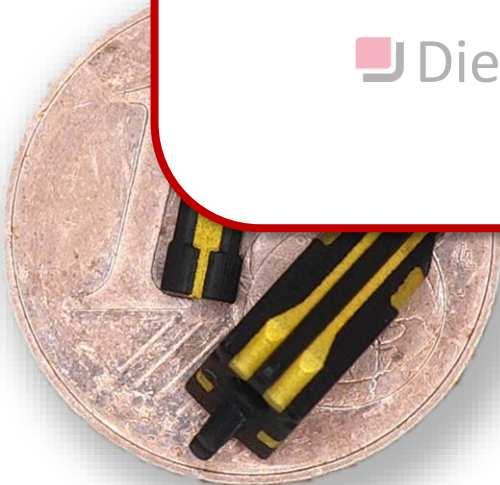


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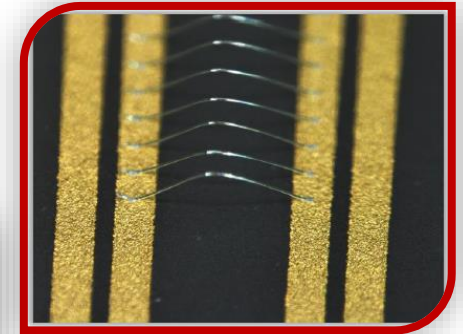
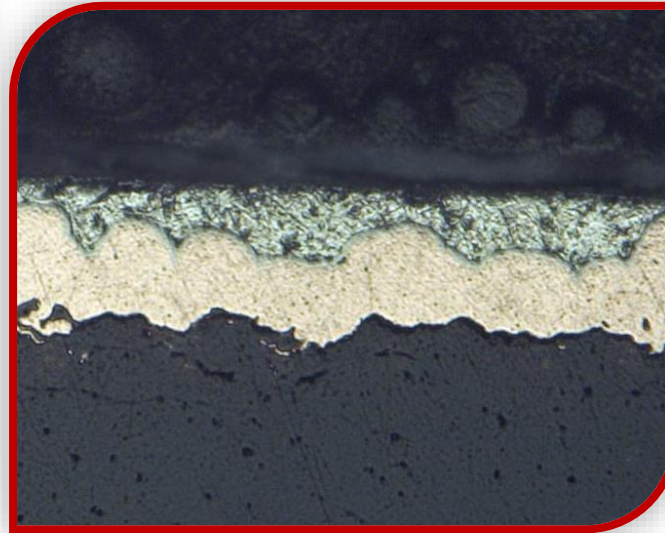
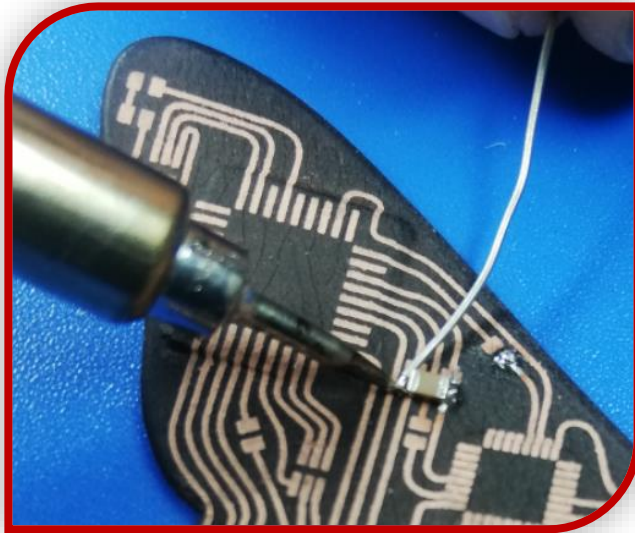
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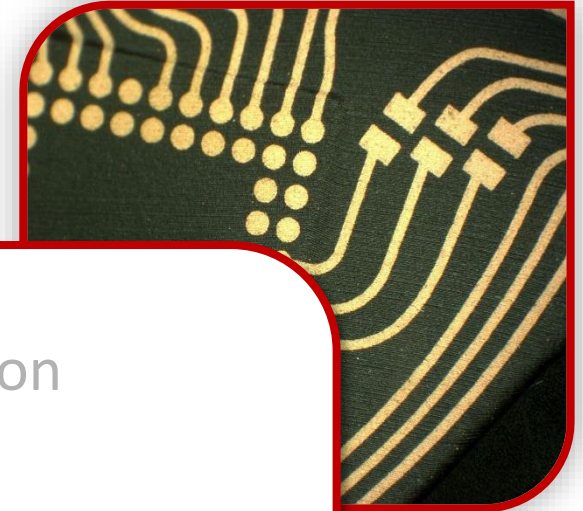
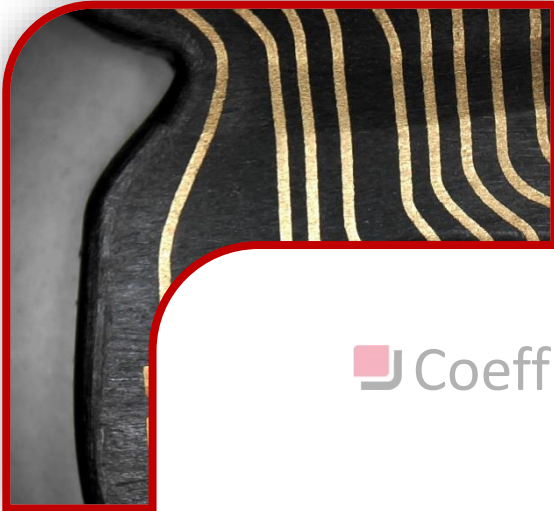
- ▣ Hand soldering with standard solder possible
- ▣ Reflow successfully tested for small parts
- ▣ Al-wire bonding currently testing, proven by others



[Müller et al.,(2018),13th International Congress MID]

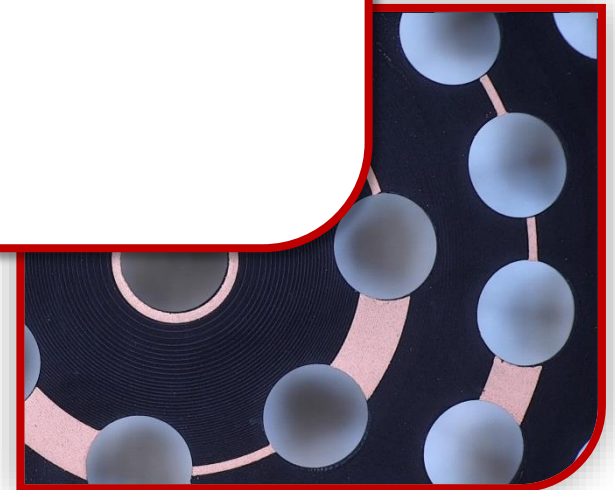
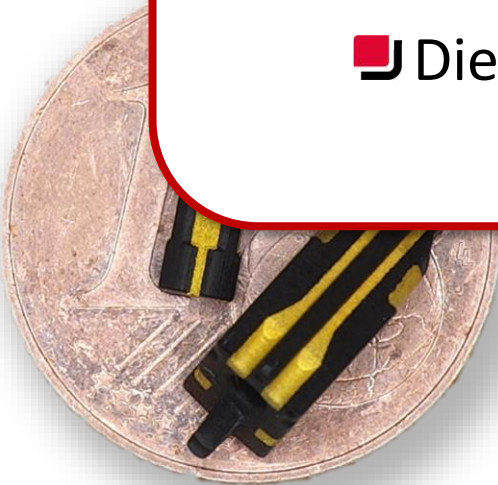
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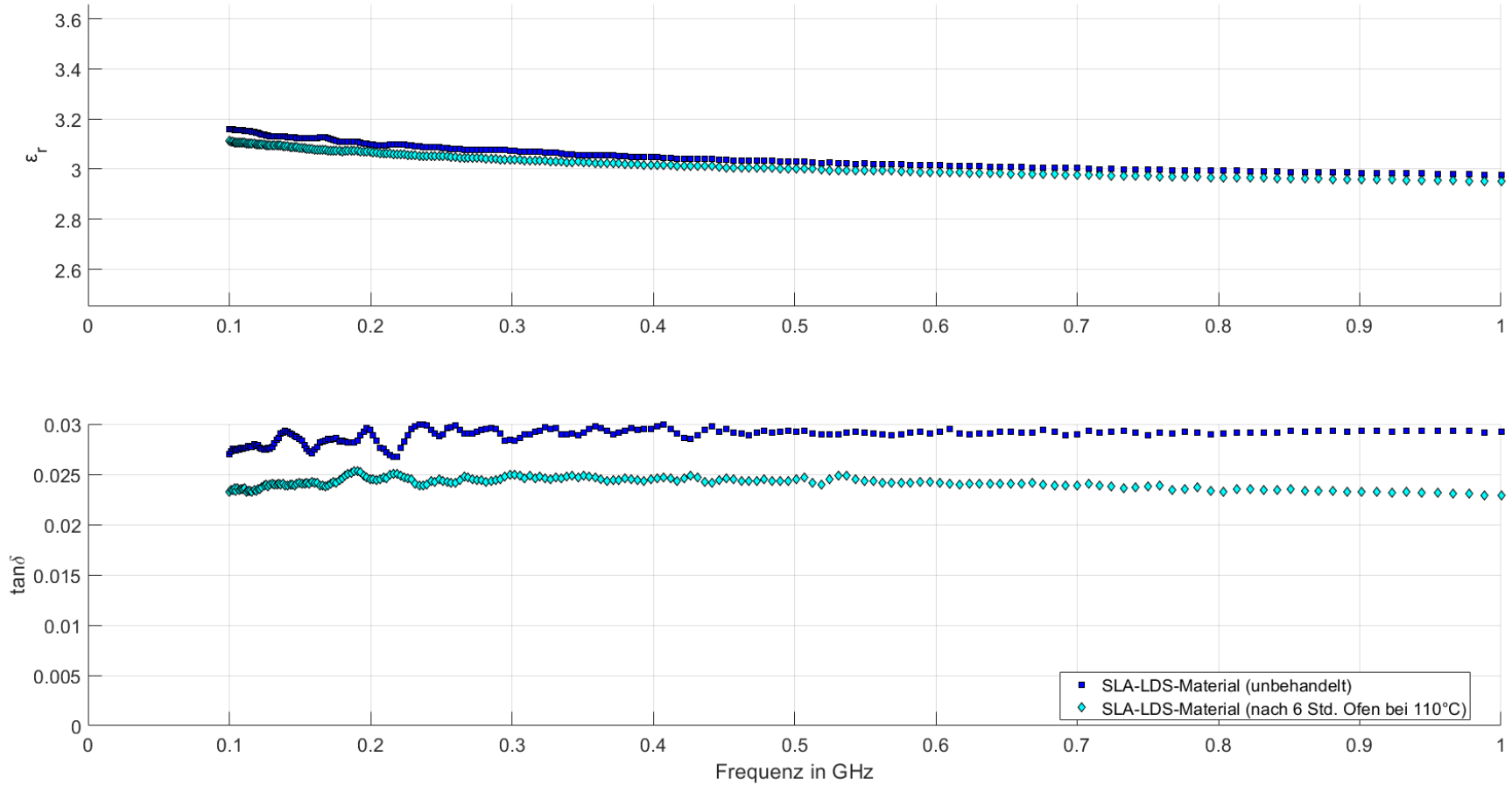


Mould

- Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
- Assembly: Thermal stability
- Dielectric properties



$\epsilon_r$  and  $\tan\delta$  over frequency



FR4 (Panasonic 1755M)

$D_K = 4.6$

$D_f = 0,014$

SLA-LDS Resin

$D_K = 2,9$

$D_f = 0,023$

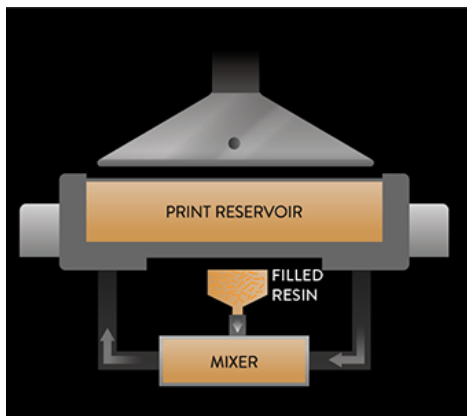
# Low Loss Material: Rogers Radix

## Data Sheet

### Radix™ Printable Dielectric

Properties	Typical Values <sup>(1)</sup>	Direction	Units	Test Conditions		Test Method
<b>Electrical Properties</b>						
Dielectric Constant	2.8	Z	-	23°C @ 50% RH	10 GHz	IPC-TM-650 2.5.5.5
	2.8	Z	-	23°C @ 50% RH	24 GHz	IPC-TM-650 2.5.5.5
Dissipation Factor	0.0043	Z	-	23°C @ 50% RH	10 GHz	IPC-TM-650 2.5.5.5
	0.0046	Z	-	23°C @ 50% RH	24 GHz	IPC-TM-650 2.5.5.5
<b>Thermal Properties</b>						
Decomposition Temperature (Td)	313	-	°C	2hrs @ 105°C	5% Weight Loss	IPC TM-650 2.4.24.6
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	76, 75	XY, Z	ppm/°C	-	-50°C to 50°C	IPC TM-650 2.4.41
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	123, 120	XY, Z	ppm/°C	-	50°C to 250°C	IPC TM-650 2.4.41

[[www.rogerscorp.com/advanced-electronics-solutions/radix-printable-dielectric](http://www.rogerscorp.com/advanced-electronics-solutions/radix-printable-dielectric)]



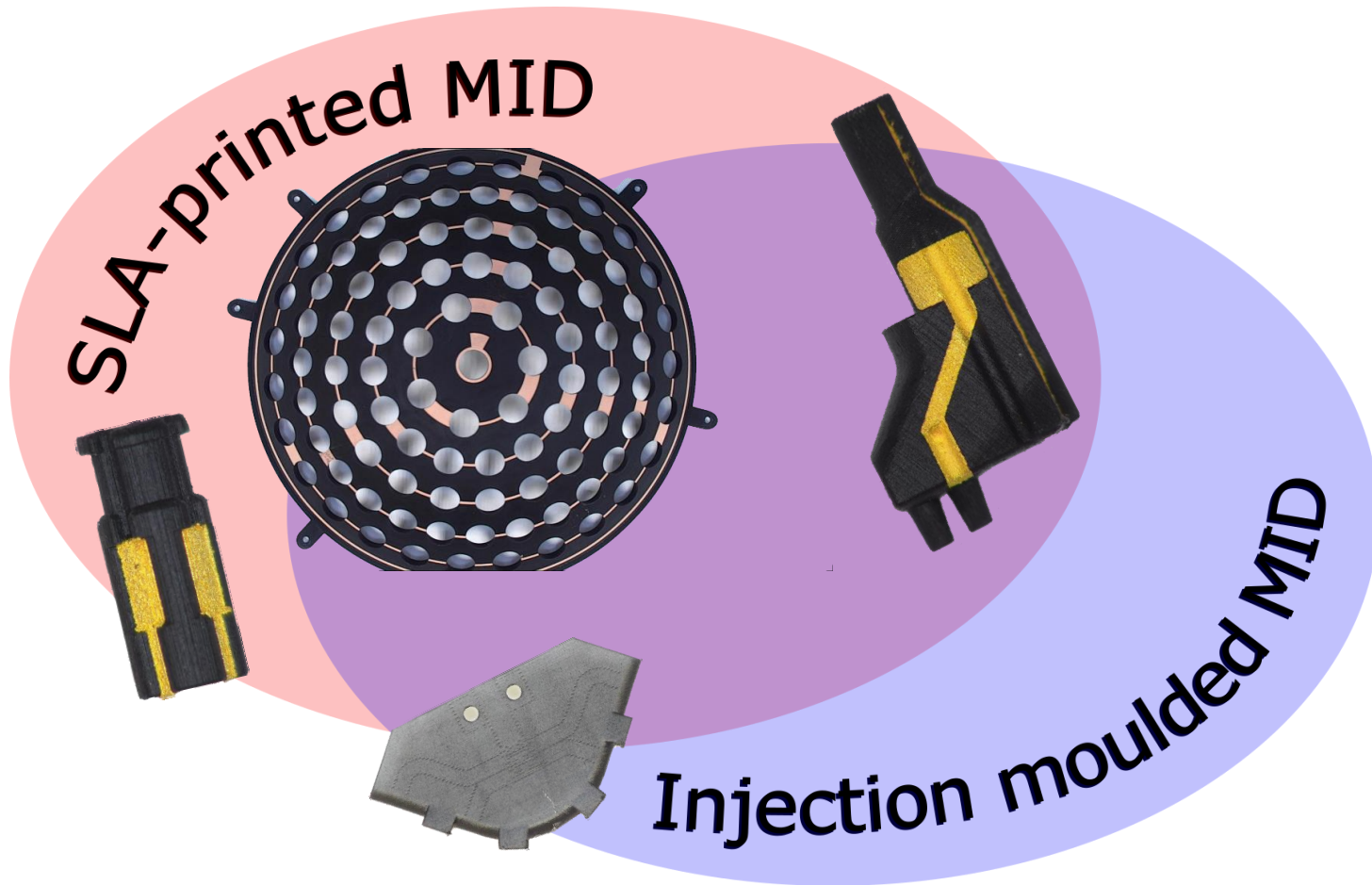
Continuous Kinetic Mixing™

- Highly filled material possible by continuous mixing
- Reduction of CTE requires additional filler



# Conclusion

- SLA-printing complements injection moulding not only in prototyping
- Fast iteration cycles through 3D-printing



- We need low-CTE UV-curing Resin!
- High filler content in SLA/DLP possible by active mixing

Wir beflügeln Leiterplatten.



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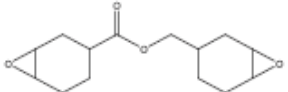
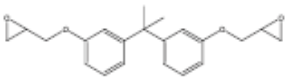


## REVIEW

Polymer-Based Inks

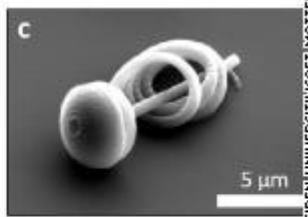
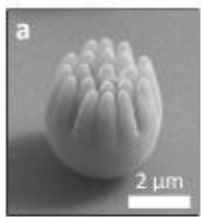
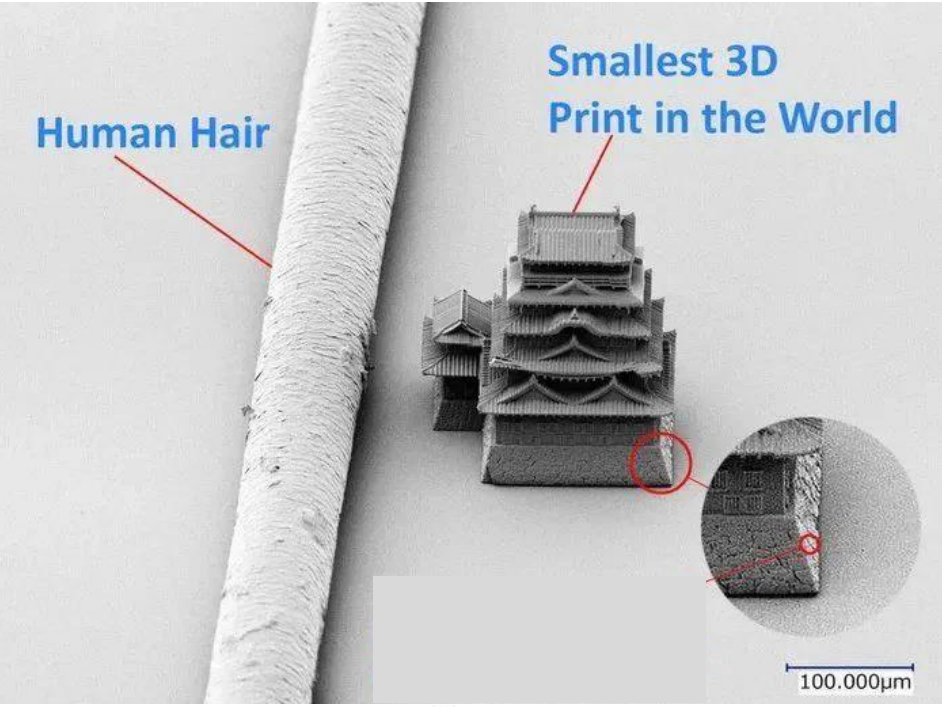
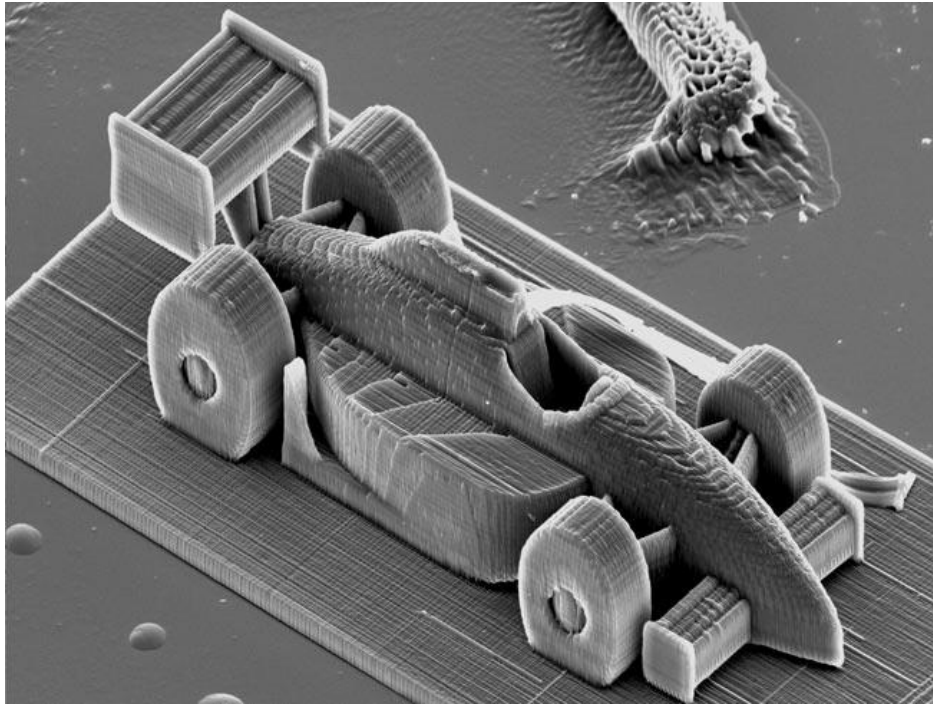
# State-of-the-Art and Future Challenges of UV Curable Polymer-Based Smart Materials for Printing Technologies

*Cristian Mendes-Felipe, Juliana Oliveira, Ikerne Etxebarria, José Luis Vilas-Vilela, and Senentxu Lanceros-Mendez\**

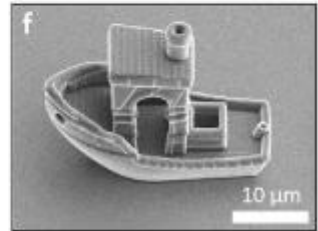
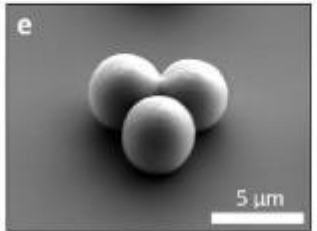
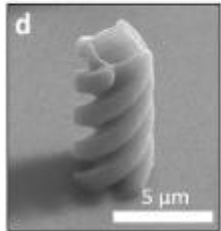
Ionic	Epoxides	3,4-Epoxy cyclohexylmethyl-3',4'-epoxycyclohexane carboxylate		Low shrinkage and chemical and thermal resistance	Fragility and low toughness
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Epoxides are another type of monomers employed in cationic photopolymerization due to their high mechanical properties, relatively low shrinkage, and chemical and thermal resistance. Nevertheless, epoxy matrix suffers from fragility and low toughness. 3,4-Epoxy cyclohexylmethyl-3',4'-epoxycyclohexane carboxylate and dicyclic ether derivative of bisphenol A (ADE) are some examples<sup>[49,50]</sup> shown in Table 2.





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## Visions to Products - MID and Beyond

### Functionalized Otoplastic (MikroBO)

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Böblingen | 22. September 2022

- audifon – The only hearing aid manufacturer in Germany



- Family owned business with full value chain.





•• audifons history in 3D MID – a fully working MID Hearing Aid prototype

- 1st. MID-prototype in 2011
- MID LDS technology



- Functionalized Otoplastic – Miniaturizing the system to fit into the ear canal

Microelectronic for continuous, non-invasive blood pressure measurement in the ear canal



2018 - 2021

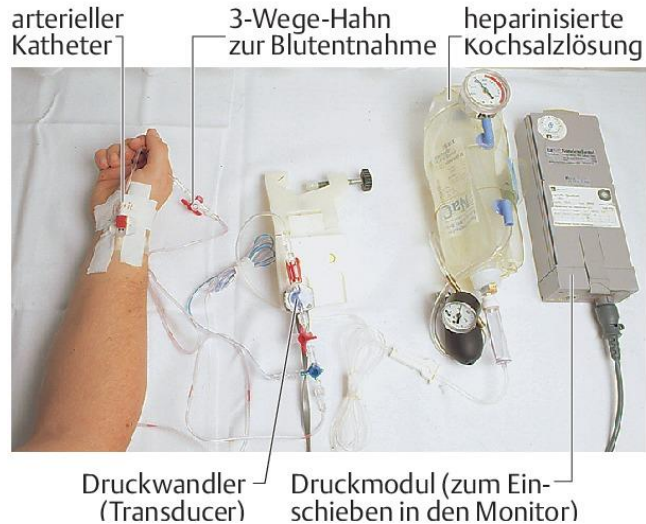


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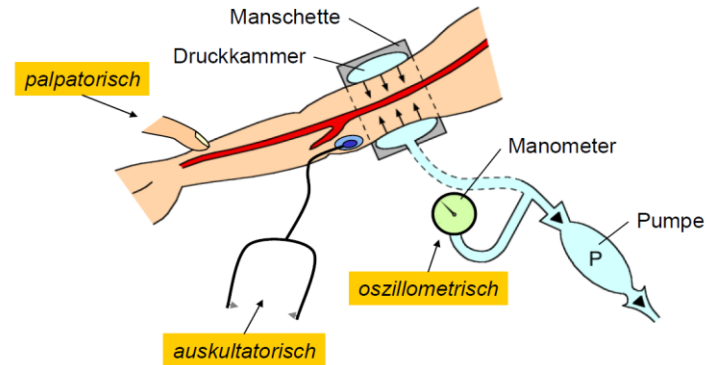
- Current BPM methods are not stress-free and not suitable for long-term continuous measurements

### invasive



### Non-invasive

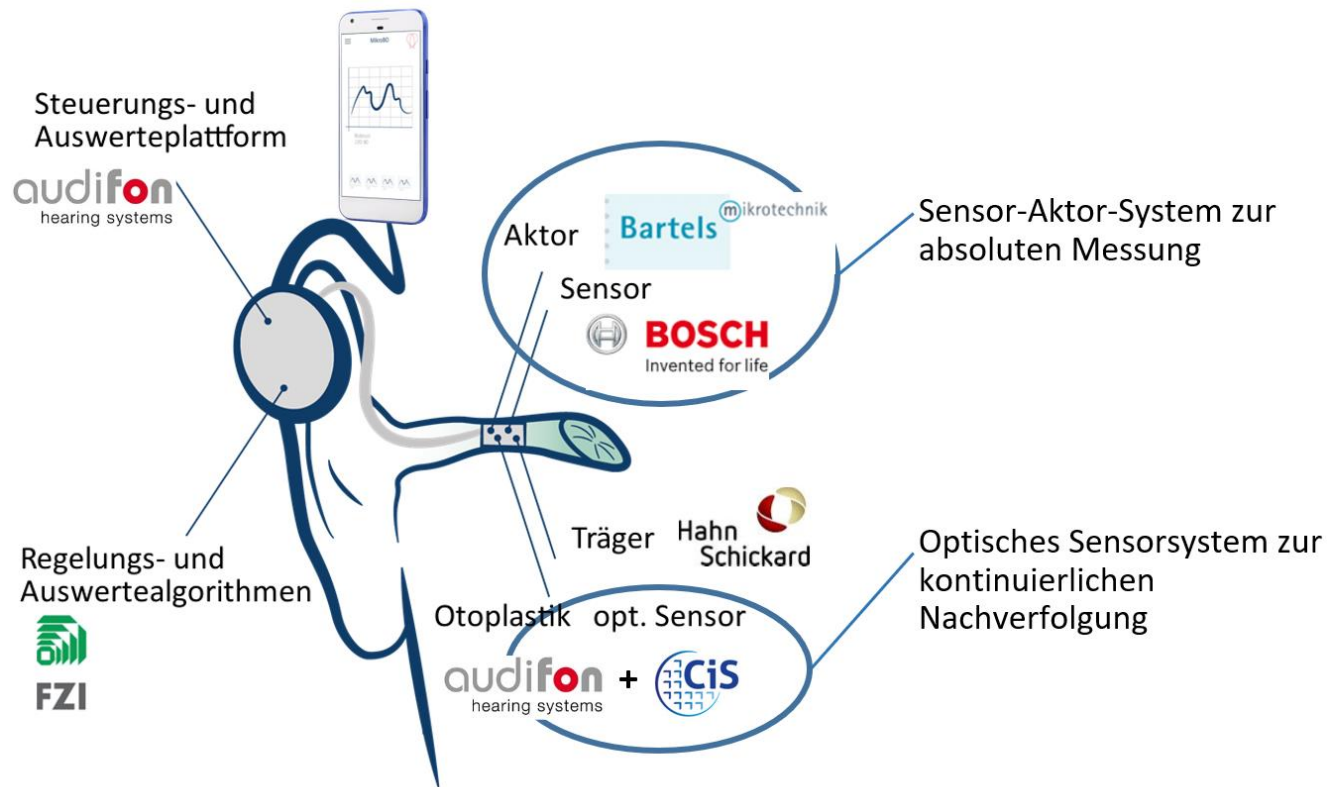
### Sphygmomanometry



Source: Dissertation von Hans Peter Boll

Source: <http://www.medizin-kompakt.de/invasive-blutdruckmessung>

- The solution combines two methods: absolute and relative BPM

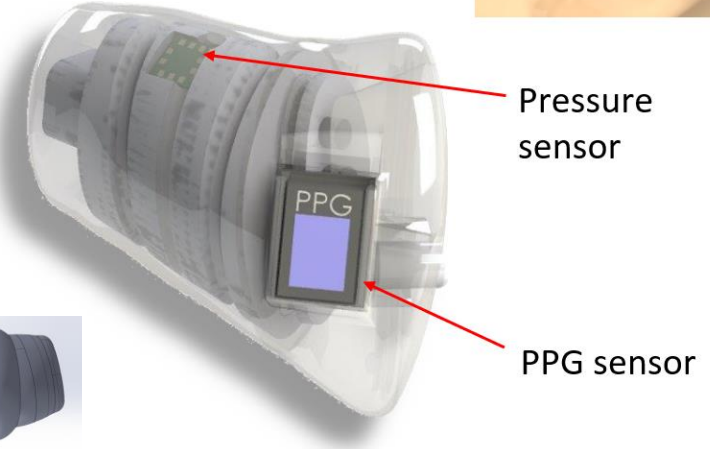
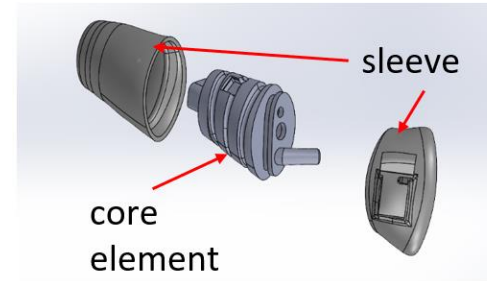






- The in-ear unit (otoplastic) integrates all functions except data processing

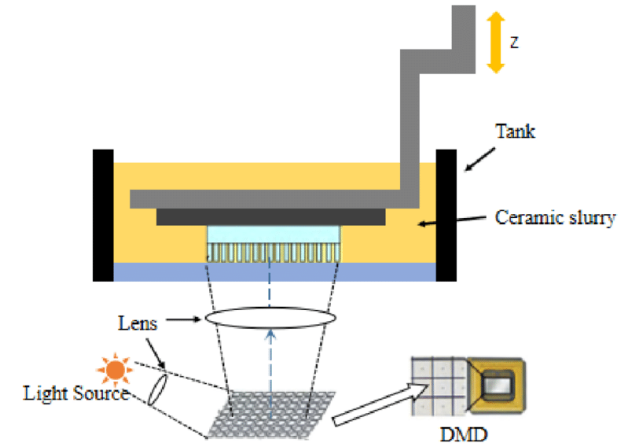
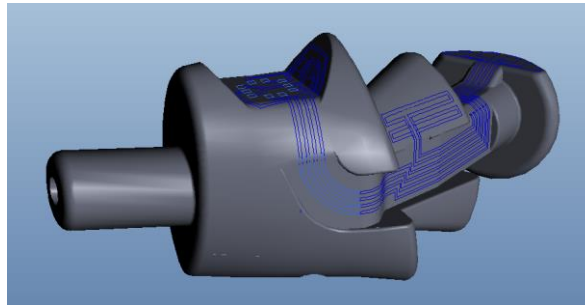
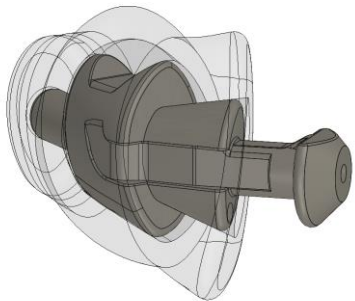
- Ergonomic shape fits ~80% off all ears
- Sensor-Actor-System:
  - Pressure sensor
  - Interfaces for a micro pump
  - Inflatable sleeve / balloon like function
  - Air canals
- Optical system: PPG sensor
- In-ear unit too small for PCB or cable wiring
- Goal: Ink printed conducting paths





## •• Design on experiments

- Use of hearing industry standards
  - DLP process / machine
  - Proven biocomp. DLP materials used for ear moulds
- Surface to be designed for Aerosol / Ink Jet process
- audifon: mechanical design work, DLP prototypes
- Hahn Schickard: ink selection, Aerosol Jet printing, soldering



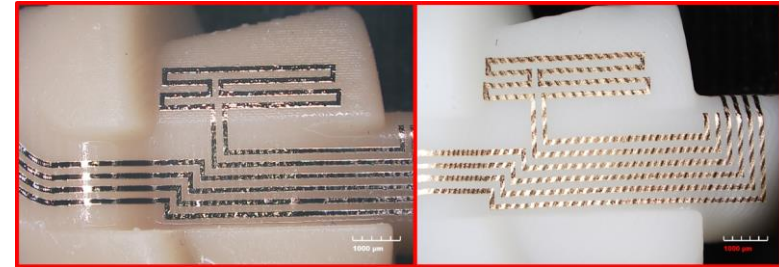
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Inlay with ramps suitable for Aerosol Jetting



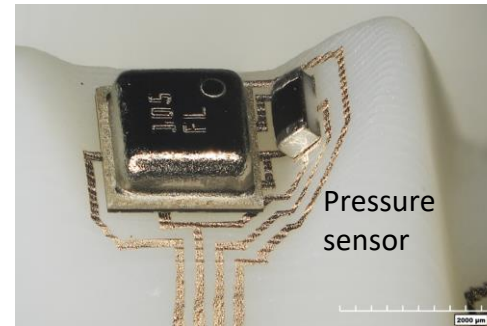
## •• Successful in-ear demonstrator

- Experiments: different materials, inks, solder pastes, process parameters
- MID application at Hahn Schickard with an electronic circuit and components
- Automated 3D mounting
- Successful test of functional prototype of an MID Otoplastic with pressure sensor



Dreve Fototec DLP A

PLASTCure Rigid 10500

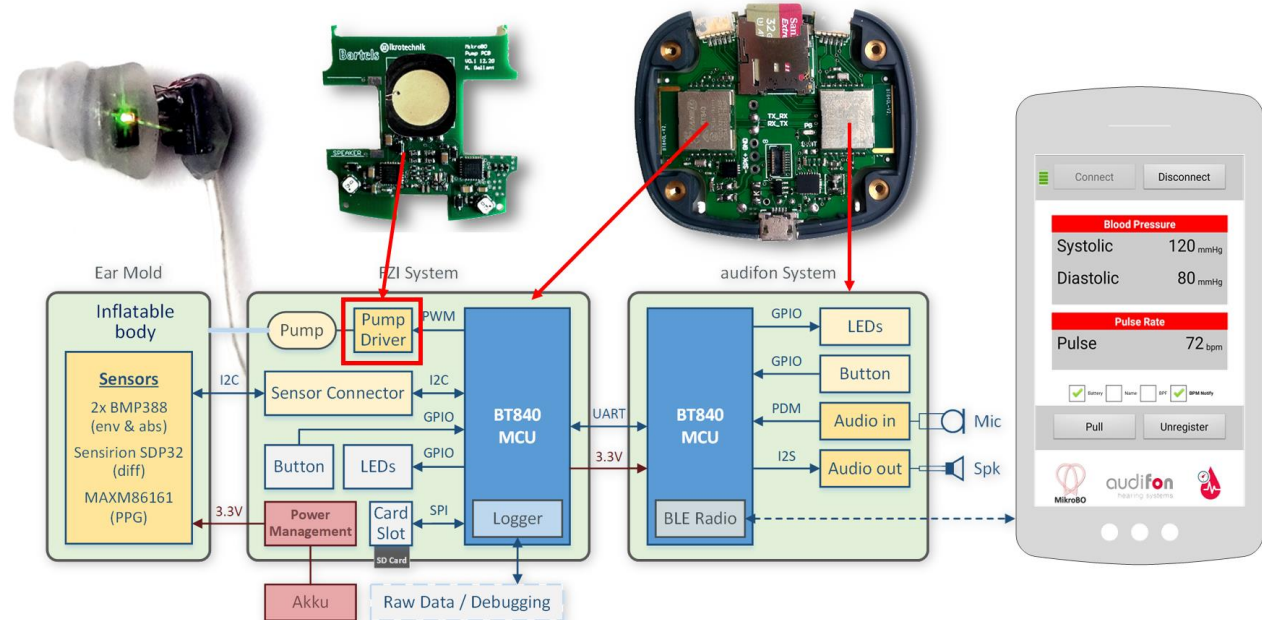


Photos: Hahn Schickard



## •• Integration into the MikroBo system

- Data logging & processing unit
- Actor (micro pump) driver & control unit
- Bluetooth communication
- Audio processing
- Android App

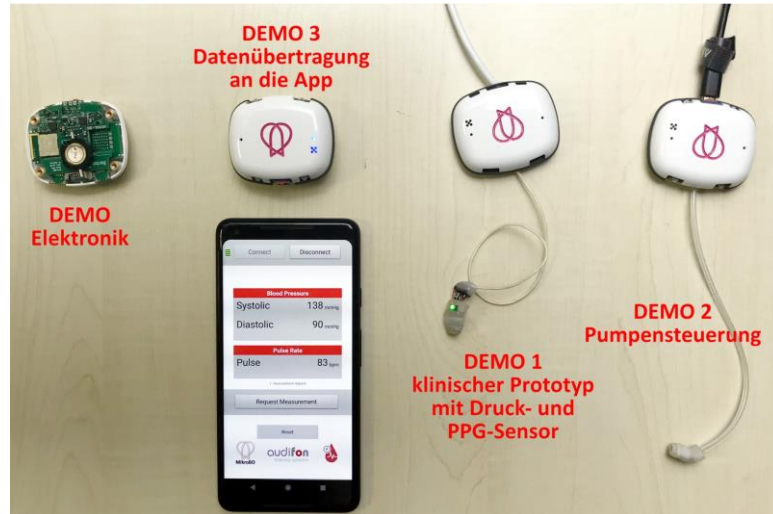






## •• Clinical study – comparative invasive measurements

- Positive ethics vote (according to §15 of the professional code of the Medical Association)
- Simultaneous measurement via the cardiac catheter located in the aorta with 39 patients (2019 and 2021)





Thank you for your attention!

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# **PAD PRINTING ELECTRONICS**

## **ENABLING THE FUTURE OF 3D CONNECTED SURFACES**

AAD VAN DER SPIJ, BÖBLINGEN, SEPTEMBER 2022




# INTRODUCTION



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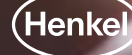
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HENKEL ADHESIVES TECHNOLOGIES

PRINTED ELECTRONICS

NEW BUSINESS ACCELERATOR





# HENKEL – WHO ARE WE?

THREE BUSINESS UNITS

**ADHESIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

BEAUTY CARE

LAUNDRY & HOME CARE

WE ARE ACTIVE IN

**78**

COUNTRIES

WE EMPLOY MORE THAN

**52,000**

PEOPLE WORLDWIDE FROM

**120** NATIONALITIES



SALES

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MORE THAN

**143** YEARS SUCCESS

WITH BRANDS AND  
TECHNOLOGIES



LEADING IN  
SUSTAINABILITY

**+56%**

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY



AROUND

**2,000**

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AROUND

**36%**

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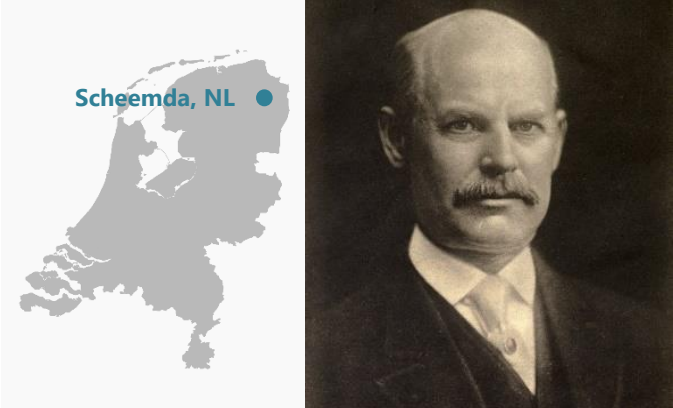
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# INTRODUCTION TO PRINTED ELECTRONICS

## A Bit of History

- Edward Goodrich Acheson was the inventor of synthetic graphite which is a lubricant, release agent & conductive material
- Graphite based products were used for metal forming, lubrication and conductivity
- Acheson Colloids developed to a small multinational, became part of ICI in **1998**
- In **2008** Acheson Colloids became part of Henkel, through National Starch Adhesives business
- Printed Electronics product range from Henkel originate from Acheson Colloids



# INTRODUCTION TO PRINTED ELECTRONICS

Henkel Loctite Printed Electronics Product Range



## STANDARD INK PORTFOLIO



### CONDUCTIVE INKS

Conductive inks filled with silver or carbon for circuit, switch, and antenna printing



### RESISTIVE INKS

Based on blends of silver, carbon and non-conductive pigments to adjust resistance levels for printed resistors, potentiometers, and heating elements



### DIELECTRIC INKS

For printing dielectric layers, conformal coatings, and encapsulations

## FUNCTIONAL INK PORTFOLIO



### ELECTRODE INKS

Based on silver/silver chloride for biosensors, ECG electrodes, and transdermal drug delivery



### PTC INKS

Based on carbon for self-regulating heating elements



### EMI SHIELDING PAINTS

Processed by spray-coating or brushing

# INTRODUCTION TO PRINTED ELECTRONICS

## From Material to Full Solution

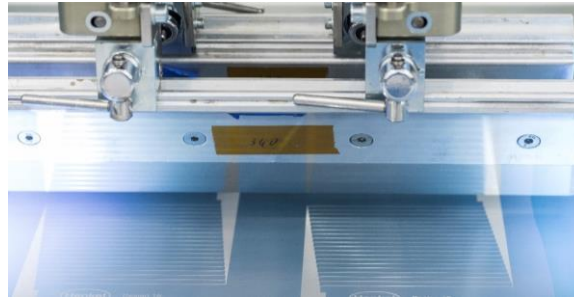
### Materials



#### Functional Inks

- Silver filled inks
- Carbon filled inks
- Dielectric inks
- ...

### Processes



#### Printing

- Application of ink on flexible substrate using:
- Screen printing (> 95%)
  - **Other printing techniques (< 5%)**

### Device / Sensor



#### Flexible Electronic Device

- Touch foil interfaces
- Smart surfaces (heating and antenna)
- Electrodes and (bio) Sensors
- ...



# COMBINED TRENDS CONNECTIVITY & 3D ELECTRONICS



## 3D-Electronics

- Miniaturization & Integration
- Customization & Increased functionality
- Large range of processes

## Connectivity

- Increasing demand for new electronic solutions
- enabling IoT, smart living and mobility.
- **Internet of Everything (IoE)** is creating a network that connects people, things, processes and data



Source: Techblich

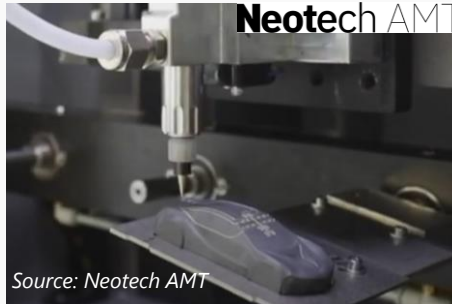
# 3D PRINTED ELECTRONICS

## Some application technologies



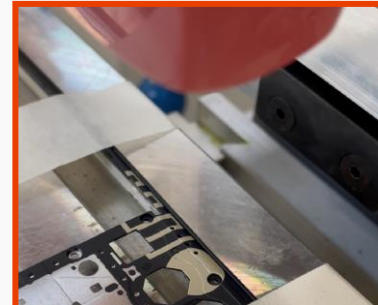
**THERMOFORMED FOILS**

- Conductive circuit screen printed in 2D foils, thermoformed and over- or back molded



**VALVE JET DISPENSING**

- Conductive circuit dispensed directly onto a 3D shaped surface



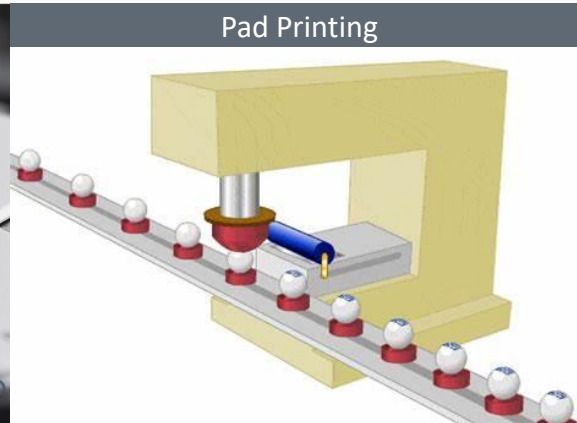
**PAD PRINTING**

- Conductive circuit transferred by silicone pads, directly onto a 3D shaped surface

# PAD PRINTING PROCESS INTRODUCTION

## History of Pad Printing

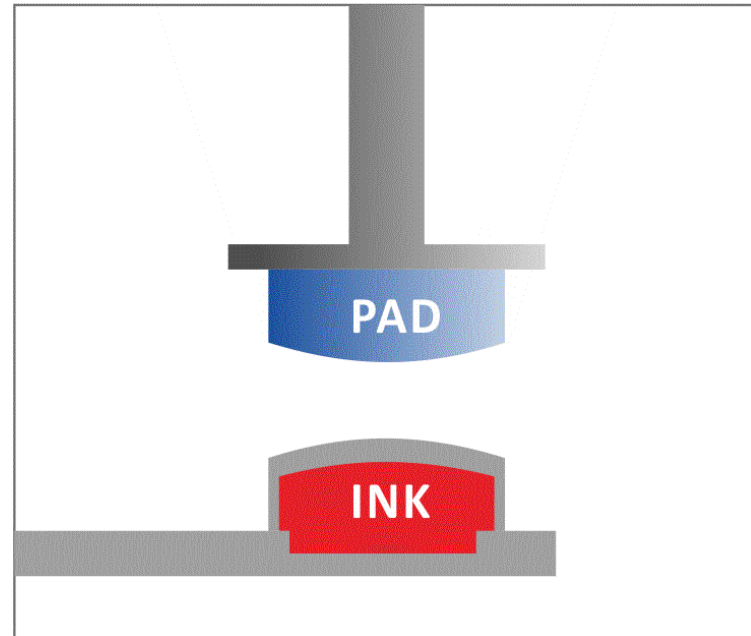
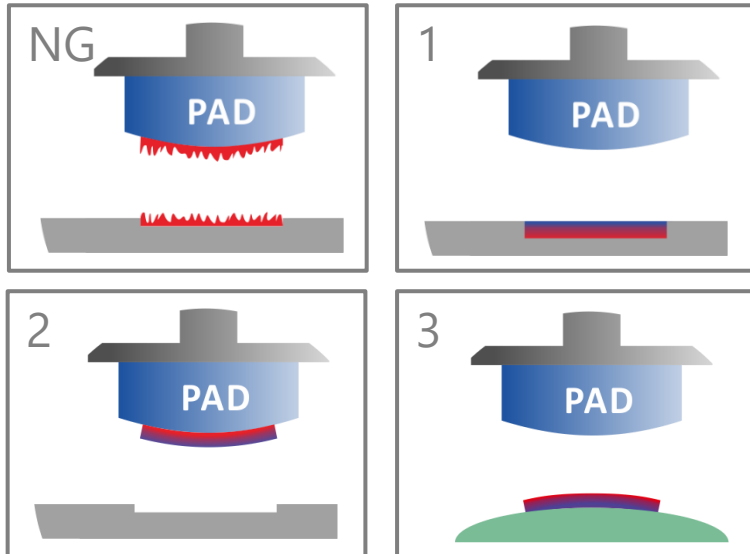
- Pad printing is the process of printing a 2D image into a 3D object. Its roots can be traced back more than 200 years. Originally, pad printing was done by hand.
- The Swiss watchmakers were the first to industrialize the pad printer to print watch dials following World War II (*source: <https://screenprintsupply.com/>*)
- Today Pad Printing is widely used for decorative designs



# PAD-PRINTING OF HENKEL SILVER INKS

## Key benefits of pad printing

- Accuracy of dimension & thickness
- Multi-layer printable, adjustable thickness
- Fast processing
- Potential alternative to laser direct structuring (LDS)



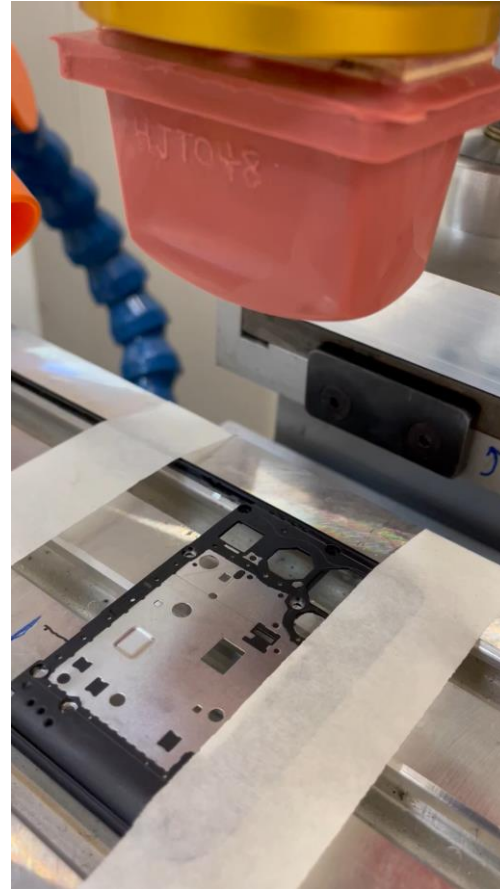
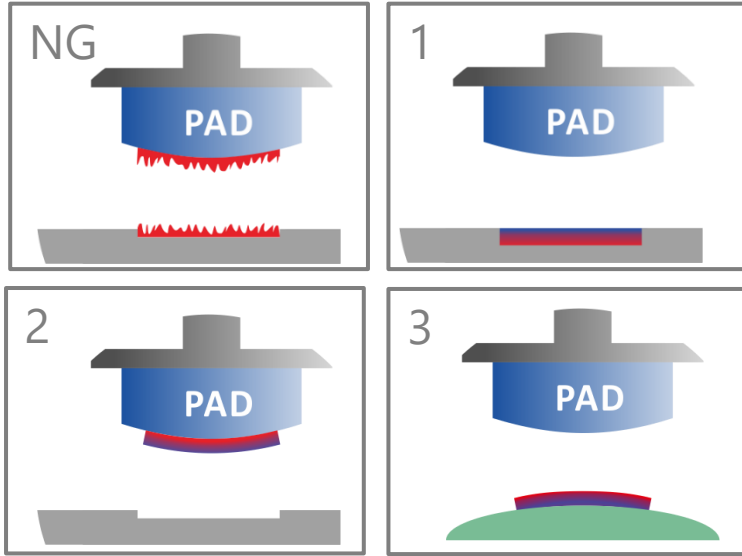
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Process in motion

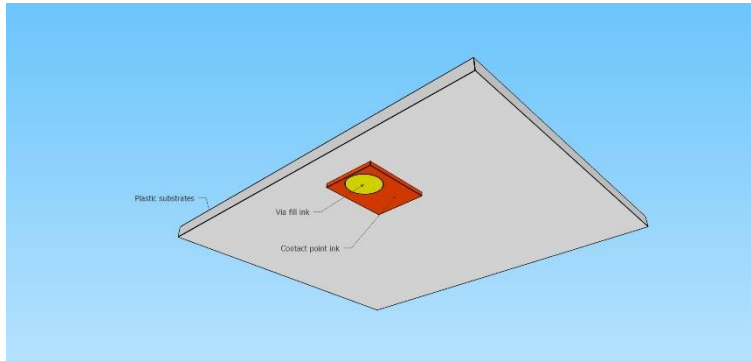
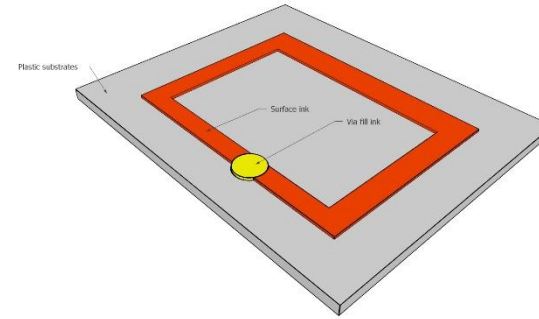
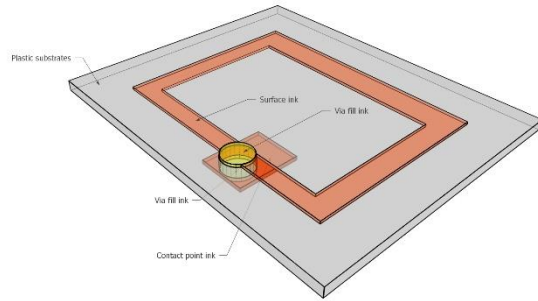


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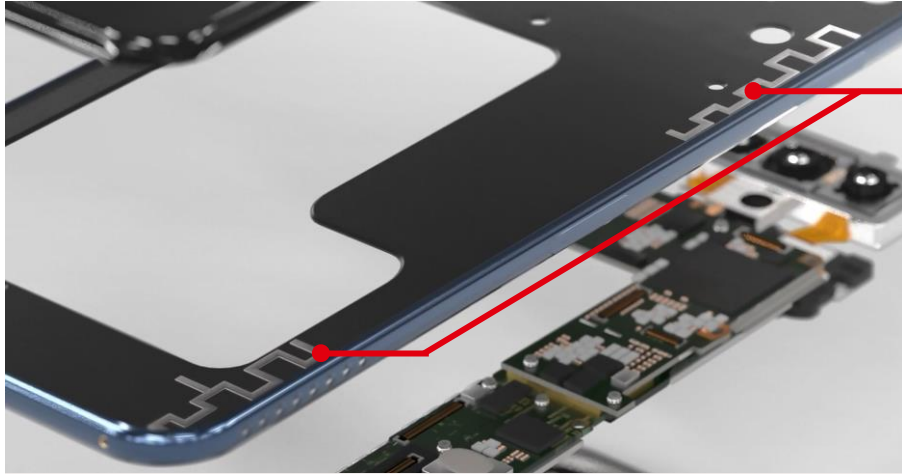


# THE STRUCTURE OF PRINTED ANTENNA

The concept; conductivity at surface, via fill and contacting

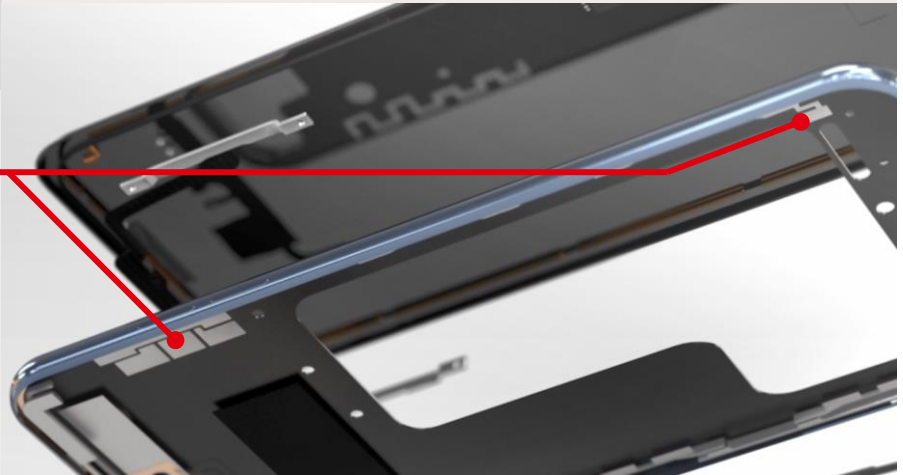


- Surface ink worked as antenna
- Via fill ink bring the signal inside
- Contact point ink connects with the on- board electronics of the smartphone



## SURFACE INK, LOCTITE ECI 1203

- Very good conductivity,  $< 10 \text{ m}\Omega/\text{sq}/25\mu\text{m}$
- Major functional circuit



## CONTACT INK, LOCTITE ECI 1204

- Contact the internal pin or bump to form the interconnect circuit
- Very robust, with good abrasion resistance

# HENKEL INKS & PRINTING PROCESS

## KEY BENEFITS

### LOCTITE Conductive Ink



#### Electrical performance\*

- Good conductivity: 10 mΩ/sq/25μm.
- Low temperature curing: 80°C
- Inks have curing agent which allow for cross-linking



#### Waste reduction

- Suited for additive manufacturing
- Removes the need for copper plating



#### Adhesive performance

- Withstand more than 2000 RCA abrasion tests
- Solvent free -> compatible for via fill
- Excellent fluidity for dispensing

### Pad Printing



#### Versatile

- Fine line printing, down to 150 microns
- Excellent for curved surfaces and 3D shapes
- Compatible with wide range of substrates



#### Industrial production

- Consistent results for large print volumes
- Quick drying process
- Pads can be tailored to each application

\*Values may change for each of the inks



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- HENKEL DEVELOPED **PAD-PRINTING INK** SOLUTION FOR SMARTPHONE ANTENNAS AS AN **ALTERNATIVE TO LDS** AND FPC TYPES OF ANTENNAS.

- **LARGE PRODUCT PORTFOLIO** TO SUPPORT ANTENNA AND 3D ELECTRONICS APPLICATIONS

# QUESTIONS ?

PAD PRINTED ELECTRONICS ENABLING THE FUTURE OF 3D CONNECTED SURFACES

