

ESA Strategy on Advanced Manufacturing of EEE components

Game-changing applications for faster development of electronics

Nano Dimension User Forum

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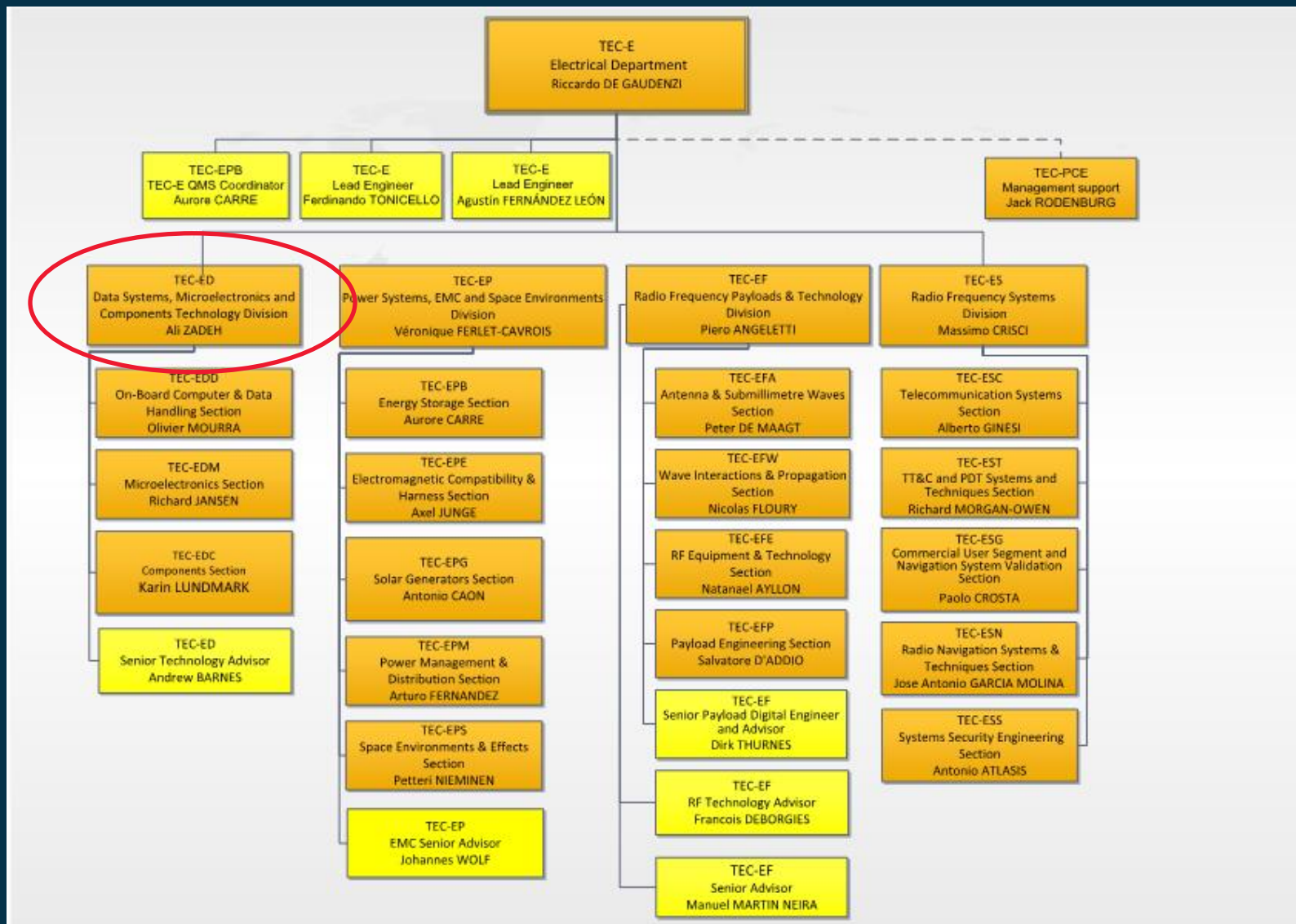
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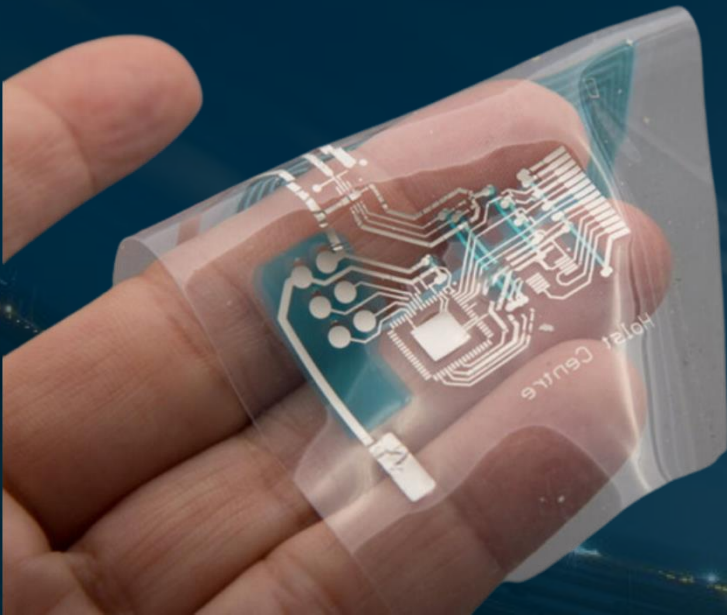
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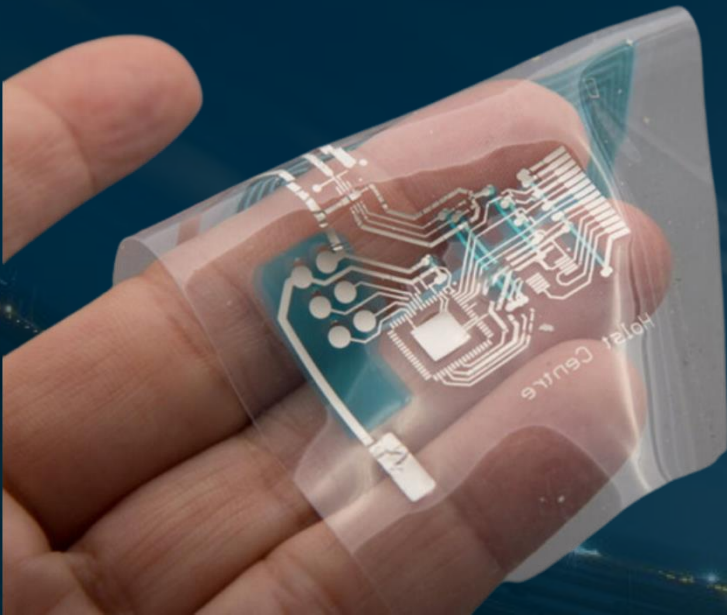
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The strategy is holistic and across directorates, to have a coordinated and shared roadmap. It ensures that technology development programmes across directorates work together without overlap.



1. To understand the **supply chain segmentation** in Europe and overseas, identify business trends, map out current and future **state of art and emerging directions** in this field.
2. To have an across-directorate ESA **working group** on AM EEE components (TEC, EOP, CSC, HRE) and explore **space applications**.
3. To have a clear **strategic investment plan** that prioritises the most promising directions.
4. To explore **basic printed functionalities** through Early Technology Development projects to assess any issues preventing AM EEE components from being used in space.

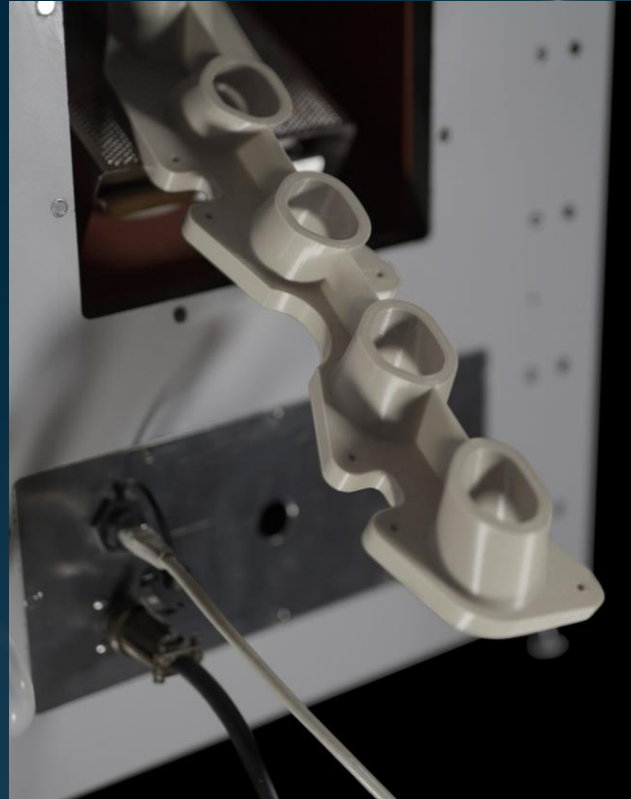
AM and printed electronics in space

3D printing for polymers has been proven and used on the International Space Station for years.



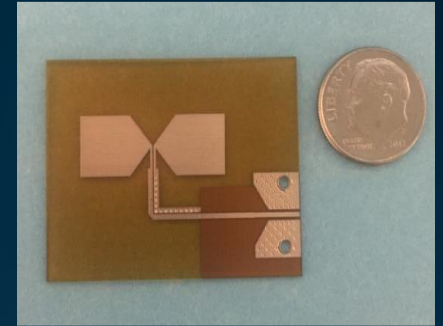
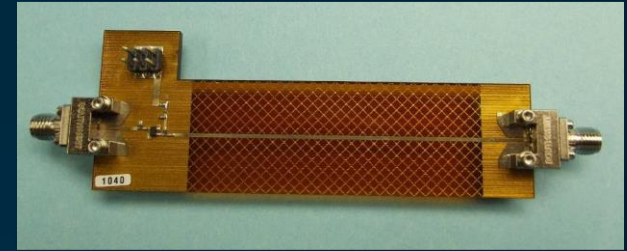
ESA astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti working on the 3D Printer aboard the ISS.

Credit: NASA

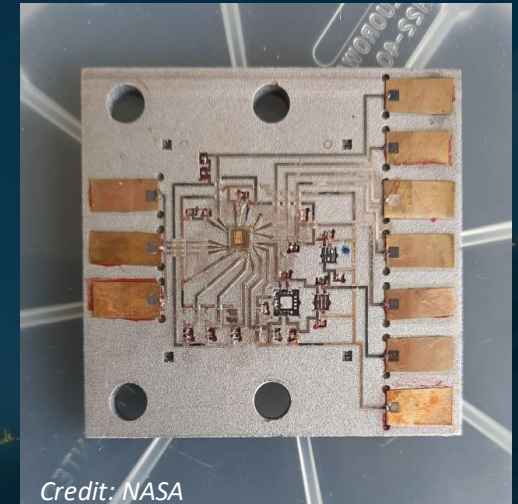


ESA IMPERIAL 3D printer, designed for use in space by a Europe-wide industrial consortium, can print polymer parts of unlimited size along one dimension.

Nano Dimension 3D printed integrated radiofrequency circuit, in collab with L3Harris, flown to the ISS for space effects studies.

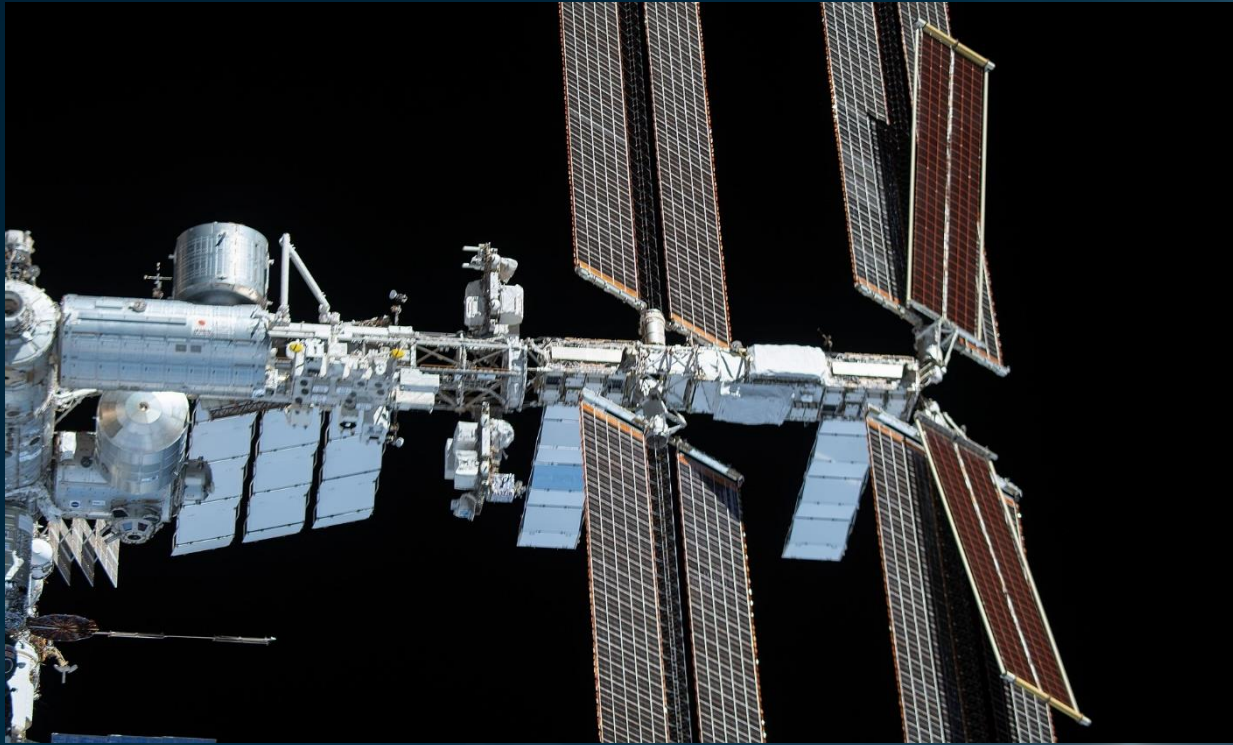


NASA Hybrid Printed Circuit tested in a sounding rocket flight in 2023.



Credit: NASA

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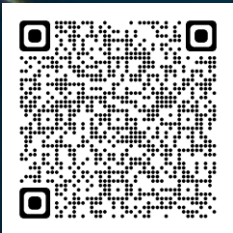
NASA/Crew-2

The International Space Station pictured from the SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour on Nov. 8, 2021.



DART satellite showing its ROSA fully deployed

NASA's ROSA and ISS Roll Out Solar Array (iROSA)



- **20% lighter** (mass of 325 kg) and $\frac{1}{4}$ the volume of rigid panel arrays with the same performance.
- Six iROSAs on the ISS increased the station's power generation by over 30% (more than 250 kW).
- Used on **DART** and the **Power and Propulsion Element on Gateway**.

AM aligns with ESA Agenda 2025 targets...



To achieve the green and digital agendas targets, the Technology Strategy aims to:

ESA'S TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
Version 1.2, September 2022

**30% IMPROVEMENT
IN SPACECRAFT DEVELOPMENT
TIME BY 2023**

30%

30% improvement in spacecraft development time by 2023 by developing technologies that digitalise workflows, advancing technologies for increased flexibility, scalability and adaptability and developing processes that quickly introduce terrestrial technology into missions.

**10X IMPROVEMENT
IN COST EFFICIENCY**

10X

A one order of magnitude improvement in cost efficiency with each new generation by reducing the cost per useful bit transmitted by telecommunications satellites, providing 100% service availability of positioning, navigation and timing services and making systems resilient to spoofing attacks, improving the resolution, accuracy revisit time and product delivery time of remote sensing missions and enabling transformational science and increased science performance.

**2030 TARGET FOR INVERTING
EUROPE'S CONTRIBUTION
TO SPACE DEBRIS**

2030

Inverting Europe's contribution to space debris by 2030 by ensuring that all ESA missions are environmentally neutral by 2020, developing the technologies necessary for the successful active removal of space debris by 2024 and enabling all ESA missions to be risk neutral by 2030.

30% FASTER DEVELOPMENT

30%

30% faster development and adoption of innovative technology by focusing on technologies that enable new space-based capabilities and services investing in joint lab facilities with industry and research centres for faster spin-in from terrestrial sectors to space and increasing opportunities for technology demonstration and verification payloads.





ESA'S JOURNEY TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS

TOWARDS A GREENER SPACE

Studies at ESA have revealed that electronics play a significant role as an environmental hotspot in space missions. ESA is exploring alternative manufacturing processes, including the utilization of printed electronics.



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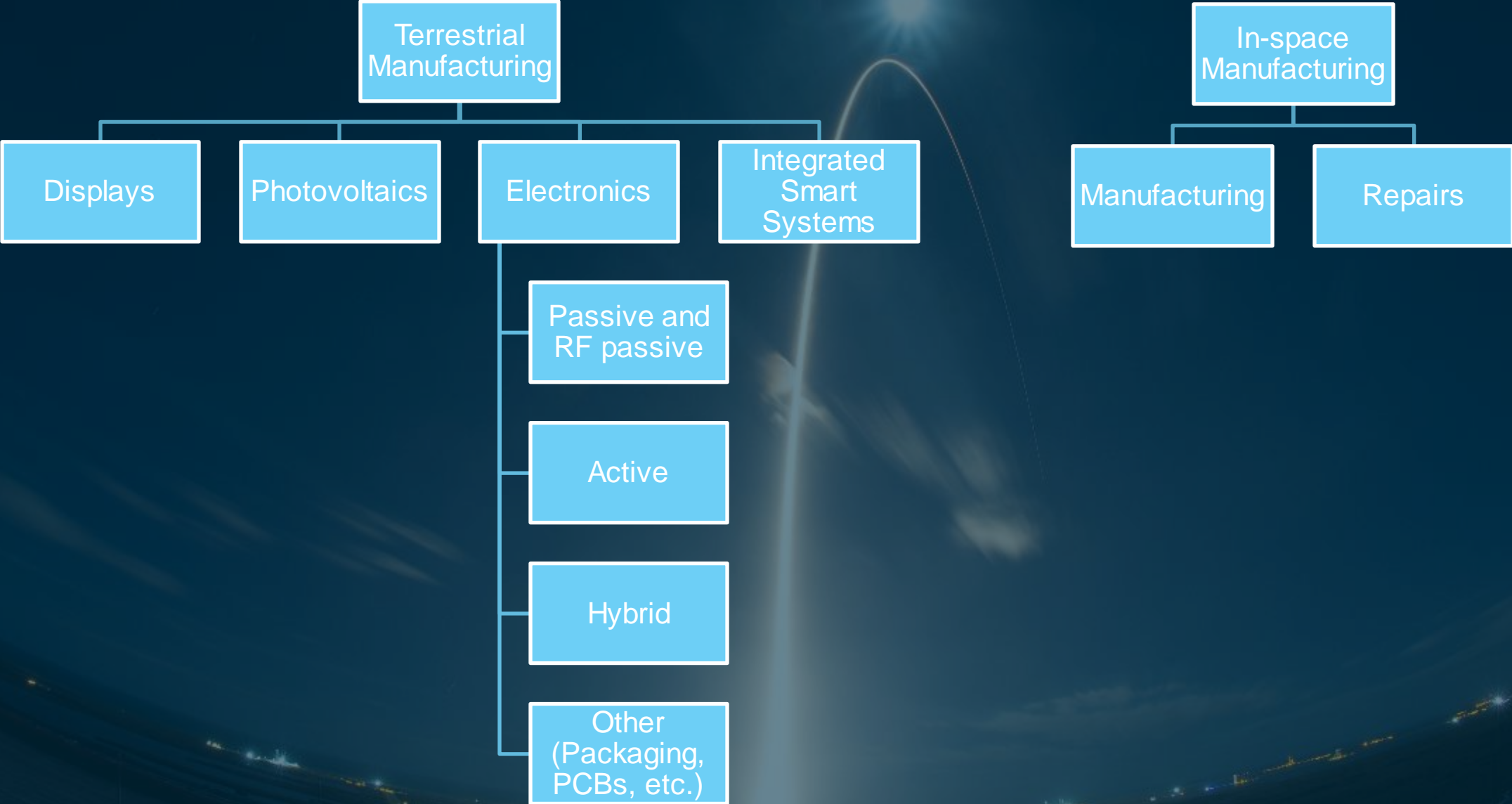
- **ARTES AT 5C.499** (> 500 KEURO) European chip inductor for point of load converters in telecommunication satellites (Technology domain: EEE Components and Quality) – Status: Tender Action Issued.
- **ARTES AT 7C.074** (> 500 KEURO) Phased array antennas based on flexible ultra-light materials and printed RF components (Antenna and Sub-Millimetre Waves section) – Status: Tender Action Issued.
- **ARTES AT 7C.083** (> 500 KEURO) Printed circuit board technology for automotive conformal antennas (Technology domain: RF Systems, Payloads and technologies) – Status: Tender Action Issued.
- **ARTES AT 4E.073** (200-500 KEURO) Direct Printing of mechanical and thermal Sensors onto Spacecraft hardware. Strain and temperature sensors on batteries and tanks (CSC) – Status: Evaluation
- **ARTES AT 4A.078** HighPEEK - Conductive Plastics for Satellite Parts. Structural parts and housings (CSC) – Status: Completed 2023-01-23.
- **TDE T706-702EF** Advanced Packaging for RF Modules (Technology domain: RF Systems, Payloads and technologies).
- **TDE Activity number: 1000035672** (200-500 KEURO) Printed Structural Electronics - Expro+ (TEC-MSP) – Status: Awarded.

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Our goal is to have a shared, holistic strategy roadmap



Short-term (target outputs expected in the next 2-3 years)

1. Investigate through market analysis and R&D activities in:

- a. Passives (e.g., sensors, conformal electronics, harness)
- b. Packaging (e.g., SiP)
- c. Initial focus on hybrid techniques, possible move to discrete actives
- d. Understand the main factors to monitor for reliability and repeatability of materials, processes, and final products for standardization.

2. If initial R&D activities are promising, investing in resources to develop ESA internal know-how through and gain independent access to the capabilities of emerging technologies.

Medium-term (target outputs expected in the next 5-10 years)

Hybrid Printed Electronics (HPE):

- Establish a consortium to go through development cycles of specific products.
- **Develop industrial capability for space compatible hybrid electronics applications. Collaborate with partners to develop high throughput digital printing and/or setup a bureau service.**

Other :

- Develop recipes (including indications on e.g., size of particles, materials utilized in the ink formulation, printed pattern, sintering process) to create space standards that ensure reliability and repeatability of final products performances.
- R&D on e.g., flexible photovoltaics, transition from hybrid techniques to fully printed.

Long-term (target outputs expected in the next 10+ years)

- Provision of individual EEE component functions and complete subsystems through a qualified AM process.
 - Fundamental change of business model for EEE procurement (e.g., European, simplified, local and sustainable, one-stop-shop supply chain)
- In-space manufacturing on the ISS/the Moon for repair and fabrication.



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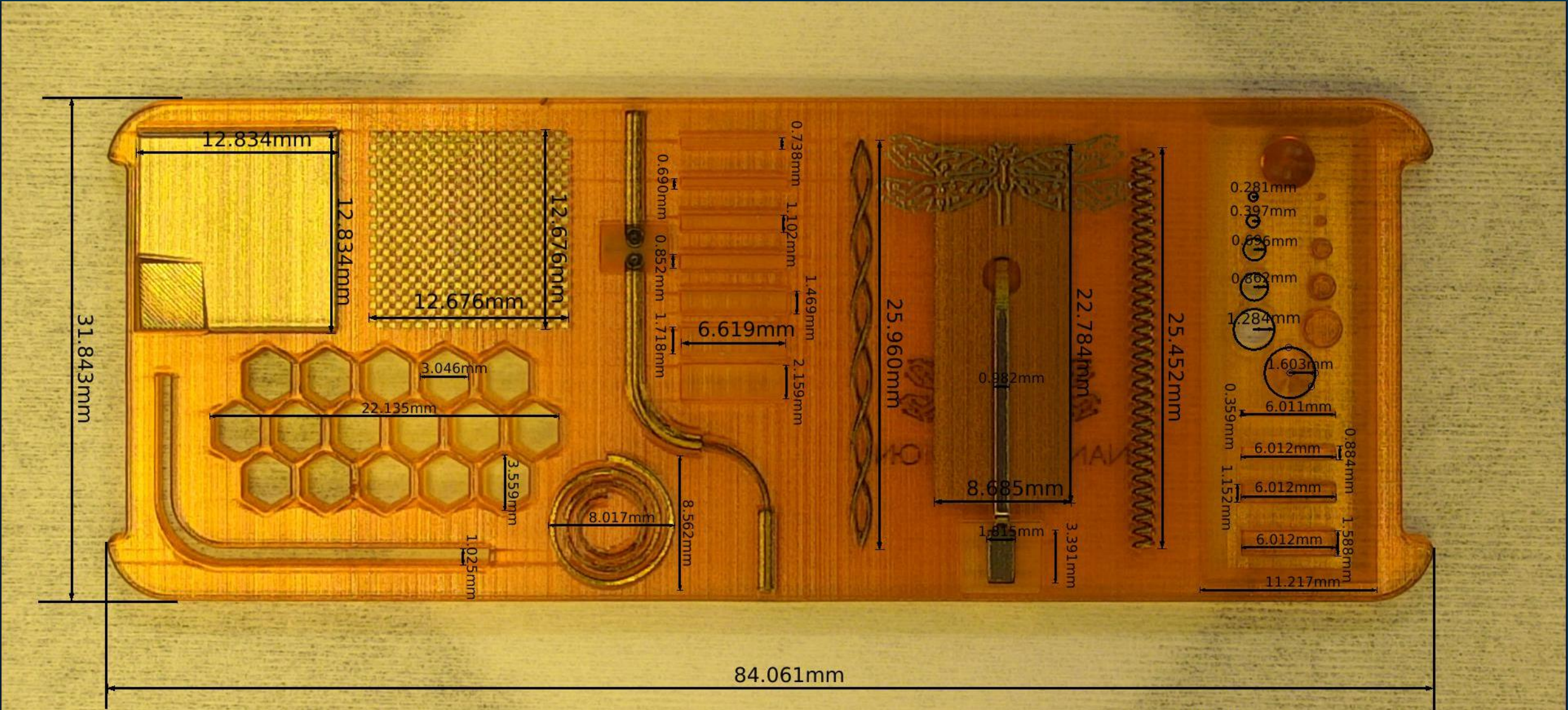
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Optical inspections on Nano AME coupon

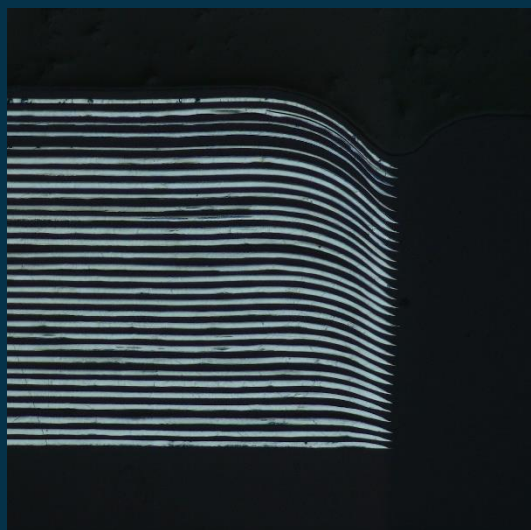


Micro sectioning

Plates – Section 1 (direction parallel to printing)



4mm



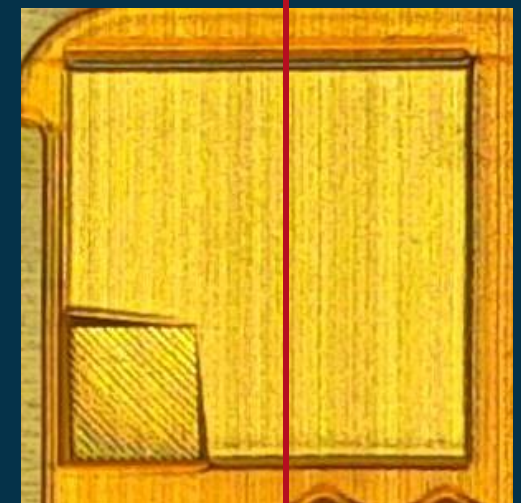
Plates thickness

$\mu = 28.5 \mu m$
 $\sigma = 4.69 \mu m$
 $CV = 16.5\%$

Plates distance

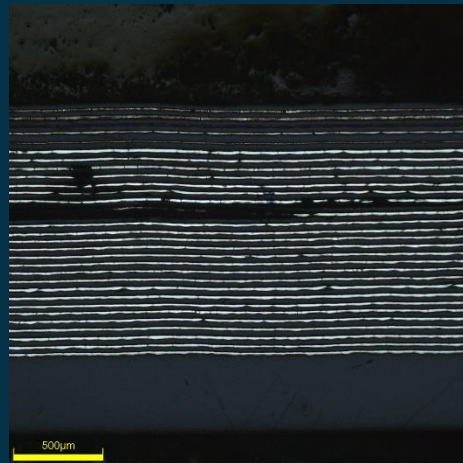
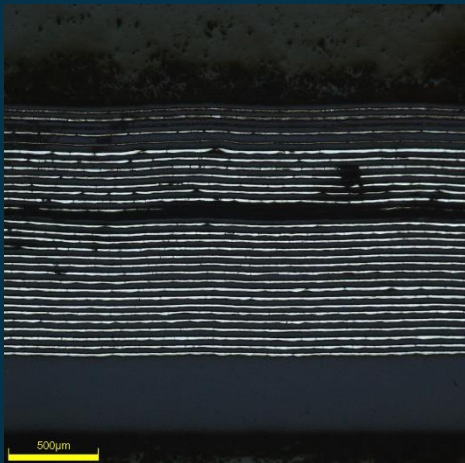
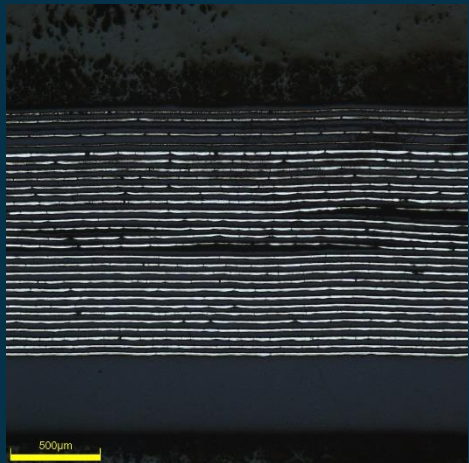
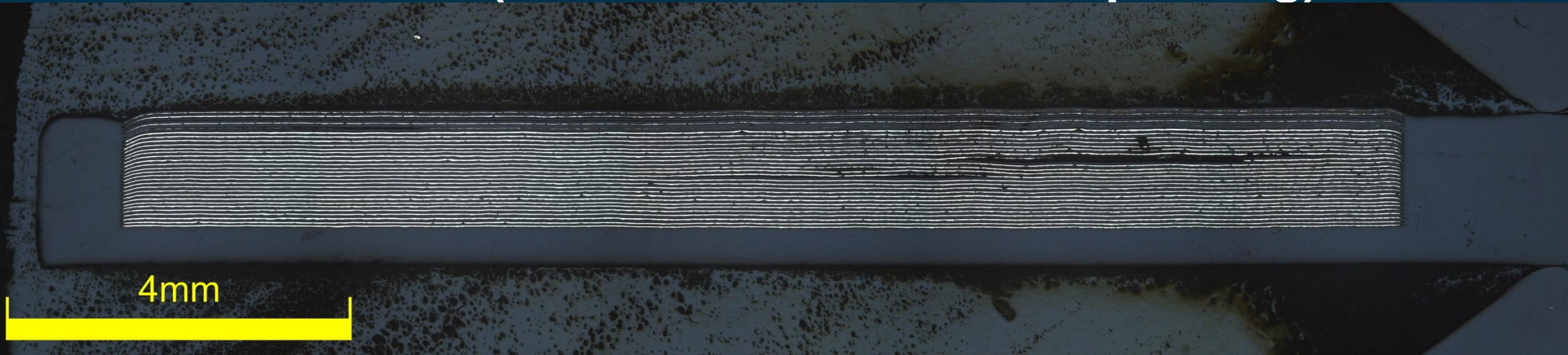
$\mu = 16.6 \mu m$
 $\sigma = 5.12 \mu m$
 $CV = 30.8\%$

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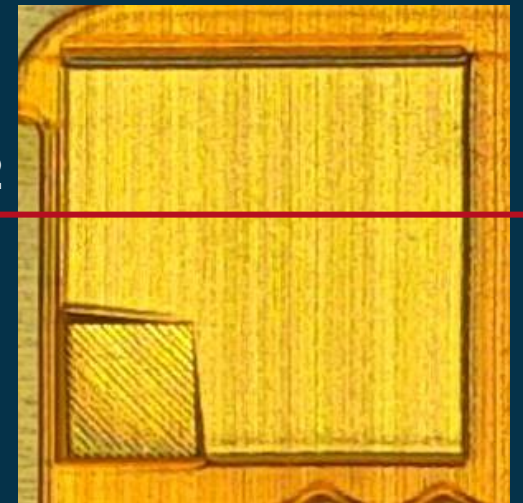


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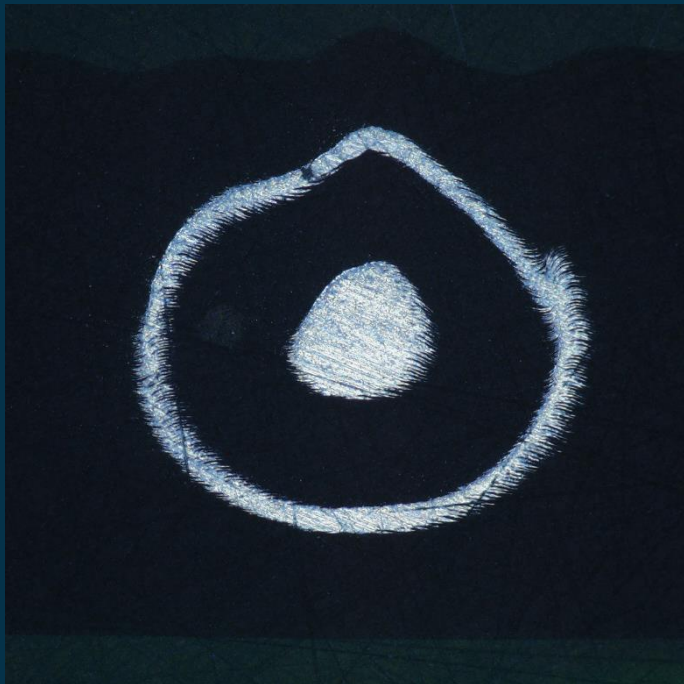
Plates – Section 2 (direction transversal to printing)



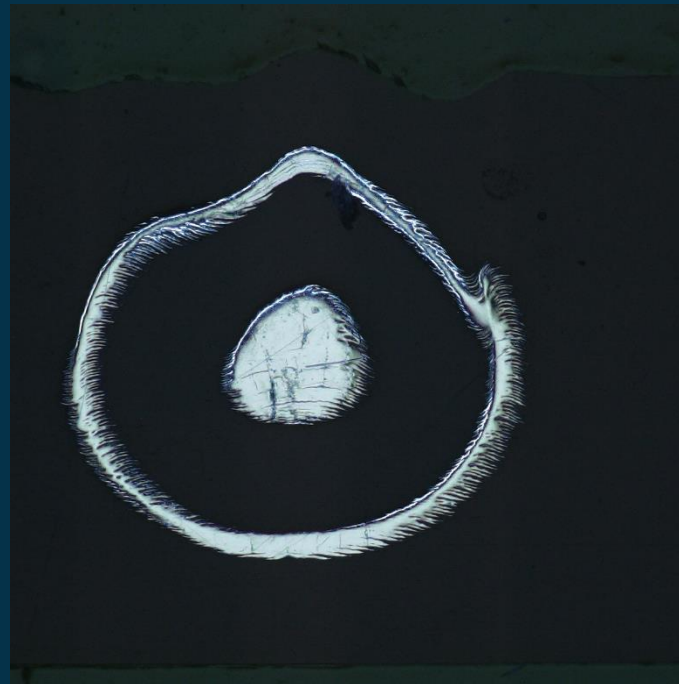
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Micro sectioning Coaxial line

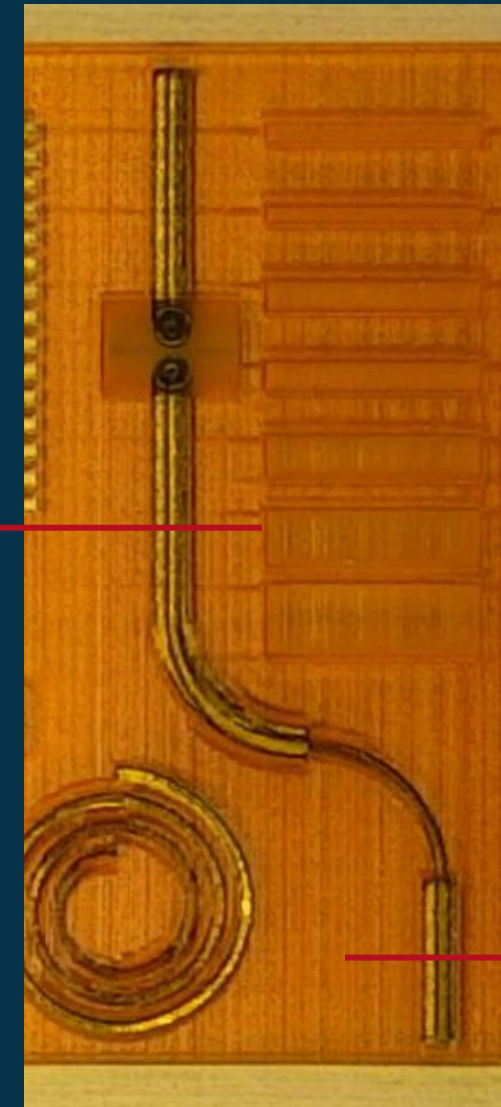


Section 3 – after grinding, before polishing



Section 4 – after polishing

Section 4



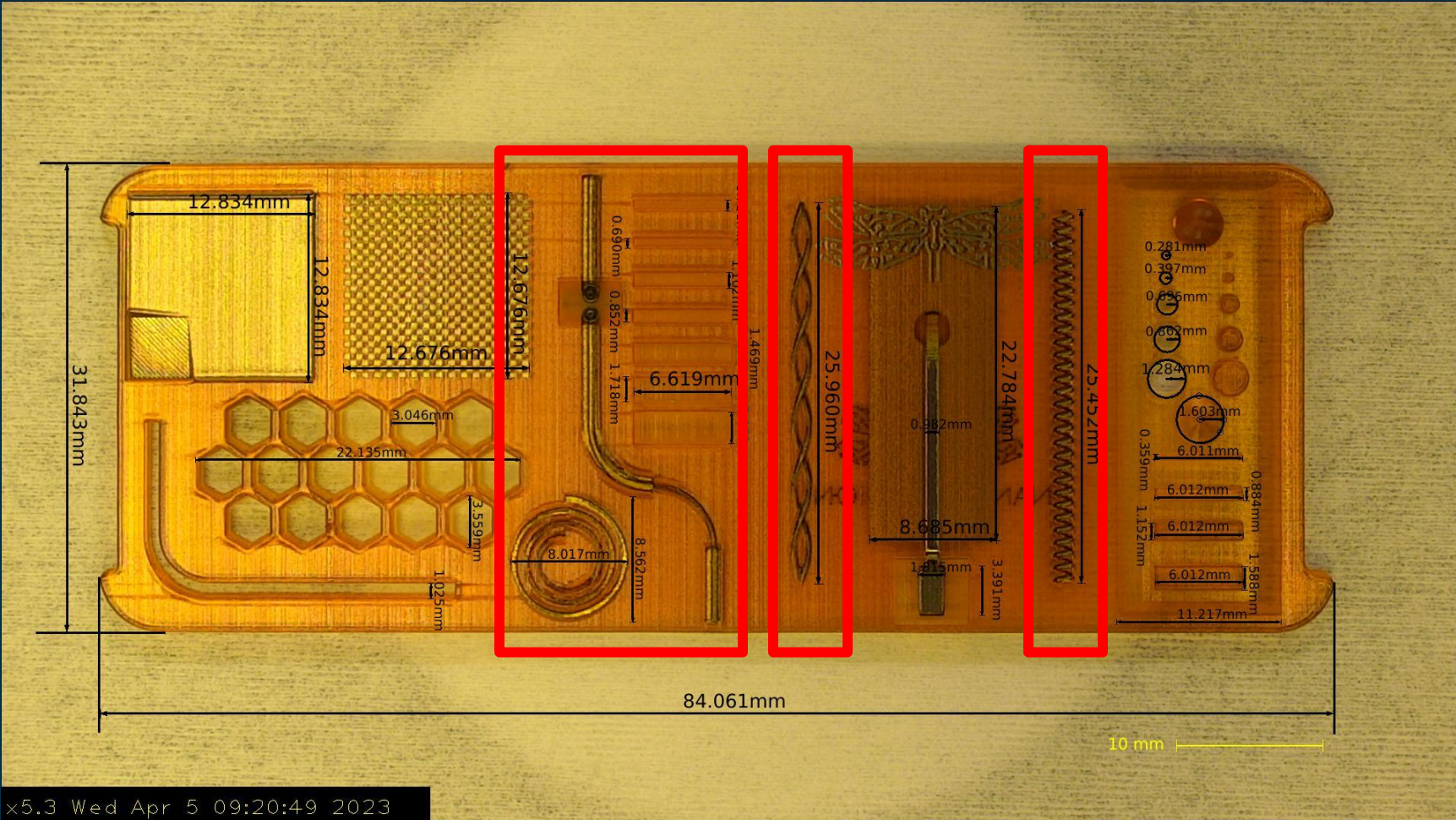
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X-Ray Scanning Analysis

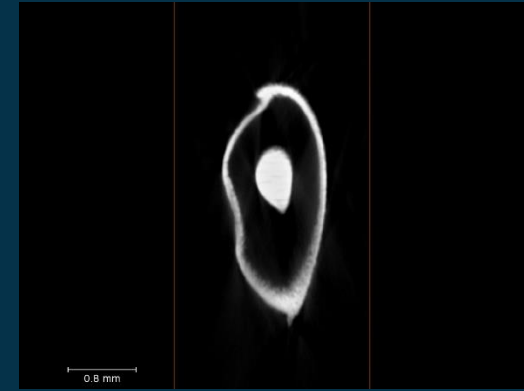
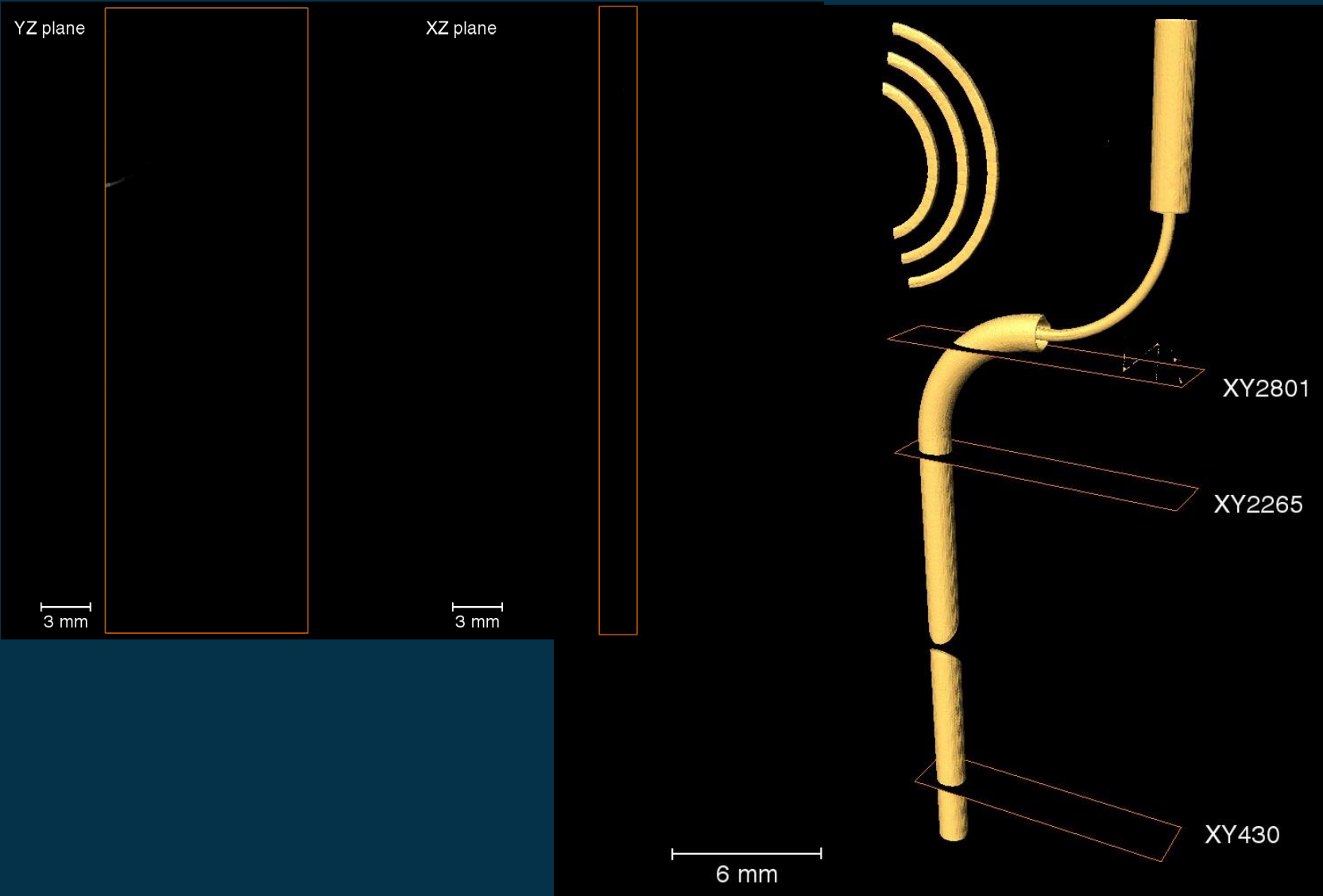
Components:

- coaxial line
- twisted cable
- coils

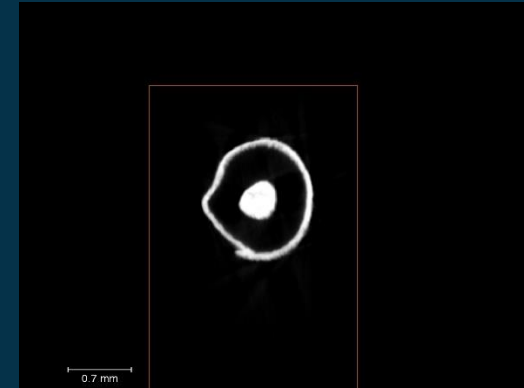
Voxel size:
8.198 um



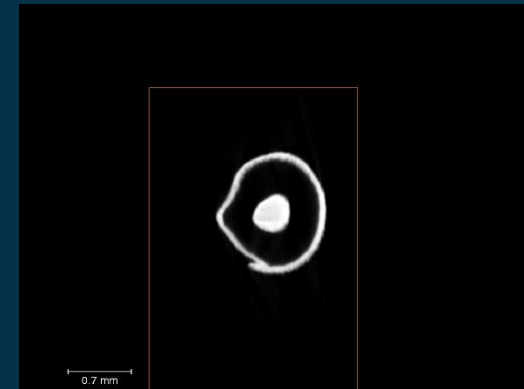
X-Ray – Coaxial line



XY 2801

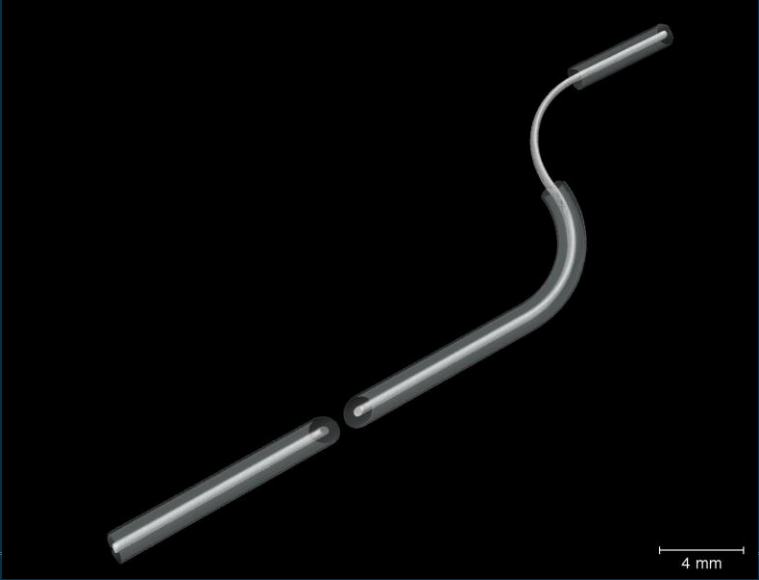
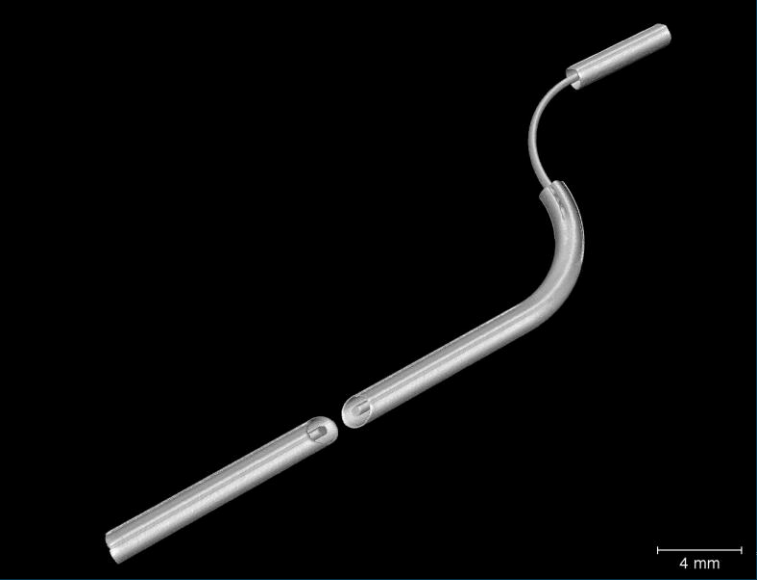
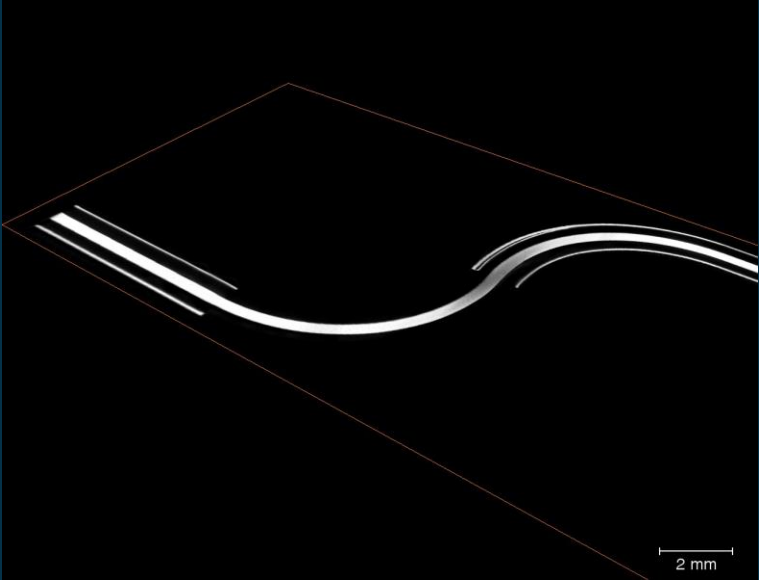
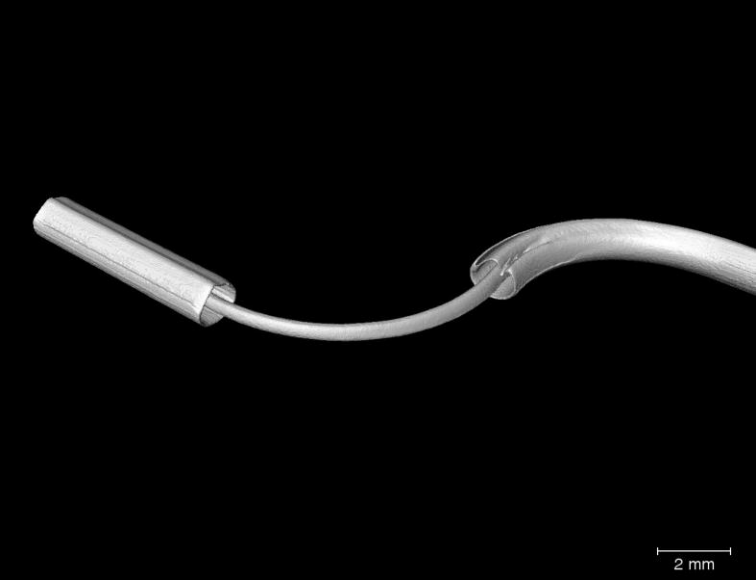


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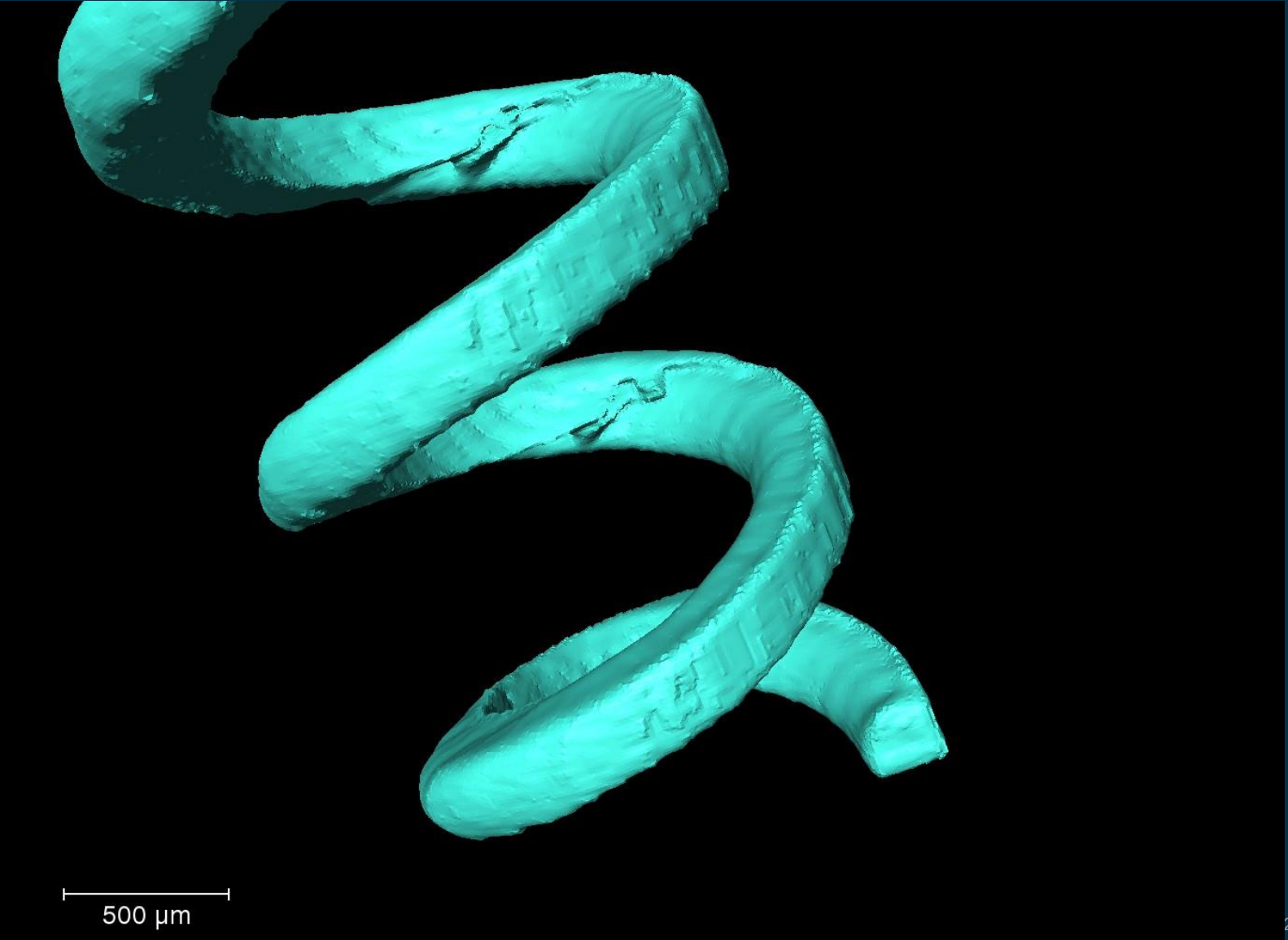
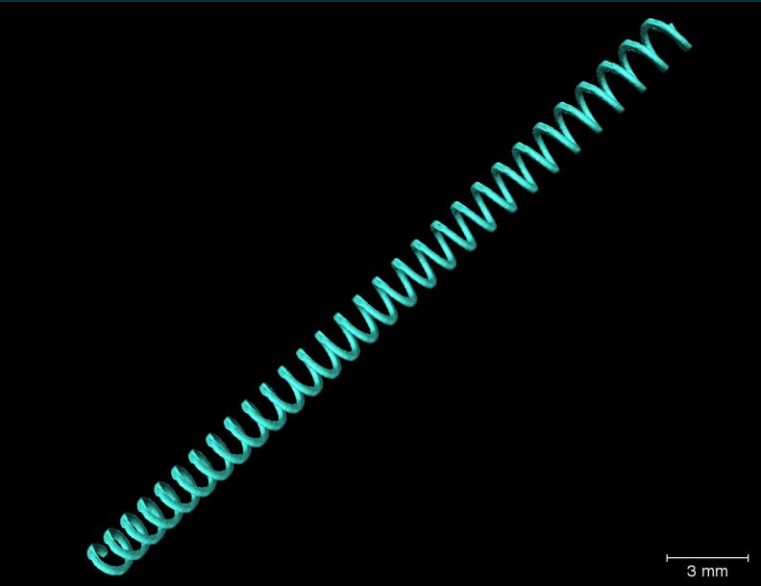


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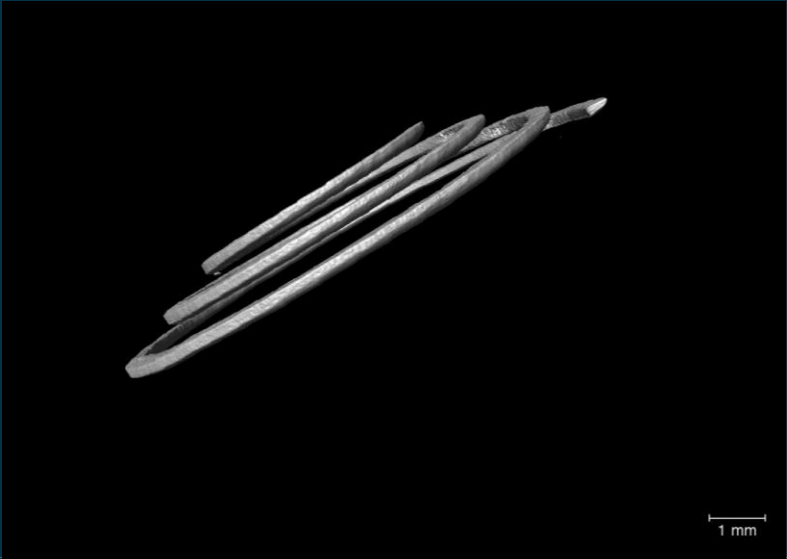
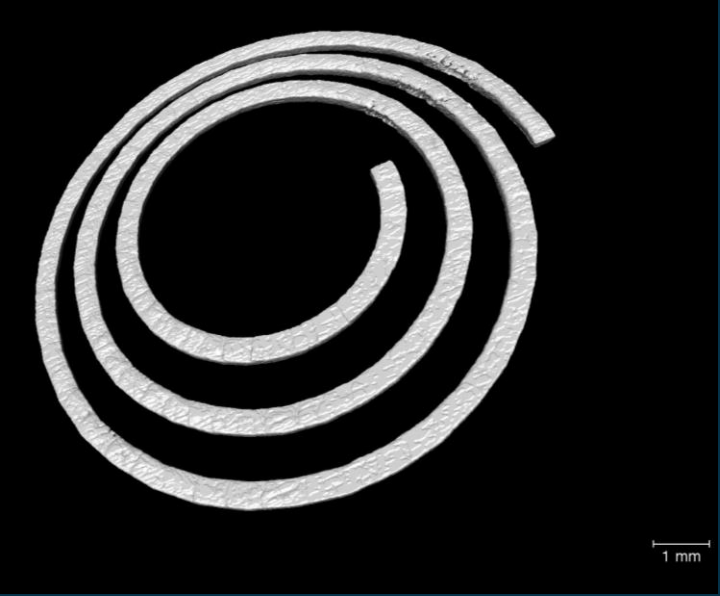
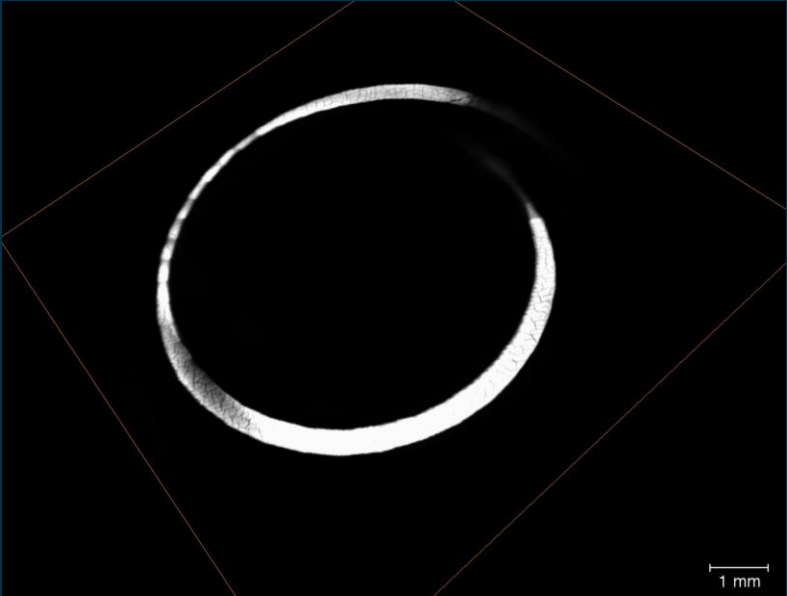
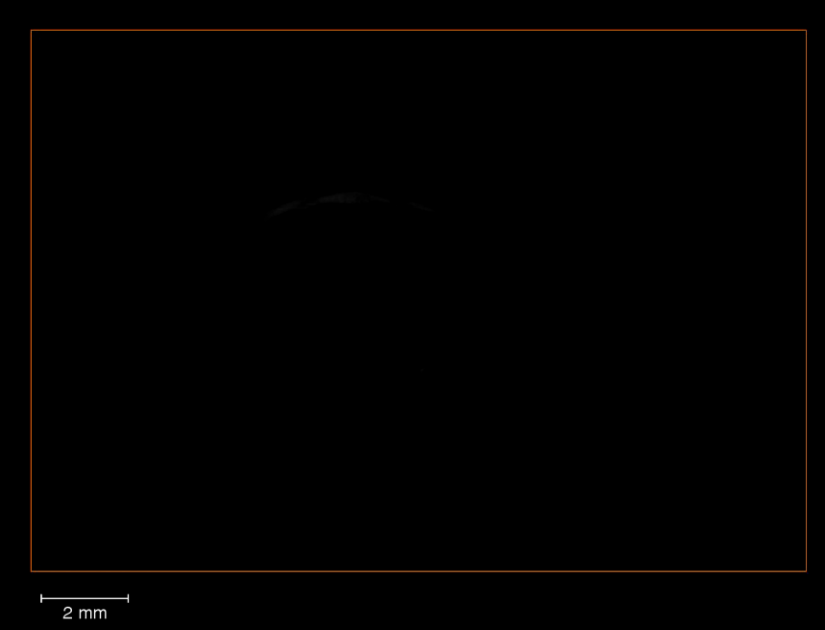
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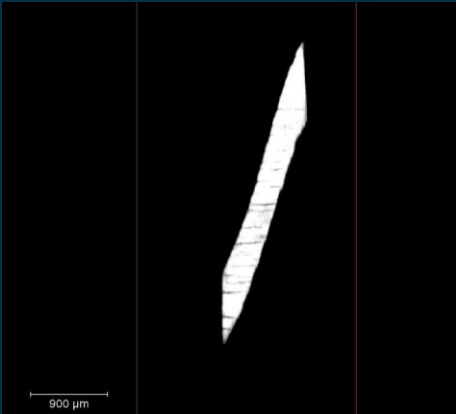
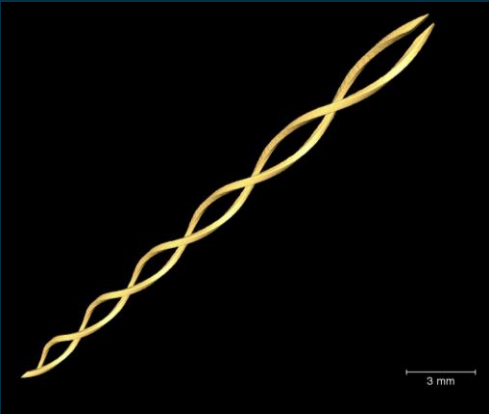
X-Ray – Horizontal Coil



X-Ray – Vertical Coil

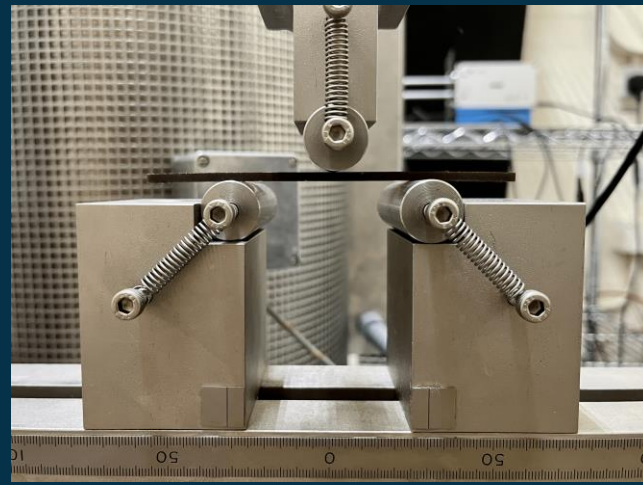


X-Ray – Twisted cable

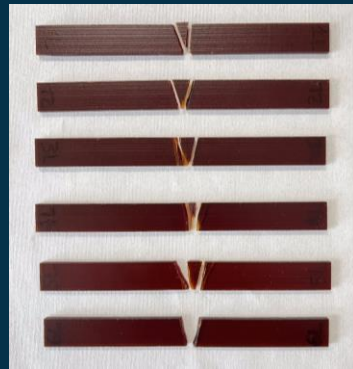
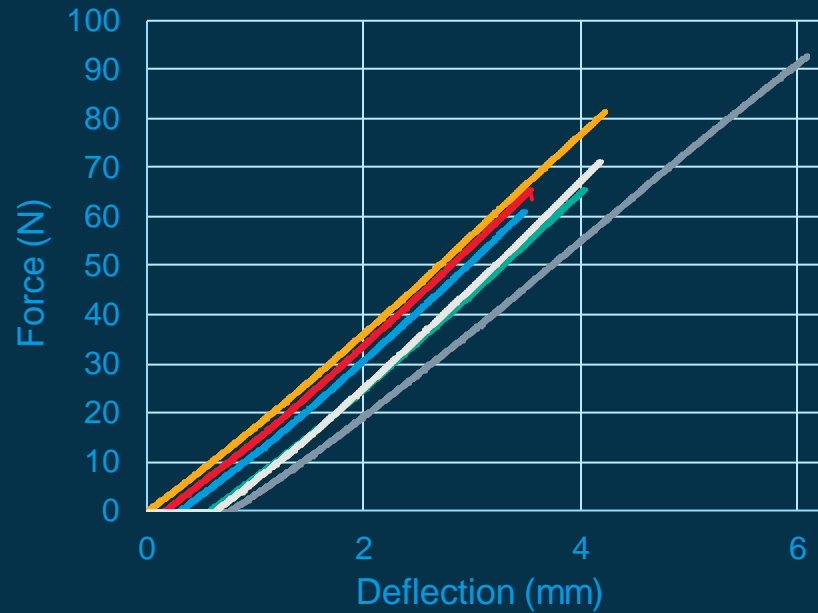


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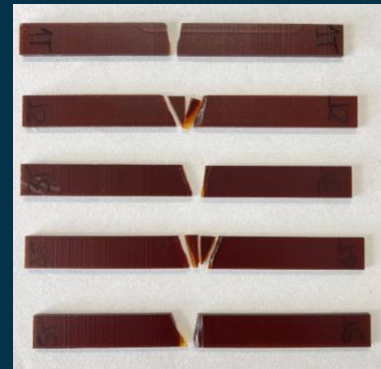
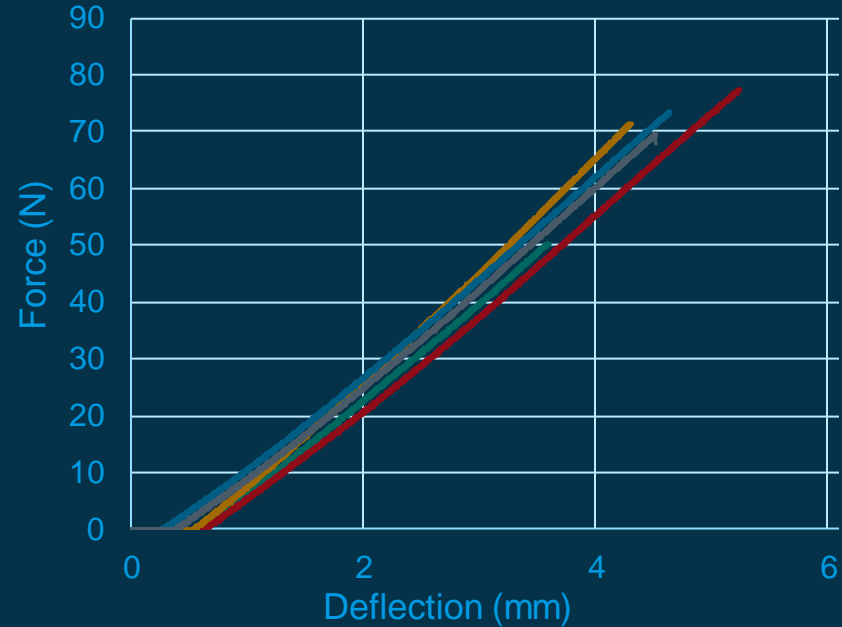
3 Point Bending, ASTM-D-790-2017



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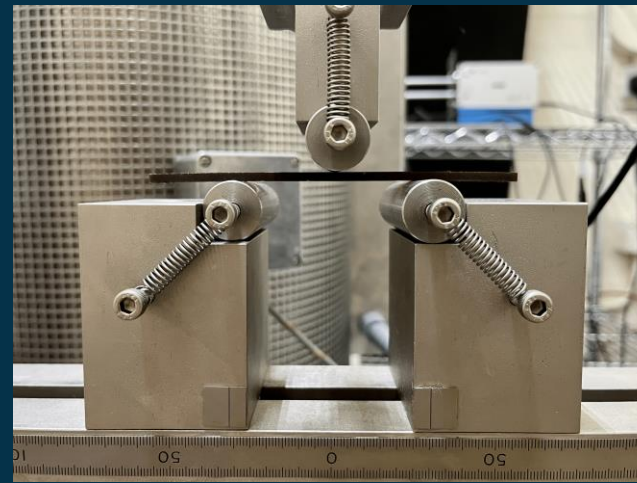


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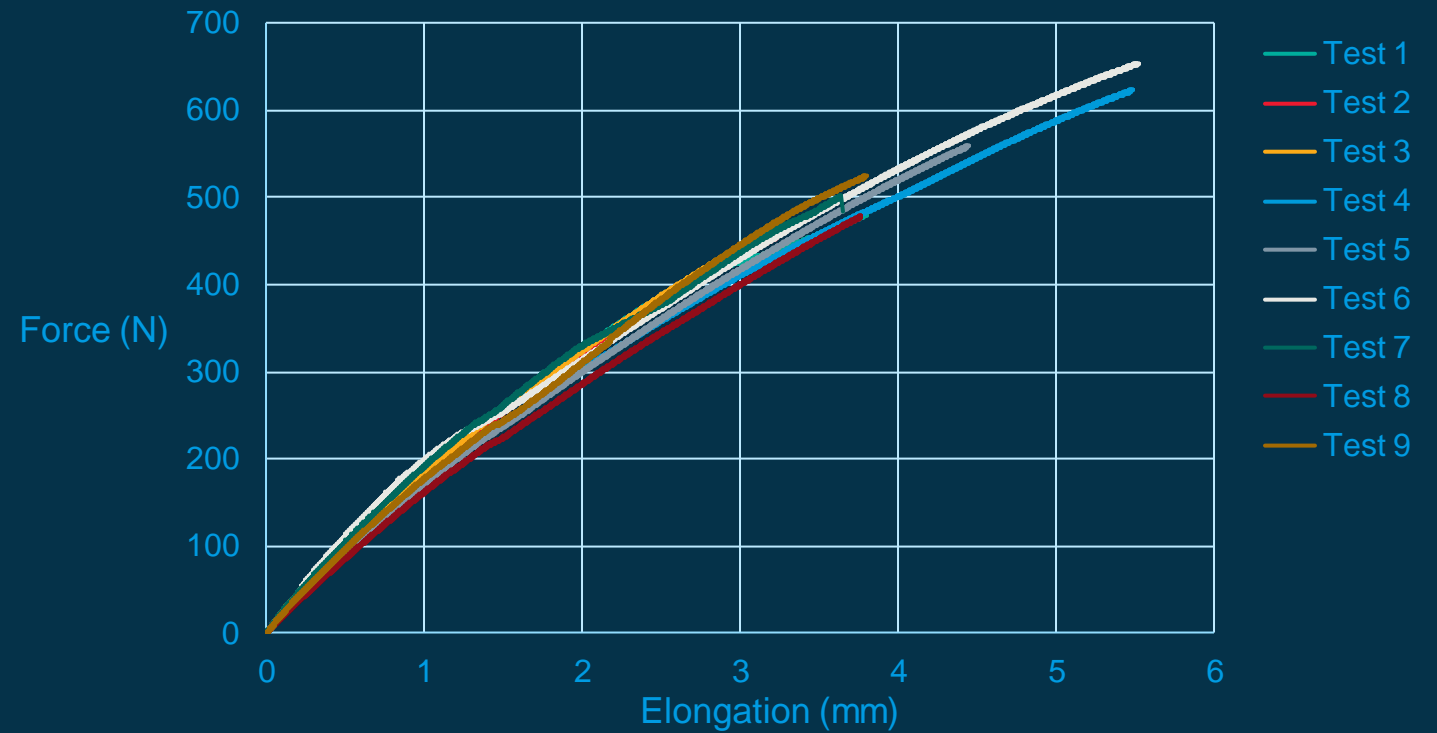
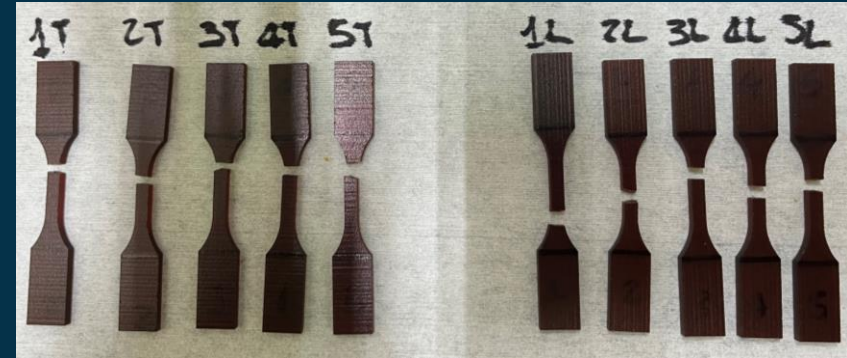
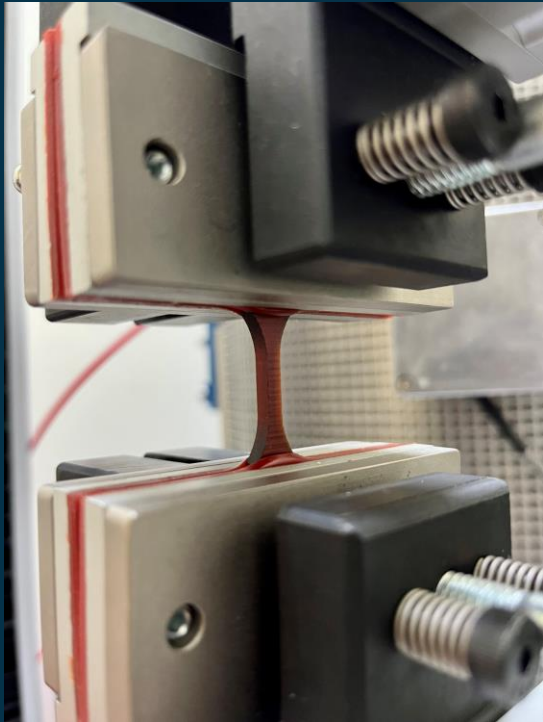
		Bending Strength @ Break (MPa)	Bending Modulus (GPa)	Def. @ Break (mm)	Force @ Break (N)
LONGITUDINAL	Mean	45.348	1.588	4.252	72.632
	S.D.	7.661	0.068	0.953	12.27
	CV	16.9%	4.28%	22.4%	16,9%
TRANSVERSAL	Mean	42.5	1.446	4.449	68.08
	S.D.	5.839	0.0988	0.5316	9.356
	CV	13.7%	6.8%	11.9%	13.7%

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Tensile Tests, ASTM-D-638-14

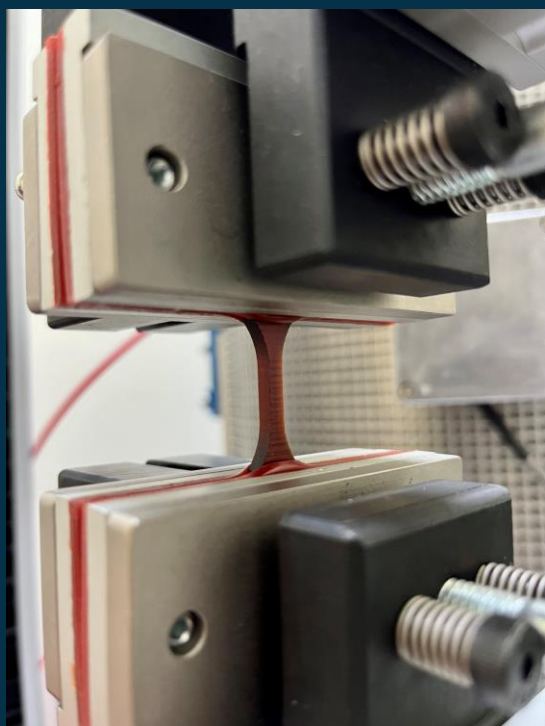


Test coupon
Type 5



Mechanical Characterization

Tensile Tests, ASTM-D-638-14



	Tensile Strength (MPa)	Elong. @ Break (%)	Elastic Modulus (GPa)
Mean	49.9	53.7	0.161
S.D.	6.78	11.5	0.0140
CV	13.6	21.5	8.71

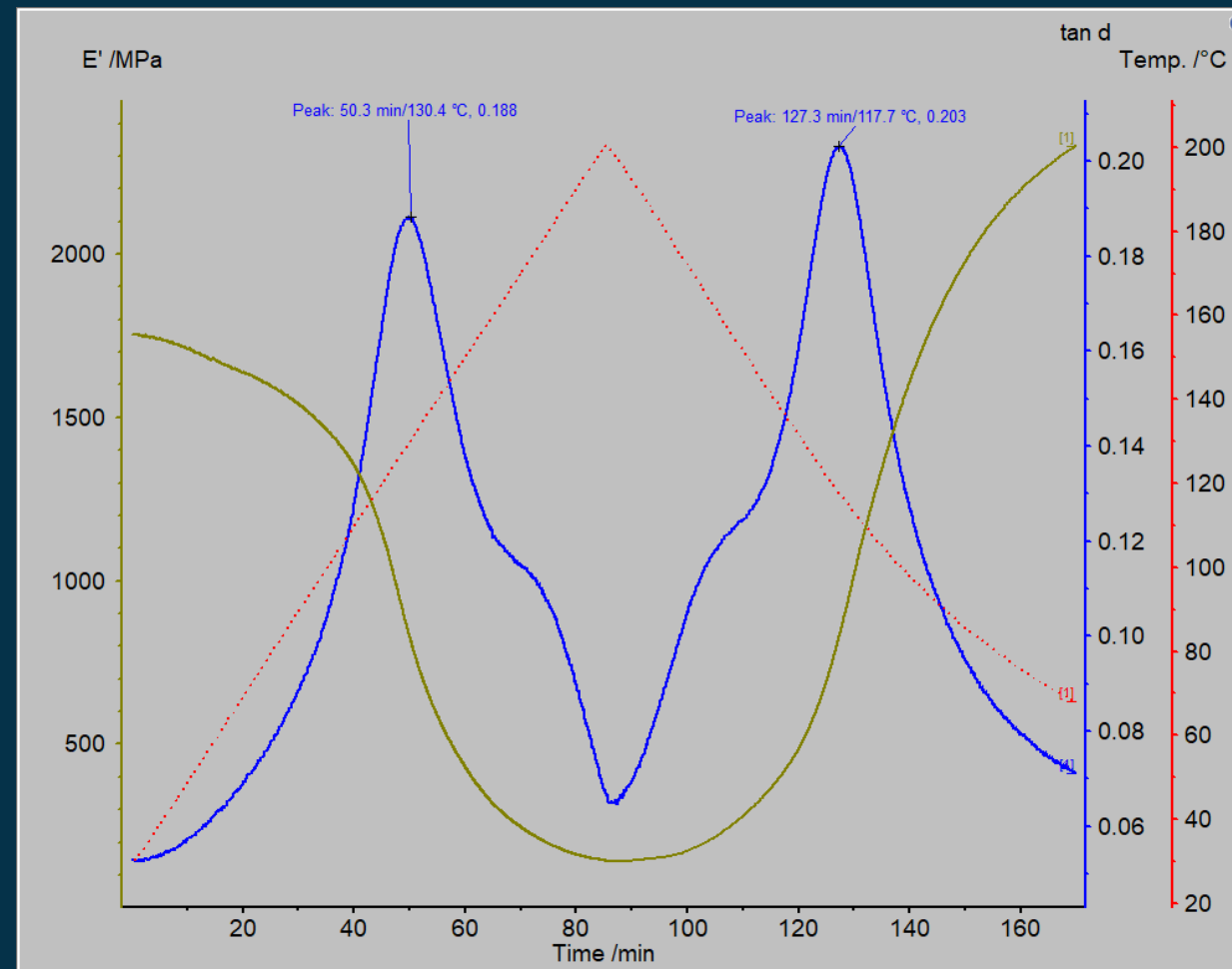
Note: Elongation values estimated from cross-bar displacement might yield unreliable measures of elongation and break and Elastic Modulus.

Thermal characterisation – DMA

IPC-TM-650 2.4.24.4 Standard

Sample Details	Measured Parameter	Value
3D printed material supplied in 3 sheets of differing thicknesses	Glass Transition Temperature, T _g	124.05°C
Remarks: Average temperature from the 2 peaks of heating and cooling		

E' ~ 1.75 GPa

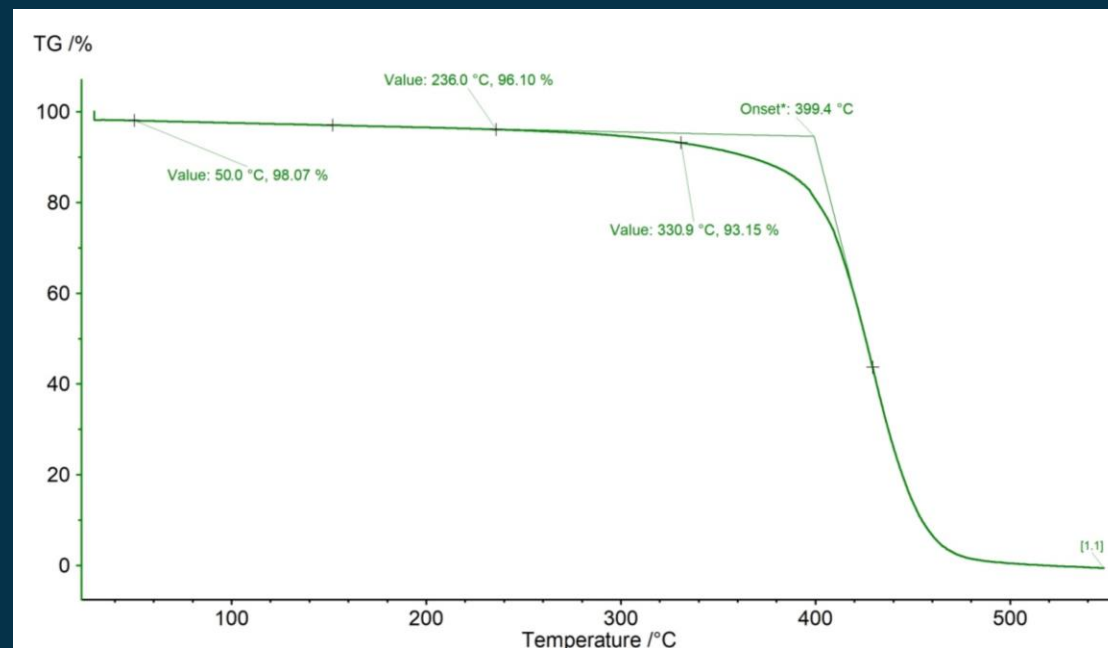


Thermal characterisation – TGA

IPC-TM-650 2.4.24.6 Standard

Sample Details	Measured Parameter	Value
3D printed material supplied in 3 sheets of differing thicknesses	2% and 5% Decomposition Temperature	2%: 236.0°C
		5%: 330.9°C

Room temperature, 28°C and 35% humidity



Other Measurements

	DI 1092 measured	Unit	Condition	Test Method
Moisture absorption	0.467	%		IPC-TM-650, 2.6.2.1
Thermal conductivity	0.27	W/mK	25 °C	ASTM E1530-19
Roughness (Ra)	<6.6 Top	µm		IPC-TM-650, Method 2.2.22
	<0.64 Bottom	µm		

- Test coupons are printed in a few hours to make high volumes. They are designed to demonstrate the printer's capabilities; therefore, imperfections are to be expected.
- The “hairy” shapes at the edges of sections is to be expected due to the nature of 3D printing where pixels are stacked on top of each other.
- Cracks observed in the x-ray scans depend on the sintering, which can be optimized so that these do not form.
- Mechanical properties highly depend on the specific recipe utilized for curing. The curing itself can be optimized to achieve specific mechanical or electrical properties.
- Thermal properties measurement are close to data sheet values.
- Data sheet properties are measured in lab control environments, on specimens developed and cured specifically to optimize those properties.

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- Innovative AM techniques hold the potential to support game-changing space applications.
- Initial investigations on AM components show their great potential, and capability for optimizing the curing process to different scopes.
- AM Electronics will provide fundamental changes in the way electronics for high variety-low volume are designed and manufactured, allowing digital, sustainable, agile production.
- In TEC-ED, we are planning to grow expertise in AM electronics to embrace the business model change for EEE procurement.

Thank you for your attention!

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**AME in customized NDT probes and sensor systems at
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M. Sc. Philipp Stopp, 13.11.2023

Center of Expertise



Sensor-Intelligence and Microelectronics

CoE Sensor-Intelligence and Microelectronics

State of the art NDT sensor systems



Manual inspection

- Manual sensor manipulation
- Hardly data pre-processing -> raw data storage and visualization
- Evaluation and documentation by user



Semi-automatic inspection

- Automatic inspection, manual probe handling
- Most commonly raw data storage and online data processing
- Supported data analysis and documentation. Final evaluation by user



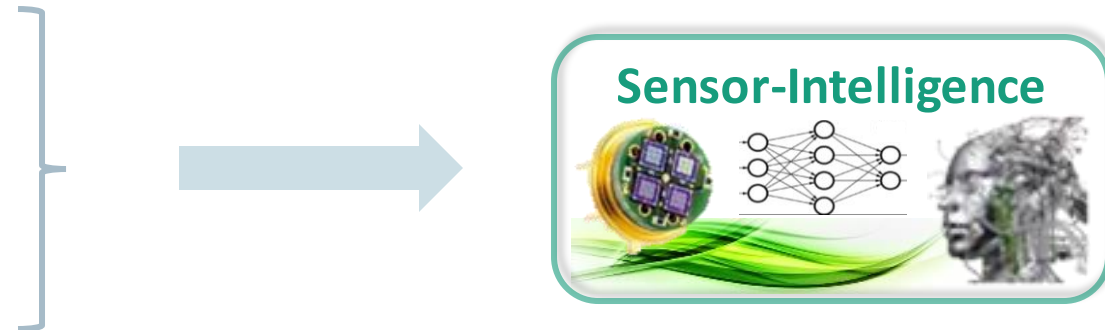
Automatic inspection

- Full automatic inspection; (in terms of executing)
- If possible data pre-processing to reduce the data traffic/storage
- High data volume -> tools support the user in the evaluation process

Vision: Use of multimodal NDT systems in the IoT world

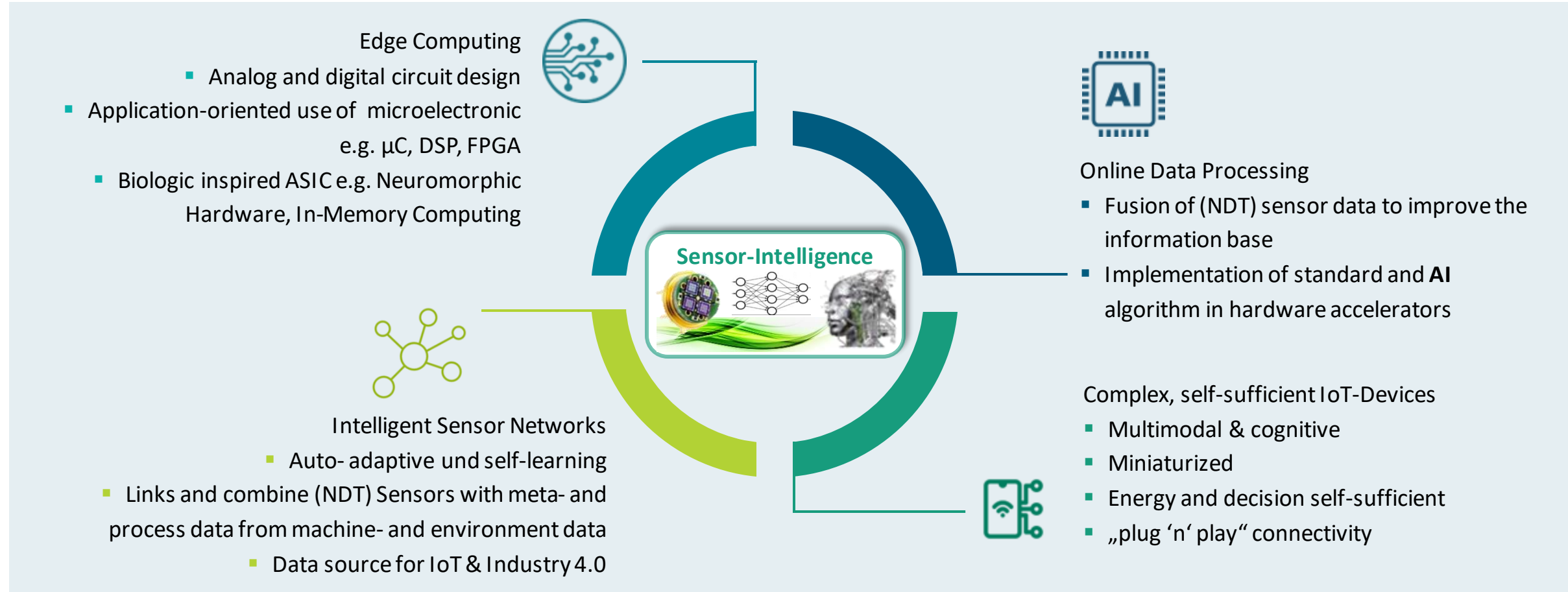
■ Challenge:

- Power consumption
- Autonomous evaluation of test results
- Miniaturization
- Easy adaptation to the IoT world



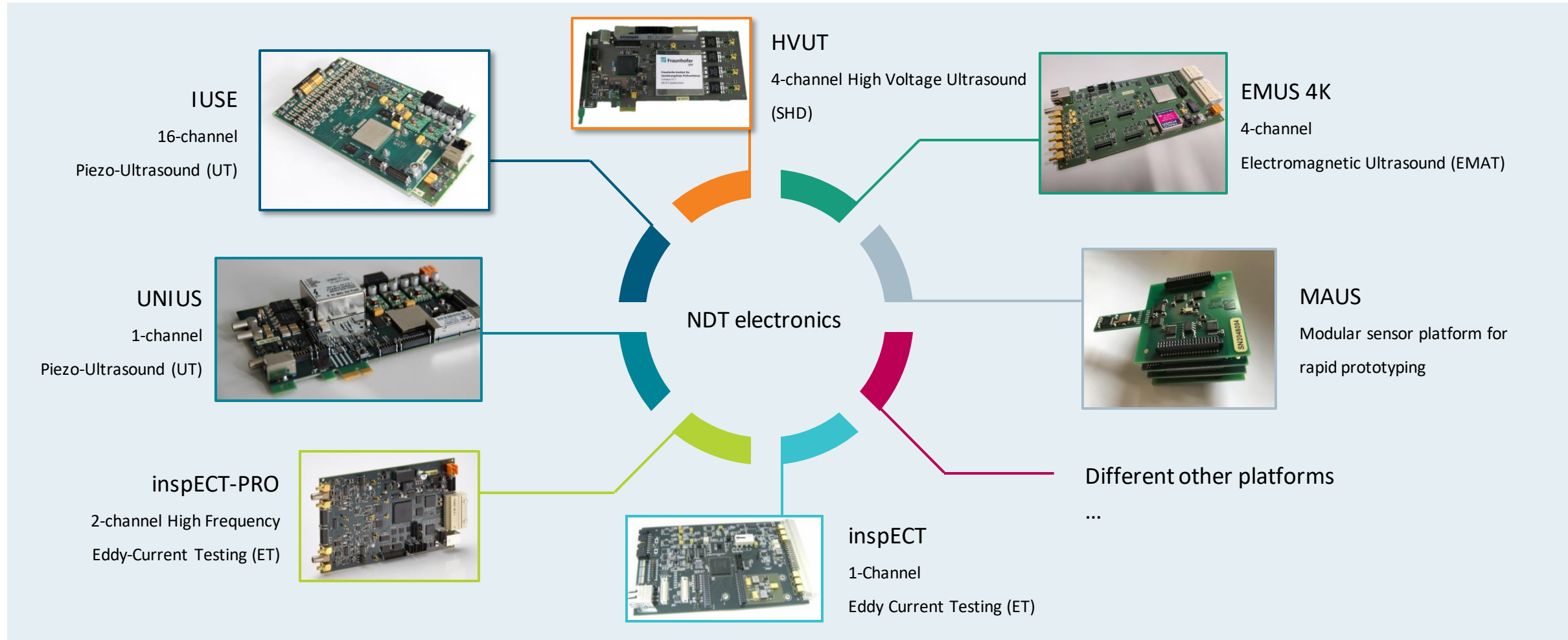
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CoE Sensor-Intelligence and Microelectronics Definition



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Edge Computing



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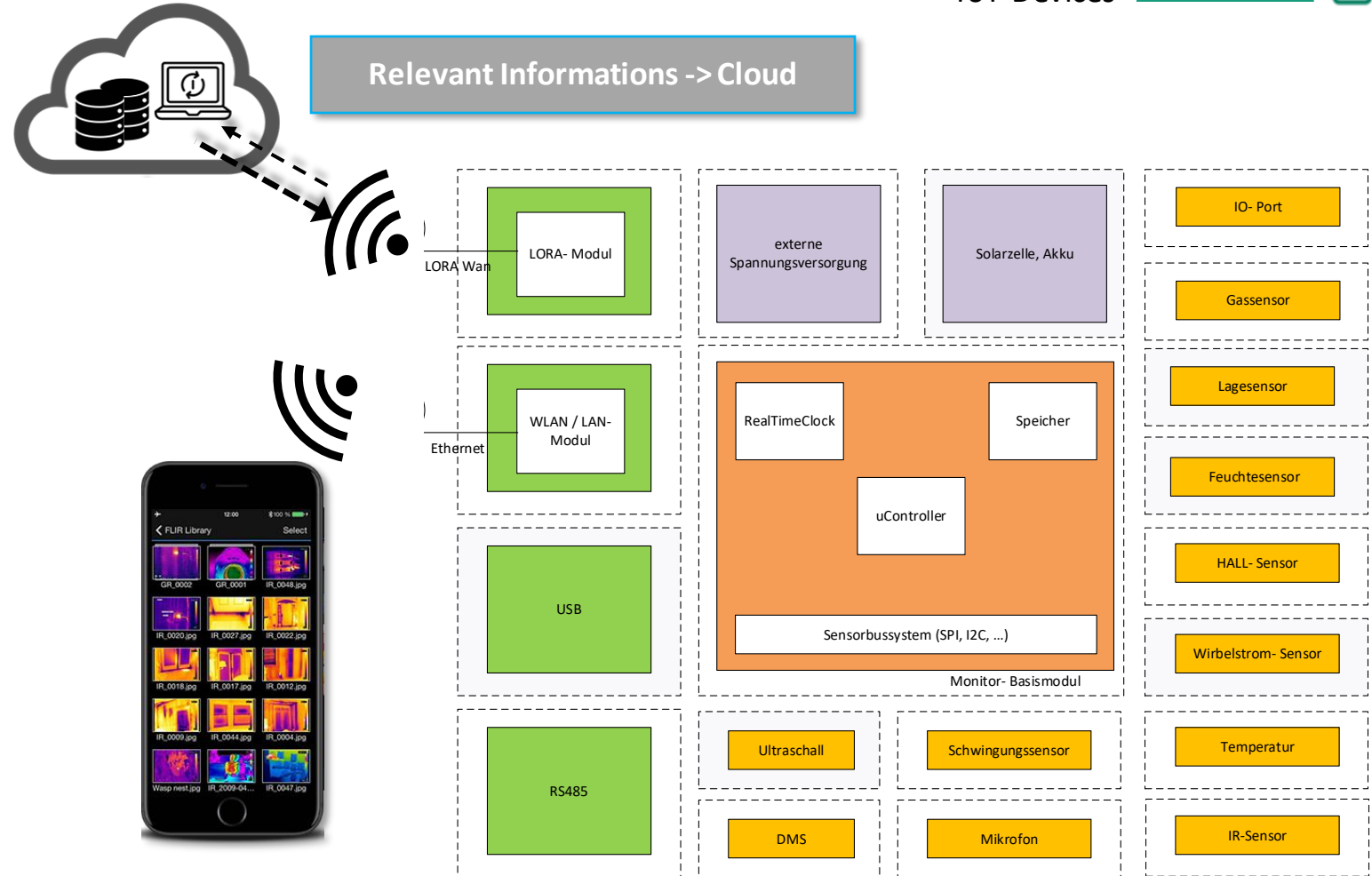
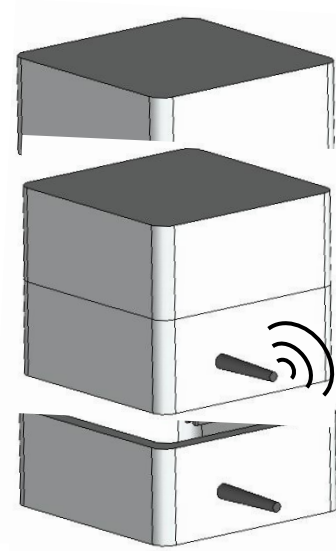
Multimodal autonomous sensor platform - MAUS

Complex, self-sufficient
IoT-Devices



Mission: Fast market access with customized multimodal NDT monitoring systems for the IoT world

Solution → Modular platform concept



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Rapid Prototyping

Complex, self-sufficient
IoT-Devices



Specification

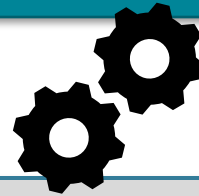
- Application analysis
- Implementation concept

Problem-specific development / customization

- Hardware specification
- Development and assembly

Prototype / small batch

- Assembly
- System test
- Validation



Environmental
Vibration
Acoustics
Ultrasound
Eddy current
...



Sensor modul

Basic modules



Processing-Unit



Power-Modul



Communication-Modul



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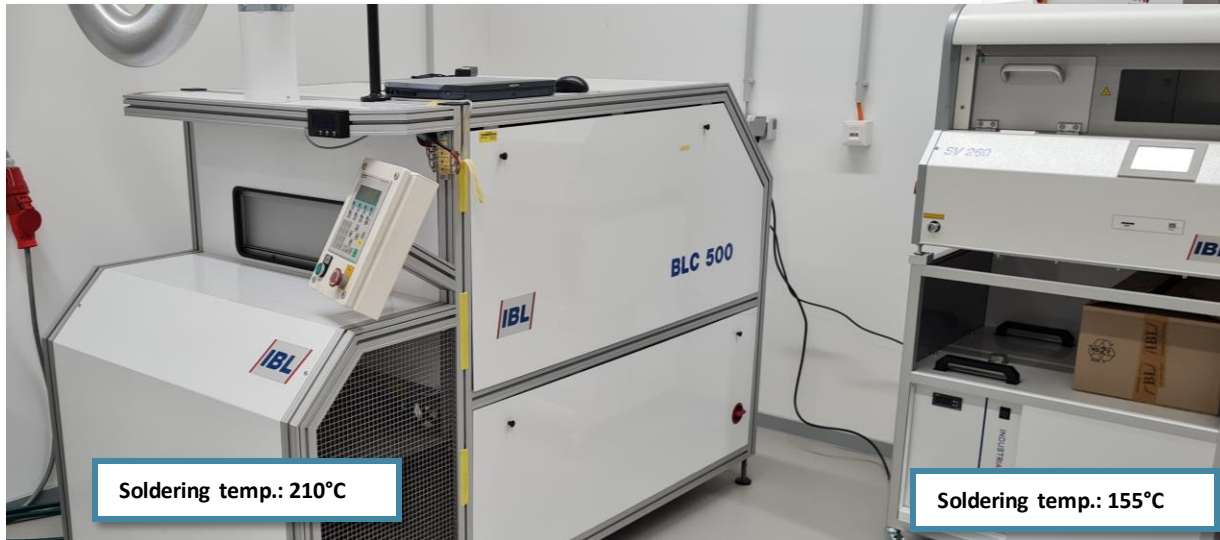
Electronics manufacturing technologies

Complex, self-sufficient
IoT-Devices



SMD assembly Line

Solder paste printer & SMD assembly



Soldering temp.: 210°C

Soldering temp.: 155°C



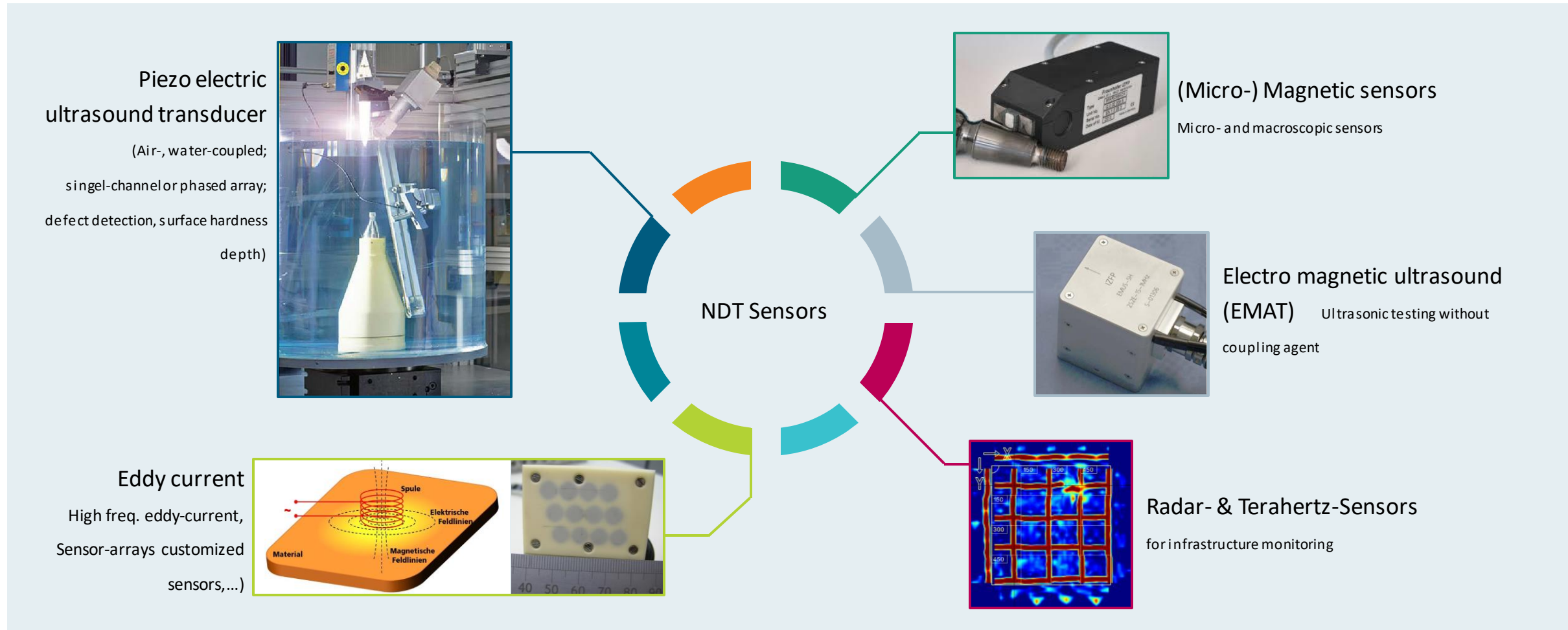
AME
Dragonfly IV



Vapor phase soldering systems

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IZFP sensor development



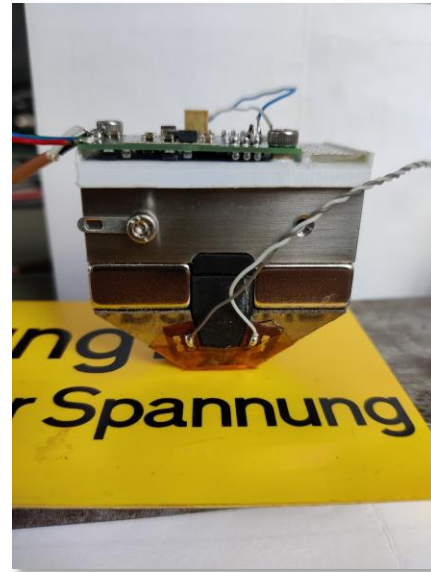
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NDT Sensor Design

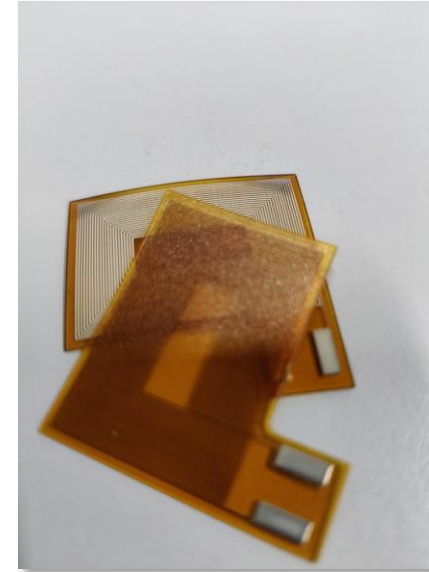
Electromagnetic ultrasound transmitter (EMAT)



Current EMAT sensor housing



Current EMAT sensor inner circuits



First EMAT Coils manufactured with DaragonFly IV

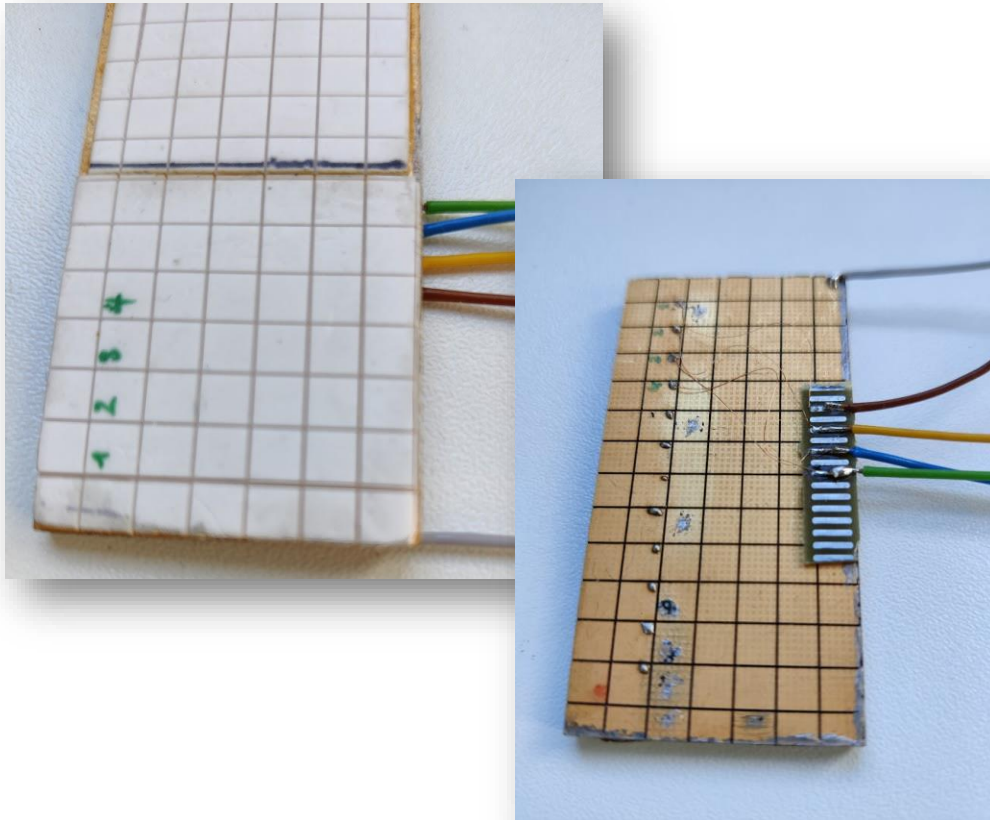
Benefits using AME:

- Increase reproducibility of coil structures
- Higher levels of integration
→ pre-amp attached to coil
→ Better signal to noise ratio
- New 3D coil structures

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NDT Sensor Design

Piezo electric ultrasound



Benefits using AME with Piezo electric transducers:

- AME directly attached to the transducer
 - Bonding technology
 - Higher signal quality (routes, impedance control)
 - Smaller pitch
 - Higher levels of integration
 - Transmitter circuits directly on ceramic
 - Receiver pre-amplifiers directly on ceramic
 - Better signal to noise ratio

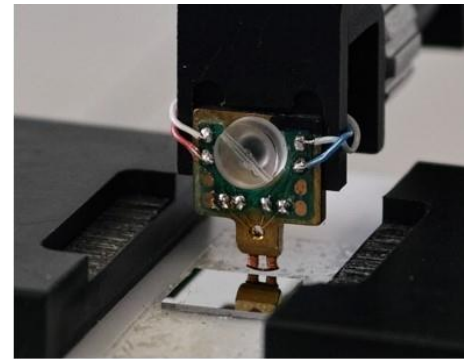
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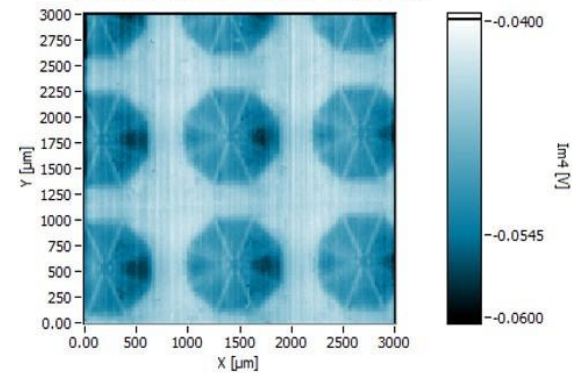
Micromagnetic sensors (e.g. material characterization)



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Wafer with GMR sensors



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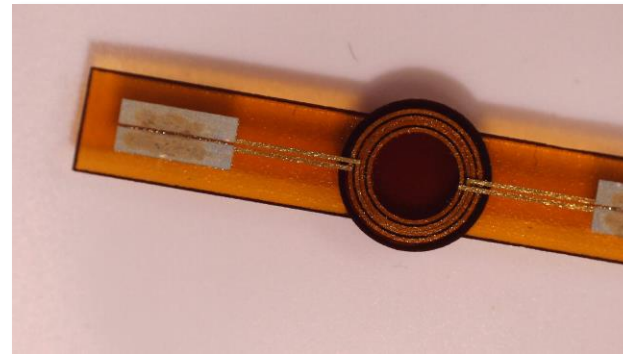
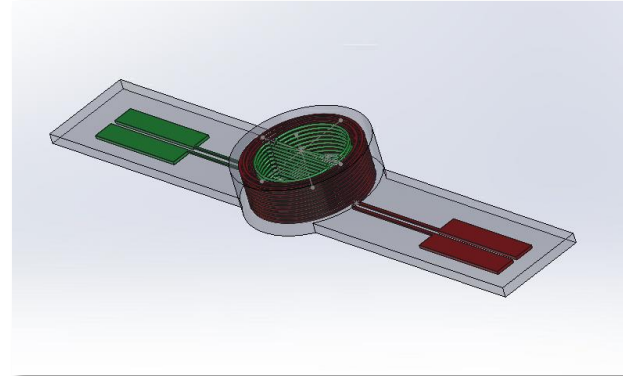
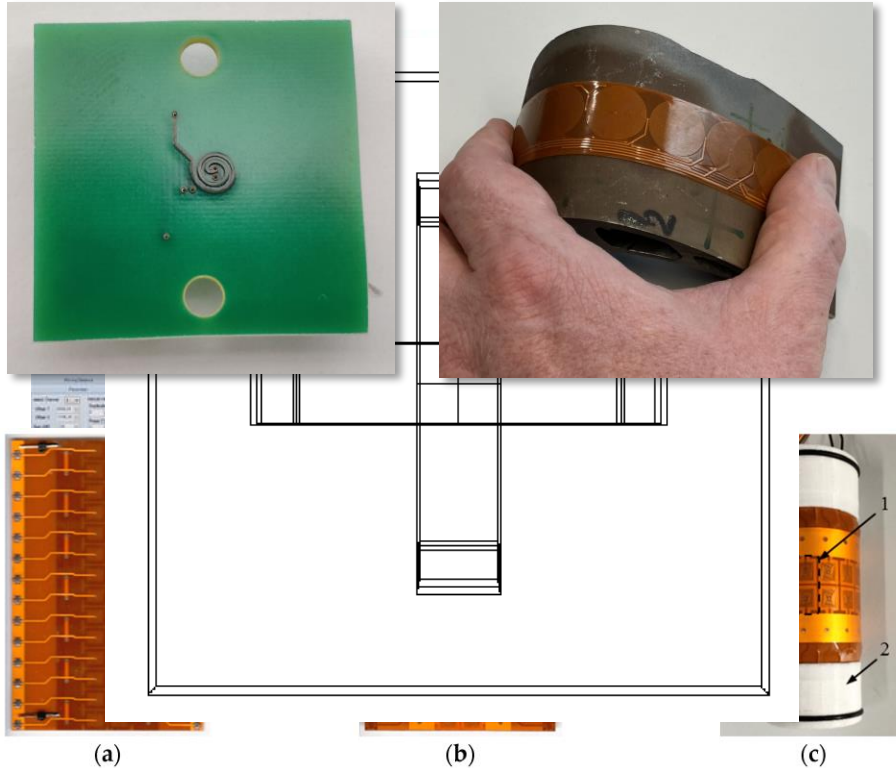
Benefits using AME:

- Miniaturization
- New coil structures
- Availability and no supply chain

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NDT Sensor Design

Eddy current sensor coils



A Flexible Arrayed Eddy Current Sensor for Inspection of Hollow and Inner Surfaces by Zhenyong Song, Dong Cai, Cheng Zou, Wenzeng Zhang and Qiang Chen

Evaluation software

Benefits using AME:

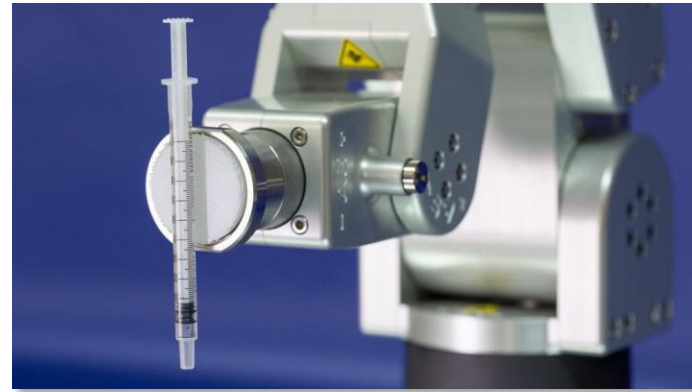
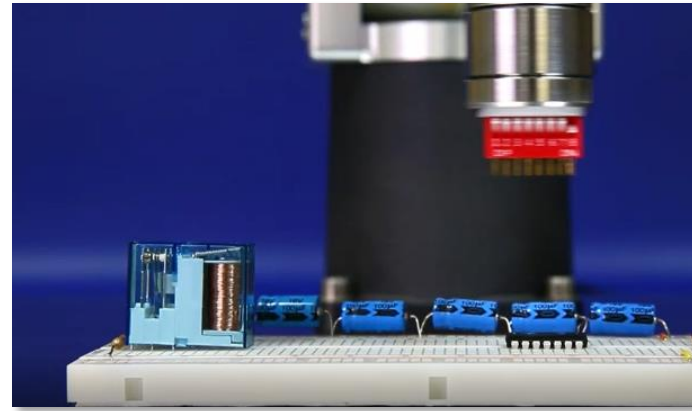
- Increase reproducibility of coil structures.
- Better correlation between simulation and physical coil
- New 3D coil structures
 - Field-forming
 - Curved surfaces (e.g. turbine blade)
- Higher levels of integration
→ pre-amplifiers, multiplexers as close as possible to the receiver

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Project with AME potential - GeckKi



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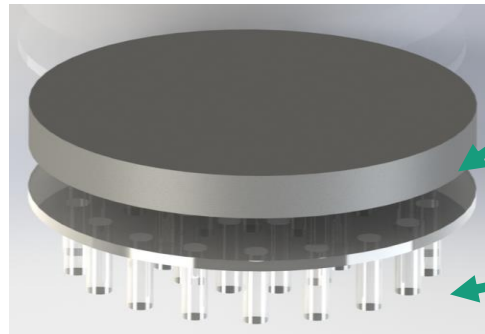
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NDT Sensor Design

Gecki - Eddy current alignment and force measuring system

Setup without sensors

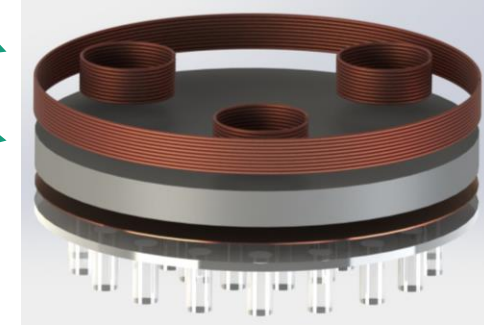


foam

adhesive structure

coil-system

Setup with IZFP-sensors



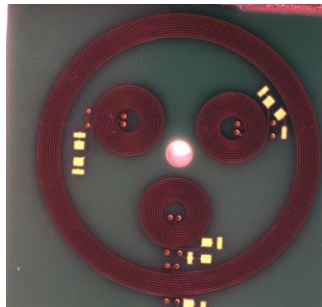
foam

Target material

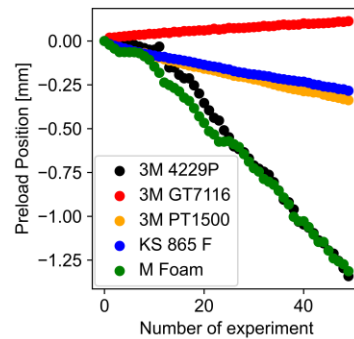
adhesive structure



v.1.0 Coil System:



foam:



Target material:



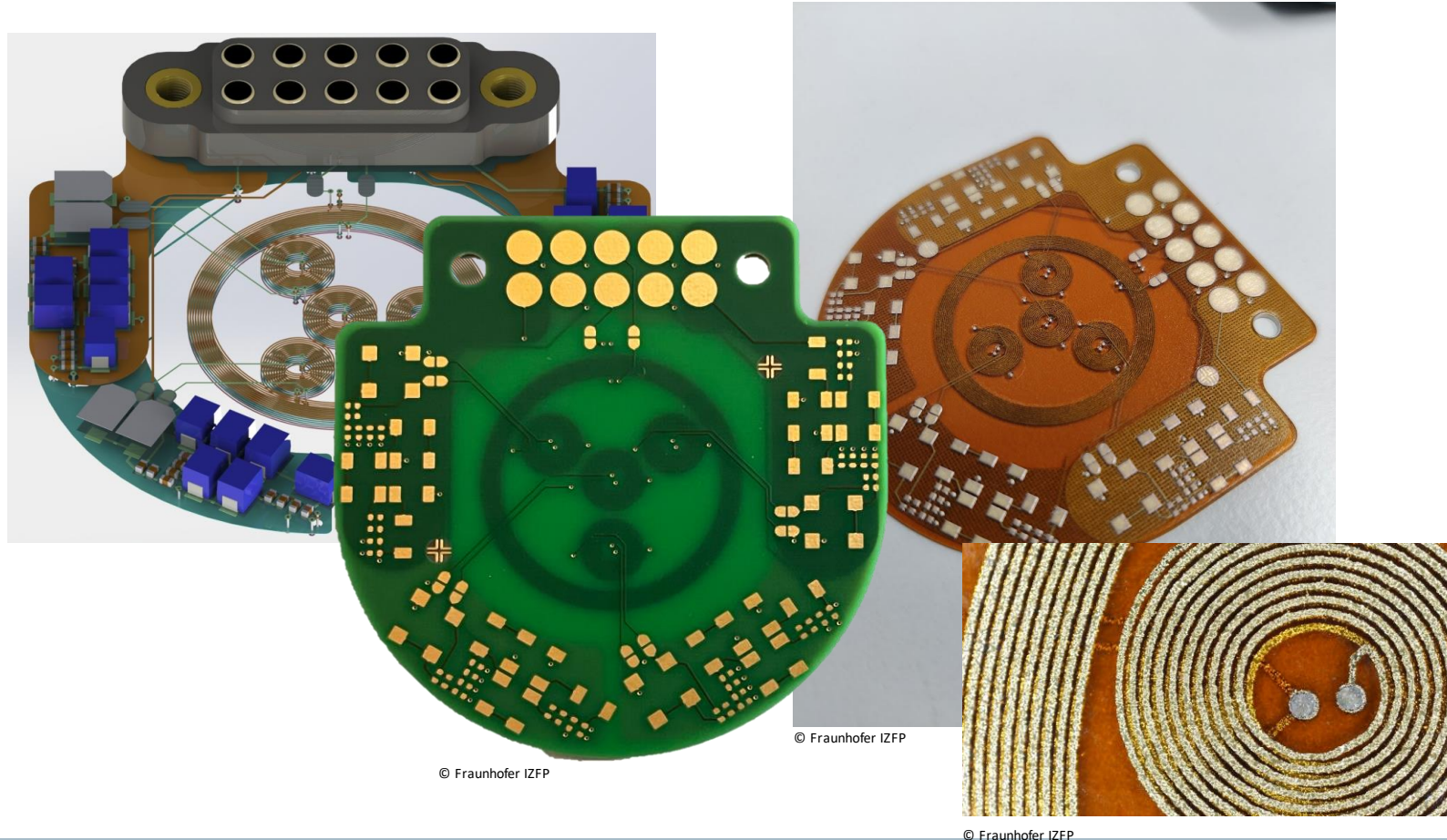
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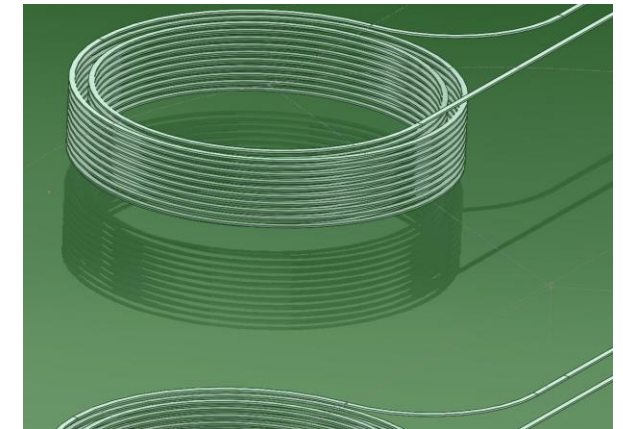
NDT Sensor Design

Gecki - Eddy current distance and force measuring system



Potential steps using AME:

- Use of 3D- Coils
(no vias, different geometries)
- Use of Meta Material (in future)



Thank you for your attention

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Additive Manufacturing, Driving Industry 4.0



Additive Manufacturing



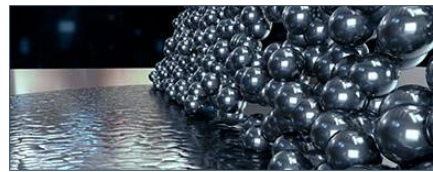
DragonFly IV
Additively Manufactured
Electronics



Fabrica 2.0
Micro AM



Admatec
Ceramic and Metal AM



Conductive and Dielectric Inks



Ceramic



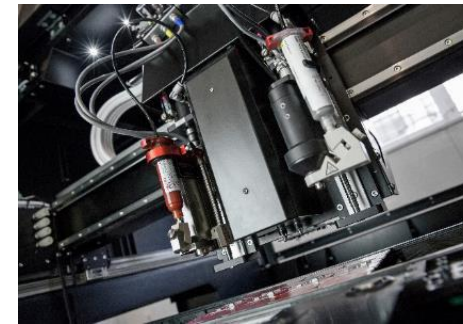
Polymer



Metal

Advanced Materials & Processes

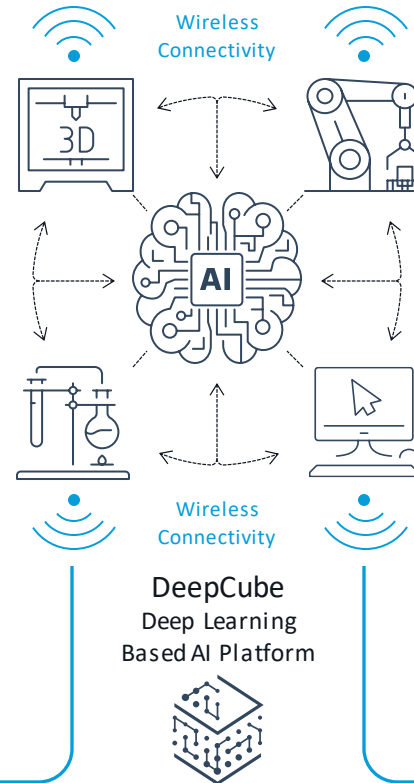
Robotics



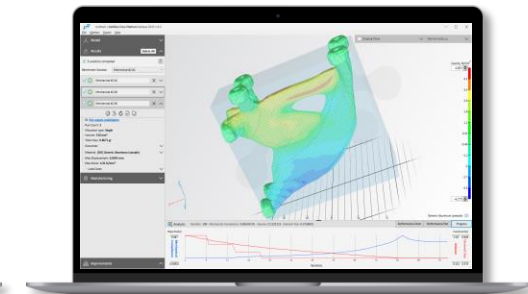
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Digital Printing Platform
Printer control systems and software



FLIGHT Hub & Control
Design-to-Manufacturing
Testing, simulation, and management



Additive Flow
Multi-Material Topology Optimization
for AM, AME and Volumetric Manufacturing

Software

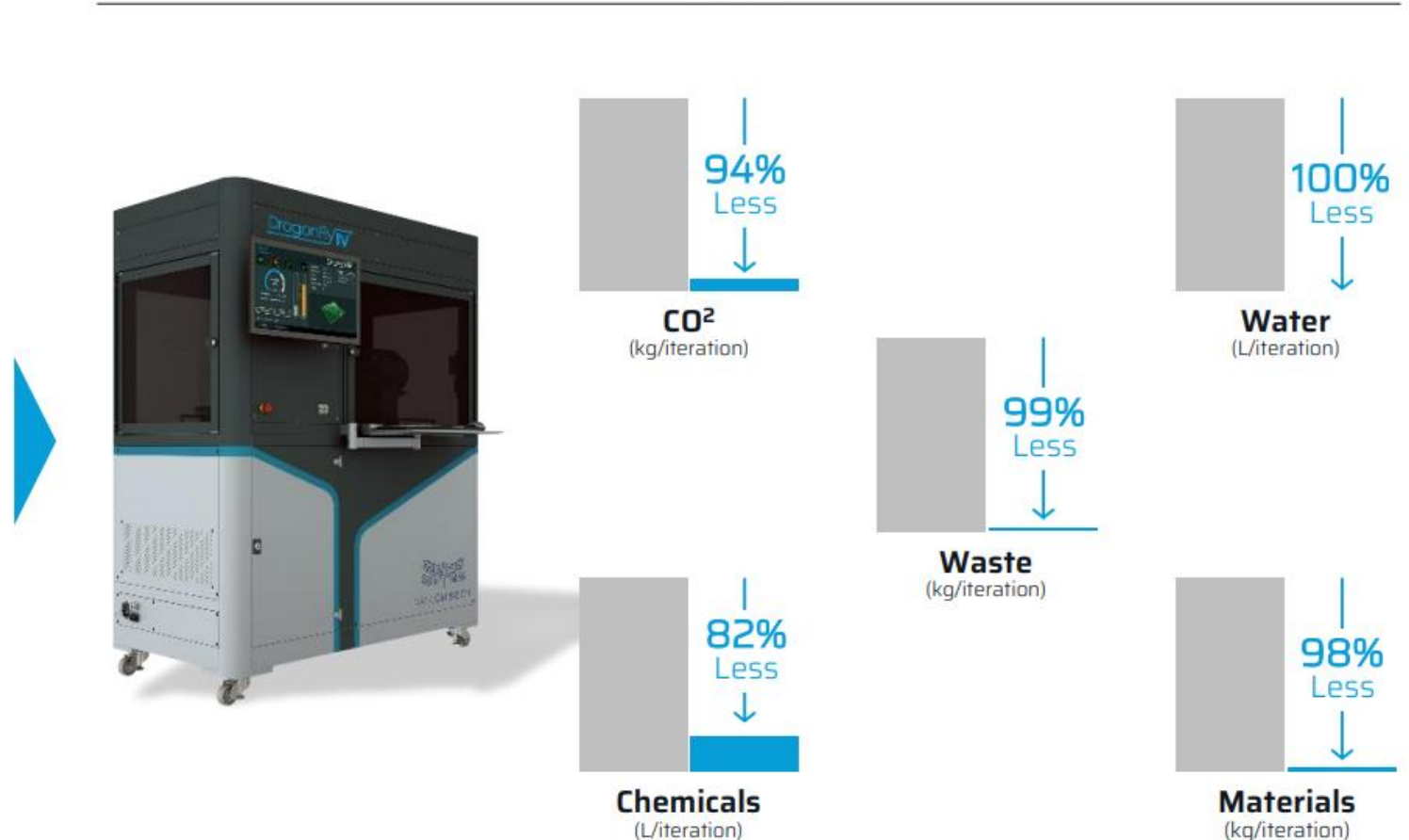
Building a Sustainable Future

Traditional manufacturing vs sustainable additive solutions

Before



After



¹ Based on a 2021 study by HSSMI, a UK based sustainability consultant

AME Materials

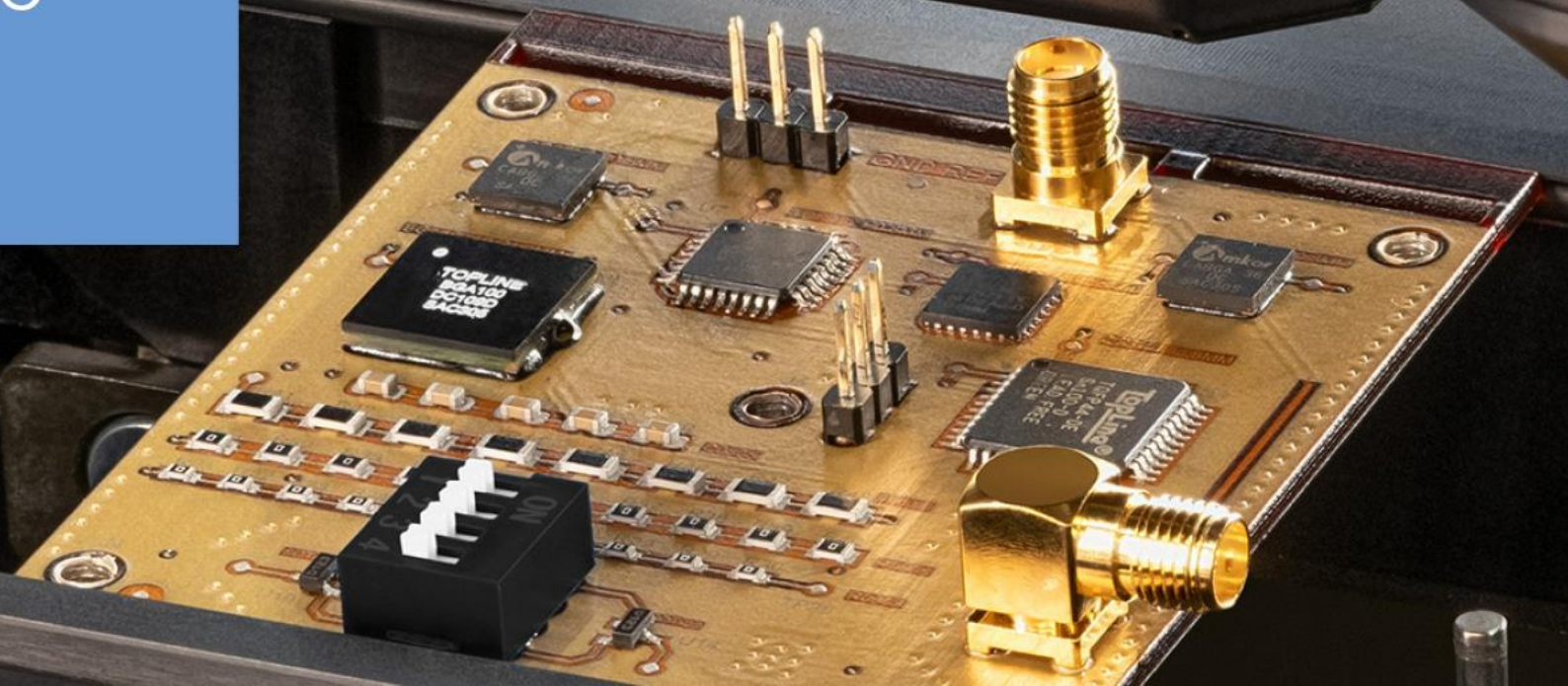
New Product Introduction



INSU™ 200

Durable Dielectric
Material

- $T_g > 180^\circ\text{C}$
- CTE at 50-80ppm/K Up to 240°C
- Dk- 4
- Full support for standard SMT processes
- Certified IPC-650 & IPC9701A



INSU200 - Material Properties



High temperature

T_g > 180°C

CTE at 50-80ppm/K up to 240°C

Full support for **standard SMT** processes



Durability

Impact strength > 200 J/m

Flexural strength ~160 Mpa

Resistance to mechanical shock & vibrations



Reliability Standards

Certified IPC-650 & IPC-9701

Complies **thermal reliability** standards of bare (IST & HATS) and assembly boards from 0°C to 70 °C

Complies **vibration tests after assembly**

T_g (Glass Transition Temperature) - temperature at which material changes from hard/glassy state to soft state

CTE (Coefficient of Thermal Expansion) - the rate at which a material expands with increase (*at a given*) in temperature

IPC 650 – Test method to determine the T_g of dielectric materials used in printed boards by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

IPC 9701 – Thermal Cycling Test Method for Fatigue Life Characterization of Surface Mount Attachments

INSU™ 200

Durable Dielectric Material

	FR4	INSU200
tg (°C)	150-170	180-220
CTE(ppm/K)	* 20-60 <Tg 230-250 >Tg	50-80 up to 240°C
DK (1Hz-66GHz)	4	4
Df (1Hz-66GHz)	0.01	0.01-0.03

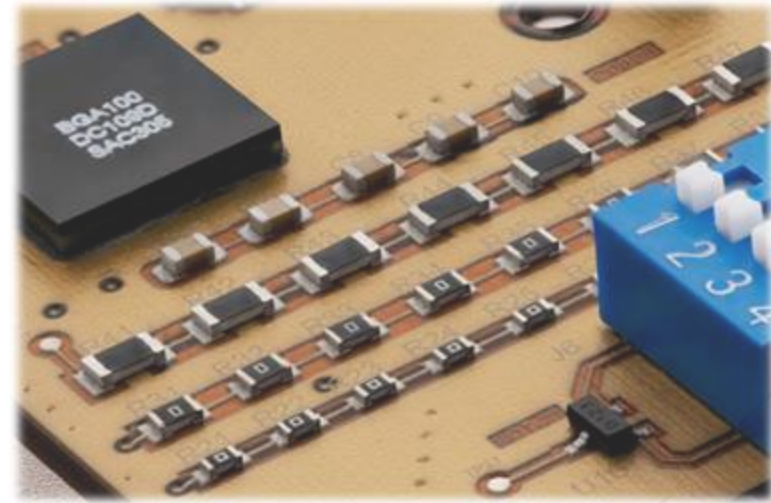
*Measured on z axis



Standard SMT

Support of ROHS compliant reflow soldering processes enhances AME solution for PCB prototyping

- ❖ Sensitivity with reflow temperatures has been a significant challenge for AME users
- ❖ With INSU200, our customers can now use standard SMT processes for soldering of active and passive components (including BGAs)



INSU200 Dielectric Properties



Mapping of D_k/D_f values for frequencies up to 65GHz

Frequency	1GHz	2.5GHz	5GHz	7.5GHz	10GHz	30GHz	40GHz	50GHz	65GHz
Dielectric Constant (D_k)	4.07	4.02	3.98	3.86	3.78	3.70	3.69	3.65	3.60
Tangential Loss (D_f)	0.018	0.019	0.018	0.016	0.014	0.013	0.016	0.015	0.014



FLIGHT Software

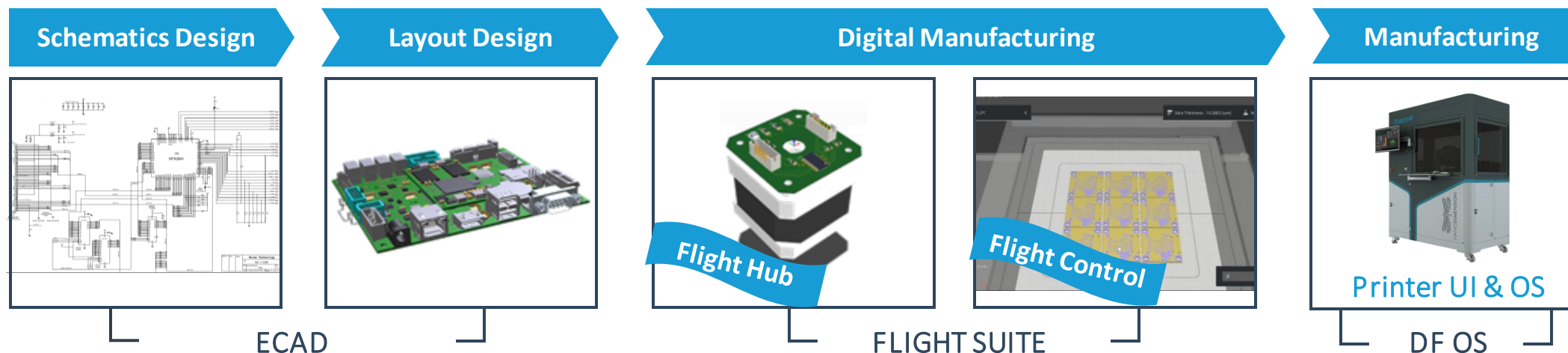
New Product Introduction



NANODIMENSION
FLIGHT

FLIGHT Software Suite

Software-fueled agile hardware development



1 Design  **3-4** weeks

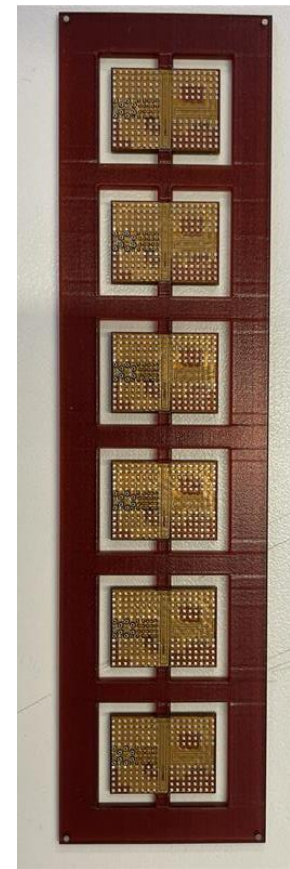
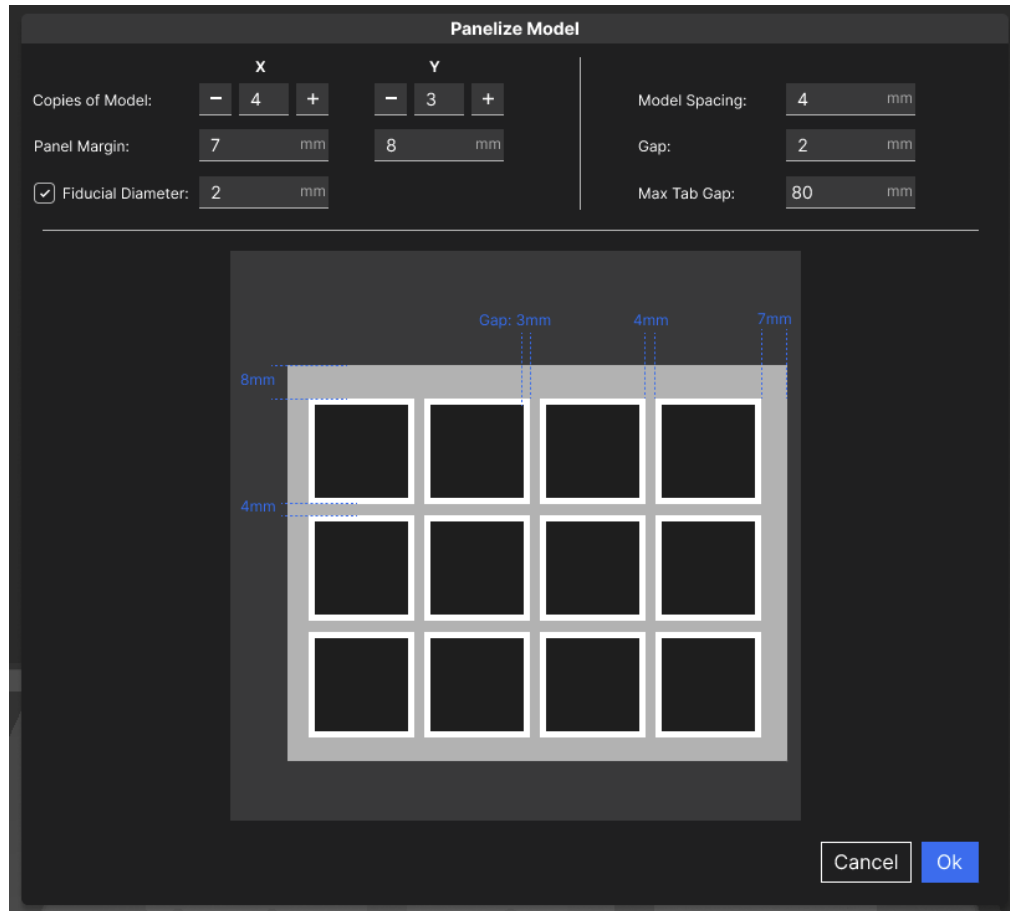
Traditional Manufacturing Process

10 Variations  **1-2** Days

AME Process

Introducing - Automatic Panelization

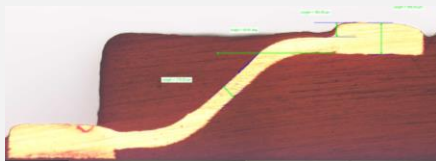
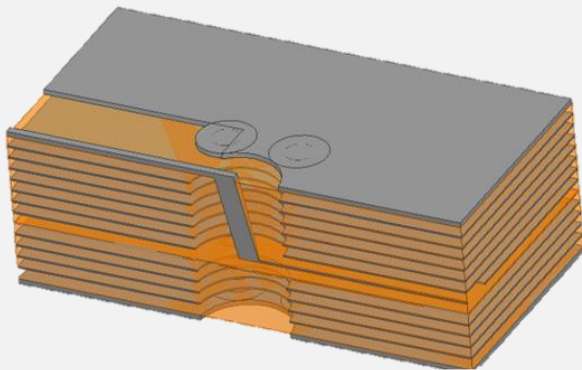
Parametric panel creation dialogue in FLIGHT Control software



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3D Traces (3DT)

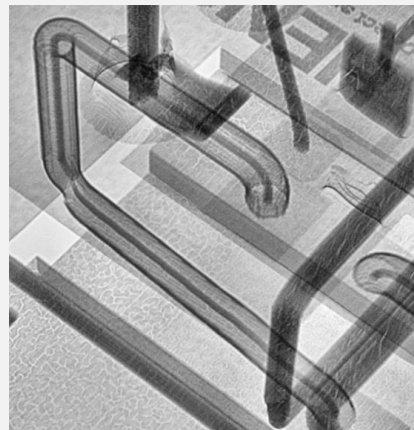
- Vias eliminated
- Any angle routing
- Low loss
- Improved impedance match



2

Printed Coaxial Line

- Embedded custom shaped (circular, square, rectangular, etc.)
- Reduced EMI
- Better SI (signal integrity)
- Impedance control
- Wider bandwidth



3

Embedded Twisted Pair

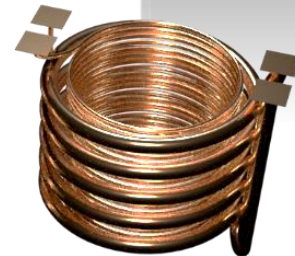
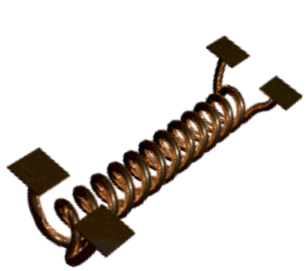
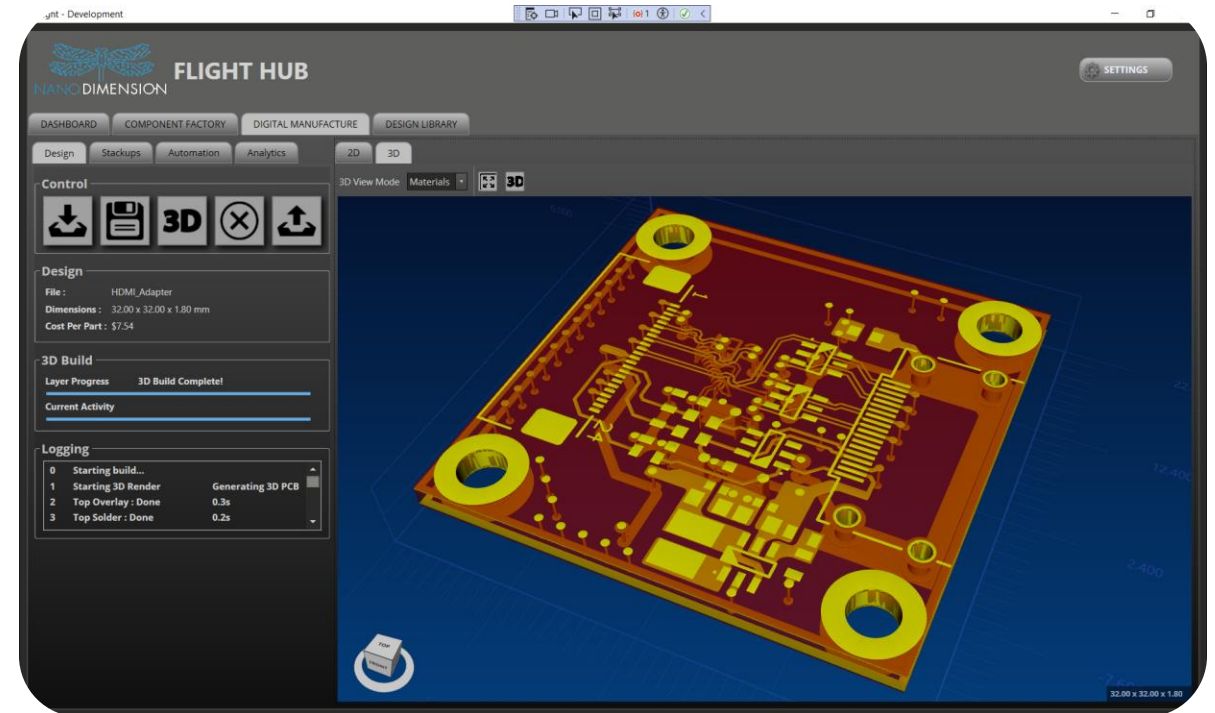
- Reduced EMI
- Improved SI
- Impedance control



Introducing – Flight Hub

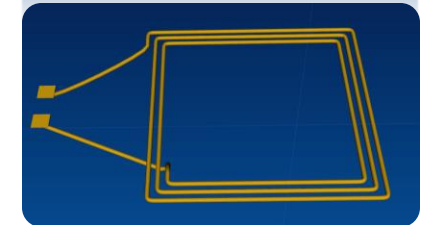
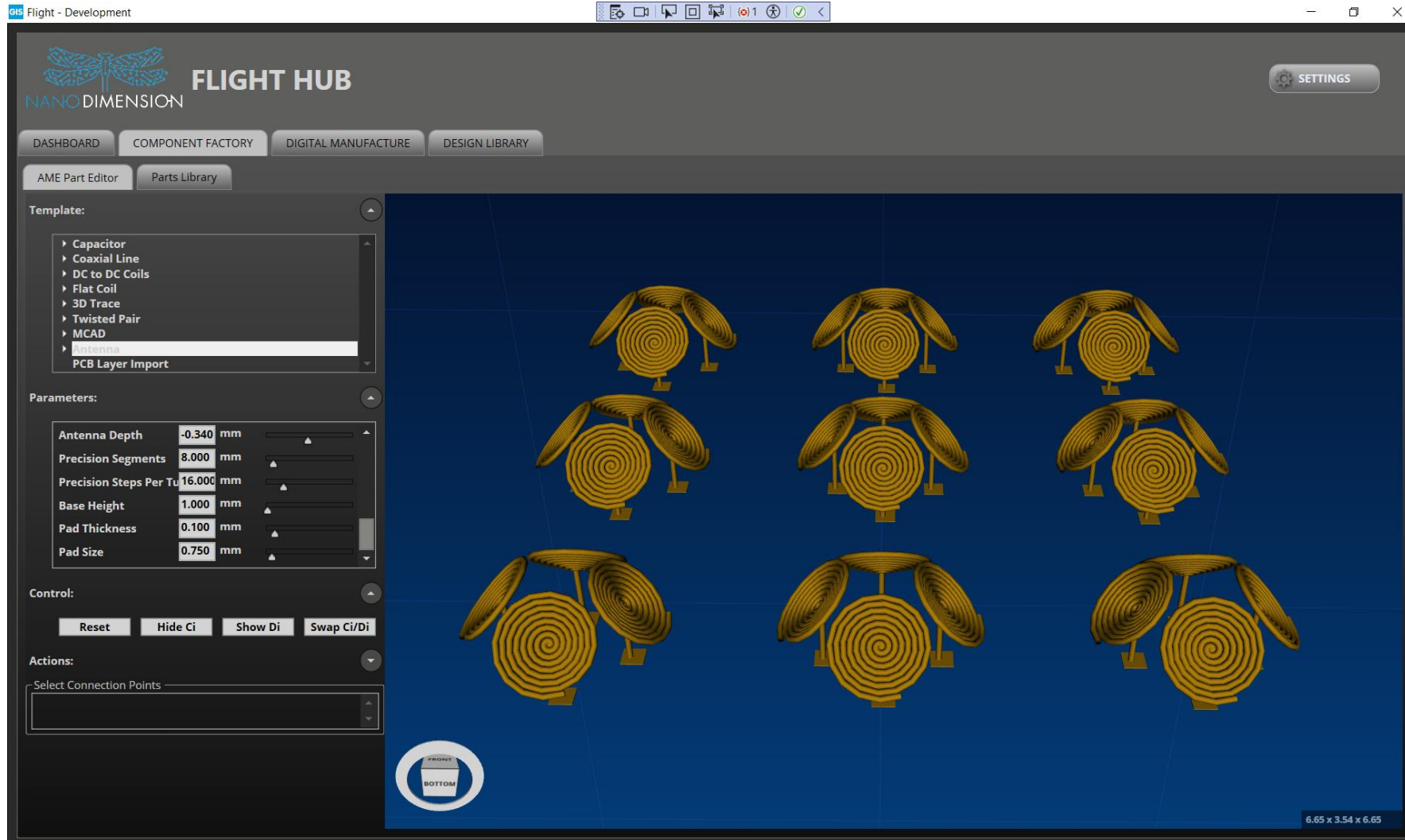
Integrated mCAD and eCAD design

- Explore the potential of AME
- Digitally create AME Components
- Integrate AME Components into eCAD workflows
- Export eCAD designs (IPC-2581) to Flight Hub
- Digitally Build, Optimise and Evaluate Designs
- Export to Flight Control for manufacture



Flight Hub: Component Factory

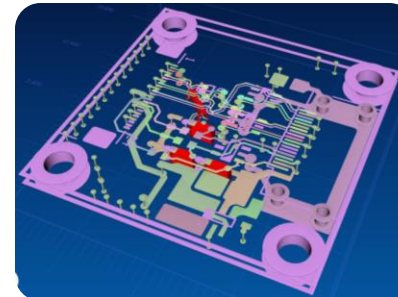
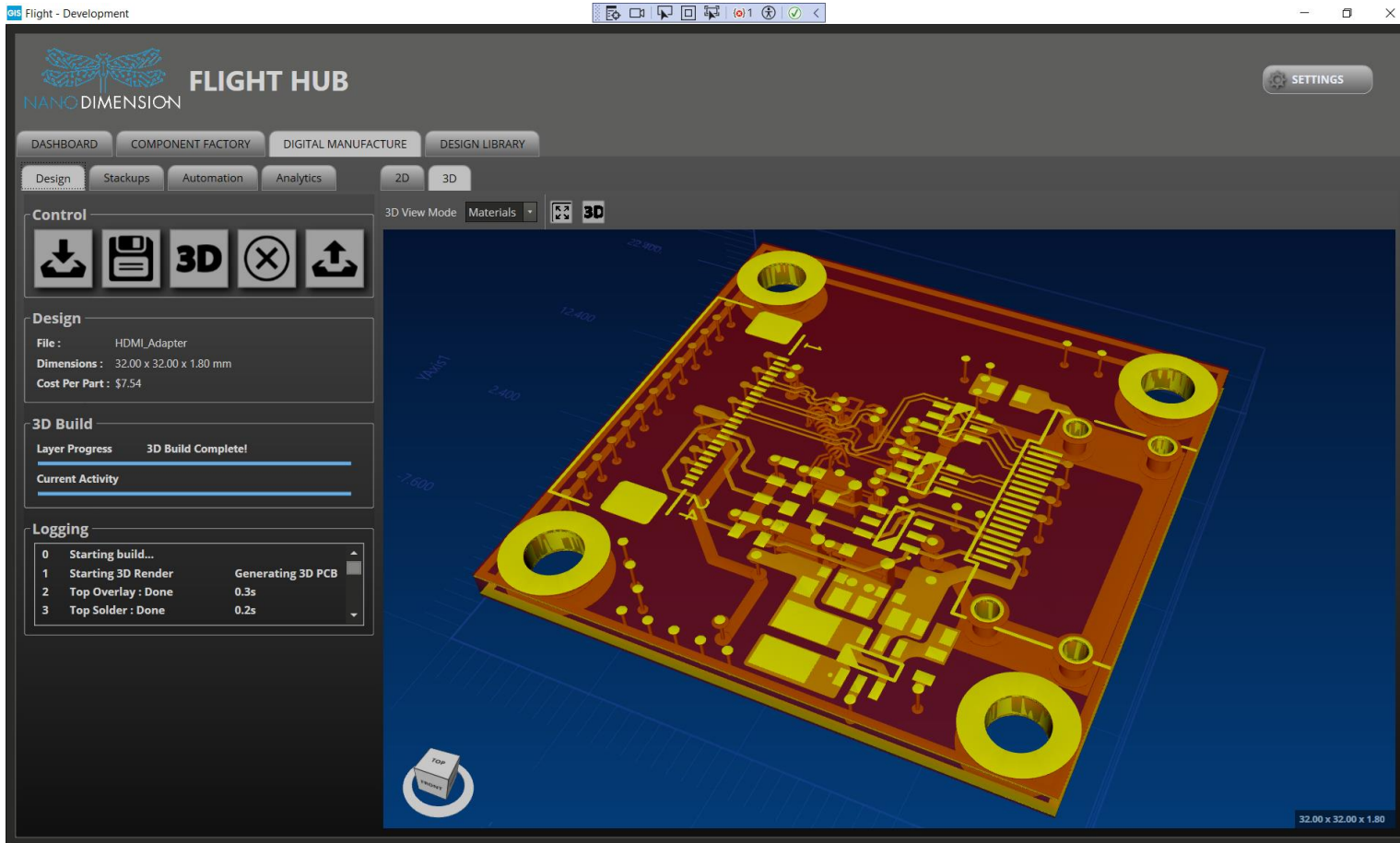
Parametric 3D Component Generation



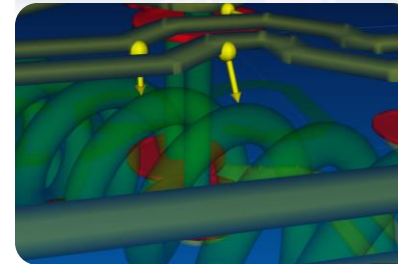
Flight Hub: Digital Manufacture



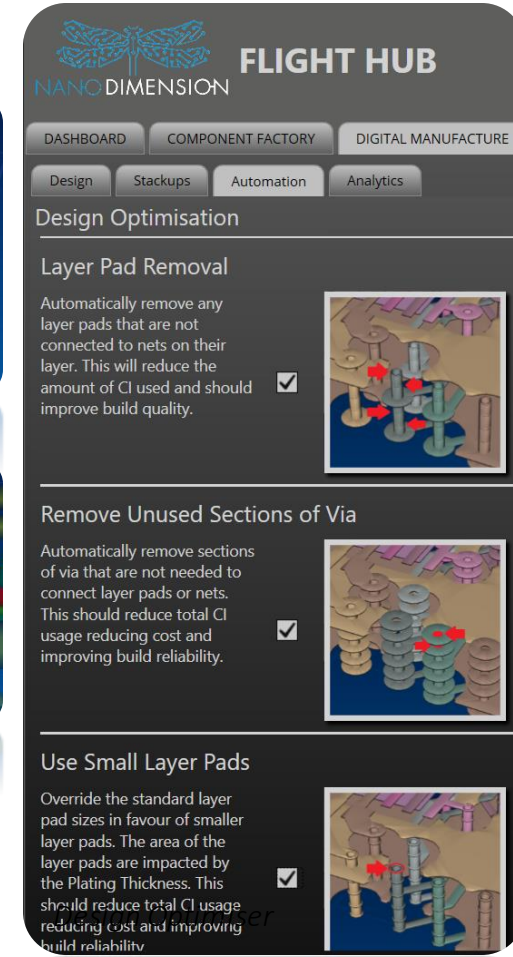
Combine eCAD and mCAD into a single design for optimization and analysis



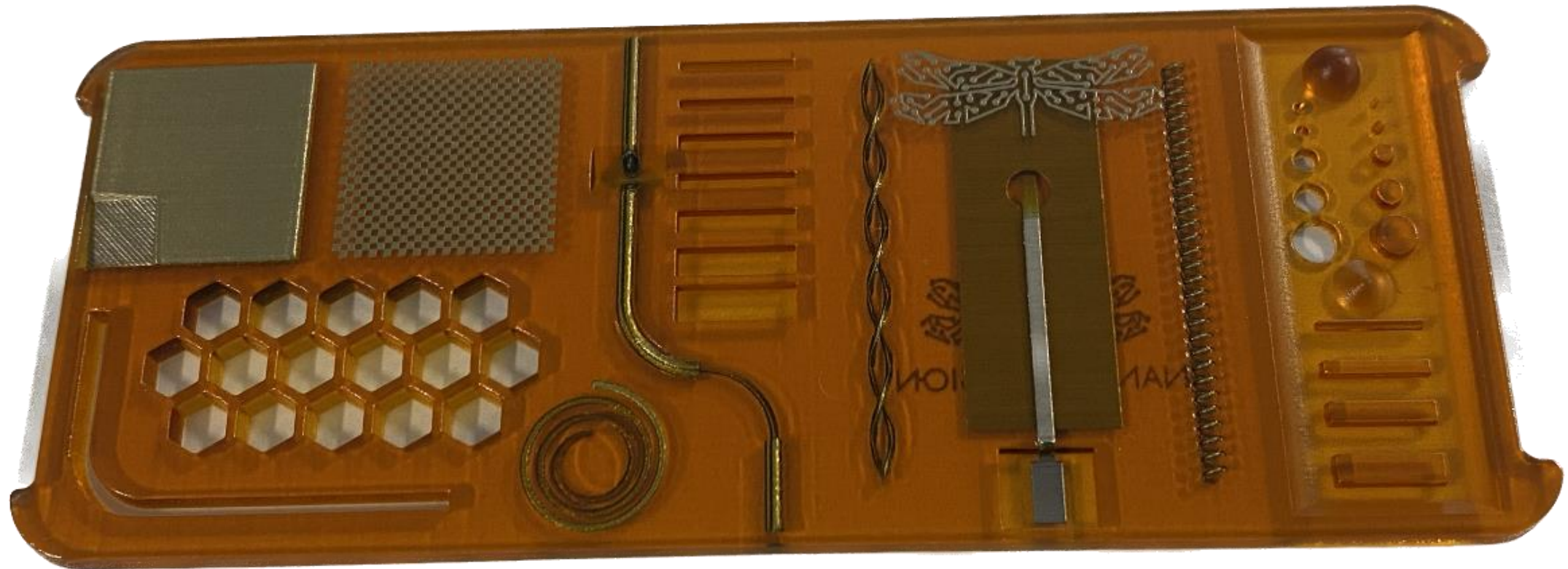
Net List View



Proximity Checker



Flight Hub: Integrated 3D Design





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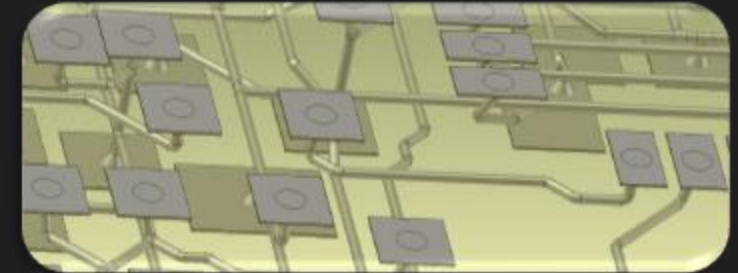
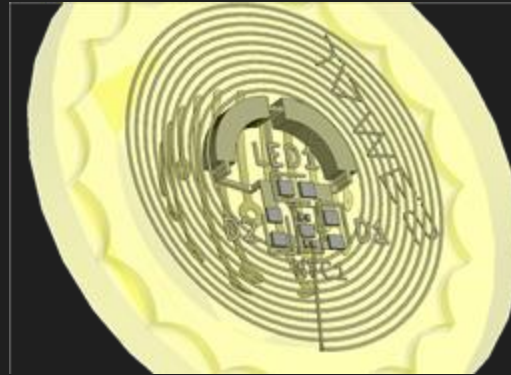
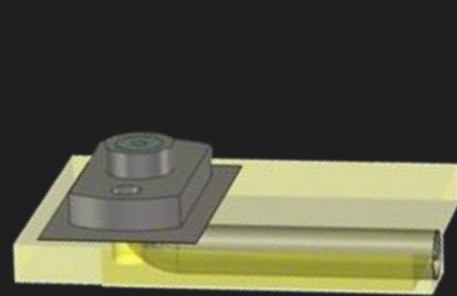




Benefits of AME

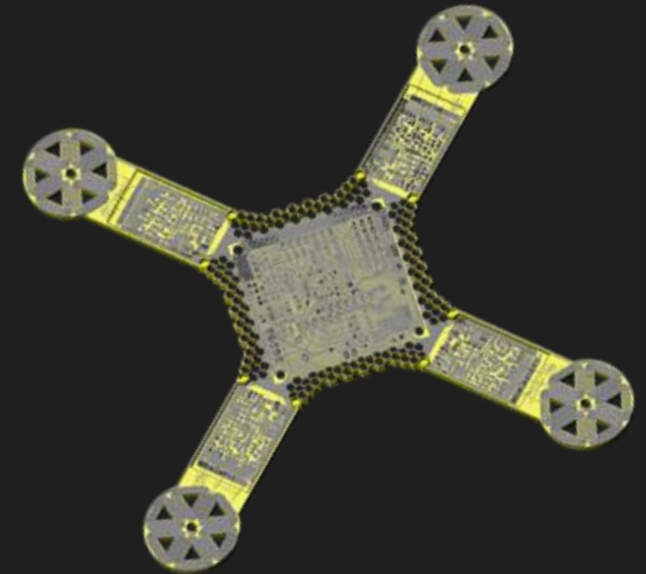
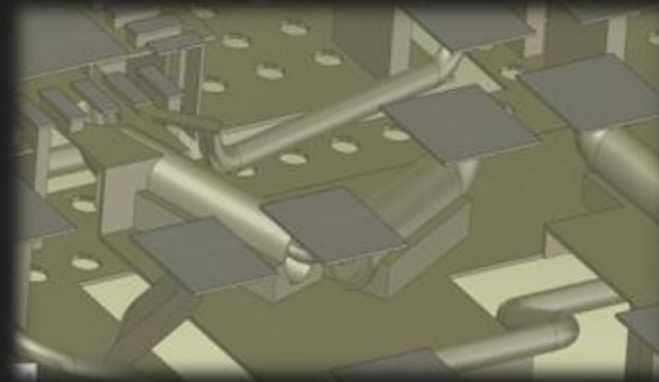
- **Electrical:**

- Avoid vias
- Better RF-Performance
- Higher signal integrity
- Lower latency
- No unwanted crosstalk
- No connectors



- **System:**

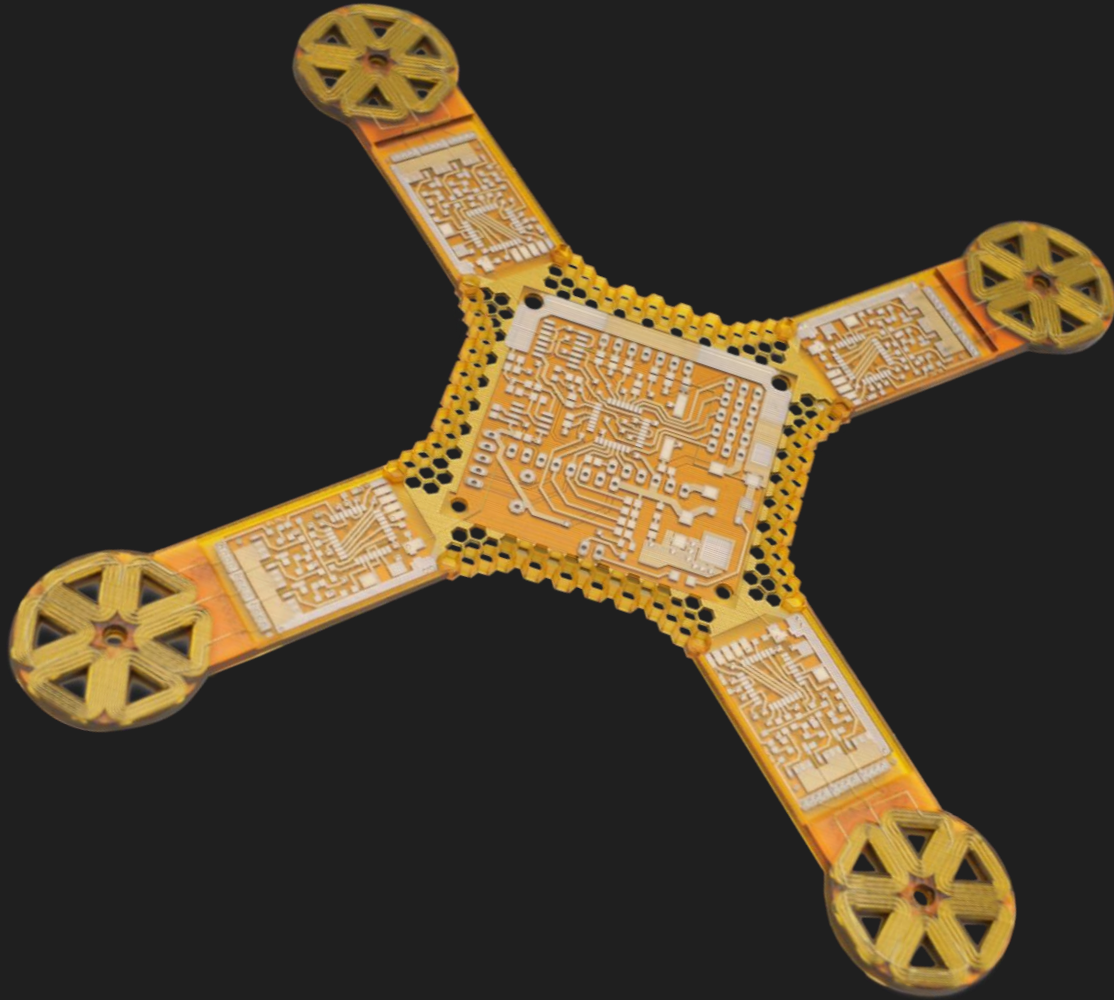
- Lower weight
- No cable assembly
- Variable form-factors
- Individualization



- **Ecological**

- **Logistics**

Showcase AME Drone

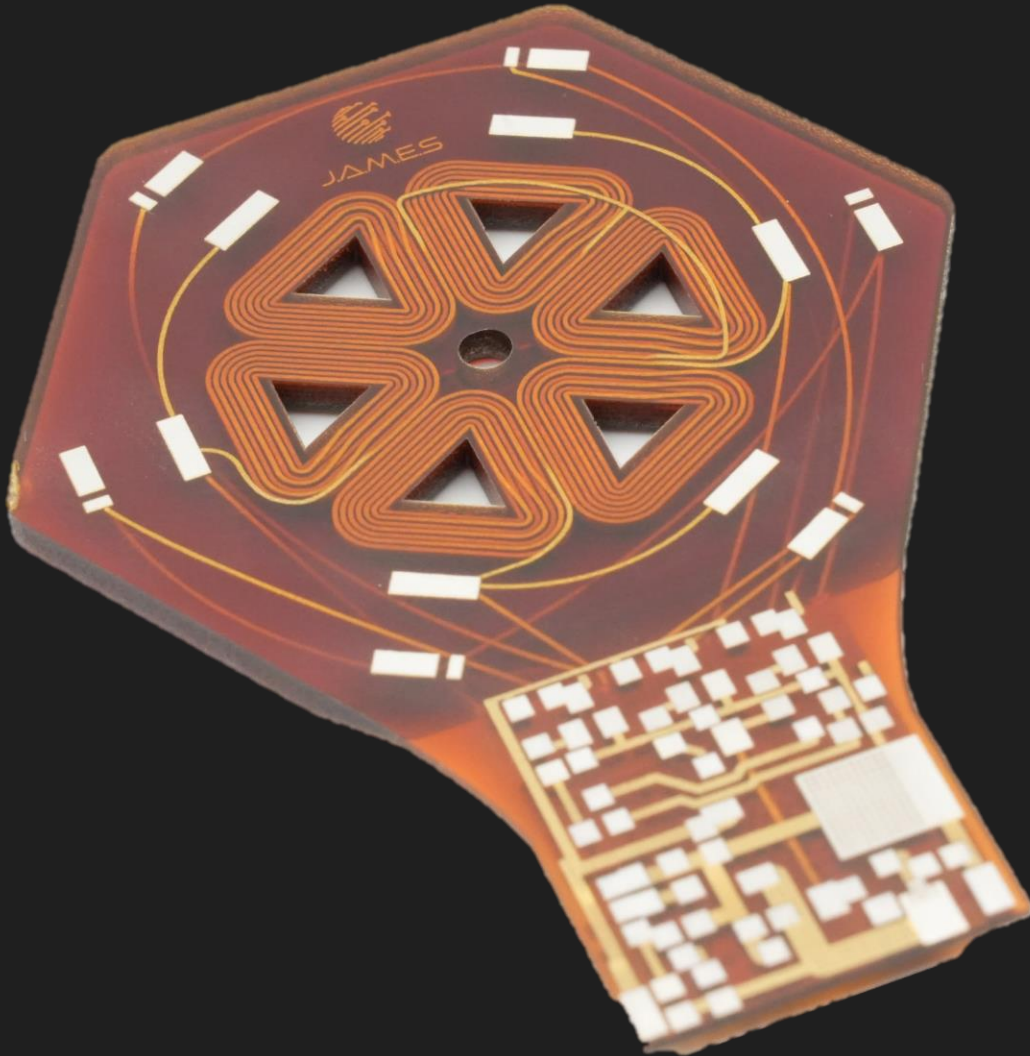


New way of electronics design

- Reduce assembly effort
- Avoid connectors and cables
- Optimize overall shape
- Reduce weight



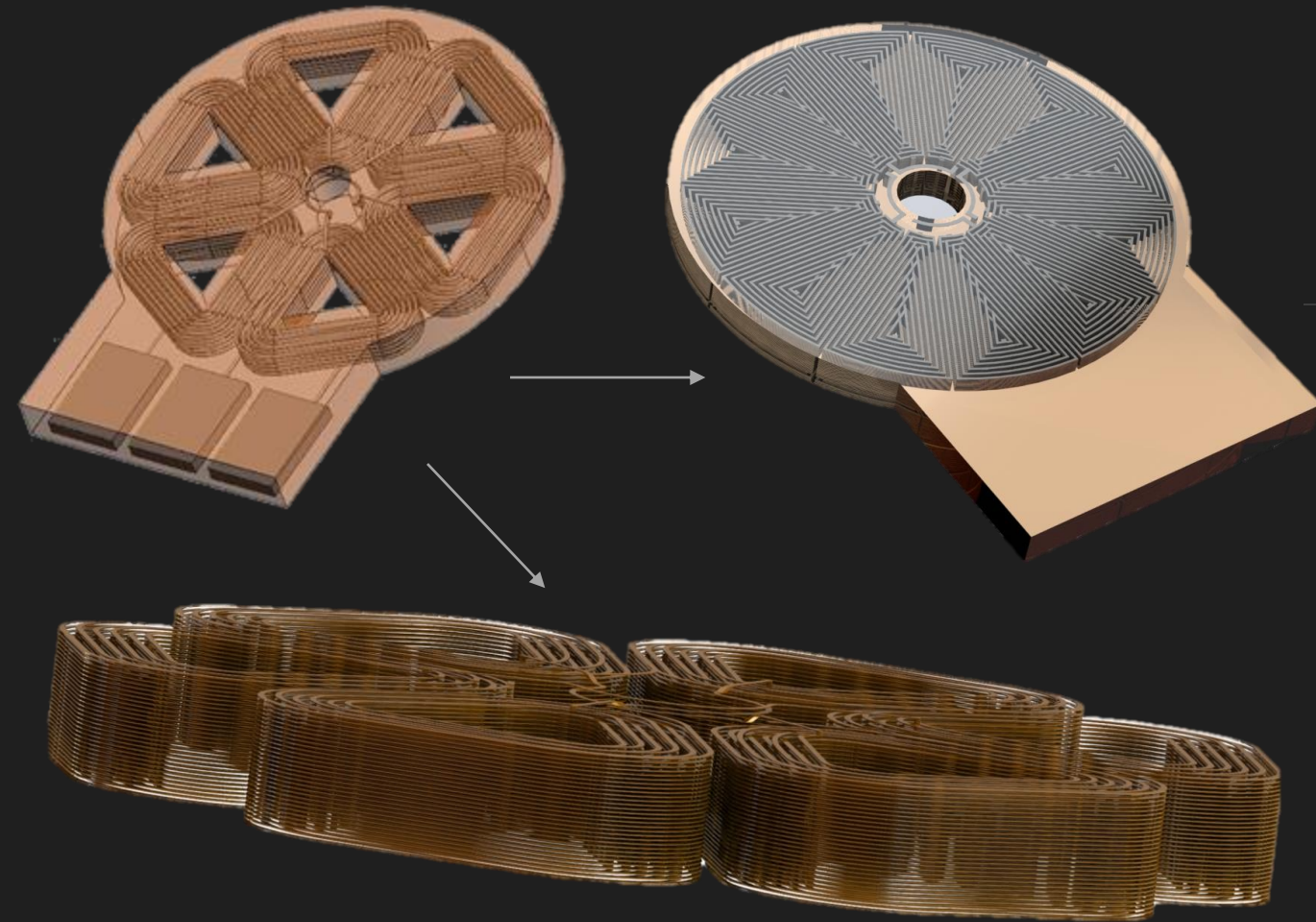
First Step



Improvements

- Direct cooling of high-power components
- Reduced weight avoid connectors and cables
- Increased mechanical stability

The way ahead



Improve the motor design

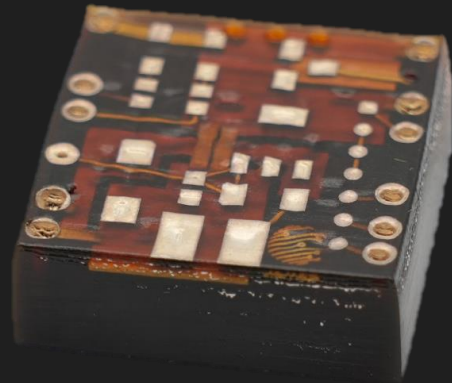
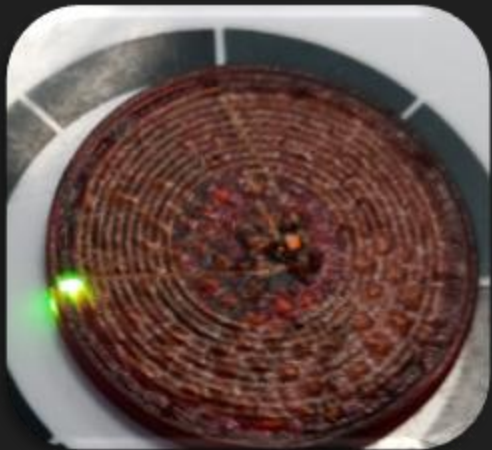
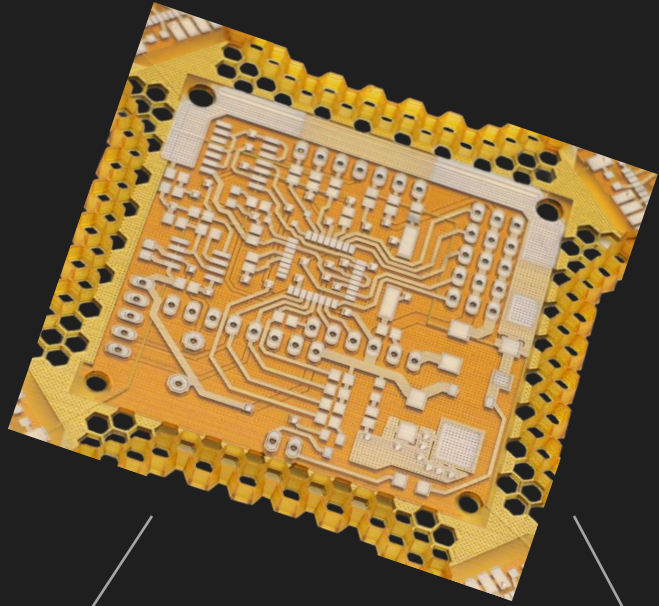
- Increase magnetic field
- Arbitrary shaped coils



The way ahead

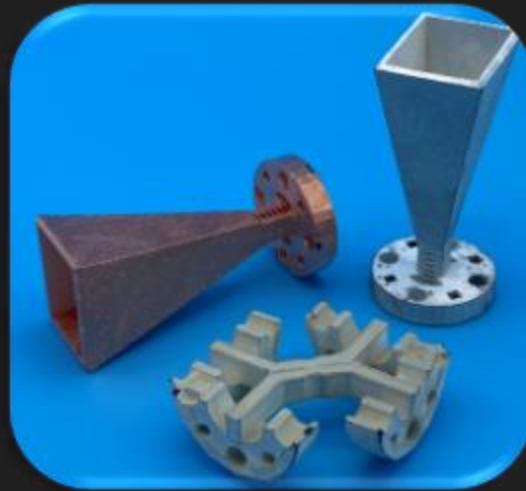
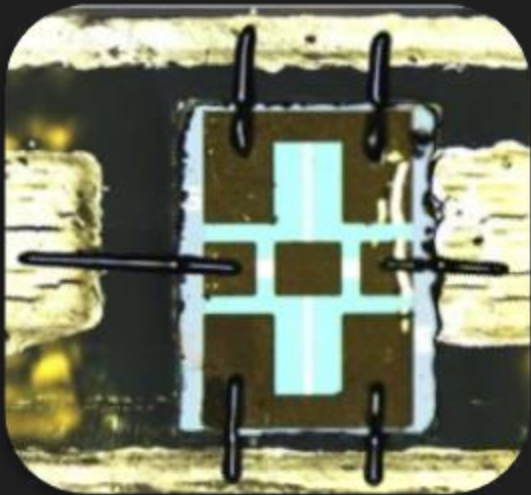
Improvements of system design

- Higher mechanical stability
- Reduce weight
- Embedding components





The way ahead



Merge of different processes

- Use a variety of different Inks
- Variety of assembly processes
- Several 3D printing processes



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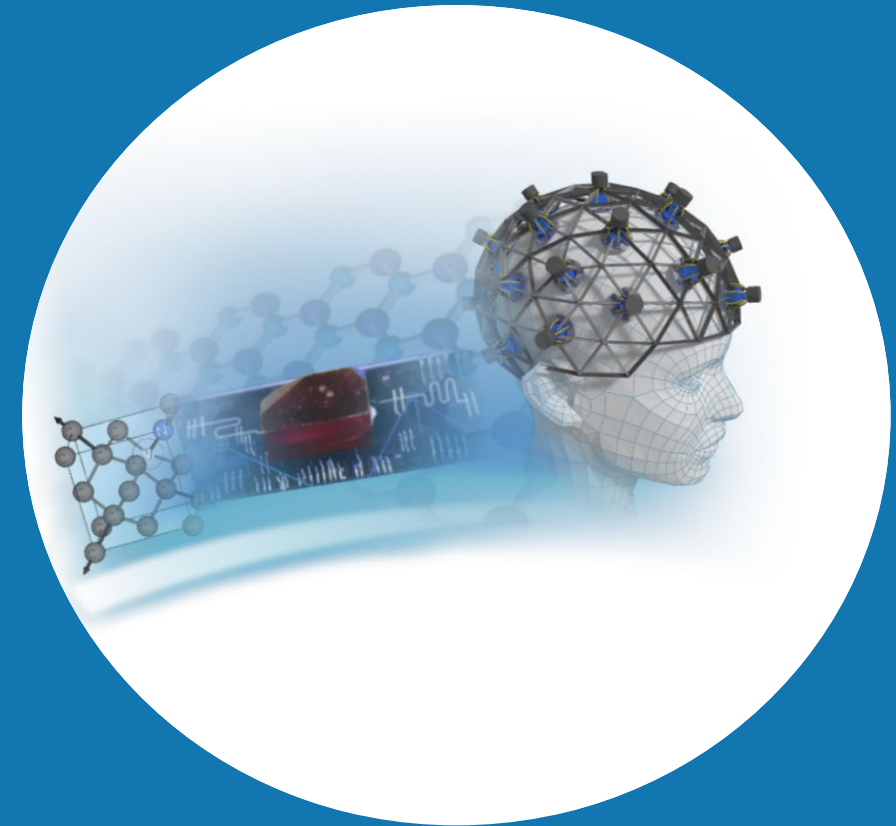
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Quantum Sensing - Opportunities for Novel Additive and Subtractive Manufacturing Methods

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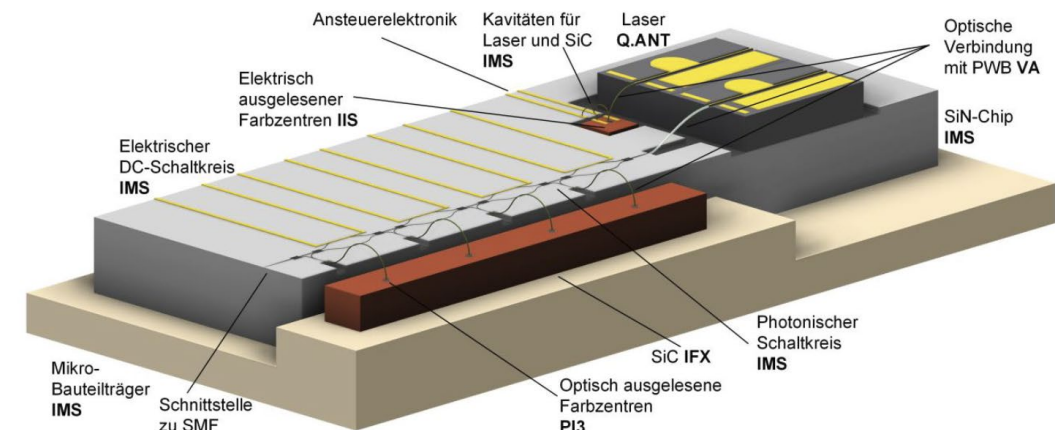
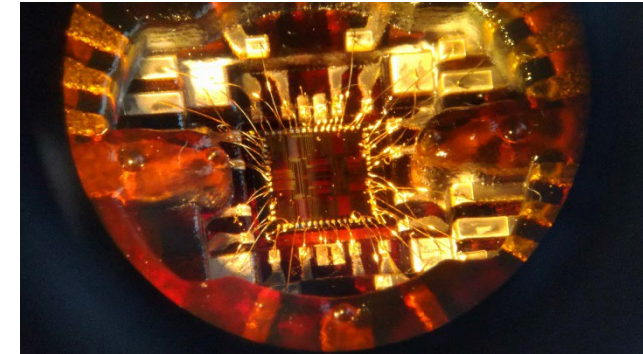


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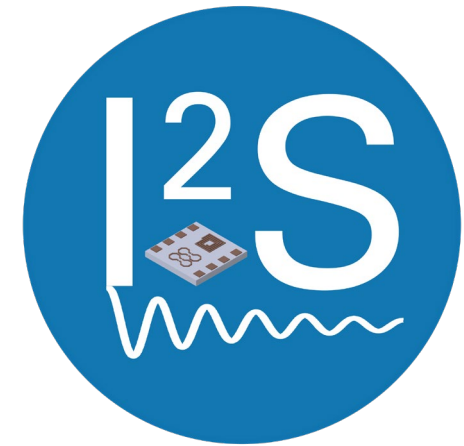


- Institute of Smart Sensors
- 1st generation Quantum Sensors (QS)
- Example: Novel MRI Sensing using e-skin and AME
- BMBF “Cluster4Future” Qsens and 2nd generation QS
- Hybrid integration and novel manufacturing methods in the context of QS
- Example: Novel high-frequency AME electrodes for high-end quantum sensing and computing applications
- Example: AME PCB for driving of solid-state quantum sensors

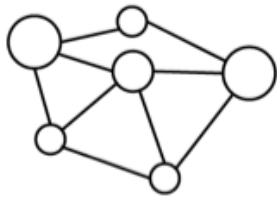




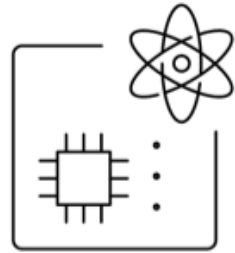
- Your experts for smart sensors and integrated interface electronics at the University of Stuttgart
- Almost 50 people, led by Prof. Dr. Jens Anders and three group leaders with over 30 PhD students
- Design and development of custom ASICs and systems for various sensing applications, with focus on magnetic resonance and quantum sensing
- Holistic development of the whole signal chain:
 - Signal generation
 - Detection
 - A/D conversion
 - DSP
 - Custom FPGA-based backend development



- Quantum technologies exploit often fragile quantum states for various applications
- Quantum sensing uses engineered quantum states to measure various external quantities with unprecedented sensitivity



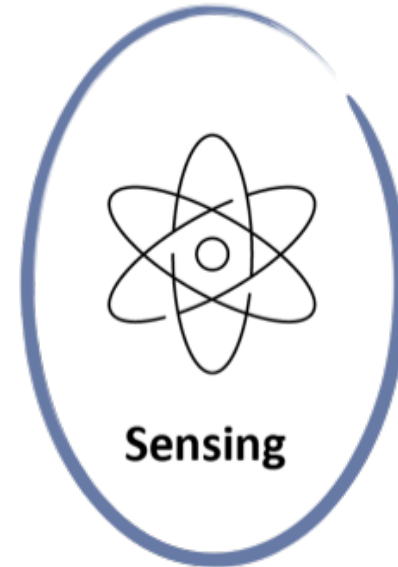
Communication



Computing



Simulation



Sensing

- 1st generation quantum sensing: e.g. standard magnetic resonance spectroscopy and MRI
- 2nd generation quantum sensing: using engineered materials and states down to single-atom level
- Both can benefit from further development (and need novel manufacturing methods for that)

- Today's commercial magnetic resonance devices are still mostly based on "ancient" discrete electronics paradigm
- Integrating the devices into ICs can drastically reduce cost, complexity and improve accesibility

Source: Bruker



1 - 2 m

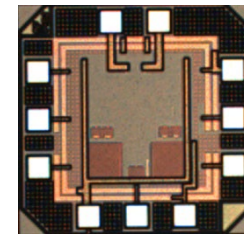


Works great, but at what cost in \$, space and infrastructure?

10 x 10 cm, 400\$



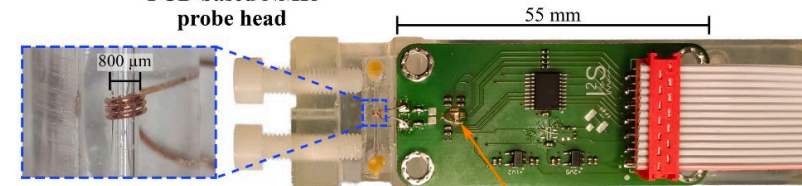
Source: Digilent



1 mm

PCB-based NMR probe head

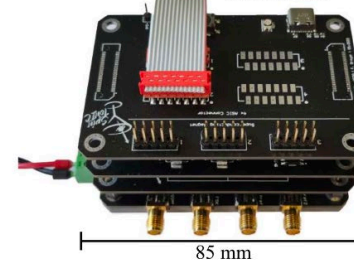
Novel manufacturing needed to further improve integration and scalability



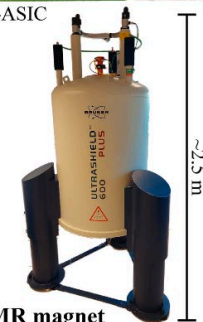
55 mm

NMR-ASIC

to front-end Back-end electronics

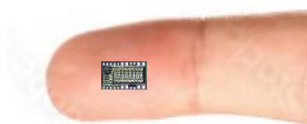


85 mm



14.1 T NMR magnet

~2.5 m



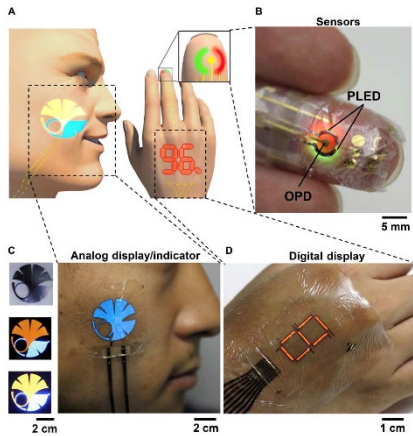
263 GHz source





- Project: Probing the brain using long-term implantable e-skin magnetic resonance imaging sensors
- Passive resonators are known to significantly enhance the SNR and/or resolution of MRI measurements, they have, however a limited penetration depth, and opening of the cranium should be minimized

Prof. Someya, Uni. Tokyo



Biocompatible electronics

Prof. Anders, Uni. Stuttgart

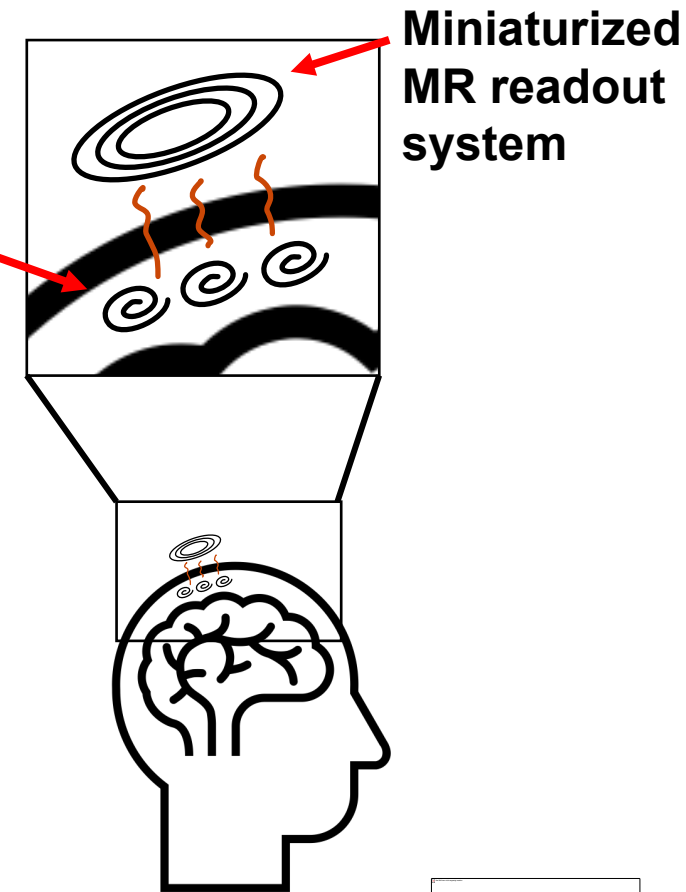


(b)

Miniaturized magnetic resonance



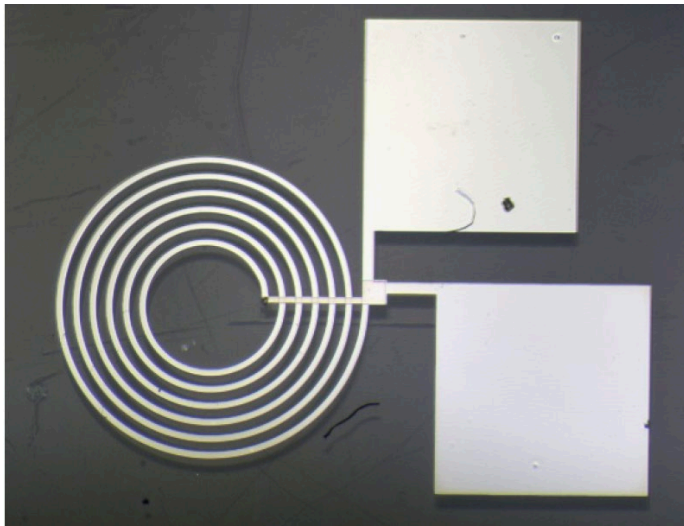
Implantable passive structures



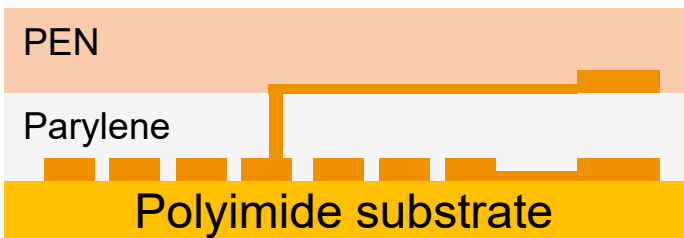


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Passive LC resonator

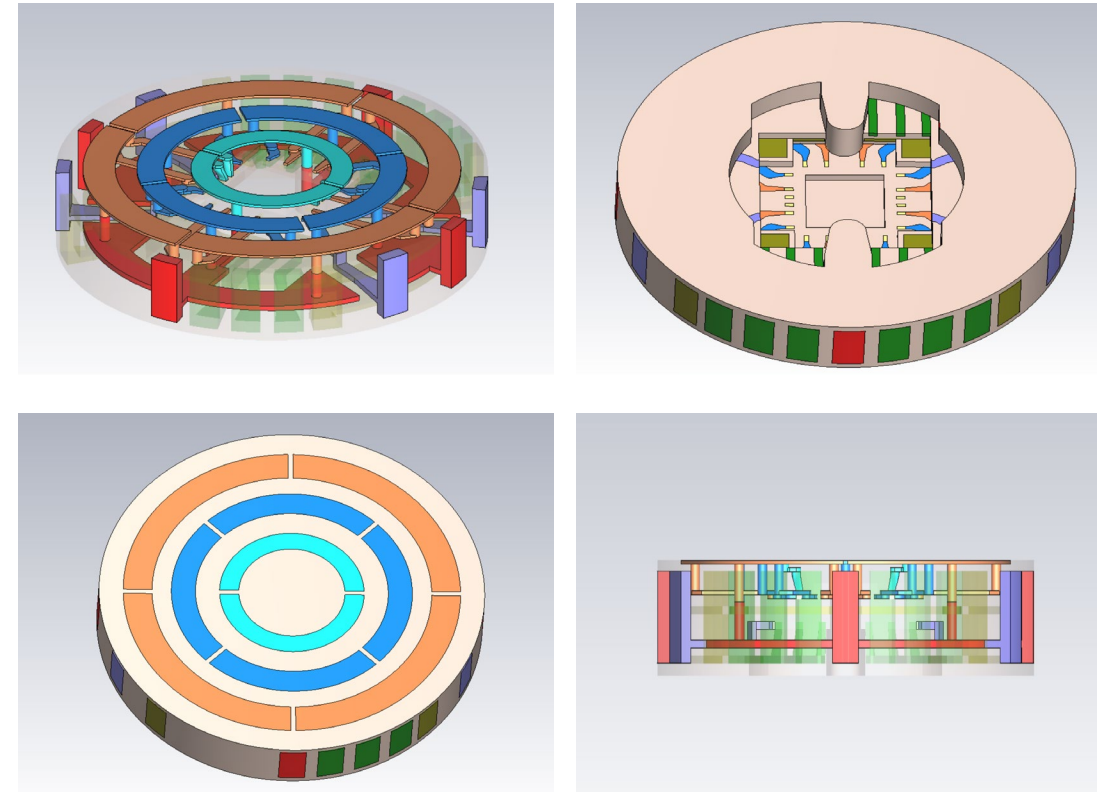


Non-implantable test structure to prototype geometry (Glass/Ag/Perylene/Ag)



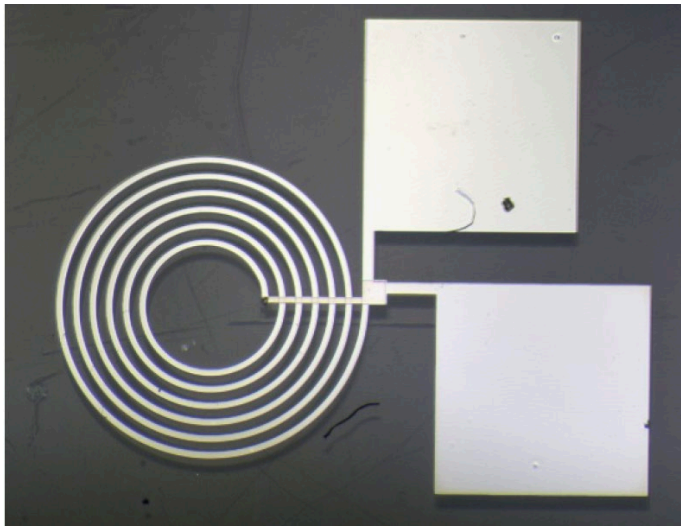
Implantable material stack

AME 3D coil with ASIC interface



- Project: Probing the brain using long-term implantable e-skin magnetic resonance imaging sensors

Passive LC resonator



Resonance frequency
435 MHz

First prototype manufactured using sputtering and chemical vapor deposition

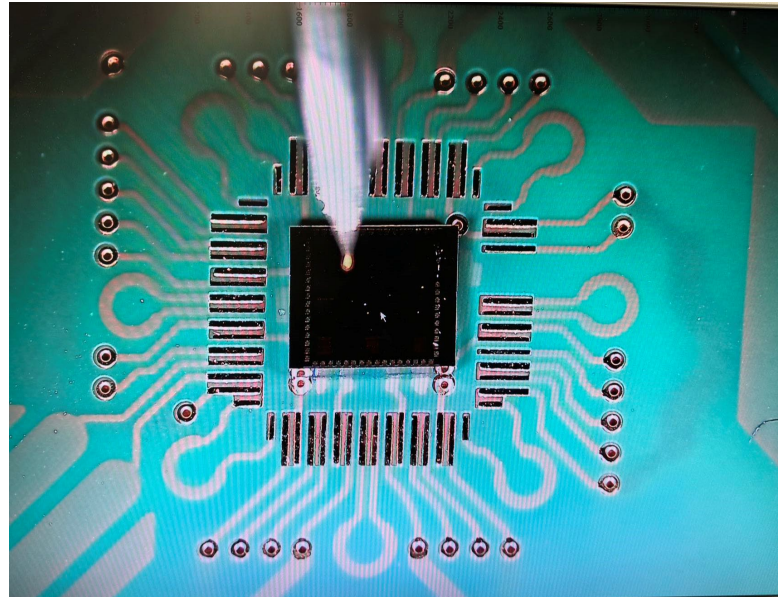
Fine tuning using ps laser ablation



	Description	Resonance freq.	Freq. Inc.	Inc. in %
 (2-1)	original	435 MHz (2-3)	-	-
 (2-2)	Half an electrode	439 MHz (2-4)	4 MHz	0.91%
 (2-5)	one quarter electrode	439 MHz (2-6)	0 MHz	0%
 (2-7)	Total electrode	447 MHz (2-8)	8 MHz (total 12 MHz)	Total (electrode): 2.75%

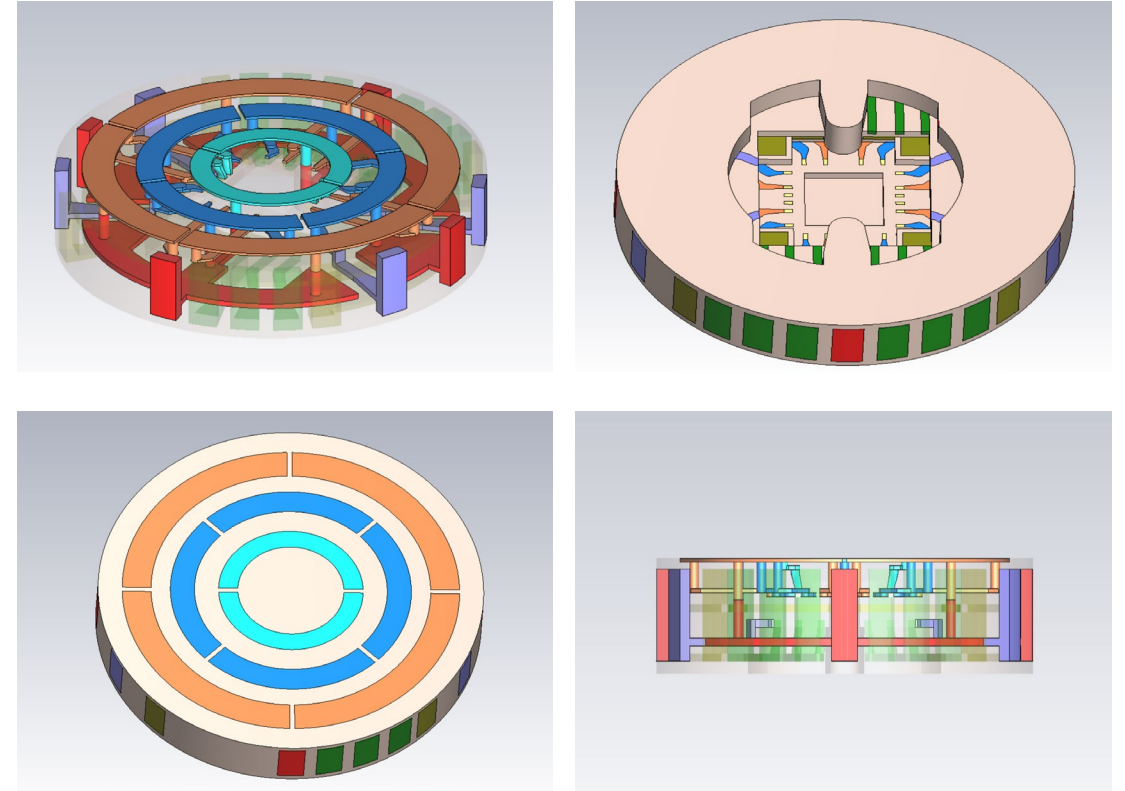
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ASIC driving conventional PCB coils



- Limited to small coil sizes on the periphery
 - limited readout depth

AME manufactured 3D PCB



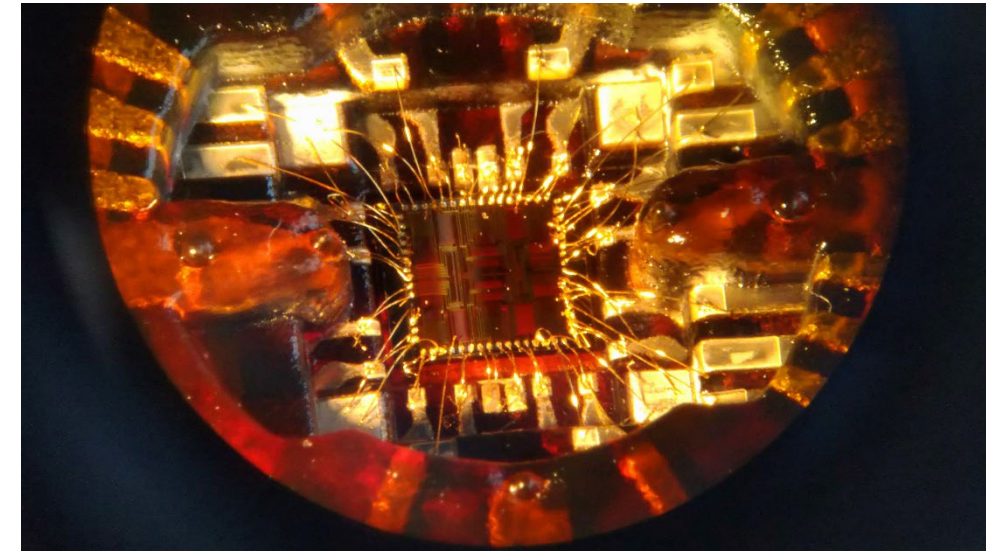
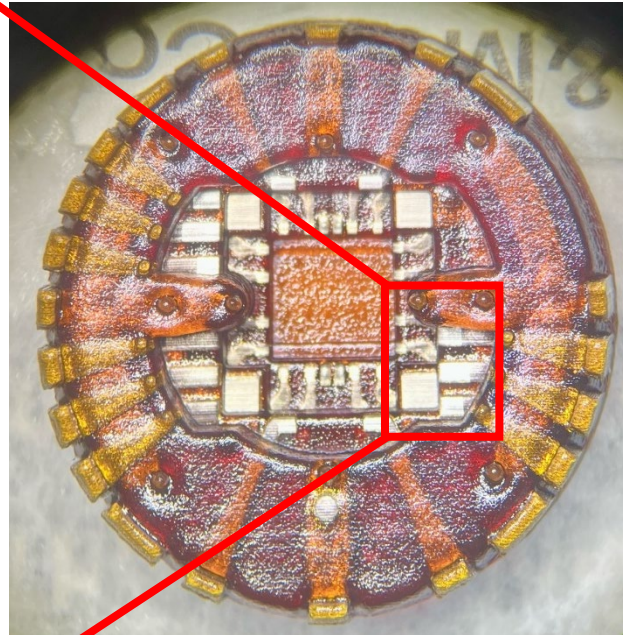
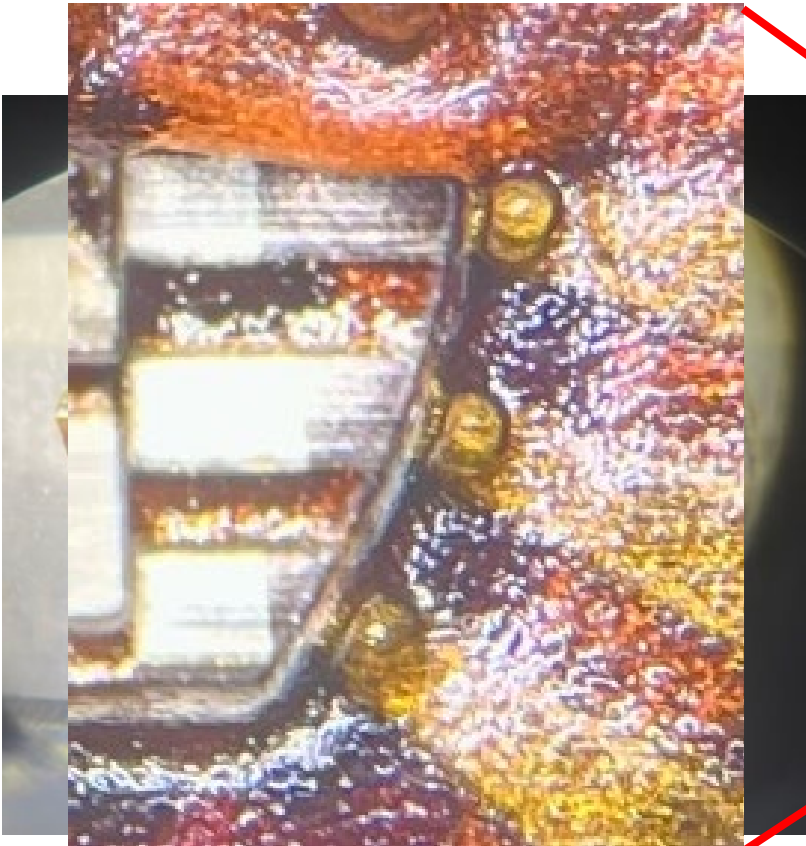
- Much larger segmented coils possible thanks to 3D integration

- Project: Probing the brain using long-term implantable e-skin magnetic resonance imaging sensors
- First prototypes printed using Dragonfly IV - trying to improve bondability of AME bonding pads with postprocessing

Using ps laser ablation

More optimized parameters

Bonded chip

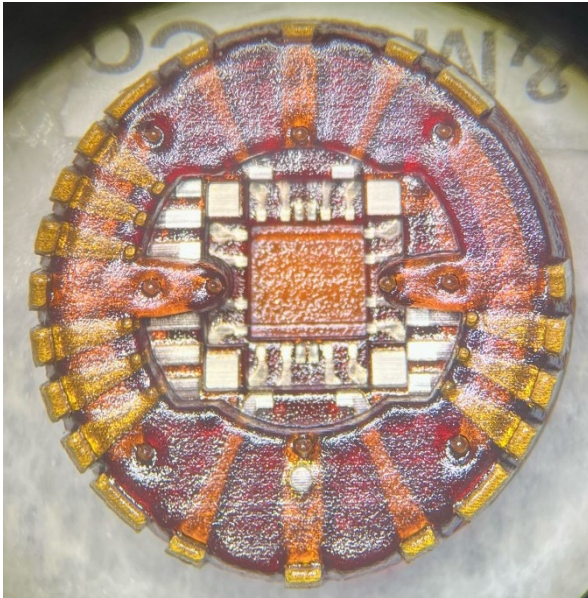


- Removes oxide, improves surface quality, improves bondability
- Didn't manage to improve roughness/larger topological errors
 - May be possible with more optimization

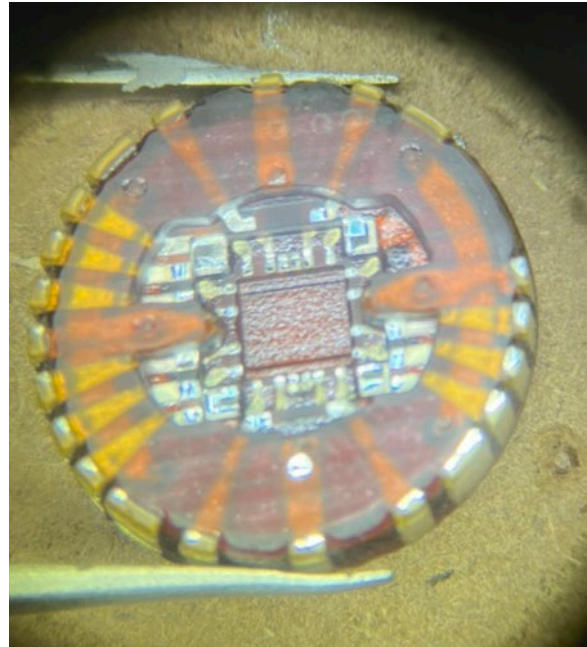
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Bonding pad planarization using a micro-CNC mill

Before

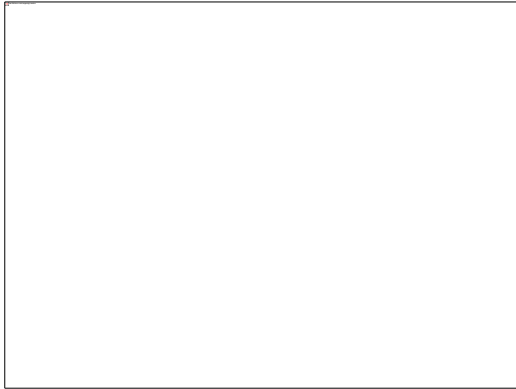


After



- Makes the bonding pads almost perfectly flat
- Significantly better bondability even compared to laser ablation

- 2nd generation quantum sensors push the boundaries of what is technologically/physically possible



IOT & Lifestyle

Smart Health Sensors

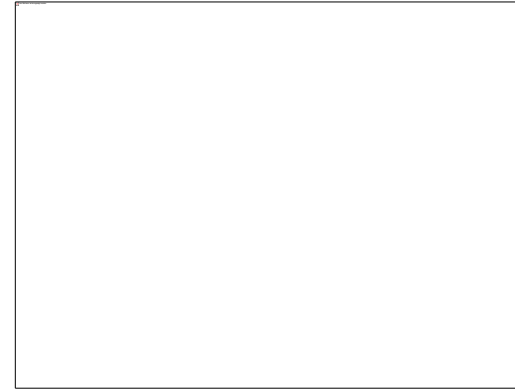
Turning consumer wearables into reliable everyday medical devices



Mobility

Navigational Sensors

The next level of autonomous driving requires levels of precision demonstrated by quantum sensors



Healthcare & Biomedical

Highly specific sensors

Enabling rapid and specific screening of active pharmaceutical ingredients and metabolites



Sustainability

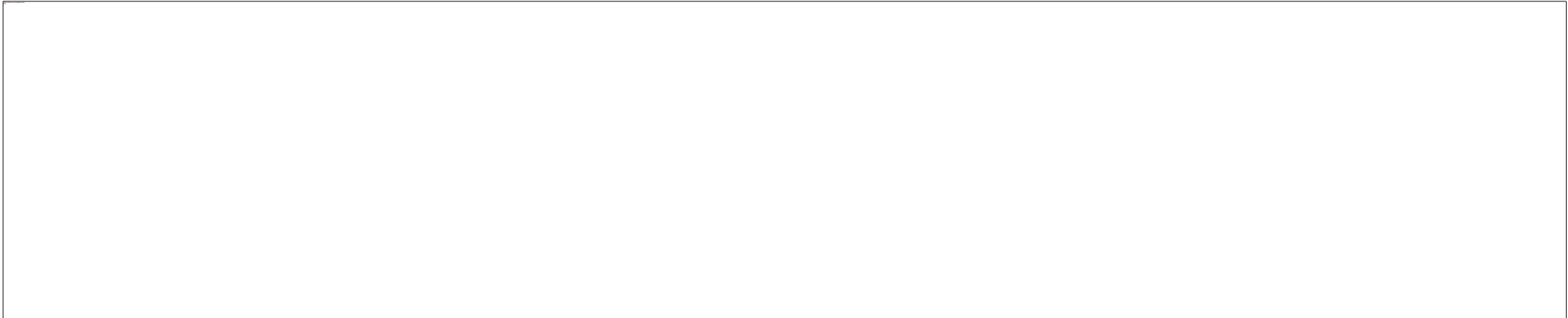
Environmental sensors

Specific detection of free radicals for contaminant detection, food shelf-life determination and improvement of catalysts



- QSens pursues the goal of bringing quantum sensors to mass markets within the next 9 years
- The QSens team

19 industrial partners - Global players, SMEs and startups



University partners



Research institutes



- Qsens research

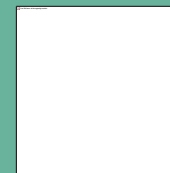
Quantum platforms

- solid state defects
- photons
- atoms



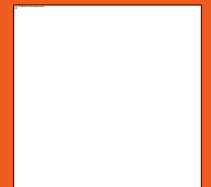
Technology areas

- material and process development
- photon sources
- (micro) optical integration
- microelectronic integration
- signal processing



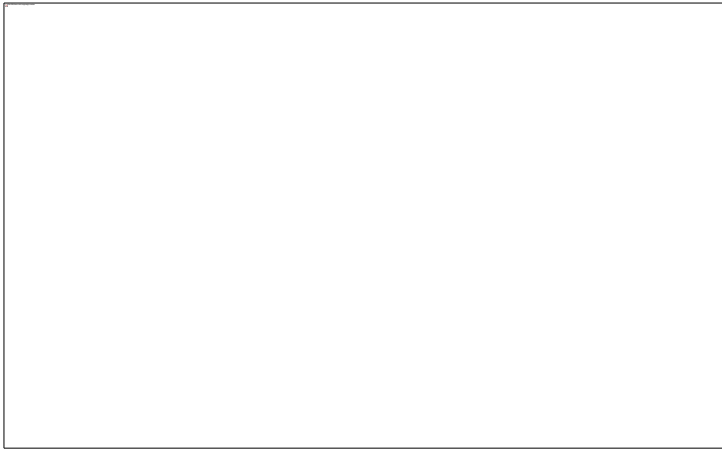
Application areas

- healthcare
- mobility
- IoT
- sustainability



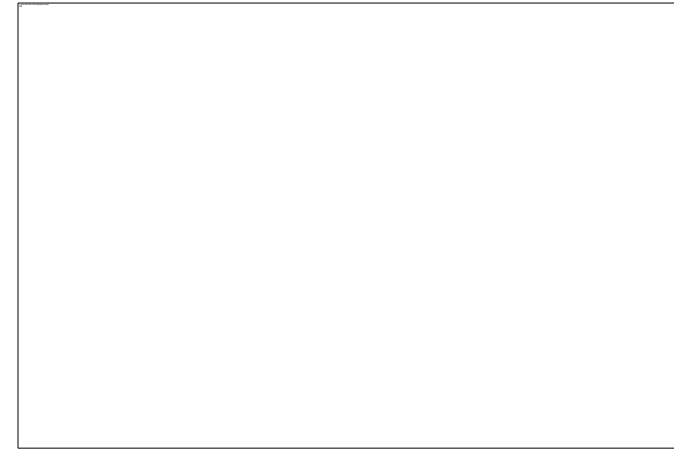
- For room-temperature sensing, two platforms are investigated today: gases and defects in solids
- Gas-based sensors can provide a better performance but are unlikely to scale to mass markets, defects in solid can cater mass markets, still outperforming conventional sensors

Gases



Pros: Longer-lived quantum states
Cons: Low density, complex/hard to integrate

Large-bandgap semiconductors



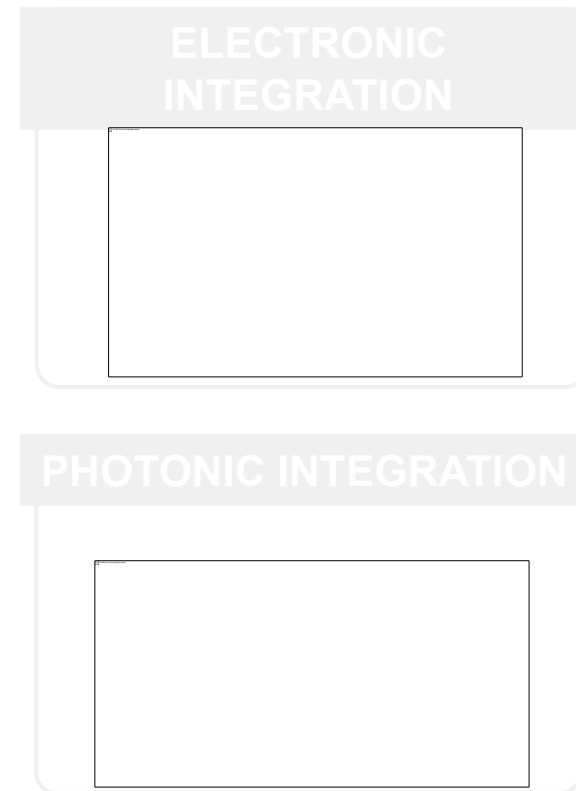
Pros: Compact, relatively easy to integrate
Cons: Shorter-lived quantum states



- Quantum sensors can be more sensitive and more specific than conventional sensors
- But they are tricky to use, often requiring both high-end RF and MW electronics as well as sensitive optics

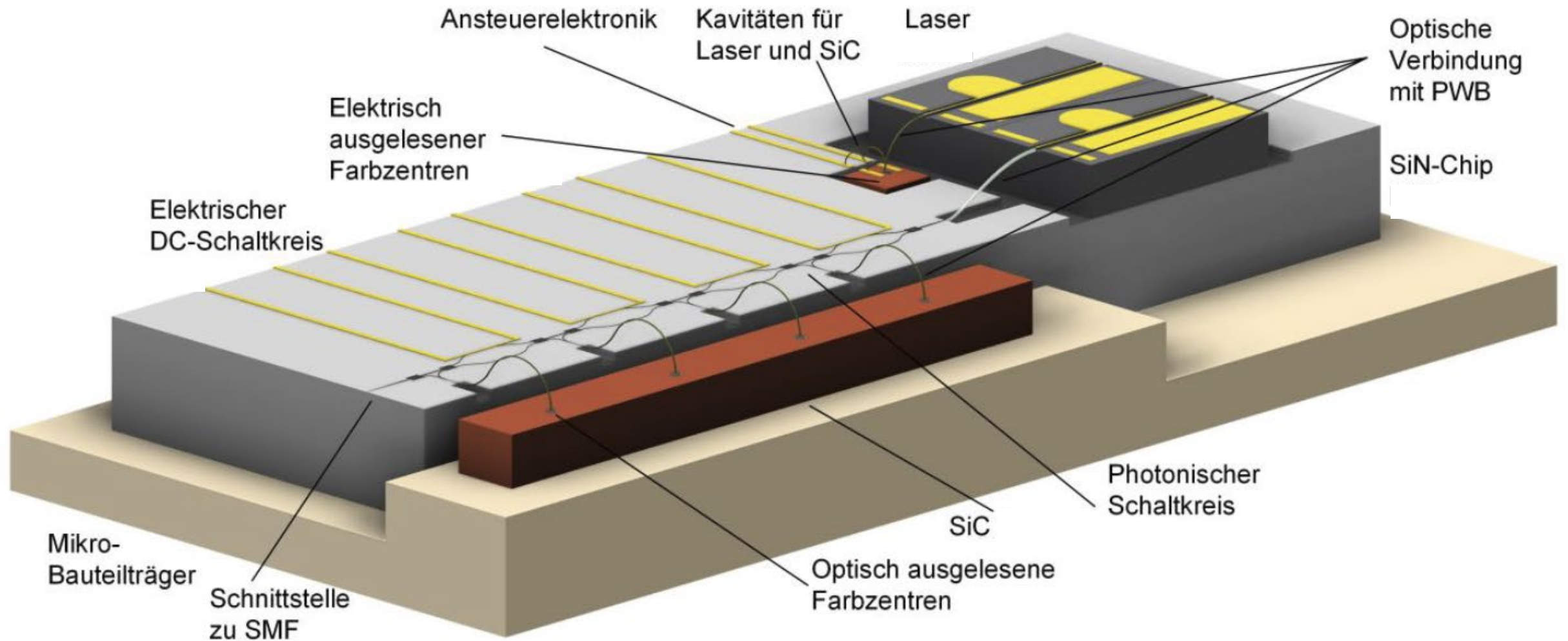
Conventional setups

- ☹️ High-cost optics and electronics
- ☹️ Large volume
- ☹️ Very low level of integration
- ☹️ Not scalable

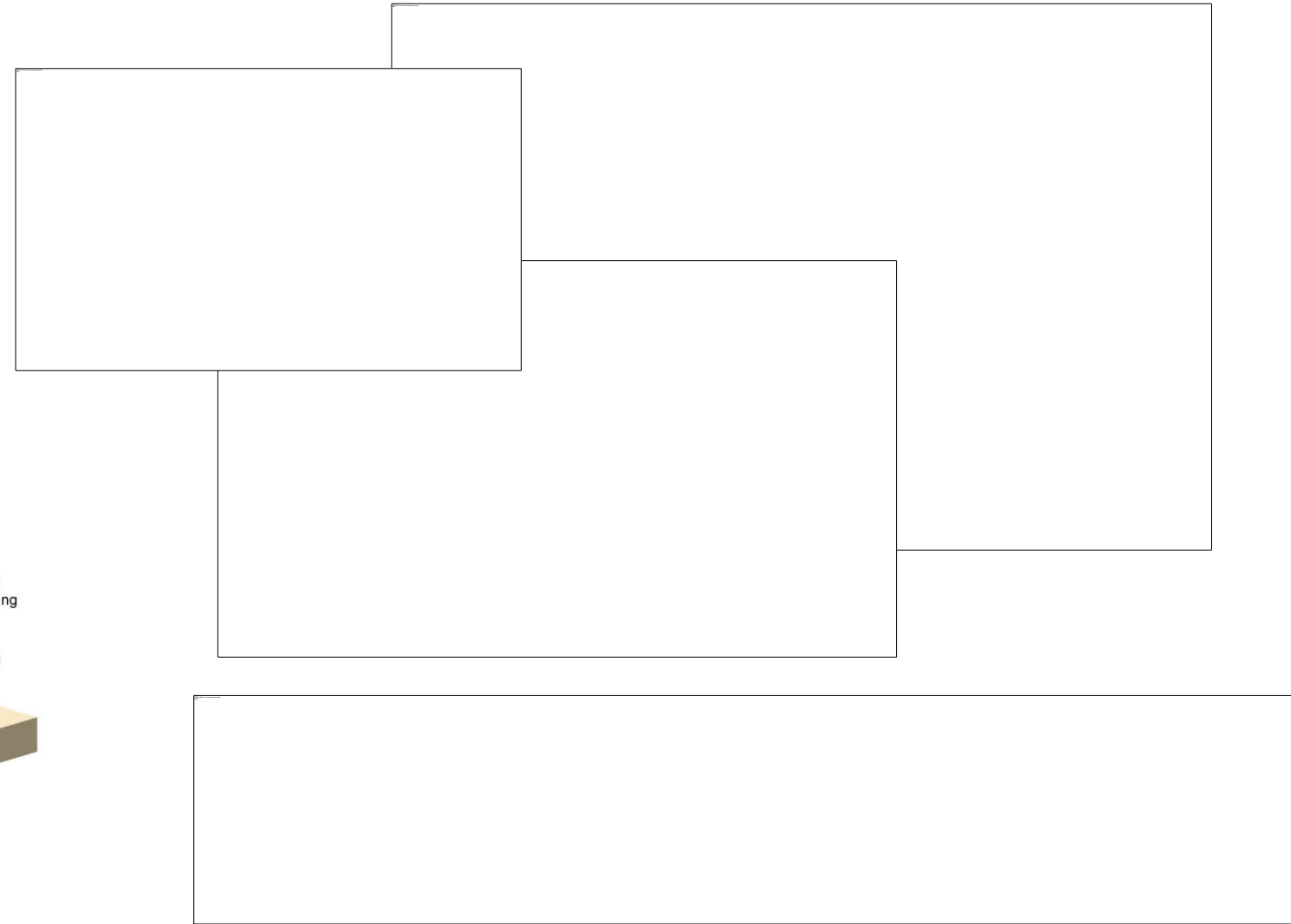
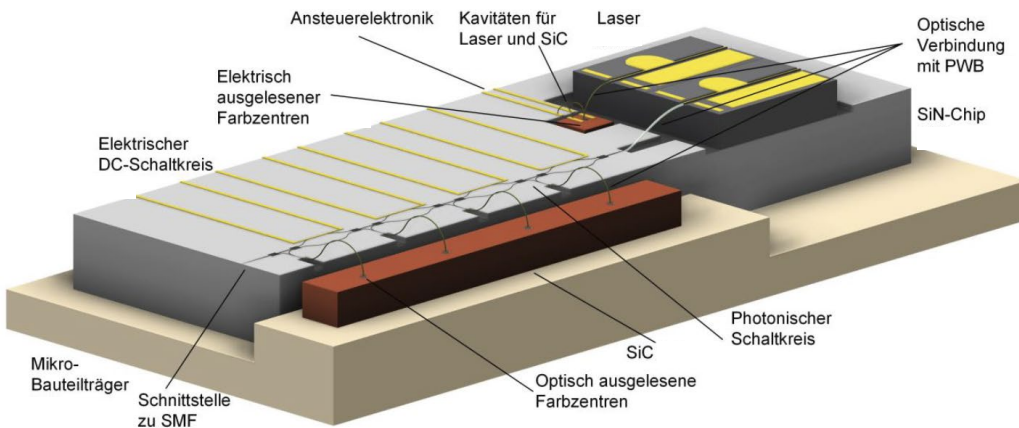


Integrated systems

- 😊 Highly scalable
- 😊 Energy-efficient
- 😊 Low-cost



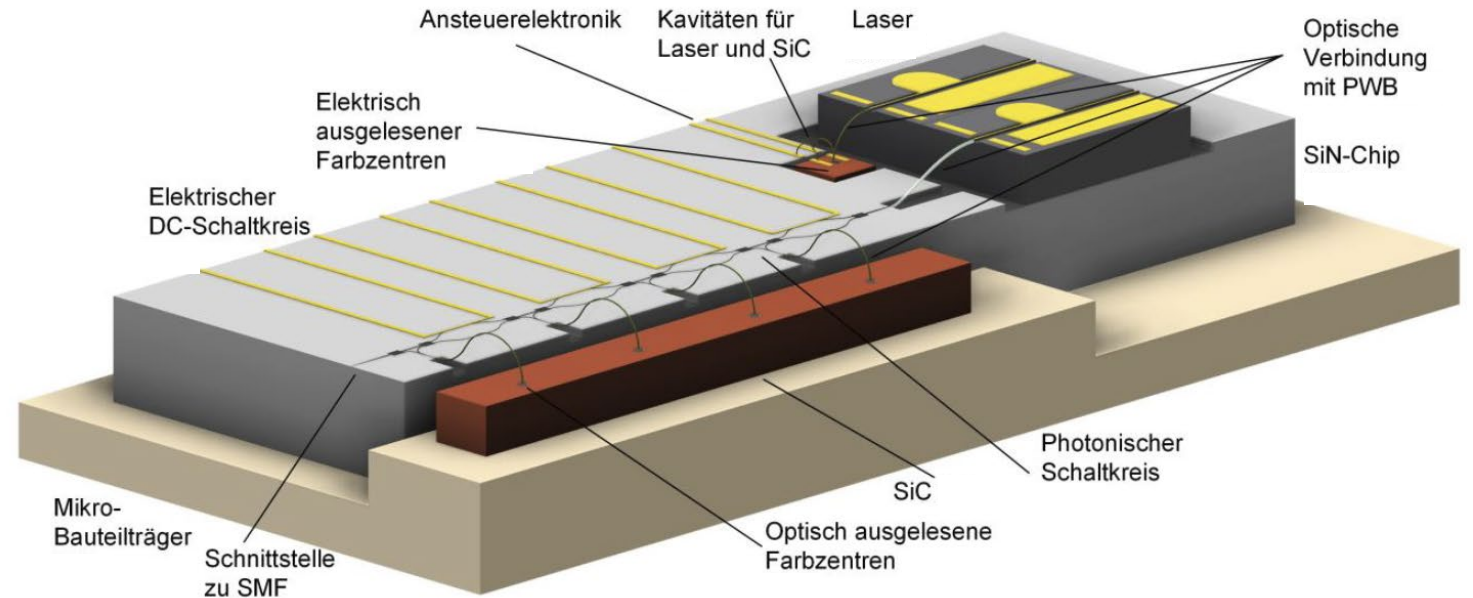
- Photonic ICs
 - SiN cleanroom techniques
- Photonic interconnects
 - Photonic bondwires using two-photon photolithography (commercial systems available)



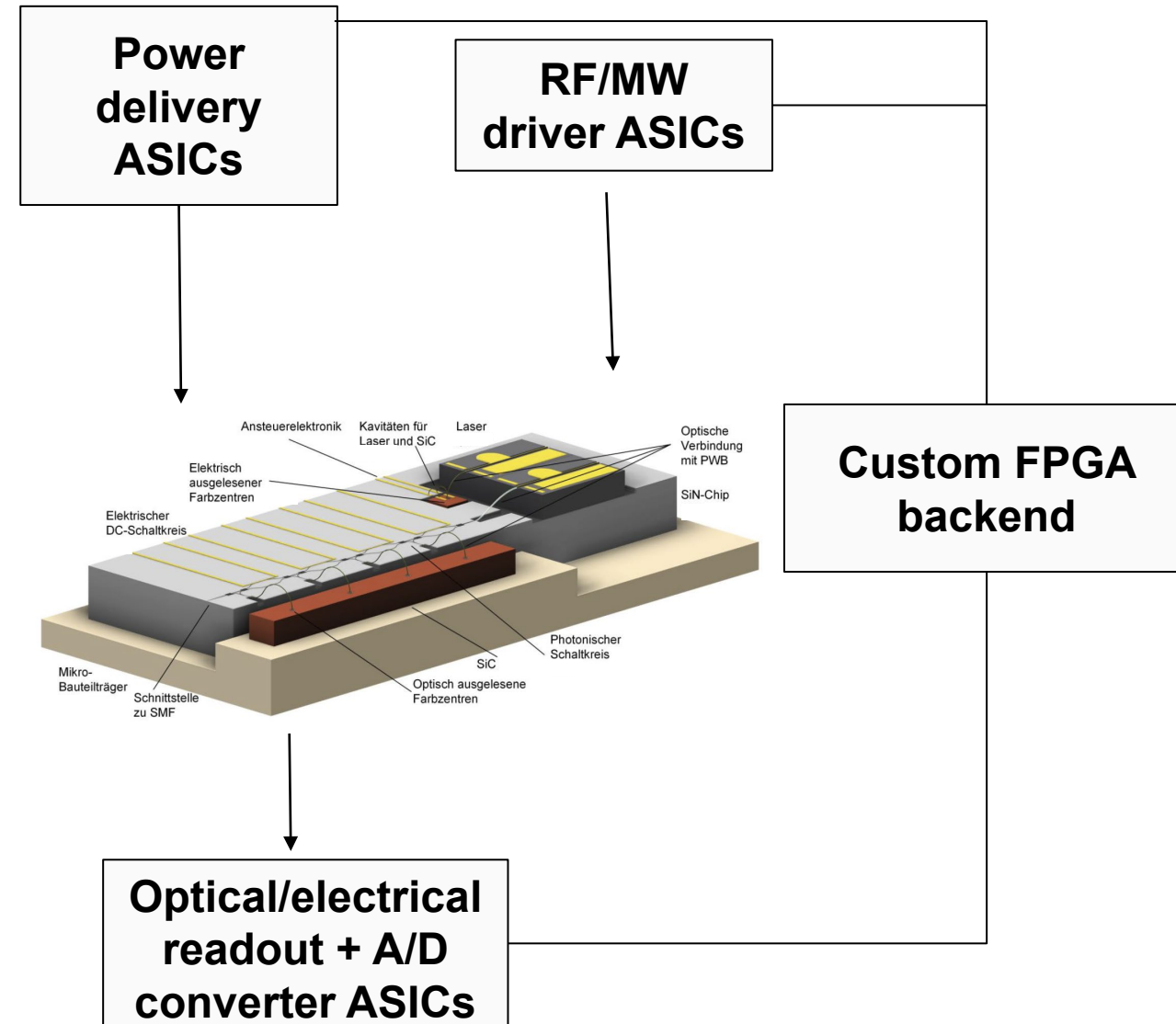
PWB images: Vanguard Automation



- SiN structuring and metallization
 - Cleanroom techniques
- Carrier
 - Cleanroom?
 - Traditionally machined ceramics?
 - AM ceramics? Or even AME?



- While the QS chip itself will need cleanroom techniques, the requirements for system integration are lower
- Additive manufacturing and AME specifically could play a huge role in system integration
 - Higher integration density thanks to 3D integration
 - Bondwire-less and 3D chip interconnects allow shorter connection paths and non-50 Ohm matching, improving efficiency
- Other QS chip designs could benefit from AME even more



TODAY

- Discrete hybrid integration
- Sensor volume: 10 cm³
- Sensor cost: 100 EUR
- Potential: 1 000 pcs/year

+ 3 Years

- Multi-chip electronics
- Sensor volume: 1 cm³
- Sensor cost: 10 EUR
- Potential: 10 000 pcs/year

+ 6 Years

- Microhybrid integration
- Sensor volume: 0,1 cm³
- Sensor cost: 1 EUR
- Potential: 10⁶ pcs/year

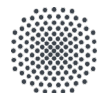
+ 9 Years

- Volume production at industrial partners
- Potential: 10⁹ pcs/year

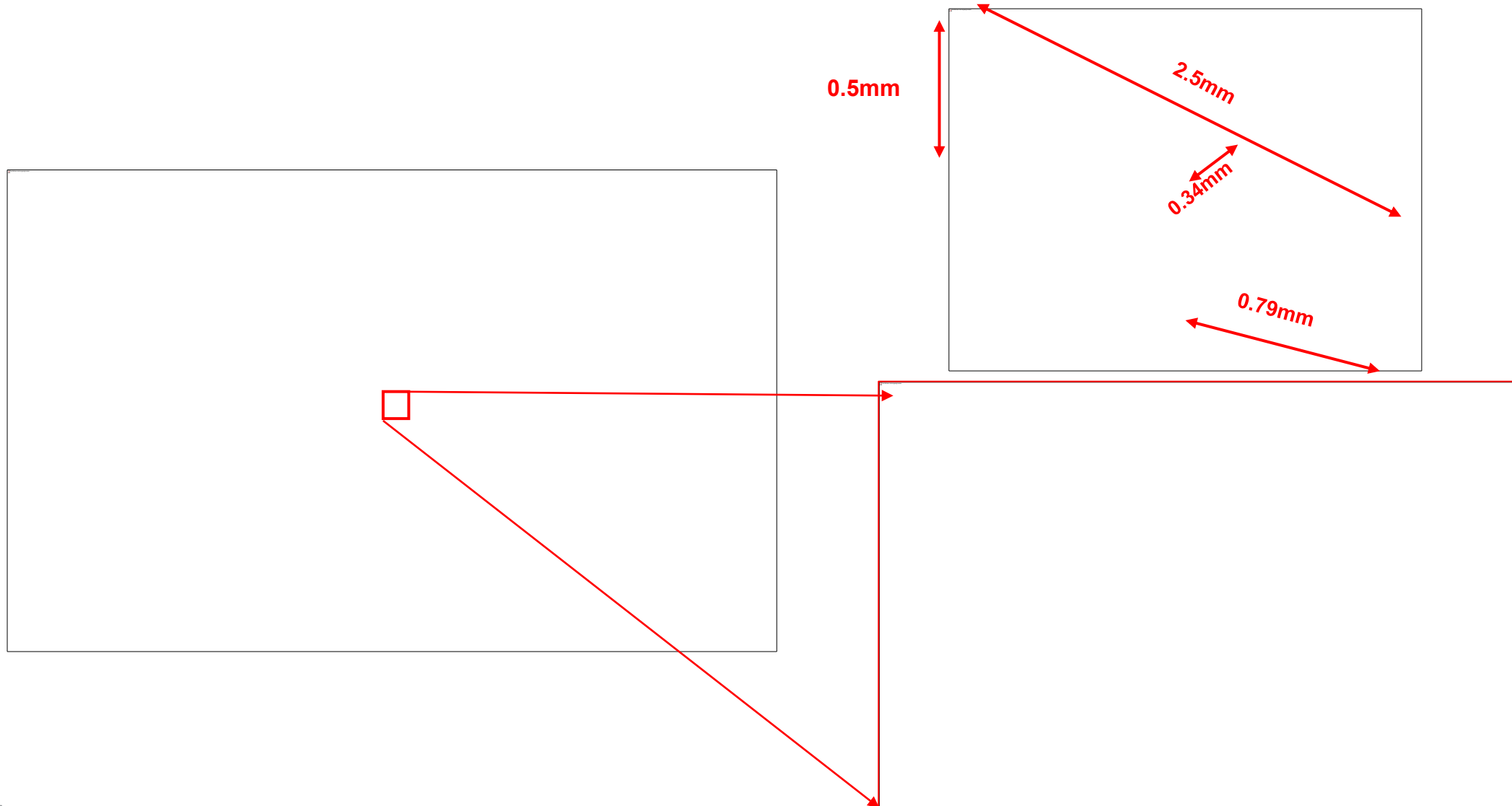
Small-series
production of
special sensors

Small/medium
series production

Volume
production

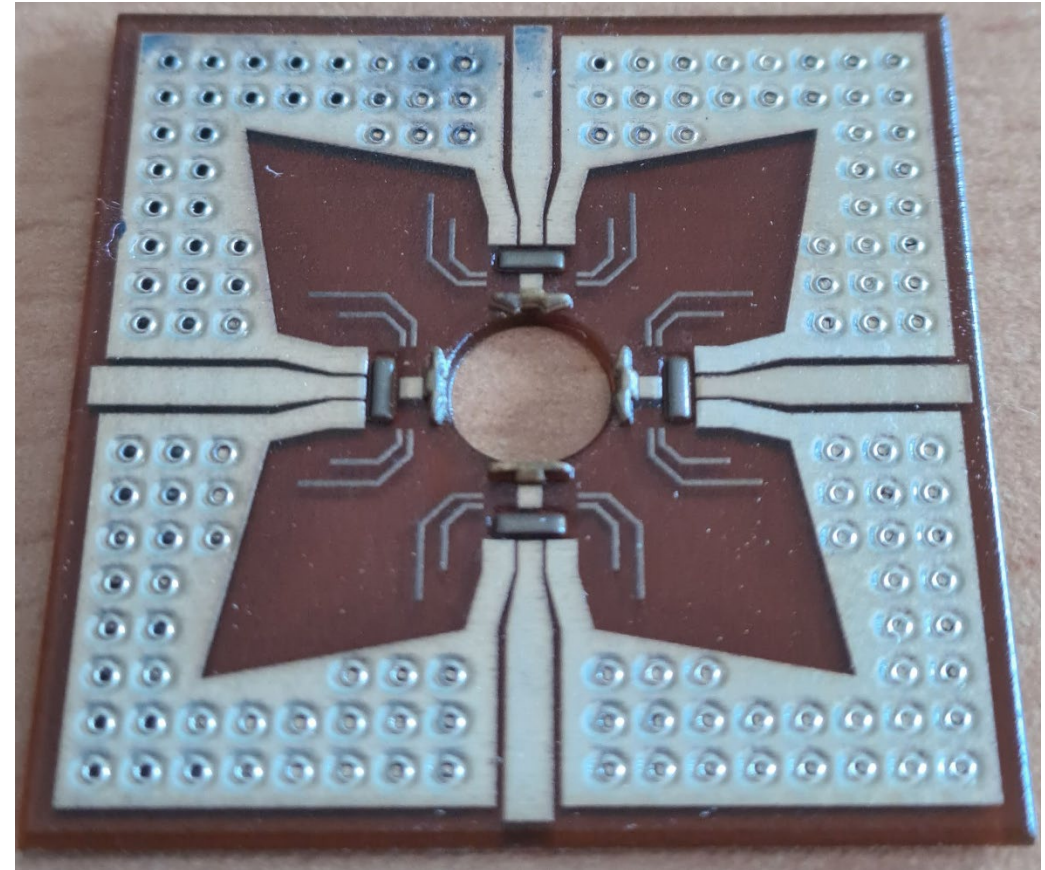
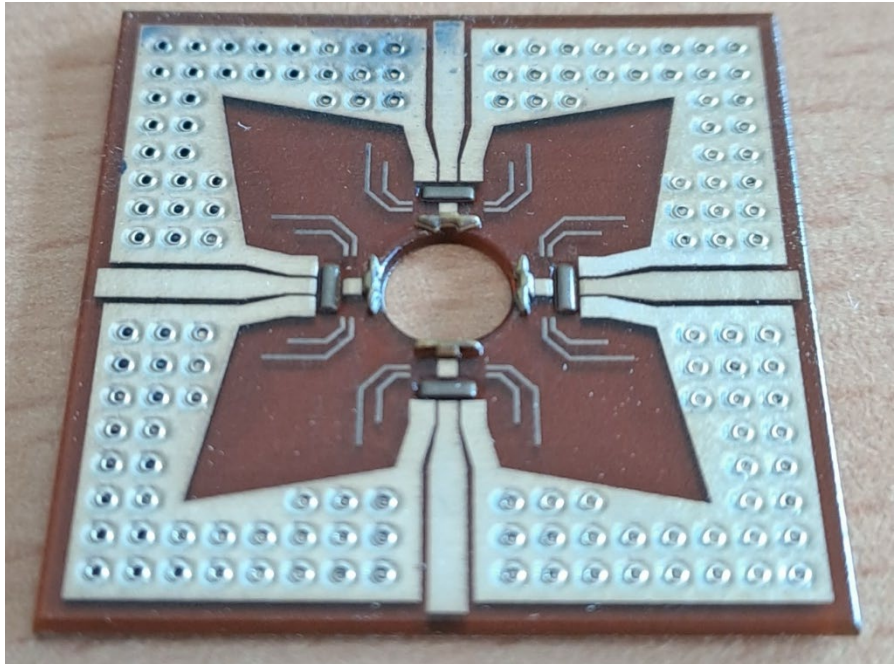


- Project: Controlling Rydberg atoms using circularly polarized MWs at 21 GHz for ultra-sensitive gas sensing



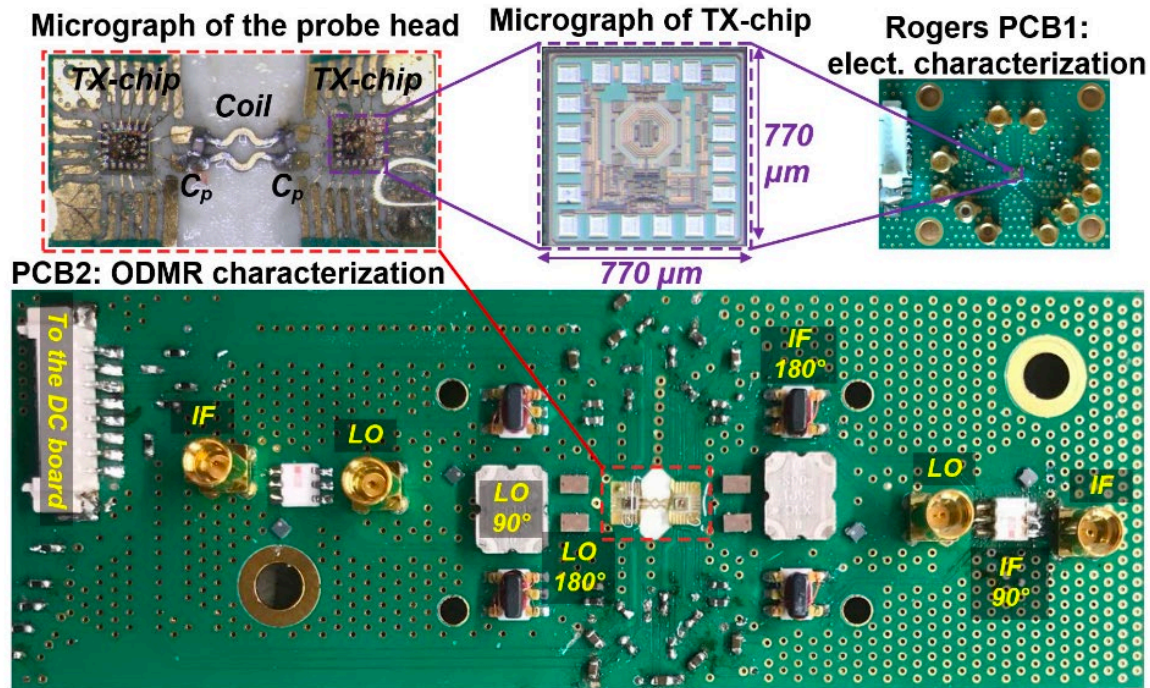
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First printed prototypes

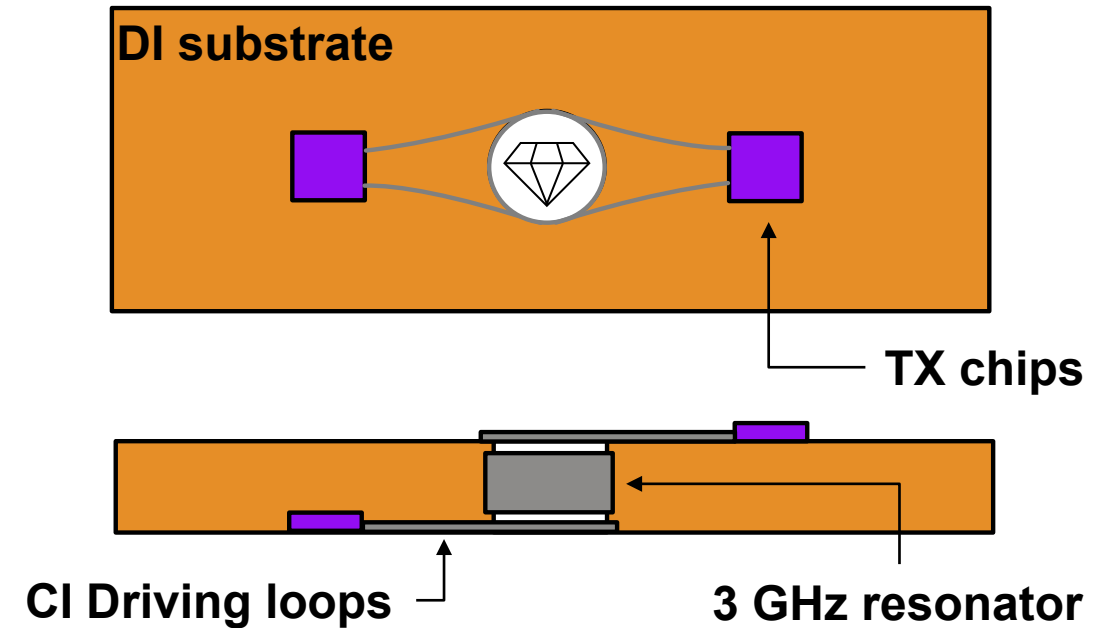


- Project: Driving of solid-state defects in diamond for high-precision quantum sensing of magnetic fields

ASICs driving conventional PCB coils



ASICs integrated in an AME PCB



- Quantum technologies will require novel manufacturing and integration methods to become scalable
- Quantum sensing is well on its way to become a part of our everyday lives
- Novel additive and subtractive manufacturing methods are needed both for prototyping and for volume production of quantum devices
- First experiences with AME show that it will become another tool in the toolkit, the same as FDM

