



**5G CHALLENGES FOR
PCB FABRICATION**

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Introduction

It is important to know what our industry is trending towards and how to get ready for the manufacturing of future products.

This eBook will cover the next generation of PCB Technology drivers, our understanding of 5G and the expected challenges that may arise in PCB fabrication. 5G products are expected to require complex attributes in PCB designs.

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We look forward to meeting your technology and manufacturing needs.





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Next Generation PCB Technology Drivers

Year 2017 - 2020

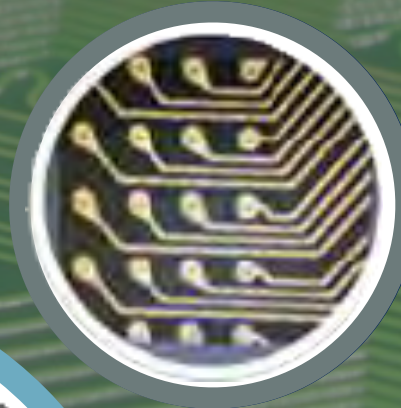


New material solutions



New processes

Controlled processes and design features



Component miniaturization and integration as driver



CUSTOMER NEW PRODUCTS

LINE WIDTH TOLERANCE
+/- 12.5 μm

THICKNESS TOLERANCE
+/- 5%

L2L REGISTRATION
100 μm

IMPEDANCE TOLERANCE
+/- 5 %

PCB Design Trend Driven by 5G

3GPP standards for 5G are expected to be fixed by Q3/2018 which is currently driving exploration of non-standard approaches by leading Telecom companies. And it leads to complex attributes in PCB designs.

PCB structures pointing towards convergence of RF & Digital with thermal management solutions

End Device Trends

Increasing performance
Better stability and thermal performance

Increasing signal frequency
From below 6GHZ to mm wave

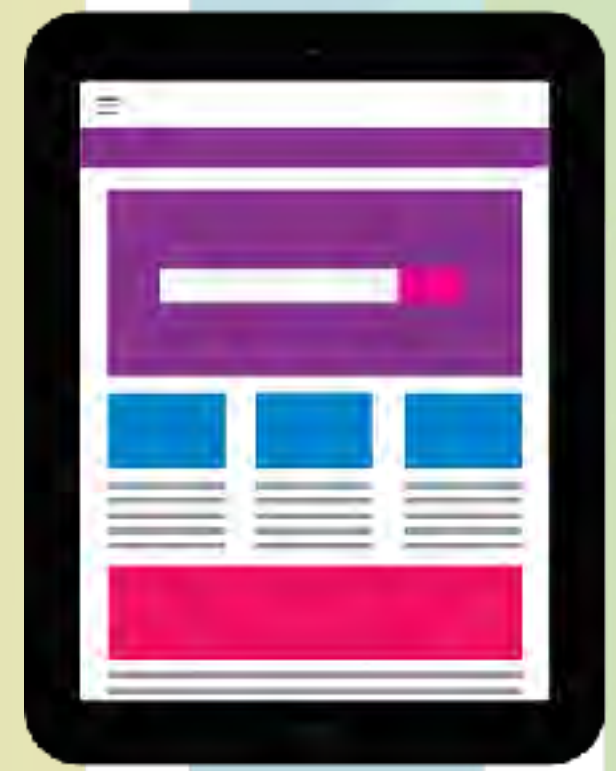
Increasing complexity
Combined functions & Flexible assembly

Modularize

Increasing cost efficiency

Decreasing size

Increasing signal speed
25Gbps to 112Gbps



DRIVING COMPLEXITY IN PCB ATTRIBUTES

PCB Features Trend By 5G

PCB with cavity

Material
Ultra low loss materials
Hybrid stack-up, nonsymmetrical stack-up (PTFE+HFFR4+VIPPO)

HDI, fine line, and fine pitch

New thermal solutions with Copper Inlay/Embedded/Sheet/heavy copper in plated through holes

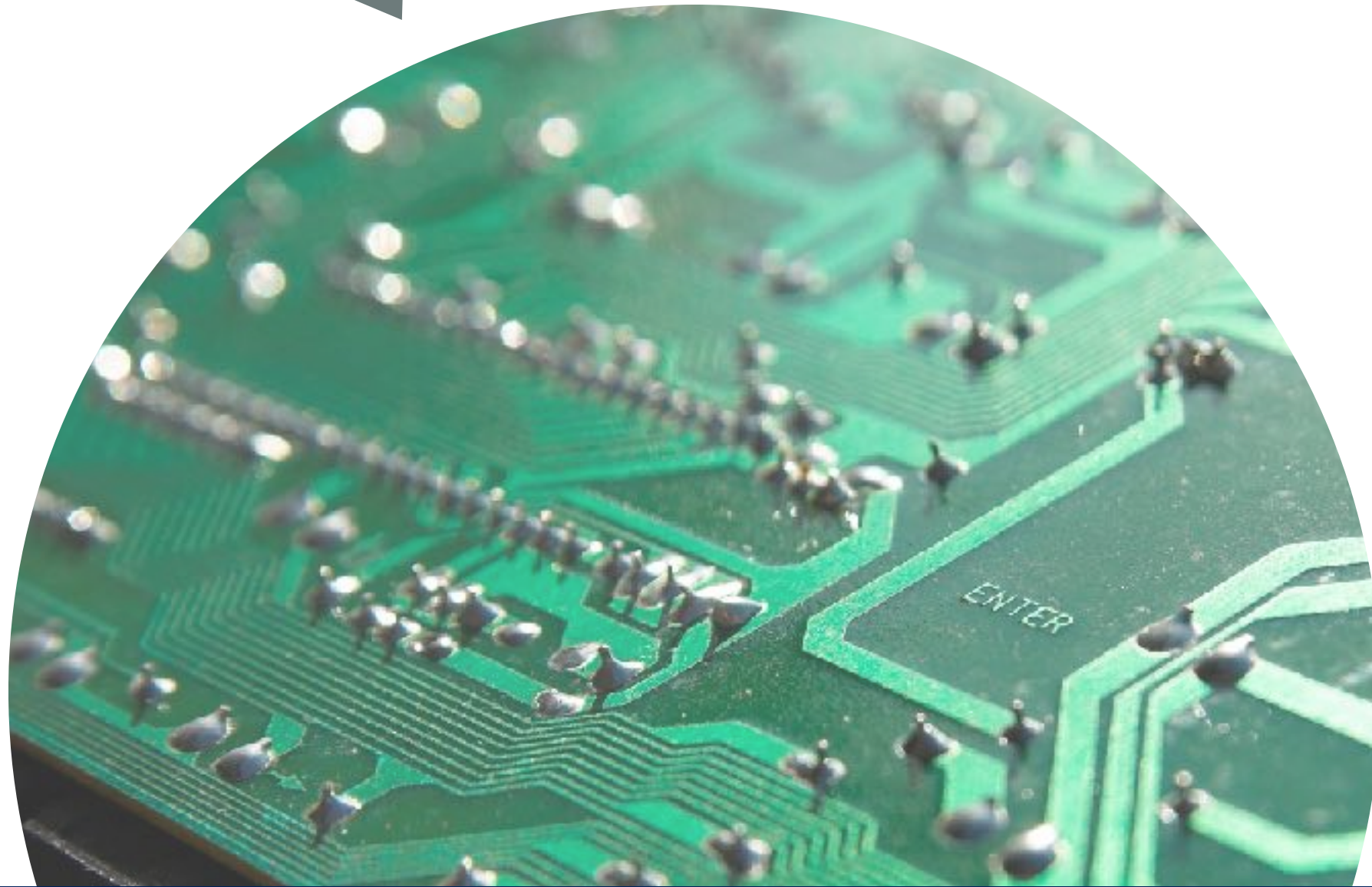
Thin cores/SiP substrate

Tight tolerance

Rigid-Flex

New cost efficient material

Next level of complexity in PCBs



TTM - Leading PCB Development towards 5G

INDUSTRY LEADER

One of the largest PCB product manufacturers in the world with 2016 sales of \$2.5 billion

TECHNOLOGY

One Focus on advanced technology products and strategic R&D Evolution of 5G

MARKET & CUSTOMERS

Diverse end-market exposure and expansive customer base

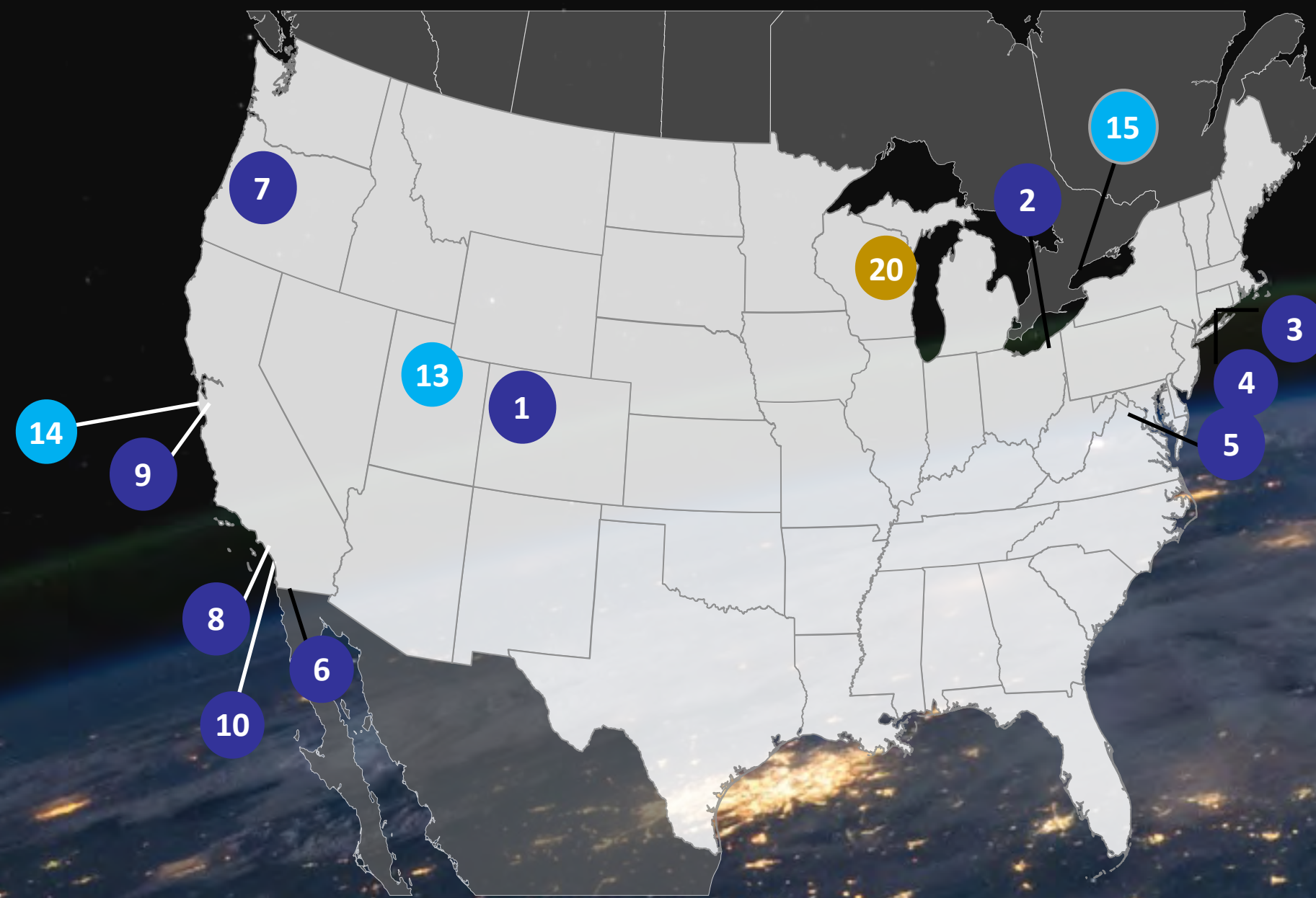
PRODUCTS

Broad product offering of PCBs, backplane assemblies and other custom electronic assembly solutions

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Experienced and successful management team

Our Global Footprint



A&D

Aerospace & Defense

- 1 Denver - DEN
- 2 North Jackson - NJ
- 3 Stafford - ST
- 4 Stafford Springs - SS
- 5 Sterling - STE

Specialty

- 6 Anaheim - ANA
- 7 Forest Grove - FG
- 8 Santa Ana - SA
- 9 Santa Clara - SC
- 10 San Diego - SD

AMI&I

Automotive

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Medical, Ind, Inst

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- 13 Logan - LG
- 14 San Jose - SJ
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Communications

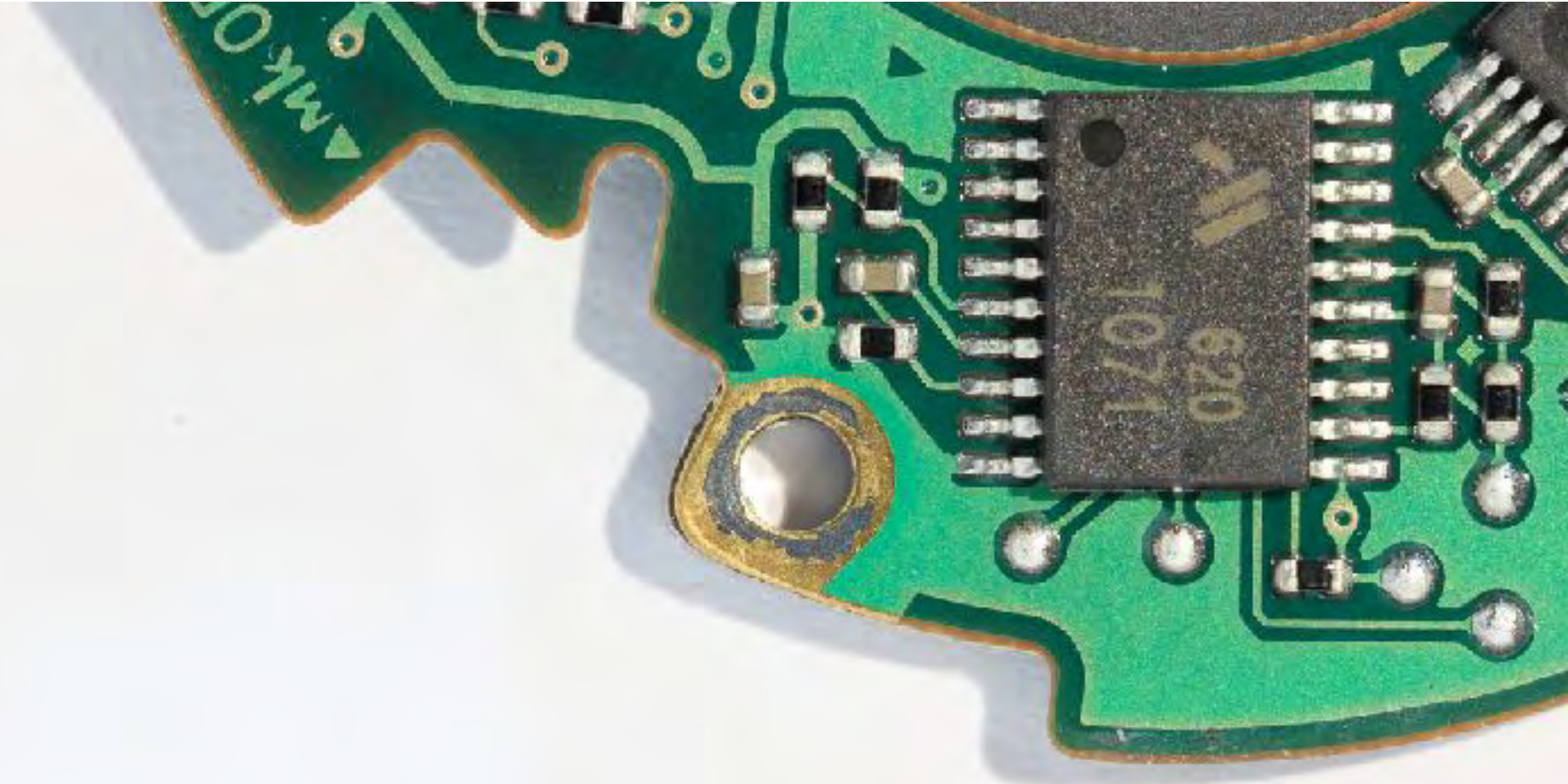
- 19 Hong Kong - OPCM
- 20 Chippewa Falls - CF
- 21 Dongguan - DMC
- 22 Guangzhou - GZ

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High Density & Complexity Miniaturization



**FINE LINE /
SHAPE OPTIMIZATION**

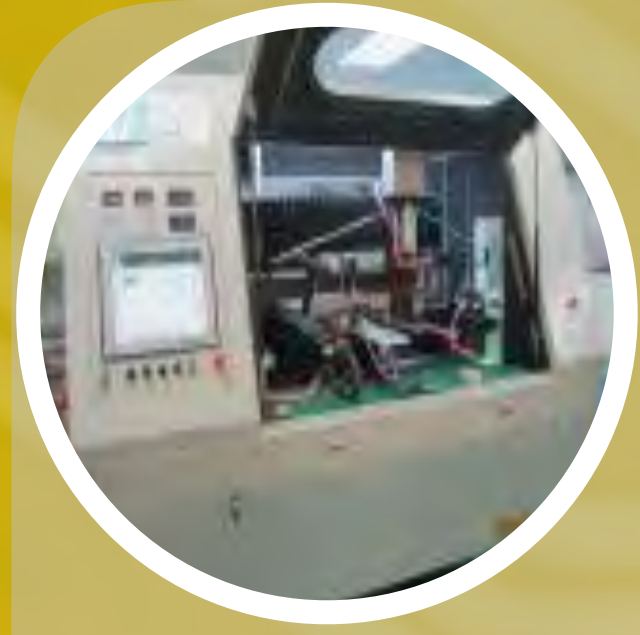
THERMAL SOLUTIONS

**TIGHT DIMENSIONAL
TOLERANCE & THICK
PD ENEPIG**

Thermal Solutions

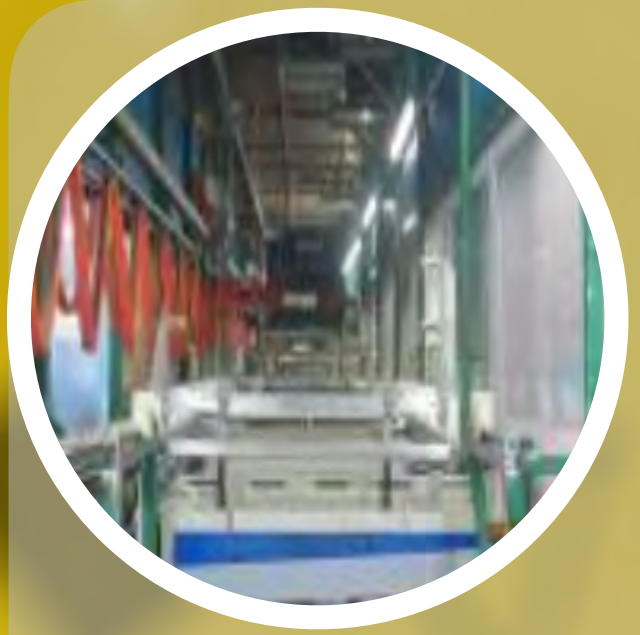


Tight Dimensional Tolerance & Thick Pd ENEPIG



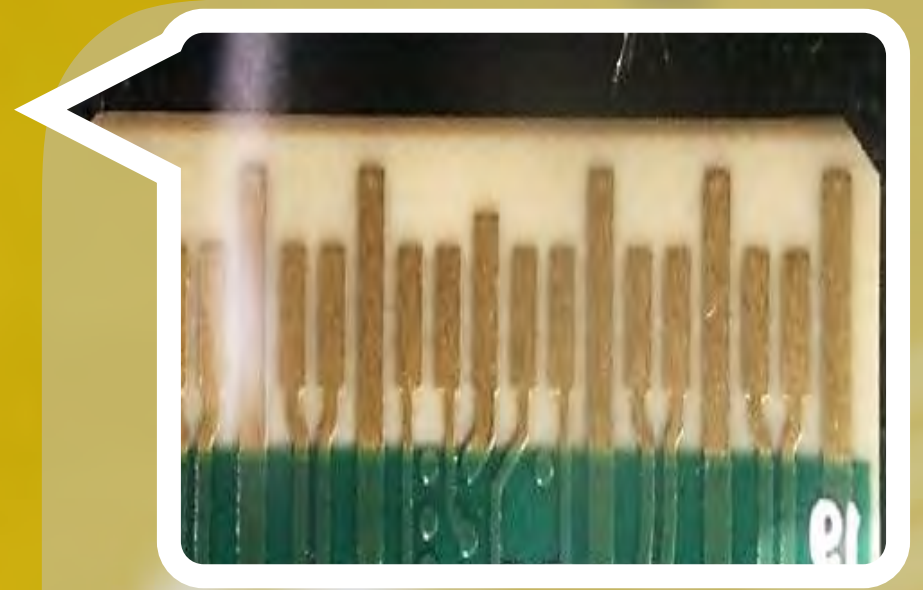
Auto Finger Bevel Machine

Manufacturer: Xiang Ying
System Installed: Oct 2016
Capability: $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$



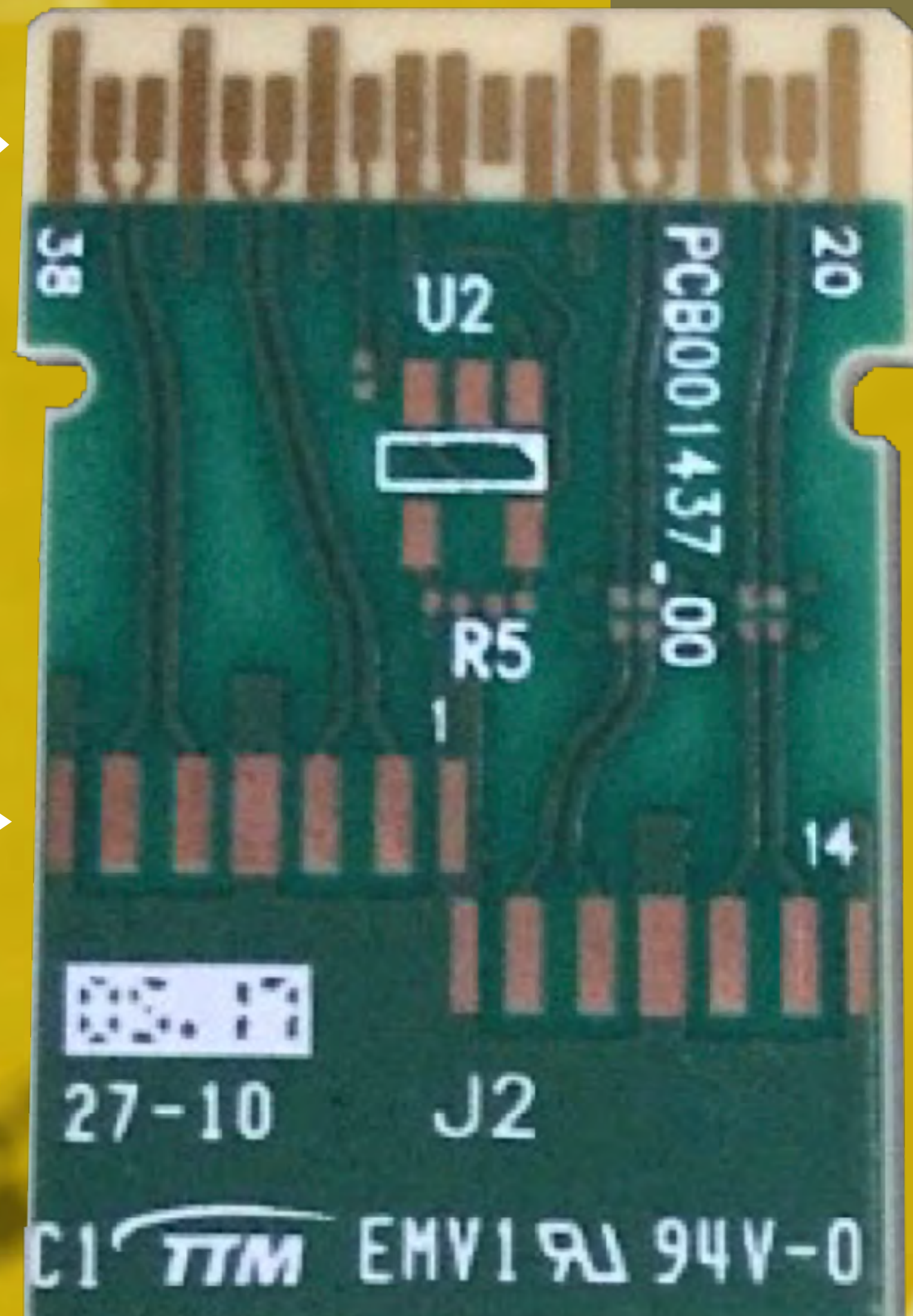
ENEPIG Machine

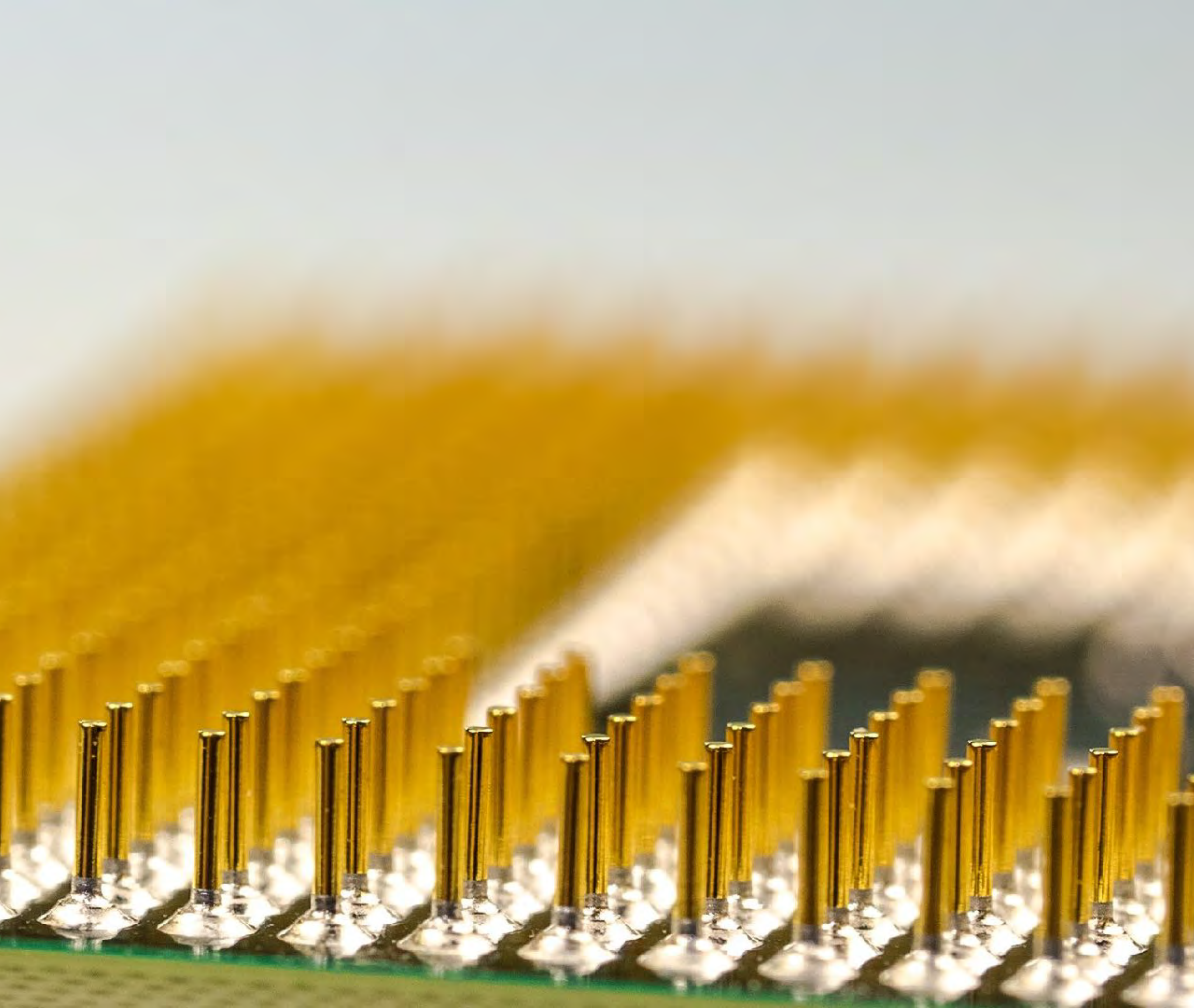
Manufacturer: PAL/Atotech
System Installed: Oct 2016
Capability: Ni: 3 – 7 μm ; Au: 0.05 – 0.15 μm
Pd: 0.15 – 0.53 μm , meet 0.3 μm min



Optical Rout Machine

Manufacturer: Schmolz
System Installed: Nov 2016
Capability: $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$

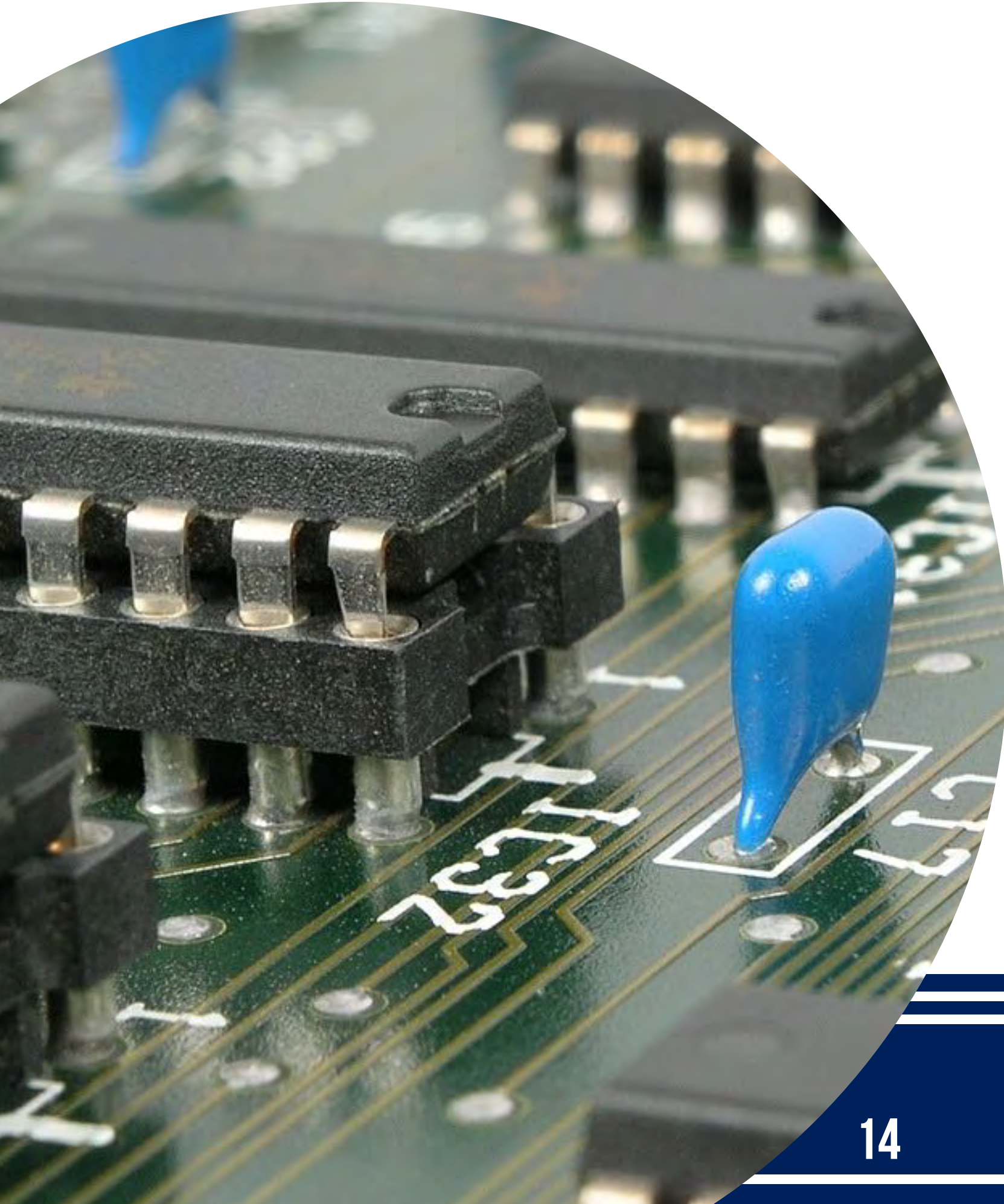




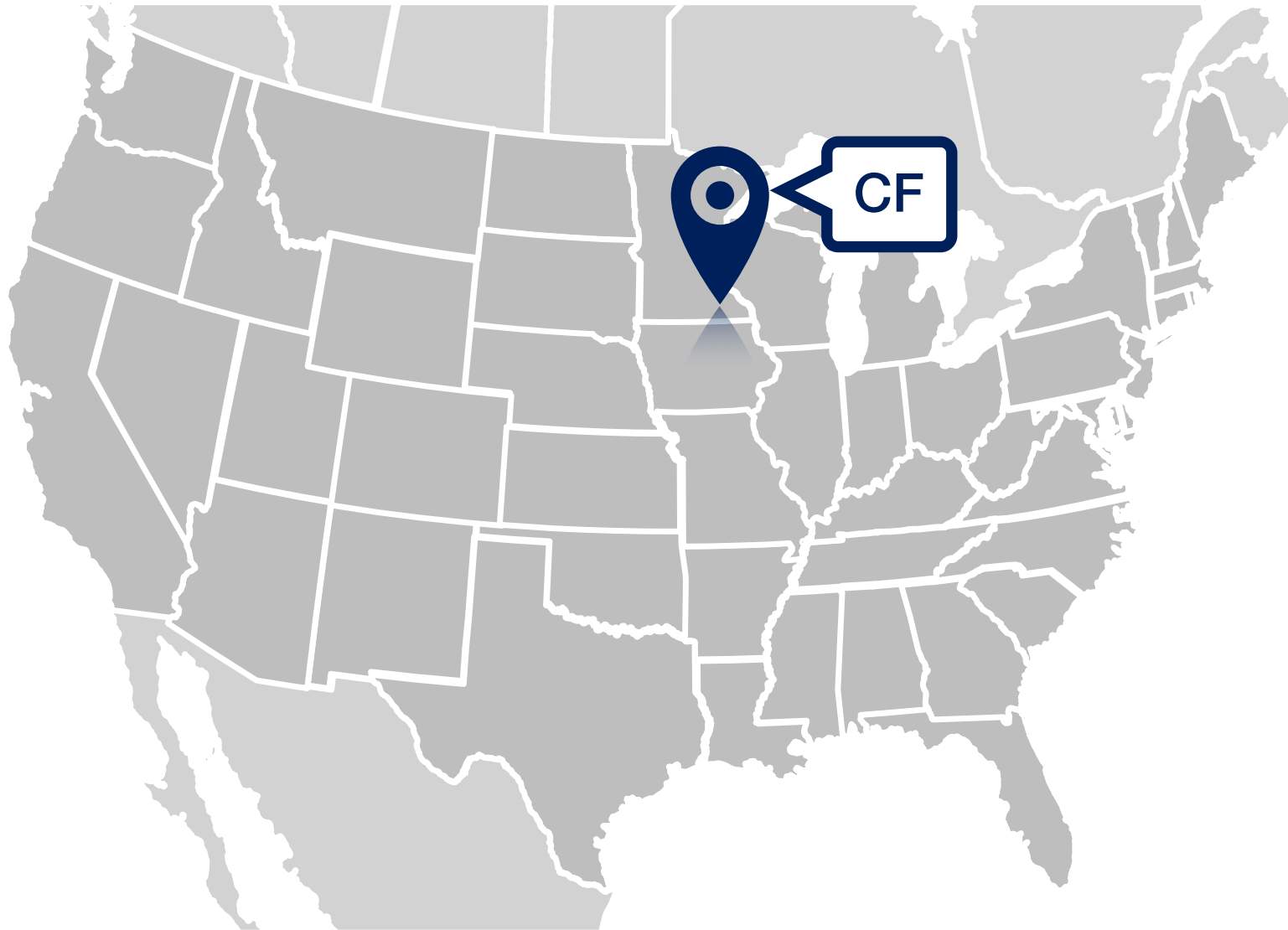
**ADVANCE MATERIAL
& SIGNAL INTEGRITY**

Advance Material - Materials Evaluation Overview

All TTM facilities are engaged in process development and the evaluation of new materials including two Corporate Technology Centers of Expertise



CF - Chippewa Falls, WI



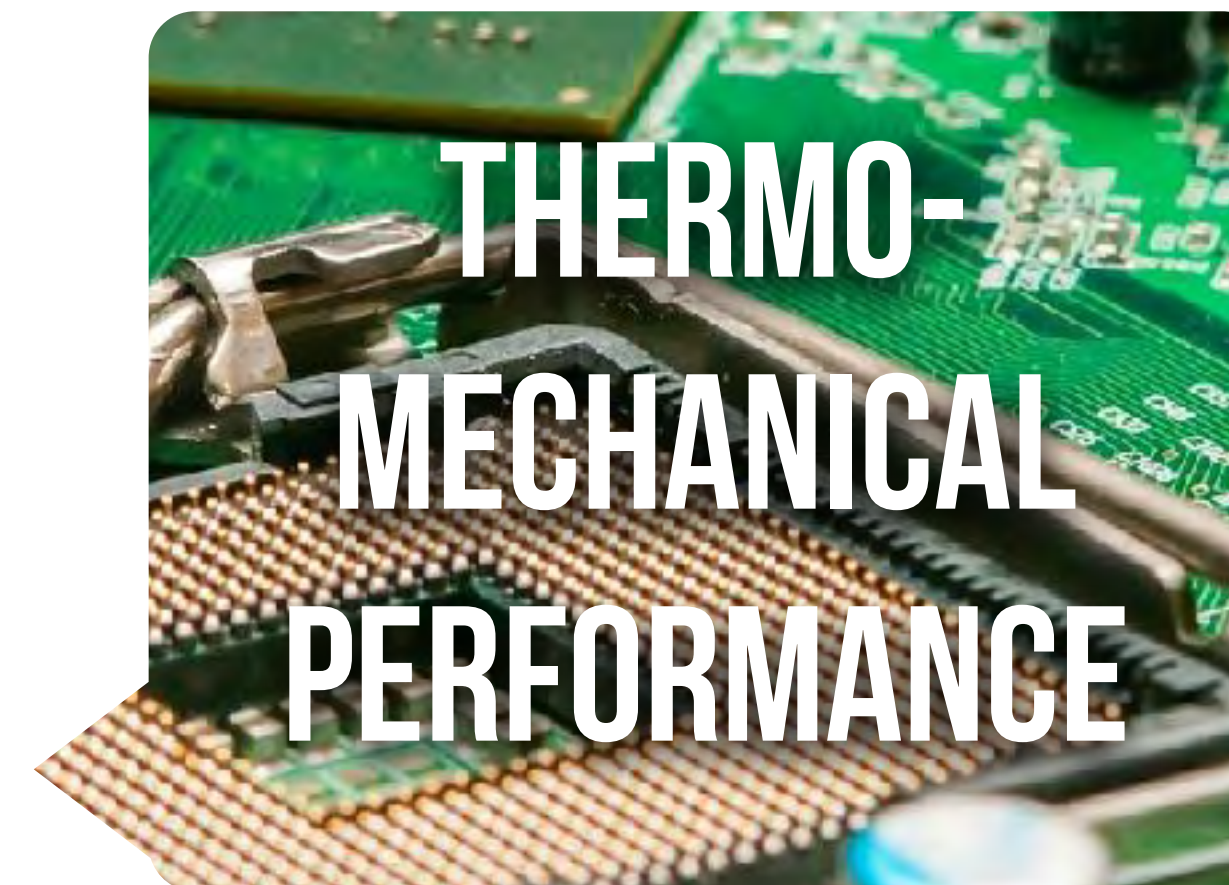
GZ - Guangzhou



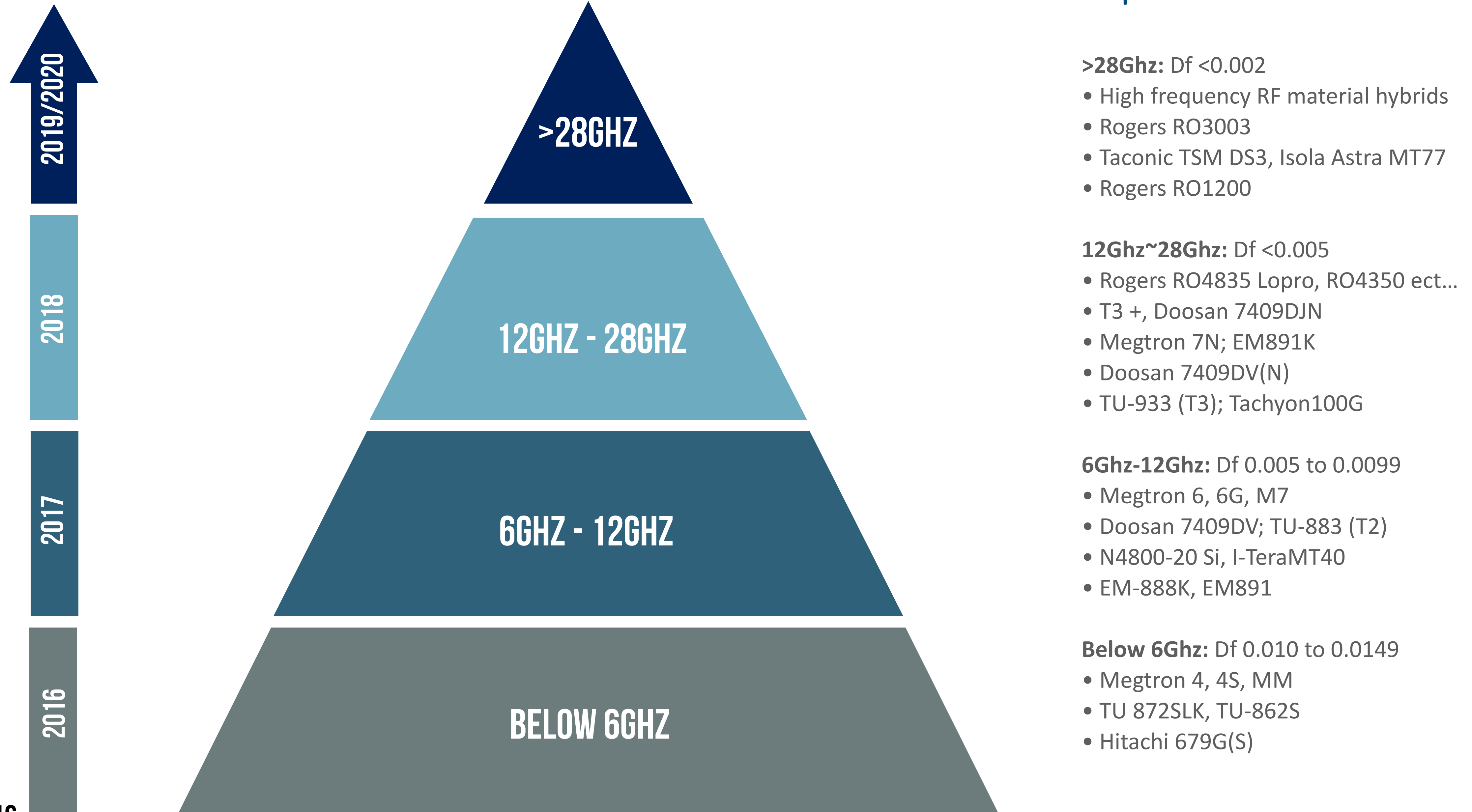
The TTM Corporate Technology organization facilitates and leverages materials development activities and manages a database for access to evaluation results.

- TTM test programs provide materials knowledge benefitting all TTM facilities and customers

Materials Evaluation Overview



Material Roadmap — From Below 6Ghz to 77Ghz



Advanced Signal Integrity Characterization

N5247A-400, 10 MHz to 67 GHz PNA-X network analyzer with 4 port option

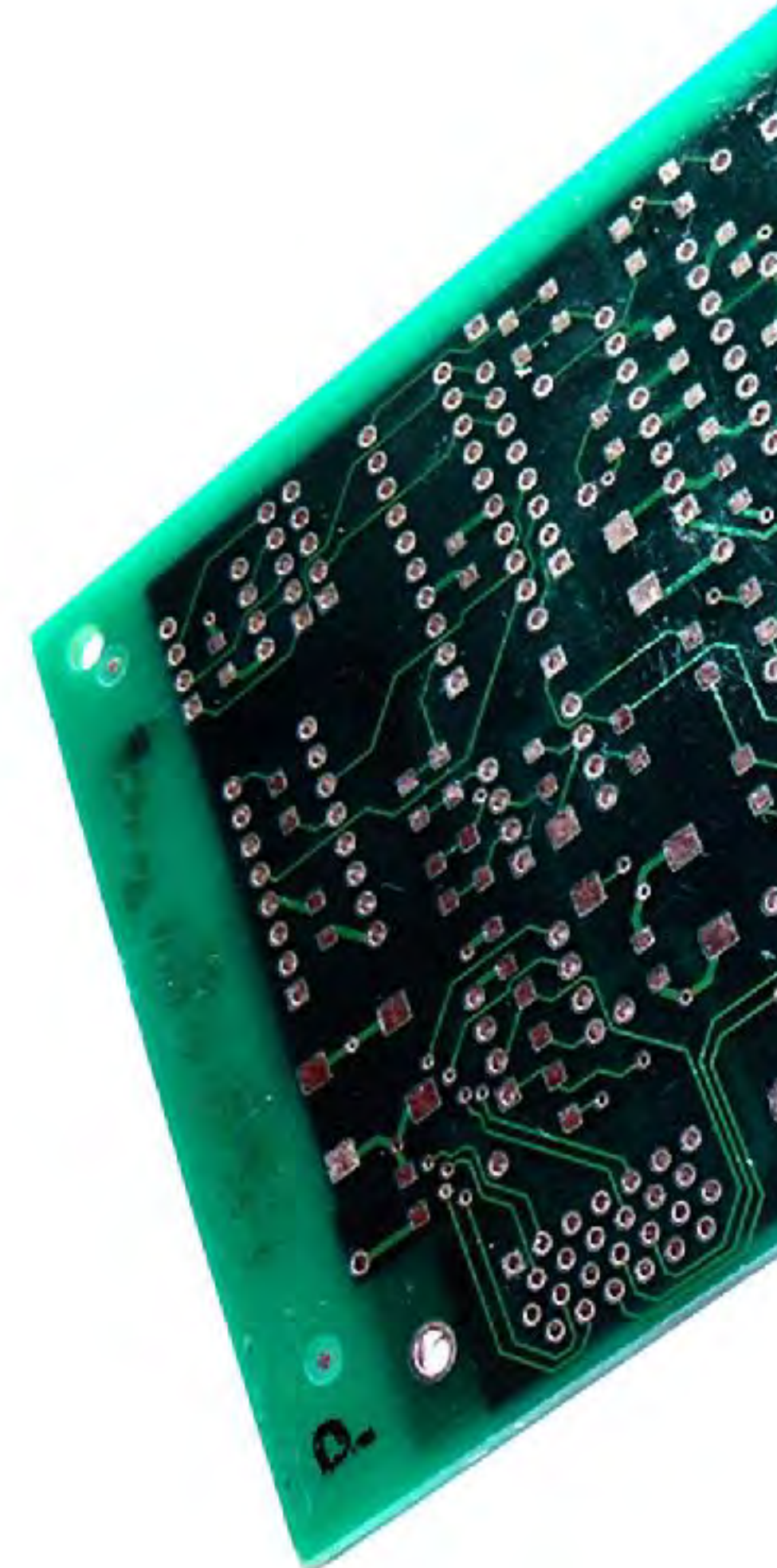
Test port cables, 3ft, 1.85mm (m-f) (67GHz)



Test port cables, 72 in, 1.85mm (m-f) (26,5GHz), TEMP range -55C – 125C

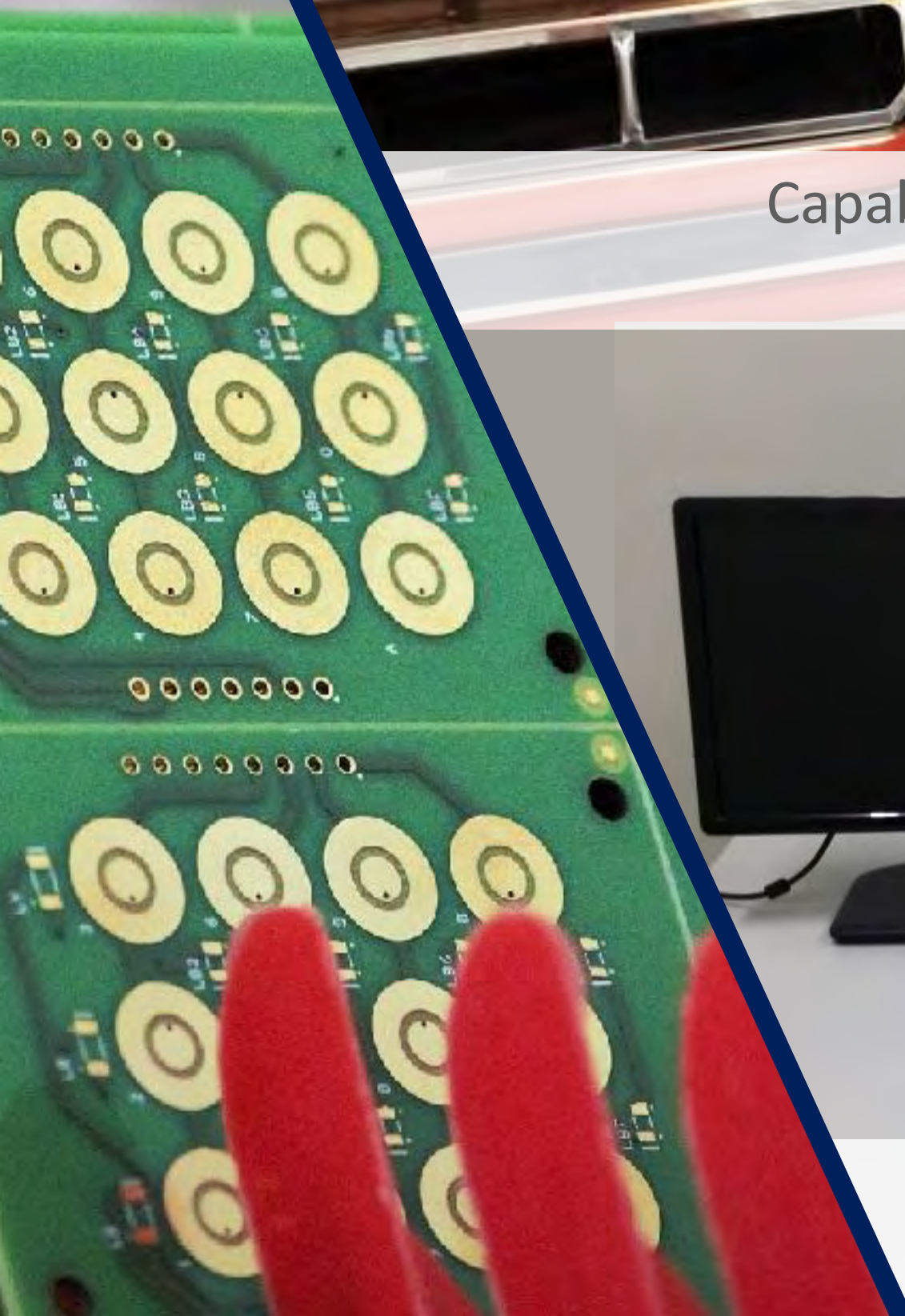
ECal module, 10 MHz to 67 GHz, 1.85 mm, 2-port

- SI Lab is located in Guangzhou , PRC
- Keysight PNA-X N5247A 10MHz-67GHz, N527A-400 4 port dual source option
- Mixed-mode time, frequency, TDR/TDT and S-parameter capability in one mainframe
- PLTS software for full signal path characterization
- Various cable, probe & connector sets (e.g., 1.85, 2.4, 3.5mm SMA, coaxial, co-planar, etc.)
- SPDR fixtures for isolation materials loss tangent & permittivity characterization
- E-calibration traceable to NIST primary standards
- Giga Test Labs GTL 5050 probing station with 4 micro positioners, 18" x 24" max DUT, 180rotation; probe holder can accommodate coaxial or microprobes
- Introbotix SET2DIL/SPP platform
- Temperature & humidity controlled lab with ESD controlled room & facilities
- Experienced electrical engineering team





Capability to measure effects of ambient environmental temperature and humidity on signal integrity



Temperature & humidity controlled lab with ESD controlled room & facilities



The capabilities of TTM SI lab extend beyond those of a typical test and R&D facility in the industry.

Full Wave 3D EM Field Simulation Tool

TTM is moving forward in SI engineering and is having full wave simulation tool to

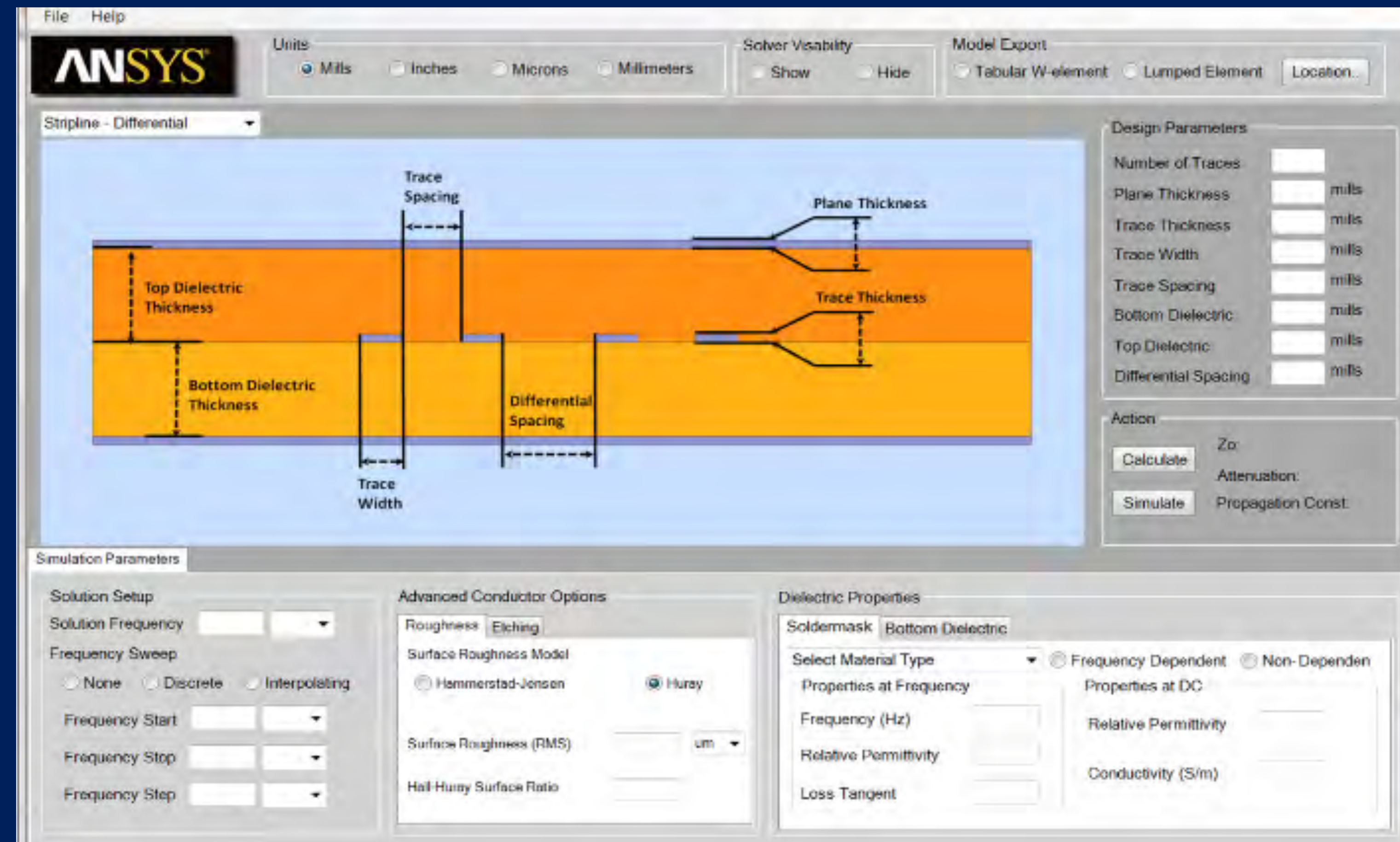
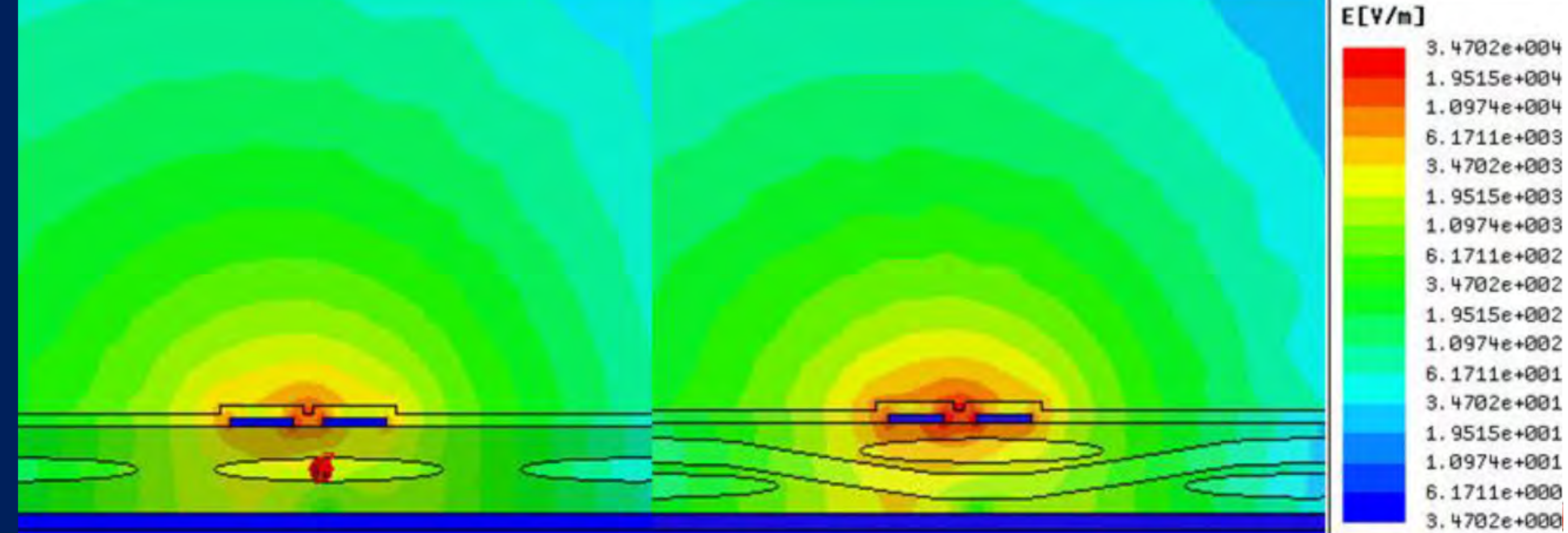
- Simulate PCB geometries, materials, boundaries, and processes impact on signal integrity
- Customers technical support
- Global technical support for all TTM plants and other sites
- Advanced board designing

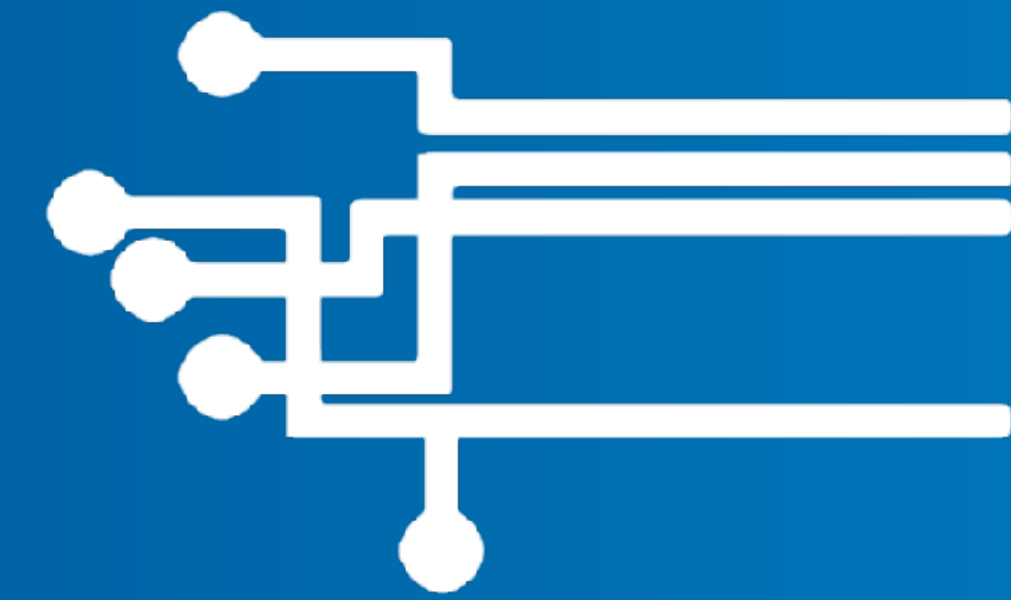
TTM Concept

- Ansys HFSS (frequency domain)
- Ansys HFSS TR-solver (time domain)
- Ansys Optimetrics (design tool)

Location & Schedule

- The software will be installed in TTM Advanced Development SI Lab in GZ where it is used global technical support for all sites within TTM





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