

Embedding and miniaturization

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Megatrends till 2030

2030: 59% of global population will live in cities

Healthy living: Health is not only contrast of sickness

2020: 50 Billion things connected to the internet

2030: Population 8,3 Billion

**Autonomous Driving
Energy Efficiency**

INDIVIDUALISATION
SILVER SOCIETY
HEALTH

INTERNET of THINGS

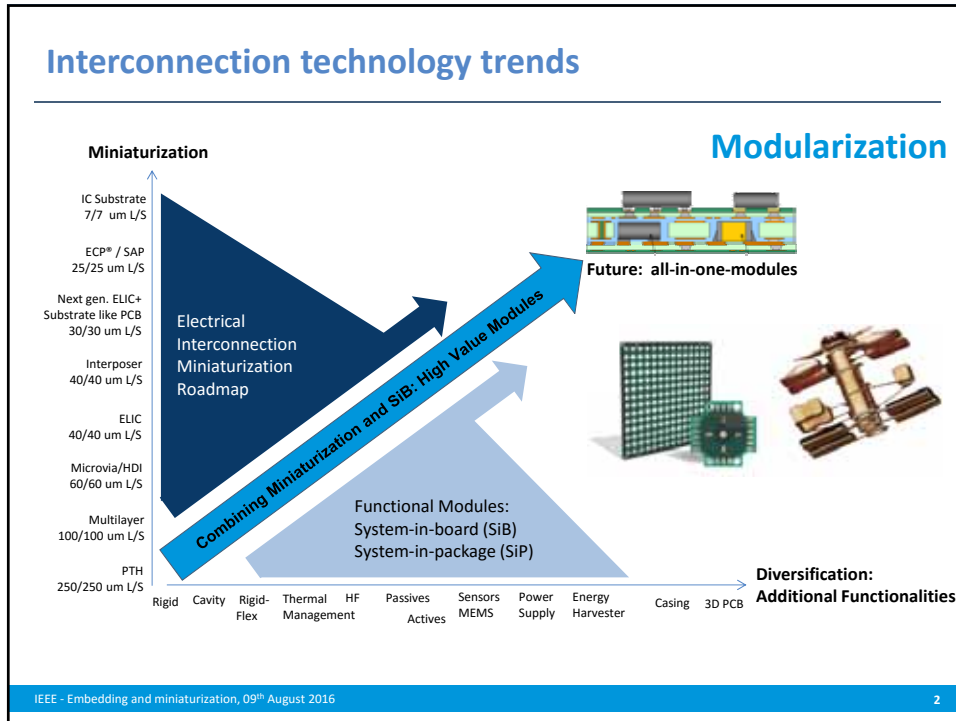
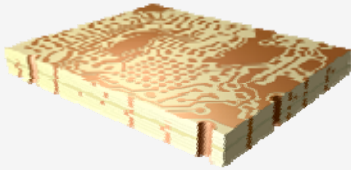
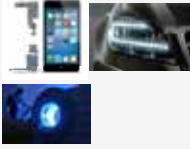
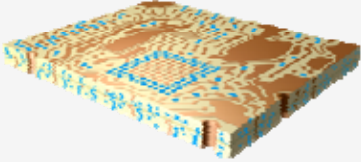



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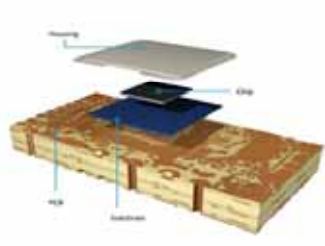


What the organic world has to offer (1/2)...

	General Description & Technology	Application Areas	Markets
Standard & HDI PCBs	 <p>PCBs are the interconnection platform for electric, electronic & mechanical components (such as resistors, capacitors, IC's, connectors; etc.) Density: Line/Space > 35 micron</p>	 <p>Computer, Consumer, Communication, Automotive Industrial, Medical</p>	OEM's Tier 1 Tier 2
SiP / modules	 <p>Substrate-like PCBs are the next evolution of high-end HDI PCBs with higher density: Line/Space 20-30micron</p>	 <p>Wearables and applications of the "Internet of Things"</p>	OEM's Tier 1 Tier 2

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What the organic world has to offer (2/2)...

	General Description & Technology	Application Areas	Markets
IC substrates	 <p>IC substrates serve as interconnection platform with higher density (Line/Space < 15 micron) between semiconductors (Chips) & PCBs</p>	 <p>High-end processors for Computer, Communication, Automotive, Industrial</p>	OEM's Semiconductor Industry
Embedding	 <p>Embedded Component Packaging allows to embed active/passive components (e.g. wafer level dies) within the layers of a PCB – contributes to miniaturization</p>	Power Electronics, e.g. for Automotive, Industrial	OEM's Semiconductor Industry

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Various possibilities

New Technologies:

— Embedded components

▶ The combination of new and existing technologies will offer new solutions
 Embedding is one of the key enabler
 Clear interfaces to the existing supply chain is a prerequisite

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Embedding environment

- ➔
 passive component suppliers as well as semiconductor companies do already offer support for embedding-friendly components
- ➔
 Main design platforms already support embedding components as existing features...
 - Mentor Graphics Expedition 7.9.x
 - Cadence Allegro 16.6
 - Zuken CR 5000
- ➔
 Established vendor base to embed components into Organic substrates / materials.
- ➔
 OSATs and others to finalize and finish modules incl. embedded components

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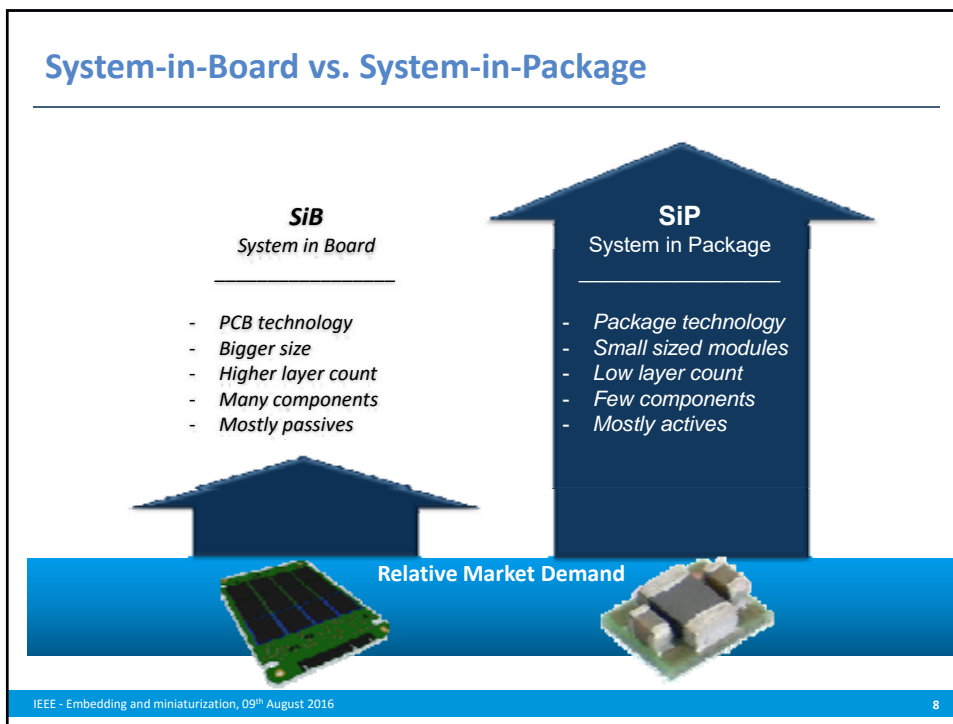


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Reasons for embedding...

Trends and challenges in electronics

More functions

Smaller devices

Short cycles design-to-market

Increased component population

Fragile components

Supply chain complexity

Increased cost of high-end IC design

Less power

Intelligent mechanical devices

Thermal management

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Miniaturization broken down...

Feature	Application	X,Y Reduction	Embedded Component advantage
Power	Voltage Convertor	40%	Smallest footprint – integrated module – fully tested solution
	Charge Management	40%	Stacked package for advanced Li-ion battery charge management
Media & Wireless	Media Codec	30%	Integrated module – discrete passives stacked on eWLP
	Mobile TV	50%	Single device solution for mobile TV tuner
	NFC module	40%	Stacked package for smallest footprint solution
MEMS & Sensor	MEMS μ phone	50%	Superior performance MEMS μ phone / pressure sensor with smallest form factor
	Identification	New feature	Integrated biometric sensing
	Position sensor	50%	High accuracy Hall effect sensor – advanced micro joystick application
Shielding	Sensitive devices	50%	Implementation of shielding using the laminate package instead of metal can

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Wearable miniaturization vs. technology

Based on a standard wrist-band wearable product a breakdown on possible miniaturization technologies comparing the PROS/CONS against each other



		HDI standard technology	HDI + SemiFlex (1 bend region)	HDI + SemiFlex (2 bend regions)	HDI Rigid-Flex	HDI + Embedding
PCB Dimensions [mm]		100%	110%	116%	110%	about 55 – 75%
No. PCB's per Prod. Panel		100%	90%	90%	86%	153%
Cost Reduction	Assembly	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Curved Display	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Form Factor Improvement	Wrist Band	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Supply Chain Reduction	No	No	No	No	Yes
Design complexity		Low	Med	Med	Med	High
Option to add functionality		Med	Med	Med	Med	High

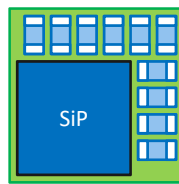
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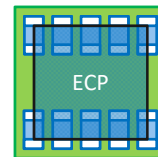
Architecture comparison



Die @ 3*3 mm
Passives @ 0402
Component distance @ 250 μ m
Surface @ 45 mm²



Die @ 3*3 mm
Passives @ 0402
Component distance @ 200 μ m
Surface @ 21 mm²

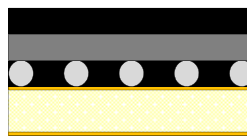


Die @ 3*3 mm
Passives @ 0402
Component distance @ 250 μ m
Surface @ 16 mm²

Stack ups



T-resistance: 0,35 K/W



T-resistance: 21,81 K/W



T-resistance: 7,61 K/W

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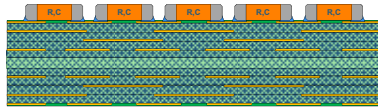
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Reliability broken down (1/2)...

Mechanical stress: Drop test [JEDEC JESD22-B111, 1000 drops @ 1500g / 0,5ms]

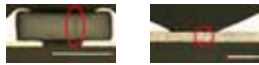
Standard solution

Daisy chain of passive components on top of an 8 layer substrate



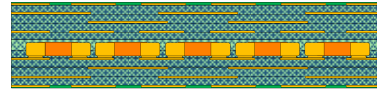
- Components / Cu tracks take full weight of impact

Drops passed **304**



Embedding solution

Daisy chain of passive components within an 8 layer substrate



- Embedded components and laser-via interconnects are tightly surrounded with protective FR4

Drops passed **1000**

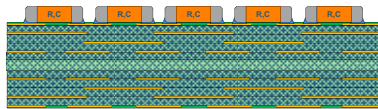


Reliability broken down (2/2)...

Thermal stress: TCT [1000 cycles @ -55 / 150 °C]

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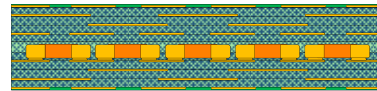
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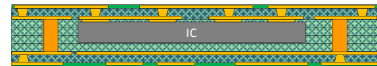
TCT cycles passed **1000**

Embedding solution

Daisy chain of passive components within an 8 layer substrate



Daisy chain on chip within a 4 layer substrate



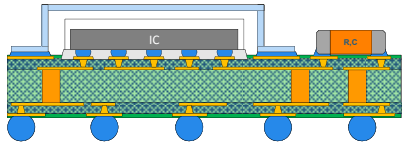
TCT cycles passed **1000**

Performance broken down...

Example: EMI-shielded module

Standard solution

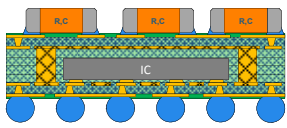
- Solder joints
(less conductivity & more parasitic)
- Long path to other components
(side-by-side components)
- No shielding
*(external shielding necessary
increase of cost and z-dimension)*



Embedding solution

- Cu-plated microvias
(better conductivity & less parasitic)
- Short path to other components
(stacked components)
- Intrinsic shielding
*(shielding by ground layers
and edge plating / via stitching)*

EMI with ECP®
- 20dB




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“Ease-of-use” broken down...

Example: Mobile TV tuner

Standard solution

▪ Components on PCB:	5
▪ Solder pads on PCB:	44
▪ Footprint on PCB:	29 mm²



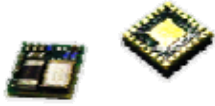
Embedding solution

▪ Components on PCB:	1
▪ Solder pads on PCB:	28
▪ Footprint on PCB:	16 mm²

Components in BOM
- 80%

Solder pads
- 36%

Footprint
- 45%



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Embedding visuals...

X-section of embedded devices

- Surface mount CSP
- PCB with embedded IC

For interconnection, same technology and processes as for HDI/microvia PCBs!

Embedded IC

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Fundamental embedding approach #1

ECP® Technology Embedded Component Packaging

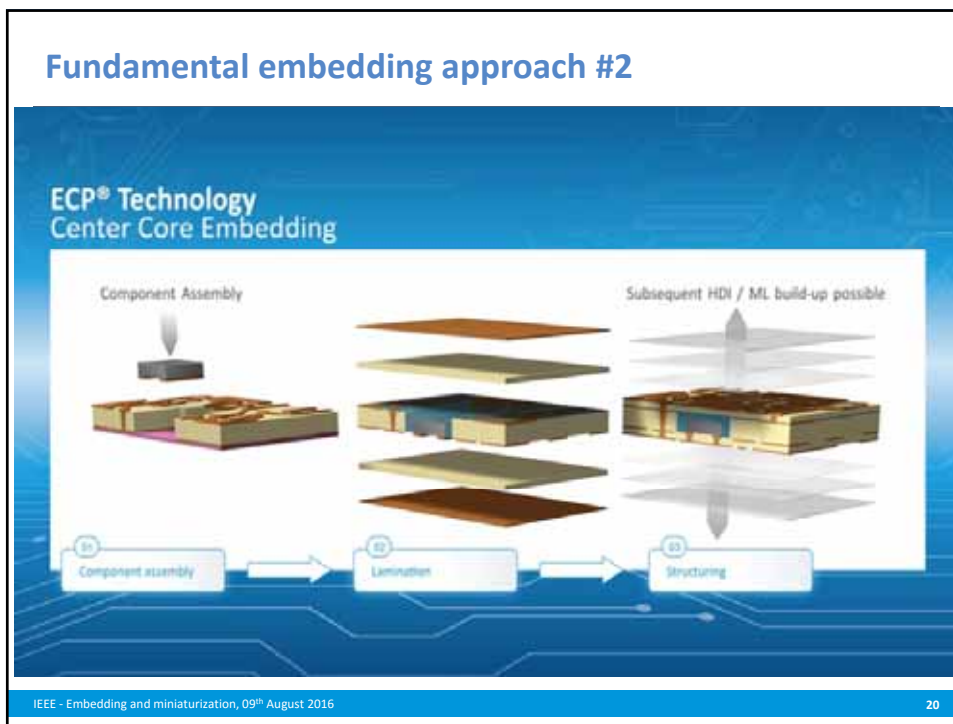
Component are embedded inside an organic substrate / PCB core by combination of

- Component Assembly
- Component Packaging
- PCB Manufacturing

Subsequent HDI / ML build up possible

01 Component assembly → 02 Lamination → 03 Structuring

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Standard embedding components

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active components – Discrete Semiconductors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diodes – FETs – IPDs – ... – Integrated circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Customized ASICs – Microcontrollers – RFID... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passive components – Resistors – Capacitors – Varistors – Thermistors – Inductors – ...
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Specification Outline

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CSP type with copper termination – Thinned to 150µm or below – Delivery in Tape and Reel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Termination surface must be copper – Low profile (150µm preferred) – 0402 or 0201 (inch) – Delivery in Tape and Reel (preferred)
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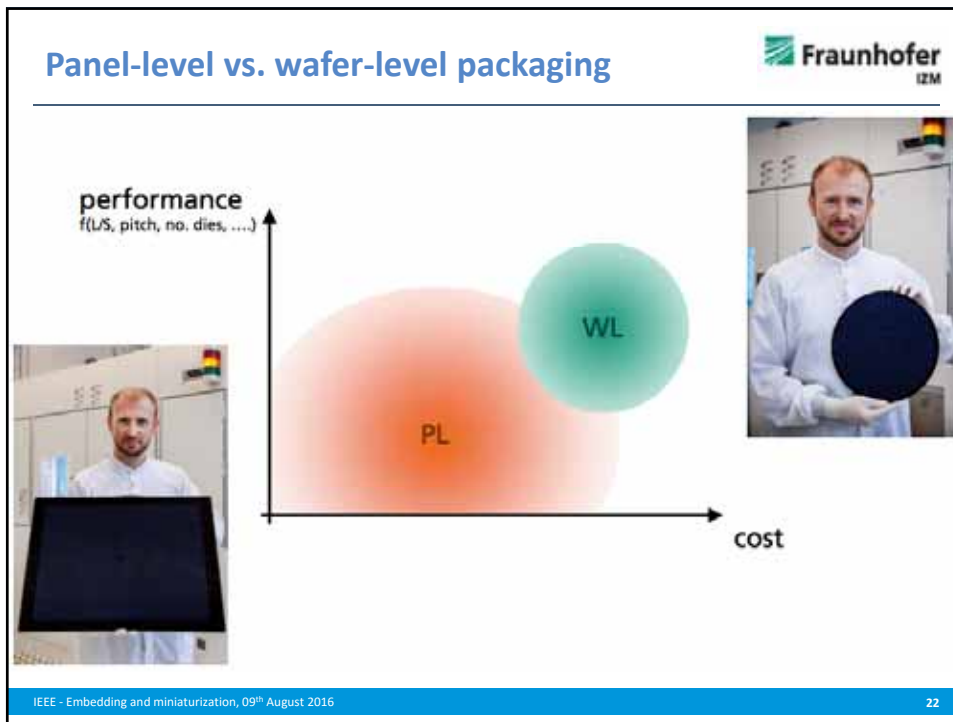


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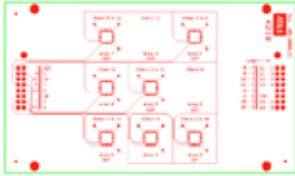
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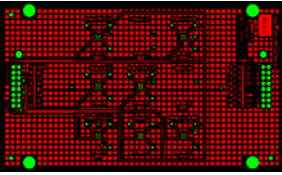
Reliability test-vehicle, details

Total test vehicle configuration...

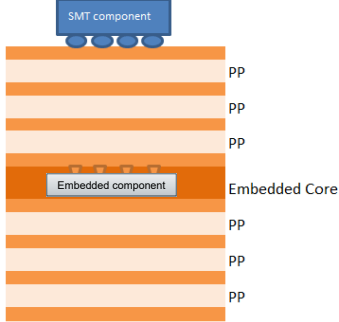
- 8 layer ELIC technology
- Total target thickness of 1.00mm
- Standard FR4 material (no specific resin type)
- Board size of 77 x 132mm
- Passive & Active test vehicle
- Grid of 3x3 test circuits (2 blank areas)
- Test circuits setup as embedding only / embedding + SMD / SMD only
- Daisy chain structures used



Passive test-vehicle



Active test-vehicle

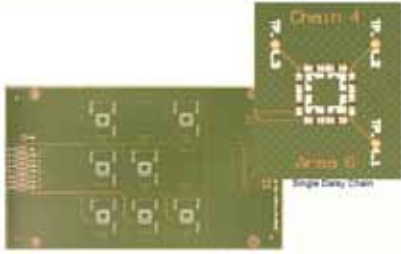


Total Thickness: ~1mm

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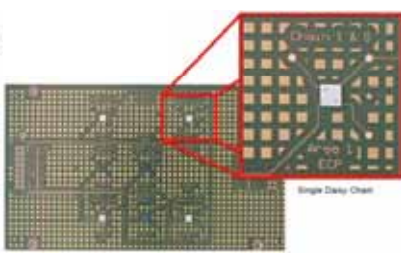
Reliability test-vehicle, details

Passive test-vehicle



- 112 components in total
- 8 components per daisy chain
- Components used:
 - 0402 (inch) 10 Ohm thick film resistor
 - Embedded version 150µm thick
 - SMD version: same supplier, standard version with tin termination and standard thickness

Active test-vehicle



- 7 components in total
- Components used:
 - 3x3 mm Si based daisy chain
 - 49 IOs
 - Embedded version 165µm thick
 - SMD version: same supplier WL – CSP, 550µm incl. solder balls

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Reliability test-vehicle, methods and parameters

Test	Method	Analysis method	Remark	Results
Reflow Sensitivity	IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D.1	Visual and x-section inspection for delamination	MSL 3; 3x reflow 260° Peak before assembly	Passed, w/o failures
Thermal Cycle Test (TCT)	JESD22_A104	Online resistance change	-55/+125, 500 cycles	Failures on SMD only
High Temp Storage (HTS)	JESD22_A103	Online resistance change	125° for 1000 hours	Failures on SMD only
Drop Test	JESD22_B111	Online resistance change	1500g, 1000 drops	Failures detected
Monotonic Bend Test	JEDEC 9702	Online resistance change	2mm/min	Failures on SMD only

- Boards have been tested with flying probe before and after SMT (Open/Short test)
- Samples for reflow sensitivity have gone through Open/Short test before and after the test
- Bend test only done on Active test-vehicle

Reliability test-vehicle, Thermal cycle test results

- Passive test-vehicle: - No failures detected
- Active test-vehicle:
 - 9 out of 70 SMD Daisy Chains failed
 - Remaining SMD passed 1000 cycles
 - First failures at 684 cycles
 - All embedded structures passed 1000 cycle

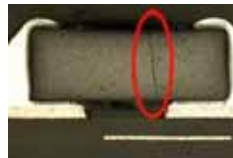
- Typical failure pictures (Corner balls)



Reliability test-vehicle, Drop test results

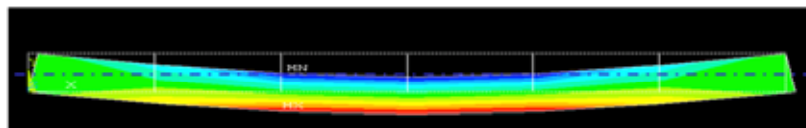
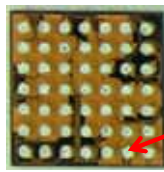
- Passive test-vehicle:
 - 17/18 boards showed failures on SMD structures
 - Earliest failure at 304 drops
 - 1 embedded Daisy Chain structure showed a failure at 832 drops
 - Remaining embedded structures passed 1000 drops
- Active test-vehicle:
 - 4 out of 70 SMD Daisy Chains showed failures
 - Earliest failure at 792 drops
 - All embedded structures passed 1000 drops

Typical failure pictures



Reliability test-vehicle, Bend test results

- Active test-vehicle:
 - 1 out of 18 SMD Daisy Chains showed a failure
 - All embedded structures passed the test
- Typical failure pictures



- - - Neutral Axis
 MN - Minimum tension
 MX - Maximum tension

- Blue and red represent highest rate of compression and tension respectively
- SMD components are more subject to these forces
- Green indicates where the EC's are located; i.e. along the neutral axis

Other specific Embedding test results

Application specific test-vehicles used with variety of active components / daisy chains...

Test	Specification	Result
Thermal cycling	-55°C / +150°C	1000 cycles passed (TC Grade 1)
Temperature / Humidity	85°C / 85%RH	1000 hours passed (TH Group A)
Board bending	5 mm/s	80k bends passed
Random vibration	3 g (rms) [5-500] Hz	30 min per axis passed
Shock	10k g @ 0,2ms	3 per direction passed
Reflow sensitivity	Pb-free profile (255°C)	30 cycles passed
HAST	110°C @ 85%RH @ 5VDC	264 hours passed
Drop test	1500g @ 0,5ms	10 drops passed (MS Group F)
High temperature storage	@ 125°C	1000 hours passed (TH Grade 2)
Moisture Sensitivity Level	Peak @ 260 °C	Minimum MSL 3

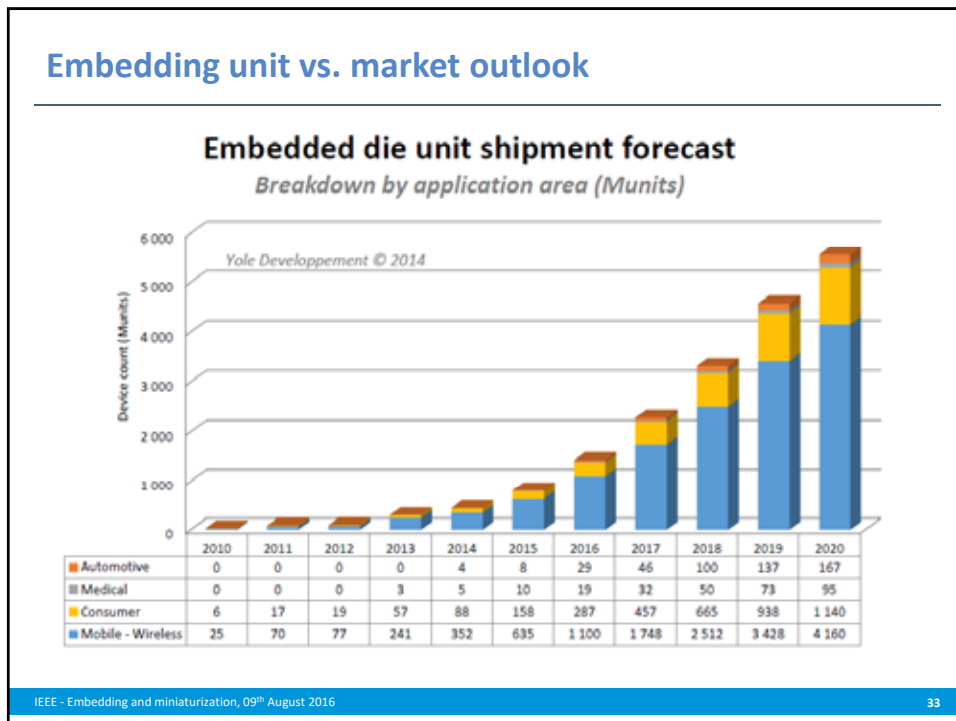
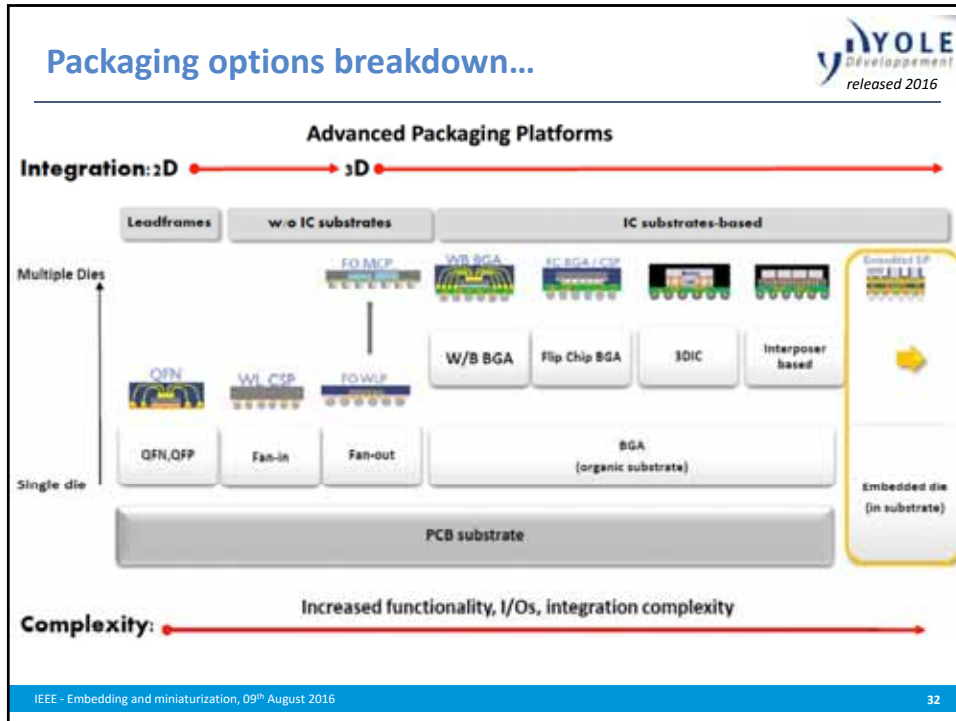
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Market needs divided by applications

Power
Converters, BMU,...

- Thick copper (80 – 200 – 400 um copper)
- Large vias (Slot, Areas)
- Filled vias
- Cooling
- High V components

Integration
SIP, Wifi, NFC,...

- Fine line/space (30um – 20 um LS)
- Alternative stack-ups
- Thinner stack ups (6 L build up incl. Comp. Below 300 um)
- Ultra low CTE material (increase package / die ratio)
- Large components (10 x 10 mm)

Intersection:

- Double-sided interconnection
- Small pads (100 um)
- Stacked dies

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Embedding conclusions

- Technology driven by module approach
- No clear reliability specifications but PCB based tests show embedding technology supremacy
- Market needs are driving technology
- Supply chain models extremely flexible
- Resources and prerequisites setup and available
- Technology is proven
- Various markets are making a move

“Everything new seems crazy until it isn’t”

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