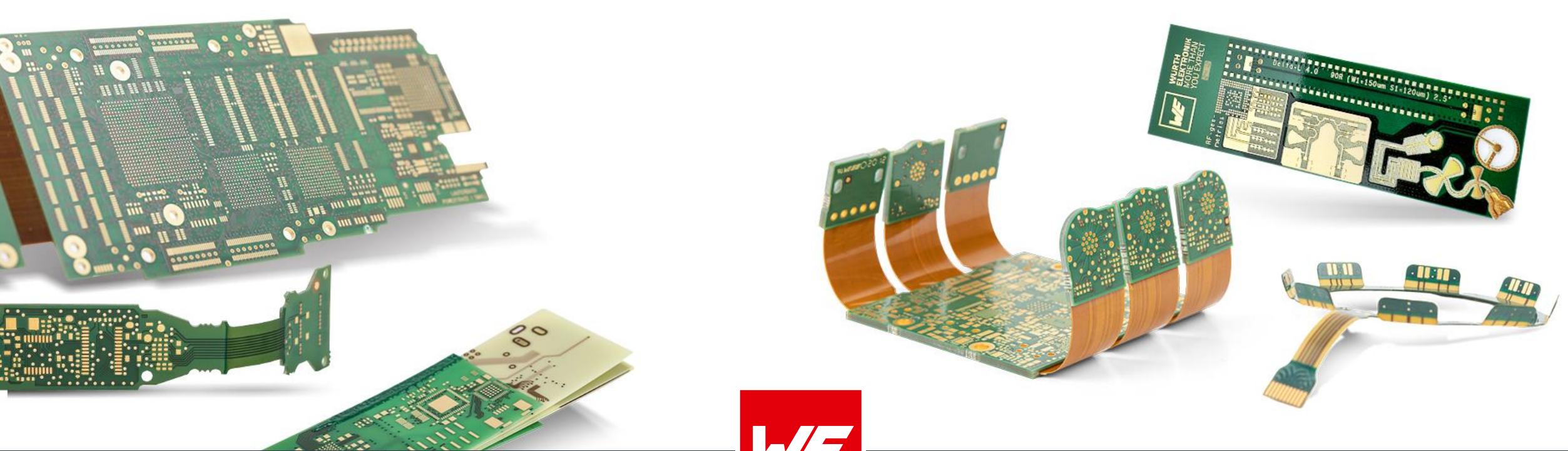




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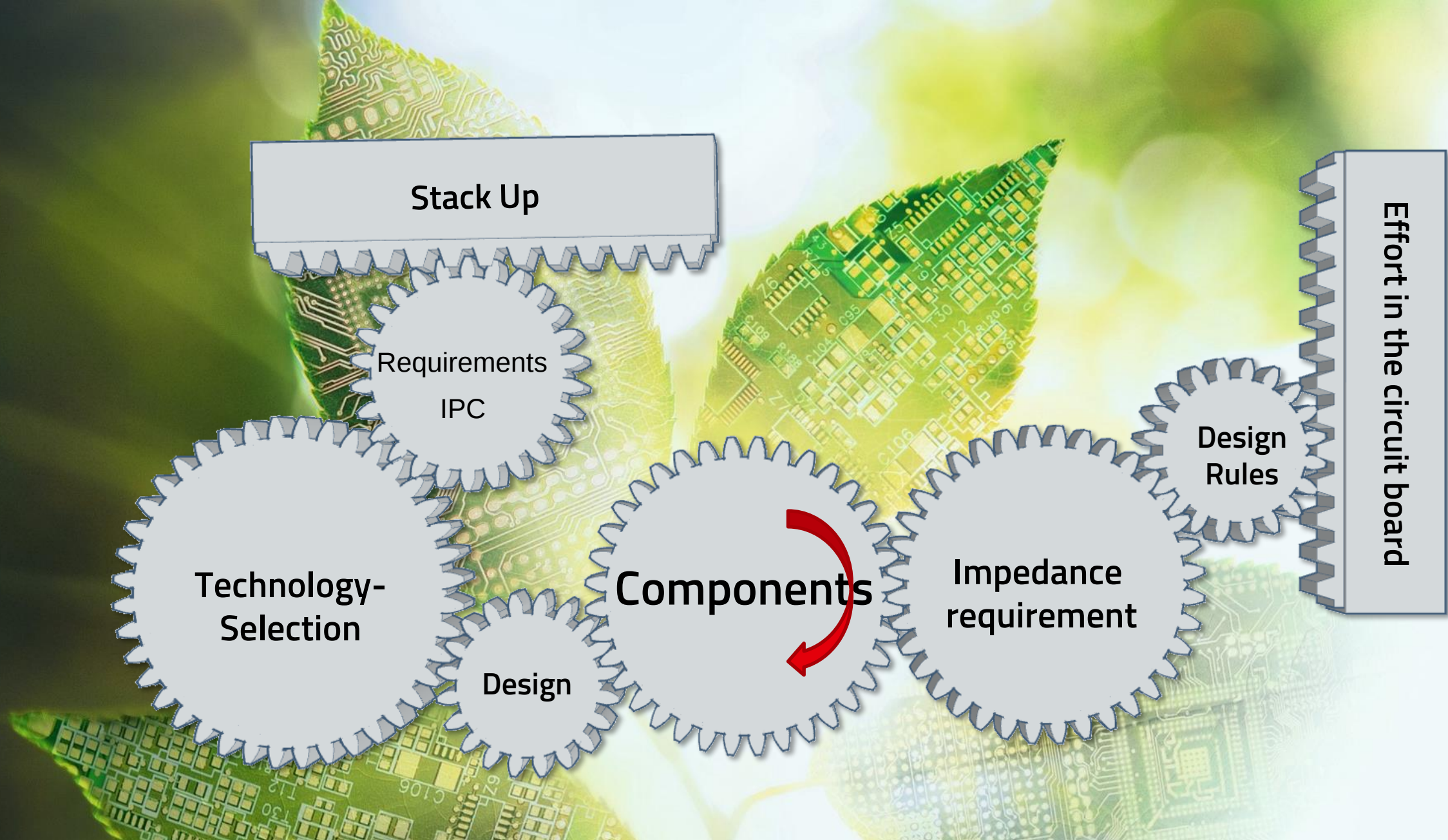
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IMPEDANCE – INTRODUCTION

Surface Microstrip - IPC-2141

$$Z_0 = \frac{87.0}{(\epsilon_r + 1.41)^{1/2}} \ln \left[\frac{5.98h}{0.8w + t} \right]$$

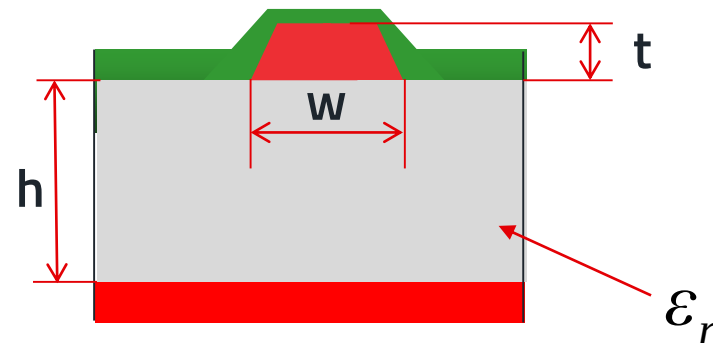
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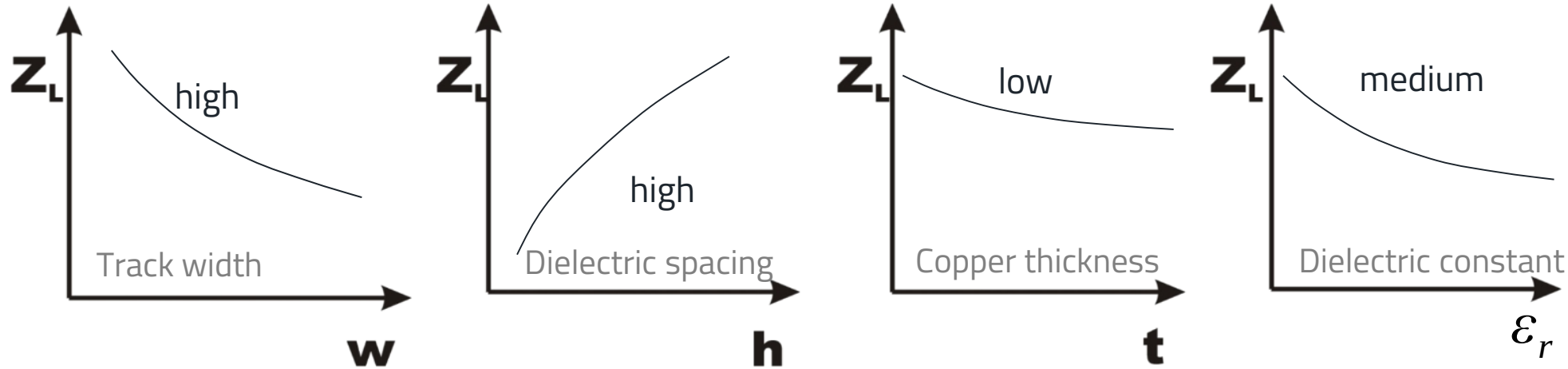
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IMPEDANCE – INFLUENCING FACTORS



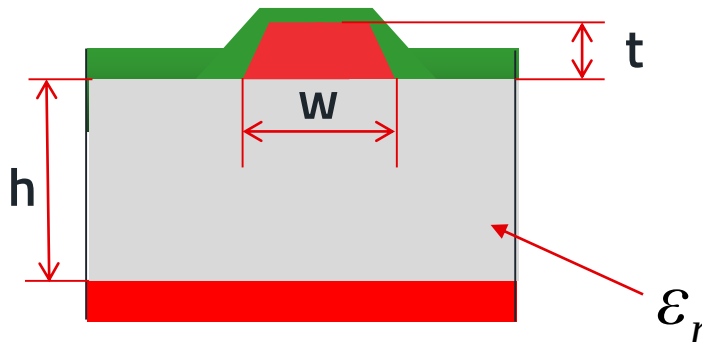
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$w+h$ = Designer + PCB manufacturer

t = Electroplating process, base copper

ϵ_r = Base Material

IMPEDANCE – INTRODUCTION

Types of Structures



Single Ended
Coated Microstrip



Differential Pair
Edge Coupled Coated
Microstrip



Differential Pair
Embedded Coplanar Strips

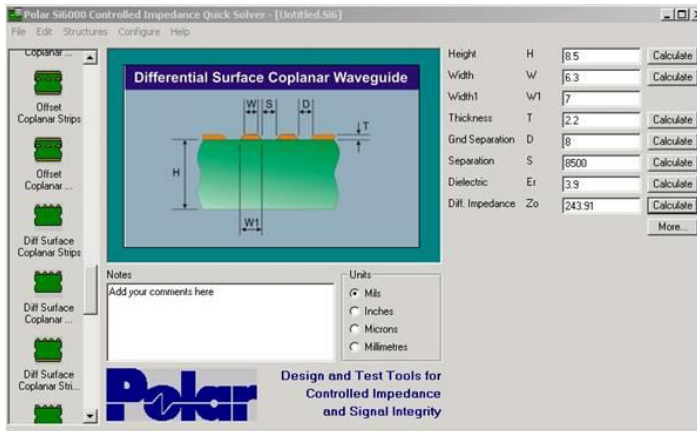
And many, many more...

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IMPEDANCE REQUIREMENTS

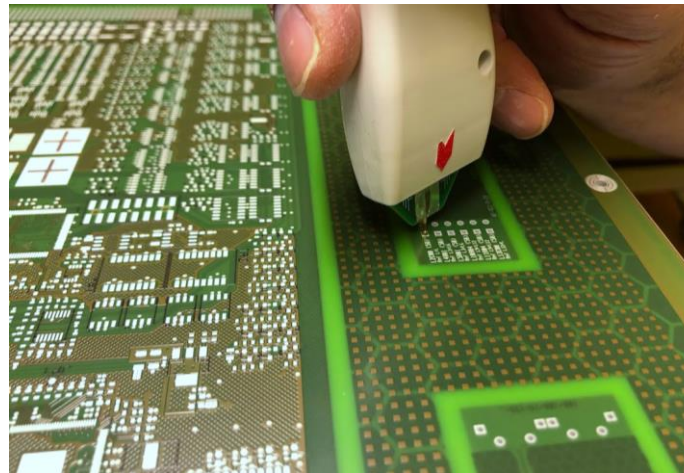
Defined by Component choice

- Impedance Calculation



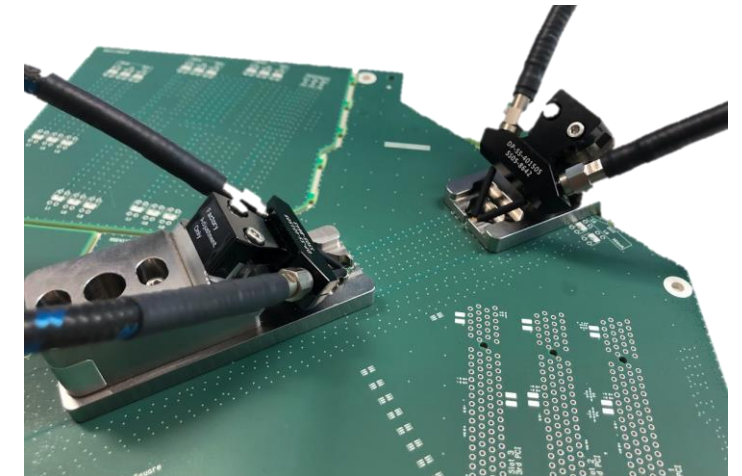
- Material Selection
- Design Rules
- Process Tolerance

- Impedance Measurement



- Process Control

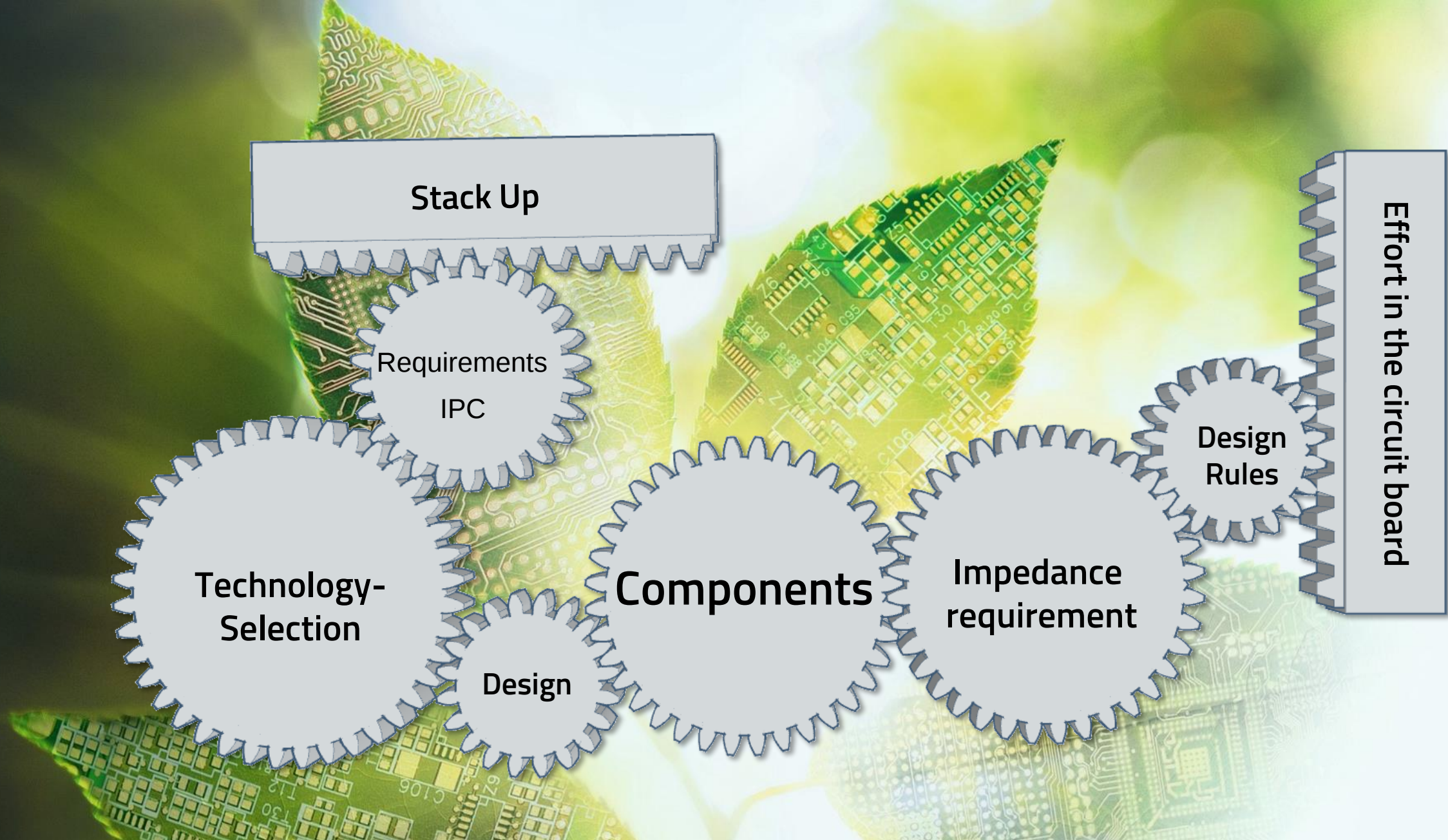
- HIGHSPEED Measurement „Atlas“



- Helping customer with
 - Material Choice
 - Design Rules
- Research & Development

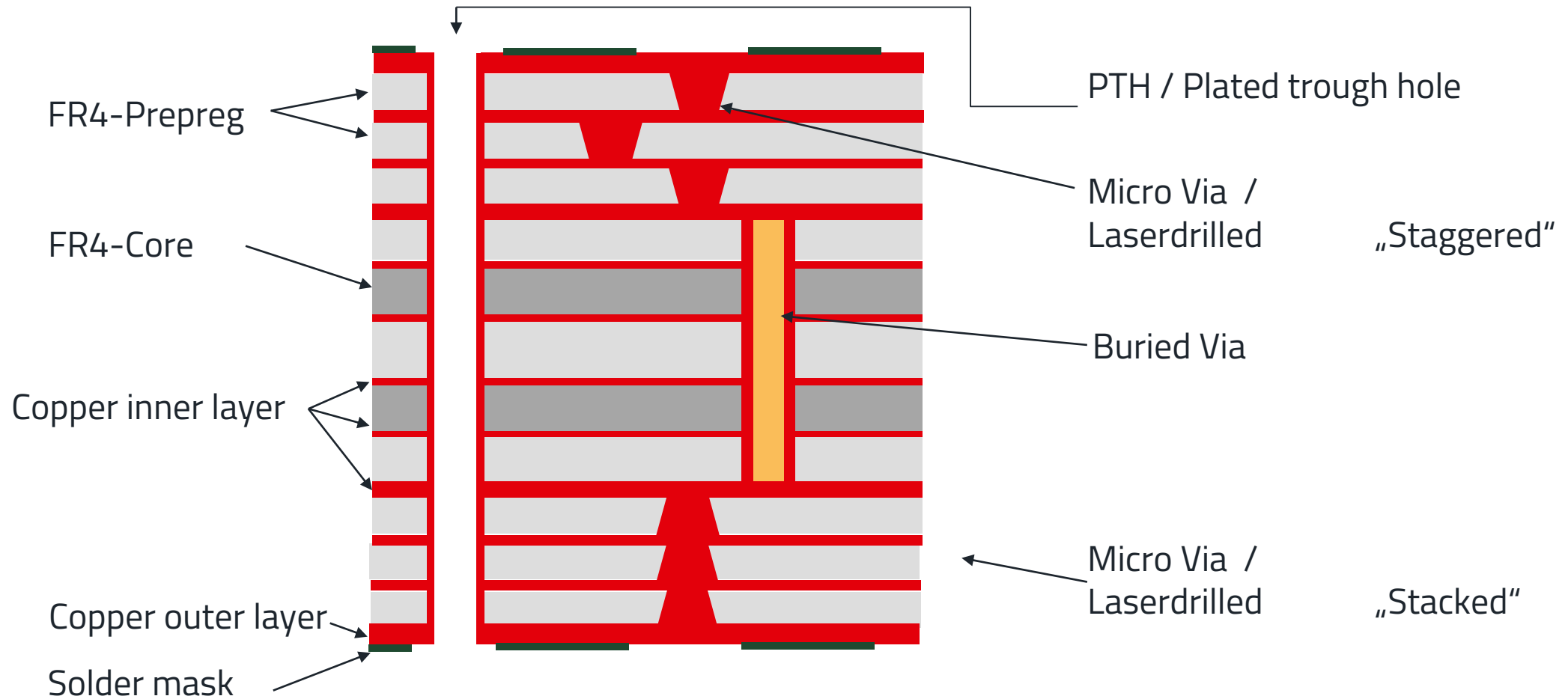
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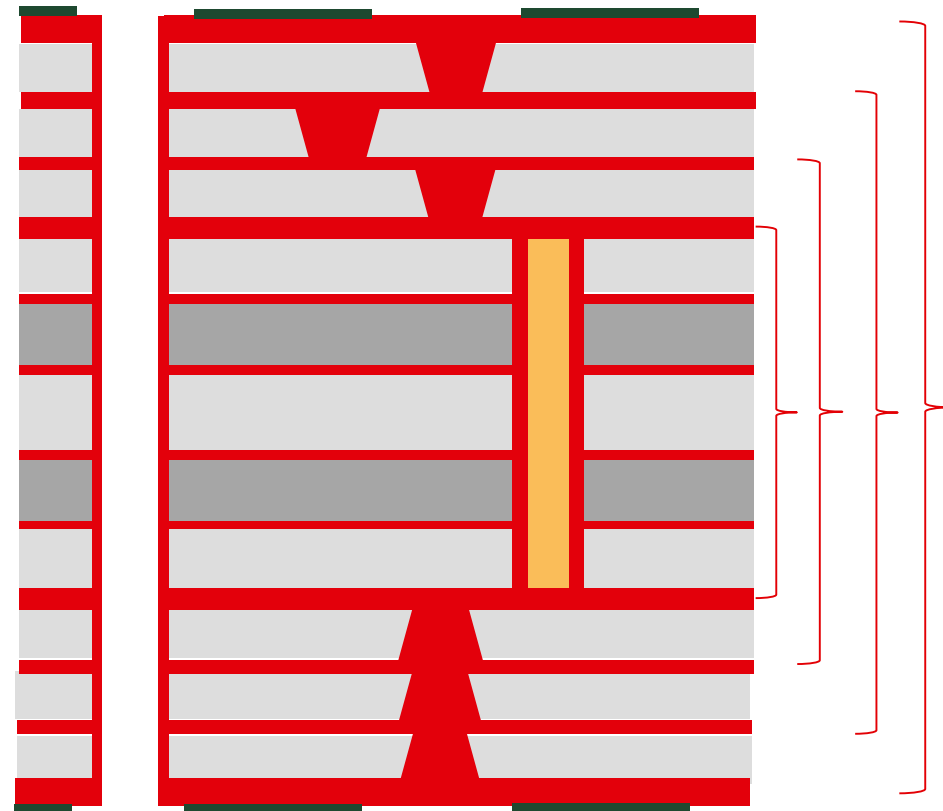
OVERVIEW STACKUP

HDI12 3-6b-3



CONSTRUCTION OF A HDI PCB

HDI12 3-6b-3



6x Galvanic Processes

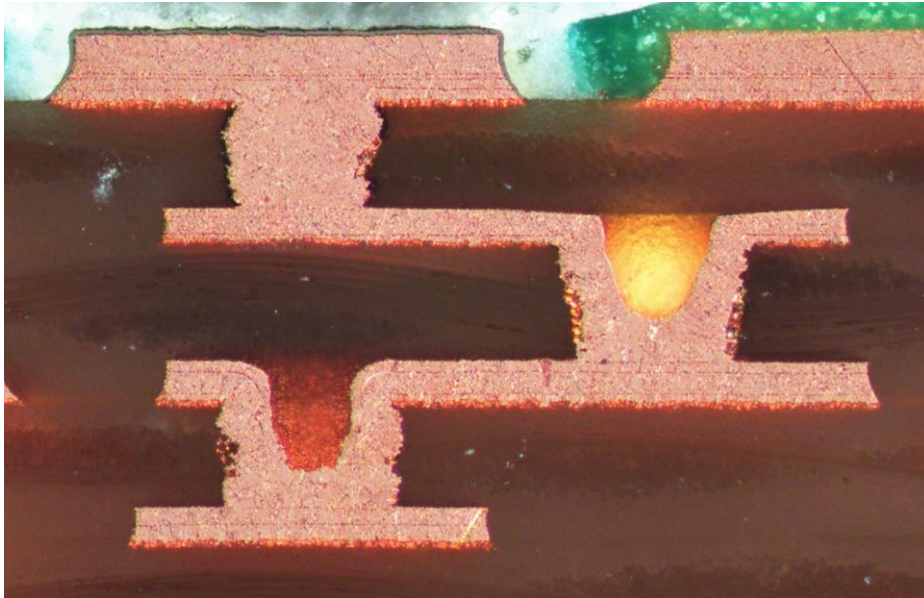
5x Photo Processes

4x Press cycles

HDI MICRO VIA

Technology Choice

„Staggered“ Micro Via

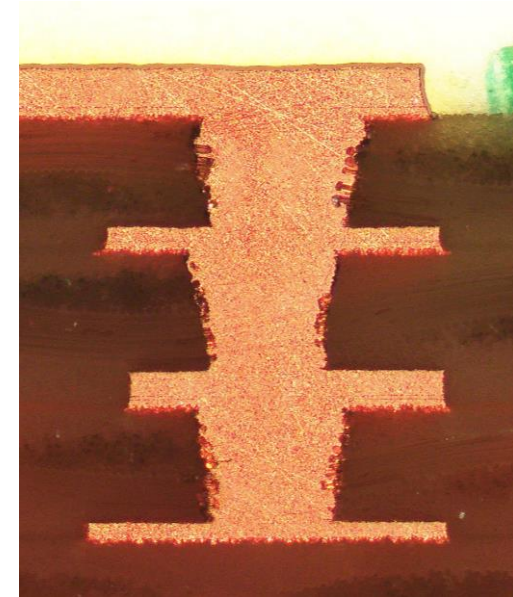


Copper filled

Filling Resin filled

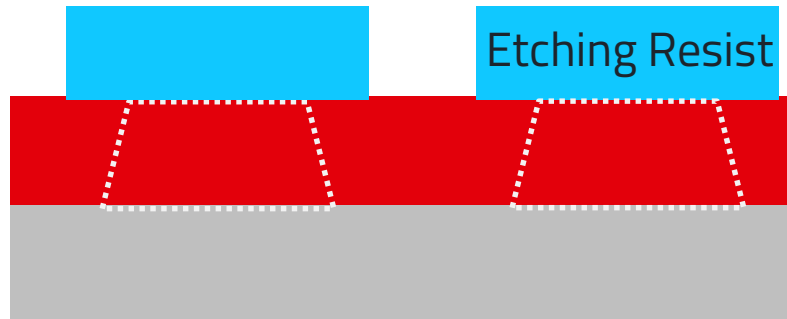
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„Stacked“ Micro Via

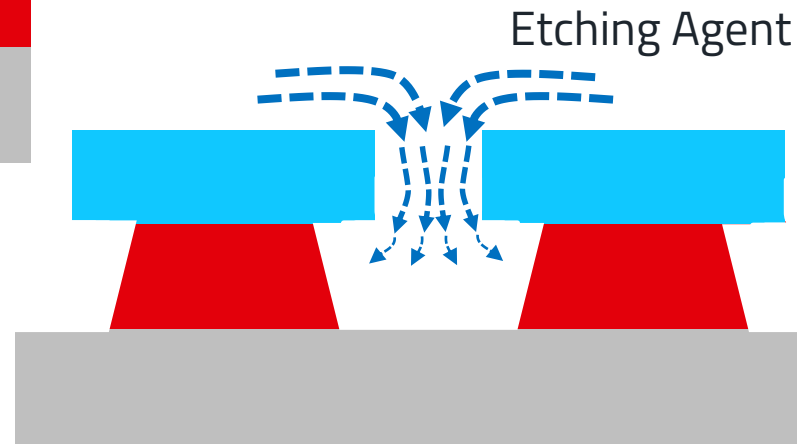


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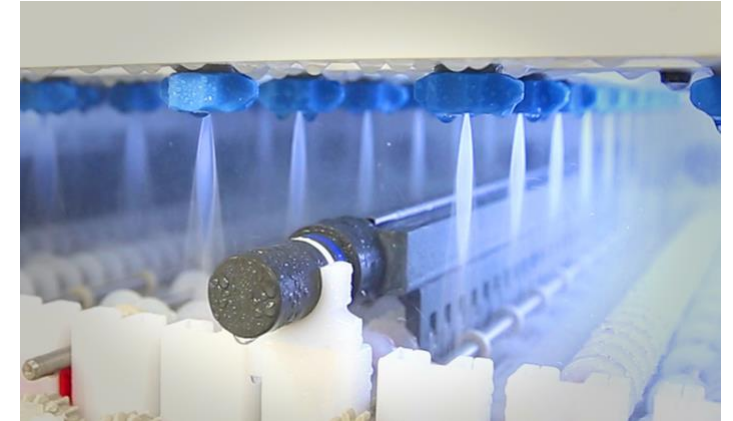
BASICS: PRODUCTION OF A PCB – INNER LAYERS



Lamination of Resist & Develop

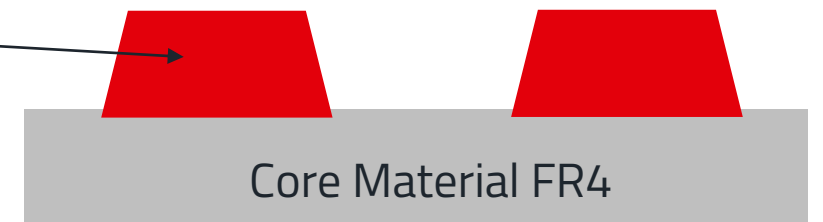


Etching



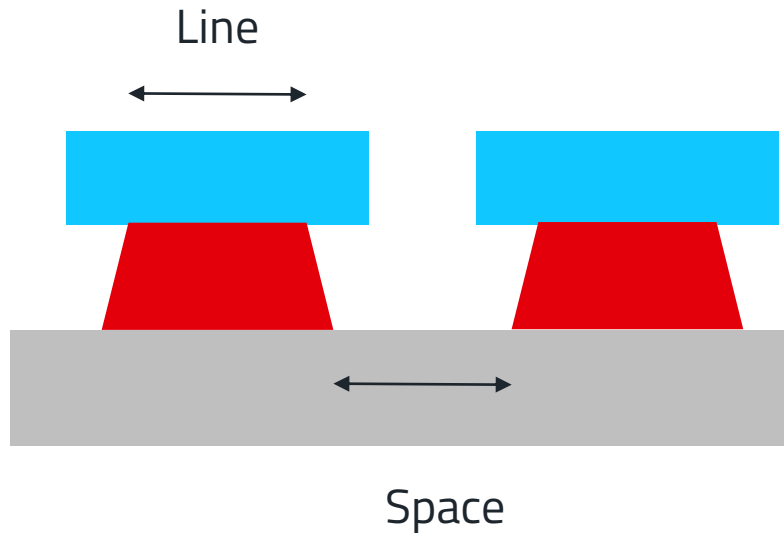
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Track



Stripping

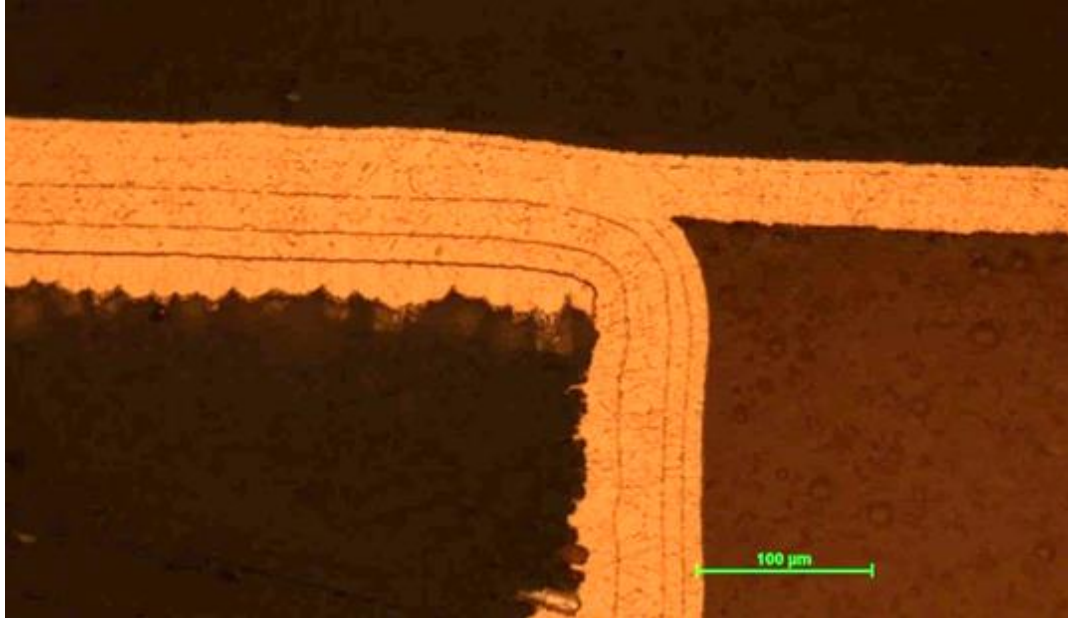
CORRELATION BETWEEN COPPER THICKNESS AND LINE WIDTH



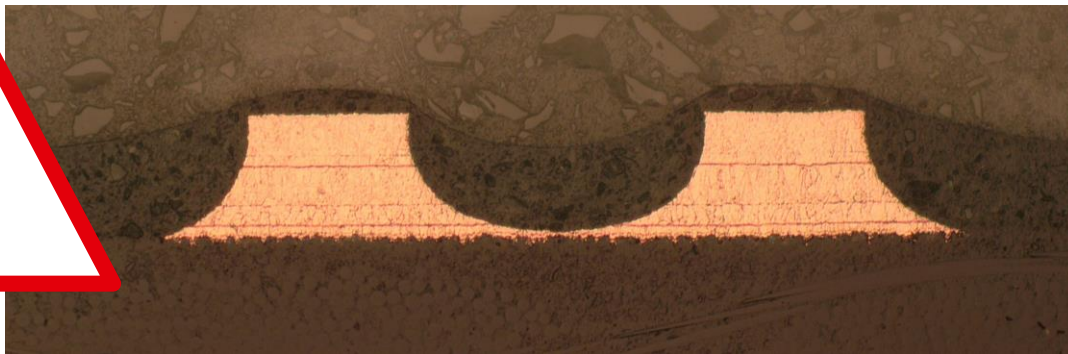
Outer layers – conductor spacing					
Starting foil thickness	Minimum copper thickness ¹		Nominal final thickness	Minimum conductor spacing Standard	Minimum conductor spacing Advanced
	IPC-class 1, 2	IPC-class 3			
8,5 µm [1/4 oz.] ²	26,2 µm	31,2 µm		100 µm	75 µm
12 µm [3/8 oz.] ²	29,3 µm	34,3 µm		100 µm	80 µm
17,1 µm [1/2 oz.]	33,4 µm	38,4 µm	35 µm	120 µm	100 µm
34,3 µm [1 oz.]	47,9 µm	52,9 µm	70 µm	180 µm	160 µm
68,6 µm [2 oz.]	78,7 µm	83,7 µm	105 µm	275 µm	225 µm
102,9 µm [3 oz.]	108,6 µm	113,6 µm		390 µm	320 µm
1) IPC-6012E-EN Table 3-15: External Conductor Thickness after Plating					
2) Extra cost: No standard copper foil					
3) Outer layers: only possible with uniform circuit layout					
Inner layers - conductor spacing					
Starting foil thickness	Minimum copper thickness ⁴			Minimum conductor spacing Standard	Minimum conductor spacing Advanced
	IPC-class 1, 2, 3				
17,1 µm [1/2 oz.]	11,4 µm			100 µm	75 µm
34,3 µm [1 oz.]	24,9 µm			120 µm	100 µm
68,6 µm [2 oz.]	55,7 µm			180 µm	150 µm
102,9 µm [3 oz.]	86,6 µm			250 µm	225 µm
4) IPC-6012E-EN Table 3-14: Internal Layer Foil Thickness after Processing					

FILLED VIA – TECHNOLOGY COMBINATION

Limitations with fine line structures



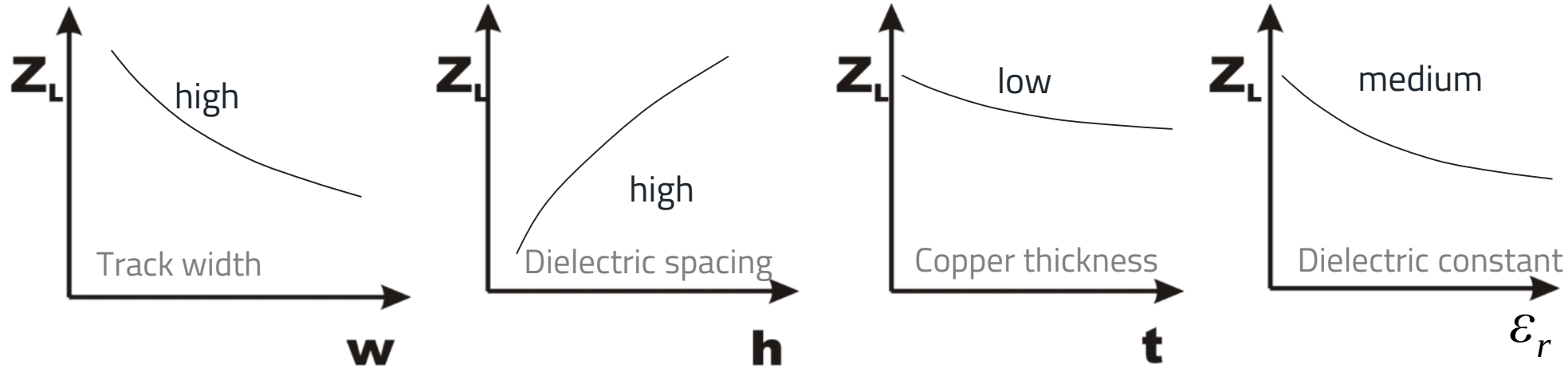
Due to repeated electroplating, the copper rises on the surface. This means that compromises in the structure sizes are sometimes necessary.



Typical design parameters depending on the Cu thickness

Copper-Thickness	Line width	Space
~ 30 µm	100 µm	100 µm
~ 40 µm	125 µm	120 µm
~ 50 µm	150 µm	180 µm

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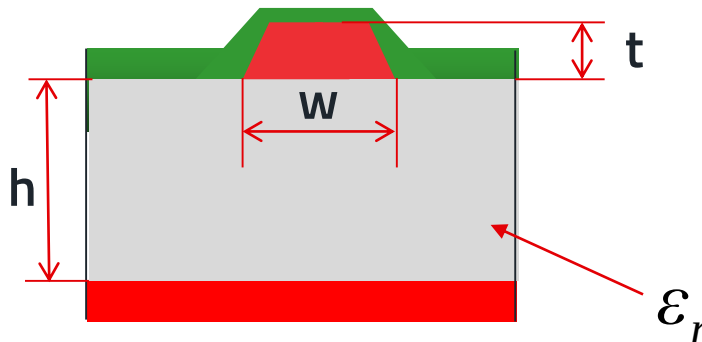
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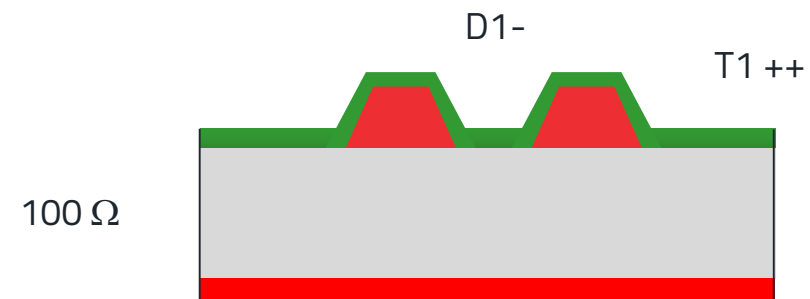
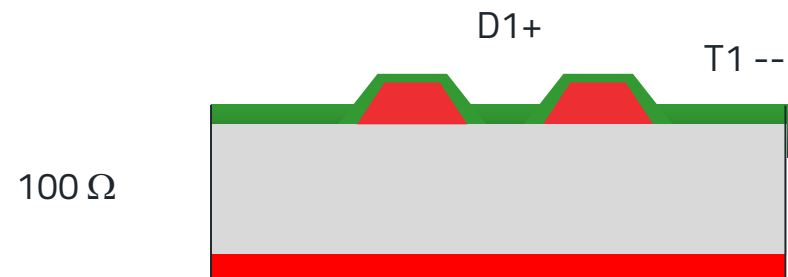
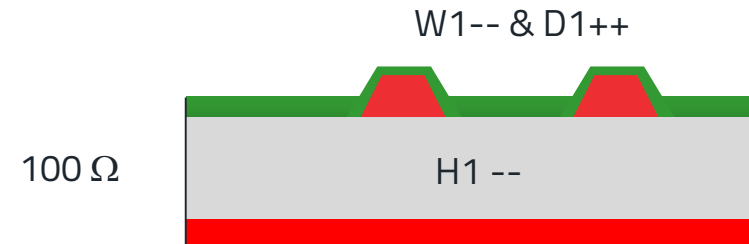
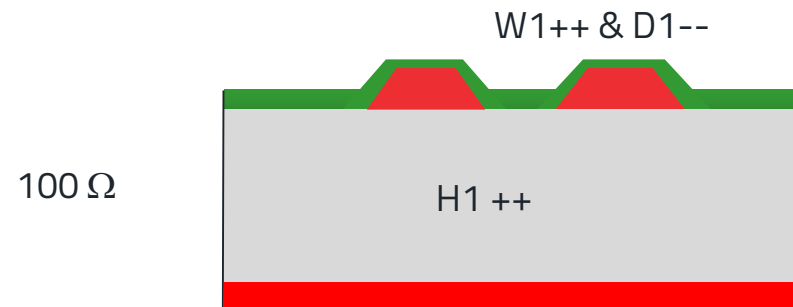


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t = Electroplating process, base copper

ϵ_r = Base Material

BEST COMBINATION ?



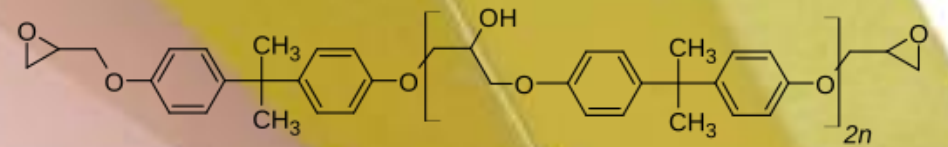
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BASE MATERIAL FR4

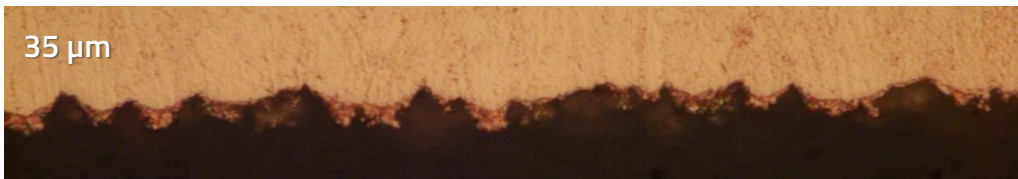
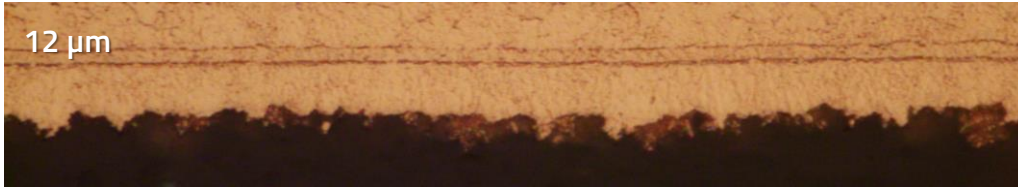
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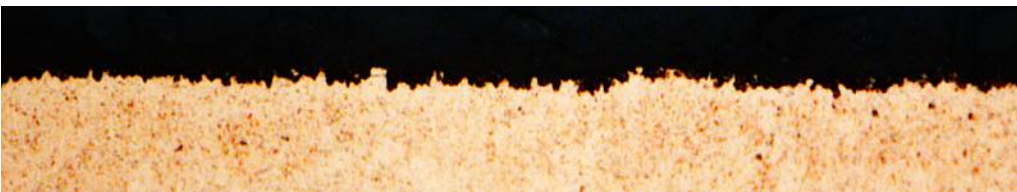


COPPERFOIL ROUGHNESS

■ Treatment



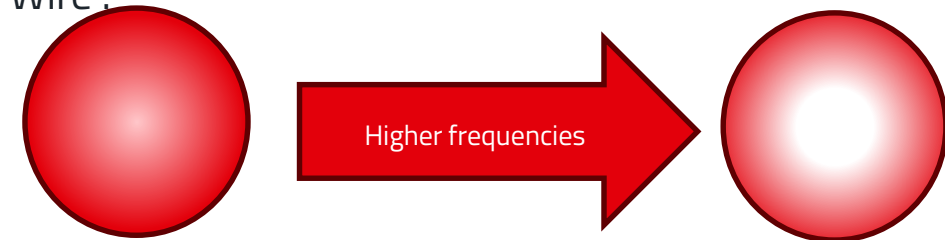
■ Shine + Adhesion Promoter



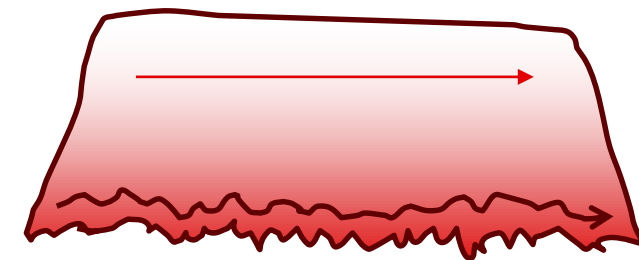
■ Skin-Effect

In simple terms, the skin effect is the tendency for alternating current (AC) to flow mostly near the outer surface (or "skin") of a conductor, rather than throughout its entire cross-section, especially at higher frequencies ~ 3 Ghz and more.

Wire :



Trace:



CONSTRUCTION OF PREPREG

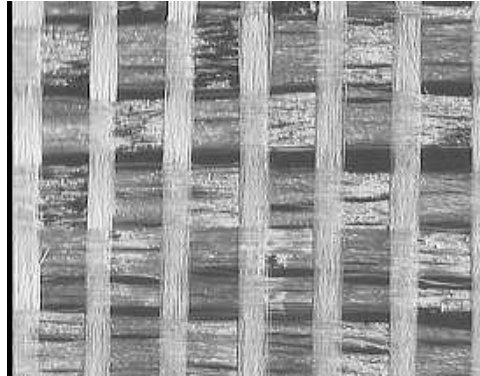
Example values

FR4 Prepreg 106

Thickness 50 μm

$\epsilon_r = 2,8 - 3,7$

Resin content ~70%

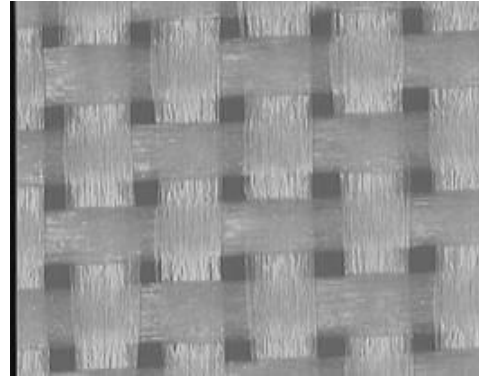


FR4 Prepreg 2116

Thickness 90 – 110 μm

$\epsilon_r = 3,6 - 3,8$

Resin content ~50%

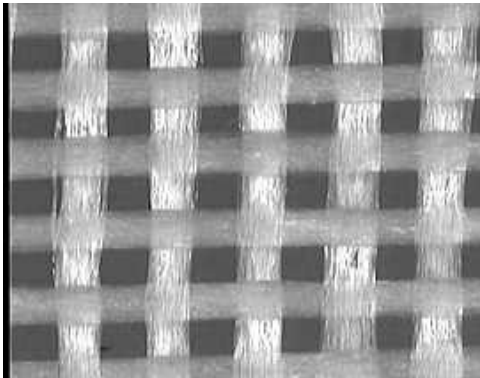


FR4 Prepreg 1080

Thickness 60 - 70 μm

$\epsilon_r = 3,2 - 3,7$

Resin content ~60%

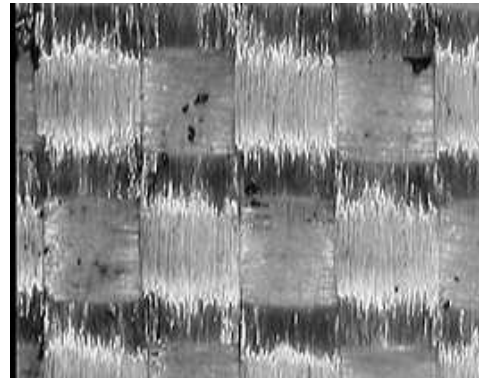


FR4 Prepreg 7628

Thickness 170 – 190 μm

$\epsilon_r = 4,1 - 4,6$

Resin content ~45%

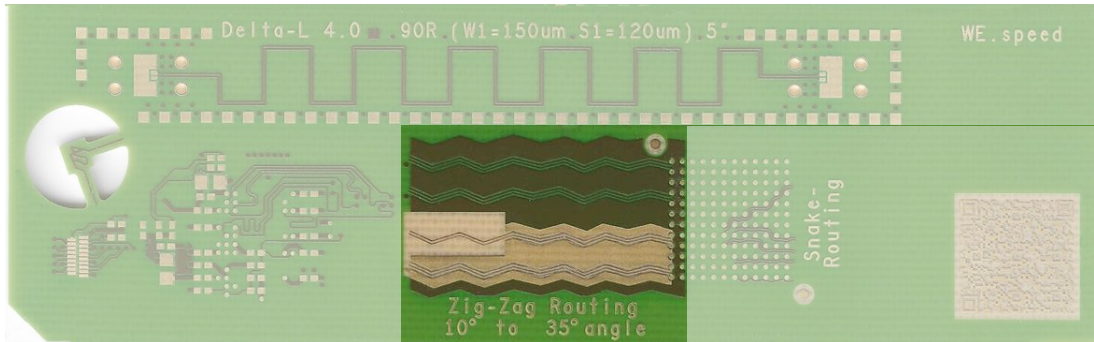


glass $\epsilon_r \sim 6,1$ / resin $\epsilon_r \sim 3,2$

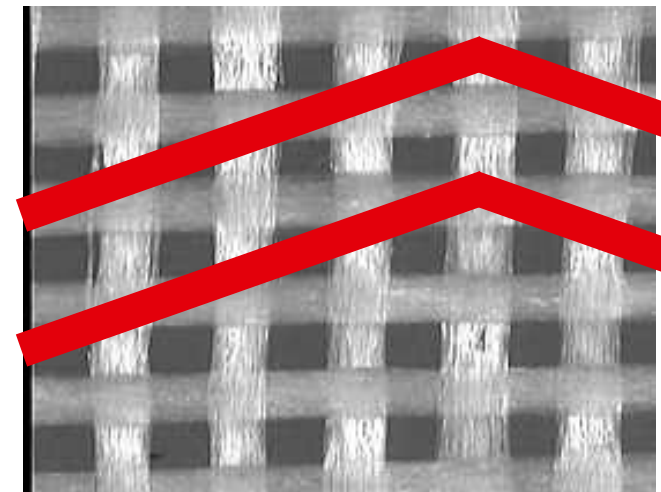
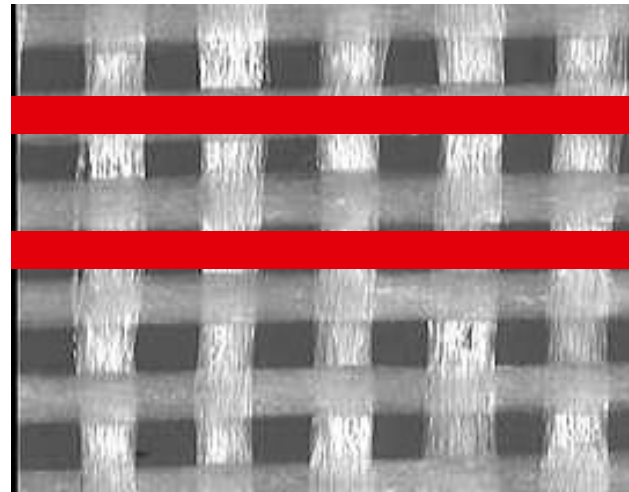
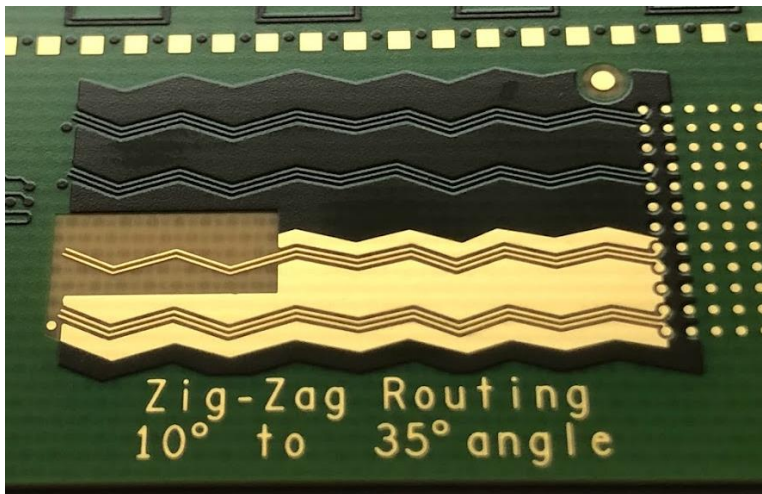
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Zig-Zag Routing



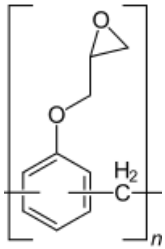
- Minimize Fiber-Weave Effect
Dk / E_R Glas ~6.1
Dk / E_R Fr4-Resin ~3.2
- Used in Customer application **WE**design Team
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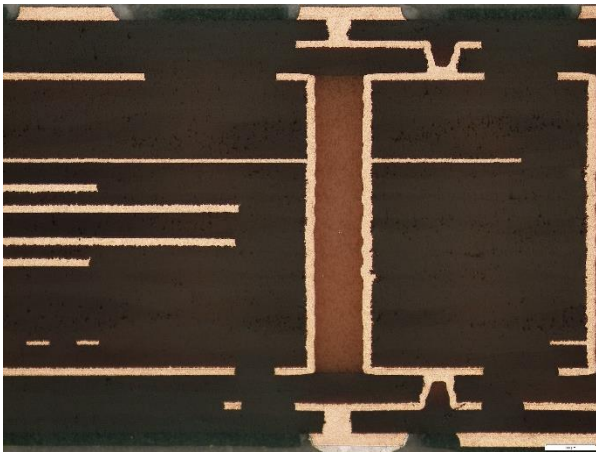
MATERIAL COMPARISON

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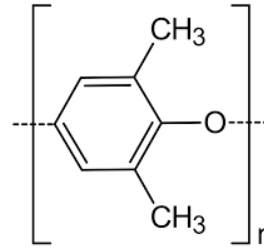
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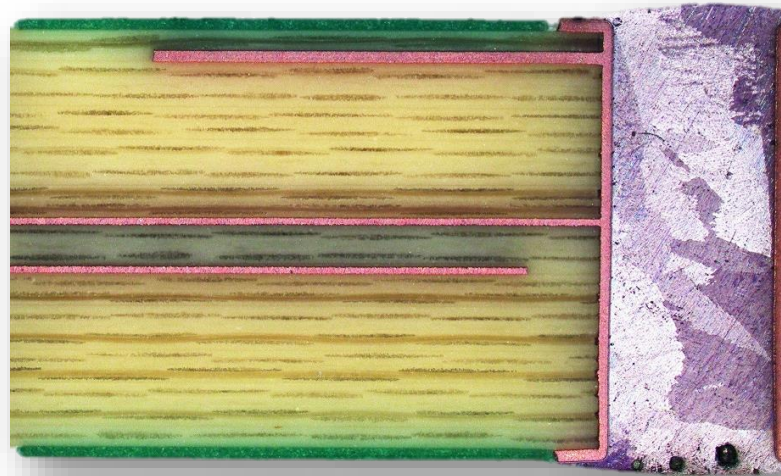
- Tg 130 – 180°C
- Dk 4.37 Df 0.022 at 1 GHz
- Without or with Fillers



Megtron 6 PPE-Resin

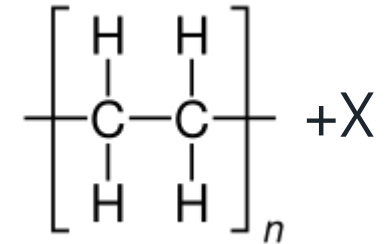


- Tg 185°C
- Dk 3.61 Df 0.0040 at 10 GHz
- With Fillers

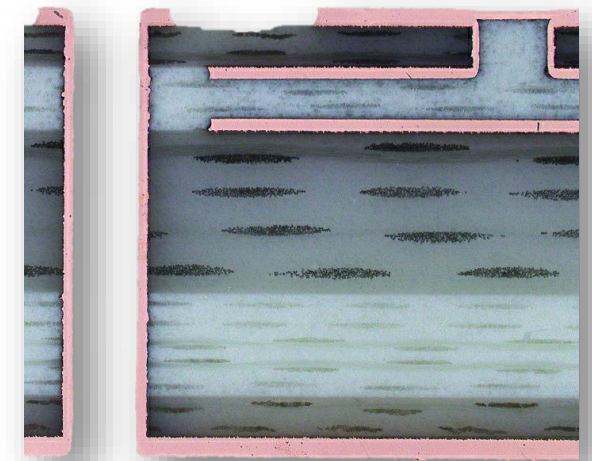


Rogers

Hydrocabon-Resin



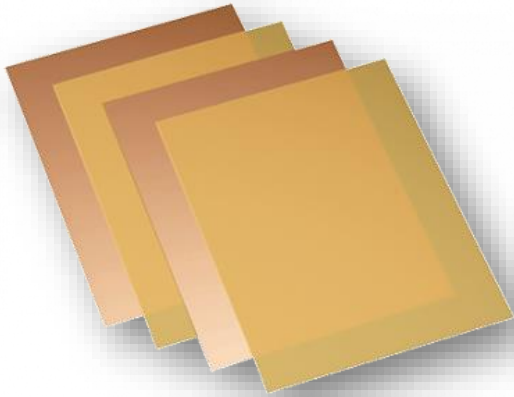
- Tg > 280°C
- Dk 3.48 Df 0.0037 at 10 GHz
- With ceramic Fillers



MATERIAL COMPARISON

Impact of new Materials

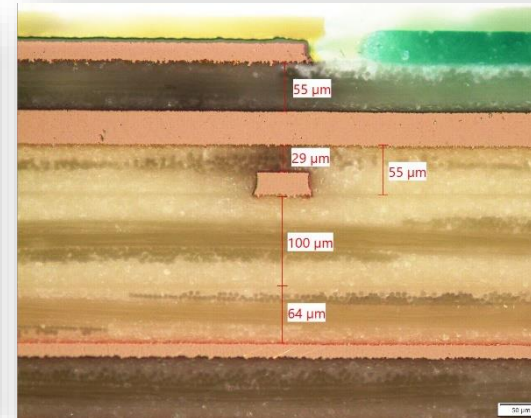
Raw Material



Wet Processes



Multilayer Pressing



Drill Parameters



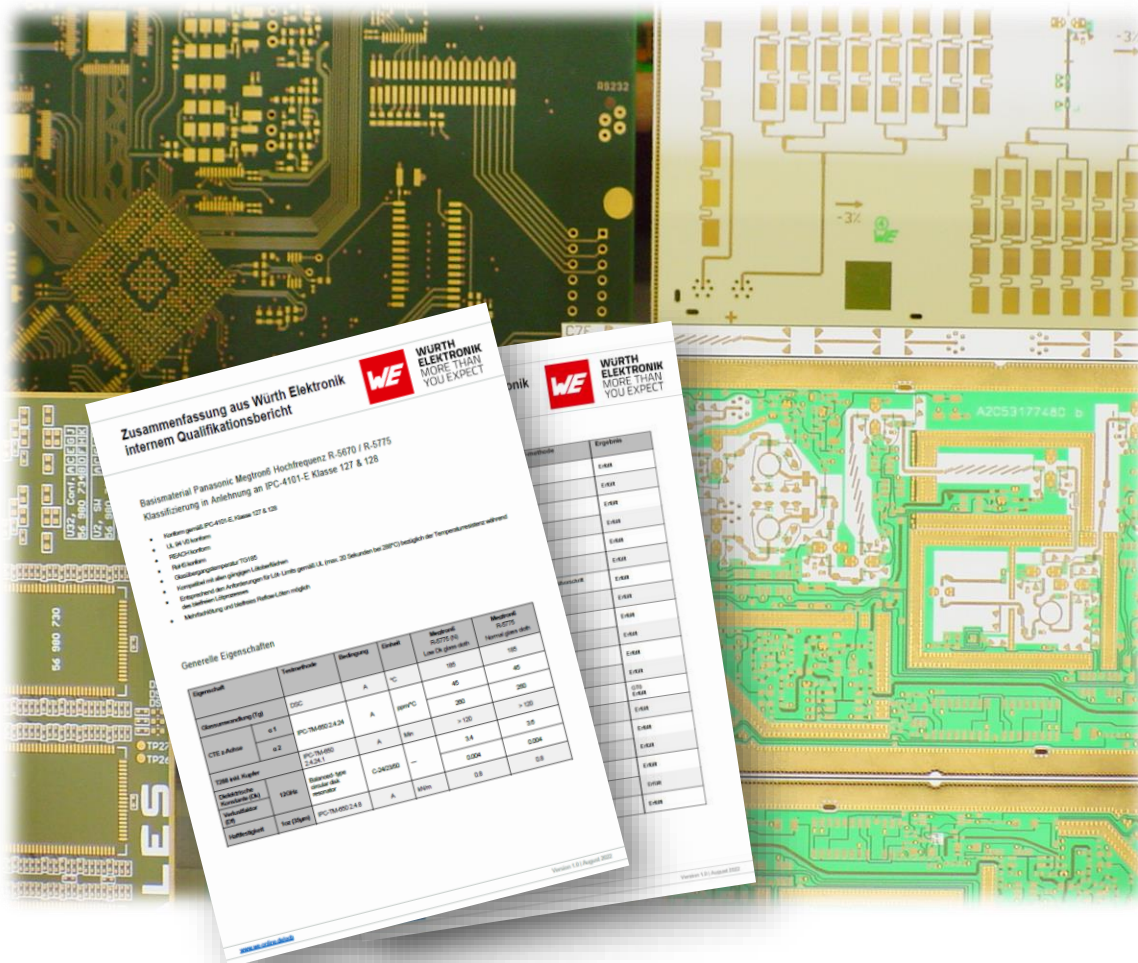
Price increase
4x - 20x
to Tg150 Material

More aggressive
chemistry necessary

Higher temperature
and
more time necessary

Higher wear out
of drill bits

QUALIFIED MATERIALS



For analog and digital High Speed applications

Panasonic
MEGTRON6

Dk 3.61

Dissipation factor 0.0040 at 10 GHz



For special applications

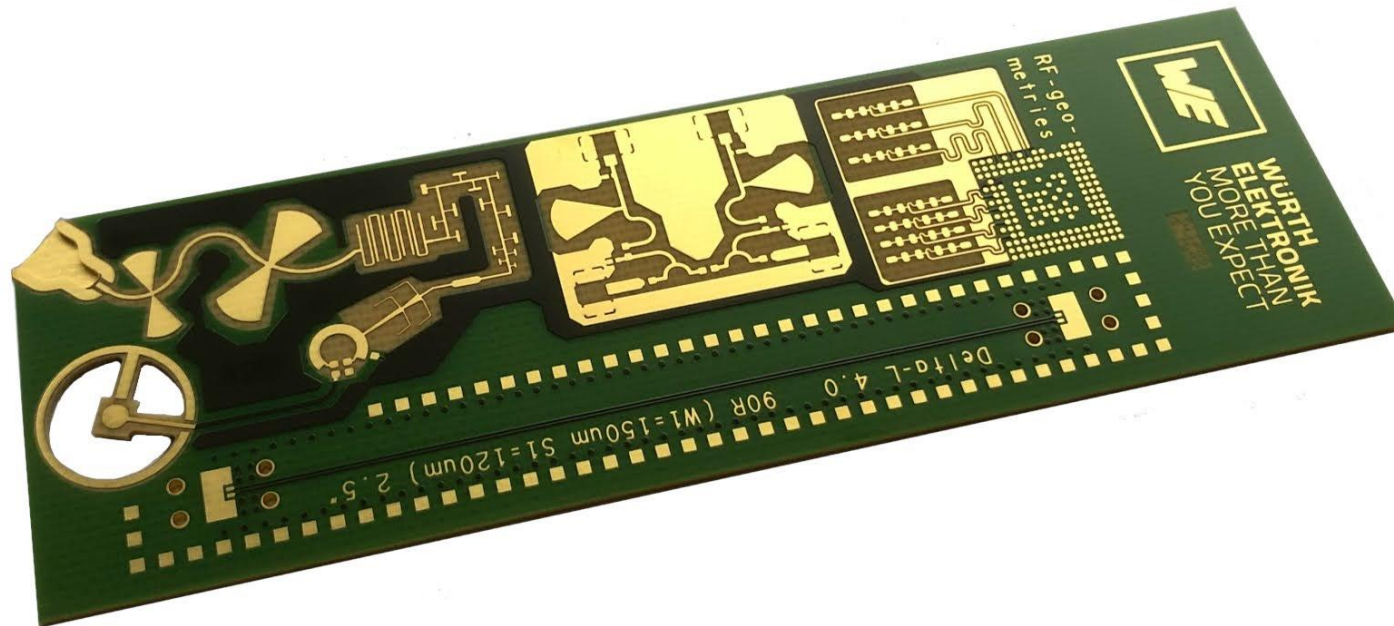


4000-Family

Dk of 3.48

Dissipation factor of 0.0037 @10 GHz

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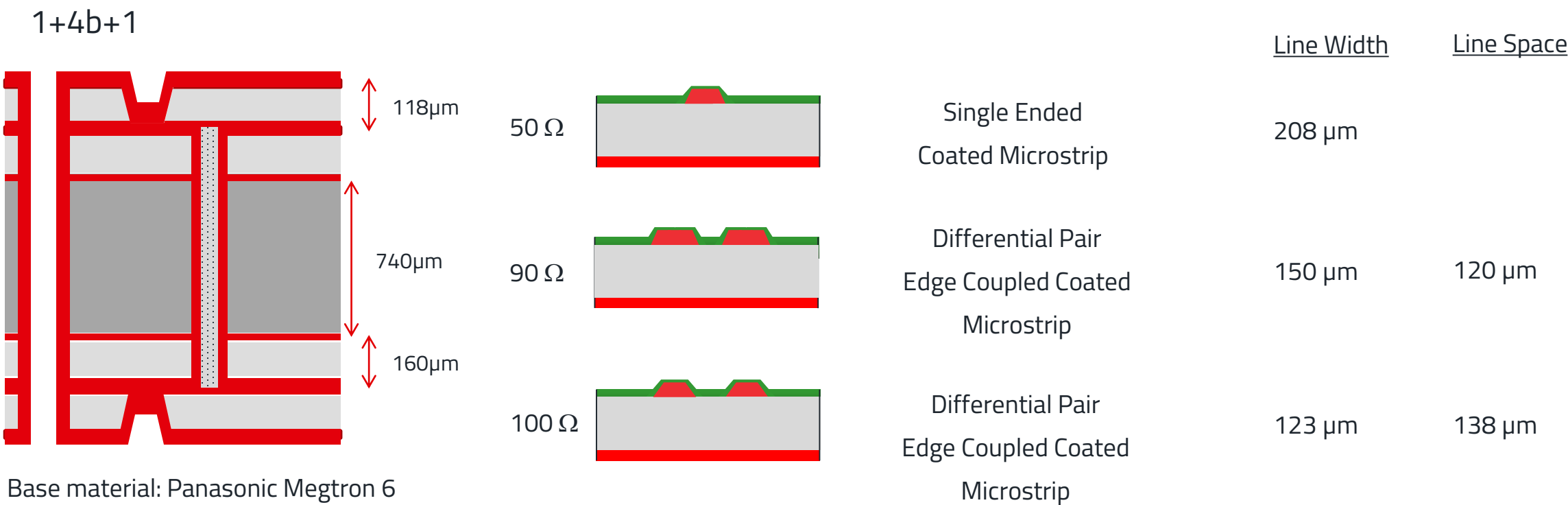
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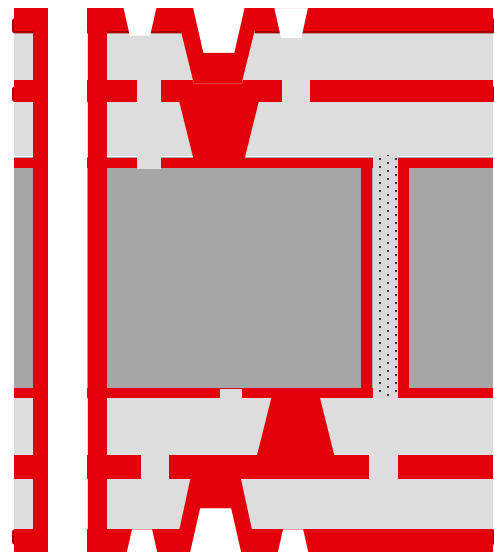
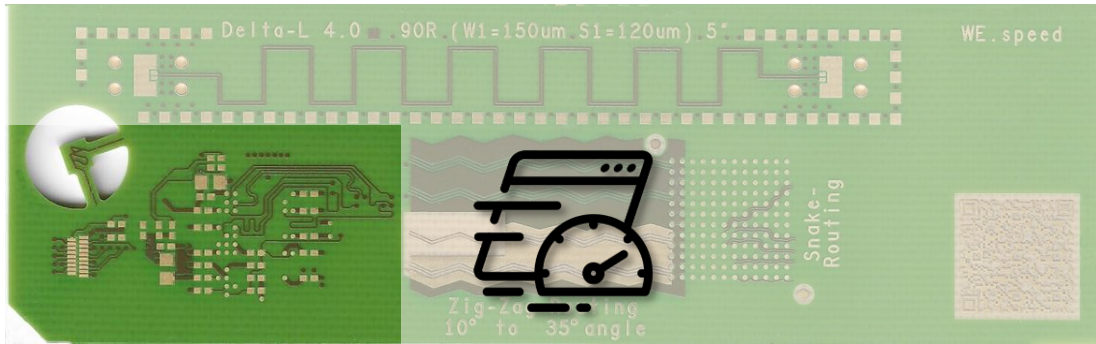
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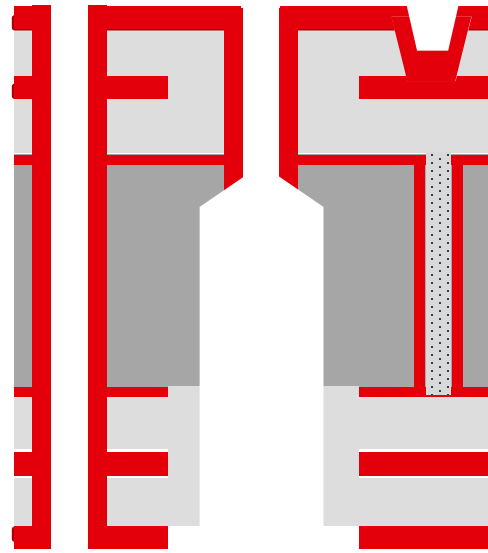
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HDI-Design



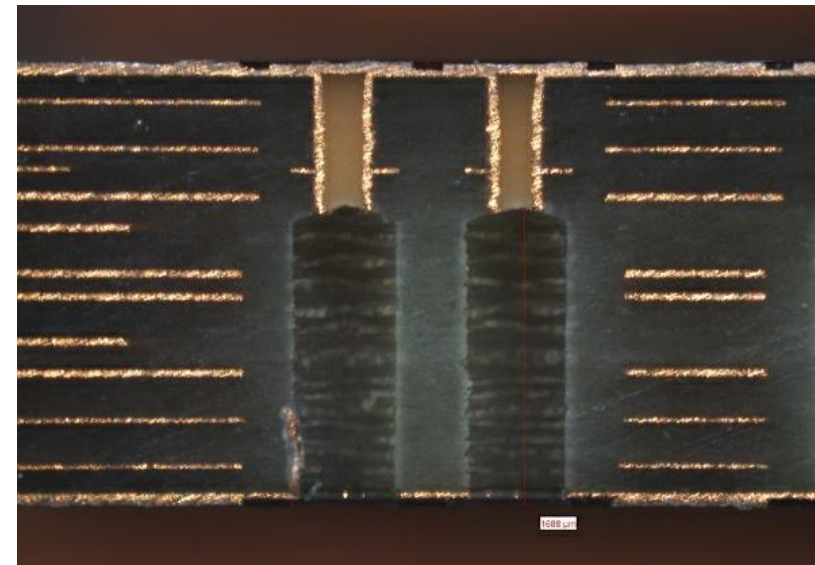
HDI- Approach



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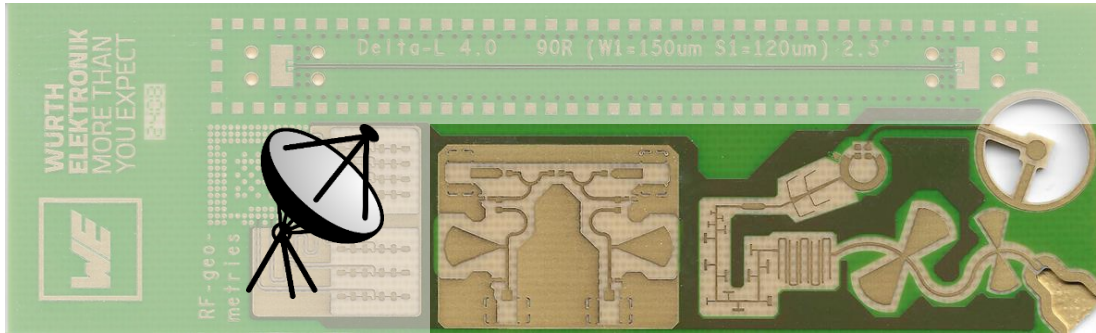
Use Micro Via as much as possible

- Small footprint
- Short stub length
- In volume minimal extra cost → Stitching Via
- More reliable than Back Drilling



HIGH.SPEED PHYSICAL PCB SAMPLE

RF Filters & Antennas



- Be creative!

Possible Connection for a waveguide



Depth Milling



Edge Metallisation



Etching



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LINE/SPACE DEPENDENCY - PRACTICAL EXAMPLE



In narrow spaces: small conductor spacing

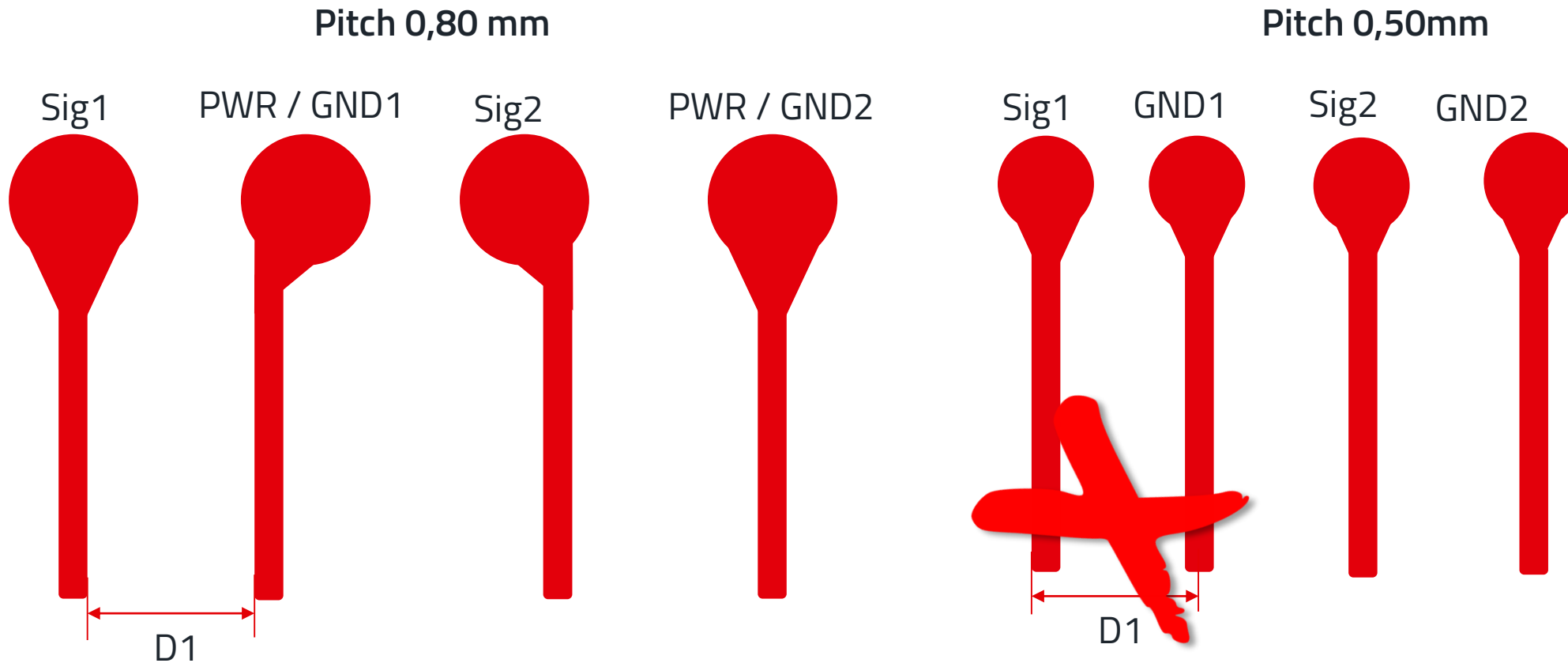
Rest of the layout: generous spacing

New data formats: Use attributes

Asymmetric layout definition

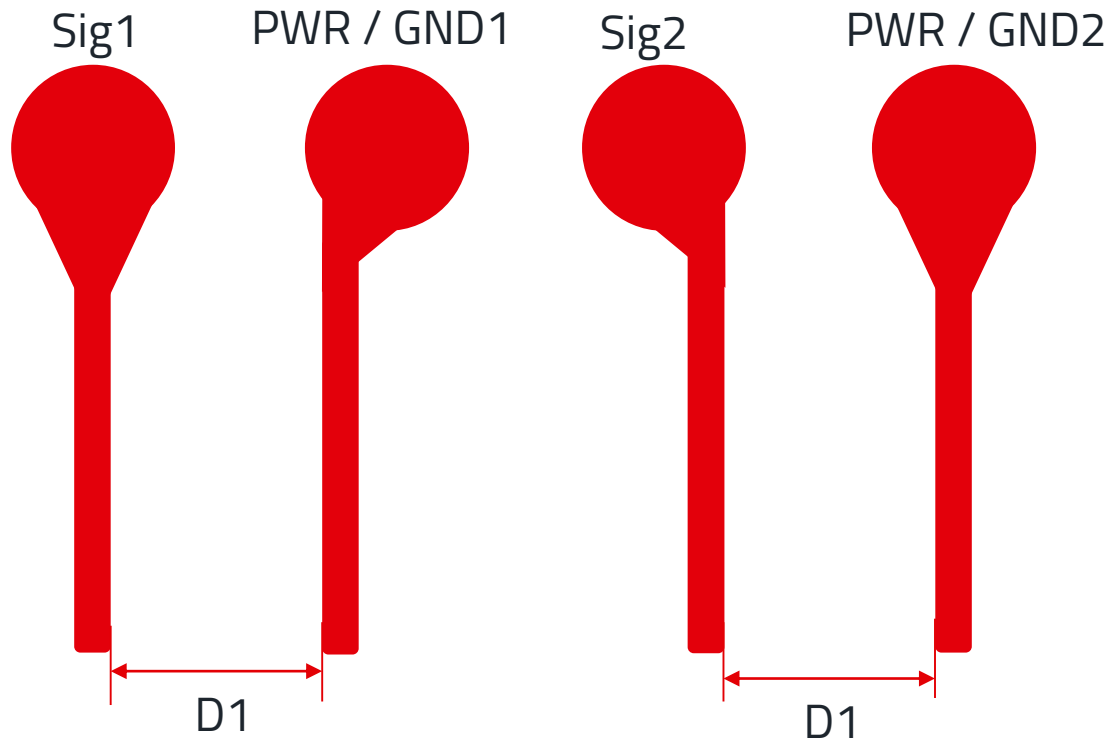
	Line/Space
Not	100/100 μm
but	80/120 μm

PITCH DEPENDENCY - PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

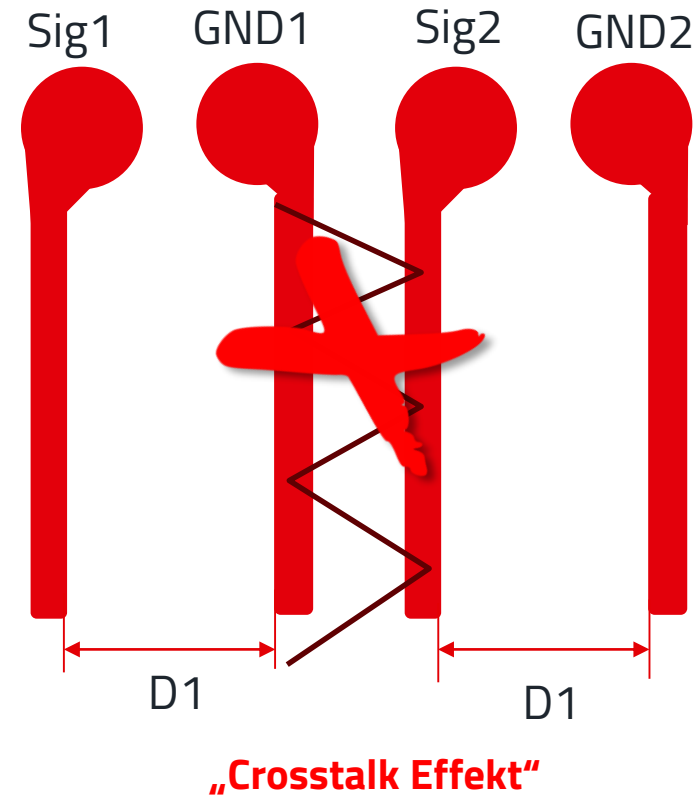


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Pitch 0,80 mm

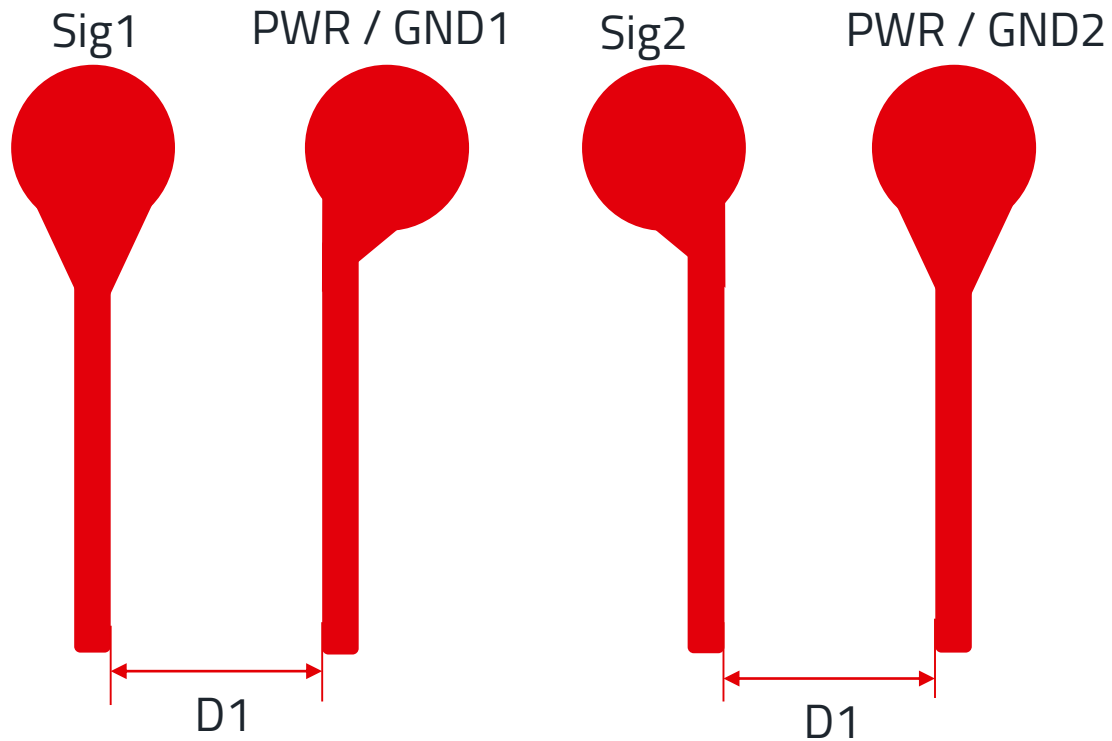


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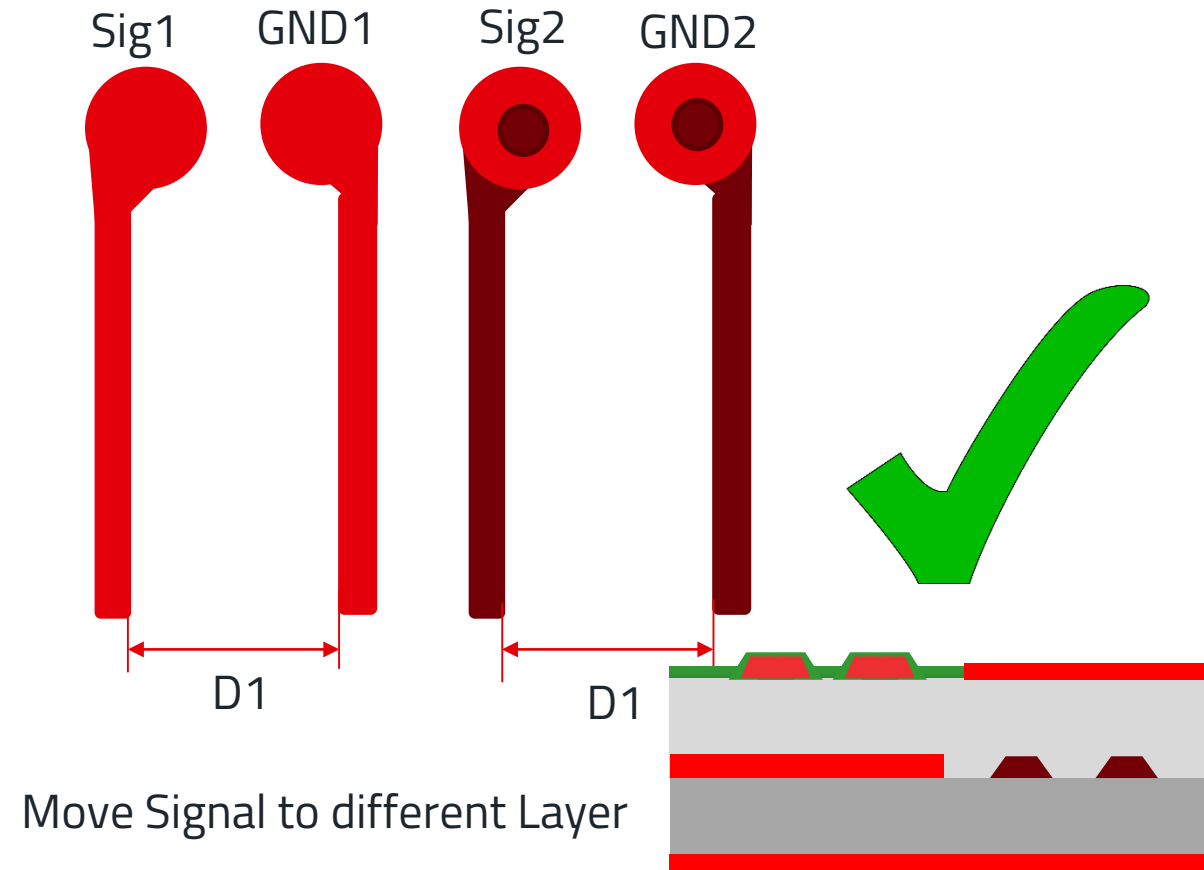


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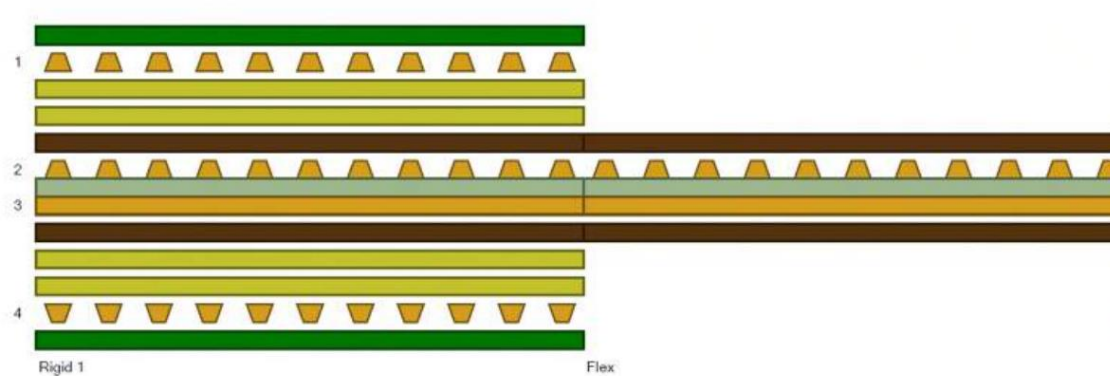


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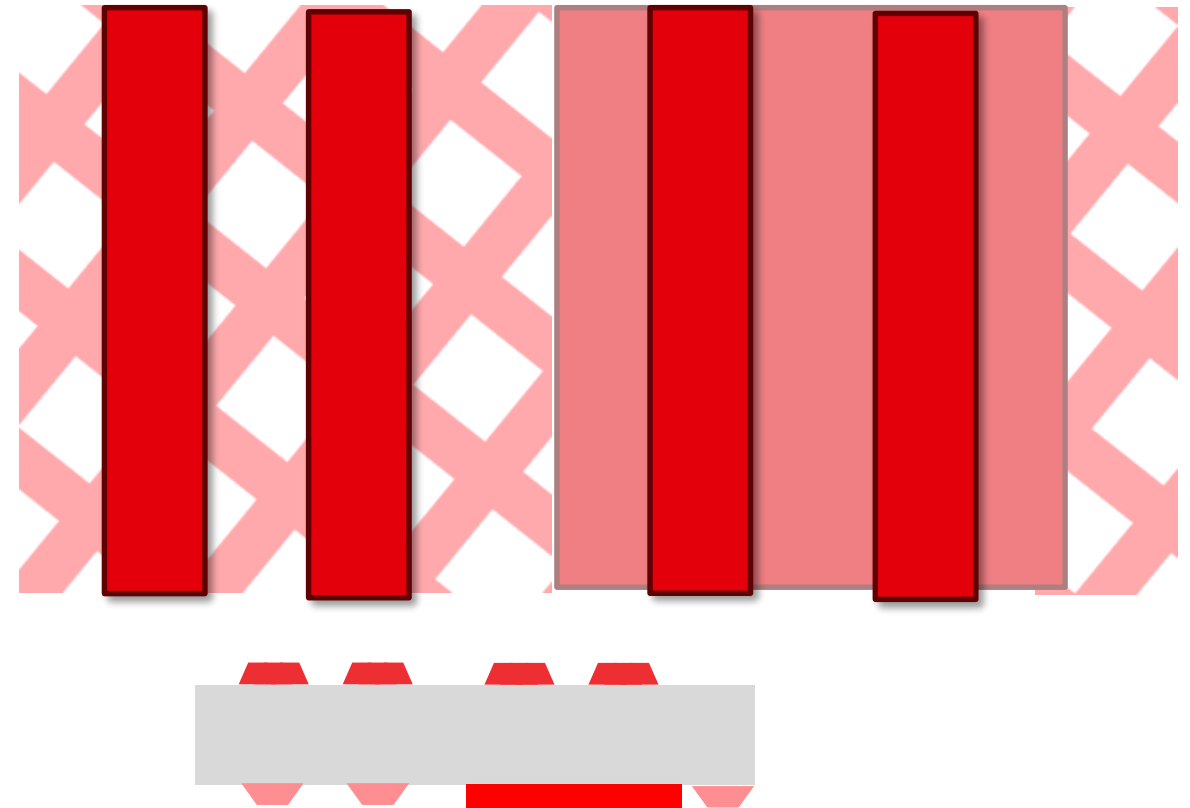


FLEXIBLE STACKUP

Seperate Calculation neccesary !



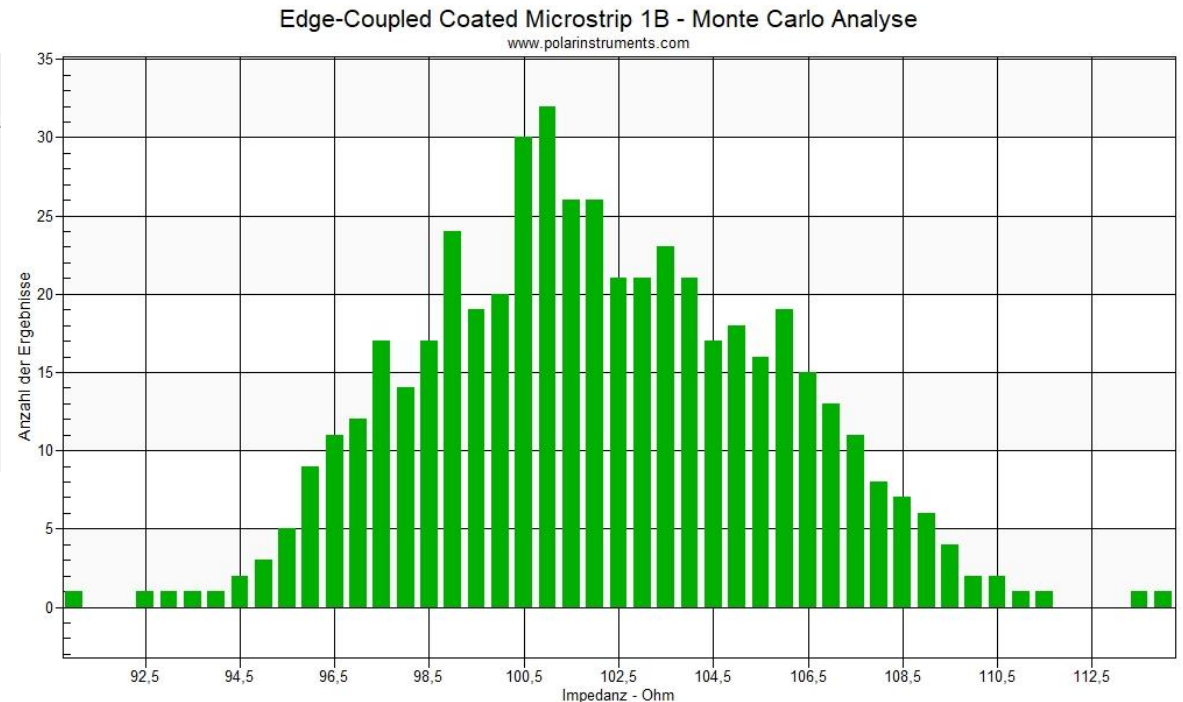
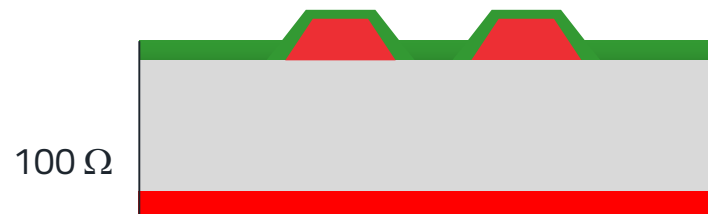
Closed Return Path in Flex Area ?



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TOLARANCES HIT YOU ?

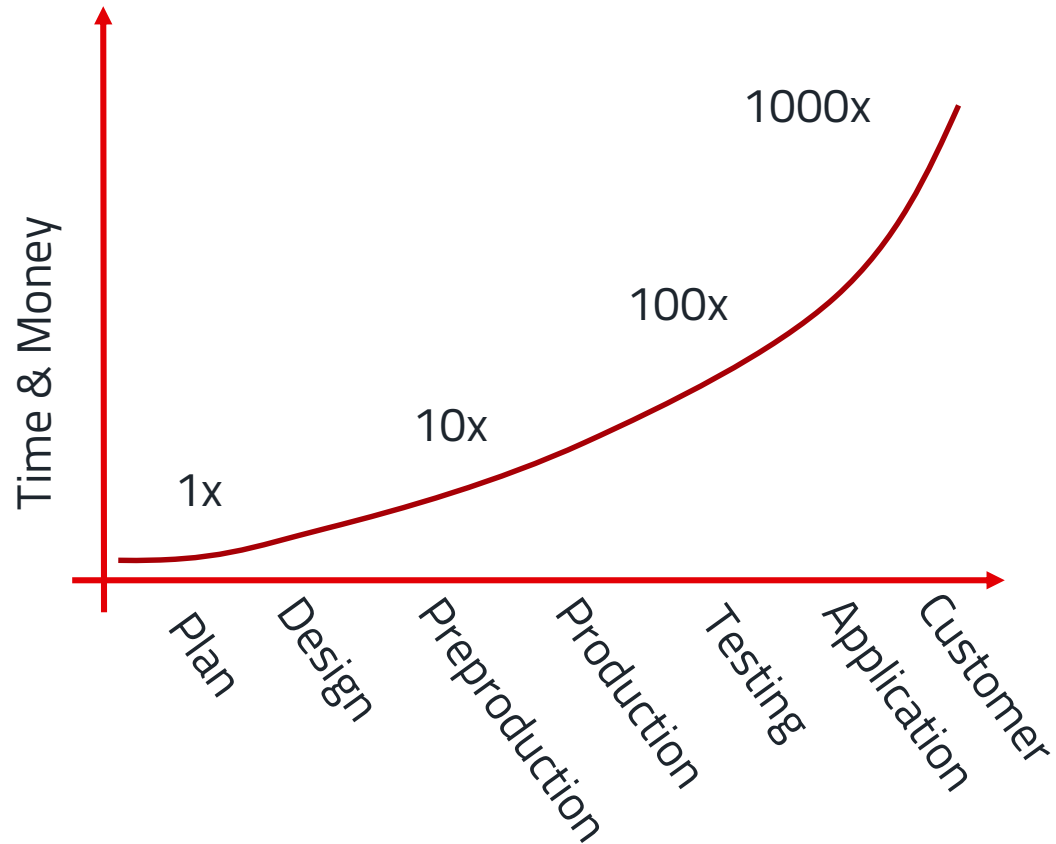
Monte Carlo Simulation

		Nominal	Tolerance	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Stdev
Substrat 1 Dicke	H1	118,00 ±	20,00	98,00	138,00	118,00	6,67
Substrat 1 Dielektrikum	Er1	3,6000 ±	0,2000	3,4000	3,8000	3,6000	0,0667
Untere Leiterbreite	W1	150,00 ±	30,00	120,00	180,00	150,00	10,00
Obere Leiterbreite	W2	135,00 ±	30,00	105,00	165,00	135,00	10,00
Leiterbahn Separation	S1	120,00 ±	20,00	100,00	140,00	120,00	6,67
Leiterbahndicke	T1	40,00 ±	5,00	35,00	45,00	40,00	1,67
Lackdicke auf Substrat	C1	25,40 ±	10,00	15,40	35,40	25,40	3,33
Lackdicke auf Leiterbahn	C2	25,40 ±	10,00	15,40	35,40	25,40	3,33
Lackdicke zw. Leiterbahnen	C3	25,40 ±	10,00	15,40	35,40	25,40	3,33
Lack Dielektrikum	CEr	4,5000 ±	0,2000	4,3000	4,7000	4,5000	0,0667



With IPC - Tolerance Addition in a Worst Case Scenario the Impedance can be out of Specification
- so careful and reliable Parameter finding is needed

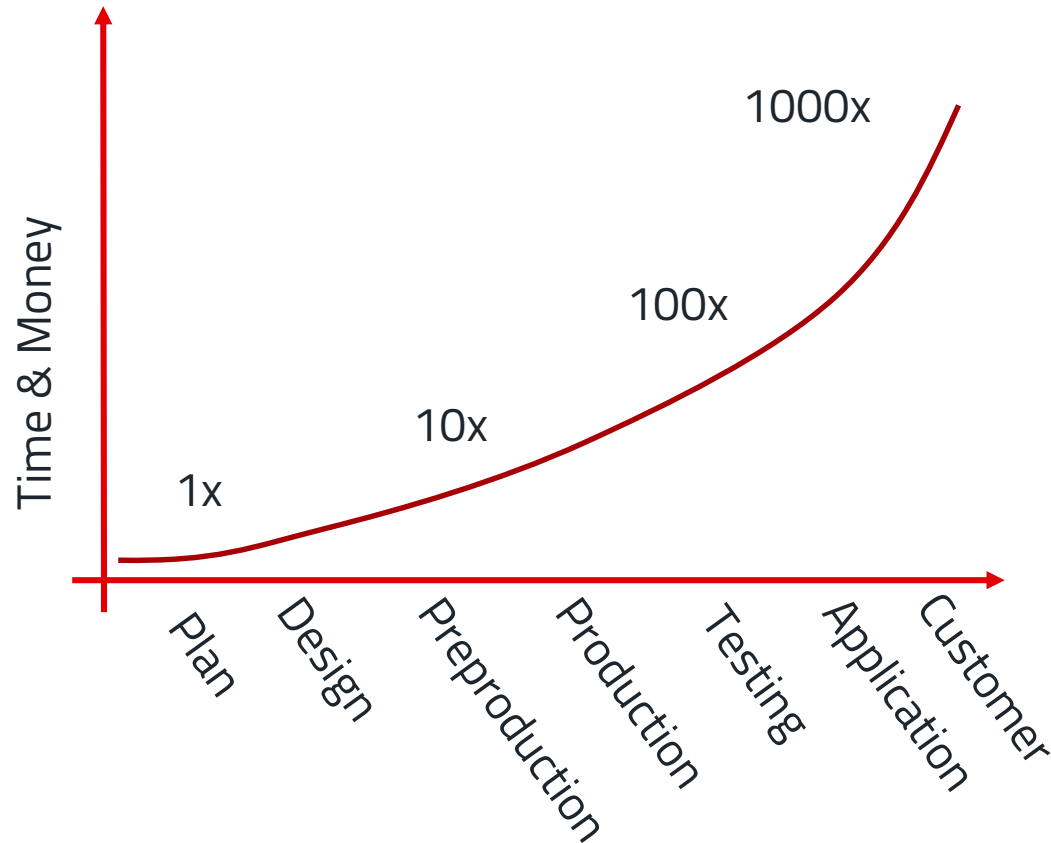
SUMMARY



Approach to a new High Speed Design :

- Experience?
- Competence?
- Trial & Error?
- Simulate before Fabricate?

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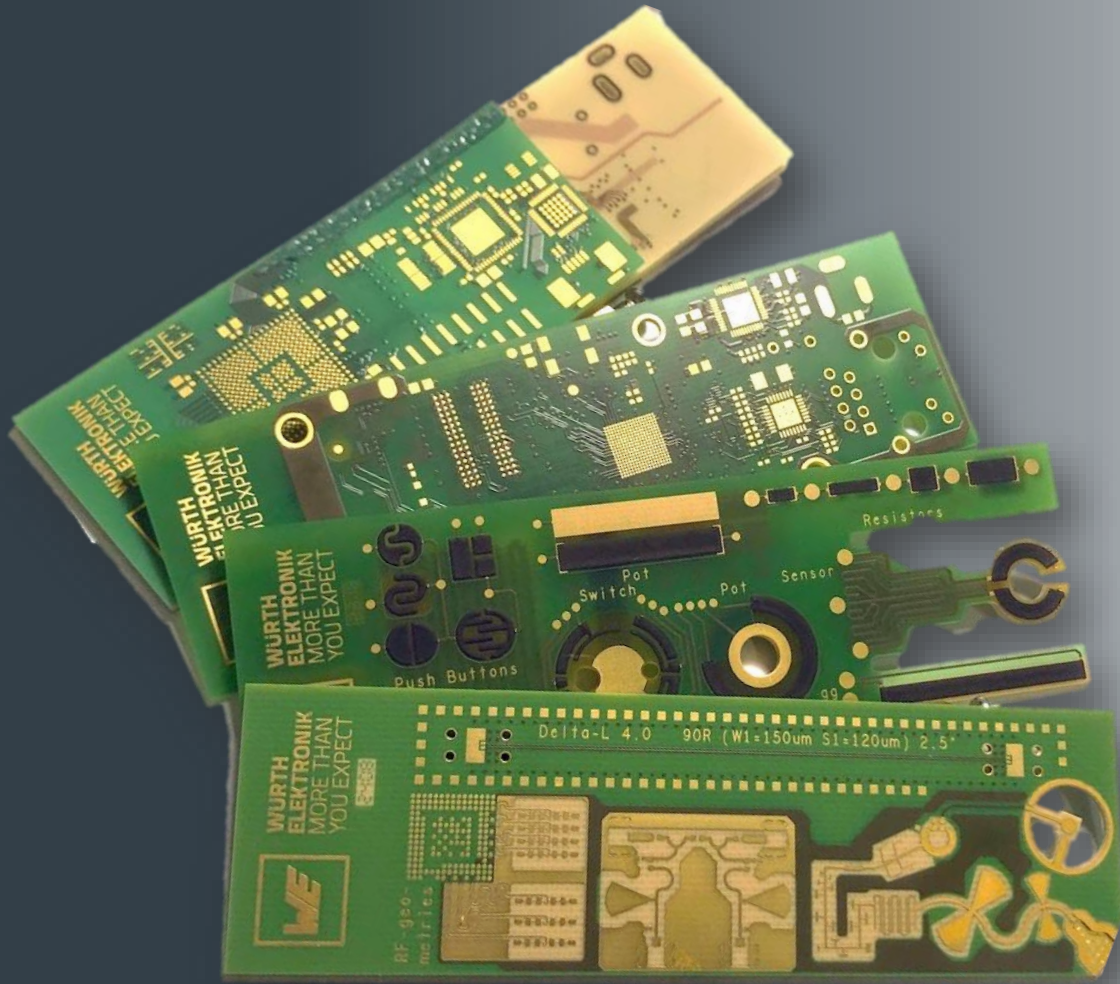


Approach to a new High Speed Design:

- **Plan**
Impedance controlled Stack Up
- **Design**
Design Parameters & Guide Lines
Design as Service by **WE**design Team
- **Preproduction**
Feasibility & DRC Check
EQ-Process with Documentation
- **Production**
Quality Control
„Design In“ if necessary
- **Testing**
Impedance Control on every production panel



SUMMARY



- Würth Elektronik has High Speed Material qualified
 - [Panasonic](#) Megtron 6
 - Many others are available with WE-Asia
- **WE** can measure Material- and Layout parameters
 - Polar CITS880s Impedance Meter
 - Polar Atlas Delta L4.0 VNA Meter
- **WE** offers custom impedance controlled Stackups
 - More than 20 years of experience
- High Speed Designs can be complex -
an early discussion about the Topic will lead to an optimal Solution



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