

# POWER ELECTRONICS & ENERGY STORAGE EVENT

## PCB Challenges in Power Electronics & Energy Storage



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# SPEAKER PRESENTATION



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## **Few Words:**

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# INTRODUCTION POWER PCB

## PCB CHALLENGES IN POWER ELECTRONICS AND ENERGY STORAGE:

### High current management

Define by the IPC 2221

$$I = K \times dT^{0,44} \times (W \times H)^{0,725}$$

I = maximal current

dT = temperature rise

W = trace width (mils)

**H = trace thickness (mils)**

K = 0,024 inner layer or 0,048 outer layer

**PCB Solution : Multilayer Thick Copper**

### Thermal management for power components

$$R_{th} = \frac{e}{\lambda \times S}$$

R<sub>th</sub> = Thermal resistance

**e = dielectric thickness**

**λ = Thermal conductivity**

S = Exchange surface

**PCB Solution : IMS**

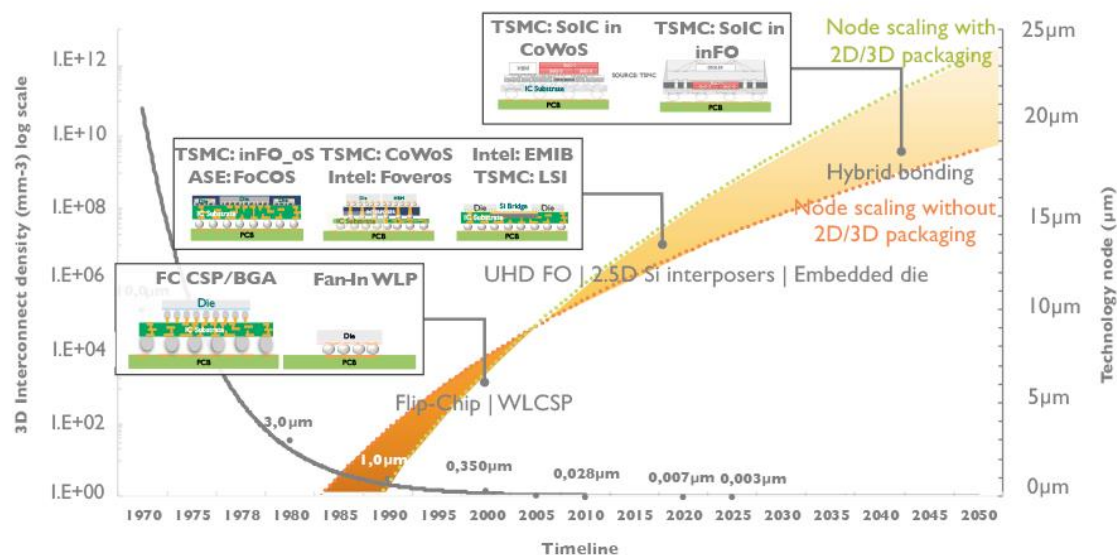
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# INTRODUCTION DRIVER

## PCB CHALLENGES IN POWER ELECTRONICS AND ENERGY STORAGE:

### 1970-2050 semiconductor packaging roadmap

(Source: Status of the Advanced Packaging Industry 2021, September 2021)



### Driver electronics

Power electronics need a driver system. The BGA/CSP pitch in the drivers keep decreasing and standard Multi-layer PCB technology with through holes can't support advanced component density. HDI technology is needed for most new driver systems.

Another driver solution it's developing a dedicated Driver full integrate with a SIP (System In Package).

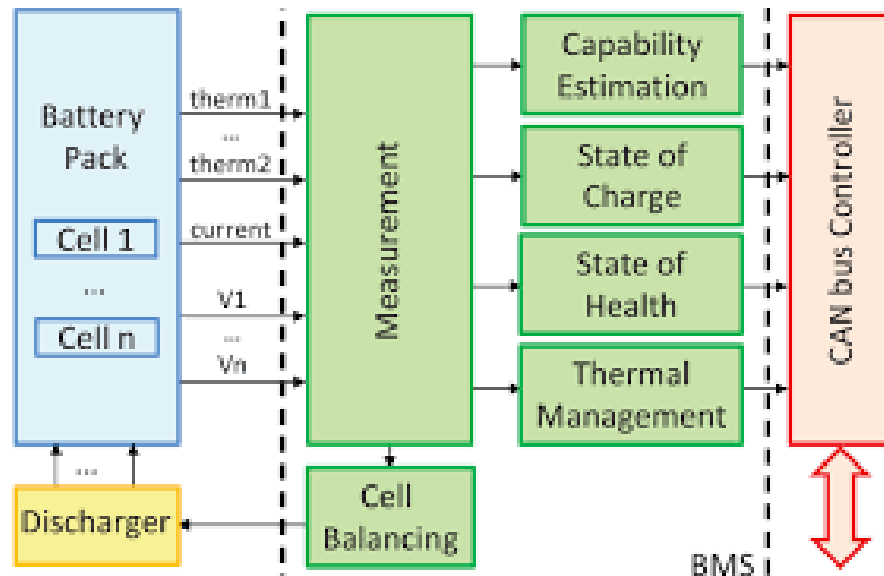
**PCB Solution: UHDl or SLP**

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# INTRODUCTION INTERCONNECTION

## PCB CHALLENGES IN POWER ELECTRONICS AND ENERGY STORAGE:



### INTERCONNECTION:

Interconnection Power board to driver board

Interconnection Battery cells for BMS (Battery Management System)

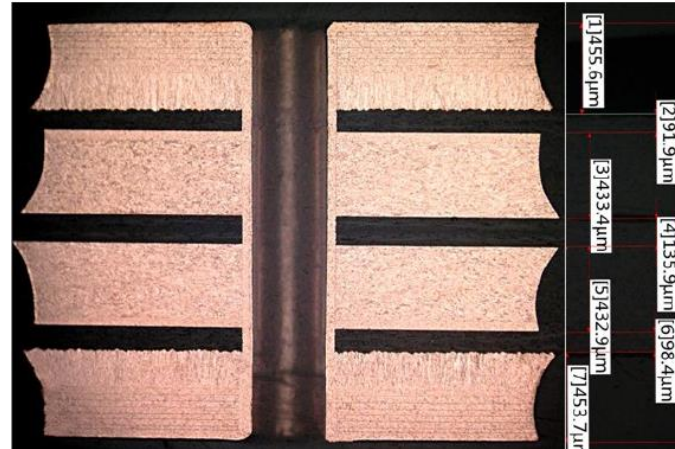
**PCB Solution: Flexible PCB/Thin or Thick copper**

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# THICK Cu PCB

On standard PCB, the Copper Thickness is 35µm to 105µm, but it is with thick copper PCB technology possible to propose higher copper thickness in different PCB structures :

- Thick Cu PCB with copper thickness 105µm to 525µm on each layer
- Mix stack-up :
  - 35µm to 105µm for external layer for driver component.
  - Up to 105µm to 420µm for internal layer to manage high current flow.



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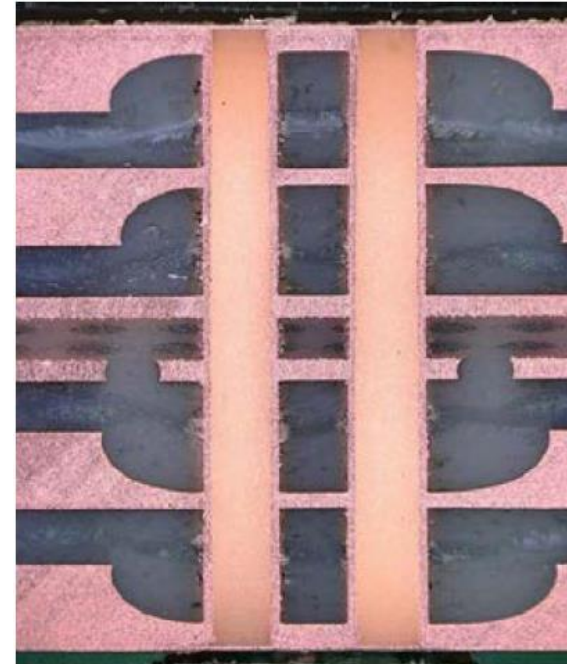
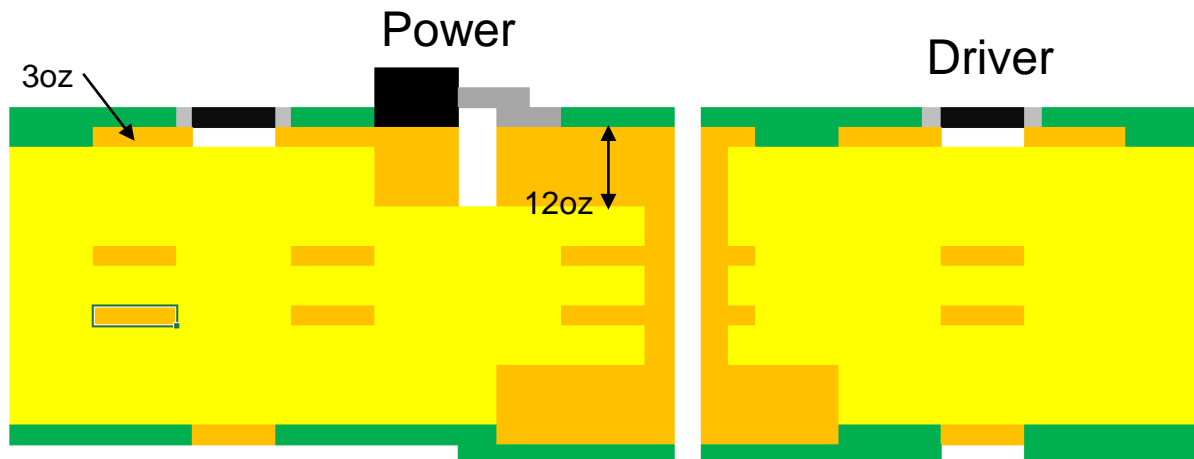
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# THICK Cu PCB

Differential copper thickness in the same copper layer

- 105 $\mu$ m for the thin part
- 420 $\mu$ m for the thick part

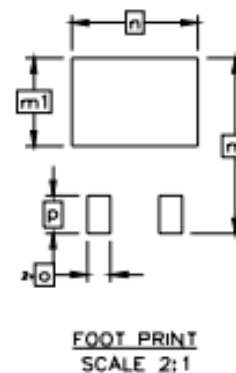
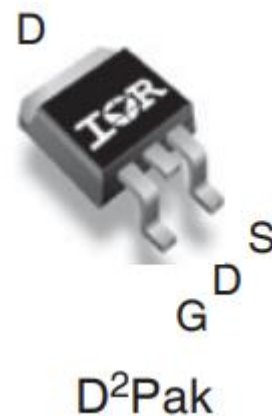
With this PCB technology, you can manage Power Component and Driver Component on the same solder side. All the first level drivers' components could be near the Powers components.



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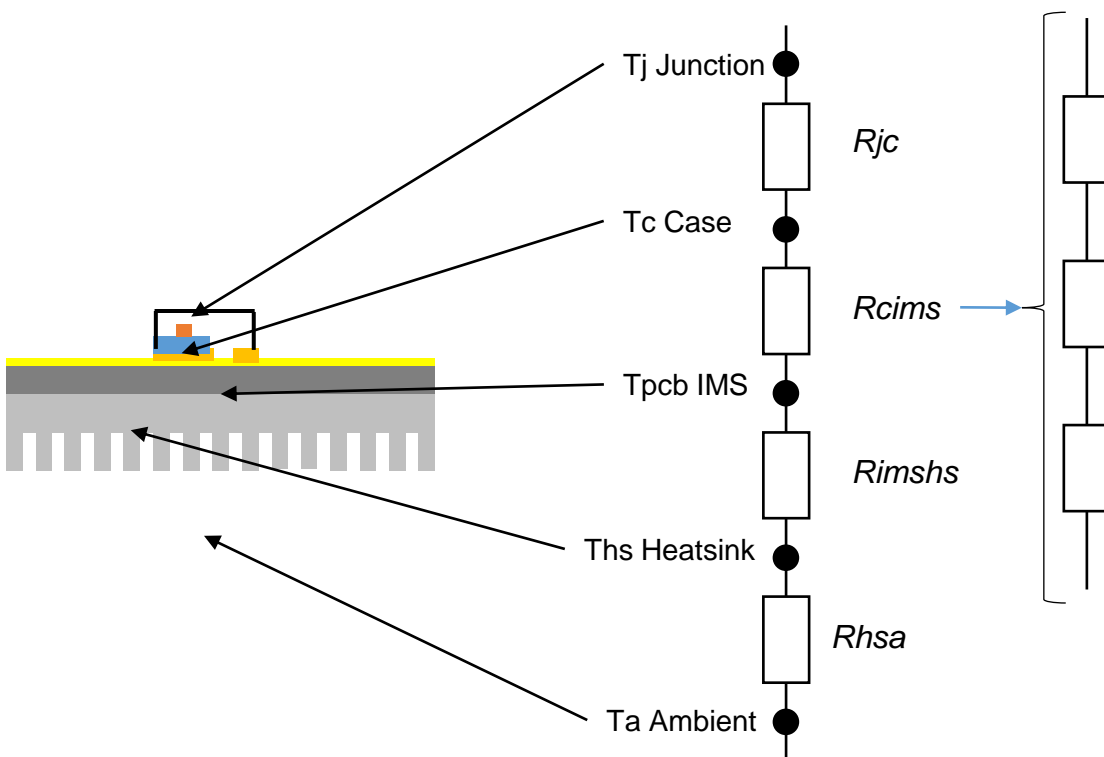
# IMS PCB

## THERMAL RESISTANCE IN IMS PCB:



m1	8.89
n	11.43

$$S = 101.6\text{mm}^2$$



### EXAMPLE FOR D²PACK ON IMS WITH $2\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$

$$R_{cu} = 35\mu\text{m} \div (390\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1} \times 101,6\text{cm}^2) = 0,00088^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$$

+

$$R_{dielec} = 75\mu\text{m} \div (2\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1} \times 101,6\text{cm}^2) = 0,36905^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$$

+

$$R_{alu} = 1,5\text{mm} \div (237\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1} \times 101,6\text{cm}^2) = 0,06229^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$$

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$$\underline{0,43222^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}}$$

### THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR IMS PERFORMANCE IN THERMAL MANAGEMENT:

Dielectric thickness

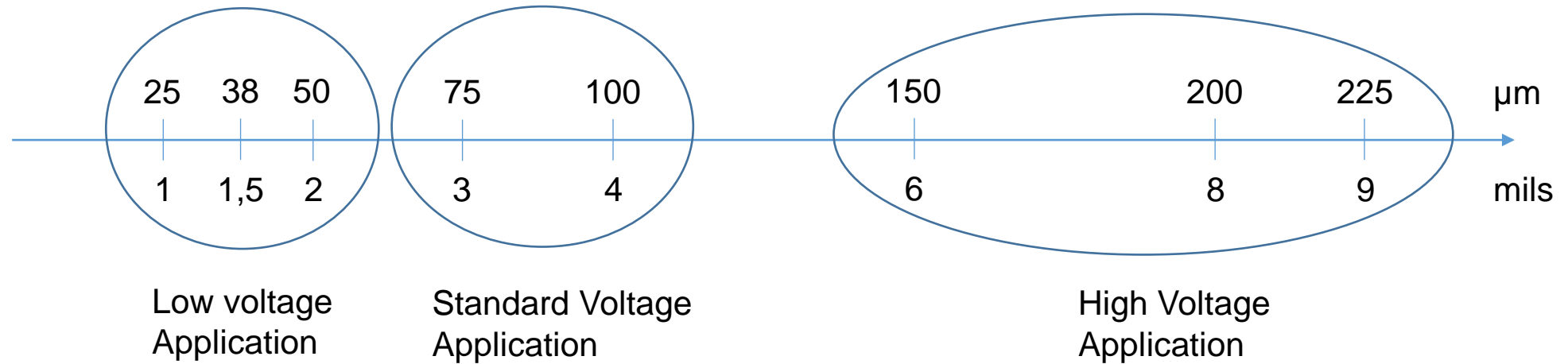
Dielectric thermal performance

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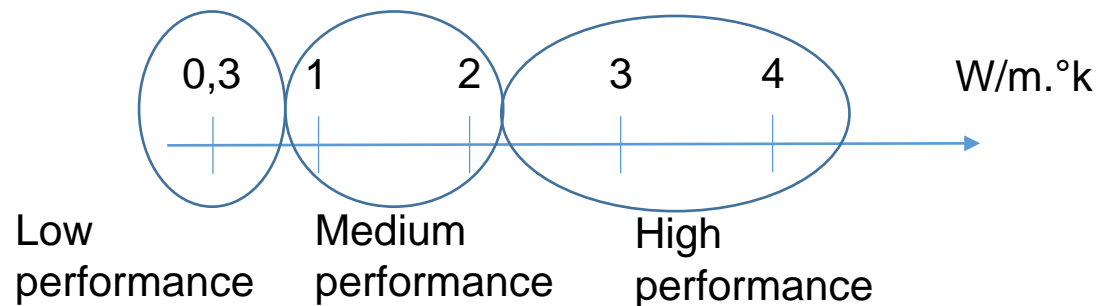


# IMS PCB

## DIELECTRIC LAYER: THICKNESS



## DIELECTRIC LAYER: THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY



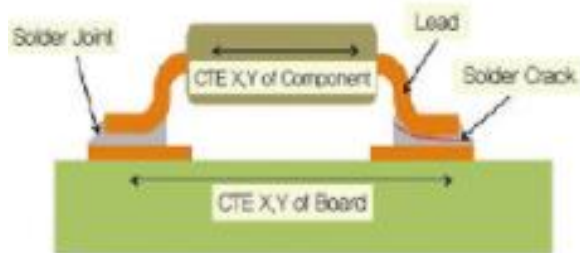
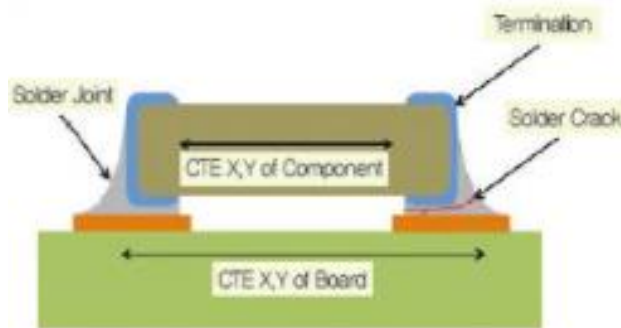
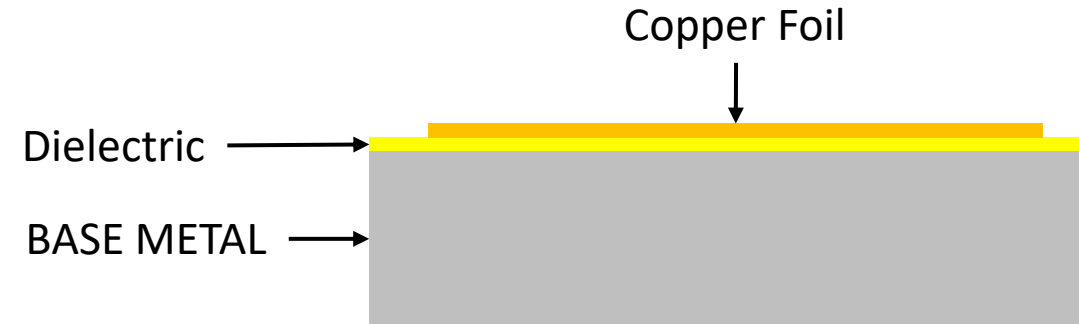
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# IMS PCB

## COPPER FOIL THICKNESS:

35µm to 210µm in standard

210µm to 350µm in advanced



## BASE METAL CHOICE

### ALUMINUM:

Major application

Standard thickness **1,5mm** (0,5 to 3mm)

Aluminum grade : 1050, 5052, 6061

### COPPER:

Lower CTE XY, 24ppm/°C for aluminum, 17ppm/°C for copper

Standard thickness **1mm** (0,5 to 2mm)

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# HDI TO SLP OR UHDI

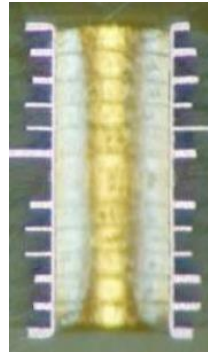
## THE DIFFERENT PCB SOLUTION TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE POWER DRIVING SYSTEM :

### STANDARD MULTILAYER PCB:

Line/Space : 100µm

Layer count : 4 to 16

Hole diameter : 0,2mm

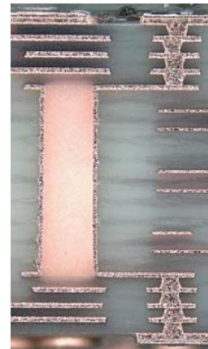


### HDI PCB WITH MICRO VIA:

Line/Space : 60µm

Laser step : 1 to 5

Laser via diameter : 100µm



Type	Line/Space
Double-sided PCBs	100µm
Multilayer PCBs	100µm
HDI Microvia PCBs	60µm
HDI any-layer PCBs	40µm
Substrate-like PCBs	30µm

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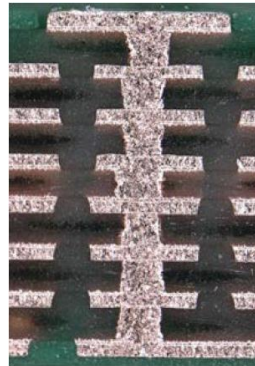
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## THE DIFFERENT PCB SOLUTION TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE POWER DRIVING SYSTEM:

### HDI ANY-LAYER PCB:

Line/space: 40µm

Layer count: 6 to 12



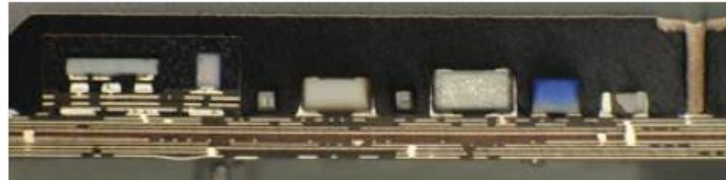
### SLP (SUBSTRATE LIKE PCB) OU UHDI (ULTRA HDI)






Line/space: 30µm

Process: mSAP

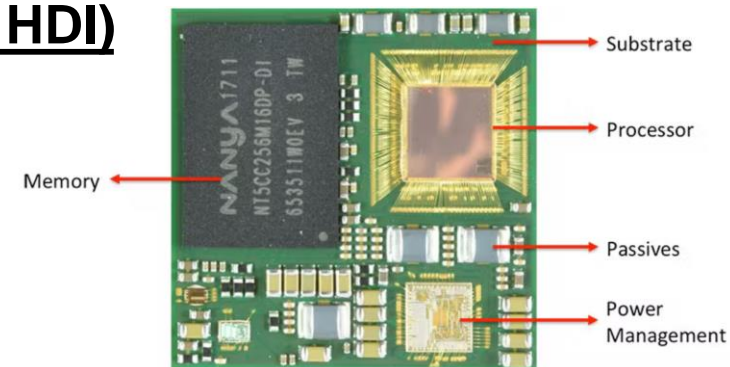
Material: BT resin

CTE X/Y: 2/3 ppm/°C



Type		Line/Space
Double-sided PCBs		100µm
Multilayer PCBs		100µm
HDI Microvia PCBs		60µm
HDI any-layer PCBs		40µm
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### SIP (SYSTEM IN PACKAGE) WITH SLP PCB



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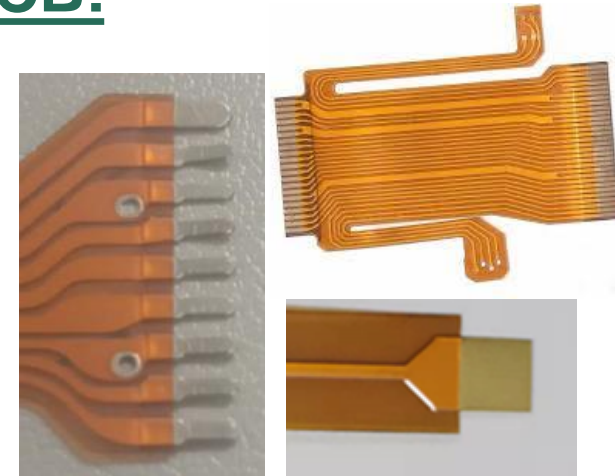
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# FLEXIBLE PCB

## DIFFERENT INTERCONNECTION CHALLENGES IN POWER ELECTRONICS AND ENERGY STORAGE FOR PCB:

- Connection between Power board and Driver with Sculptured Flex PCB or standard flexible PCB.
- Flexible or thin PCB with specific finger connection for soldering directly on the Battery Cells , to measure temperature and voltage on each cell.
- Thick PCB or Copper base PCB, to connect each cell with the thick copper layer for the power and use the standard 35µm layer for measurement and Cell Balancing.



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