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Advanced Microelectronics in ever more Applications Understand Chip – Package – Board/System

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Global Megatrends

Increasing Importance of Semiconductors



- ☐ Energy Efficiency
- ☐ CO₂ Emission
- ☐ ...

Climate change and resource scarcity



- ☐ Infrastructure and **Mobility**
- ☐ Energy Consumption
- ☐ ...

Demographic and social change



- ☐ Mobile Technologies and Social Media
- ☐ **Security**
- ☐ ...

Digital transformation



- ☐ **IoT and big data**
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ ...

Urbanization

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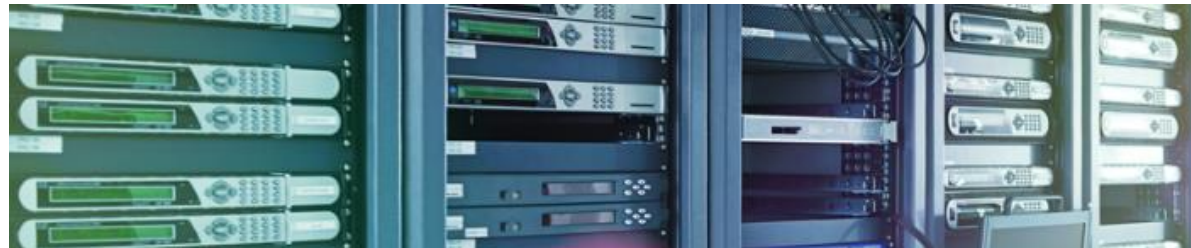
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We must consider sustainability (recycle, reuse, refurbish, reliability,)

Semiconductors

Key Building Block for Megatrends

Energy efficiency

- Power Generation (renewable)
- Energy Transmission
- Energy Storage
- Energy Usage
- Energy Distribution



Mobility

- Electro Mobility
- Automated Driving
- Charging Infrastructure
- Infotainment



Security

- Authentication for IoT
- Mobile Devices
- Smart Cards
- Connected Vehicles



IoT and big data

- Human-Machine Interaction
- Data & Communication Infrastructure
- Edge Computing



System Integration & deep knowledge about materials & interfaces are the toolkits

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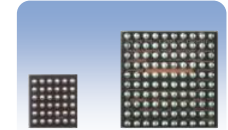
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System in Package Integration Everywhere

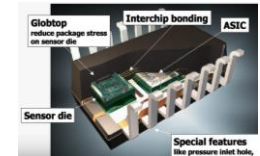
(see also IEEE HIR roadmap <https://eps.ieee.org/technology/heterogeneous-integration-roadmap.html>)



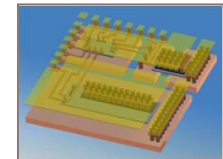
Communication and Computing



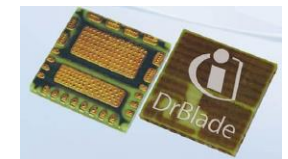
Automotive Electronics



Energy Generation and Energy distribution
(e.g. smart grid)



Industrial Electronics
(e.g. energy efficient driver, IoT, Industry 4.0)



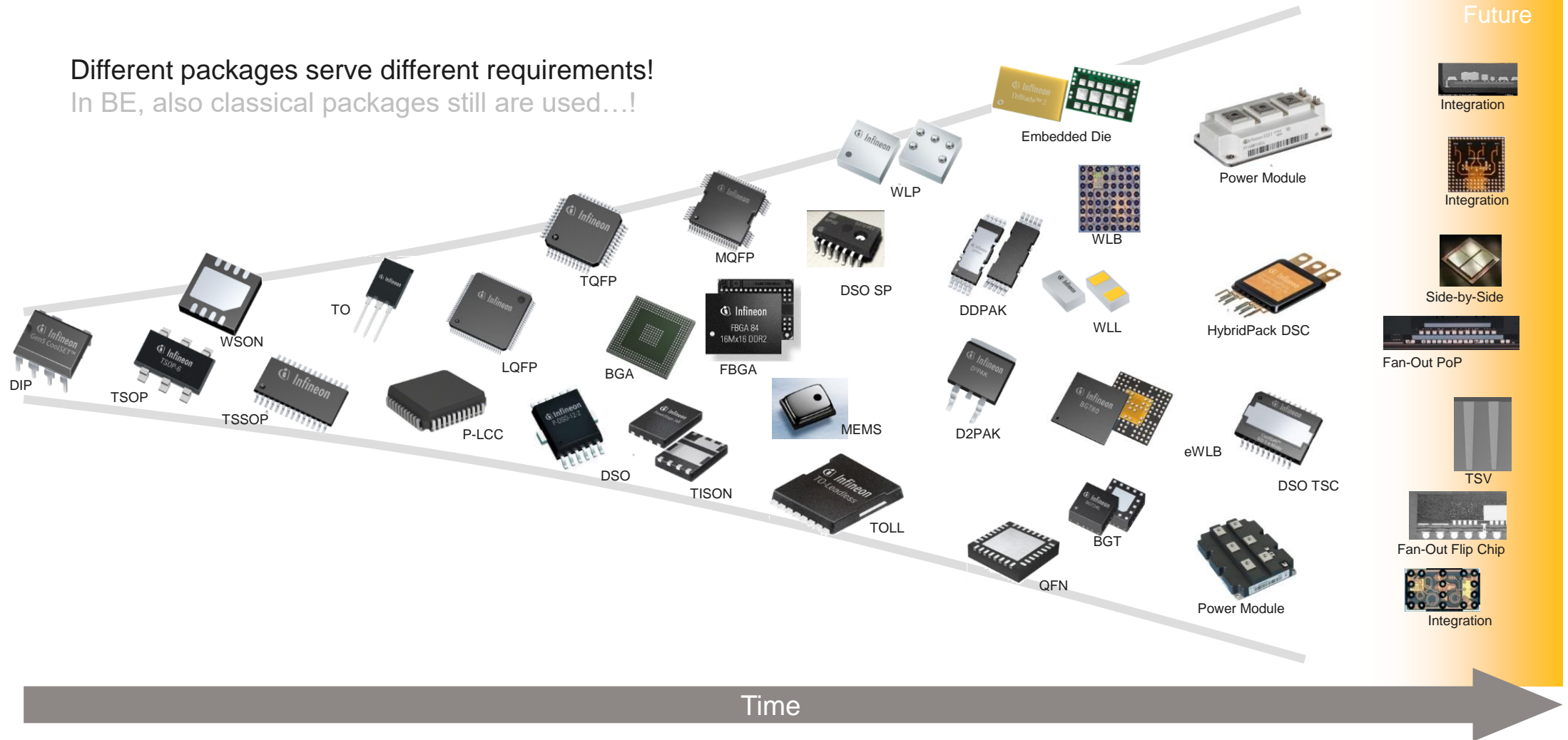
Others
e.g. Solid State Lighting, medical, drones, ...



Package Diversity is Growing Over Time

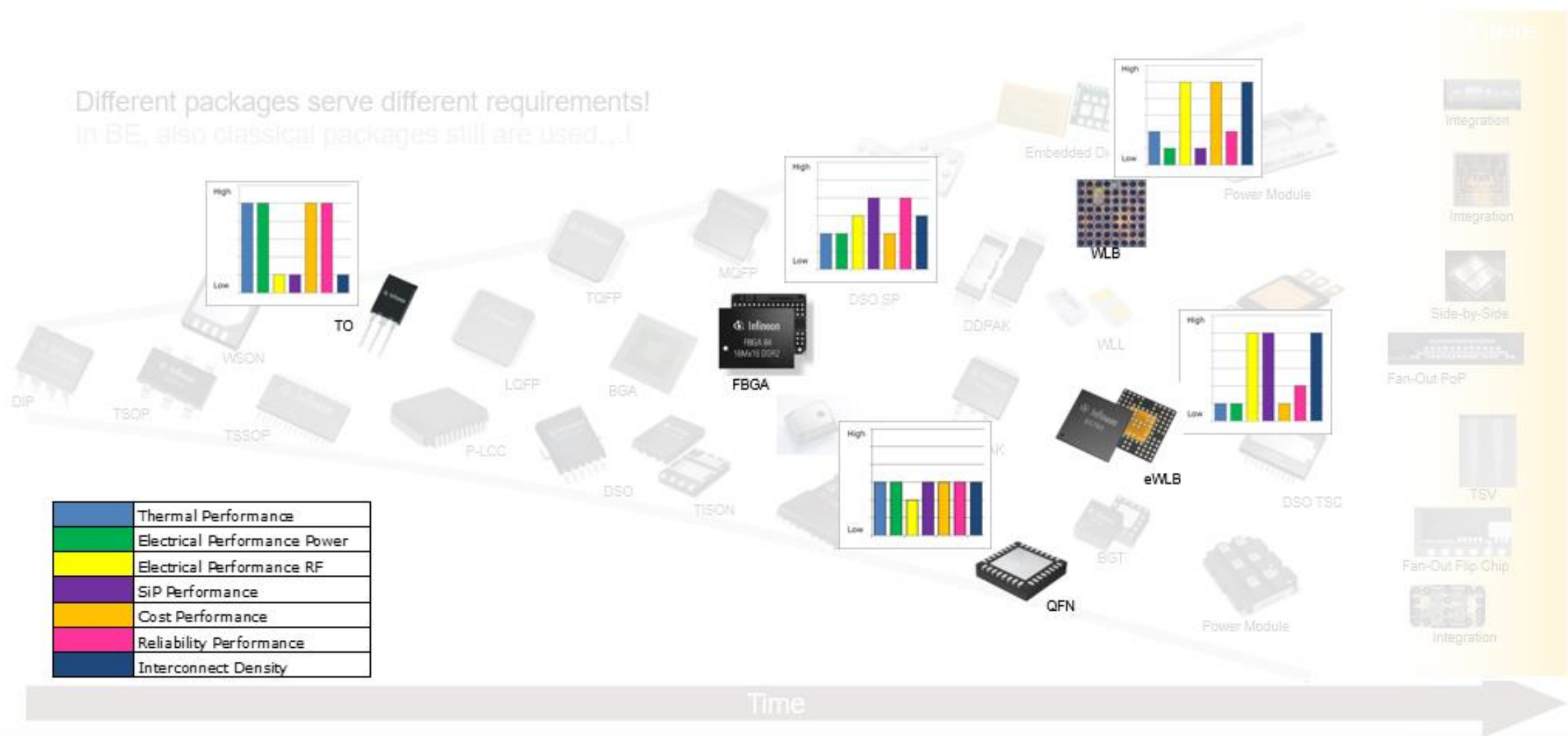
Infineon View

Different packages serve different requirements!
In BE, also classical packages still are used...!



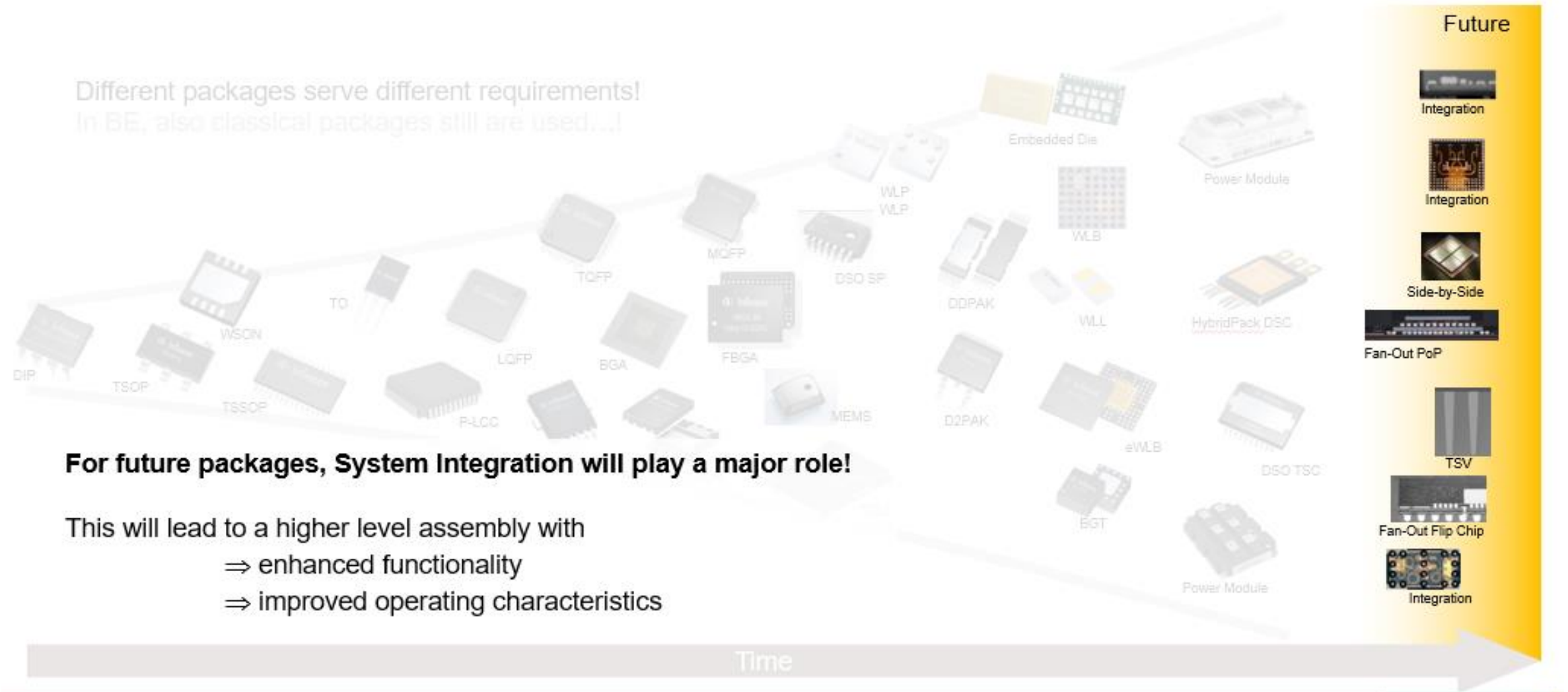
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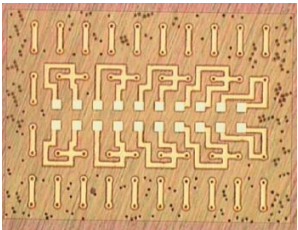


3D Stacking Vision (Heterogeneous Integration RM)

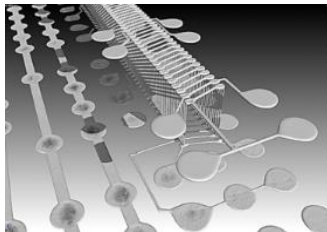
Building Blocks and Materials

- ❑ Multiple functional elements in a visionary SiP example
- ❑ Provision of functional elements/ building blocks is crucial

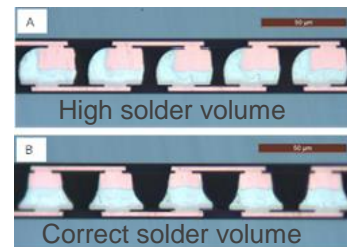
Redistribution
Layers (RDL)
(single-/ multi-layer)



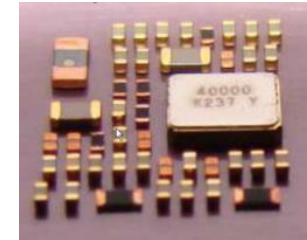
Vertical Interconnect
(TEV, Via Bar, TGV, TMV, EZL)



Fine Pitch Interconnect
(Micro bumps, Cu-pillars)

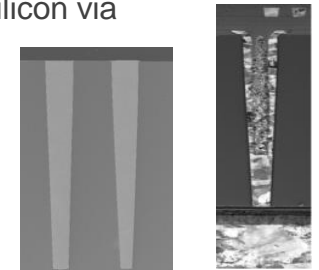


Passives
(SMD, IPD, thin-film)



Source: Nanium

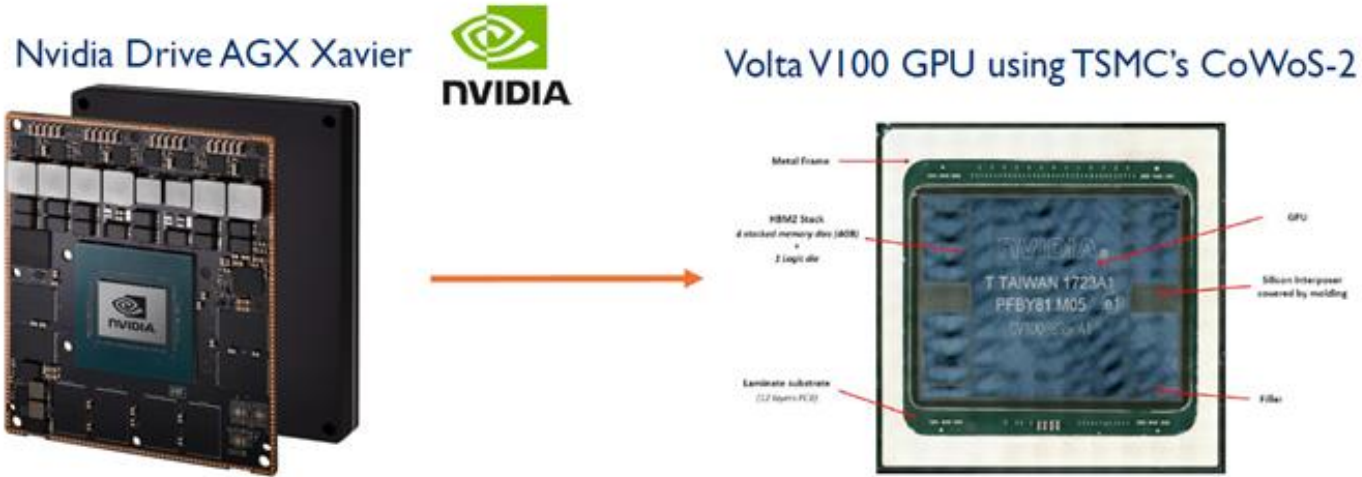
Vertical Interconnect
Through silicon via
(TSV)



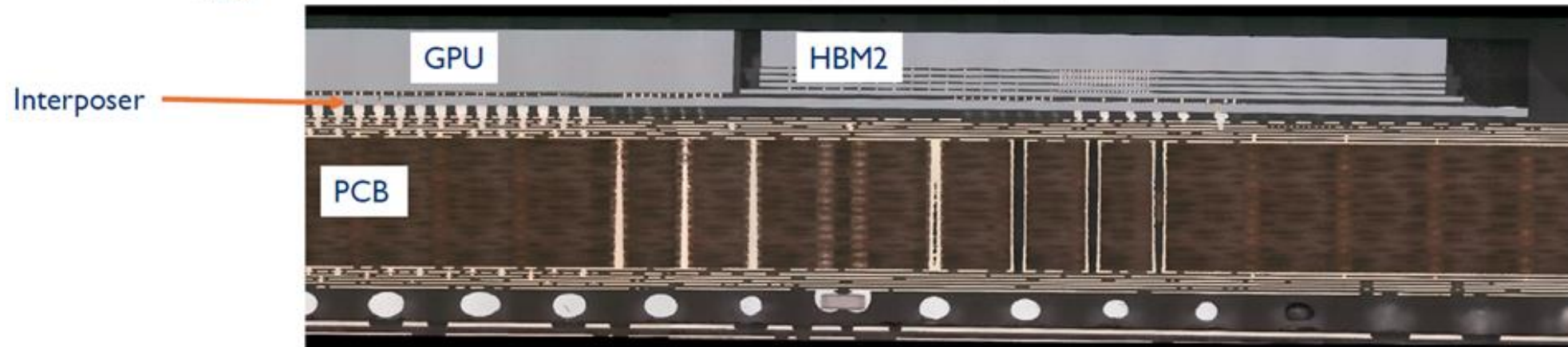
Integration (in Automotive) 2.5D Package

<=> RISK V for processing

2.5D packaging for autonomous driving



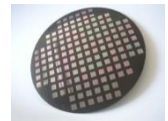
- ❑ Computing platforms for data processing from camera, radar, and lidar sensors
- ❑ Package solution not limited to automotive
- ❑ Perceive the surrounding environment, localize the car to a map, and plan and execute a safe path forward
- ❑ Supports autonomous driving, in-cabin functions and driver monitoring, as well as other safety features



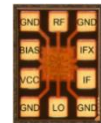
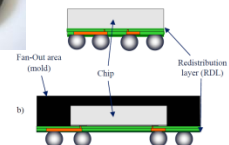
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Fan-out WLB (eWLB) - System Integration & 6G

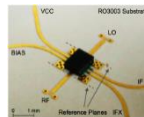
eWLB for >
300 GHz ,
and 6G



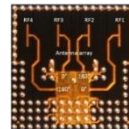
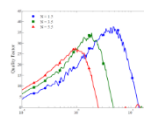
**L2PC, BMBF SIPHA
BMBF, 2002 – 2008,
ECTC 2004, 2006**
Beginning of eWLB



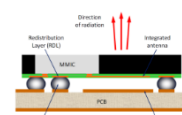
BMBF CoSiP, ECTC 2008
77 GHz SiGe mixer in eWLB



EPTC 2007 BMBF CoSiP
Low-loss transmission lines
and high-Q inductors in eWLB

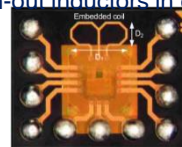


ECTC 2012 BMBF V3DIM3
77 GHz SiGe TRX with
integrated antennas in eWLB

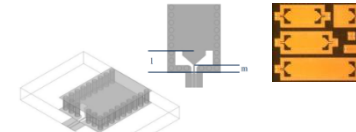


**ECTC 2011
BMBF CoSiP**

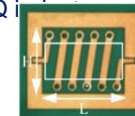
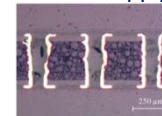
6 GHz CMOS VCO with high-Q
fan-out inductors in eWLB



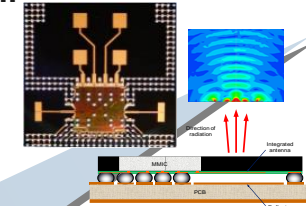
ECTC 2014 BMBF 3DIM3
Waveguide integration
in eWLB and
double sided eWLB



ECTC 2013 : BMBF V3DIM
3D eWLB using TEV
Low-loss transitions and
high-Q inductors



**Patch-, Vivaldi-, Dipole-,
...**



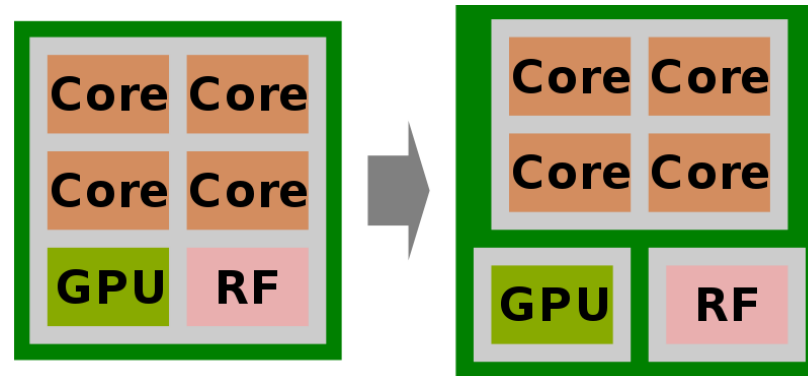
**ECTC 2015:
BMBF V3DIM**
3D eWLB using EZL
Novel concept for
vertical interconnection



Growing importance of chiplets - This is a design topic

A **chiplet** is an integrated circuit block that has been specifically designed to work with other similar chip-lets to form larger more complex chips.

In such chips, a system is subdivided into functional circuit blocks, called "chip-lets", that are often made of reusable IP blocks.



<https://eps.ieee.org/technology/heterogeneous-integration-roadmap/2024-edition.html>

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We need a coherent view chip – package - board / system

=> no silo mentality / => new project opportunities over value chain



Chip (from nm to μm)

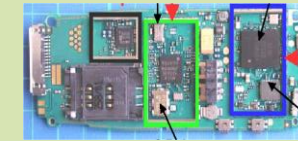
Process/materials
(from nm to μm)
clean rooms



Fan-Out PoP

Package (μm to mm)

Package Processes
Move to clean rooms



Board/Module/Subsystem (mm to cm)

Board/Module/Subsystem processes
(mm to cm) **Move to somewhat clean rooms**

CoDesign

Chip (from nm to μm)

Package (μm to mm)

Board/Module/Subsystem (mm to cm)

**Reliability along
the value chain**

Chip (from nm to μm)

Package (μm to mm)

Board/Module/Subsystem (mm to cm)

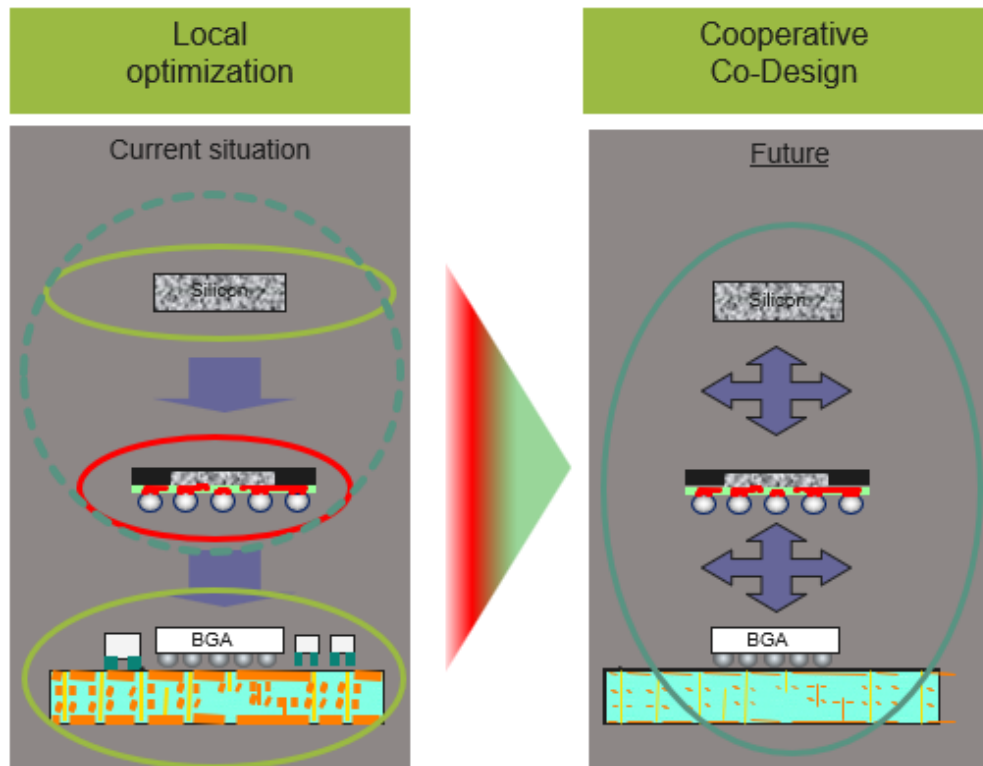
Failure analysis

Chip (from nm to μm)

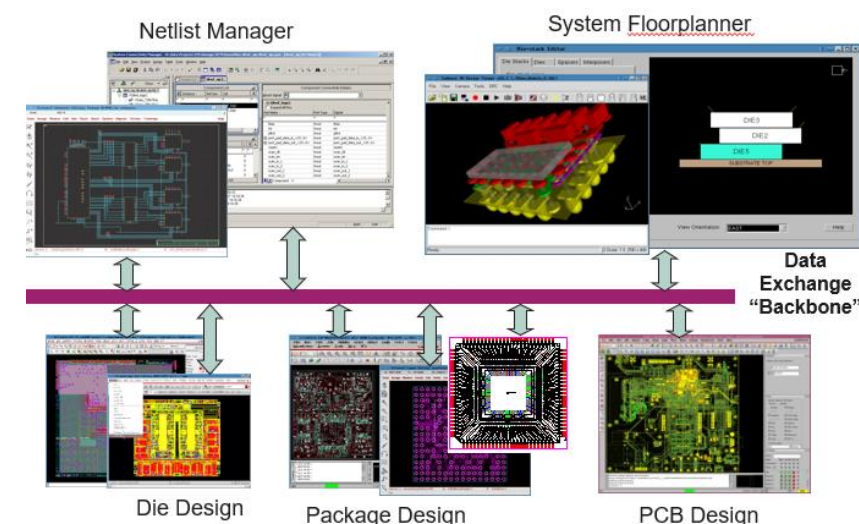
Package (μm to mm)

Board/Module/Subsystem (mm to cm)

Chip-Package-Board Co-Design: Cooperative Co-Design



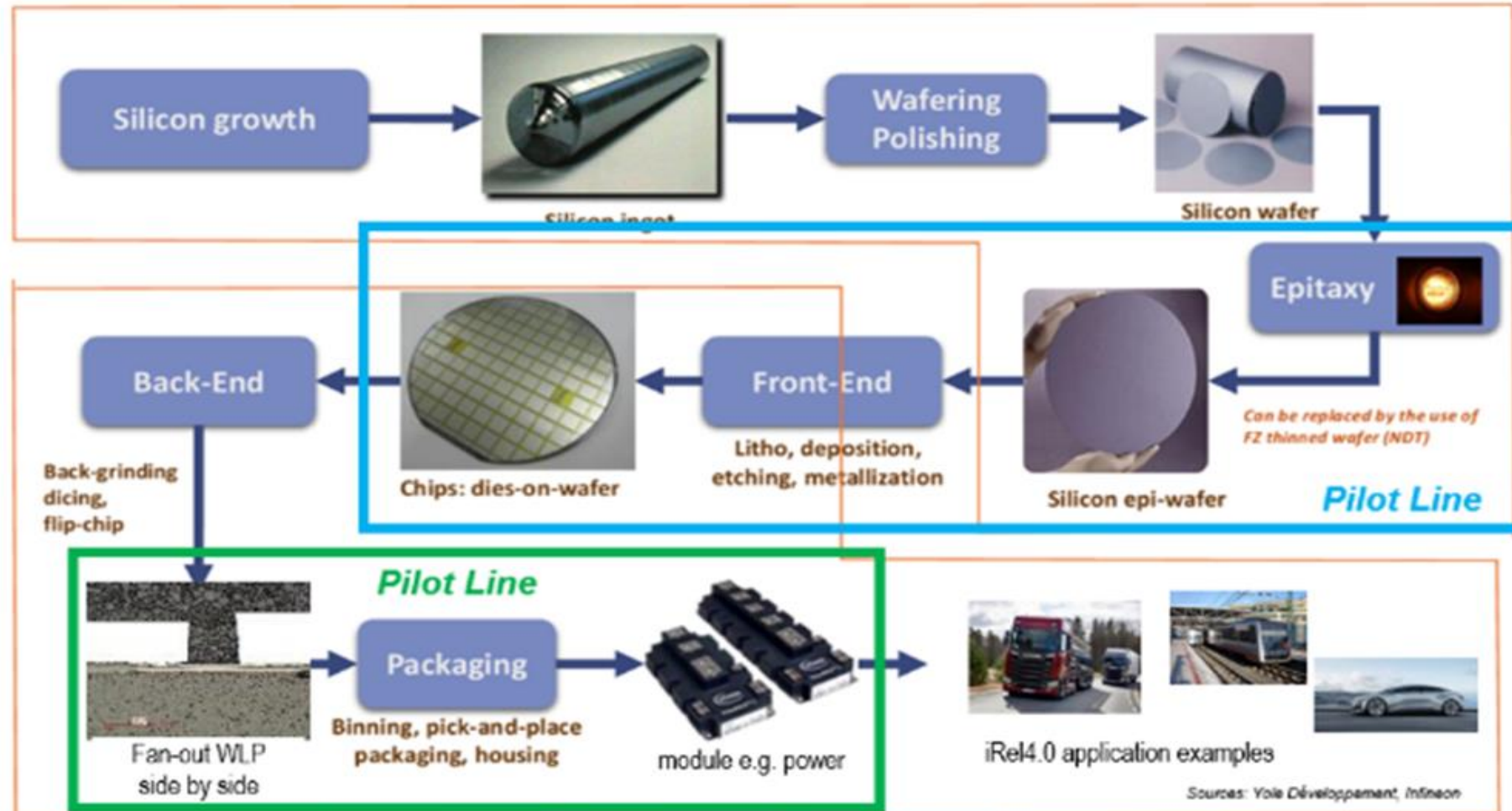
- Advantages of Co-design**
- › Package/ Board influence on system level
 - › Optimized performance
 - › Optimized matching
 - › Optimized system cost
 - Reduced layers
 - Less over-engineering
 -
 - › Better quality
 - › Shorter time to market



Research along value chain (www.irel40.eu)

Assembly and Packaging - a part of the Value Chain

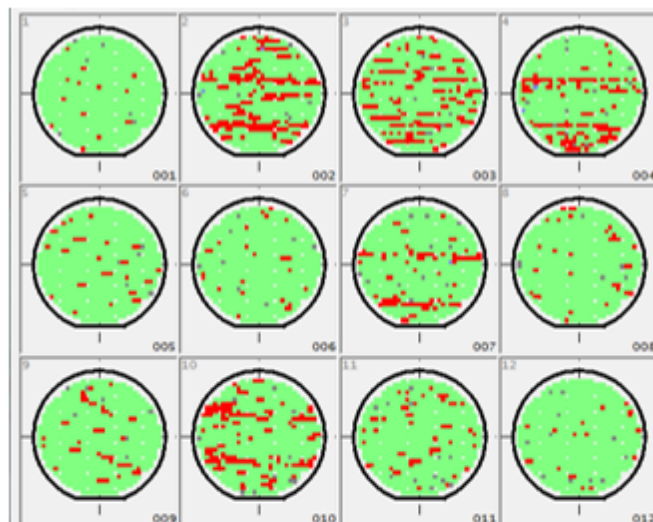
iRel 4.0 - From wafer to applications



Assembly and Packaging Device Tracking (ECSEL JU iRel40)

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- Machine learning
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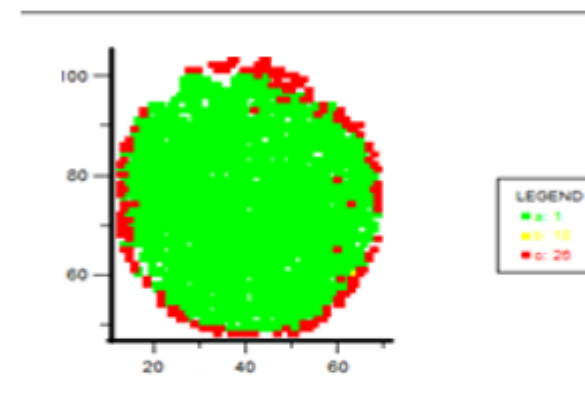
Package level (eWLB)



eWLB Wafermaps show stripes and random distributed fails

Wafer level (Chips)

Reconstructed Frontend map

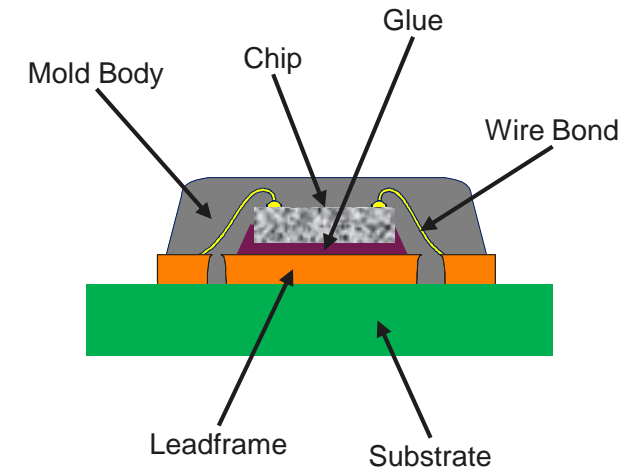
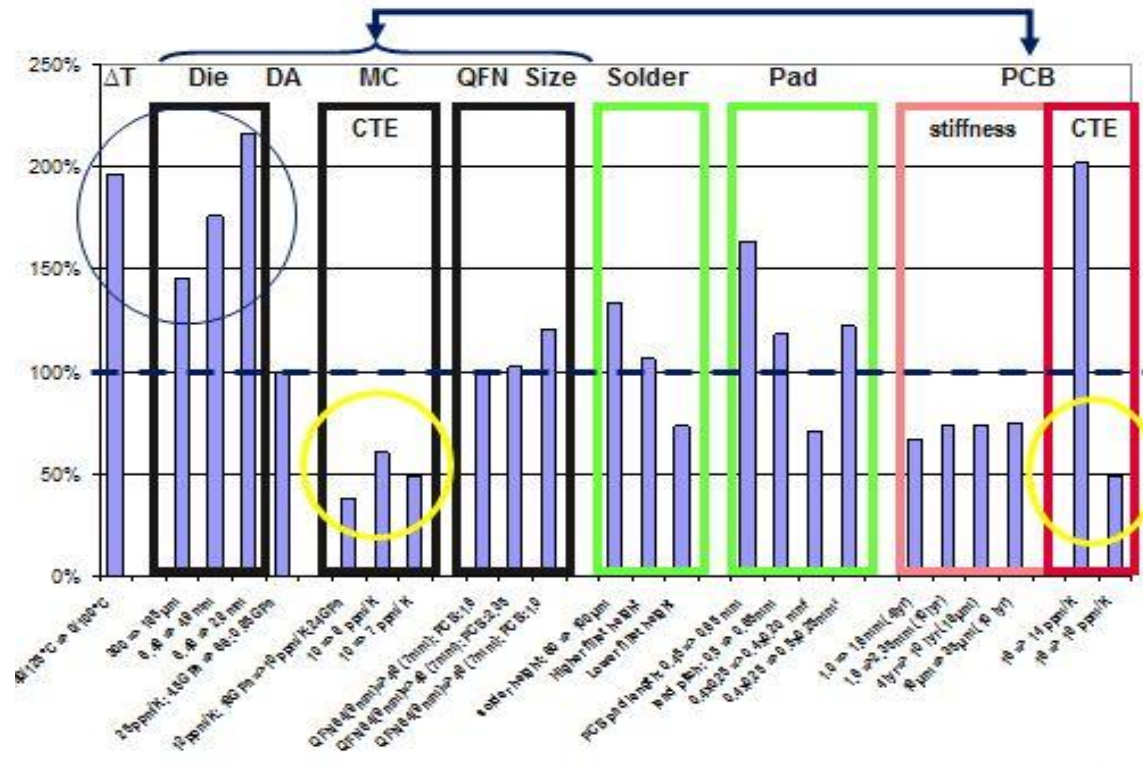


Tune VCO Fails mainly come from devices at the edge of Frontend Wafer

Benefit of SDT: proof that there is no package problem, but a test issue → Yield, cost

Combined Know-How Required (material knowhow) Examples Chip-Package-Board

QFN example (we must understand Chip-Package-Board/System interaction)
CTE of the board is most relevant

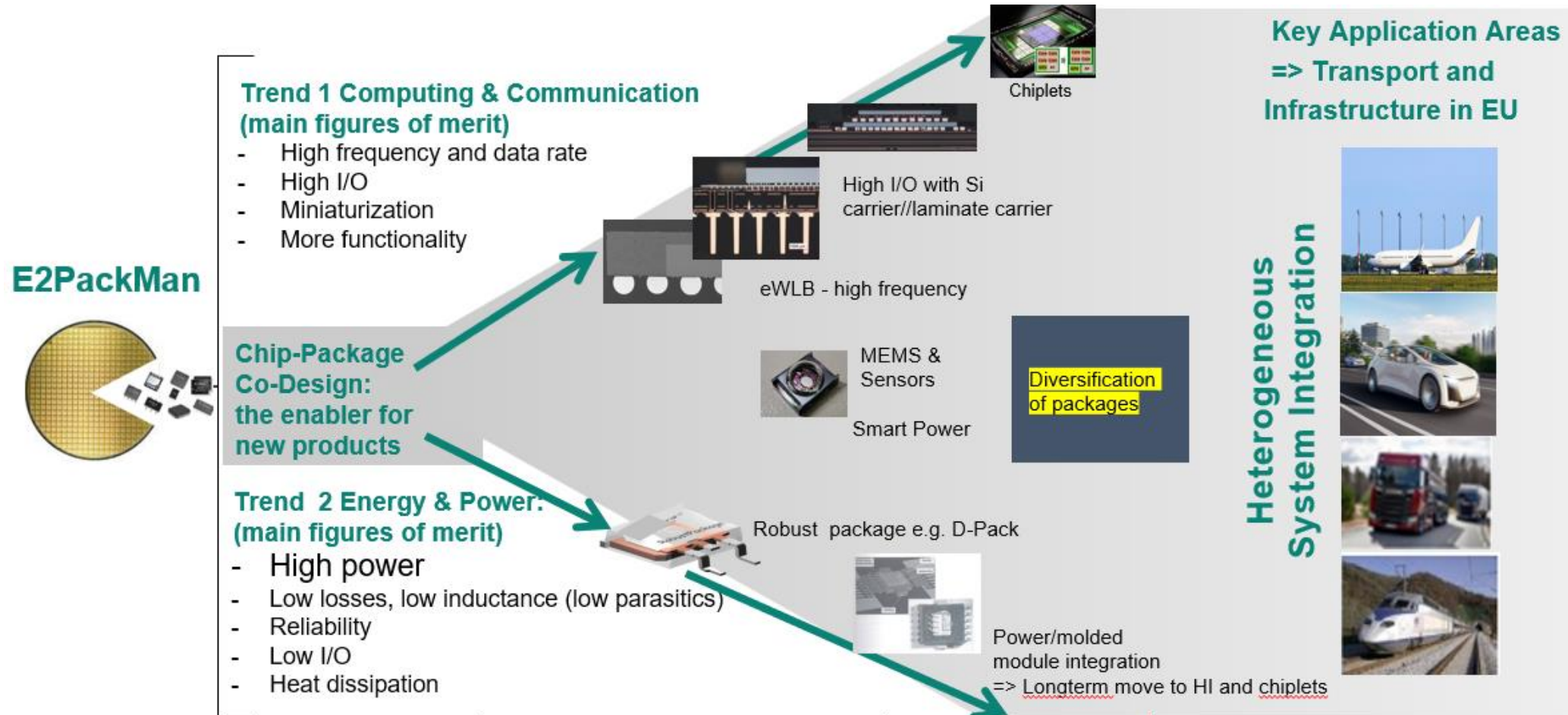


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The two main packaging trends in microelectronics => see E2PACKMAN



- ❑ Different applications have different reliability requirements, e.g. drop test vs. TCoB
- ❑ Understand application requirements e.g. checking of board thickness
- ❑ We need to better understand physics to avoid one chip in different packages
- ❑ Different packages have different failure modes; we need to detect and investigate unknown failure modes
- ❑ It is not guaranteed that the same package fits to different applications (example: automotive)



30 years of operation on sea



Autonomous driving
Today: 8.000 hours on-time
Tomorrow: 121.500 hours on-time

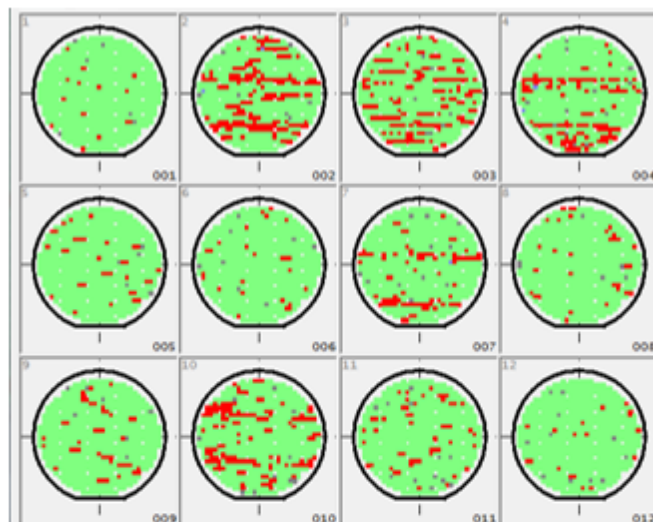
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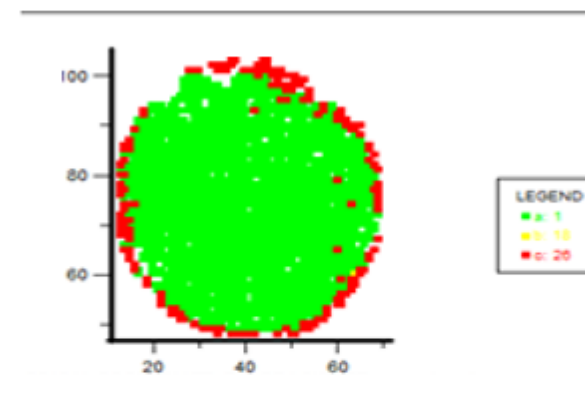
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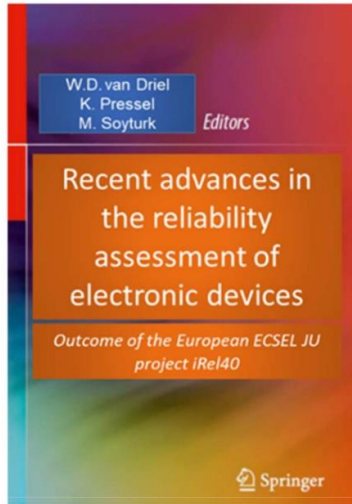


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Intelligent Reliability (iRel40) – A Knowledge Generator (www.iRel40.eu)

iRel40 – a knowhow generator



iRel40 – build bridges and generate networks



A book was finalized recently

=> we identified 20 different chapters in the following areas

- *Multi-scale & multi-physics simulations for physics-of-degradation,*
- *AI based control systems in advanced production,*
- *Smart sensing and big data analysis,*
- *Reliable Materials, Reliability Testing and Diagnostics,*
- *Prognostic and health management / digital twin / condition monitoring and*
- *Design.*

iRel40 builds bridges and understanding between domain:

=> During Social Event at Istanbul we prepared a laser show with the iRel40 image on the Bosphorus bridge in Istanbul

=> generate personal networks

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Managing Complexity: Five Trends

Demanding
system reliability
& thermal management



- Expansion towards high reliability applications (automotive, aviation power distribution, medical)
- High reliability of system requires even higher reliability of sub components!

Diversity of technology



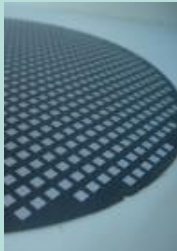
- Various analog & digital specific IC technol. (memories, RF, processors, power...)
- MEMS (sensors, actuators...)
- Passives

Complex material mix



- Wide range of material properties (Si, metal, ceramics, polymers, composites etc.)

Convergence of
IC/ Package/ PCB
technology



- Wafer level packaging
- Chip embedding in laminate
- TSV & TEV
- Further shrink of interconnects (fine pitch wire bond, thin film techn., TSV)
- Integration of passives in RDL/TSV

3D designs



- Stacked die approaches
- Multiple stacks, interposers...
- PoP (package on package)
- MEMS

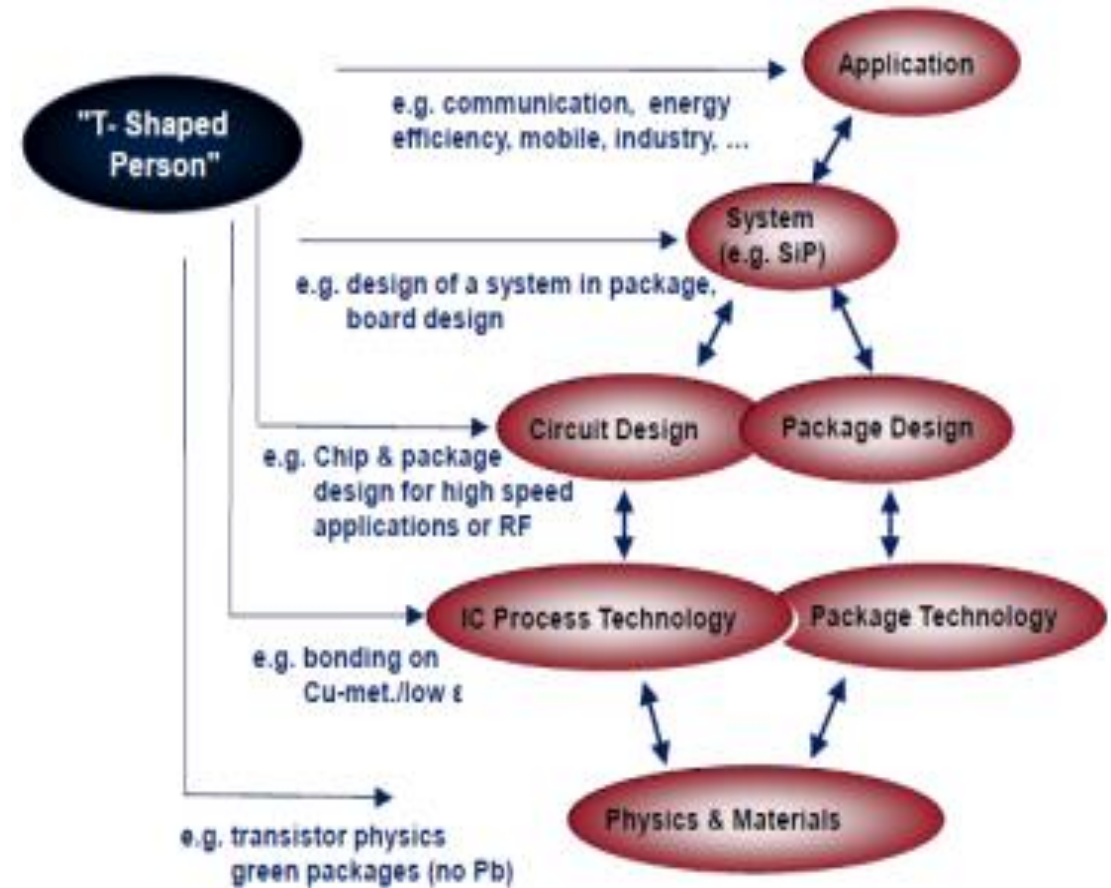
Set-up Know How and investigate
standardization

Managing Complexity

What do we need?

- › Understand your application requirements
- › Understand your customer (price, performance, ...)
- › Understand trade-offs between technologies (TSV, TEV, ...)
- › Understand and develop the appropriate toolbox elements
- › Understand physics of processes, failures, performance, ...
- › Understand your supply chain
- › ...

→ We need T-shaped persons

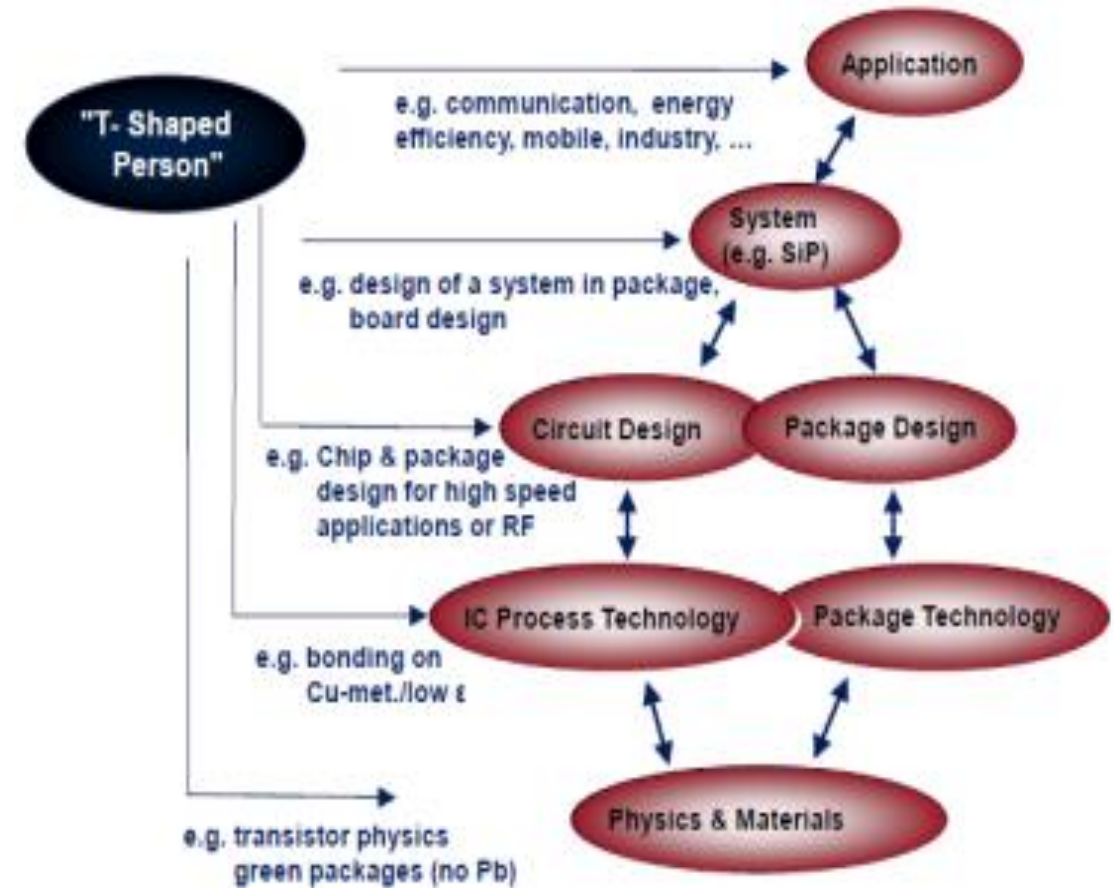


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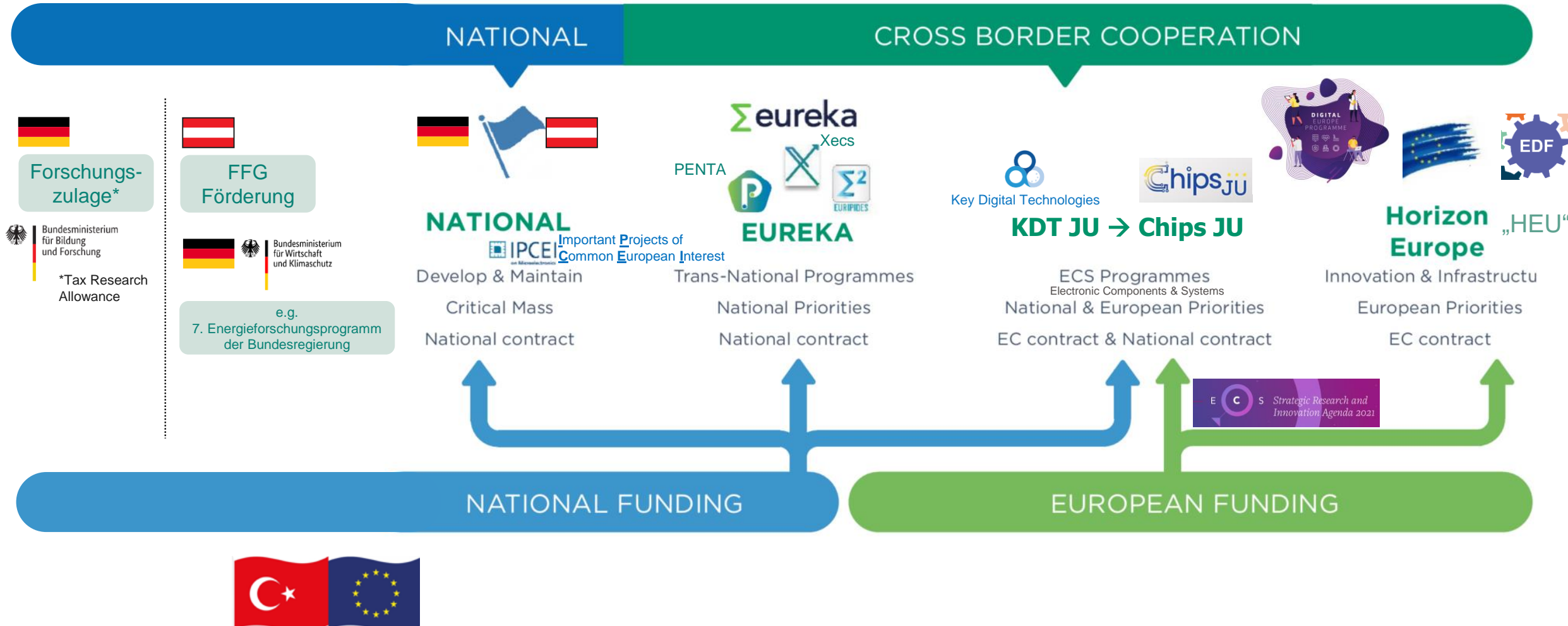
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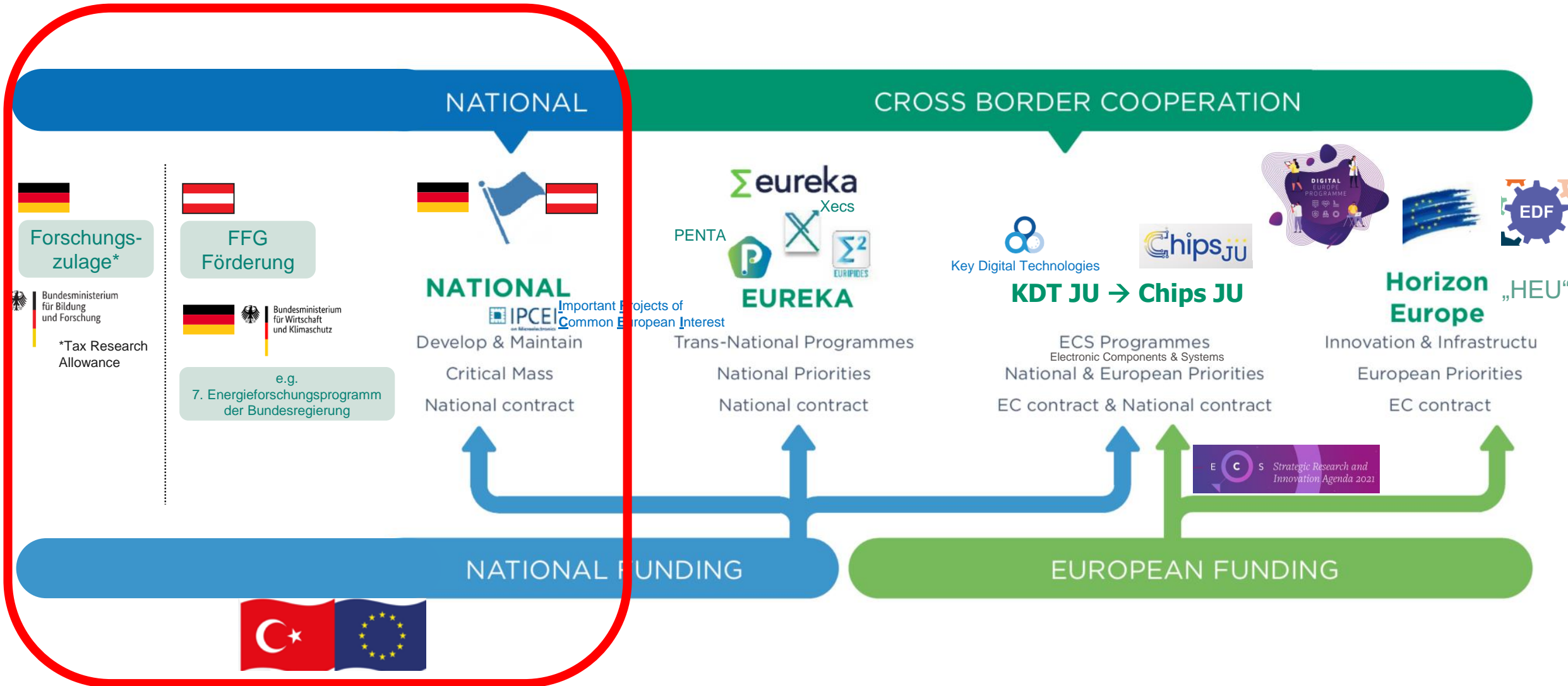
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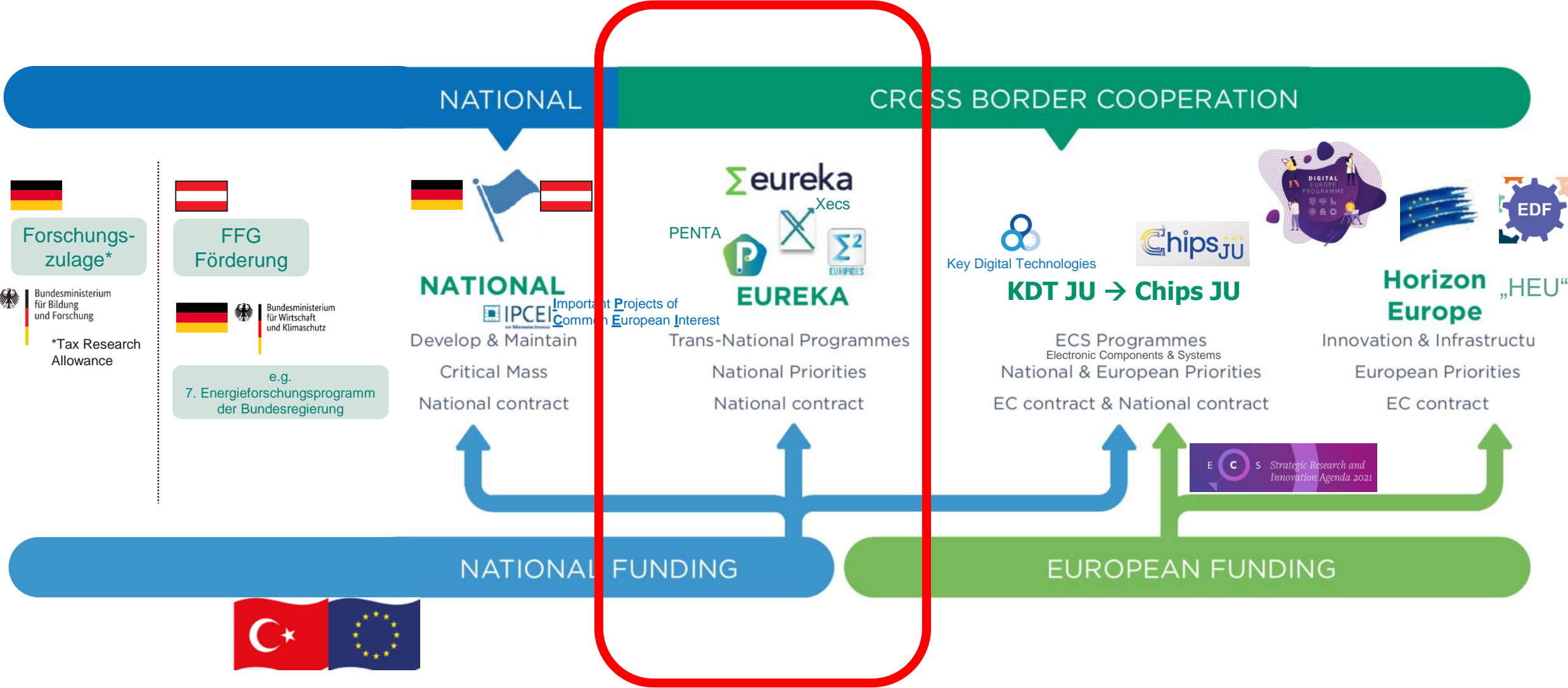
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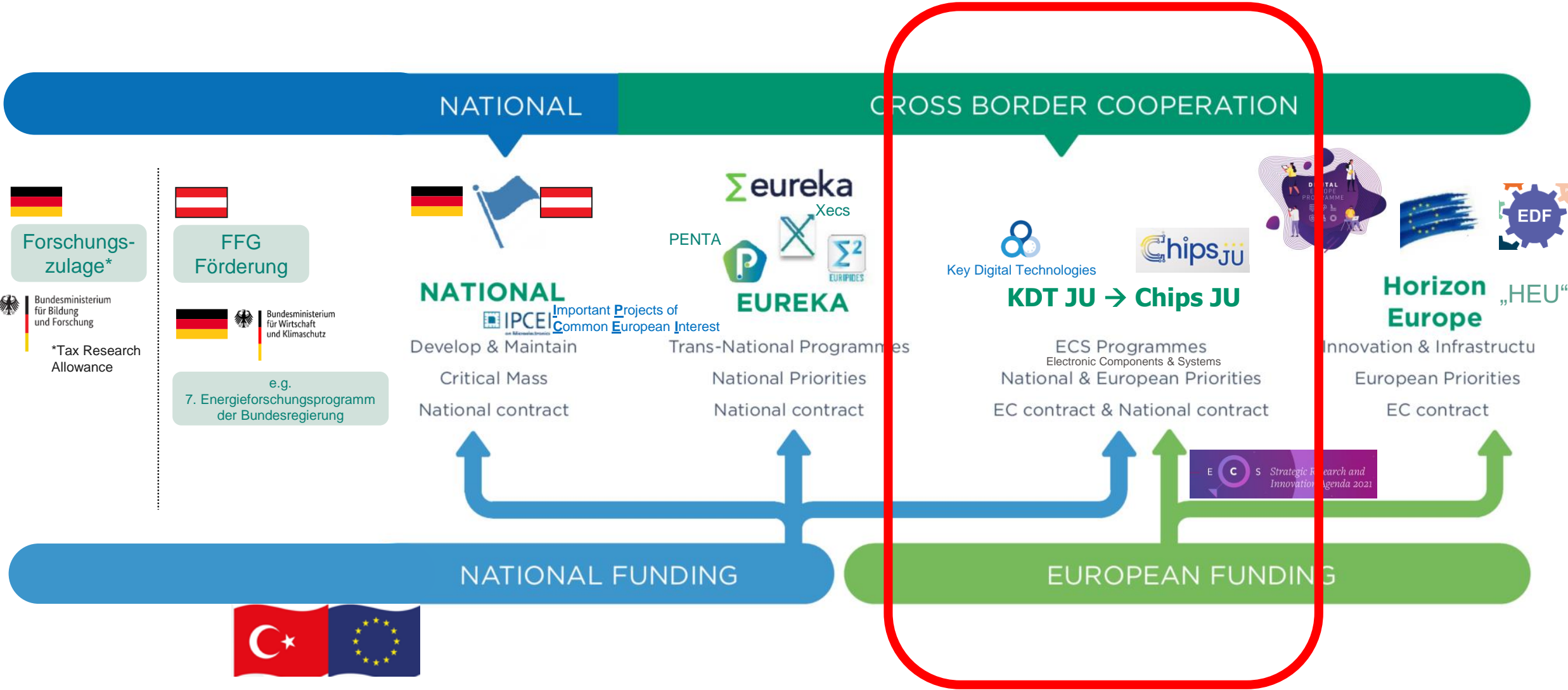
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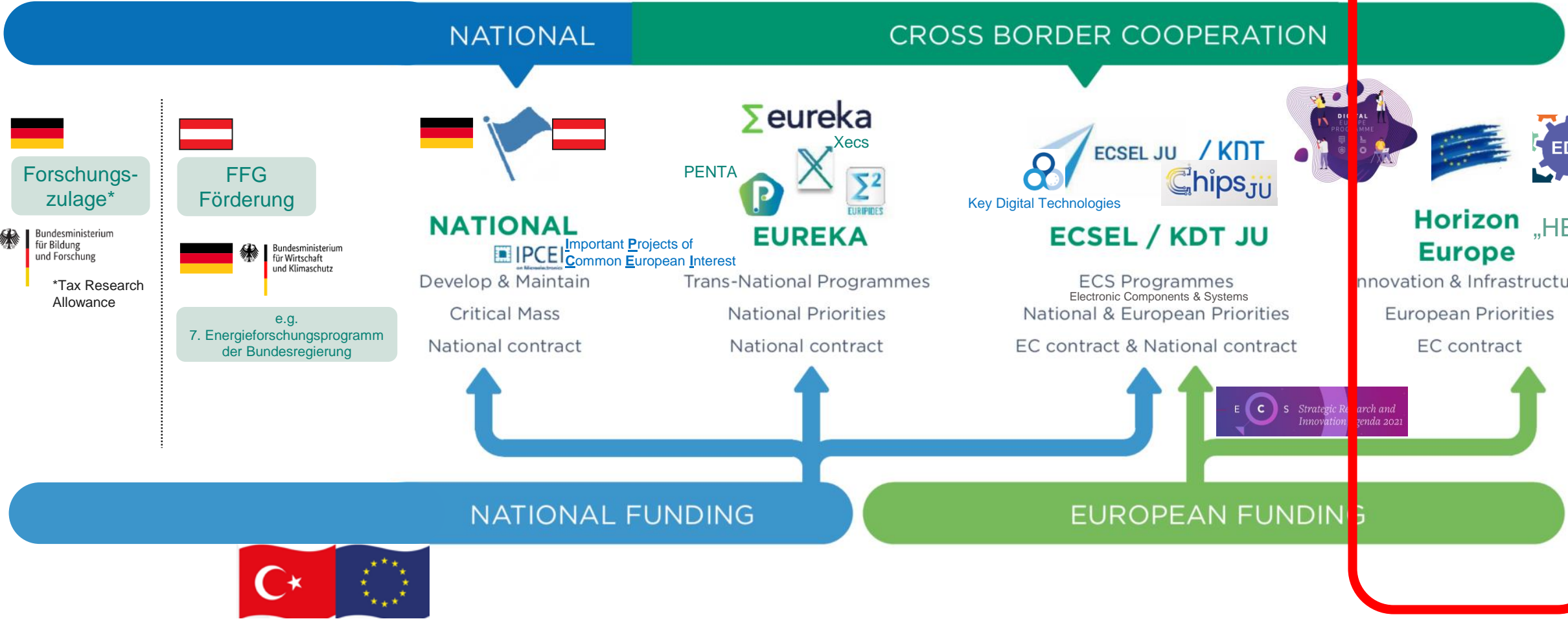
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