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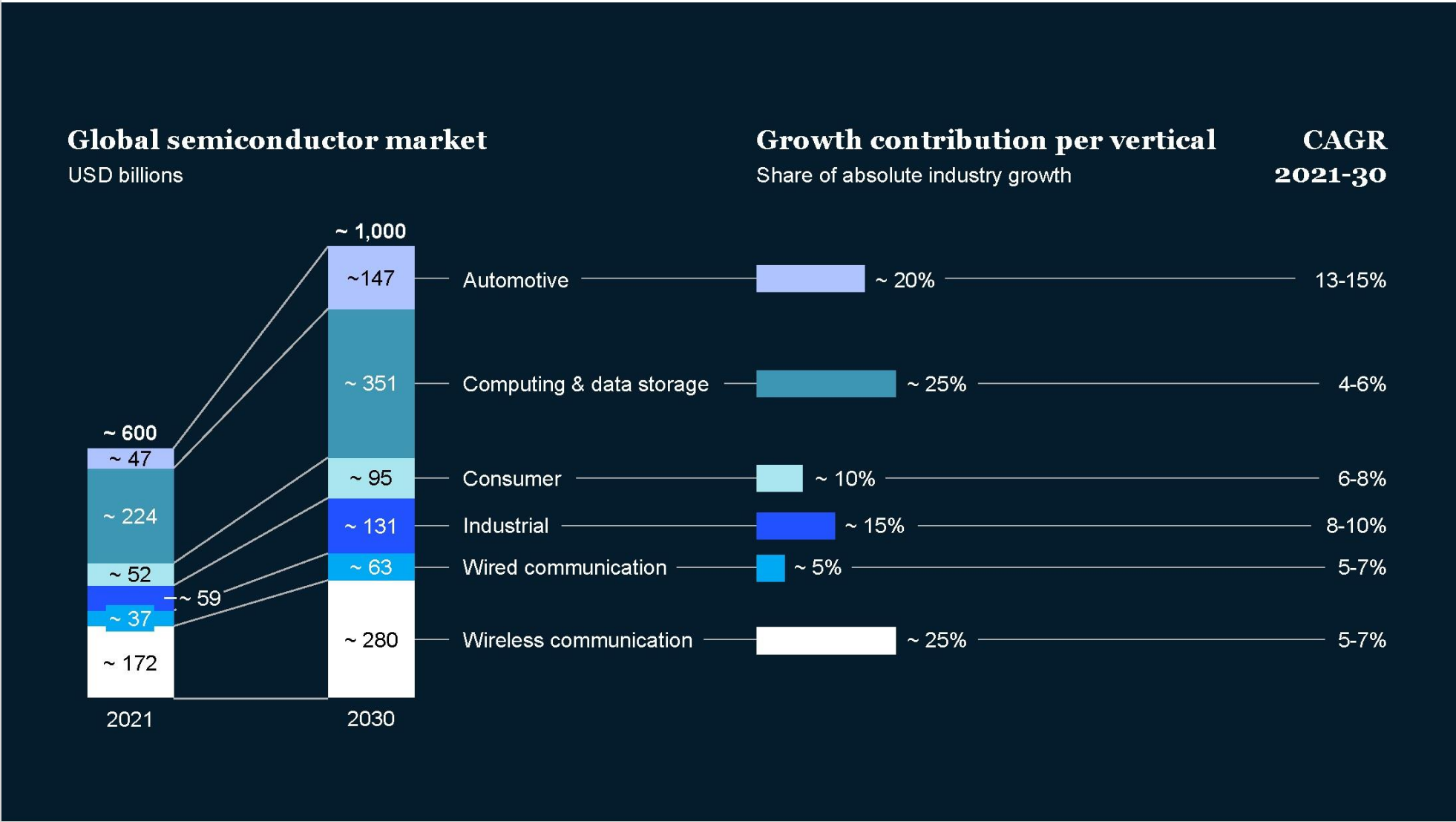
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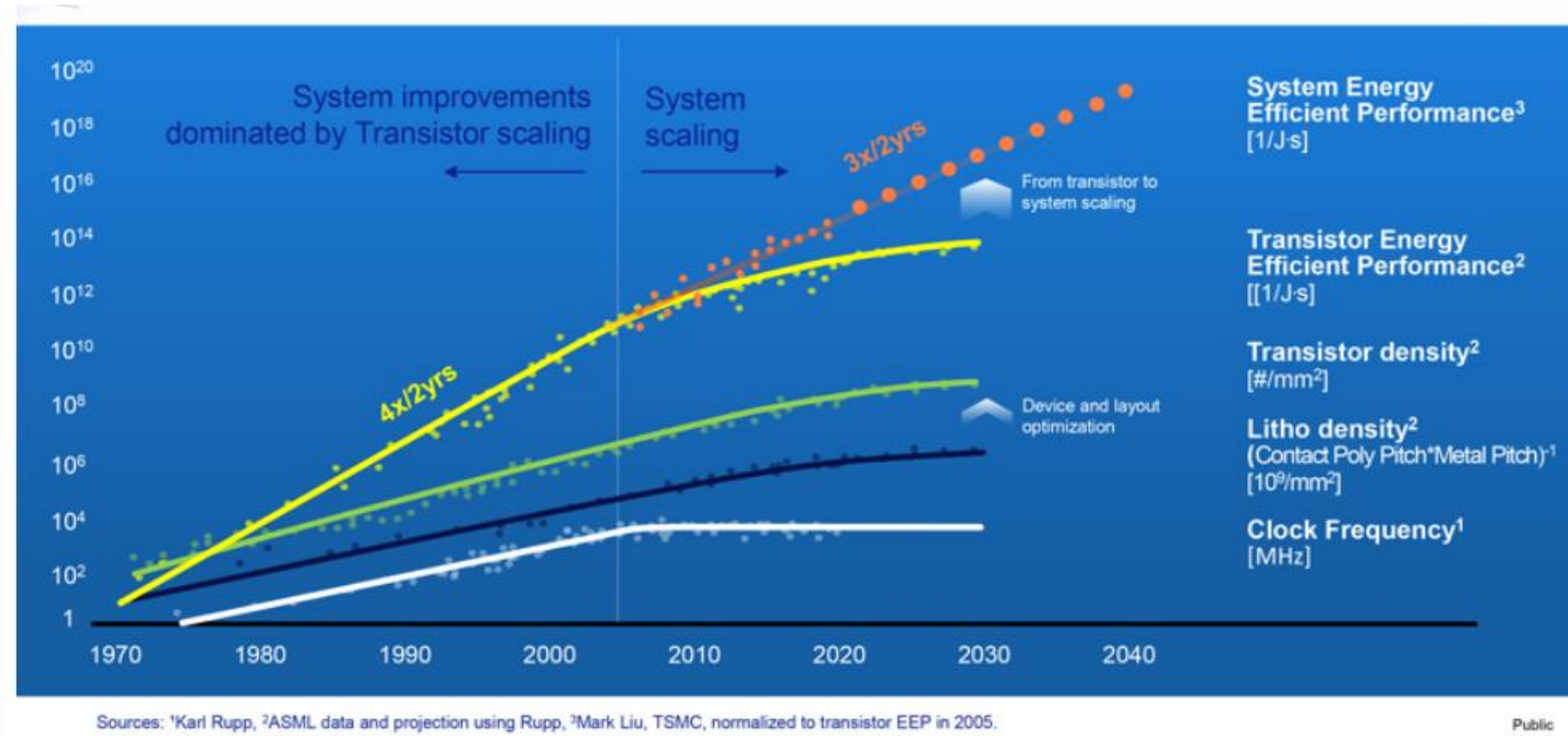
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The global semiconductor industry is on the path to \$1T in 2030

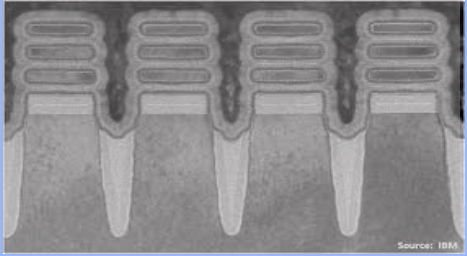


New paths to innovation: System Scaling... 3D, not smaller... AI at every stage



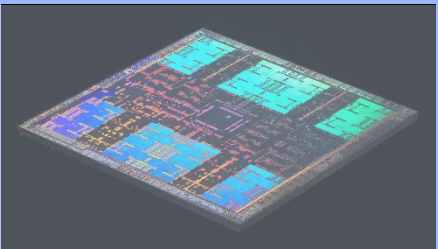
- Material science & process architecture
- Chiplets and complex systems
- AI for development and manufacturing

We are witnessing three important shifts in the industry



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Devices and nodes are changing to new architecture



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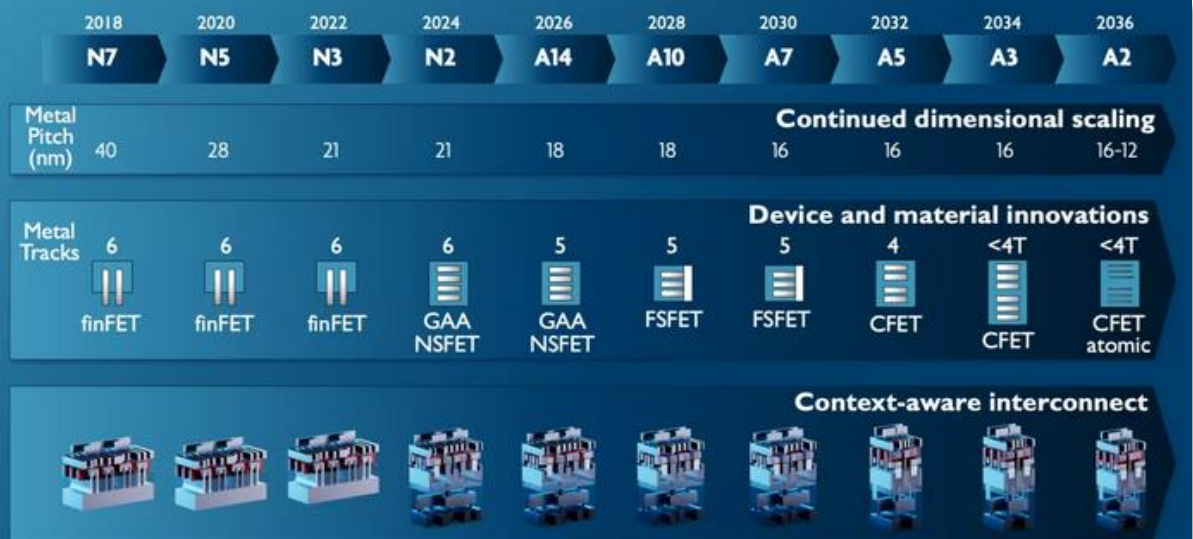
Systems in package require changing test and assembly landscape



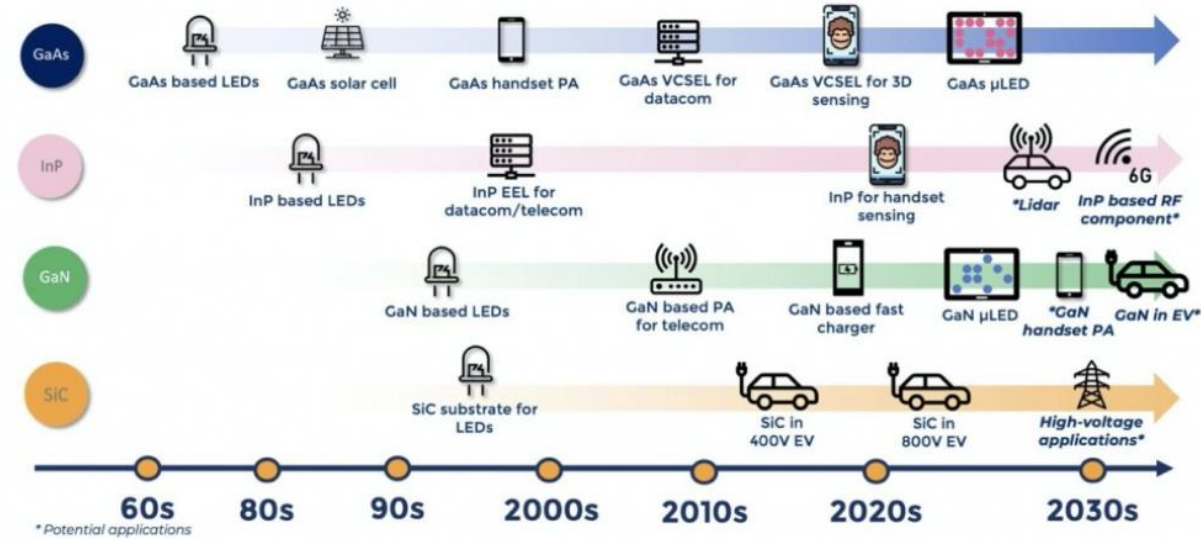
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Transitioning from geographically concentrated to globally distributed industry

More complex devices require advanced characterization capabilities



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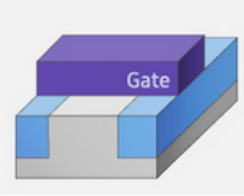
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Design / System Manufacturing Co-Optimization

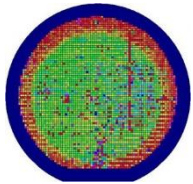
Characterization Requirements

Hybrid devices with requires changing test approach

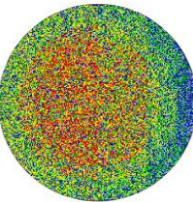
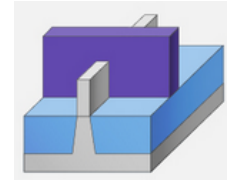
Wafer 1



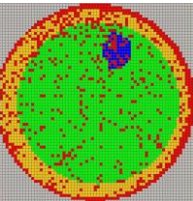
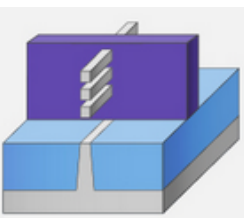
Wafer Test



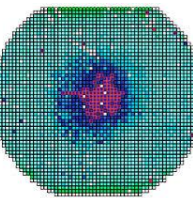
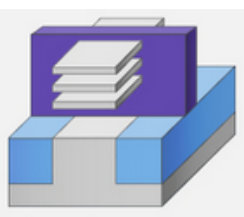
Wafer 2



Wafer 3



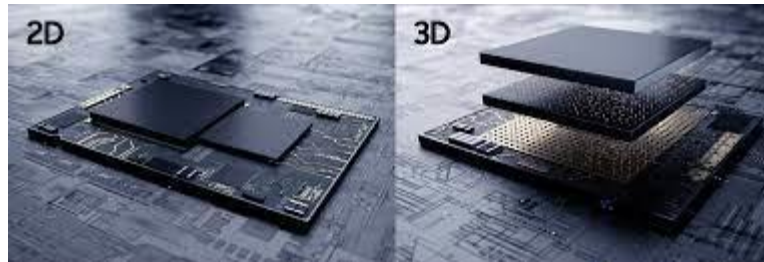
Wafer 4



Characterized
Known Good
Die

- Test Data
- Parametric data
- AI to project forward package level performance

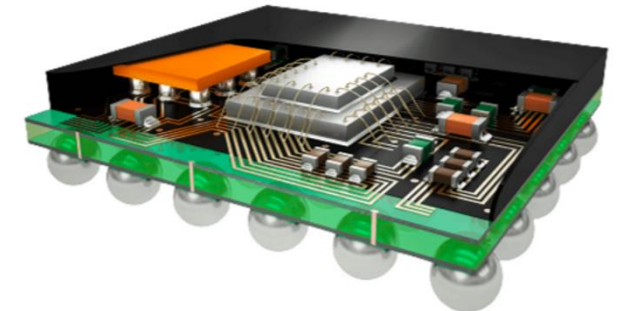
Chip on Wafer Stacking



Package test

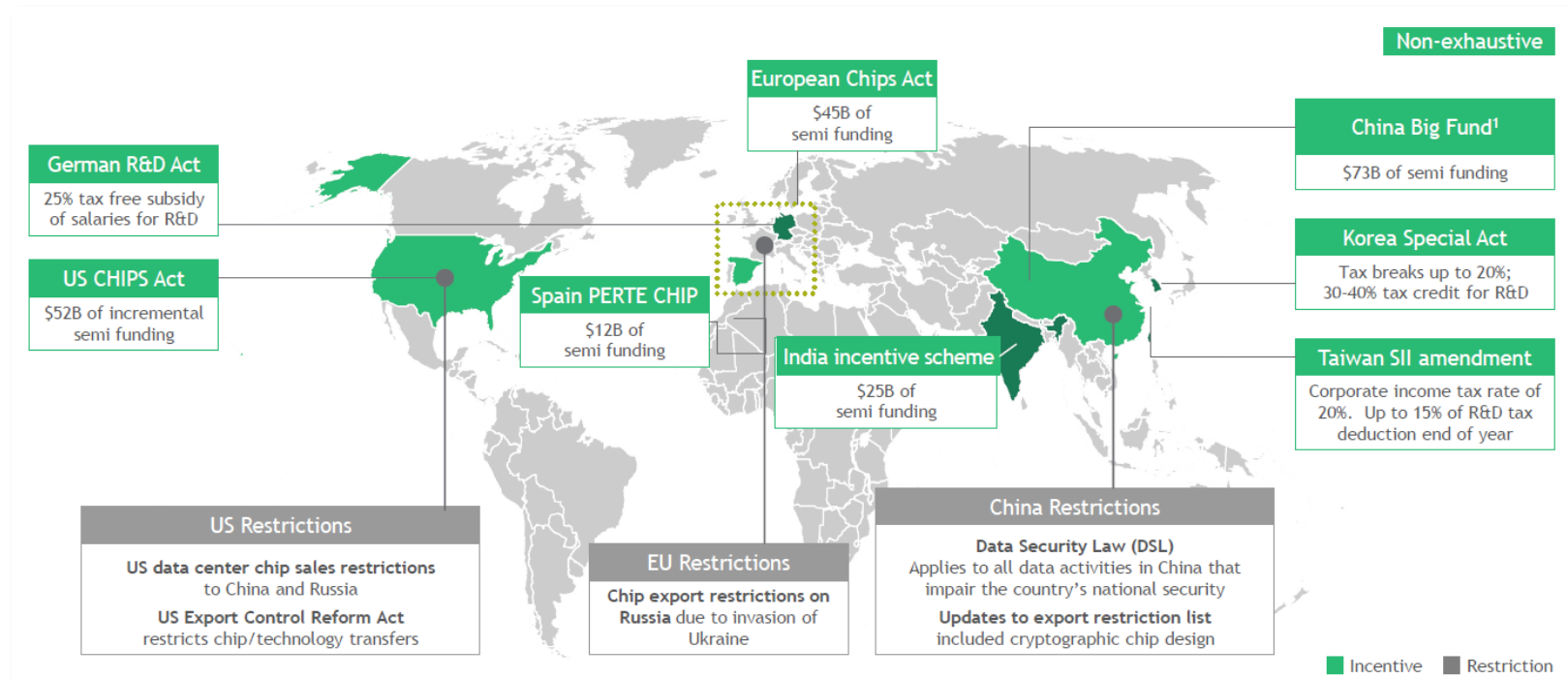
Known
Good
Stack

Complex System



Package optimization

Investment and trade restrictions lead to geographically distributed supply chains



- Need for global centralized view of disaggregated physical assets
- Right data, at the right place, at the right time for the right action
- Data protection and IP protection challenges
- Geo data sovereignty regulations

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Process
Technology

3D Complexity

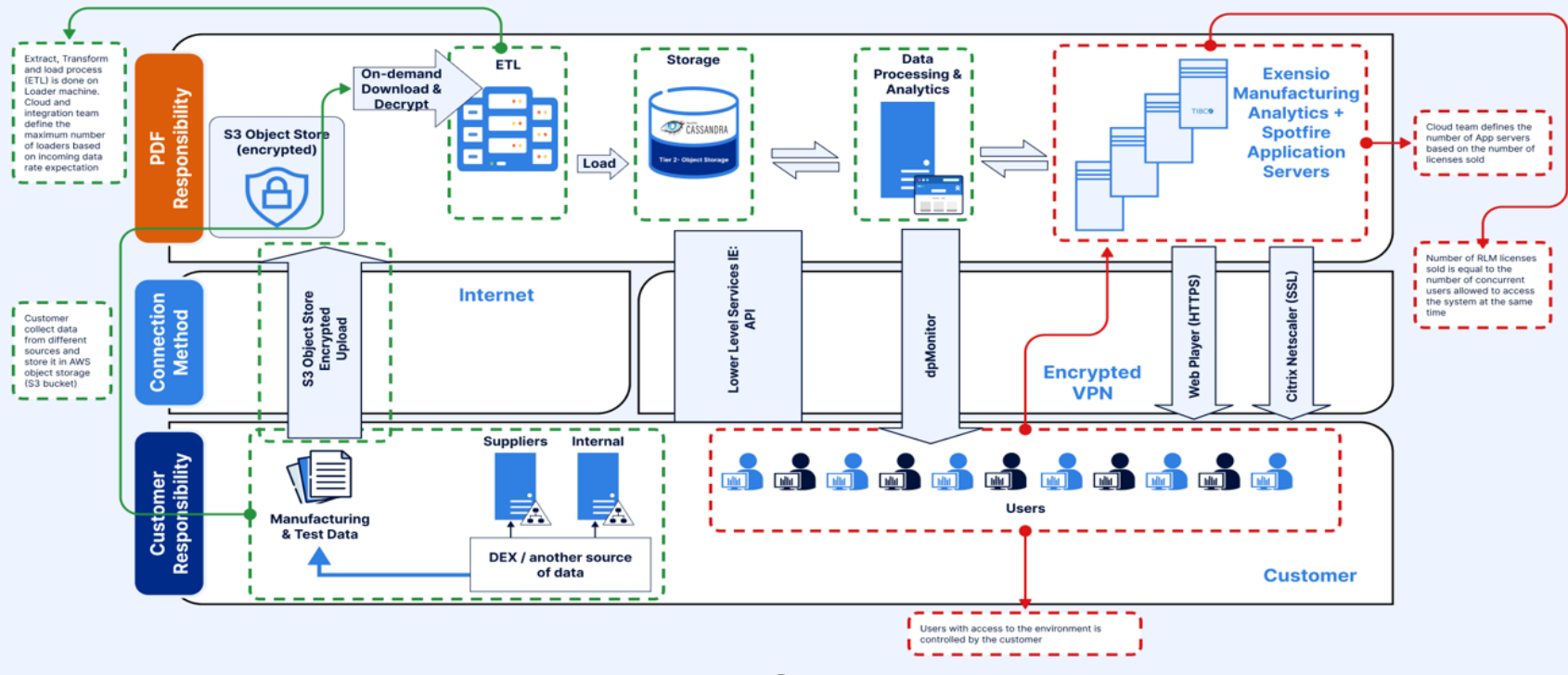
Global Supply
Chain

AI and Platform

PDF Solutions End to End Platform for Semiconductor Analytics

Fully integrated solution to accelerate production ramp, improve overall yield and quality

Open, cloud native, secure,
scalable architecture



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Unique Data Creation

Inline & End of Line:
CV Infrastructure



Inline:
Design for Inspection



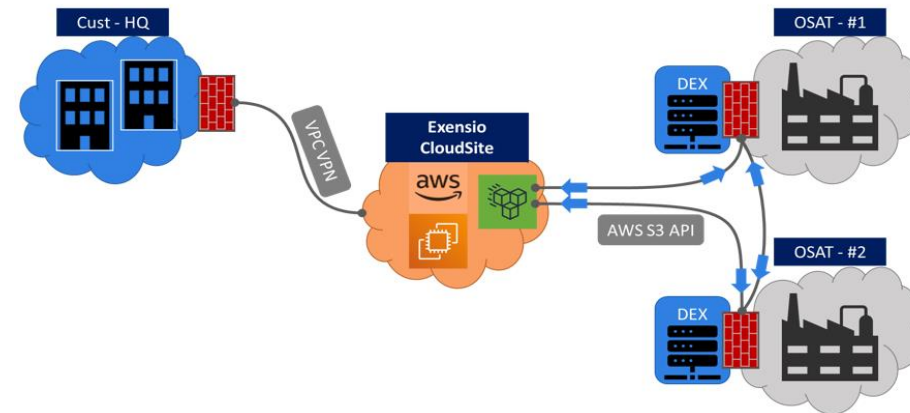
Equipment Integration & Analysis



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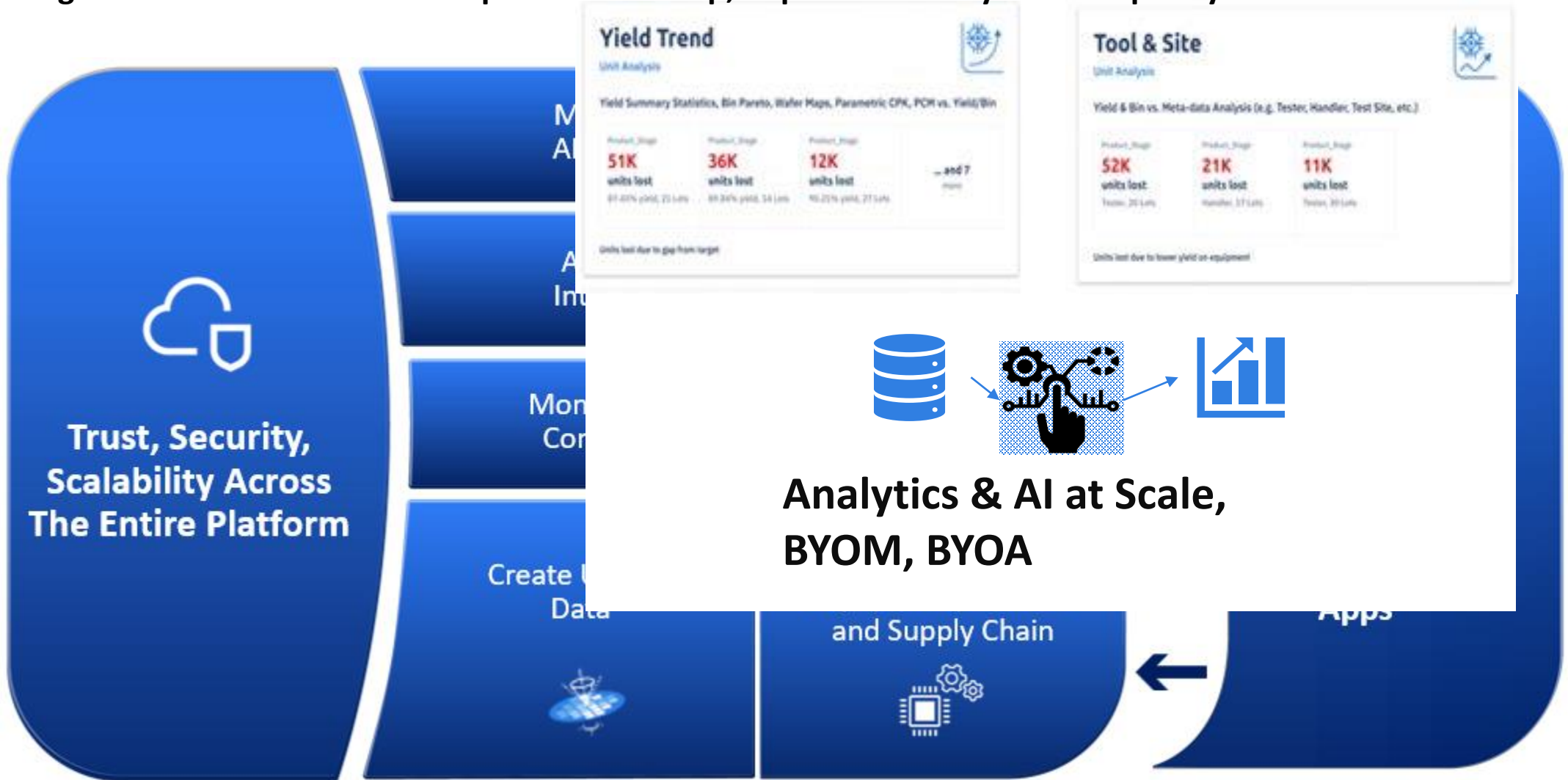
Fully integrated solution to accelerate production ramp, improve overall yield and quality

Control on the cloud and at the edge



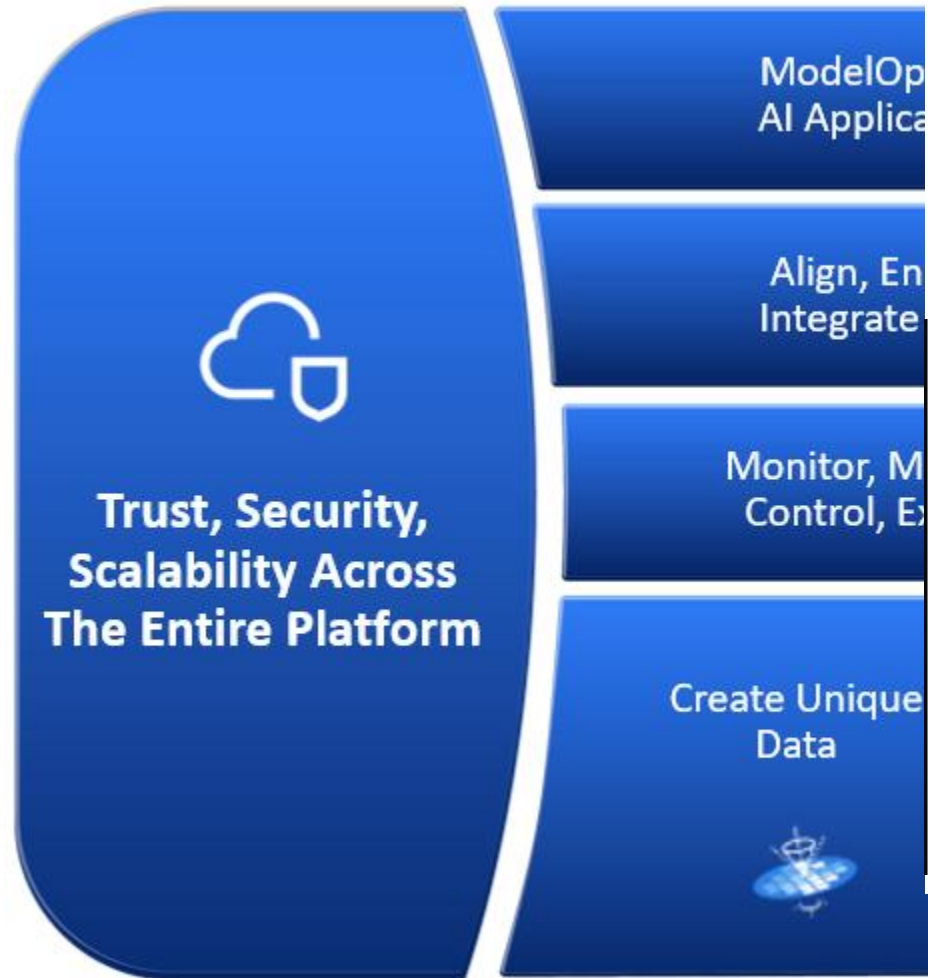
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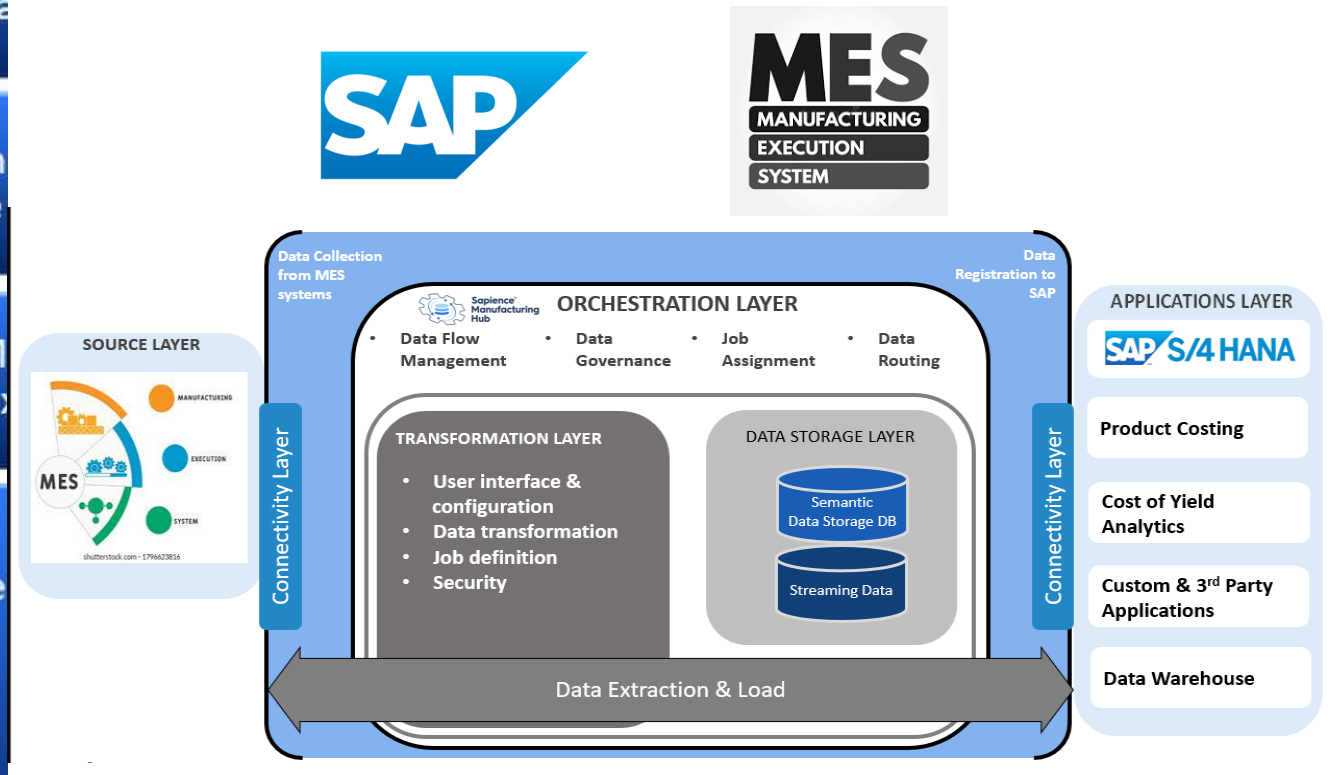


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Fully integrated solution to accelerate production ramp, improve overall yield and quality



Process and enterprise applications integration



An open platform based on industry standards and integrated with leading solutions providers

SIEMENS

Integrated circuit (IC) test and yield analysis

IBM

MES Solutions for fabs and assembly

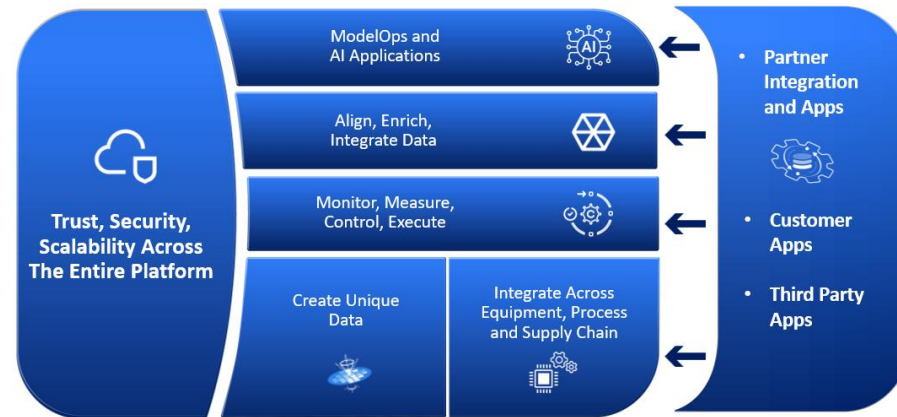
Kulicke & Soffa

Assembly operations



Enterprise Battery Intelligence

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SAP

Business & supply chain data and process integration with E2E automation for quality & cost

proteanTecs

Deep data analytics

TERADYNE

Edge AI for test, test operations

aws

Global cloud infrastructure

ADVANTEST

Edge AI for test, test operations

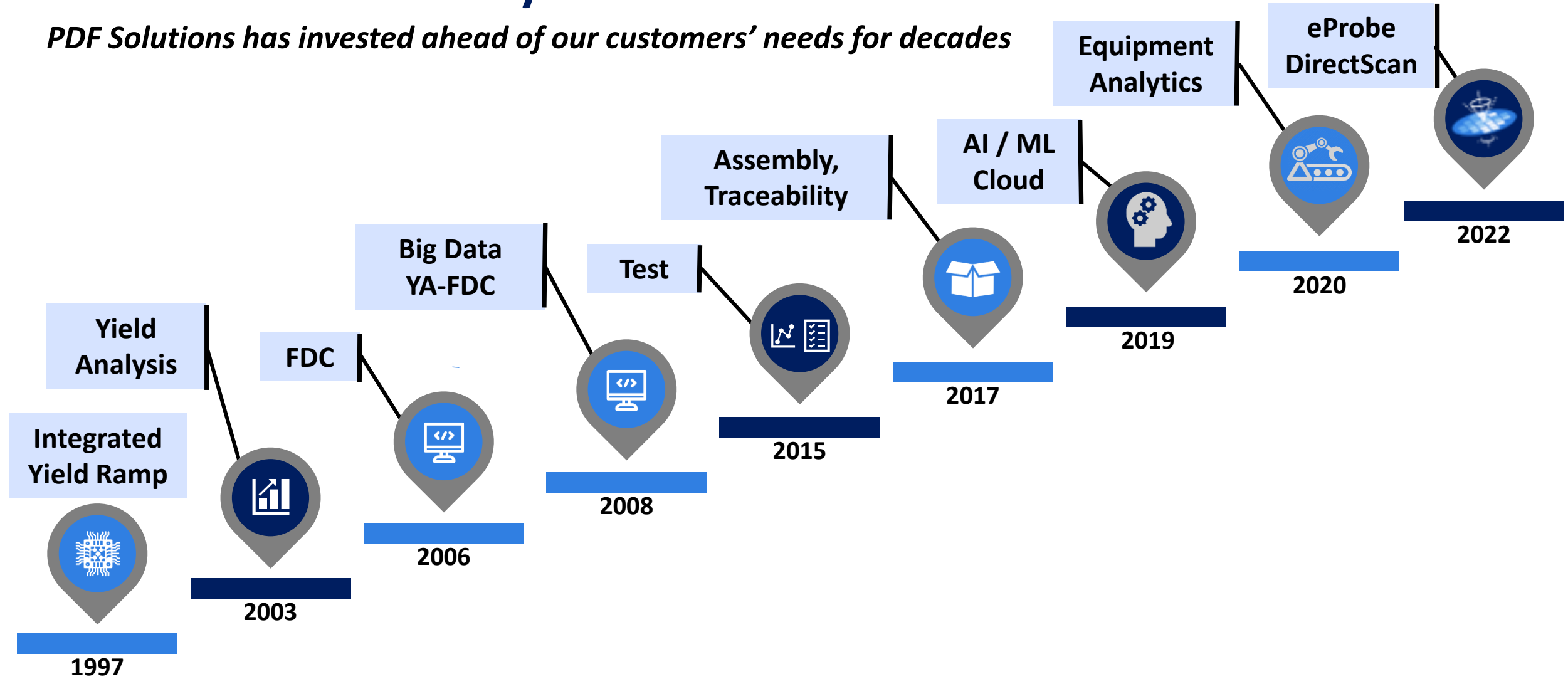
PDF Leads Standards for Analytics & Equipment Data Collection

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- **SEMI** NA Information & Control Committee Co-Chair
- **SEMI** NA GEM 300 Task Force Leader
- **SEMI** NA DDA Task Force Leader
- **SEMI** NA Advanced Backend Factory Integration (ABFI) Task Force Leader
- **SEMI** NA GUI Task Force Leader
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Enhancing Yield Ramp

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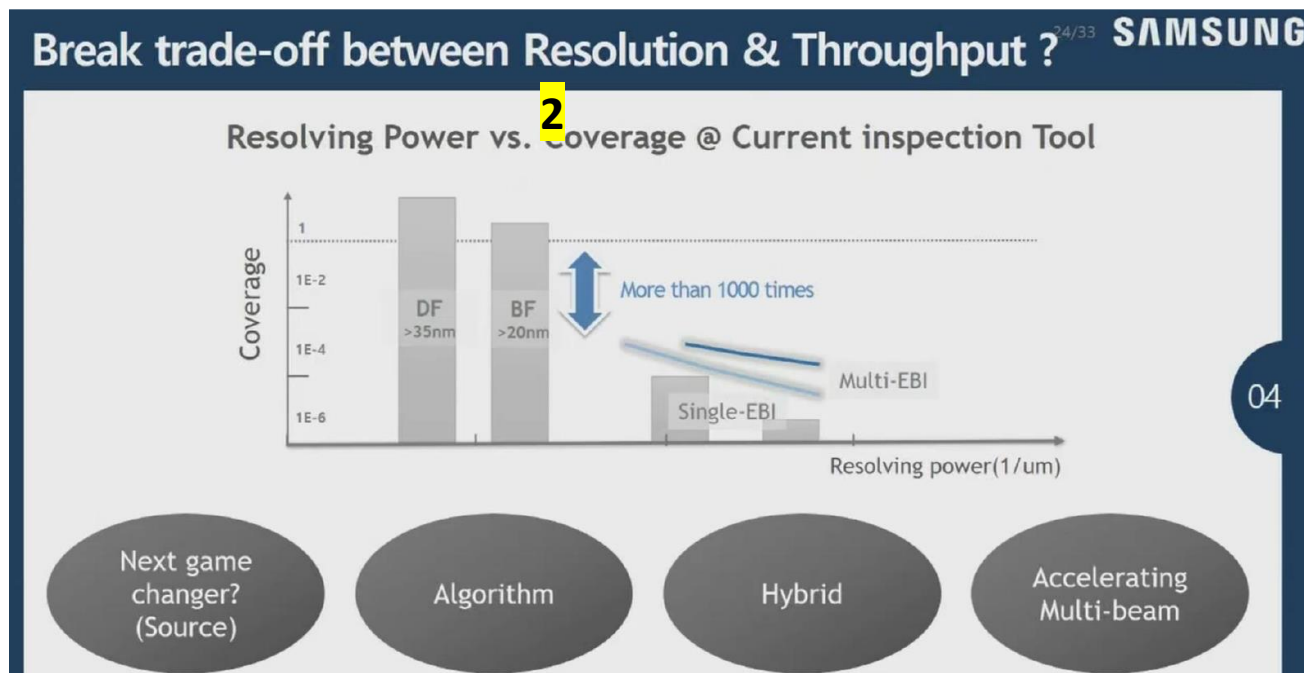
Semi Supply Chain Analytics

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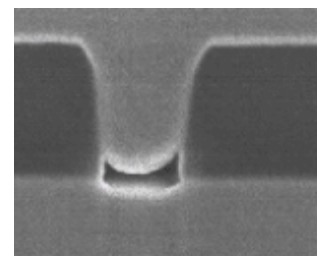
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Testing for 3D Defects - Problem Statement

- Optical inspection cannot resolve critical **3D** defects at 7nm node and below
- eBeam inspection lacks throughput to measure PPB yield loss sources
- Solution also needs to detect buried (sub-surface) defects



Via void



Buried defects

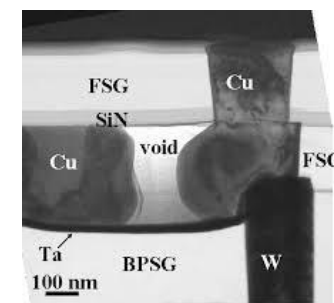


Fig. 5. TEM micrograph of void in M1 copper.



Source: Chungsam Jun, 2021 SPIE Keynote

PDF DirectScan System Overview

Fire™ Product Layout Scan For Related Patterns



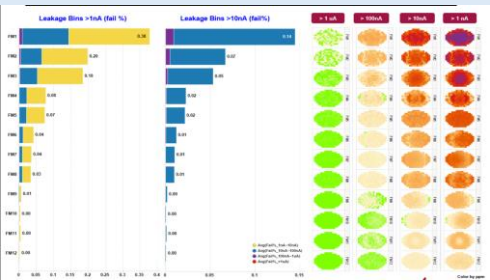
Example for Mx line ends

eProbe DirectScan product wafer at layer



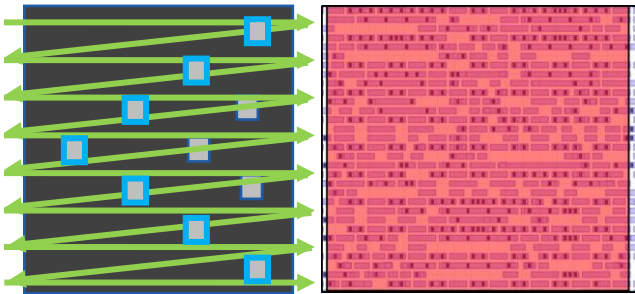
Unique Vector Scan performs
Billions of measurements/wafer

Exensio and Fire Analytics

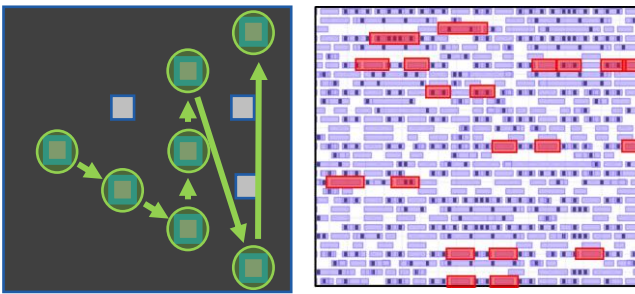


- Quantify yield impact in PPB statistics
- Analyze key fail modes across full product layout
- Characterize product pattern neighborhood dependence for each fail mode
- Identify layer stack and neighborhood combinations that drive systematic yield
- Scan ~10B features/hour

Conventional ebeam Inspection



eProbe Inspection



Product Ramp : Conventional vs. DirectScan Learning Cycle

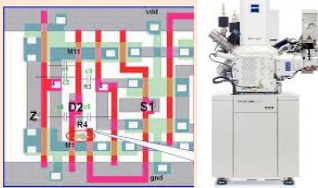
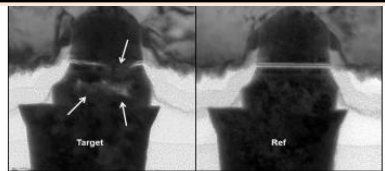
Conventional Yield Learning Cycle

Learning Cycle Time ↑

(resulting in 1 fail site of data)

(3-5 weeks
including logistics)

EFA / PFA

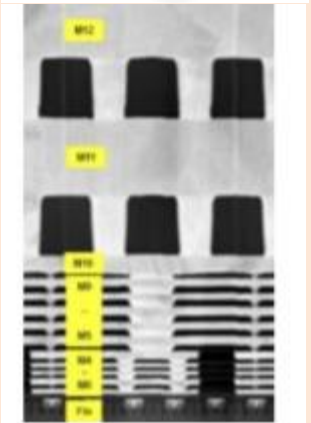


(2-4 weeks
w/ logistics)

Wafer Sort Test

(4-6 weeks)

BEOL processing



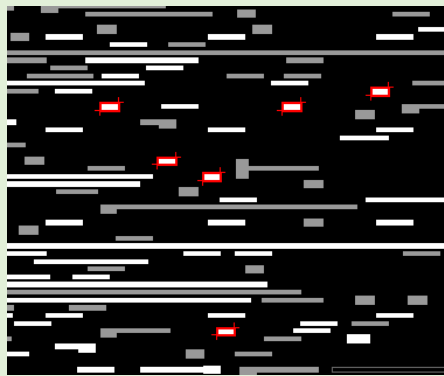
(1-2 weeks)

MOL processing

(1-2 weeks)

FEOL processing

DirectScan Accelerated Learning Cycle



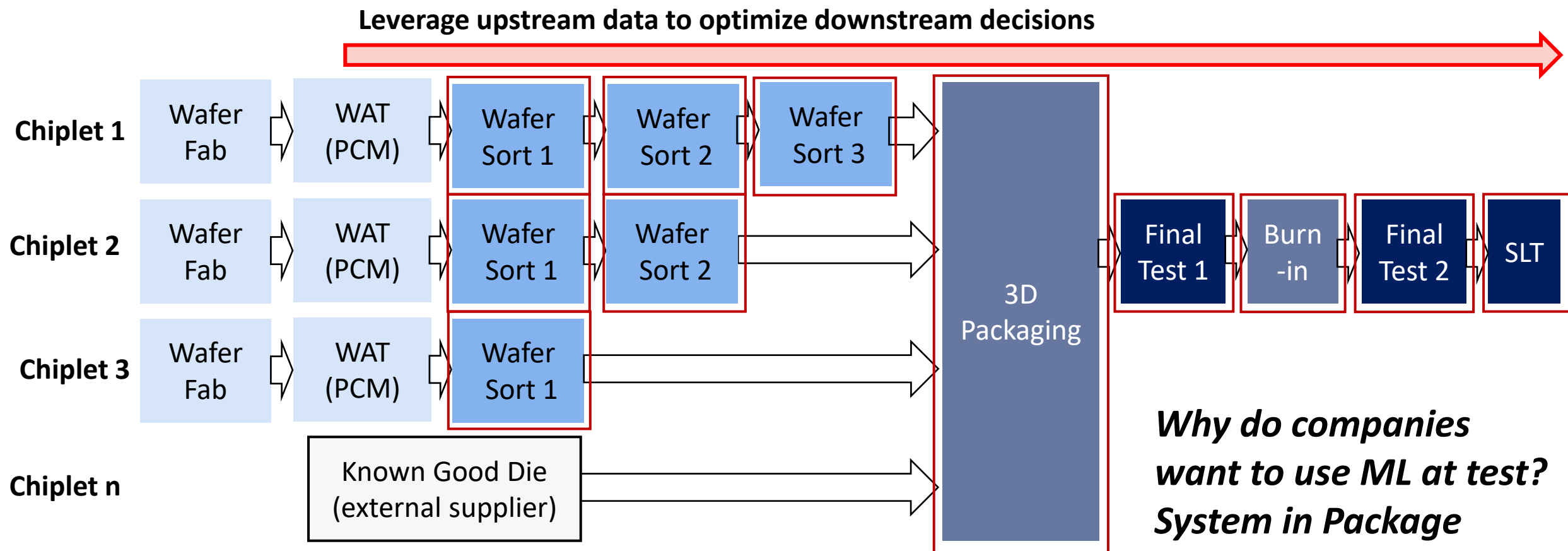
- eProbe inline Point scanning
- Inspect **full wafer within days of process split** (CIP, OPC, or DFM).
- Inspect >200B patterns per day
- “Short flow” learning mode possible (skip unrelated FEOL & MOL processing) to further accelerate learning cycle

A blue-tinted photograph of a person's hand wearing a white nitrile glove, holding a square microchip. The chip has a grid of pins on one side and a central square area with internal components. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a laboratory or cleanroom setting.

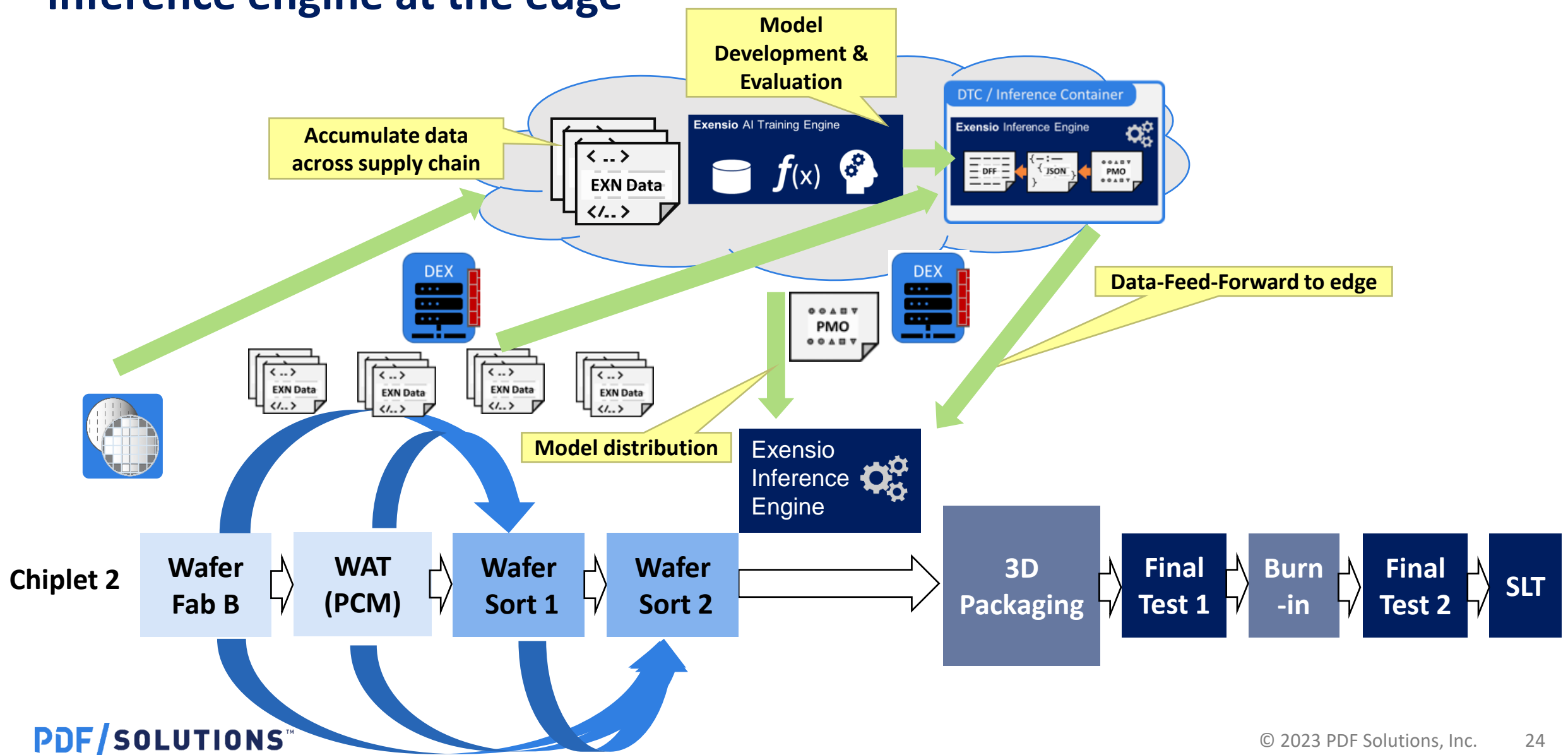
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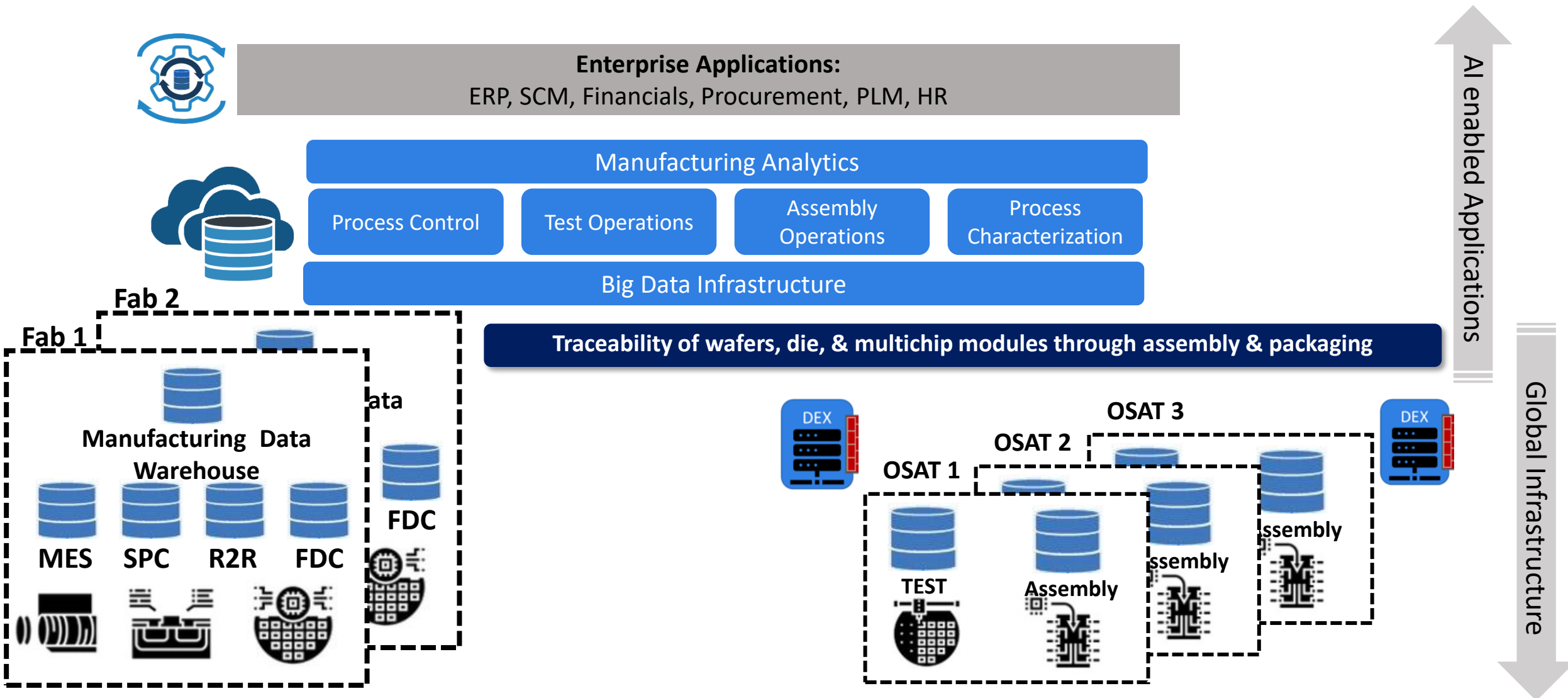
The system in package testing challenge



Exensio ML solution to scale prediction model training and deploy inference engine at the edge



Centralized management of the globally distributed supply chain



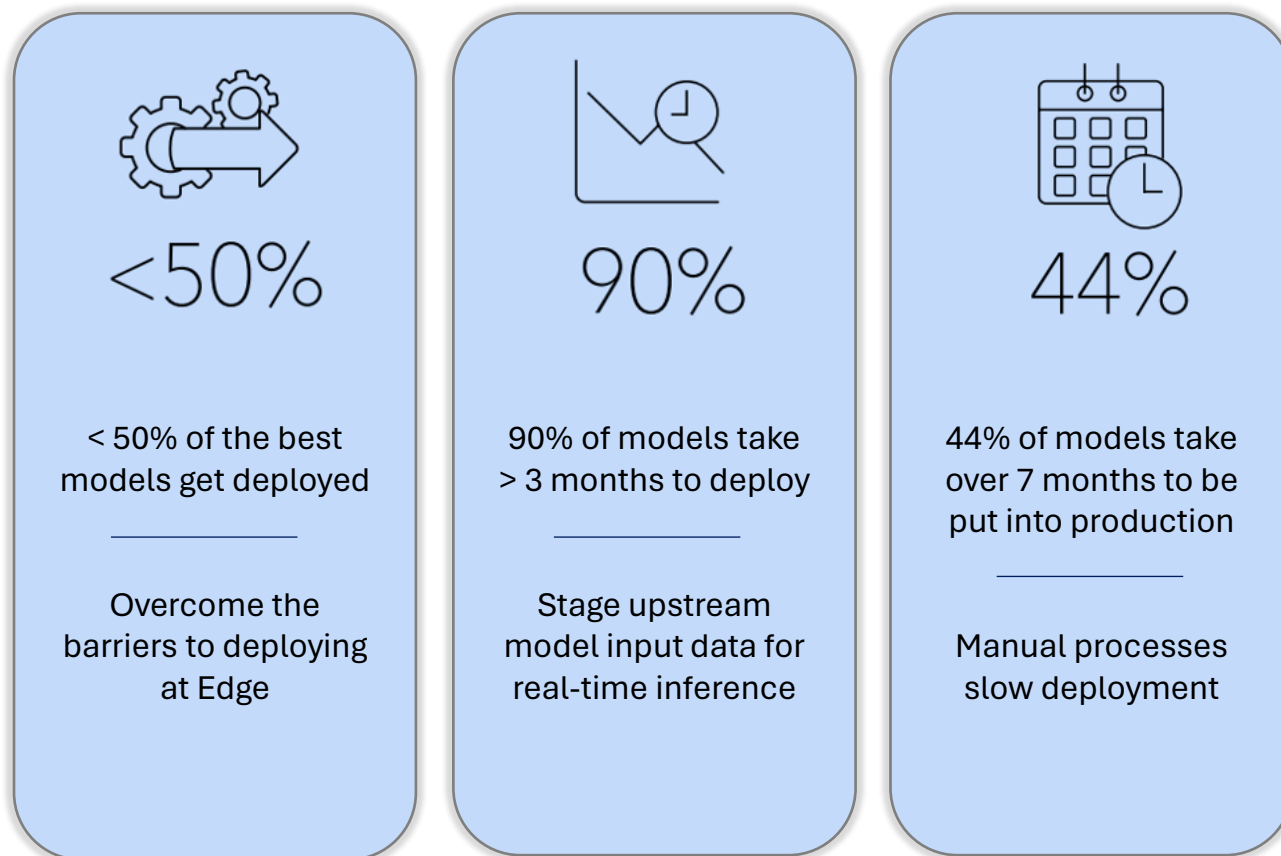
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What problems are we solving with ModelOps?

Key Challenges



Statistics from Worldwide Semiannual Big Data and Analytics Spending Guide, IDC, April 2019.

Large numbers of Models are needed for a wide range of Semiconductor use cases

Examples:

- **Products:**
 - Predict test response results
 - Identify design to process risks / yield loss
 - Detect anomalous behavior
- **Machines:**
 - Detect anomalous behavior
 - Predict maintenance events
 - Feedback / Feedforward compensation
- **Processes:**
 - Virtual metrology
 - Classify defect images
- **Fabs and Supply Chains:**
 - Maximize throughput
 - Balance supply and demand
 - Supply chain predictability

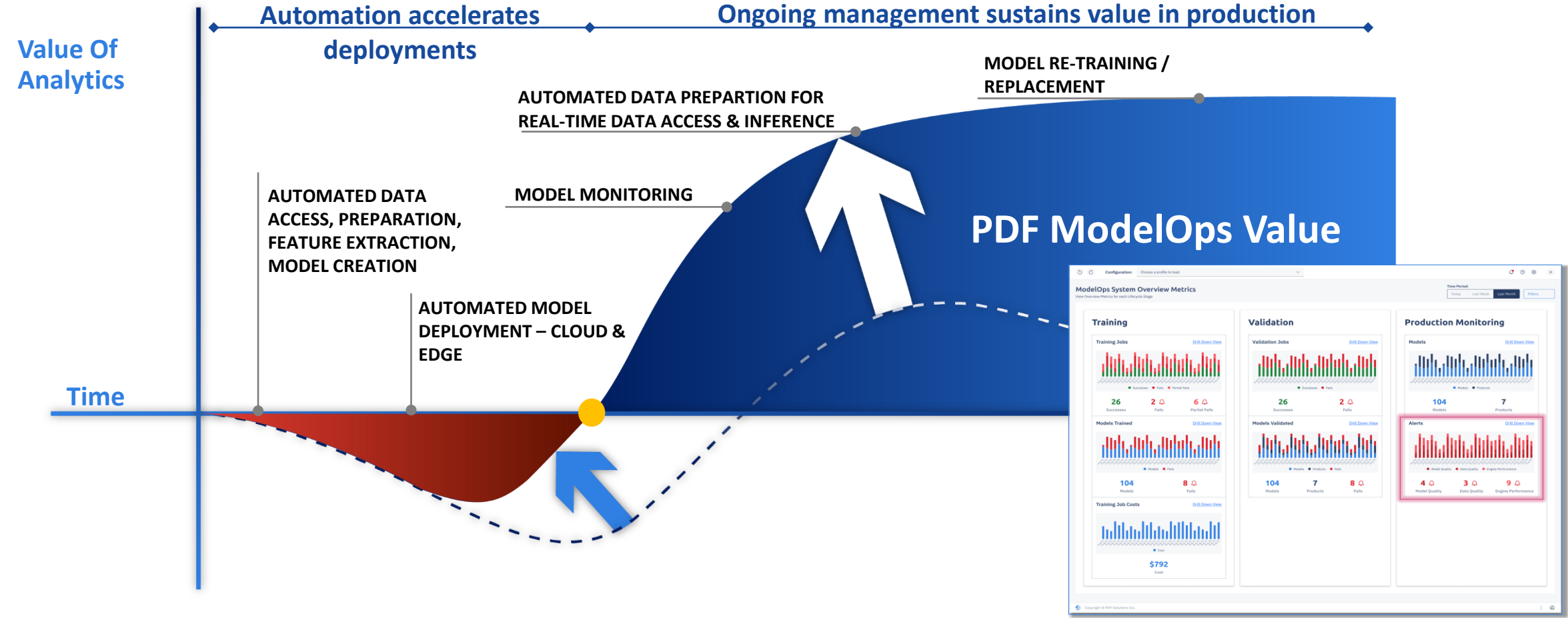
Why use PDF's platform for AI / ML Ops?

- **Data generation, curation, and semantic data model** built on over 30-years industry experience
- **Big Data Platform to Train, Deploy, Monitor and Manage** thousands of models for volume manufacturing across the semiconductor life cycle
- **Common UI and workflow to Facilitate Collaboration** between Data Scientists, IT, and Engineers
- **APIs to allow you to integrate with existing systems** and deploy to diverse endpoints: i.e., edge, cloud, OSAT's
- **Security & Traceability** to protect your IP



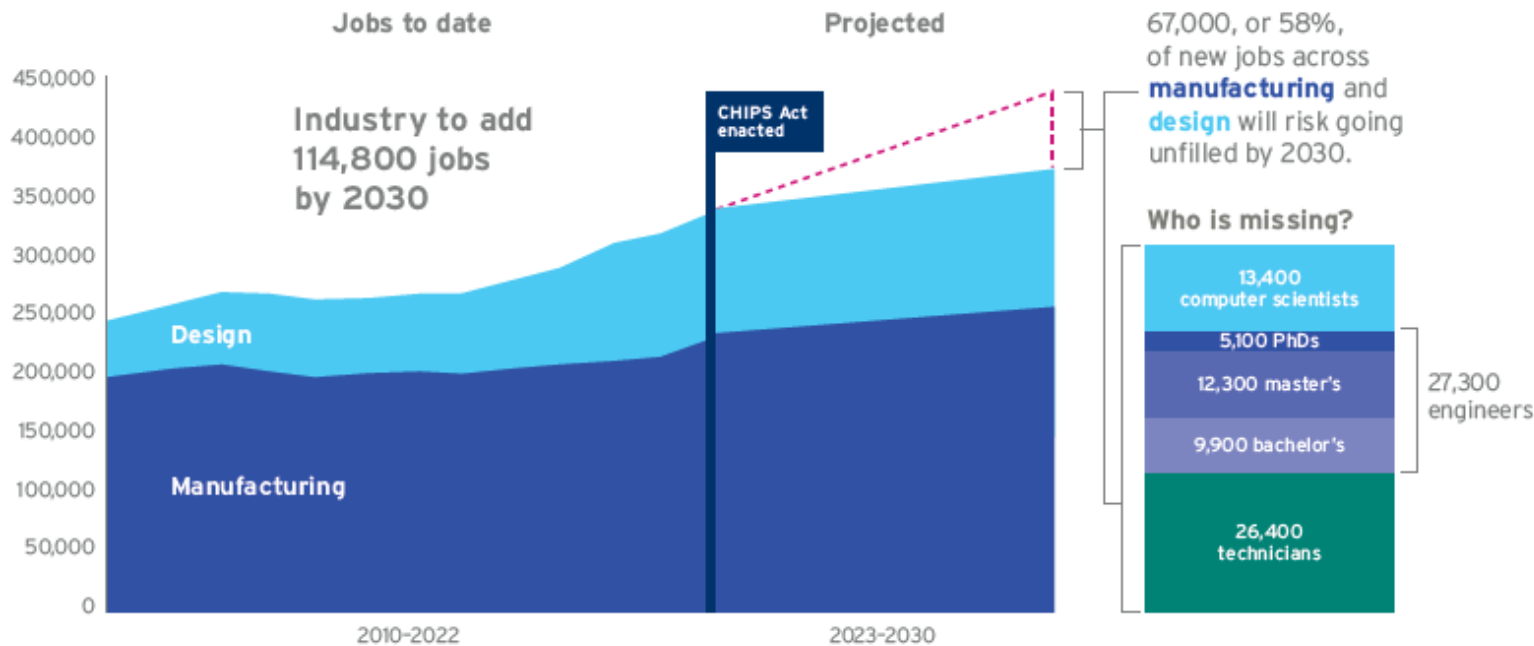
How ModelOps increases Business Value

Integrated, scalable infrastructure to develop, monitor, control and operationalize AI /ML decision models



Accelerate & scale the process of putting large numbers models into production

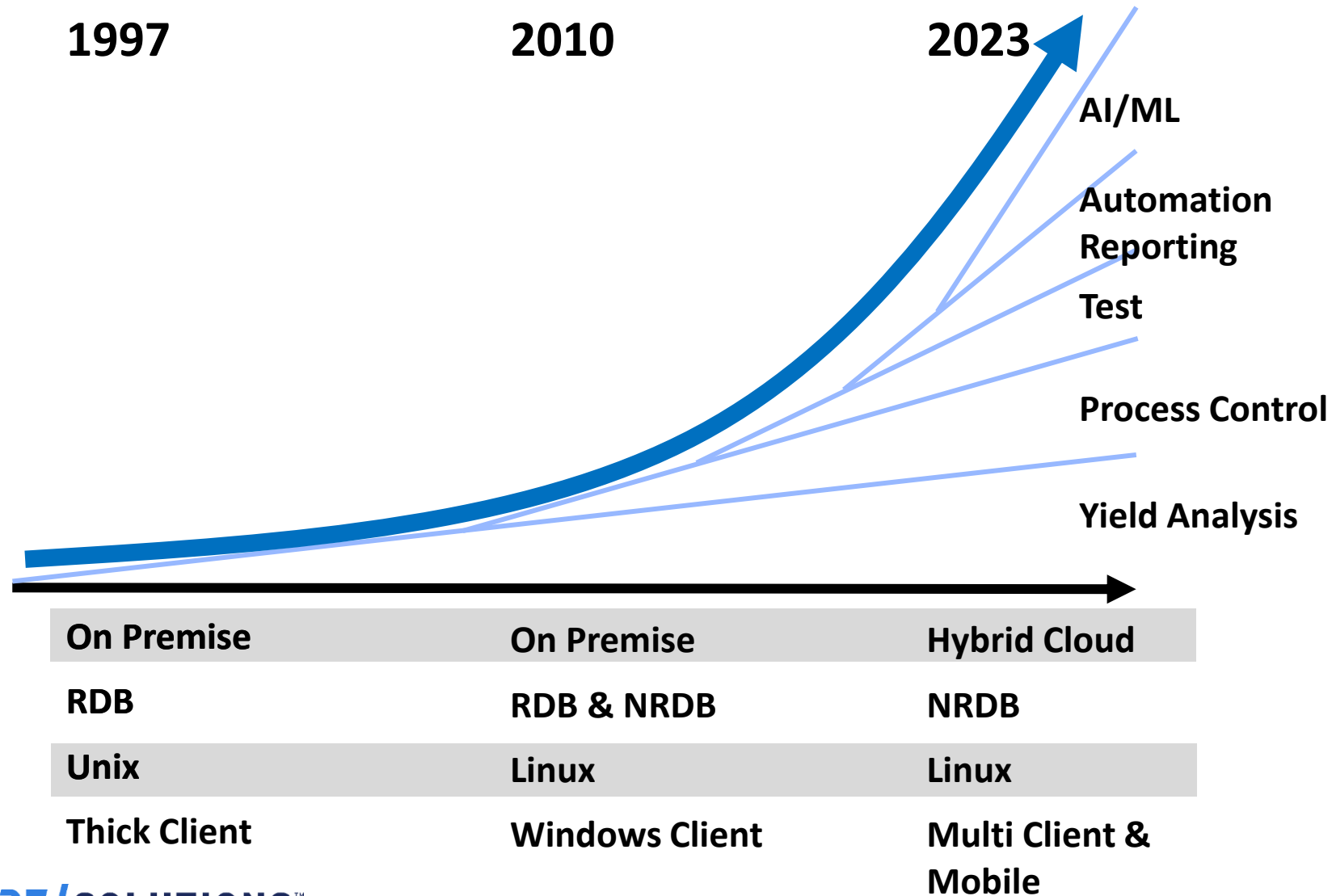
AI is critical in achieving increased employee productivity and breach the skills gap



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- Develop workforce to use software to bring to scale where foundries use human capital
- Opportunity to leverage AI to revive student interest in Semi jobs
- AI for semi university program
- Corporate training program

A stable platform built on latest available IT



- The functionality delivered by the platform has rapidly increased
- The platform continuously evolves to take advantage of the latest IT innovation
- As the IT stack evolves, we maintain full compatibility of the customer workloads, control and test plans

Your success is how we measure ourselves



Intel

Moore's Law in Action:
Accelerating Semiconductor
Process Technology



Test cell automation, a holistic
view



Business and digital
transformation



Guided Analytics to improve yield,
test and quality



Deploying an analytics platform to
drive the digital transformation of
Semiconductor manufacturing



Leveraging Cimetricx equipment
connectivity solution

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