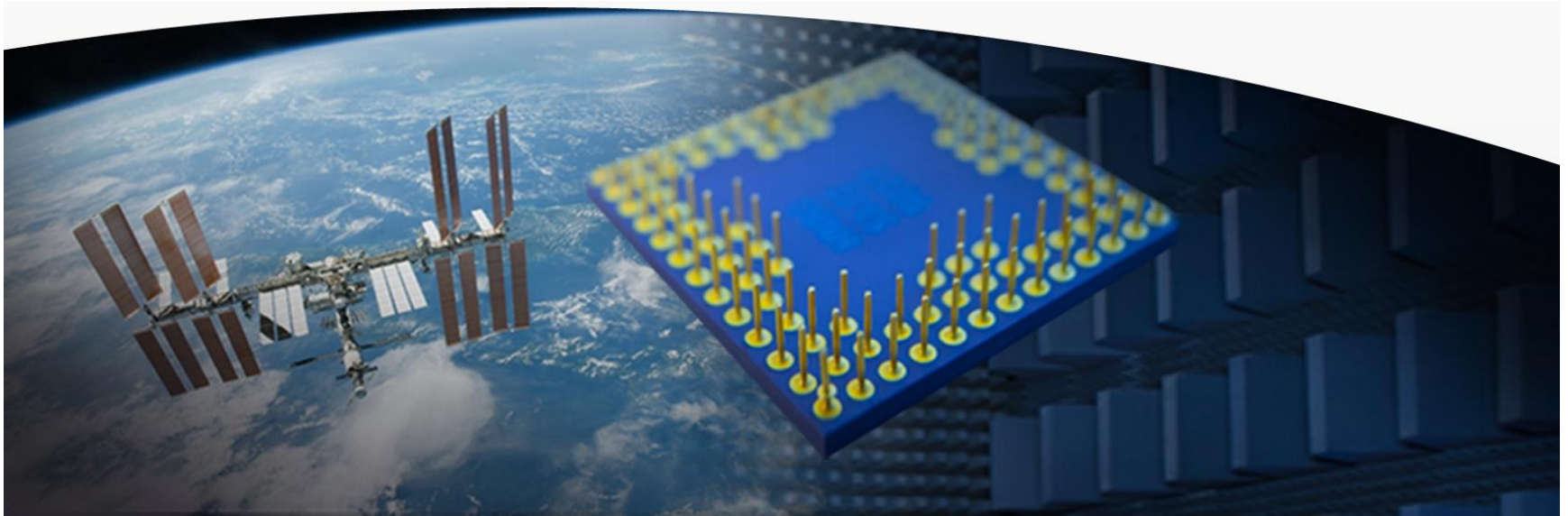




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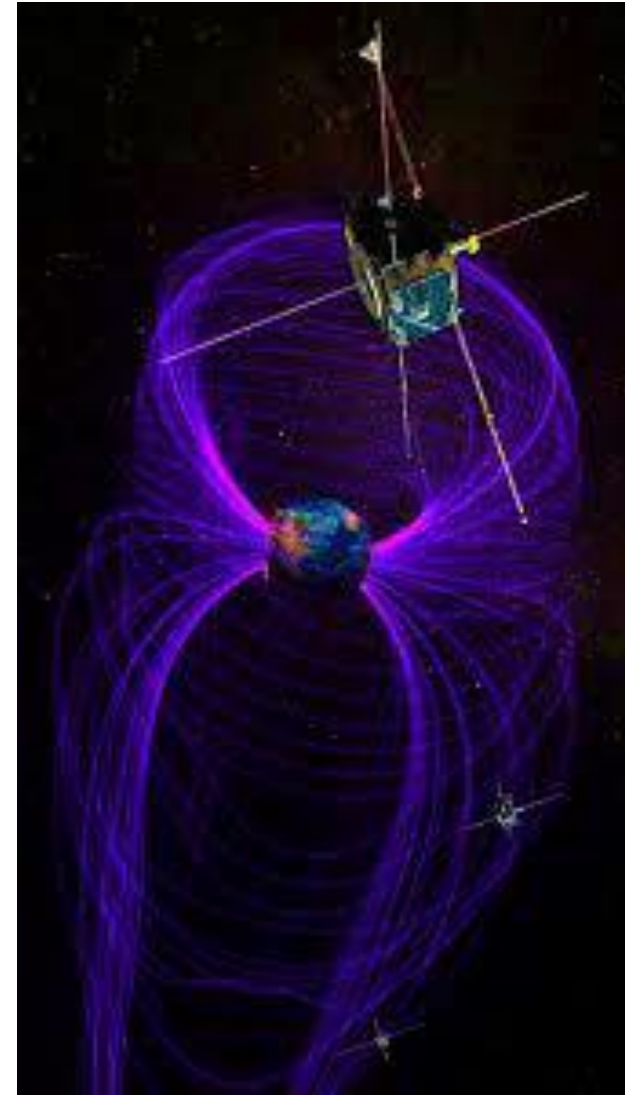
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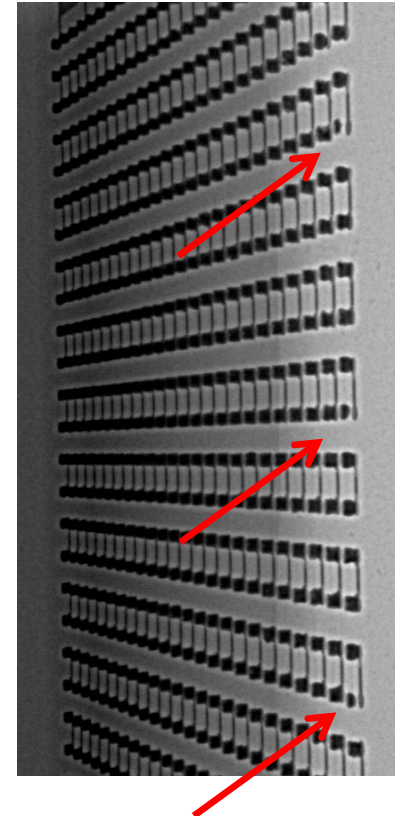
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# Background and motivations

➤ Flip chip assembly techniques bring a wide range of benefits:

- Reduced parasitic interconnection between the semiconductor die and package.
- Provides a high final assembly integrity density.
- Minimize the interconnection length, providing better electrical performances, especially for high speed signals.
- Reduce the device size and weight,..., etc.



But there is no dedicated inspection requirements nor DPA standard which address all the necessary aspects associated to this construction type or only cover partially the topics to be inspected.

# Study approach / Tasks.

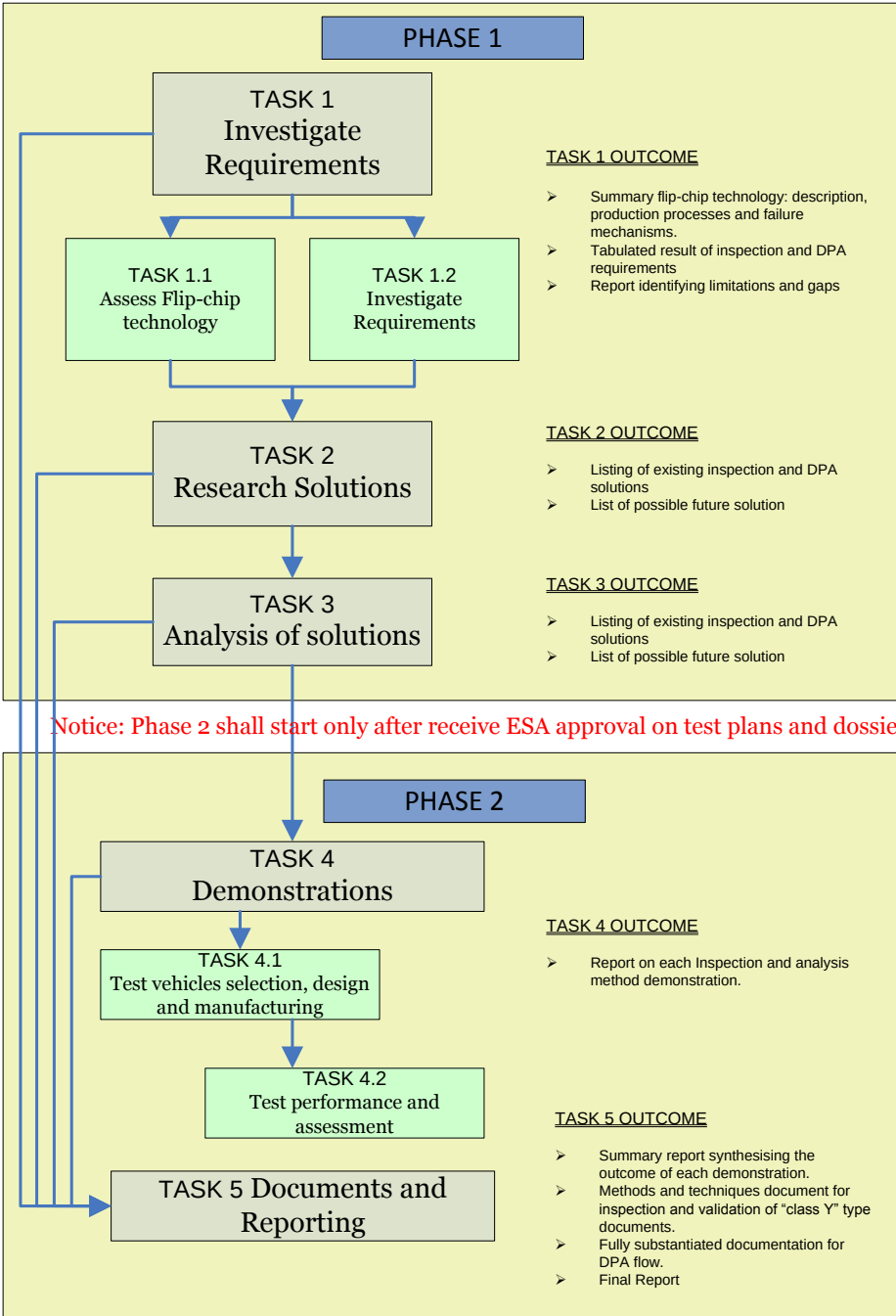
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Task 3 – Analysis of Solutions.

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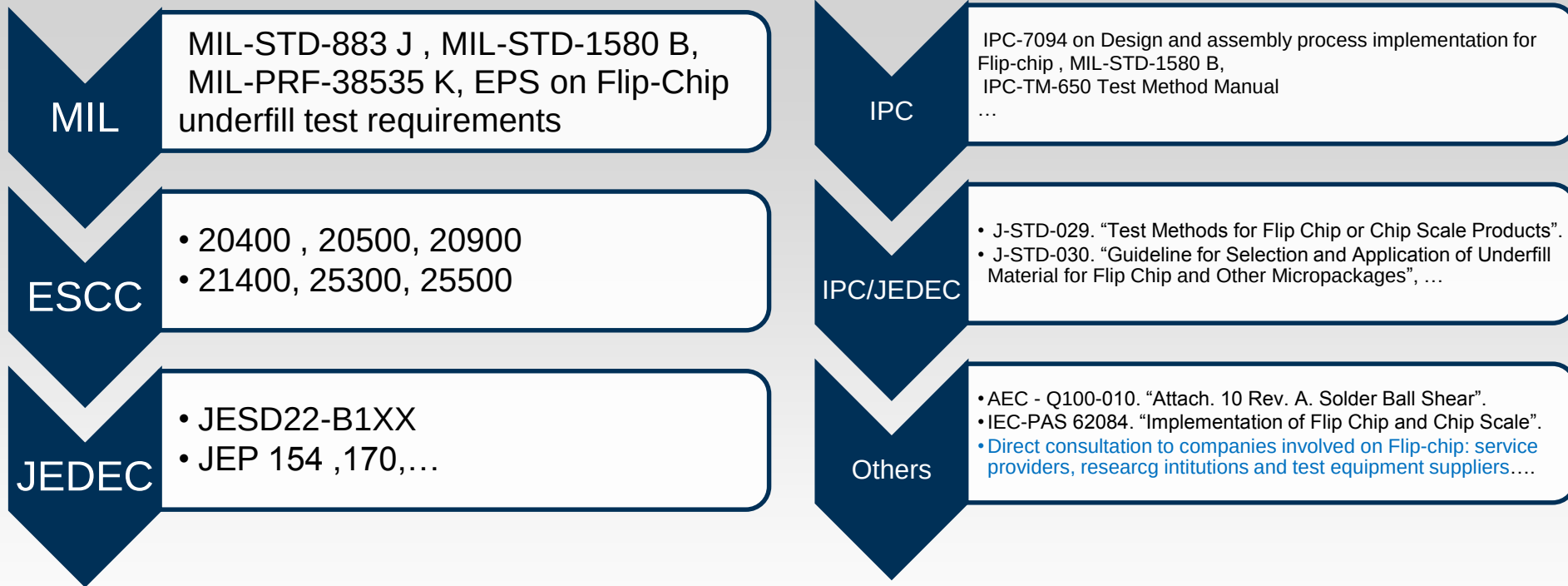


# Flip Chip Technologies, Reliability and Failure Modes.

| Process                                        | Failure Mode               | Failure Mechanism                 |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Solder ball attach                             | Missing bumps              | Poor process set up               |
|                                                |                            | Physical Damage                   |
|                                                | Fractured bumps            | Poor process set up               |
|                                                | Poor wetting               | Poor process set up               |
|                                                | Bump Height                | Poor process set up               |
|                                                | Bump Alignment             | Mask design / Poor process set up |
| Alignment/placement of die by flip chip bonder | Cracked Die                | Uneven bump height                |
|                                                |                            | Contamination                     |
|                                                |                            | Variation in material strength    |
|                                                | Stressed Die               | Uneven bump height                |
|                                                |                            | Poor process set up               |
|                                                | Poor electrical connection | Uneven bump height                |
|                                                |                            | Missing Bumps                     |
|                                                |                            | Contamination                     |
|                                                |                            | Variation in substrate            |
|                                                | Shorts / misaligned        | Operator error                    |
|                                                |                            | Machine set up                    |
|                                                |                            | Fudicial clarity on substrate     |

|                    |                    |                                         |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Underfill Process  | Voiding            | Poor degassing                          |
|                    |                    | Variation in die/substrate clearance    |
|                    |                    | Contaminated substrate                  |
|                    | Delamination       | Contaminated substrate                  |
|                    |                    | Incomplete Cure                         |
|                    |                    | Poor substrate metalisation             |
| Reliability Issues | Cracked Die        | Stress Failure                          |
|                    | Delamination       | Underfill, UBM, or Bump Failure         |
|                    | Underfill Failure  | Radiation degradation                   |
|                    | Electrical Failure | All the above and Radiation Degradation |

# Flip Chip Technologies, Requirements investigations.



A wide range of test methods, standards and , technical documents were investigated, gathering information on available flip-chip requirements and inspection test techniques.



# Investigations on inspection and DPA requirements for Flip-chip technologies.

|                                | Flip Chip Applicability | Applicable MIL Test Method                                    | Flip-chip coverage | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| External visual                | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2009                                         | N                  | Test method acceptable but recomendable additional requirements in terms of underfill lateral side inspection, heat spreader and related interface.                                                    |
| Physical Dimension Check       | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2016<br>DETAIL SPECIFICATION                 | Y *                | Test method valid, missing some recomendations on numbr of measurements related to leads.                                                                                                              |
| Lead Finish Verification       | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2037<br>STD-1580B. Req. 9                    | Y                  | Flip chip is not referenced, general requirement can be applied, but furhter development would be wished.                                                                                              |
| Hermeticity                    | N                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 1014<br>(FINE & GROSS LEAK)                  | N                  | Test not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PIND                           | N                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2020                                         | N                  | Test not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CSAM                           | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2030<br>JEDEC J-STD-035                      | N                  | Detailed reject criteria and inspection conditions are not defined                                                                                                                                     |
| X-Ray (2D & 3D)                | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2012<br>ESCC 2099000                         | N                  | Detailed reject criteria and inspection conditions are not defined                                                                                                                                     |
| Solderability                  | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2003                                         | Y                  | Test condition for generic leads / contacts styles, including those used for flip chip.                                                                                                                |
| Resistance to Solvents         | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2015                                         | Y                  | Flip chip is not referenced, general requirement can be applied.                                                                                                                                       |
| Terminal Strength              | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2004<br>MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2038<br>JESD22-B117 | Y                  | Test conditions referenced for all terminal / contacts types, including those used for Flip chip technologues                                                                                          |
| RGA / IVA                      | N                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 1018                                         | N                  | Test not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Lid Shear / Torque             | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2024                                         | N                  | Lid torque test MIL-STD-883 Test Method 2024 when a lid/heat sink is attached on the back side of a flip chip die.                                                                                     |
| Decapsulation                  | Y                       | -                                                             | N                  | Methodology not standarized for flip chip construction which need to be defined                                                                                                                        |
| Internal Visual                | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2010<br>MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2017                | Y                  | Detail paragraphs are included in the inspection test methods to cope with flip chip assembly types:<br>MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2010 Par. 3.2.1.6. & 3.1.3.i.<br>Good coverage but some addendum to consider. |
| SEM                            | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2018                                         | Y                  | Flip chip is not referenced, general requirement can be applied, but furhter development would be wished.                                                                                              |
| Bond-Strength / Flip-Chip Pull | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2011<br>STD-883 T.M. 2031                    | Y*                 | Test methods applicable and usable. Neccesary to specify secquence, ans sample fixing procedures for DPA.                                                                                              |
| Die-Shear / Substrate Attach   | Y                       | MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2019                                         | Y*                 | Test methods applicable and usable. Neccesary to specify secquence, ans sample fixing procedures for DPA.                                                                                              |
| Cross-section                  | Y                       | MIL-STD-1580 Req. 16<br>MIL-STD-883 T.M. 2018                 | N                  | Flip chip is not referenced, general requirement can be applied, but requirements are needed.                                                                                                          |

# Investigations on inspection and DPA requirements for Flip-chip technologies.

Other techniques were also assessed:

- CT X-Ray Inspection. Valid and interesting technique but time consuming process and quite often difficult to assess when dealing with high complexity structures, requiring additional X-ray inspections. Only recommendable on case by case basis.





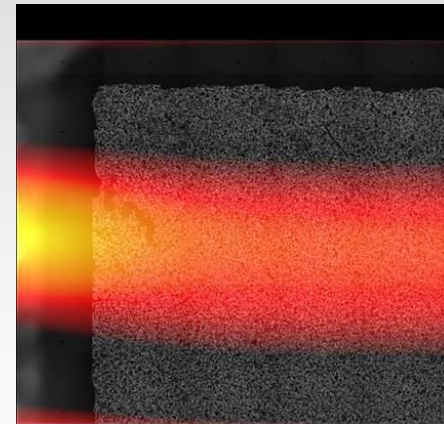
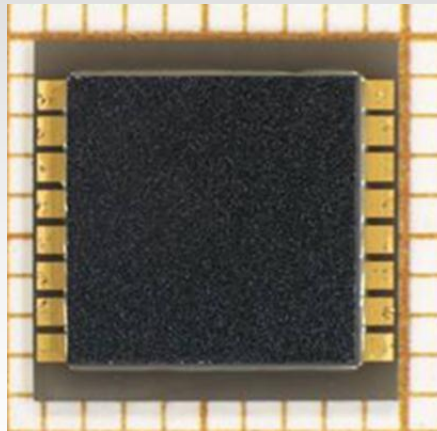
# Investigations on inspection and DPA requirements for Flip-chip technologies.

Other techniques were also assessed:

- Magnetic microscopy. Good as a failure analysis but not as a standard DPA step.
- FIB, known technique but not especially necessary for flip-chip, recommended for certain IC device complexity in the same manner as for an IC DPA.
- SLAM. Promising technique currently growing and in use in other industrial sectors, but not well developed to be applied on electronic devices.
- Infrared – emission microscopy. Classic FA tool but not specially necessary for a flip-chip DPA.

# Demonstration test flow and performance

A sample with an open circuit in a pre-defined daisy chain was selected (the other daisy chains have good electrical continuity). In order to proceed with the magnetic inspection the heatsink was removed, exposing the substrate pads and the device was biased and inspected with a magnetic microprobe. (Each device has have 8 daisy chain tracks , track 1 at the top of the test part, and 8 at the bottom. The bump array has 24X24 bumps, so each daisy chain corresponds with three bumps lines).



The technique is promising but, it seems very dependant on the kind of available materials in the sample, and the distance, being in our case difficult to obtain useful information.

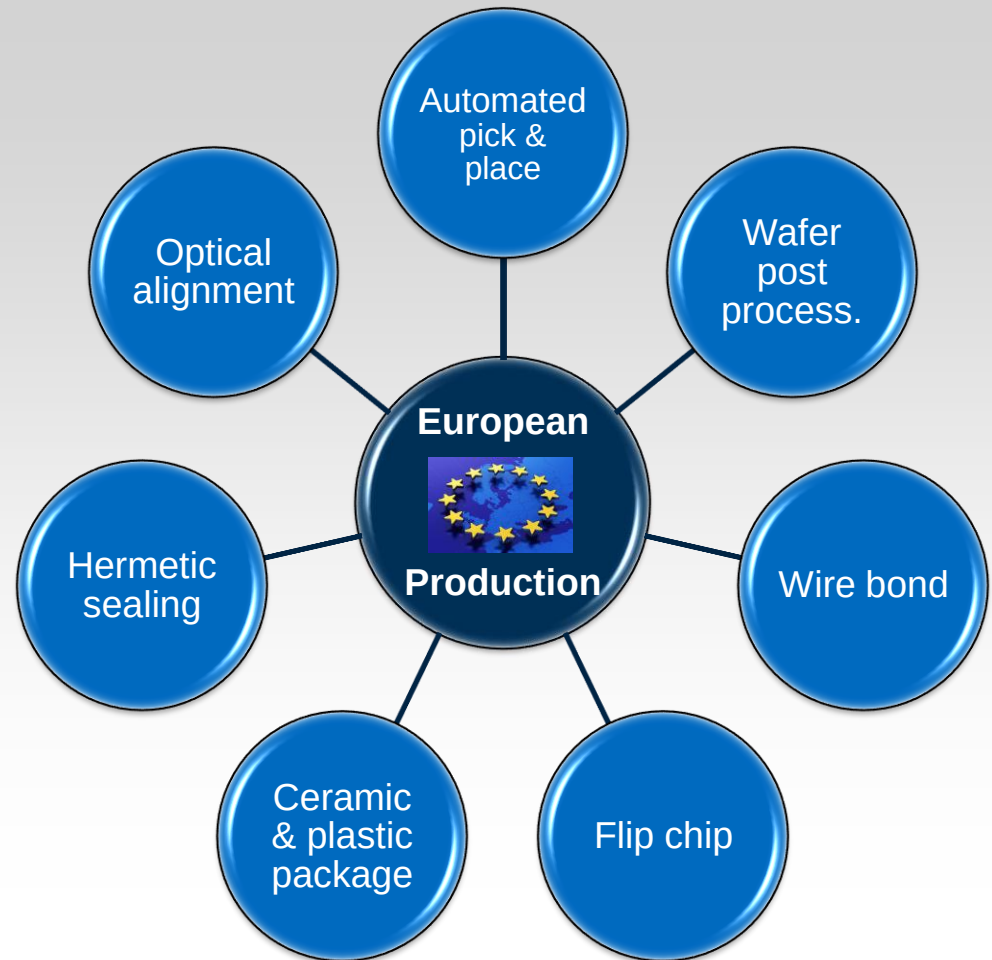
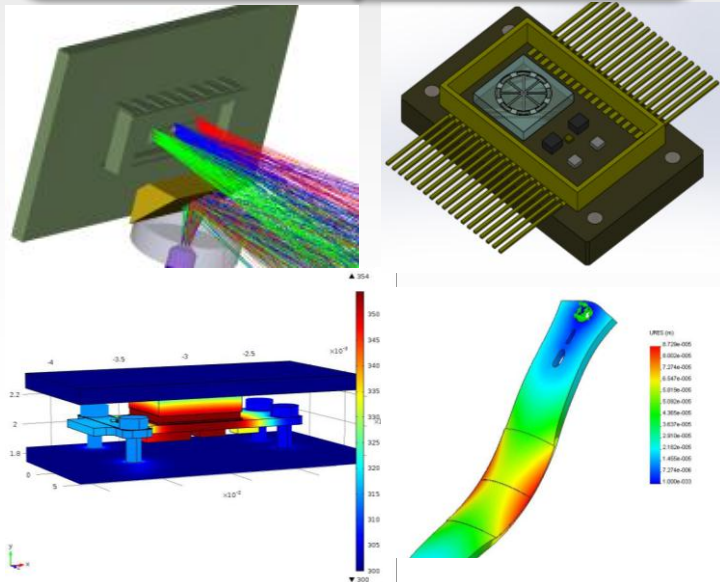
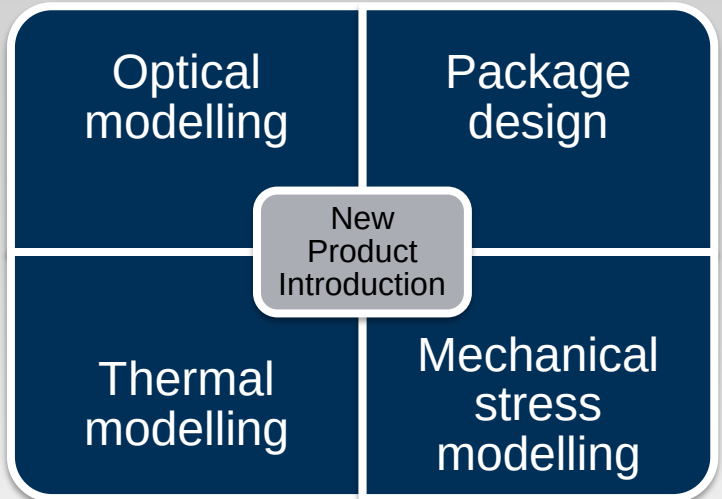
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# Test vehicle design and manufacturing.

| Test Vehicle<br>Ref: |                                                      | Qty |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| TV 001               | Solder Ball Process, Missing Bumps                   | 3   |
|                      | Fractured Solder Bumps                               | 3   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 1   |
| TV 002               | Poor Solder Ball Wetting                             | 3   |
|                      | Uneven bump height                                   | 3   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 1   |
| TV 003               | Die Placement (Poor Alignment with bumps - rotation) | 3   |
|                      | Die Placement (Poor alignment with bumps - lateral)  | 3   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 1   |
| TV 004               | Underfill Voiding                                    | 3   |
|                      | Underfill Delamination                               | 3   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 1   |
| TV 005               | Heatsink Attach Delamination                         | 3   |
|                      | Ceramic Substrate Cracked                            | 3   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 1   |
| TV 006               | Samples with PCB substrate                           | 2   |
|                      | Control Sample                                       | 2   |

Optocap built 37 samples as Test Vehicles inducing key flip-chip failures modes to assess if the selected test flow was able to properly detect the problems.

# Optocap Assembly design and manufacturing.



# Test vehicle and test sample assignment.

|           | Test Vehicle Def               | TV 001                    |                              |                            | TV 002                      |                          |                            | TV 003                                    |                                          |                            | TV 004               |                     |                            | TV 005                         |                            | TV 006                           |                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|           |                                | Missing Bumps<br>(Note 1) | Fractured<br>Solder<br>Bumps | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) | Poor Solder<br>Ball Wetting | Uneven<br>bump<br>height | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) | Die<br>Placement<br>(bumps -<br>rotation) | Die<br>Placement<br>(bumps -<br>lateral) | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) | Underfill<br>Voiding | Underfill<br>Delam. | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) | Heat sink<br>Attach<br>Delamin | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) | Samples with<br>PCB<br>substrate | Cont<br>Sample<br>(Note 0) |
| Test step | Qty                            | 3                         | 3                            | 1                          | 3                           | 3                        | 1                          | 3                                         | 3                                        | 1                          | 3                    | 3                   | 1                          | 3                              | 1                          | 2                                | 2                          |
| 1         | External Visual Inspection     | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            |                                  |                            |
| 2         | Physical Dimension Check       | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            |                                  |                            |
| 3         | Lead Finish Verification       | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            |                                  |                            |
| 4         | CSAM                           | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            | 2 - ALL                          |                            |
| 5         | X-Ray (2D & 3D)                | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            | 2 - ALL                          |                            |
| 6         | Lid - heat sink Shear / Torque |                           |                              |                            |                             |                          |                            |                                           |                                          |                            |                      |                     |                            | 1                              |                            |                                  |                            |
| 7         | Flip-Chip Pull                 |                           |                              |                            |                             |                          |                            |                                           |                                          |                            |                      |                     |                            |                                |                            |                                  |                            |
| 8         | Die-Shear / Sub Attach         | 1(Note 2)                 | 1(Note 2)                    |                            | 1(Note 2)                   | 1(Note 2)                |                            | 1(Note 2)                                 | 1(Note 2)                                |                            | 1(Note 2)            | 1(Note 2)           |                            | 1(Note 2)                      |                            |                                  |                            |
| 9         | Dye Penetrant                  | 3 - ALL                   | 3 - ALL                      |                            | 3 - ALL                     | 3 - ALL                  |                            | 3 - ALL                                   | 3 - ALL                                  |                            | 3 - ALL              | 3 - ALL             |                            | 3 - ALL                        |                            |                                  |                            |
| 10        | Device Sec: A) Parallel sec.   | TV1-1A                    | TV1-2A                       |                            | TV2-1A                      | TV2-2C                   |                            | TV3-1A                                    | TV3-2A                                   |                            | TV4-1A               | TV4-2A              |                            | TV5-1A                         |                            |                                  |                            |
| 11        | Device Sec: B) Cross Section   | TV1-1B                    | Note 5                       |                            | TV2-1B                      | TV2-2A                   |                            | TV3-1B                                    | TV3-2B                                   |                            | TV4-1B               | TV4-2B              |                            | TV5-1B                         |                            | TV6-1 / TV6-2                    |                            |
| 12        | Decap (Note 4)                 | TV1-1C                    | TV1-2C                       |                            | TV2-1C                      | TV2-2B                   |                            | TV3-1C                                    | TV3-2C                                   |                            | TV4-1C               | TV4-2C              |                            | TV5-1C                         |                            |                                  |                            |
| 13        | Internal Visual                | TV1-1C                    | TV1-2C                       |                            | TV2-1C                      | TV2-2B                   |                            | TV3-1C                                    | TV3-2C                                   |                            | TV4-1C               | TV4-2C              |                            | TV5-1C                         |                            |                                  |                            |
| 14        | SEM                            | TV1-1C                    | TV1-2C                       |                            | TV2-1C                      | TV2-2B                   |                            | TV3-1C                                    | TV3-2C                                   |                            | TV4-1C               | TV4-2C              |                            | TV5-1C                         |                            |                                  |                            |
| 15        | Bump Shear (Note 3)            | TV1-1A                    | TV1-2A                       |                            | TV2-1A                      | TV2-2C                   |                            | TV3-1A                                    | TV3-2A                                   |                            | TV4-1A               | TV4-2A              |                            | TV5-1A                         |                            |                                  |                            |

# Minimum DPA flow for Flip-chip construction.

MINIMUM DPA FLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR MICROCIRCUITS WITH FLIP-CHIP CONSTRUCTION

| Test Sequence | Test Description                     | Test Method                                               | Sample Allocation |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1             | External Visual Inspection           | ESCC Basic Spec. No. 20500<br>MIL-STD-883 TM2009 (Note 1) | 3 Parts           |
| 2             | Photographic Record                  | Appendix AX.X (Note 2)                                    | 1 Part            |
| 3             | Verification of Lead Material Finish | ESCC 25500 (Note 3)                                       | 1 Part            |
| 4             | Scanning Acoustic Microscopy         | ESCC Basic Specification No. 25200                        | 3 Parts           |
| 5             | Radiographic Inspection              | ESCC Basic Specification No. 25200 (Note 4)               | 3 Parts           |
| 6             | Seal Test (Note 5)                   | MIL-STD-883 TM1014                                        | 3* Parts          |
| 7             | PIND (Note 6)                        | MIL-STD-883 TM2020 Cond A                                 | 3 Parts           |
| 8             | Residual Gas Analysis (Note 7)       | MIL-STD-883 TM 1018                                       | 3 Parts           |
| 9             | Solderability Test                   | MIL-STD-883 Method 2003. (Note 8)                         | 3 Parts           |

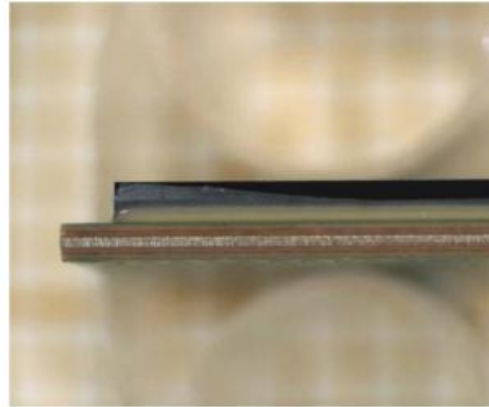
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| 10 | Marking Permanence Test                      | ESCC Basic Specification No 24800            | 3 Parts |
| 11 | Lead Integrity / Terminal Strength Test      | Detail Specification (Note 9)                | 3 Parts |
| 12 | Lid / Heat Sink Torque                       | MIL-STD-883 TM 2024 (Note 10)                | 1 Part  |
| 13 | Flip-Chip Pull-off / Bond Strength (Note 11) | MIL-STD-883 TM 2031 / MIL-STD-883 TM 2011    | 1 Part  |
| 14 | Die-Shear / Substrate Attach (Note 12)       | MIL-STD-883 TM 2019 / MIL-STD-883 TM 2027    | 1 Part  |
| 15 | Dye Penetrant                                | MIL-STD-883 TM 1034 (Note 13)                | 3 Parts |
| 16 | Device Sectioning                            | (Note 14)                                    | 2 Parts |
| 17 | De-capsulation                               | (Note 15)                                    | 1 Part  |
| 18 | Internal Visual Inspection (Note 16)         | ESCC Basic Specification No. 20400 / 2049000 | 1 Part  |
| 19 | SEM Inspection. (Notes 17)                   | ESCC Basic Specification No. 21400 / 2149000 | 1 Part  |
| 20 | Photographic Record                          | Appendix AX.X                                | 1 Part  |
| 21 | DPA Report                                   | Para. 6.3                                    | 3 Parts |



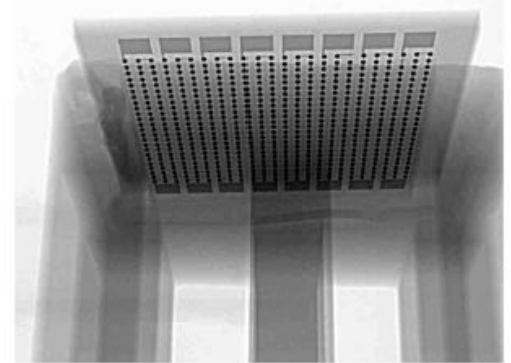
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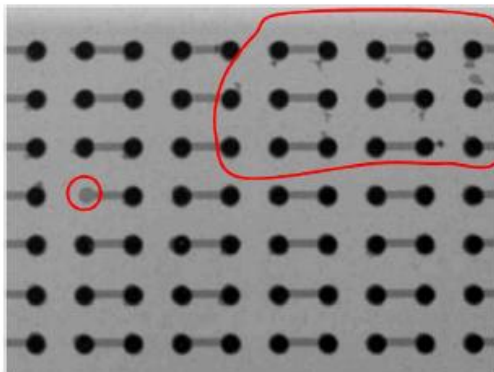
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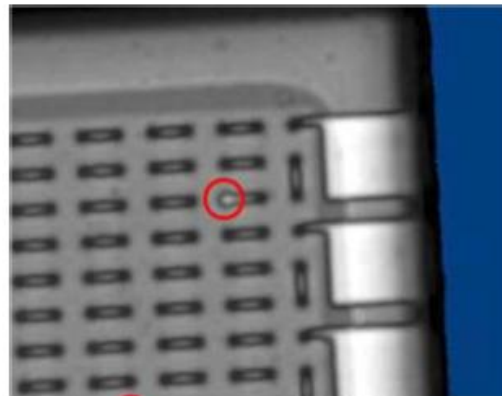
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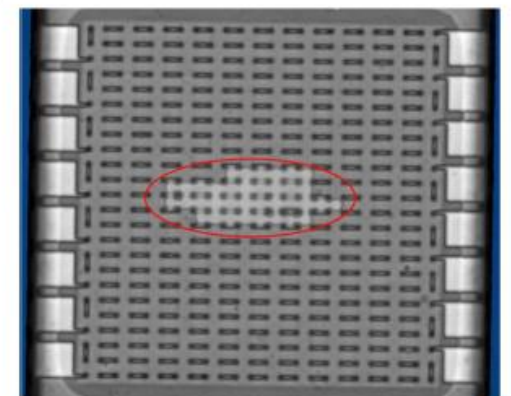
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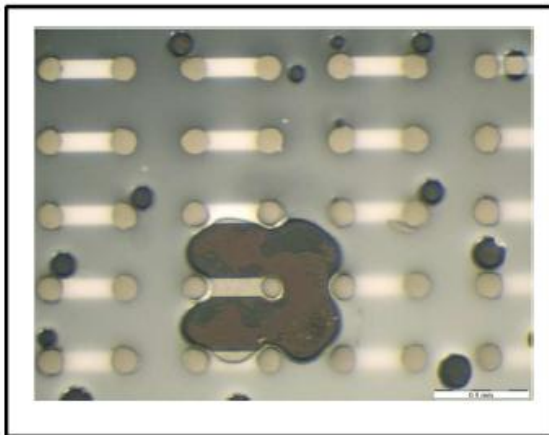
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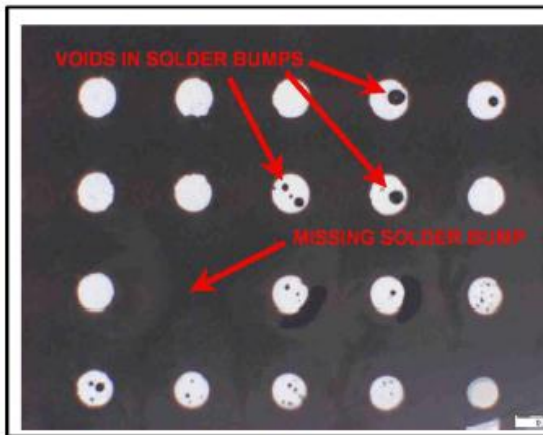
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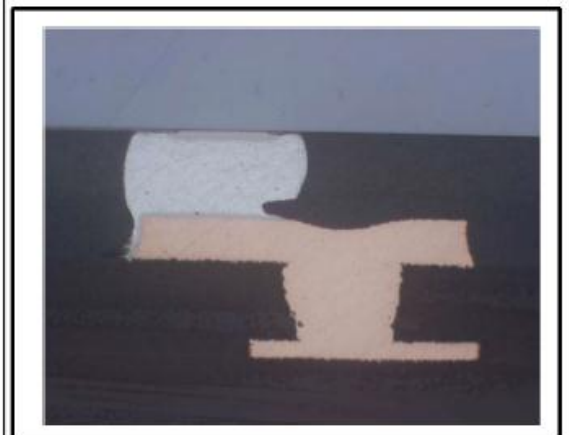
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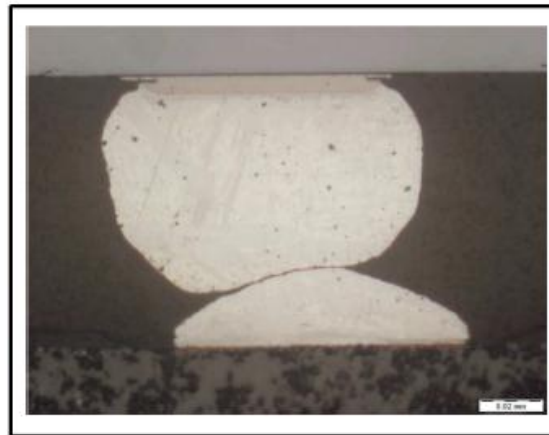
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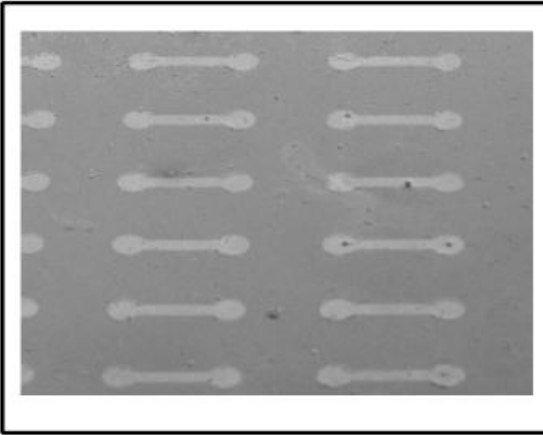
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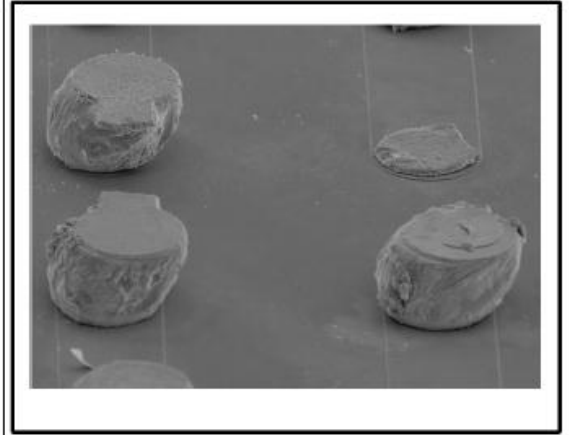
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# Summary and some Conclusions.

1. During the test performance and after the data assessment it appear that CSAM, X-Ray and metallurgical sections are the key test steps to evaluate the flip-chip device construction.
2. The available test method have not a complete technical coverage for flip-chip constructions, being recommended to stablisch:
  - External visual failure criteria for underfill and heat sink assembly.
  - Criteria to measure and accept flip-chip co-planarity.
  - Quantitative criteria for CSAM inspection regarding delaminations, voiding,...
  - Update the current X-Ray test methods considering the requirements already defined within the internal visual inspection but adapted to this technique.
  - ...etc.
3. The information has been presented in ESCC format for easier adoption in future ESCC basic specification 21001 update.

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