

European Source of Plastic Encapsulation for Space components

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ALTER UK BACKGROUND

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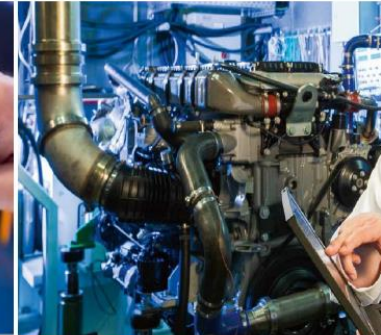
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ENERGY



IT



MOBILITY



HEALTH AND NUTRITION



NATURAL RESOURCES



AEROSPACE & ELECTRONIC

ALTER TECHNOLOGY LOCATIONS

Seville

Madrid

Toulouse

Livingston

2003
Optocap Founded
by Scottish
Enterprise

2009
Management
Buy-Out

2016
Acquisition by
ALTER TÜV
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2019
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ALTER UK Company History

UK PACKAGING SERVICES

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R & D

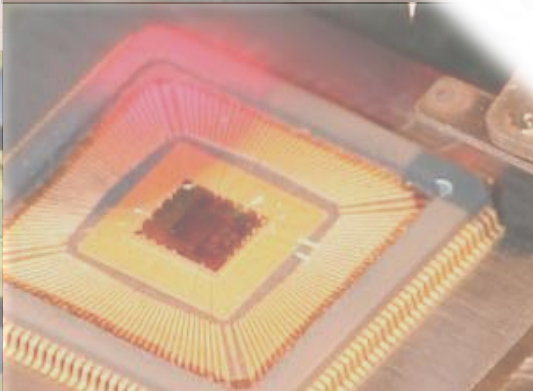
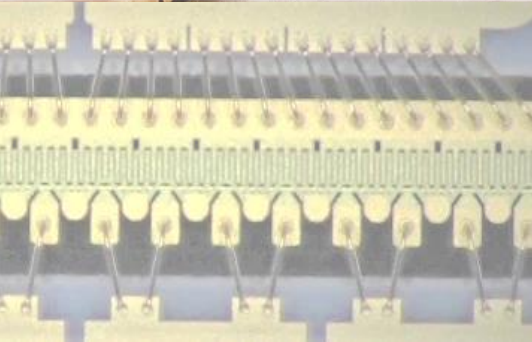
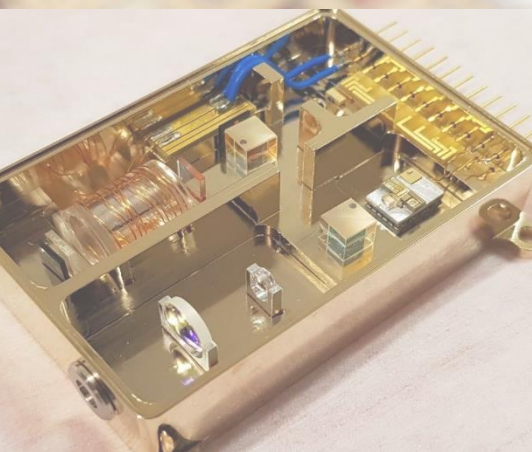
Fast Turn
Prototyping

Package Design
& Modelling

Process
Development

Automated
Volume
Manufacturing

Flight Module
Assembly



UK CAPABILITIES

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SPACE CREDENTIALS

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R & D

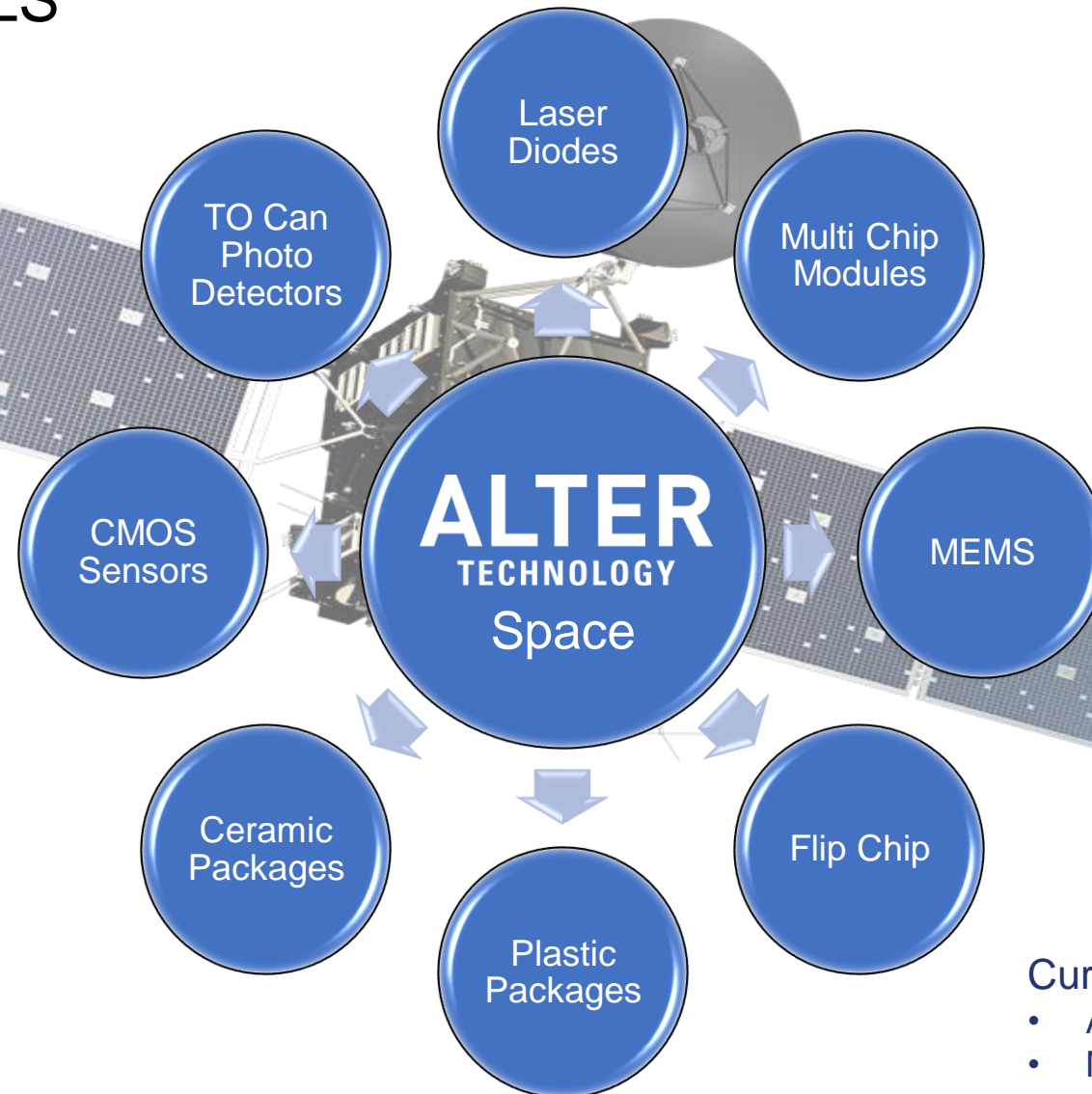
- Assembly Technology
- Material Assessments
- TRL Advancement

Flight Components

- Satellites
- Space Exploration
- Launch Vehicles

Alter UK Credentials

- Space heritage
- AS / EN9100 Certification
- ISO7 Clean Room

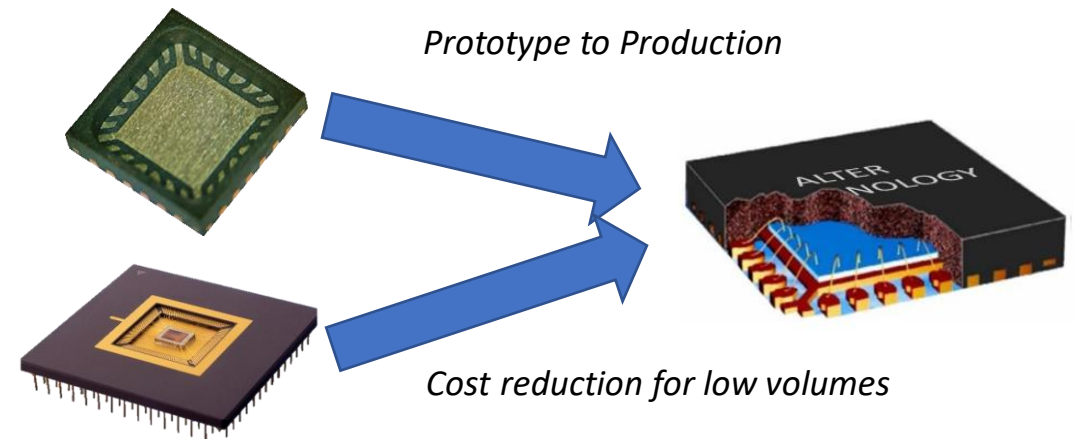
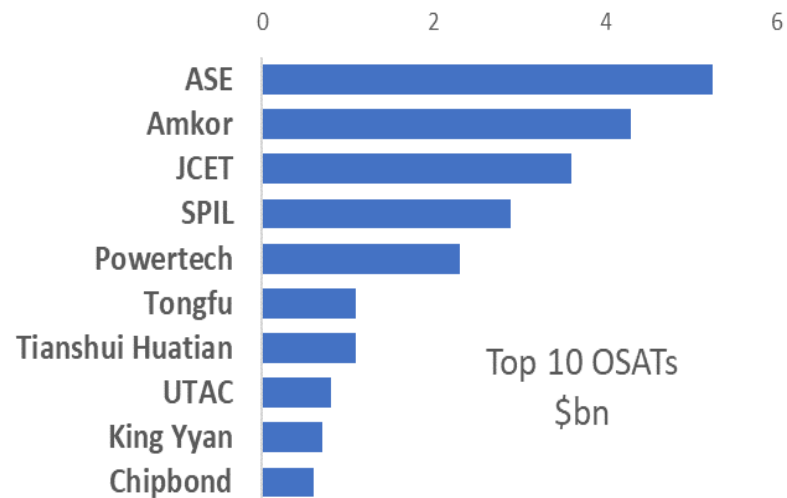


Current ESA Projects

- Assembly Process Certification Approval
- Manufacture of Plastic Packages

CURRENT PEMS MARKET OFFERING

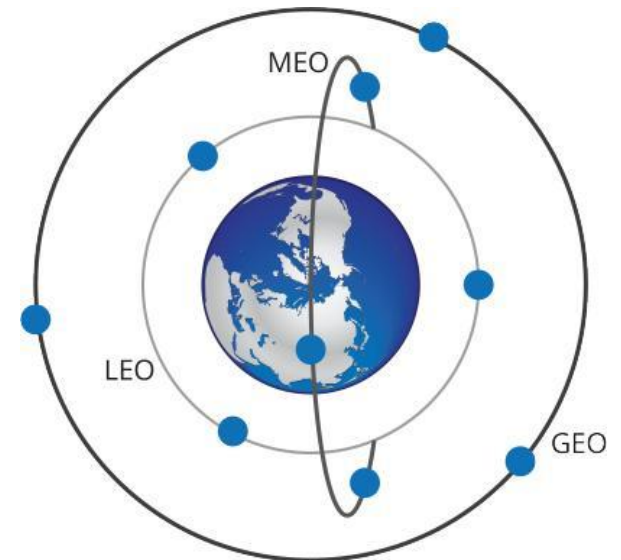
- Large scale OSATs centred in Asia (top 5 OSATs = \$18bn)
- High volume & very low cost (millions/day)
- Capacity dominated by consumer, mobile & automotive
- Difficult to access for low & medium volume applications
- Small batches and customers “pollute” the production lines.
- Some success stories with start-ups projecting high volume
- Specialist packaging in EU focused on sensors
- Use of single cavity packages very high cost



SPACE & DEFENSE LANDSCAPE

- Emerging use in Space, especially COTS in LEO, small sats.
- OCMs providing enhanced product ranges targeting high-rel
- Limited to catalogue / line card
- ASICs and custom devices not catered by COTS
- High-rel quality and traceability requirements not aligned with OSAT
- Current specifications allowing plastic via. Up-screening.
- No route to build parts yet... but ESCC9000P on it's way (ATN actively participating!)
- ESA funding TRL advancements for Plastic

GOAL: Plastic encapsulated devices with Space level controls.



VALUE PROPOSITION

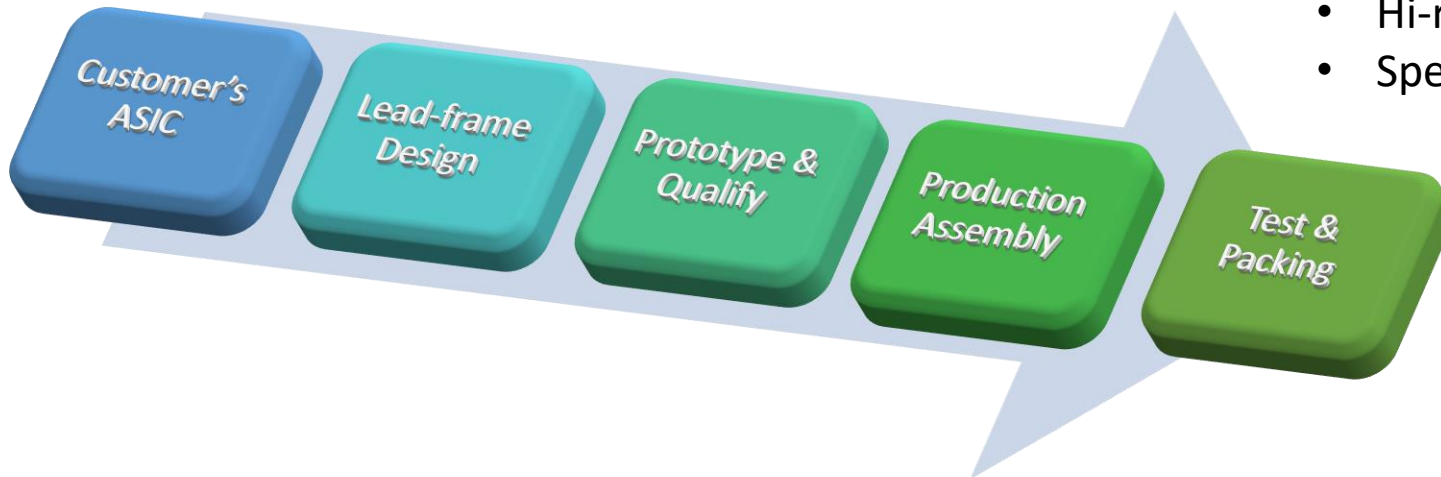
Alter have a unique *value proposition*

Active and known in the markets who need support:

- Prototype / MPW Designs / Pilot Production
- Medium Volume, Industrial, Medical, Start-ups, etc.
- Space Heritage and Network

What we can offer:

- Complete production line, including molding.
- ATG level turnkey approach with Test and Qual.
- Hi-rel work-flows including traceability & inspections
- Specialist support from Concept to Manufacturing



OUR APPROACH TO PEMS

Initial offering

- QFN 0.9mm thickness (Quad-Flat-No-leads)
- 3x3mm to 12x12mm body sizes
- Selection of open tool lead-frames being developed
- Cu alloy leadframe with NiPdAu/Ag plated leads
- Saw singulation

Why QFN?

- Very flexible, range of package sizes with same mold
- Low cost etched leadframe and tooling
- Matches market demand
- Why not leaded packages? - dedicated tools per type

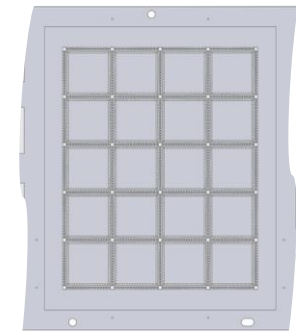
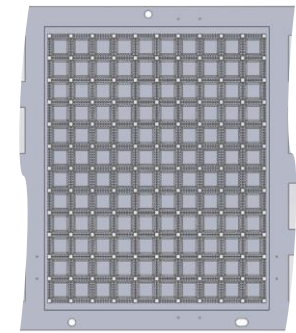
Features & benefits

- Matrix assembly, synonymous with COTS / OSAT
- Common assembly tooling & mold
- Platform which can be used for BGA, LGA, MCM, SiP with right tools

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Fico MMS-I



Array Panel Assembly

IMPLEMENTATION AT ALTER UK

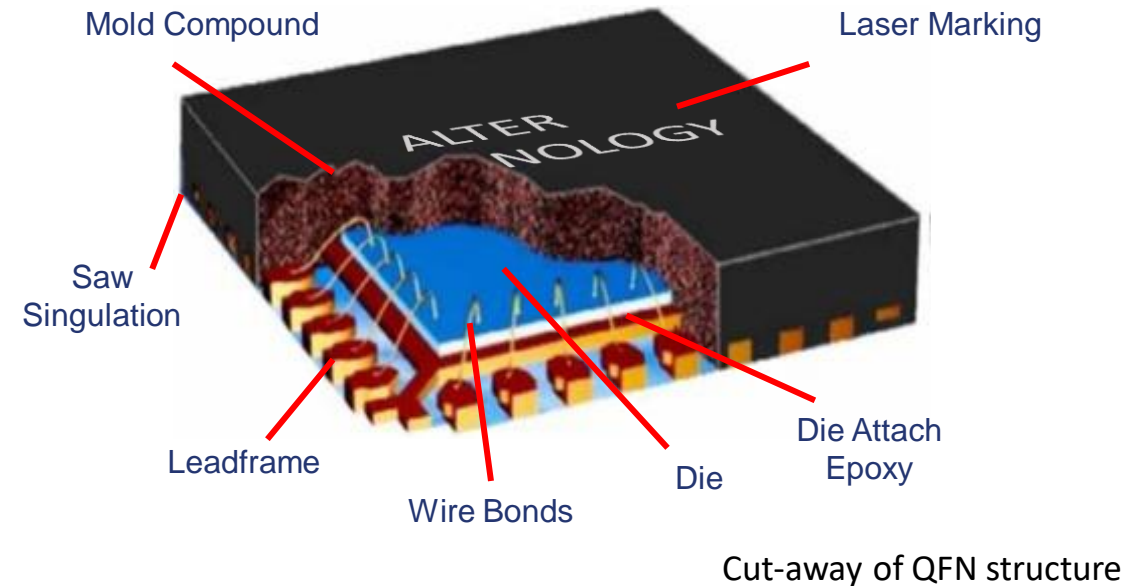


Evaluation project with ESA *

- Identified test vehicles for wide process window 4x4 and 9x9mm
- Design and tooled-up lead-frames
- Evaluation flow based on ECSS-Q-ST-60-13C & PEM-INST-001
 - + MSL evaluation
 - + soldering verification
 - + outgassing

*Evaluation under a programme of, and funded by, the European Space Agency.

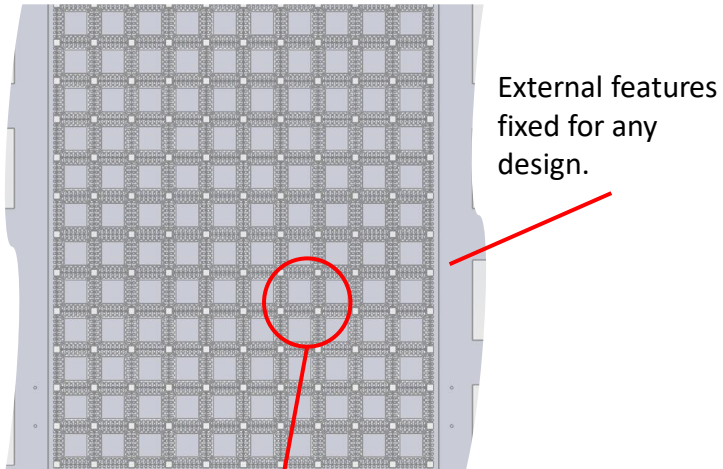
- Laser Mark installation complete
- Mold tool manufacture and debug complete
- FICO Mold Press Installed
- Developing further Open-Tool lead frames
- Range of application notes for end users



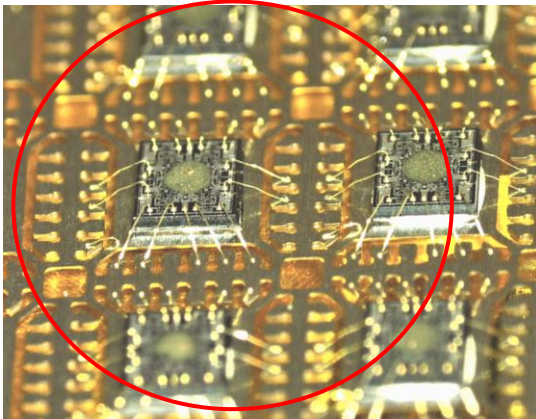
PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS

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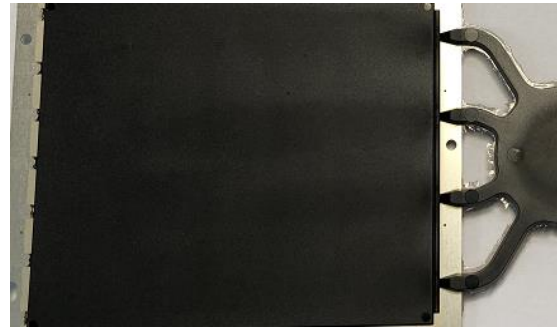
1. Array lead-frame Panel
~100's QFN positions



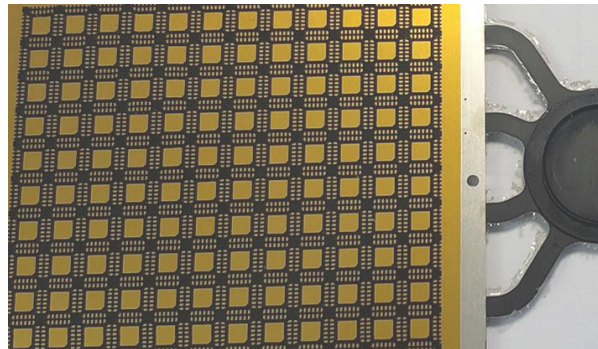
2. Die attach and wire bond



3. Block Panel Molding



Top View



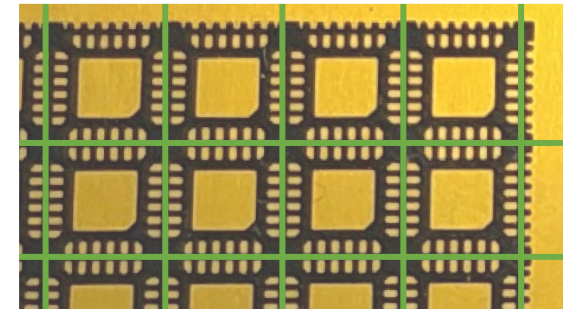
Bottom View

2 x leadframes per mold shot

4. Laser Mark Panel



5. Saw Singulation



6. Load to tube or trays, transfer to Test

SCHEDULE

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Thank you

Any Questions?