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Multifiber interconnect solutions for payload data processing

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WHO WE ARE



AN INTERCONNECT COMPONENT
SPECIALIST FOCUSED ON 3 CORE
TECHNOLOGIES

*Radio Frequency • Fiber Optics • Multipin
Packaging*



Active Optics



Fiber Optics



Industrial Connectors

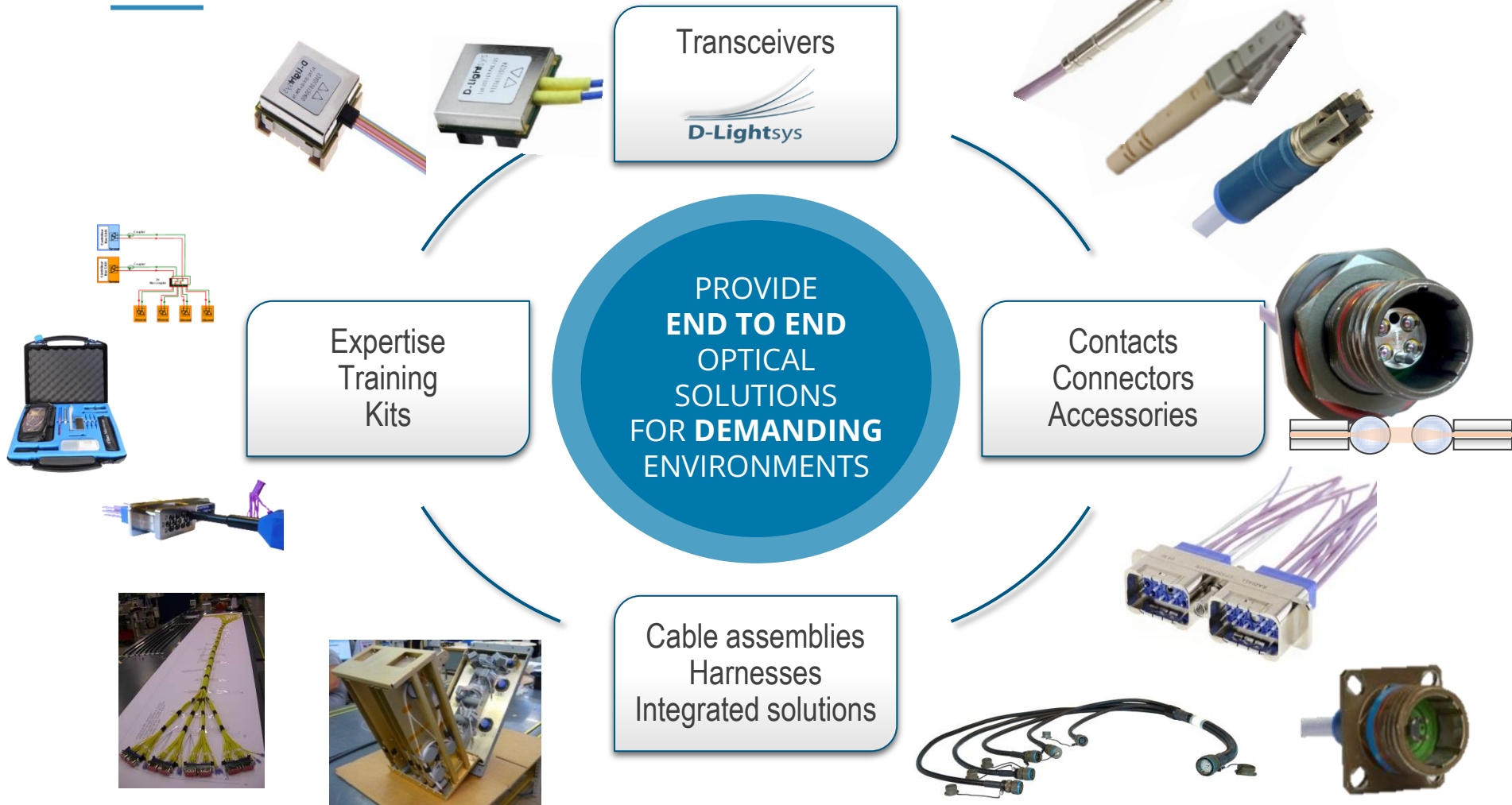


Automotive Connectors



High Precision Machining

Optical Interconnect Solutions



Focus on 3 markets

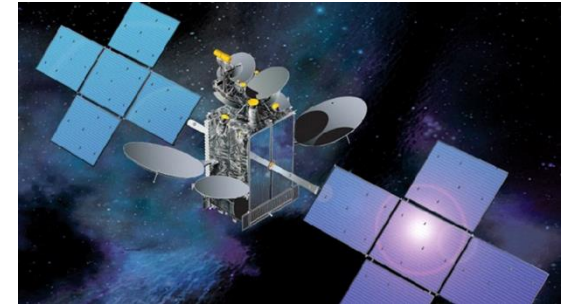
Commercial Aerospace



Defense

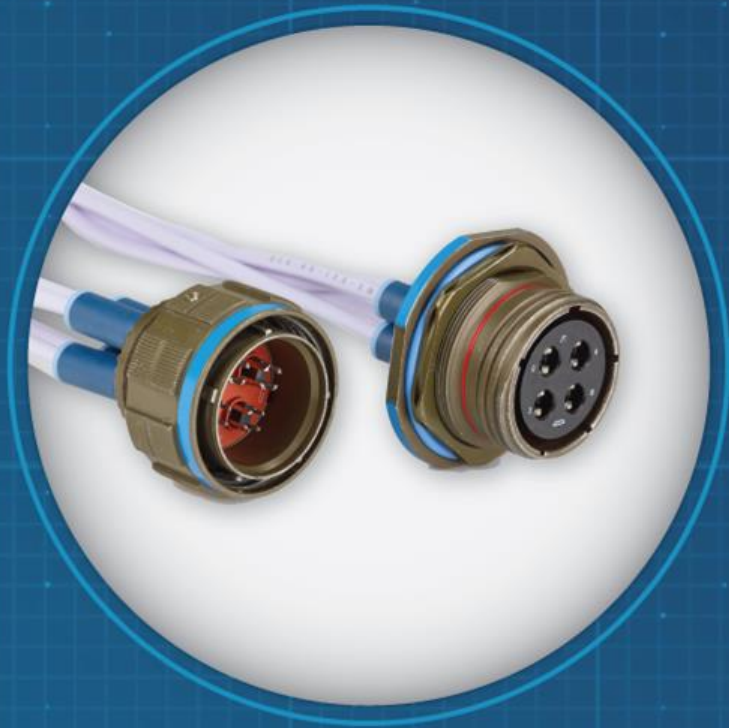


Space



**Leveraging OIS
range and Radiall
space experience**

Developing for Space using Aerospace heritage



Ruggedized solution that protects an MT ferrule and provides high density in harsh environments

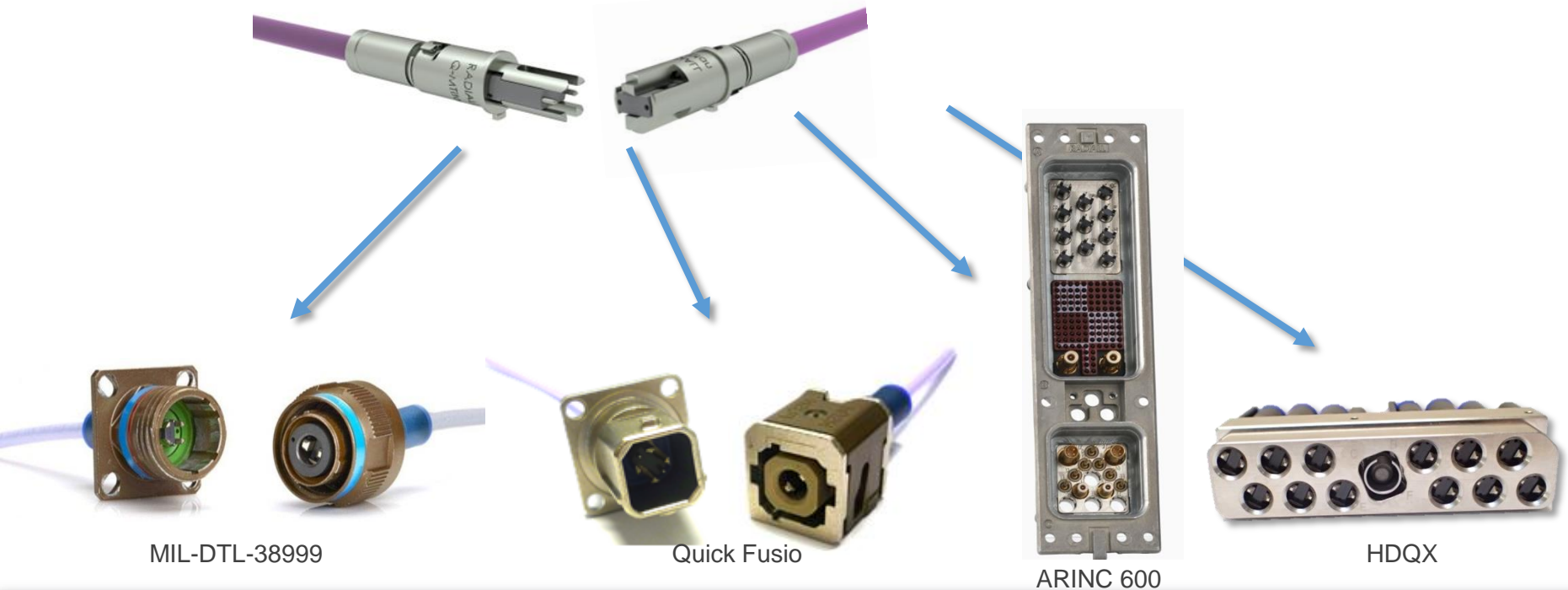
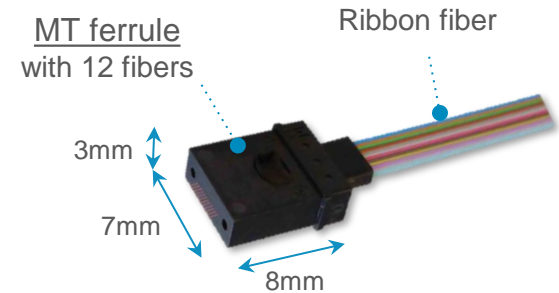
Q-MTitan™: baseline for ARINC846, aerospace industry standard for MT contact

- Published in August 2018



Q-MTitan™ ARINC 846: versatile contact

Q-MTitan™ integrates the widely used MT ferrule in a small & ruggedized body to **fit a variety of connectors**



Q-MTitan™ ARINC 846 Fiber Optic contact



Versatile FO contact

- Fits standard # 8 Quadrax cavity of Off-The-Shelf connectors
- Suitable for both inside & outside the box: compatible with ribbon fibers and round cable



Ruggedized

- Ruggedized and pull-proof optical solution
- Pre-alignment system
- High vibration level: 41,7 Grms
- Mechanical endurance : 500 mating cycles



Extremely Dense interconnect

- 12 or 24 fibers in 1 Quadrax cavity



Q-MTitan™ based solution for Space

- CNES and Radiall started a study in 2017 to **specify, design & test** multifiber interconnect solutions for Space environments to support high datarate applications such as **payload data processing in VHTS satellites**
- Radiall has based the multifiber interconnect solutions on its multifiber optical contact **Q-MTitan™** along with **HDQX connectors** with a few adjustments



Q-MTitan Arinc 846

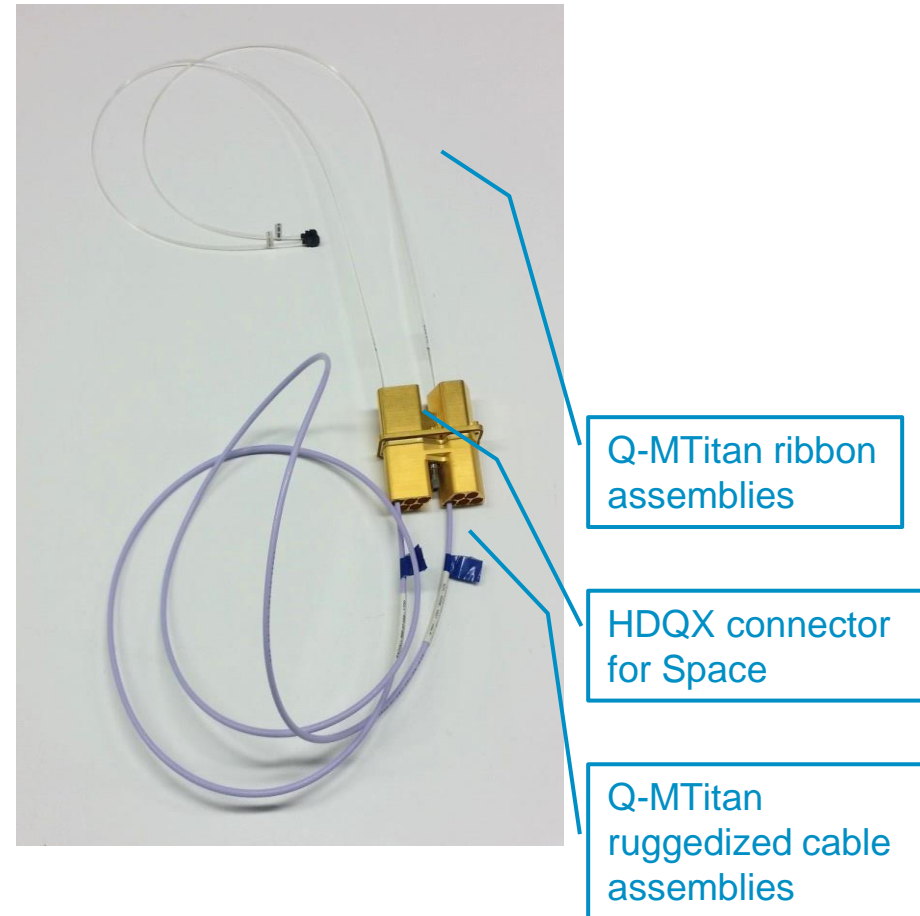


HDQX for Space

Commercial
HDQX

Q-MTitan™ solution for Space – key features

- High **density** solution
- **Optimized weight**
- **EMI** : Shielding effect > 55dB up to 18GHz
- **Low outgassing materials**

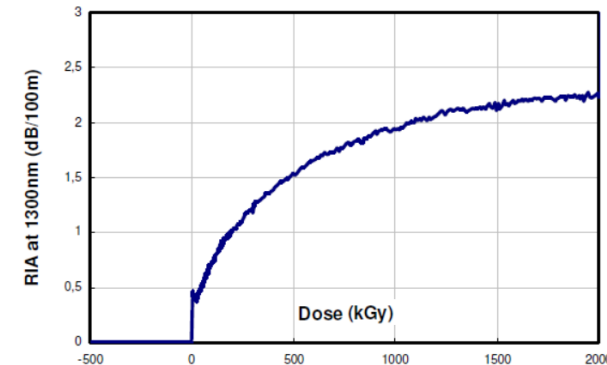


Cable assemblies with radiation resistant fibers

Max eol attenuation deeply depends on wavelength, condition of injection, dose rate and temperature

Q-MTitan ruggedized cable assemblies - Length = 5m

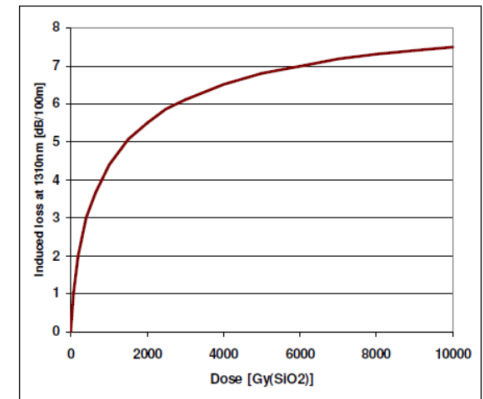
- Ruggedized round cable made of PFA external jacket, aramid strength members and PTFE internal tube
=> Keeps its integrity and don't break
 - With 12 **Super Hard Rad** fibers
 - OM2 NON bend insensitive (R: 40mm)
- => @ 0-15 MRad RIA: 0,12 dB



Example of RIA for Draka SRH-MMF at 1300 nm under dose rate of 1.25 Gy/s up to 2 MGy at 45°C

Q-MTitan ribbon assemblies – Length = 0.4m

- With 12 **Hard Rad** fibers
- => @ 1 MRad RIA: 0,07 dB



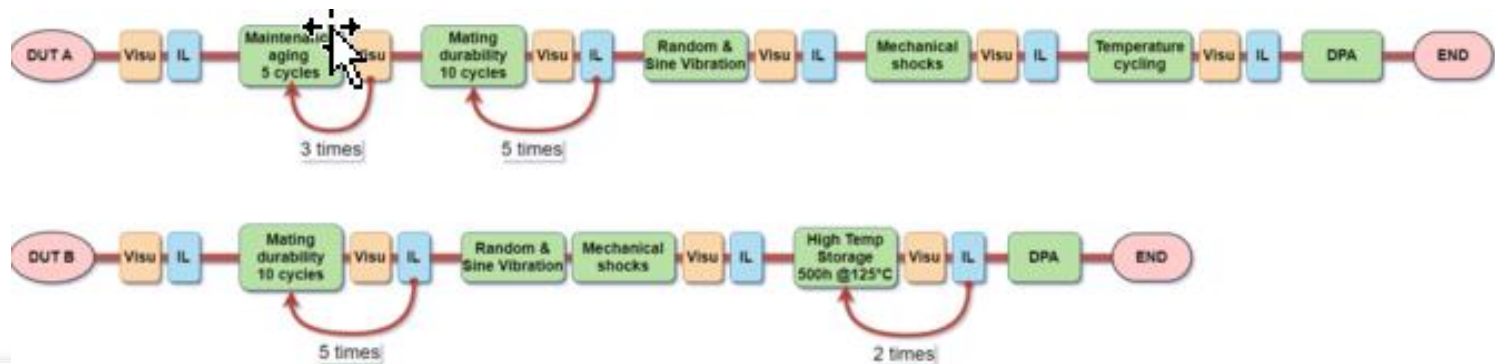
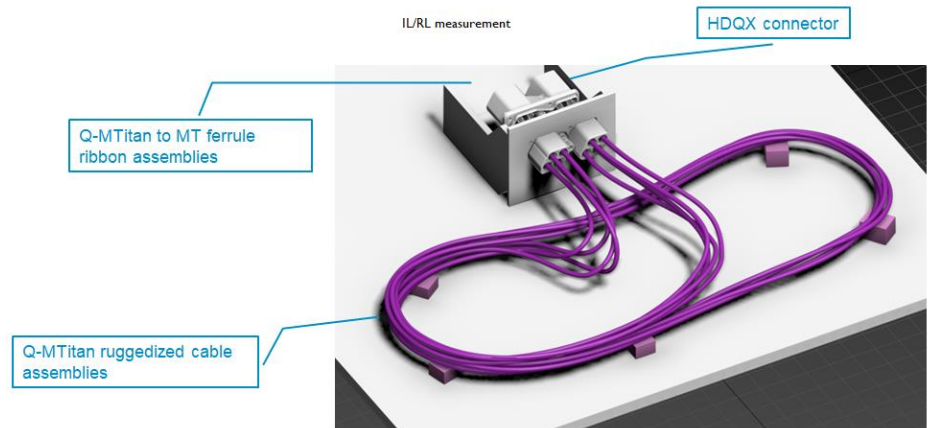
Typical RIA for Draka RH 50 µm MMF at 1300 nm; dose rate 1.67 Gy/s, T=28°C

Qualification of the Q-MTitan™ based solution

- With the support of Thales Alenia Space

- Representative DUT

- Test sequences



Test summary

| Test | Standard | Condition & sanctions | DUT | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| | | | A | B |
| Radiation | | On optical fibers | ✓ (not on DUTs) | |
| Visual Inspection | EN2591-101 | @ x200: No damage, no contamination | ✓ | ✓ |
| Insertion Loss IL | IEC 61300-3-4 (B) | IL variation after test: <1dB for a full line (1 Q-MTitan™: 0,5dB) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Return Loss RL | IEC 61300-3-6 | RL < -20dB | ✓ | ✓ |
| Maintenance aging | | 15 cycles: insert/extract Q-MTitan™ on both sides of the connection while unmated | ✓ | |
| Mating durability | IEC 61300-2-2 (A) | 50 cycles. Measurement every 10 cycles with cleaning authorized | ✓ | ✓ |
| Random Vibration | | 40Grms up to 2000Hz. 3min per axis on 3 axis | ✓ | ✓ |
| Sine Vibration | | Level 20G up to 100Hz. 1 cycle in each of the 3 axis | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mechanical shocks | | 2000G 10000Hz | ✓ | ✓ |
| Temperature cycling | IEC 61300-2-22 | -55/+125°C, 50 cycles, 5°C/ min, dwell time: 1 h | ✓ | |
| High Temperature storage | IEC 61300-2-18 | 1000h @125°C | | ✓ |
| DPA: contact retention | IEC 61300-2-4 | Retention force: 68N for 1min, then up to breakage | ✓ | ✓ |
| Damp heat | IEC 61300-2-46 | +25°C / +55°C, dwell time: 9h, number of cycles: 6, 10°C/h- RH:95% (on ribbon) | ✓ (not on DUTs) | |

Evaluation @850nm with overfilled launch conditions.

Successful qualification

- All tests passed
- EOL value IL < 1 dB (non irradiated conditions)

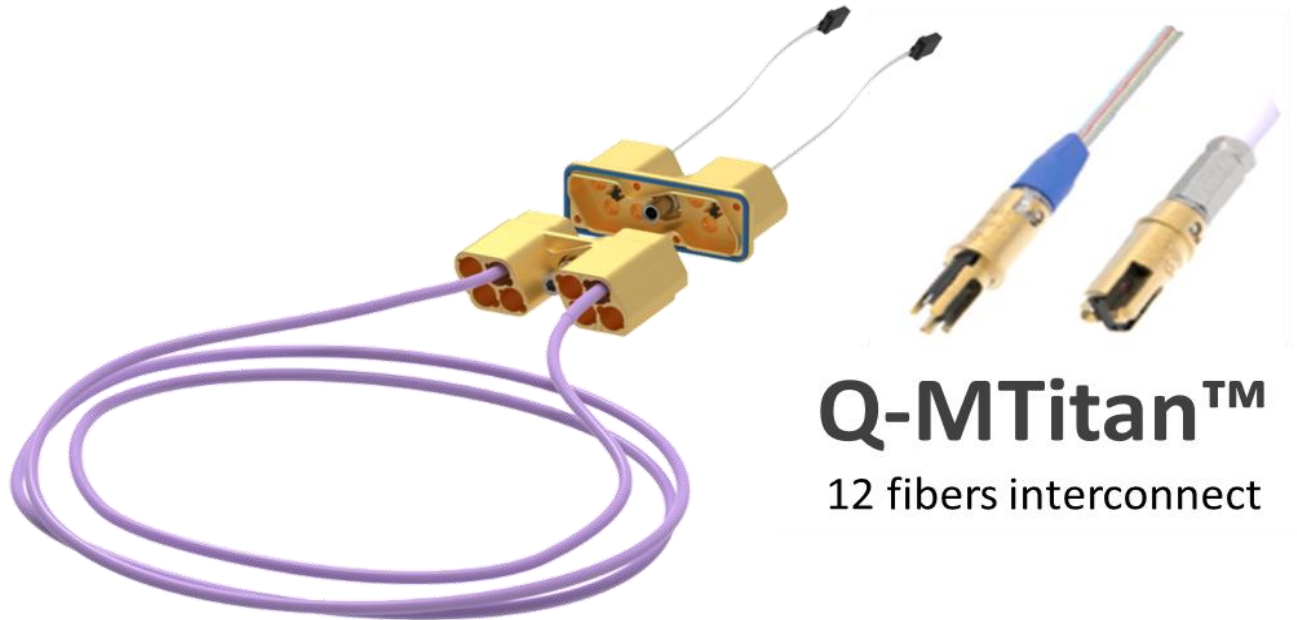
The full optical link made of Q-MTitan™ cable assemblies and HDQX connectors is qualified for space applications



Now in Space

On board of SES-17

In orbit since October, 24th 2021



Coming next

- 24 fiber interconnect solutions to increase fiber counts and density
- Expand connector range



Conclusion

- Multifiber interconnect solution for Space application based on Q-MTitan™ contact and HDQX connector
- Leveraging our aerospace heritage
- Adjusted to meet application requirements
 - Environment
 - Weight & density
 - Ease of integration
- Expanding range for increased density and versatility



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Thank you for your attention
Any question ?