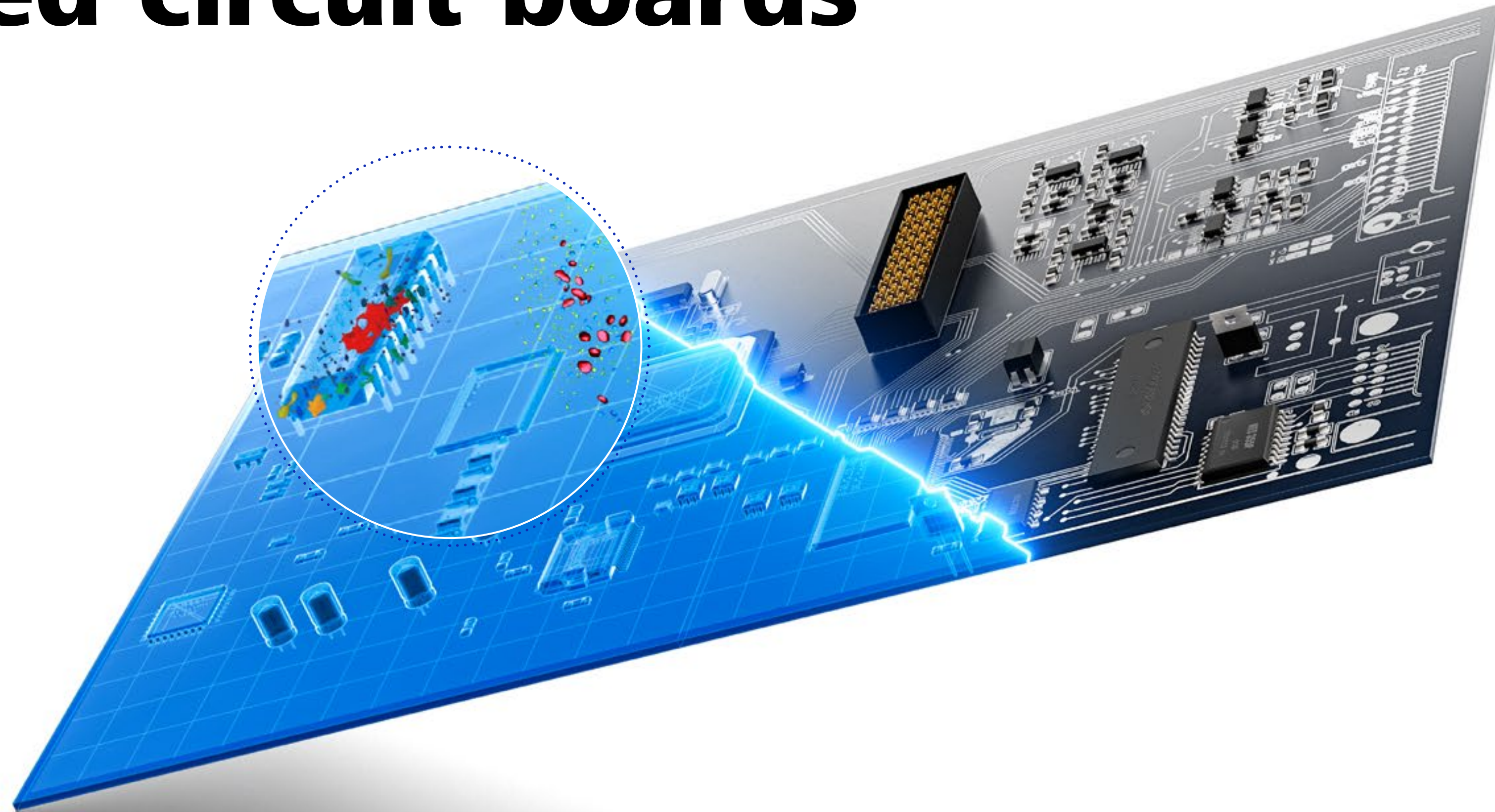


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# Electrify Quality Assurance for **printed circuit boards**



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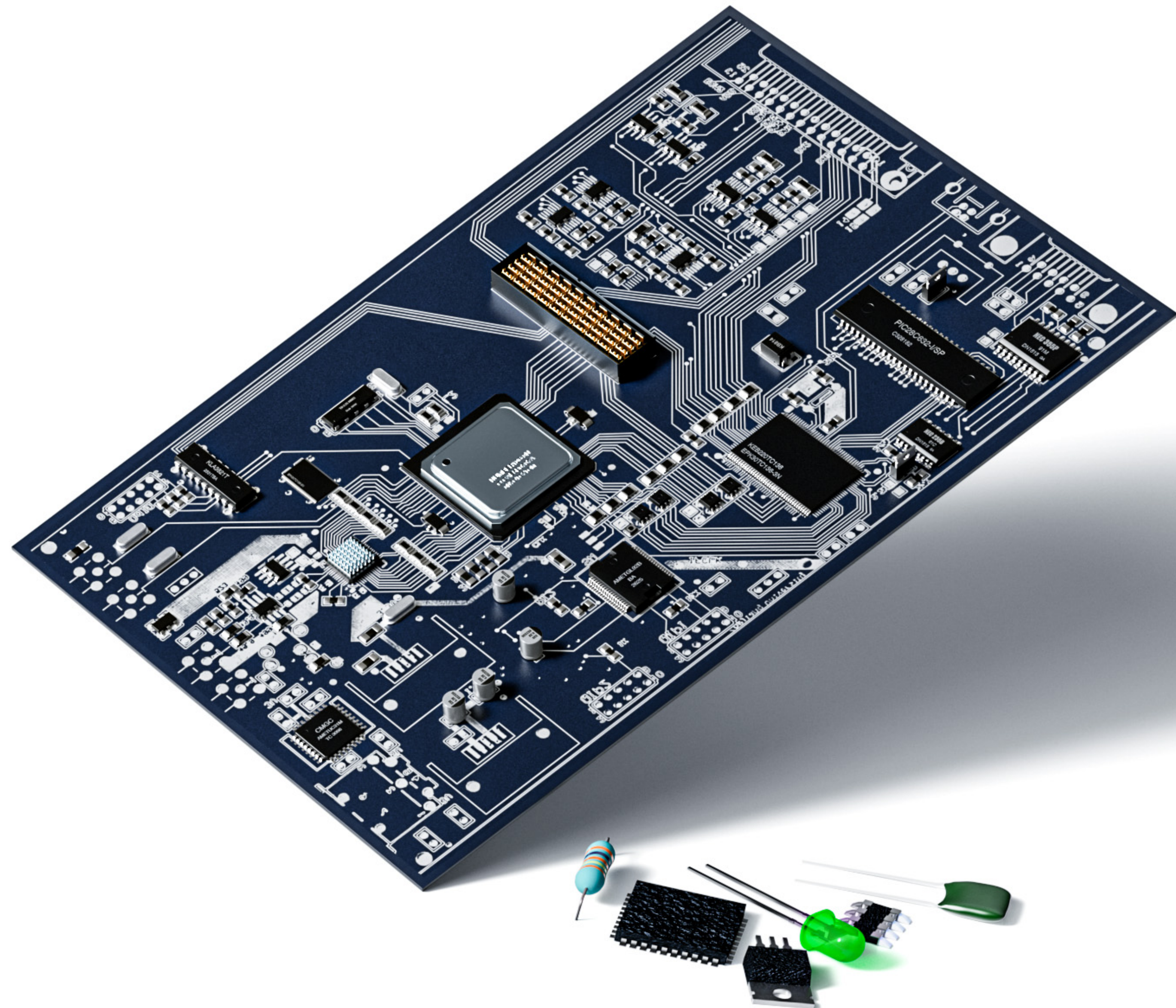
## ZEISS solutions for printed circuit boards

To be truly competitive on the growing electronics market, manufacturers of printed circuit boards (PCB) and PCB assemblies (PCBA) cannot cut corners on quality. Key processes include surface morphology and roughness analysis of incoming materials, corrosion and adhesion detection on the PCB, and welding quality inspection on the PCBA. The high production throughput also means that detailed quality checks must be performed at speed.

As a leading supplier of quality solutions, ZEISS offers inspiring innovations and services for your PCB production process. Reliable ZEISS systems are used by PCB manufacturers across the globe.

- Connected microscopy from ZEISS improves analytical efficiency and time to market
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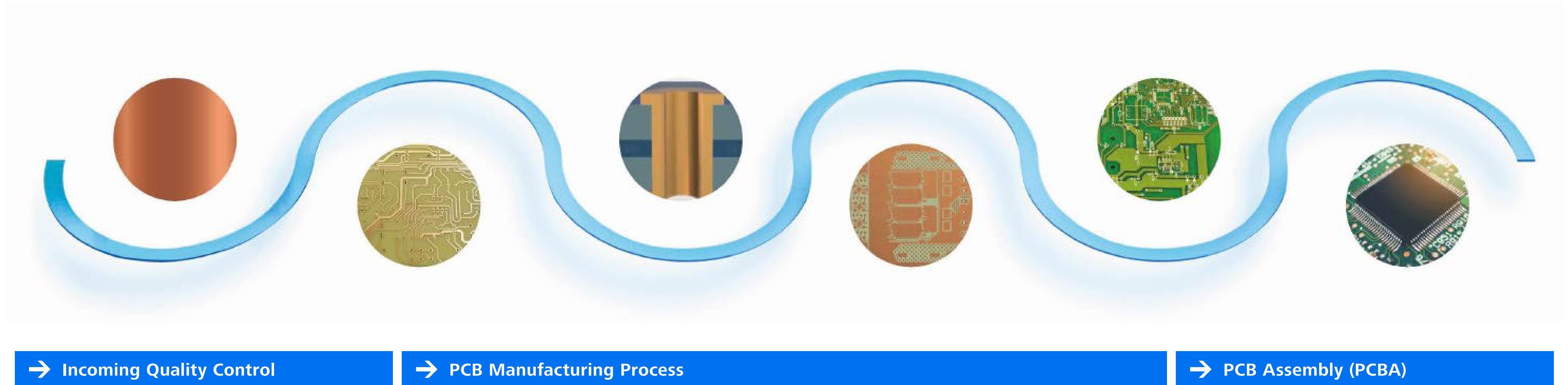


# Identifying Challenges, Providing Solutions

## Manufacturing processes and quality requirements

From printed circuit board (PCB) to PCB assembly (PCBA), the manufacturing process comprises a number of complex procedures. Whether quality control of incoming substrate materials or surface finishing of PCBs, each step poses a number of quality assurance challenges.

One-stop quality solutions from ZEISS provide full coverage of the entire process, including substrate quality control, PCB manufacturing, and PCB assembly. Click the blue buttons in the graphic to find out more.



# Incoming Quality Control

## Quality Challenges

- Monitor surface roughness of copper foil to ensure it provides the necessary low transmission loss and high binding force
- Analyze surface morphology of copper foil and resin, which affects the binding force between them

## ZEISS Solutions

- Scanning electron microscope ZEISS EVO for surface morphology analysis of copper and resin plates
- Confocal microscope ZEISS Smartproof 5 for rapid analysis of surface roughness

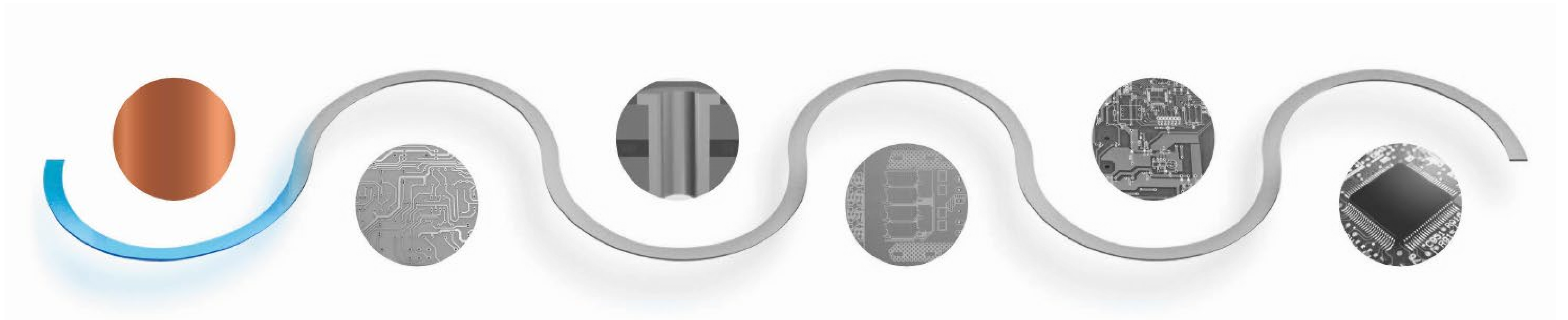
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# PCB Manufacturing Process

## Quality Challenges

- During PCB pattern manufacturing, dry film adhesion affects precision of line etching
- Rapid 3D size measurement of conductor and connecting hole is needed to reduce sample preparation requirements and improve detection efficiency
- Surface finish process affects subsequent weldability, rapid measurement of element content, and process quality control

## ZEISS Solutions

- High-resolution metallographic section analysis using optical microscope ZEISS Axioscope
- Rapid check of line width and spacing with digital microscope ZEISS Smartzoom 5
- Confocal microscope ZEISS Smartproof 5 for determining size of blind hole and through hole, plus roughness detection
- Swift examination and analysis of dry film adhesion, desmear, and nickel corrosion with scanning electron microscope ZEISS EVO

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ZEISS Axioscope



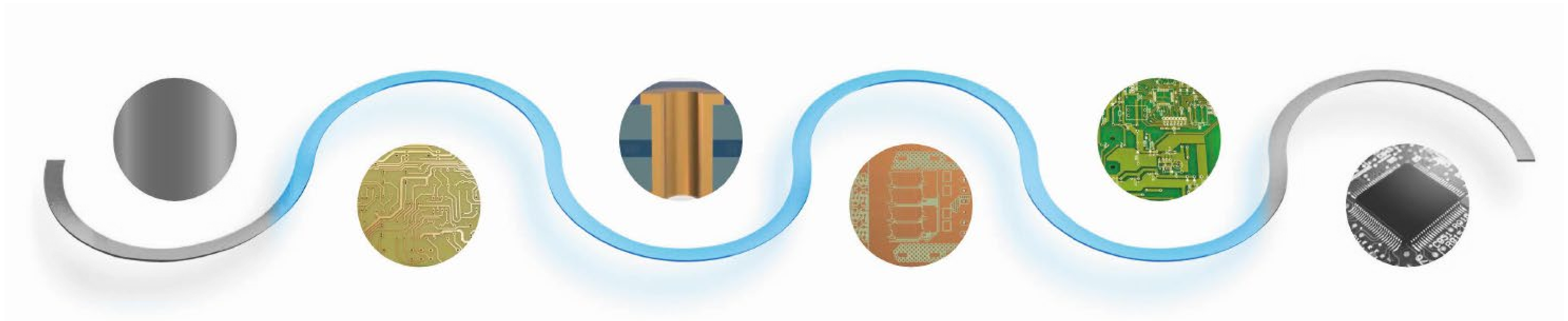
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## PCB Assembly (PCBA)

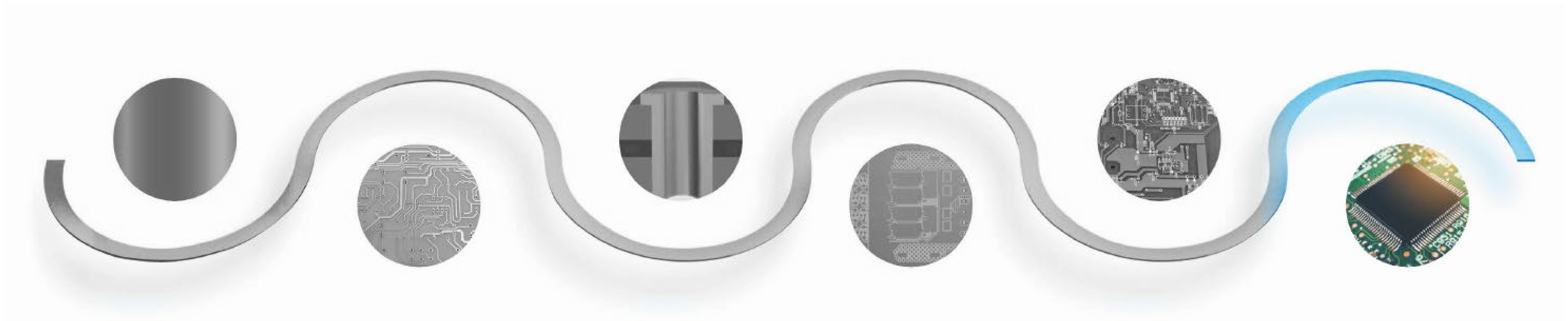
### Quality Challenges

- High daily production requires quick dimensional measurement and surface defect inspection on the welded foot
- Identify the cause of solder joint issues in order to improve the welding process

### ZEISS Solutions

- Quick inspection of welding quality with digital microscope ZEISS Smartzoom 5
- Welding size detection using optical imaging solution ZEISS O-DETECT
- Rapid detection of IMC layer thickness via scanning electron microscope ZEISS EVO
- Ultra-high resolution X-ray microscope ZEISS Xradia Versa
- Dual beam electron microscope ZEISS Crossbeam

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# Portfolio



## **ZEISS O-DETECT**

The new generation of optical metrology

High-quality camera and flexible lighting for fast, intuitive, and precise measurement. Ideal for components that are best left untouched.

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## **ZEISS EVO**

SEM for industrial quality and failure analysis

Provides high-quality data, especially for challenging samples. Particle classification based on elemental composition reveals contamination source.

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## **ZEISS Xradia Versa**

Top resolution and contrast

Extends the boundaries of non-destructive 3D X-ray imaging with industry-leading resolution and contrast, extensive filtering, and in-situ analysis.

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## **ZEISS Axioscope**

Research and routine in the materials lab

Cost-effective upright light microscope for key imaging requirements. Meets high demands in terms of usability, reproducibility, and automation.

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## **ZEISS Smartproof 5**

Repeatable inspection and documentation workflows

Fast confocal technology for roughness and topography measurements on sensitive surfaces combined with light microscopy imaging and documentation.

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## **ZEISS Crossbeam**

High-throughput 3D analysis and sample preparation

FE-SEM imaging and analytical performance with the processing ability of a FIB. High-quality sample preparation and comprehensive 3D characterization.

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## **ZEISS Smartzoom 5**

Fully automated for intuitive QC and QA

Smart digital microscope for quality applications in just about any industry. Features easy setup, simple operation, and numerous integrated components.

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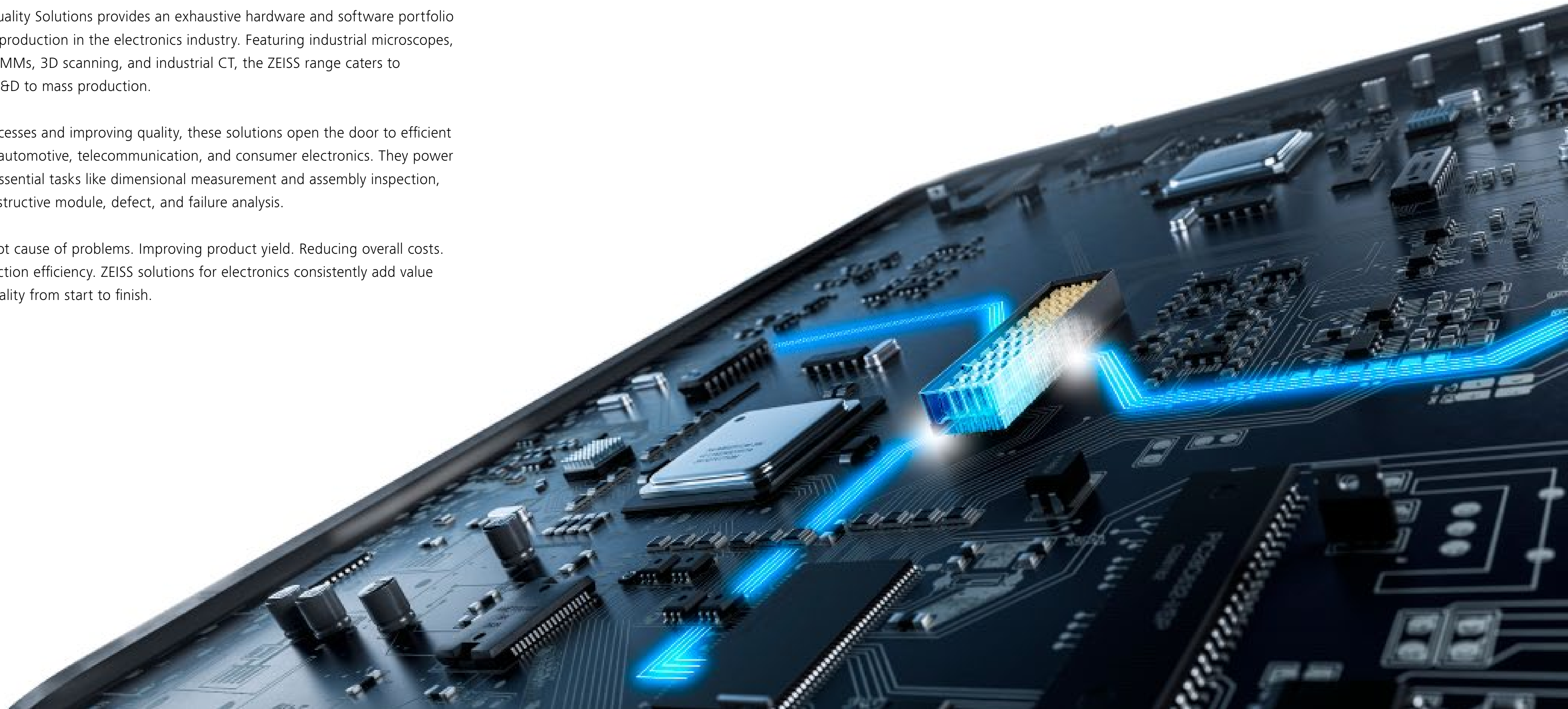
## Consistent Quality in an Evolving Industry

### Lasting success in electronics with ZEISS

ZEISS Industrial Quality Solutions provides an exhaustive hardware and software portfolio for each stage of production in the electronics industry. Featuring industrial microscopes, optical systems, CMMs, 3D scanning, and industrial CT, the ZEISS range caters to everything from R&D to mass production.

By optimizing processes and improving quality, these solutions open the door to efficient quality control in automotive, telecommunication, and consumer electronics. They power a wide range of essential tasks like dimensional measurement and assembly inspection, as well as non-destructive module, defect, and failure analysis.

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