



# Radar Target Simulator and Testing in Validation & Production

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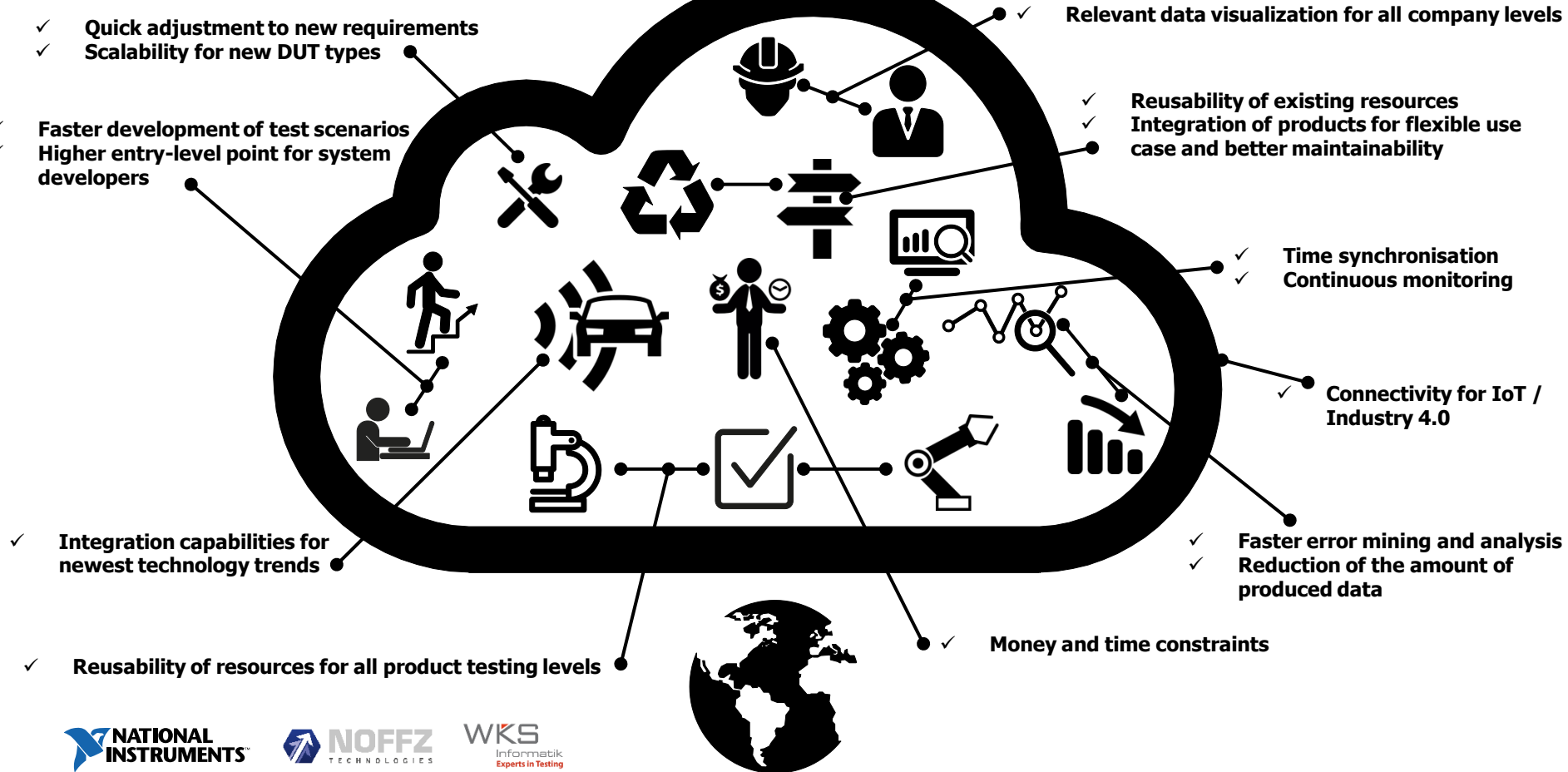
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# Common needs for testing



# RTStand – open HiL platform

- ✓ Quick adjustment to new requirements
- ✓ Scalability for new DUT types

- ✓ Faster development of test scenarios
- ✓ Higher entry-level point for system developers

✓ Relevant data visualization for all company levels

- ✓ Reusability of existing resources
- ✓ Integration of products for flexible use case and better maintainability

- ✓ Time synchronisation
- ✓ Continuous monitoring

- ✓ Connectivity for IoT / Industry 4.0

- ✓ Faster error mining and analysis
- ✓ Reduction of the amount of produced data

✓ Money and time constraints

- ✓ Reusability of resources for all product testing levels



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The top image shows a 'Tube Analyzer' by WKS. It is a rack-mountable unit with a silver faceplate and a black top. The front panel features a grid of 16 red indicator lights arranged in two columns of eight. The WKS logo is visible on the right side of the faceplate.

The bottom image shows a 'pfi Ultra Fast Interrupter' by WKS. It is a rack-mountable unit with a black faceplate and a red base. The front panel includes a green emergency stop button on the left, a control knob, and four large push buttons (red, blue, black, and black) with corresponding labels. The WKS logo is on the right side of the faceplate.

The screenshot displays the NI LabVIEW environment. On the left, the 'Project Explorer' pane shows a project named 'WKS' with a tree structure of folders and files. A red box highlights the 'TestStand' folder. In the center, the 'Properties' window is open, showing the 'General' tab for the selected 'TestStand' folder. On the right, the 'Tools' menu is open, showing the 'TestStand' option, which is highlighted with a red box. Below the 'Tools' menu, the 'TestStand' option is shown with a red box around it. The bottom of the image features logos for TestStand, NI VeriStand, and LabVIEW.



**TestStand**<sup>™</sup>  
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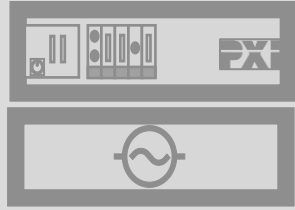
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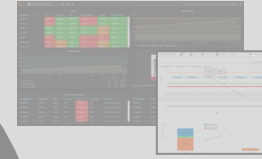
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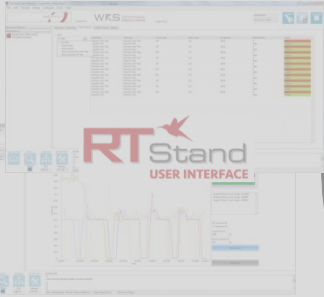
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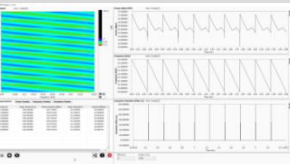
✓ **Modular  
HW design**



✓ **PlugIns for IoT**



✓ **RTStand User  
Interface**



✓ **Radar/RF  
solutions**

Why do we need  
Radar / RF solutions?

✓ **LV 124  
solutions**



# Autonomous driving



Autonomous driving  
brings many advantages...

... but **the robustness and safety requirements** also  
need a lot more complex test  
scenarios for all stages of  
ECU testing...

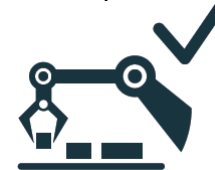
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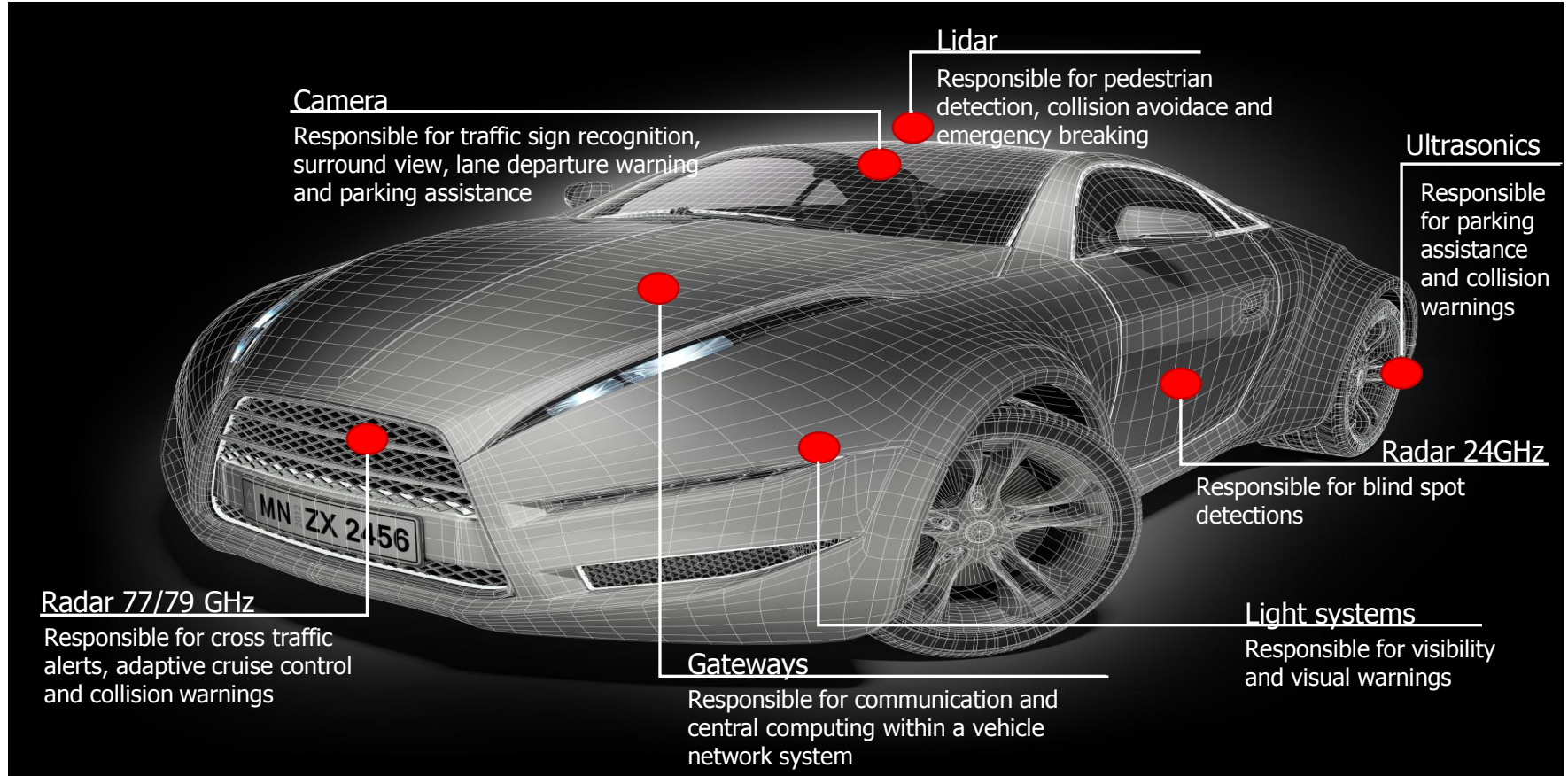
Validation/Functional tests



Production/EoL tests

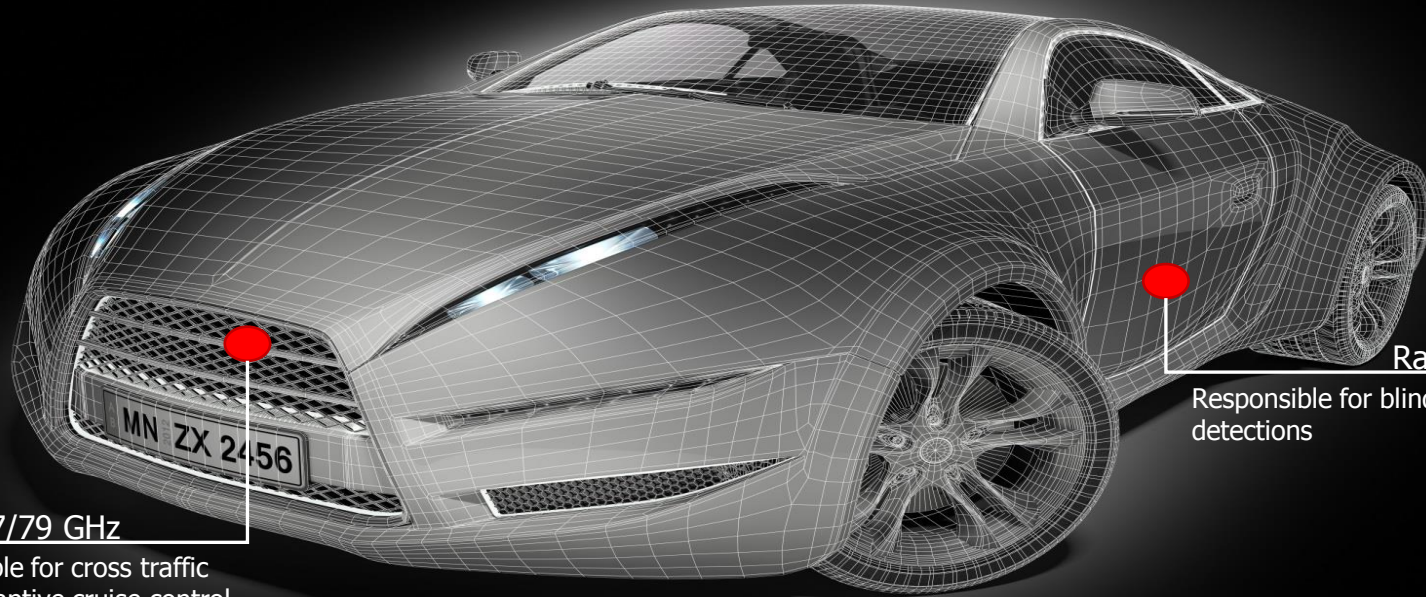


# Sensors in autonomous driving





# Radar testing



## Radar 77/79 GHz

Responsible for cross traffic alerts, adaptive cruise control and collision warnings

## Radar 24GHz

Responsible for blind spot detections

# Challenges for Radar testing



## Development:

- Characterization of radar sensors and coverages
- Analysis of chirp linearity
- Spectrum, EIRP power & frequency analysis

- Non-linearities in the chirp cause distance and speed effects in the radar
- Higher radar resolution distinguishes better between multiple targets
- The better the power, the better the detection range



## ✓ Validation & Functional testing:

- Simulation of dynamical driving scenarios (e.g. overtaking, reeving, following etc.)
- LV 124 / LV 148 compliance

- LV 124 / 148 tests: checks the Radar behavior under various driving circumstances – critical validation norm



## Production:

- Several targets over the whole distance range
- Sensor calibration
- Distance to target in mm precision
- Target size with a precision < 1dB
- Bandwidth and power measurements
- < 30s cycle times

- Low cycle times allow higher production figures
- Precise calibration ensures correct Radar functionality



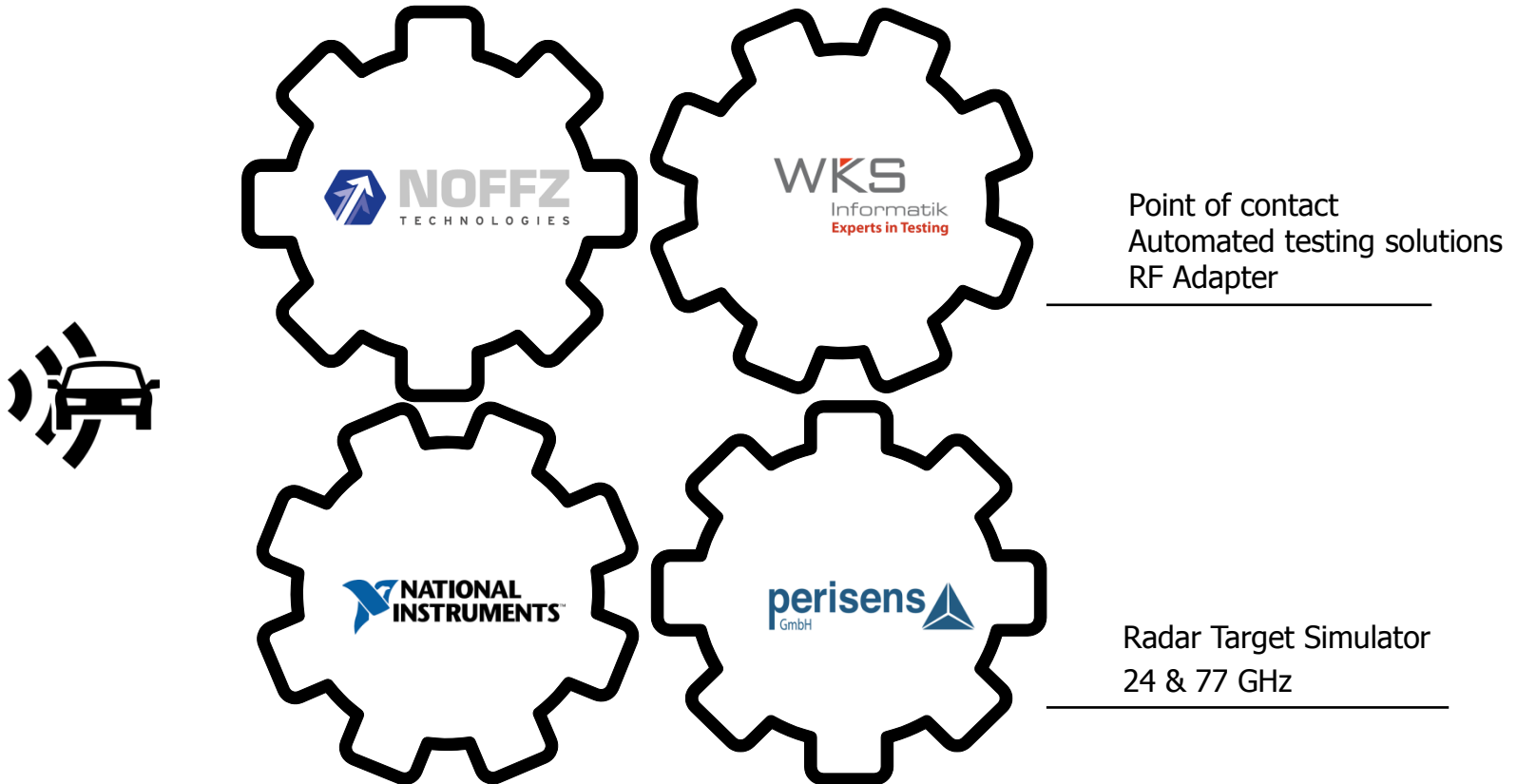
## 24 / 77 / 79 GHz:

- Support of all bands

- 24 GHz technology is still used in various vehicle classes
- 24/77 GHz Band is highly regulated worldwide
- The future belongs to the 79 GHz technology



# Partnership for Radar testing



# Solutions for Radar testing

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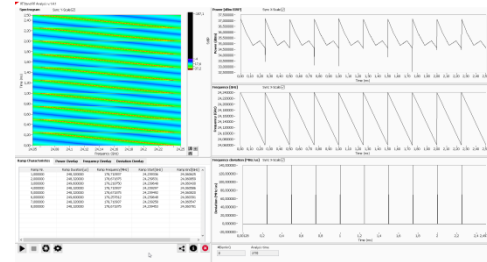
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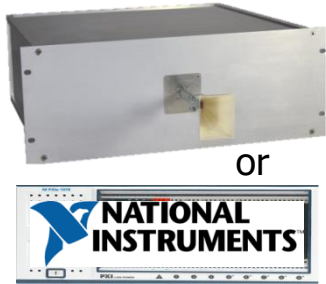
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# Solutions for Radar testing

## • 24 GHz Radar Target Simulator

- Full bandwidth support
- Minimum range between the RTS antenna and the Radar sensor: ca. 50cm
- Simulation range: 5-100m typical, more also possible
- Range increments: 10cm or lower
- Doppler simulation
- Dynamic range: 60 dB typical
- Simulated target: one moving target or several static targets

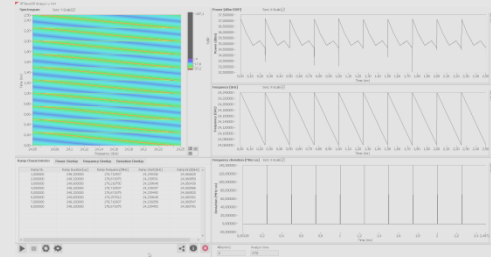
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# Solutions for Radar testing

- Combination of: signal generator, signal analyzer, high-speed digital interface, and user- programmable FPGA in a single PXI module

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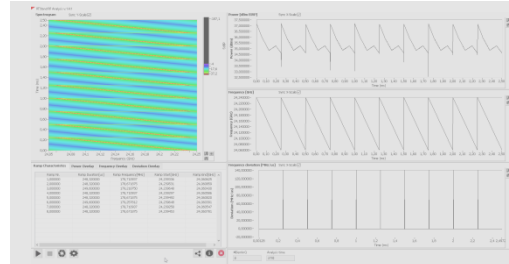
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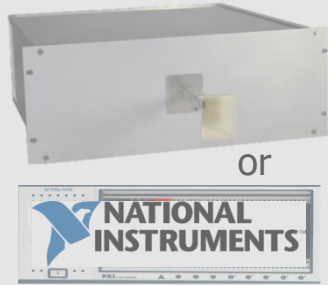
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# Solutions for Radar testing

- Support of both 24 and 77/79 GHz Radar Target Simulators
- **FMCW Chirp analysis with linearity evaluation – 2GHz bandwidth with 1kHz accuracy**
- Spectrum, EIRP power, frequency and frequency deviation displays
- Chirp overlay displays
- Continuous and snapshot mode

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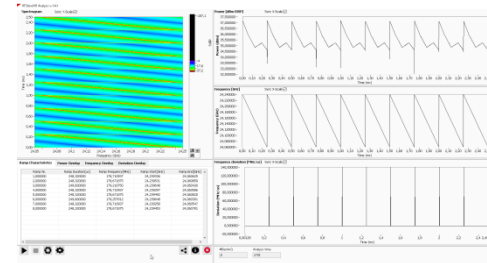


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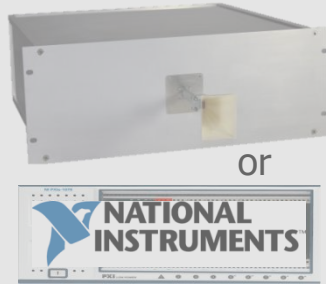
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# Solutions for Radar testing

- Open platform - **from development, over validation to production tests**
- Power measurements, bandwidth measurements, frequency and out-of-band (OOB) measurements as well as signal/jitter measurements for determining the radiation characteristic
- **Reporting of production figures such as shift management and yields**
- **LV 124 / LV 148 tests**
- **Integration of RTStand RF Analysis for chirp and linearity analysis**
- **Support of both 24 and 77/79 GHz Radar Target Simulators**

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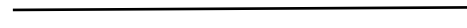
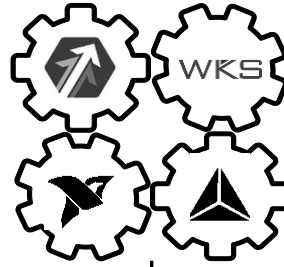
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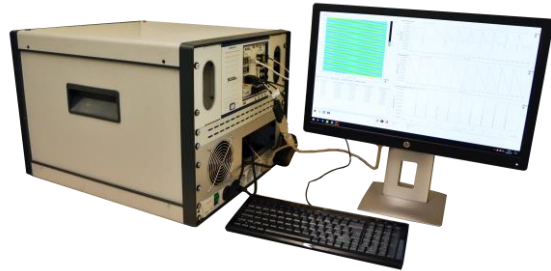
# Integration

24 GHz



77/79 GHz

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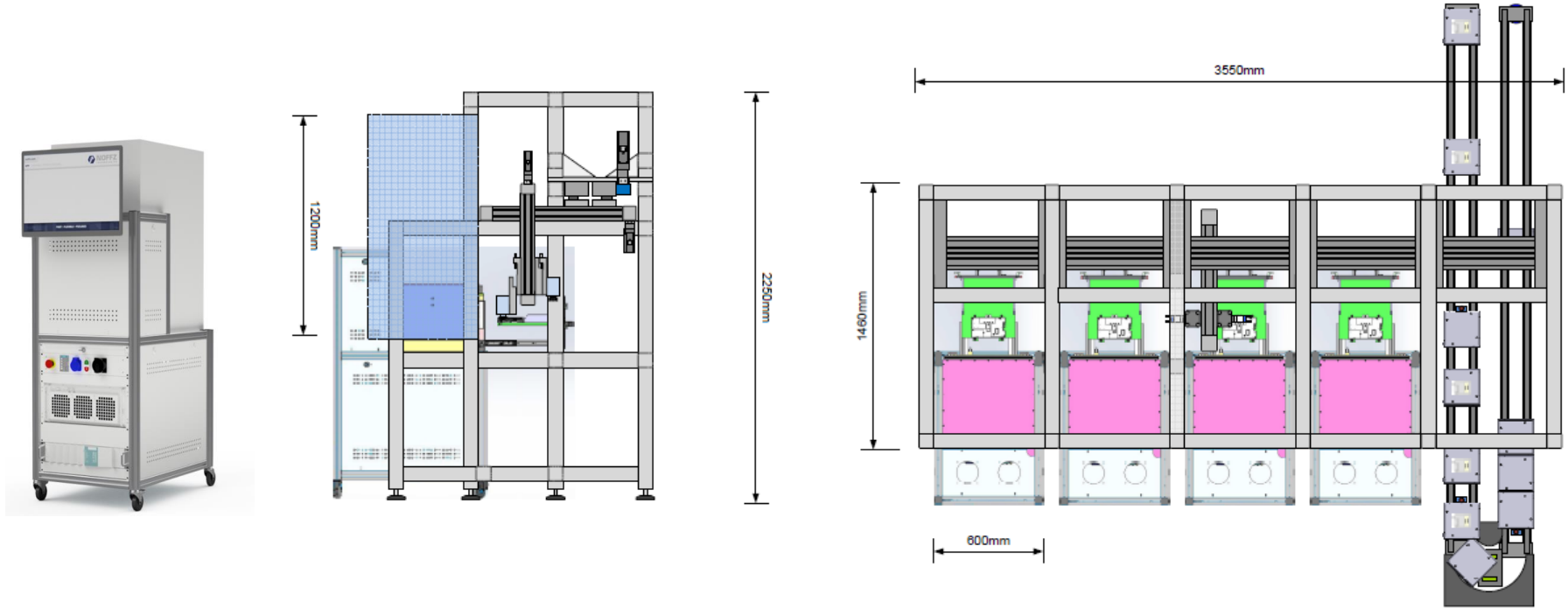


# NOFFZ Solution UTP 6010 with RF Adapter





# System Layout of Automated Line with UTP 6010 & RF Adapter UTP 5060 & UPT 9085 Portal System



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