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Tata Elxsi's Frankfurt center will work closely with its OEMs, Tier 1, European technology companies, and universities to discover and develop new software (SW) and hardware (HW) design and engineering concepts driving business outcomes and adding value to customers across Europe.

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The new RISC-V CPU core is the centerpiece of a compute chiplet solution with chiplets supplied by different companies. Ventana's Veyron platform solution also enables integration of a flexible domain specific accelerator for hardware/software codesign. Ventana said the Veyron V1 is the first RISC-V processor to provide single thread performance that is competitive with the latest incumbent processors for data center, automotive, 5G, AI, and client applications. It said the Veyron V1's efficient microarchitecture also enables the highest single socket performance among competing architectures.

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An innovative device lift-off and substrate reuse technology based on the power of sound, under development at Crystal Sonic, Inc., aims to lower per-device manufacturing costs substantially.

Today, nearly 50% of wide bandgap (WBG) device manufacturing costs are attributed to the substrate material. At the same time, WBG substrate wafer demand is ramping up, mainly driven by applications including automotive, solar inverters, motor, and wind inverters, particularly for silicon carbide (SiC).

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Eliyan's high-performance chiplet interconnect addresses what the company believes is a critical need for a cost-effective way of connecting homogeneous and heterogeneous architectures on a standard organic substrate, Eliyan CEO Ramin Farjadrad said in an interview with EE Times.

The "bunch of wires" (BoW) chiplet system can achieve similar bandwidth, power efficiency and latency as die-to-die implementations using advanced packaging technologies by using standard packaging, he said. "It opens up the door to significant possibilities and eliminates all the drawbacks and limitations of advanced packaging."

## **Smarter Edge Equals Smarter Living Using AIoT**

When smart homes began growing in popularity at the turn of the century, living smart meant using internet-connected devices with clever features. Two decades later, smart living has entered a new era of intelligent devices on the edge that are increasingly designed to make decisions. That's according to the experts who spoke during a November panel talk titled "How Smart Can We Live?" as part of the Embedded Forum at electronica 2022 in Munich. Nitin Dahad, editor-in-chief of embedded.com, moderated the session.

"Smart devices started off with a lot of what now would be categorized as clever features," said Ali Osman Ors, director of artificial intelligence and machine-learning strategy and technologies for edge processing at NXP Semiconductors. "Now we're moving into the new definition where 'smart' means you have a lot of info coming from a very wide range of inputs coming to these devices, and with all of these inputs and data, the devices make a decision by themselves."