



STRADA Whisper : The Next-Gen 25-Gbps Connector

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Whisper Electrical Review

- Power Sum FEXT is lower than -50 dB for system implementation at 12.5 GHz
- Insertion loss is less than 1dB and linear up to 20 GHz
- Individual shielded pairs offer excellent signal integrity / EMI performance
- Little to no skew through high-speed differential pairs
- Common mode impedance controlled throughout the connector, including footprint and mating interface
- Superior 25-Gbps electrical performance maintained even in a 1.5mm unmated condition
- No reliance on noise cancellation which can be critical in high-speed applications, unlike some competitive products
- 85-Ohm and 100-Ohm versions available



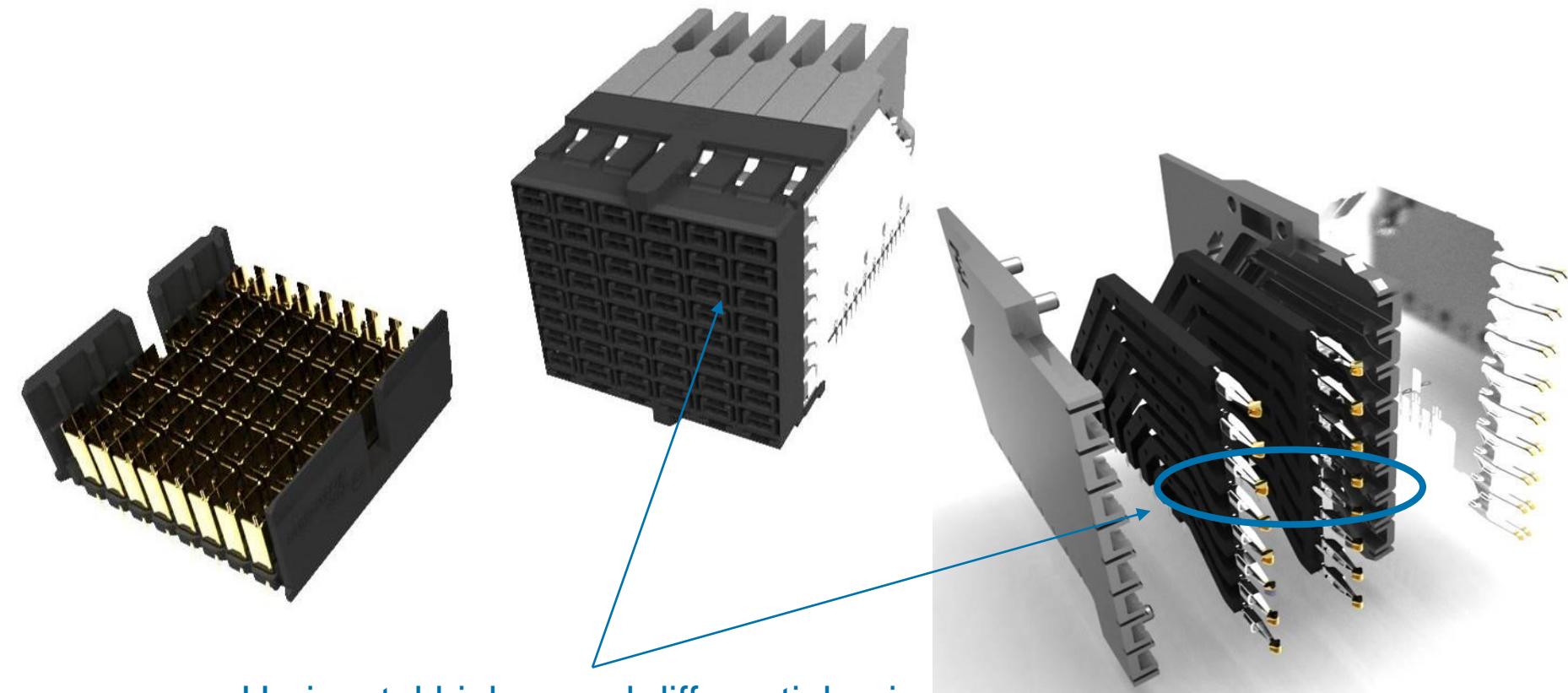
STRADA Whisper 3.9mm Connector

STANDARD CONSTRUCTION

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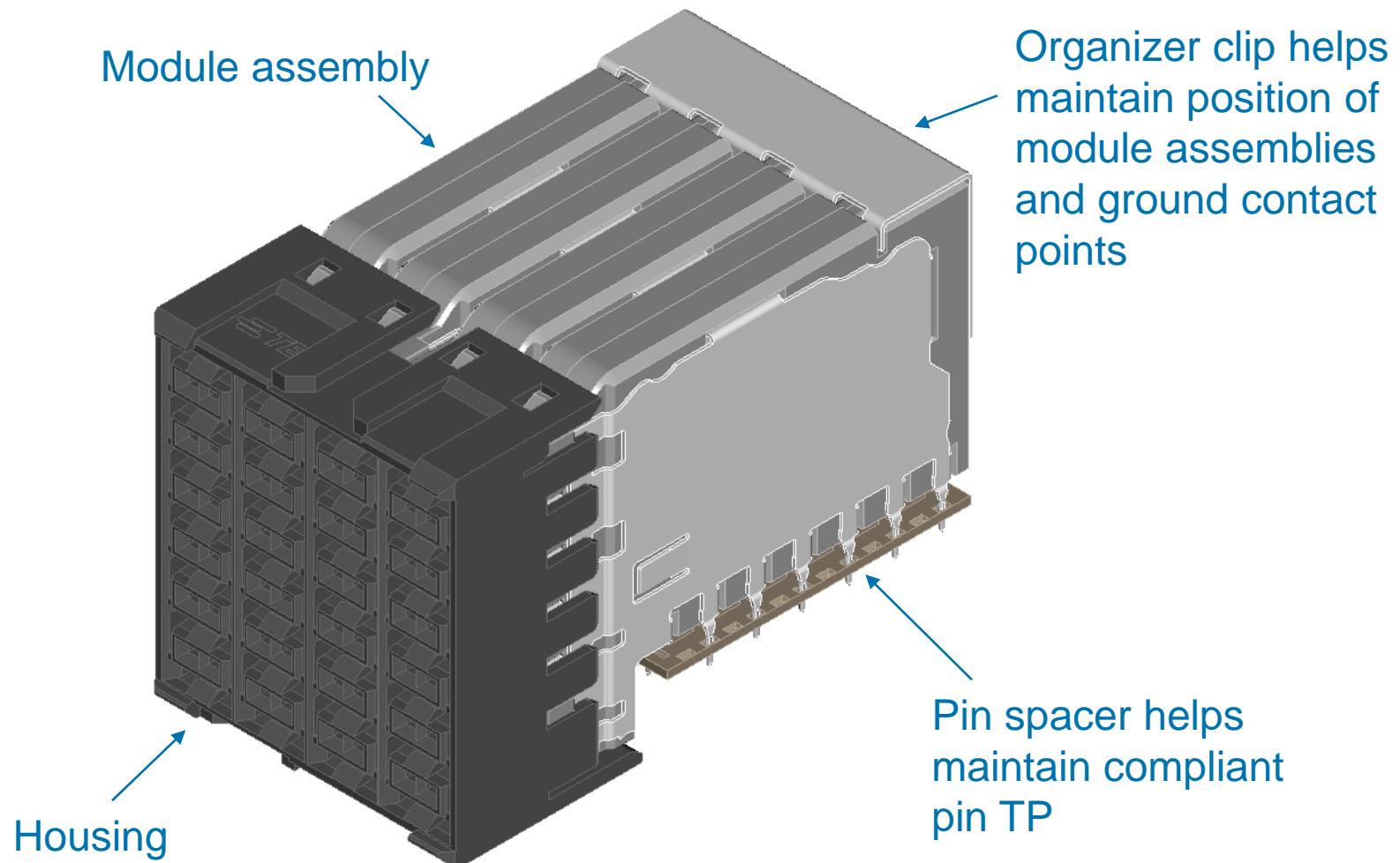


High-Performance Backplane Solution

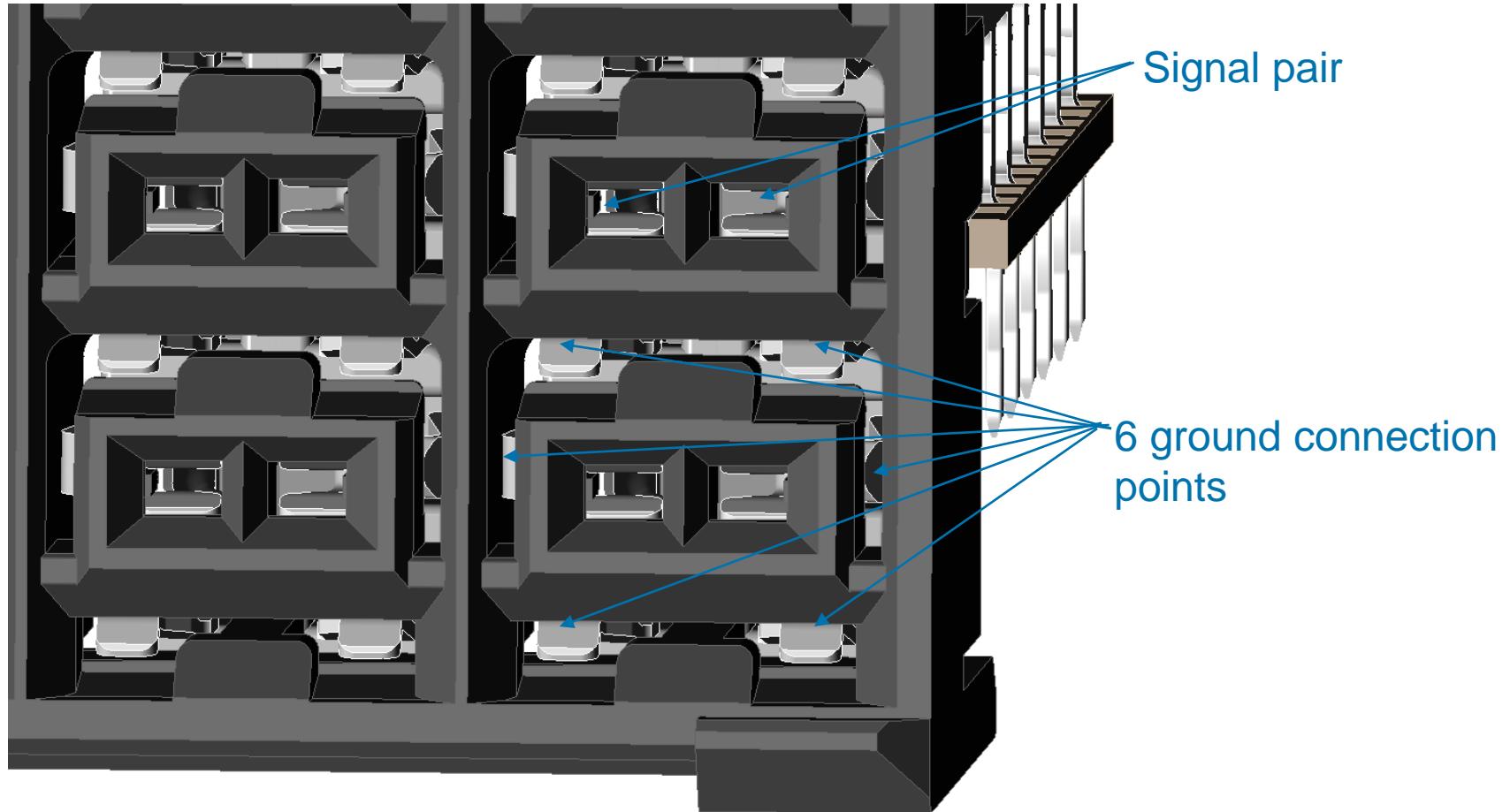


Horizontal high-speed differential pair
“Zero Skew” through connector

Receptacle Assembly: 6-pair 4-column (6x4)



Receptacle Assembly: Front Housing Mating Interface

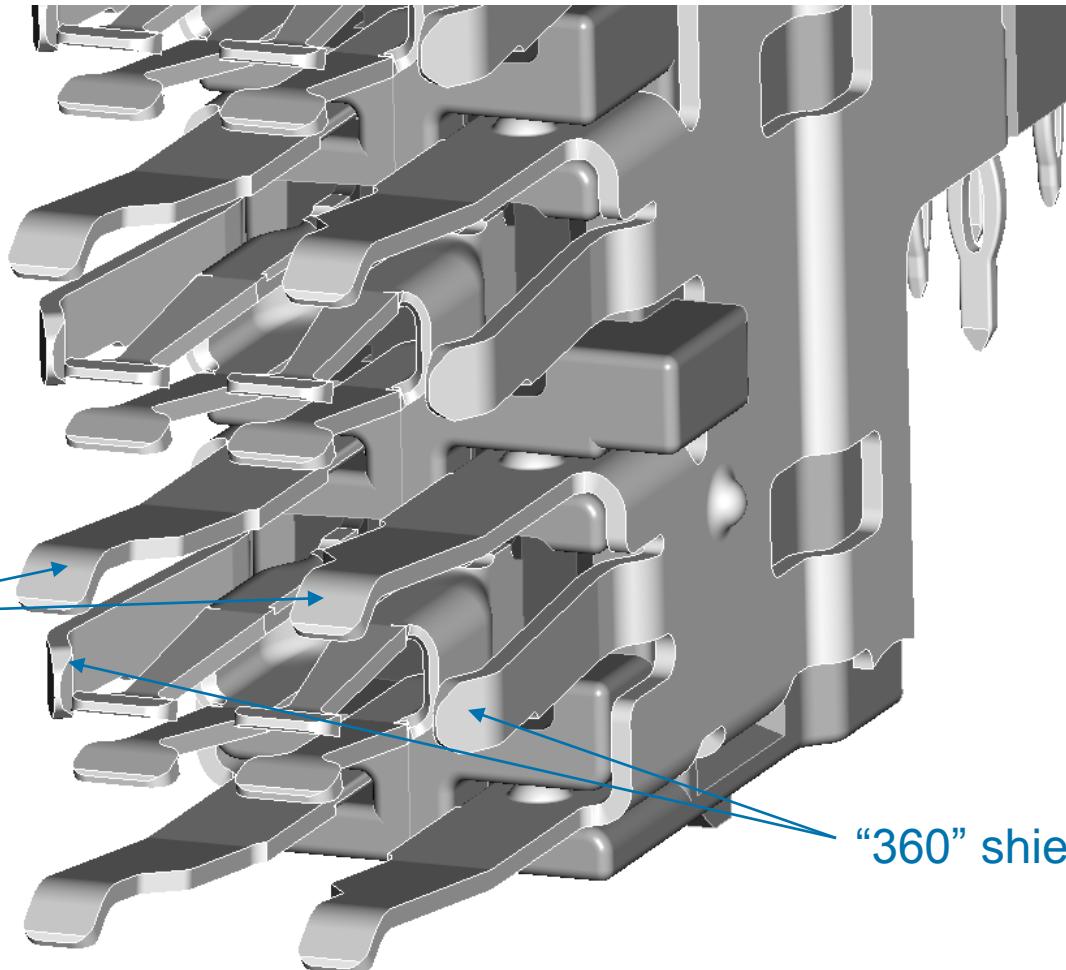


Receptacle Module Assembly: Shield Contacts

All shield springs
mate on the inside
of the header
C-Shield

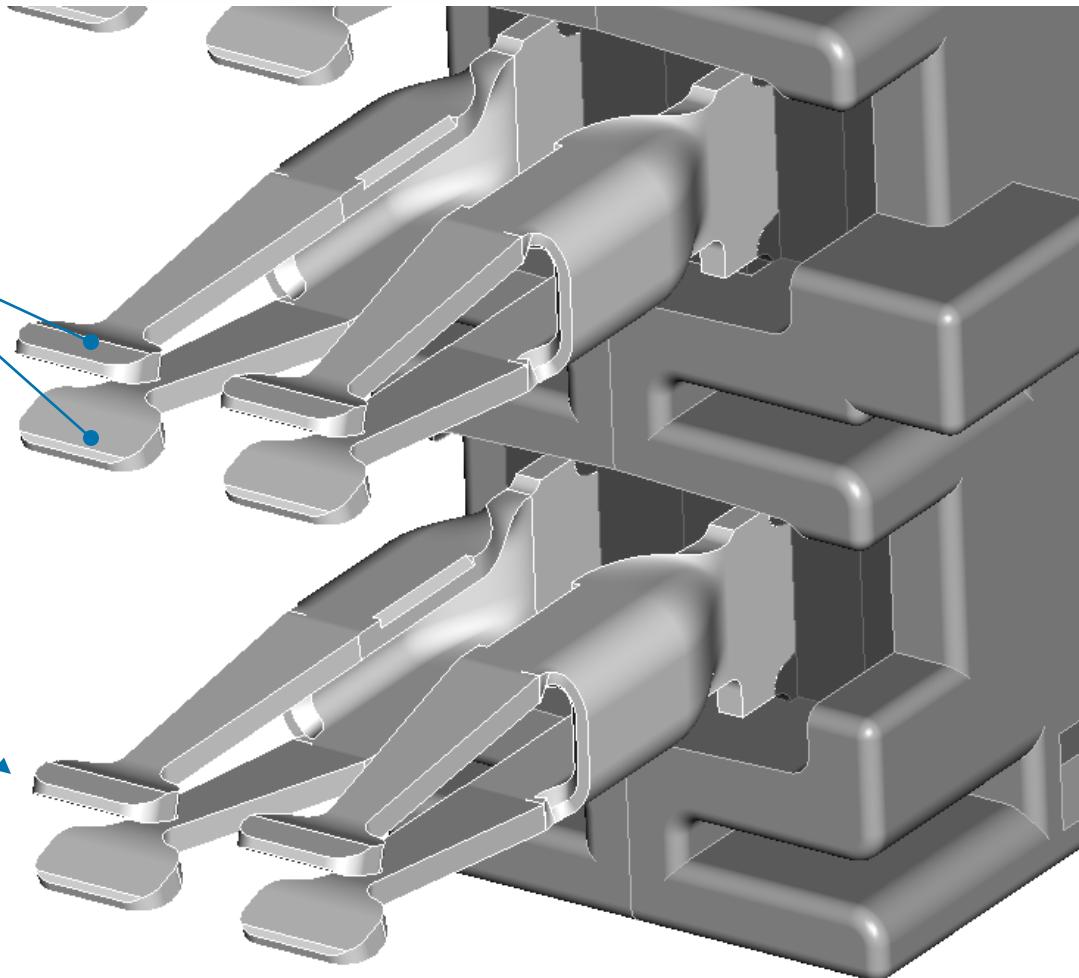
Horizontal shield
springs

“360” shield springs



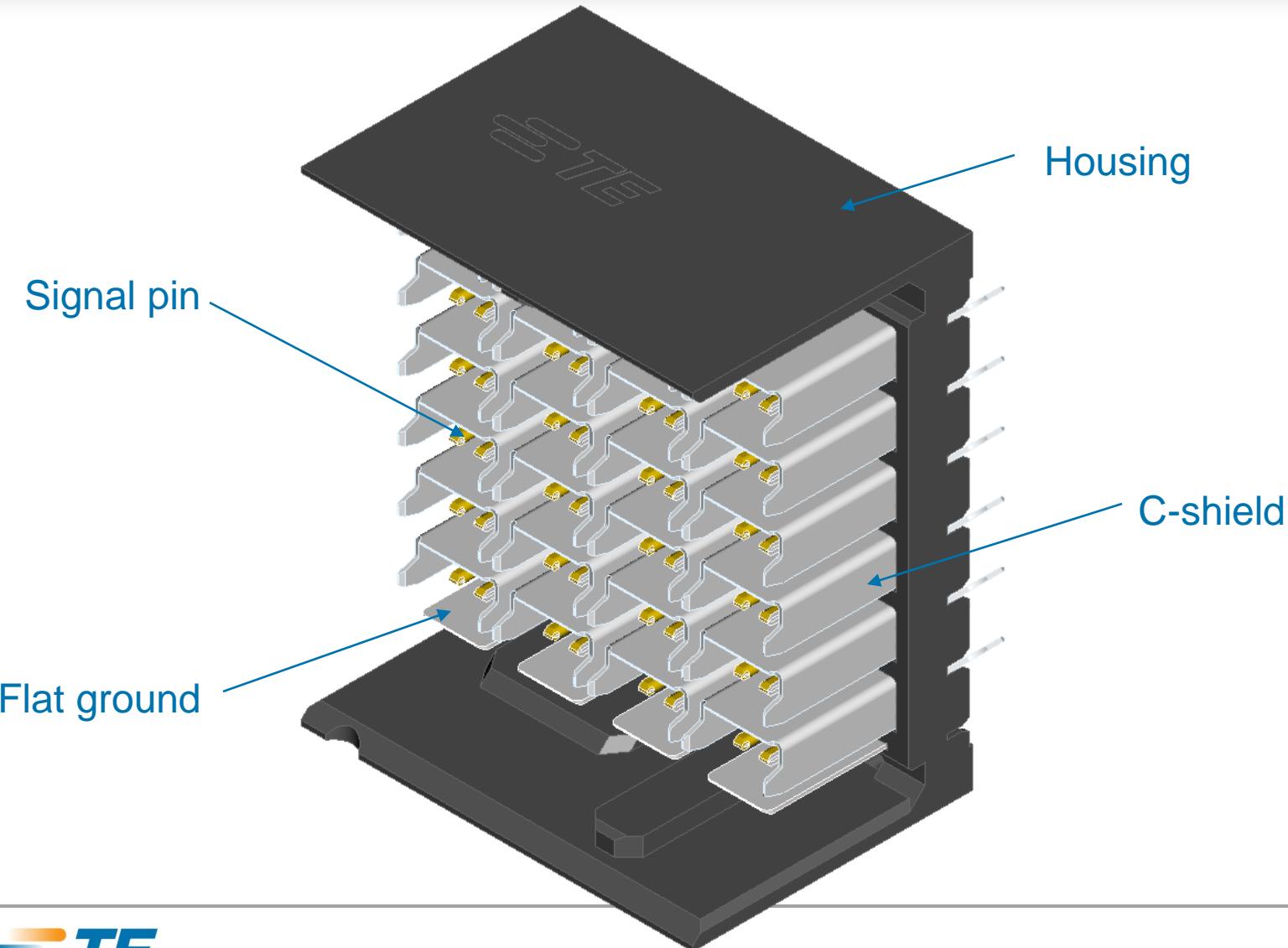
Receptacle Module Assembly (Shields Hidden): Receptacle Contact

Signal contacts have two points of contact

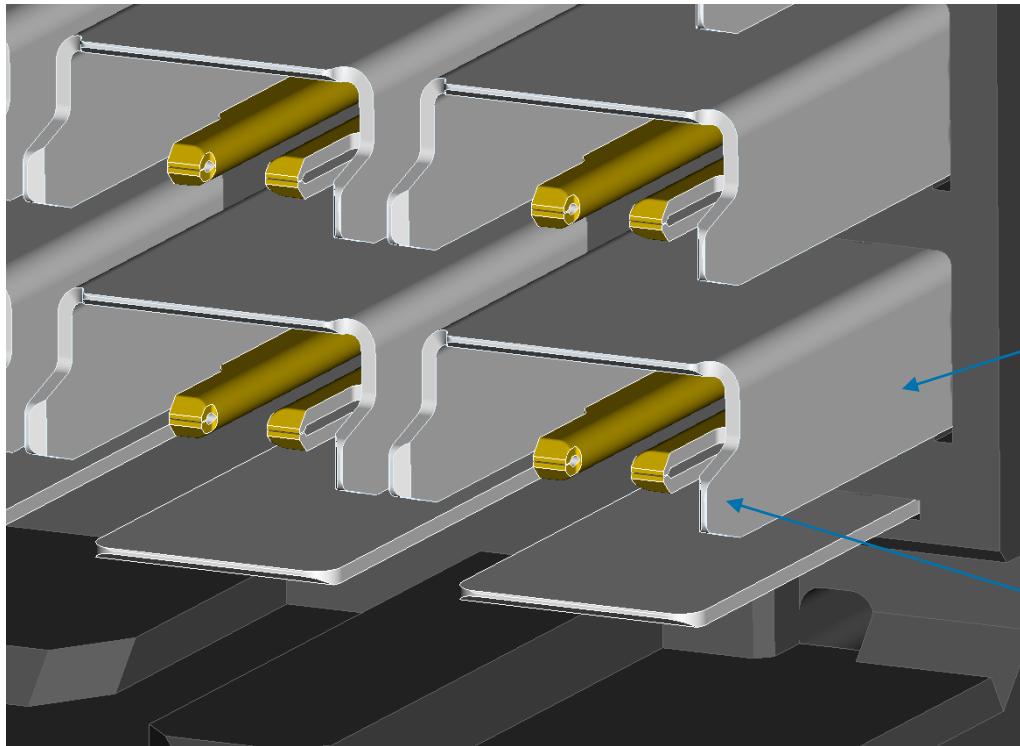


Wide paddle tips ensure maximum contact surface area when interfacing with header pin for added robustness

Header Assembly: Open End Wall 6x4



Header Assembly C-Shield Contact Detail



C-shield protects
signal pins from
damage

Tabs on sides of
C-shield provide
extra wipe

Whisper Robust Header Pins

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Ground and Signal



Cross Section

Impact



Ground and Signal



Cross Section

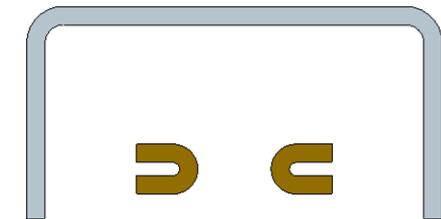
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Ground



Signal



Cross Section



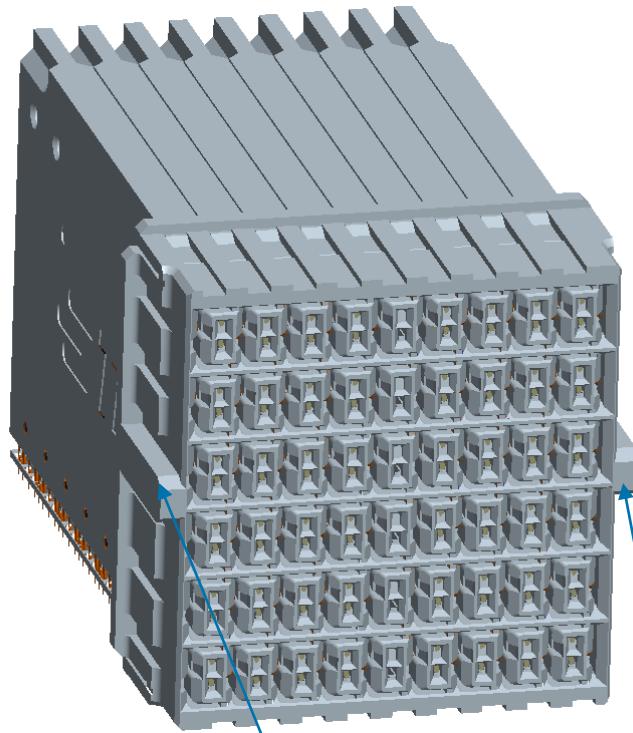
Strada Whisper 3.9mm MidPlane: Orthogonal Overview

ORTHOGONAL CONSTRUCTION

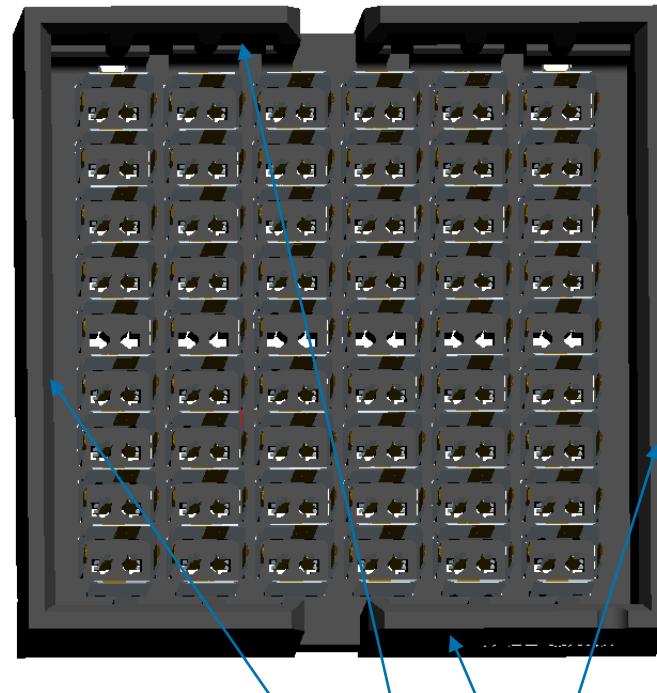
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Orthogonal: Connector Mating

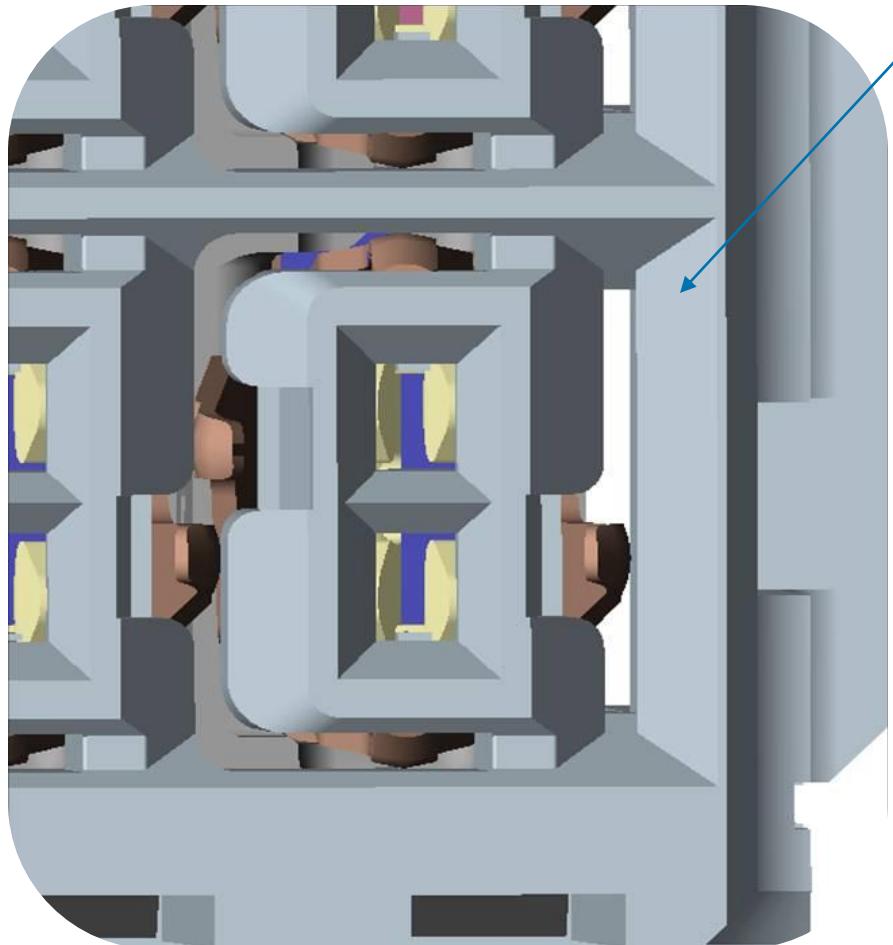


Keys provide proper alignment during connector mating



4-sided shroud provides robustness during system mating

Orthogonal Receptacle: Front Housing

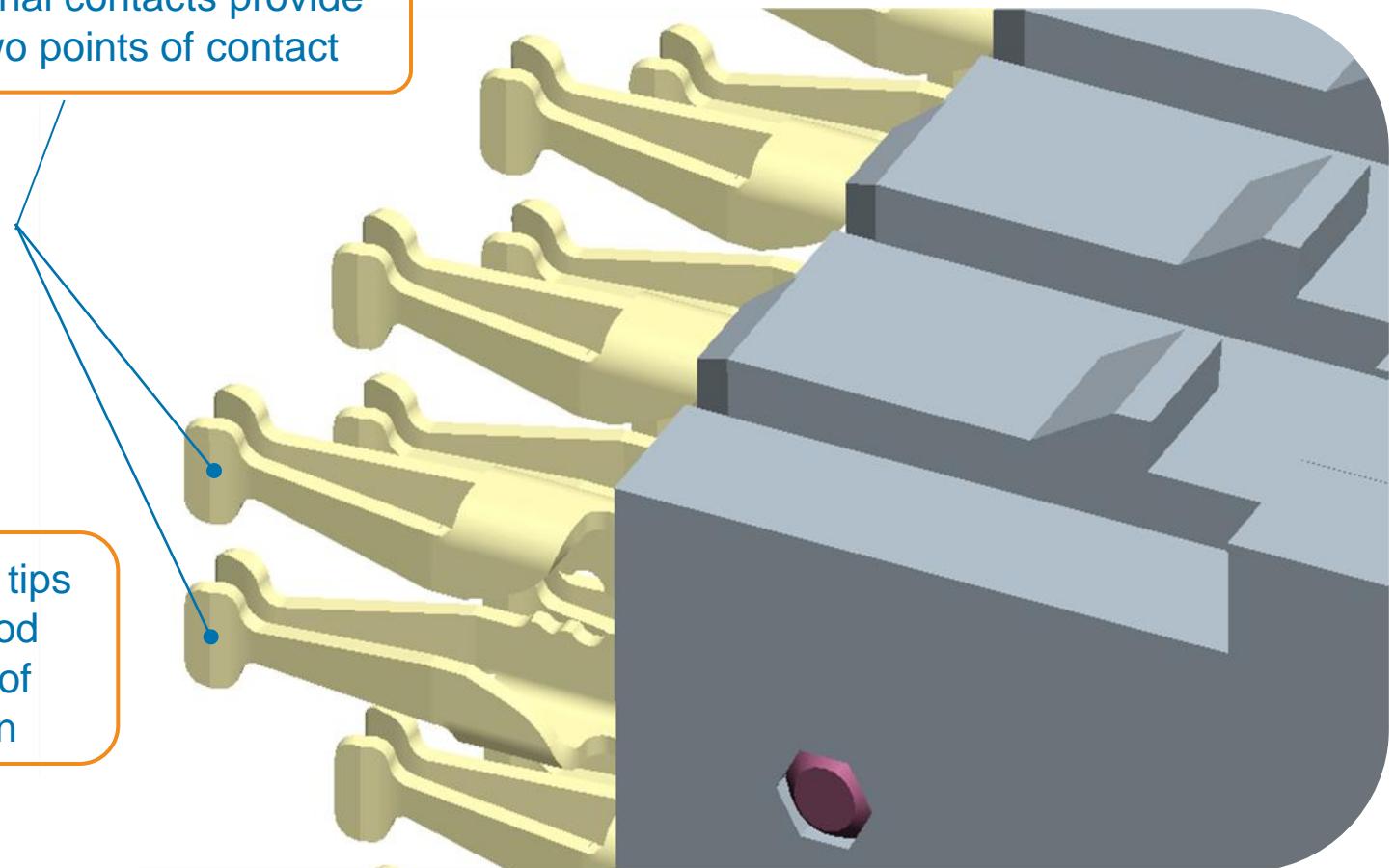


Front housing ensures good contact location and proper alignment during mating

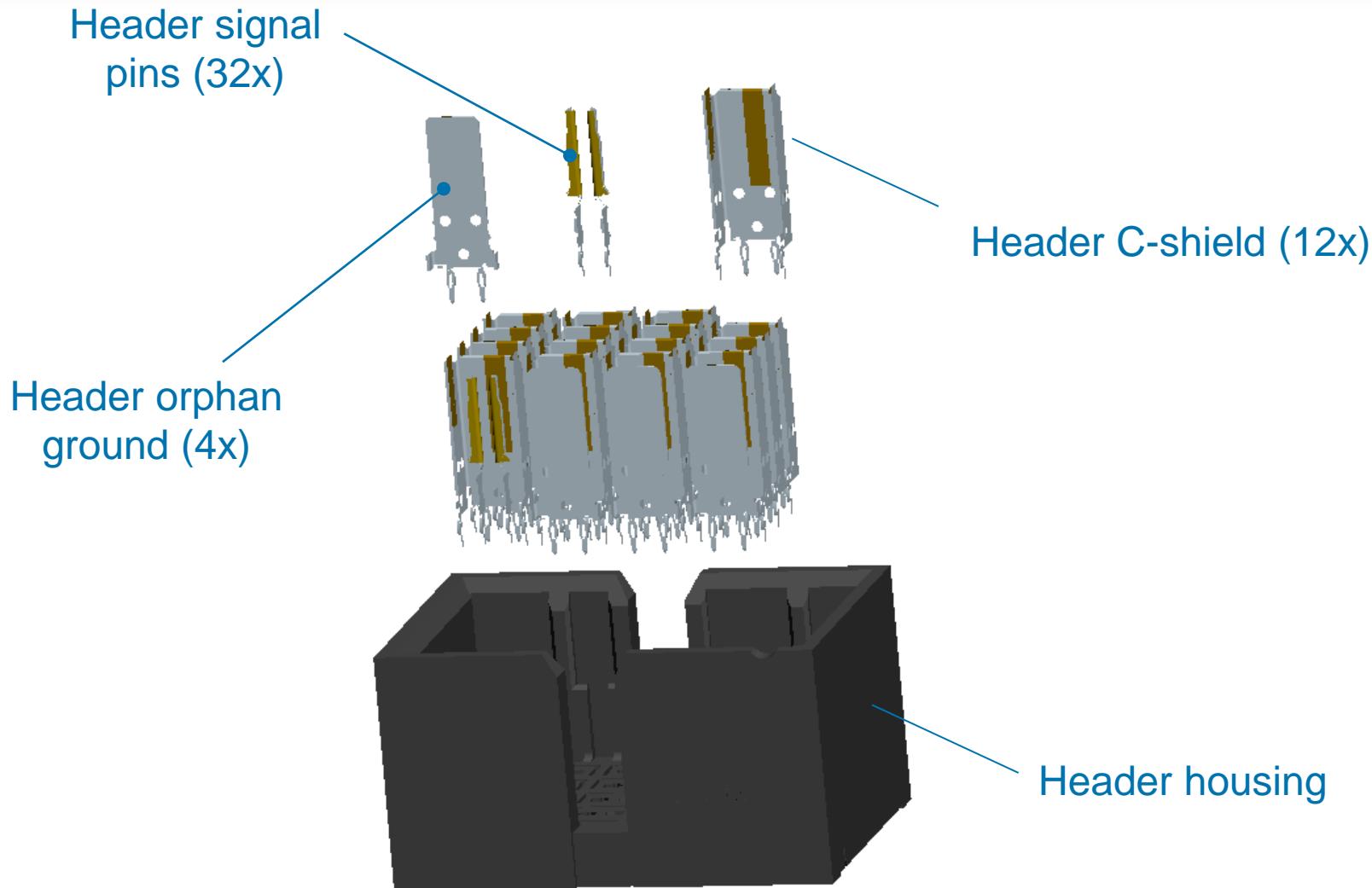
Orthogonal Receptacle: Signal Contacts

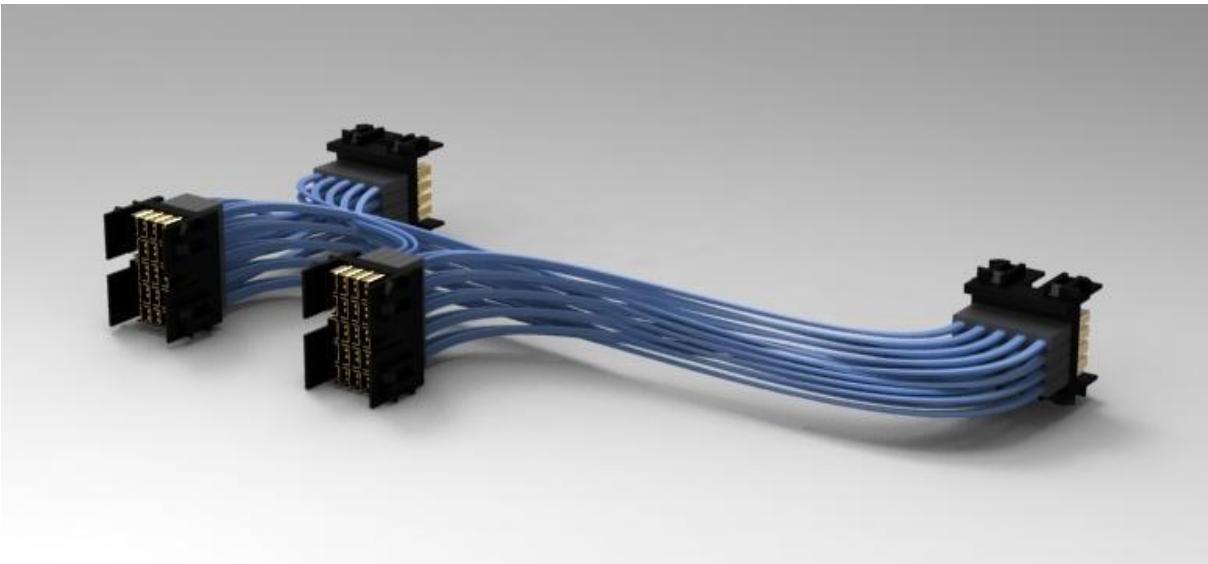
Signal contacts provide two points of contact

Wide paddle tips provide good alignment of header pin



4x4 Header Assembly (Exploded View)





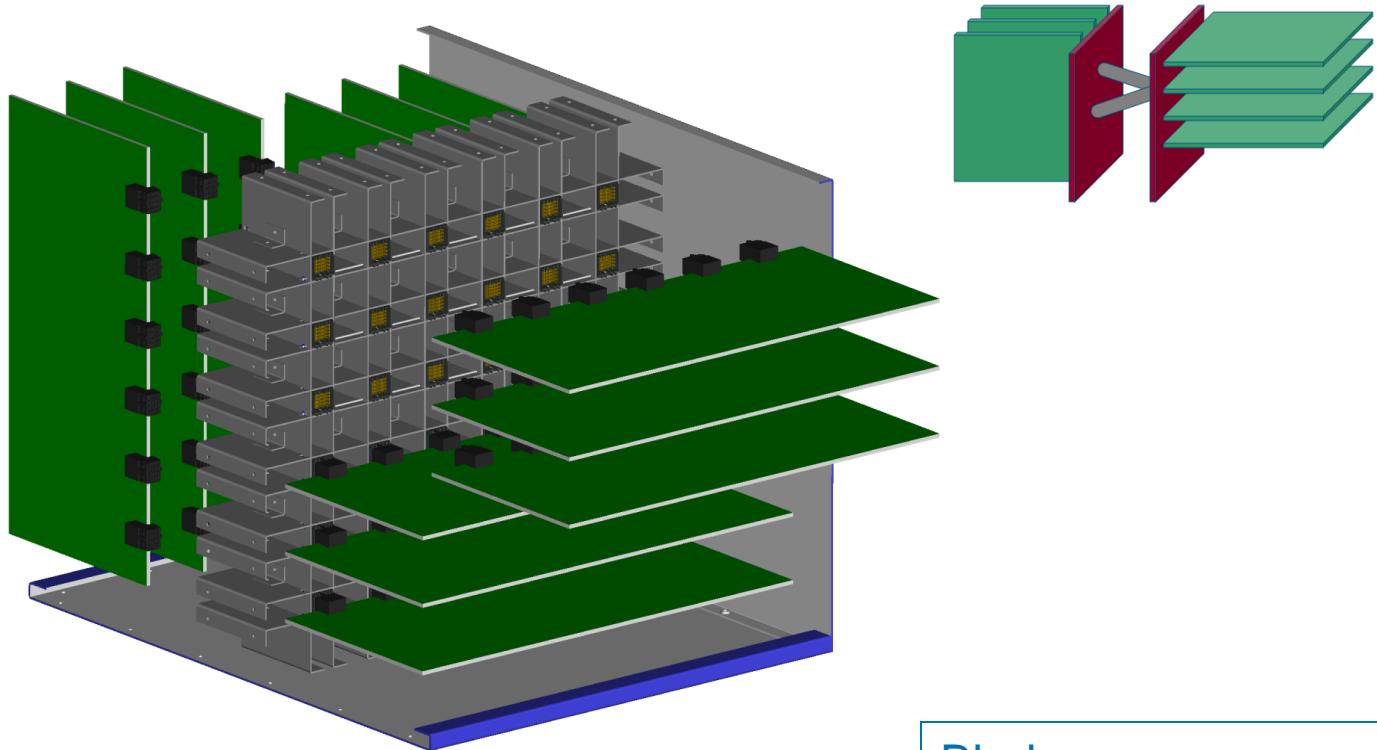
STRADA Whisper 3.9mm Cable Assembly

CABLE ASSEMBLY

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Alternate Architectural Concept: STRADA Whisper Cable



Switch Cards

- Up to 6 in a chassis
- Cable-to-board configuration

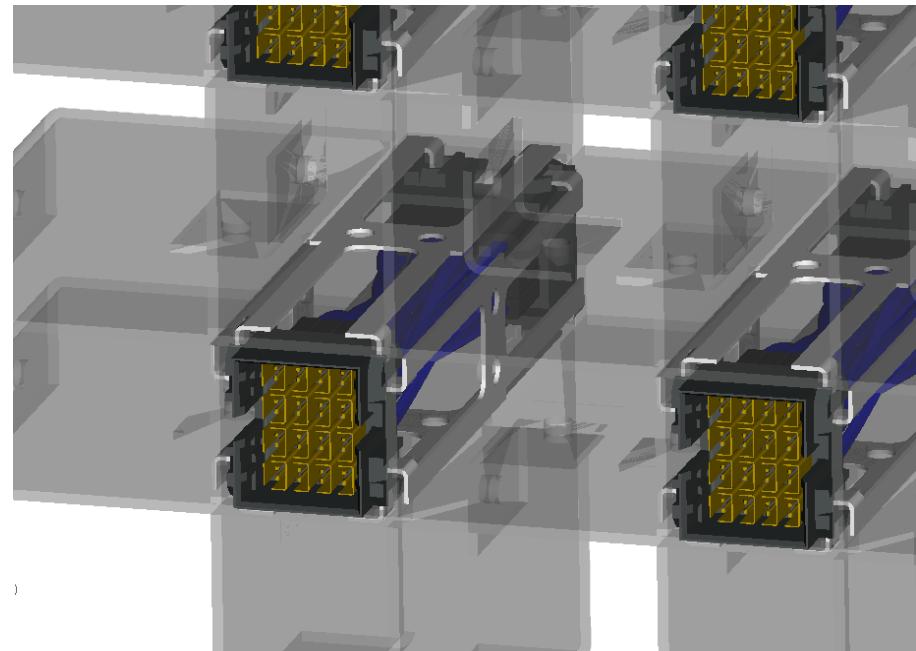
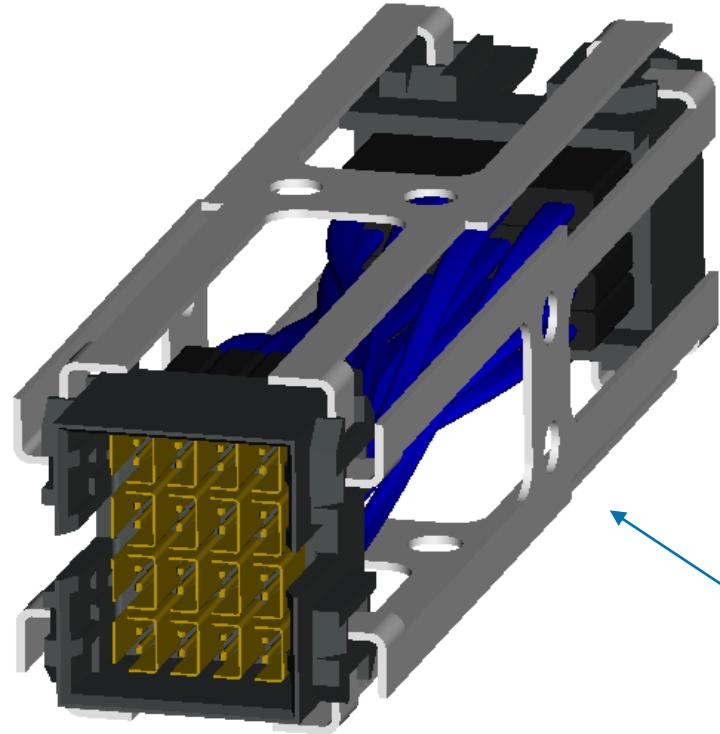
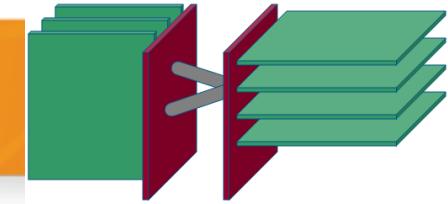
Dual Panels for Cabling

- Estimated at 6" from panel to panel
- Must support 25Gb/s
- Envision a "Whisper-Like" Internal Cable
- "Y" Cables: 1 I/O to 2 Switch Cards

Blades

- Processor Cards
- May contain I/O modules
 - Co-Planar or Mez
- Up to 12 in a chassis
- Cable-to-Board Config.

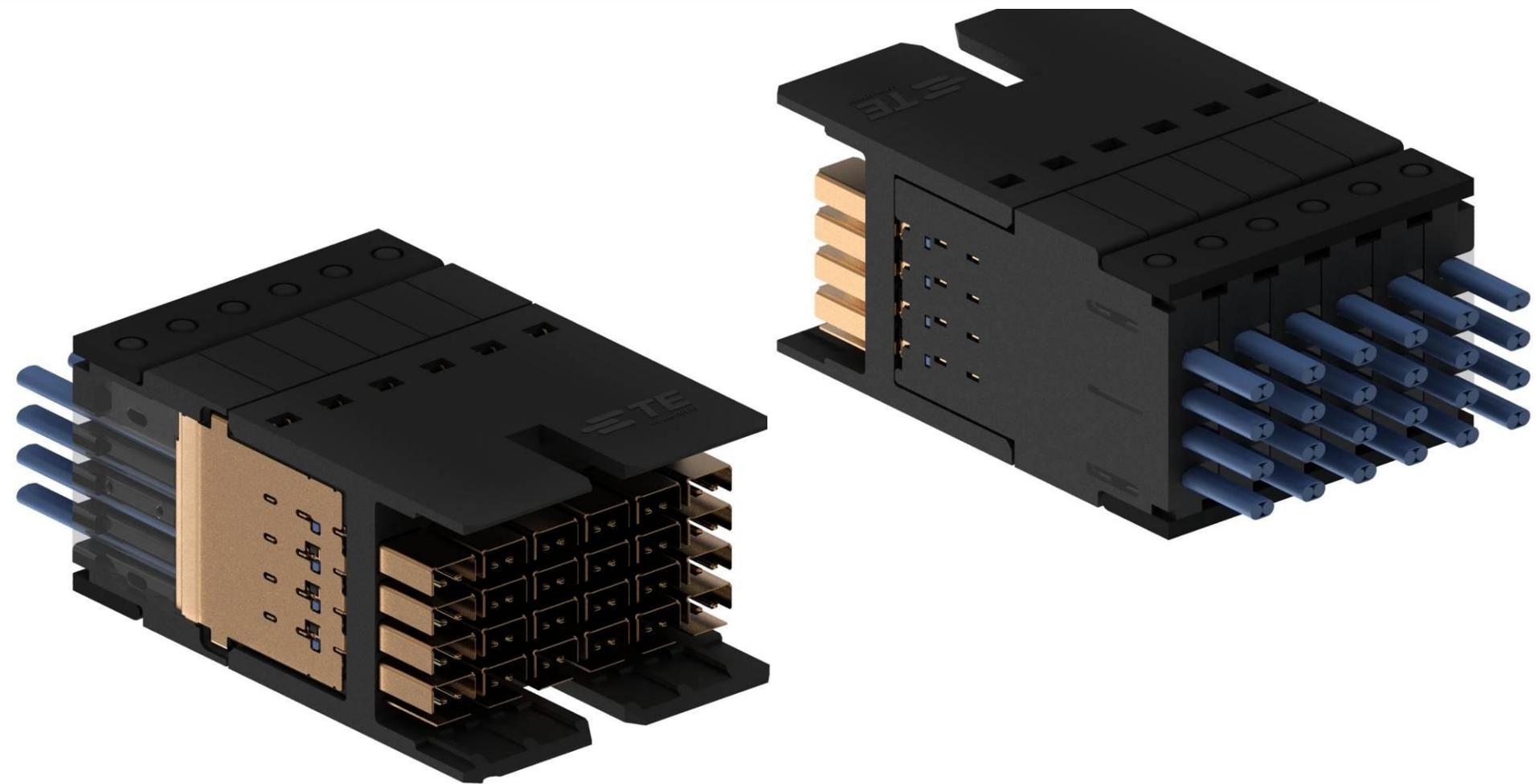
High-Speed Cable Orthogonal System



Leaf Spring (4) to Center Header

Sheetmetal “HoneyComb Midplane” Detail – Vertical Card Side

STRADA Whisper Cable Header: Complete Assembly



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