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Wednesday March 9 - 10:30 am

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"Modeling Socket Thermal Performance Inside a Burn-In Chamber"

Jason Cullen – Plastronics

Rob Caldwell - Delta V Instruments

"Established the first WLCSP Testing at Tri-temp for RF and Non-RF Products"

Edwin Valderama & Jin Sheng Tan -Intel Technologies

"A Silicon Photonics Wafer Probing Test Cell"

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A Silicon Photonics Wafer Probing Test Cell

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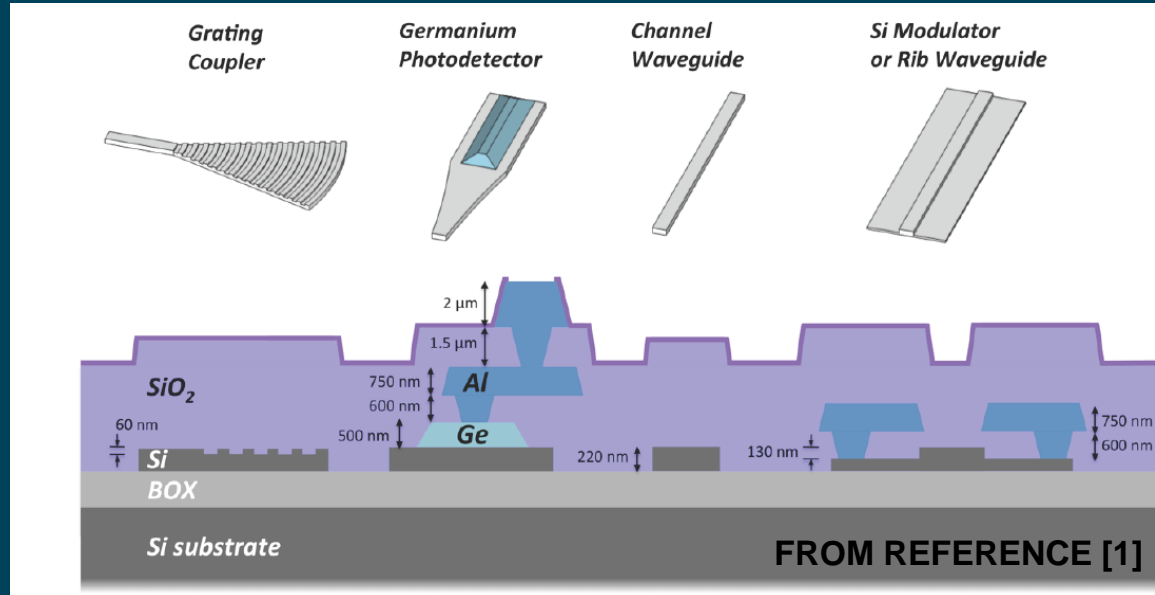
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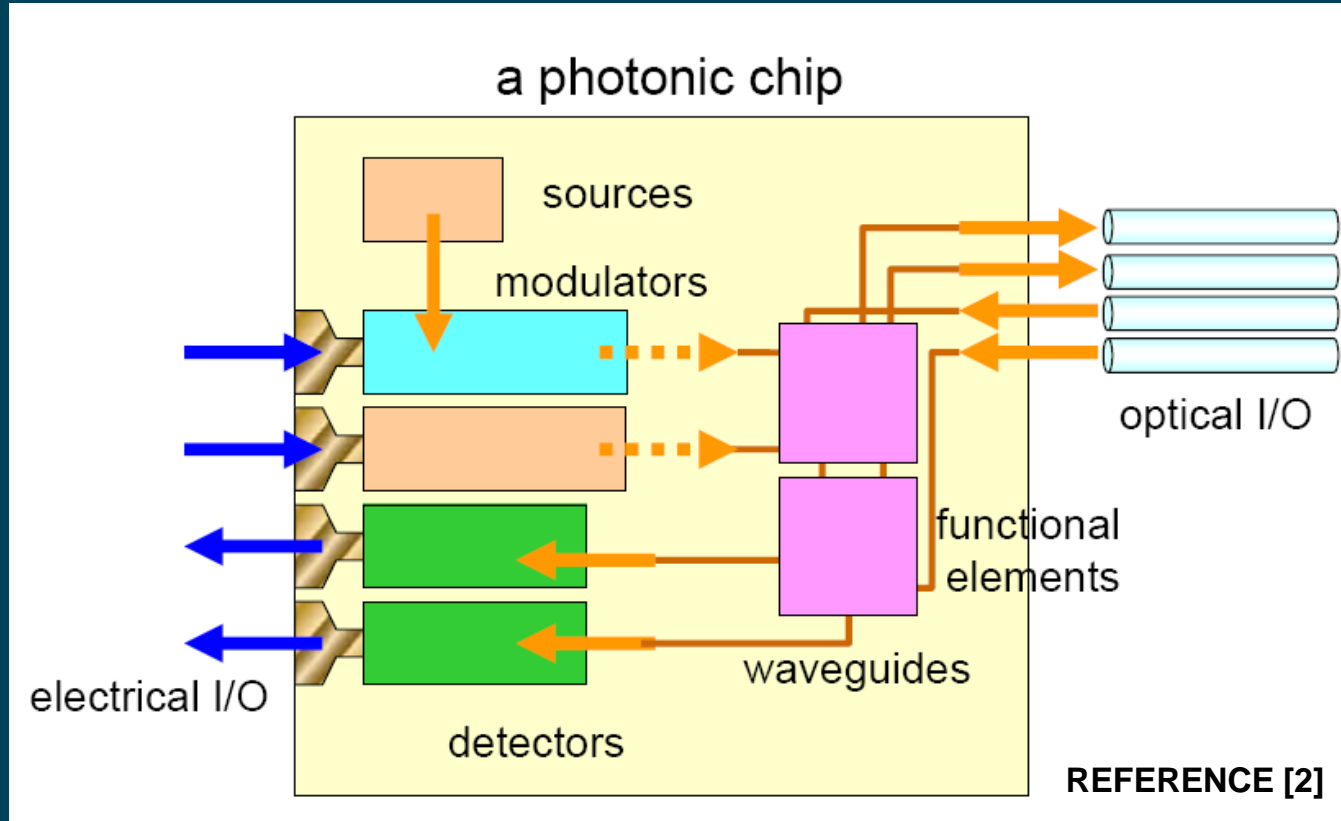
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- Test Requirements
- Probing Challenges
- Volume Production Challenges
- Test Cell
- Software Requirements
- Conclusions

Silicon Photonics CMOS Line Process

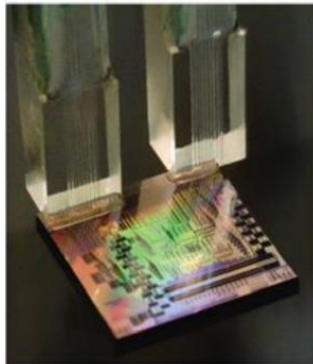
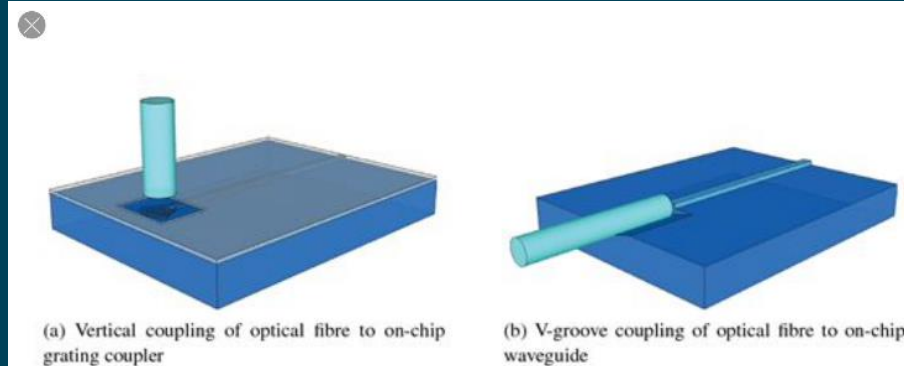


- Silicon photonics design can now be manufactured using a standard CMOS line (except the laser).
- This opens silicon photonics to the same cost structure advantages that standard CMOS ICs have benefited.

Silicon Photonics ICs

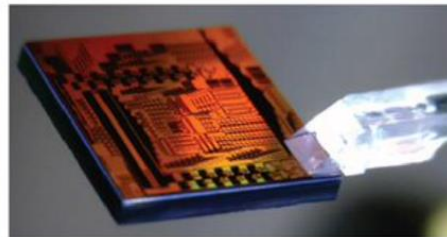


Connecting a Optical Fiber to the Silicon Die Optical Waveguide

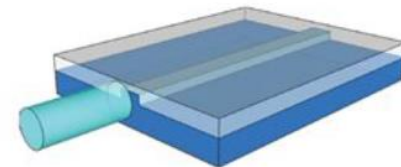


(a) Vertical mounting.

VERTICAL COUPLING



(b) Horizontal mounting using reflector.



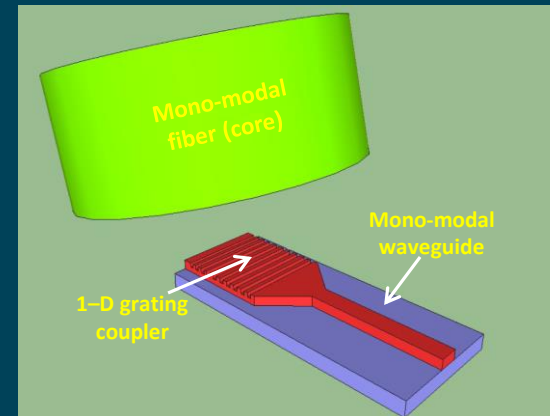
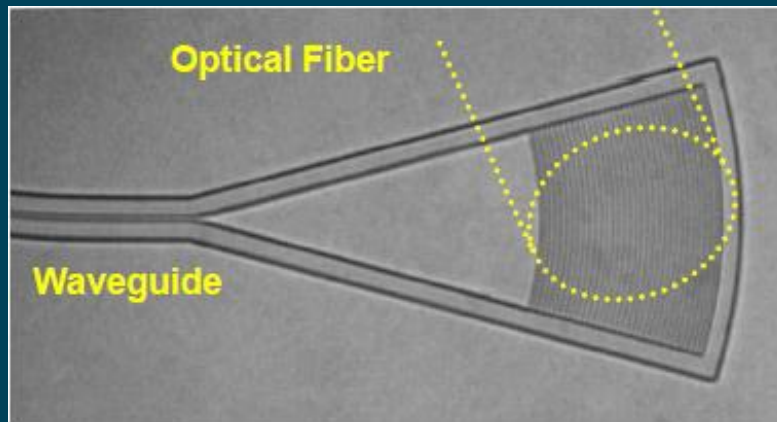
(c) Edge-coupled optical fibre to on-chip waveguide

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Transmitter Side: Optical Coupler

1-D Grating Couplers

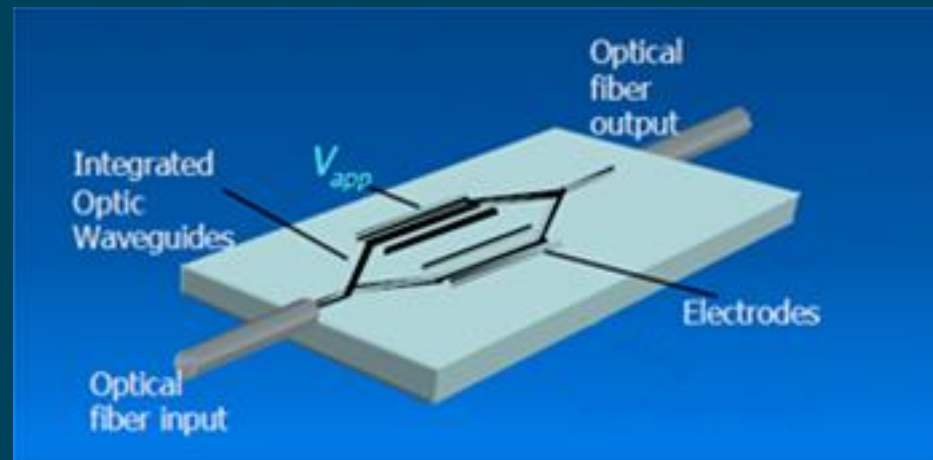
- Coupling a fiber to a waveguide is like trying to fill a water bottle with a fire hose, using a straw as connection (fiber core $\sim 300 \mu\text{m}^2$, waveguide core section $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}^2$).
- The grating coupler connects the fiber to the waveguide thanks to a taper that fits the width of the grating to the waveguide section area.



Transmitter Side: Optical Modulator

MZ Modulator

- Refractive index changes with the electric field applied into the semi-conductors (free carrier plasma dispersion effect).
- Changing the electric field along a waveguide allows to introduce a phase shift between the paths in order to achieve the signal modulation:
 1. An opposite phase situation between the parallel paths (no signal on output).
 2. An in-phase situation between the parallel paths (signal on output).

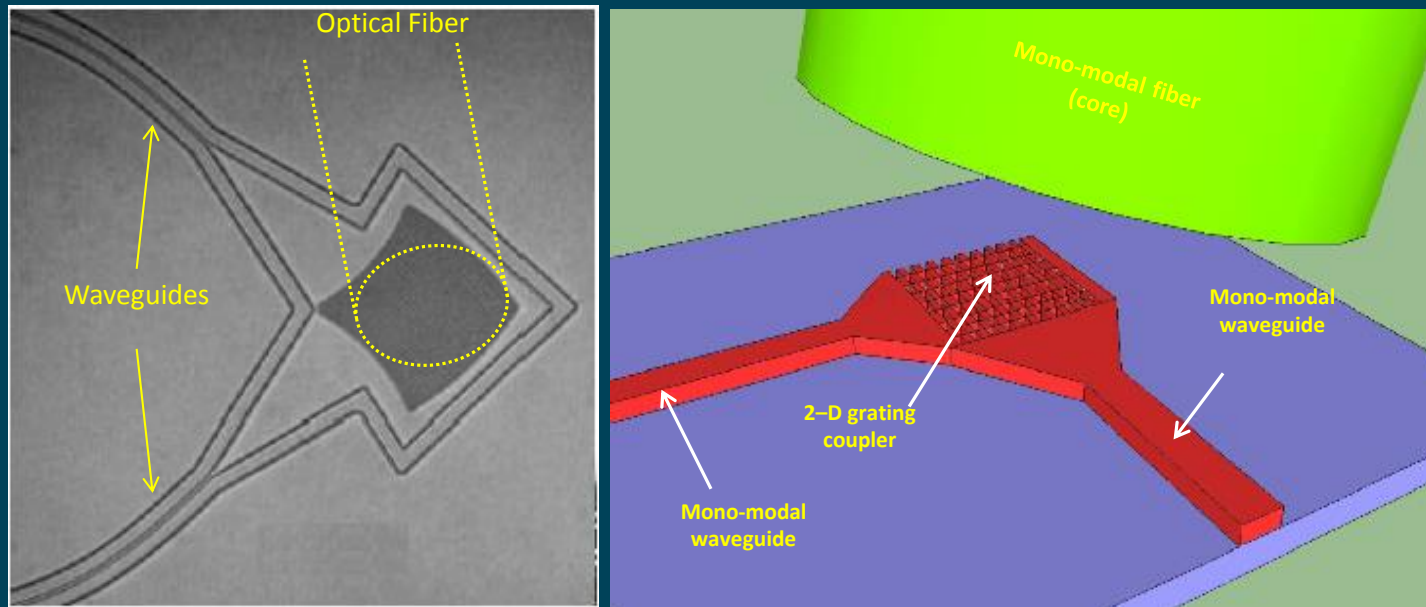


A Silicon Photonics Wafer Probing Test Cell

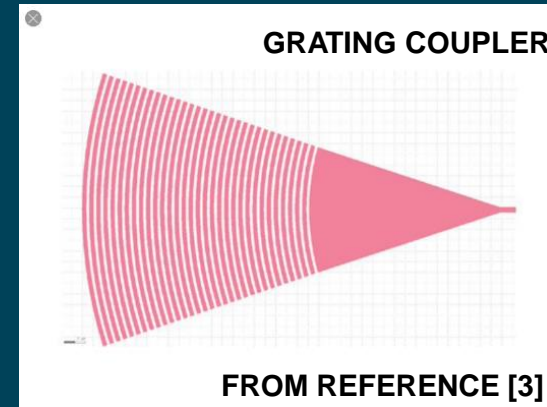
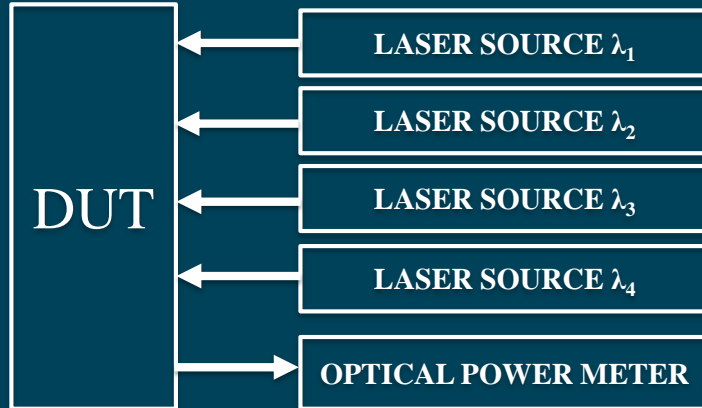
Receiver Side: Optical Coupler

2-D Grating Couplers

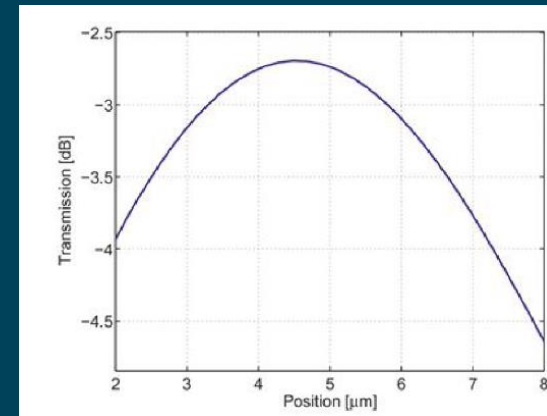
- The bi-dimensional grating coupler is made of two overlapped mono-dimensional gratings rotated by 90 degrees with two waveguides that couple two orthogonal states of polarizations.



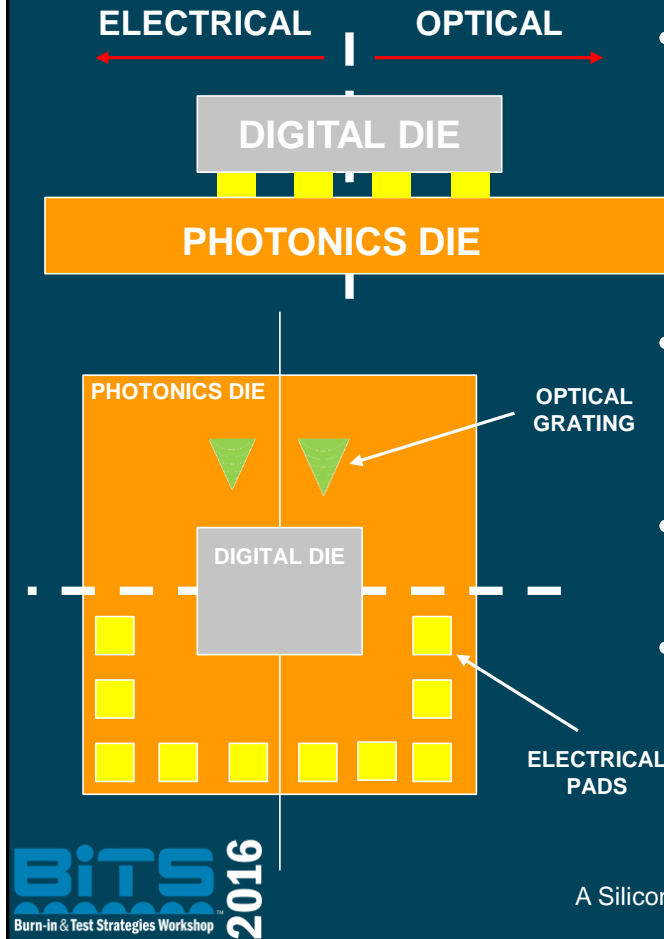
Test Requirements and Challenges



- Multiple laser sources are required.
- The optical fibers in a fiber array need to be aligned to the grating coupler in the die.



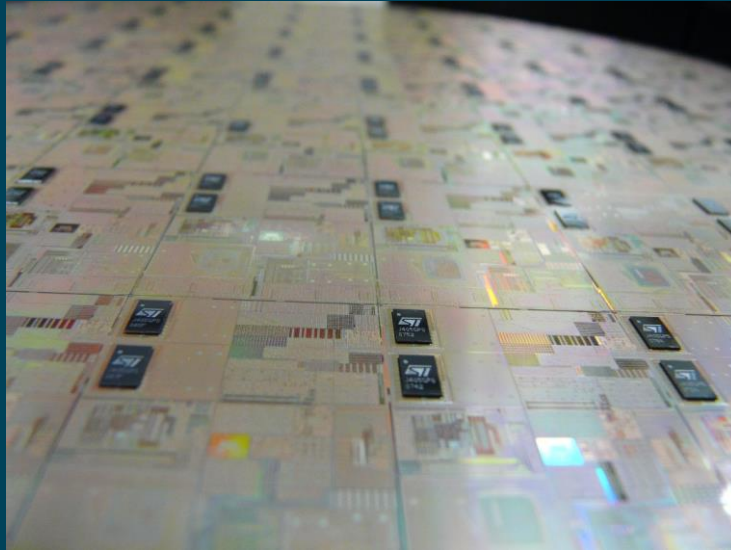
Probing Challenges



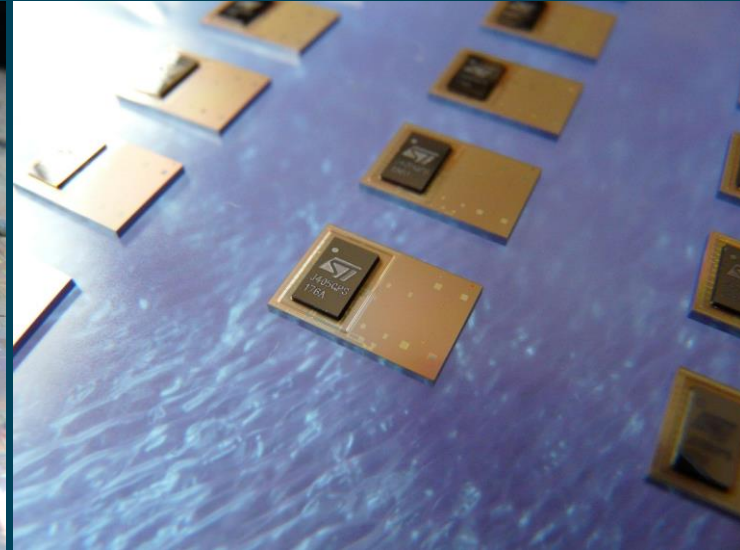
- By separating the digital and photonics parts into two separate dies it is possible to take maximum advantage of each process.
- The digital die can be tested using a standard electrical wafer probing approach.
- Both dies are stacked using copper pillars.
- The challenge is testing the die electrical and photonics sides at the same time.

Silicon Photonics Die Example

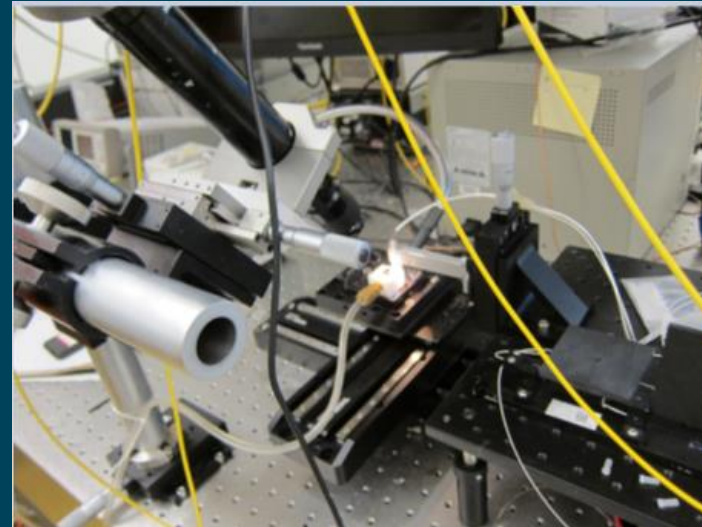
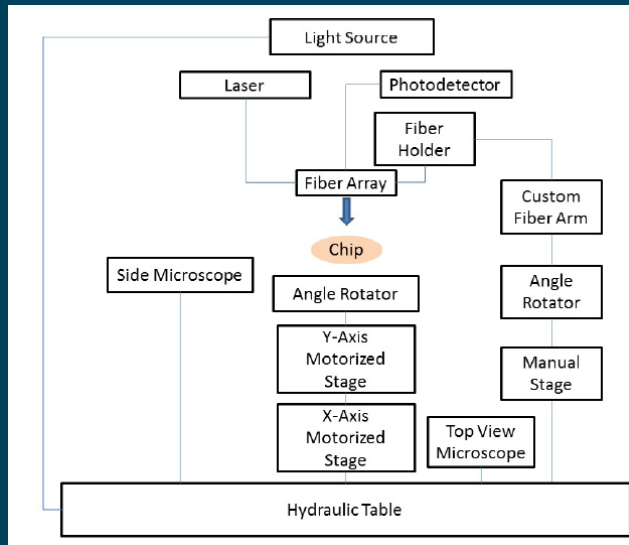
300 mm Wafer



Singulated Dies



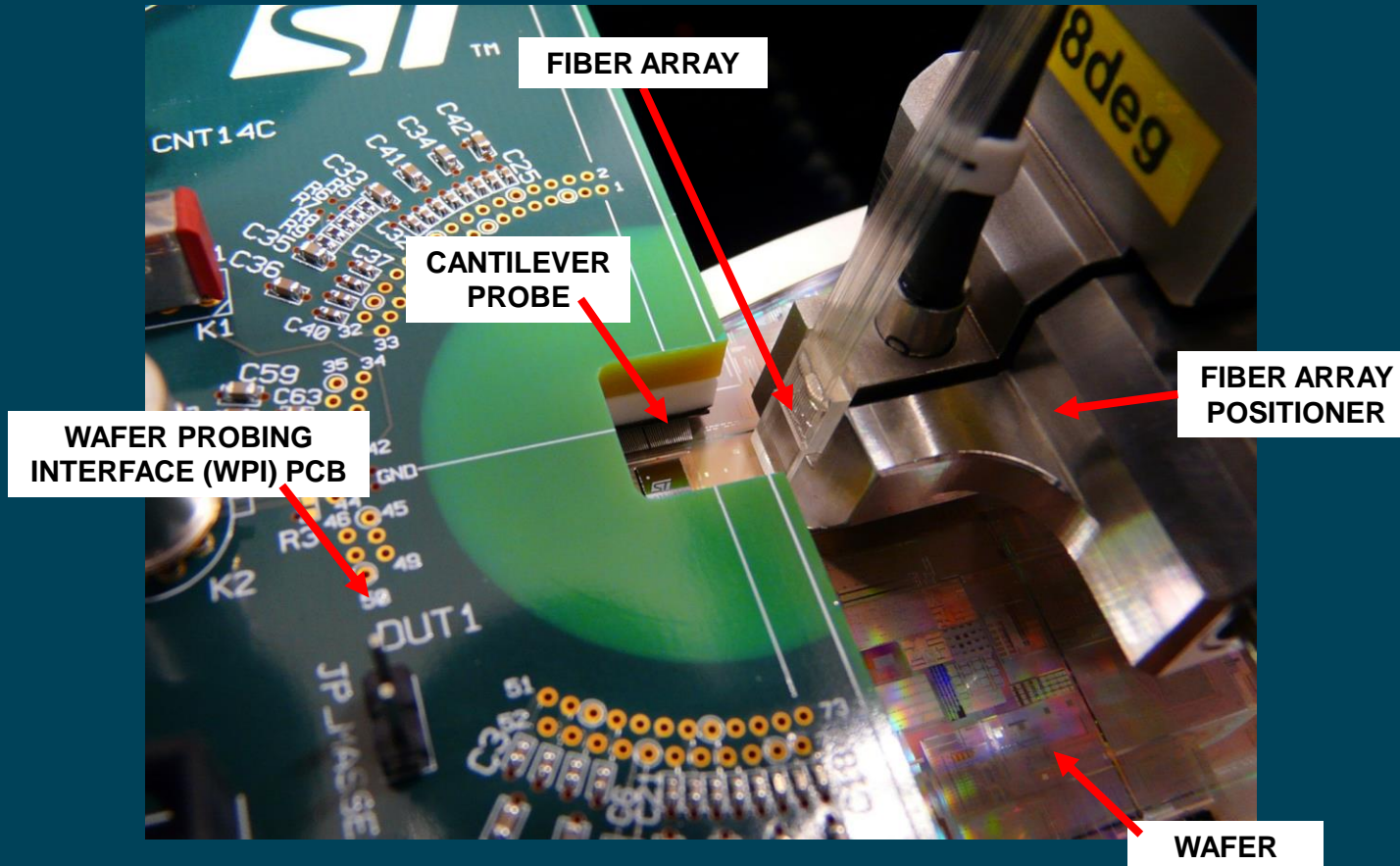
Photonics Die Measurement Approaches



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Although die level measurement approaches have been presented for photonics applications, they are mainly intended for lab characterization measurements and not volume production

Proof of Concept Wafer Probing Setup

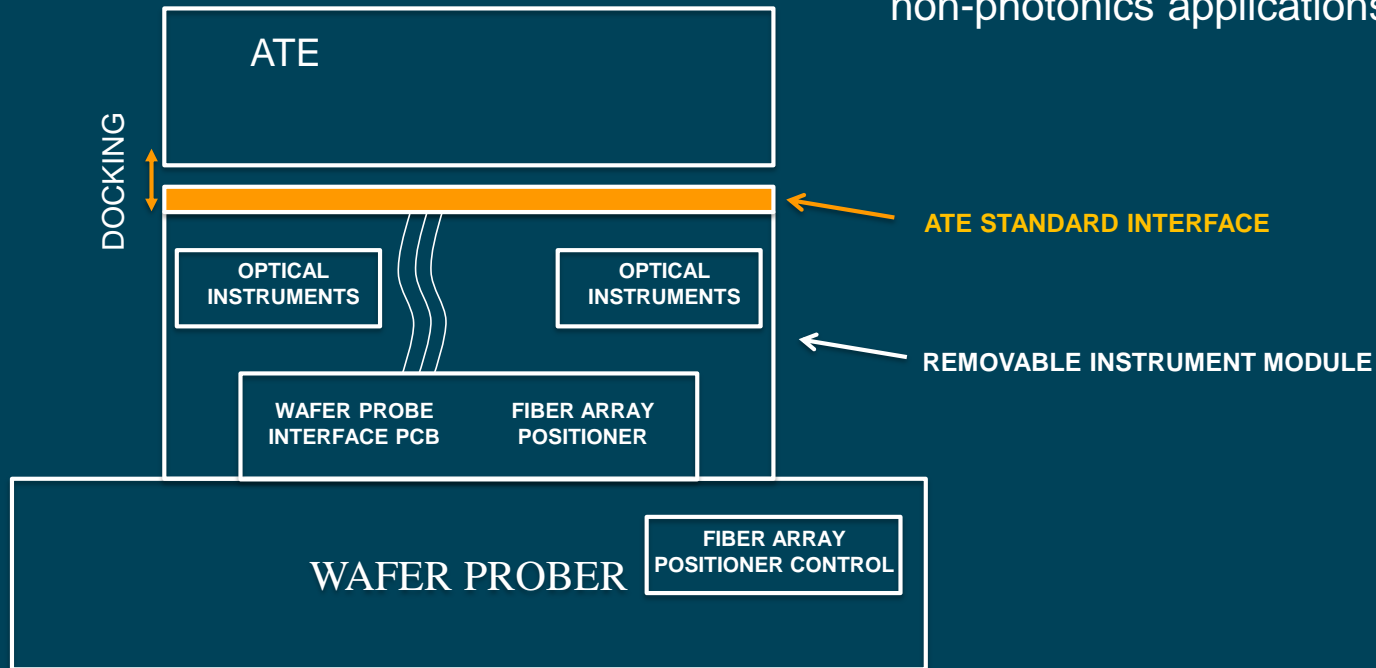


Volume Production Challenges

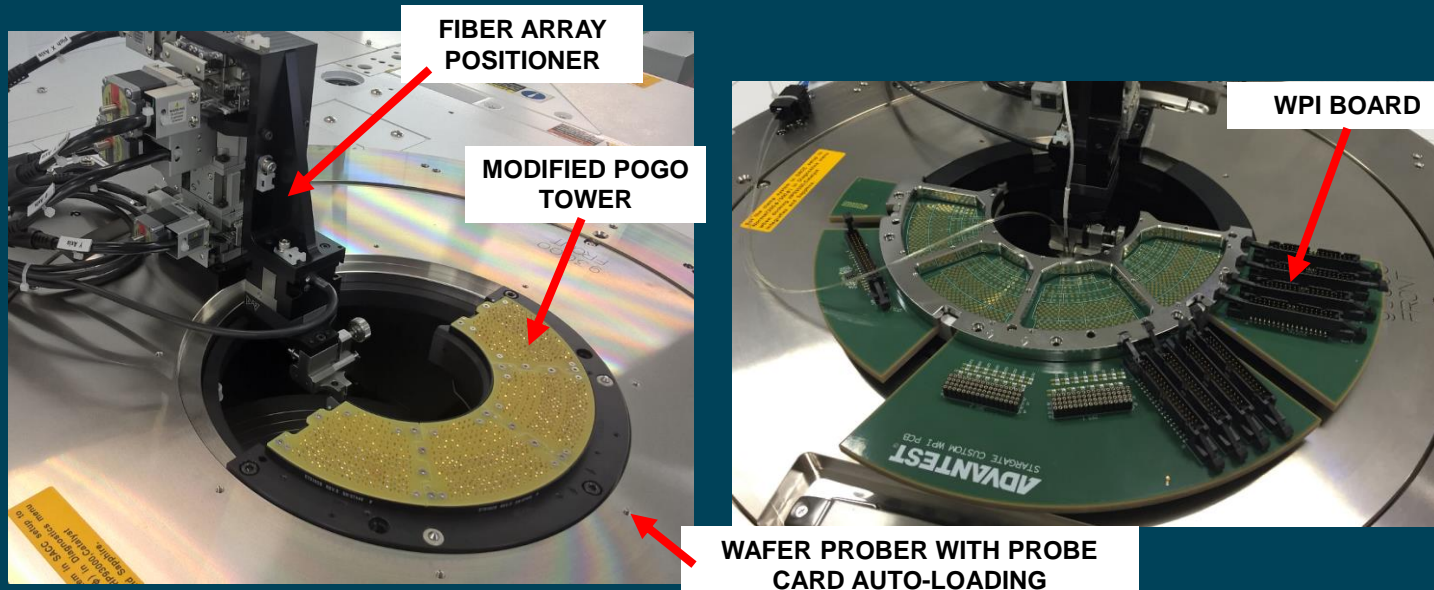
- The optical side requires the fiber array to be aligned with precision on top of the grating coupler.
- The alignment of the fiber array needs to be done as fast as possible to minimize test time.
- Probe card needs to use standard wafer prober auto-loading.

Wafer Probing Test Cell

The ATE system can be undocked and used for other non-photonics applications

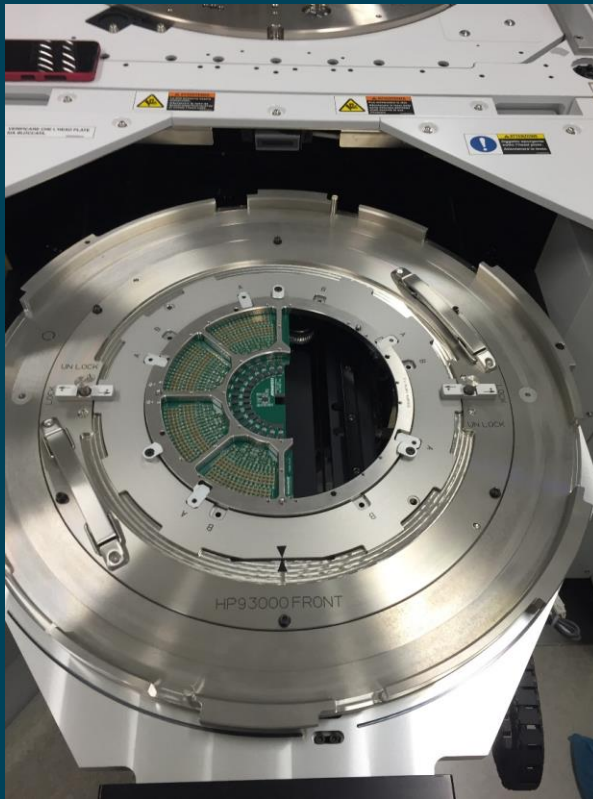


Wafer Probing Approach

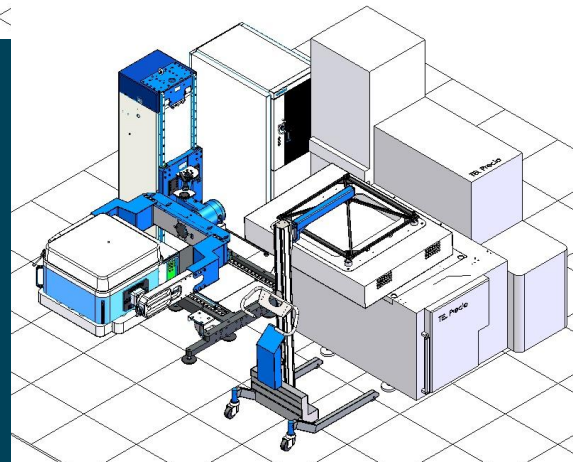
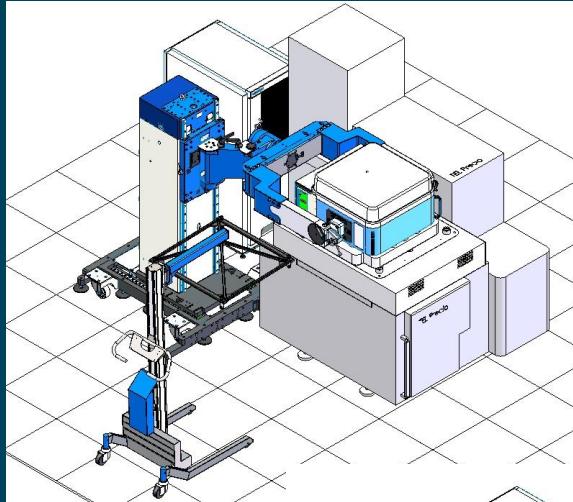


- Instrument measurement module is not shown in this picture.
- Special hardware is required to align the fiber to the probecard and the wafer.
- A modified “half-moon” pogo tower was designed to keep the photonics probing area free for the fiber array positioner movement.

Test Probe Card Auto-Loading

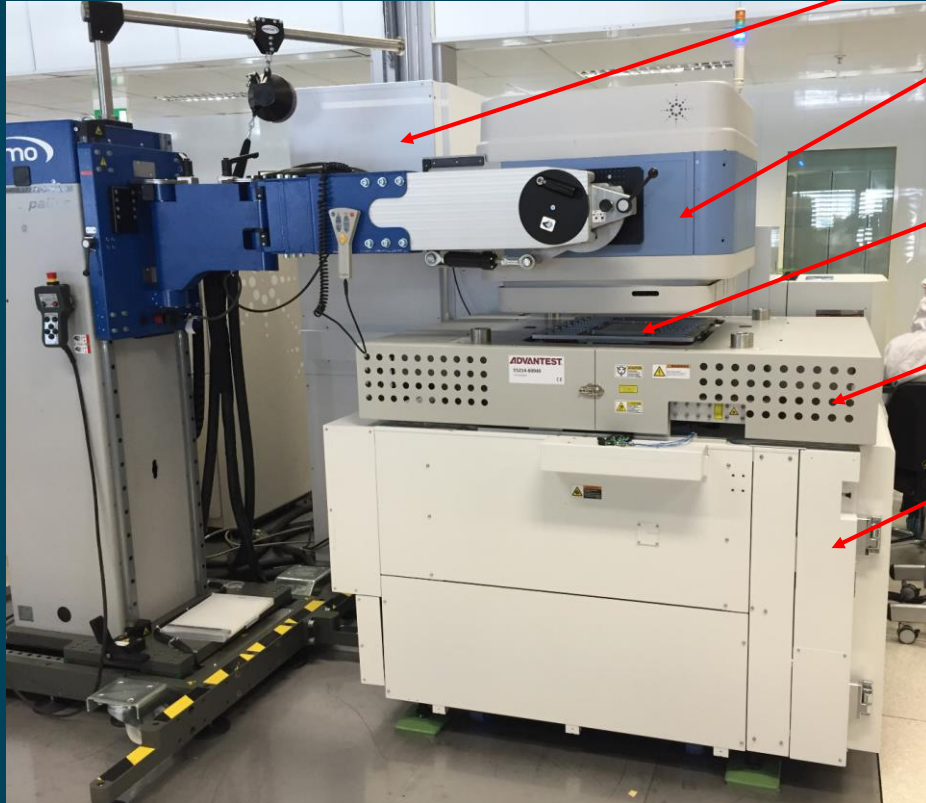


Test Cell



- The testcell includes a cart to lift the instrument module unit for prober maintenance.
- Because both the ATE system and the prober system are standard units, the test cell can be used for non silicon photonics applications if needed with a minimal effort.

Test Cell



PROBER INSTRUMENT RACK
FOR PHOTONICS

ATE

ATE STANDARD DOCKING
INTERFACE

REMOVABLE INSTRUMENT
MODULE WITH LASERS AND
POWER METERS

WAFER PROBER
(ALSO CONTROLS THE FIBER
ARRAY POSITIONER)

Software

- All laser sources and optical power meters in the instrument module are controlled via the ATE software using a GPIB interface.
- The ATE software also communicates with the wafer prober via a separate GPIB connection.
- Dedicated software is required for the fine alignment of the fiber array to the die.

Conclusions

- To achieve a high failure coverage at a low cost for silicon photonics products it is critical to test at wafer level in a production worthy test cell that can be deployed in an OSAT environment.
- Silicon photonics requires a merger of traditional digital ATE testing with silicon photonics testing requirements.
- To keep costs low it is critical not only to reuse standard equipment as much as possible but also to avoid a fully customized and dedicated silicon photonics test cell.

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