ECE 546
Lecture -29
Packaging Technologies

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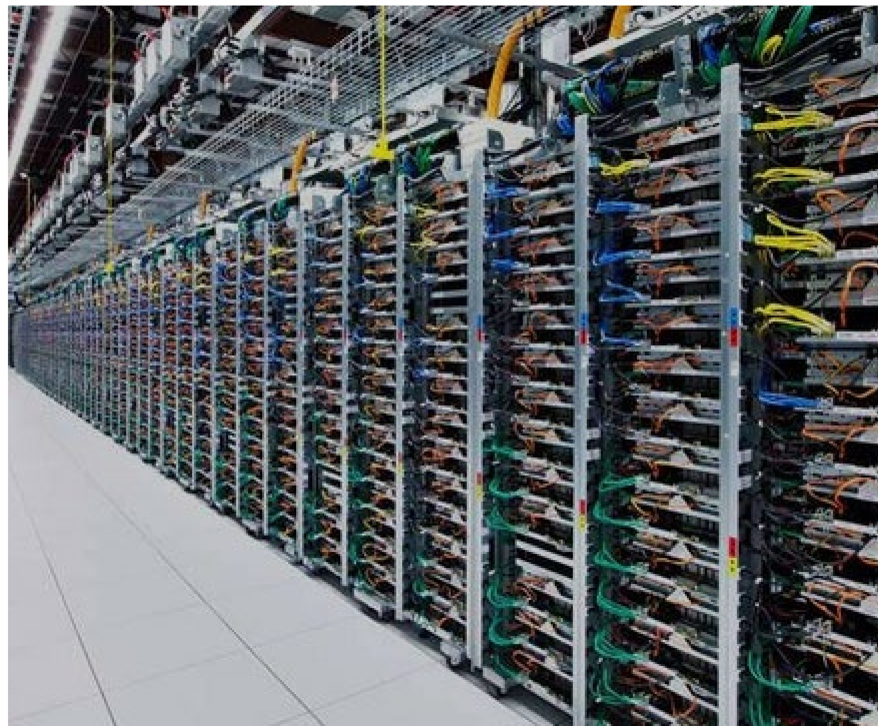
Need for Heterogeneous Integration - 1

AI Requirements

Training a large language model like GPT-3, for example, is estimated to use just under **1,300 megawatt hours (MWh)** of electricity; about as much power as consumed annually by 130 US homes. To put that in context, streaming an hour of Netflix requires around 0.8 kWh (0.0008 MWh) of electricity. That means you'd have to watch 1,625,000 hours to consume the same amount of power it takes to train GPT-3.



Source: James Vincent, How much electricity does AI consume? The Verge - 2/16/2024
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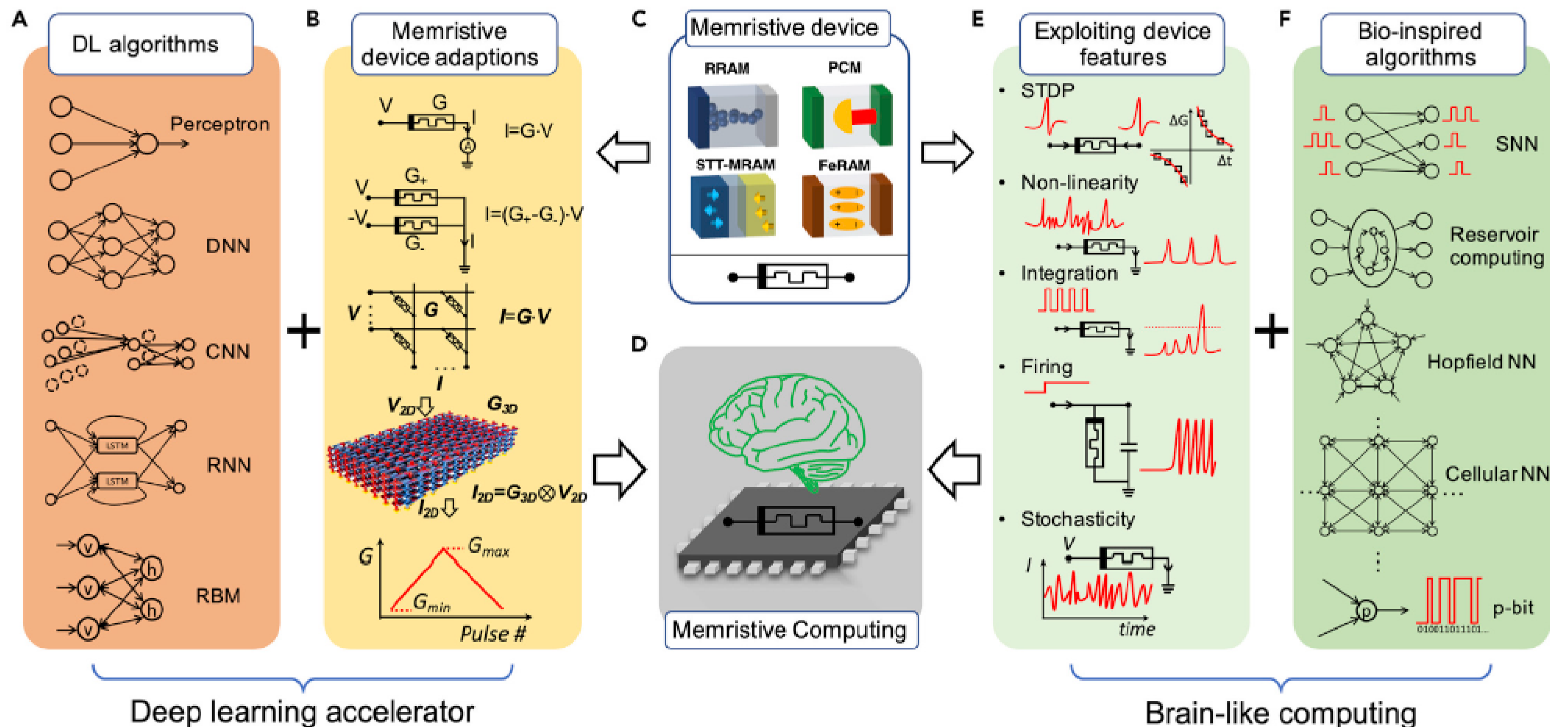
Need for Heterogeneous Integration - 2

Brain-Inspired Computing



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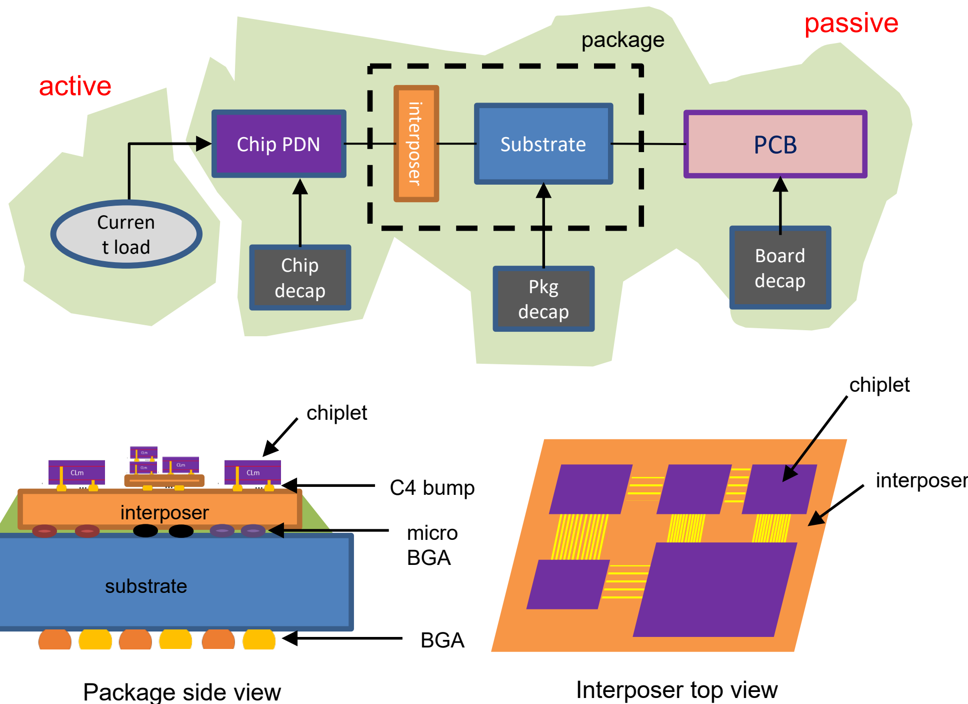
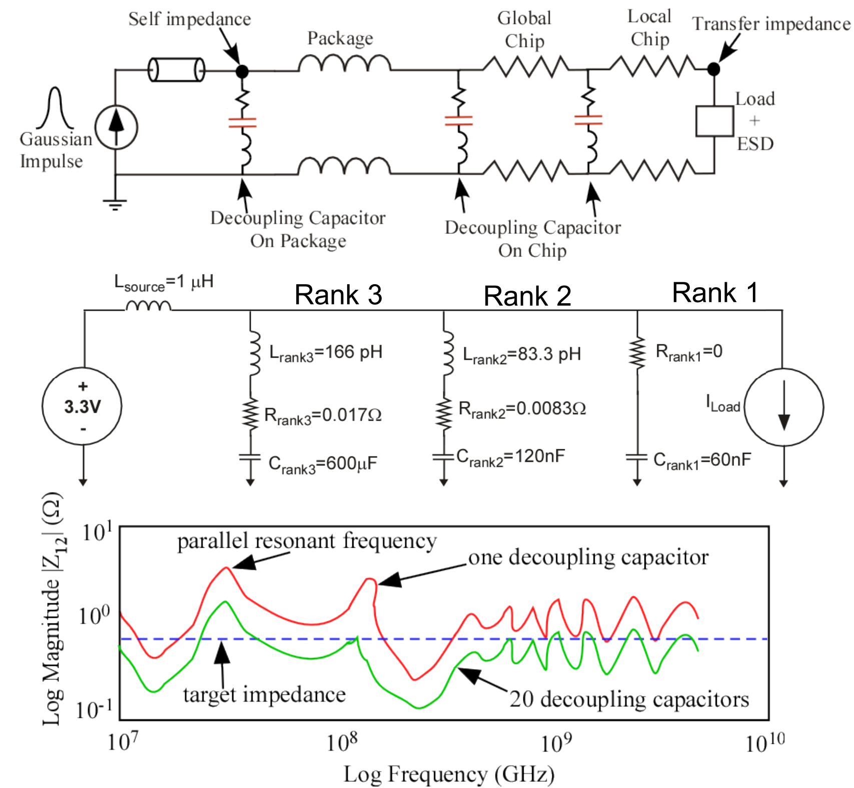
Need for Heterogeneous Integration - 3

Chiplet PDN

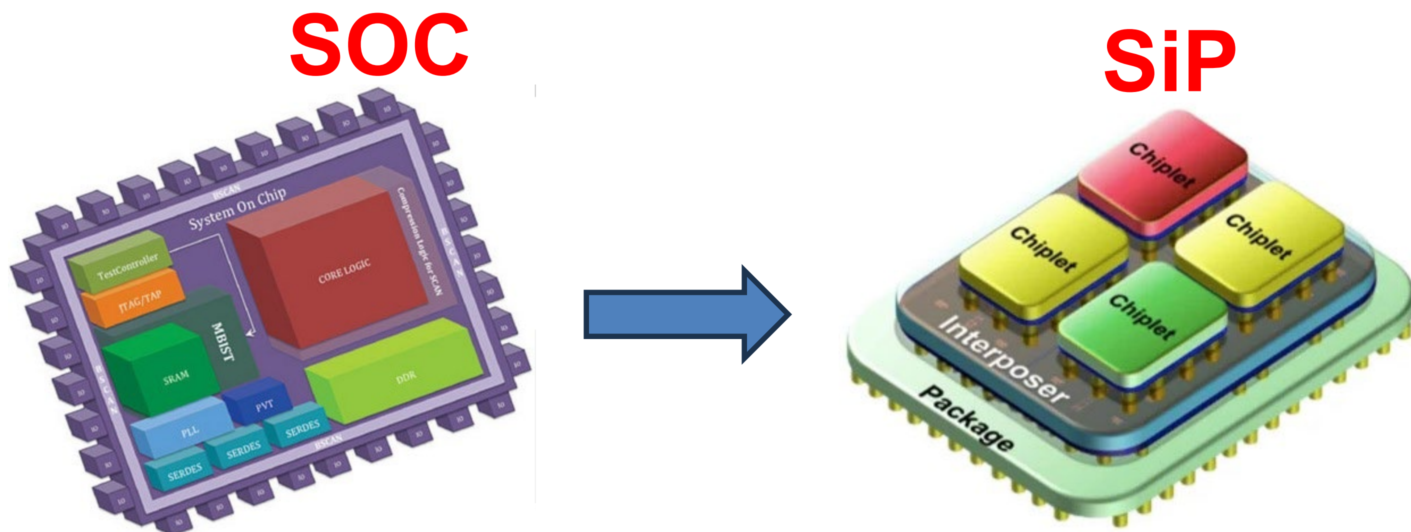




Need for Heterogeneous Integration - 4

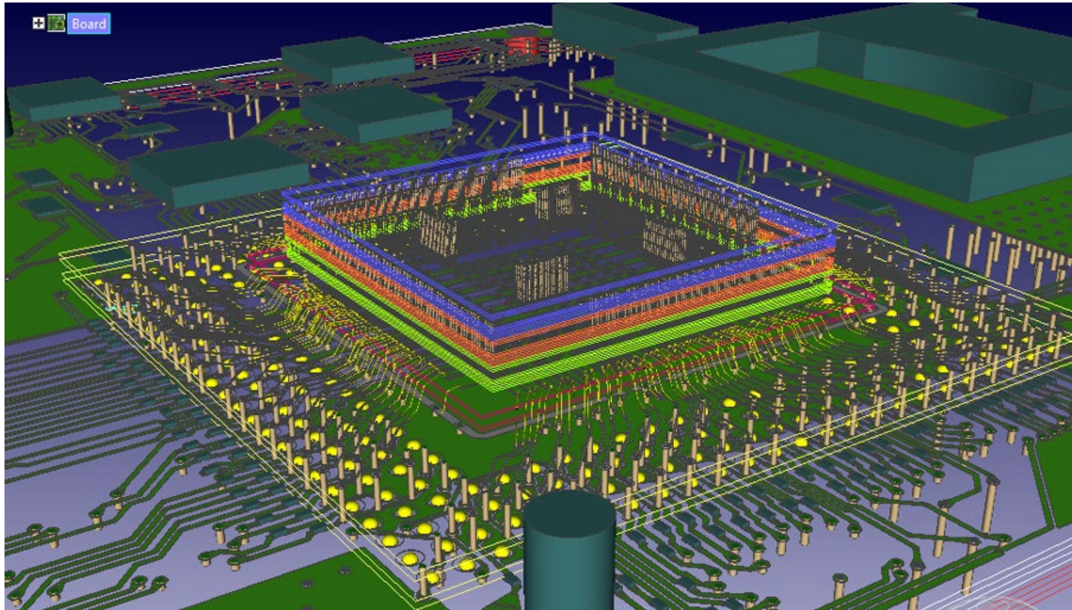
The Problem of Disaggregation

Architecting an IC as a chiplet-based SiP rather than a SoC is referred to as disaggregation of function. Today, it is performed *ad hoc*; there is no established methodology to optimize the disaggregation, i.e., to determine how many separate chiplets should be used in order to meet specifications. Once chiplet design is democratized, there will be more choices from different vendors which could make the process more chaotic.



Heterogeneous Integration

- Focus on minimizing energy and delay
- Identify and address conflicting requirements,
- Take advantage of novel interconnect technologies
- Leverage from AI methodologies
- Address design and computational complexity



System-Level Integration (Microelectronic Packaging)

Semiconductor

* Unprecedented Innovations in CMOS, Si-Ge,Copper Wiring
* Fundamental technical Limits

Electronic Systems

* Computers, telecom & Consumer Products Merge
* Portable, Wireless, & Internet Accessible
* Very Low Cost & Very High Performance

Microelectronic Packaging

* High Cost, Low Performance, Low Reliability
* Lack of Skilled Human Resources

Packaging Challenges

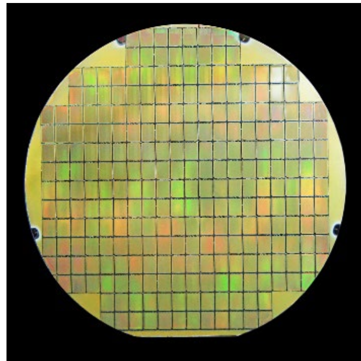
- Package is bottleneck to system performance

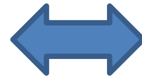
- Package cost is increasing percentage of system cost

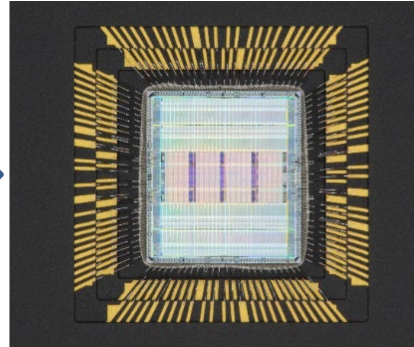
- Package limits IC technology

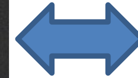
- On-chip system can outperform package capability

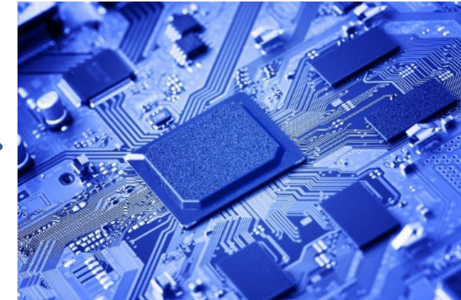
Levels of Integration











CHIP

- Transistors
- Nonlinear
- SPICE
- Scaling with tech

PACKAGE

- Interconnects
- Linear
- EM Tools
- Scaling with λ

BOARD

- Transmission lines, sensors
- Linear+Nonlinear
- EM Extraction, SPICE, IBIS,…
- Scaling with λ

Advantages of SOC

* Fewer Levels of Interconnections

* Reduced Size and Weight

* Merging of Voice, Video, Data,...

Arguments against SOC

* Challenges too Big

* Legal issues

Challenges for SOC

* Different Types of Devices

* Single CMOS Process for RF and Digital

* Design Methodology not available

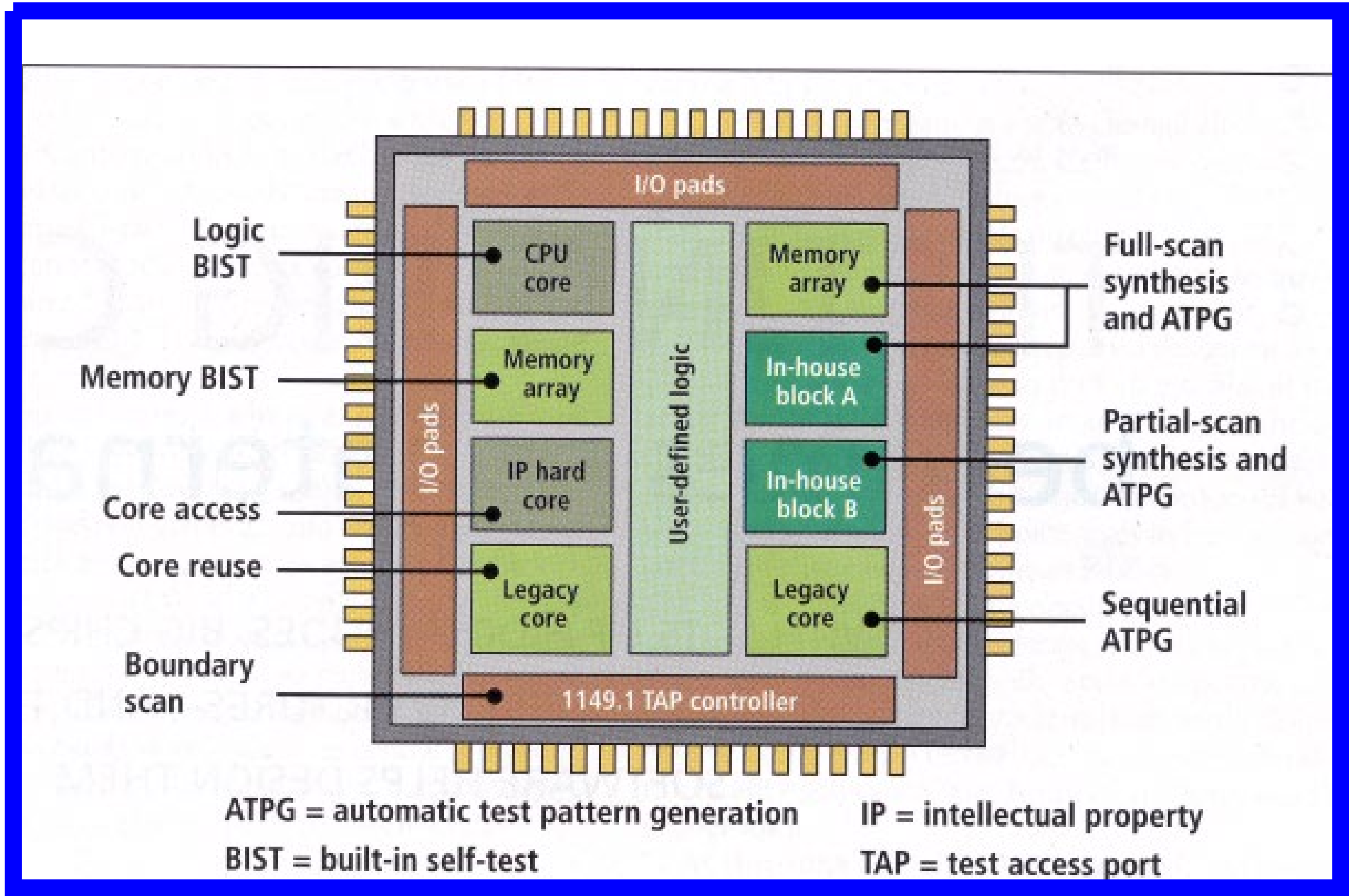
* EDA Tools cannot handle level of complexity

* Intellectual Property

* Signal Integrity

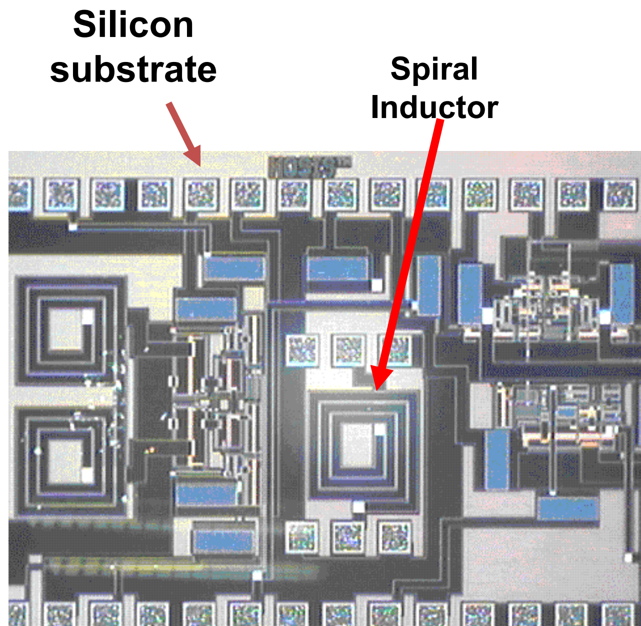
* High-Power Requirements of PA

System on a Chip (SOC)



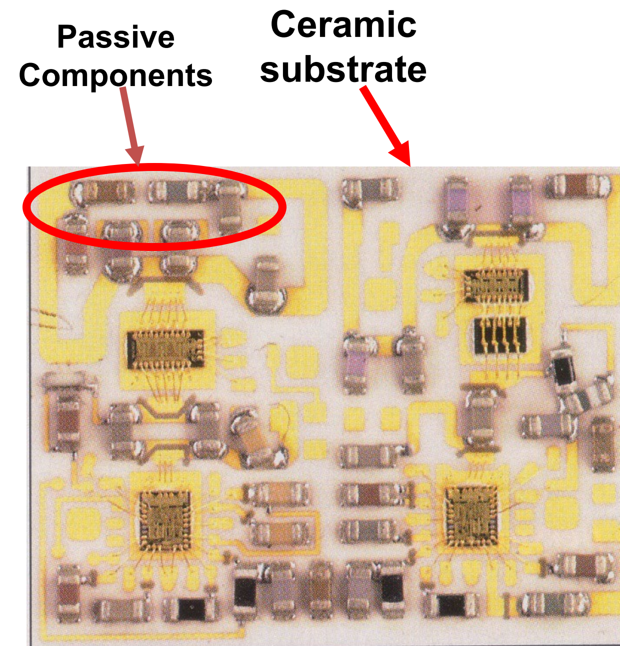
SOC vs SOP

System on Chip



Voltage Controlled Oscillator
(UIUC-CAD group – 1999)

System on Package

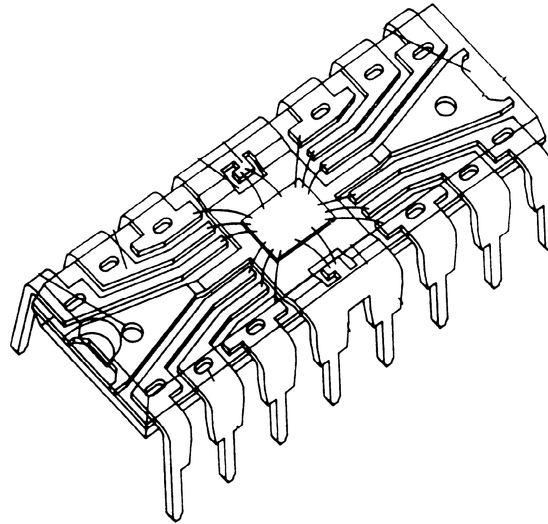


Triple-band GSM/EDGE Power Amp Module
(RF Design Magazine – 4/02)

SOP vs SOC

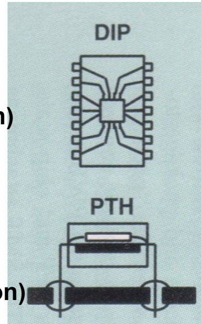
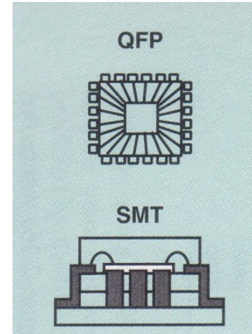
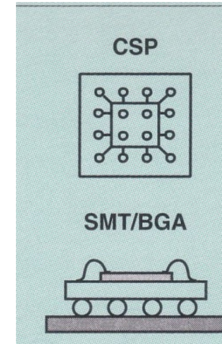
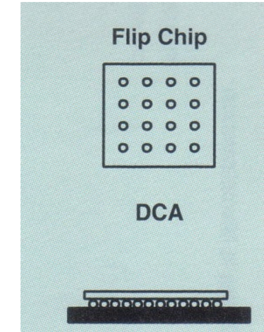
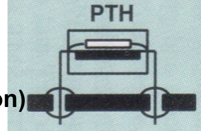
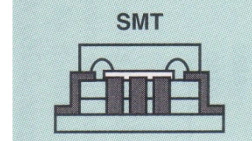
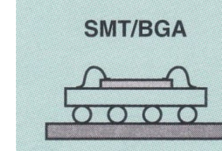
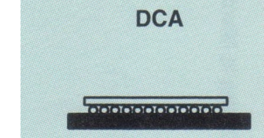
	SOP	SOC
Low cost consumer products (<$200)	YES	YES
Portable products ($200-$2000)	YES	NO
Single processor products ($1-$5K)	YES	NO
High Performance Products (>5K)	YES	NO
Automotive and Space Applications	YES	NO

Dual-in-Line (DIP) Package



- Mounted on PWB in pin-through-hole (PTH) configuration
- Chip occupies less than 20% of total space
- Lead frame with large inductance

Package Types

	DIP	QFP	CSP	Flip Chip
Top View (showing chip topackage connection)				
Plane View showing package to board connection)				

	DIP	QFP	CSP	Flip Chip
Chip Size (mm × mm)	5 ×5	16 × 16	25 ×25	36 × 36
Chip Perimeter (mm)	20	64	100	144
Number of I/Os	64	500	1600	3600
Chip Pad Pitch (μm)	312	128	625	600
Package Size (in × in)	3.3 × 1.0	2.0 × 2.0	1.0 × 1.0	1.4 × 1.4
Lead Pitch (mils)	100	16	25	24
Chip Area (mm^2)	25	256	625	1296
Feature Size (μm)	2.0	0.5	0.25	0.125
Gates/Chip	30K	300K	2M	10M
Max Frequency (MHz)	5	80	320	1280
Power Dissipation (W)	0.5	7.5	30	120
Chip Pow Dens (W/cm^2)	2.9	4.8	9.3	2.0
Pack Pow Dens (W/cm^2)	0.024	0.3	4.8	9.8
Supply Voltage (V)	5	3.3	2.2	1.5
Supply Current (A)	0.1	2.3	13.6	80

Substrate Materials

Material	Surface roughness (μm)	$10^4 \tan\delta$ at 10 GHz	ε_r	Thermal conductivity K (W/cm^2/^{o}C)	Dielectric strength (kV/cm)
Air (dry)	N/A	~0	1	0.00024	30
Alumina: 99.5% 96% 85%	 0.05-0.25 5-20 30-50	 1-2 6 15	 10.1 9.6 15	 0.37 0.28 0.2	 4×10^3 4×10^3 4×10^3
Sapphire	0.005-0.025	0.4-0.7	9.4,11.6	0.4	4×10^3
Glass, typical	0.025	20	5	0.01	-
Polyimide	-	50	3.2	0.002	4.3

Substrate Materials

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Irradiated polyolefin	1		2.3	0.001	~300
Quartz (fused) i.e. SiO2	0.006-0.025	1	3.8	0.01	10×10^3
Beryllia	0.05-1.25	1	6.6	2.5	-
Rutile	0.25-2.5	4	100		-
Ferrite/garnet	0.25	2	13-16	0.03	4×10^3

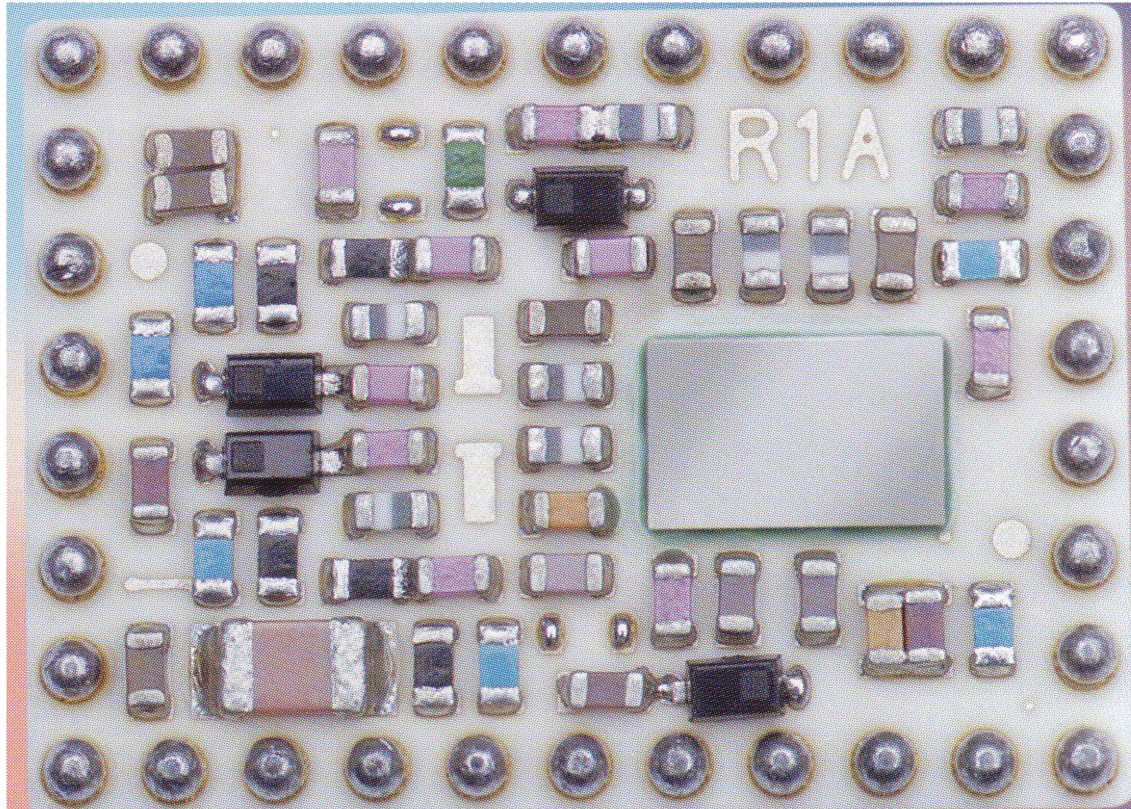
Substrate Materials

Material	Surface roughness (μm)	$10^4 \tan\delta$ at 10 GHz	ε_r	Thermal conductivity K (W/cm^2/^{o}C)	Dielectric strength (kV/cm)
FR4 circuit board	~6	100	4.3-4.5	0.005	-
RT-duroid 5880	0.75-1 4.25-8.75	5-15	2.16-2.24	0.0026	-
RT-duroid 6010	0.75-1 4.25-8.75	10-60	10.2-10.7	0.0041	-
AT-1000	-	20	10.0-13.0	0.0037	-
Cu-flon	-	4.5	2.1	-	-

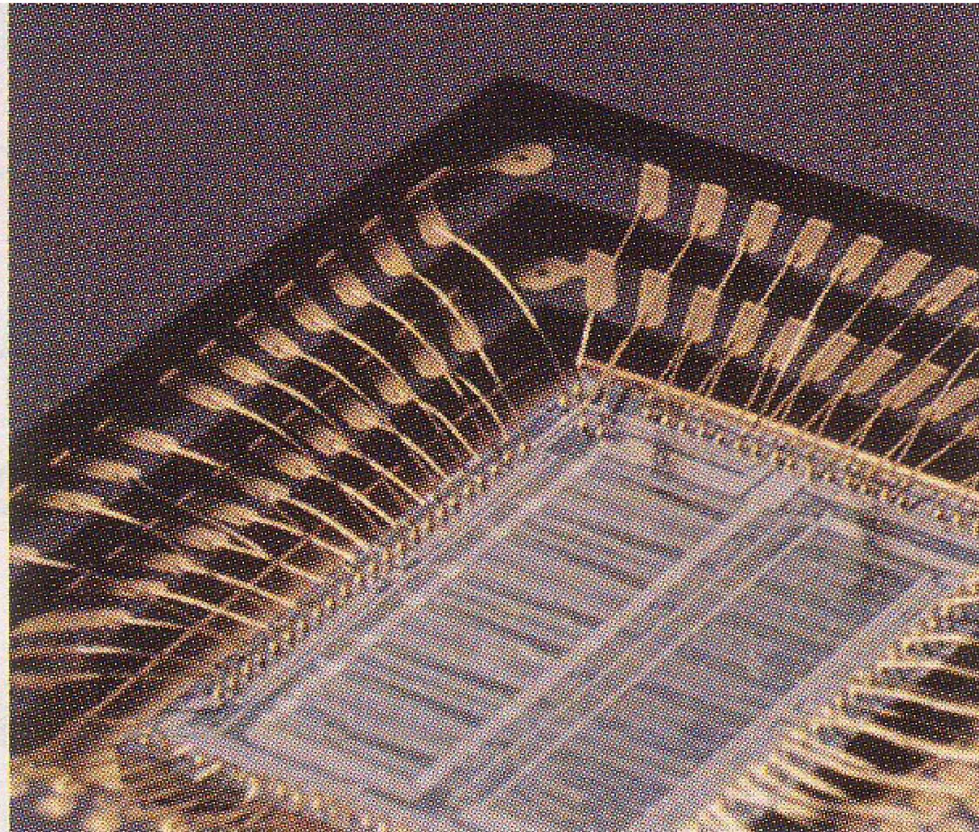
Substrate Materials

Material	Surface roughness (μm)	$10^4 \tan\delta$ at 10 GHz	ε_r	Thermal conductivity K ($W/cm^2/^oC$)	Dielectric strength (kV/cm)
Si (high resistivity)	0.025	10-100	11.9	0.9	300
GaAs	0.025	6	12.85	0.3	350
InP	0.025	10	12.4	0.4	350
SiO2 (on chip)	-	-	4.0-4.2	-	-
LTCC (typical green tape 951)	0.22	15	7.8	3	400

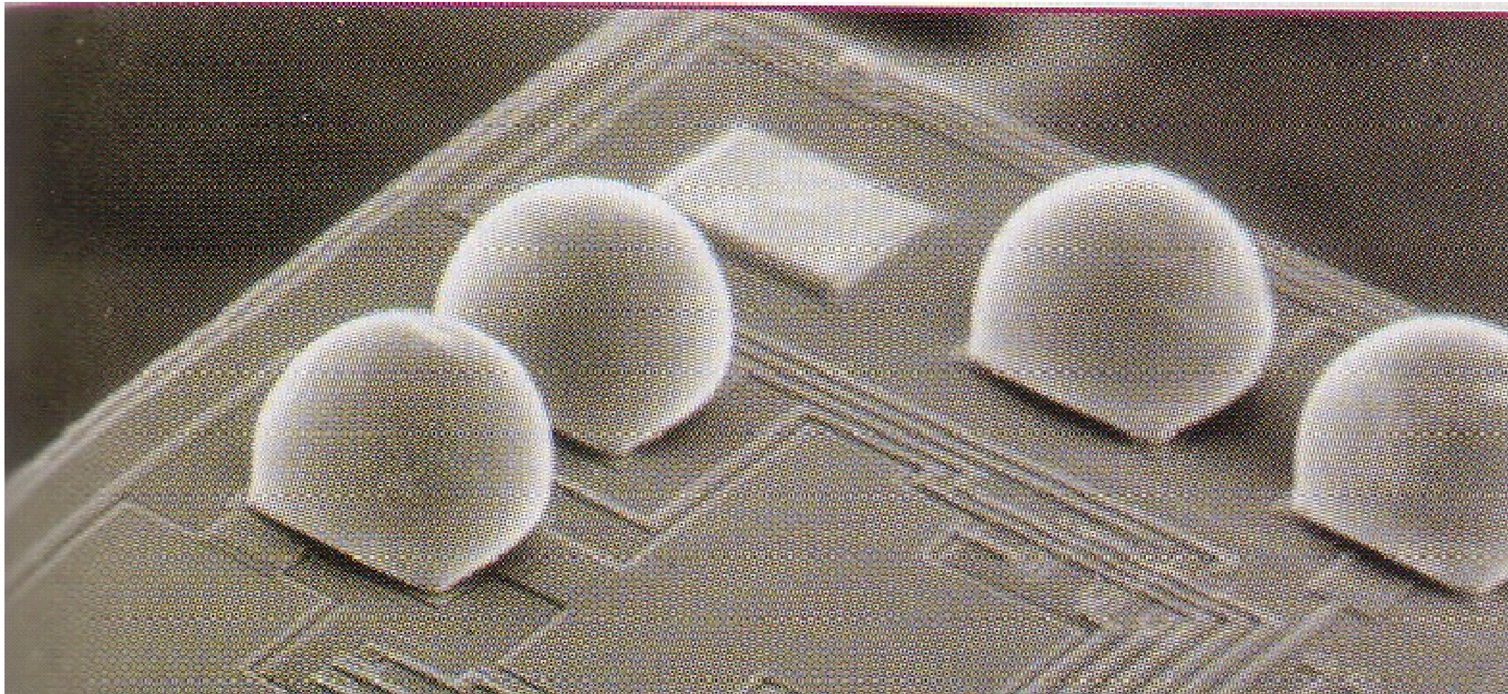
Ceramic Substrate



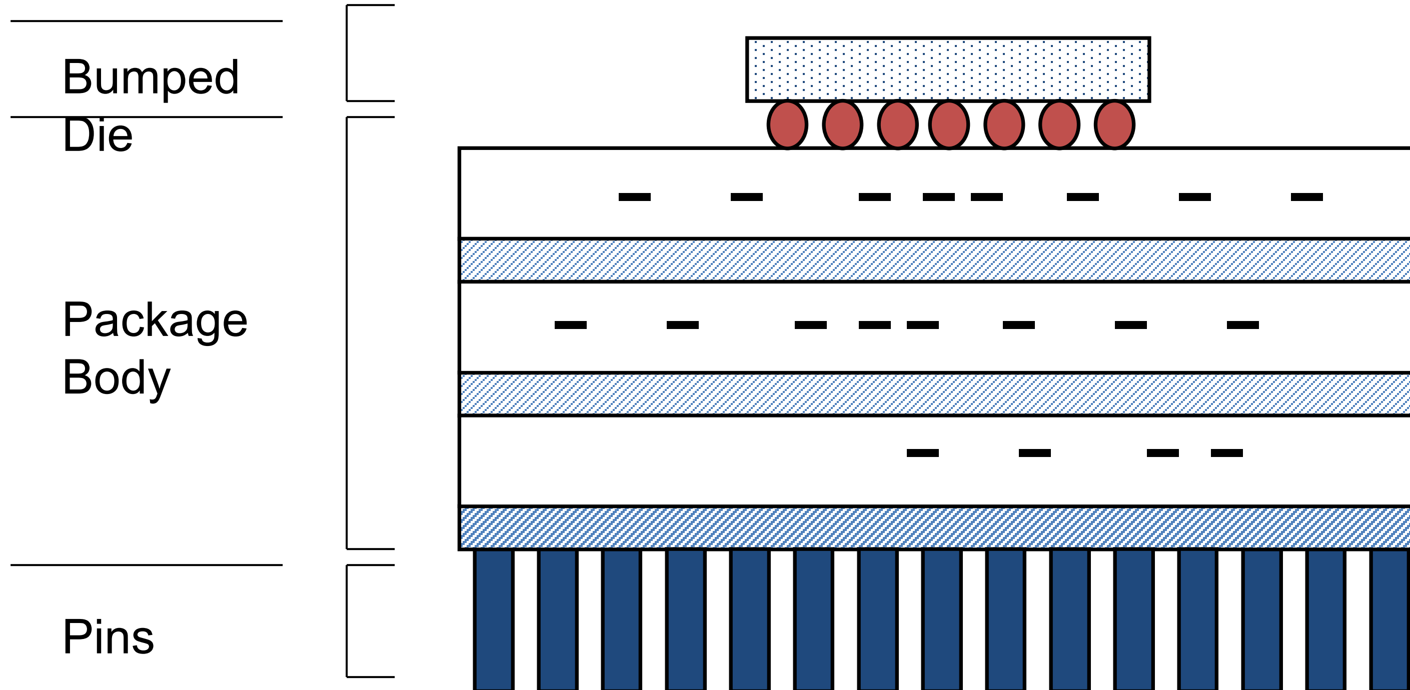
Stacked Wire Bonds



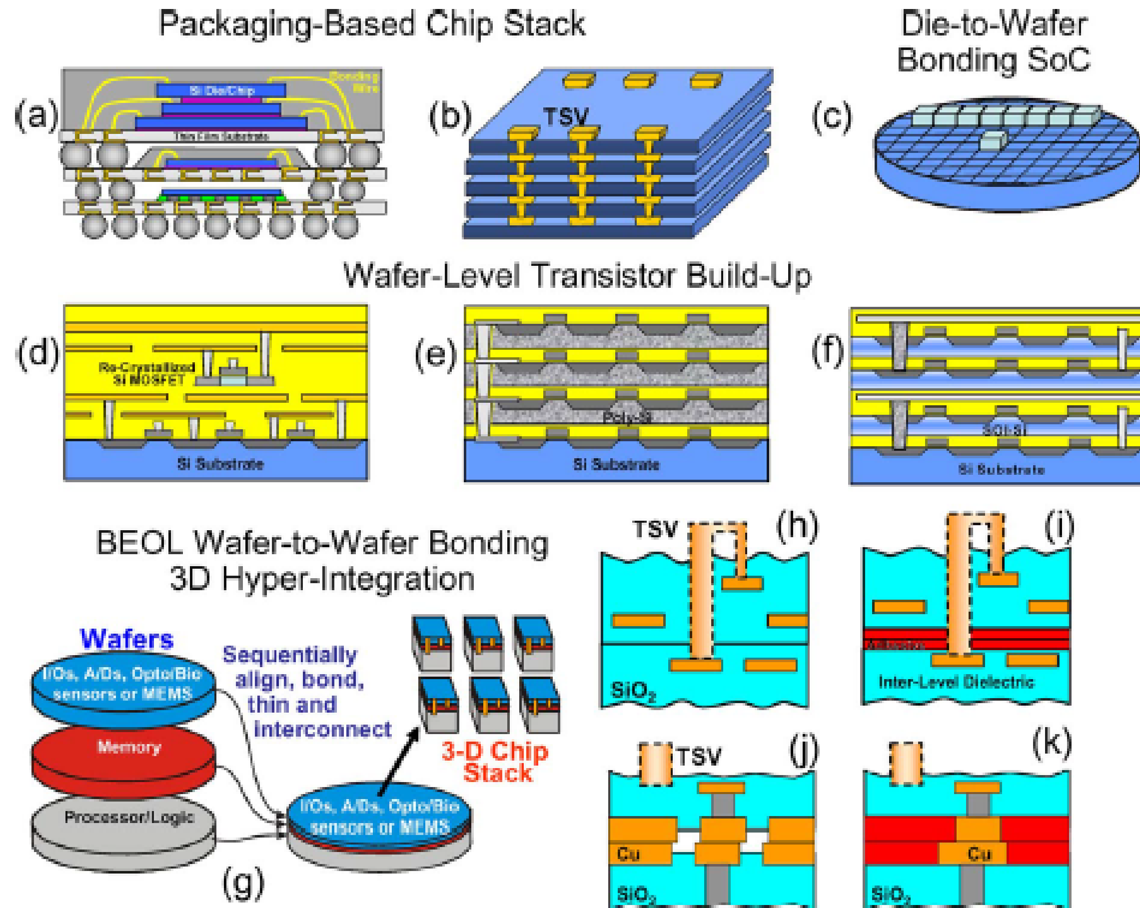
Ball Bonding for Flip Chip



Flip Chip Pin Grid Array (FC-PGA)



3D Packaging



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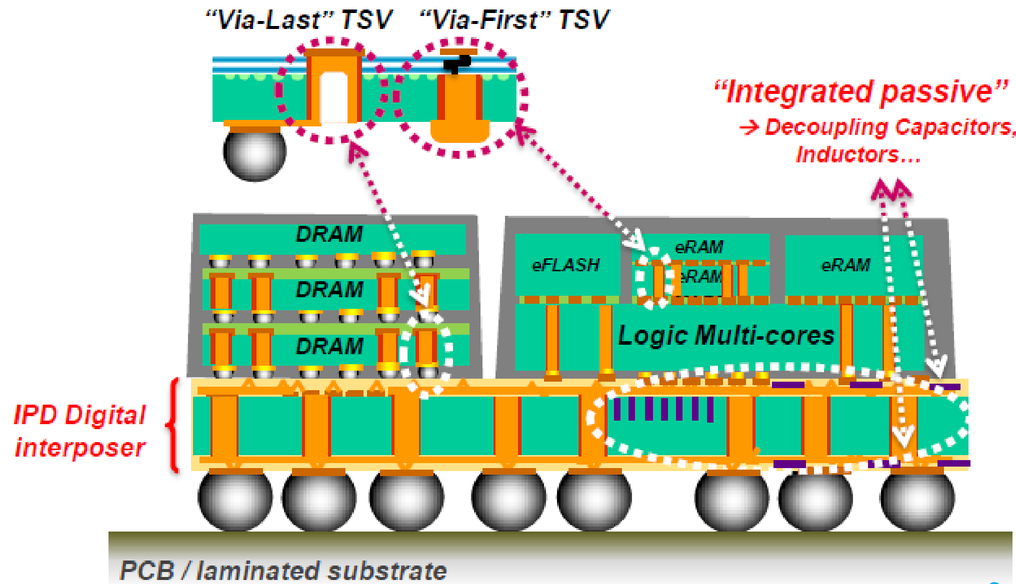

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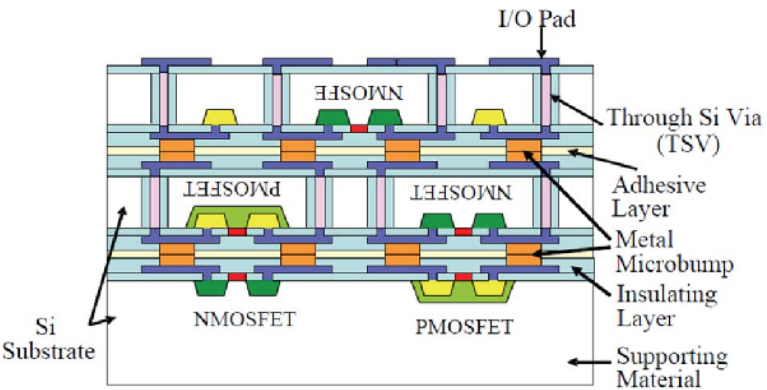
Key concepts

- Wires
  - shorter
  - lots of it
- Heterogeneous integration
  - Analog and digital
  - Technologies (GaAs and Si?)

3D Industry

- Samsung
  - 16Gb NAND flash (2Gx8 chips) Wide Bus DRAM
- Micron
  - Wide Bus DRAM
- Intel
  - CPU + Memory
- OKI
  - CMOS Sensor
- Xilinx
  - 4 die 65 nm interposer
- Raytheon/Ziptronix
  - PIN Detector Device
- IBM
  - RF Silicon Circuit Board/ TSV Logic & Analog
- Toshiba
  - 3D NAND

Through-Silicon Vias



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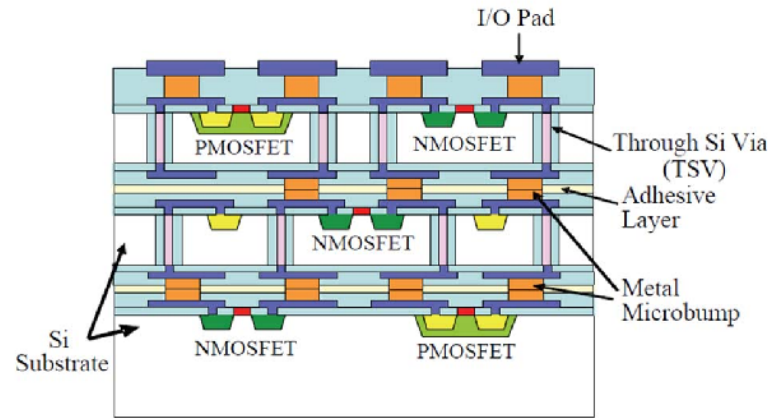

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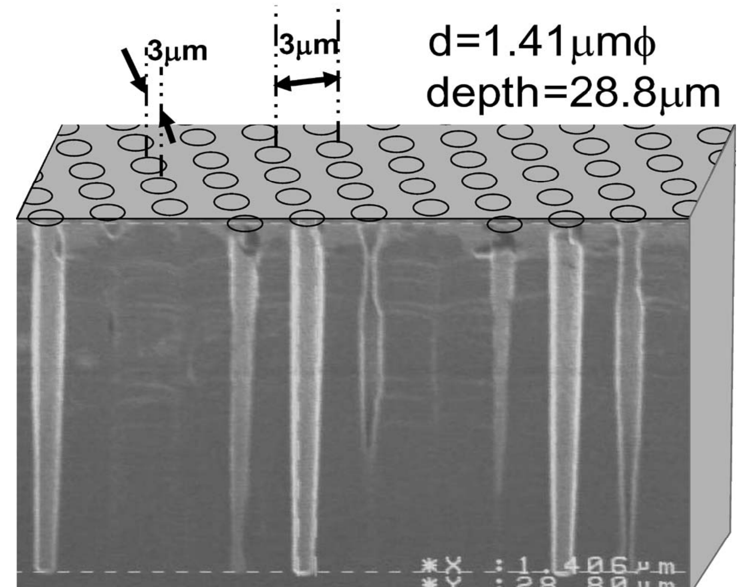

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TSV Density: $10/cm^2$ - $10^8/cm^2$

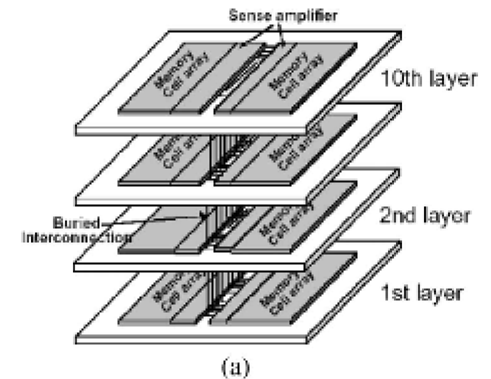
Through-Silicon Vias (TSV)

Advantages

- Make use of third dimension
- several orders of magnitude ($10/cm^2$ to $10^8/cm^2$)
- Minimize interconnection length
- More design flexibility

Issues

- **3D Infrastructure & supply chain**
- **I/O Standardization**
- **EMI**
- **Thermal management and reliability**



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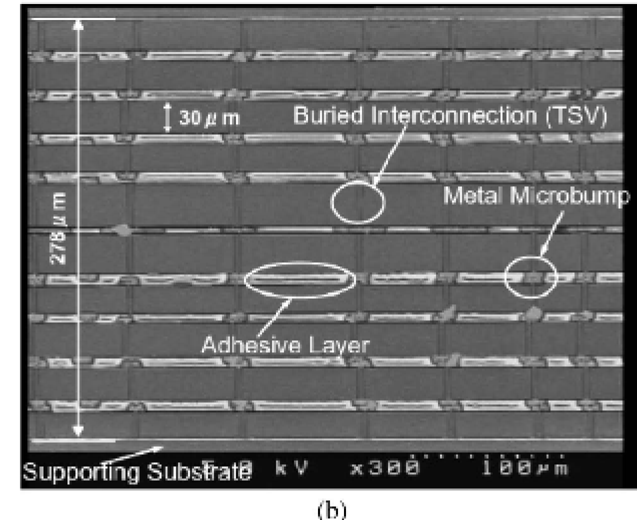

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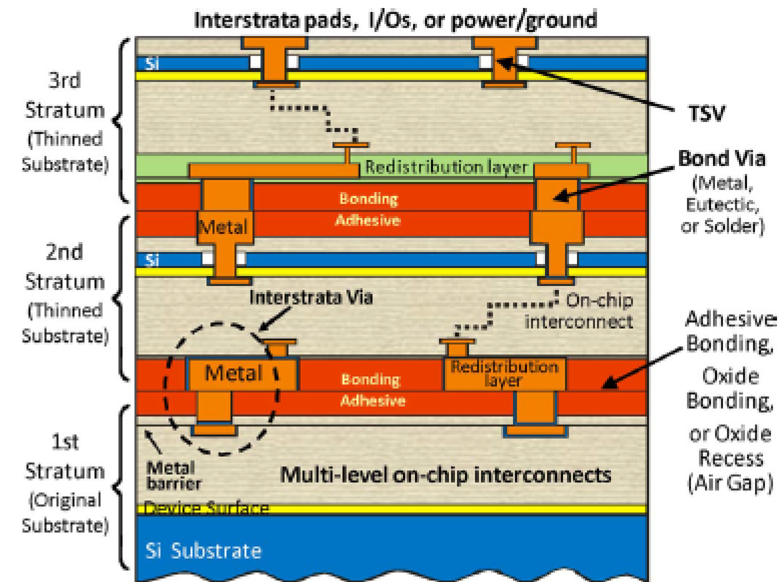
TSV Pitch

TSV Pitch ≠ Area / Number of TSVs

- TSV pitch example
  - 1024 bit busses require a lot of space with larger TSVs
  - They connect to the heart and most dense area of processing elements
  - The 45nm bus pitch is ~100 nm; TSV pitch is > 100x greater



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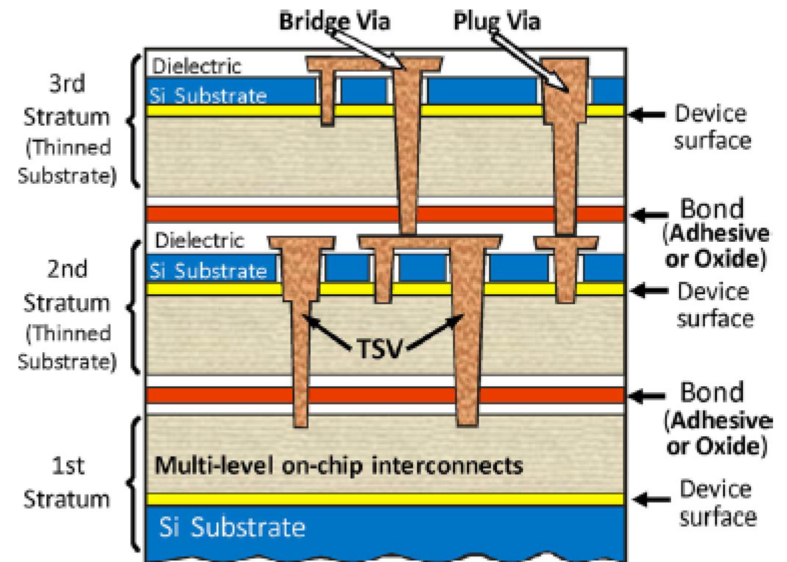
Through-Silicon Vias (TSV)

- Via First
- Via Last
- Via at Front End (FEOL)
- Via at Mid line
- Via at Back end (BEOL)



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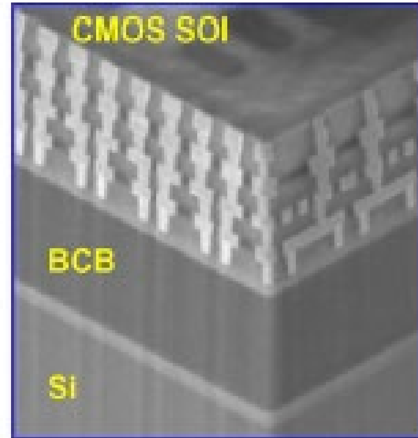

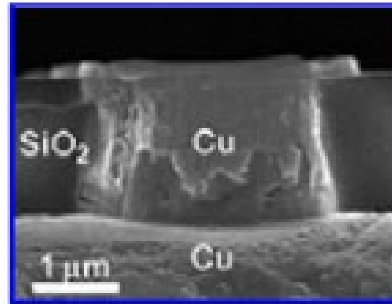

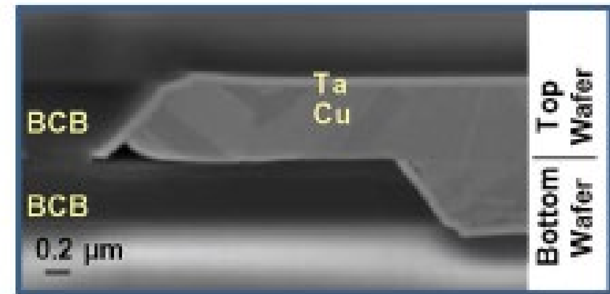

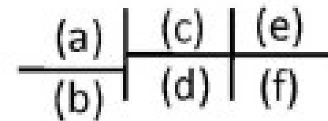

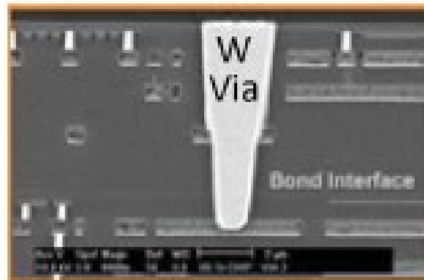

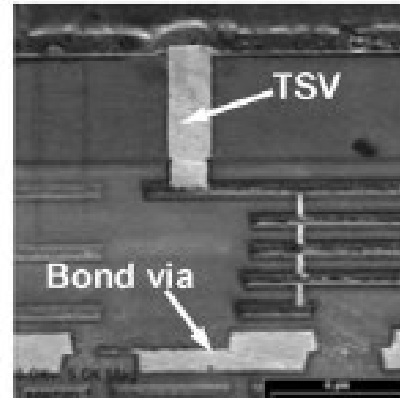

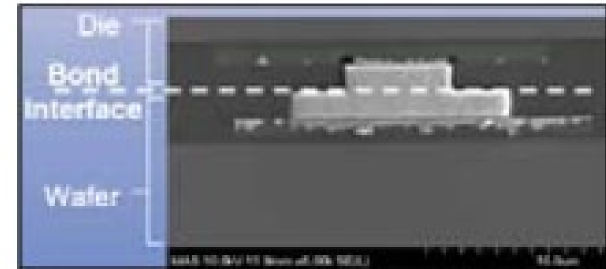

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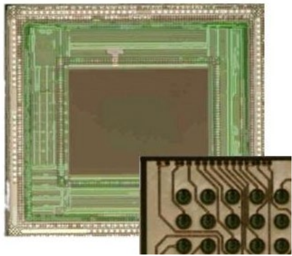
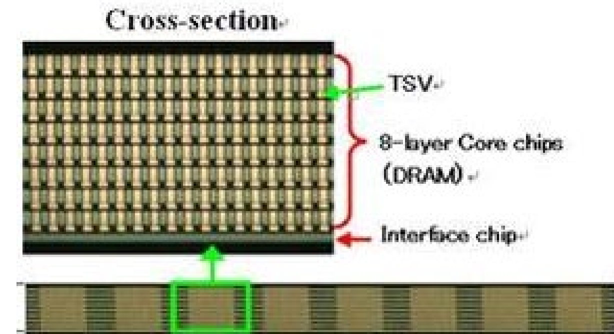
TSV-Based Products



STMicro CMOS image sensor in WLP/TSV package

Sony Video / DSC camera with BSI CMOS image sensors



Elpida's 3D TSV stacked DRAM memory

There are currently about 15 different 3D-IC pilot lines worldwide

3D-IC and TSV

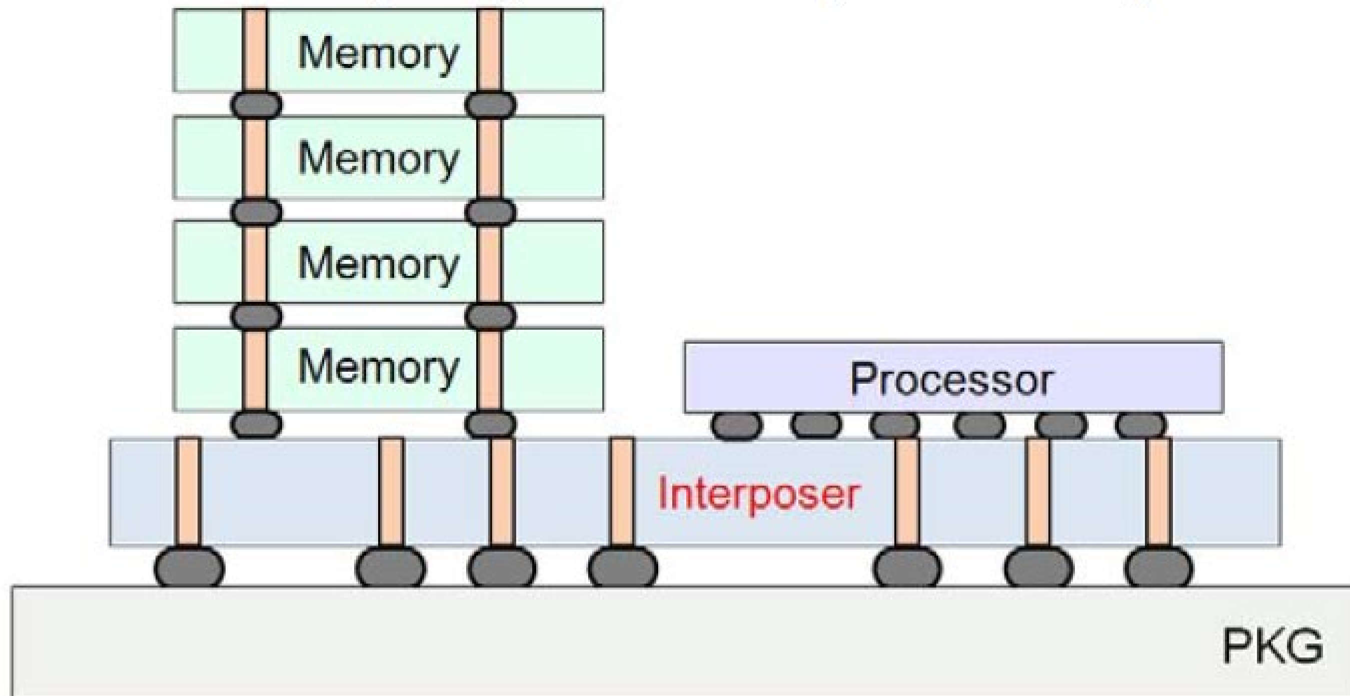
- Stacking of chips makes heat transfer through the z-direction difficult.
- Lossy silicon substrate makes coupling between adjacent TSVs strong.
- TSV noise can be easily coupled to the adjacent TSV through conductive silicon substrate
- 3D IC yields are much lower than 2D-IC
- Difficult to detect TSV and MOS failures

Solution: Use 2.5D integration

2.5D Integration

- 2.5D-IC emerges as a temporary solution
- In 2.5D-IC, several chips are stacked on interposer only homogeneous chip stacking is used.
- fine-pitch metal routing is necessary because it increase I/O counts
- For this purpose, an interposer is used where small width and small space metal routing is possible.
- Silicon substrate is usually used for an interposer because on-silicon metallization process is mature and fine-pitch metal routing is possible

Silicon Interposers



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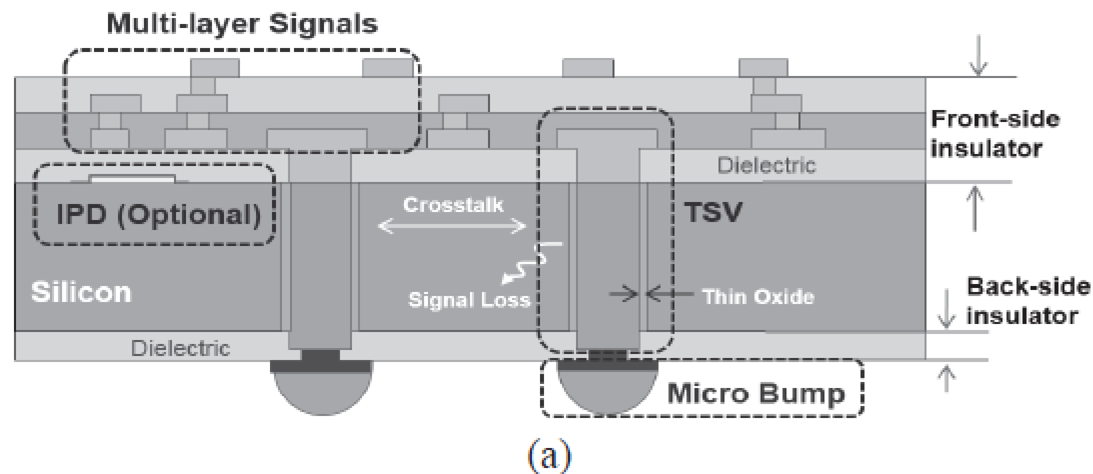

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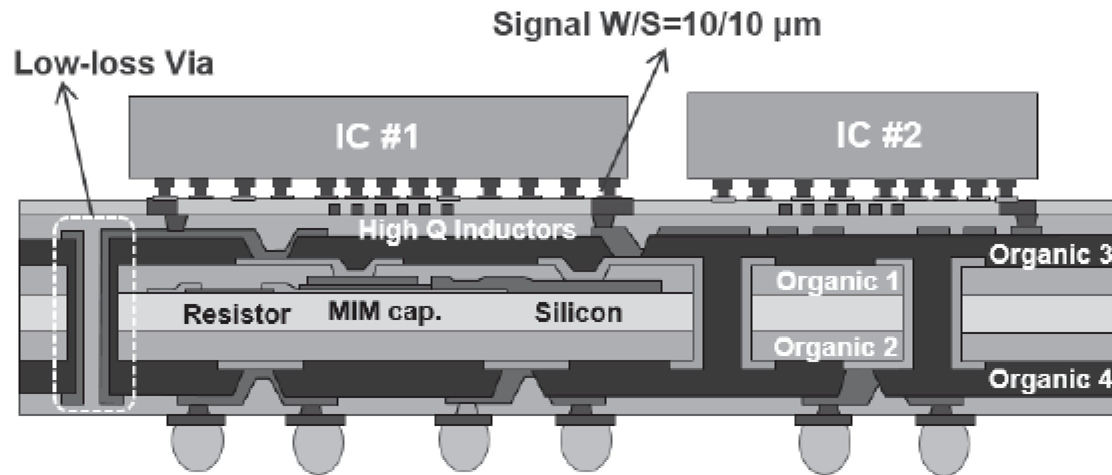

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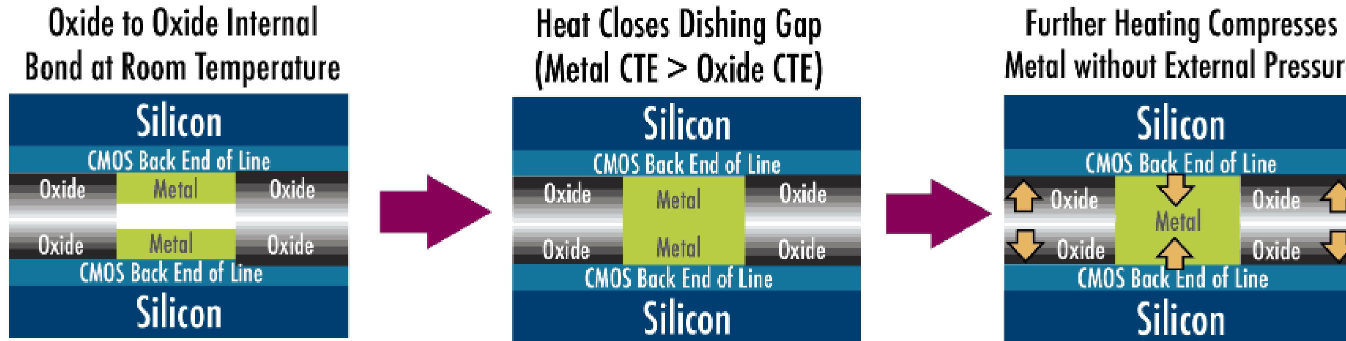
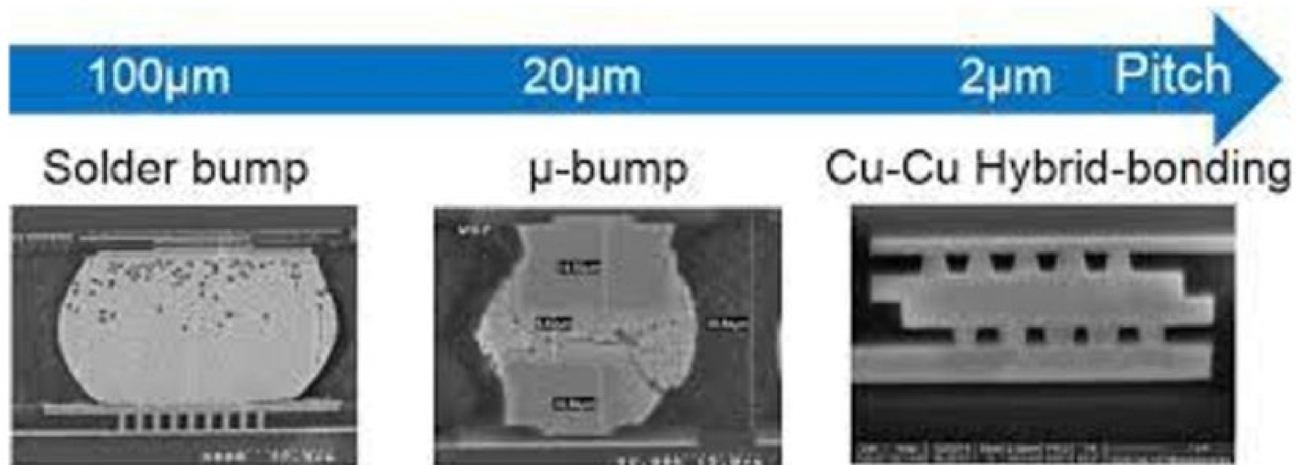
Hybrid Bonding

simultaneous bonding of dielectric and metal bond pads in one bonding step





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Hybrid Bonding

Advantages

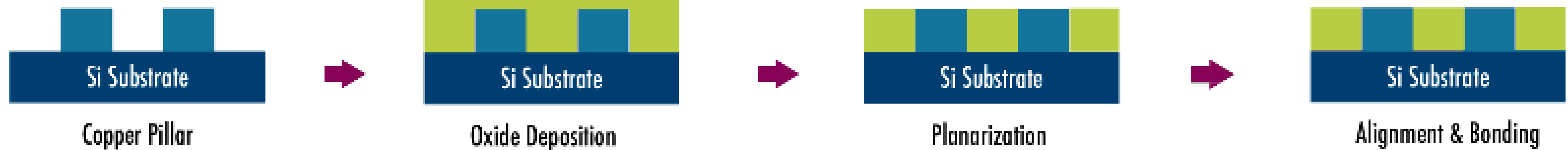
- Allows advanced 3D device stacking
- Highest I/O
- Enables sub-10-µm bonding pitch
- Higher memory density
- Expanded bandwidth
- Increased power
- Improved speed efficiency
- Eliminates the need for bumps, improving performance with no power or signal penalties

Hybrid Bonding

Processing Steps

Simplified process to show how permanent bonding adhesive can be used in hybrid bonding

Oxide/Metal Hybrid Bonding



Copper Pillar

Oxide Deposition

Planarization

Alignment & Bonding

Polymer/Metal Hybrid Bonding

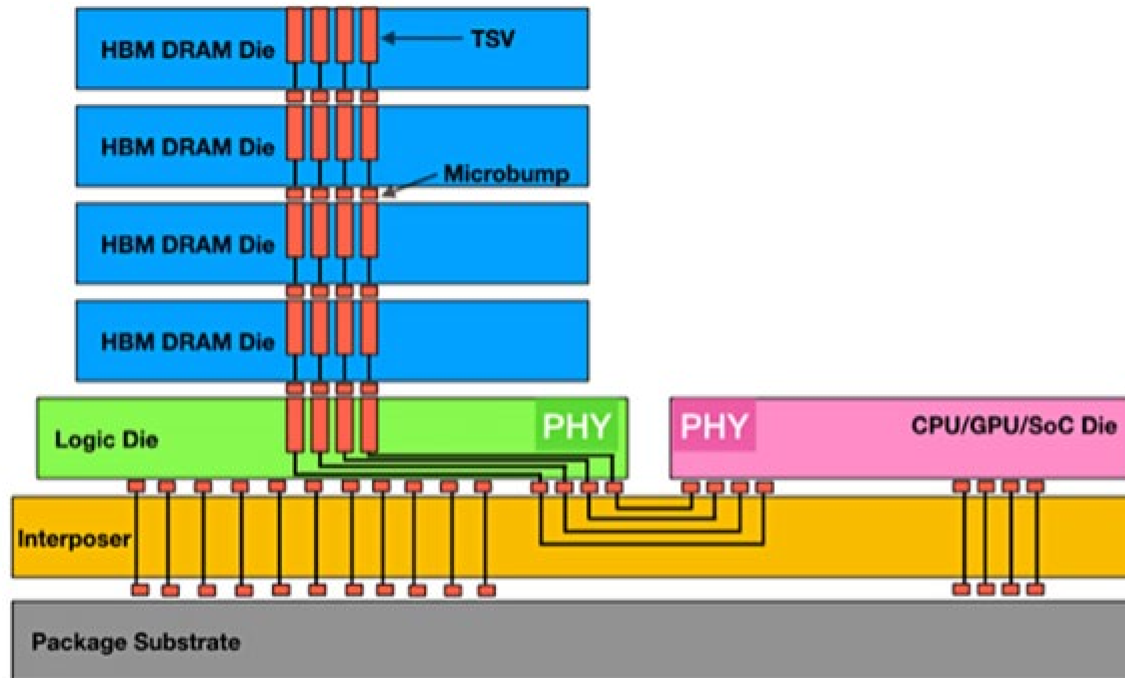
Patterned Polymer

Electroplating

Alignment & Bonding

Hybrid Bonding

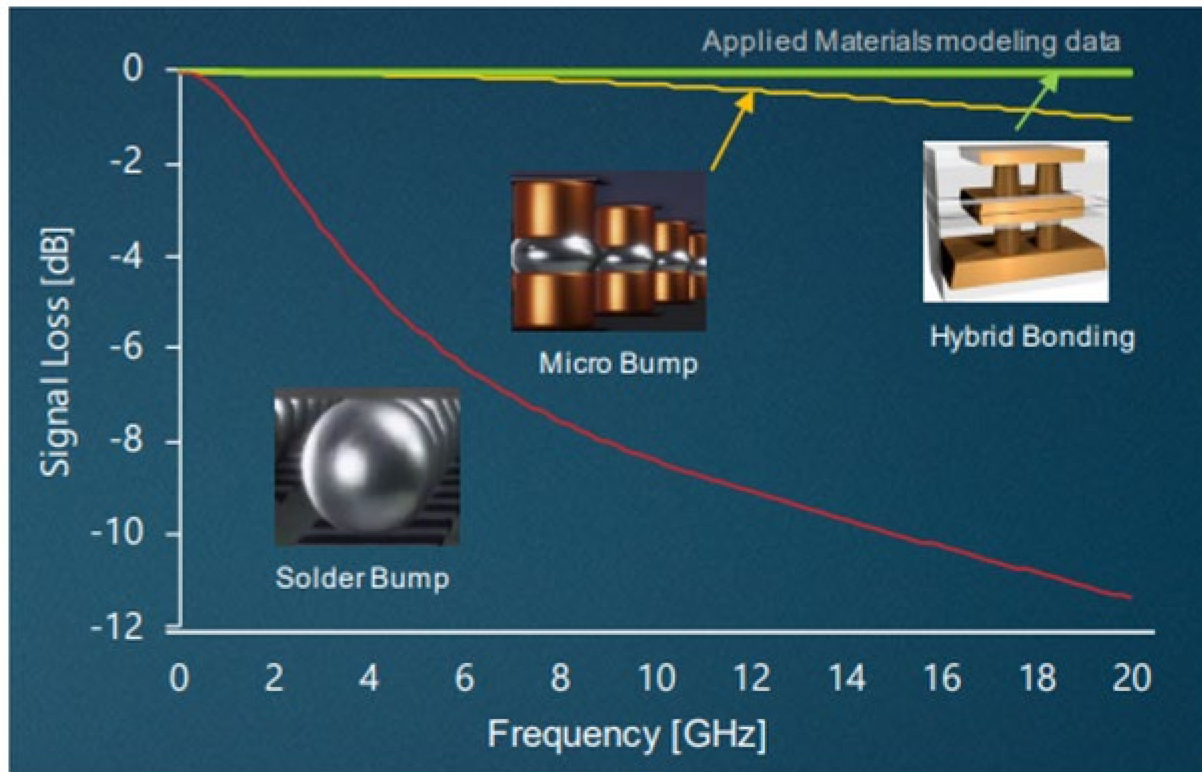
Applications



HBM stack for maximum data throughput. Source: Rambus

Hybrid Bonding

Comparison



Hybrid bonding virtually eliminates signal loss. Source: Applied Materials

Thermal Management

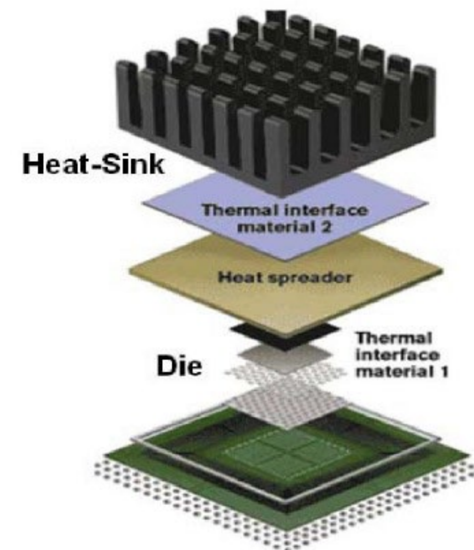
Manage heat within a system to ensure efficient and safe operation.

Thermal Management Techniques

- Air Cooling, Liquid Cooling, and Two Phase Cooling
- Conduction Cooling

Passive Cooling Technology

- Thermal Interface Materials
- Heat Spreaders
- Heat Sinks



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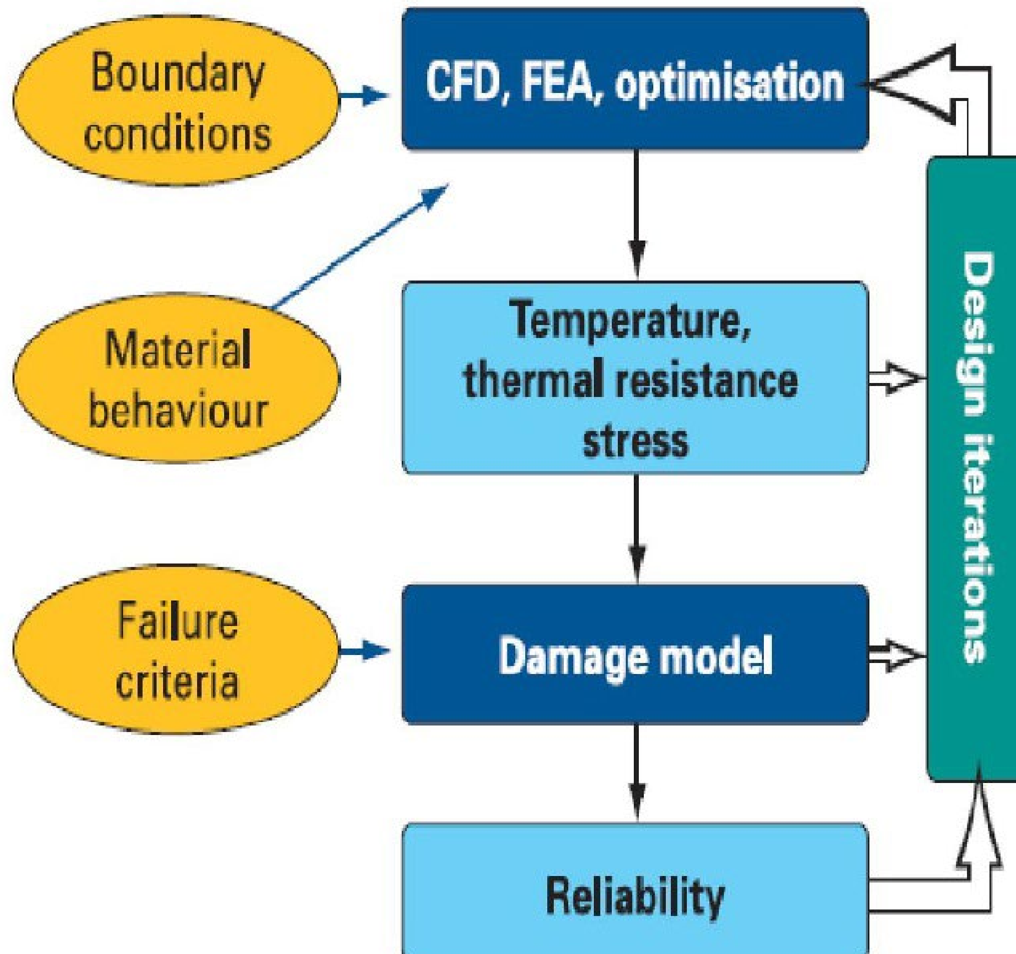

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Thermal Management

*Passive Technology Materials**

Material	Thermal conductivity	CTE 10^{-6}/K	Price/
CVD diamond	>1300	2.0	High
Aluminium Nitride	260	4.0	Medium
Cubic boron nitride	200-250	1	High
Silicon Carbide	200	2.8	Medium
Alumina	30	5	Low
Copper	400	16	Low
Aluminium	200	23	Low
Molybdenum	138	5.1	Low
Copper Molybdenum	165-215	6.8-9.5	Medium
Copper Tungsten	175-235	6.5-9	Medium

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Electrical-Thermal AC Analysis

Electrical Analysis:

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu_r} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} \right) - k_0{}^2 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} = -jk_0 Z_0 \mathbf{J}$$

- Waveguide port boundary condition
- Absorbing boundary condition

Thermal Analysis:

$$\nabla \cdot k \nabla T = -P$$

$$\begin{aligned} T &= T_c & \text{on } \Gamma_{\mathrm{tc}} \\ k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} &= -h(T - T_a) & \text{on } \Gamma_{\mathrm{conv}} \end{aligned}$$

Electrical-Thermal DC Analysis

Electrical Analysis:

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla \phi = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \phi_c \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{vc}} \\ \sigma \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} &= \frac{\phi}{RS} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{load}} \end{aligned}$$

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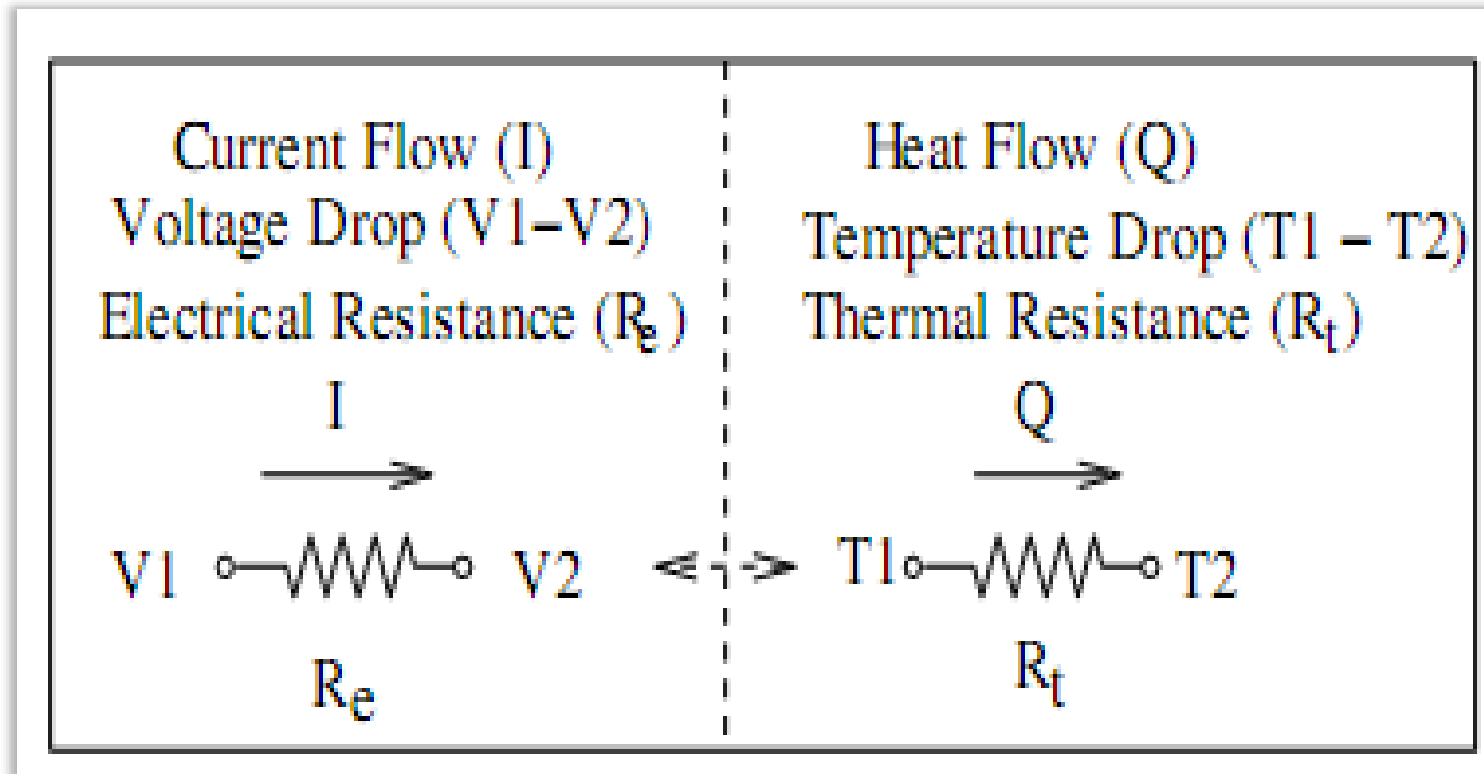
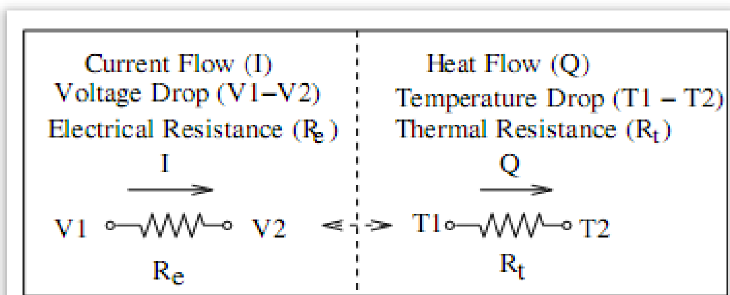
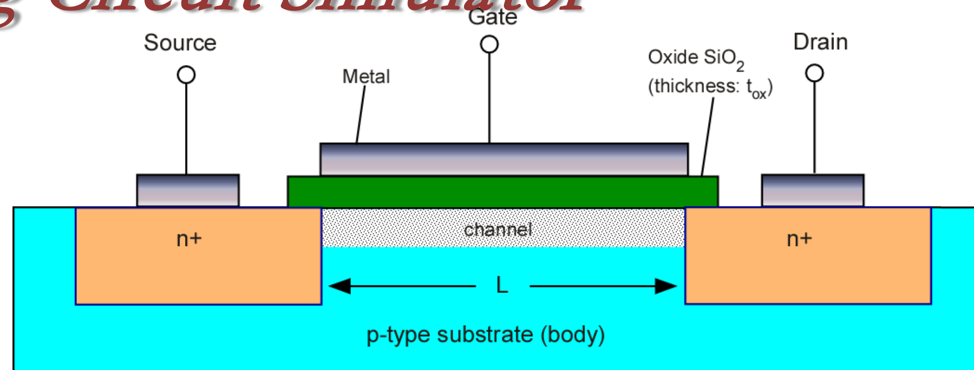
Electrical-Thermal Isomorphism

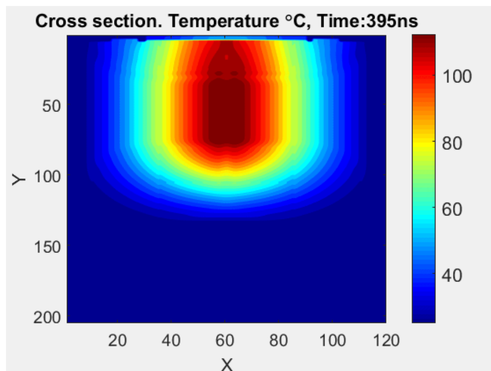


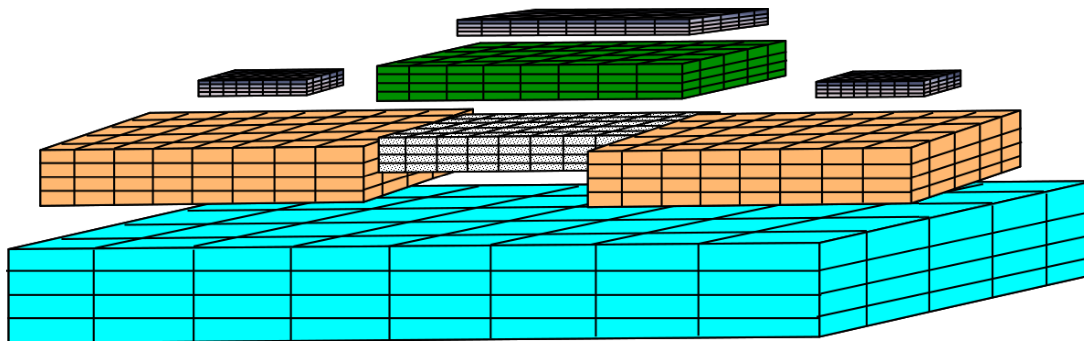
Thermal/Electrical Co-Simulation

*Thermal Modeling Using Circuit Simulator**









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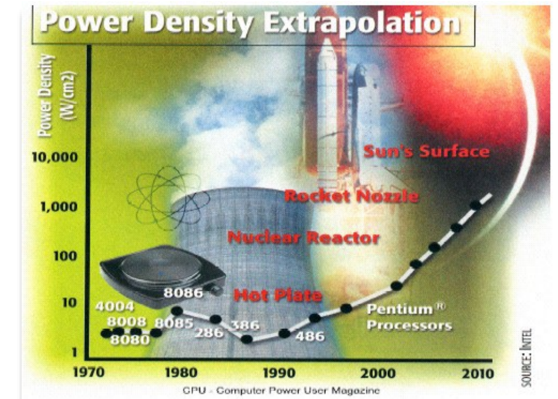
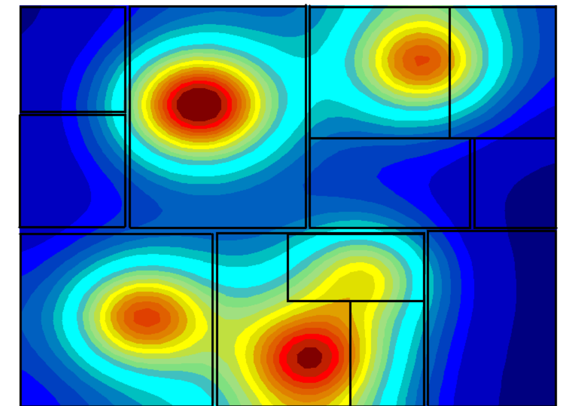
Electro-Thermal Analysis. Motivation

- 3D integration technologies
  - 3D stacked IC designs
  - Increased power density
  - Heat removal difficulties



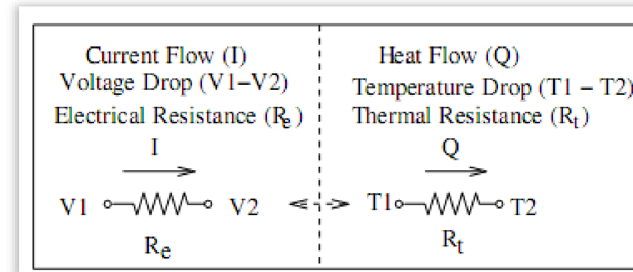
- Design challenges due to thermal issues
  - Electrical reliability (electro-migration)
  - Power delivery (IR drop)
  - Signal propagation (RC delay)
  - Memory retention time (Leakage)



- Lack of suitable CAD tools
  - Thermal-aware design at the earliest stages
  - Using the floor plan and early power distribution analysis (know the current distribution – want to use that information)

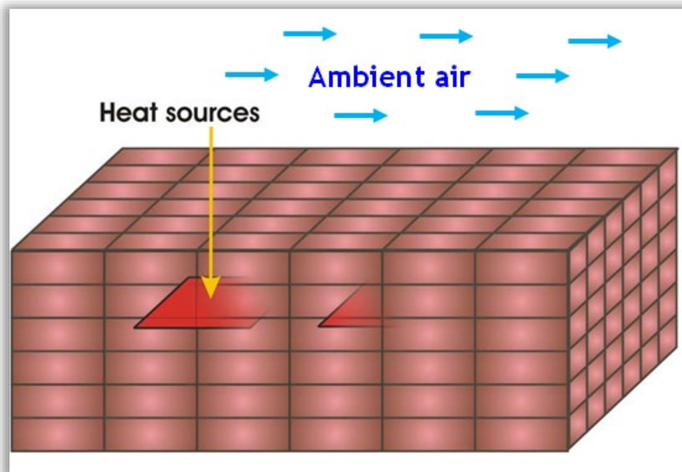
Temperature distribution in IC structure

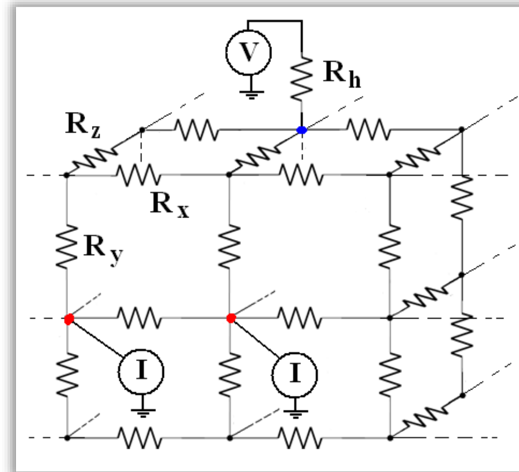
- **Modeling methodology**
  - Use thermal – electrical analogy
  - Thermal problem → electrical circuit
  - Bulk of the material → 3D Resistive network
  - Heat sources → Constant current sources
  - Convective boundaries → Effective resistances
  - Ambient temperature → Constant voltage sources

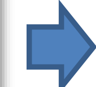


$$R_x = \frac{\Delta x}{kA}\left[\frac{^oC}{W}\right]$$

$$R_h = \frac{1}{h_e A}\left[\frac{^oC}{W}\right]$$





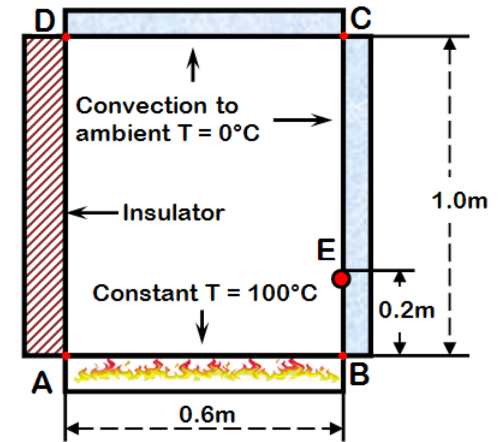


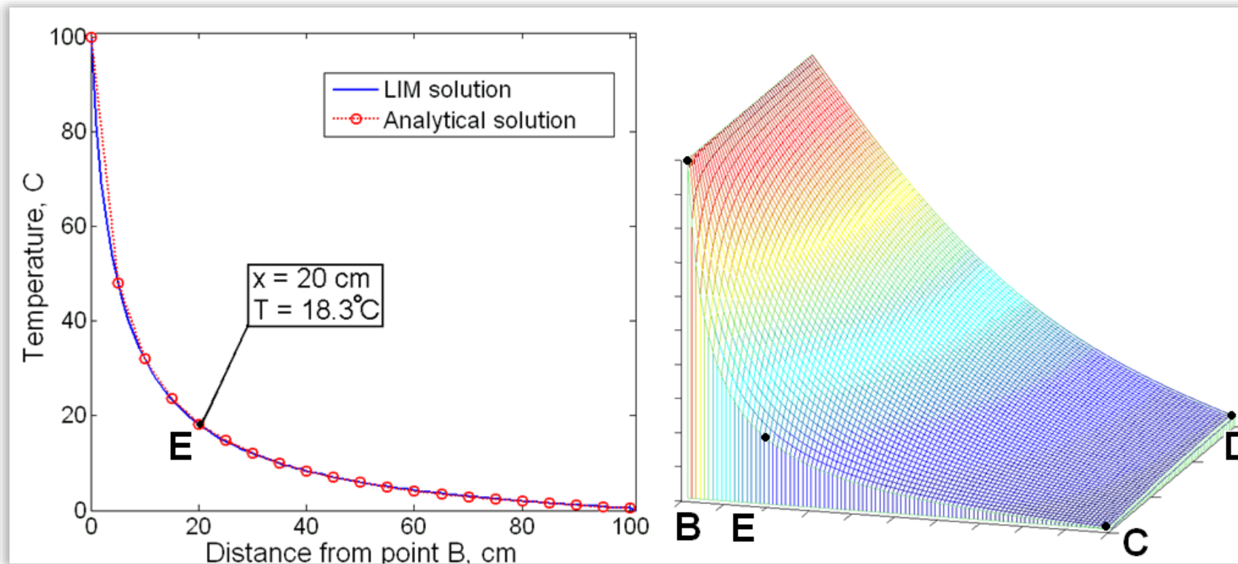
Apply circuit solver

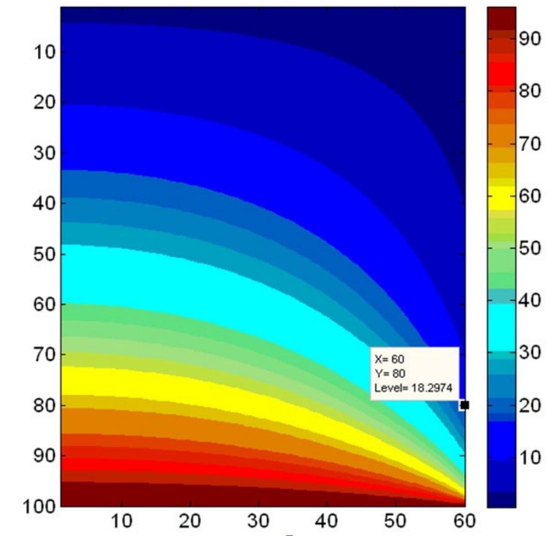
- **Solve the resulting network for node voltages**
  - A major issue – the SIZE of the model

Benchmark Thermal Problem

- 2D benchmark problem (NAFEMS)
  - Simple geometry
  - Has all typical components
  - There is analytical solution
  - Target temperature at E is 18.3 °C







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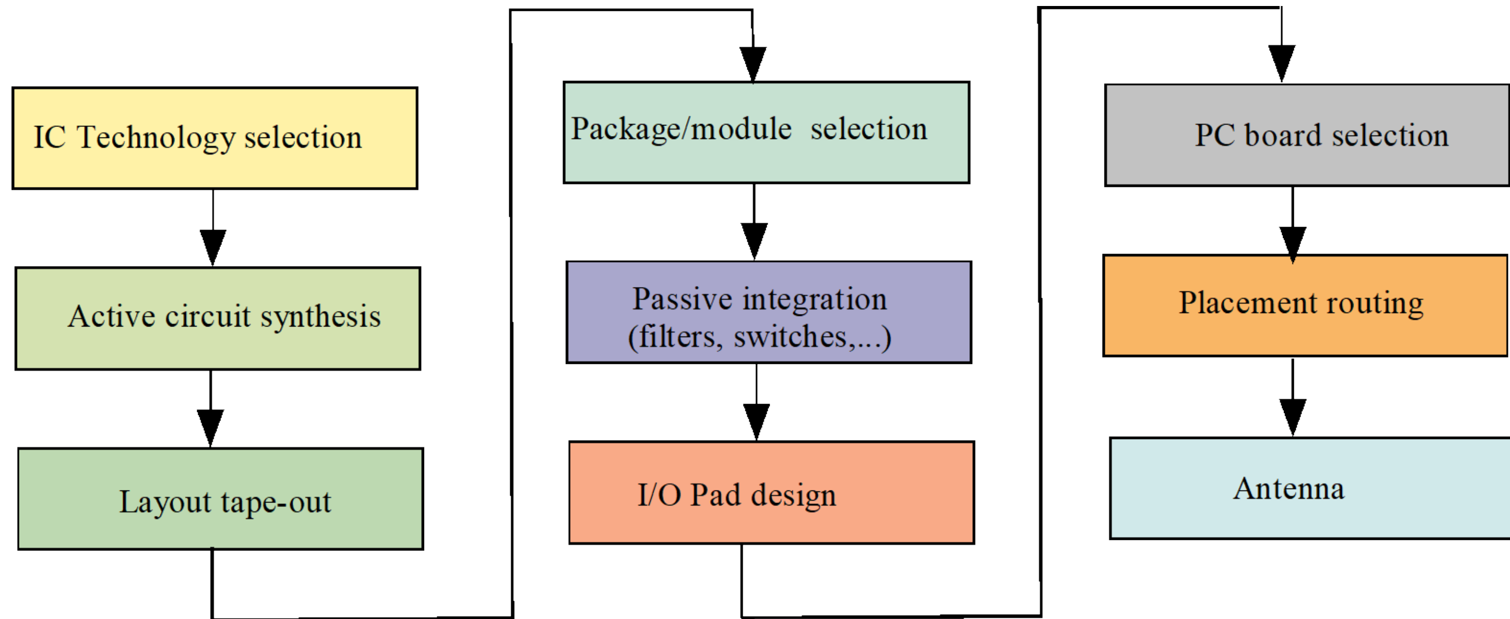
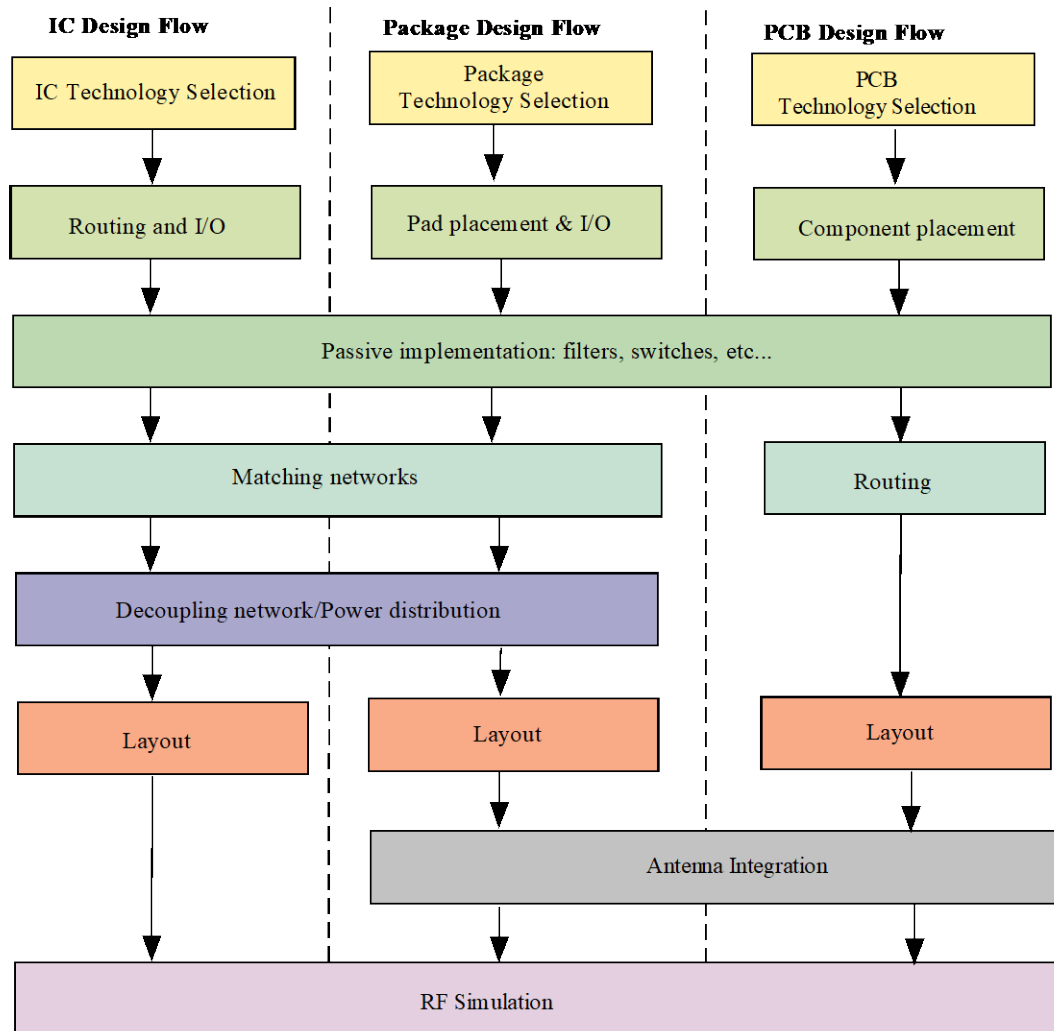
What is Co-Design?

- **Level Co-design**
  - Chip
  - Package
  - Board
- **Function-based Co-design**
  - Thermal aware
  - Signal integrity aware
  - Testability
  - Security aware
- **Physics-based Co-design**
  - Thermal
  - Electrical
  - Mechanical
  - Optical
- **Domain-based Co-design**
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Architecture

Traditional Design Flow

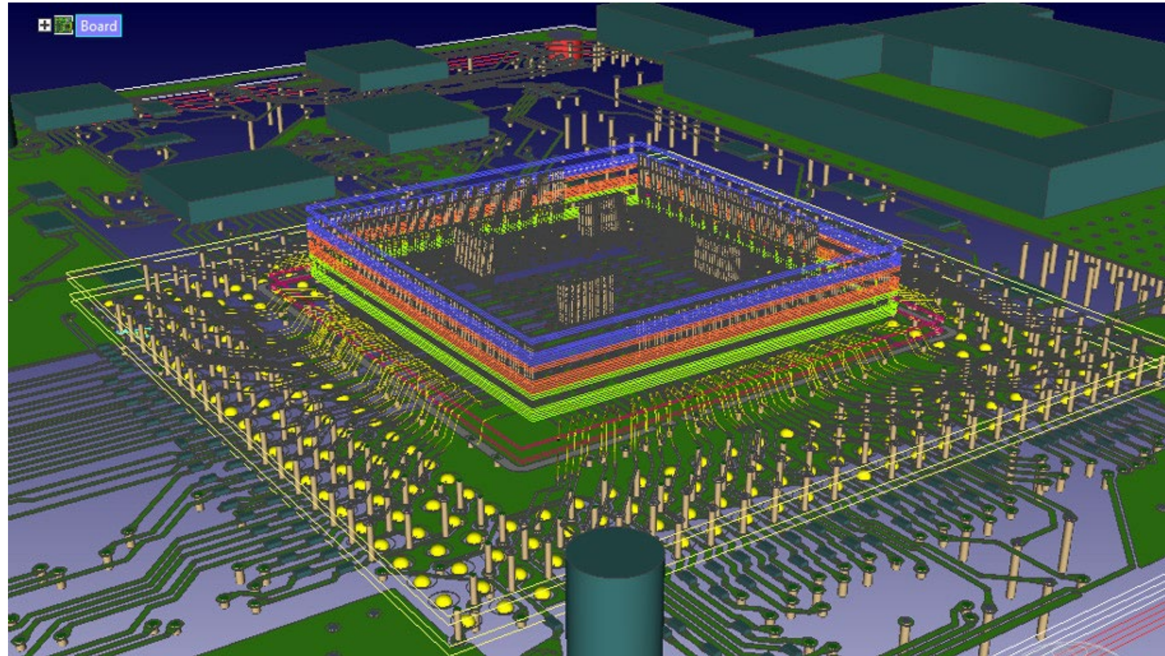


Co-Design Flow



Co-Design Requirements

- Tradeoffs in advance
- Translation and domains
- Propagate information
- Manage connectivity
- Database formats



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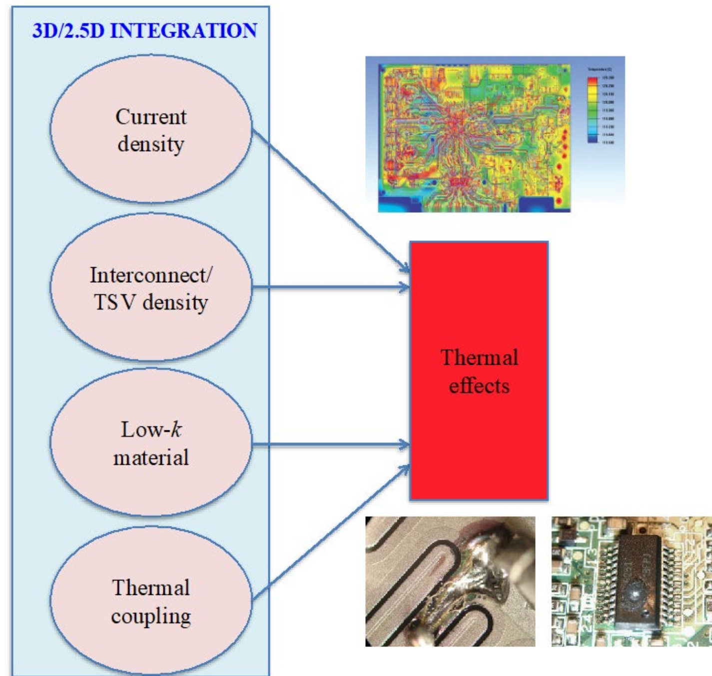
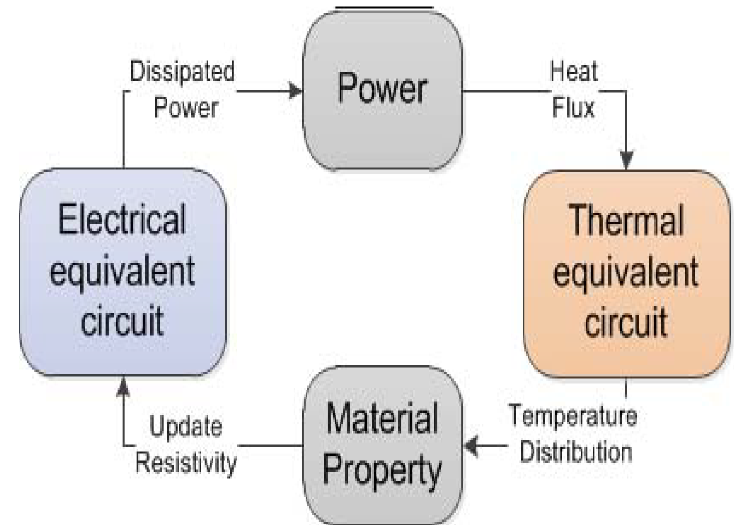
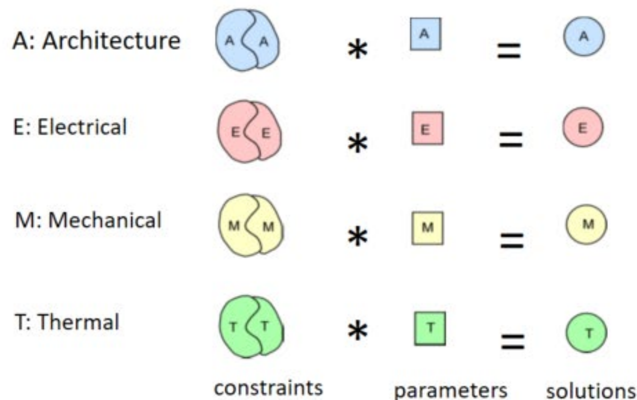
Thermal-Aware Co-Design

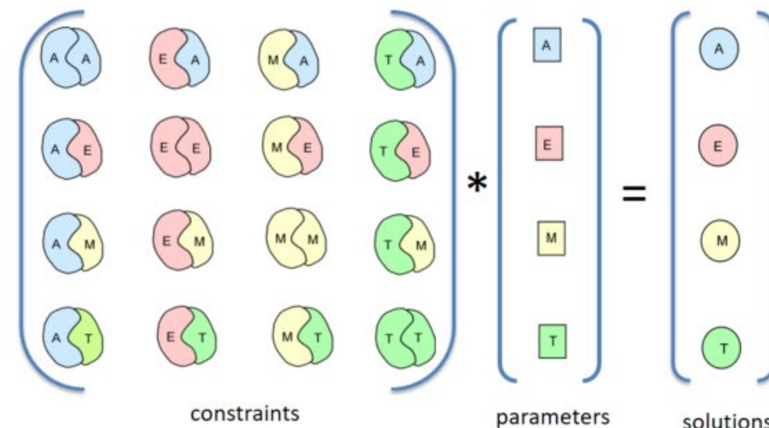




Difficulty in Co-Design

Current co-design methods are simply a cascade or combination of independent solutions. Real co-design requires concurrent solution from a formulation that accounts for all multi-physics interactions while embodying conflicting requirements





Constraints

- Bandwidth
- Thermal
- Power
- Signal Integrity
- I/O
- Security
- Reliability
- Environment
- Size
- Cost

Computational Research Needs

- Methodical abstractization
  - Compact models
  - Reduced-order models
  - Behavioral models
- Faster verification platforms (>10X)
  - Multi-physics solvers (EM , thermal management, materials)
  - Transistor-level circuit simulation
- AI/ML assisted solutions
  - Optimization, mitigation of uncertainty