

**Co-Packaged Optics:
Heterogeneous Integration of Photonic IC and Electronic IC
(IEEE Electronic Packaging Society - Central Indiana chapter)**

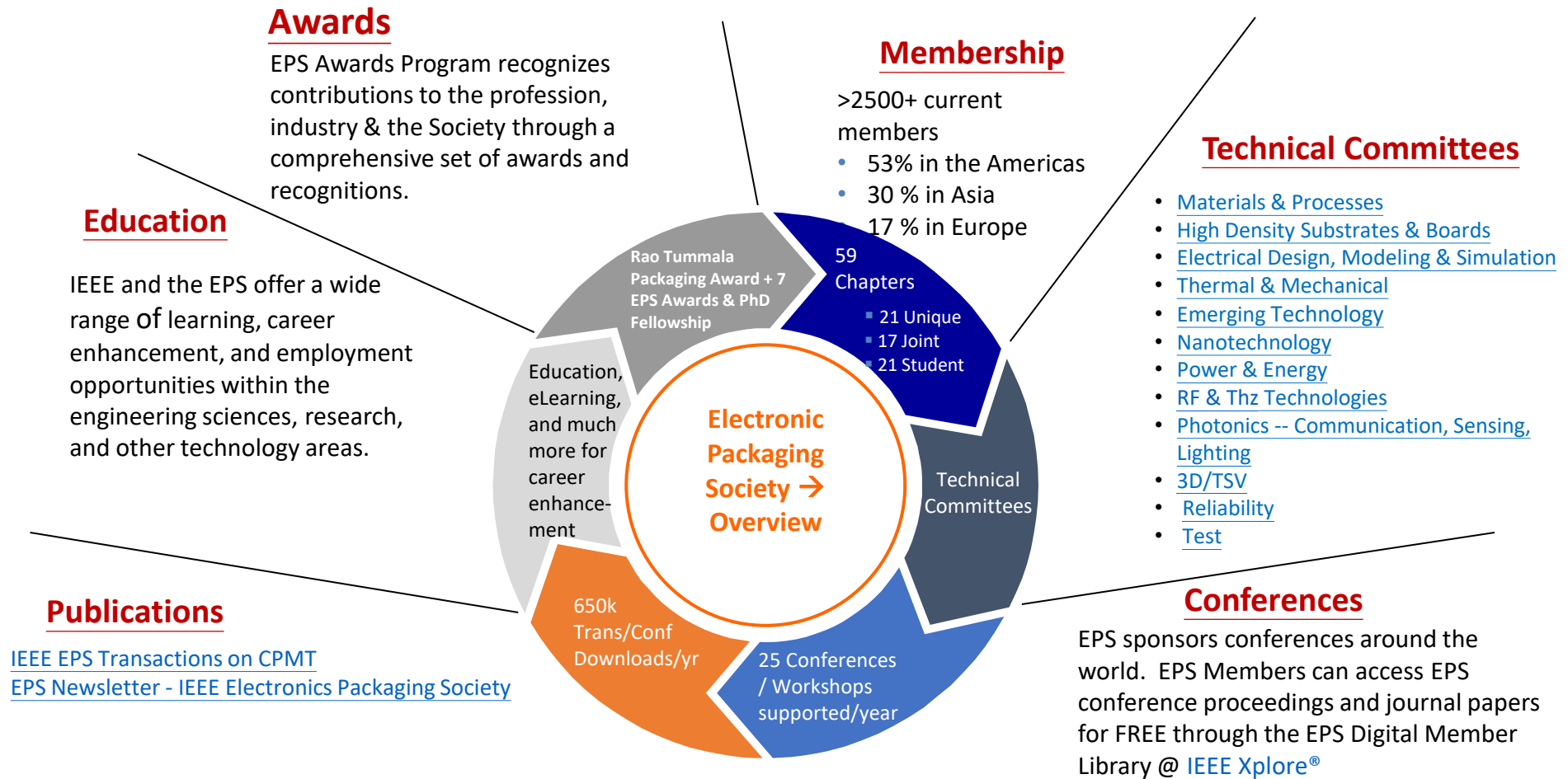
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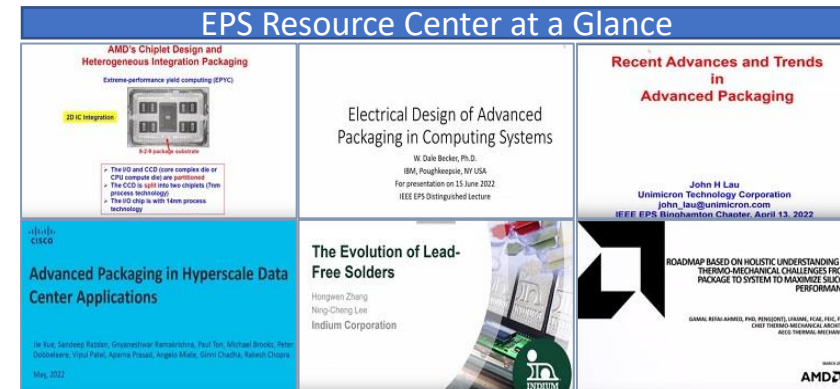
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Silicon Photonics

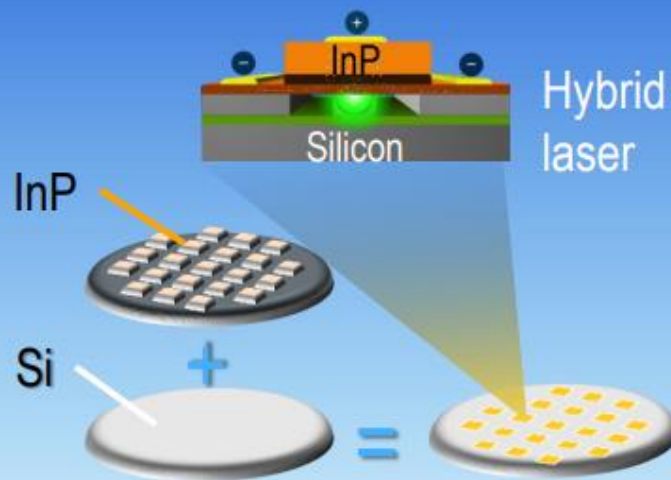
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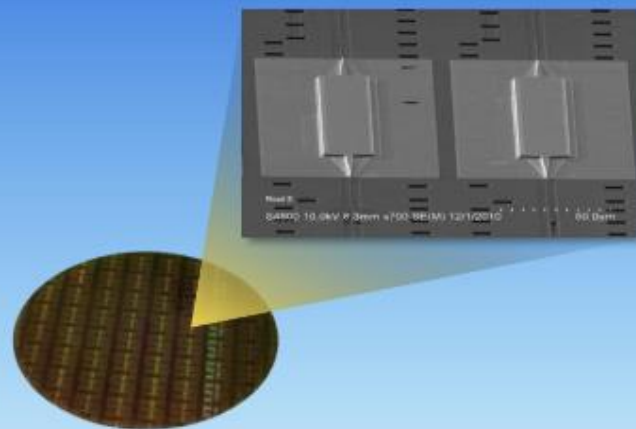
Intel Silicon Photonics: Optics at Silicon Scale

Silicon Integration



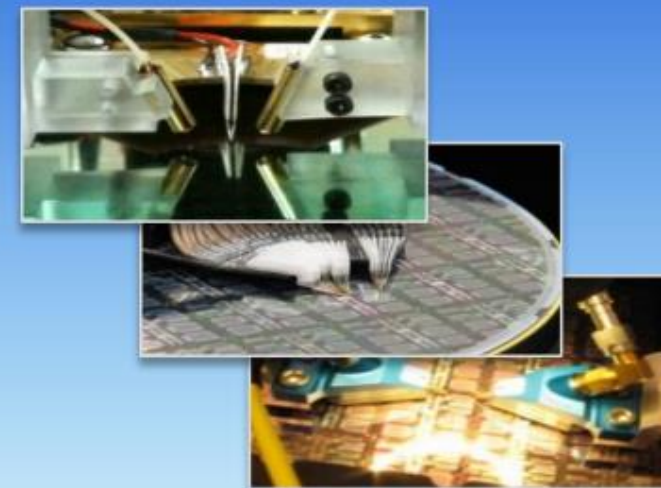
Integrated Optics, Enabled by Intel's Hybrid Laser Technology
InP for lasers, SOAs, PDs

Silicon Manufacturing



Advanced CMOS Mfg Process at Intel Fabs On 300mm Wafers

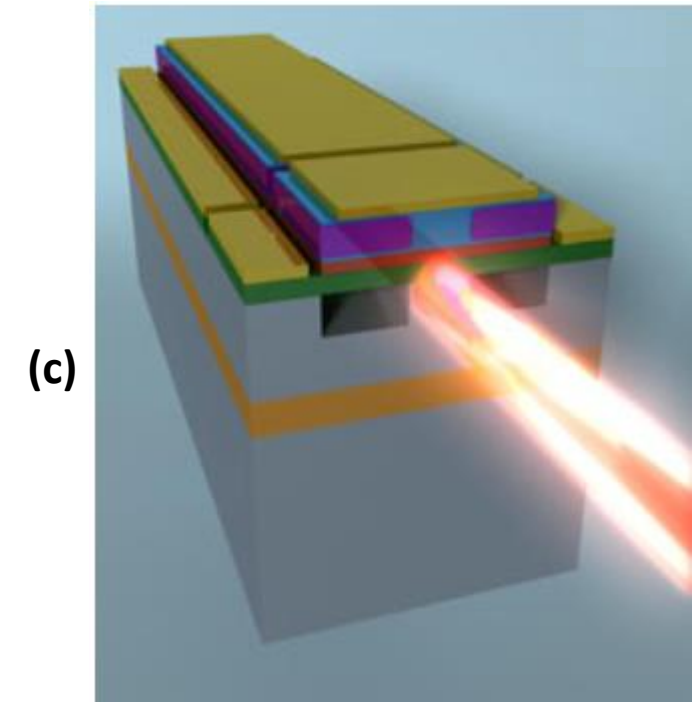
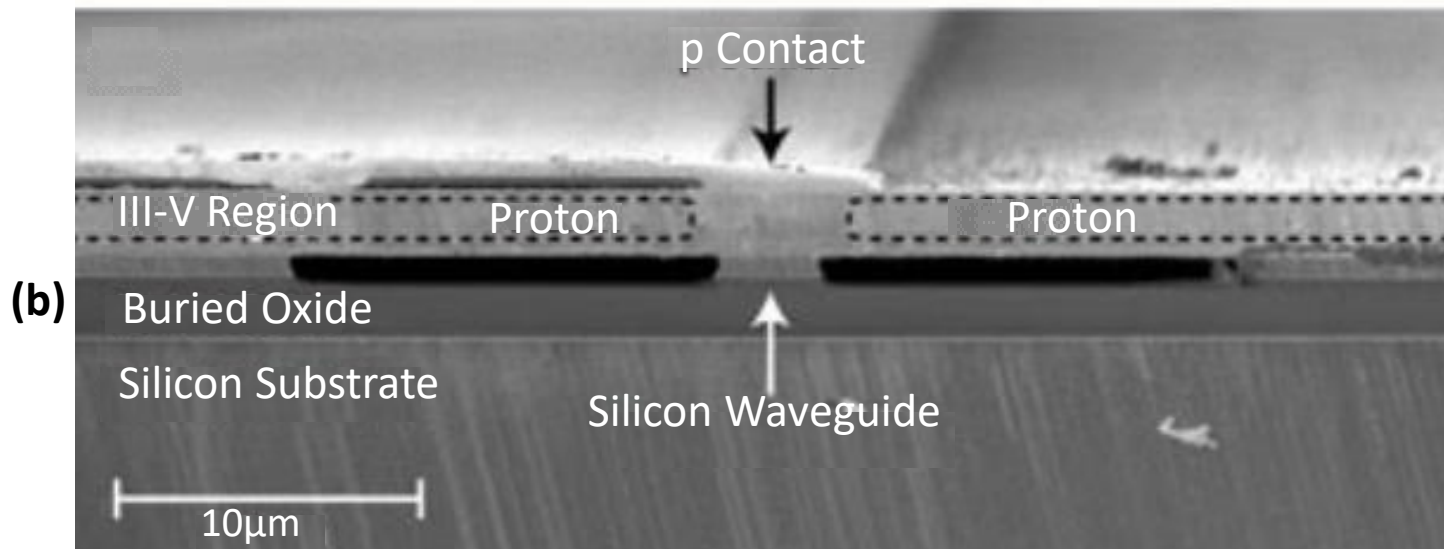
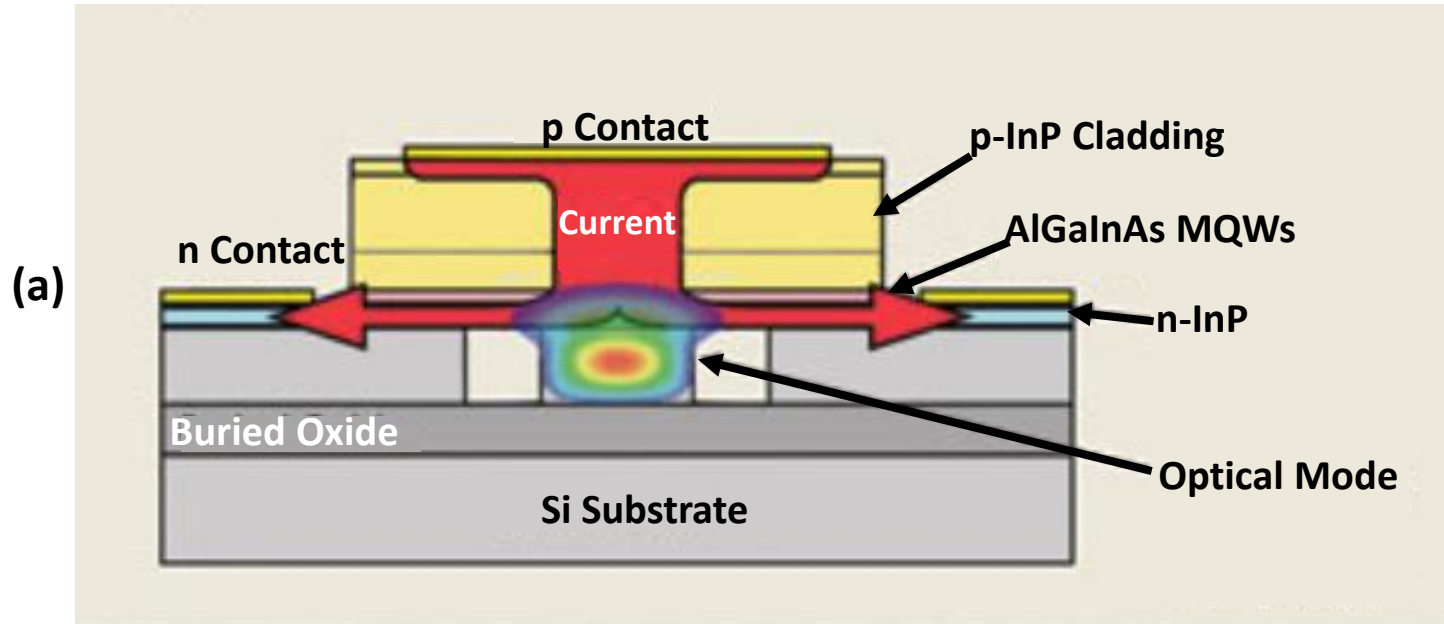
Silicon Scale



Automated On-wafer Optical, Electrical, and High-speed Test
Wafer-level burn-in

Wafer-scale manufacturing of optical sub-assembly; known good die at wafer level

A hybrid silicon laser. (a) Key components. (b) Scanning electron micrograph of the fabricated device. (c) Schematic.



Indium phosphide (InP), the light-emitting material, is bonded to the top of the silicon with a thin layer of glass glue.

**Intel is the only company who is
in high volume manufacturing
of Silicon Photonic**

Co-Packaged Optics (CPO)

or

**Heterogeneous Integration of
Electrical IC (EIC) and
Photonic IC (PIC) Packaging**

(a) Google data center. (b) Transceivers in a data center.

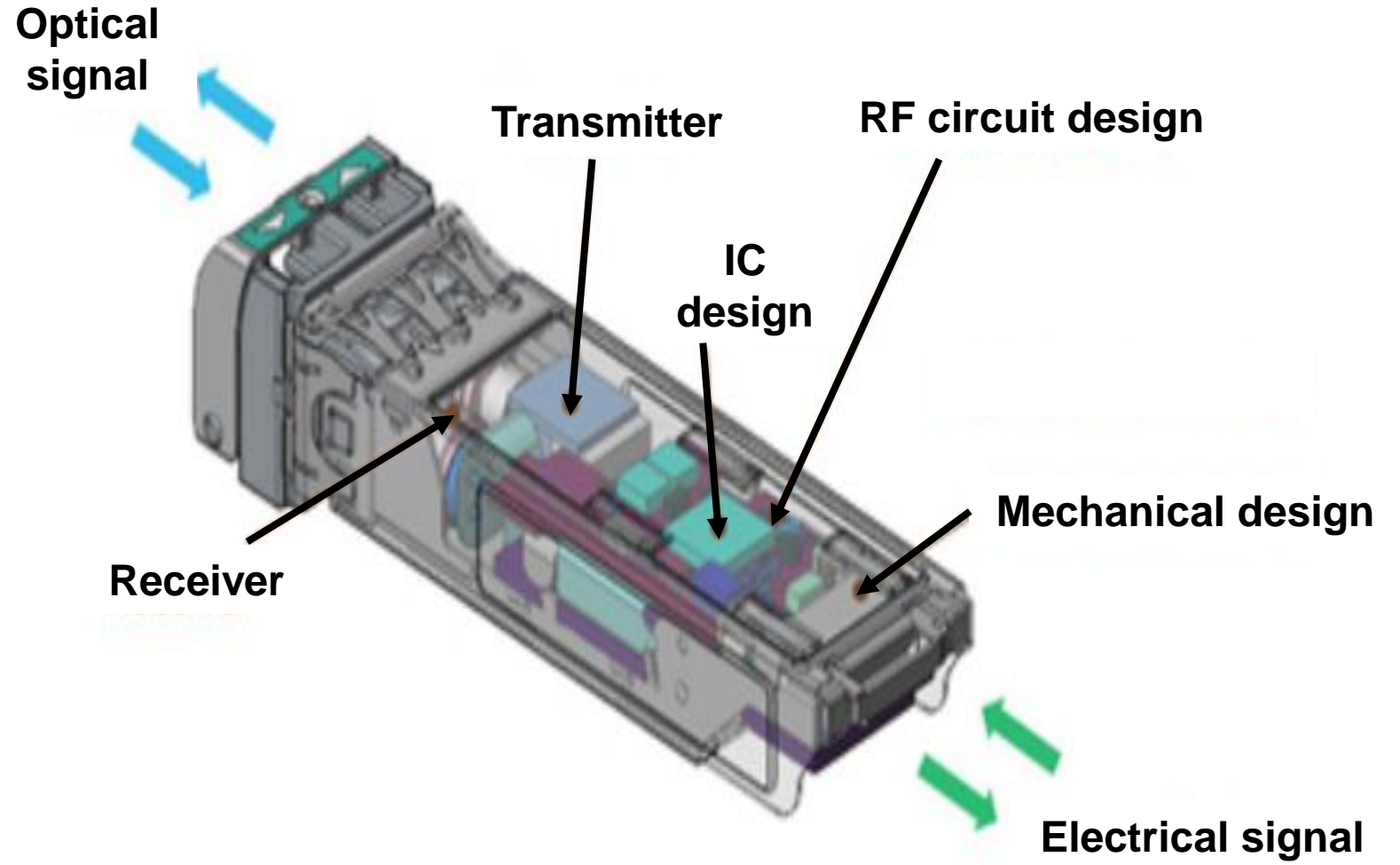
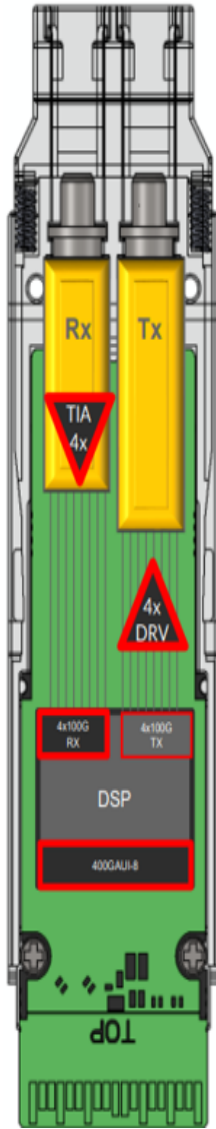


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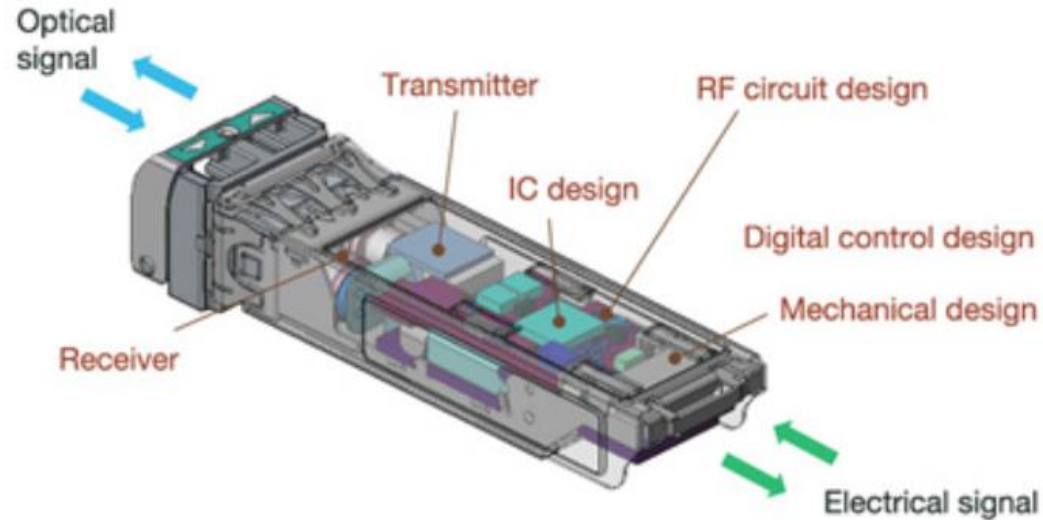
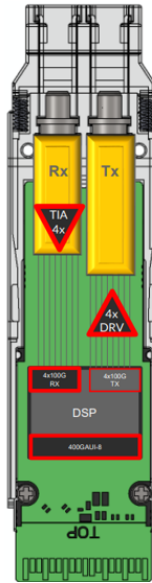


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Optical transceivers.

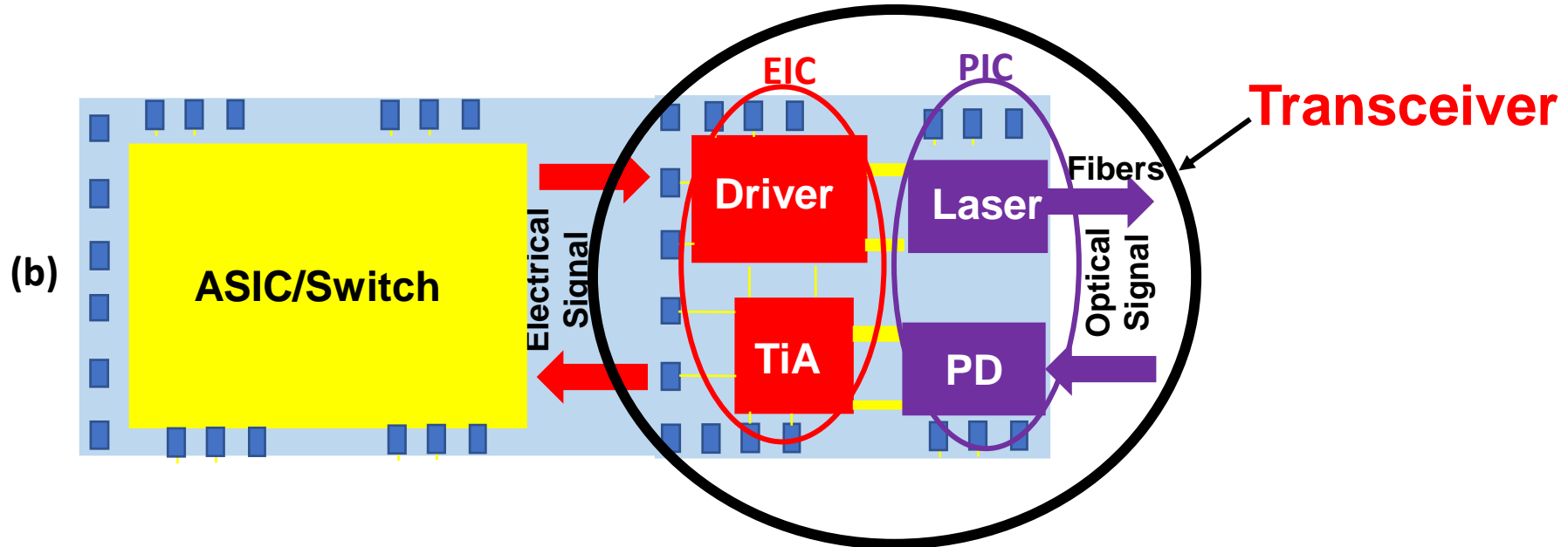
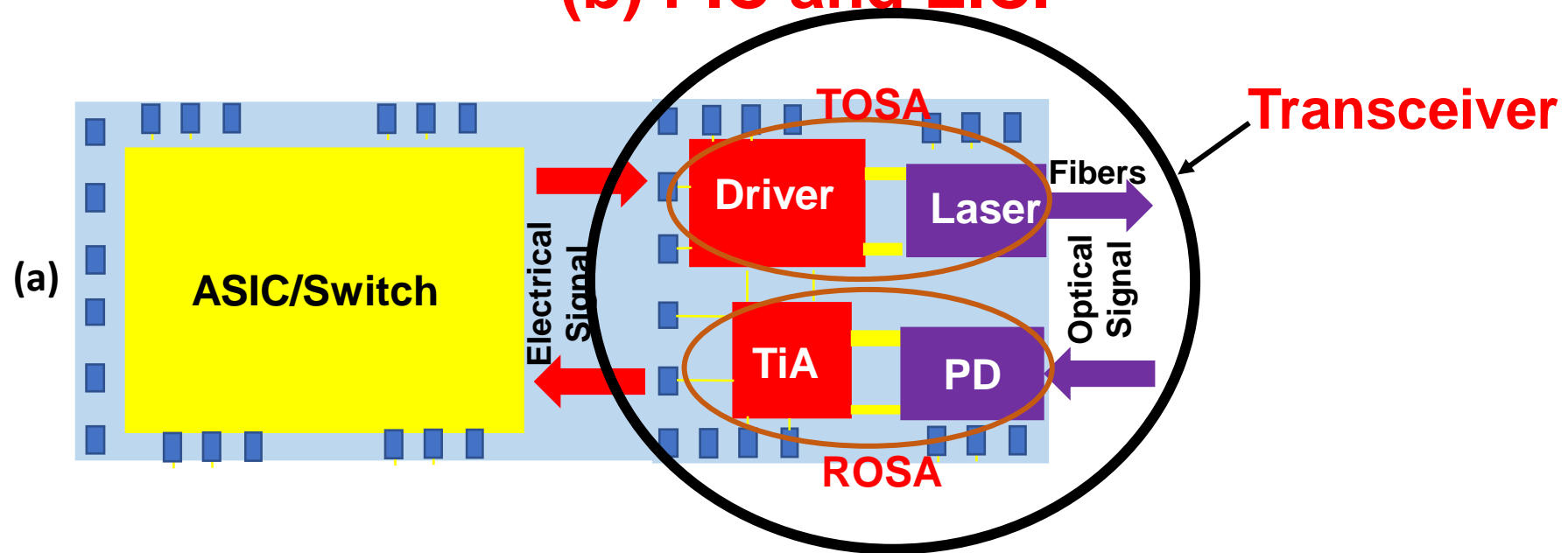


Transceivers

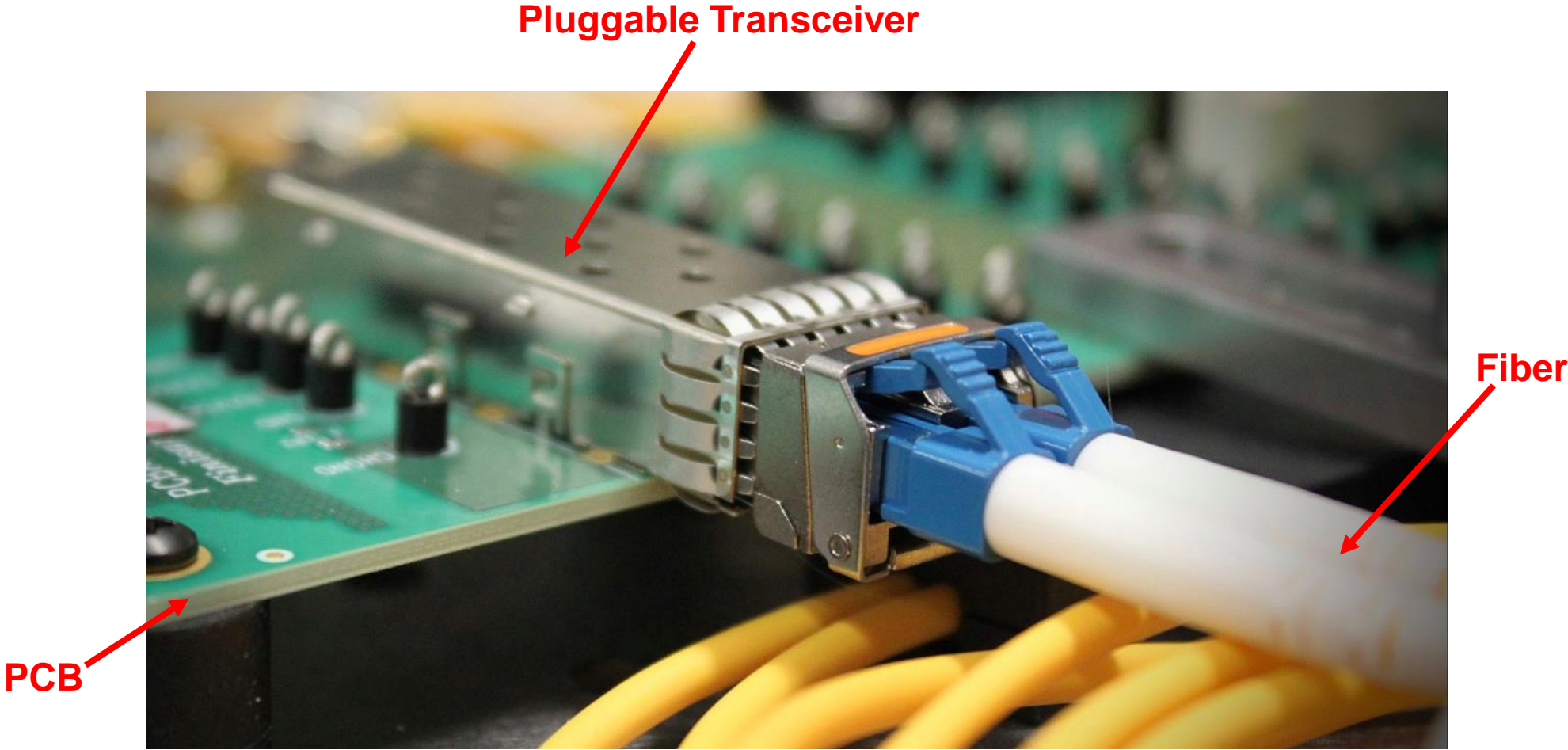


- **Optical Transceiver** is a key component of an optical transmission system that permits coupling of the transmission medium with the active components of the chain, such as switches, routers - optical interfaces or any optical transport equipment.
- Transceiver is defining the process of converting **electric signaling** toward the **optical transmission** with the help of **TOSA** (Transmission Optical Sub Assembly) or Tx module and performing inverse action through the **ROSA** (Receiver Optical Sub Assembly) or Rx module.
- A TOSA contains a semiconductor **laser diode (LD)** and **laser driver**, while a ROSA contains a **photodiode (PD)**, **optical interface** such as lens, **TIA (transimpedance amplifier)**, and passive electrical interface.
- TOSA module converts the **electrical signal** to the **optical transmission light** that lands on the fiber. The ROSA is used to receive an **optical signal** from a fiber and convert it back into an **electrical signal**.

Key components in an optical transceiver. (a) TOSA and ROSA. (b) PIC and EIC.

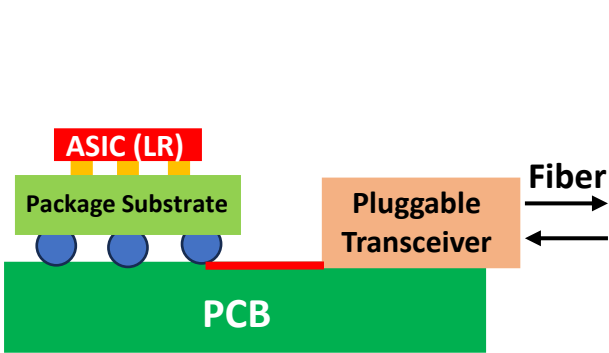


Pluggable Transceiver

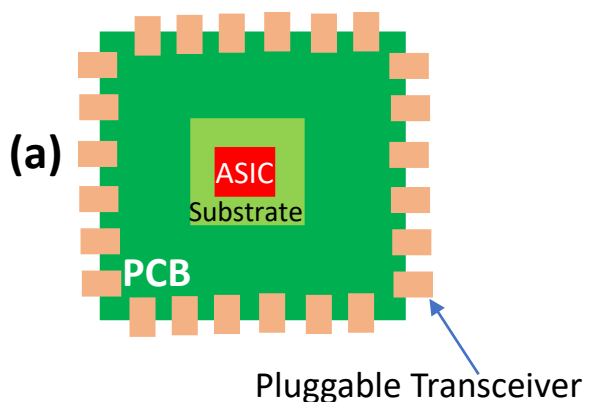


Pluggable Optics

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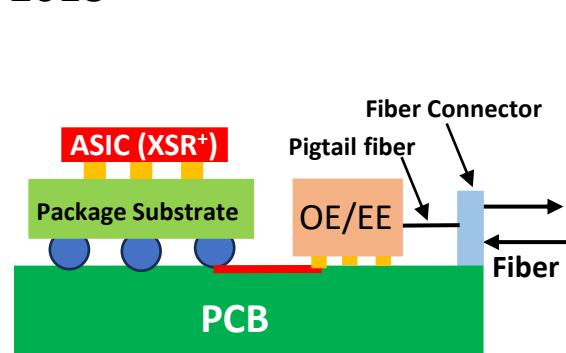


Front-Panel Pluggable Optics

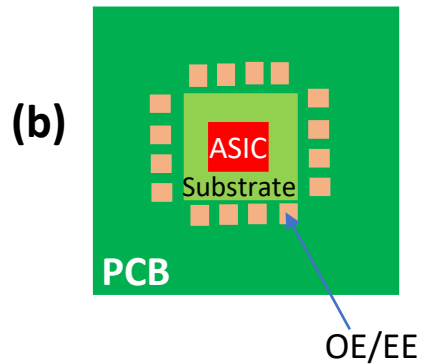


On-Board Optics (OBO)

2018

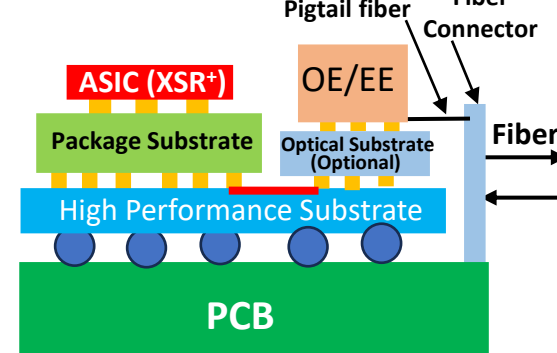


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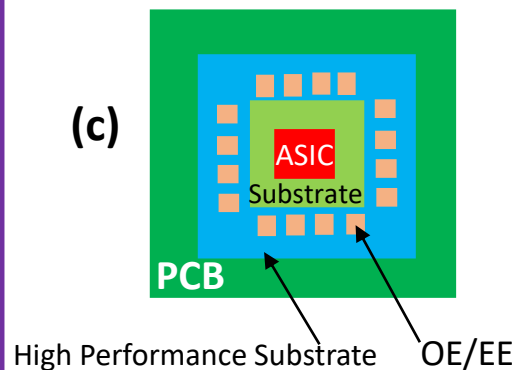


Near-Package Optics (NPO)

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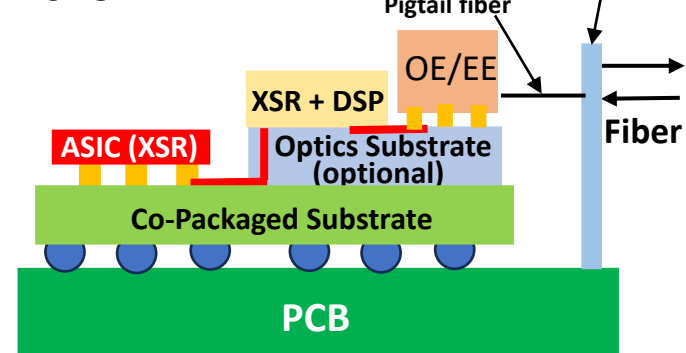


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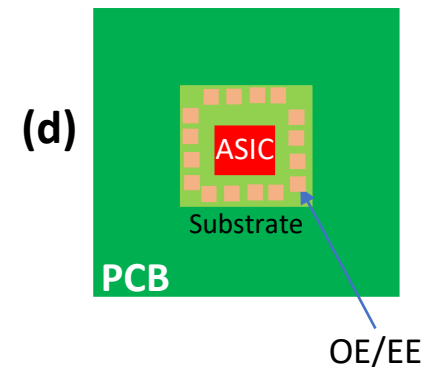


Co-Packaged Optics (CPO)

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Co-Packaged Optics (CPO)



→ TIME

Intel's co-packaged optics switch

SILICON PHOTONICS CO-PACKAGED SWITCH



Photonic Engine



Switch package



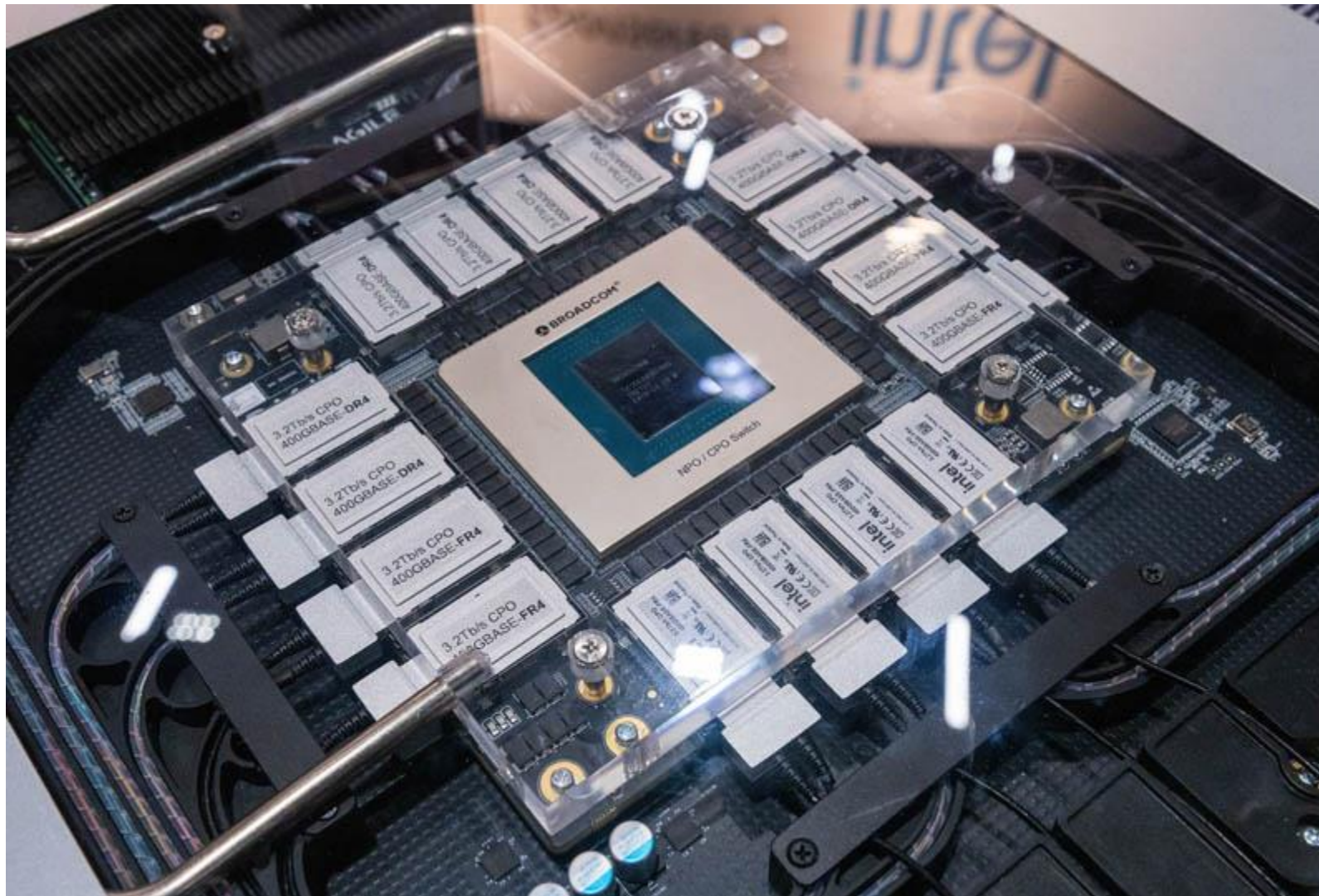
Silicon Photonics Optical Components

Integration for Power and Performance scaling

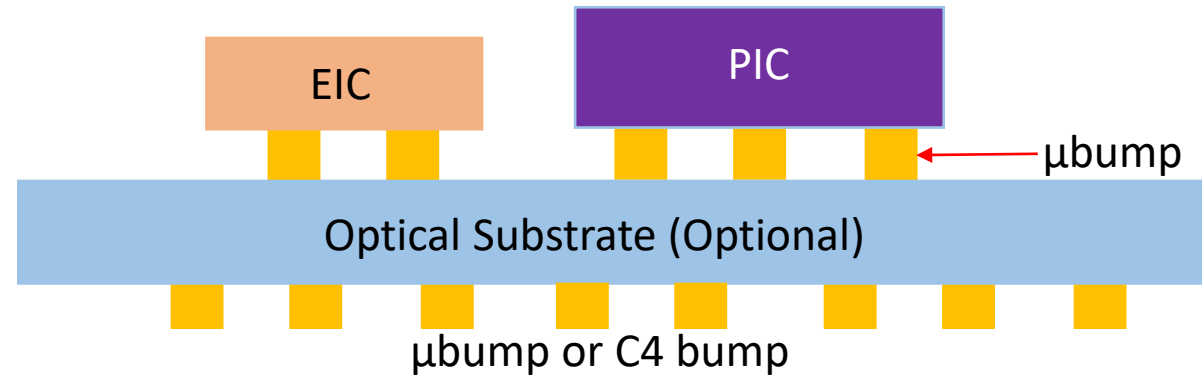
- Lower-loss channel → lower-power I/O
- No on-board retimers → lower system power and cost
- Enables higher density
- Reduced cost of photonics (\$/Gbps) through integration
- Reduced cost (system) through simpler systems and deployment

→ **Enable bandwidth scalability: break constraint of copper and front-plate pluggable**

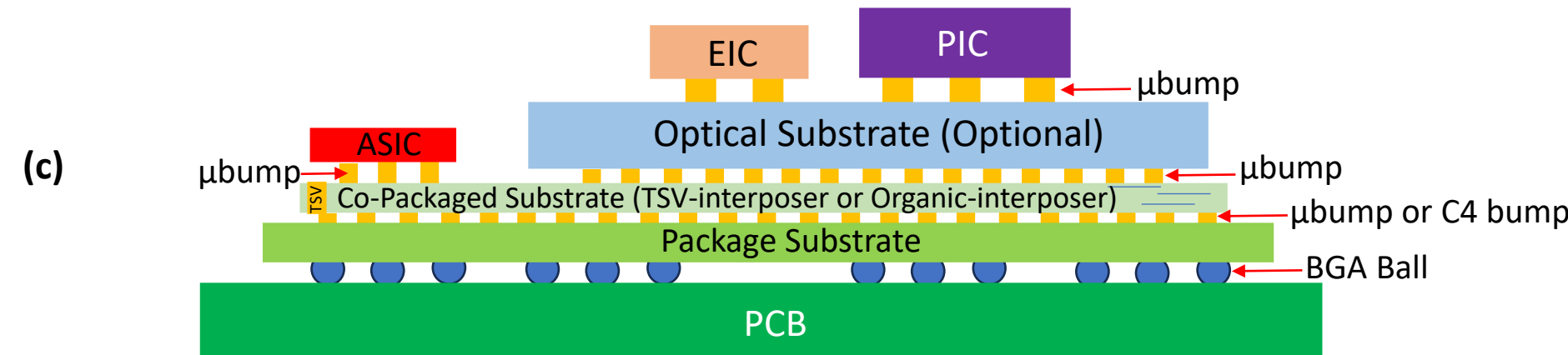
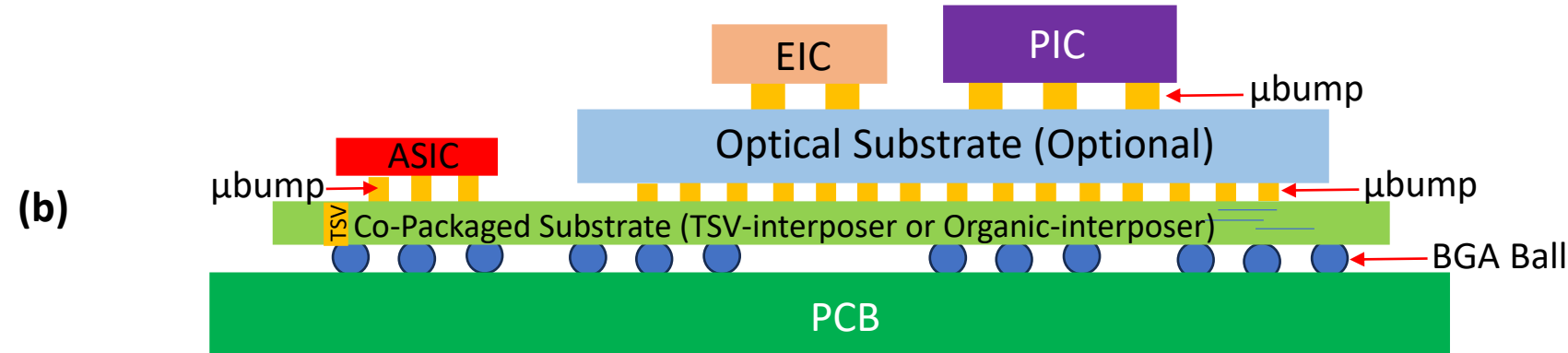
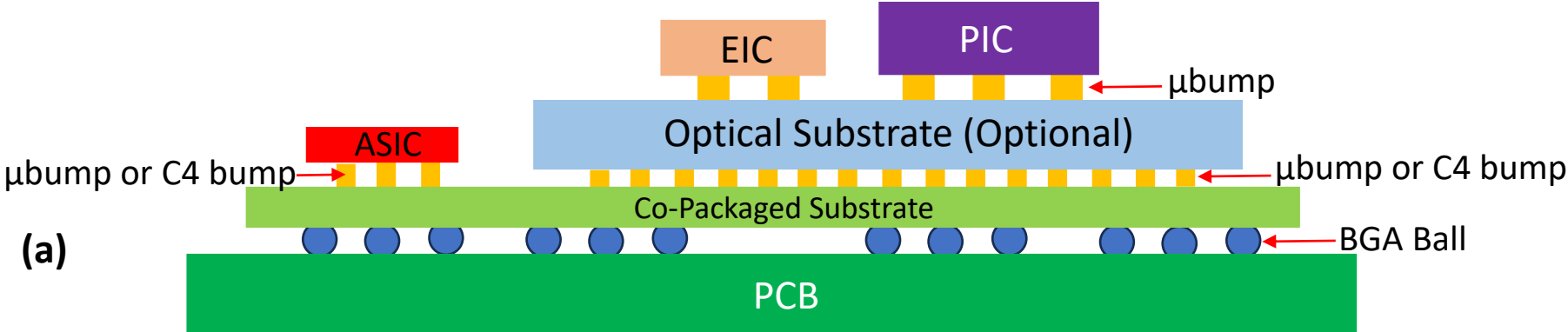
Broadcom's co-packaged optics switch



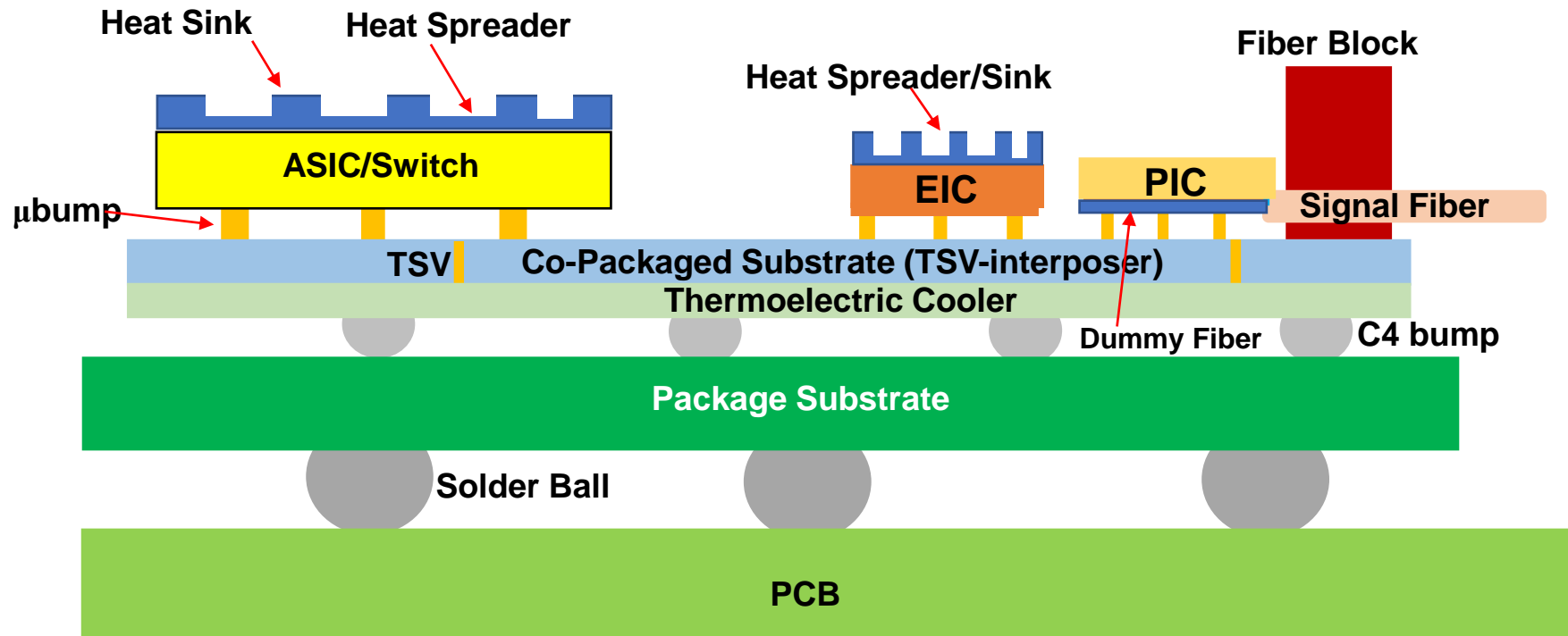
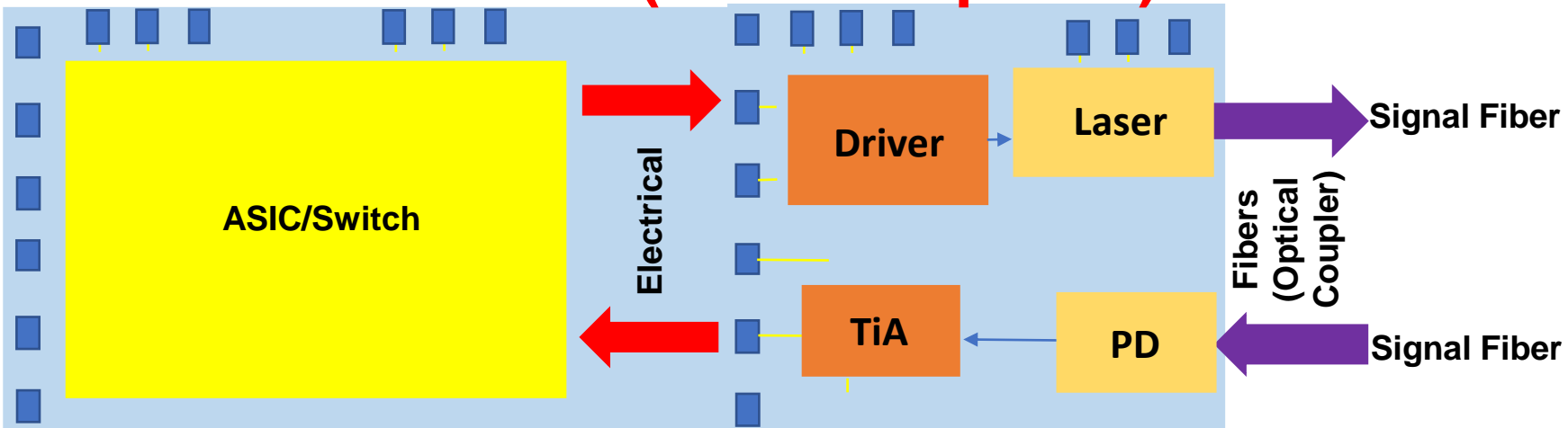
2D heterogeneous integration of EIC and PIC



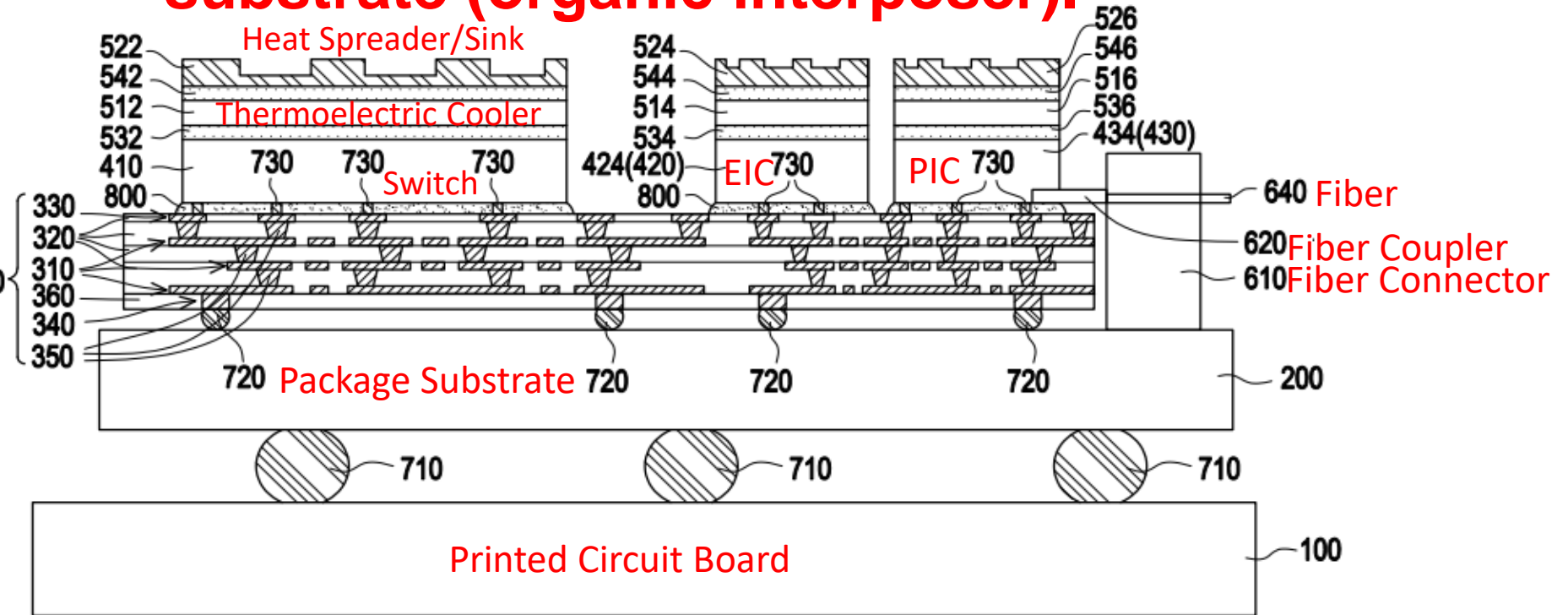
2D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC. (a) On an ordinary co-packaged substrate. (b) On TSV-interposer or organic interposer. (c) On TSV-interposer or organic interposer and then on package substrate.



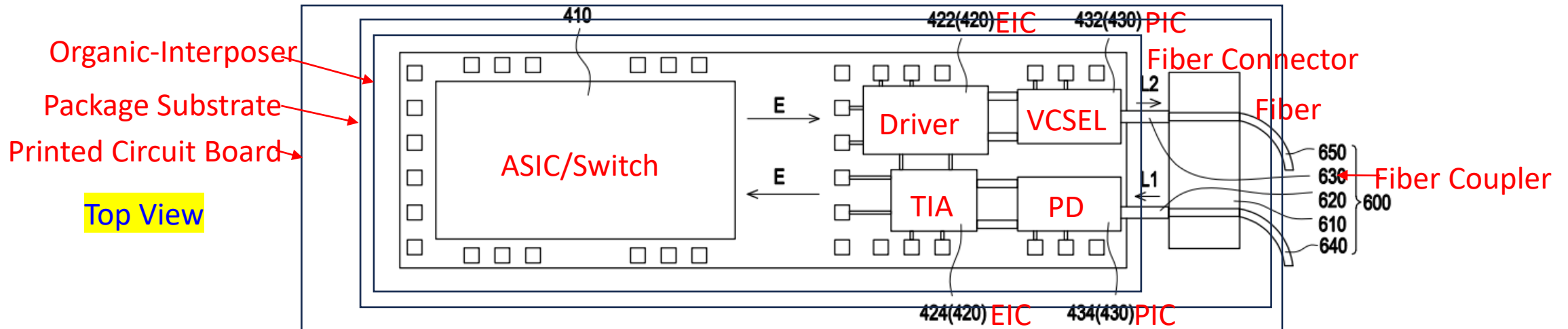
2D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC on a co-packaged substrate (TSV-interposer)



2D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC on a co-packaged substrate (organic interposer).



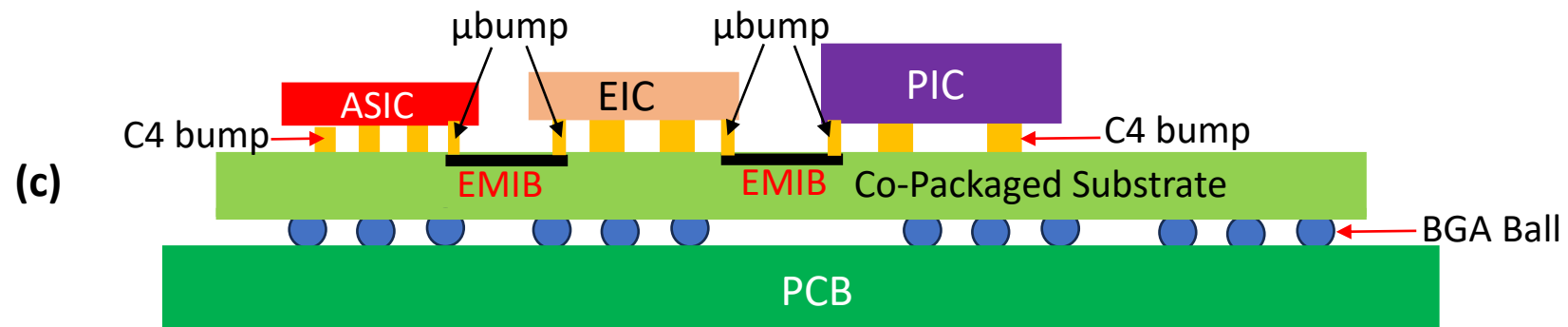
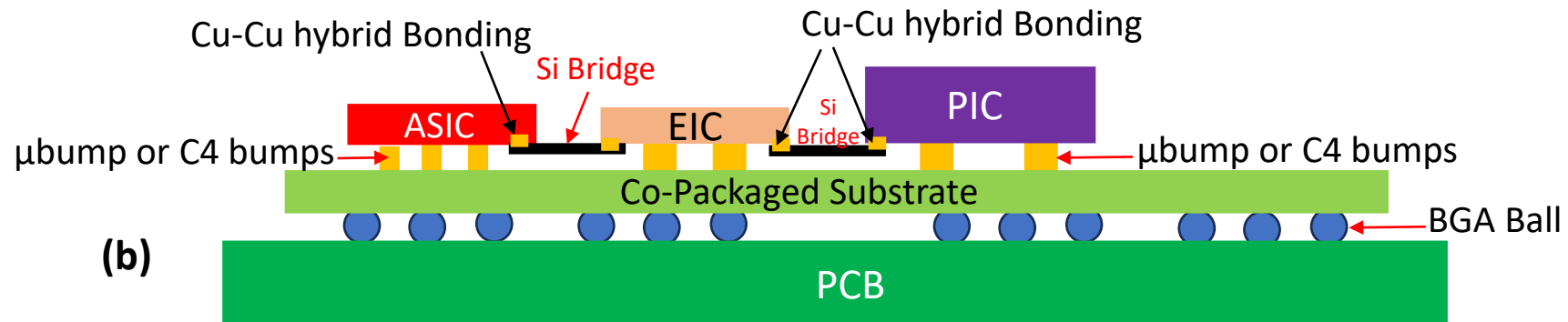
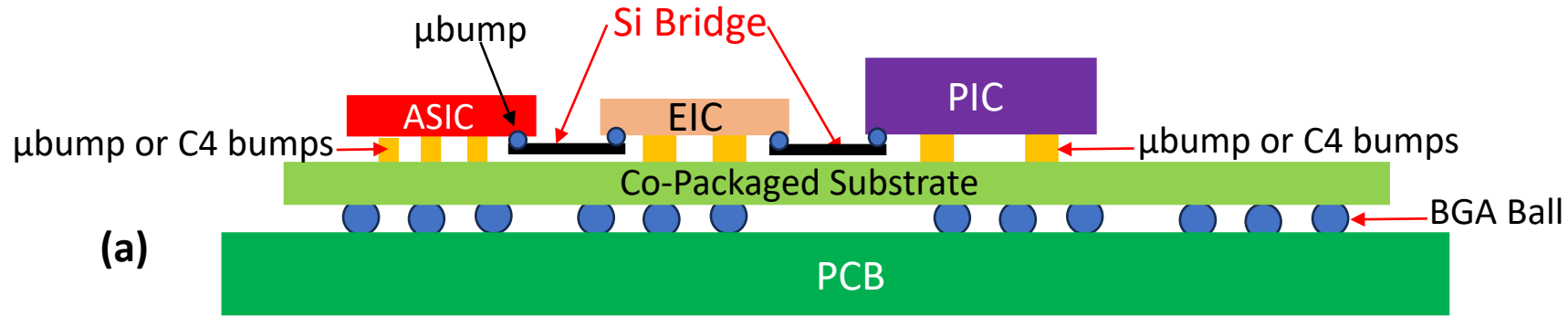
Cross-section View



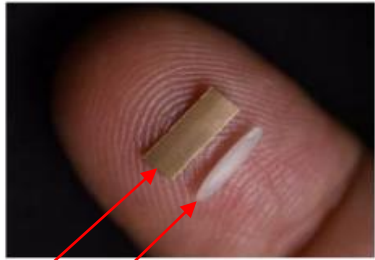
Top View

2D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC with silicon bridges on a copackaged substrate.

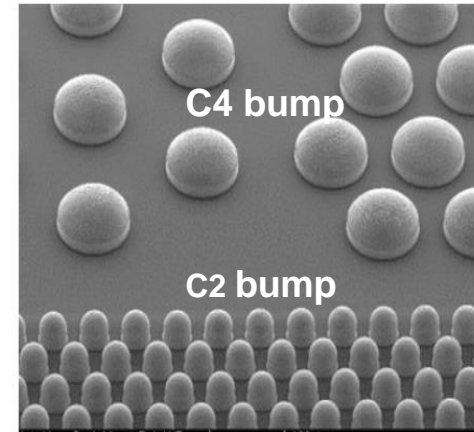
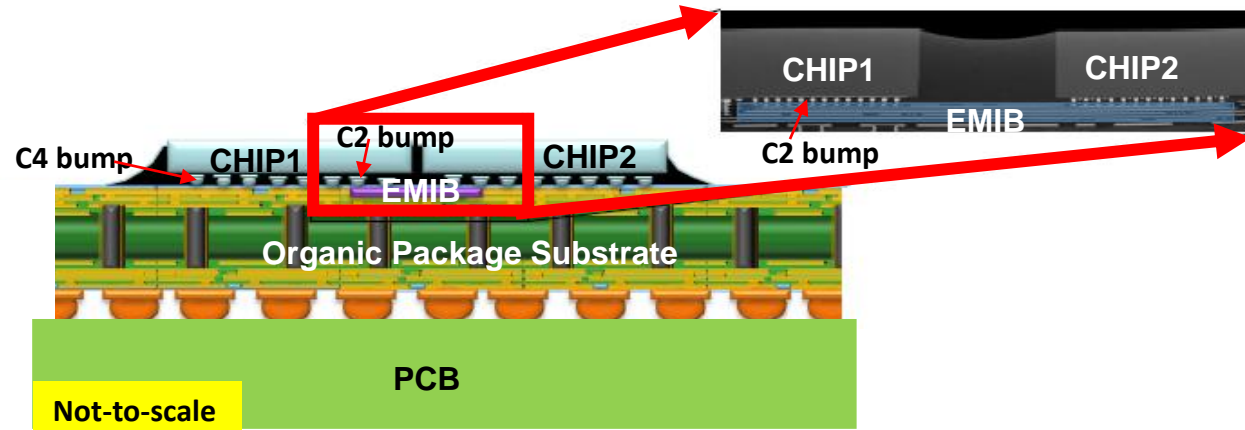
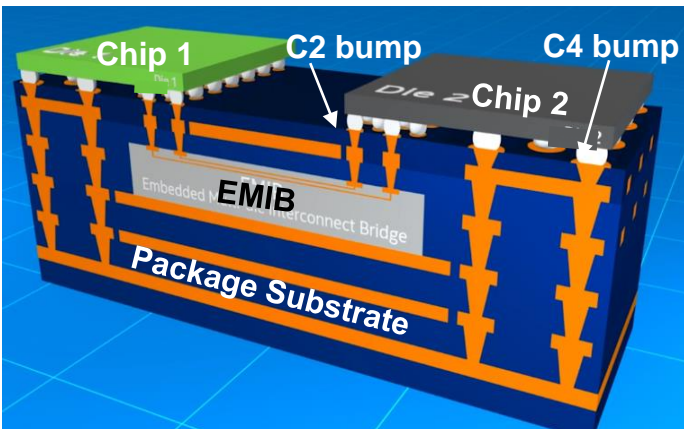
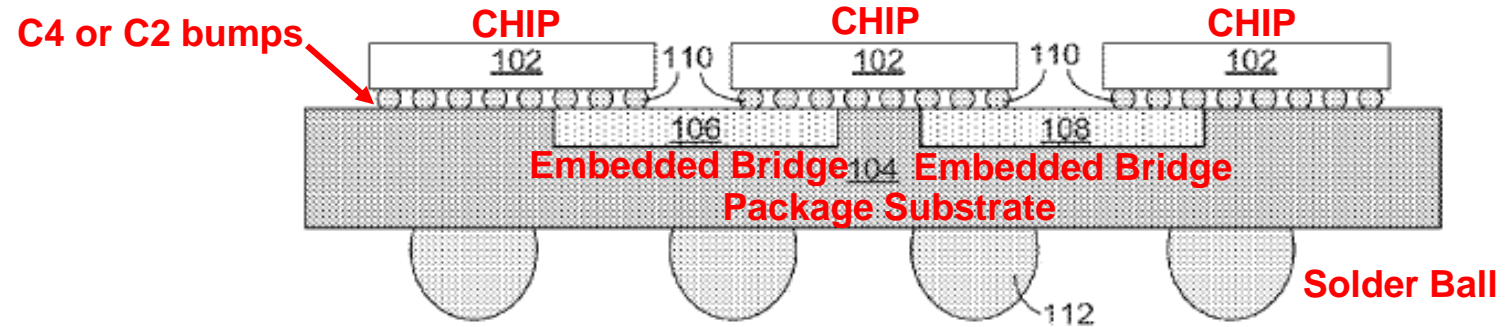
(a) Bridge with μ bumps. (b) Bridge with hybrid bonding. (c) EMIB.



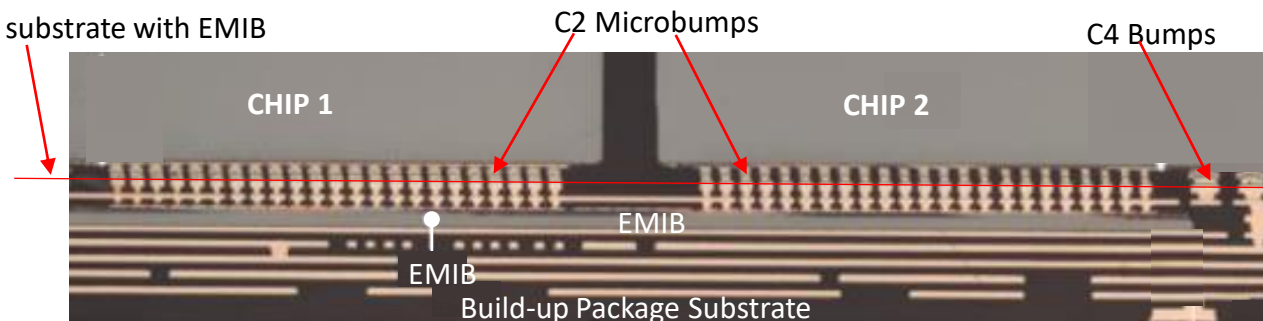
Intel's EMIB (Embedded Multi-die Interconnect Bridge)



EMIB Basmati Rice



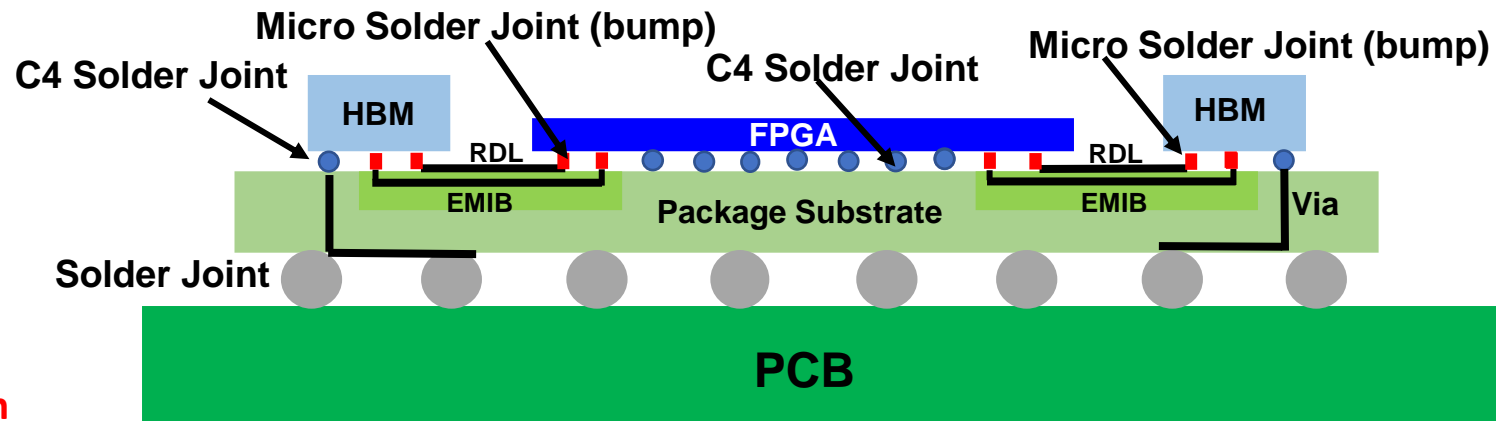
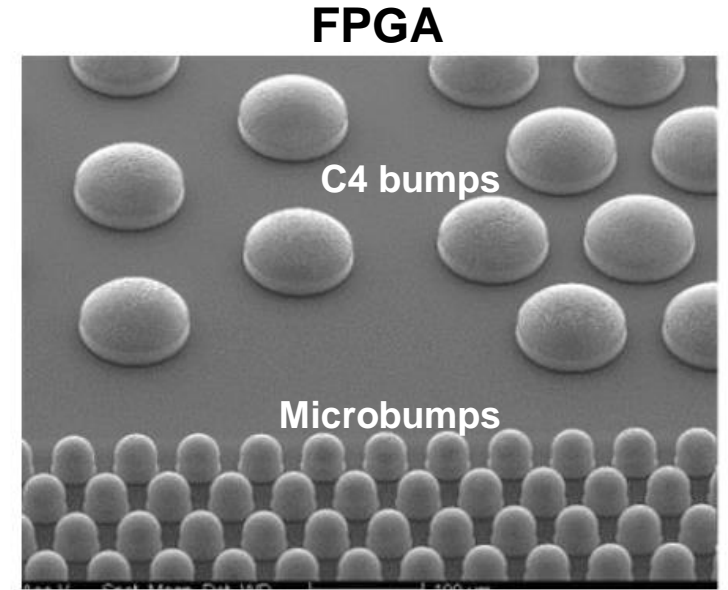
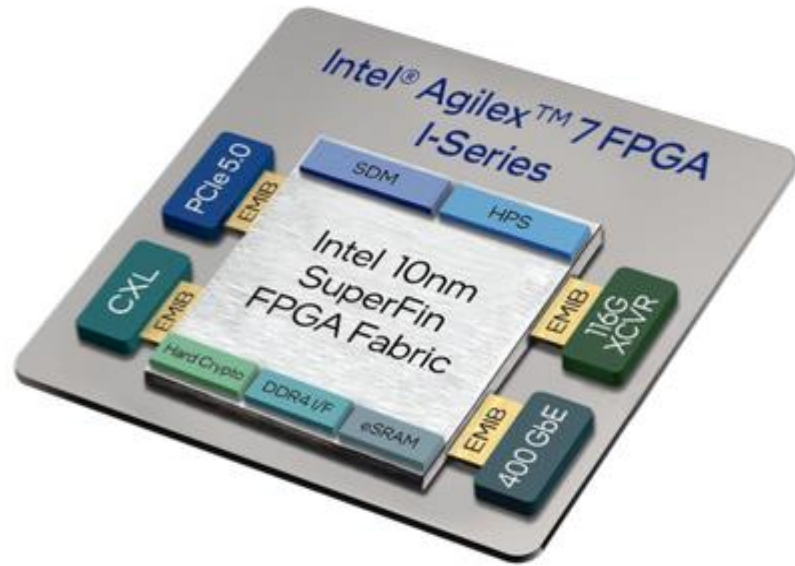
The surface of package substrate with EMIB



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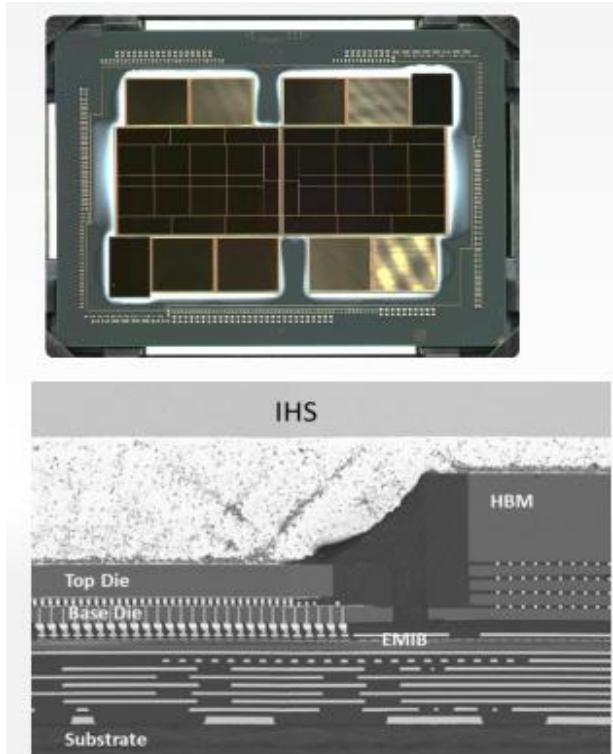
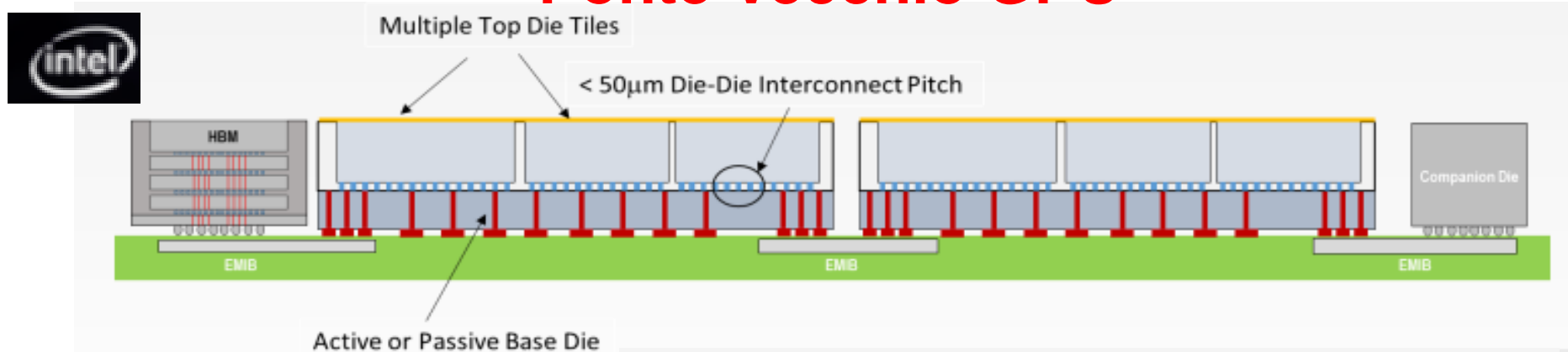
The objective of EMIB is to replace TSV-Interposer (2.5D IC Integration)

Intel's FPGA (Agilex) with EMIB

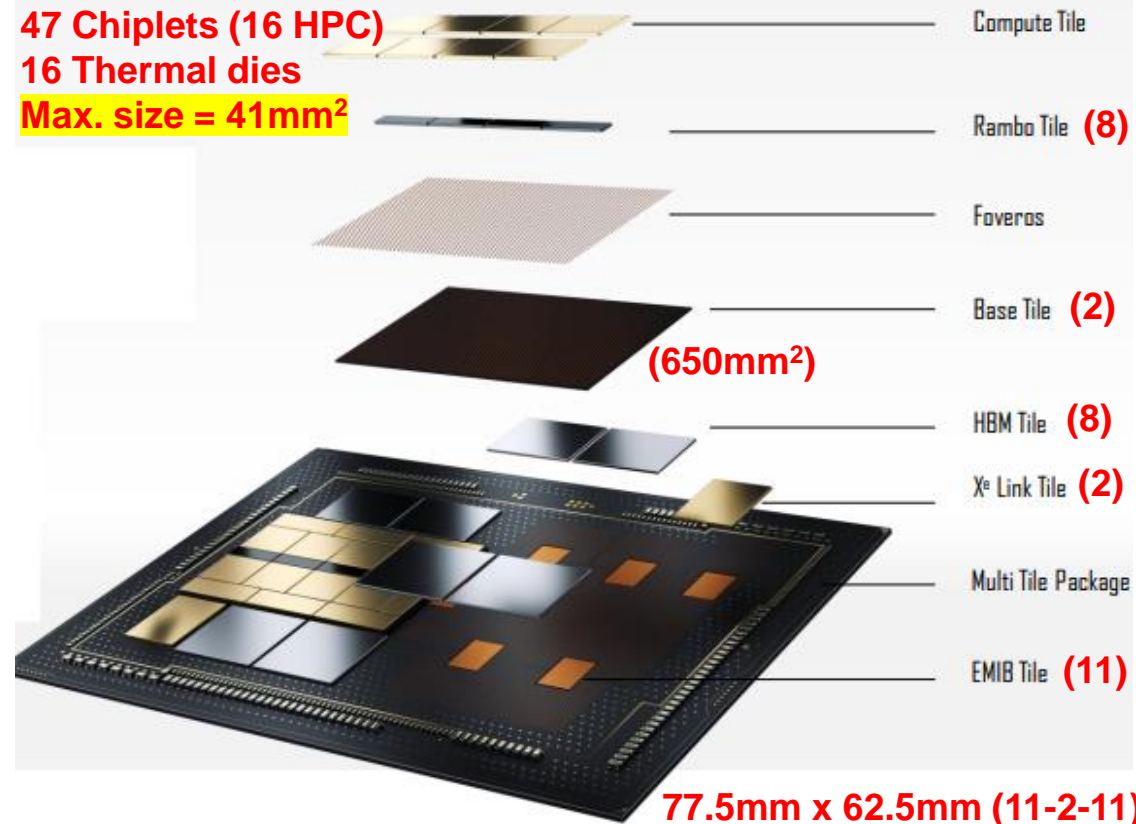


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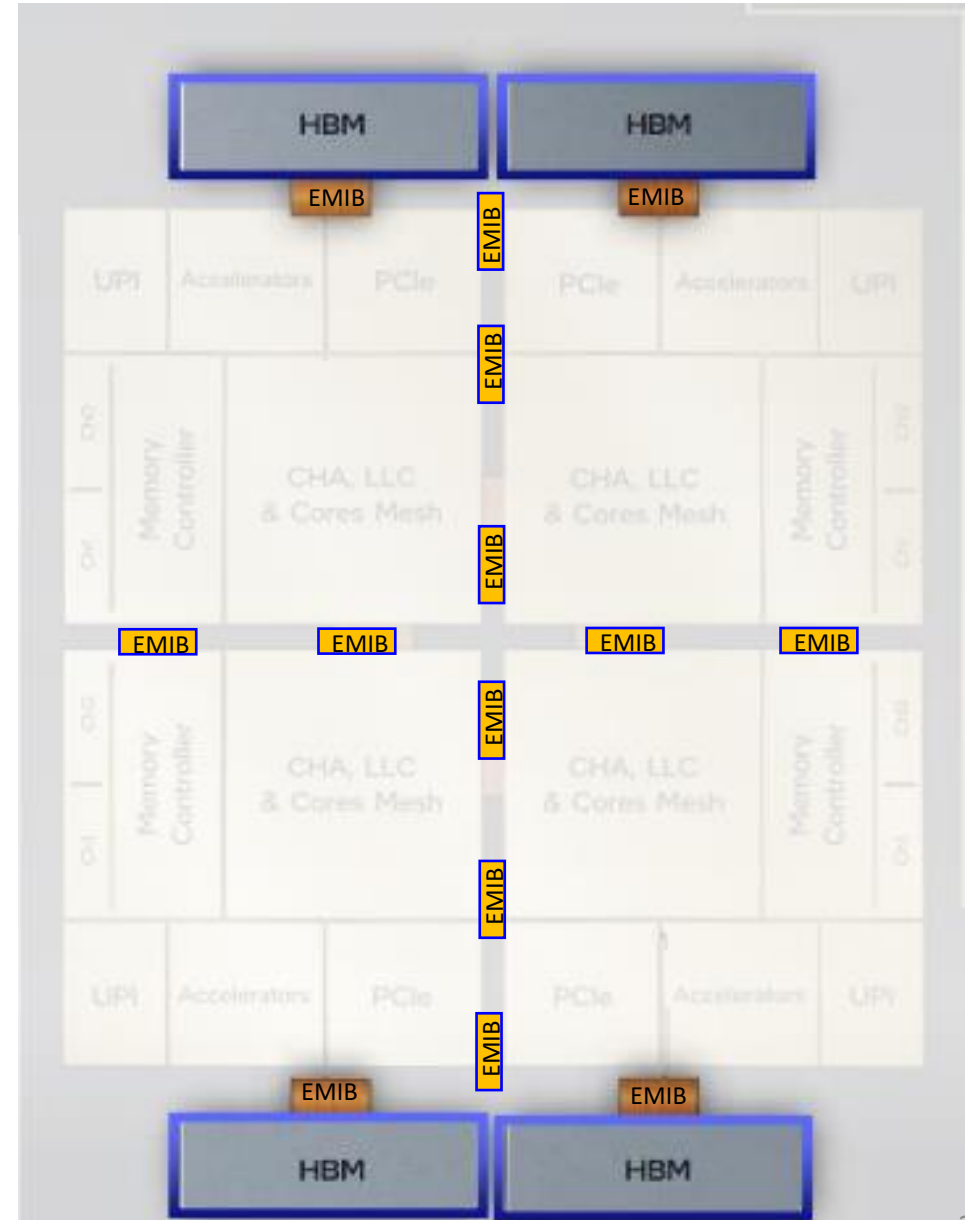
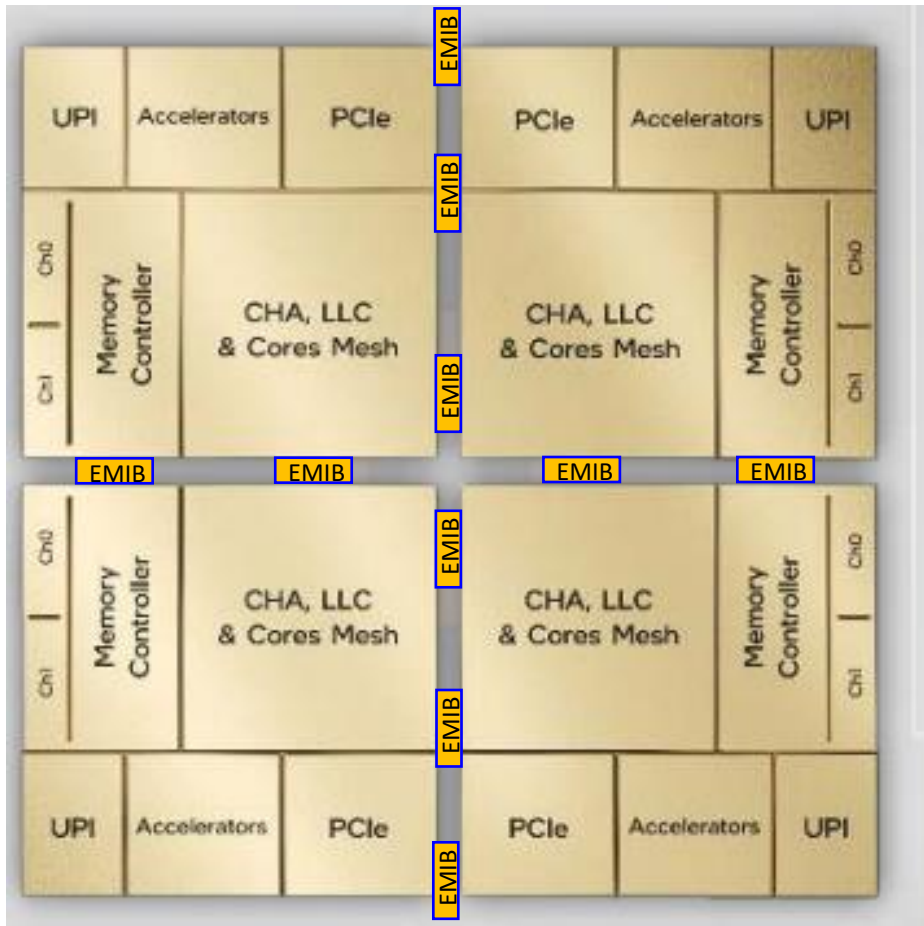
Intel's Chiplet Design and Heterogeneous Integration Packaging:- Ponte Vecchio GPU



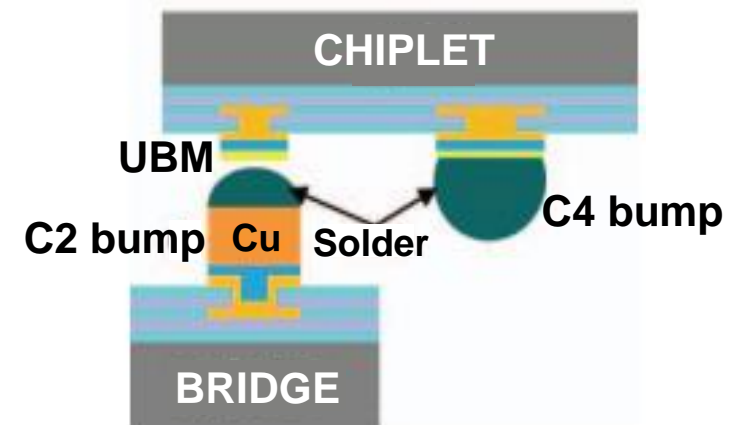
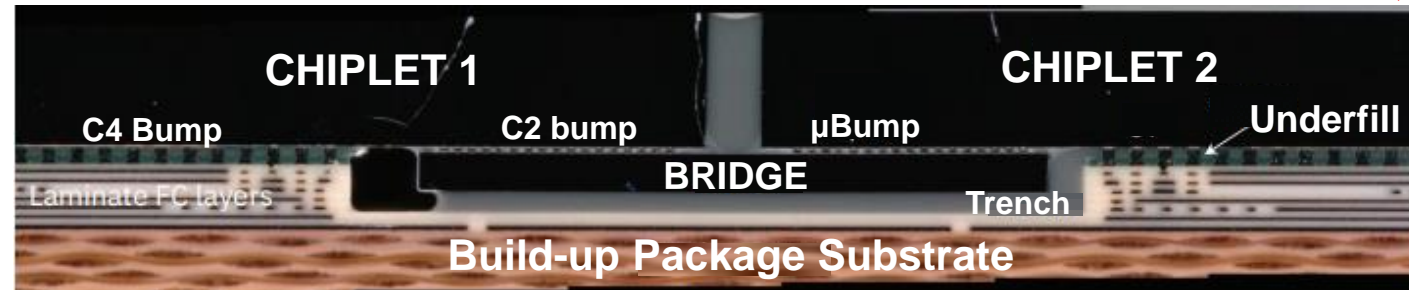
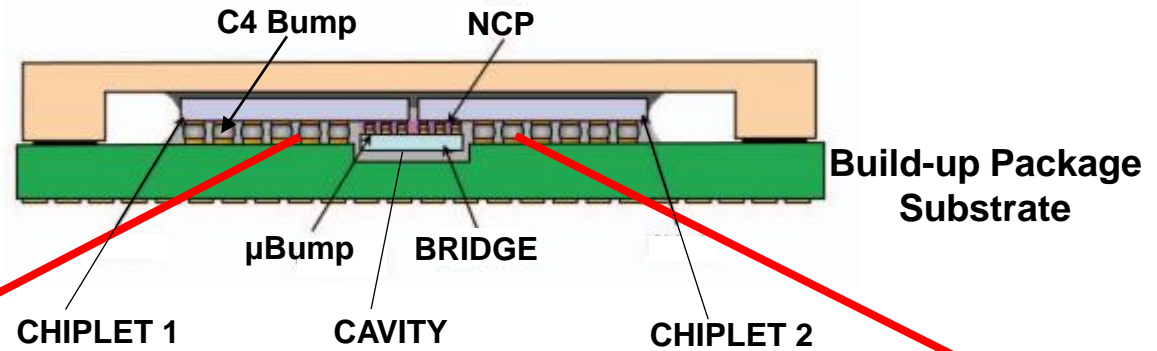
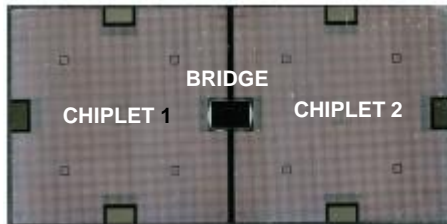
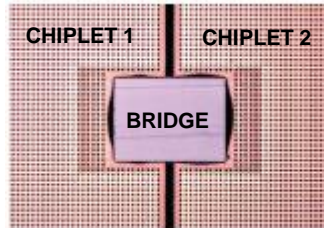
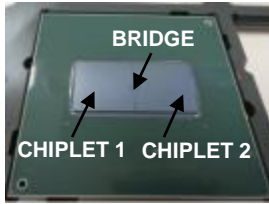
- 47 Chiplets (16 HPC)
- 16 Thermal dies
- Max. size = 41mm²



EMIB (Embedded Multi-Die Interconnect Bridge) for Sapphire Rapids

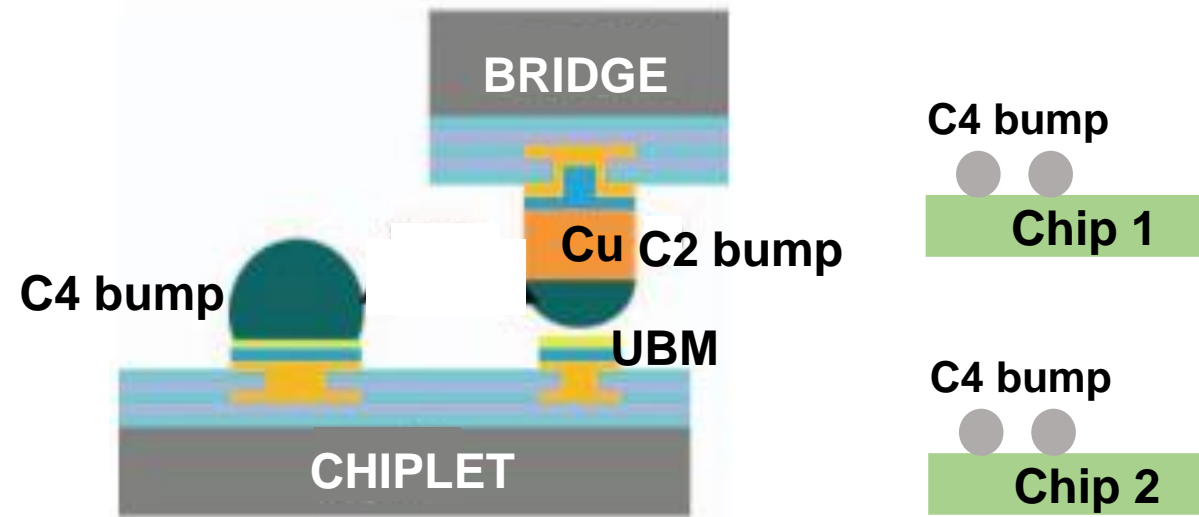


IBM's Direct Bonded Heterogeneous Integration (DBHi) Si Bridge



IBM's DBHi Key Process Steps

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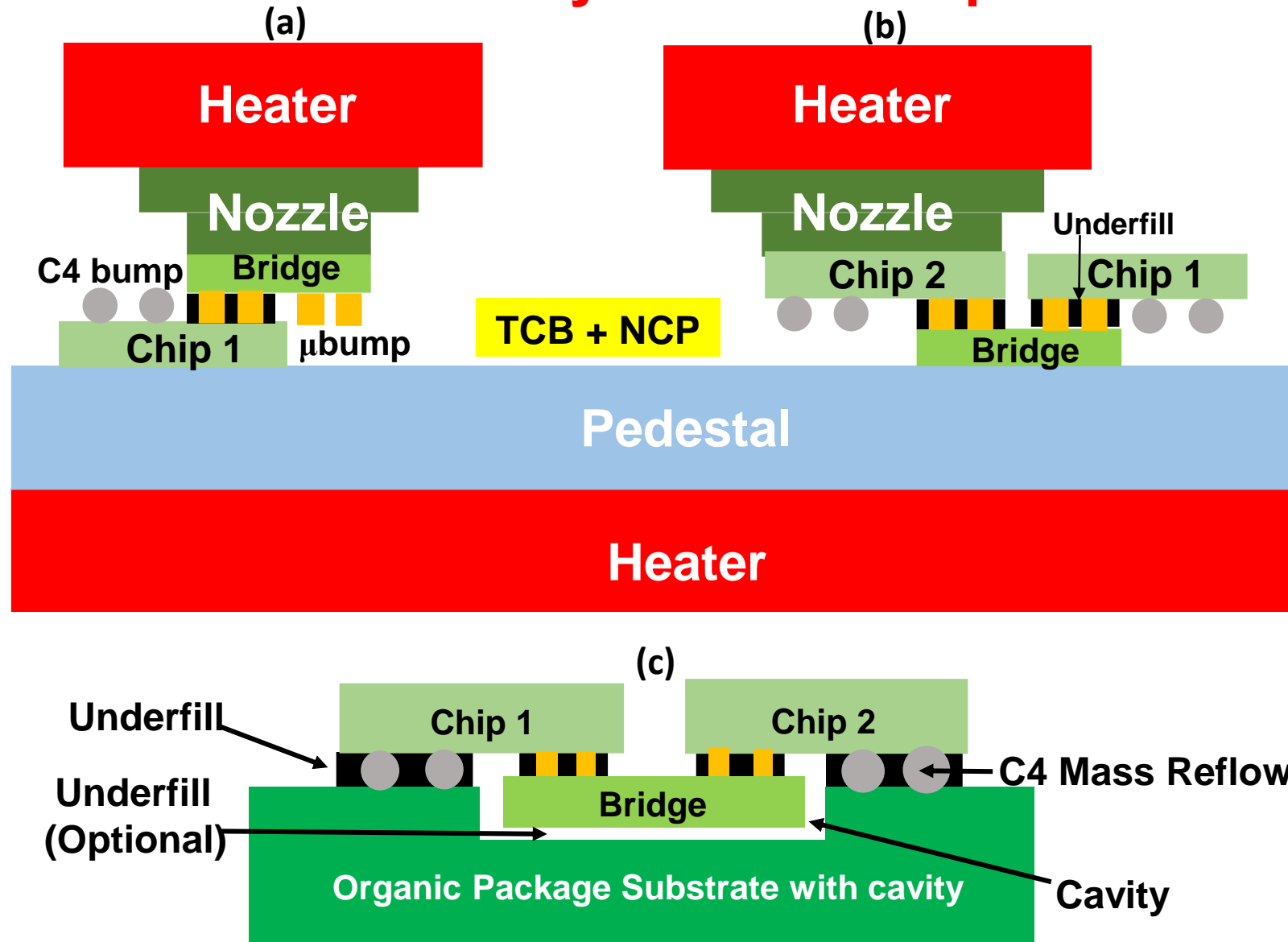


(b)

Build-up Package Substrate with Cavity

- a) C2 bumps on the bridge, while C4 bumps on the chiplet.
- b) Ordinary build-up package substrate with a cavity.

IBM's DBHi Key Process Steps



- a) TCB/NCP of bridge die with C2 μ bumps on Chip 1 with C4 bumps (NCP becomes the underfill).
- b) TCB/NCP of Chip 2 with C2 μ bumps on the bridge with the bonded Chip 1.
- c) Place the module (bridge + Chip 1 + Chip 2) on the substrate and mass reflow the C4 bumps. Apply the capillary underfill to the C4 bumps.

Direct Bonded Heterogeneous Integration (DBHi): Surface bridge approach for die tiling

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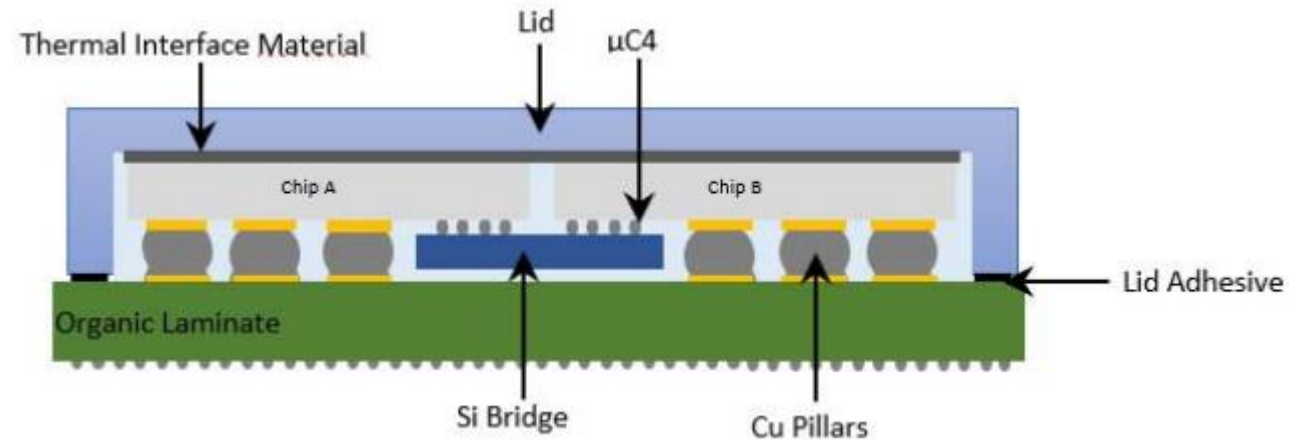
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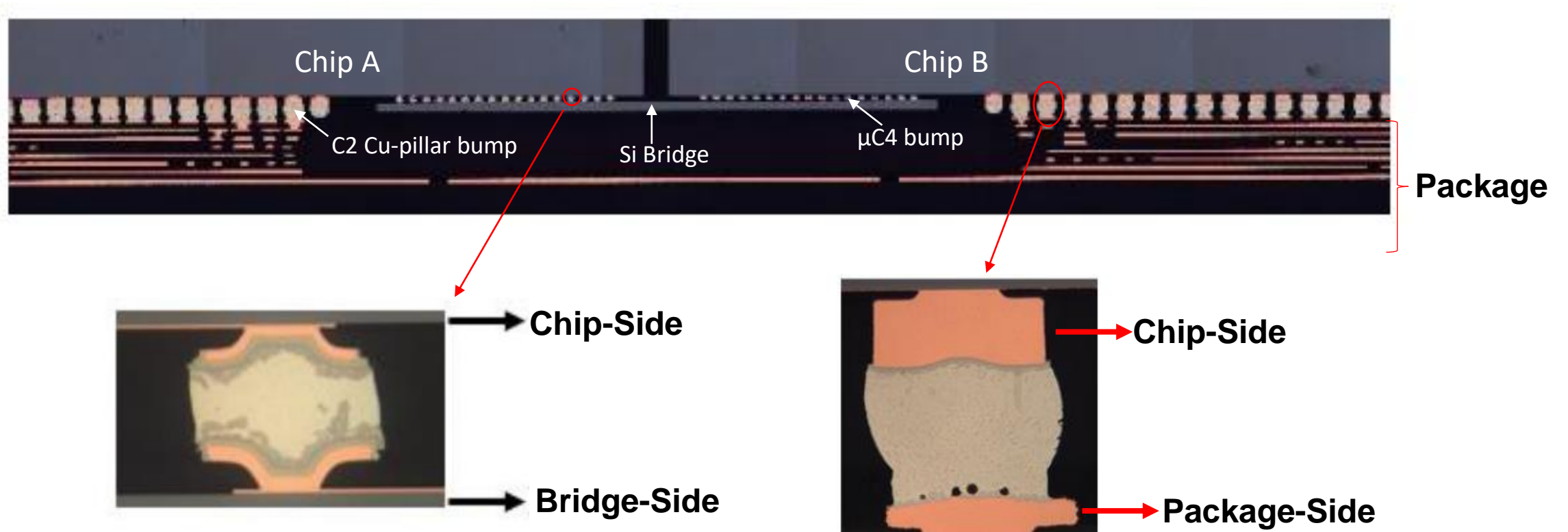
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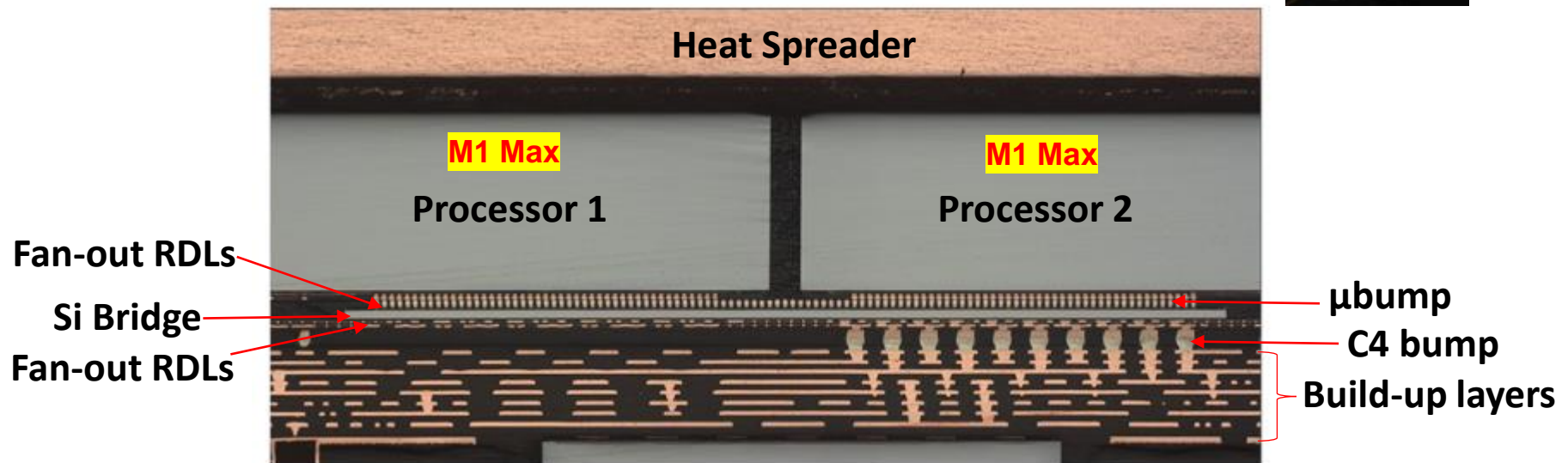
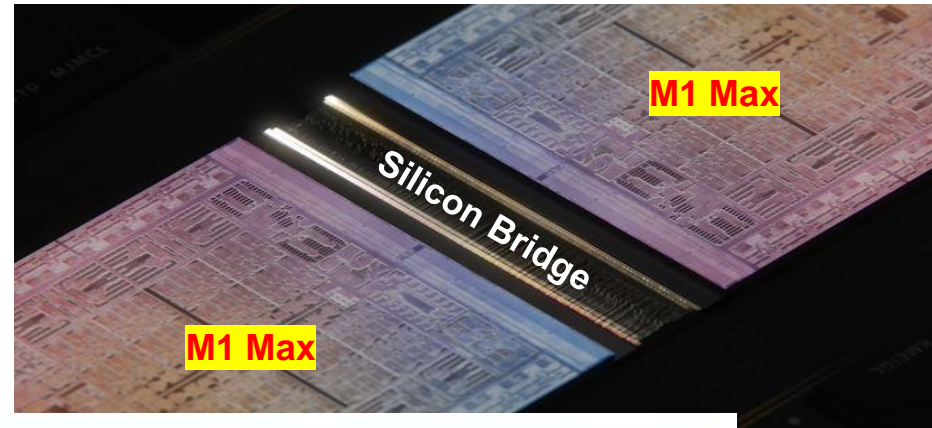


Improvements of IBM's DBHi

- The Si-bridge **is not** in the cavity of a package substrate
- Thickness of Si Bridge = 60 - 70 μ m
- Dimensions of Bridge = 3.5mm \times 2.5mm \times 60-70 μ m
- Nonconductive paste \rightarrow Solder and Reflow



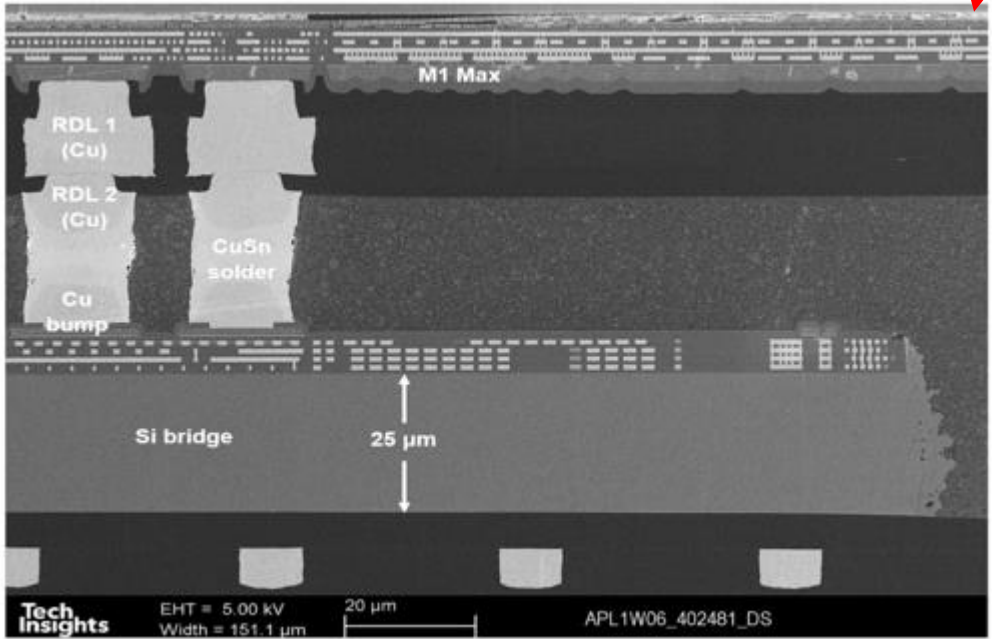
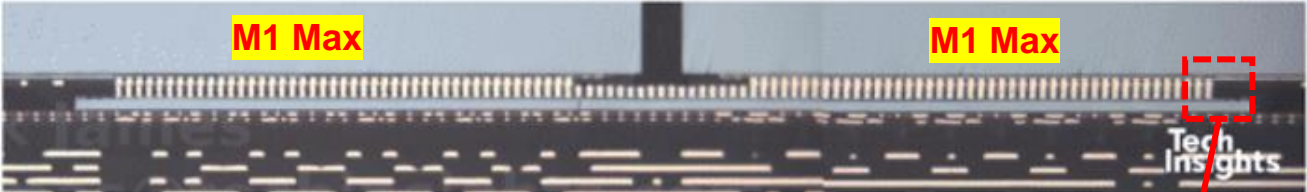
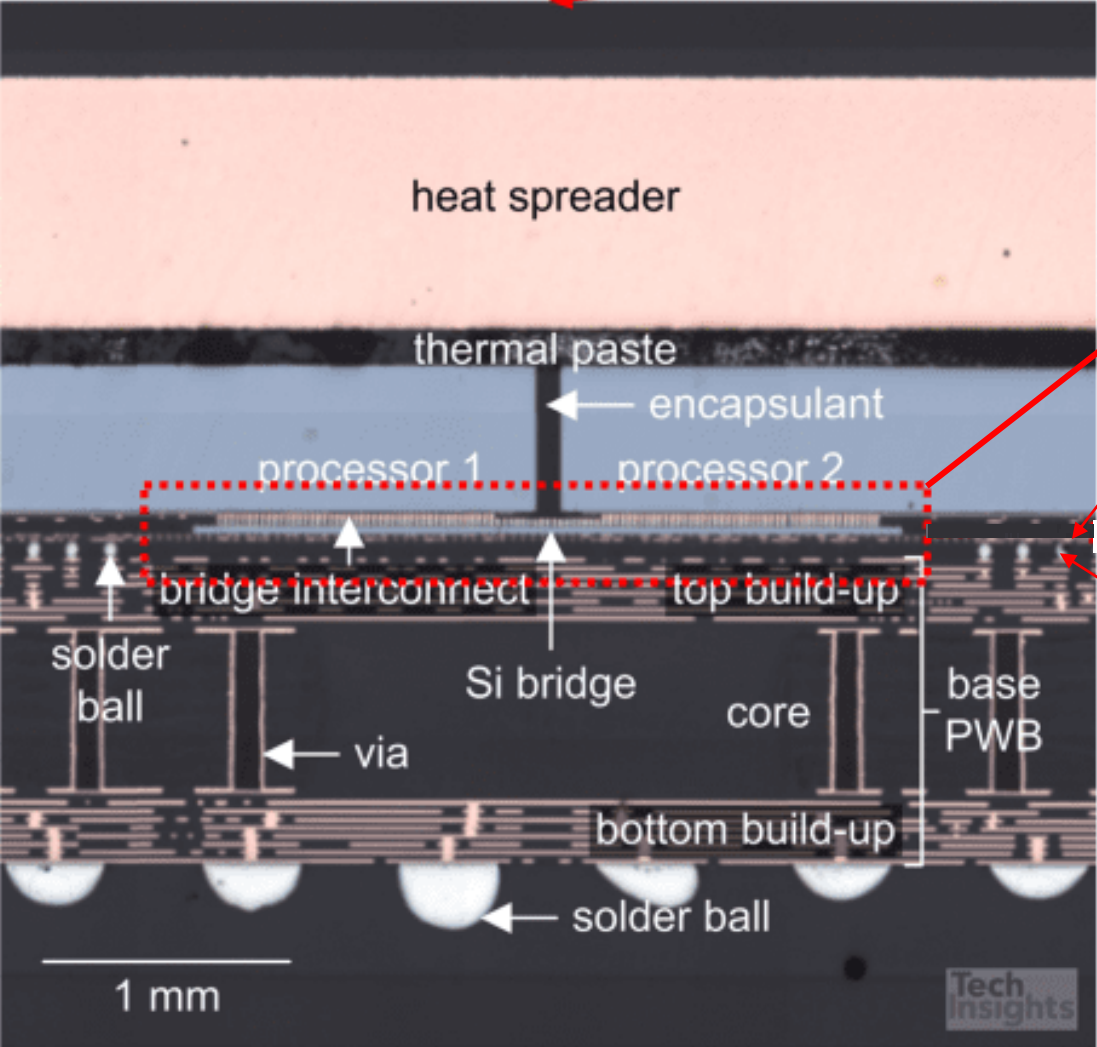
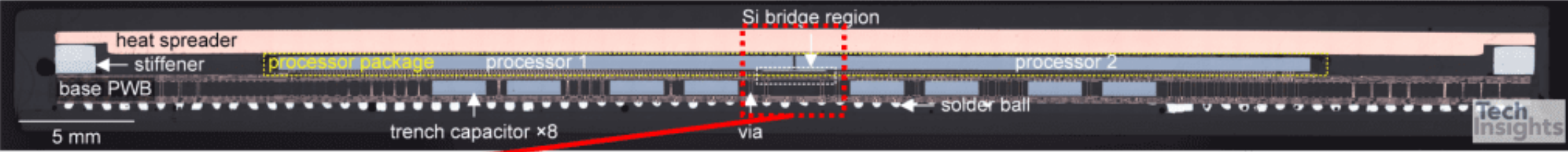
Apple's UltraFusion (M1 Ultra = M1 Max + M1 Max + Si Bridge)



UltraFusion — Apple's innovative **packaging architecture** that interconnects the die of two M1 Max chips to create a system on a chip (SoC) with unprecedented levels of performance and capabilities. TSMC assembled the package with silicon bridge what TSMC called LSI (local silicon interconnect).

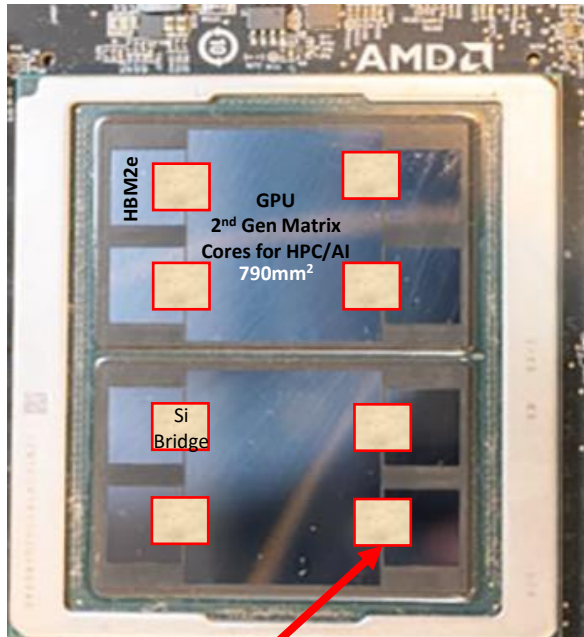
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Apple's UltraFusion with TSMC's LSI (Bridge) Shipped in March 2022



RDLs
C4 bump

AMD's Instinct MI250X Compute Accelerator (GPU/HBM2 Interfaced with Si Bridge on Fan-out RDLs)



Si bridge on fan-out RDLs

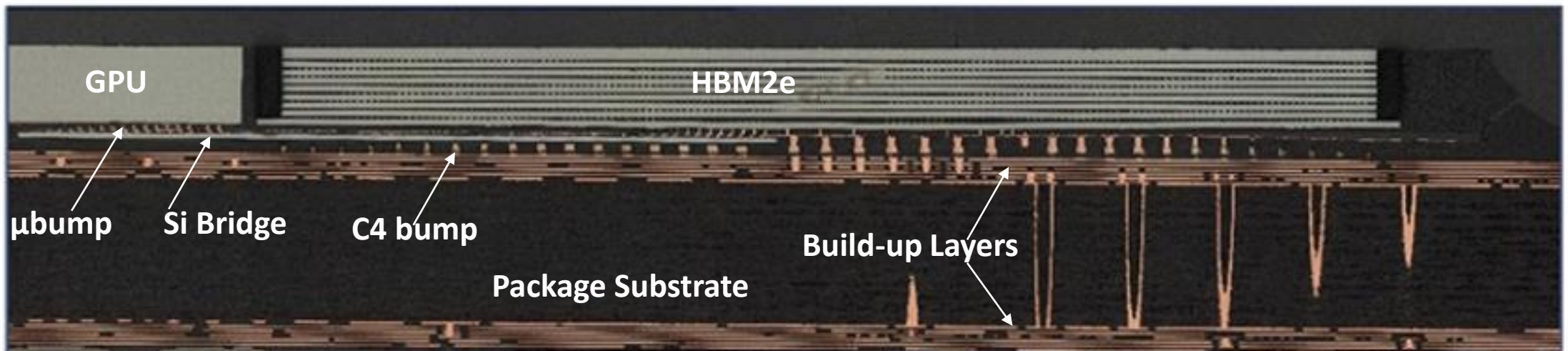
AMD INSTINCT™ MI200 SERIES KEY INNOVATIONS

The diagram illustrates the key innovations of the AMD Instinct MI200 OAM Series. It features a central 3D cutaway view of the chip with callouts to various components. The innovations are listed in blue boxes around the chip:

- TWO AMD CDNA™2 DIES
- ULTRA HIGH BANDWIDTH DIE INTERCONNECT
- COHERENT CPU-TO-GPU INTERCONNECT
- 2ND GEN MATRIX CORES FOR HPC & AI
- EIGHT STACKS OF HBM2E
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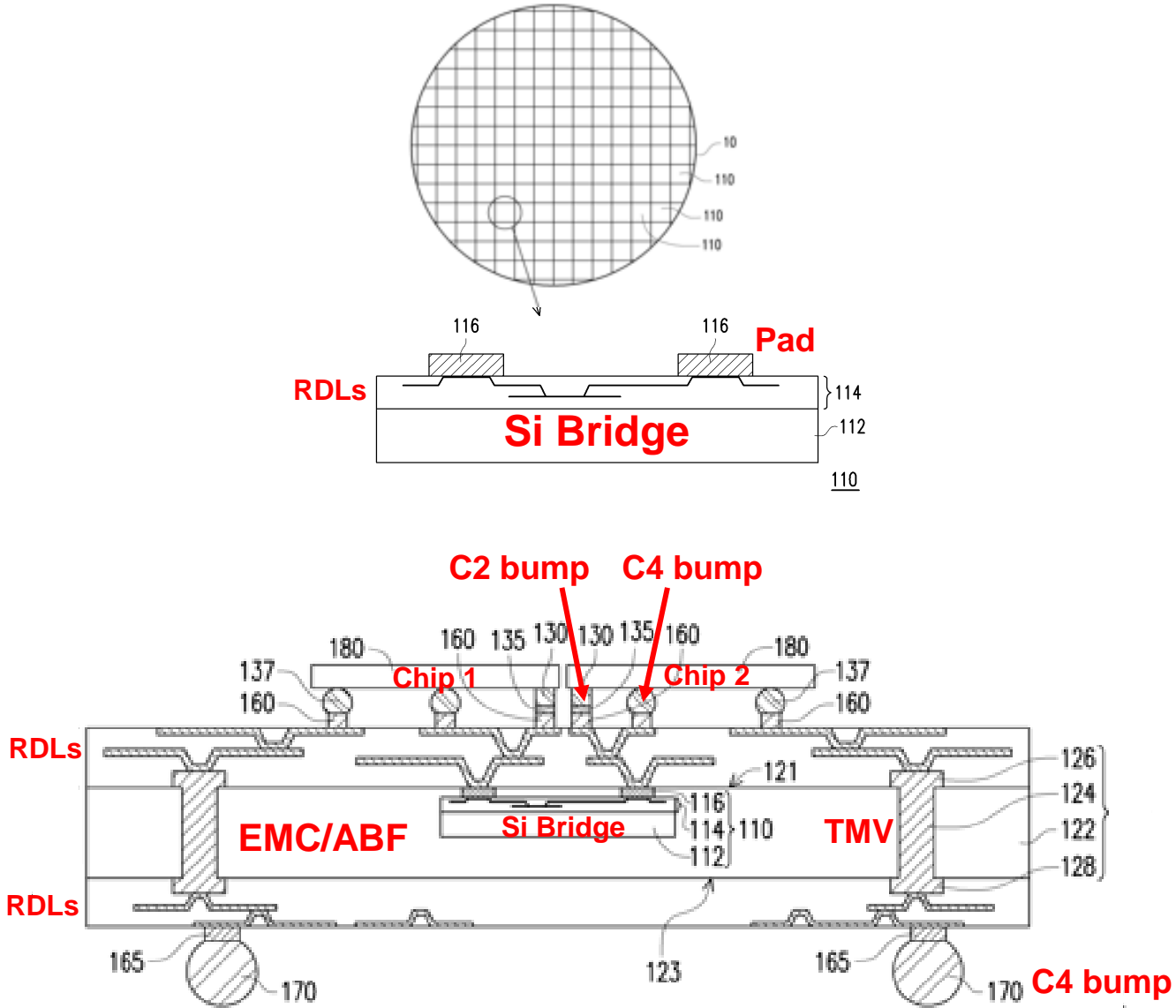
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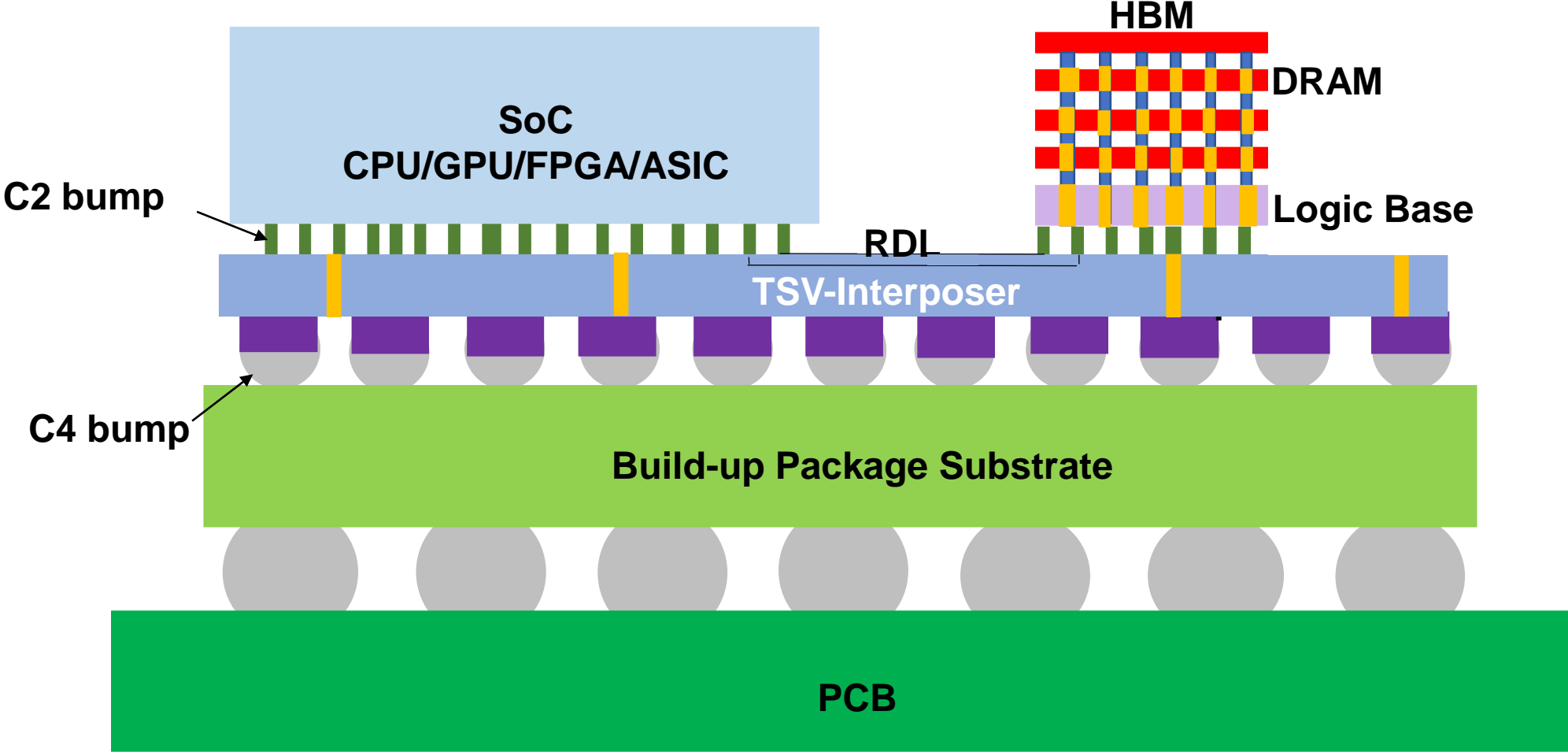
Bridge Embedded in Fan-Out Epoxy Molding Compound (EMC) with Redistribution-Layers (RDLs)

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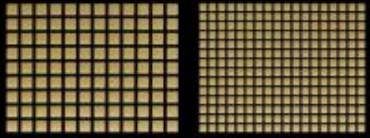
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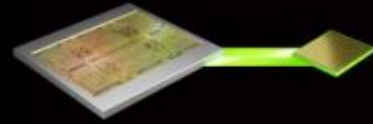
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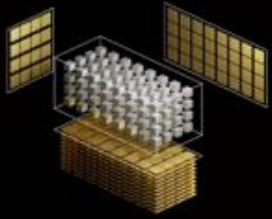
SUPERCHARGING HIGH PERFORMING AI SUPERCOMPUTING GPU



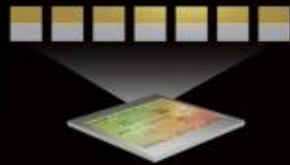
80 GB HBM2e
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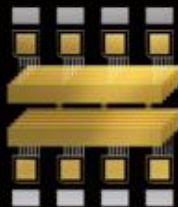
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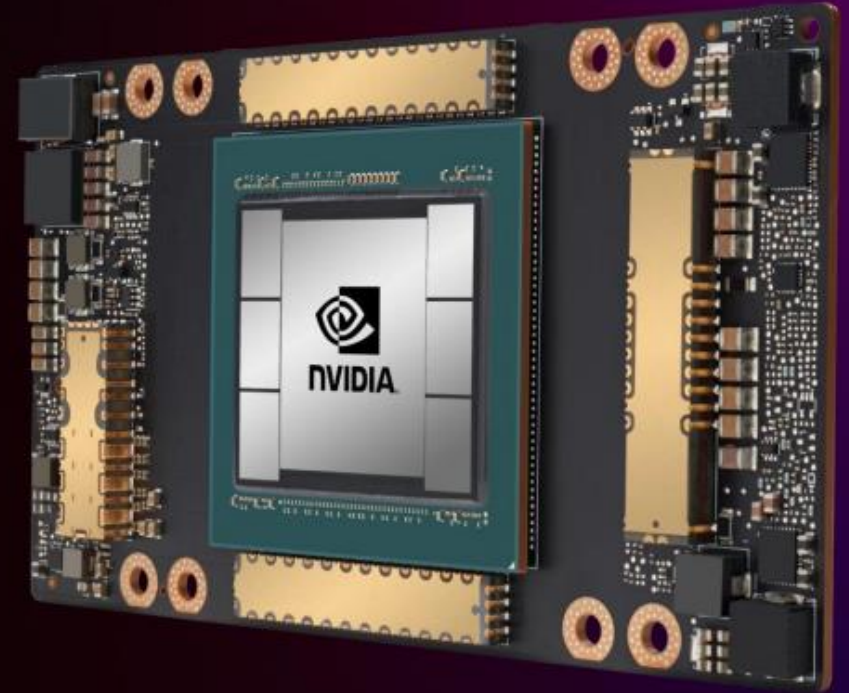
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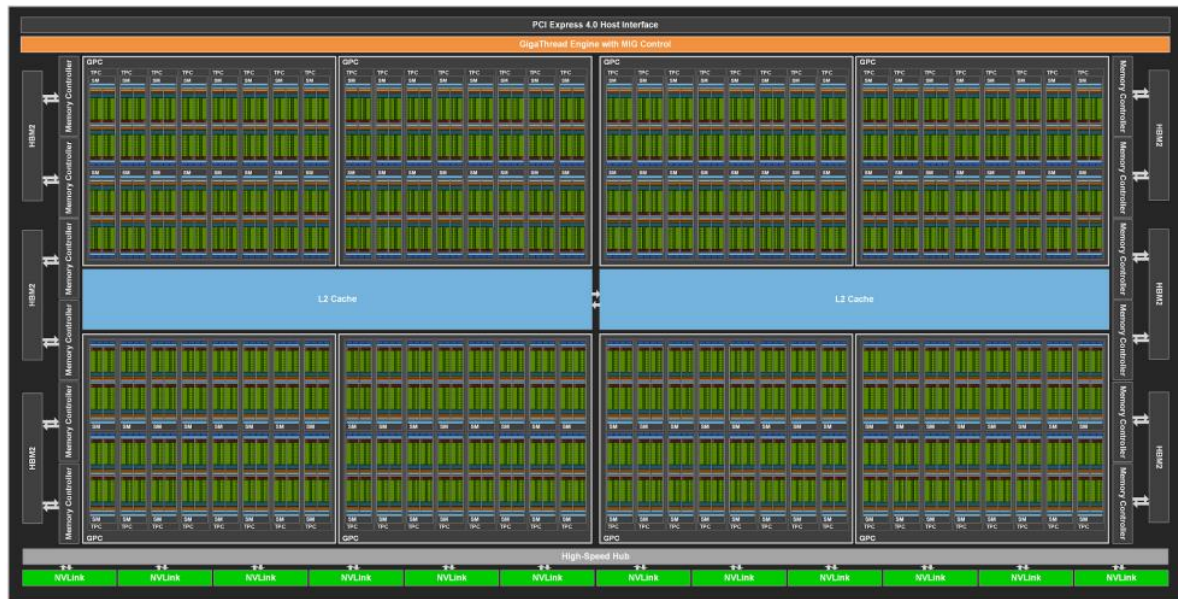
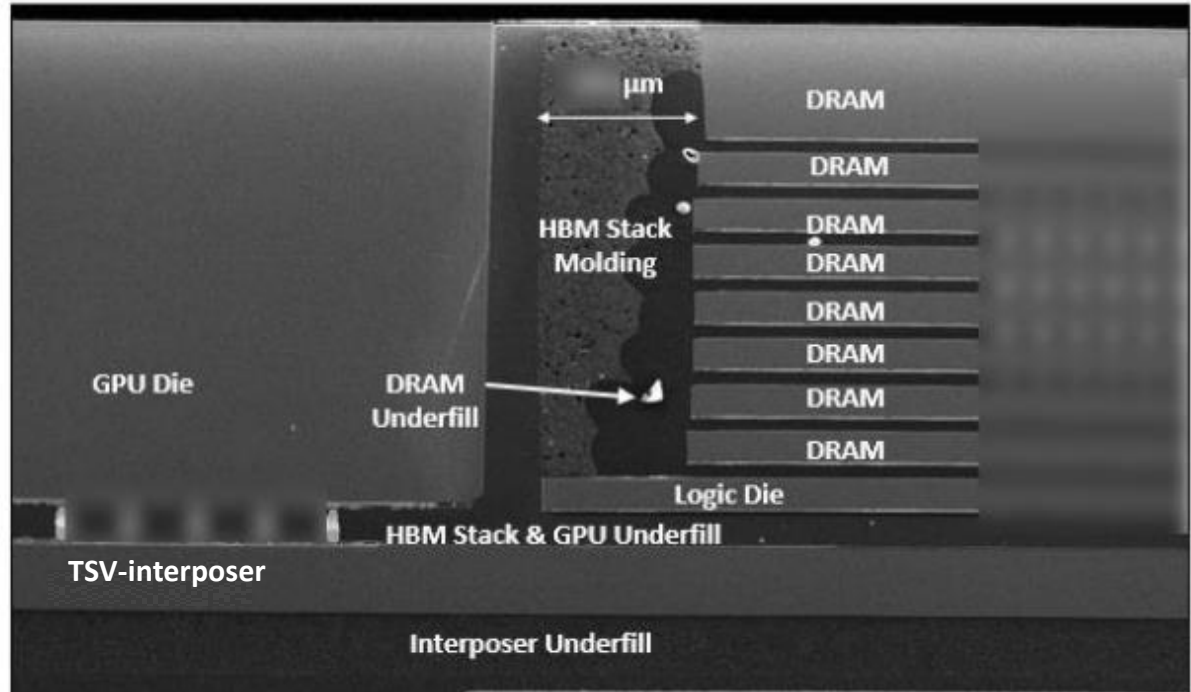
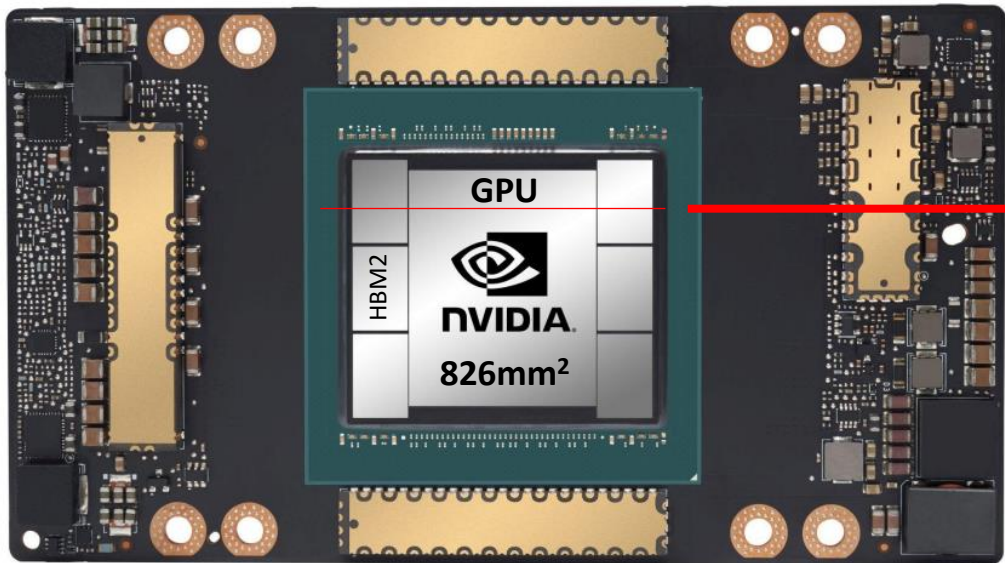


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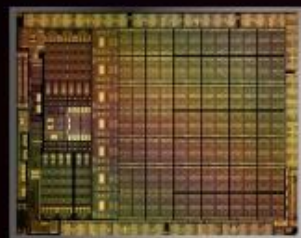
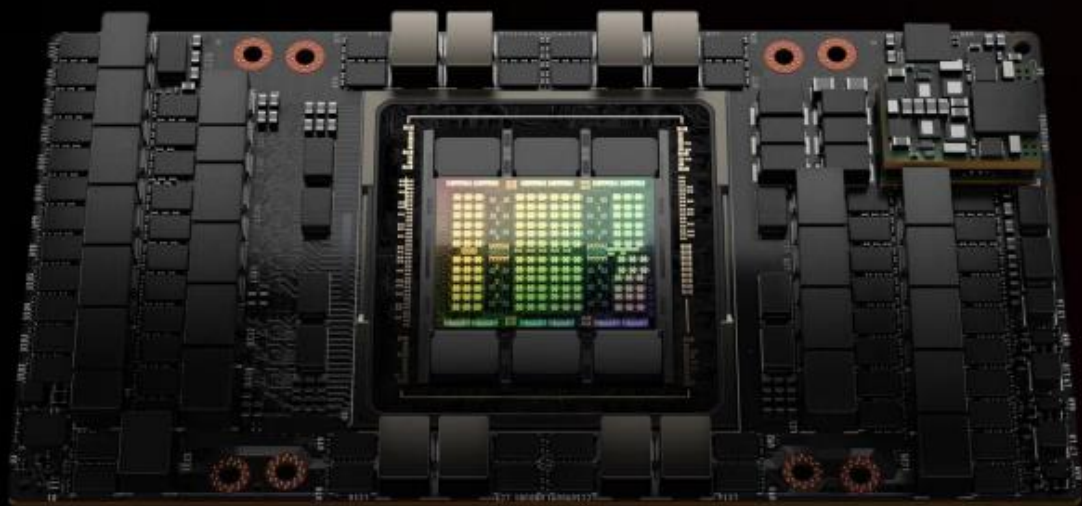
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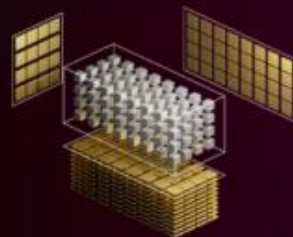


NVIDIA H100 – Coming soon to AWS

THE NEW ENGINE OF THE WORLD'S AI INFRASTRUCTURE



Advanced chip



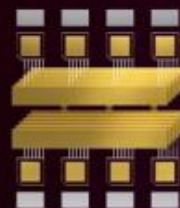
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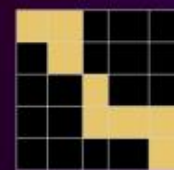
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Powering the next generation of GPU systems on AWS

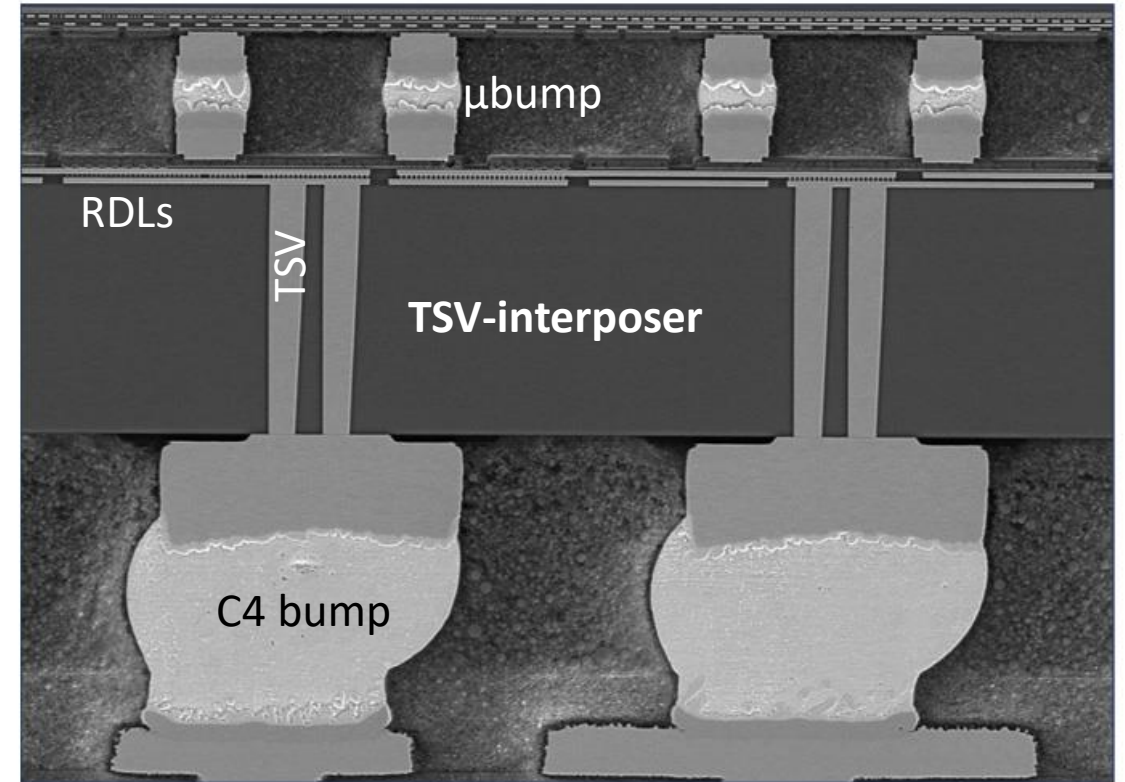
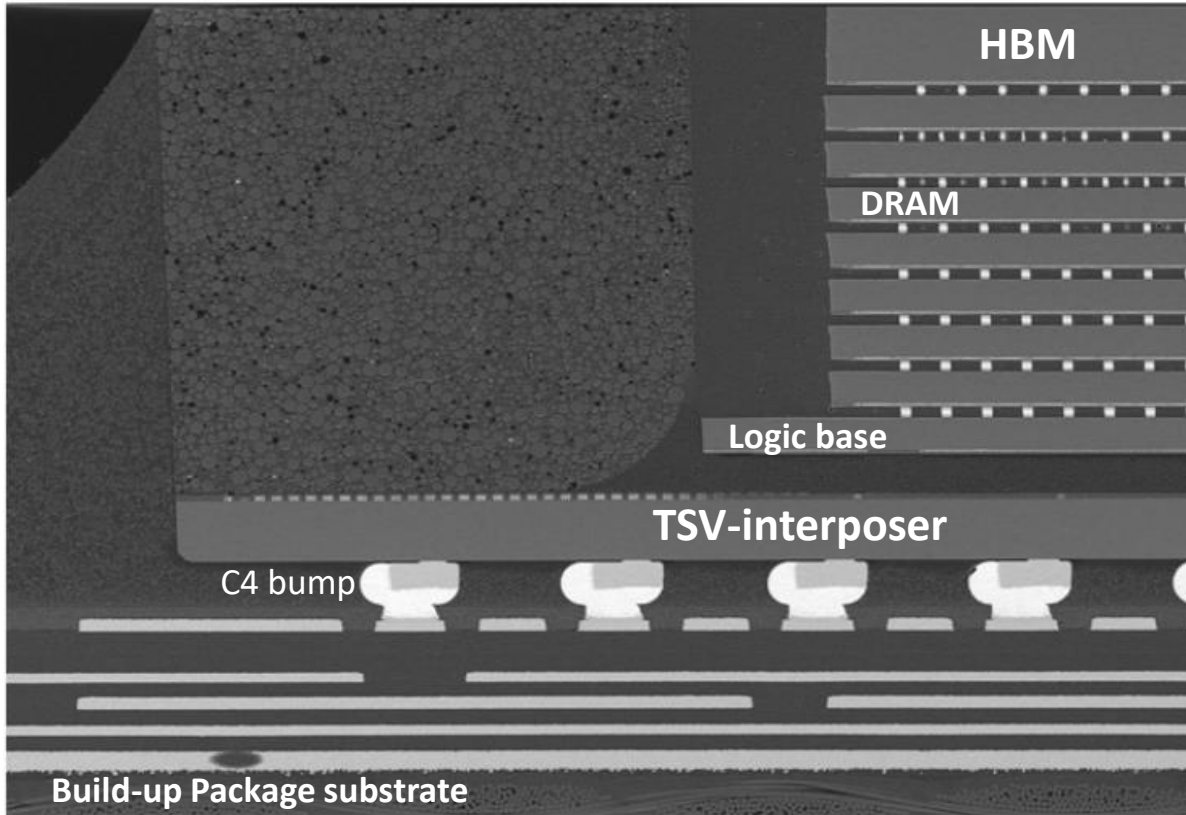
The flagship H100 GPU (14,592 CUDA cores, 80GB of HBM3 capacity, 5,120-bit memory bus) is priced at a massive \$30,000 (average), which Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang calls the first chip designed for generative AI.



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NVIDIA H100 GPU for AI Application



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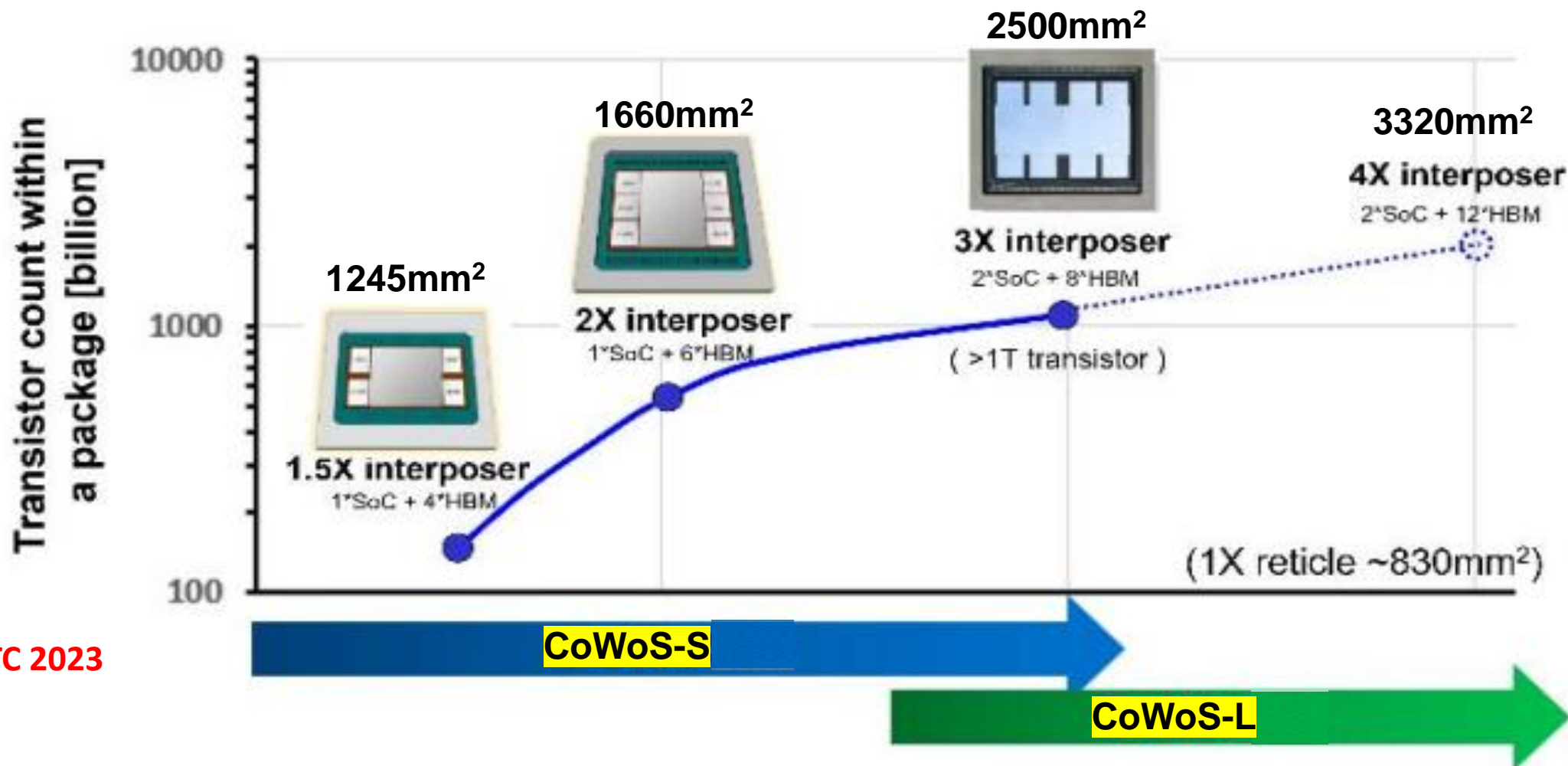
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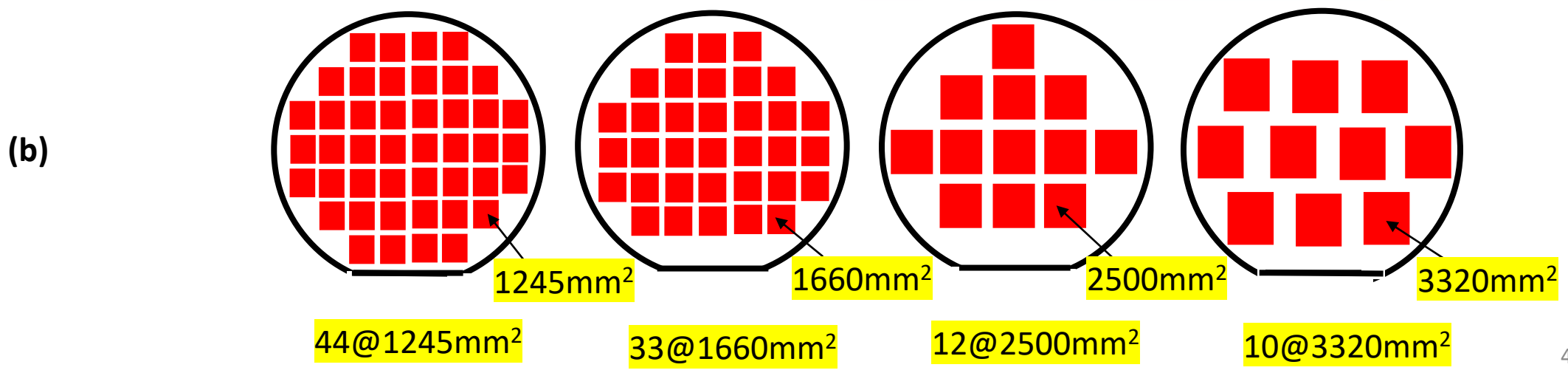
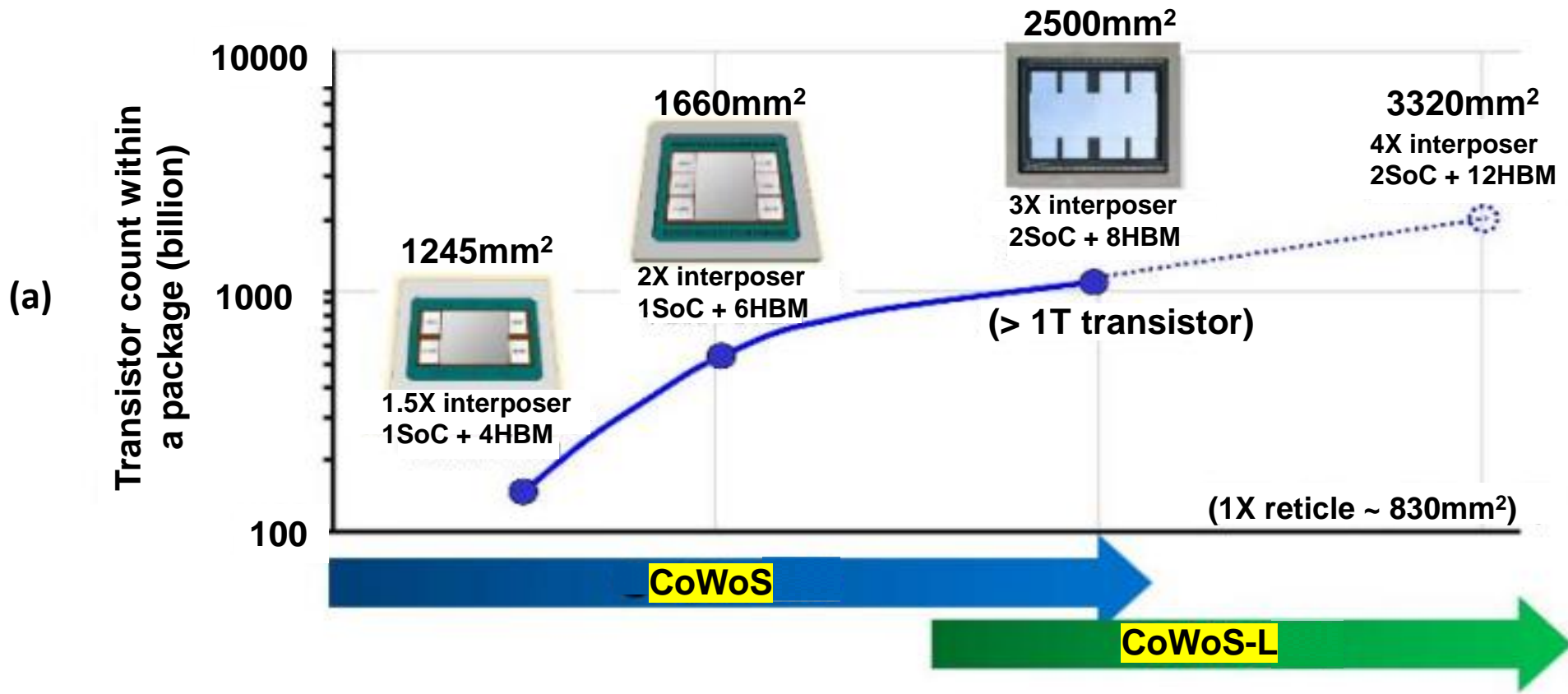
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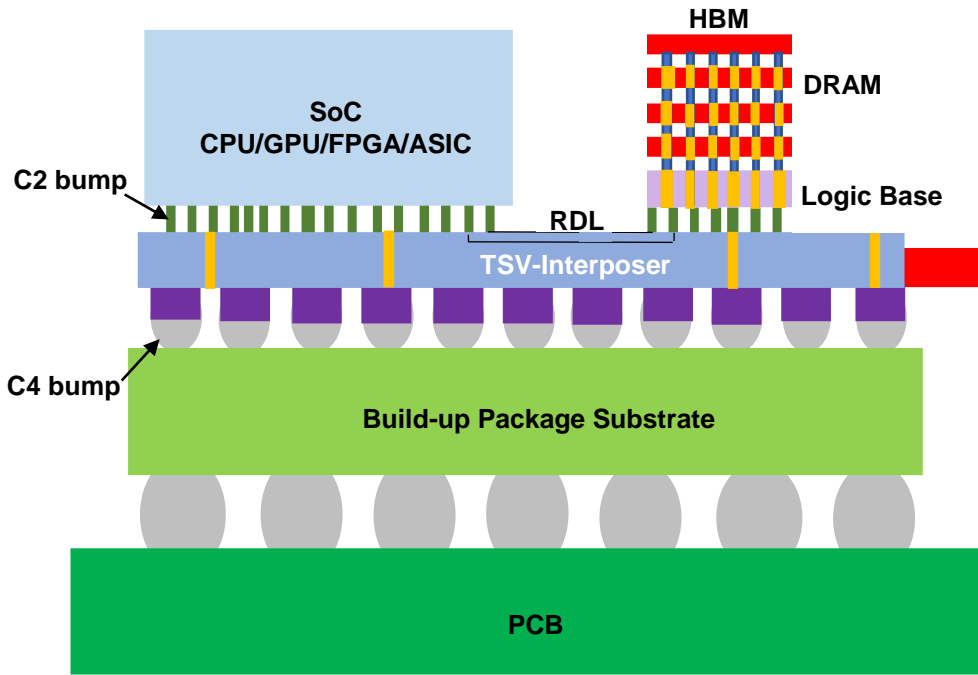
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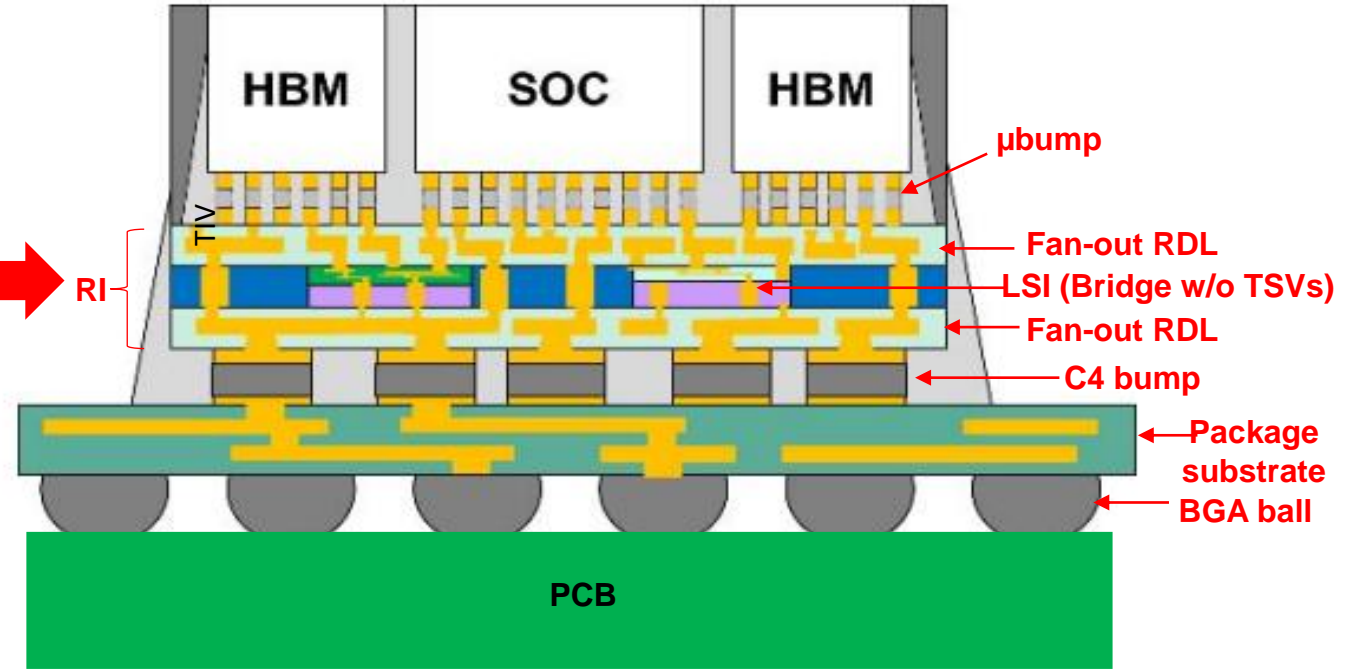
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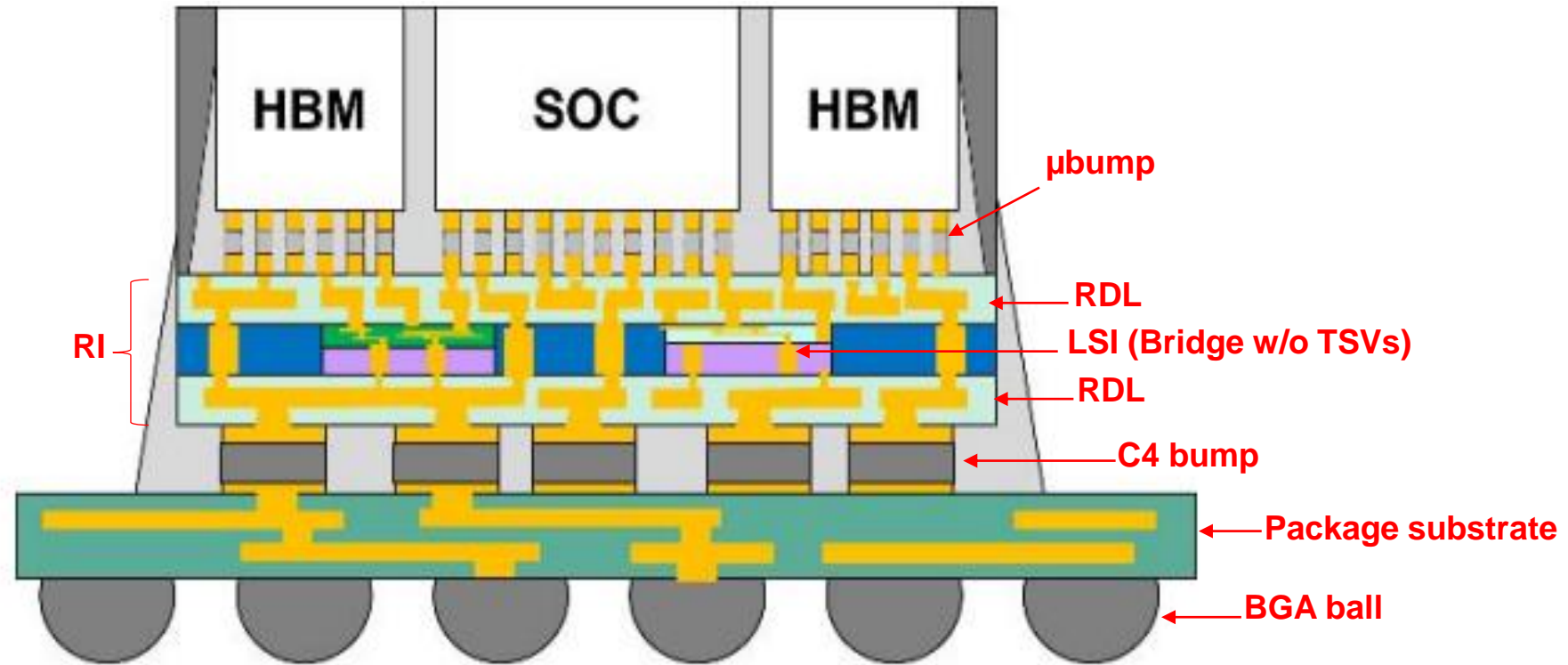
CoWoS_L (Bridge with Fan-Out RDLs)

TSV-Interposer is replaced by the RI (Reconstituted-Interposer) which consists of Si Bridge (LSI) embedded in EMC with fan-out RDLs

TSMC's CoWoS_L

LSI (Local Silicon Interconnect) + Organic Interposer

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CoWoS-L

- The new interposer which consists of multiple local Si interconnect (LSI or bridge) w/o TSV and global integrated fan-out (InFO) redistribution layers (RDL) to form a **reconstituted interposer (RI)**.
- The small-size **LSI (bridge)** inherits all the **attractive features of TSV-interposer** by retaining sub-micron Cu interconnects, through silicon vias (TSV), and embedded deep trench capacitor (eDTC) to ensure good system performance, while **avoids** the issues associated with one large TSV-interposer, such as **yield loss**.

Fan-Out Embedded Bridge with TSV (FO-EB-T) Package Characterization and Evaluation

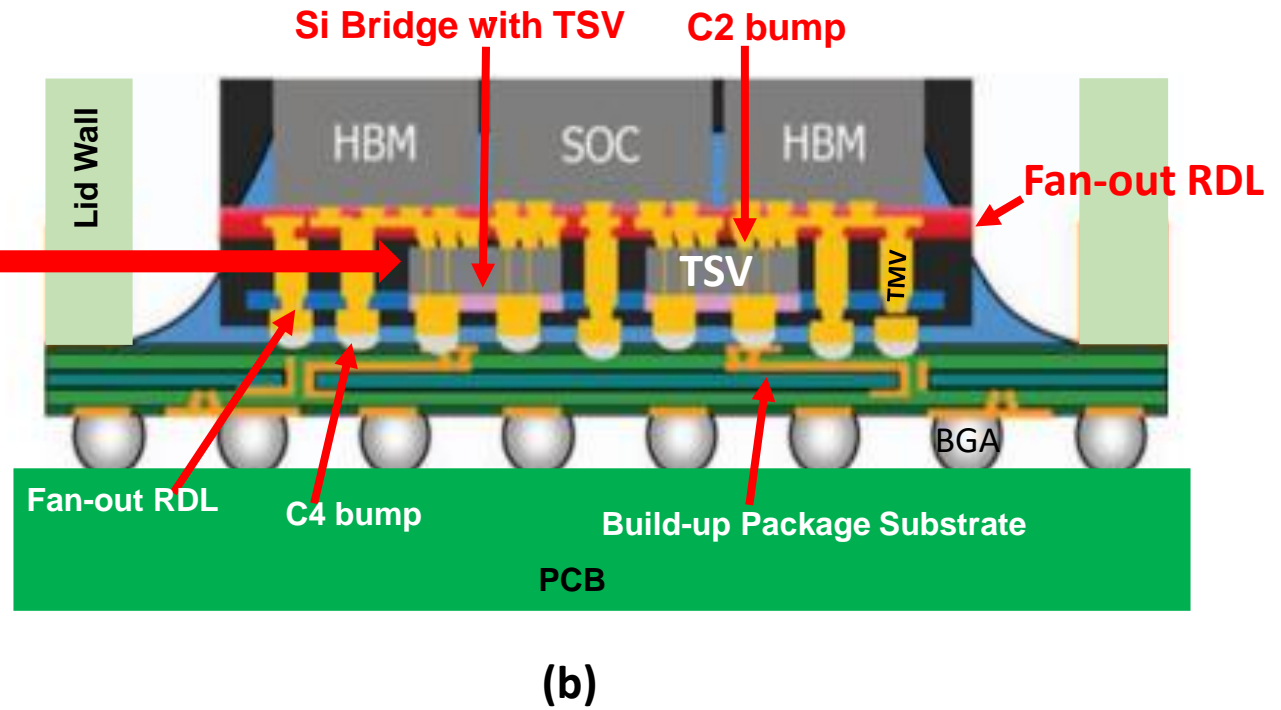
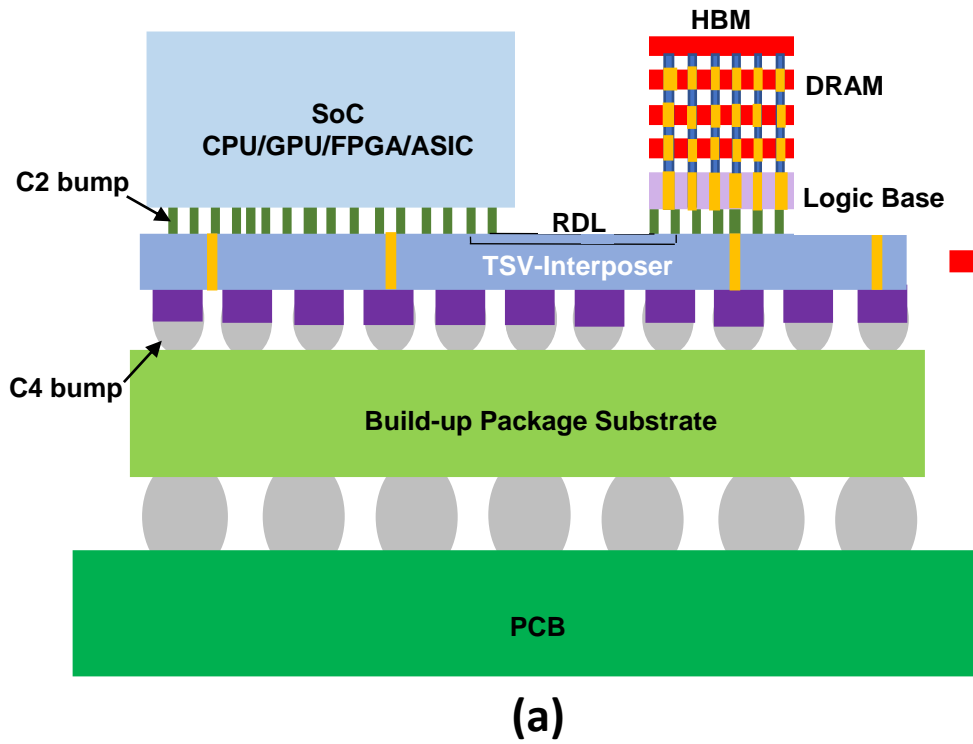
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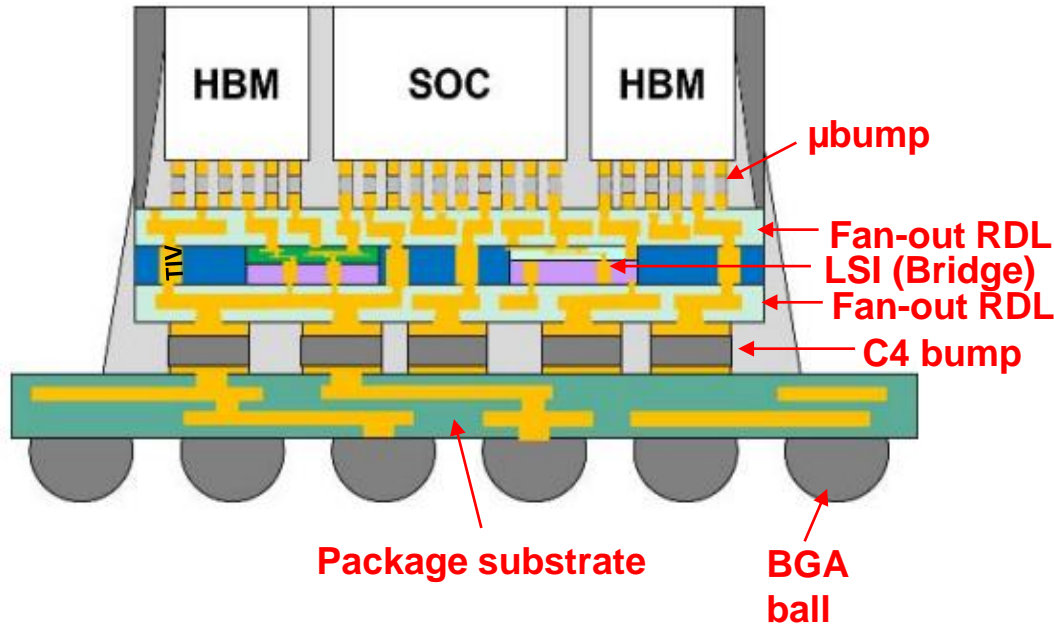
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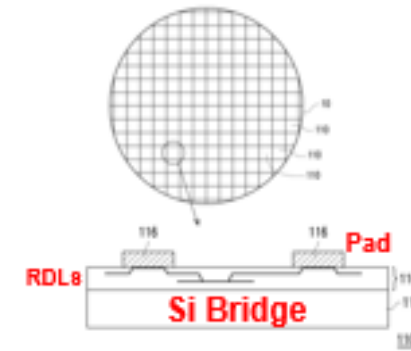
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Similarity between CoWoS-L/FO-EB-T and US 11,410,933

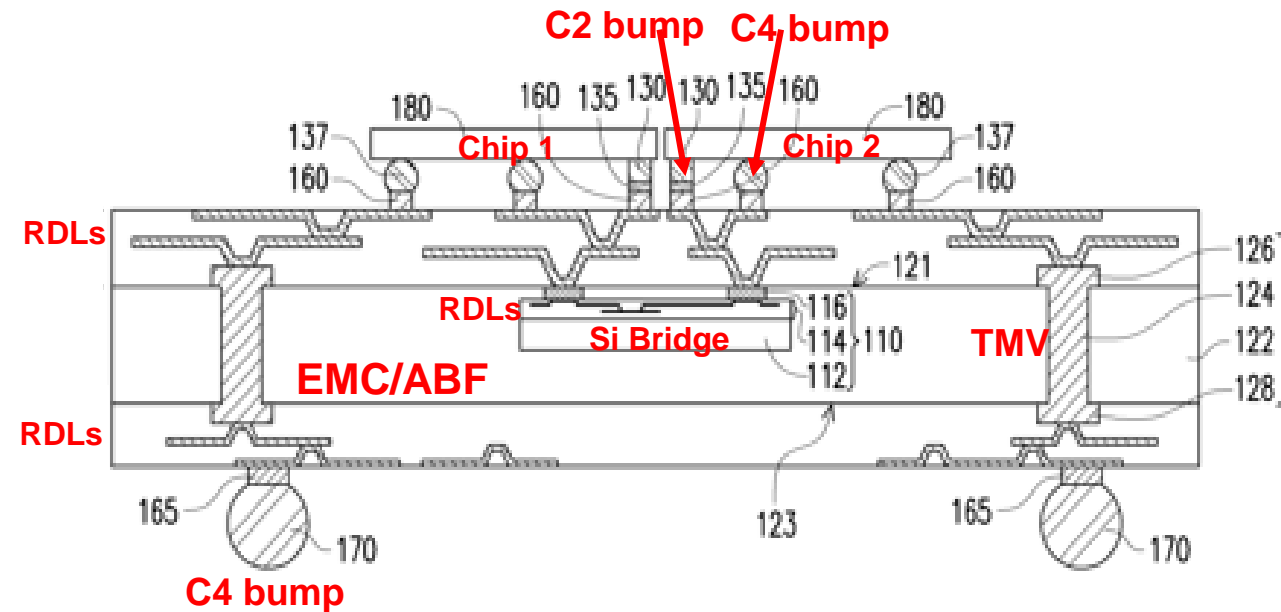
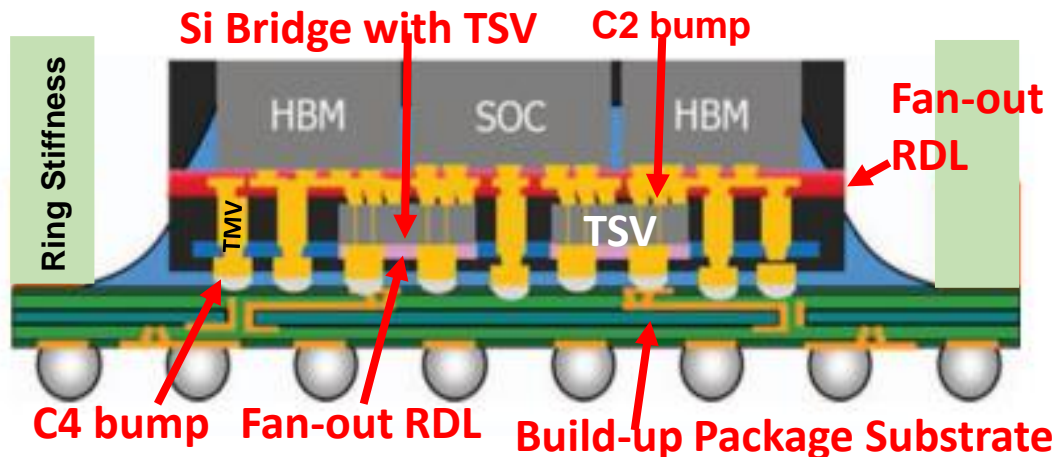
TSMC's CoWoS_L



Bridge Patent: US 11,410,933

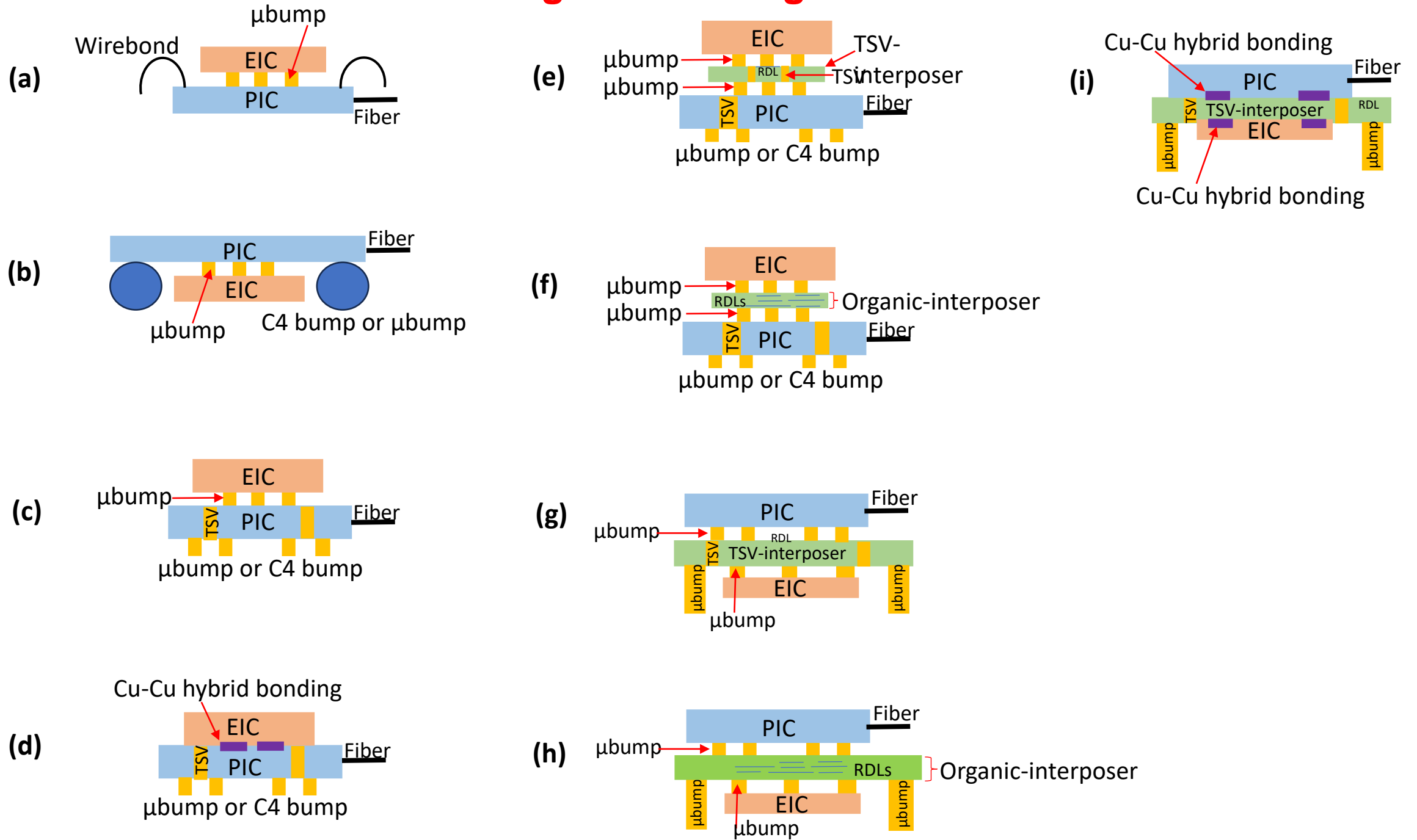


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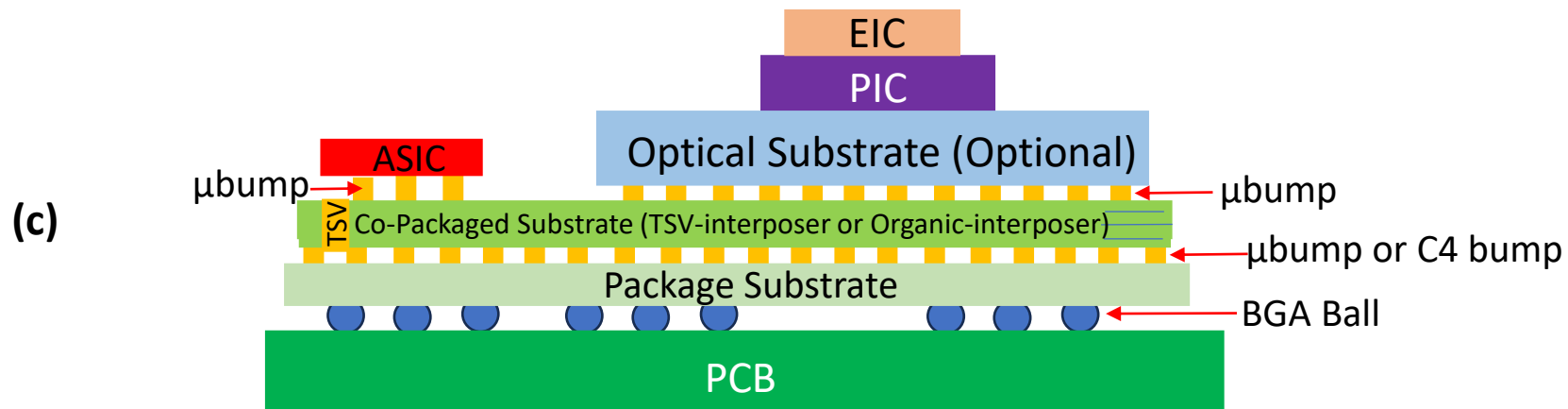
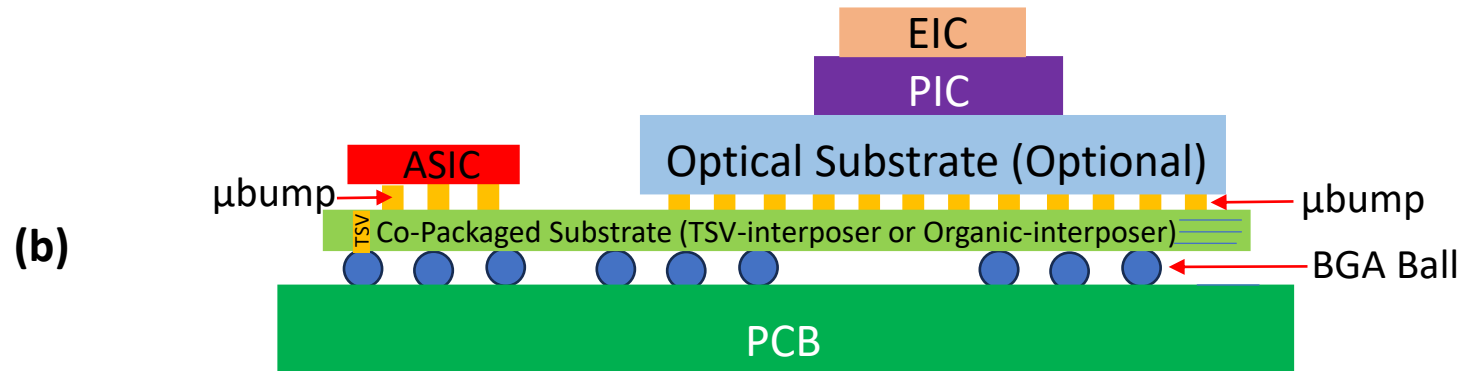
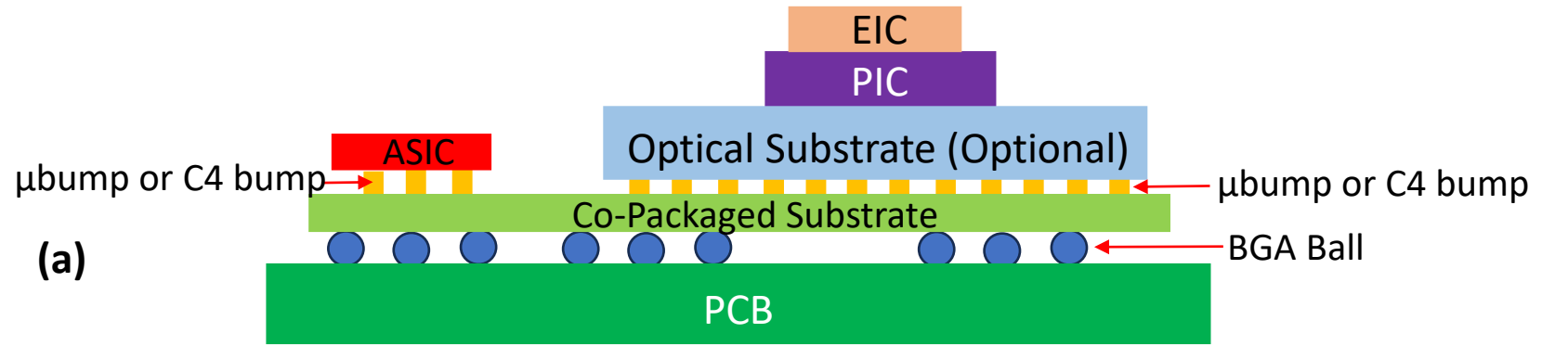


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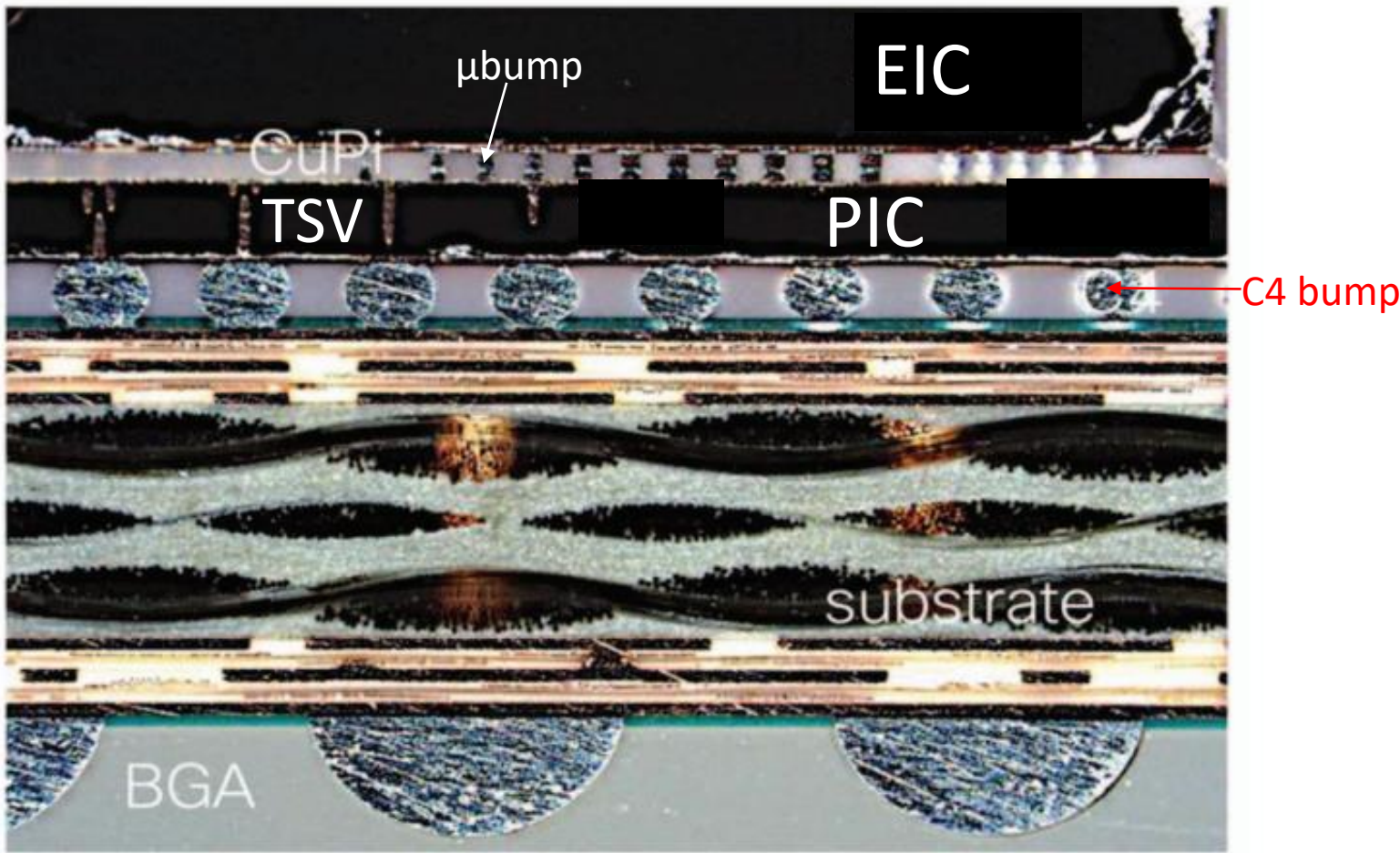
Various 3D heterogeneous integration of EIC and PIC



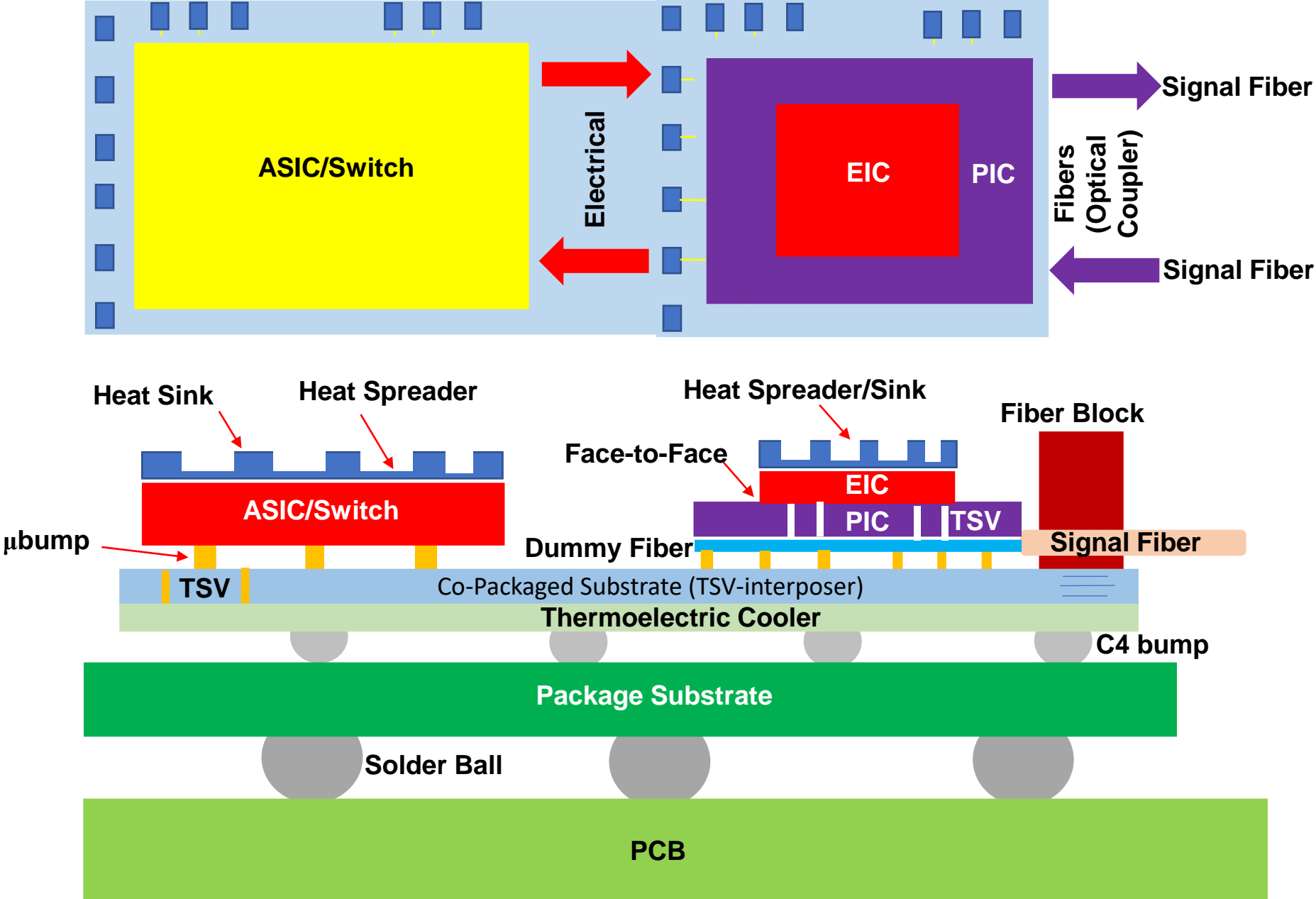
3D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC. (a) On an ordinary co-packaged substrate. (b) On TSV-interposer or organic interposer. (c) On TSV-interposer or organic interposer and then on package substrate.



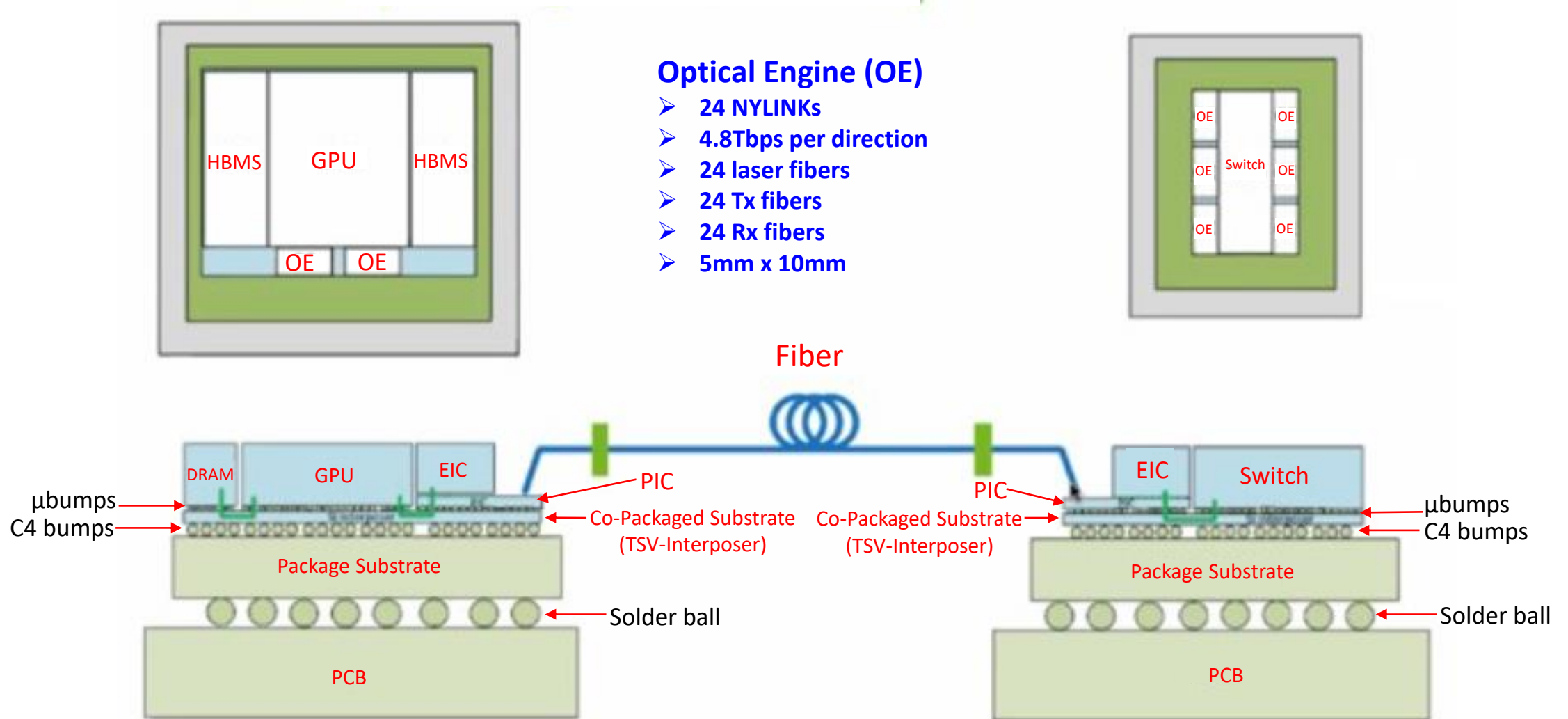
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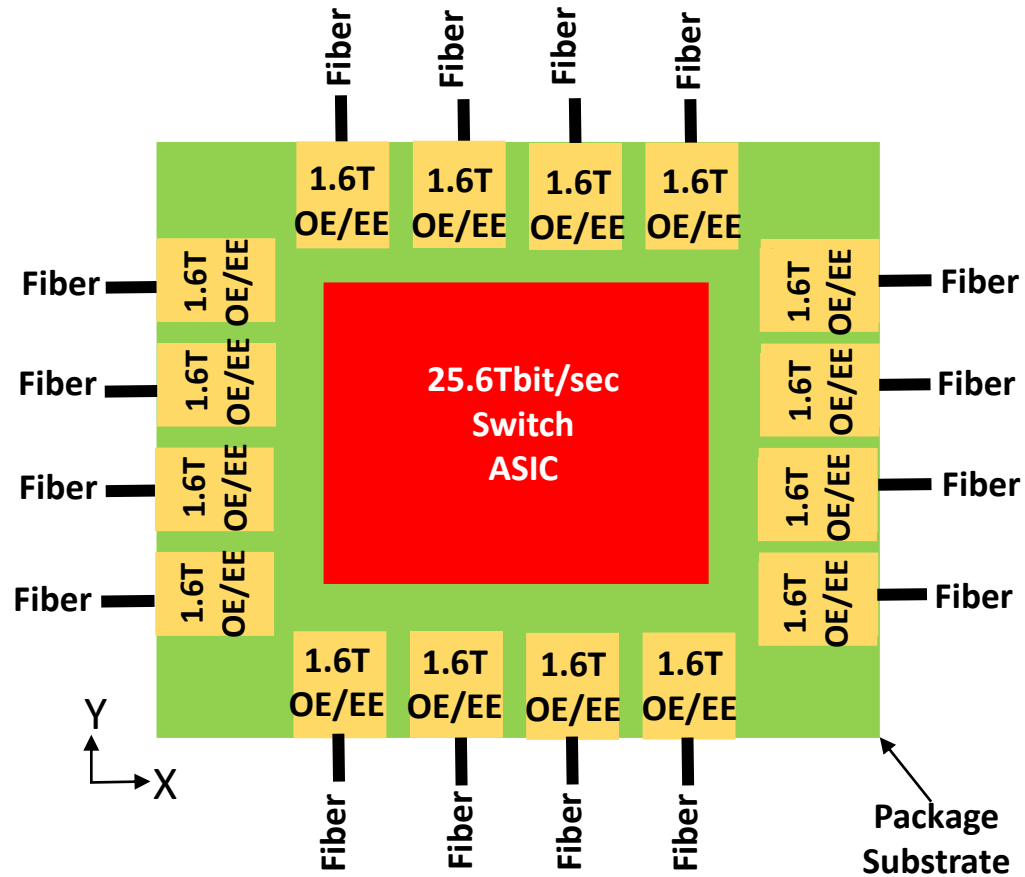
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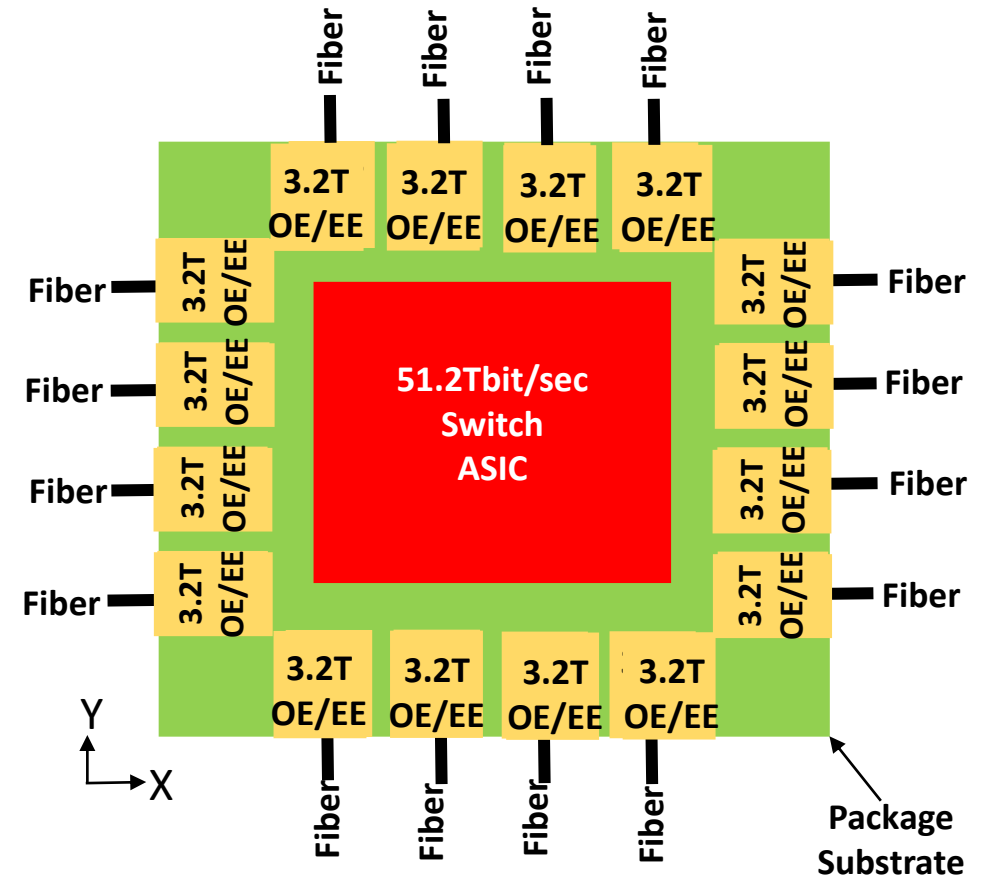
Nvidia's 3D integration of SoC, HBM, EIC and PIC on co-packaged substrates (TSV interposer)



The present switch (25.6Tbit/s) vs. the future switch (51.2Tbit/s)

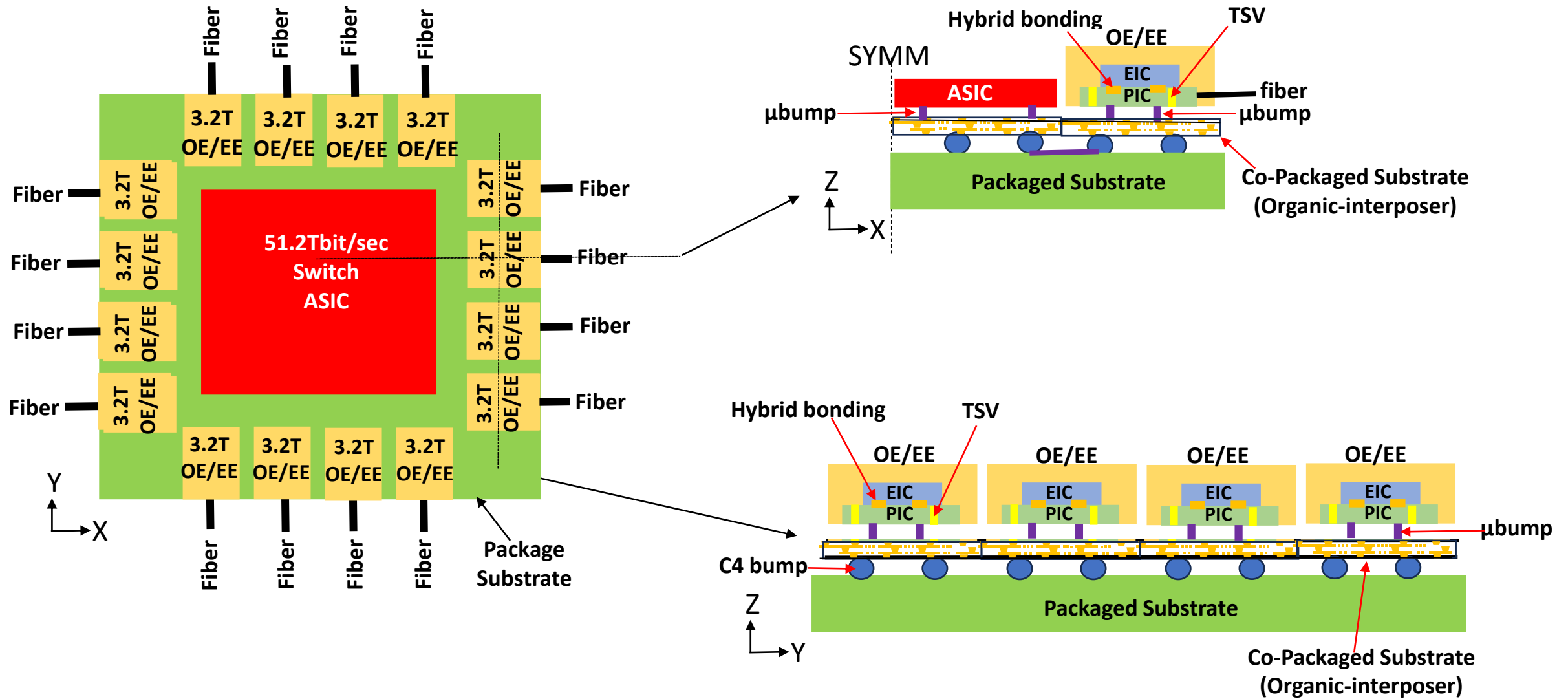


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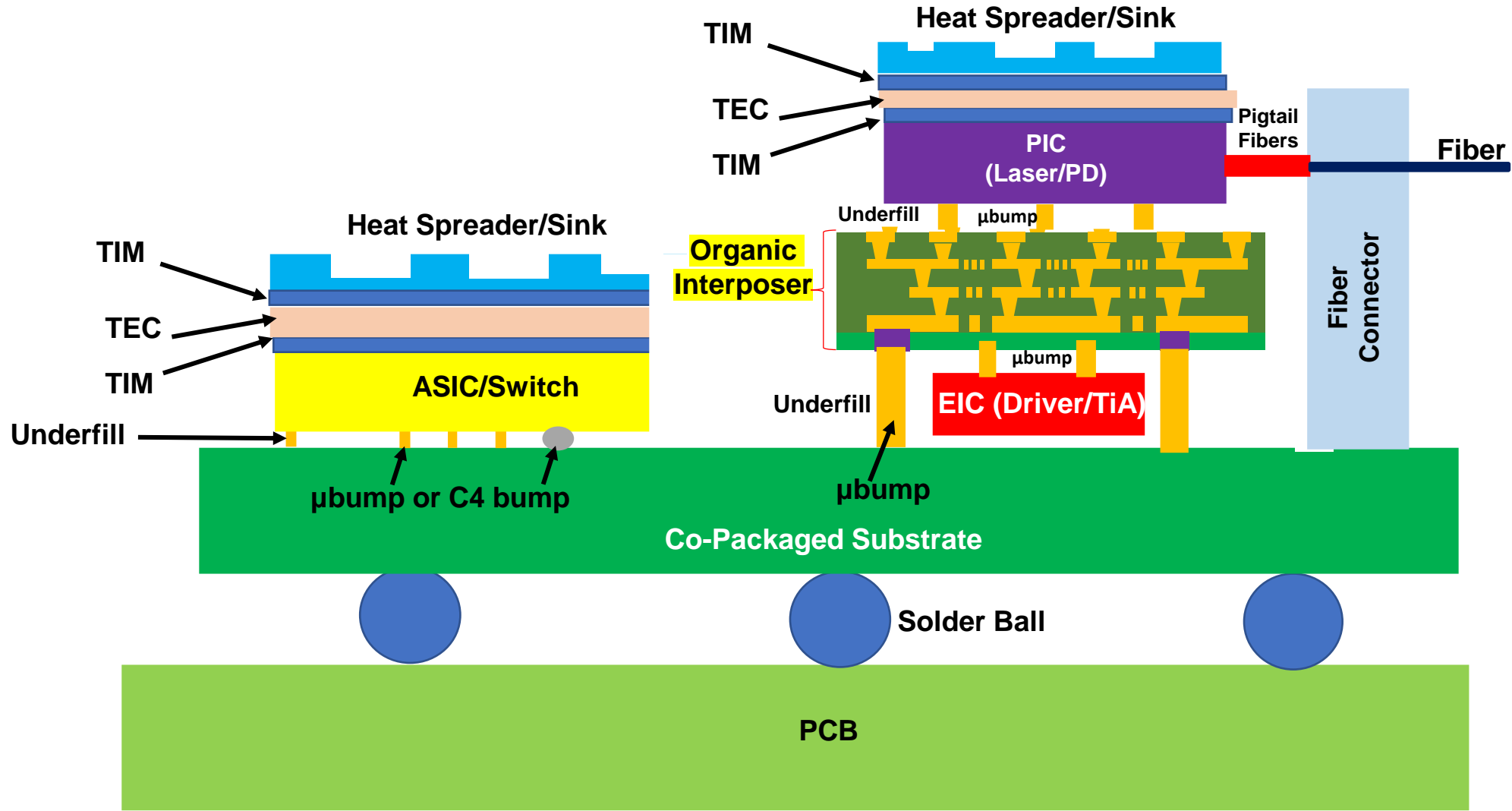


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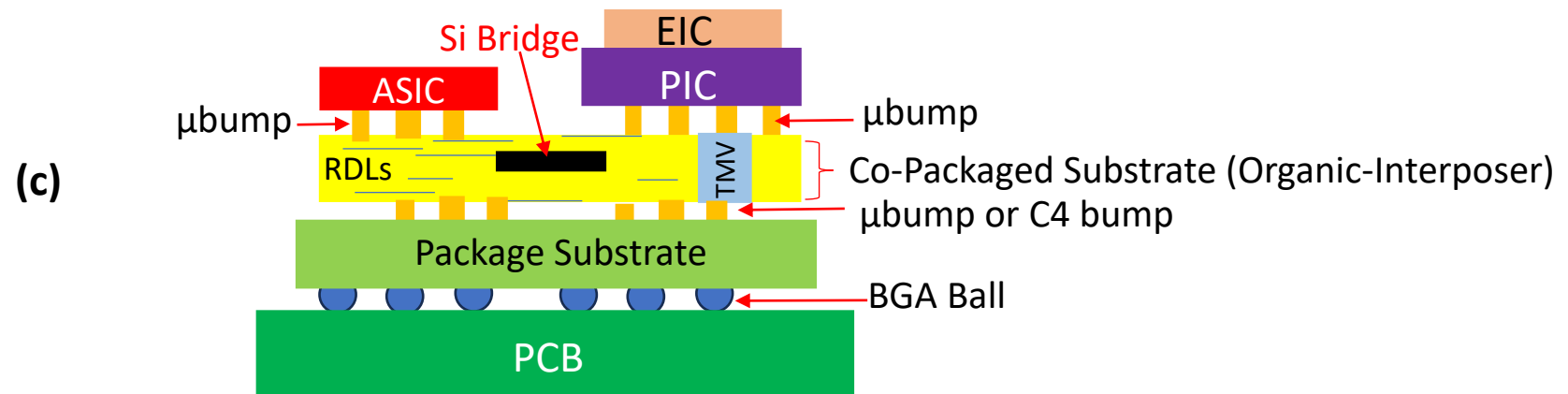
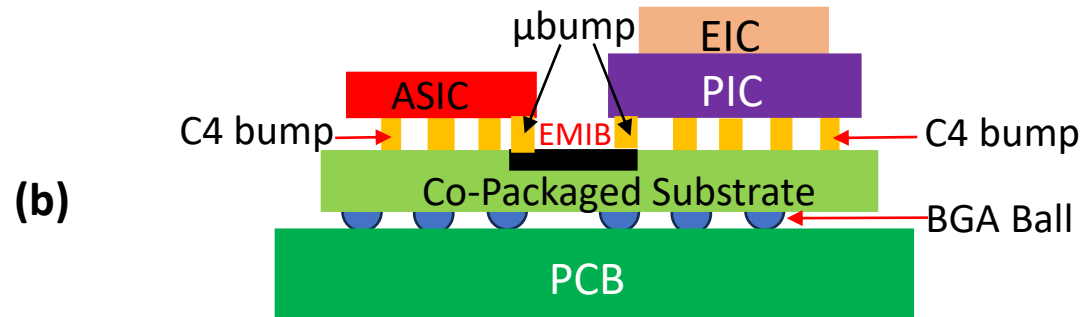
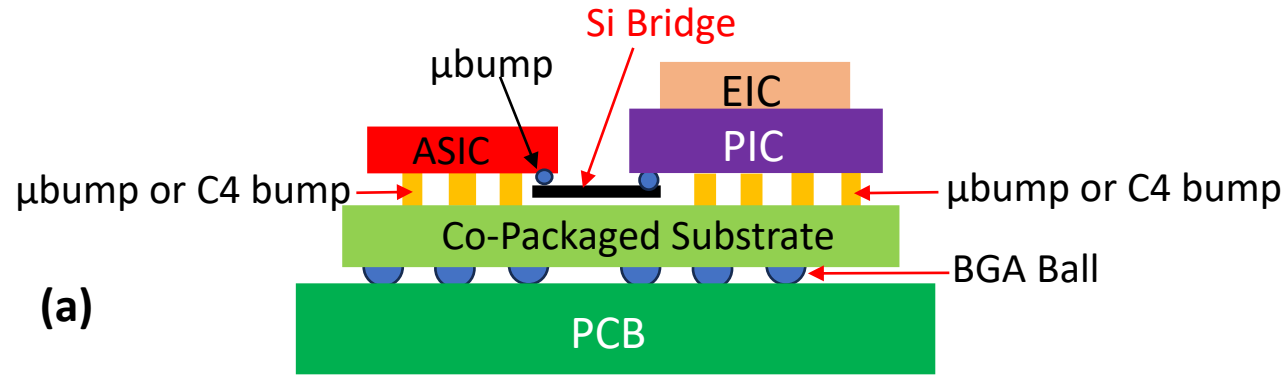
3D Heterogeneous Integration of EIC and PIC (B)



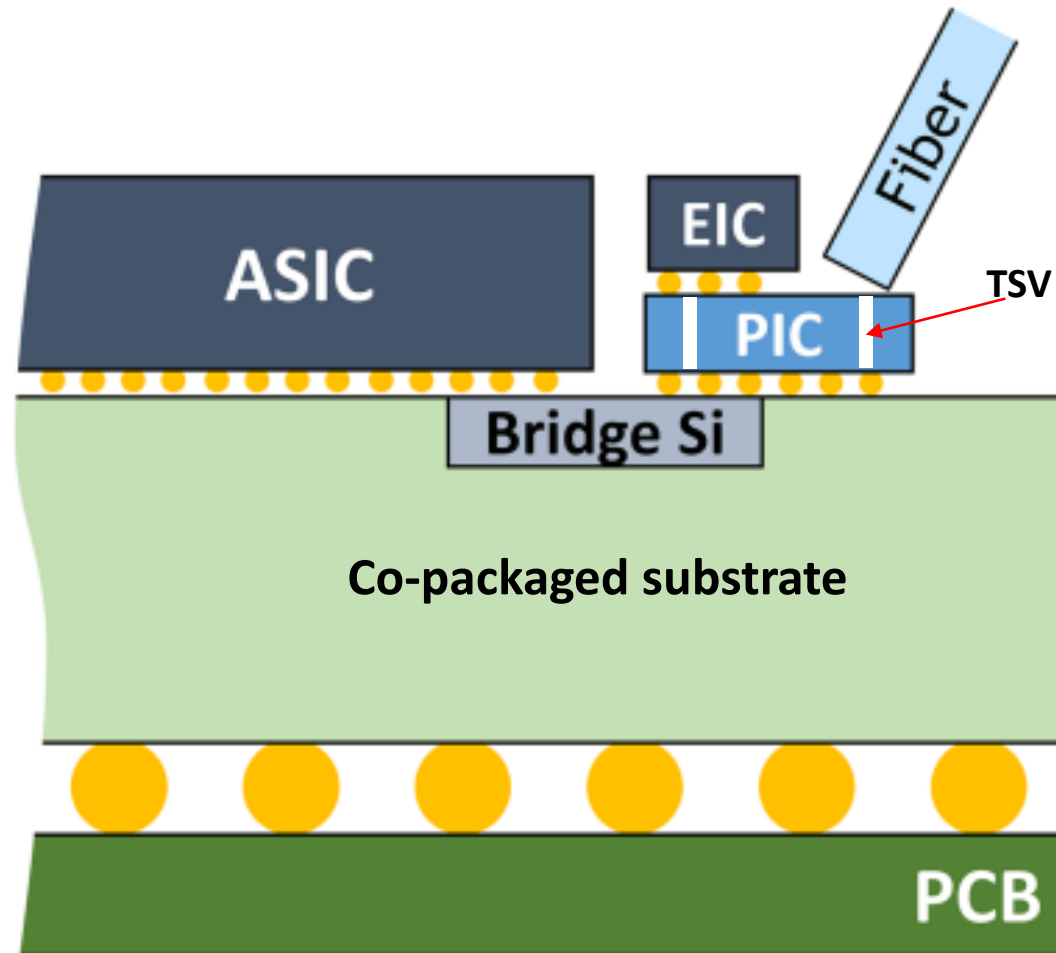
Another Co-packaged optics method for 51.2Tbit/s switch



3D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC with silicon bridges on a co-packaged substrate



An example on 3D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC with silicon bridges on a co-packaged substrate



On September 18, 2023, ...

Intel has announced a new glass-substrate technology for the next generation of **high-power processors**.

Intel is on the path to delivering **1 trillion transistors** on a package by **2030** and its ongoing innovation in advanced packaging including **glass substrates** will help achieve this goal.

Intel Unveils Industry-Leading Glass Substrates to Meet Demand for More Powerful Compute

Glass substrates help overcome limitations of organic materials by enabling an order of magnitude improvement in design rules needed for future data centers and AI products.

Intel PR, September 18, 2023

What's New: Intel today announced one of the industry's first glass substrates for next-generation advanced packaging, planned for the latter part of this decade. This breakthrough achievement will enable the continued scaling of transistors in a package and advance Moore's Law to deliver data-centric applications.

"After a decade of research, Intel has achieved industry-leading glass substrates for advanced packaging. We look forward to delivering these cutting-edge technologies that will benefit our key players and foundry customers for decades to come."

—Babak Sabi, Intel senior vice president and general manager of Assembly and Test Development

Why It Matters: Compared to today's organic substrates, glass offers distinctive properties such as ultra-low flatness and better thermal and mechanical stability, resulting in much higher interconnect density in a substrate. These benefits will allow chip architects to create high-density, high-performance chip packages for data-intensive workloads such as artificial intelligence (AI). Intel is on track to deliver complete glass substrate solutions to the market in the second half of this decade, allowing the industry to continue advancing Moore's Law beyond 2030.

By the end of the decade, the semiconductor industry will likely reach its limits on being able to scale transistors on a silicon package using organic materials, which use more power and include limitations like shrinkage and warping. Scaling is crucial to the progress and evolution of the semiconductor industry, and glass substrates are a viable and essential next step for the next generation of semiconductors.

How It Works: As the demand for more powerful computing increases and the semiconductor industry moves into the heterogeneous era that uses multiple “chipselets” in a package, improvements in signaling speed, power delivery, design rules and stability of package substrates will be essential. Glass substrates possess superior mechanical, physical and optical properties that allow for more transistors to be connected in a package, providing better scaling and enabling assembly of larger chipselet complexes (called “system-in-package”) compared to organic substrates in use today. Chip architects will have the ability to pack more tiles – also called chipselets – in a smaller footprint on one package, while achieving performance and density gains with greater flexibility and lower overall cost and power usage.

About the Use Cases: Glass substrates will initially be introduced into the market where they can be leveraged the most: applications and workloads requiring larger form factor packages (i.e., data centers, AI, graphics) and higher speed capabilities.

Glass substrates can tolerate higher temperatures, offer 50% less pattern distortion, and have ultra-low flatness for improved depth of focus for lithography, and have the dimensional stability needed for extremely tight layer-to-layer interconnect overlay. As a result of these distinctive properties, a 10x increase in interconnect density is possible on glass substrates. Further, improved mechanical properties of glass enable ultra-large form-factor packages with very high assembly yields.

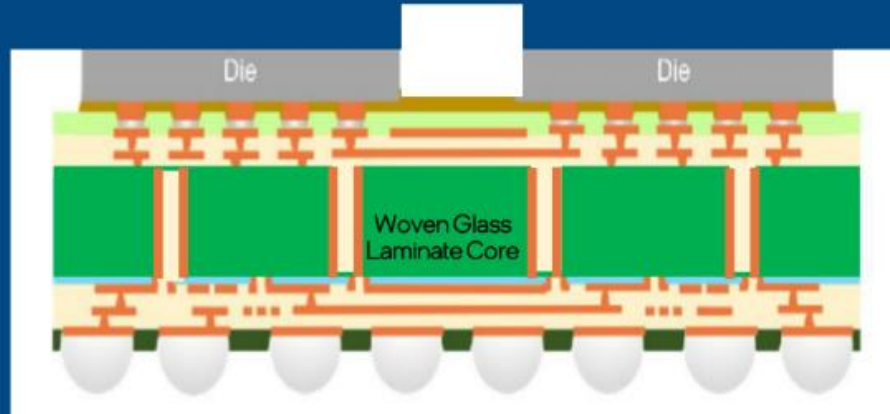
Glass substrates' tolerance to higher temperatures also offers chip architects flexibility on how to set the design rules for power delivery and signal routing because it gives them the ability to seamlessly integrate optical interconnects, as well as embed inductors and capacitors into the glass at higher temperature processing. This allows for better power delivery solutions while achieving high-speed signaling that is needed at much lower power. These many benefits bring the industry closer to being able to scale 1 trillion transistors on a package by 2030.

How We Do It: Intel has been researching and evaluating the reliability of glass substrates as a replacement for organic substrates for more than a decade. The company has a long history of enabling next-generation packaging, having led the industry in the transition from ceramic package to organic package in the 1990s, being the first to enable halogen and lead-free packages, and being the inventor of advanced embedded die packaging technologies, the industry's first active 3D stacking technologies. As a result, Intel has been able to unlock an entire ecosystem around these technologies from equipment, chemical and materials suppliers to substrate manufacturers.

What's Next: Building on the momentum of recent PowerVia and RibbonFET breakthroughs, these industry-leading glass substrates for advanced packaging demonstrate Intel's forward focus and vision for the next era of compute beyond the Intel 18A process node. Intel is on the path to delivering 1 trillion transistors on a package by 2030 and its ongoing innovation in advanced packaging including glass substrates will help achieve this goal.

Motivation for Glass Core Substrates

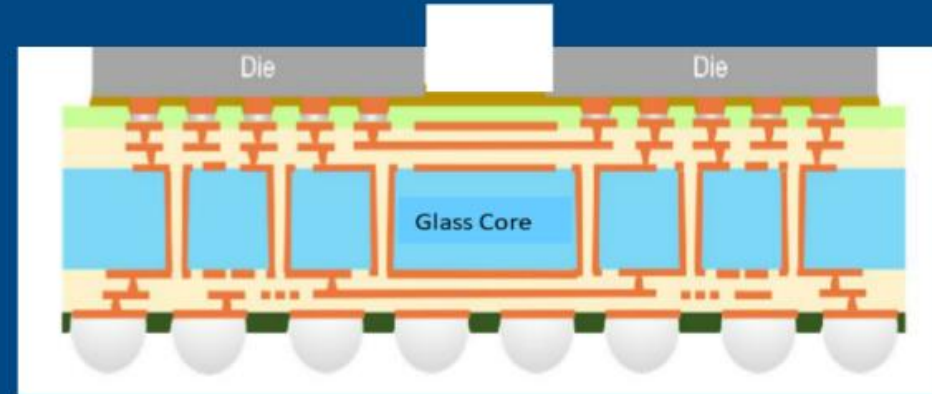
Organic Substrate



Organic substrates leverage traditional PCB-like cores with woven glass laminates

- Provides a low cost, easily manufacturable material set with off the shelf laminates available from leading suppliers

Glass Core Substrate

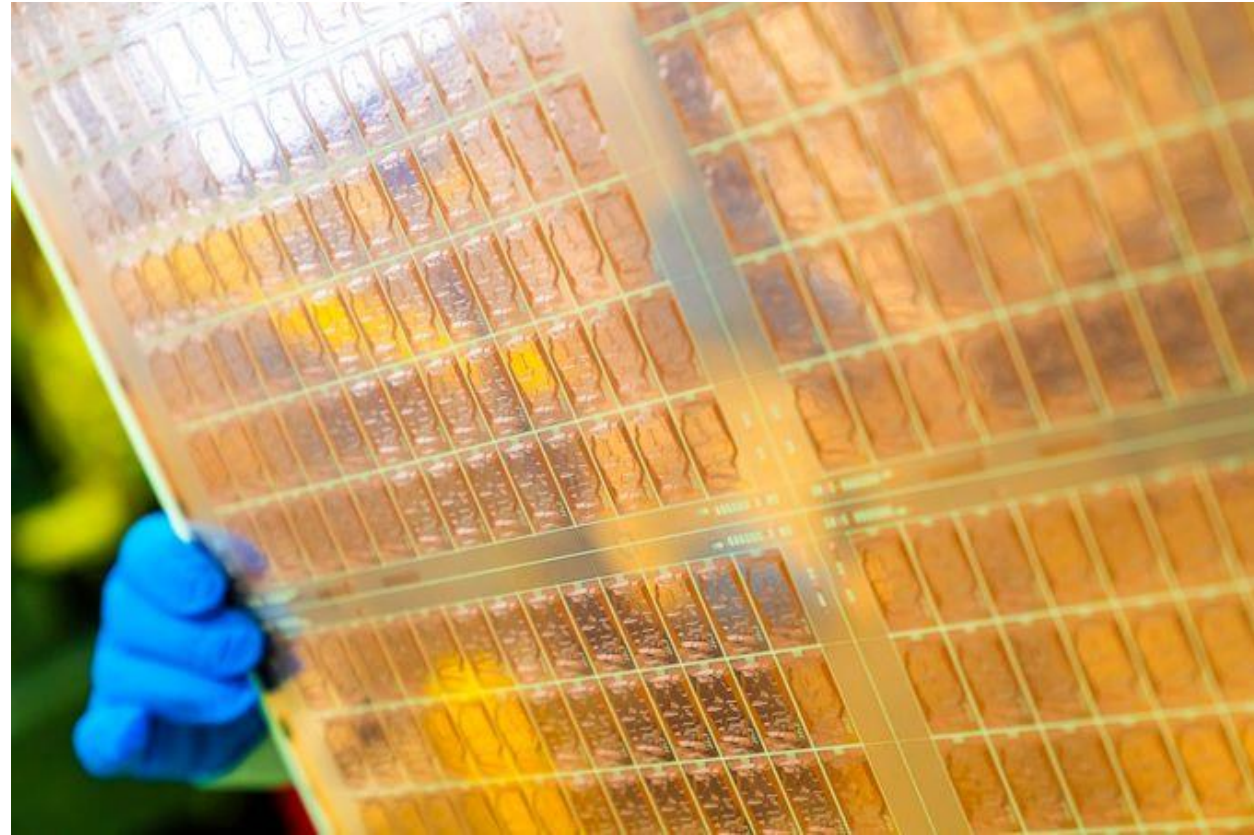
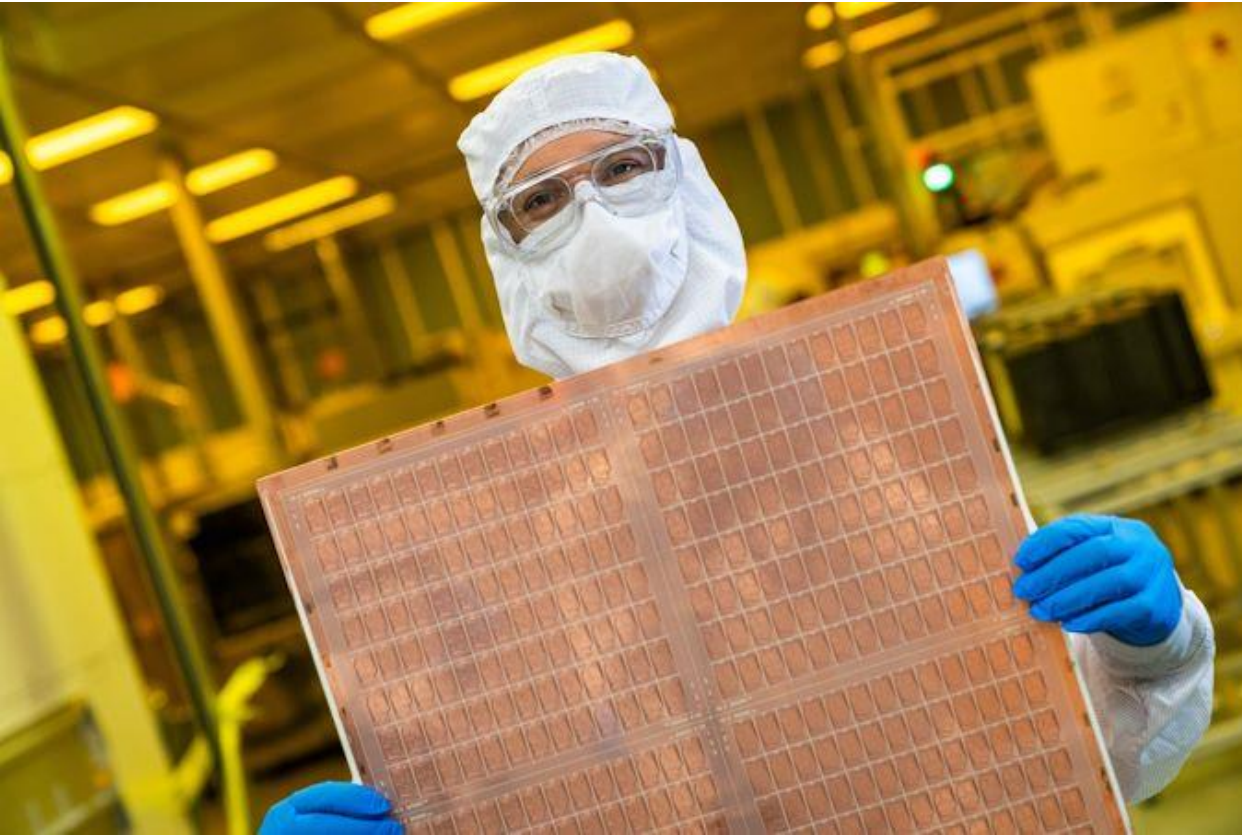


Glass core substrate enable significant improvement to both electrical and mechanical properties

- Tunable Modulus and CTE closer to silicon → Large form factor enabling
- Dimensional stability → Improved feature scaling
- High (~10x) through-hole density → improved routing and signaling
- Low Loss → High speed signaling
- Higher Temperature capability → Advanced Integrated Power Delivery

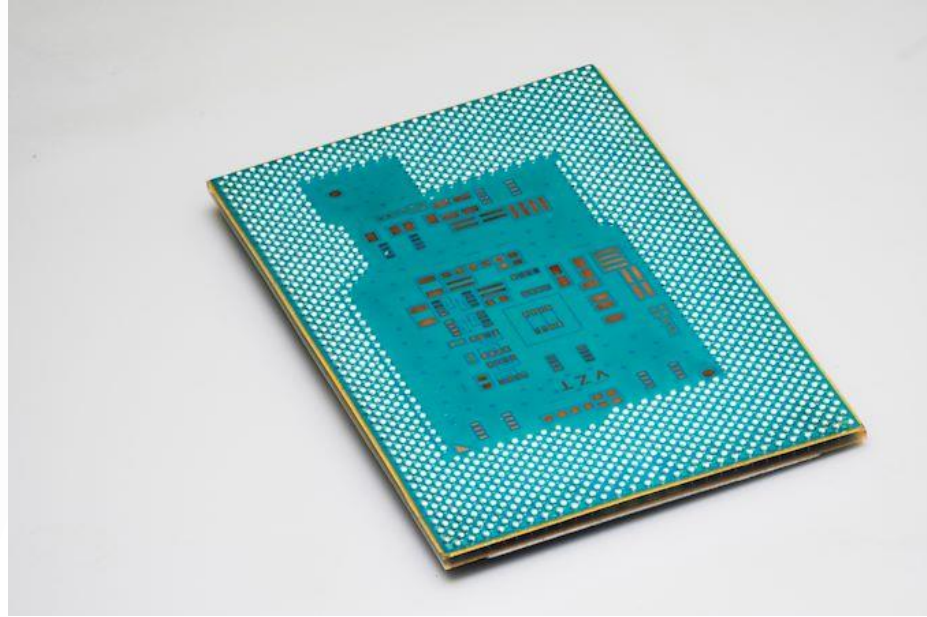
Glass Core has similar properties as Si → Dimensional stability and ability to scale

Intel Glass Panel



Panel size: 515mm x 510mm

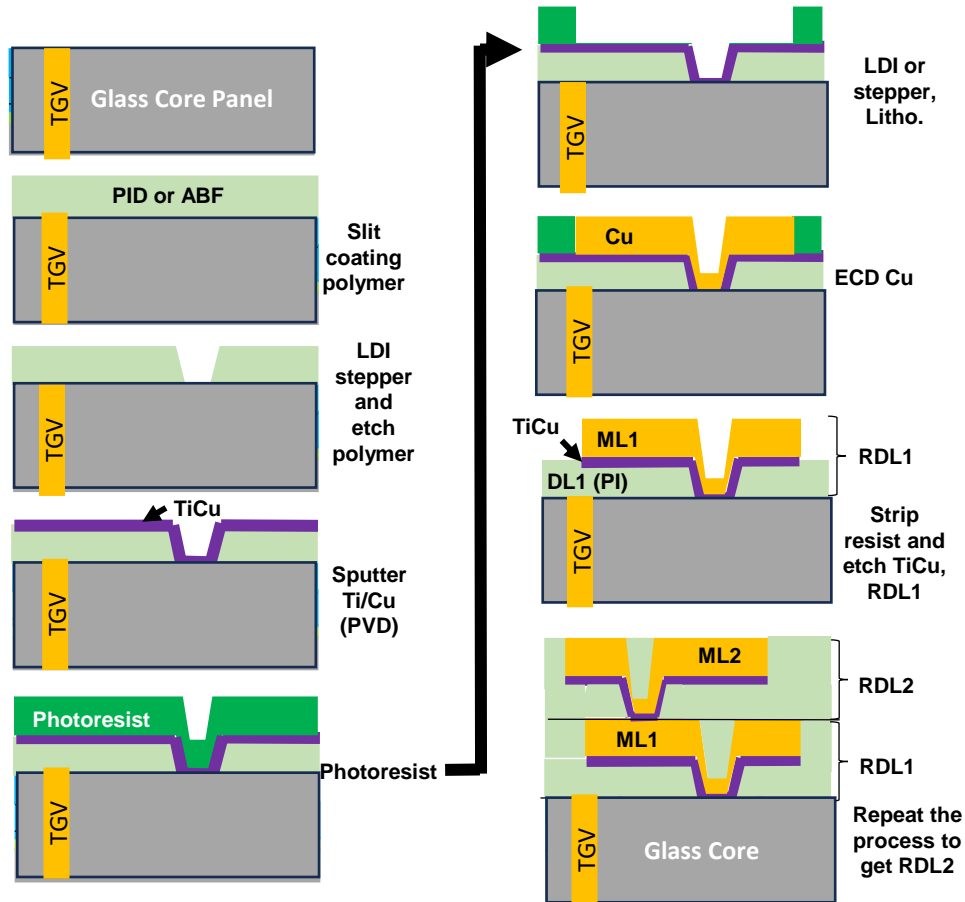
Intel's Fully Functional Test Chip



- Altogether, Intel has spent over a **billion dollars** on glass core R&D thus far in Chandler, Arizona.
- The glass core was made very thick – on the order of **1mm** – in order to prove that TGVs would work with such a thick core.
- **3 layers of RDL**, and the **TGVs have a pitch of 75 μ m**. **Die-to-die bump pitch < 36 μ m**.
- Intel claims that glass substrates allow for a much **higher interconnect density** (i.e., **finer pitches**), which is crucial for power delivery and signal routing of next-generation SiPs.
- As part of the company's broader initiative to become a world class contract foundry, Intel will be offering glass core substrates to **IFS (Intel Foundry Services) customers** in due time (**maybe near the end of this decade**).

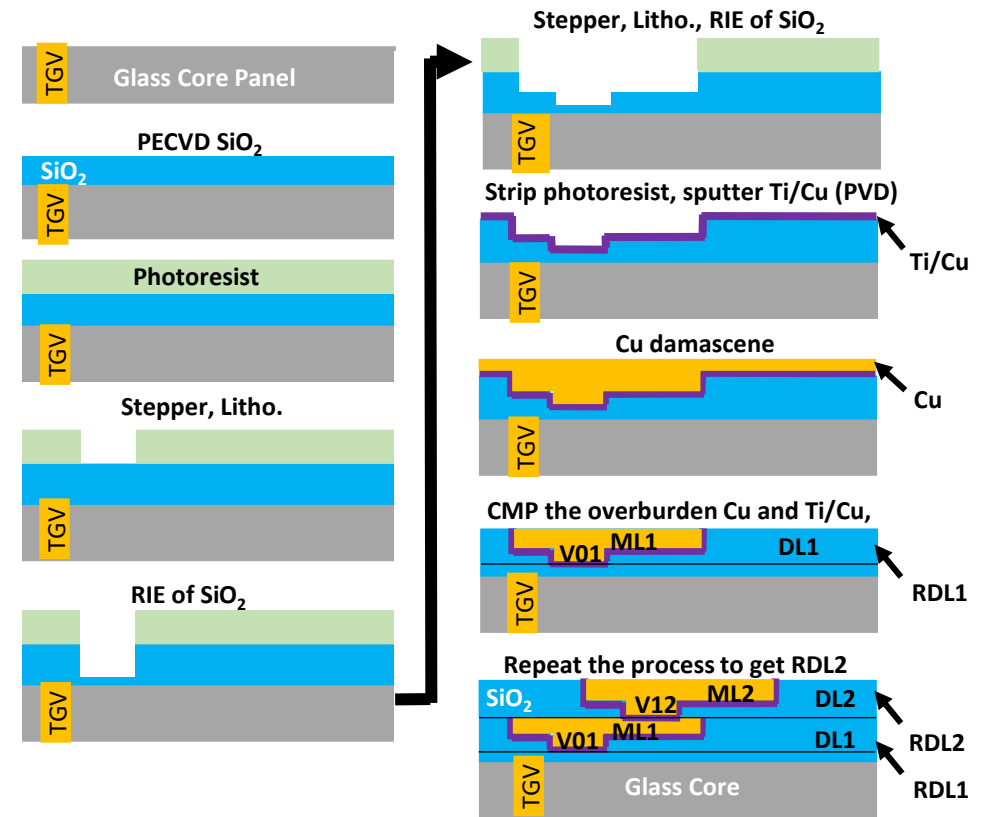
How to Fabricate the TGV and RDLs?

Fabrication of the Ordinary L/S ($\geq 2\mu\text{m}$) RDLs

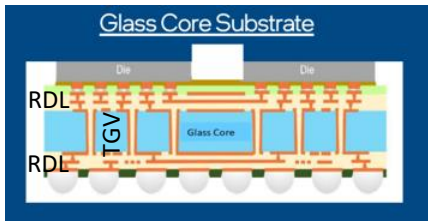


- PID or ABF as dielectric layer ($\leq 5\mu\text{m}$)
- Pad pitch ($\geq 2\mu\text{m}$)
- LDI or Stepper
- PVD
- ECD Cu

Fabrication of the L/S ($< 2\mu\text{m}$) RDLs



- SiO₂ as dielectric layer ($\sim 1\mu\text{m}$)
- Pad pitch ($< 2\mu\text{m}$)
- PECVD
- Stepper
- PVD
- Cu-damascene
- CMP



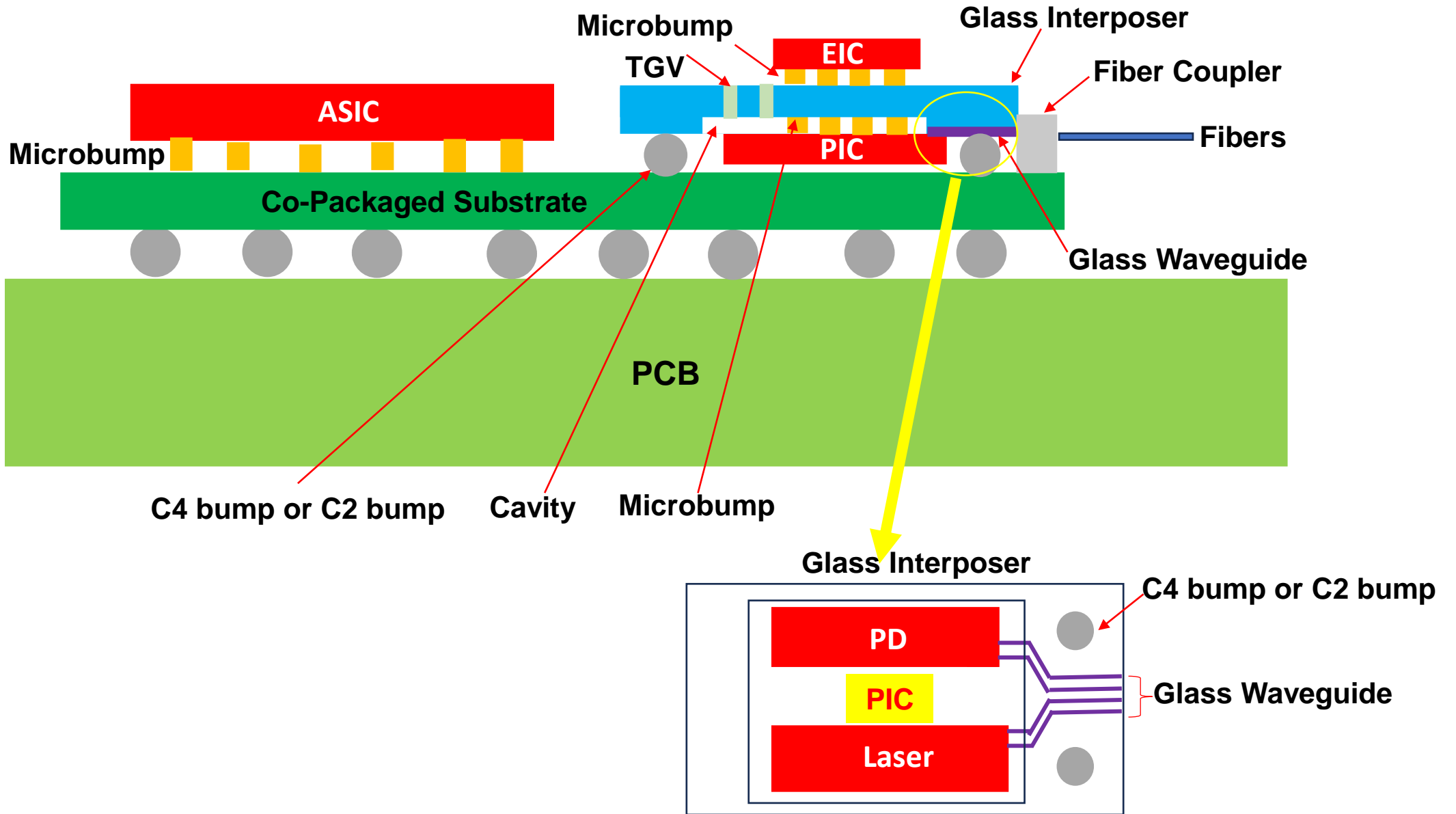
TGV (Through Glass Via) can be Fabricated by either Laser or DRIE (for finer pitch)

Challenges on Glass Substrate

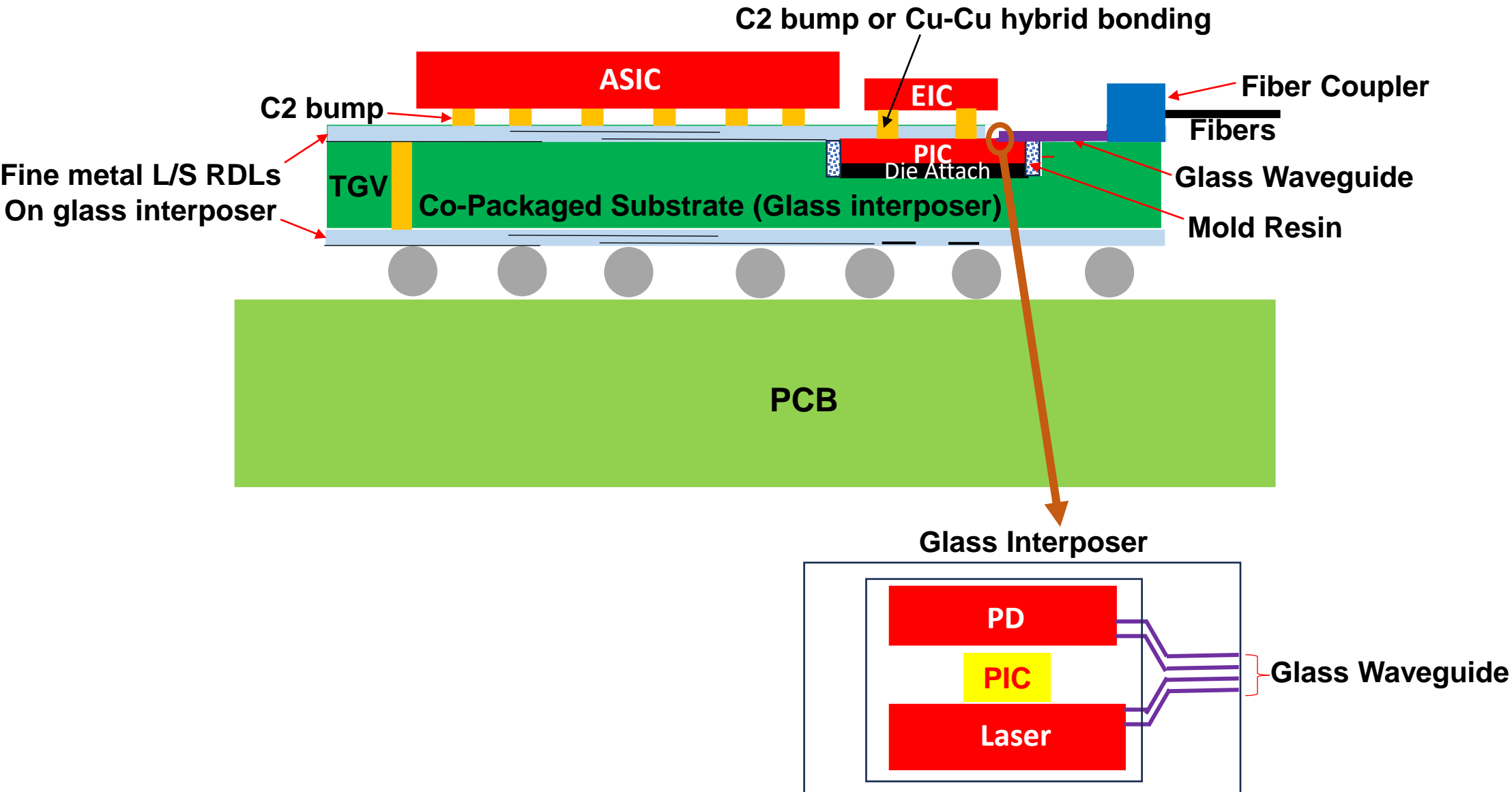
According to Ann Kelleher, executive VP of technology development at Intel:

- Glass substrates will be more expensive to produce and package than tried-and-tested organic substrates.
- There will be the yield issues at the start.
- Glass substrates will need to build a viable ecosystem for commercial production. This includes necessary tooling and supply capacity. That's why Intel is working closely with glass-handling equipment and material suppliers.
- The company will also have to find ways to outsource test and assembly of these new substrates.

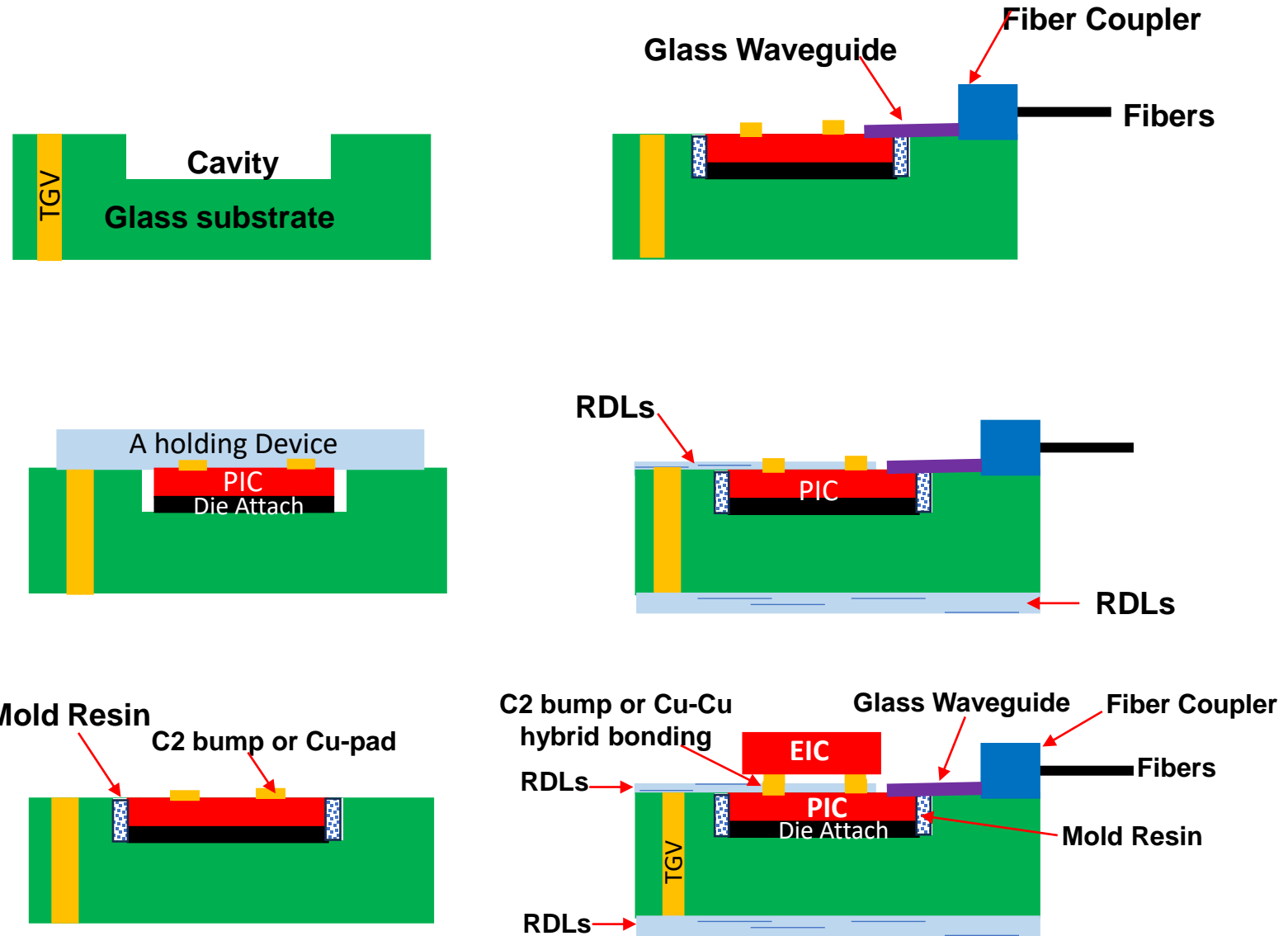
3D heterogeneous integration of EIC and PIC with a glass interposer



3D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC on a co-packaged substrate (glass interposer)



Process in fabrication of the 3D heterogeneous integration of ASIC, EIC and PIC on a co-packaged substrate (glass interposer)



Summary

Some important results and recommendations are summarized as follows.

- Silicon photonics are the semiconductor integration of EIC and PIC on a silicon substrate (wafer) with CMOS technology.
- CPO are heterogeneous integration packaging methods to integrate the OE which consists of PIC and the EE which consists of EIC as well as the switch ASIC.
- Roadmaps of OBO, NPO, and CPO have been provided.
- Various (9 different) 3D heterogeneous integrations of PIC and EIC have been proposed.
- Various 2D and 3D heterogeneous integrations of ASIC Switch, PIC and EIC (CPO) w/o bridge have been proposed.
- Various heterogeneous integration of ASIC Switch, PIC and EIC (CPO) on glass substrate have been proposed.

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