



# Road to Chiplets: Heterogeneous Integration Testability

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# The Changing Nature of Protocol based Testing

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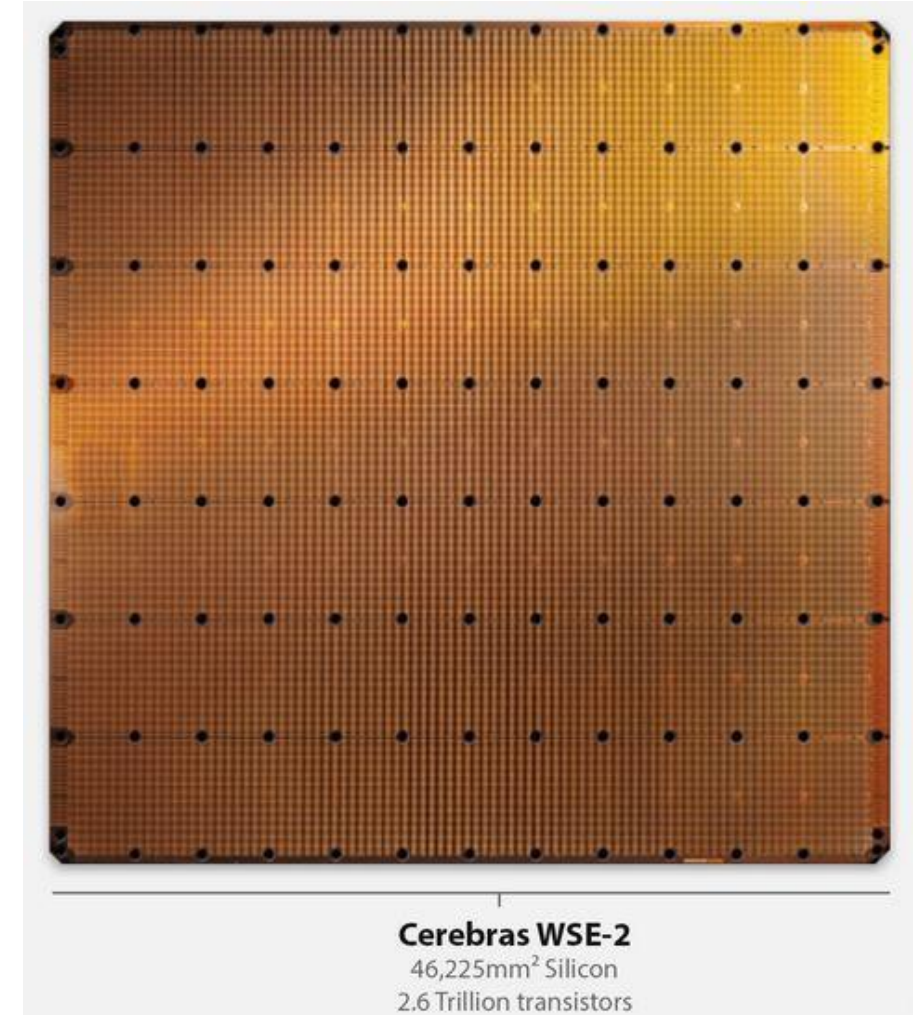
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# Test Data Volume

Semiconductor production facilities made 250 billion billion ( $250 \times 10^{18}$ ) transistors in 2015 – Dan Hutcheson, CEO, VLSI Research, April 2015  
For the CY2021 approximately  $1.6 \times 10^{21}$  transistors were produced.

## How much data does test generate?

Assuming only 80% of the transistors are tested and each transistor results in just one bit of data, that is >40 Tb per second in 2021..



# Protocols

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## Definition

- **Protocol:** Set of conventions governing the treatment and especially the formatting of data in an electronic communications system - "Protocol." *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster
- **Communication Protocol:** A set of rules and regulations that allow two electronic devices to connect to exchange the data with one and another
- **JTAG:** a serial communication protocol and a state machine accessible via a Test Access Port(TAP)

# Protocols used in Semiconductor Test

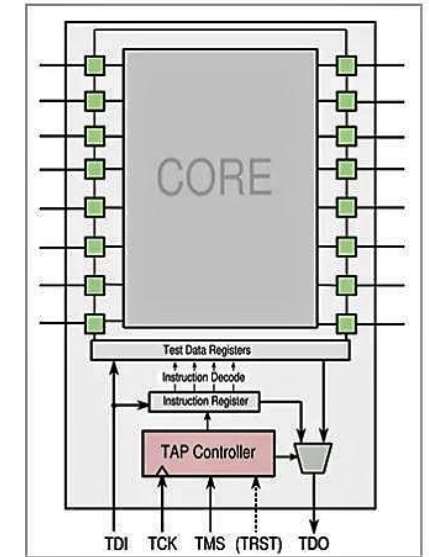
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|----------|------|--------|-----------------|
| • UART   | 1971 | 2-wire | 9,600-1.492Kbps |
| • SPI    | 1980 | 4-wire | 1-10Mbps        |
| • I2C    | 1982 | 2-wire | 100K-3.4Mbps    |
| • CAN    | 1986 | 2-wire | 125K-5Mbps      |
| • JTAG   | 1990 | 5-wire | 1-25Mbps        |
| • SMB    | 1995 | 2-wire | 10-100Kbps      |
| • MDIO   | 1999 | 2-wire | 100K-2.5Mbps    |
| • SWD    | 2003 | 2-wire | 1K-32Mbps       |
| • USB3.1 | 2013 | 2-wire | 10Gbps          |
| • PCIe4  | 2017 | 4-wire | 16Gbps          |

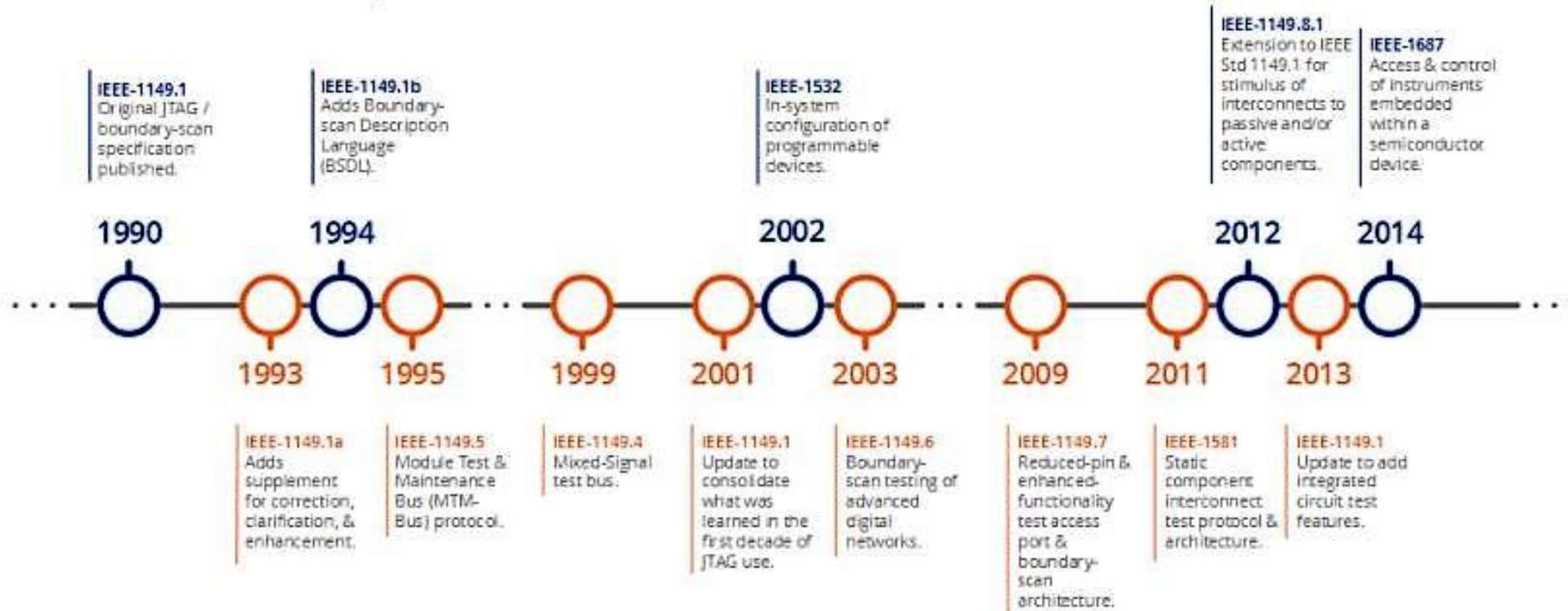
# JTAG/1149.1

## Joint Test Action Group - IEEE 1149.0/.1 (1990)

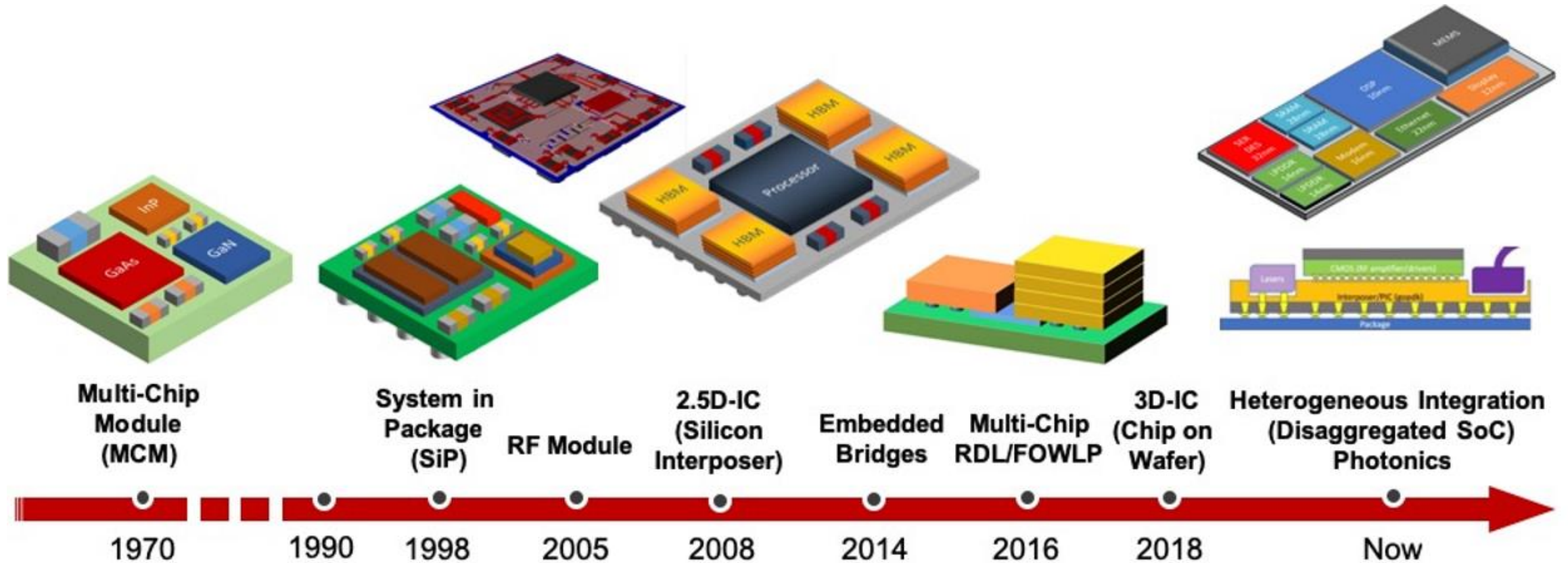
- **Define a standard of test logic architecture**
  - Board connectivity test - check for assembly fails
  - Interconnect test
  - Scan chain integrity testing
  - Configuration of functional registers for test modes
  - Configuration of DFT/Structural testing: BS, Scan, BIST, Calibration, Trim
  - DFT execution
  - Device trim mode
  - Flash BIOS & embedded Memories



# JTAG and Beyond



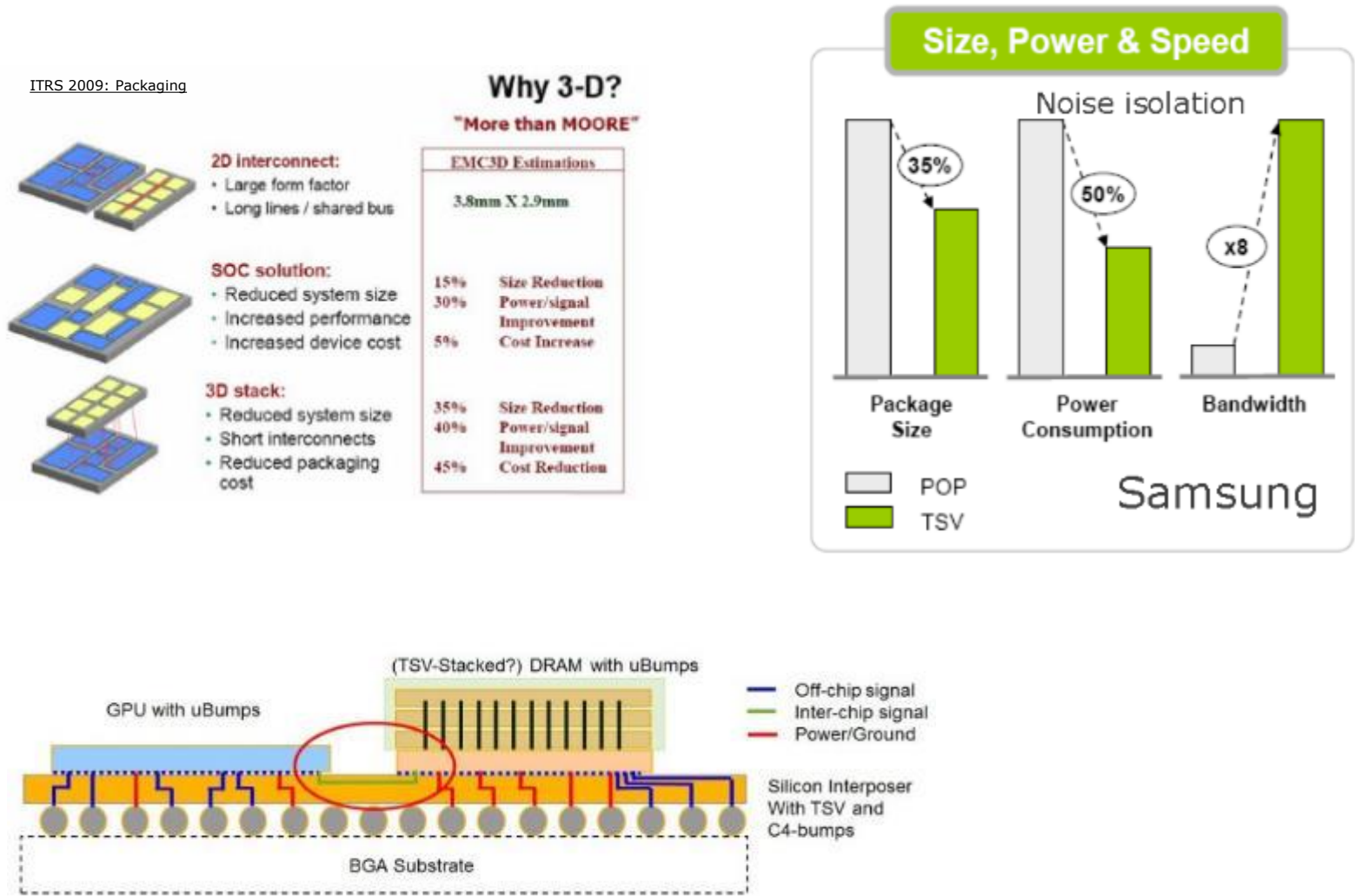
# Evolution of Multi-Chip Integration Technology



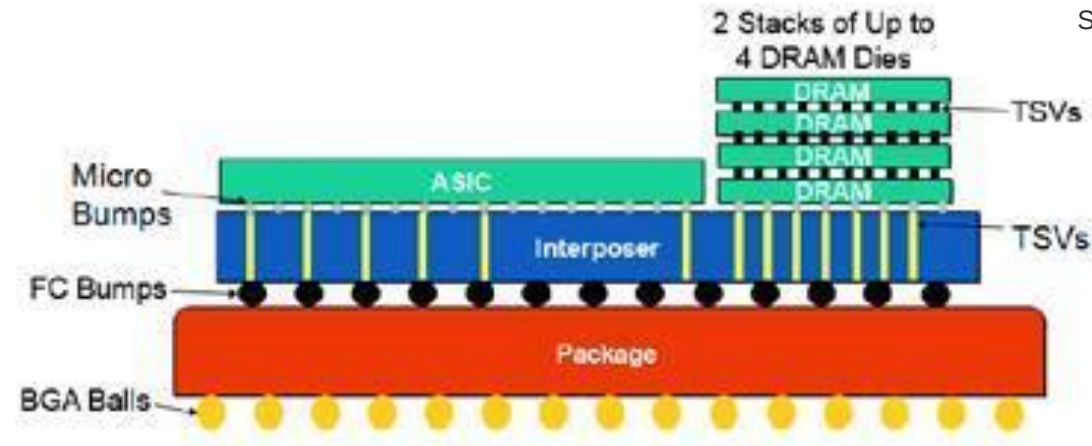
Source: Cadence

- Multi-Chip integration technology has more than 30 years of history.
- What test challenges will the new era of multi-chip integration bring?

# Heterogeneous Integration: 2.5 & 3D ICs



# Test Implications



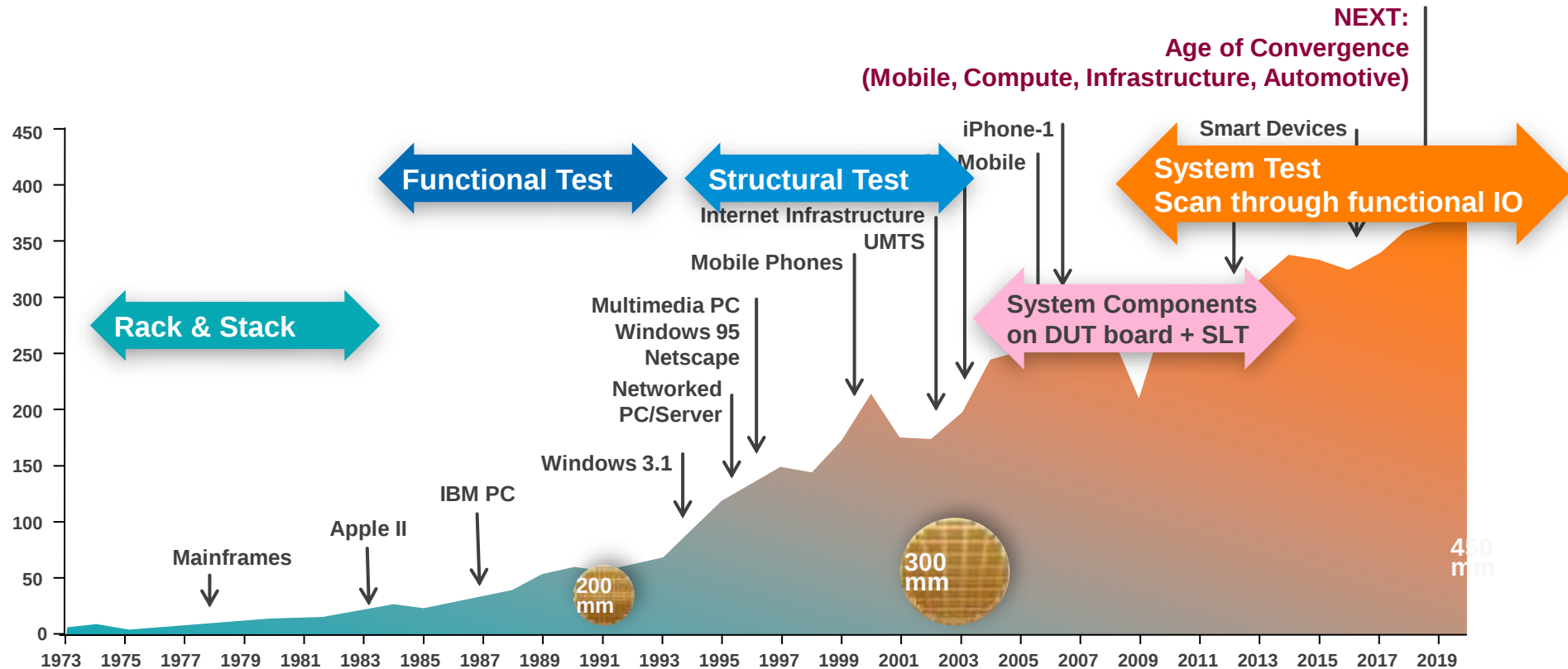
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Next Generation Complex 3D Package Architecture

- Limited test access from outside
  - IEEE / JEDEC test access ports
- Test of partially assembled system
  - New test insertion points in manufacturing flow
- Issues
  - Multiple device suppliers – how to ensure test coverage for DPPM
  - Test access ports allow identification and debugging of problems, but cannot prevent scrapping of system – yield issue
  - Yield of a combined device is the product of the component yields

$$Y_{\text{Total}} = Y_{\text{Part1}} * Y_{\text{Part2}} * Y_{\text{Part3}} * \dots * Y_{\text{package}}$$

# Paradigm Shifts in ATE



# Chiplet Test and Data Impacts

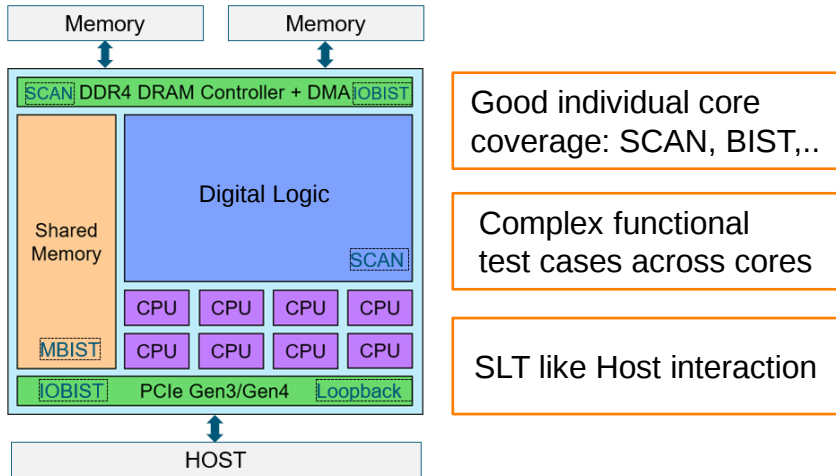
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## Many aspects of test and data influenced by chiplet-based products

- **Larger systems within a package scale the amount of test data up dramatically**
  - HPC and HIR devices need larger scan and complex workloads for execution on devices
- **Known Good Die (KGD) ensure that each chiplet is extensively tested, binned and matched before integration**
- **Software Defined Functional test content and system level test increasing**
  - Electrical failure analysis is more complex and data-intensive
- **Need to migrate more test content earlier in the flow**
  - Detect defective units earlier prior to integration, decrease end of line yield loss
  - Requires more correlation work to identify tests at wafer that detect downstream system level failures
- **Die traceability**
  - Debug, root cause analysis, and die matching
  - KDG and low DPPM require more management, data collection and tracking from origin of each chiplet

# New Test Requirements Drive New Methodologies

## High integration multi-core architecture



## Software-based functional test

Device boots firmware through USB or PCIe  
Supporting application software runs on the card  
=> Close functional test coverage gap on ATE

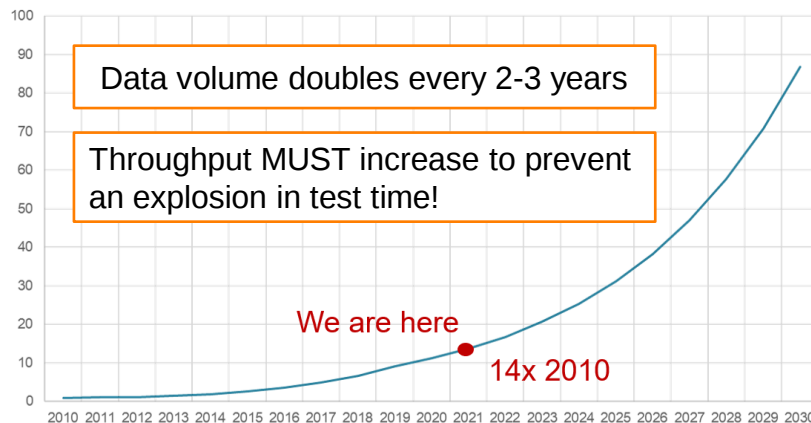
## Correlation and test content exchange with SLT

Use similar test content on ATE and SLT  
Enable correlation and test content re-use  
=> Support industry trend for higher quality wafer test

## SCAN through functional HSIO

High speed SCAN data transfer through USB or PCIe  
Supporting result processing software runs on the card  
=> Keep test time under control with HSIO SCAN

## ITRS SCAN pattern volume projection



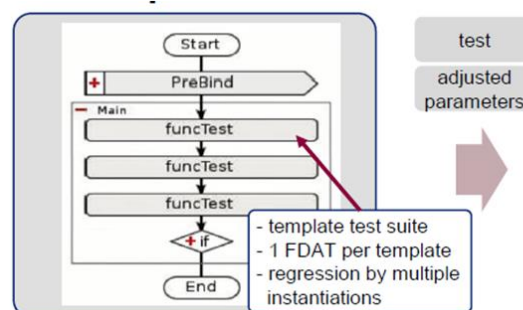
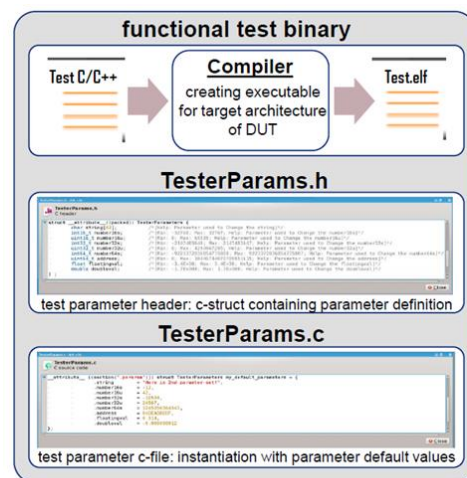
# Chiplet DPPM

## Assumption:

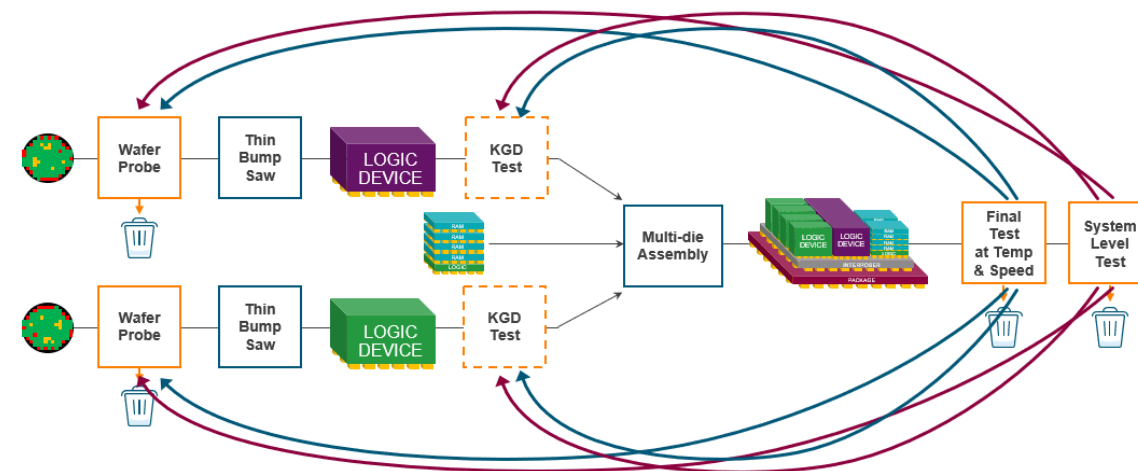
- 13 Chiplets in one package, 1@100dppm, 12@50dppm plus stacked SRAM 12x30dppm
- This results in  $100 + 12 \times (50 + 30) = 1060\text{dppm}$
- How to provide “better” KGD quality with lower DPPM?

## How to improve individual chiplet & overall package coverage:

- Better and more scan types
- Functional tests
- Additional Insertions
- SLT



## More Functional, Less SLT possible?



## Challenge:

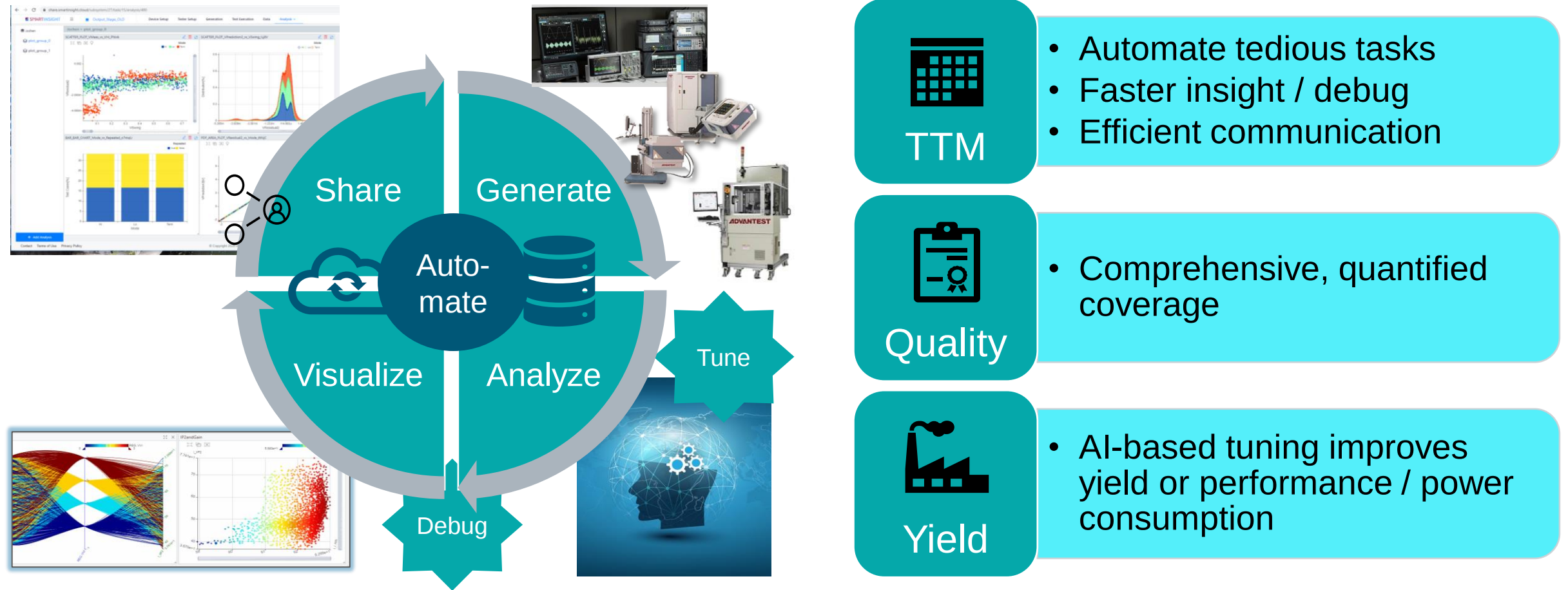
- SLT content is growing
- SLT content is always added, but no measure if still required and/or how to fix (How to back map to design, process, SW..)
- How to bring efficiently test content from SLT to ATE

## Potential Strategy:

- Reduce DPPM to range of 100s
- Use advanced scan methodologies and add software defined functional test
- Make SLT an optional step; move test content to ATE insertions

# AI-based PSV Manages Complexities of Post Silicon Validation

For RF / mixed-signal / HSIO / PLL, system-level digital, ...



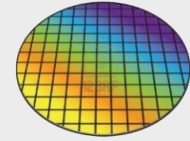
Integrated workflow automation based on data-driven, AI-powered PSV methodology

# Multi-Chip Integration Testing for HIR

Heterogeneous multi-chip packaging is a technology in HVM that introduces many new test challenges.

- More test content and HSIO phy testing at probe, package and KGD
  - Protocol usage increases with SmartCompute test instruments
- High power and multi-power domains require PDN design for ATE supplies on critical device power rails
- HSIO DFT support needed for test access over multiple die packages
  - Increasing scan vector data and higher speed behind HSIO pins
- Variety of test functions are needed on a tester
  - Power profiling, DUT firmware, training, calibration and multi-step trim
- Low overhead high volume data collection
  - Edge Machine Learning(ML) for die-matching, extended binning, real-time analytics
- Accurate thermal control required for high quality stable testing
  - Die Level Thermal Control, ATC, Pre-trigger, Fluid cool socket or chuck

**Wafer Test**



**KGD Test**



**Final Test**



**System Test**



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