



#### TCB Process Options to Achieve the Lowest Cost

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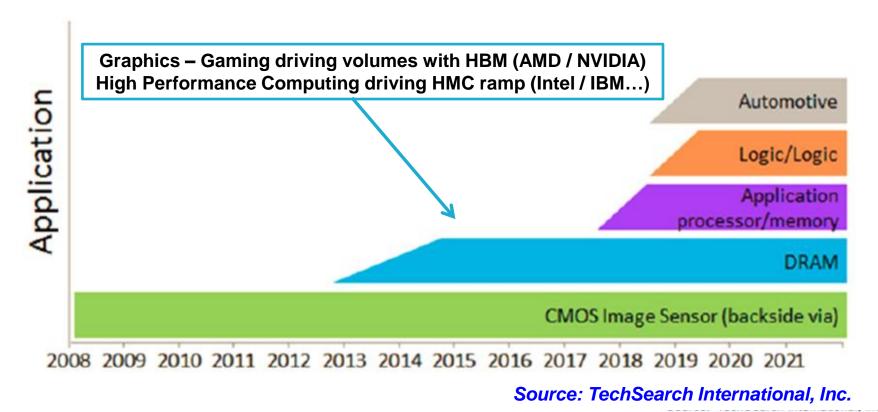
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## Agenda



- TCB Market Information
- Drivers of Process Cost
- Types of TCB Processes and Potential UPH
- Methods to Achieve High UPH
  - Equipment design considerations
  - Process step optimization
  - Reduced range temperature cycling
  - TC-NCF process optimization for UPH
  - TC-CUF process optimization for UPH

# 3D IC with TSV Adoption Timeline



- Image sensors with backside vias from Toshiba in January 2008, Sony CMOS image sensors + logic
- Tezzaron DRAM in 2013, Micron HMC, SK Hynix HBM, Samsung DIMM in 2015
- Logic on logic 2019 at the earliest
- Automotive (image sensor + logic) for safety reasons

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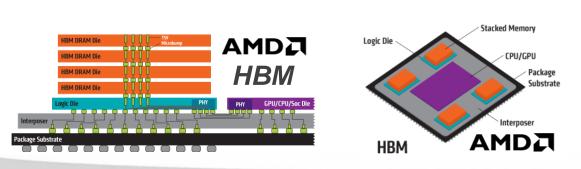
## **Volume Packages Using Stacked Die**

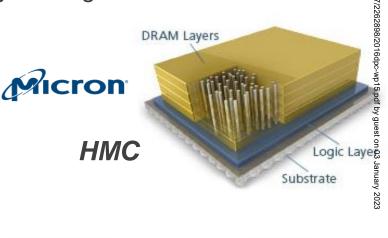


- Stacked memory products are highest volume products assembled using TCB
- Hybrid Memory Cubes (HMC) are used in high-performance computing
  - High speed serial interface
  - Assembled on laminate with Chip to Substrate (C2S) TC bonders
- High Bandwidth Memory (HBM) is used primarily for graphics applications

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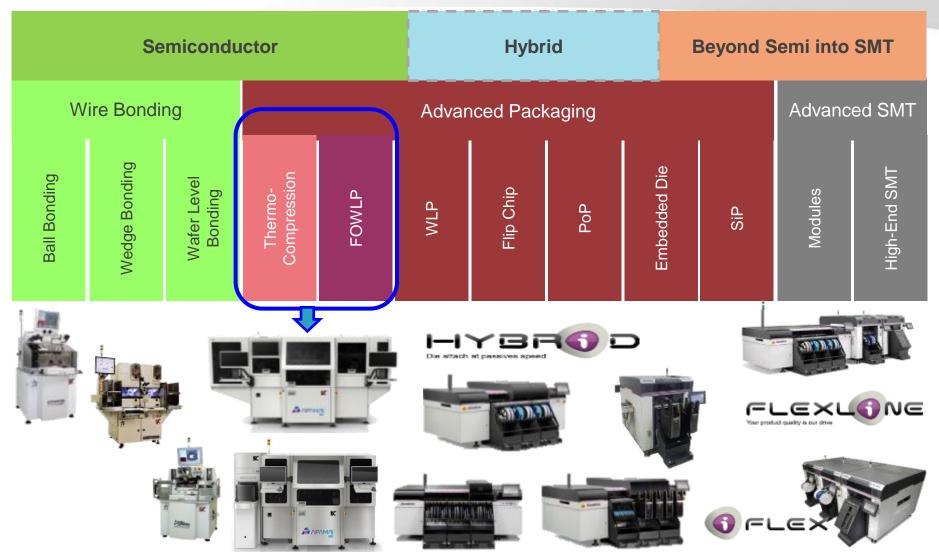
- JEDEC standard for high density parallel interface
- HBM1 in volume production
- HBM2 enabling higher bandwidth is starting
- Assembled on interposers to enable high-density routing
- HBM uses Chip-to-Wafer (C2W) TC bonders
- Potential to move to C2S with EMIB





# K&S Semiconductor Assembly Equipment





#### K&S Offers the Full Range of Semiconductor Assembly Equipment

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# APAMA<sup>TM</sup> Thermocompression Bonders





**APAMA C2S TC Bonder** 



**APAMA C2W TC Bonder** 

- High UPH design of the APAMA TCB platforms enable the lowest unit cost for TCB in both C2S and C2W applications
- Chip to Substrate (C2S APAMA) is targeted at stacked die or single die on laminate (HMC or HBM with EMIB)
- Chip to Wafer (C2W APAMA) is targeted at stacked die or single die on wafer (HBM or 2.5D interposer assembly)

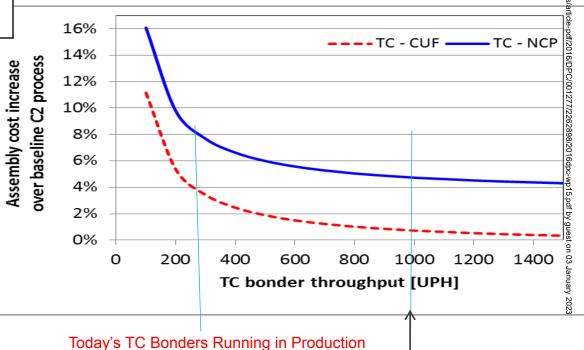
#### **Unit Cost for TCB is Driven by Throughput**

	Die	Subst.	C2/TC	Other Assem.	Total
C2 - CUF	11.96	0.58	0.77	4.33	17.64
TC - CUF	11.96	0.58	0.84	4.29	17.67
TC - NCP	11.96	0.58	1.24	4.10	17.88

Savansys Cost Model

- Results show very little difference between mass reflow cost and thermo-compression cost at high UPH
- Higher costs for TC-NCP is due to high materials cost - Material cost will go down during HVM transition

#### The Cost of TCB is Competitive with Mass Reflow at High UPH



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# TCB Local Reflow Process Options



Process		Advantages	Disadvantages	UPH definition
ied ill	Paste (NCP)	<ul> <li>Die is underfilled during TCB</li> <li>Reduced die stress</li> <li>Mature process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential tool contamination</li> <li>Void-free underfill requires dwell</li> <li>Longer bond times to ensure curing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current 1000+</li> <li>Future 1500</li> </ul>
Pre-appl Underf	Film (NCF)	<ul> <li>Die is underfilled during TCB</li> <li>Reduced die stress</li> <li>Less chance for tool contamination than paste</li> <li>Hot transfer at 150C is now possible for high UPH</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Void-free underfill requires well controlled temperature ramp</li> <li>Large temperature changes may be required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current 1100+</li> <li>Future 2000+</li> </ul>
applied erfill	Dip Flux	<ul> <li>No chance of tool contamination</li> <li>Very short bonding process times</li> <li>Low forces even for high bump counts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires flux cleaning</li> <li>Requires post-bond CUF</li> <li>More stress on bonds before CUF</li> <li>Cooling to &lt; 80C at fluxing station</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current 900+</li> <li>Future 1500</li> </ul>
No Pre-a Unde	Substrate Flux	<ul> <li>Fluxing process capability demonstrated</li> <li>Very fast and very limited bond head temp changes per cycle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires flux cleaning</li> <li>Requires post-bond CUF</li> <li>More stress on bonds before CUF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prototyped 1000+</li> <li>Future 2500+</li> </ul>

High UPH process capability has been demonstrated all processes What methods are used to achieve high UPH

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# **Methods to Achieve High UPH**



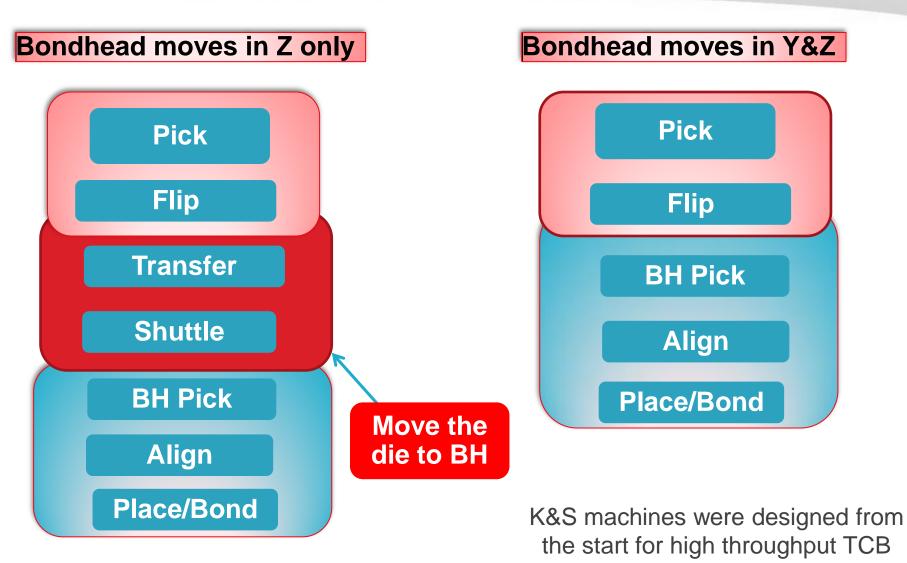






#### Equipment Architecture Cehoice Device Packaging Bonding Sequences of TC Bonders



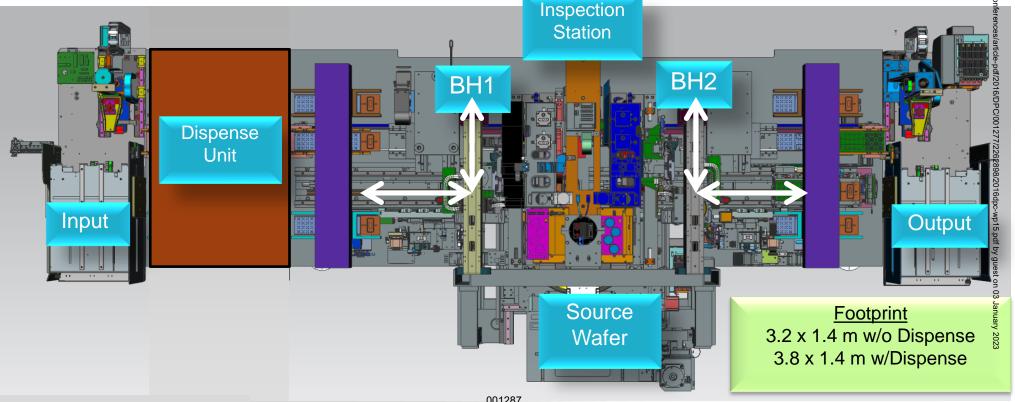


#### Machine Layout for 1025 Conference and Exhibition on Device Packaging

- **Diagram of C2S layout**
- Bondhead moves in Y and Z
- Substrate moves in X

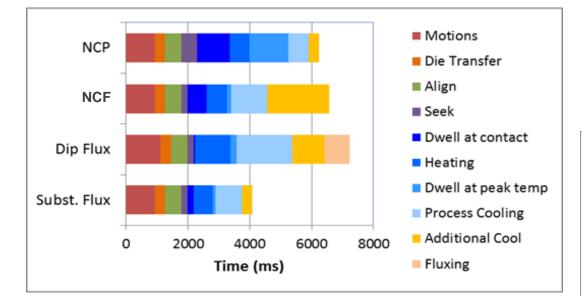






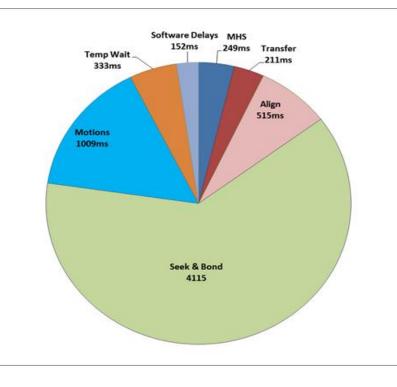
## Process Comparison





	NCP	Underfill Film	Dip Flux	Substrate Flux
Bonding	66%	42%	47%	48%
Additional cooling	5%	31%	14%	8%
Die handling & align	29%	27%	39%	44%
Cycle time (sec)	6.3	6.6	7.2	4.1

#### NCP Process Breakdown

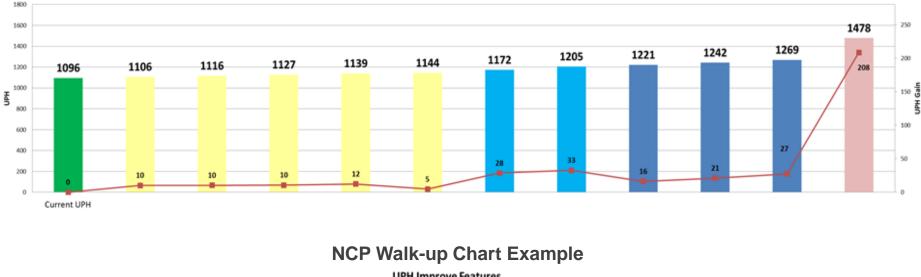


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# Analyze/Optimize Program Segments

- UPH model is a good predictor of UPH performance
- Walk-up charts can be created to guide UPH optimization
- Variation in performance to the model can be investigated
- Machine logs can identify deviation in the performance and root cause for slower UPH
- Customer processes can be modeled for UPH before running



UPH Improve Features Green -- UPH measured on A3 with Software 4.1.0.9 Yellow -- Software Improvement Blue-- Hardware updates Pink -- Process Optimization

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### Validation of Machine Performance



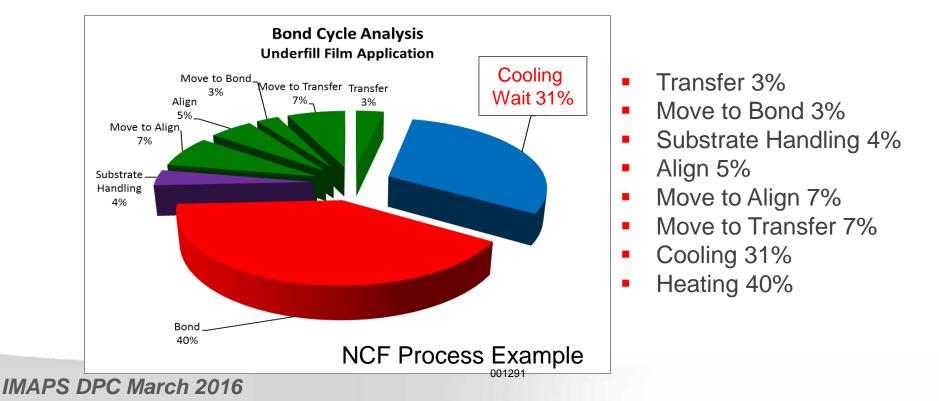
- Machine logs can identify deviation in the projected performance and determine root cause for slower UPH
- Discrepancies in actual performance as compared to the model are analyzed to understand root cause



# High UPH TC Bonding



- Equipment design with optimized movement efficiency (29% of cycle)
- Maximize parallel functions in the process whenever possible
- Analyze and optimize each program segment
- Reduce range of temperature cycling required by the bond head (71% of cycle)
  - Temperature cycling is required for each die bond cycle
  - Reducing the range greatly improves the process UPH



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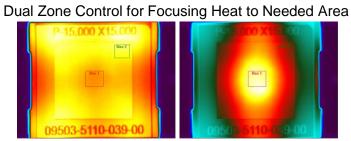
## **Unique Bondhead Design**



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#### Direct Drive Servo Z-Axis, Integrated Y and Z Motion

- Unique architecture with separated X and Y axes
  - Bondhead moves in Y, Z, theta
  - Eliminates handover shuttle required in Z only architectures
- Z voice coil servo replaces leadscrew for improved <u>high</u> <u>speed</u> motion control
- Heating at 350 deg C/sec and cooling at 130 deg C/sec
- Temperature Uniformity during Heating
  - Programmable dynamic uniformity control allows uniformity adjustment during die heating
  - Programmable center to edge temperature gradient available
  - Die with non-uniform pillar distribution can be programmed for more uniform joint temperature



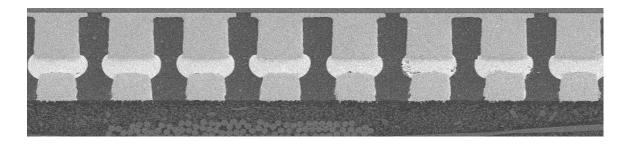
Example of Extreme Center and Edge Balancing

### Process Optimization for UPH Improvement



#### Two key approaches can improve process UPH

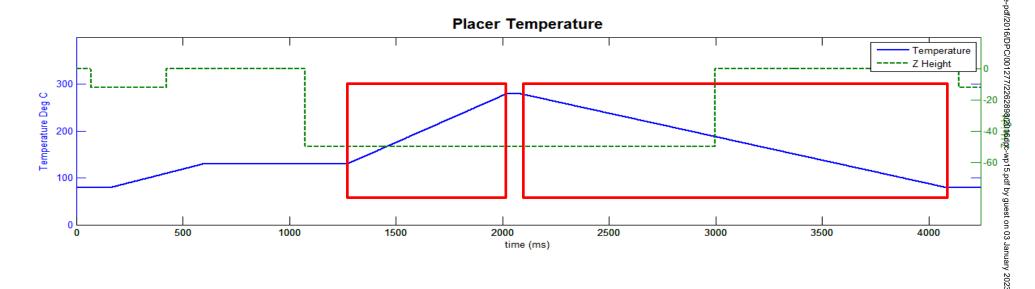
- Reduce temperature excursions for the bond head
  - Enable higher die transfer temperature
    - TC-CUF flux dip requires lower bondhead temp
    - TC-NCF needs lower transfer temp to prevent film damage
  - Hot touch down for TC-CUF
- Remove sequential process steps
  - Flux dip process for each die adds time



# NCF Cycle with Conventional Die Transfer

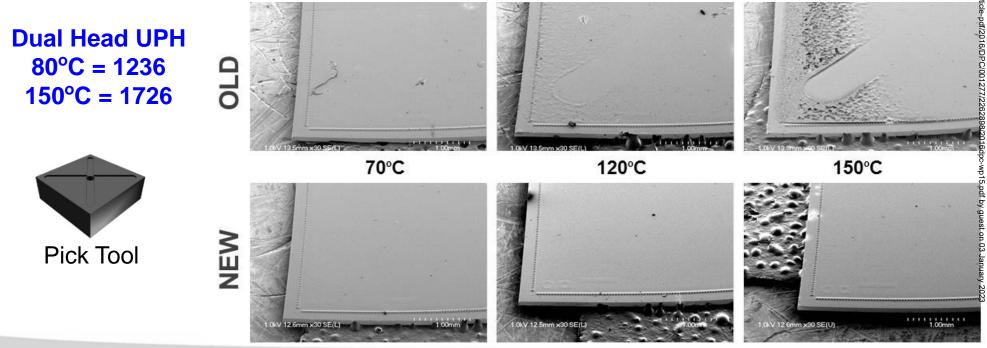


- Transfer temperature of 80°C
- K&S production bonders with advanced bondhead design
  - Fast and linear heating possible (up to 350°C/sec)
  - Slow and non-linear cooling (125°C/sec possible)
  - Conventional TC-NCF process cooling consumes valuable process time



# TC-NCF Process Limitations

- Technology Innovation Solutions
- NCF has been limited to a die transfer temperature <80°C to avoid handling damage to the film when it becomes tacky
- New handling techniques developed to allow the NCF to be transferred at 150°C
- NCF UPH is improved by 500 over the same process with an 80°C transfer temp
- This improvement enables NCF to become one of the highest throughput options for stacked die TCB or die on interposer processes



## TC-CUF Process UPH Improvement

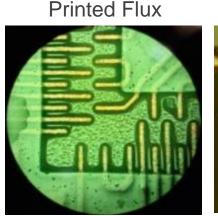


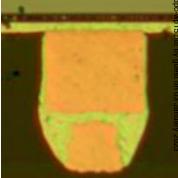
- Dip fluxing of die prior to TCB is a slow process for HVM
  - Die dipping in flux requires temperatures around 80°C
    - Bond head temperature excursions >200°C
  - Die dipping process is sequential to pick and bond
    - Adds >500ms to process
  - Demonstrated process with 6.9 sec cycle per unit (~1000 UPH)
- Substrate fluxing is a fast process enabling a breakthrough for TCB
  - Removing die flux dip reduces bond head temperature excursion to ~120°C
  - Demonstrated a process with 4.8 sec cycle per unit (UPH >1500)
  - Potential to exceed 2500 UPH with higher temperature touch down
- Two factors improve TC-CUF process UPH
  - Removing the sequential flux dip process
  - Enabling higher die transfer temperature

## TC-CUF Substrate Flux for UPH Improvement



- Substrate fluxing has been validated using a unique printing method developed by K&S
- Method enables patterned flux printing immediately prior to bonding
- Similar flux volume to that used in a conventional flux dip process
  - Limited flux volume ensures effective flux cleaning after bonding
- Process capability has been verified thorough SEM cross-section and bump metallurgy for several key factors in the process
  - Flux volume applied to the substrate
  - Contact temperature of the die to the substrate
  - Die time at temperature prior to contact
  - Substrate time at temperature prior to bonding





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	Assembly cost increase over baseline C2 process	14% 12%	- CUF - TC - NCP	
Demonst	PH Process Capability rated for both NCF and rate Flux Processes	0% 0 200 400 600 800 5 TC bonder throughpu	1000 1200 1400 <sup>03 January</sup>	
		Today's TC Bonders Running in Production		

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#### **Thermocompression Bonder Specifications**



Process Requirements	Specification 2015	Specification 2016 (EOY)	
Thin die handling (TSV 10:1) Die thickness	<u>&gt;</u> 35 um	<u>&gt;</u> 30 um	
Fine pitch Cu Pillars Accuracy	± 2.0μ, ±20 mdeg, post bond (3σ) ±1.0μ, ±10 mdeg, glass die (3σ)	$\pm$ 1.5 $\mu$ , $\pm$ 15 mdeg, post bond (3 $\sigma$ ) $\pm$ 1.0 $\mu$ , $\pm$ 10 mdeg, glass die (3 $\sigma$ )	
Cu Pillar Stacking Planarity	2µ / 10mm	2μ / 20mm	
Bondhead Size	26x26mm	38x38mm	
High force capability	0.5 to 300N	0.5 to 500N	
Process Control Force Accuracy	0.25N or 1% (whichever larger)	0.25N or 1% (whichever larger)	
Bond Line Thickness Z-Height Resolution	<u>+</u> 1.0μ (with temperature compensation)	<u>+</u> 1.0μ (with temperature compensation)	
	Heat Ramp: 200 C/s	Heat Ramp: 350 C/s	
Low COO – Productivity	Cool Rate: 100 C/s	Cool Rate: 150 C/s	
FIGUELIVILY	Dry Cycle: <1.5 sec	Dry Cycle: <1.3 sec	
	Sprint UPH: 3000 DH Sprint UPH: 3500 D		
Yield and Metrology	Die crack detection Contamination inspection Post bond overlay	Die crack detection Contamination inspection Post bond overlay	



Chip to Substrate Bonder





- K&S has developed the next generation thermocompression bonder to enable cost-effective, high performance packaging
- Methods to Achieve High UPH
  - 1. Equipment design considerations
  - 2. Process step optimization methodology
  - 3. Impact of temperature cycling for each die
  - 4. Process optimization through reduced temperature range and higher die transfer temperature
    - a) TC-NCF process at 2000 UPH
    - b) TC-CUF process at 2500 UPH



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