

40 GHz on Wafer Testing For Two Port Devices

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Agenda

- ★ RF Measurements.
- ★ Device Definition and Setup.
- ★ Probe and Equipment Selection.
- ★ Vector Wafer Calibration, LRM, TRL.
- ★ Multiple Probes.
- ★ Summary

RF Measurements

- ★ Microwave test time, Step Synthesizer, Phase lock time. 1500ms die.
- ★ DC Tests to simulate RF performance.
- ★ Hfe or Gm to qualify Gain Specification.
- ★ Scattering parameters, Two Port Networks S21, S11, S12, S22
- ★ Scalar data, Magnitude only
- ★ Active and passive

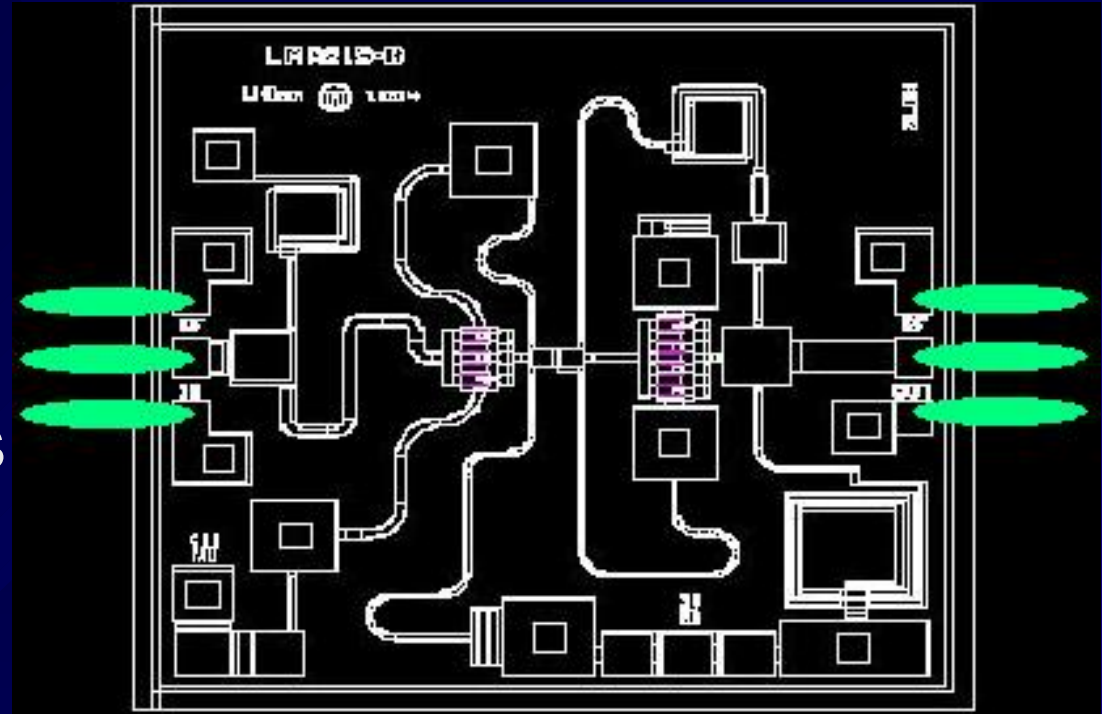
Probe Setup

- ★ Off the shelf single probes available.
- ★ Tester RF Coax Connections.
- ★ RF Probe Footprint auto Alignment EG4090u.



Test Device - MMIC

- ★ Landing Zone
2 mills square
- ★ Pitch 150
microns
- ★ GSG, 50 Ohms
- ★ Reference
plane of
measurement
- ★ DC Pads



Probe Selection

- ★ List of vendors, Cascade, PicoProbe.
- ★ Co-planar Coaxial, Flexible.
- ★ Over travel, skate about 1 mill.
- ★ 4 touch downs are about the limit.



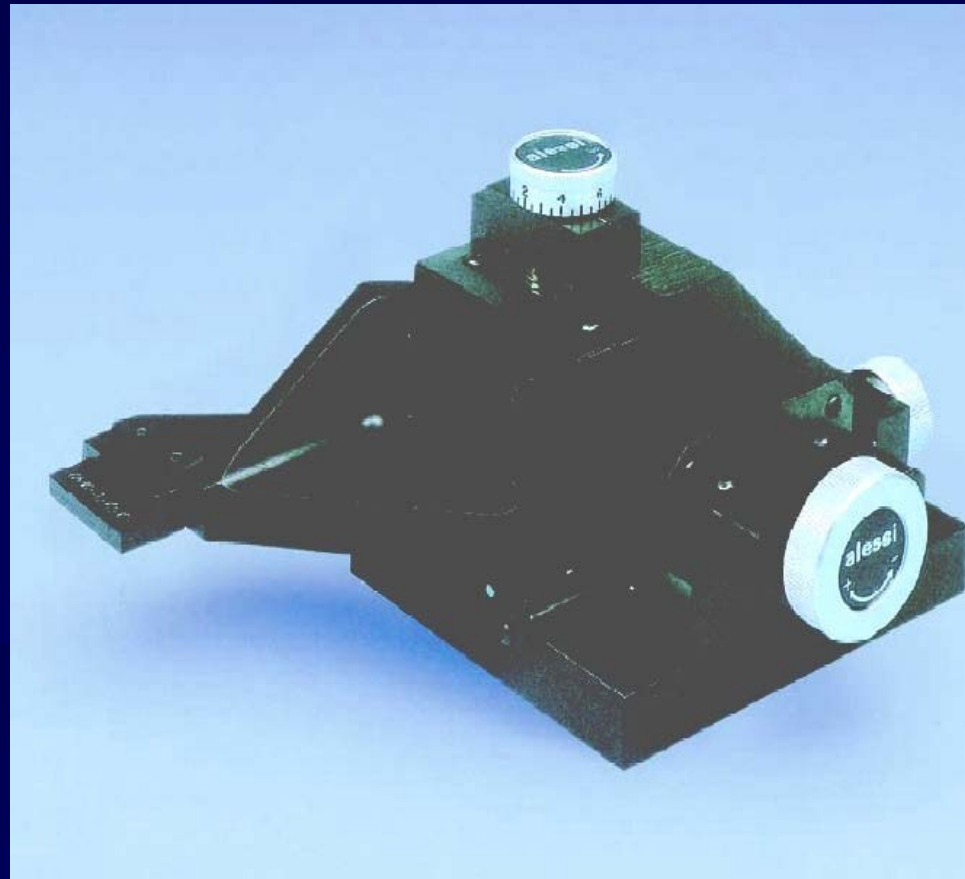
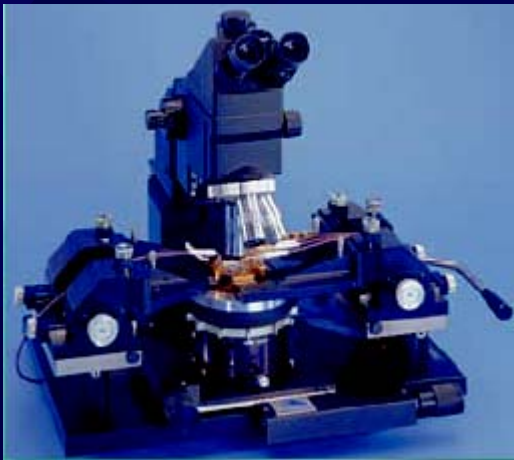
Other Probe Vendor

- ✦ PicoProbe
- ✦ GSG, best behaved.
- ✦ GS, left to right.
- ✦ SG



Probe Positioner

- ✦ Alessi
Micropositioner
for Microwave
probes.



Test Equipment (component)

- ★ Agilent (HP) 8510C vector network analyzer, poor mans example.



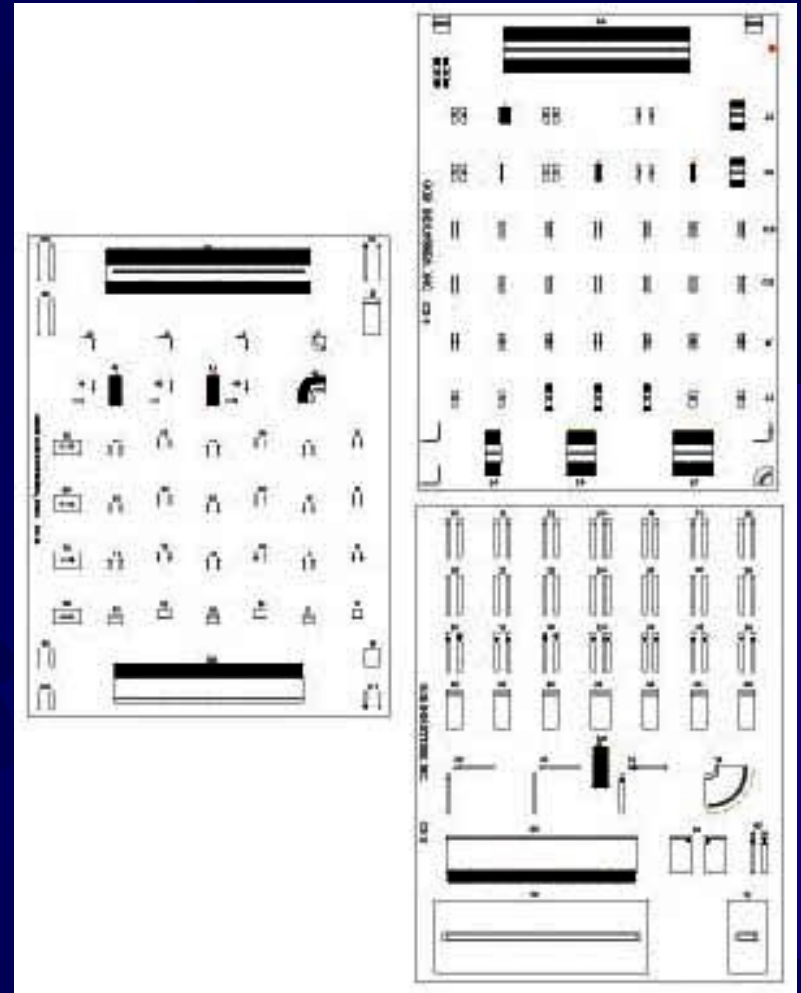
Test Equipment (turn key)

- ★ LTX Fusion Systems, 6 GHz example.
- ★ Agilent (HP) RFIC 84000 Narrow Band Tester.



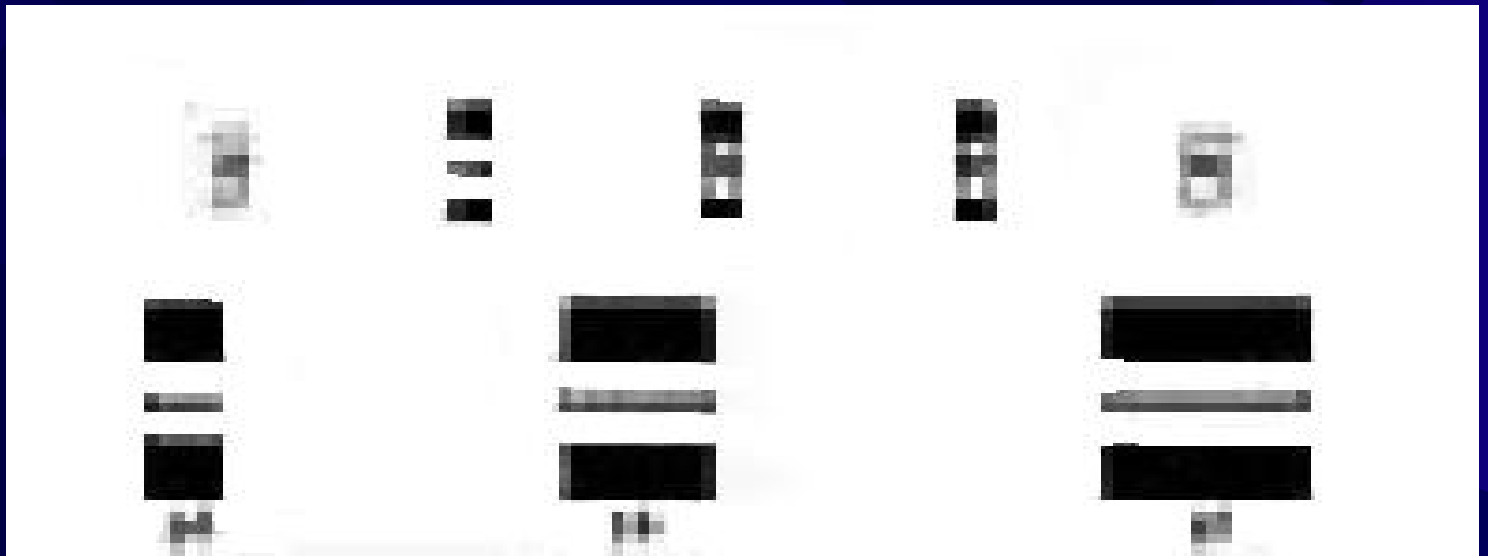
Calibration On Wafer

- ★ Vector vs. Scalar correction.
- ★ ISS standards
- ★ Build your own standards, TRL. NBS Traceable.



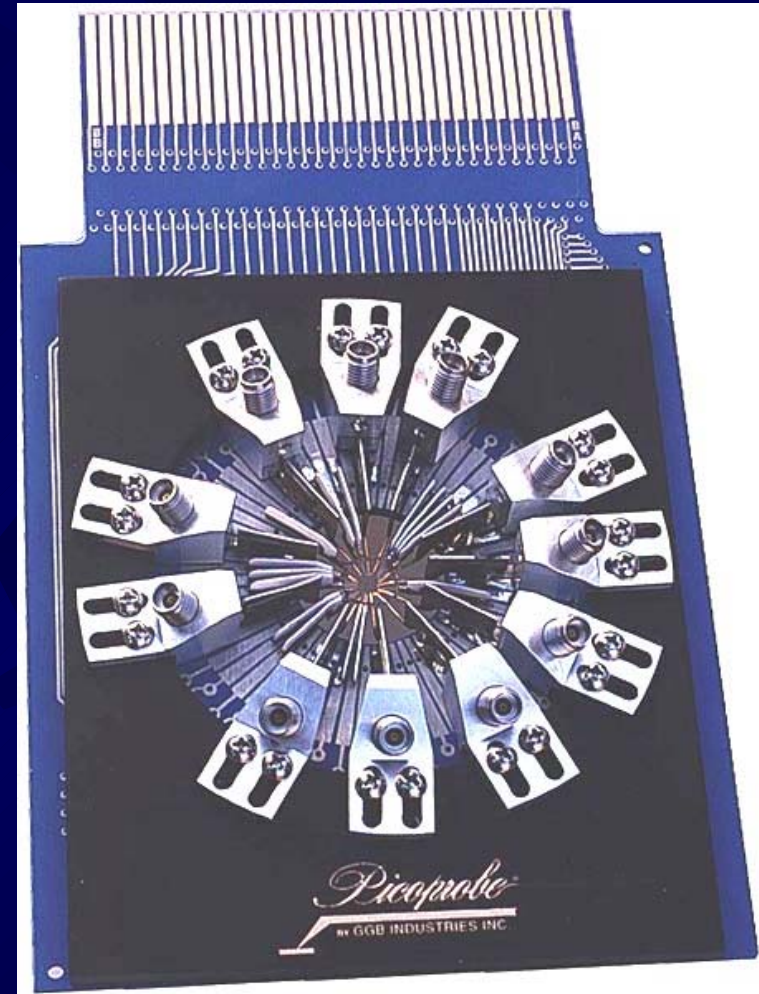
Calibration Standards ISS

- ✱ SOLT; short, open, load, thru (0 delay).
- ✱ LRM; line, reflect, match,
- ✱ TRL; thru, reflect, line (delay).



Multiple Probes

- ★ Devices with more than two ports, RF switches.
- ★ Calibration Issues, computer correction.
- ★ DC De-Q'ing with bias tees



Summary

- ✱ RF Measurements.
- ✱ Device layout restrictions.
- ✱ Measurement touch downs.
- ✱ Test Equipment, software and through put.
- ✱ Best calibration, LRM for 40 GHz.
- ✱ Multiple paths, multiple 2 port Cal's.

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