

Silicon photonics technology replaces PCB



Overview

Silicon photonics enables solid-state LiDAR, replacing those mechanical components with optical phased arrays on a chip. Photonic PCBs are a new type of printed circuit board that can efficiently transfer data at tremendously high speeds without losses. 5G telecommunications, HPC, AI hardware, computers, and data centers are all rapidly advancing and creating an increasing demand for more effective data transmission. Heterogeneous integration, 2.5D and 3D packaging, and chiplets are part of a broader trend in the growth of off-the-board technology, where functionality is steadily moved off of a device's PCB and into semiconductor packages. This is a natural outgrowth of the broader trend of miniaturization. Is Silicon Photonics Going to Kill Traditional Copper PCB Traces?

As data rates accelerate toward: a new narrative is gaining traction: optical interconnect (Silicon Photonics) will replace electrical copper traces. At first glance, the argument seems compelling: However, the reality inside PCB. Silicon photonics is an innovative technology that combines the capabilities of optical and electronic components on a single silicon chip. Where traditional computer chips push electrons through copper wires, silicon photonic chips guide photons (particles of light) through tiny channels called waveguides. When electronics meet photons, it not only addresses the signal transmission loss issue but is also considered a key technology that could usher in a new era, potentially revolutionizing the future world.

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