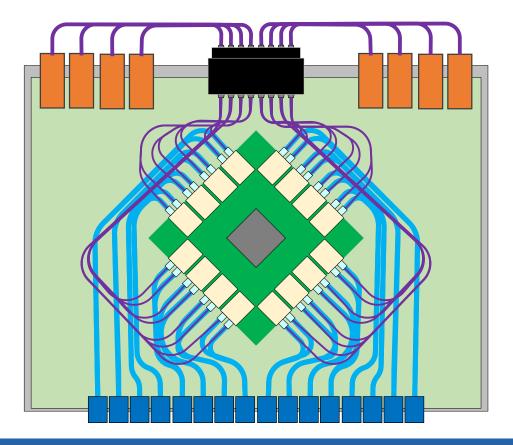


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# Multi-Core Fibers and **Co-Packaged Optics**

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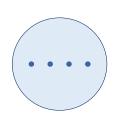
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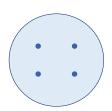


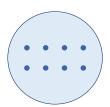


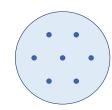
### Multi Core Fiber

- Types of multi core fibers
  - Various core-count types
    - ✓ 4, 2x4, 7, 12, 19... etc

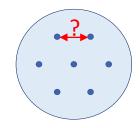








- No standard as of now
  - ➤ IEC: connectors and fibers are under discussion to be standardized, but no consensus yet



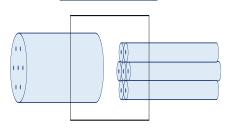


Fan out options (break out to single core fibers)

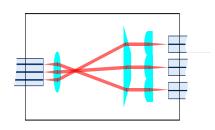
# Multi core fiber Waveguide Single core fibers

Waveguide

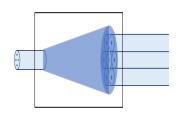
#### Fiber bundle



#### Free-space optics



#### **Stretch fusion splice**

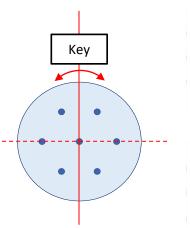




## Connectorization of MCF

Airgap

- Terminating MCF in connectors
  - More accurate alignment is required
    - $\checkmark$  +/-1.00deg for IL < 0.85dB<sup>1</sup>)
    - $\checkmark$  +/-0.65deg for IL < 0.20dB<sup>2</sup>)
  - Polishing process to make physical contact for all cores



Special polish

Standard polish



#### Connector types





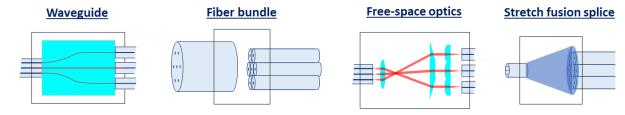


Higher density but more challenging to terminate

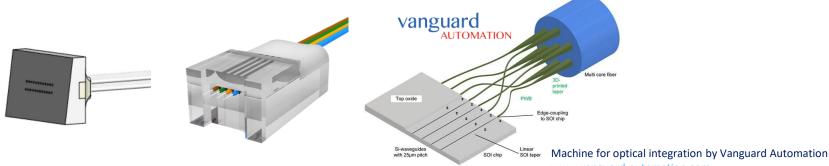
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# Questions

- How MCF to be used in Co-Packaged Optics applications?
  - Is fan out required? Or use multicore fibers for entire network?



How to couple to SiP chip? Active alignment or wire bonding?



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