Test bench of aluflex cables

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- at the moment only one cable at HIM (5 expected)
- Manufacturer: LTU



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The aluflex cable



- 4 MuPix8 sensors
- 50 pins per sensor
- pad size = 80µm
- min. pad distance = 70µm

precise test bench!

- 7 LVDS pairs per sensor for high data transfer
- HV, LV for power supply
- Single line traces for control



Test bench schematic





The probe card





- interface between an electronic test system and device to be tested
- price about 4.5k€
- **Problem**: How to precisely connect the probe card with the aluflex cable?



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Source: T.I.P.S. Messtechnik GmbH, www.tips.co.at

The aluflex cable



 cable halves are independently movable

contact only one halve of the cable at the same time for better precision



precise connection can be achieved with

Positioning elements

micrometer stages

- X-Y Positioning Stage
- 360° Rotary Stage
- Vertical Translational Stage



Source: www.edmundoptics.com

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positioning elements will be screwed on solid, stable metal plane

To ensure successful connection to the cable a USB microscope will be used

Problem: How to fix the cable onto the positioning stage?





Source: http://www.veho-us.com

Vacuum clamping table



Custom-made vacuum clamping table made by 3D-printer at HIM

- carefully fixes the cable
- easy on-/off-fixation

final layout does not exist yet



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Adapter PCB

Board

- impedance matched traces
- aluflex angle adjusted
- about to be screwed onto the clamping table

Connector

- Interface: Samtec QFS connector
- 28+ Gbps solution





FPGA



XILINX ZYNQ XC7Z020

We want to test the cable with:

- Bandwidth: 800 MHz
- Transmission rate: 950 Mbit/s (later new FPGA with 1.25 Gbit/s)
- has not been programmed yet



Detailed test bench schematic





Conclusion



- positioning elements have been ordered (mechanical setup can start soon)
- probe card and adapter board are ready to be ordered
- vacuum clamping table will be built by H. Leithoff, HIM
- FPGA programming will be realized by Dr. C. Motzko, HIM
- first test expected at the end of this year