



VIAFFIRM™ THIN GLASS HANDLING TECHNOLOGY

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Outline/Agenda

- Motivation
- Advantages of glass packaging solutions
- Handling challenges
- Solutions to enable volume manufacture
- Examples showing advantages of glass based devices
- Summary
- Q & A



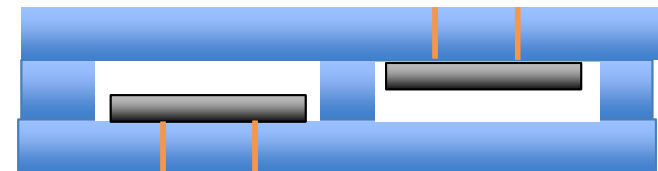
Thin glass addresses industry needs

New material solutions are needed to address needs in RF communications

- Low loss for 5G/mmWave
- Military
- Reduced footprint

Advanced packaging solutions are needed to extend industry performance targets

- Interposer
- Embedded die
- Hermetic





Material properties of glass provide attractive solutions

	Good
	Fair
	Poor

- ✓ Low loss
- ✓ CTE match
- ✓ Smooth
- ✓ Thin
- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Scalable

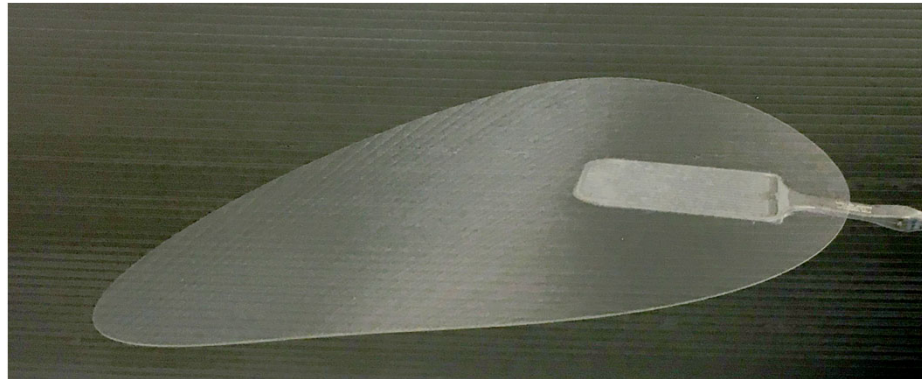
Characteristic	Ideal property	Materials			
		Glass	Si	Organic	Ceramic
Electrical	- High resistivity - Low loss, low k				
Physical	- Smooth surface - Large area scalability - Ultra thin				
Thermal	High conductivity				
Mechanical	- High strength, modulus - Low warpage				
Chemical	Resistance to process chemistry				
Via and RDL cost	Low cost for both				
Reliability	CTE match to Si and PWB				
Cost/mm ²	@25 um I/O pitch				



Handling glass < 200 um thick has challenges

Challenges for TGV in thin glass

- Handling thin glass in semiconductor fab environment
- Metallizing vias in a reliable, cost-effective way





New approach to enable thin glass



New approach:

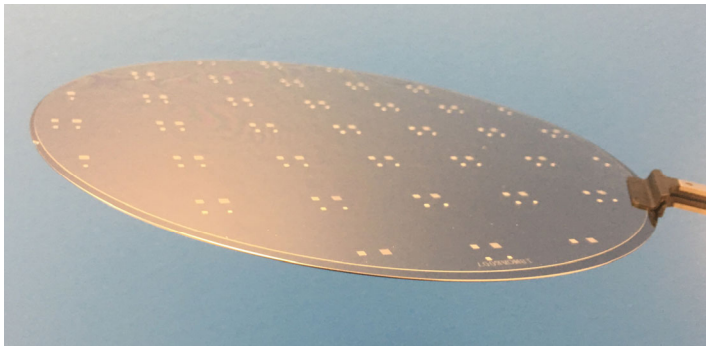
Thin glass with through-holes temporarily bonded to silicon handle wafer using Viafirm™ technology

- Addresses flatness
- Equipment interface is Si wafer
- Provides path to existing metallization processes

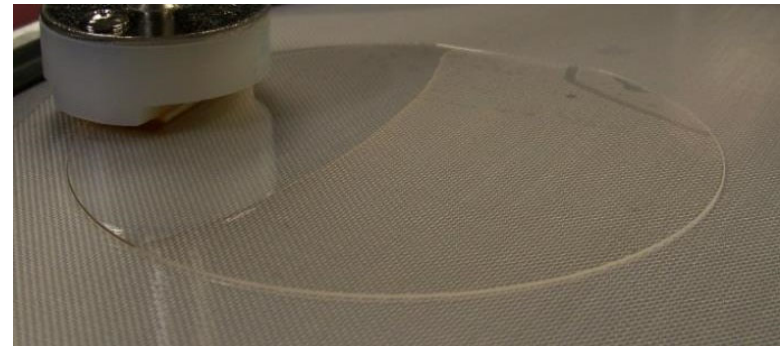
Can be processed like a standard silicon wafer



Key aspects of Viafirm[®] technology



- Bond is temporary to $\geq 400^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $< 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ thick layer
- No outgassing during vacuum processes
- Bond energy can be tailored
- Compatible with silicon processing (installed equipment base)

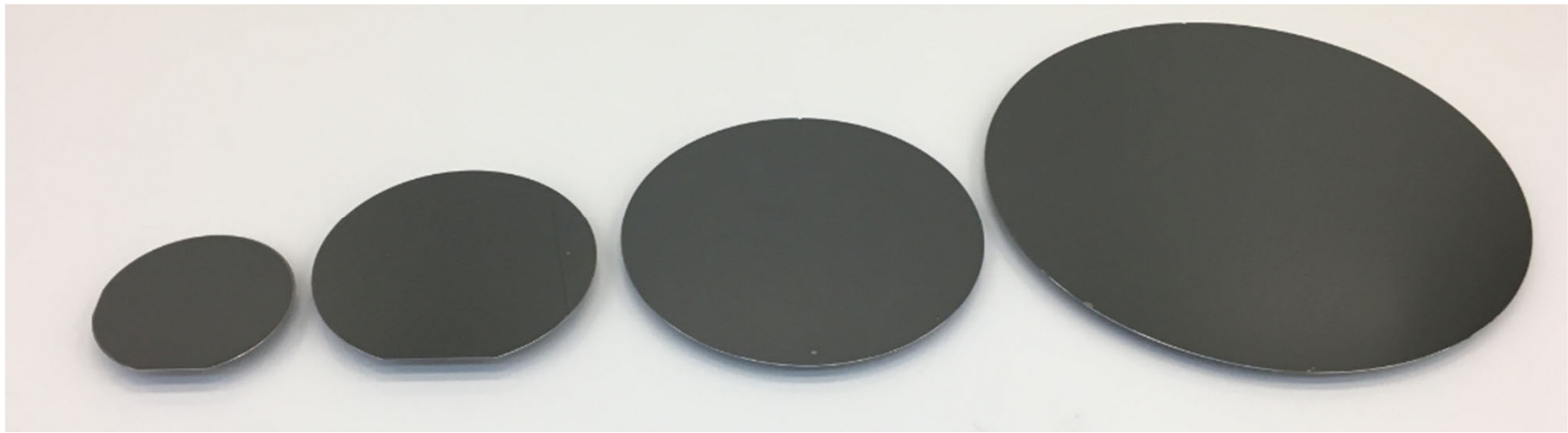


- Mechanical de-bond with low force
- Demonstrated with commercial volume tools (Suss, CEE)



Process scalability

Demonstrated to 300 mm diameter (and beyond)



100 mm

150 mm

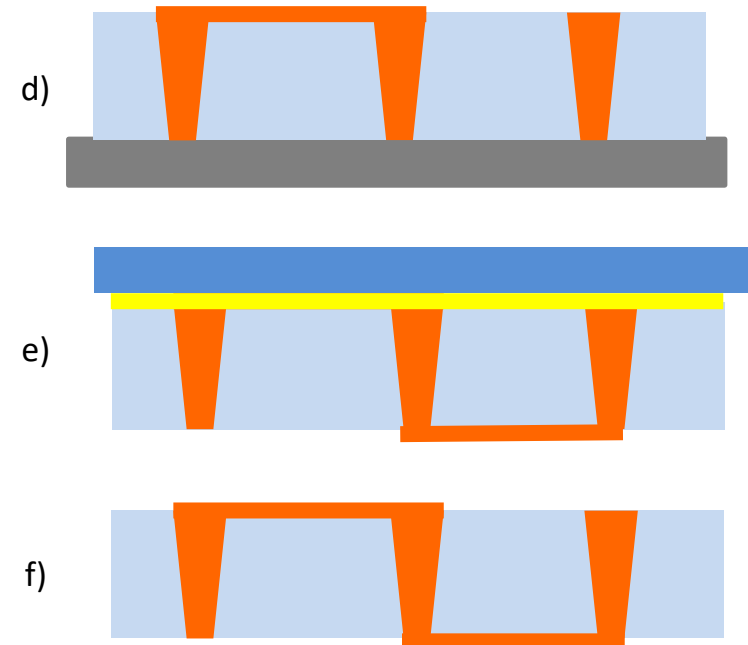
200 mm

300 mm



Mosaic Process Flow – Via fill

Leverage established processes for metallized TGV





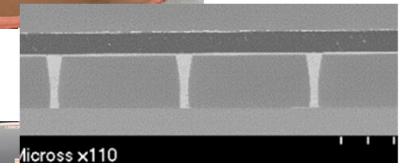
Via Fill on Mosaic bonded pair

- ~30 um via / 100 um glass on silicon handle
- MOCVD Seed layer / Cu plate
 - Void free via fill
- CMP:
 - Bond energy sufficient: no issues
- Post-CMP anneal (400 °C)
 - No cracking at vias

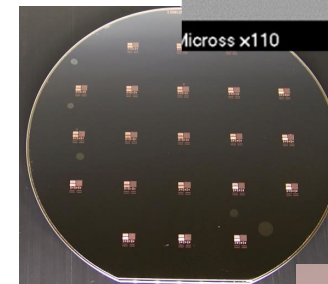
After plating



Via fill



After CMP



After anneal

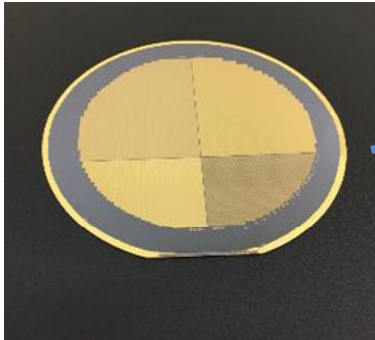




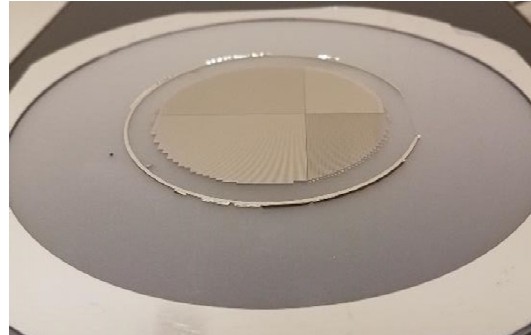
100x0.1 mm wafer – Plated and de-bonded

All wafers yielded

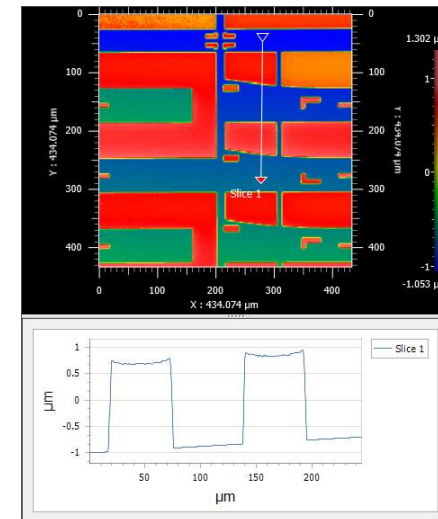
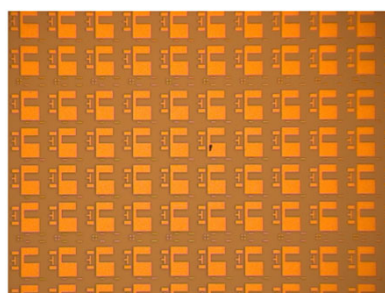
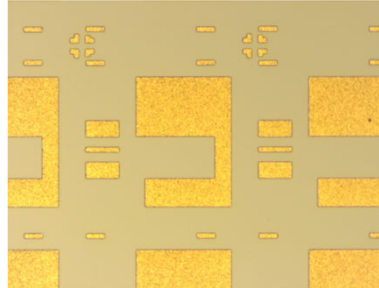
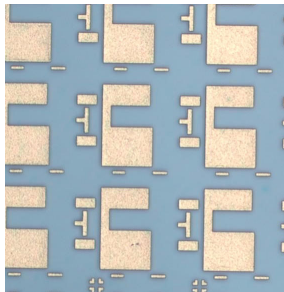
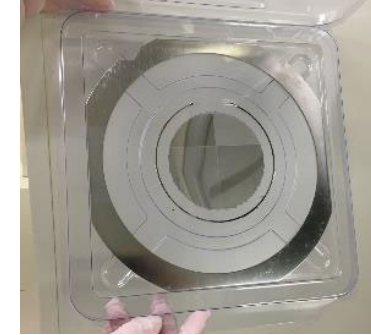
Metallized wafer on Si



Thin glass supported by dicing tape after debond



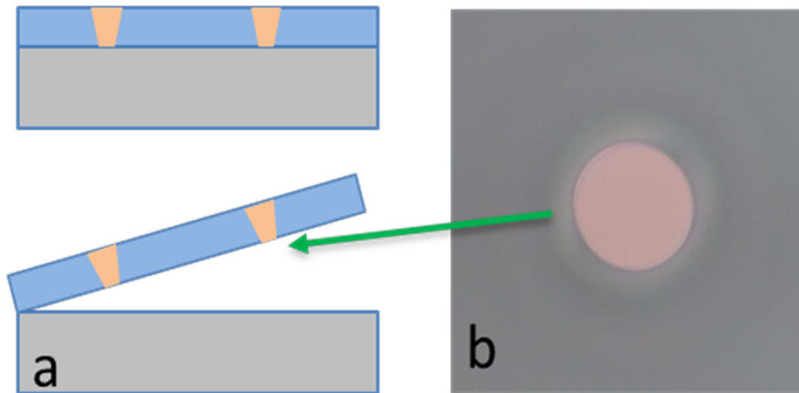
Reverse side of wafer, shown on dicing tape frame



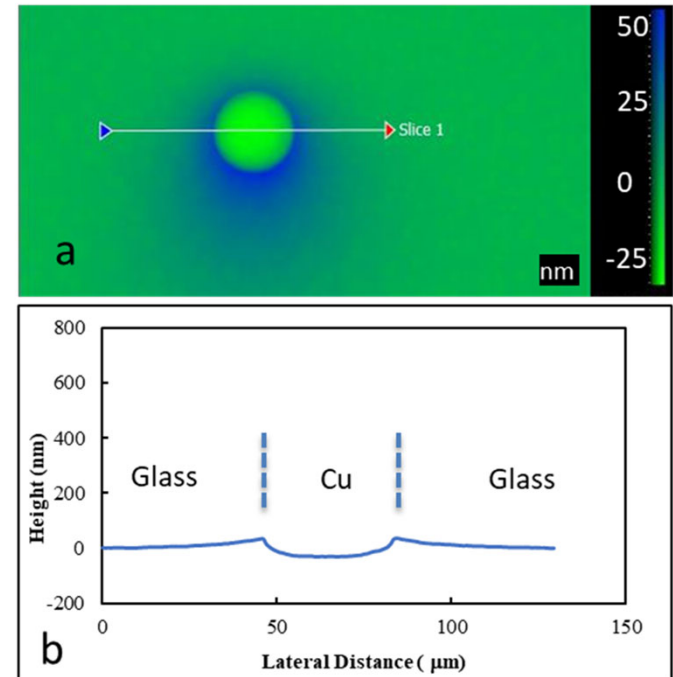


TGV Planarity

Back side TGV planarity < 100 nm at de-bond



- a) De-bond glass wafer and inspect via planarity after de-bond
 - No post-debond CMP
- b) Top view of via after debond



- Measure roughness/planarity with white light interferometer (Zygo ZeGage™)
- Vias planar to < 100 nm

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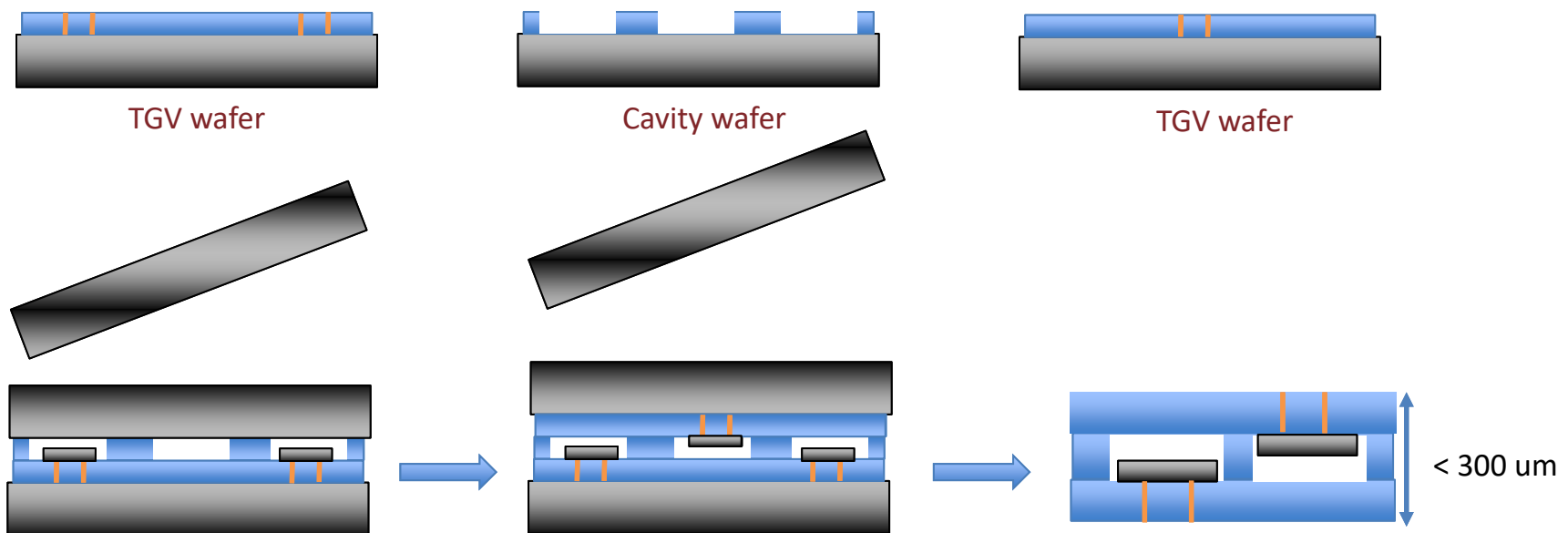
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Opportunities for embedded die

Viafirm well-suited to make novel, hermetic devices

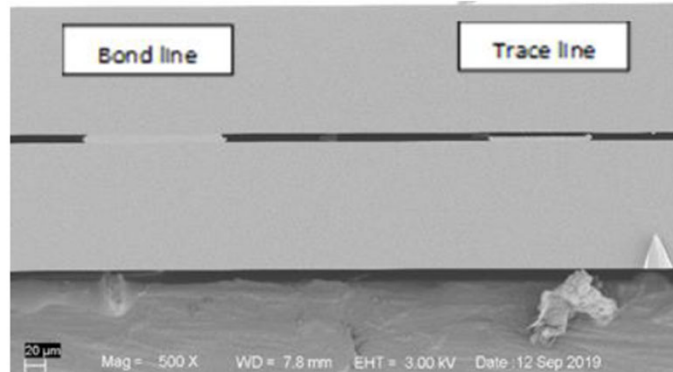
- Die level He leak performance has been demonstrated to $< 1\text{e-}8$ atm-cc/s



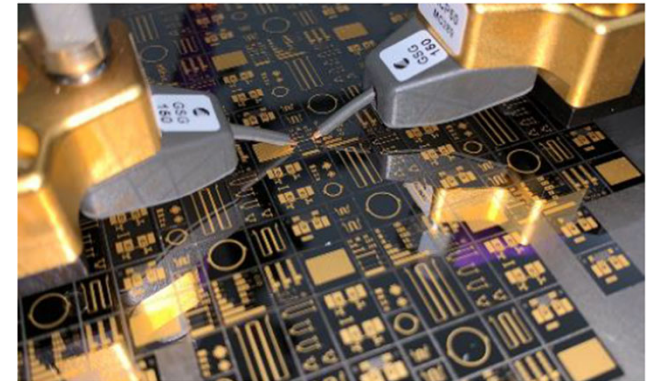


mmW packaging in glass

Wafers processed by
GE Research
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2-layer RF interposer cross section



2-layer RF interposer under test

- 0.15 mm thick glass
- Thermal compression bond Au
- Analysis shows glass based approach can provide 50% lower loss with standard glass. More than 70% with fused silica
- In some applications you can realize >7x reduce package size volume (e.g. filters)
- Primary impact from roughness/skin effect, which is pronounced in these relatively designs that can have conductor lengths as long as 50 mm
 - Demonstrators to be built in 2021

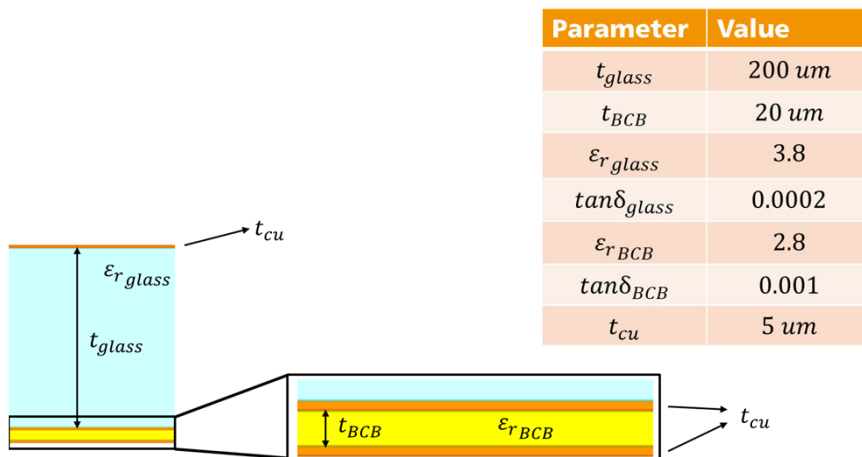


Thin glass solutions for 5G – 28 GHz

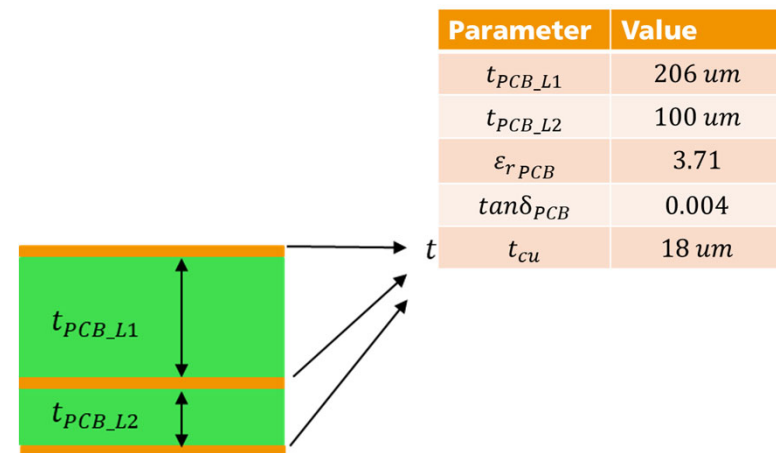
Collaboration Between Mosaic and Fraunhofer IZM

Goals:

- Characterize thin glass technology (BCB on fused silica glass) for mm-Wave 5G applications at 28 GHz
- Design, fabrication and test of 2x2 aperture-coupled patch antenna arrays on thin glass for femtocells (10m-20m range)
- Comparison between glass-based antennas and equivalent organic material-based solutions



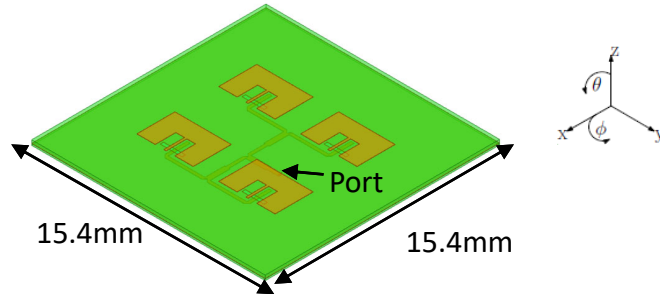
Investigated thin glass stack-up
and material information



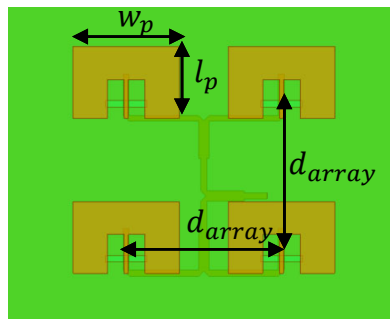
Investigated organic stack-up
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2x2 Aperture-Coupled Patch-Antenna Array – Geometry & Impedance Matching



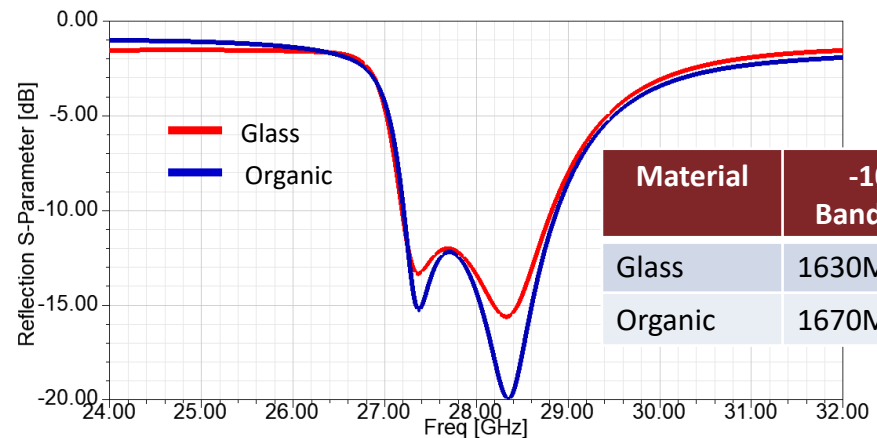
Simulated 3D antenna model



Top view

Parameter	Glass	Organic
$l_p \times w_p$	2505um x 3710um	2505um x 3710um
d_{array}	5400um	5400um

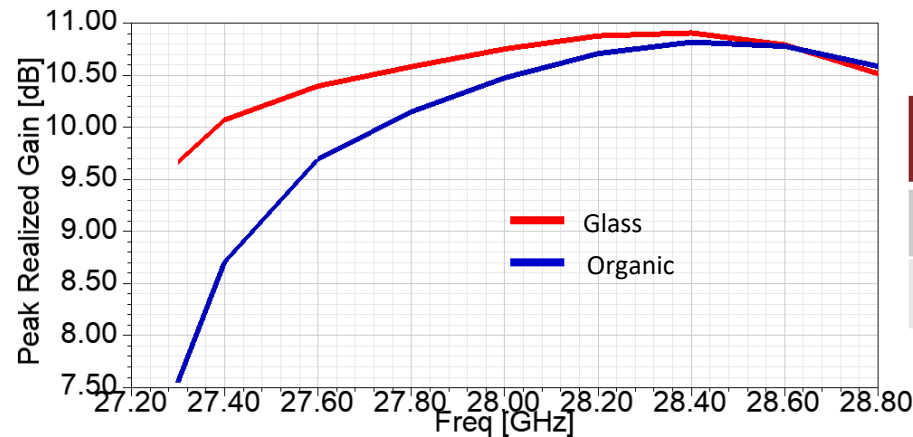
Simulated antenna array geometry



Simulated antenna array impedance matching



2x2 Aperture-Coupled Patch-Antenna Array – Radiation Pattern and Efficiency



Simulated antenna array peak gain

Material	Peak realized Gain	Radiation efficiency
Glass	10.9dBi@28 GHz	80%@28 GHz
Organic	10.5dBi@28 GHz	75.9%@28 GHz

Conclusion:

- Thin glass antenna array exhibits higher simulated peak gain and efficiency at 28 GHz and more stable maximum gain over the matched frequency band

Next steps:

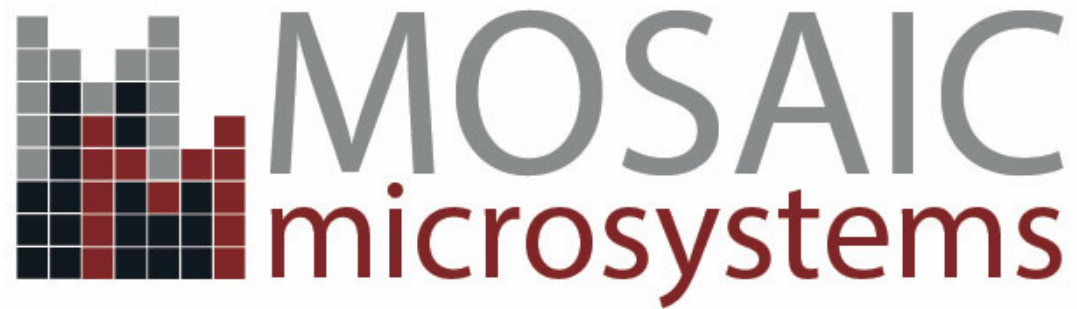
- Fabrication of glass and organic material antenna arrays
- Validation of simulation by means of antenna matching and radiation pattern measurement



Summary

- Industry trends require new packaging solutions
- Viafirm enables cost-effective manufacture for glass/TGV and other thin substrates in a high volume environment
- Several recent applications have demonstrated suitability to leverage existing processes for thin glass applications
- Broad potential application for RF filters/antenna, MEMS, packaging (interposers), hermetic designs, sensing etc.
- Unlocking the value of glass solutions
 - 2021 demonstrators for ESA, Radar and heterogeneous integration





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