

# EPIC Annual General Meeting 2024

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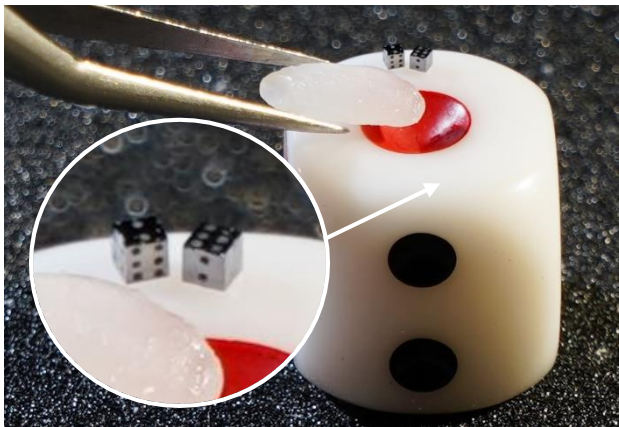
# DISCO's Mission

Bringing faraway science to comfortable living  
through advanced Kiru, Kezuru, Migaku technologies

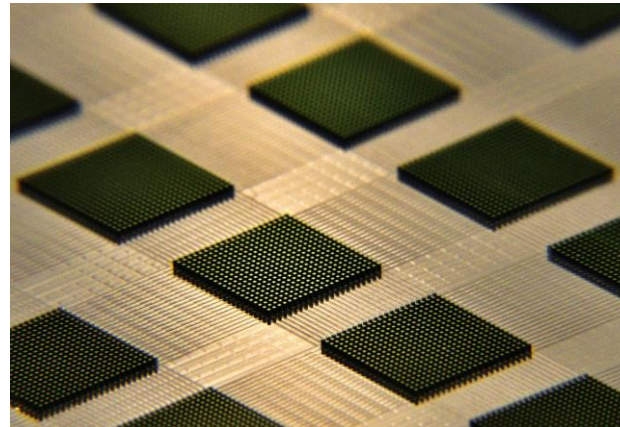
## Universal Technologies

Kiru · Kezuru · Migaku

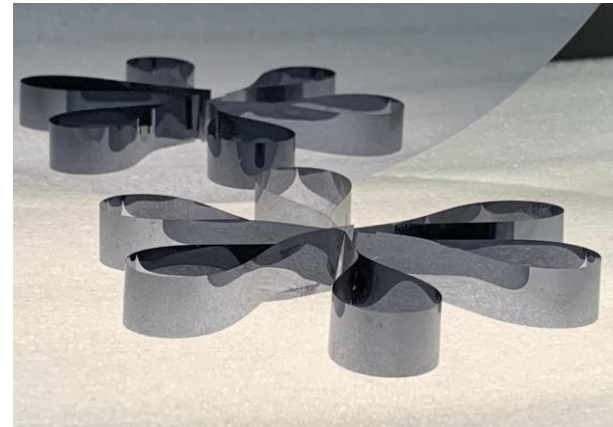
Cutting Grinding Polishing



The silicon dice with laser processing cut and drilled by DFL7560.



Tiny Silicon pillars produced by mechanical dicing saw. Each post has a slightly offset via with around 10um diameter.



Showing Bending Capabilities through Stealth Dicing Before Grinding, Si wafer, 30umt.

# Office and Plants in Japan

Tokyo Head Office/ R&D Center (Tokyo)



Haneda R&D Center (Tokyo)



Kuwabata plant (Hiroshima)



Kure plant (Hiroshima)



Chino plant (Nagano)



# DISCO's WORLDWIDE NETWORK

Cumulative sales  
over **59,455** units

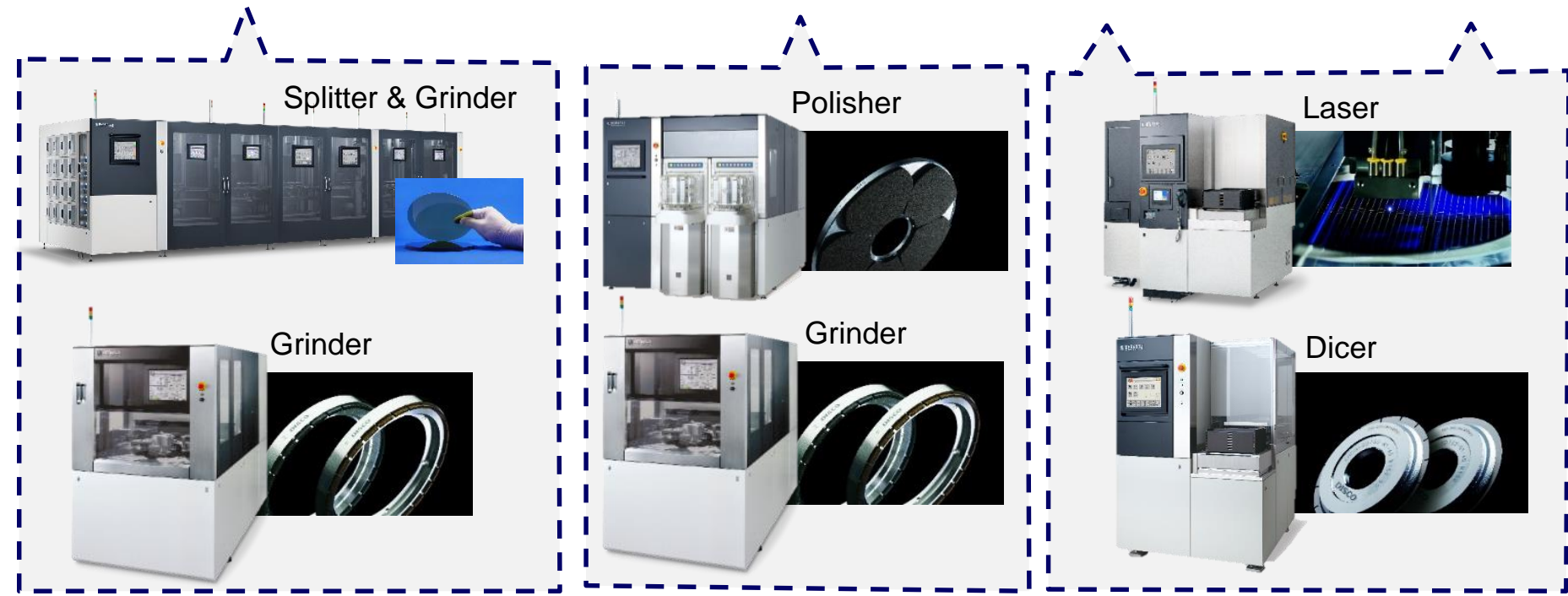
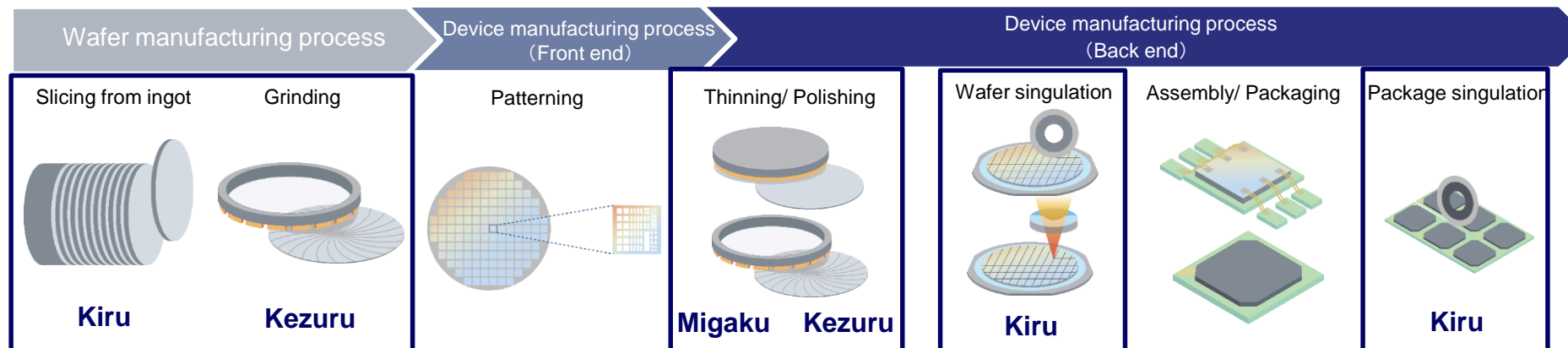


- DISCO Plant office Sales, Maintenance, Applications Support
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- Factory
- Agent office
- Affiliated company

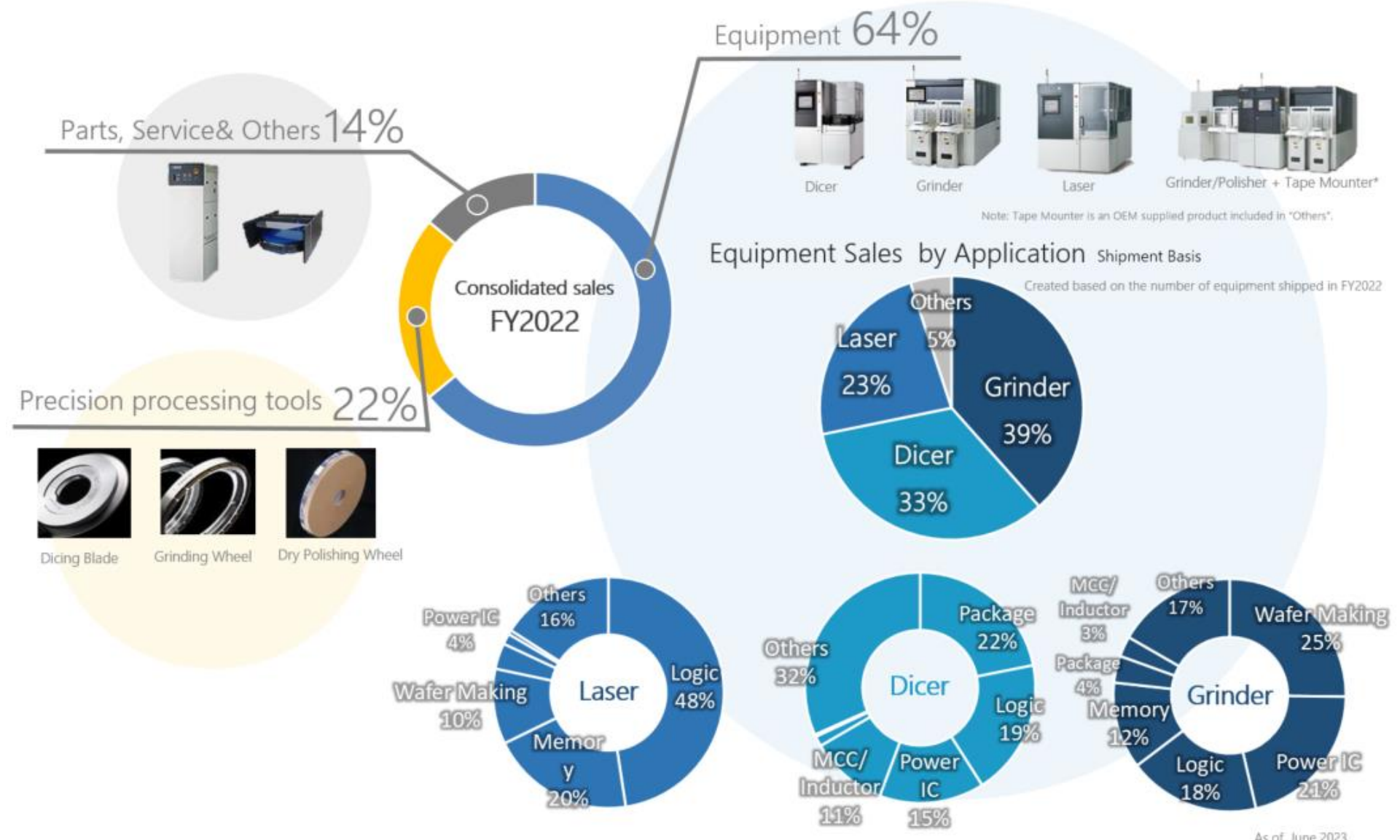
**56 sites**  
Affiliate / Agent  
As of Feb, 2022

**5,916**  
Employees  
As of Sep, 2022  
※ Includes permanent/contract employees only

# DISCO Technologies

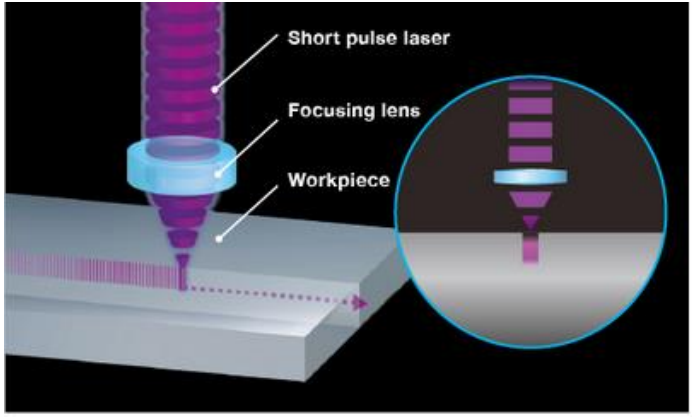


# Sales Composition



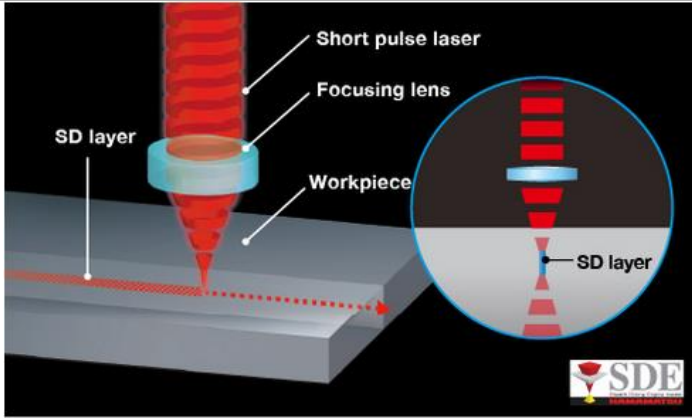
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# DISCO line-up for Laser Micromachining



Short pulse laser  
Focusing lens  
Workpiece

**Laser Grooving**



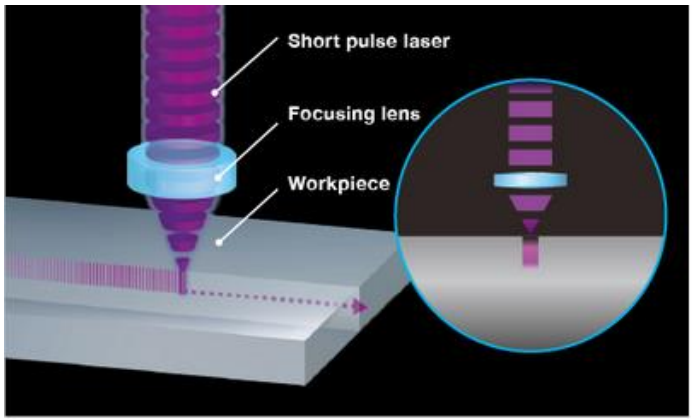
Short pulse laser  
Focusing lens  
SD layer  
Workpiece

**Stealth Dicing**



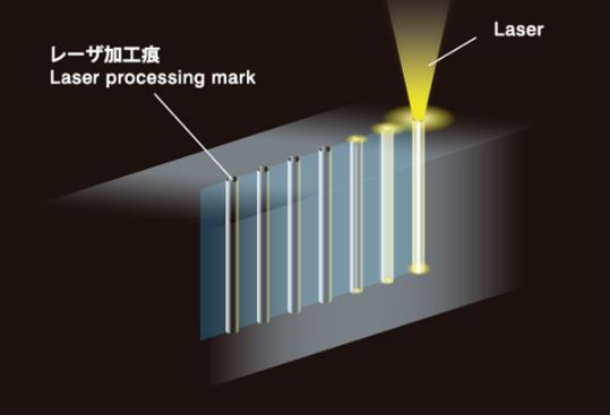
**KABRA**

**Laser Fullcut**



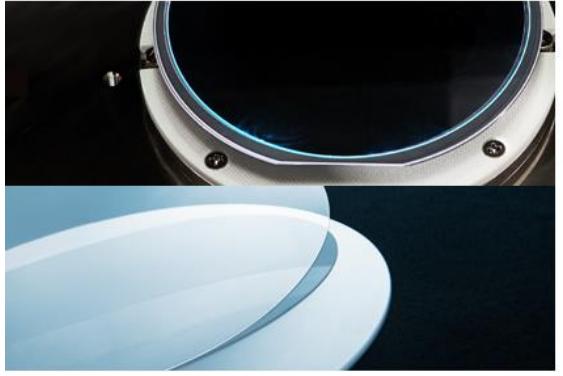
Short pulse laser  
Focusing lens  
Workpiece

**LEAF**



レーザ加工痕  
Laser processing mark  
Laser

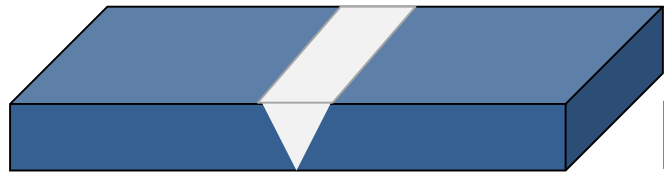
**Laser Lift-off**



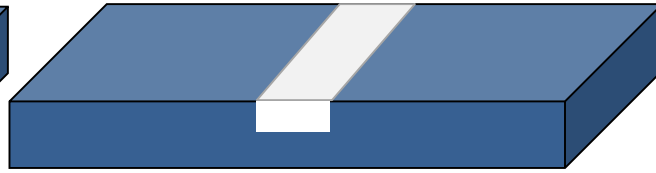
# Laser Processing: Ablative vs. Non-Ablative

## Ablative Laser Processing

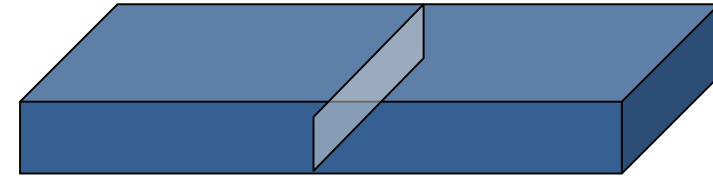
## Non- Ablative Laser Processing



Laser Full Cut



Laser Grooving



Stealth Dicing + LEAF

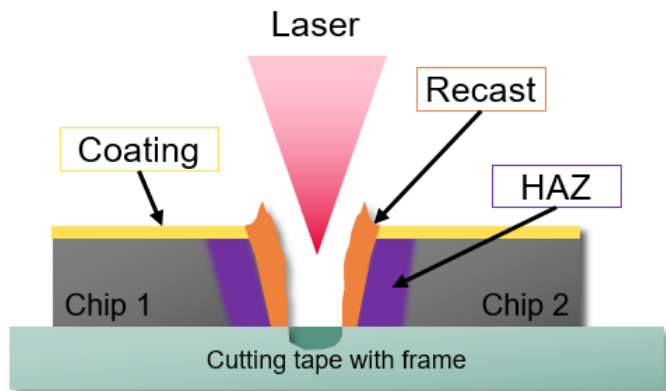
- All materials
- NO additional separation process
- BUT: Thermal damage / HAZ

- Transparent Materials
- Internal modification
- Additional Separation process
- Low HAZ

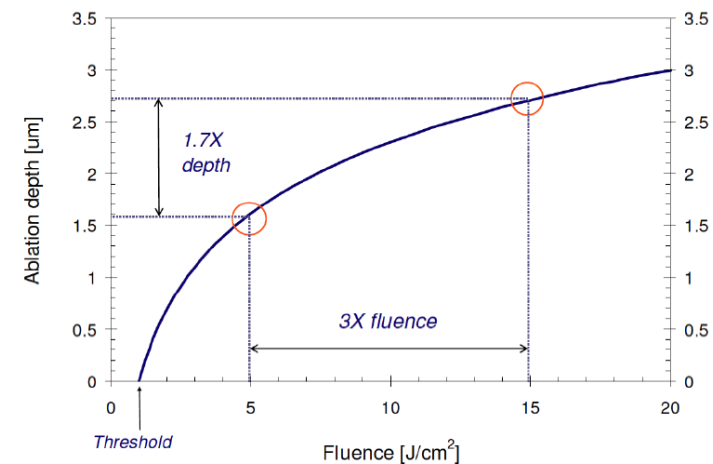




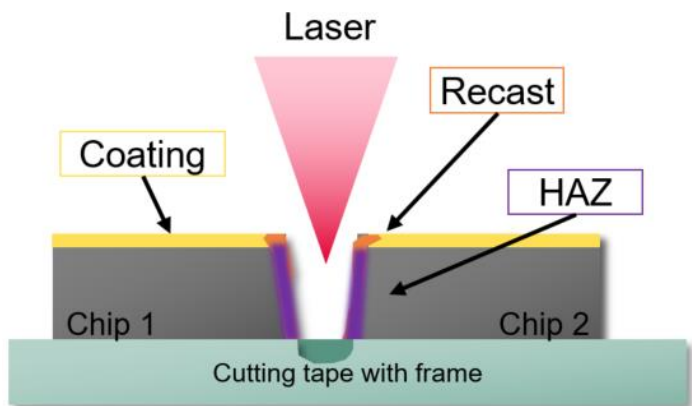
# Laser Ablation– It's all about heat management



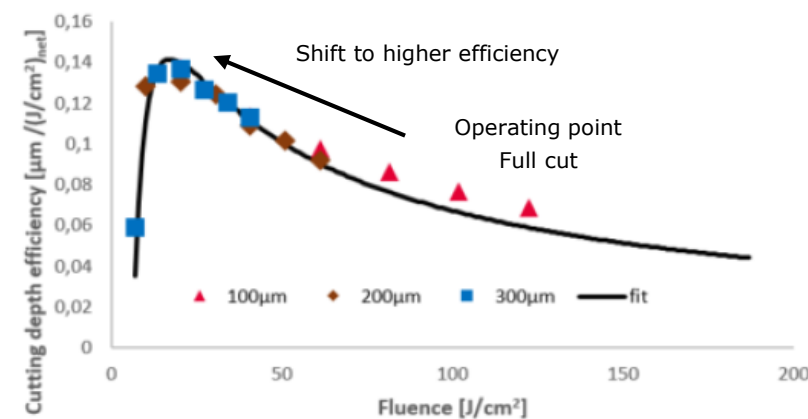
- Thermal driven process
- Heat Affected Zone (HAZ)
- Reduced mechanical stability



Highest-speed dicing of thin silicon wafers - James M. Bovatsek, Rajesh S. Patel



- Min. HAZ
- Shift to higher efficiency
- Higher mechanical stability



# What kind of process can be done with Ablative Laser removal

## Laser Grooving + Blade Dicing



## Laser Grooving + Dicing Before Grinding (DBG)



## Laser Full Cut



## Laser Grooving + SD Before Grinding (SDBG)



## Laser Grooving + Plasma Dicing

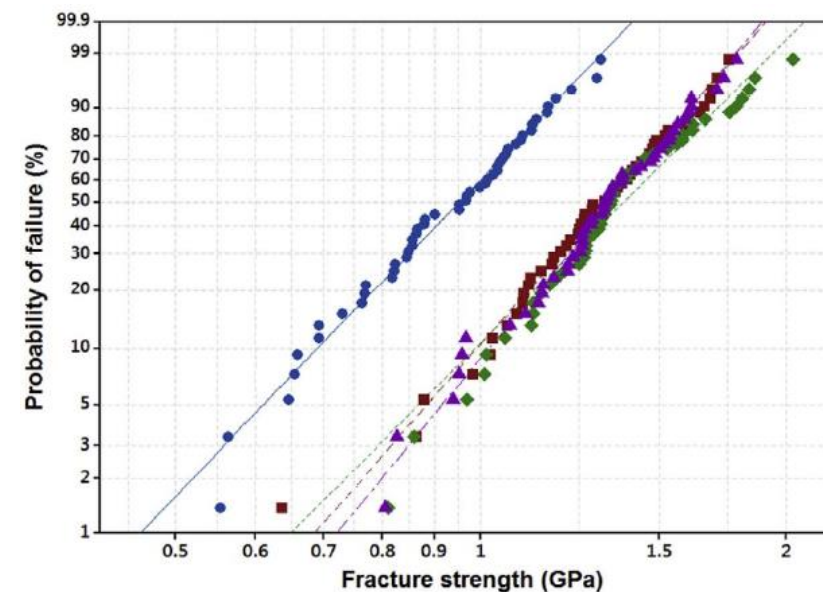
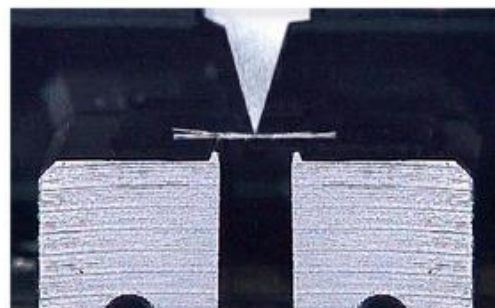
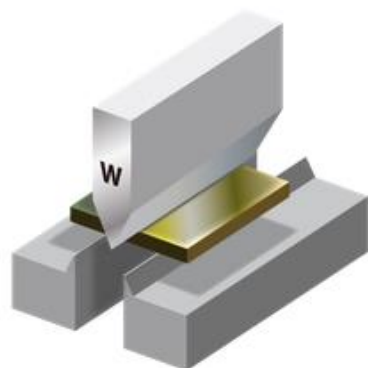
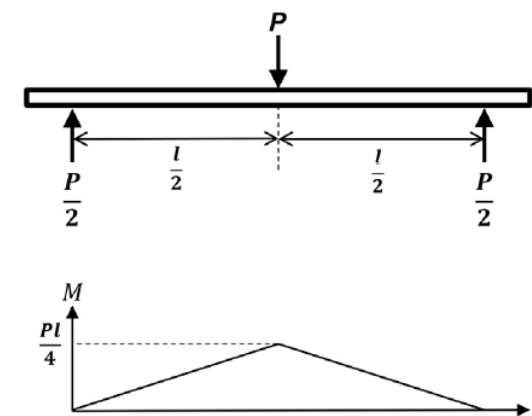


# Mechanical Robustness – How to measure?

## 3-Point bending strength

- Apply force until die breaks
- Recalculate into pressure (MPa)
- Active side down (FS) / up (BS)
- Boxplot / Weibull

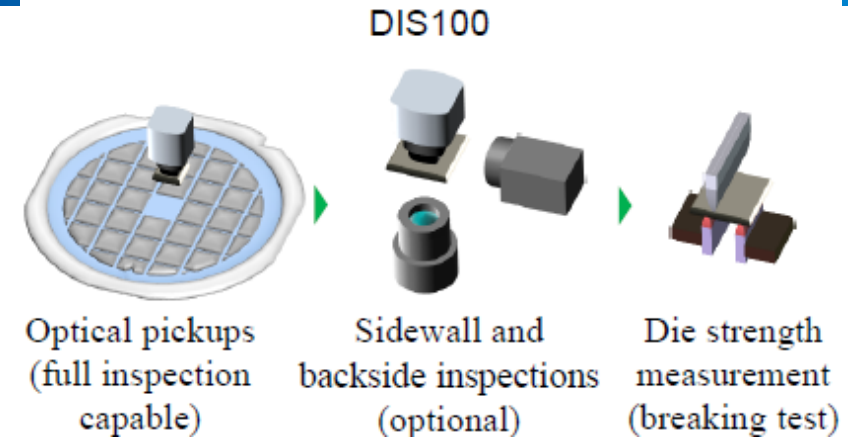
$$\sigma = \frac{3}{2} \frac{FL}{wt^2}$$



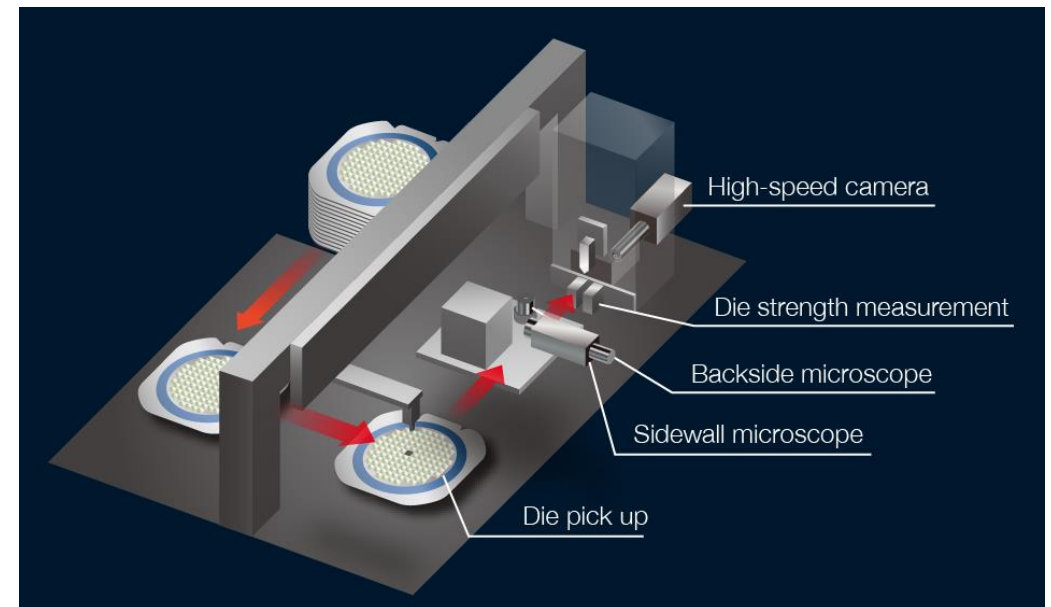
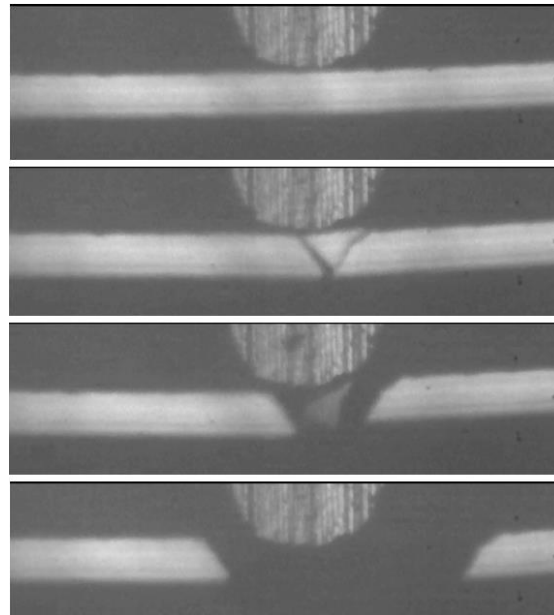
# DISCO Inspection System DIS100

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- Full automation from pickup to die strength measurement
- High statistical data from DEV to 24/7 mass production

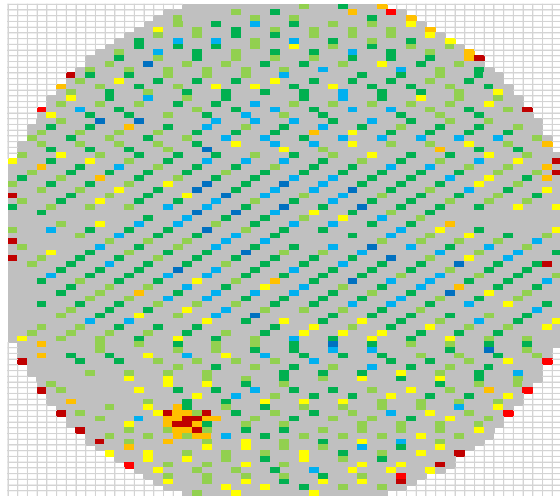


DIS100 Overview



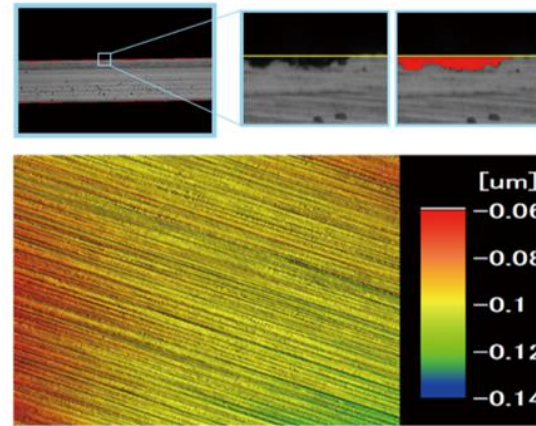
# DISCO Inspection System DIS100

## Creating a wafer map



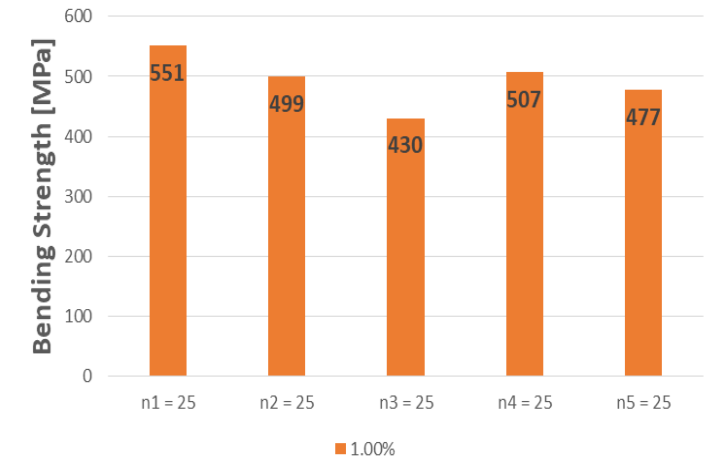
Wafer map of the pick-up sequence and color marking of the bending strength for individual dies. Two failure modes are visible, an wafer edge weakness and a localized single event effect

## Chipping and roughness



Chipping analysis (upper images) and backside roughness measurement (lower image)

## Statistic and die size



Fluctuation of the 1.00% values for 5 measurements with a sample size of 25 from the same wafer

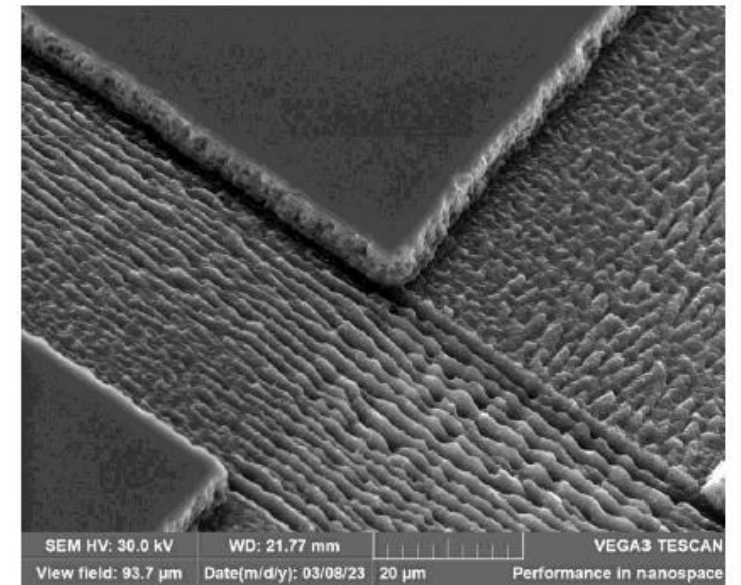
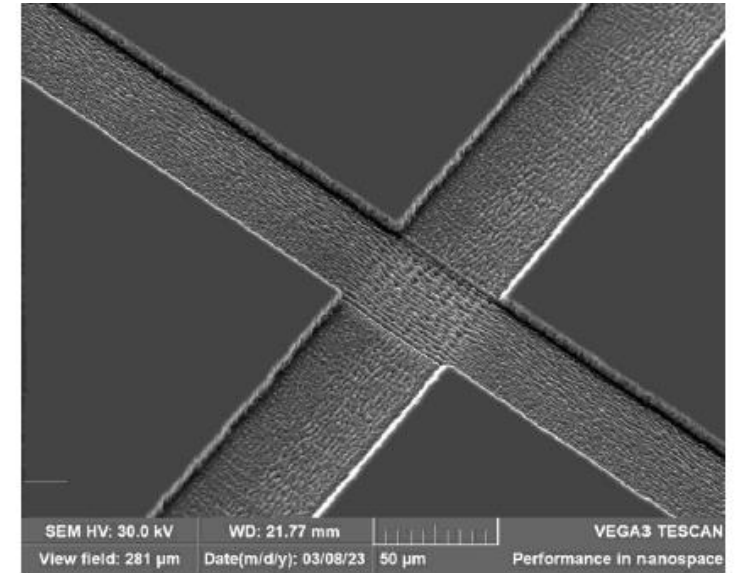
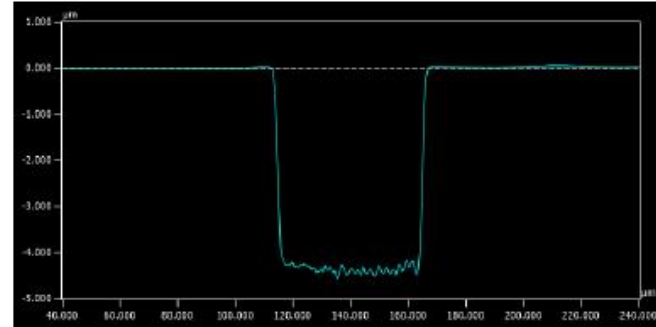
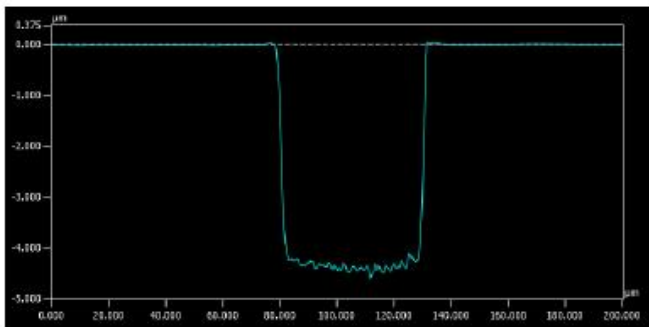
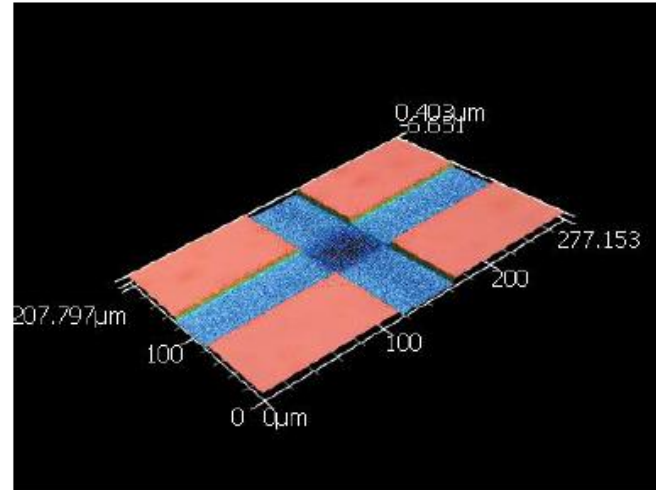
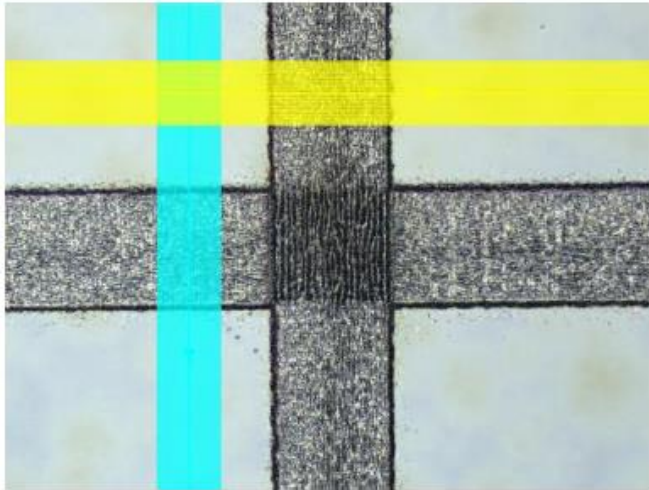
Width [mm]	2	2.5	3
Bending [MPa]	657	528	471
Force [N]	1.32	2.05	2.76

Influence of the die width on the bending strength result for a certain stack configuration

# Example: GaN on Si Grooving

## Motivation:

- Burr and debris free GaN grooving for wafer to wafer bonding applications

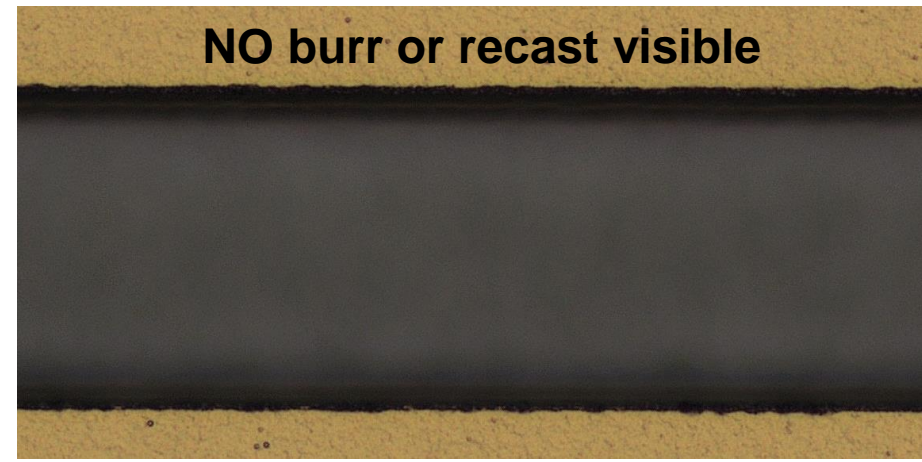
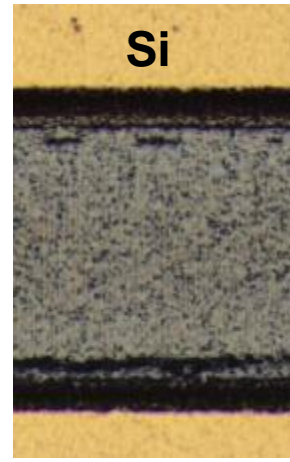
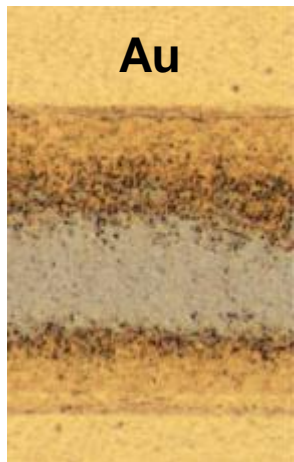
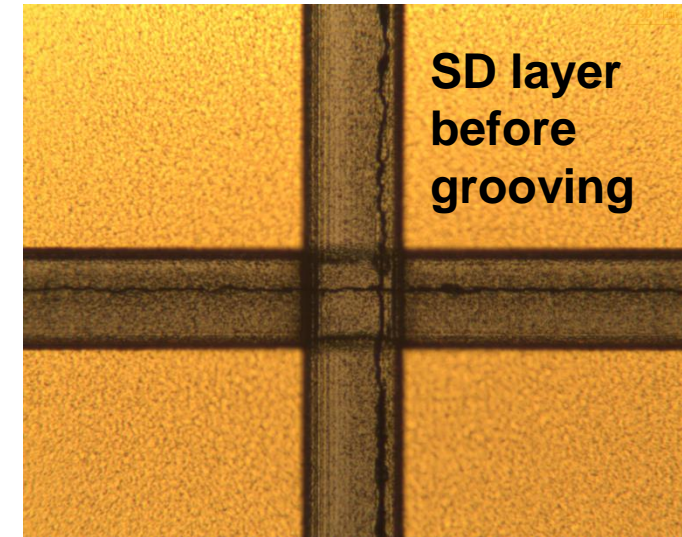


# Laser Grooving of metals

Grooving of 500 nm Au + 2  $\mu$ m Ni + 2  $\mu$ m Cu

## Motivation:

- Stealth Dicing Before Grinding
- Metal stack does not expand  
=> USP Grooving needed

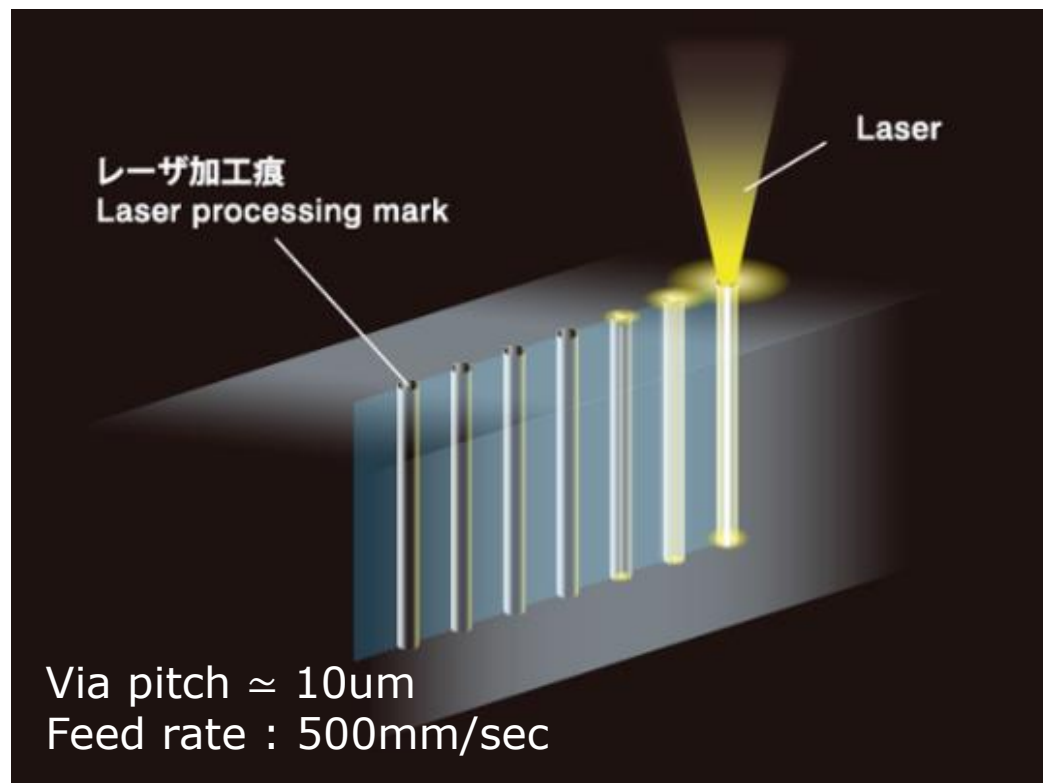


# LEAF – Laser Enhanced Ablation Filling

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- Singulation method using via drilling technology
- Separation method utilizing laser ablation
- Enables high-aspect ratio processing
- Ultra-narrow cutting margin

Applicable materials : Glass, Sapphire, SiC, LT/LN



No slant cut

Higher die strength

Easy separation  
by tape expanding \*

\* <300umt

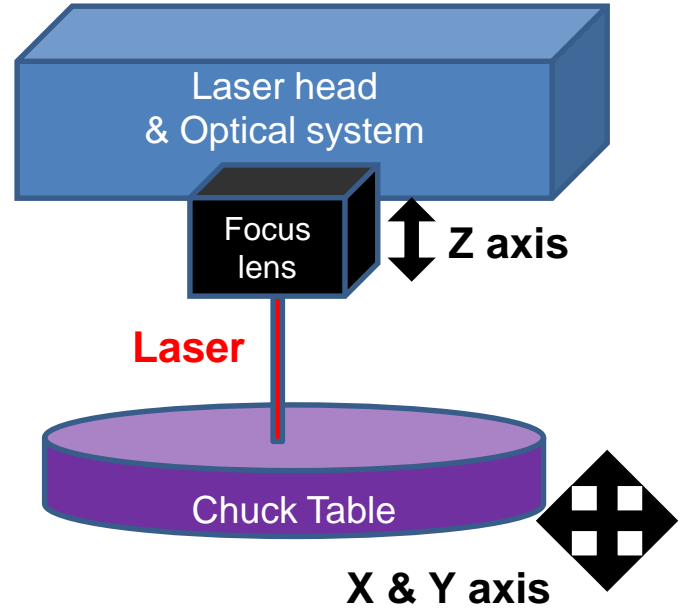


# Free-Shape Laser Processing Equipment

- Realizes processing of intricate shapes
- Enables the free-shape processing by installing a motion controller which synchronizes the X- and Y-axis



Image of processing point structure

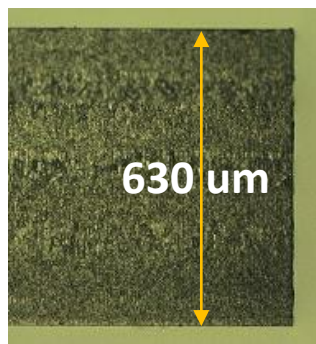
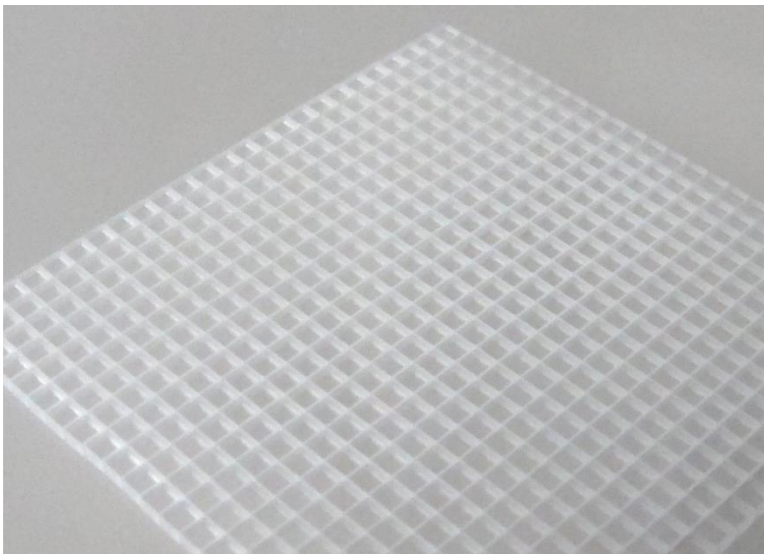


# LEAF processing of Glass and Sapphire

## Non-alkali glass: Eagle 2000

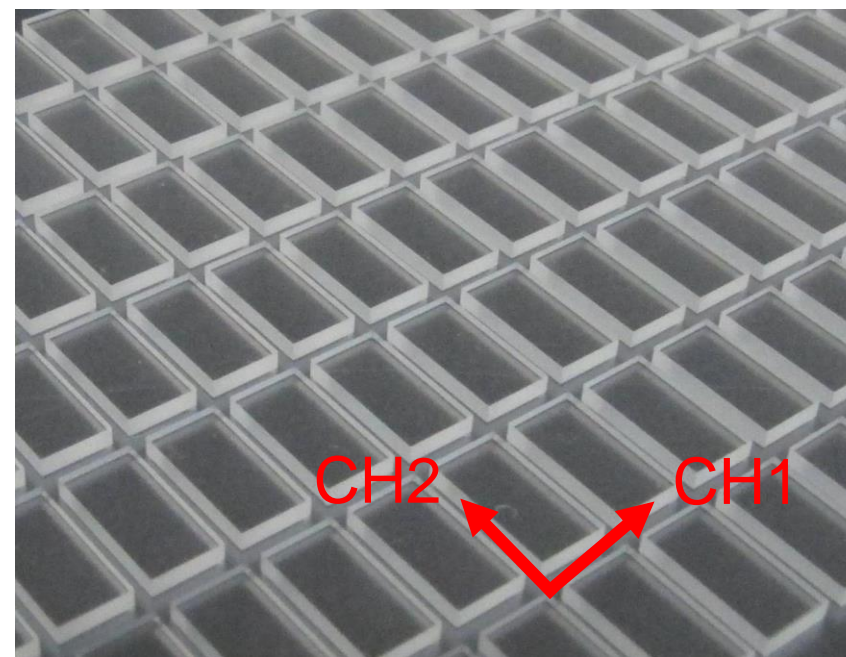
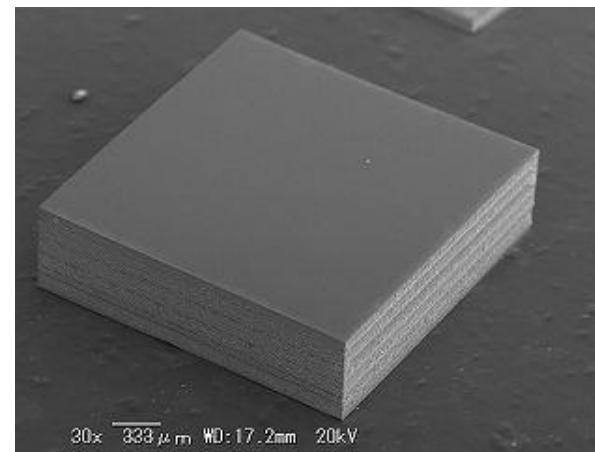
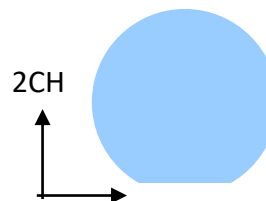
- Thickness: 630 um
- Die size: 0.8mm

\*For >300um thickness glass, some breaking method is required.



## Sapphire

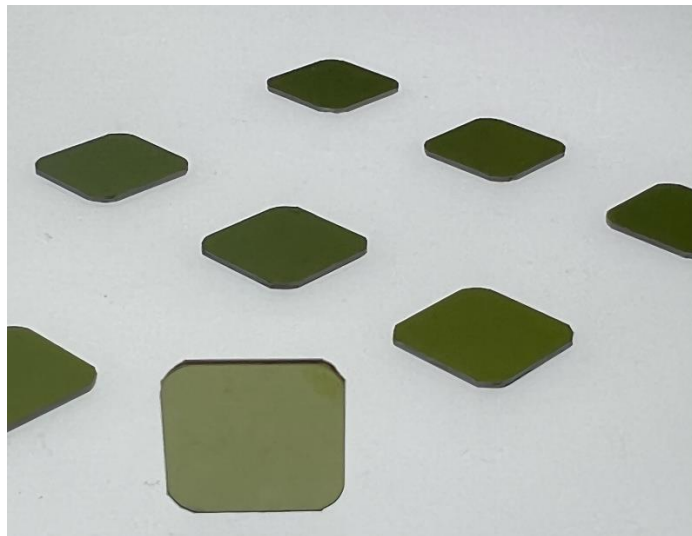
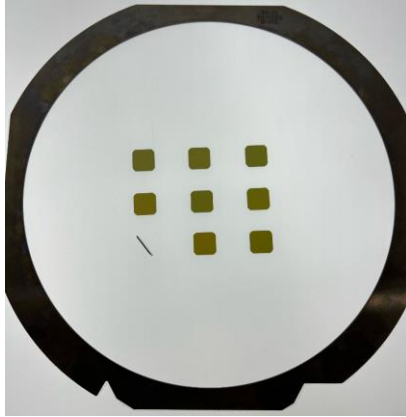
- Specification : C
- Double side polished
- Thickness : 700 um



# LEAF processing of doped and non-doped SiC

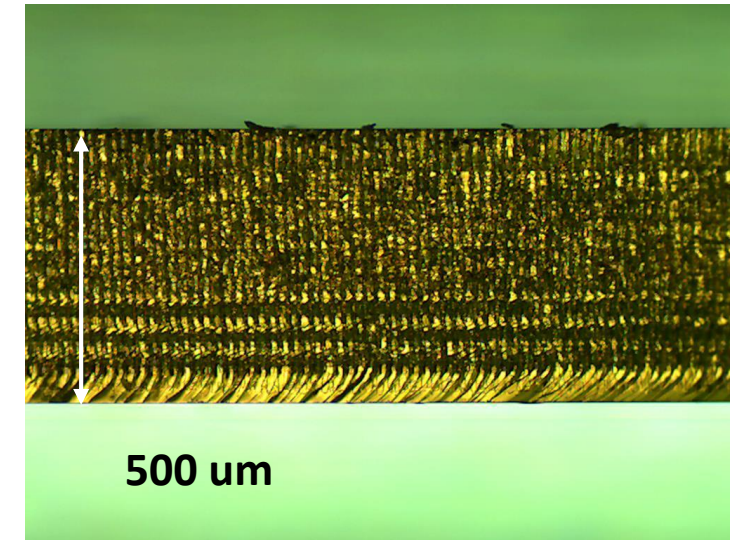
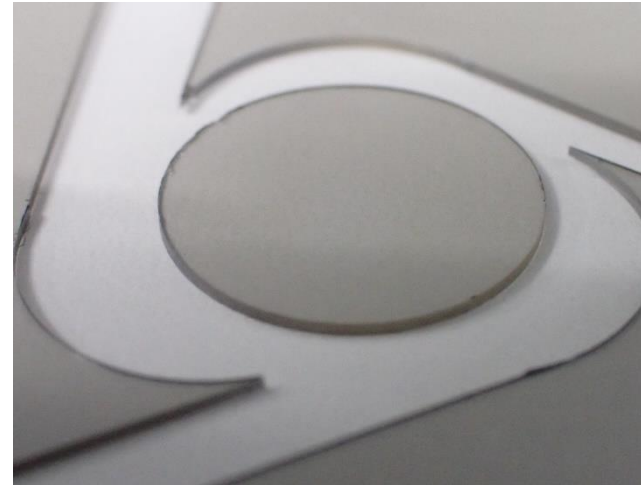
## Doped SiC

- 800um thickness
- 15x15mm Round corner



## Non-Doped SiC

- 500um thickness
- Freeform Shape



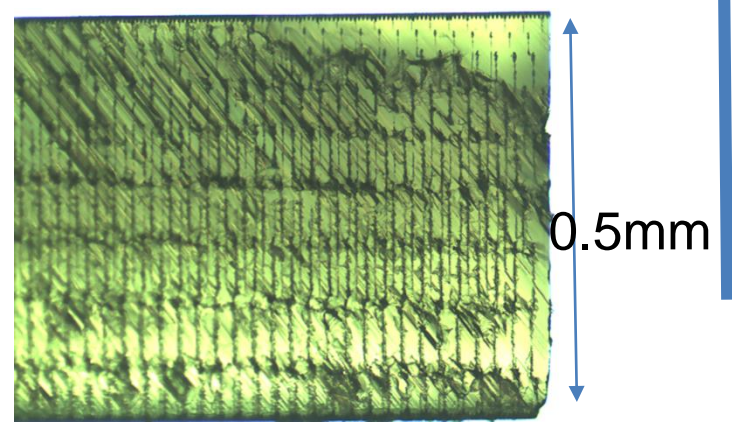
# LEAF processing of diamond and via holes in glass

## Diamond fullcut

- 500 μm thickness

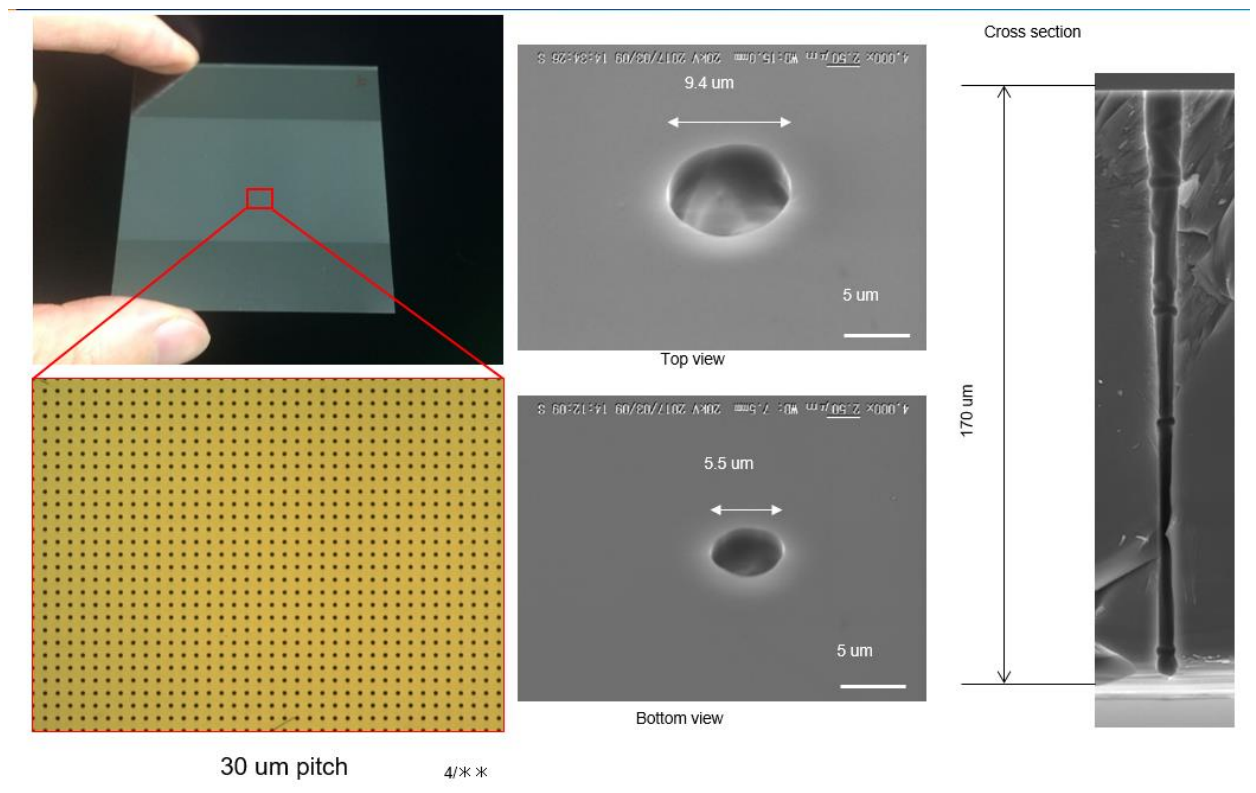


LEAF



## Micro via holes in glass

- 170 μm thickness



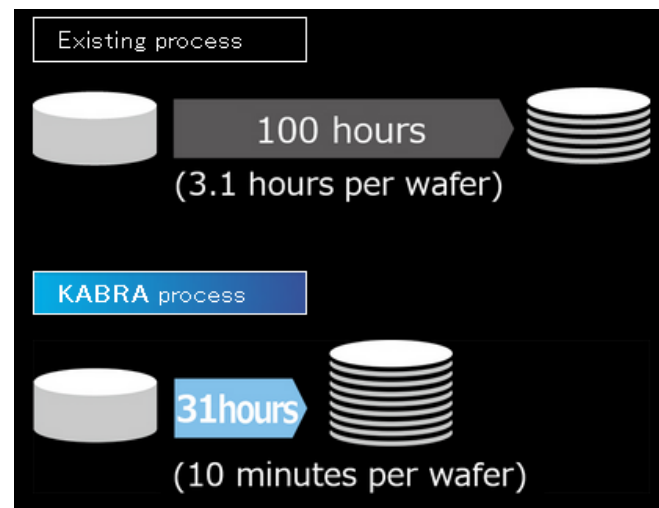
# KABRA – The new technology of SiC wafer production

## What is KABRA ?

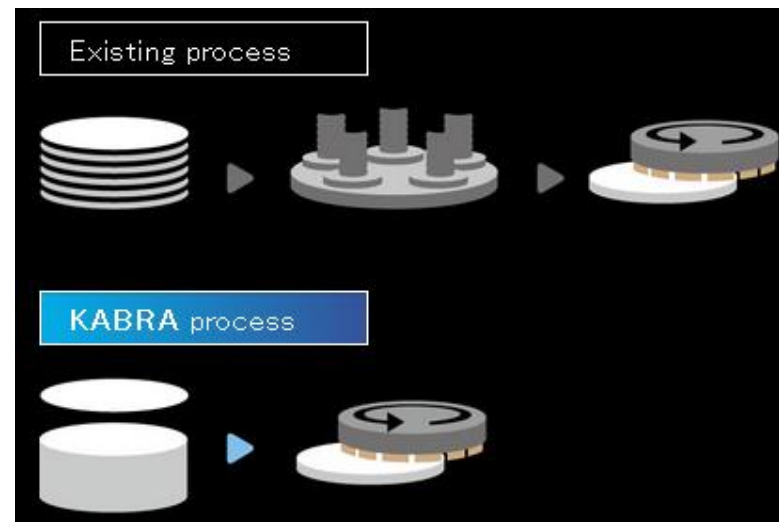
This is an ingot slicing method where a separation layer (KABRA layer) is formed at a specified depth by continuously irradiating an ingot with a laser, producing wafers starting from the KABRA layer. In addition, this process can be applied to various types of SiC ingots, including single-crystal (4H, 6H, and semi-insulation) and multi-crystal ingots. This process can be also applied to monocrystal ingots, regardless of the off-angle of the crystal c-axis



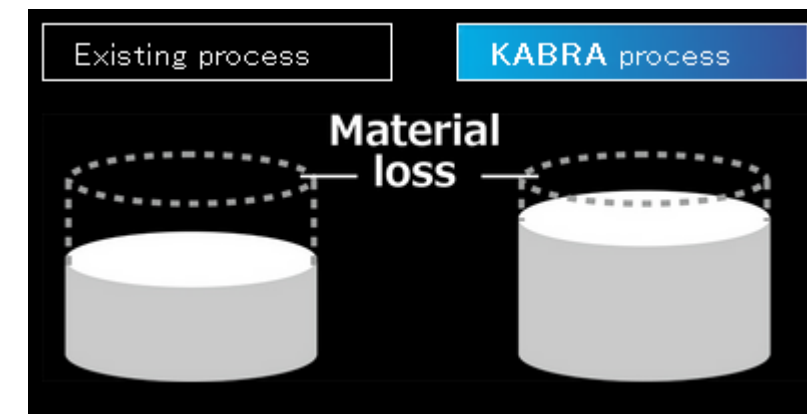
1. Processing time is greatly reduced



2. Lapping process is no longer required



3. Number of wafers produced increases 1.4 times



Thank you for your attention

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