

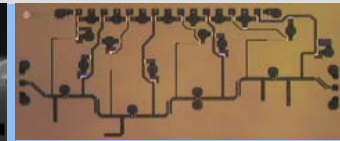
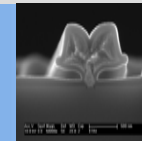
60GHz SoP Design using LTCC

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Outline



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Motivation

- **Wireless Landscape**
- **Characteristics of WPAN(IEEE802.15.TG3c)**
- **Schematic diagram of our system**

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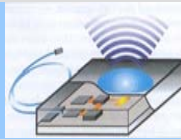
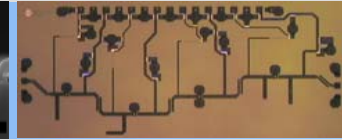
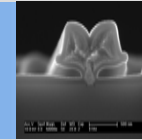
LTCC SoP at 60GHz

- **Characteristics of LTCC Substrate**
- **Characteristics of transmission line**
- **Characteristics of wire bonding**
- **Chip interconnection solution**

III

Summary

Wireless Landscape continually evolving



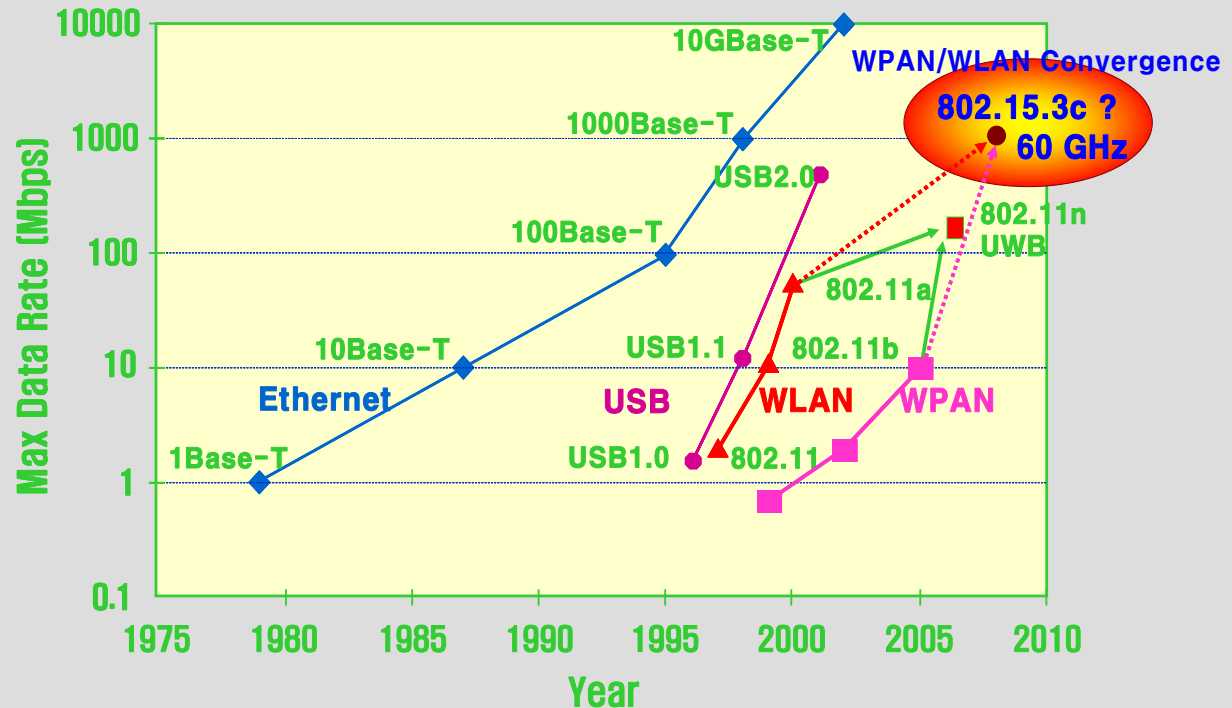
IEEE standards addressing high data rate transmission at mm-Wave, especially 60 GHz band

◆ IEEE 802.15.3c

- Standard Working Group
- Participation of over 15 companies

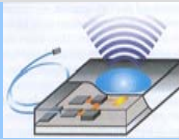
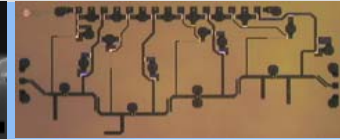
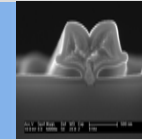
◆ 60 GHz band

- World wide band allocations
- 7 GHz bandwidth
- 100Mbps to multi-Gbps rates



Drivers include: Frequency allocation WW, bandwidth, capacity, power, cost, and reliability

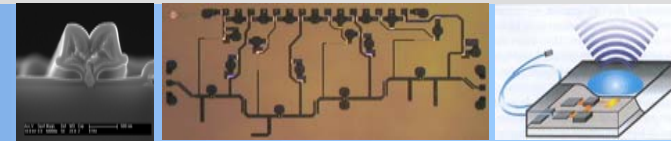
Characteristics of mmW WPAN



- **Wireless transmission**
- **New unlicensed 60 GHz band**
- **Short range < 10 meters**
- **High data rate > 100Mbps**
- **Multimedia capability**

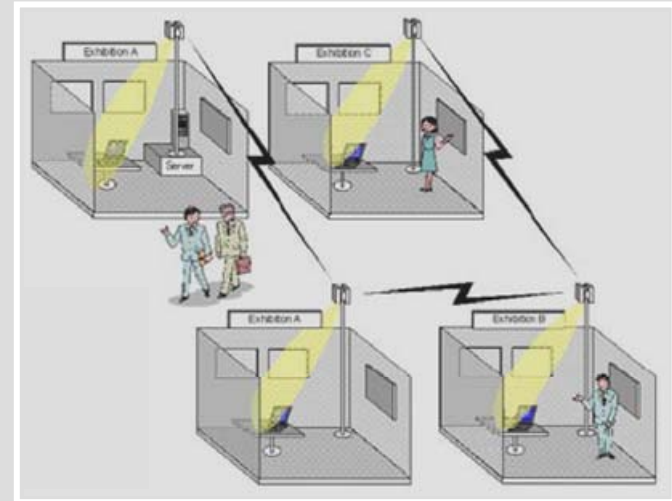
→ 60 GHz is best solution for short range high data rate applications

Potential WPAN Applications

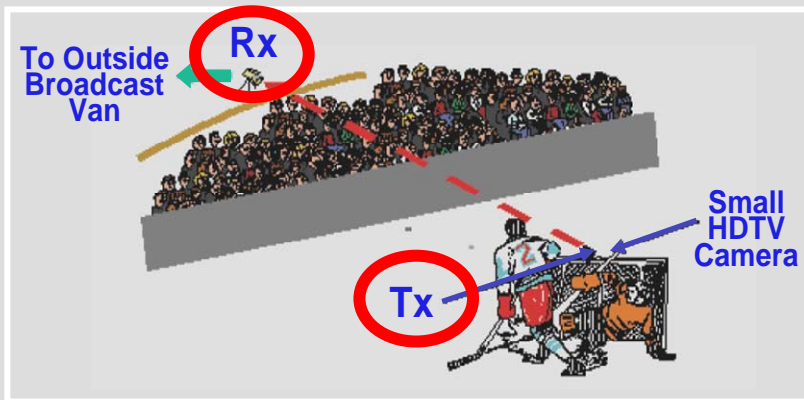


■ **Ad-hoc information distribution with Point-to-Point network extension :**

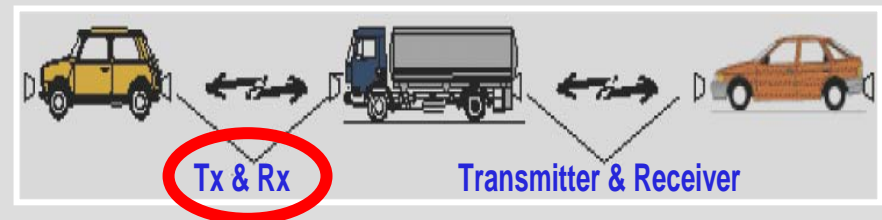
- *Easy and immediate construction of temporal broadband network such as in exhibition-site for... Advertisement information distribution or Contents downloading service*



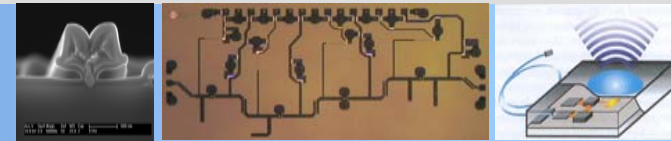
■ **Broadcasting video signal transmission system in sports stadium : ~1.5Gbps**



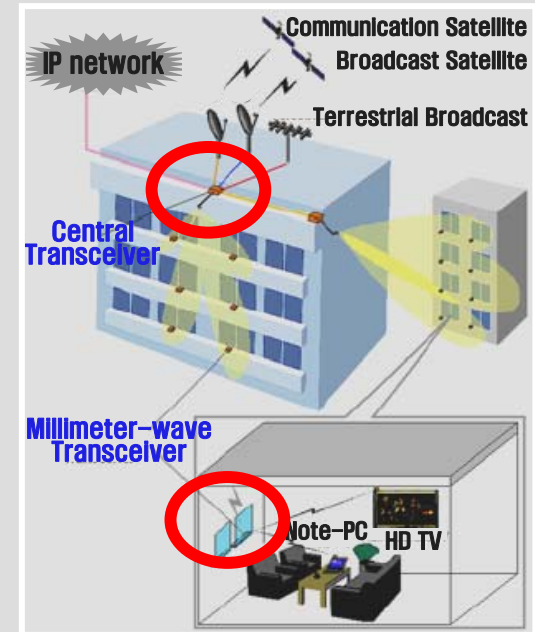
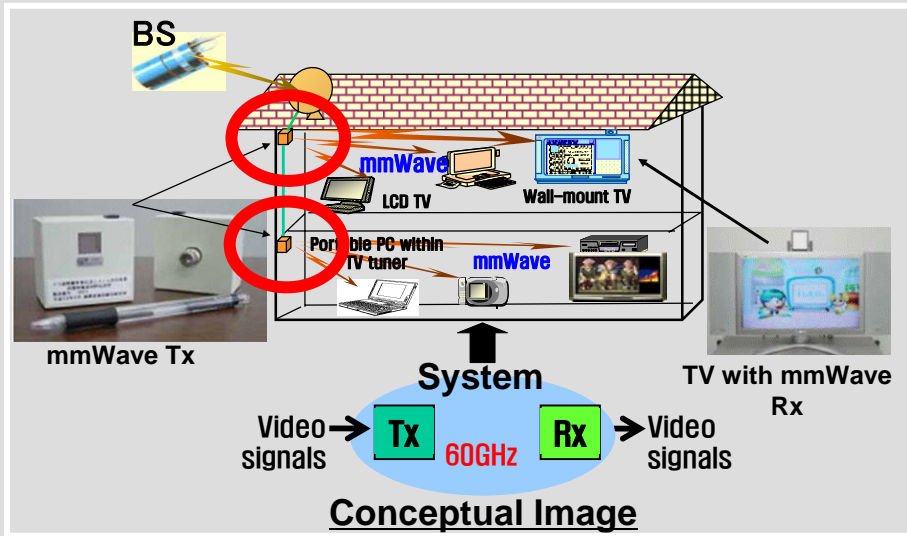
■ **Inter-vehicle communication system :**



WPAN Applications (continued)

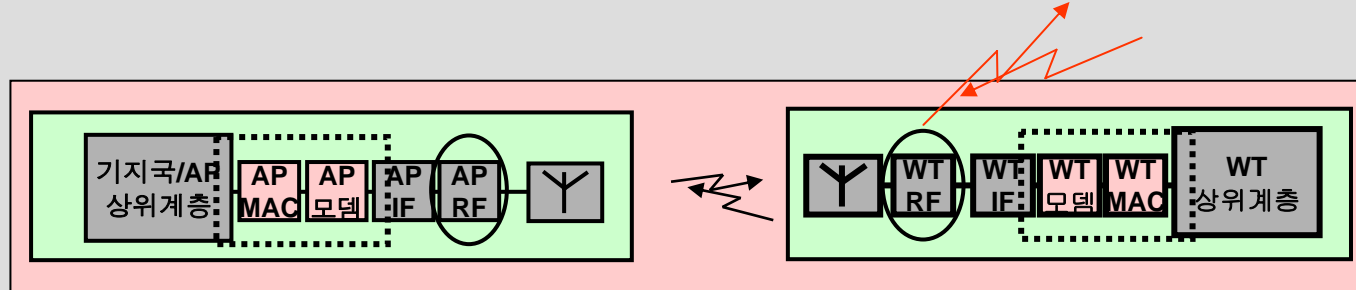
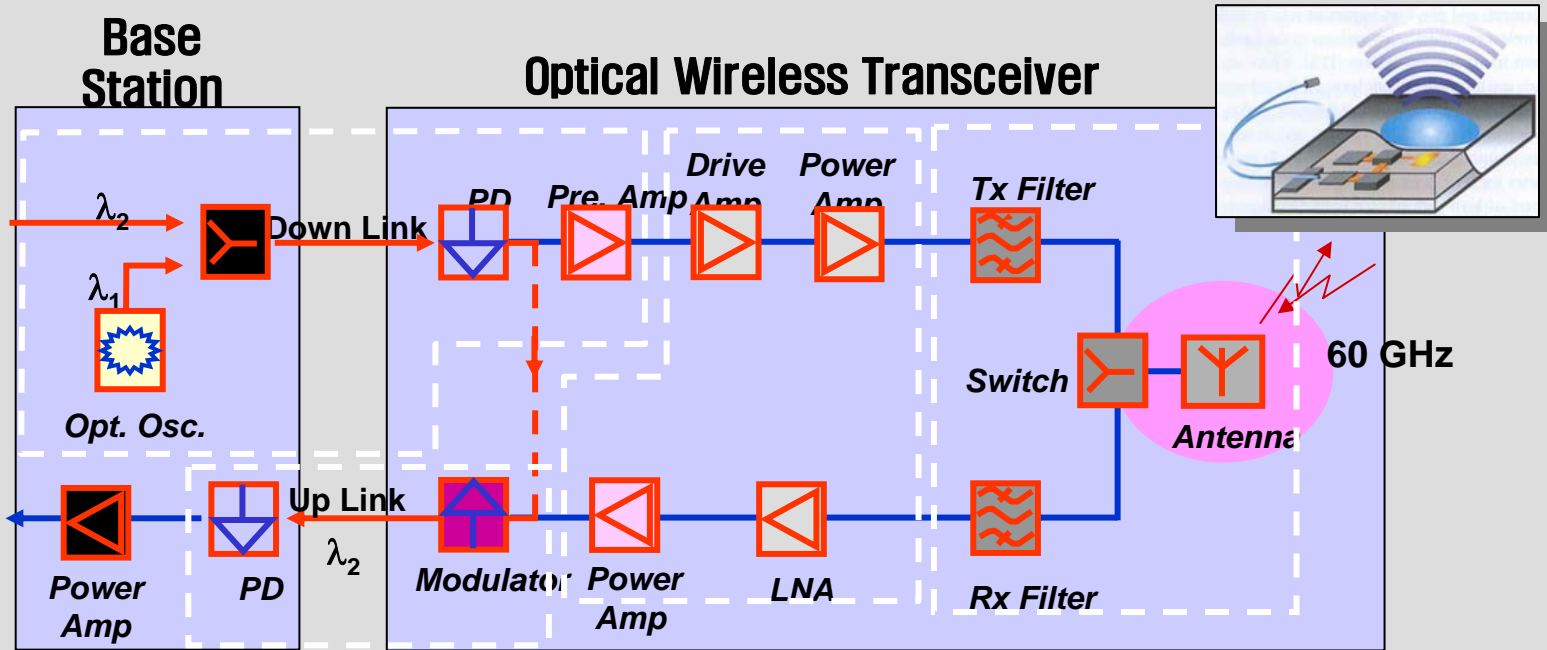
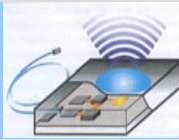
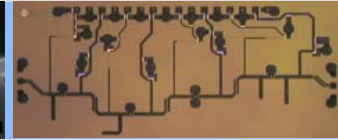
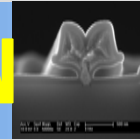


- Huge data file transmission :
Ultra high speed download system
- mm-Wave video-signals transmission system :



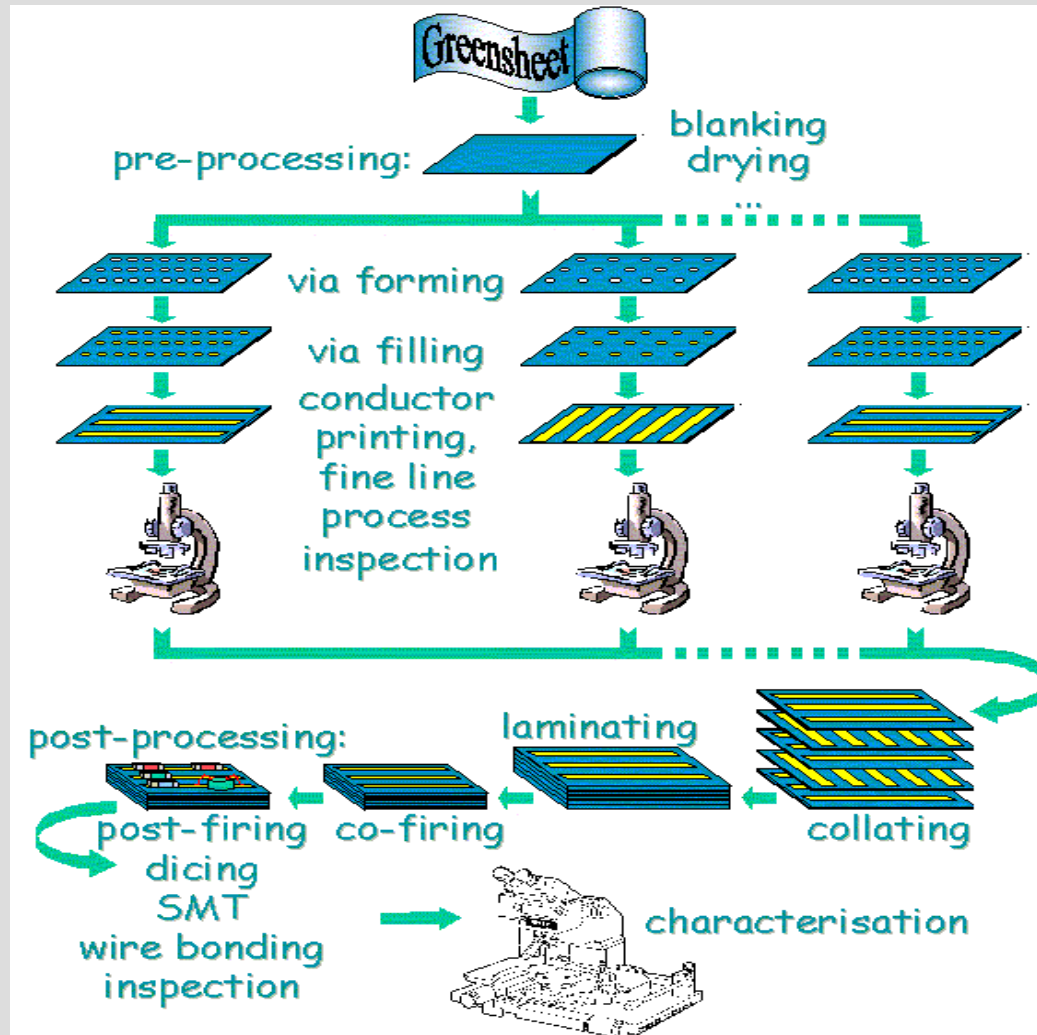
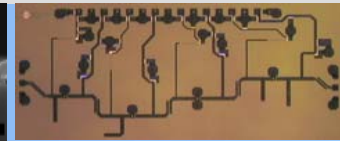
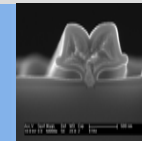
- Data Distribution at Apartments/condominiums :
mm-Wave PAN for on-demand transmission
or/and re-broadcasting of video and data signal for ad-hoc terminals

Schematic Diagram of mmW WPAN

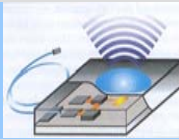
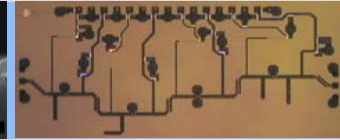
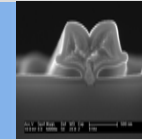


60GHz Wireless LAN

LTCC (Low Temperature Cofired Ceramics)



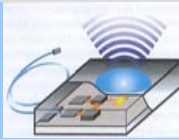
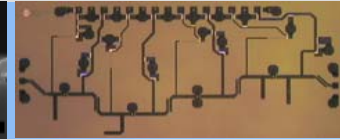
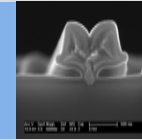
Millimeter wave SoP



Key Issues

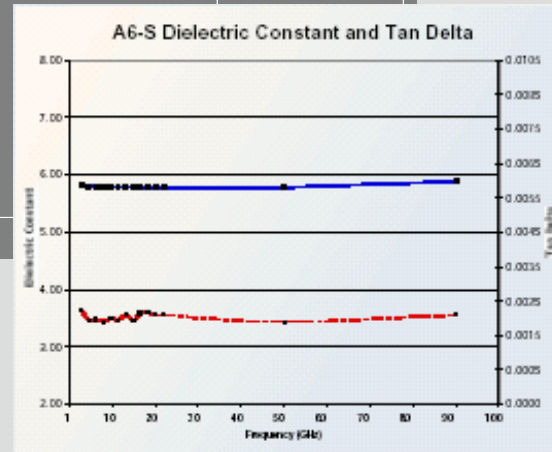
- **Loss**
 - dielectric and conductor loss increase with frequency
- **Substrate solution**
 - Low dielectric loss at mmW-band, at 60 GHz
 - Low cost packaging materials
- **Transmission Line solution**
 - low loss transmission at 60 GHz
- **Chip interconnection solution**
 - Low loss flip-chip or wire bond
 - Microstrip or CPW transmission line

Substrate(LTCC) issues

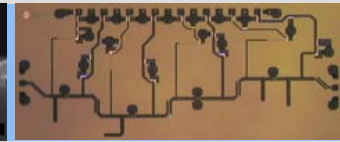
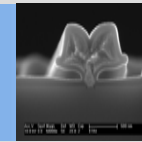


Ferro A6S [CaSiO₃, (Na,Mg)SiO₃, SiO₂, CaB₂O₄]

Typical Fired Physical Properties		Typical Fired Electrical Properties	
Thermal Coefficient of Expansion (25 - 300°C)	8 ppm/°C	Dielectric Constant (1-100 GHz)	5.9 ± 0.20
Tape Shrinkage X,Y	15.3 ± 0.2 %	Dissipation Factor (1-100 GHz)	<0.2 %
Z (unlaminated to fired)	24 ± 0.2 %	Insertion Loss (10 GHz)	<0.18 dB/in
Fired Density	2.45 g/cm ³	Bulk Resistivity	>10 ¹² Ω/cm
Flexural Strength (3 point bend)	>160 MPa		
Thermal Conductivity (With Thermal Vias)	2 W/mK >50 W/mK		



Design of 50 Ω Line (microstrip: 100 μ m)



Ansoft Designer (calculation of line width)

Microstrip single

Dimensions

W: 0.140064
P: 0.30839

Electrical

Z0: 50
E: 45

Units

Dimension: mm
Frequency: GHz
Impedance: Ohm
Electrical Length: Deg
Resistivity: μ Ohm*cm

Frequency: 60

Substrate

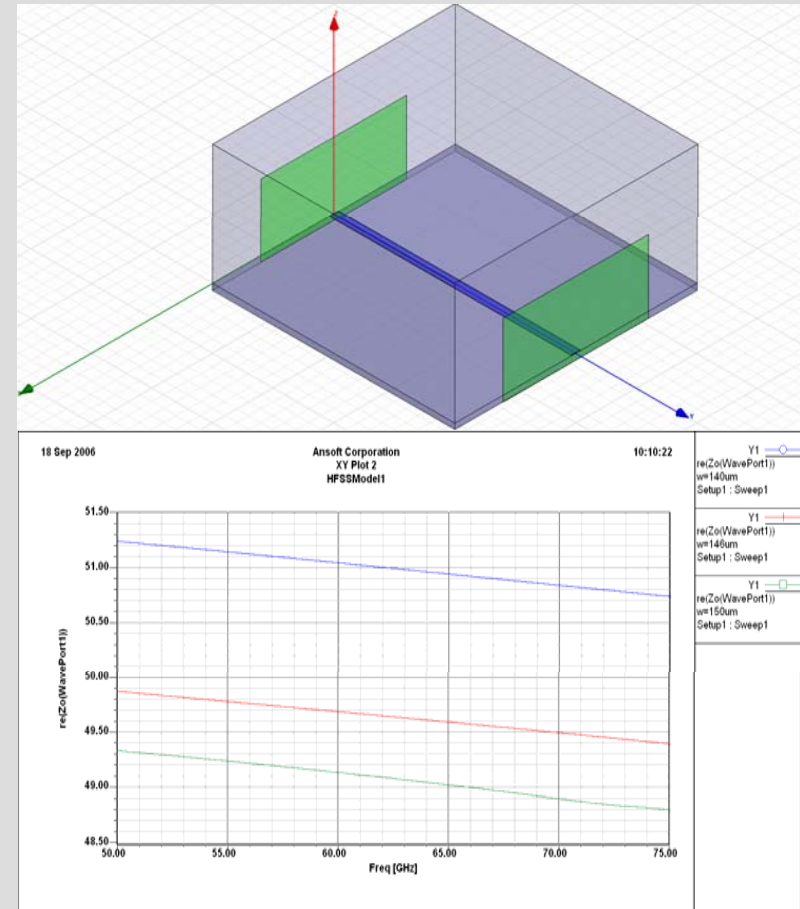
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MSat: 0 TANM: 0
MRem: 0

Metallization

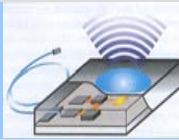
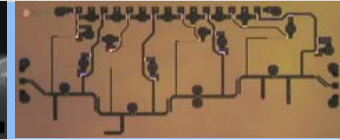
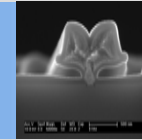
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RGH	0			

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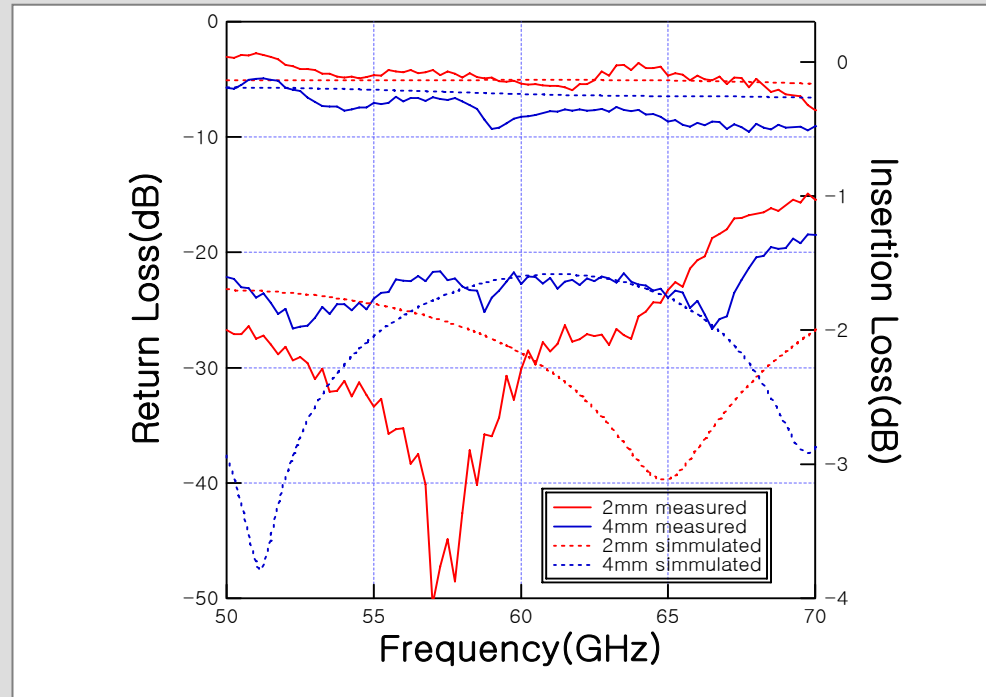
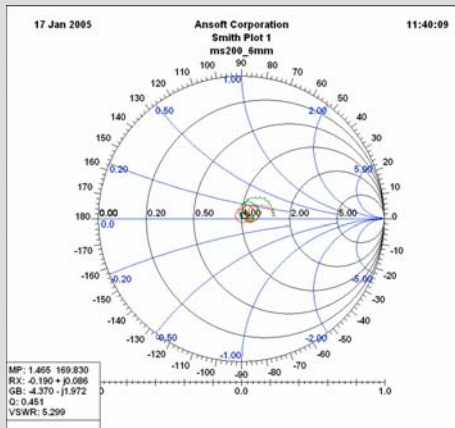
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Transmission Line (Microstrip line)

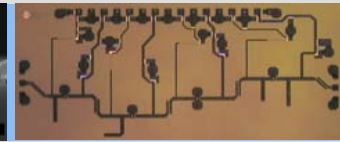
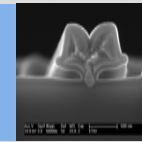


• Dielectric Thickness: 100 μm



Sub. height	Line length	S11[dB]	S21[dB]	S12[dB]	S22[dB]
1st layer(100 μm)	2mm	-31.1	-0.16	-0.18	-29.7
	4mm	-22.8	-0.41	-0.42	-24.3

Design of 50 Ω Line (microstrip: 200 μ m)



Ansoft Designer (calculation of line width)

Microstrip single

Dimensions

W: 0.309085

P: 0.297038

Electrical

Z0: 50

E: 45

Units

Dimension: mm

Frequency: GHz

Impedance: Ohm

Electrical Length: Deg

Resistivity: μ Ohm*cm

Substrate

H: 0.2mm Er: 5.8

HU: 1.6 TAND: 0.001

MSat: 0 TANM: 0

MRem: 0

Metalization

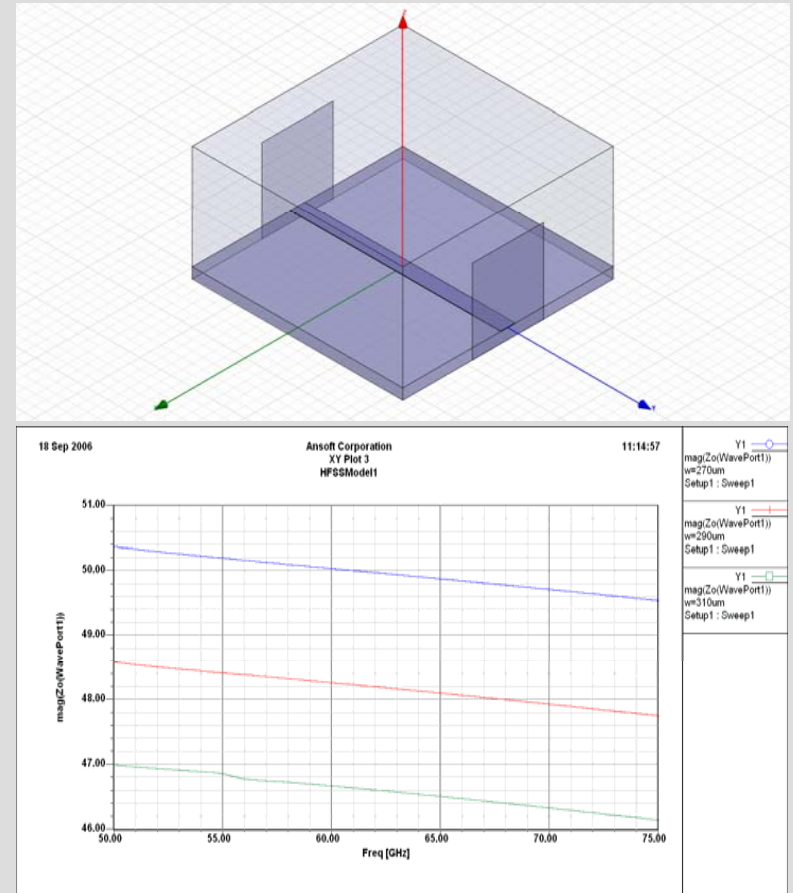
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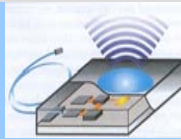
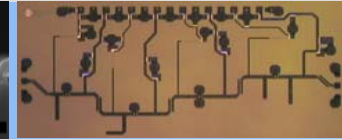
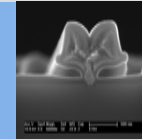
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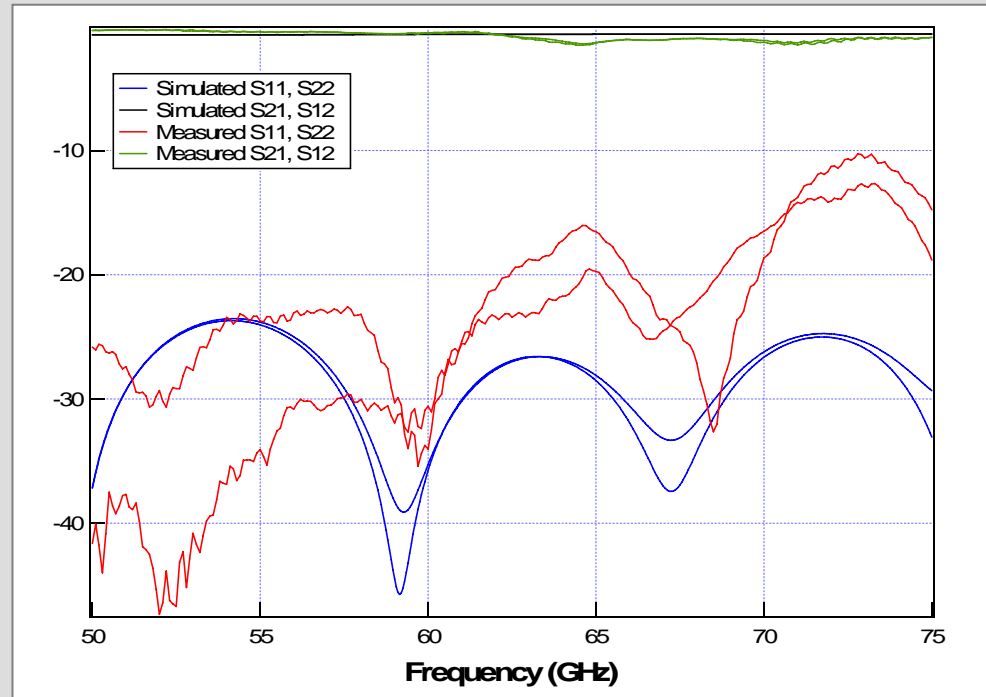
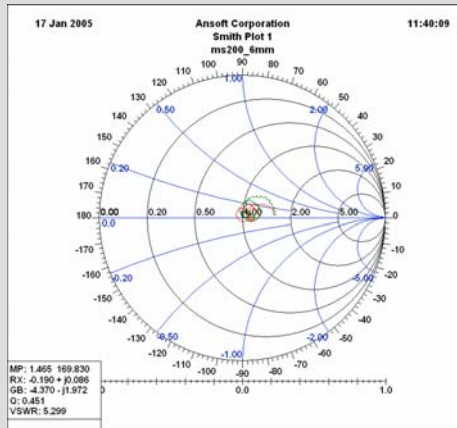
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Transmission Line (Microstrip line)

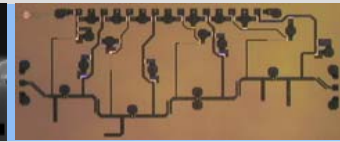
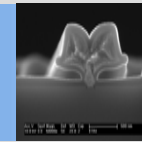


• Dielectric Thickness: 200 μm



Sub. height	Line Length	S11[dB]	S21[dB]	S12[dB]	S22[dB]
2 nd layer(200 μm)	4mm	-23.9	-1.25	-1.18	-17.3
	6mm	-30.6	-0.58	-0.52	-34.0

Design of 50 Ω Line (CBCPW: 100 μ m)



Ansoft Designer (calculation of line width)

Ground Coplanar Waveguide

Dimensions

W: 0.122668
W/D: 0.433965
G: 0.08
P: 0.341604

Electrical

Z0: 50
E: 45

Units

Dimension: mm
Frequency: GHz
Impedance: Ohm
Electrical Length: Deg
Resistivity: uOhm*cm

Substrate

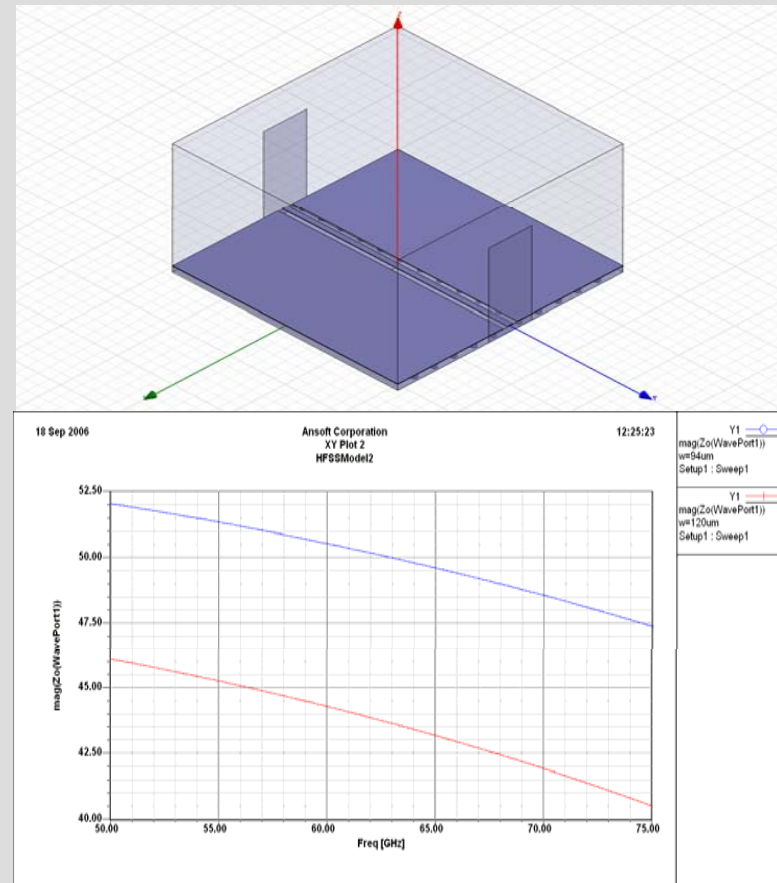
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ER: 5.8
HU: 1.6mm
TAND: 0.001

Layers	Metal Name	Code	Resistivity	Thickness
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Top	*None*			
RGH	0			

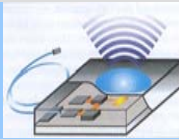
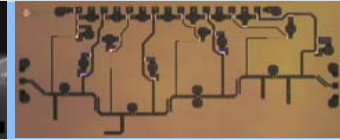
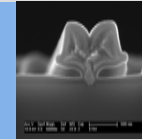
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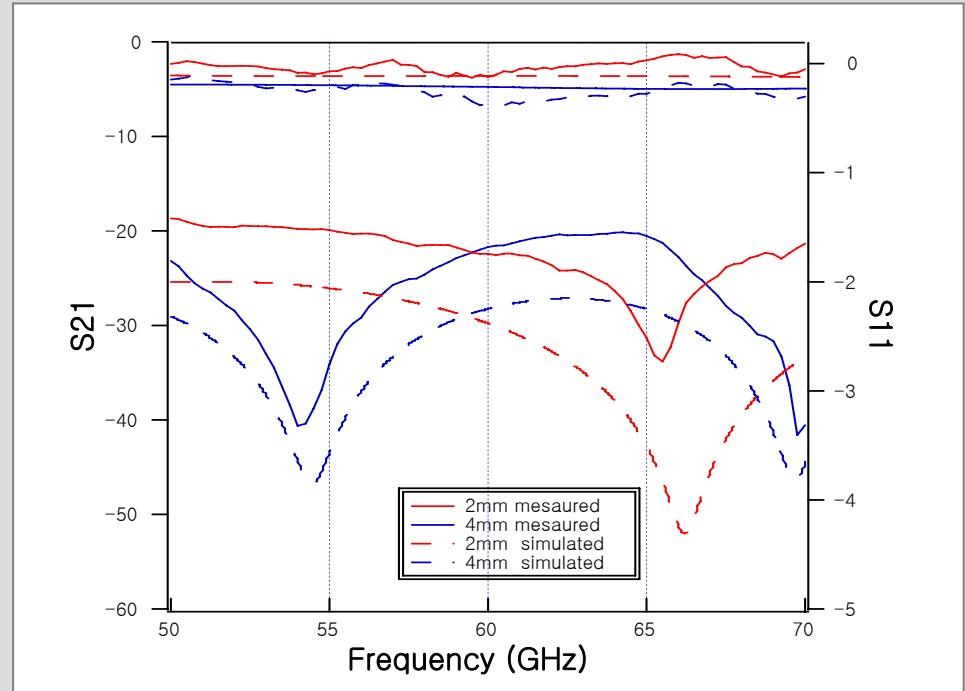
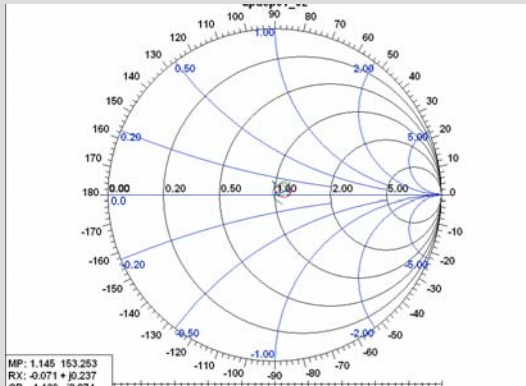
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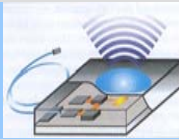
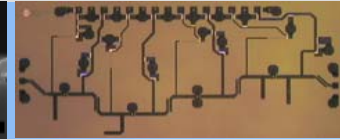
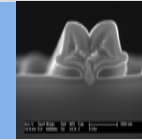


Dielectric Thickness: 100 μm



Sub. height	Line length	S11[dB]	S21[dB]	S12[dB]	S22[dB]
1st layer(100 μm)	2mm	-22.4	-0.15	-0.12	-20.4
	4mm	-21.7	-0.40	-0.37	-22.4

Design of 50 Ω Line (CBCPW: 200 μ m)



Ansoft Designer (calculation of line width)

Ground Coplanar Waveguide

Dimensions

W: 0.197651
W/D: 0.552637
G: 0.08
P: 0.346466

Electrical

Z0: 50
E: 45

Units

Dimension: mm
Frequency: GHz
Impedance: Ohm
Electrical Length: Deg
Resistivity: μ Ohm*cm

Frequency: 60
Analysis
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Synthesis
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Substrate

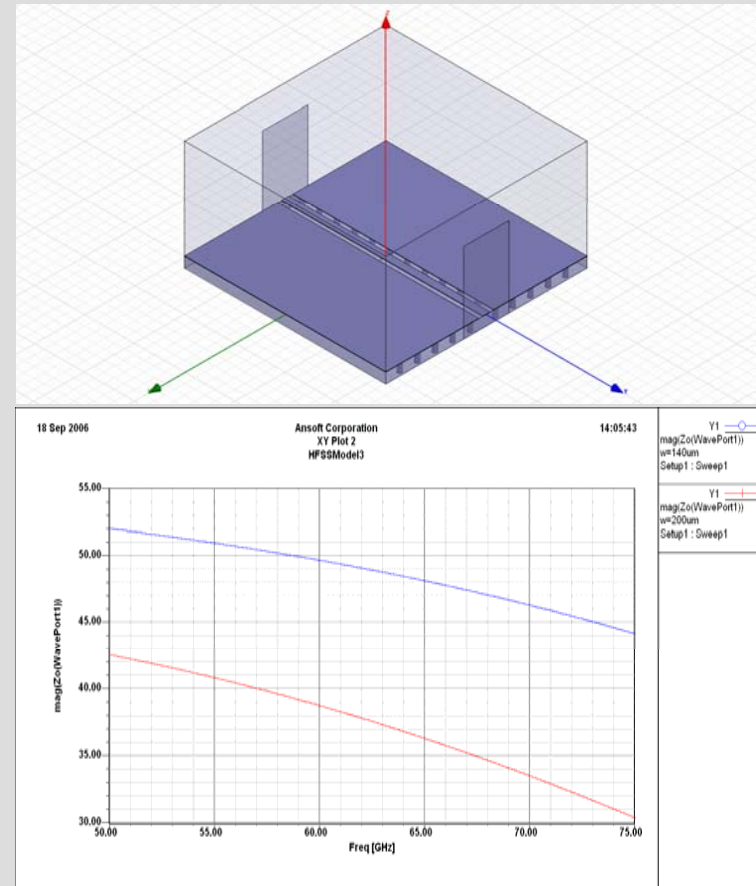
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TAND: 0.001

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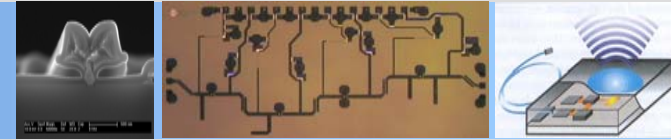
Layers	Metal Name	Code	Resistivity	Thickness
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RGH	0			

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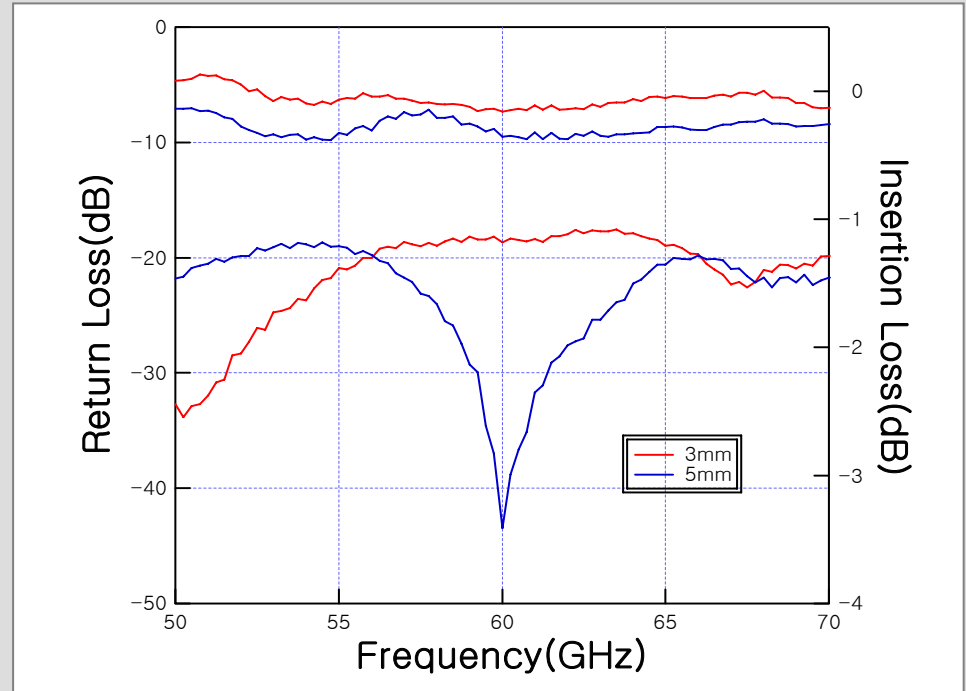
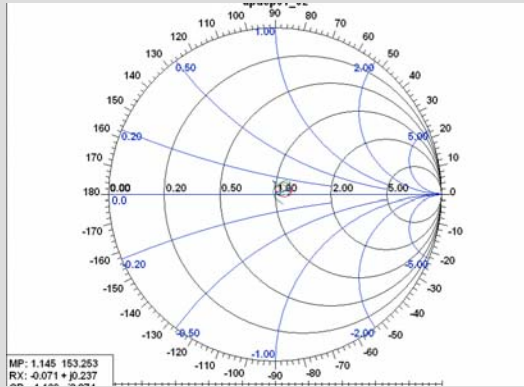
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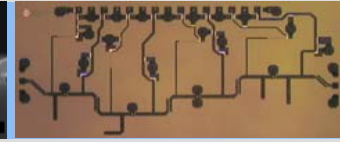
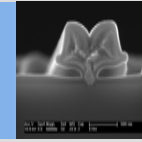


Dielectric Thickness: 200 μm



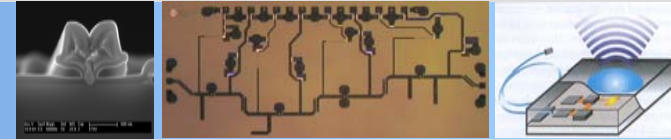
Sub. height	Line length	S11[dB]	S21[dB]	S12[dB]	S22[dB]
2 nd layer(200 μm)	3mm	-18.6	-0.16	-0.17	-19.1
	5mm	-43.5	-0.35	-0.39	-27.3

Transmission Line (summary)



- **Design of 50Ω transmission lines**
 - using Designer and HFSS
- **Simulated value is coincide with measurement.**
- **Microstrip or CBCPW line is suitable for transmission lines at 60GHz.**
 - low loss (0.1dB/mm)

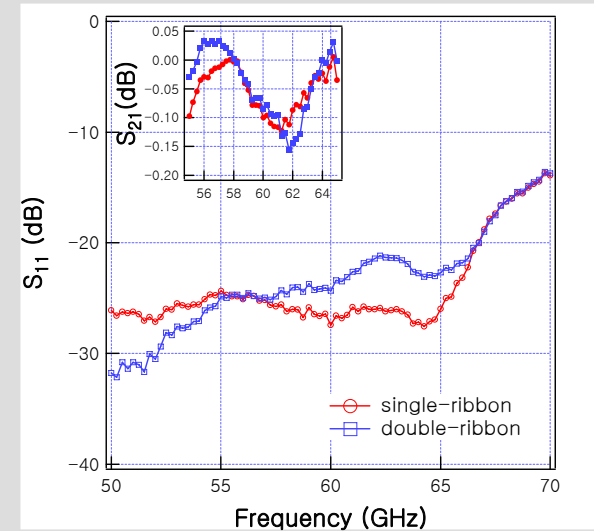
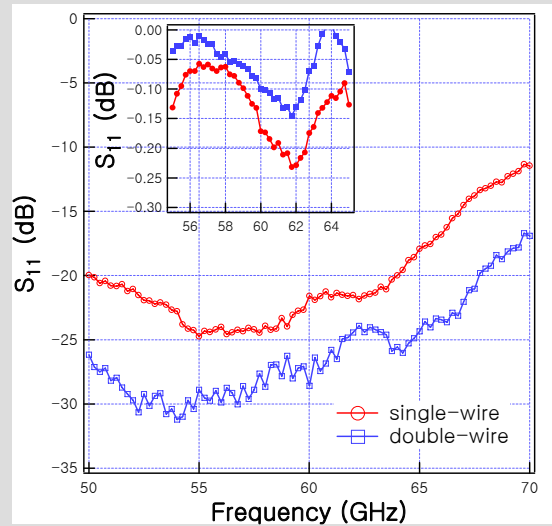
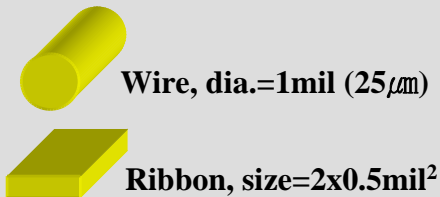
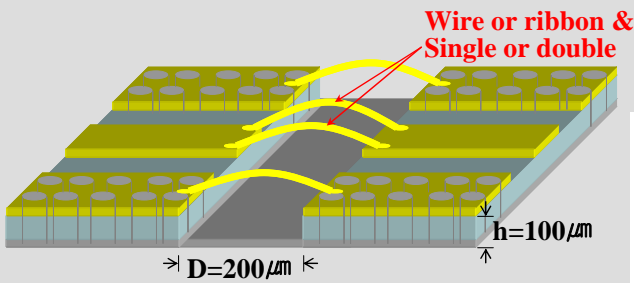
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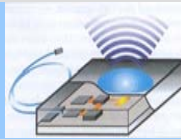
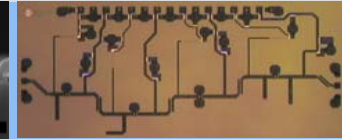
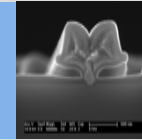
CBCPW Line (Dielectric thickness : $100\mu\text{m}$)



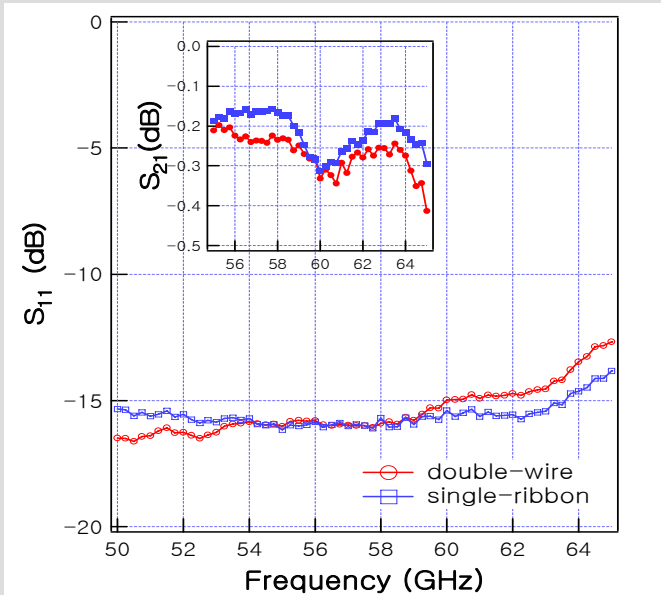
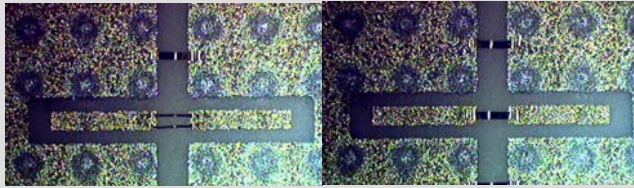
Bonding Type	S11	S12
single wire	- 21.6dB	- 0.17dB
double wire	- 28.6dB	- 0.10dB
single ribbon	- 27.4dB	- 0.10dB
double ribbon	- 24.3dB	- 0.09dB



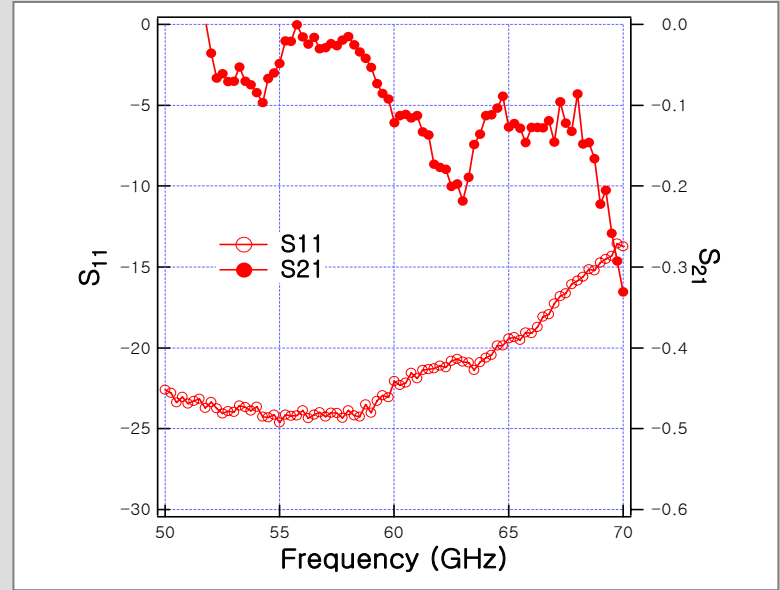
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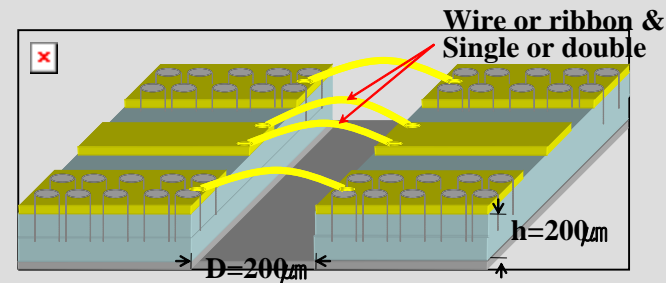
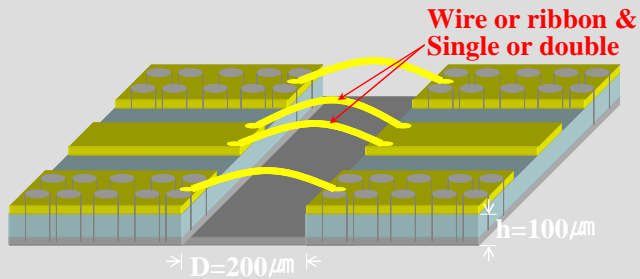
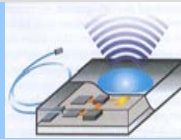
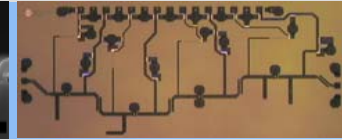
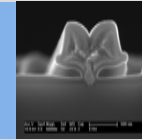
CBCPW Line (Dielectric thickness :200 μ m)



Bonding Type	S11	S12
single wire	- 9.19dB	- 0.75dB
double wire	- 14.5dB	- 0.35dB
single ribbon	- 15.4dB	- 0.31dB
double ribbon	- 22.1dB	- 0.12dB



Interconnection (wire bonding)



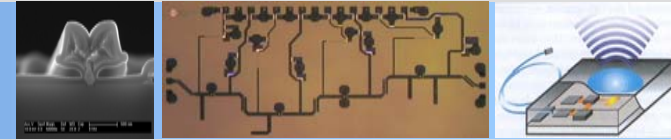
Dielectric thickness (100µm)

- Single ribbon or double wire bonding
 - nearly 50 Ohm at 60GHz
- Low loss transmission
- $S_{21} \sim -0.1\text{dB}$ and $S_{11} \sim -20\text{dB}$

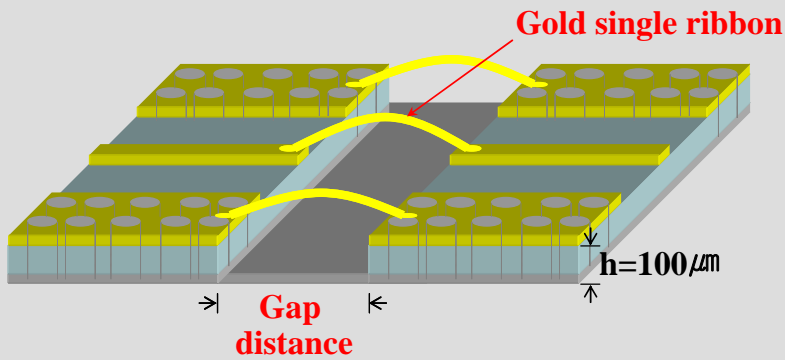
Dielectric thickness (200µm)

- Single ribbon or double wire bonding
 - high Impedance state
- To match 50Ω, increase the line width.
- Double ribbon bonding is required.
- Low loss transmission
- $S_{21} \sim -0.1\text{dB}$ and $S_{11} \sim -20\text{dB}$

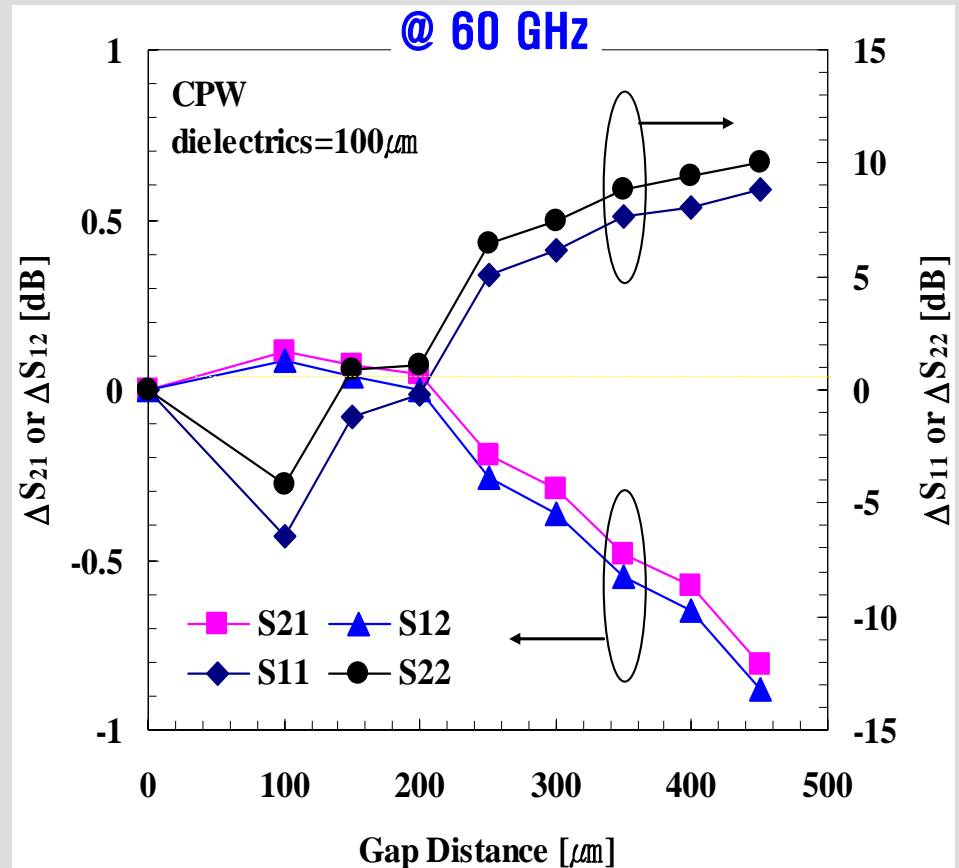
Wire length v.s. Line loss



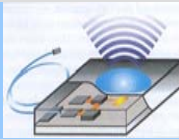
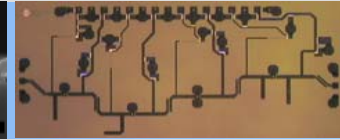
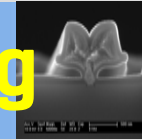
● Gap distance : acceptable RF degradation during the interconnection



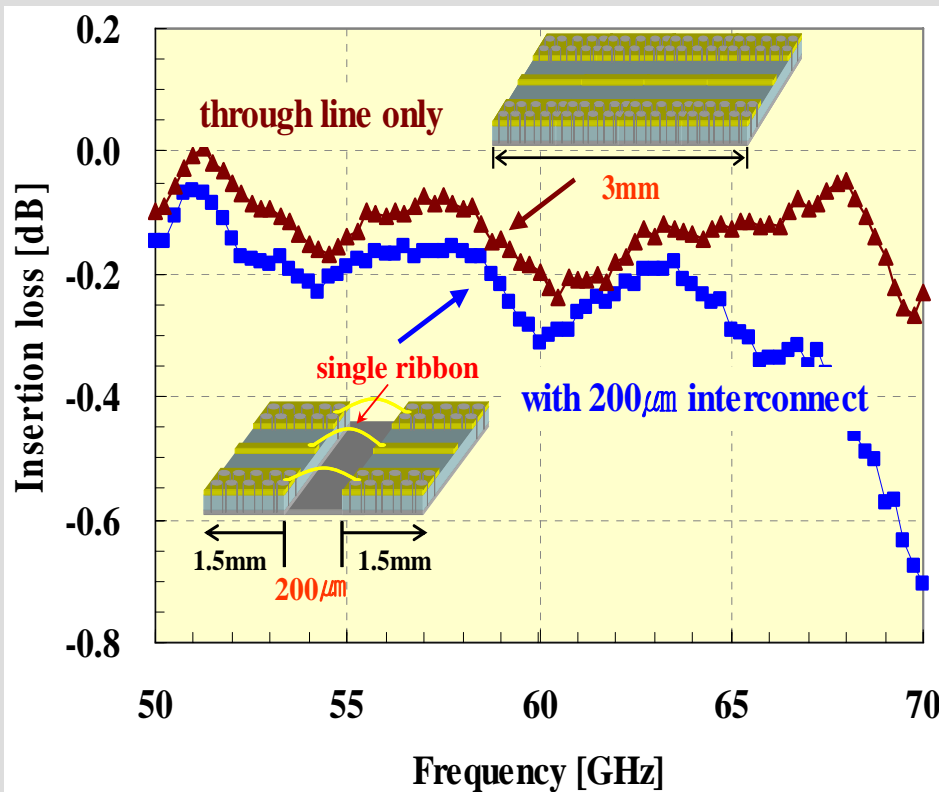
Photograph of 100 μm gap



Interconnect loss of wire-bonding



- Low loss and Simple Process : Wire-Bonding technique
- Symmetric performance($S_{11} \doteq S_{22}$) of Wedge bonding method



Wire-bonding v.s. Flip-chip bonding

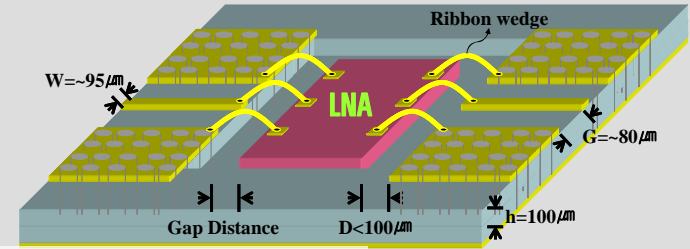
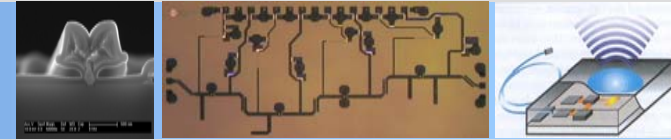
• ETRI(2006)

- Ribbon wire loss
0.11dB @ 60 GHz

• IBM(2005)

- Solder ball loss
0.7dB @ 60GHz

Amp module

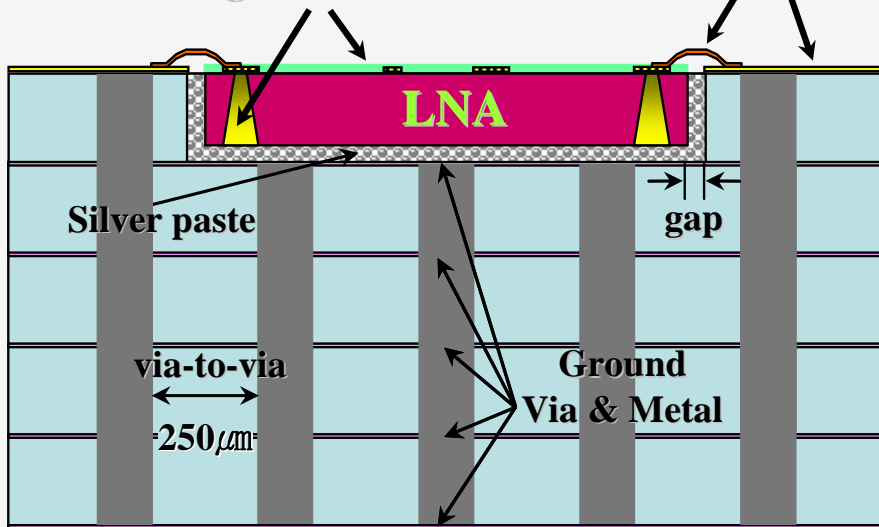


Chip interconnection Solution

Chip set Solution

- 0.12 μm pHEMT LNA
- Via-hole ground

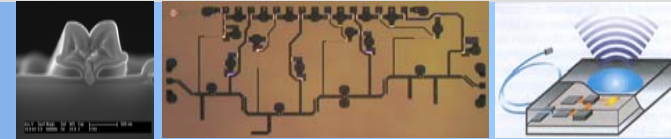
- CPW line
- Cavity structure,
- Ribbon Wedge bonding technique



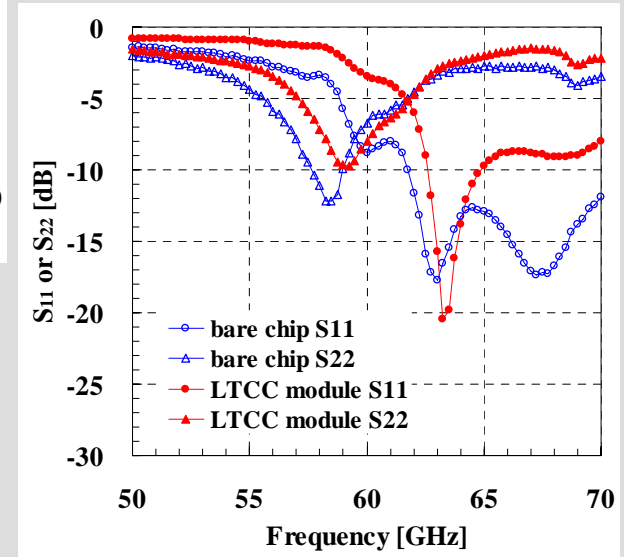
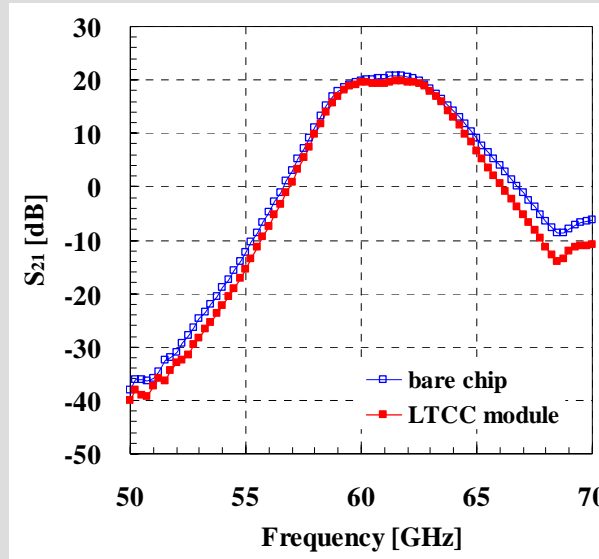
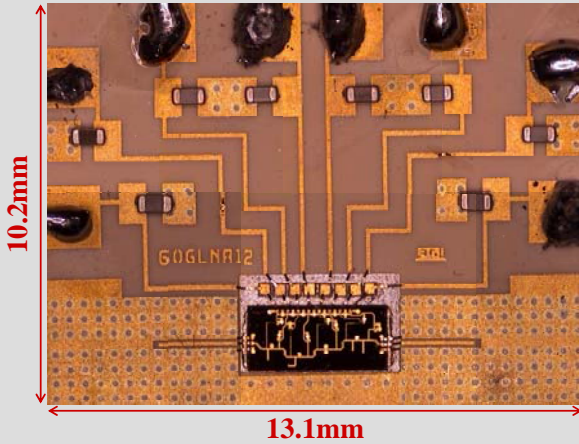
Substrate Solution

- Ferro A6-S LTCC
- Internal silver conductor
- External gold conductor

Amp module (LNA)

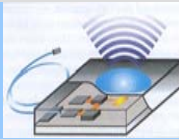
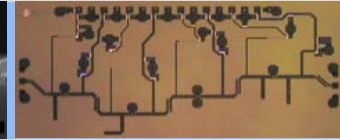
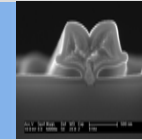


LNA module S-parameters



- hp8720C N/A
- freq.=50~70GHz
- $S_{21} \sim 19.4\text{dB}$ and $\Delta S_{21} = -0.4\text{ dB}$
- $S_{11} \sim -3.5\text{dB}$ and $\Delta S_{11} = -5.3\text{ dB}$
- $S_{22} \sim -7.9\text{dB}$ and $\Delta S_{22} = 1.2\text{ dB}$

Summary



- **Design of 50Ω transmission lines**
 - using Designer and HFSS
- **Microstrip or CBCPW line is suitable for transmission lines at 60GHz.**
 - low loss (0.1dB/mm)
- **Single ribbon bonding is adequate for interconnection**
 - simple
 - low loss (0.1dB/bonding)
- **Characteristics of Amp module**
 - $\Delta\text{Gain} (S_{21}) : 0.4 \text{ dB}$