### Layer Transfer (LT) Technology for High Performance Substrates

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# **Engineered Substrates**



• Engineered Substrates – a "must have" for advanced applications

- Applications Solar Cells, IC Devices, LCD Displays, 3D Packaging
- MOSFET leakage reduction => Reduced power dissipation
- Reduced capacitance => Higher speed and lower power
- Improved short channel effects => Stable device operation at small size
- Modification of Materials => Enables new material combinations

### Same Geometry – higher performance and lower power using existing manufacturing technology

# Core Technology and Markets



# Layer-Transfer Process (Ex. SOI)



- Improved speed and performance
- Reduced heat generation
- Reduced power consumption
- Performance disadvantages
  - Requires additional process steps and equipment

# DSB – Direct Silicon Bond

- Performance advantages
  - For equivalent circuit geometries, improved performance over bulk silicon
  - Potential direct replacement for bulk silicon
- Performance disadvantages
  - Additional processing required

Electron mobility is highest on (100) surface Hole mobility is highest on (110) surface





## c-Si Films for Solar

- Type Thin/thick single-crystal Films
  - Performance advantages for Solar PV Cells
    - High conversion efficiency approx. 18% to 20%
    - No kerf losses
    - Significant material savings up to 20X
  - Performance disadvantages
    - Thin Films (<50 microns) will require module production and handling modifications



Thick c-Si Module



#### Thin c-Si Module

# Silicon-on-Quartz/Silicon-on-Glass

- Type SOQ/SOG
  - Performance advantages for HDTV Projectors and FPDs
    - Better brightness
    - Lower Cost
    - Higher Resolution
    - Faster Speed
    - Higher Circuit Density
  - Performance disadvantages
    - Cost & Complexity







# Materials challenges/solutions

### • Challenges

- Silicon supply is restraining some markets (solar)
- Material costs are increasing
- Existing processes can't economically achieve required performance goals for new high performance devices
- Solution an alternative approach is needed
  - Engineered substrates break the cost/performance barrier

## Manufacturing challenges/solutions

### • Challenges

- Need to minimize changes to expensive, established manufacturing infrastructure
- Need to stick with known materials to minimize defects and production bottlenecks
- Solutions
  - Stick with known process technology
  - Add/modify known processes to add necessary manufacturing steps
  - Utilize known materials to speed time to market

# Summary

- Engineered substrates open up new markets with new applications
- Layer-transfer offers a cost-effective process to achieve many variations of highly engineered films
- SiGen's processes and HVM tools are proven solutions in the semiconductor and display industries
- Packaging, solar, and opto-electronics offer new opportunities