# TeraView

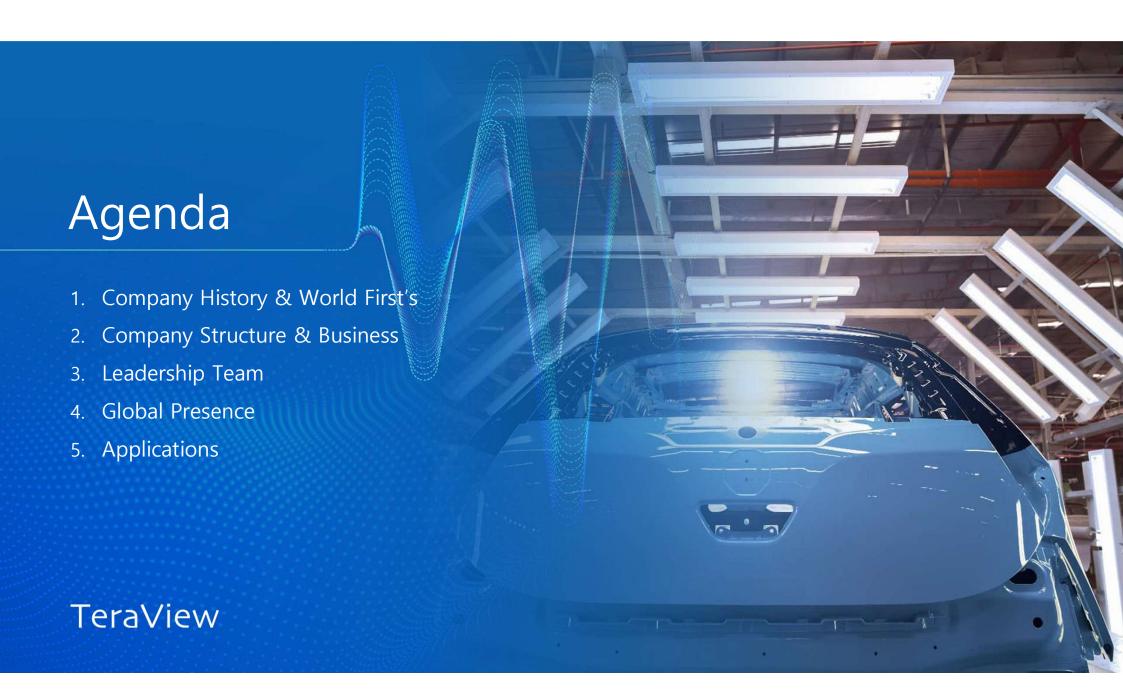
**Company Introduction** 







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# **Company History**

Early 1990's saw collaboration between Toshiba corporation (Japan) and Cambridge University UK) to create Toshiba's 1<sup>st</sup> R&D centre outside of Japan focused on terahertz measurements for semiconductor manufacturing

Circa 2000 Toshiba corporation closed all Global R&D centres and withdrew them to Japan

April 2001 Senior Management formed a limited private company "TeraView Limited"

Initial solutions were based around Semi Conductor manufacturing, as per Toshiba expertise

Since 2001 the company has diversified into additional markets such as Pharmaceutical, Automotive & Aerospace, Battery Electrode manufacturing and Industrial Film measurement.

From it's initial headquarters in Cambridge, UK, TeraView has developed regional resources with the opening of an office in Seoul, South Korea providing Sales & support and additionally has dedicated Sales & support in N. America.

# **TOSHIBA**







**1999**: Dental imaging of enamel layers with Terahertz.

**1998/01**: Medical imaging of breast cancer.

**2002**: 1st image of polymer layer thickness on pharma tablets.

**2003/4**: 1<sup>st</sup> detection of concealed explosives with US govt.

2004/5: 1st product to measure coating thickness on non planar surfaces using robotic system—

polymer & metallic layers.

**2005**: 1<sup>st</sup> applications work and IP on LCDs.

**2007**: Production systems for coating thickness on crucibles used in silicon wafer production &

Industrial coaters used in pharma coatings.

**2008**: 1<sup>st</sup> semiconductor packaging inspection system (Intel).

**2008**: 1<sup>st</sup> paint thickness on auto (Ford) & aero (Boeing).

**2013-2017**: Car paint thickness measurements, trials (Ford).

**2016**: Automated inspection for semiconductor packaging (Samsung).

**2017**: Proof of concept work on mobile phone displays (Samsung).

**2018/19**: Initial deployments in automotive production plants (Toyota).

**2020/21**: Markets in pharmaceuticals (US FDA), aerospace & 6G (UK Govt).

**2020/22**: First to market with cathode & anode inspection for lithium-ion batteries.

**2022/24**: Development of sensor for turbine blade ceramic coating measurement.









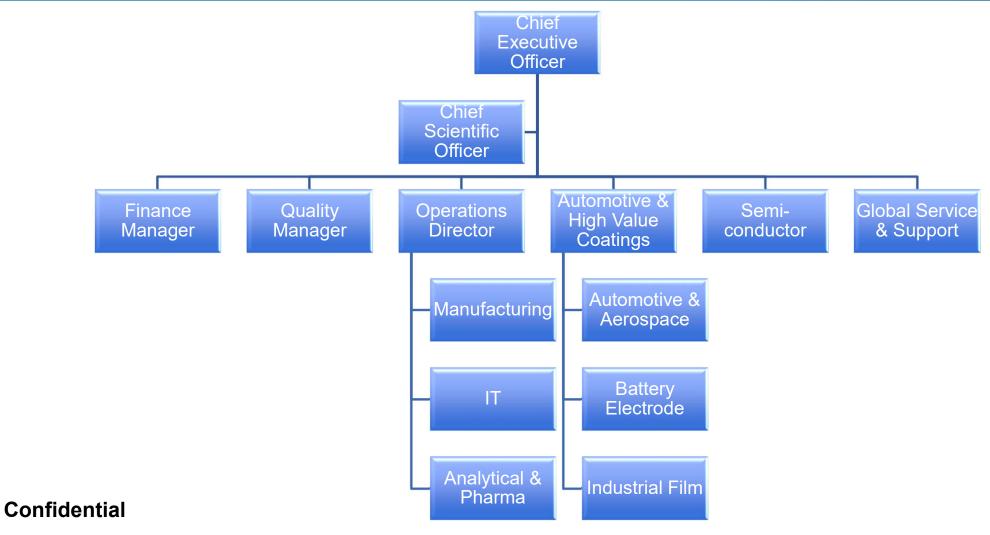








# **Company Organisation**





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Business Units TeraView

# Semiconductor Advanced Packaging Inspection

TeraView's solution enables rapid high accuracy fault isolation in advanced semiconductor packages

# Solution: **EOTPR**

# **Automotive & Aerospace**

TeraView's solution measures individual layer thicknesses on multi-layer vehicle coatings.

TeraView also has a solution to measure the thickness of Thermal Barrier Coating on jet engine blades.

### Solution:

TeraCota2000

#### Battery Manufacturing

TeraView's solution enables real-time production measurement of thickness, density, loading & conductivity for both anodes & cathodes. This enables fast & accurate control of electrode quality.

### Solution:

TeraCota3500

#### **Industrial Thin Films**

TeraView's solution enables measurement of single & multi-layer thicknesses of Industrial thin films.

# **Analytical & Pharma**

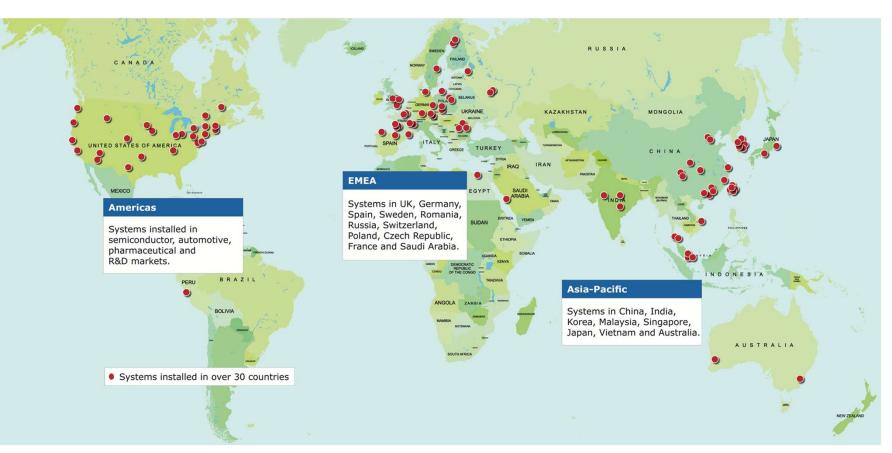
TeraView's solution measures critical quality attributes in pharmaceutical and medical products such as crystalline structure, thickness and chemical composition.

#### Solution:

TeraSolve TeraPulse Lx

### Solution:

TeraCota3000



#### Global Head Quarters -

Cambridge, UK

- Management
- R&D
- Manufacturing
- Global Support

# **Regional Office** – Seoul, S. Korea

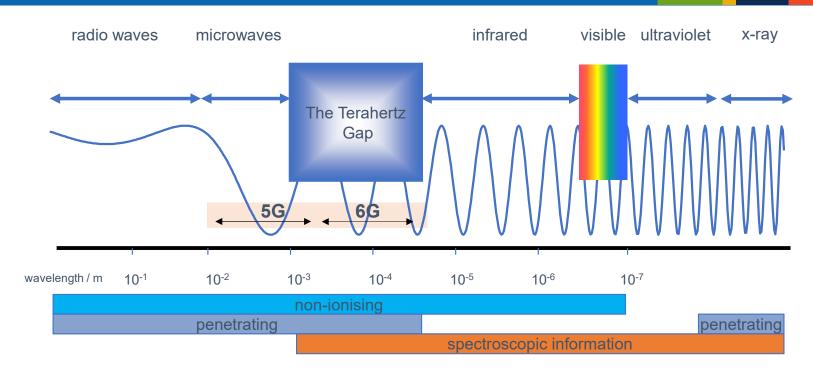
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#### N. America – Legal entity

- Sales
- Service

Over 250 installations across 30 countries globally

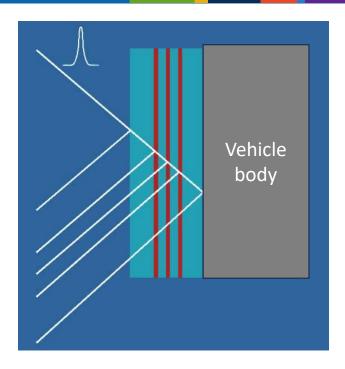
## **Terahertz - Technology**



- Terahertz region between microwaves & infrared
- Until recently inaccessible due to lack of sources and detectors, only enabled with advent of high speed lasers.
- Many materials semi transparent in Terahertz Car paint coatings
- Safe non ionizing, low power

#### **Terahertz – how it works**

- Paint layers are semi transparent to THz
- Terahertz pulses are reflected from different interfaces between paint layers
- Time of flight to the detector is measured accurately, allowing the thickness of the layers to be determined from the differences in arrival times of the pulses
- The basic requirement for thickness measurement is a refractive index difference between adjacent coatings
- The method is applicable to multiple coatings



peak separation coating thickness,  $d_i \sim \frac{\Delta t_i}{n_i}$  refractive index

### **Terahertz – how it works on automotive paints**

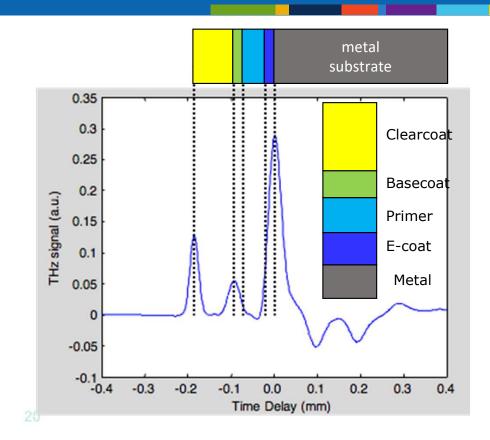
**Analysis is challenging on car paint**: cannot easily resolve reflections from different layers due to overlap

- Number of coatings: typically 3-5 or more
- Wavelength of THz > layer thickness
- Large variety in pigments (aluminium, mica flakes)
- Relatively thin coatings (down to 2μm)

# TeraView has developed a patented technique to resolve layers and calculate thicknesses

- Developed & refined over several years with customers
- Patented calibration technique for accuracy & sensitivity

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### **Customer View – Ford View of Advantages of TeraCota**

# Key Terahertz, Advantages



Internal slide presented by Ford Paints and Vehicle Operations Group to Ford management

- Non-contact and no water required not possible with ultrasound
- Good resolution
- Very fast sample rate relative to ultrasound
- Capability to measure windshield flange not possible with ultrasound
- Ability to collect all film-build control plan data points
- Capability to "scan" a vehicle with all paint layers at once – not possible with ultrasound
- First in industry technology development

# Reference customer at Ford:

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### **Deployment**

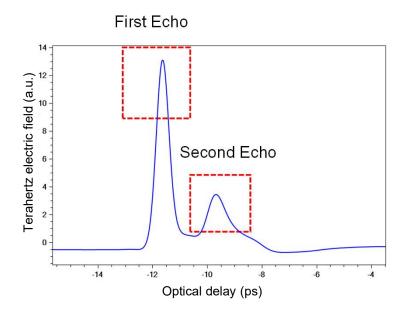
- The Volkswagen Group, together with TeraView, have recently completed installation of a Terahertz system at their production plant in Bratislava, Slovakia
- In this project, TeraView's TeraCota product was the first terahertz system to measure coating thicknesses in Volkswagen's 2010V painting process
- System acceptance was achieved by demonstrating the ability of the TeraView system to measure multiple points on different types of car bodies to an accuracy of  $1\mu m$ . This accuracy was demonstrated over several repeat measurements on each car body.
- Due to this and other terahertz projects, Volkswagen plans to continue to use terahertz technology to determine layer thickness in the future



# **Battery Electrodes - Principle of Measurement**

• Time domain technique: Fast and accurate



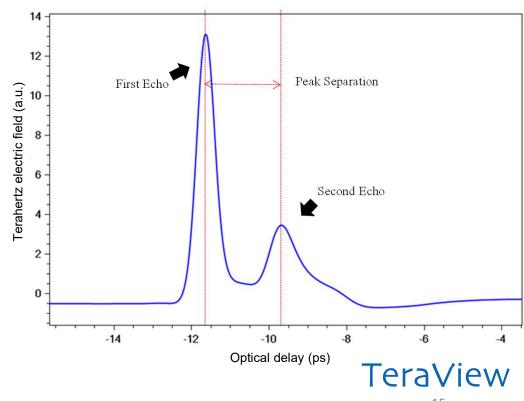


## **Battery Electrodes - Principle of Analysis**

#### Simultaneous measurement of coating characteristic

#### $n = n_0 + ik$

- Monitor coating **Loading** (Peak Separation)
- Monitor coating **Density** (First Echo)
- Monitor coating Thickness
- Monitor coating Conductivity (Second Echo)
- Monitor coating Porosity (tbc)



### **Bosch Case Study - Quality Control & Cost Reduction for Windshield Wiper Coatings**

To accommodate the rapidly growing need for accurate measurement of graphite coating on windshield wipers Bosch installed the system at the Tiegen, Belgium site. The system measures the curvature of the rubber substrate and adapts for this in the final calculation of the coating thickness. The entire process is carried out on moving material at production speeds of upto 40m/min.

The TeraCota2000 system at Bosch has been developed from the systems in use at both VW & Ford Motor Company as well as several other automotive oems for several years to enable measurement of multi-layer coatings.

