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SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Abstract

A semiconductor package includes a first semiconductor chip, a second semiconductor chip disposed on the first semiconductor chip and including a through-silicon via electrically connecting a front pad and a rear pad, a dielectric layer having a first region covering a side surface of the second semiconductor chip and a second region filling space between the first semiconductor chip and the second semiconductor chip, a first through-via penetrating through the first region of the dielectric layer, and a second through-via penetrating through the second region of the dielectric layer.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S) [0001] This application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/479,278, filed on Sep. 20, 2021, which claims the benefit under 35 USC 119 (a) of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2020-0186526 filed on Dec. 29, 2020 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the entire disclosure of each of these applications being incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

BACKGROUND
[0002] The present inventive concept relates to a semiconductor package and a method of manufacturing the same.
[0003] Semiconductor packages installed in electronic devices are required to have high performance and high capacity along with miniaturization. In order to implement the same, a semiconductor package in which semiconductor chips including through-silicon vias (TSVs) are stacked in a vertical direction is being developed.
SUMMARY
[0004] Example embodiments provide a stacked semiconductor package having a bumpless bonding structure with improved production yield, and a method of manufacturing the same.
[0005] According to example embodiments, a semiconductor package includes a first semiconductor chip including a first substrate layer, and a first device layer disposed on the first substrate layer and including a plurality of connection pads; a second semiconductor chip including a second substrate layer disposed on the first device layer of the first semiconductor chip and having a first surface and a second surface opposite to the first surface, a front pad disposed on the first surface of the second substrate layer, a rear pad disposed on the second surface of the second substrate layer, and a through-silicon via penetrating through the second substrate layer and electrically connecting the front pad and the rear pad; a dielectric layer having a first region covering a side surface of the second semiconductor chip, and a second region filling space between the first semiconductor chip and the second semiconductor chip; a first through-via penetrating through the first region of the dielectric layer and electrically connected to one of the plurality of connection pads; and a second through-via penetrating through the second region of the dielectric layer and electrically connecting another connection pad to the front pad or the rear pad.
[0006] According to example embodiments, a semiconductor package includes a package substrate; a first semiconductor chip disposed on the package substrate, and including a first substrate layer and a first device layer disposed on the first substrate layer and including a plurality of connection pads; and at least one stack structure disposed on the first device layer of the first semiconductor chip. The at least one stack structure includes a second semiconductor chip including a second substrate layer having a first surface and a second surface facing the first device layer and located opposite the first surface, a front pad disposed on the first surface, a rear pad disposed on the

second surface, and a through-silicon via penetrating through the second substrate layer and electrically connecting the front pad and the rear pad, a dielectric layer having a first region covering a side surface of the second semiconductor chip and a second region extending from the first region onto the second surface, a first through-via penetrating through the first region of the dielectric layer and electrically connecting one of the plurality of connection pads to the package substrate, and a second through-via penetrating through the second region of the dielectric layer and electrically connecting another connection pad to the rear pad.

[0007] According to example embodiments, a method of manufacturing a semiconductor package includes preparing a stacked wafer structure disposed on a carrier wafer and including a plurality of second semiconductor chips spaced apart from each other; preparing a base wafer structure having a plurality of first semiconductor chip units corresponding to the plurality of second semiconductor chips; bonding the stacked wafer structure to the base wafer structure; and removing the carrier wafer. The preparing of the stacked wafer structure includes arranging the plurality of second semiconductor chips on the carrier wafer, forming a dielectric layer on the carrier wafer, the dielectric layer having a first region filling space between the plurality of second semiconductor chips and a second region extending from the first region and respectively covering the plurality of second semiconductor chips, and forming a plurality of first through-vias penetrating through the first region and electrically connected to the plurality of first semiconductor chip units, and a plurality of second through-vias penetrating through the second region and electrically connected to the plurality of second semiconductor chips. The bonding of the stacked wafer structure to the base wafer structure is performed such that the second region of the dielectric layer are respectively disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chip units and the plurality of second semiconductor chips.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0008] The above and other aspects, features, and advantages of the present inventive concept will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0009] FIG. **1**A is a cross-sectional view illustrating a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment;

[0010] FIG. **1**B is a plan view illustrating a horizontal cross-section taken along line I-I′ of FIG. **1**A.

[0011] FIGS. **2**A to **2**G are cross-sectional views schematically illustrating a method of manufacturing the semiconductor package of FIG. **1**A;

[0012] FIG. **3** is a cross-sectional view illustrating a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment;

[0013] FIGS. **4**A and **4**B are cross-sectional views illustrating semiconductor packages according to example embodiments, respectively;

[0014] FIG. **5** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment;

[0015] FIG. **6** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment;

[0016] FIG. **7** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment;

[0017] FIG. **8** is a perspective view illustrating a wafer structure that may be used to manufacture a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment; and

[0018] FIG. **9**A is a partially enlarged view illustrating area ‘A’ of FIG. **8**, and FIG. **9**B is a cross-

sectional view illustrating a cross-section taken along line II-II′ of FIG. **9**A, and FIG. **9**C is a cross-sectional view illustrating a modified example of FIG. **9**B that may be employed in an example embodiment of the present inventive concept.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0019] Hereinafter, example embodiments will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0020] FIG. **1**A is a cross-sectional view illustrating a semiconductor package **10**A according to an example embodiment, and FIG. **1**B is a plan view illustrating a horizon cross-section taken along line I-I′ of FIG. **1**A. FIG. **1**B illustrates a cross-sectional image of a stack structure **200** along a plane corresponding to the upper surface of a second semiconductor chip **201**.

[0021] Referring to FIGS. **1**A and **1**B, a semiconductor package **10**A according to an example embodiment may include a first semiconductor chip **100** and at least one stack structure **200**. The semiconductor package **10**A may further include a connection member **270** disposed below the stack structure **200**. The connection member **270** is illustrated in the form of a metal bump (e.g., solder ball), but is not limited thereto, and a conductive member capable of electrically connecting the semiconductor package **10**A to an external device or a substrate may be used without limitation. For example, the semiconductor package **10**A may include a plurality of connection members disposed at a bottom of the stack structure **200**. In an example embodiment, the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200** are bonded to each other in a bumpless form, and the stack structure **200** may include components such as a second semiconductor chip **201** and a dielectric layer **250** supporting the same. For example, the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200** may be bonded without solder bumps or other types of bumps between them. Accordingly, according to an example embodiment, structural stability of the semiconductor chip structure may be secured and the production yield of the semiconductor package may be improved in an Electrical Die Sorting (EDS) process of a plurality of semiconductor chips (e.g., **100**, **201**) (hereinafter referred to as ‘semiconductor chip structure’) stacked in a vertical direction (Z-axis direction).

[0022] As used herein, components described as being “electrically connected” are configured such that an electrical signal can be transferred from one component to the other (although such electrical signal may be attenuated in strength as it transferred and may be selectively transferred).

[0023] The first semiconductor chip **100** may include a first substrate layer **110** and a first device layer **120**. The first substrate layer **110** may include a semiconductor substrate, a plurality of conductive regions formed in the semiconductor substrate, and isolation regions on one side of the conductive region. The semiconductor substrate may be a semiconductor wafer. The semiconductor substrate may include a semiconductor element such as silicon or germanium, or a compound semiconductor such as silicon carbide (SiC), gallium arsenide (GaAs), indium arsenide (InAs), and indium phosphide (InP). The conductive region may be, for example, a well doped with impurities or a structure doped with impurities. The isolation region may be a device isolation structure having a shallow trench isolation (STI) structure, and may include silicon oxide.

[0024] The first device layer **120** may be disposed on one surface of the first substrate layer **110** and may include an interlayer insulating layer **121** and a plurality of connection pads **122** in the interlayer insulating layer **121**. A plurality of devices constituting an integrated circuit (IC) and a circuit structure electrically connected thereto may be included in the interlayer insulating layer **121**. The circuit structure may be connected to the plurality of connection pads **122** to interact with an external device. The interlayer insulating layer **121** may surround side surfaces of the plurality of connection pads **122** and expose the bottom surfaces of the plurality of connection pads **122**. The interlayer insulating layer **121** may include and/or be formed of an inorganic material capable of participating in physical and/or chemical bonding between the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200** in contact with the dielectric layer **250** of the stack structure **200**. For example, the interlayer insulating layer **121** may include at least one of silicon oxide and silicon nitride. The

plurality of devices may include various microelectronic devices, for example, a metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistor (MOSFET), a system large scale integration (LSI), a micro-electro-mechanical system (MEMS), an active device, a passive element, or the like.
[0025] It will be understood that when an element is referred to as being “connected” or “coupled” to or “on” another element, it can be directly connected or coupled to or on the other element or intervening elements may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being “directly connected” or “directly coupled” to another element, or as “contacting” or “in contact with” another element, there are no intervening elements present at the point of contact.
[0026] The first semiconductor chip **100** may include and/or may be a logic chip, such as a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), a digital signal processing unit (DSP), an image signal processing unit (ISP), an encryption processor, a microprocessor, a microcontroller, an analog-to-digital converter, an application specific semiconductor (ASIC) and the like, a volatile memory chip such as a dynamic random access memory (DRAM) and the like, and/or a nonvolatile memory chip such as PRAM, MRAM, RRAM, a flash memory and the like. In an example embodiment, the type of the first semiconductor chip **100** is not particularly limited, and may include and/or may be a semiconductor chip of the same or different type as the second semiconductor chip **201**. However, in an example embodiment, the first semiconductor chip **100** may have a width **100**L, e.g., in a first horizontal direction X, greater than a width **200**L of the second semiconductor chip **201**, e.g., in the first horizontal direction X. Accordingly, a first through-via **261** and the dielectric layer **250** surrounding a side surface of the second semiconductor chip **201** may be disposed on a region of the first semiconductor chip **100** which does not overlap the second semiconductor chip **201** in the vertical direction (Z-axis direction). For example, the first through-via **261** and the dielectric layer **250** may surround the second semiconductor chip **201**, e.g., in a plan view. Therefore, structural stability may be obtained even when the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201** are bonded without an adhesive member (e.g., an epoxy adhesive) and a connecting member (e.g., a metal bump).
[0027] The stack structure **200** may include the second semiconductor chip **201**, the dielectric layer **250**, and first and second through-vias **261** and **262**. For example, the stack structure **200** may include one or more first through vias **261** and one or more second through vias **262**. The second semiconductor chip **201** may be disposed on the first device layer **120** of the first semiconductor chip **100**, and may include a second substrate layer **210**, a second device layer **220**, a protective layer **230**, and a through-silicon via **240**. Since the second semiconductor chip **201** may include the same or similar technical features as the first semiconductor chip **100** described above, a redundant description will be omitted. For example, the second semiconductor chip **201** may include and/or be formed of the components/elements described above with respect to the first semiconductor chip **100**.
[0028] The second substrate layer **210** may have a first surface **210**S**1** and a second surface **210**S**2** positioned opposite to the first surface **210**S**1**, and may include a semiconductor substrate, a conductive region, and an isolation region. The second device layer **220** may be disposed on the first surface **210**S**1** of the second substrate layer **210** and may include a front interlayer insulating layer **221** and a front pad **222**. A plurality of devices and circuit structures constituting an integrated circuit may be included in the interlayer insulating layer **221**. The protective layer **230** may be disposed on the second surface **210**S**2** of the second substrate layer **210** and may include a rear interlayer insulating layer **231** and a rear pad **232**. The through-silicon via **240** may penetrate through the second substrate layer **210** and electrically connect the front pad **222** and the rear pad **232**. In the drawing, the through-silicon via **240** penetrates through both the front interlayer insulating layer **221** and the rear interlayer insulating layer **231** to contact the front pad **222** and the rear pad **232**, but example embodiments are not limited thereto. In an example, the through-silicon via **240** may be electrically connected to the front pad **222** and the rear pad **232** through a wiring

structure in the front interlayer insulating layer **221** or/and the rear interlayer insulating layer **231**.
[0029] The second semiconductor chip **201** may be disposed in such a manner that the first surface **210**S**1** or the second surface **210**S**2** faces the first device layer **120**. Accordingly, the second semiconductor chip **201** may be electrically connected to portions of the plurality of connection pads **122** through the front pad **222** or the rear pad **232**. In the drawing, the second semiconductor chip **201** is disposed such that the rear pad **232** faces the first device layer **120** of the first semiconductor chip **100**, but the configuration is not limited thereto. The second semiconductor chip **201** may be provided with a plurality of front pads **222** and a plurality of rear pads **232** corresponding to each other, and at least a portion of the plurality of front pads **222** and the plurality of rear pads **232** may be used for an Electrical Die Sorting (EDS) process. For example, some of the front pads **222** and the rear pads **232** may be pads for an EDS process. In this case, a pad for the EDS process may be understood as a pad that contacts a probe needle in an electrical test. In an example embodiment, the pad for the EDS process may be one or more of the pads of the second semiconductor chip **201** (e.g., one or more of **222** of FIG. **1**A) exposed to one surface (e.g., a lower surface of FIG. **1**A) of the semiconductor package **10**A after the first semiconductor chip **100** and at least one stack structure **200** are bonded. According to example embodiments, in the bumpless bonding structure of the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201**, the second semiconductor chip **201** may be prevented from being shifted. For example, the second semiconductor chip **201** may be protected/supported by the dielectric layer **250**.
[0030] The dielectric layer **250** may include a first region covering a side surface of the second semiconductor chip **201**, and a second region extending from the first region onto the second semiconductor chip **201** and filling the space between the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201**. For example, the first region of the dielectric layer **250** may not vertically overlap the second semiconductor chip **201**, and the second region of the dielectric layer **250** may vertically overlap the second semiconductor chip **201**. The dielectric layer **250** may contact the interlayer insulating layer **121** of the first device layer **120** through the second region to participate in surface bonding between the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200**. Accordingly, the dielectric layer **250**, like the interlayer insulating layer **121** of the first device layer **120**, may include at least one of silicon oxide and silicon nitride. The dielectric layer **250** may expose one surface (e.g., the lower surface of FIG. **1**A) of the second semiconductor chip **201** on which the pad for the EDS process is disposed and may surround the other surfaces, thereby improving structural stability of the semiconductor package **10**A. In an example embodiment, the dielectric layer **250** may be bonded to first semiconductor chip units (′**100**U**1**′, ‘**100**U**2**’, ‘**100**U**3**’ in FIG. **2**G) having the form of a base wafer structure (‘WF**1**’in FIG. **2**G), in the form of a stacked wafer structure (“WF**2**” in FIG. **2**G) including a plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**, and may be cut together with the first semiconductor chip units (′**100**U**1**′, ‘**100**U**2**’, and ‘**100**U**3**’ in FIG. **2**G) by a dicing process (see FIG. **2**G). Accordingly, the side surface of the dielectric layer **250** may be substantially coplanar with the side surface of the first semiconductor chip **100**.
[0031] The first and second through-vias **261** and **262** may respectively penetrate through the dielectric layer **250** and are connected to the plurality of connection pads **122** of the first semiconductor chip **100**. The first and second through-vias **261** and **262** may include and/or be formed of a metallic material, and may have a side surface tapered such that each width decreases in a direction receding/away from the first semiconductor chip **100**. This may be understood as a structural characteristic resulting from the manufacturing process of the present inventive concept in which the wafer-type stack structure **200** and the first semiconductor chip **100** are bonded to each other and handled as a single wafer structure.
[0032] The first through-vias **261** may penetrate through the first region of the dielectric layer **250** covering the side surface of the second semiconductor chip **201** and may be connected to some of the plurality of connection pads **122**. In this case, the lower surface of the dielectric layer **250**, the lower surface of the first through-vias **261**, and the lower surface of the front pad **222** may be

substantially coplanar with respect to each other. The first through-vias **261** may be disposed to surround the side surface of the second semiconductor chip **201**, and in addition to providing an electrical path to the first semiconductor chip **100**, the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200** may contribute to the structural stability of the bonded semiconductor package.

[0033] The second through-vias **262** may penetrate through the second region of the dielectric layer **250** extending onto a top surface of the second semiconductor chip **201** and may electrically connect the remainder of the plurality of connection pads **122** that are not electrically connected to the first through vias **261** to the front pad **222** or the rear pad **232** of the second semiconductor chip **201** facing the first device layer **120**. In an example embodiment, the second through-vias **262** may electrically connect the rest of the plurality of connection pads **122** to the rear pad **232** of the second semiconductor chip **201**. The second through-vias **262** may have a tapered shape such that the width increases in a direction approaching the plurality of connection pads **122** of the first semiconductor chip **100**, thereby securing connection reliability between the rear pads **232** of the second semiconductor chip **201** and the plurality of connection pads **122**.

[0034] FIGS. **2**A to **2**G are cross-sectional views schematically illustrating a method of manufacturing the semiconductor package **10**A of FIG. **1**A. FIGS. **2**A to **2**G illustrate only a partial region of a wafer structure including a plurality of first semiconductor chips **100** and a plurality of stack structures **200**. Hereinafter, the manufacturing process of the stacked wafer structure WF**2** including the stack structure **200** of FIG. **1**A is first described, but the manufacturing sequence and bonding sequence of the stacked wafer structure WF**2** and the base wafer structure WF**1** are not limited to the sequence described below.

[0035] Referring to FIG. **2**A, a method of manufacturing a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment may include preparing a stacked wafer structure including a carrier wafer C**1** and a plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** disposed on the carrier wafer C**1** and spaced apart from each other. Preparing the stacked wafer structure may include arranging the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** on the carrier wafer C**1**, as illustrated in FIG. **2**A. The plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** may be known good dies (KGD) selected as good products at the wafer level, and may be bare dies separated by a dicing process. The plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** may be spaced apart by a predetermined distance and may be reconfigured/rearranged on the carrier wafer C**1**. The plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** may be disposed, such that the first side surface **210**S**1** faces the carrier wafer C**1**, but conversely, may be disposed such that the second side surface **210**S**2** faces the carrier wafer C**1**.

[0036] Referring to FIG. **2**B, the preparing the stacked wafer structure may include forming the dielectric layer **250** including a first region filling between the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** and a second region extending from the first region and covering the upper portions of the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**, on the carrier wafer C**1**. For example, the first region of the dielectric layer **250** may not vertically overlap the second semiconductor chips **201**, and the second region of the dielectric layer **250** may vertically overlap the second semiconductor chips **201**. The dielectric layer **250** may be formed by applying and curing an inorganic material such as silicon oxide (e.g., SiO.sub.2) and silicon nitride (e.g., SiCN). The dielectric layer **250** may surround side surfaces of the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**, and may support the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** so as not to be shifted in a subsequent EDS process. The plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** may include a pad for an EDS process on a surface (a lower surface in FIG. **2**B) exposed from the dielectric layer **250**. In an example embodiment, each of the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201** may have one surface covered by the dielectric layer **250** (upper surface in FIG. **2**B) and another surface (lower surface in FIG. **2**B) located opposite to the one surface (upper side in FIG. **2***b*), and the other surface (lower surface in FIG. **2**B) may be exposed from the dielectric layer **250**. Accordingly, a portion of the plurality of front pads **222** disposed on the other surface (lower surface in FIG. **2**B) of the second semiconductor chip **201** exposed from the dielectric layer **250** may include a pad for the EDS

process, to come in contact with the needle for electric test.

[0037] Referring to FIG. **2**C, the preparing of the stacked wafer structure may include forming a plurality of first via holes **261**H penetrating through the first region of the dielectric layer **250** to expose a portion of the carrier wafer C**1**, and a plurality of second via holes **262**H penetrating through the second region of the dielectric layer **250** to expose the rear pads **232** of the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**. The first via holes **261**H and the second via holes **262**H may be formed by applying a photo resist on the dielectric layer **250** and performing an exposure process, a developing process, and an etching process. The first via holes **261**H and the second via holes **262**H may have a tapered shape in which a width between inner walls thereof is further reduced in a direction approaching the carrier wafer C**1**.

[0038] Referring to FIG. **2**D, the preparing of the stacked wafer structure may include forming the plurality of first through-vias **261** penetrating through the first region of the dielectric layer **250** and contacting the carrier wafer C**1**, and the plurality of second through-vias **262** penetrating through the second region of the dielectric layer **250** and electrically connected to the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**. The first through-vias **261** and the second through-vias **262** may be formed by a metal layer deposition process, plating process and chemical mechanical polishing (CMP) process. Therefore, the stacked wafer structure WF**2** disposed on the carrier wafer C**1** may be prepared.

[0039] Referring to FIG. **2**E, next, the method of manufacturing a semiconductor package according to an example embodiment may include preparing the base wafer structure WF**1** having a plurality of first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, **100**U**3** corresponding to the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**, and bonding the stacked wafer structure WF**2** on the base wafer structure WF**1**. The base wafer structure WF**1** includes a plurality of first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** that have undergone an EDS process, and the first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** may include a memory chip or a logic chip. For example, each of the first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** may be a memory chip or a logic chip. The first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** may be understood as individual semiconductor chips divided by a scribe line. The bonding of the stacked wafer structure WF**2** and the base wafer structure WF**1** may be performed such that a plurality of second regions of the dielectric layer **250** is disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** and the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**. Bonding of the base wafer structure WF**1** and the stacked wafer structure WF**2** may be performed, first by enabling the interlayer insulating layer **121** of the first device layer **120** and the dielectric layer **250** to contact each other and induce surface bonding therebetween, and then performing a heat treatment process for coupling the plurality of connection pads **122** and the first and second through vias **261** and **262**.

[0040] Referring to FIG. **2**F, after bonding the base wafer structure WF**1** and the stacked wafer structure WF**2**, the carrier wafer C**1** is removed to expose the front pads **222** of the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**. In FIG. **2**F, one base wafer structure WF**1** and one stacked wafer structure WF**2** are illustrated, but in an example, a plurality of stacked wafer structures WF**2** stacked and bonded in a vertical direction may be bonded onto the base wafer structure WF**1**. In this case, the front pad **222** of the stacked wafer structure WF**2** disposed on the uppermost position may be exposed upwardly.

[0041] Subsequently, the EDS process of the semiconductor packages divided by the scribe line SL may be performed. For example, the EDS process may be performed before the semiconductor packages are separated into individual pieces of semiconductor packages. The EDS process may be performed through/using the EDS process pads EP included in the front pads **222** of each of the exposed second semiconductor chips **201**. In an example embodiment, since the base wafer structure WF**1** and the stacked wafer structure WF**2** are bonded through the dielectric layer **250** surrounding the plurality of second semiconductor chips **201**, problems such as shifting of the

second semiconductor chips **201** caused by contact between a probe needle PN and an EDS process pad EP may be prevented, and production yield may be improved.

[0042] Referring to FIG. **2**G, the semiconductor package may be individually divided by cutting the base wafer structure WF**1** and the stacked wafer structure WF**2** along the scribe line SL using a blade BL. By the dicing process, the base wafer structure WF**1** may be separated into units to be first semiconductor chips ('100' in FIG. **1**A), and the stacked wafer structure WF**2** may be separated into in units to be stack structures ('200' in FIG. **1**A), each of which including a second semiconductor chip **201** and at least one first through via **261**.

[0043] FIG. **3** is a cross-sectional view illustrating a semiconductor package **10**B according to an example embodiment.

[0044] Referring to FIG. **3**, unlike the semiconductor package **10**A of FIG. **1**A, a semiconductor package **10**B according to an example embodiment may have a structure in which a plurality of stack structures **200-1** and **200-2** are bonded. For example, the semiconductor package **10**B may include a first semiconductor chip **100**, and a first stack structure **200-1** and a second stack structure **200-2** sequentially stacked on the first semiconductor chip **100**. Since the first stack structure **200-1** and the second stack structure **200-2** have the same or similar features as the stack structure **200** illustrated in FIG. **1**A, overlapping descriptions will be omitted.

[0045] The first stack structure **200-1** includes a second semiconductor chip **201-1**, a first dielectric layer **250-1**, and first and second through-vias **261-1** and **262-1**. The second stack structure **200-1** includes a third semiconductor chip **201-2**, a second dielectric layer **250-2**, and third and fourth through-vias **261-2** and **262-2**. The third and fourth through-vias **261-2** and **262-2** may have a shape tapered in the same direction as the first and second through-vias **261-1** and **262-1**. The second stack structure **200-2** may be electrically connected to the first stack structure **200-1** and the first semiconductor chip **100** by the third and fourth through-vias **261-2** and **262-2**. The third through-via **261-2** may penetrate through the second dielectric layer **250-2** covering the side surface of the third semiconductor chip **201-2** and may be connected to the first through-via **261-1**. The fourth through-via **262-2** may penetrate through the second dielectric layer **250-2** covering the upper surface of the third semiconductor chip **201-2** and may be connected to the front pad **222** of the first semiconductor chip **201-1**. The upper surface of the third through-via **261-2** and the lower surface of the first through-via **261-1** in contact with each other may have different widths (in the X-axis direction) from each other, and the width of the upper surface of the third through-via **261-2** may be greater than the width of the lower surface of the first through-via **261-1**. A connection member **270** may be disposed on the lower surface of the second stack structure **200-2**.

[0046] FIGS. **4**A and **4**B are cross-sectional views illustrating semiconductor packages **10**Ca and **10**Cb, respectively, according to example embodiments.

[0047] Referring to FIG. **4**A, the semiconductor package **10**Ca according to an example embodiment may have the same or similar characteristics as the semiconductor package **10**A of FIG. **1**A, except that a package substrate **300** and an encapsulant **320** are further included. The package substrate **300** may include a lower terminal **311** and an upper terminal **312** disposed on a lower surface and an upper surface, respectively, and a connection wiring **313** electrically connecting the lower terminal **311** and the upper terminal **312** to each other. The package substrate **300** may be a substrate for a semiconductor package such as a printed circuit board (PCB), a ceramic substrate, a tape wiring board, and a silicon interposer substrate. The encapsulant **320** may include, for example, a thermosetting resin such as an epoxy resin, a thermoplastic resin such as polyimide, or Ajinomoto Build-up Film (ABF), FR-4, Bismaleimide Triazine (BT), Epoxy Molding Compound (EMC), Photo-imageable Dielectric (PID), or a prepreg including an inorganic filler or/and glass fibers.

[0048] In an example embodiment, a first semiconductor chip **100** and a stack structure **200** (hereinafter, referred to as "semiconductor stack structure") may be mounted on the package substrate **300** in a flip-chip manner. For example, the first semiconductor chip **100** may be disposed

in such a manner that a first device layer **120** faces the package substrate **300**, and a plurality of connection bumps **270***a* disposed between the stack structure **200** and the package substrate **300** to electrically connect a first through via **261** and a front pad **222** to the package substrate **300** may be further included. The plurality of connection bumps **270***a* may include and/or be formed of a metallic material including copper (Cu), aluminum (Al), silver (Ag), tin (Sn), gold (Au), nickel (Ni), lead (Pb), titanium (Ti), or an alloy thereof, and may have a land, ball, or pin structure.

[0049] Referring to FIG. **4**B, the semiconductor package **10**Cb according to an example embodiment may include the same or similar features as the semiconductor package **10**Ca of FIG. **4**A, except that the semiconductor stack structure is mounted on the package substrate **300** by a wire bonding method. For example, the first semiconductor chip **100** may be disposed such that a first substrate layer **110** faces the package substrate **300**, and a connection wire **270***b* disposed on the stack structure **200** and electrically connecting the first through via **261** and the front pad **222** to the package substrate **300** may be further included.

[0050] FIG. **5** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package **20**A according to an example embodiment.

[0051] Referring to FIG. **5**, a semiconductor package **20**A according to an example embodiment may further include a package substrate **300**, an encapsulant **320**, a vertical connection via **330**, and a semiconductor structure **400**. The semiconductor package **20**A in the example embodiment may have the same or similar characteristics as the semiconductor package **10**Ca illustrated in FIG. **4**A, except that a semiconductor structure **400** is electrically connected to the package substrate **300** through a vertical connection via **330**. The semiconductor structure **400** may be disposed on the encapsulant **320** and may be electrically connected to the vertical connection via **330** through a metal bump M**2**. The semiconductor structure **400** may be a semiconductor chip including an integrated circuit or a semiconductor package structure including the same. The vertical connection via **330** may be disposed on the package substrate **300**, may be electrically connected to the upper terminal **312**, and may penetrate through the encapsulant **320** to be connected to the semiconductor structure **400**. The vertical connection via **330** may include and/or be formed of, for example, copper (Cu) or a metal material including the same. The semiconductor structure **400** may be electrically connected to the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201** through the vertical connection via **330** and a connection wiring **313**. An external connection bump M**1** may be connected to a lower terminal **311** and may be disposed below the package substrate **300**.

[0052] The semiconductor structure **400** may include and/or may be a semiconductor chip of a different type from the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201**. For example, the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201** may include and/or may be a volatile memory chip such as DRAM, and/or a nonvolatile memory chip such as PRAM, MRAM, RRAM, a flash memory or the like, and the semiconductor structure **400** may include and/or may be a logic chip such as a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), a digital signal processing unit (DSP), an image signal processing unit (ISP), an encryption processor, a microprocessor, a microcontroller, an analog-to-digital converter, an application specific integrated semiconductor (ASIC), or the like.

[0053] FIG. **6** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package **20**B according to an example embodiment.

[0054] Referring to FIG. **6**, the semiconductor package **20**B according to an example embodiment may include a semiconductor stack structure including a first semiconductor chip **100** and a stack structure **200** and a semiconductor structure **400** disposed on a package substrate **300**. The semiconductor stack structure including the first semiconductor chip **100** and the stack structure **200** may include and or may be at least one of the semiconductor packages of FIGS. **1**A to **4**B described above. The semiconductor stack structure and the semiconductor structure **400** may be mounted on the package substrate **300** through connection bumps **270***a* and metal bumps M**2**,

respectively. The package substrate **300** may be, for example, a silicon interposer substrate including Through-Silicon Via (TSV). The connection wiring **313** of the package substrate **300** may electrically connect the semiconductor stack structure and the semiconductor structure **400**. The semiconductor stack structure may include a first semiconductor chip **100** and a second semiconductor chip **201** stacked in a vertical direction (Z-axis direction). The first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201** may include a memory chip such as DRAM, PRAM, MRAM, RRAM, a flash memory or the like. The semiconductor structure **400** may be a process unit such as a CPU or GPU. The semiconductor structure **400** may be a package of which a normal operation has been verified, for example, a known good package (KGP).

[0055] FIG. **7** is a diagram illustrating a semiconductor package **20**C according to an example embodiment.

[0056] Referring to FIG. **7**, a semiconductor package **20**C may include a semiconductor structure **400** mounted on a package substrate **300** and a semiconductor stack structure including a first semiconductor chip **100** and a stack structure **200** mounted on the semiconductor structure **400**. The semiconductor structure **400** may be electrically connected to the first semiconductor chip **100** and the second semiconductor chip **201** through an upper connection pad **400**P**1** disposed on the upper surface thereof. The semiconductor structure **400** may further include a TSV electrically connecting the upper connection pad **400**P**1** and a lower connection pad **400**P**2**. In FIG. **7**, components having the same reference numerals as in FIG. **8** have the same or similar features as those described above, and thus overlapping content/descriptions will be omitted.

[0057] FIG. **8** is a perspective view illustrating a wafer structure that may be used to manufacture a semiconductor package according to example embodiments, FIG. **9**A is a partially enlarged view illustrating an area 'A' of FIG. **8**, and FIG. **9**B is a cross-sectional view illustrating a cross section taken along line II-II′ indicated in FIG. **8**, and FIG. **9**C is a cross-sectional view illustrating a modified example of FIG. **9**B that may be employed in an example embodiment.

[0058] Referring to FIGS. **8** and **9**A, according to an example embodiment of the present inventive concept, a semiconductor package according to various embodiments may be manufactured using a wafer structure in which a base wafer structure WF**1** including a plurality of first semiconductor chip regions C**1** and a stacked wafer structure WF**2** including a plurality of second semiconductor chip regions C**2** are bonded together. Although one stacked wafer structure WF**2** is illustrated in FIG. **8**, a plurality of stacked wafer structures WF**2** bonded in a vertical direction (Z-axis direction) may be disposed on the base wafer structure WF**1**. A plurality of first semiconductor chip regions C**1** and a plurality of second semiconductor chip regions C**2** correspond to each other, and the plurality of second semiconductor chip regions C**2** include the dielectric layer **250**, and the first and second through-vias **261** and **262** described above. The wafer structure may be handled as/like a single wafer in that the wafer structure is a single body by surface bonding of the base wafer structure WF**1** and the stacked wafer structure WF**2**.

[0059] As illustrated in FIG. **9**B, the arrangement direction of the second semiconductor chip **201** in the stacked wafer structure WF**2** may be the same as the arrangement direction of the first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** in the base wafer structure WF**1**. For example, the first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** may be disposed in such a manner that the first device layer **120** on which the integrated circuit is formed is located in the first direction. For example, the first device layer **120** may face upward in the base wafer structure WF**1**, and may be disposed between the first substrate layer **110** and the second semiconductor chip **201**. In this case, the second semiconductor chips **201** may also be disposed in such a manner that the second device layer **220** on which the integrated circuit is formed is located in the first direction. For example, the second device layer **220** may face upward in the stacked wafer structure WF**2**, and may be disposed above the second semiconductor chips **201**.

[0060] However, as illustrated in FIG. **9**C, the arrangement direction of the second semiconductor chip **201** in the stacked wafer structure WF**2** may be different from the arrangement direction of the

first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** in the base wafer structure WF**1**.
[0061] For example, the first semiconductor chip units **100**U**1**, **100**U**2**, and **100**U**3** may be disposed such that the first device layer **120** on which the integrated circuit is formed is located in the first direction. In this case, the second semiconductor chips **201** may also be disposed such that the second device layer **220** on which the integrated circuit is formed may be disposed toward the opposite side of the first direction.
[0062] As set forth above, according to example embodiments, a semiconductor package having improved production yield and a method of manufacturing the same, by enhancing structural stability in a state in which a plurality of wafer structures stacked in a vertical direction are bumpless bonded, may be provided.
[0063] While example embodiments have been illustrated and described above, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that modifications and variations could be made without departing from the scope of the present inventive concept as defined by the appended claims.

Claims

1. A method comprising: arranging a plurality of first semiconductor chips on a first wafer; forming a dielectric layer on the first wafer, the dielectric layer covering at least a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first via holes penetrating the dielectric layer to expose a portion of the first wafer; forming a plurality of second via holes penetrating the dielectric layer to expose a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first vias filling the plurality of first via holes and contacting the first wafer; forming a plurality of second vias filling the plurality of second via holes and contacting the plurality of first semiconductor chips; bonding a first wafer structure including the first wafer and the plurality of first semiconductor chips on a second wafer structure including a plurality of second semiconductor chip units, such that the dielectric layer is disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chips and the plurality of second semiconductor chip units; removing the first wafer; and cutting the first wafer structure and the second wafer structure such that each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips and a corresponding one of the plurality of second semiconductor chip units are separated from each other, wherein a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of first vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of first vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the second wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the second wafer structure, and a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of second vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of second vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the second wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the second wafer structure.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of first semiconductor chips are different type of chips from the plurality of second semiconductor chip units.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the plurality of first semiconductor chips are memory chips and the plurality of second semiconductor chip units are logic chips.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of first semiconductor chips are the same type of chips as the plurality of second semiconductor chip units.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing an electrical die sorting (EDS) process on each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting the plurality of first semiconductor chips among a plurality of dies at a wafer level.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of second vias are electrically connected to a plurality of pads of the plurality of first semiconductor chips.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein a width of each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips are different from a width of each of the plurality of second semiconductor chip units.

9. A method comprising: arranging a plurality of first semiconductor chips on a first wafer; forming a dielectric layer on the first wafer, the dielectric layer covering at least a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first via holes penetrating the dielectric layer to expose a portion of the first wafer; forming a plurality of second via holes penetrating the dielectric layer to expose a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first vias filling the plurality of first via holes and contacting the first wafer; forming a plurality of second vias filling the plurality of second via holes and contacting the plurality of first semiconductor chips; bonding a first wafer structure including the first wafer and the plurality of first semiconductor chips on a second wafer structure including a plurality of second semiconductor chip units, such that the dielectric layer is disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chips and the plurality of second semiconductor chip units; removing the first wafer; performing an electrical die sorting (EDS) process on each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; and cutting the first wafer structure and the second wafer structure such that each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips and a corresponding one of the plurality of second semiconductor chip units are separated from each other.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the EDS process is performed on each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips and a corresponding one of the plurality of second semiconductor chip units.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of first vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of first vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the second wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the second wafer structure, and a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of second vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of second vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the second wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the second wafer structure.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising selecting the plurality of first semiconductor chips among a plurality of dies at a wafer level.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the EDS process is performed on each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips via one of a plurality of first pads of each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips.

14. The method of claim 9, wherein the dielectric layer and the second wafer structure are cut together such that a side surface of each of the second semiconductor chip units a side surface of a corresponding dielectric layer that is cut together are coplanar.

15. The method of claim 9, wherein the plurality of second vias are electrically connected to a plurality of second pads of the plurality of first semiconductor chips.

16. The method of claim 9, wherein a width of each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips are different from a width of each of the plurality of second semiconductor chip units.

17. A method comprising: arranging a plurality of first semiconductor chips on a first wafer; arranging a plurality of second semiconductor chips on a second wafer; forming a first dielectric layer on the first wafer, the first dielectric layer covering at least a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips; forming a second dielectric layer on the second wafer, the second dielectric layer covering at least a portion of the plurality of second semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first via holes penetrating the first dielectric layer to expose a portion of the first wafer, and a plurality of second via holes penetrating the second dielectric layer to expose a portion of the second wafer; forming a plurality of third via holes penetrating the first dielectric layer to expose a portion of the plurality of first semiconductor chips, and a plurality of fourth via holes penetrating the second dielectric layer to expose a portion of the plurality of second semiconductor chips; forming a plurality of first vias filling the plurality of first via holes and contacting the first wafer,

and a plurality of second vias filling the plurality of second via holes and contacting the second wafer; forming a plurality of third vias filling the plurality of third via holes and contacting the plurality of first semiconductor chips, and a plurality of fourth vias filling the plurality of fourth via holes and contacting the plurality of second semiconductor chips; bonding a first wafer structure including the first wafer and the plurality of first semiconductor chips on a third wafer structure including a plurality of third semiconductor chip units, such that the first dielectric layer is disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chips and the plurality of third semiconductor chip units; removing the first wafer; bonding a second wafer structure including the second wafer and the plurality of second semiconductor chips on the plurality of first semiconductor chips, such that the second dielectric layer is disposed between the plurality of first semiconductor chips and the plurality of second semiconductor chips; removing the second wafer; and cutting the first wafer structure, the second wafer structure and the third wafer structure such that each of the plurality of first semiconductor chips, a corresponding one of the plurality of second semiconductor chips and a corresponding one of the plurality of third semiconductor chip units are separated from each other.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of first vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of first vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the third wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of first vias and the third wafer structure, and a width of a first portion of each of the plurality of second vias is greater than a width of a second portion of each of the plurality of second vias, a distance between the first portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the third wafer structure being less than a distance between the second portion of each of the plurality of second vias and the third wafer structure.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising forming a plurality of connection members on the plurality of second semiconductor chips and on the plurality of second vias.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of first vias contacts a corresponding one of the plurality of second vias.