

FCBGA packaging reaches new heights to US\$12 billion by 2025

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MARKET DYNAMICS:

- Market forecasts:
FCBGA¹ package revenue is expected to reach US\$12 billion US USD by 2025 from \$10 billion in 2020, driven by AI², datacenter and HPC³ momentum.
FCBGA packages are expected to reach 3% CAGR⁴ over the next five years (in revenue).
FCBGA revenue is expected to surpass US\$10 billion by 2025.
The majority of wafer demand stemming comes from 3D stacked devices with total wafer growth CAGR at 8.5% compare to 2020. It includes FCBGA, Fan-out, WLCSP⁴, and 3D stacked packages.
The 3D stacked IC⁵ targets for 24.8% CAGR over the next five years with HBM⁶ accounting for 48% growth, 3D accounting for 27% and 3D NAND for 82%.
- Supply chain:
TSMC remains the leader with 69% market share in 2019 for fan out packages.
WLCSP packages get a strong foothold in smart phone eco-system.
ASE, JCET, Amkor, and SPIL lead the WLCSP wafer market.

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According to **Vaibhav Trivedi, Senior Technology & Market analyst, Semiconductor & Software division at Yole Développement (Yole)**: “FCBGA packages traditionally been used in workstation, laptop, and desktop applications as CPU⁷s and server CPUs. These markets have traditionally been dominated by giants such as Intel and AMD. With slow-down of Moore’s law in

¹ FCBGA: Flip Chip Ball Grid Array

² AI: Artificial Intelligence

³ HPC: High Performance Computing

⁴ WLCSP: Wafer Level Chip Scale Package

⁵ IC: Integrated Circuit

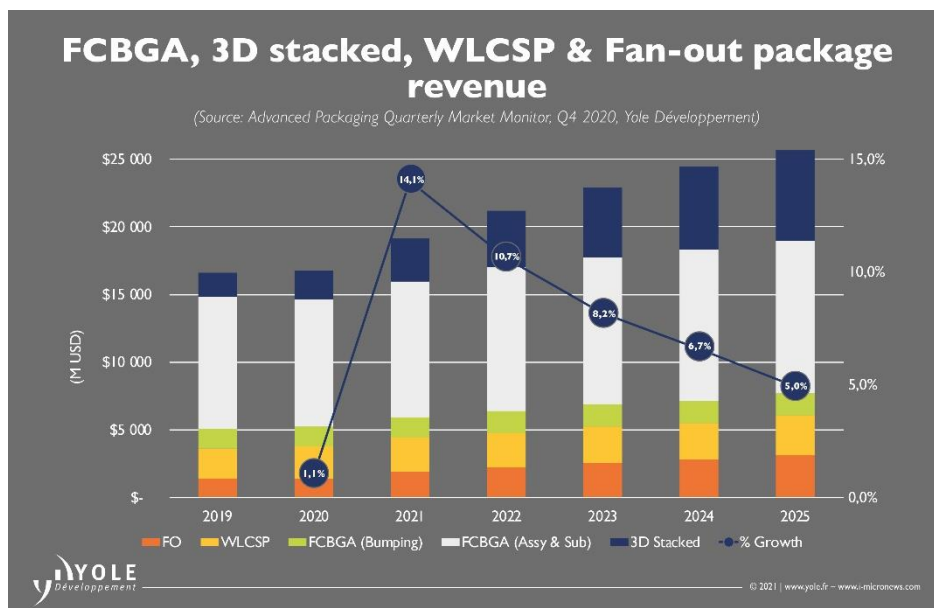
⁶ HBM: Human-Body Model

⁷ CPU: Central Processing Unit

recent years, how to assemble, package and integrate various functionality blocks in the SoC⁸ has become increasingly challenging. High Density FCBGA substrate continues to evolve and get more denser with finer line & space as more routing and multiple chips are being heterogeneously integrated on to the substrate”.

FCBGA packaging can be broken down in key ingredients such as wafer bumping using CuP⁹, packaging that includes die singulation, chip attach, underfill, and mounting a thermal solution as many SoCs have high TDP¹⁰ requiring integrated heat spreader and thermal interface material.

For more information, discover Vaibhav Trivedi’s article: Rise of FCBGA packages amid coronavirus pandemic on [i-Micronews](#).



WAFER LEVEL PACKAGING PLATFORMS SERVE MOBILE & CONSUMER MARKETS

WLCSP/Fan-In packages have found its place in many smartphone devices due to its lowest cost and scalability features. WLCSP can be found in PMIC¹¹s, PMU¹²s, Audio Codecs, RF¹³ transceivers, switches, antenna tuners, CMOS Image Sensors and number of other applications suited for consumer market such as for smartphone and wearable device application. WLCSP remains an attractive option given its reasonable reliability, process maturity, and lowest cost. OSATs remain top leaders in manufacturing WLCSP as it has become a commodity market. Yole’s analysts follow closely the advanced packaging industry. In this regard, they release the OSAT ranking every year.

⁸ SoC : System on a Chip

⁹ CuP : Cu Pillar

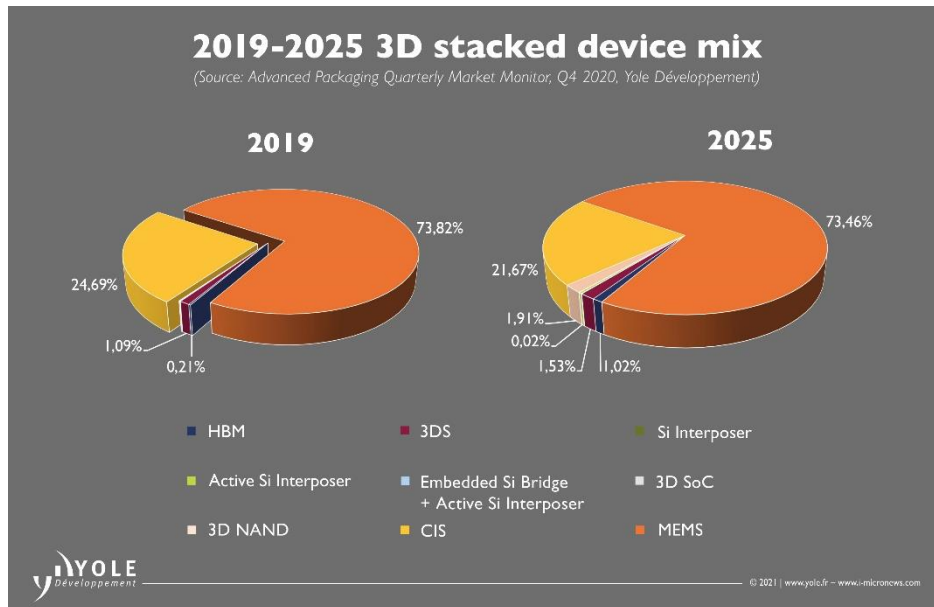
¹⁰ TDP : Thermal Design Power

¹¹ PMIC : Power Management Integrated Circuits

¹² PMU : Power Management Unit

¹³ RF : Radio Frequency

In 2020, **Vaibhav Trivedi** and **Favier Shoo**, **Technology and Market Analyst, Package, Analyst & Substrate** at **Yole** wrote “the Future of OSATS” article for Chip Scale Review. Discover it on [i-Micronews](#).



FO packaging began several years ago with limited applications, but it has now found a critical role and rightful place in the high-end packaging sector as a mature, reliable package technology. In fact, TSMC’s InFO form-factors brought FO¹⁴ technology to new heights in 2015 as Apple launched its A10 with InFO-PoP approach.

According to **Favier Shoo from Yole**: “FO packages are primarily used in the mobile and consumer segments, with some proliferation in automotive radar. FO packaging is expected to gain wider adoption as 5G, AI, and autonomous driving take flight in the coming years - and revenue stemming from FO packaging is expected to reach US\$2 billion - US\$2.5 billion by 2025”.

Fan-Out panel packaging efforts are mainly being championed by PTI and Samsung electronics and this monitor also sheds light on panel level production using Fan-Out packaging technologies.



Yole’s Advanced Packaging Monitor has been published every beginning of March (Q1), June (Q2), September (Q3) and December (Q4)... Aim of these services is to provide an in-depth coverage of rapidly changing market dynamics and main players’ status and strategy.. This monitor subscription provides quarterly updates on unit shipments, wafer production, and revenue on near-term and long-term basis. It provides capacity, CapEx, and supply chain insights into emerging markets and growth rates in mature markets in addition to providing package level forecast:

- *Module I: Fan-Out Package Monitor – Wafer & Panel level (2019 Q4 released)*

¹⁴ FO: Fan-Out

- Module II: WLCSP / Fan-In Package Monitor (2020 Q1 released)
- Module III: 2.5D/3D Stacked Package (2020 Q3 released)
- Module IV: FCBGA Package (2020 Q4 released) **NEW**
- Module V: FcCSP Package (2021 Q1)

In addition, the market research and strategy consulting company Yole released the annual Advanced Packaging technology & market report: Status of the Advanced Packaging Industry 2020.

Yole's analysts will also be part of the Technology Unites Global Summit. **Emilie Jolivet, Division Director, Semiconductor & Software at Yole Développement** will do a presentation about the Advanced Packaging Market, during the Advanced Packaging Forum on February 16, 2021 at 11:00AM.

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Vaibhav Trivedi is a Senior Technology & Market analyst at Yole Développement (Yole) working with the Semiconductor & Software division. Based in the US, he is a member of Yole's advanced packaging team and contributes to analysis of ever-changing advanced packaging technologies. Vaibhav has 17+ years of field experience in semiconductor processing and semiconductor supply chain, specifically on memory and thermal component sourcing and advanced packaging such as SiP and WLP. Vaibhav has held multiple technical and commercial lead roles at various semiconductor corporations prior to joining Yole. Vaibhav holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, and Master of Science of Material Science from University of Florida in addition to an MBA from Arizona State University.

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Emilie Jolivet is Director of the Semiconductor & Software Division at Yole Développement, part of Yole Group of Companies, where her specific interests cover package & assembly, semiconductor manufacturing, memory and software & computing fields. Based on her valuable experience in the semiconductor industry, Emilie manages the expansion of the technical and market expertise of the Semiconductor and Software Team. The team interacts daily with leading companies allowing semiconductor & software analysts to collect a large amount of data and integrate their understanding of the evolution of the market with technology breakthroughs. In addition, Emilie's mission focusses on the management of business relationships with semiconductor leaders and the development of market research and strategy consulting activities inside the Yole group. Emilie Jolivet holds a Master's degree in Applied Physics specializing in Microelectronics from INSA (Toulouse, France). After an internship in failure analysis at Freescale (France), she was an R&D engineer for seven years in the photovoltaic business where she co-authored several scientific articles. Enriched by this experience, she graduated with an MBA from IAE Lyon and then joined EV Group (Austria) as a business development manager in 3D & Advanced Packaging before joining Yole Développement in 2016.

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