Development of Packaging Technologies for Advanced Automotive Power Module

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APEEM Components are Critical and Unique to Electric Drive Vehicles

Traction Drive Components

(varies with vehicle architectures)

- Battery charger necessary for plug-in and all electric vehicles.
- **Bi directional boost converter** steps up the battery voltage to a higher level when the traction system requires a higher operating voltage than the battery can supply.
- *Inverter* converts direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) to provide phased power for vehicle traction machines.
- *Electric motor* provides power for driving.



Power Management

(varies within vehicle architectures)

• **DC-DC converter** – steps down the high battery voltage to provide auxiliary power busses to operate accessories, lighting, air conditioning, brake assist, power steering, etc.



Challenges for Power Electronics In HEVs/PHEVs/BEVs



Current power electronics and electric machine technologies must advance to achieve lower cost, smaller and lighter footprints, and higher efficiency to meet marketplace demands.



Automotive Power Module Assembly



Power Semiconductors

Electrical Interconnection

Thermal Management

Mechanical Support













Automotive Power Module: Cost Estimation





Automotive Power Module: Comprehensive Design





Development of Power Module Packaging Technologies





HT Material Integrity

High-melting bonding; Inorganic encapsulate;

Nano Electrical and Thermal materials

Structural Optimization

Optimized Electrical Interconnection;

Integrated cooling and advanced mechanism

CTE Matching

CTE modified Materials; Structure/buffer optimization

Processing Advance

Reflowing, Brazing /Sintering, Transient liquid phase bonding, thermal press bonding, deposition, etc.



Power Module: Thermal Characterization





Power Module: Electrical Characterization



IGBT I-V Curve

P-side

0.5











ORNL Planar Bond Automotive Power Module









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Planar Bond Module Packaging: Manufacturability



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Planar Bond Module: Electrical Performance Simulation





Planar Bond Module: Electrical Experiments and Effects





Inductance (nH)	Experimental Value	Calculated Value
Planar Bond_Lower IGBT	10.5	6.3
Wire Bond-Lower IGBT	31.9	23.5









Planar Bond Power Module: Thermal Performance Simulation





3-D Thermal Model of power module with Cooler

IGBT, Diode Power loss;
Coolant flow rate;
Pressure Drop;
Coolant inlet temperature;
Single- or Double-sided cooling.





Planar Bond Module: Thermal Performance Measurement Comparison and Effects





$$\frac{\$}{kW} \propto \frac{S_{DieArea}}{P} = \frac{\eta \bullet \theta_{ja,sp}}{(T_j - T_a)}$$





Si IGBT Characterization and Evaluation at 200°C



Losses in one phase leg

IGBT thermal runaway analysis



Coolant temperature: 105°C

Nondestructive SOA Test



Latch-up current test at 250°C





High Temperature Device Packaging Development



Layout Design





High temperature phase-leg module prototype



90°C transmission oil



Ag Sintering Development for High Temperature packaging

Ag Bonded DBC Substrates



Bond Line View After Tear Down



Cross sectional View of Bond Line Copper 10 µm Ag Plating **Ag Sintered** 'Joint Ag Copper Plating 60 •• • Maximum Shear Stress (MPa) 50 40 •. • 30 20 • • 10 **Grid Sliced** Polished As Received: 1 x 1 Square As Received: 3 x 3 Squares As Received: 6 x 6 Squares As Received: 3 x 3 Circles **Grit Blasted** Uniaxial Ground

Bond Strength vs. Topography



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Summary and Future Work

> Developed power module packaging technologies, focusing on improvements in performance, reliability and cost effectiveness through structure optimization, material and processing developments.

➤A planar power module prototype features low electric parasitics and thermal resistance. Additionally, the package allows for ease of fabrication and low manufacturing costs.

>Further research into thermo-mechanical properties needed to assure the reliability of power electronics in automotive harsh environments.

Develop advanced structure/material/process schemes for high temperature and high frequency operation of Si and wideband gap (SiC, GaN) power devices to advance HEV and EV technologies.



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