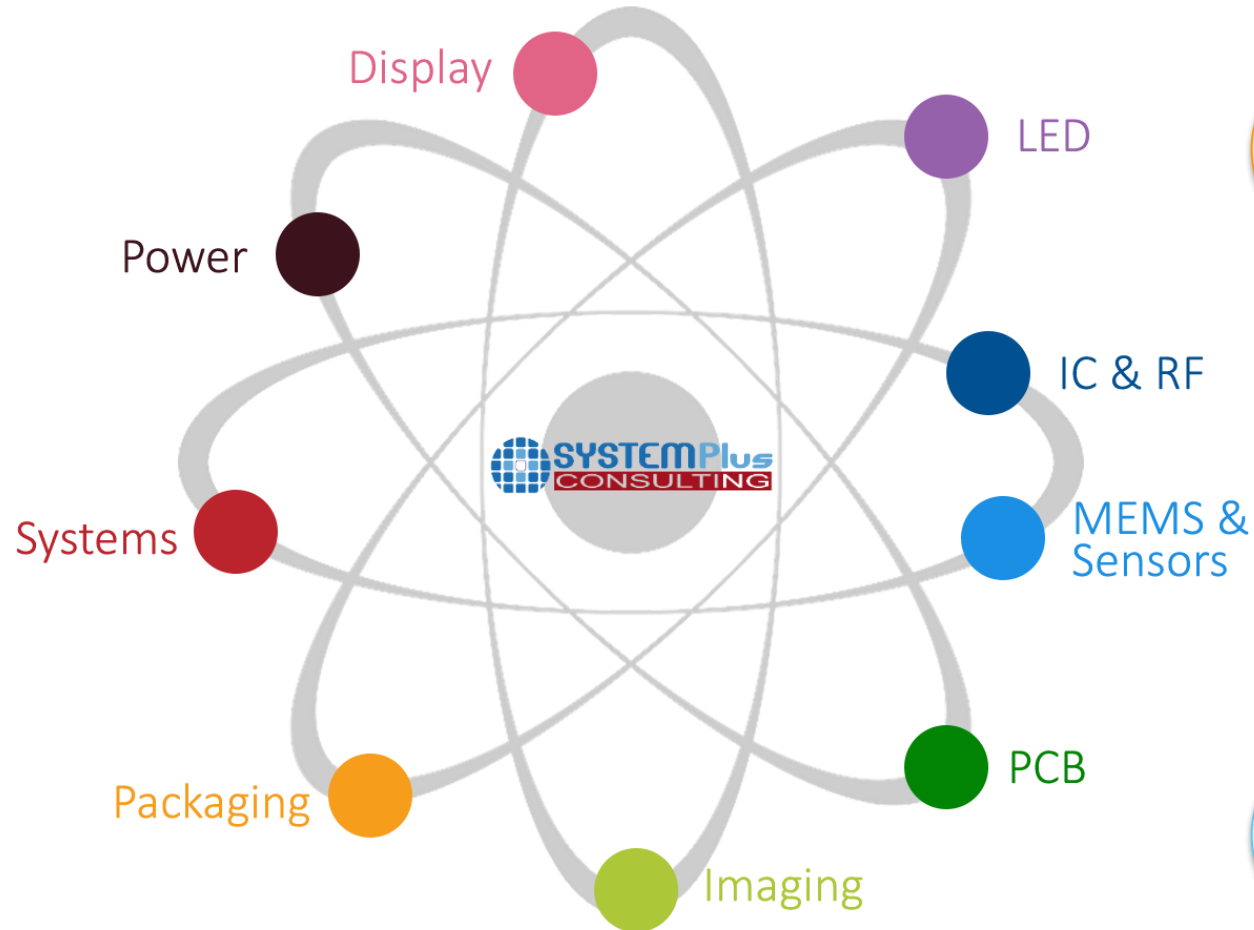


EV/HEV Automotive Power Modules: Innovations and trends

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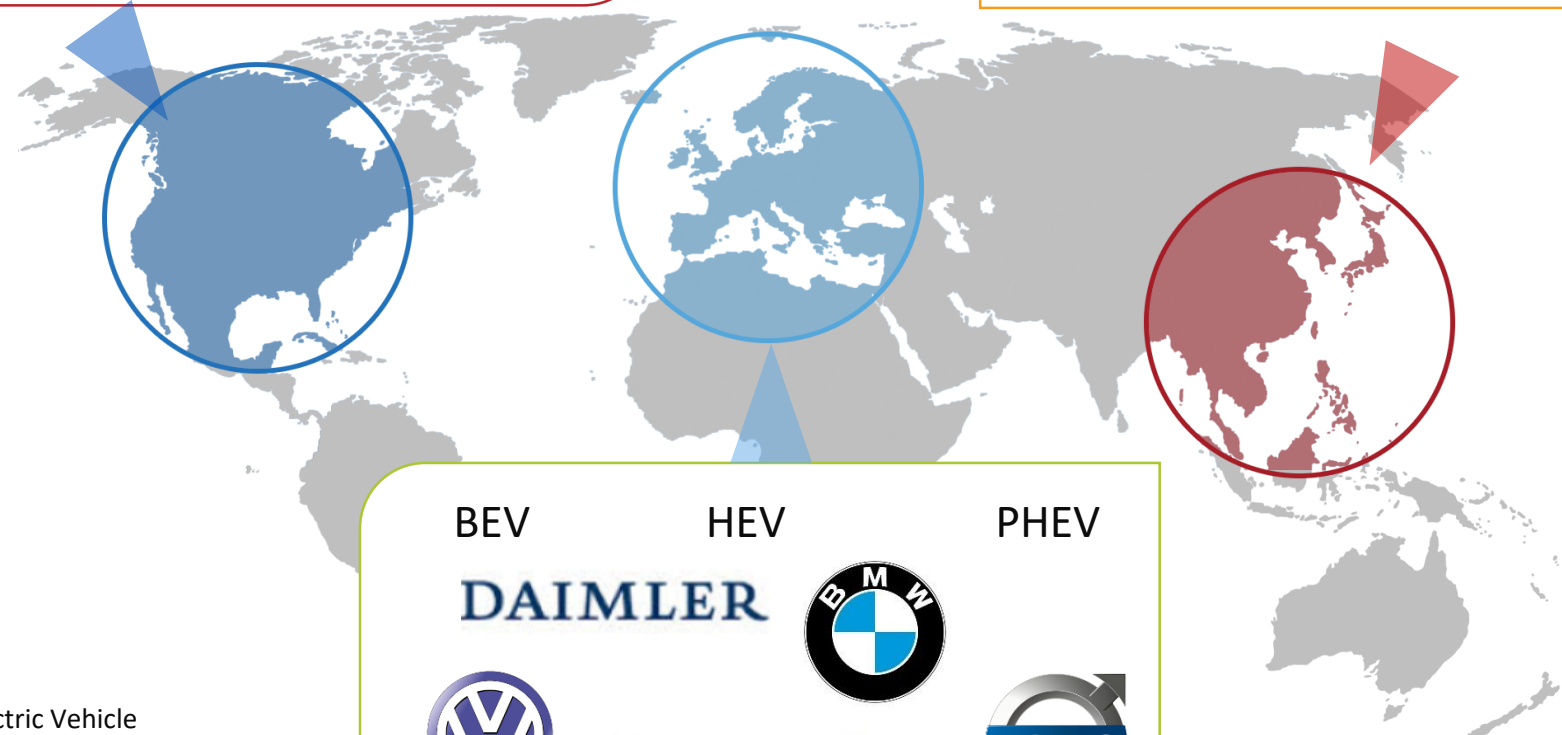


EV/HEV Main Manufacturers

Electrification trends depend on the strategy of local car manufacturers, and local governments

BEV	HEV	PHEV

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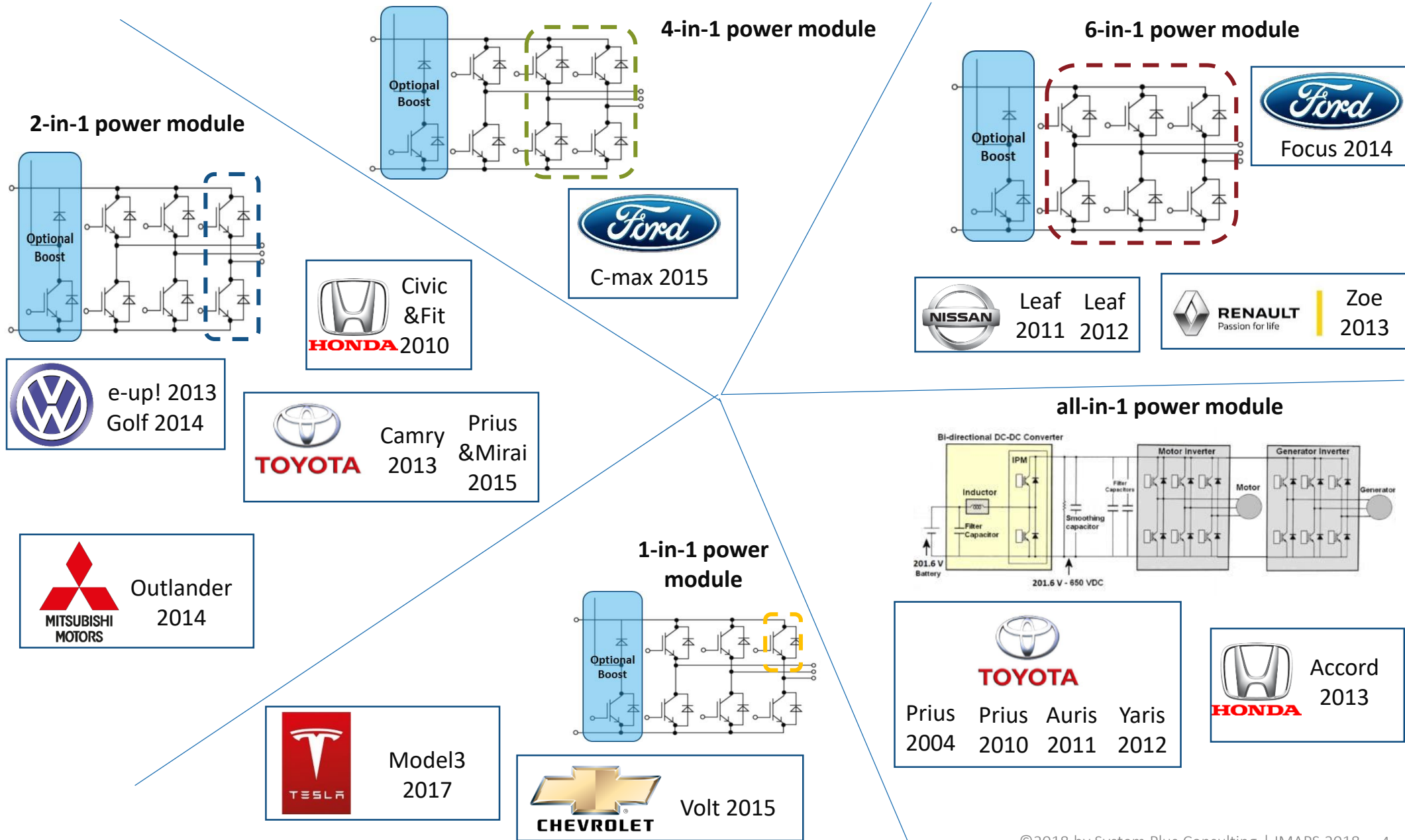
BEV	HEV	PHEV

BEV: Battery Electric Vehicle
 HEV: Hybrid Electric Vehicle
 PHEV: Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle

Non exhaustive list

POWER MODULE Die LEVEL: different integration

To achieve further system cost and package volume reduction, it is common to integrate the electrical motor and the motor drive inverter. These offer new space saving solutions that require high power density electronics



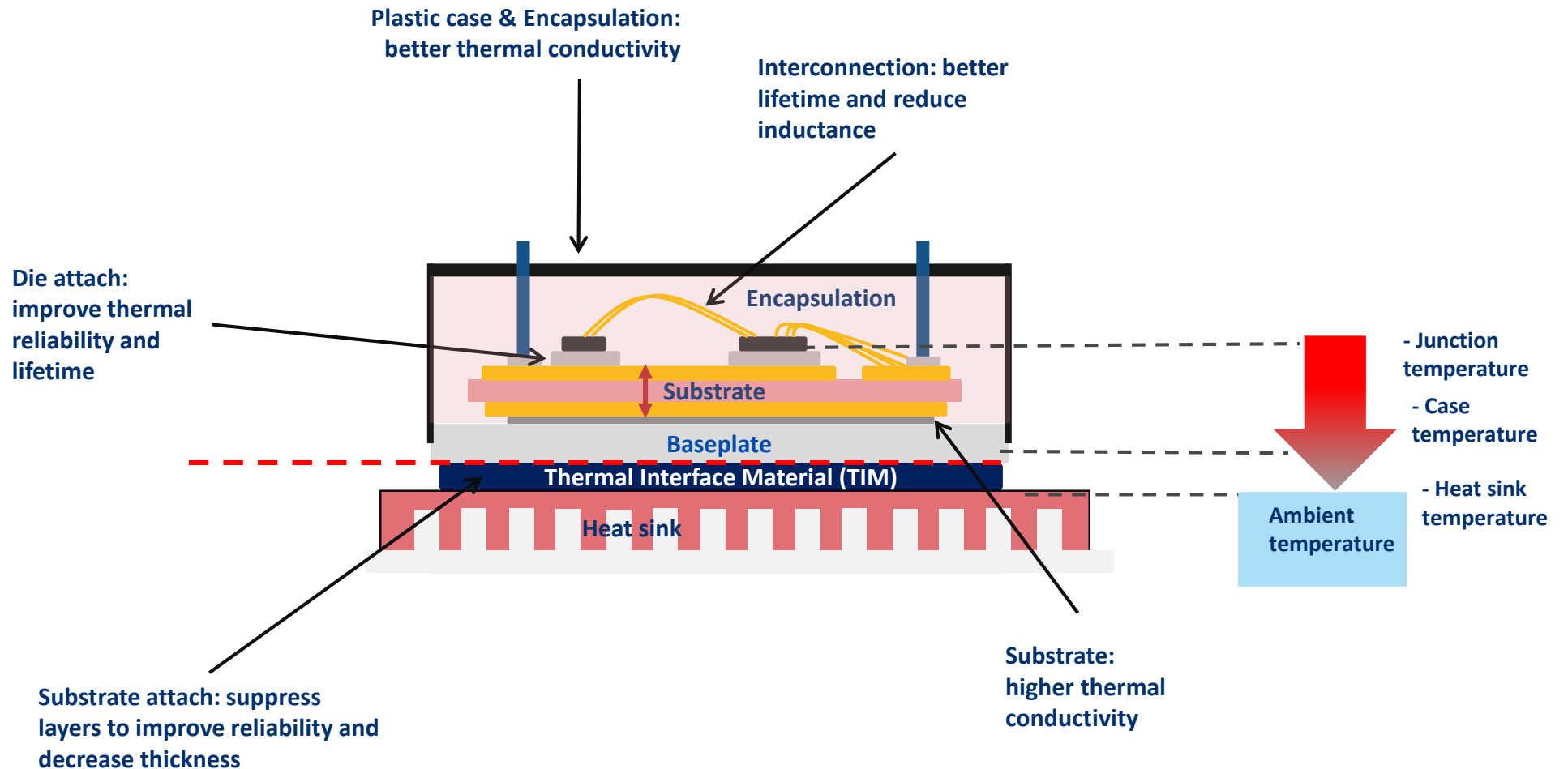
Power Module Issues

In Si modules , mismatching CTE (coefficient of thermal expansion) makes layers detach from one another.

With the introduction of SiC this problem is much more highlighted; in fact the main problem of SiC is thermal dissipation because of material density; thus an adapted package and system integration is needed.

Common failure in a power module is caused by thermal cycling.

Moreover, module package optimization is necessary to fully benefit of SiC technology advantages against silicon.



Toyota Prius:

- ✓ Motor inverter, generator and boost have different die sizes
- ✓ Evolution of IGBT and Diode size and design
- ✓ Decrease of IGBT die size and thickness

Toyota all-in-1 design:

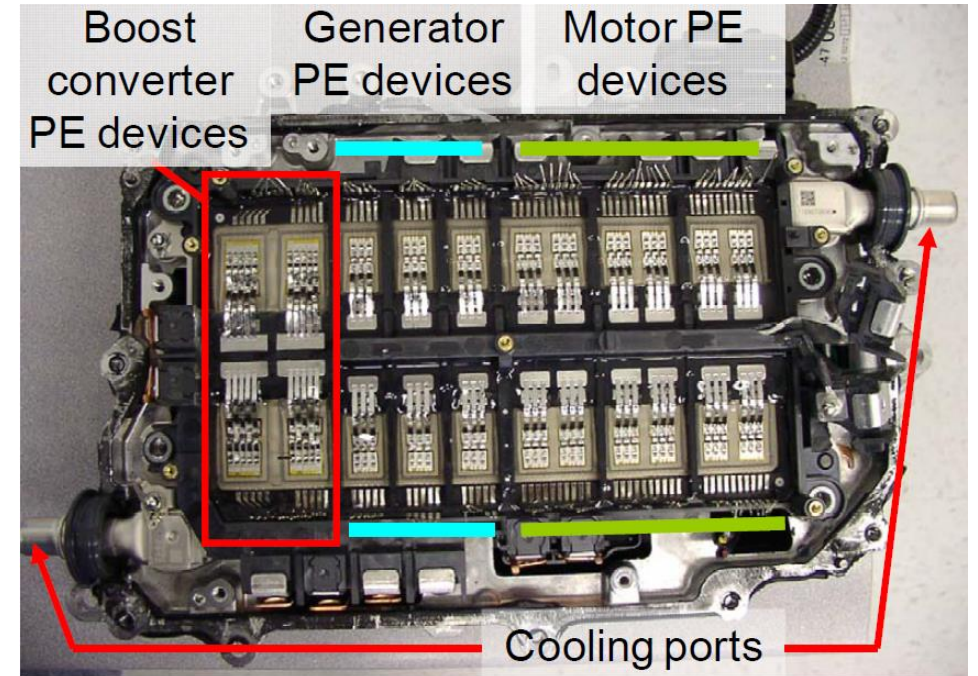
- ✓ Shared cooling systems
 - ✓ Al wire/Al ribbon
 - ✓ Reduction of wire connection.



Toyota Prius II (2004):
Al wire

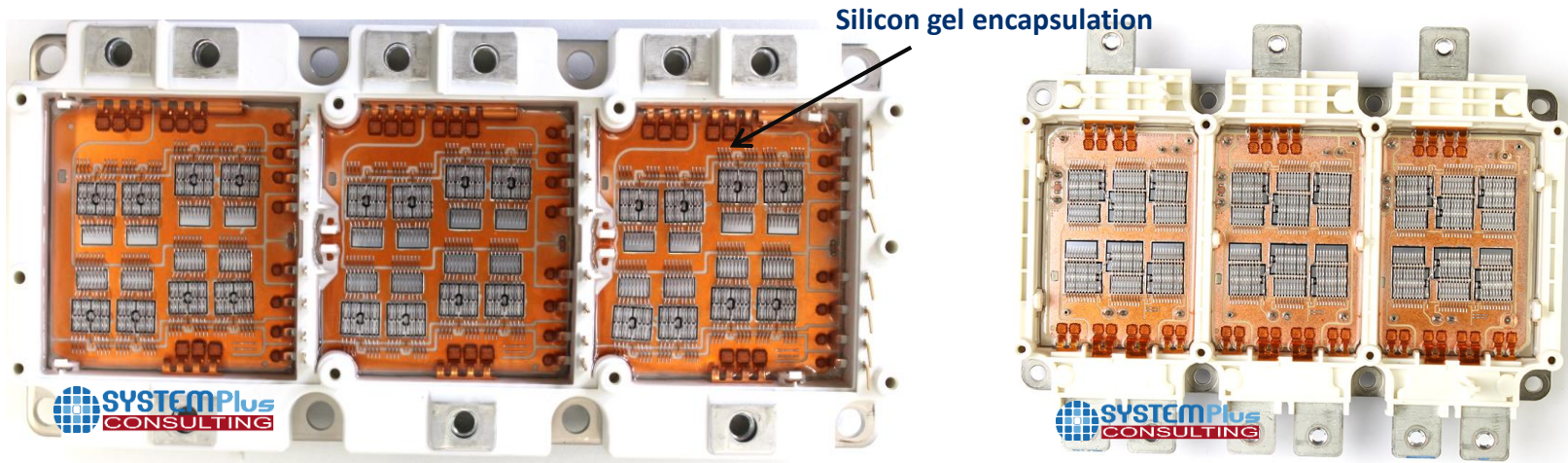


Toyota Prius IIIc (2011):
Al ribbon



Toyota Prius III (2010)

Infineon HybridPACK 2 & Drive



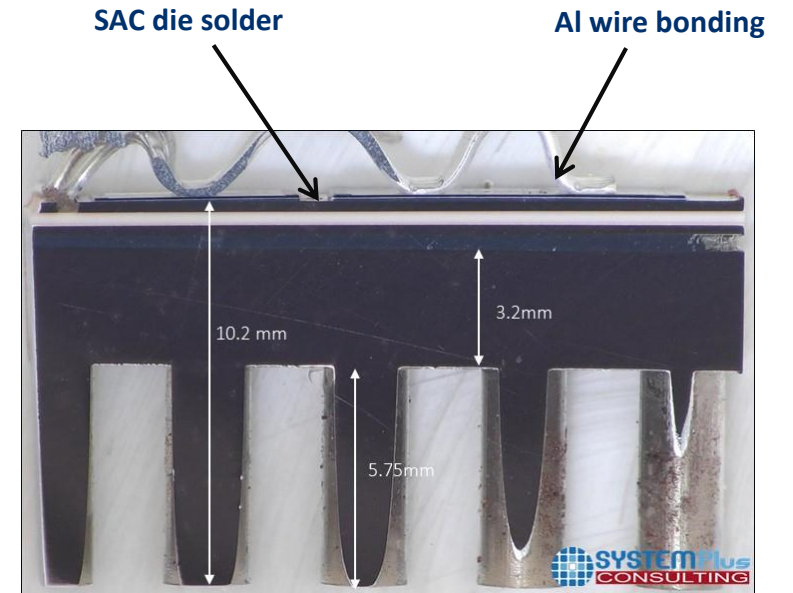
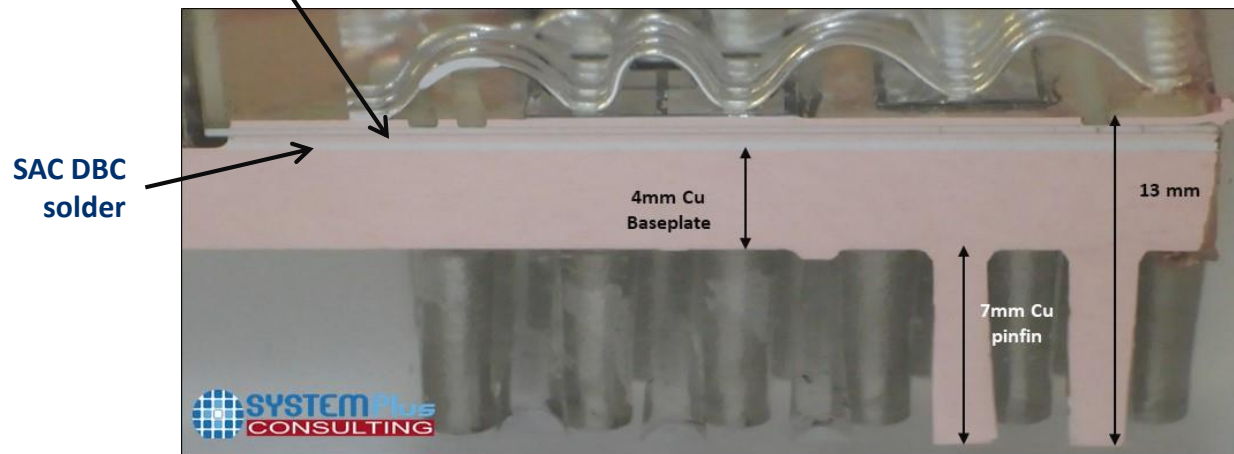
The standard solution for power module is the 6-in-1 module.

Infineon in 2012 proposed a solution with:

- ✓ 650V/600A
- ✓ Al wire bonding
- ✓ Silicon gel encapsulation
- ✓ Plastic case
- ✓ Cu Pin Fin
- ✓ SAC solder

DBC substrate (Cu/Al2O3/Cu)

- ✓ Bring 6-in-1 from industry to automotive
- ✓ Pin Fin
- ✓ Molded vs machined Cu



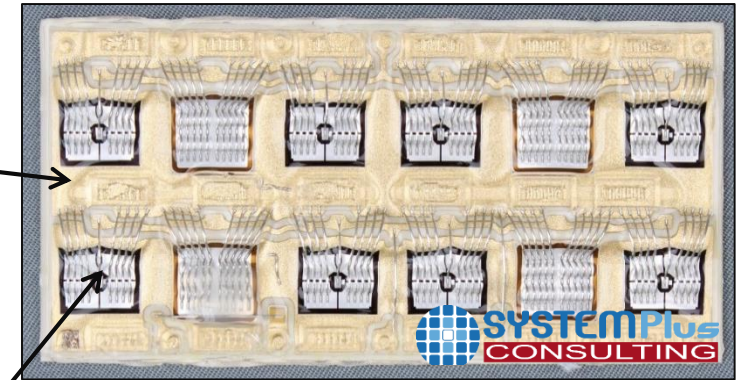
Semikron SKiM

Innovative Semikron solution:

- ✓ 1200V/300A
- ✓ Al wire bonding
- ✓ Central IGBT gate
- ✓ Silicon gel encapsulation
- ✓ Plastic case
- ✓ Ag sintering solder
- ✓ Cu/Al/Cu DBC



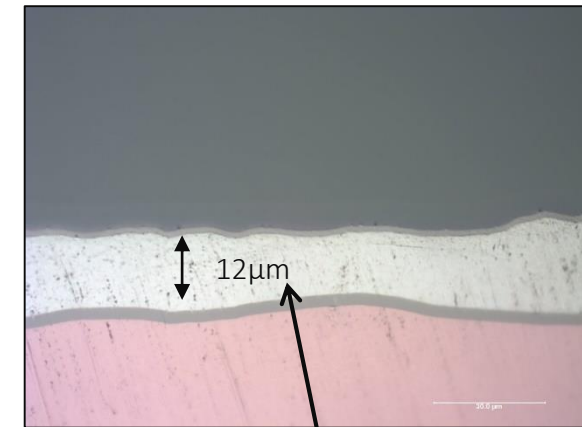
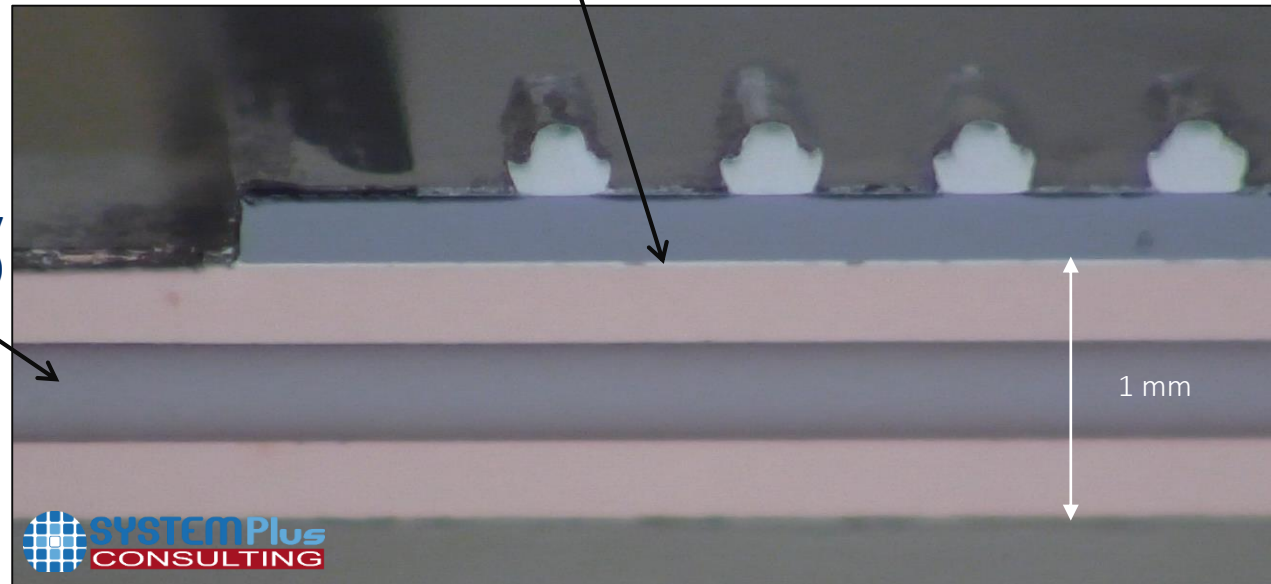
Silicon gel encapsulation



Al wire bonding

Die Ag sintering

DBC substrate (Cu/Al₂O₃/Cu)



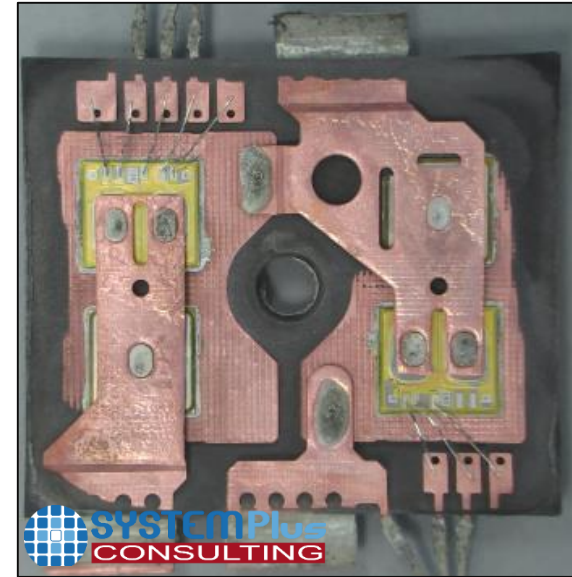
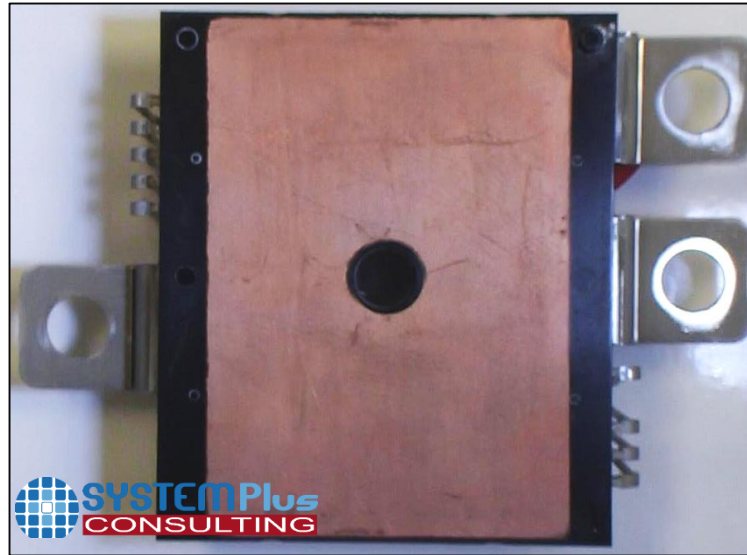
Ag sintering Die

Details DBC substrate: Cross-Section optical view

Mitsubishi for Honda

Mitsubishi Electric was one of the first companies to offer molded modules for automotive applications

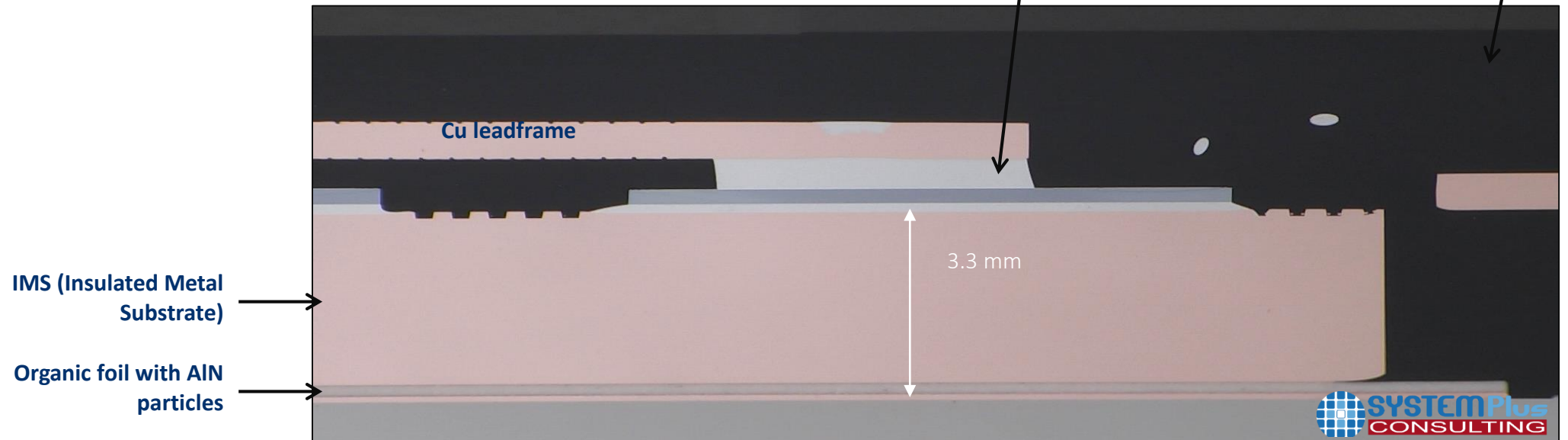
- ✓ 600V/300A capability
- ✓ Molded package
- ✓ Thick Cu layer of IMS



- ✓ Bring IMS from low power
- ✓ Organic insulator worst thermal conductivity but higher design flexibility

Epoxy encapsulation

SAC solder



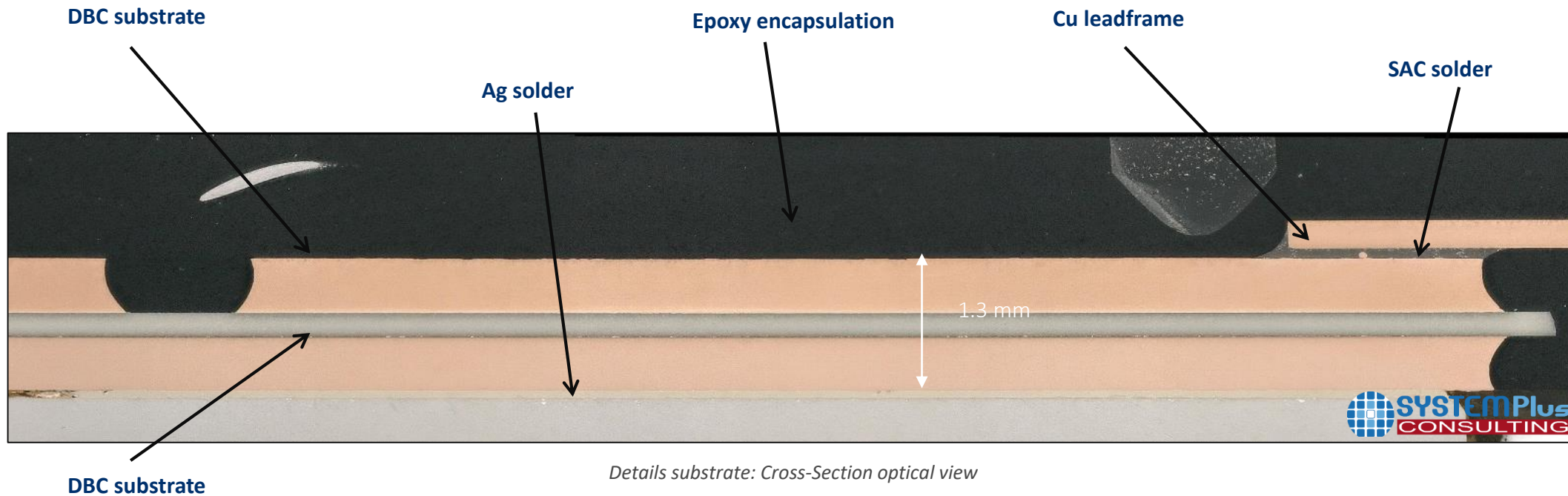
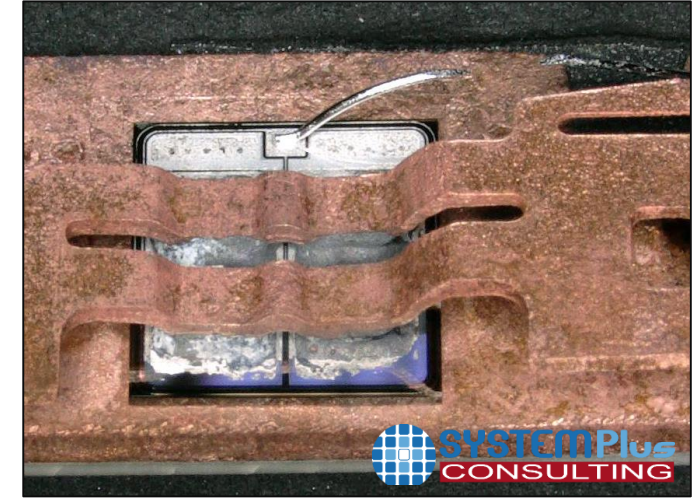
Details substrate: Cross-Section optical view

ST for Tesla Module

In 2017 ST proposed a

SiC module:

- ✓ SiC MOSFET
- ✓ 650V/300A
- ✓ Epoxy encapsulation
- ✓ Al wire bonding
- ✓ Ag module sintering
- ✓ DBC substrate



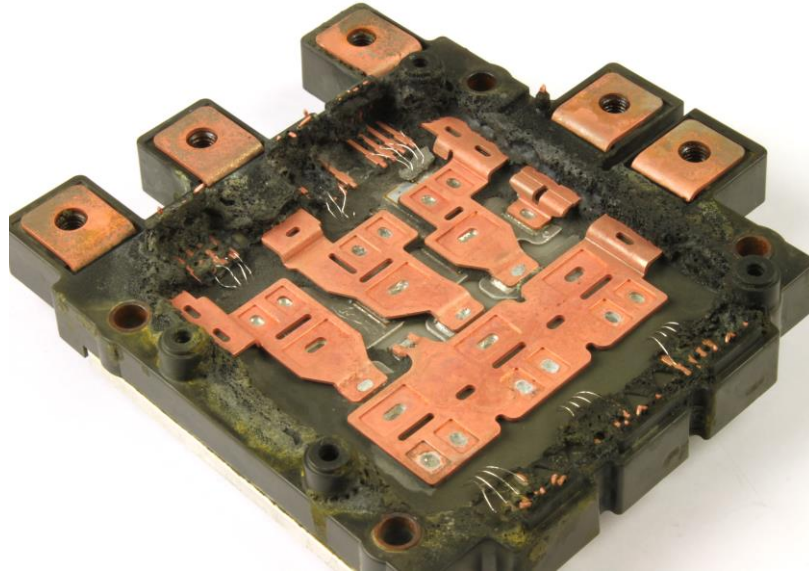
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Mitsubishi J1 serie

Mitsubishi innovates with

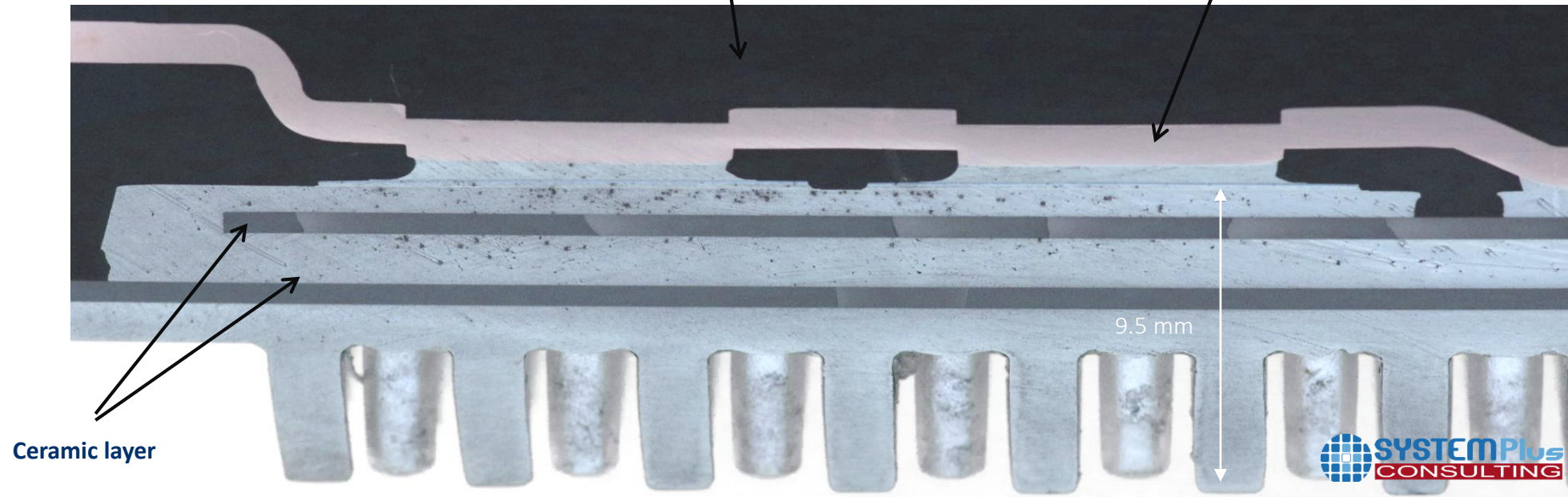
J1 serie:

- ✓ Cu leadframes
- ✓ Epoxy encapsulation
- ✓ Integrated substrate
- ✓ Double Ceramic substrate



Epoxy encapsulation

Cu leadframe



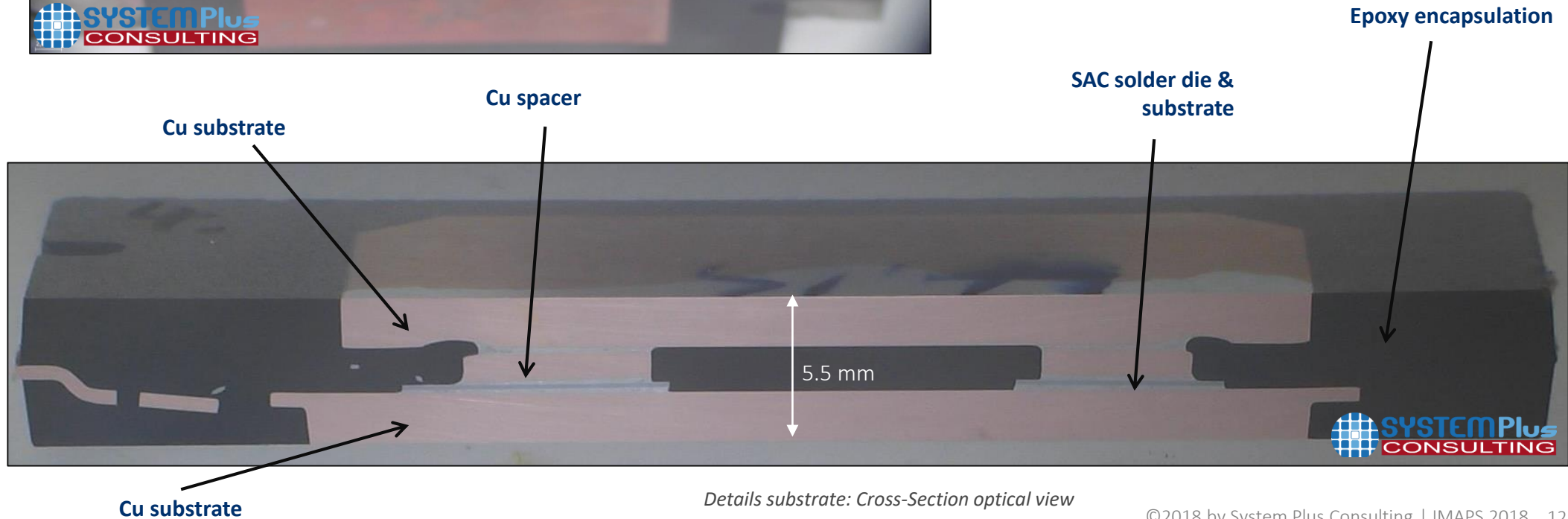
Details substrate: Cross-Section optical view

Toyota Prius IV DSC

In 2015 Toyota changed completely the module design:

design:

- ✓ 750V
- ✓ DSC
- ✓ Epoxy encapsulation
- ✓ Al wire bonding
- ✓ Cu spacer/connection
- ✓ External Isolator



Viper for Chevrolet Volt

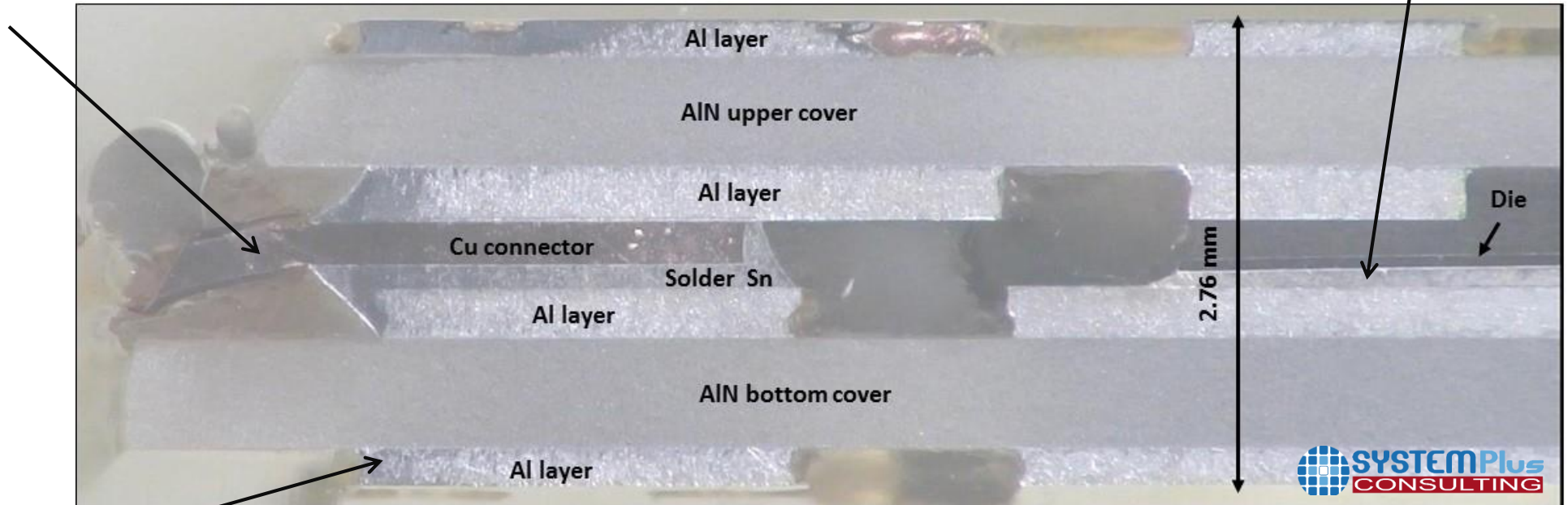
In 2015 Toyota changed completely the module design:

design:

- ✓ DSC
- ✓ No encapsulation
- ✓ Flex connection
- ✓ Ceramic layers

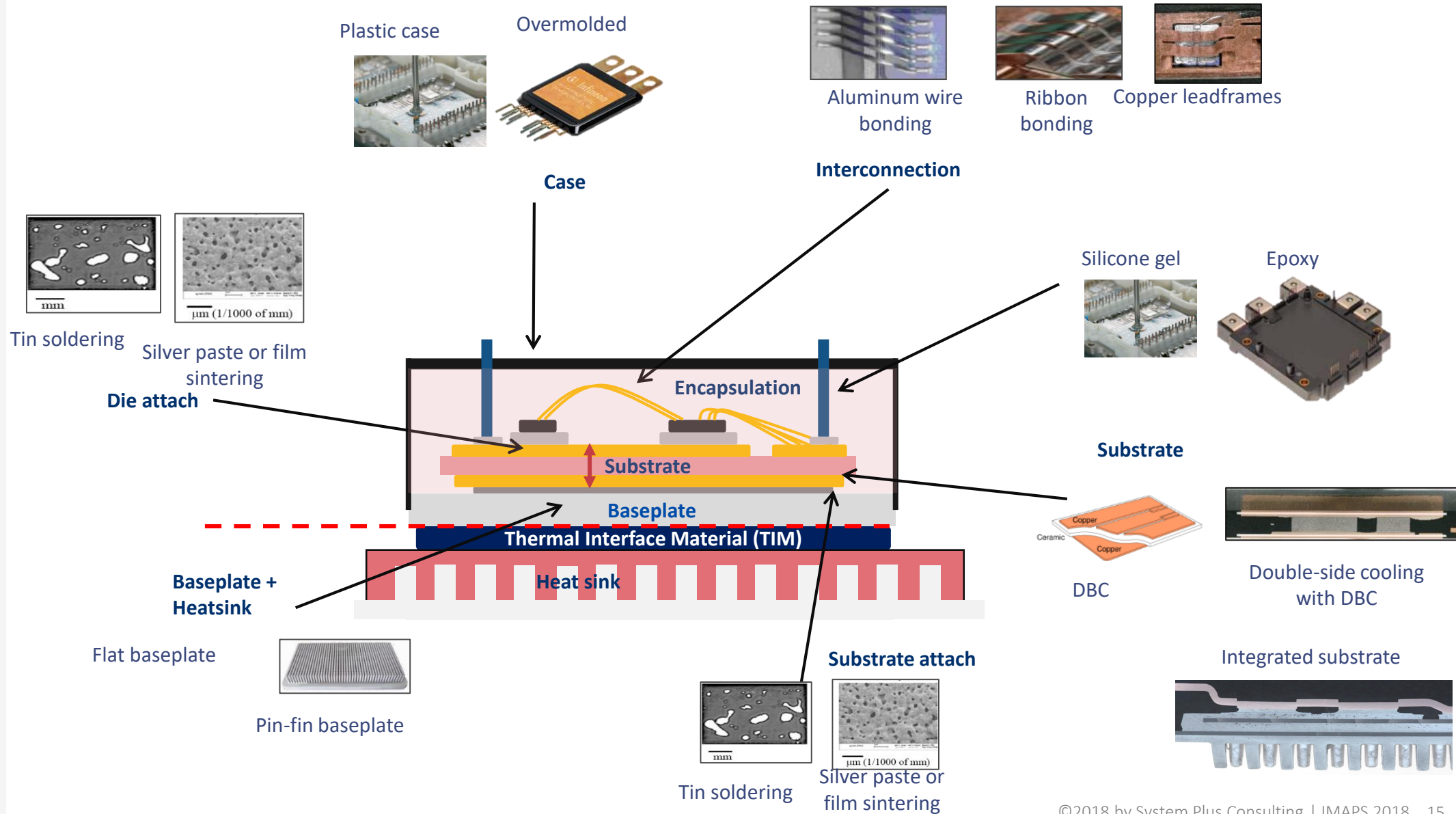


Flex connection



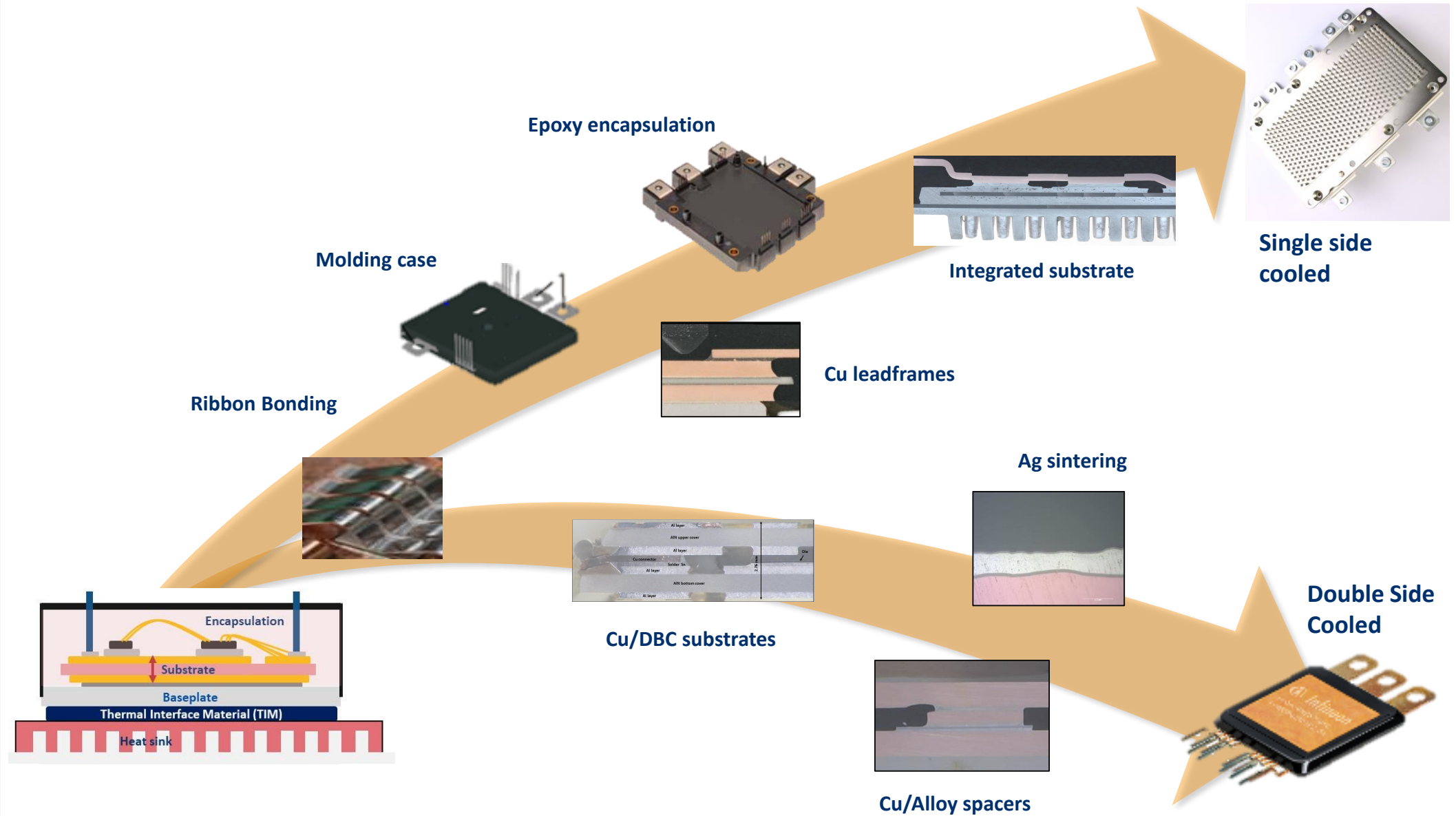
Ceramic substrate

Details substrate: Cross-Section optical view



Main trends

Every manufacturer proposes its solutions; but some main trends are evident.





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