# HGTD module thermal cycle

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#### **HGTD module**

- HGTD module=2\*sensor + 2\*ASIC (2 hybrids) + module flex
- 1 hybrid=1\*sensor bonded with 1\*ASIC using flip-chip bonding technology
- 1 hybrid=15\*15 pads (each pad has 1 bump)







#### **Thermal cycle**

- HGTD is going to work in low temperature (-30°C), a thermal cycle is a testing method to check module stability against temperature change
- During HGTD working time, estimated thermal cycles is 36 for those will never be replaced
- When we did thermal cycle on previous designed modules (thin sensor, ALTIROC-3 hybrid) they could not reach this standard
- Failures mainly happened on bumps connecting sensor and ASIC (disconnected or broke inside) in early time (mostly <30 cycles)
- This problem delayed HGTD module pre-production by one year
- This work were done to improve module design and make sure they survive enough thermal cycles

Temperature in thermal cycle (blue)







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#### **Simulation setup**







 $N$ nsys



**Real TC: -45~40℃, 2.5h**



**Simulated TC: -45.5~44.5℃, 2h**



- Aim: predict bump connection lifetime during thermal cycle using simulation results in single cycle
- Modified Coffin-Manson equation:  $N_f$ = 1 2  $\Delta \epsilon$  $\overline{2\epsilon_f'}$  $1/c$ **[reference](https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=1136183)** 
	- Commonly used in estimating solder joint reliability within certain temperature range
	- Parameter explanation:
		- $N_f$ : average lifetime (50% probability failure in any bump on LGAD pad, unit in cycles)
		- $\cdot \frac{\Delta \epsilon}{2}$ 2 : cyclic strain amplitude/ half maximum total mechanical strain in one cycle
		- $\epsilon'_{f} = 0.325$ , fatigue ductility coefficient
		- c: fatigue ductility exponent, relative to thermal cycle setup:
			- $c = -0.442 6 \times 10^{-4} \overline{T} + 1.74 \times 10^{-2} \ln(1+f)$
			- $\bar{T}$ : average solder temperature in one cycle, -0.5°C in our setup
			- f: frequency of thermal cycle, in unit cycles/day, 12 in our setup
			- $\geq$  c=-0.3971

#### **Simulation results: hybrid thickness**





Consider low temperature (shrinking) situation Length of arrow means deformation magnitude

Cause of bump failure: mechanical strain accumulated in thermal cycle due to mismatch in material CTE (coefficient of thermal expansion, thermal strain in 1℃ temperature change)

Although CTE of bump is also large, the dimension of a single bump is too small compared to Sensor/ASIC/module flex that bump almost does not deform during thermal cycle.

Mismatch of CTE in module flex and sensor is leading to shearing between them, finally leading to a larger shrinking to the middle in sensor. When bumps stay still and sensor shrinks to the middle, the larger sensor shrinks will produce larger shear stress/strain between sensor and bump. A thicker sensor reduces the effect from module flex and leads to smaller deformation in sensor.

A thicker ASIC helps nothing on top side of bumps, the only effect is to shear the bottom of bump more which leads to larger stress in bumps.

• Major difference between pre-production (ALTIROC-A) hybrid design and previous design (ALTIROC-3)



• Purpose: protect bumps on LGAD pads

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**Simulation results: guardring bumps**



- By adding more bumps on guardring, module lifetime increases a lot
- Results for thin ALTIROC-3 module (16 cycles) matches previous thermal cycle results
- Results for thick ALTIROC-3 module (119 cycles) also matches thermal cycle results well (discuss later)
- Thermal cycle testing was done in different sites
- All the results were recorded and updated in a same shared document
- Results in different sites are similar:
	- First disconnect bump on average appears at ~110 cycles (agree with simulation prediction, 119)
	- Most disconnect bumps appear at corner part of hybrid (same as simulation prediction, right bottom plot)
	- After some disconnect bumps appear, the spread of the disconnection is slow





- Data: ALTIROC-3, thick module thermal cycle results, 46 hybrids in total
- Lifetime assumptions:
	- Already failed hybrids (14 hybrids): average of last observed passing cycles and first observed failure cycles (**fair**)
	- ➢ Average lifetime of already failed hybrids: 90
	- Not yet failed hybrids:
		- 90, if not yet passed 90 cycles (20,20,75,75,75,75) (**fair**)
		- Last cycles done, if already passed 90 cycles (26 hybrids) (**conservative**)
	- Try to make conservative and reasonable lifetime assumptions
- Strategy: fit a distribution with data and then use the distribution to predict failure situation in all 8032 HGTD modules
- **Note: these models are based on ALTIROC-3 module thermal cycle results, believing the simulation results we are expecting a more than 3 times longer average lifetime when moving to pre-production ALTIROC-A modules (see [slide 8\)](#page-7-0)**

#### **Statistical model: data pre-processing**



#### **Statistical models: Weibull and lognormal distribution**

- Most commonly used reliability analysis distribution
- Flexible enough to fit into almost any distribution
- Probability density function given by:  $f(x, \lambda, k) = \frac{k}{4}$  $\lambda$  $\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  $\lambda$  $)^{k-1}e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)}$  $\frac{x}{\lambda}$ ) $^k$ , shape parameter k

and scale parameter  $\lambda$  given by fit



## **Weibull distribution Lognormal distribution**

- Logarithm of a variable is normal distributed
- Widely used for reliability analysis of semiconductor devices and fatigue life analysis of some mechanical components



#### **Prediction of all 8032\*2 hybrids**



#### **Summary**

- Thermal cycle results based on 46 hybrids, indicate that ALTIROC3 modules with thick sensors can survive an average of more than 110 cycles without any disconnect pixel
- Simulation results agree well with current thermal cycle results, giving confidence to the approach
- Based on ALTIROC-3 thick module thermal cycle results, the number of pads expected to fail for the full HGTD before 36 cycles (240 or 9) is very small.
- The number of failures is expected from simulation to be even smaller with preproduction module design (thick sensors, more bumps in the guardring)
- ALTIROC-A design module has passed FDR and ready for pre-production

# Thanks for attention!

# Back up

#### **Thin ALTIROC-3 module TC results**





### **Viscoplastic (Anand) model for Ag<sub>3.5</sub>Sn**

$$
\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = Ae^{-\frac{Q}{RT}} \left[ \sinh\left(\xi \frac{\sigma}{S}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{m}}
$$

$$
\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = \left\{ h_0 \left| 1 - \frac{S}{S^*} \right|^\alpha \text{sign}\left( 1 - \frac{S}{S^*} \right) \right\} \frac{d\epsilon_p}{dt}
$$

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S^* = \hat{S} \left[ \frac{\frac{d\epsilon_p}{dt} e^{-\frac{Q}{RT}}}{A} \right]^n
$$



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• Simulation shows that rectangle module flex makes module much weaker in thermal cycle

#### **Simulation results: glue thickness**



- Module with thinner glue can live a little longer
- Glue thickness within specification (20-80 um) does not make too much difference in lifetime
- Current cycle: -45°C~40 °C, 2 hours (simulated: -45.5 °C~44.5 °C, 2 hours)
- Longer cycle: -55 °C~60 °C (simulated: -53 °C~59.5 °C, 2.5 hours)



- During a longer cycle, average module lifetime decreases by about 1/3
- Testing results showed that a cycle to larger temperature range did not affect the results obviously



- Just changing Kapton does not make a big difference
- Changing copper for tungsten can make module survive much longer, but:
	- Tungsten cannot be matched with Kapton for technical causes
	- Combination of tungsten and ceramic is much more expensive
	- Ceramic cannot be as thin as before for technical causes, requiring more vertical space



- By reducing glue area lifetime can be much longer
- Glue pattern in the middle column has been tested by IFAE and did not cause wire-bonding problem
- Pattern between second and third one can be used

#### **Testing results of longer cycle**

- Thick module M126, M128 and M130 from IFAE
- Tested after 120 regular cycles of -45℃~40 ℃
- Continue doing some more cycles of -55 ℃~60 ℃





• Summary: no catastrophic failure with thermal cycle to larger temperature range

#### **Statistical model: data pre-processing**



- No failures before 30 cycles
- Early failures: 45\*2, observed to fail between 30 and 60 cycles, one from IHEP one from IFAE
- Normal failures: 67.5\*3, 70, 75, 82.5, 90\*6, 100, 105, 112.5\*2 (16)
- Long lived: 120\*14, 147.5, 150\*5, 175\*3, 180\*5 (28)



Weibull prediction failure hybrids out of 8032\*2

Lognormal prediction failure hybrids out of 8032\*2

