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### MCPCB's and Thermal Interface Material Considerations for High Power LED Lighting Applications

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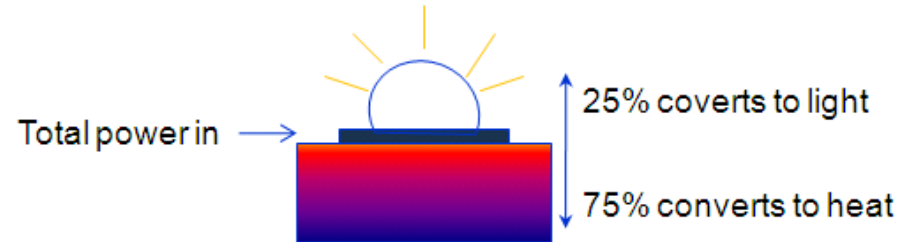
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## Importance of Thermal Management of High Power LED's

- Only ~15-30% of input power is converted to light
- The remaining 70-85% of input power is converted to heat
  - Excessive heat can cause a shift in color
  - Excessive heat can reduce light output
  - Excessive heat can shorten device life



IESNA Handbook Osram Sylvania

Source: PNNL-SA-51901, February 2007



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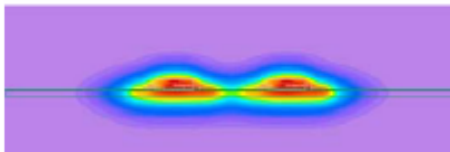
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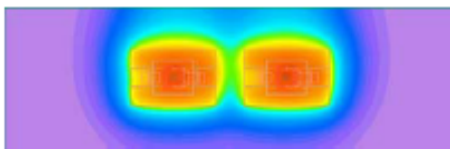
## Model results

### Comparison of FR-4 to IMS

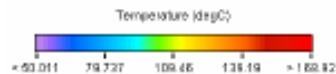
#### FR4 PCB



Cutting Plane: LEDs



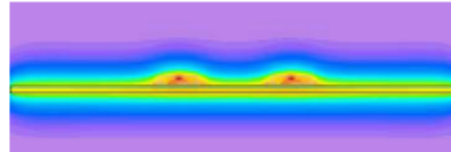
Cutting Plane: PCB



$$T_{\text{junc}} = 168.9 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$
$$\Delta T = T_{\text{junc}} - T_{\text{amb}} = 118.9 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

-55%  
➔

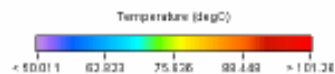
#### Insulated Metal Substrate



Cutting Plane: LEDs



Cutting Plane: PCB



$$T_{\text{junc}} = 101.3 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$
$$\Delta T = T_{\text{junc}} - T_{\text{amb}} = 51.3 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

#### Influencing Factors

- Board material with higher thermal conductivity
- Attach to additional heat spreader (PCB on Aluminium)
- Solder pad layout and placement of other components
- Use of thermal vias

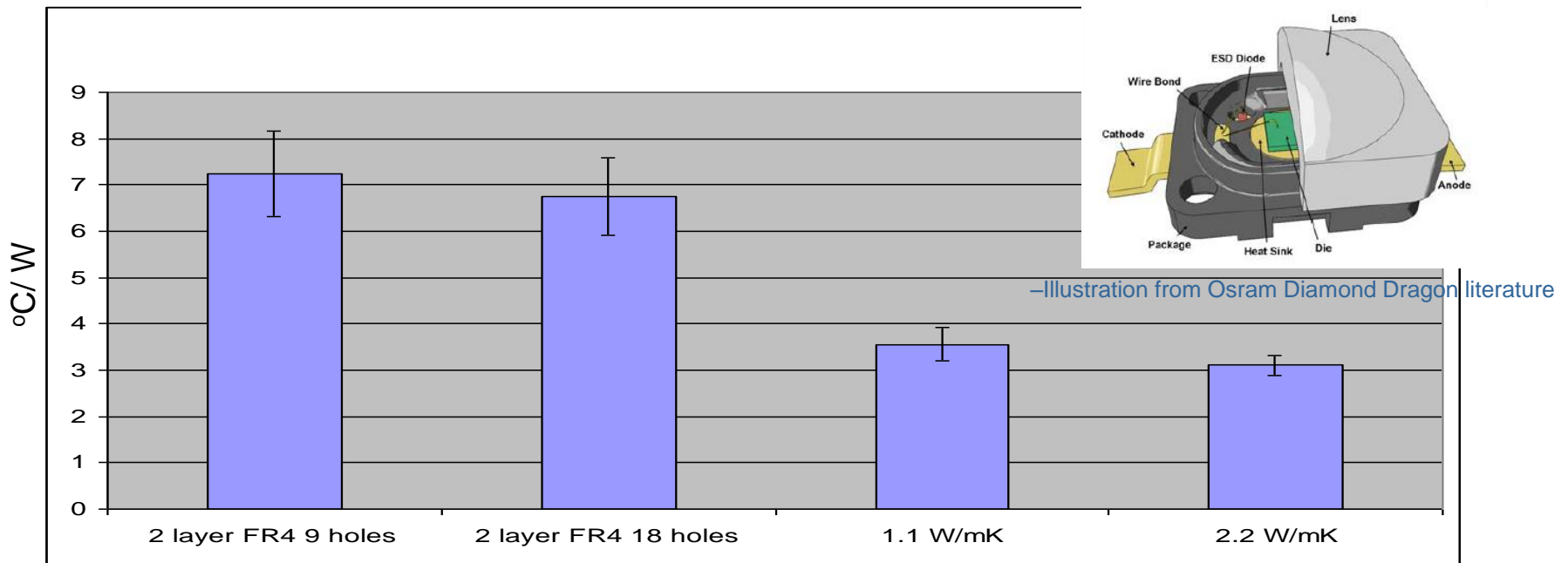
Good thermal management results in lower junction temperature

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## Case study results

### Thermal impedance of Osram Diamond Dragon on various substrates



**57% improvement from popular FR-4 configuration to 2.2 W/mK solution**

Note: the two FR-4 samples needed an insulator pad between the board and heat sink adding 0.2°C/W

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## Comparison of thermal impedance of Bergquist MP and HPL dielectrics

Components: LED Golden Dragon (chip 1sqmm)  
(same wafer Lot)

MCPCB: Al 1,57mm x Dielectric x 35 $\mu$ m cu

Result:

*Thermal Impedance  $Z_{th}$*

*Bergquist MP 1.8 – 2.0 K/W*

*Bergquist HPL 0.8 – 1.0 K/W*



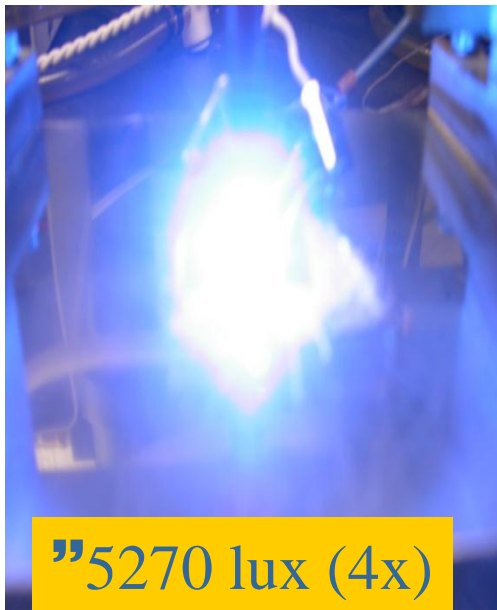
2 x improvement by increasing to 3W/mK dielectric from 1.1W/mK

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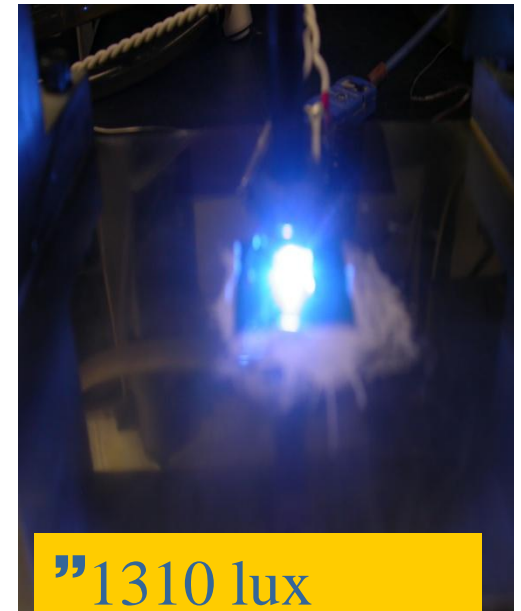
## Light Output of Die on Different Dielectric Materials at $\Delta T$ of 25C



”5270 lux (4x)  
2.2 W/mK  
Bergquist HT



”4750 lux (3.5x)  
1.3 W/mK  
Bergquist MP



”1310 lux  
0.30 W/mK  
FR-4/Alu

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## Thermal Clad® - IMS Insulated Metal Substrate

### KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

1. **Dielectric thermal impedance dominates** the conductive portion of the thermal path
2. Use of **MCPCB** is critical to thermal management of high power LED's
3. **Reducing the conductive portion** of the thermal budget, by using IMS, provide **more options for heat sink selection.**



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## LED's have different package styles & different $T_R$


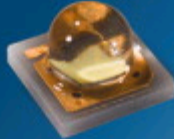


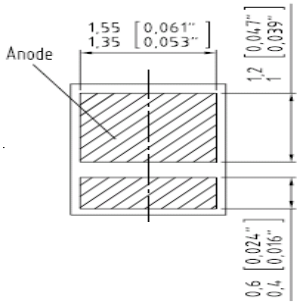
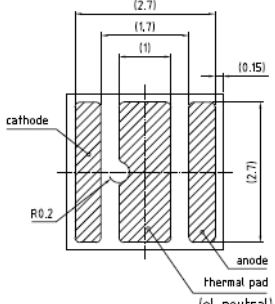
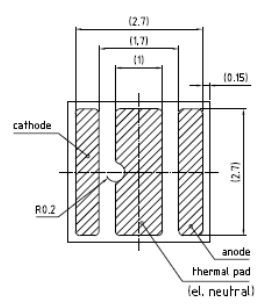
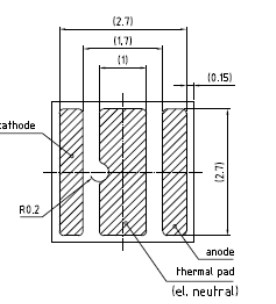
Golden DRAGON®	Platinum DRAGON	Diamond DRAGON	OSTAR - SMT
			
<p><b>ZW W5SG</b></p> 	<p><b>LR W5SM</b></p> 	<p><b>LUW W5AP</b></p> 	
<p>Heat Slug area 12.6mm<sup>2</sup>  <math>R_{th JS}</math> 15 K/W</p>	<p>Heat slug area 12.6mm<sup>2</sup>  <math>R_{th JS}</math> 11 K/W</p>	<p>Heat slug area 12.6mm<sup>2</sup>  <math>R_{th JS}</math> 5 K/W</p>	<p>Heat slug area 15.9mm<sup>2</sup>  <math>R_{th JS}</math> 30K/W</p>

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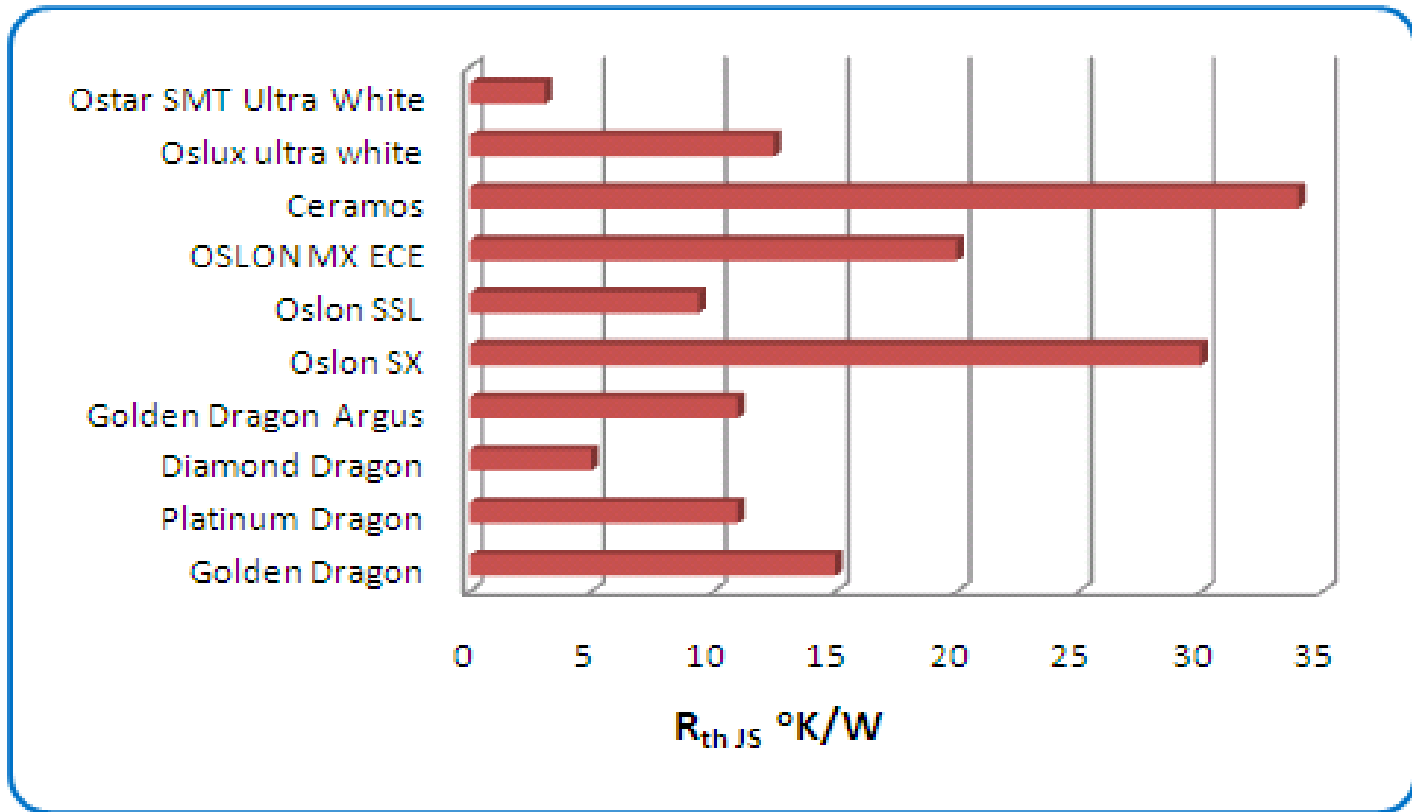
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<p><b>LUW C9SP Ultra White</b></p>  <p>Anode</p> <p>1.55 [0.061"] 1.35 [0.053"]</p> <p>1.2 [0.047"] 1 [0.039"]</p> <p>0.6 [0.024"] 0.4 [0.016"]</p>	<p><b>LUW CP7P</b></p>  <p>(2.7) (1.7) (1) (0.15) (2.7) R0.2</p> <p>cathode</p> <p>anode thermal pad (el. neutral)</p>	<p><b>LUW CN5M Ultra White</b></p>  <p>(2.7) (1.7) (1) (0.15) (2.7) R0.2</p> <p>cathode</p> <p>anode thermal pad (el. neutral)</p>	<p><b>LUW CN7N Ultra White</b></p>  <p>(2.7) (1.7) (1) (0.15) (2.7) R0.2</p> <p>cathode</p> <p>anode thermal pad (el. neutral)</p>
<p>Thermal Pad 1.86mm<sup>2</sup> <b><math>R_{th JS}</math> 34 K/W</b></p>	<p>Heat slug area 2.7mm<sup>2</sup> <b><math>R_{th JS}</math> 9.4 K/W</b></p>	<p>Heat slug area 2.7mm<sup>2</sup> <b><math>R_{th JS}</math> 30 K/W</b></p>	<p>Heat slug area 2.7mm<sup>2</sup> <b><math>R_{th JS}</math> 20K/W</b></p>

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## $R_{th JS}$ comparison of various LED's



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## Thermal Clad® - IMS Insulated Metal Substrate

### KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

1. There are many **different LED package styles**
2. Even LED's with the **same package style can have different thermal resistance** from one part to another
3. **Lower the thermal resistance package can see greater benefit from lower thermal impedance MCPCB**



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## Thermal Performance

### Understanding Thermal Conductivity

- Thermal Conductivity ( $k$ )
  - ✓ A material's ability to conduct heat
  - ✓ Inherent material property
  - ✓ Does not depend on thickness
  - ✓  $T_C$  unit is:

$$\frac{\text{Watt}}{\text{meter} \bullet \text{Kelvin}}$$

*For this purpose, the material is treated as isotropic.*



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## Thermal Performance

- Fourier's Law of Heat Conduction
  - ✓ Steady-state uniform heat conduction through a thin sample:

$$\frac{q}{A} = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$$

$q$  = heat flow rate, Watt

$A$  = area of sample, square meter

$k$  = thermal conductivity, Watt/meter.Kelvin

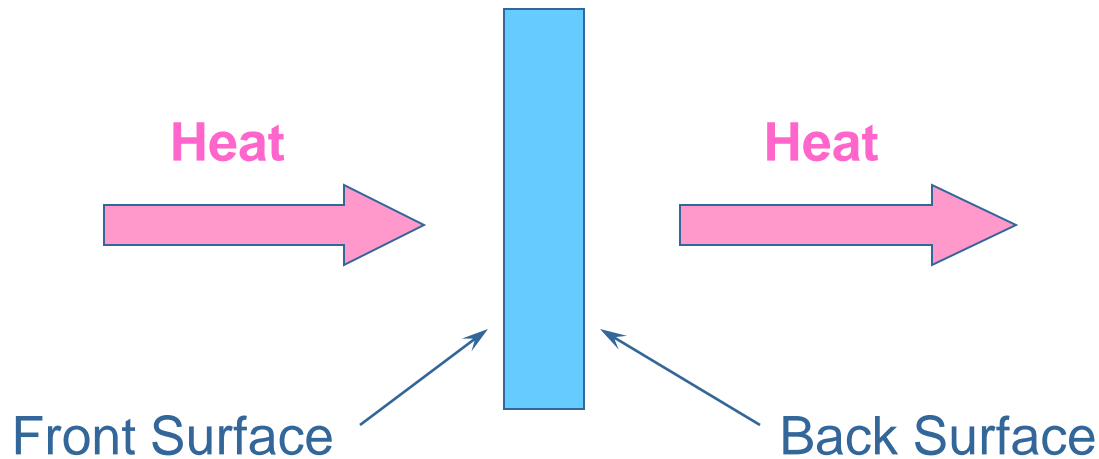
$x$  = thickness of specimen

$dT/dx$  = temperature gradient through sample,  
Kelvin/meter



## Thermal Performance

- Thermal Resistance,  $R_{\theta}$  (excludes interfacial resistance)



$$\text{Thermal Resistance} = \frac{\Delta T}{q/A}$$

$$R_{\theta} = \frac{\Delta x}{k}$$

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## Thermal Performance

### Understanding Thermal Resistance

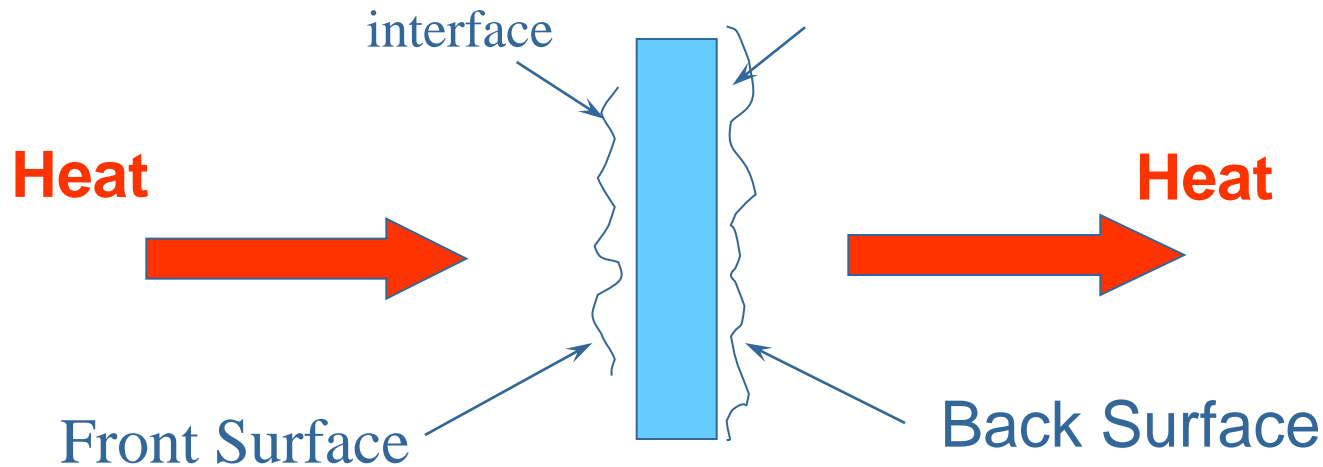
- Thermal Resistance,  $R_0$ 
  - ✓ A material's resistance to heat flow
  - ✓ Defined as temperature drop across a unit area material subjected to a steady state heat flow rate
  - ✓ Does not include interfacial resistance
  - ✓ Proportional to ratio of material thickness to material thermal conductivity
  - ✓  $S_1$  unit is

$$\frac{\text{meter}^2 \bullet \text{Kelvin}}{\text{Watt}}$$

## Thermal Performance

### Understanding Thermal Impedance

- Thermal Impedance,  $Z_0$  (includes interfacial resistance)  
interface



$$\text{Thermal Impedance} = \frac{\Delta T}{q}$$

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## Thermal Performance

### Understanding Thermal Impedance

- Thermal Impedance,  $Z_0$ 
  - ✓ The total opposition that an assembly (material and material interfaces) presents to the flow of heat.
  - ✓ Defined as temperature drop across one or more layers of materials subjected to a unit steady state heat flow rate
  - ✓ Interfacial thermal resistance (contact resistance) is highly variable and changes with pressure, texture, time and temperature

- ✓  $S_1$  unit is: 
$$\frac{\text{Kelvin}}{\text{Watt}}$$

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## Thermal Performance

### Measurement Methods

- Thermal Conductivity (k) - ASTM D5470
- Thermal Resistance (Rq) - ASTM D5470
- Thermal Impedance ( $Z_0$ ) - 1) ASTM D5470
  - 2) Bergquist Q1502
  - 3) Bergquist Application Test RD2018



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## Thermal Performance

### KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

1. **Thermal conductivity** ( $k$ ) is an **inherent property** of a material.
  - This property can be used for a sales agreement specification.
2. **Thermal resistance** ( $R_q$ ) is an inherent property for each **thickness** of a material with a given thermal conductivity.
  - This property can be used for a sales agreement specification.
3. **Thermal impedance** ( $Z_q$ ) **varies** with thermal conductivity, thickness, area, interfacial thermal resistance, and test method used.

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## Thermal Performance

### KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS (cont)

4. **Interfacial thermal resistance is dependent** on heat source, time, texture, force and temperature
5. **Thermal impedance ( $Z_q$ ) cannot be used for a sales agreement specification due to interfacial resistance variables.** This variability has forced the thermal community to develop the methodology of D5470 measuring thermal resistance ( $R_q$ ) and thermal conductivity ( $k$ ).

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## Thermal Substrates (MCPCB) Intro:

### What is a Thermal Substrate?

- ✓ Metal clad printed circuit board used for surfacemount components and COB technologies
- ✓ Used to efficiently remove heat from the components, transfer and spread it in the metal substrate
- ✓ It gives a very good thermal / mechanical means of connecting to a heat sink
- ✓ It provides the best solution available to improve system performance and reliability by reducing component temperature



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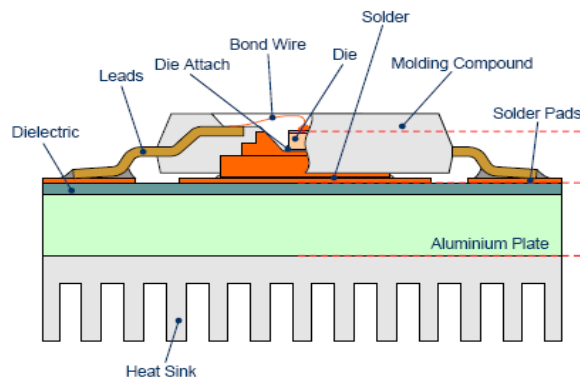
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## The role of a MCPCB in an LED lighting system

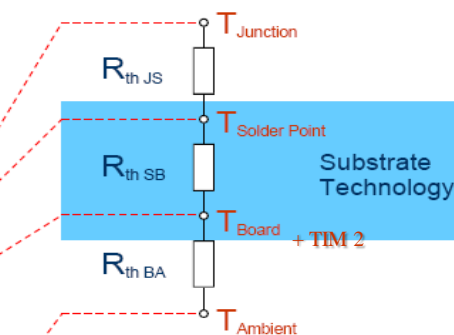
- $R_T$  is the sum of all components within the thermal path

➤  $R_T = R_{j-c} + R_{TIM1} + R_{MCPCB} + R_{TIM2} + R_{s-a}$



Thermal System Configuration

Source: Osram Opto Semiconductor



Thermal Resistor Network

Bergquist focus is in this area

Smaller package footprints and lower Thermal Resistance LED's is driving the need for lower thermal impedance MCPCB materials

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## Choosing the appropriate MCPCB material stack up

Substrate material selection can vary with LED selection

- The lower the thermal resistance of the LED package the greater the need for a higher performing substrate material
  - a) Copper circuit foil thickness is selected based on current carrying capacity needed and surface heat spreading objectives
  - b) Dielectric thermal performance is selected based on LED's thermal resistance & power density
  - c) Base metal is selected based on thermal performance and mechanical/structural requirements

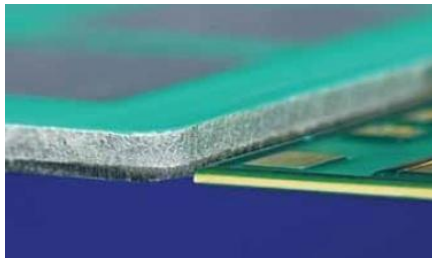
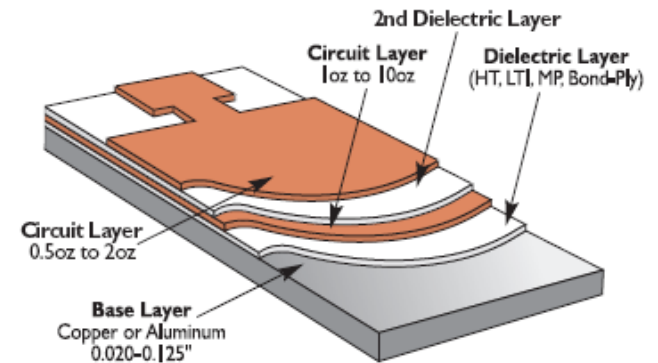
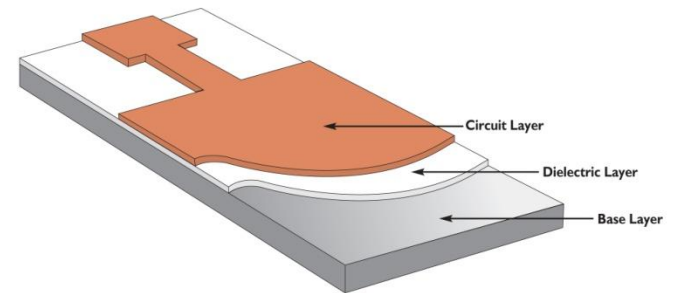
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## MCPCB Substrate Technology

### Available Systems

- Single Layer – most common
- Double Layer – increased routing area
- Ultra Thin Substrate – can be formed



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## IMS – Dielectric Characteristics

### Thermal Impedance

This drawing represents RD 2018 (at 40W) TO-220 thermal performance (25°C Cold Plate Testing).



$$\theta \left( \frac{^{\circ}\text{C}}{\text{W}} \right) = \frac{(T_T - T_B)}{40\text{W}}$$

SINGLE LAYER		THERMAL PERFORMANCE			DIELECTRIC PERFORMANCE		OTHER		
Part Number	Thickness <sup>1</sup> [.000"/μm]	Impedance <sup>2</sup> [°C/W]	Impedance <sup>3</sup> [°C in <sup>2</sup> /W] / [°C cm <sup>2</sup> /W]	Conductivity <sup>4</sup> [W/m-K]	Breakdown <sup>5</sup> [kVAC]	Permittivity <sup>6</sup> [Dielectric Constant]	Glass Transition <sup>7</sup> [°C]	U.L. Index <sup>8</sup> [°C]	Peel Strength <sup>9</sup> [lb/in] / [N/mm]
HT-04503	3/76	0.45	0.05 / 0.32	2.2	6.0	7	150	140/140	6 / 1.1
HT-07006	6/152	0.70	0.11 / 0.71	2.2	11.0	7	150	140/140	6 / 1.1
MP-06503	3/76	0.65	0.09 / 0.58	1.3	8.5	6	90	130/140	9 / 1.6
MULTI-LAYER									
HT-09009	9/229	0.90	0.16 / 1.03	2.2	20.0	7	150	150/150	6 / 1.1
HT-07006	6/152	0.70	0.11 / 0.71	2.2	11.0	7	150	140/140	6 / 1.1
CML-11006*	6/152	1.10	0.21 / 1.35	1.1	10.0	7	90	130/130	10 / 1.8
HIGH POWER LIGHTING									
HPL-03015	1.5/38	0.30	0.02 / 0.13	3.0	2.5	6	185	**	5 / 0.9

#### Method Description

1 - Optical  
2 - Internal TO-220 test RD 2018

3 - Calculation from ASTM 5470  
4 - Extended ASTM 5470  
5 - ASTM D149

6 - ASTM D150  
7 - Internal MDSC test RD 2014  
8 - U.L. 746 E

9 - ASTM D2861  
\*CML is available in prepreg form  
\*\*Pending

Note: For applications with an expected voltage over 480 Volts AC, Bergquist recommends a dielectric thickness greater than 0.003" (76μm).

Note: Maximum test voltage is a function of material and circuit design. Typical proof test does not represent the maximum.

Note: Circuit design is the most important consideration for determining safety agency compliance.



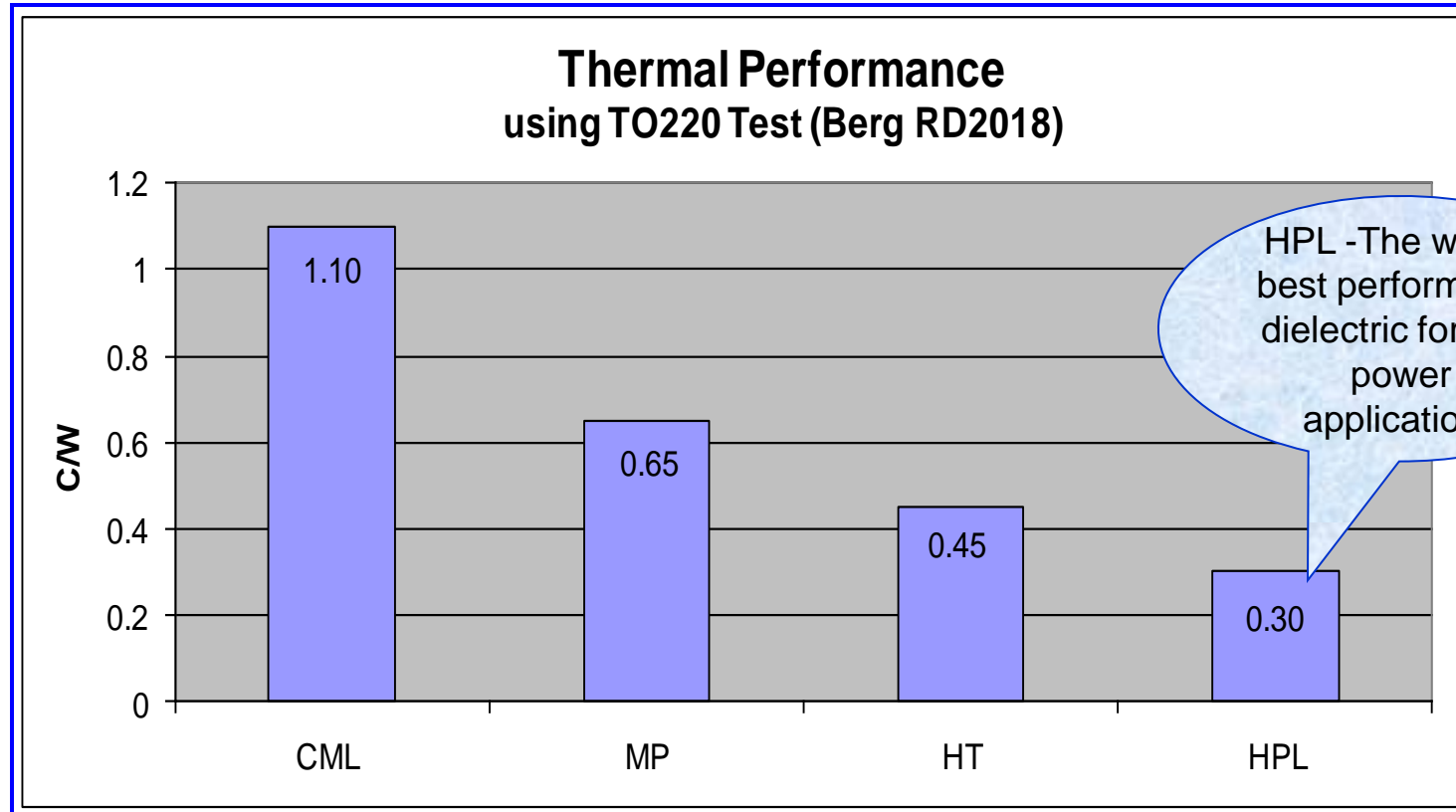
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## Dielectric Choices



Choose the dielectric which best suites your needs



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## Thermal Clad Standard Material Configurations

### ▪ Available Panel Sizes

- **Thickness** 0.5mm (0.020") – 5mm (0.190")
  - most popular thicknesses 1mm ( 0.040") 1.57 (0.062")
- 18" x 24" (457mm x 610mm)
  - usable area 17" x 23" (432mm x 584mm)
- 20" x 24" (508mm x 610mm)
  - usable area 19" x 23" (482.6mm x 584.2mm)
- 18" x 25" (457mm x 635mm)
  - usable area 17" x 24" (432mm x 610mm)

### ▪ Aluminum

- 6061 T6 (easy to machine)
- 5052 H34 (lower cost & bendable)

### ▪ Copper

- C1100 FH (full hard)



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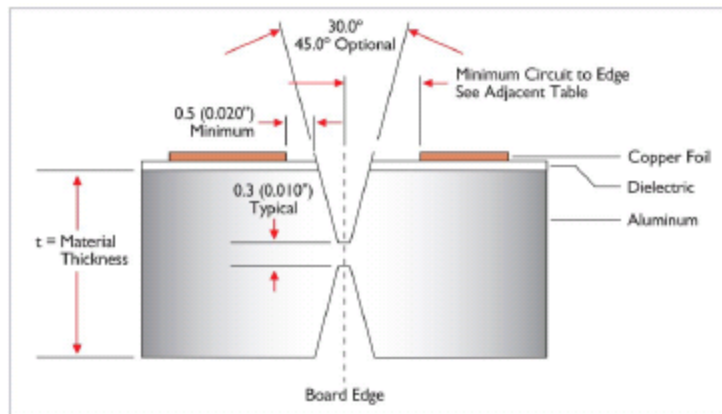
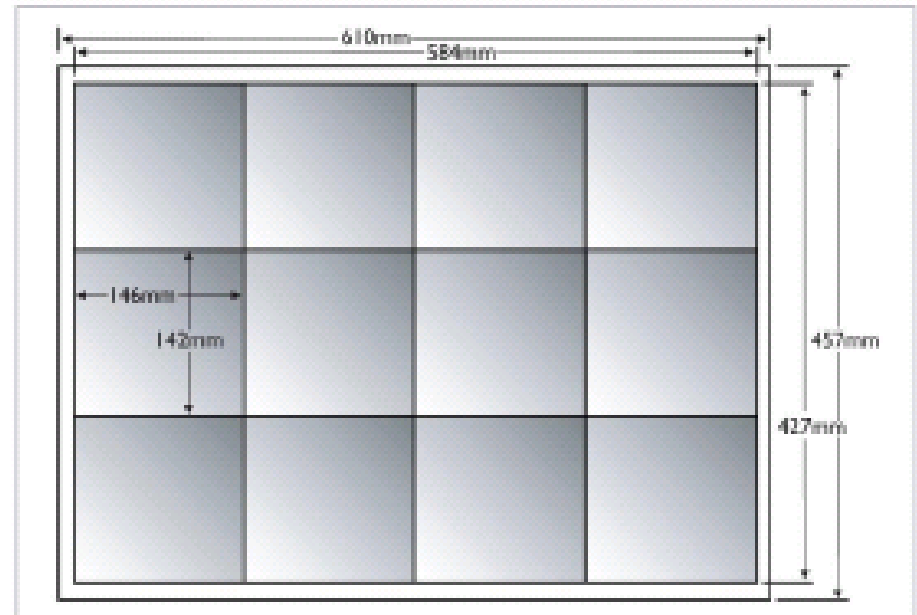
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## Thermal Clad standard v-score

- V-scored parts tend to utilize the material most efficiently
- Eliminates the need for hard tooling required with a punched part
- Easy to separate from panel



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## MCPCB surface finish options

- Soldermask
  - White
  - Black
  - Green
  - Red
  - Blue

Typically LPI (liquid photo imagable)
- Pad finishes
  - HASL (with lead) - solder with lead
  - HASL (lead free) – solder without lead
  - OSP – organic surface preservative
  - ENIG – electroless nickel immersion gold
  - ENEPIG – electroless nickel electroless palladium immersion gold



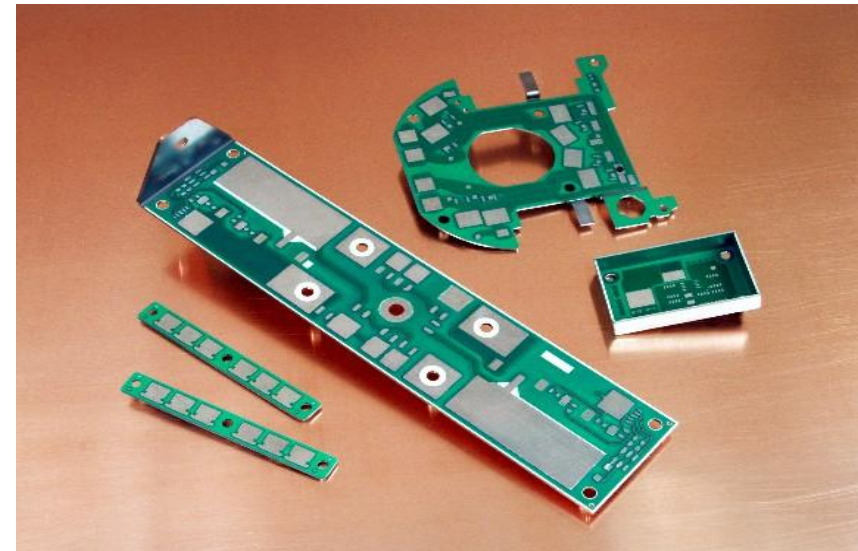
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## Advanced Substrate Technology

### Formed MCPCB

- Allows the substrate to be a part of the mechanical structure
- Can be single or two layer constructions
- Circuits cannot be routed around corners (yet)
- Base can be electrically active



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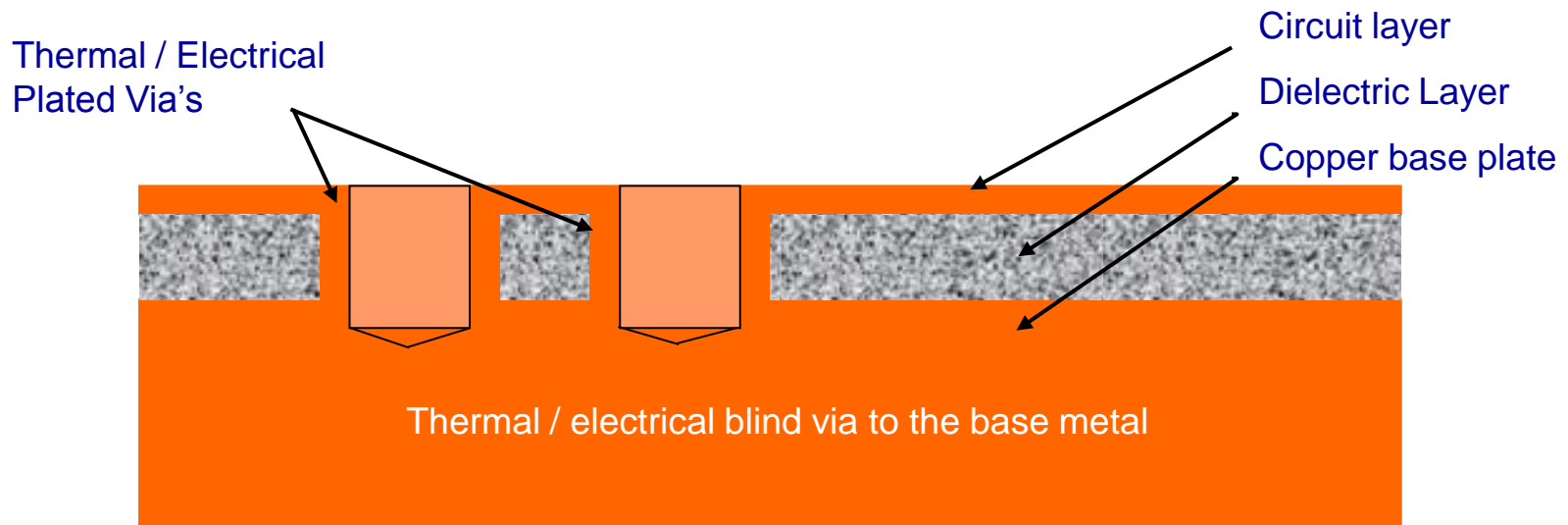
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## Advanced Substrate Technology

### Active Copper Base Plate

- ✓ Copper base with blind plated via's
- ✓ Can be a multilayer construction
- ✓ Laser drilling can enable the hole to stop at any copper layer



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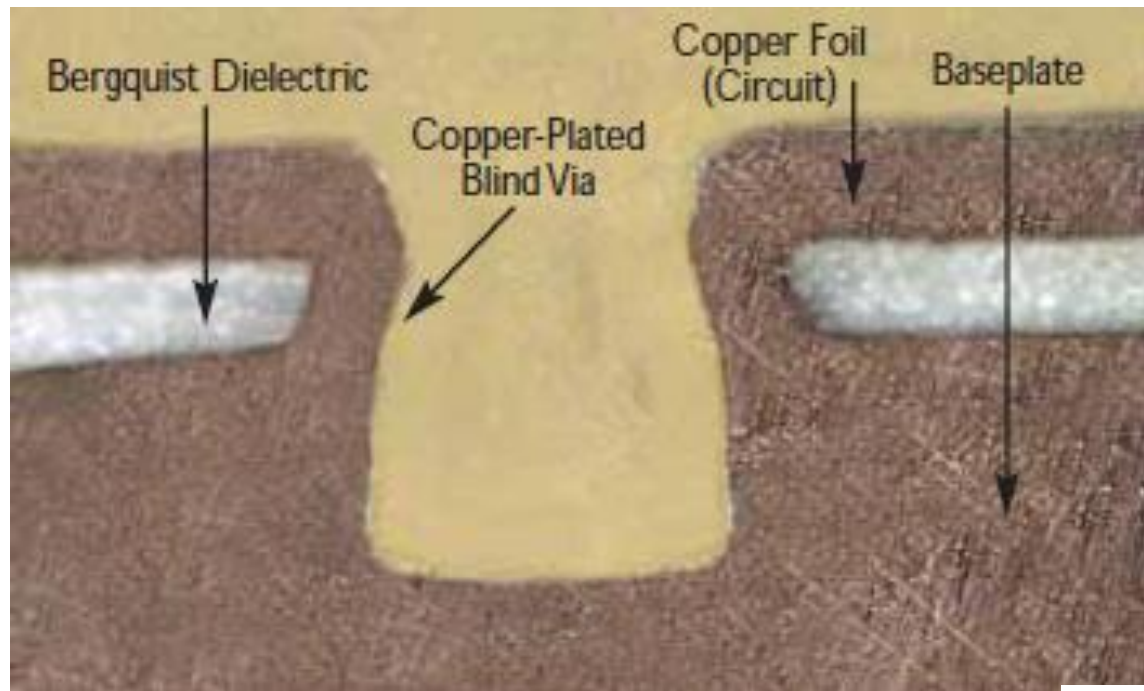
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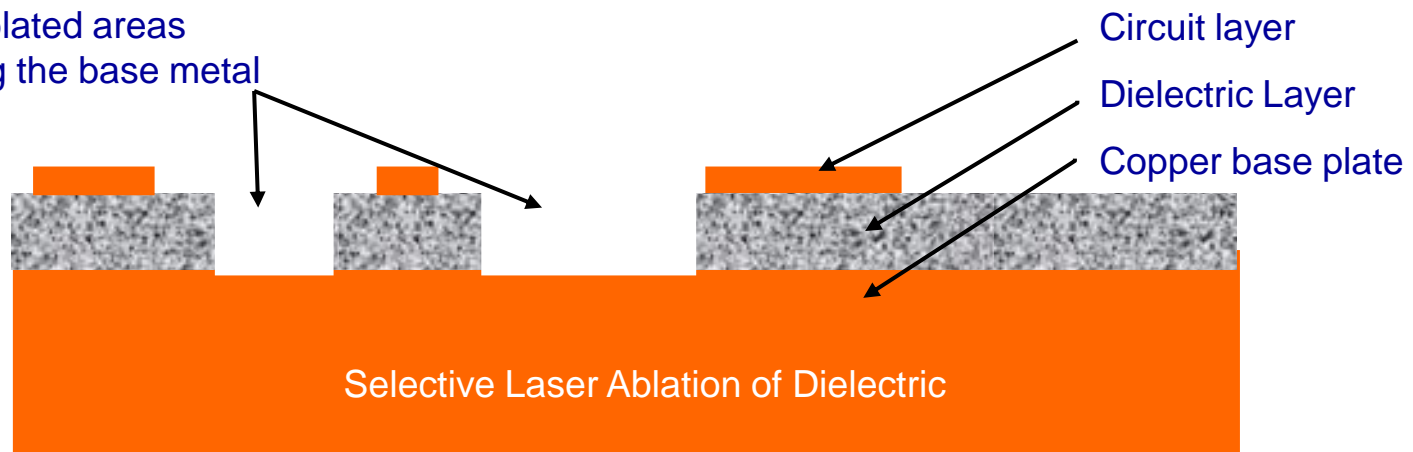


## Advanced Substrate Technology

### Selective Dielectric Removal

- Selective removal of dielectric - using a Co2 laser
- Tight tolerance capability -  $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$  feature size and positional accuracy
- Reduce thermal resistance by mounting components directly to base metal

Laser ablated areas  
exposing the base metal



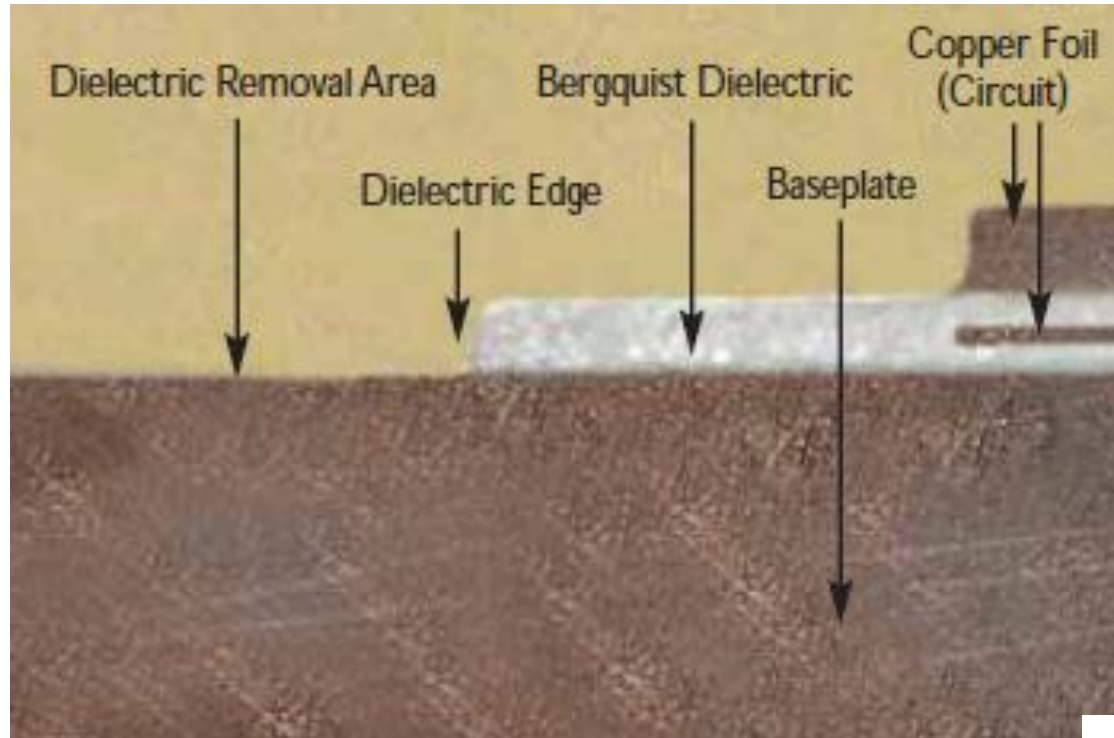
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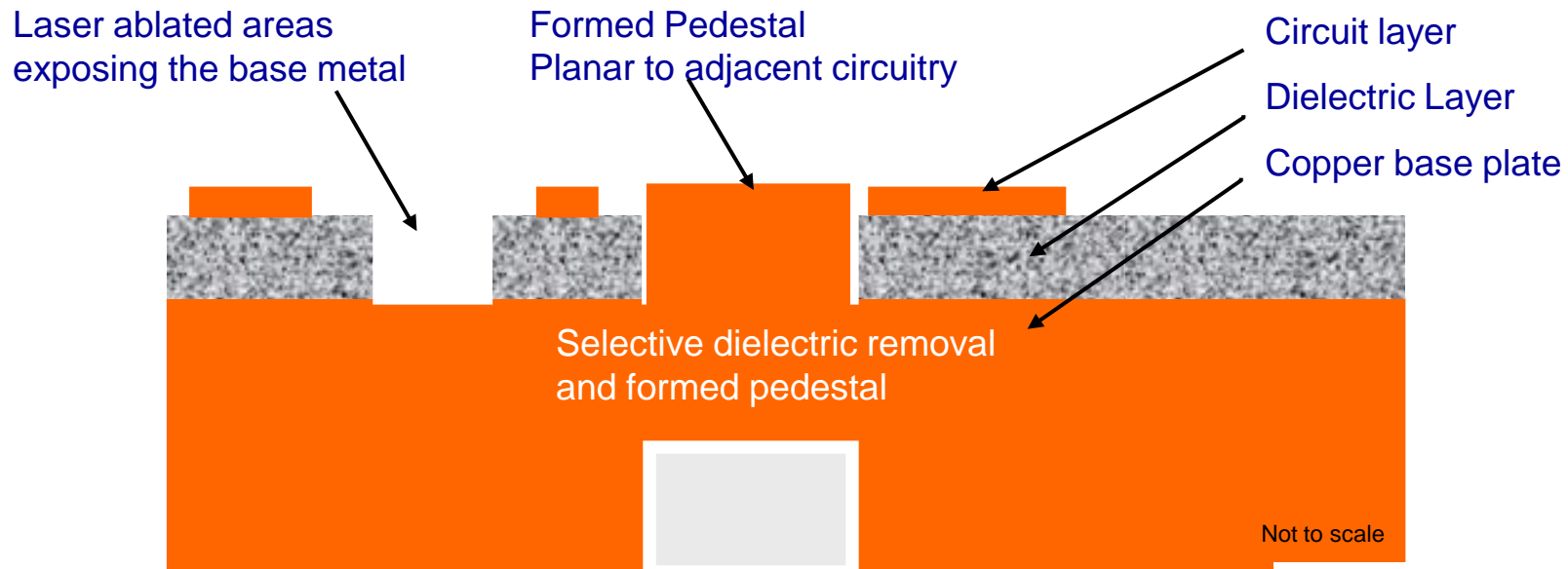
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## Advanced Substrate Technology

### Formed Pedestal

- Form base metal to be planar with adjacent circuits
- Minimizes solder bond line when component or die attach to base metal



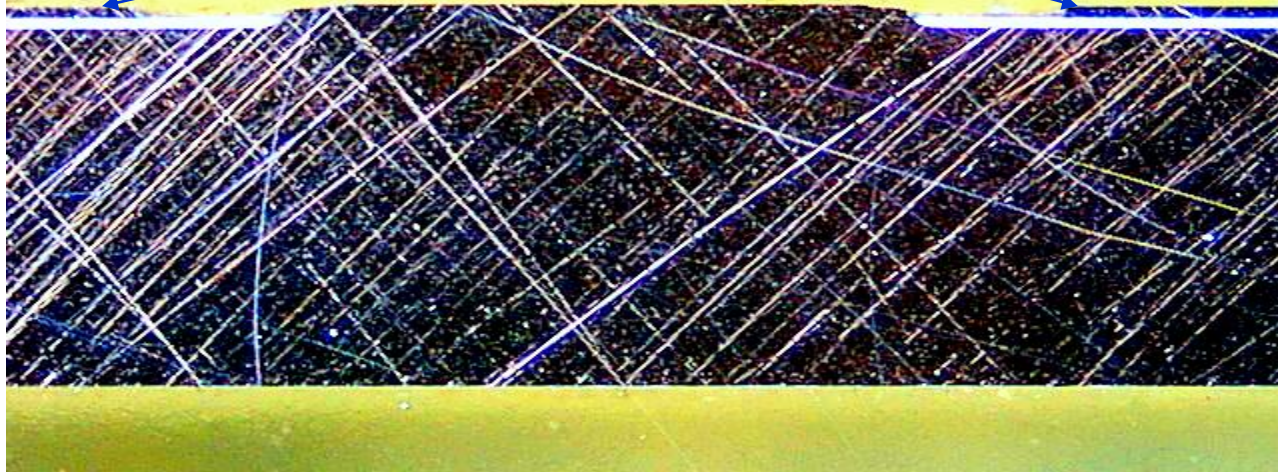
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## Advanced Substrate Technology

### Cross Section of Pedestal Board

Circuit and pedestal coplanar to  $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$  (0.002)

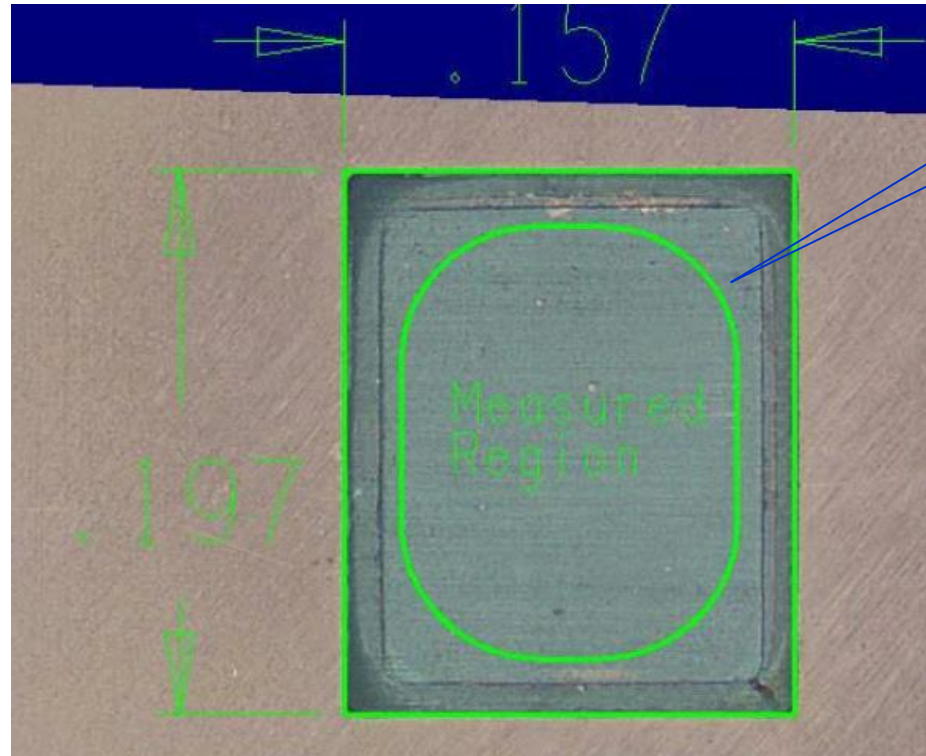


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## Advanced Substrate Technology

Planar Solder Area inside line



Radius begins

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## Cost Drivers

- BOM
  - AL vs CU , & thickness
  - Circuit foil weight 1oz vs 10oz
  - Dielectric type and thickness
- Form Factor
  - Number of layers
  - Shape – round vs square
- Panel Utilization
  - What percentage of the panel is utilized
- Non Standard holes
  - c-sinks
  - Threaded
- Surface finishes
- Single piece or panelized array



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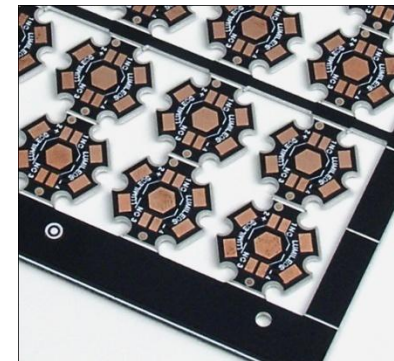
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## Key Advantages of the IMS Technology

- Measurable improvement in Watt-Density
- Simplified thermal design – due to IMS
- Reliability – dielectric and base plate integrity
- Array panelization available
- Structural rigidity which allows for features like threaded holes
- Variety of configurations available
  - shape, dielectric & base plate
  - surface finishes for soldering and wire bonding
  - option for direct die bond to base plate

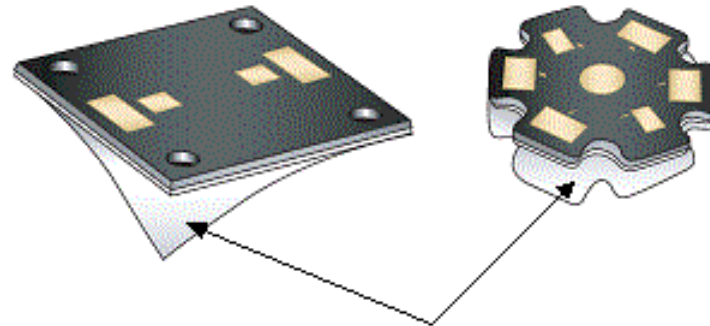


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## Combining IMS and Thermal Interface Materials



Bond Ply 450 With Release Liner

**Bond Ply 450PA is pre-applied PSA thermally conductive tape  
withstands Reflow temperatures  
> easy peel and place <**

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## Thermal Clad® - IMS Insulated Metal Substrate

### KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

1. Three basic performance related decisions
  - **base metal** – type and thickness, **dielectric performance** and thickness and copper **circuit foil** thickness
2. **Soldermask** color and solder pad **surface finish**
3. **Part geometry** (shape) and format, single up or array
4. You may want to **consider a pre applied TIM** to improve performance and reduce cost

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## MCPCB's and TIM Considerations for High Power LED Lighting Applications

### Outline

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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### What is Thermal Interface Material?

- ✓ Used to optimize & achieve *consistent* thermal performance at component assembly interfaces
- ✓ Assembled interface surfaces do not align well due to planar misalignment (Micro & Macro)
- ✓ The consistent lowest cost solution



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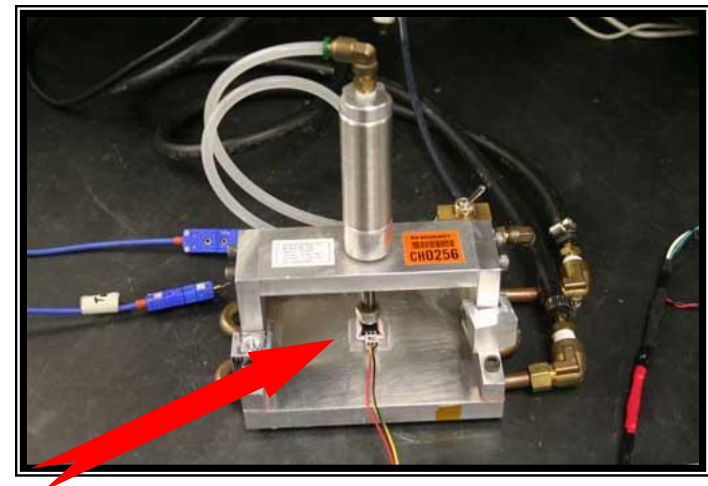
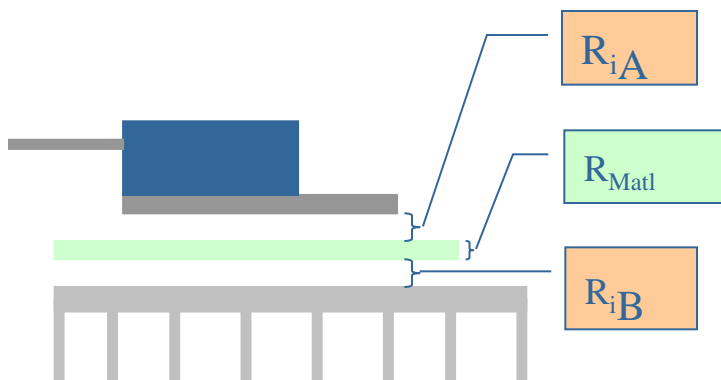
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

TIM performance is typically optimized by:

- Maximizing thermal conductivity
- Maximizing wet-out (maintaining contact to adjacent surfaces)
- Minimizing bond line thickness



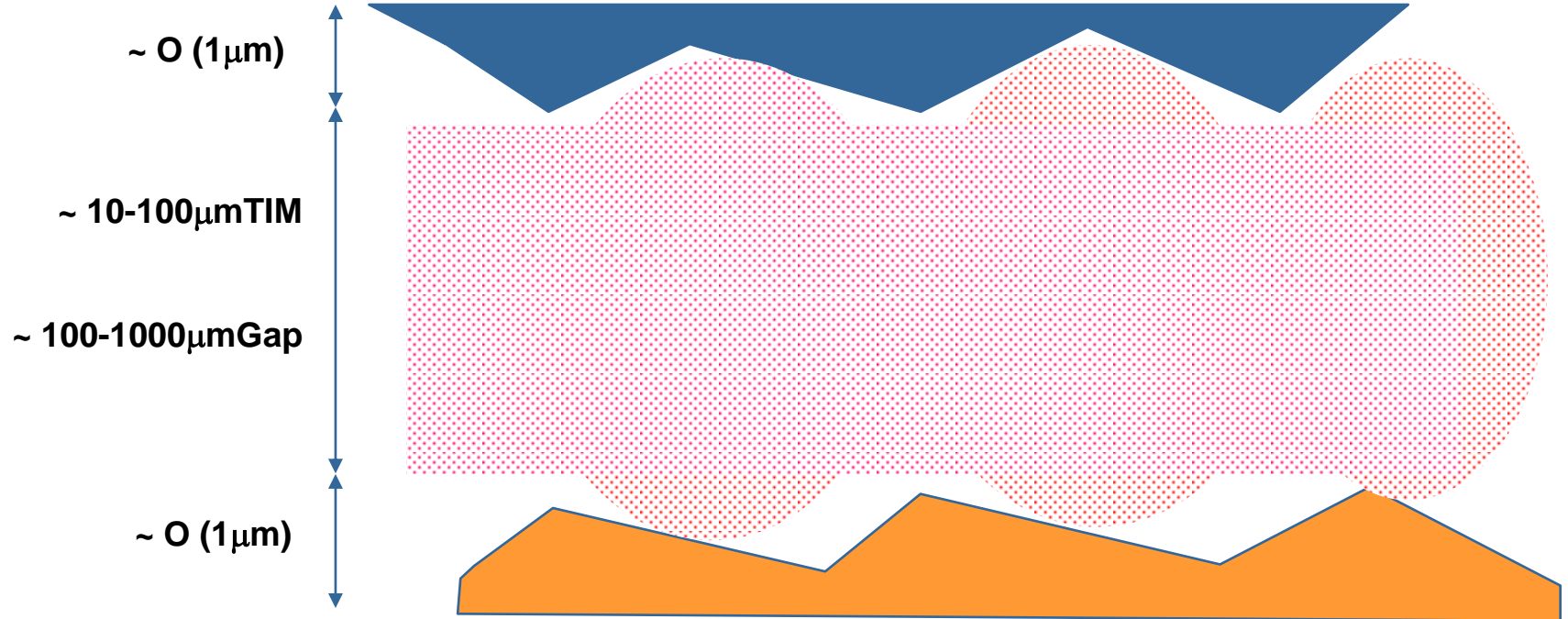
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Typical Interface



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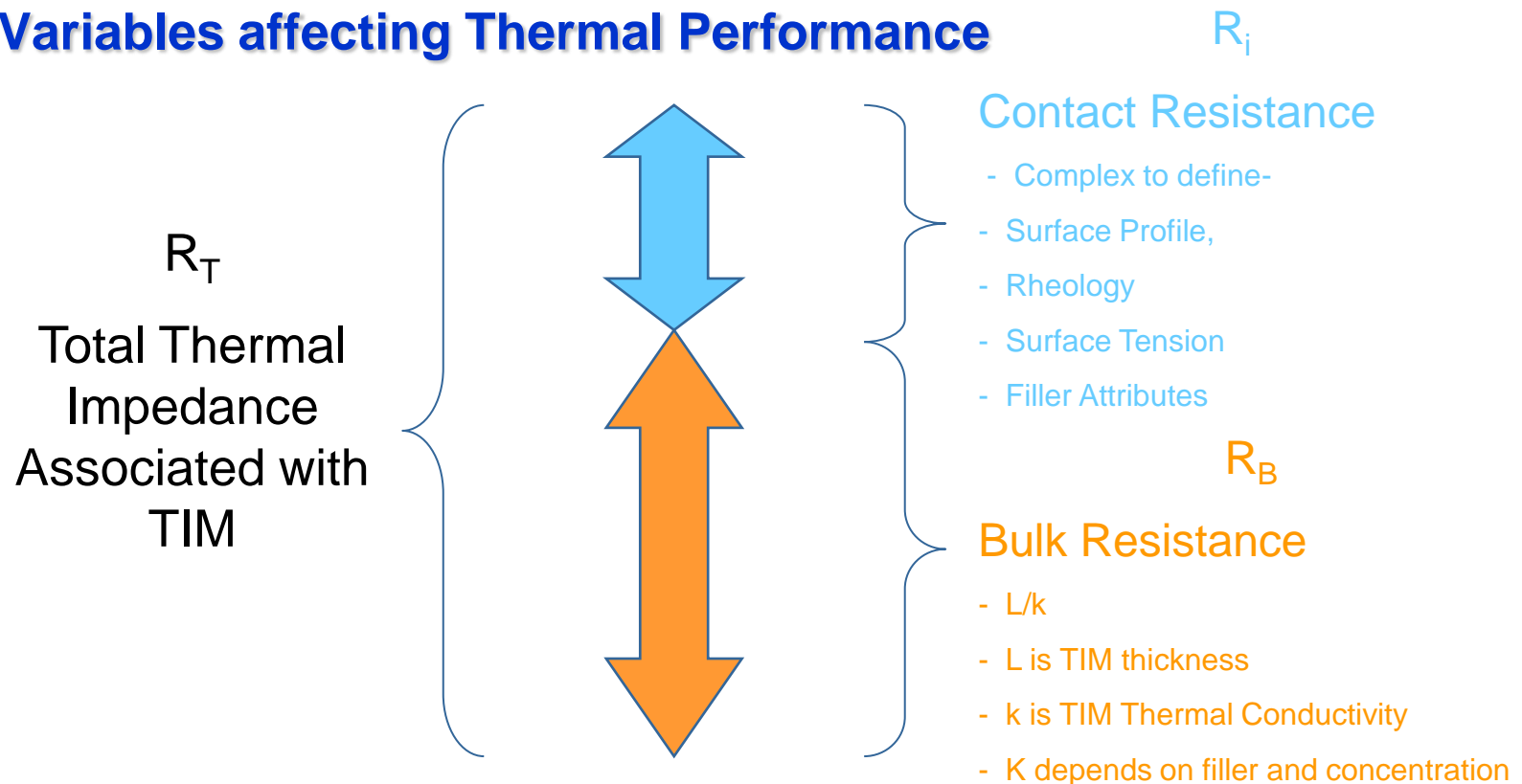
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Variables affecting Thermal Performance



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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Overview of TIM technologies today:

- Insulator Pads
- Gap Pads and Fillers
- Phase Change
- Adhesive Tapes
- Liquid Adhesives
- Compounds



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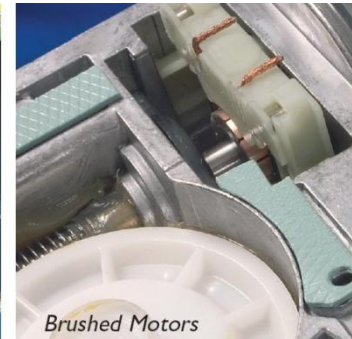
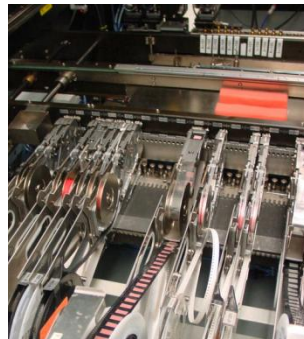
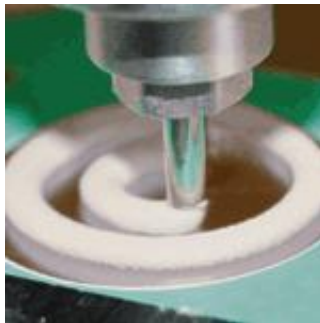
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### TIM construction and forms:

- ✓ Silicone & Sil-Free resin systems (Liquid or Pad Form)
- ✓ Thermally enhanced fillers (Al, BN,  $Al_2O_3$ , Al N...)
- ✓ Carriers – pad form (Films, F/Glass, SP, Unsupported)
- ✓ Protective release Liners – Pad Form (PET, HDPE, LDPE...)
- ✓ Syringes, Tubes, Pails – Liquids (5 cc to 19k cc)



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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Insulator Pads

- Insulator pads were the first thermally conductive insulators to replace mica and grease
- Insulator pads reduce the overall manufacturing costs of OEMs by reducing labor costs
- Insulator pads improve the overall quality and performance of electronic assemblies



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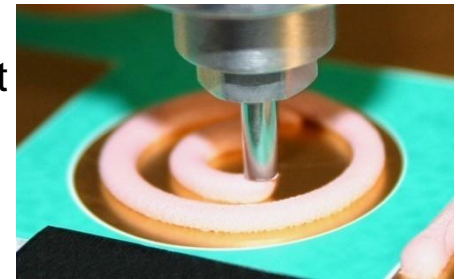
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Gap Pad® and Gap Fillers

- Fill gaps created with different component topology and irregular heat sink surfaces
- Originally designed to cool digital components and eliminate costly “active” cooling solutions and reduce the overall cost of the OEM
- Now are commonly used in most all electronic applications
- Often times, the gap between the component and the heat sink is large as compared to that of a thermal pad application



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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Phase Change

Alternative to thermal grease

- Phase change materials change from a solid at specific temperatures and flow to assure total wet-out of the interface without overflow. (phase change)
- Can easily be automated
- Offers the best thermal performance of a pad type product
- Was originally design for high end processor applications



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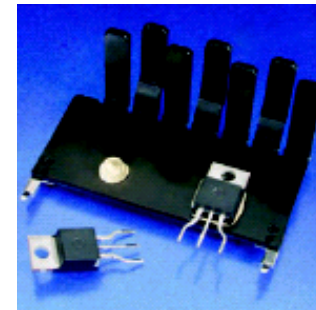
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### PSA and Liquid Adhesives

- PSA can adhere materials with mismatched CTE strong enough to bond, yet soft enough to let materials expand and contract at their own rate.
- Liquid adhesives are high performance, thermally conductive, bonding materials. They tend to be less forgiving with CTE mismatch.



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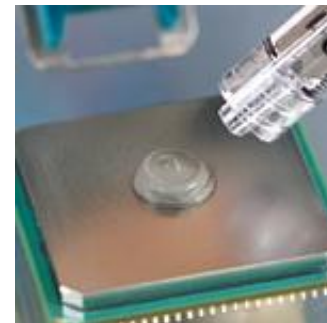
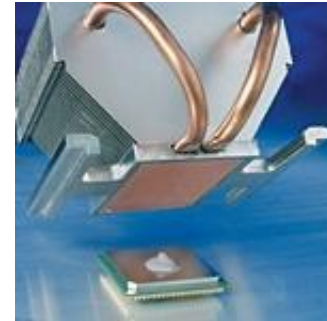
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## Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

### Thermal Interface Compounds

- High performance thermal greases are designed for use between a heat generating device or MCPCB and a heat sink
- Low performances greases can be used in place of high performance greases and thermal pads to reduce cost but be aware of potential long term performance issues



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## Conclusions

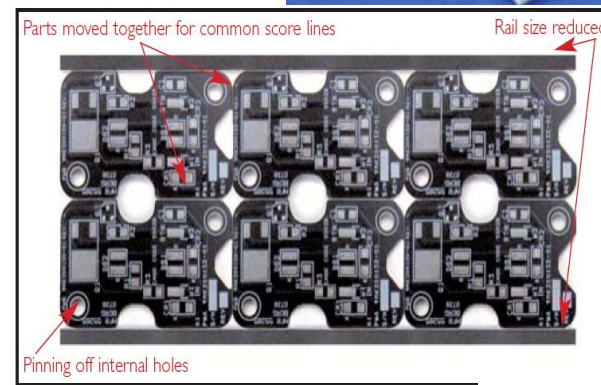
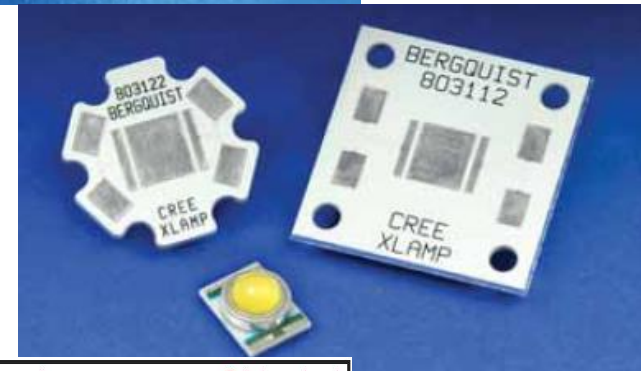
1. Understand the LED that you want to use
  - maximum operating temperature
  - Thermal resistance of the LED
2. Calculate the thermal stack-up
  - Considering all materials and interfaces
  - Model if can, try substituting various materials to determine best cost vs performance
3. Choose the appropriate dielectric material
  - Lower thermal resistance does not always mean lower  $T_{\text{Rise}}$
4. Choose the appropriate TIM material
  - Consider mechanical requirements
  - Try to minimize thermal resistance
5. Make sure you have an exit path for waste heat

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## Bergquist known for

- Materials Manufacturer
  - ✓ Thermal Interface Materials
  - ✓ IMS Materials
- Circuit Provider for IMS
  - ✓ IMS circuits supplier
    - Component and COB level
    - Piece Part and Array's
  - ✓ Active Base Plate Solutions
    - Electrical / Thermal Vias to Base
    - Selective Dielectric Removal
    - Pedestal Forming
  - ✓ Special Processes – 3D circuits



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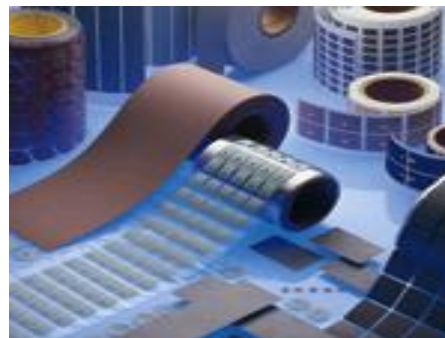
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