# DIE TOP SYSTEM: ADVANCED INTERCONNECT FOR POWER ELECTRONICS MODULE PACKAGING

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# OUTLINE



Power Module Market Growth

Die Top System

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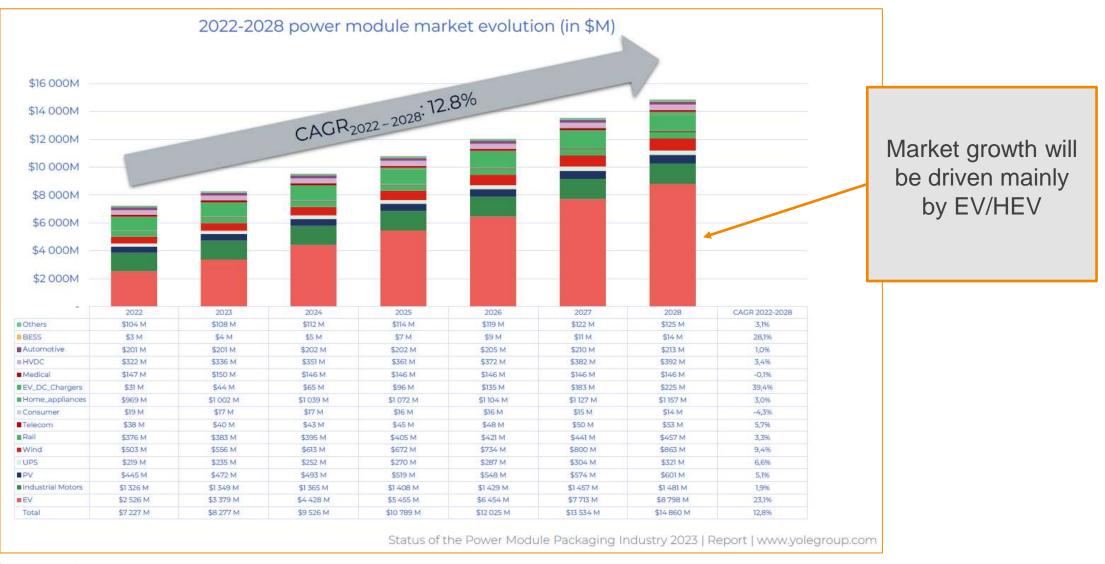
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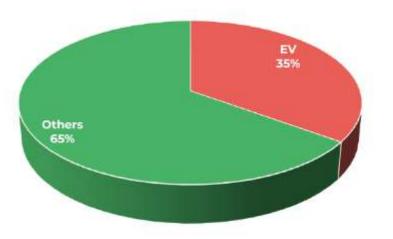
### POWER MODULE MARKET SIZE, IN \$M



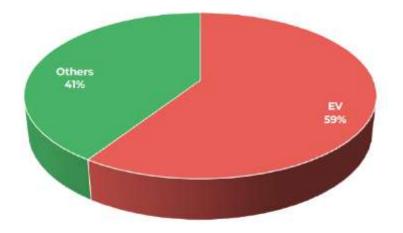
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### EV/HEV SHARE IN OVERALL POWER MODULE MARKET





Share represented by EV/HEV power module level as of 2028 (\$M)



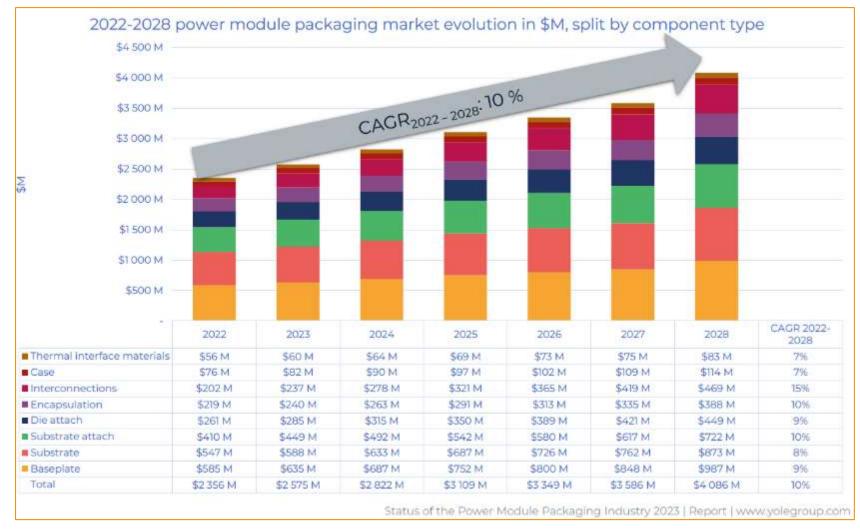
### 2022 Total:\$7.2 B

2028 Total:\$14.8 B



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### Heraeus 2022-2028: POWER MODULE PACKAGING MARKET SIZE: SPLIT BY COMPONENT



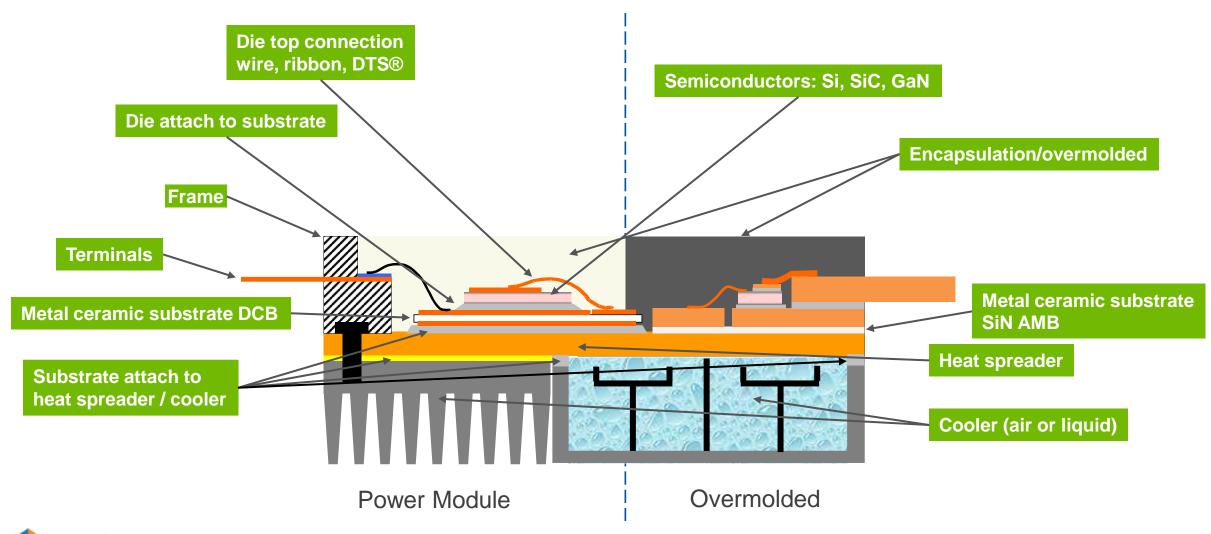
The Power module packaging market will reach almost \$4.1B by 2028

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### PACKAGING MATERIALS IN POWER MODULES





# POWER SEMICONDUCTORS AND NEED FOR NEW PACKAGING MATERIALS SOLUTIONS



### **Benefit through smaller dies**

- > Reduction of chip size / cost
- > Lower losses / higher efficiency
- > Increase of power & current density per chip

### **Packaging challenges**

- > Increased power loss per chip area requires materials with better heat dissipation
- > More power needs better current carrying capability of packaging materials
- > Increased operating temperatures and reliability challenges
- > Low inductance packaging solutions for SiC/GaN Power Devices

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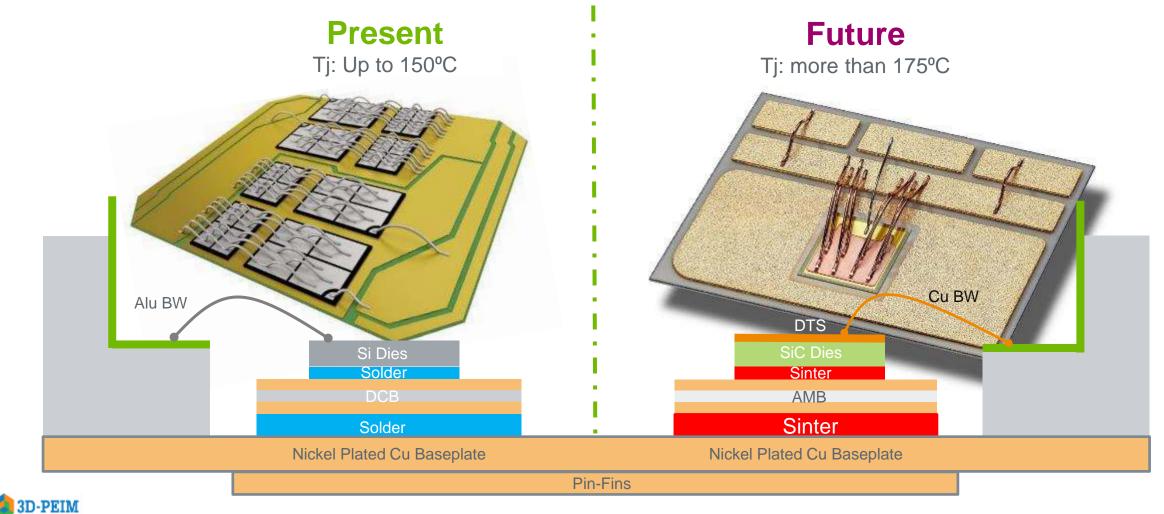
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# **REVOLUTION OF POWER ELECTRONICS PACKAGING** TRANSITION TO HIGH POWER DENSITY MODULE PACKAGING



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# DTS® MAXIMIZES POWER DENSITY AND RELIABILITY THROUGH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF SINTERING AND CU BONDING TECHNOLOGY

# The Die Top System (DTS<sup>®</sup>) is a Material System consisting of:

- > Copper foil with functional surfaces
- > Pre-applied sinter paste
- > Optional adhesive for DTS<sup>®</sup> fixation prior to sintering
- Matched copper bonding wires

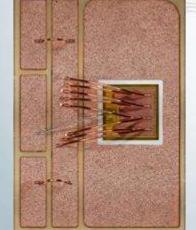


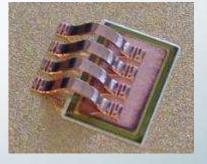


### DIE TOP SYSTEM®

Copper Foil Pre-Applied Sinter Paste Optional Adhesive







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### **Key Benefits on System Level:**

- > Maximize power / current density
- Increase die current capability vs. Al-wire by > 50%
- > Superior reliability or die shrink versus :
  - Modules with solder die attach and Al-wire
  - Modules with sinter die attach and clip solutions
- > Reduced peak temperature across the die
- Compatible for high temperature semiconductors, enabling high junction temperatures of <u>></u>200 °C



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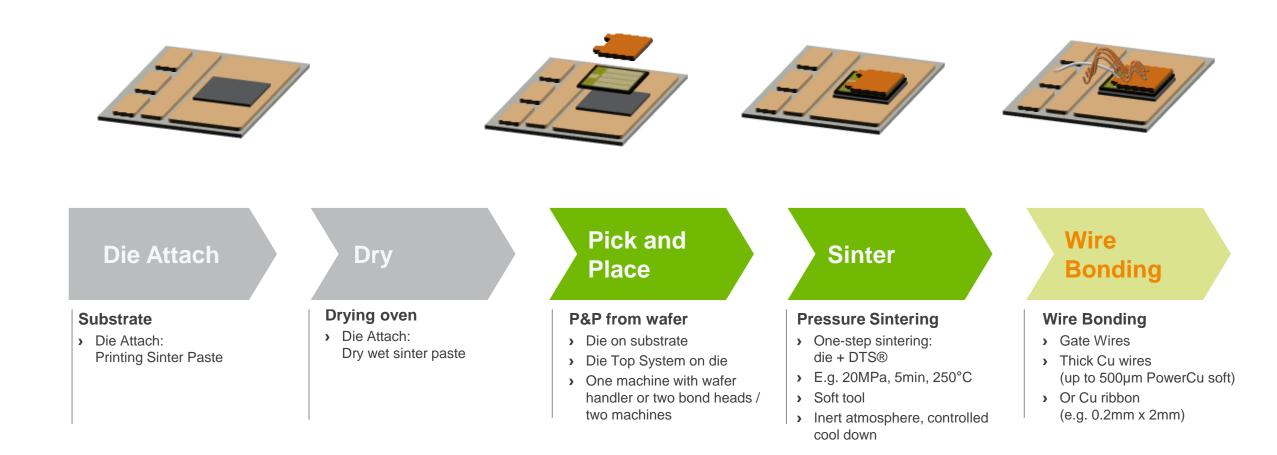
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DTS<sup>®</sup> PROCESS STEPS

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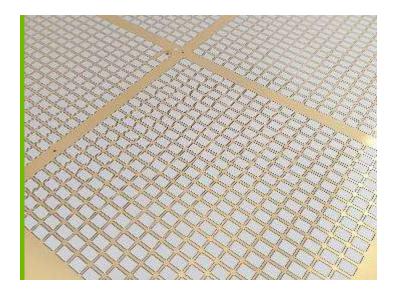


### INTRODUCING DTS® WAFER



#### **DTS provided on wafer frames**

- Top view of the 8" taped wafer frame with singulated DTS out of a copper foil
- Number of DTS per wafer depends on the part size
  - Approx. 200 pcs to 1700 pcs



#### **Pre-applied sinter paste**

- Below view of the copper foil
- optional: fixation dot to speed up placement (Pre-Applied Adhesive – PAA)



#### **DTS** wafer ready for pick & place

 Wafer ready for pick & place with industry standard die bonding

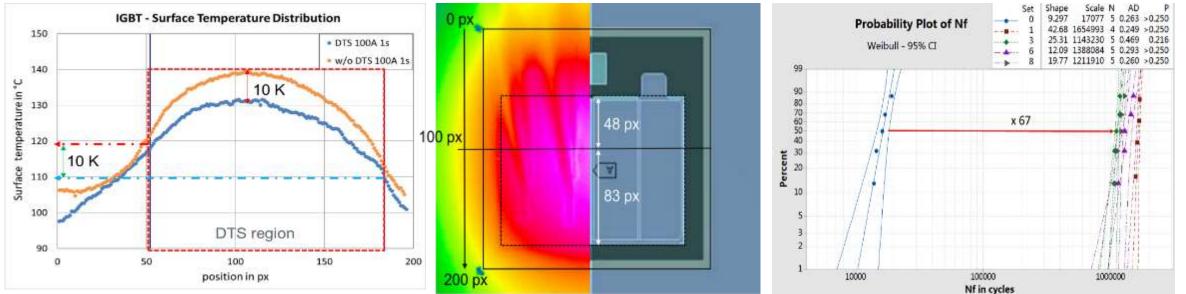
## DTS® POWER CYCLING CAPABILITY



# Comparison Al-wire bonded soldered die with Cu-wire bonded (DTS®) sintered die

> Homogeneous heat distribution

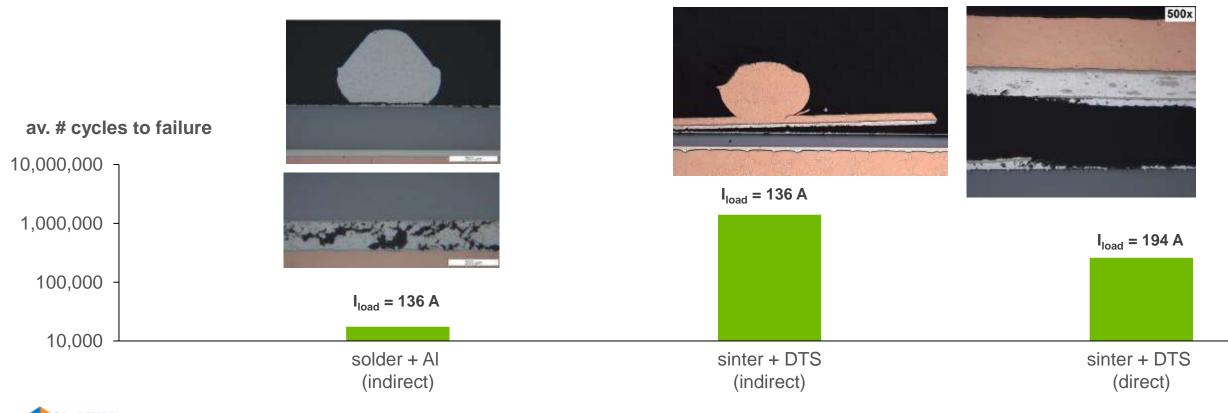
> Increase of lifetime by factor 67



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# DTS® SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FAILURE

DTS® failure due to crack propagation in die top metallization (no die attach degradation or wire lift-off)



### DIE TOP SYSTEM VS CLIP BONDING



**DTS**<sup>®</sup>

- Wire bonding the most common and proven interconnect technology in Electronics
- Customization to any die geometry
- Same equipment covers all layout variances from pilot to serial production
- > Die bottom and top attach in one step
- > Excellent proven reliability performance
- > Even heat distribution during power take-up
- Use existing & known know-how and processes incl. equipment (small adaptation)



### **Clip Solution**

- > New stamping tool for each layout variance
- > Suitable for large volumes
- > Die bottom and top attach in 2 process step
- Mechanical stress due to non-symmetrical design & inferior flexibility vs. bond wire
- > Stress relieve leads to uneven thermal distribution
- Risk of voids under foil structure during insulation potting

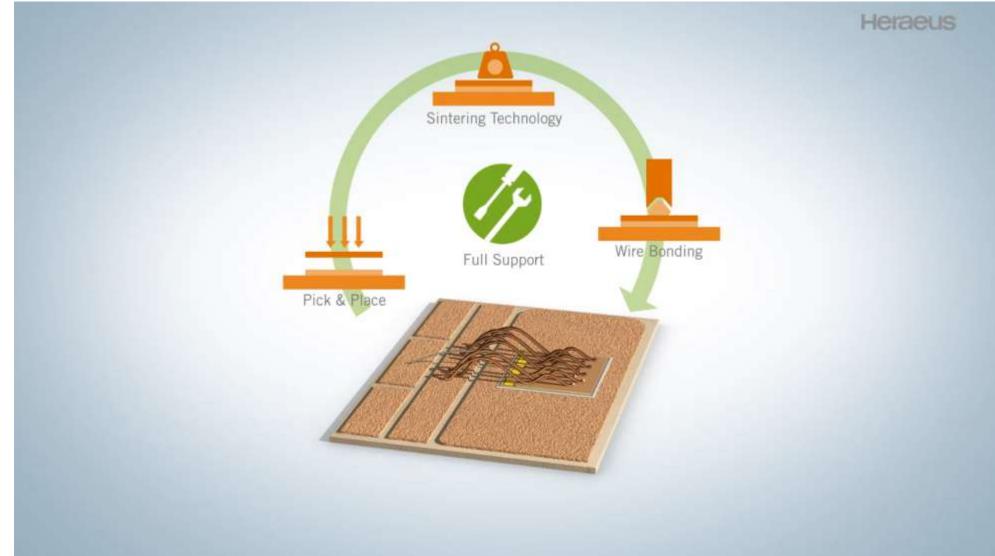
### SUMMARY

- Expected significant growth of Power Module in EV/HEV applications
- Power module packaging components will have significant growth
- Die top system maximizes
  - Power density and reliability of interconnect
  - Use industry standard die bonder reduces equipment cost
  - Increase power cycling capability to improve lifetime and reliability of the Power module



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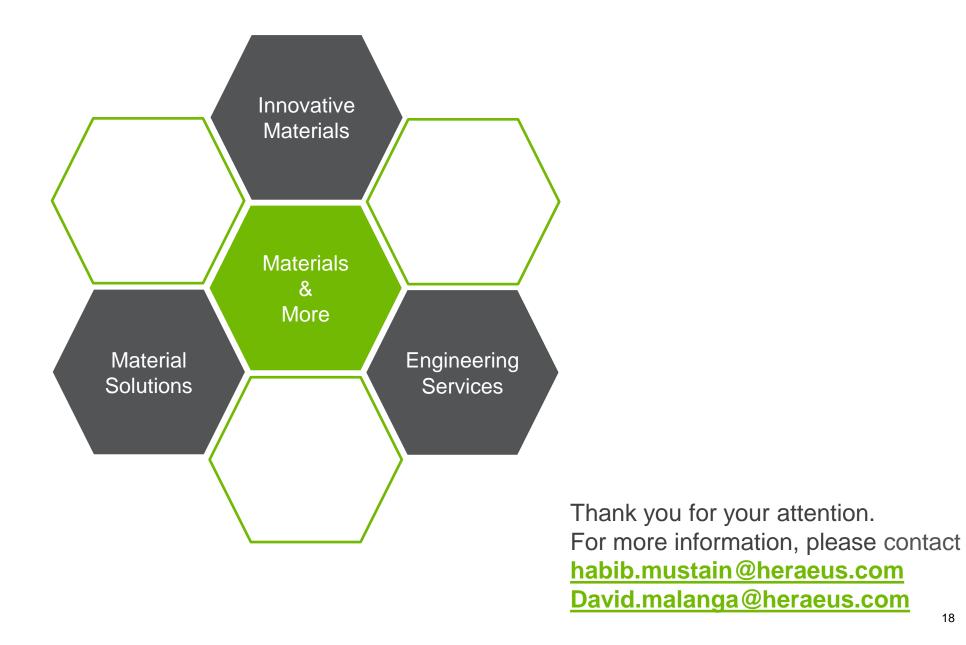






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