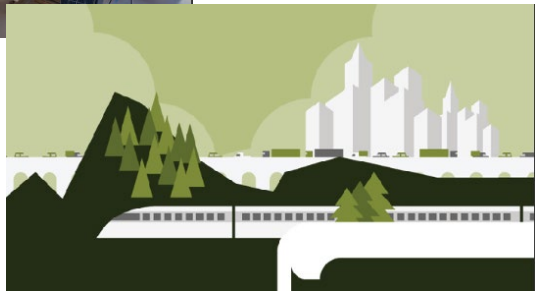


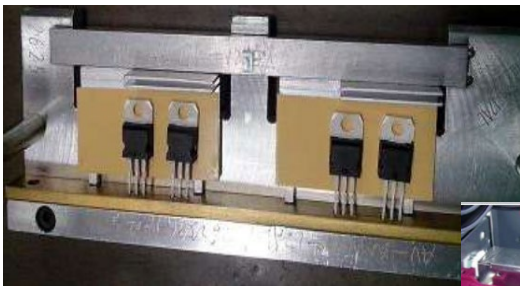


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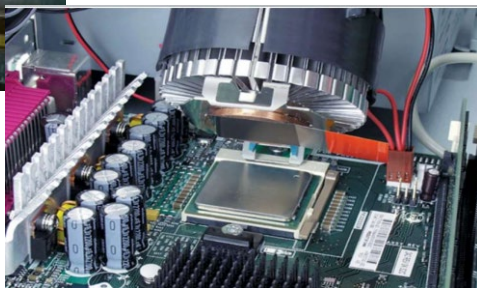


# FREEDM SYSTEM SYMPOSIUM

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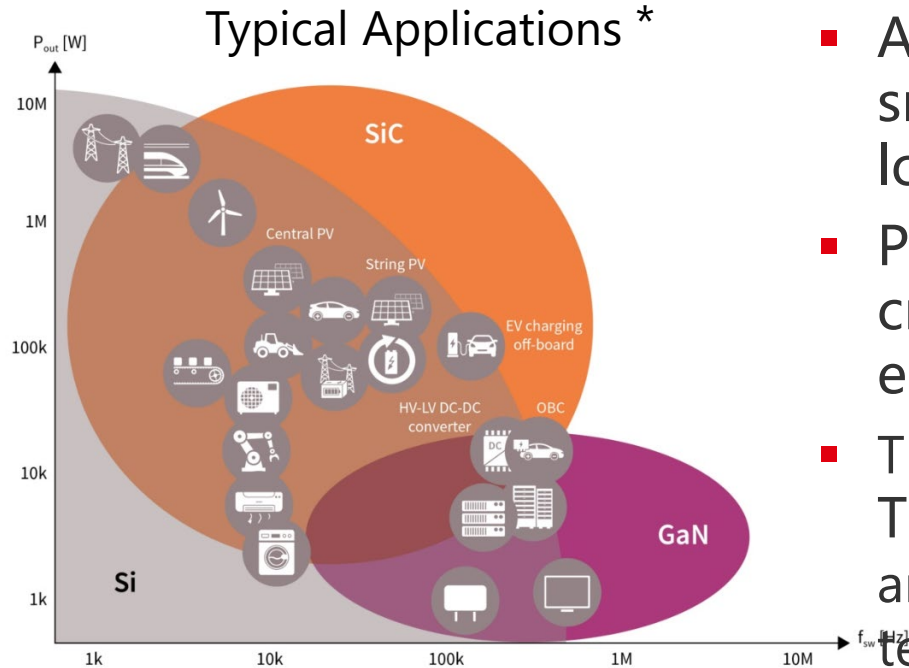
- Director Application Engineering, **Henkel**
- Senior Technical Consultant, **DfR Solutions**
- Director Global R&D, **Enthone (McDermidAlpha)**
- Director Advanced Development at **ITW Speedline Technologies**
- Adjunct Professor, **Dartmouth College, NH**
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**Fun fact:**

- Marathon runner, love cooking and gardening (Master Gardner...)



# WIDE BANDGAP SEMICONDUCTOR (WBG)

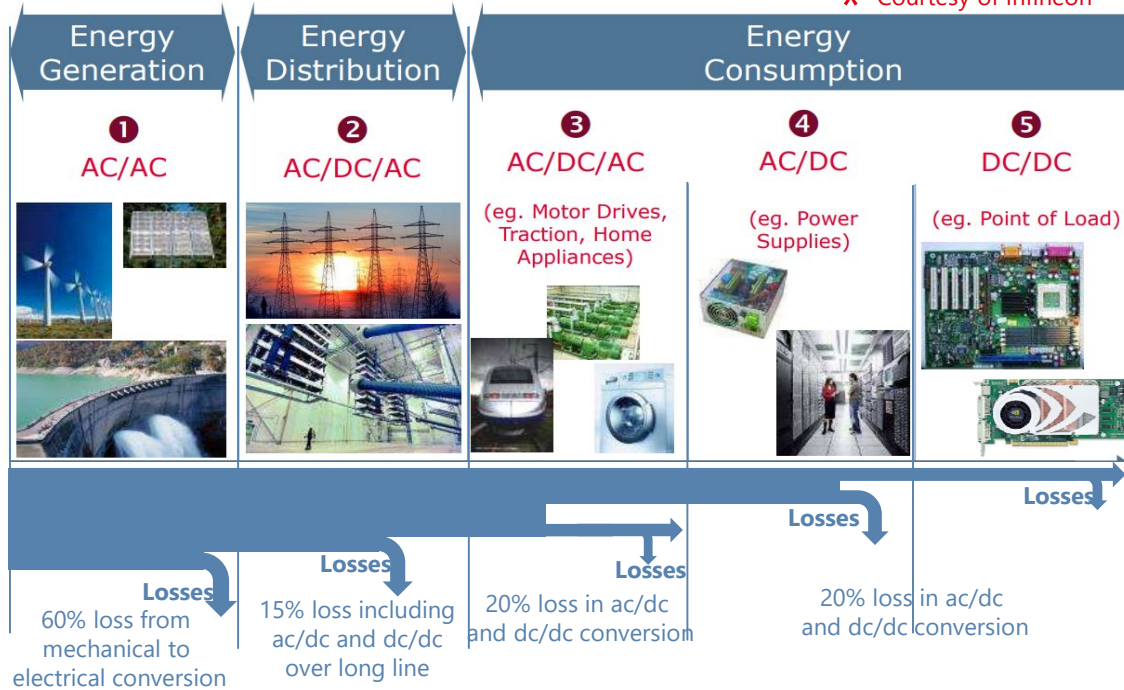


- Allows increased power efficiency, smaller size, lighter weight, and lower overall cost
- Proper thermal management is critical to the performance enhancement
- The NREL research suggested that TIM with lower thermal resistance and is "reliable at functional temperatures," is critical

\* <https://www.infineon.com/cms/en/product/technology/wide-bandgap-semiconductors-sic-gan/>

# POWER LOST AS HEAT\*

\* Courtesy of Infineon

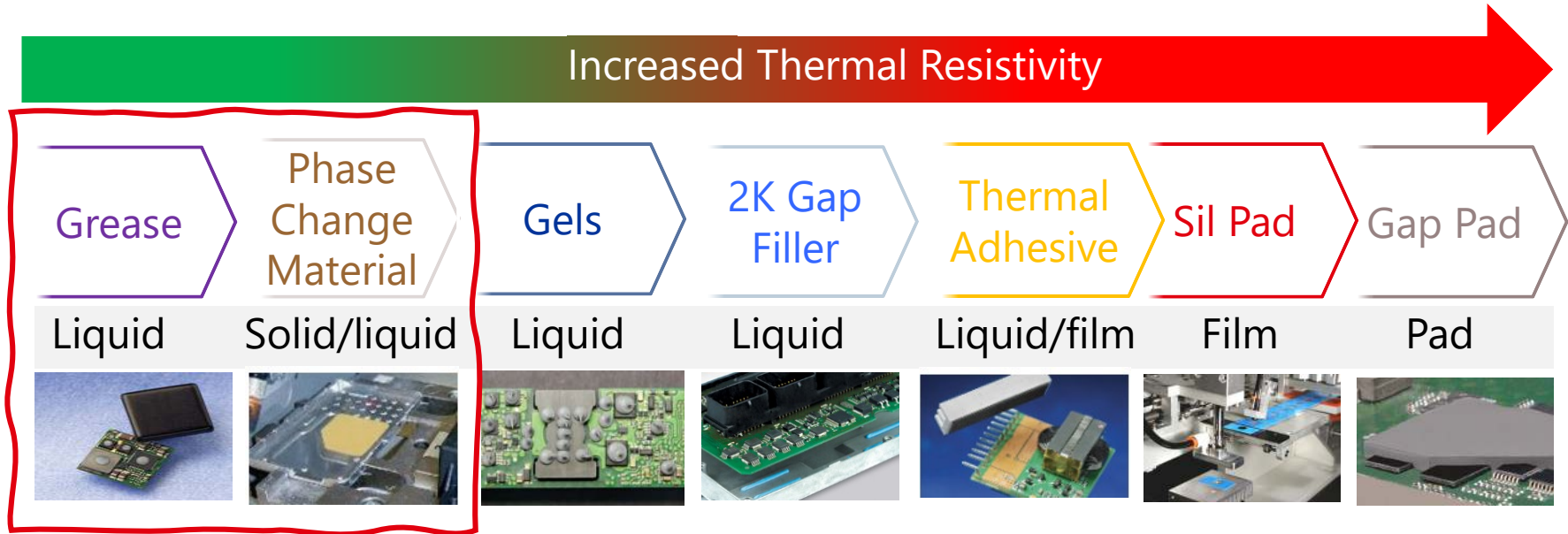


- Bottom line:
- Electronics generate a lot of heat
- It must be managed to meet safety and reliability of products around us

One of the most cost-effective cooling options is passive cooling using Thermal Interface Materials

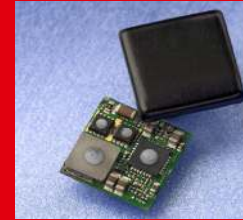
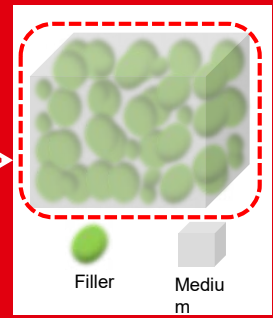
# THERMAL MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS

- WBG components will require lower thermal resistance TIM

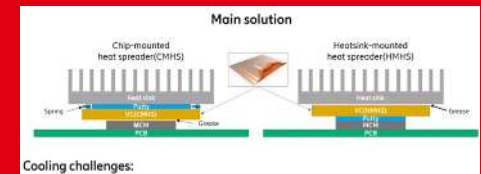


# THERMAL GREASE

- A composite of thermally conductive fillers dispersed in silicone or hydrocarbon oil
- Grease are the oldest form and most efficient TIM
- Used in very thin bondline ( $\sim > 150\mu$ )
- Non-Electrically Insulating  $\rightarrow$  not suitable for high power components
- Very low interfacial resistance due to excellent wet-out
- Thermal transfer remains intact only if the material stays in place
- Prone to pump-out and dry-out
- Typically used in TIM 1.5 and TIM 2 applications



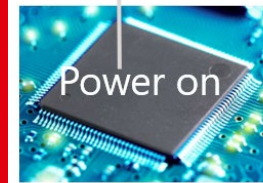
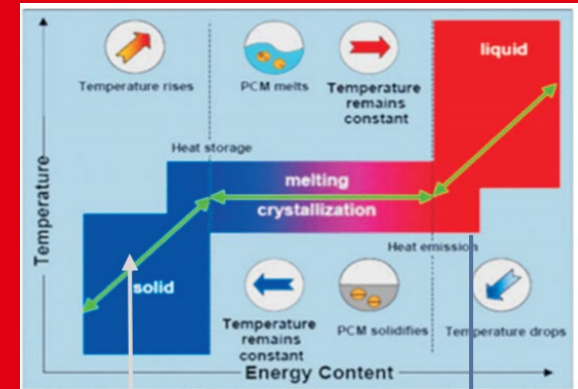
"Bake out" or "caking" Oil/filler separation "Pump out"



Cooling challenges:

# PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS (PCM)

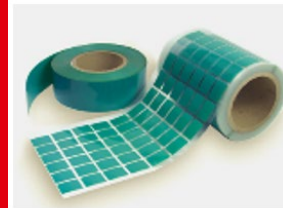
- PCMs are wax-like compounds that goes from solid to liquid at a specific temperature (45C-60C)
- It comes in film or printable paste which can be electrically or non-electrical isolating
- Very low thermal impedance and extremely good wetting
- Highly effective for low bond line thickness ( $\sim <200\mu$ )
- Printable paste for high throughput and film form for ease of application
- Along with effective thermal management, film can provide electrical isolation when necessary



Heat generated



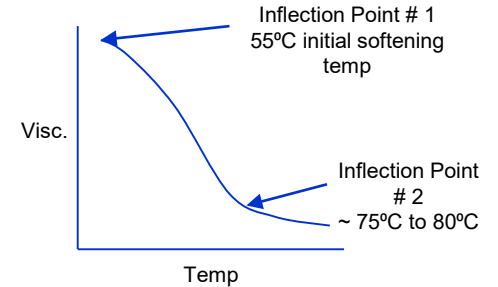
Heat removed



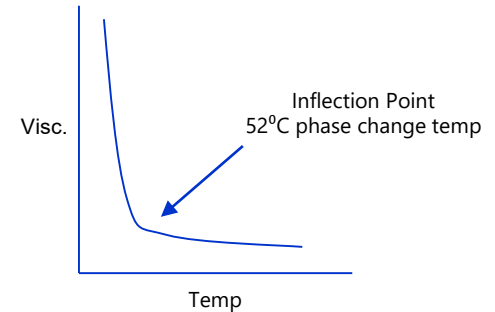
# PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL SELECTION

- Inflection Point 1- represents the initial softening point where viscosity will continue to drop linearly
  - Inflection Point 2 - viscosity will start to flatten out
  - Thermal performance is optimized after point #2
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- Inflection Point - at which point viscosity drop is immediate
  - Thermal performance is optimized immediately upon reaching In theory, bond-line thickness is minimized immediately upon reaching inflection point

## Phase Change Softening Temp



## Phase Change Liquified Temp

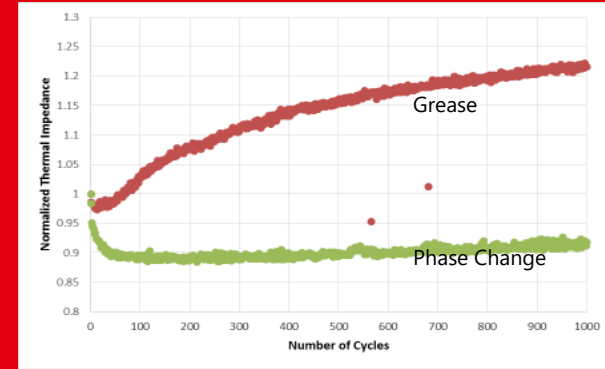




# PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL VS. GREASE

## Power Cycling Comparison

- High consistency phase change material initially improves with better wet-out as initial wet-out may be poor.
- Pump out degradation is too much with higher cycles for Grease
- Pump out degradation for PCM is minimum with higher cycles, as the phase change is liquid only partly during thermal cycle



# SUMMARY

- WBG semiconductors are fueling the growth in smart grid and green technologies while reducing total cost
- As WBG chips operate at higher temperature with a smaller footprint, it generate higher amount of heat
- New thermal management solutions are being developed at a warp speed to address thermal needs of WBG devices
- Advanced PCM will be one of the enabling solution to manage heat for WBG semiconductors devices



THANK YOU