

Enabling EU Leadership in automotive ECU for future Autonomous Driving – Reliability Challenges

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e²LEAD – reliability challenges Agenda

- Introduction
- What is e²LEAD about
- Chiplets for automotive has the time come?
- Cooling path
- How to tackle Dfx challenges
- Compact digital twin
- Virtual Release Through Referencing
- Summary





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e²LEAD – reliability challenges Challenges

- 6 high performance ECUs in a premium car and more than 90 other ECUs
- HCP1 ... HCP5
- ECUs are used for:
 - Autonomous driving in future level 5
 - Infotainment, body control, communication and energy management, ...
- Chiplets can make a great difference, but are they ready for automotive application?









e²LEAD – reliability challenges Requirements and Specifications

Creation of specifications based on the VW80000

- Component description
- Requirement due to vehicle use (mission profile)
- Requirements and test
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Climatic
- Chemical
- Lifetime

Biggest challenge for future control units

- Operating time so far 8000 h -> now up to always on 131400 h
- Increasing mileage
- High computing power of the semiconductors -> water cooling
- Reliability and Safety for level 5 standards



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e²LEAD – reliability challenges



e²LEAD – enabling smooth and efficient realization of the supercomputers for highly automated & autonomous cars

- Connectivity
 - Optical, electrical and thermal interfaces
 - Reliability of optical interfaces
 - Enhanced heat-sink with insets and two-phase components
- Technology
 - Automotive chiplets, packaging and integration
 - Chiplet incl. smart stress monitoring
 - Smart power stage for supercomputers for automotive application
- Reliability
 - Accelerate development time of complex ECUs
 - Compact digital twin for high performance GPU, CPU including housing
 - Virtual release through referencing

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	e ² LEAD Innovations
\leftarrow Level	ConnectivityTechnologyReliability & SafetyHigh-Performance Data and Thermal InterfacingAutomotive Chiplet & SPS Packaging & IntegrationNew Tests and Validated Compact Digital Twins
Component	Innovative Interface Elements Supercomputing Components Automated Digital Twining * Inhernently secure & ultra- fast optical data interface * Chiplets - Org.Interposer * Modular set of digit. twi * Compliant TIM-1 (PCM & sili- cone) ⇒ min R _{th} to chiplets * Silin Pack. f.multi-dies, high > th-mech.check f.all design * Slim Pack. f.multi-dies, high * Precision BLT chiplet cap R power-density & I/O counts Automated Digital Twining
Module / Board	High-performance Interfaces Supercomputing Modules Design for Trustable Board * Reliable optical data link * Undermolding for most ro- bust chiplet-BGA modules * New Reliab. Test Strateg * Comprehensive thermal co- design: Chips-BGA-PCB-ECU * Multi-die dual-side sinter- ing for max. power density * Compact digital twin (CD * Termal Interconnect R * Chiplet-TTV & SPS testing R * CDT-FMU for 2000 I/O BC
System (HW+SW)	3D co-optimized Connectivity Optimum System Integration * Heat pipes in the cold plate * SW implementation in the system. HW + functional tests * 2 nd heat path through PCB * Verification of the chiplet-based supercomputing system * Digital Master & 3D Master by automotive stress tests



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e²LEAD – reliability challenges Demonstrator





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e²LEAD focuses on reliability assessment of future chiplets for harsh environment



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- e²LEAD reliability challenges
 Chiplets for automotive the time has come
- Chiplets is part of a packaging architecture.
- An integrated circuit block designed to communicate with other chiplets to form more complex ICs.
- For large and complex chip designs → the design is subdivided into functional circuit blocks (often reusable IP blocks)
- These blocs are called "chiplets"

e²LEAD – reliability challenges Smart Power Stage for Automotive Computing

Motivation & Use-Case

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- Self driving cars require significant computing power.
- Advanced CPU/GPUs 18 x SPS (Smart power stages).
- Nexperia solutions for future automotive applications.

Objective

- Nexperia smart power stages for Next Gen. automotive computing platform ECU -> From Server to Auto
- New heat management solutions, DACA interconnects, new monitoring concepts for Digital Twin input



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e²LEAD – reliability challenges Cooling path – two versions

Reference case

PowerSiP with chiplets and lid





CoolStar

PowerSiP with chiplets and stiffener







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e²LEAD – reliability challenges Housing with integrated cooler (e.g. CoolStar)





Low stress cooling solution for automotive chiplets

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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Building FEM models

Single Chip



Nanotest TTV3: Single Chip

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20mm Wgo 78mm

4 Chiplets

78x57x1.52 mm Interposer, 120x100x2 mm PCB assumed

≈ 40x40mm2 chiplets area



Nanotest TTV1: 4 Chiplets

LID, TIM, seal ring not considered



e²Lead Power SiP module: 12 Chiplets



37x37x1.2 mm Interposer, 80x80x2mm PCB assumed

≈ 25x25mm2 chiplets area

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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Virtual DoE – selection of underfill

- Virtual Design of Experiment is a technique to select most optimum material based through the sensitivity parameters
- VDoE does provide qualitatively correct reliability prediction about product we develop
- Method verified and validated in the HiPer project
 - Mesh sensitivity study
 - Global vs. stripe model
 - Code sensitivity
 - Warpage and in-plane deformation
 - Successfully reduces stress for large GPU die (20x20 mm²)









e²LEAD – Reliability challenges VDoE - selection of underfill for chiplets



Parameters - undermold	Range
Modulus of elasticity [MPa]	1200030000
Coefficient of thermal expansion below Tg [ppm/K]	712
Coefficient of thermal expansion above Tg [ppm/K]	3045
Glass transition temperature [°C]	100170

Parameters - underfill	Range
Modulus of elasticity [MPa]	650012000
Coefficient of thermal expansion below Tg [ppm/K]	2242
Coefficient of thermal expansion above Tg [ppm/K]	80125
Glass transition temperature [°C]	90145

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Cu Pads

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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Compact digital twin



IEEE EPS TWGs common definition:

"Digital Twin is a continuously updated multi-physics, multiscale, probabilistic simulation model of a physical entity (an object, a system, or a process) utilizing big data, bilateral connectivity, and advanced software analytics to provide product monitoring, diagnostics, prognostics, and optimization services"



e²LEAD – Reliability challenges How to make digital twin





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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges MOR – modular approach for efficient design



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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges First implementation





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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Response surface based digital twin



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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges AI/ML based digital twin



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e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Virtual release through referencing







e²LEAD – Reliability challenges Summary

- e²LEAD
- Supercomputing systems for highly automated and autonomous system face challenges regarding the packaging technologies for communication and signal processing units, as well as heat removal and power delivery.
- e²LEAD focuses on collaboration within European stakeholders on an advanced packaging for automotive supercomputing platforms withing three research domains:
 - **Connectivity** for high-performance data and thermal interfacing,
 - Technology for automotive chiplets and smart power stage (SPS) packaging and integration,
 - **Reliability** for new test strategies and digital twin-based design methods.

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