



Millimeter Wave Packaging Research—Antenna in Package

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ABSTRACT

Antenna-in-Package (AiP) is in increased demand as a packaging solution for high performance wireless systems. With industrial focus on miniaturization, operating frequencies have pushed to millimeter waves (mmWaves), to make them suitable for 5G and beyond applications. This poses challenges on the front-end modules (FEM) to deliver innovative packaging solutions which can fulfill the FEM integration requirements to maximize the performance. To realize it as a complete solution, high frequency and high temperature material dielectric behavior is characterized to meet the design specifications considering automotive grade reliability standards. Similarly, mechanical characterization of the package/system is also utilized to ensure reliability to comply with the Automotive Qualification Standard (AECQ100).

The talk will discuss AiP solutions from a multi-disciplinary SRC project (Task 2810.056) co-led by Rashaunda Henderson (electrical engineering), Mark Lee (physics) and Hongbing Lu (mechanical engineering) from UT Dallas. At first, two innovative packages, namely flip-chip enhanced QFN (FCeQFN) and embedded die enhanced QFN (EDeQFN) are introduced for mmWave antenna integration in WR8 (90GHz-140GHz) and WR5 (140GHz-220GHz) frequency bands, respectively. The project goals will be presented along with measurement methodologies to characterize the AiP. Next, the broadband dielectric property characterization technique for optimal eQFN material selection will be presented. A workflow to characterize fatigue failure under board level vibration will be introduced. Simulation results indicating the potential locations of the solder failure under vibration will also be presented. Validation of simulation results is conducted using fringe projection to directly measure the vibration mode when a printed circuit board (PCB) is under vibration.