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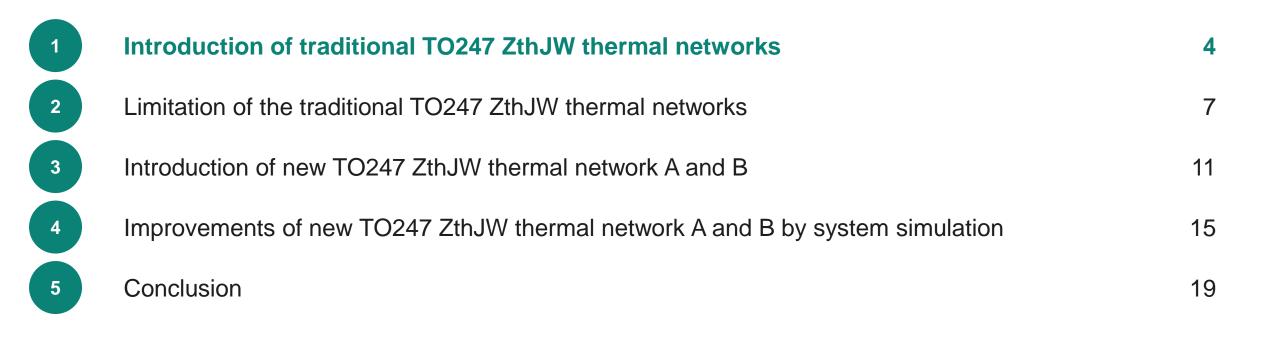






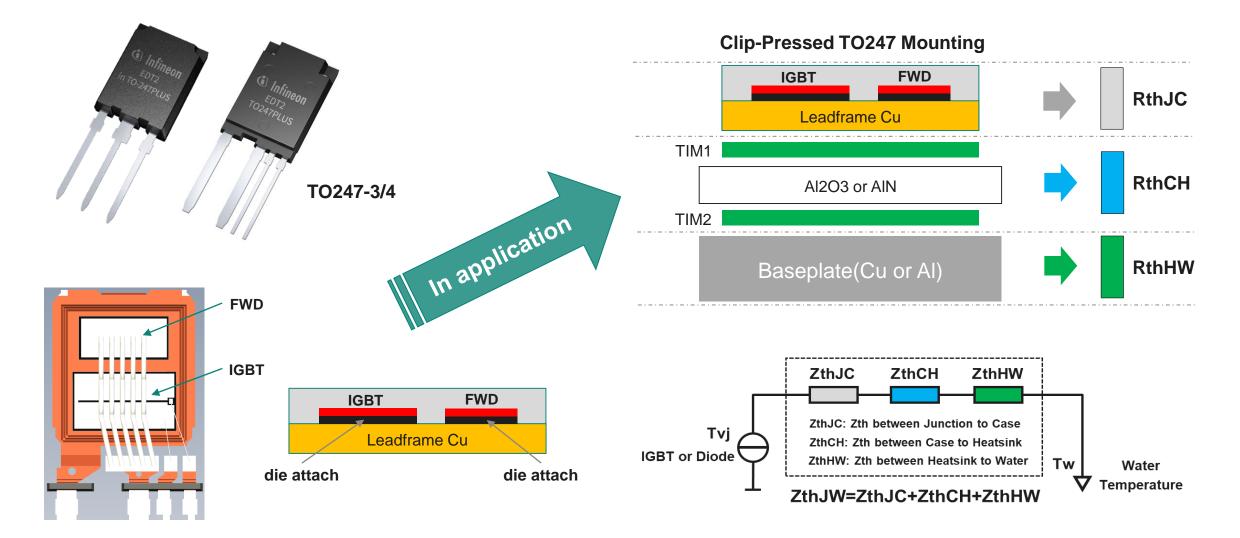
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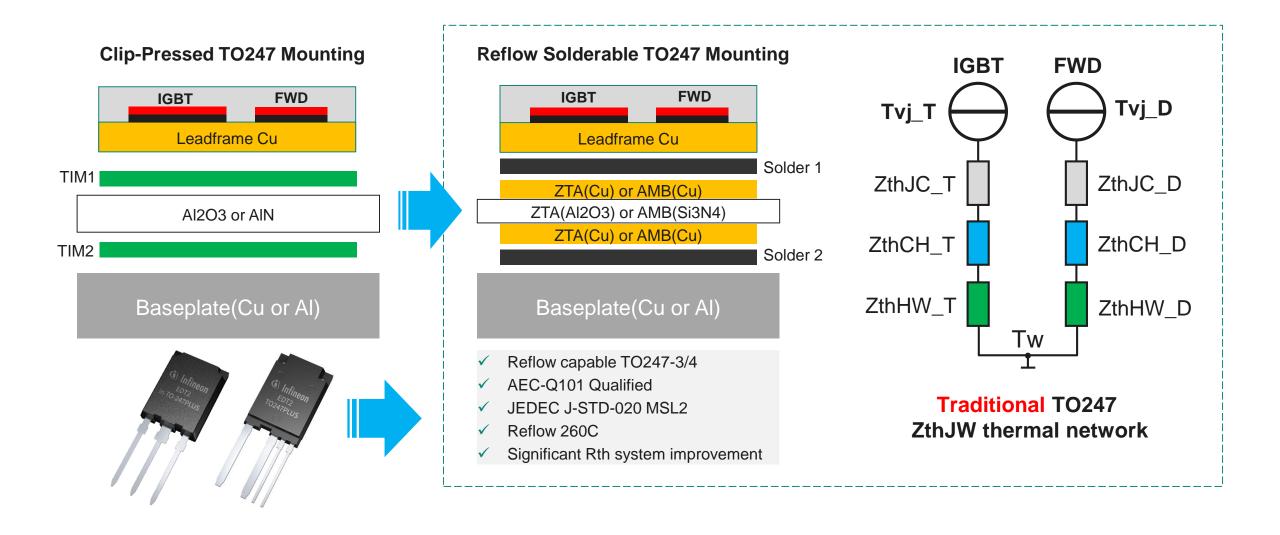
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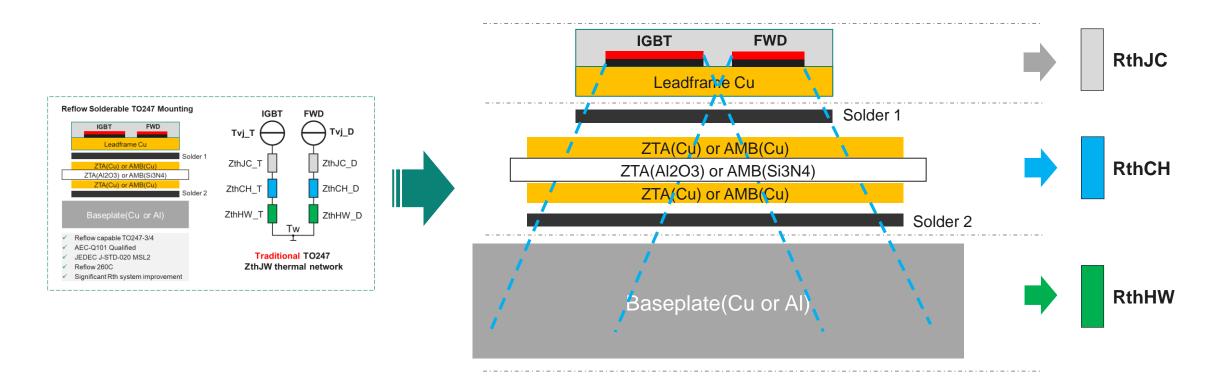
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ThJW thermal networks

Limitation of the traditional TO247 ZthJW thermal networks

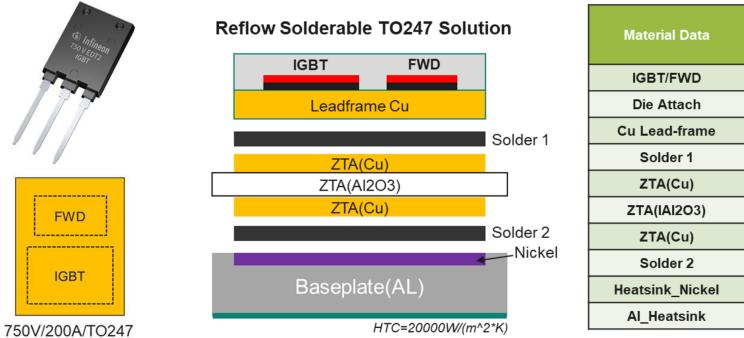


There are thermal coupling between IGBT and FWD
Thermal coupling in the layers of RthJC, RthCH, RthHW

Limitation of the traditional TO247 ZthJW thermal networks



FEM thermal simulation setup of thermal coupling in TO247 reflow solution



Material Data	Thermal conductivity [W/(m*K)]	Thickness [mm]		
IGBT/FWD	148	0.07		
Die Attach	50	0.06		
Cu Lead-frame	388	2		
Solder 1	50	0.1		
ZTA(Cu)	388	0.3		
ZTA(IAI2O3)	22	0.32		
ZTA(Cu)	388	0.3		
Solder 2	50	0.1		
Heatsink_Nickel	92	0.05		
Al_Heatsink	220	2		

The higher ratio as above, the higher thermal coupling influence.

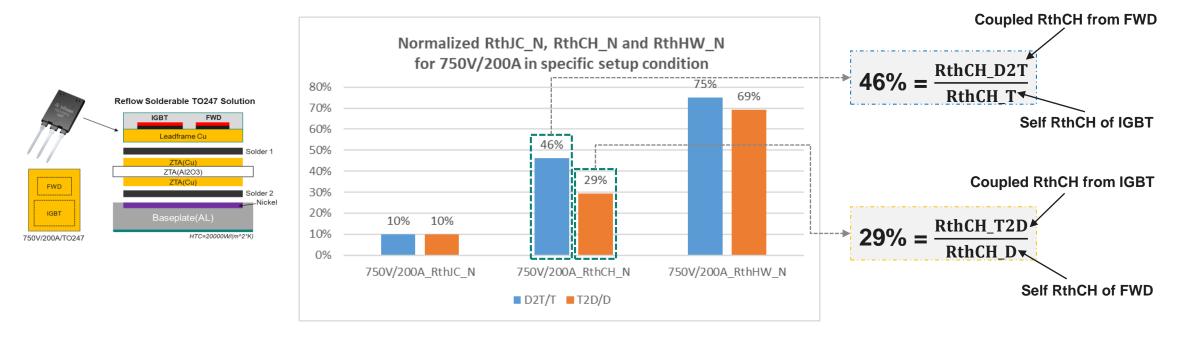
> The thermal coupling influence are mainly in RthCH and RthHW layers, which can not be ignored in the Rth calculation.

D2T/T of RthJC_N(or RthCH_N or RthHW_N) means the ratio between the coupled Rth from FWD and the self Rth of IGBT.

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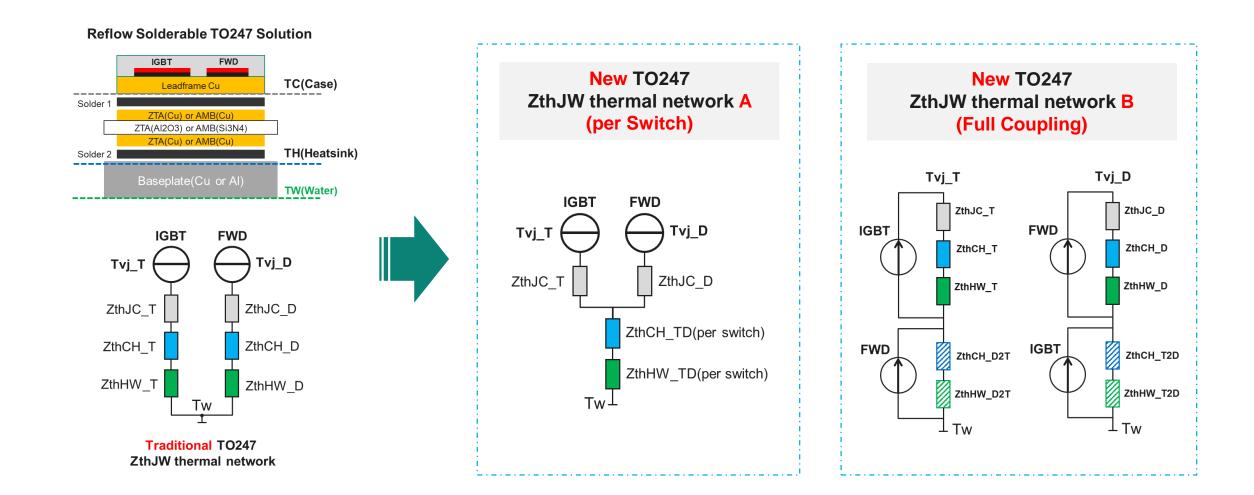




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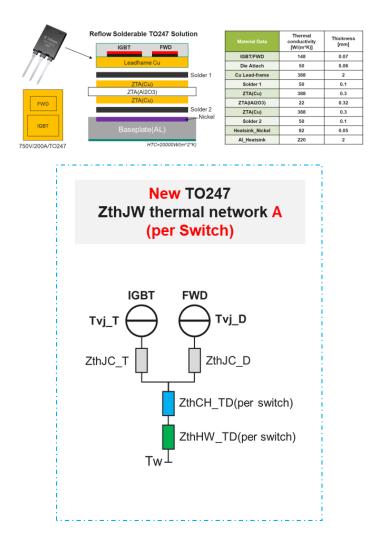




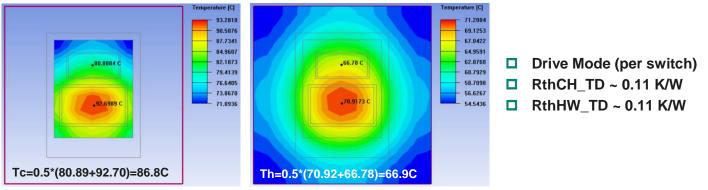
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FEM thermal simulation for new TO247 thermal network A

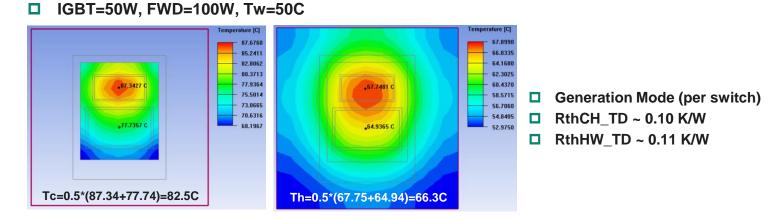




- **Case 3: Both IGBT and FWD chips heating (typical drive mode)**
- □ IGBT=150W, FWD=30W, Tw=50C

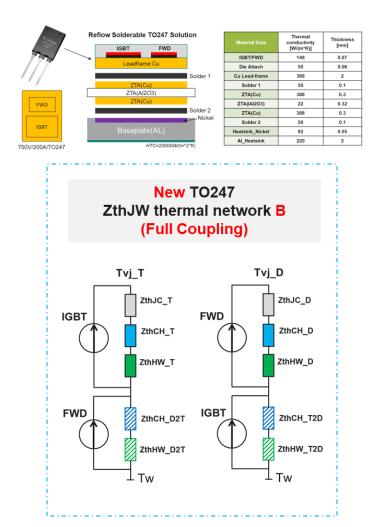


Case 4: Both IGBT and FWD chips heating (typical generation mode)

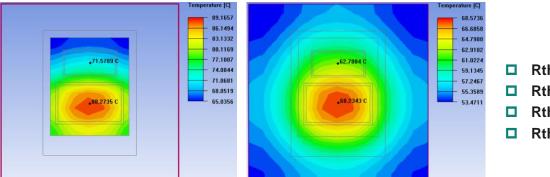


FEM thermal simulation for new TO247 thermal network B

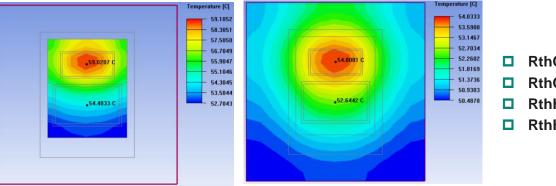




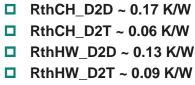
- **Case 1: Only IGBT chip heating**
- □ IGBT=150W, FWD=0W, Tw=50C



Case 2: Only FWD chip heating
IGBT=0W, FWD=30W, Tw=50C



RthCH_T2T ~ 0.13 K/W
RthCH_T2D ~ 0.05 K/W
RthHW_T2T ~ 0.12 K/W
RthHW_T2D ~ 0.09 K/W





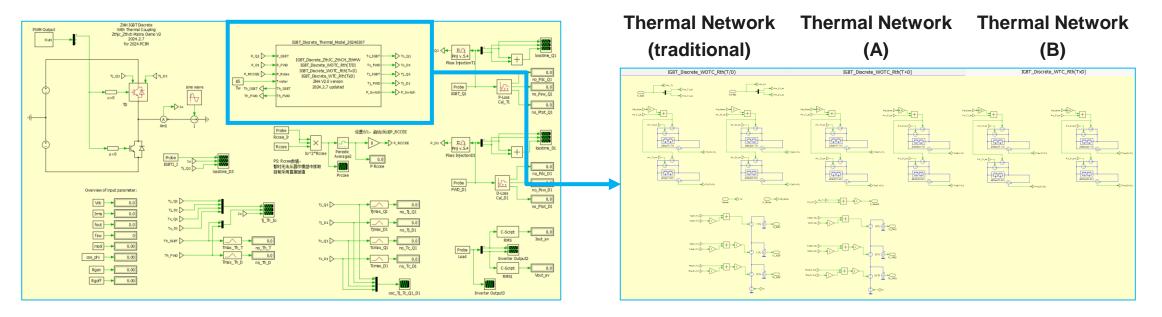


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□ PLECS system simulation and thermal network setup



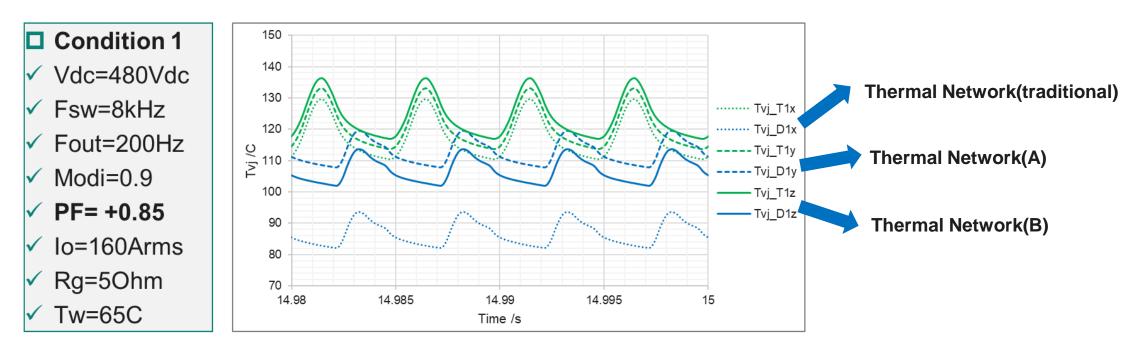
				T+D (per switch)	T+D (per switch)					
Traditional	T (per IGBT)	D (per FWD)	New A	Drive mode	Generation mode	New B	т	T2D	D	D2T
RthCH /K/W	0.13	0.17	RthCH /K/W	0.10	0.11	RthCH /K/W	0.13	0.05	0.17	0.06
RthHW /K/W	0.12	0.13	RthHW /K/W	0.11	0.11	RthHW /K/W	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.09

PS: Tau=0.5s for ZthCH, and Tau=2s for ZthHW

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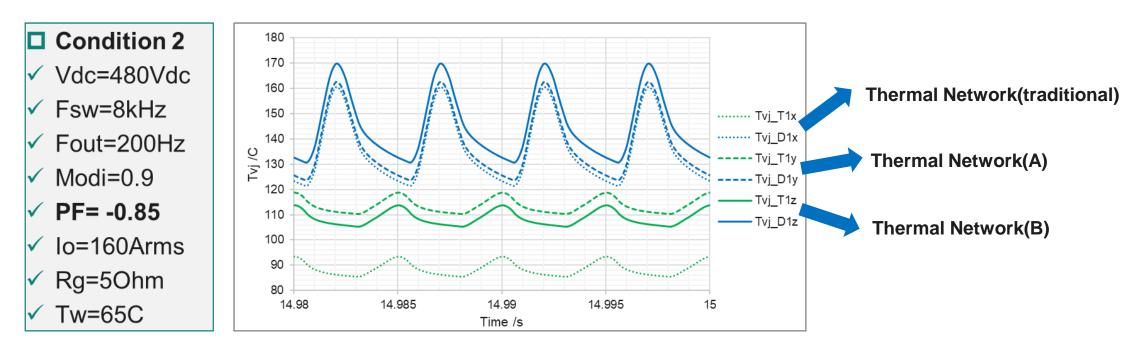


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Conclusion

- The basic idea and the limitation of the traditional TO247 ZthJW thermal network for discrete IGBT Tvj calculations in main inverter application is discussed.
- Based on the analysis of traditional TO247 ZthJW thermal network, the new TO247 ZthJW thermal network A and B with thermal coupling influence are introduced, which the parameters extracted from FEM thermal simulations.
- Some improvements on IGBT and FWD Tvj calculations of new TO247 ZthJW thermal network A and B is shown by system PLECS simulation.
- As above, the thermal coupling between IGBT and FWD in discrete package(TO247,etc) also need be considered for the better accurate Tvj calculation, especially for the Rth from case to water.

