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PACKAGE ASSMEBLY INCLUDING LID WITH ADDITIONAL STRESS MTITGATING FEET AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME

Abstract

A package assembly includes a package substrate, a package lid located on the package substrate and including a plate portion, an outer foot extending from the plate portion, and an inner foot having a height greater than or equal to a height of the outer foot, extending from the plate portion and including a first inner foot corner portion located inside a first corner of the outer foot, and an adhesive that adheres the outer foot to the package substrate and adheres the inner foot to the package substrate.

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Background/Summary

RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation application of U.S. application Ser. No. 17/748,335 entitled “Package Assembly Including Lid with Additional Stress Mitigating Feet and Methods of Making the Same,” filed on May 19, 2022, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/222,234, entitled “TIM 1 Stress Mitigation Method by Reinforce Embedded Lid Foot Design” filed on Jul. 15, 2021, the entire contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

BACKGROUND

[0002] A package assembly may include one or more semiconductor devices (e.g., semiconductor dies, interposer modules, etc.) that may be mounted on a substrate. The package assembly may also include a package lid mounted on the substrate over the semiconductor devices. The package lid may include a foot that may be attached to the substrate by using an adhesive. A thermal interface material (TIM) film may be located between the semiconductor devices and the package lid. Designing the package assembly to avoid cracking and delamination of the TIM film may be challenging.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0003] Aspects of the present disclosure are best understood from the following detailed description when read with the accompanying figures. It is noted that, in accordance with the standard practice in the industry, various features are not drawn to scale. In fact, the dimensions of the various features may be arbitrarily increased or reduced for clarity of discussion.

[0004] FIG. 1A is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly (e.g., organic/silicon interposer package) according to one or more embodiments.

[0005] FIG. 1B is a perspective view of a package lid that may be included in the package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0006] FIG. 1C is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion of the package lid according to one or more embodiments.

[0007] FIG. 1D is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly (e.g., organic/silicon interposer package) according to one or more embodiments.

[0008] FIG. 1E is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly (e.g., organic/silicon interposer package) according to one or more embodiments.

[0009] FIG. 2A is a perspective view of a package lid that may be included in the package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0010] FIG. 2B is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion of the package lid according to one or more embodiments.

[0011] FIG. 3A is a perspective view of a package lid that may be included in the package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0012] FIG. 3B is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion of the package lid according to one or more embodiments.

[0013] FIGS. 4A and 4B illustrate a recessed portion for a package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0014] FIG. 5A illustrates a plan view of the inner foot on the upper insulating layer of a package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0015] FIG. 5B is a vertical cross-sectional view of the inner foot according to one or more embodiments.

[0016] FIG. 6A illustrates a perspective view of the inner foot according to one or more embodiments.

[0017] FIG. 6B is a vertical cross-sectional view of the inner foot according to one or more embodiments.

[0018] FIG. 7A illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the recessed portion may be formed in the upper insulating layer of the package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0019] FIG. 7B illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the interposer module may be mounted on the package substrate (e.g., via a flip chip bonding (FCB) process) according to one or more embodiments.

[0020] FIG. 7C illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the package underfill layer may be formed on the package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0021] FIG. 7D illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the TIM film may be formed on (e.g., dispensed on) or attached to the upper surface of the interposer module according to one or more embodiments.

[0022] FIG. 7E illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the adhesive may be applied to the package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0023] FIG. 7F illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the package lid may be attached to (e.g., mounted on) the package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0024] FIG. 7G illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which a plurality of solder balls may be formed on the package substrate according to one or more embodiments.

[0025] FIG. 8 is a flow chart illustrating a method of making a package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0026] FIG. 9 is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0027] FIG. 10A is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate in the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0028] FIG. 10B is a plan view of the molded die module, according to one or more embodiments.

[0029] FIG. 11A is a perspective view of the plate portion of the package lid, according to one or more embodiments.

[0030] FIG. 11B is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion, according to one or more embodiments.

[0031] FIG. 12A is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate in an alternative design of the

package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0032] FIG. **12B** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in the alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments

[0033] FIG. **13A** is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate in an alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0034] FIG. **13B** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in the alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0035] FIG. **14A** is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate in an alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0036] FIG. **14B** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in the alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0037] FIG. **15** is a flow chart illustrating a method of making a package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0038] FIG. **16A** is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0039] FIG. **16B** is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate in the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0040] FIG. **16C** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion, according to one or more embodiments.

[0041] FIG. **17** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in a first alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0042] FIG. **18** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in a second alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0043] FIG. **19A** is a plan view of the package substrate in a third alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments

[0044] FIG. **19B** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in the third alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0045] FIG. **20A** is a plan view of the package substrate in a fourth alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0046] FIG. **20B** is a plan view of the bottom surface of the plate portion in the fourth alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0047] FIG. **21A** illustrates a package assembly according to one or more embodiments.

[0048] FIG. **21B** is a plan view of the package substrate in the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0049] FIG. **21C** is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0050] FIG. **21D** is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0051] FIG. **22A** is a plan view of the package substrate in a first alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0052] FIG. **22B** is a plan view of the package substrate in a second alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0053] FIG. **22C** is a plan view of the package substrate in a third alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

[0054] FIG. **22D** is a plan view of the package substrate in a fourth alternative design of the package assembly, according to one or more embodiments.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0055] The following disclosure provides many different embodiments, or examples, for implementing different features of the provided subject matter. Specific examples of components and arrangements are described below to simplify the present disclosure. These are, of course,

merely examples and are not intended to be limiting. For example, the formation of a first feature over or on a second feature in the description that follows may include embodiments in which the first and second features are formed in direct contact, and may also include embodiments in which additional features may be formed between the first and second features, such that the first and second features may not be in direct contact. In addition, the present disclosure may repeat reference numerals and/or letters in the various examples. This repetition is for the purpose of simplicity and clarity and does not in itself dictate a relationship between the various embodiments and/or configurations discussed.

[0056] Further, spatially relative terms, such as “beneath,” “below,” “lower,” “above,” “upper” and the like, may be used herein for ease of description to describe one element or feature's relationship to another element(s) or feature(s) as illustrated in the figures. The spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of the device in use or operation in addition to the orientation depicted in the figures. The apparatus may be otherwise oriented (rotated 90 degrees or at other orientations) and the spatially relative descriptors used herein may likewise be interpreted accordingly. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, each element having the same reference numeral is presumed to have the same material composition and to have a thickness within a same thickness range.

[0057] One or more embodiments may include a thermal interface material film (TIM film) (e.g., TIM 1) stress mitigation method by reinforcement with an embedded lid foot design. For high-power integrated circuit production, a metal TIM film may be widely used in industry because of its high thermal conductivity performance. However, a metal TIM film has a potential increase in risk of cracking and delamination as the size is increased (e.g., larger than 10 mm×10 mm).

[0058] Typically, a package lid may include only one foot that may be referred to as an outer foot in a ring shape. In one or more embodiments, a package assembly may include a package lid having an outer foot and one or more inner feet. In particular, the package lid may include one or more embedded support feet that may be located in the corners of the package lid, respectively. The package assembly may also include a novel substrate shape to accommodate the lid feet embedded design, and novel adhesive pattern to accommodate the lid feet embedded design.

[0059] The embodiments may include several novel and inventive features including, for example, 1) a package lid including a corner-shaped inner foot that may be embedded in the package substrate (e.g., extra support embedded package lid), 2) a number of the inner feet that may be embedded (e.g., multi-embedded support package lids) may be greater than or equal to one, and 3) the package lid (e.g., the package lid with extra support) may avoid touching the passive components (e.g., resistors, capacitors, transformers, etc.).

[0060] One or more embodiments may have several advantages and benefits. A stress on the TIM film (e.g., TIM 1 stress) may be mitigated so that a metal TIM film (e.g., a solder TIM) may not be restricted to only small chip-on-wafer (CoW) dies. The package lid (e.g., reinforced package lid foot structure) may also mitigate the stress-induced TIM crack and TIM delamination issue and, therefore, improve the reliability of a package assembly.

[0061] The package assembly may include a substrate and an interposer module on the substrate. The interposer module may include an organic interposer, a system on chip (SOC) device and high-bandwidth memory (HBM) connected to the organic interposer by a plurality of microbumps, a first underfill formed around the plurality of microbumps, and a molding material formed on the SOC device and HBM device. The package assembly may also include a TIM film on the interposer module, a plurality of C4 bumps for connecting the interposer module to the substrate, a second underfill between the interposer module and substrate, a package lid attached to the substrate over the interposer module, and an adhesive for attaching the package lid to the substrate.

[0062] The package lid may include an outer foot having a first height and an inner foot having a second height. The second height may be greater than or equal to the first height. An embedded length of the inner foot may be equal to the difference between the second height and the first

height.

[0063] On a first side of the package lid, the inner foot may extend over a first distance, and the outer foot may extend over a second distance, and the first distance may be greater than or equal to 10% of the second distance. On a second side of the package assembly that adjoins the first side, the inner foot may also extend over the first distance and the outer foot may extend over the second distance. The package lid may include a standard type in which an inner foot may be formed at a corner of the package lid, a multiple inner feet type (enhanced type-1) in which the inner foot includes line portions formed along a side of the package lid, and a heavy feet type (enhanced type-2) which may be similar to the multiple inner feet type, except that a thickness of the inner foot may be increased.

[0064] A length of an embedded portion of the inner foot may be variable. In particular, a package substrate may include a core substrate and an upper insulating layer formed on the core substrate. A difference between the height of the outer foot and the height of the inner foot may be zero (e.g., the height of the inner foot may be equal to the height of the outer foot). The length of the embedded portion of the inner foot may be greater than zero but less than the thickness of the upper insulating layer. That is, a length of the embedded portion of the inner foot (e.g., the supported embedded ring) may be anywhere between zero and the thickness of the upper insulating layer. If the length of the embedded portion exceeds the thickness of the upper insulating layer, it may result in other extra adverse effect on molding and underfill.

[0065] The inner foot (e.g., embedded inner foot) may act as a TIM stress reliever. That is, the embedded inner foot may improve the stress mitigation on the TIM film (e.g., TIM 1). In particular, the stress on the TIM film with the new designed package lid can be about 15% less than a stress on the TIM film in a conventional package assembly. That is, for example, the novel package lid of the embodiments may reduce the stress from TIM 1 stress=1 in a conventional package assembly to TIM 1 stress=0.85 in one or more embodiments.

[0066] A method of making the package assembly may include, for example, before performing an on-substrate (oS) process, using a laser drilling technique on the package substrate to obtain the defined shape on the package substrate (e.g., to make a hole in the package substrate). In particular, the method may include the steps of 1) providing a substrate, 2) performing a laser drilling process for making a hole to embed the inner foot, 3) flip chip bonding an interposer module onto the package substrate and applying the underfill between the interposer module and package substrate, and 4) attaching the inner foot and outer foot (i.e., attaching the ring) to the package substrate by using an adhesive. The inner foot adhesive used to adhere the inner foot to the package substrate can be, for example, an epoxy adhesive or silicone adhesive. The inner foot adhesive can be the same as or different from the outer foot adhesive.

[0067] The package lid may be composed, for example, of polymer, metal or ceramic. In one or more embodiments, Cu/CuS304/SUS430 may be used as a material for the package lid. The package lid may be mold-formed, punched or stamped to have the inner foot and outer foot, or a CNC milling tool may be used to fabricate the package lid including the inner foot and outer foot.

[0068] FIG. 1A is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly **100** (e.g., organic/silicon interposer package) according to one or more embodiments. It should be noted that some background elements may be omitted from FIG. 1A for ease of explanation. FIG. 1B is a perspective view of a package lid **130** that may be included in the package assembly **100** according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 1C is a plan view of the bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130** according to one or more embodiments. The vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **100** in FIG. 1A is a view along the line I-I' in the package lid **130** in FIG. 1C.

[0069] As illustrated in FIG. 1A, the package assembly **100** may include a package substrate **110**, an interposer module **120** mounted on the package substrate **110**, and a package lid **130** on the interposer module **120** and attached to the package substrate **110**. The package assembly **100** may

also include a TIM film **140** formed on the interposer module **120**. The TIM film **140** may include, for example, a metal TIM film (e.g., a solder TIM), a thermal paste, thermal adhesive, thermal gap filler, thermal pad (e.g., silicone), thermal tape, a graphite TIM film, and a carbon nanotube TIM film. Other types of TIM films are within the contemplated scope of this disclosure.

[0070] The package substrate **110** may include any substrate that can support a package assembly including, for example, a system on integrated substrate (SoIS), a printed circuit board (PCB) etc. In one or more embodiments, the package substrate **110** may include a core substrate **112** (e.g., polymer substrate), an upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., chip-side insulating layer) having a thickness T_s formed on the core substrate **112**, and a lower insulating layer **116** (e.g., board-side insulating layer) formed in contact with the core substrate **112** opposite the upper insulating layer **114**. The package substrate **110** may also include metal interconnects and through vias to provide an electrical connection of the package substrate **110**.

[0071] The package substrate **110** may also include metal bonding pads **110a** formed on a chip-side of the package substrate **110**, for providing an electrical connection to a semiconductor device (e.g., interposer module, semiconductor die, etc.) that is mounted on the package substrate **110**. A ball-grid array (BGA) including a plurality of solder balls **110b** may be formed on a board-side of the package substrate **110** that is opposite to the chip-side of the package substrate **110**. The solder balls **110b** may allow the package assembly **100** to be securely mounted on a substrate such as a printed circuit board (PCB) and electrically coupled to the substrate. The solder balls **110b** may be electrically connected to the metal bonding pads **110a** by the metal interconnects and through vias in the package substrate **110**.

[0072] The interposer module **120** may be mounted by C4 bumps **121** on the metal bonding pads **110a** in the package substrate **110**. Although only one interposer module **120** is illustrated in FIG. 1A, the package assembly **120** may include more than one interposer module **120**. The interposer module **120** may include an interposer dielectric layer **122** that may embed metal interconnects **122a** connected to the C4 bumps **121**. The interposer module **120** may also include a first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and a third semiconductor die **125** that may all be mounted on the interposer dielectric layer **122**. While the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 1A includes a first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and a third semiconductor die **125**, in other embodiments the interposer module **120** may include fewer or more semiconductor dies.

[0073] The first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and third semiconductor die **125** may be mounted on the interposer dielectric layer **122** by micro-bumps **128** that may be electrically connected to the metal interconnects **122a**. A package underfill layer **129** may be formed under and around the interposer module **120** and the C4 bumps **121** so as to adhere the interposer module **120** to the package substrate **110**. The package underfill layer **129** may be formed of an epoxy-based polymeric material.

[0074] Each of the first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and third semiconductor die **125** may include, for example, a semiconductor die, a system on chip (SOC) die, a system on integrated chips (SoIC) die, and a high-bandwidth memory (HBM) die. In particular, the interposer module **120** may include a high-performance computing (HPC) application and may include, for example, an integrated graphics processing unit (GPU), application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), field-programmable gate array (FPGA), and HBM by chip on wafer on substrate (CoWoS) technology or integrated fan-out on substrate (INFO-oS) technology.

[0075] An interposer underfill layer **126** may be formed around the micro-bumps **128** and between the first semiconductor die **123** and the interposer dielectric layer **122**, between the second semiconductor die **124** and the interposer dielectric layer **122**, and between the third semiconductor die **125** and the interposer dielectric layer **122**. The interposer underfill layer **126** may be formed continuously as one layer under the first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and third semiconductor die **125**, as illustrated in FIG. 1A. Alternatively, the interposer underfill layer

126 may be formed as three separate layers under the first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124** and third semiconductor die **125**, respectively. The interposer underfill layer **126** may also be formed between first semiconductor die **123** and the second semiconductor die **124**, and between the second semiconductor die **124** and the third semiconductor die **125**. The interposer underfill layer **126** may also be formed of an epoxy-based polymeric material.

[0076] A molding material layer **127** may be formed over the first semiconductor die **123**, the second semiconductor die **124**, the third semiconductor die **125**, the interposer underfill layer **126** and the interposer dielectric layer **122**. The molding material layer **127** may be formed of an epoxy molding compound (EMC).

[0077] The TIM film **140** may be formed on the interposer module **120** to dissipate of heat generated during operation of the package assembly **100** (e.g., operation of first semiconductor die **123**, second semiconductor die **124**, and third semiconductor die). The TIM film **140** may include, for example, a metal TIM film that may be attached to the interposer module **120**, for example, by a thermally conductive adhesive. In particular, the TIM film **140** may contact an upper surface of first semiconductor die **123**, an upper surface of second semiconductor die **124**, an upper surface of the third semiconductor die **125**, and an upper surface of the molding material layer **127**. The TIM film **140** may have a low bulk thermal impedance and high thermal conductivity. The bond-line-thickness (BLT) (e.g., a distance between the package lid **130** and the interposer module **120**) may be less than about 100 μm , although greater or lesser distances may be used.

[0078] The package assembly **100** may also include a stiffener ring (not shown) that may be adhered to the package substrate **110** by an adhesive (e.g., a silicone adhesive or an epoxy adhesive). The stiffener ring may be formed of a metal such as copper with a nickel coating, or an aluminum alloy. The stiffener ring may be formed on the package substrate **110** so as to surround the interposer module **120**. The stiffener ring may increase the rigidity to the package substrate **110**.

[0079] The package lid **130** may be on the TIM film **140** and may provide a cover for the interposer module **120**. The package lid **130** may contact at least a portion of the TIM film **140**. In one or more embodiments, the package lid **130** may directly contact an entire upper surface of the TIM film **140**. The package lid **130** may be formed, for example, of metal, ceramic or polymer material. The package lid **130** may include a plate portion **130d** that may cover the interposer module **120**. The plate portion **130d** may include a central region that is formed over a central portion of the interposer module **120**. A bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d** may extend across most of the plate portion **130d** and contact the TIM film **140**.

[0080] The package lid **130** may also include an outer foot **130a** and inner foot **130b** that may both extend from the plate portion **130d** (e.g., in the z direction in FIG. 1A) and connect the package lid **130** to the package substrate **110** by an adhesive **160**. That is, the adhesive **160** may adhere the outer foot **130a** to the package substrate **110** and the inner foot **130b** to the package substrate **110**.

[0081] The inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** within a perimeter established by the outer foot **130a**. The inner foot **130b** may be separately formed from the outer foot **130a**. In particular, the inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** separately from the outer foot **130a** so that a space S may be formed between the inner foot **130b** and the outer foot **130a**. A distance D1 (e.g., in the x-direction in FIG. 1A) between the inner foot **130b** and the TIM film **140** (e.g., between the inner foot **130b** and the interposer module **120**) may be greater than about 1000 μm . A distance D2 between the inner foot **130b** and the outer foot **130a** (e.g., a width of the space S) may generally be in a range from about 0.2 mm to about 10 mm. In one or more embodiments, the distance D2 may be in a range from about 0.5 mm (500 μm) to about 10 mm. A distance D3 between the outer foot **130a** and the TIM film **140** (e.g., between the outer foot **130a** and the interposer module **120**) may be greater than about 1500 μm . The distances D1, D2 and D3 may depend upon several factors such as a width (in the x-direction in FIG. 1A) of the plate portion **130d**, a width Wb of the inner foot **130b**, a width Wa of the outer foot **130a**, a width Wc of the interposer module **120** (e.g., a width of the TIM film), etc.

[0082] The inner foot **130b** may have a width W_b that is greater than or equal to a width W_a of the outer foot **130a**. In particular, the outer foot **130a** may have a width W_a in a range from about 0.5 mm to about 6 mm, and the inner foot **130b** may have a width W_b in a range from about 1 mm to about 10 mm. The inner foot **130b** may have a height $H_{sub.bz}$ from the bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d** that is substantially the same as a height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**. That is, the outer foot **130a** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a first distance (i.e., $H_{sub.az}$), and the inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a second distance (i.e., $H_{sub.bz}$) substantially the same as the first distance. The inner foot **130b** may be formed on the package lid **130**, for example, by milling using a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine, or by molding, punching or stamping the package lid **130** to include the inner foot **130b**. [0083] The adhesive **160** may include, for example, epoxy adhesive or silicone adhesive. Other adhesives are within the contemplated scope of this disclosure. The adhesive **160** may include an adhesive outer portion **160a** that adheres the outer foot **130a** to the package substrate **110**, and an adhesive inner portion **160b** that adheres the inner foot **130b** to the package substrate **110**. The adhesive outer portion **160a** may be composed of the same adhesive material as the adhesive inner portion **160b**. Alternatively, the adhesive outer portion **160a** may be composed of an adhesive material that is different than that the adhesive inner portion **160b**. The adhesive outer portion **160a** may have a first thickness at the outer foot **130a**, and the adhesive inner portion **160b** may have a second thickness at the inner foot **130b**, and the second thickness may be substantially the same as than the first thickness.

[0084] The adhesive outer portion **160a** may have a shape (in a plan view) that corresponds to a shape of the outer foot **130a**, and the adhesive inner portion **160b** may have a shape (in a plan view) that corresponds to a shape of the inner foot **130b**. A width of the adhesive outer portion **160a** may be substantially the same as the width W_a of the outer foot **130a**, and a width of the adhesive inner portion **160b** may be substantially the same as the width W_b of the inner foot **130b**. That is, the adhesive outer portion **160a** may adhere to substantially all of the bottom surface of the outer foot **130a**, and the adhesive inner portion **160b** may adhere to substantially all of the bottom surface of the inner foot **130b**. In particular, an outermost edge and innermost edge of the adhesive outer portion **160a** may be substantially aligned with an outermost edge and innermost edge of the bottom of the outer foot **130a**, respectively, and an outermost edge and innermost edge of the adhesive inner portion **160b** may be substantially aligned with an outermost edge and innermost edge of the bottom of the inner foot **130b**, respectively.

[0085] As illustrated in FIGS. 1B and 1C, the package lid **130** may have a square shape or rectangle shape. Other suitable shapes of the package lid **130** may be within the contemplated scope of disclosure. The outer foot **130a** may be formed continuously around the entire perimeter of the bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d**. The inner foot **130b** may include one or more inner foot corner portions **130b1** having a corner shape or L-shape. The inner foot corner portions **130b1** may be located between the outer foot **130a** and the interposer module **120** in the x-direction and the y-direction in FIG. 1A. It should be noted that only the part of the inner foot corner portion **130b1** that extends in the y-direction is illustrated in the vertical cross-sectional view of FIG. 1A, and the lid is not limited thereto. The inner foot corner portion **130b1** may be formed inside each corner of the outer foot **130a**, and may be substantially aligned with the corresponding corner of the outer foot **130a**.

[0086] The bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d** may be bounded on all sides by the outer foot **130a** and may therefore, have a shape that corresponds to (e.g., is substantially the same as) the shape of the outer foot **130a** (i.e., a square shape as shown in FIG. 1C). The outer foot **130a** may include a first outer foot side **130ax** and a second outer foot side **130ay**. The inner foot corner portion **130b1** may include a first inner foot corner portion side **130b1x** extending along the first outer foot side **130ax**. The first inner foot corner portion side **130b1x** may have a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.ax}$ of the first outer foot side **130ax**. The inner foot corner portion

130b1 may also include a second inner foot corner portion side **130b1y** extending along the second outer foot side **130ay**. The second inner foot corner portion side **130b1y** may have a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.ay}$ of the second outer foot side **130ay**. In particular, the length $L_{sub.b1}$ of the first inner foot corner portion side **130b1x** may be greater than or equal to 0.1 times the length $L_{sub.ax}$ of the first outer foot side **130ax**. The length $L_{sub.b1}$ of the second inner foot corner portion side **130b1y** may be greater than or equal to 0.1 times the length $L_{sub.ay}$ of the second outer foot side **130ay**.

[0087] There may be several advantages provided by the inner foot **130b** of the package lid **130**. The inner foot **130b** may improve (e.g., strengthen) the bond between the package lid **130** and the package substrate **110**, as compared to conventional package assemblies. This improved bond may reduce the risk of delamination of the adhesive **160** from the package substrate **110**. The improved bond may act to reduce a stress (e.g., TIM 1 stress) on the TIM film **140**. That is, the inner foot **130b** may act as stress buffer in the package assembly **100**. In particular, the stress on the TIM film **140** with the new designed package lid **130** can be about 15% less than a stress on the TIM film in a conventional package assembly. That is, the novel package lid **130** may reduce the stress from TIM 1 stress=1 in a conventional package assembly to TIM 1 stress=0.85 in one or more embodiments.

[0088] By reducing the stress on the TIM film **140**, the package lid **130** with the reinforced package lid foot structure design may also mitigate the stress-induced crack in the TIM film **140** and delamination of the TIM film **140**. The package lid **130** may, therefore, improve the reliability performance of the package assembly **100**.

[0089] It should also be noted that the inner foot **130b** may be added to the package lid **130** without requiring the purchase of new tooling. Therefore, there may be almost no cost added by the addition of the inner foot **130b**. Further, because of the reduced risk of cracking and delamination of TIM film provided by the inner foot **130b** in the new package lid design, a metal TIM film can now be used in large COW dies (e.g., $\geq 10 \times 10$ mm) without the risk of cracking and delamination.

[0090] FIG. 1D is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **100** having an alternative design, according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. 1D, the upper insulating layer **114** may include a recessed portion **111** (e.g., a trench). A shape and location (in a plan view) of the recessed portion **111** may correspond to the shape and location of the inner foot **130b**. A width of the recessed portion **111** may be slightly greater than a width W_b of the inner foot **130b**. In at least one embodiment, the width of the recessed portion **111** may be greater than the width W_b of the inner foot **130b** by more than 1 μm . A depth of the recessed portion **111** may be less than the thickness T_s of the upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., about one half the thickness T_s of the upper insulating layer **114**) so that a bottom of the recessed portion **111** may be formed within the upper insulating layer **114**.

[0091] The height $H_{sub.bz}$ of the inner foot **130b** may be greater than a height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**. That is, the outer foot **130a** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a first distance (i.e., $H_{sub.az}$), and the inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a second distance (i.e., $H_{sub.bz}$) that is greater than the first distance (i.e., $H_{sub.az}$). A difference between the first distance and the second distance may be, for example, in a range of 100 μm to 500 μm . The difference between the first distance and the second distance may also constitute the embedded length of the inner foot **130b** (e.g., the length of the inner foot **130b** that is embedded in the upper insulating layer **114**). The length of the embedded portion of the inner foot may be greater than zero but less than a thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer. That is, a length of the embedded portion of the inner foot (e.g., the supported embedded ring) may be anywhere between zero and $T_{sub.s}$.

[0092] The adhesive inner portion **160b** may be placed at the bottom of the recessed portion **111**, and the inner foot **130b** may be inserted into recessed portion **111** and adhered inside the recessed portion **111** by the adhesive inner portion **160b**.

[0093] FIG. 1E is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **100** having an another alternative design, according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. 1E, the upper insulating layer **114** may include a recessed portion **113** (e.g., a trench). A shape and location (in a plan view) of the recessed portion **113** may correspond to the shape and location of the inner foot **130b** (e.g., see FIG. 1C). A width of the recessed portion **113** may be slightly greater than a width W_b of the inner foot **130b**. A depth of the recessed portion **113** may be substantially the same as a thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer **114**, so that a bottom of the recessed portion **113** may be formed on an upper surface of the core substrate **112**.

[0094] The height $H_{sub.bz}$ of the inner foot **130b** may be greater than a height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**. That is, the outer foot **130a** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a first distance (i.e., $H_{sub.az}$), and the inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a second distance (i.e., $H_{sub.bz}$) that is greater than the first distance (i.e., $H_{sub.az}$). A difference between the first distance and the second distance may be, for example, in a range of 500 μm to 1000 μm . The difference between the first distance and the second distance may also constitute the embedded length of the inner foot **130b** (e.g., the length of the inner foot **130b** that is embedded in the upper insulating layer **114**).

[0095] The adhesive inner portion **160b** may be placed at the bottom of the recessed portion **113**, and the inner foot **130b** may be inserted into recessed portion **113** and adhered inside the recessed portion **113** by the adhesive inner portion **160b**.

[0096] FIGS. 2A-2B illustrate an alternative design in which package lid **130** includes inner foot line portions **130b2**. FIG. 2A is a perspective view of the package lid **130** having the alternative design according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 2B is a plan view of the bottom surface **130d1** of the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130** having the alternative design according to one or more embodiments.

[0097] As illustrated in FIGS. 2A and 2B, in this alternative design, the inner foot **130b** may include the inner foot corner portions **130b1** having a corner shape or L-shape. The inner foot **130b** may also include one or more inner foot line portions **130b2** placed along a side of the package lid **130** between opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. Although two inner foot line portions **130b2** are illustrated in FIGS. 2A and 2B, other numbers of inner foot line portions **130b2** are contemplated by the embodiments.

[0098] As illustrated in FIG. 2B, the inner foot line portions **130b2** may be aligned with the opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may have a height (e.g., extending from the plate portion **130d**) and width that are substantially the same as the height $H_{sub.bz}$ and width W_b of the inner foot corner portions **130b1**, respectively. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may be uniformly spaced between the opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may have a length $L_{sub.b2}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.b1}$ of the first inner foot corner portion side **130b1x** and second inner foot corner portion side **130b1y**. The length $L_{sub.b2}$ and width of the inner foot line portions **130b2** may be uniform along one side of the package lid **130**, and may also be uniform around an entire perimeter of the package lid **130**.

[0099] The alternative design of the package lid **130** illustrated in FIGS. 2A-2B may be implemented in any of the designs of the package assembly **100** illustrated in FIGS. 1A, 1D and 1E. That is, the inner foot **130b** in FIGS. 2A-2B may have a height H_{bz} that is substantially equal to the height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a** (e.g., see FIG. 1A). The inner foot **130b** in FIGS. 2A-2B may alternatively have an embedded portion having a length that is less than the thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., see FIG. 1D), or an embedded portion having a length that is substantially equal to the thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., FIG. 1E).

[0100] FIGS. 3A-3B illustrate another alternative design in which package lid **130** is similar to that in FIGS. 2A-2B, but is further enhanced by having an increased width W_b of the inner foot **130b**. Unlike the design of FIGS. 2A-2B in which the width W_b of the inner foot **130b** may be in a range

from 1 mm to about 10 mm, in the design of FIGS. 3A-3B, the inner foot **130b** may have a width W_b in a range from about 2 mm to about 10 mm. In addition, unlike the design of FIGS. 2A-2B in which the width W_b of the inner foot **130b** may be the same as the width W_a of the outer foot **130a**, in the design of FIGS. 3A-3B, the width W_b of the inner foot **130b** may be substantially greater than (e.g., at least 50% greater than) the width W_a of the outer foot **130a**.

[0101] As illustrated in FIGS. 3A and 3B, in this alternative design, the inner foot **130b** may include the inner foot corner portions **130b1** having a corner shape or L-shape. The inner foot **130b** may also include one or more inner foot line portions **130b2** placed along a side of the package lid **130** between opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. Although two inner foot line portions **130b2** are illustrated in FIGS. 3A and 3B, other numbers of inner foot line portions **130b2** are contemplated by the embodiments.

[0102] As illustrated in FIG. 3B, the inner foot line portions **130b2** may be aligned with the opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may have a height (e.g., extending from the plate portion **130d**) and width that are substantially the same as the height $H_{sub.bz}$ and width W_b of the inner foot corner portions **130b1**, respectively. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may be uniformly spaced between the opposing inner foot corner portions **130b1**. The inner foot line portions **130b2** may have a length $L_{sub.b2}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.b1}$ of the first inner foot corner portion side **130b1x** and second inner foot corner portion side **130b1y**. The length L_{b2} and width of the inner foot line portions **130b2** may be uniform along one side of the package lid **130**, and may also be uniform around an entire perimeter of the package lid **130**.

[0103] The alternative design of the package lid **130** illustrated in FIGS. 3A-3B may be implemented in any of the designs of the package assembly **100** illustrated in FIGS. 1A, 1D and 1E. That is, the inner foot **130b** in FIGS. 3A-3B may have a height H_{bz} that is substantially equal to the height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a** (e.g., see FIG. 1A). The inner foot **130b** in FIGS. 3A-3B may alternatively have an embedded portion having a length that is less than the thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., see FIG. 1D), or an embedded portion having a length that is substantially equal to the thickness $T_{sub.s}$ of the upper insulating layer **114** (e.g., FIG. 1E).

[0104] FIGS. 4A-4B illustrate a recessed portion **413** for a package assembly according to one or more embodiments. The description of FIGS. 4A-4B may be applied to any of the recessed portions in the package assemblies described herein.

[0105] As illustrated in FIGS. 4A-4B, the recessed portion **413** (e.g., trench) may be formed in an upper insulating layer **414** of a package substrate. A width $W_{sub.RP}$ of the recessed portion **413** may be greater than a width W_b of an inner foot **430b** to be inserted in the recessed portion **413**. In particular, the width $W_{sub.RP}$ of the recessed portion **413** may be at least 10% greater than the width W_b of an inner foot **430b**.

[0106] An adhesive inner portion **460b** may be dispensed onto the bottom **413-2** of the recessed portion **413**, and the inner foot **430b** may be inserted into recessed portion **413** and adhered inside the recessed portion **413** by the adhesive inner portion **460b**. The amount of adhesive inner portion **460b** should be sufficient to fill the recessed portion **413** upon the insertion of the inner foot **430b**. The adhesive inner portion **460b** may be contained within the recessed portion **413** upon insertion of the inner foot **430b**. A height of an upper surface of the adhesive inner portion **460b** may be less than or equal to a height of an upper surface of the upper insulating layer **414**.

[0107] The adhesive inner portion **460b** may be formed on a first sidewall **413-1**, bottom **413-2** and second sidewall **413-3** of the recessed portion **413**. In particular, the adhesive inner portion **460b** may include a first portion **460b-1**, second portion **460b-2** and third portion **460b-3** that are formed between the inner foot **430b** and the first sidewall **413-1**, bottom **413-2** and second sidewall **413-3**, respectively. Thus, the inner foot **430b** may include an embedded portion that is embedded in the upper insulating layer **414** and adhered by the adhesive inner portion **460b** to the first sidewall **413-1**, bottom **413-2** and second sidewall **413-3** of the recessed portion **413**.

[0108] FIGS. 5A-5B illustrate an inner foot **530b** for a package assembly according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 5A illustrates a plan view of the inner foot **530b** on the upper insulating layer **514** of a package substrate according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 5B is a vertical cross-sectional view of the inner foot **530b** according to one or more embodiments. The description of FIGS. 5A-5B may be applied to any of the inner feet of the package assemblies described herein. [0109] As illustrated in FIGS. 5A-5B, the inner foot **530b** may be located on the upper insulating layer **514** inside the outer foot **530a**. The inner foot **530b** may include an inner foot flange portion **530b-1** that projects from the inner foot **530b** at a bottom end of the inner foot **530b**. The inner foot flange portion **530b-1** may from an inner surface of the inner foot **530b** toward an inside of the package assembly and/or from an outer surface of the inner foot **530b** toward an outside of the package assembly

[0110] The inner foot flange portion **530b-1** may increase the area of the bottom of the inner foot **530b** that contacts a surface to which the inner foot **530b** may be bonded. The inner foot **530b** including the inner foot flange portion **530b-1** may be bonded to an upper surface of the upper insulating layer **514**, to a bottom surface of a recessed portion in the upper insulating layer **514**, to an upper surface of a core substrate underlying the upper insulating layer **514**, etc.

[0111] The inner foot flange portion **530b-1** may also include vertical slits **530b-2** (e.g., through holes) that penetrate the inner foot flange portion **530b-1**. As the inner foot **530b** is pressed onto the upper insulating layer **514**, an adhesive inner portion **560b** may be forced into the vertical slits **530b-2** to form an additional bonded interface between inner foot **530b** and the upper insulating layer **514**.

[0112] FIGS. 6A-6B illustrate an inner foot **630b** for a package assembly according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 6A illustrates a perspective view of the inner foot **630b** according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 6B is a vertical cross-sectional view of the inner foot **630b** according to one or more embodiments. The description of FIGS. 6A-6B may be applied to any of the inner feet of the package assemblies described herein.

[0113] The inner foot **630b** may include an inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** that projects downward from a bottom surface of the inner foot **630b**. The inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** may have a width W_{bT} that is less than a width W_b of the inner foot **630b**. A center of the inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** may be aligned with a center of the inner foot **630b**.

[0114] The inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** may increase the area of the bottom of the inner foot **630b** that contacts a surface to which the inner foot **630b** may be bonded. The inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** may be inserted into a recessed portion of an upper insulating layer **614** of a package substrate, and bonded by an adhesive inner portion **660b** to a bottom surface and sidewalls of the recessed portion. In addition, upon insertion of the inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** into the recessed portion, the adhesive inner portion **660b** may be forced out of the recessed portion and between a bottom surface of the inner foot **630b** and an upper surface of the upper insulating layer **614**, so that the bottom surface of the inner foot **630b** may be bonded to the upper surface of the upper insulating layer **614**.

[0115] The inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** may also include slits **630b-4** (e.g., through holes) that may penetrate the inner foot thinned portion **630b-3**. The slits **630b-4** may be formed horizontally or may be formed at an angle (e.g., angled up and inward toward a center of the inner foot **630b**) in a side of the inner foot thinned portion **630b-3**. As the inner foot thinned portion **630b-3** is pressed into the recessed portion, the adhesive inner portion **660b** may be forced into the slits **630b-4** to form an additional bonded interface between inner foot **630b** and the upper insulating layer **614**.

[0116] FIGS. 7A-7K illustrate various intermediate structures that may be formed during a method of making the package assembly **100** according to one or more embodiments. The method in FIGS. 7A-7K may be used to form all of the alternative designs of the package assembly **100** described above FIG. 7A illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the

recessed portion **113** may be formed in the upper insulating layer **114** of the package substrate **110** according to one or more embodiments. The recessed portion **113** may be formed, for example, by a laser using a laser drilling process. The recessed portion **113** may be formed by the laser to have a width that is slightly greater than a width of the inner foot **130** that is to be inserted into the recessed portion **113**. Alternatively, the recessed portion **113** may be formed to have a width that is at least 10% greater than the width of an inner foot **130b**, so that upon insertion of the inner foot **130b** into the recessed portion **113**, the adhesive **160b** may be forced between a sidewall of the recessed portion **113** and the inner foot **130b**.

[0117] The recessed portion **113** may be formed by the laser to have a depth that is substantially the same as a thickness of the upper insulating layer **114**. That is, a bottom of the recessed portion **113** may be constituted by the upper surface of the core substrate **112** of the package substrate **110**.

[0118] A recessed portion having a shallower depth may be formed in the upper insulating layer **114**. For package assemblies that do not mount an inner foot in a recessed portion of the package substrate (e.g., see FIG. 1A), the step of forming the recessed portion illustrated in FIG. 7A may be omitted.

[0119] FIG. 7B illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the interposer module **120** may be mounted on the package substrate **110** (e.g., via a flip chip bonding (FCB) process) according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. 7B, the C4 bumps **121** of the interposer module **120** may be positioned on the metal bonding pads **110a** of the package substrate **110** and heated in order to bond the C4 bumps **121** to the metal bonding pads **110a**.

[0120] FIG. 7C illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the package underfill layer **129** may be formed on the package substrate **110** according to one or more embodiments. The package underfill layer **129** may be formed of an epoxy-based polymeric material. As illustrated in FIG. 7C, the package underfill layer **129** may be formed under and around the interposer module **120** and the C4 bumps **121** so as to adhere the interposer module **120** to the package substrate **110**. The package underfill layer **129** may then be cured, for example, in a box oven for about 90 minutes at about 150° C. to provide the package underfill layer **129** with a sufficient stiffness and mechanical strength.

[0121] FIG. 7D illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the TIM film **140** may be formed on (e.g., dispensed on) or attached to the upper surface of the interposer module **120** according to one or more embodiments. The TIM film **140** may include, for example, a metal TIM film (e.g., a solder TIM), a thermal paste, thermal adhesive, thermal gap filler, thermal pad (e.g., silicone), thermal tape, a graphite TIM film, and a carbon nanotube TIM film. The TIM film **140** may be attached to the upper surface of the interposer module **120** by using, for example, a thermally conductive adhesive.

[0122] FIG. 7E illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the adhesive **160** may be applied to the package substrate **110** according to one or more embodiments. The adhesive **160** may include, for example, a silicone adhesive or an epoxy adhesive. The adhesive **160** may be dispensed on the upper insulating layer **114** so as to form the adhesive outer portion **160a** at a position corresponding to a placement of the outer foot **130a** of the package lid **130**. The adhesive **160** may be dispensed in a quantity sufficient to securely bond the outer foot **130a** of the package lid **130** to the upper insulating layer **114**. In particular, the adhesive **160** may be dispensed in an amount sufficient to form the adhesive outer portion **160a** to have a desirable thickness after pressing the package lid **130** onto the adhesive **160**.

[0123] The adhesive **160** may also be dispensed in the recessed portion **113** that has a shape and location corresponding to a shape and location of the inner foot **130b**. The adhesive **160** may be dispensed in a quantity sufficient to securely bond the inner foot **130b** of the package lid **130** to the package substrate **110**. In particular, the adhesive **160** may be dispensed in an amount sufficient to form the adhesive inner portion **160b** having a desirable thickness after inserting the inner foot

130b (not shown) into the recessed portion **113** and pressing the package lid **130** onto the adhesive **160**.

[0124] The dispensed width of the adhesive outer portion **160a** may be less than the ultimate width (after pressing on the package lid **130**) of the adhesive outer portion **160a**, and the dispensed width of the adhesive inner portion **160b** may be less than the ultimate width (after pressing on the package lid **130**) of the adhesive inner portion **160b**. The dispensed thickness of the adhesive outer portion **160a** may be greater than the ultimate thickness (after pressing on the package lid **130**) of the adhesive outer portion **160a**, and the dispensed thickness of the adhesive inner portion **160b** may be less than the ultimate thickness (after pressing on the package lid **130**) of the adhesive inner portion **160b**.

[0125] FIG. 7F illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which the package lid **130** may be attached to (e.g., mounted on) the package substrate **110** according to one or more embodiments. As noted above, the package lid **130** may be composed of metal, ceramic or plastic and may be formed, for example, by milling using a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine, or by molding or stamping the package lid **130** to include the inner foot **130b**.

[0126] In FIG. 7F, the package substrate **110** with the interposer module **120** may be placed on a surface and the package lid **130** lowered down over the interposer module **120** and onto the package substrate **110**. The outer foot **130a** of the package lid **130** may then be aligned with the adhesive outer portion **160a** formed on the package substrate **110**, and the inner foot **130b** of the package lid **130** may be aligned with the adhesive inner portion **160b** formed on the package substrate **110**. The package lid **130** may then be pressed downward by applying a pressing force **F100** down (in the z-direction in FIG. 7F) onto the package lid **130** so that the outer foot **130a** and inner foot **130b** of the package lid **130** may contact the package substrate **110** through the adhesive **160**.

[0127] Alternatively, the package lid **130** may be inverted (e.g., flipped) and placed on a surface (e.g., a flat surface), and the interposer module **120** on the package substrate **110** may be inverted and inserted into the package lid **130**. The package substrate **110** and interposer module **120** may then be pressed by applying a pressing force down into the package lid **130** so that the outer foot **130a** and inner foot **130b** of the package lid **130** may contact the package substrate **110** through the adhesive **160**.

[0128] The package lid **130** may be clamped to the package substrate **110** for a period to allow the adhesive **160** to cure and form a secure bond between the package substrate **110** and the package lid **130**. The clamping of the package lid **130** to the package substrate **110** may be performed, for example, by using a heat clamp module. The heat clamp module may apply a uniform force across the upper surface of the package lid **130**. In one or more embodiments, the heat clamp module may apply the pressing force **F100** to the package lid **130**.

[0129] FIG. 7G illustrates a vertical cross-sectional view of an intermediate structure in which a plurality of solder balls **110b** may be formed on the package substrate **110** according to one or more embodiments. The plurality of solder balls **110b** may constitute a ball-grid array (BGA) that may allow the package assembly **100** to be securely mounted (e.g., by surface mount technology (SMT)) on a substrate such as a printed circuit board and electrically coupled to the substrate.

[0130] FIG. 8 is a flow chart illustrating a method of making a package assembly according to one or more embodiments. Step **810** includes forming an adhesive on a package substrate. Step **820** includes placing a package lid on the adhesive, the package lid including a plate portion, an outer foot extending from the plate portion, and an inner foot extending from the plate portion and including a first corner portion located inside a first corner of the outer foot. Step **830** includes pressing the package lid onto the package substrate and curing the adhesive so that the adhesive adheres the outer foot to the package substrate and the inner foot to the package substrate.

[0131] FIG. 9 is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. The package assembly **900** may include the package substrate **110** and a

molded die module **980** mounted on the package substrate **110**. The molded die module **980** may include a first semiconductor die **981** and a second semiconductor die **982** that may be molded together by a molding material **927**. The molding material **927** may be composed of a material that is the same as or similar to the molding material layer **127** described above. The first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982** may be the same as or similar to the semiconductor dies (e.g., **123**, **124**, **125**) described above. In particular, the first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982** may include SOC devices. The TIM film **140** (e.g., SOC TIM) may be formed on a surface of the molded die module **980**.

[0132] A package lid **930** may cover the molded die module **980**. The package lid **930** may be bonded to the package substrate **110**. The package lid **930** may include a plate portion **930d** (e.g., island portion) that may have a planar shape. The plate portion **930d** may include a bottom surface **930d1** that may contact the TIM film **140**.

[0133] A conventional package lid may include a plate portion (e.g., island portion) having a flat bottom surface. A package lid having such a conventional design may have a die-to-die (D2D) molding stress of 1.00. The D2D molding area may have more stress at a high temperature (HT) due to a coupling effect between the package lid and the die. This stress may induce a crack in the molding material.

[0134] In contrast, an embodiment package assembly **900** may include a package lid **930** that may have a recessed design that reduces D2D molding stress in the molded die module **980**. The recessed lid design may reduce the D2D molding stress at the HT, for example, to 0.90. Advantageously, the recessed lid design may not require a significant change the steps in a process of making the package assembly **900**.

[0135] As illustrated in FIG. **9**, the embodiment package lid **930** may include a first cavity **C1** formed at an edge of the molded die module **980**. In particular, the first cavity **C1** may be formed at the molding material **927** at a corner **980a** of a molded die module **980**. The first cavity **C1** may have a depth **D4** in a range from 0.1 mm to 30 mm. The embodiment package lid **930** may also include a second cavity **C2** formed at an edge of the molded die module **980** and along to a D2D molding gap **980b** of the molded die module **980**. The second cavity **C2** may have a depth **D5** that is also in a range from 1 mm to 30 mm. The depth **D4** of the first cavity **C1** and the depth **D5** of the second cavity **C2** may be the same or different. Each of the depth **D4** of the first cavity **C1** and the depth **D5** of the second cavity **C2** may be in a range of 5% to 60% of the thickness **T** **930d** of the plate portion **930d**.

[0136] The package lid **930** may also include a ring portion **930a** that may bond the plate portion **930d** to the package substrate **110**. The ring portion **930a** may be bonded to the package substrate by a third adhesive **160c**, and bonded to the plate portion **930d** by a fourth adhesive **160d**. Although it is not illustrated in FIG. **9**, the ring portion **930a** may be embedded in the substrate **110** in a similar manner as described above (e.g., see FIG. **1D**, **1E**, **4A**, **4B**, **6A**, **6B**). The ring portion **930a** may have any other inner foot design described above (e.g., the designs of inner foot **430b** in FIG. **4B**, inner foot **530b** in FIG. **5B**, or inner foot **630b** in FIG. **6B**).

[0137] The package assembly **900** may be made by a method similar to the method described above (e.g., see FIG. **7A-7G**). In particular, the molded die module **980** may be mounted on the package substrate **110**. The molded die module **980** may include metal bonding pads (not shown) that may contact the metal bonding pads **110a** (see FIG. **1**) of the package substrate **110**. The TIM film **140** may then be formed on the molded die module **980**. The ring portion **930a** may be mounted on the package substrate **110** around the molded die module **980** by the third adhesive **160c**. The plate portion **930d** may then be bonded to the ring portion **930a** by the fourth adhesive **160d**, so that the bottom surface **930d1** of the plate portion **930d** contacts the TIM film **140**. A plurality of solder balls **110b** may then be formed on the package substrate **110**.

[0138] FIG. **10A** is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate **110** in the package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. The package lid **930** is not illustrated in FIG. **10A** for

ease of explanation.

[0139] As illustrated in FIG. **10A**, one or more secondary dies **990** may be formed on the package substrate **110**. The secondary dies **990** may also be the same or similar the semiconductor dies (e.g., **123**, **124**, **125**) described above. In particular, the secondary dies **990** may include a high-bandwidth memory (HBM) device such as a dynamic random access memory (DRAM) device.

[0140] The package substrate **110** may include a package substrate outer area **1100** that may correspond to the area of the molded die module **980** together with the secondary dies **990**. That is, the boundary of the package substrate outer area **1100** may be coextensive with an outer surface of the secondary dies **990**. The package substrate **110** may also include a package substrate inner area **110i** that corresponds to the area of the molded die module **980**. That is, the boundary of the package substrate inner area **110i** may be coextensive with the outer surface of the molded die module **980**.

[0141] FIG. **10B** is a plan view of the molded die module **980**, according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. **10B**, the molding material **927** may have a first thickness **Td1** that extends from the sides of the first semiconductor die **981** in the x-direction, and from the sides of the second semiconductor die **982** in the x-direction. The first thickness **Td1** may be substantially uniform over the sides of the first semiconductor die **981** and the second semiconductor die **982**. The molding material **927** may have also have a second thickness **Td2** that extends from an upper side of the first semiconductor die **981** in the y-direction, and from the lower side of the second semiconductor die **982** in the y-direction. The second thickness **Td2** may also be substantially uniform over the sides of the first semiconductor die **981** and the second semiconductor die **982**. The molding material **927** may have also have a third thickness **Td3** that is formed in the D2D molding gap **980b** that extends in the x-direction in the molded die module **980**. The third thickness **Td3** may also be substantially uniform along a lower side of the first semiconductor die **981** and an upper side of the second semiconductor die **982**.

[0142] FIG. **11A** is a perspective view of the plate portion **930d** of the package lid **930**, according to one or more embodiments. The bottom surface **930d1** of the plate portion **930d** may include a plate portion inner area **930di** corresponding to the package substrate inner area **110i**. That is, the plate portion inner area **930di** may be substantially aligned in the z-direction with the package substrate inner area **110i** when the package lid **930** is mounted on the package substrate **110**.

[0143] The bottom surface **930d1** may also include a plate portion outer area **930do** corresponding to the package substrate outer area **1100**. That is, the plate portion outer area **930do** may be substantially aligned in the z-direction with the package substrate outer area **1100** when the package lid **930** is mounted on the package substrate **110**.

[0144] The corner **980a** of a molded die module **980** may be substantially aligned with a corner of the plate portion inner area **930di**. Thus, the first cavity **C1** may be formed at a corner of the plate portion inner area **930di**. The first cavity **C1** may be formed at one or more of the corners of the plate portion inner area **930di**. An edge of the first cavity **C1** may coincide with the corner of the plate portion inner area **930di**. The first cavity **C1** may extend from the corner of the plate portion inner area **930di** up to the boundary of the plate portion outer area **930do**.

[0145] The second cavity **C2** may be formed along the D2D molding gap **980b** (e.g., shown in FIG. **10B**) of the molded die module **980**. The second cavity **C2** may be formed on one or both of the opposing sides of the plate portion inner area **930di** and extend in the x-direction. The second cavities **C2** may be substantially aligned with each other and substantially aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b**. An edge of the second cavity **C2** may coincide with a boundary of the plate portion inner area **930di**. The second cavity **C2** may extend from the plate portion inner area **930di** up to the boundary of the plate portion outer area **930do**.

[0146] FIG. **11B** is a plan view of the bottom surface **930d1** of the plate portion **930d**, according to one or more embodiments. The cross-sectional view in FIG. **9** is a view along the cross-section II-II' of the plate portion **930d** in FIG. **11B**.

[0147] The first cavity C1 may have a length Ld4 in the x-direction. The length Ld4 may be greater than or equal to the first thickness Td1 of the molding material 927. The first cavity C1 may also have a width Wd5 in the y-direction. The width Wd5 may be greater than or equal to the second thickness Td2 of the molding material 927. The length Ld4 of the first cavity C1 may also be substantially the same as the width Wd5 of the first cavity C1. That is, the first cavity C1 may have a square shape in the plan view. Other shapes of the first cavity C1 are contemplated by this disclosure.

[0148] The second cavity C2 may have a width Wd6 in the y-direction. The width Wd6 of the second cavity C2 may be substantially uniform. The width Wd6 of the second cavity C2 may be greater than or equal to the third thickness Td3 of the molding material 927. The second cavity C2 may have a linear shape. In particular, the second cavity C2 may have a straight-line shape. Each of the first thickness Td1, second thickness Td2 and third thickness Td3 of the molding material 927, the length Ld4 and width Wd5 of the first cavity C1, and the width Wd6 of the second cavity C2 may be greater than zero.

[0149] FIGS. 12A-12B illustrate an alternative design of the package assembly 900, according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 12A is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate 110 in the alternative design of the package assembly 900, according to one or more embodiments. In this alternative design, the first semiconductor die 981 and second semiconductor die 982 may be arranged longitudinally in the y-direction in the molded die module 980. Therefore, the D2D molding gap 980b may extend in the y-direction in this alternative design. The secondary dies 990 may be arranged similarly as in FIG. 10A. The package substrate inner area 110i and package substrate outer area 1100 may be configured similarly as in FIG. 10A.

[0150] FIG. 12B is a plan view of the bottom surface 930d1 of the plate portion 930d in the alternative design of the package assembly 900, according to one or more embodiments. In this alternative design, the plate portion inner area 930di and plate portion outer area 930do may be configured similarly as in FIGS. 11A and 11B. The first cavity C1 may also be formed at one or more of the corners of the plate portion inner area 930di.

[0151] However, the alternative design illustrated in FIG. 12B includes one or more second cavities C2' that extend in the y-direction. In particular, the second cavities C2' may be arranged on opposing sides of the plate portion inner area 930di in the y-direction. The second cavities C2' may be located at an edge of the molded die module 980 and aligned with the D2D molding gap 980b that may also extend in the y-direction. The second cavities C2' may be substantially the same as the second cavities C2. The second cavities C2' may extend to the boundary of the plate portion outer area 930do. The second cavities C2' may have a width Wd6 that is greater than the third thickness Td3 of the molding material 927 that is formed in the D2D molding gap 980b. The second cavities C2' may have a depth in a range from 0.1 mm to 30 mm, and in a range from 5% to 60% of the thickness of the plate portion 930d. However, a length of the second cavities C2' may be less than a length of the cavities C2. In one or more embodiments, the length of the second cavities C2' may be in a range from 10% to 50% of the length of the cavities C2.

[0152] FIGS. 13A-13B illustrate another alternative design of the package assembly 900, according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 13A is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate 110 in the alternative design of the package assembly 900, according to one or more embodiments. The molded die module 980 may include the first semiconductor die 981 and second semiconductor die 982, along with a third semiconductor die 983 and fourth semiconductor die 984. The first semiconductor die 981, second semiconductor die 982, third semiconductor die 983 and fourth semiconductor die 984 may be arranged longitudinally in the x-direction in the molded die module 980. Therefore, there may be three D2D molding gaps 980b extending in the x-direction in this alternative design. The secondary dies 990 may be arranged similarly as in FIG. 10A. The package substrate inner area 110i and package substrate outer area 1100 may be configured similarly as in FIG. 10A.

[0153] FIG. 13B is a plan view of the bottom surface **930d1** of the plate portion **930d** in the alternative design of the package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. In this alternative design, the plate portion inner area **930di** and plate portion outer area **930do** may be configured similarly as in FIGS. 11A and 11B. The first cavity C1 may also be formed at one or more of the corners of the plate portion inner area **930di**. The second cavities C2 may be formed on opposing sides of the plate portion inner area **930di** in the x-direction. The second cavities C2 may be aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b** between the second semiconductor die **982** and third semiconductor die **983**. The second cavities C2' may be formed on opposing sides of the plate portion inner area **930di** in the x-direction. The second cavities C2' may be aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b** between the first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982**. The second cavities C2' may also be aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b** between the third semiconductor die **983** and fourth semiconductor die **984**.

[0154] FIGS. 14A-14B illustrate another alternative design of the package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. FIG. 14A is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate **110** in the alternative design of the package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. The molded die module **980** may include the first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982**, along with the third semiconductor die **983** and the fourth semiconductor die **984**. The first semiconductor die **981**, second semiconductor die **982**, third semiconductor die **983** and fourth semiconductor die **984** may be arranged in a 2×2 configuration in the molded die module **980**. Therefore, there may be a D2D molding gap **980b** extending in the x-direction, and a D2D molding gap **980b** extending in the y-direction in this alternative design. The secondary dies **990** may be arranged similarly as in FIG. 10A. The package substrate inner area **110i** and package substrate outer area **110o** may be configured similarly as in FIG. 10A.

[0155] FIG. 14B is a plan view of the bottom surface **930d1** of the plate portion **930d** in the alternative design of the package assembly **900**, according to one or more embodiments. In this alternative design, the plate portion inner area **930di** and plate portion outer area **930do** may be configured similarly as in FIGS. 11A and 11B. The first cavity C1 may also be formed at one or more of the corners of the plate portion inner area **930di**. The second cavities C2 may be formed on opposing sides of the plate portion inner area **930di** in the x-direction. The second cavities C2 may be aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b** that extends in the x-direction between the first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982**, and between the third semiconductor die **983** and fourth semiconductor die **984**. The second cavities C2' may be formed on opposing sides of the plate portion inner area **930di** in the y-direction. The second cavities C2' may be aligned with the D2D molding gap **980b** that extends in the y-direction between the first semiconductor die **981** and third semiconductor die **983**, and between the second semiconductor die **982** and fourth semiconductor die **984**.

[0156] FIG. 15 is a flow chart illustrating a method of making a package assembly according to one or more embodiments. Step **1510** includes mounting a molded die module on a package substrate. Step **1520** includes mounting a ring portion of a package lid around the molded die module on the package substrate. Step **1530** includes bonding a plate portion of the package lid to the ring portion of the package lid, so that a cavity in a bottom surface of the plate portion is located at an edge of the molded die module.

[0157] Referring now to FIGS. 16A-17D, one or more embodiments may include a dug lid design for stress mitigation of a secondary die TIM film (e.g., a DRAM TIM). In a typical package assembly, a secondary die TIM film may have more stress at room temperature (RT) due to a coupling effect between the package lid and a secondary die. The result may induce delamination of the secondary die TIM film.

[0158] In one or more embodiments of the present disclosure, a digging area (e.g., cavity) may be located in the package lid at the corner of the secondary die (e.g., DRAM die). The digging area may reduce secondary die TIMP1 stress (e.g., principal stress) in a package assembly and decrease

delamination risk. The dug design may be implemented, for example, in any die or mold structure. [0159] FIG. 16A is a vertical cross-sectional view of a package assembly 1600 according to one or more embodiments. The package assembly 1600 may include the package substrate 110, and a molded die module (not shown) mounted on the package substrate 110. One or more secondary dies 990 may also be mounted on the package substrate 110. The secondary dies 990 may be the same or similar the semiconductor dies (e.g., 123, 124, 125) described above. In particular, the secondary dies 990 may include a high-bandwidth memory (HBM) device such as a dynamic random access memory (DRAM) device. A TIM film 145 (e.g., secondary die TIM film or DRAM TIM) may be on each of the secondary dies 990. The TIM film 145 may have a shape that corresponds a shape of the secondary die 990 so that a sidewall of the TIM film 145 may be substantially aligned with a sidewall of the secondary die 990 around an entire perimeter of the secondary die 990.

[0160] A package lid 1630 may cover the molded die module and secondary dies 990. The package lid 1630 may be bonded to the package substrate 110. The package lid 1630 may include a plate portion 1630d (e.g., island portion) that may have a planar shape. The plate portion 1630d may include a bottom surface 1630d1 that may contact the TIM film 145.

[0161] Some package lid designs may include a plate portion (e.g., island portion) having a flat bottom surface. However, in some embodiments, the plate portion 1630d of the package lid 1630 may have a recessed design (e.g., a dug lid design) including one or more cavities. The one or more cavities (e.g., digging areas) may be formed in the plate portion 1630d at or near the corner of a secondary die 990. The dug lid design may reduce secondary die TIM stress and delamination risk. With the dug lid design, stress on the TIM film 145 (e.g., die to die (DtD) molding stress) may be reduced from about 1.00 in a typical package assembly (e.g., a conformal lid design without digging), to about 0.95 or less in the package assembly 1600.

[0162] As illustrated in FIG. 16A, the plate portion 1630d may include a cavity C3 formed at a corner (e.g., a corner edge) of the DRAM die 990. The cavity C3 may have a depth (in the Z direction) in a range from 0.1 mm to 5 mm, and in a range from 1% to 20% of the thickness of the plate portion 1630d. The cavity C3 may also a length d3 (in the Y direction) in a range from 0.1 mm to 20 mm, and in range from 1% to 20% of a length d1 (in the Y direction) of the secondary die 990. It should be noted that the plate portion 1630d may include the cavity C3 in addition to any one of the cavities C1, C2 and C2' described above with respect to FIGS. 9-14B.

[0163] The package lid 1630 may also include a ring portion 1630a that may bond the plate portion 1630d to the package substrate 110. The ring portion 1630a may be bonded to the package substrate by a third adhesive 160c, and bonded to the plate portion 1630d by a fourth adhesive 160d. Although it is not illustrated in FIG. 16A, the ring portion 1630a may be embedded in the substrate 110 in a similar manner as described above (e.g., see FIG. 1D, 1E, 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B). The ring portion 1630a may have any other inner foot design described above (e.g., the designs of inner foot 430b in FIG. 4B, inner foot 530b in FIG. 5B, or inner foot 630b in FIG. 6B).

[0164] FIG. 16B is a plan view of a surface of the package substrate 110 in the package assembly 1600, according to one or more embodiments. The package lid 1630 is not illustrated in FIG. 16B for ease of explanation. The cross-sectional view in FIG. 16A is a view along the cross-section II-II' of the package substrate 110 in FIG. 16B.

[0165] As illustrated in FIG. 16B, the secondary dies 990 may be formed on the package substrate 110 adjacent to a molded die module 980 such as an integrated fan out package (InFO). The outer perimeter of the secondary dies 990 in FIG. 16B may correspond to the outer perimeter of the TIM films 145 that may be formed on the second dies 990, respectively.

[0166] The secondary dies 990 may have a length d2 in the X-direction that is substantially the same or different as the length d1 in the Y-direction. That is, the secondary dies 990 may have a square shape in the plan view. Alternatively, the secondary dies 990 may have a rectangular shape in the plan view, with a longitudinal direction of the rectangular shape being in the X-direction or

the Y-direction.

[0167] The molded die module **980** may include a first semiconductor die **981** and a second semiconductor die **982** that may be molded together by a molding material. The first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982** may be the same as or similar to the semiconductor dies (e.g., **123**, **124**, **125**) described above. In particular, the first semiconductor die **981** and second semiconductor die **982** may include SOC devices. A TIM film (e.g., SOC TIM (not shown)) may be formed on the molded die module **980** and have a thickness that is substantially the same or different than a thickness of the TIM film **145**.

[0168] The package substrate **110** may include a first package substrate secondary die area **110-1** that may be coextensive with an outer surface of the secondary dies **990** on one side of the molded die module **980**. The package substrate **110** may also include a second package substrate secondary die area **110-2** that may be coextensive with an outer surface of the secondary dies **990** on another side (e.g., opposite side) of the molded die module **980**.

[0169] FIG. **16C** is a plan view of the bottom surface **1630d1** of the plate portion **1630d**, according to one or more embodiments. The plate portion **1630d** may include a first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** that (upon assembly of the package assembly **1600**) may be aligned with the first package substrate secondary die area **110-1** on the package substrate **110**. The plate portion **1630d** may also include a second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-2** that (upon assembly of the package assembly **1600**) may be aligned with the second package substrate secondary die area **110-2** on the package substrate **110**.

[0170] As illustrated in FIG. **16C**, one or more cavities **C3** may be formed in the first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** and in the second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1**. The cavities **C3** may be formed at locations corresponding to the corners of the secondary dies **990**. The cavities **C3** may have an angular shape (e.g., right angle shape, L-shape, etc.) that may be aligned with a corner of the secondary dies **990**. That is, an outermost edge of the cavities **C3** may be substantially aligned with an outermost edge of the secondary dies **990** at a corner of the secondary dies **990**.

[0171] The cavities **C3** may include a first cavity portion **C3x** extending in the X-direction, and a second cavity portion **C3y** extending in the Y-direction. A depth of the first cavity portion **C3x** may be substantially the same or different than a depth of the second cavity portion **C3y**. The first cavity portion **C3x** may have a length **d4** and a width **d5**, and the second cavity portion **C3y** may have the length **d3** and a width **d6**. The length **d3** may be substantially the same or different from the length **d4**, and the width **d5** may be substantially the same or different than the width **d6**.

[0172] Each of the length **d1** and length **d2** of the secondary dies **990** may be greater than zero. Each of the length **d4** of the first cavity portion **C3x** and the length **d3** of the second cavity portion **C3y** may be greater than zero. In one or more embodiments, the length **d4** may be in a range from 0.1 mm to 20 mm, and in range from 1% to 20% of a length **d2** (in the X-direction) of the secondary die **990**.

[0173] Each of the width **d5** of the first cavity portion **C3x** and the width **d6** of the second cavity portion **C3y** may be greater than zero. In one or more embodiments, each of the width **d5** and the width **d6** may be in a range from 0.1 mm to 5 mm.

[0174] The length **d1** of the secondary die **990** in the Y-direction may be greater than the length **d3** of the second cavity portion **C3y**, and greater than the width **d5** of the first cavity portion **C3x**. The length **d2** of the secondary die **990** in the X-direction may be greater than the length **d4** of the first cavity portion **C3x**, and greater than the width **d6** of the second cavity portion **C3y**.

[0175] The package assembly **1600** may be made by a method similar to the method described above (e.g., see FIG. **7A-7G**). In particular, the molded die module **980** and secondary dies **990** may be mounted on the package substrate **110**. A TIM film **145** may then be formed on the molded die module **980**. The TIM films **145** may be formed on the secondary dies **990**, respectively. The ring portion **1630a** may be mounted on the package substrate **110** around the molded die module

980 and the secondary dies **990** by the third adhesive **160c**. The plate portion **1630d** may then be positioned over the package substrate **110** so as to align the cavities **C3** in the plate portion **1630d** with the corners of the secondary dies **990**. The plate portion **1630d** may then be bonded to the ring portion **1630a** by the fourth adhesive **160d**, so that the bottom surface **1630d1** of the plate portion **1630d** contacts the TIM film on the molded die module **980** and contacts the TIM films **145** on the secondary dies **990**.

[0176] FIGS. **17-20B** illustrate four alternative designs of the package assembly **1600**. In each of the four alternative designs, the molded die module **980**, first package substrate secondary die area **110-1** and second package substrate secondary die area **110-2**, first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** and second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-2**, may all be substantially the same as described above with respect to FIGS. **16B-16C**.

[0177] FIG. **17** is a plan view of the bottom surface **1630d1** of the plate portion **1630d** in a first alternative design of the package assembly **1600**, according to one or more embodiments. The package substrate **110** in the first alternative design is substantially the same as FIG. **16B**. As illustrated in FIG. **17**, in the first alternative design, the cavities **C3** in the first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** and second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** may be located the corners of the four secondary dies **990** shown in FIG. **16B**. The cavities **C3** may have a square shape (or rectangular shape) in the plan view. A corner of the square shape may be aligned with a corner of the secondary dies **990**. That is, an outermost edge of the cavities **C3** may be substantially aligned with an outermost edge of the secondary dies **990** at a corner of the secondary dies **990**. The cavities **C3** may have the length **d4** in the X-direction and the length **d3** in the Y-direction.

[0178] The length **d3** and length **d4** of the cavities **C3** may be the same or different. A depth of the cavities **C3** may be substantially the same or different. Thus, for example, a depth of a cavity **C3** in the first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** may be the same or different than a depth of a cavity **C3** in the second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1**.

[0179] FIG. **18** is a plan view of the bottom surface **1630d1** of the plate portion **1630d** in a second alternative design of the package assembly **1600**, according to one or more embodiments. The package substrate **110** in the second alternative design is substantially the same as FIG. **16B**. As illustrated in FIG. **18**, in the second alternative design, the cavities **C3** in the first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** and second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** may be located at the corners of the four secondary dies **990** shown in FIG. **16B**. The cavities **C3** may have a line shape in the plan view and intersect the corners of the secondary dies **990** at a 45° angle. In some embodiments, the cavities **C3** may have a line shape in the plan view and intersect the corners of the secondary dies **990** at another angle. An end of the line shape may be aligned with a corner of the secondary dies **990**. That is, an outermost edge of the cavities **C3** may be substantially aligned with an outermost edge of the secondary dies **990** at a corner of the secondary dies **990**. The cavities **C3** may have a length **d7** that is substantially the same as the length **d3** and the length **d4** described above with respect to FIG. **16C**. The cavities **C3** may have a width **d8** that is substantially the same as the width **d5** and the width **d6** described above with respect to FIG. **16C**. The length **d7** and width **d8** of the cavities **C3** may be the same or different.

[0180] FIG. **19A** is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in a third alternative design of the package assembly **1600**, according to one or more embodiments. In the third alternative design, the first package substrate secondary die area **110-1** includes one secondary die **990** that is centrally located in the Y-direction. The second package substrate secondary die area **110-2** also includes one secondary die **990** that is centrally located in the Y-direction.

[0181] FIG. **19B** is a plan view of the bottom surface **1630d1** of the plate portion **1630d** in the third alternative design of the package assembly **1600**, according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. **19B**, in the third alternative design, the cavities **C3** in the first plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** and second plate portion secondary die area **1630d-1** may be located the corners of the two secondary dies **990** in FIG. **19A**. The cavities **C3** may be similar (e.g., in

terms of shape, location, etc.) to that described above with respect to FIG. 17. That is, the cavities C3 may have a square shape that is aligned with a corner of the secondary dies 990, have a length d4 in the X-direction and a length d3 in the Y-direction, and so on.

[0182] FIG. 20A is a plan view of the package substrate 110 in a fourth alternative design of the package assembly 1600, according to one or more embodiments. In the fourth alternative design, the first package substrate secondary die area 110-1 includes one secondary die 990 that is located at an end of the first package substrate secondary die area 110-1 in the Y-direction. The second package substrate secondary die area 110-2 includes two secondary dies 990 similar to the second package substrate secondary die area 110-2 in FIG. 16B.

[0183] FIG. 20B is a plan view of the bottom surface 1630d1 of the plate portion 1630d in the fourth alternative design of the package assembly 1600, according to one or more embodiments. As illustrated in FIG. 20B, in the fourth alternative design, the cavities C3 in the first plate portion secondary die area 1630d-1 and second plate portion secondary die area 1630d-1 may be located the corners of the three secondary dies 990 shown in FIG. 20A. The cavities C3 may be similar (e.g., in terms of shape, location, etc.) to that described above with respect to FIG. 17. That is, the cavities C3 may have a square shape that is aligned with a corner of the secondary dies 990, have a length d4 in the X-direction and a length d3 in the Y-direction, and so on.

[0184] Referring now to FIGS. 21A-22D, one or more embodiments may include a package lid having an inner foot (e.g., inner rib or inner lid rib). The inner foot may improve coverage in a TIM film (e.g., a film-type TIM such as a graphite TIM) in a package assembly (e.g., electronic package). In a typical package assembly, a poor thermal performance (e.g., thermal resistance of about 0.1 C/cm^2) of a film-type TIM may be induced by a lower coverage due to a small width of a package lid. However, the package lid with the inner foot may improve the coverage (e.g., coverage contour of good thermal performance of the TIM film) as compared to a typical package lid. In particular, the coverage by the package lid with the inner foot may be about 91% or more. The inner foot may help to increase coverage of the TIM film for good thermal performance with little or no increment of stress level in components, such as the dies. The inner foot design may be implemented, for example, in any die or mold structure.

[0185] The package lid may include the inner foot near a small foot width side (e.g., narrow lid foot width side) of the package lid. The package assembly may also have adhesive pattern on the package substrate that corresponds to the inner foot of the package lid. The inner foot of the package lid may help to increase coverage between the package lid and an interposer module (e.g., CoW die) that is covered by the package lid and provide better thermal performance in the package assembly.

[0186] The package assembly with the package lid having an inner foot may be formed by a method similar to that described above for the package assembly 100, and illustrated in FIGS. 7A-7G (e.g., a film-type TIM process). In this method, a plurality of the TIM films (FTIM) may be formed on a tape. The tape may be put on attachment rollers which are turned to attach the plurality of TIM films to a plurality of the interposer modules (e.g., COW dies), respectively. The package lid may then be attached (e.g., by an automated pick-and-place device) to the package substrate so as to contact the TIM film. An adhesive pattern may be formed on a surface of the package substrate. The package lid may then be positioned over the package substrate and aligned with adhesive pattern. A hot clamp device may then apply high pressure and temperature to the package lid in order to clamp the package lid onto the adhesive and package substrate.

[0187] FIG. 21A illustrates a package assembly 2100 according to one or more embodiments. The package assembly 2100 includes the package substrate 110 and a package lid 2130 mounted on the package substrate 110. The package lid 2130 may include a plate portion 2130d and an outer foot 2130a that may be formed around a perimeter of the plate portion 2130d. The plate portion 2130d may include a pair of first sides 2130d-1 and a plate portion extension 2130e that extends from the first sides 2130d-1. The plate portion extension 2130e may be positioned in a central portion of the

first sides **2130d-1**. The plate portion extension **2130e** may have a length (in the X-direction) that is in a range of 20% to 40% of the length of the first side **2130d-1**. The plate portion extension **2130e** may extend in a Z-direction from a bottom surface of the outer foot **2130a** to an upper surface of the plate portion **2130d**. A width of the plate portion extension **2130e** (in the Y-direction) may be in a range from 25% to 75% of a width of the outer foot **2130a**.

[0188] The plate portion **2130d** may also include a pair of second sides **2130d-2** (e.g., small foot width side) that connects the pair of first sides **2130d-1** at opposing ends of the pair of first sides **2130d-1**. The plate portion **2130d** may also include one or more step portions **2130f** that extend from the outer foot **2130a** at the pair of second sides **2130d-2**. The step portion **2130f** may have a width (in the X-direction) that is in a range from 50% to 150% of the width of the outer foot **2130a** (in the X-direction). The step portion **2130f** may have a length (in the Y-direction) that is in a range from 20% to 45% of the length of the second side **2130d-2** of the plate portion **2130d**. The step portion **2130f** may extend in the Z-direction along an entire length of the outer foot **2130a**. That is, an upper surface of the step portion **2130f** may be substantially co-planar with a bottom surface of the plate portion **2130d**.

[0189] The step portion **2130f** may have a first end that is substantially aligned with an end of the second side **2130d-2** of the plate portion **2130d**, and a second end that is opposite the first end. The outer foot **2130a** may include an outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** (e.g., narrow foot side) that is positioned between the second ends of a pair of the step portions **2130f**. A length of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** (in the Y-direction) may be in a range from 10% to 60% of the length of the second side **2130d-2** of the plate portion **2130d** (in the Y-direction). The length of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** (in the Y-direction) may also be in a range from 20% to 80% of the length of the plate portion extension **2130e** (in the X-direction).

[0190] FIG. 21B is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The package lid **2130** may be attached to the package substrate **110** by a first adhesive **160a** and second adhesive **160b** which have an adhesive pattern as illustrated in FIG. 21B. The package lid **2130** may contact the package substrate **110** at points corresponding to a location of the first adhesive **160a** and second adhesive **160b**. Thus, the outline of the first adhesive **160a** and second adhesive **160b** in FIG. 21D may also constitute an outline of the package lid **2130** on the package substrate **110**. The various parts of the package lid **2130** contacting the package substrate **110** through the adhesive pattern may also be indicated in FIG. 21B.

[0191] As illustrated in FIG. 21B, the interposer module **120** (e.g., electronic package) may be located at a center of the package lid **2130** in the plan view. The outer foot **2130a** may be formed around the perimeter of the interposer module **120**. The outer foot **2130a** may have a uniform width around the perimeter of the interposer module **120**. The plate portion extensions **2130e** and step portions **2130f** may be located on a side of the outer foot **2130a**. The outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** may be located between the step portions **2130f**.

[0192] The package lid **2130** may also include an inner foot **2130r** that is located inside the outer foot **2130a**. The inner foot **2130r** may be located between the interposer module **120** and the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1**. A center point of the inner foot **2130r** in the Y-direction may be substantially aligned with a center point of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** in the Y-direction. A length of the inner foot **2130r** in the Y-direction may be in a range from 50% to 150% of the length of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** in the Y-direction. The inner foot **2130r** may be separated from the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1** by a first distance **G1**. The inner foot **2130r** may be separated from the interposer module **120** by a second distance **G2**. In one or more embodiments, the second distance **G2** is greater than the first distance **G1**. The first distance **G2** may alternatively be less than or substantially the same as the second distance **G1**.

[0193] FIG. 21C is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **2100** in FIG. 21C

is a view along the line III-III' in FIGS. 21A and 21B.

[0194] As illustrated in FIG. 21C, the package assembly **2100** includes the interposer module **120** mounted on the package substrate **110**. The interposer module **120** may include, for example, a semiconductor die, SOC die, dummy die, etc. The package underfill layer **129** may be formed under and around the interposer module **120** on the package substrate **110**. The interposer module **120** may also include the molding material layer **127** that is formed on the semiconductor dies in the interposer module **120**.

[0195] The TIM film **140** (e.g., graphite TIM film) may be formed on an upper surface of the interposer module **120**. In particular, the TIM film **140** may be formed on the molding material layer **127** that may constitute at least a portion of the upper surface of the interposer module **120**. The package lid **2130** may be formed over the interposer module **120** and attached to the package substrate **110** through the first adhesive **160a** and second adhesive **160b**. A bottom surface **2130d1** of the plate portion **2130d** of the package lid **2130** may contact an upper surface of the TIM film **140**.

[0196] As illustrated in FIG. 21C, the outer foot **2130a** of the package lid **2130** may project downward in the Z-direction from the bottom surface **2130d1** of the plate portion **2130d**. The inner foot **2130r** may be located between the outer foot **2130a** and the interposer module **120**. The inner foot **2130r** may project in the Z-direction from the bottom surface **2130d1** of the plate portion **2130d**. The inner foot **2130r** may be attached to the package substrate **110** through the second adhesive **160b**.

[0197] The inner foot **2130r** may have a width (in the X-direction) that is greater than a width of the outer foot **2130a**. The inner foot **2130r** may be separated from the interposer module **120** (in particular, the package underfill layer **129**) by a distance G2, and separated from the outer foot **2130a** by a distance G1.

[0198] FIG. 21D is a vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The vertical cross-sectional view of the package assembly **2100** in FIG. 21D is a view along the line IV-IV' in FIGS. 21A and 21B.

[0199] The vertical cross-sectional view in FIG. 21D may be substantially the same as the vertical cross-sectional view in FIG. 21C, except that the vertical cross-sectional view in FIG. 21D includes the step portion **2130f** that may be formed on an outer sidewall of the outer foot **2130a**. As illustrated in FIG. 21D, a length of the step portion **2130f** may be substantially the same as the length of the outer foot **2130a**.

[0200] The inner foot **2130r** in the package assembly **2100** may improve coverage in the TIM film **140**. That is, the package lid **2130** with the inner foot **2130r** may improve the coverage (e.g., coverage contour of good thermal performance of the TIM film **140**) as compared to a typical package lid. In particular, the coverage by the package lid **2130** with the inner foot **2130r** may be about 91% or more. The inner foot **2130r** may help to increase coverage of the TIM film **140** for good thermal performance with little or no increment of stress level in components, such as the dies.

[0201] The package assembly **2100** with the package lid **2130** having the inner foot **2130r** may be formed by a method similar to that described above for the package assembly **100**, and illustrated in FIGS. 7A-7G (e.g., a film-type TIM process). In this method, a plurality of the TIM films **140** (FTIM) may be formed on a tape. The tape may be put on attachment rollers which are turned to attach the plurality of TIM films **140** to a plurality of the interposer modules **120** (e.g., COW dies), respectively. The package lid **2130** may then be attached (e.g., by an automated pick-and-place device) to the package substrate **110** so as to contact the TIM film **140**. An adhesive pattern may be formed on a surface of the package substrate **110**. The package lid **2130** may then be positioned over the package substrate **110** and aligned with adhesive pattern. A hot clamp device may then apply high pressure and temperature to the package lid **2130** in order to clamp the package lid **2130** onto the adhesive and package substrate **110**.

[0202] FIGS. 22A-22D illustrate alternative designs of the package assembly **2100** according to one or more embodiments. It should be noted that in each of the FIGS. 22A-22D, the adhesive pattern of the first adhesive **160a** may be substantially the same as the adhesive pattern of the first adhesive **160a** in FIG. 21B. The difference between the alternative designs in FIGS. 22A-22D and the design in FIG. 21B may be the size and location of the second adhesive **160b**. As in FIG. 21B, the second adhesive **160b** may also be identified as the inner foot **2130r** in FIGS. 22A-22D.

[0203] FIG. 22A is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in a first alternative design of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The first alternative design may include two inner feet **2130r** on opposing sides of the interposer module **120** in the X-direction. The inner feet **2130r** may extend longitudinally along the second side **2130d-2** of the plate portion **2130d**. The inner foot **2130r** may be located inside the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1**. The inner foot **2130r** may have a length in the Y-direction that is less than a length in the Y-direction of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1**. In one or more embodiments, the inner foot **2130r** may have a length in the Y-direction that is in a range from 50% to 120% of the length in the Y-direction of the outer foot exposed portion **2130a-1**.

[0204] FIG. 22B is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in a second alternative design of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The second alternative design may include four inner feet **2130r**. Two of the inner feet **2130r** may be formed on one side of the interposer module **120**, and the other two inner feet **2130r** may be formed on an opposing side of the interposer module **120** in the Y-direction. The inner feet **2130r** may extend longitudinally along the first side **2130d-1** of the plate portion **2130d**. At least a portion of the inner foot **2130r** may be formed between the plate portion extension **2130e**. The inner foot **2130r** may have a length in the X-direction that is less than a length in the X-direction of the plate portion extension **2130e**. In one or more embodiments, the inner foot **2130r** may have a length in the X-direction that is in a range from 40% to 80% of the length in the X-direction of the plate portion extension **2130e**.

[0205] FIG. 22C is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in a third alternative design of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The third alternative design may be substantially the same as the second alternative design in FIG. 22B and include four inner feet **2130r**. In one or more embodiments, the inner foot **2130r** may have a length in the X-direction that is in a range from 20% to 60% of the length in the X-direction of the plate portion extension **2130e**.

[0206] FIG. 22D is a plan view of the package substrate **110** in a fourth alternative design of the package assembly **2100**, according to one or more embodiments. The fourth alternative design may include a first pair of inner feet **2130r** having an arrangement as in the first alternative design of FIG. 22A. The fourth alternative design may also include two pairs of inner feet **2130r** having an arrangement as in the second alternative design of FIG. 22B.

[0207] Referring to FIGS. 1A-8, in one or more embodiments a package assembly **100** may include a package substrate **110**, a package lid **130** on the package substrate **110** and including a plate portion **130d**, an outer foot **130a** extending from the plate portion **130d**, and an inner foot **130b** having a height H_{bz} greater than or equal to a height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**, extending from the plate portion **130d** and including a first inner foot corner portion **130b1** located inside a first corner of the outer foot **130a**, and an adhesive **160** that adheres the outer foot **130a** to the package substrate **110** and adheres the inner foot **130b** to the package substrate **110**. The height $H_{sub.bz}$ of the inner foot **130b** may be substantially equal to the height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**. The height H_{bz} of the inner foot **130b** may be greater than the height $H_{sub.az}$ of the outer foot **130a**. The outer foot **130a** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a first distance and the inner foot **130b** may extend from the plate portion **130d** by a second distance greater than the first distance. The package substrate **110** may include a recessed portion **111**, **113** and the inner foot **130b** may be adhered to the package substrate **110** inside the recessed portion **111**, **113**. The package substrate **110** may include a core substrate **112** and an upper insulating layer **114** on the core substrate, and the recessed portion **111**, **113** may be formed in the upper insulating layer **114**.

The inner foot **130b** may be adhered inside the recessed portion **111**, **113** to the upper insulating layer **114**. The inner foot **130b** may be adhered inside the recessed portion **111**, **113** to the core substrate. The outer foot **130a** may include a first outer foot **130a** side and a second outer foot **130a** side, and the first inner foot corner portion **130b1** of the inner foot **130b** may include a first inner foot corner portion side extending along the first outer foot **130a** side and having a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that may be less than a length $L_{sub.ax}$ of the first outer foot **130a** side. The first inner foot corner portion **130b1** of the inner foot **130b** further may include a second inner foot corner portion side extending along the second outer foot **130a** side and having a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that may be less than a length $L_{sub.ay}$ of the second outer foot **130a** side (e.g., $L_{sub.b1} \geq 0.1 \times L_{sub.ax}$ and $L_{sub.b1} \geq 0.1 \times L_{sub.ay}$). The inner foot **130b** further may include a second inner foot corner portion **130b1** located inside a second corner of the outer foot **130a**, and the second inner foot corner portion **130b1** may be separate from the first inner foot corner portion **130b1**. The inner foot **130b** further may include a first line portion between the first inner foot corner portion **130b1** and the second inner foot corner portion **130b1**. A thickness of the inner foot **130b** may be greater than a thickness of the outer foot **130a**. A distance between the inner foot **130b** and the outer foot **130a** may be greater than 500 μm . The package assembly **100** may further include, an interposer module **120** mounted on the package substrate **110** under the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130**, and a thermal interface material (TIM) film **140** on the interposer module **120** and between the interposer module **120** and the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130**. A distance between the inner foot **130b** and the TIM film may be greater than 1000 μm .

[0208] Referring to FIGS. 1A-8, a method of making a package assembly **100** may include forming an adhesive **160** on a package substrate **110**, placing a package lid **130** on the adhesive **160**, the package lid **130** may include a plate portion **130d**, an outer foot **130a** extending from the plate portion **130d**, and an inner foot **130b** extending from the plate portion **130d** and including a first inner foot corner portion **130b1** located inside a first corner of the outer foot **130a**, and pressing the package lid **130** onto the package substrate **110** and curing the adhesive **160** so that the adhesive **160** adheres the outer foot **130a** to the package substrate **110** and the inner foot **130b** to the package substrate **110**. The method may further may include forming a recessed portion **111**, **113** in the package substrate **110**, wherein the forming of the adhesive **160** may include forming the adhesive **160** in the recessed portion **111**, **113** and the placing of the package lid **130** on the adhesive **160** may include placing the inner foot **130b** inside the recessed portion **111**, **113**. The package substrate **110** may include a core substrate and an upper insulating layer **114** on the core substrate, and the forming of the recessed portion **111**, **113** may include forming the recessed portion **111**, **113** in the upper insulating layer **114**. The placing of the inner foot **130b** inside the recessed portion **111**, **113** may include placing the inner foot **130b** on the core substrate inside the recessed portion **111**, **113**.

[0209] Referring to FIGS. 1A-8, a package assembly **100** may include a package substrate **110** including a core layer, and an insulating layer on the core layer and including a recessed portion **111**, **113**, a package lid **130** on the package substrate **110** and including a plate portion **130d**, an outer foot **130a** extending from the plate portion **130d** and having a first height and an inner foot **130b** extending from the plate portion **130d** and having a second height greater than or equal to the first height, the inner foot **130b** extending into the recessed portion **111**, **113** of the insulating layer and including a first inner foot corner portion **130b1** located inside a first corner of the outer foot **130a** and a second inner foot corner portion **130b1** located inside a second corner of the outer foot **130a** and separated from the first inner foot corner portion **130b1**, an adhesive **160** that adheres the outer foot **130a** to the package substrate **110** and adheres the inner foot **130b** to the package substrate **110**, an interposer module mounted on the package substrate **110** under the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130**, and a thermal interface material (TIM) film **140** on the interposer module **120** and between the interposer module **120** and the plate portion **130d** of the package lid **130**.

[0210] Referring to FIGS. 9-20B, a package assembly **900/1600** may include a package substrate

110, a molded die module **980** on the package substrate **110**, a secondary die **990** on the package substrate **110** adjacent to the molded die module **980**, and a package lid **930/1630** including a ring portion **930a/1630a** around the molded die module **980** and the secondary die **990** on the package substrate **110**, and a plate portion **930d/1630d** on the ring portion **930a/1630a** and over the molded die module **980** and secondary die **990**, and including a cavity **C1, C2, C2', C3** that is located at one of an edge of the molded die module **980** or a corner of the secondary die **990**.

[0211] The foregoing outlines features of several embodiments so that those skilled in the art may better understand the aspects of the present disclosure. Those skilled in the art should appreciate that they may readily use the present disclosure as a basis for designing or modifying other processes and structures for carrying out the same purposes and/or achieving the same advantages of the embodiments introduced herein. Those skilled in the art should also realize that such equivalent constructions do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present disclosure, and that they may make various changes, substitutions, and alterations herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present disclosure.

Claims

1. A package assembly, comprising: a package substrate including a recessed portion; an interposer module on the package substrate; and a package lid over the interposer module on the package substrate, comprising: a plate portion; an outer foot extending from the plate portion; and an inner foot extending from the plate portion between the outer foot and the interposer module and into the recessed portion of the package substrate.
2. The package assembly of claim 1, further comprising: an adhesive that adheres the outer foot to the package substrate and adheres the inner foot to the package substrate inside the recessed portion.
3. The package assembly of claim 1, wherein the package substrate comprises a core and an upper insulating layer on the core, and the recessed portion is in the upper insulating layer.
4. The package assembly of claim 3, wherein a depth of the recessed portion is less than a thickness of the upper insulating layer and the inner foot is adhered inside the recessed portion to the upper insulating layer.
5. The package assembly of claim 3, wherein a depth of the recessed portion is substantially equal to a thickness of the upper insulating layer and the inner foot is adhered inside the recessed portion to the core.
6. The package assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer foot extends from the plate portion by a first distance and the inner foot extends from the plate portion by a second distance greater than the first distance.
7. The package assembly of claim 1, wherein the inner foot comprises a first inner foot corner portion located inside a first corner of the outer foot, the outer foot comprises a first outer foot side and a second outer foot side, and the first inner foot corner portion comprises a first inner foot corner portion side extending along the first outer foot side and having a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.ax}$ of the first outer foot side.
8. The package assembly of claim 7, wherein the first inner foot corner portion further comprises a second inner foot corner portion side extending along the second outer foot side and having a length $L_{sub.b1}$ that is less than a length $L_{sub.ay}$ of the second outer foot side.
9. The package assembly of claim 8, wherein $L_{sub.b1} \geq 0.1 \times L_{sub.ax}$ and $L_{sub.b1} \geq 0.1 \times L_{sub.ay}$.
10. The package assembly of claim 7, wherein the inner foot further comprises a second inner foot corner portion located inside a second corner of the outer foot, and the second inner foot corner portion is separate from the first inner foot corner portion.
11. The package assembly of claim 10, wherein the inner foot further comprises a first inner foot line portion between the first inner foot corner portion and the second inner foot corner portion.

- 12.** The package assembly of claim 1, wherein a thickness of the inner foot is greater than a thickness of the outer foot.
- 13.** The package assembly of claim 1, wherein a width of the recessed portion is at least 10% greater than a width of the inner foot.
- 14.** The package assembly of claim 1, wherein the inner foot has a first width and comprises an inner foot thinned portion having a second width less than the first width, and the inner foot thinned portion is in the recessed portion of the package substrate.
- 15.** A package assembly, comprising: a package substrate; an interposer module on the package substrate; and a package lid over the interposer module on the package substrate, comprising: a plate portion; an outer foot extending from the plate portion and attached to the package substrate; and an inner foot extending from the plate portion between the outer foot and a side of the interposer module, wherein the inner foot extends lengthwise in a direction parallel to the side of the interposer module and has a length less than a length of the side of the interposer module.
- 16.** The package assembly of claim 15, wherein the plate portion comprises a first side and a plate portion extension at a central portion of the first side of the plate portion, and the plate portion extension extends from a bottom surface of the outer foot to an upper surface of the plate portion.
- 17.** The package assembly of claim 15, wherein the plate portion comprises a second side and the package lid further comprises a plurality of step portions extending outwardly from the outer foot on the second side of the plate portion.
- 18.** The package assembly of claim 17, wherein the outer foot comprises an outer foot exposed portion between the plurality of step portions, and a length of the outer foot exposed portion is in a range from 10% to 60% of a length of the second side of the plate portion.
- 19.** The package assembly of claim 18, wherein the inner foot is located between the interposer module and the outer foot exposed portion.
- 20.** A package assembly comprising: a package substrate; a molded die module on the package substrate; a secondary die adjacent the molded die module on the package substrate; and a package lid over the molded die module and the secondary die on the package substrate, wherein the package lid comprises a bottom surface including a cavity located at a corner of the secondary die.
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