

Si and SiC Power Transistors in the Powertrain of Electric Vehicles (xEVs). A Survey of Japanese Automotive and Semiconductor Manufacturers

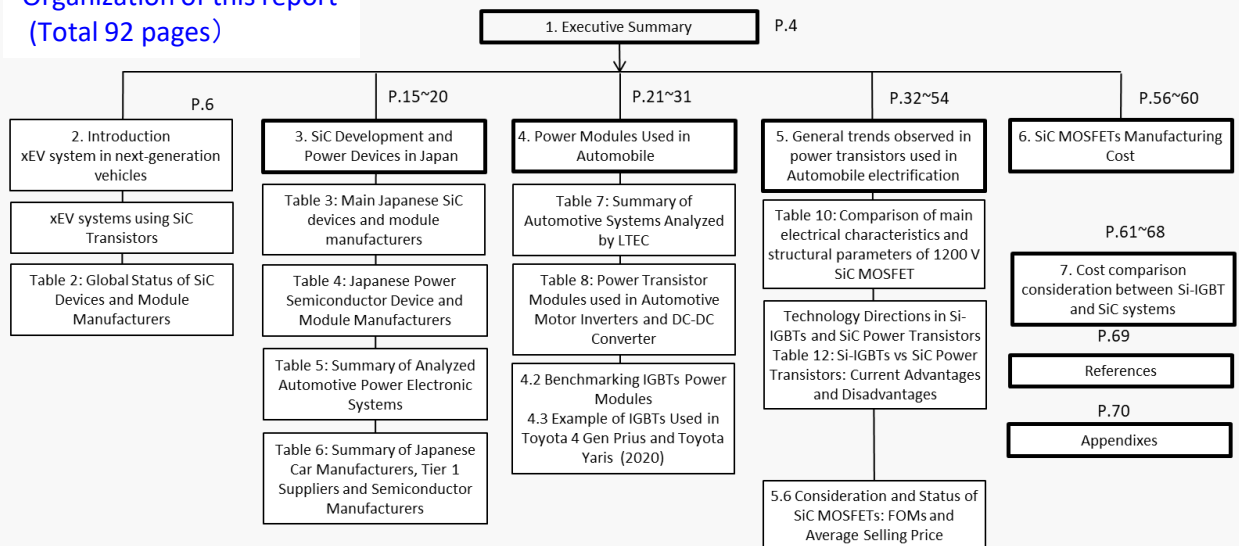
Introduction

Toward the realization of global warming countermeasures and carbon neutrality, the electrification of automobiles is actively progressing.

High withstand voltage power devices (Si-IGBTs, Si RC-IGBTs, SiC-MOSFETs) are the important components that determine "low power loss", "high reliability", and "cost" in electrification of the automobile powertrain.

Since 2015, LTEC has analyzed more than 50 in-vehicle powertrains electronic systems, and based on the analysis results, each company's device performance, regarding automobile manufacturers, tier 1 suppliers, semiconductors and module manufacturers, mounting information, of Japanese manufacturers have been extracted. In this survey report, cost comparisons, benefits of replacing IGBTs by SiC, cost estimates, and technology trends are summarized.

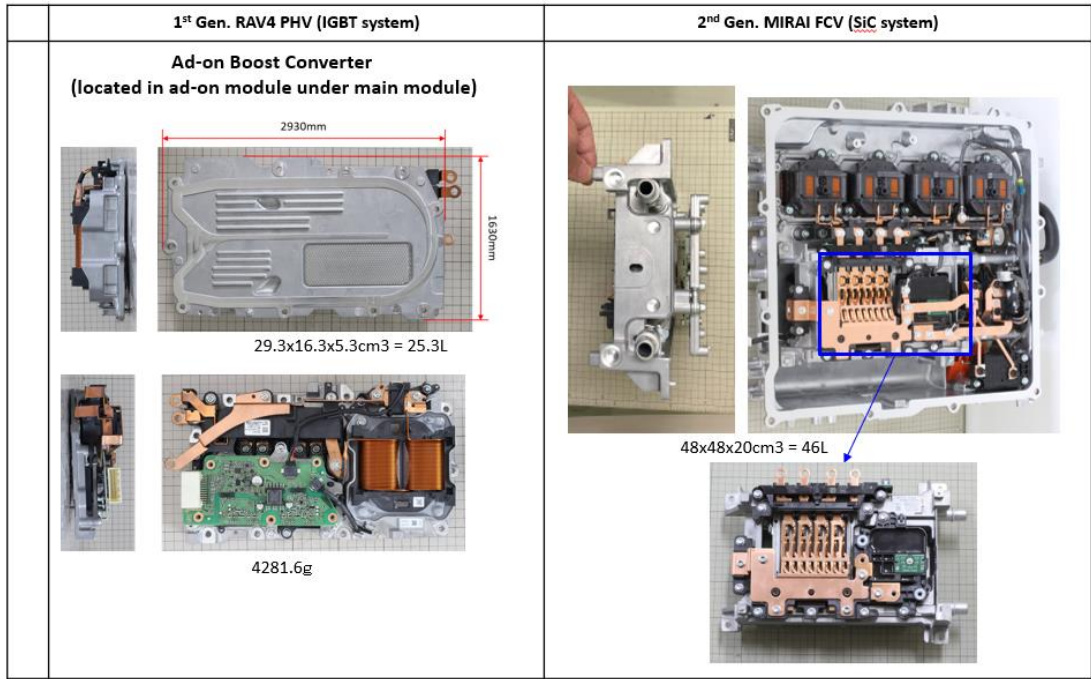
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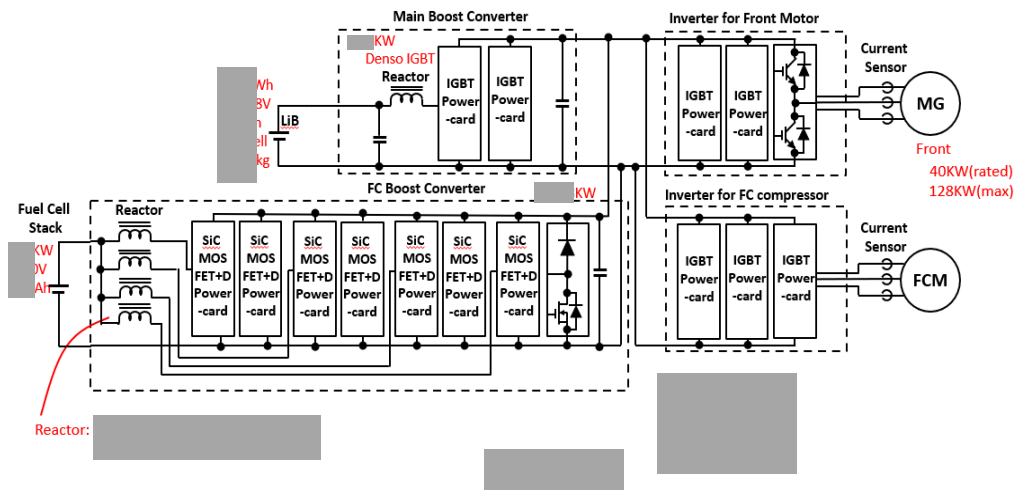
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7.1 Analysis result of RAV4 and MIRAI



7.2 The 2nd Gen. MIRAI FCV, Boost Converter and Inverter Block Diagram

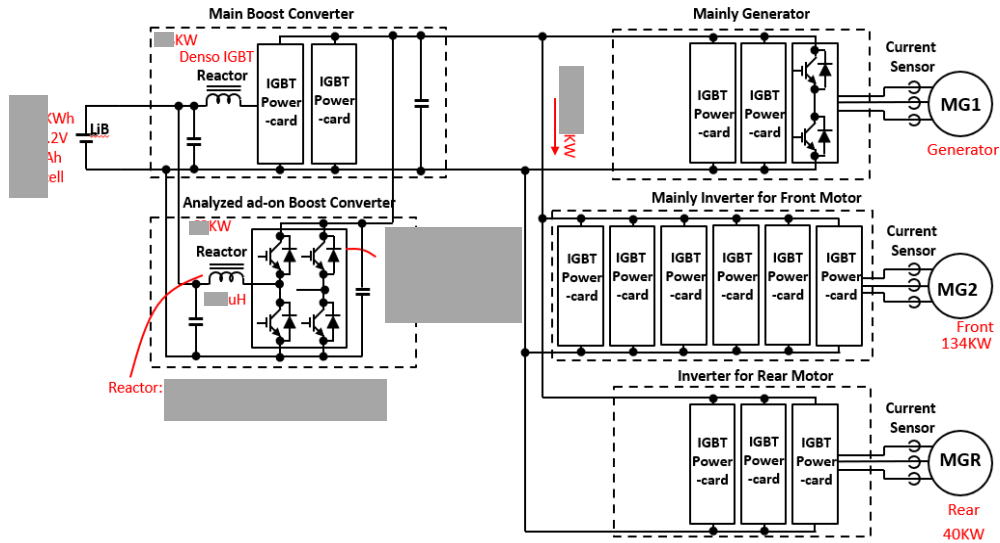
- PCU has 8 IGBT power-cards in main module portion, FC Boost module has 8 SiC MOSFET power-cards



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7.3 The 1st Gen. RAV4 PHV, Boost Converter and Inverter Block Diagram

■ PCU has 14 IGBT power-cards in main module portion



IGBT has absolutely advantage in the simple cost comparisons. However, it is estimated that the case using SiC will increase in order to reduce the size due to space limitation.

	1 st Gen. RAV4 PHV	2 nd Gen. RAV4 PHV	MIRAI FCV when use IGBT	2 nd Gen. MIRAI FCV	3 rd Gen. MIRAI FCV
	Main converter + Ad-on Converter	Main converter	Built in the main converter	FC boost converter	Built in the main converter
Vbus	356V	356V	650V	650V	650V
Transistor Vdss					
Power Device					
Gate Driver					
Boost Controller					
Reactor					
Film Capacitor					
Current Sensor, Bus Bar					
Al Chassis					
Total cost					

Note 1: It is quite difficult to use 1200V Si-IGBT due to speed drop and rise of switching losses in high voltage and high current condition. We think that this is one of the reason MIRAI uses SiC instead of IGBT.

Boost converter cost breakdown

