THERMAL PARAMETER ESTIMATION USING RECURSIVE IDENTIFICATION

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Abstract: A novel method that converts a semiconductor Transient Thermal Impedance Curve (TTIC) into an equivalent thermal R-C network model is presented. Thermal Resistance (R) and thermal Capacitance (C) parameters of the model are identified using manufacturer’s data and off line Recursive Least Square (RLS) techniques. Relevant estimation theory concepts and the formulation of an appropriate model for the identification process are given. Model synthesis is illustrated using an isolated base power transistor module. The application of time decoupled theory for high order thermal models is outlined. Simulation of junction temperature responses using model and manufacturer TTIC’s are compared. The identified parameter validity is further confirmed by parameter calculation obtained from module physical dimensions.

I. Introduction

Power converter manufacturers typically utilize the relatively low but significant thermal heat capacity of power semiconductors to obtain short duration overload ratings well in excess of continuous ratings. The methods for determining the peak allowable junction temperature (TJ) and case temperature (TC) under transient and intermittent loading are well established and have remained essentially unchanged since 1959 [1].

The standard approach uses the TTIC supplied by device manufacturers (Fig. 1a). Junction temperature response to device power pulses are estimated from this curve and the principle of superposition for conditions such as single pulse overload, repetitive pulse overload, overloads following continuous duty and irregularly shaped power vs. time profiles. Indeed, power transistor Safe Operating Area (SOA) limits are usually based upon this approach [2-5]. However, transient junction temperature estimation using the TTIC approach has several shortcomings.

(i) a-posteriori calculations - Circuit simulation programs containing sophisticated device models exist that can contain instantaneous power vs. time profiles [6-7]. However, instantaneous junction temperature vs. time profiles cannot be solved with the TTIC concept until the entire overload simulation process is complete, stored in memory and broken down into equivalent pulse amplitude and durations. This inefficiency suggests the use of a device thermal model (Fig. 1b & 1c) for maximizing simulation capability by solving both the electrical and thermal network models simultaneously.

(ii) graphical analysis - The standard TTIC approach requires cumbersome graphical analysis to transform the irregularly shaped power profiles, such as the switching and conduction loss profiles in SOA calculations, into equivalent energy (watt-sec) "square" power pulses upon which this curve is based.

(iii) repeat calculations - Each application of a new overload sequence requires TJ to be recalculated.

(iv) desired accuracy - The accuracy of estimated junction temperatures decreases for increasingly complex overload waveforms such as Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) acceleration of a motor. When using the standard approach, gross simplifying assumptions are necessary to keep graphical analysis and hand computations tractable.

The shortcomings of the standard approach suggest the need to develop an accurate thermal model to make better estimates of TJ. Use of a device thermal model for indirect measurement of the junction to case temperature rise (ΔTjc) may result in improved converter fault diagnostics. Indirectly calculating ΔTjc in real time may be done with the discrete transfer function model of Fig. 1b and a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) / microprocessor or an analog operational amplifier model of Fig. 1c. In addition, potential advantages in substantially increased converter overload ratings exist when using the ΔTjc "observer" based model in real time adaptive control [8].

In this paper, a new approach to the problem of determining device thermal characteristics is presented from the System Identification point of view [9]. Sections 2 and 3 outline the basic identification procedure used and the governing laws for device thermal model building. Sections 4 and 5 review and apply estimation theory principles to determine the R-C parameter values given the manufacturer's TTIC curve. Section 6 presents identification results for an isolated base transistor model example and discusses parameter accuracy of the identified R-C values.

Fig. 1a Semiconductor Transient Thermal Impedance Curve (junction-case)

Fig. 1b Estimated Black Box Model of Fig. 1a

Fig. 1c Thermal Model Structure of Fig. 1a & Fig. 1b

II. Identification Procedure

The success or failure of any application of system identification rests on finding an algorithm that can intelligently utilize apriori information. The thermal estimation problem has three main features which can be exploited. First, the structure of Fig. 1c is known from physical grounds to closely model the thermal behavior of the system, even though the exact values of the R's and C's are unknown. This suggests that one of the parametric identification methods should be applicable. The second feature is the TTIC curve,
which can be used to construct simulated input/output pairs to sufficiently excite the identification procedure. The third feature is that the thermal time constants have a wide-time scale separation. In many identification setups, this would be a serious problem because it is difficult to excite all modes of the system without an inordinately large number of time steps. Since this time scale separation is known to exist a priori, however, we are able to exploit it by identifying the slow and fast modes separately via a time decoupling approach. Figure 2 defines the 4 basic steps used [10].

(1) Model Formulation: The type and order of the thermal model structure are defined from a priori knowledge about the semiconductor. Some numerical constants of the model can also be obtained a-priori by applying Newton’s Law of Cooling. Discrete state space equations are derived based upon the physical model.

(2) Design of Experiment: The input signal, sampling interval and experiment length are chosen so that appropriate modes of the thermal model are excited sufficiently for identification.

(3) Parameter Estimation: This step determines the numerical values of the model structure. The choice of algorithm is the off-line direct method of Recursive Least Squares (RLS). The method shown in Fig. 3 is based upon the fact that the collected output responses are linearly dependent on the unknown parameters where;

![Fig. 3 Parameter Estimation Technique](image)

\[ k = \text{Discrete sampling time} \]
\[ u(k) = \text{Input pulse sequence into the device.} \]
\[ y(k) = \text{Calculated junction-case temperature response} \]
\[ \hat{y}(k) = \text{Estimated junction-case temperature response} \]
\[ \tilde{y}(k) = \text{Output error between true} \]
\[ \text{and estimated} \]
\[ \hat{y}(k) \text{ responses.} \]

The basic scheme is to use a well planned input power sequence which has a sampling interval shorter than the fastest time constant and an experiment length that is longer than the slowest estimated time constant of the thermal model. True junction temperature responses, \( T_J(t) \), to \( u(t) \) is calculated using the manufacturers TTIC. The same input test signal is also applied, starting at \( t = 0 \), to the \( \Theta_{jc} \) model and \( \hat{y}(k) \) is calculated for each time instant \( k \). The RLS algorithm attempts to drive the \( \tilde{y}(k) \) error to zero at each \( k \) by adapting the unknown parameters \( \Theta_{jc} \). The estimated numerator and denominator coefficients of \( \hat{y}(k) \) converge to steady state values for a properly designed test signal. The actual Resistance and Capacitance values may then be determined from these coefficients using the initial model equations formulated.

(4) Model Verification: This step relates the identification (ID) results to well known physical results. Comparison of \( T_J(t) \) vs. \( \hat{T}_J(t) \) and manufacturer’s TTIC vs. an estimated TTIC curve are made. Additionally, identified \( R \) and \( C \) model parameters are compared to calculated \( R-C \) values obtained from measurements of an actual semiconductor. These 4 steps are now examined in more detail.

III. Model Formulation

Transient Thermal Impedance Curve:
The semiconductor thermal model structure is implicitly contained in the TTIC as a complex sum of \( R-C \) exponentials. It is therefore desirable to review the definition, derivation, assumptions and application of this curve. The concept of thermal resistance is based upon an analogy between electrical and thermal systems with temperature[°C], heat flow due to power dissipation [Watts] and thermal resistance [°C/W] being analogous to voltage, current and electrical resistance [11]. The TTIC in Fig. 1a is obtained by applying a single “square” power pulse “P1” to the device until the junction temperature reaches steady state at time \( t_{ss} \). Junction temperature rise \( \Delta Tjc(t) \) is determined by fixing the case constant at ambient temperature \( T_0=T2a \) and measuring device temperature with infrared methods or electrical Temperature Sensitive Parameters (TSP) such as forward voltage drop [Vf] or base emitter voltage[Vbe] [12]. The actual \( \Delta Tjc \) rise is found by correlating the measured change in Vbe \( \approx 2mv/°C \) vs. time to previous calibrated Vbe vs Temperature test for constant T2a and base current. The transient thermal impedance is defined at any time \( t \) as

\[ \Theta_{jc}(t) = \frac{T_J(t) - T_0}{P1} = \frac{\Delta Tjc(t)}{P1} \]

(1)

The thermal system is assumed to be linear, and hence superposition can be applied to the TTIC. The TTIC is a “step response” curve with zero initial conditions, relating device input power to \( \Delta Tjc \) at the output. The power profile in figure 4a can be separated into equivalent heating and cooling pulse durations of \( t_x \) and \( t_y \) as shown in Fig. 4b. The junction temperature rise can be determined by adding individual \( Tjc \) pulse responses [1].

\[ \Delta Tjc(t_1) = P1 \cdot \Theta_{jc}(t_1) \]
\[ \Delta Tjc(t_2) = P1 \cdot \Theta_{jc}(t_2) - P1 \cdot \Theta_{jc}(t_2-t_1) + P2 \cdot \Theta_{jc}(t_2-t_1) \]

(2)

(3)

The published TTIC is usually higher than the tested value to account for manufacturing variations and the increase in thermal resistance over time.

![Fig. 4a Device Power Profile vs. Time](image)

![Fig. 4b Equivalent Heating and Cooling Pulses](image)

![Fig. 5 Model Order Dependent on Semiconductor Package](image)

A-priori Knowledge
Knowledge of the physical properties of the semiconductor can be used to fix the model structure and order, and to determine some numerical values of the “Black Box” shown in Fig. 1c. The use of all available a-priori knowledge prior to application of the identification algorithm is important since misleading results due to an assumed
wrong structure are difficult to detect from data alone. Also, a-priori knowledge can enhance model validation and model accuracy. An appropriate model can be formulated using (i) physical knowledge, (ii) I/O measurements, or both.

(i) Physical Knowledge: The model order is dependent on the type of semiconductor package used as shown in Fig. 5. The exact order can be determined by visual inspection of the package cross sectional view and replacing significant heat capacity materials (Cu, Si, Mo) with thermal capacitances. The number of capacitors determines the model order. One dimensional heat flow from junction to case results in the typical R-C network structure shown in Fig. 1c. Numerical values for R5 and C4 of the copper base can be obtained without package disassembly by applying the governing thermal laws defined in Appendix 1 to a 4th order SO Amp Input base transistor.

\[
R_t = L_t / (K \times A) \quad \quad [\text{C/W}] \quad (4)
\]

\[
C_t = \rho \times C_p \times V \quad \quad [\text{W-S/\degree C}] \quad (5)
\]

Thermal resistance and capacitance calculations can be extended to R1-R4 and C1-C3 by dis-assembling the package and physically measuring each material thickness and cross section area perpendicular to heat flow. This "Calculated Parameter" approach is documented in Appendix A1 with the results shown in Table 1. An analog simulation of this R-C structure is plotted in Fig. 6 vs. the actual TTIC. This procedure alone may produce sufficient \( \Theta(tc) \) accuracy for the intended use of the model.

(ii) I/O Measurement: The asymptotic behavior at the origin and steady state time tss of the manufacturer's TTIC in Fig. 6 can provide numerical values for parameters R1, C1 and for the sum of R1 thru R5 in Fig. 1c. The horizontal asymptote at the origin reflects the silicon thermal resistance R1. The initial slope near the origin of Fig. 6 can be silicon thermal capacity by the analogy to \( i = C / (dv/dt) \):

\[
\text{Power} \equiv C1 \times \Delta Tc / \Delta \text{Time}[\text{sec}] \quad [\text{Watts}] \quad (6)
\]

\[
C1 \equiv P \times (t_1 - t_0) / P \times (\Theta(t_1) - \Theta(t_0)) \quad [\text{W-S/\degree C}] \quad (7)
\]

The sum of R1-R5 is the "DC gain" of the mathematical transfer function model and is the value \( \Theta(tc) \) read from the TTIC.

\( \Delta \) Parameter Initialization Procedure

As an alternative to the physical R-C calculation procedure above, the following procedure may be used to find initial estimates for the RLS identification algorithm using only TTIC information. Although this method involves crude approximations, it is helpful in estimating the model time constants for selecting a suitable RLS sampling time and providing parameters sufficiently close to the actual so that the RLS routine converges rapidly.

The following known data in Eq (8a-8d) can be obtained from the manufacturer's data specification sheet, the TTIC of Fig. 6 or from external physical dimensions.

\[
R_{spec} = (R1 + R2 + R3 + R4) + R5 \quad (8a)
\]

\( R5 \) is calculable from baseplate case thickness dimensions \( R1 \) is from the TTIC as in the previous section \( t4 \) is from the TTIC since \( t_{end} \) is known and \( t_{end} \) (8d)

Crude approximations for a n = 4th order system are:

\[
t_{end} \equiv \left[ \frac{5t_4}{4} \right] \equiv \left[ \frac{5(R1 + R2 + R3 + R4)}{4} \right] \quad (8e)
\]

\[
t_4 \equiv \left[ \frac{5t_2}{4} \right] \equiv \left[ \frac{5(R1 + R2 + R3)}{4} \right] \quad (8f)
\]

\[
t_2 \equiv \left[ \frac{5t_1}{4} \right] \equiv \left[ \frac{5(R1 + C1)}{4} \right] \quad (8g)
\]

\[
t_1 \equiv \left[ \frac{R1 \times C1}{4} \right] \quad (8h)
\]

Thermal capacitance is assumed to be increasing by a constant factor \( M_F \) from one stage to the next.

\[
C2 \equiv M_F \times C1 \quad (8i)
\]

\[
C3 \equiv M_F \times C2 \quad (8j)
\]

\[
C4 \equiv M_F \times C3 \quad (8k)
\]

\[
M_P \equiv \left[ \frac{C4}{C1} \right]^{1/3} \quad (8m)
\]

Parameter C4 is found using Eq(a, b, d & e). Capacitor C1 is found using Eq(c & l). Capacitors C2 & C3 are extracted from Eq(l, k, & n). Resistor R4 is found by solving for the \( \left[ R1 + R2 + R3 \right] \) sum of Eq(i) and substituting into Eq(l). Resistor R3 is found by solving for the sum \( \left[ R1 + R2 \right] \) of Eq(g) and substituting into Eq(l). Resistor R2 is calculated directly from Eq(g), Table 1 summarizes the Estimated R-C parameter results for the known data shown below.

\[
\text{Ended} = 1.88 \text{ sec.} \quad \text{Rspec} = 0.41[\text{C/W}] \quad \text{RI} = 0.008[\text{C/W}] \quad \text{R5} = 0.0106[\text{C/W}]
\]

<p>| Table 1 Calculated &amp; Estimated R-C Parameters |</p>
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<tr>
<th>R1</th>
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Assumptions

The thermal model for Fig. 1 and Fig. 5 is assumed to be a linear, nth order lumped parameter, time invariant, deterministic, Single Input Single Output (SISO) system. Nonlinear radiation effects which are proportional to the 4th power of temperature are not significant since one dimensional heat flow is mostly by conduction. However, silicon conductivity is nonlinear with temperature varying 2:1 over the 25-150 °C operating range and may effect the estimates of the R1 & R2 thermal resistances. Some insulators such as BeO will vary by 20% over the same range. The present procedure ignores these nonlinearities, though their incorporation into the design procedure is an important area for further investigation. Lastly, measurement noises are assumed negligible.

Equations

A thermal model can be formulated using either an internal state space or I/O transfer function model approach. The first method is the most desirable since it is directly related to the physical structure of Fig. 1c. However, the need to measure the internal states (x1, x2, x3, x4) to find model coefficients precludes its use. The transfer function approach must be used since only I/O data from the TTIC is available. The disadvantage of this approach is that the \( \Theta(tc) \) model coefficients obtained from I/O data have no direct physical meaning. The R-C parameters of the structure are hidden in the numerator and denominator coefficients and must be further extracted. The transfer function model is developed in the continuous time domain and must be further discretized for use in the identification algorithm.

Continuous State Space Model

The system equations for the 4th order system in Fig. 1c can be obtained using the capacitor voltages (temperatures) as the state variables (x1, x2, x3, x4). The output equation variable (Y) represents the silicon absolute junction temperature \( Tj \). The input variable (u) represents the device power in watts. The transfer function \( \Theta(tc) \) reflects the temperature rise for a given power input. It is derived by applying the Laplace transform operator \( s \) to
Eq(9a), solving for \( X \) and substituting into Eq(10a).

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{X} &= AX + Bu \\
Y &= CX + Du \\
Y / u &= C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D
\end{align*}
\tag{9a, 10a, 11a}
\]

where \( B = \frac{1}{C_1} [0, 0, 0]^T \), \( C = (1, 0, 0, 0)^T \), \( D = R_1 \), and

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{-1}{R_2 C_1} & \frac{-1}{R_2 C_2} & 0 & 0 \\
\frac{-1}{R_2 C_1} & \frac{-1}{R_2 C_2} & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_2} & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_3} \\
0 & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_3} & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_3} & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_4} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_4} & \frac{-1}{R_5 C_4}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

The symbolic transfer function corresponding to Eq(11) contains 4 numerator and 4 denominator coefficients in the \( s^0 \) to \( s^4 \) powers. Determination of the \( R-C \) parameter values requires simultaneously solving the 8 coefficient equations. Four of the 8 coefficients each contain 21 nonlinear sum and product terms of the form \( I/(R-C) \), which makes solution a formidable task. Using the apriori knowledge that the values of the capacitors are widely separated in this 4th order thermal model, the above equation can be split into two cascaded 2nd order systems which match the dc gain and overall dynamics of the original system. Thus, only simpler 2nd order equations need be developed using \( x_1, x_2, R_1, R_2, R_3, C_1 \) and \( C_2 \).

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\dot{x}_1 \\
\dot{x}_2
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{-1}{R_2 C_1} & \frac{-1}{R_2 C_2} & 0 & 0 \\
\frac{-1}{R_2 C_1} & \frac{-1}{R_2 C_2} & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_2} & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_3} \\
0 & \frac{-1}{R_3 C_3} & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_3} & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_4} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{R_4 C_4} & \frac{-1}{R_5 C_4}
\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}
x_1 \\
x_2
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{C_1} \\
0
\end{pmatrix} p
\tag{12}
\]

\[
Y = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0
\end{bmatrix} X^T + \begin{bmatrix}
1 & R_1
\end{bmatrix} p
\tag{13}
\]

This is the time scale decoupling, and is possible whenever the unknown system has widely separated modes. In essence, the identification of the slow modes is conducted separately from the identification of the fast modes.

**Discrete Transfer Function Model**

In order to utilize an appropriate identification algorithm, the continuous system (12) and (13) must be discretized for computer implementation. There are several possible methods such as Eulers methods, Tustin's approximation, step invariance, etc. An infinite series approximation was chosen because it leads to relatively simple equations relating the \( R-C \) parameters to the filter coefficients. The discrete system equations are defined using the time shift operator, \( q \).

\[
X(k+1) = q \ X(k) = \Phi \ X(k) + \Gamma u(k) \quad [\text{C/D}]
\tag{14}
\]

\[
Y(k) = C \ X(k) + D \ u(k) \quad [\text{C}]
\tag{15}
\]

The pulse transfer function is derived by solving Eq(14) for \( x(k) \) and substituting into Eq(15) [13].

\[
\hat{\Theta}_e(q) = Y(k)/u(k) = C(qI - \Phi)^{-1} \Gamma + D \quad [\text{C/W}]
\tag{16}
\]

where \( h = \text{sample interval} \), \( \Phi = \text{state transition matrix} \), \( \Phi = e^{Ah} = I + Ah \) (first order approximation), \( \Gamma = \int_0^h e^{Ac} dB \).

Performing the matrix operations and applying the backward shift operator \( (q^{-1}) \) yields the standard digital filter format with the coefficients defined in Appendix A2.

\[
\hat{\Theta}_e(q, \hat{\theta}) = \hat{H}(q, \hat{\theta}) = \left\{ \frac{b_0 + b_1 \ q^{-1} + b_2 \ q^{-2}}{1 + a_1 \ q^{-1} + a_2 \ q^{-2}} \right\}
\tag{18}
\]

where \( \hat{\theta} = [a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, b_2]^T \), \( n = \text{order of the numerator} = 2 \), \( m = \text{order of the denominator} = 2 \).

The linear difference equation for the system is:

\[
y(k) = a_1 \ y(k-1) + a_2 \ y(k-2) + b_0 \ u(k) + b_1 \ u(k-1) + b_2 \ u(k-2)
\tag{19}
\]

**Discretization Error**

Substitution of \( q = 1 \) into Eq(18) provides an estimate for the discretization error due to a first order approximation for the state transition matrix.

\[
\hat{\Theta}_e(1, \hat{\theta}) = \hat{H}(1, \hat{\theta}) = \| R_1 + R_2 + R_3 || - \{0.5h / C1\}
\tag{20}
\]

The first term is the correct DC gain of the 2nd order system while the second term is due to the \( O(h^2) \) error defined in Appendix A2. This term is negligible for small sample times used in identifying the fast time constants but can lead to large dc gain errors (e.g. 30%) in \( y(k) \) for large sample time \( h \). This is further detailed in Section VI.

**Parameter Error Estimation**

A worst case steady state error bound estimate for parameter \( R_1 \) due to Eq(20) can be derived using the standard rule of thumb that the system is sampled 10x faster than the fastest time constant to be identified.

\[
\{A*0.5 / C_1\} = \left( \frac{10}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \right) = \left( \frac{10}{20 C_1} \right) = 4/- 5\% \ |R_1|
\tag{21}
\]

**R-C Parameter Extraction from Filter Coefficients**

The five \( R-C \) parameters may be found by simultaneously solving the 5 coefficient equations in Appendix A2. A convergent solution is obtained if the \( O(h^3) \) error term in the \( b_2 \) equation is eliminated before solving. The parameter solution equations [22-26] must be solved in the sequential order as shown. These equations were solved by hand using the variable substitution method and verified using the symbolic equation solver *Mathematica* [14].

\[
R_1 = b_0
\tag{22}
\]

\[
C_1 = h \ a_1 / \{ b_0 \ \{ (a_1 - a_2) + (b_2 - b_1) \} / b_0 \}\]
\tag{23}
\]

\[
R_2 = (0.5) h^2 / \{ (b_0 C_1^2 / (b_1 / b_0) - a_1 - C_1 \}
\tag{24}
\]

\[
C_2 = h / \left\{ R_2 \left\{ (a_1 + C_2 (b_2 \ C_1) - (a_1 + a_2 + 1.0) (R_2 C_1 / b_0) \right\} \right\}
\tag{25}
\]

\[
R_3 = h^2 / \{ C_1 R_2 (a_1 + a_2 + 1.0) \}
\tag{26}
\]

**IV. Design Of The Experiment**

**Standard Identification Procedure**

In the semiconductor thermal model structure of Fig. 1c, the time constants \( (\tau) \) cover a 1500:1 range from \( \mu \text{sec} \) to seconds. Identifying these major time constants by standard identification methodology requires multiple "trial & error" ID applications, since coefficient accuracy tends to degenerate for systems with \( \tau \)'s having more than 2 decades of time separation. Such experiments to identify the \( \tau \)'s require engineering tradeoffs regarding sampling time \( (T_s) \), experiment record length, and input signal amplitude. Proper identification of the fast time constant requires a high sampling rate, identification of the slow time constant requires a long record of input/output data. Together, these imply a cumbersome and poorly conditioned identification setup. One approach is to collect a number of experiments and to average them to obtain an averaged transfer function model that drives the \( y(k) \ ^\hat{\cdot} \ y(k) \) error to zero for a specific time region of interest. Further, ambiguous sets of \( R-C \) parameters may result if the \( R-C \) Extraction procedure of Section III is applied to such "averaged" models.

**Proposed Time Decoupled Theory (TDT)***

The disadvantages of widely separated time constants can be circumvented since we know apriori that such a separation exist.
The basic strategy of time decoupled identification is to run two "separate" identification procedures, one for the slow modes and one for the fast modes. Besides the advantages of tailoring the sampling rates and record lengths to the expected order of magnitude of the time constant, this decoupling allows a simpler R-C parameter extraction procedure. Figure 7 converts the TDT procedure as applied to the 4th order semiconductor module example. The 4th order model is decoupled into two independent 2nd order systems. The split model is reasonable given the analogous electrical model where a high frequency device power sequence of short experiment length will charge $C_1$ and $C_2$ while leaving $C_3$ and $C_4$ virtually unchanged. Similarly, the fast modes will be virtually invisible to a step inputs with a slow sampling rate. The basic TDT concept involves using multiple identification runs to estimate the 4 major time constants in succession from the fastest to the slowest.

Calculating the Fast $\tau_s$'s

The fastest time constant $[\tau_1]$ of Fig. 7a is identified by suitable selection of (i) a sampling rate that is fast enough for the estimated $[\tau_1]$ to be identified, (ii) a persistently exciting device power sequence, (iii) an experiment record length long enough to allow for parameter convergence and (iv) using all available a-priori knowledge for $R_1$, $R_2$, $R_3$, $C_1$ and $C_2$ initial estimates. True junction temperature $y(k)$ is calculated using the TTTIC. The identified $a_1$ and $b_1$ coefficients will typically converge in less than 8 steps. The $b_0$ parameters are then passed to the R-C extraction procedure. The newly updated values for $R_1$ and $C_1$ will be very close to the actual values while $R_2$, $R_3$ and $C_2$ values will be relatively inaccurate.

The ID procedure is next repeated using the R-C parameters from the previous run as initial a-priori estimates. The sampling rate is now chosen to be greater than $T_{\text{fast}}$ but still fast enough to identify the second guess-estimated time constant $\tau_2$. Application of the ID algorithm and parameter extraction procedures will modify $R_2$, $R_3$ and $C_2$ to the correct actual values while the faster R1-C1 parameters will remain unchanged.

To identify the slower time constants $[\tau_3 & \tau_4]$, the split model of Fig. 7b is used with the same second order equations as was used in Fig. 7a. A key parameter change is the substitution of $(R_1+R_2+R_3)$ for $R_1$ to maintain the TTTIC overall DC gain and slower system dynamics. The sampling rate is selectively increased and the ID & R-C extraction procedures are similarly repeated to find $R_4$, $R_3$, $C_3$ and $C_4$ in about 2 or 3 ID runs. Some systems may require repeating this fast/slow identification procedure to more accurately identify the interconnecting $R_3$ element in Fig. 7c. Considerations for choosing a suitable sampling rate, experiment length and input signal amplitude are now discussed in more detail.

**Input Signal**

The amplitude of the device input power signal should be as high as allowable to improve accuracy. The form of the input signal should (1) consist of square pulses so that the TTTIC curve for $y(k)$ calculation may be directly used. (2) have a random amplitude vs. time profile to allow ID convergence to a unique set of parameter values. (3) never have a non-realistic negative power pulse. (4) ideally result in rated $T_{\text{f}}$ for rated power $(\text{Prated})$ with steady state thermal resistance at $T_{\text{c}} = 25$ C. These constraints are met by taking a pseudo random sequence consisting of the first positive 50 digits of pi (0-9). For long sequences, the "average" random digit value approaches 5. The $u(k)$ amplitude equation used is:

$$u(k) = 2.0 \ast \text{Prated} \ast \{\text{Random digit}\} / 10$$

(27)

To help identify longer term dynamics, six similar amplitude pulses (e.g. $u(1)$ to $u(6)$) were grouped together before the next allowable amplitude change.

**Sampling Time**

The Nyquist theorem determines the minimum sampling rate to use for each ID run. A commonly used practical rule of thumb is to sample 10x faster than the fastest time constant to be identified.

$$h = \frac{\tau_{\text{fastest}}}{10}$$

(28)

**Experiment Length**

Parameter accuracy is dependent on the record length so that a sufficient amount of data points is available to give long term dynamics. The RLS parameters theoretically converge in $\approx (n+m)$ steps for a white noise input [15]. For the random step input sequence, 4 to 15 sample intervals were typically observed for $\hat{\theta}$ parameters to converge.

$$[k] \text{ length} \approx (4 \text{ to } 15) \ast h$$

(29)

**V. Parameter Estimation**

**Test Case**

To verify the accuracy of the collected ID parameters, an analog ACSL [16] simulation of the R-C parameters for a single step input power pulse is done to compare the final estimated and actual TTTIC. A test case utilizing the calculated transistor thermal parameters of A1 & A2 was used to verify the TDT procedure. As a first step, the linear difference equation Eq(19) was used to calculate the true $y(k)$ rather than the actual TTTIC. The final results are found in Section VI.

**V. Parameter Estimation**

**Method**

The goal of the identifier block in Fig. 3 is to determine unknown $a_i$ and $b_i$ filter coefficients of the parameter vector $\hat{\theta} = [a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 b_0 b_1 b_2 b_3]$ vector $[\hat{\theta}]$. Deriving a control law for parameter estimation from the parameter vector error $[\hat{\theta} - \theta]$ is not possible since $\hat{\theta}$ parameters are not directly measurable. However, a prediction estimate $\hat{y}(k)$ for every measurable/calculable $y(k)$ can be formulated. If a linear model is assumed, then the resulting prediction error estimate $\hat{y}(k)-y(k)$ is a function of $\theta$ as shown in Eq(19).

$$\text{error} (\hat{\theta}, \theta) = \hat{y}(k) - \hat{y}(k)$$

(30)

Various methods that minimize the sum of the squares of this prediction error are Maximum Likelihood, Least Mean Squares, Extended Least Squares and Recursive Least Squares. The RLS method was chosen since it is computationally fast, requires no matrix inversions, and tends to converge rapidly. Observed convergence rates for the 2nd order model varied from 4 to 8 amplitude step changes, depending on the closeness of the $\hat{\theta}_0$ initial guesses. Thus, only a small number of $y(k)$ calculations using the TTTIC are required.

A disadvantage of RLS is the $\hat{\theta}$ "biasing" toward wrong values as $k \to \infty$ when the process output $y(k)$ is measured in the presence of noise. However, in this application, $y(k)$ is virtually noiseless since the primary source of noise appears to be interpolation errors when reading the TTTIC curve.
Solution

A recursive identifier is one in which both input u(k) from k = 0 to N - 1 and output y(k) measurements from k = 1 to N are made and input to the estimator to determine the parameter vector \( \hat{\theta} \). The symbol N is the total number of sampling intervals over which the data is collected. The minimization process requires N >> n + m to effectively average out error residuals.

Defining the data regression vector as (31), then the error at any given time \( k = N \) as a function of \( \hat{\theta} \) is given by Eq. (32).

\[
X(k + 1) = \begin{bmatrix}
y(k)
\vdots
\vdots
y(k + 1 - n)
\vdots
y(k + 1 - m)
u(k)
\vdots
u(k + 1 - m)
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(31) error(\( \hat{\theta} \)) = y(k) - \( X(\hat{\theta}) \) \( \hat{\theta} \) (32)

The error vector equation and the error vector, output vector and regression vectors collected from time \( \eta \) to N is thus:

\[
\epsilon(N, \hat{\theta}) = Y(N) - \Psi(N) \hat{\theta}
\]

where

\[
\epsilon(\eta, \hat{\theta}) = e(\eta) \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon(\eta, \hat{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}, e(\eta + 1, \hat{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}, \ldots, e(N - 1, \hat{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
Y(N) = \begin{bmatrix} y(\eta) \end{bmatrix}, y(\eta + 1) \end{bmatrix}, \ldots, y(N) \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\Psi(N) = \begin{bmatrix} \chi^T(\eta) \end{bmatrix}, \chi^T(\eta + 1) \end{bmatrix}, \ldots, \chi^T(N) \end{bmatrix}
\]

The optimal \( \hat{\theta} \) is the one that minimizes Eq. (33) error in a least square sense. This requires a performance index I(\( N, \hat{\theta} \)), taking the gradient \( \partial I / \partial \hat{\theta} \) and setting it equal to zero. This results in the well known least square solution of Eq. (35), (15)

\[
I(\eta, \hat{\theta}) = \sum_{k=\eta}^{N} \epsilon(k, \hat{\theta}) \epsilon(k, \hat{\theta})^T
\]

(34)

\[
\hat{\theta} = [\Psi(N) \Psi(N)]^{-1} \Psi^T(N) Y(N) = P[N] Y(N)
\]

(35)

\[
\hat{\theta}(N+1) = P(N+1) Y(N)
\]

(36)

The optimal coefficients \( \hat{\theta} \) will exist if the pseudo-inverse \( P[N] \) is nonsingular. This condition is satisfied assuming persistent excitation, which is guaranteed by selecting the amplitude of u(k) randomly for times up to \( k = N \) by using a pseudo random sequence. As new data arrives \( u[N],(Y[N+1]) \), the objective of RLS is to update \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) to \( \hat{\theta}[N+1] \) in terms of the old data and \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) vector and similarly update \( P[N] \) to \( P[N+1] \). The \( P[N+1] \) matrix in Eq. (36) can be related to \( P[N] \) without inversion via the matrix inversion lemma (17). Thus \( \hat{\theta}[N+1] \) can be related to \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) without inversion by

\[
\hat{\theta}(k + 1) = \hat{\theta}(k) + L(k + 1) [y(k + 1) - \chi^T(k + 1) \hat{\theta}(k)]
\]

(37)

new estimate = old estimate + correction term

where

\[
L(k + 1) = \text{Gain Matrix}
y(k + 1) = \text{New Data Measured}
\chi^T(k + 1) = \text{Prediction of y(k + 1)}
\text{correction term} = \text{Gain} \times \text{Output Error Equation}
\]

Starting Conditions

A first estimate for \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) without inversion may be obtained using the a-priori knowledge of Section III Parameter Initialization Procedure. Alternatively, Soderstrom's suggested starting conditions for \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) and \( P[N] \) can be utilized. Two initial conditions for y(k) must be calculated for the 2nd order model, thus starting the process at \( k = 2 \).

\[
\hat{\theta}[N] = 0 \quad P[N] = \alpha \times I
\]

(38)

\[
\alpha = (10 / \pi) \sum_{k=0}^{1} \gamma(k)
\]

Algorithms

The identification scheme [18] used for the computer program is:

(0) Initialize \( \hat{\theta}[N] \) and \( P[N] \); set \( k = 1 \)

(1) Form \( X(k+1) \) data vector \( u(k+1) \) \( \times 1 \) matrix for SISO system

\[
L(k+1) = [(1/\pi) \chi(k+1) \chi^T(k+1) \alpha] P(k) \chi(k+1) + 1
\]

(2) Update where

\[
\begin{align*}
\gamma & = 1 \\
\alpha & = 1 \\
\{ \} & = \text{simple inverse of a scalar value}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
L(k+1) = (n + m + 1) \times 1 \text{ matrix}
\]

\[
P(k) = (n + m + 1) \times (n + m + 1) \text{ matrix}
\]

\[
\chi(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon(k+1) \end{bmatrix}
\]

(3) Measure \( y(k+1) \), u(k+1)

(4) Update \( \hat{\theta}(k+1) = \hat{\theta}(k) + L(k+1) [y(k+1) - \chi^T(k+1) \hat{\theta}(k)] \)

(5) Update \( P(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\pi \times (P(k) \chi^T(k+1) \chi(k+1) P(k)) \end{bmatrix} \)

(6) Replace \( k \) by \( k+1 \) and Go To (1)

VI. RESULTS

Calculation of the true junction-case temperature, \( \Delta Tjc = y(k) \), in the RLS routine must be done using the TTIIC and a persistently excited device input power sequence, u(k). The "Calculated Parameter" TTIIC shown in Fig. 6 was specifically chosen as a test case example since the R-C Calculated Parameters generating this curve are exactly known and can be compared to "Identified" R-C parameters. A computer program was written to calculate y(k) utilizing input data points (10 pts / decade) from the test case TTIIC curve. The program calculates \( \Delta Tjc \) for a continuous u(k) input sequence using the superposition of equivalent heating and cooling pulses.

![Fig. 8 Simulated Analog \( \Delta Tjc \) Response to u(k) Power Sequence](image)

**Fig. 8** shows a typical u(k) input power sequence and output \( \Delta Tjc \) response for a 4th order ACSL analog simulation model using the R-C Calculated Parameters in Table I. The basic u(k) pulse pattern from \( t = 0 \) to \( t = 2.5 \) ms was repeating starting at \( t = 2.5 \) ms. Of particular interest is the instantaneous temperature jump at each new u(k) pulse due to the P*R1 component of Fig. 1c.

![Fig. 9 TTIIC Calculated & Analog \( \Delta Tjc \) Responses to u(k)](image)

**Fig. 9** shows the program TTIIC Calculated \( \Delta Tjc \) discrete step response as well as the analog \( \Delta Tjc \) response of Fig. 8. The TTIIC inherently incorporates the heating / cooling "integration step" while providing "sampled" results at the end of each pulse. The discrete TTIIC and analog Simulated \( \Delta Tjc \) responses are virtually identical at the end of each pulse from \( t = 0 \) to \( t = 2.5 \) ms. At time \( t = 2.5 \) ms, the
### Table 2: Summary of RLS Identification Runs

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<th>Run</th>
<th>h (ms)</th>
<th>τc (ms)</th>
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### TTIC program

The TTIC program was restarted, retaining the ΔTjc (2.5ms) value as a new starting point, and assuming the next pulse from t = 2.5 to 3.5 ms is of 1 ms duration. The resulting error that follows between the two ΔTjc responses illustrates a typical misuse of the TTIC concept that violates the single - zero initial condition assumptions upon which the curve is based. This is further clarified by calculating both analog and TTIC program ΔTjc responses at t = 2.5 ms and t = 3.5 ms.

The TTIC ΔTjc response is calculated for a single equivalent heating pulse of 2.5 ms duration and an amplitude (165 watts) corresponding to the average value of u(k) from t = 0 to t = 2.5 ms. The resulting temperature using the "Calculated Parameter" curve of Fig. 6 is 10.6 °C and is in agreement with the actual 11.1°C value obtained with both the TTIC program and analog simulation.

The calculated TTIC ΔTjc response at 3.5 ms cannot be done by restarting at t = 2.5 ms as described above. The correct method must assume the device power profile of Fig. 4a with P = 165 W, P2 = 360 W, t1 = 2.5 ms, and t2 = 3.5 ms. Using the TTIC of Figure 6 and Eq(3) results in less than 0.5°C error from the true temperature.

True RLS y(k) calculation for the test case example with known R-C parameters was done using Eq(19) discrete difference equation since it was easier to use and provided discrete temperature information identical to the TTIC computer program.

### Test Case Results

Table 2 results show that only 4 basic identification runs were needed to identify the 9 unknown R-C parameters. Correctly Identified Parameters in Table 2 are enclosed in a solid box. The four basic time constants listed in the τc column are a direct result of the initialization Procedure using Eq(8e) thru (8i) and the Actual TTIC of Fig. 6. A suitable sampling rate for each ID run was derived from the τc column by applying Eq(28).

The R1, R2, R3, C1, and C2 values were identified in 2 ID runs using the Fast 2nd Order $\tilde{B}_j$C model. Run 1a used the Soderstrom starting conditions assuming a-priori parameter information. As seen from Table 2, R1 and C1 are properly identified, as expected, for h = 10 usec. Run 1b shows that additionally R2 can be correctly identified by using all the a-priori Initial Parameter Estimates from Table 1. Following the TDT procedure, the output Identified Parameters from Run 1b were used as Initial Parameter estimates for Run 2 using h = 1.0 ms. Run 2a results show that the final R3 and C2 values enclosed by the dashed box in Table 2 are within 20% of the actual values. This error is due to the method of calculating the true y(k) using the linear difference equation rather than the TTIC approach. This is caused by the DC gain discretization error introduced by the O(h^2) term in the by filter coefficient of Appendix 2. Run 2b removed this error term resulting in final Identified Parameters within 0.1% accuracy. Figure 10 shows a graphical comparison of ID Runs 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b by reconstructing the TTIC from corresponding identified R-C parameters.

Components R3, R4, R5, C3 and C4 were identified using the slow $\tilde{B}_j$C model in Runs 3 and 4. The Initial Parameter estimate for R3 in Run 3 was determined by adding the $R1,R2$ and $R3$ values identified from Run 2b. The remaining Initial Parameters were obtained from the $\tilde{B}_j$ Initialization Procedure and Table 1. The results from Run 3 show that, similar to Run 1b, the R3-C3 parameters associated with the faster time constant are correctly identified. Run 4 used these two component values along with estimates for R4, R5 and C4 from Table 1 as input parameters. The final Identified Parameters were within 0.2% of the actual values. Figures 11 and 12 show typical identification waveforms for Run 4 with h = 100 ms.

Fig. 11 illustrates the output error equation $\tilde{y}(k) = y(k) - \hat{y}(k)$, being driven to zero in k = 7 samples. After time k = 7, the y(k) and $\hat{y}(k)$ temperature response waveforms to the u(k) sequence are identical. The u(k) power sequence consists of six similar amplitude pulses before changing at k = 7. Figure 12 depicts the same u(k) power sequence applied as in Fig.11. In addition, a typical RLS convergence pattern for two $\tilde{B}_j$ parameter values is shown. The digital filter coefficients $\tilde{B}_1$ = a1 and $\tilde{B}_2$ = b0, are shown dynamically adapting to new values to satisfy the $\tilde{y}(k)$ error equation and also reach steady state at k = 7 samples. The steady state values of the five identified $\tilde{B}_j$ were used to further extract the model R-C parameters.
VIII. Conclusion

This paper has identified a need for a device thermal model to maximize simulation capability by solving both the electrical and thermal network models simultaneously. A new approach to the problem of determining device thermal model characteristics was presented using System Identification concepts. Governing thermal laws, device physical packaging construction, manufacturer’s data specification sheet and standard ‘TTIC’ graphical transfer function, information were used as a priori knowledge to determine the model order and structure. The typical semiconductor model structure inherently contains wide time scale separation of the thermal time constants. This information was used to advantage in formulating a new “systematic” thermal R-C Extraction procedure using RLS and time decoupled theory. Time decoupled theory uses multiple RLS identification runs to estimate the major time constants in succession from the fastest to the slowest. The identified R-C parameters from each run are found from the digital filter coefficients of the estimated “mathematical” transfer function \( \Theta_C \). A test example using a transistor module was proposed to verify the proposed technique. Calculated R-C parameters obtained from physical dimensions were also performed.

The proposed parameter identification concept may also be extended to other thermal systems with inherent overload capability such as transformers, rotating machines, etc. A TTIC curve can be generated for a step input of equipment power using output temperature data or possibly internal temperature states. However, a linearized model for a range of input power will be obtained due to nonlinear convection and radiation heat transfer. Decoupled theory may possibly be extended to rotor time constant identification in AC vector control.

Appendix A1 Governing Thermal Laws

A R-C parameter model of Fig. 1c and Fig. 5d is assumed for 50 Amp, 500 Volt, 300 Watt dual darlington isolated base transistor module with base dimensions of 1.25 x 3.6 inches. The specified \( \Theta_C(Tsz) = 0.41 \, ^{\circ}C/W \) and has the TTIC curve shown in Fig. 6. Thermal resistance is directly analogous to Ohm’s law for electrical resistance. A 45° angle to the junction to the case is assumed

\[
L_T = \text{thickness}[\text{inch}] \times \text{material heat flow path} / \text{material thermal conductivity from Table A2}
\]

\[ K = \text{material thermal conductivity} \]

\[ A_e = \text{cross section area [sq.in.] perpendicular to heat flow path in calculating an effective heat spreader area}[A_e] \text{for succeeding layers with a much greater true cross sectional area}[A_c]. \text{Thermal resistance}[R_{ie}] \text{is calculated to the midpoint of each major heat capacity material where the capacitance}[C_i] \text{is assumed a lumped parameter. However, the silicon chip is an exception where it is assumed that the top 1/2 of the thickness}[L_1] \text{is really the distributed power capacitance}[P_i]. \text{The ceramic insulator (26%) and solder interfaces (34%)} \text{account for 50% of the specified \( \Theta_C(Tsz) \).} \]

The thermal capacitance is calculated using total material volume:

\[
C_T = \rho \times A_e \times V
\]

\[ \rho = \text{density of the material from Table A2} \]

\[ A_e = \text{specific heat of the material from Table A2} \]

\[ V = \text{true material volume}[L_1 \times A_c] \in [m^3] \]

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Appendix A2 Material Properties Assumed

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Appendix A2 Discrete Transfer Function Model

Let the following constants be defined for a chosen sample time \( t \):

\[
K_{11} = h / R_{11} \quad \Phi = (1 - K_{11}) \frac{K_1}{K_2} \quad K = \frac{K_{22} (1 - K_{22} \cdot K_{32})}{(1 - K_{11})(1 - K_{22} \cdot K_{32})}
\]

\[ C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}
\]

The digital filter coefficients used in Eq. (16) transfer function are:

\[
a_1 = -2.0 + K_{21} + K_{32} + \cdots \quad b_0 = R_1
\]

\[
a_2 = 1.0 - K_{11} \quad b_1 = R_1 \quad \{ -2.0 + K_{11} + K_{21} + K_{32} - 0.5 K_{11} K_{21} \}
\]

\[
a_3 = -2.0 + K_{11} + K_{21} + K_{32} \quad b_2 = R_1 \quad \{ 1.0 - K_{11} - K_{21} - K_{32} + 0.5 K_{11} K_{21} \}
\]

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