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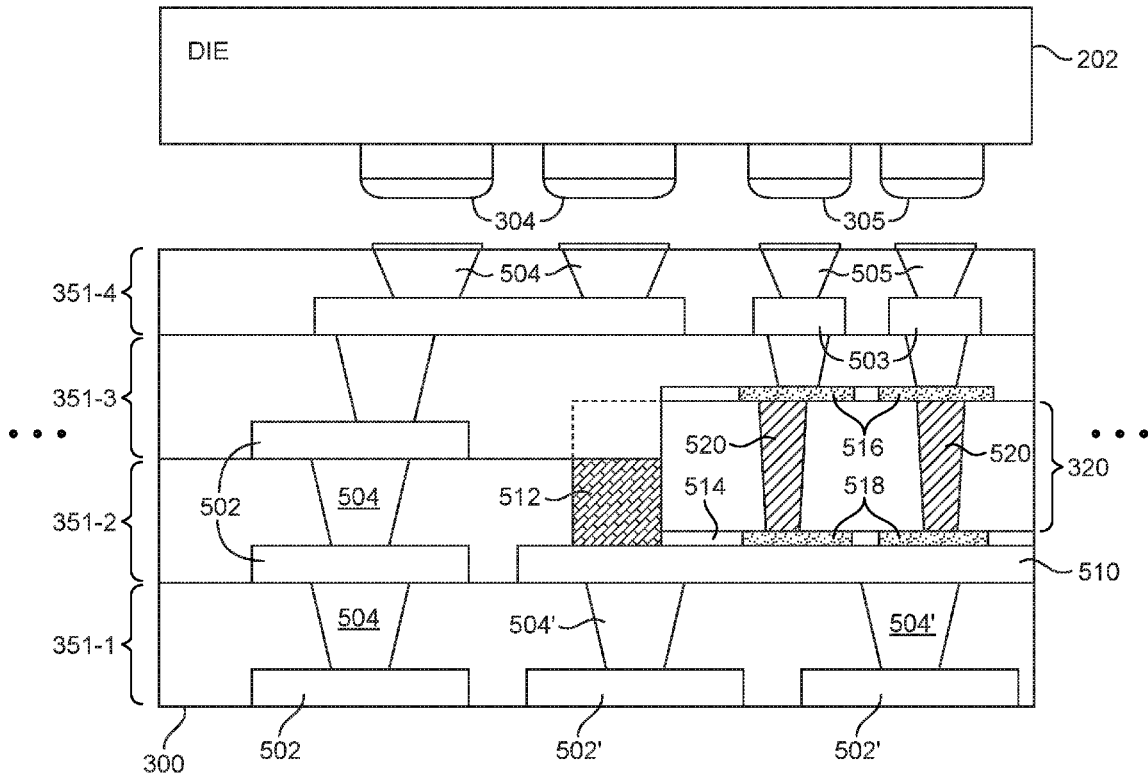
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ABSTRACT

Integrated circuit packages with multiple integrated circuit dies are provided. A multichip package may include at least two integrated circuit dies that communicate using an embedded multi-die interconnect bridge (EMIB) in a substrate of the multi-chip package. The EMIB may receive power at contact pads formed at a back side of the EMIB that are coupled to a back side conductor on which the EMIB is mounted. The back side conductor may be separated into multiple regions that are electrically isolated from one another and that each receive a different power supply voltage signal or data signal from a printed circuit board. These power supply voltage signals and data signals may be provided to the two integrated circuit dies through internal microvias or through-silicon vias formed in the EMIB.



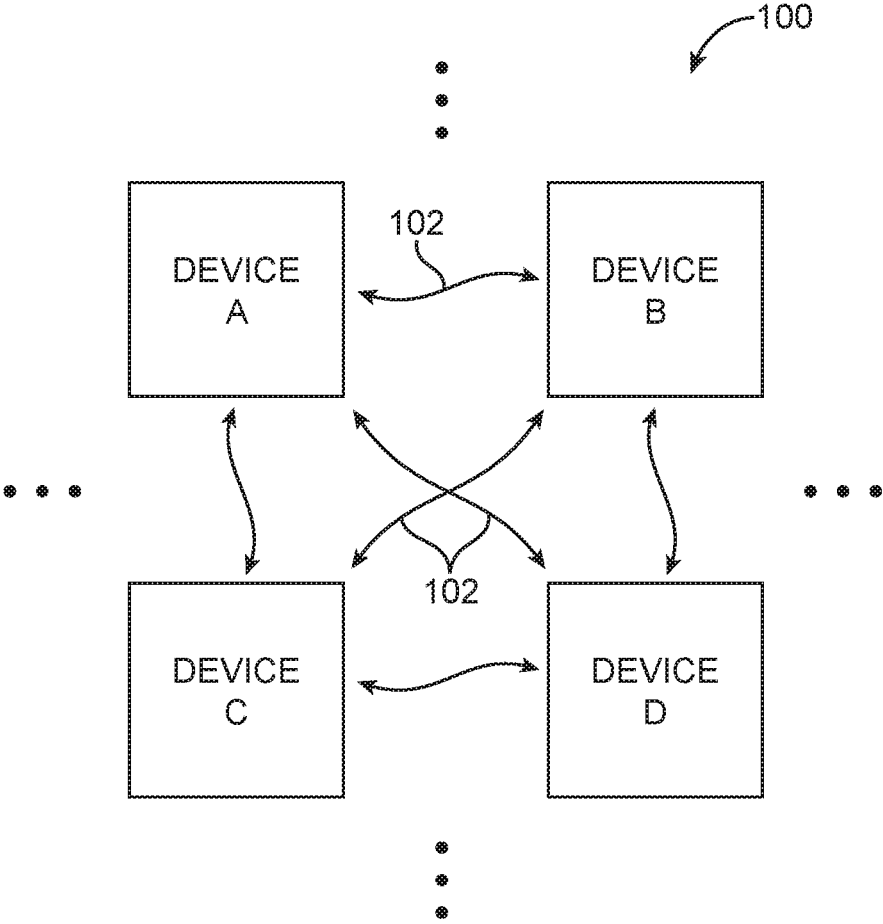


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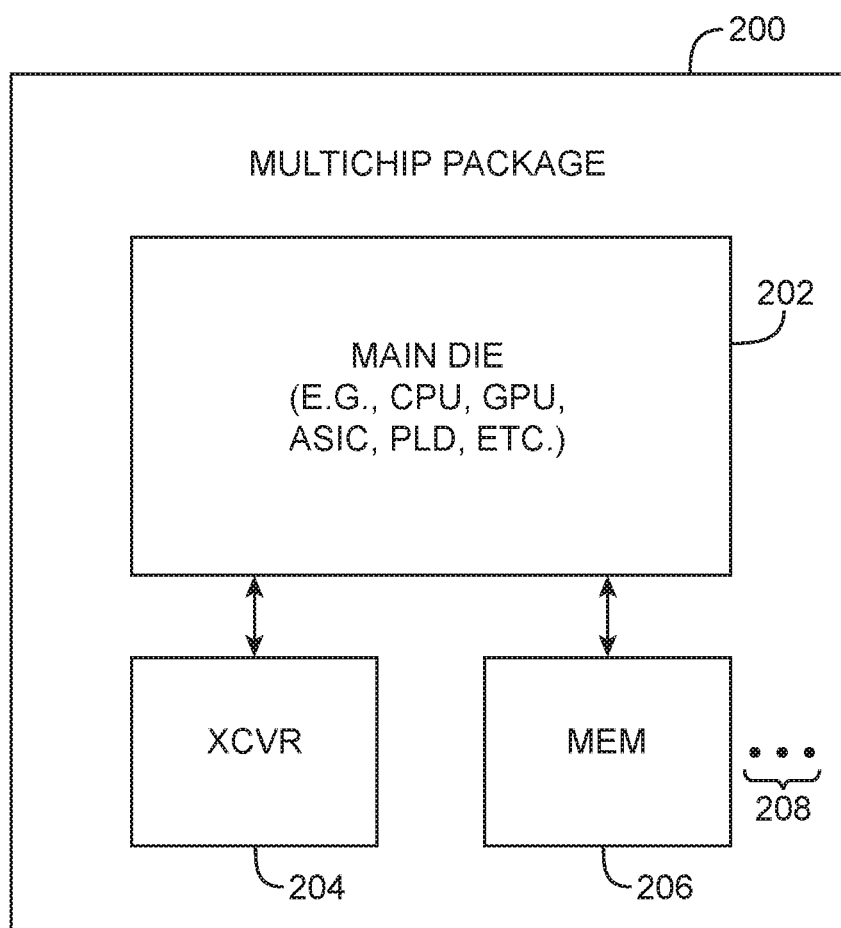


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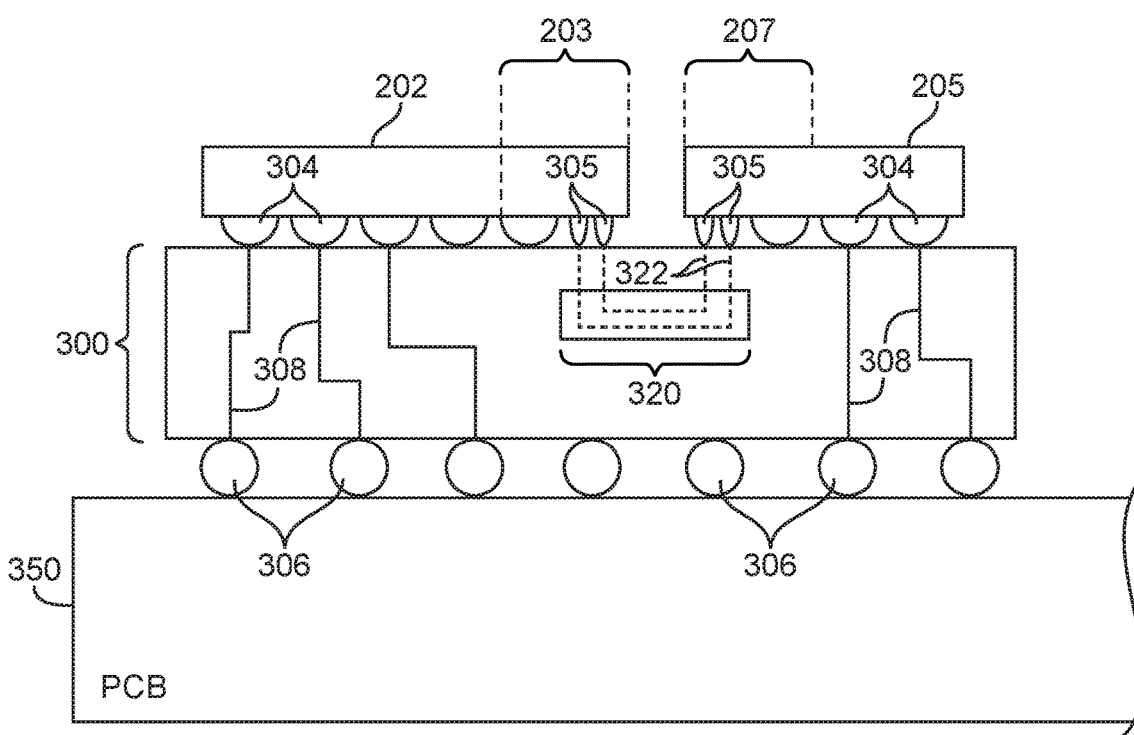


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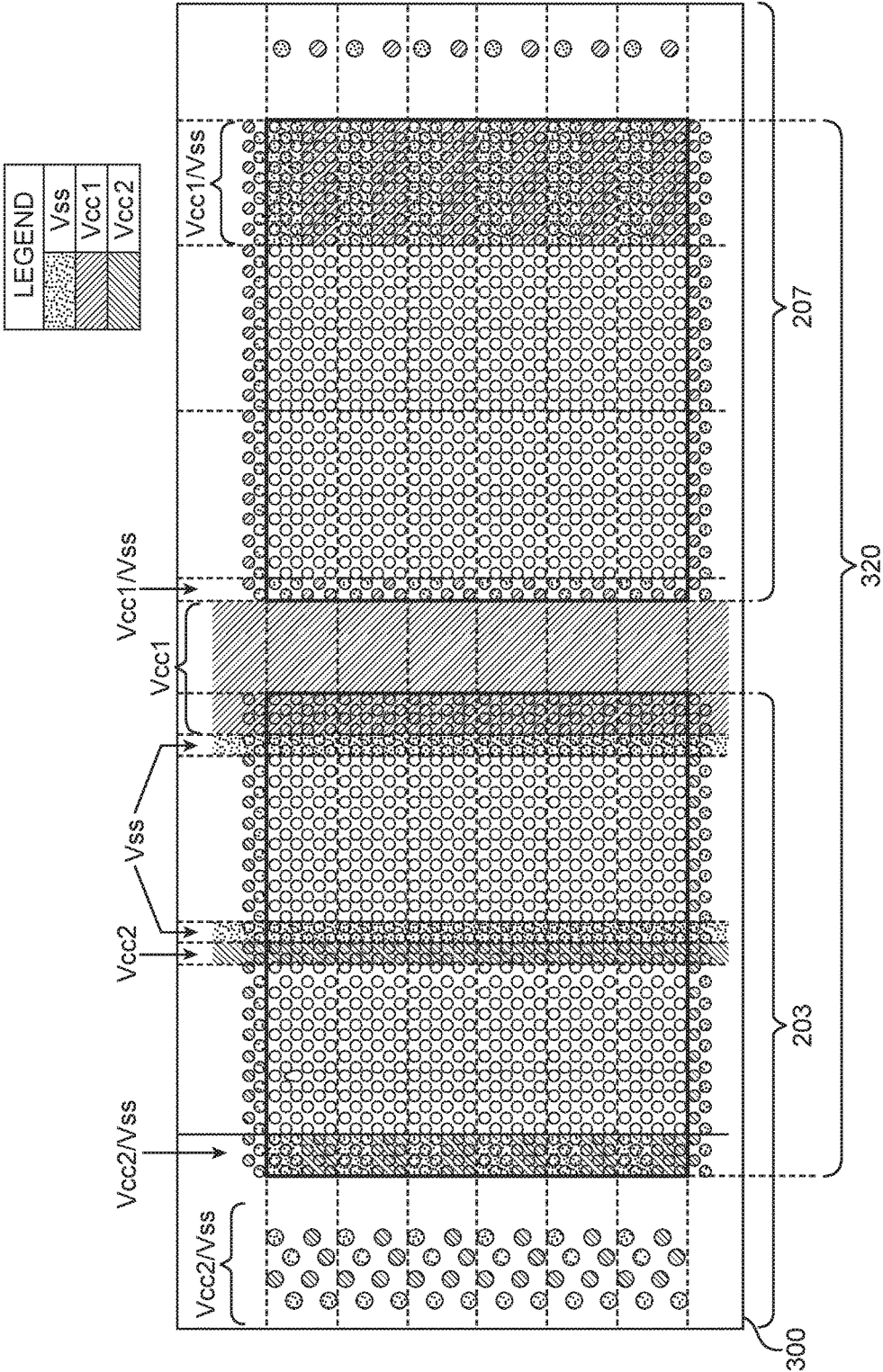


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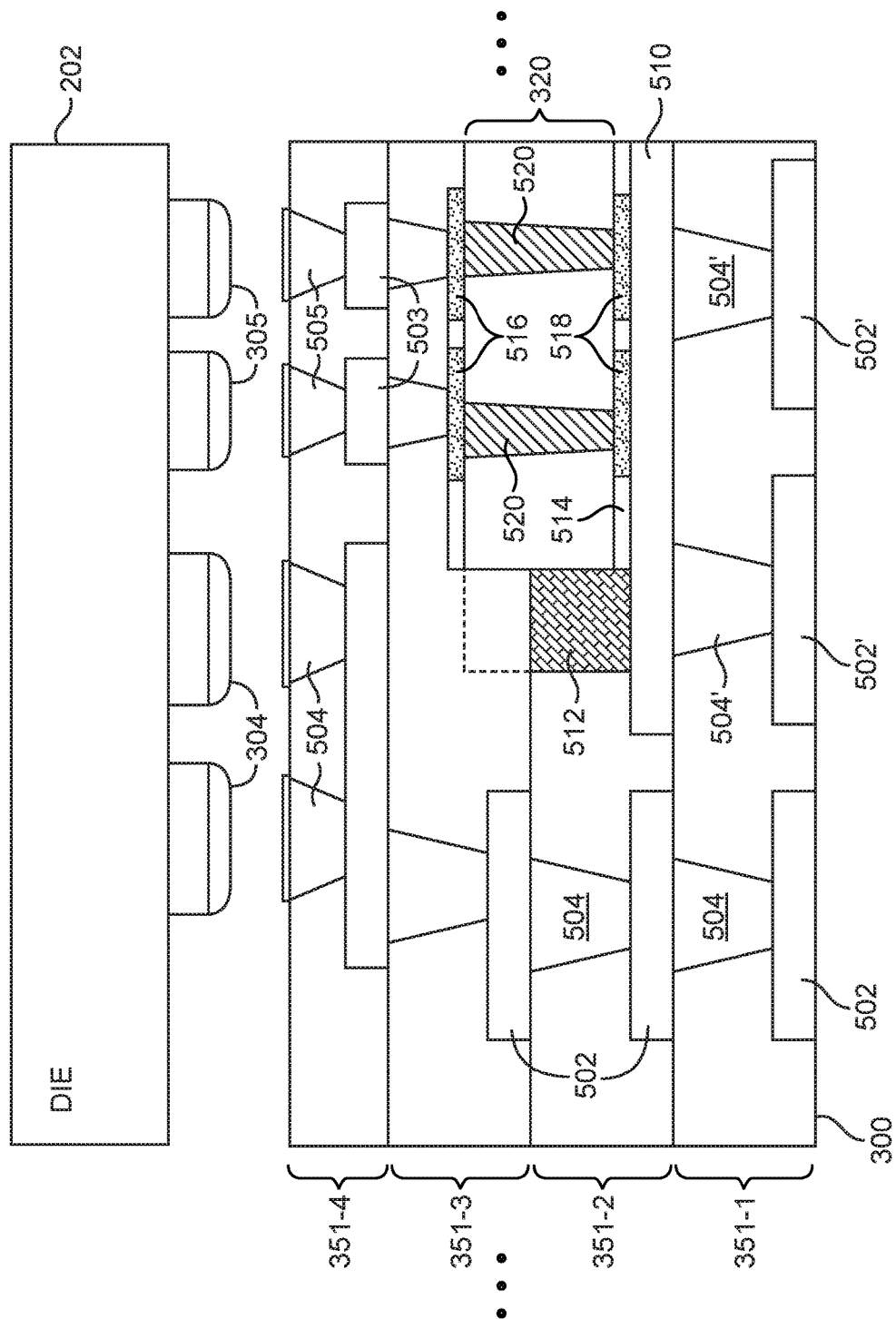


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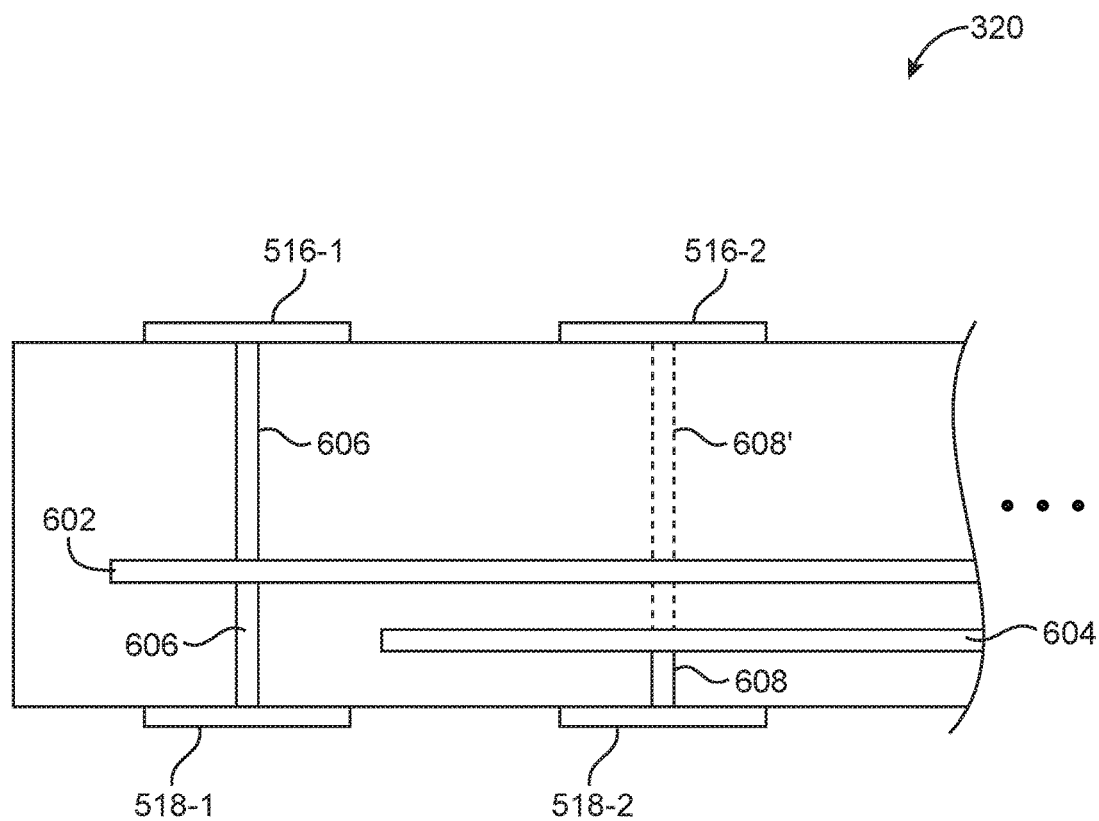


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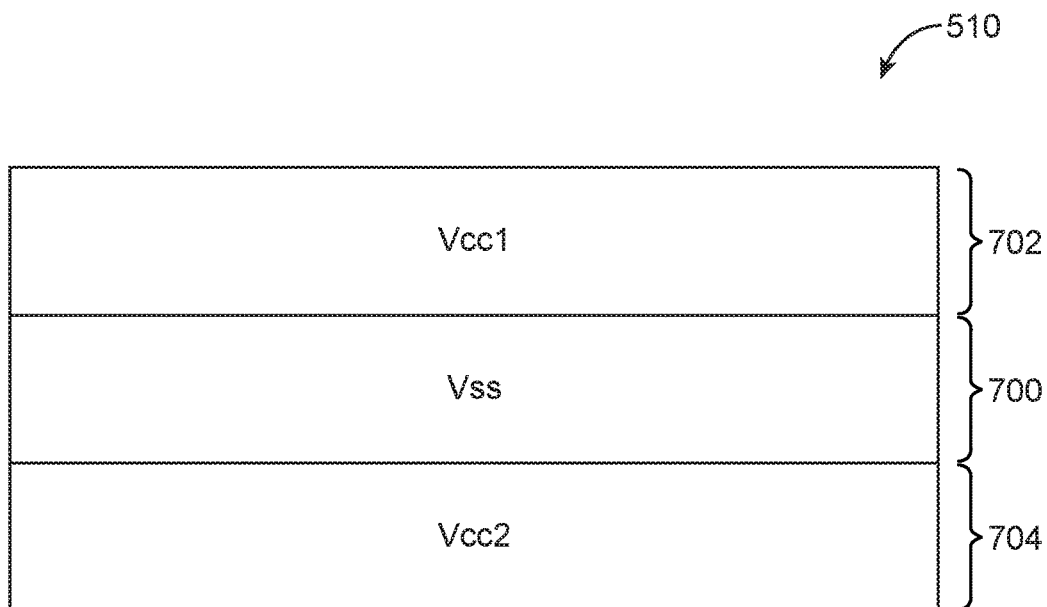


FIG. 7A

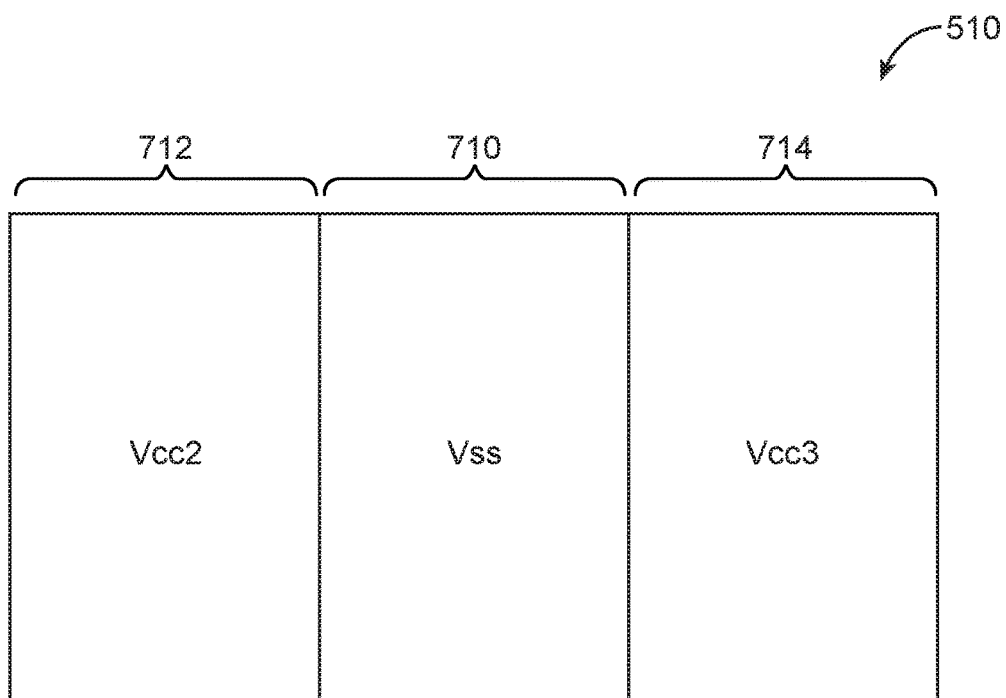


FIG. 7B

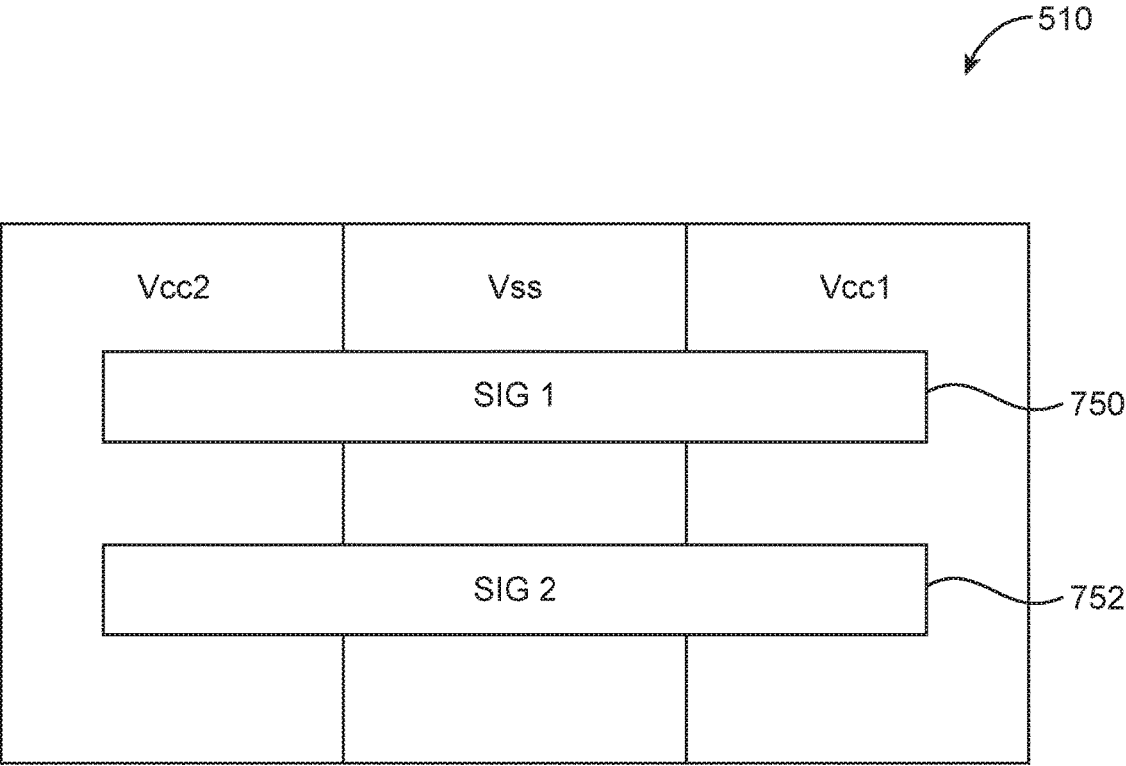


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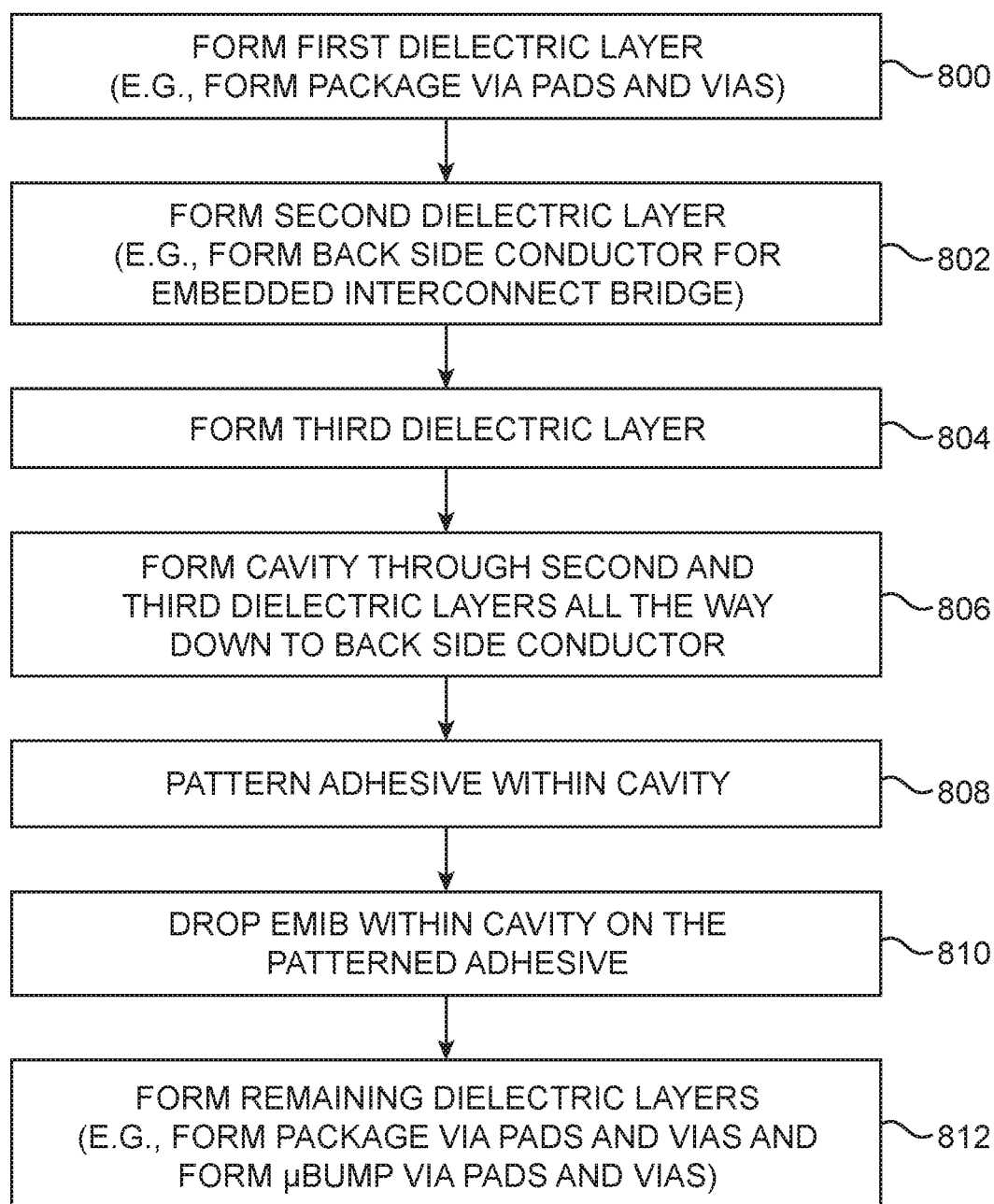


FIG. 8

EMBEDDED MULTI-DIE INTERCONNECT BRIDGE WITH IMPROVED POWER DELIVERY

BACKGROUND

[0001] This relates generally to integrated circuit packages, and more particularly, to integrated circuit packages with embedded multi-die interconnect bridges (EMIBs) that connect more than one integrated circuit die.

[0002] An integrated circuit package typically includes an integrated circuit die and a substrate on which the die is mounted. The die can be coupled to the substrate through bonding wires or solder bumps. Signals from the integrated circuit die may then travel through the bonding wires or solder bumps to the substrate.

[0003] As demands on integrated circuit technology continue to outstrip even the gains afforded by ever decreasing device dimensions, more and more applications demand a packaged solution with more integration than possible in one silicon die. In an effort to meet this need, more than one die may be placed within a single integrated circuit package (i.e., a multichip package). As different types of devices cater to different types of applications, more dies may be required in some systems to meet the requirements of high performance applications. Accordingly, to obtain better performance and higher density, an integrated circuit package may include multiple dies arranged laterally along the same plane.

[0004] EMIBs are small silicon dies that are sometimes embedded in the substrate of a multichip package and are used to interconnect integrated circuit dies within that multichip package. Traditionally, these EMIBs have limited power delivery capability compared to other interposer technologies such as silicon interposers.

[0005] It is within this context that the embodiments described herein arise.

SUMMARY

[0006] An integrated circuit package may include a package substrate and one or more integrated circuit dies mounted on the package substrate. The package substrate may include an embedded multi-die interconnect bridge (EMIB) embedded within the package substrate. An EMIB is a silicon die that may be used to interconnect two integrated circuits in a multi-chip package. The integrated circuit dies mounted on the package substrate may communicate with one another through the EMIB. The EMIB may have a front side that faces the integrated circuit dies and a back side that opposes the front side. The package substrate may include a conductive path that is electrically coupled to the EMIB from the back side of the EMIB and that supplies power to the EMIB. The package substrate may be mounted on a printed circuit board that provides power to the EMIB through the conductive path.

[0007] The package substrate may also include a conductive layer (e.g., back side conductor) on which the EMIB is mounted. The conductive path may be connected to the conductive layer and may provide power to the EMIB through the conductive layer. A patterned adhesive layer may be applied to the conductive layer before the EMIB is mounted on the conductive layer and may include openings that accommodate conductive pads (e.g., contact pads) formed at the back side of the EMIB. In other words, once

the EMIB is mounted on the conductive layer, the patterned adhesive layer may laterally surround the conductive pads formed at the back side of the EMIB. Additional contact pads may be formed at the front side of the EMIB.

[0008] The package substrate may include a first via directly connected to a contact pad formed at the front side of the EMIB, and may include a second via that is coupled to a contact pad formed at the back side of the EMIB through the conductive layer. The second via may have a diameter that is greater than a diameter of the first via.

[0009] The EMIB may include a conductive routing trace (e.g., interconnect) that is coupled to the integrated circuit dies. A microvia formed in the EMIB may be coupled between one of the conductive pads formed at the back side of the EMIB and the conductive routing trace. Power supply voltage signals or data signals may be provided to the conductive routing trace through the microvia.

[0010] The EMIB may include multiple through-silicon vias that extend from the back side of the EMIB to the front side of the EMIB. These through-silicon vias may be used to transfer power or data signals from the conductive path to the integrated circuit dies through the EMIB.

[0011] The conductive layer may include multiple conductive regions that are electrically isolated from one another. Each region of the conductive layer may receive a different power supply voltage signal or data signal from each other region of the conductive layer.

[0012] Fabricating an integrated circuit package may include multiple processing steps. A first dielectric layer may be formed. A via may be formed through the first dielectric layer. A conductive layer may be formed on the first dielectric layer in direct physical contact with the via. Forming the conductive layer may involve forming multiple conductive regions that are electrically isolated from one another. A silicon die (e.g., an EMIB) may be mounted on the conductive layer. Additional dielectric layers may be formed covering the silicon die. A first integrated circuit die may be mounted on the additional dielectric layers. A second integrated circuit die may be mounted on the additional dielectric layers. The silicon die may include a conductive routing trace that couples the first integrated circuit die to the second integrated circuit die.

[0013] Before forming the additional dielectric layer, a second dielectric layer may be formed on the first dielectric layer. A cavity may be formed in the second dielectric layer directly over the conductive layer. Mounting the silicon die on the conductive layer may include inserting the silicon die into the cavity. A patterned adhesive layer may be formed between the silicon die and the conductive layer. The patterned adhesive die may include a plurality of openings to accommodate contact pads formed on a bottom surface of the silicon die.

[0014] Further features of the present invention, its nature and various advantages will be more apparent from the accompanying drawings and the following detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] FIG. 1 is a diagram of an illustrative system of integrated circuit devices operable to communicate with one another in accordance with an embodiment.

[0016] FIG. 2 is a diagram of an illustrative multichip package in accordance with an embodiment.

[0017] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional side view of an illustrative multichip package that includes two die coupled together using an embedded multi-die interconnect bridge (EMIB) in accordance with an embodiment.

[0018] FIG. 4 is a top view of an illustrative multichip package that includes two die coupled together using an EMIB in accordance with an embodiment.

[0019] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional side view of an illustrative multichip package that includes an EMIB having through-silicon vias in accordance with an embodiment.

[0020] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional side view of an illustrative EMIB having internal microvias in accordance with an embodiment.

[0021] FIG. 7A is a top view of an illustrative back side conductor for an EMIB that is horizontally separated into three voltage regions that are electrically isolated from one another in accordance with an embodiment.

[0022] FIG. 7B is a top view of an illustrative conductive back side conductor for an EMIB that is vertically separated into three voltage regions in accordance with an embodiment.

[0023] FIG. 7C is a top view of an illustrative conductive back side conductor that is separated into three voltage regions and two signal regions, which are all electrically isolated from each other in accordance with an embodiment.

[0024] FIG. 8 is a flow chart showing illustrative steps for forming a package substrate that includes an EMIB with improved power delivery capabilities in accordance with an embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0025] Embodiments of the present invention relate to integrated circuits, and more particularly, to ways of improving power delivery through an embedded multi-die interconnect bridge in a multichip package.

[0026] As integrated circuit fabrication technology scales towards smaller process nodes, it becomes increasingly challenging to design an entire system on a single integrated circuit die (sometimes referred to as a system-on-chip). Designing analog and digital circuitry to support desired performance levels while minimizing leakage and power consumption can be extremely time consuming and costly.

[0027] One alternative to single-die packages is an arrangement in which multiple dies are placed within a single package. Such types of packages that contain multiple interconnected dies may sometimes be referred to as systems-in-package (SiPs), multi-chip modules (MCM), or multichip packages. Placing multiple chips (dies) into a single package may allow each die to be implemented using the most appropriate technology process (e.g., a memory chip may be implemented using the 28 nm technology node, whereas the radio-frequency analog chip may be implemented using the 45 nm technology node), may increase the performance of die-to-die interface (e.g., driving signals from one die to another within a single package is substantially easier than driving signals from one package to another, thereby reducing power consumption of associated input-output buffers), may free up input-output pins (e.g., input-output pins associated with die-to-die connections are much smaller than pins associated with package-to-board connections), and may help simplify printed circuit board (PCB) design (i.e., the design of the PCB on which the multi-chip package is mounted during normal system operation).

[0028] In order to facilitate communications between two chips on a multi-chip package, the package may include an embedded multi-die interconnect bridge (EMIB) that is designed and patented by INTEL Corporation. An EMIB is a small silicon die that is embedded in the underlying substrate of a multi-chip package and that offers dedicated ultra-high-density interconnection between dies within the package. EMIBs generally include wires of minimal length, which help to significantly reduce loading and directly boost performance.

[0029] EMIB solutions may be advantageous over other multi-chip packaging schemes that use a silicon interposer, which is prone to issues such as warpage and requires a comparatively large number of microbumps and through-silicon vias (TSVs) to be formed on and within the interposer, thereby reducing overall yield and increasing manufacturing complexity and cost. The number of dies that can be integrated using an interposer is also limited to that supported by EMIB technology.

[0030] The EMIB technology described above may be used as an interface between one or more integrated circuit dies in a system. FIG. 1 is a diagram of an illustrative system 100 of interconnected electronic devices. The system of interconnected electronic devices may have multiple electronic devices such as device A, device B, device C, device D, and interconnection resources 102.

[0031] Interconnection resources 102 such as conductive lines and busses, optical interconnect infrastructure, or wired and wireless networks with optional intermediate switching circuitry may be used to send signals from one electronic device to another electronic device or to broadcast information from one electronic device to multiple other electronic devices. For example, a transmitter in device B may transmit data signals to a receiver in device C. Similarly, device C may use a transmitter to transmit data to a receiver in device B.

[0032] The electronic devices may be any suitable type of electronic device that communicates with other electronic devices. Examples of such electronic devices include basic electronic components and circuits such as analog circuits, digital circuits, mixed-signal circuits, circuits formed within a single package, circuits housed within different packages, circuits that are interconnected on a printed-circuit board (PCB), etc.

[0033] As shown in FIG. 2, a multi-chip package 200 may include a main die 202, a transceiver die 204, a memory die 206, and additional auxiliary dies 208. Main die 202, for example, may be a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a programmable logic device (PLD), or any other desired processor or logic device. Secondary integrated circuit dies such as transceiver die 204, memory die 206, and auxiliary dies 208 may be coupled to main die 202 and may communicate with main die 202. Memory die 206, for example, may be an erasable-programmable read-only memory (EPROM) chip, a non-volatile memory (e.g., 3D XPoint) chip, a volatile memory (e.g., high bandwidth memory) chip, or any other suitable memory device. Auxiliary dies 208 may include additional memory dies, transceiver dies, programmable logic devices, and any other suitable integrated circuit devices.

[0034] An EMIB may be embedded in a multi-chip package to connect two adjacent integrated circuit dies on the package. As shown in FIG. 3, main die 202 and secondary

die **205** may be mounted onto package substrate **300** using solder bumps **304** and solder microbumps **305**. Package substrate **300** may be mounted onto printed circuit board (PCB) **350** using solder (e.g., solder balls, solder bumps) **306**. The terms solder “balls” or solder “bumps” may sometimes be used interchangeably. Signals (e.g., data signals and power supply voltage signals) may be transferred between PCB **350** and dies **202** and **205** through solder balls **306**, package vias **308** in package **300**, and solder bumps **304**.

[0035] Main die **202** may be coupled to a secondary die **205** using EMIB **320** that is embedded in package substrate **300**. Signals being passed between main die **202** and secondary die **205** may pass through interconnects (e.g., conductive paths) **322** and microbumps **305**. EMIB **320** may have a front side that faces main die **202** and secondary die **205** and may have a back side that faces package substrate **300**. An EMIB is traditionally formed on a solid, electrically floating conductive plate for structural support. It is therefore difficult to provide power to microbumps **305** that overlap with regions **203** and **207** of main die **202** and secondary die **205**, as power cannot be delivered vertically from the PCB through the EMIB to regions **203** and **207** because back side routing is blocked by the conductive plate.

[0036] FIG. 4 shows a top view of package substrate **300** in regions **203** and **207** and illustrates possible means of power and ground signal delivery to microbump arrays in regions **203** and **207**. Two microbump arrays in regions **203** and **207** may overlap with EMIB **320** formed in package substrate **300**. Each microbump array, for example, may correspond to an edge of an integrated circuit die (e.g., main die **202** and secondary die **205** of FIG. 3). Three different voltage signals may be applied to the pads of package substrate **300**: (1) a common voltage signal Vss (e.g., ground power supply voltage signal), (2) a power supply voltage signal Vcc1 for region **207** (e.g., for secondary die **205** in FIG. 3), and a power supply voltage signal Vcc2 for region **203** (e.g., for main die **202** of FIG. 3). It should be noted that a portion of the microbumps in region **203** may also receive power supply voltage signal Vcc1.

[0037] These power supply and common voltage signals may be delivered to peripheral microbumps in regions **203** and **207** without exceptional loss in power efficiency. For example, voltage signals Vss, Vcc1, and Vcc2 may be delivered to the microbumps at the edges of the microbump arrays of regions **203** and **207** using conductors (e.g., copper traces) formed in a top layer of the package substrate.

[0038] Additionally, microbumps in the center (e.g., not at the periphery) of the microbump arrays of regions **203** and **207** may have voltage signals Vss, Vcc1, and Vcc2 routed to them by forming conductors (e.g., copper traces) in a top layer of the package substrate arranged to extend vertically across a given microbump array. Only microbumps in the path of one of these conductors may receive the respective voltage signal carried by that conductor. However, extending one of these conductors to cover the entire width of a microbump array may undesirably result in a loss in power efficiency. It would therefore be advantageous to provide alternate means of power delivery for microbumps in the center of the microbump arrays of regions **203** and **207**.

[0039] One alternative to the topside microbump power delivery described above is to deliver power and ground signals to the microbumps from the PCB vertically through the package substrate and the EMIB from the back side. As

shown in FIG. 5, main die **202** may be mounted onto package substrate **300** using solder bumps (e.g., controlled collapse chip connection (C4) bumps) **304** and microbumps **305**. It should be noted that the pitch width of solder bumps **304** may be greater than the pitch width of microbumps **305**, such that microbumps **305** have greater connection density than solder bumps **304**. The diameter of microbumps **305** are also generally smaller than the diameter of C4 bumps **304** (e.g., bumps **305** may be at least two times smaller, at least four times smaller, etc.) Solder bumps **304** may be provided with signals (e.g., data signals or power supply voltage signals) from a printed circuit board (e.g., PCB **350** of FIG. 3) through vias **504** and traces **502** formed in routing layers **351-1**, **351-2**, **351-3**, and **351-4** of package substrate **300**. If desired, the package substrate may include additional layers (e.g., the number of layers in the package substrate is not limited to four).

[0040] Microbumps **305** may be provided with signals (e.g., data signals or power supply voltage signals) from EMIB **320** through vias **505** and traces **503**. The signals provided to microbumps **305** may be received from another chip coupled to EMIB **320** or from a PCB (e.g., PCB **350** of FIG. 3) on which package substrate **300** is mounted. It should be noted that vias **505** may be smaller than vias **504** and vias **504'**. EMIB **320** may be mounted on a back side conductor (e.g., conductive layer or copper conductive layer) **510** in layer **351-2** of package substrate **300** using an adhesive layer **514** during fabrication of package substrate **300**. A cavity **512** may be included adjacent to EMIB **320** in order to account for differences between the coefficient of thermal expansion between EMIB **320** and package substrate **300**, which may reduce thermal stresses placed on EMIB **320**.

[0041] EMIB **320** may include through-silicon vias (TSVs) that extend vertically from the front side of EMIB **320** to the back side of EMIB **320** to connect contact pads **516** formed on the front side of EMIB **320** to contact pads **518** formed on the back side of EMIB **320**. Adhesive layer **514** may be patterned to accommodate contact pads **518** to ensure that contact pads **518** are in electrical contact with back side conductor **510**. In other words, adhesive layer **514** may laterally surround contact pads **518** of EMIB **320** without being interposed between contact pads **518** and back side conductor **510**.

[0042] In accordance with an embodiment, back side conductor **510** may receive power supply voltage signals and/or data signals from a PCB (e.g., PCB **350** of FIG. 3) through vias **504'** and traces **502'** and may provide these signals to contact pads **518** of EMIB **320**. It should be noted that vias **504'** may have a diameter that is larger than the diameter of vias **505**. Having a larger diameter allows vias **504'** to carry more power than would be achievable with vias having a comparatively smaller diameter.

[0043] By providing signals to EMIB **320** from the PCB through back side conductor **510**, vias **504'**, and traces **502'**, and providing power to one or both circuit dies through TSVs **520** in EMIB **320**, vertical power distribution may be achieved through EMIB **320**.

[0044] Conventional EMIB arrangements lack such back side vertical power distribution paths and instead are limited to passing power between chips connected by the EMIB over the EMIB itself or by routing power to these chips around the EMIB. Both of these conventional power distribution options disadvantageously reduce power efficiency of

the system containing the EMIB by requiring smaller gauge traces or longer traces for power delivery compared to the vertical power distribution path coupled to EMIB 320.

[0045] Thus, the vertical power distribution path coupled between the PCB and the back side of EMIB 320 that includes back side conductor 510, vias 504', and traces 502' is advantageous over these conventional EMIB arrangements in terms of power efficiency.

[0046] Signals may also be provided from the PCB to internal interconnects of EMIB 320. As shown in FIG. 6, EMIB 320 may include interconnects (e.g., conductive routing traces) 602 and 604. Contact pads 518-1 and 518-2 may receive power supply voltage signals, ground voltage signals, or data signals (e.g., from back side conductor 510 of FIG. 5), and may pass these signals to EMIB microvias 606 and 608. Microvia 606 may include a portion interposed between interconnect 602 and contact pad 518-1, such that signals received by contact pad 518-1 may be passed to interconnect 602. Microvia 606 may also include a portion interposed between interconnect 602 and contact pad 516-1, such that signals received by contact pad 518-1 may also be passed to contact pad 516-1 and thereby to any microbumps coupled to contact pad 516-1.

[0047] Microvia 608 may only extend from contact pad 518-2 to interconnect 604. Contact pad 518-2 may pass received signals to interconnect 604 through microvia 608. Optionally, an additional microvia 608' may be interposed between interconnect 602 and interconnect 604 and/or may be interposed between contact pad 516-2 and interconnect 602. This arrangement allows for signals received by contact pad 518-2 to be passed to each of interconnects 602 and 604 and to contact pad 516-2 and thereby to any microbumps coupled to contact pad 516-2.

[0048] If desired, back side conductor 510 of FIG. 5 may be separated into multiple regions that are electrically isolated from one another, where each region may receive a different power supply voltage signal, ground voltage signal, or data signal from the PCB. Some possible arrangements of back side conductor 510 are described below in connection with FIGS. 7A-7C.

[0049] As shown in FIG. 7A, back side conductor 510 may be horizontally separated into regions 700, 702, and 704 that are each electrically isolated from one another. Power supply voltage signal Vcc1 may be applied to region 702. Common (e.g., ground) power supply voltage signal Vss may be applied to region 700. Power supply voltage signal Vcc2 may be applied to region 704. This arrangement of back side conductor 510 allows for the three different types of power/ground voltage signals to be applied to the microbumps of either of the two chips connected to one another through the EMIB (e.g., EMIB 320) attached to back side conductor 510.

[0050] As shown in FIG. 7B, back side conductor 510 may be vertically separated into regions 710, 712, and 714 that are each electrically isolated from one another. Power supply voltage signal Vcc2 may be applied to region 712. Common (e.g., ground) power supply voltage signal Vss may be applied to region 710. Power supply voltage signal Vcc3 may be applied to region 714. This arrangement of back side conductor 510 allows for power supply voltage signal Vcc2 to be applied to the microbumps of one of the two chips connected to one another through the EMIB (e.g., EMIB 320) attached to back side conductor 510, for power supply voltage signal Vcc3 to be applied to the microbumps of the

other chip of the two chips, and for common signal Vss to be applied to either or both of the two chips.

[0051] As shown in FIG. 7C, back side conductor 510 may be separated into three vertically separated regions that are each electrically isolated from one another, similar to the arrangement of FIG. 7B. Each vertically separated region may receive one of power supply voltage signal Vcc1, power supply voltage signal Vcc2, and common signal Vss. Back side conductor 510 may further include two horizontal regions 750 and 752 that are electrically isolated from one another and from the three separated vertical regions. Data signal SIG1 may be applied to region 750 and data signal SIG 2 may be applied to region 752. In this way, data signals may also be passed to the EMIB (e.g., EMIB 320) that is mounted on back side conductor 510.

[0052] The arrangements of back side conductor 510 shown in FIGS. 7A-C are merely illustrative. If desired, back side conductor 510 may include any number of regions that are electrically isolated from one another and that each receive a different power supply voltage signal or data signal (e.g., from a printed circuit board).

[0053] FIG. 8 shows the illustrative steps performed when manufacturing package substrate 300 of FIG. 5.

[0054] At step 800, first dielectric layer 351-1 may be formed. Vias 504 and 504' in layer 351-1 and traces 502 and 502' may also be formed at this step.

[0055] At step 802, second dielectric layer 351-2 may be formed. Via 504, trace 502, and back side conductor 510 may also be formed in layer 351-2 at this step. As described in connection with FIGS. 7A-7C above, back side conductor 510 may be formed having multiple regions that are electrically isolated from one another and that each receive a different power supply voltage signal or data signal.

[0056] At step 804, third dielectric layer 351-3 may be formed. Via 504 and trace 502 may be formed in layer 351-3 at this step.

[0057] At step 806, A cavity may be formed in second dielectric layer 351-2 and third dielectric layer 351-3 (e.g., using photolithographic etching, lapping, or drilling). The cavity may overlap back side conductor 510 and may extend through layers 351-2 and 351-3 so as to expose back side conductor 510.

[0058] At step 808, adhesive layer 514 may be patterned within the cavity, such that openings are formed in adhesive layer 514 to accommodate contact pads 518 of EMIB 320.

[0059] At step 810, EMIB 320 may be placed on the patterned adhesive within the cavity, and may thereby be mounted on back side conductor 510. It should be noted that any TSVs or internal EMIB microvias may already be formed within EMIB 320 prior to the placement of EMIB 320 in the cavity (e.g., during fabrication of EMIB 320).

[0060] At step 812, remaining dielectric layers including dielectric layer 851-4 and the portion of dielectric layer 851-3 disposed over EMIB 320 may be formed. Vias 504 and 505 and traces (e.g., via pads) 502 and 503 may also be formed at this step.

[0061] Optionally, step 804 may be omitted and the entirety of layer 851-3 may be formed during step 812. In this optional case, the cavity only needs to be formed in second dielectric layer 851-2 during step 806.

[0062] The embodiments thus far have been described with respect to integrated circuits. The methods and apparatuses described herein may be incorporated into any suitable circuit. For example, they may be incorporated into

numerous types of devices such as programmable logic devices, application specific standard products (ASSPs), and application specific integrated circuits (ASICs). Examples of programmable logic devices include programmable arrays logic (PALs), programmable logic arrays (PLAs), field programmable logic arrays (FPLAs), electrically programmable logic devices (EPLDs), electrically erasable programmable logic devices (EEPLDs), logic cell arrays (LCAs), complex programmable logic devices (CPLDs), and field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), just to name a few.

[0063] The foregoing is merely illustrative of the principles of this invention and various modifications can be made by those skilled in the art. The foregoing embodiments may be implemented individually or in any combination.

1. An integrated circuit package, comprising:
 - a package substrate; and
 - first and second integrated circuit dies mounted on the package substrate, wherein the package substrate comprises:
 - a silicon die embedded within the package substrate, wherein the first integrated circuit die is configured to communicate with the second integrated circuit die through the silicon die, wherein the silicon die has a front side that faces the first and second integrated circuit dies and a back side opposing the front side;
 - a conductive path that is electrically coupled to the silicon die from the back side of the silicon die; and
 - a backside conductor on which the silicon die is mounted, wherein the conductive path is connected to the backside conductor, and wherein the backside conductor provides a power supply voltage to the first and second integrated circuit dies.
- 2-4. (canceled)
5. The integrated circuit package of claim 1, wherein the package substrate further comprises:
 - a patterned adhesive layer interposed between the silicon die and the backside conductor.
6. The integrated circuit package of claim 5, wherein the package substrate further comprises:
 - a conductive pad that is formed at the back side of the silicon die and that is surrounded by the patterned adhesive layer.
7. The integrated circuit package of claim 6, wherein the silicon die comprises:
 - a conductive routing trace; and
 - a microvia that is coupled between the conductive routing trace and the conductive pad.
8. An integrated circuit package, comprising:
 - a package substrate;
 - a first integrated circuit die mounted on the package substrate; and
 - a second integrated circuit die that is mounted on the package substrate, wherein the package substrate comprises:
 - a silicon die embedded within the package substrate, wherein the first integrated circuit die is configured to communicate with the second integrated circuit die through the silicon die, and wherein the silicon die has a front side that faces the first and second integrated circuit dies and a back side opposing the front side;
 - a conductive path that is electrically coupled to the silicon die from the back side of the silicon die; and

a conductive layer on which the silicon die is mounted, wherein the conductive path is coupled to the conductive layer, wherein the conductive layer includes a plurality of conductive regions that are electrically isolated from one another, wherein a first conductive region in the plurality of conductive regions provides a first power supply voltage to at least the first integrated circuit die, wherein a second conductive region in the plurality of conductive regions provides a second power supply voltage to at least the second integrated circuit die, and wherein a third conductive region in the plurality of conductive regions provides a third power supply voltage to both the first and second integrated circuit dies.

9. (canceled)
10. The integrated circuit package of claim 1, wherein the silicon die comprises:
 - a plurality of through-silicon vias that extend from the back side to the front side of the silicon die.
- 11-15. (canceled)
16. Circuitry, comprising:
 - a package substrate that includes an embedded silicon die;
 - a first integrated circuit die mounted on the package substrate; and
 - a second integrated circuit die mounted on the package substrate, wherein the silicon die has a front side that faces the first and second integrated circuit dies and a back side that opposes the front side, and wherein the silicon die receives power from its back side, wherein the package substrate further comprises:
 - a first contact pad formed at the back side of the silicon die;
 - a second contact pad formed at the back side of the silicon die; and
 - a backside conductor that is directly connected to the first and second contact pads and that extends beyond an edge of the silicon die.
17. The circuitry of claim 16, further comprising:
 - a printed circuit board, wherein the package substrate is mounted on the printed circuit board, and wherein the silicon die receives the power from the printed circuit board.
18. The circuitry of claim 16, wherein the package substrate further comprises:
 - a third contact pad formed on the front side of the silicon die;
 - a first via that is directly connected to the third contact pad and that has a first diameter; and
 - a second via that is coupled to the second contact pad and that has a second diameter that is different than the first diameter.
19. The circuitry of claim 18, wherein the second diameter is greater than the first diameter.
20. (canceled)
21. The integrated circuit package of claim 8, wherein the first power supply voltage is different than the second power supply voltage, wherein the third power supply voltage is different than the first and second power supply voltages, and wherein the first conductive region also provides the first power supply voltage to the second integrated circuit die.
22. The integrated circuit package of claim 21, wherein the second conductive region also provides the second power supply voltage to the first integrated circuit die.

23. The integrated circuit package of claim **8**, wherein the plurality of conductive regions further comprises a data signal routing path traversing the first, second, and third conductive regions.

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