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**Supplemental Paper
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**“Characterization Of Maximum Current Capability For
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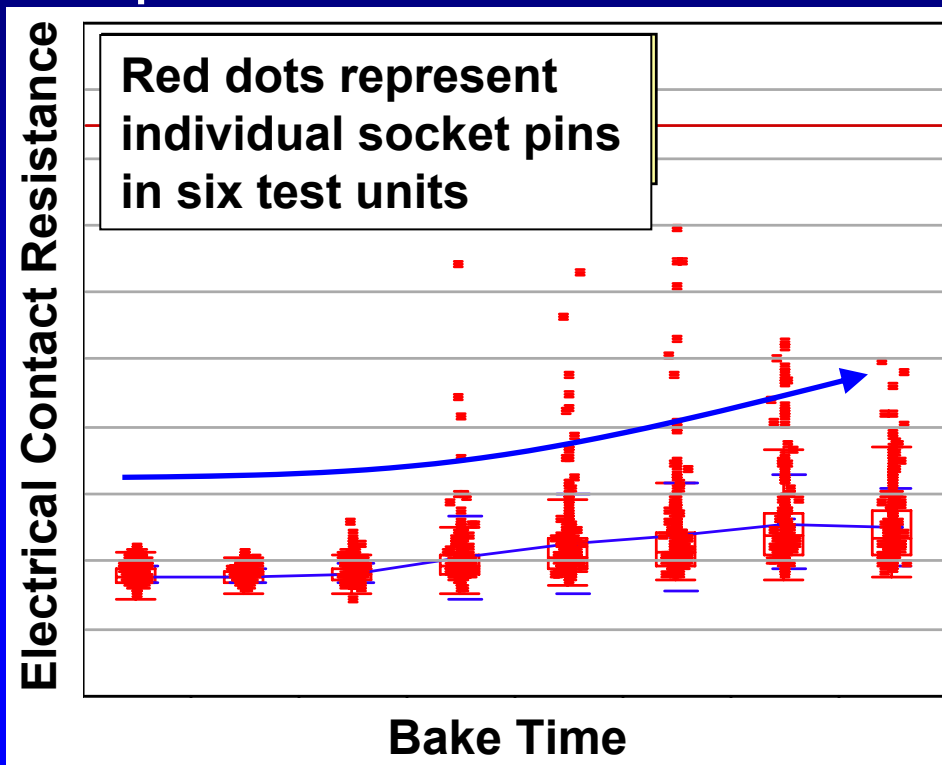
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Agenda

- Motivation for Thermal Analysis of Socket ... 
- Socket Maximum Current Capacity 
- Numerical Model for contact temperature prediction 
- Experimental Model Validation
 - Infrared Imaging DOE 
- ΔT Prediction by Empirical Model 
- Key Summary 
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Motivation for Thermal Analysis of Socket

- Electrical contact resistance of a socket impacts the electrical performance of the whole product.
- Reliability bake data shows that contact temperature impacts the electrical contact resistance significantly.



Possible root causes:

- Mold softening
- Contact surface oxidation (Ni/Cu)
- Mechanical relaxation of cantilever
- Temperature-accelerated failure mechanism.

Thermal Runaway at the Contact

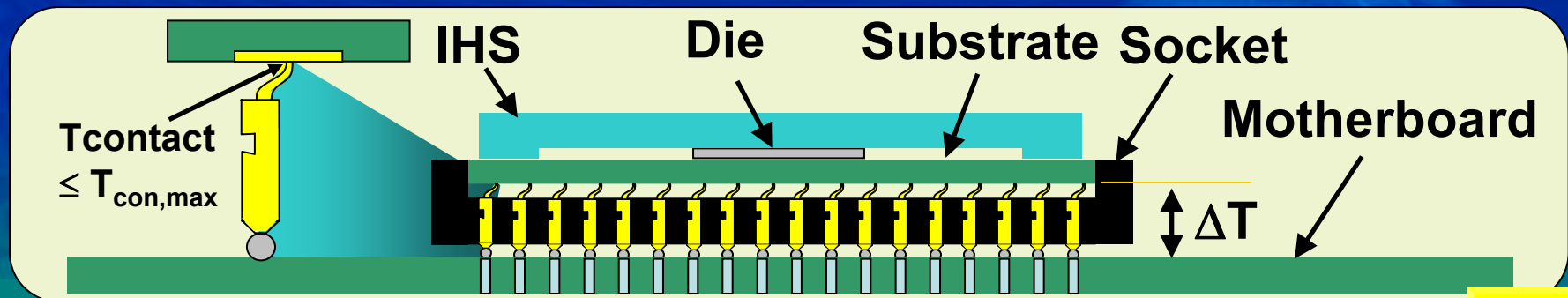
↑ Resistance → ↑ Joule Heating → ↑ Temperature

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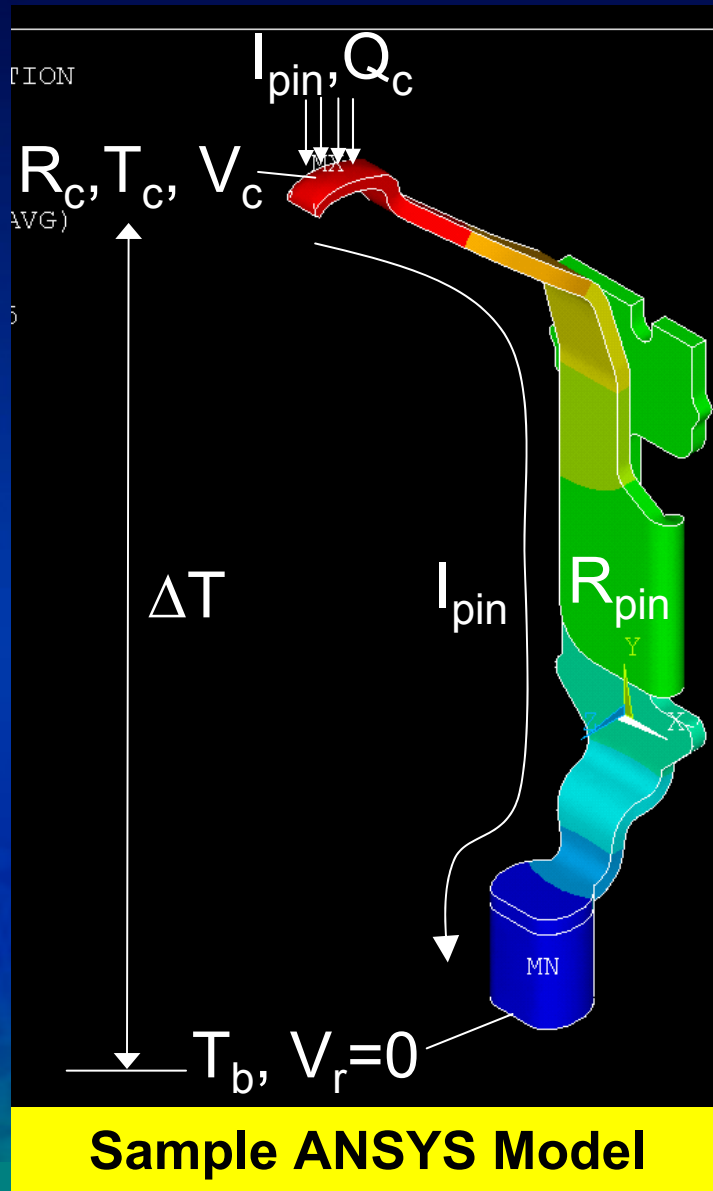


Socket Current Carrying Capacity (IMAX)

- Current carrying capacity is determined by:
 - Maximum allowed contact temperature, above which contact resistance accelerates and thermal runaway occurs.
 - Risk level assessment against this temperature limit, based on actual product boundary conditions.
- Current BKM uses a **local model**: a single socket pin
Find the temperature drop across a socket pin: ΔT
 - Limit motherboard temperature: $T_{\text{board,max}} = T_{\text{con,max}} - \Delta T$
- Existing model is purely computational:
 - FEM by coupling thermal and electrical elements.
- **OBJECTIVE**: Experimentally validate the numerical model.



Numerical Model for Contact Temperature Prediction



-Adiabatic boundaries except the base of the solder ball

Caveats:

→ **Substrate effect is ignored**

→ **All heat flows downward.**

-Thermoelectrical modeling:

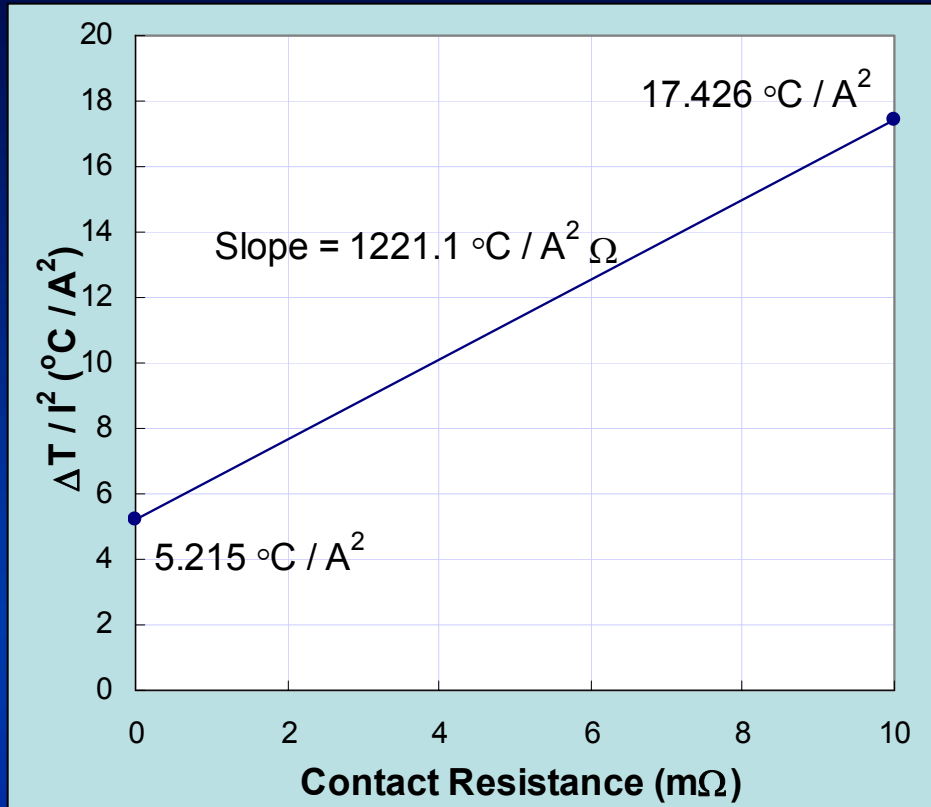
Uses ρ and k .

-Zero voltage and constant temperature at the base.

-Apply electrical current at the top (contact point).

-Electrical contact resistance is represented by extra Joule heating at the contact.

ANSYS Model: Modeling Results



Key Results

$$\Delta T \propto I_c^2$$

$$\Delta T \propto \text{Contact Resistance}$$

$$\Delta T = \underbrace{a I_c^2}_{\text{Bulk}} + \underbrace{b I_c^2 R_c}_{\text{Contact}}$$

Fitting constants: a & b

Resistivity: $\rho \uparrow$

Thermal conductivity: $k \downarrow$

Length of contact pin: $L \uparrow$

Cross-sectional area: $A \downarrow$

How to determine a:

$$a = 5.215 \text{ °C/A}^2$$

How to determine b:

$$b = 1221.1 \text{ °C/A}^2 \Omega$$

$$\Delta T = 5.215 I^2 + 1221.1 I_c^2 R_c$$

Example of Motherboard Temperature Spec

Per-Pin Current (assumed),

$$I_c = 1\text{A} / \text{pin}$$

Pin resistance (Pin + Contact),

$$R_{\text{pin}} = 20\text{ m}\Omega$$

Contact Resistance Portion

$$R_c = 10\text{ m}\Omega$$

Temperature Drop Across Socket Pin:

$$\Delta T = 5.215 I_c^2 + 1221.1 I_c^2 R_c$$

$$\Delta T (I_{\text{max}} = 1\text{ A}, R_c = 10\text{ m}\Omega) = 17.43\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$T_{\text{con,max}}$ is assumed to be 100 °C.

Board Temperature Spec:

maximum board temperature is,

$$T_{\text{max,board}} = T_{\text{con,max}} - \Delta T = 100\text{ }^\circ\text{C} - 17.43\text{ }^\circ\text{C} = \underline{82.57\text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$$



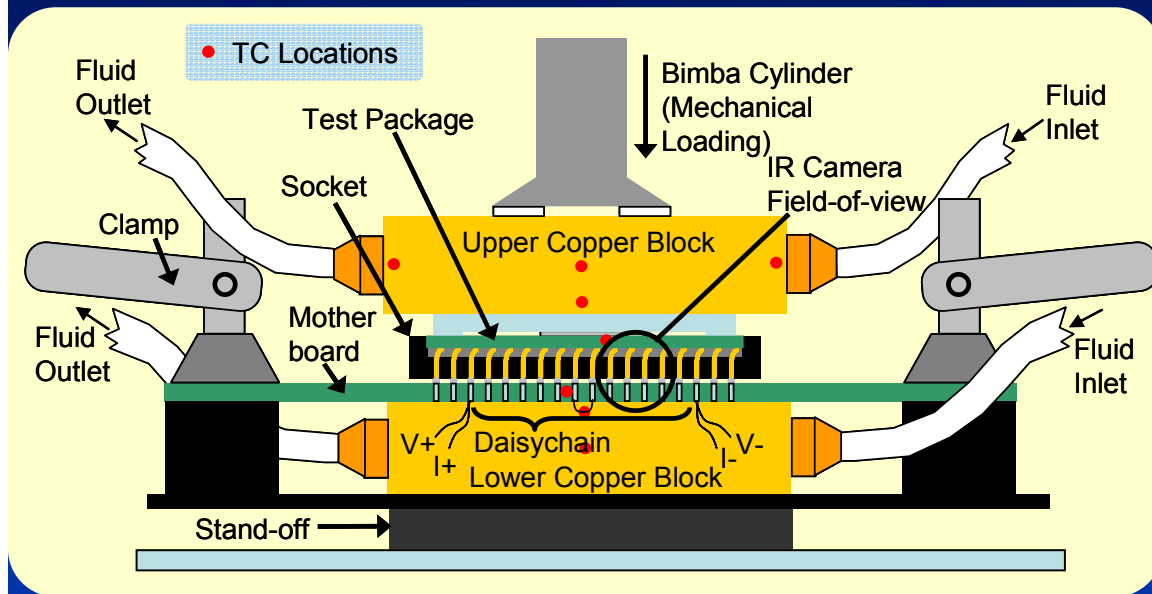
Experimental Model Validation of Socket IMAX

- Measure temperature of an entire socket pin from contact to the base.
 - Need the temperature profile of socket pin as a function of substrate temperature, motherboard temperature, contact resistance, and pin current.
 - Contact resistance is controlled by varying mechanical load on socket.
- A non-contact temperature measurement desired:
 - Thermocouple (TC) will draw heat away, cooling the pin.
 - TC junction is too large to fit into the contact point.
 - Perform infrared imaging thermometry on a socket cross-section.

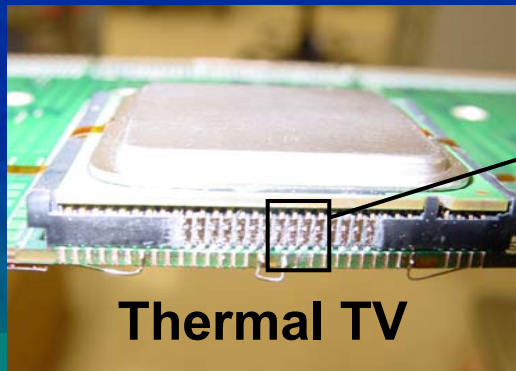


Experimental Setup

- Schematics

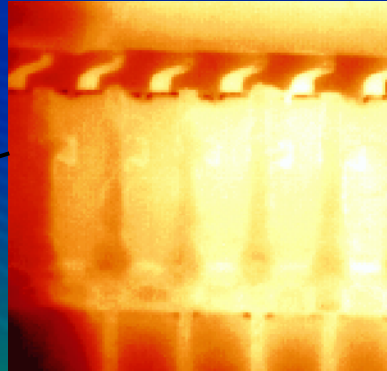


Cross-cut Socket



Thermal TV

IR Image

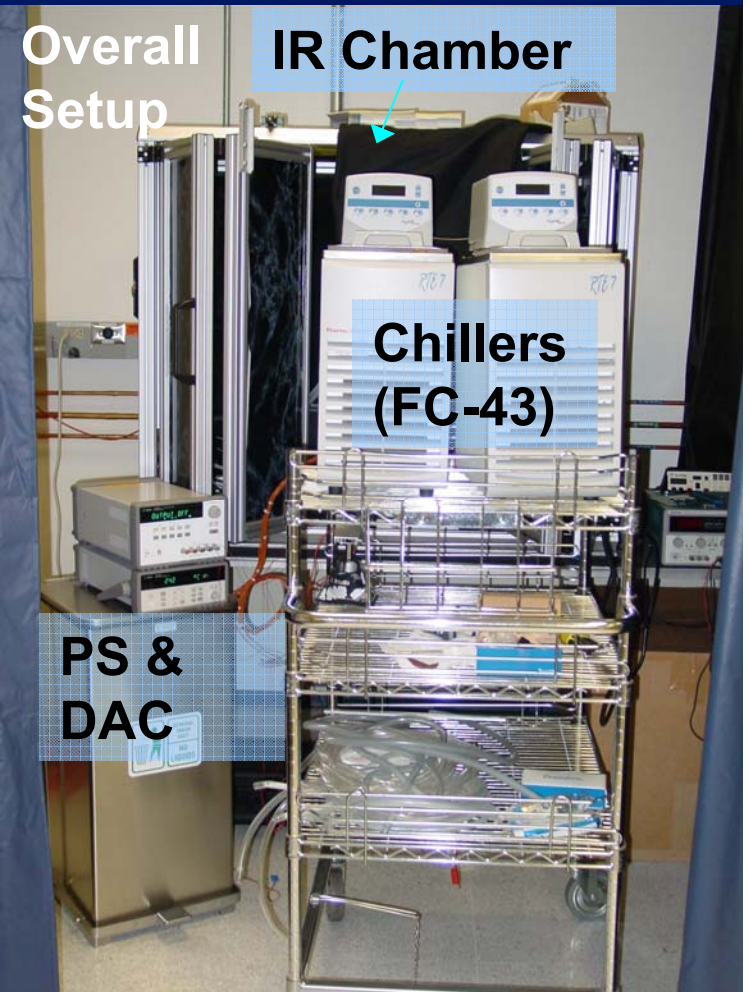


To Glossary



Overall Setup

IR Chamber

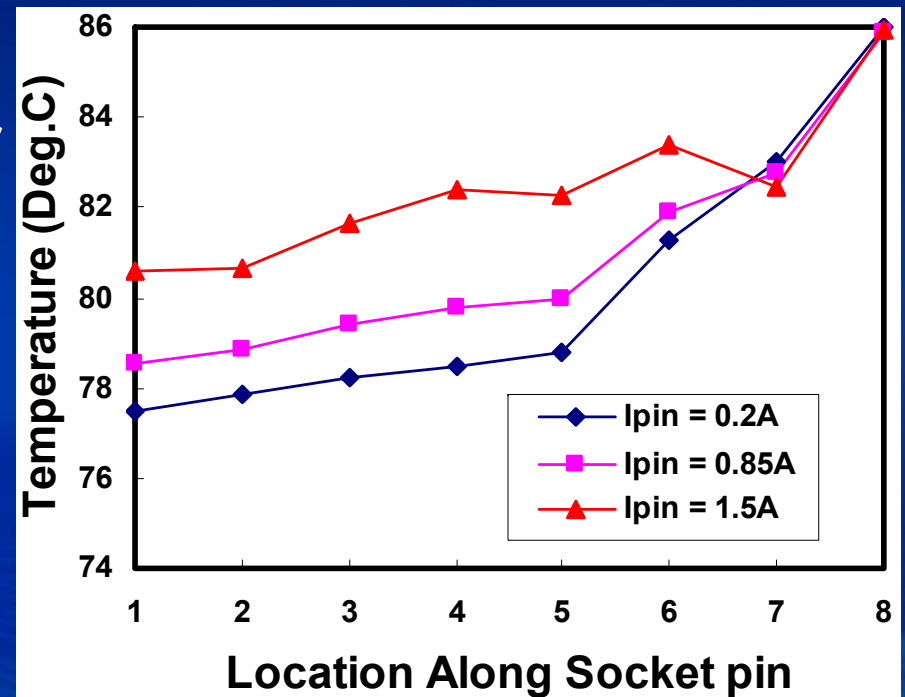
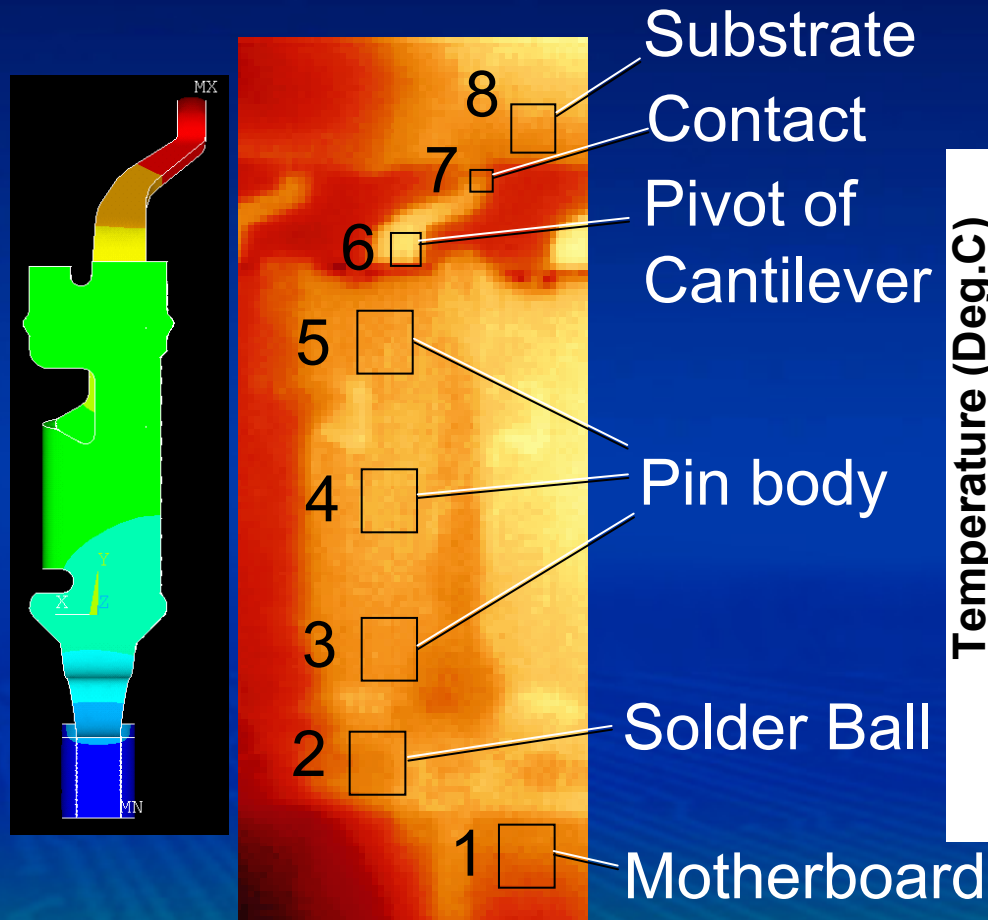


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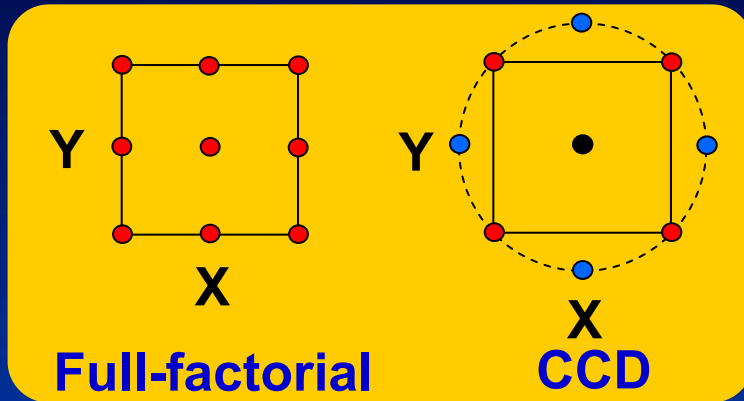
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Socket Pin Temperature Profile

- 8 locations along the pin → 1-D Temperature profile



DOE: Central Composite Design



Maximum
 Minimum

- Reduce the number of data points to be collected
- For a 4-parameter, 3-point DOE, a full-factorial design requires 81 data points.
- Central composite design offers a 4-parameter, 5-point DOE in 26 data points.

Number	Pattern	Tsub (°C)	Tboard (°C)	Current (A)	Air Pressure (psi)
1	0000	85.00	75.0	0.850	40.0
2	00a0	85.00	75.0	0.200	40.0
3	00A0	85.00	75.0	1.500	40.0
4	0a00	70.00	60.0	0.850	40.0
5	0A00	100.00	90.0	0.850	40.0
6	a000	75.00	75.0	0.850	40.0
7	A000	95.00	75.0	0.850	40.0
8	0000	85.00	75.0	0.850	40.0
9	000a	85.00	75.0	0.850	20.0
10	000A	85.00	75.0	0.850	60.0
11	---+	68.18	64.9	1.288	53.5
12	----	68.18	64.9	0.412	53.5
13	+---	81.58	64.9	0.412	53.5
14	++--	81.58	64.9	1.288	53.5
15	-+++	88.42	85.1	1.288	53.5
16	-++-	88.42	85.1	0.412	53.5
17	++++	101.82	85.1	0.412	53.5
18	++++	101.82	85.1	1.288	53.5
19	----	68.18	64.9	1.288	26.5
20	----	68.18	64.9	0.412	26.5
21	+---	81.58	64.9	0.412	26.5
22	+--+	81.58	64.9	1.288	26.5
23	-++-	88.42	85.1	1.288	26.5
24	-+--	88.42	85.1	0.412	26.5
25	++--	101.82	85.1	0.412	26.5
26	++--	101.82	85.1	1.288	26.5



Data Fitting: Empirical Model

- At each of the 8 locations along the pin, perform a second-order polynomial fitting:

$$\begin{aligned} T_n = & c_{n,1} T_{\text{sub}} + c_{n,2} T_{\text{board}} + c_{n,3} P + c_{n,4} I_c \\ & + c_{n,5} T_{\text{sub}}^2 + c_{n,6} T_{\text{sub}} T_{\text{board}} + c_{n,7} T_{\text{sub}} P + c_{n,8} T_{\text{sub}} I_c \\ & + c_{n,9} T_{\text{board}}^2 + c_{n,10} T_{\text{board}} P + c_{n,11} T_{\text{board}} I_c \\ & + c_{n,12} P^2 + c_{n,13} P I_c \\ & + c_{n,14} I_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

T_n : Temperature at location n ,

$C_{n, 1...14}$: Fitting constants

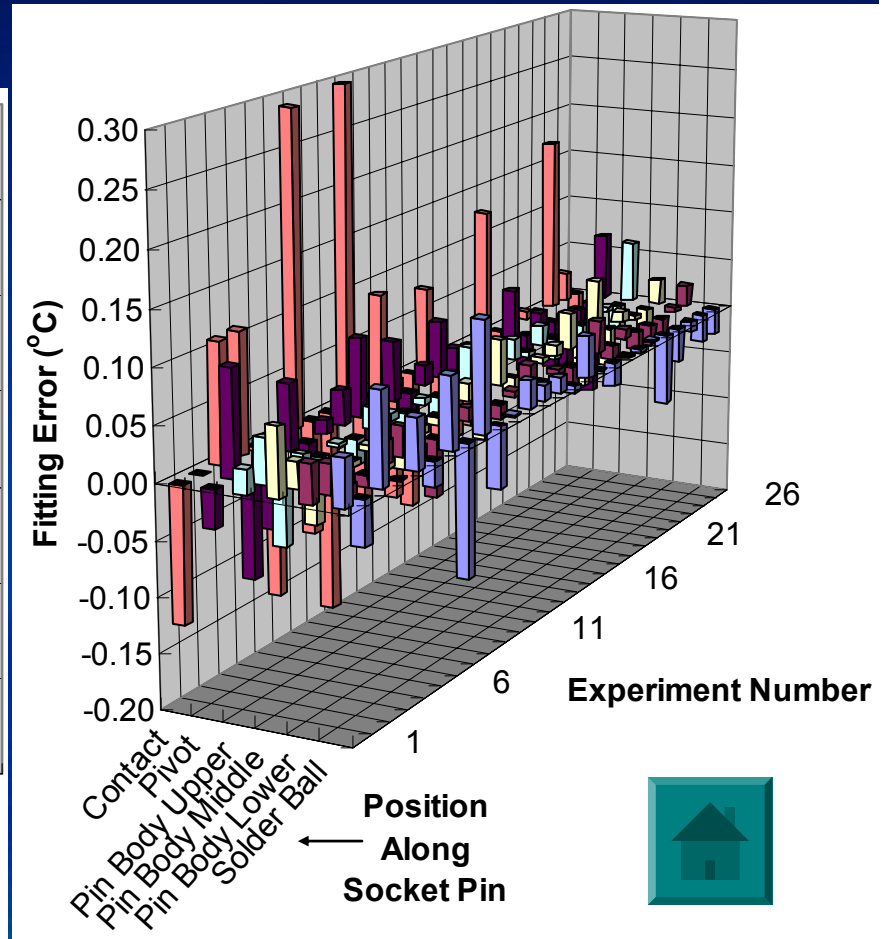
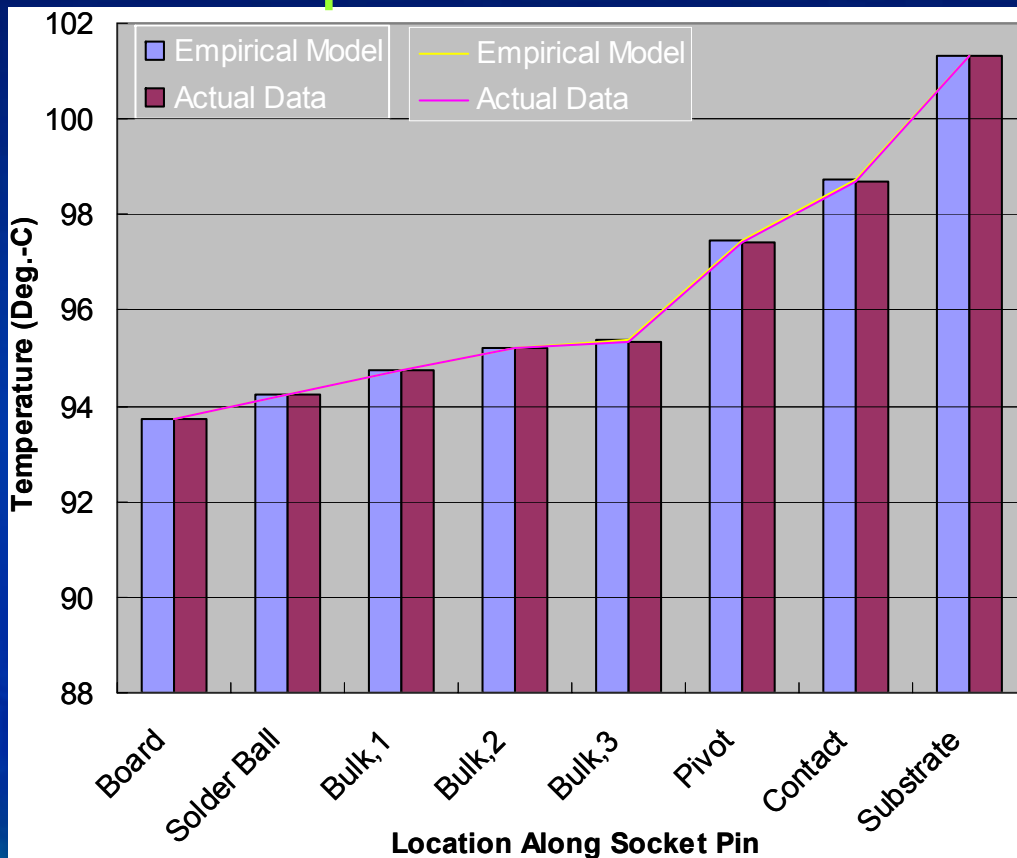
T_{sub} : substrate temperature,

T_{board} : motherboard temperature

P : pressure, I_c = pin current

Quality of Data Fitting

- A good fit between the measured data and the prediction model.

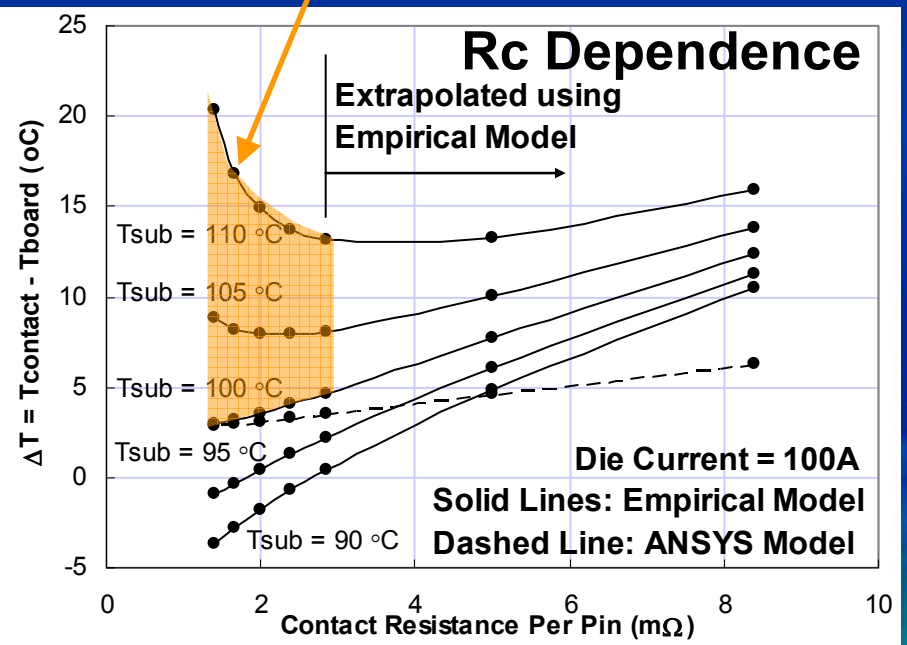
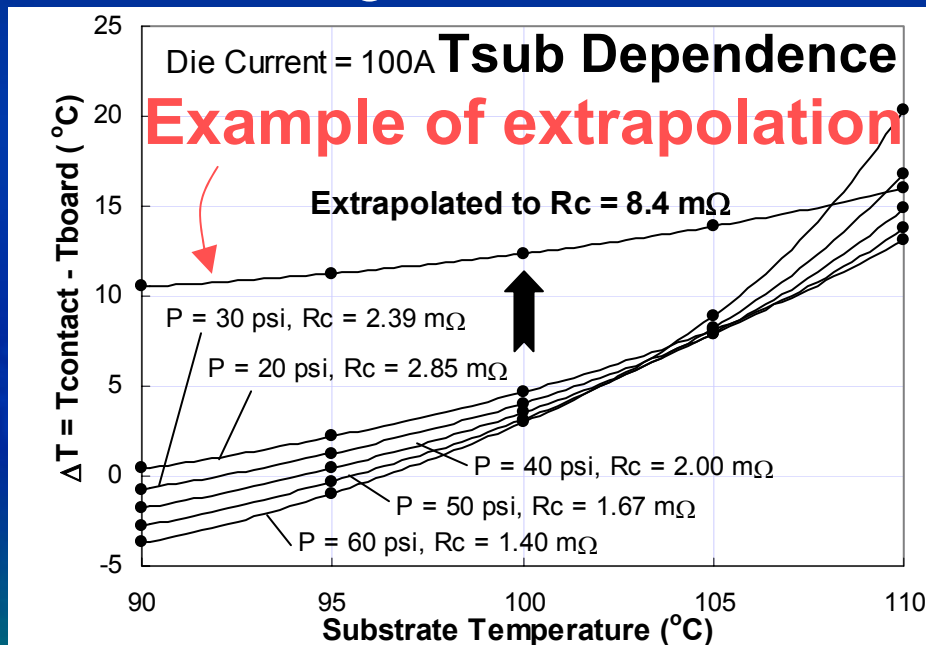


Temperature Along Socket Pin:
Sample Comparison – Good Fit

Fitting Error $< \pm 0.3$ °C for
all cases

ΔT Prediction by Empirical Model

- ΔT has a strong dependence on both T_{sub} and R_c .
- At end-of-life, ΔT becomes less sensitive to T_{sub}
Higher thermal $R_c \rightarrow$ Less heat flow from substrate to contact.
- ΔT generally increases with R_c
Higher electrical $R_c \rightarrow$ More contact Joule heating.
- Exception: For $T_{sub} > T_{contact}$, ΔT can increase with decreasing thermal R_c : More substrate-contact heat flow.



- A large extrapolation of empirical model is used to obtain high contact resistance.

Key Summary

- Infrared imaging has been successfully employed to measure the current carrying capacity (IMAX) of a microprocessor socket.
- A strategic DOE using multiple boundary conditions yielded a socket IMAX prediction model from the multi-dimensional data fitting. The prediction model fits the data within ± 0.3 °C.
- Socket IMAX prediction model indicates that temperature drop across socket pin is a strong function of substrate temperature. This clearly shows that substrate effect cannot be ignored.
- Based on the experimental prediction mode, a revised numerical (FEM) model including substrate effect is in development.



Glossary

DOE – Design of experiment

IMAX – Maximum current carrying capacity

IHS – Integrated heatsink

BKM – Best known Method

FEM – Finite element analysis

TC – Thermocouple

IR – Infrared

TV – Test vehicle,

i.e. a mock-up processor/ socket/board set.

DAC – Data acquisition and control

CCD – Central composite design

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