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#### **Technical Program**

#### Session 7 Wednesday 3/09/05 8:00AM THERMAL MANAGEMENT

#### "Thermal Characterization And Specification For Test And Burn In"

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#### "A Cost Effective, Flexible Approach To Automated Thermal Control During Burn-In"

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#### "High Efficiency Passive Heat Sinks for 5-20 W Applications"

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# Thermal Characterization and Specification for Test and Burn In

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#### Overview

- Thermal Characterization
- Temperature measurement methods

   Examples
- Passive vs. active heat sinks
- Equipment specifications

#### **Thermal Characterization**

- Measure Chip temperature under controlled conditions:
  - vs chip power
  - vs Time
- Fit equations to the measured data
- Extrapolate results to other conditions
  - Other powers or times
  - Other chip sizes or package types

#### **Thermal Characterization**

- Heat transfer mechanisms may be complex and non intuitive
- Predicting performance of future products requires understanding of fundamental heat transfer mechanisms
- Important to verify performance with product

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#### **Thermal Characterization**

- Investigate each thermal phenomena independently
  - Module soak time
  - Temperature change with plunge
  - Temperature increase with chip power and time
  - Temperature gradients across the chip
  - Heat sink force and centrality
  - Heat sink thermal resistance vs flow
  - Power limits for actively controlled heat sinks

#### **Temperature Measurement Methods**

- 1. Thermocouple contacting the product chip
- 2. Temperature sensitive circuit on product module
- 3. Thermal test chip
  - Known power dissipation
  - Multiple temperature sensors on one chip

#### Example: Soak Time for Passively Controlled Heat Sink @ 85 C



- Elevated temperature test
- Thermocouple on un-powered product
- Red lidded module
- Blue bare die modules

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# Example: Temperature Drop With Plunge, Chamber Tool, No Heat Sink



- Module initially at core temperature, 102 C
- Thermocouple on un-powered product
- Heat loss to socket and test head

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#### Example: Temperature Increase With Chip Power, No Heat Sink



- Thermal test chip
- Uniform power applied at t=0
- Multiple temperature sensors on chip
- 1 C/W at 2 sec
- Predictable with lumped mass model

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#### Example: Temperature Gradients Across Test Time



- Functioning product module test
- Chamber tool, no heat sink
- Thermocouple glued to center of product chip or OCTS
- Chip power varies with time and location on chip

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#### **High Power Module Test**

- Generally requires some sort of heat sink contacting the chip
- Heat sinks may be passive or actively controlled

#### Heat Sink to Chip Thermal Resistance

#### • Dependent on:

- Heat sink and chip flatness and surface finish
- Surface contamination
- Heat sink force
- Heat sink force centrality
- Thermal interface material or pad
- Heat sink size vs chip size

#### Heat Sink to Chip Thermal Resistance

- Across chip temperature gradients
  - Investigated with thermal test chips
- Chip to chip variations
  - Resistance measured on each chip during production test and burn in

### Resistance Variations in Manufacturing



- Large sample mfg. data
- Various chip sizes
- Same thermal interface
- Some "identical" chips 3X hotter than others
- R max=1.53 \*A^-1.37

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#### Interface and Heat Sink Characterization and Optimization



- Multiple sensors on uniformly powered chip
- Room temperature, passive heat sink
- Should be linear
- Slope is thermal resistance
- Thermal resistance independent of power

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#### Heat Sink Characterization vs Flow Rate



- Various water cooled heat sinks
- Small thermocouple embedded base of heat sink
- Heated with small test chip
- Also measured pressure drop

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#### Heat Sink Force and Force Centrality Load Cell Assembly



- Replaces module in socket
- Metal plate supported by three load cells
- Determines total force and force centroid
- Quantifies effects of hoses, wires, springs, friction and impact forces

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#### Local Chip Temperature vs. Distance to Heat Sink Force Centroid



- 14.7 mm bare die, uniform power
- Passive heat sink
- Multiple tests
- Coolest point on chip is closest to centroid
- Average resistance is related to across chip gradients

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#### Chip to Heat Sink Resistance vs Location of Heat Sink Force Centroid



- Red Average of eight sensors on chip
- Green Temperature gradient across chip
- Centroid needs to be in center 1/2 of chip

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#### Chip to Heat Sink Resistance vs. Heat Sink Force



- Red Average chip-HS resistance of eight sensors on chip
- Green Temperature gradient across chip
- Force has smaller effect on resistance

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### **Heat Sink Mounting**

- Flexible tubing and wires
- Spring force applied near chip plane
- Alignment features near chip plane
- Co axial bellows

#### Actively Controlled Heat Sink Steady State Thermal Response

#### **Example Measured Data**



- Power is slowly increased
- Chip temperature held constant
- Decreasing heat sink temperature
- T vs P is linear before and after point where control is lost

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#### **Actively Controlled Heat Sink Steady State Thermal Response**



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#### Actively Controlled Heat Sink Thermal Transient Response



- Red step change in chip power, 125 W, 150 C/sec
- Green step change in fluid flow, 17 C/sec
- Blue step change in heat sink heater, 88 W, 1.3 C/sec
- Predictable from lumped mass analysis

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#### Chip Temperature on Actively Controlled Heat Sink



- Uniform P=90 W from t=0.0 to 25 sec
- 8 sensors on chip
- Some temperatures below set point
- Max chip temperature gradient = 40 C at SS
- Max test temperature gradient = 100 C

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# Chip Temperature vs. Power, High Temperature, Non Uniform Power



- Active heat sink
- Controls center temperature
- SS Power on one quadrant heater
- Temperature gradients at all powers
- Temperature still linear WRT power

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#### High Temperature Test On a Passively Controlled Heat Sink



- Uniform P=100 W from t=0.0 to 35 sec
- Max test temp gradient = 38 C
- Max chip temp gradient = 12 C
- Avg chip temp increase = 0.27 C/W

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# Steady State Temperature Gradient vs. Power



- Same data
- Steady state chip temperature plotted vs. power
- Gradient across chip
- Average temperature increase

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### **High Power Tester Characterization**

- Performance measured with a thermal test chip
- Uniform power across chip (W/sq mm)
- Multiple temperature sensors on chip
- Plot all temperatures vs. time, before, during and after step power change
- Plot all temperatures vs. power (2 points)

#### **Tester Specifications**

- Max temperature gradient across chip and across entire test time
- Max temperature gradient across chip at zero and full power
- Average temperature increase with steady state power
- Heat sink force
- Heat sink force centrality

#### Conclusion

- Investigate each thermal phenomena independently
- Evaluate heat sink and interface with room temperature fluid.
- Fit equations to measured data
  - Not necessarily preconceived definitions of thermal resistance
- Evaluate across chip temperature gradients with uniformly powered thermal test chips

## A Cost Effective, Flexible Approach to Automated Thermal Control During Burn-In



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### All IC devices are not created equal....

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- Higher power products
- Larger power variances



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- Thermal runaway
- Smaller gate, greater leakage How do we deal with all of this without raising the cost of ownership?

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### **Technology Drivers**

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#### "Commodity Products Require Commodity Means"

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#### **Present Technologies**

- Thermal control methods
  - Passive
    - Inexpensive, but does not solve the variance problem
  - Porting, valves, and fans -
    - Higher cost, with reduced density, but does resolve the variance issue.... maybe
  - Liquid
    - Higher cost, for higher power devices involving more maintenance... not for low cost commodity products

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#### **Present Technologies**

#### System vs. Cost



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#### **Present Technologies**

How do we fill the gap while keeping the existing high volume infrastructure?



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#### **Other Avenues**

- Bias Reduction Are we really stressing the part, or are we just hiding?
- Burn-In longer at lower temperatures
- Sorting, binning... they are all cost adders

#### **Requirements Definition**

- Cost effective
- Independent device control
- Low risk
- Flexible, reusable for a variety of devices
- Maximum reuse of equipment and technology
- Minimal chamber modifications

#### **Collaborative Effort**

- Joint design with Freescale Semiconductor
- These requirements were analyzed to provide a gap filling solution
- Expertise brought together
  - Freescale Semiconductor
    - Driver
    - Software
    - Chamber
  - WELLS-CTI
    - iSocket
    - Controller
    - Firmware algorithms

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#### **Solution Overview**

#### **Freescale Semiconductor**

#### **CC4** Driver

#### WELLS-CTI iSocket<sup>™</sup>



- Low resource requirement
  - 2 pins for communication
- Standard chamber configuration

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### **The Solution**

- Each site independently set to maintain temperature without outside monitoring or control
- Individually addressable
- Temperature feedback and control when DUT diode is not present
- Standardize across multiple devices
- Entire solution must maintain center to center spacing in chamber

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### **The Solution**

- Autoloader compatible
- Field upgradeable firmware
- Diode calibration capability
- Self-contained
- Solid state solution





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#### **Integration / Visibility**



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## **Thermal Circuit**



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#### **Case Study**

- 20W Device
- 10W Maximum Variance
- Flipchip BGA with Integrated Heat Spreader (IHS)
- 16 devices per board
- 64 boards per chamber
- 1024 devices per chamber

#### **iSocket™** Disabled



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#### **iSocket™ Enabled**



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#### **The Benefits**

- Improved system ramp time
  - Increased system utilization
- Reduced Burn-In duration
  - Increased system utilization
- Thermal control for over temperature
  - Reduces socket and BIB costs due to damage
- Precise control of DUT temperature
  - Eliminates binning
  - Eliminates sorting
  - Increased system utilization

#### **The Benefits**

- System upgrade vs. procurement
  - Lower implementation costs
- Seamless control of devices for biasing and precise temperature control
  - Higher confidence in burn-in effectiveness
  - More accurate burn-in
- Maintains automation

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#### Conclusion

- Flexible, automated self contained solutions are required for today's burn-in systems to reduce ownership costs
- Thermal control is required for many of today's products and cannot be operated in conventional systems without the integration of active thermal control
- Care must be taken to understand device characteristics to provide the most effective solution
- Today's solutions are much more involved than just removing the heat.....

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## High Efficiency Passive Heat Sinks for 5-20 W Applications

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## **Objectives of This Study**

- Design a high efficiency passive heat sink suitable for 5-20 W applications
- Thermal analysis of heat sinks
- Build prototypes and test heat sinks
- Recommendations for heat sinks and interface materials

## Background

- Many burn-in chamber manufacturers with different oven configurations
- Airflow Ranges from 50 fpm to 1200 fpm. Typical airflow is 200 fpm
- Number of boards range from 10 to 50
- Spacing between boards can be as low as 1.6" [40 mm – 1U Size]
- Can skip every other board for 2U spacing [80 mm]

## **System Analysis**



- Burn-in ovens
  - Flow side to side or bottom to top
  - Up to 56 boards

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## **Thermal Resistance**

- $\Theta_{ca} = (T_{case} T_{ambient})/Power$ •  $\Theta_{ja} = (T_{junction} - T_{ambient})/Power$
- Many different packages, boards Hard to define thermal conduction into the boards due to the variations
- (To be conservative), we will assume heat transport to be (mainly) through the heat sink

## **System Variables**

- Airflow = 50 fpm to 1200 fpm
  - Influences pre-heat
  - Influences heat sink performance
- Die Power = 5 20 Watts
  - Influences pre-heat
- Board restrictions
  - Spacing between boards = Impact on heat sink height
  - Spacing between sockets = Impact on heat sink foot print

## **Burn-in Requirements**

- Minimum case (die) temperature = 130
  °C
- Maximum case (die) temperature = 150
  °C
- Socket temperature < 170 °C</li>



 With rows of Sockets, Preheat is 0.5 °C/W for 250 fpm, 0.25 °C/W at 500 fpm

- 5 Watt Sockets: 4 Sockets in sequence => 10
   °C [temperature rise], 120 °C (in), 130 °C
   (out). Need 2 °C /W Heat sinks.
- 10 Watt Sockets: 4 Sockets in sequence => 20 °C [Temperature rise], 120 °C (in), 140 °C (out). Need 1 °C/W Heat sinks.

## System Analysis

- 20 Watts: at 500 fpm, 5 °C per socket preheat. 110 °C in, 130 °C out. Need 1 °C/W Heat sink.
- 20 Watts: at 1000 fpm, 2.5 °C per socket preheat. 110 °C in, 120 °C out. Need 1.5 °C/Watt Heat sink.
- Spreadsheet for predictions

| Heat sink (θ <sub>ca</sub> ) <sup>o</sup> C/W |           |             |          |               |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| T=110-120 <sup>o</sup> C, 4 Sockets in Row    |           |             |          |               |
| Power   | 200 fpm   | 500 fpm     | 1000 fpm | Ambient       |
| 5 W   | 1.6 °C/W  | 4 °C/W      | 8 °C/W   | 130 °C        |
| 10 W  | 0.9 °C/W  | 1.4<br>°C/W | 1.6 °C/W | 110-120<br>°C |
| 20 W  | 0.5 °C/W  | 1 °C/W      | 1.5 °C/W | 110-120<br>°C |
| 30 W  | 0.34 °C/W | 0.7<br>°C/W | 1.5 °C/W | 110-120<br>°C |

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## **Thermal Model**

- Socket with pins modeled
- Board with FR4 properties
  - K (plane) = 30 W/m K
  - K (thickness) = 0.38 W/m K
- Better die-board resistance will only reduce thermal resistance. Current work is conservative
- TIM = 0.1 °C/W [0.020" thick, 4.5 W/m K, 20 psi, Gelvet MC-8 like interface material]
- ICEPAK © Electronics cooling software 3/9/2005 BiTS 2005 Thermal Management



#### Package 30 x 30 x 1.2 mm

#### Die 10x10 mm



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# Heat Sink – Current Design, 1U [1.5" Spacing]

 $\Theta_{ca} = 2 ^{\circ} C/W [200 \text{ fpm}]$  $= 1.1 \circ C/W [1000 \text{ fpm}]$ 

> To clasp n14،

Milled for access

Airflow

Socket

Bypass at the side = 4/5"

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### Heat Sinks – Velocity Field (1000 fpm= 5 m/s)



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### **Air Temperatures**



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#### **Temperature distribution (fins)**



#### Temperature Distribution – Section @ middle of the die/heat-sink

#### Cooler edges



#### Spreading resistance in the base

Die

Hot center

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### Heat sink resistance break-up

•  $\Theta_{ia} = 1.7 \circ C/W$ = 0.1 °C/W [Bottom-Base] + 0.1[Top-base] + 0.9[Fin-air] + 0.1[interface pad] + 0.5 [Package resistance] • Θ<sub>ca</sub> = 1.1 °C/W @ 1000 fpm

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### **Observations & Analysis**

- Heat sink performance is a direct function of
  - Surface area available [Fin-air]
  - Spreading resistance in the bases
- Cutting bypass flow around heat sink improves performance by 3%
- Heat pipes do help with reducing spreading resistance.
- Best option (cost & performance) found is a copper column-type heat sink shown next

### **1U-Copper column/disc fins**



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### **1U-Copper Column/Disc**



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### Thermal Performance vs. airflow

| Airflow  | Pressure<br>Drop (inches<br>of water) | Θ <sub>ca</sub> |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 200 fpm  | 0.31                                  | 1.08 °C/W       |
| 500 fpm  | 1.4                                   | 0.8 °C/W        |
| 1000 fpm | 2.88                                  | 0.68 °C/W       |

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### **Cost Considerations**

- Aluminum fins with nickel plating is more expensive than un-plated copper fins
- Copper column with ½mm thick Copper fins & ½ mm spacing appears to the best performance/cost option
- 2U size with 1 mm spacing offers almost 1/3 pressure drop for same thermal resistance

### Next Steps

- Build prototypes
- Test heat sink performance vs. airflow
- Identify other improvements & gaps in analysis
- Attachment options & interface pressure

### **Prototype Heat Sink**



### Heat sink with socket



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## Socket Open with Heater



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### **Interface Material**



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### **Test Setup**

- Ceramic heater [25mm x25mm] with a copper substrate used as the heat source
- Thermocouple embedded at the surface of the copper substrate
- Heater attached a board which is placed on a plastic substrate
- Wind tunnel with variable speed blower for varying airflow [10 cfm to 40 cfm]

# **Experimental Setup**



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### **Experimental Data**



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### **Experimental Data**



#### **Interface Materials**

- PCS-A10 : 110 micron, Aluminum-backed phase-change material. Thermal resistance is 0.1 °C/W at 5 psi.
- PCG-GF10: 185 micron, Grafoil-based phase change material, Thermal resistance is 0.075 °C/W at 5 psi.
- At low pressures (under 5 psi), Grafoil has lower thermal resistance than PCS-A10.
- At higher pressures PCS-A10 has lower thermal resistance than Grafoil.

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### Influence of interface pressure

- Interface pressure applied was less than 2 psi
- Under these low pressures, the data also indicates better performance by Grafoil

### **Optimization of heat sink**

- More optimal performance with lower pressure drop can be achieved with a larger spacing
  - Doubling the spacing will reduce pressure drop by a factor four (theoretically)
  - However, the thermal resistance will increase (less number of fins and surface area)
  - Tight spacing also has risk of dust accumulation

## Thermal Performance vs. airflow [1-mm spacing]

| Airflow  | Pressure<br>Drop (inches<br>of water) | Θ <sub>ca</sub> |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 200 fpm  | 0.1                                   | 1.14 °C/W       |
| 500 fpm  | 0.4                                   | 0.9 °C/W        |
| 1000 fpm | 1.3                                   | 0.8 °C/W        |

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### **Experimental Data [1-mm Gap]**



### **Pressure Drop**



### Conclusions

- A high efficiency passive heat sink for 5-20W applications has been developed.
- Thermal resistance ranges from 1 to 0.7 °C/W based on airflow from 200 to 1000 fpm.
- Experimental data compares within 10 to 15% of analytical predictions.
- To reduce the pressure drop, the fin spacing was optimized to be between 1.0 and 1.5mm.
- To reduce thermal resistance even further, a taller heat sink (2U) can be used with larger spacing.
- It was found that the Grafoil based interface material performs much better than aluminum <sup>3/9/2005</sup> Thermal Management

### **Future Study**

- Improve performance by higher interface pressures
- Optimization of heat sinks based on fan characteristics of ovens
- A system-level study is needed to design a more optimal heat sink that has a high performance [Thermal resistance/Pressure drop]
- It is likely that we can have different heat sink choices (fin spacing) based on airflow supported by the oven and power (die) dissipation

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