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Contactor Selection Criteria Overview for RF Component Testing

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Overview

We'll take a lighthearted look at one RF test
guy's criteria for socket selection

I'll give a couple examples of the good and
not so good

Finally, toss out a need for looking at the
problem a little differently

Customer View of Contactor Supplier



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Contactor Supplier View of Customer



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RFMD PA TEST

- Tried/used many different contactors for RF test:
 - Spring Probes
 - Sliders
 - Rockers
 - Interposers
 - Particle Interconnect
 - Fibrous Gold Balls
 - Cantilever
- Most consist of a plastic body holding small metal pieces in place

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Mechanical Requirements

- Tolerancing and relationship to the handler
- Material composition
- Cost vs. life balance
- Competitive cost of ownership
- Field serviceable
- Documentation
 - Assembly drawings with part numbers
 - Training and maintenance procedures
 - Cleaning and lifetime interval recommendations

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Electrical Requirements

- Typical DUT has low pin count
- Mix of RF & DC pins
- Current requirement can exceed 2A on a pin
- May need to have external components close to the DUT
- Minimal ground inductance preferred
- PCB Real-estate concerns
- RF performance
- ESD

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Other Considerations

- Acquisition Costs
- Existing Relationship
- Anything New and Innovative
- Unique DUT or close relative of existing product
- Custom or standard package?
- Part pad composition
- Accelerated mechanical life testing
- NDA
- Changing design is very painful
- Cres is not an important data point. We measure RF performance directly and use an SPC system to determine performance.
- Will go to production

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What Can Go Wrong, Will

- Vendor expertise and experience is exaggerated
- Schedules are not met
- Socket stops working on the second insertion
- Load board issues
- Long time for feedback

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Trying Something Different

- Application: 3x3 QFN PA
- Previous contactors were not optimum for first pass yield and longevity
- Tried 3 solutions in parallel – two using new contactors
- Vendors built contactors at their expense
- 3 Layouts, PCBs, assembly, code, docs
- Engineer's time
- Tester time
- Phone conferences, etc.

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The Big One - Cost

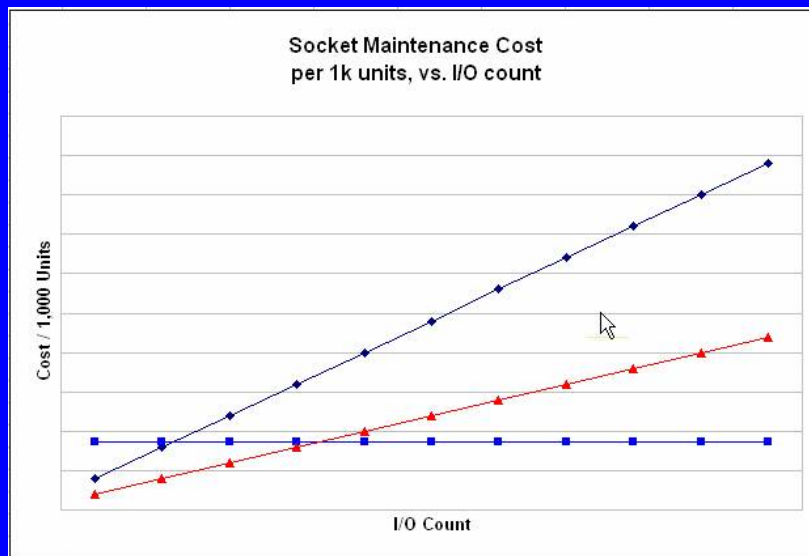
- Initial development cost
 - Sockets, load boards
 - Time
- Production Cost
 - Initial
 - Replacements, spares, training
 - Down time - yield
 - Re-use
- Know the alternative – price & performance
- Service/Quality/Reliability are the great equalizers

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What does it all Mean?



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From Socket to Application

- Socket maintenance cost is a function of contactor lifetime and repair cost
- This chart ignores the cost of tester down time, labor, spares and first pass yield loss
- Although lifetime cost is a major factor, performance is king
- Not all performance variation is associated with the socket
- Final application can change everything

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Application Implications

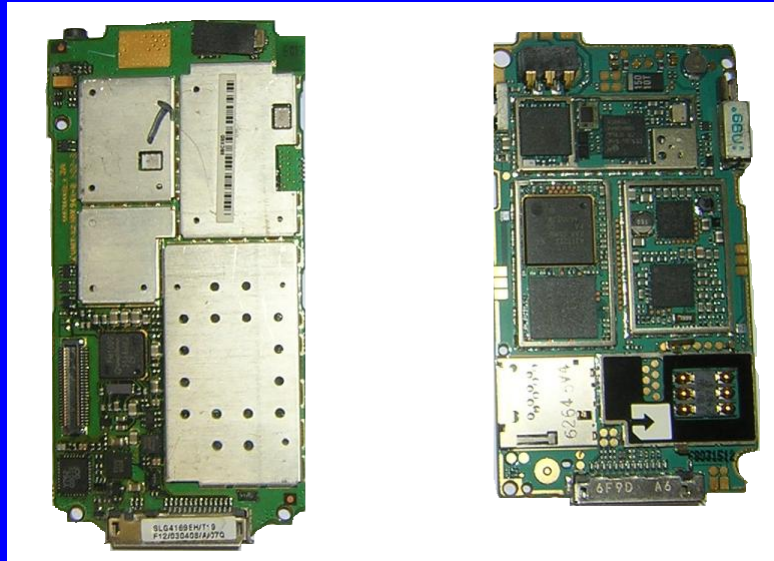
- Interaction between DUT, Socket and Handler
- Socket and Handler are often designed separately
- Non-Linear effects change the way test data correlates to reference
- Ideally have test environment mimic application environment
- Need handler and socket to simulate shielded environment

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Typical Final Application

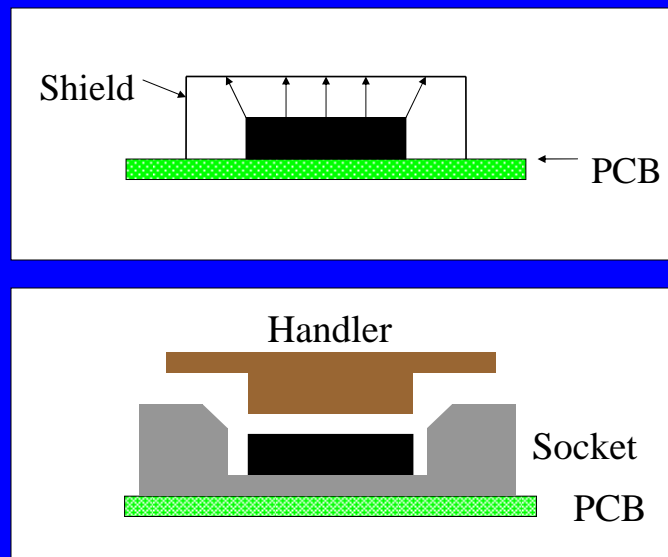


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Application Versus Test Environment



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Summary

- Not possible to evaluate all contactors
- Know your value proposition
- Know your competition and what differentiates your product from the rest
- Have your contactor properly evaluated and data available
- Start thinking about systems to solve problems

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Thank You Questions?



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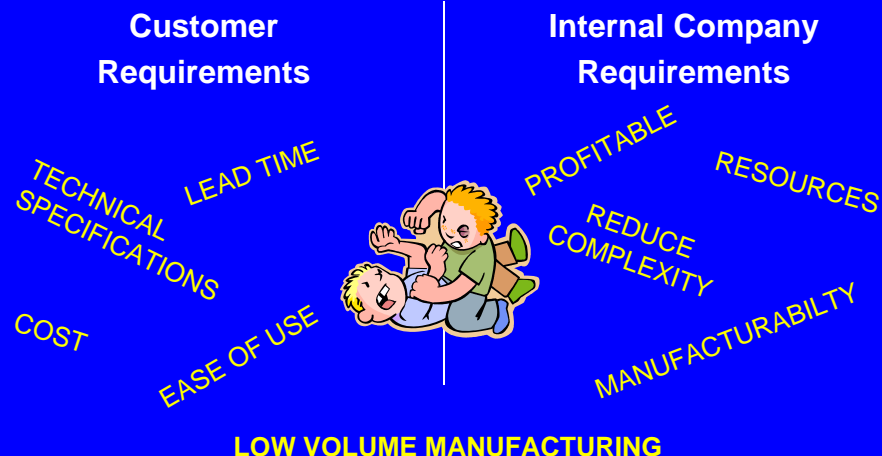
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HOW CAN A DESIGN MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS ?



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INTRODUCTION

- What The Customer Wants !
- System Overview
- Designing for Low Volume Manufacturing - Cold Plate
- Product Performance
- Did We Give The Customer What They Wanted ?
- Did We Satisfy Our Internal Company Requirements?

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What the Customer Wanted

- 250 Watt Processing Module
- Characterize From 0°C to 100°C
- Minimize Temperature Undershoot And Overshoot
- Customize The Solution To Their Current Hardware
- Must Be Mobile With A Small Footprint
- Closed System
- No Consumable Gases

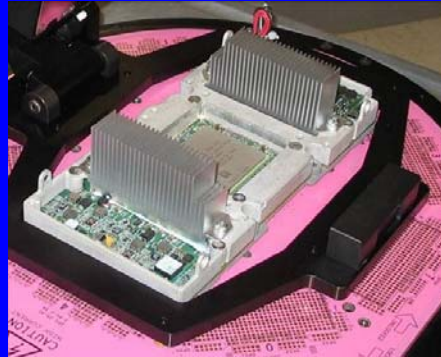
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The Module

- High End / High Reliability Processing Module
- High power CPU
- Standard DUT Board
- Standard Tester Footprint



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SYSTEM COMPONENTS



**Mechanical
Actuator**



**Thermal Control
Unit**

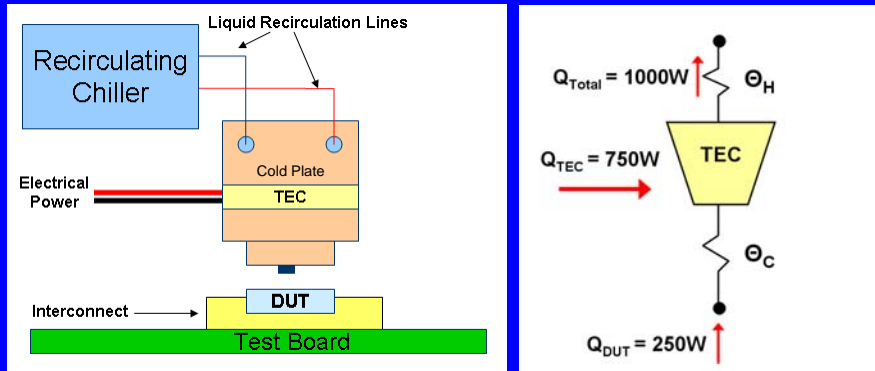


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HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK



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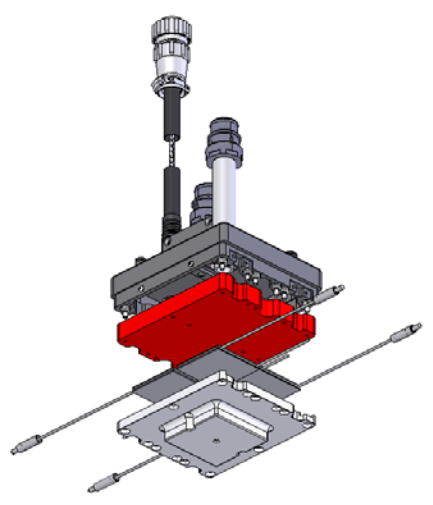
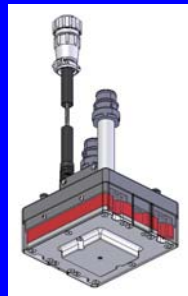
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SYSTEM COMPONENTS



Thermal Control Unit



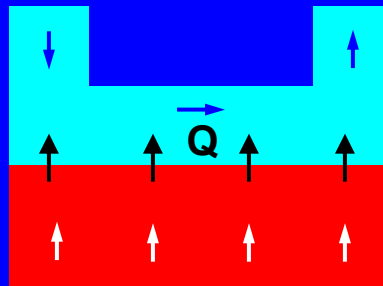
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COLD PLATE

Exchanges heat from a solid to a fluid that are at different temperatures



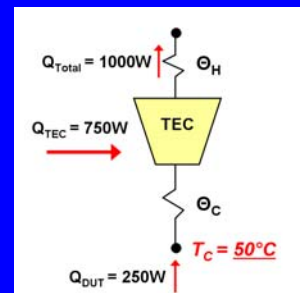
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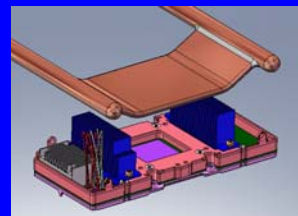
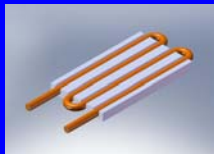
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EXISTING TECHNOLOGY

Product that works within
the size restraint



Product that satisfies the
heat load requirements



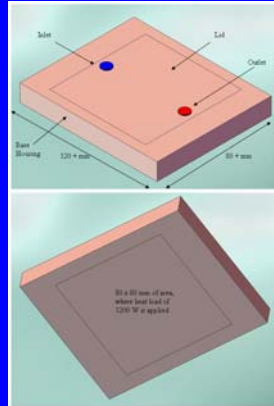
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OUTSOURCE THE DESIGN

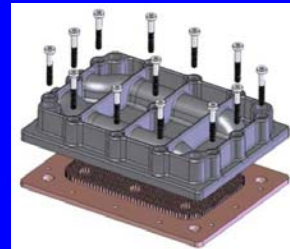
Form Factor &
Performance Requirements



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Higher Per Piece
\$ Price \$

Output

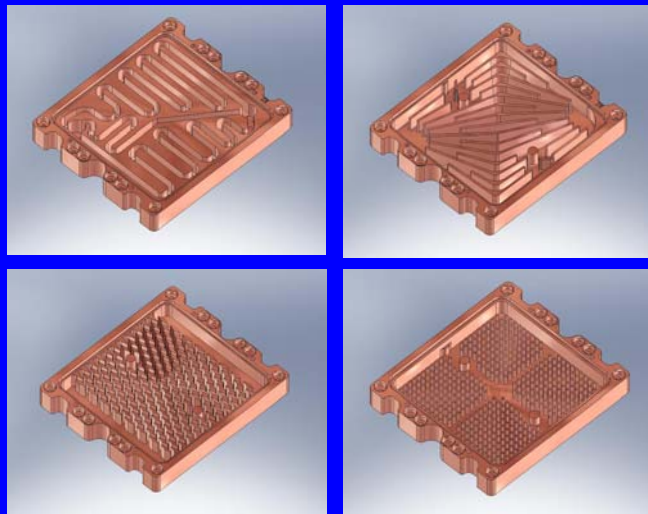


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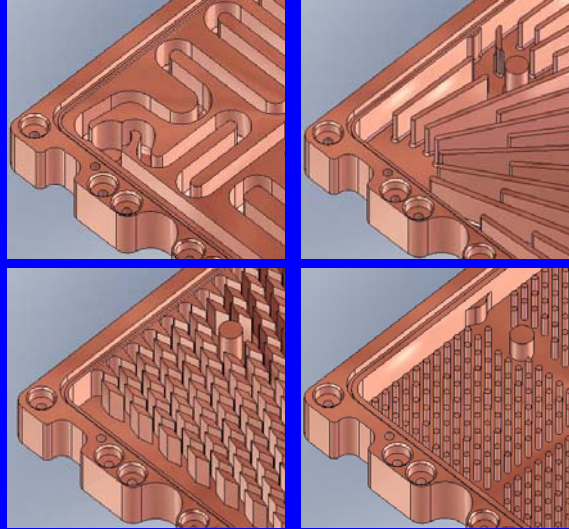


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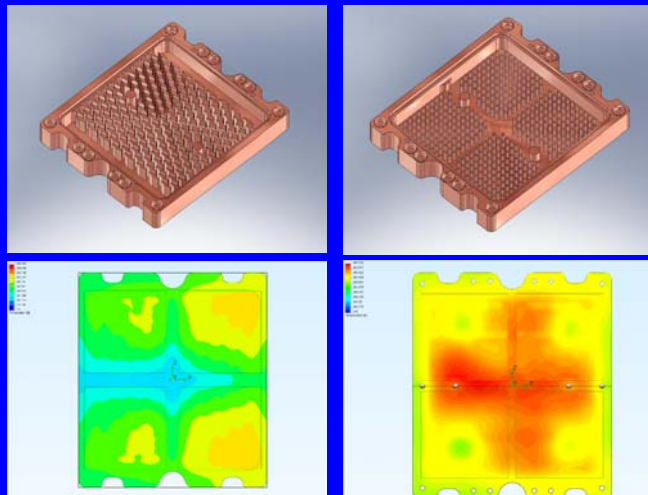


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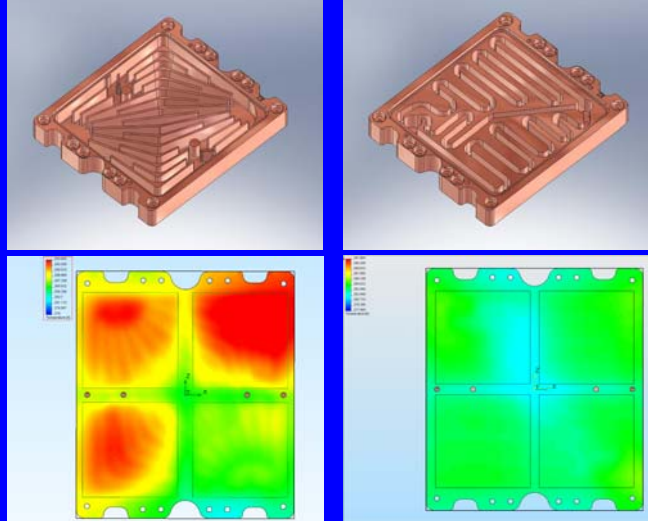


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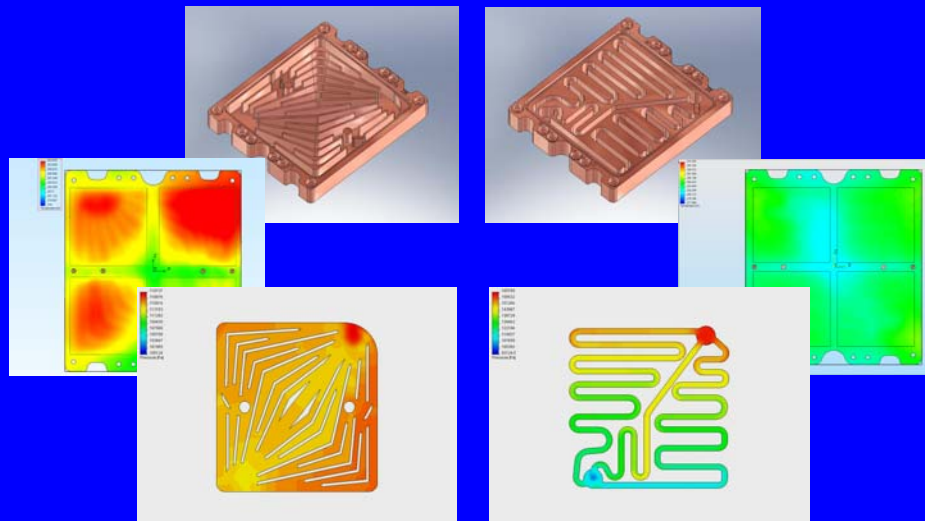


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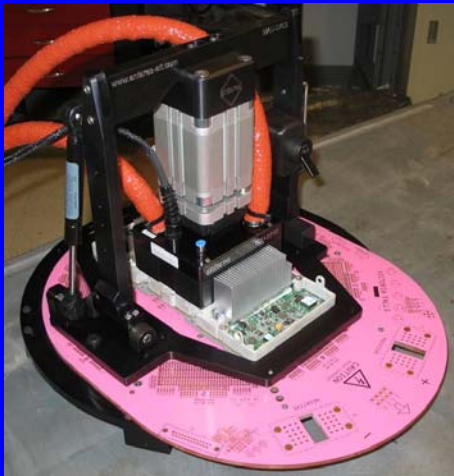


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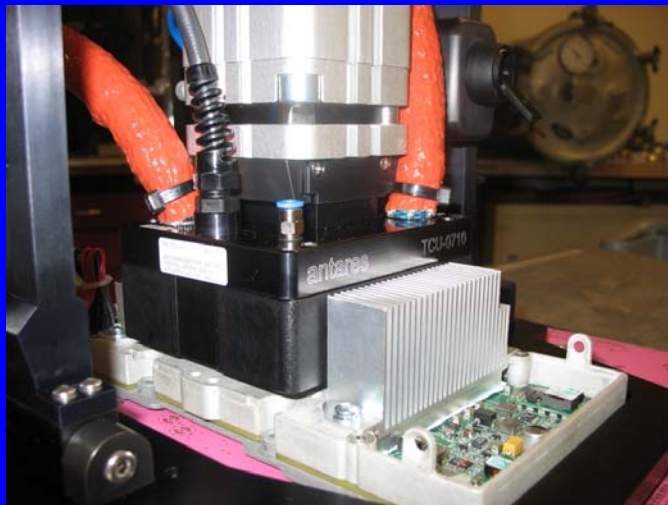


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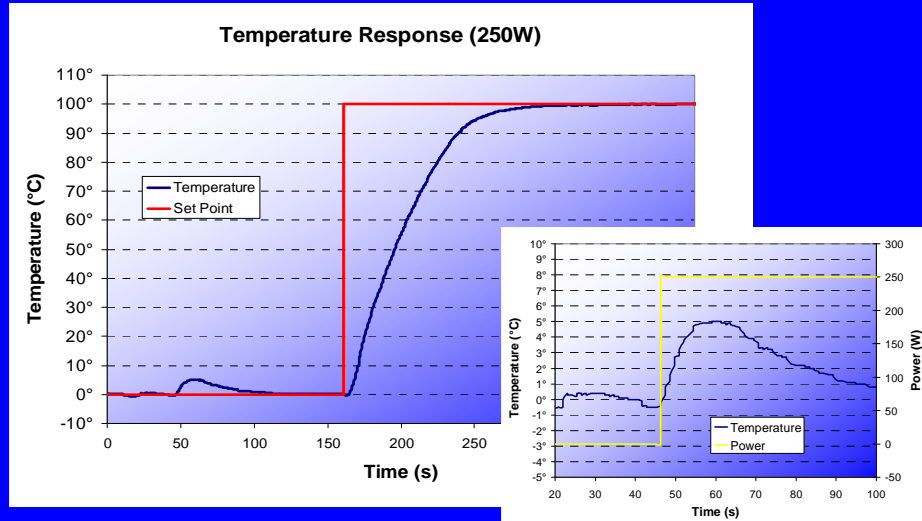


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PERFORMANCE



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CONCLUSION

**Did we give the customer what they
wanted ?**

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DID WE GIVE THE CUSTOMER WHAT THEY WANTED?

- ✓ REQUIREMENTS
 - 250W Solution
- ✓ CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
 - ¼ Cost of Existing Solutions

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DID WE SATISFY OUR INTERNAL COMPANY REQUIREMENTS?

- ✓ Technical Requirements
- ✓ Customer Satisfaction
- ✓ Low Volume Manufacturing
 - Trade-Offs

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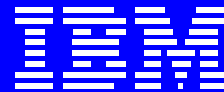
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HOW DO YOU KNOW ?

- In today's dynamic test mfg environment:
 - How do you know that the Front End Hardware that you just put on the tester is good?
 - How do you know that you won't be wasting precious tester time to figure it out?
 - Can you afford more Testers?
 - Want to lower the cost of test?

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GTS: OVERVIEW

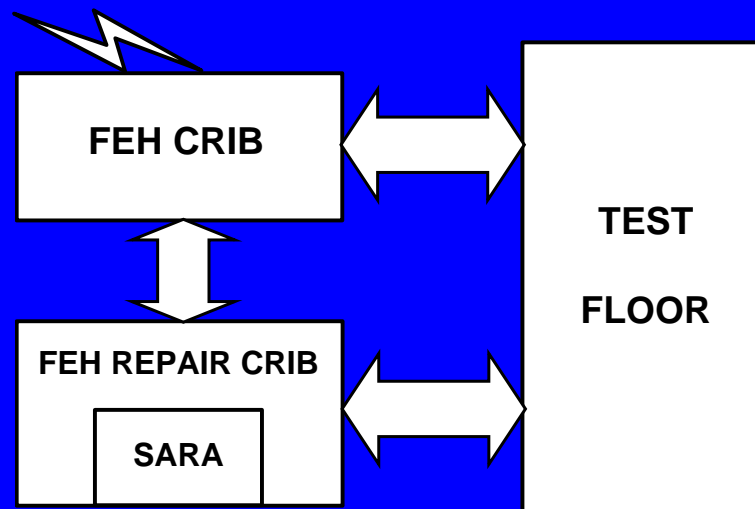
- Global Tracking System = Test Hardware Life Tracking System.
- DB2 Based with Web Access
- Tracks Inventory of all Test HW
- Matches Correct FEH to Job/Product being Run
 - Saves Operator, Maintenance & Tester Time.
 - Avoids Product Damage

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GTS SOCKET TRACKING



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SARA: BACKGROUND

- SARA = Socket Analog Resistance Analyzer
- Metrology Tool used to make accurate mass measurements of Socket and Probe Assemblies.
 - Architected for 2,209 usable I/O's (47X47 Array)
 - Pseudo-4 Point Measurements (BiTS 2000 Paper)
- Originally designed as an Engineering Tool.
 - Lab/Development Environment
 - Used for the development, evaluation and test of Test and B/I Sockets.
- HW and SW upgrades for MFG use.

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SARA HARDWARE: BURLINGTON, VT



Operator GUI

Switch Arrays (X6)

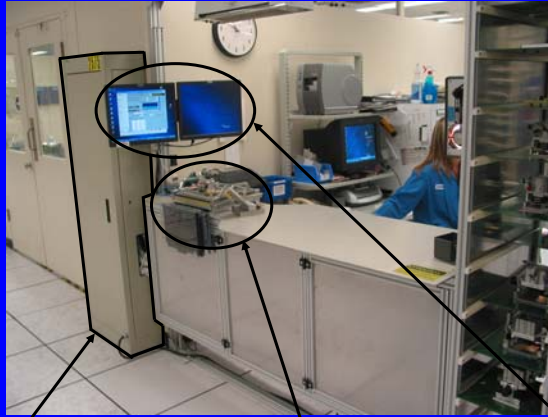
Socket Interface

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SARA HARDWARE: BROMONT, CANADA



Switch Array Rack

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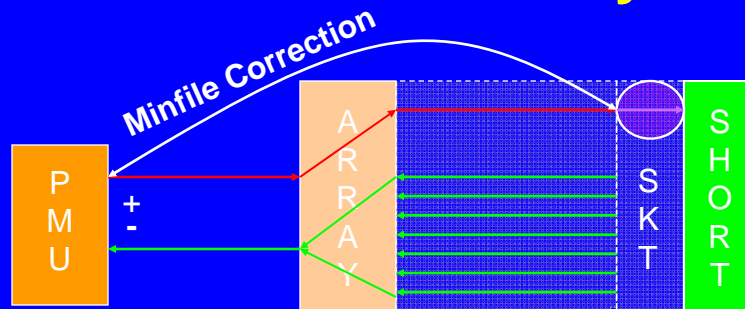
Operator GUI

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SARA HW: 2 Point System



- +PMU: Array selects pin to be tested.
- PMU: Array selects all remaining pins.
- Minfile subtracts out system resistance
- High pincount return path => 0 Ohms
- Remaining loop resistance = Contact Resistance

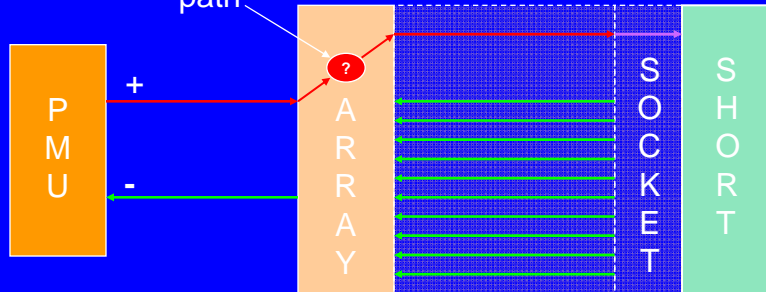
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SARA HW: 2 Point System

Relay in measurement
path



As Relays Age and/or Fail, Relay Contact Resistance values varied by over +/- 4 ohms, causing inaccuracies in the measurement system.

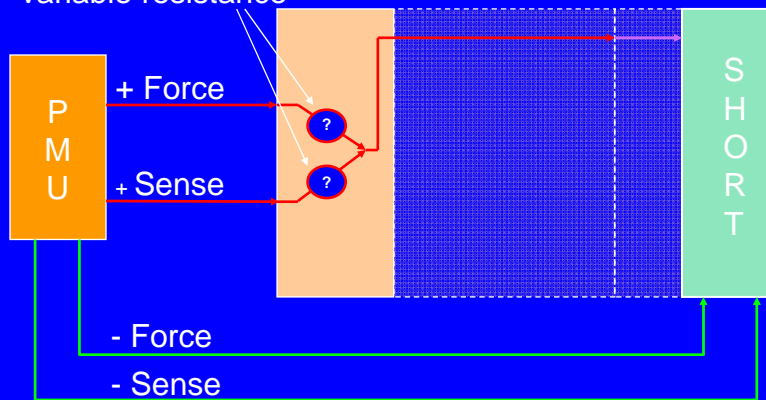
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SARA HW: 4 Point System

Relays with potentially
variable resistance



Relay contact resistance removed from measurement path.

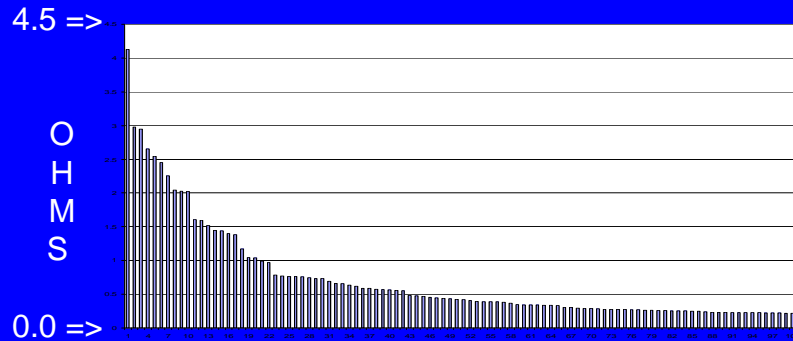
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SARA REPEATABILITY: BEFORE

2 Point Measurement Range: 100 Highest Channels



Range = +/- 4.128 to +/- 0.216 Ohms

Spec is +/- 5 milliohms!!!

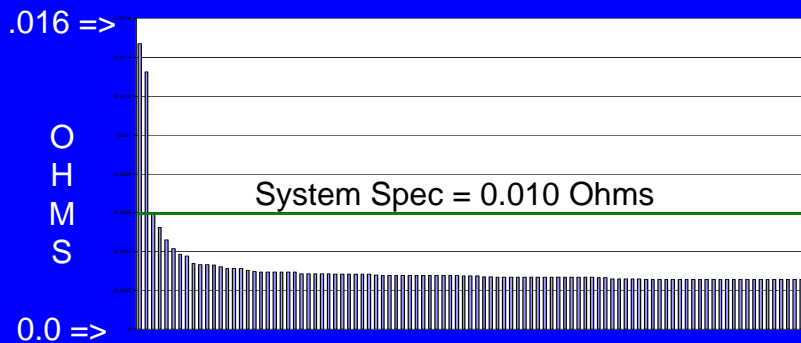
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SARA REPEATABILITY: AFTER

4 Point Measurement Range: 100 Highest Channels



System Spec = 0.010 Ohms

Ohms	Highest	100'th
2 pt	4.142	0.215
4 pt	0.016	0.00255

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2 TO 4 POINT HW CONVERSION:

- **TASKS:**
 - Updated Relay Configuration
 - Update Test fixtures for Topside –Force/-Sense Contacts
 - Not ALL the sockets we test are ours....
 - Make provisions where we can't access top of Socket; BGA Socket Testing, etc.
 - Reprogram PMU to 4 point.
 - Create ALL new calibration files for every fixture combination currently in use!

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SARA SOFTWARE

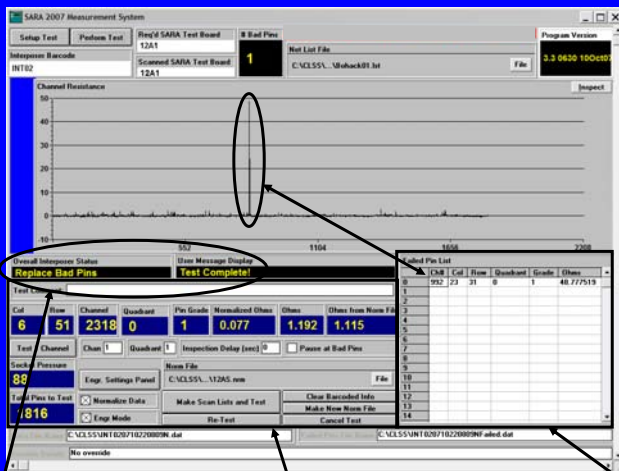
- **Automated Test, Start to Finish.....**
 - Operator just needs to scan socket barcode
 - Socket & Pass/Fail data
 - SARA Setup Parameters
 - Unique output filenames, Timestamped
 - Auto Socket Disposition for Operator:
 - OK, Repair or Repopulate.

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SARA SOFTWARE GUI



Interposer Status

Tester HW Status

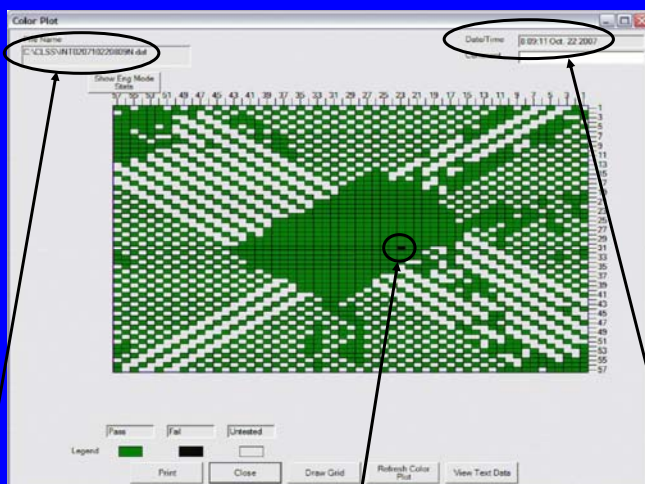
Failed Channel List

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PASS/FAIL COLORMAP



Filename

Failed Channel Location

Date/Time

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SYSTEM OVERHEAD

- EVERY piece of FEH used must be uniquely barcoded for GTS
- Each item must be uniquely identified in lookup table and all test parameters defined. (Netlist, Test Fixture, Norm File, etc, etc.)
- Engineering to monitor/evaluate Process.

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RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Tester Utilization Savings
- Yield Loss reduction due to defective FEH
- Yield Loss reduction due to downbinning.
- Reduced Manufacturing Operator Labor
- Reduced Test Floor Maintenance Labor

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FINAL COMMENTS

- GTS and an updated SARA tool has been proven to:
 - Accurately diagnose and aid in the repair of FEH
 - Aid to track pogo pin life.
 - A more efficient test floor and higher yielding product.
 - Socket MTBF and Preventive Socket Maintenance

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