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**The challenges in testing small and highly integrated devices in a massive parallel test system**

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# Overview

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- ❑ Trends and objectives for high parallel testing
- ❑ The challenges of testing IC's in a massive parallel test system
- ❑ Concepts and solution for high parallel test contactor and results
- ❑ Thermal aspects
- ❑ Conclusion & follow-on work?



# Trends and Objective of IC Handling

# Backend Test Evolution

PST (post singulation test)

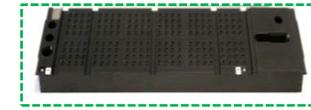
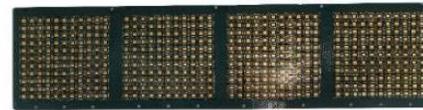
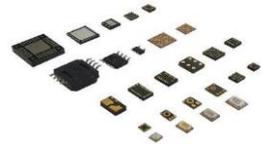
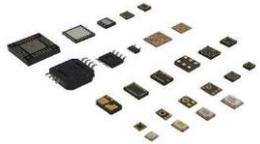
Strip/Wafer level probing

Gravity  
(till 2000)

PnP  
2000 to 2020

TIS / Batch  
2020 →

Panel Test  
→ 2025



Gravity

Pick and Place

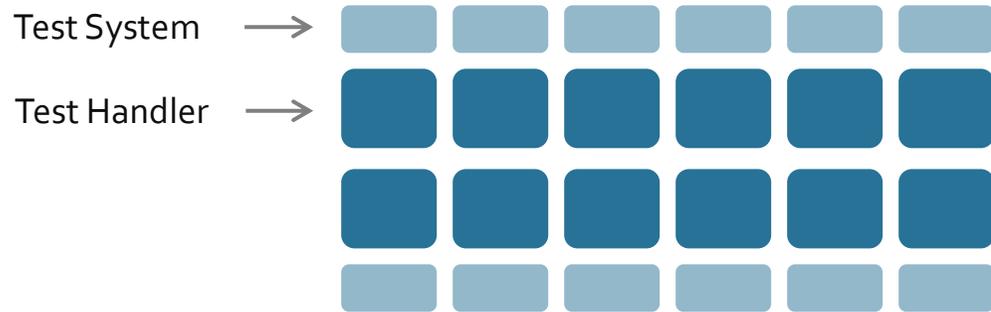
Test in Strip

Sense+



# Singulated Handlers vs. Strip-Based Handlers

## ❑ Conventional Final Test Floor

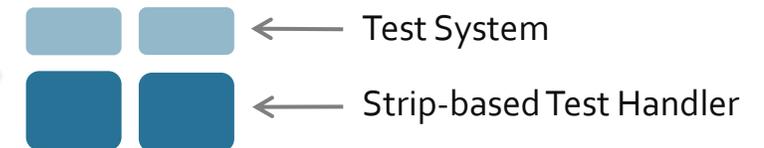


Objective: 2 Mio. devices / day

Ambient Quad = 7200 IC / h  
= 12 handler  
= 6000 FT<sup>2</sup>  
= \$9.6M

Assumptions: Test Cell \$0.8M, 0.75 uptime,  
index 500 ms TT=1 sec

## ❑ Strip-Based Test Floor



Objective: 2 M devices / day

Ambient x32 = 64500 IC / h  
= 1.5 handler  
= 1500 FT<sup>2</sup>  
= \$1.65M

Assumptions: Test Cell \$1.1M, 0.9 uptime, index 180 ms / strip  
index 2 sec TT=1 sec

Replace 12 test cells with 2

Reduce m<sup>2</sup> x4

Reduce \$ x5



# The challenges of testing IC's in a massive parallel test system

# Requirement and Challenges

*“Contactor / and Probe card architecture should evolve to simplify the interface, however just the opposite is happening — more complexity is built into the contactor and probe card interfaces”*

## ❑ Miniaturization

- Very precise contacting technology in X, Y and Z
- Pad and bumps may get damaged during the contacting process
- Very thin and fragile package require accurate pick and place as well as force-controlled contacting

## ❑ Diversification in Geometry of Device and Pads

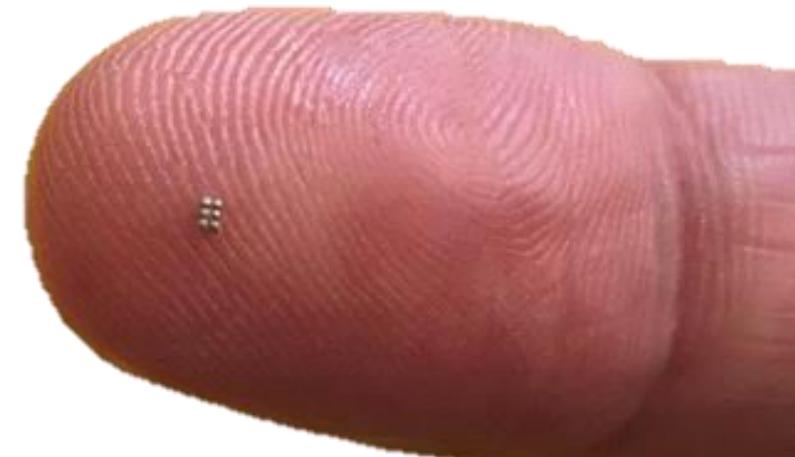
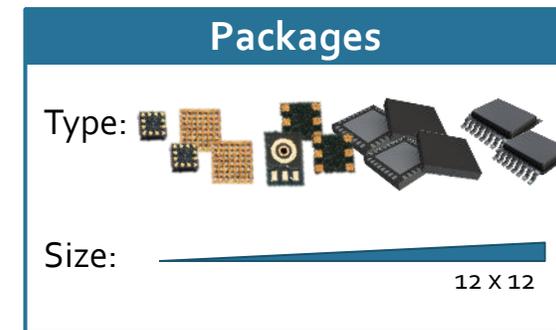
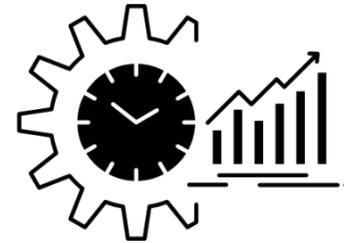
- Standardization is difficult
- Technical clarification becomes challenging

## ❑ Reducing cost is a constant goal

- Reliability
- Throughput – Tester capability, Handler thruput & Parallelism need to get balanced

## ❑ Time to market

- Shorter life cycle







# Concept / Solution for high parallel test contactor

# Integration on an Example of a MEMS Test

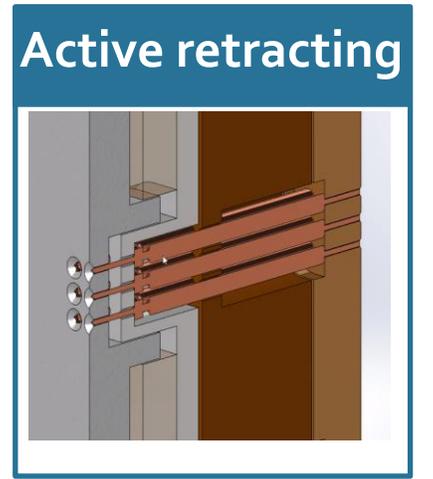
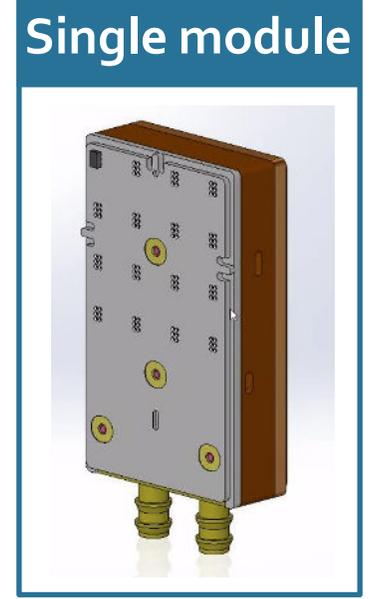
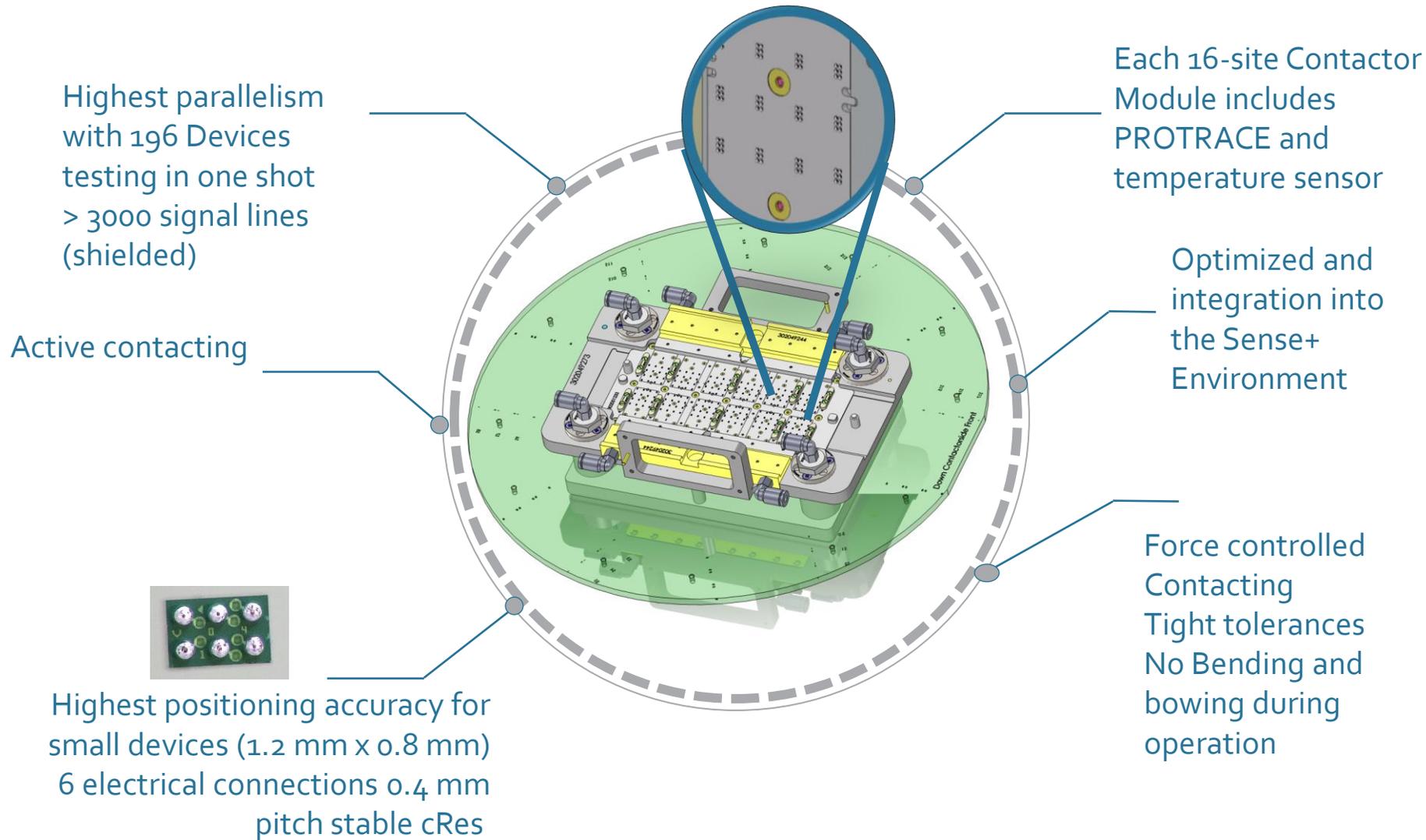


- ❑ Example describes a project:
  - Implementation of generic methods and technology
  - Applicable for further multi site testing projects

Batch Carrier Vacuum



# Concept for a high parallelism contactor - Facts

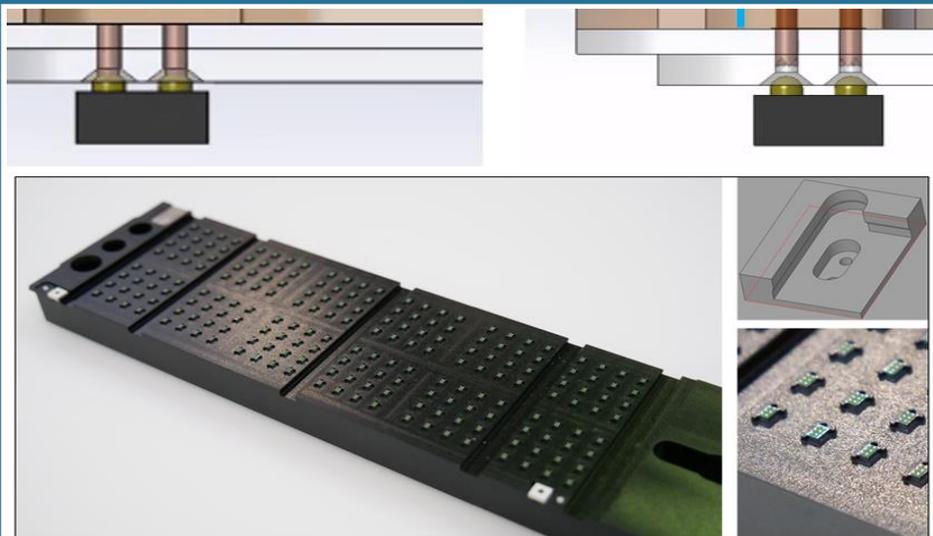


# Miniaturization - Reliability

## ❑ Simulation and Test

- Simulation of holding force on the “Accuchuck” - Batchcarrier
- Measurement of holding force
- Development of an „Active Retracting” concept - **Patented**
- Close corporation with all involved stake holders
  - Best solution /optimized solution

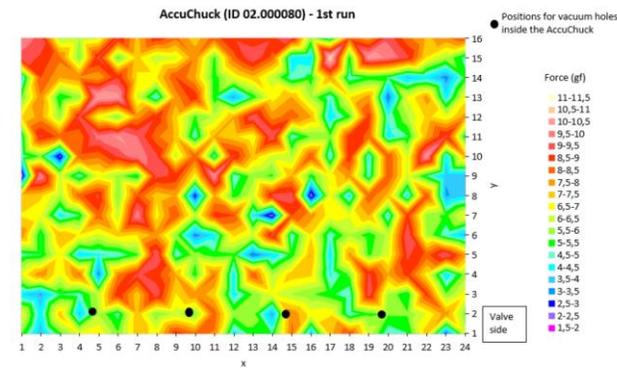
### Accu chuck – contactor



### Force measurement plot

#### Force measurements

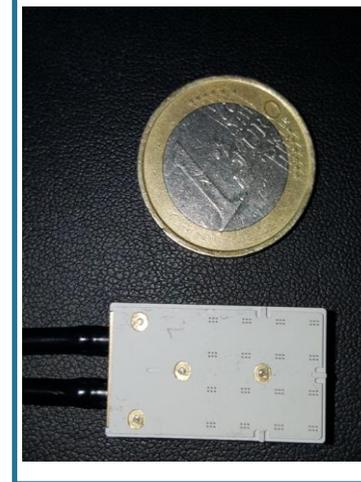
Note: The first run of ID 02.000080 is the fully populated AccuChuck of the report 20210531-1.



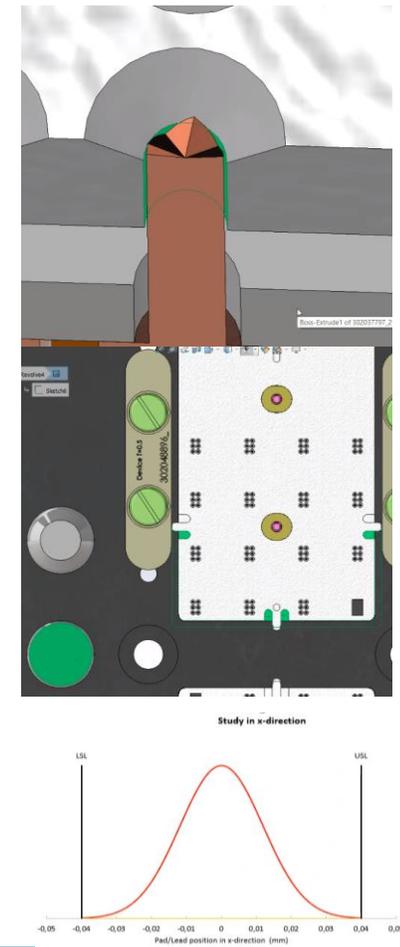
# Tolerance analysis and optimization

- Target : +/-40  $\mu\text{m}$  positioning accuracy over all 1176 I/O's
  - Reduced tolerance chain  $\rightarrow$  only 4 dimensions from the contact tip to the positioning feature from the contactor
  - Appropriate material selection (Manufacturability/ Thermal expansion/ cost...)
  - Spring pin selection with an optimized tolerance of +/-0,0035mm in diameter (Kita Cohu Pin)
  - Hand in hand collaboration between handler team and Contactor team
  - Closed Loop tolerance analysis und mechanical simulation  $\rightarrow$  99.925% within +/-40  $\mu\text{m}$  cpk 1.12 (3.3Sigma)

## Miniaturization



## Tolerance chain



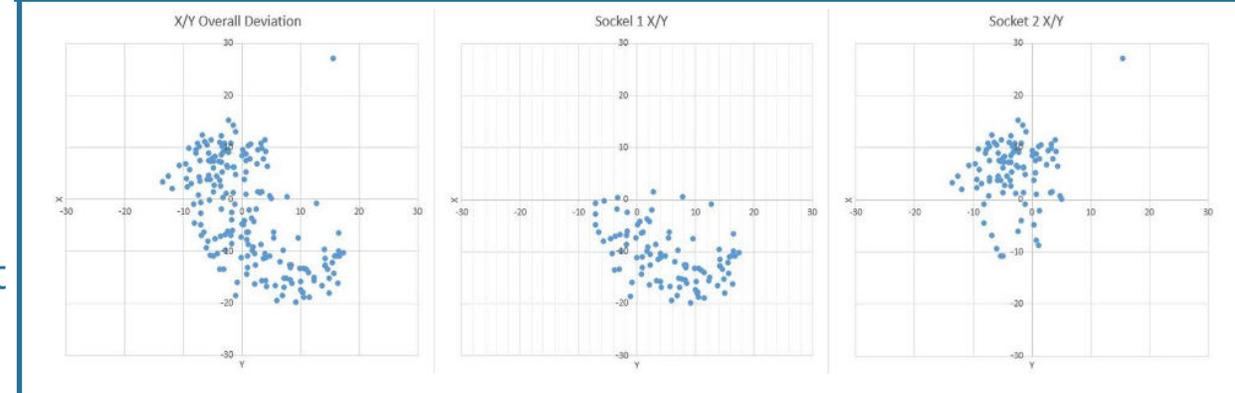
| Component | Distribution function | Tolerance type | Description                              | Material of this component | Algebraic sign | Nominal dimension (mm) | $\pm$ Tolerance | Angle dependence | Linear expansion coefficient (1/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) | Statistical $\sigma_i$ (mm) | Contribution to deviation of $M_0$ |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| M1        | Parabolic             |                |  |                            |                |                        |                 |                  | 0   | 0,003812671                 | 10,314%                            |
|           | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   | Female         | Pogo bohrloch                            |                            | +              | 0,14                   | 0,007           | yes              | 0   | 0,003195048                 |                                    |
|           | Normal                | Male           | Pogo Diameter                            |                            | -              | 0,1265                 | 0,0035          |                  | 0   | 0,001166667                 |                                    |
| M2        | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   |                | Distance Pogohole to Base B X            |                            | +              | 6,2                    | 0,01            |                  | 0   | 0,004564355                 | 14,781%                            |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 | no               | 0   |                             |                                    |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 |                  | 0   |                             |                                    |
| M3        | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   |                | Distance Base B (x) to Nose              |                            | +              | 0                      | 0,01            |                  | 0   | 0,004564355                 | 14,781%                            |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 | no               | 0   |                             |                                    |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 |                  | 0   |                             |                                    |
| M4        | Parabolic             |                |  |                            |                |                        |                 |                  | 0   | 0,007994138                 | 45,342%                            |
|           | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   | Female         | Nose Longhole                            |                            | +              | 0,61                   | 0,005           | no               | 0   | 0,002282177                 |                                    |
|           | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   | Male           | Nose with                                |                            | -              | 0,59                   | 0,01            |                  | 0   | 0,004564355                 |                                    |
| M5        | Trapezoidal (1/2:1)   |                | Distance Precision Bolt to Nose Longhole |                            |                | 16                     | 0,01            |                  | 0   | 0,004564355                 | 14,781%                            |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 | no               | 0   |                             |                                    |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 |                  | 0   |                             |                                    |
| M6        | Normal                |                |  |                            | +              | 9,8                    | 0               |                  | 0   | 0                           | 0,000%                             |
|           |                       | not relevant   |  |                            |                |                        |                 | no               | 0   |                             |                                    |
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# Results - Measurement

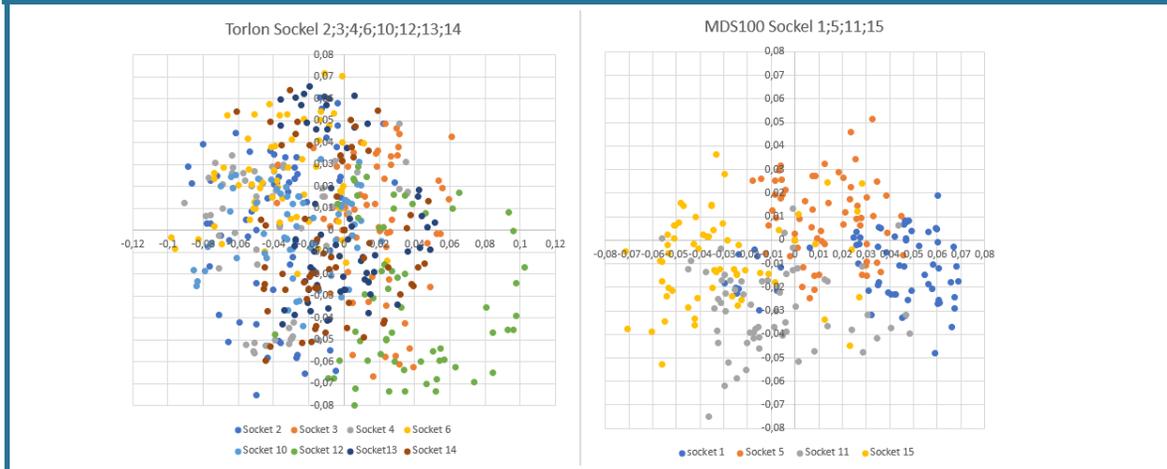
## □ What was achieved?

- Positioning accuracy: +/- 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- active contacting – contacting feature
  - Force controlled contacting
  - Active release of device from contact element
- Lifetime test >> 1.5M of active retracting feature

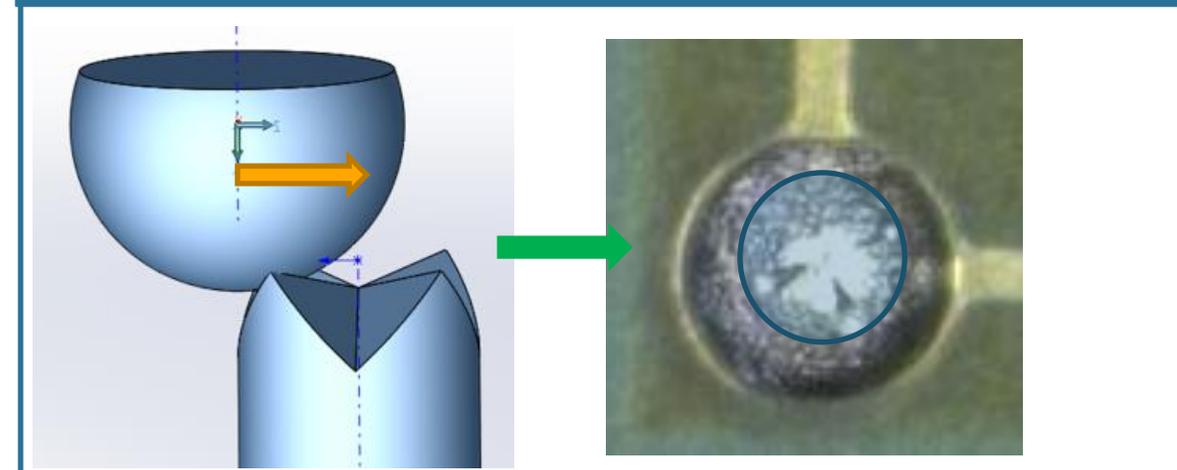
## Imprint measurement



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## Imprint check

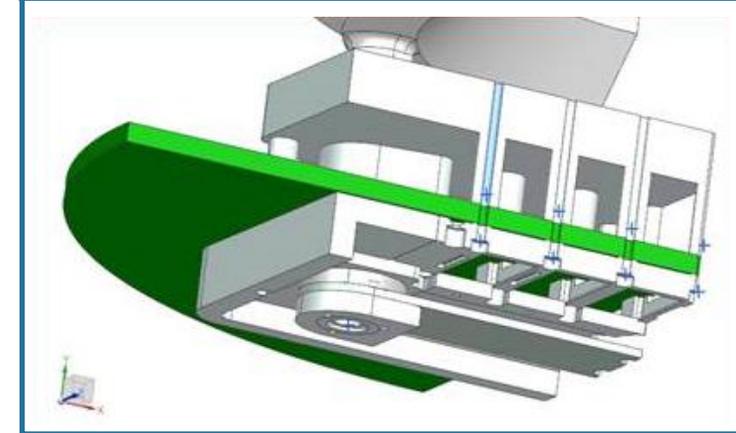


# Mechanical Integration – Simulation

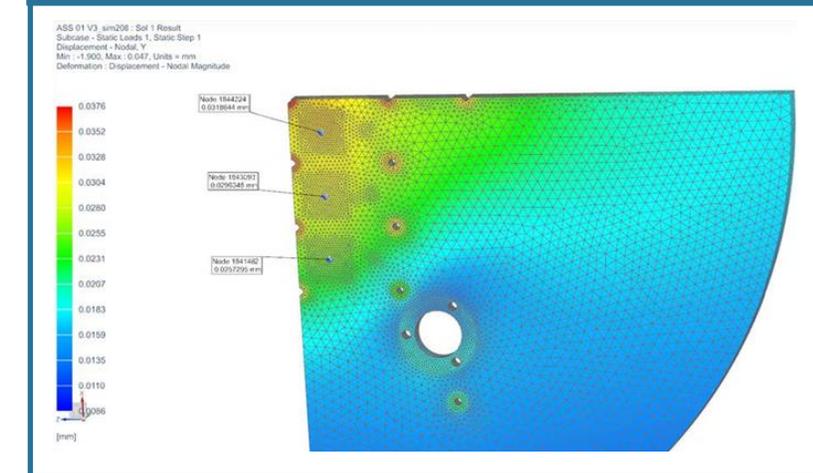
## Highly integrated

- One stop shop
  - Board, stiffener, contactor, reference sensors “Track & Trace” functionality and alignment concept with “AccuChuck”
  - Simulation (mechanical, tolerances, temperature)
  - Overall positioning accuracy over the entire contactor +/-60  $\mu\text{m}$  (including “AccuChuck”)
  - Maximum z-deflection on board <40  $\mu\text{m}$  over the entire test array

## Mechanical robustness



## Mech. Stress on board



# Service Terminal Overview

Supports stand-alone operation:

- Embedded temperature sensor
- Retrieve insertion count
- Retrieve socket ID
- Program user data
- Enables predictive maintenance
- Service terminal for

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**PROTRACE Terminal - Device Interface**

Device Address  
1

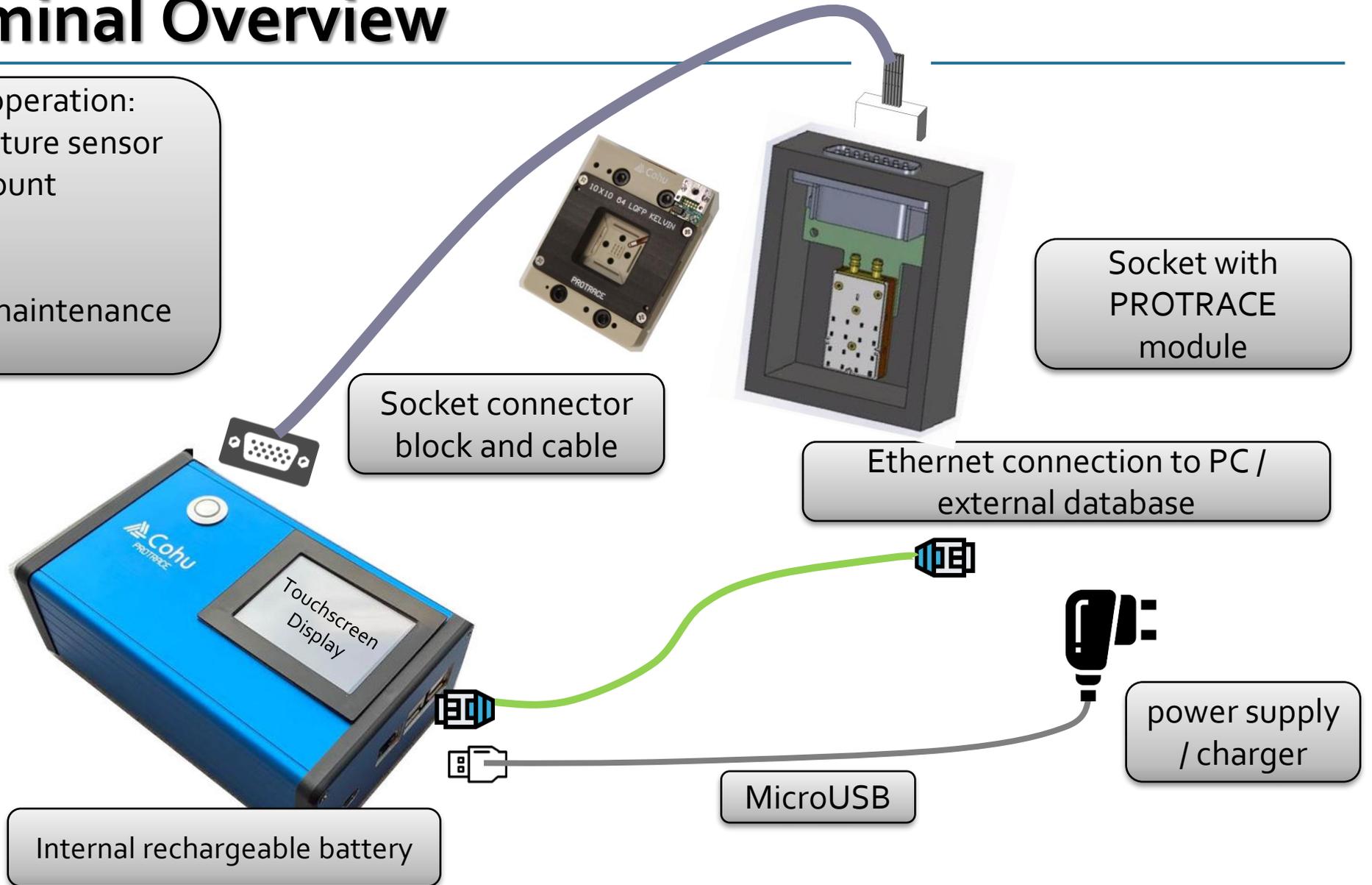
| Field                                 | Value        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Unique ID                             | Device 1     |
| Custom ID                             | The Blue One |
| Total Insertions                      | 123456       |
| Insertions After Last Pin Replacement | 32980        |
| Insertions After Last Cleaning        | 1245         |

Pins Replaced    Cleaning Performed

| Field          | Value                 |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Service Tag 01 | 54804 Probes Cleaned  |
| Service Tag 02 | 90476 Probes Replaced |
| Service Tag 03 | 105124 Probes Cleaned |
| Service Tag 04 | 120112 Probes Cleaned |

New Custom ID

Write Custom ID





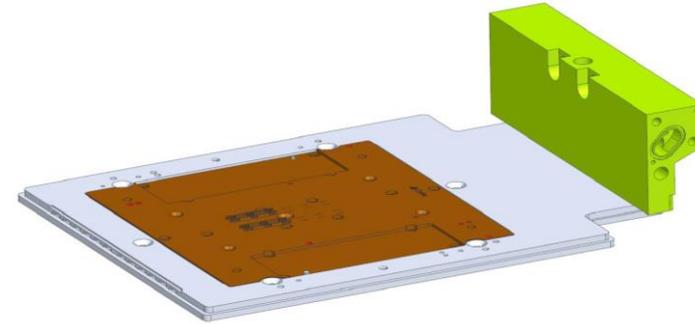
# Thermal aspects

# Thermal aspects at high parallelism

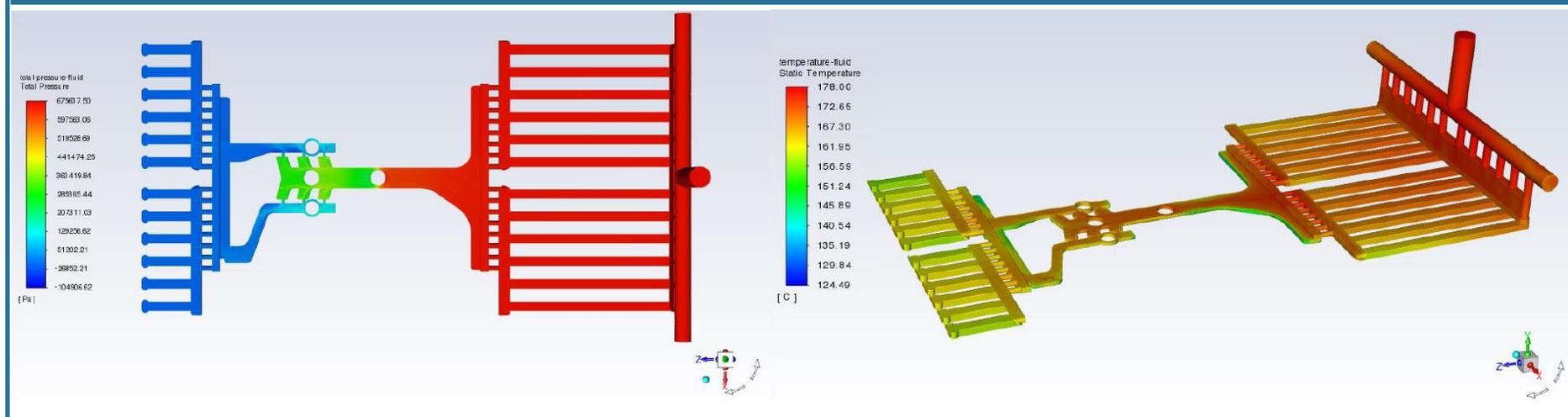
## Temperature management

- Homogeneous temperature over the entire contactor array
- Temperature ranges are expanding – Automotive, military, Aerospace...  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  –  $175^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Power applications need to dissipate Temperature to sustain the set-temperature
- Immediate heat control

## Thermal model



## Flow Simulation



# Conclusion and follow-on work

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## ❏ Conclusion

- Miniaturization, cost reduction, time to market, reliability, MEMS integration were successfully addressed by this project:
  - Higher Test Yield by tuned plunger and contactor **System** FEM Simulation assure mechanical robustness by appropriate material selection
  - Best handler touchdown efficiency by matched contact site parallelism
  - Cohu project management of all key deliverables
  - Coordination of activities with key supplier which simplifies customer experience and reduces risk
- Follow-on work - Can the effort be justified by only one application?
  - Recipe creation and active thermal control – Thermal aspects
  - Faster technical clarification by using standardized mechanical /electrical interfaces

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