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Controlling Temperature of High-Power A.I. Devices

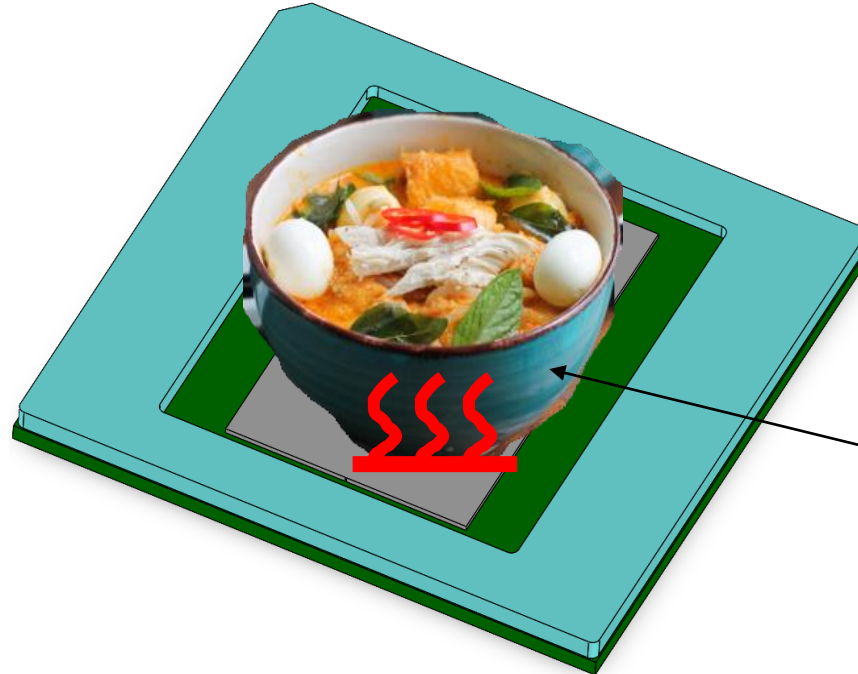
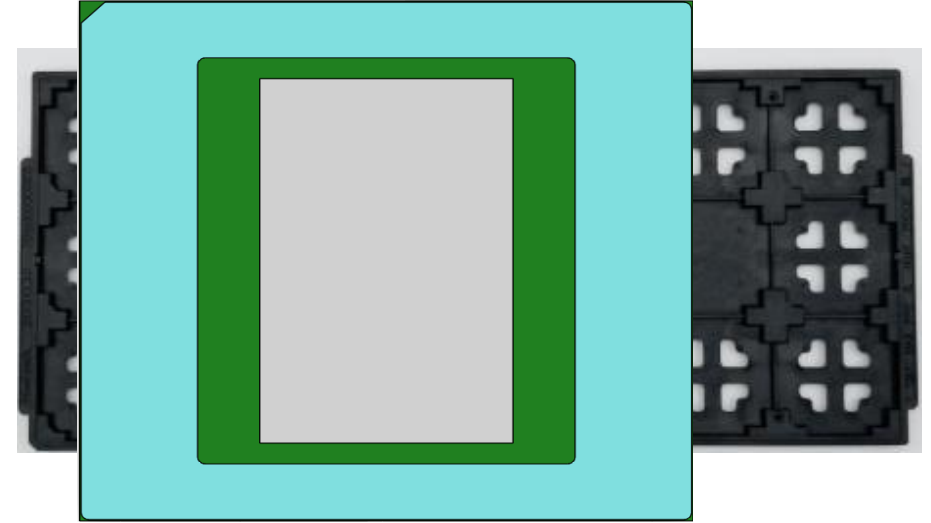
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Systems engineer



A.I devices are built different

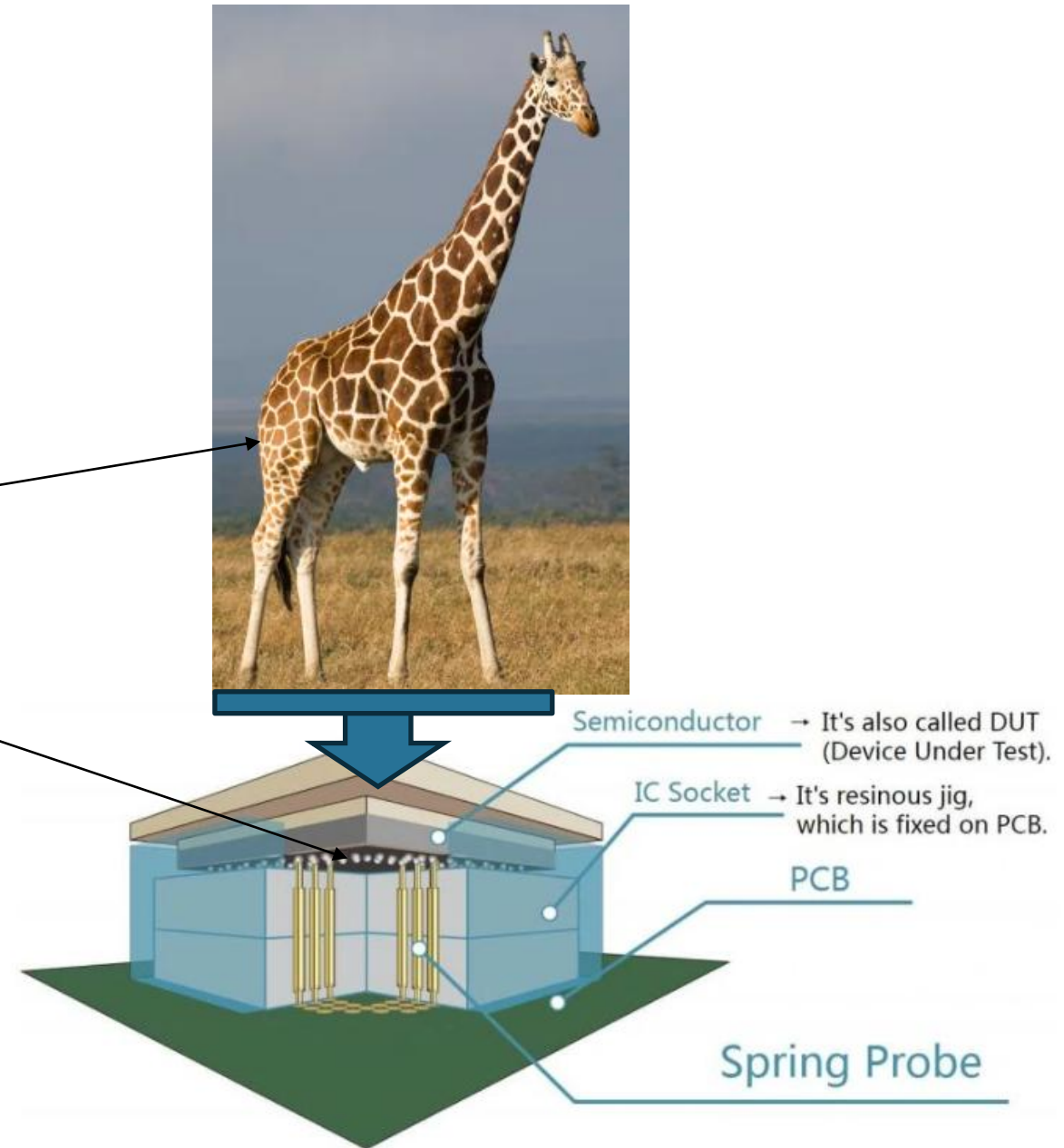
- ❑ Large footprints pushing limits of JEDEC tray size
- ❑ High power during test measured in multiple kW
- ❑ Many new challenges for final test



Sufficient power to
cook a Curry Laksa!

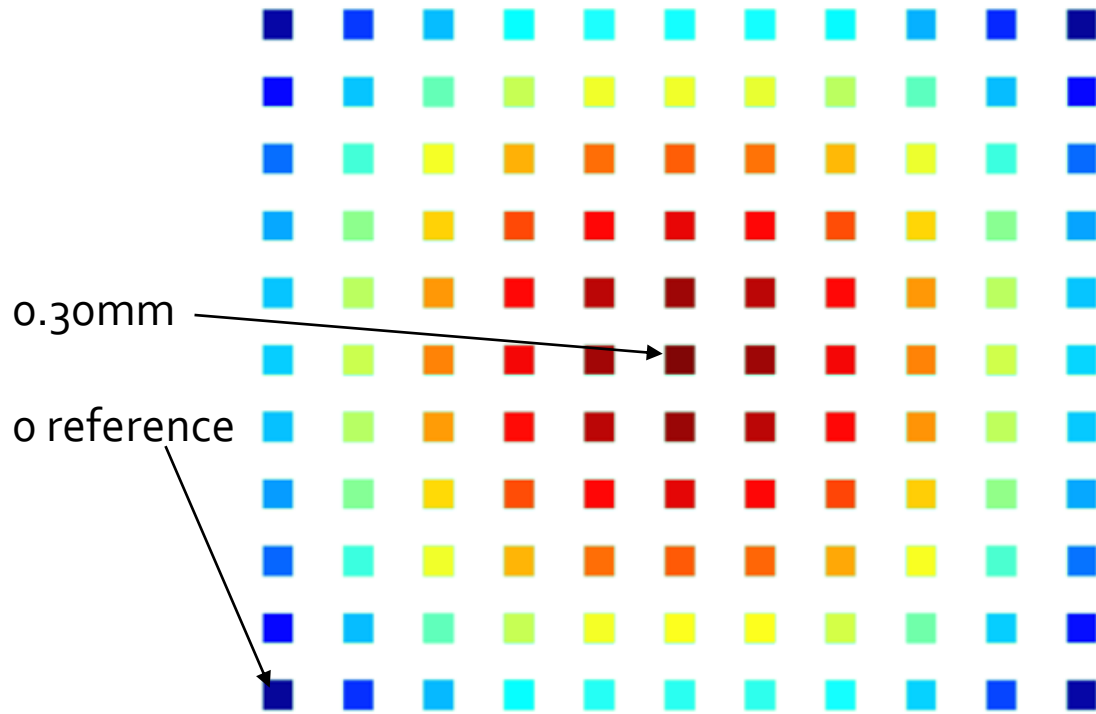
Socketing force

- ❑ High socketing forces
- ❑ > 10,000 balls / device today
 - >300 [kg] socket force
- ❑ Redesign TU for higher loads
- ❑ Roadmap 1 metric ton

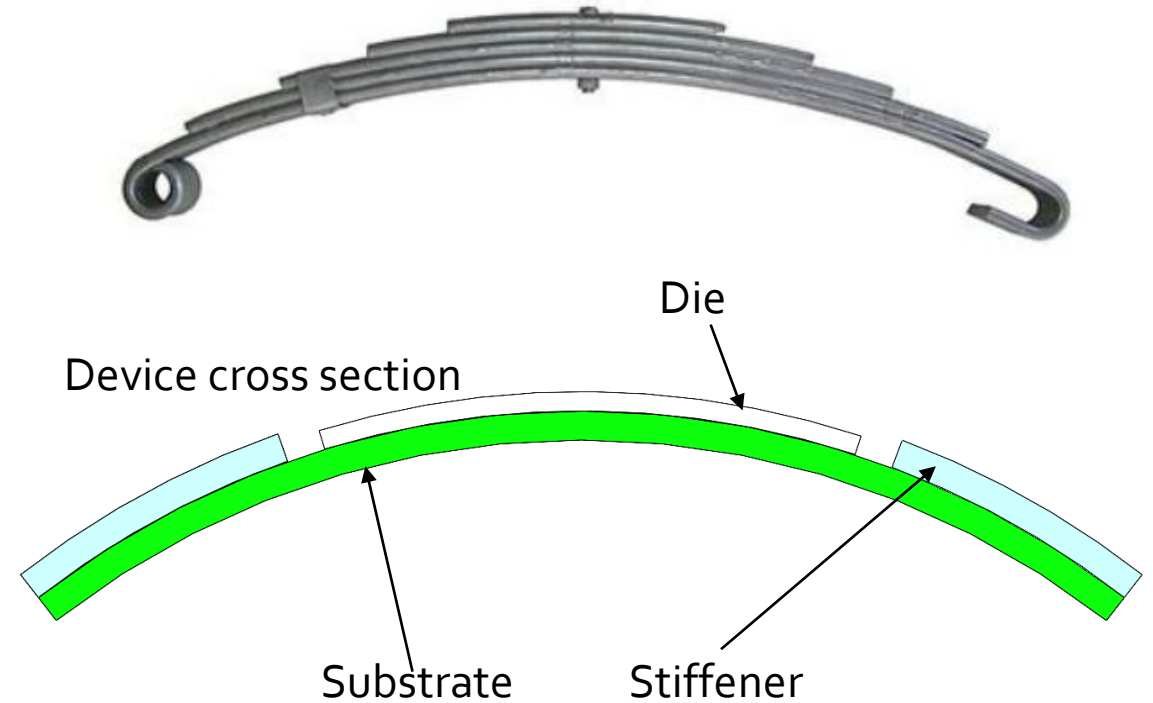


Convex devices

- ❑ Devices are convex, not flat
- ❑ Heat can flatten devices
- ❑ Some tests are at ambient & colder temps

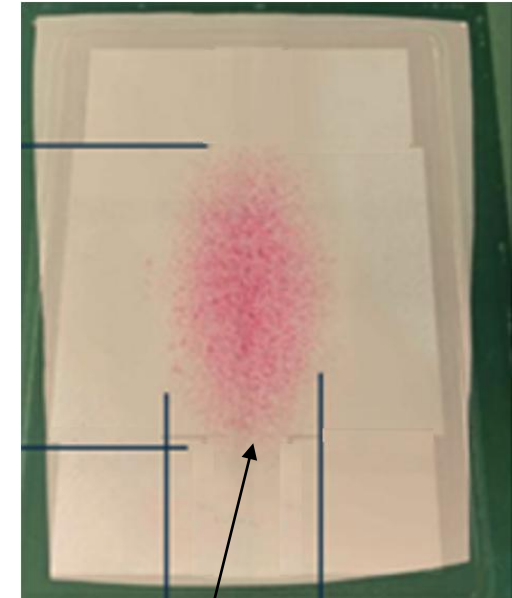
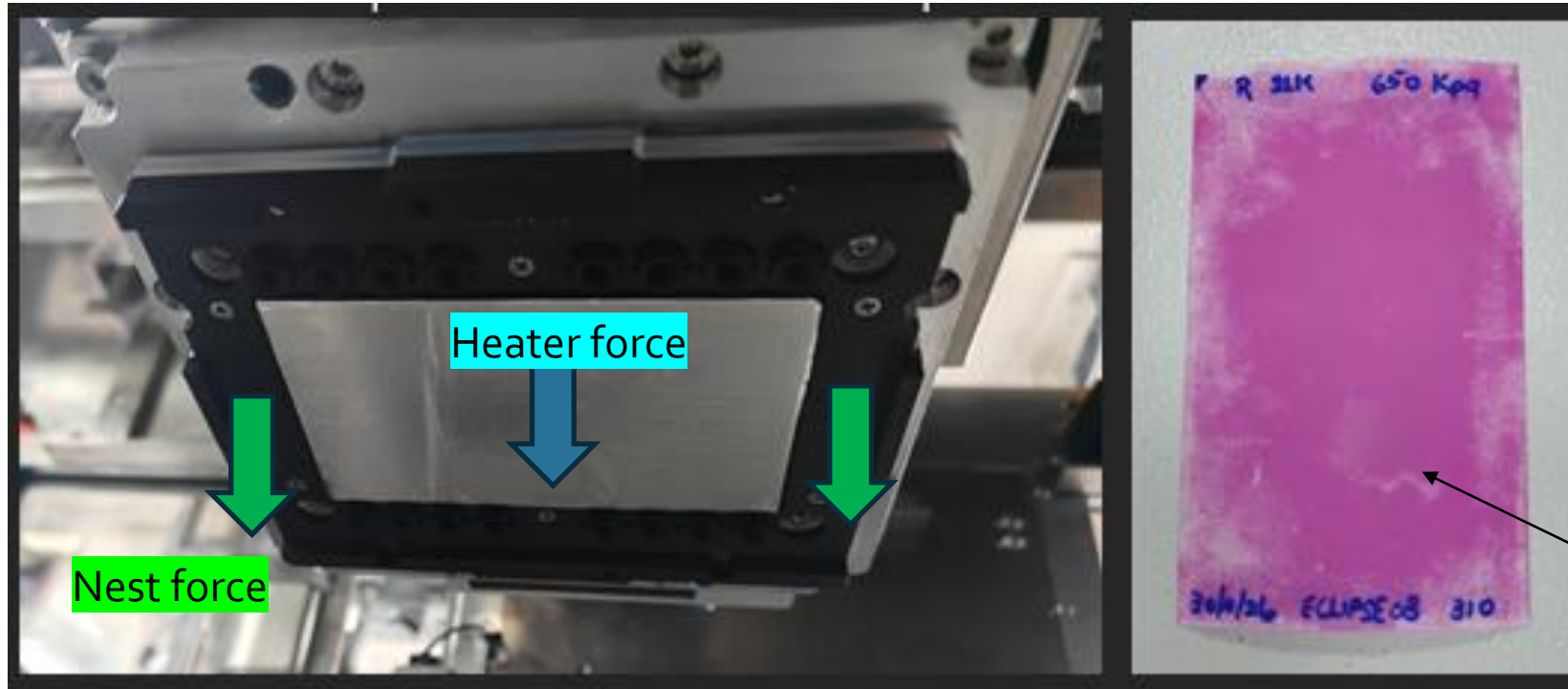


Measured convex device @ room temp



Convex devices cont.

- ❑ Geometry imperfection affects thermal contact area
- ❑ Good contact mandatory to pass tests
- ❑ Higher proportion of force pushing through heater
 - >90% capability vs <20% in older designs

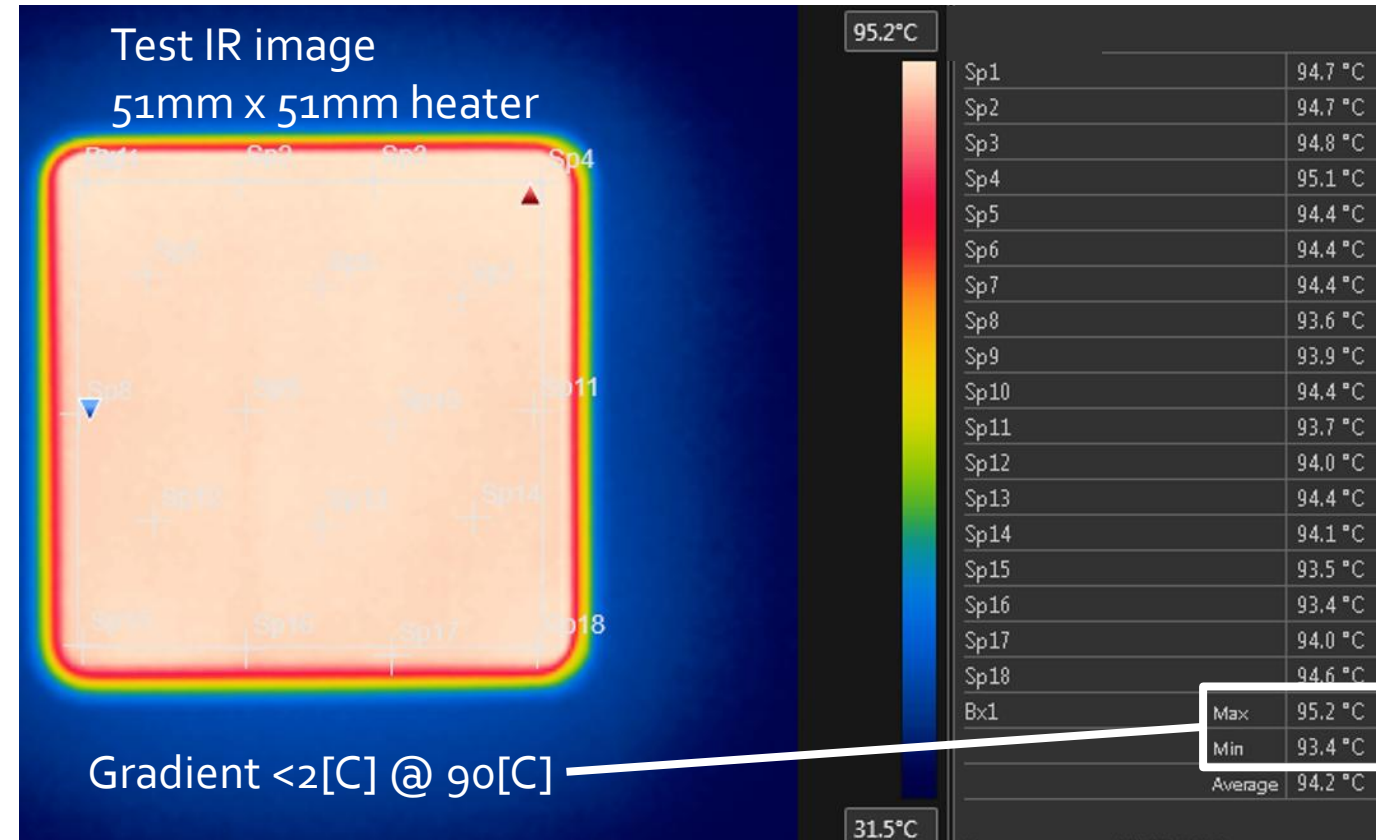
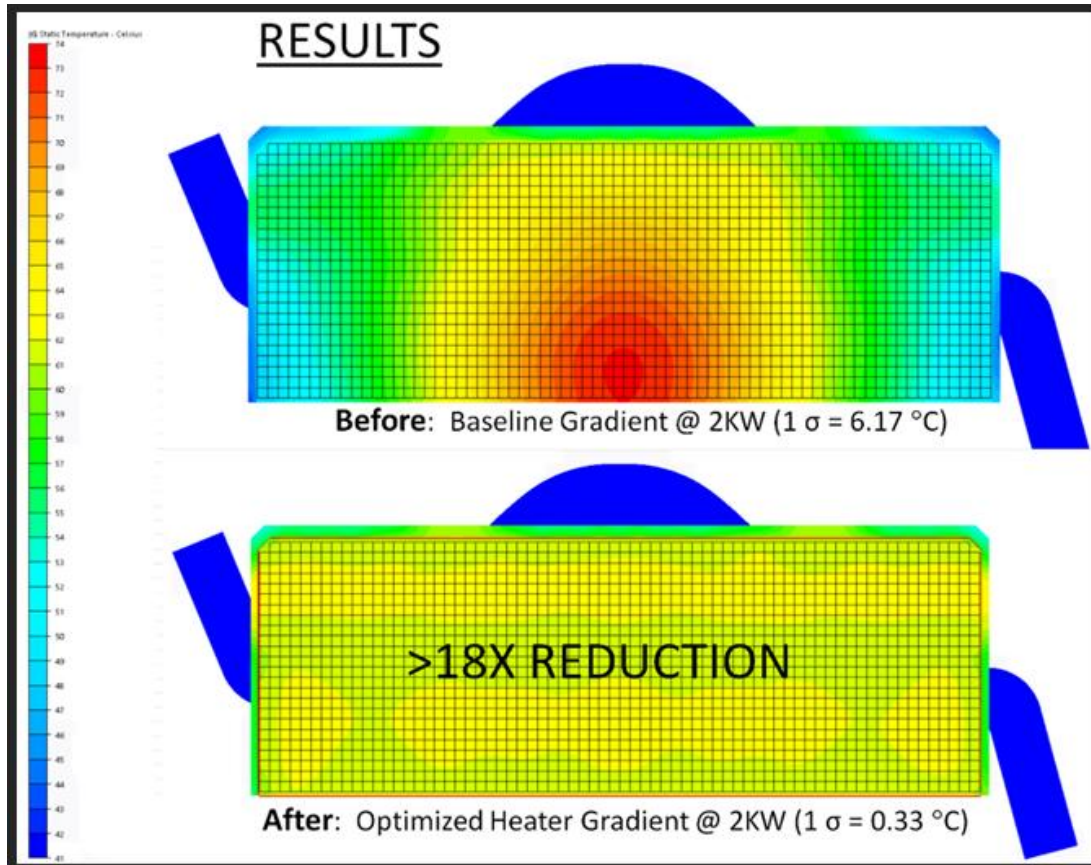


Poor contact

Good contact

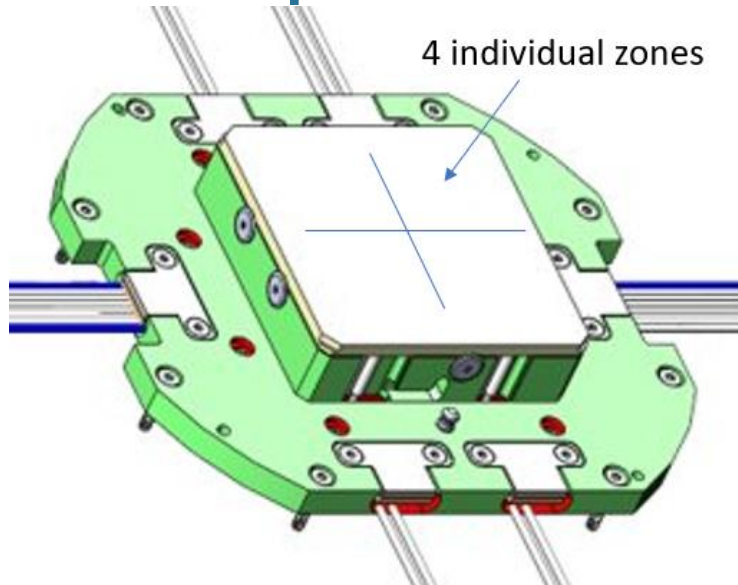
Temperature gradient

- ❑ More sensors in device → tougher gradient specifications
- ❑ Improved design and test methods to optimize heater gradient

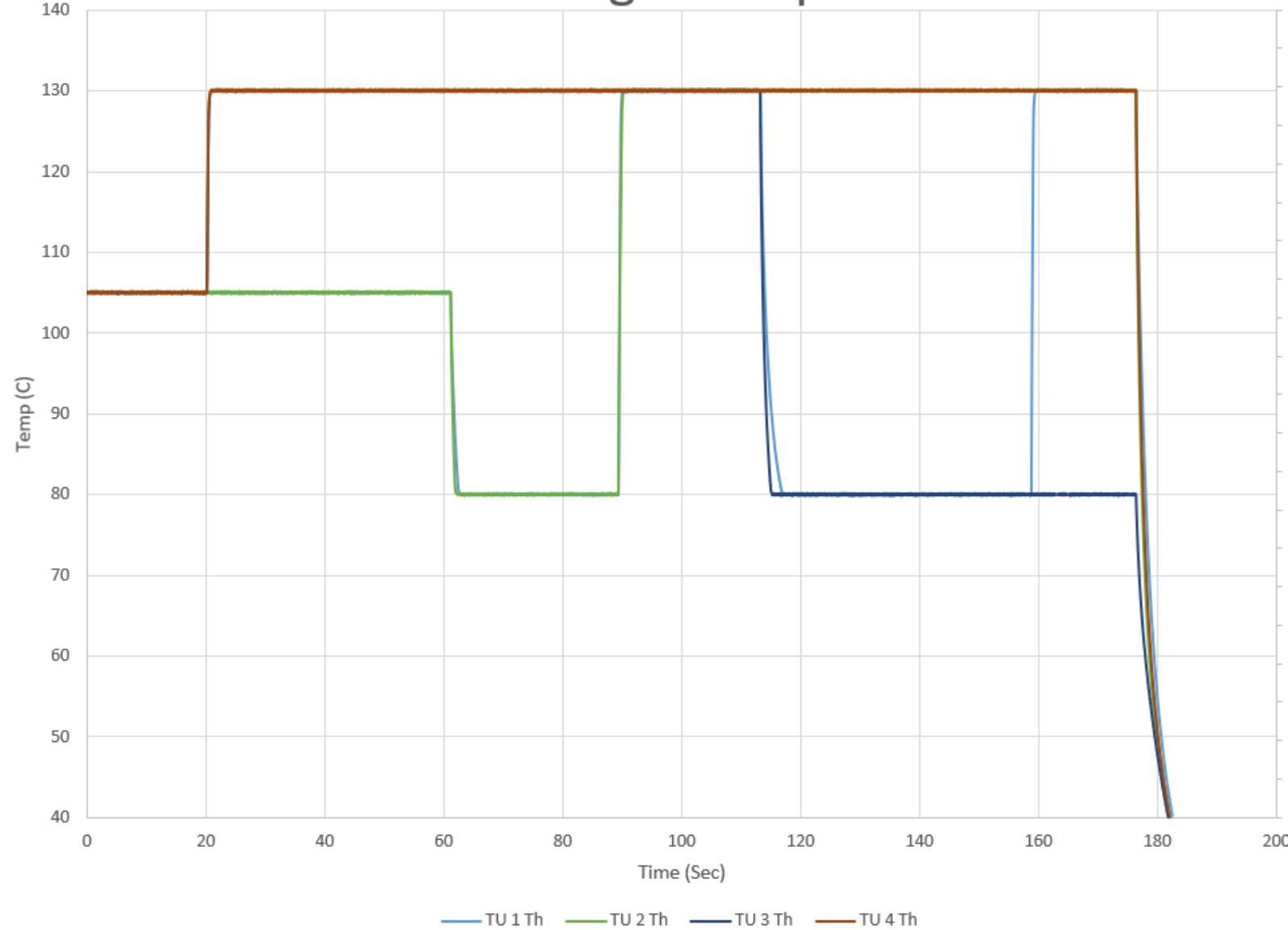


Multizone

- ❑ Large device → good gradient is not enough
- ❑ Die zones have different thermal loads during test
- ❑ Developed multizone TU with independent control

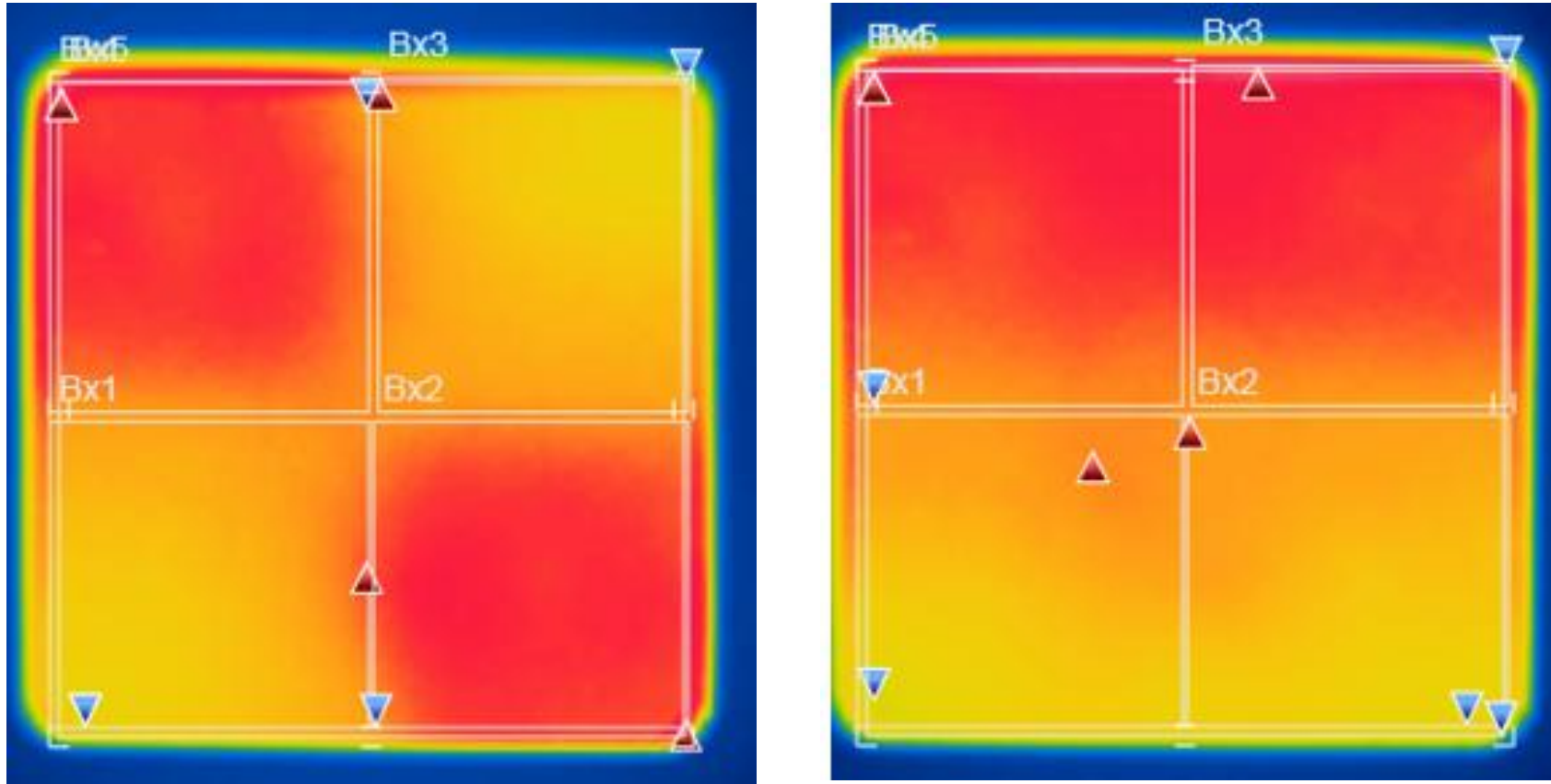


Heater controlling 4 independent zones



Multizone cont.

- ❑ Customizable TU zones to match die zone dimensions
- ❑ Enables better overall control of die temp
- ❑ Testing IR images, 130C and 145C zones



TIM

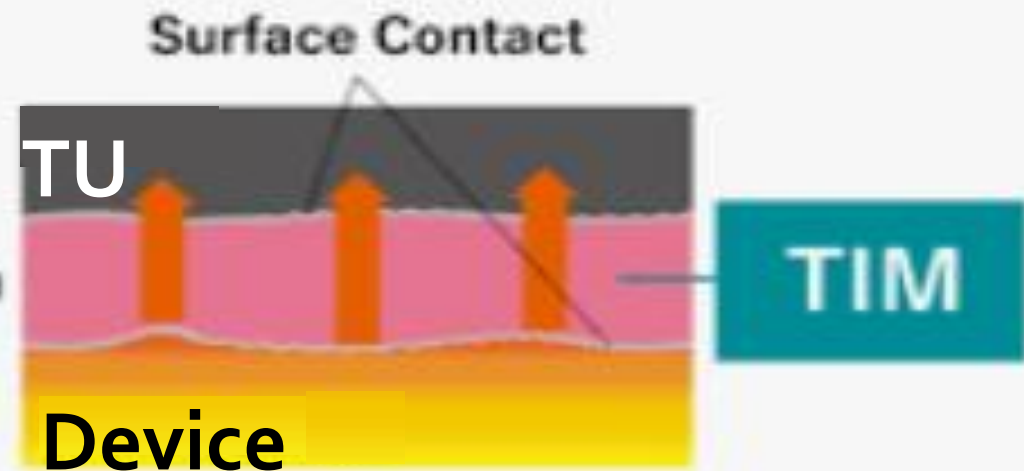
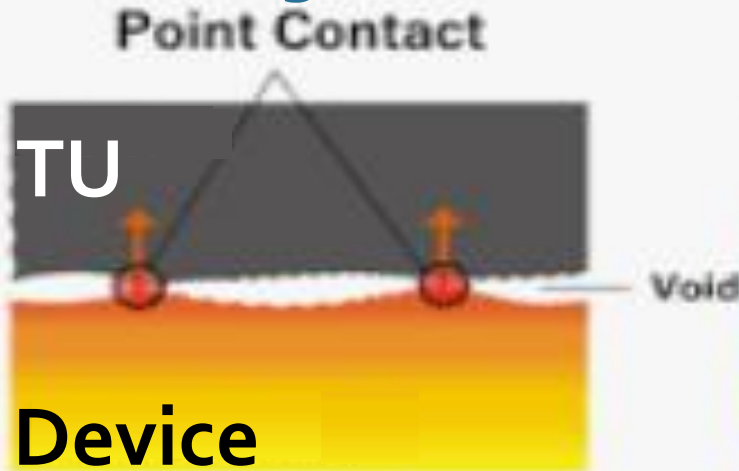
- ❑ Final test pushes TIM technology past its intended use
- ❑ Extensive evaluations & testing of next gen TIMs
 - Low thermal resistance, long lasting & serviceable in the field
- ❑ More customers seeing TIM value

Good TIM is like good tires



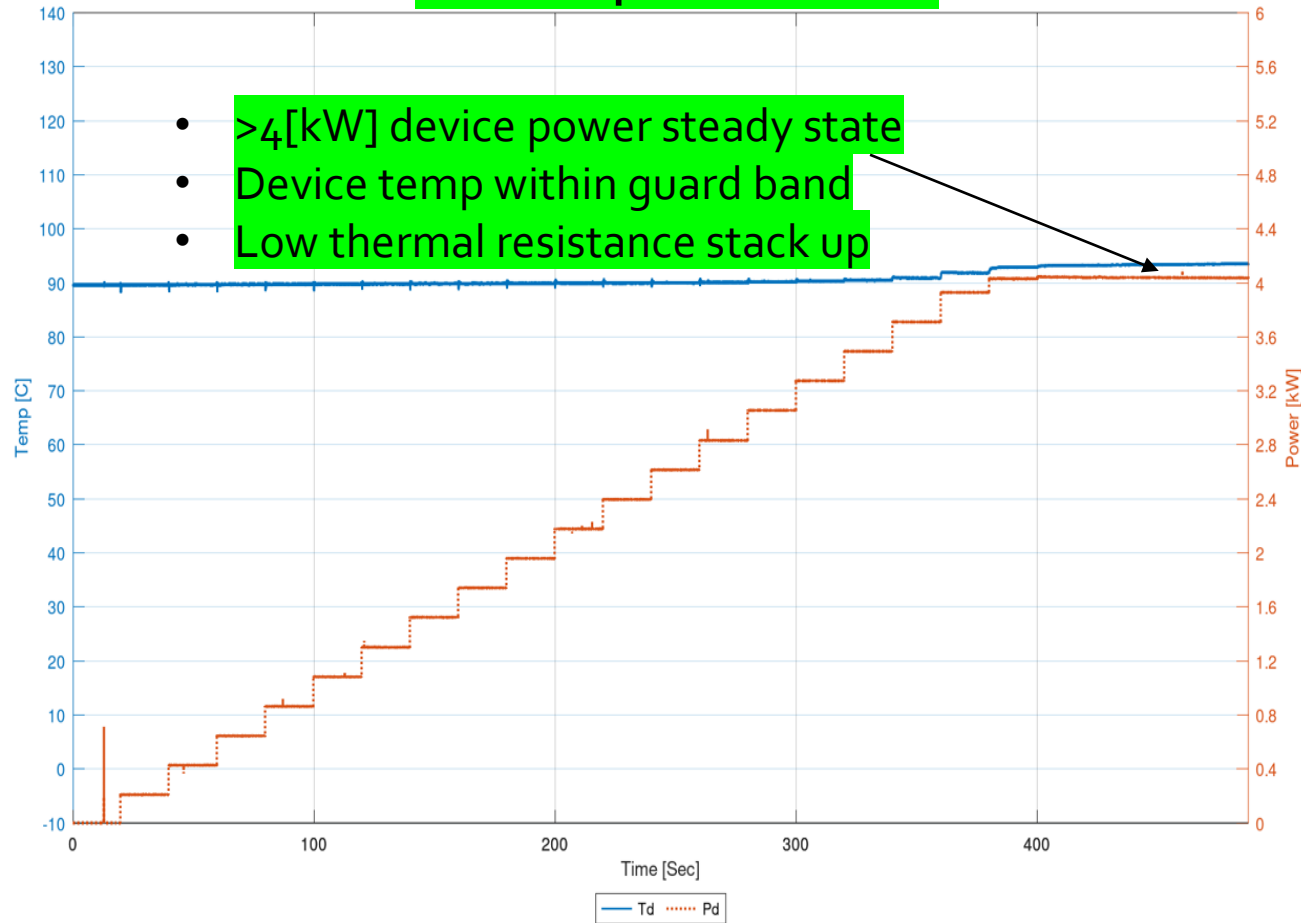
Most capable 4x4 vehicle

Still needs good tires otherwise performance will suffer!

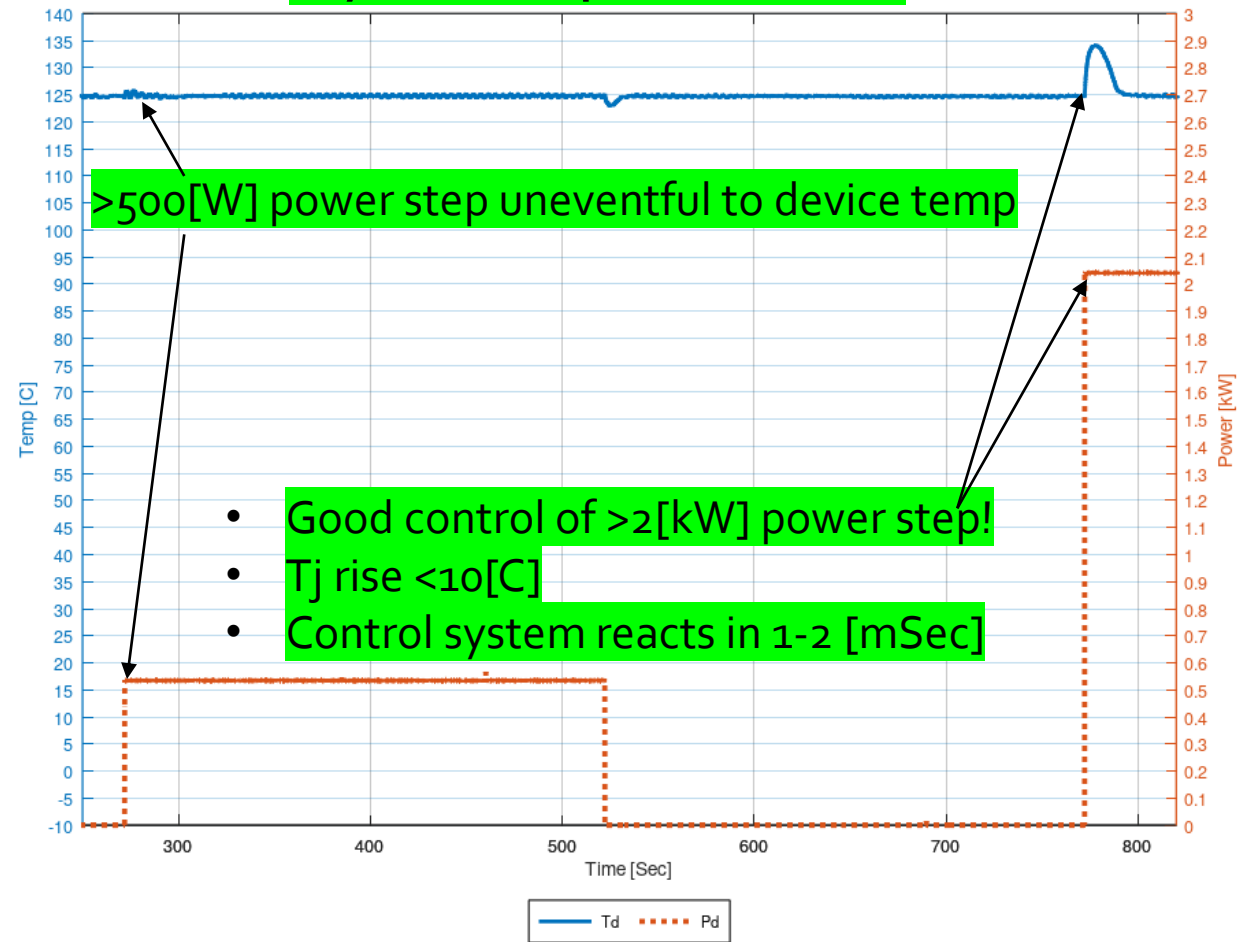


Static & dynamic optimization

Static power test



Dynamic power test



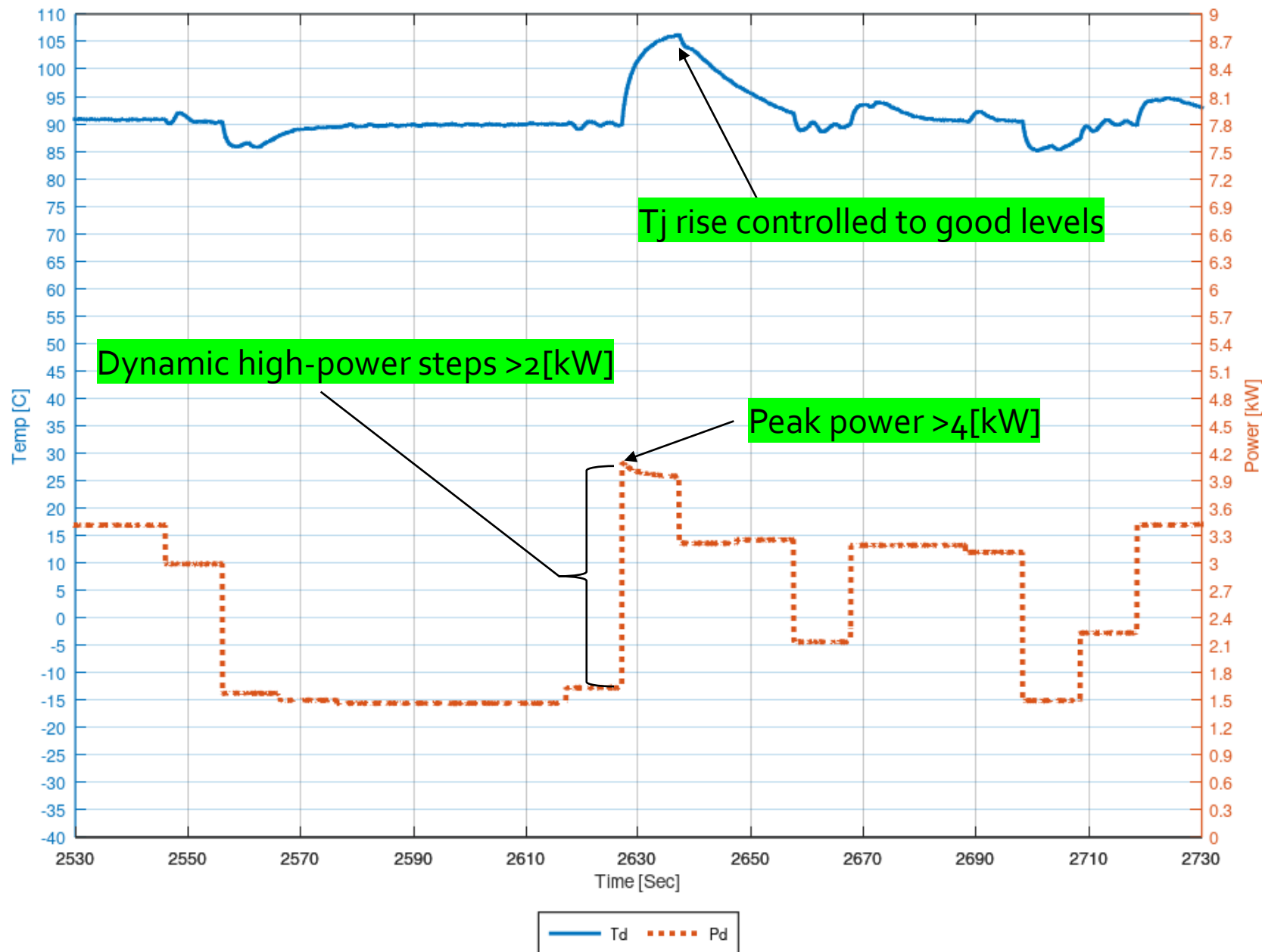
The customer

- ❑ Some customers provide limited info on new applications
- ❑ Best results are with close cooperation with customer
 - Detailed test & device specs
 - Roadmap & design reviews
- ❑ Aviation analogy
 - 787 → Design based on latest feedback & cooperation
 - A380 → Design based on old ideas
 - 787 commercial success, A380...not



Results

- ❑ When all challenges are solved effectively:
 - Beautiful performance graphs
 - Products passing final test
- ❑ Enable the A.I revolution to continue to scale



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