

# Probe Card Analyzer Motherboard Flexibility and Performance Improvement

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## Introduction

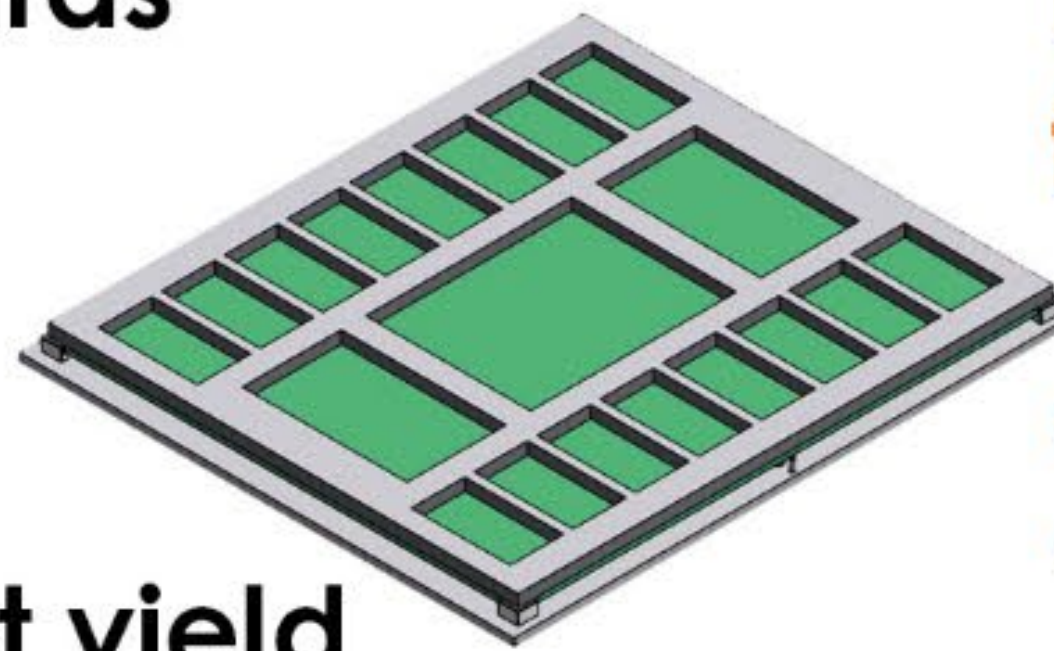
New Generation Probe Cards → **Very high pin count > 6000 I/O**



**Expensive Probe Cards**



**Deflections at high contact forces are jeopardizing test yield**



**How to test off-line the yield performance**



- Probe card analyzer
- Is the motherboard reflecting the final test environment?

## **ROI Short Comings** of traditional VRX4 Motherboards

1. **Lacking flexibility** for product specific layouts.
2. **Missing scalability** for different boards and stiffeners.
3. **Low rigidity** at high contact forces resulting in yield losses at the final test setup.
4. **Risk of damage** at loading of heavy probe cards.

## Resolution:

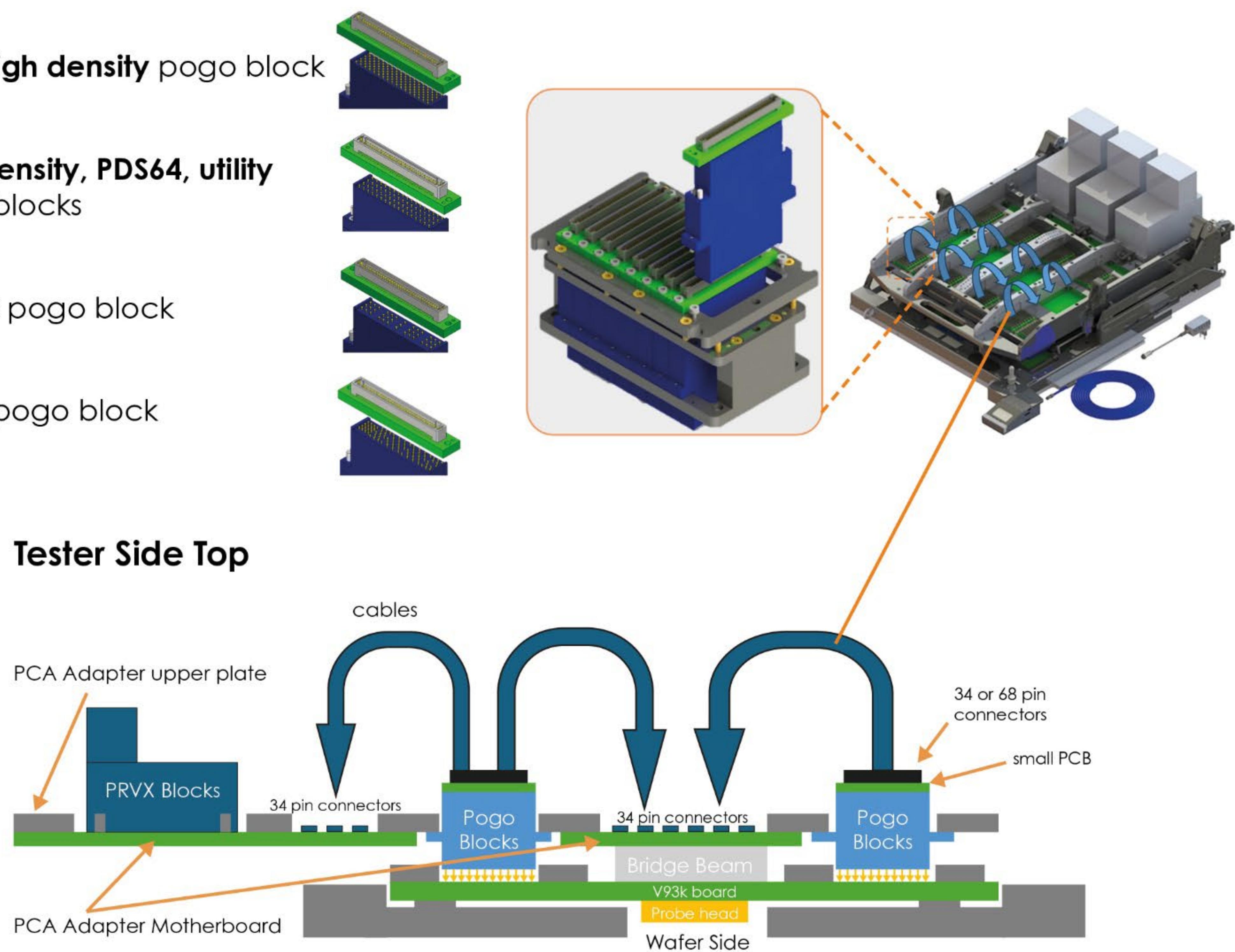
1. Modular contact socket architecture
2. Scalable adaptive architecture
3. FEM optimized structure
4. Probe card handling with semi-automated loading trolley



# 1. Modular Contact Socket Architecture

for various I/O layouts with cable interface to a universal motherboard

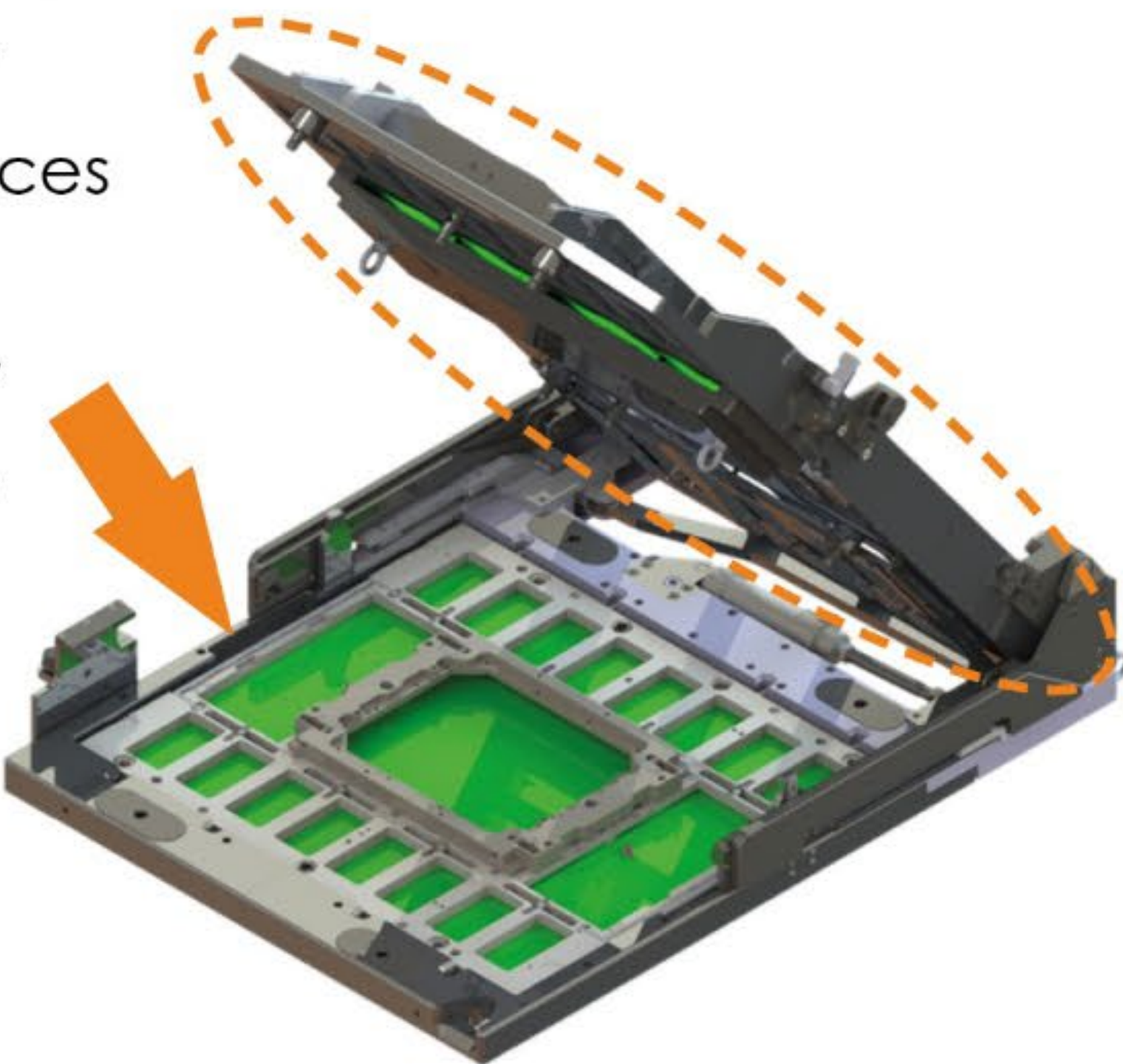
- **Very high density** pogo block
- **High density, PDS64, utility** pogo blocks
- **MSDPS** pogo block
- **UHC4** pogo block



# 2. Scalable Adaptive Architecture

with stiffener adaptor and exchangeable hinged top assembly

- **Stiffener adaptor**  
Modular interface for different tester interfaces
  - V93k PS1600 legacy
  - V93k Exa Scale Duo
  - UFLEX
  - UFLEX+

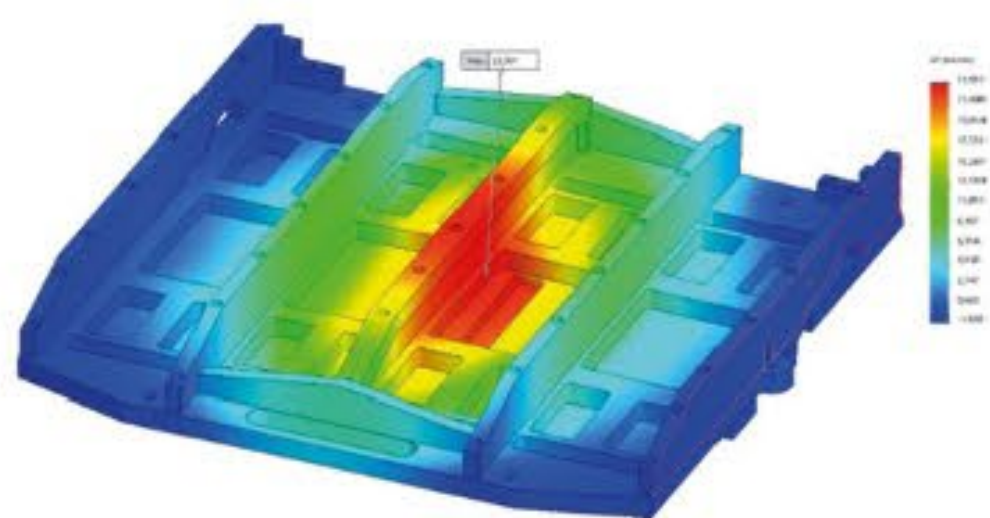


- **Exchangeable hinged motherboard top assembly**  
Converting for tester specific
  - Universal motherboard PCB
  - Contact block position
  - Bridge beam type



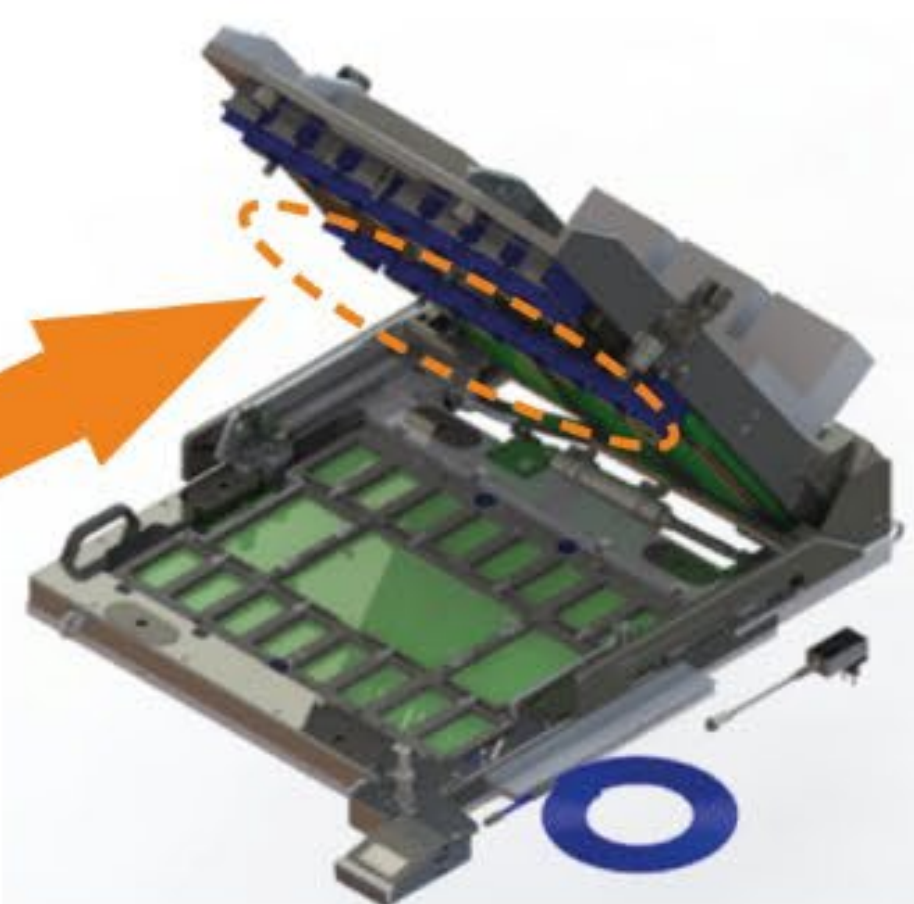
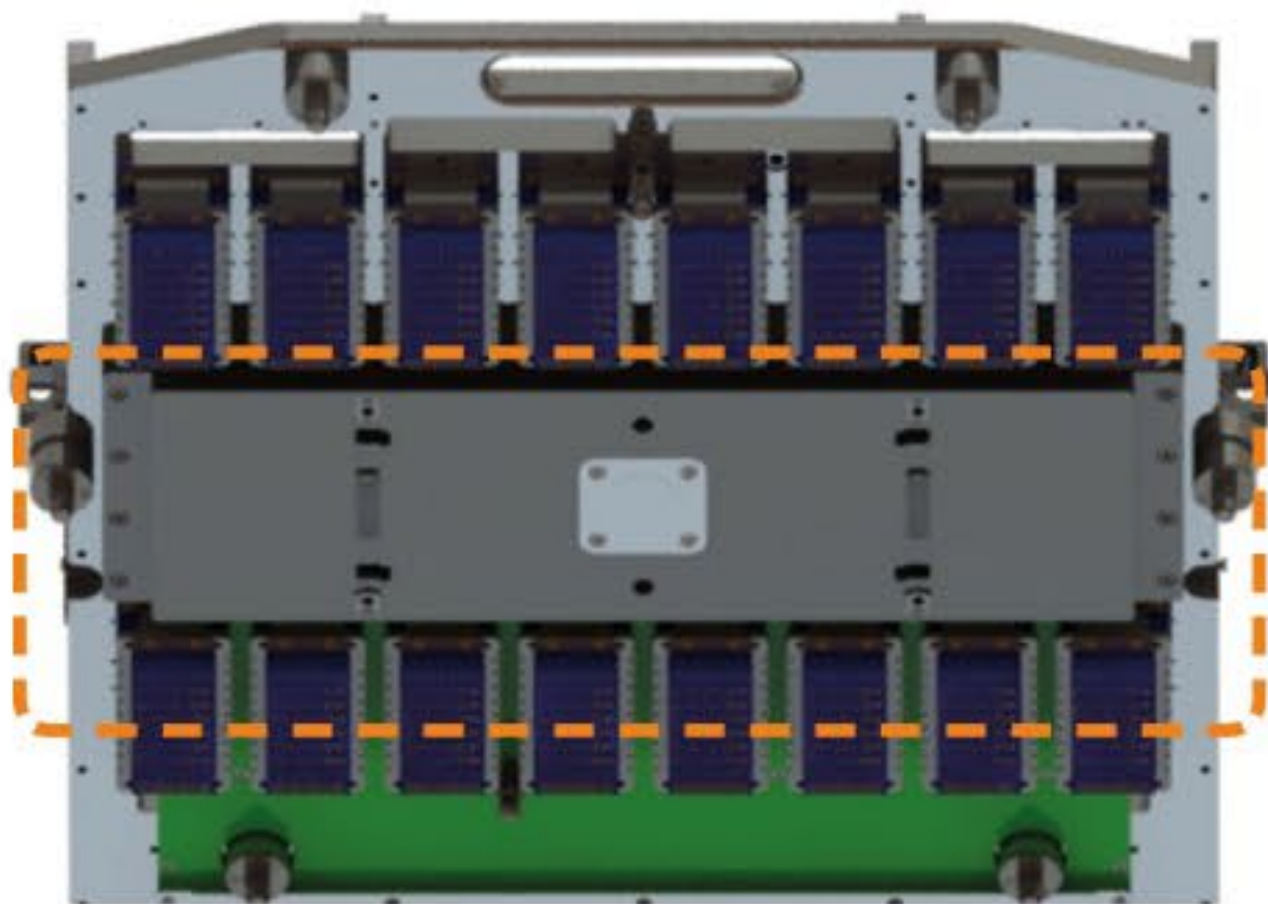
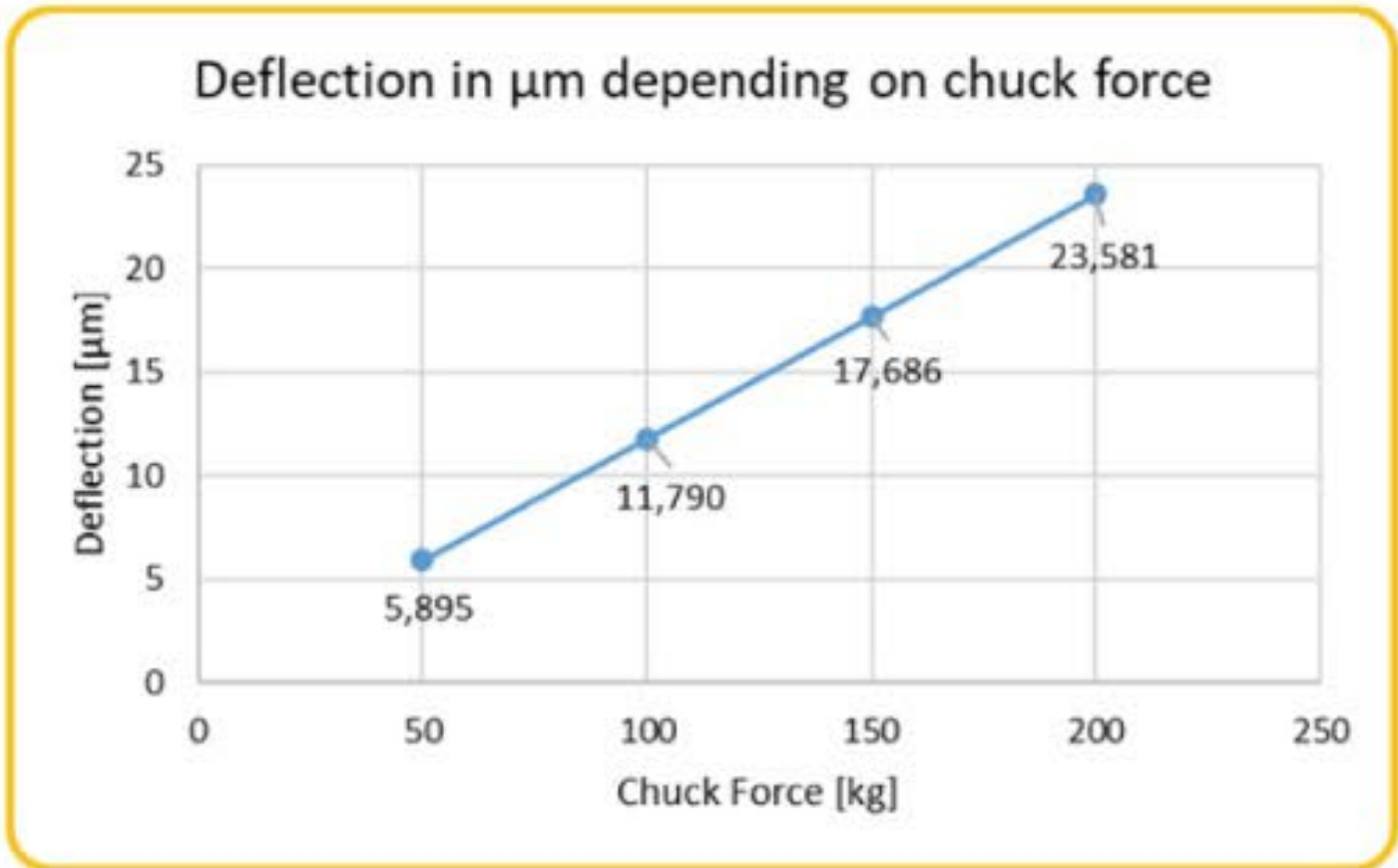
# 3. FEM Optimized Rigid Structure

with bridge beam reflecting boundary conditions of final test environment



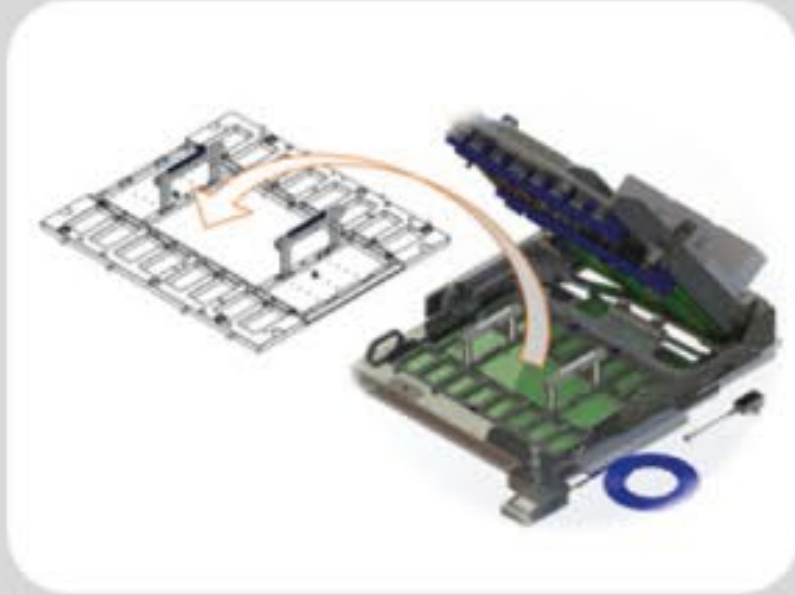
→ Deflection <25µm @ 200 kg contact force

→ Weight optimized bridge beam

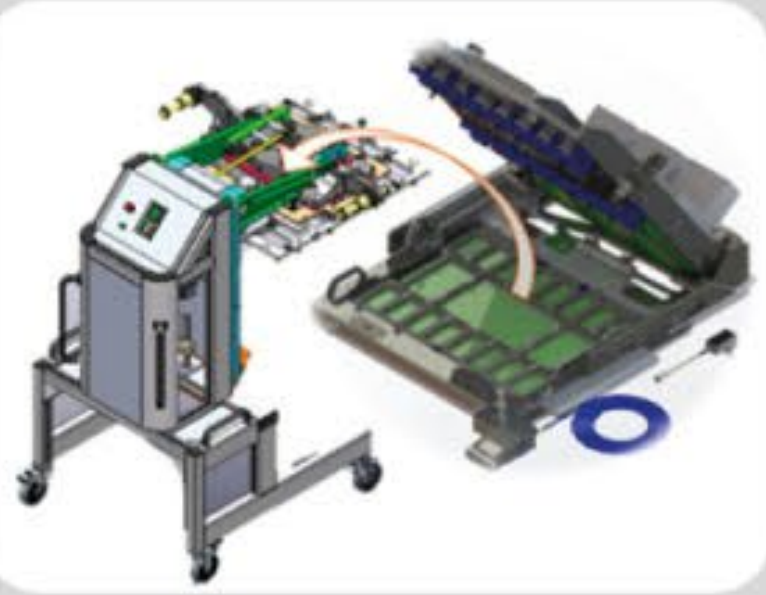


# 4. Probe Card Handling

with semi-automated and manual loading tools to eliminate risk of damage



**Removeable Lifting Handles**  
for ergonomic manual probe card exchange and handling



**Probe Card Universal Trolley XL**  
for fail safe guided manual probe card exchange and handling



**Lift Trolley**  
for motherboard unit conversation or exchange

- Benefits
- Capital invest savings for metrology through flexibility and scalability
  - Maintenance lab floor space saving through flexibility and scalability
  - Resulting in production yield loss savings
  - Handling risk reduction using the handling tools

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