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- Consequence of temperature
- PCB current / temperature design standards
- Temperature rise: how to do better
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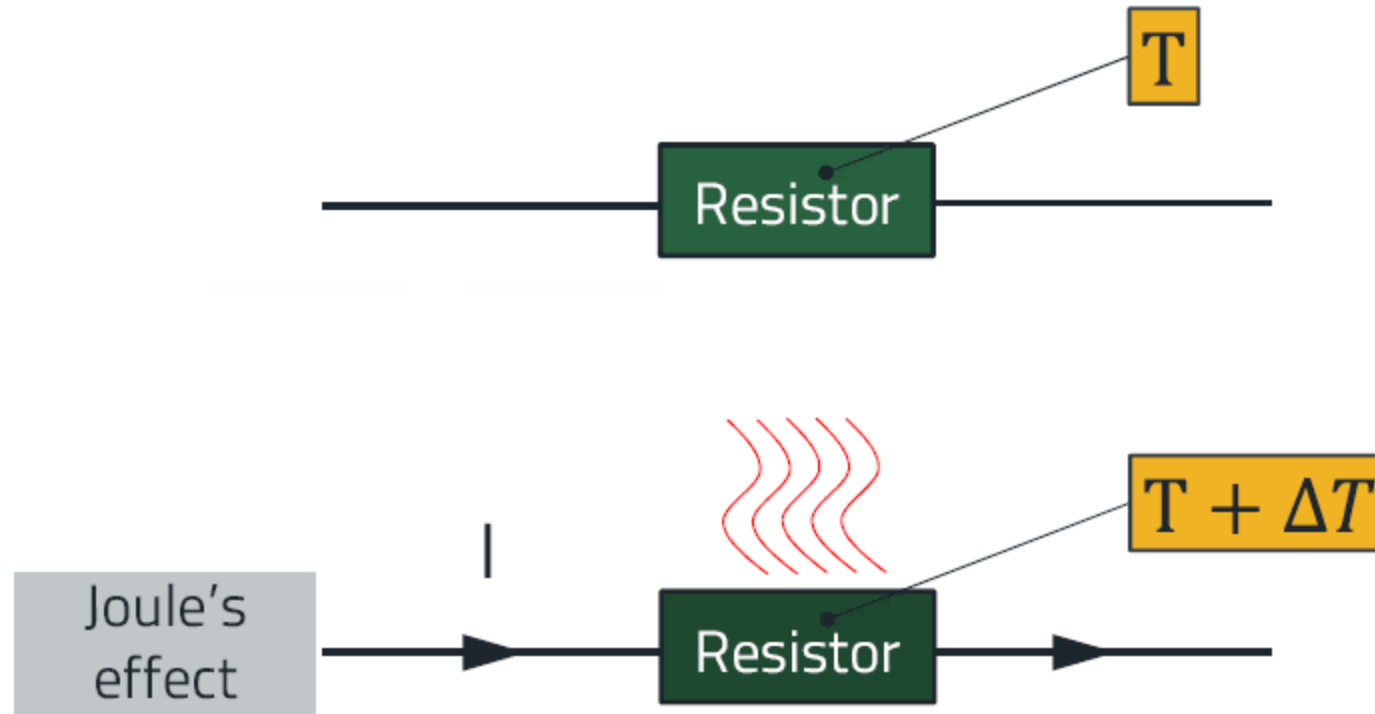


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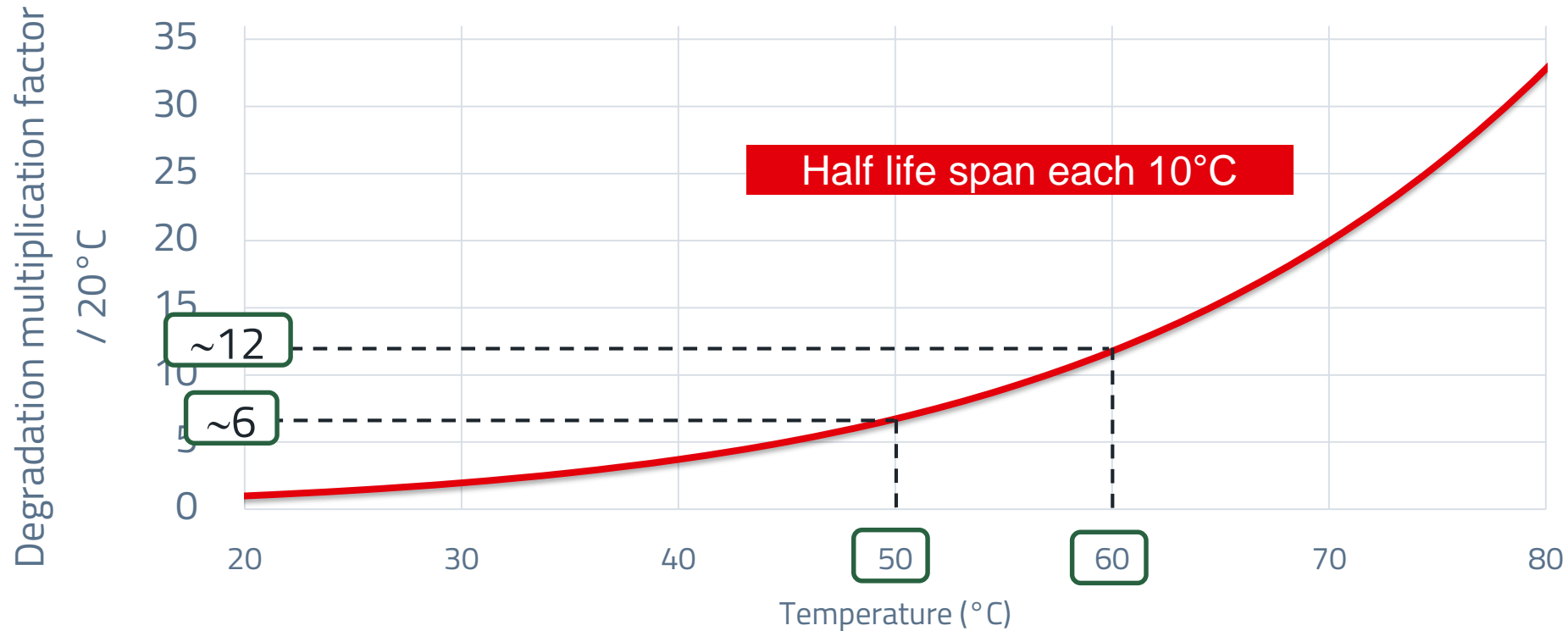
TEMPERATURE RISE



HEAT IS COOL ?

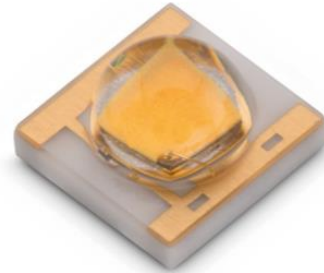
For a resistor - connector
 ΔT is proportional to I^2
 $I \times 2 \rightarrow \Delta T \times 4$

Electronic devices degradation vs temperature Arrhenius equation

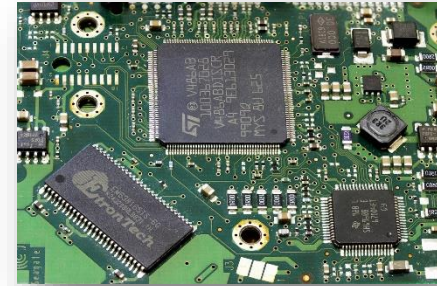


CONSEQUENCES OF A TOO HIGH TEMPERATURE

- Sensitive component destruction



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- High frequency transmission lines damage



CONSEQUENCES OF A TOO HIGH TEMPERATURE

Thermal expansion

- Loss of PCB structural integrity

Copper: **16,5** $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}/\text{K}$



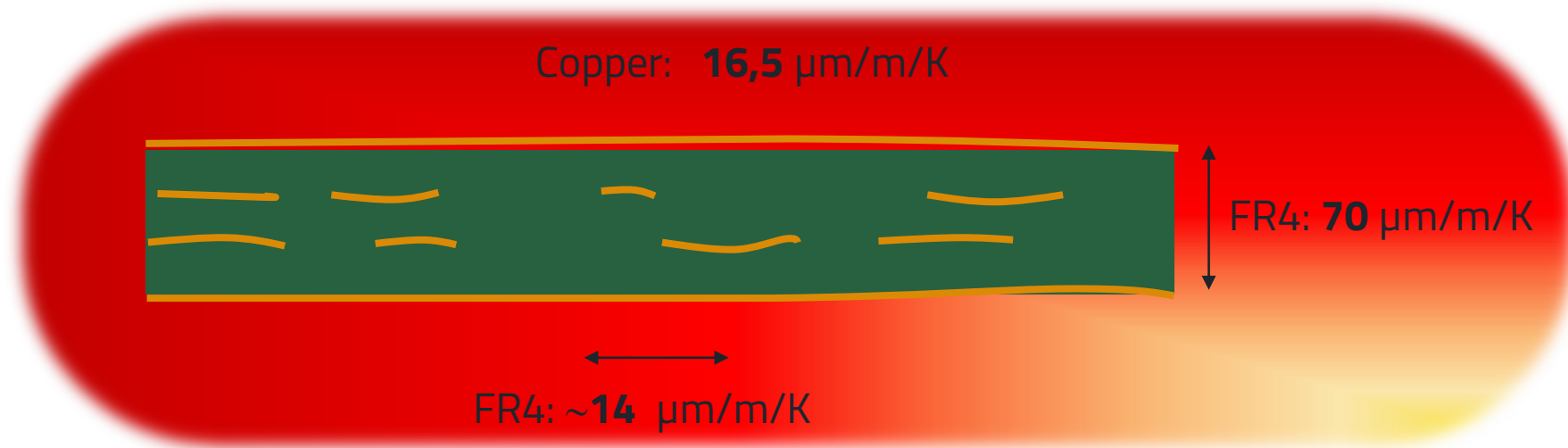
FR4: **70** $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}/\text{K}$

FR4: **~14** $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}/\text{K}$

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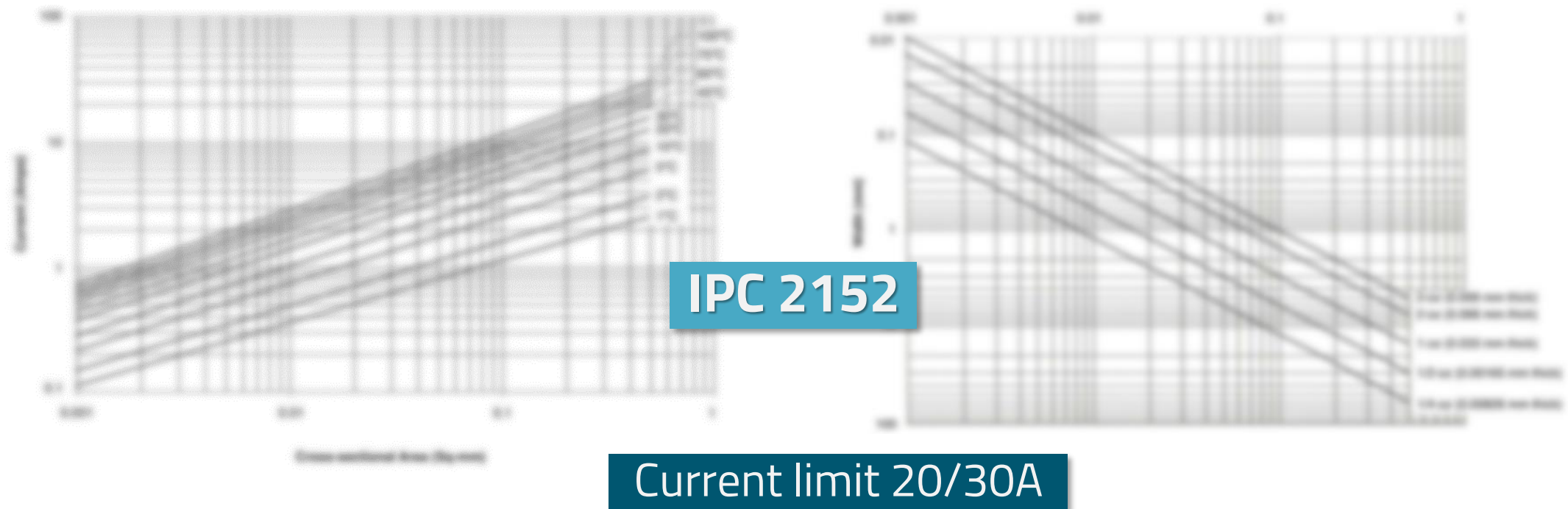
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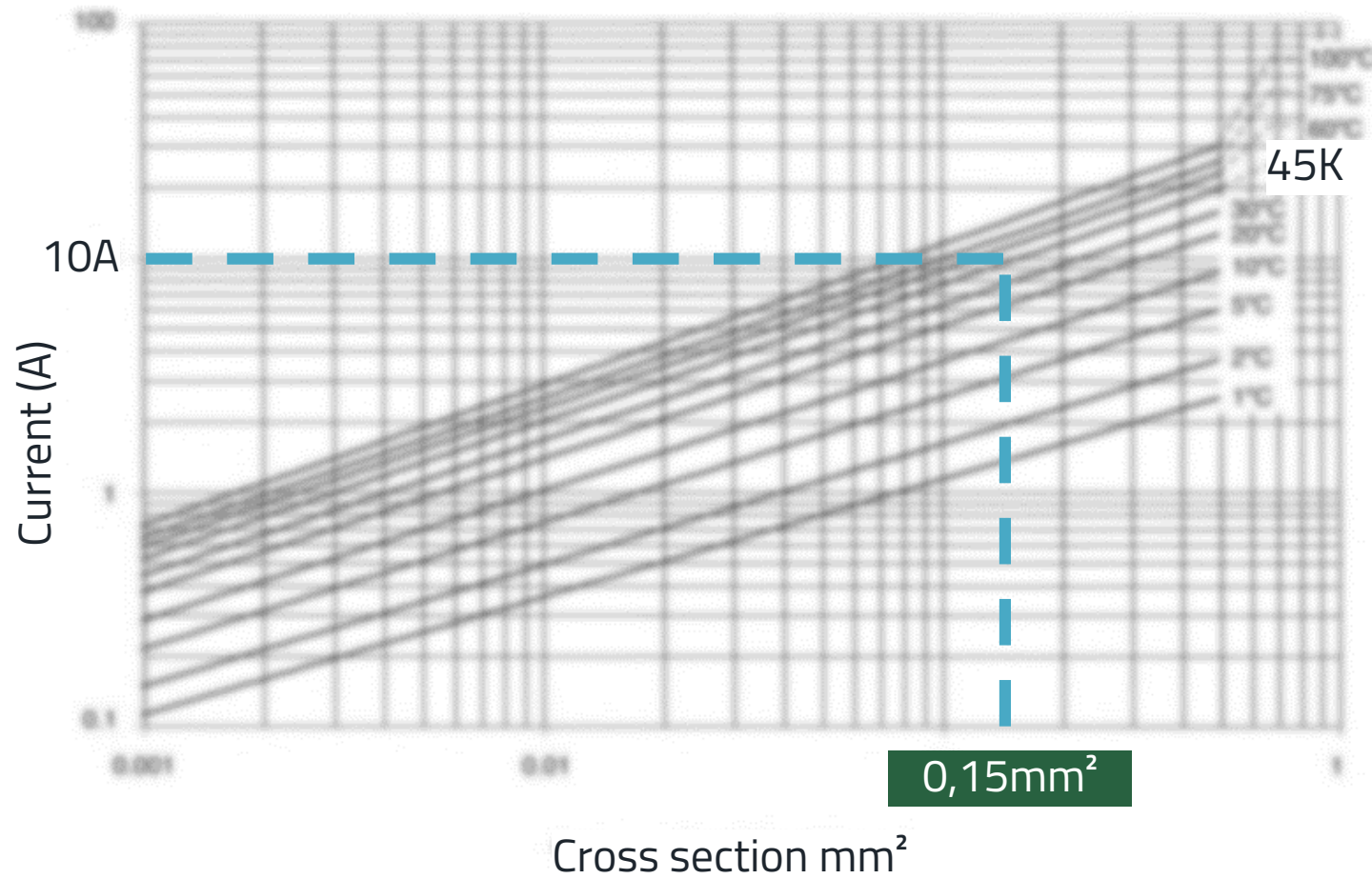
WHAT KIND OF IPC ?

- Association Connection Electronics Industries
- IPC-**2152**: Standard for Determining Current Carrying Capacity in Printed Circuit Board



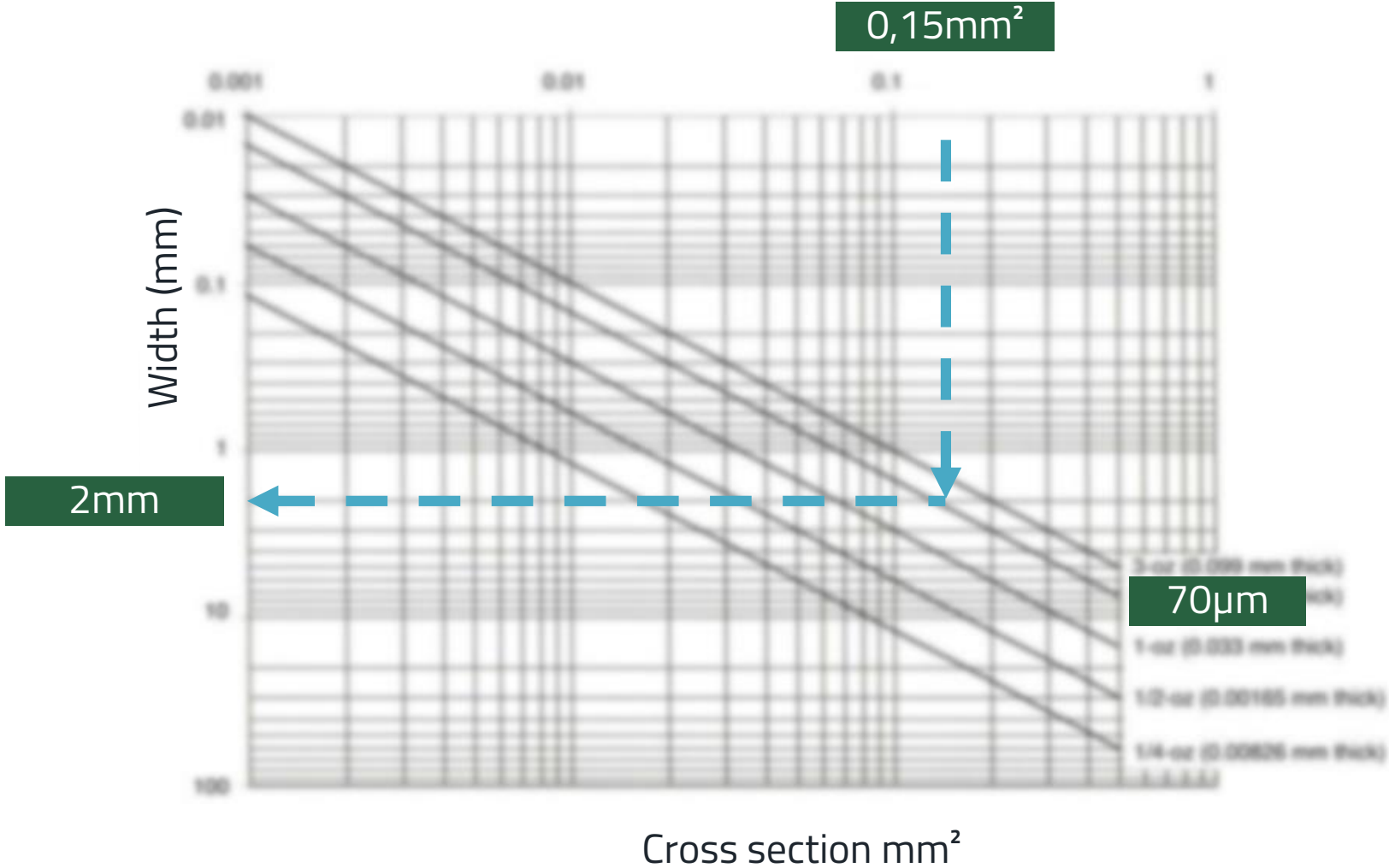
IPC2152 ABACUS

10A – 45K



IPC2152 ABACUS

10A – 45K – 70 μ m \rightarrow 0,15mm²



WHAT KIND OF IPC ?

- Association Connection Electronics Industries
- IPC-**2221B**: Generic Standard on Printed Circuit Board

IPC 2221B

$$A = 0,725 \sqrt{\frac{I}{k \cdot \Delta T^{0,44}}}$$

ΔT : temperature rise in °C or K

I: current (A)

k=0,048 for outer layers

k=0,024 for inner layers

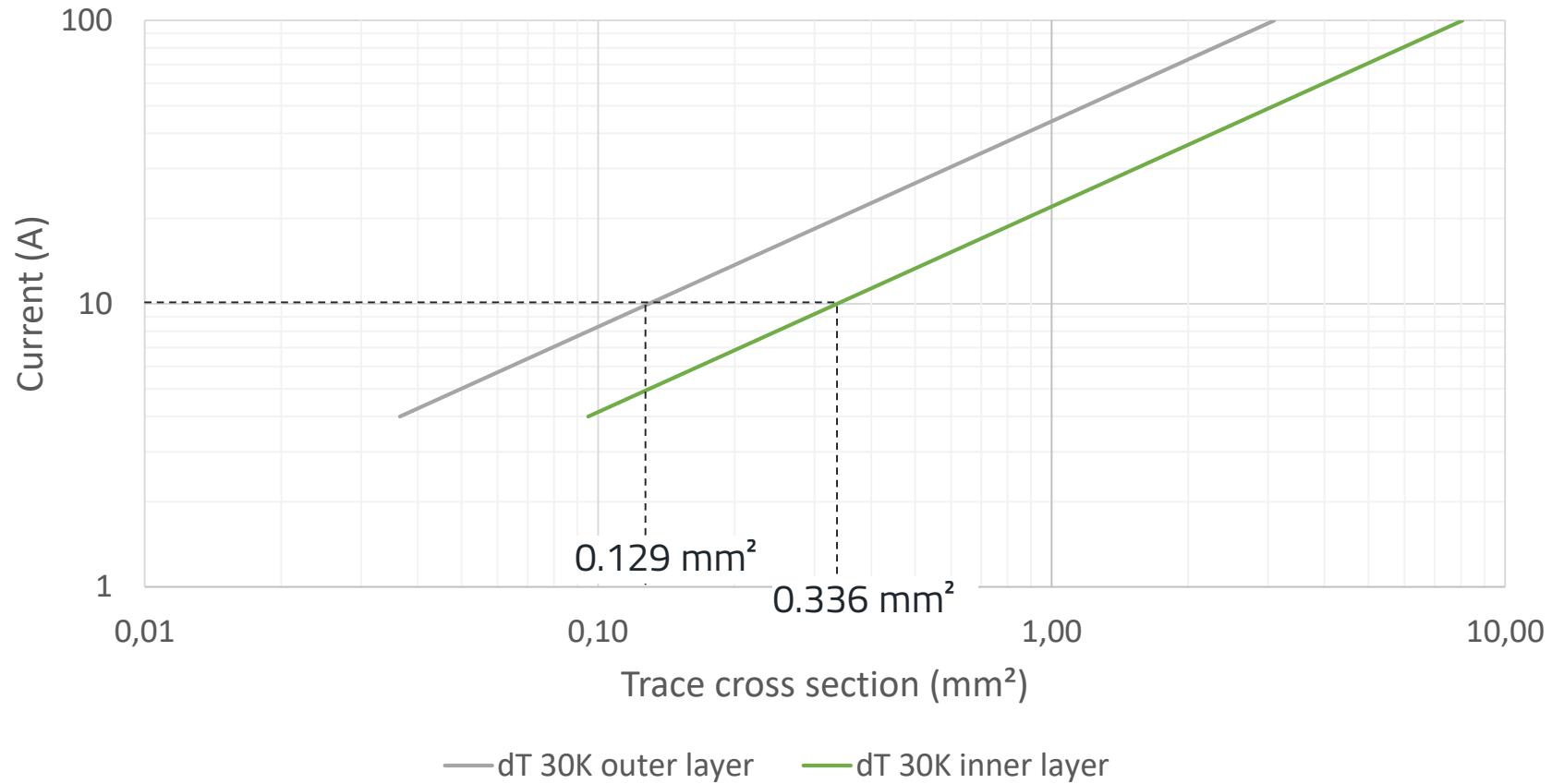
A= cross section in sq.mils



No current limit

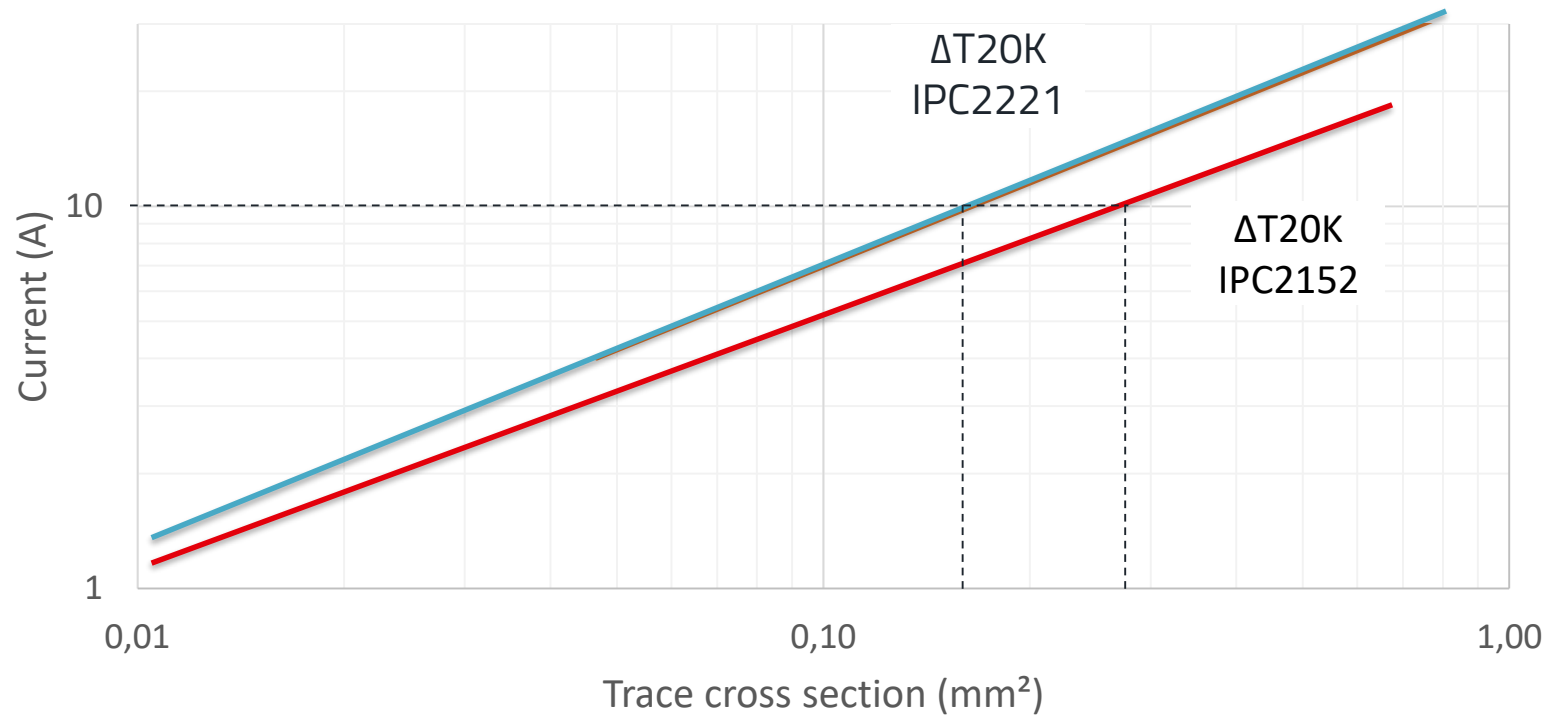
IPC2221B RULE

IPC2221 PCB trace 30K outer layer
vs inner layer



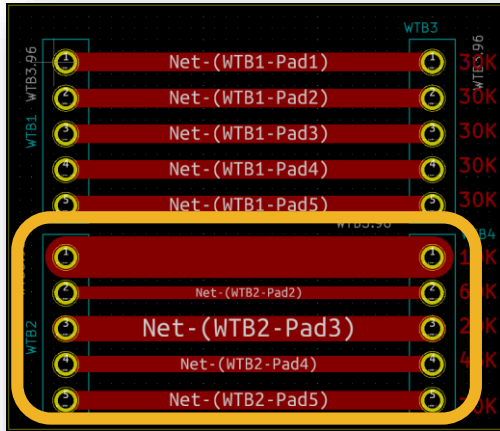
WHICH STANDARD ?

IPC2221 PCB trace outer layer
vs IPC2152

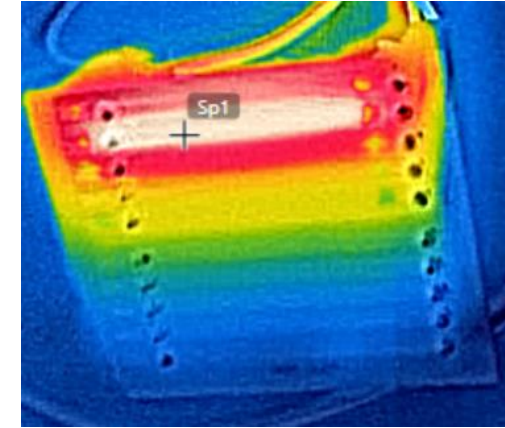


IPC2152 should heat less than IPC2221

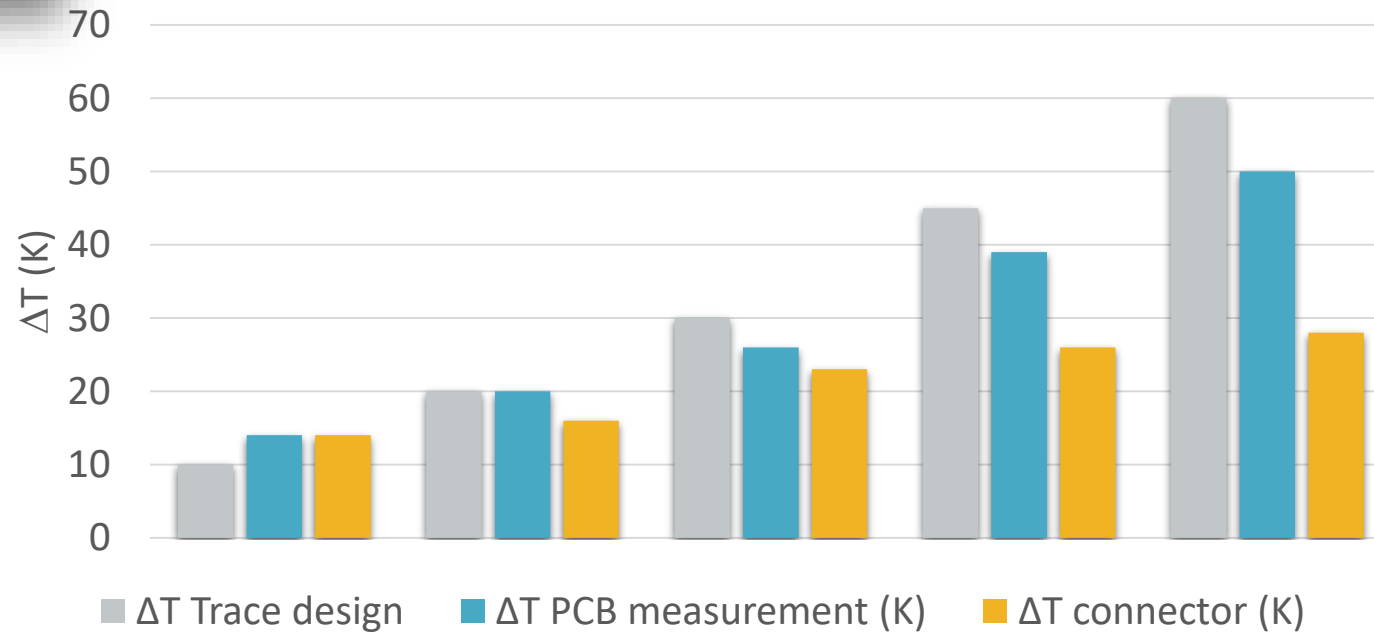
IPC2152: DOES IT WORK ?



IPC2152 gives predictable values

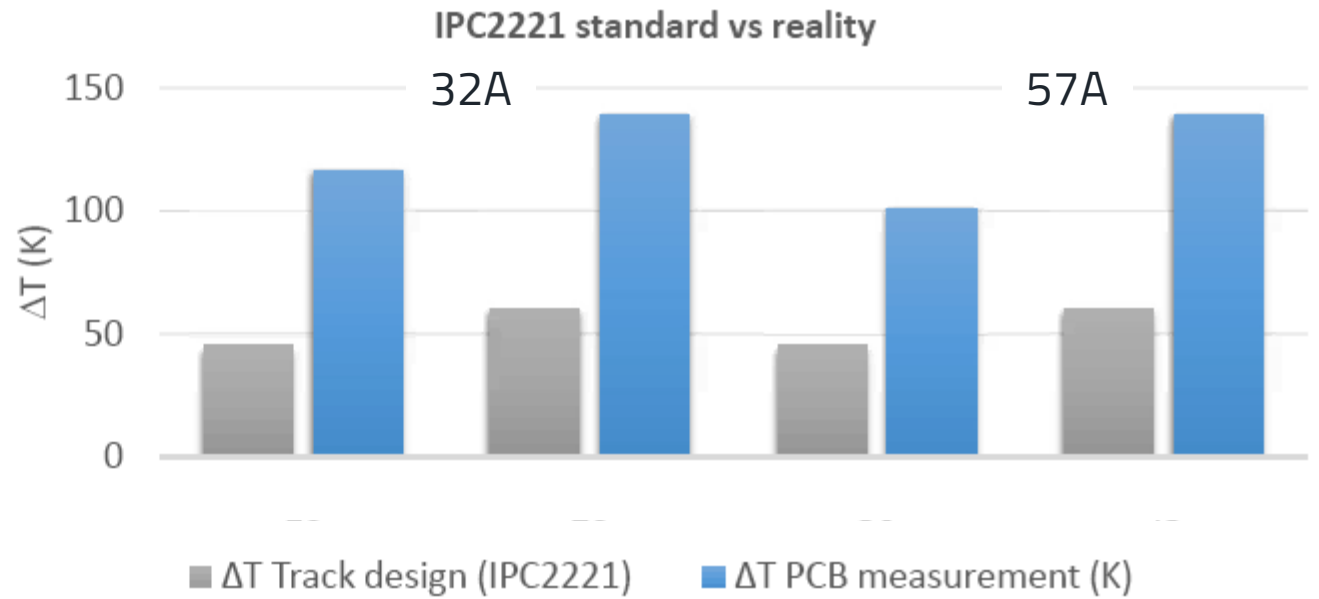
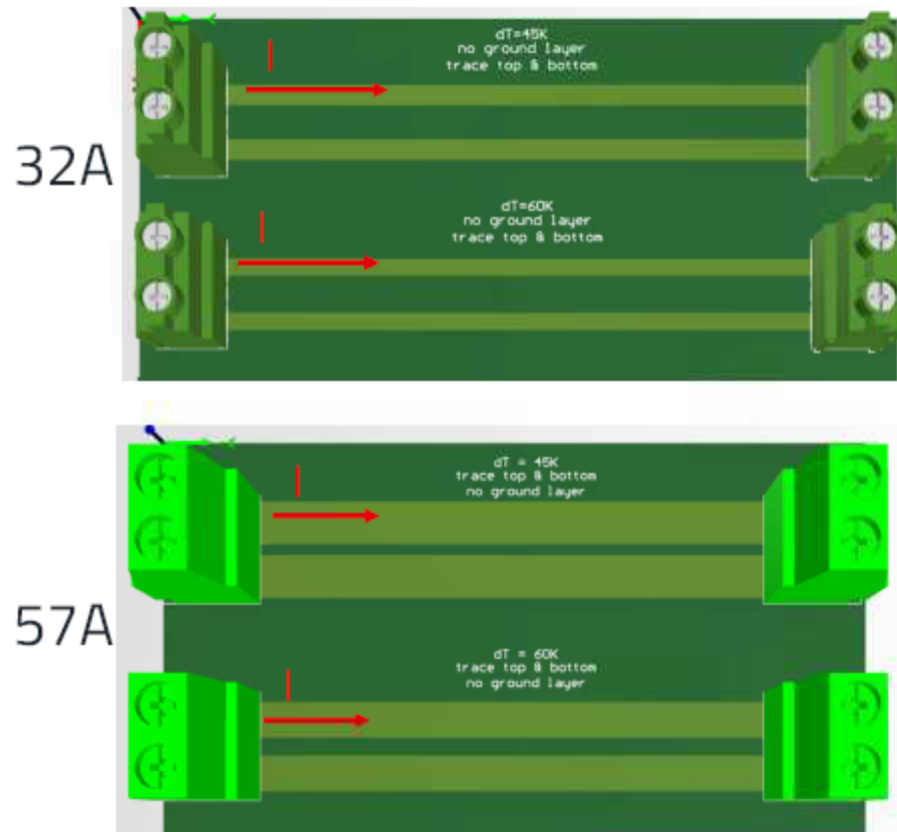


IPC2152 standard vs reality



IPC2221: DOES IT WORK ?

Single trace



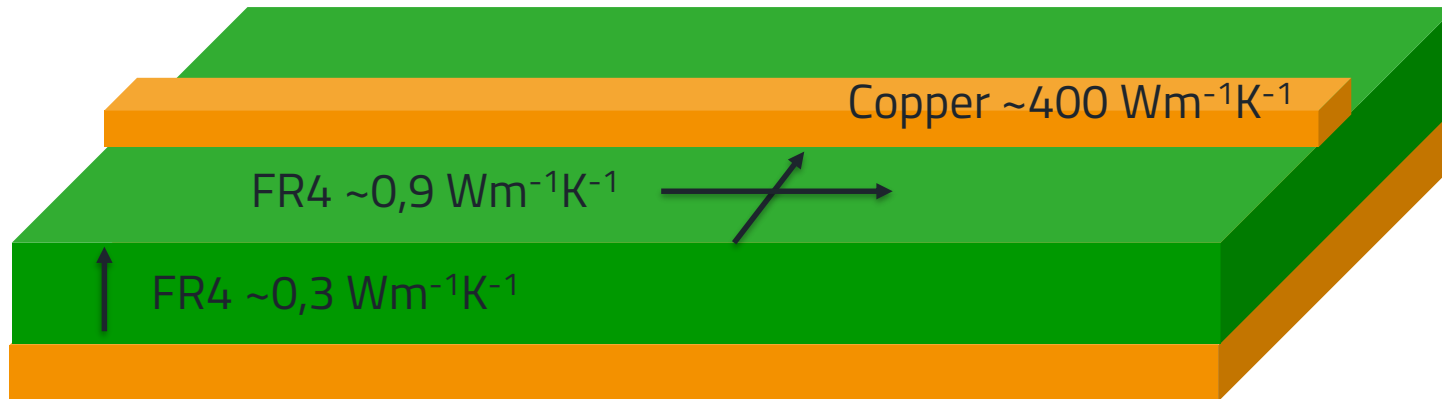
IPC2221 design is hotter than expected

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THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY



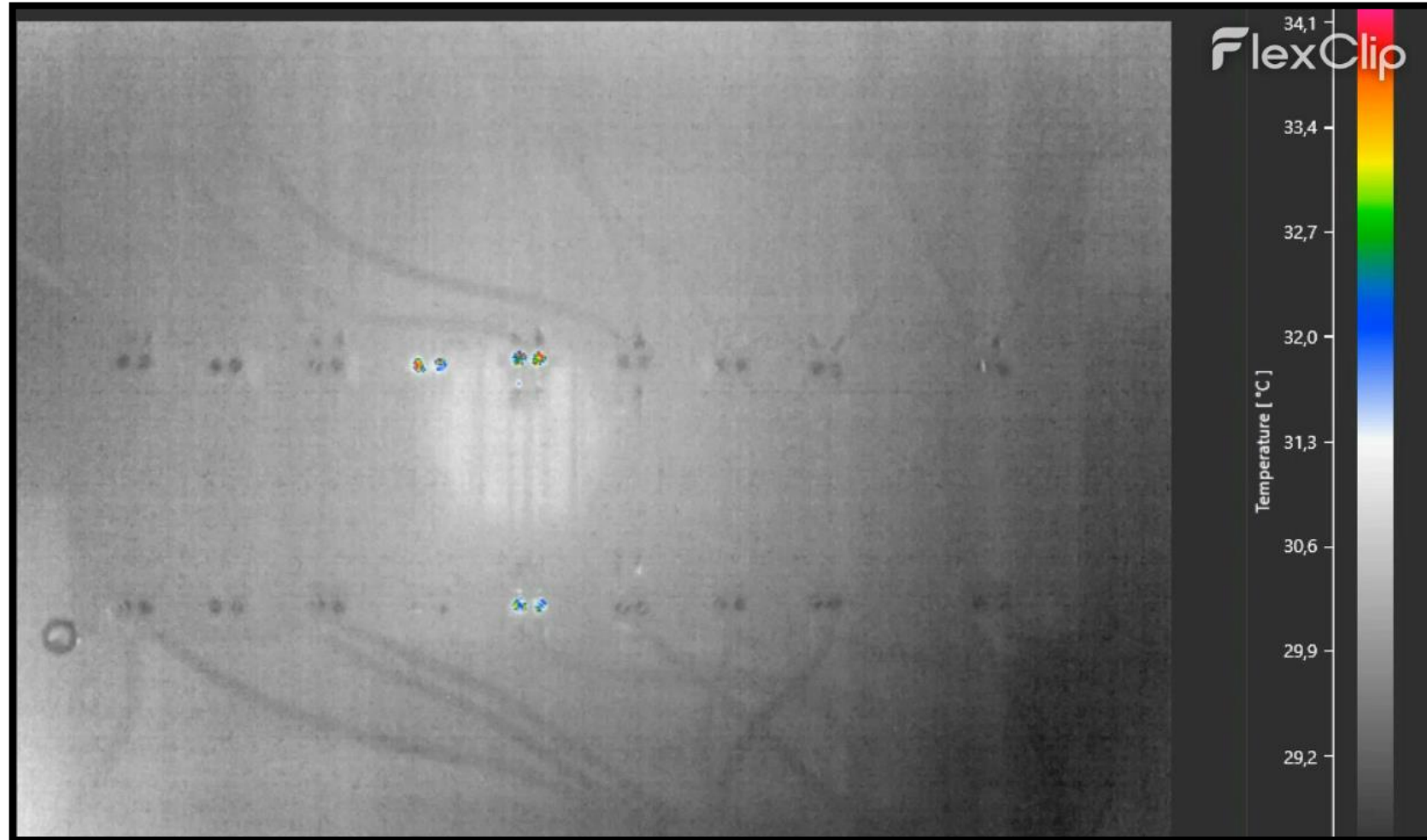
Temperature will be:

- stopped by FR4
- Conduct by copper (trace, ground plane, wire)

Material	Thermal conductivity (Wm ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)
Still air	0,0276
PA66	~0,4
Water	~0,6
Steel	~50
Brass	~120
Aluminum	~200

TEASER

Same connectors – same traces cross section



Real duration: 11mn

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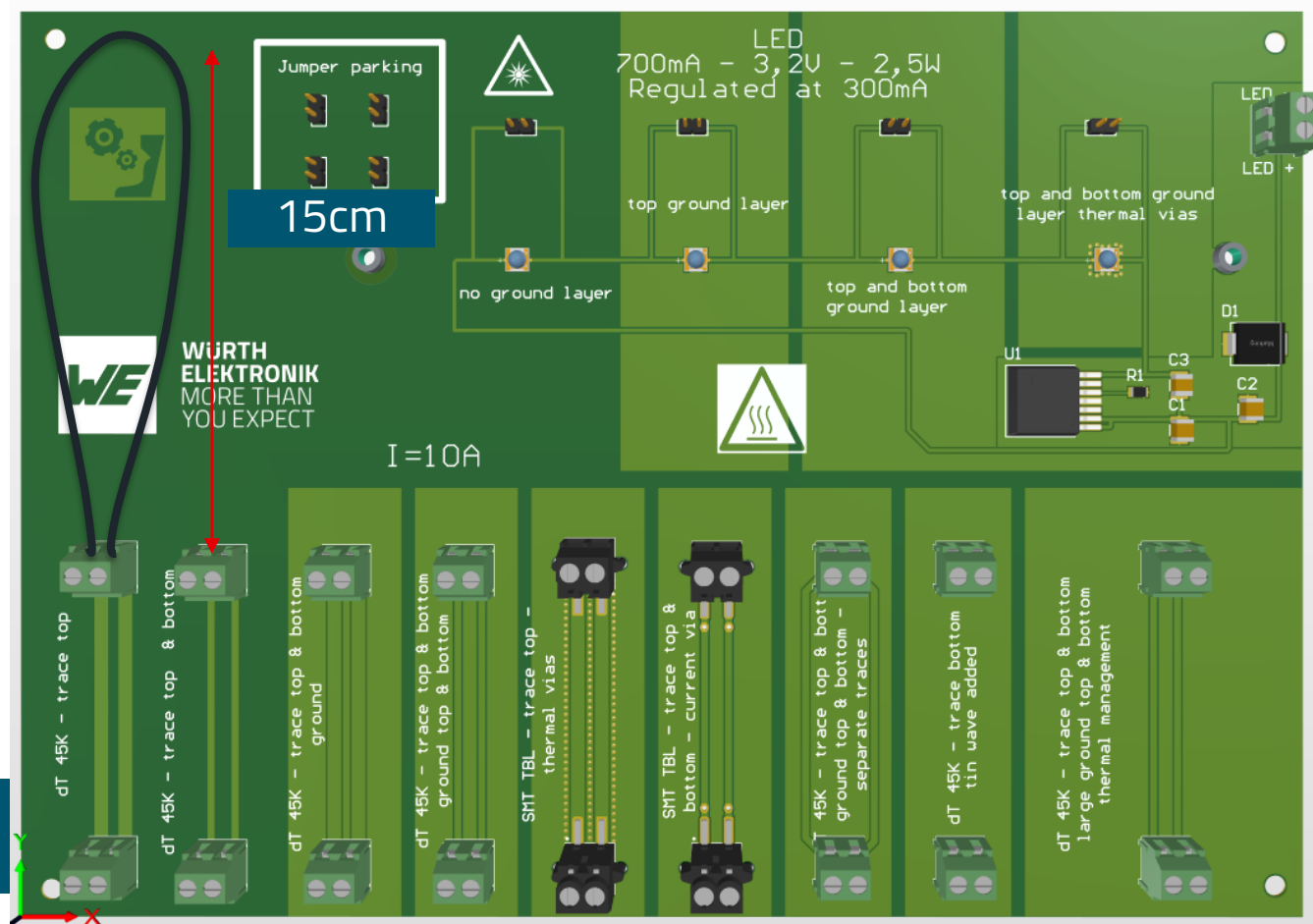
10A PCB

IPC2152 design

16AWG
(10A)

Width
2mm

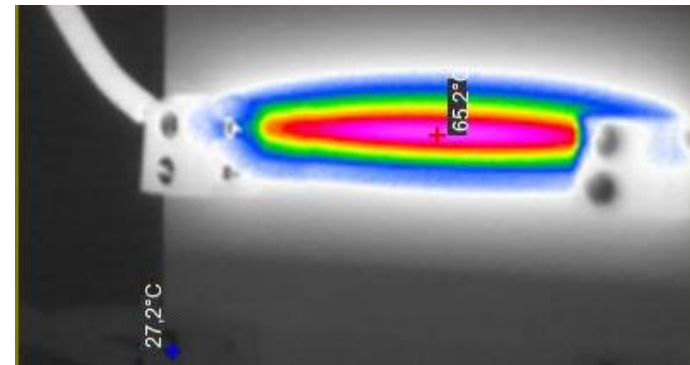
Width
2x1mm



10A PCB TEST

Single trace

Trace ΔT



IPC2152 gives right estimations

10A PCB TEST

Double traces

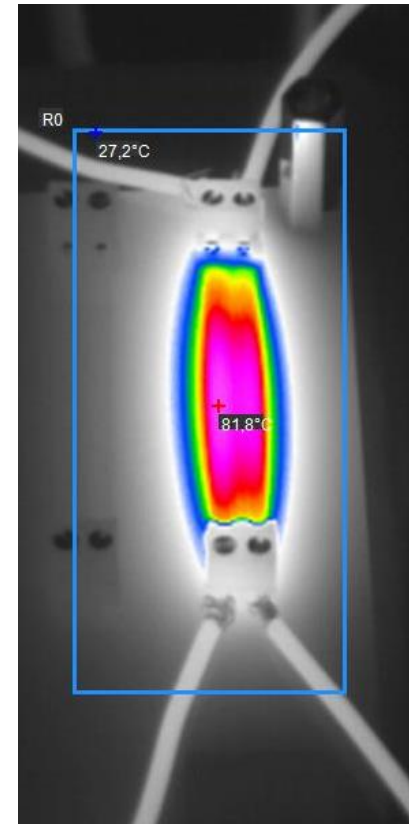
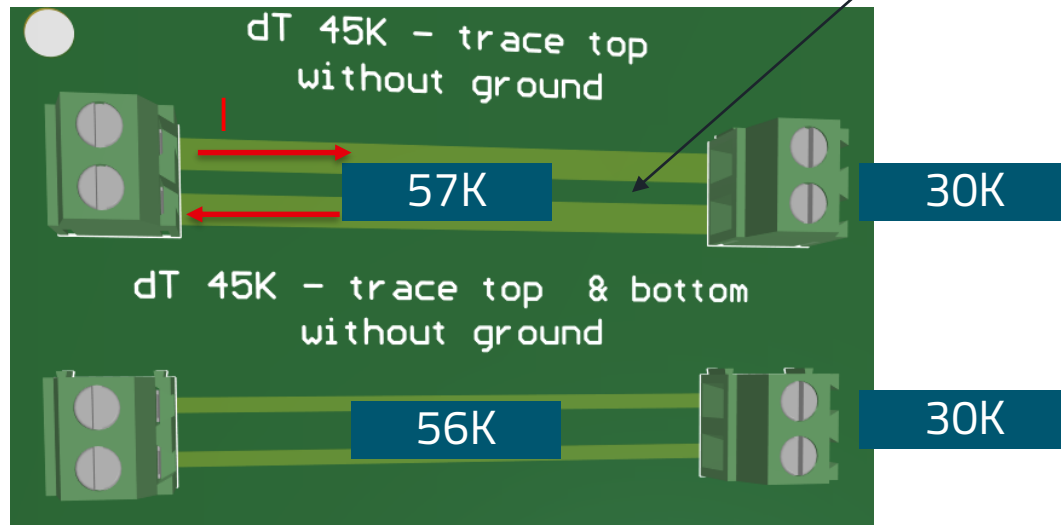
Trace ΔT

Connector ΔT

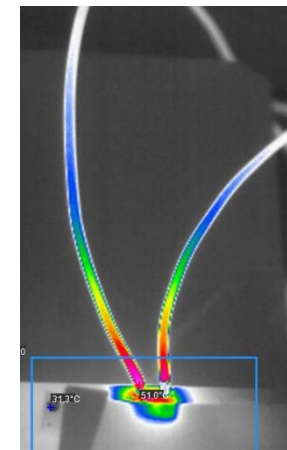
ELECTRICAL
CURRENT RATING:
WORKING VOLTAGE:
WITHSTANDING VOLTAGE:
CONTACT RESISTANCE:

cULus
10A
300VAC
1.6KV
20 mOhm max

Smaller than 25mm



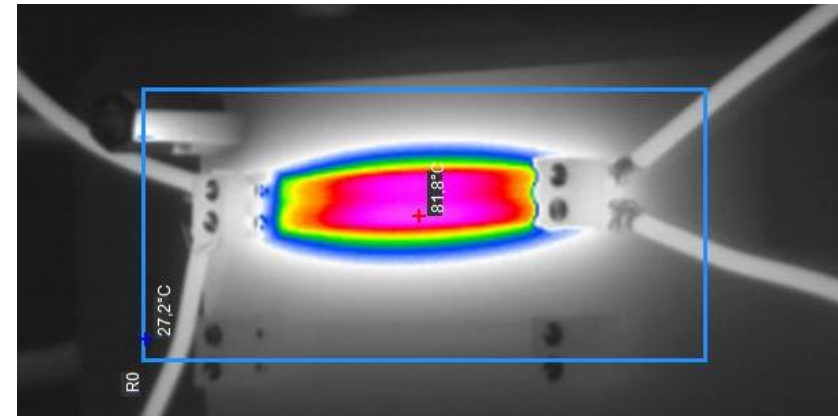
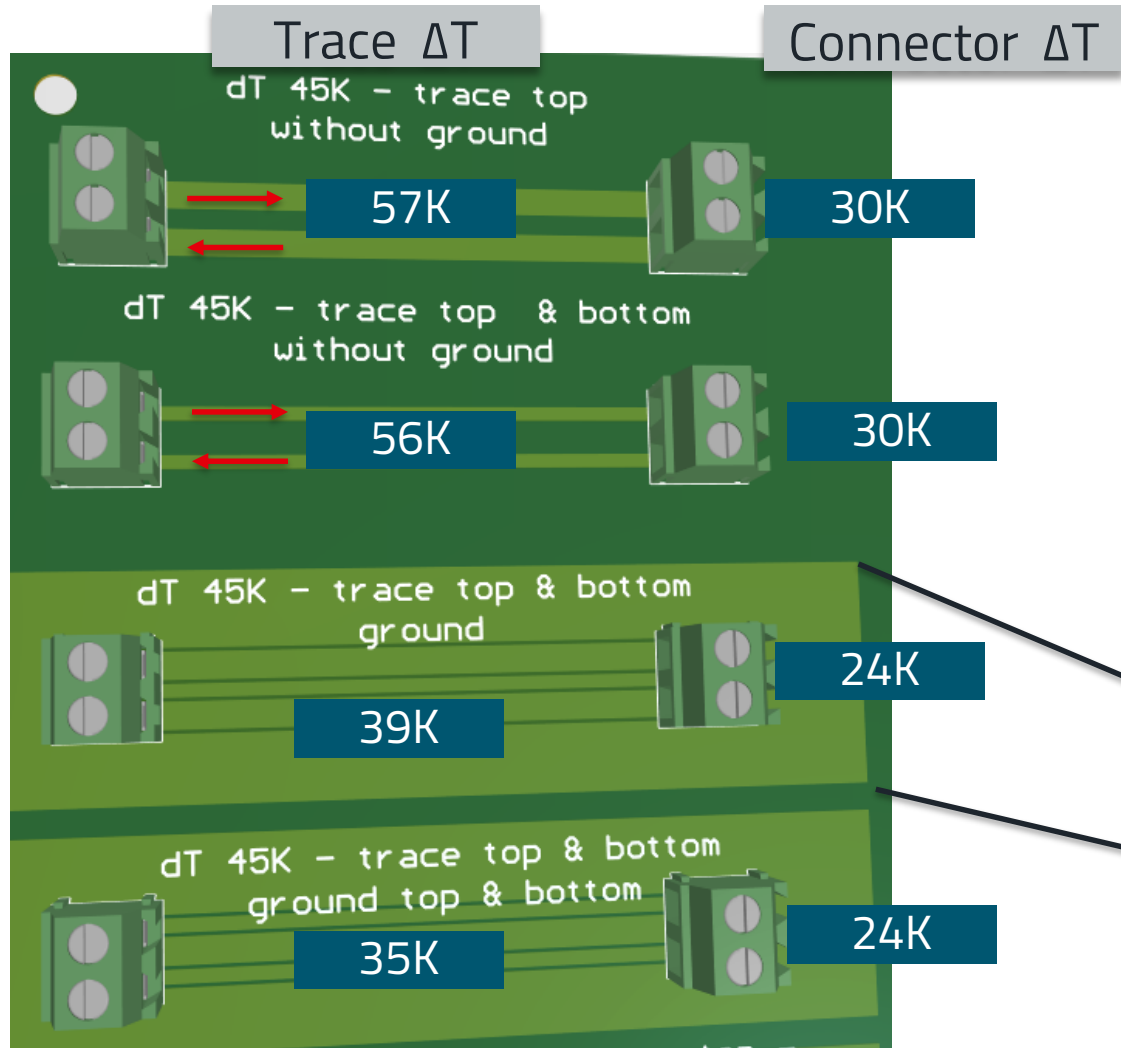
Cable heat



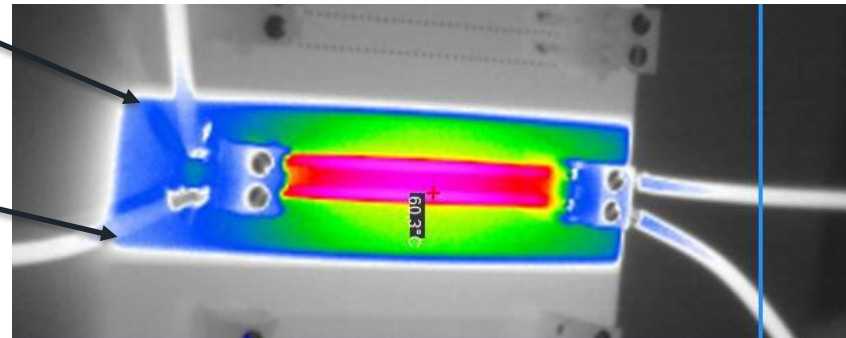
≈15cm

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10A PCB TEST



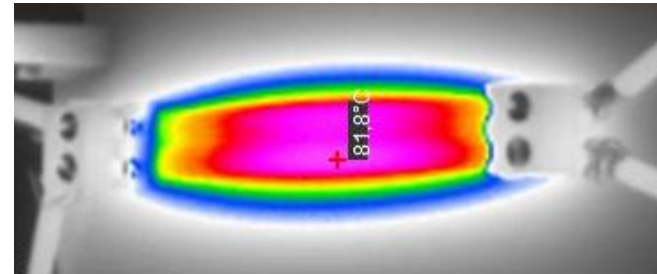
Ground layer improvement
-20K



10A PCB TEST

Trace ΔT

Connector ΔT



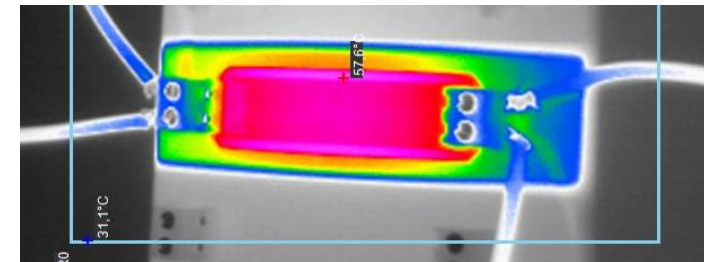
Traces not aligned
-2K



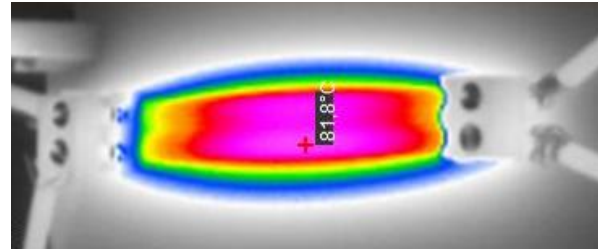
top



bottom



10A PCB TEST



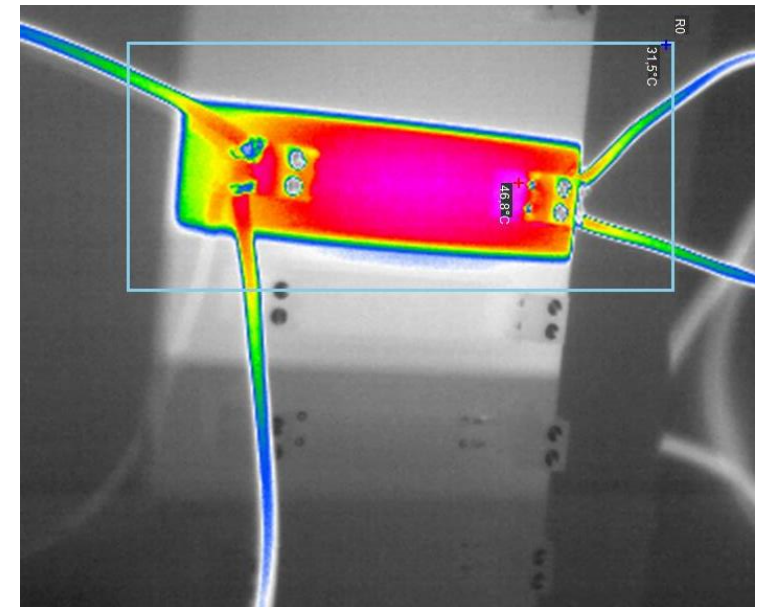
Additional tin
-17K



top



bottom



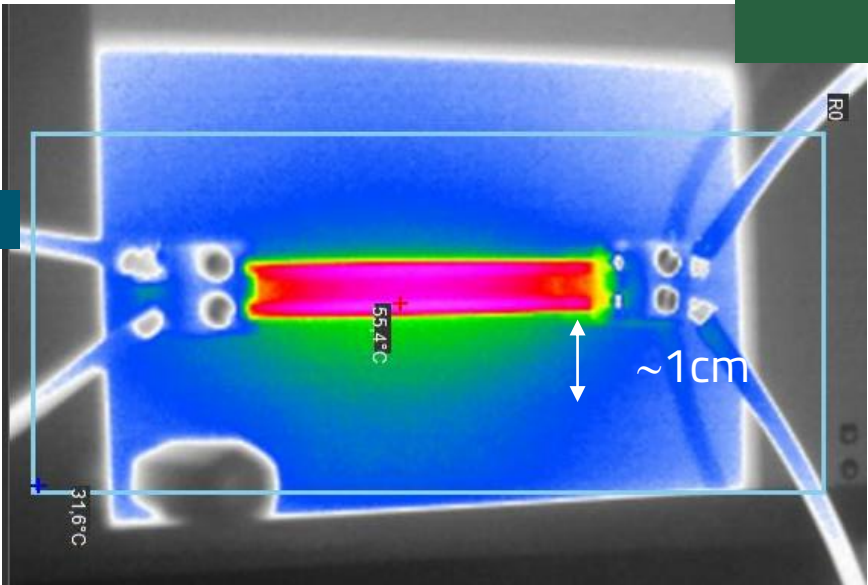
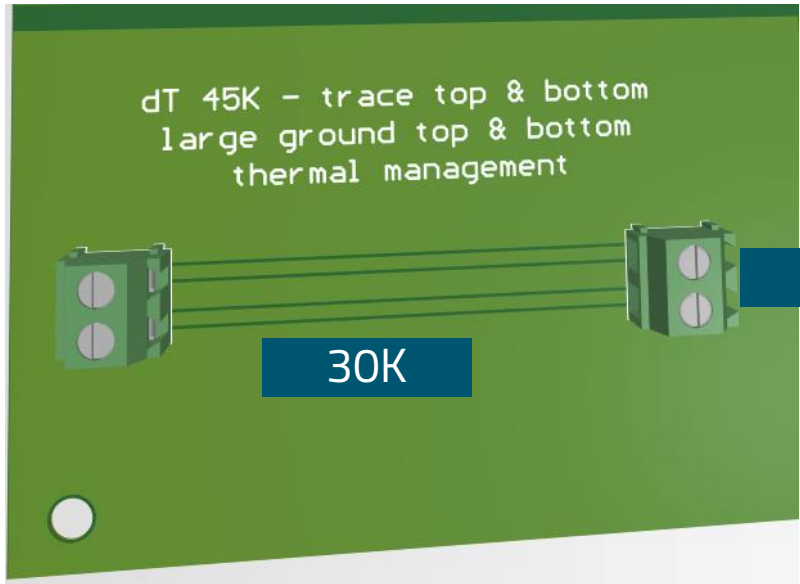
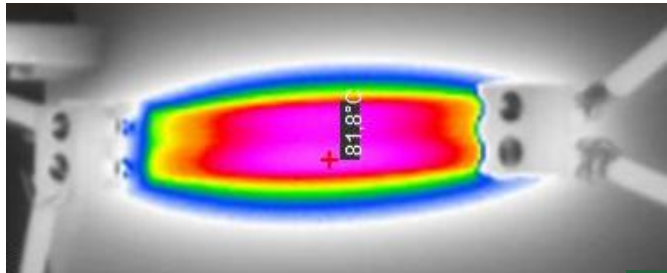
Electrical conductivity (IACS) :
- copper 100%
- tin 14%

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10A PCB TEST

Trace ΔT

Connector ΔT



Increase ground plane
-5K

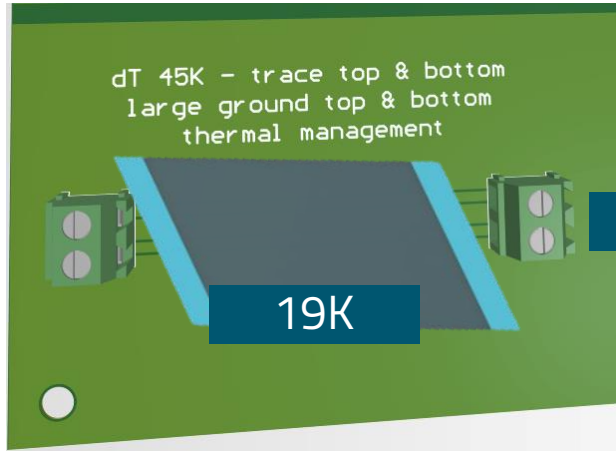
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10A PCB TEST

Trace ΔT

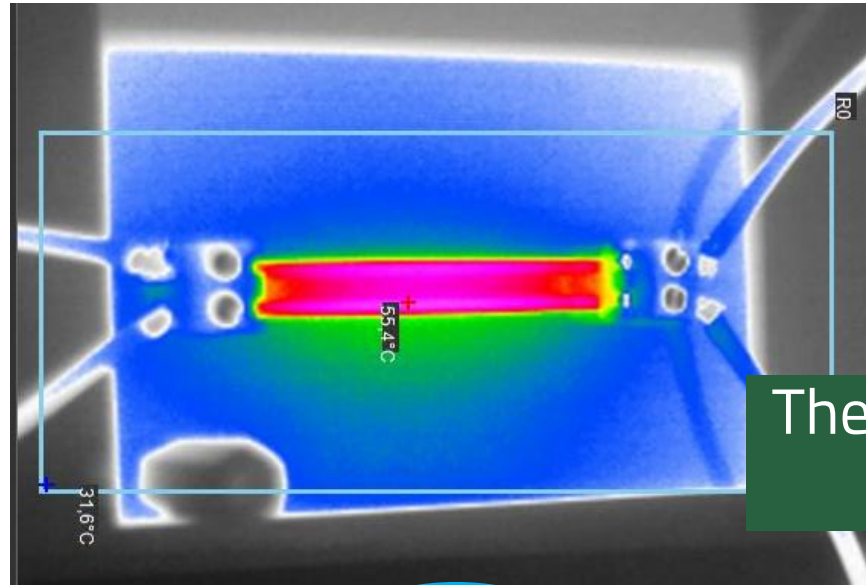


23K

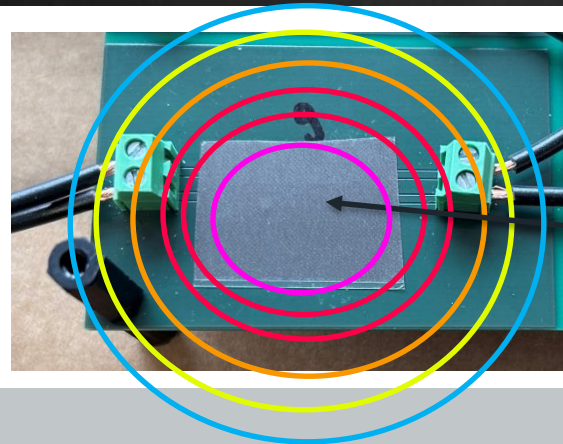


22K

Connector ΔT



Thermal management
-10K



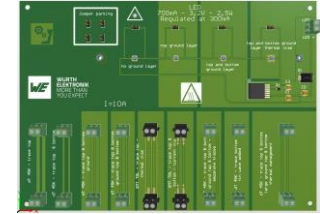
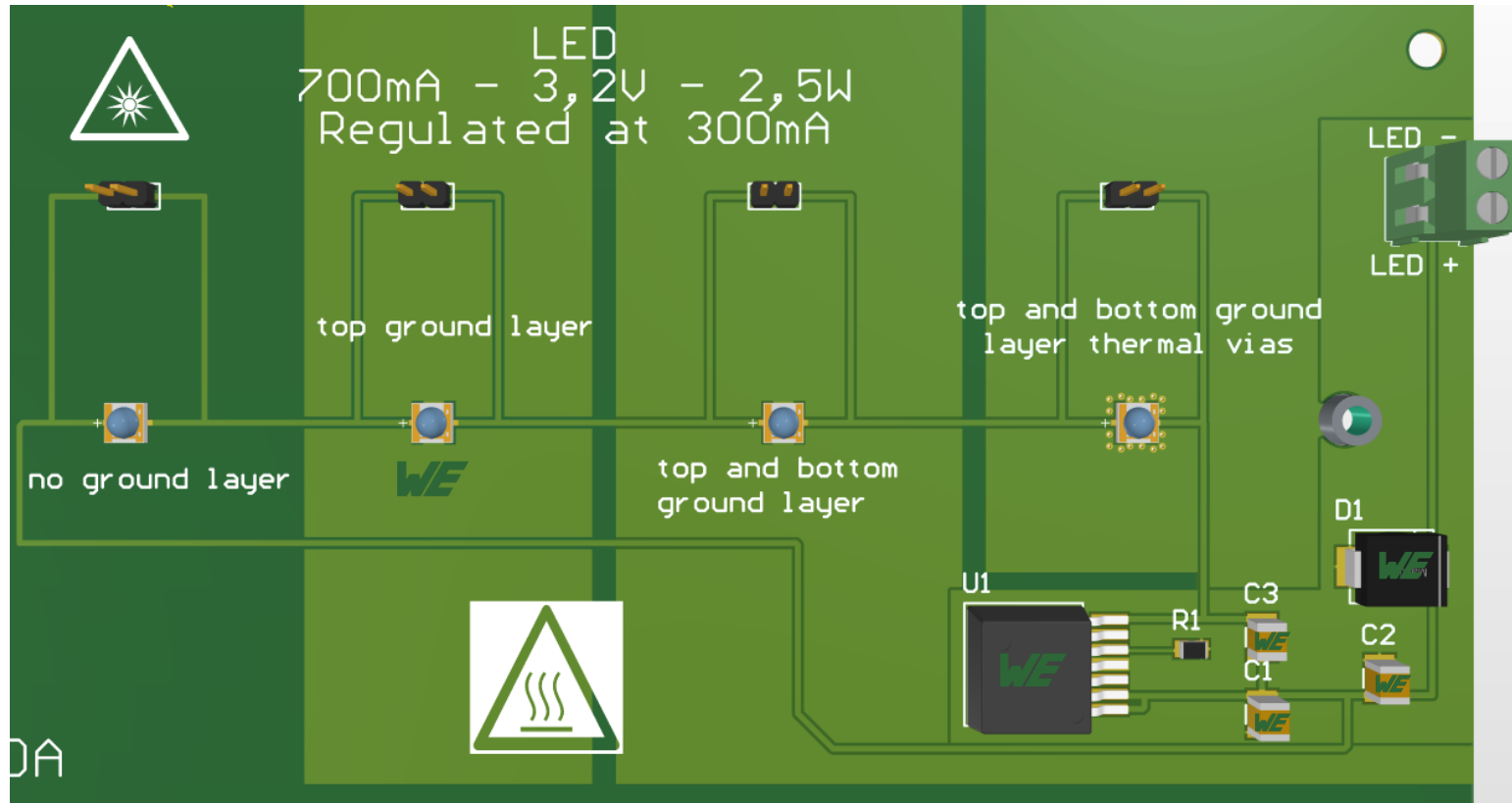
graphite sheet
1800 Wm⁻¹K⁻¹

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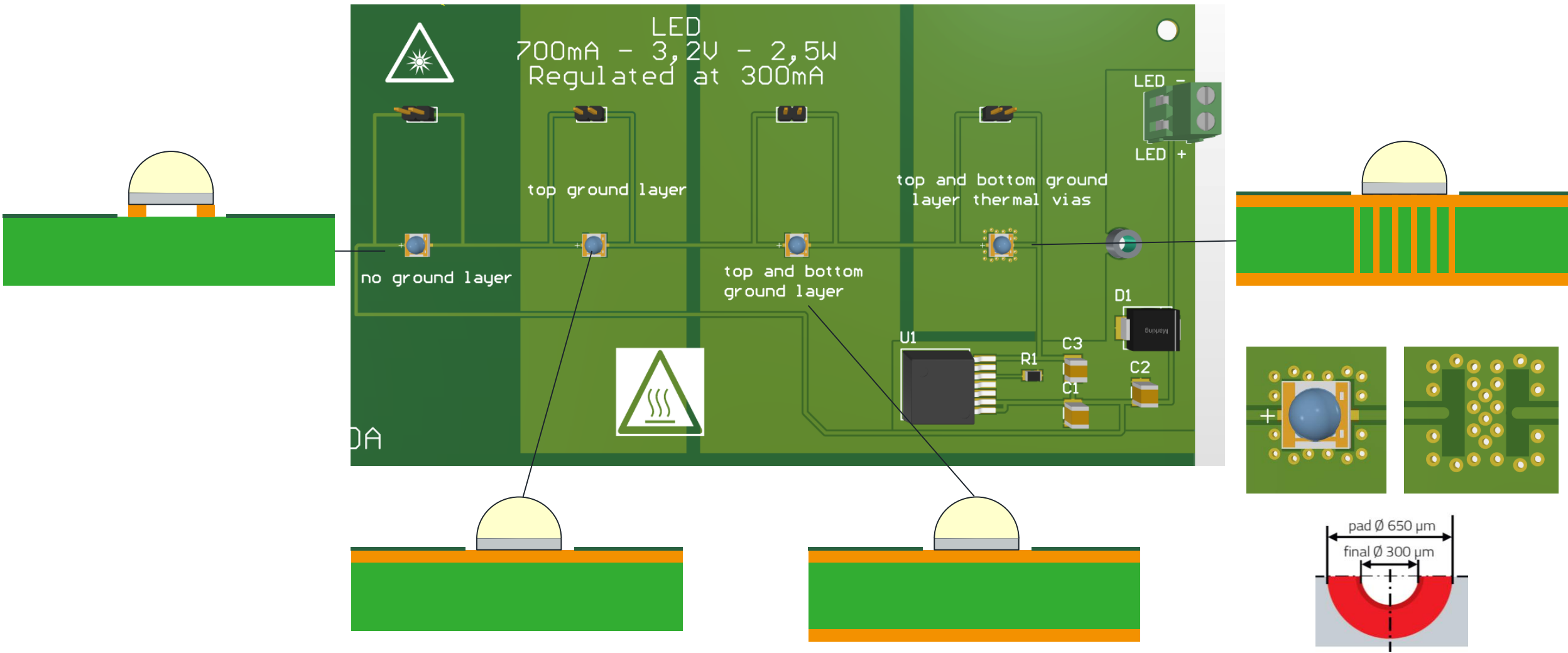


LEDS



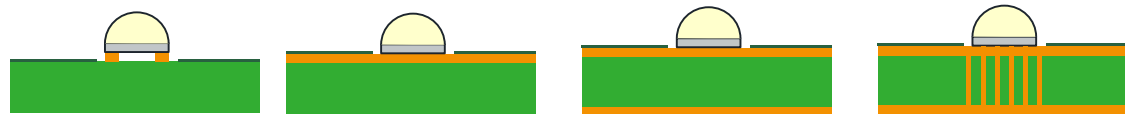
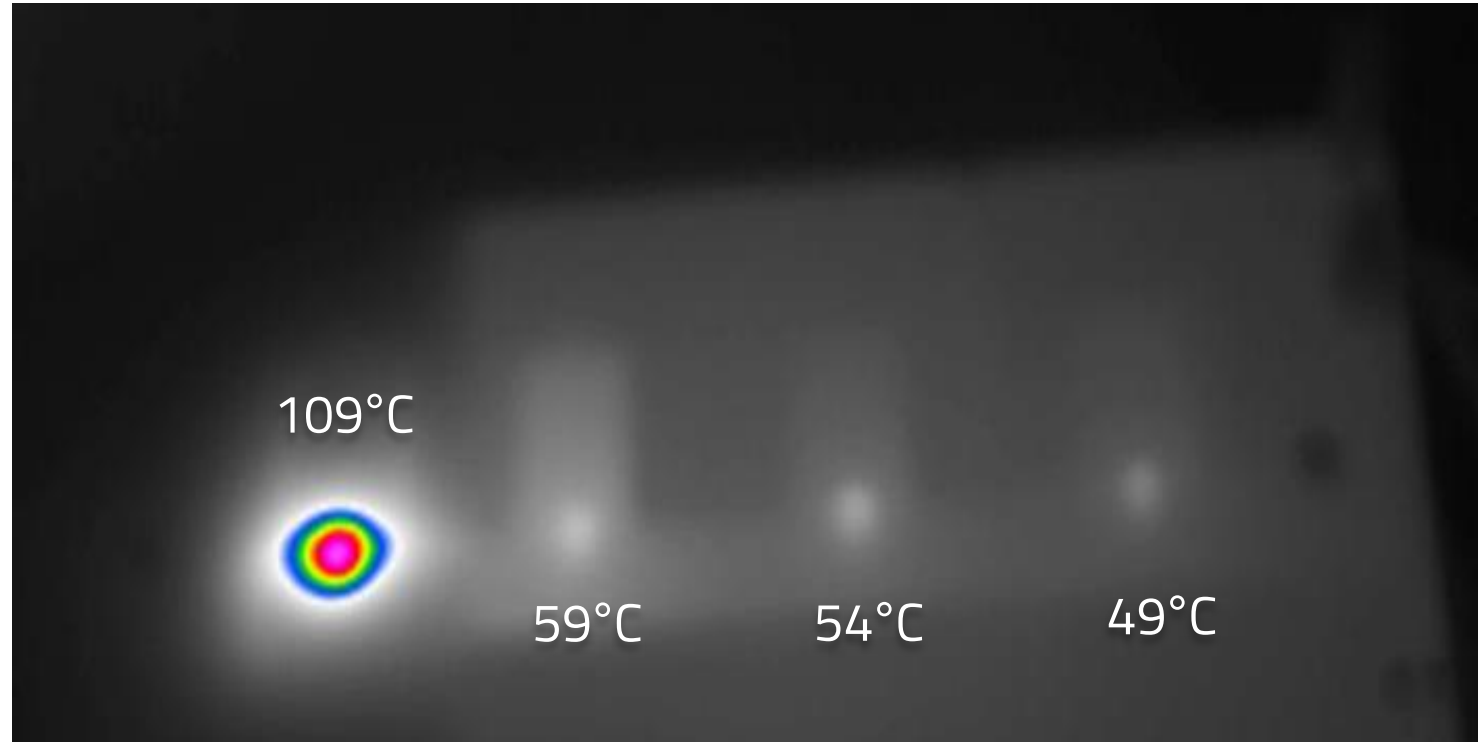
Max current: 700mA
Dissipated power 2,5W
Max temperature: 125°C

LEDS



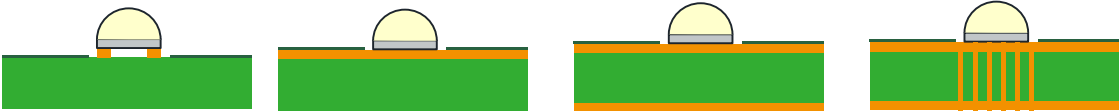
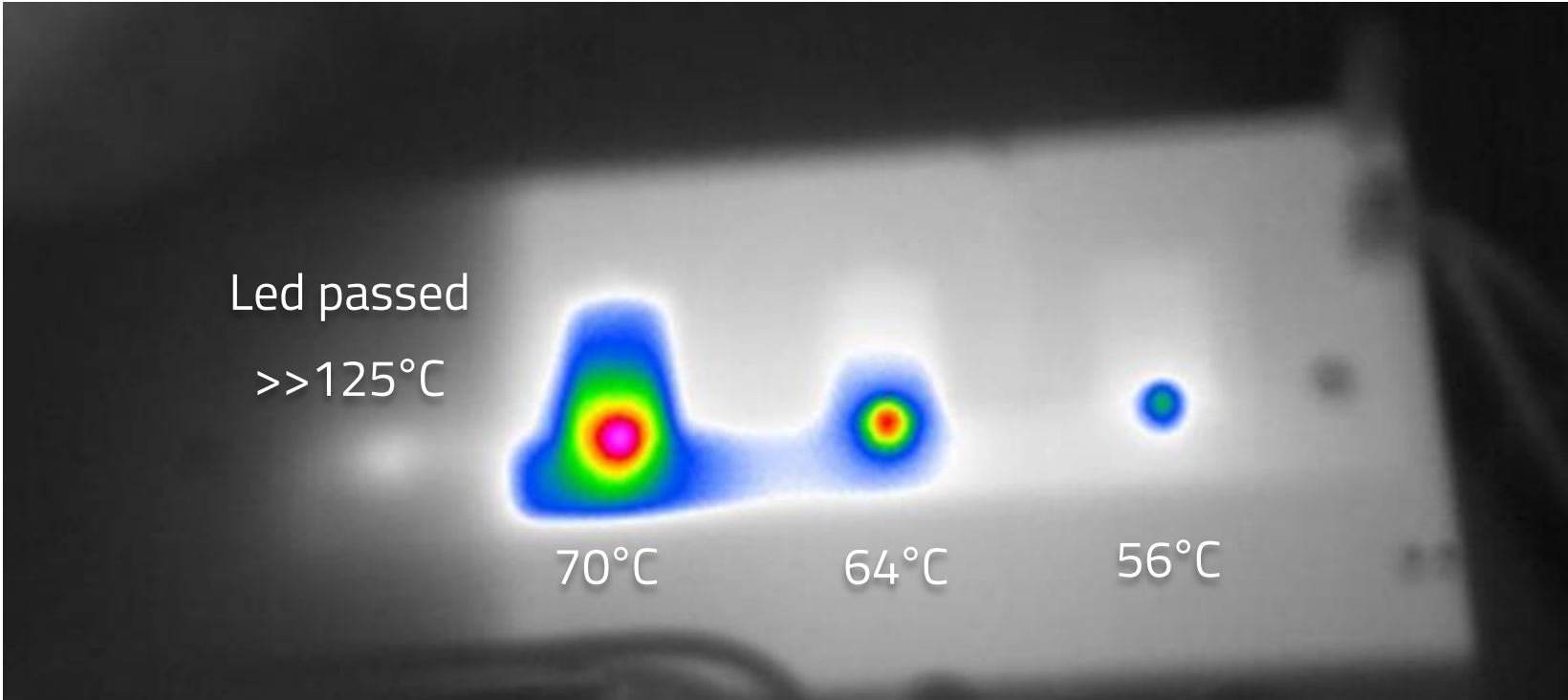
LEDS

0.3A



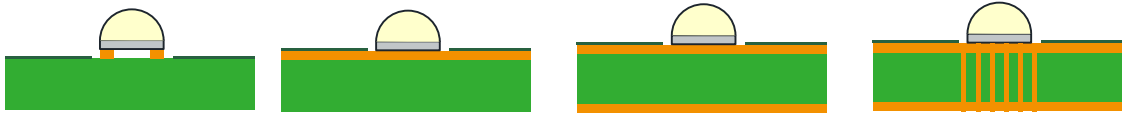
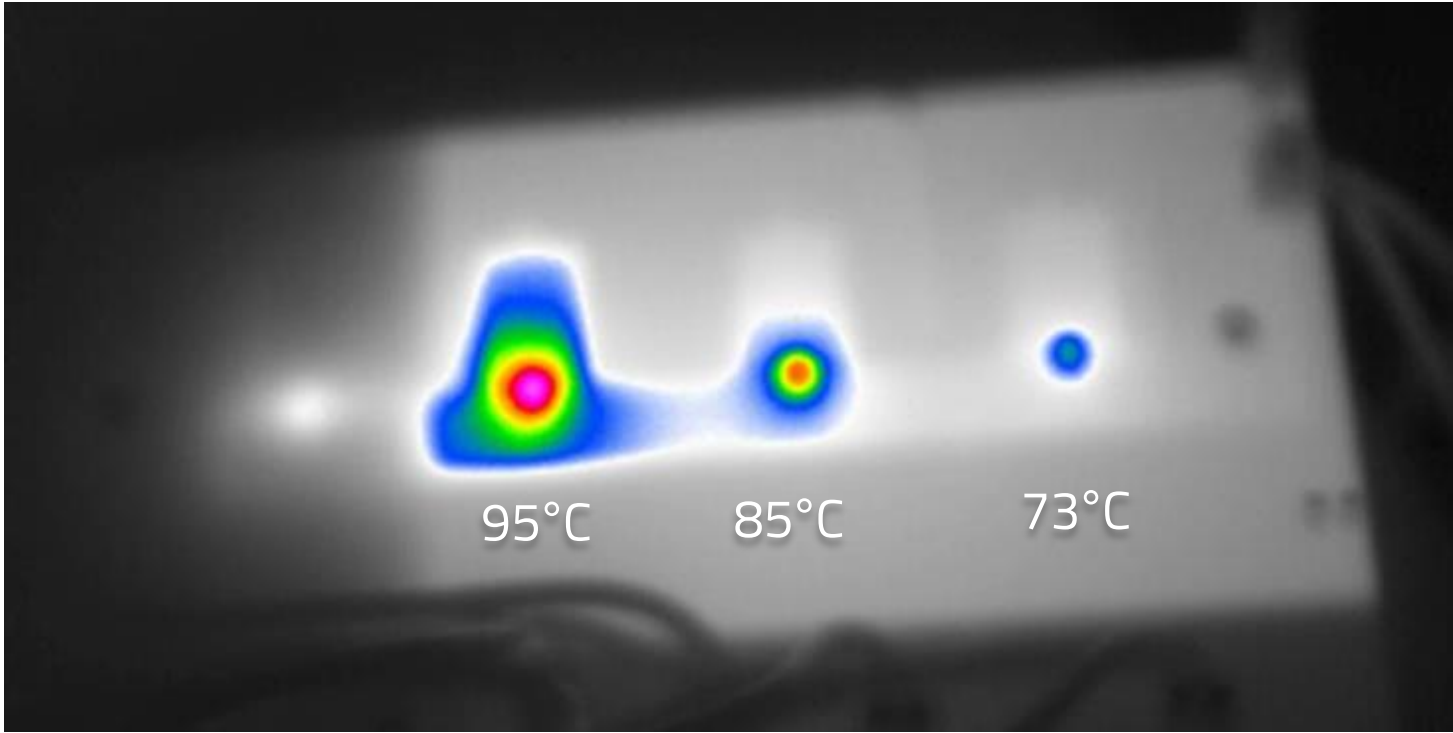
LEDS

0.4A

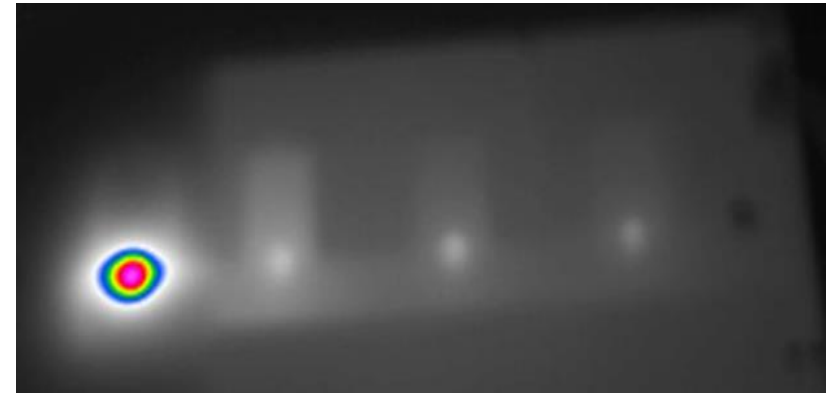
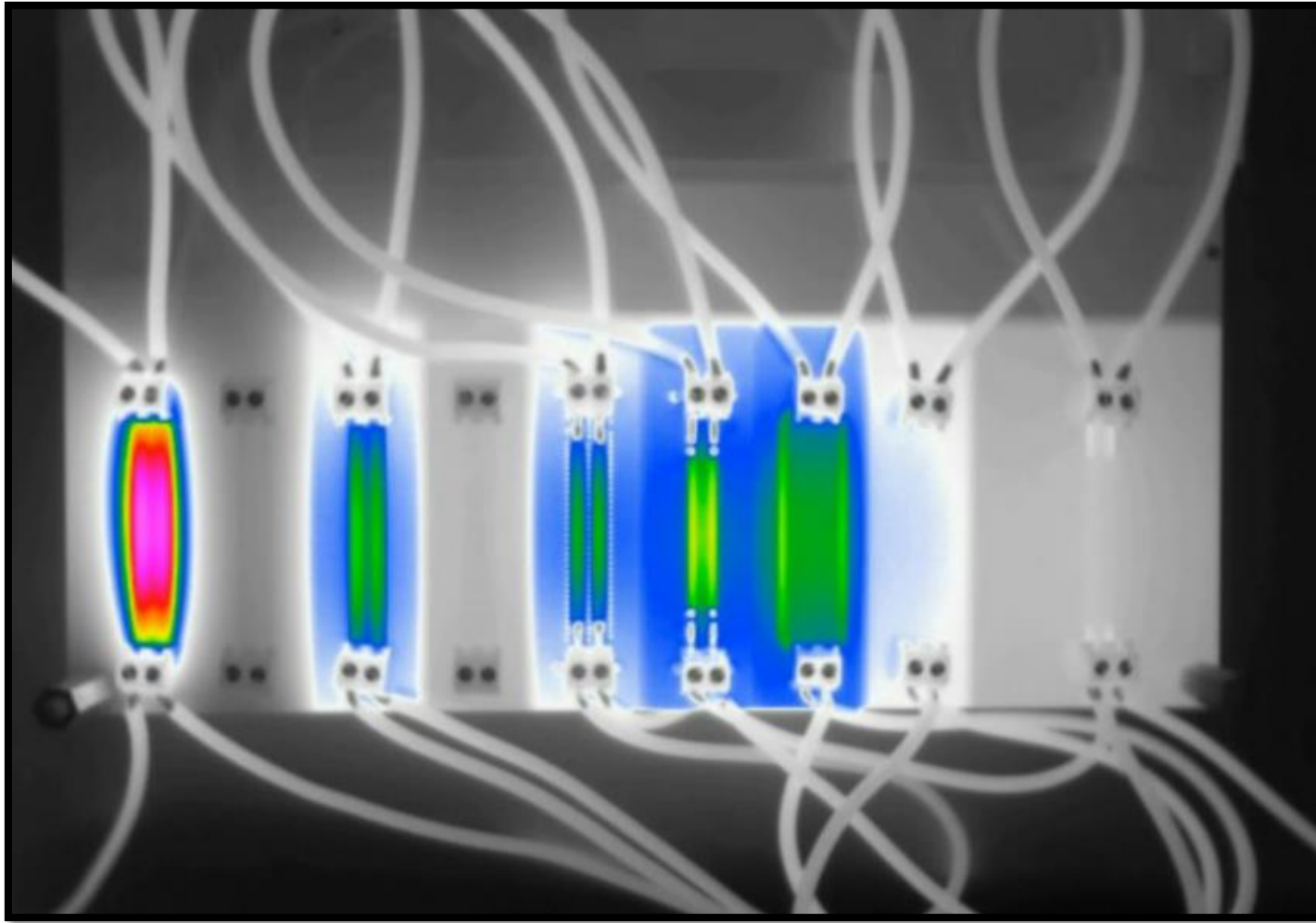


LEDS

0.7A



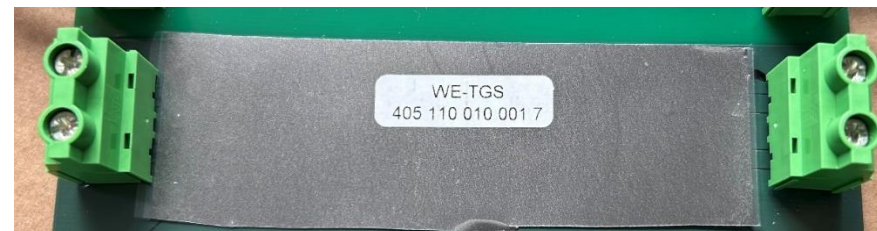
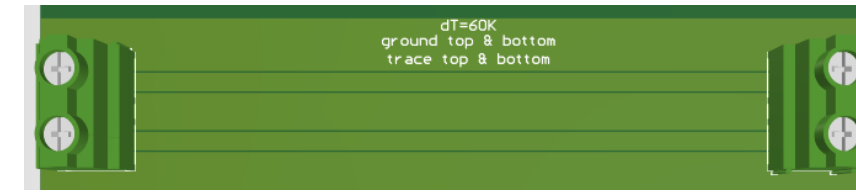
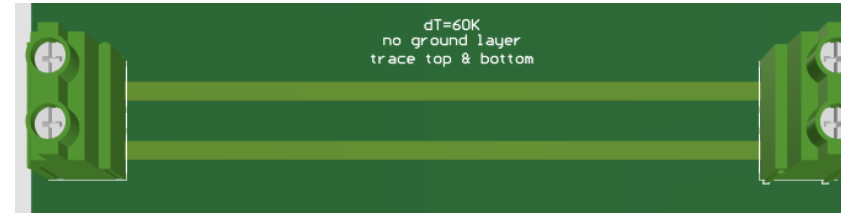
CONCLUSION



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CONCLUSION

- 10°C lower double life span
- If possible oversize your traces
- IPC2152 design fits to reality
- IPC2221 design gives higher temperatures
- IPC2221 is usable up to high currents
- Easy tips to decrease temperature:
 - Ground layer
 - Thermal vias
 - Misalign power traces
 - Use bottom tin
 - Put PCB on vertical position
 - Use thermal management



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Temperature rise is easy to understand
BUT
Very hard to guess
→ Simulate or prototype

Questions

& Answers



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