

Probe Card Maintenance with Artificial Intelligence Assistance System



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IoT、Data Center and AI Effect to Chip Probing

With the development of technologies such as IoT, Data Center and AI, the terminal applications of integrated circuits have become more diverse, which has also led to an increase in the complexity of chip probing.



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IoT、Data Center and AI Effect to Chip Probing

- In the face of increasing test complexity, the entire test system of integrated circuit still has many adjustments to be made in the test function design and the tester parameters and usage settings.
- If the combination is not good, yield loss or even loss will occur in the test. It cannot be tested, so the probe card manufacturer must adjust (repair) the probe card to assist customers in smooth mass production troubleshooting.



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Bottleneck of Probe Card Maintenance

- No easy to train maintenance personnel with multiple professional abilities.
- Due to know-how and business secrets, the tester program is locked, causing the testing factory to be unable to provide accurate abnormal information.
- How to reduce the timeliness and improve the accuracy of repairing abnormal probe cards is very challenging.



Not easy to train personnel

 Personnel with Diverse professional abilities in the use of mechanical/electrical/tester hardware and software



accurate abnormal information.



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Benefits of Artificial Intelligence Assistance System

With only 0.5 years of training time, maintenance personnel can propos the 60% overall accuracy of corrective action.

Maintenance Personnel First Time Right

Overall Accuracy 60% with Only 0.5 Years Training

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Data Health Check-up

 Begin with the end in mind! How data is used determines data value as well as IT system design.

 Analytic-oriented IT system design: collecting data for analytic purposes, under the existing operation process.



MPI Digital Transformation (MFG.com)

Data collected from the IT system is unstructured and only for domain expert judgment and operation purposes.



MPI Digital Transformation (DATA.com)

Structured data is now used for constructing the MLBI algorithm to provide effective solutions in a few seconds.



Multi-labeled Bayesian Inference (MLBI)

Calculating effective probabilities of maintenance actions under different abnormal conditions and collocated probabilities of two different maintenance actions

Condition	Sol_1	Sol ₂		Sol _j	Eff. Level
<i>C</i> ₁	$u_{11} = 1$	<i>u</i> ₁₂		u_{1j}	$r_1 = 1$ (effective)
<i>C</i> ₂	$u_{21} = 0$	<i>u</i> ₂₂		u_{2j}	$r_2 = 0.5$ (half effective)
C ₇₆	<i>u</i> ₃₁	<i>u</i> ₃₂		u_{3j}	$r_2 = 0.01$ (non effective)
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C_{xxx}	u_{N1}	u_{N2}		u_{Nj}	r_N

 $P(Sol_{j}|C_{k}) = \frac{P(Sol) \cdot P(C_{k}|Sol_{j})}{P(C_{k})}$ $P(Sol_{a}|Sol_{b}) = \frac{P(Sol_{a}) \cdot P(Sol_{b}|Sol_{a})}{P(Sol_{b})}$

Predict the data that inputs certain symptom condition

- 1. suggests a certain number of maintenance actions with top n effective probabilities
- 2. searching the suggested maintenance actions from (1) having collocated actions or not (over threshold)



Chien and Wu (2022) Fu, Chien, and Tang (2022)

Al recommendation for Probe Card Maintenance



Accuracy Improvement Rate Ramping

After data health check-up, accuracy improvement rate of Al-Gen1 model ramps up 1.87X.
 Accuracy improvement rate of Al-Gen3 ramps up from 1.87X to 2.25X because of good data accumulation and model structure improvement.





Our AI assistance system can propos 60% accuracy of corrective action in 0.5 hours. For higher overall accuracy, we expected artificial intelligence to provide an overall accuracy of 80% by integrating the resources of the design house and the test factory.



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