# An AP210-based PCA/PCB DFx analysis tool

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# Background

- DFx tool resulted from a research relationship between RCI and UIUC
  - AP210 viewer, geometry library, and rule-based analysis
  - System simulation and control
  - Package modeler (funded by NIST)
- SFM Technology, Inc. acquired a license from UIUC to commercialize the DFX technology in Fall '05
  - Supporting the pilot and production deployment of the tool at RCI
  - Generalizing and enhancing the capabilities for use by RCI and others



## **Related UIUC Research – System** Modeling, Planning, and Control

- Hierarchical synthesis of systems for planning, simulation, and control
- Hybrid supervisory control of discrete event systems







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## Related UIUC Research – AP210 Package Modeler

- Support the creation of an AP210 packaged component library using a commercial CAD tool.
- Parametric model definition for rapid reconfigurability
- Population of body and lead geometry, seating plane, component footprint, etc.



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# Why DFX?

- Industry trends towards increasing PCA/PCB complexity, product customization, decreased development cycle times, and cost pressures
  - Low-volume production further increases challenge
- It has been estimated that:
  - 60% of overall product cost is determined by decisions made early in the design process
  - 75% of manufacturing cost is determined by design drawings and specifications
  - 70-80% of all product defects are directly related to design issues





## **Motivation**

- Develop a flexible tool for high-value DFX analysis
  - Leveraging Rockwell Collins / UIUC research efforts and strengths of the AP210 representation
  - Build on expertise in manufacturing, geometric computation, process planning
  - Adopt open standards and software technologies (Java, JSDAI, XML, webservices)
  - Provide an accessible interface for a wide-range of application end-users (designers, test and producibility engineers, quality and management personnel)
- Scope
  - DFA (Component analysis, Fiducials, Padstack analysis, Solder paste)
  - DFM (Minimum etch spacings, Solder mask analysis, Holes, vias, microvias)
  - DFT (ICT and FP Test pad selection, Orientation, Inspection)





## **DFX analysis based on open standards**

- Compliant with the STEP-AP210 international (ISO) standard for product data exchange and representation
- What is STEP?
  - ISO 10303 is an International Standard for the computerinterpretable representation of product information and for the exchange of product data.
  - The objective is to provide a neutral mechanism capable of describing products throughout their life cycle. This mechanism is suitable not only for neutral file exchange, but also as a basis for implementing and sharing product databases, and as a basis for archiving.



## **STEP Application Protocols (APs) include:**

- AP202 Associative draughting
- AP203 Configuration controlled 3D design
- AP209 Composite and metallic structural analysis and related design
- AP210 Electronic assembly, interconnect and packaging design
- AP212 Electrotechnical design/installation
- AP214 Automotive mechanical design processes
- AP232 Technical data packaging
- AP233 Systems engineering
- AP239 Product life cycle support (PLCS)
- AP219, 224, 238, 240 ... Manufacturing ...
- AP215, 216, 218 ... Ship ...
- Others: Building, Piping, Furniture, Oil&Gas, ...





## AP 210 Domain

Configuration Controlled Design and Use of Electronic Assemblies, their Interconnection and Packaging



## AP 210 Scope



## **Functional Models**

- Functional Unit
- Interface Declaration
- Network Listing
- Simulation Models
- Signals
- Test Bench

## **Assembly Models**

- User View
- Design View
- Component Placement
- Material product
- Complex Assemblies with Multiple Interconnects

### **Design Control**

Geometric Dimensioning
 and Tolerancing

## **Requirements Models**

- Design
- Constraints
- Interface
- Allocation

### **Rules Models**

- Design
- Manufacturing
- ...



## **Configuration Mgmt**

- Identification
- Authority
- Effectivity
- Control
- Net Change

## **Component / Part Models**

- Analysis Support
- Package
- Material Product
- Properties
- "White Box"/ "Black Box"
- Test Bench

### **Interconnect Models**

- User View
- Design View
- Bare Board Design
- Layout templates
- Layers

### **Geometric Models**

- 2D
- 3D
- CSG, Brep...
- EDIF, IPC, GDSII
- compatible "trace" model

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. AP210 Tools and Translators (InterCax / LKSoft)



- IDA-STEP Product Family viewers, converters, editors, diff tools
- JSDAI<sup>™</sup> Toolkit AP203, 210, 214, 236, 239, integration of ARM and AIM/MIM concepts

Translator	Xxx->AP210	
Mentor / Boardstation	available	
Mentor / PADS	available	
Mentor / Expedition	available	
Zuken - Visula / CR5000 / CADSTAR (CADIF)	available	
Cadence / OrCAD	Q3'07	
Cadence / Allegro	Q2'07	
CadSoft / EAGLE	available	





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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. AP210 Recommended Practices - www.wikistep.org

- 2nd Edition of STEP AP-210 adopts the new modular architecture to promote interoperability with other STEP APs such as AP203 Ed. 2 and AP214.
- Translators from several common native ECAD representations for the 2nd Edition of AP-210 are available and/or under development.
- Breadth of the AP-210 standard, and the formidable learning curve associated with its adoption may challenge implementers.
- Currently working to define, document, and implement a series of procedures for the extraction of PCA and PCB data from a 2nd Edition AP-210 representation of an electronic assembly. (work funded by NIST)
  - Serve as a bridge for vendors looking to add AP210 import / export capabilities into existing tools as well as those developing design and/or manufacturing tools with native AP-210 capabilities.



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 where {slcsar.relating\_product\_definition -> slc } structured template st = referencedEntityOp (slc) where {slc.relating\_product\_definition -> st} shape\_representation srOfslc = getShapeRepresentationOfProductDefinitionShape (st); [a2p2d1; a2p2d2] = getAxisPlacementOfSLCSAR (slcsar, sr1, srOfslc);



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cartesian\_transformation\_operator\_2d cto2d = getCartesianTransformationOfNAUOR (naour, srOfslc, sr2)

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return [cto2d; a2p2d1; a2p2d2]
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// Laminate \_component is not part of a Structured \_layout\_component else

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return [cto2d; null; null]]

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} }

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Query Implementation

- Use of code generation (templates) to instantiate specific query operations.
  - Automate "mechanical" portions of the JSDAIspecific code generation
  - Reduce implementation time and permit alternate backing implementations
    - Query trace / debugging code
    - Strict / loose operation checking (i.e. result uniqueness, qualifications)
    - Experiment with alternate query strategies (i.e. maps)





## **Example: Relationship Operation**





```
// Given: GivenEntity e
// Returns: RelatedEntity r
// Where r is related to e through RelatingEntity re
// e<-re.given_attribute
// re.related_attribute->r
// OPT re.qualifying_attribute=value
// Returns an entity r of type RelatedEntity that is related to the
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// re of type RelatingEntity that references GivenEntity through the attribute given \_\_attribute and RelatedEntity through the
// attribute related \_attribute. Optionally, the relating entity may be qualified through the additional requirement that
// re.qualifying\_attribute = value.
// It there is no entity that entities that entities that entities and entity.

 $/\!/$  If there is no entity that satisfies this requirement  $\,$  , returns null .

```
RelatedEntity r = relatedEntityOp (GivenEntity e)

where {RelatingEntity re}

{e <- re.given_attribute}

{re.related_attribute -> r}

OPT {re.qualifying_attribute=value}

{

// implementation

return RelatedEntity r .....
```

## Sample Relationship Operation sr\_relatedTo\_pd\_through\_sdr

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```
* Given a product_definition,
* this method will return a shape_representation
* related by a shape definition representation.
* 
* product_definition <-
* shape definition representation.definition
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* {shape definition representation
* shape_definition_representation.used_representation ->
* shape_representation =>
* 
* @param e1 the starting entity of type product_definition
*/
public EShape representation sr relatedTo pd through sdr (EProduct definition e1) throws SdaiException
      AShape definition representation a relationship = new AShape definition representation();
      CShape definition representation.usedinDefinition(null, (EProduct definition)e1, null, a relationship);
      Sdailterator it_entities = a_relationship.createlterator();
      while (it entities.next())
      {
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return null;

}



## **Sample Query – Get Transformation for NAUOR**





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// Returns a cartesian\_transformation\_operator\_2d in the case that a relating component\_2d\_location exists
// for the given next\_assembly\_usage\_occurrence\_relationship. The c2dl is qualified by the two given shape\_representations
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# **DFx Model and Process Flow**

- Internal data structure respects key AP210 concepts such as padstacks, stratum features, layer connection points, physical networks
- Comprehensive PCB API that allows efficient traversal of model for rule processing.
  - Graph-based connectivity algorithms
- Dual geometric representation
  - Comprehensive geometric library
  - Native AP210 / ECAD design entities

  - geometric entities





DFX Rules

**AP210 Entities** 

**Geometric Algorithms** 

**Resolved Manifold Entities** 

# Preprocessing of AP210 entities to geometric regions





# Mapping AP210 entities to resolved geometry - copper





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# DFM example: Minimum SM web thickness

Minimum solder mask web must be no less than "x"

- Resolve intersecting and overlapping positive and negative soldermask boundaries.
- Violations limited to thin webs in proximity to attach pads.
- Direct visualization of violating geometry. Violations mapped back to design entities for reporting.





## **DFM example: Soldermask Slivers**

Identify soldermask features that could cause quality issues due to delamination.

- Offsetting and boolean operations on soldermask geometry
- Classification of candidate slivers based on boundary analysis.
- Direct visualization of violating geometry.



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# DFA example: Copper Balance



- Analyze copper balance in proximity of lands associated with certain PCA components
  - Requires geometric resolution of full copper connectivity
  - Computation of integral properties (i.e. area)
  - Quantitative reporting
  - Direct visual feedback





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# DFT example: Testpad Identification

- Support requirements for multiple test processes (FP, ICT)
- Rules combine
  - Netlist pad connectivity
  - PCA clearance
  - PCB clearance, proximity
  - Text strings in close proximity
- Requirements
  - Search for a series of test pad candidates that meet certain criteria
    - Sufficient size for testing equipment
    - Satisfies clearance and accessibility requirements
  - Filter, summarize, and report by component and net.







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# DFT example: Support for Visual Inspection

- Require laminate text strings in close proximity to certain PCA components and testpoints
- Polarized components have consistent orientation <or> orientation symbols
- BGAs have visible orientation markings
  - Not obscured by component footprint
  - Must be in close proximity
  - Chamfer to indicant pin one
    - Shape recognition algorithm for identification





# **Case Study – RCI Designs**

- 6 production designs from CR-5000 -> AP210
- part 21 physical files up to 35 MB (outer layers only)
- 48 DFM rules / 61 DFT rules
- Processing time (times below will be dramatically reduced in new implementation)
  - <10 min for 5 of 6.</li>
  - ~1 hr for the 6th
- Number of design entities (on outer layers) up to:
  - 9,700 lands, 3,800 traces, 7,300 non-land copper regions
  - 56,000 polygons
  - 4,200,000 vertices
  - <8 min processing time



## **Status**

- AP210 has been vetted in a challenging production environment
  - Comprehensive AP210 model supports a wide range of DFA / DFM / DFT analysis
  - Translators from major ECAD formats are available
- DFx capabilities have been developed and demonstrated
  - Robust geometric library integrated with PCB model
  - Flexible architecture to support rapid customization and rule prototyping
  - Results validated on hundreds of production designs by producibility and test engineers
  - Commercial implementation (DFXpert) complete pending 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. update and regression testing

