#### **Option 1: FlexFrame Interconnect**

- ET manufactures a custom FR4 pin carrier. Gold plated pins are pressed into the carrier and bent into a 'C' shape. The resulting FlexFrame is soldered to pads on the bottom of the adapter PCB. This is typically done with high-temp solder to prevent the solder joints from going to a liquidous temperature when the adapter is soldered to the motherboard.
- The resulting adapter looks very familiar to process engineers, and works well for fine pitch and larger body size applications.
- The Flexframe also frees up the bottom side of the adapter to fit more components in the same x-y dimension.

#### **Option 2: Board to Board Interconnect**

- ET designs the interposer with a mirror-image of the pads on the existing board. The pads are built up with solder.
- Many customers have initially been concerned that there is not a compliant lead with this interconnect option. However, since both the adapter board and the motherboard are FR4, there is virtually no CTE mismatch. This means that after a process has been developed to create a good solder joints, this type of adapter has good reliability.
- The larger the pitch of the leads, the easier it is to develop a process that does not create solder opens or shorts. Co-planarity issues should be considered for larger-body parts.
- Our board to board technology has been approved for production use by IBM, Cisco, and Silicon Graphics.
- This is the lowest cost option.





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## LAYER 2 GND









### LAYER 3 VCC

















# SOLDERMASK BOTTOM







