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COTS Device Reliability

TCG-XIV – Munitions Reliability and

Lifecycle Technology

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'TCG XIV COTS Reliability'

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'Device Reliability' DOE/DoD Gaps, Needs, Challenges

- COTS components are designed to last the lifetime of a cell phone or an automobile. DOD and DOE applications need 20-30 lifetimes with a significant dormant storage requirement and single use high reliability component to that requirement.
- Specifications are forgiving, often devices function within a narrow region of their specified range. They can change behavior over time or exposure, impacting the performance of a circuit yet still operate within their specified requirement.
- Devices (and device lots) exhibit variability. Separating out the lot variability from change in device behavior due to aging can be difficult.



'Device Reliability' Goal & Objectives

Goal:

Develop Physics-of-failure (PoF) approaches to verify, validate and reliably model aging and the long-term behavior of COTS electrical components.

Objectives:

- Evaluate failure modes for new or changed device technologies, capacitors, plastic encapsulated magnetics, lead free solder, devices with copper wirebonds.
- Investigate novel, non-destructive techniques to detect failure precursors and an improved understanding of degradation processes in COTS electronic devices resulting in a predictive assessment of device behavior.
- Develop, calibrate, verify and validate compact lifetime prediction models (small number of input parameters, coarse component description) using long-term dormant storage (LTDS) data and available stress-test and field results.



FY19 – FY23 Five Year Plan: List of Milestones/Deliverables

Subtask	Milestones / Deliverables	Completion Date (FY)
06.1	SAND Report on statistical approach for diode data analysis	Q1-FY19
06.02	Documentation of Results from diode copper wire bond study Begin follow-up testing on different data code zener diodes	FY19
06.03	Ta Capacitor study begins	FY19
06.04	2 nd report on results from Diode study	FY20
06.05	Results from Ta capacitor study passed to AMRDEC	FY20
06.06	Guidance provided based on Ta Capacitor study results	FY21
06.07	Report on Ta capacitors Study	FY22
06.08	Information generated from both studies to provide guidance for aging, trust and circuit modeling of COTS electronics	FY18-23

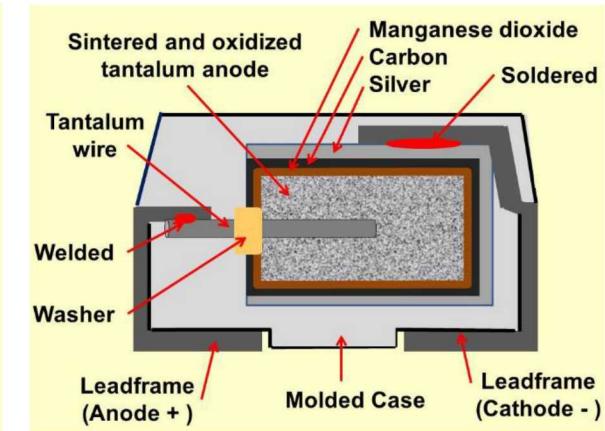
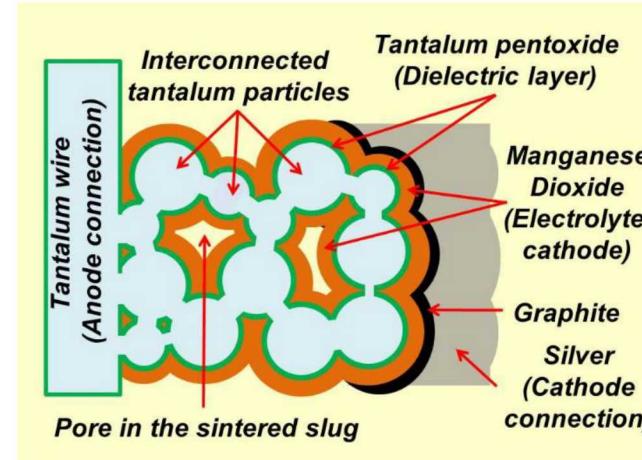
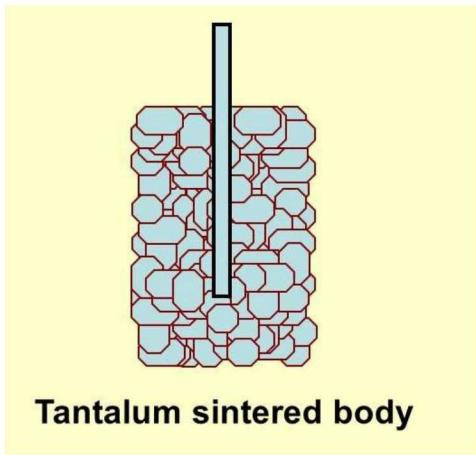


Technical Update 'Device Reliability'

- **Tantalum Capacitors**
 - Results from small study on VISHAY T97Z476 and KEMET T541X226 capacitors
 - Follow up with AMRDEC and KEMET
- **Aging and assessment of diodes with Copper Wire-bonds:**
 - MMSZ5221BT1-D Zener Diode
 - Comparison between automotive grade and standard COTS grade devices
 - 'Selection of a Nominal Device Using Functional Data Analysis'
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Ta Capacitor – General Construction



- Thin, 0.1-1 μm , well adhered oxide (Ta_2O_5) on all surfaces of the sintered Ta body acts as the dielectric.
- MnO_2 coating on Ta-oxide body acts as cathode.
- Alternatively, an Organic conductive polymer (PEDOT given as an example) is used as a cathode

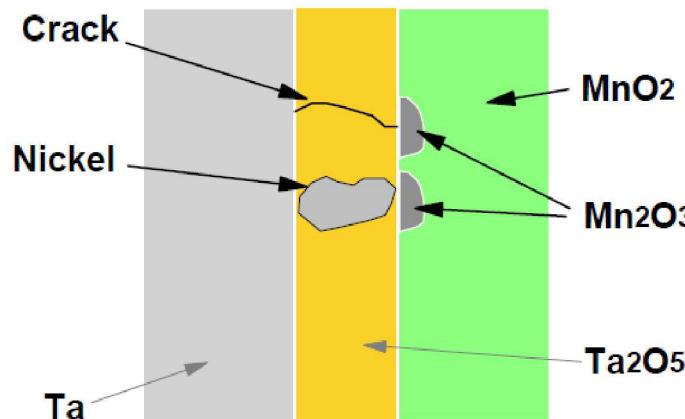


Self-Healing Mechanisms in Ta capacitors

An important characteristic – often associated with the reliability of Ta capacitors

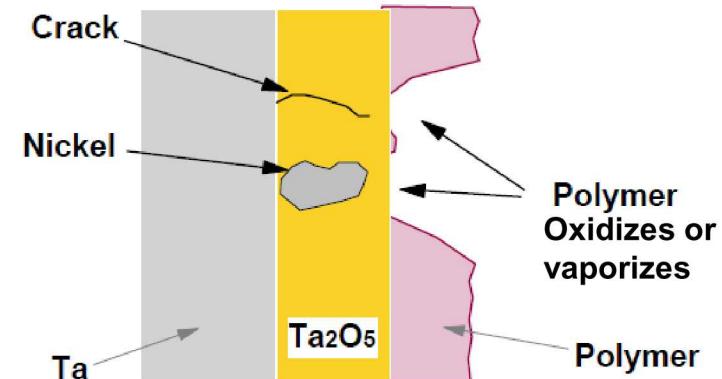
MnO₂ cathode capacitors

Healing Effect of MnO₂ Layer



Polymer cathode capacitors

Healing Effect of Conductive Polymer Layer

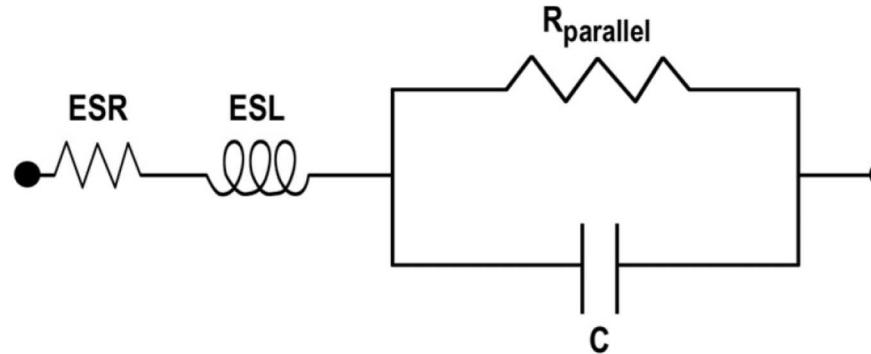


- MnO₂ - Mn₂O₃ phase change is regarded as key self healing mechanism
- Ta capacitors are usually conditioned to grow Mn₂O₃ or vacate the polymer near defects in the dielectric layer.

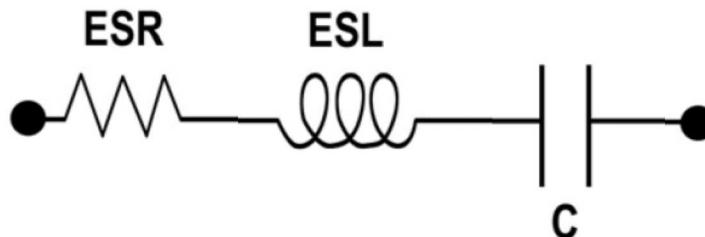


Capturing the behavior of a real capacitor with an electrical model

Capacitor Model

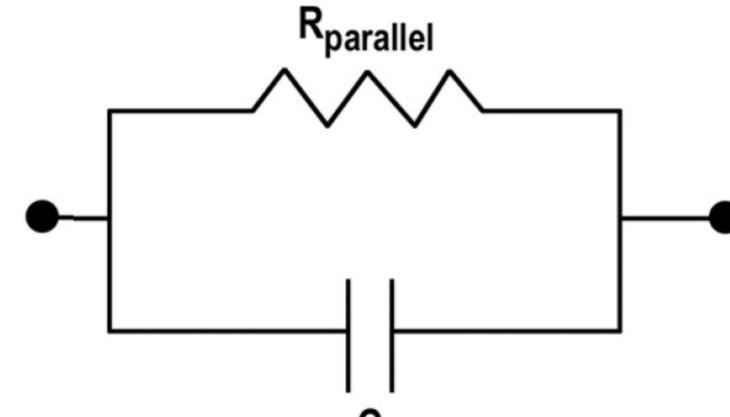


AC signal isolates
this portion of the
circuit



Series RLC circuit

DC signal isolates
this portion of the



Provides a measure of the
current leakage through the
Dielectric



Capacitors tested as part of the APBA board study

Capacitor Type	Lot ID	No. of Samples tested	Voltage Rating	Capacitance	Max Leakage at 25C	Max DF at 25C 120Hz	Max ESR at 25C 100 kHz
VISHAY T97Z476	11667169 17Nov	16	50	$47 \pm 4.7 \mu\text{F}$	23.5 uA	6%	0.24
	11667169 1746	16					
	11755887 1747	16					
	11841192 1807	16					
KEMET T541X226	1637DK30E -DC-1637	28 10	50	$22 \pm 4.4 \mu\text{F}$	110 uA	10%	0.75
	1720CJ91B	28 10					

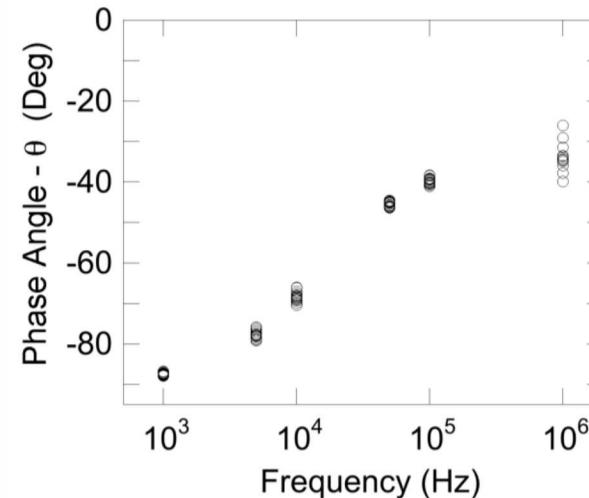
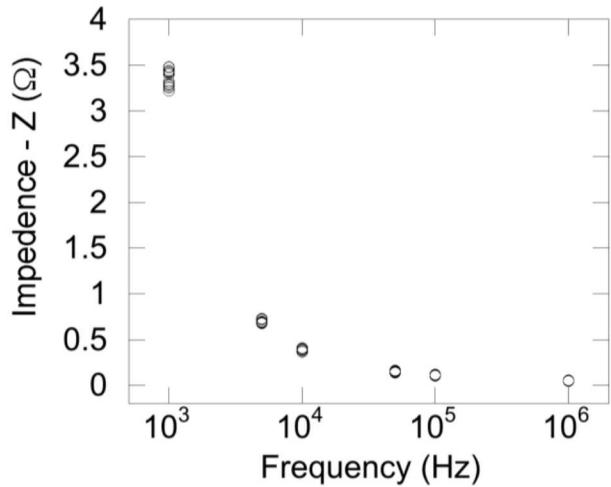
- **VISHAY T97 Capacitors** – Production ‘Lot to Lot’ variability across 4 lots
- **KEMET T541 Capacitors** – Comparison of 2 different lots and the effect of additional ‘burn in’



Example: AC measurement results on a capacitor (16 capacitors 'T97-17Nov')

Measured Results

35 V Bias applied across each capacitor
Frequency is logarithmically stepped from 10³ Hz – 10⁶ Hz



Measured Results → Calculated Values

$$Z = -\frac{j}{2\pi fC}$$

$$Z \sin\theta = -\frac{1}{2\pi fC}$$

$$Z = j2\pi fL$$

$$Z \sin\theta = 2\pi fL$$

$$ESR = Z \cos\theta$$

$$DF = \cot\theta$$

Pure capacitance- Voltage lags current by $\pi/2$
 $-\pi/2$ to 0 – capacitive circuit

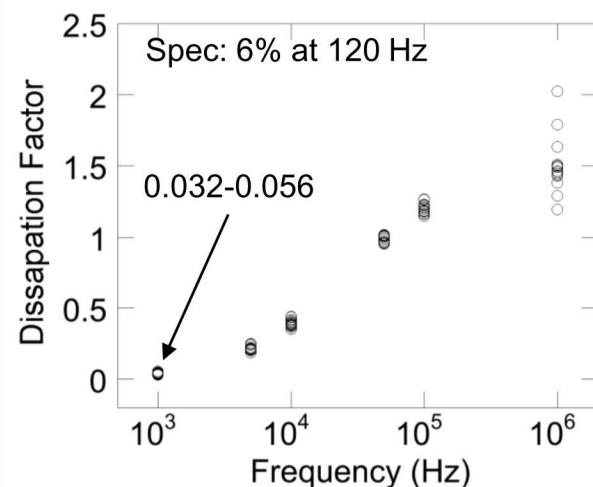
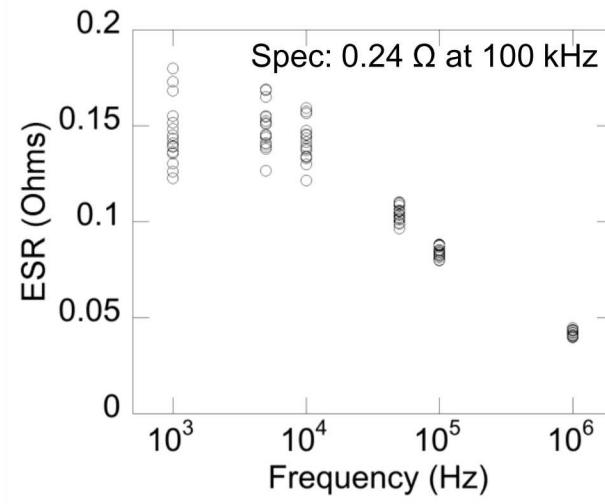
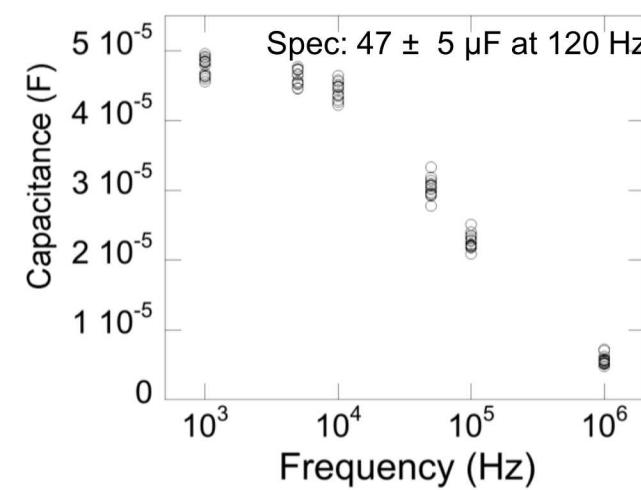
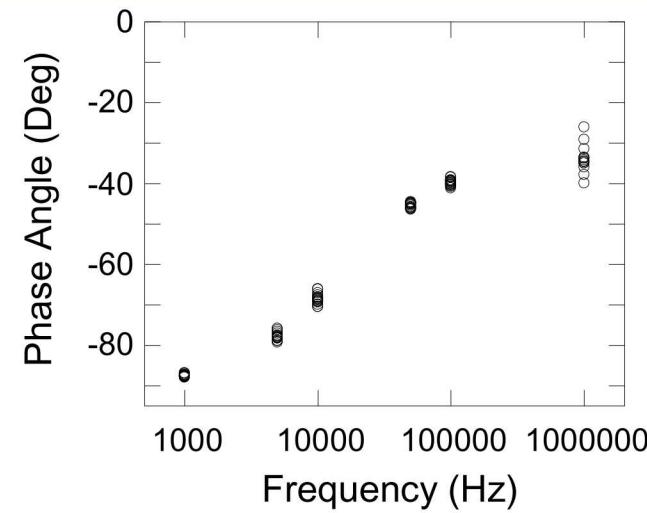
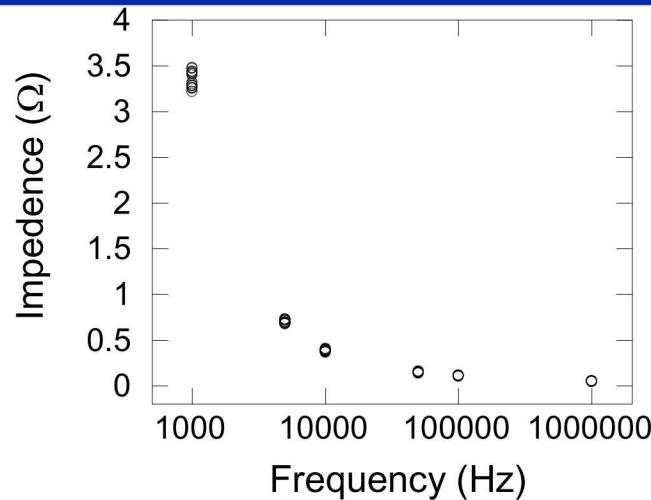
Pure inductance- Voltage leads current by $\pi/2$
0 to $+\pi/2$ – inductive circuit

Equivalent Series Resistance

Dissipation Factor

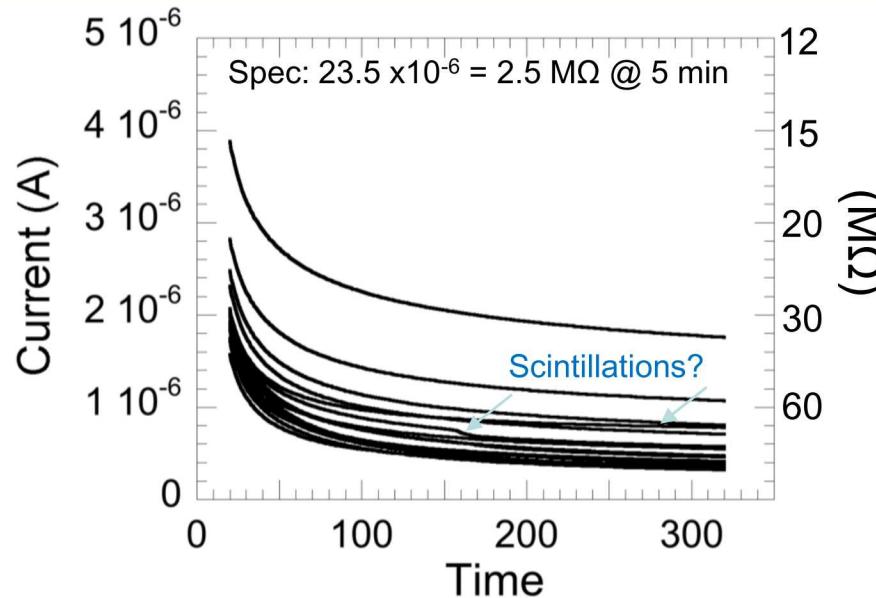


Variability exhibited on 16 devices from the same production lot (T97-17Nov)





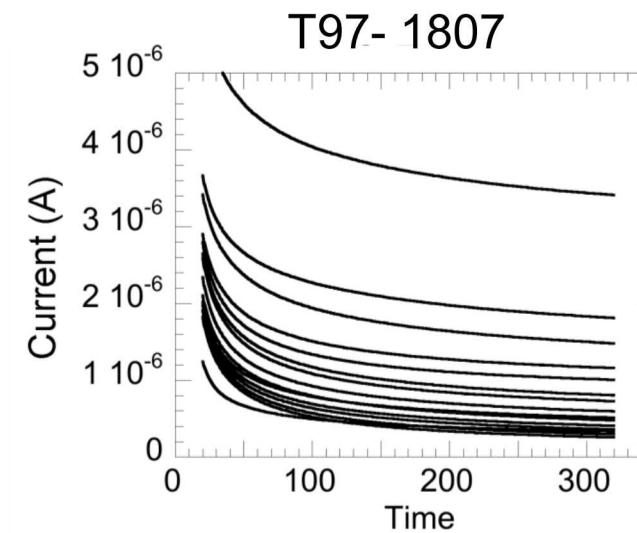
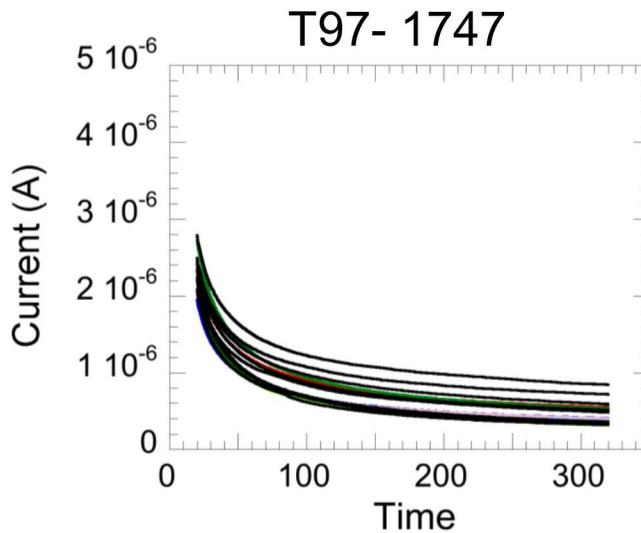
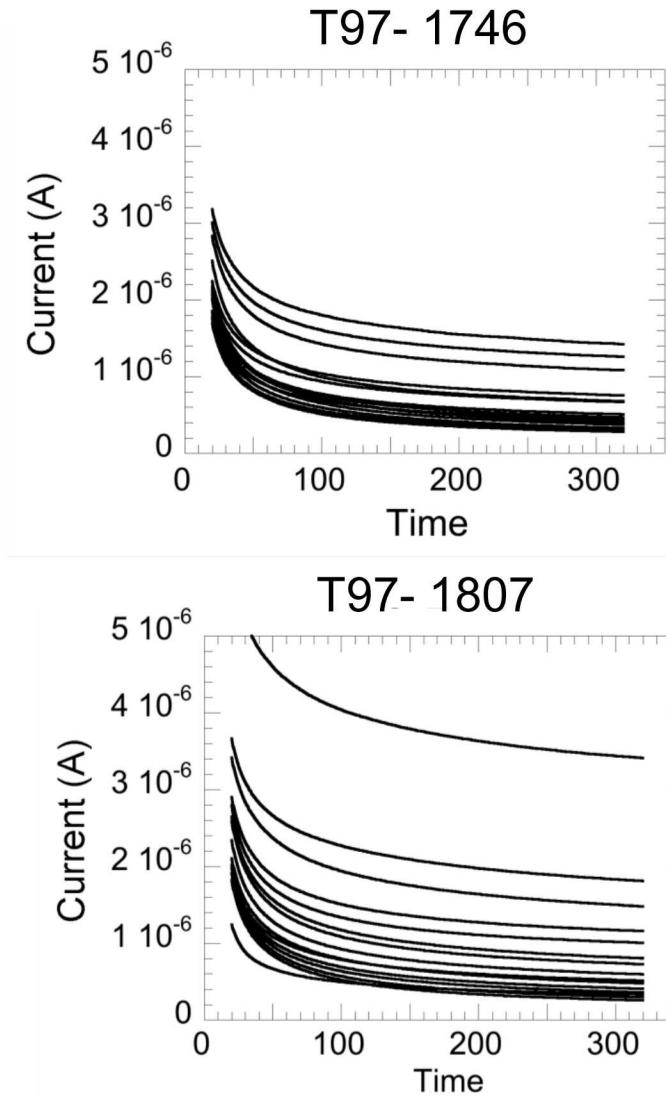
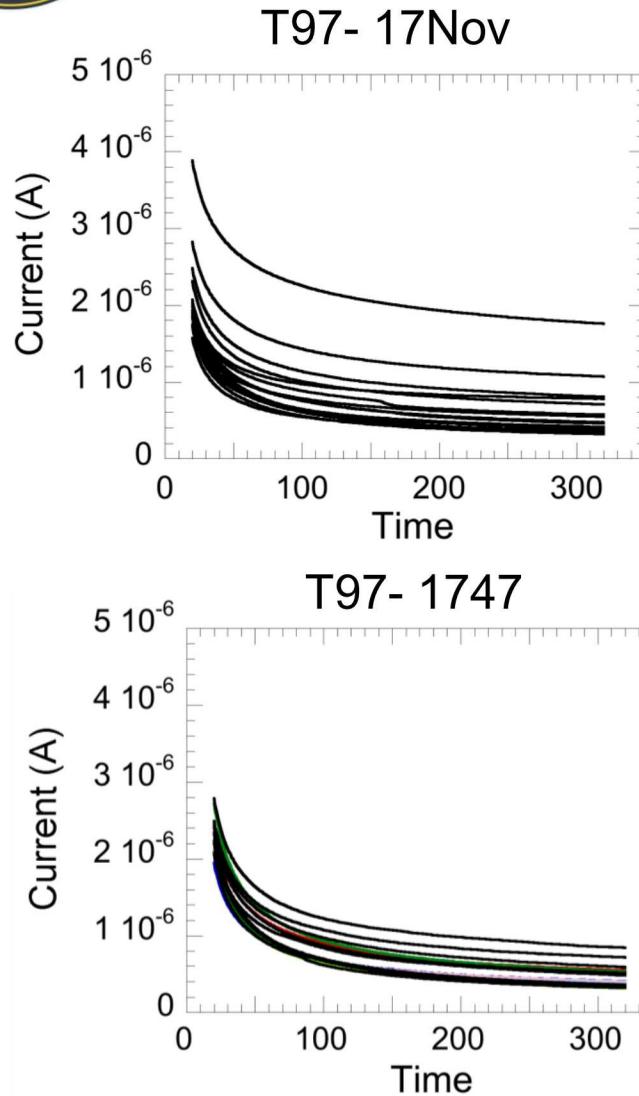
Example: DC Measurement Results across a capacitor (16 capacitors T97-17Nov)



- Devices held at 60 V for 5 min
- Evaluation of *current leakage* across the dielectric
- Series RC circuit, expect an exponential decay in the DC current vs. time signal.
- Can estimate dielectric resistance using these measurements



Observed variability in leakage measurements across four production lots – 16 devices from each lot

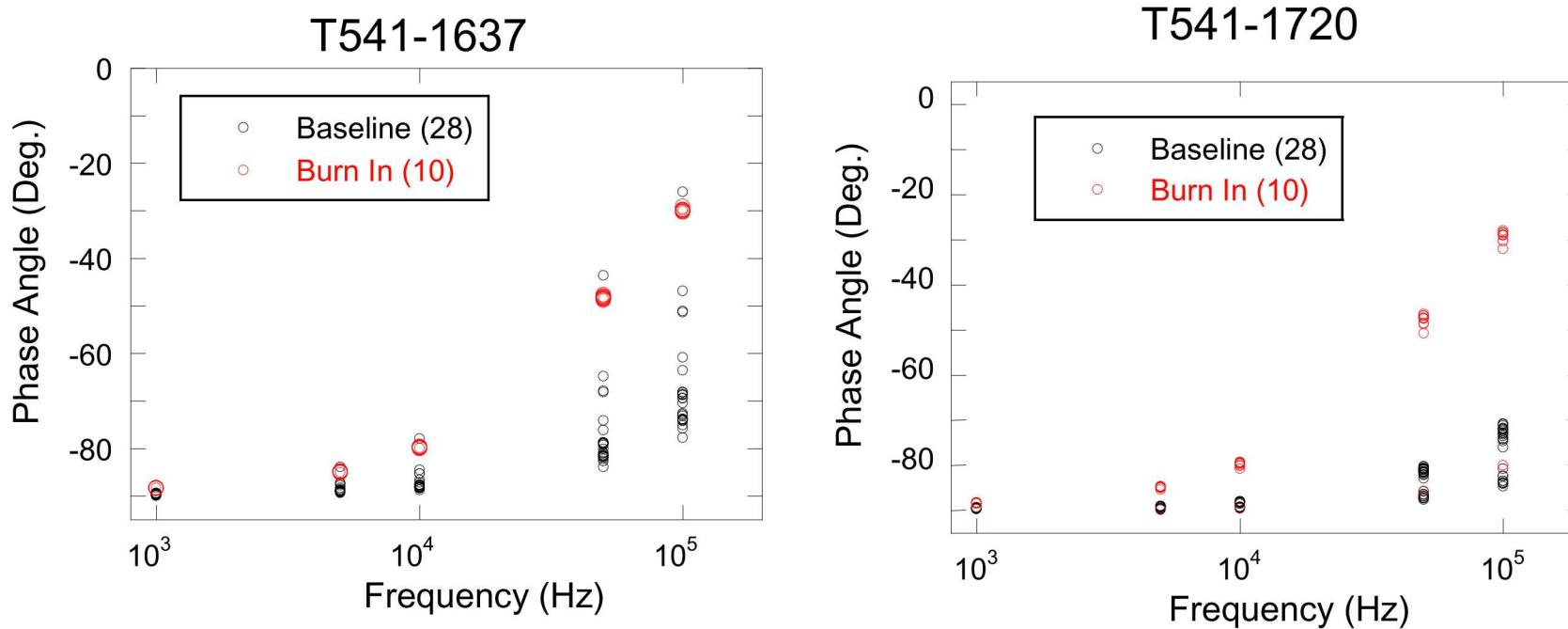


Spec: $23.5 \times 10^{-6} = 2.5 \text{ M}\Omega$ @ 5 min



T541 capacitor testing - additional 'burn-in' revealed a significant change in their electrical behavior

- 28 devices each from 2 separate lots were tested
- 10 devices from each lot were subjected to 'additional burn-in' then retested.
- 'additional burn-in' - Device held at their rated voltage and 85°C for 20 hrs



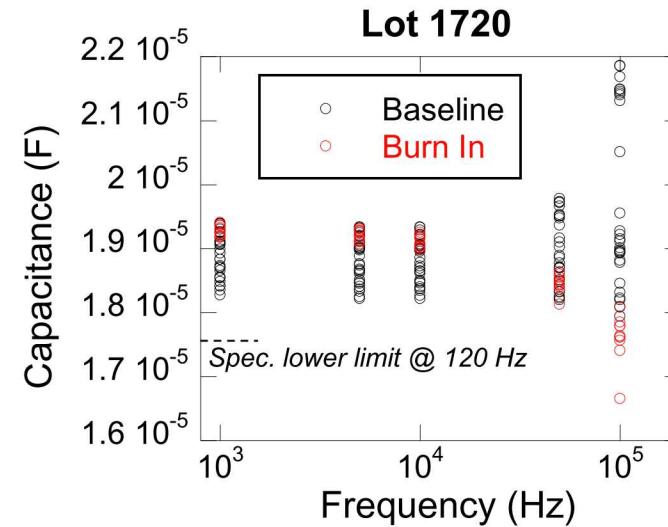
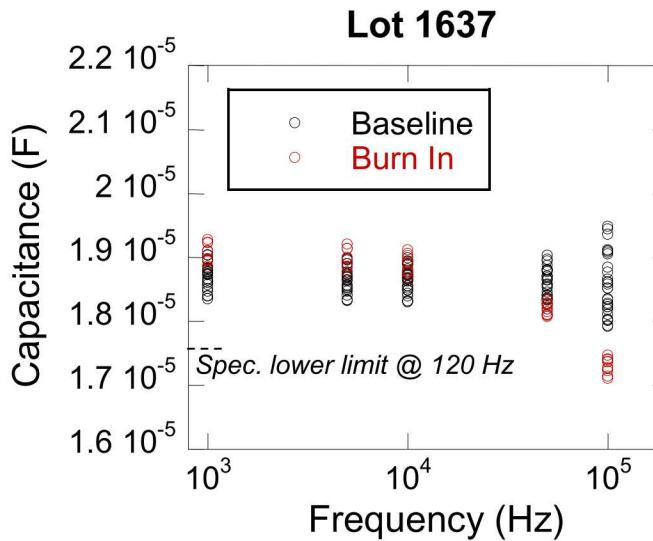
Burn-in provides an opportunity to improve the integrity of the dielectric layer by invoking the healing mechanism at any processing defects or by annealing within the layer.



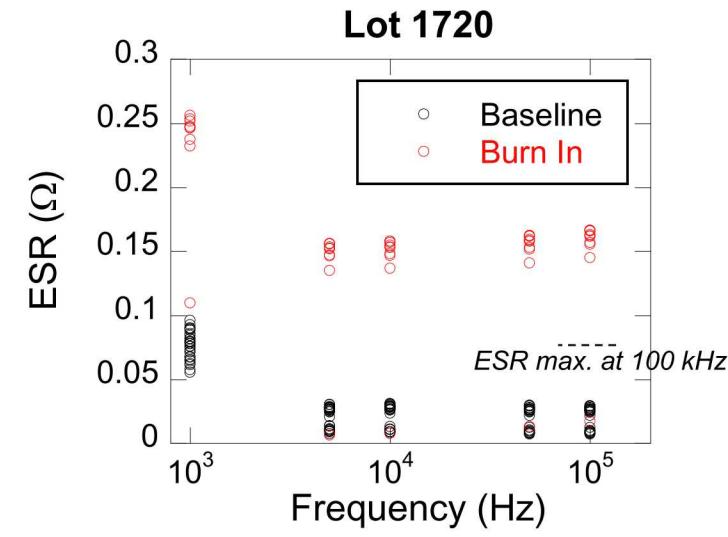
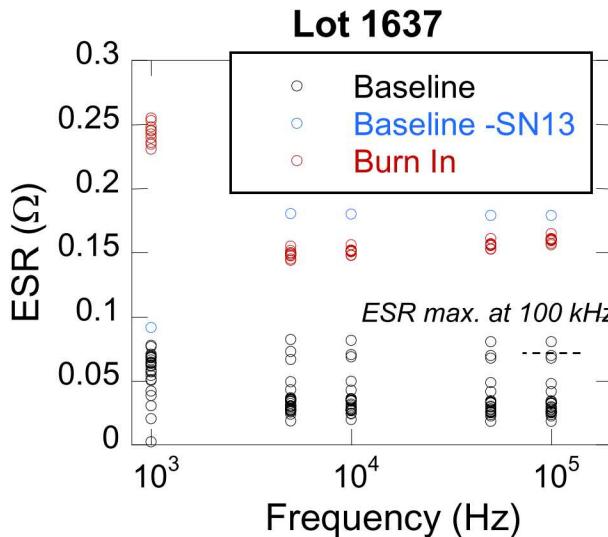
T541 AC measurements

Rated Capacitance = $22 \mu\text{F}$

Capacitance vs. Frequency



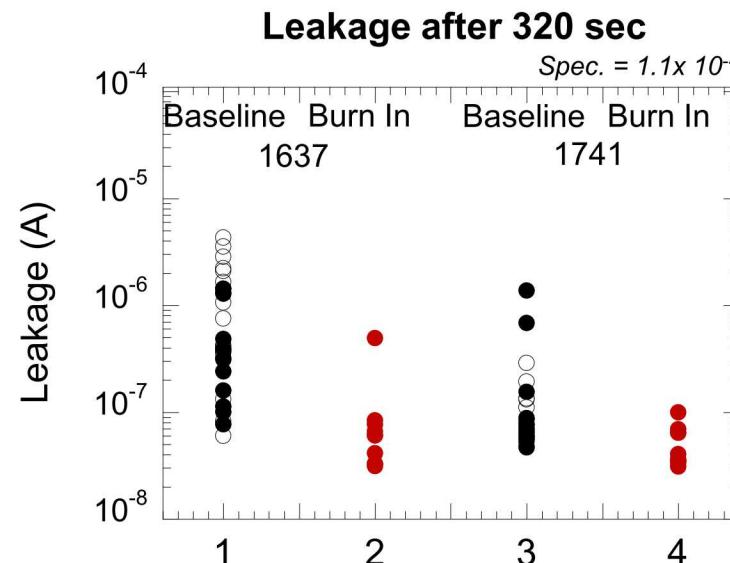
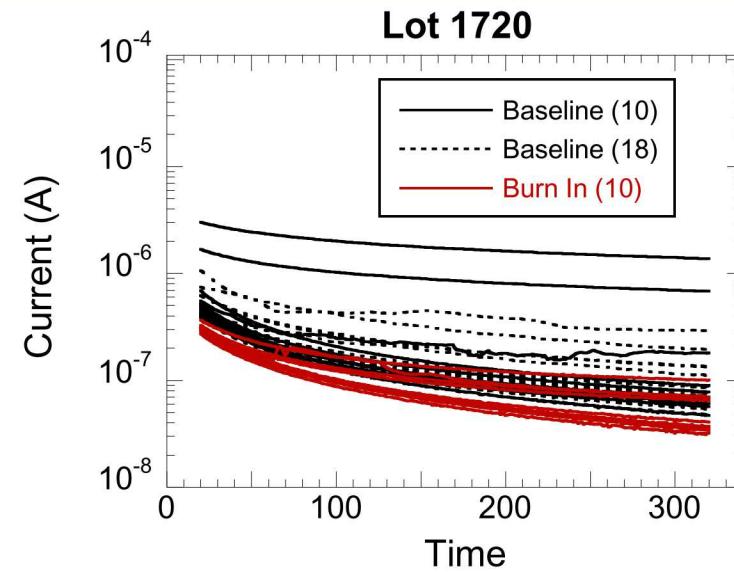
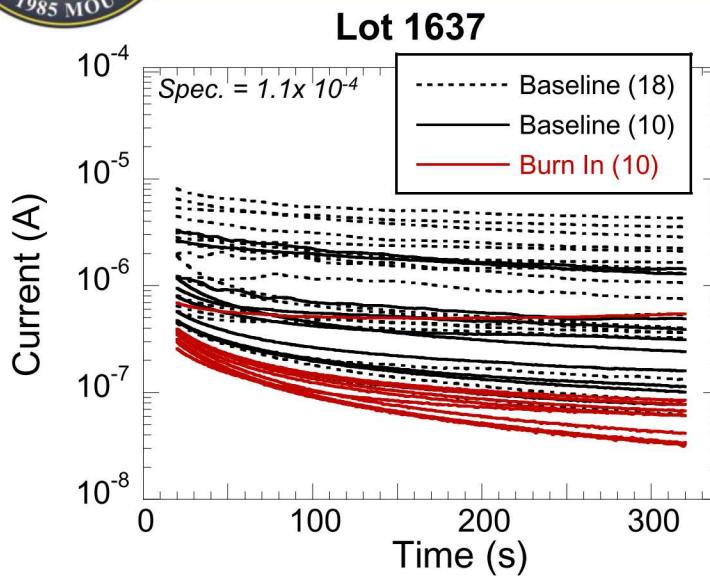
ESR vs. Frequency





T541 DC Leakage measurements

Specification = $110 \mu\text{A}$





One possible approach for coupling electrical measurements with Ta Capacitor Reliability

Surge Step Stress Test

-as a tool to evaluate production lot reliability

Typical Result

- Subject capacitors from a specific lot or after a specific aging condition to voltage pulses of increasing magnitude

Surge Step Stress Test (SSST)

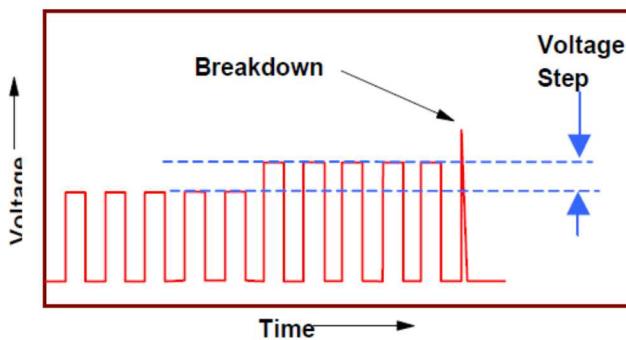
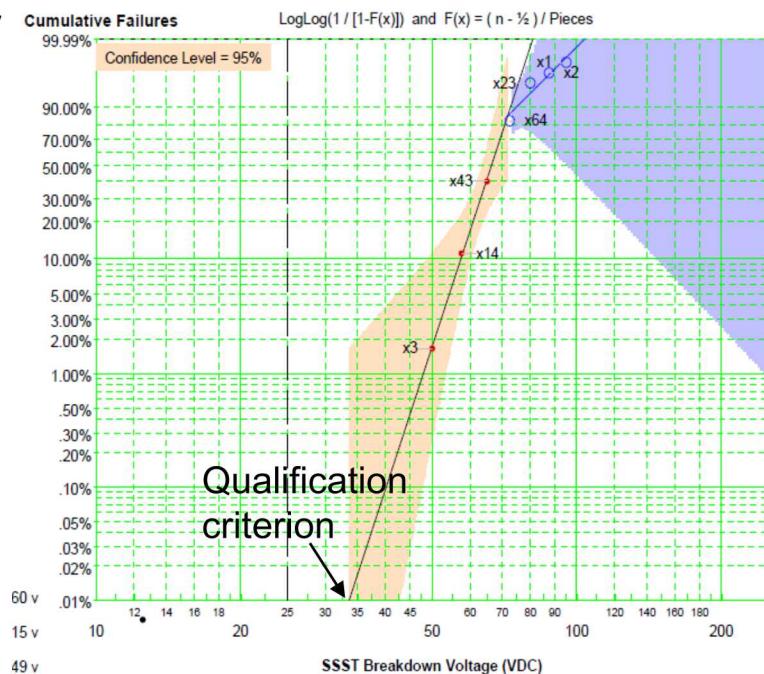


Fig. 3. Increasing voltage pulses of SSST test.



VDC	%Cumulative Fail
6.25	0 PPM
12.50	0 PPM
18.75	0 PPM
25.00	2 PPM
35.45	200 PPM
38.04	500 PPM
40.12	1000 PPM

*Typically Mounted on a circuit board using IR-reflow solder process (Preconditioning)



Aging and Copper wire bond assessment of three diodes

Device	Sample Size	Test Cycle	Aging Time (Intervals)	Characterization			
				SEM	TEM	PSA/PCA	Elec. Meas.
BAS20LT1G High Voltage Diode	100-120	Age 140°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.	x	x	x	
	100-120	Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.			x	x
	100-120	Precondition + Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.				x
MMSZ5239BT1 Zener Diode	100-120	Age 140°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.	x	x	x	
	100-120	Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.	x		x	x
	100-120	Precondition + Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.	x			x
BAT54 ALT1G Schottky Diode	100-120	Age 140°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.	x	x	x	
	100-120	Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.			x	x
	100-120	Precondition + Age 150°C	500,1000,1500,2000 hrs.				x

Preconditioning: 30°C 60%R.H. 192 Hrs.

Reflow: 3 cycles at 260°C

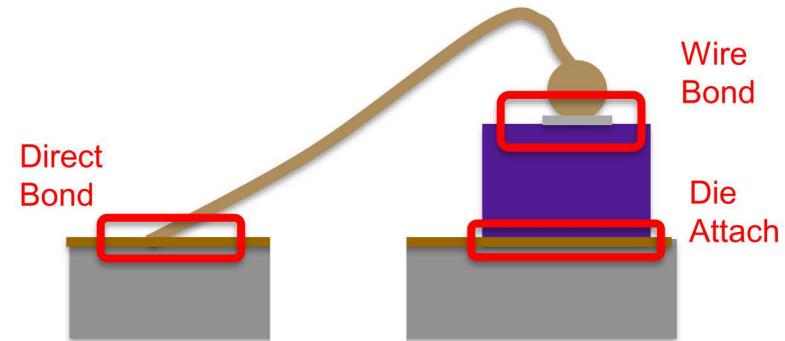
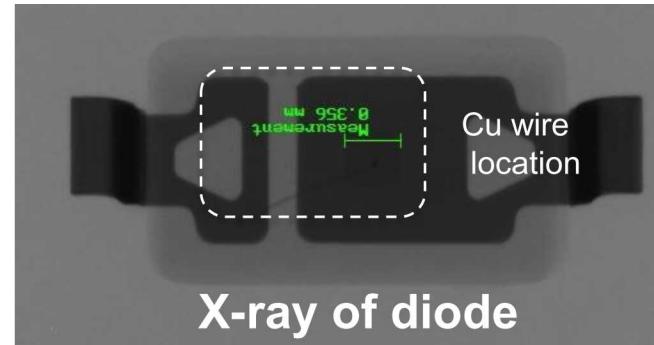


The Copper Wire-Bond in a Zener Diode

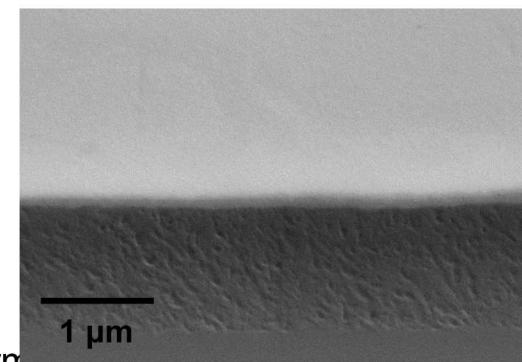
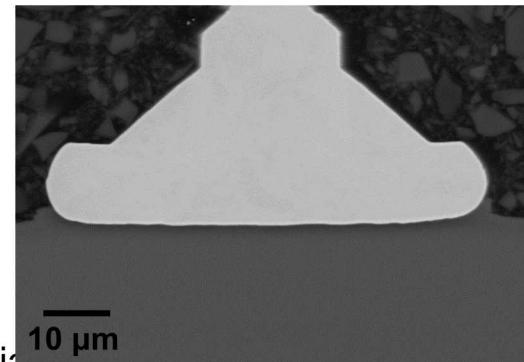
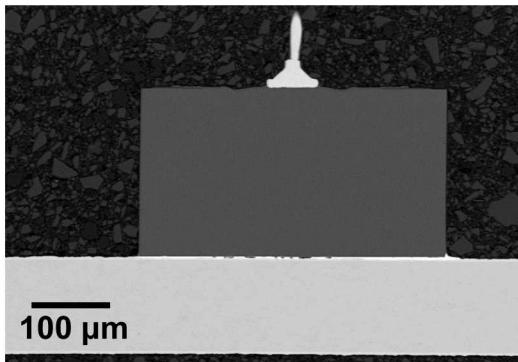


MMSZ5239BT1G

Zener Diode
9.1V 500 mW,
SOD123,
Cu wire bond



Cross-sections of Zener-Diode wire bond

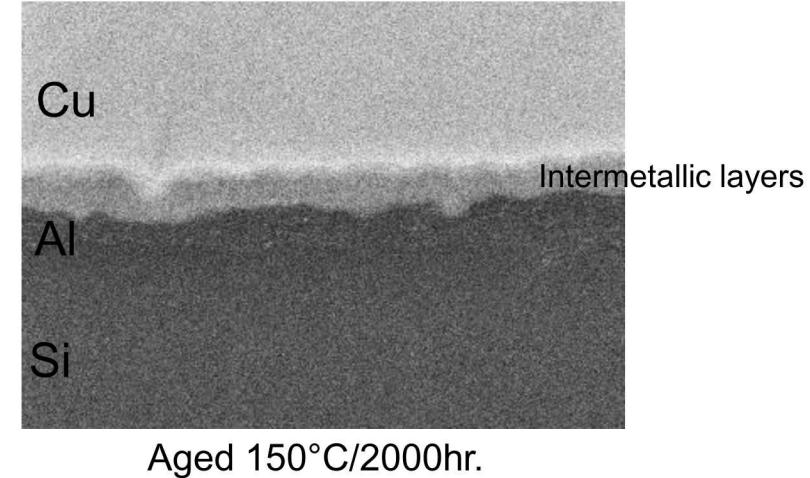
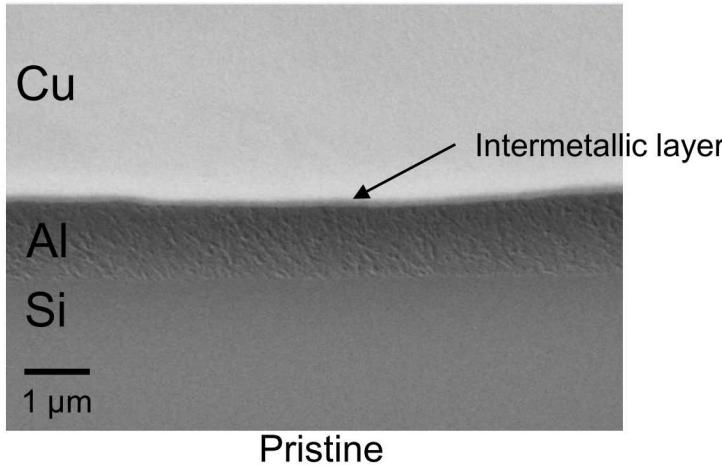




Diode wirebond changes during aging

SEM images

-secondary electron imaging condition



- Intermetallic layers at copper wirebond interface thickens and PSA measurement changes during aging.
- Documented changes at the wirebond interface with SEM and TEM (140°C only). Changes elsewhere in the diodes were not observed.

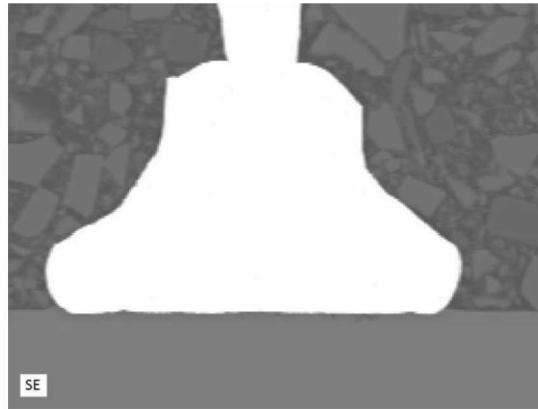


Are automotive grade MMSZ532x series Zener diodes different?

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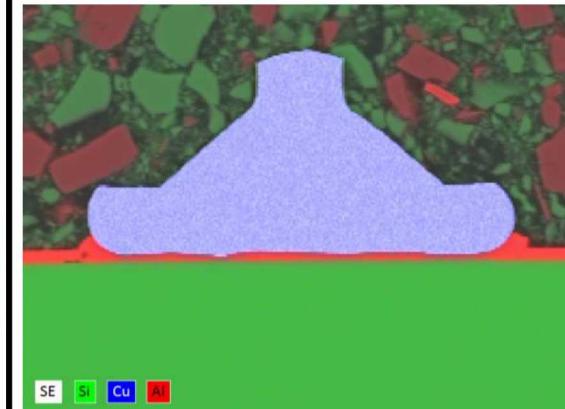
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Gold wirebond



Gold wirebond



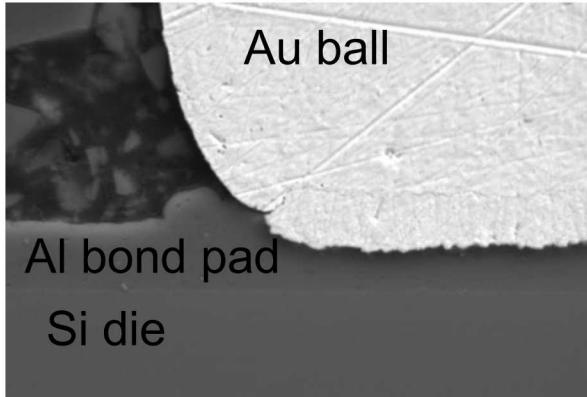
Copper wirebond

PPAP (Production Part Approval Process) – a standardized process in the automotive and aerospace industries that helps manufacturers and suppliers communicate and approve production designs and processes before, during, and after manufacture. *Independent of MIL-SPEC qualification.*



Pressing the copper into the Aluminum bond pad with more force evident

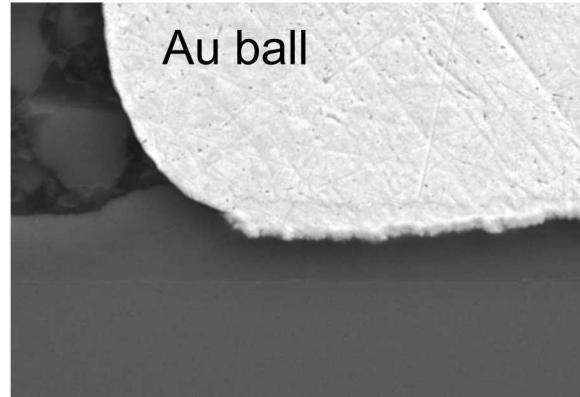
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Al bond pad

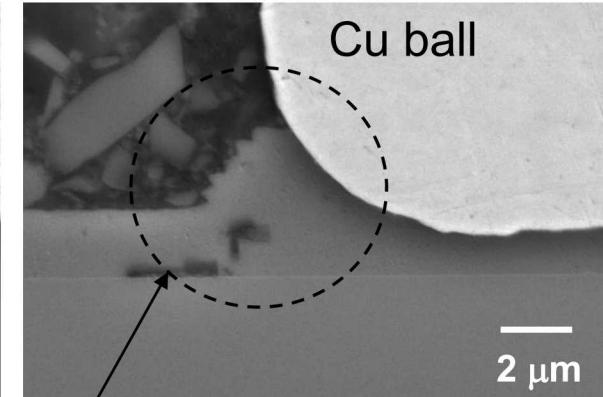
Si die

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Au ball

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Cu ball

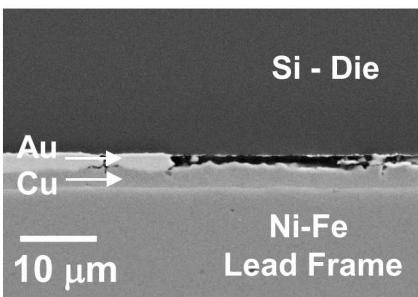
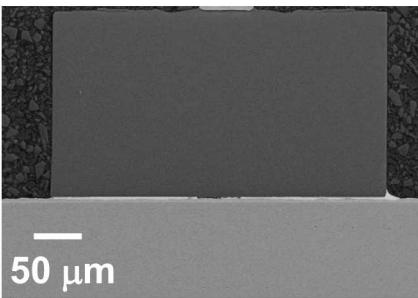
2 μ m

Hillock and voiding in Al bond pad at the edge of the bond is evidence of more pressure applied to form wirebond



Difference in die attach layers not detected

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Cu wire bond

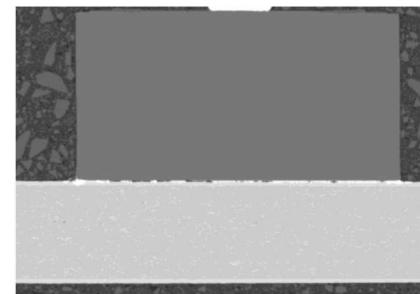
Normal COTS

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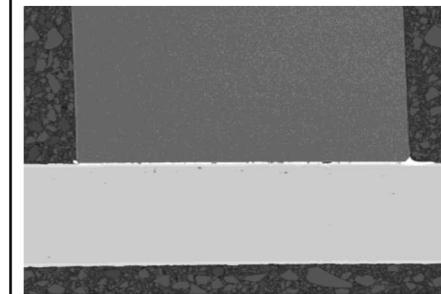
Au wire bond

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Automotive Grade COTS

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Cu wire bond



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