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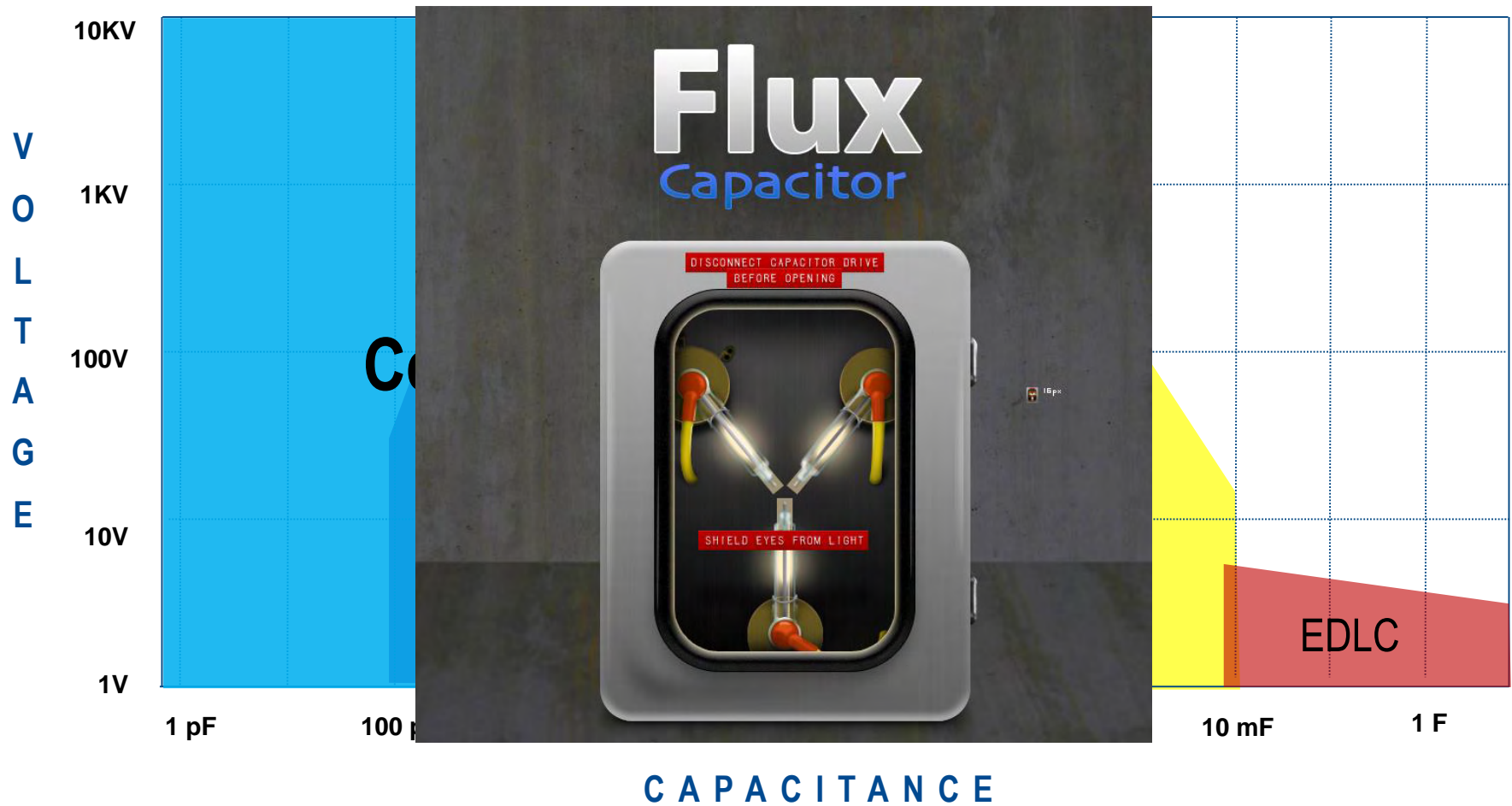
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# AGENDA

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  - Flex suppressors
- K-Sim (formally Kemet SPICE)

# KEMET Offers 98% of Dielectric Solutions

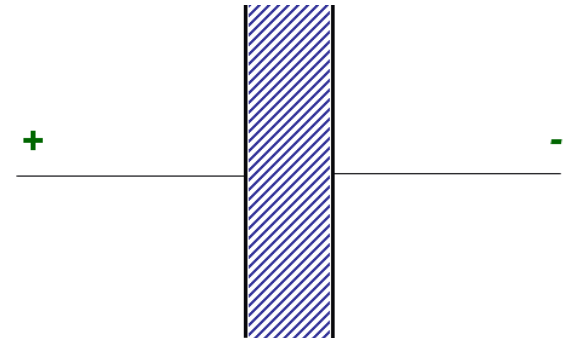


# Product Development Drivers

*“More Capacitance in a Smaller Package for less Cost”*

- Size Constraints & Miniaturization
- Robust, high reliability
  - ✓ Mechanical and Electrical
- Lower Parasitics
  - ✓ ESR
  - ✓ ESL
- Higher
  - ✓ Energy Density
  - ✓ Power Density
  - ✓ Frequency
  - ✓ Voltage
  - ✓ Temperature
  - ✓ Vibration
- Application Specific Requirements
  - ✓ Custom Solutions
- Cost reductions
  - ✓ Material set optimization
  - ✓ Manufacturing efficiencies

**Capacitance =  $\epsilon A/d$**



$\epsilon$  = Dielectric Constant

A = Active area on plates

d = dielectric thickness



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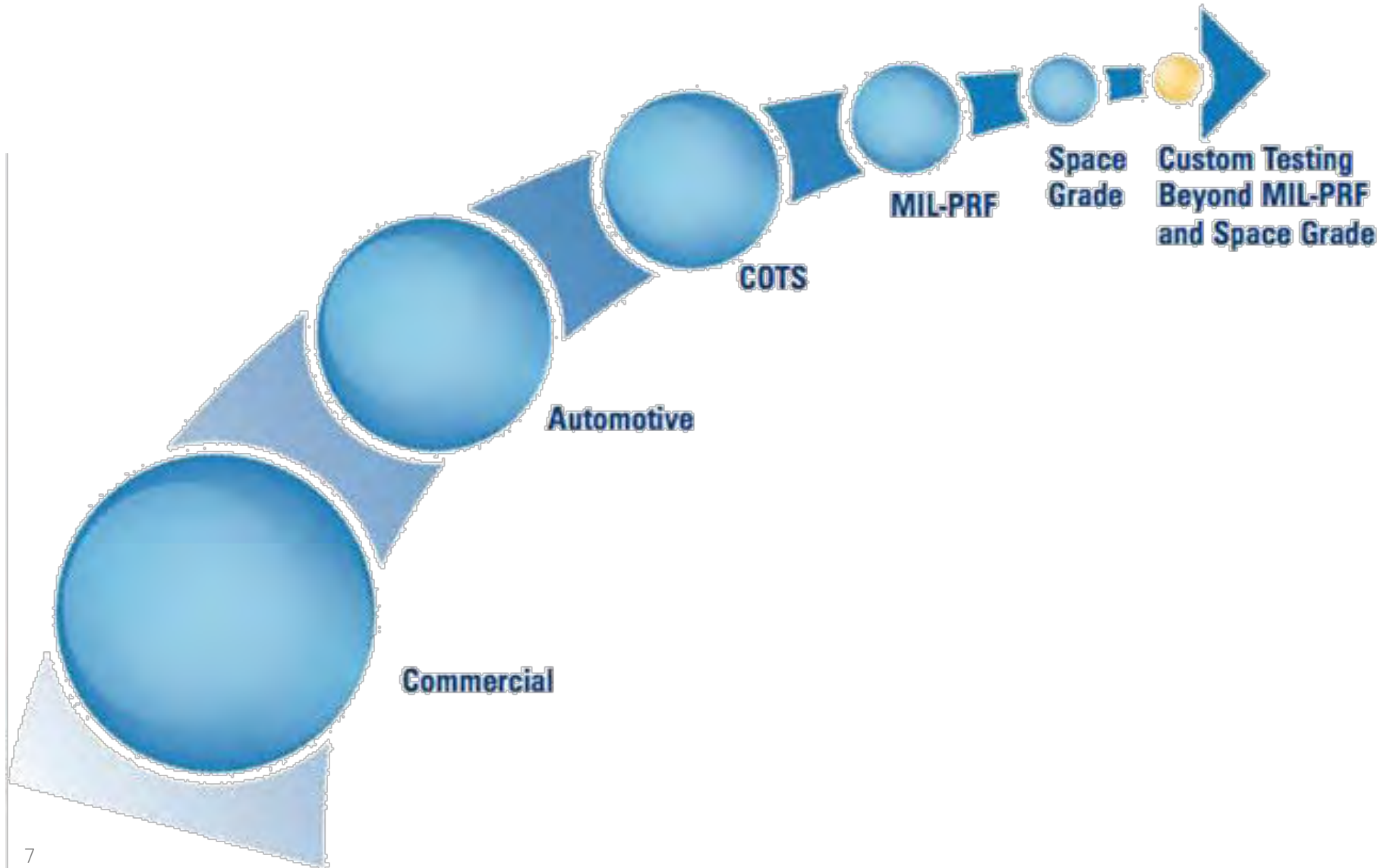
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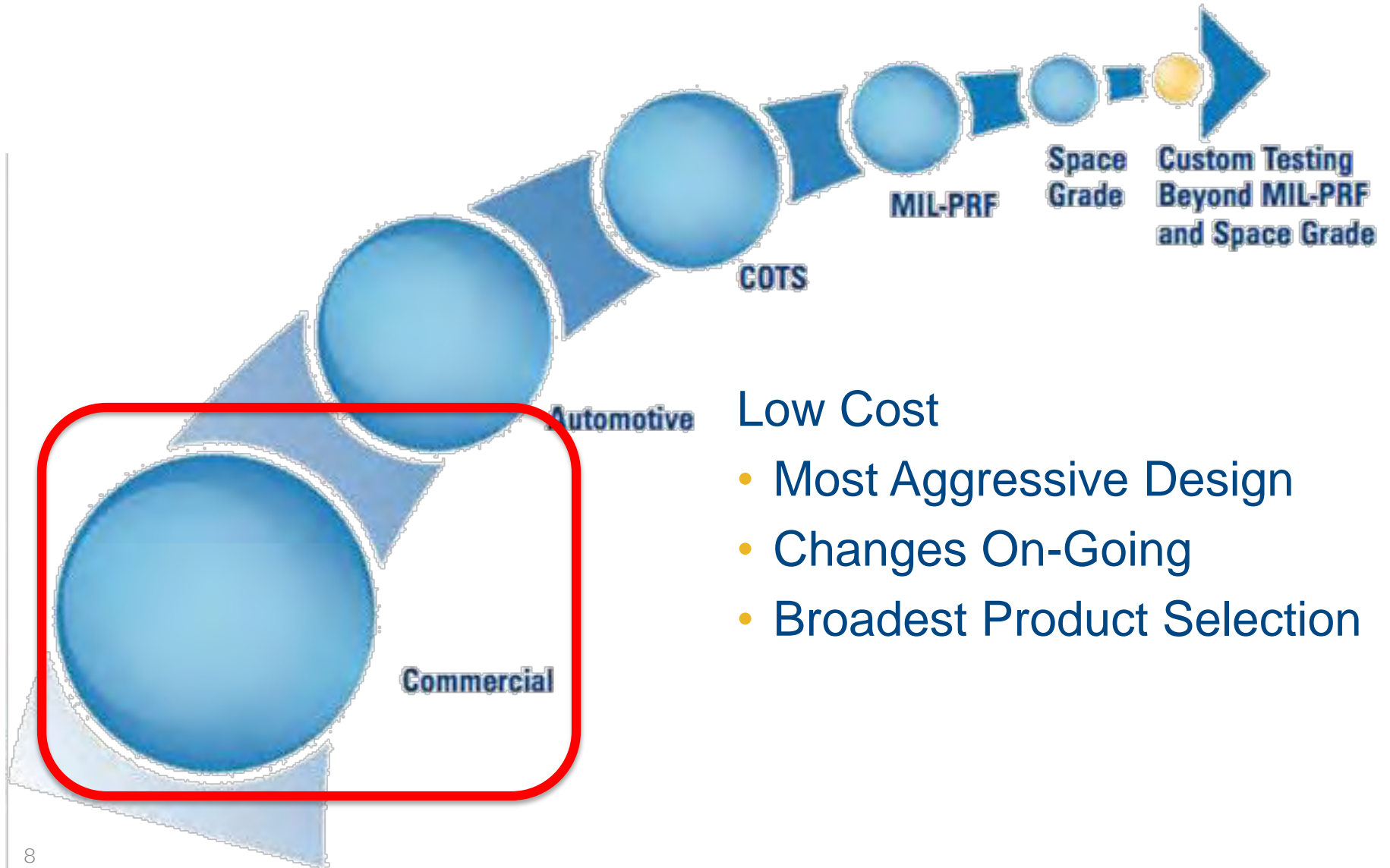
Differences in Capacitor Grades

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Low Voltage DC Applications

# Product Grades

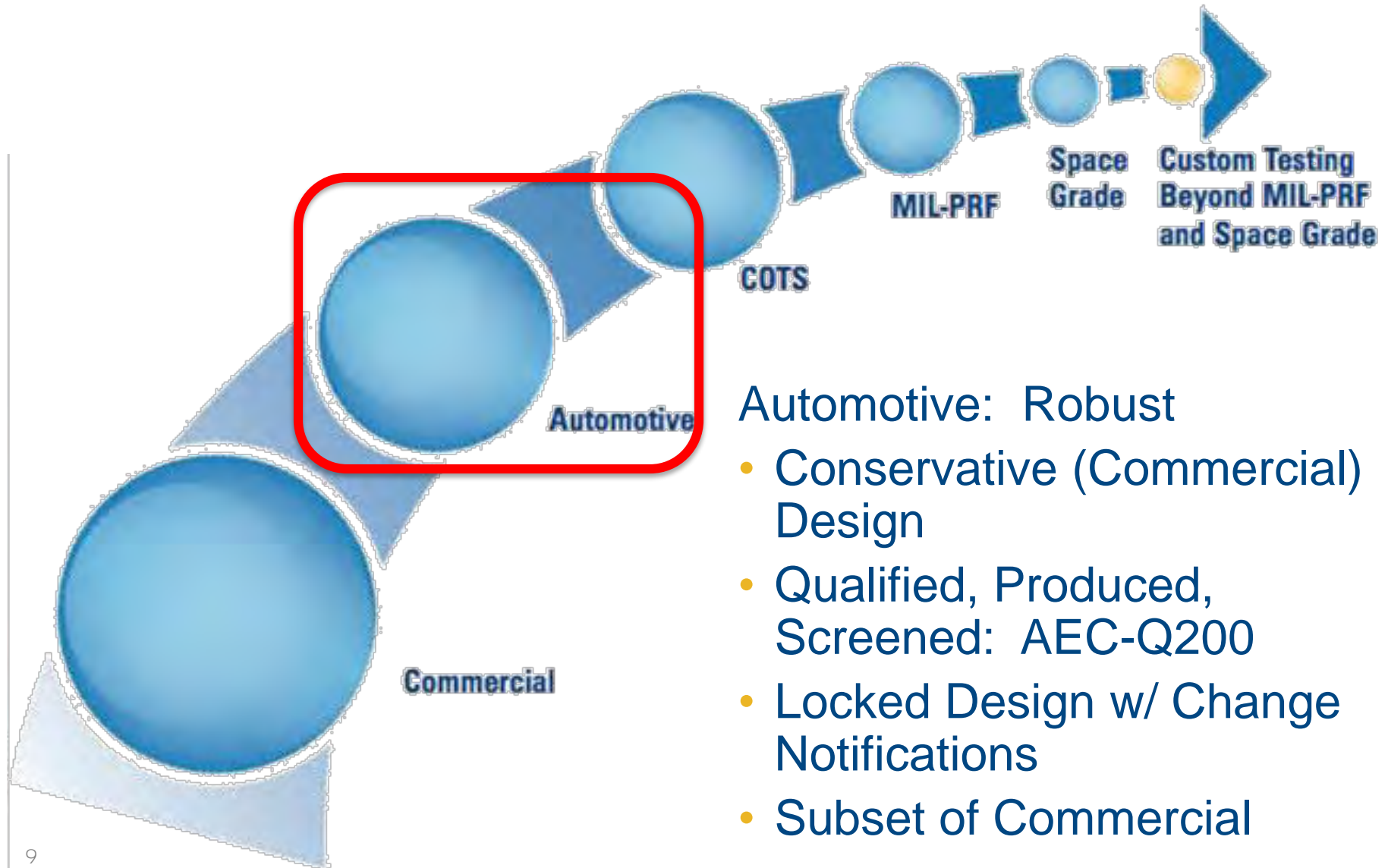




## Low Cost

- Most Aggressive Design
- Changes On-Going
- Broadest Product Selection





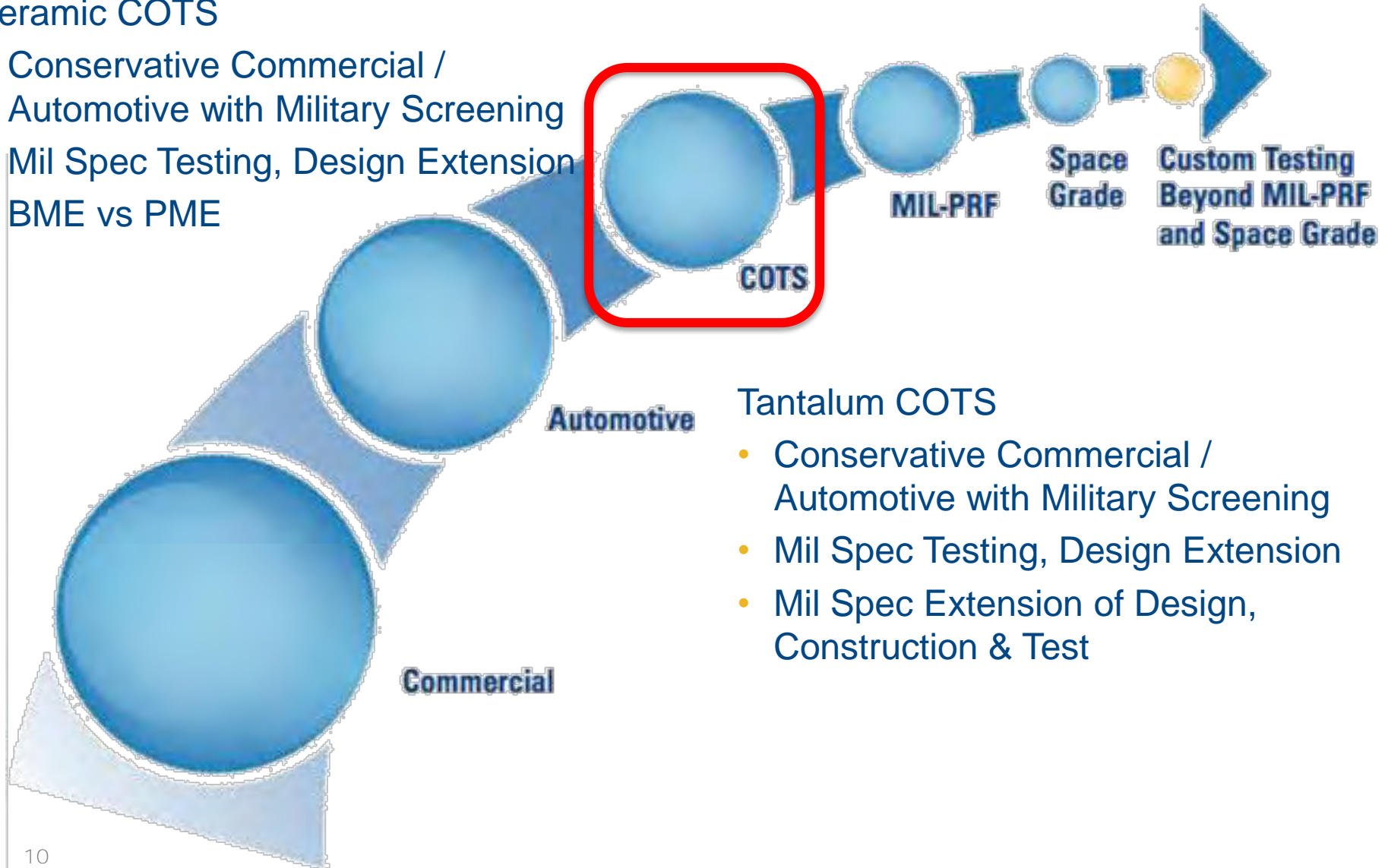
## Automotive: Robust

- Conservative (Commercial) Design
- Qualified, Produced, Screened: AEC-Q200
- Locked Design w/ Change Notifications
- Subset of Commercial

# COTS (Commercial “Off-The-Shelf”)

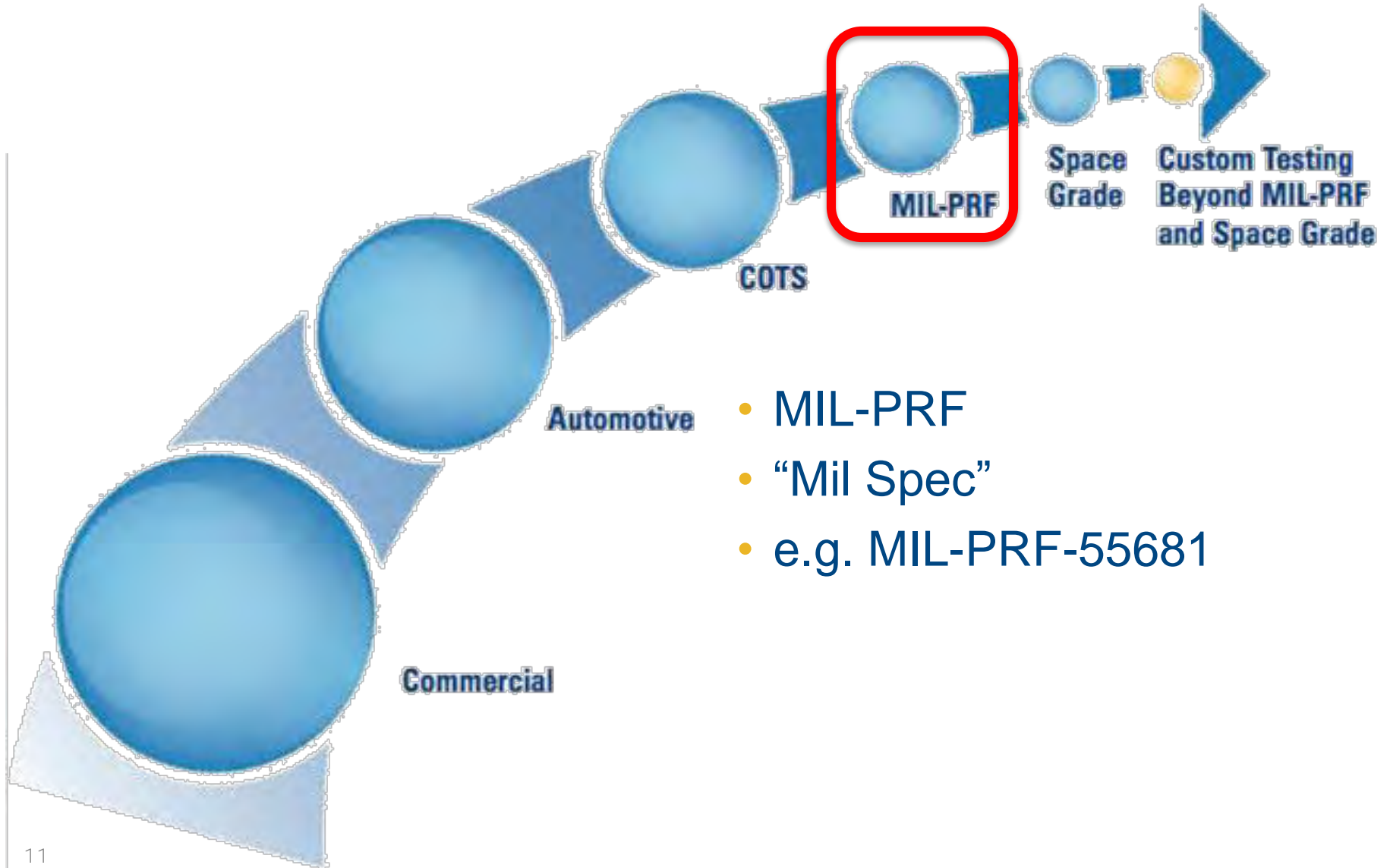
## Ceramic COTS

- Conservative Commercial / Automotive with Military Screening
- Mil Spec Testing, Design Extension
- BME vs PME



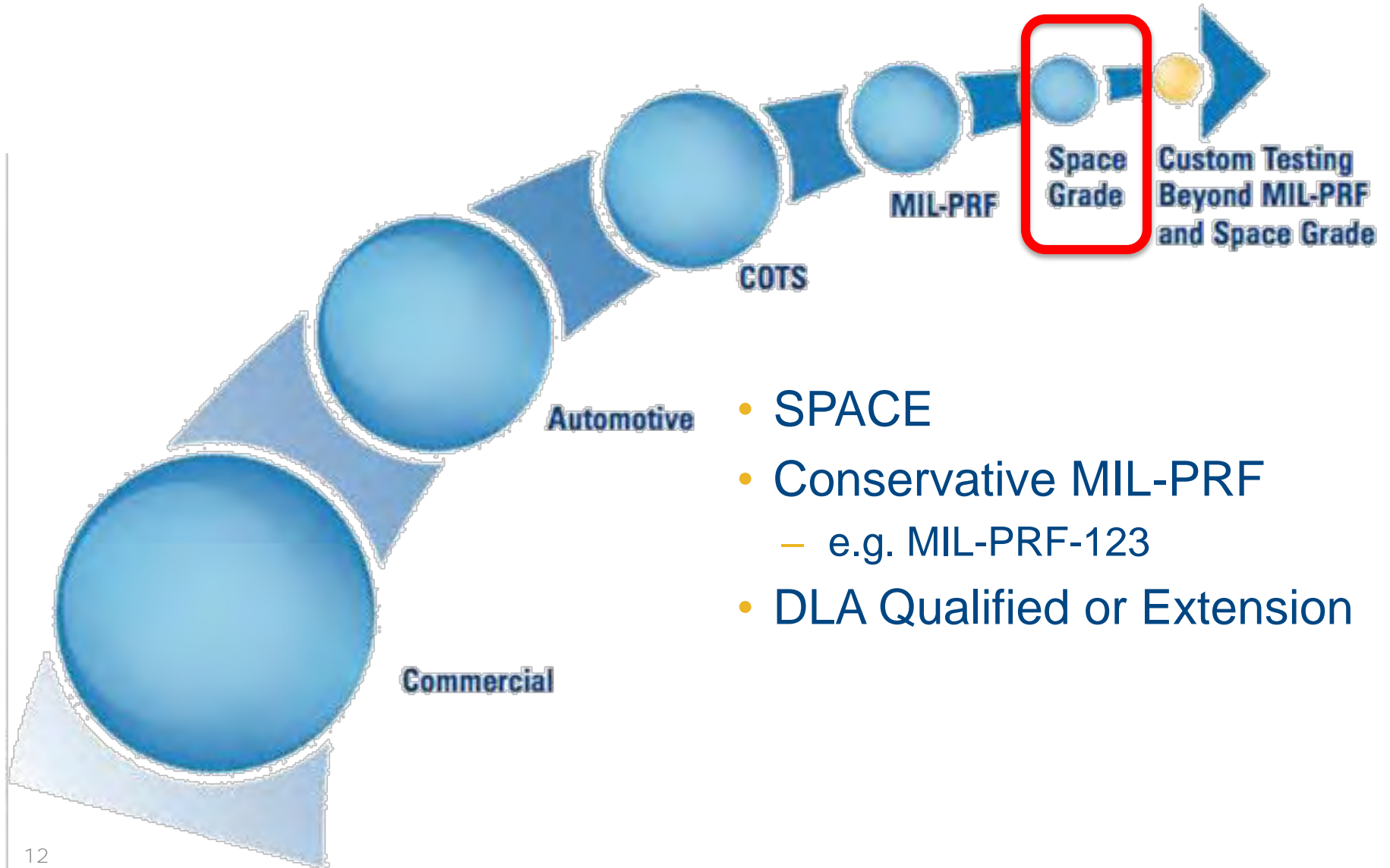
## Tantalum COTS

- Conservative Commercial / Automotive with Military Screening
- Mil Spec Testing, Design Extension
- Mil Spec Extension of Design, Construction & Test

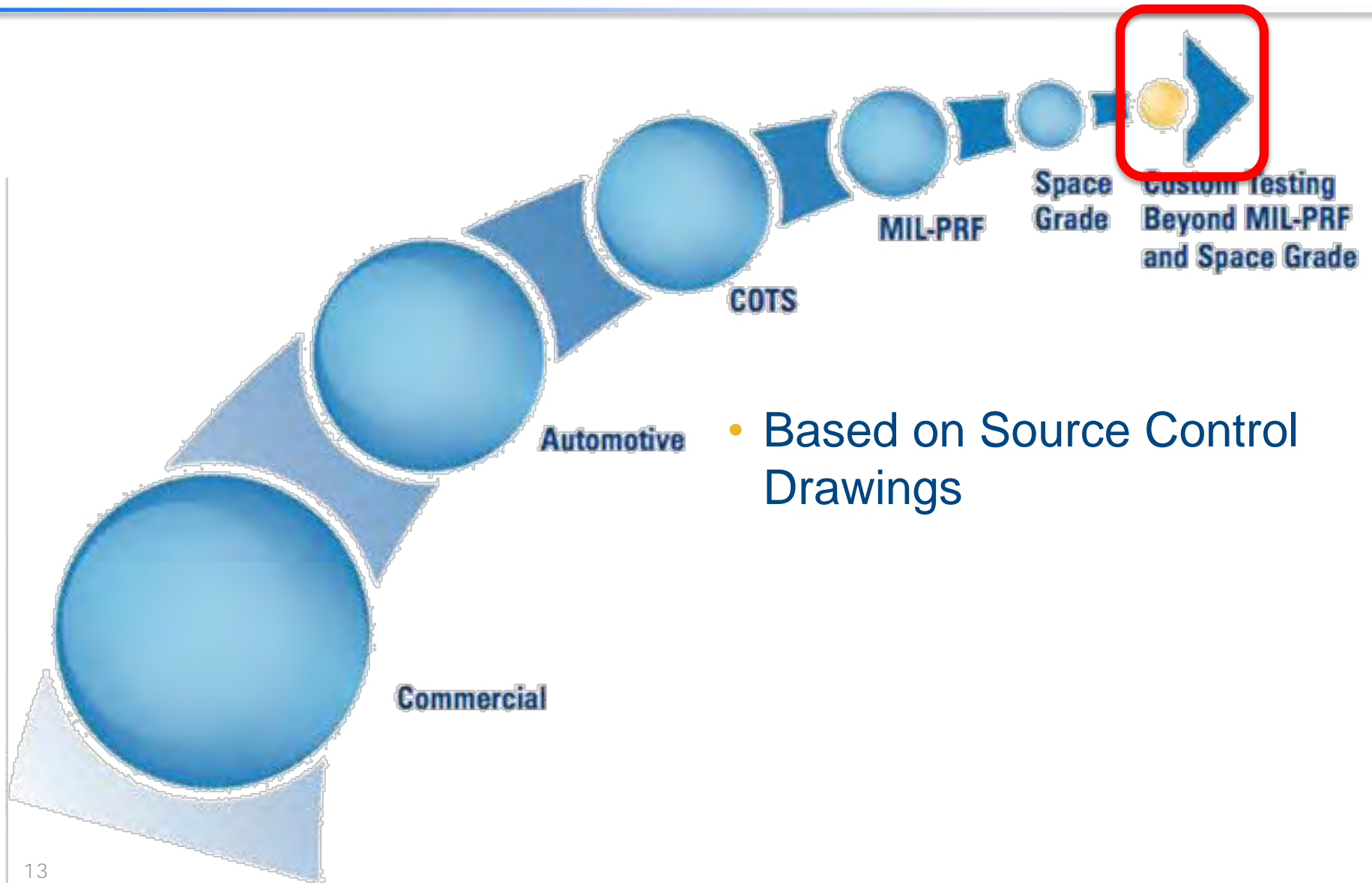


- MIL-PRF
- “Mil Spec”
- e.g. MIL-PRF-55681

# Space Grade



# Custom



# Capacitor Grade Examples

Surface Mount Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (SMD MLCCs)  
**Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) for Higher Reliability Applications, X7R Dielectric, 6.3VDC-200VDC**



### Overview

KEMET's COTS program is an extension of our capability and knowledge regarding high reliability test criteria and requirements. As an established and trusted supplier of "up-screened" products, the COTS program was developed in response to the growing demand within the defense, aerospace, automotive, medical and consumer electronics industries for lower cost and commercially available products that offers the same high quality and high reliability as up-screened products. The COTS program addresses this demand and integrates commercial grade products with high reliability testing and inspection protocols that provide the accelerated conditioning and 100% screening necessary to eliminate infant mortal failures from the population.

All COTS testing includes voltage conditioning and post-electrical testing as per MIL-PRF-55681. For enhanced reliability, KEMET offers the following test level options and conformance certifications:



KEMET's X7R dielectric features a 125°C maximum operating

Surface Mount Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (SMD MLCCs)  
**C0G Dielectric, 10 – 200 VDC (Commercial Grade)**



### Overview

KEMET's C0G dielectric features a 125°C maximum operating temperature and is considered "stable." The Electronics Components, Assemblies & Materials Association (EIA) characterizes C0G dielectric as a Class I material. Components of this classification are temperature compensating and are suited for resonant circuit applications or those where Q and

stability of capacitance characteristics are required. C0G exhibits no change in capacitance with respect to time and voltage and boasts a negligible change in capacitance with reference to ambient temperature. Capacitance change is limited to  $\pm 30$  ppm/°C from -55°C to +125°C.

### Benefits

- 55°C to +125°C operating temperature range
- RoHS Compliant
- EIA 0201, 0402, 0603, 0805, 1206, 1210, 1808, 1812, 1825, 2220, and 2225 case sizes
- DC voltage ratings of 10 V, 16 V, 25 V, 50 V, 100 V, and 200 V
- Capacitance offerings ranging from 0.5 pF up to 0.47  $\mu$ F
- Available capacitance tolerances of  $\pm 0.10$  pF,  $\pm 0.25$  pF,  $\pm 0.5$  pF,  $\pm 1\%$ ,  $\pm 2\%$ ,  $\pm 5\%$ ,  $\pm 10\%$ , and  $\pm 20\%$
- No piezoelectric noise
- Extremely low ESR and ESL
- High thermal stability
- High ripple current capability
- Preferred capacitance solution at line frequencies and into the MHz range

- No capacitance change with respect to applied rated DC voltage
- Negligible capacitance change with respect to temperature from -55°C to +125°C
- No capacitance decay with time
- Non-polar device, minimizing installation concerns
- 100% pure matte tin-plated termination finish allowing for excellent solderability
- SnPb plated termination finish option available upon request (5% minimum)



### Ordering Information

High Reliability KEMET Organic Capacitor (KO-CAP)  
**T540 Polymer Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Series**



### Overview

The KEMET Organic Capacitor (KO-CAP) is a tantalum capacitor with a Ta anode and Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> dielectric. A conductive organic polymer replaces the traditionally used MnO<sub>2</sub> as the cathode plate of the capacitor. This results in very low ESR and improved capacitance retention at high frequency. The KO-CAP may also be operated at steady state voltages at up to 90% of rated voltage for part types with rated voltages of  $\leq 10$  volts and up to 80% of rated voltage for part types > 10 volts.

The T540 Series KO-CAP offers the same advantages as the T525 Series but is also designed for the Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) requirements of defense and aerospace applications. This surface mount product offers a tin lead (SnPb) leadframe finish, surge current testing options and standard or low ESR levels.

### Benefits

- Polymer cathode technology
- 125°C maximum operating temperature
- High frequency capacitance retention
- Benign failure mode

### Applications

Typical applications include decoupling and filtering in defense and aerospace applications that require low ESR or a benign failure mode.

MIL-PRF (CWR Style) Established Reliability  
**T409 Series CWR09 Style MIL-PRF-55365/4**



### Overview

The KEMET T409 Series is approved to MIL-PRF-55365/4 (CWR09) with Weibull failure rates of B level (0.1% failures per 1,000 hours), C level (0.01% failures per 1,000 hours), D level (0.001% failures per 1,000 hours), or T level (0.01% failures per 1,000 hours, Option C surge current, DPA, Radiographic

inspection, 100% visual inspection, DCL and ESR measurements within +3 standard deviations, and Group C inspection). This CWR09 product is a precision-molded device with compliant terminations and indelible laser marking. Tape and reeling per EIA 481-1 is standard.

### Benefits

- Established reliability options
- Taped and reeled per EIA 481-1
- Symmetrical, compliant terminations
- Laser-marked case
- 100% surge current test available on all case sizes
- Qualified to MIL-PRF-55365/4, Style CWR09
- Termination options B, C, H, K
- Weibull failure options B, C, D, and T
- Exponential failure rates M, P, R, S
- Voltage rating of 4 – 50 VDC
- Operating temperature range of -55°C to +125°C

### Applications

Typical applications include decoupling and filtering in Military and aerospace applications requiring CWR09 devices.

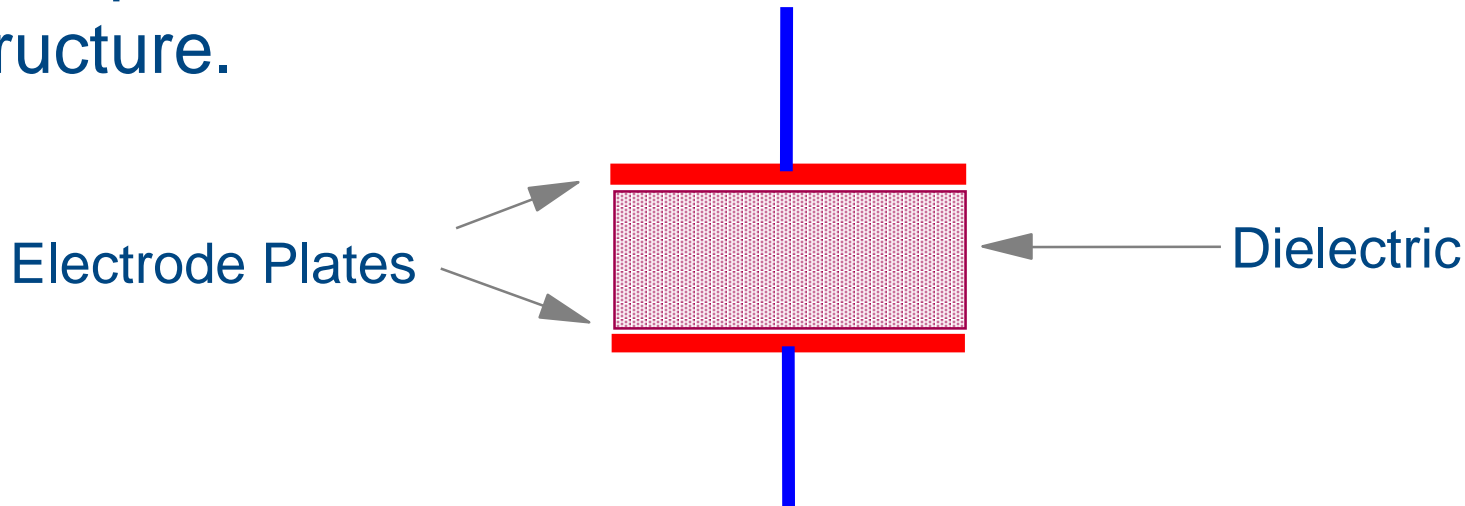


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# Capacitor Fundamentals

## Parasitics

All capacitors utilize the same basic mechanism in their structure.



The value of a capacitor is measured in farads. For 1 farad of capacitance, 1 coulomb of charge is stored on the plates, when 1 volt of force is applied.

$$1 \text{ farad} = 1 \text{ coulomb} / 1 \text{ volt}$$

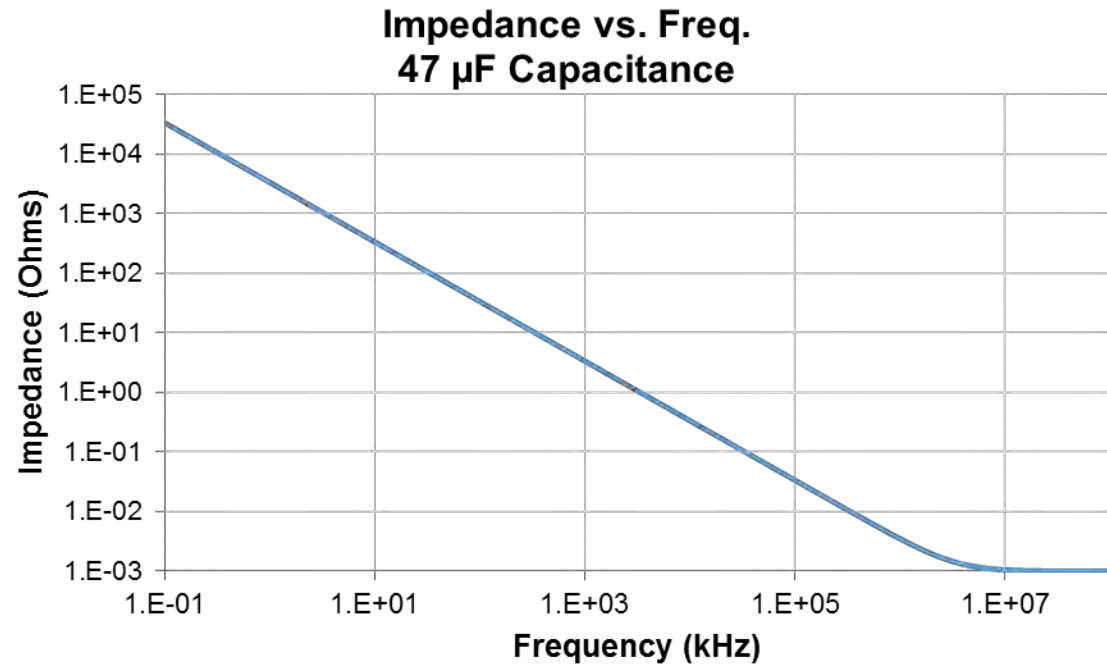
1 coulomb represents  $\sim 6 \times 10^{19}$  electrons



# “Pure” Capacitor



$$Z = X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$$

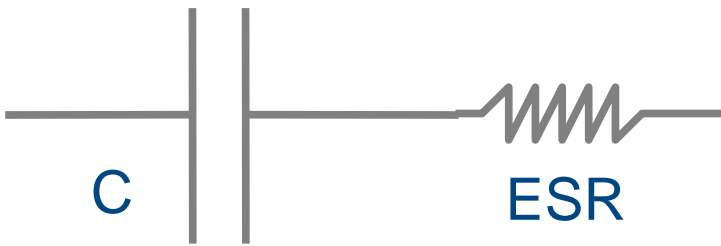


Where:

*f* is frequency (Hertz)

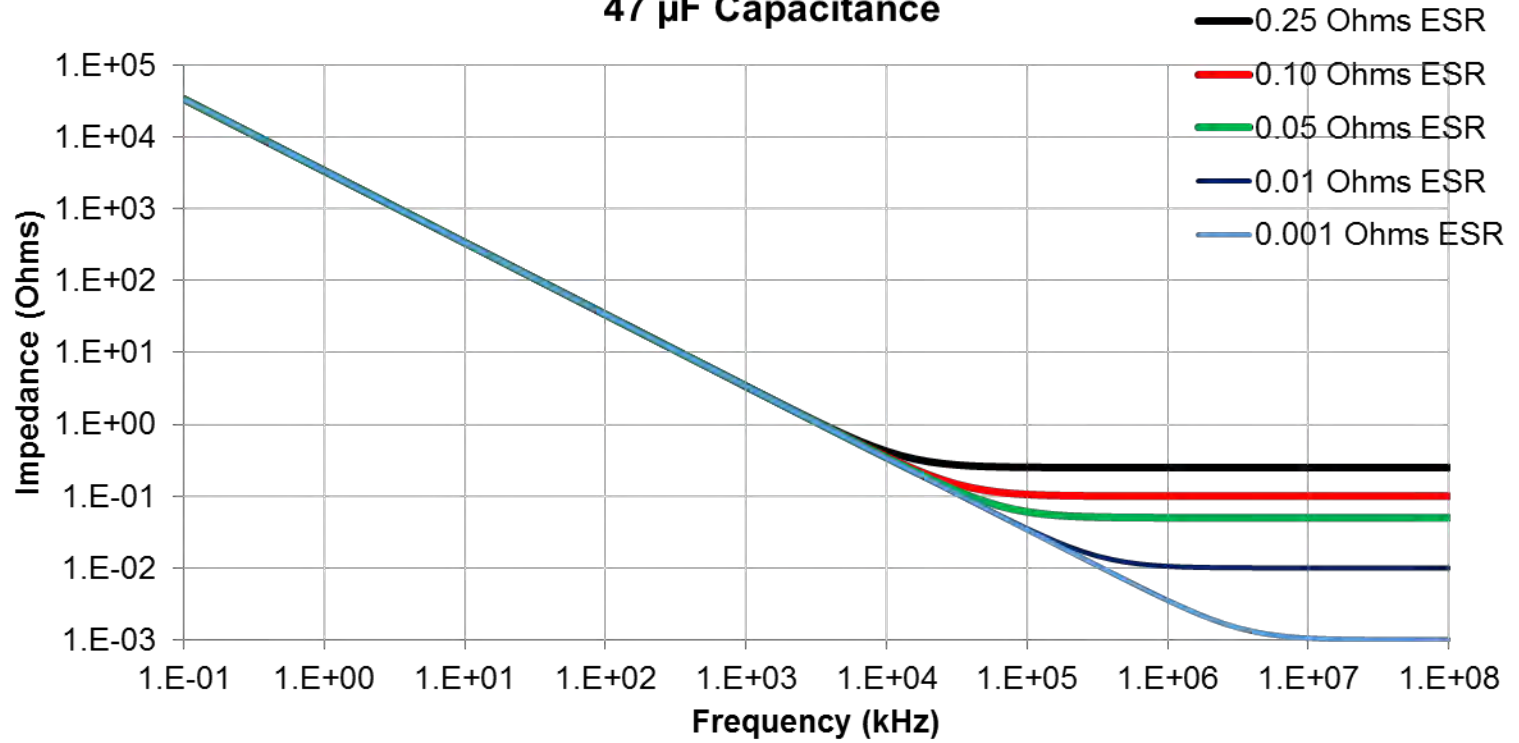
*C* is capacitance (Farads)

# Capacitor with Equivalent Series Resistance



$$|Z| = \sqrt{X_C^2 + ESR^2}$$

Impedance vs. Freq.  
47  $\mu$ F Capacitance



# Capacitor with Equivalent Series Resistance and Inductance

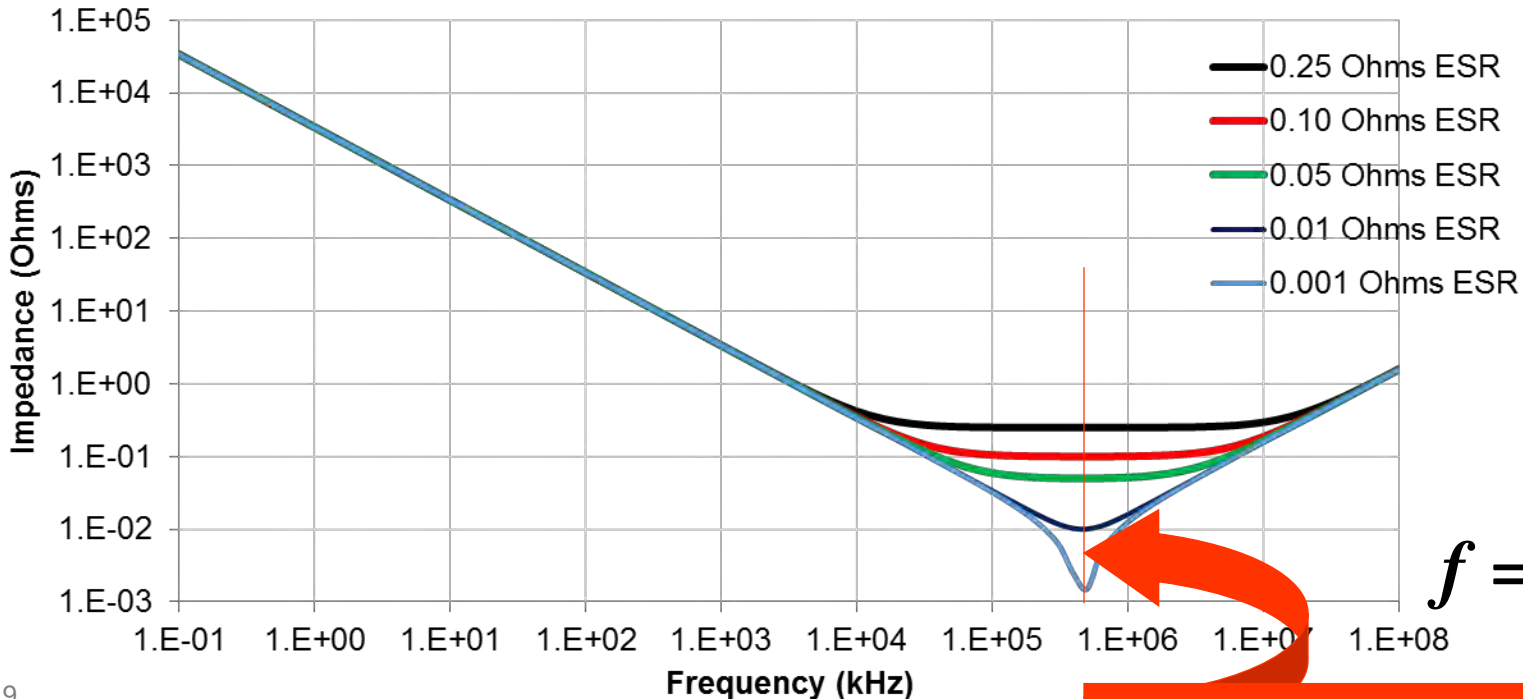


$$|Z| = \sqrt{(|X_C| - |X_L|)^2 + |ESR|^2}$$

$$X_L = 2\pi fL$$

Where:  $L$  is in Henries

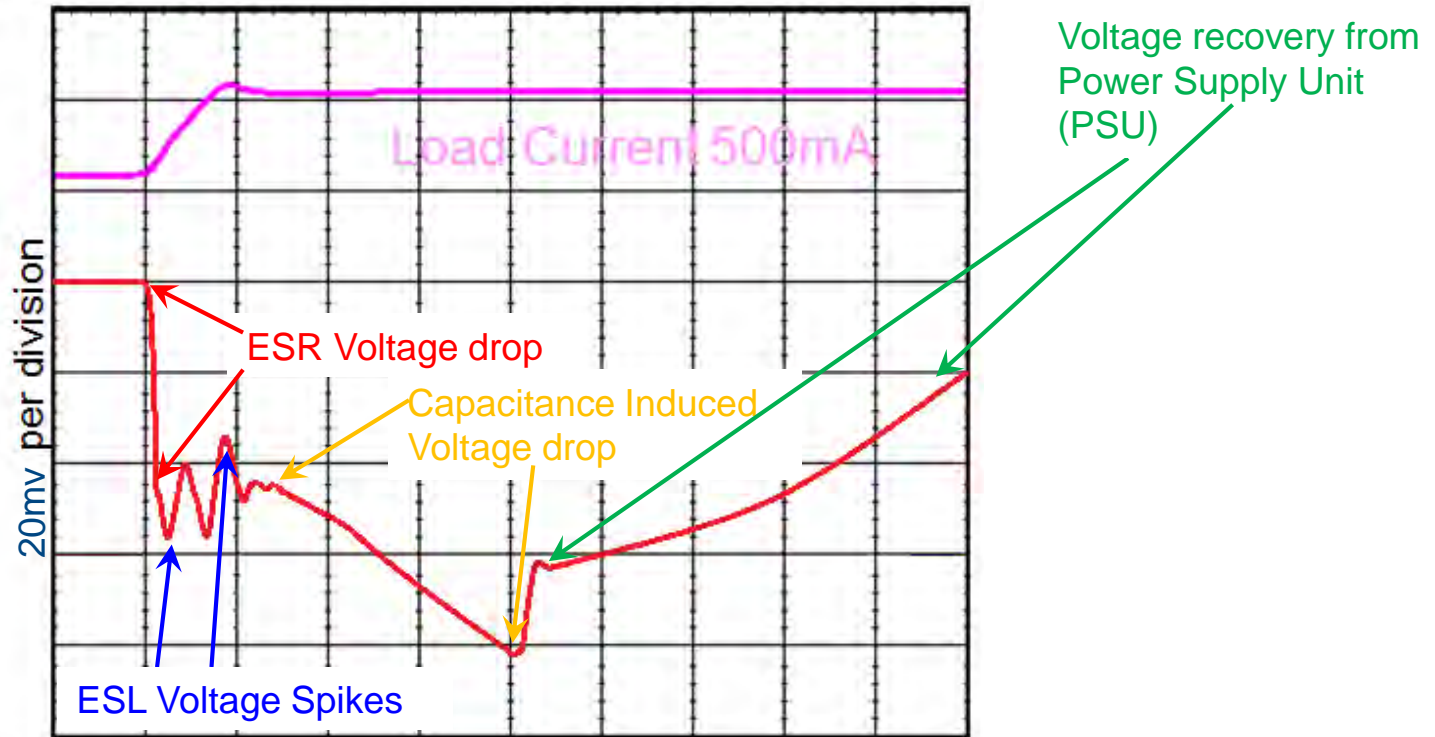
Impedance vs. Freq.  
47  $\mu$ F Capacitance with 2.5 nH ESL



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

self-resonant frequency.

# Transient Response (C+ESR+ESL)



Capacitance: 200  $\mu$ F  
ESR: 33 m $\Omega$   
ESL: 100 nH

The background of the slide features a dynamic, blue-toned image of lightning bolts striking across a dark blue sky, creating a sense of energy and power.

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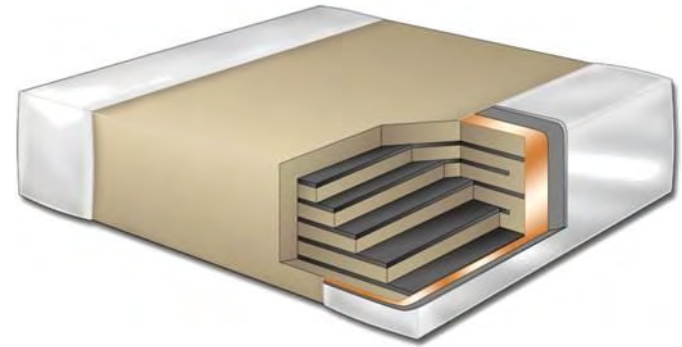
Ceramic Capacitors  
(MLCCs)

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Design and Characteristics

# Multilayer Ceramic Capacitor (MLCC)

## Typical Construction



Termination (External Electrode,  
Cu for BME, Ag for PME)

Ceramic Dielectric

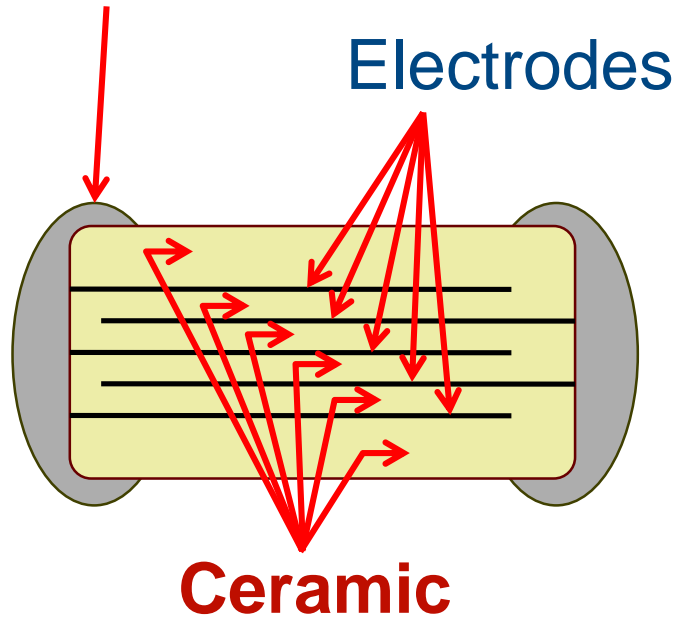
Plated Sn finish  
for Solderability

Barrier Layer  
(Plated Ni)

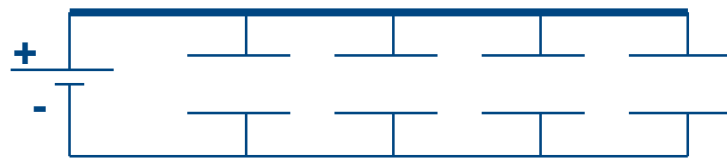
Internal Electrode (Ni for  
BME, Ag/Pd for PME)

# Ceramic Capacitance Structure

Termination



- C** = Design Capacitance
- K** = Dielectric Constant
- A** = Overlap Area
- d** = Ceramic Thickness
- n** = Number of Electrodes

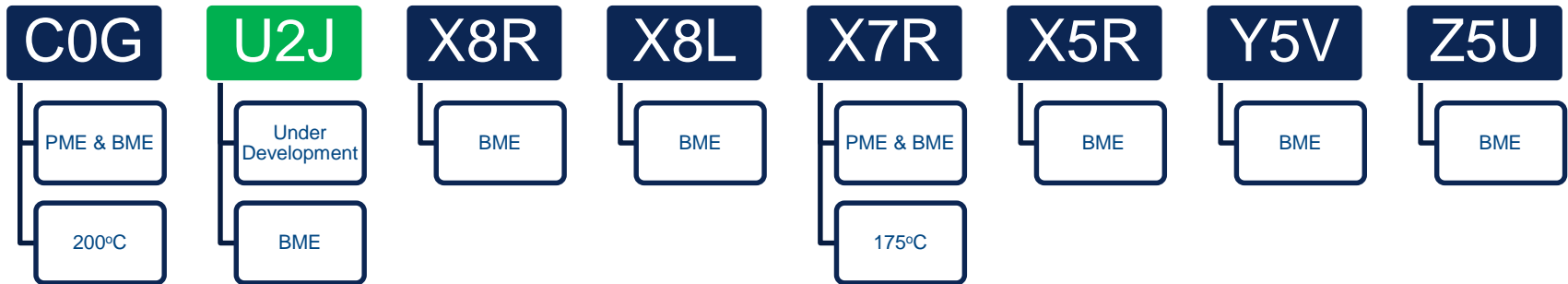


Capacitances in parallel are additive

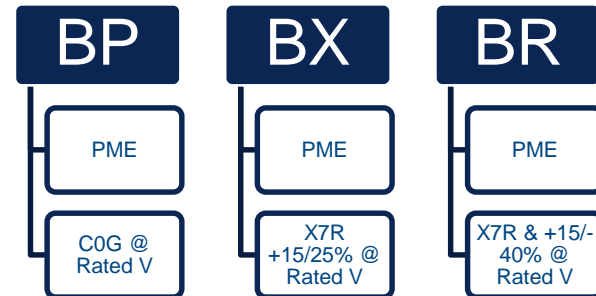
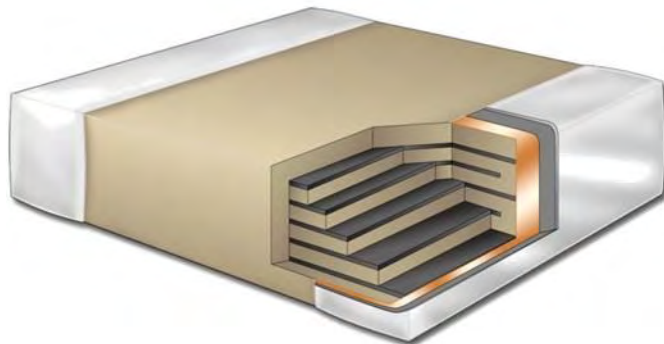
$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_n$$

$$C = \frac{e_0 K A (n-1)}{d}$$

## Commercial & Automotive Grade Dielectric Materials

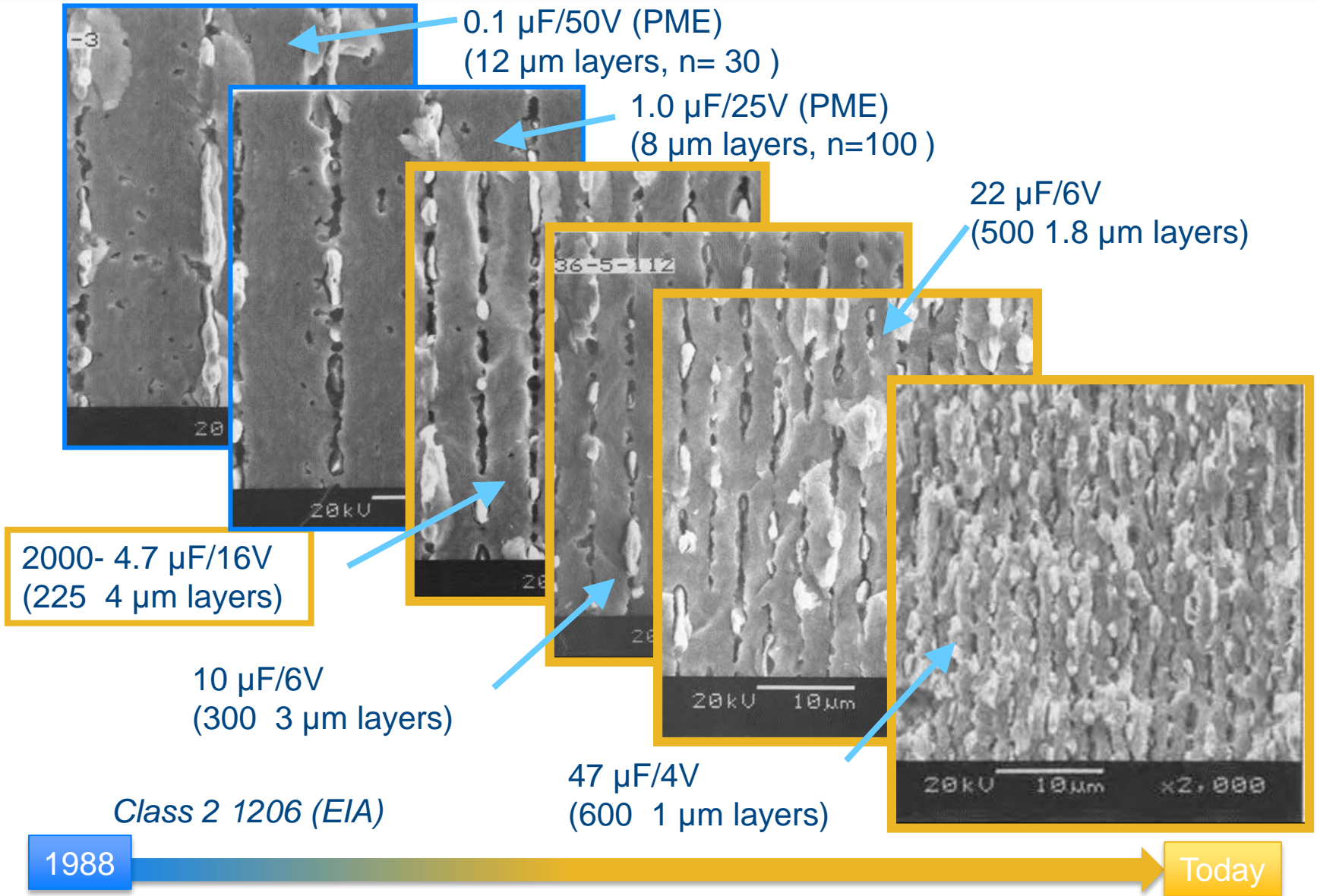


## Military & Hi-Rel Dielectric Materials





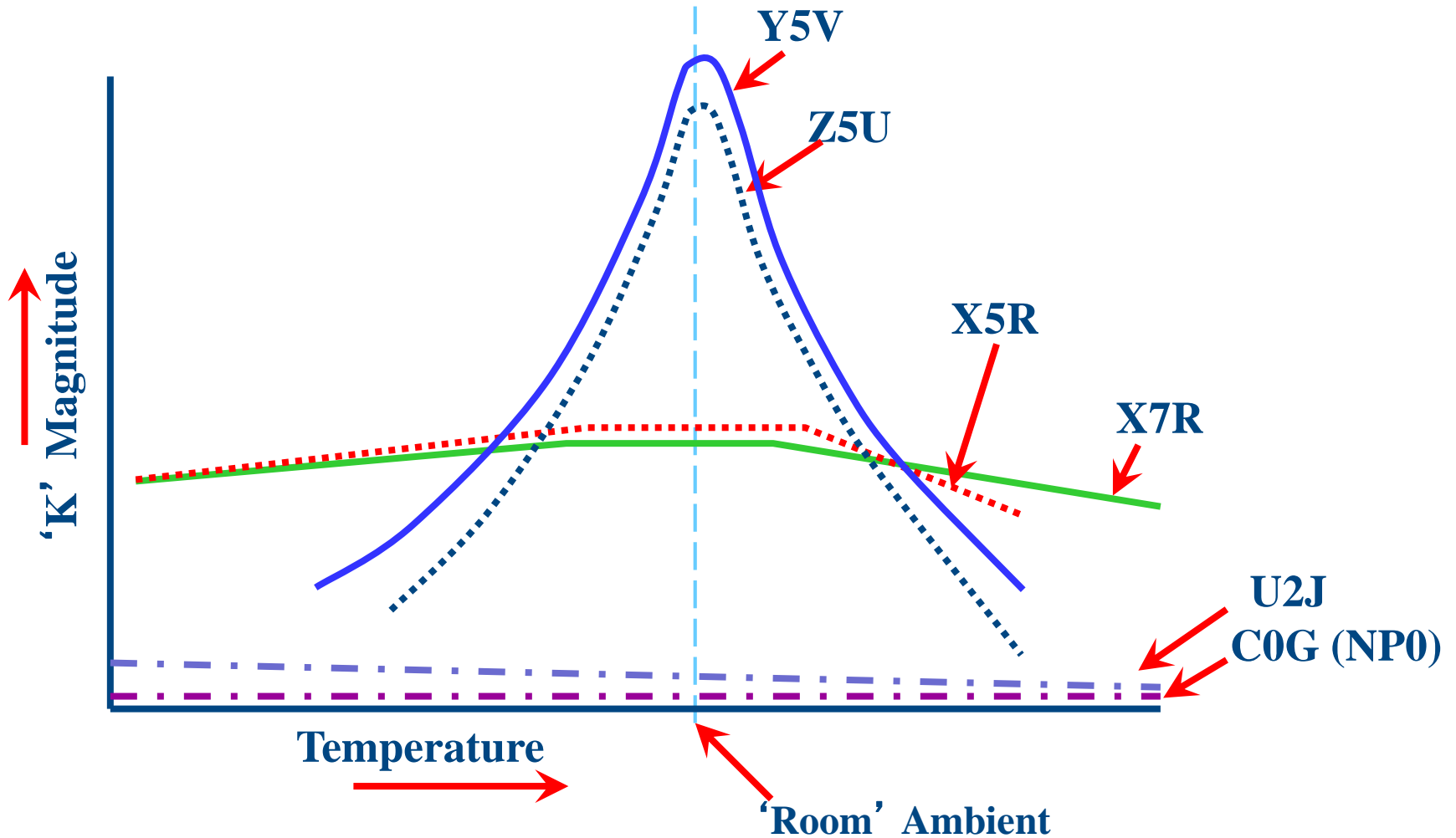
# Trend in BME MLCC Technology: Dielectric Thickness and Layers Count Progression



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# Characteristics

# Relative Capacitance vs. Temperature



# Dielectric Classification

Class I (Per EIA – 198)

## Class I Dielectrics: (Example: C0G)

Alpha Symbol	Significant Figure of Temp Coefficient ppm/°C	Numerical Symbol	Multiplier to significant figure	Alpha Symbol	Tolerance of Temp Coefficient ± ppm/°C
C	0	0	-1	G	30
B	0.3	1	-10	H	60
L	0.8	2	-100	J	120
A	0.9	3	-1000	K	250
M	1.0	4	-10000	L	500
P	1.5	5	+1	M	1000
R	2.2	6	+10	N	2500
S	3.3	7	+100		
T	4.7	8	+1000		
U	7.5	9	+10000		

Temperature Range: -55°C to +125°C

C0G provides highest temperature stability

# Dielectric Classification

Class II and III (per EIA-198)

Alpha Symbol	Low Temperature (°C)	Numerical Symbol	High Temperature (°C)	Alpha Symbol	Max cap change over temp. range (%)
Z	+10	2	+45	A	±1.0
Y	-30	4	+65	B	±1.5
X	-55	5	+85	C	±2.2
		6	+105	D	±3.3
		7	+125	E	±4.7
		8	+150	F	±7.5
		9	+200	P	±10
				R	±15
				S	±22
				* L	+15 to - 40
				T	+22 to - 33
				U	+22 to - 56
				V	+22 to - 82

CLASS II

CLASS III

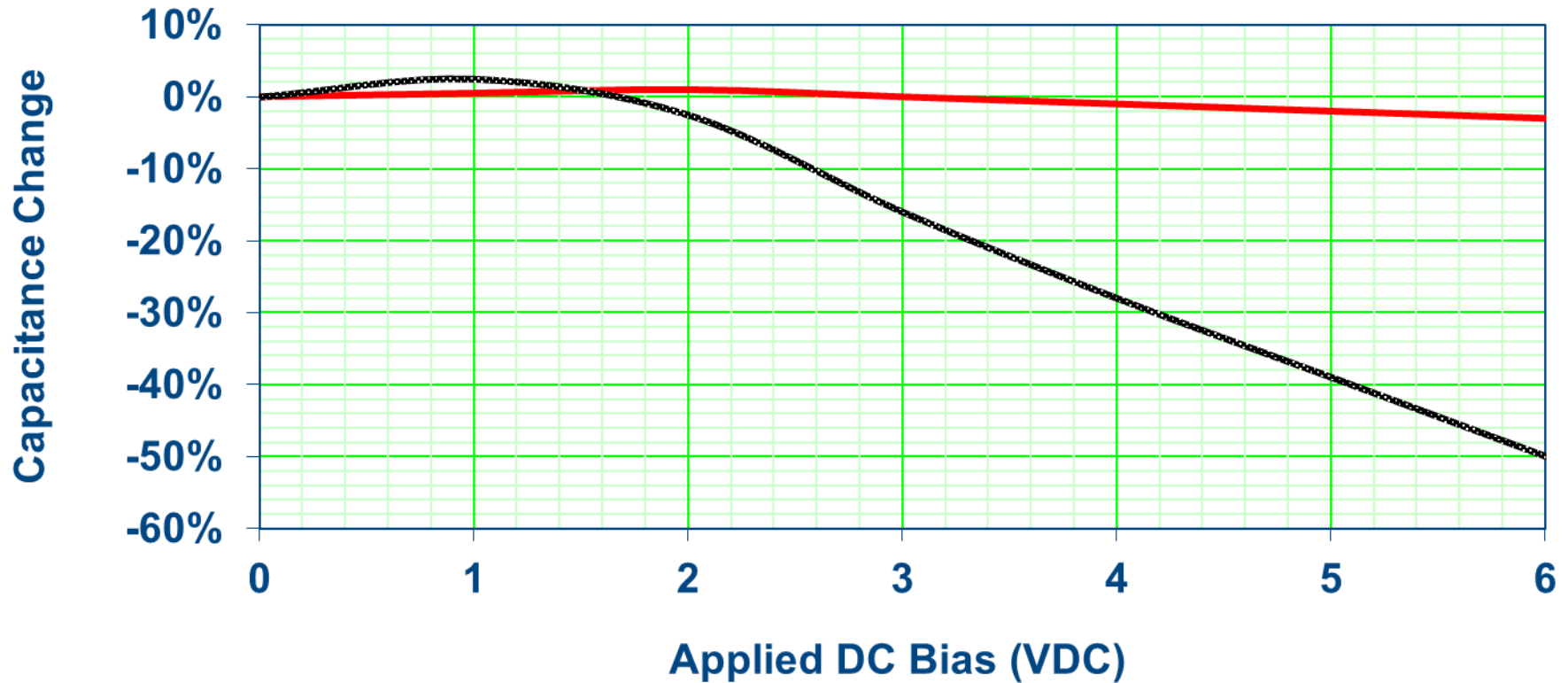
\* Industry Classification (Non EIA-198)

# Voltage Coefficient (Class II and III)

1210 vs 0805, X7R, 10uF, 6.3V

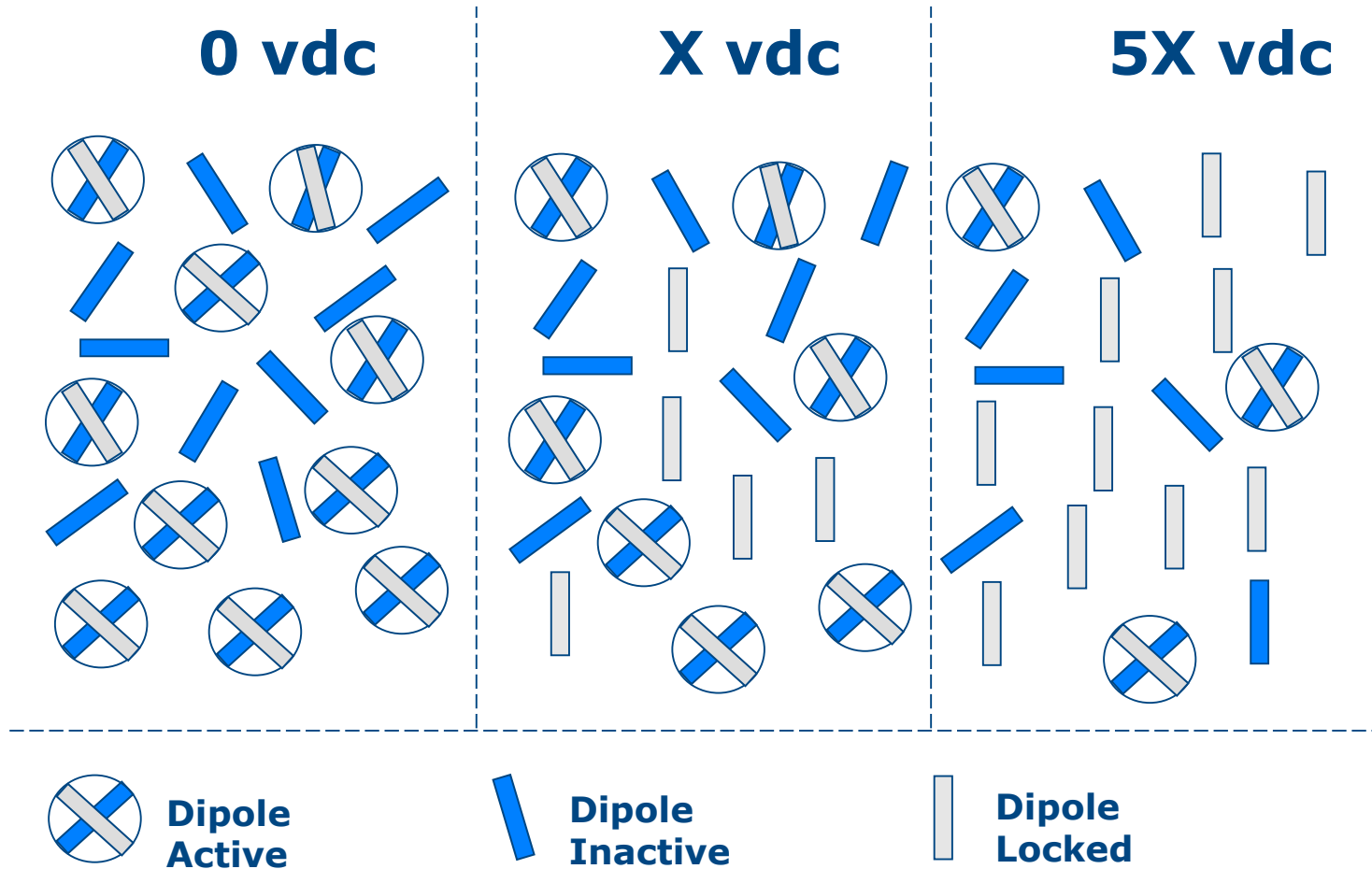
## Capacitance Change vs. DC Bias

Rated 6.3V



# Voltage Coefficient (Class II and III)

DC Bias – Loss of Dipoles

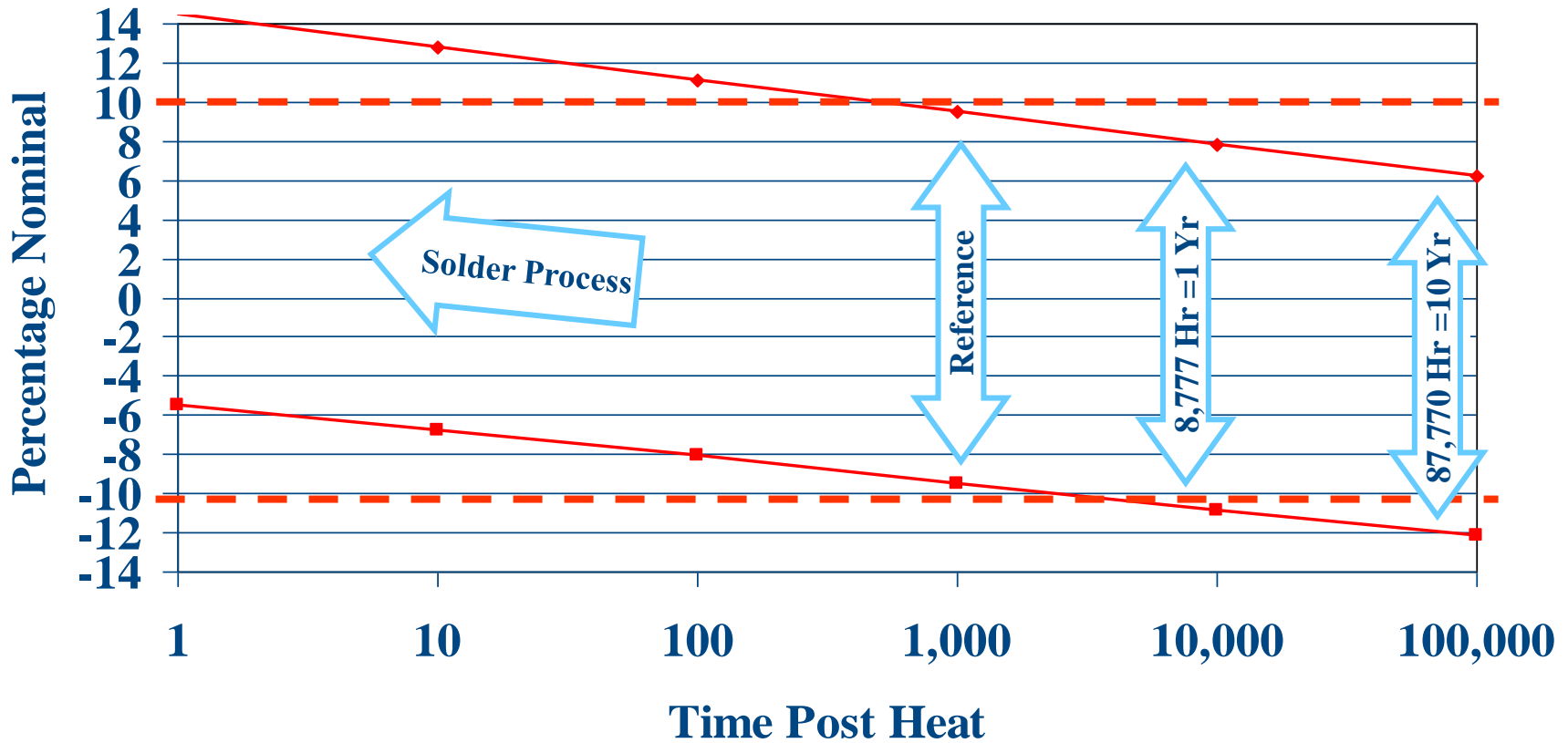


**Electric field locks dipoles**

Locked dipoles do NOT contribute to capacitance

# X7R Aging Rate

3% per Decade Hour (Limit)



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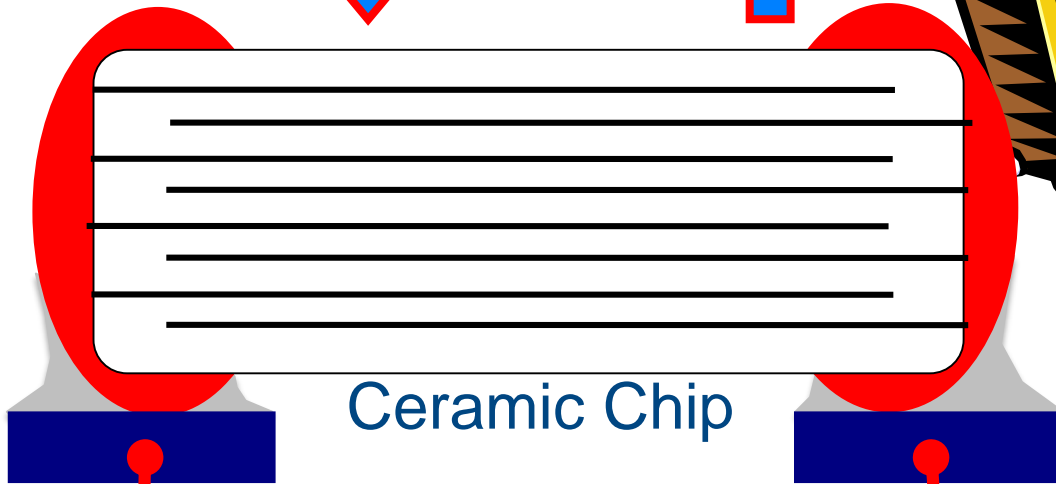


# Piezoelectric Noise

Class II and III Only

## Piezoelectricity

Mechanical forces can create electrical signals.



Ceramic Chip




## Electrostriction

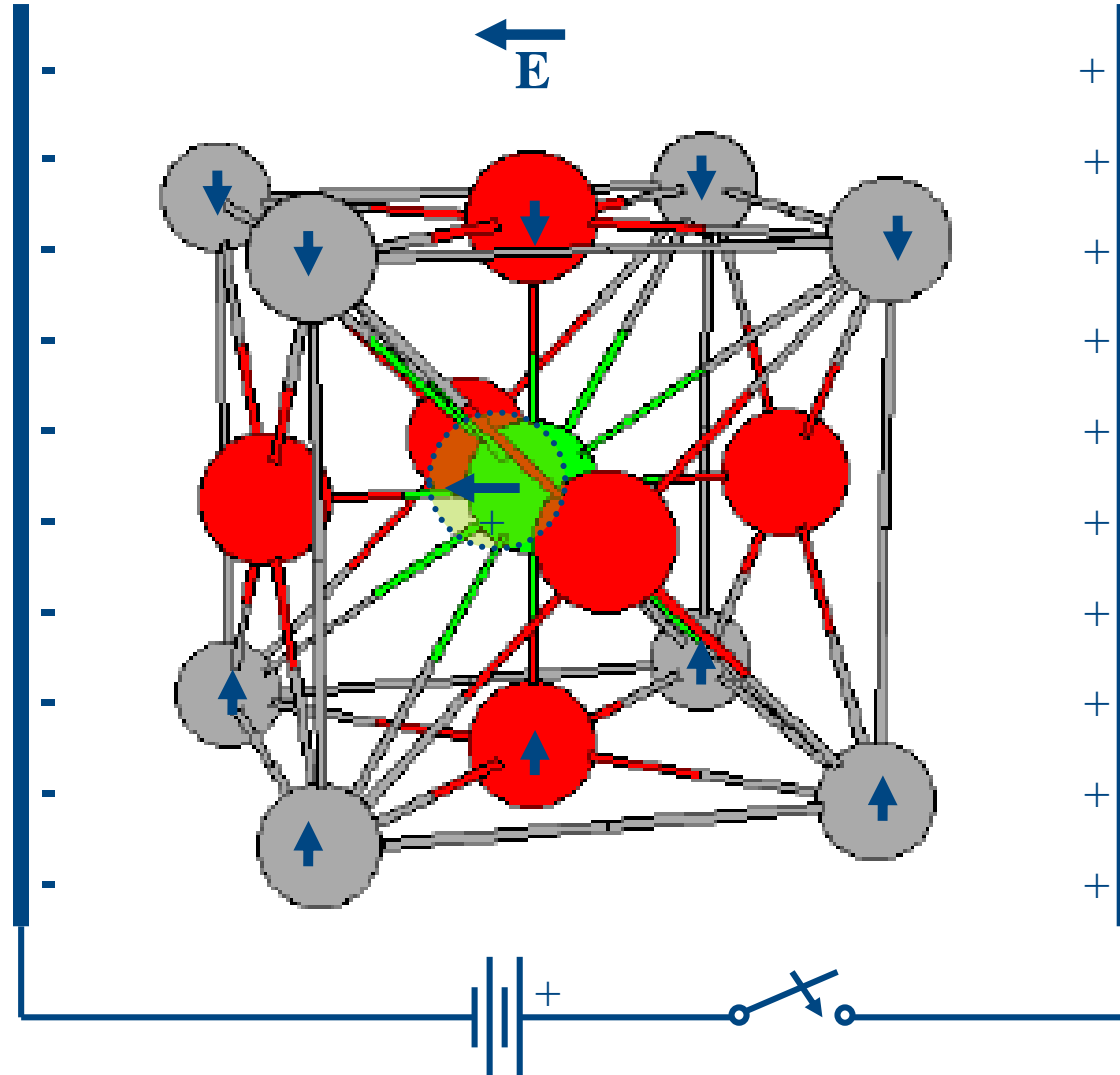
Electrical forces can create mechanical distortion.



Barium Titanate crystal cartridges

# Electrostrictive Behavior in Barium Titanate

-  - O<sup>-2</sup> Oxygen
-  - A (Ba<sup>+2</sup> Barium)
-  - B (Ti<sup>+4</sup> Titanium)

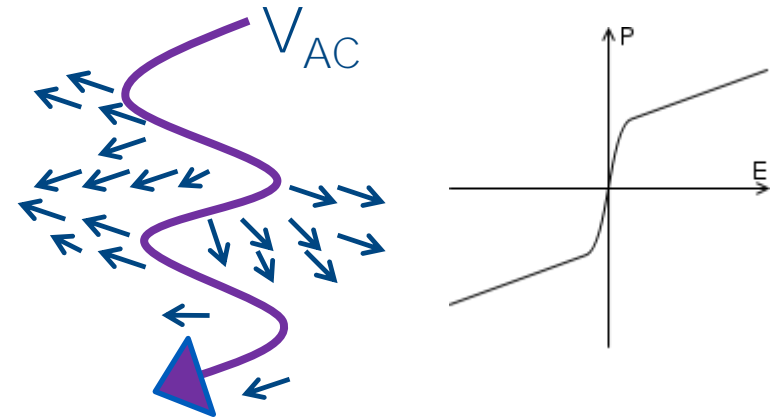
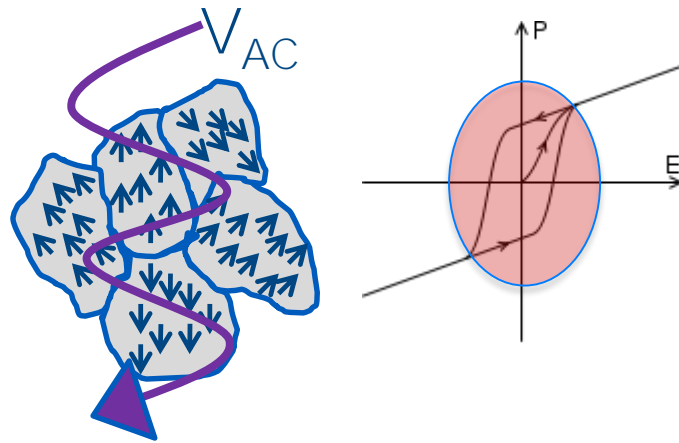


# AC Coupling and Signal Distortion

X7R vs C0G

## Class 2 BaTiO<sub>3</sub> Ferroelectric

## Class 1 CaZrO<sub>3</sub> Peraelectric



**Ferroelectric** dipoles in *domains* align with the AC Field

**Peraelectric** dipoles align with AC field

Domain wall heating & Signal distortion

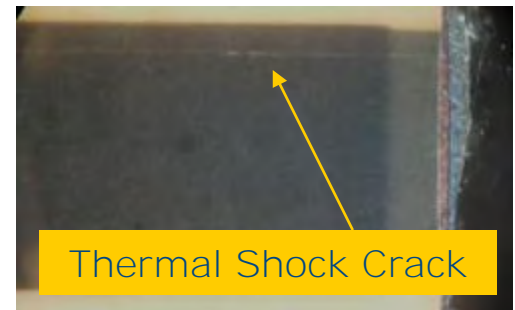
**No domains**, so  
No Domain wall heating & Reduced signal distortion

# Typical Crack Signatures

## MLCC Cross-Sections

The major sources MLCC of cracks are:

- Mechanical damage (impact)
  - Aggressive pick and place
  - Physical mishandling
- Thermal shock (parallel plate crack)
  - Extreme temperature cycling
  - Hand soldering
    - *Do not touch electrodes while hand soldering!*
- Flex or Bend stress
  - Occurs after mounted to board
  - Common for larger chips (>0805)



Failure is not always immediate!  
Failure mode is not always deterministic!

# Flex Cracks



<https://ec.kemet.com/q-and-a/what-is-failure-mode-for-ceramic-capacitors>

<https://ec.kemet.com/knowledge/flexible-termination-reliability-in-harsh-environments>

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Polymer (Tantalum) Capacitors

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Design and Characteristics

# Common Myths

# Myth 1: The World Is Running Out Of Tantalum



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## Niobium and Tantalum—Indispensable Twins

41 <b>Nb</b> [Kr]5s <sup>1</sup> 4d <sup>4</sup> 92.91	73 <b>Ta</b> [Xe]6s <sup>1</sup> 4f <sup>14</sup> 5d <sup>3</sup> 180.9
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### The Future of Niobium and Tantalum: Worldwide Supply and Demand

Estimated global reserves and resources of niobium and tantalum are large and more than sufficient to meet global demand for the foreseeable future, possibly the next 500 years.

Therefore, geologic availability does not appear to be a major concern for the supply of niobium or tantalum. Brazil, Canada, and Australia are the leading global producers of niobium and tantalum mineral concentrates. Brazil produces the greatest amount of niobium mineral concentrates (~90 percent), while Australia and Brazil together lead in the production of tantalum mineral concentrates. A number of African countries—Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda—mine for tantalum minerals (such as columbite-tantalite, also called coltan) through artisanal mining or are establishing mining operations. Primary production of niobium or tantalum in the United States has not been reported since the late 1950's; therefore, the United States has to meet its current and expected future needs by importing primary mineral concentrates and alloys, and by recovering them from foreign and domestic alloy scrap.



High-purity niobium crystals, electrolytic made, as well as a high-purity 1 cubic centimeter anodized niobium cube for comparison (photograph from Wikipedia).

Expected shortages of metals within the next 50-100 years include Copper, Gold, Silver, Indium, Platinum, Zinc and Lead.



# Myth 2: Tantalum Is Only For Capacitor Production

## Tantalum has many Applications



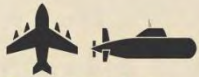
Electronics

- Capacitors
- Resistors
- Hard Disk Drives
- Acoustic Filters



Optics

- Camera Lenses
- Phone Display
- Ink Jet Printers
- X-Ray Film



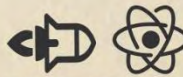
Superalloys

- Aircraft Frames
- Turbine Blades
- Jet Engine Discs



Medical

- Joint Replacement
- Skull Plates
- Screws/clamps
- Wires



High Temp

- Rocket Nozzles
- Furnaces
- Cutting Tools
- Chemical Resistant



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### How Do We Use Niobium and Tantalum?

Tantalum has a unique ability to store and release energy, which is why the electronics industry consumes more than one-half of tantalum production. Tantalum-based components can be exceptionally small, and other elements cannot serve as substitutes without degrading the performance of electronic devices. As a result, tantalum is used in components for items as ubiquitous as cell phones, hearing aids, and hard drives. Tantalum's low mechanical strength and high biocompatibility allow it to coat stronger substrates, like stainless steel, for medical applications. It is used for blood vessel support stents, plates, bone replacements, and suture clips and wire. In the chemical industry, tantalum's corrosion resistance makes it useful as a lining for pipes, tanks, and vessels. Tantalum oxide can increase the refractive index of lens glass, while the hardness of tantalum carbide makes it an ideal component in the manufacture of cutting tools.

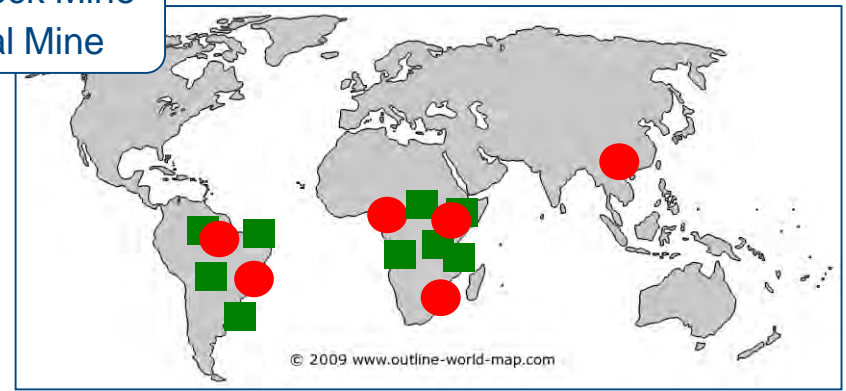
Only half of the world's annual Tantalum output is used in capacitor production

# Myth 3: World Demand For Tantalum Frequently Exceeds Available Supply

2000-2010



2010-Present



- Single source for ore
- Expensive hard rock operation
- When market price dropped below operating cost, the mine discontinued operations until metal prices increased.

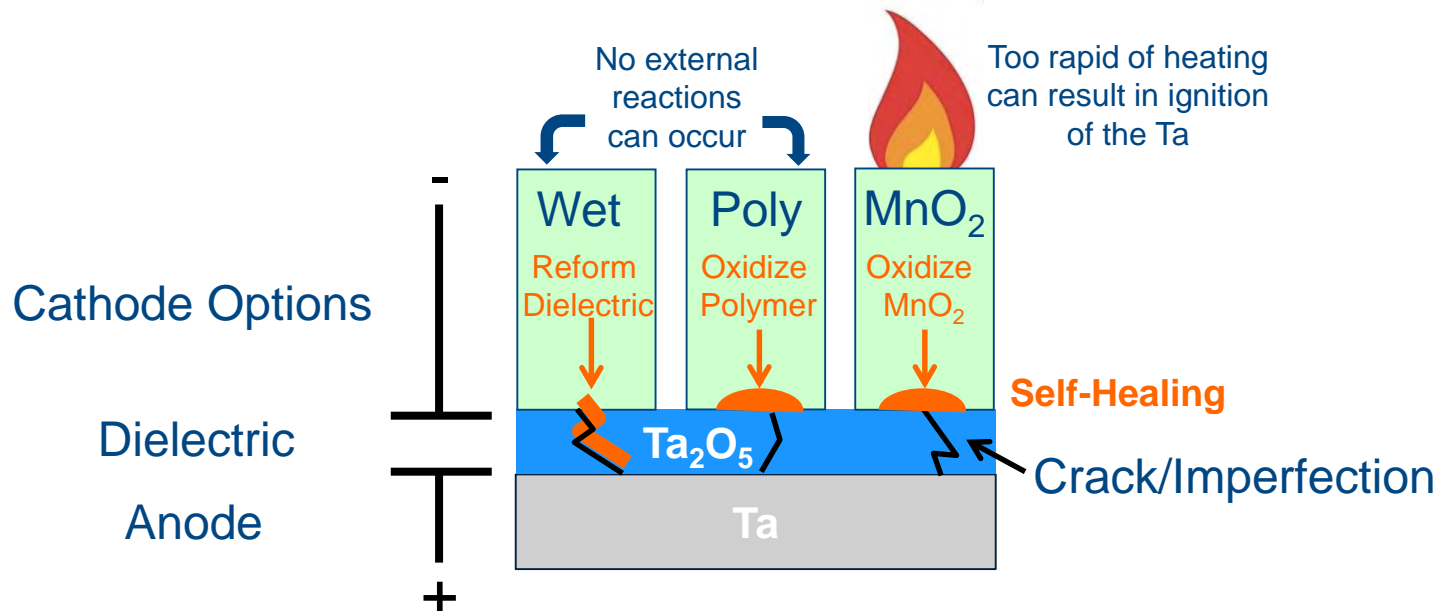
- Multiple sources for ore
- Mix of artisanal (open pit) and hard rock operations.
- Multiple regions of the world.
- Mix of regions and mines result in a competitive market place.

Most of the shortages experienced in the industry were artificially created. In recent years, capacitor manufacturers have established broader supply chain networks to prevent this from occurring.

# Myth 4: Tantalum Capacitors Do Not Possess a Safe Failure Mode

## Tantalum Capacitor Classes:

- Wet Cathodes
- Solid Polymer Cathodes
- Solid MnO<sub>2</sub> Cathodes



The cause of the undesirable failure mode is the MnO<sub>2</sub> cathode. But users often define it as “Tantalum”.

# Myth 5: Tantalum Capacitors Are Only Used In High End Applications



It is likely that you carry 10 to 50 Tantalum capacitors with you everyday in your laptops, tablets, and smart phones.

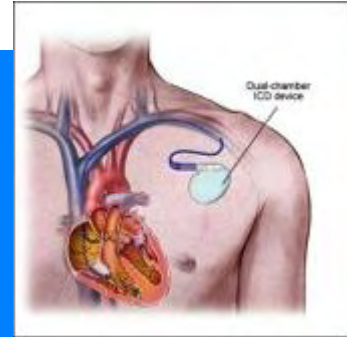


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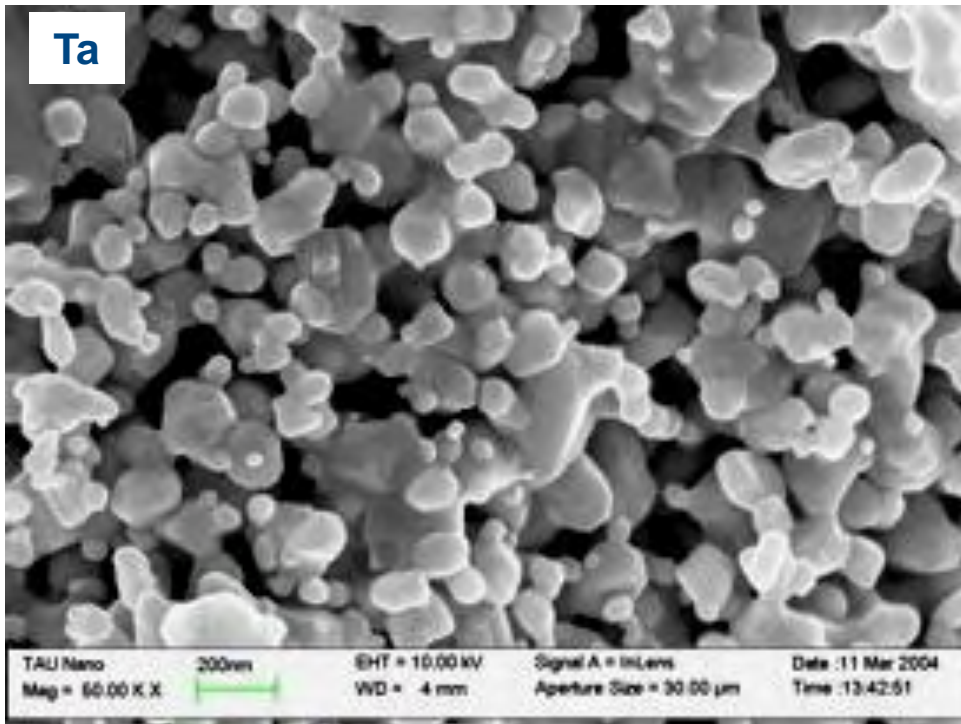
# Why Use Tantalum?

- Stable C (No Temp or Bias Effects), DCL (t)
- Reliable (Decreasing FR)
- Long Life (Exceeds Expected Life of All Hardware)
- Most Volumetrically Efficient (CV/cc, E/cc)

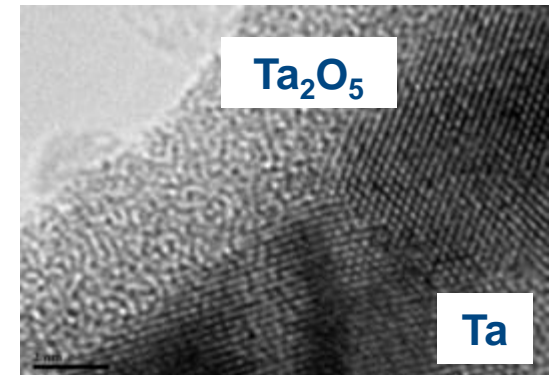
Military  
Space  
Medical  
Automotive  
Computers  
Telecom



**SEM of a Sintered Ta Anode**



**Ta Oxide Dielectric**



# Dielectric: Tantalum Pentoxide $Ta_2O_5$

- Critical Characteristics

- Dielectric constant

- 27.7

- Dielectric breakdown

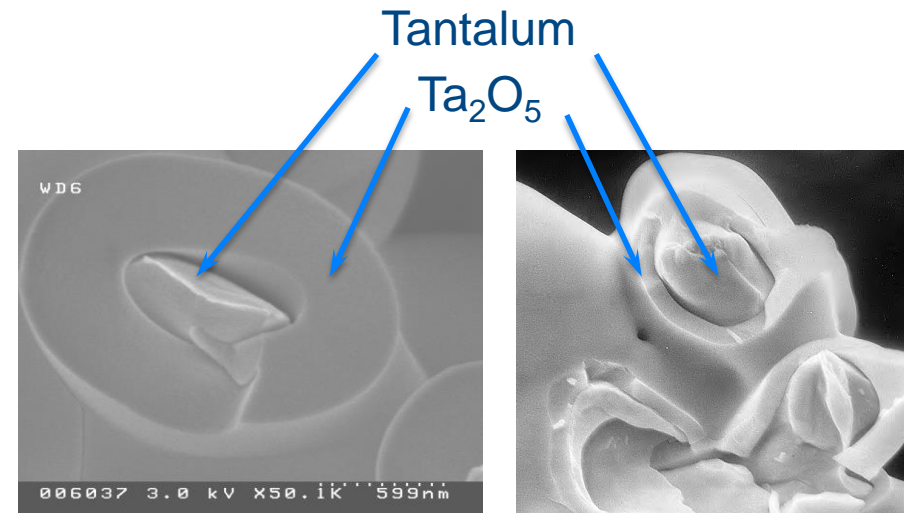
- VBDV 470 volt/mm)

- Dielectric thickness:

- 2.0 nm/volt

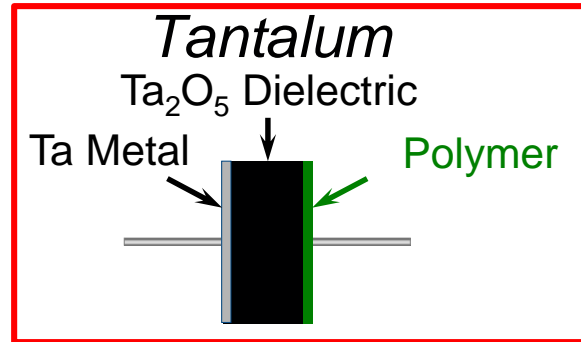
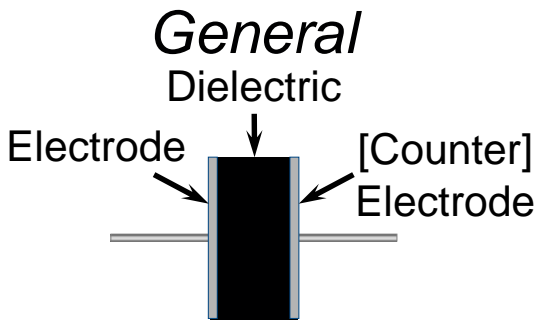
- Resistant to chemical attack

$V_R$	Dielectric Thickness (nm)	
	Ta	MLCC
2	20.7	600
4	27.6	600
6	36.8	600

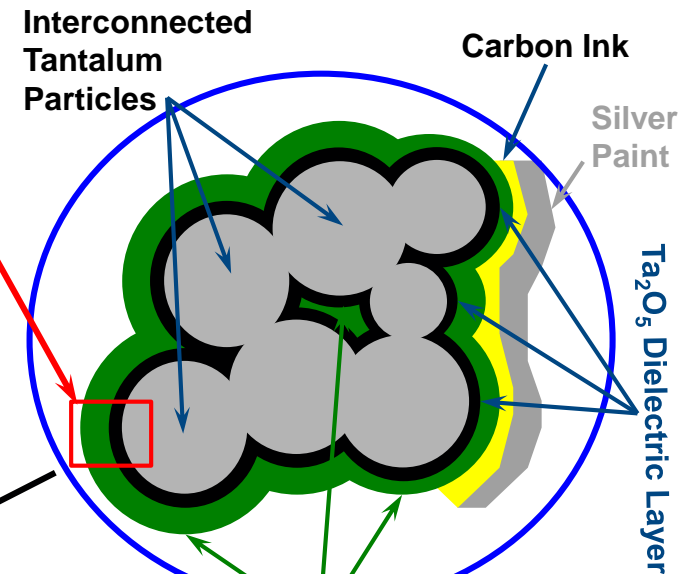


Fractured Sintered Anodes With Dielectric Already Formed

# Polymer Construction

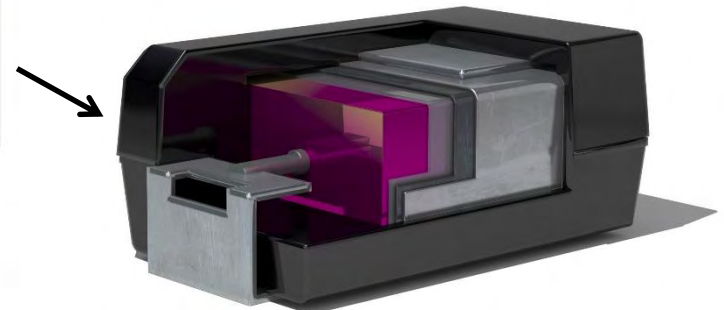
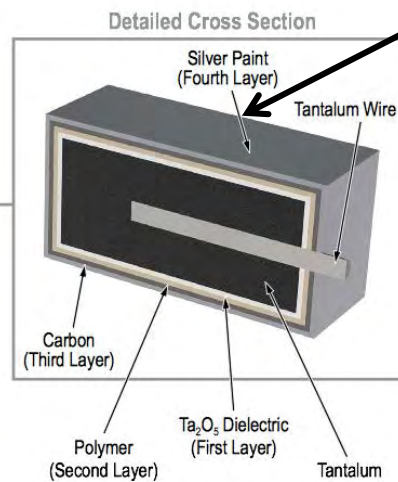
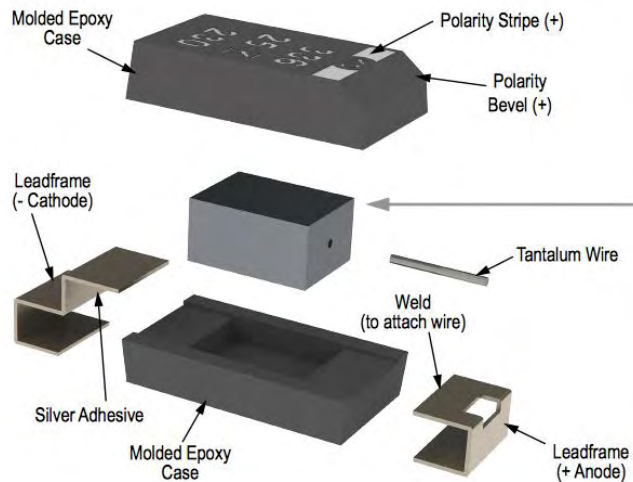


## Ta Caps have a 3-D structure



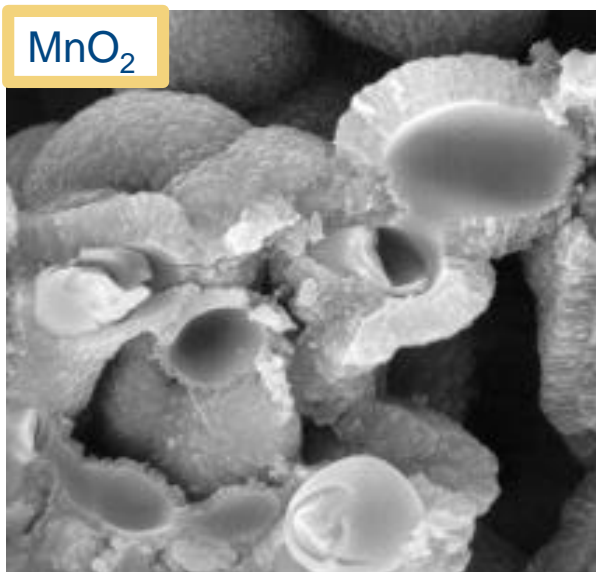
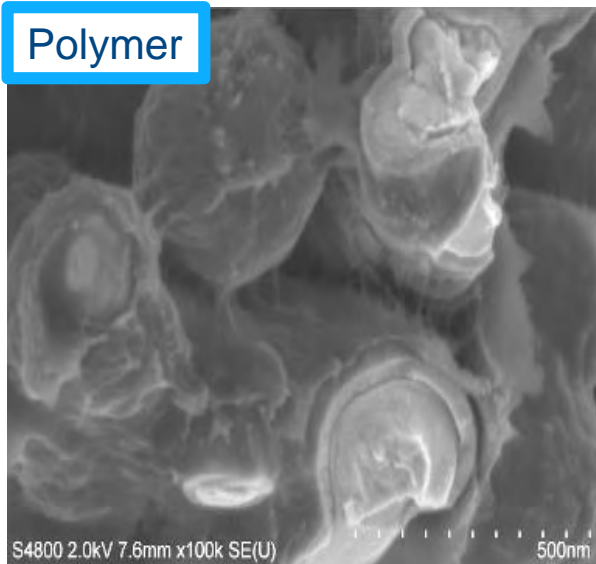
Counter Electrode Penetration into Pores (Polymer)

## KO-CAP Construction



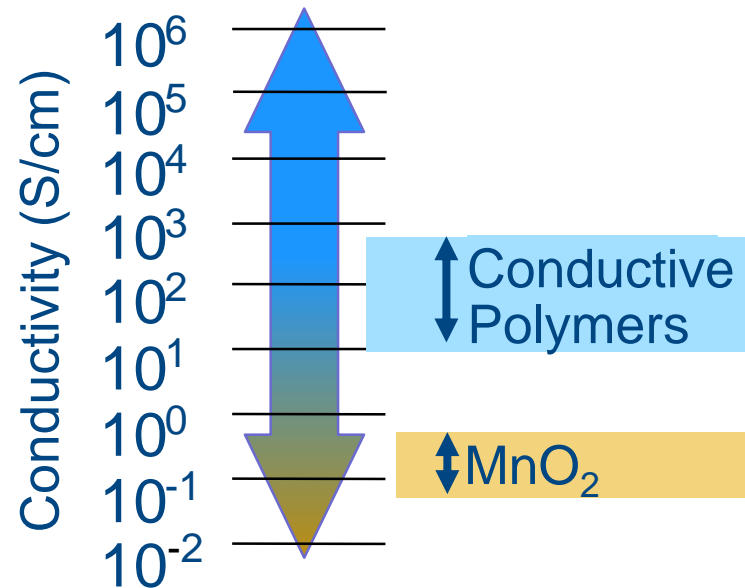


# Polymer Cathode



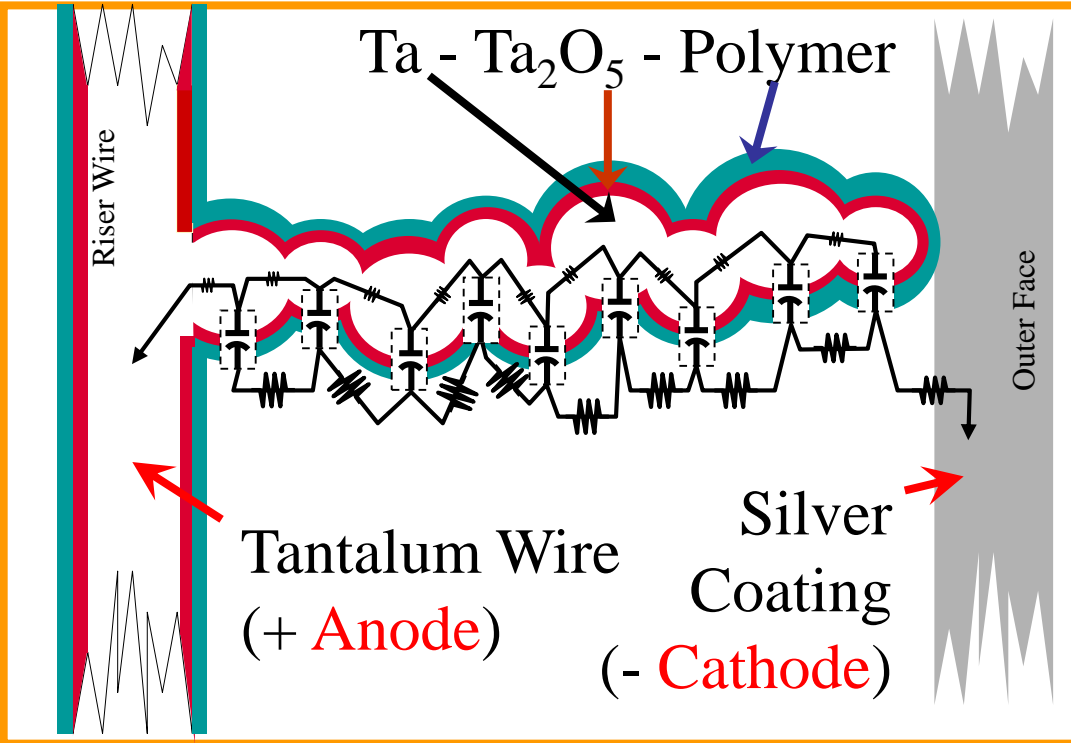
Cathode forms the negative connection:

- Polymer is an intrinsically conductive polymer
- MnO<sub>2</sub> is manganese dioxide

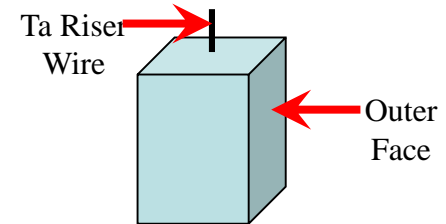


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# Characteristics



## RC-Ladder Effects



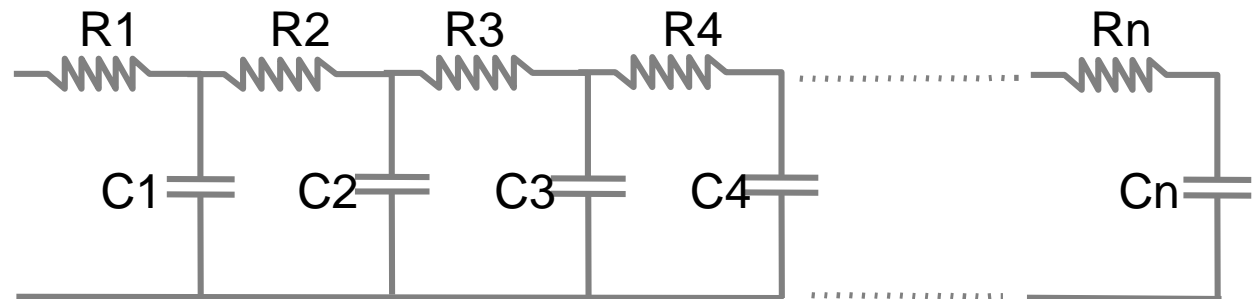
$$tc1 = C1 \times R1$$

$$tc2 = C2 \times (R1 + R2)$$

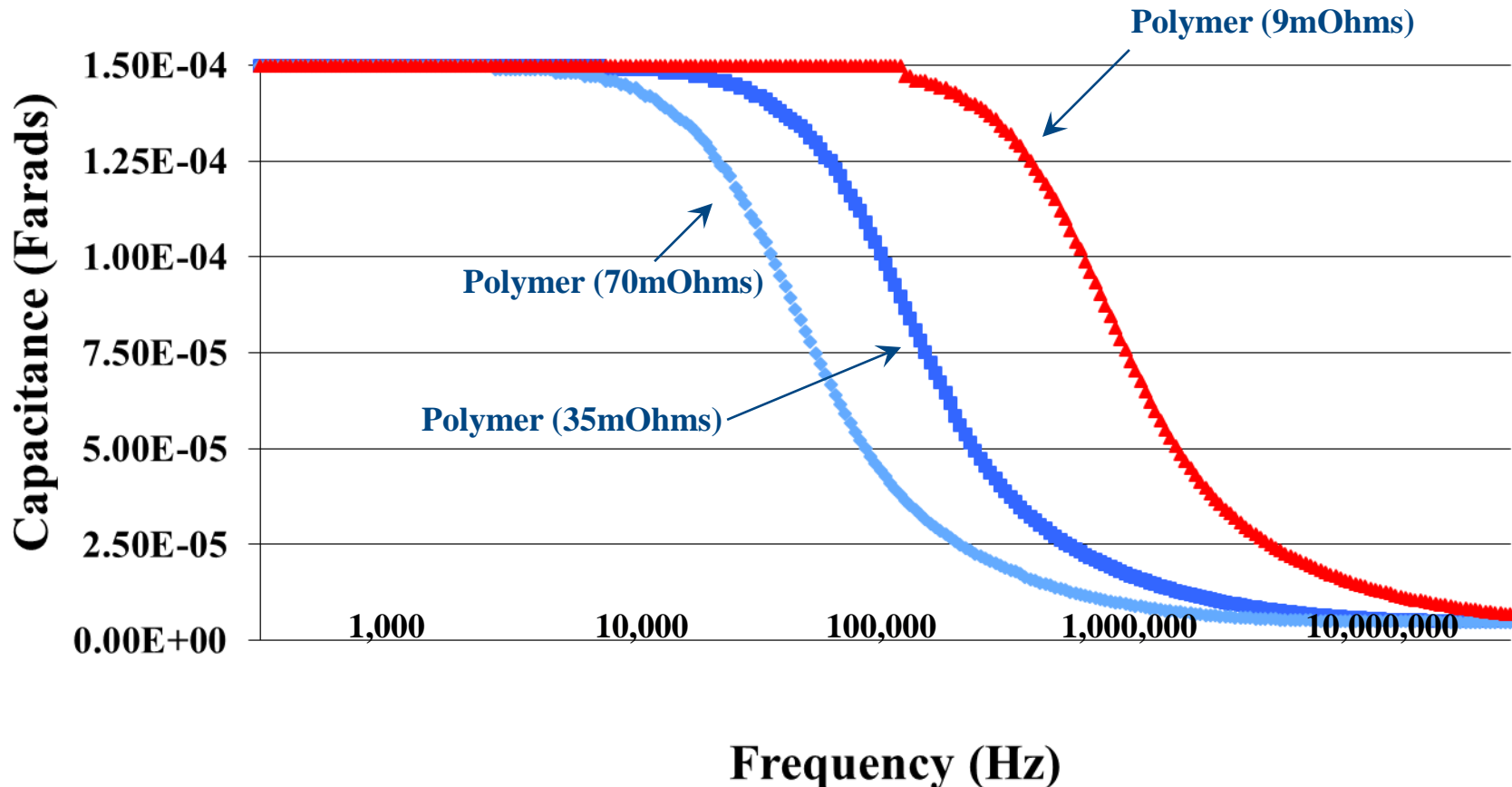
$$tc3 = C3 \times (R1 + R2 + R3)$$

$$tcn = Cn \times (R1 + R2 + R3 \dots + Rn)$$

RC-Ladder effects are factored by both capacitance and resistance.



# Capacitance vs Frequency



Polymers are commonly used in applications of up to 1MHz.  
Applications exceeding 1MHz typical call for MLCC's

# Voltage Derating Guidelines

	Ta-MnO <sub>2</sub>	Poly KO V <sub>R</sub> >10VDC	Poly KO V <sub>R</sub> ≤10VDC	Alum-Poly AO
100 PPM FR % V <sub>Rated</sub>	68%	126%	197%	235%
@50% V <sub>Rated</sub> FR(PPM)	9	0	0	0
@80% V <sub>Rated</sub> FR(PPM)	458	4	1	0
@90% V <sub>Rated</sub> FR(PPM)	1700	12	2	0
@100% V <sub>Rated</sub> FR(PPM)	6310	35	8	0
Leakage Limit	0.01CV	0.1CV	0.1CV	0.04-0.06CV

- Typical derating guidelines:

- Tantalum MnO<sub>2</sub>: 50%
- Polymer KO: 20%(>10V), 10% (≤10V)
- Aluminum Polymer: 0%

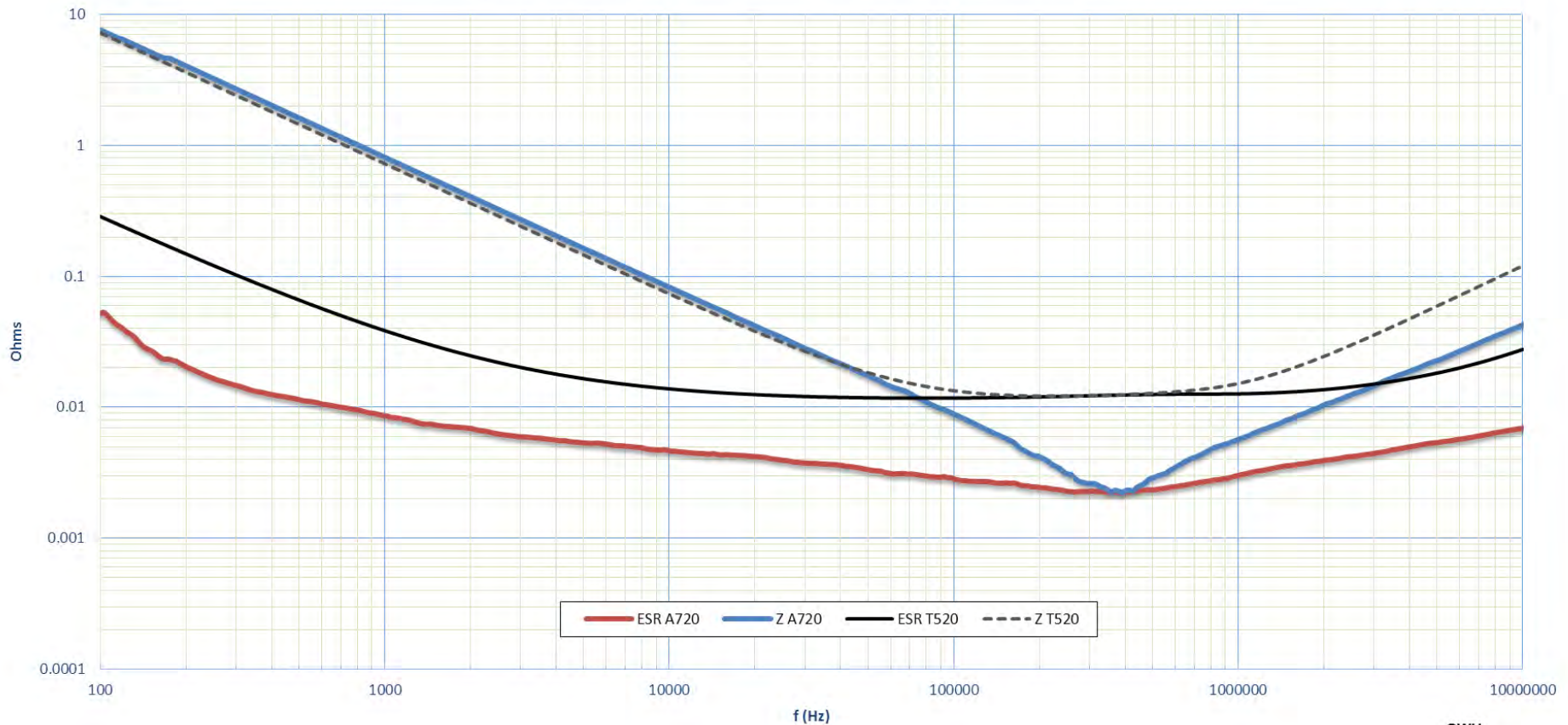
- Temperature Ratings:

- Tantalum MnO<sub>2</sub>: 125°C up to 230°C
- Polymer KO: 105°C - 125°C
- Aluminum Polymer Gen I: 125°C
- AO Gen II: 105°C - 125°C(future)
- MLCC (X5R): 85°C

# ESR and Impedance vs. Frequency

AO Gen II vs. TA Polymer

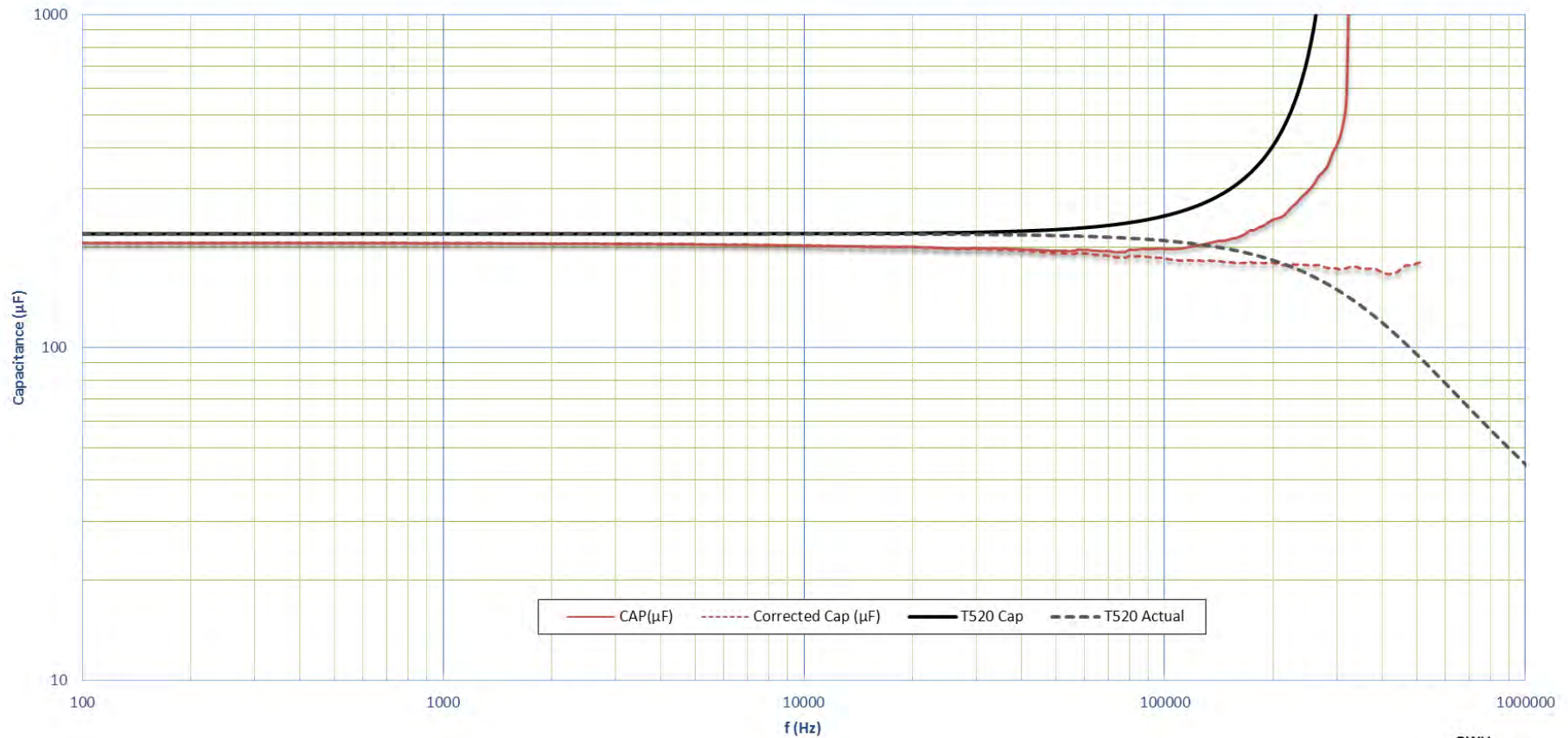
Impedance and ESR vs. Frequency  
A720V227M006ATE vs T520V227M006ATE012



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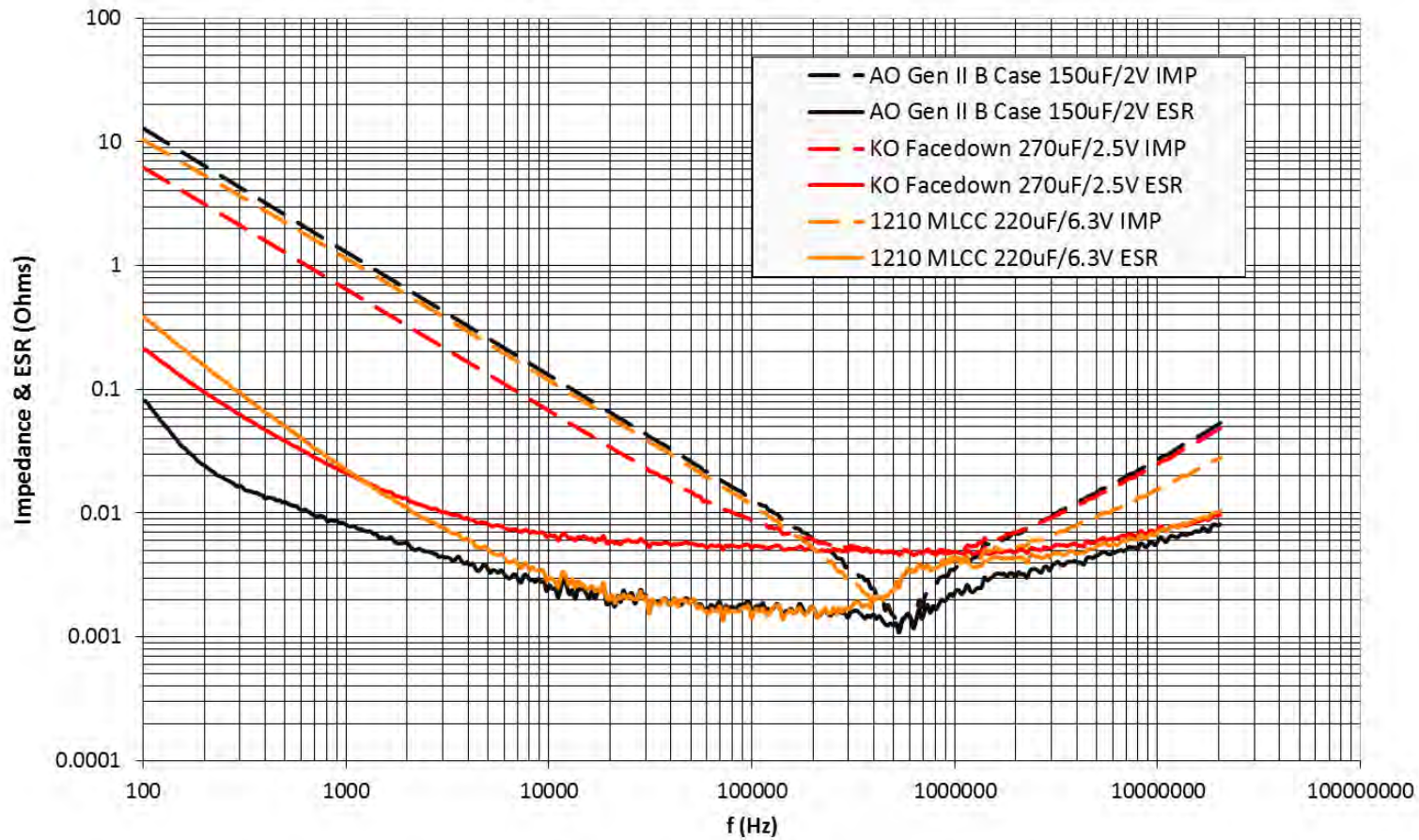
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# 3528 Footprint Impedance Frequency Data

AO Gen II B Case/KO Facedown B Case/1210 MLCC

Impedance and ESR vs. Frequency  
5 Parts Tested Each Group - 25C

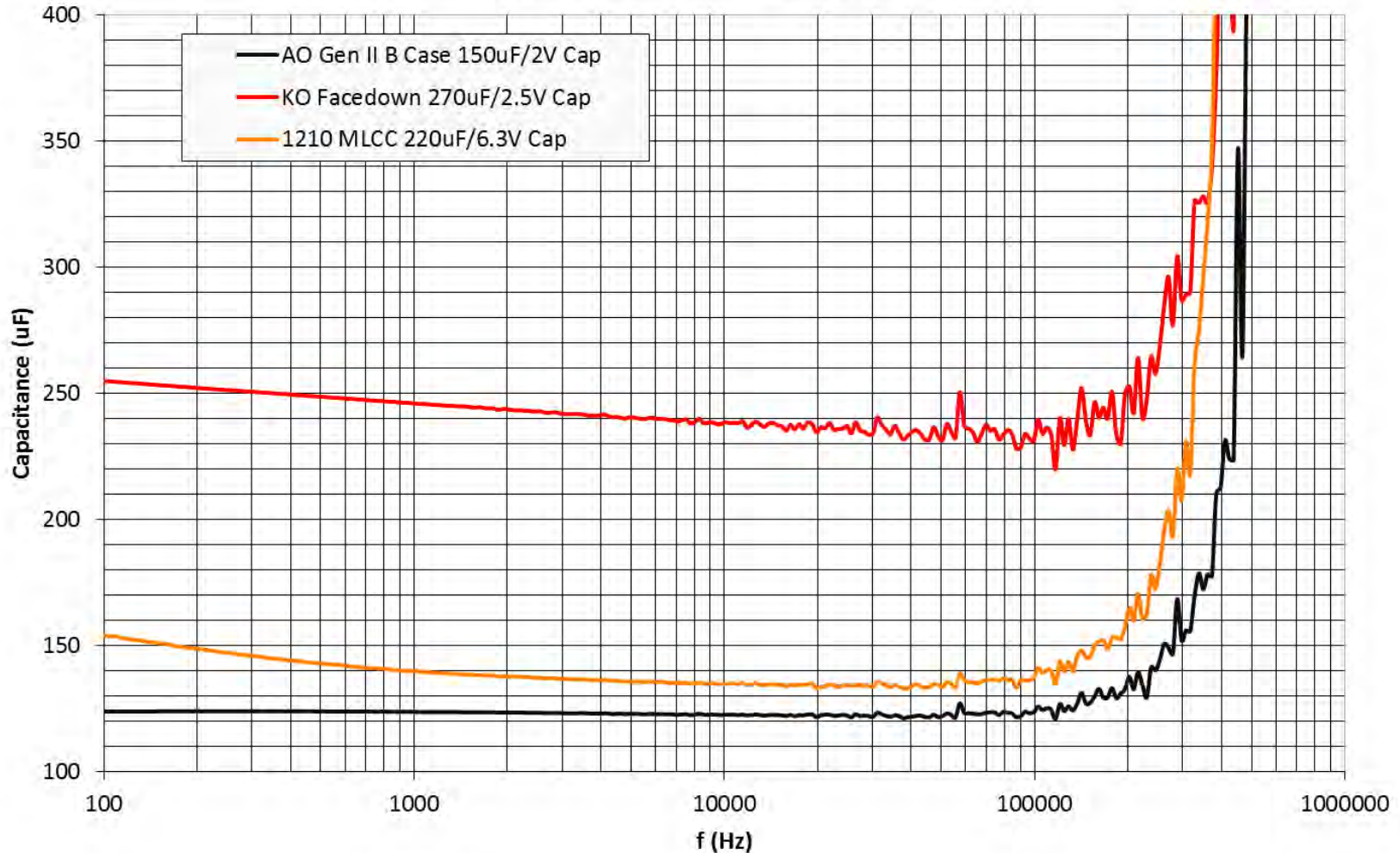




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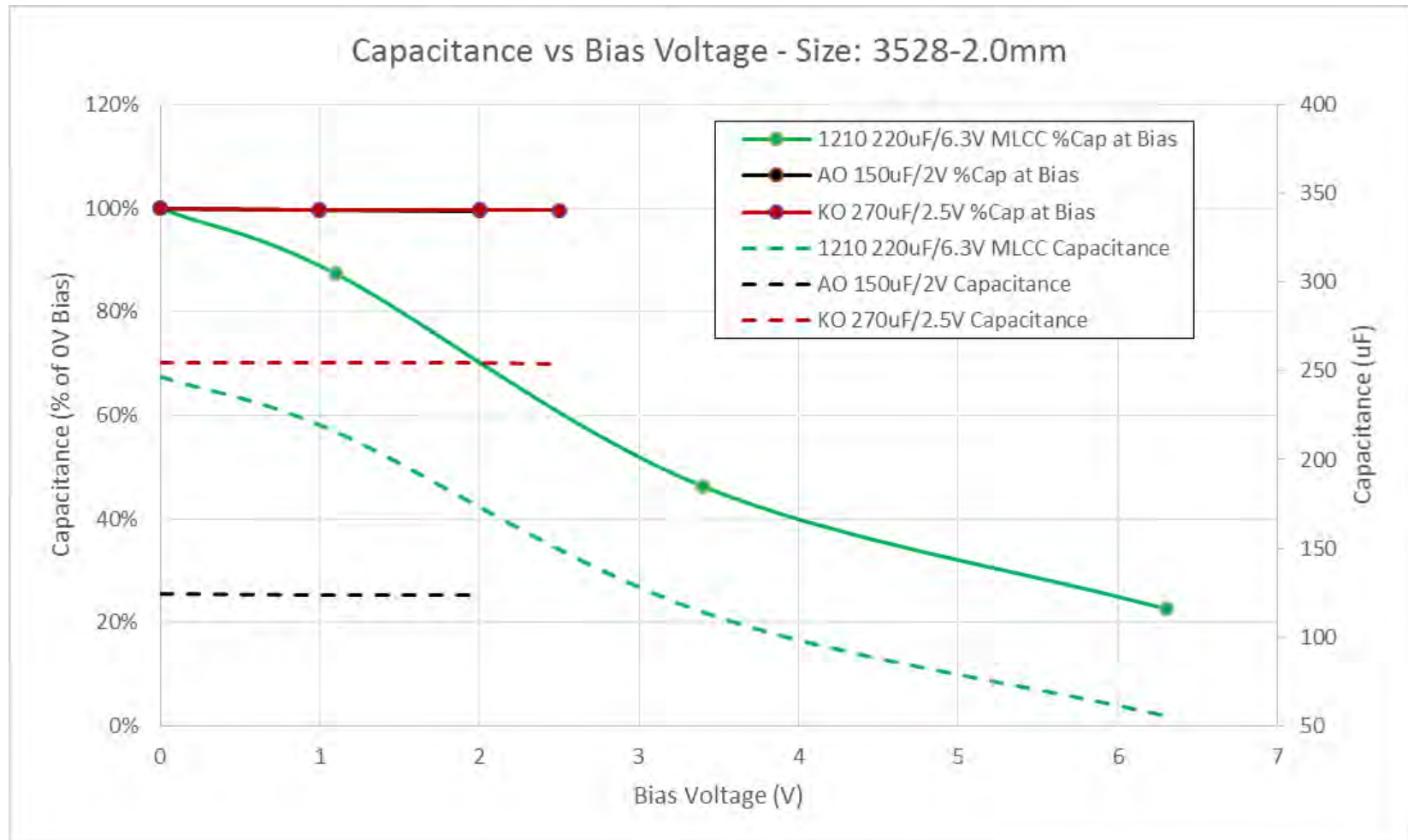
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# Bias Voltage Capacitance

- One advantage of both polymer systems includes the stability of capacitance over varied bias from zero to rated voltage



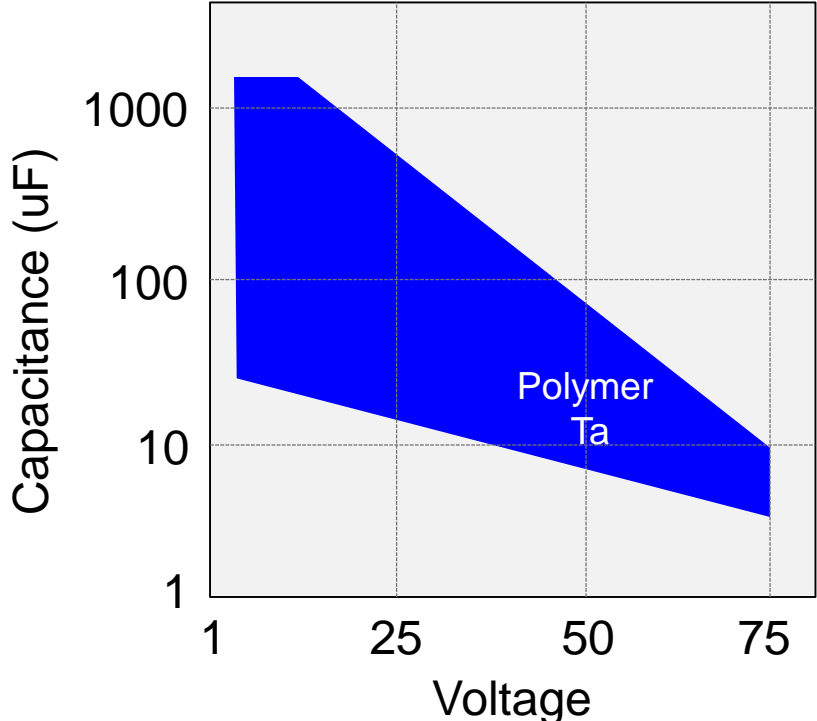
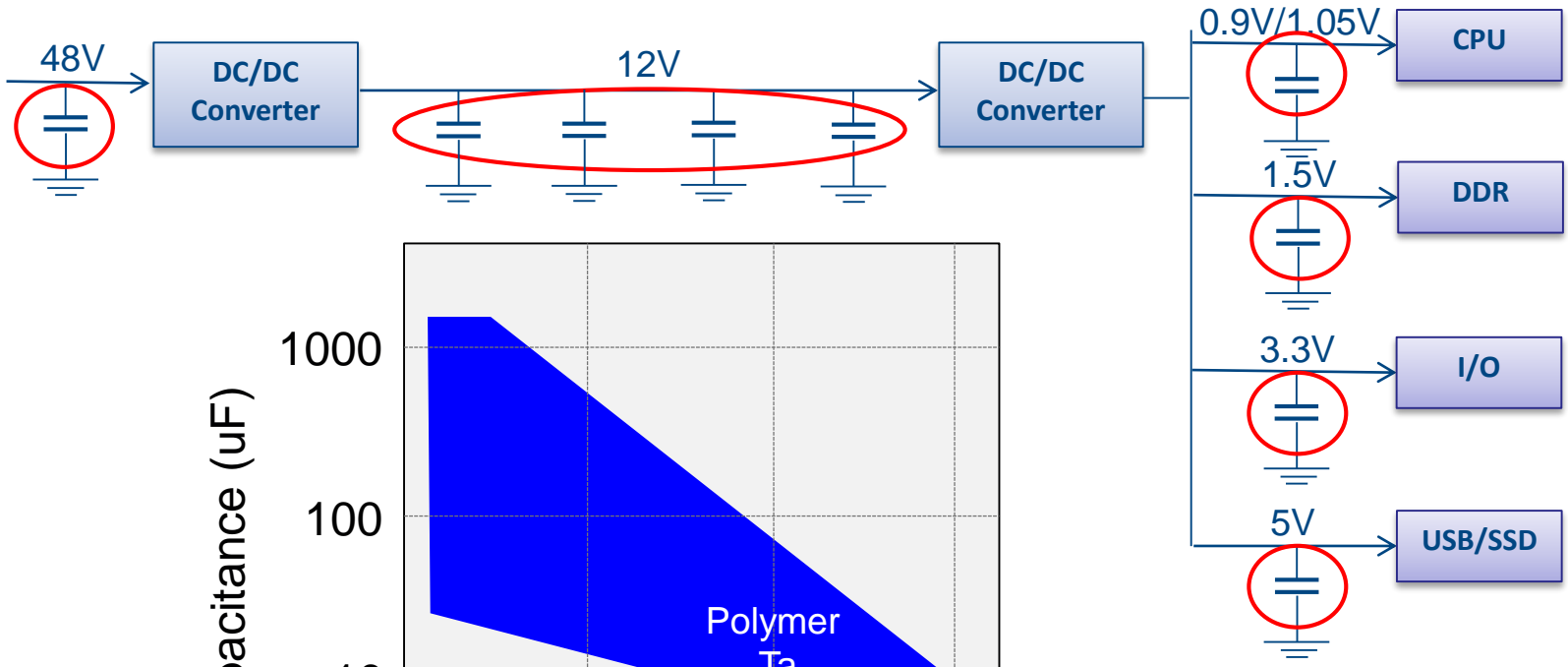


# Applications Most Suitable For Polymer Capacitors

# DC/DC Converter

Filtering, Decoupling, and Hold Up

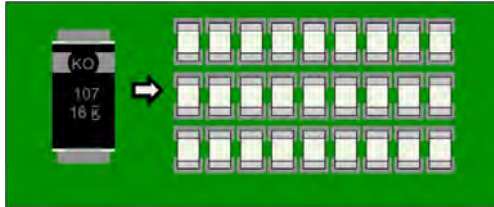
Most polymer caps are used in DC/DC power converter applications



# Strengths And Weaknesses By Dielectric

# Polymer vs. High Cap MLCC

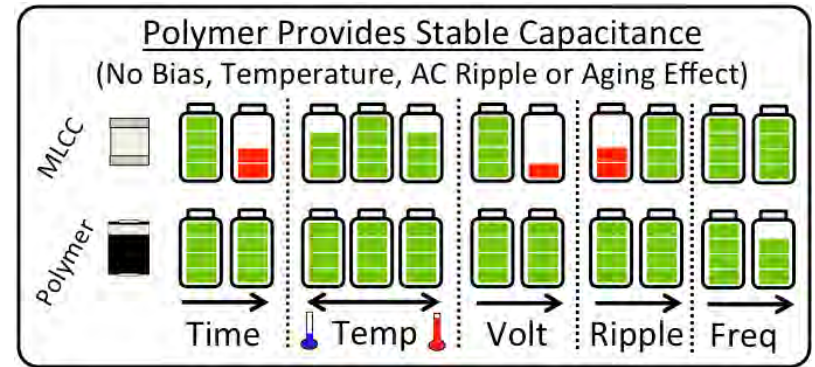
## Delivered Capacitance



## No Piezo Noise

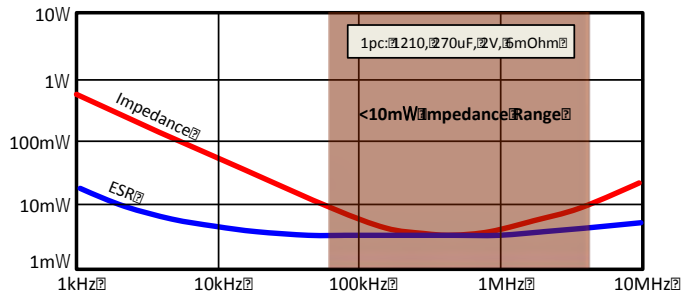


## Stable Capacitance



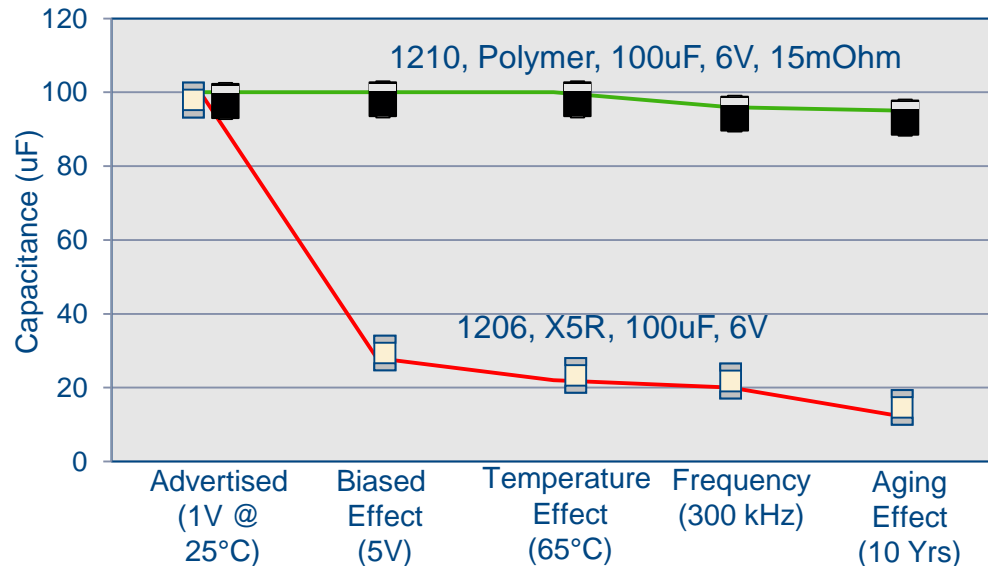
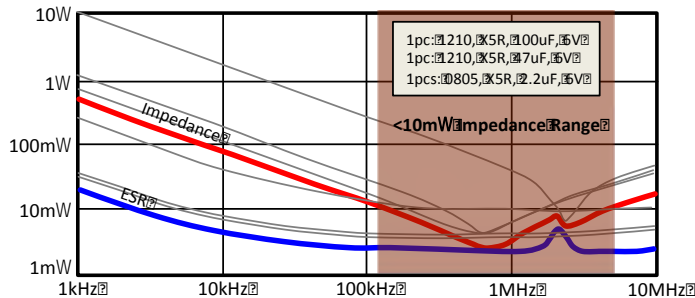
## Wider Low Impedance Range

One Polymer



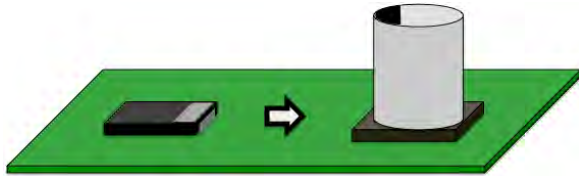
MLCCs have a narrow "sweet spot" for low impedance while polymer has a wide frequency range for BB apps.

Three MLCCs

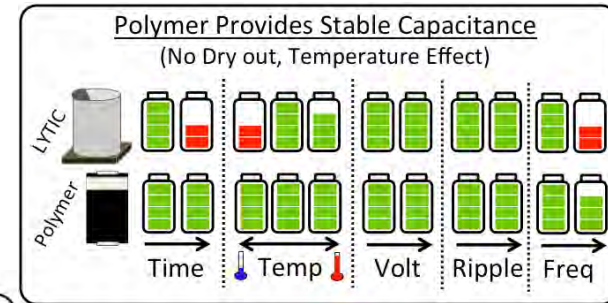


# Polymer vs. Aluminum Electrolytic

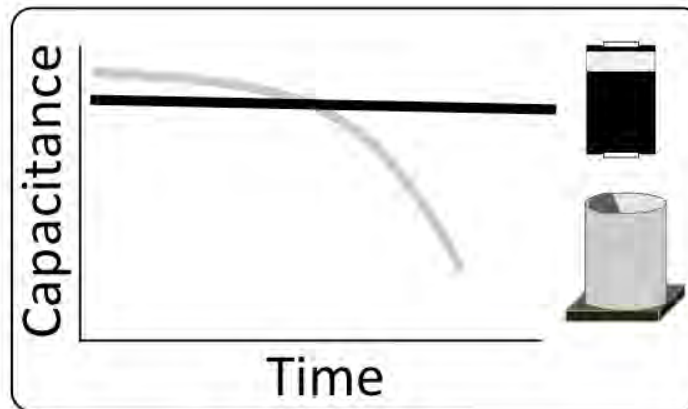
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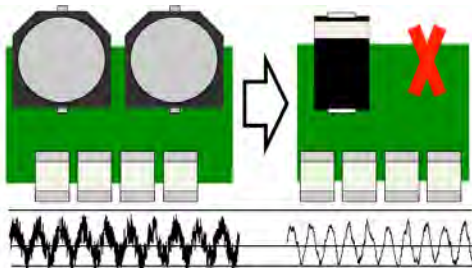
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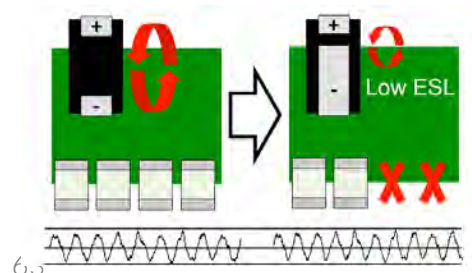
## Long Life



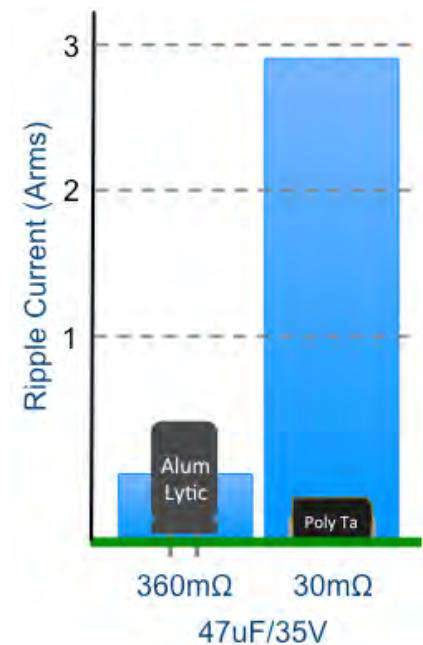
## Low ESR



## Low ESL

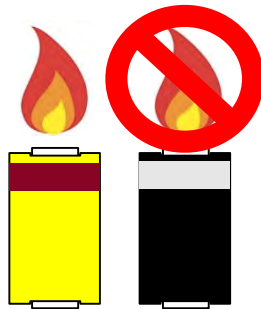


## High Ripple Handling

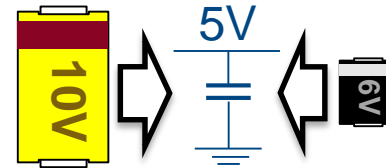


# Polymer vs. Traditional Tantalum

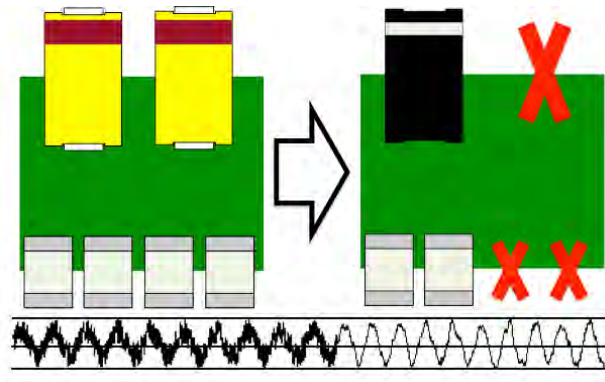
## Non-Ignition Failure Mode



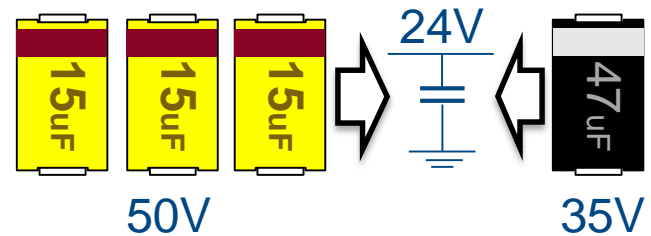
## Voltage Derating



## Low ESR



## Higher Capacitance



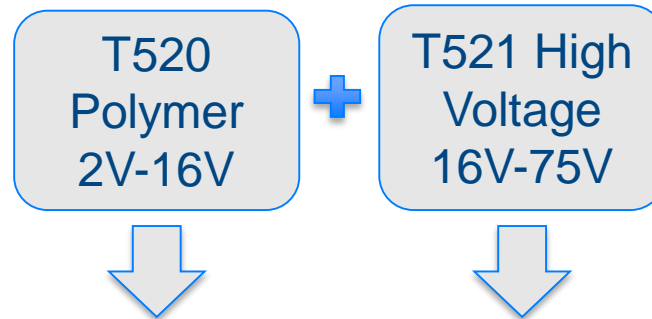


# When Polymer Is Not The Ideal Choice

- Frequencies Approaching 1MHz
  - Cap vs Frequency results in too great of cap loss compared to MLCC.
- Very Low Leakage Applications
  - Polymer is higher in leakage than MnO<sub>2</sub> type technologies for applications seeking maximum battery life like hearing aids.
- High Temperatures
  - Applications exceeding 125°C are not ideal for polymer caps unless the expected life time use is short (days to weeks).
- Low Capacitance
  - Capacitance needs of picofarads or a few microfarads are too low to be offered in a polymer capacitor.

# Polymer Series Lineup

## Standard Series



## Application Specific Series



## Development Roadmap Summary

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2016

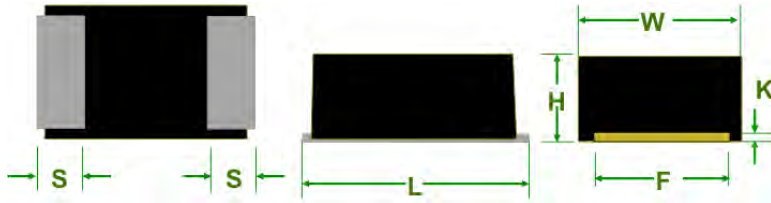
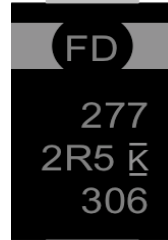
2017

Low ESR (T520)	3.5x2.8x2.0	9mΩ 2.5V330uF	6mΩ 2.5V330uF	4.5mΩ 2.5V330uF
	3.5x2.8x1.2	18mΩ 6.3V150uF	15mΩ 6.3V220uF	
Low ESL/ESR (T528)	3.5x2.8x2.0	<b>6mΩ</b> 2.5V270uF	6mΩ 2.5V330uF	4.5mΩ 2.5V470uF
	3.5x2.8x1.2		9mΩ 2.5V220uF	
High Cap (T520)	3.5x2.8x2.0	6.3V330uF	25mΩ 6.3V330uF	
	3.5x2.8x1.2		15mΩ 6.3V220uF	
Low Profile (T520/T521)	7.3x4.3x1.5	6.3V680uF	16V330uF	
	3.5x2.8x1.2	16V33uF, 25V10uF, 35V6.8uF	25V15uF	35V15uF
	3.5x2.8x1.0		6.3V150uF	16V33uF
12V-48V Higher (T521)	7.3x4.3x4.3	<b>75V</b> 6.8uF	35V100uF	
	7.3x4.3x2.0		35V47uF, 16V150uF	
High Temp/ High Humidity (T591/T598)	3.5x2.8x1.2 7.3x4.3x2.0 7.3x4.3x3.0	500 Hrs 85/85 & 125C (2-50V)	2.5V470uF 6mΩ (7.3x4.3x2.0)	25mΩ 6.3V330uF (7.3x4.3x2.0)
	3.5x2.8x1.2 7.3x4.3x2.0 7.3x4.3x3.0	1K Hrs 85/85 & 125C (Full AEC Q-200) 2-16V	1K Hrs 85/85 & 125C (Full AEC Q-200) 20-50V	

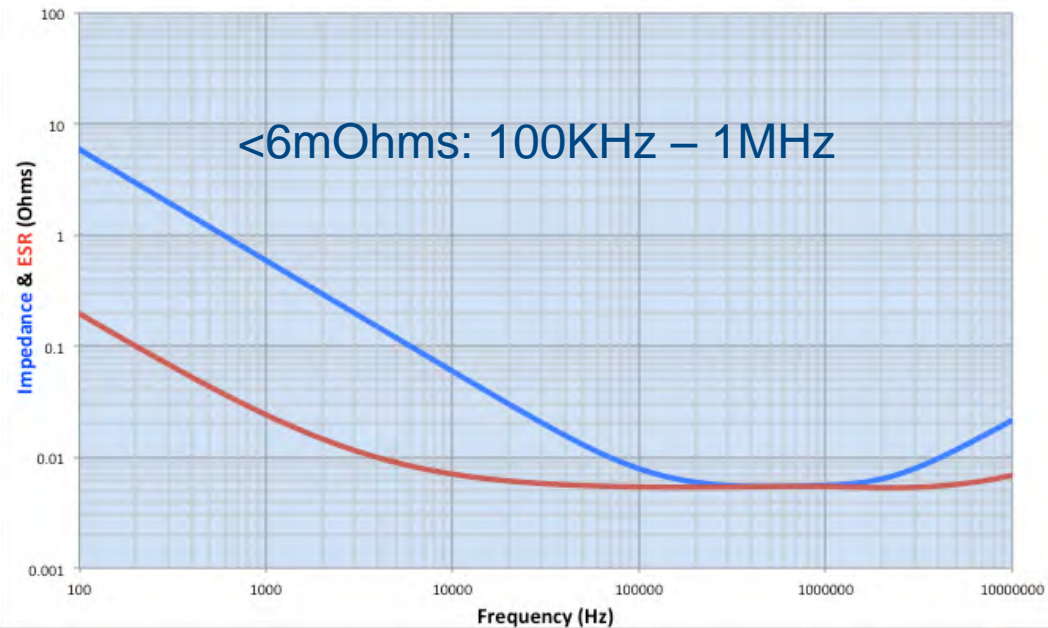
# Low ESL B Cases

## Features:

- Small Footprint
- Low Profile
- High Capacitance
- Low ESR



## Impedance & ESR vs Frequency



Case Size (LxWxH)	Cap (uF)	Voltage	ESR (mOhms)
3528-20	270	2.5	6
3528-20	270	2.5	9
3528-12	220	2.5	9

**AEC Q-200 Rev D Table of Methods for Tantalum Capacitors**

Stress Test Name	Conditions	Std Poly Series	T591	T598
High Temp Exposure (Storage)	125° C, Unbiased, 1000 Hrs	X	√*	√
Temperature Cycling	-55° C to 125° C, 1000 Cycles	X	√	√
Biased Humidity	85° C, 85% RH, Biased, 1000 Hrs	X	(500Hr)	√
Operational Life	125° C, Biased, 1000 Hrs	X	√	√
Resistance to Solvents	Mil-Std-202, Meth. 215	√	√	√
Mechanical Shock	Mil-Std-202, Meth. 213, Cond F	√	√	√
Vibration	Mil-Std-202, Meth. 208, 5G's-20min	√	√	√
Resistance to Soldering Heat	Mil-Std-202, Meth. 210, Cond D	√	√	√
ESD	AEC-Q200- 002 or ISO/DIS 10605	√	√	√
Solderability	J-STD-002	√	√	√
Terminal Strength	AEC Q200-006	√	√	√

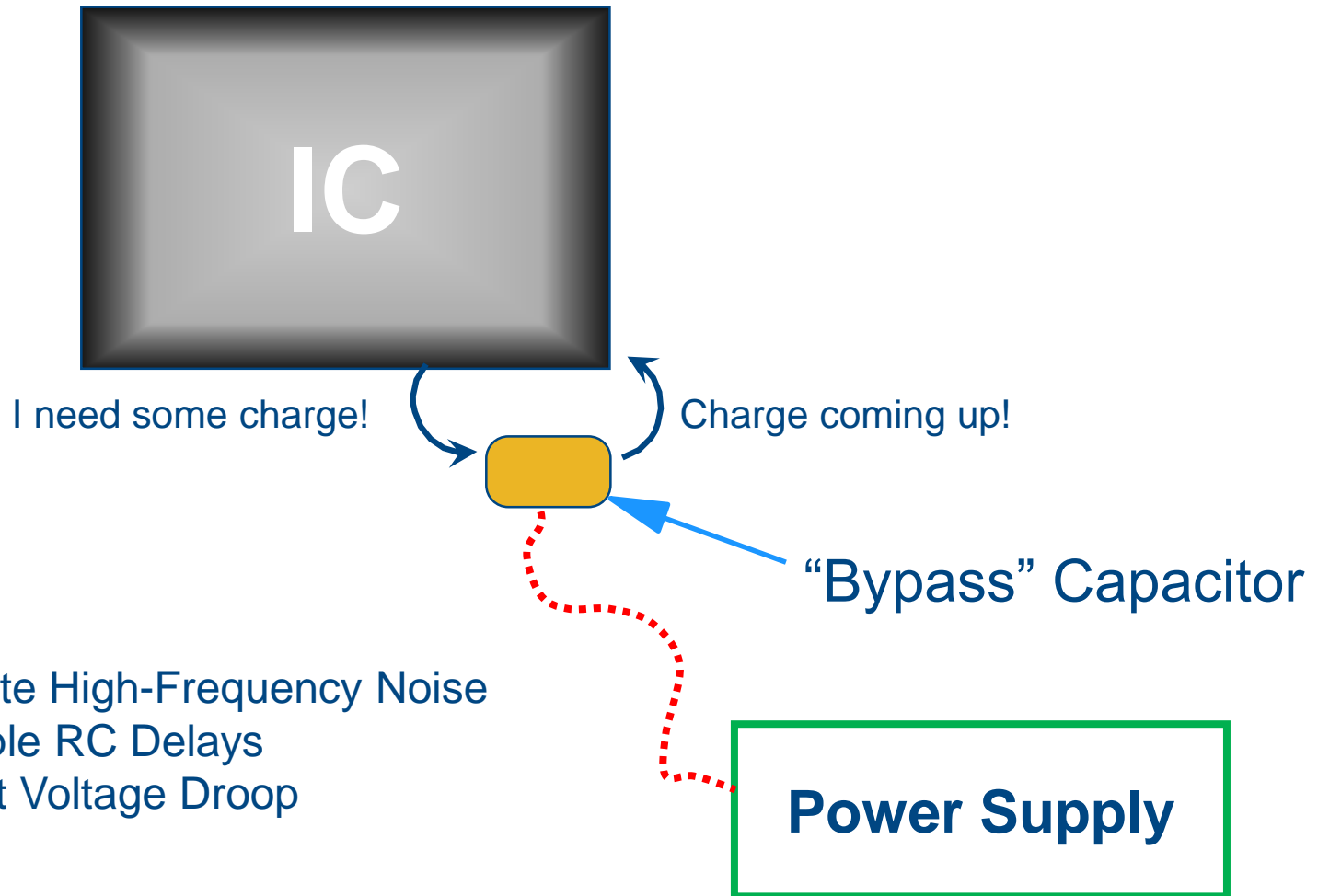
\*105°C & 125°C Offerings. See Part Number Table.

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# Decoupling

# Decoupling Principles

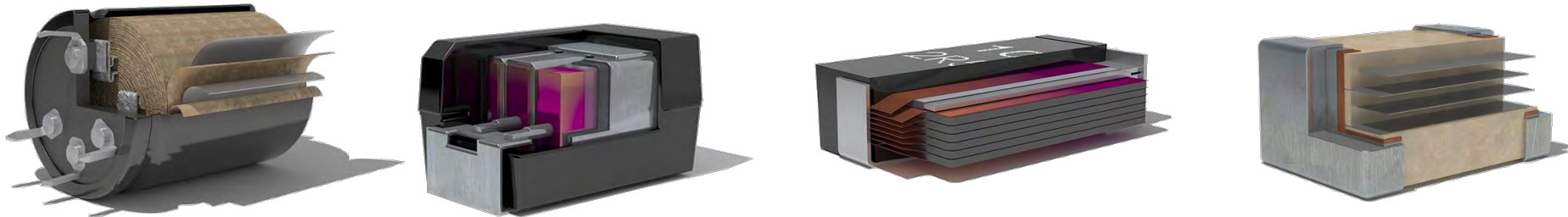
## Introduction



- Eliminate High-Frequency Noise
- Decouple RC Delays
- Prevent Voltage Droop

# Decoupling Principles

## *Different Caps for Different Needs*



“High” ESR  
Electrolytics

Low ESR  
Electrolytics

Low ESL  
Ceramics

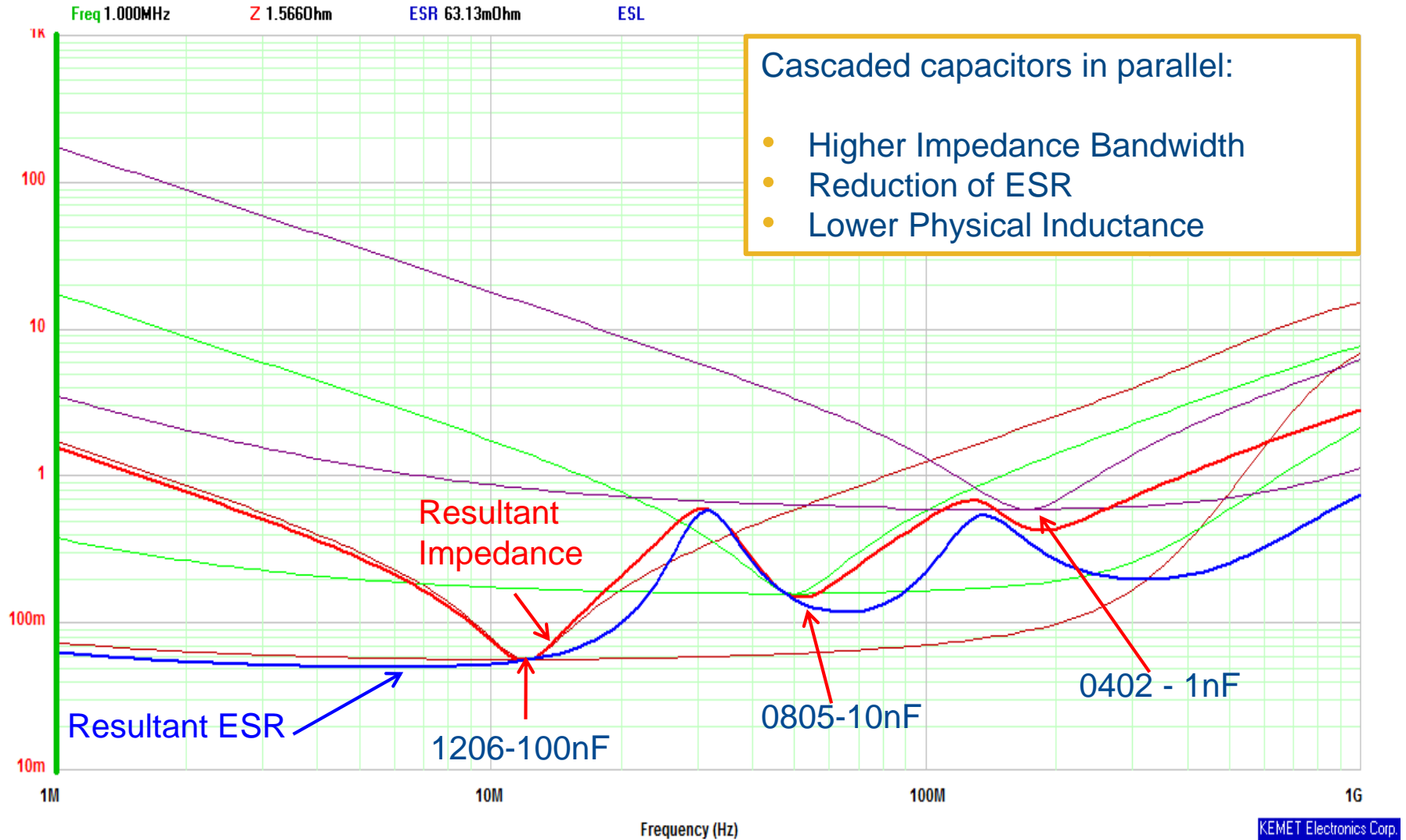
- Filters low frequency noise
- Act as charge reservoirs to transient currents

- Low inductance (ESL) and low ESR parts provide high frequency filtering



# Decoupling Principles

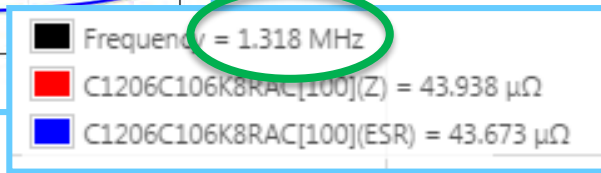
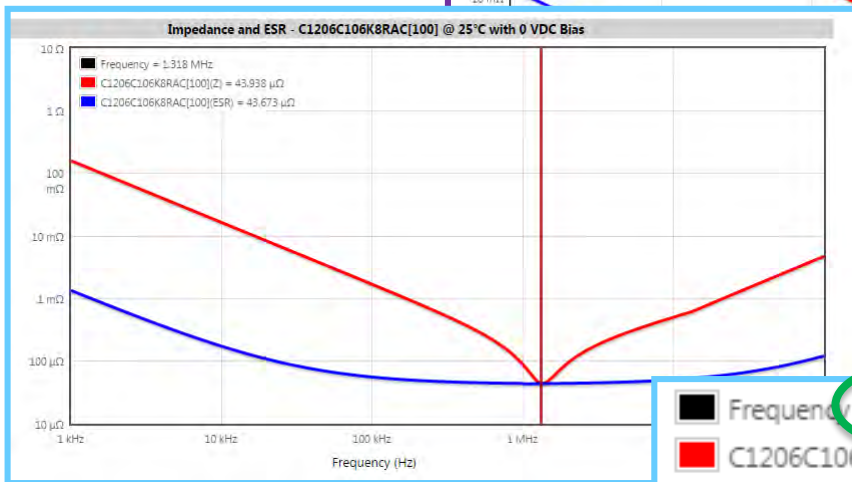
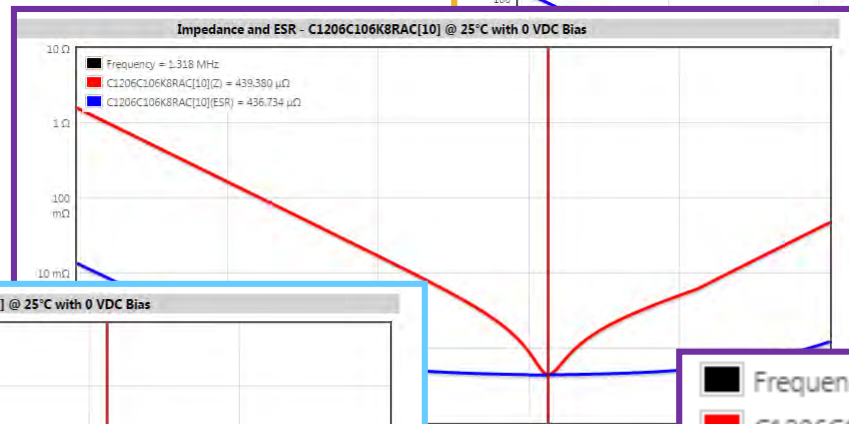
## Combining Impedance



# Decoupling Principles

## Same Value Caps in Parallel

$$Freq = \frac{1}{2p \sqrt{\frac{ESL}{n} nC}}$$





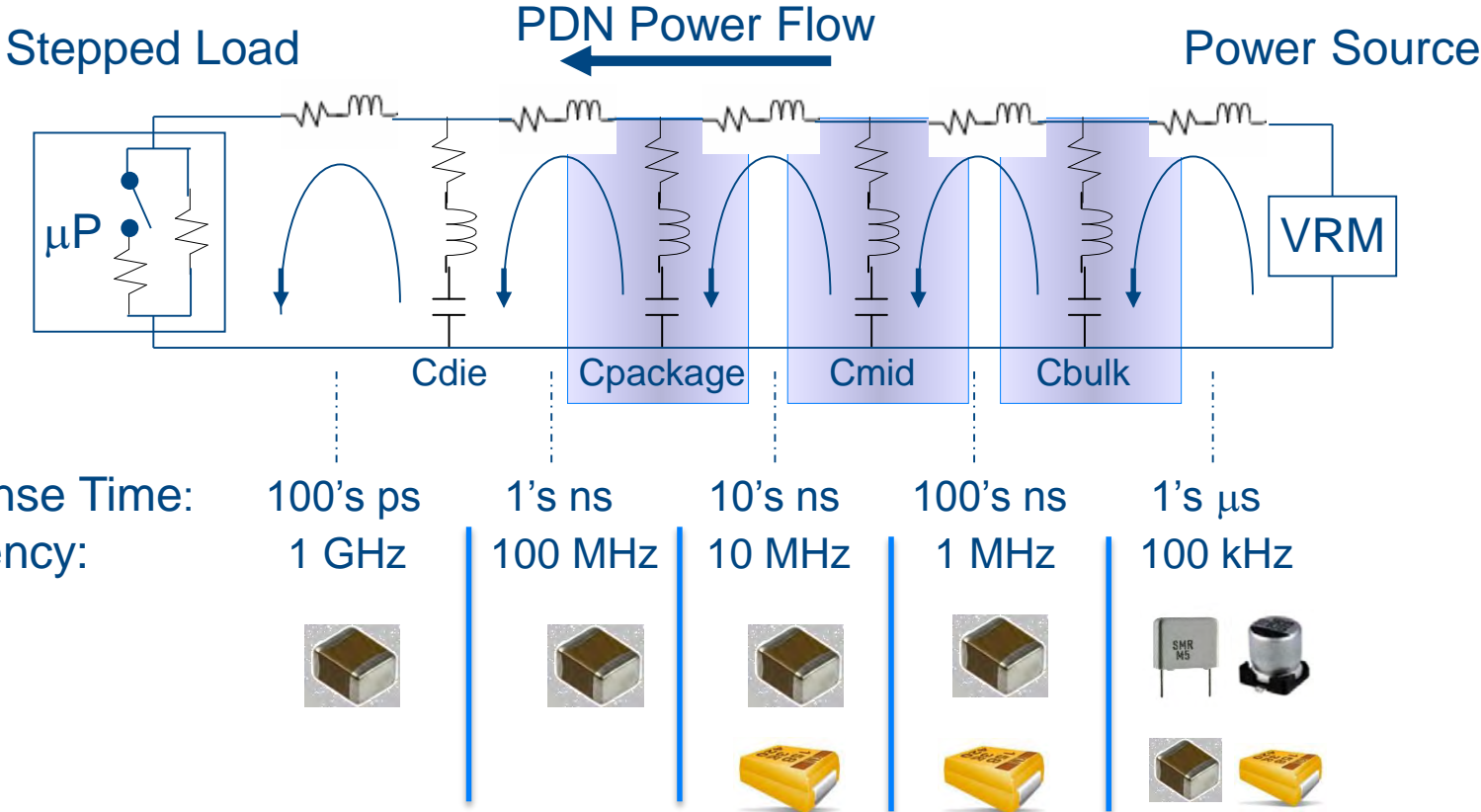
# Power Distribution Networks

# Power Distribution Network (PDN)

Select Decoupling CAPS to Meet  $Z_{TARGET}$



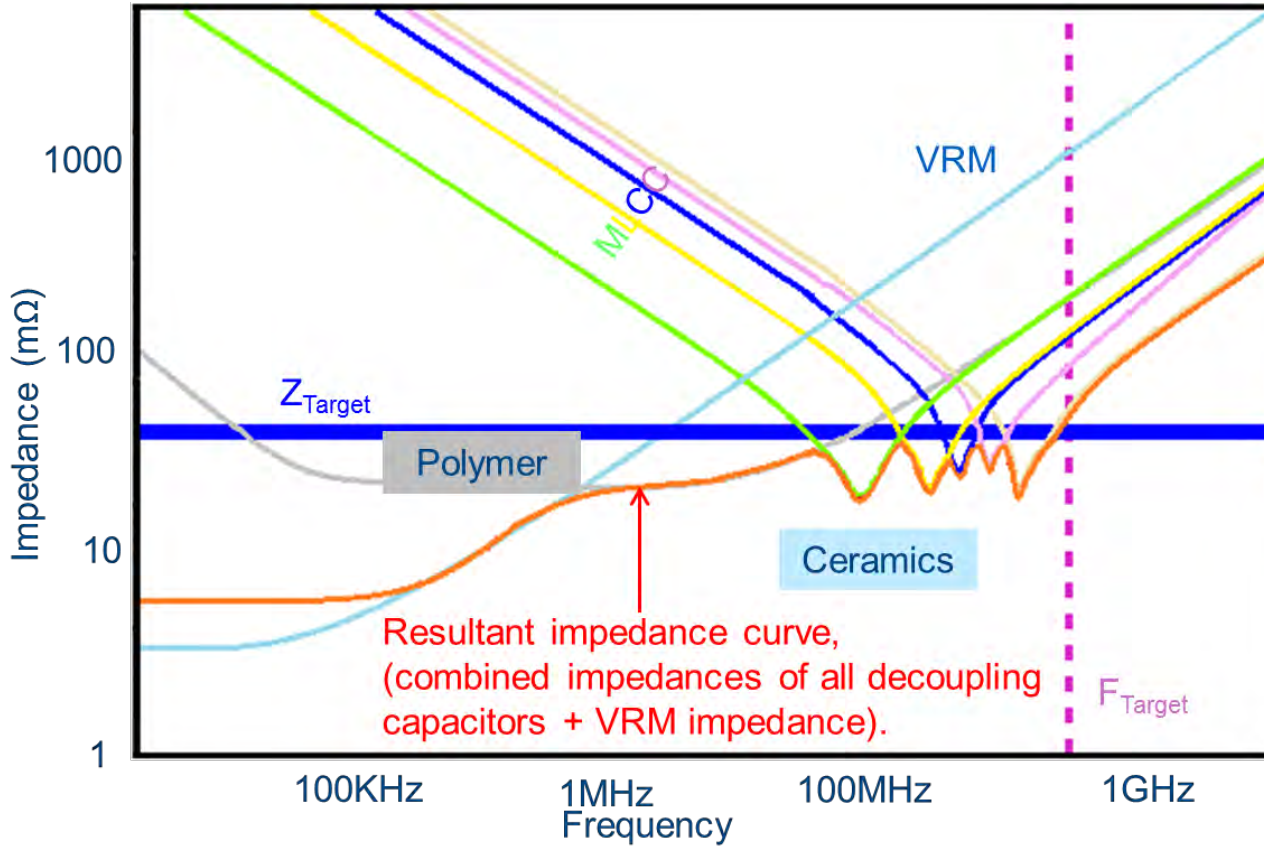
## Larry Mosley's (Intel) PDN Model



Larry E. Mosley, "Capacitor Impedance Needs for Future Microprocessors," *CARTS 2006 Proceedings*. pp. 193-203, ECA (Electronic Components, Assemblies & Materials Association), Arlington, VA, Apr. 2006

# Power Distribution Network (PDN)

Impedance = PDN + Capacitor Network

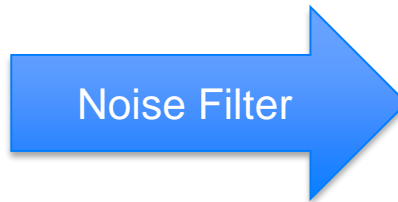


$$Z_{Target} = \frac{V_{Rail} \cdot \frac{\% Ripple}{100}}{I_{Max\_Transient}}$$

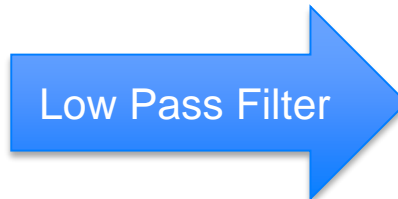
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# Filtering

## Blocking of unwanted signals

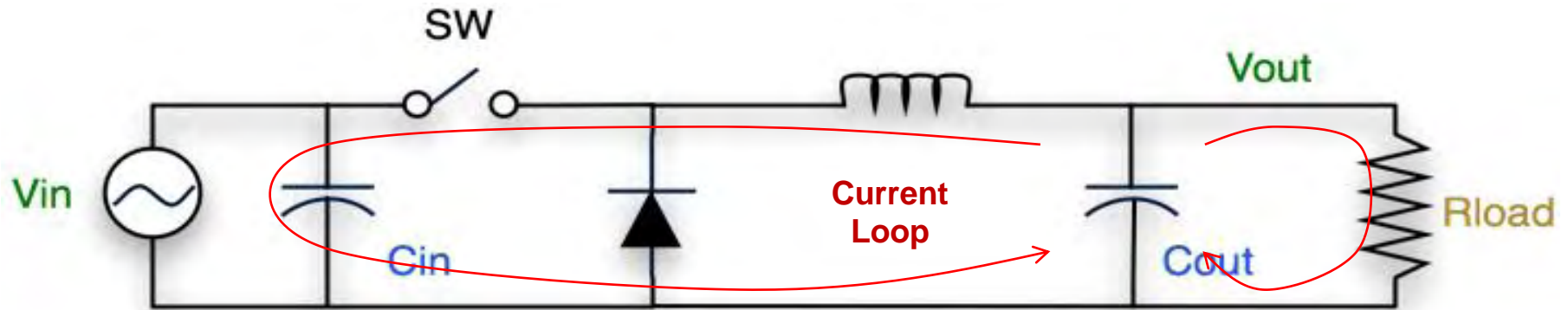


## Passing of wanted signals



# Filtering Principles

Example: DC to DC Converter



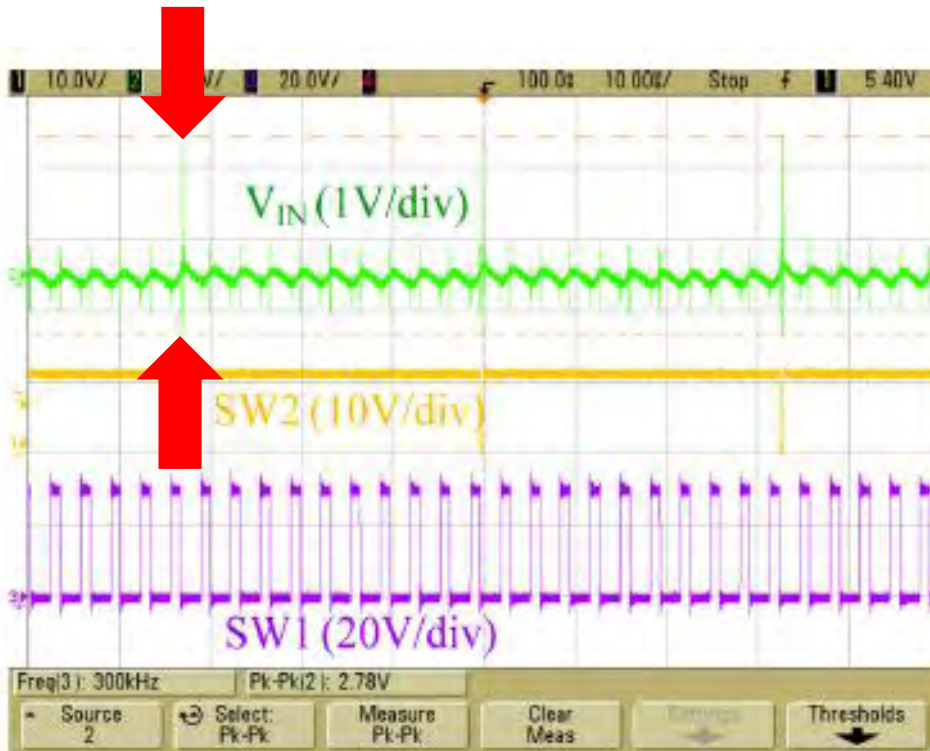
	Frequency	$V_{in} > 40V$	$V_{in} < 40$
<b>Ceramic</b>	Mid to High	Good	Good, Low-Cost
<b>Film</b>	Mid to High	Good	Not Ideal
<b>Aluminum Electrolytic</b>	Low	Good, Low-Cost	Not Ideal
<b>Polymer</b>	Mid	Acceptable	Good



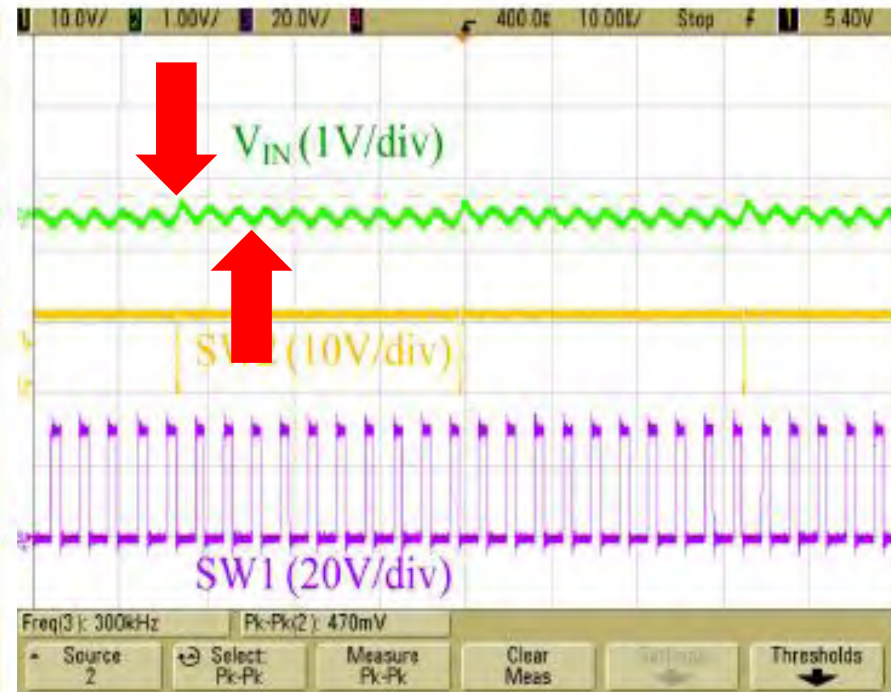
# Example Input Filter

2.78V<sub>(PP)</sub> without filtering

0.47V<sub>(PP)</sub> with filtering



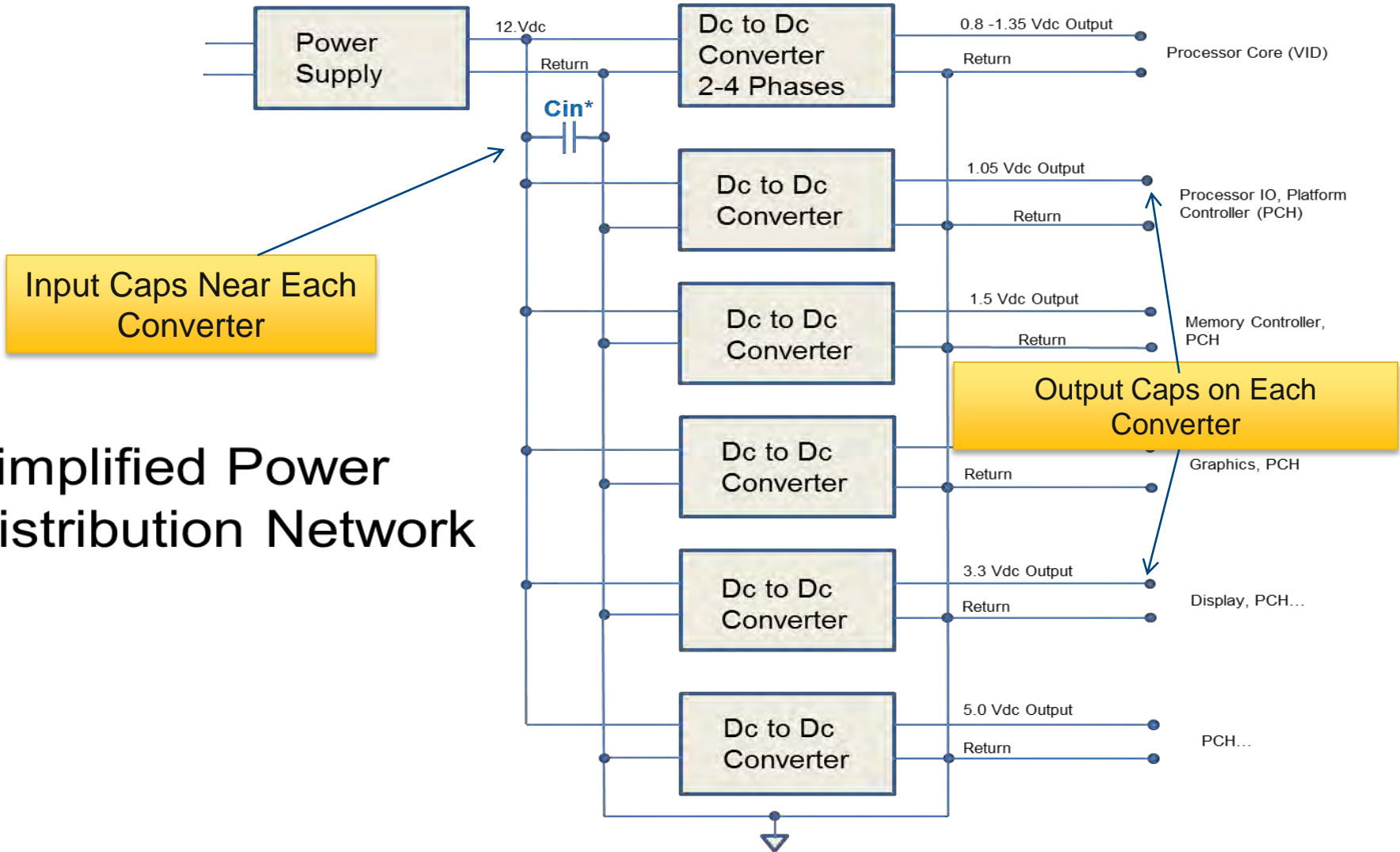
V<sub>IN</sub> = 10V, V<sub>OUT</sub> = 30V, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 3A  
W/O Input Filter: Short L2 and L3, Remove C<sub>IN2</sub>  
V<sub>IN</sub> Peak-to-Peak Ripple = 2.78V



V<sub>IN</sub> = 10V, V<sub>OUT</sub> = 30V, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 3A  
W Input Filter: Stuff L2, L3 and C<sub>IN2</sub>  
V<sub>IN</sub> Peak-to-Peak Ripple = 0.47V

# Example Power Distribution System

## Simplified Power Distribution Network



# Output Filter Capacitors

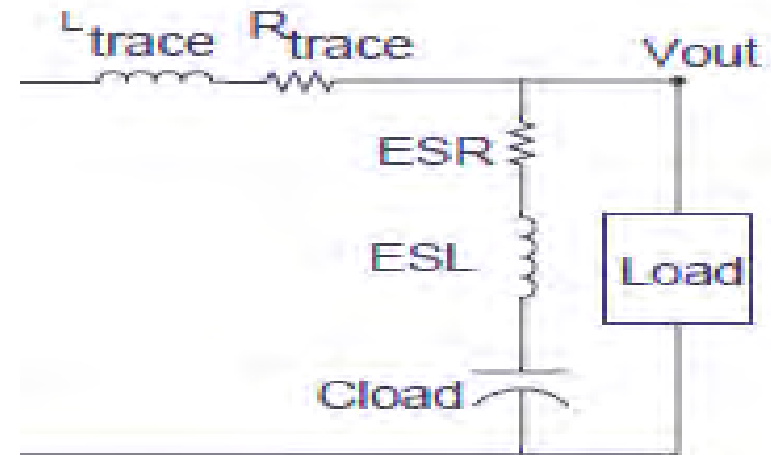
## ESR and ESL Considerations

The DC to DC output voltage for a load transient can be defined as:

$$V_{out}(t) = V_{out\_initial} - ESL \frac{di_{load}}{dt} - ESR * i_{load}(t)$$

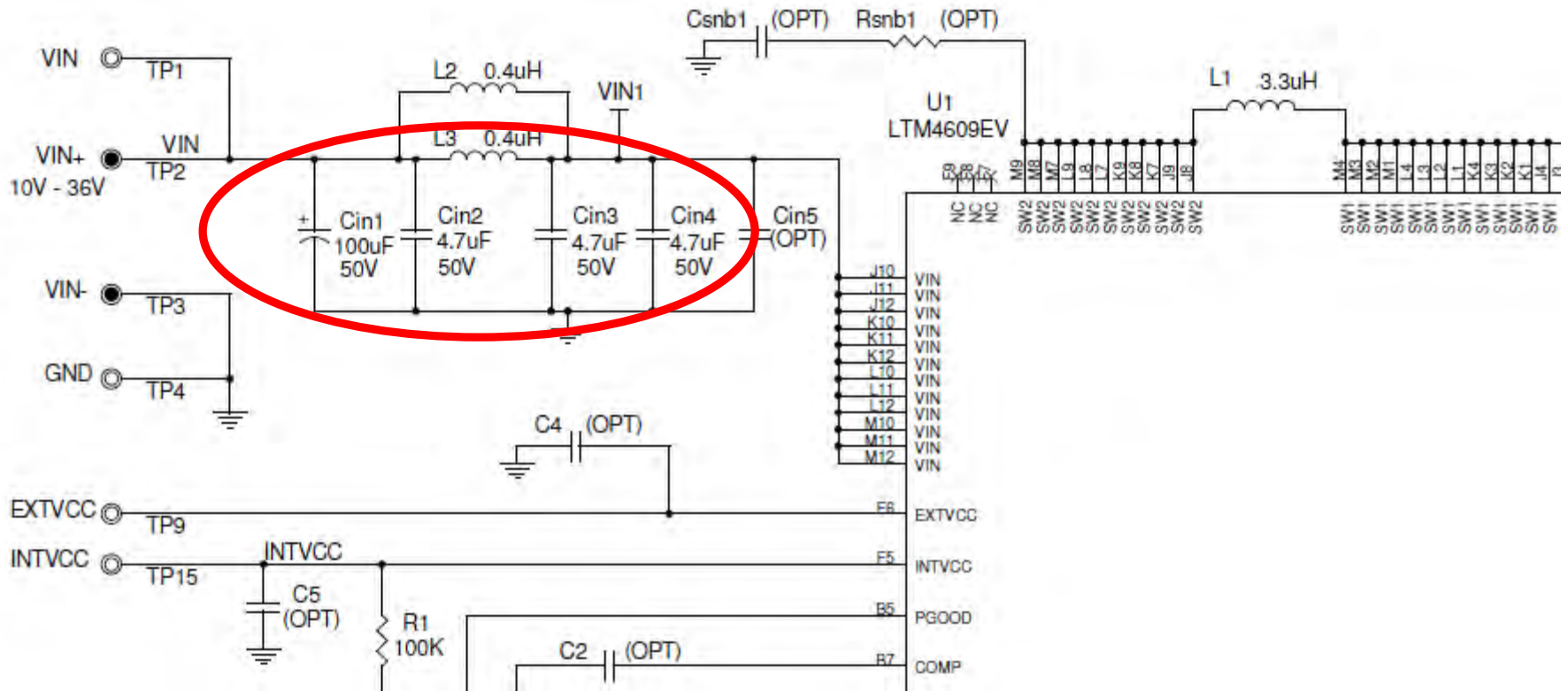
The magnitude of the voltage drop is proportion to ESR \* load current and can be compensated for when calculating initial values.

$$C = I * \frac{dt}{(dv - (ESR * i_{load}))}$$



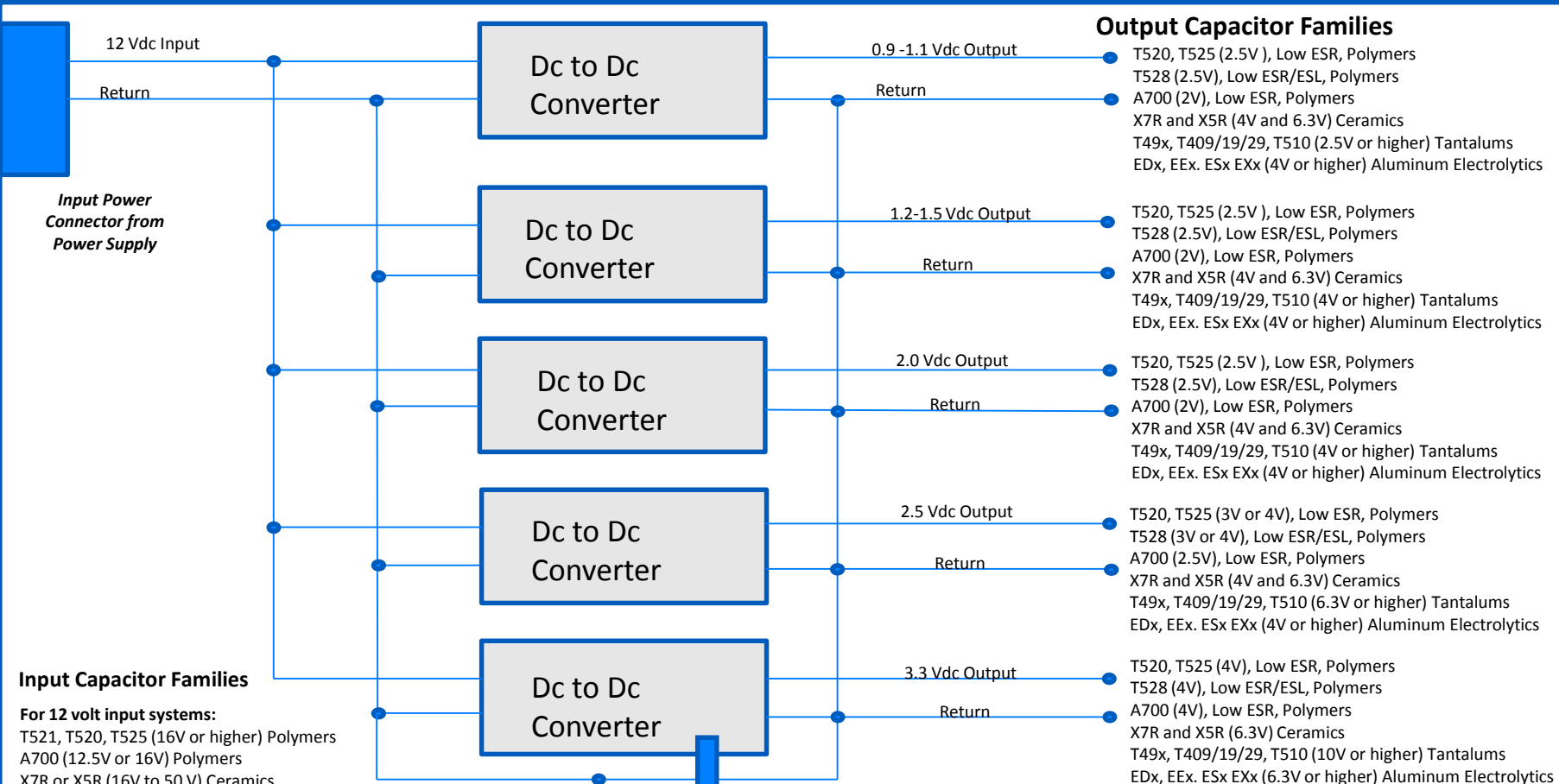
# Example Input Filter

- Cin1 is 100uF, 50V aluminum electrolytic (polar)
- Cin2, Cin3, Cin4 , are X7R, 4.7μF, 50V, 10%, 1210



Linear Technology, DEMO MANUAL DC1477A

# Simplified Power Distribution System

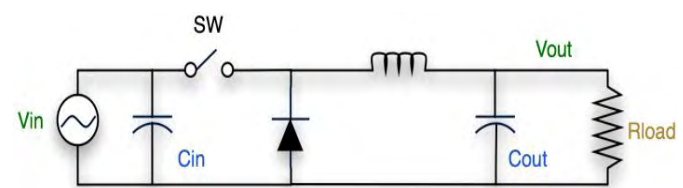


Output Voltage	Output Capacitor Families
0.9 -1.1 Vdc Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T520, T525 (2.5V ), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>T528 (2.5V), Low ESR/ESL, Polymers</li> <li>A700 (2V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>X7R and X5R (4V and 6.3V) Ceramics</li> <li>T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (2.5V or higher) Tantalums</li> <li>EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (4V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics</li> </ul>
1.2-1.5 Vdc Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T520, T525 (2.5V ), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>T528 (2.5V), Low ESR/ESL, Polymers</li> <li>A700 (2V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>X7R and X5R (4V and 6.3V) Ceramics</li> <li>T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (4V or higher) Tantalums</li> <li>EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (4V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics</li> </ul>
2.0 Vdc Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T520, T525 (2.5V ), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>T528 (2.5V), Low ESR/ESL, Polymers</li> <li>A700 (2V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>X7R and X5R (4V and 6.3V) Ceramics</li> <li>T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (4V or higher) Tantalums</li> <li>EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (4V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics</li> </ul>
2.5 Vdc Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T520, T525 (3V or 4V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>T528 (3V or 4V), Low ESR/ESL, Polymers</li> <li>A700 (2.5V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>X7R and X5R (4V and 6.3V) Ceramics</li> <li>T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (6.3V or higher) Tantalums</li> <li>EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (4V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics</li> </ul>
3.3 Vdc Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T520, T525 (4V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>T528 (4V), Low ESR/ESL, Polymers</li> <li>A700 (4V), Low ESR, Polymers</li> <li>X7R and X5R (6.3V) Ceramics</li> <li>T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (10V or higher) Tantalums</li> <li>EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (6.3V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics</li> </ul>

**Input Power Connector from Power Supply**

**Input Capacitor Families**  
 For 12 volt input systems:  
 T521, T520, T525 (16V or higher) Polymers  
 A700 (12.5V or 16V) Polymers  
 X7R or X5R (16V to 50 V) Ceramics  
 T49x, T409/19/29, T510 (25V or higher) Tantalums  
 MDC, MDS, JSN (PET) (50V) Films  
 EDx, EEx. ESx EXx (16V or higher) Aluminum Electrolytics

- Notes:**
- Cell Phone uses X5R Ceramics for input and output capacitors
  - Automotive uses X7R (25 and 50V) Ceramics due to Load Dump on 12V input
  - Military and Commercial aircraft – use 28 Volt input, T521/540/541 (35 and 50 volts) Polymers and X7R (50-100 volts) Ceramics for inputs
  - Telecom uses 100V Films and Ceramics on 48V lines.



**Simplified Dc to Dc converter**

# Decoupling Networks

## Advantages of Capacitors in Parallel

- Increased bulk Capacitance
- Lower ESR
- Lower physical inductance
  - Larger caps have larger ESL
  - Smaller caps in parallel do not affect ESL
- Higher impedance bandwidth

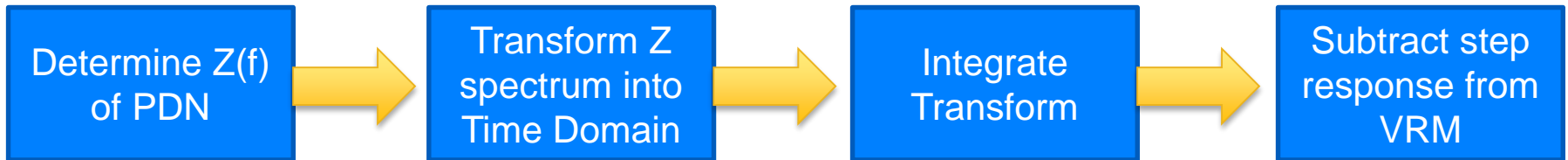
$$Freq = \frac{1}{2\rho\sqrt{\frac{ESL}{n}nC}}$$

Equal capacitors in *Parallel* do not alter the SRF

# Calculating Target Impedance

- Needed for  $Z_{target}$ 
  - Max transient Current
  - Rail Voltage
  - Max AC Ripple (% of Supply)
  - $f_{Target}$  is max switching frequency

$$Z_{Target} = \frac{V_{Rail} \cdot \frac{\% Ripple}{100}}{I_{Max\_Transient}}$$



<http://www.electrical-integrity.com/>

A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a blue wireframe globe. Inside the globe, a silhouette of the world map is visible. The word "Film" is written in white text on the left side of the globe.

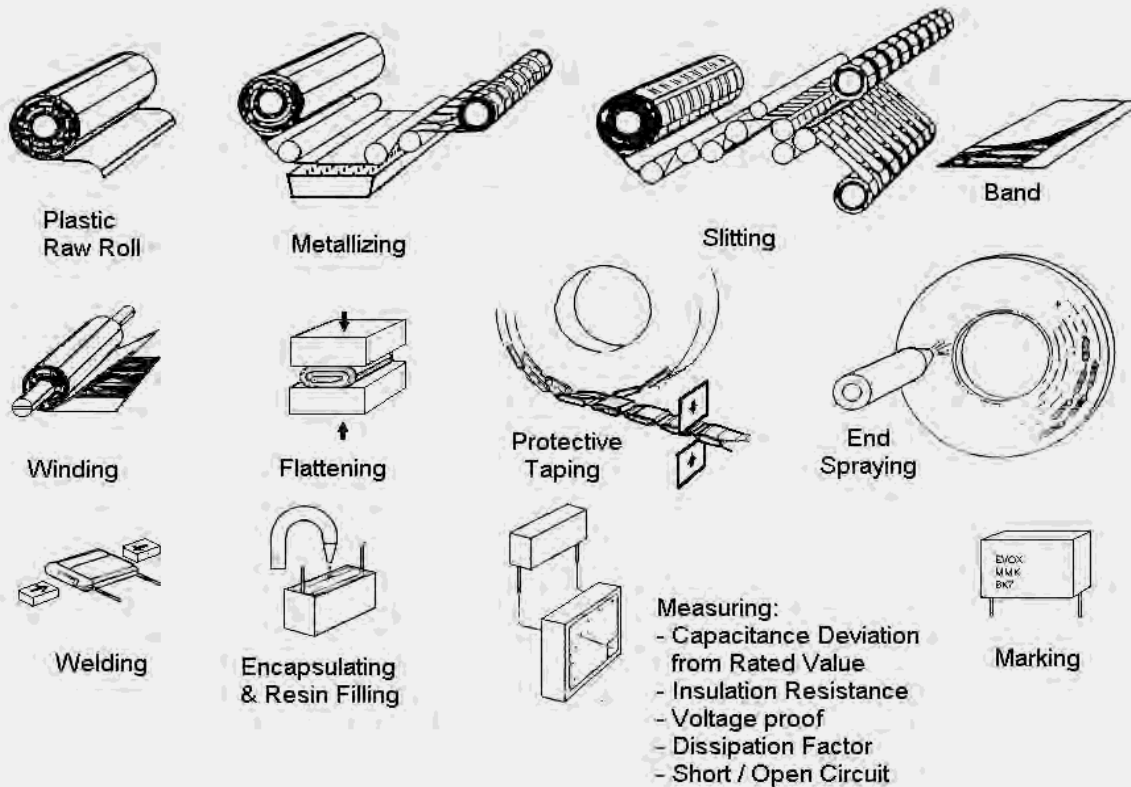
Film

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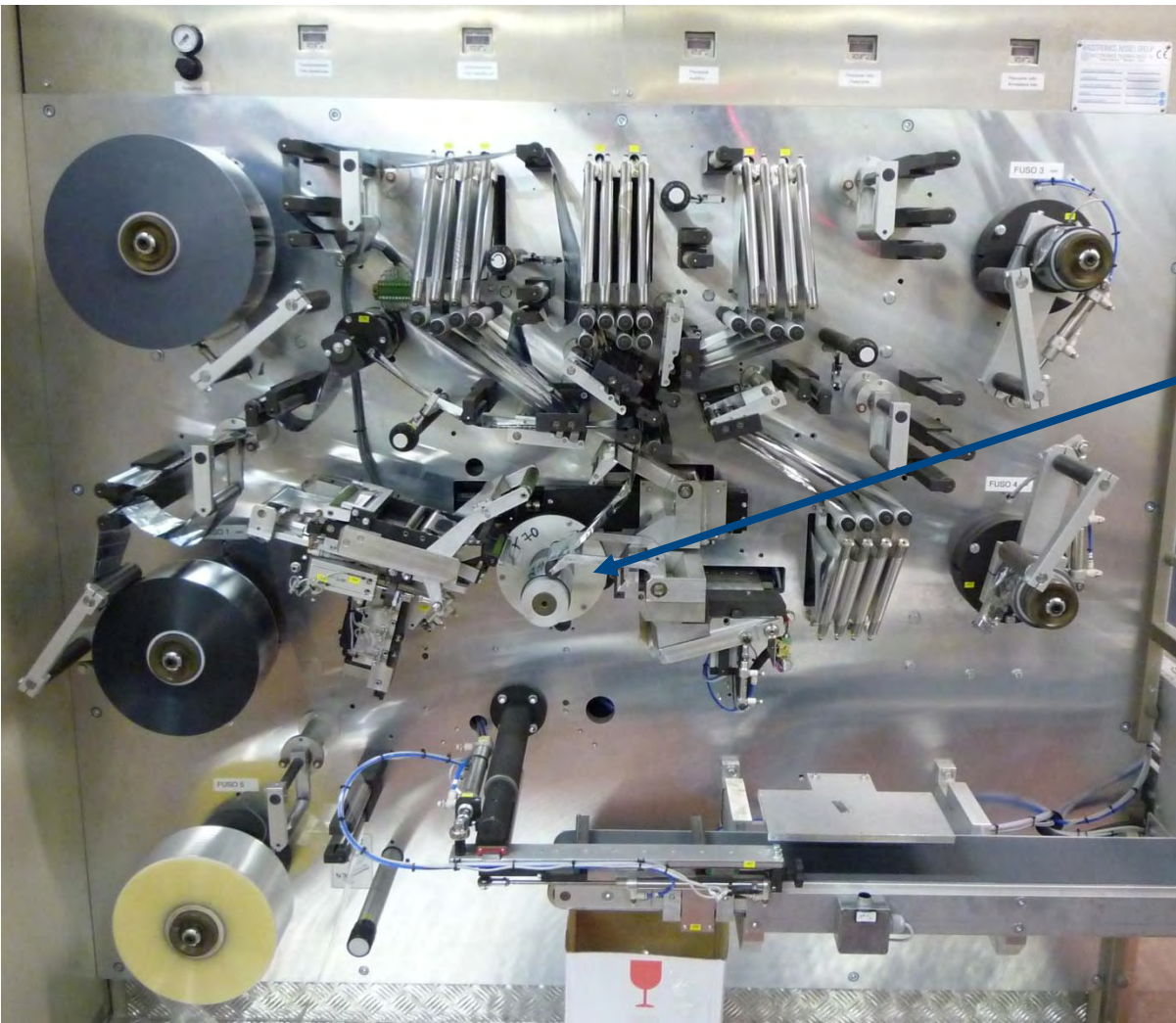
# Simplified Wound Capacitor Production Process

## Steps in Capacitor Production

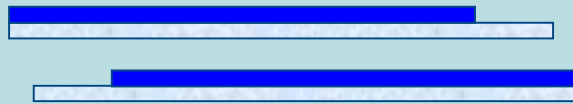


These steps are partly subcontracted

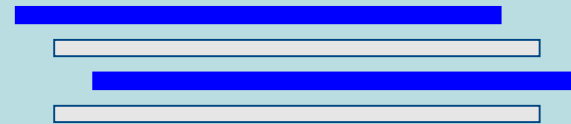
# Soft-Winding Technology: Winding and Pre-Flattening



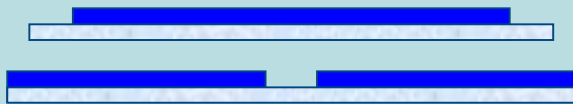
# Various Winding Constructions 1



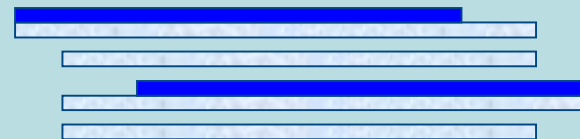
Single Design - Single layer



Film Foil

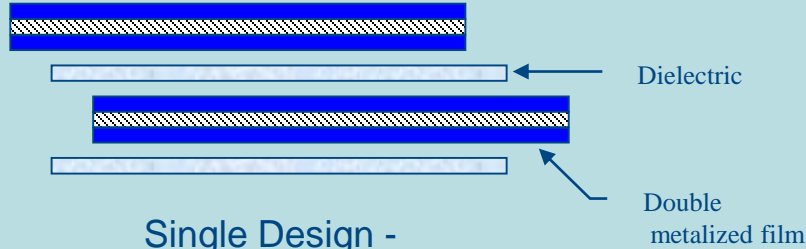


Dual Section (series) Design - Single layer

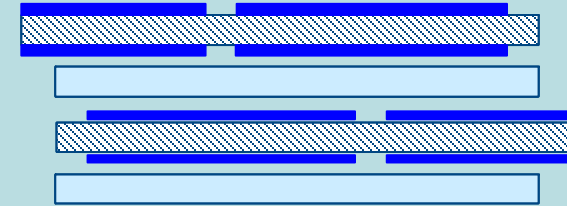


Single Design - Multi-layer dielectric

# Various Winding Constructions 2



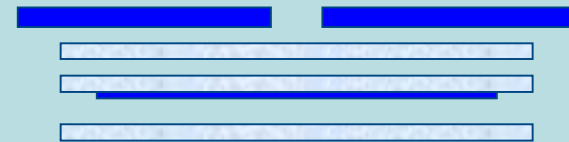
Single Design -  
double metalized, single layer dielectric



Triple section (series) Design -  
double metalized, single layer dielectric



Dual section (series) Design -  
double metalized, single layer dielectric

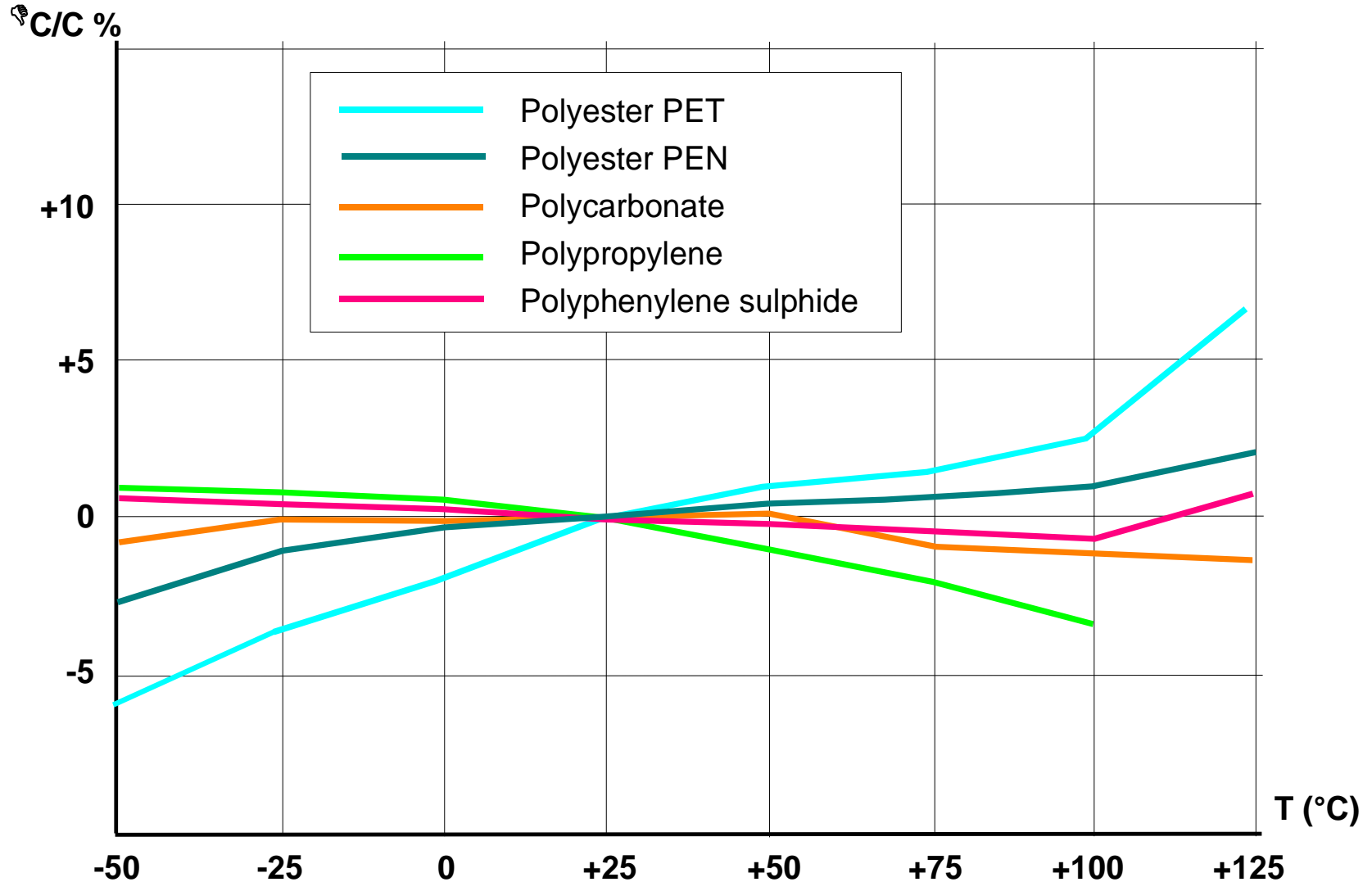


Dual section (series) Design -  
Foil /metalized, multi-layer dielectric

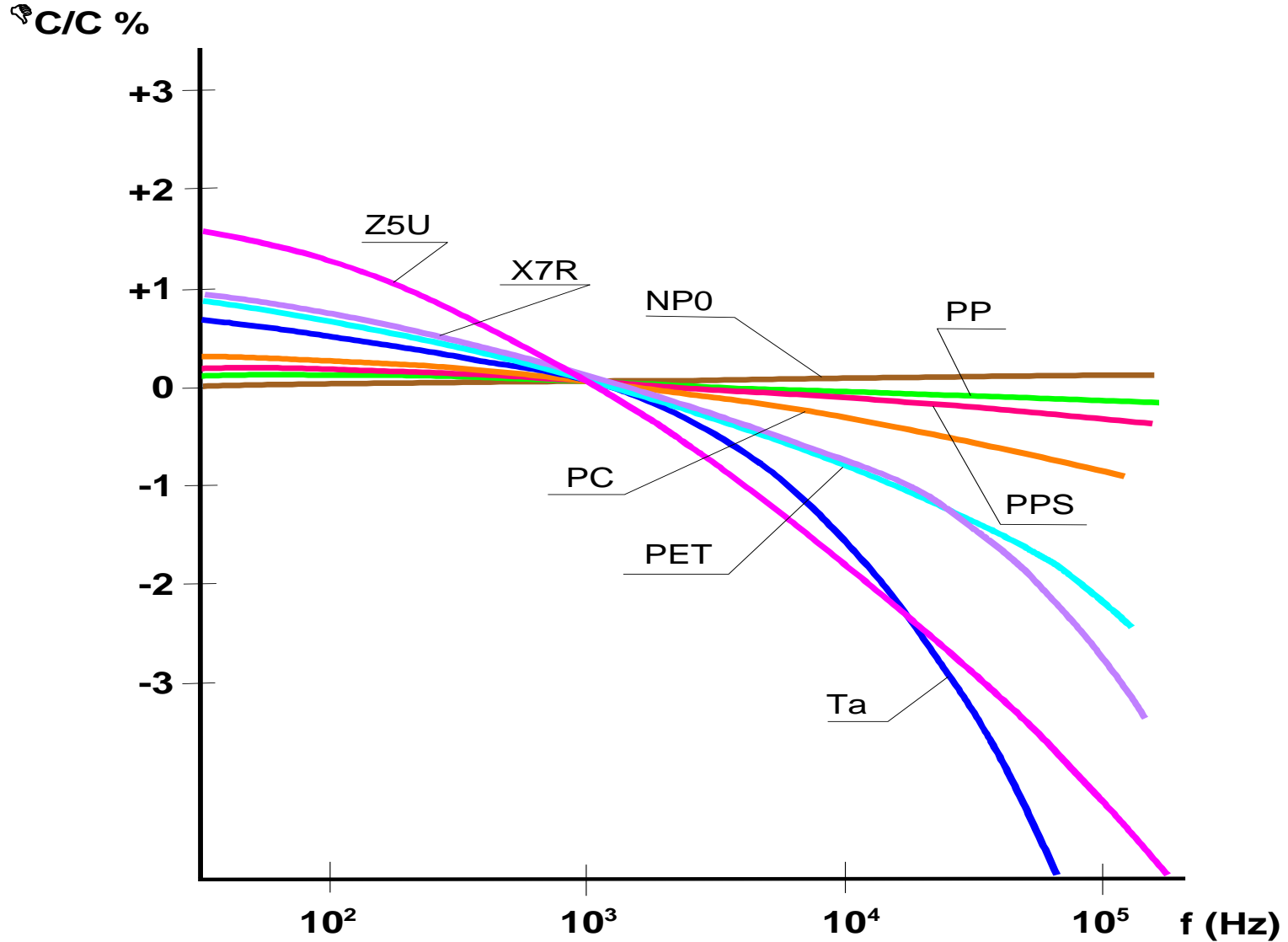
# Dominant Film Types\*

Film	Code	Best Tol. (±%)	$\Delta C$ -25°C to 85°C	Aging (%/yr)	DF (Typ)	Max. Temp. (°C)
polypropylene	PP	1	3%	0.2	0.05%	105
polyethylene terephthalate	PET	5	5%	0.4	0.50%	140
polyethylene naphthalene	PEN	5	5%	0.4	0.48%	155
polyphenylene sulfide	PPS	2	0.5%	0.3	0.20%	260

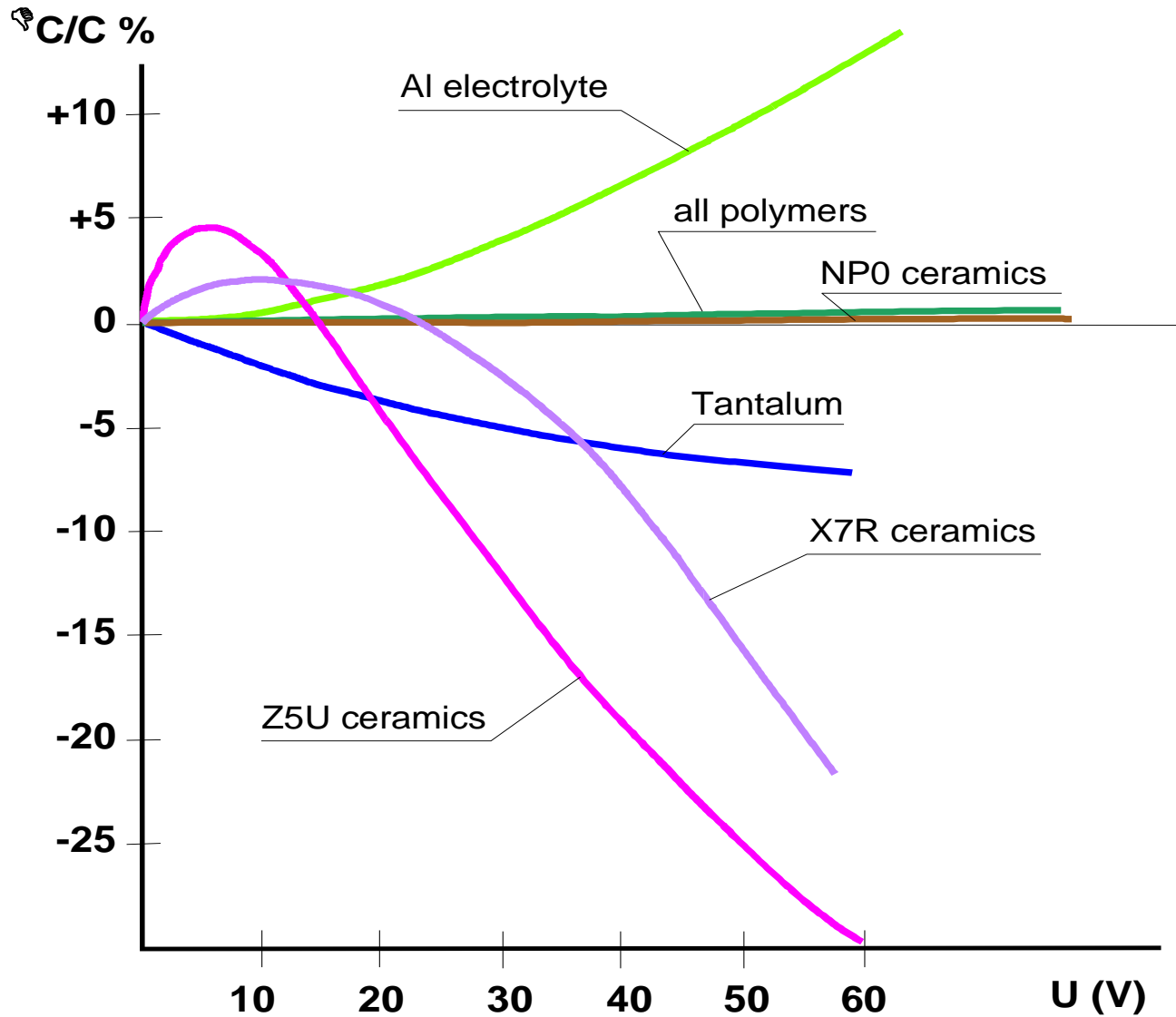
# Capacitance vs. Temperature



# Capacitance vs. Frequency

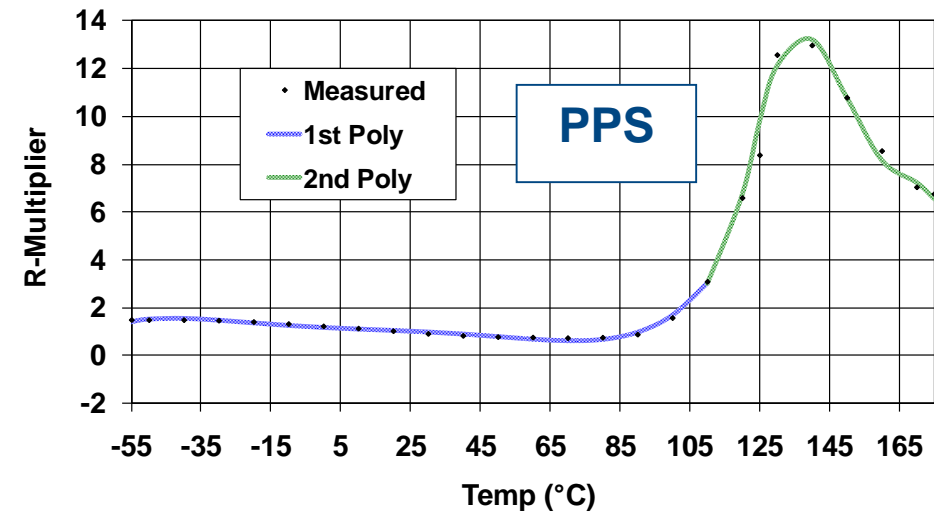
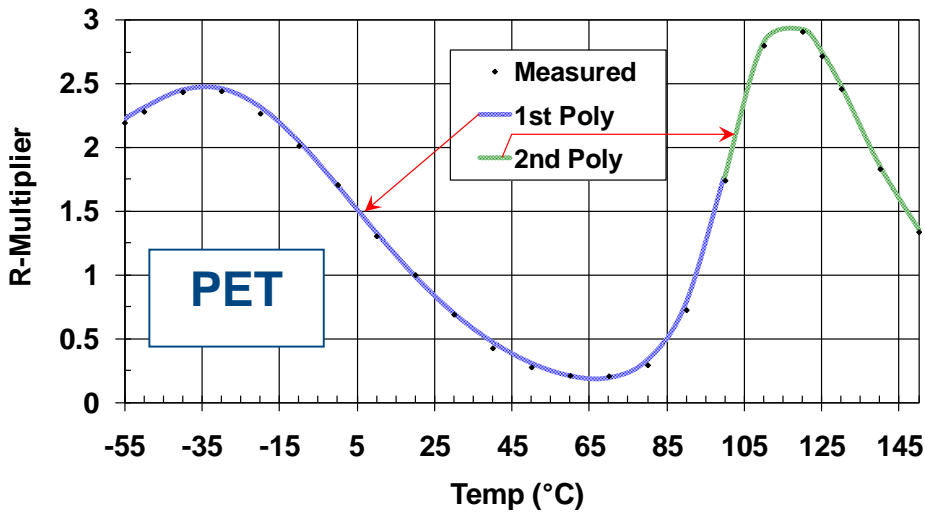
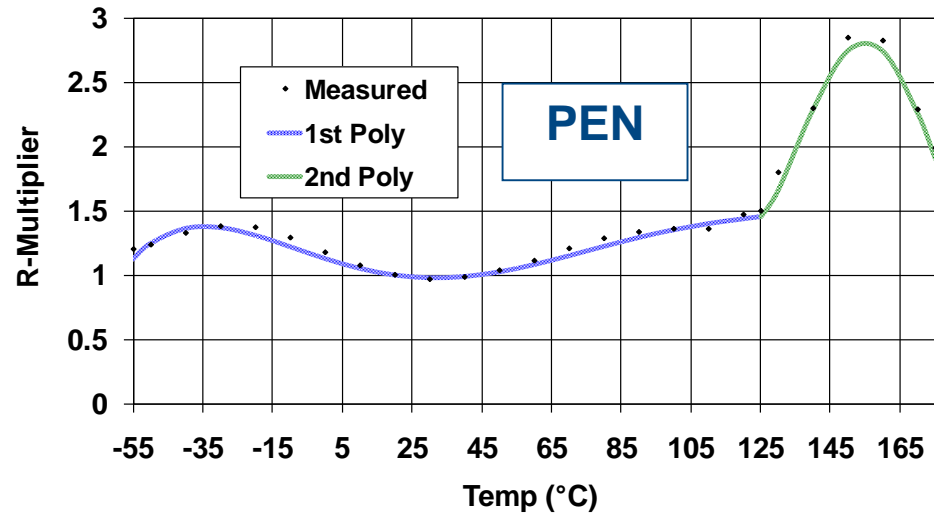
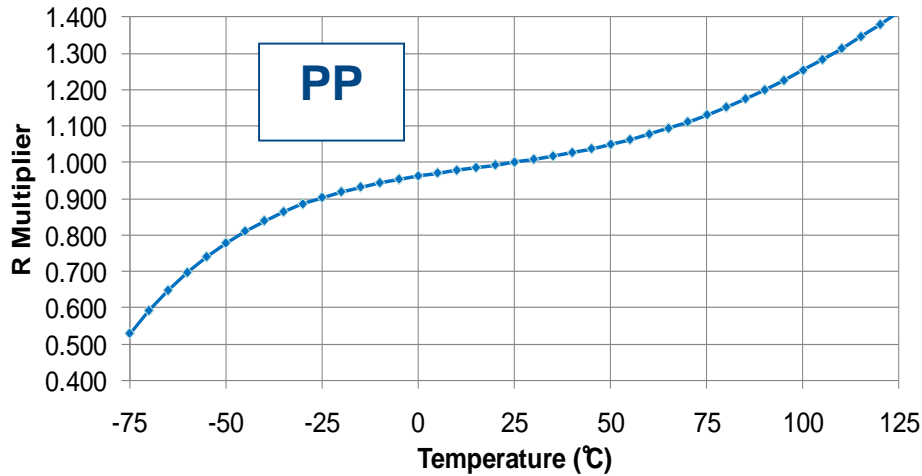


# Capacitance vs. DC Voltage





# ESR vs. Temperature

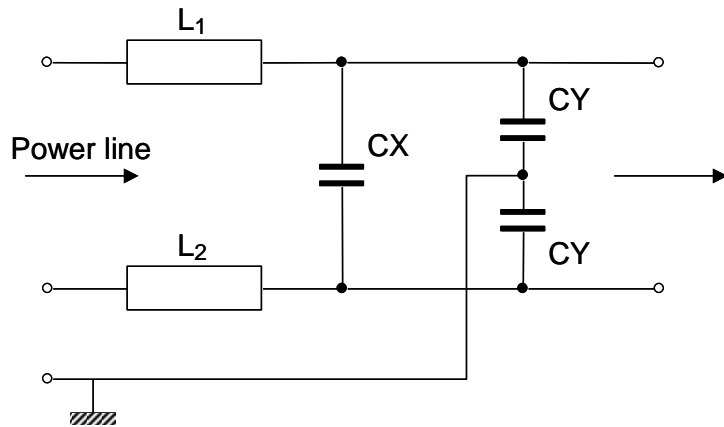


# EMI Suppression Requirements

## Safety Caps – AC Part of SMPS

Mains network and electronic equipment EMI suppression applications:

- SMPS for home electronics including PCs ,TVs, game consoles etc
- SMPS for office equipment
- Industrial and house hold appliances/ white goods
- Lighting ballasts



### General Requirements:

Life expectancy:	>10 years (150k hours)
Rated voltage:	120 to 760 Vac
Transient voltage robust:	High dv/dt (peak)
Self-healing	
Safety standards:	IEC 60384-14 EN 60384-14 (ENEC) UL 60384-14

### Capacitor Function:

EMI / RFI suppression

The standards are globally practically identical, also China (CQC) uses the IEC standard

# Capacitance Stability Example

## Comparison of Different X2 Types




Test in outdoor conditions continuously in a Nordic country

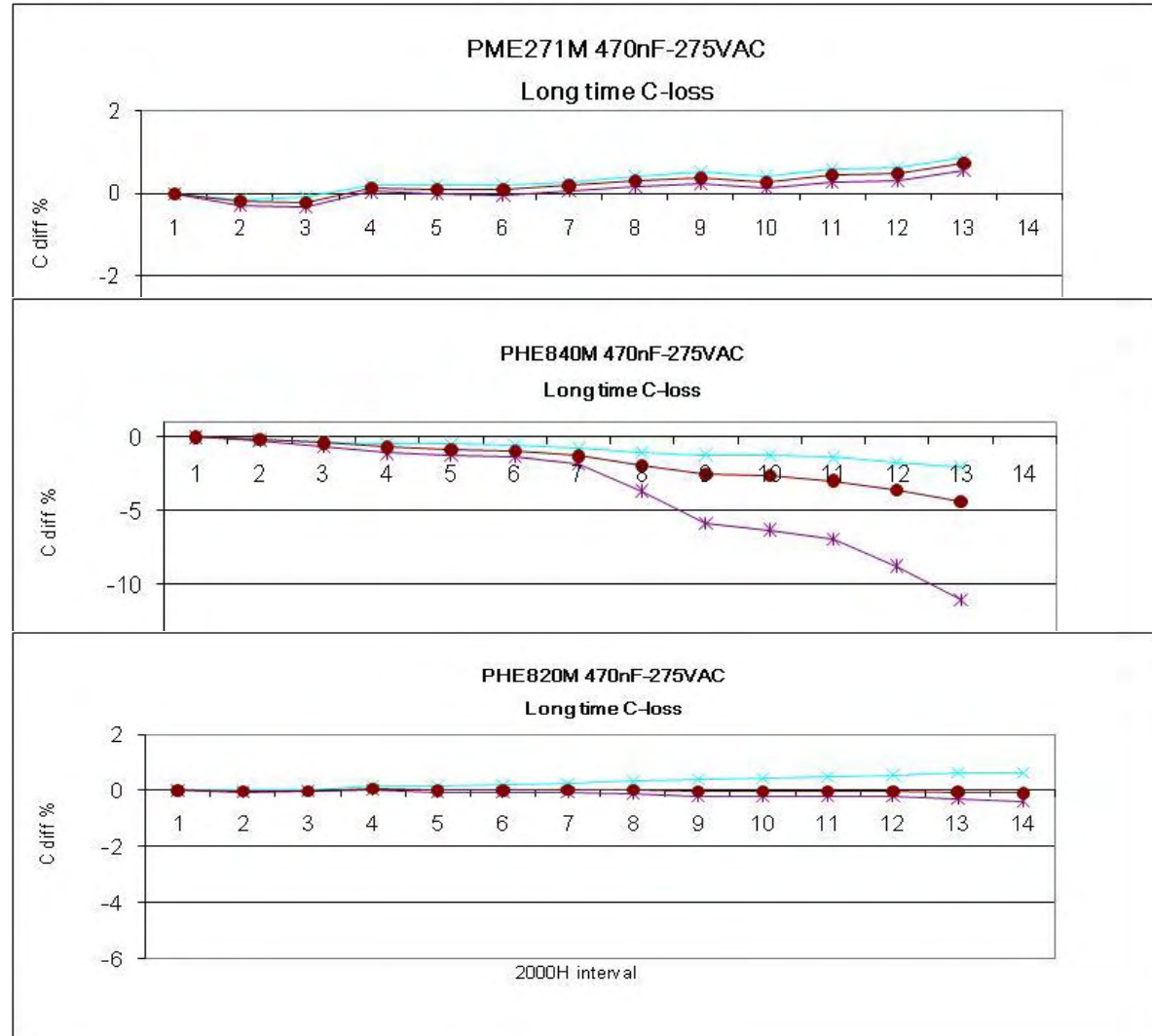
Normal mains connected (240 VAC)

Each x-axis point means 2 000 hours elapsed time (13 x 2 000h = 26 000h ≈ 3 years)

Note: Y-axis scales vary!

% Change in Capacitance:

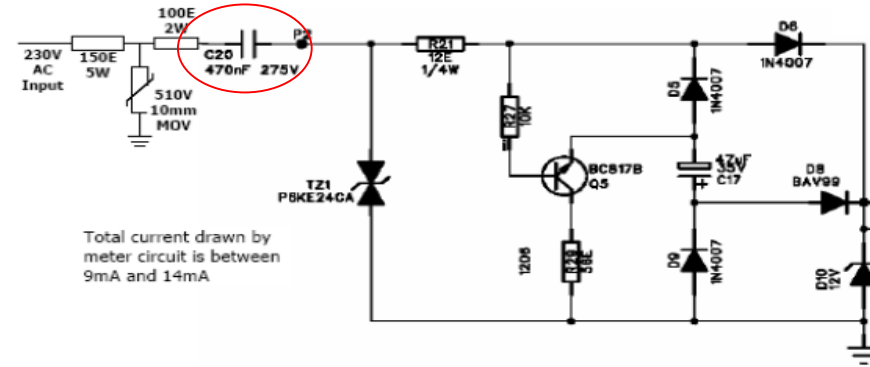
-  - Minimum negative
-  - Average negative
-  - Maximum negative



# Capacitors in Series with Mains

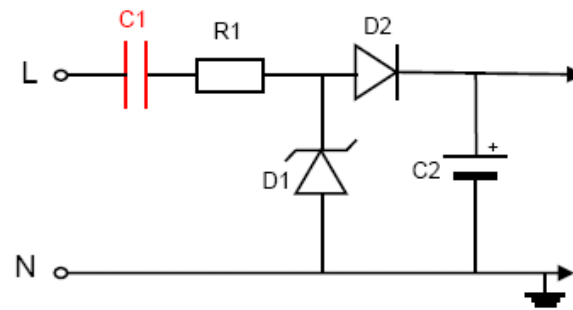
## Capacitor Function:

Capacitors are sometimes used in voltage dividers, called also capacitive power supplies, which is a simple way to power certain circuits directly from mains  
 Typically: 10-820nF / 275 – 300Vac



- Capacitors are used in series to the line before Zener diodes
- The application often requires relatively stable capacitance value during long life time, even up to 15 year life
- This application does not need a X2 capacitor, but often they are used

# EMI Suppression Capacitors In- Series with mains



Operating Voltage	Series	Safety agency approvals?	Max. Temp °C	Min. $\mu\text{F}$	Max. $\mu\text{F}$	Dielectric	Self healing?	Comments
275VAC	<a href="#">PME271M</a>	X2	110	0.001 $\mu\text{F}$	0.6 $\mu\text{F}$	Impregnated Paper	Yes	Vacuum impregnated paper gives the best long-term stability
300VAC	<a href="#">PME271E</a>	X1		0.01 $\mu\text{F}$	0.22 $\mu\text{F}$	Polypropylene		
440VAC	<a href="#">R47</a>	X2, X1		0.0047 $\mu\text{F}$	2.2 $\mu\text{F}$			
520VAC	<a href="#">R47 (520V)</a>	X2	85	0.0047 $\mu\text{F}$	2.2 $\mu\text{F}$	Polyester		2-section series construction
275VAC	<a href="#">PHE820M</a>		100	0.01 $\mu\text{F}$	2.2 $\mu\text{F}$			
300VAC	<a href="#">PHE820E</a>							
300VAC	<a href="#">R60_3</a>	No	105	0.15 $\mu\text{F}$	6.8 $\mu\text{F}$	Polypropylene		Single-section with humidity protection
230 and 250VAC	<a href="#">R75 2 - R75 L</a>			0.01 $\mu\text{F}$	10 $\mu\text{F}$			

- New KEMET **F862** Series

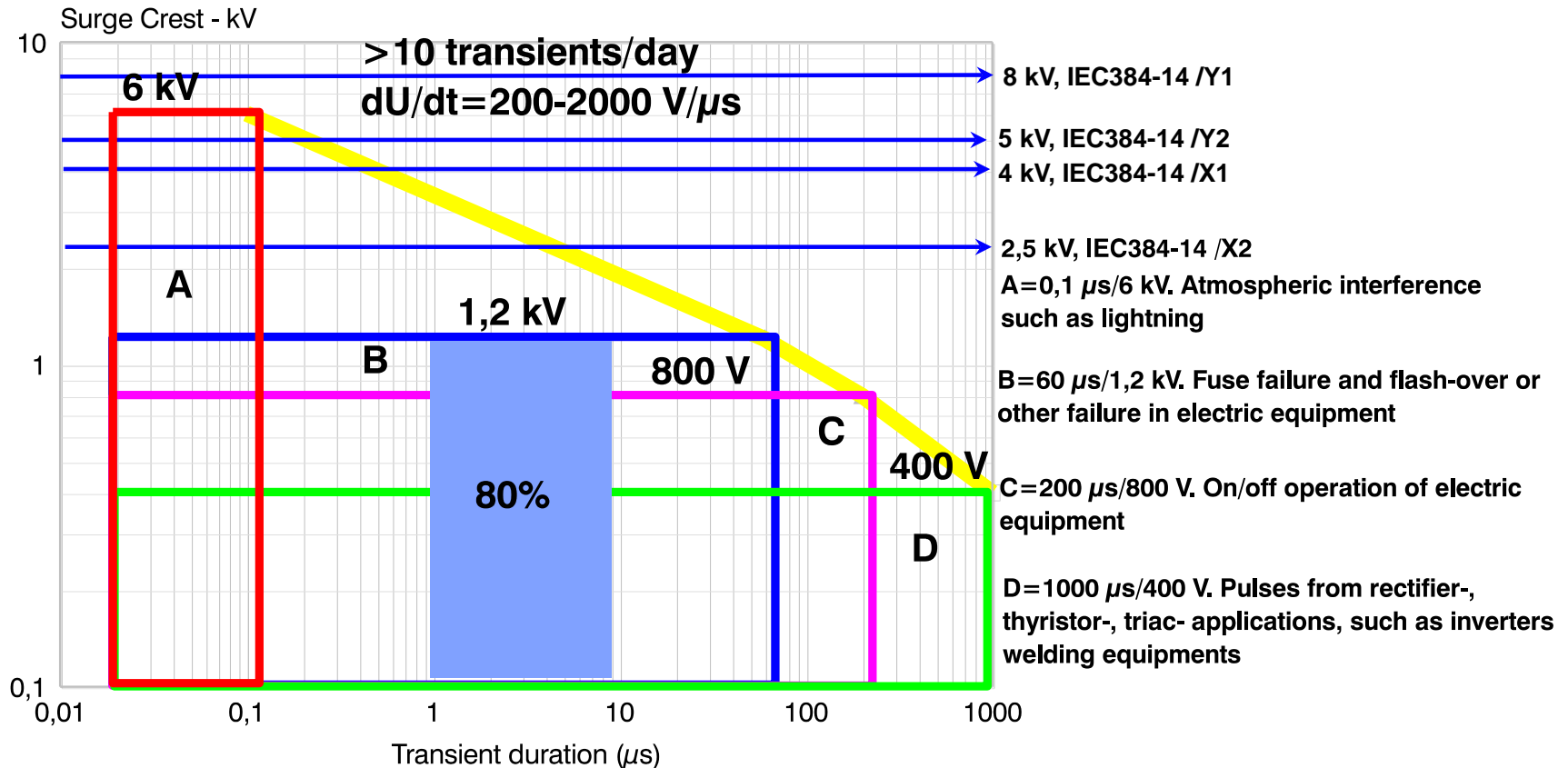
# Catastrophic Failures



- **Fire as a consequence of dielectric break-down.**
- **Fire as a consequence of bad contact between wire, end spraying and electrodes.**
- **Short circuit of Y capacitor and a risk of exposing someone to dangerous electrical shock.**

# Surges on the Mains Network, UNIPEDE report

Field measurements have been behind the determination of test voltage levels for different capacitors



UNIPEDE = Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Energy

# EMI (Safety) Capacitors

Because of the potential for injury the various safety agencies provide testing and recognition for X and Y capacitors.



Region	Description	Specification
Europe	Across-the-line EMI Filter	EN/IEC 60384-14
USA Canada	Across-the-line EMI Filter	UL 60384-14 and CAN/CSA-E60384-14
China		GB/T 14472



Film



Paper



Ceramic

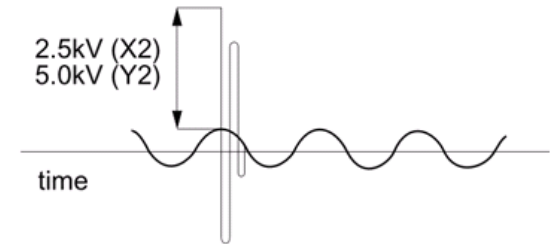
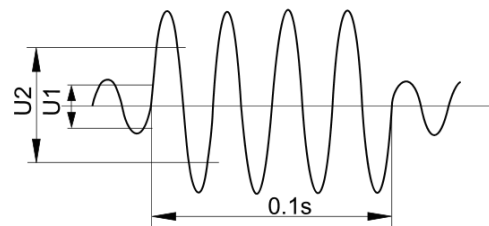
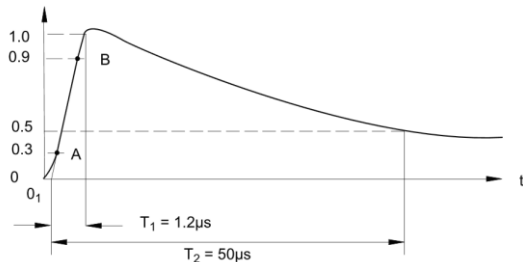
“Safety agency approvals do not insure product performance. Simply stated, equipment may fail after a line transient provided it fails **safely**”



# EMI Capacitors

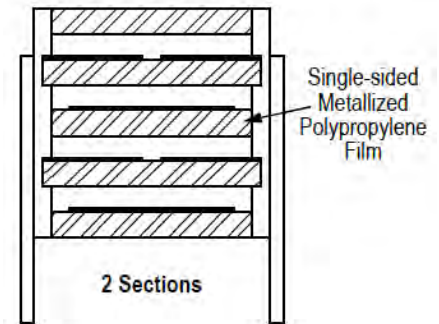
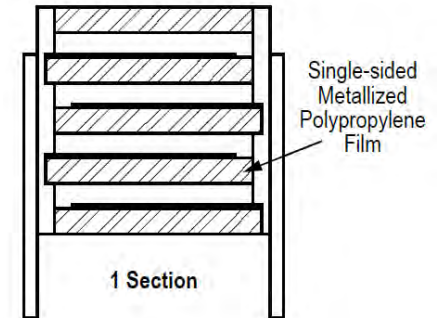
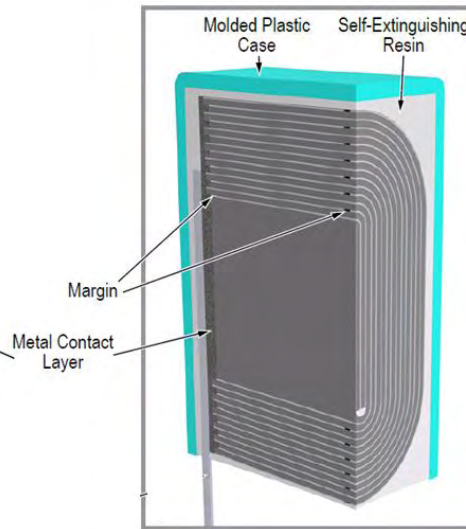
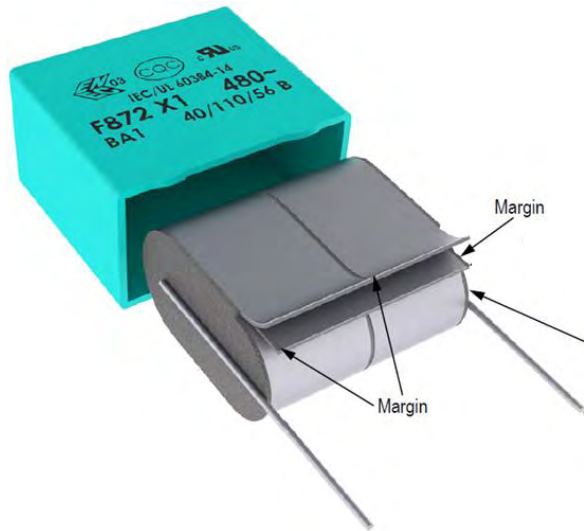
## X & Y Sub-Class Capacitors

Sub Class	Peak Voltage Test (KV) $C \leq 1\mu\text{F}$	Peak Voltage Test (KV) $C \geq 1\mu\text{F}$	Insulation / Application
Y1	8	-	Double or Reinforce Insulation
Y2	5	-	Basic or Supplementary insulation
X1	4		High Pulse Applications
X2	2.5		General Purposes



# EMI Safety Capacitors

## X & Y Film (Polypropylene)



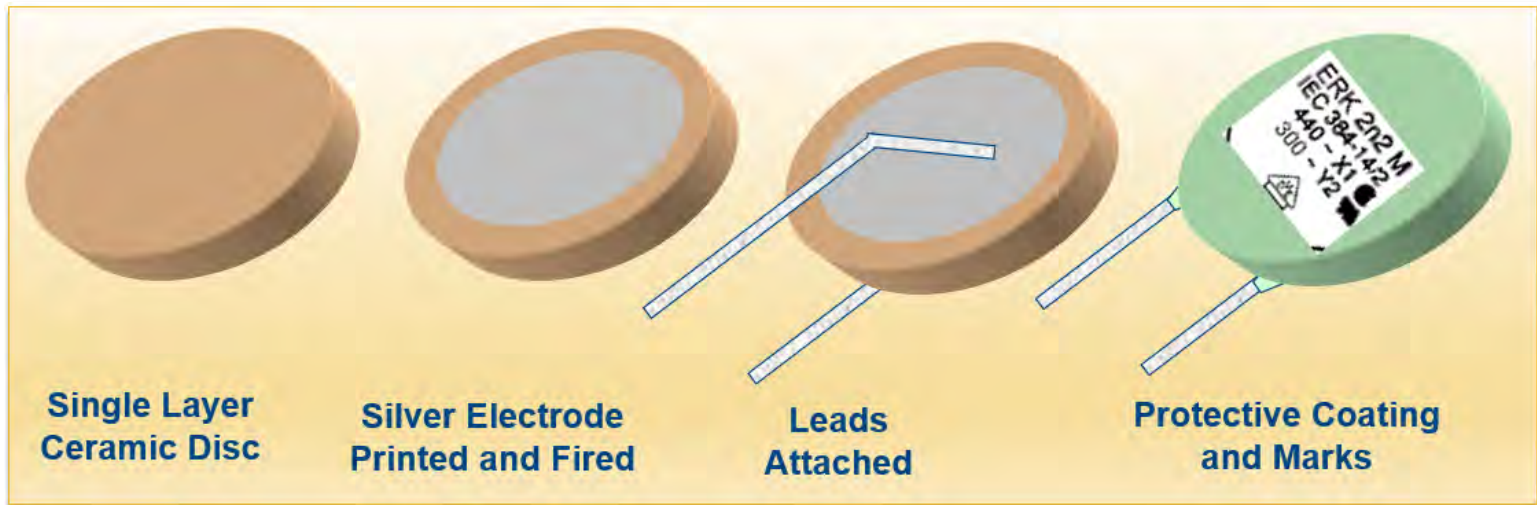
- Zn/Al Metallization (R: 10 to 20  $\Omega$ /sq)
- Vac:275, 310, 330, 440, 600, 760
- Available as AEC Q200 Certified (85°C / 85% R.H., 1,000h)

- Very Good Self-Healing (PP)
- Resistant Against Voltage Spikes
- Very Low Dissipation Factor & Dielectric Absorption

# EMI Safety Capacitors

## Single Layer Ceramic Disc Capacitors

- Compact
- Low cost
- Ceramic is not self-healing
- Y5U dielectric: relatively unstable capacitance
  - Temperature dependence, aging and AC/DC voltage bias

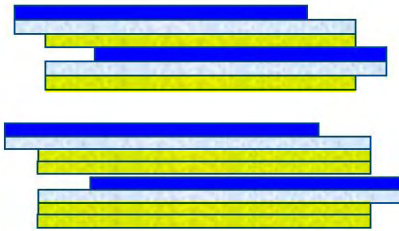


# EMI Safety Capacitors

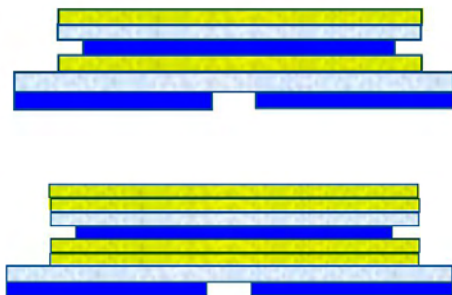
## X & Y Metallized Impregnated Paper

### Multi-Layer Impregnated Dielectric

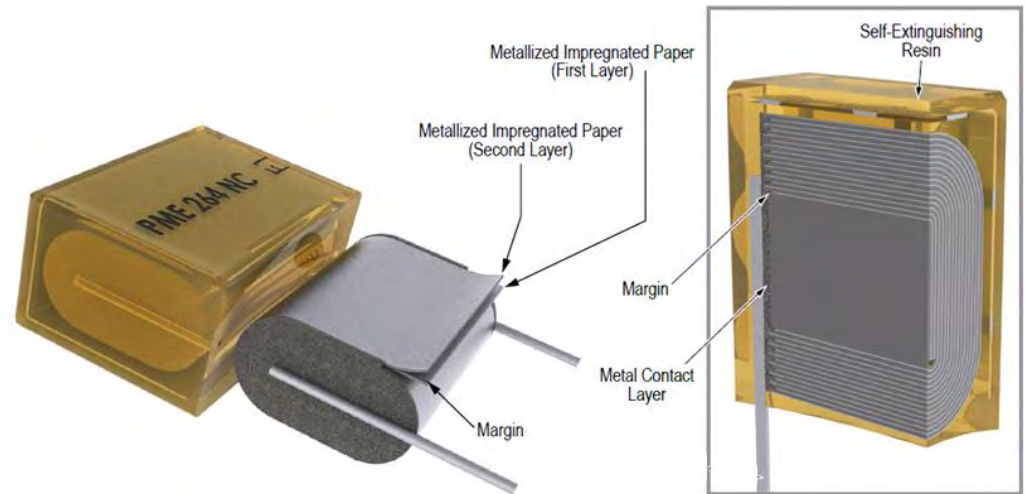
#### Single Design



#### Series Design



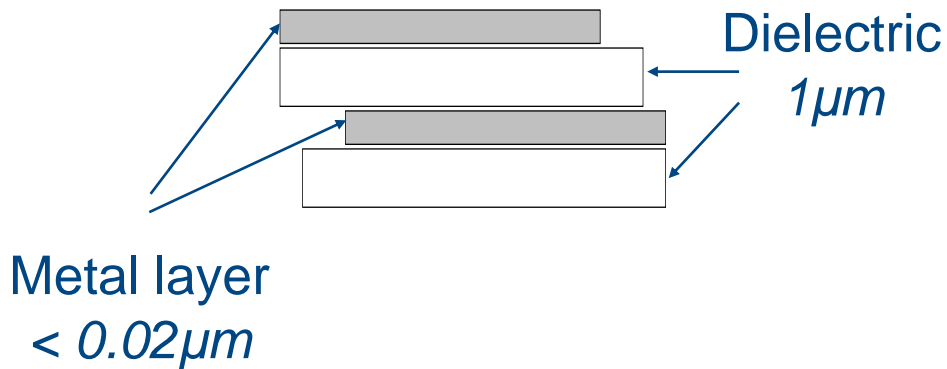
- Zn Metallization (R: 2.5  $\Omega$ /sq.)
- VAC: 275, 300, 480, 500, 660



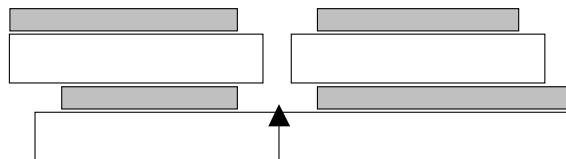
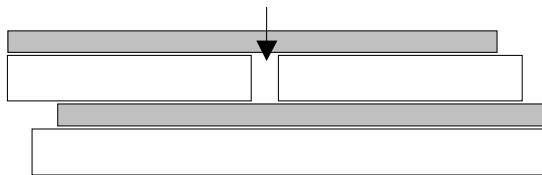
- High Dielectric Constant
- Excellent Self-healing
- High dv/dt (Transient Handling Capability)
- High Ionization Level (Resin)
- Stable Capacitance in Harsh Environment & Voltage Conditions.

# Metallized Film

## Self-Healing

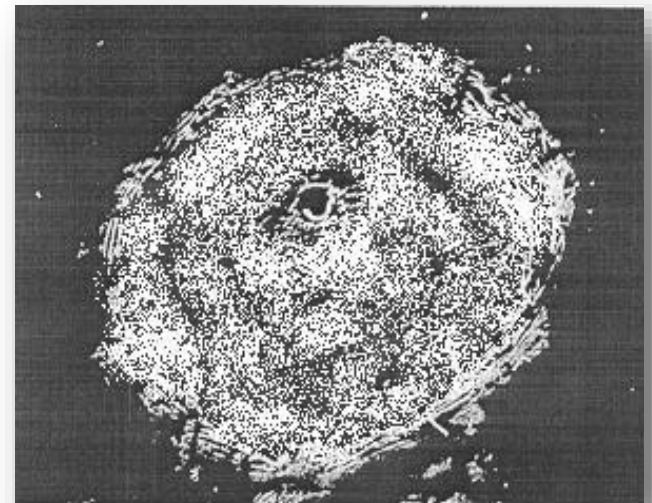


Breakdown Channel  
*Weak Point*

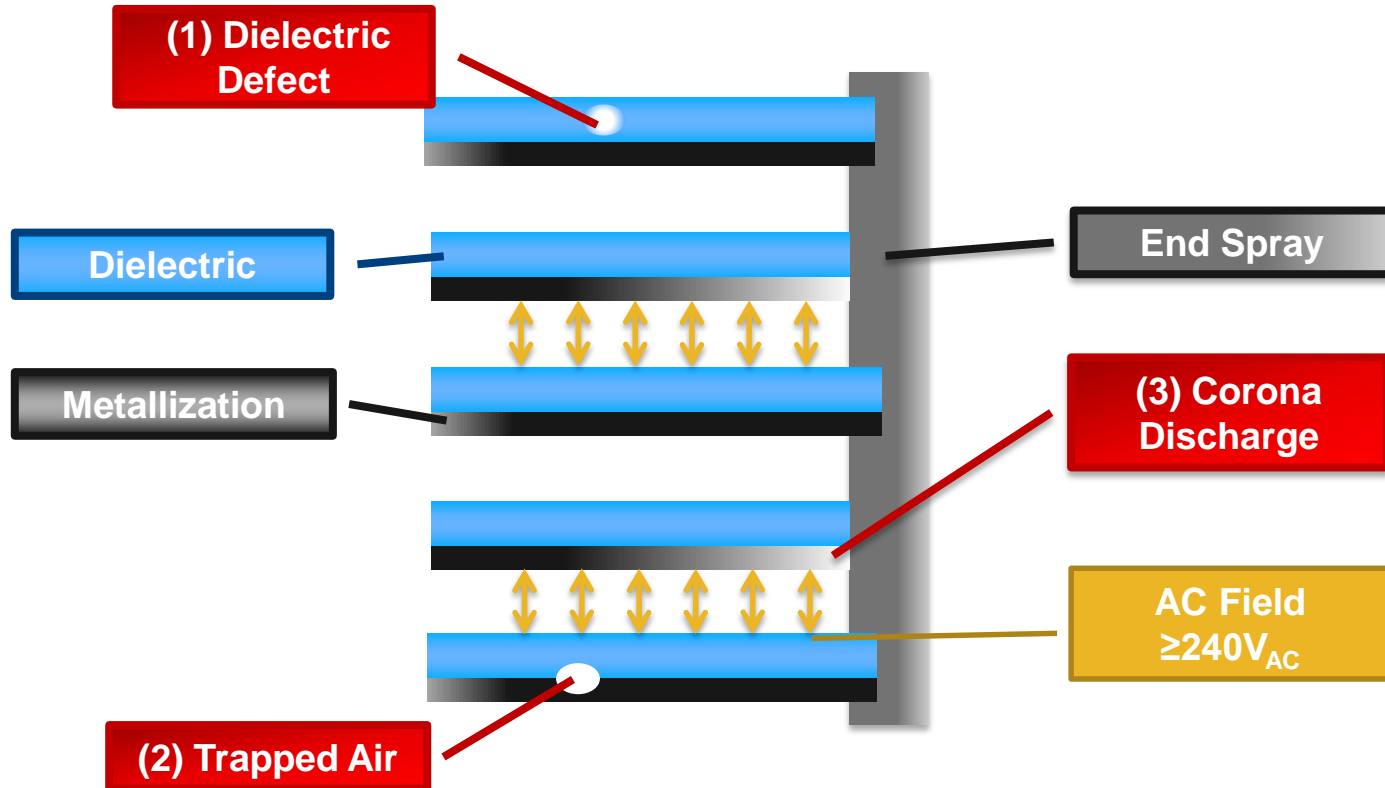


Metallization Evaporates  
*The Insulation Is Restored*

- Metallized Film
  - Smaller Size
  - Higher C Value
  - Higher Reliability
  - Lower Cost
  - Lower Weight



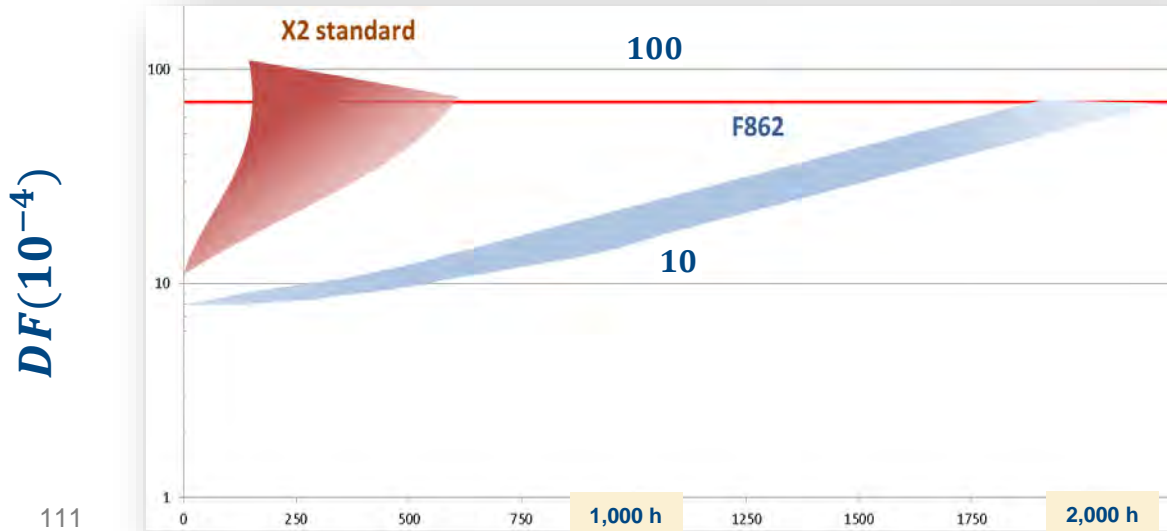
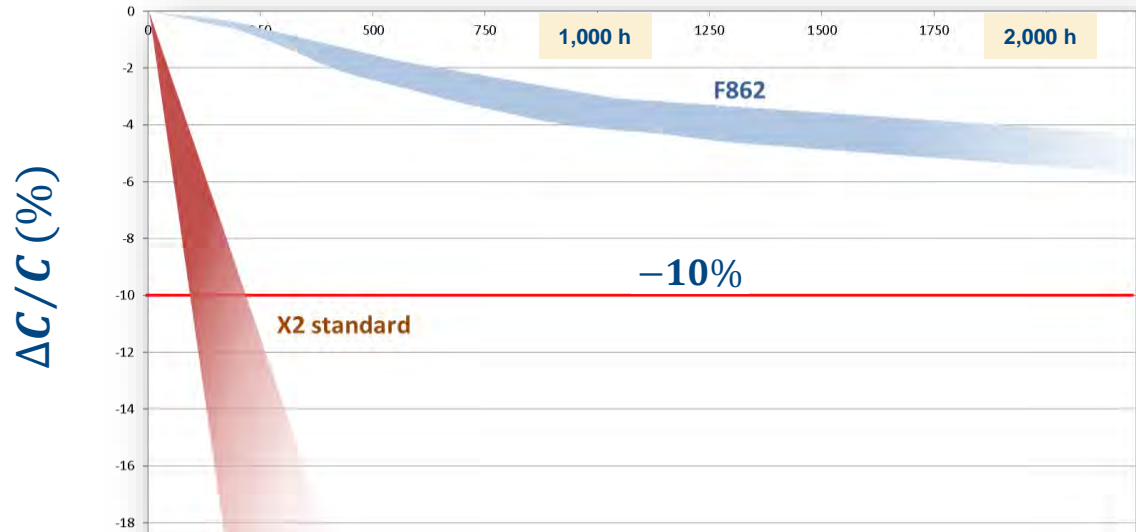
# Film Capacitance Loss



# Film Capacitance Stability

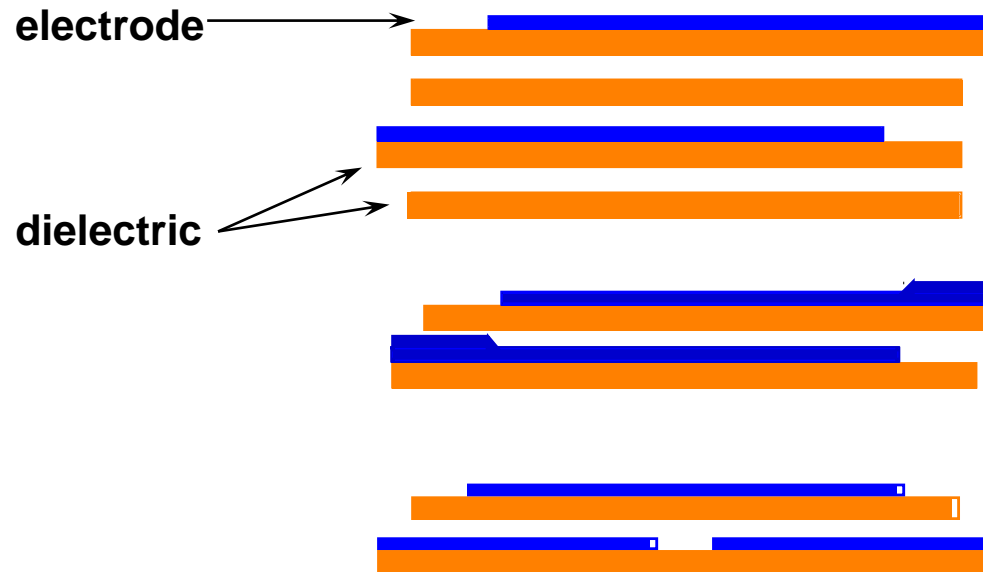
Example: Capacitance & DF Change Trend

THB Test (85/85, 1,000 Hours)



Protection against severe ambient conditions is critical for Heavy Duty and In Series with the Main Applications

# Typical Winding Structures



**Impregnated metallized paper (Ex. PME271)**

**Heavy edge metallizing metallized plastic film (Ex. R46 and PHE840M/E)**

**Series design metallized plastic film (Ex. PHE820)**



# Typical Data

	Ceramic	PP film	PET film	Impregnated paper
Capacitance max. ( $\mu\text{F}$ )	0.022	40.0	2.2	0.68
Dielectric constant	High	2.2	3.3	5.3
Dissipation factor (% , 1kHz)	3.0	0.05	0.5	0.8
Insulation resistance ( $\text{G}\Omega$ )	80	400	250	100
Max dU/dt ( $\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$ )		100	100	1000
Dependence on temperature and voltage	High	Low	Low	Low

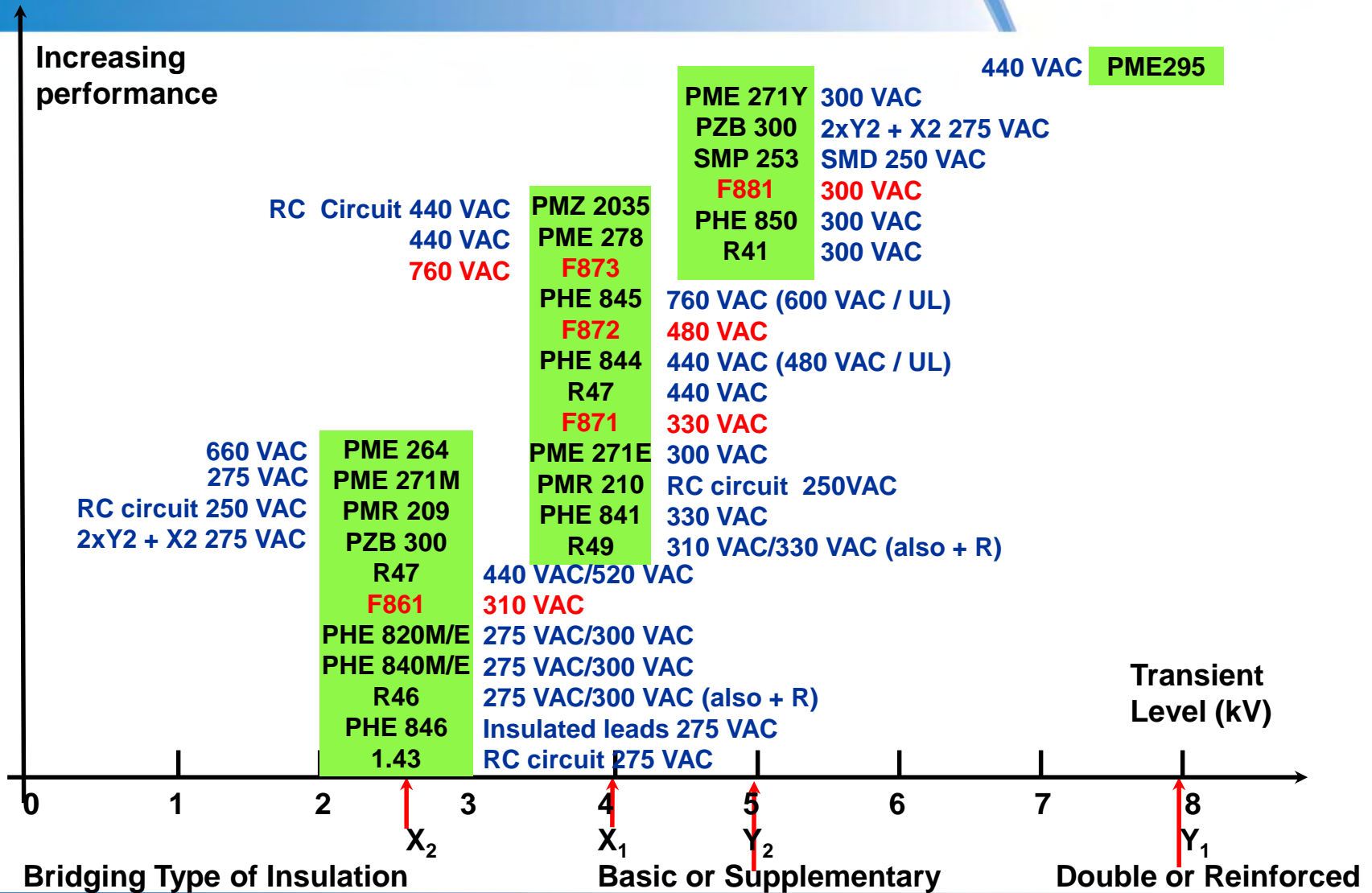
# Main Differences Between Technologies



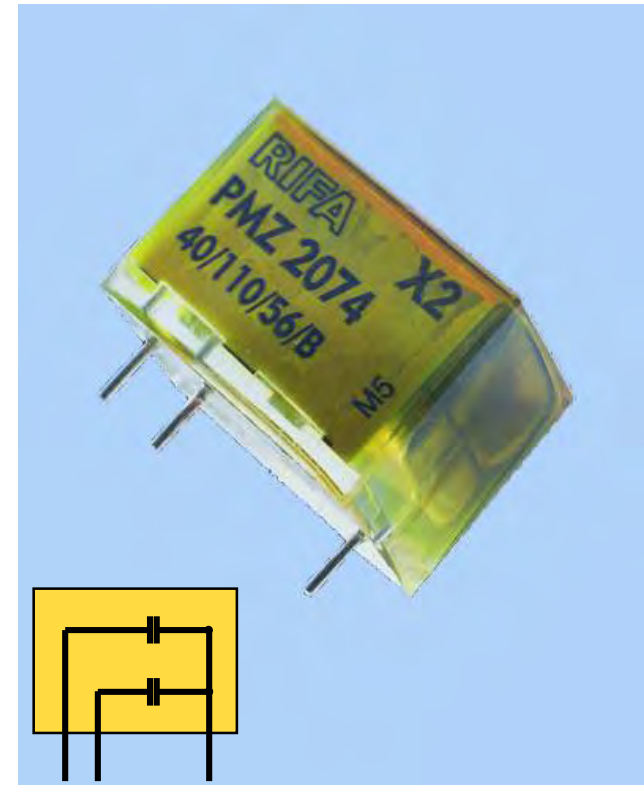
- **Metallized film and impregnated paper capacitors are self-healing and will survive a partial breakdown.**
- **Ceramic and film/foil capacitors can not recover from a partial breakdown.**

# KEMET EMI Capacitor Range

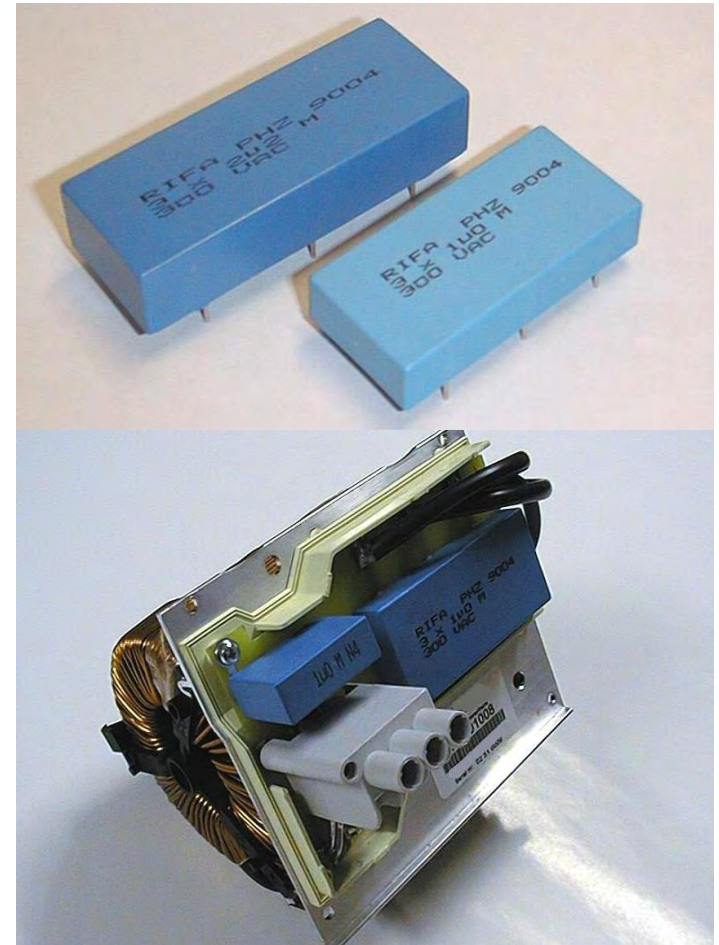
## Red Products are New KEMET Series



- **Application: Ignitors**
- **Metallized paper EMI suppressor, class X2**
- **Double capacitor; two capacitors in series**
- **Rated voltage 275 VAC**
- **Capacitances:**
  - 150 + 47 nF
  - 220 + 82 nF
  - 220 + 100 nF



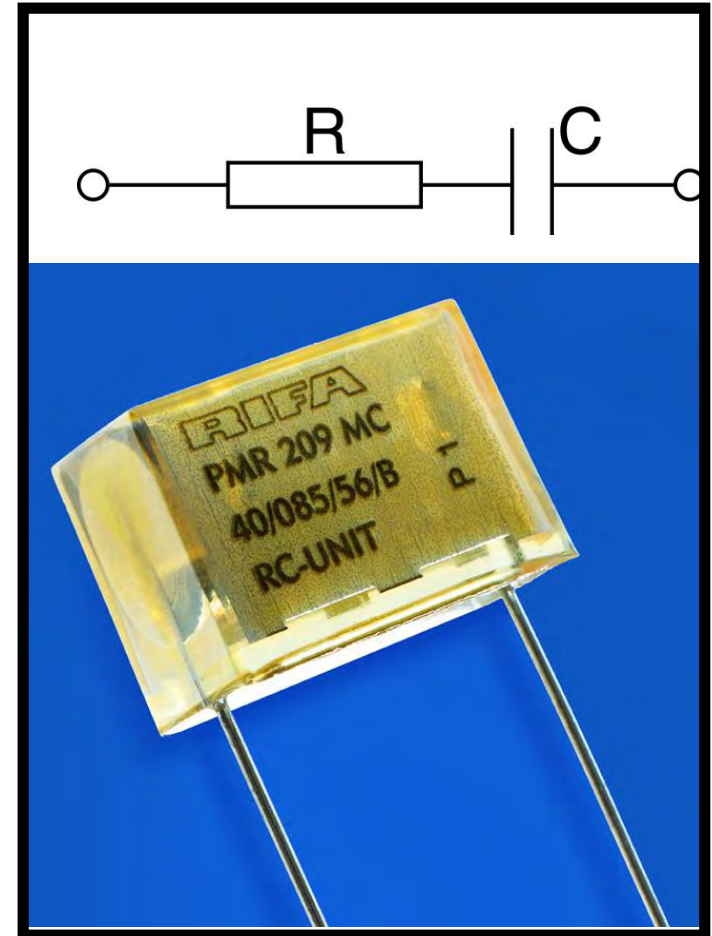
- **Low profile triple capacitor, three separate capacitors in the same box**
- **Metallized polypropylene EMI suppressor, X2 applications, 300 VAC**
- **Capacitances**
  - 3 x 1.0  $\mu\text{F}$
  - 3 x 2.2  $\mu\text{F}$
  - Other values possible!



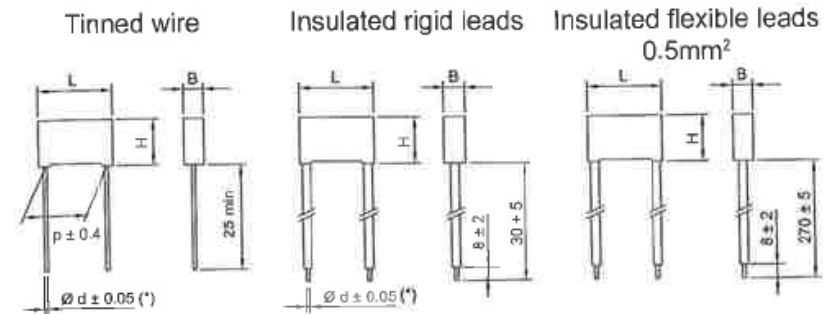
# RC units

PMR205, PMR209, PMR210, PMZ2035

- **Metallized Paper capacitor with integrated resistor**
- **Bipolar, suitable for DC and AC operations**
- **One component instead of two**
- **Small dimensions**
- **Outstanding reliability, high  $dU/dt$  capability and excellent self-healing properties**



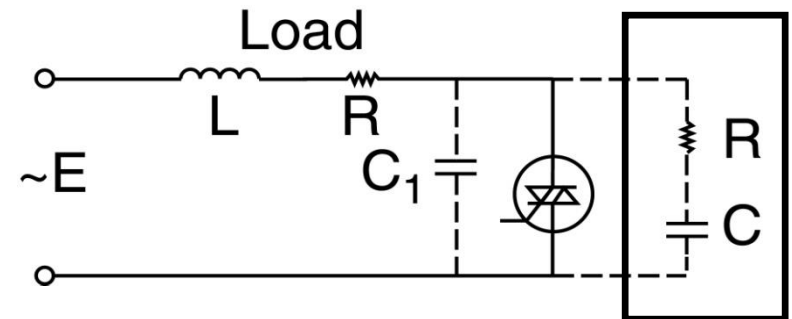
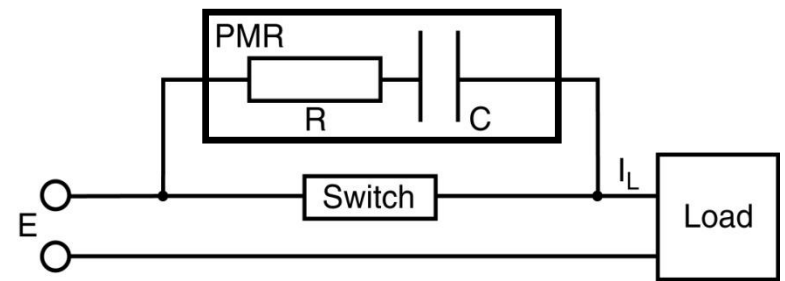
- **Separate Polypropylene capacitor and resistor**
- **10 nF to 1  $\mu$ F / 1000  $\Omega$  - 10  $\Omega$**
- **Series without safety approvals (250 Vdc/160 Vac – 630 Vdc/220 Vac)**
- **275 Vac with X2 Class approval**



All dimensions are in mm

## Designed for use in applications for:

- Spark suppression during switching
- Transient suppression for protection of low-frequency thyristors and triacs
- $dU/dt$  limitation in thyristor and triac low-frequency snubber circuits





# Why KEMET EMI Suppression Capacitors?



**The main arguments for using KEMET EMI suppression capacitors are quality and performance and this is what we are selling:**

- The highest possible safety regarding active and passive flammability.
- Excellent self healing properties
- Good resistance to ionization
- High dU/dt capability
- Meets the most stringent IEC humidity class, 56 days
- Outstanding reliability in continuous operation
- Small dimensions
- Meets or exceeds various safety standards: EN/IEC 60384-14, UL1414...
- Is the reference for benchmarking

**These benefits are the result of more than 60 years of dedicated research and development and are our customer's safety insurance free of charge.**

# Comparison of Dielectric Materials for EMI Capacitors



	MP	PP	PET	Ceramic
<b>Transient capability</b>	+++	+	+	-
<b>Self healing capability</b>	+++	++	+	--
<b>dU/dt</b>	+++	+	+	+
<b>Temperature Range</b>	+++	+	++	+++
<b>Stability</b>	++	+++	++	-
<b>Soldering</b>	+++	+	++	-
<b>Reliability/Safety</b>	+++	+	+	+
<b>Performance/Volume</b>	+++	++	+	+
<b>Component price</b>	-	+++	++	+++
<b>Rating</b>	22	15	13	4

## General catalogue articles

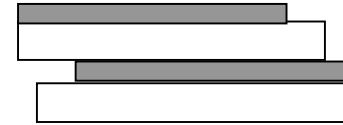
Type	Ratings	Config.	Elements
Power feed through	16-800A, 250-440Vac	Pi,C	film, toroids
Small signal F/T	0.5-16A, 50-630Vdc	Pi,T,L,C	film,cer, toroids
Industrial	1-2500A, 250-600Vac	various	film, inductors
PCB	0.5-16A, 250Vac	various	film, toroids
Screen room	1-225A, 277Vac, 600Vdc	various	film, toroids
Cylindrical	6-16A, 275Vac	various	film, toroids
IEC Inlet	1-16A, 250Vac	various	film, toroids

# Product Portfolio

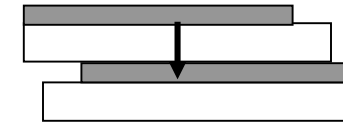


# Self Healing

**Capacitor's cross section:**



**In the case of dielectric breakdown, high current flows between the electrodes, through the discharge path:**

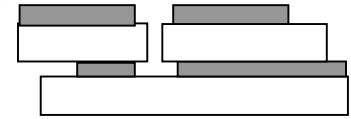


**Due to the high current, the dissipated power in the breakdown increases the temperature in the range of thousands of centigrade.**

**At this temperature, the two electrodes and the dielectric, evaporate as single atoms.**

**As soon as the temperature decreases, atoms combine with each other making new molecules.**

**These molecules are mainly gases made of Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H) and Oxygen (O).**



After the phenomenon described above, the electric insulation has been restored (high insulation

resistance):

In the case of excess Carbon (Carbon not combined with Hydrogen or with Oxygen), the excess amount will be deposited in the area where the breakdown has occurred, lowering the insulation resistance.

If the excess amount is high (high amount of Carbon compared to Hydrogen and Oxygen), Carbon will be deposited as a thicker layer: as a consequence the insulation resistance will be lower.

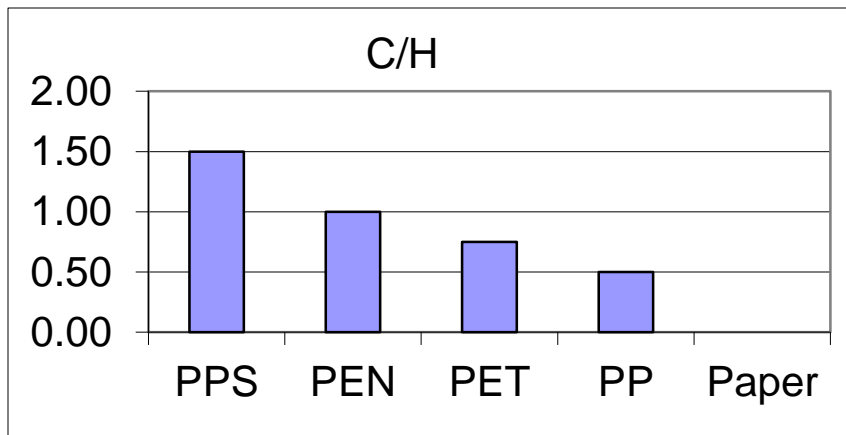
The dissipated power in the breakdown area after the breakdown depends on this resistance according to:

$$P=V^2/R$$

The lower the resistance the higher the power. If the resistance is low enough, the capacitor stays almost as short circuit, and/or the breakdown continues to total destruction of the capacitor.

## Comparison between different materials:

FILM	C	H	O	S	C/H*
PPS	6	4	0	1	1,50
PEN	14	10	4	0	1,00
PET	10	8	4	0	0,75
PP	3	6	0	0	0,50
Cellulose	5	10	5	0	≈ 0



\* After all available Oxygen (O) in the Polymer has been consumed (combined with C to CO). Large C/H ratio means high amount of conducting Carbon

The graph shows what follows:

- the worst material is PPS;
- the best material is Paper, PP of films;
- PET is better then PEN.



A large, stylized lightning bolt graphic in shades of blue and white, extending from the top left towards the center of the page.

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Design and Characteristics

# EMI Cores and Flex Suppressor<sup>®</sup>



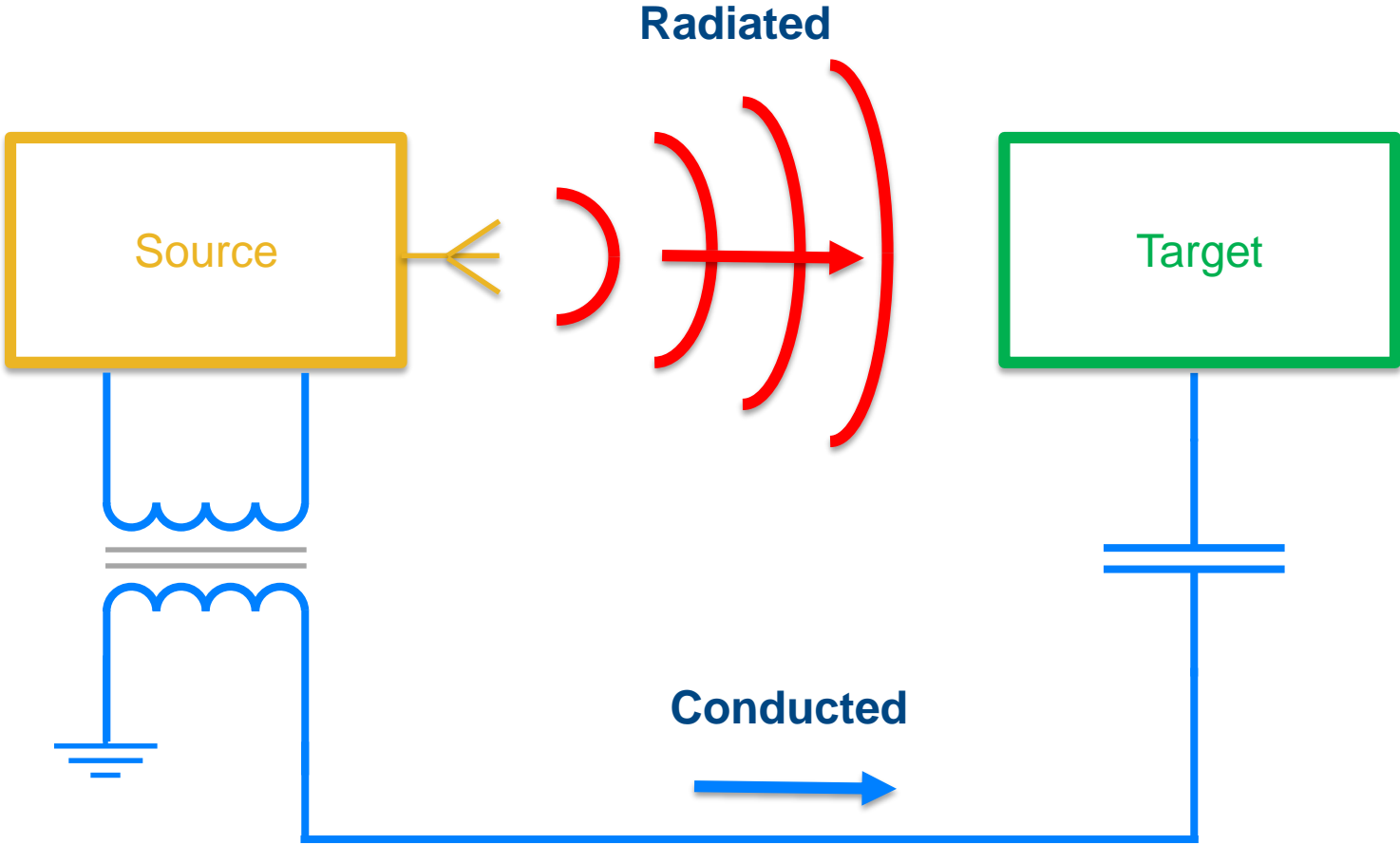
EMI Cores



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# Electromagnetic Interference

## Radiated vs Conducted



# EMI Cores

## Design and Characteristics



# EMI Filtering

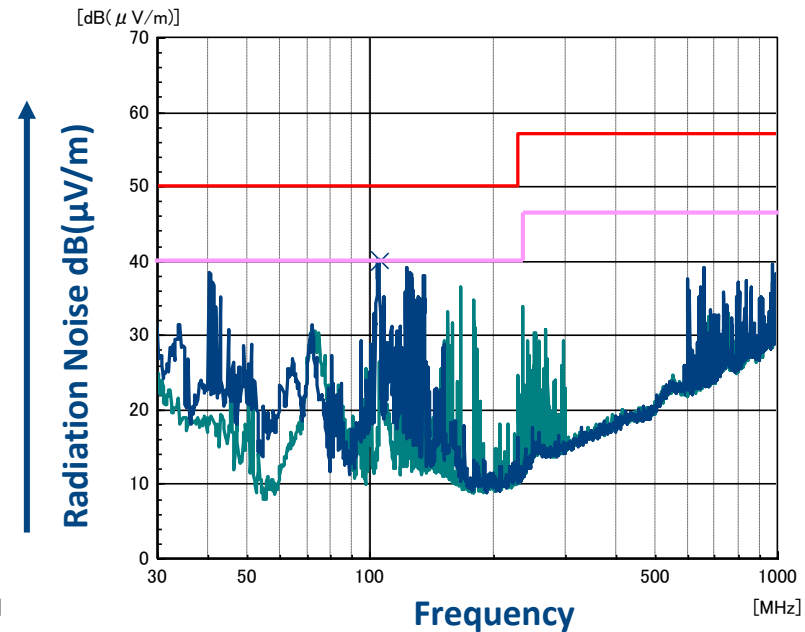
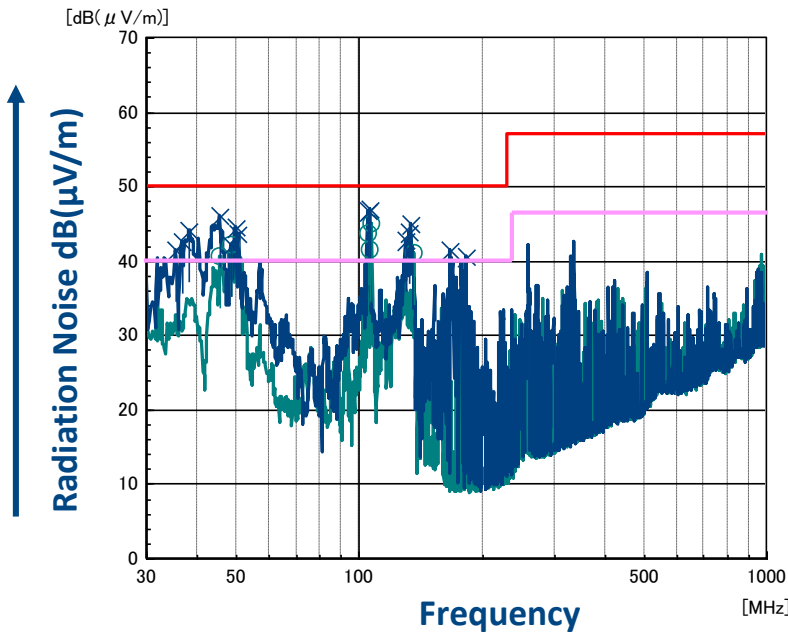
## Effect of Using EMI Suppression

An EMI core is a passive electric component used to suppress high frequency noise in electronic circuits

Before  
filtering



After  
filtering



CISPR14  
Class A Limit

CISPR14  
Class B Limit

# EMI Cores

## Types



Solid



Snap-On



“Snail-Shaped”

Cables connect to devices act as an antenna for the noise

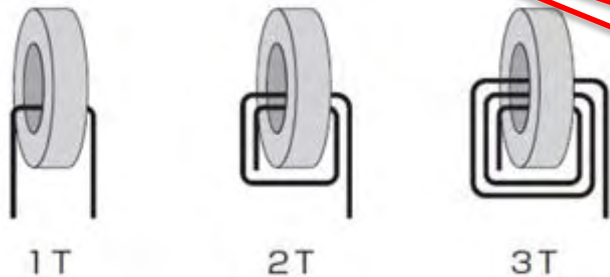
EMI Core employ the dissipation of high frequency currents in a ferrite ceramic to build high frequency noise suppression devices

- Available for round and flat cables
- Nickel-Zinc (NiZn) for FM band range
- Manganese Zinc (MnZn) for AM band range

# EMI Core

## Defining Parameters

- No inductance, no rated voltage needed
- Round or flat cable
- Mounting versions
- Shape and dimension
- Diagrams shows impedance over frequency
- Number of **turns** can increase the impedance



\*Number of lead wire wound outside the core + 1  
= Number of read wire passes through the inner hole of the core  
= Turn count

Fig.1 How to count turns

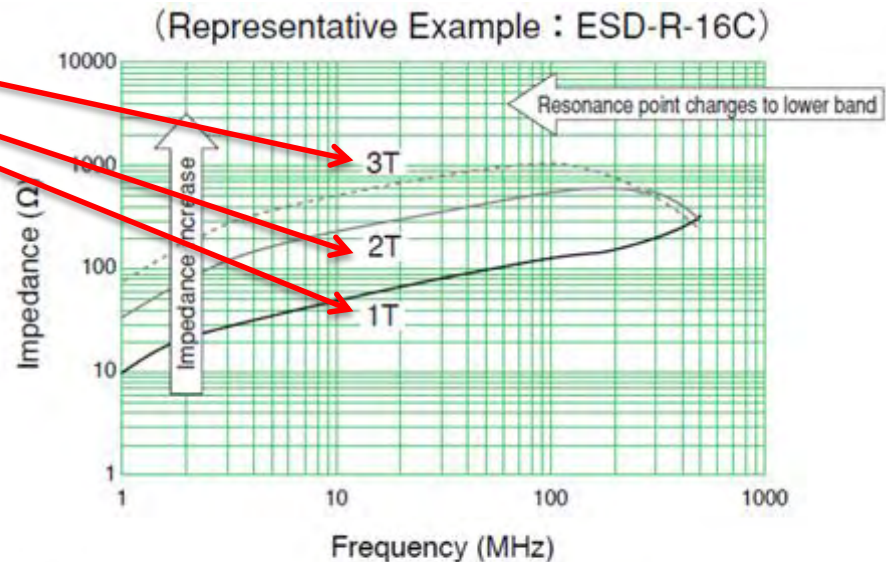
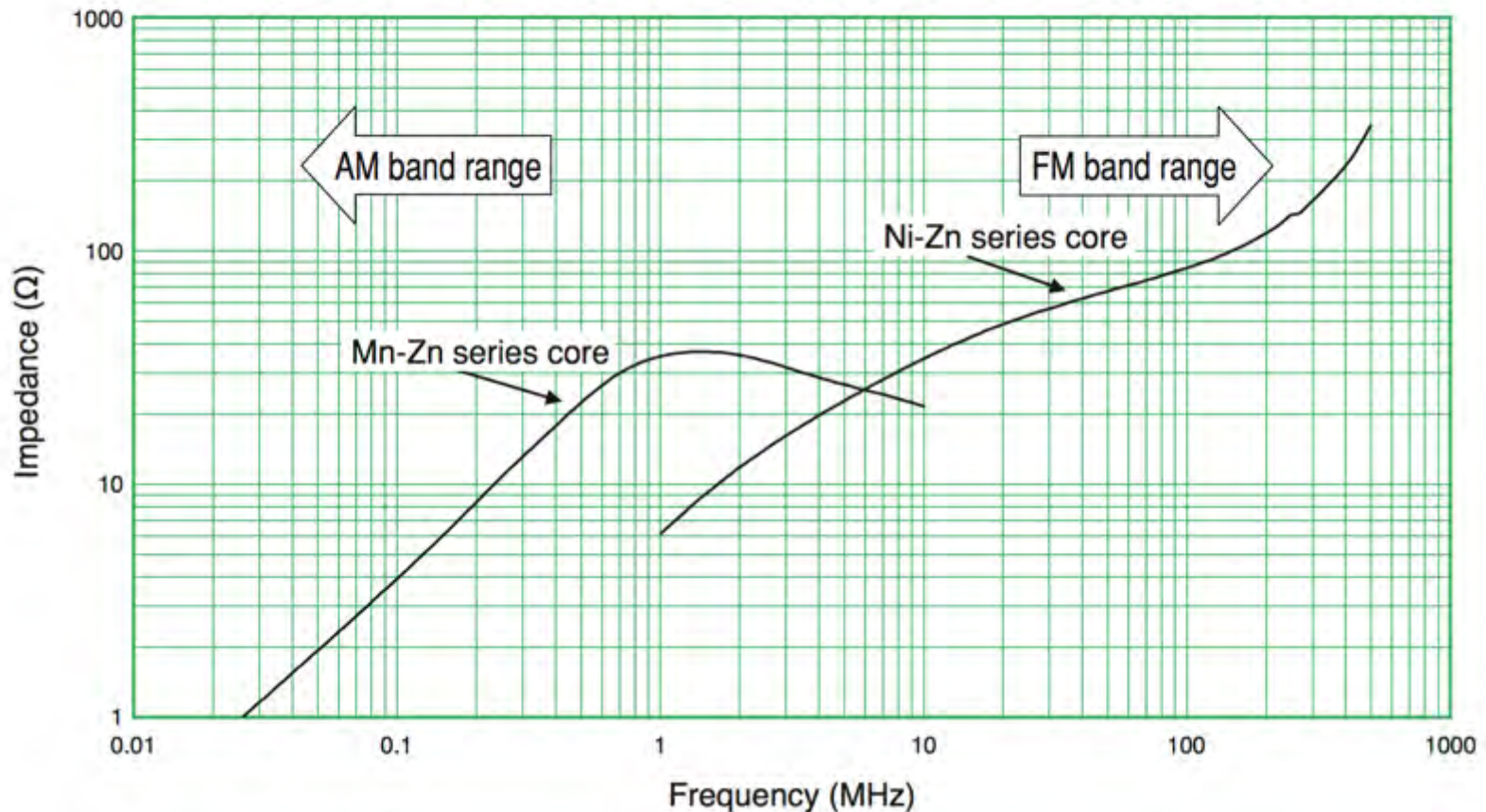


Fig.2 Relationship between impedance and turn counts

## Depends on the material

Mn-Zn series vs Ni-Zn series  $|Z|$ -f Characteristics (representative example)  
(measurement condition: measured with same-dimension ring core)





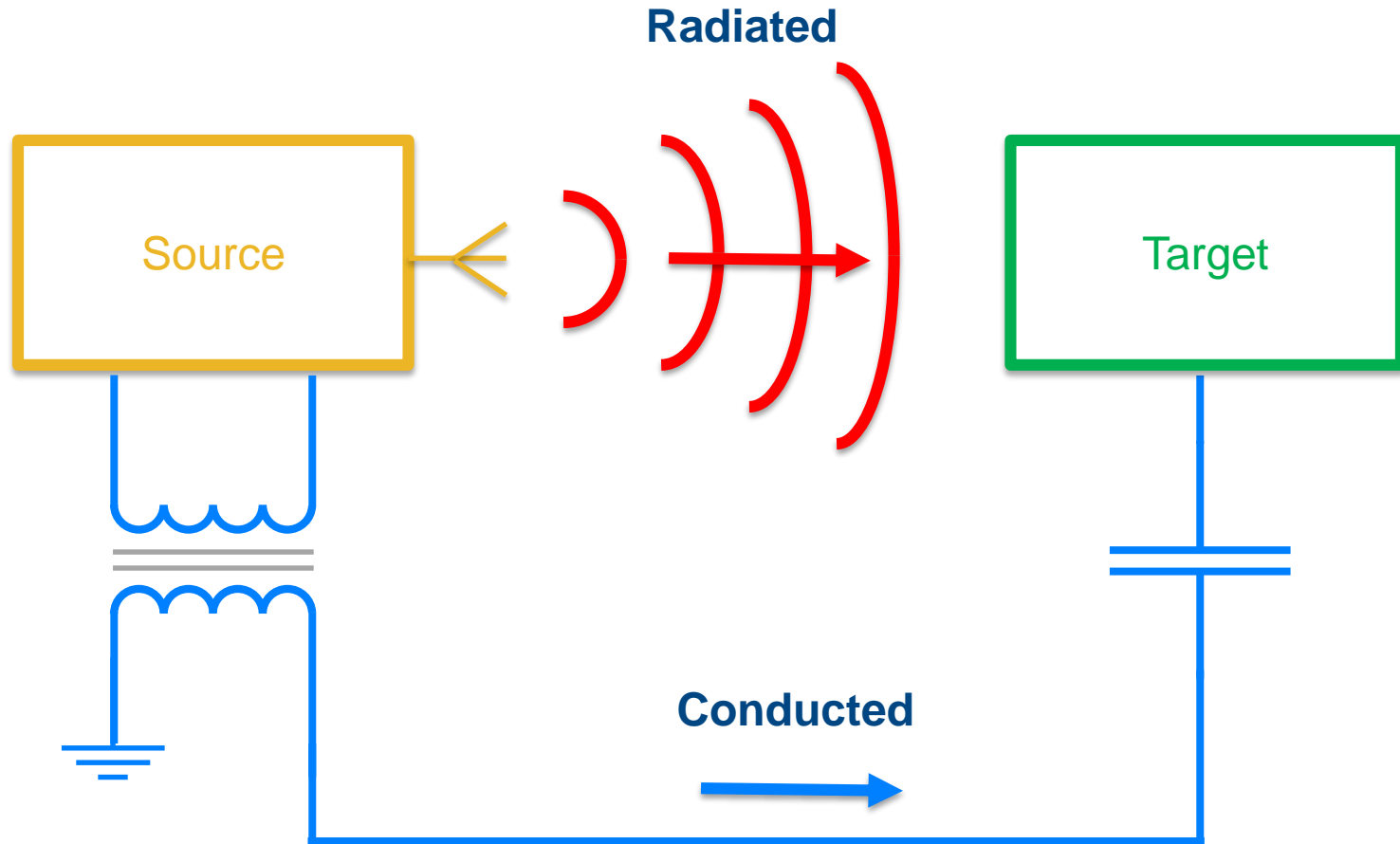
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# Electromagnetic Interference

## *Radiated vs Conducted*



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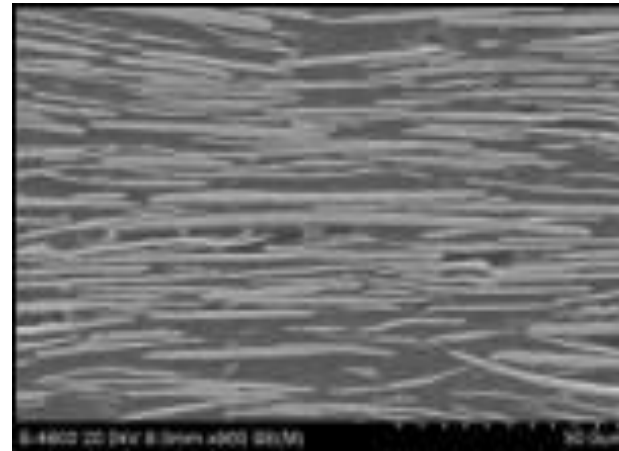
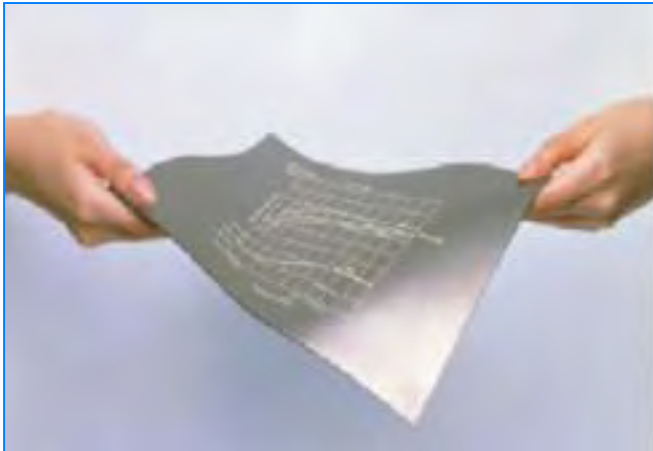
## Overview

- **Definition**

- A flexible polymer sheet with micro-magnetic foils
- Attenuates or suppresses Electromagnetic and Radio Frequency Interferences (EMI/RFI)
- It can also be used to improve magnetic signal transmissions and receptions

- **How does it work?**

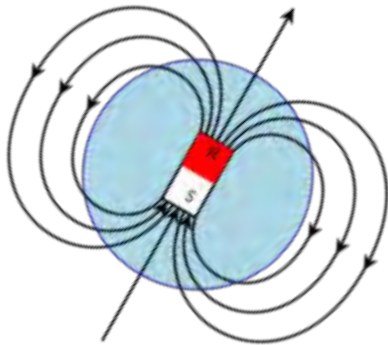
- The sheet absorbs the electromagnetic noises and converts them into heat



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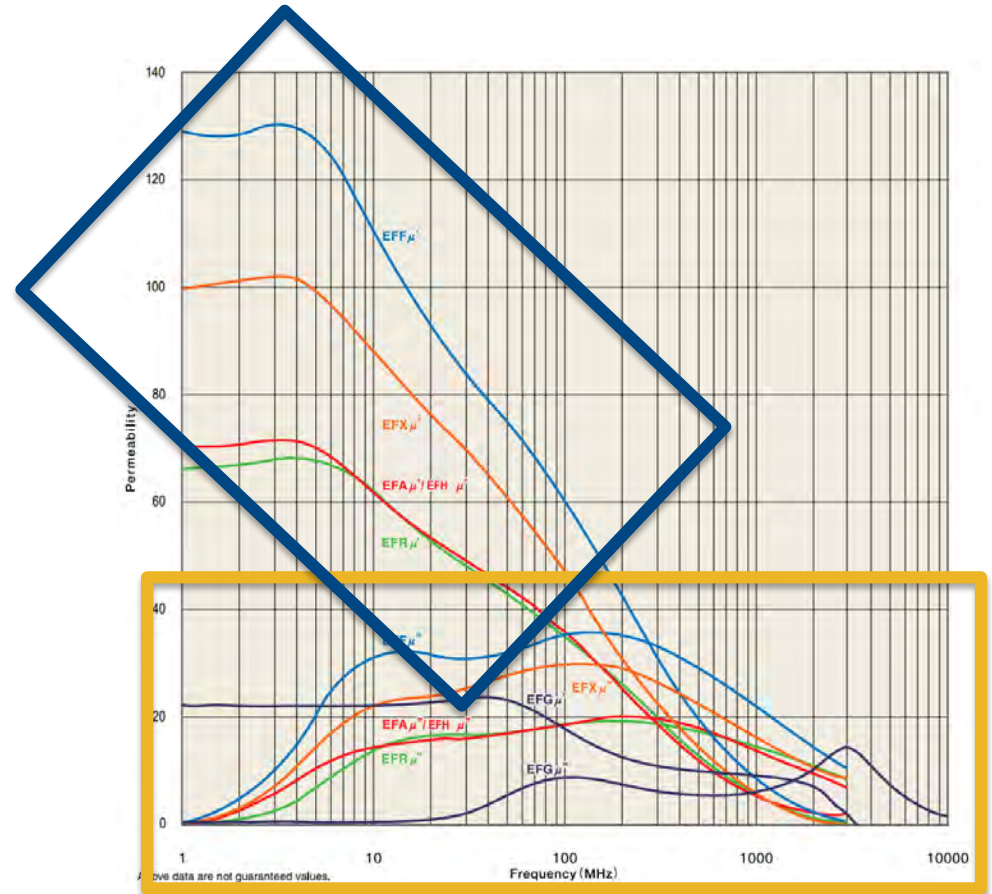
## Permeability

- High Permeability ( $\mu$ ) = Strong Magnetic Field
- High  $\mu$  Materials Absorb EMI
- High  $\mu$  Absorb and Re-shape Magnetic Fields



$$\mu = \frac{B_0}{H_0} \cos \delta - j \frac{B_0}{H_0} \sin \delta = \mu' - j\mu''$$

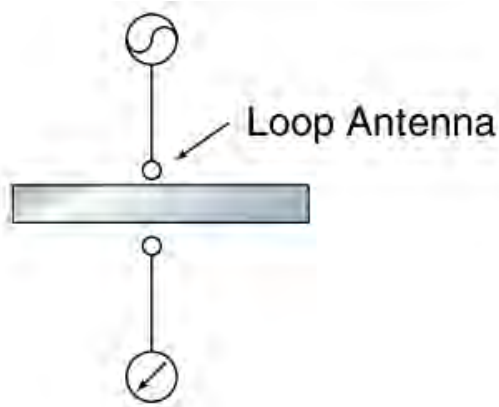
$$\tan \delta = \frac{\mu''}{\mu'}$$



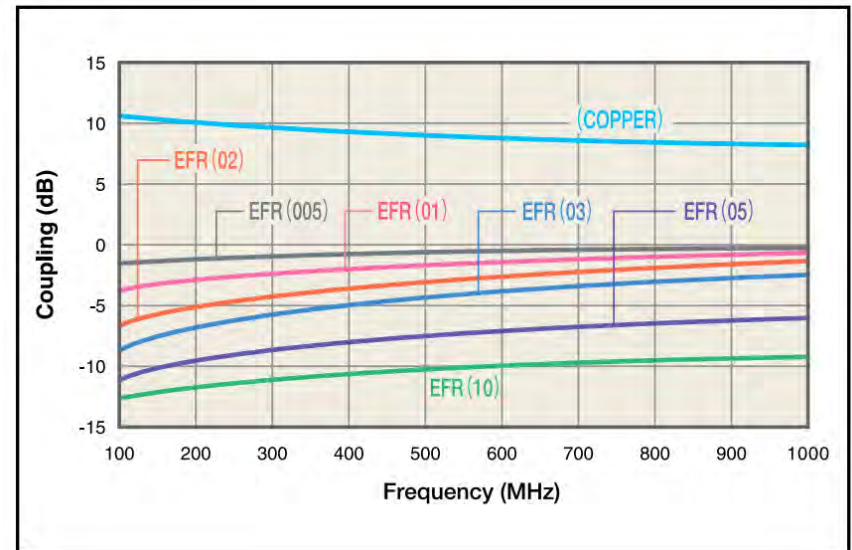
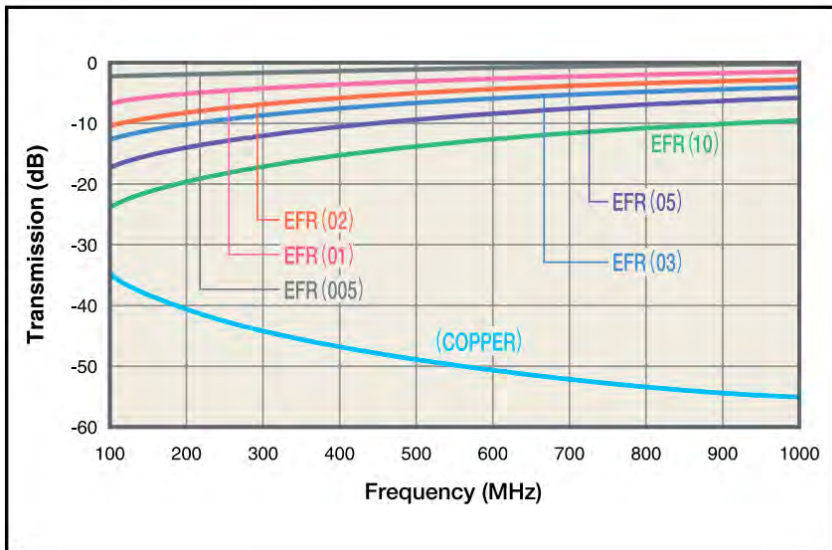
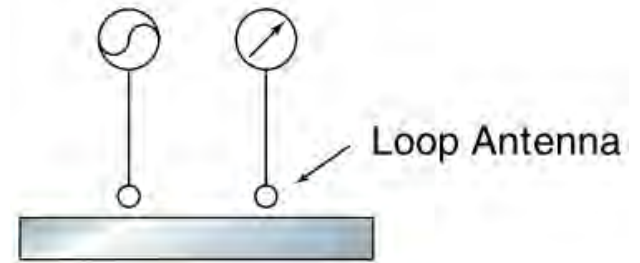
$\mu'$  = Inductance

$\mu''$  = Magnetic Impedance (loss)

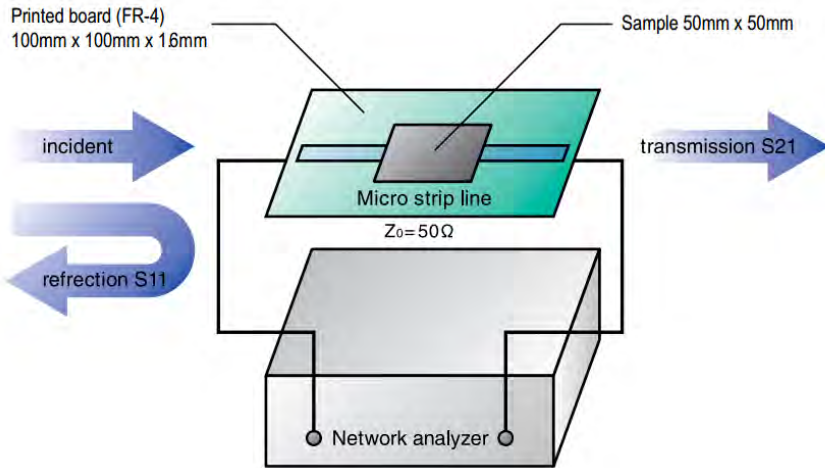
## Transmitted Attenuation



## Coupling Attenuation



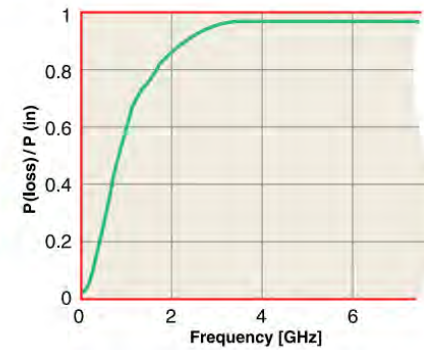
# Transmitted Attenuation Measurement Technique



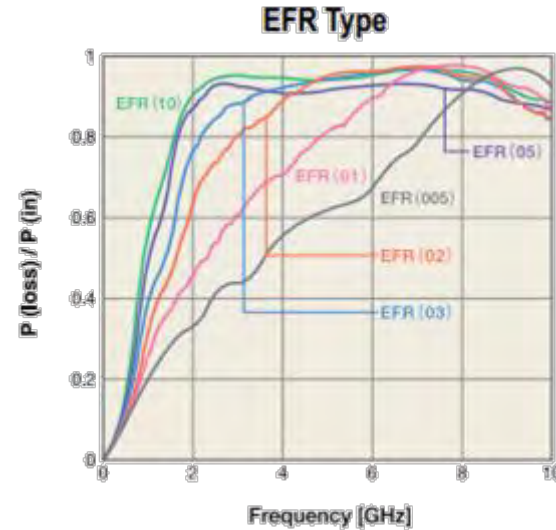
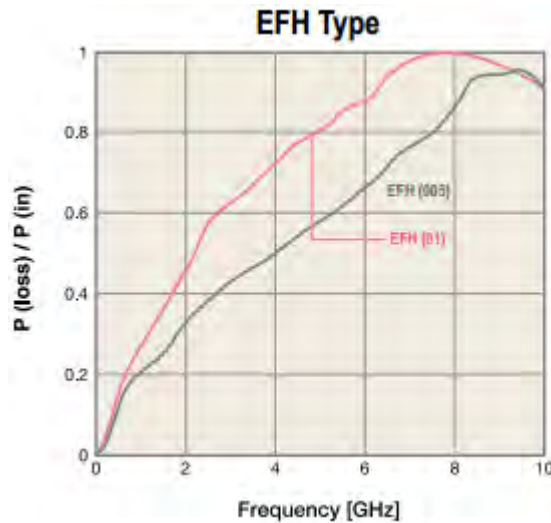
$$\text{Incident wave} = \text{Reflection S11} + \text{Loss} + \text{Transmission S21}$$

Loss

Incident wave



Higher loss is preferable  
Max 1.0

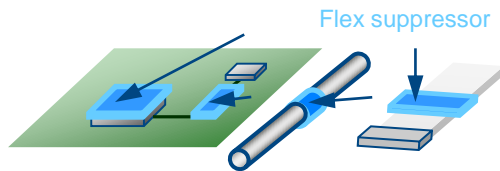


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## Applications

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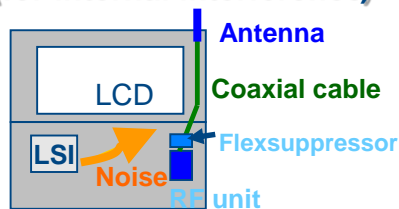
#### Radiation (for EMI regulation)



Suppression of radiation noise from CPU/GPU, signal line, cable etc.

### For De-sense

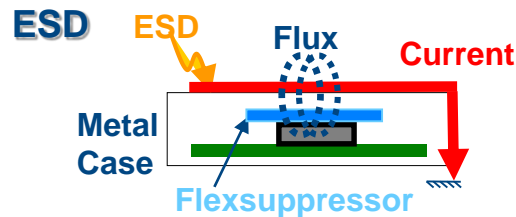
#### Wi-Fi (for internal interference)



Internal noise is interfering to Wi-Fi receiving sensitivity. Flex-suppressor improves desense.

### Absorption

### For ESD

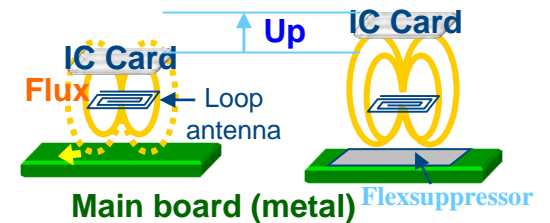


Internal interference caused by ESD is a factor of false operation. Flex-suppressor improves this issue.

### Magnetic Shielding

### For RFID

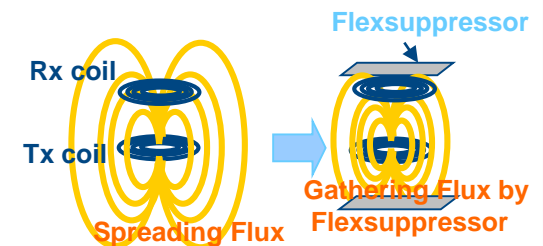
#### NFC ( RFID etc.)



NFC communication distance is enhanced by Flex-suppressor.

### For Wireless Charging

#### Wireless charging

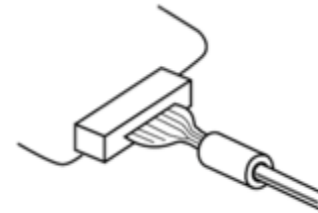
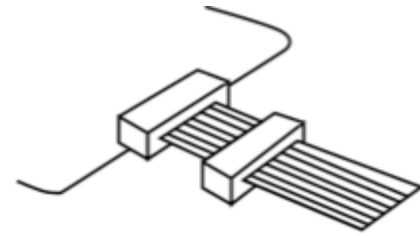


Conversion efficiency is improved by using Flex-suppressor

# EMI Core

## Typical application

- Information and communication devices
- White goods
  - dishwasher, washing machines, microwave, air conditioner, refrigerator
- Location
  - inside systems on cable or wiring harness
  - cable or wiring harness going to PCB
  - around data & power cables



HDMI



SATA



Cables attached to devices can act as an antenna that radiates noise



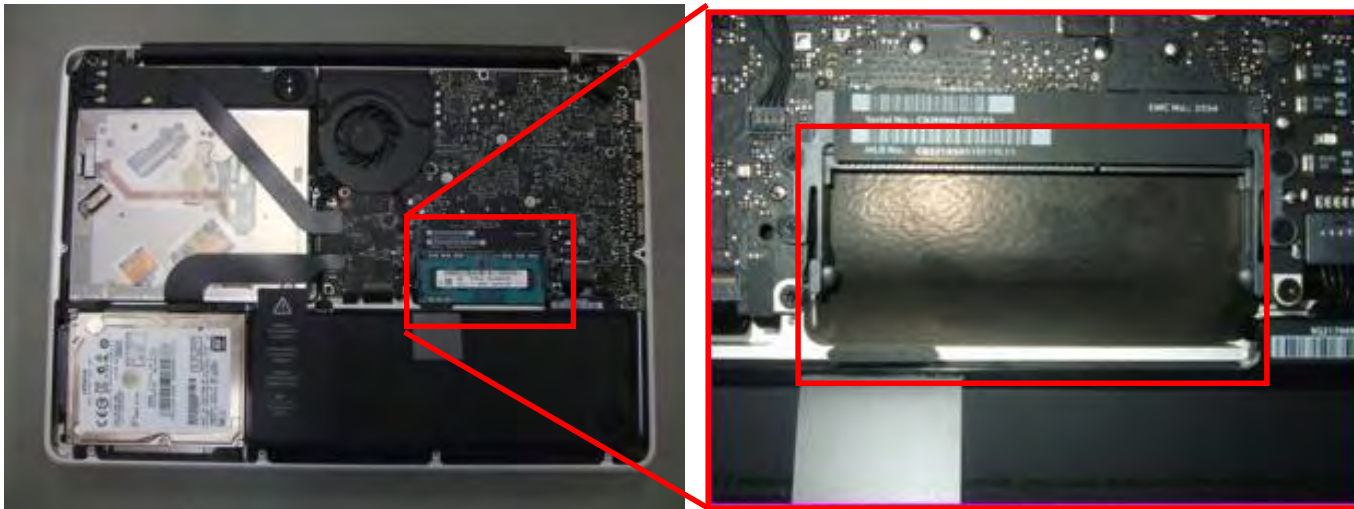
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*Notebook PC DRAM Memory Example*

- DDR2-800: Bus clock 400MHz X 6 times



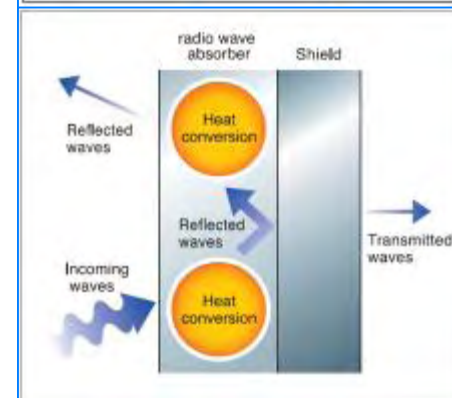
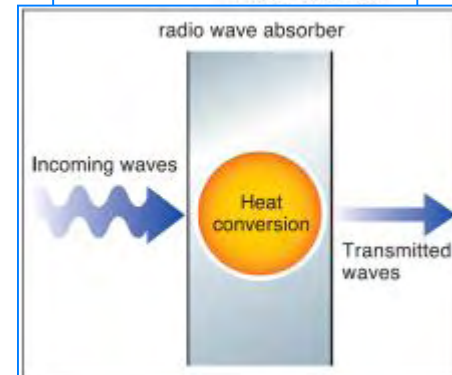
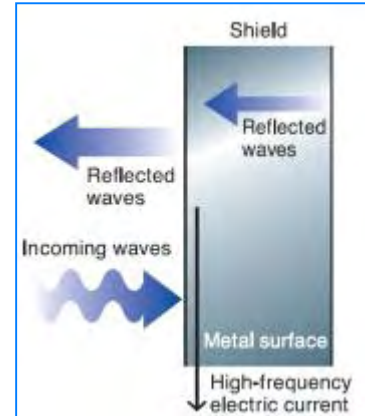
- DDR3-1600: Bus clock 800MHz X 3 times



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## Shielding Materials and Radio Wave Absorbers

- Shielding materials reflect most of the transmitted waves causing internal interference
  - Typically Metal conductive materials
- Radio wave absorbers prevent reflections and transform the absorbed energy waves into heat
- Shielding materials and radio wave absorbers can be combined to minimize the transmitted and reflected waves of incoming noise signals



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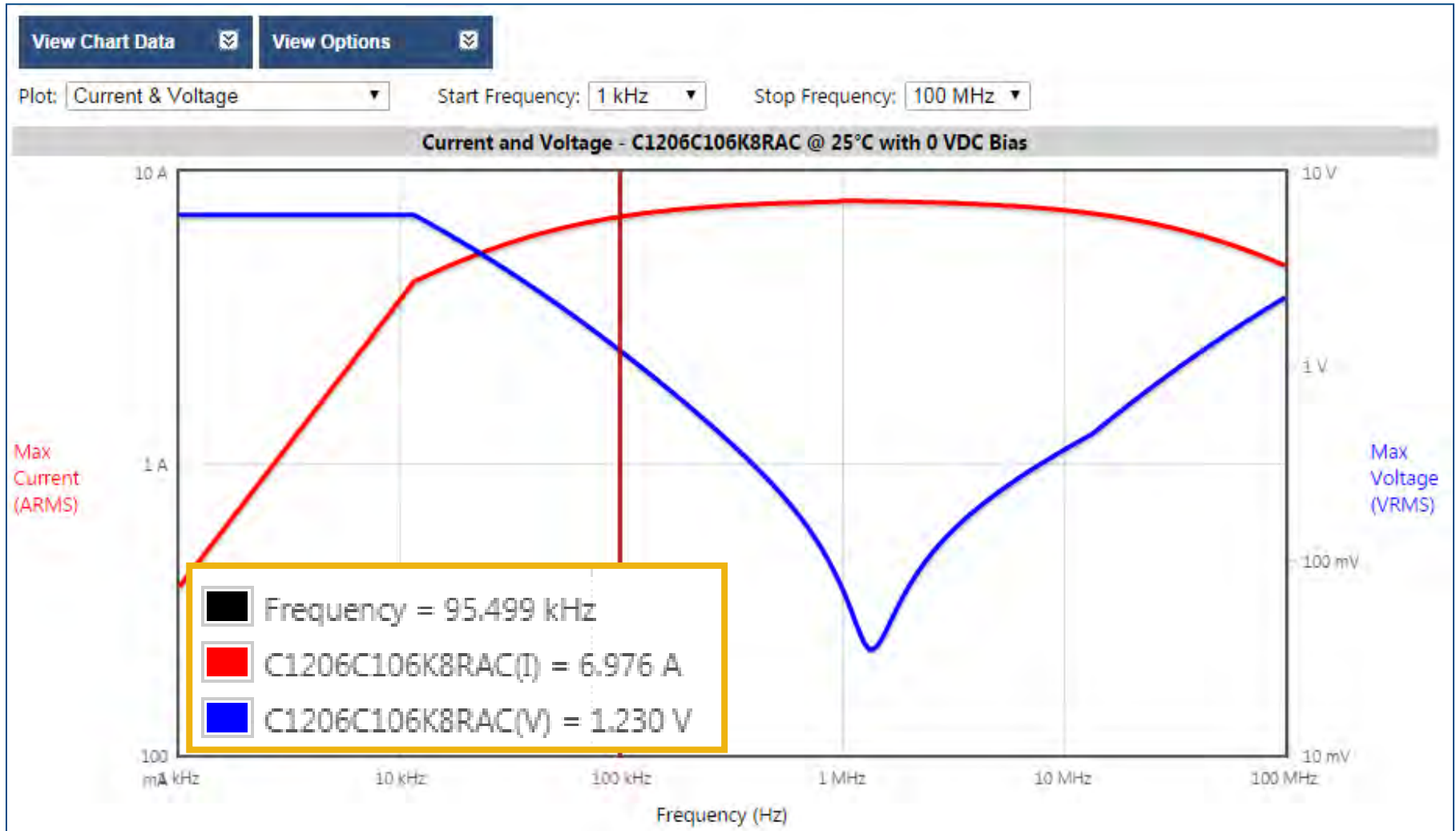
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# Capacitor Fundamentals

## Ripple Current

# Ripple Current

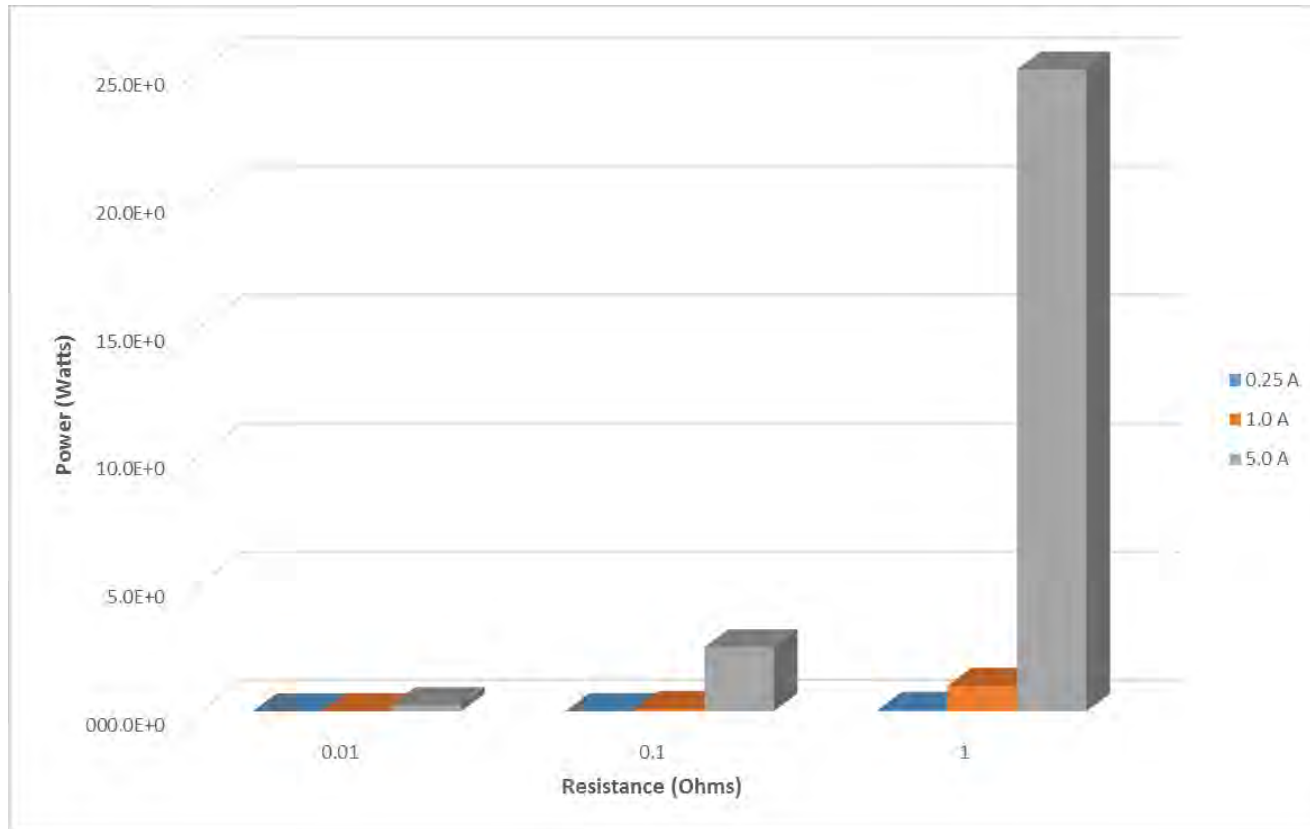
KSPICE Example: C1206C106K8RAC



# Why ESR is Important

*Power Consumption (Heat)*

$$P = I^2 R$$

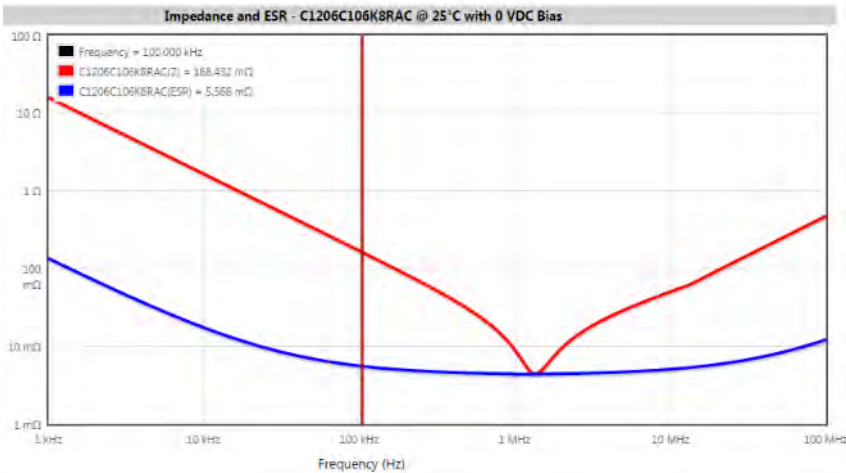


Lower ESR → Lower Power Losses → Higher Efficiency

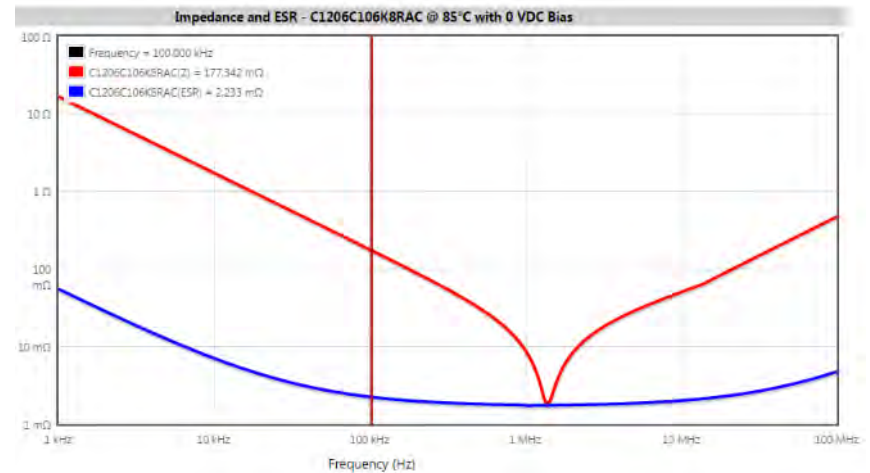
# Ripple Current

## ESR Changes with Temperature

Impedance and ESR - C1206C106K8RAC @ 25°C with 0 VDC Bias



Impedance and ESR - C1206C106K8RAC @ 85°C with 0 VDC Bias



$$P = I^2 R$$

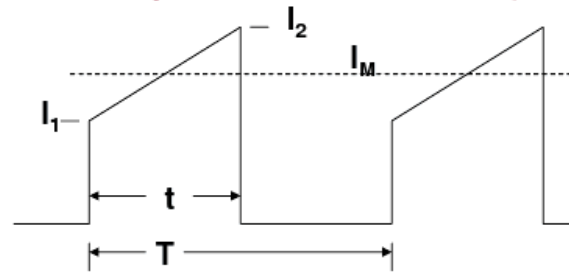
# Why ESR is Important

- *Why* ESR is important.
  - Power loss in cap is  $I_{rms} \times I_{rms} \times ESR$
  - Simplified to  $I_{avg}$  see below (loss a little higher with  $I_{rms}$ )

## Average Calculation (general trapezoidal waveforms)

$$I_{AVG} = \frac{t}{T} I_M$$

$$I_M = \frac{I_2 + I_1}{2}$$

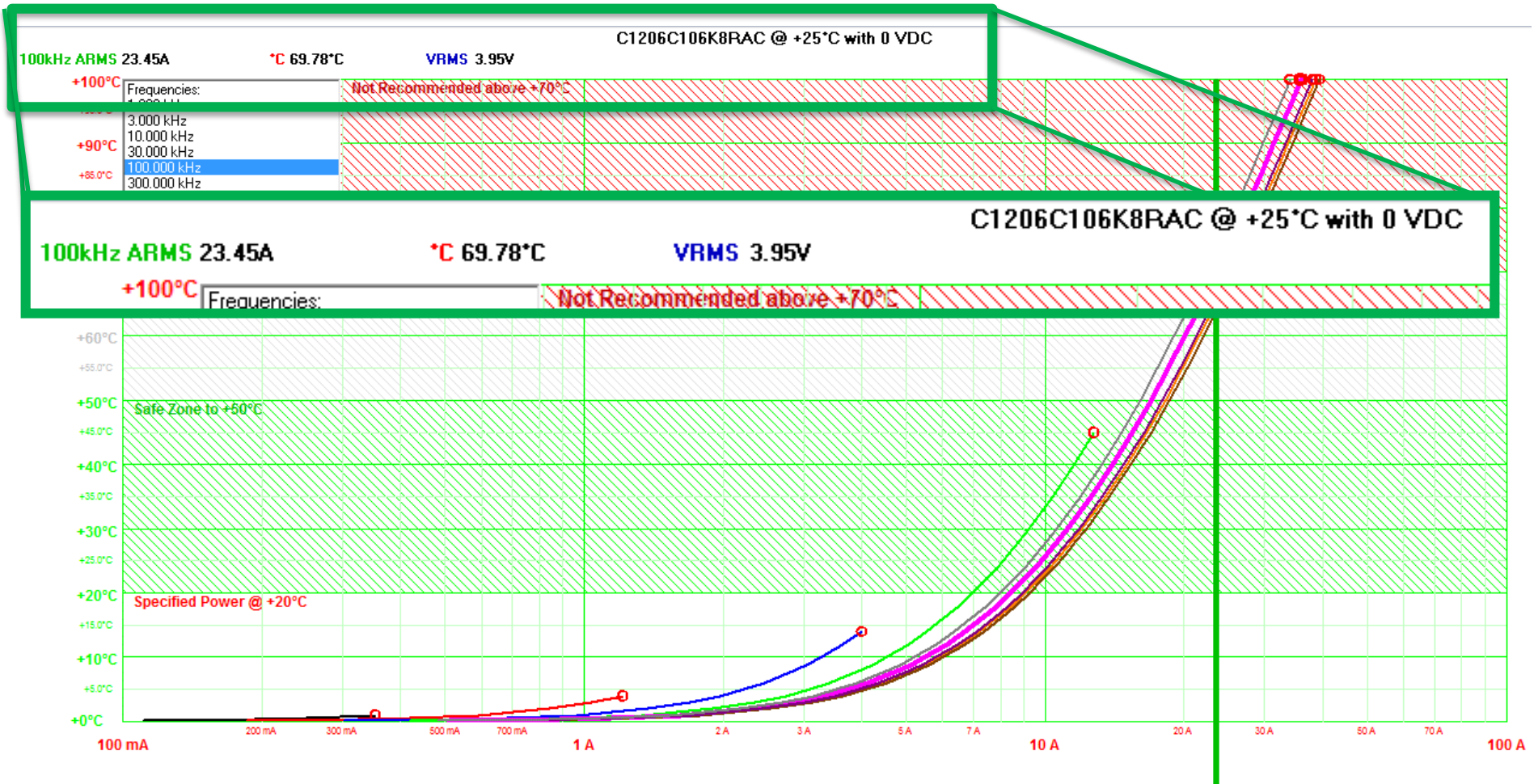


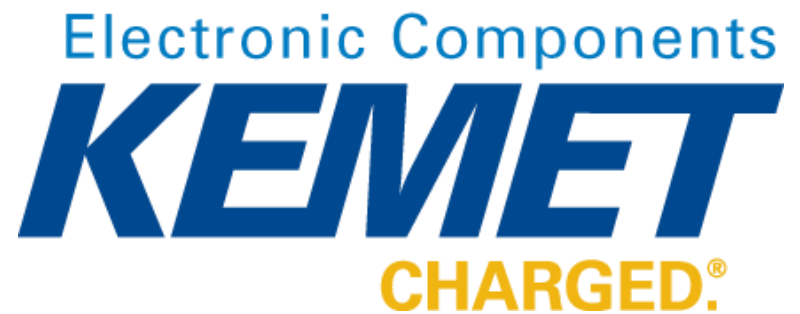
$P_{avg} = 1A \times 1A \times 0.010ohm = 10mw$  (using 1A avg current)  
 $P_{avg} = 5A \times 5A \times 0.010ohm = 250mw$  (using 5A avg current)

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# Ripple Current Temperature Rise





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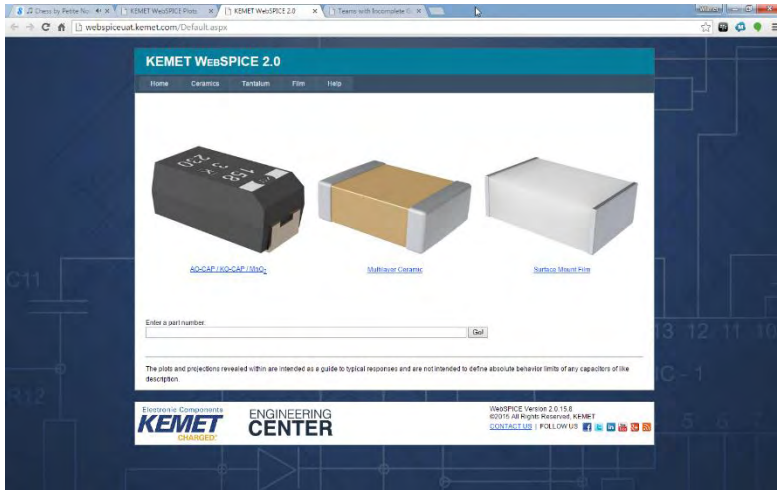
Choosing Capacitors for  
Low Voltage DC

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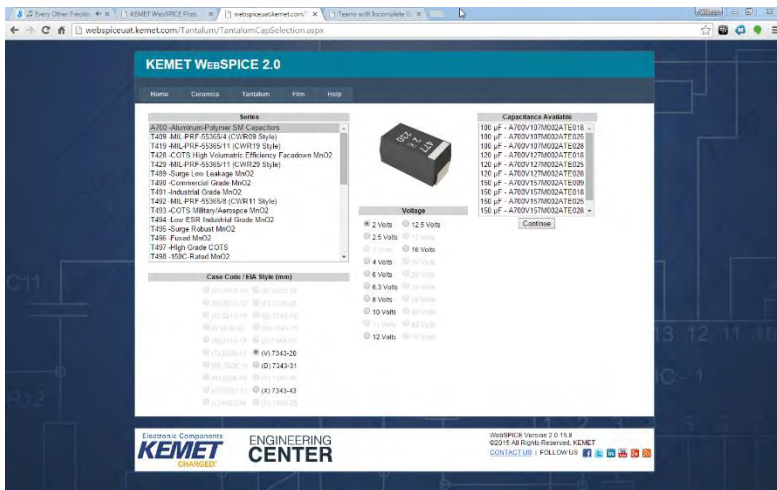
K-Sim (WebSPICE) Usage and Techniques

- Finding impedance and ESR
- Finding capacitance and inductance
- Finding the maximum allowable ripple current
- Finding the temperature rise given ripple
- Finding effective capacitance when a bias is applied
- Finding and exporting the equivalent circuit model
- Exporting scattering parameters
- Finding combined impedance of multiple capacitors
- Comparing performance under multiple conditions
- Y-Value tracking and crosshair locking

- K-Sim is located at [ksim.kemet.com](https://ksim.kemet.com)



The K-Sim homepage is the main starting point where the capacitor type is selected.



Each part family has a selection screen where the desired specifics for the desired part (i.e. capacitance, rated voltage, size).

- What is the impedance and ESR of C1206C154K2RAC at a frequency of 1MHz with a bias of 50V at 85°C?

# Finding Impedance and ESR

What is the impedance and ESR of C1206C154K2RAC at a frequency of 1MHz with a bias of 50V at 85°C?



Select Impedance and ESR as Plot Type

Set Temperature to 85°C

Set Voltage to 50V

Move Crosshair to 1MHz

Get Data:  
Z=1.263Ω  
ESR=24.029mΩ

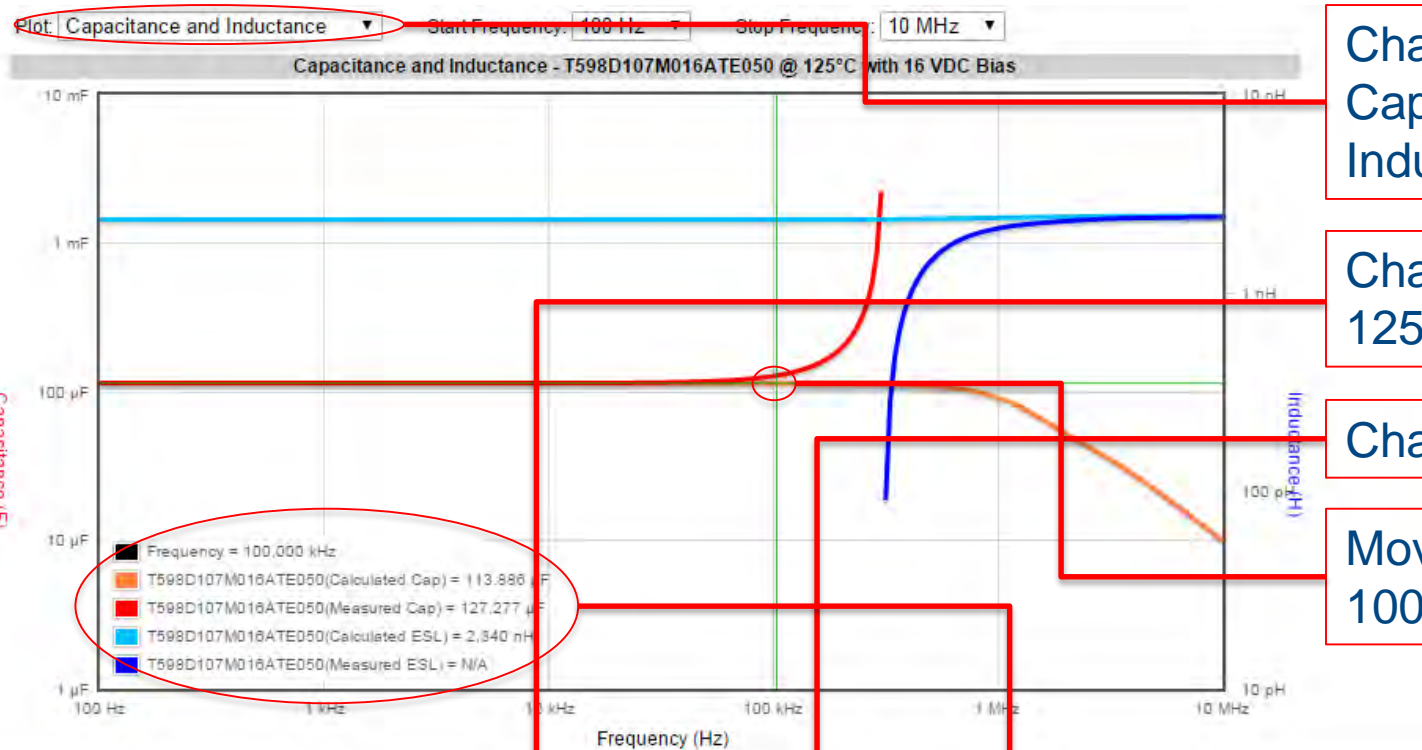
Controls and Parameters

<b>Multiple Part Numbers</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C1206C154K2RAC 1 Add Another Part Number Multiple Voltages and Temps	<b>Temperature</b> Max: 125°C 85 °C	<b>Bias Voltage</b> Max: 200 V 50 VDC	<b>Track Y Values</b> C1206C154K2RAC(Impedance) ▾ Enable Y-Value Tracking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
	<b>Power Temp-Rise</b> 20 °C	<b>External Resistance</b> 0 Ω	
		<b>External Inductance</b> 0 nH	

- What is the capacitance and inductance of T598D107M016ATE050 at 125°C with a 16V bias at 100kHz?

# Finding Capacitance and Inductance

- What is the capacitance and inductance of T598D107M016ATE050 at 125°C with a 16V bias at 100kHz?



Change Plot to Capacitance and Inductance

Change Temperature to 125°C

Change Voltage to 16V

Move Crosshair to 100kHz

Get Data:  
C(calc)=113.88μF  
C(meas)=127.27μF  
L(calc)=2.34nH  
L(meas)=N/A

**Controls and Parameters**

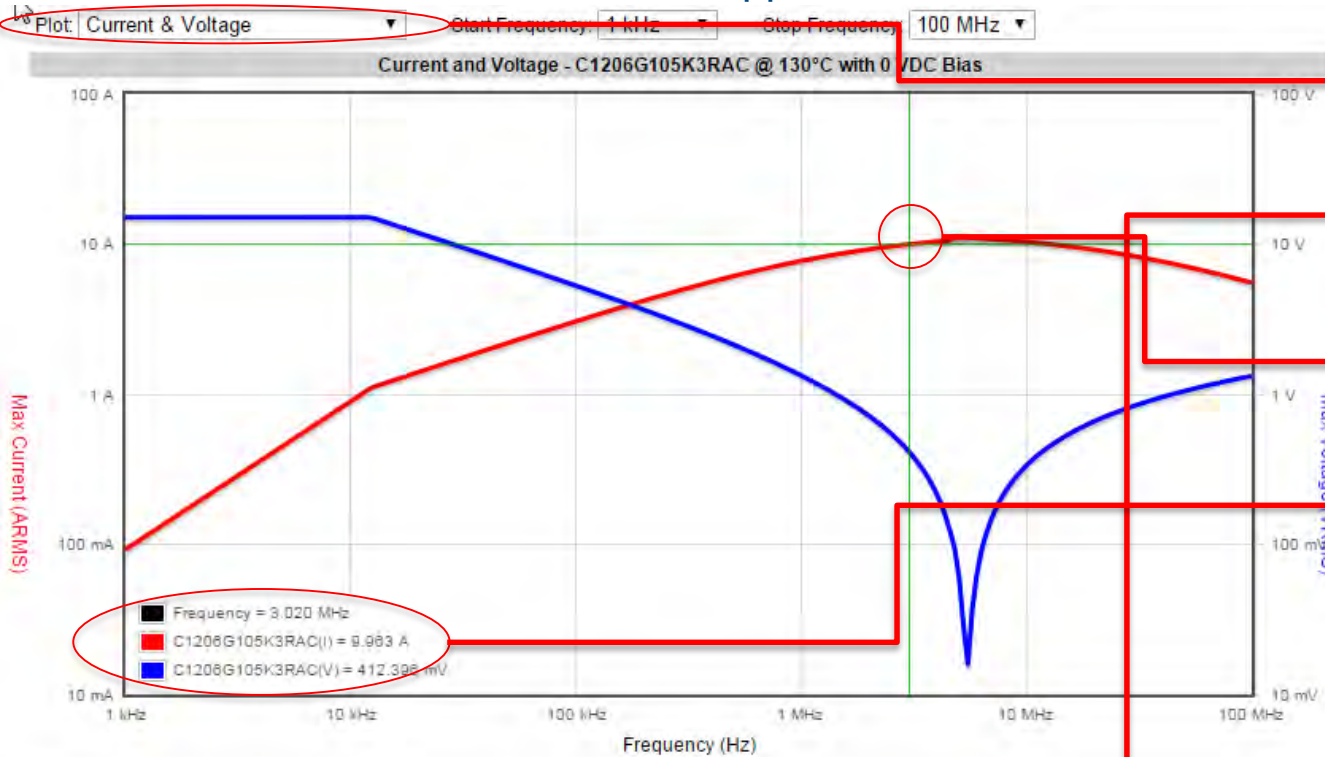
<b>Multiple Part Numbers</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T598D107M016ATE050 1 Add Another Part Number Multiple Voltages and Temps	<b>Temperature</b> Max: 125°C 125 °C	<b>Bias Voltage</b> Max: 16 V 16 VDC	<b>Track Y Values</b> T598D107M016ATE050(Calculated Cap) ▾ Enable Y-Value Tracking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
	<b>Power Temp-Rise</b> 20 °C	<b>External Resistance</b> 0 Ω	
		<b>External Inductance</b> 0 nH	



- What is the maximum allowable ripple current for C1206G105K3RAC at 130°C and 3MHz?

# Finding Maximum Allowable Ripple Current

- What is the maximum allowable ripple current for C1206G105K3RAC at 130°C and 3MHz?



Change Plot to Current and Voltage

Set the Temperature

Move Crosshair to 3MHz

Get Data:  
I=9.963A  
V=412mV

Controls and Parameters

Multiple Part Numbers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C1206G105K3RAC 1 Add Another Part Number Multiple Voltages and Temps	Temperature Max: 175°C 130 °C	Bias Voltage Max: 25 V 0 VDC	Track Y Values C1206G105K3RAC(I) <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
	Power Temp-Rise 20 °C	External Resistance 0 Ω	
		External Inductance 0 nH	

- How much will the temperature rise on T521X337M016ATE025 at 85°C and 8V bias at 2A and 500kHz?

# Finding the Temperature Rise Given Ripple

- How much will the temperature rise on T521X337M016ATE025 at 85°C and 8V bias at 2A and 500kHz??

Plot: TempRise vs Irip @Mult Freqs

Change Plot to TempRise

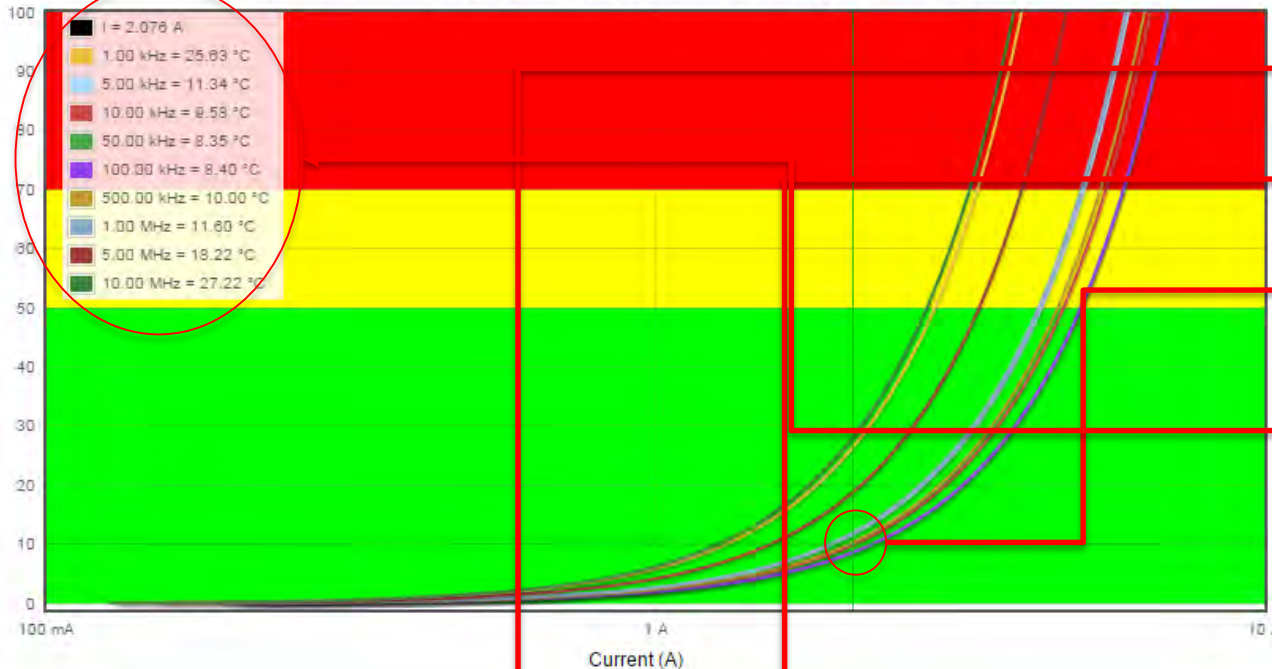
Temperature Rise vs. Ripple Current - T521X337M016ATE025+ @ 25°C with 8 VDC Bias

Set Temperature

Set Voltage

Move Crosshair to 2A

Get Data:  
 $\Delta T = 10^\circ\text{C}$



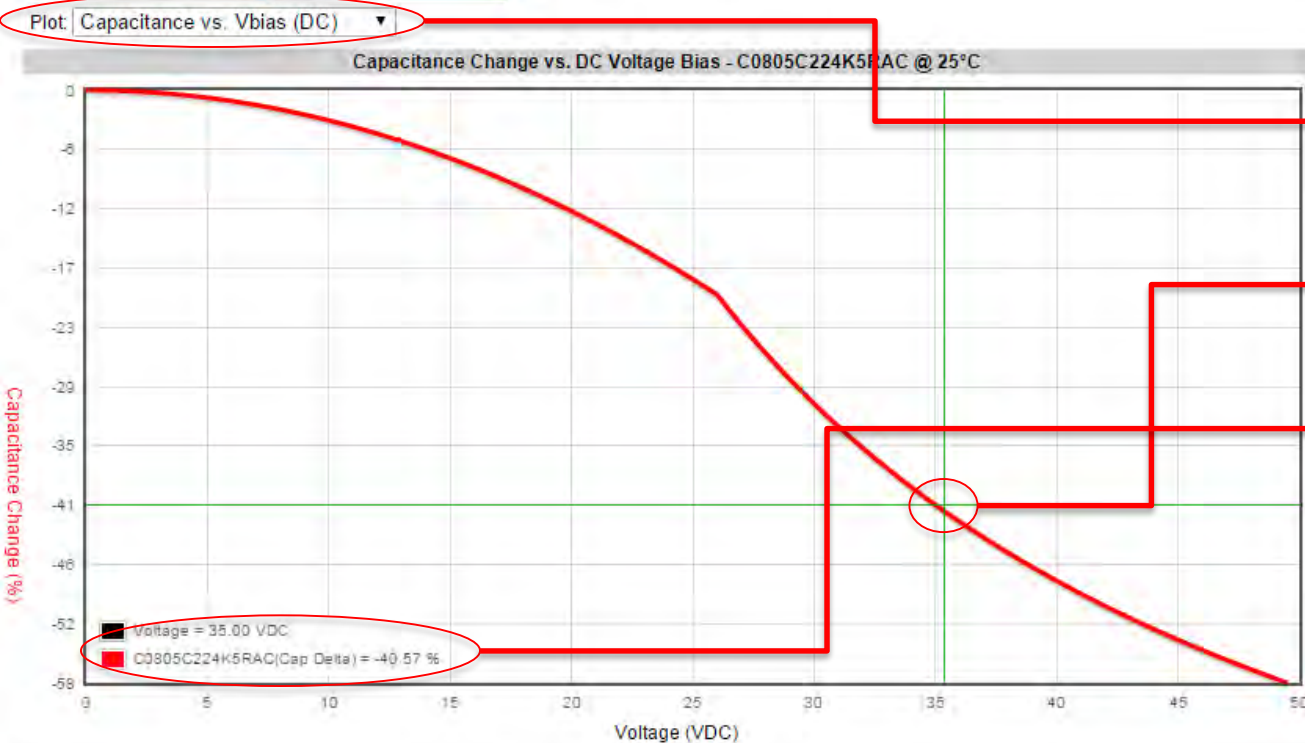
Controls and Parameters

<b>Multiple Part Numbers</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T521X337M016ATE025+ 1 Add Another Part Number Multiple Voltages and Temps	<b>Temperature</b> Max: 125°C 85 °C	<b>Bias Voltage</b> Max: 16 V 8 VDC	<b>Track Y Values</b> 500.00 kHz Enable Y-Value Tracking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
	<b>Power Temp-Rise</b> 20 °C	<b>External Resistance</b> 0 Ω	
		<b>External Inductance</b> 0 nH	

- How much capacitance is available with C0805C224K5RAC when 35V are applied?

# Finding Capacitance With Applied DC Bias

- How much capacitance is available with C0805C224K5RAC when 35V are applied?



Change Plot to Capacitance vs. Vbias(DC)

Move Crosshair to 35V

Get Data: Cap drops by 40.5%

Capacitance Change (%)

Controls and Parameters

<b>Multiple Part Numbers</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C0805C224K5RAC 1 Add Another Part Number Multiple Voltages and Temps	<b>Temperature</b> Max: 125°C 25 °C	<b>Bias Voltage</b> Max: 50 V 0 VDC	<b>Track Y Values</b> C0805C224K5RAC(Cap Delta) ▾ Enable Y-Value Tracking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
	<b>Power Temp-Rise</b> 20 °C	<b>External Resistance</b> 0 Ω	
		<b>External Inductance</b> 0 nH	

- What is the lumped circuit element model for T591X476M035ATE070 at 100kHz at 125°C?

# Finding the Equivalent Circuit Model

- What is the lumped circuit element model for T591X476M035ATE070 at 100kHz at 125°C

Plot: Model

File Export

Instructions:  
Please use the tabs below to select the model file format type.

The models are only accurate for the selected frequency. Only the S-parameter type is a broadband model. The models are exported at the frequency closest to the selection on the available data.

The "S2P Export" button exports both S21 and S11 parameters regardless of which scattering parameter plot is shown

CKT TXT DAT PRN CIR

```
.SUBCKT T591X476M035ATE070 1 8
*Temp@ 25°C, Bias@ 17.5Vdc, Center Freq@ 100.000 kHz
* KEMET Model RLC Tant5RC
L1 1 2 2.92E-09
R6 2 8 2.13E+06
R1 2 3 9.50E-03
C1 3 8 1.52E-06
R2 3 4 3.22E-03
C2 4 8 3.03E-06
R3 4 5 3.22E-03
C3 5 8 6.06E-06
R4 5 6 3.22E-03
C4 6 8 12.13E-06
R5 6 7 3.22E-03
C5 7 8 24.26E-06
.ENDS
Email T591X476M035ATE070.CKT
```

Multiple Part Num  
 T591X476M035ATE0  
Add Another Part N  
Multiple Voltages and  
Export Model

External Inductance  
0 nH

Model

to 125°C

to

etlist



- How to determine the S-parameters for C0402C508K8GAC at 50Ω in series?

# Exporting Scattering Parameters

- How to determine the S-parameters for C0402C508K8GAC at 50Ω in series?

The screenshot shows a software interface for determining S-parameters. A plot titled "Plot: S21 vs. Freq" is visible on the left, showing Magnitude (db) vs. Frequency (kHz). A "File Export" dialog box is open, displaying instructions and a list of S-parameters for the component C0402C508K8GAC. The dialog box has tabs for "S2P" (selected) and "S11". The S2P tab shows the following data:

```
IC0402C508K8GAC
!Temp@ 25°C, Bias@ 0V Series
! KEMET S2P Model
# HZ S DB R 50
1000 0 -2.049057E-05 -127.7781 89.81757 -127.7781 89.81757 0 -2.049057E-05
1047.129 0 -2.732076E-05 -127.3781 89.82388 -127.3781 89.82388 0 -2.732076E-05
1096.478 -1.035439E-06 -2.732076E-05 -126.9781 89.82992 -126.9781 89.82992 -1.035439E-06 -2.732076E-05
1148.153 0 -2.732076E-05 -126.5781 89.83567 -126.5781 89.83567 0 -2.732076E-05
1202.264 0 -2.732076E-05 -126.1781 89.84117 -126.1781 89.84117 0 -2.732076E-05
~DATA TRUNCATED~
```

The dialog box also includes an "E-Mail C0402C508K8GAC S2P" button and an "E-mail:" field. Below the dialog box, the "Export S2P" button is circled in red. The "Shunt/Series Mode" section is also circled in red, showing the "Series" mode selected. The "Line" section shows "50 Ω" selected.

- What is the combined impedance of multiple parts in parallel?

# Finding Combined Impedances

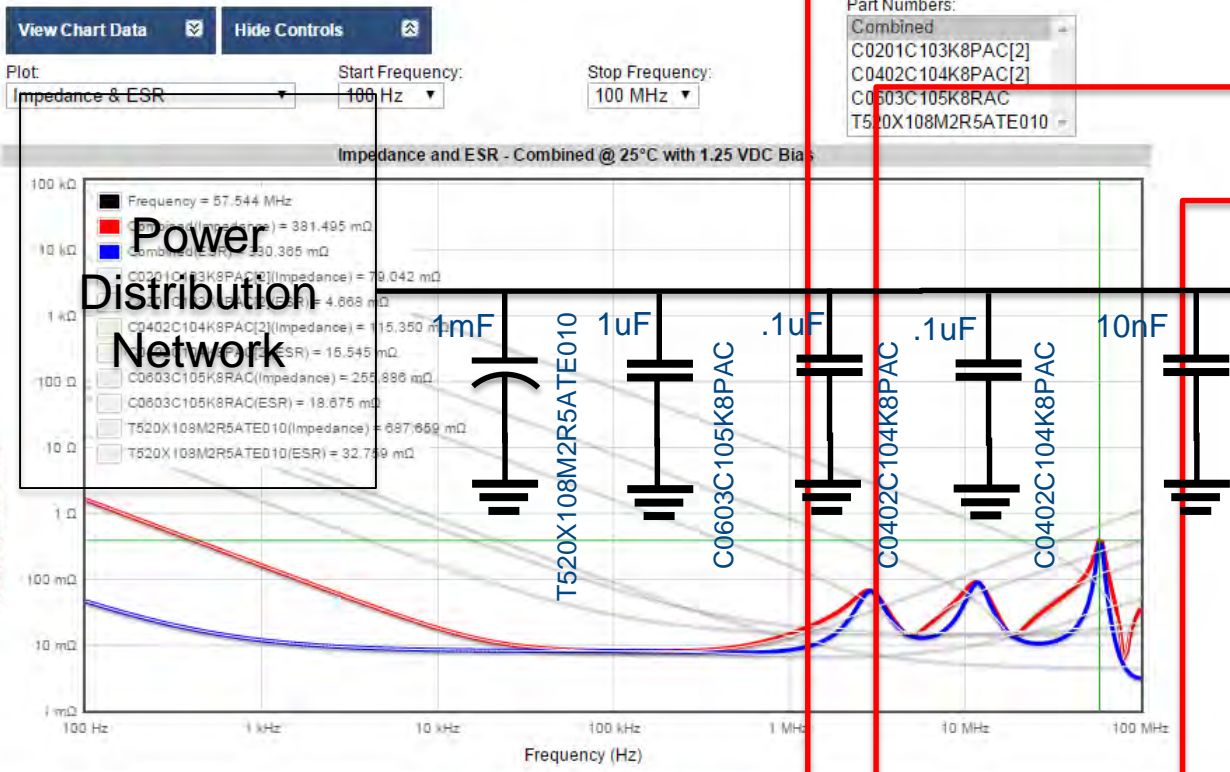
- What is the combined impedance of multiple parts in parallel?

Select more parts

Enter quantity of parts

Combine Impedances

Processor



Controls and Parameters

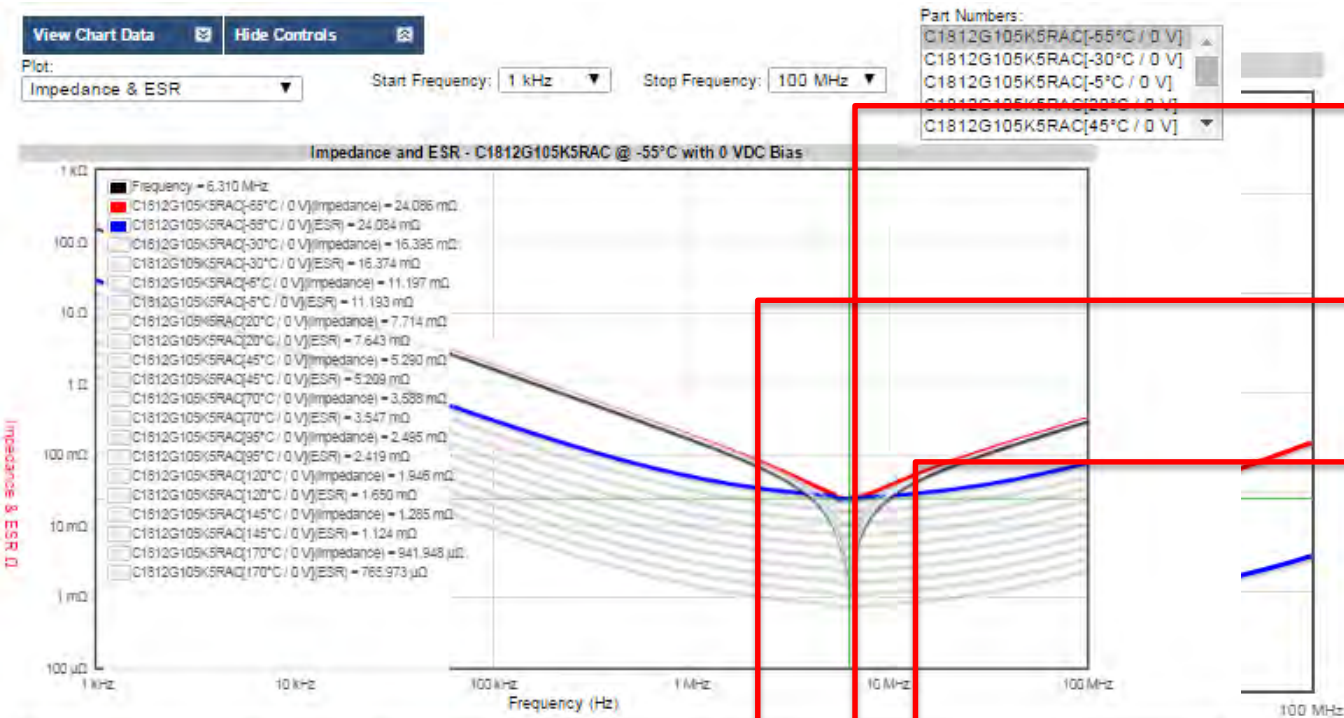
<b>Multiple Part Numbers</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Bias Voltage</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C0201C103K8PAC 2	Max: 85°C 25 °C	Max: 2.5 V 1.25 VDC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C0402C104K8PAC 2	<b>Power Temp-Rise</b>	<b>External Resistance</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C0603C105K8PAC 1	20 °C	0 Ω
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T520X108M2R5ATE010 1	<b>External Inductance</b>	0 nH
<input type="button" value="Add Another Part Number"/>		
<input type="button" value="Multiple Voltages and Temps"/>		

Track Y Values: Combined(Impedance)  
Enable Y-Value Tracking:  Enabled  
Combine Z:  Yes  No

- How do the impedance and ESR of C1812G105K5RAC change over temperature?

# Comparing Performance Under Multiple Conditions

- How do the impedance and ESR of C1812G105K5RAC change over temperature?



Click the “Multiple Voltages and Temps” button

Use the “+” to add conditions

Enter the desired conditions

Options

External Resistance: 0 Ω

External Inductance: 0 nH

Power Temp-Rise: 20 °C

Track Y Values: C1812G105K5RAC[-55°C / 0 V](Impedance)

Enable Y-Value Tracking:  Enabled

Part Numbers	Bias Voltage	Temperature
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	-55 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	-30 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	-5 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	20 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	45 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	70 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	95 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	120 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	145 °C
C1812G105K5RAC	0 VDC	170 °C

Max: 50 V

Temperature: -55°C to 175°C

Part Numbers: C1812G105K5RAC[-55°C / 0 V], C1812G105K5RAC[-30°C / 0 V], C1812G105K5RAC[-5°C / 0 V], C1812G105K5RAC[20°C / 0 V], C1812G105K5RAC[45°C / 0 V]

Impedance & ESR (mΩ)

Frequency (Hz)

1 kHz, 10 kHz, 100 kHz, 1 MHz, 10 MHz, 100 MHz

- Use dropdown box to select which Y-Value the crosshairs will track.
- The crosshair will retain their locked position even when changing plots.



Thank you

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