



## State of the Art of HiTCE Ceramic Packages

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### SOME DEFINITIONS FIRST

- ✓ TCE: Thermal Coefficient of Expansion
- ✓ Reliability level 1
- ✓ Reliability level 2
- ✓ HiTCE

### TCE VALUES OF EXISTING PACKAGES

- ✓ Flip-Chip CERAMIC, PLASTIC and COLUMNS BGA packages
- ✓ Level 1 & Level 2 Reliability
- ✓ TCE of involved materials

### SECOND LEVEL RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT SOLUTIONS

- ✓ History
- ✓ HiTCE

### HITCE CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY – MILITARY APPLICATIONS

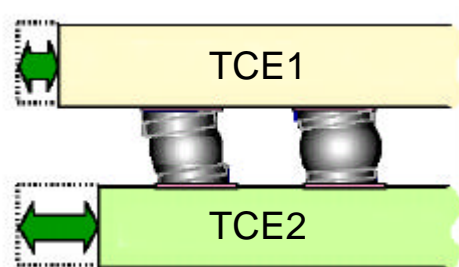
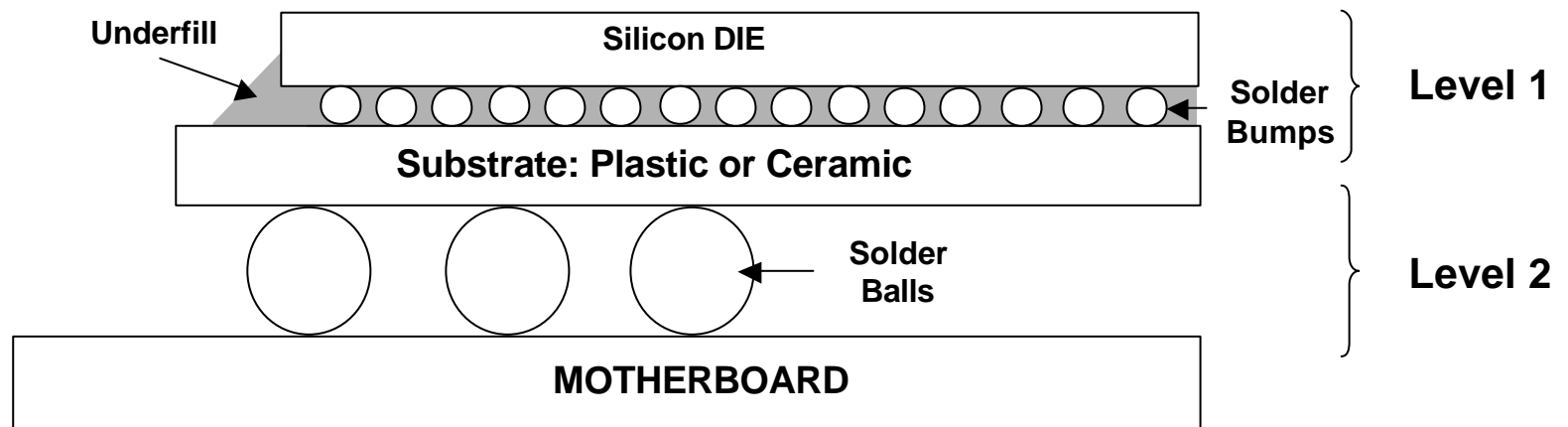
- ✓ Features
- ✓ Electrical performances
- ✓ Thermal performances
- ✓ Hermeticity – Underfill – 1st Level Reliability
- ✓ 2nd Level Reliability
- ✓ Lead-Free solution

### SUMMARY & CONCLUSION



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### TCE MISMATCH (TCE: Thermal Coefficient of Expansion)

- ✓ Shear Stress on solder joint (mechanical stress)
- ✓ Crack form and propagate until breaking
- ✓ Affect the interface reliability

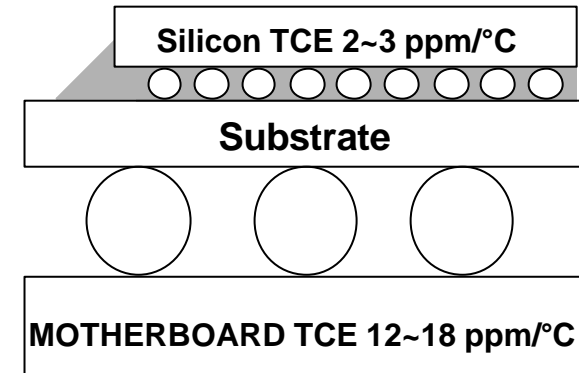
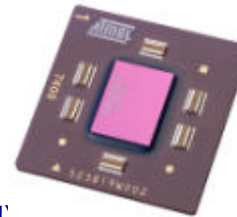


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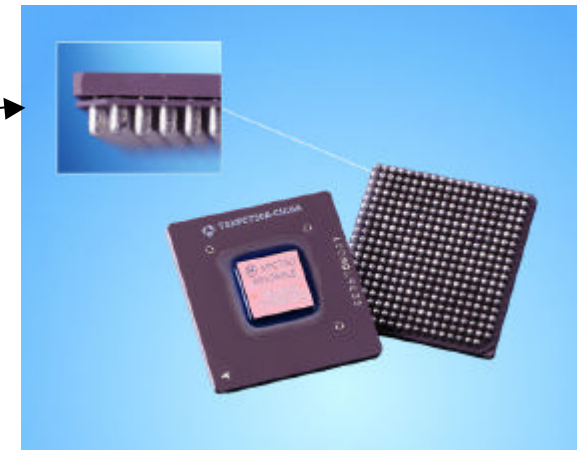
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- ✓ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ceramic
- ✓ TCE ~ 7ppm/°C
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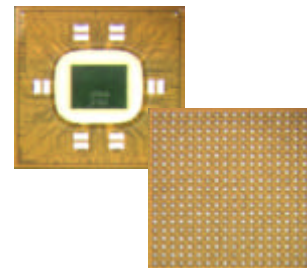
### CI-CGA Package

- ✓ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ceramic
- ✓ TCE ~ 7ppm/°C
- ✓ Solder Column Interposer (SCI)
- ✓ 90/10 Pb/Sn solder ball (High Lead)



### PBGA Package

- ✓ Organic substrate (Plastic)
- ✓ TCE - 12~14 ppm/°C
- ✓ 63/37 Sn/PB solder ball (Eutectic)







## SECOND LEVEL RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT SOLUTIONS

### → HISTORY

#### Interconnection level

Ceramic Column Grid Array (by IBM)

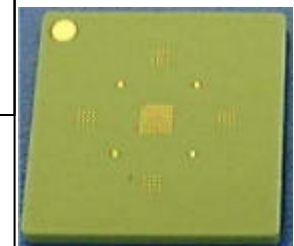
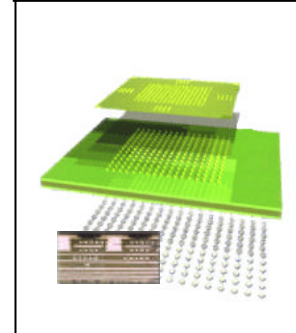
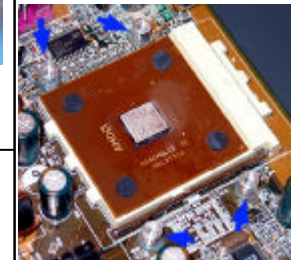
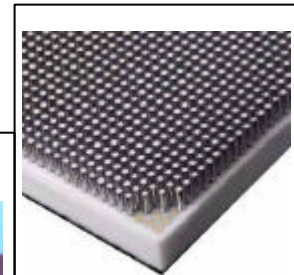
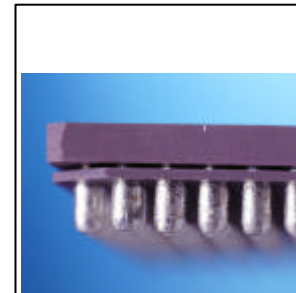
Solder Column Interposer (by NTK)

Socket Mounting

Build-up Organic Substrates

#### Material level

HITCE Ceramic material (by KYOCERA)





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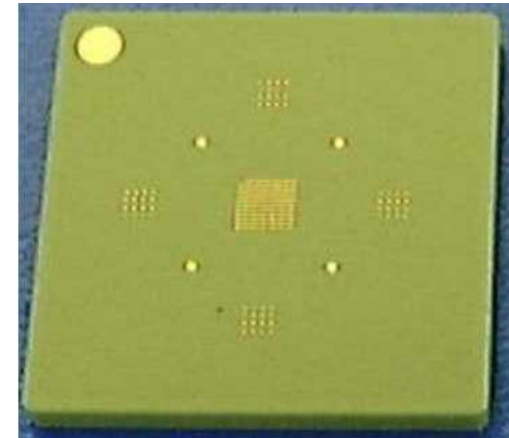
→ HiTCE

### Technology

- ✓ Ceramic technology patented by Kyocera
- ✓ Low Temperature Co-fired Ceramic (LTCC)
- ✓ Started in 1998
- ✓ 3 years of improvement
- ✓ 2002: Robust Manufacturing
- ✓ Production: 1Mpcs / Month (Kokubu)

### Features

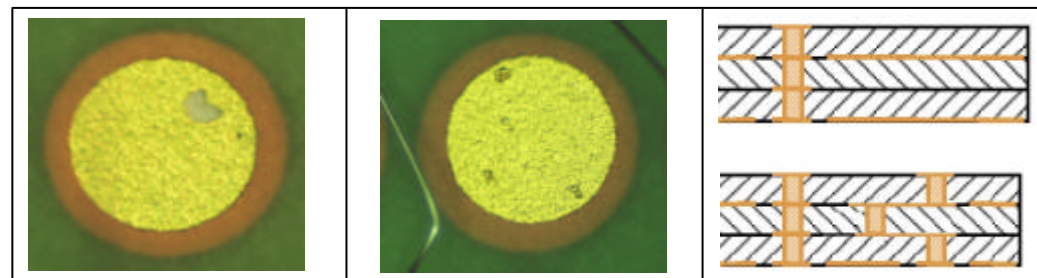
- ✓ Higher CTE than regular  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ceramic
- ✓ Low Resistance (Cu traces) and low dielectric constant
- ✓ Same body size & footprint as CBGA's
- ✓ Same board assembly process as CBGA's



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### Improvements

- ✓ Voids
- ✓ Protrusion
- ✓ Porosity



Voids

Protrusion

Porosity

**Situation Cleared Up Since End of 2001**

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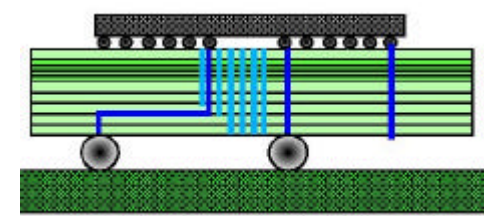
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### → Electrical Performances

		CERAMIC		ORGANIC
ELECTRICAL	Unit	AL2O3	HiTCE	FR4
Dielectric Constant (1MHz / 10GHz)	-	9.8	5.2~5.3	5.5
Sheet Resistance	mOhm/SQ	8~10 (W)	3 (Cu)	1 (Cu)

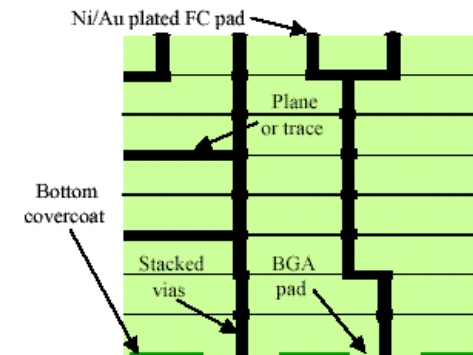
### Technology

- ✓ LTCC: Low Temperature Cofired Ceramics
- ✓ Low Dielectric Constant
- ✓ Copper conductor → Low resistance metallization
- ✓ Design flexibility equivalent to that of Alumina
- ✓ High Density Routing



### Example

- ✓ A 5mm trace of typical width would have a series resistance of 150mΩ in Hi-TCE instead of 400mΩ in CBGA
- ✓ A decrease in propagation delay by about 25% on HITCE and 30% on PBGA compared to CBGA



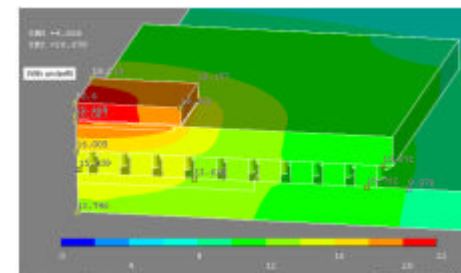


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Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion	ppm/°C	7.0	10~12	12~18
Thermal Conductivity	W/m.k	18	2	0.2

Thermal Resistance Simulation Results	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	HiTCE
Thermal Resistance junction to bottom of ball	3,4 °C/Watt	6,8°C/Watt
Thermal Resistance junction ambient, Jedec JESD51-2(2S2P board)	17,2°C/Watt	20,7°C/Watt



### Thermal performance Measurements

- ✓ The performance of Hi-TCE is close to that of ceramic despite the large difference in substrate conductivity

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Thermal Resistance junction ambient, Jedec JESD51-2(2S2P board)	18°C/Watt	19,8°C/Watt
Thermal Resistance junction ambient @ 1m/s, Jedec JESD51-2(2S2P board)	14,2°C/Watt	15,7°C/Watt





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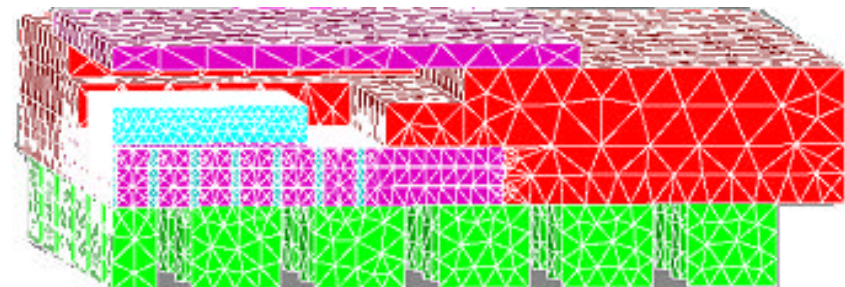
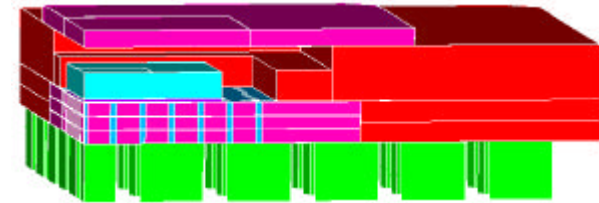
- ✓ Tungsten Thermal Conductivity: 90 W/m.k
- ✓ Copper Thermal Conductivity: 260 W/m.k

### Thermal simulations

- ✓ ANSYS 6.0
- ✓ Thermal dissipation improvement
- ✓ Thermal vias
- ✓ Via density
- ✓ Via diameter / Via pitch

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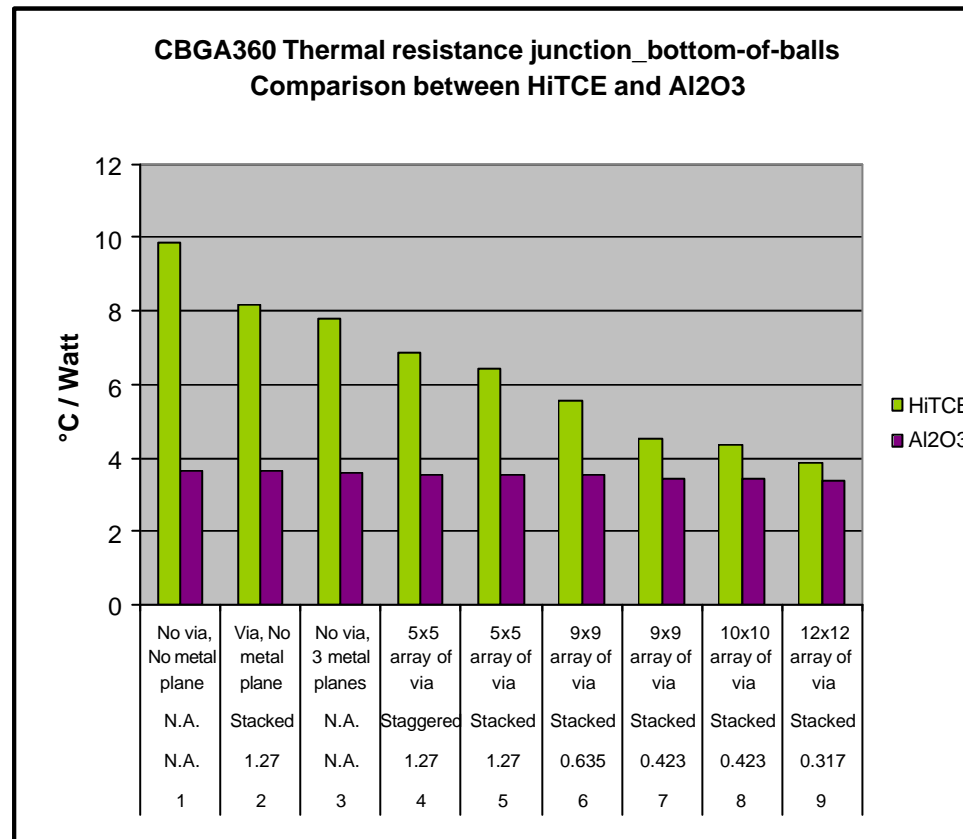


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→ Thermal Performances

### Technology

✓ Kyocera Design Rules



Case n°	RTHj_bottom of balls	
	Al2O3	HiTCE
1	3.631	9.869
2	3.610	8.145
3	3.561	7.795
4	3.545	6.892
5	3.543	6.433
6	3.514	5.563
7	3.462	4.517
8	3.454	4.339
9	3.382	3.848

Feasibility Certified by

Kyocera Design &  
Manufacturing Teams



## HITCE CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY – MILITARY APPLICATIONS

→ Hermeticity – Underfill

### Hermeticity

- ✓ Original purpose: To protect semiconductor devices from excessive moisture
- ✓ MSL 3 Qualified
- ✓ Product conditioning: 24H@125°C + Dry Pack

### Underfill

- ✓ Sensitive element
- ✓ Drastic improvements
- ✓ Underfill certified MSL3 (Manufacturer Policy)
- ✓ Underfill MSL1 / 260°C validation (ATMEL Grenoble)
- ✓ Underfill MSL1 / 260°C product qualification in progress (Atmel Grenoble)

### Today in orbit

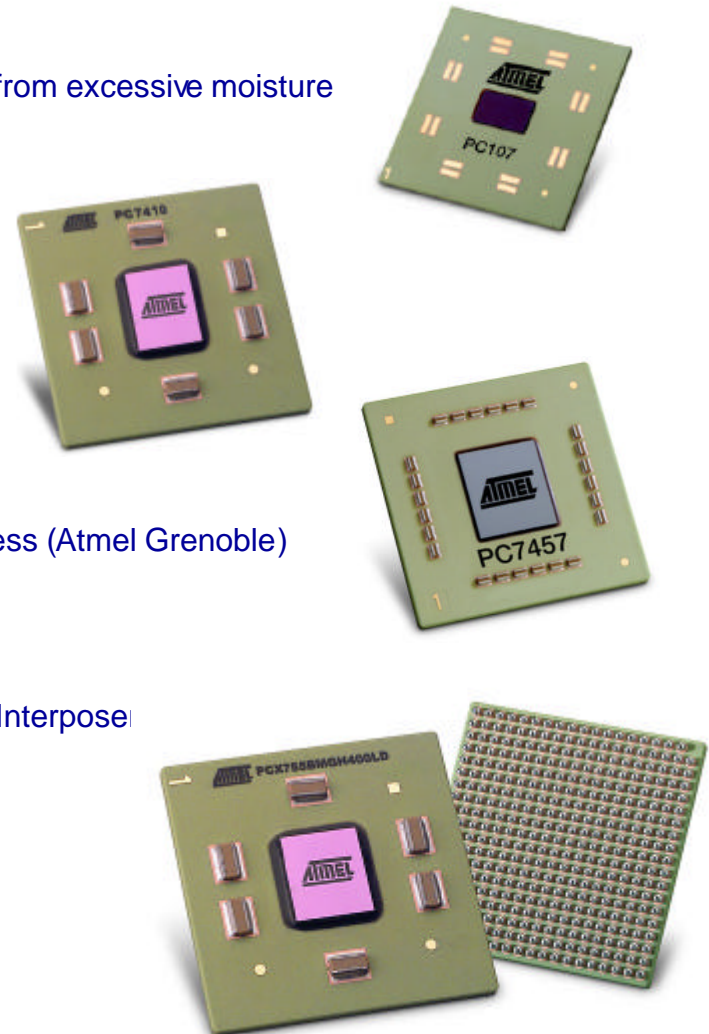
- ✓ PC603R CFCGA (Standard Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Solder Column Interpose)

### Today's flying

- ✓ HiTCE PCs 107, 7410, 7447A, 7457, 755

### Flying soon

- ✓ HiTCE PCs 603R, 745, 8540, 8560





## HITCE CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY – MILITARY APPLICATIONS

→ 1st Level Reliability

### Reliability level 1

- ✓ PC755 HiTCE & PC7410 HiTCE qualified : Standard Military Requirements
- ✓ Underfill improvement (Lead-free Program)

	Stress	Qual Readpoint	Results
MSL Pre-conditionning JEDEC J-STD-020A Prior to stress	Air to Air Temp Cylce -65°C to 150°C MIL-STD-883 TM1010B	2000 cylces	<b>PASS</b>
	Pressure Cooker 121°C, 100% RH, 2atm JEDEC22-A102	264 hours	<b>PASS</b>
	Liquid to liquid Thermal Shocks*	500 cylces	<b>PASS</b>
	Temperature Humidity BIAS 85°C/85% RH JESD22-A101	2000 cylces	<b>PASS</b>
	Assembly Die Pull*	Pass with both acceptable failure mode and strength	

\*Testing done by Motorola





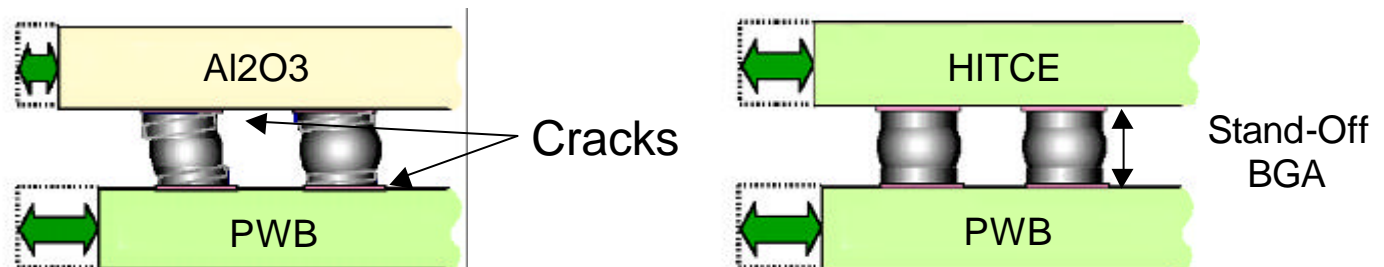
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→ 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Reliability

### Reliability level 2

- ✓ Stand-Off BGA ~ Stress Buffer
- ✓ TCE Matching (10~12ppm/°C / Range: -40°C up to 400°C)
- ✓ With or Without Metallization
- ✓ Young's Modulus of Elasticity

		CERAMIC		ORGANIC
MECHANICAL	Unit	AL2O3	HiTCE	FR4
Flexural Strength	MPa	400	175	430
Young's Modulus of Elasticity	GPa	310	75	-
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion	ppm/°C	7.0	10~12	12~18



The CTE of the HiTCE package fits with the optimum range

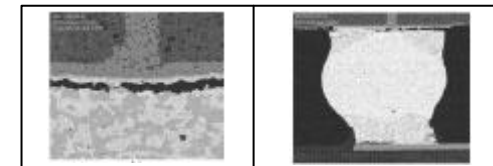
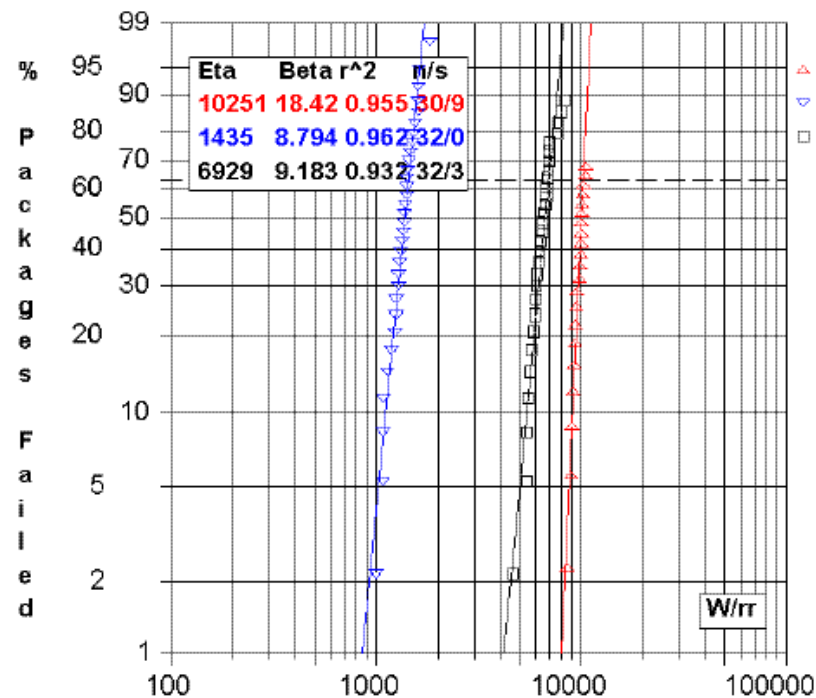


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→ 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Reliability

### Testing Results ~ 0°C/100°C Range

- ✓ HITCE is 7.1x greater than standard ceramic
- ✓ HITCE is 1.5X greater than FC PBGA



Number of 0 to 100C Board-Level Cycles

- △ HighCTE CBGA-90/10 Sphere
- ▽ HTCC CBGA-90/10 Sphere
- FC PBGA-63/37 Sphere

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0°C/100°C BOARD RELIABILITY TESTING

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→ Lead-Free Solution

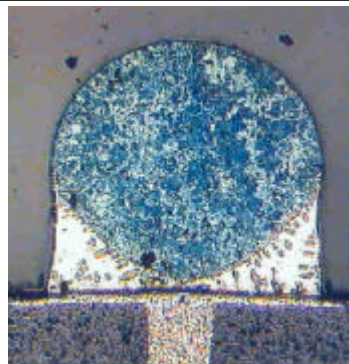
### RoHS Directive: Restriction of Hazardous Substances

- ✓ RoHS Annexe 4 - Exemptions
- ✓ Lead in high melting temperature type solders (i.e. tin-lead solder alloys containing more than 85% lead)

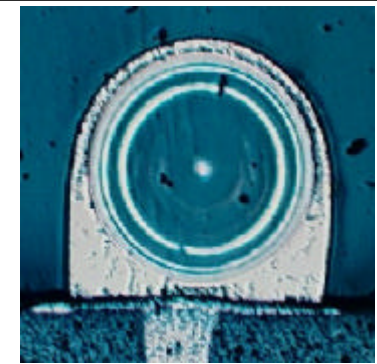
### Polymer Core Balls qualification in progress

- ✓ Second Level Reliability Qualification: TC – 40°C / +125°C
- ✓ Polymer balls / SnAgCu Balls / LGA

High Lead balls  
90/10 Pb/Sn  
Conventional CBGA  
Eutectic Solder



Polymer Balls  
Polymer Core  
SnAg / Cu plating  
Conventional CBGA  
SAC Solder




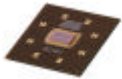

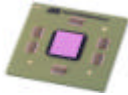


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### Existing Packaging Technologies

↪ Some Reliability Limitations when used in Military/Avionics Environments

### Hi-TCE Ceramic Technology Performance Comparison

	PACKAGE TYPE			
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Ceramic BGA	Flip chip Plastic BGA	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> w/ Columns	Hi-TCE Ceramic BGA
				
Electrical Performances	😊	😊	😊	😊
Component Reliability	😊	😞	😊	😊
Board Level Reliability	😞	😞	😞	😞
Typical number of thermal cycles -40,+125°C	250	1000	1000	1000
Board Assembly Process	😊	😊	😞	😊

↪ **Hi-TCE Technology is targeted for Next Grenoble Generation Devices**

↪ Ongoing Product Development: Power PC8540 & PC8560 microprocessors

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