

Passive component trends

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Passive components definition



No power and no command













At ESA: add crystal, oscillator and relays







Another definition: passive are not mission enabling

- Main function is support
- Development not driven by mission needs
 - Most of the time we take what is available

Consequences 1



Support means:

Passive cover a wide range of function for numerous applications and conditions

Then

Difficult to propose a standardisation, in contrary we need to propose the widest range possible

We have to propose/qualify the adequate component at the good time for our projects but nobody will tell you what he really needs.

Consequences 2



- 1. Passive represent 70 to 90% of EEE parts used
 - a. High % of the mass and volume
 - b. Increase possibility of failure

We need to

- a. Reduce the number of part
- b. Have high reliability part

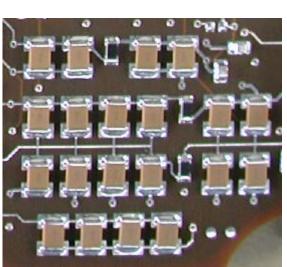
Compromise between performances (lead by commercial product) and high reliability (lead by military/automotive/drilling/medical)

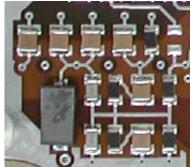
- 2. Passives are sometimes single point of failure:
 - high reliability
 - Adequate procurement
 - Proper use



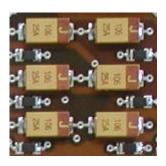
Example of bank of capacitor

- a. Different type of capacitor
- b. Different number





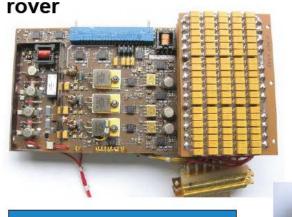




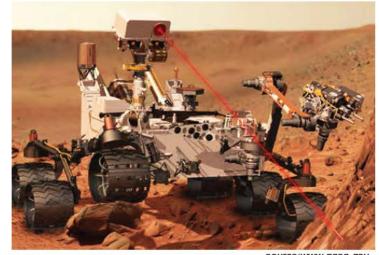


AVX tantalum powers Curiosity's ChemCam Laser on Mars

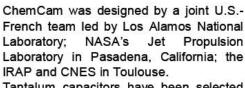
630 units of AVX TBM tantalum capacitors power the laser of ChemCam module on curiosity Mars



low ESR multi-anode tantalum capacitors manufactured Lanskroun, Czech Republic and up-screened to SRC9000 space level reliability at the AVX Biddeford facility in Maine, USA



source:www.nasa.gov



Tantalum capacitors have been selected and designed by co-operation between IRAP and AVX Lanskroun, Czech Republic

ChemCam board pictures - courtesy of IRAP Institut de Recherche en Astronomie et Planétologie, France



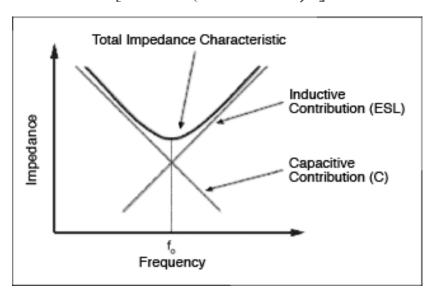


Why: decoupling

Need to provide current without drop of voltage

$$V = ZI$$

$$Z = [ESR^2 + (1/\omega C - \omega L)^2]^{1/2}$$

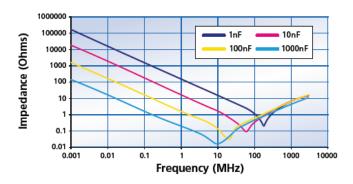




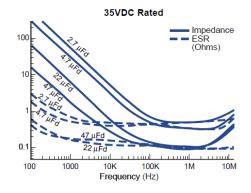
We need Z as small as possible

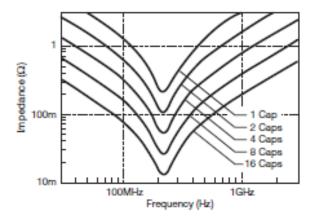
a. Low ESR: techno dependant

Stable X7R dielectric



- b. Bank of capacitor:
 - Increase C
 - Reduce ESR

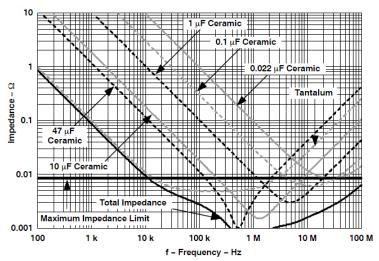






1. Selection

- a. Frequency: tantalum, ceramic, film
- b. High capacitance value and low ESR
- c. Size and mass



Application Report SLTA055–FEBRUARY 2006 Texas Instrument

2. Development

a. Increase capacitance value/volume



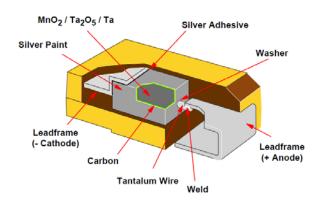
b. Decrease ESR

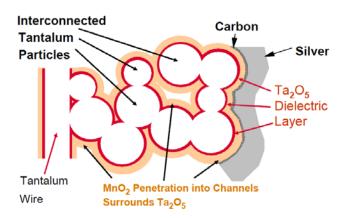


Capacitors 5 years ago (ESCC qualified range)

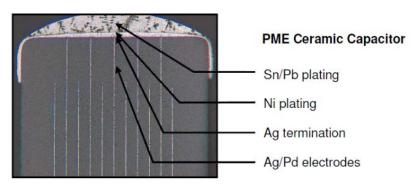


1. Tantalum: TAJ high ESR, high C





2. Ceramic: type I and II (50 and 100V), low ESR and relatively low C



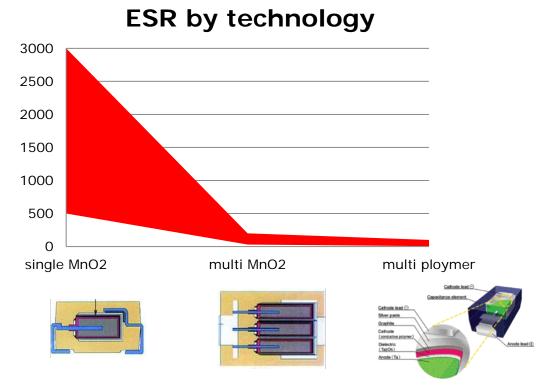
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Today and tomorrow



Tantalum: improvement regarding ESR

- a. Multi anode
- b. Polymer



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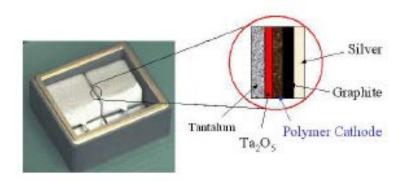


Last development: AVX TCH series

1. Multi anode: low ESR

2. Polymer: no more explosion

3. Hermetic: no sensitivity to humidity



TCH SERIES



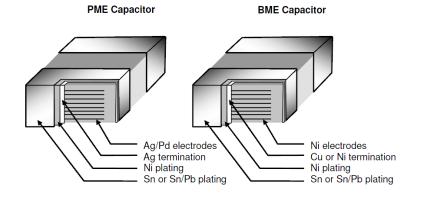
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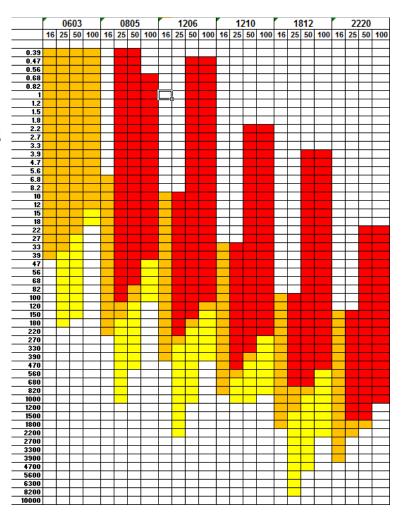


Ceramic: increase capacitance value

- a. Lower voltage
 - Lower dielectric thickness
 - Increase number of layer

b. BME



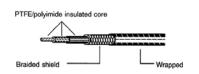


Ex. 2: Interconnection Components



Interconnection Components:

- **Connectors** (ESCC 3401, 3402)
- Wires & Cables (ESCC 3901, ESCC 3902)
- Cable assemblies (ESCC xxxx)





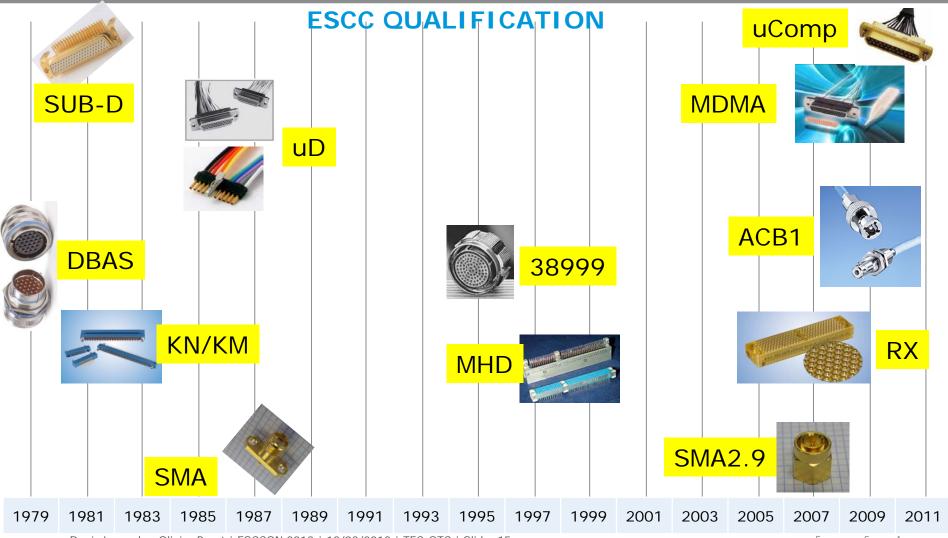




- Single point of failure, Specific requirements (outgassing, plating, etc.)
- Not only EEE functions but also mechanical/integration constraints
- Numerous parts in the ESCC QPL
 - ✓ 12 qualified Manufacturers, 47 certificates, >80 ESCC specifications
- Important parts of EEE components of spacecraft :
 - ✓ For large telecom satellite 60.000 connections, 20km of wires
 - √ 30% parts procured for ATV

Ex. 2: Status for Connectors





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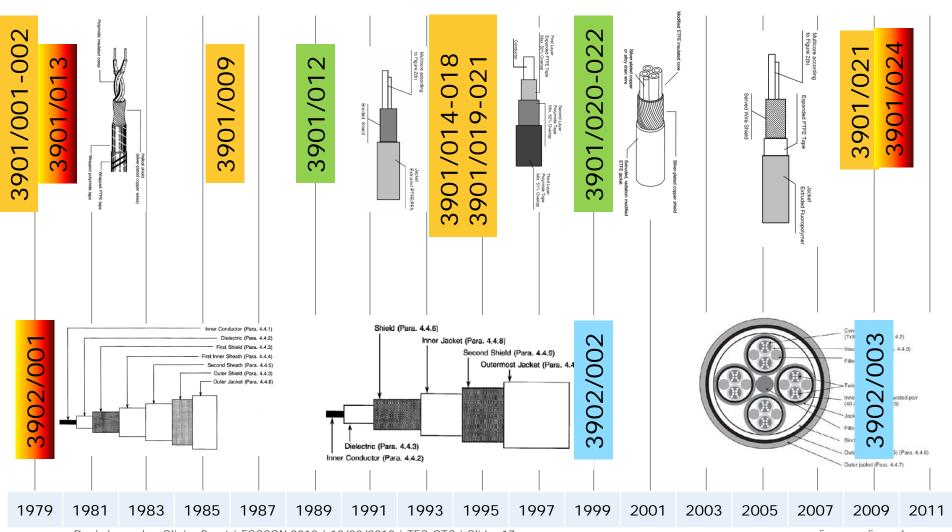


- > Parts qualified in the 80's are based on old design (50')
- Mainly single source except for D-SUB connectors
- ESCC QPL covers current needs : DSUB, DBAS, 38999, MDM, KN/KM, MHD, SMA +
- New products qualified as of 2007 :
 - ✓ Improvement of performances : SMA -> SMA2.9
 - ✓ Miniaturization : DMA -> MDMA, RX/IHD
 - ✓ Assembly and integration (removable contacts uComp, MDMA)
 - ✓ New need (ACB1 for 1553 bus)

Nota: Qualification of products designed for space application (RX/IHD, MDMA)

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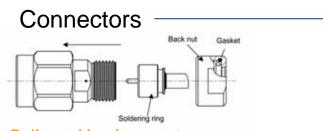


- For Low Frequency, several sources for similar wires and cables
- Qualifications as per need based on Polyimide and PTFE, Ag plated Cu
- ❖ Temperature range up to 200C => limitation in Current (A) => harness weight
- More complex cables being developed/qualified (space wire, space fiber)
- RF cables not ESCC qualified due to lack of European Source (Semi-rigid) or because CA solution are preferred

Ex. 2: Status for Cable Assemblies



A cable assembly is composed by the assembly of single elements, two connectors and one or two cables to realize complex electrical functions with given performances which can only be validated through the cable assembly.



Delivered in piece parts. Lack of testing or performed only by

sampling

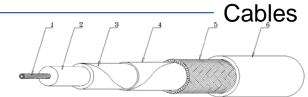
No validation of electrical requirements

Cable assembly



Common Functional spec/tests.:
Frequency range, Attenuation, VSWR, IL, IR, DWV, weight dimension, ...

Validation of electrical requirements



Only basic properties can be validated: Coating test, Conductor resistance, Bending, cold bend test, Resistance to fluid, radiation, Spark test, AB

No validation of complex electrical function or requirements

Cable assembly shall be considered as component but cable assembly screening/eval/qualif/lat shall cover particular testing of connector and cables

<u>Current ESCC specifications or ECSS standards do not allow to do so</u> **No CA ESCC qualified**

Ex. 2: Status for Cable Assemblies



RFCA

ESCC 3902/xxx : QFX, Flexible, semi-rigid

ESCC 3402/001, 002, 003 : SMA ESCC 3402/021, 22, 23 : SMA2.9 ECSS Q-ST-70-18C : assembly

=> Needs for High Power



High Voltage CA

No ESCC spec, No ECSS spec Draft under preparation => No European Alternative

Space Wire CA

ESCC 3902/003 : SpW

ESCC 3401/077, Solder MDM (NQ)

ECSS Q-ST-50-12C : design but not process

ECSS Q-ST-70-26C : crimping ECSS Q-ST-70-08C : soldering

=> Mass saving, flexibility

High Data Rate CA

ESCC 3902/0xx : QFX, Flexible, ESCC 3401/0xx : MDSA HR

ECSS Q-ST-70-26C : crimping

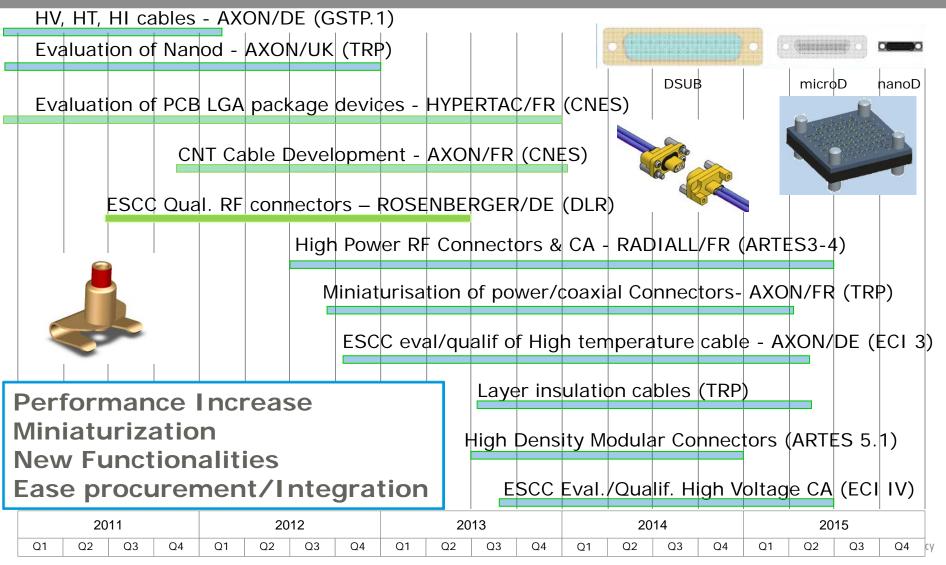
=> New needs (10Gb/s)



- For these examples, it is not possible to qualify cables or connectors without testing the assembly.
- Manufacturer know-how is key point to achieve high level performance customer requirements

Ex. 2 : On going and Planed Activities





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Trends In Passive EEE parts



- Large Domain: technologies, needs, constraints and applications
- From small monolithic components (resistors, capacitors) to more complex non-monolithic components (relays, XO oscillators, Cable assemblies)
- For capacitors, resistors, magnetics selection of most relevant technologies for ESCC qualification highest performances available (automotive, military, etc.)
- More complex passives parts (CA, relays, oscillators, RF isolators) are more often blocking points (size, performances, etc.) and need specific developments.
- ❖ For some others (temperature sensors, fuses), commercial technologies can be adapted to meet space requirements and to guarantee availability.

Trends In Passive



Passive Components Technology Board (PCTB) has defined a roadmap and more than 50 activities, with priorities based on needs and urgency

Developments/Evaluation/Qualification Activities are on going or foreseen to

- ☐ Achieve higher performances (V, I, T, RF),
- Miniaturize (mass/size saving),
- Ease AIT activities,
- Guarantee European Independence
- Improve procurement (cost saving, delivery time)

Trends In Passive



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Type	ACTIVITIES
Capacitors	11
Connectors	11
Multi	6
Relays	5
Wires & Cables	4
Oscillators/quartz	4
Magnetics	3
Heaters	3
Temperature sensors	2
Fuses	2
Piezzo components	1
Cable assemblies	1
Resistors	1

Objectives	Activities
Miniaturisation	25
Performances	24
Procurement ease	21
Disruptive technologies	20
Use improvement	11
Independence	10

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