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System Impact of Reliability: Abstract

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Reliability is important in today's systems, because it can be the most difficult parameter to specify and quantify, either through analysis or testing. Basic reliability data and models are often not provided by electronics manufacturers especially at advanced technology nodes. Reliability becomes particularly important when a mission has a constrained schedule or budget, because there may not be resources or opportunity to recover from a problem. This presentation will explain reliability and related metrics, and how to flow down a reliability requirement from a top-level system to sub-systems. This presentation will explain how reliability information is rolled up from components and subsystems to larger systems. Some specific topics that contribute to reliability will be mentioned, and general reliability analyses, such as a Failure Modes and Effects Analysis, will be described. Electronics reliability will be the focus. All topics will emphasize practical techniques.

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Daniel J. Weidman, Ph.D.: present

- Daniel J. Weidman is a Mission Assurance Engineer at MIT Lincoln Laboratory working on reliability engineering testing and analysis for the Laboratory's most complex space projects. He supports all aspects of mission assurance, including safety, reliability, systems engineering, quality, and project management, throughout the life cycle of each project. Specifically, this includes applying systems engineering and reliability engineering techniques and analyses such as failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA or FMECA, similar to the description in MIL-STD-1629A Procedures for Performing a Failure Mode, Effects, and Criticality Analysis), and reliability prediction as described in MIL-HDBK-217F Reliability Prediction of Electronic Equipment. He presently is working on the largest "Level 1" program at MIT Lincoln Lab. In addition to these efforts specific to this program, he also helps improve those processes that are common to Lab programs. This position is part of the Safety and Mission Assurance Office, which reports to the Lincoln Laboratory Director.
- Dr. Weidman is an IEEE Senior Member and was Chair of the IEEE Boston Reliability Chapter Boston, which is a joint chapter with Providence, RI and New Hampshire. He was elected Chair for three years, 2012 through 2014. The Boston chapter has been ranked one of the top three IEEE Reliability Chapters in the world, according to the IEEE Reliability Society for the last several years.

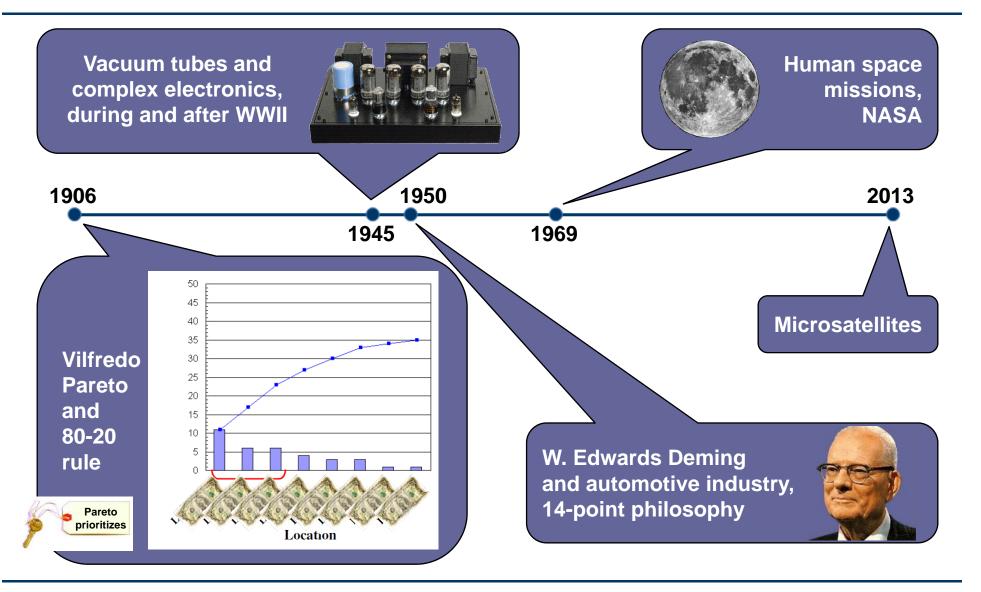


Daniel J. Weidman, Ph.D.: past

- Dr. Weidman started working as a Reliability Engineer 11 years ago in the semiconductor industry, where he led a project that that reduced the cost of the physical vapor deposition machine by \$22,000 and reduced cost of ownership by \$29,000/year, while increasing the average availability from less than 85% to more than 90%.
- Before that, he worked at two start-ups, testified as an expert witness in a federal lawsuit, won an SBIR (Small Business Innovative Research) grant from the NIH (National Institutes of Health), and conducted research at two Navy laboratories. He holds an S.B. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park.
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Evolution of System Reliability





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- MIT LL is an FFRDC (Federally Funded R&D Center)
- Applies advanced technology to problems of national security
- R&D activities focus on long-term technology development as well as rapid system prototyping and demonstration
 - These efforts are aligned within key mission areas
 - Works with industry to transition new concepts and technology for system development and deployment



Today's Missions Require Reliability



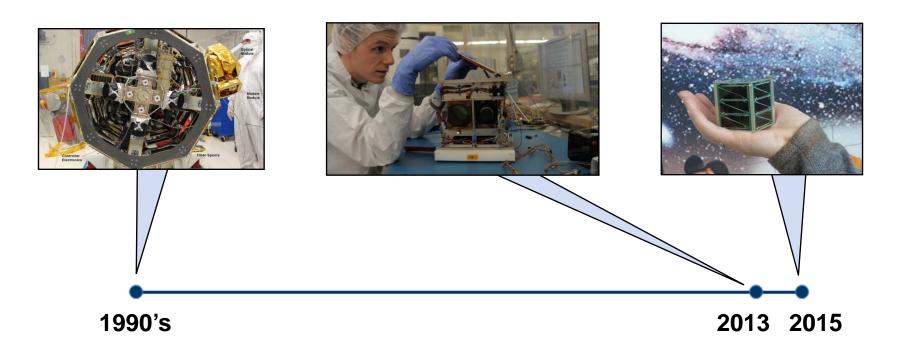
- State-of-the-Art Performance
 - Unproven
 - Paradigm shifting
- Complex systems
- Leading-edge Technology
- Different requirements
 - SpaceIndustrial
 - MilitaryCommercial
 - Ground Stations





Size, Weight, and Power Reductions

- Reduction in satellite size: microsats <200 lb., nanosat <20 lb.
- SWaP (Size, Weight, and Power) are being reduced, impacting various reliability mitigations, such as cooling by heat-sinking





Impacts to Reliability

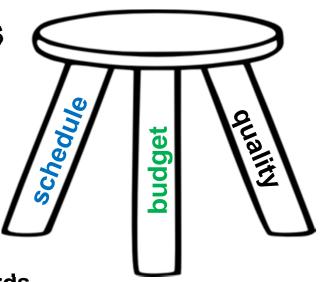
Schedule pressure—cannot slip, use COTS

Budget pressure—cannot overtest, COTS

Quality—needs to work as intended, COTS

SWaP (Size, Weight, and Power)

- Mitigate COTS (Commercial Off-The-Shelf) components risk by
 - screening and qualification to higher standards
 - design system to be "gentler" on components, such as temperature control to minimize excursions
- Reliability is a uniquely difficult performance parameter to test
 - Time dependent
 - May be more time consuming to measure than any other testing, such as functional, vibration, and even thermal, even with Highly Accelerated Life Testing and Stress Screening (HALT, HASS)





Outline



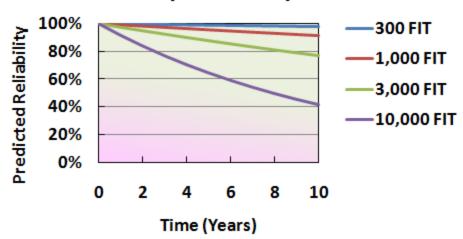
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System Reliability in General

- Program has a 5-year life requirement
 - 10-year design goal
- $R(t) = R_0 e^{-\lambda t} \Leftrightarrow \text{constant}, \text{ random failure rate}, \lambda \text{ is FIT rate}$
 - Rate of Failures In Time, or "FIT rate," or "FIT"
 - For reliable, individual components
 - · per billion hours
 - ~0.1x10⁻⁹ or ~0.01x10⁻⁹
 - For entire system
 - E.g., might want ~1000 FIT or less, if possible
 - E.g., might require ~3000 FIT, at most
 - Sometimes expressed as "per million hours"

Reliability vs. Time by FIT Rate



- MTBF (or MTTF) = 1 / λ , assuming constant λ (e.g., electronics, not bathtub curve with infant mortality or wearout)



Quantitative Definitions of Reliability

- Reliability in the narrow sense
 - Specified at a certain time, e.g., x% at 6 months and slightly less at 12 months, or at 5 years
 - Typically exponential dependence with time, as on previous slide
 - Either MTBF (Mean Time Between Failures) or MTTF (Mean Time to Failure) applies, depending on whether the system is repairable
- Availability
 - Simply fraction of uptime out of all time
 - As in MIL-HDBK-338B and OPNAV Instruction 3000.12A (consistent with SEMI E10), which are comprehensive reliability references
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 - E.g., N units in a group, & M triplets of 8; or x% of pixels of an image
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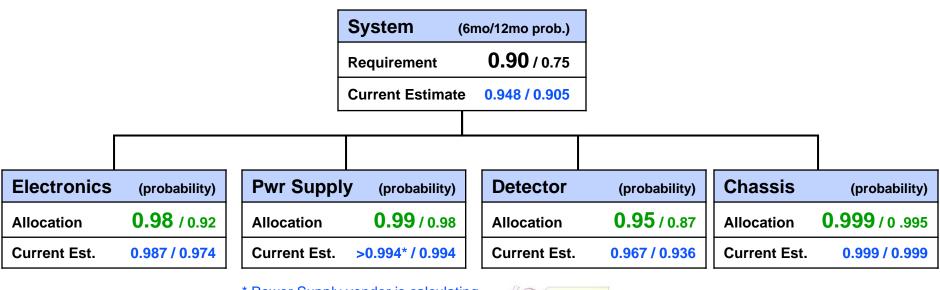






Allocation of Reliability

- Flowdown of reliability requirements
 - Allocation of reliability across subsystems
 - Example "tree" is shown



^{*} Power Supply vendor is calculating only a 12-month reliability



Reliability analysis completed per MIL-HDBK-217F



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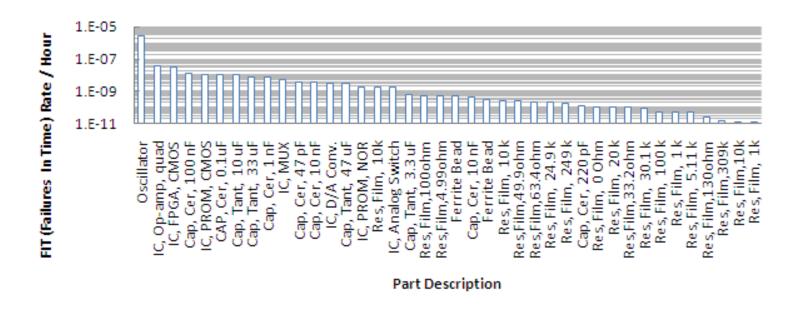
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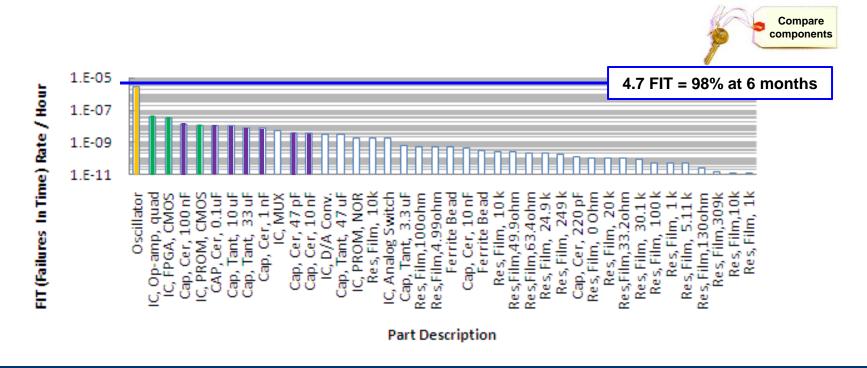


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- High FIT: ICs, incl. FPGA, and capacitors in large quantities



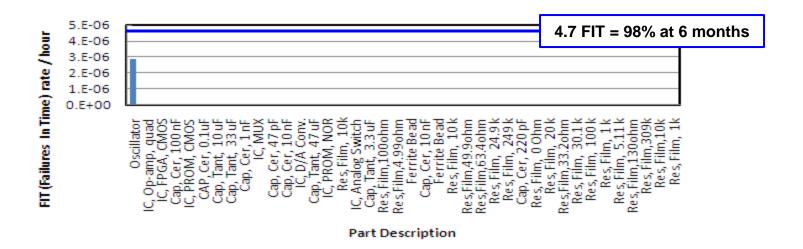


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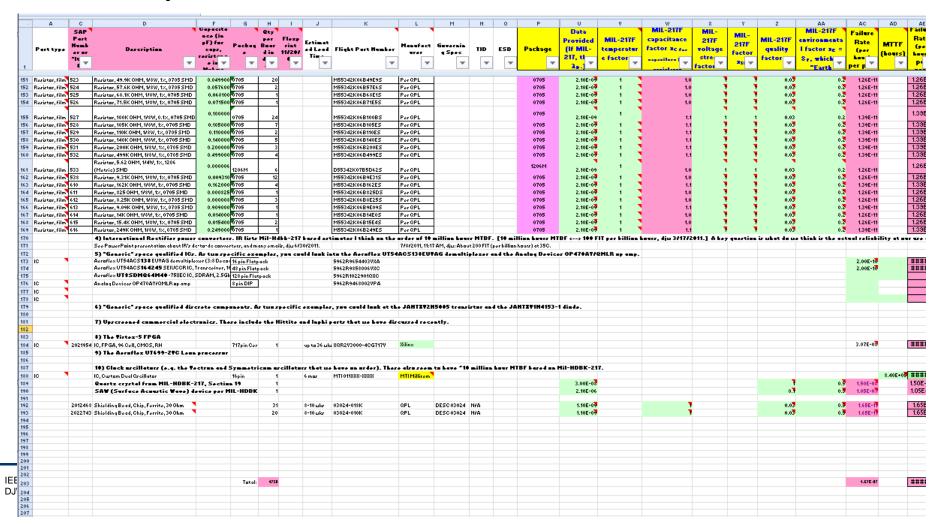


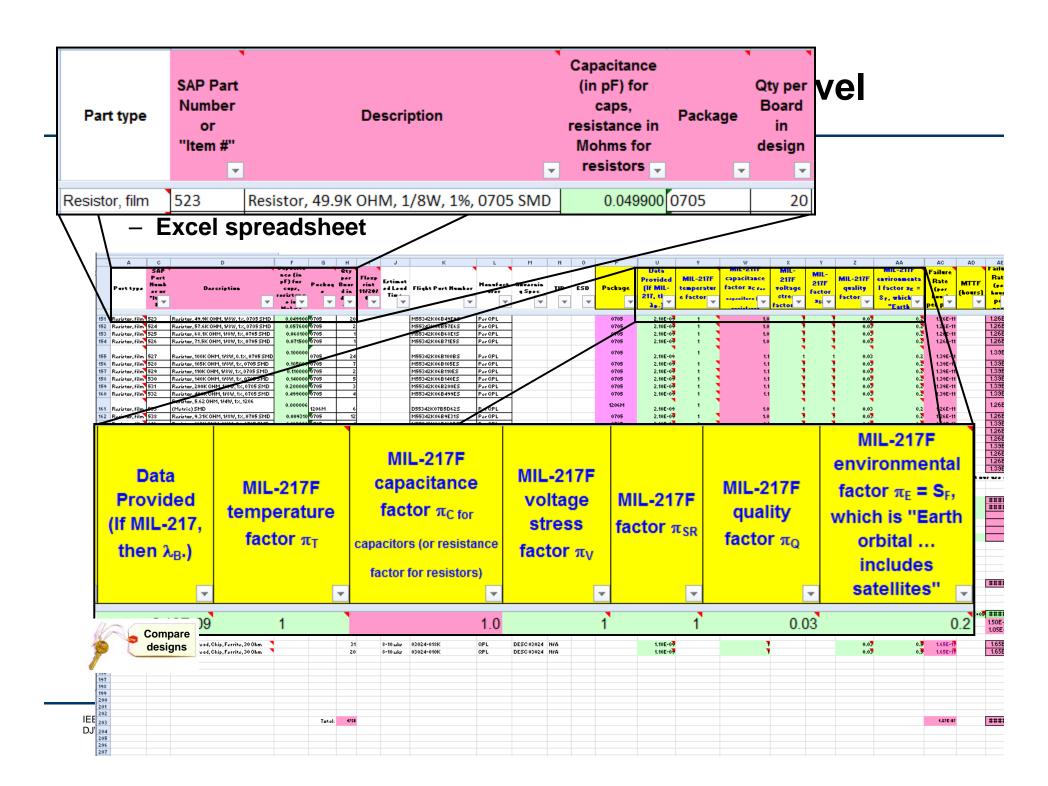
- $R(t) = R_0 e^{-\lambda t} \Rightarrow 0.98 = 1.00 e^{-(4.7(10-6))(6)}$ months x 4320 hours/month)
- FIT rates add, so linear scale is more relevant than a log scale
- Oscillator dominates
 - 2.9 FIT rate per million hours
 - From MIL-HDBK-217F of similar oscillator





- Electrical analysis such as MIL-HDBK-217F, including
 - Excel spreadsheet







Reliability Testing of Components

- Radiation analyses and part selections are done to a required lifetime (e.g., 5 years), with margin (e.g., 2x or 3x)
- Life testing of moving components
 - Rotary actuators (outside vendor)
 - Flexprint (Kapton polyimide)
 - Piezoelectric actuators life tested
- Tight focus on one component by large cross-functional team
- Electronics testing, such as by vendors on their components or third-party lot qualification and screening, as well as standard practice
 - Example: MIL-PRF-123 testing of capacitors rated at <100V used at <10V



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Pro-Active Reliability Analyses

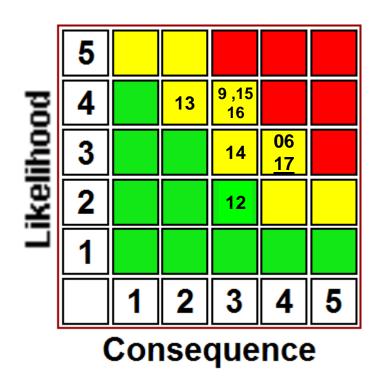
- More general and comprehensive analyses—that are pro-active
 - FMEA or SFP like MIL-STD-1629A—time and people are required!

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	ID#	Date of Failure Identification	Include in Single Failure Point list?	Risk Title	Potential Failure Mode & Causes	Initial Likelihood	Potential Local Effects / Consequence	Next Higher Level Effects / Issue Type	End effects	Initial Consequence	Initial Risk color	Recommended Failure Mitigatic Changes
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	F3	6/1/2012	yes	I⊬ina terminai	If the nickel-plated ring terminal is bent and the plating flakes,	5	then we will expose copper and have nickel FOD,	and we may have a short circuit causing system failure.	performance	4	9.2	Email that I sent on 5/30/2012 includes c that the tin-plated terminal will be bent ar plated, not the nickel-plated terminal.
	F5	6/1 <i>/</i> 2012	yes		If the RT√ is not thoroughly mixed properly,	4	then there may not be a full cure and the RTV may be too low viscosity to cure in the correct geometry,	and the RTV may form beyond edges.	performance	2	6.0	6/1/2012: emails entitled "SSG bonding" this question, but SSG now states that e fine. In an internal meeting this morning, telecon to SSG on another topic, I said the should ask what changes they we made to such sudden confidence, and I mentioned email to be sent at the end of the day too
	F6	6/1/2012	yes	on connectrs (Tx	If there is too much gold on the connectors of the Tx Clock Board and the Rx Reference Board,	3	then the solder joints will be brittle,	and the connection may open during vibration.	performance	3	5.9	Two emails on 5/25/2012 indicate that th a small enough amount of gold not to be but a follow-up email to be sent by me or indicates that we have not yet closed this completely.
ilit	F7	6/1/2012	yes	l I hin walle	If the walls of the chassis are too thin,	3	then they may be affected by vibration,	and structural integrity may be compromised.	performance	3	5.9	This is my notes from a 5/15/2012 meetii this program were made thicker than on a program.



Plot for FMEA or SPF Results

- FMEA (Failure Modes and Effects Analysis), or SFP (Single Failure Point) Analysis, or Risk management in accordance with MIL-STD-1629A
 - Process identifies & balances these aspects:
 - Cost / budget
 - Schedule
 - Technical, Performance, Quality

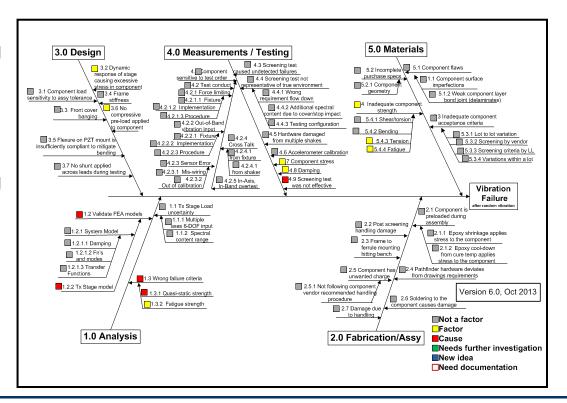






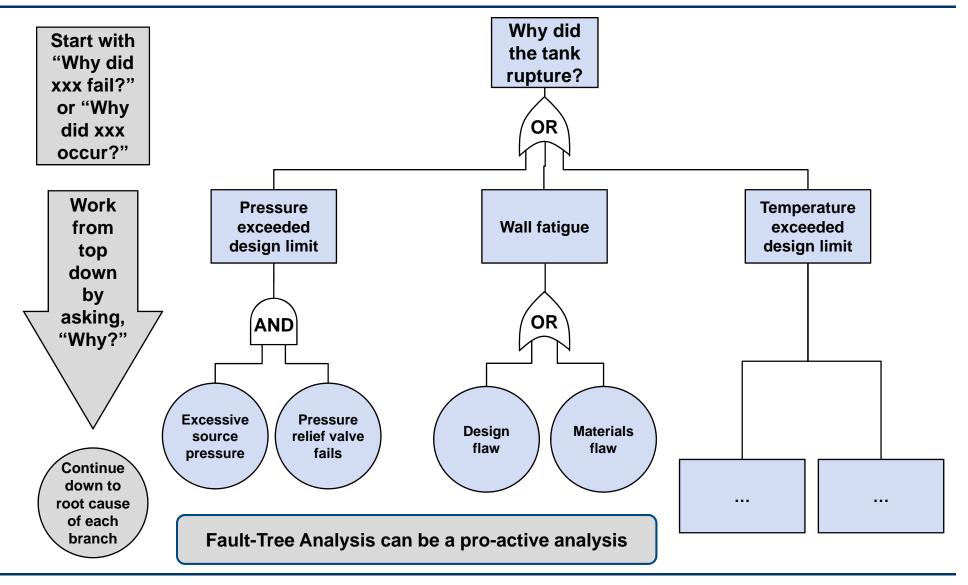
Ishikawa Diagram (Fishbone)

- Ishikawa diagram / Fishbone / Cause-and-Effect diagram
 - 6 M's for manufacturing
 - Methods (policies, procedures, rules, laws)
 - Mother Nature (Environment)
 - Manpower (People)
 - Measurements & Testing
 - Machines (Fab & Assy)
 - Materials
 - Alternative
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 - Analysis
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Fault-Tree Analysis example





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Best Practices Contribute to Reliability Design and Fabrication

- Design to NASA EEE-INST-002, including deratings therein
- Parts are space-rated to NASA EEE-INST-002 "Grade 1"
 - Purchased as such, or upscreened to space standards
 - Lot qualifications include Group C life testing
- Printed-circuit boards
 - Fabricated and assembled to IPC-6012B
 - With solder-paste jet printer (not stencils) for higher precision
 - With state-of-the-art pick-and-place (not by hand)
 - With vapor-phase reflow oven with vacuum (not convection oven)
 - ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) sensitive devices: use proper protocols
 - Soldering done to space standards: IPC J-STD-001ES
 - Workmanship inspected to IPC-A-610E





upscreen





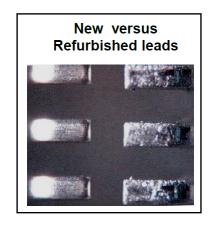
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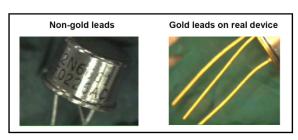
- Check for...
 - Prohibited materials
 - Lead-free components
 - Material on terminations, and mitigate when needed Gold, to avoid embrittlement Pure tin (x-ray fluorescence), to avoid tin whiskers
 - Floating metal, and tie to ground or a voltage rail
 - · Lids on hybrids
 - "NC" leads that are not internally connected
 - Counterfeit components
 - Manufacturers and distributors from Approved Supplier List
 - Visual incoming inspection
 - GIDEP (Government-Industry Data Exchange Program)
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Similarity

- A part can be considered qualified if all of the following:
 - Part is similar to a part for which qualification test data exists
 - Test data satisfy requirements specified for applicable part level
 - Test data available
 - Test data less than 2 years old relative to lot date code of parts
- In order to be considered similar, the part shall be:
 - Made by the same manufacturer on the same manufacturing line, or
 - On a line with only minor differences, and these differences shall be documented and shown to represent no increased reliability risk
- Above is from NASA EEE-INST-002





Heritage

- The part must satisfy all of the following:
 - Used successfully
 - Used in an application identical or more severe than planned
 - Used 2 years minimum total operation in orbit
 - Built by the same manufacturer
 - Built in the same facility
 - Built using the same materials and processes to an equivalent SCD
- User's responsibility to have such evidence documented
- "History" is in NASA EEE-INST-002





Heritage example

- One vendor listed eight missions for flight heritage
 - Two are classified, so we don't know if they have been successful
 - One of them (ICE) has not yet been launched
 - Another to launch 12/12, not '09 [science.nasa.gov/missions/iris/]
 - Juno has been in orbit for less than 2 years
- That leaves only three of eight launched more than 2 years ago
 - MRO (Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter), GeoEye-1, and Worldview-2
 - All three have been successful





System Impacts of Reliability: Summary

- Challenges to reliability
 - State-of-the-art technology
 - Reductions in Size, Weight, and Power further challenge reliability
 - Fast schedules and tight budgets
 - COTS (Commercial Off-The-Shelf) components
 - Uniquely difficult to measure reliability
- Reliability estimates can be allocated from the top-level
- Reliability can be estimated by rolling up component data
- Be wary of similarity and heritage



Improving Reliability: Summary

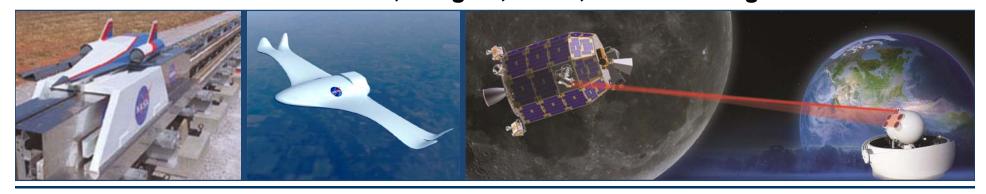


- Various pro-active analyses during design
 - Identify weaknesses and Single Failure Points
 - Improve
 - Consider redundancy
 - Compare reliability of different designs
 - Compare component reliability or Class levels
 - Estimate reliability requirement at subsystem level
- Various reactive analyses during testing and prototyping
- Best practices
 - Lot qualification
 - Screening
 - ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) sensitivity: use proper protocols
 - Counterfeit components: procurement process and inspection



Possible Future of System Reliability

- Positive and negative impacts to reliability may be in the future
 - System reliability relies on component reliability
 - Electronics sensitive to ESD (electrostatic discharge)
 - Counterfeit electronics (Nat. Defense Auth. Act signed 12/31/2011)
 - Redundancy mitigates system reliability shortcomings
 - Multiple missions to reduce risk and cost—each with reduced reliability
 - Redundancy within a system, such as multiple cameras, multiple lasers
 - Computer modeling
 - Testing and spiral techniques for hardware and software
 - Improved MIL-HDBK-217
 - Political factors: NDAA, budgets, RoHS, manufacturing sources





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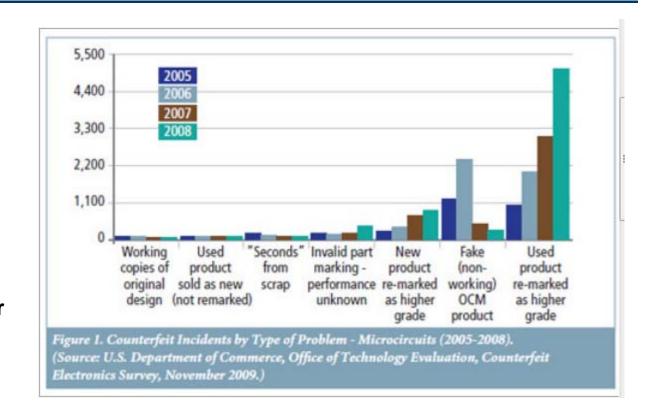


Reference Material



Counterfeit Parts, LWP-5

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 - XRF—e.g.: solder joints from vendor



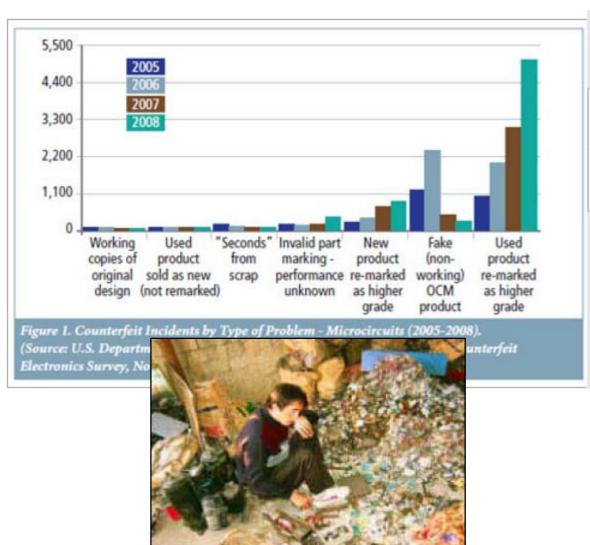




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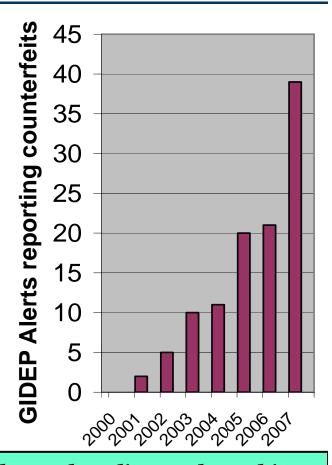






GIDEP Alerts

- Government-Industry Data Exchange Program
 - Many participating organizations
 - FFRDC's like MIT LL
 - Private companies, such as Boeing, BAE
 - Problems reported so others are alerted
- MAE checks parts list against GIDEP alerts
 - Important to know lots/date codes
 - Results within four business days
 - MIT LL has four people with GIDEP access
- GIDEP checks for any out-of-spec issues, e.g.:
 - Not all screens, e.g., skipped bond-pull test
 - Parts may have <3% lead on terminations</p>
 - A/D converter delay > spec at high end of temp range
 - New cement caused resistance < spec on connectors



Counterfeiting accounts for more than 8% of global merchandise trade and is equivalent to lost sales of as much as \$600B and will grow to \$1.2T by 2009

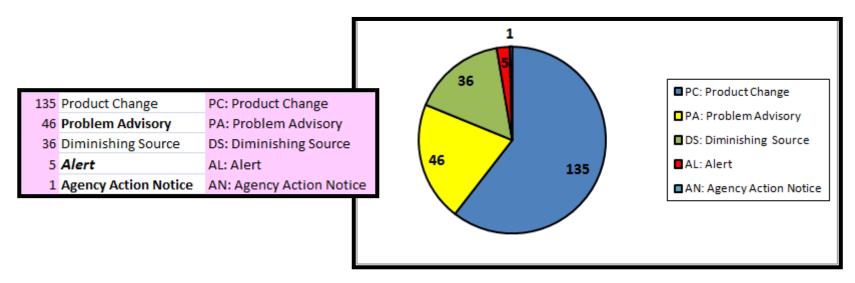


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GIDEP Summary Example

- GIDEP: Government-Industry Data Exchange Program
- Five GIDEP Alerts
- 223 GIDEP Notices of various types: Advisories, etc.
- Individual parts or batched
- One-time check or repeated ("auto batch match" service)







7.1.1 Prohibited Materials: Sample List

- Cadmium (including plating) and compounds, except for alloys <1% Cd by weight
- Pure zinc (including plating) and zinc alloys, except for alloys <1% zinc by weight
- Mercury and compounds
- Nylon
- Copper alloys with tellurium and lead
- Brasses containing lead
- Bronzes containing sulfur, selenium, and lead
- Steels containing sulfur, selenium, and lead
- Stainless steels containing sulfur, selenium, and lead
- Aluminum alloys containing lead and bismuth
- Magnesium or selenium
- Pure tin and tin alloy coatings and finishes containing less than 3% lead by weight
- Organic acid solder fluxes
- Materials that exhibit or are known to exhibit natural radioactivity such as uranium, potassium, radium, thorium, and/or any alloys thereof
- Corrosive sealants and adhesives
- High volatility compounds that are free to migrate onto sensitive surfaces
- Finish materials that evolve particles as a result of handling or oxidation, especially bare silver



Plated metal where intended rotational interface may cause particulates



7.1.8 Limited Life Items: Typical List

- Polymeric materials that have a limited shelf-life will be controlled by a process that identifies the start date (manufacturer's processing, shipment date, or date of receipt, etc.), the storage conditions associated with a specified shelf-life, and expiration date.
- Materials such as O-rings, rubber seals, tape, uncured polymers, lubricated bearings and paints will be included except for those used in rotary actuators.
- The use of materials whose date code has expired requires that MIT LL verifies, by means of appropriate tests, analysis or other means, that the properties of the materials have not been compromised for their intended use.
- LLI items may be defined as an item whose expected life is less than twice that of the mission duration.

