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## Accelerated Stress Testing Electronic Packaging and Interconnects

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## De missie van TNO

TNO verbindt mensen en kennis om innovaties te creëren die de concurrentiekracht van bedrijven en het welzijn van de samenleving duurzaam versterken.

*Van idee naar innovatie:*

Ontwikkelen  
fundamentele  
kennis

Kennis-  
ontwikkeling

Kennis-  
toepassing

Kennis-  
exploitatie

Samen  
met universiteiten



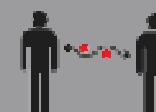
Samen  
met partners



Samen  
met klanten



Verankeren  
in de markt





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## TNO: bij wet opgericht in 1932

### Artikel 4 TNO wet

*De Organisatie heeft ten doel ertoe bij te dragen dat op toepassing gericht technisch- en natuurwetenschappelijk onderzoek en daarmee te verbinden sociaal-wetenschappelijk en ander op toepassing gericht onderzoek op doelmatige wijze dienstbaar wordt gemaakt aan het algemeen belang en de daarbinnen te onderscheiden deelbelangen.*

- TNO helpt bedrijven en overheden met behoefte aan specifieke R&D
- TNO is onafhankelijk van publieke of private belangen



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## Expertisegebieden

- Technical Sciences
- Behavioural and Societal Sciences
- Earth, Environmental and Life Sciences



*TNO Technical Sciences  
in Eindhoven.*

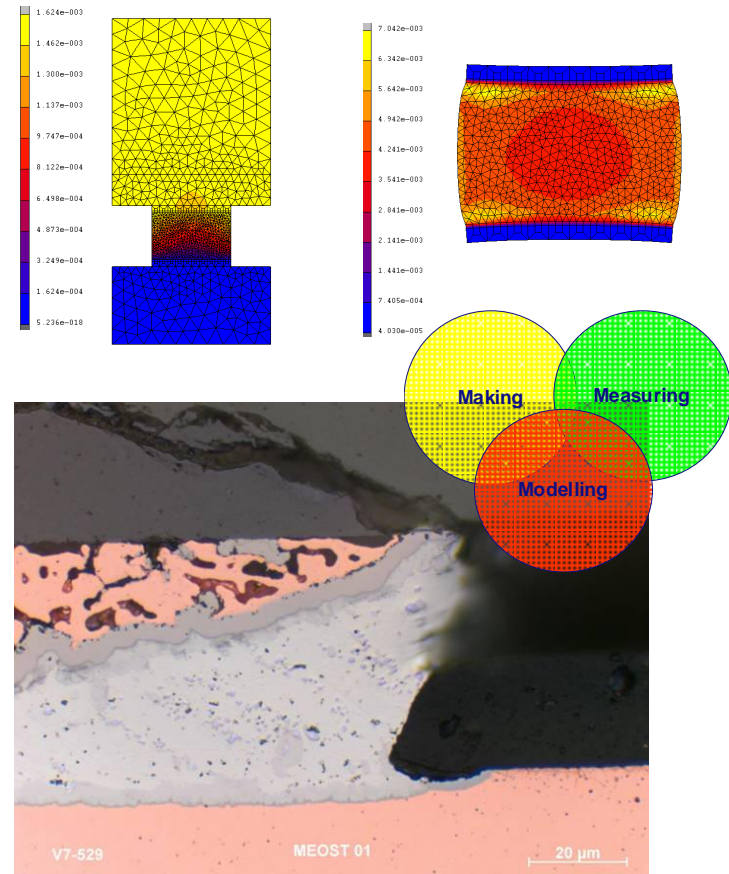
## Thema's:





# Materials for Integrated Products

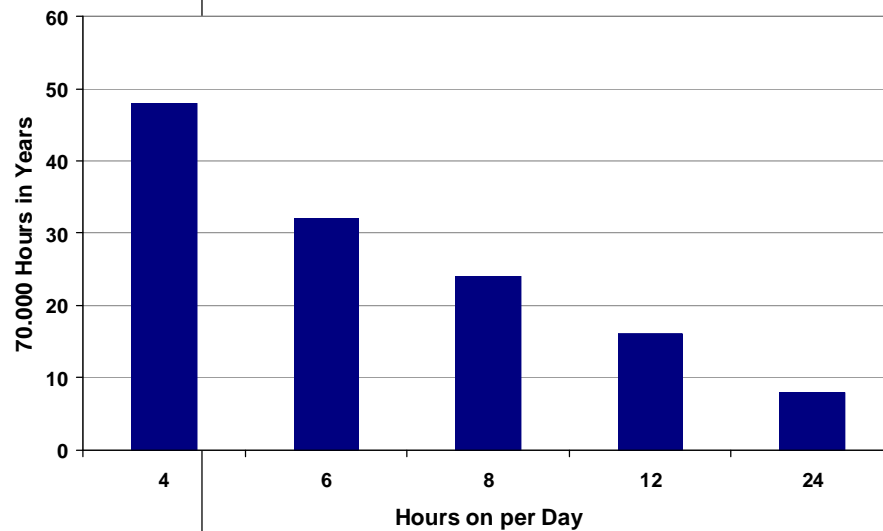
- Structure and Bonding
- Performance Prediction



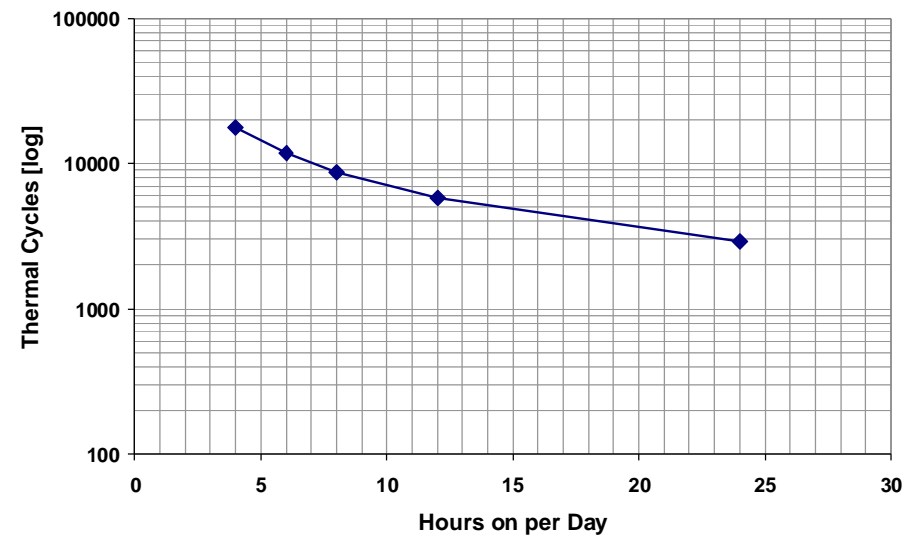


# Challenges 2nd Level Interconnects LEDs

“70.000 Hour LED Lifetime” in Practice



*70.000 Hours in Years.*



*Thermal cycles (on/off only).*



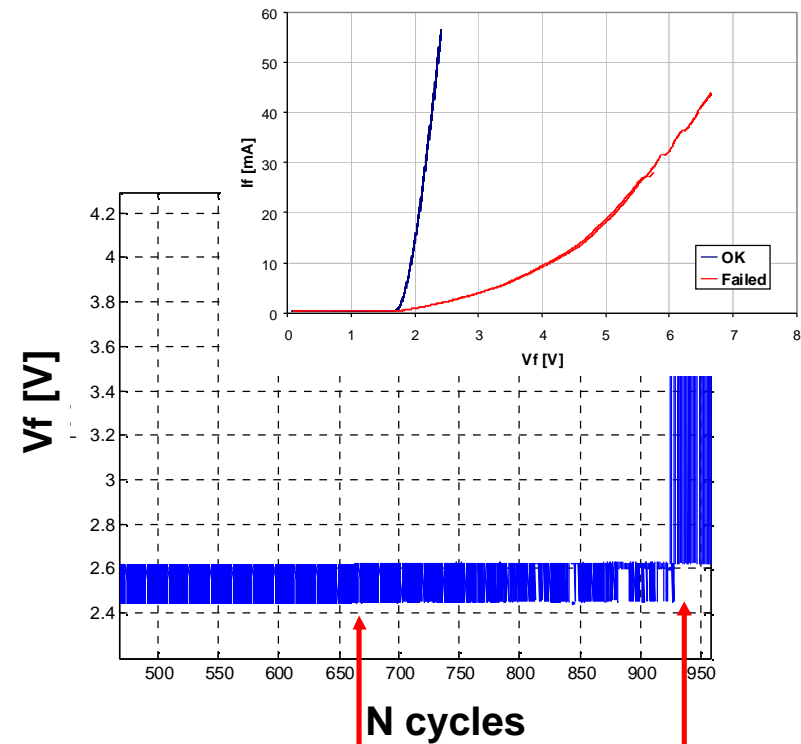
# Accelerated Lifetime Testing LED Interconnects

Forward voltage as in-situ failure indicator for degradation:

- solder joints
- die-attach
- wire bonds
- .....



Crack in 2<sup>nd</sup> level solder joint HB-LED



Begin crack propagation

Open contact





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## Lifetime of Solar Panels

- Lifetime solar panels typically 20 to 30 years
- Panels mainly qualified by industry standard tests (e.g. IEC 61215 and 61646)

*“New approaches needed to design lifetime and reduce TTM”*

**Testing and modelling  
with basis in  
physics of failure**



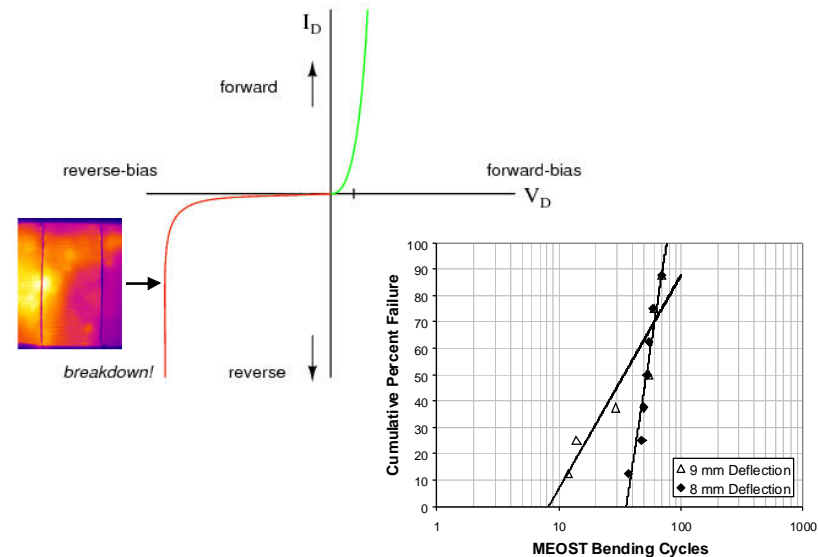
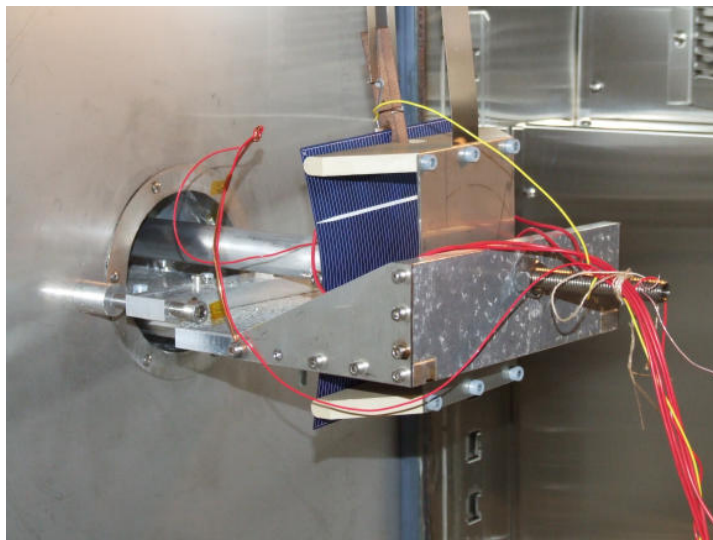
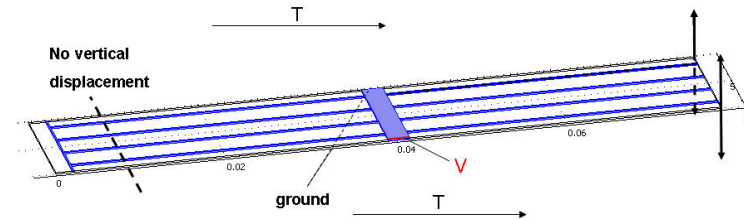


# MEOST & Finite Element Modelling (FEM)

Multi-physics modelling of critical overstress test conditions

	$V_{Destruct}$	$V_{MPOSL}$
<b>3p bending deflection</b>	10.7 mm	9.10 mm
<b>Reverse bias</b>	22 V, 19 A	18.7 V, 16.2 A
<b>Temperature cycling</b>		-70 to +180 °C*

$$V_{MPOSL} = V_{Design} + [(V_{Destruct} - V_{Design}) \times 0.7]$$





## Other Examples Present Reliability Projects

- Remaining lifetime of electronics
- Performance electronics components when using new control circuitry / approach
- Investigation of newly discovered failure mode in High Brightness LED
- Performance of unusual substrate material in LED package
- Development of screening method to detect black pads on PCBs (Printed Circuit Boards)



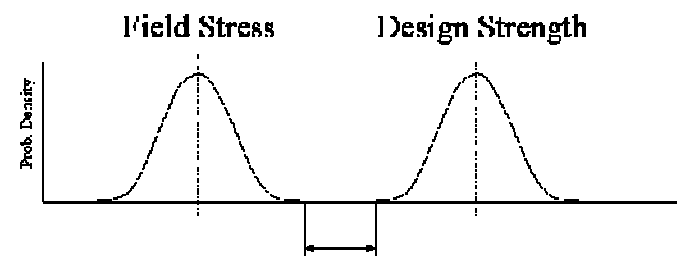
# Accelerated Testing and making Inferences

## Basic approach:

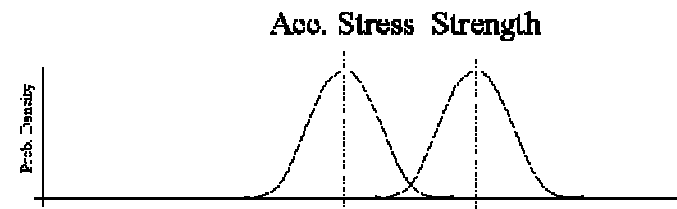
- 1) Identify dominant failure mechanism
- 2) Conduct accelerated tests at different levels
- 3) Estimate probability density function (PDF)
- 4) Model life-stress relations

## *Making Stress Strength Inferences:*

System with  
safety margin



Accelerated  
testing





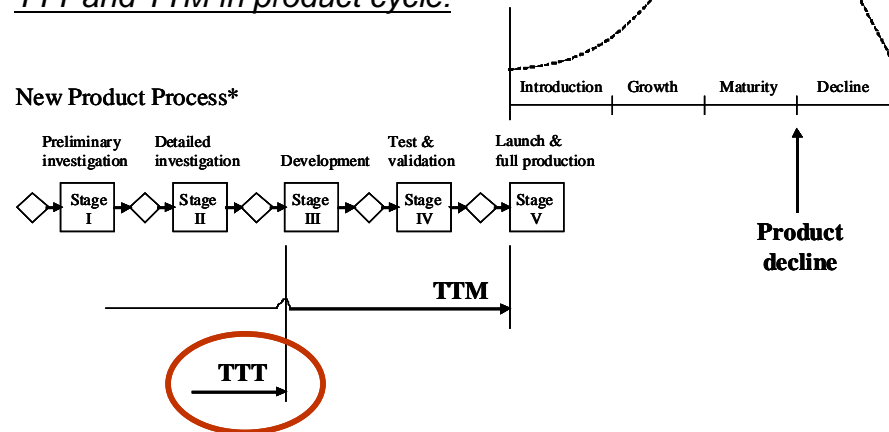
# Reliability Trends

- Electronic products get more complex
- Higher reliability levels (two → single digit ppm levels equipment)
- Reduction lead times product development / validation cycles (TTM)
- Traditional ways of testing can't keep up with technology trends
- Operational conditions moving towards accelerated test levels
- Designed lifetimes

## *Failure levels:*

No. Failure Per Device-Hours	Failure Rate	% Per 1000 Hours	PPM (Hours)	FITS	MTBF (Hour)
$1/1 \times 10^9$	0,000000001	0,0001	0,001	1	$1 \times 10^9$
$1/1 \times 10^8$	0,00000001	0,001	0,01	10	$1 \times 10^8$
$1/1 \times 10^7$	0,00000001	0,01	0,1	100	$1 \times 10^7$
$1/1 \times 10^6$	0,000001	0,1	1	1000	$1 \times 10^6$
1/100,000	0,00001	1	10	10.000	$1 \times 10^5$
1/10,000	0,0001	10	100	100.000	$1 \times 10^4$
1/1,000	0,001	100	1000	1.000.000	$1 \times 10^3$

## *TTT and TTM in product cycle:*





## Possible Strategies to further shorten Accelerated Reliability Tests

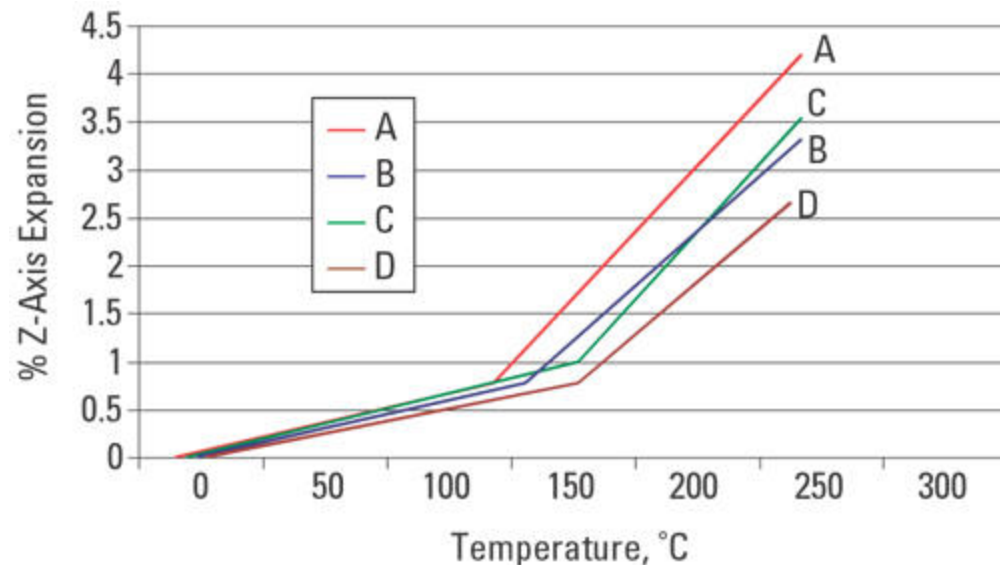
- Increasing stress / frequencies levels till beyond current accelerated test levels
- Combining test loadings (incl. usage rate acceleration)
- Increasing rate of applying loadings
- Intentionally inducing interaction effects between loadings
- Using alternative loadings (to initiate the same failure mechanism)



## Challenges when further Accelerating Tests

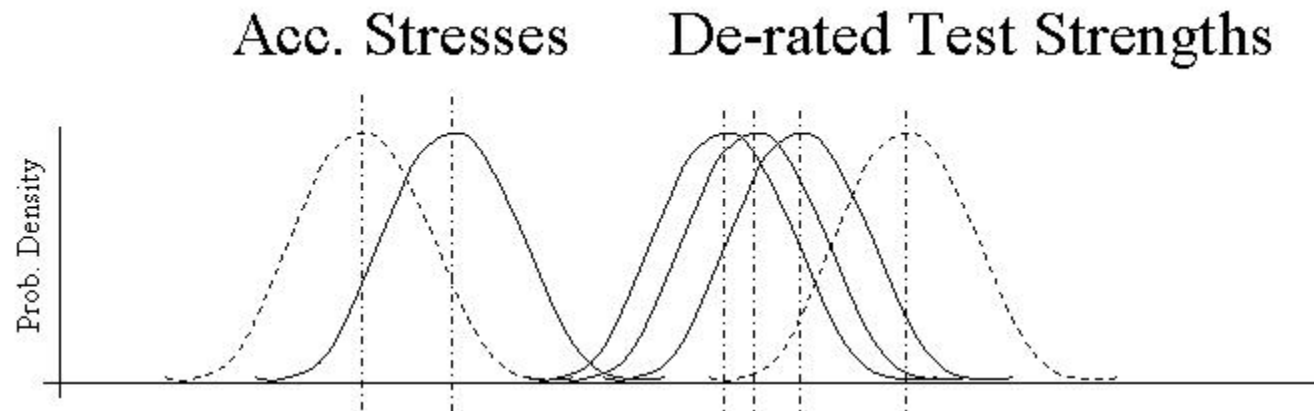
- Maintaining the correlation between failure behaviour during tests and field conditions
- Avoiding complex tests and analysis methods when using multi environment tests

*Example: Z-axis expansion when increasing test temperatures above the T<sub>g</sub> of Printed Circuit Boards*





# Use of De-rated Strength Testing



- Moderate multi environment stresses
- Different sensitivity levels (use of Design of Experience)
- Design optimisation and prediction with modelling techniques



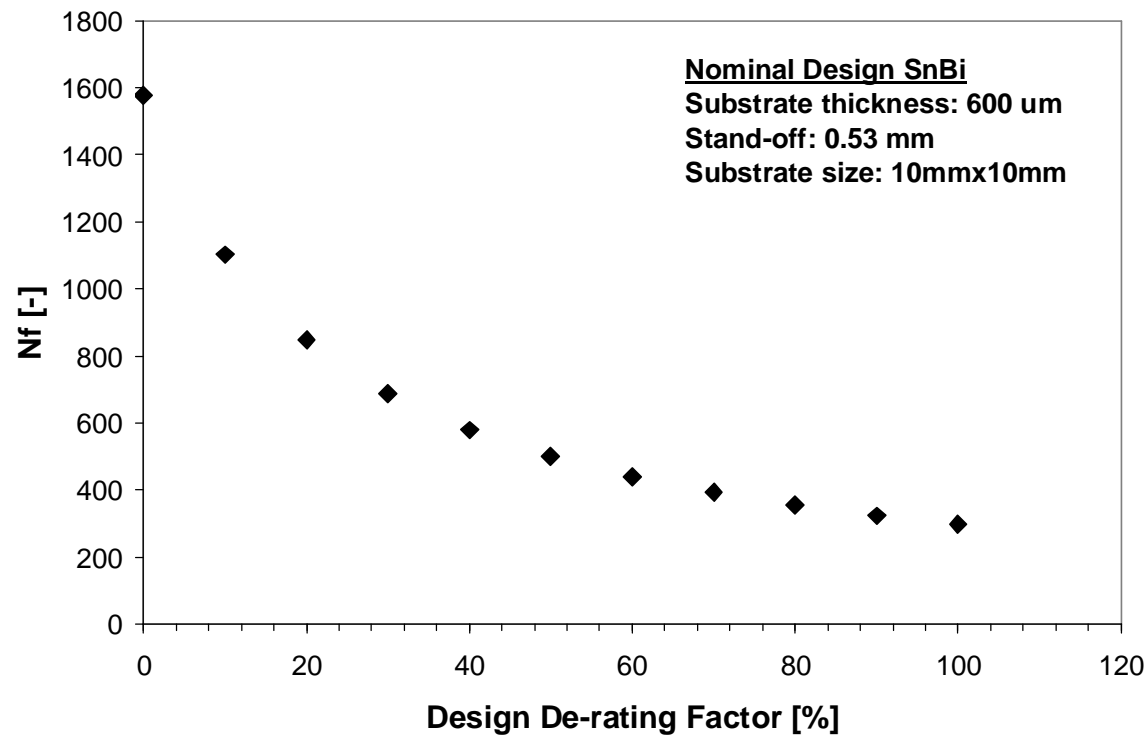






# Designed Test Times: SnBi Example

- Test Cycles to Failure of De-Rated Test Strengths





# Summarising



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