

How do you determine a capacitor's lifetime?

Electrical methods, such as ramping or step-stressing capacitors until failure, provide a much more complete assessment of each individual sample capacitor's lifetime. For example, the extrinsic and intrinsic failure populations are easily discernable in a voltage ramp to failure stress.

How can defect mitigation reduce capacitor returns?

Defect mitigation methods have reduced capacitor returns from customers significantly. Integrated circuit defectivity is becoming a top concern for Reliability Engineers and their customers. Device lifetimes and times to wearout are less important compared to the experience of an early or infant failure in the warranty period.

Why are capacitor defects important?

Defects in circuit elements, such as capacitors, are as important as any other cause of device fallout. Historically, integrated capacitors have been a leading reason for early failure, so this work describes the detection, root cause analysis, and the mitigation of three types of capacitor defects.

What are the classifications of MIM capacitor defects?

Actual Photo images of three classifications of MIM capacitor defects: physical (five diagonal from upper-left to lower-right), chemical (three upper-right), and electrical (three lower-left). 3. Summary of results A defect measurement technique is described.

What causes a MIM capacitor to fail?

Metal "spit" from evaporation deposition of capacitor bottom plate. Left photo shows deposition of the defect and subsequent shadowing. Right photo is Focused Ion Beam (FIB) cross-section of the defect formed within a MIM capacitor. Particle, or physical defects are the one of the most common types of defects reported to cause capacitor failures.

How does changing capacitor design affect defectivity?

The effect of changing capacitor design by examining results on ramp-to-failure probability plots is a good way to show designers the effect of their choices on defectivity. For example, the results of adjusting a layout parameter can have remarkable effect.

Most manufacturers define the end of life limit of these capacitors when their internal resistance (equivalent series resistance (ESR)) doubles or their capacitance (C) reduces by 20%, when compared with the initial values. The proposed on-line fault detection technique is able to estimate the capacitor ESR value during converter operation. For ...

This paper aims to achieve high-precision detection of surface defects in electrolytic capacitors, and an

experimental platform was built to collect defect images of ...

In this work, we address a low-cost test of switched capacitors filters embedded in configurable analog sections. The proposal improves the Transient Analysis Method (TRAM) by incorporating a similarity measure, dynamic time warping. In this way, we extend TRAM to cases that that initially were not compatible and simplify the test of filters of order higher than two. ...

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Various techniques have been proposed in the literature for online ageing monitoring of the DC link capacitors. A comprehensive review of the ageing monitoring approaches of the capacitors in power electronic converters has been presented in [12].

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In order to assess the proposed method, experimental accelerated ageing was carried out in this work. To do so, first, the capacitor was imposed to a periodic electrical stress condition. Then this capacitor was installed in the converter and variation of the ESR is monitored when the converter is under operation. 2.1 State-space model of the ...

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The 4th-steps capacitor bank which is rated 72 Mvar, 230 kV is used to simulate the high transient inrush current and classify the possible cases of switching. The three-phase voltage source ...

To illustrate the proposed method, two systems were studied: a resistor-capacitor electric circuit, and a glassy carbon disk in an electrochemical cell. With these studies, it is demonstrated that when any of the mentioned steps of the procedure are neglected, substantial deviations of the results are observed with misestimations as large as 61% in the ...

Under dynamic conditions, the response time of traditional voltage detection methods is relatively lengthy, leading to overshoots in the DC-link voltage of single-phase power converters, which significantly degrades system performance. This study proposes a rapid voltage transient detection method based on reduced-order generalized integrator (ROGI) aimed at ...

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