

COMPARISON AND EVOLUTION OF GATE OXIDE TBD MODELS

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PHYSICAL CONSTANTS: $k := 8.62 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \text{ev}$ $\text{ev} \equiv 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{joul}$ $q := 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{coul}$

DEVICE DATA: $\text{thick}_{\text{SiO}_2} := 600 \cdot \text{A}$ $X_{\text{eff}} := 79 \cdot \text{A}$ $t_{\text{ox}} := 107 \cdot \text{A}$ $V_{\text{gate}} := 1$

VARIABLES: $Tk := 300..400$ $V := 5..60$ $\Delta X_{\text{ox}} := 1..70$ $V_{\text{ox}} := 11.2 \cdot \text{volt}$

1985, K. Yamabe, "Time dependent dielectric breakdown ... SiO2 films", SC 20, pg. 343:
TBD has a Thickness dependent Field Acceleration Factor, $\beta = d(\log(\text{tbd})/dE_{\text{ox}}$

$$\beta(\text{Tox}) := (4.2 \cdot \log(\text{Tox}) - 6.95) \cdot \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{MV}} \quad \beta(200) = 2.714 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{MV}}$$

The time to fail for 200A oxide is shortened by $10^{-2.7}$ with an increase of the stress field by 1MV/cm.

1988, Qp Model, J. Lee, "Modeling and Char of Gate Oxide Reliability", ED 35, pg. 2268:

INTRINSIC BREAKDOWN MODEL, **Critical Hole Fluence, Qp:**

Oxide lifetime is the time required for the hole fluence Qp, to reach a critical value.

$Q_p \sim J \alpha t$, where J is the FN current $\sim e^{-(B/E_{\text{ox}})}$ and α is the hole generation coefficient

$\sim e^{-(H/E_{\text{ox}})}$. Then $Q_p \sim e^{-(G/E_{\text{ox}})} t$, where $G = B + H$.

DEFECT RELATED BREAKDOWN MODEL (Oxide thinning = ΔX_{ox}): $X_{\text{effective}} = t_{\text{ox}} - \Delta X_{\text{ox}}$.

$$V_{\text{oxPos}} := V_{\text{gate}} - 0.2$$

$$V_{\text{oxNeg}} := V_{\text{gate}} - 1.3$$

$$\tau_o := 10^{-11} \cdot \text{sec} \quad B := 240 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{cm}}$$

$$G_o := 320 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{cm}}$$

$$\text{tbd}_{\text{Lee}}(V) := \tau_o \cdot \exp\left(\frac{G_o \cdot X_{\text{eff}}}{V \cdot \text{volt}}\right)$$

$$J_{\text{FN}}(V) := 3 \cdot 10^8 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{B \cdot X_{\text{eff}}}{V \cdot \text{volt}}\right) \cdot \frac{\text{amp}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

$$J_{\text{FN}}(7.9) \cdot \text{tbd}_{\text{Lee}}(7.9) = 8.943 \frac{\text{coul}}{\text{cm}^2} \quad Q_{\text{bd}} := 10 \cdot \frac{\text{coul}}{\text{cm}^2}$$

$$c := 0.7 \quad \text{slope} := \frac{-70^c}{\ln\left(\frac{3 \cdot 10^{-1}}{4 \cdot 10^5}\right)}$$

TWK Approx for Defect Density, $D(\Delta X)$ $D(\Delta X_{\text{ox}}) := 4 \cdot 10^5 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta X_{\text{ox}}^c}{\text{slope}}\right)$
tox = 107A, A = 500 x 500 um

$$a1 := 13.1 \quad a2 := 6.3$$

$$b1 := -0.26 \quad b2 := -0.175 \quad D_f(\Delta X_{\text{ox}}) := (a1 \cdot \exp(b1 \cdot \Delta X_{\text{ox}}) + a2 \cdot \exp(b2 \cdot \Delta X_{\text{ox}})) \cdot 10^4$$

Note: Article says $b2 = -0.11$. Added 10^4 above. This is a bi-Poisson Defect Distribution. See Yugami 1994

For a fixed V_{ox} , the distribution $D(\Delta X)$ of ΔX can be extracted from the tbd distribution, i.e. $\Delta X = \Delta X(\text{tbd})$.

$$\Delta X(\text{tbd}) := t_{\text{ox}} - \frac{V_{\text{ox}}}{G_o} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{\text{tbd} \cdot \text{sec}}{\tau_o}\right)$$

PREDICTING RELIABILITY FROM GAMMA DEFECT DISTRIBUTION:

$$t_{bmin} := 10^{-5} \quad t_{bmax} := 1000 \quad n := 200 \quad r := \ln\left(\frac{t_{bmax}}{t_{bmin}}\right) \quad i := 1..n \quad t_{bd_i} := t_{bmin} \cdot e^{\frac{r}{n} \cdot i} \quad s := 0.6$$

$$CumFail(tbd, Area) := 100 \cdot \left[1 - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Area \cdot mm^2}{cm^2} \cdot D(\Delta X(tbd) \cdot A^{-1}) \cdot s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}} \right]$$

Assume the defect distribution is clustered, i.e. gamma distribution with cluster factor, s = 0.6.

Note: Added - sign to Area

$$\lambda(tbd, Area) := \frac{-Area \cdot \frac{V_{ox}}{tbd \cdot G_o}}{1 + \frac{Area \cdot mm^2}{cm^2} \cdot Df(\Delta X(tbd) \cdot A^{-1})} \cdot \left(a1 \cdot b1 \cdot \exp\left(b1 \cdot \frac{\Delta X(tbd)}{A}\right) + a2 \cdot b2 \cdot \exp\left(b2 \cdot \frac{\Delta X(tbd)}{A}\right) \right) \cdot \frac{10^4}{A}$$

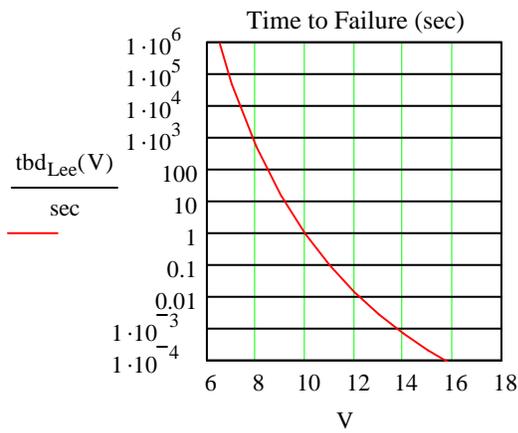


Fig. 1. 79A Gate

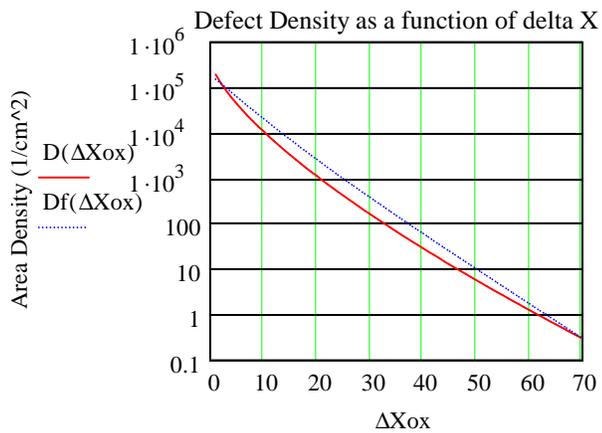


Fig 9. Oxide Thinning (A) for 107A Gate

Area: 4, 0.25, 0.01 mm², X_{ox} = 107A, V_{gate} = 11V

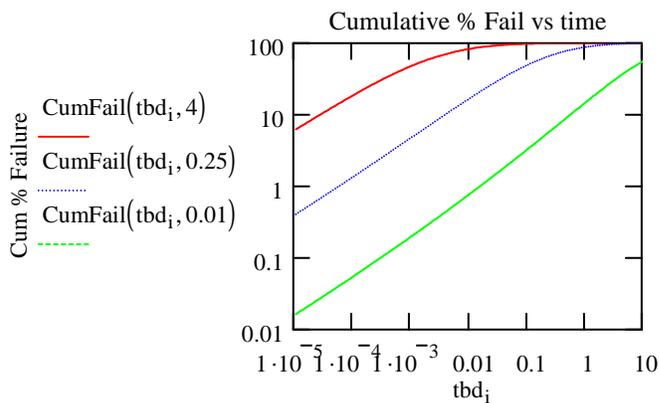


Fig. 10a. Time (sec)

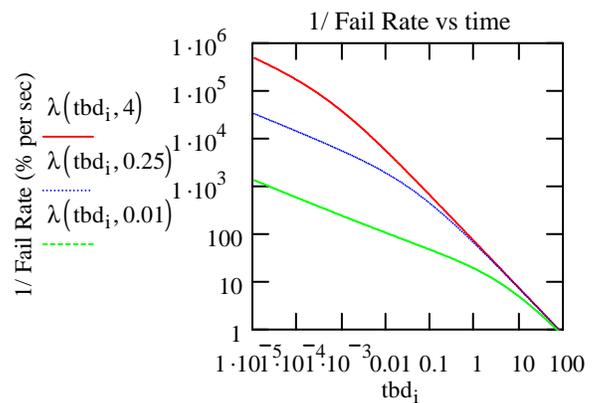


Fig. 11a. Time (sec)

The Temperature Variation is modeled the same as R. Moazzami, which follows.

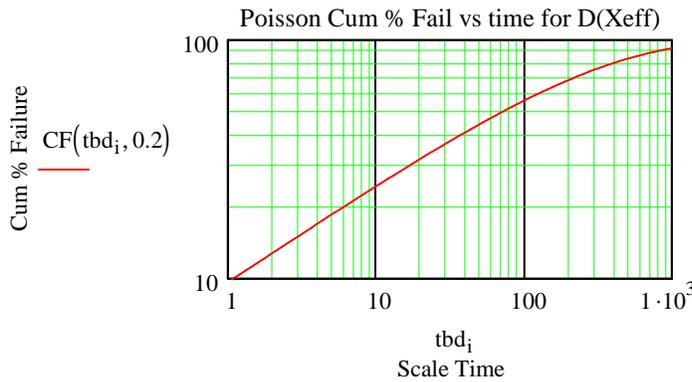
1990, R. Moazzami, "Projecting Gate Oxide Rel", ED 37, pg 1643):

Temp Variation on Qbd/Qp Model:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &V_{ox} := 8 \cdot \text{volt} \\
 \tau_o &:= 10^{-11} \cdot \text{sec} \quad \delta := 0.0167 \cdot \text{ev} \quad E_b := 0.28 \cdot \text{ev} \quad X_{eff} := 100 \cdot \text{A} \quad G_o := 300 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{cm}} \\
 G(T) &:= G_o \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\delta}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{300} \right) \right] \quad \tau(T) := \exp \left[\frac{-E_b}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{300} \right) \right] \\
 \text{tbd}_{Mz}(V, T) &:= \tau(T) \cdot \tau_o \cdot \exp \left(\frac{G(T) \cdot X_{eff}}{V \cdot \text{volt}} \right) \\
 \Delta X(\text{tbd}) &:= X_{eff} - \frac{V_{ox}}{G_o} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{\text{tbd} \cdot \text{sec}}{\tau_o} \right) \quad \text{CF}(\text{tbd}, \text{Area}) := 100 \cdot \left(1 - \exp \left(- \frac{\text{Area} \cdot \text{mm}^2}{\text{cm}^2} \cdot D \left(\Delta X(\text{tbd}) \cdot \text{A}^{-1} \right) \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

RELIABILITY PROJECTION, CUMULATIVE FAILURE PROBABILITY, CF:

Assume that defects are distributed randomly across the wafer. Poisson Distribution.



1997, J. W. McPhearson, "Field enhanced Si-Si bond breakage", AP Phys Let, Aug, p.1101

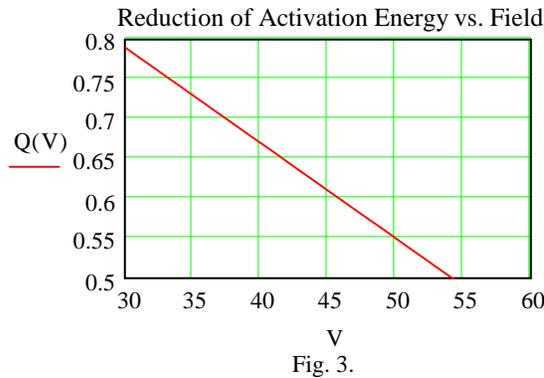
Low Field TBD data reveals that TBD had field dependence ~ E and not 1/E.

Warranty 2000 hr = 7.2M sec. For 0.1ppm Failures, need factor of 0.5/0.0000001 ==> t₅₀ of 1.4 E14 sec.

Enthalpy of Activation for Si-Si Breakage: Ho

Ho := 1.15·ev Ao := 1·sec

$$Q(V) := \frac{Ho - 7.2 \cdot q \cdot A \cdot V \cdot \frac{\text{volt}}{\text{thick}_{SiO2}}}{\text{ev}} \quad \text{Time to 50\% Failure, TF: } \text{tbd}_{McP}(V, T) := A_o \cdot e^{-\frac{Q(V) \cdot \text{ev}}{k \cdot T}}$$



1993, N. Shiono, "A lifetime projection method using series ...TDDB...", IRPS, p. 1

!E overestimates low field lifetime. $\log(\text{MTF } E_{ox}^2)$ vs. $1/E_{ox}$ fits low fields.

Use full FN, $J_{FN} = A \cdot E_{ox}^2 \exp(-B/E_{ox})$, then $\text{MTF} \sim \exp(G/E_{ox})/E_{ox}^2$. Note τ_{os} Differences

$$\text{EaPlus} := 0.63 \cdot \text{eV} \quad G_{sp} := 150 \cdot \frac{\text{MV}}{\text{cm}} \quad t_{ox} := 110 \cdot \text{A} \quad \tau_{os} := 1 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{volt}}{\text{cm}}\right)^2 \quad S := 0.01 \cdot \text{mm}^2 \quad \text{Area} := 0.09 \cdot \text{mm}^2 \quad \text{mp} := 4$$

$$\text{EaMinus} := 0.56 \cdot \text{eV}$$

$$G_{sn} := 125$$

$$mn := 3$$

$$\text{tbdShi}(V, T) := \tau_{os} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\text{EaPlus}}{k \cdot T}\right) \cdot \exp\left(G_{sp} \cdot \frac{t_{ox}}{V \cdot \text{volt}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{V \cdot \text{volt}}{t_{ox}}\right)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{S}{\text{Area}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\text{mp}}}$$

Plot Inverse of
E = 1/E_{ox}:

$$\text{InvE} := 0.8, 0.82 \dots 1.54 \quad \text{Vi}(\text{InvE}) := t_{ox} \cdot \left(\text{InvE} \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{volt}}\right)^{-1} \cdot \text{volt}^{-1}$$

$$h_{min} := 1 \quad h_{max} := 2 \cdot 10^4 \quad n := 200 \quad i := 1 \dots n \quad r := \ln\left(\frac{h_{max}}{h_{min}}\right) \quad h_i := h_{min} \cdot e^{\frac{r}{n}}$$

$$\eta(\text{MTF}) := \frac{\text{MTF}}{\frac{1}{\ln(2) \cdot \text{mp}}}$$

$$\text{CF}(h, \text{MTF}) := 1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{h}{\eta(\text{MTF})}\right)^{\text{mp}}\right]$$

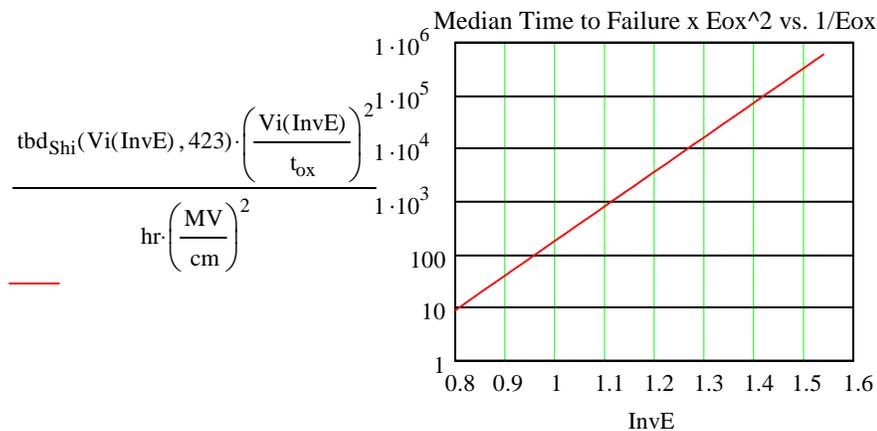


Fig. 4 $1/E_{ox}$ (10^{-7} cm/V)

MODEL FOR TDDB STATISTICS: The Weibull is the extreme distribution for minimum value. TDDB breakdown is min value. Therefore the Weibull is a more suitable statistical distribution model than log normal. DMOS is composed of many cells, the failure of any one causes device failure. This is a series model. Normalized Cumulative Failure $CF(t) = 1 - \exp(-(t/\eta)^m)$, $\eta = \eta_i / (\eta_i^{1/m})$ η is the characteristic lifetime, m is the dispersion of lifetime, and n is the number of elements which is proportional to Area. Then $MTF \sim Area^{1/m}$ Let $m_p = \beta$ and $\eta = \alpha$.

$$\eta_i := 1 \quad \eta := \frac{\eta_i}{n^{1/m_p}}$$

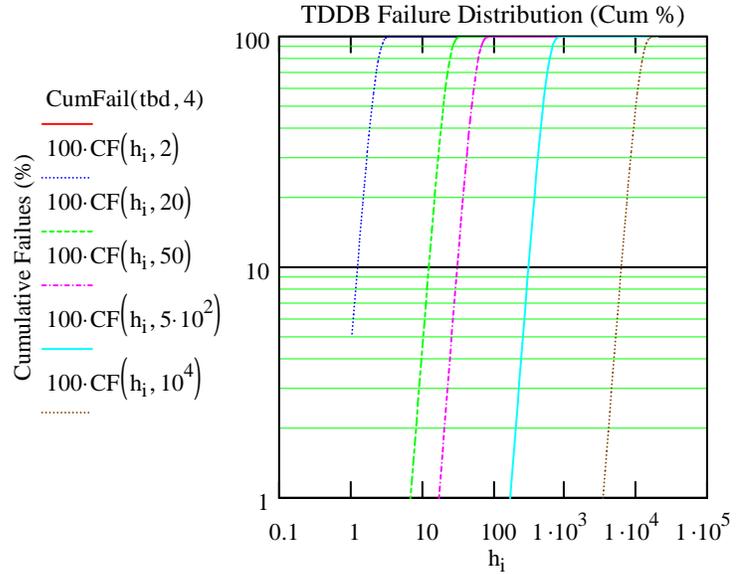


Fig. 2b Aging Time (hours)

$$LLCF(h, MTF) := \ln \left[\ln \left[(1 - CF(h, MTF))^{-1} \right] \right]$$

FAILURE RATE PROJECTIONS:

Shiono's definition of acceptable failure rate Spec (FIT)

Failure Rate, $\lambda(t)$: $\lambda(t, MTF) := \frac{mp}{\eta(MTF)^{mp}} \cdot t^{mp-1}$

FailSpec := 0.001

$\tau_{oss} := 1.9 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot \text{hr} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{MV}}{\text{cm}}\right)^2$ $\text{tbd}_{\text{ShiE}}(E, T) := \tau_{oss} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_{a\text{Plus}}}{k \cdot T}\right) \cdot \exp\left(G_{\text{sp}} \cdot \frac{\text{cm}}{E \cdot \text{MV}}\right) \cdot \left(E \cdot \frac{\text{MV}}{\text{cm}}\right)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{S}}{\text{Area}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{mp}}$

$\lambda_E(t, E) := \frac{mp}{\eta\left(\frac{\text{tbd}_{\text{ShiE}}(E, 358)}{\text{hr}}\right)^{mp}} \cdot t^{mp-1}$

t25yr := 25·365·24 E := 3, 3.1.. 6

Ta = 85C, Area = 10 mm²

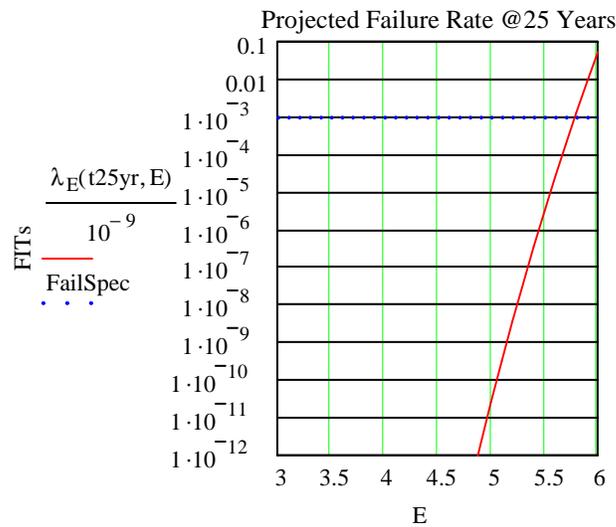


Fig 11. Eox (MV/cm)

COMPARISON OF E AND 1/E MODELS

$$AF(T) := \exp\left[\frac{0.4 \cdot ev}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{423}\right)\right]$$

TenYears := 10

WarrantyMiles := $50000 \cdot \frac{\text{mi} \cdot \text{hr}}{25 \cdot \text{mi}}$

WarrantyMiles = 0.228 yr

UseFullLifeMiles := $2 \cdot 10^5 \cdot \text{mi}$

UseFullLife := $\frac{\text{UseFullLifeMiles}}{20 \cdot \text{mi} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1}}$

UseFullLife = 1.141 yr

Projected **LOG NORMAL** Plot
for Median Time to Fail vs. V_{gate}
from Power DMOS Data Sheet.
Gate oxide thickness unknown.

$$G_{\text{accel}} := 0.112 \cdot \frac{\text{MV}}{\text{cm}}$$

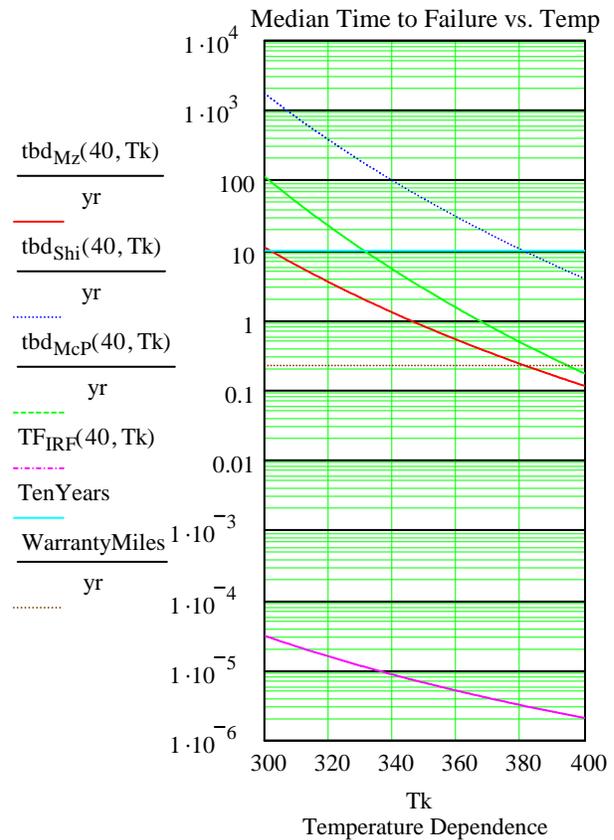
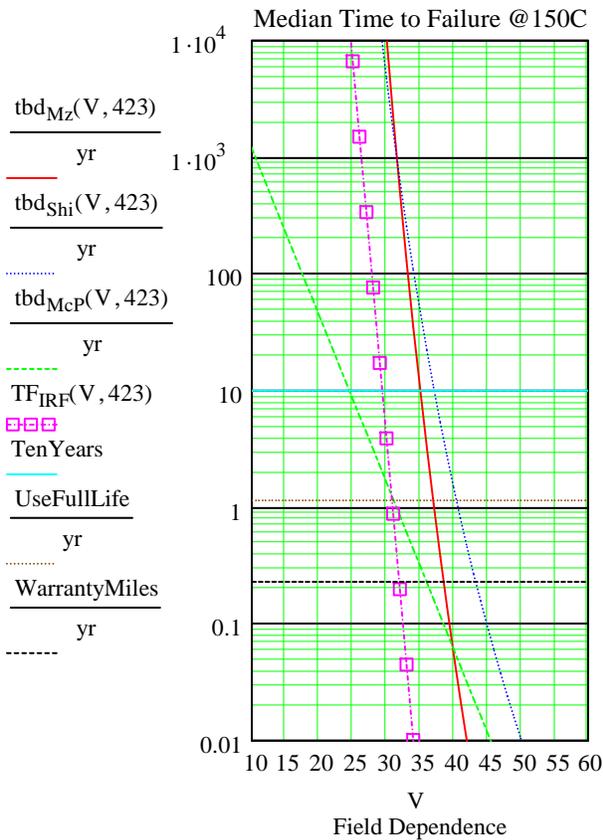
$$TF_{\text{IRF}}(V, T) := 7 \cdot 10^{28} \cdot e^{\frac{-V \cdot \text{volt}}{G_{\text{accel}} \cdot \text{thickSiO2}}} \cdot \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{yr} \cdot \tau(T)}$$

$$M7 := 1300 \cdot \text{mil}^2$$

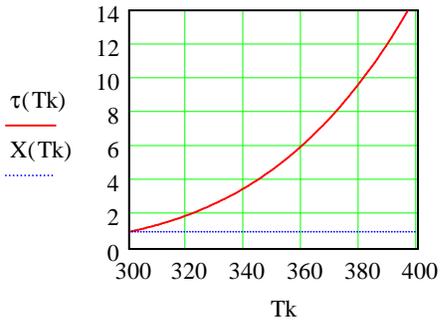
$$tbd_{\text{Shi}}(V, T) := \tau_{\text{os}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_{\text{aPlus}}}{k \cdot T}\right) \cdot \exp\left(G_{\text{sp}} \cdot \frac{\text{thickSiO2}}{V \cdot \text{volt}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{V \cdot \text{volt}}{\text{thickSiO2}}\right)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{S}}{M7}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\text{mp}}}$$

$$tbd_{\text{Mz}}(V, T) := \tau(T) \cdot \tau_o \cdot \exp\left(\frac{G(T) \cdot \text{thickSiO2}}{V \cdot \text{volt}}\right)$$

$$tbd_{\text{McP}}(V, T) := A_o \cdot e^{\frac{Q(V) \cdot ev}{k \cdot T}} \cdot 0.02$$



$$X(T) := \frac{\exp\left[\frac{-E_b}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{300}\right)\right]}{\left[\frac{1}{\exp\left[\frac{E_b}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{300}\right)\right]} \right]}$$



$A \equiv 10^{-8} \cdot \text{cm}$ $MV \equiv 10^6 \cdot \text{volt}$

$\text{mil} \equiv 10^{-3} \cdot \text{in}$