

# 1.3 ACP Processing

## Dispensing

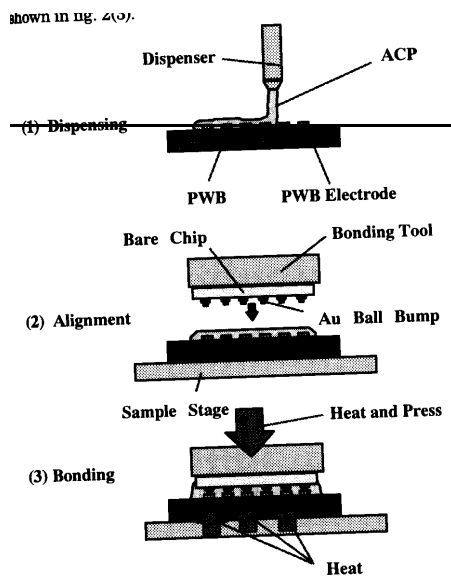
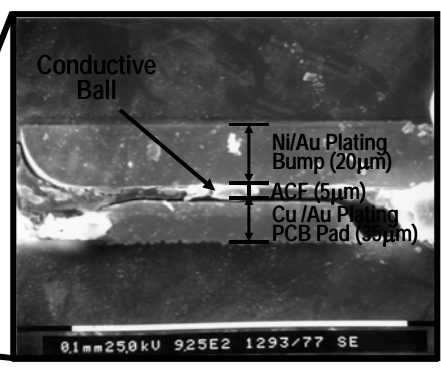
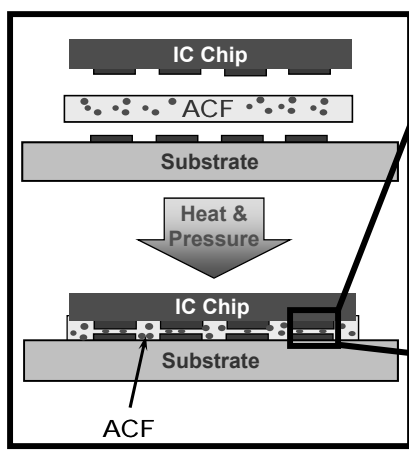


Fig. 2 Process of FCA

□ Motomura et al, IEMT/IMC, 1999

# Flip-chip Process using ACF (KAIST)



Ni/Au Bump ACF Joint

# WLP with Pre-applied ACF [Son et al (KAIST), ECTC'06]

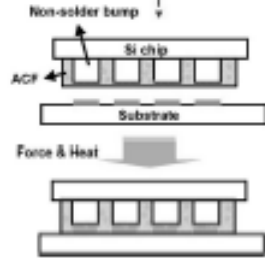


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of fabrication processes using pre-applied ACF for flip chip applications

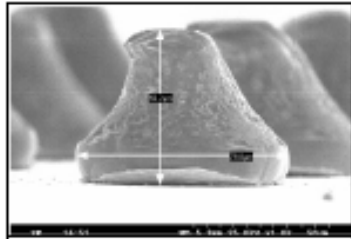
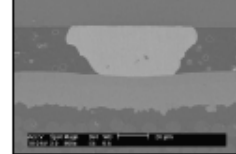
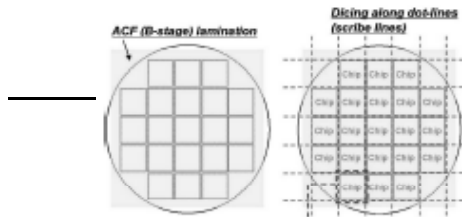
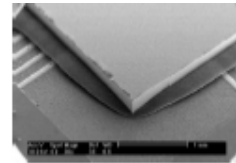


Fig. 2 Au stud bumps of a test chip (60µm height and 80µm diameter)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 3 (a) Flip chip assembly using ACF WLP, (b) Cross-sectional image of Au stud bump/ACF joints, and (c) ACF fillets formed along the chip edge

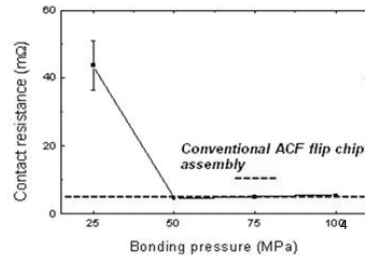
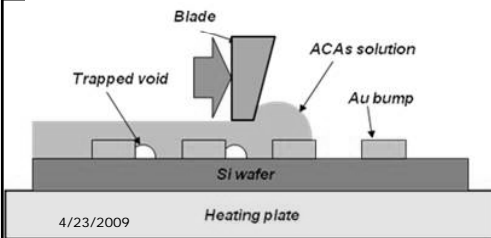
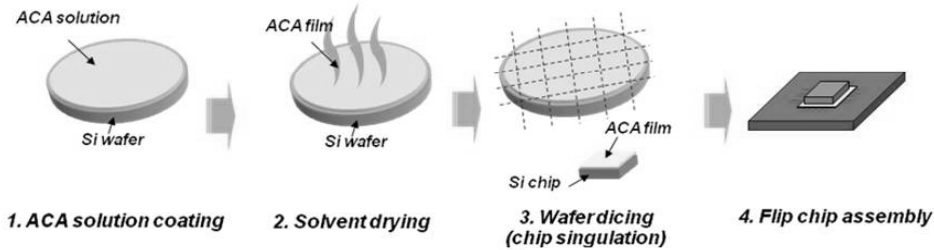
ACA: Kim, Jang, Kim, Son, & Paik, Proc. ECTC 2008

Flip-chip assembly (e.g. on ITO) conventionally by ACF→WLP with ACP (ACA solution)

Viscosity increased by conductive & silica particles; high viscosity → voids

Viscosity decreased at higher T → no voids for 50°C print

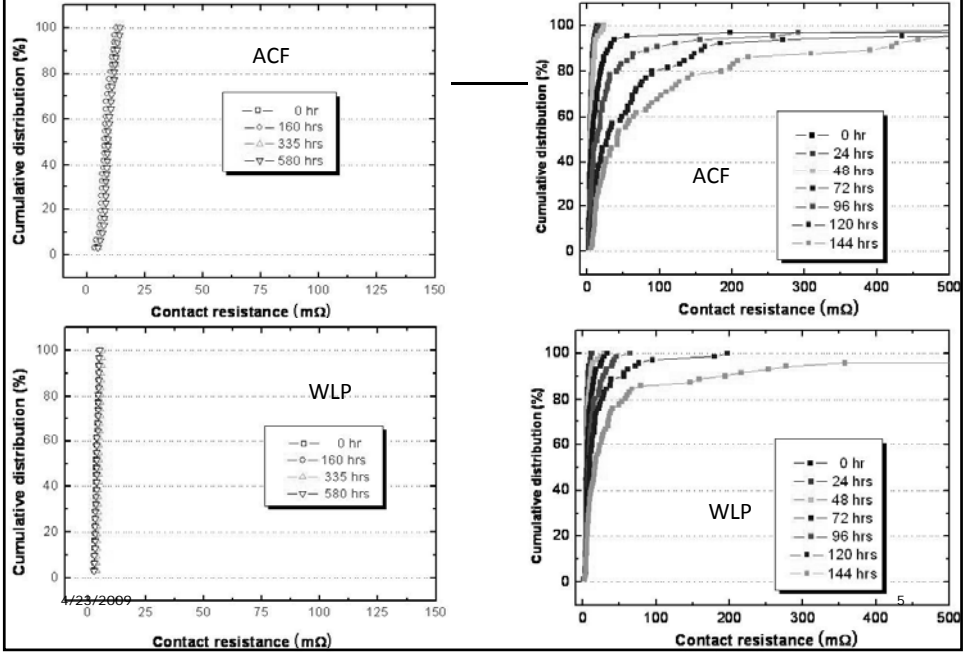
Dry/outgas at 80°C (no cure for  $T \leq 80^\circ\text{C}$ )



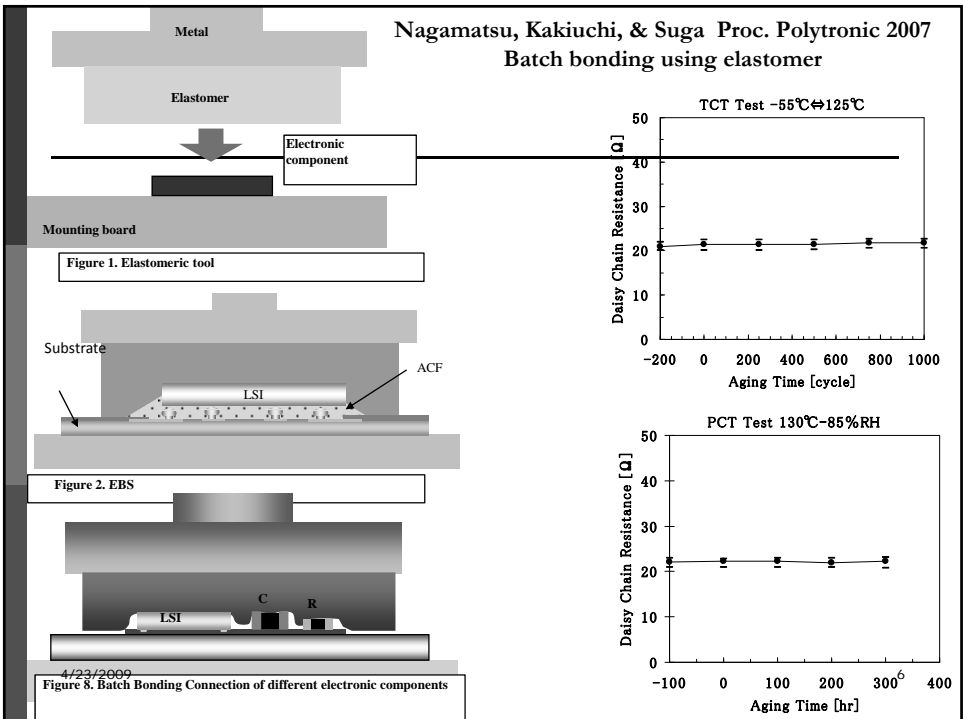
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Heating plate

Flip-chip assembly (e.g. on ITO) conventionally by ACF→WLP with ACP (ACA solution)



Batch bonding using elastomer



# Ultrasonic ACF Bonding

[Lee et al (KAIST), ECTC'06



Figure 3. A schematic diagram of the flip chip assembly structure using a jig for TS bonding.

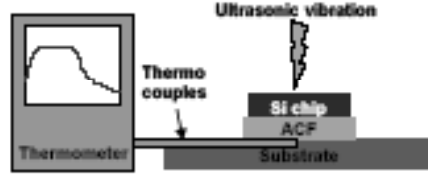


Figure 2. A schematic diagram of in-situ ACF temperature measurement.

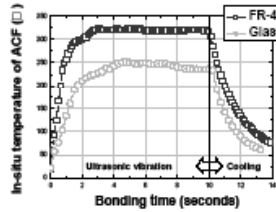


Figure 5. In-situ temperatures of the ACF layer on FR-4 and glass substrates during TS bonding at room temperature.

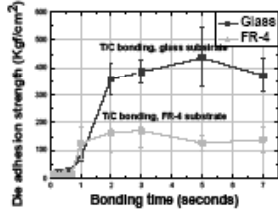


Figure 9. Die adhesion strengths of TS bonded specimens on FR-4 and glass substrates.

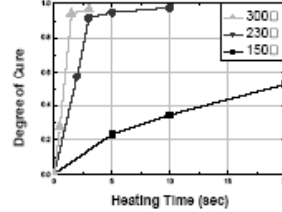


Figure 7. Isothermal cures of ACFs at various curing temperatures.

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## 2.1 Adhesion NCF flip chip on flex: Peel strength correlation with degree of cure

(Tan, Chan, & Lui,  
IEEE Trans Adv Pkg 29(3) 2006)

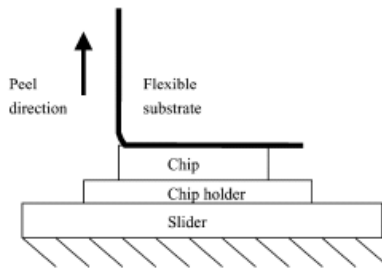


Fig. 3. Peel strength measurement set up.

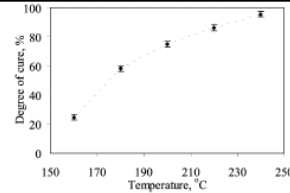


Fig. 5. Degree of cure of NCF bonded under different temperatures with the same bonding time, 10 s.

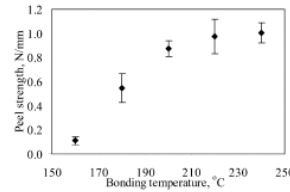


Fig. 6. Peel strength of NCF at different bonding temperatures.

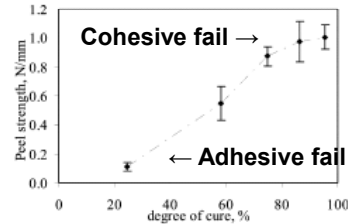


Fig. 8. Peel strength of NCF at different degrees of cure.

# Adhesion/shear stress with stress testing: Epoxy variations (Chen et al, ESTC 2006) ACF3: snap cure

Table 1 Composition of ACFs

Adhesive	ACF 1	ACF 2	ACF 3
Binder	Thermoset epoxy Bisphenol A type	Thermoset epoxy Bisphenol A type	Thermoset epoxy Bisphenol A type
Curing agent	Phenol + aliphatic diamine	Phenol type	Imidazole system
Conductive particles	Ni/ Au coated plastic ball	Surface treated Ni powder	Ni/ Au coated plastic ball
Diameters of particles	4.8 $\mu$ m	5.3 $\mu$ m	4.8 $\mu$ m
T <sub>g</sub>	80°C	130°C	160°C
CTE (ppm/K)	368.1	185.1	117.7

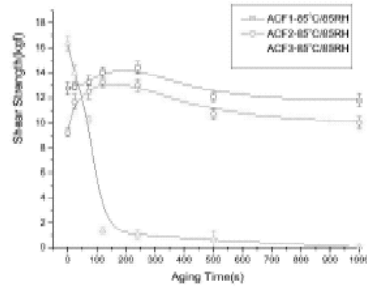


Figure 11. Shear stress of ACFs after 85°C/85%RH reliability test

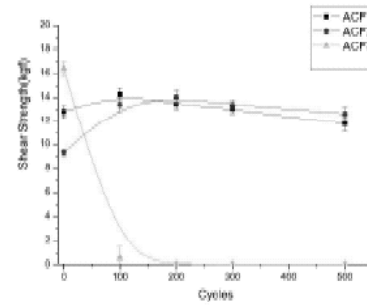


Figure 12. Shear stress of ACFs after thermal cycling test for 500 cycles

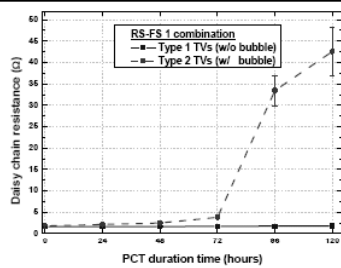


Fig. 10. The changes of daisy chain resistance during PCT.

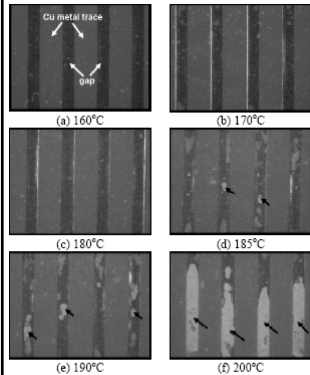


Fig. 7. Observation of process related bubbles as a function of main bonding temperature conditions with fixed bonding pressure at 15.3 MPa. Bubbles appeared only at the TVTs of RS-FS1 combination.

## Process bubble formation

Kim et al (Paik) ECTC 2006

## Surface roughness correlation

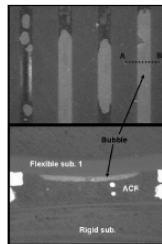


Fig. 8. Cross-section of a dot-line AB and observation of the location of a process related bubble

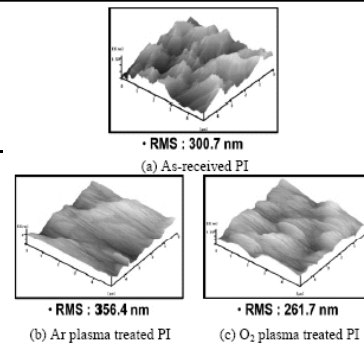


Fig. 12. Comparisons of PI surface morphologies before and after plasma treatment.

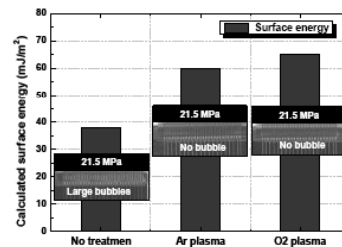
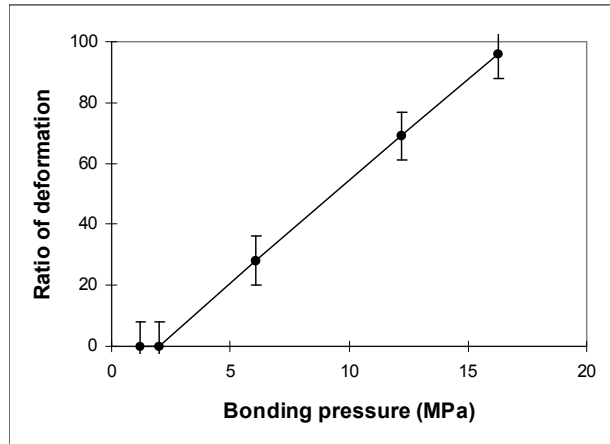


Fig. 13. Comparisons of surface energies and bubbles for formation after plasma treatment on FS1 surfaces.

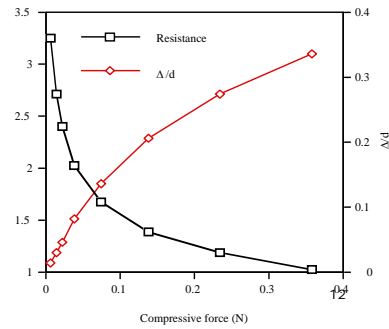
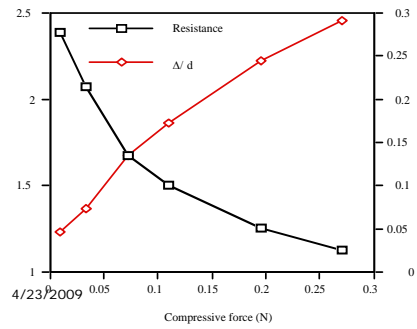
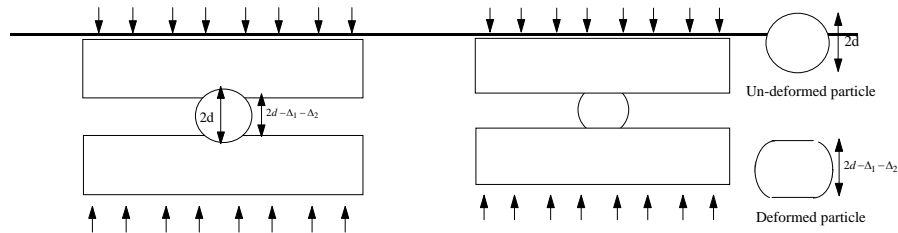
### 2.3 Ni Particle Deformation with Pressure [Liu et al]



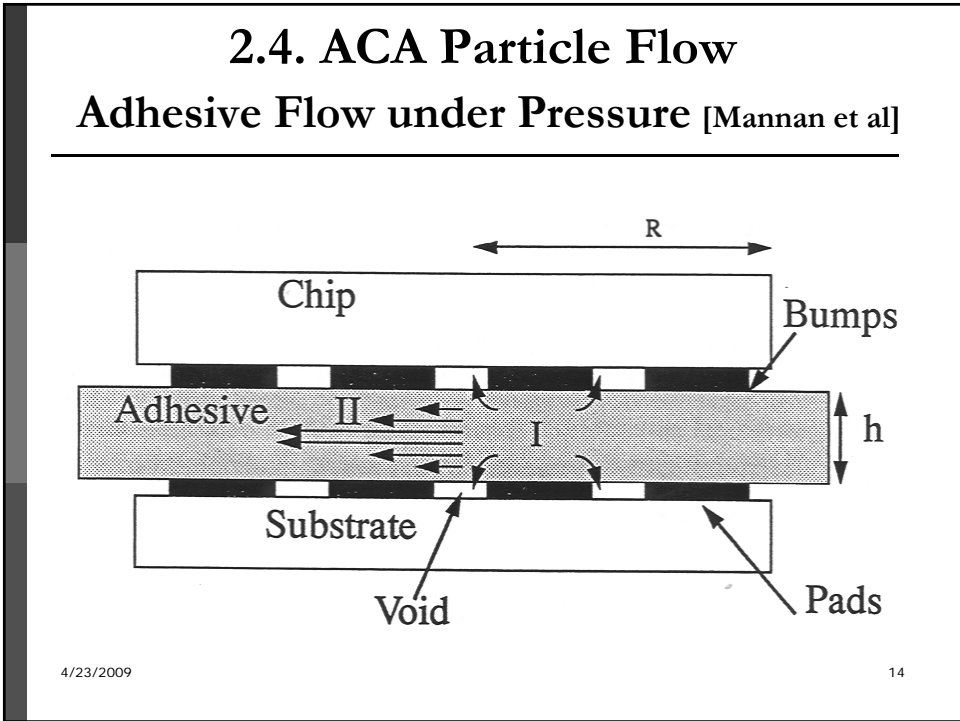
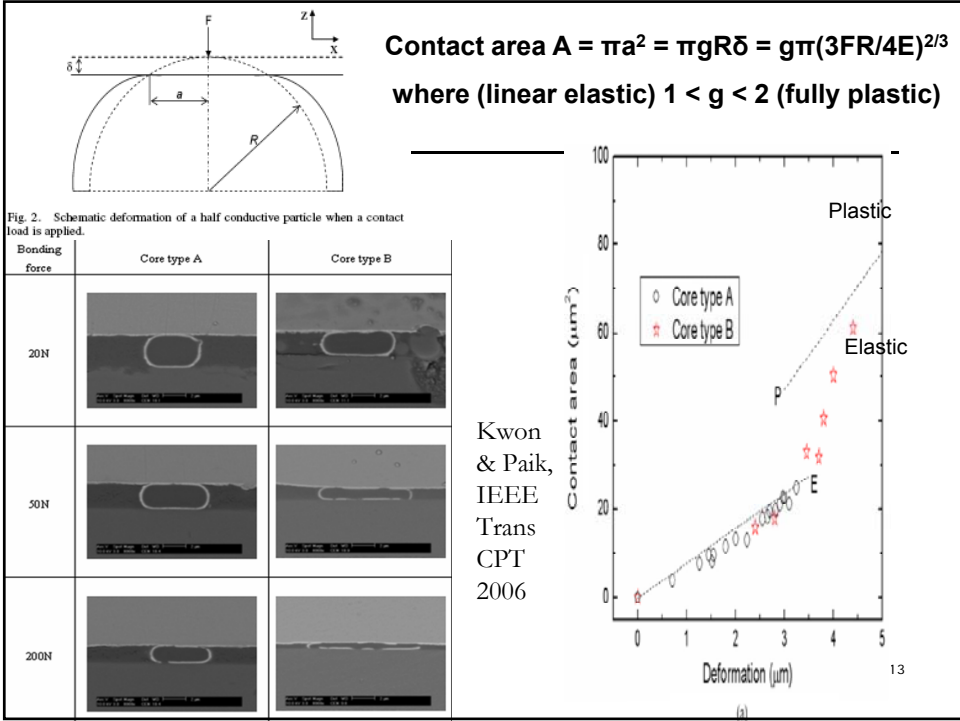
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### Force-Resistance-Deformation for Rigid & Deformable Particles [Wu et al]



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# Early flow simulation results [Mannan et al]

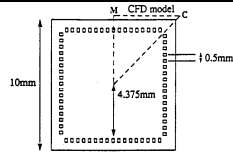


Fig. 3. Sketch of pads at the periphery of the chip and the segment of the chip required for CFD modeling.

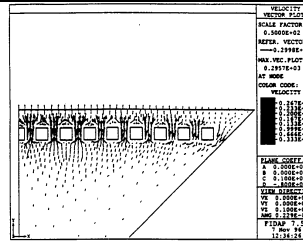
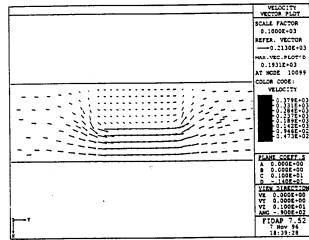


Fig. 4. Flow pattern predicted by CFD around the bumps sketched in Fig. 3.



4/23/2009 Fig. 10. Flow of fluid over the bumps sketched in Fig. 9 at 500  $\mu$ m pitch.

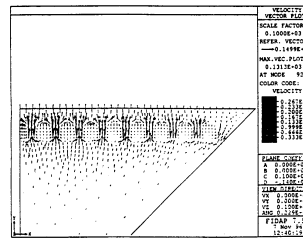


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## Flip-Chip Bumps (KSW-Microtec)

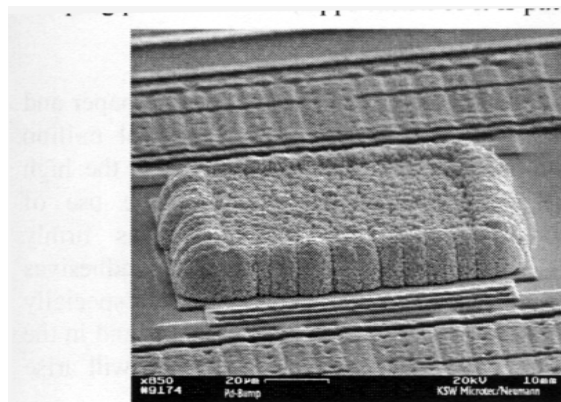


Fig. 3: View of electroless deposited Pd-bump 20 $\mu$ m height patented\*) by KSW Microtec



### 3. ACA Resistance vs No-Pb Solder [Wong, HDP'05]

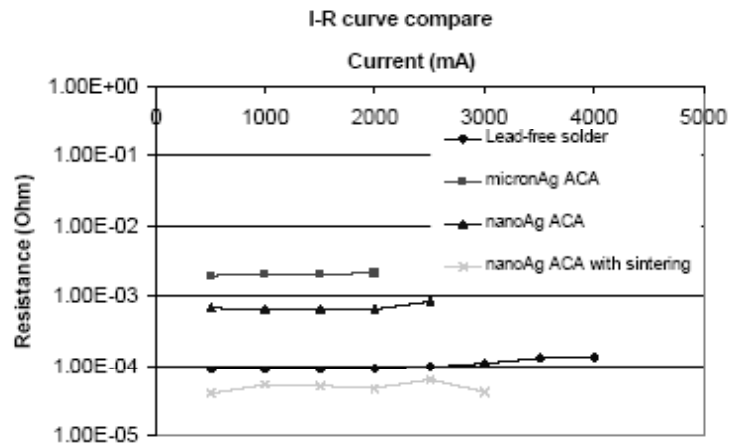
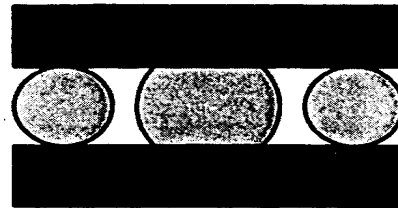
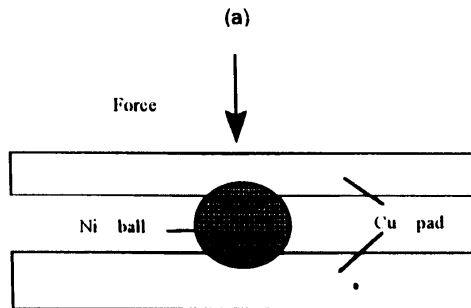
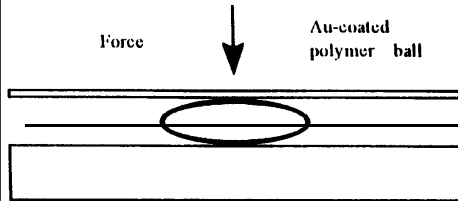


Figure 13 Comparison of current-voltage relationship of different ACAs and lead-free solders

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### 3.1 ACA Conduction Models: Analytical



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# Analytical Prediction & Experiment: Resistance vs Pressure

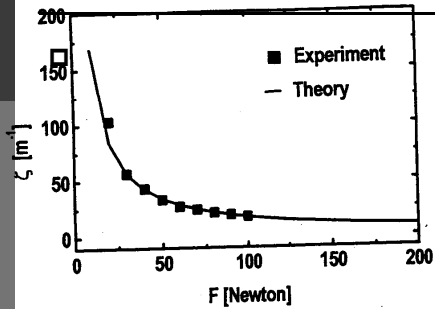
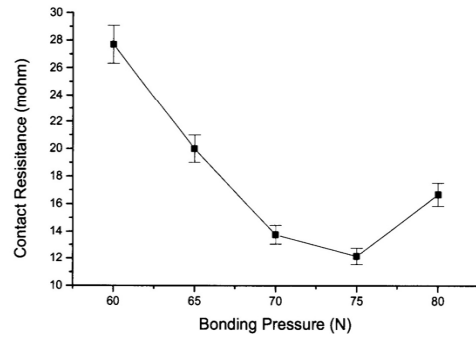


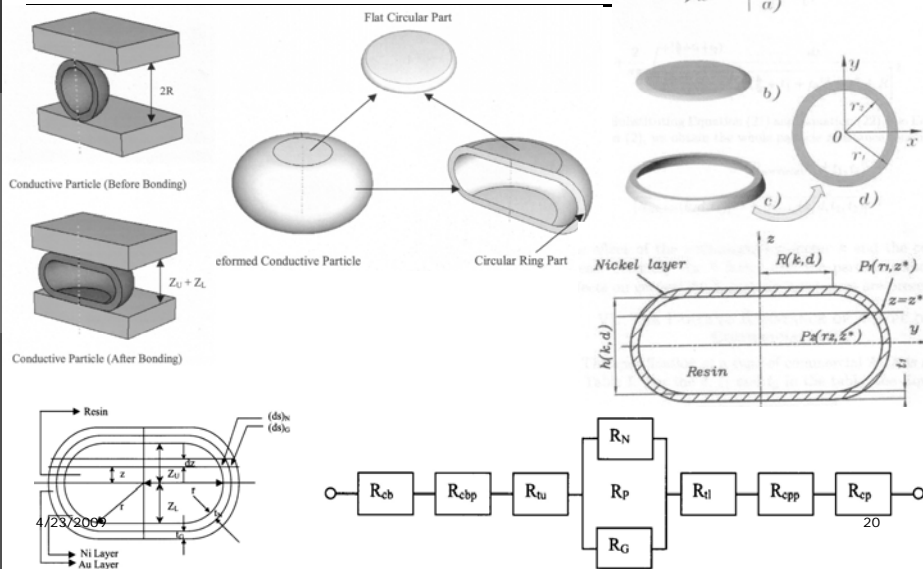
FIG. 3. A comparison of the present prediction with experimental data [5].

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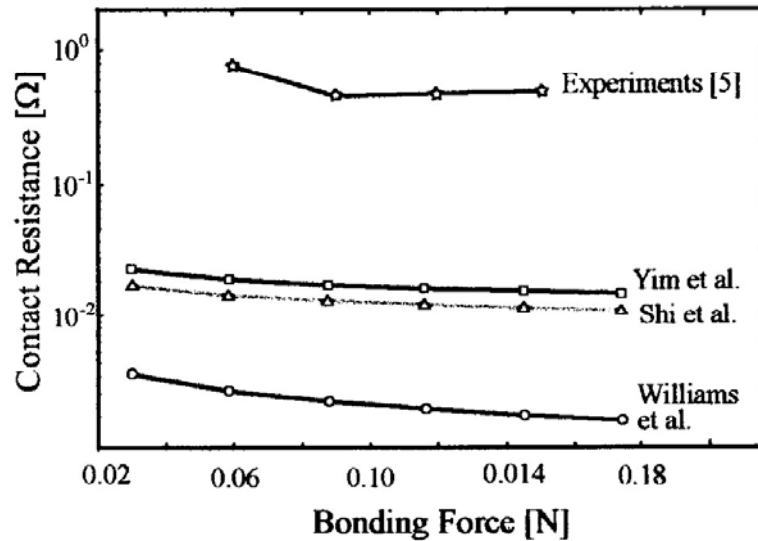
# ACA/ACF Electrical Modeling

[Dou et al]



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## Agreement of models with experiment [Chin et al]



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## The Role of ACA/ACF Contraction Stress [Kwon et al (KAIST), ECTC'05]

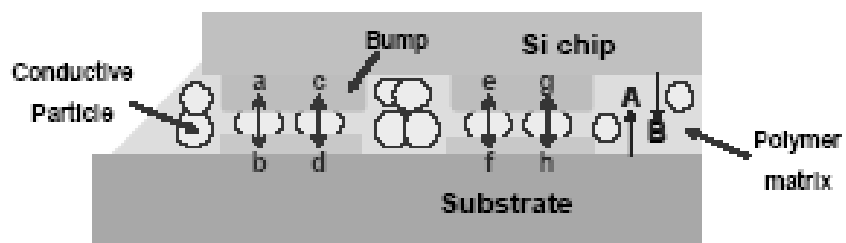
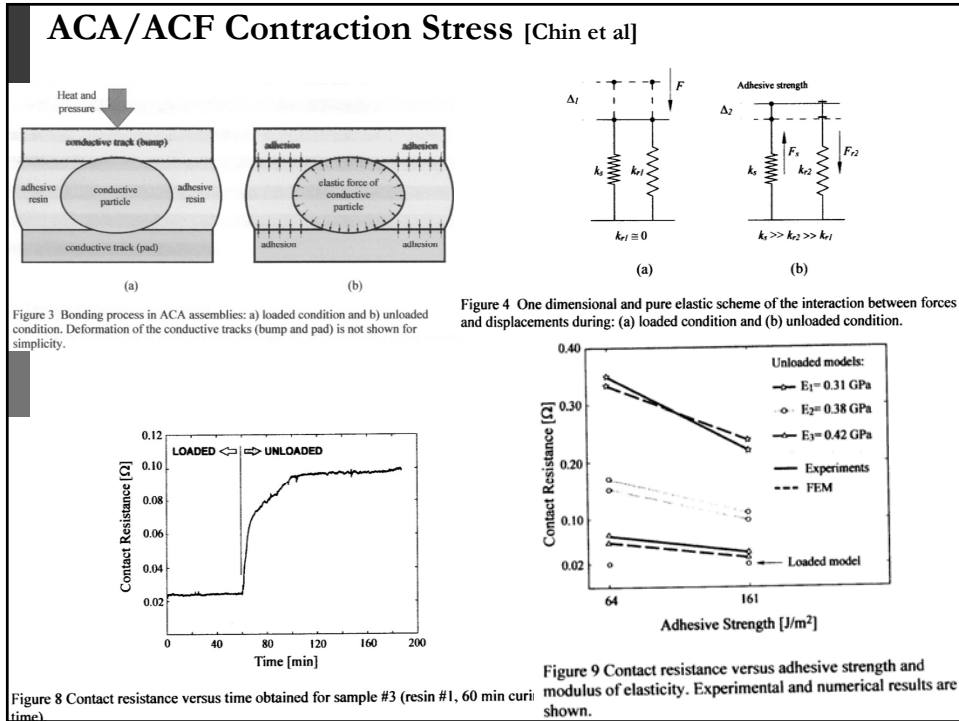
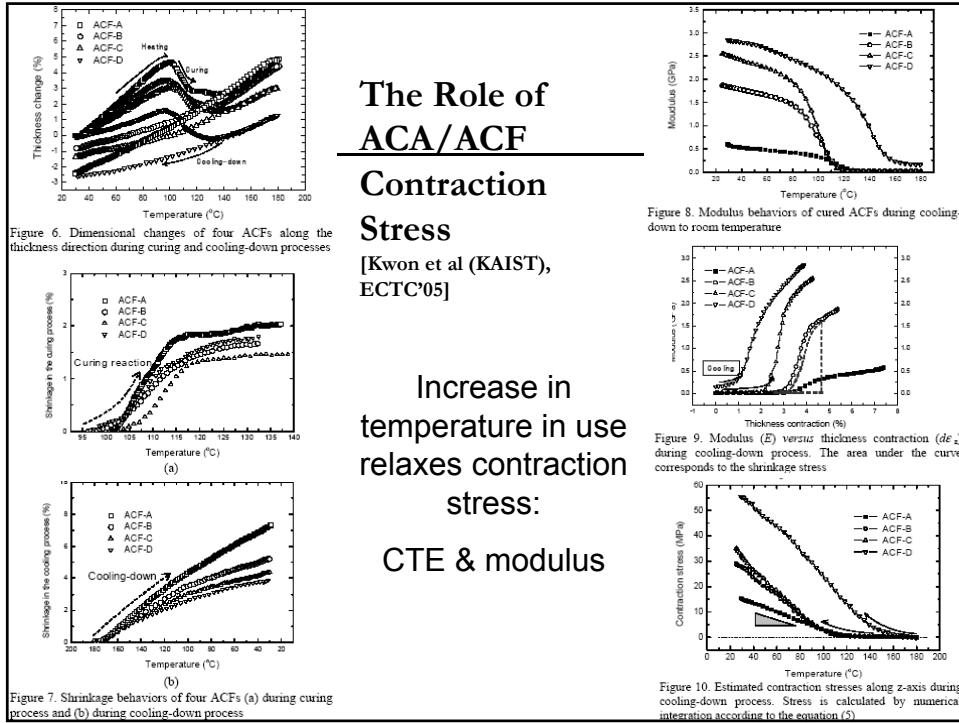


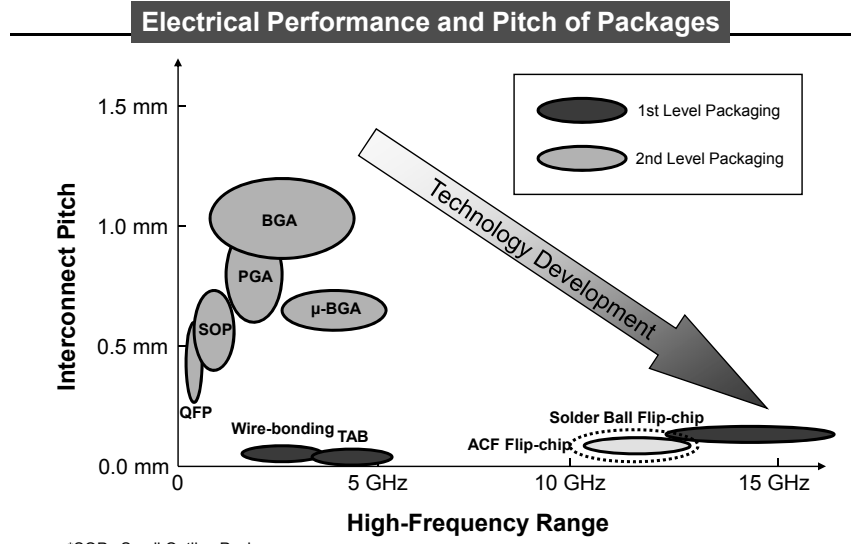
Figure 1. Schematics of conduction mechanism of ACFs flip chip joint. A and B: Contractive forces of ACFs, a-h: Repulsive forces of compressed conductive particles

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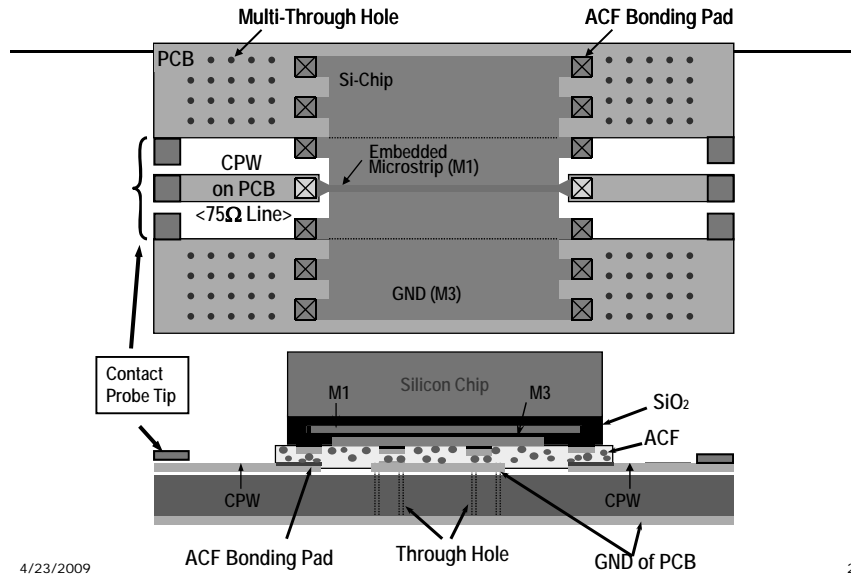
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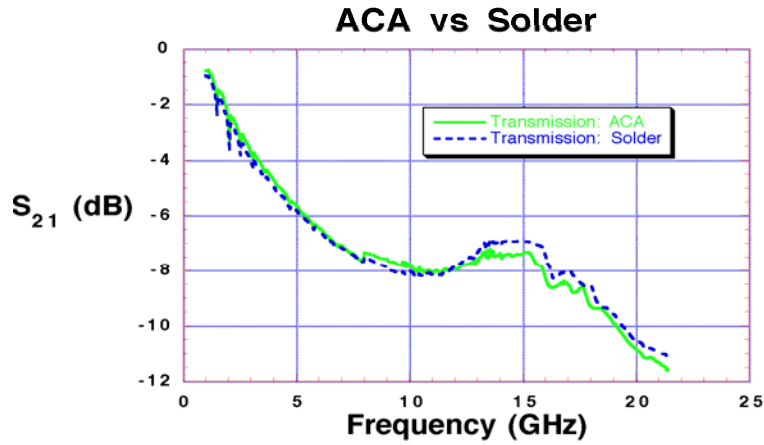
### 3 Electrical Properties: High-performance packages



### Test Chip and Board - Assembled DUT



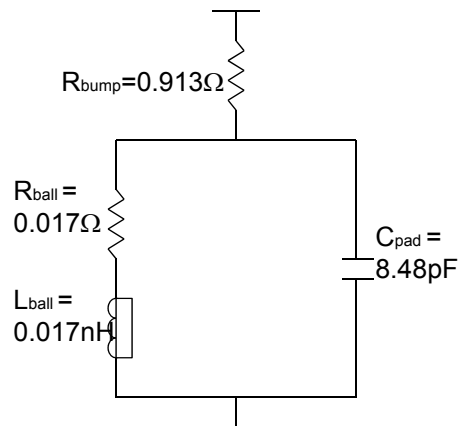
*A comparison in transmission parameter of  $S_{21}$  between an ACA bonded and a solder bonded flip-chip interconnect*



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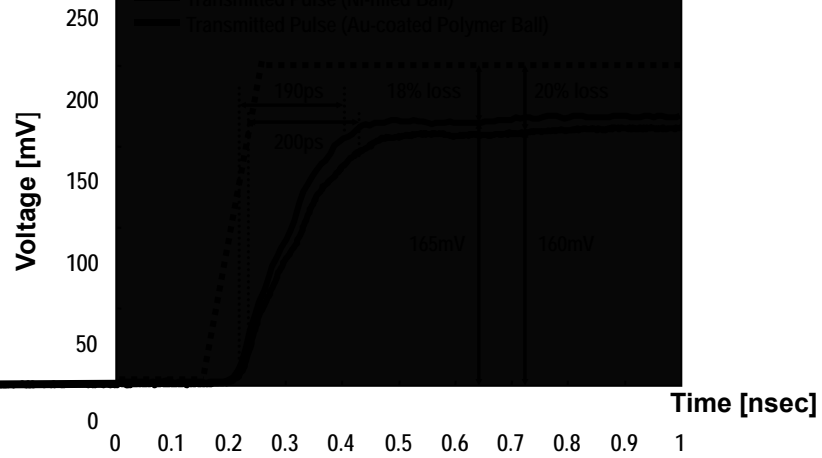
**SPICE-Model for ACF Flipchip Interconnection (Paik et al)**



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## Measured Time-Domain Transmission through ACF



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## 2.2 FEM Electrical Models: Solid & Coated Spheres

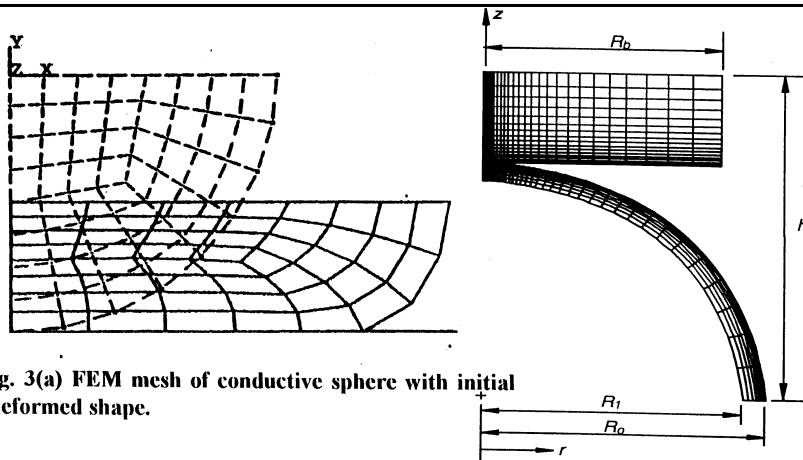


Fig. 3(a) FEM mesh of conductive sphere with initial and deformed shape.

Figure 4: FE mesh of the metal-coated particle

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# ACA: Particle Distributions

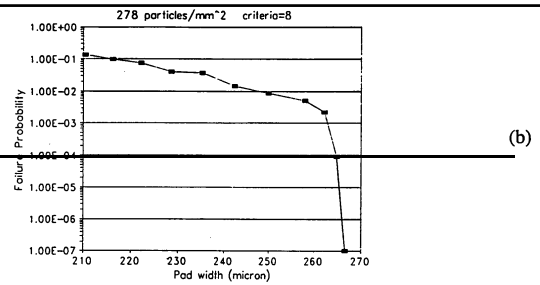
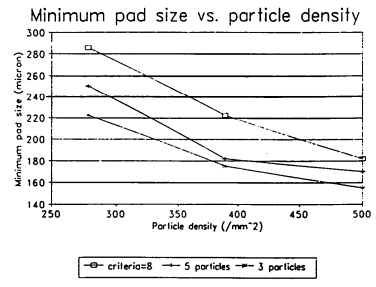
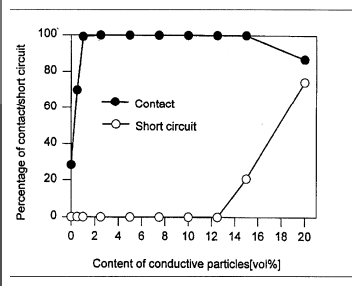


Figure 8.7: (a) The failure probability versus pad size for different particle densities for criteria = 3 & 8. (b) Expanded scales (failure probability versus pad size for 278/mm<sup>2</sup> and criteria = 8).



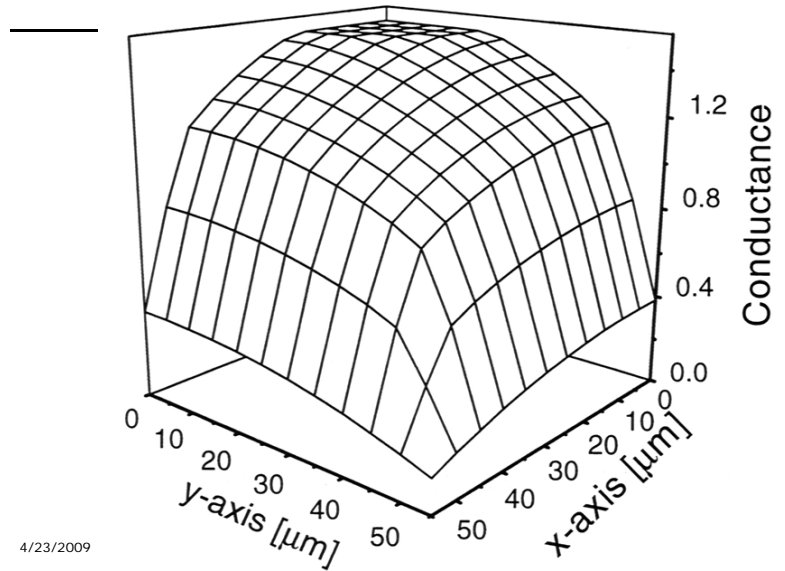
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Figure 8.8: The minimum pad size versus particle loading density for different criteria.

# Electrical Conductance Change with Particle Location

[Liu]

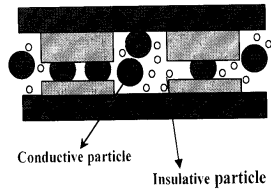


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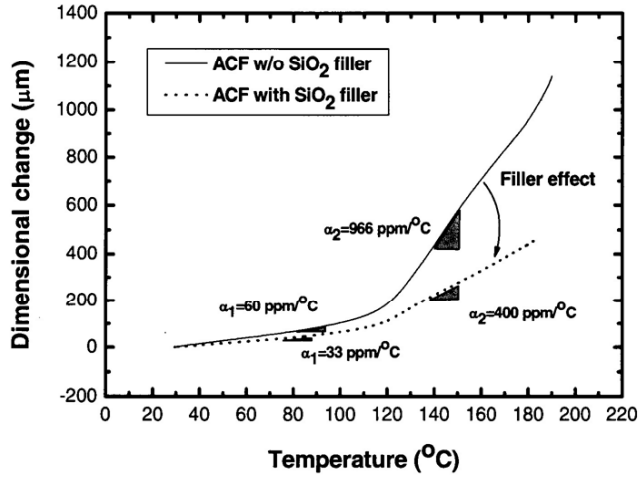
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## 4.1 ACF TCE Reduction with fillers



CTE (ppm/°C)	
Si chip	2.8
FR-4	18.0
<b>Filled ACF:-</b>	
10%wt	42.9
30%wt	35.2
50%wt	28.0

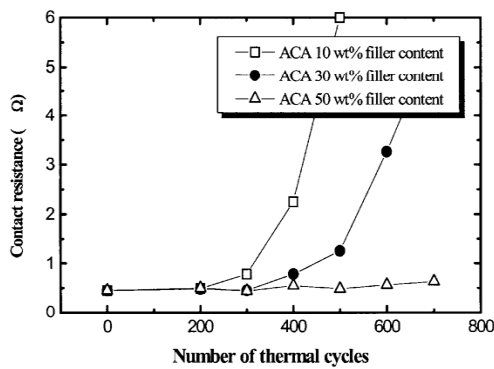


Effect of Fillers (Yim & Paik)

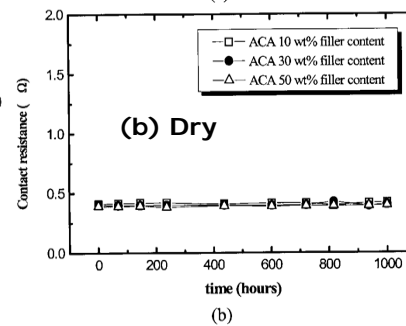
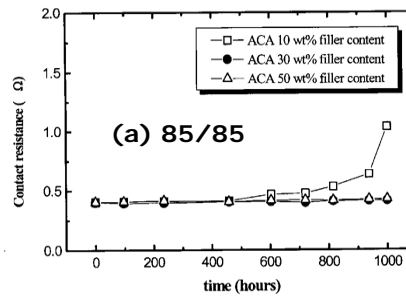
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## Effect of Fillers

(Yim & Paik)



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## 4.2 Thermal Conductivity

[Yim et al, ECTC'06]

ACP-3 has  $<1\mu\text{m}$  SiC filler added to Ni (ACP-1)

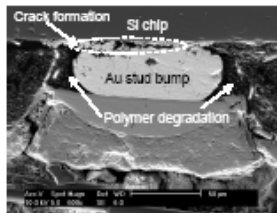


Fig. 6. Cross sectional SEM pictures at Au stud bump joints by conventional ACA after current stressing reliability test.

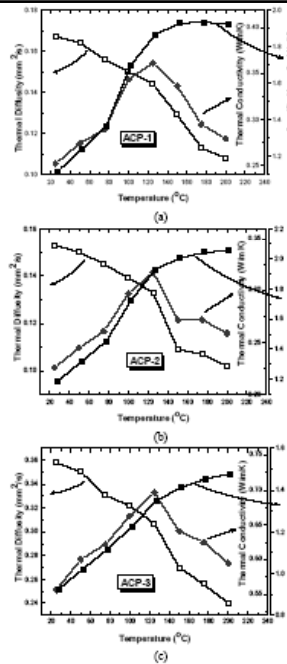


Fig. 2 Thermal conductivity behaviors of ACAs as a function of temperature for three ACA materials; (a) Ni-filled ACA, (b) Au-coated polymer ball-filled ACA and (c) Ni-filled and thermally conductive ACA.

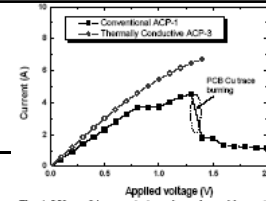


Fig. 4. I-V test (bias stressing) results at Au stud bumps/flip chip joints by conventional ACA and thermally conductive ACA.

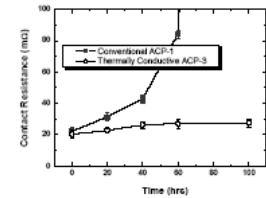


Fig. 5. Contact resistance change of Au stud bump/flip chip joints using conventional ACA and thermally conductive ACA after 20, 40, 60, 100 hours under current stressing.

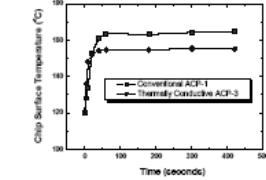


Fig. 7. Chip surface temperature of flip chip assemblies using conventional and thermally conductive ACAs as a function of current stressing time.

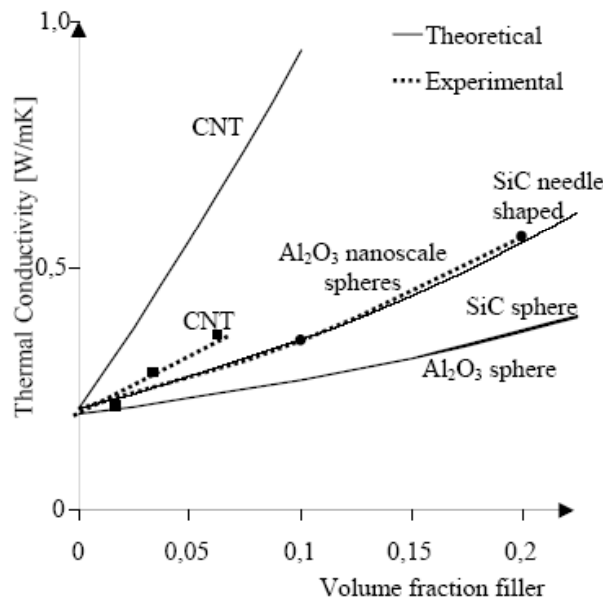


Fig. 4: Theoretical (according to Lewis-Nielsen theory [3]) and experimental values.

**Epoxy thermal conductivity with fillers**  
(Ekstrand, Kristiansen, & Liu, ISSE 2005)

# Anisotropic Conductive Adhesive (ACA) Enhancement

(Rongwei Zhang et al ECTC'08)

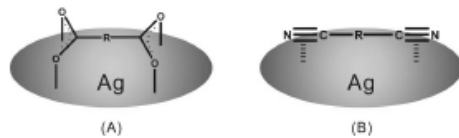


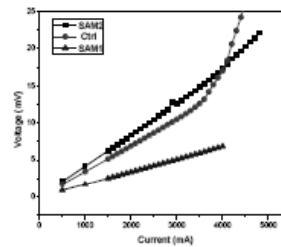
Figure 5 Alignments of SAM1 and SAM2 on a submicron-sized Ag particle surface.

SAM-1:

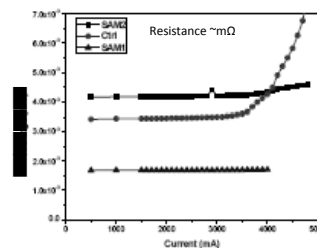
“Molecular wires”  
Oxide reduction

Lower resistance  
Higher max current

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(a)



(b)

Figure 8 (a) I-V curve of ACA filled with Ag particles (Ctrl), SAM1-treated Ag particles and SAM2-treated Ag particles; (b) Corresponding I-R curves.

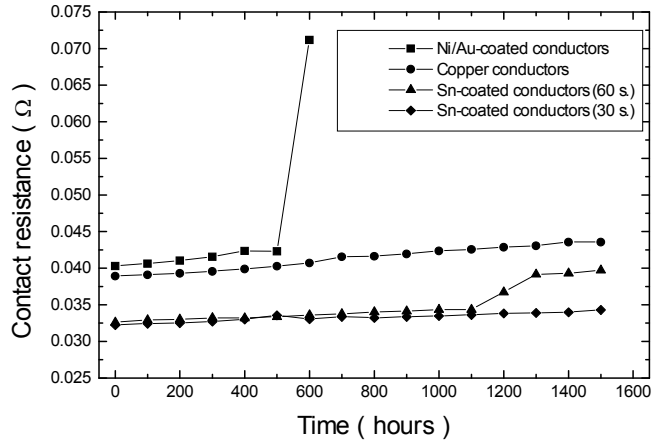
## 5. ACP Reliability

- Thermal cycling
- Flip-chip board warp
- Substrate Effects
  - Flip-chip on FR4
  - Co-planarity, etc
- Particle rupture
- Humidity testing

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**5.1 Daisy chain resistance values of flexible test circuits with various conductor metallizations bonded with Sn58Bi-filled ACA after temperature cycling from temperatures  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$  (three hour cycle)**



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**5.2 Flip-chip warpage**

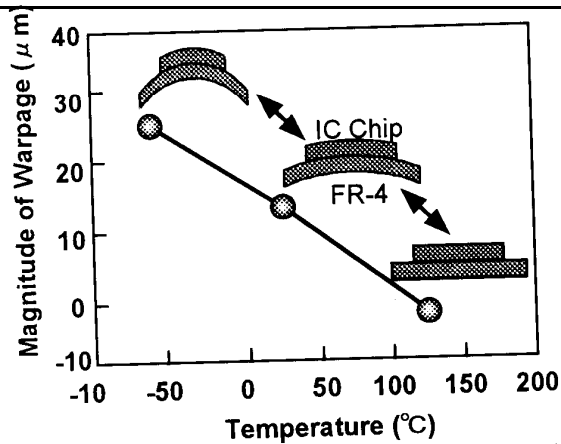


Figure 2. Influence of temperature upon the warpage of COB.

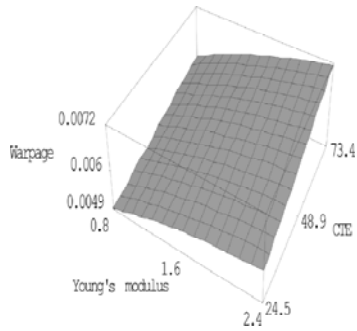
□ Nagai et al, IEMT/IMC, 1999

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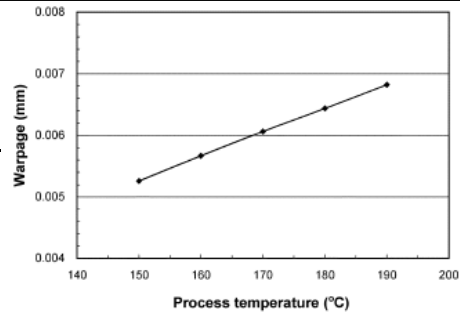
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## Warpage increased by high CTE, Young's Modulus

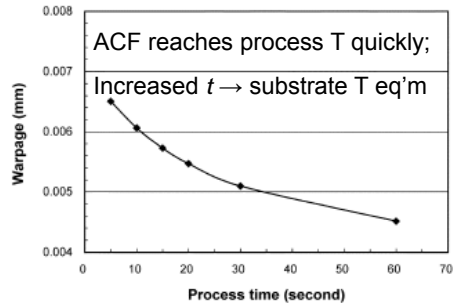
(Cheng et al, IEEE Trans CPT 2006)



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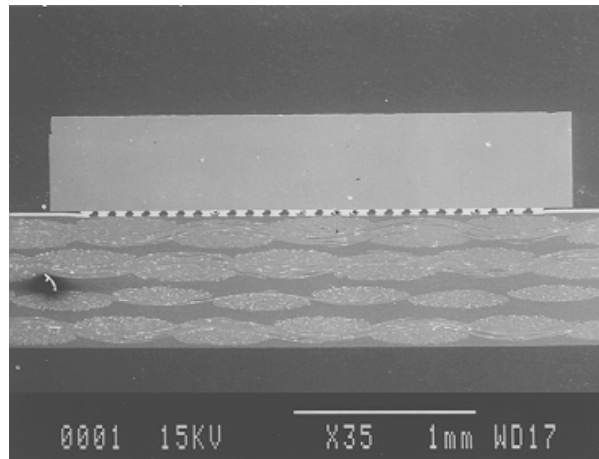
(a)



(b)

Fig. 15. Effect of process temperature and time: (a) process temperature and (b) process time.

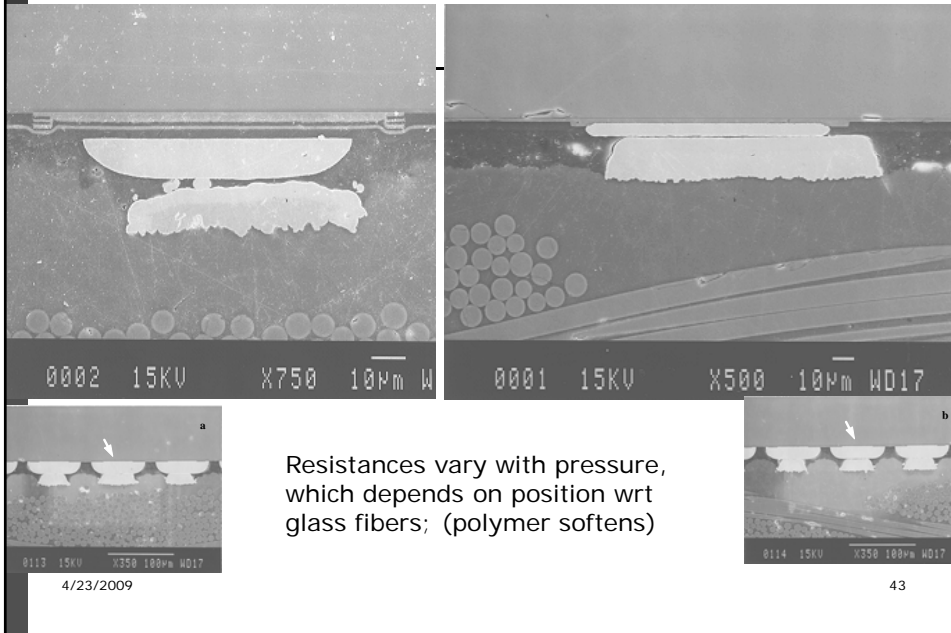
## 5.3 ACA Flip-Chip on FR4 & Flex



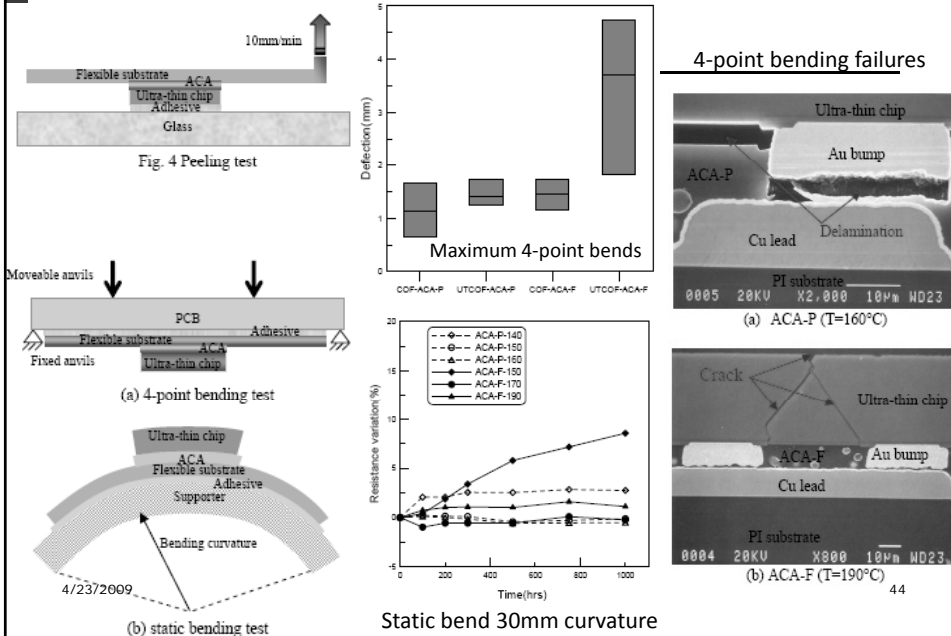
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# ACA Contact R Variation on FR-4 [Liu et al]



## ACA: Lu & Chen, Proc. ECTC 2008, pp. 1287-1293 ACA for Ultra-Thin Chip on Flex (UTCOF)



## 5.4 Particle Rupture

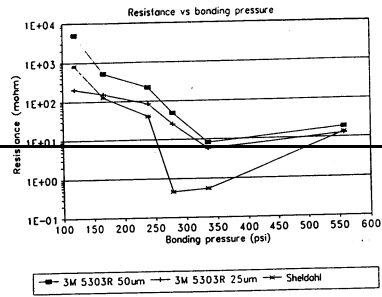
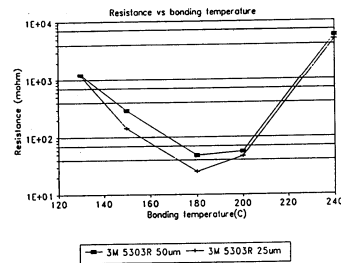


Figure 8.1: Resistance versus bonding pressure for the Cu(I) conductor for 3M material and Sheldahl material.



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Figure 8.2: Bonding resistance versus bonding cure temperature for 3M material at 28

## Particle Rupture



Before



After

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# Rupture/Resistance Modeling [Xie et al, ECTC'06]

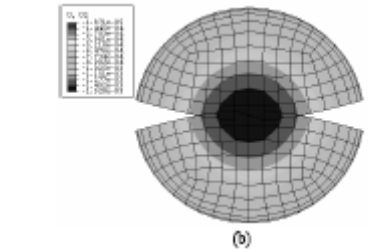
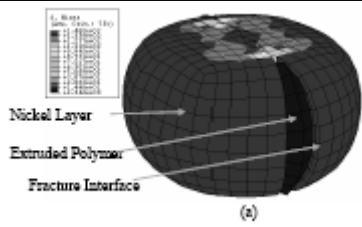


Fig. 16: Deformation of conductive particle model at bonding force 77.3MPa with (a) 3D view and (b) top view

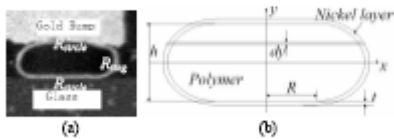


Fig. 17: (a) Components of particle resistance in a single particle and (b) profile of nickel coated polymer particle

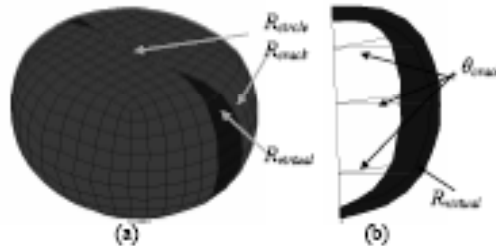


Fig. 18: Schematic of (a) particle resistance components with cracks and (b) virtual resistance

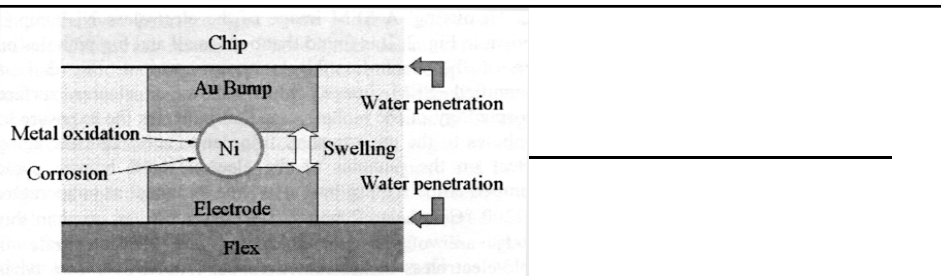


Figure 1. Typical degradation mechanisms in ACF joints.

## 5.5 ACF Humidity Failure

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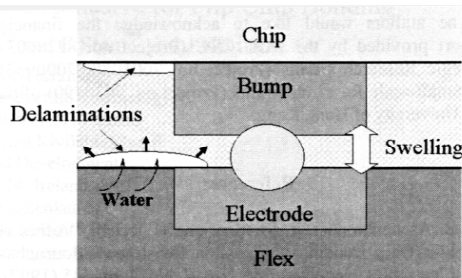
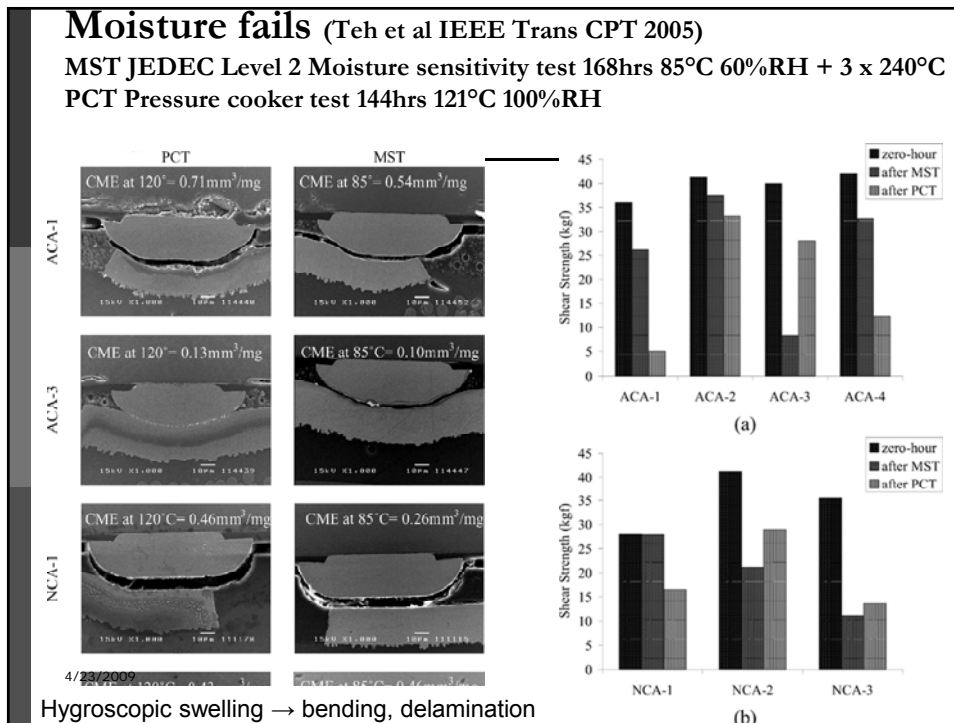
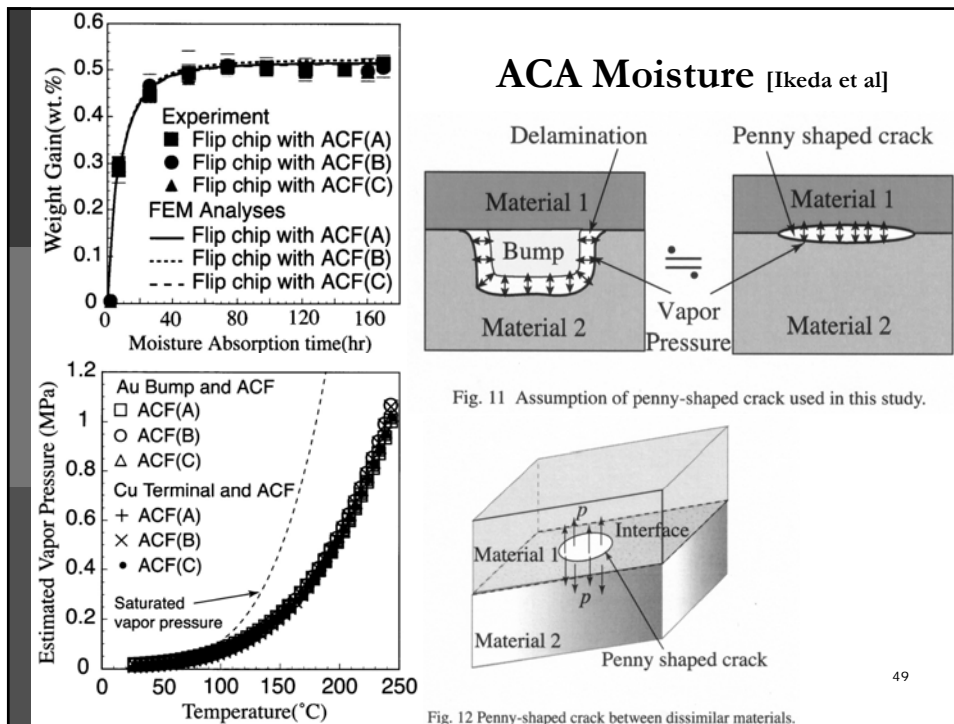
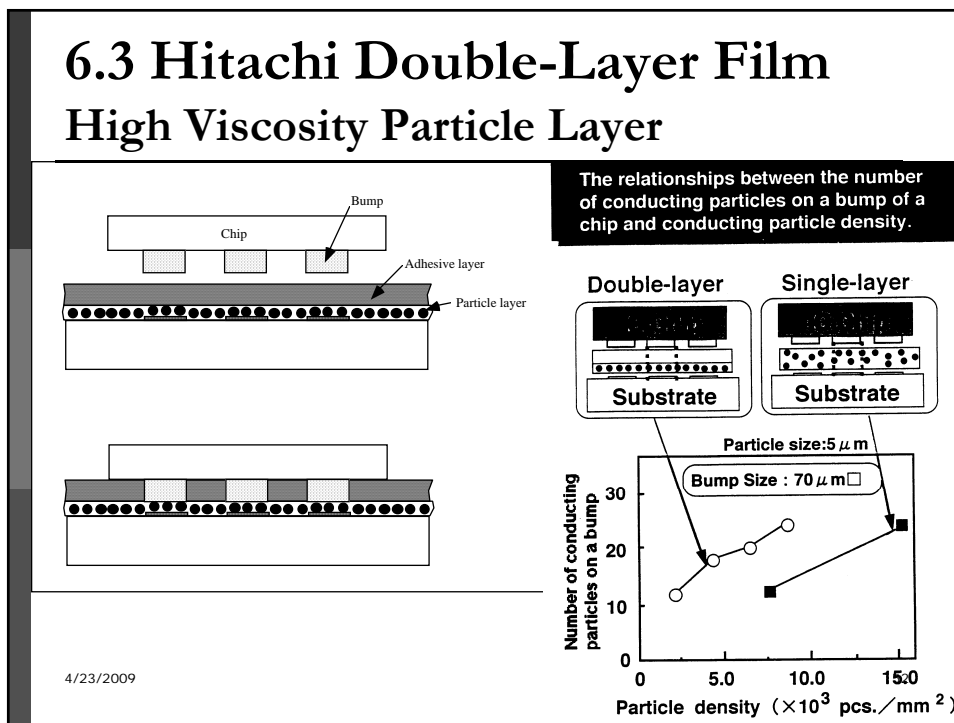
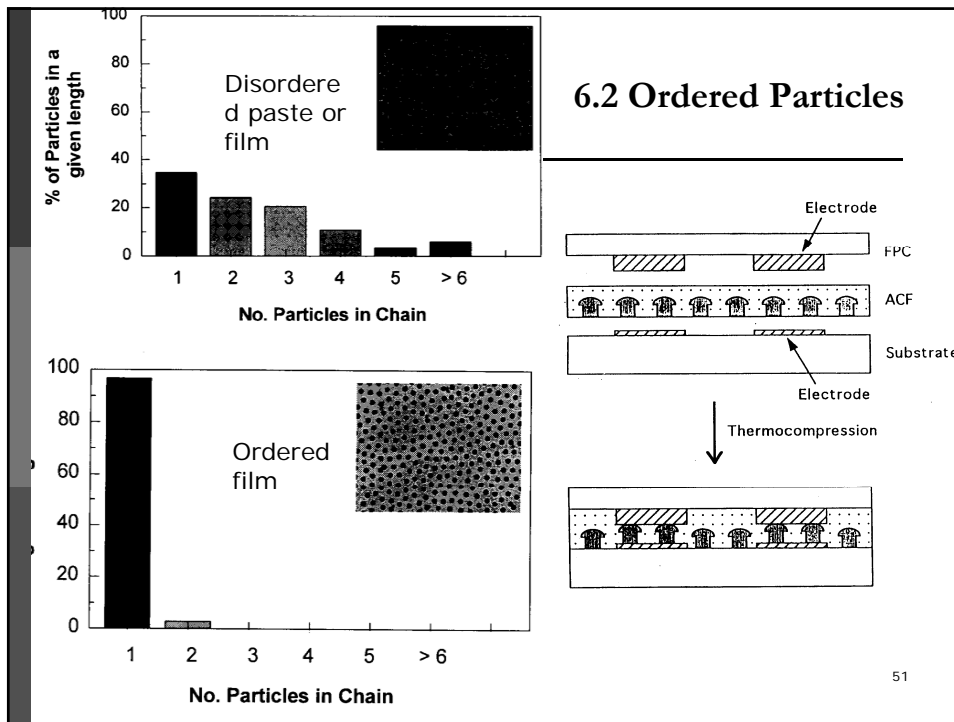


Figure 10. A schematic diagram showing the swelling of adhesive due to water absorption and swelling of delamination due to the water diffusion from flex.







## 6.4 ACF Adhesive Thickness

ACF too thick

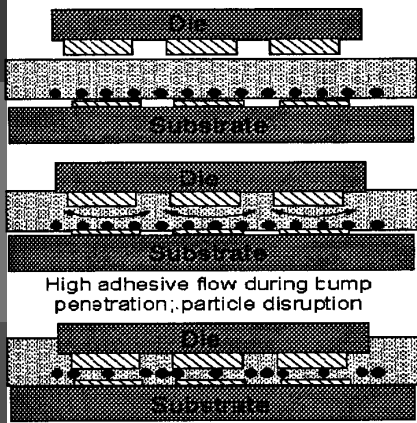


Figure 9. ACF thickness too large.

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ACF Optimum Thickness

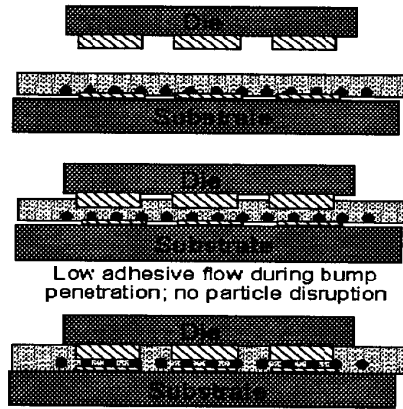


Figure 8. Optimised ACF thickness.

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