

# Imagine low ESL

Developing Film  
Capacitor with Bode100

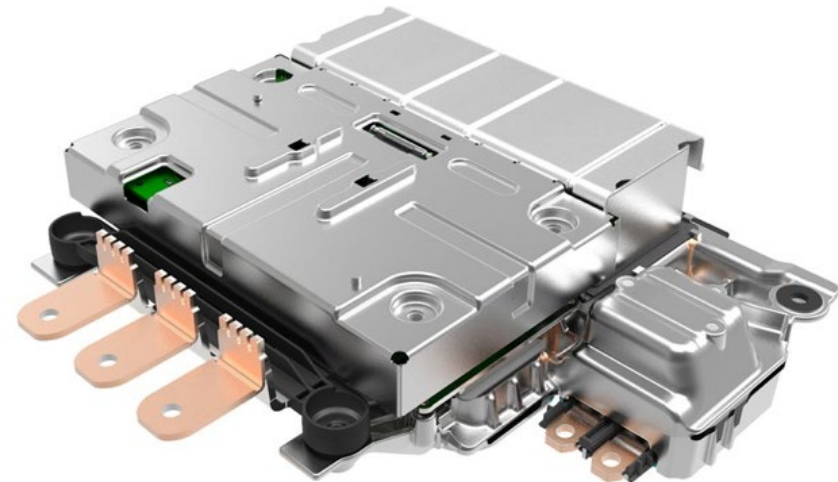
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# Agenda

- Short introduction – why
- The object – the film capacitor
- The measurement setup
- Results
- Outlook

- Broadcast cellphone 5G = 0.2W
- 87 Mio Inhabitents in Germany do a cell call at the same time = 16.4MW
- 60,7 Millionen vehicles (Jan 2024)
- Imagine all are BEVs and 10% driving at the same time
- operating up to 850 V / 450 A peak
- $f = 5\text{kHz} \dots 200\text{kHz}$



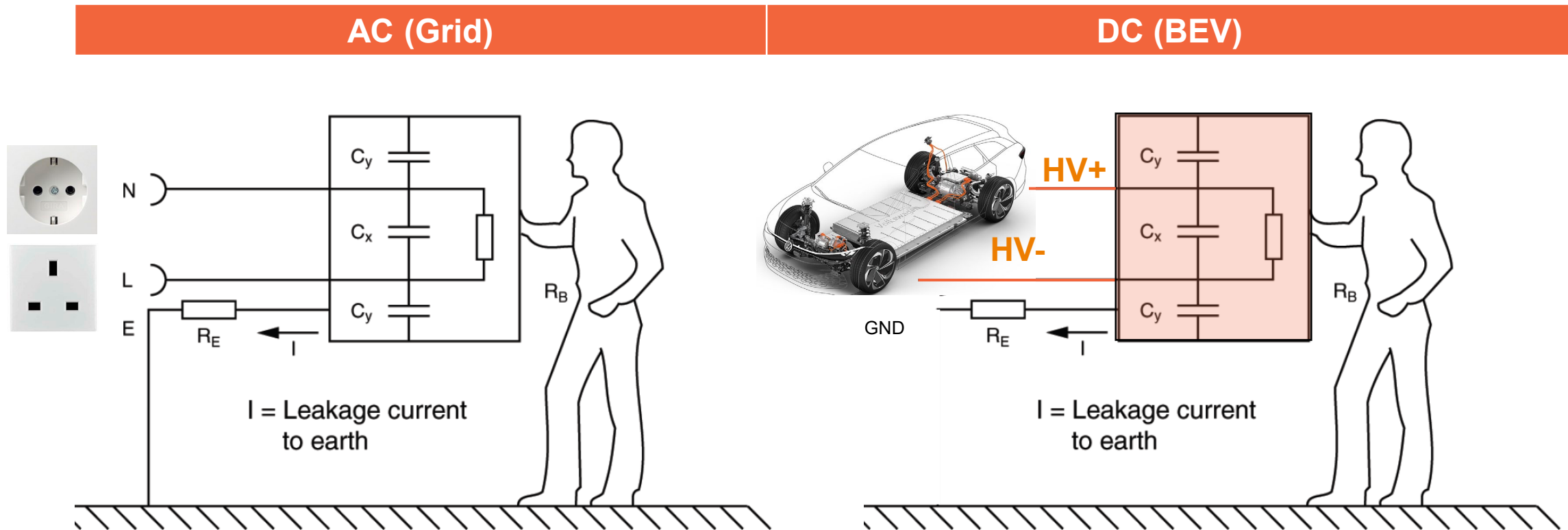
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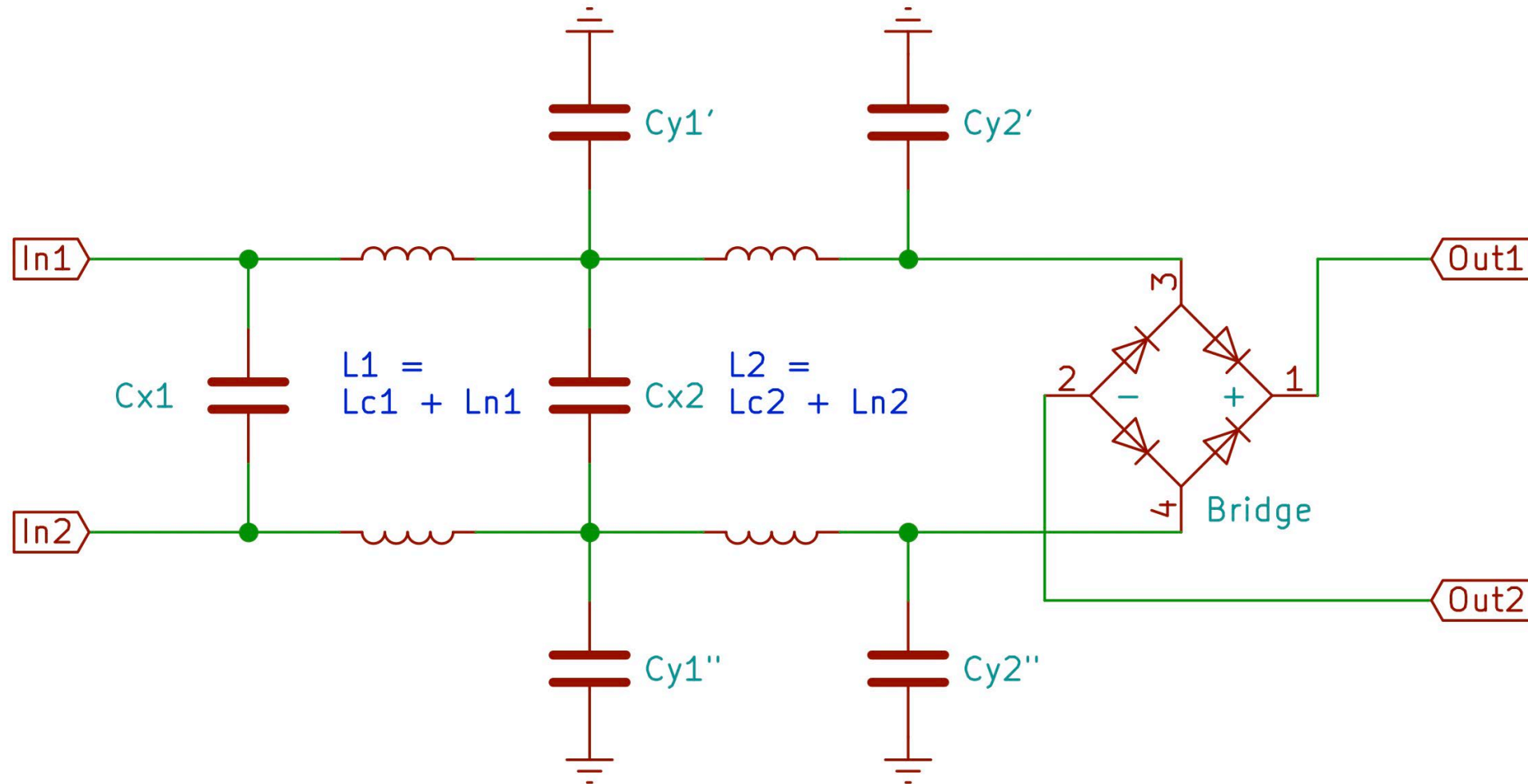
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# What is an EMI or X/Y capacitor ?





- aka “Funkentstörer”, Safety capacitor, IEC60384-14, Y-Capacitor, X-Capacitor
- Use in grid applications ( 230VAC, 110VAC) and BEV (400V/800V)
- was originally developed catching transients not for DC



# EMI Filter

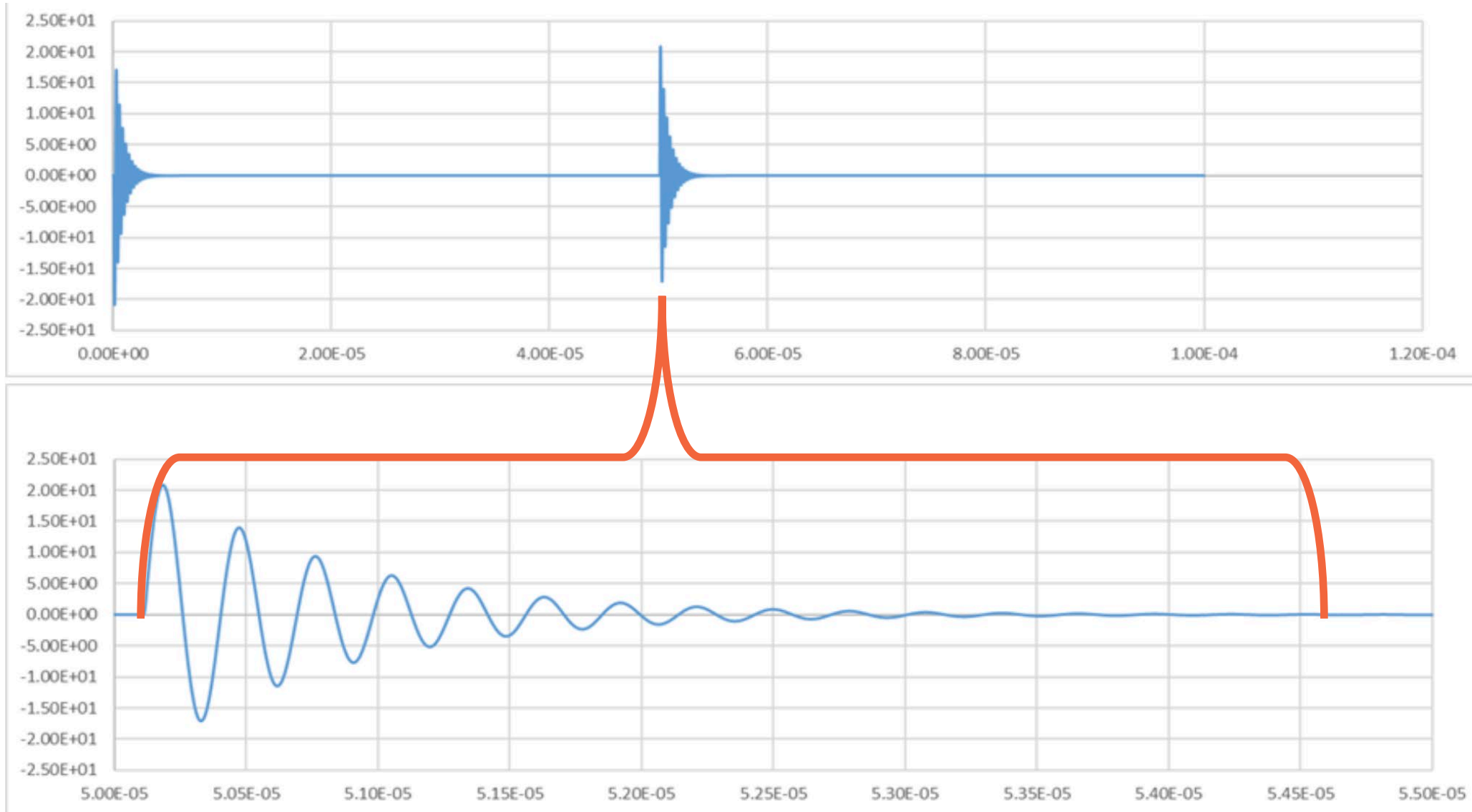


- Capacitance is defined 1kHz / 1Vrms **no** DC-bias
- DF is also defined at 1kHz
- ESR is determined at 100kHz
- There is no standard for ESL measurements
- Definition of inductance :  
The area inside the current loop defines inductance  
The component is only a part of the whole loop

	Frequency	Trace 1	ESR	Trace 2	ESL	
:: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cursor 1	30 kHz	11,997 mΩ	12,142 mΩ	5,822 μH	5,813 μH	
:: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cursor 2	200 kHz	8,918 mΩ	5,75 mΩ	124,848 nH	125,358 nH	
:: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cursor 3	500 kHz	11,011 mΩ	10,381 mΩ	15,05 nH	15,353 nH	
:: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cursor 4	1 MHz	14,432 mΩ	14,253 mΩ	264,714 pH	72,002 pH	

- Film capacitor widely used for DC-Link capacitors, Snubber and X/Y caps
- ESL cause
  - Impact filter performance due shift of resonance frequency
  - Ringing in switched application (Inverter, PFC)

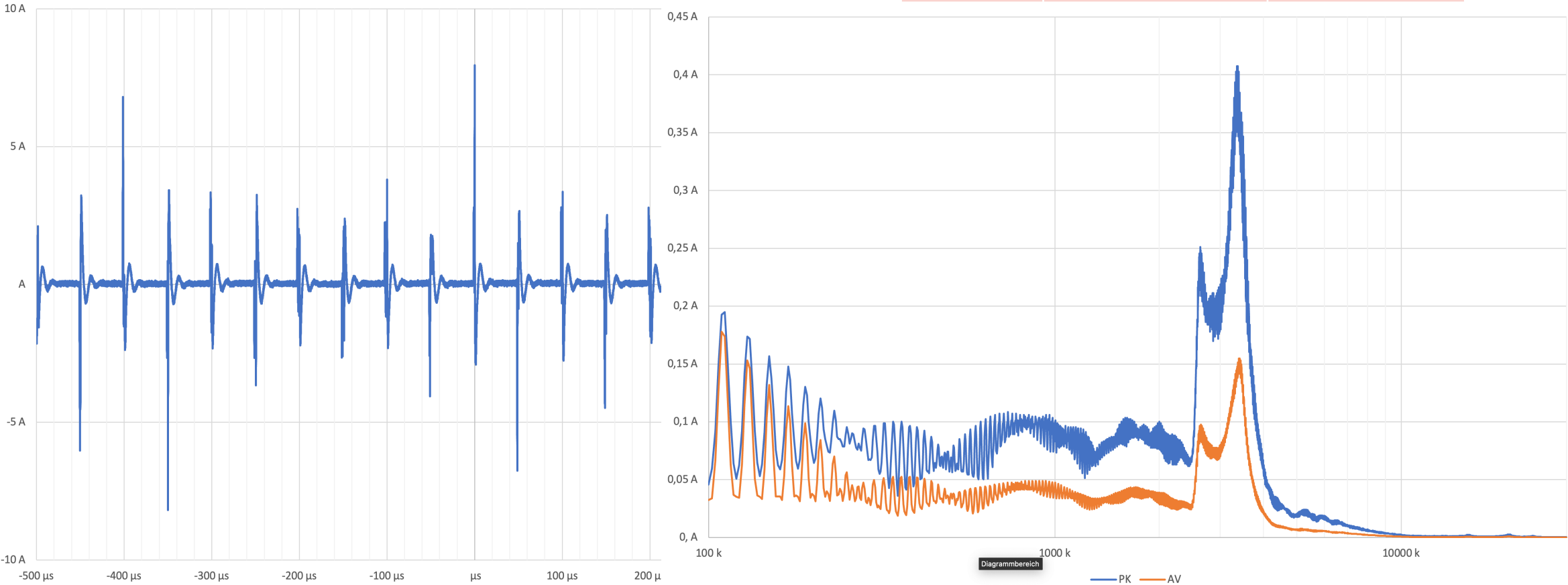
# Ringling $I = f(t)$



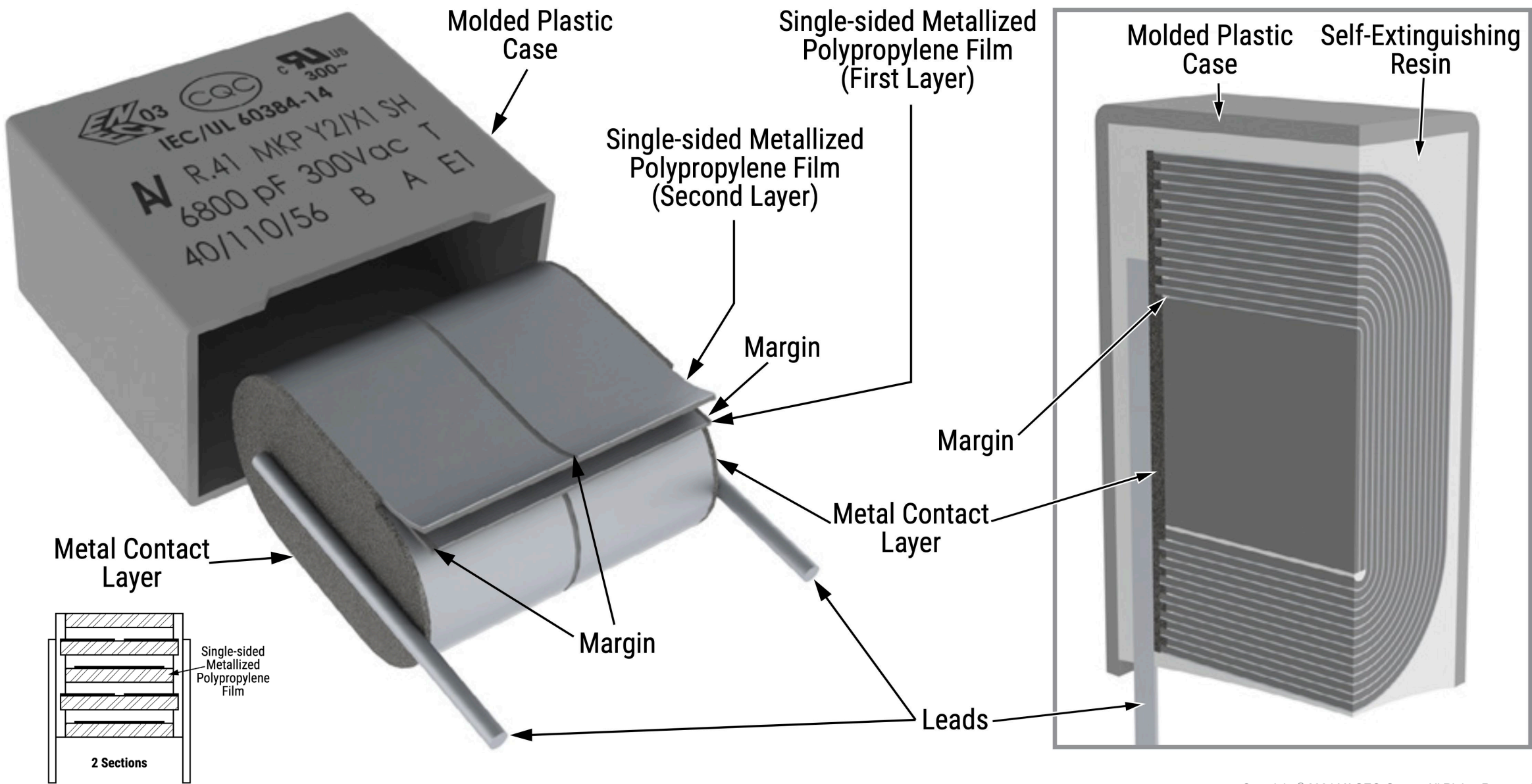
# Ripple current : time variant and frequency domain

$$dT = I_{rms}^2 \cdot ESR(f, T) \cdot R_{th}$$

I_rms Total	I_rms 7 Harmonics	Relation
2,622A	0,3355	13,5%



# Film Construction



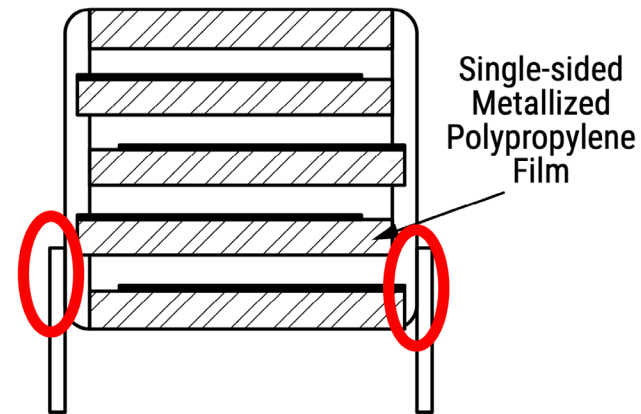
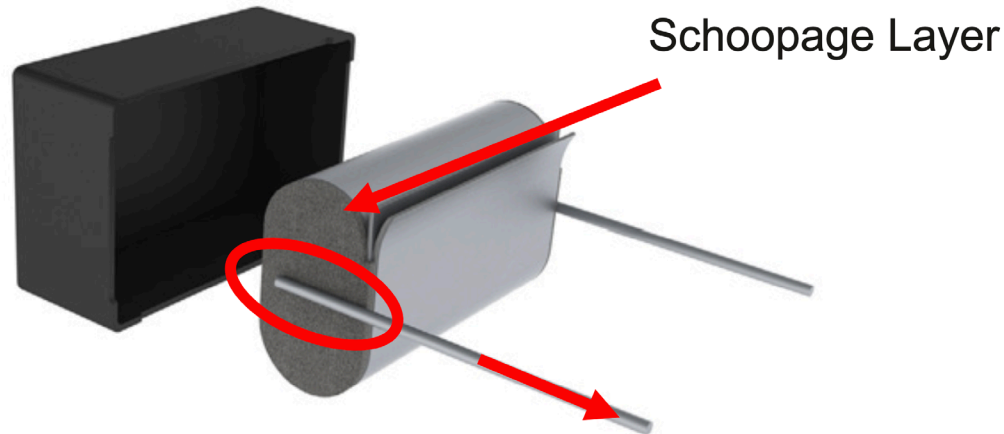
Power and AC Film Capacitors – Printed Circuit Board Mount Power Film Capacitors  
C4AQ, Radial, 2 or 4 Leads, 500 - 1,500 VDC, for DC Link (Automotive Grade)



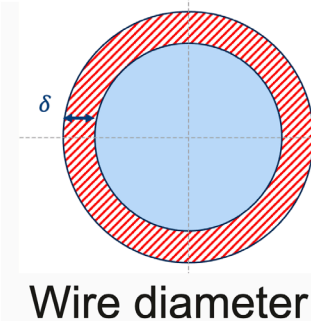
Table 1 – Ratings & Part Number Reference cont.

Cap Value (μF)	VDC	Dimensions (mm)					dV/dt	Ipkr	ESL	ESR 70°C at 10 kHz	Irms* 70°C at 10 kHz	Rth (HS/Amb)	Packaging Quantity	PART NUMBER
		T	H	L	S	S1	V/μs	Apk	nH	mΩ	Arms	(°C/W)		
V <sub>NDC</sub> at 70°C = 1,100 VDC; V <sub>OP85</sub> at 85°C = 900 VDC; V <sub>OP105</sub> at 105°C = 700 VDC														
1.5	1,100	11	20	31.5	27.5	\	24	36	17	26.3	4.8	44	256	C4AQQBU4150A1WJ
2.7	1,100	13	25	31.5	27.5	\	24	65	22	15.3	6.9	36	234	C4AQQBU4270A1XJ
3.3	1,100	14	28	31.5	27.5	\	24	79	24	12.9	7.9	33	96	C4AQQBU4330A1YJ
5	1,100	19	29	31.5	27.5	\	24	120	25	9.1	10.1	29	72	C4AQQBU4500A11J
8	1,100	22	37	31.5	27.5	\	24	193	28	6.6	12.6	23	64	C4AQQBU4800A12J
12	1,100	20	40	42	37.5	10.2	16	190	12	6.3	14.4	20	58	C4AQQBW5120A3FJ
14	1,100	28	37	42	37.5	10.2	16	229	10	5.4	16.3	18	36	C4AQQBW5140A3JJ

- Loss in transition of Schoopage layer
- Additional loss due increasing resistance in lead wire due skin effect at higher frequencies



$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\pi \mu_0 \mu_r f}}$$

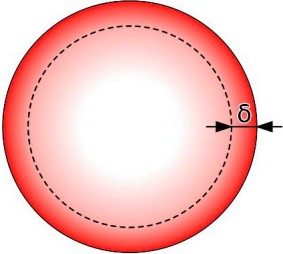


$$I_p = C \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$P = \int_0^{t_r} I^2 \cdot ESR + \int_{t_f}^{t_{period}} I^2 \cdot ESR$$

# Skin effect on Cu wires

- At 500kHz the x-section is only a half

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \rho}{\omega \mu}}$$


$\delta$  = depth of material

$\rho$  = specific resistance

$\omega$  = angular frequency =  $2\pi$  freq

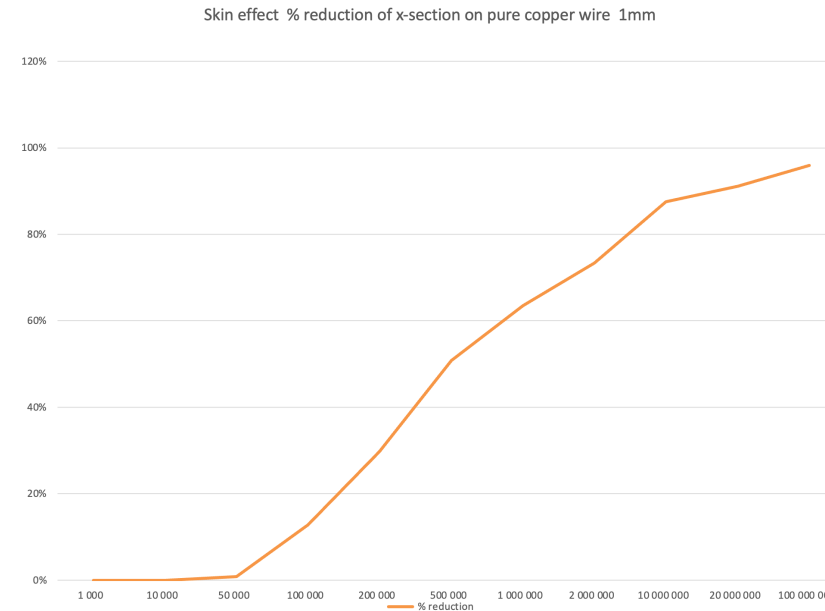
$\mu$  = permeability

$$A = \pi(D^2 - (D - \delta)^2)$$

$A$  = wire cross – section

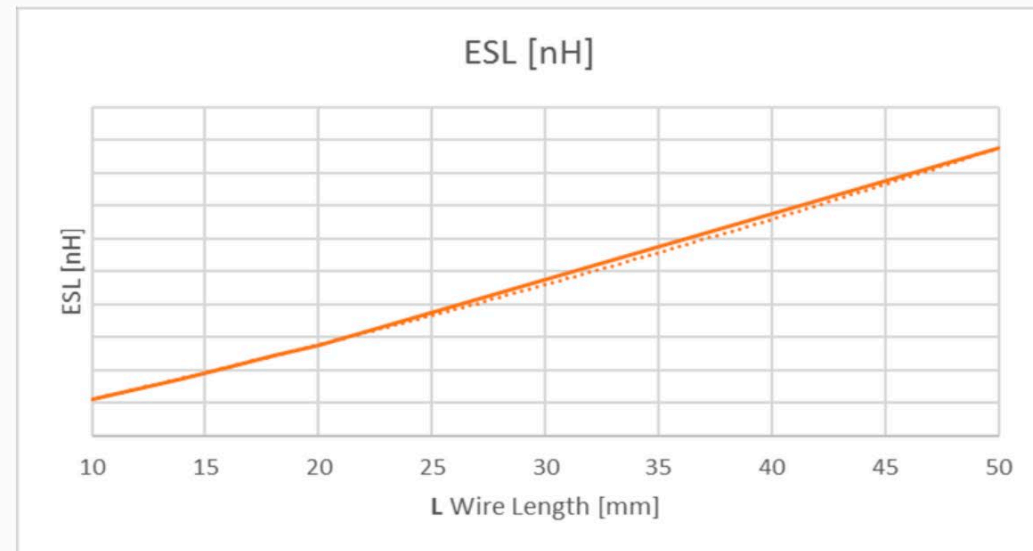
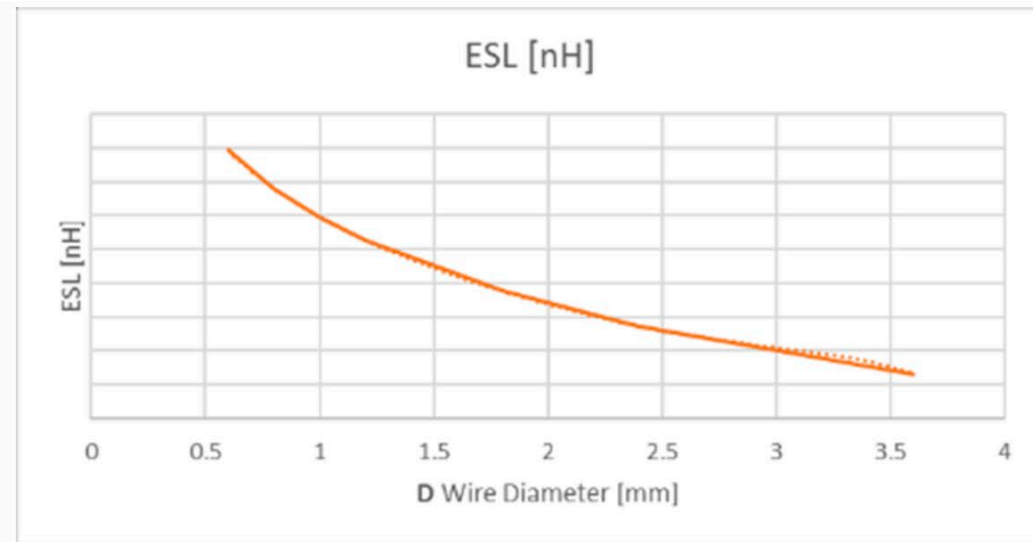
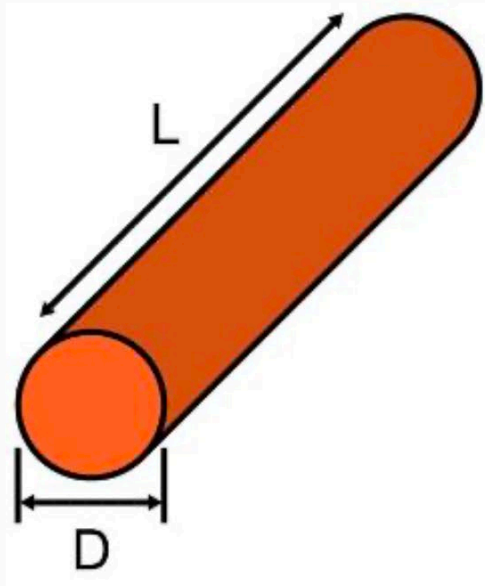
$D$  = wire diameter

$\delta$  = depth of material



Frequency / kHz	Loss / %	Wire 1.0mm
10kHz	0%	1.0
50kHz	15%	0.85
100kHz	32%	0.68
200kHz	48%	0.52
500kHz	65%	0.45

# ESL Value cersus Wire Ø and length

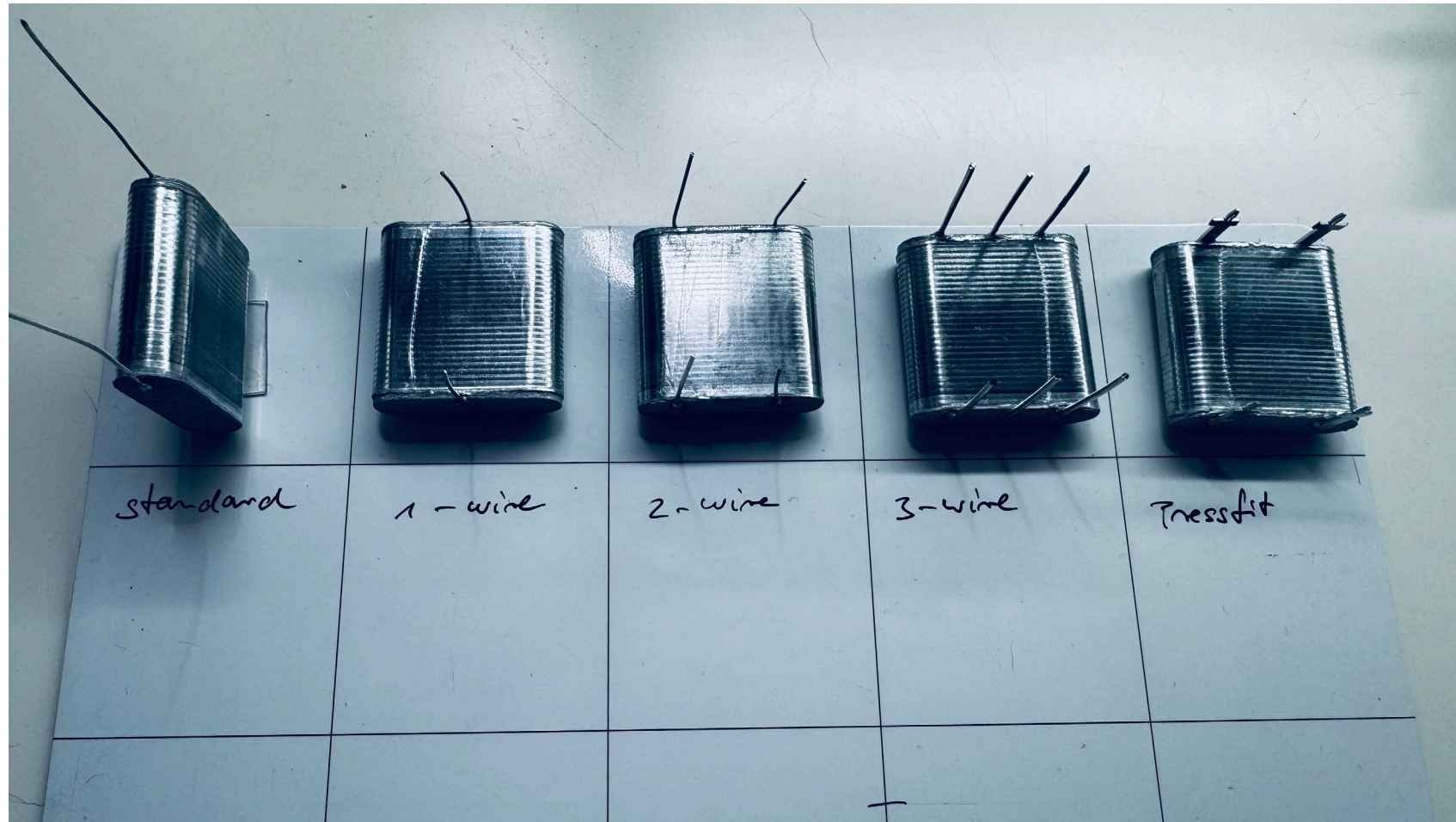


# Specimen for our test

Wirethickness

0.8

1,0



$$\underline{Z} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{I}}$$

$$\underline{Z} = |Z| e^{j\omega t + \varphi} \quad \varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{X}{R} \right)$$

$$\underline{Z} = |Z| (\cos(\varphi) + j \sin(\varphi))$$

$$\underline{Z} = R + j(X_l + X_c)$$

*3 variables  $R, X_l, X_c$  but only two equations*

$$R = |Z| \cdot \cos(\varphi)$$

$$X = |Z| \cdot \sin(\varphi) \text{ with } X = X_l + X_c$$

# Does it matter? $C = 5\mu\text{F}$ , $\text{ESL} = 20\text{nH}$

Impedance Calculation

ESR

0,01

$\Omega$

C

5

$\mu\text{F}$

ESL

20

$\text{nH}$

f

1

$\text{kHz}$

Xc

31,8

$\Omega$

Xl

126

$\mu\Omega$

R

10,0

$\text{m}\Omega$

jX

31,8

$\Omega$

|Z|

31,8

$\Omega$

phi

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0,000 314

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Q

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SRF

503

$\text{kHz}$

	Xl	Xc
1kHz	0.000126	31.8
10kHz	0.00126	3.18
100kHz	0.0126	0.318
1MHz	0.126	0.0318

## What we all know ..

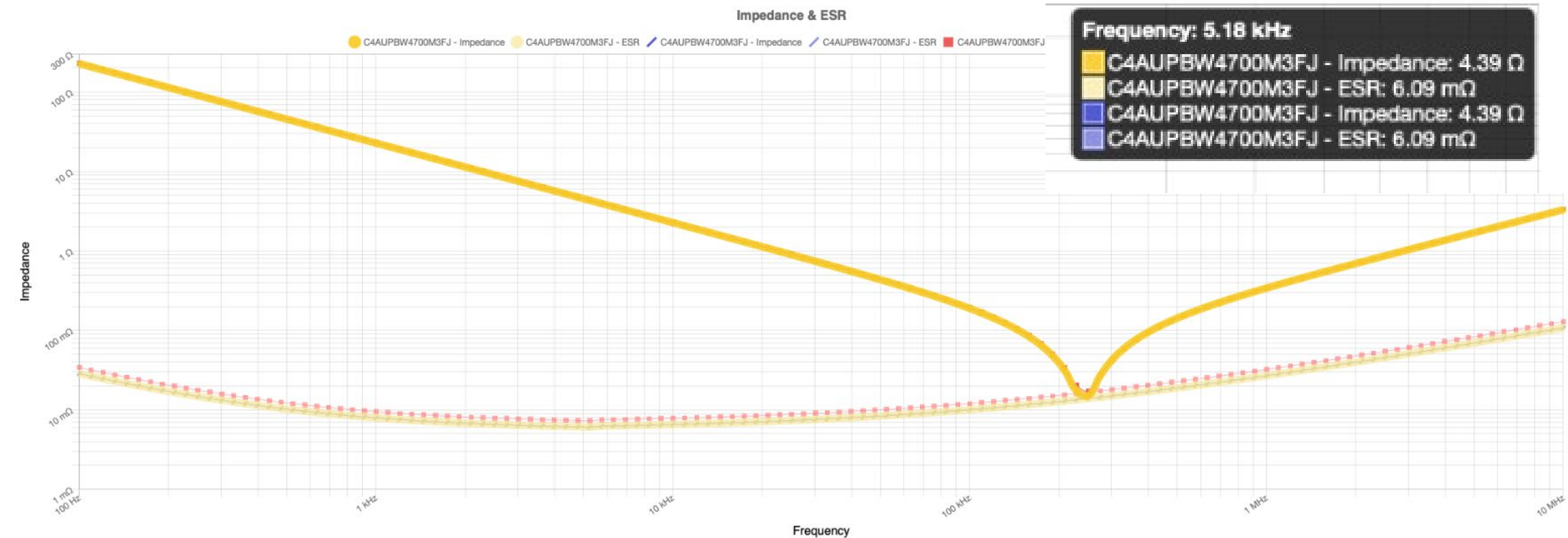
- Real capacitor has **capacitance**, **resistance** & **inductance**

$$|Z| = \sqrt{ESR^2 + j \left( 2 * \pi * f * L - \frac{1}{2 * \pi * f * C} \right)^2}$$

- ESL depends on length and width of the chip size
- ESL impacts the Self Resonance Frequency

$$SRF = \frac{1}{2 * \pi * \sqrt{L * C}}$$

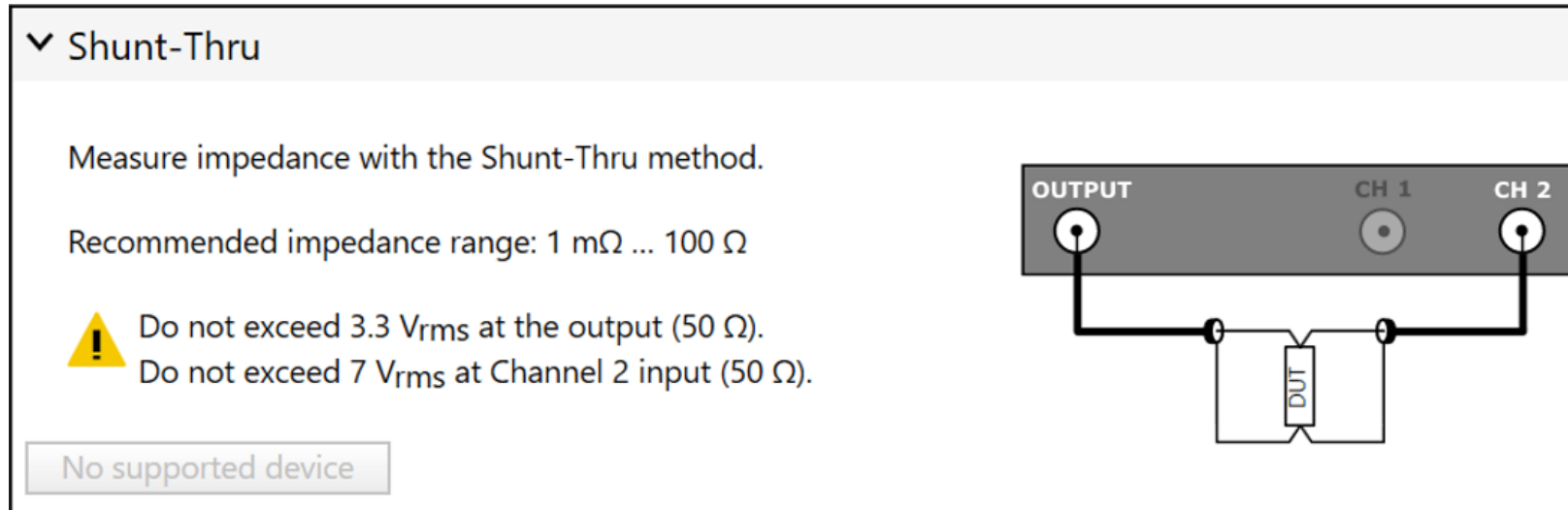
# Where to start



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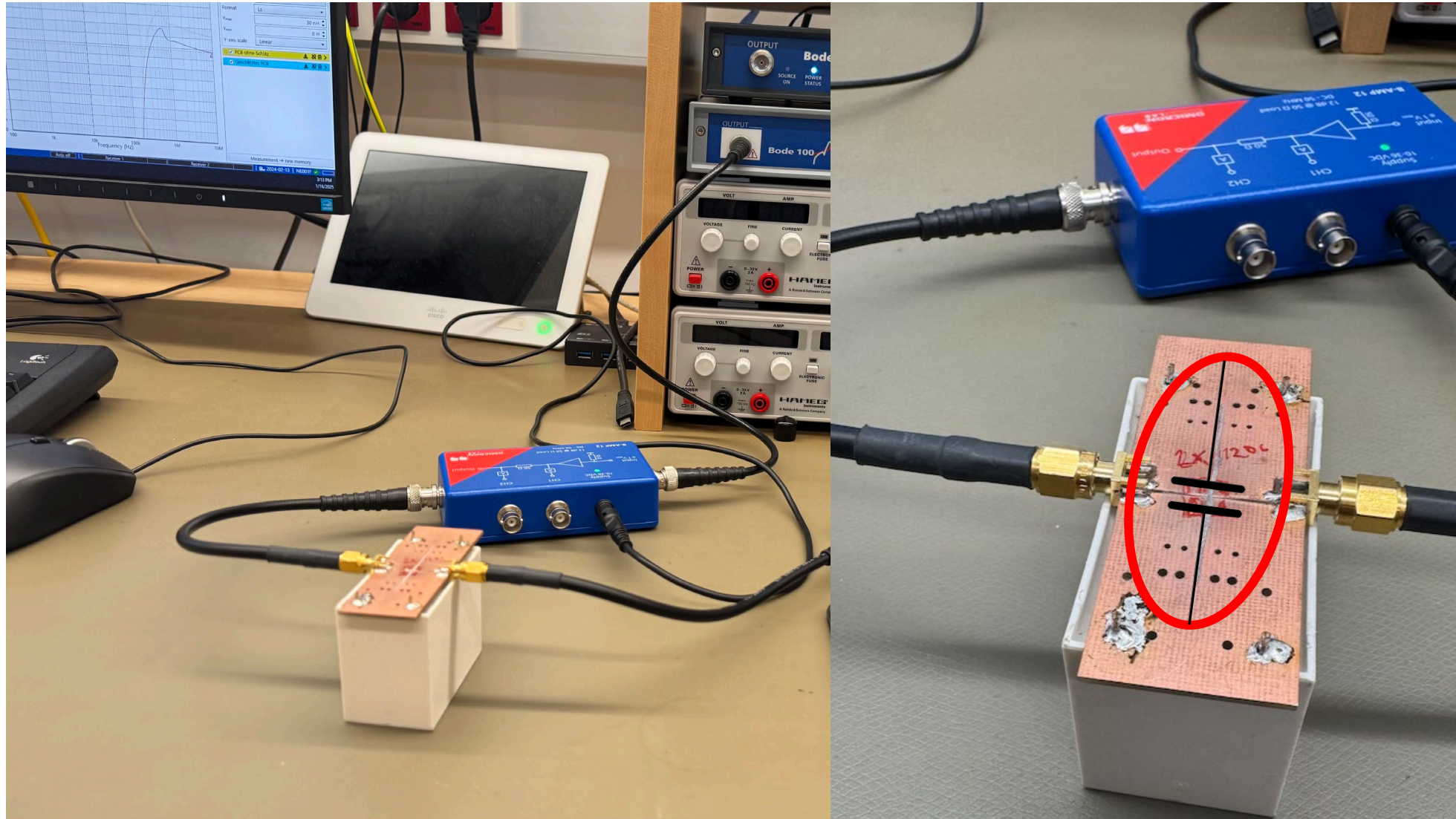
# Measurement methode PCB – criteria

- Impedance is between  $15\text{m}\Omega$  ..  $300\Omega$
- ESR is between  $6\text{m}\Omega$  and  $100\text{m}\Omega$



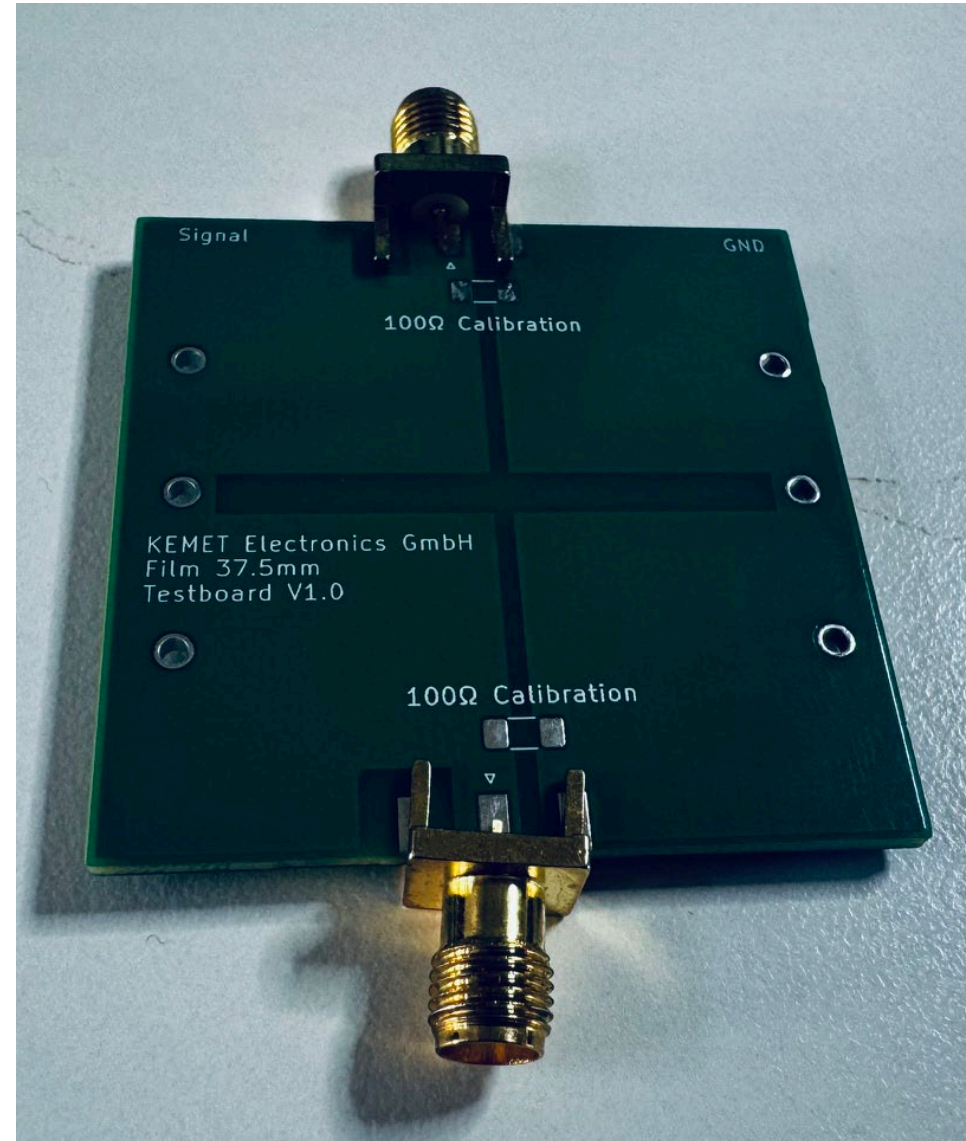
- $Z(226\text{Hz}) = 100\Omega$
- $Z(10\text{MHz}) = 680\text{m}\Omega$

# First shot



# The Testboard

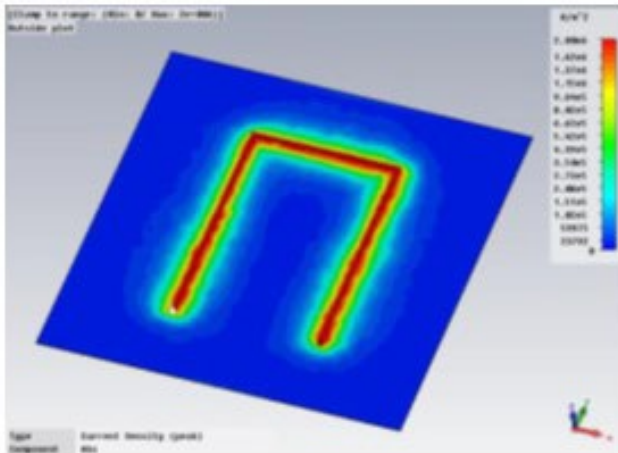
- Shunt-thru
- OSL (50 $\Omega$ )
- Load is 2x 100 $\Omega$  in parallel
- SMA – connector
- Symmetric layout



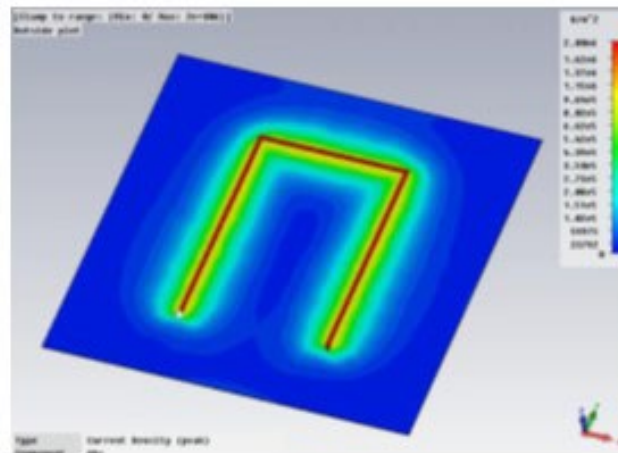
# Coupling effects

Current path with a u shaped conductor simulated in CST EMS

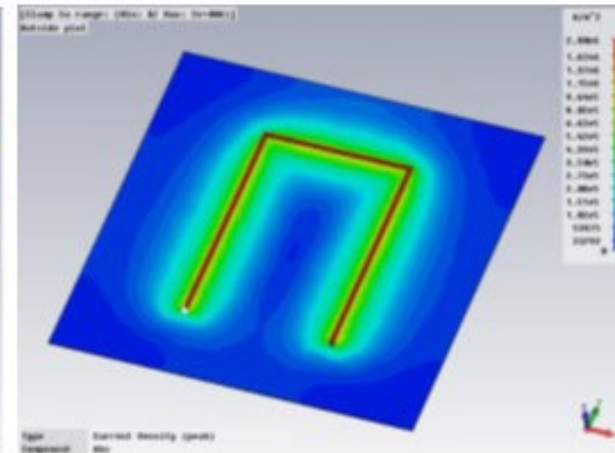
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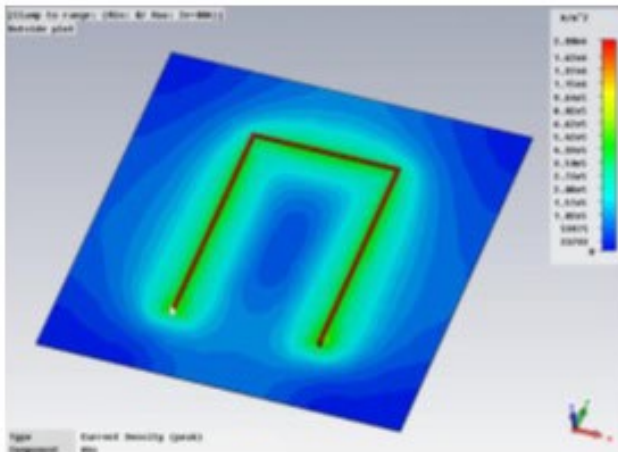
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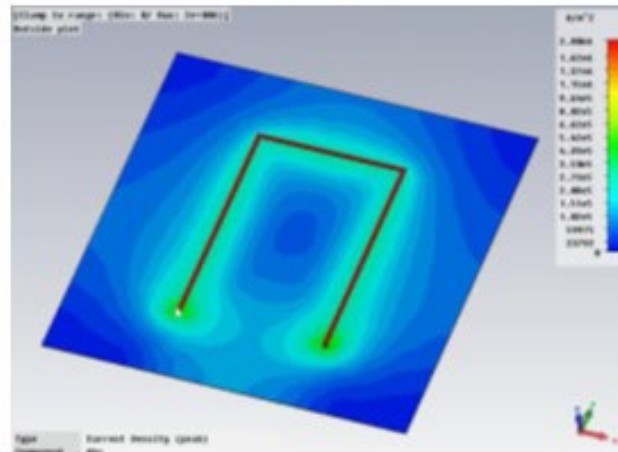
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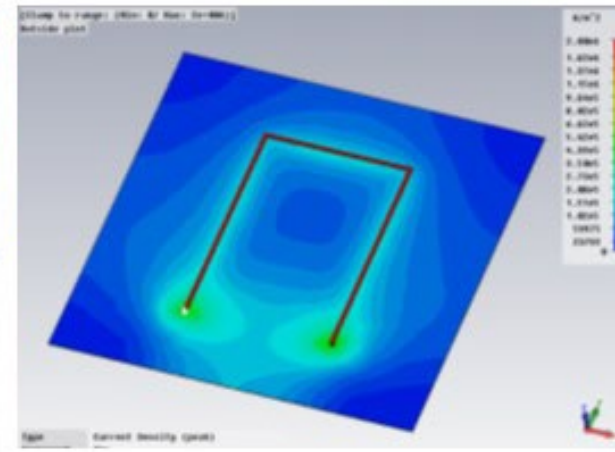
2kHz



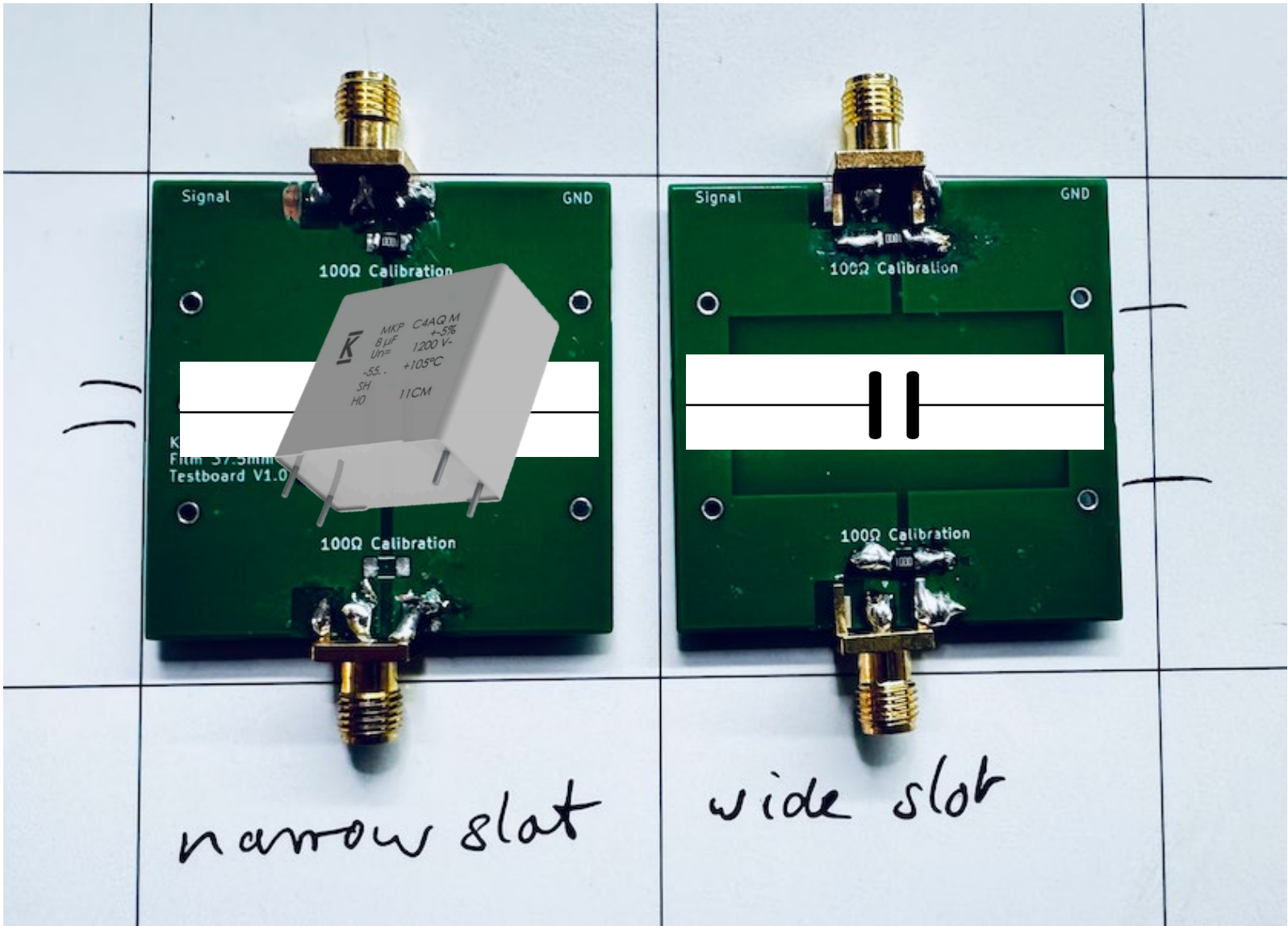
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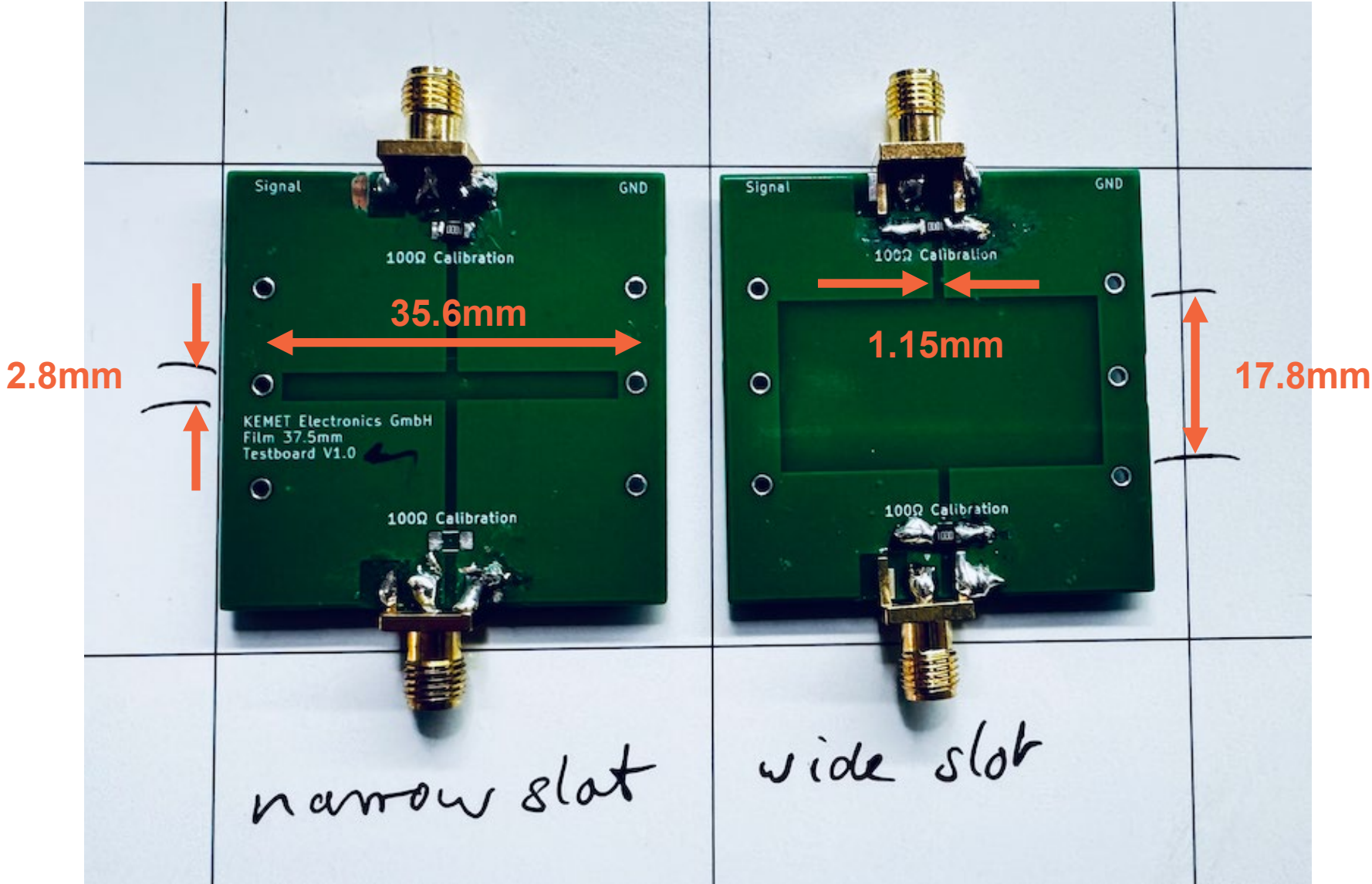


500Hz



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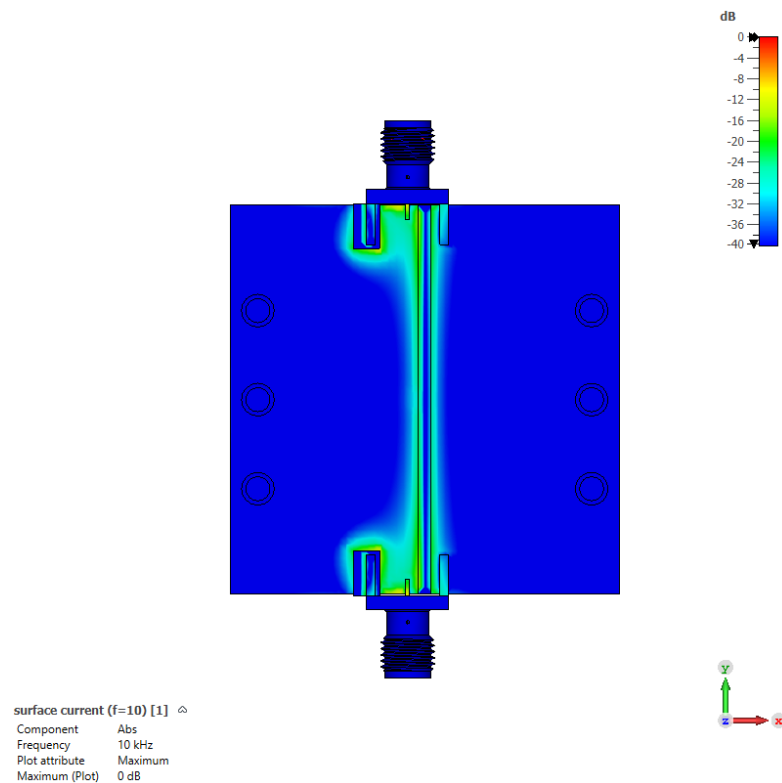




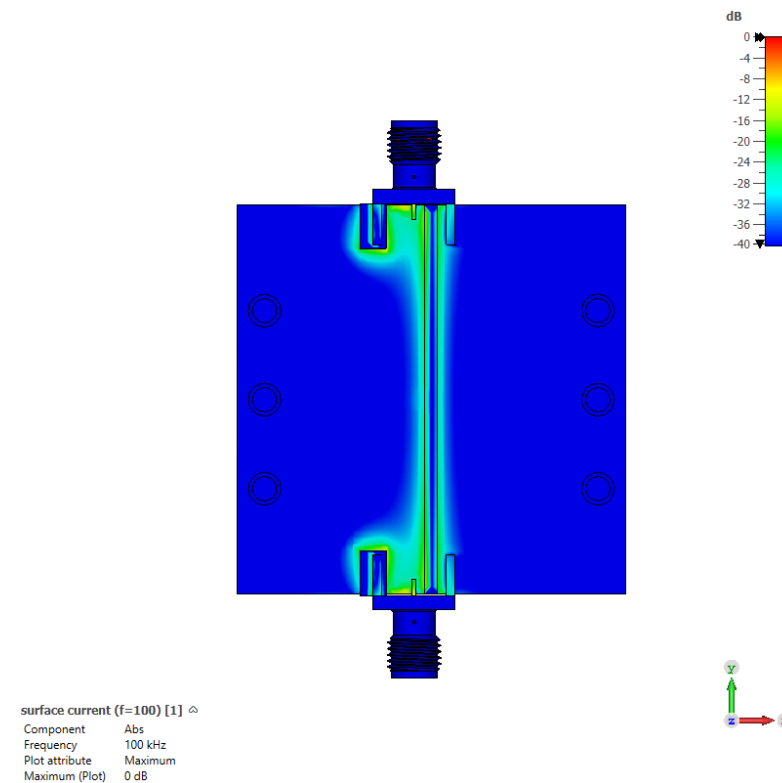
# The simulation of the Test PCB

- Slot is necessary to drive the current thru the component
- Because of the dimension of the PCB the frequency doesn't really matter

10kHz

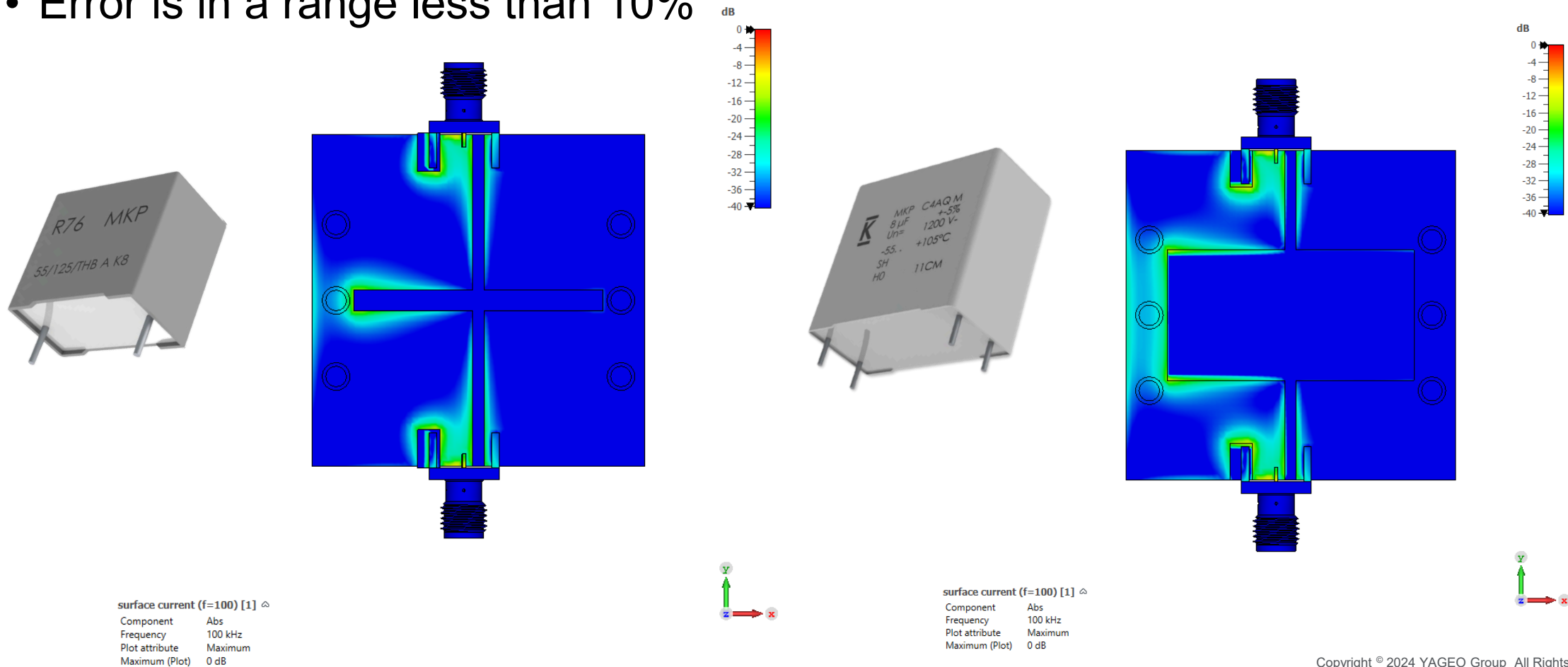


100kHz

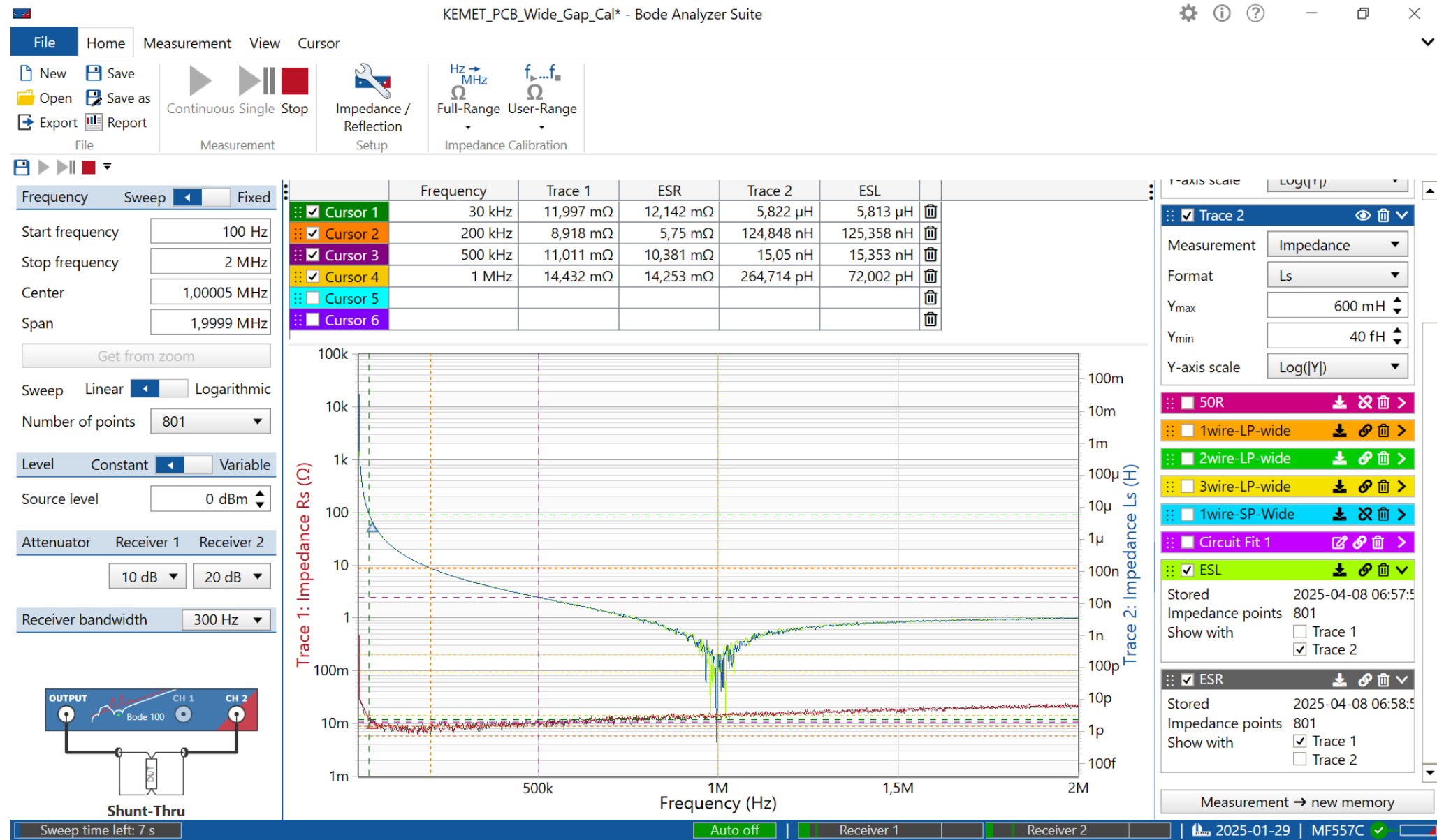


# The simulation of the Test PCB (2)

- The width of the gap controls the current flow
- Adapt to the dimensional needs
- Error is in a range less than 10%



# Measurement



- Try not to use beyond resonance frequency

Equivalent circuit model

Select model type: Model E

Automatic best fit

Model E

Fitting

Start Fit

Export Fit configuration

Export SPICE netlist

Import Configuration

Export Circuit Fit as SPICE netlist

Exports the fit results as a subcircuit (using .SUBCKT) to a SPICE file.

Fit Model: Simple network

Data source: Z{Measurement} - Impedance value in  $\Omega$

Fit parameter

Seek passivity: No

Weighting: 1/|Admittance|

Enter your notes...

Fit results

$$Z = \frac{1 + s \cdot RC_a + s^2 \cdot LC_a}{s \cdot (C_b + C_a) + s^2 \cdot (RC_a C_b) + s^3 \cdot LC_a C_b}$$

14,549 m $\Omega$

4,572 nH

4,694  $\mu$ F

182,776 nF

ve Error

# Use in other programs



LTspice - Omicron\_Bode100\_make\_circuit

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Component Attribute Editor

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-30.5dB

-31.5dB

-32.5dB

-33.5dB

-34.5dB

10mHz

100mHz

1Hz

10Hz

100Hz

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48°

36°

24°

12°

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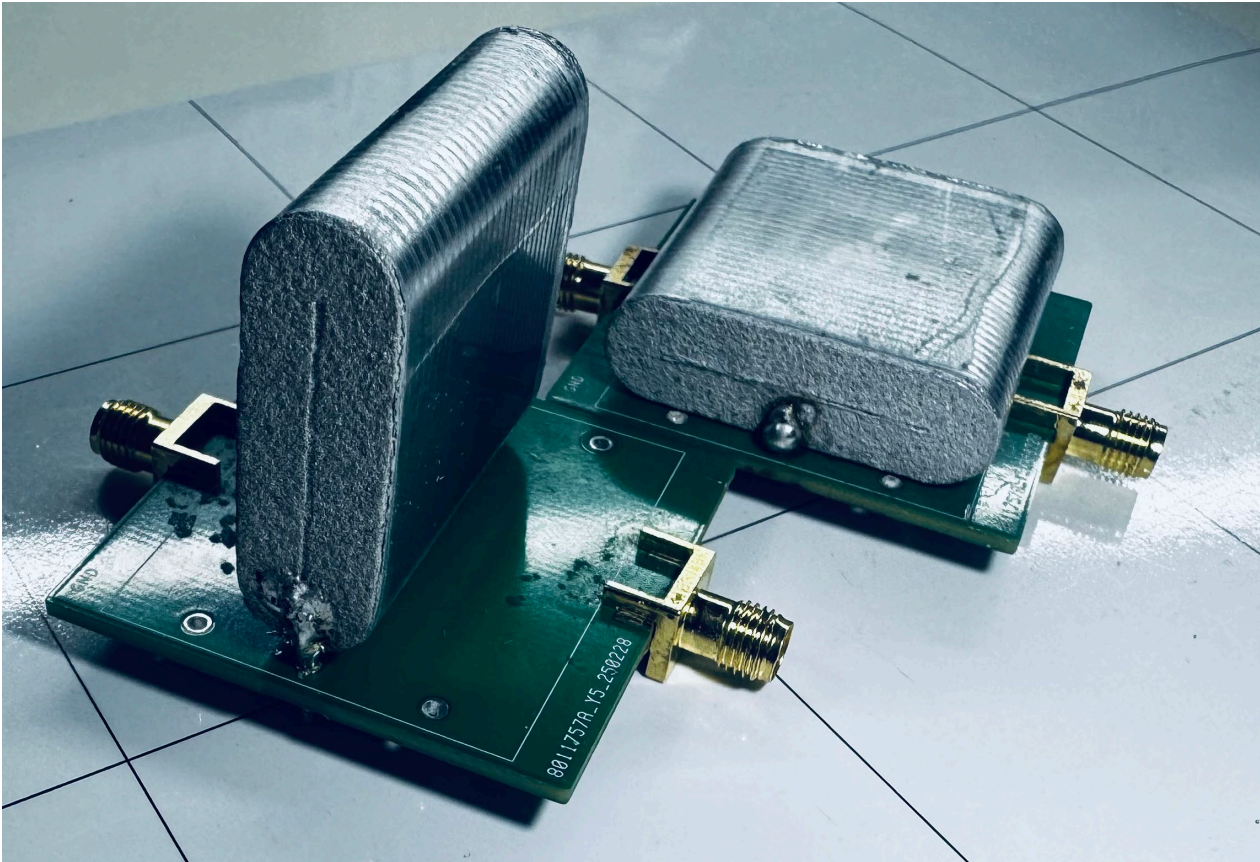
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# ESL reduction

Capacitor Bobbin : 5uF 6,7um x 37,5 mm

ESL [nH]	1 Wire/Standard Profile	1 Wire/Low Profile
	12.1	5.3

56% less



# Specimen for our test

- More wires reduce ESL and ESR

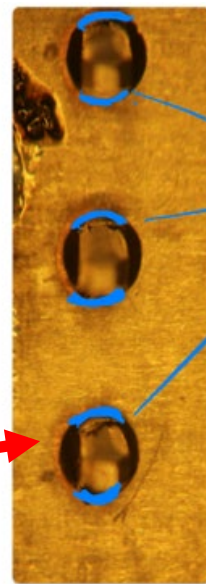


	1-wire SP	1-wire LP	2-wire LP	3-wire LP	2-PF LP
ESL/nH (2MHz)	12.1	5.3	4.7	3.1	./.
ESR/mΩ (100kHz)	7.8	4.2	3.1	2.4	./.
SRF/MHz	0.638	1.1	1.29 <sup>1)</sup>	1.27	./.

1) Capacitance was at the lower limit

# What about pressfit

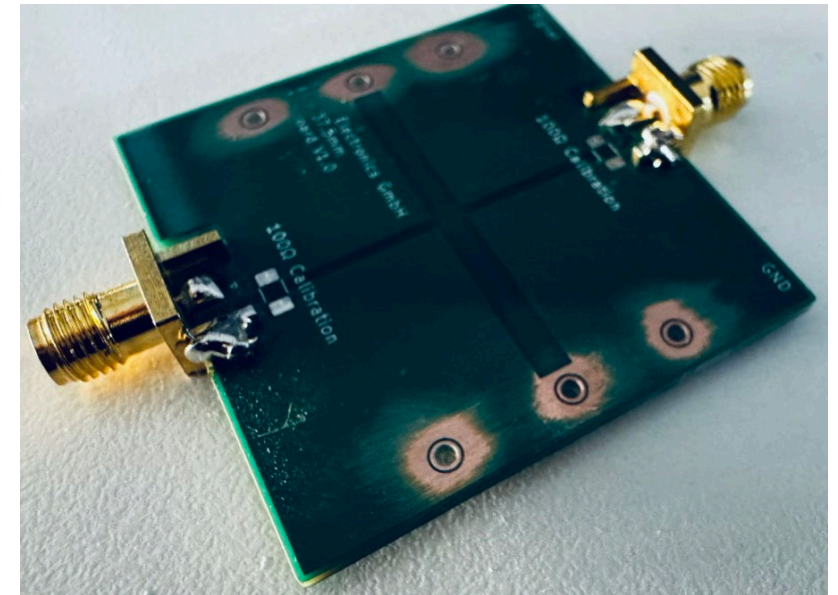
- The restring disconnect the hole from the copper
- For wire use lots of solder
- Wire Pressfit contacts I messed it up – new PCB already ordered



contact area = A

$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A}$$

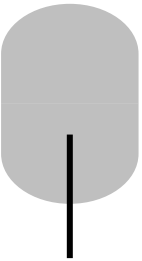
$$A \downarrow \rightarrow R \uparrow$$



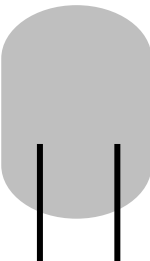
# Low ESL: Low profile 4 pins DC Link

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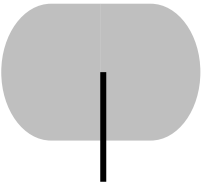
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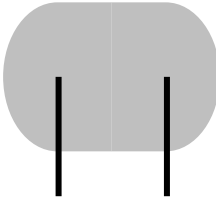
1 Wire



2 Wires

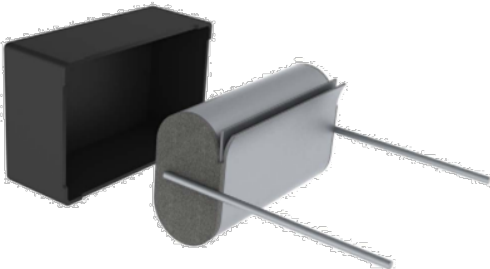


1 Wire  
Low Profile



2 Wires  
Low Profile

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2.5	900	24	15	32	27.5	\	40	100	13	17.1	5.9	39	168	C4AKOLU4250A32J
4.8	900	31	19	32	27.5	\	40	192	16	9.2	9.1	30	80	C4AKOLU4480A39J
3.8	900	24	15	42	37.5	10.2	20	76	7	21.2	5.8	33	132	C4AKOLW4380A34J
5	900	24	19	42	37.5	10.2	20	100	8	16.2	7	29	88	C4AKOLW4500A33J
10	900	35	24	42	37.5	20.3	20	200	9	8.1	11	23	60	C4AKOLW5100A36J
14	900	43	25	42	37.5	20.3	20	280	9	5.9	14.3	19	48	C4AKOLW5140A38J



- It was fun to work on my own first testboard
- Very helpful to have a community and contacts you can talk with
- The pressfit will be investigate when the new boards arrive
- There a lot more to do on the components characterization and ...




# Enough material for future investigations



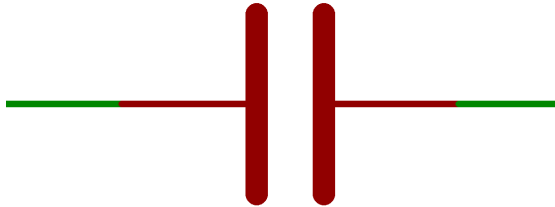
Capacitors	Resistors	Inductors	EMC	Transformers	Signal Magnetics & Connectors	Sensors	Antenna, RF & Microwave	Circuit Protection	Discrete Semi-conductors	Magnets & Metal Materials	Piezoelectric Devices	Power Supplies	Electro-mechanical	Motor & Ignition Coils	Cable Harnesses
Aluminum	Carbon	Power	Common Mode Choke - Power	Isolation	Automotive Networks	Current	Antennas	Chip Fuse	MOSFET	Electromagnets	Piezo Ceramic Actuators	DC to DC	Lifting Magnets	Ignition Coils	Custom
Ceramic	Jumper	RF Signal	Common Mode Choke - Signal	Power	Cages	Inductive & Capacitive Sensors	Connectors, Cables & Mounts	Gas Discharge Tube	Rectifier Diode	Memoalloy (Ni-Ti Wire)	Piezo Ceramic Transducer	AC to DC	Magnetic Coils	Motor Coils	
Film	Metal		Differential Mode Choke - Power		Connectors	Limit Switches	RF Filters	TNCs	Zener Diode	Permanent Magnets	Piezo Ceramic Acoustic Modules		Relay Coils		
Polymer	Metal Oxide Film		Differential Mode Choke - Signal		Ethernet (LAN)	Photoelectric Sensors	Couplers	PPTCs			Piezo Film Haptic Modules		Relays		
Supercapacitors	Platinum		Dual Mode Choke		Integrated Connector Modules (ICMs)	Resistance Temp. Detector (RTD)	Splitters	Spark Gap Protectors					Shock Absorber Coils		
Tantalum	Thick Film		EMI Filters		Telecom & Audio (WAN)	Pressure Sensors		Thyristor Surge Suppressors					Solenoid Valves		
	Thin Film		EMI Suppression			Pyroelectric Sensors		TVS Diodes					Trigger Magnetics		
	Wirewound		Ground Wire			RFID Systems		TVS Diodes - Low Capacitance							
			Magnetic Materials			Safety Sensors & Switches		Varistors							
						Thermal Reed Switch									
						Ultrasonic Sensors									
						Vibration Sensors									

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