

Black's equation to calculate the heater reliability with current density and ambient temperature (T_{ambient}):

$$MTTF(J, T_{\text{ambient}}) = \frac{A_{MTTF}}{J^n} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_A}{k_B T_{\text{ambient}}}\right) \quad (1)$$

To convert Black's equation from ambient temperature to local heater temperature (T_{joule}), we need:

$$MTTF(T_{\text{joule}}) = A_{MTTF} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_A}{k_B T_{\text{joule}}}\right) \quad (2)$$

Next step is to determine the failure-rate and activation energy from the following 2 figures

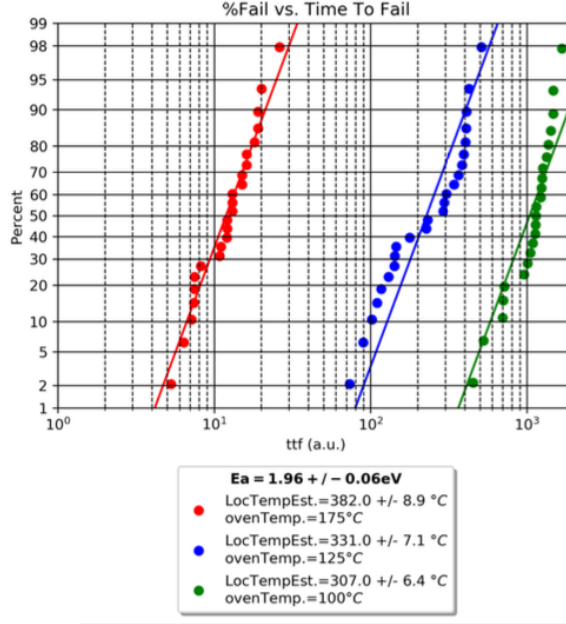


Figure 1: Cumulative distribution of failure vs. time to failure at three oven temperatures. Both the oven temperature and the estimated local heater temperature are shown.

1 Arhenius Weibull Distribution

Failure rate is be estimated using Weibull distribution. It is given by:

$$P_{\text{failure}}(t, T_{\text{joule}}) = 1 - \exp\left(-\left[\frac{t}{MTTF(T_{\text{joule}})}\right]^\beta\right) \quad (3)$$

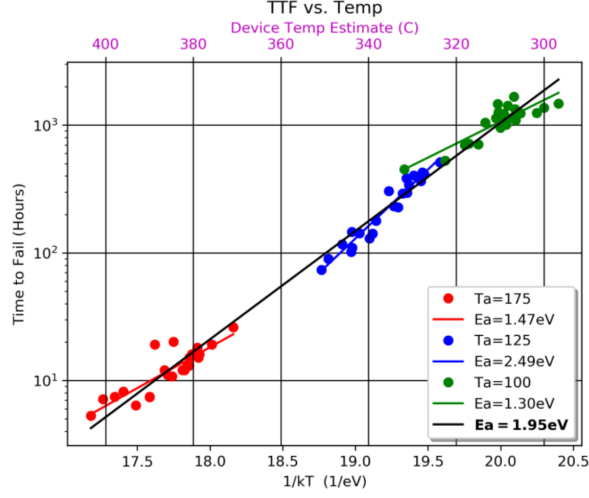


Figure 2: Time to failure vs local temperature for each individual device. Devices were stressed at three different oven temperatures.

Estimating β from GF's publication:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_{failure1}}{P_{failure2}} &= \frac{1 - \exp(-[\frac{MTTF(T_{joule})}{MTTF(T_{joule})}]^\beta)}{1 - \exp(-[\frac{MTTF(T_{joule})/2}{MTTF(T_{joule})}]^\beta)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{0.6321}{P_{failure2}} &= \frac{1 - \exp(-1)}{1 - \exp(-1 \cdot [0.5]^\beta)} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For $t = MTTF(T_{joule})$, we have a failure-rate of 63.21% is around 2500 a.u. for the blue curve. For $t = MTTF(T_{joule})/2$, we have $P_{failure,rate_2} = 7.5\%$.

$$\frac{0.6321}{0.075} = \frac{0.6321}{1 - \exp(-1 \cdot [0.5]^\beta)} \Rightarrow \beta = 3.68 \quad (5)$$

The final lifetime $\tau_{lifetime}$ is:

$$\tau_{lifetime} = MTTF(T_{joule})[-1 \cdot \log_e(1 - P_{failure,rate}(T_{joule}))]^{1/\beta} \quad (6)$$

2 Arhenius Lognormal Distribution

Reliability function ($R(t)$) and failure-rate ($P_{failure}(t)$) using Lognormal distribution. It is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(t) &= \int_{\ln(t)}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma' \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x - \mu'}{\sigma'}\right]^2\right) dx \\
 P_{failure}(t) &= 1 - R(t) \\
 MTTF(T_{joule}) &= \exp(\mu') \\
 MTTF(T_{joule}) &= A \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_A}{k_B T_{joule}}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$