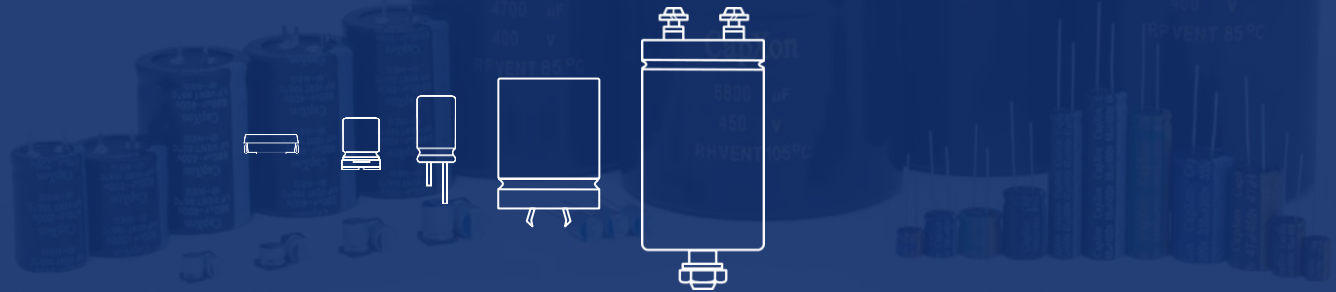


# Solid Conductive Polymer and Hybrid Conductive Polymer Technologies



## Agenda

### Technology Comparison

- Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors
- Solid Conductive Polymer Capacitors
- Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

### Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

- Features & Characteristics
- Life Performance

### Solid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

- Features & Characteristics
- Replacing MLCCs with Solid Conductive Polymer Caps

### Typical Applications & Summary



# Short Introduction

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# That's who we are

## 10 facts about CapXon

# CAPXON

### Manufacturer of Electrolytic Capacitors



**Founded 1980**  
by Victor Lin



**Family owned and  
independent**



**2500 professional  
employees**



**ISO9001, ISO14001  
and IATF 16949 certified**



**Belongs to the TOP 10  
manufacturers in e-caps**



**Established in Taipei**  
Taiwan



**40 years experience in  
electrolytic capacitors**



**Fully owned factories**  
1 e-cap and 3 foil  
factories



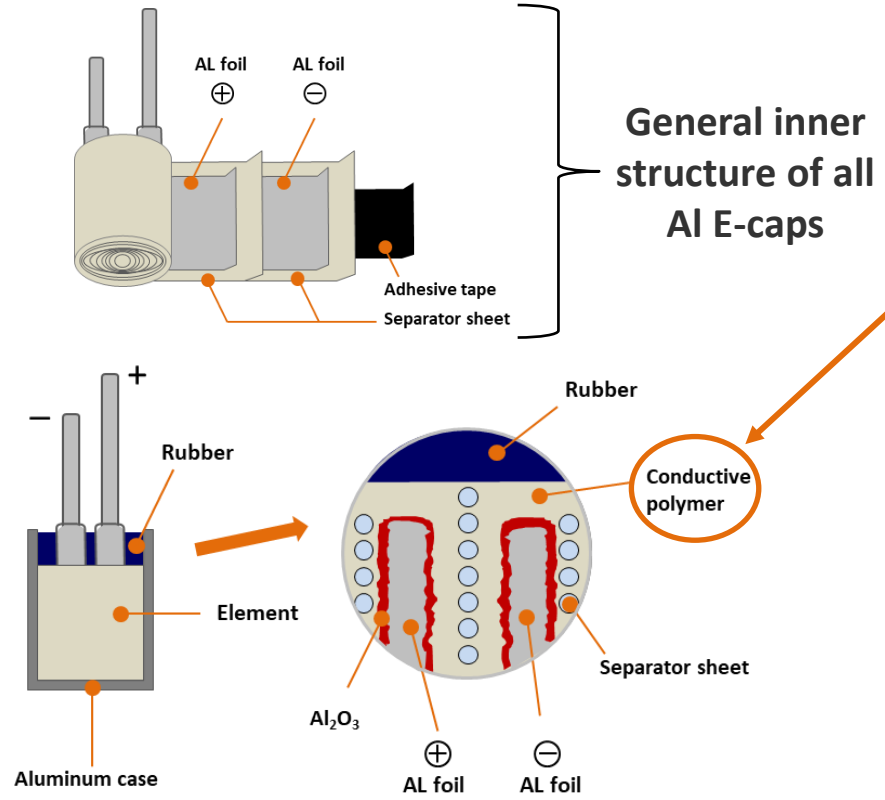
**Patented production  
process**



**Production of more than  
1 bio pcs per month**

# E-Cap Construction

## What is different with Polymer ?



**Solid Conductive Polymer as cathode material**

- High conductivity ( $10^2 \sim 10^3$  S/cm)
- Solid material (no freezing or dry-out possible)
- High de-composition temperature  $\sim 300^\circ\text{C}$

**Benefits**

- Low ESR@high frequency 100kHz  $\sim$  300kHz
- Wide operating temperature range  $-55^\circ\text{C} \sim +150^\circ\text{C}$
- High max. permissible ripple current
- Long life – stable performance over product life cycle
- High thermal stability over the whole temp. range

**Quality Factors**

- Material: mainly foil, separator, leads, polymer
- Polymer: impregnation or dispersion solution
- Production: Parameters polymerization process
- Capabilities: Techn. potential and quality of machinery

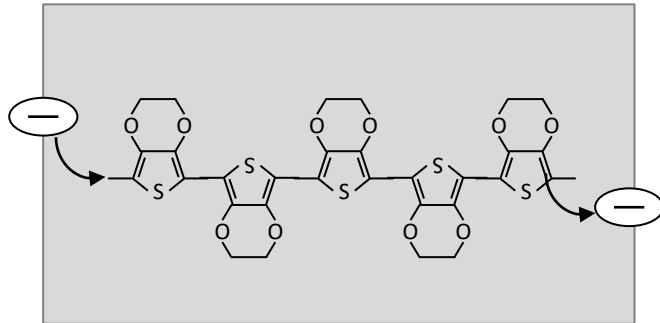
# Influence of Cathode Material

Solid Conductive Polymer vs. Liquid electrolyte

## What is the difference between Solid Conductive Polymer and Liquid Electrolyte?

### Solid Conductive Polymer

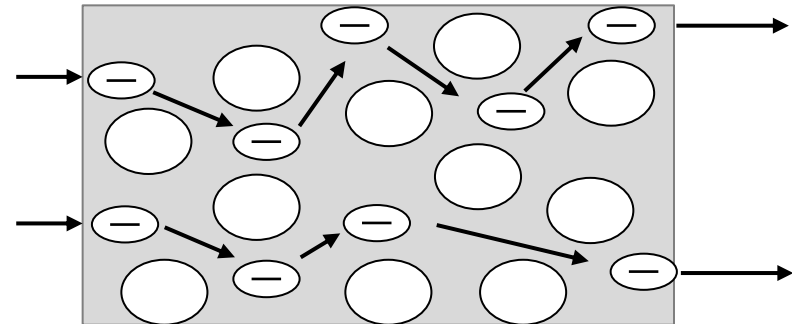
Electrons can move on molecules **FAST**  
(low resistance)



Conductivity index: 1 000 to 10 000 !!!

### Liquid Electrolyte

Electrons can move in solution  
**SLOW**  
(high resistance)



Conductivity index: 1

# Best of Both Worlds

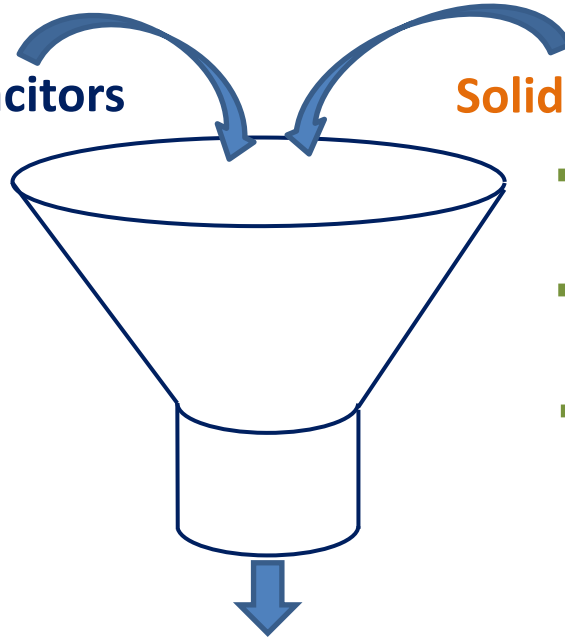
Let's mix it!

## Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors

- + Low Leakage current
- + High temperature capabilities
- + High voltage capabilities

## Solid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

- + High Lifetime Performance
- + High Ripple Current
- + Low ESR



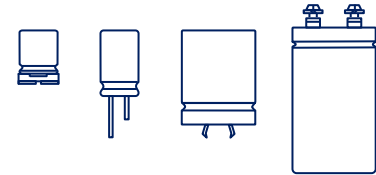
## Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

>> combining best features of both technologies <<

# Technology Comparison

Aluminum Electrolytic	Description	Features
	Rated Voltage $\cdot V_R$	4 VDC to 650 VDC
	Cathode Material	Liquid Electrolyte
	Self-healing of Dielectric	Yes
	Package	Widest range in all sizes
	Stability	Reduced performance at low temperature
	Lifetime	Limited life at high temperature
	Reliability	Automotive AEC-Q200 products available
Solid Conductive Polymer	Description	Features
	Rated Voltage $\cdot V_R$	2.5 VDC to 100 VDC
	Cathode Material	Solid Conductive Polymer
	Self-Healing of Dielectric	No
	ESR	Ultra-low ESR at high frequency
	Stability	Stable for low and high temperature
	Lifetime	Very stable and long life - no dry out
	Reliability	Only internal standard qualification
Hybrid Conductive Polymer	Description	Features
	Rated Voltage $\cdot V_R$	16 VDC to 400 VDC
	Cathode Material	Solid Conductive Polymer & Liquid Electrolyte
	Self-Healing of Dielectric	Yes
	ESR	Very low ESR at high frequency
	Stability	Even more stable than liquid type
	Leakage Current $\cdot I_{LEAK}$	Lower leakage current than Solid Conductive Polymer Type
	Reliability	Automotive AEC-Q200 products available

SMD, Radial, Snap-In, Screw



MLPC, SMD, Radial



SMD, Radial





# Technology Comparison

## Electrical Performance & Life Estimation

Case	V <sub>R</sub> (V)	C <sub>R</sub> (μF)	Size ø DxL (mm)	Technology	Part Number	ESR (mΩ, 100kHz)	Leakage current (μA) after 2 min	Maximum permissible ripple current (mA, RMS)	Temperature Range	Endurance (h)
	16	270	8 x 11.5	Liquid	GF271M016F115ETD	120	43	600	-55°C to +105°C	3000
			8 x 9	Hybrid	AS271M016F090PTD	26	43.2	2000	-55°C to +105°C	7000
			8 x 11.5	Polymer	PL271M016F115PTD	9	864	5600	-55°C to +105°C	2000

### Aluminum Electrolytic

$$L_A = L_0 \cdot 2^{\frac{T_{0\_Max} - T_A}{10^\circ C}}$$

➔ 10°C reduced  
2 x lifetime

#### Endurance Calculation

**3000h@105°C**

95°C	6000 h
85°C	12000 h
75°C	24000 h
65°C	48000 h

### Hybrid Polymer

$$L_A = L_0 \cdot 2^{\frac{T_{0\_Max} - T_A}{10^\circ C}}$$

➔ 10°C reduced  
2 x lifetime

#### Endurance Calculation

**7000h@105°C**

95°C	14000 h
85°C	28000 h
75°C	56000 h
65°C	112000 h

### Solid Conductive Polymer

$$L_A = L_0 \cdot 10^{\frac{T_{0\_Max} - T_A}{20^\circ C}}$$

➔ 20°C reduced  
10 x lifetime

#### Endurance Calculation

**2000h@105°C**

95°C	6325 h
85°C	20000 h
75°C	63246 h
65°C	200000 h

- L<sub>0</sub>... Endurance value per datasheet
- L<sub>A</sub>... Expected life within application
- T<sub>0</sub>... Max. temp. according to datasheet
- T<sub>A</sub>... Application temperature



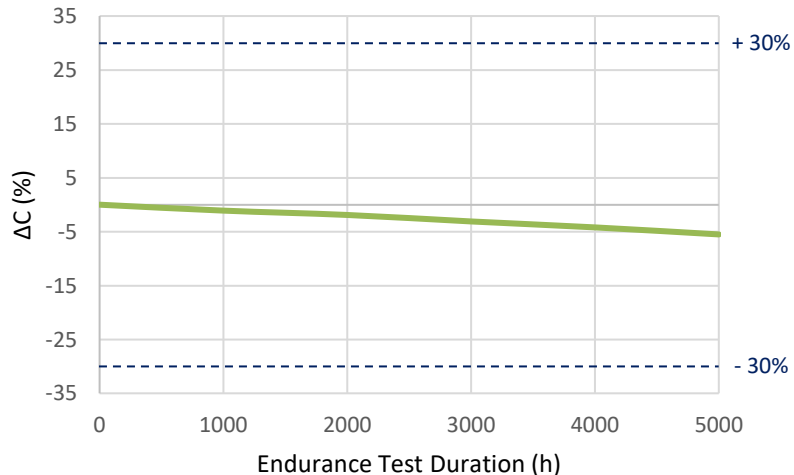
# Life Performance - Hybrid Caps

## Endurance Test Examples – Capacitance Change

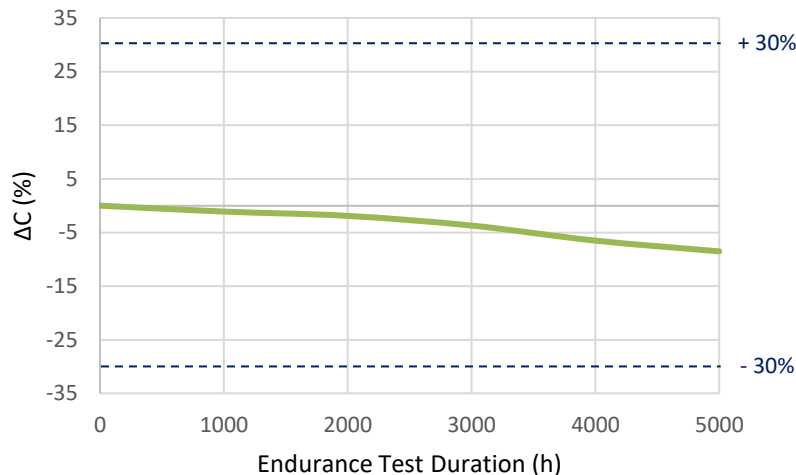
Endurance Test Criteria:  
± 30%

### Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

Capacitance Change  
@ Max. Temp,  $V_R$  ( $I=0A$ )



Capacitance Change  
@ Max. Temp,  $V_R$ ,  $I_R$





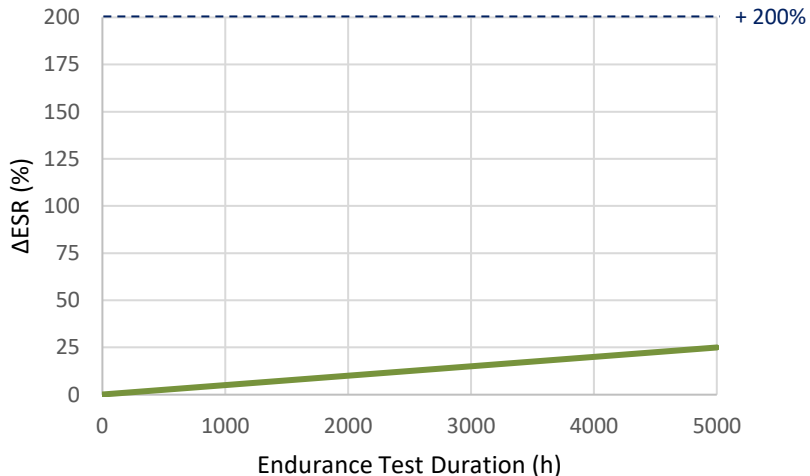
# Life Performance - Hybrid Caps

## Endurance Test Examples – ESR Change

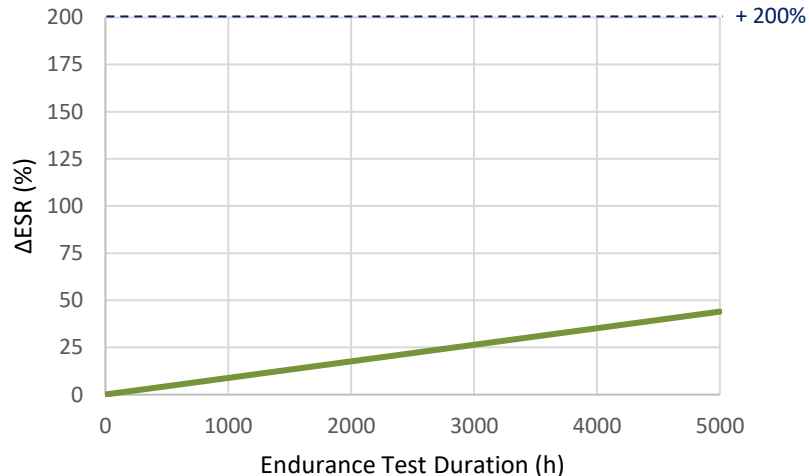
### Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

Endurance Test Criteria:  
max. 200%

ESR Change  
@ Max. Temp,  $V_R$  ( $I=0A$ )



ESR Change  
@ Max. Temp,  $V_R, I_R$



# Polymer Caps vs. Others

## Capacitance change vs. temperature

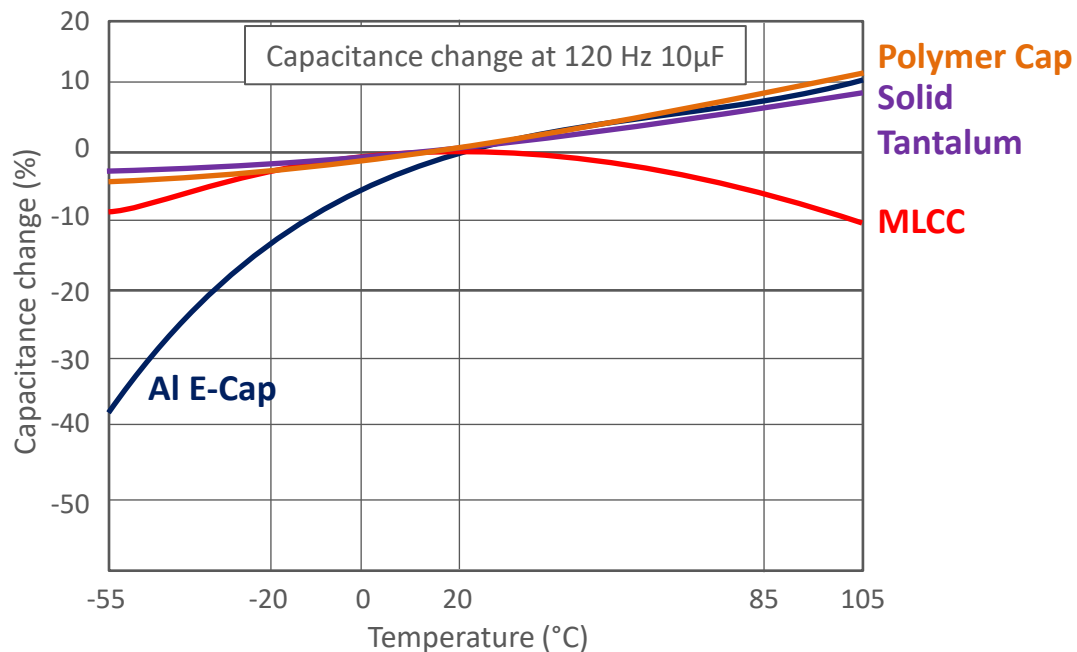


### Comparison: capacitance – temperature characteristics

The **Solid Conductive Polymer** offers:

- Low temperature – stable capacitance
- Stable capacitance in a wide temperature range

**Much better „C“ on low temperature**



# Conductive Polymer

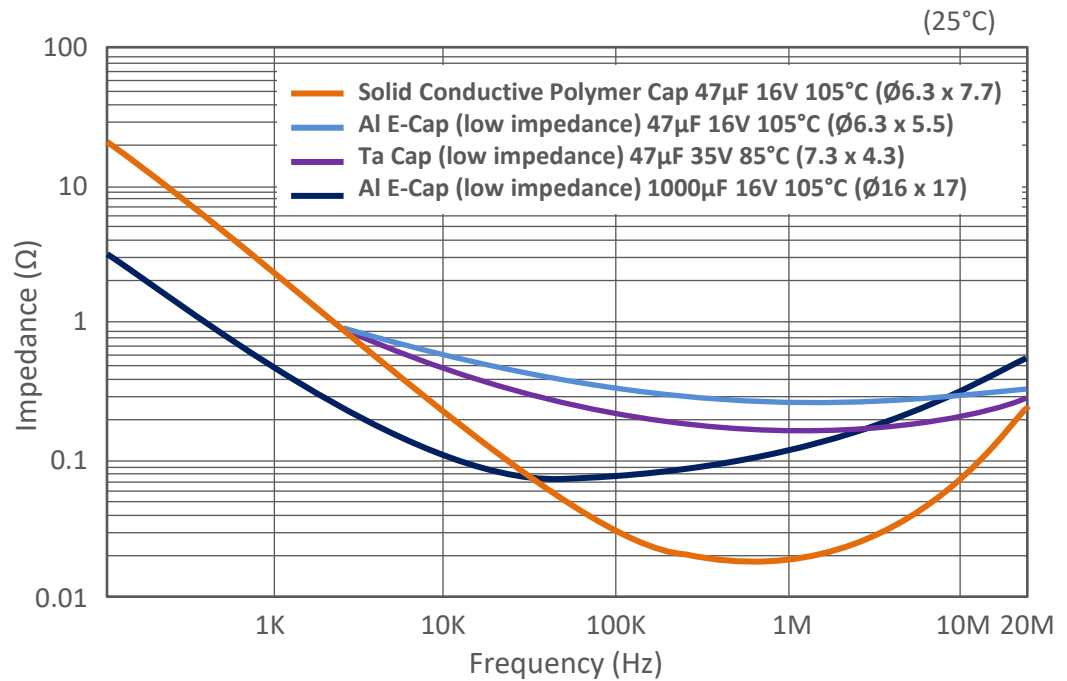
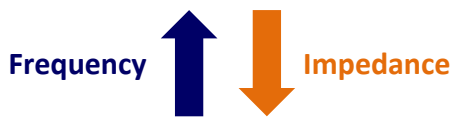
## Impedance vs. frequency



### Comparison: impedance – frequency characteristics

The Solid Polymer Al cap offers

- High frequency and low impedance
- It's like the ideal capacitor impedance frequency curve
- Allows to carry large ripple current
- Quick discharge
- It is particularly suitable as coupling capacitor to smooth the ripple in the circuit, pulse, electrostatic and other various kinds of noise



# Conductive Polymer

## ESR vs. temperature



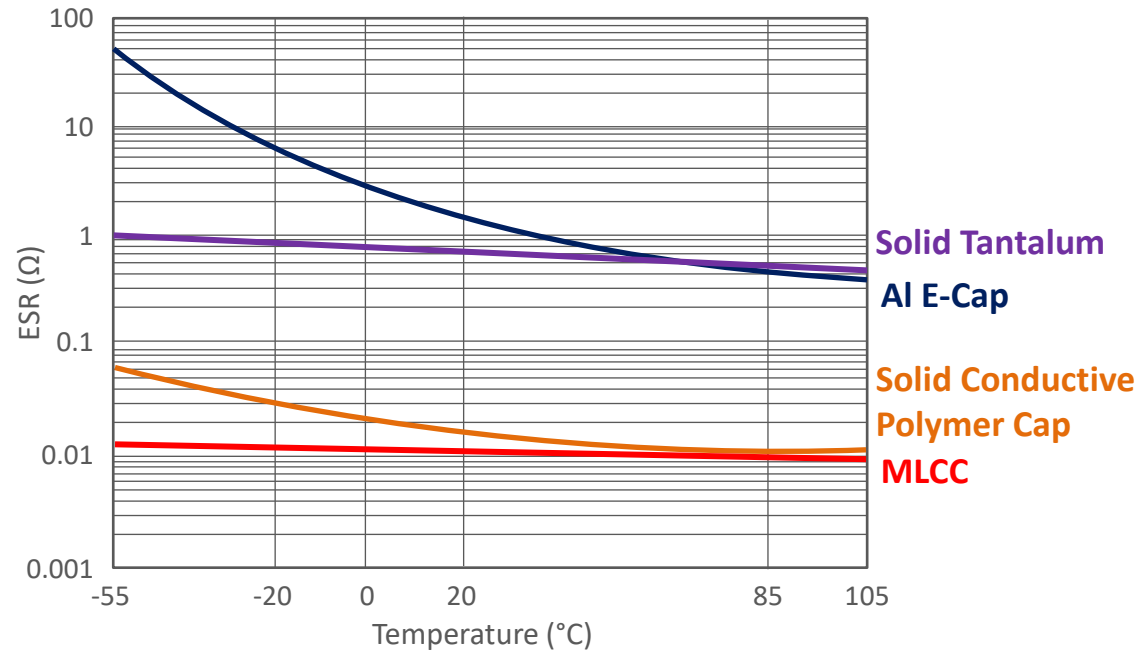
### Comparison: ESR – temperature characteristics

The Solid Polymer Al offers

- ESR hardly changes with temperature



**Stable ESR over temperature**



# Conductive Polymer

## Impedance / ESR vs. frequency

### Impedance and ESR for radial PF series

#### PF151M035G125PTA

150 $\mu$ F 35V 105°C ( $\varnothing$ 10 x 12.5) 18m $\Omega$

— Impedance  
— ESR

#### PF471M016F115PTD

470 $\mu$ F 16V 105°C ( $\varnothing$ 8 x 11.5) 10m $\Omega$

— Impedance  
— ESR

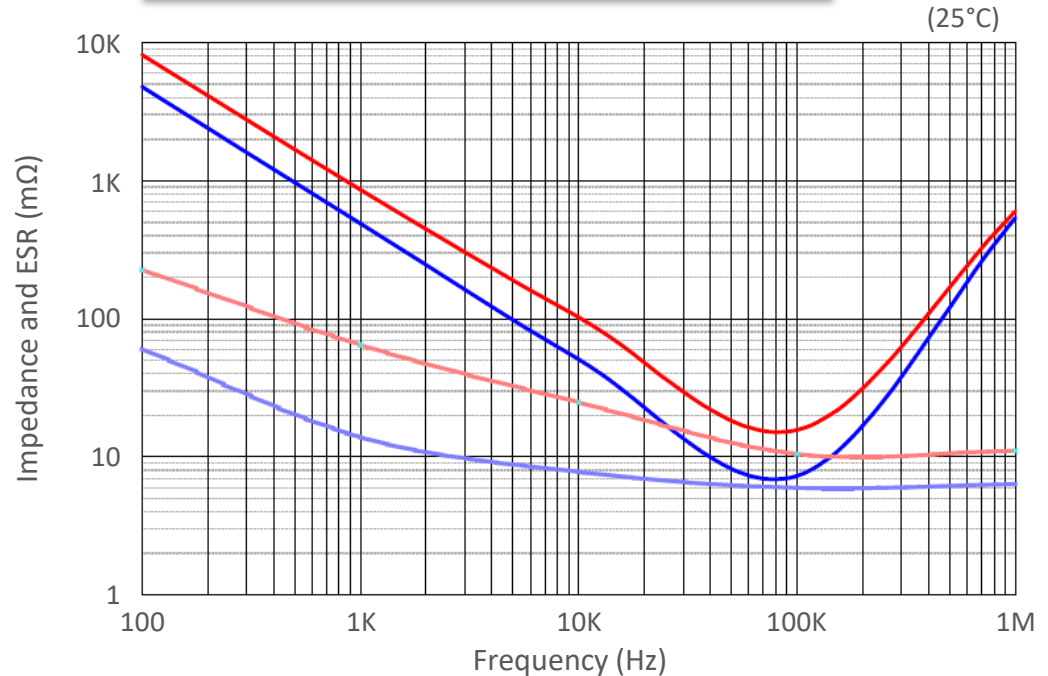


**CAPXON** SOLID CONDUCTIVE POLYMER • PF SERIES

**PF SERIES** • ULTRA LONG LIFE TYPE • 5 000 hours

**KEY FEATURES**

- LONG LIFE
- SOLID CONDUCTIVE POLYMER • THT type
- Ultra-low ESR at high frequency range
- Endurance: 105°C • 5 000 hours
- Very large permissible ripple current
- No dry-out effect guarantees extremely long life

**SPECIFICATIONS**



# MLCC vs. Polymer Caps

## DC bias Polymer vs. MLCC



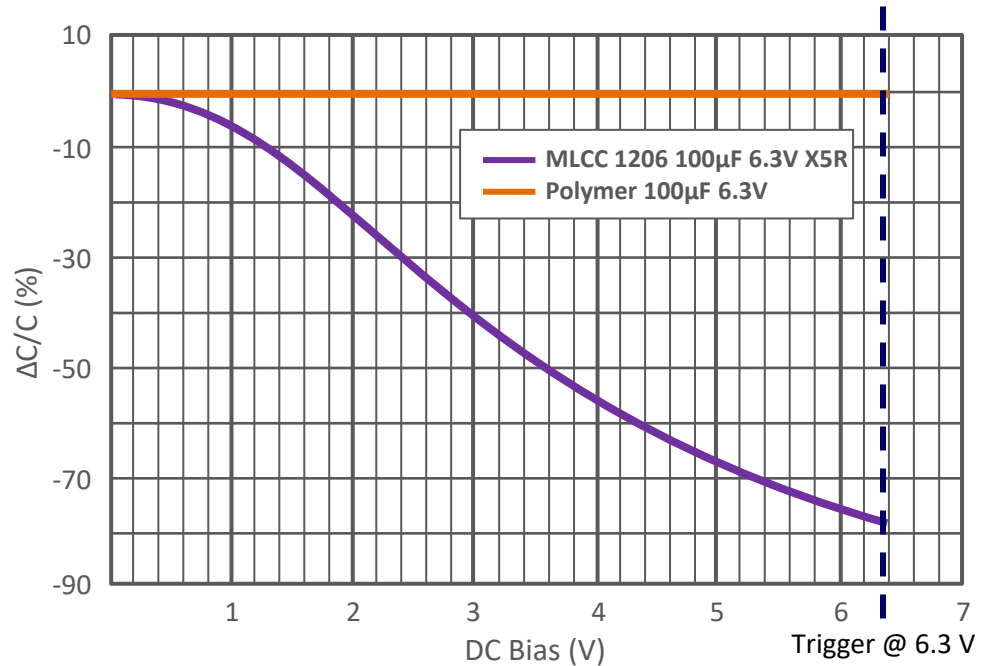
### Comparison capacitance – voltage characteristics

The **Solid Conductive Polymer** offers:

- Stable capacitance over the whole voltage range
- Smaller dimensions and less pcb area

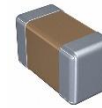


**much better „available“ capacitance on higher voltage level**





# Saving Costs by Design



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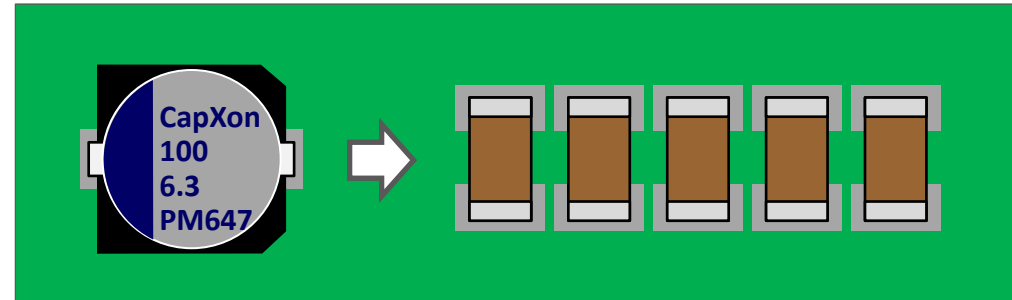


## Substitution of MLCCs by Solid Conductive Polymer Caps

Category	Series	Capacitance	Voltage	Max. Temperature	Impedance at 100kHz	Comment	Type	Price per pcs
<b>MLCC</b>	Low impedance	100 $\mu$ F	6.3V	85 °C	50 m $\Omega$	X5R ceramic	CL31A107MQHNNNE	USD 0.121
<b>Polymer Cap</b>	Low impedance	100 $\mu$ F	6.3V	105 °C	30 m $\Omega$		PM101M6R3C055PTR	USD 0.104

	Worst Case Scenario	Solid Conductive Polymer 100 $\mu$ F 6.3V $\pm$ 20%	MLCC 100 $\mu$ F 6.3V $\pm$ 20% X5R
Nominal value		100 $\mu$ F	100 $\mu$ F
Nominal tolerance	Polymer: -20% MLCC: -20%	80 $\mu$ F	80 $\mu$ F
$\Delta$ C/C (DC Bias) at 6.3V	Polymer: 0 MLCC: -75%	80 $\mu$ F	20 $\mu$ F
$\Delta$ C/C (Temp.) at 85°C	Polymer: +5% MLCC: -15%	84 $\mu$ F	17 $\mu$ F
<b>Result</b>		<b>84 <math>\mu</math>F</b>	<b>17 <math>\mu</math>F * 5 = 85 <math>\mu</math>F</b>
Price (USD /pcs)		0.1039	0.1203
<b>Total amount</b>		<b>0.104 · 1 = 0.104</b>	<b>0.121 · 5 = 0.605</b>

One Solid Conductive Polymer Cap replaces five MLCCs



>> possible cost reduction of 83%

>> cost savings of about 50k USD per 100k boards

# Typical Applications

Which job they can do best?

## Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitors

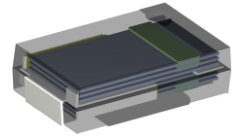


### Applications:

- Automotive Electronics
- DC Link in brushless DC motor drives
- Smoothing for gate drive circuits
- ECU input filtering
- DC/DC power supply input filtering
- Output smoothing in LED power supplies
- Power and battery decoupling
- Server, base stations and industrial PCs



## Solid Conductive Polymer Capacitors



### Applications:

- High frequency applications
- Voltage stabilizing in LCD and LED panels
- Input and Output filtering of DC/DC power supplies
- Medical Equipment or any application with high expected life



### Applications:

- Digital and high frequency devices
- Voltage stabilizing in LCD and LED panels
- Buffering of CPUs, FPGAs, graphical cards and sensor ICs
- Input and output smoothing in USB power supplies and power banks



# Summary

- ++ ...** best performance
- +** ... well performance
- ... basic performance

Characteristics	Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitor	Solid Conductive Polymer Capacitor	Hybrid Conductive Polymer Capacitor
ESR at High Frequency	● (120 ~ 1000 mΩ)	++ (7 ~ 15 mΩ)	+ (20 ~ 30 mΩ)
Leakage Current - $I_{LEAK}$	++ ( $0.01 * C_R * V_R$ )	● ( $0.2 * C_R * V_R$ )	++ ( $0.01 * C_R * V_R$ )
Ripple Current - $I_R$	● (~ 600 mA)	++ (2000 ~ 7000 mA)	+ (2000 ~ 3000 mA)
Rated Voltage - $V_R$	++ (~ 700 V)	● (~ 100 V)	+ (~ 400 V)
Operating Temperature Characteristics	+ (-40 ~ + 125 °C)	+ (-55 ~ + 125 °C)	++ (-55 ~ + 150 °C)
Low Temperature Characteristics	● (-40 ~ + 125 °C)	++ (-55 ~ + 125 °C)	+ (-55 ~ + 150 °C)
Lifetime	● (105 °C / 3000h)	++ (105 °C / 5000h)	++ (105 °C / 10000h)
Failure Mode	+ Open	● Short	+ Open



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