



NASA Electronic Parts and Packaging (NEPP) Program: CubeSat Parts Lists and Supply Chain

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Overview

- **Objective**
- **CubeSat Supplier Boards/Kits**
- **CubeSat Supply Chain and Part Usage**
- **NASA CubeSats**
- **NASA CubeSat Parts Database**
- **Conclusion**



Objective

- 1. Understand the CubeSat supply chain and part usage by CubeSat board and kit manufacturers**
- 2. Obtain, characterize, and quantify EEE parts information for NASA CubeSat missions**



CubeSat Supplier Boards/Kits

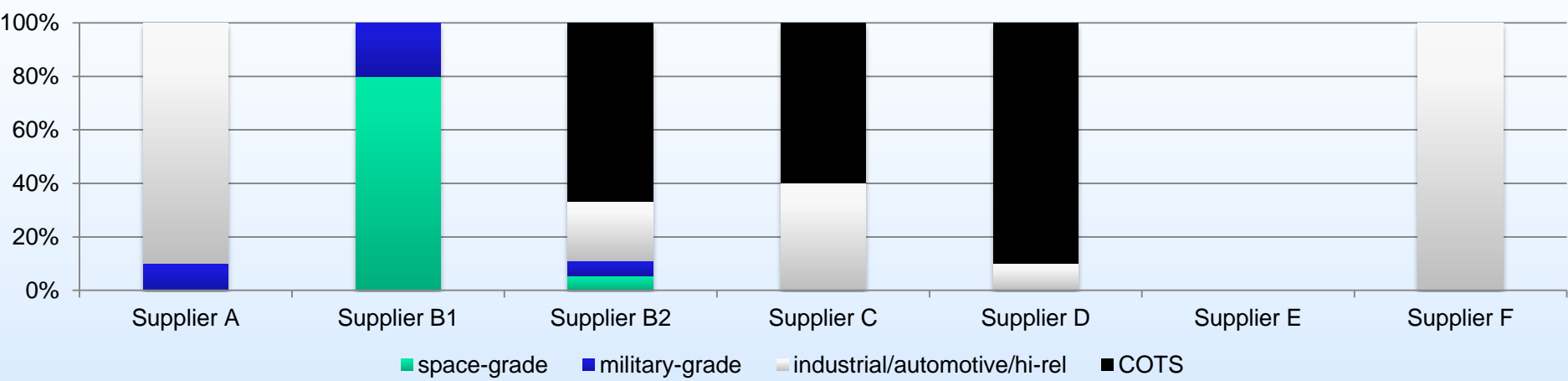
- **Projects are purchasing a variety of board and kit types:**
 - Transmit/receive modules
 - Motherboards
 - Processor modules
 - Computer board
 - Power board
 - ADCS
 - C&DH

- **...And they're purchasing them from a variety of suppliers:**
 - Pumpkin
 - Andrews Space
 - Blue Canyon Technologies
 - AAC Microtec
 - Tyvak Nano-Satellite Systems
 - GomSpace
 - Maryland Aerospace
 - ISIS
 - Clyde Space

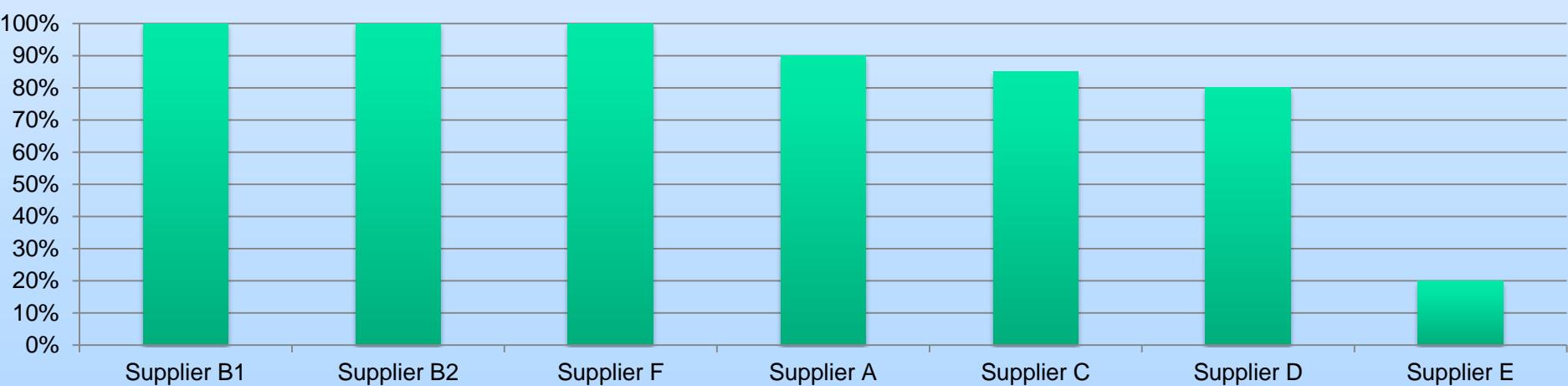


Supply Chain

Q: What percentage of parts procured are space, military, industrial/auto/hi-rel, COTS?



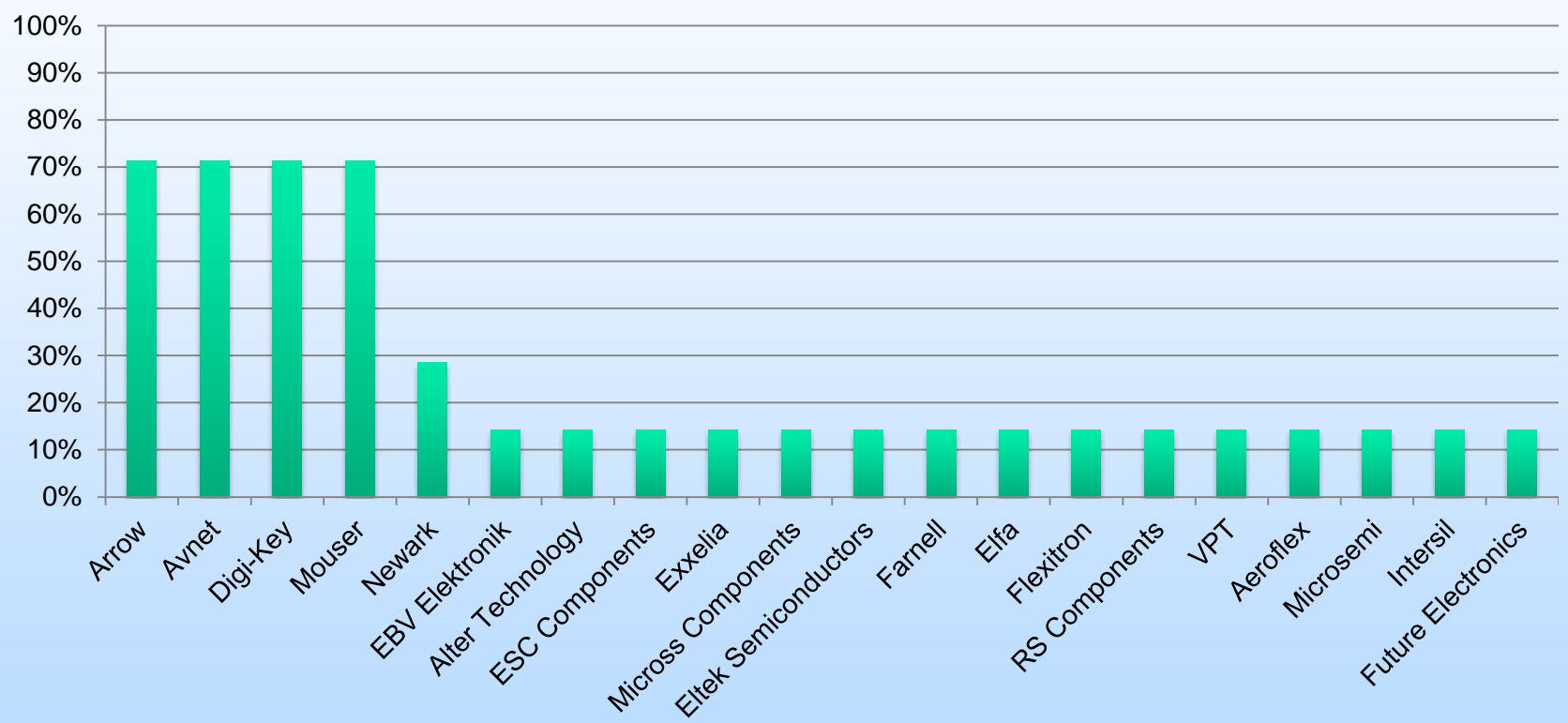
Q: What percentage of parts procured are RoHS?





Supply Chain

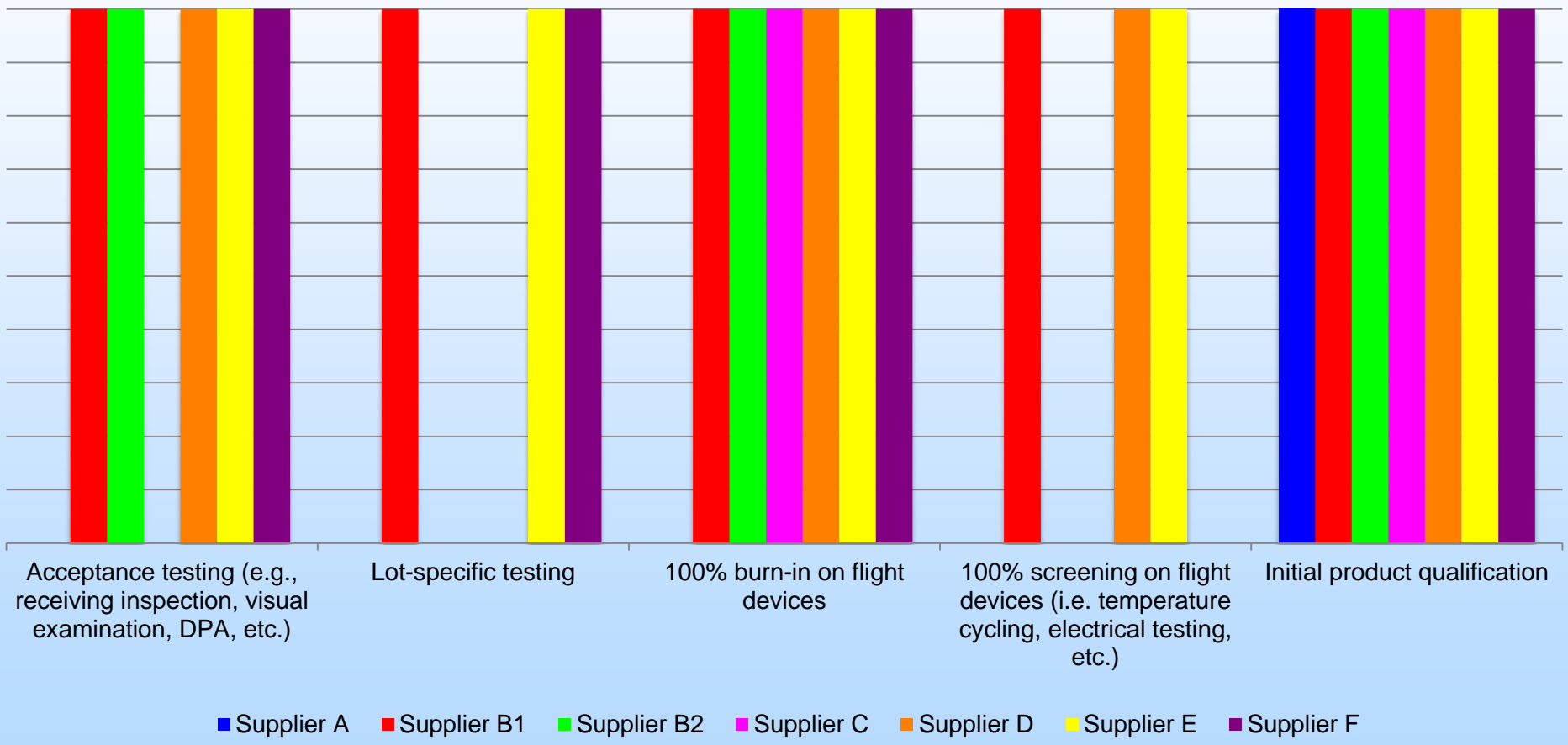
Q: List all EEE part suppliers you procure from.





Part Usage

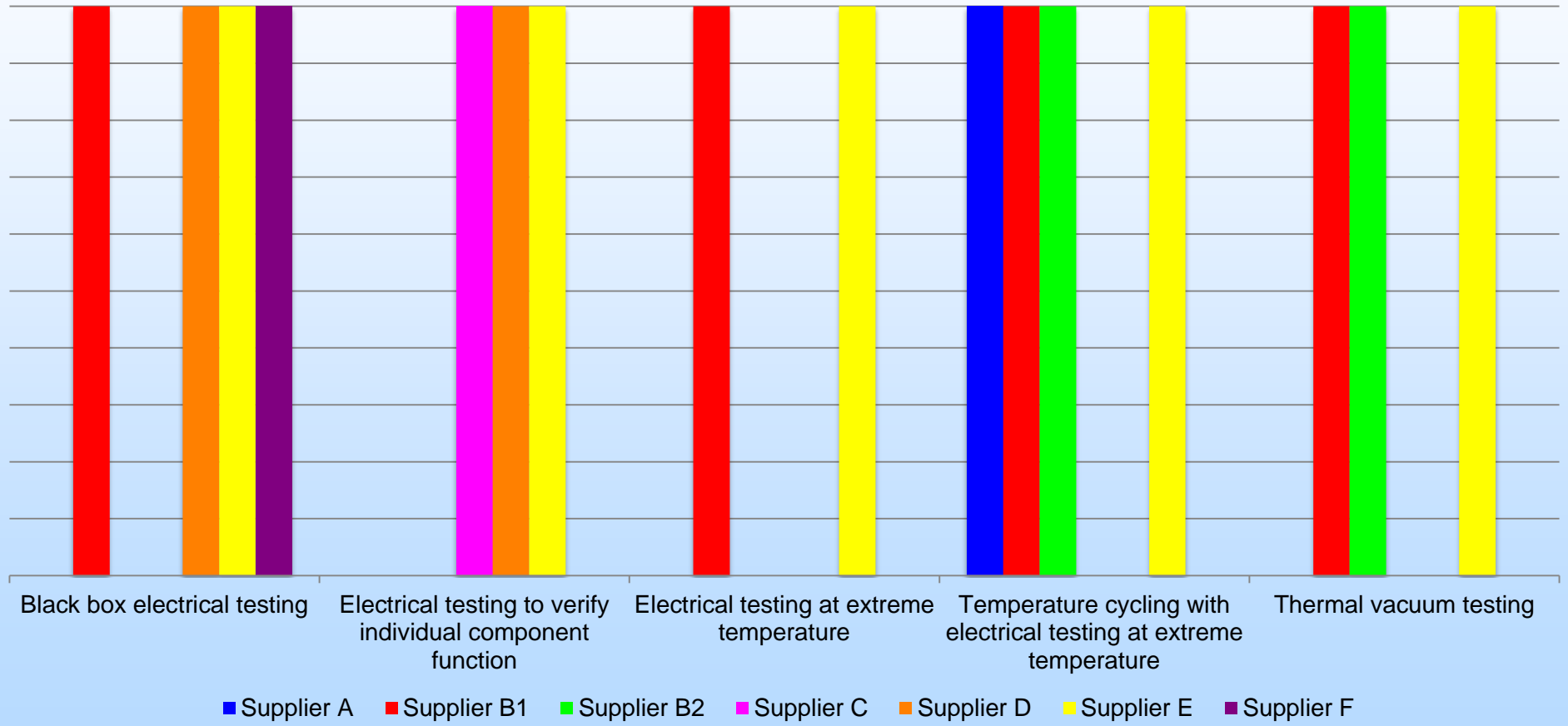
Q: What type of part qualification do you perform?





Part Usage

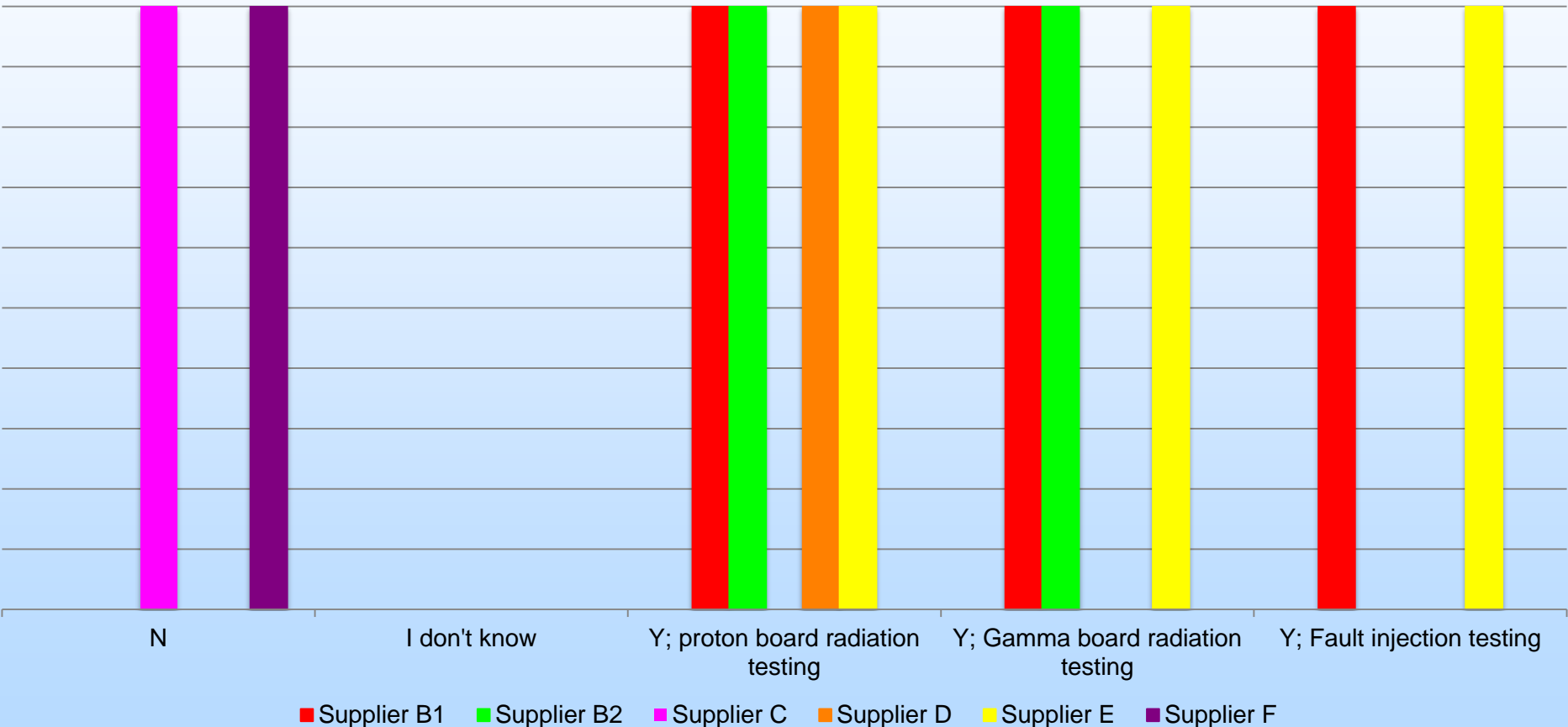
Q: What type of electrical verification of boards do you perform?





Part Usage

Q: Do you perform board level testing for radiation?





NASA CubeSats

- **The number of NASA CubeSat missions is growing**
 - Extensive involvement and interest throughout the agency, between its centers, and its industry/university partners
- **In-house designs represent a percentage of the electronics on the CubeSat**
- **A subset of NASA CubeSat projects provided parts lists/BOMs**
 - In-house board designs for various assemblies: ADCS, C&DH, EPS, etc.

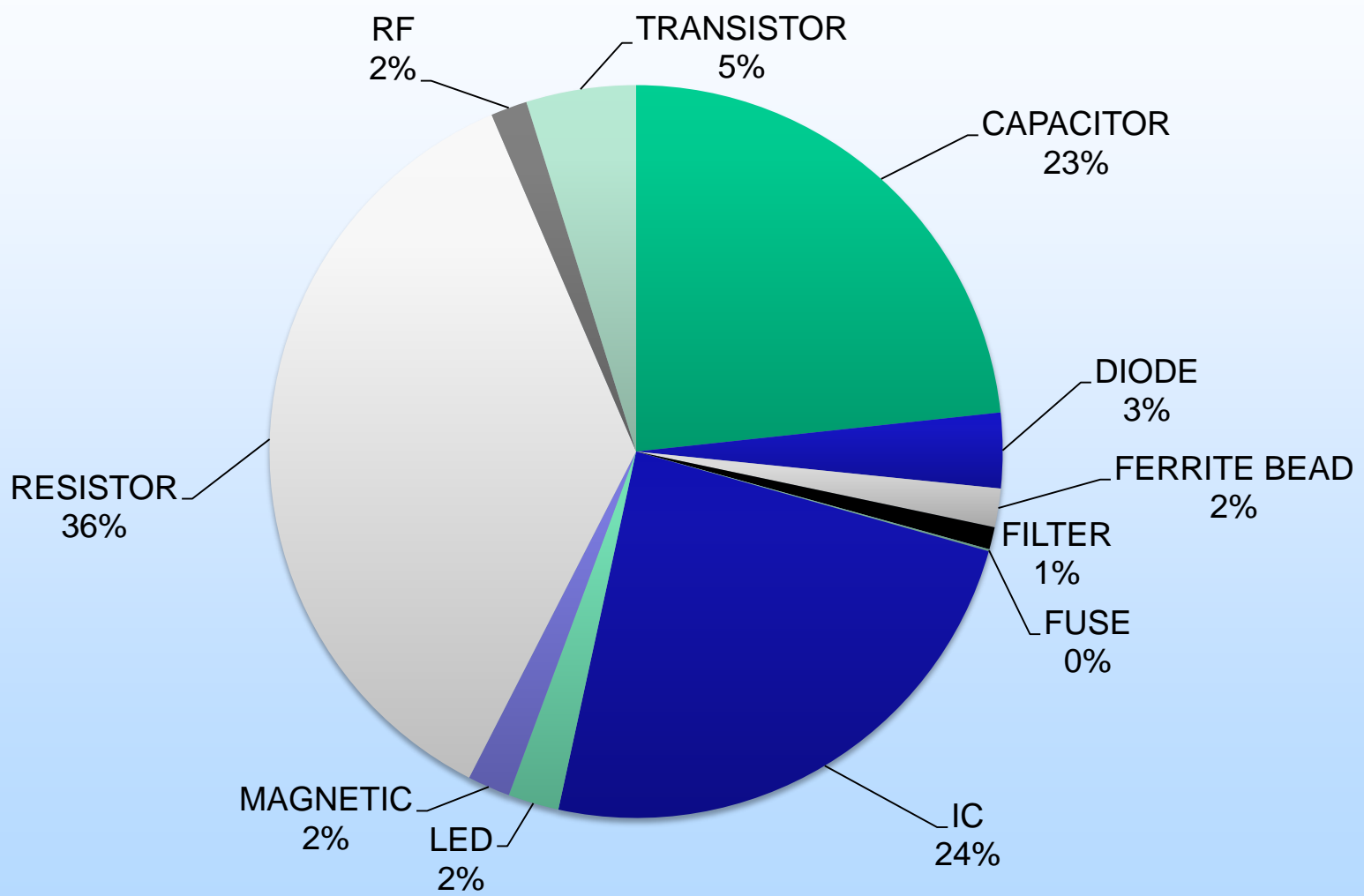


NASA CubeSat Parts Database

- **Database represents >1100 individual lines of data**
 - **Line = Part and corresponding part number**
- **Approx. two-thirds of total parts have unique part numbers**

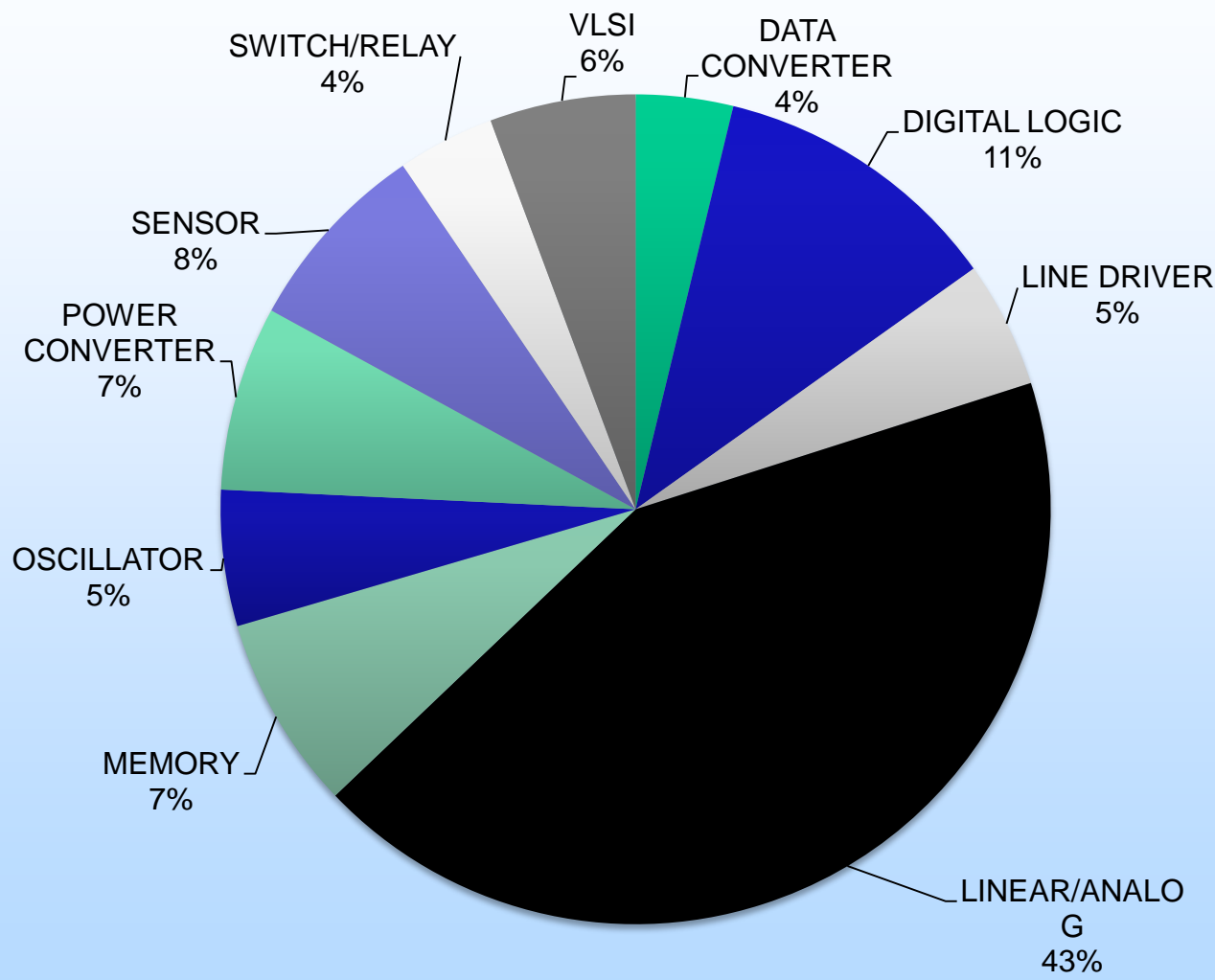


Breakdown of Total Parts





Breakdown of ICs

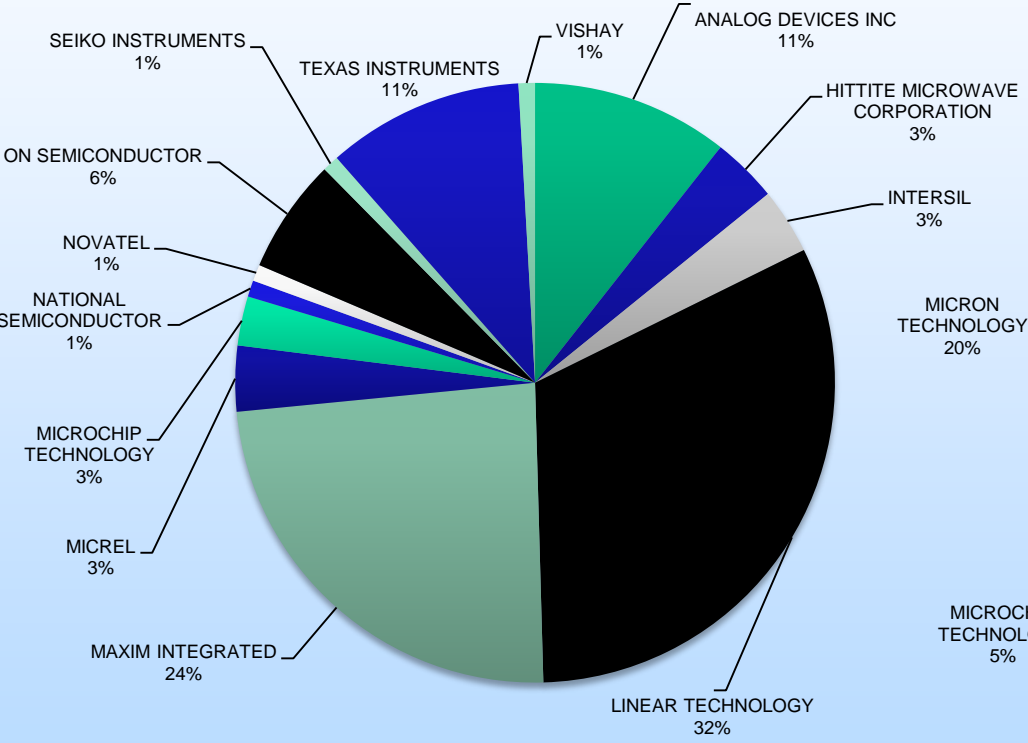


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DIGITAL LOGIC		
Flip-Flop MUX/DEMUX Shift Register	Serializer/Deserialzer Logic Inverter Inverter	Gate Timekeeper/Timer Counter
LINEAR/ANALOG		
Amplifier Charge Pump Current Monitor Driver	Multivibrator Receiver Supervisor	Voltage Regulator Reference Opamp/Comparator
MEMORY		
MRAM PCM Flash	PROM EPROM/EEPROM SRAM	SDRAM MicroSD
VLSI		
FPGA ASIC	Complex Logic Processor	Microprocessor MCU
OSCILLATOR		
Crystal	Oscillator	VCO
LINE DRIVER		
Buffer	Transceiver	GPIO
DATA CONVERTER		
ADC/DAC		
POWER CONVERTER		
DC/DC		
PULSE WIDTH MODULATOR		
HYBRID		
SWITCH/RELAY		
SENSOR		

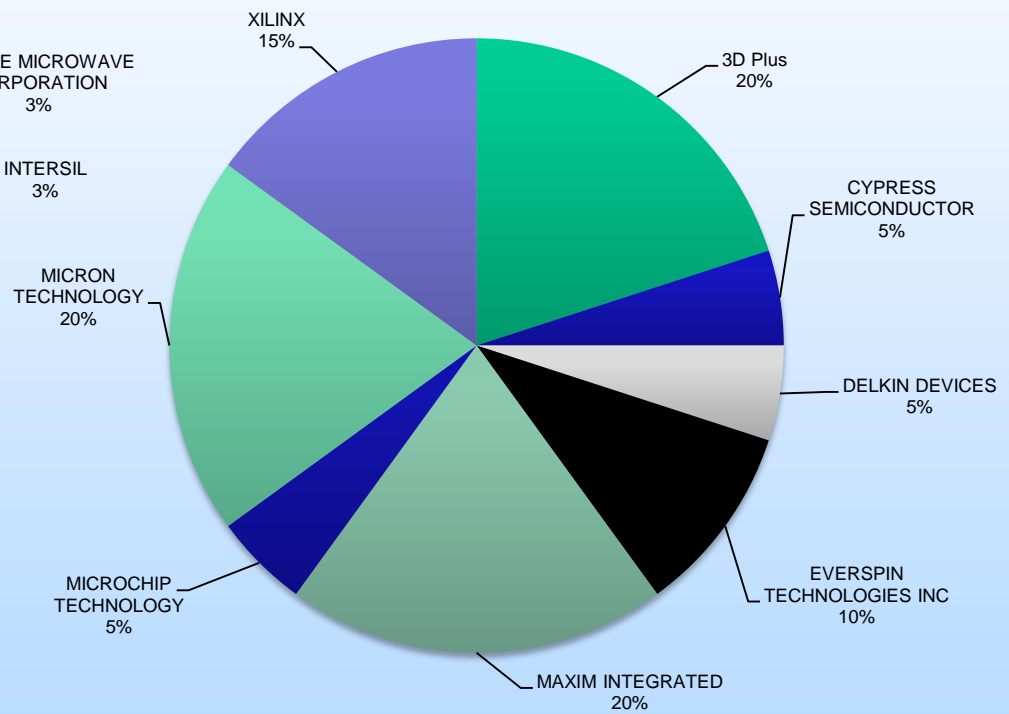


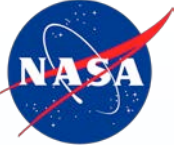
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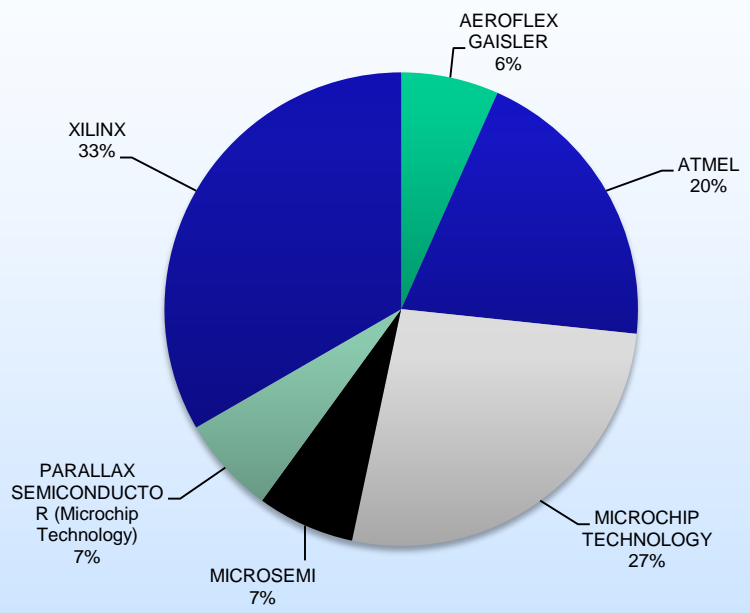
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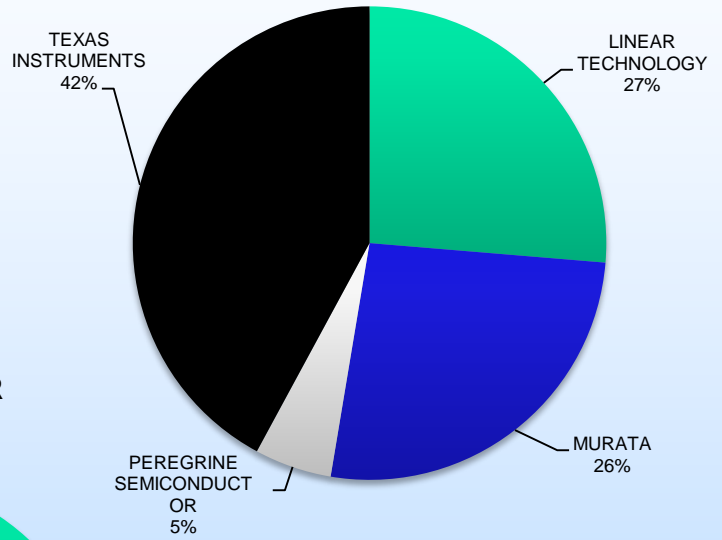


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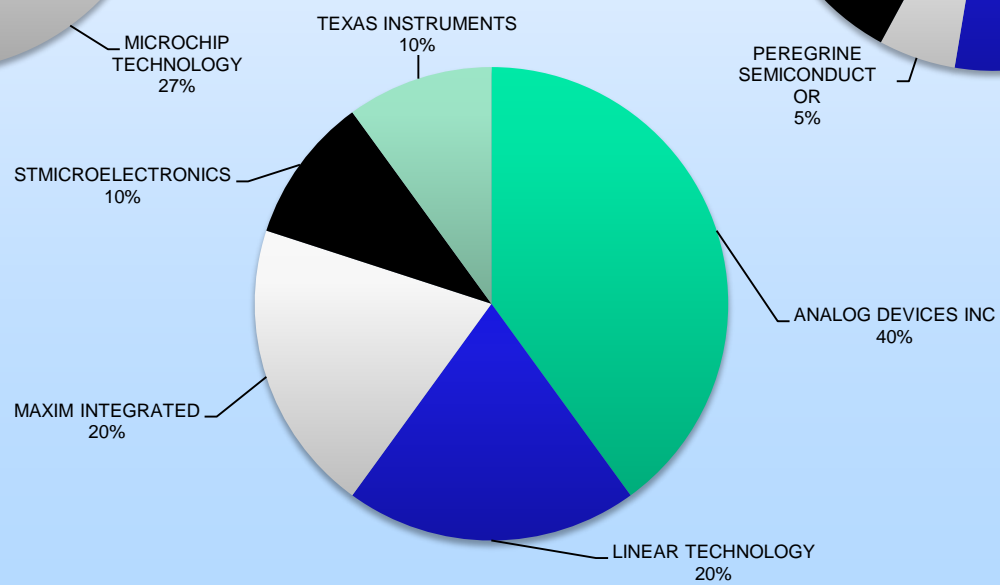
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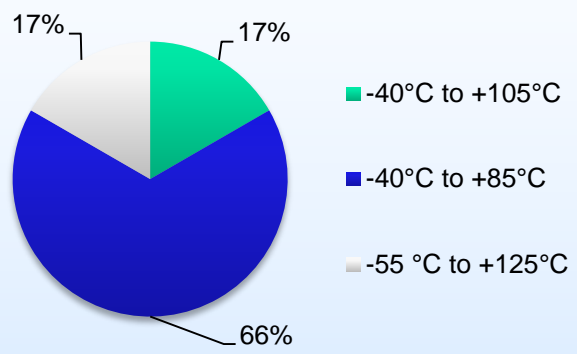
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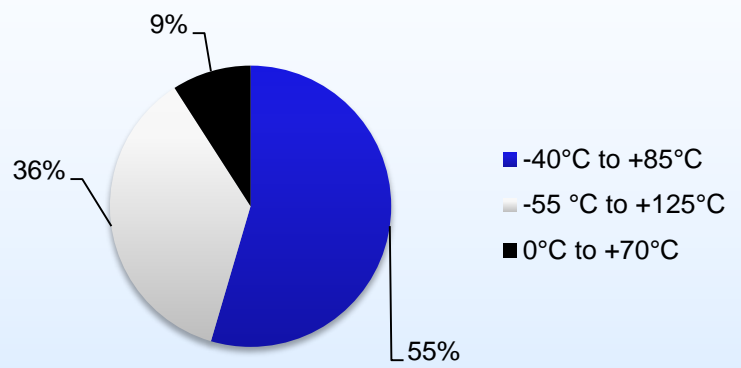


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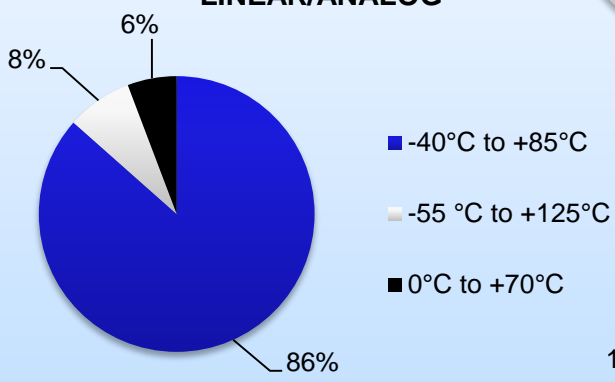
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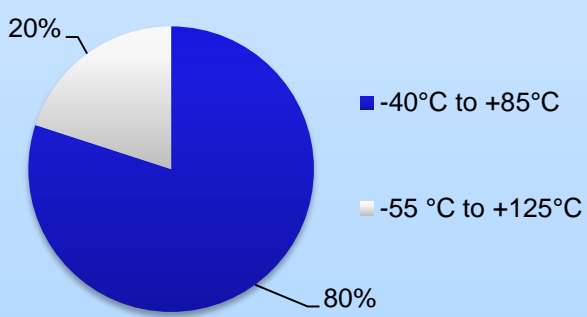
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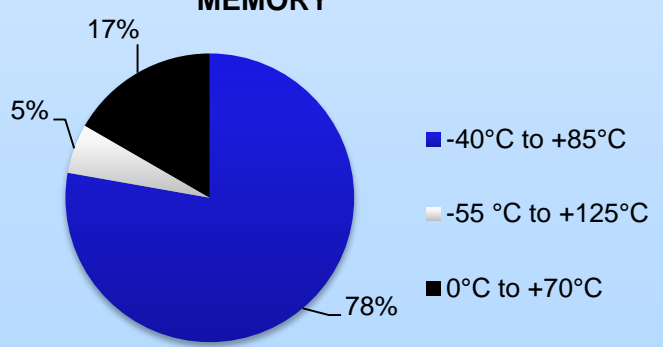
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MEMORY





Conclusion

- 1. CubeSat supplier responses revealed that almost all parts procured are industrial or commercial-grade; a small percentage are space-grade**
- 2. A large percentage of parts that CubeSat suppliers procure are through distributors**
- 3. Some suppliers implement more qualification and testing practices than others**
- 4. Passive components represent ~60% of total parts and ICs represent ~25% of total parts**
- 5. Small number of manufacturers provide a large number of ICs (linear/analog, VLSI, power converter, data converter, etc.)**



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