

X-Ray Applications

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X-Ray Probing



X-Ray Imaging

• Different material absolve X-Ray differently. Materials with different density form contrast in the imaging.

Advantages

- No vacuum, easy sample preparation
- High penetration
- 3D reconstruction

Disadvantages

- Spatial resolution (~um) and Size limitations
- Quantitative analysis



2D X-Ray: PCBA Cracks





3D X-Ray: Image of a cell phone



Smaller the size, better the resolution; For the same product a smaller area of interest can yield higher quality scan



3D X-Ray: Solder bridging and smearing



In this example, 3d non-destructive scan was useful for identifying quality and workmanship defects such as bridging and smearing of solder in a BGA package.



3D X-Ray: BGA Voids



<u>Top View</u>

Cut Plane View

3D view of solder joints before and after virtual x-section

Virtual Cross-section and cut plane views offer greater flexibility in investigating defects



3D X-Ray: Transformer Broken Wire



In this example, 3d non-destructive scan was used to identify an internal defect such as a broken wire in a low power transformer



3D X-Ray: IC Delamination



In this example, 3d non-destructive scan was used to identify IC delamination after PCBA mechanical bend test



3D X-Ray: Capacitor Construction Analysis



Overall View

<u>Top View</u>

Side View

3D X-Ray enables construction analysis of good and defective components alike. In this example, 3d scan of a known good component scan was used as quality / inspection baseline.