

### Exploring AME From Concept to Qualified Product

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## 01 System Design Overview







- System Design/Architecture (by CONOPS, the concept of operations): Providing a service (use case)
- Fixed system elements requirements:
  - o Electrical performance parameters (relevant for specified service)
  - Mechanical performance (extracted from CONOPS needs)
  - Thermal parameters (extracted from CONOPS and driven by system internal hotspots)
  - Environmental parameters (driven by CONOPS and platform)
- Safety aspects (e.g. medical use; flying equipment; MIL)
- Cost aspects
- Logistic Aspects (maintenance concept/time to repair / obsolescence management -> time and efforts to make a system run again)
- Strategic Benefits: The more cost-effective service provided in a given space, the better!
  - Miniaturization/lightweight/performance/cost



## 02 SMART System Design with AM(E)







- System Design / Architecture (by CONOPS, the concept of operations): Providing a service (use case)
  - O Utilizing relevant technologies and manufacturing methods that meet the requirement.
    Examples: COTs elements, new semiconductor technology, new electronic design, etc.
    Determining if providing the specified service is feasible.
- Increasing relevance of AM in mechanical production
  - Enabling high complex form factors, lightweight design, eco-efficiency, and improved performance. This trend is unavoidable.
- AME still falls short of expectations and demands
  - Challenges in achieving functionalized form factors, lightweight design, and full performance in a single step
- SMART System Designs leverage additive constraints to meet requirements
  - o Adapting different system elements, materials, and processes to preform the service
  - o Optimizing material performance and process for the best outcome



### 03 J.A.M.E.S Vision of AME Environment







- Electronical and
  mechanical functionalitu
- eCAD & mCAD
- Simulation tools



- Process combinations
- Suitable to fit requirements
- Reproducibility



#### New AME products

- Combination of different materials and AME processes
- Increased technology readiness level
- Long term stability
- Fitting to the needs

### 04 Bringing 3D-Printed Electronics to Product Level





#### Needs For production

- AME design (digital twin)
- Printer facility
- Machine & Process (reproducibility)
- Material
- Process handling (design processing
  -> realization output)
- Verification/Test & documentation
- Shipping AME-Part for product use
- Ready for Verification Test in System

#### Qualification Demands

- 3D-Design simulated by knowing the AME-Process
- Available
- Reproducibility verified
- ✓ Full parametrized
- Stable and verified
- Verified by test specification and test protocol
- Established



#### Additional

• Permanent quality check by Test Coupons

# 05 Ensuring AME Parts-Producibility For the Long Term







### Handling with New Machines Materials Processes

Producibility of the existing design with

- New printer generation and process
- Newly available material

Ensuring the realization of digital AME-Design while

- Maintaining or improving original requirements through verification tests by the test specification
- Ensuring stable and verified process through verification of reproducibility

## 06 Showcase Application: AME Inlay







#### AM/AME Preparations

 Antenna Design simulation for AM-Bare Metal and AME-Inlay (including fallback)

- Fast prototyping
- Optimized for lightweight
- Optimized for RF performance
- Optimized for easy assembly
- Early demonstrator

#### Handover to Project

- RF Simulation Data
- Optimization Support
- Test Demonstrator





- AME Consultant
- Early-stage Functionality Test
  Samples Provider
- Moderator between Industry Needs and Process Stability Issues for PO Nano Dimension



#### Performance Test & Verification

- 🗸 Antenna RF Test
- Chemical / Environmental Tests
- Assembly Optimization
- Additional Samples
- Coating Analysis for Additional
  Stability
- ✓ Test Specification (EDO)
- RoHS conformity of AME Inlay
- Documentation: Test Reports
- Test specification support
- Design of AME Test Coupons for reproducibility checks

### Certified AME Parts Manufacturing

- Project risk mitigation prioritizes PCB fallback.
- Certification for quality: Is it needed?
- AME-Part as a second source for traditional PCB with a certificate...

• Supporting steps of qualification needs with purchase orders.



### **07 AME Outlook**







- Challenges in qualifying 3D-printed electronics at the product level
- Additional steps for verifying AME reproducibility and stability, approved by process owners and printer manufacturers

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- Integration of AME into system design
- Establishing an independent manufacturing source for risk mitigation and obsolescence
- Exploring norming and standardization (e.g., IPC) in the industry
- Collaboration among industry printed electronic designers, and 3D-printed electronic suppliers for achieving product-level AME (TRL9)



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