

# iNEMI Flexible Electronics Roadmap

## From Concept to Product

*... many routes can be taken and  
a roadmap simplifies the process*

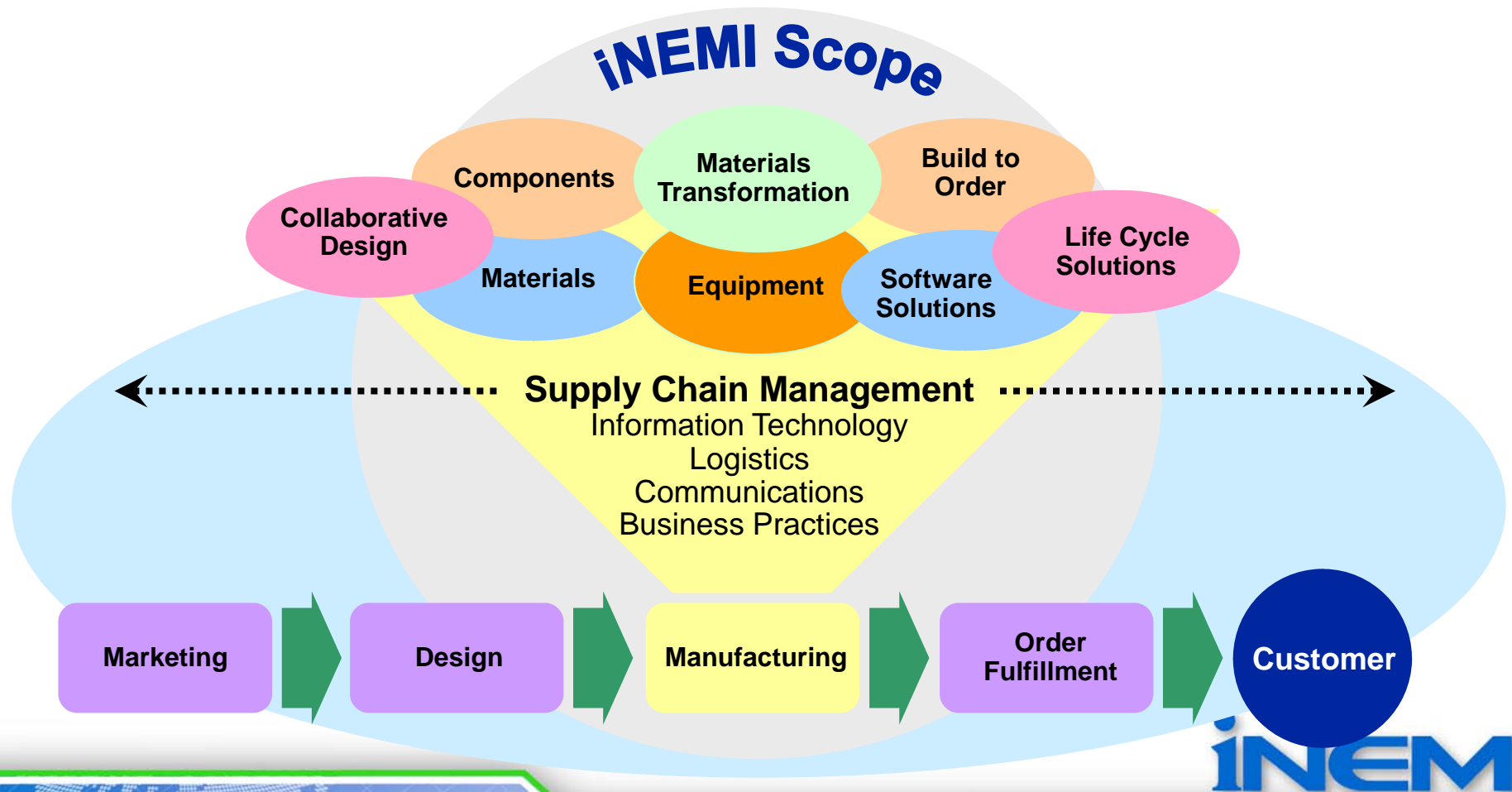
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# iNEMI Mission

*Assure Leadership of the Global Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain  
for the benefit of members and the industry*



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# What Does iNEMI Do?

*Leverage the combined power of member companies to provide industry leadership*

- iNEMI roadmaps the global needs of the electronics industry
  - Evolution of existing technologies
  - *Prediction of emerging/innovative technologies*
- iNEMI identifies gaps (both business & technical) in the electronics infrastructure
- iNEMI stimulates research/innovation to fill gaps



# What Does iNEMI Do?

- iNEMI establishes implementation projects to eliminate gaps
- *iNEMI stimulates worldwide standards to speed the introduction of new technology & business practices*
- iNEMI works with other organizations to ensure that government policy recommendations are aligned with our mission



# Why do Companies Participate?

- Excellent opportunity to “test the iNEMI collaboration waters” without committing to membership.
- The experience leads to a better understanding of the “state of the art” in those areas of participation.
- Early access to the roadmap chapter’s technical and business information for the participating company.
- Opportunity to shape the industry’s future priorities concerning R&D.



# Why do Companies Participate?

- Opportunity to impact iNEMI's future direction through “technology gap” identification and solutions most important to your company.
- Those who participate in the Roadmap creation get a broad view of the supply chain landscape from customers, competitors and suppliers.
- Roadmaps can become “self-fulfilling prophecies” as many within industry focus on the identified challenges and benchmark their company against the user needs.
- As General Dwight D. Eisenhower was fond of saying, “It’s not the plan (that is created) but the planning (process) that provides maximum insight.”



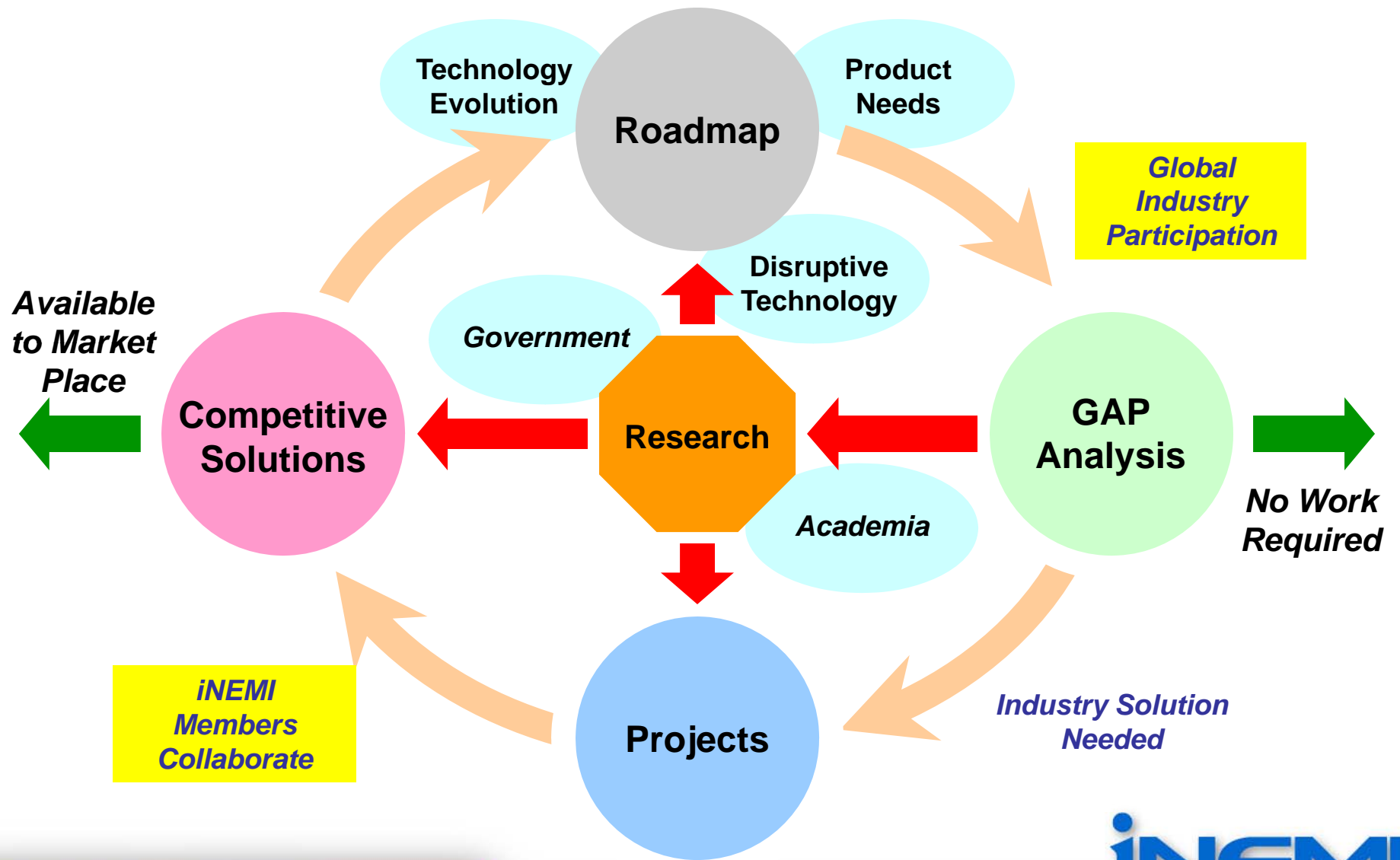
# iNEMI Members

OEM/EMS, Suppliers, Government, & Universities



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# Methodology

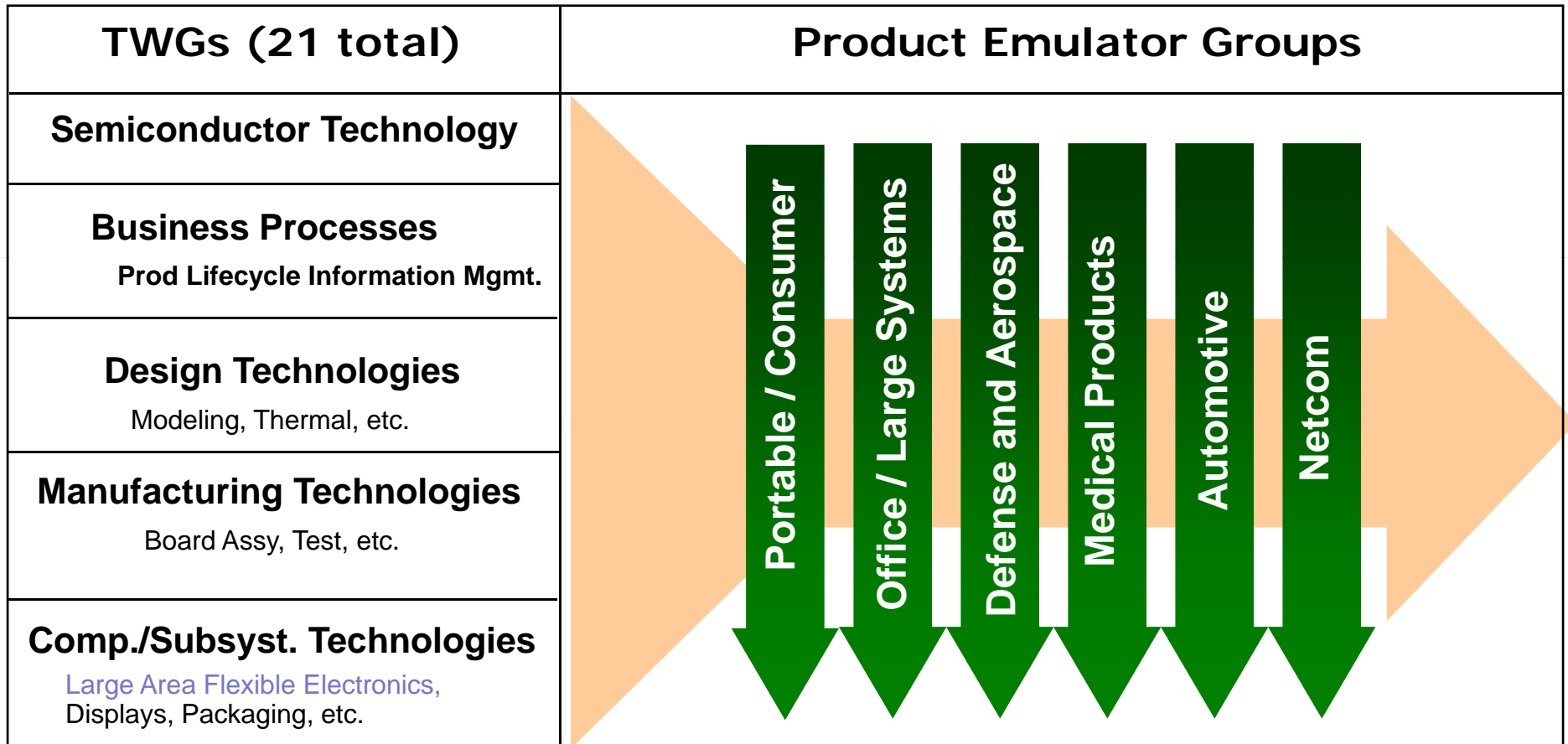


# Statistics for the 2009 Roadmap

- > 550 participants
- > 250 companies/organizations
- 18 countries from 4 continents
- 20 Technology Working Groups (TWGs)
  - New roadmaps on Solid State Illumination, Photovoltaics and RFID Item-Level Tag
- 5 Product Emulator Groups (PEGs)
- > 1400 pages of information
- Roadmaps the needs for 2009-2019

# Roadmap Development

*Product Sector Needs Vs. Technology Evolution*



# Flexible Electronics Roadmap History

09/2005 – iNEMI Stakeholders identify Flexible Electronics as Future Growth Market and authorize formation of TWG

01/2006 – Flexible Electronics TWG formed (25 participants)

09/2006 – 1st Edition submitted for final editing

01/2007 – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition iNEMI Roadmap released to public

01/2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition iNEMI Roadmap released to public (67 participants)

*09/2010 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition submitted for final editing*



1<sup>st</sup> Edition Released at  
APEX 2007

# iNEMI Large Area Flexible Electronics Roadmap

COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES

## LARGE AREA FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS

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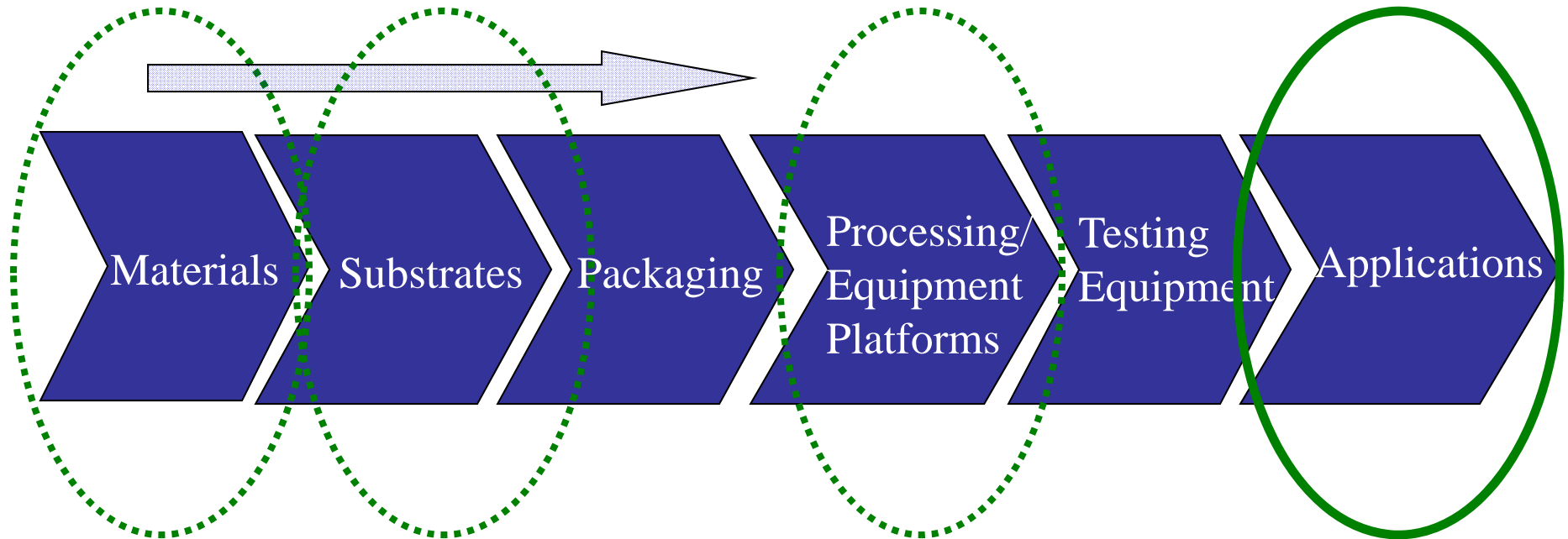
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# Shift in Roadmap Topic Participation

– *Movement Along Supply Chain*



*2007 Roadmap greatest participation - “Materials”.*

*2009 Roadmap greatest participation shifted “Substrates” and “Processing Equipment”.*

*2011 Roadmap greatest participation shifted “Processing Equipment” and “Applications”.*

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# iNEMI Roadmap Format

## Situation Analysis

### Substrates

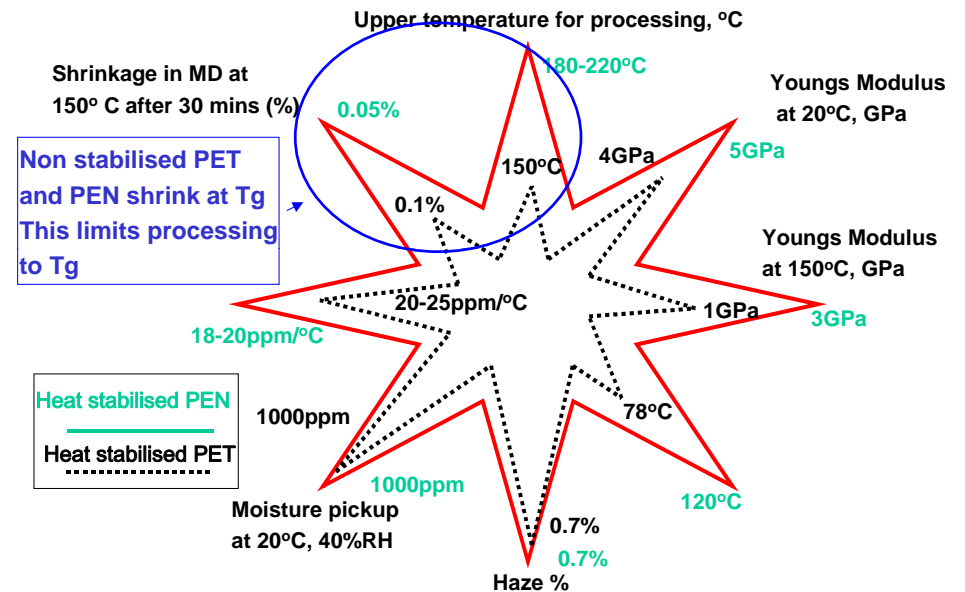
*Status and Current Developments*

### Polymer Films

*Polyesters: Applications*

*Properties*

*Major Past and Current Developments*



# Roadmap Format (continued)

## Roadmap of Key Technology Needs for Substrates

Roadmap of Quantified Key Attribute Needs, Gaps, and Showstoppers

Substrates

Polyester

*Technology Requirements*

*Needs, Gaps, and Showstoppers*

State of the Art (2009)	Mid term (2014)		Long term (2019)	
Attributes	Attributes	Technology needs	Attributes	Technology needs
Surface morphology: roughness – bare foil 50nm RMS	15 nm RMS	Development of advanced foil manufacturing technologies	5 nm RMS	Development of advanced, yet low cost, polishing technologies
Flatness (per 500mm of length): 2.0mm	1.0mm	Development of advanced foil manufacturing technologies	0.5mm	Development of advanced foil manufacturing and inspection technologies
Coefficient of thermal expansion: 10ppm/°C	<5ppm	Development and scale-up of alternative materials	<5ppm	Development and scale-up of alternative materials

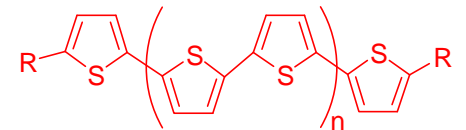
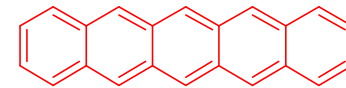


# Functional Inks

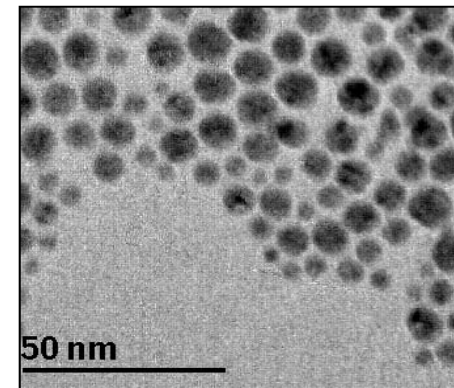
## Attributes

- High performance
- Long shelf life and pot life
- Solution processable
- Compatibility with other functional inks (chemical and electrical interfacial integrity)
- Robust synthesis/formulating routes
- Materials and device stability in-air
- Compatible with large area scalable processing platforms

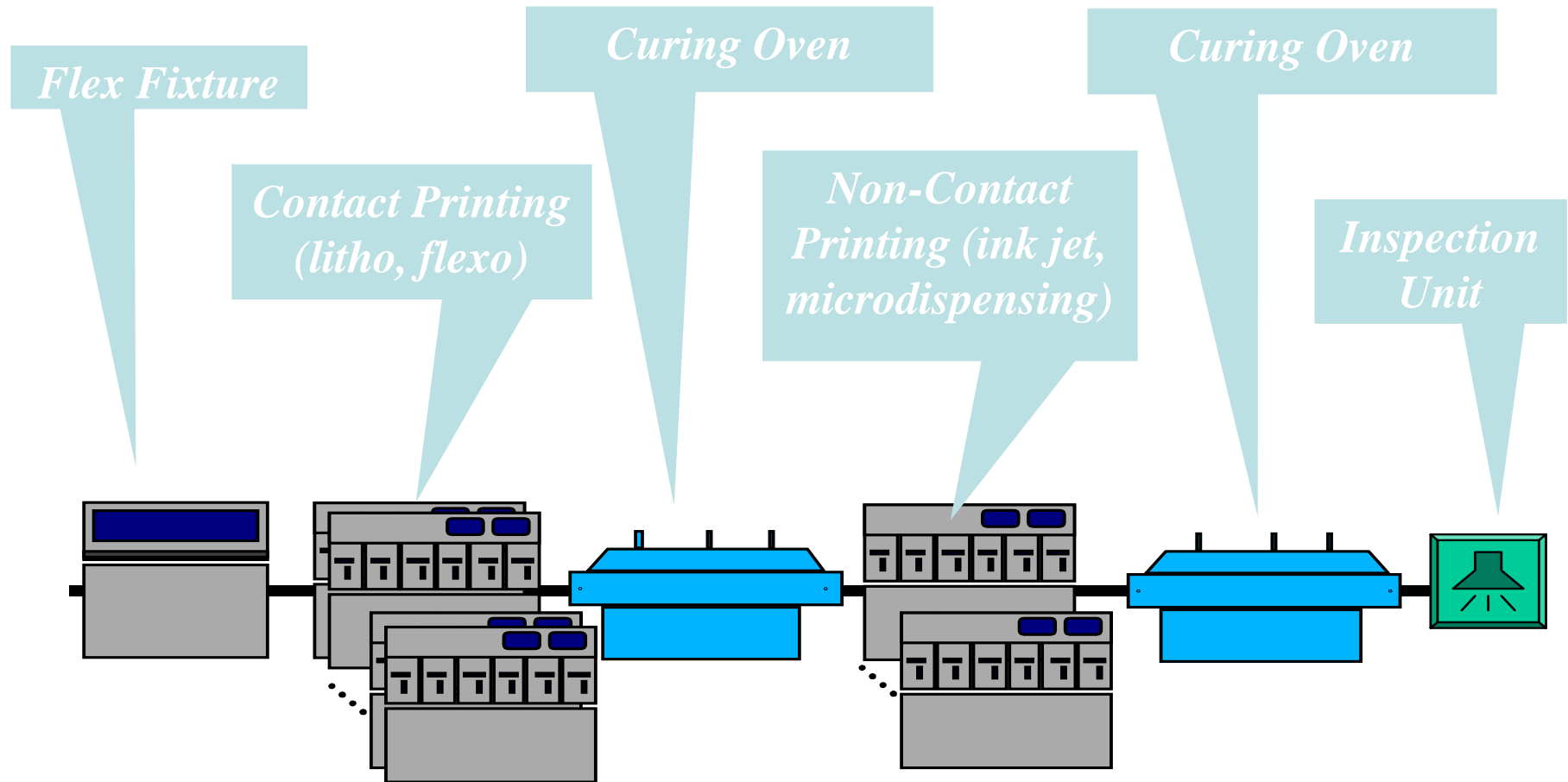
## *Semiconductor Inks*



## *Silver Nanoparticle Conductive Inks*



# Manufacturing Platforms and Processing Equipment



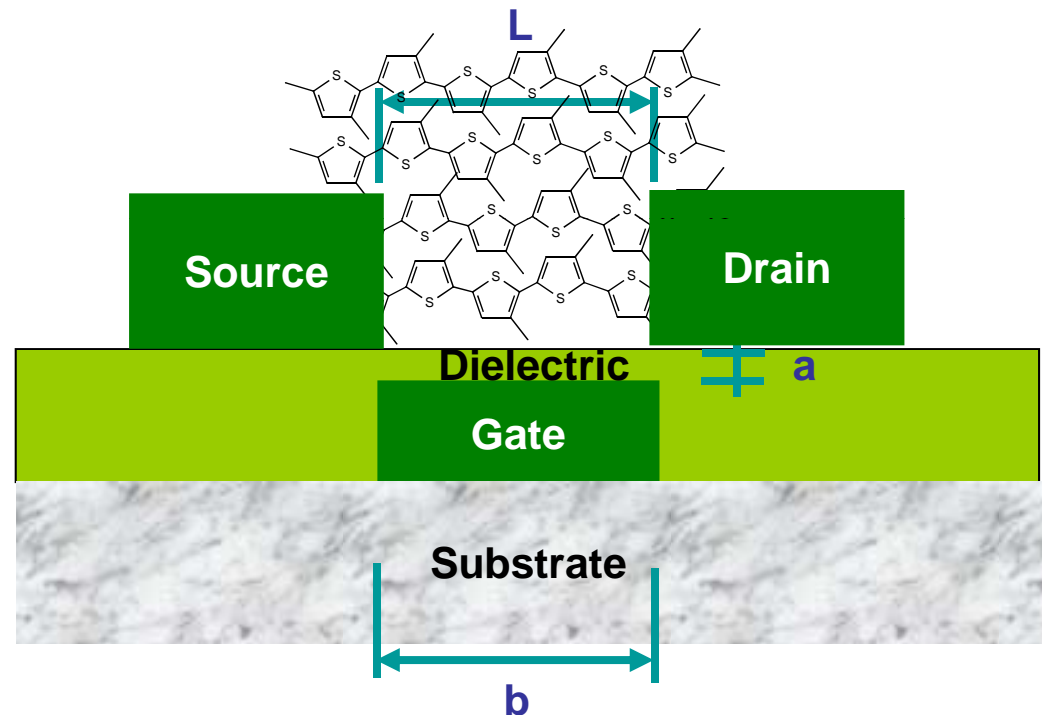
❖ *Highly integrated hybrid system for high throughput and scalability*

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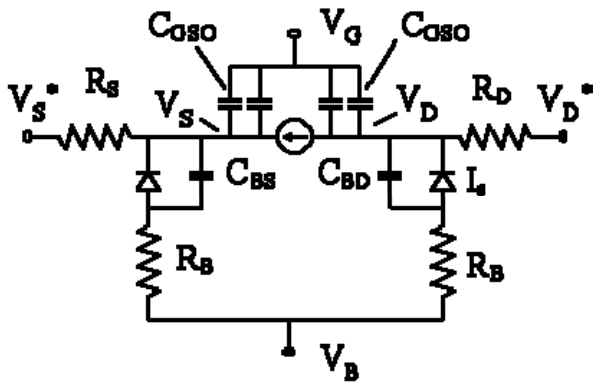
# In-Line/Off-Line Characterization Tools

## Critical Parameters

- Resolution
- Registration
- Layer thickness
- Orientation of features
- Dimensions of features
- Processing conditions
- Material quality (pot life)
- In-process electrical testing
- Final product electrical testing



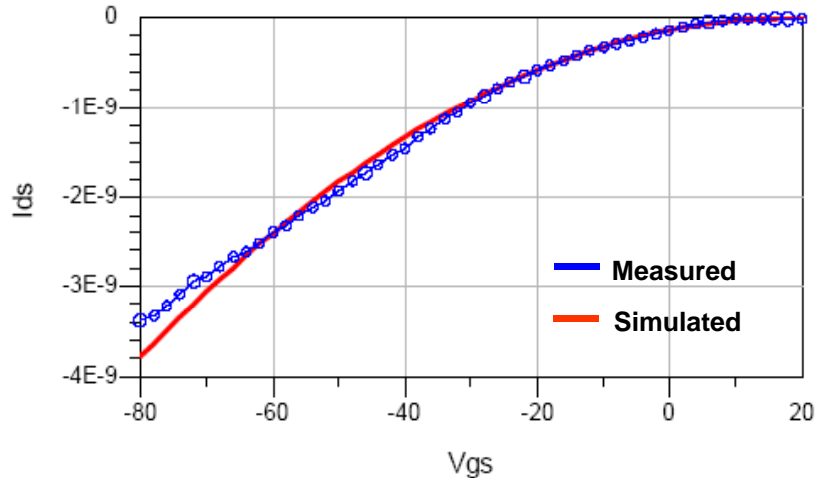
# Electrical Design, Layout, and Simulation Tools



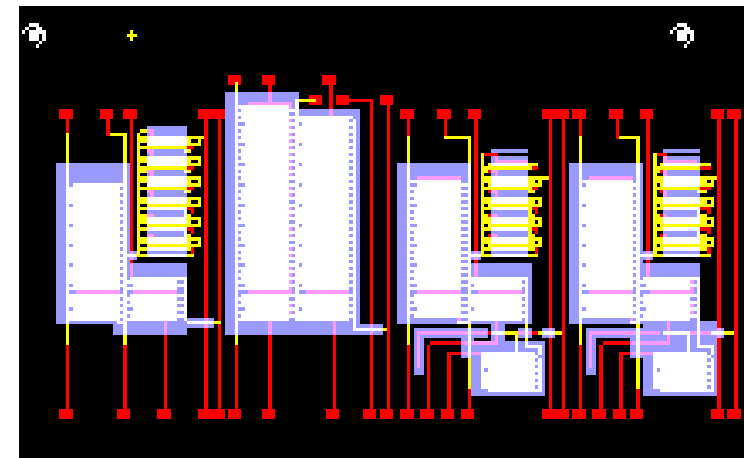
Circuit Design



Circuit Simulation



Confirmation of Experimental to Simulation



Circuit Layout



# Products and Applications

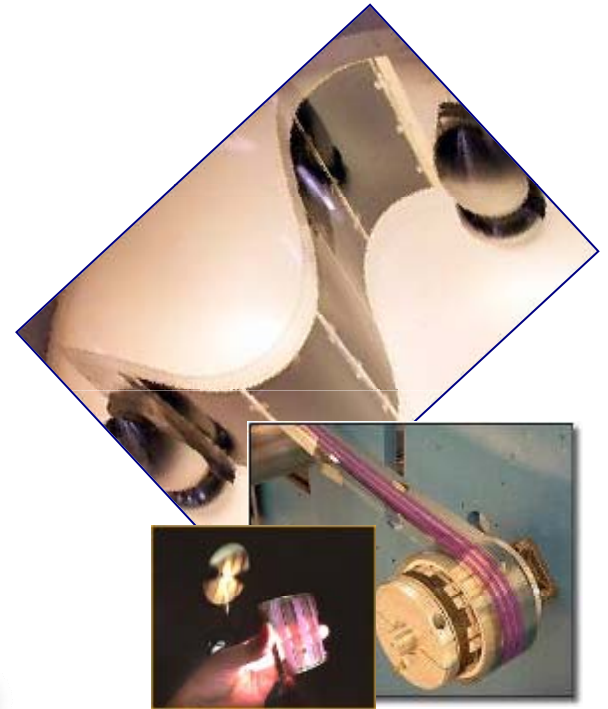
## Lighting & Displays



## RF Enabled Sensors



## Photovoltaics



# Reliability Testing Methods and Equipment



## Reliability Testing Parameters

- Air to air temperature cycling (-20°C to +60°C, 30 min dwell)
- Liquid to liquid thermal shock (-20°C to +60°C, 5 min dwell)
- Flexure (30 degree off-axis bend)
- Humidity exposure (60°C at 90% R.H.)
- Oxygen exposure
- Solvent resistance (Bleach, water, ammonia, etc.)
- Tearing, crumpling, crushing

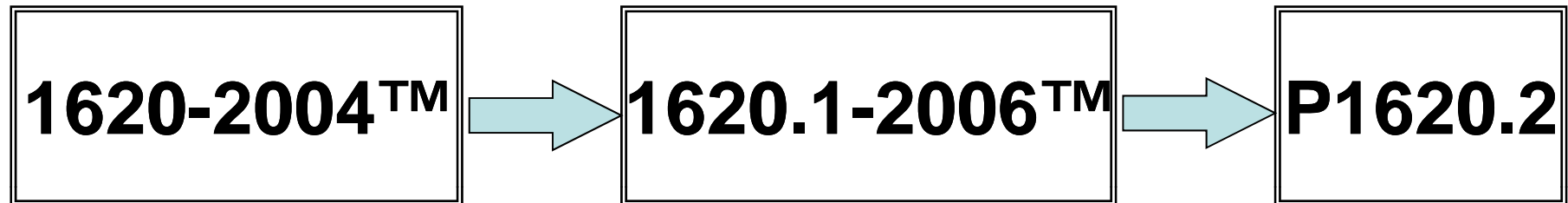
❖ *Reliability is application specific*

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# Standards



*IEEE Printed and Organic Electronics Working Group 1620™ Established in 2003*



Device Level Test  
<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1620/1/>


Approved in 2004 ✓

2008 update complete and IEEE-SA approval received

Ring Oscillator Test  
<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1620/1/>

Approved in 2006 ✓

RF Sub-System Test

Assembling Working Group 

Need for printed RF measurement standard



# Flexible Electronics

## “*Top Four*” Needs and Gaps

- #1 In-line inspection and testing equipment
- #2 Higher performance inks (semiconducting, OLED, PV active, etc.)
- #3 Simulation and design tools
- #4 Robust manufacturing platforms

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