

# Evolution and Trends driving the Automotive Architecture and Ecosystems of the future

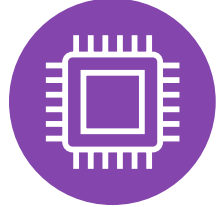
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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Macro Trends in the Automotive Market and implications
- Zonal Architecture – a preview
- Next Gen SOC Architecture & Design paradigms
- Software Defined Vehicle
- Conclusion

# 5 Biggest Automotive Industry Challenges



## Supply Chain Disruption

- Worldwide chip shortage compressing the supply chain
- OEMs, Tier 1s, New Entrants are changing SOC sourcing strategy



## Overhaul of E/E Architectures

- Demand for new HAD/ADAS features, electrified powertrain, infotainment
- New zonal architectures



## Complex Software Development & Deployment

- Platform as a Service Infrastructure
- Millions lines of code
- Software updates over the air



## Increasing Security Challenges

- New vulnerabilities from OTA software updates, self-driving cars, 5G connectivity
- Additional focus on security + safety



## Accelerating Time-to-Market

- New automotive entrants challenging traditional processes

# Macro Trends in the Car Landscape

Major Macro trends changing the architectural landscape

- **Electrification:** EV architecture/chassis has changed Electrical and Mechanical architectures – Skateboard vs Mechanical Chassis
- **Autonomous Driving:** The road to full autonomy is underway – increasing compute and communication complexity
- **Maas & evolving business models:** OEMs pushing new biz models along with new players – Uber/Lyft etc.



## Major Trends in the Auto landscape



Autonomous



Connected



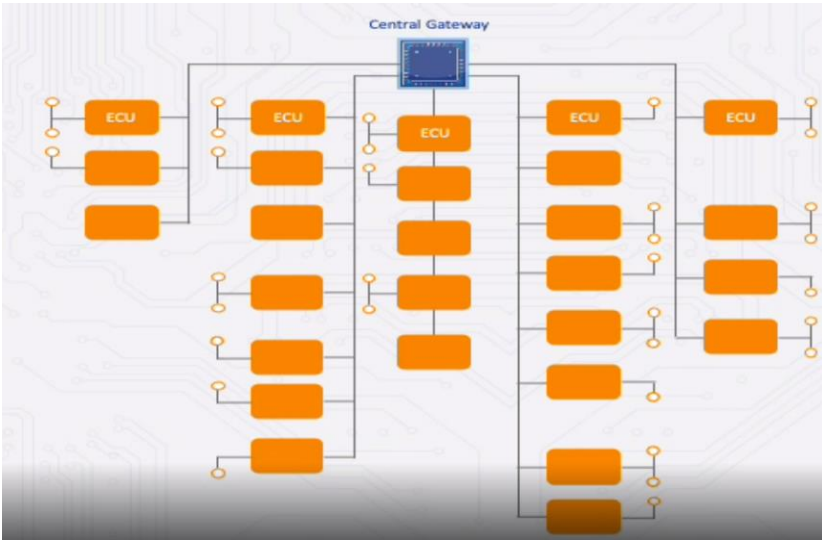
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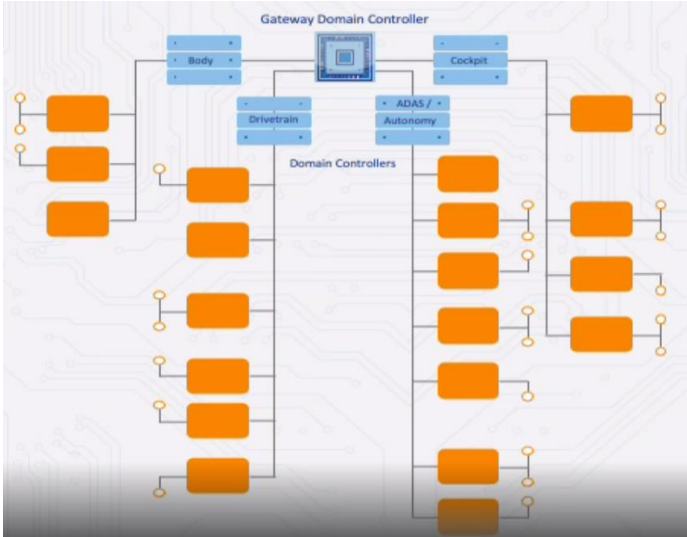
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# Architectural Evolution – A changing landscape

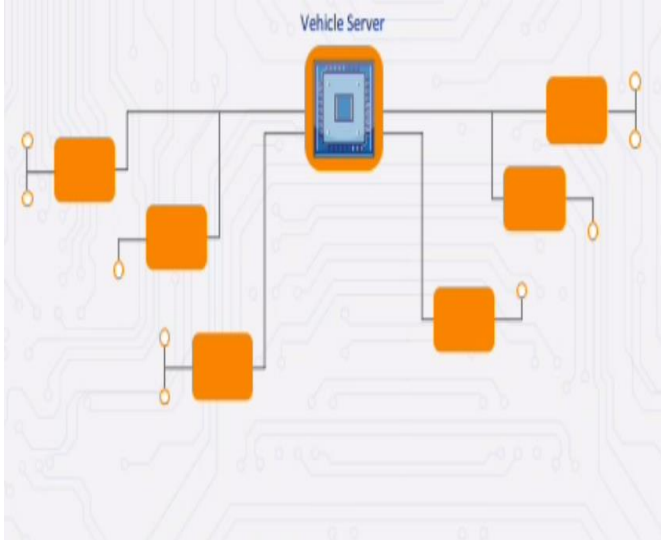
A walk along the path of ECU Evolution



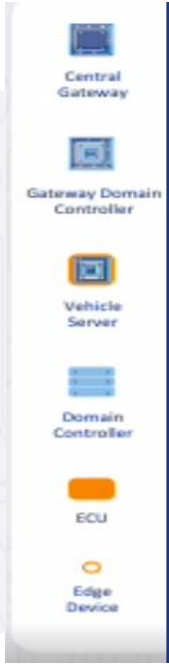
In  
Production



2020+



2025+

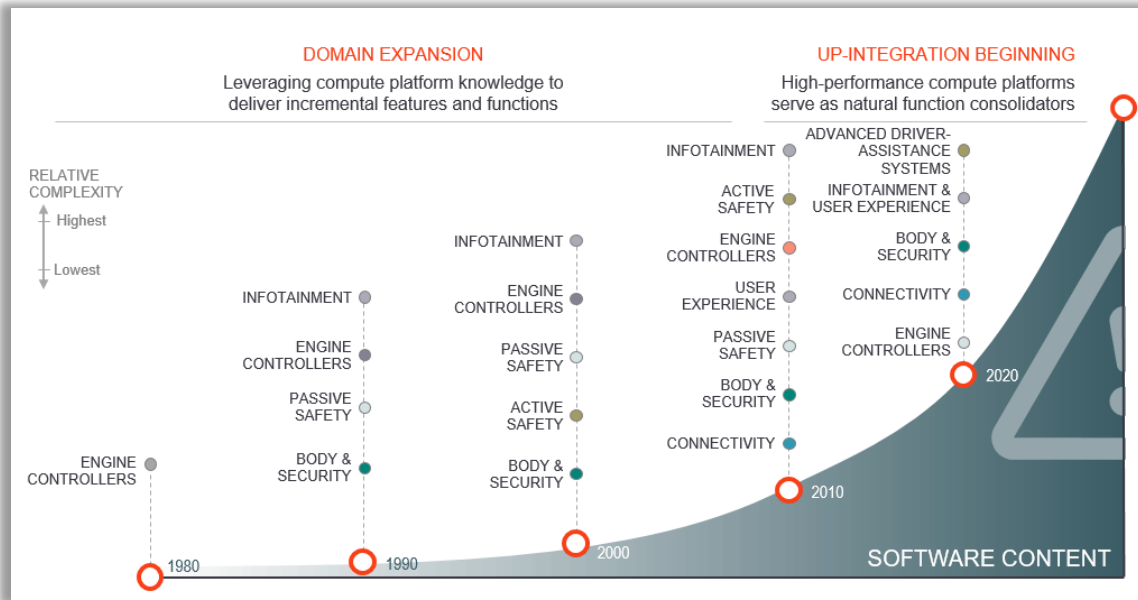


Evolving Computational needs driving the acceleration of a Zonal/Vehicle Server Architecture

# Accelerating adoption of S/W First architectures

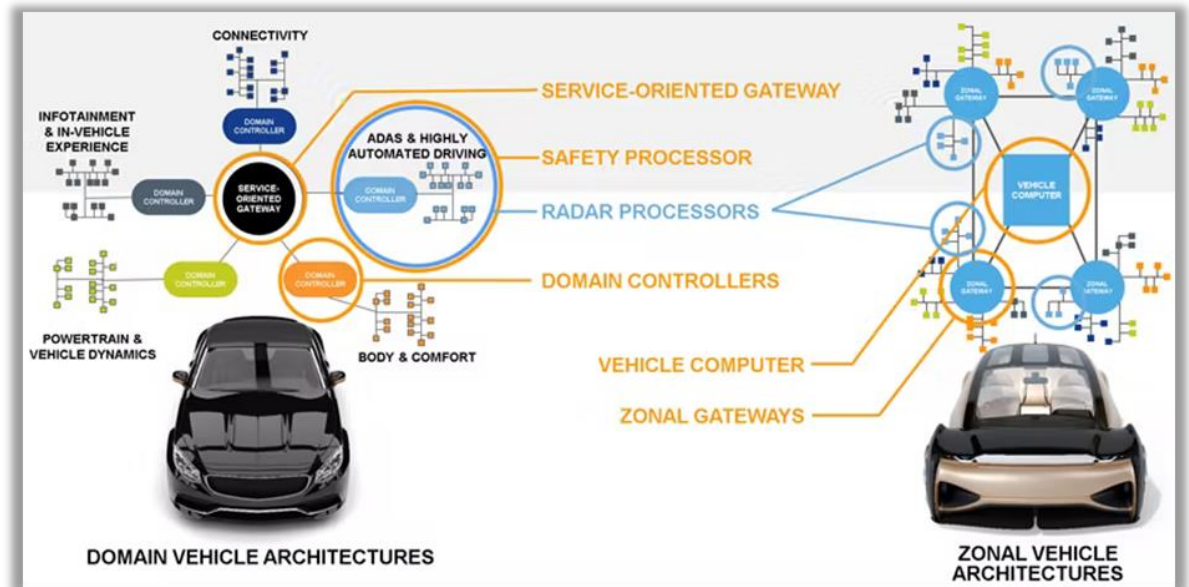
Shift to software-defined vehicles (SDV)

Software content increasing rapidly



Source: Aptiv

Hardware architecture optimized for the software-centric view

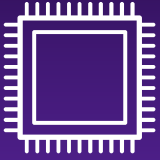
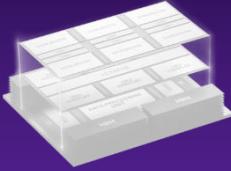



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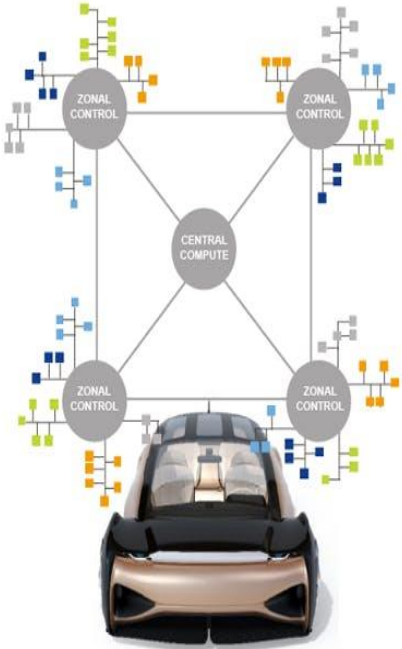
The desire of the OEMs: Commercially available, general purpose HPC HW  
 The realization: H/W Designed to reduce power and cost for specific SW Algorithms

# From Silicon to System – Driving changes

## Changing Landscape of Wants and Needs

<b>System-on-Chip</b> 	<b>Multi-die SoC</b> 	<b>E/E System-of-Systems</b> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ever increasing Performance</li><li>• Power matters – Every Watt affects EV Range</li><li>• H/W &amp; S/W – Co-design for less problems downstream</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scalability – different OEMs have different vehicle needs</li><li>• Upgradability – EV lifecycle is different from ICE.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dealing with S/W Complexity – Agile and CI/CD is the need of the hour.</li><li>• Early S/W analysis – reduces system bottlenecks</li><li>• Cloud Native – seamless integration and new Monetization opportunities.</li></ul>

# Zonal Architecture & Implications to Central Compute SOCs & Zone Controllers



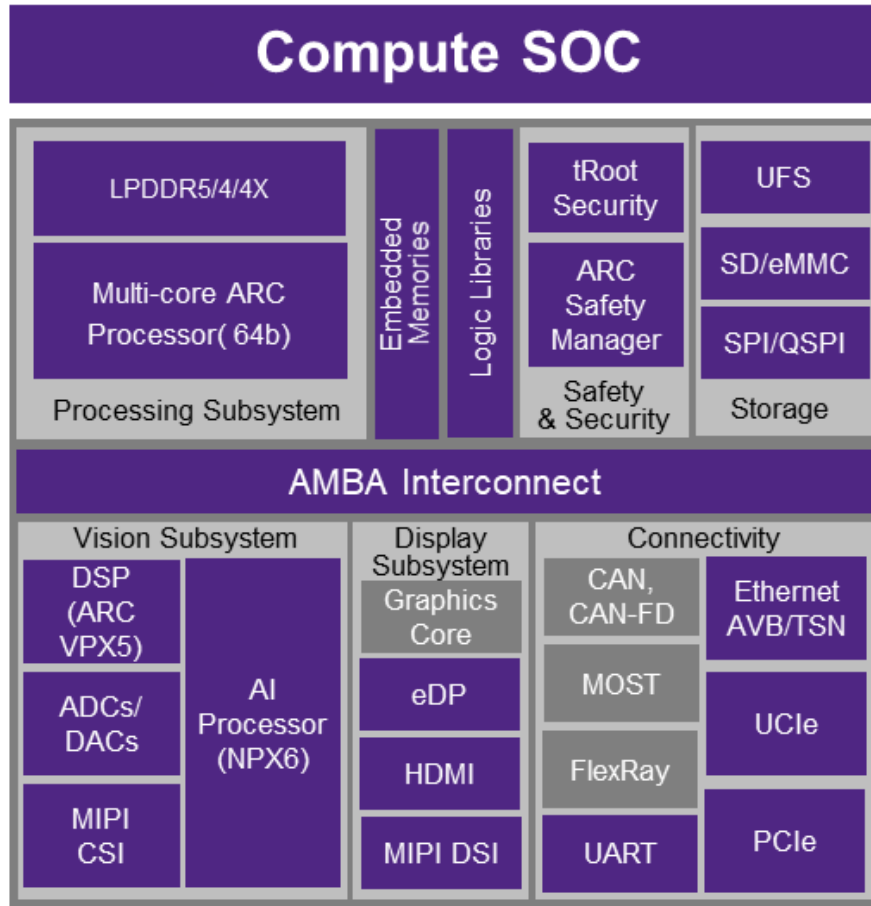
Category	Function	Consolidation	Connectivity	Main Characteristic
Central Compute /Server	Mixed criticality – Application Host	Physical ECUs	High-Speed and some low speed	Computational Power – 1000s of TOPS
Zonal Gateway/Hub	Local Connectivity Hub with some processing	Wiring and Harnesses	Few High Speed, Low Speed and Some Legacy	Connectivity (I/O) & Speed (Latency)

**Co-existence of different functions pushing the need for mixed criticality in the central hub**



# SOCs for the E/E Architecture

Building Blocks with a view on Safety and performance



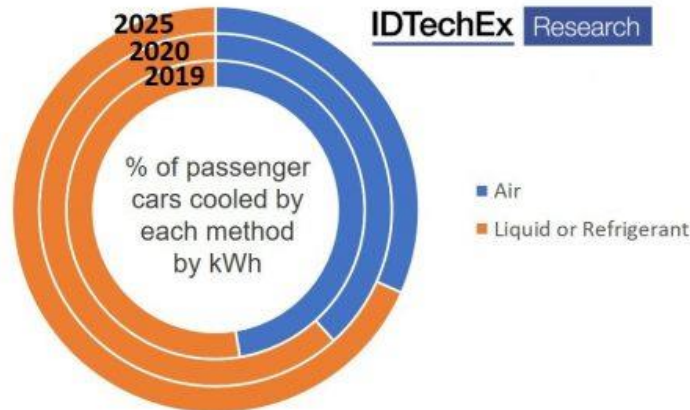
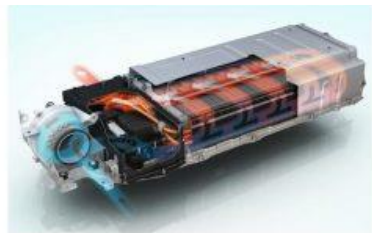
- Performance matters
  - Many CPU cores – support for virtualization and domain separation
  - Specifically defined accelerators – NPUs/Vision accelerators
- Integration of High Speed I/Os and Memory
  - Increased Bandwidth needs → HBM like data-rates
  - Multi-Gb ethernet – upto 112g (no compression)
  - Coherent Interconnects – UCIe/CXL
- Mixed criticality of cores
  - ASIL-D for safety applications
  - ASIL-B/QM for non-ADAS applications

# Range Anxiety – Watt really matters!

Why custom accelerators is the way to go?



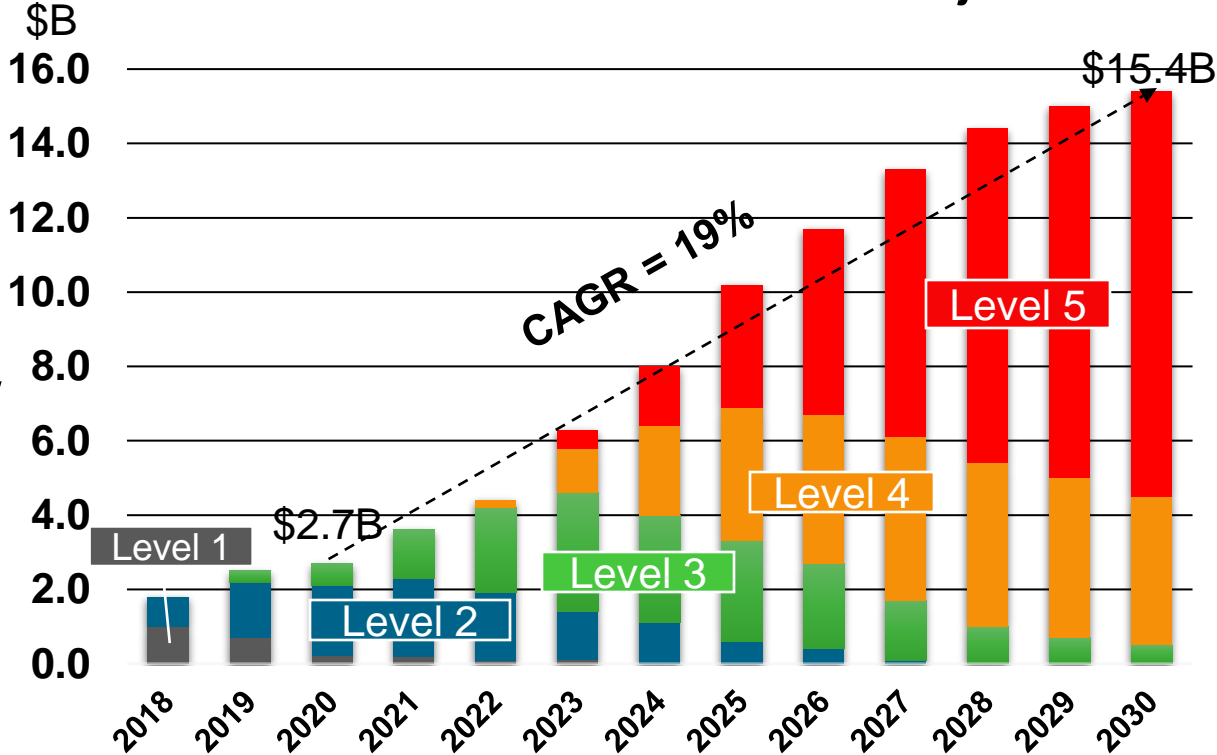
- Software defined custom SoCs are needed to continue performance scaling at acceptable power
  - **For EVs: higher TOPS with low efficiency affects range!**
  - Custom SOC with specific custom-built accelerators can reduce power footprint by an order of magnitude!
- TOPS is key but TOPS/Watt really matters
- Cost of Cooling is also higher! Every Kwh of battery ~ \$125
- Near-memory architectures support lower power consumption
  - Synopsys NPX family built with tiled architecture – most efficient NPU design



# Custom SOCs – What is the road ahead?

- Monolithic Socs can meet performance needs up to L3 solutions
- Level 4/5 requires performance levels that exceed Moore’s Law’s single Chip scaling potential
- Chiplets based multi-die packages allow beyond Moore’s Law scaling efficiently:
  - Performance
  - Power
  - Cost

Fusion Processor Market Projection



Source: IBS, Inc., Automotive Electronics Report, August 2020

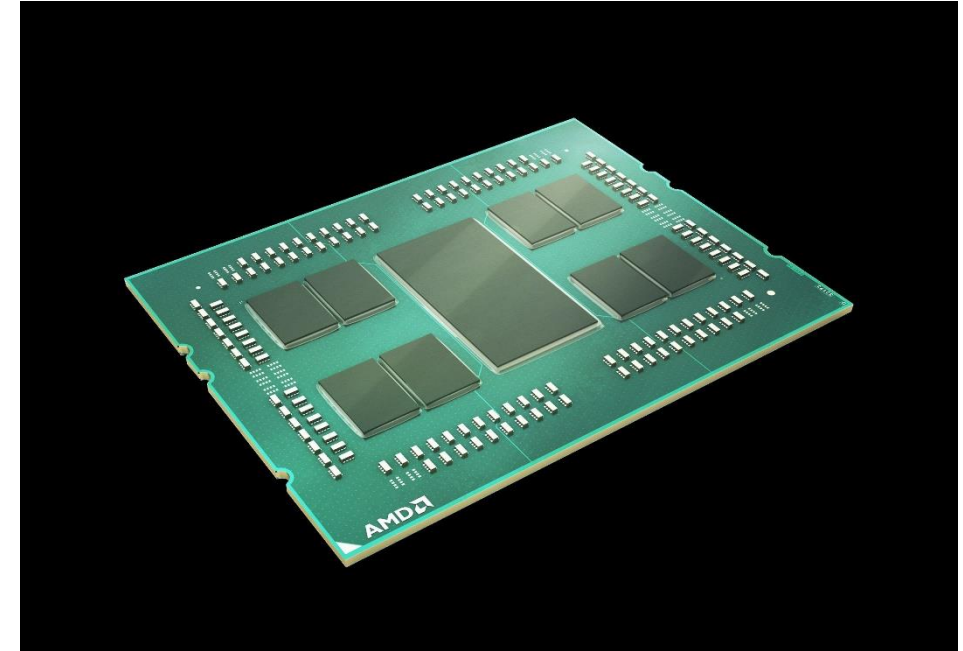
# Chipelets – Stretching Moore’s law to the next Decade



Monolithic 32-core Chip  
777mm<sup>2</sup> total area  
1.0x Cost



4 x 8-core Chiplet, 213mm<sup>2</sup> per chiplet  
852mm<sup>2</sup> total area (+9.7%)  
0.59x Cost



Scaling Moore’s Law for the performance needs of the future

# The Software-Defined Vehicle

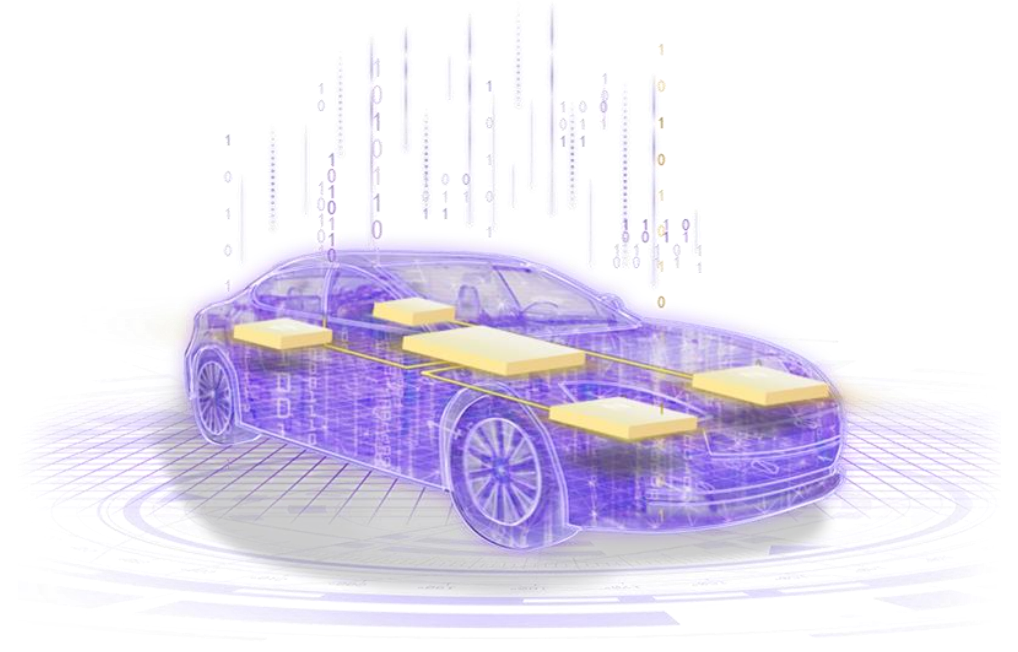
A vehicle defined by software running on highly-optimized hardware

## Benefits to the OEM

- Eliminates static nature of today's vehicle
- Flexibility, programmability, scalability
- Real-time capabilities and cost efficiencies
- New Monetization opportunities

## Benefits to the user

- Unlock safety, comfort, convenience features
- Fix issues and avoid service center visits
- Improve pricing and resale value

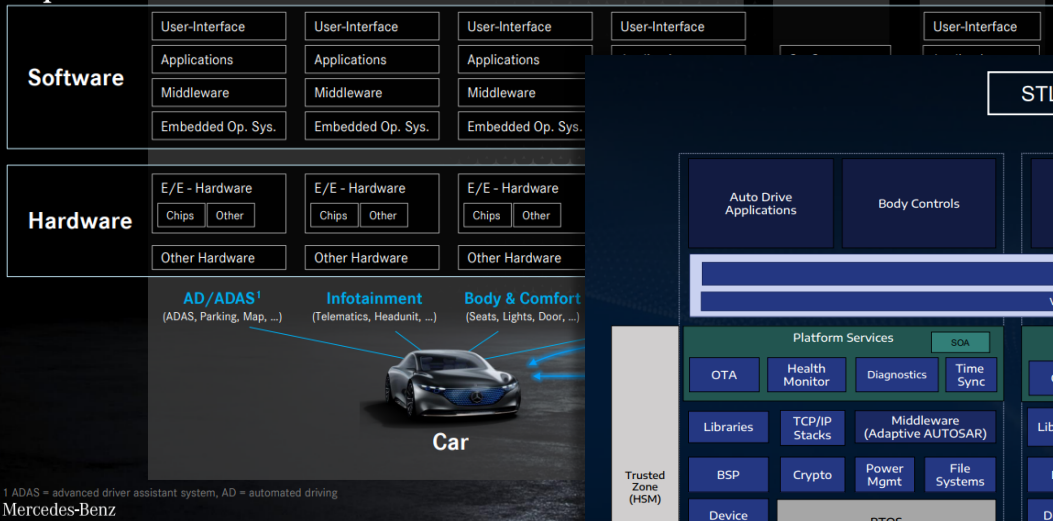


## The SDV is defined by

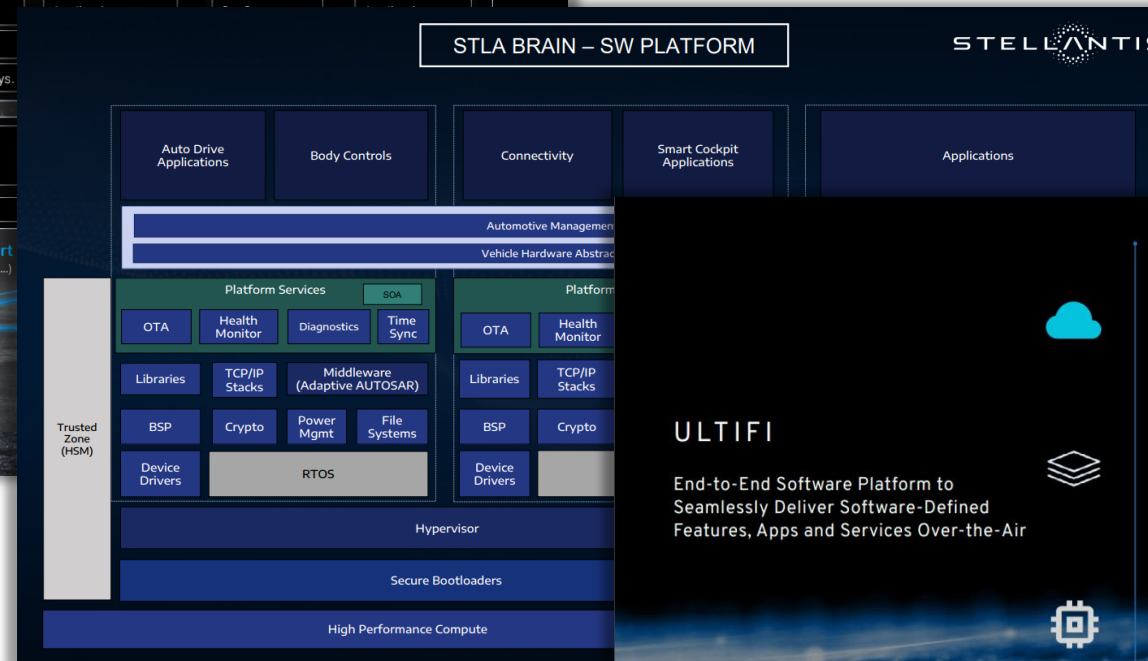
- Service-oriented architecture (SOA)
- Agile / DevOps software development
- Consolidated hardware architecture that is scalable
- Digital Twin – virtual model of the car during vehicle lifecycle.

# OEMs Publicly Share Their SDV Approaches

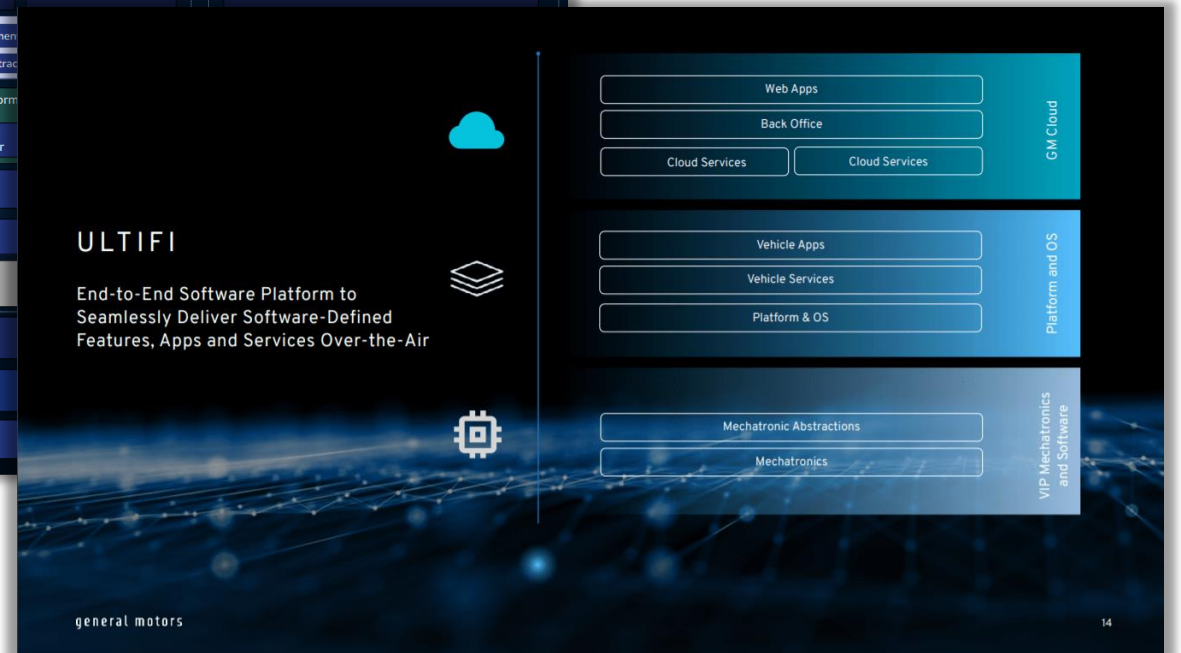
The Car functionality is clustered in several domains, each with specific requirements



Source: Mercedes-Benz

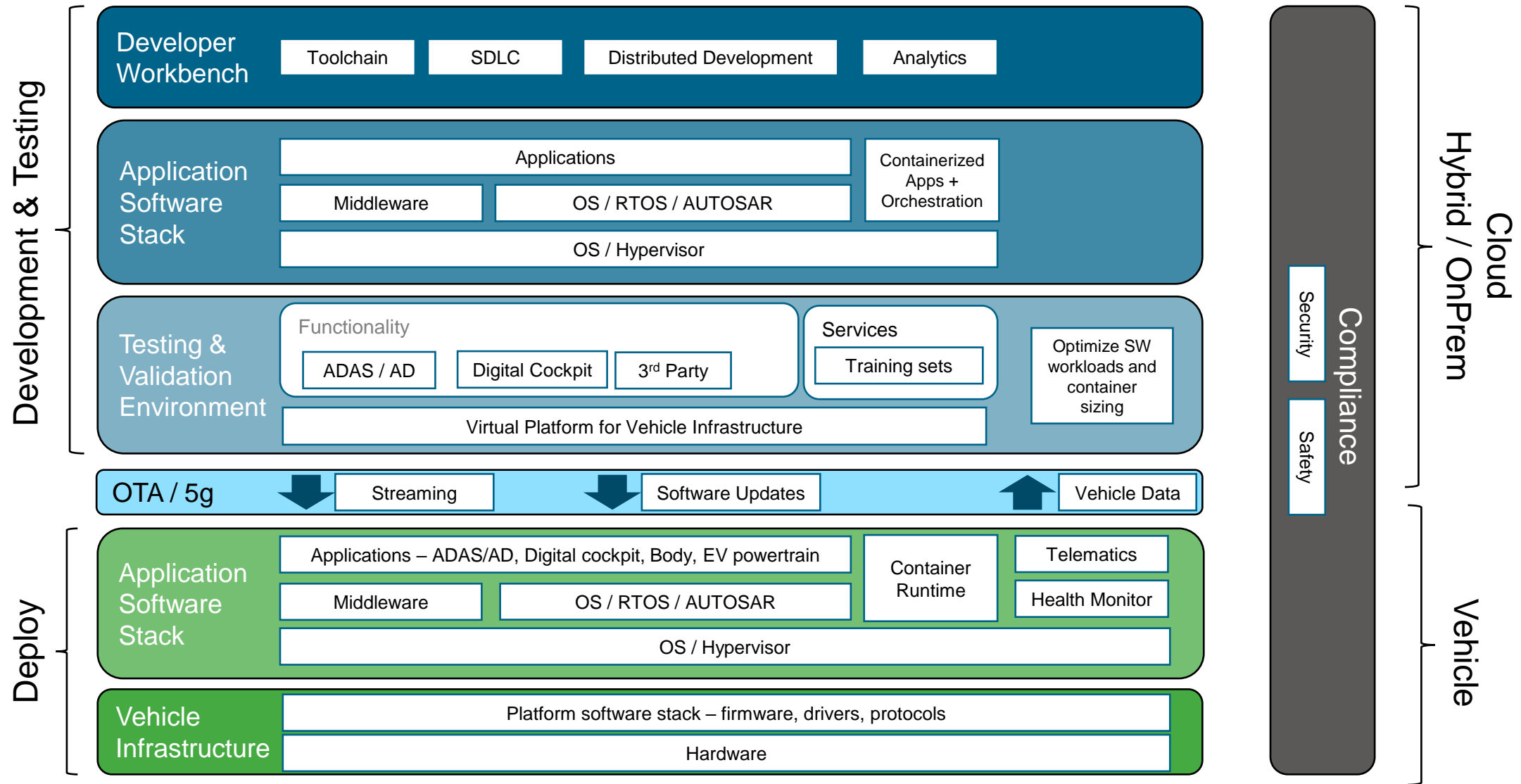


Source: Stellantis



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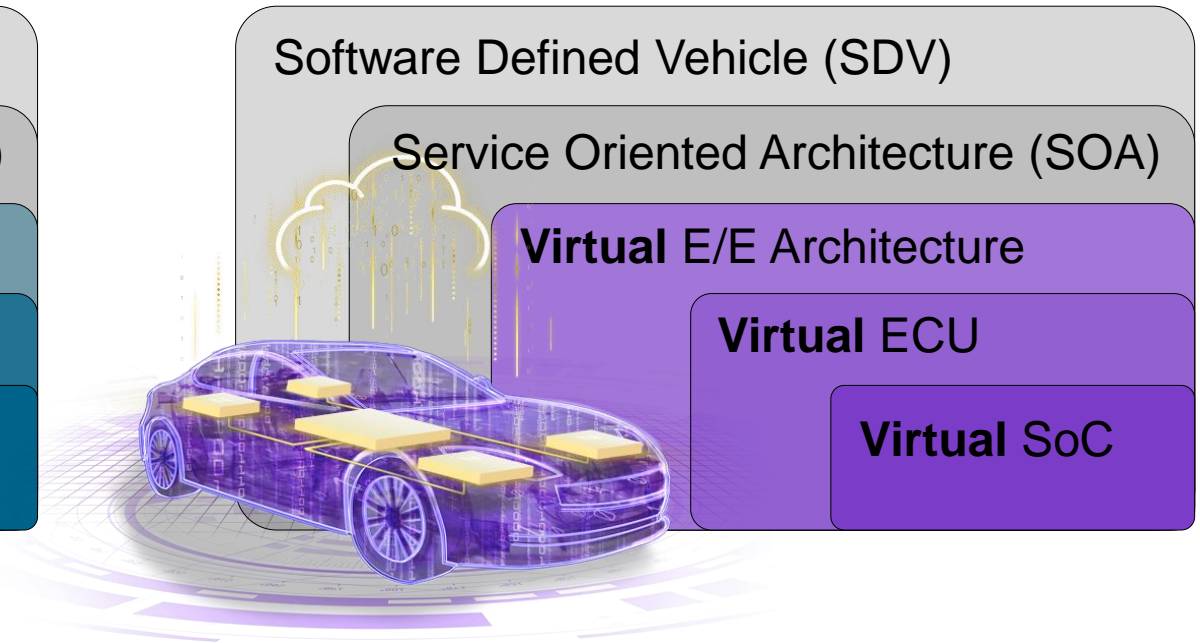
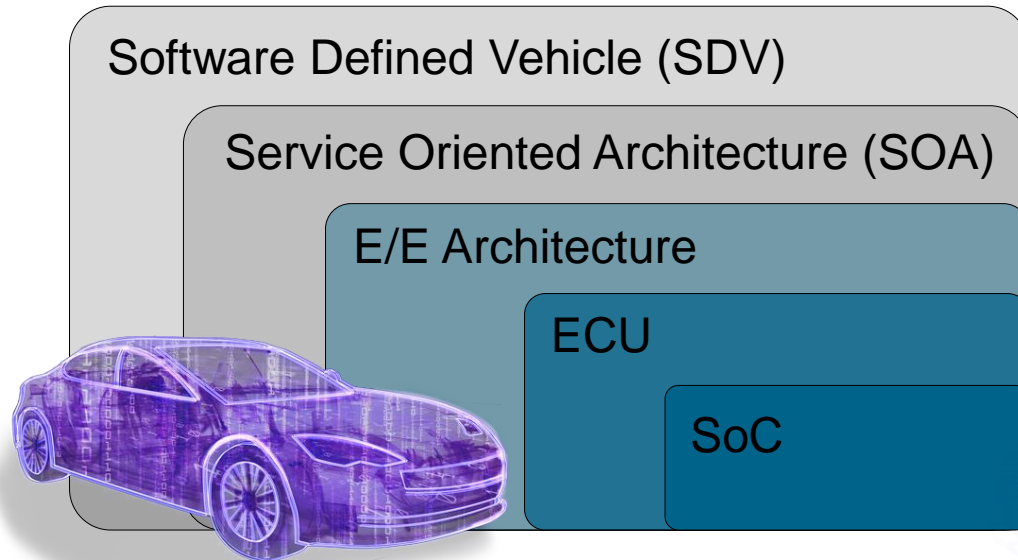
# Defining Service Oriented Architecture for SDVs



# Expedite Testing for SDVs with Virtual Vehicles

Transition from reliance on physical testing ...

... to testing in the cloud using virtual hardware



- New features require accelerated GTM cycles and agile workflows for continuous OTA updates
- **Software first mindset:** Vehicle defined by software; hardware optimized based on software
- Physical testing is not scalable; **automated virtual testing in the cloud** enabled by a **virtual vehicle**
- Software must be **safe and secure**



# Digital Twin

Creating a virtual version of the car during the entire lifecycle



- Virtual/digital replica of the car
- Aggregates all the data during the lifecycle of the car
- What it enables
  - Easier Product testing
  - Maintenance and data prediction across lifecycle of the car
  - Manufacturing process changes – testing with virtual versions to test capacity. Easing supply chain burden
  - Customer use-cases: predictive maintenance & Sales opportunities for OEMS

# The Road Ahead

- Automakers and their suppliers are moving to the next generation of vehicles
  - Electrification & Autonomous cars will drive Silicon, Architecture, testing, SW Development & Deployment changes
- Roles for Synopsys and partners
  1. Provide tools and ecosystem to accelerate SOC development (IPs, new technologies/standards and architecture and modeling)
  2. Focus on S/W and H/W coupling – one solution to address the SDV
  3. Accelerate cloud native development – develop flows and tools that accelerate the adoption of SOA and cloud native application development
  4. Understand OEM pain-points in a rapidly evolving and long-life product.



**Thank You**

