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Tools, Architectures and Trends on Industrial all Programmable Heterogeneous MPSoC

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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY?

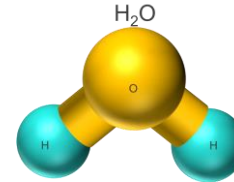


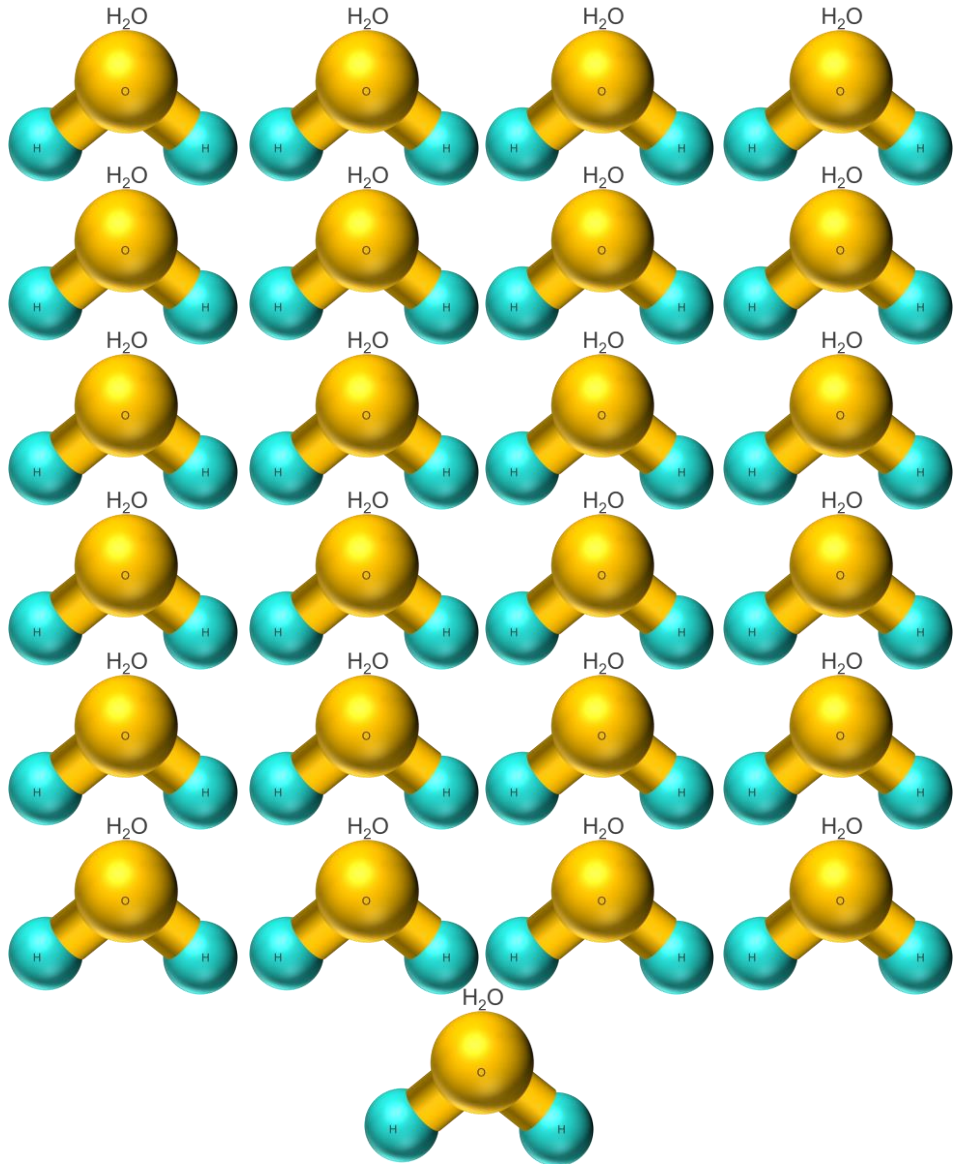
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Water drop

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10 Billion
Water molecules

$H_2O = 0.275 \text{ nm}$

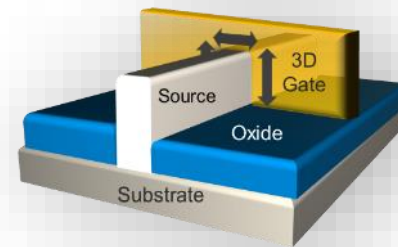




25 Water molecules



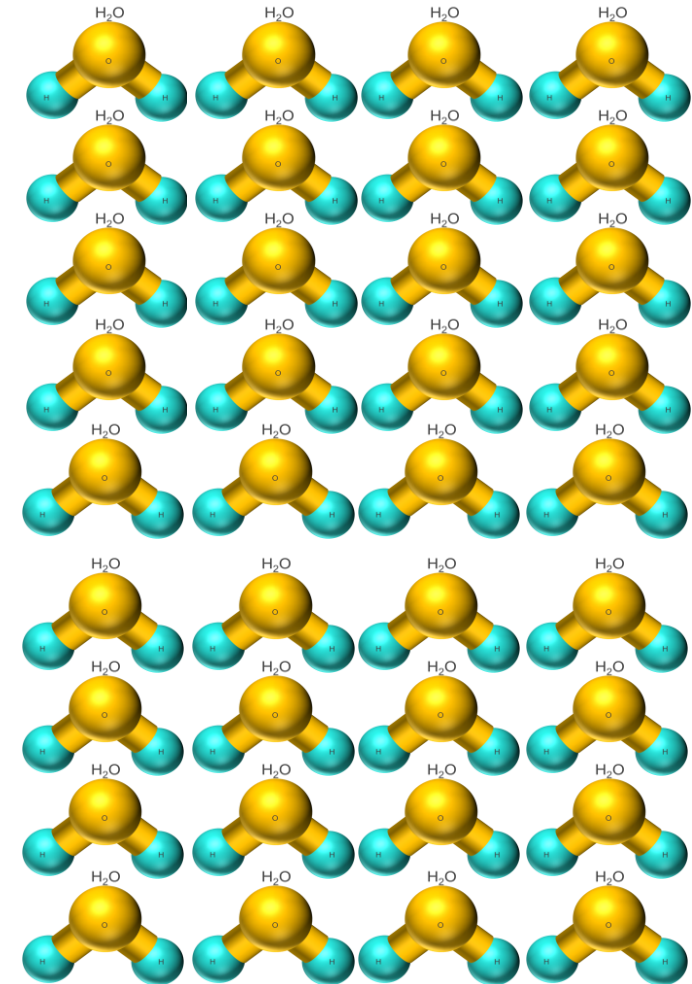
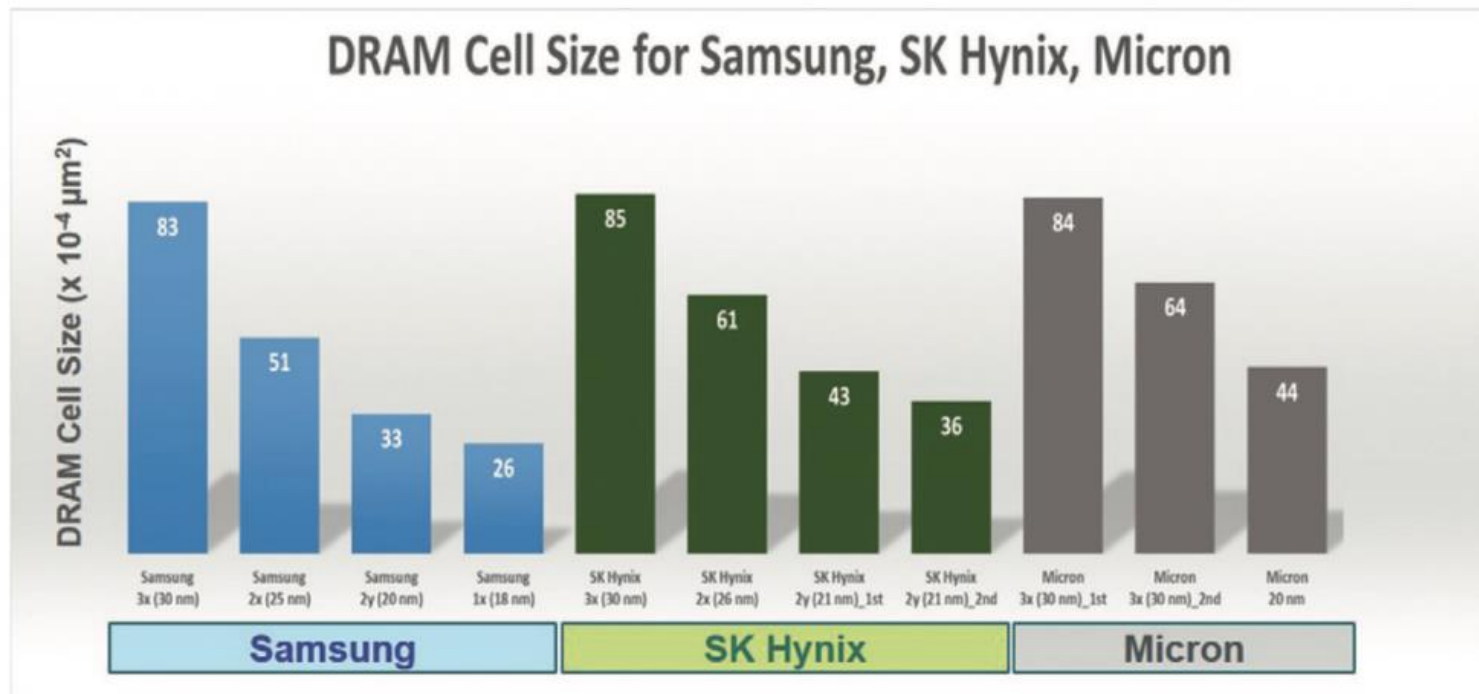
7 nanometers



3D FinFET

Advancement in Memory technology

- 10nm technology
- Data transfer rate of 3,200 megabits per second (Mbps),
- 30 % faster than the 2,400Mbps rate of 20nm DDR4 DRAM



36 Water molecules

Semiconductor Industry Consolidation



125+



25+

Reasons

- Diminishing returns from:
 - Moore's Law and,
 - Dennard scaling
- Semiconductor industry enter a mature stage
- Few chipmakers can afford the multibillion dollar investments required of 16nm and below technology

Consequences

- Huge computing parallelism
 - Multicores, Manycores
 - Heterogeneous computing
- Memory subsystem changes
 - Faster memories
 - Larger wordlength

Where are going the industrial applications?

Industrial applications domains challenges

Cobots



Smart Sensors



IIoT Gateways



Smart Grid Protection



PLCs, NC MC



Industrial Transport



What engineers want...

- Higher predictability (time and delivery)
- High Performance Real time Control
- Real time Networking and Synchronization
- Real time Sensor Fusion
- Mixed traffic: real time, stream and best effort
- Functional Safety and fail operational
- Cybersecurity
- Machine Learning
- Hardware as service

Which challenges they have

- Huge amount of legacy software working as WCET (worst case execution time)
- Few tools for refactoring WCET under new SoC architecture
- Legacy Software working as SCE (single core execution)
- Few tools for repartitioning under HCE (heterogeneous cores architectures)
- Functional Safety Standards using old (proven) paradigms
 - Absolute demonstrable determinism (temporal and spatial)
 - > 90% diagnostic coverage (maximum diagnostic)
 - Fail safe and fail operational

Industrial IoT Devices require multiple domain time

Edge Devices

100ns...10us

Edge Apps

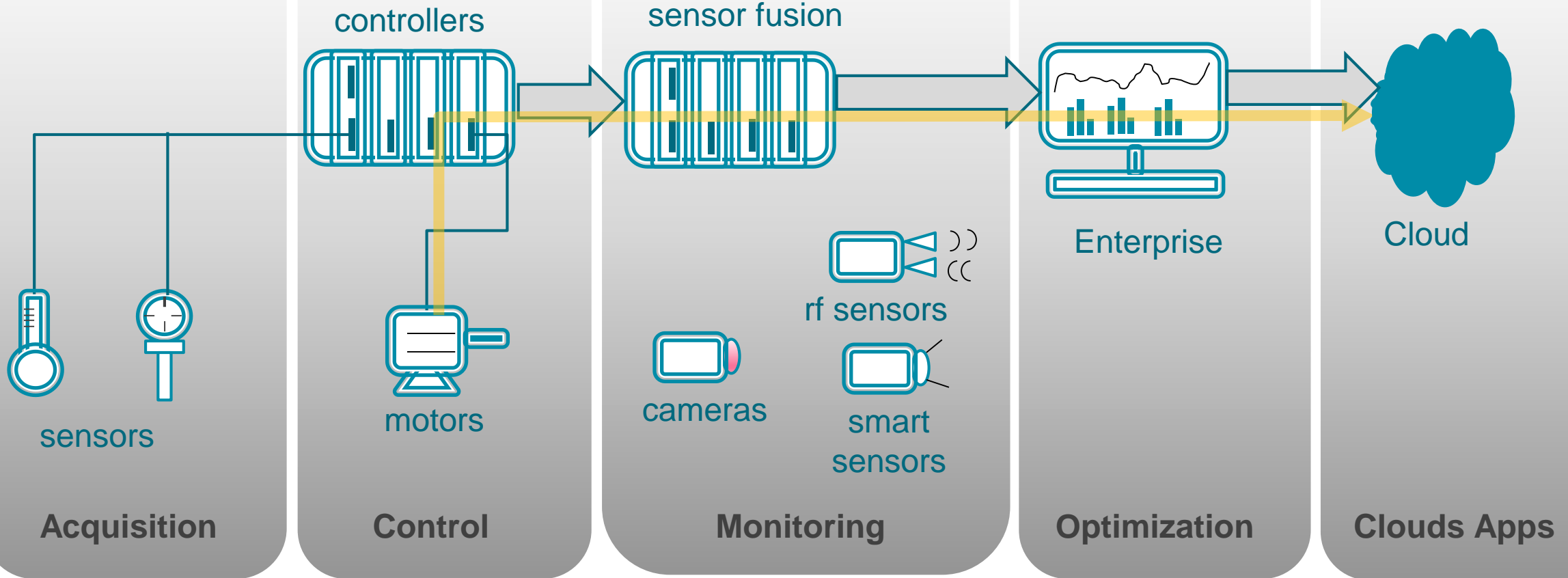
10us...1ms

10us...100ms

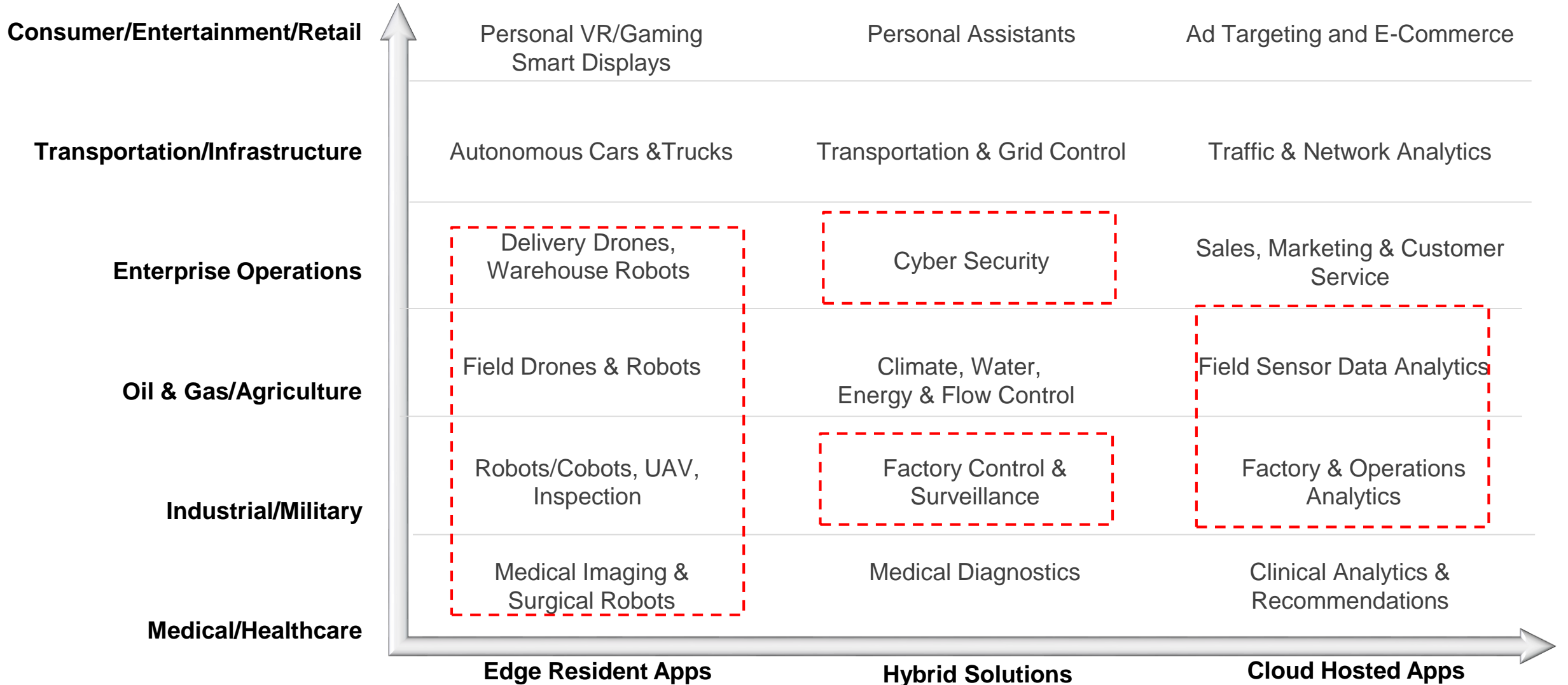
Hybrid Apps

10ms...days/months

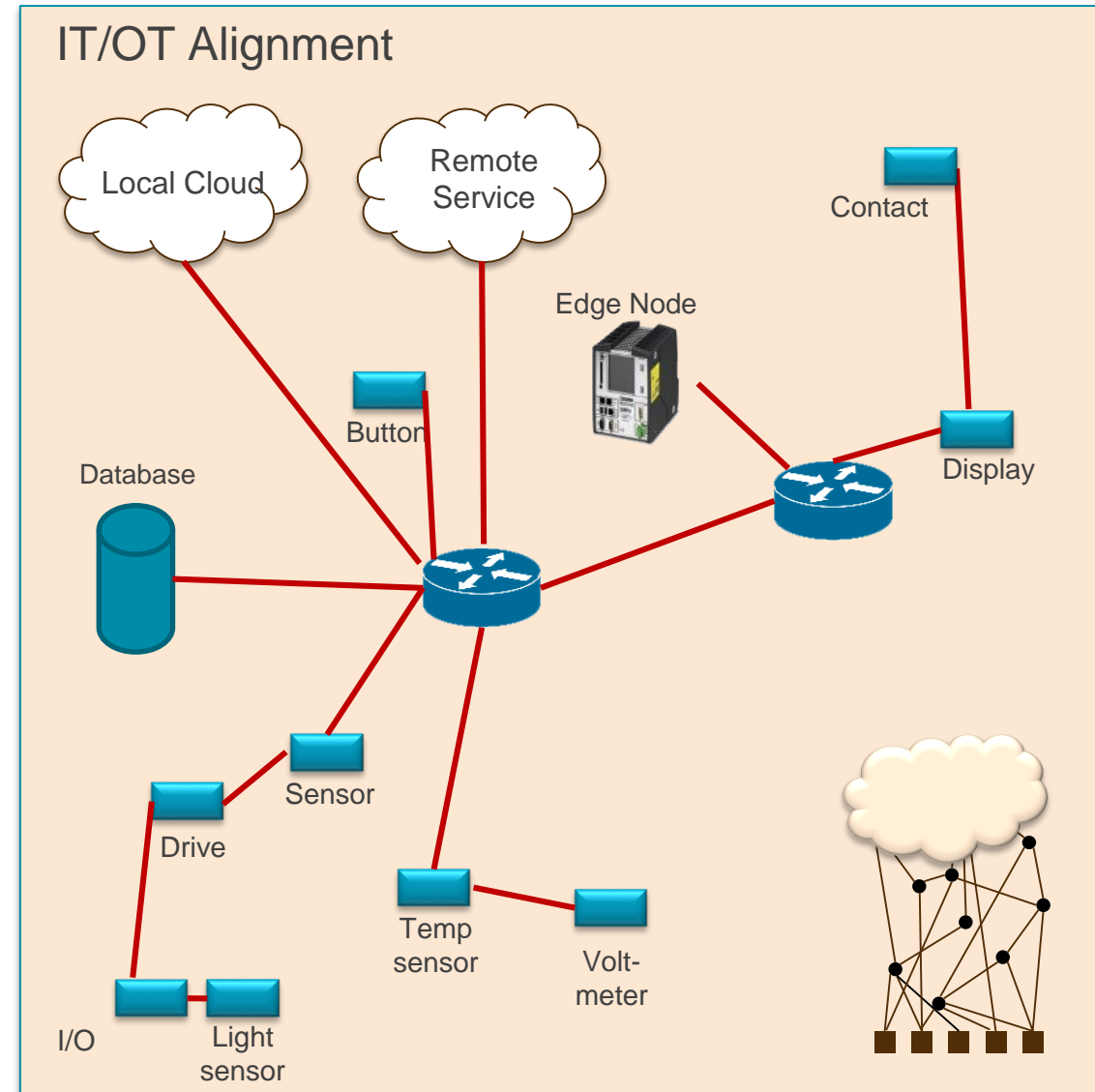
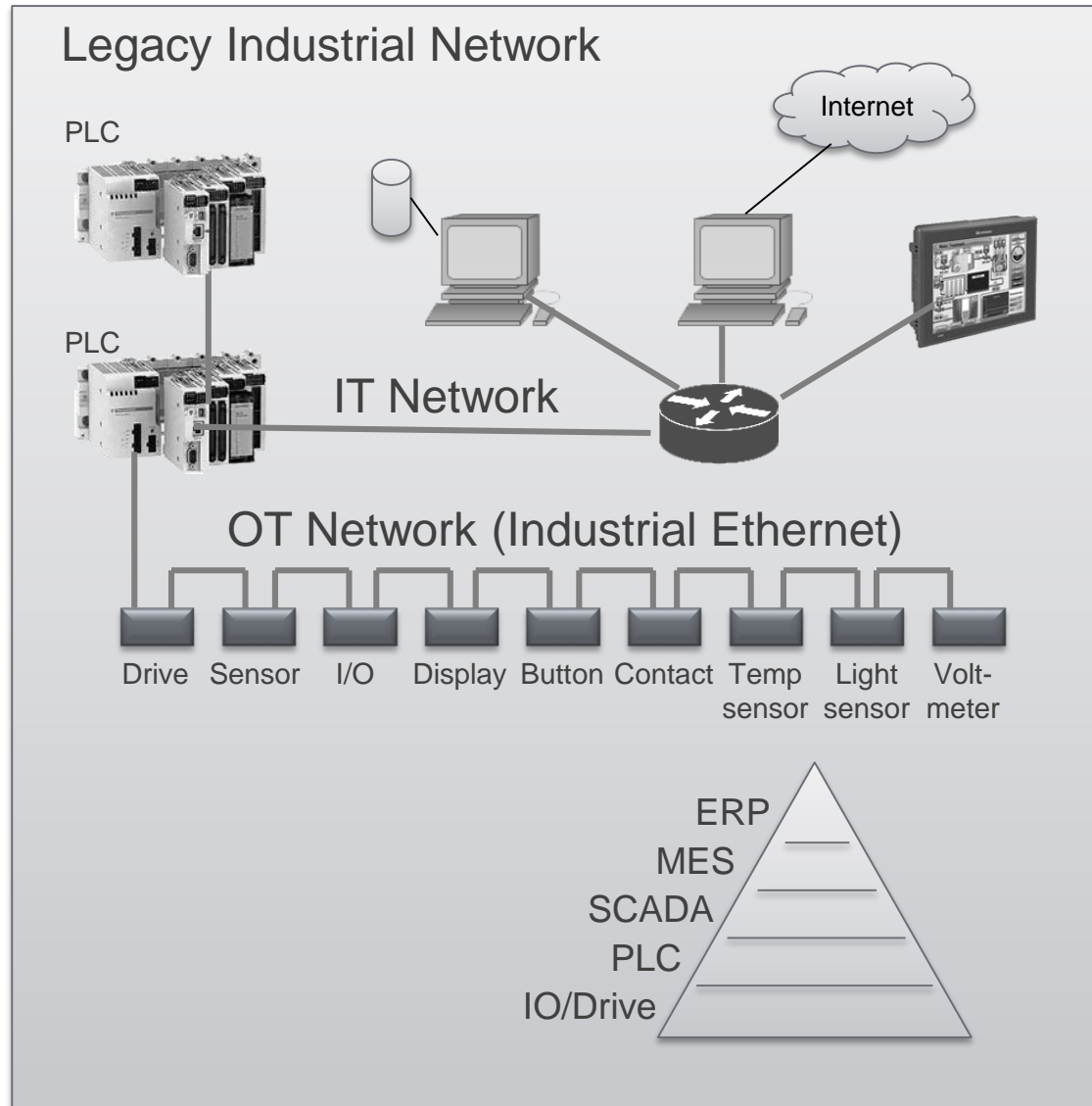
Cloud Apps



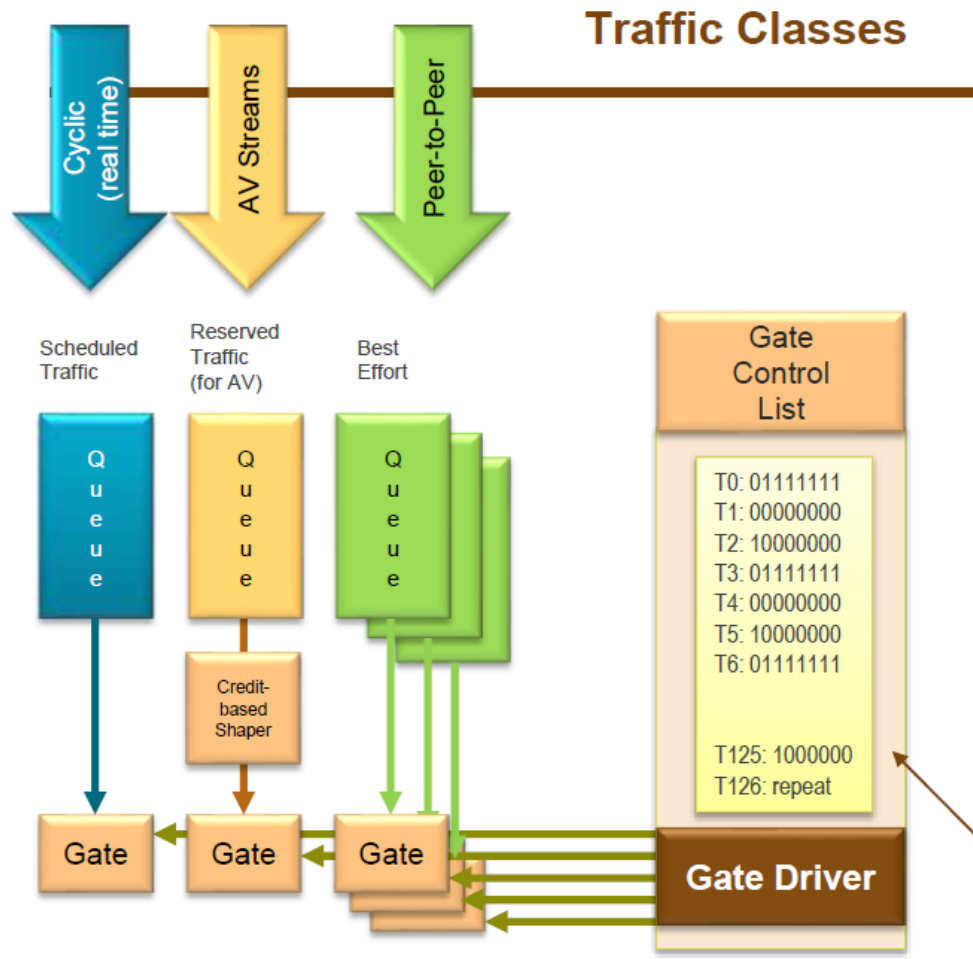
Edge and Cloud applications integrated



Realization of modern Realtime Systems – all connected



Networking time awareness for different traffic classes



➤ TSN Concept

- **Time-aware Gates** make Ethernet cyclic
 - Scheduled Traffic, real-time, cyclic
 - cycle times (intervals): ~100 μ s – ms (typical)
 - Reserved Traffic (audio/video)
 - Best effort (IT traffic)
- A Central Network Controller Software calculates open+close for Gates
- Each network element in a TSN must support this concept

Time Aware Shaper (TAS)
(IEEE802.1Qbv)

Main take away...

➤ Realtime domain extends and becomes pervasive

- Multi and Many cores realtime
- Heterogeneous cores realtime
- Networked cores realtime
- Networked systems realtime

➤ Interactions between domains

- Not clearly defined domains boundaries, something running here today may run elsewhere tomorrow
- Safety and Security interacts with delivery performances
- Mixed criticality at system level not just at software level

➤ Performances of all systems rising exponentially

- Autonomy
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence

Heterogeneous Systems on Chip

All major players have Heterogeneous Systems on Chip

TI – Jacinto

- 4 A15
- 2 M4
- 2 C66 DSP

NXP – iMX8

- 4 A35 (A53 as well)
- 1 M4

Xilinx – ZU9EG

- 4 A53
- 2 R5 lockstep
- 2 Tricore (PMU & csu)
- 2250 DSP(48bitMAC)
- 600K Logic Cells
- many 32bit MB CPUs

NVIDIA TX2

- 2 Denver (ArmV8)
- 4 A57
- 1 A9
- 2 R5
- 1 R5 lockstep
- 1 GPGPU Pascal

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Some Industrial Use case for Heterogeneous SoC

Industrial USE CASE #1: High Performance PLC

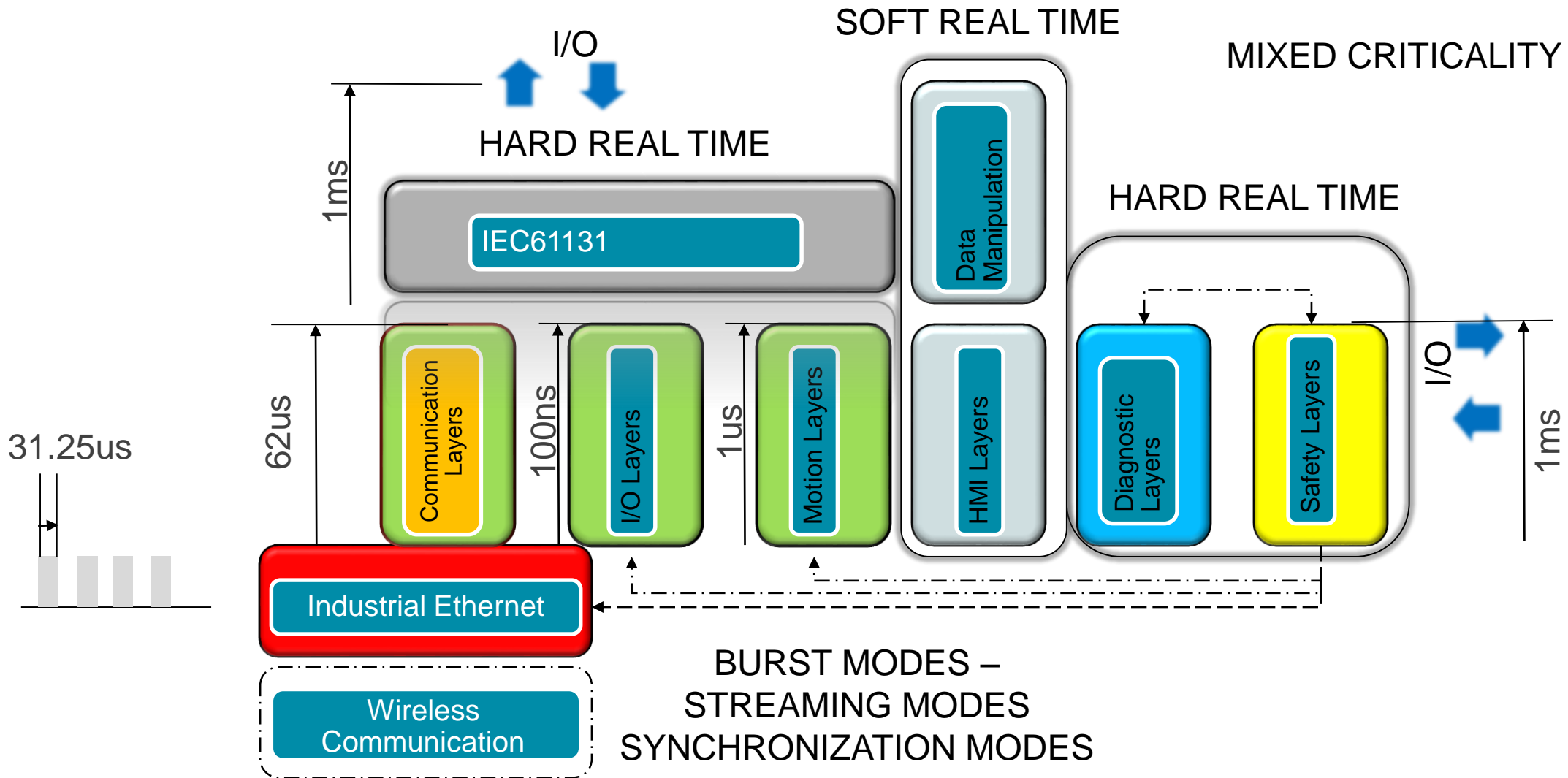
TRENDS:

- PLCs continue to evolve
 - Adopting hardware improvements
 - Increasing communications,
 - Being safety enabled
 - Using more memory
 - Using better Human Interfaces
 - Manipulating Video and Camera information
 - Adding
 - Machine Learning
 - Cloud enablement
- Small PLCs will include features of higher-level PLCs,
- Mid- and High-range PLCs will offer a smaller, more compact solution to meet users' needs

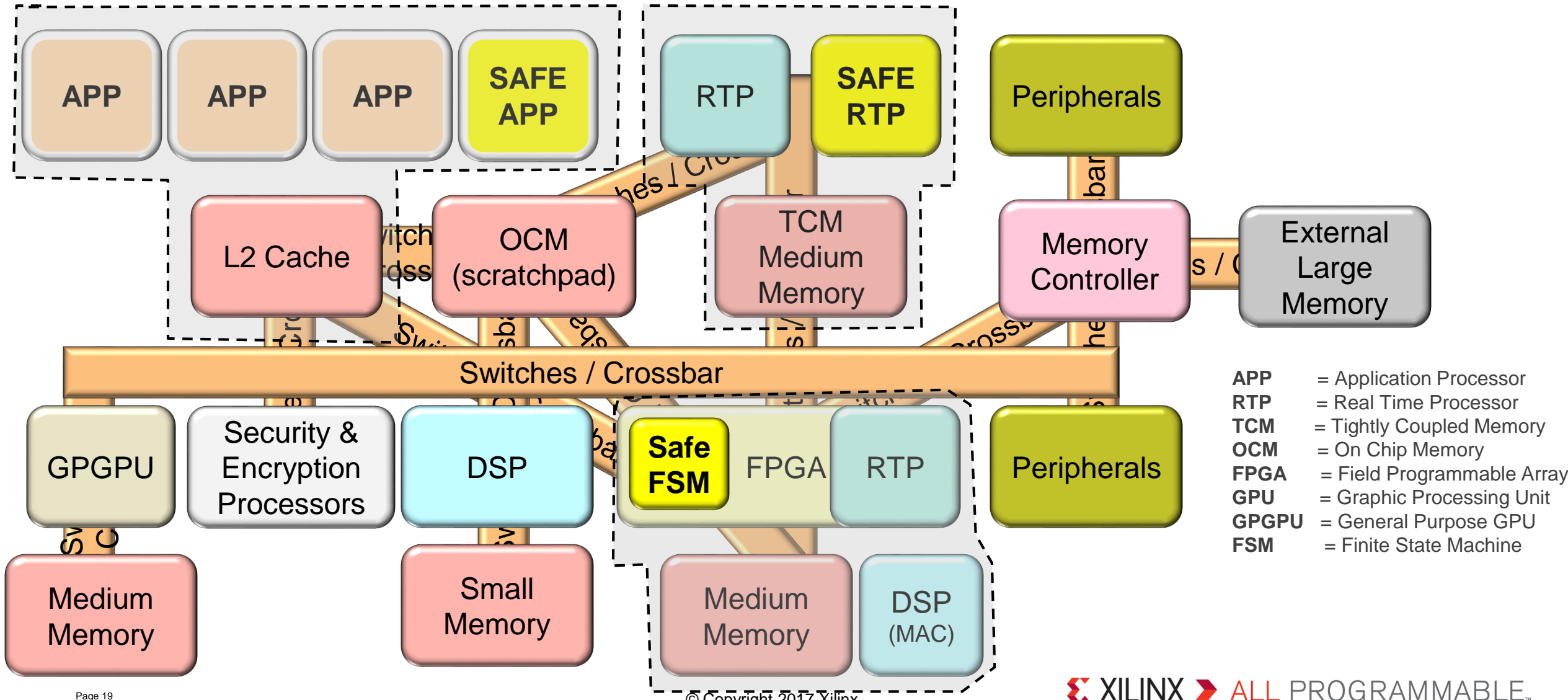


If you do not know what is a PLC please look on Wikipedia:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programmable_logic_controller

USE CASE #1 – internals of a PLC and its timing



The basic high level ingredients of heterogeneous SoC



Main take away....

➤ Diversified Application Processors

- Interference on caches, memory, peripherals
- Highest performance realtime (some applications cannot use R-class) seek solutions

➤ Real time processors

- Automatic partition of real-time classes (soft, firm, and hard real-time)
- Competition with application processors for shared resources
- Safety integrity among application processors and real-time processors

➤ Programmable Logic exploitation

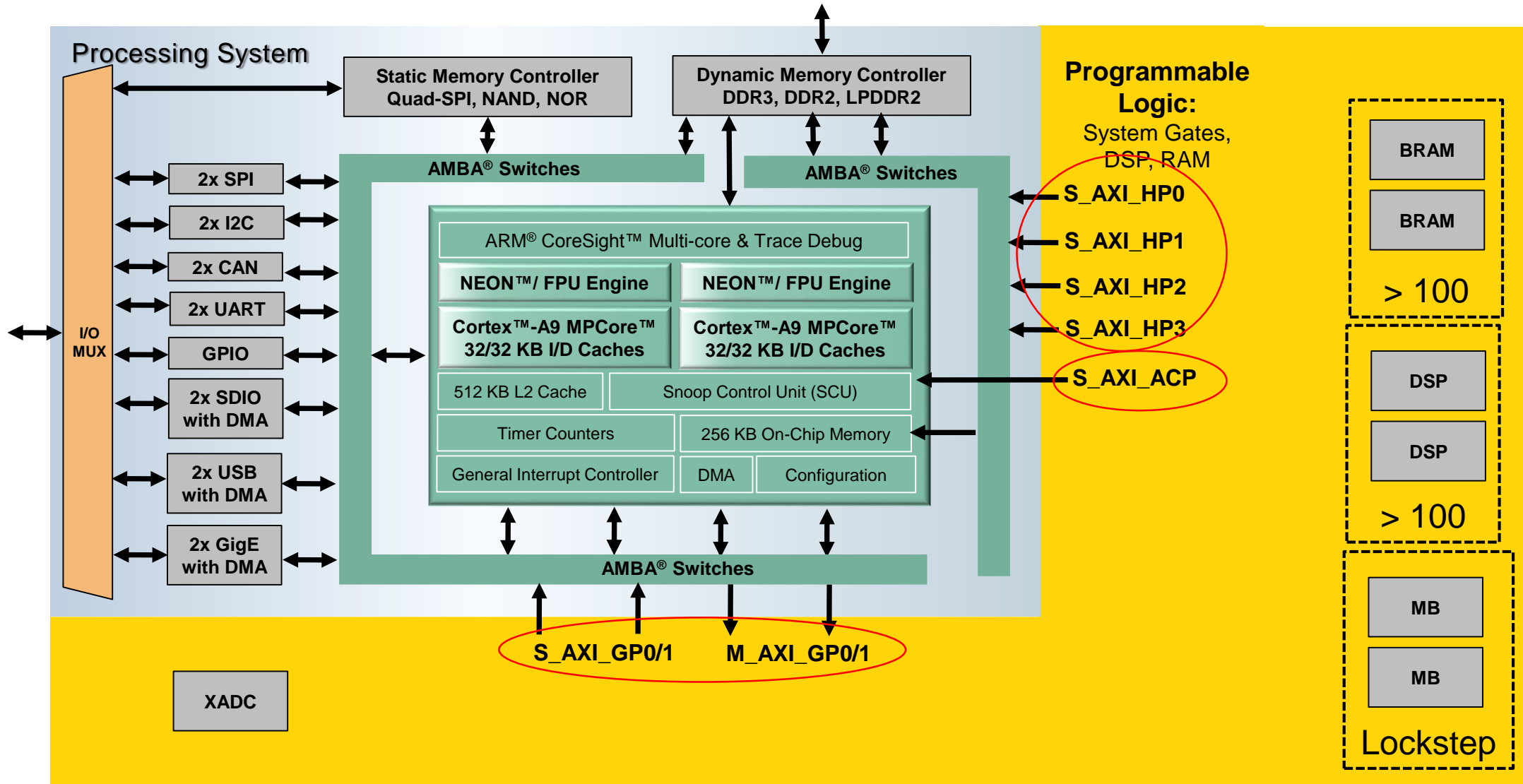
- scheduling offloading
- Data movers
- Zero latency synchronizers
- Direct access (ACE, ACP) to caches helps predictability

➤ Different memory traffic

- Reservation, realtime, stream and best-effort
- Purpose specific memory to reduce bottlenecks

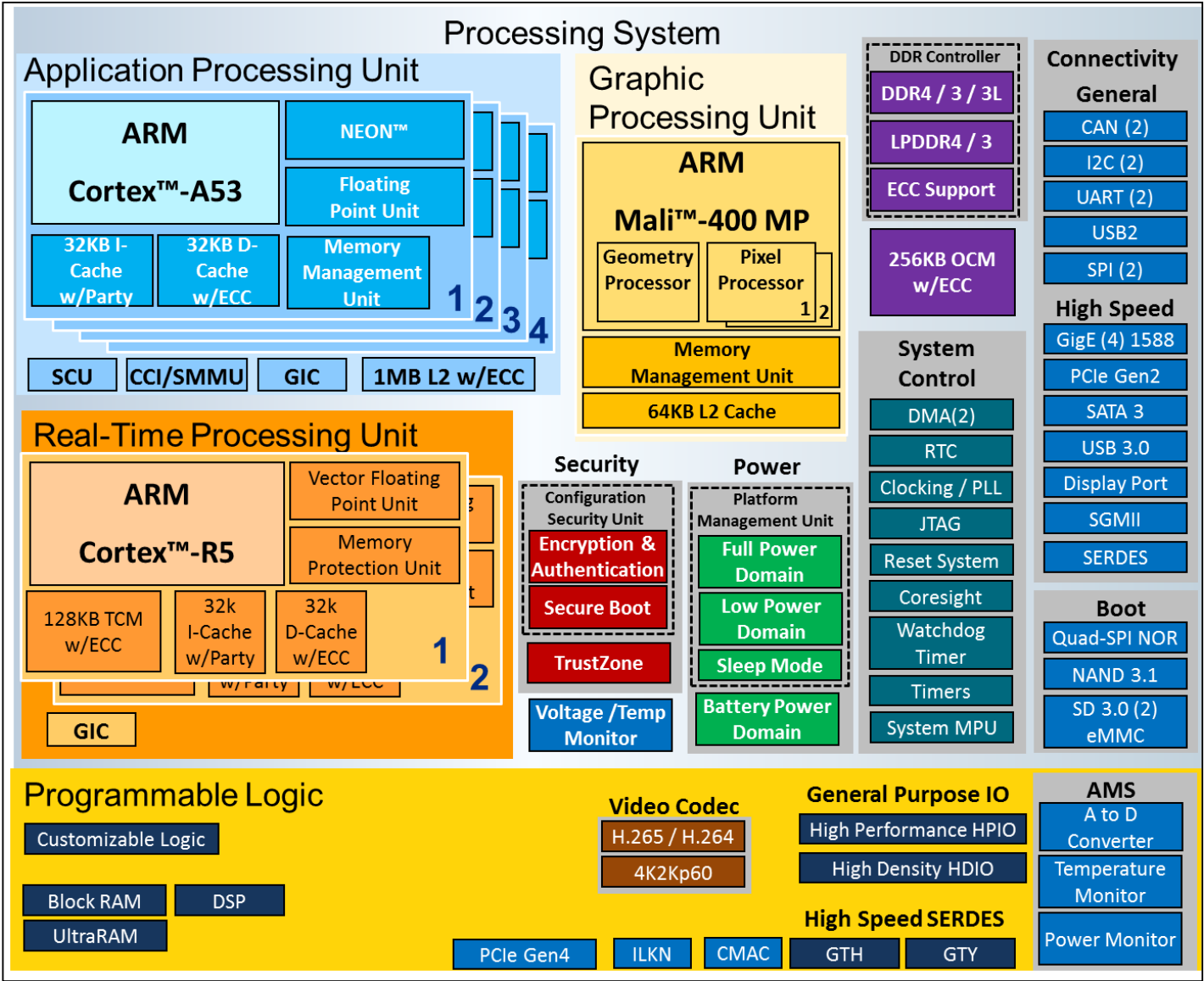
All Programmable Platforms

Example of Heterogeneous SoC - ZYNQ7000[®]



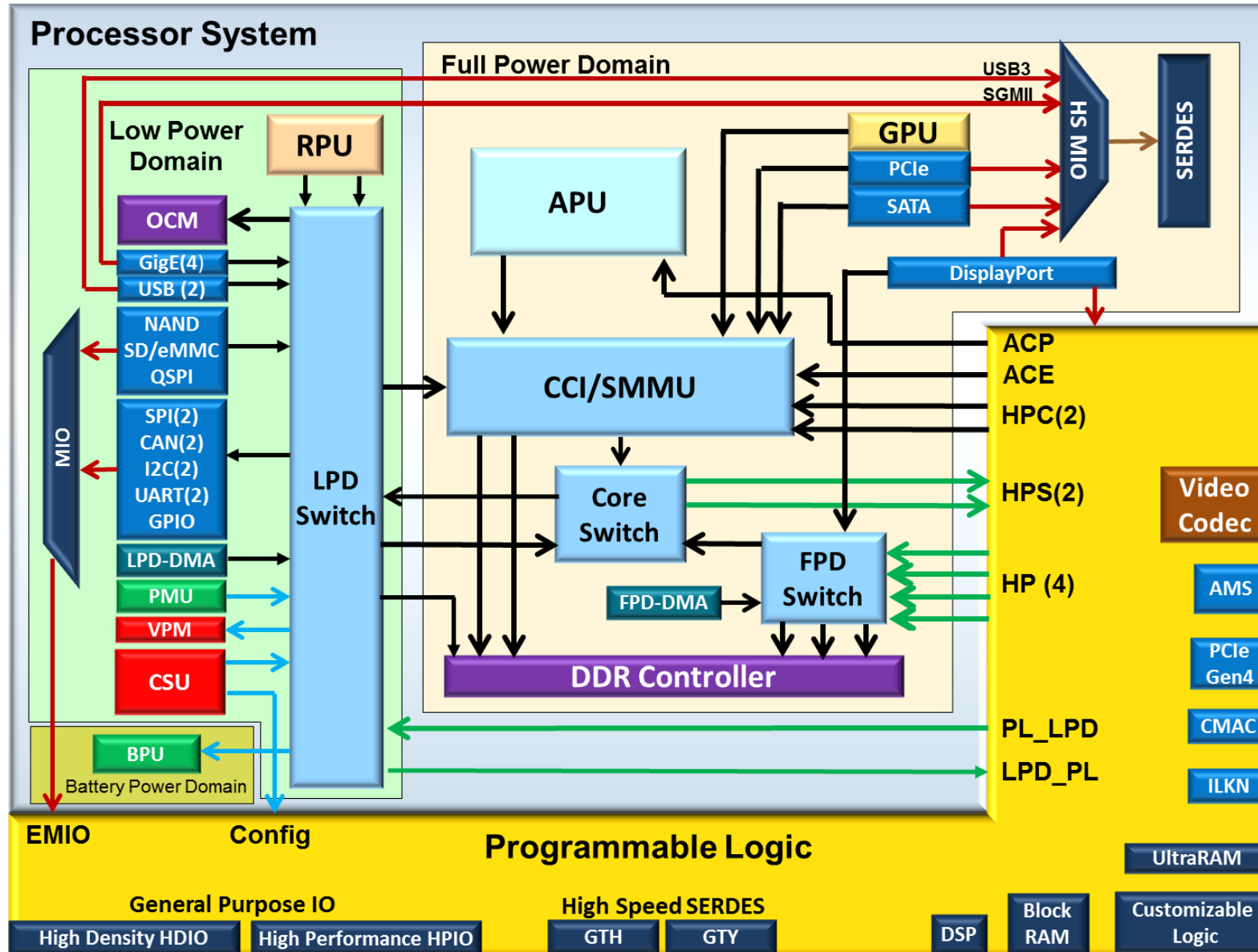
MB = MicroBlaze[™] is Xilinx's full-featured, FPGA optimized 32-bit Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC) soft processor, single, dual core lock step and TMR

Zynq® UltraScale+™ the evolution of Zynq-7000® Block Diagram



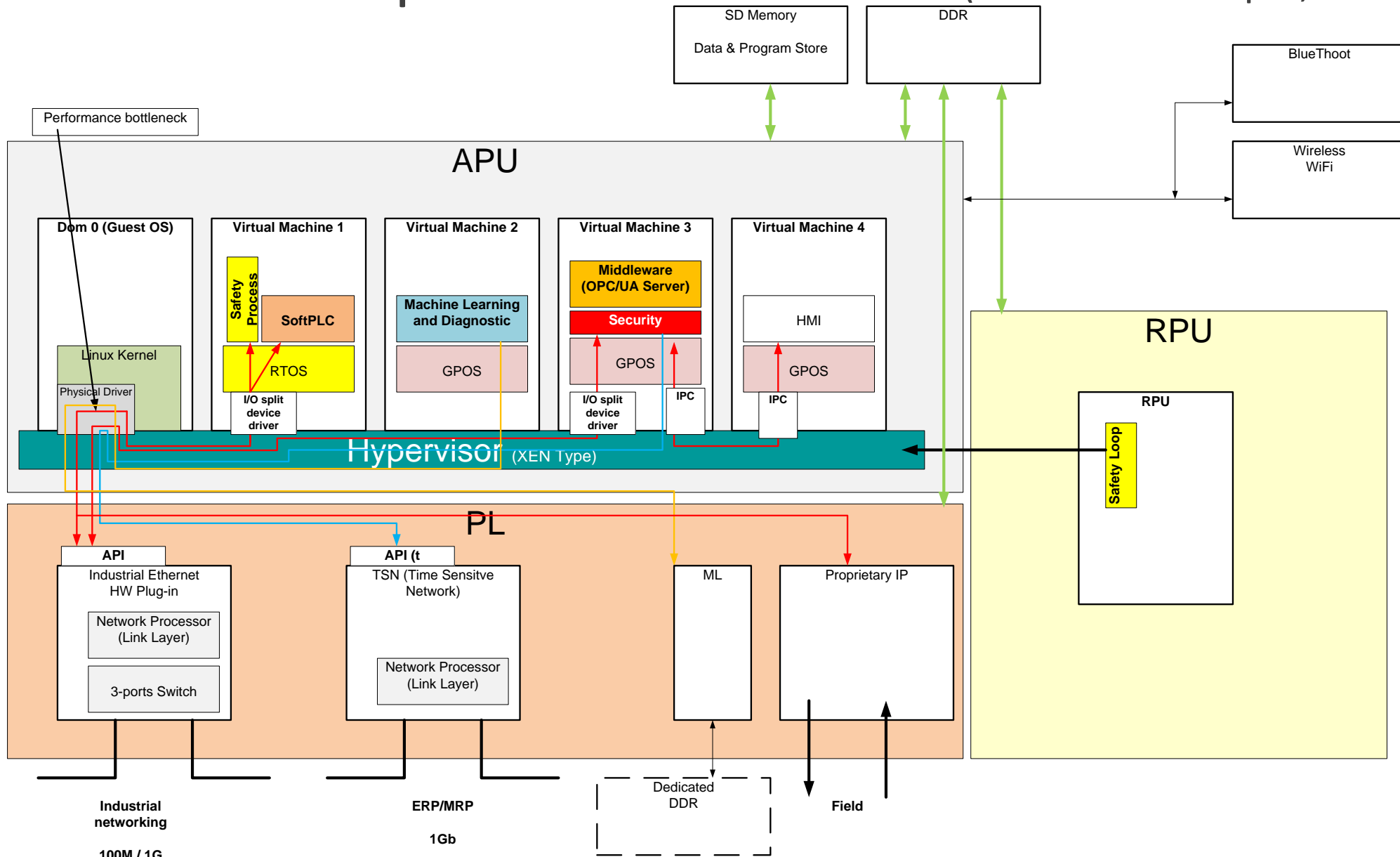
Zynq® UltraScale+™ Connection Diagram

- > Legend
- 128 Bit.....→
 - 64 bit.....→
 - 32 bit.....→
 - 32/64/128 bit..→
 - 32/64 bit.....→
 - 32 bit APB.....→
 - GT bus.....→
 - Other.....→
 - Master → Slave
 - Data in both directions



A naïve use case example of heterogeneous computing

Use Case expanded on software (this is an example, solutions are many)



Performance challenges for the Heterogeneous systems

➤ Application Processors classic challenges (the old problem)

- AMP (Asymmetric Multiprocessing) resource sharing, still an hard problem to solve
- Resource contention at L2 cache
 - Caches lock, coloring, and other schemes.....cache lock no more available in many new AP clusters
- Resource contention at Memory Controller
 - Access policy, different quality of service
- Bus competition
 - SCU (Snoop Control Unit)
 - Word length (64bits,128bits,256bits)

➤ Real Time Processors challenges

- Maximum operating frequency limited (because application processor tricks cannot be used)
- Limited internal memory (technology dependent)
- Resource competition at Memory Controller
- Bus competition with Application Processor

Safety challenges for heterogeneous systems

➤ Are the mixed criticality models addressing the right thing?

– Many researches focused on:

- overly simplified models – old architectures or inapplicable results
- assume that you have full control on the code – often it is impossible
- use synthetic benchmarks, often far from reality – better collaboration with industry
- models mathematically dense but no proof of work is delivered.

➤ Are the resources considered and modelled holistically?

– CCF (Common Cause Failures) one failure here damages the whole system

- L2 cache shared with all cores, Memory controller shared with all cores, External memory shared with all cores
- GIC (General Interrupt Controller) failure leads to loss of interrupts

– Diagnostic difficult to accomplish

- Latent fault (rarely used functional failure can accumulate unnoticed)
- BIST (built in test) running concurrently with the applications without disruptions

– Spatial separation models

- Certification agencies asks for proof (how do you prove it if you do not know the silicon or tested it?)

– Temporal separation models

- Certification agencies asks for proof (to the researchers how do you prove it if you do not know the failure modes)

Partitioning challenges / solutions

➤ How to allocate an application to the best resource

- Application processor
- Realtime processor
- Programmable Logic
- Containerized (dockers)
 - Real time response in sand box – how do you guarantee it?
- Containerized (hypervisors)
 - Real time response in peripherals – how do you manage it with bounded latency?
- Offloaded to Hardware Workers (good for researchers)
 - Migration fully in hardware with high level compilers HLS
 - Migration with soft processors – on demand processing

➤ What programming paradigm is most effective

- Classical C/C++ and assisted EDA (for automatic partitioning)
- Use of OpenMP – Embedded engineers have limited exposure to it
- Use of OpenCL – Lacks some friendliness...
- Use of SYCL – new and untested...

Enhancing your research with SW to HW transformation

How researcher can exploit All Programmable SoC

➤ Offloading some of your algorithms in Hardware

- Using compiler from C/C++ to hardware – today the quality of such tools is very good!
- Improve your theory with hardware assistance – it is not that difficult
- Reduce impact of your modifications
 - Use your modules like peripherals
 - Map them in memory space
 - Create new type of specialized cores

➤ Experiment with cores using C/C++ and a few hardware templates

- Ad hoc cores like the RISC-V5 in FPGA
- Soft cores like Microblaze for creation of workers

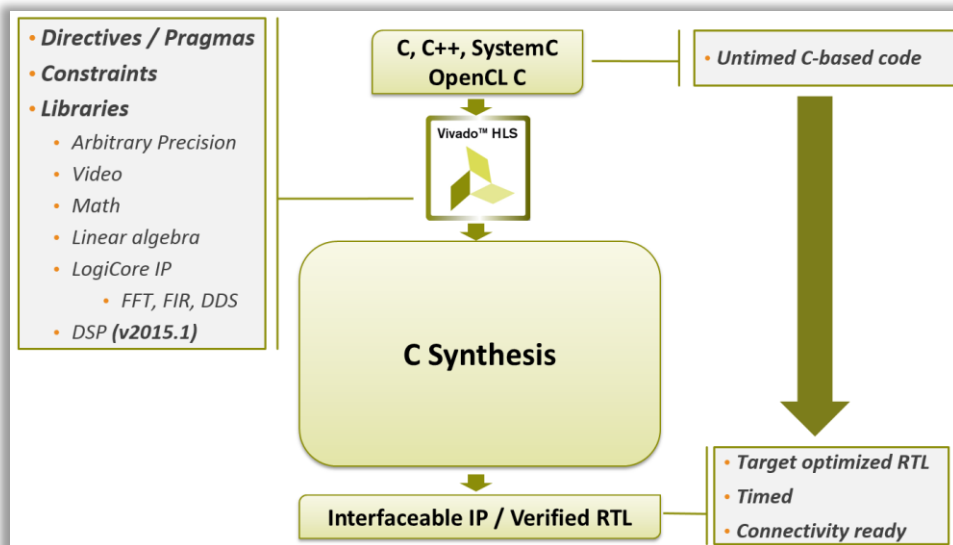
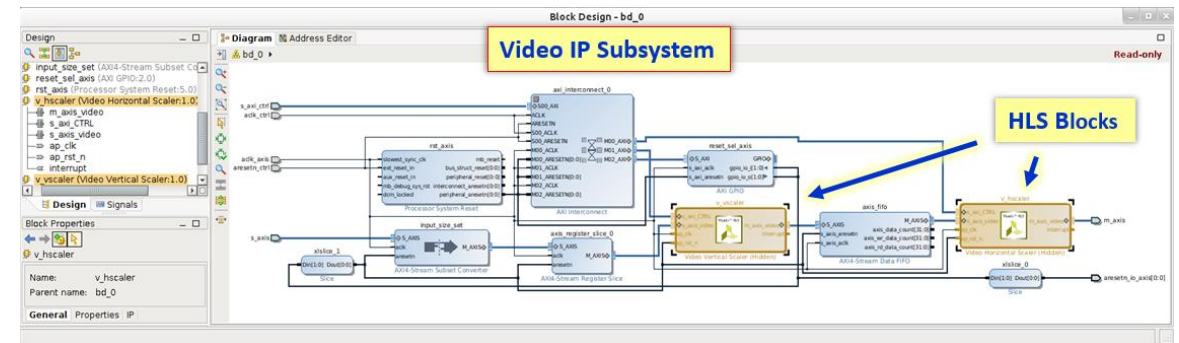
➤ Use PL memories from C/C++ as

- Mailboxes
- FIFO
- Rings

Vivado HLS: Framework for C/C++ hardware compiler

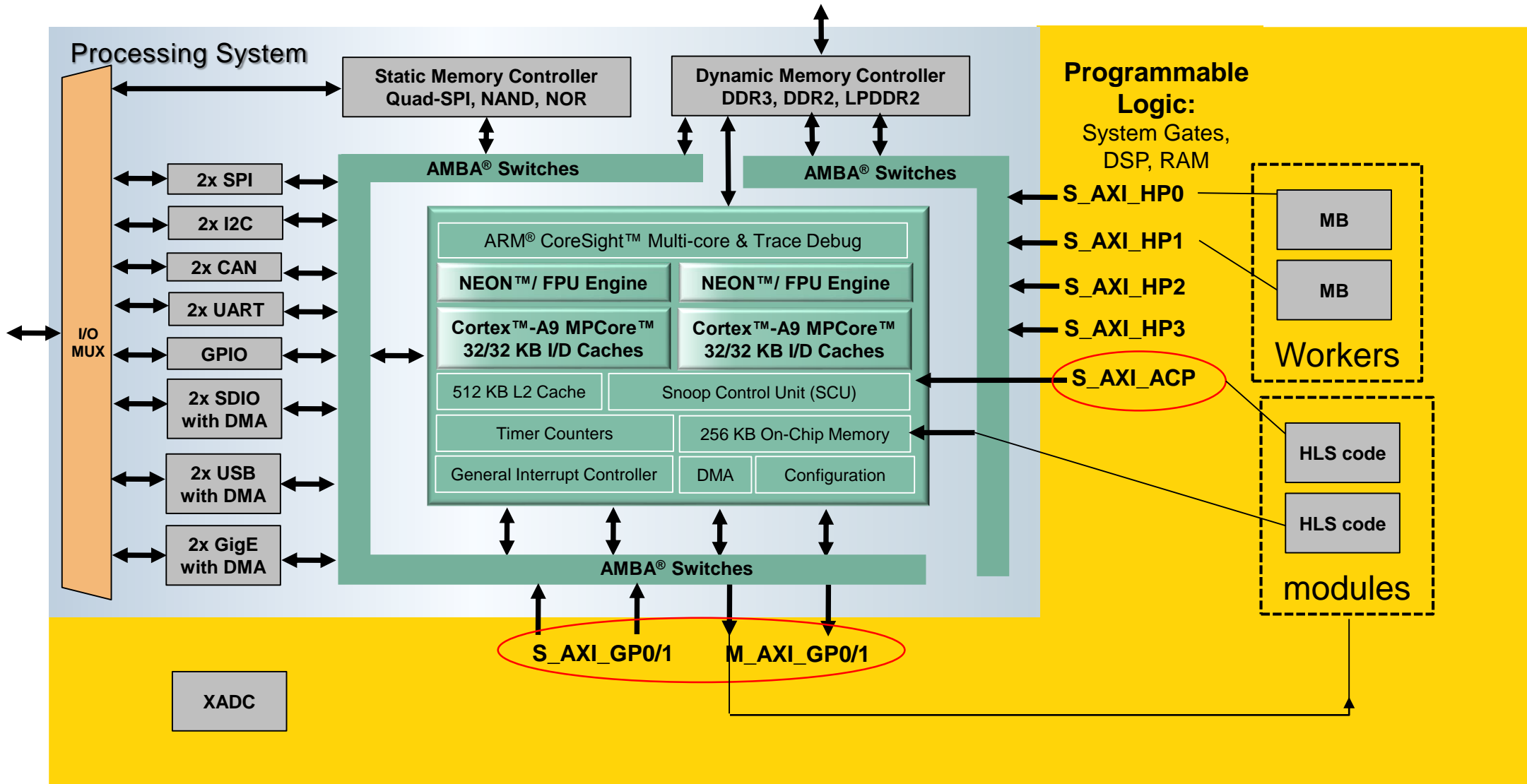


New hardware specified by software

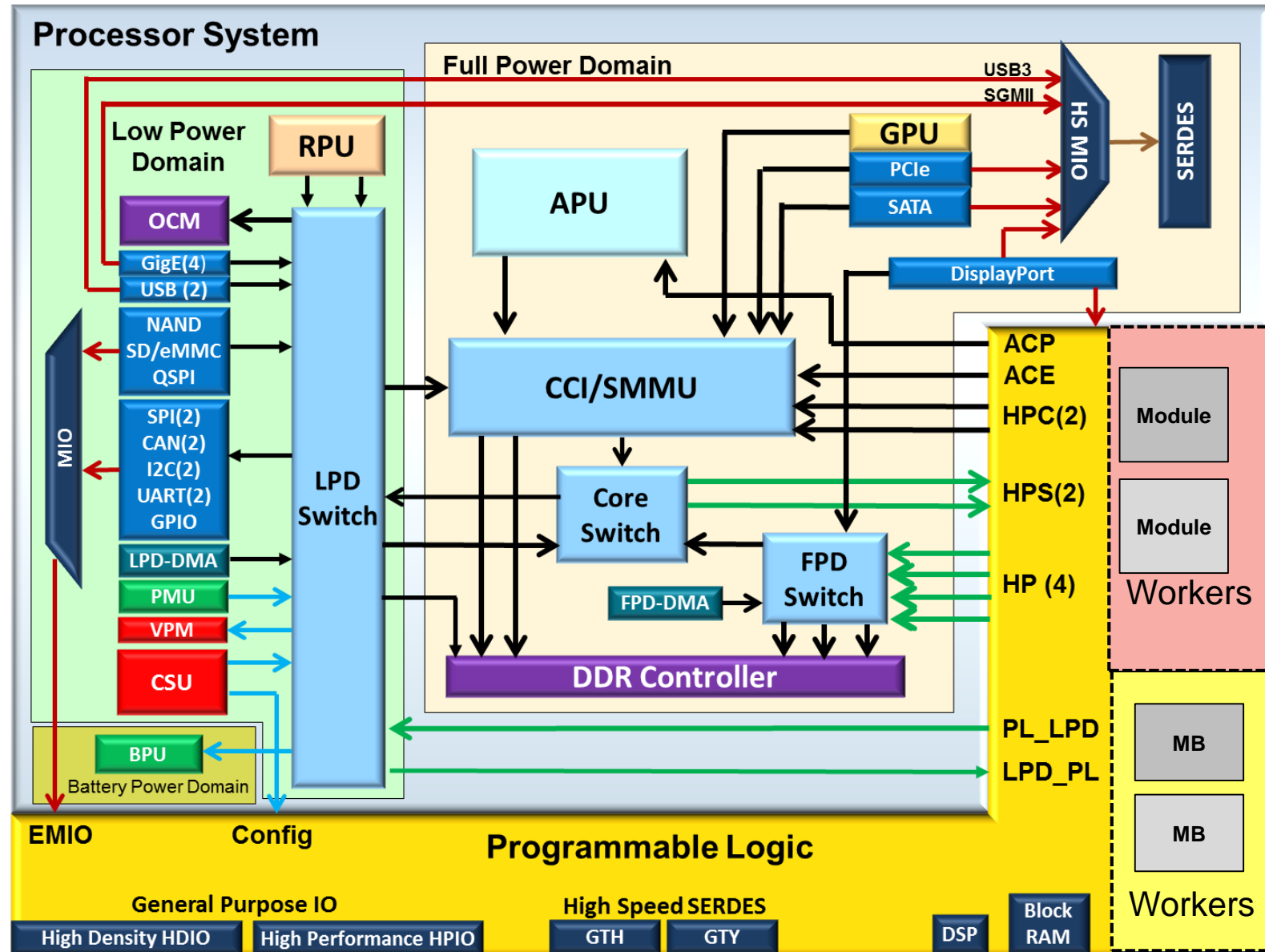


- Bus master (initiators)
- Memory mover
- Hashing
- Lists
- Pattern matching
- Math
- Arrays
- Graphs

How to take advantage of HLS in SoC ZYNQ7000®



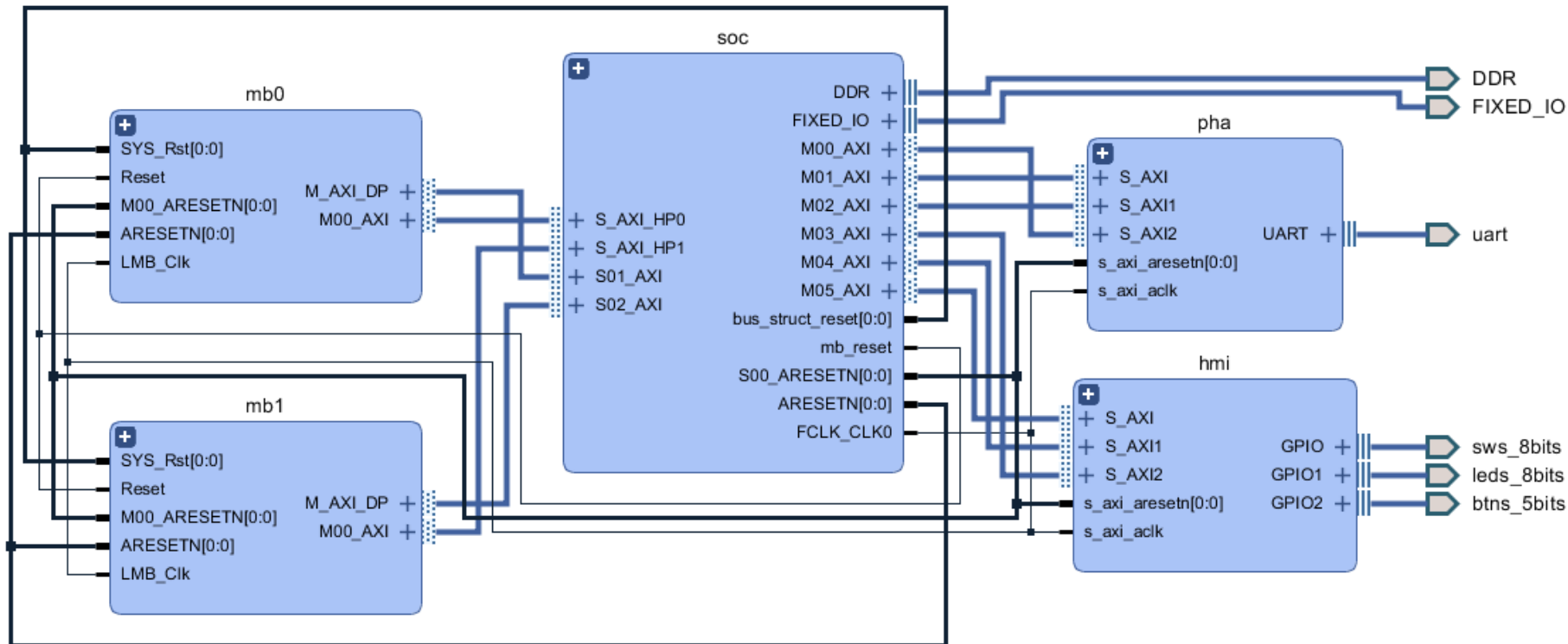
Zynq® UltraScale+™ Use of PL and additional workers



Examples at work...

Example of system with Zynq-7000 - Top (1)

- Dual Core A9
- Dual Core Microblaze (MB)
- Shared segment in DDR between the A9s and MB



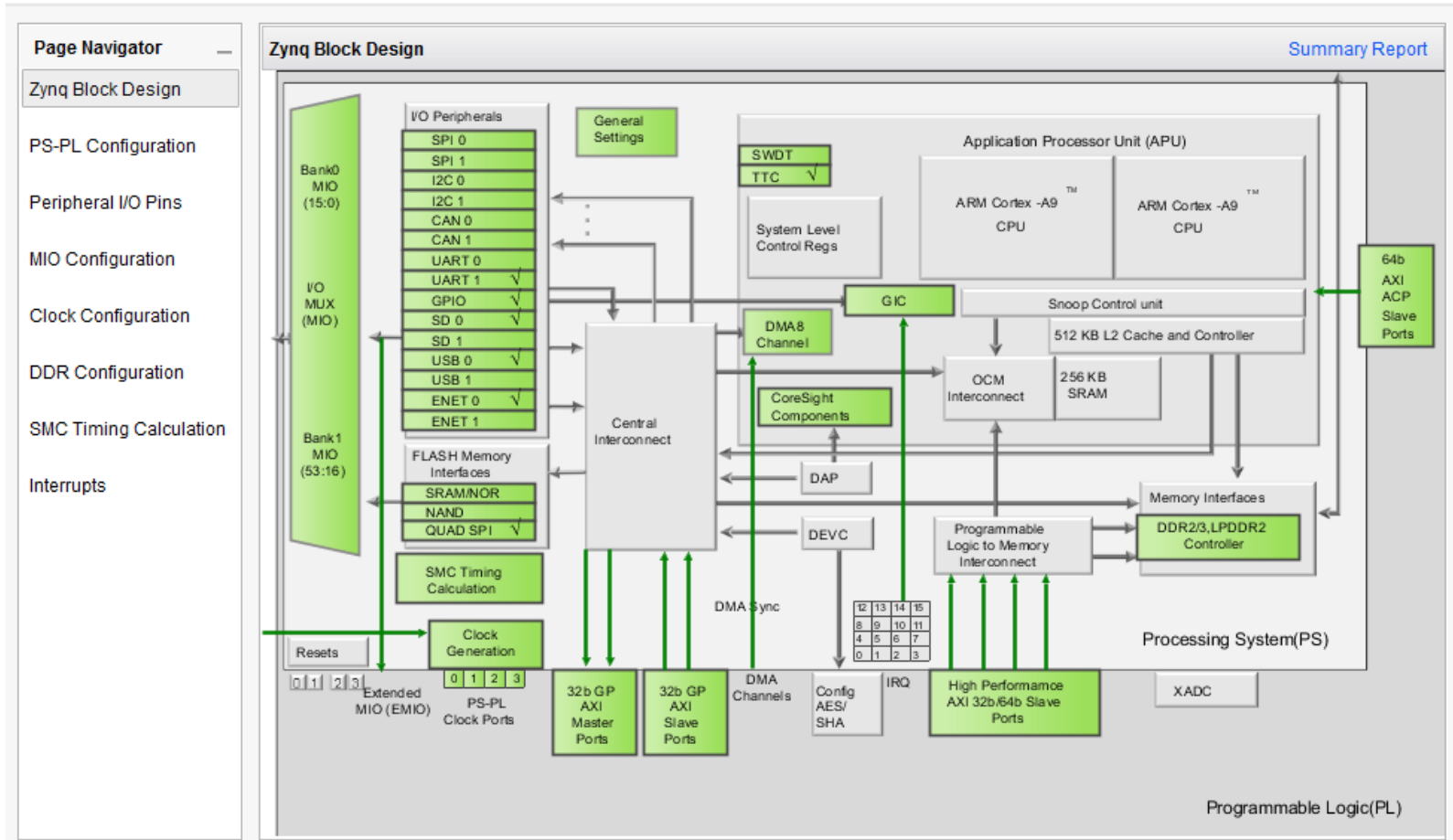
Example of system with Zynq-7000 – A9 Hierarchy (2)

➤ A9 Subsystem

ZYNQ7 Processing System (5.5)

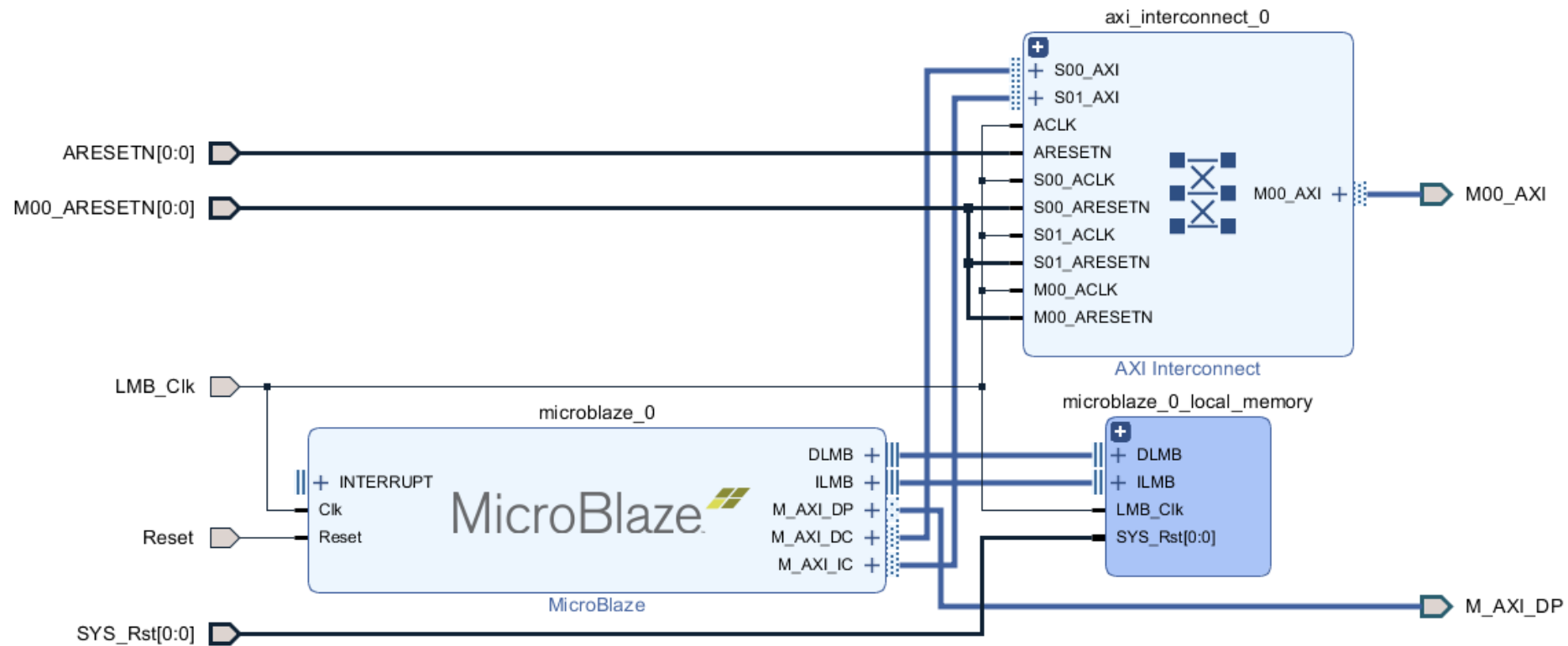


Documentation Presets IP Location Import XPS Settings



Example of system with Zynq-7000 – MB Hierarchy (3)

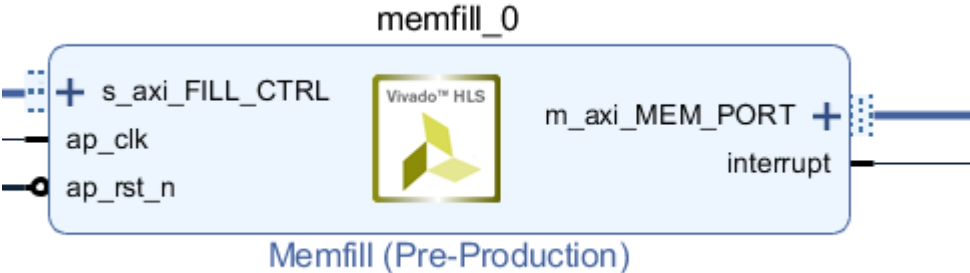
➤ MicroBlaze subsystem



Example of system with Zynq-7000 – HLS module and its code (5)

➤ Functional blocks fully in software

- You program your model in C/C++
- You validate it in C/C++
- You declare the memory and command interface
- You connect the module to your system
- You generate your platform



Pointer in DDR you access directly without processor intervention

Commands as set of registers (framework produces the mapping)

Memory interface and commands with few lines of C code

```
bool memfill( volatile float *write_pnt, volatile unsigned short num_inputs, volatile unsigned short num_outputs, volatile unsigned short cmd, unsigned int size)
{
#pragma HLS INTERFACE s_axilite port=cmd          bundle=FILL_CTRL
#pragma HLS INTERFACE s_axilite port=num_inputs  bundle=FILL_CTRL
#pragma HLS INTERFACE s_axilite port=num_outputs bundle=FILL_CTRL
#pragma HLS INTERFACE m_axi port=write_pnt      offset=slave bundle=MEM_PORT

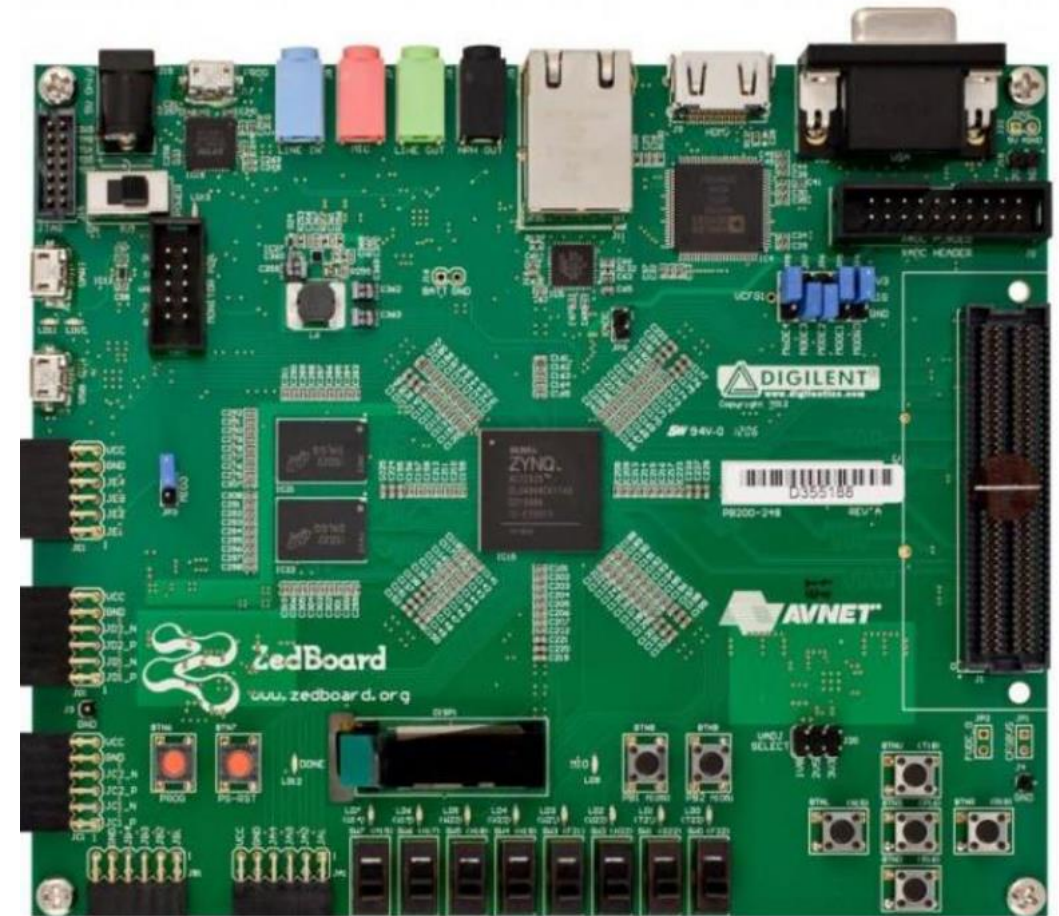
#pragma HLS INTERFACE s_axilite port=return bundle=FILL_CTRL

    switch (cmd) {
        case 1: forward( write_pnt,num_inputs, num_outputs, size); break;
        case 2: initialize_activation(write_pnt); break;
        case 3: set_layer(num_inputs, num_outputs); break;
        case 4: all_forward(write_pnt, size); break;
        case 5: backpropagation(write_pnt, num_inputs, num_outputs, size, &nn_target_cache[0], &nn_desired_cache[0], 0, &r ); break; //sigmoid
    }
    return false;
}
```

Example of system with Zynq-7000 – Board in example (6)

➤ The board amongst many...

- UltraZed
- MicroZed
- PicoZed
- ZC702
- Zybo
- Pynq
- ArtyZ
- MiniZed

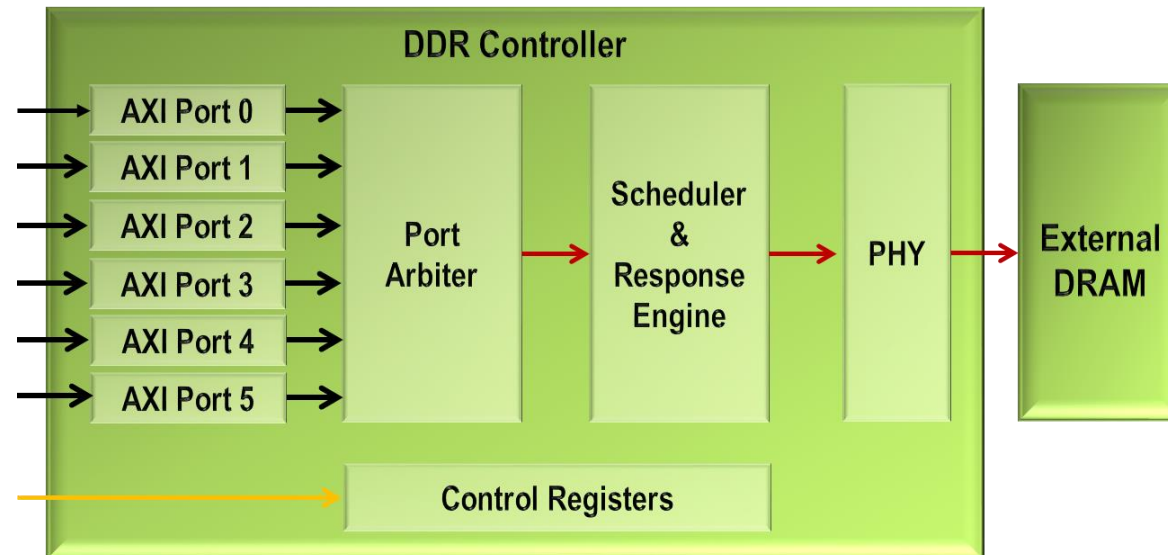


The Memory optimization for scheduled traffic

Six Port DDRC for better Effectiveness

- 1 port dedicated to RPU (64-bit)
- 2 ports (128-bit) dedicated to CCI traffic:
 - APU (quad A53), RPU (dual R5),
 - HP Coherent and ACE ports from PL
 - GPU, SATA, PCIe, USB3
 - I/O Peripherals
- 1 port (128-bit)
 - Display Port, HP0
- 1 port (128-bit)
 - HP1, HP2
- 1 port (128-bit)
 - HP3, FP-DMA

- Legend
- 128 Bit.....➔
 - 64 bit.....➔
 - 32 bit APB.....➔
 - Other.....➔
 - Master ➔ Slave
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Traffic Classes in the QoS System

➤ **Isochronous Channel (V)**

- Fixed bandwidth
- Guaranteed Worst Case latency
 - Required to set FIFO sizes and stream delay timing
- Regular Traffic Pattern
- Multiple Outstanding Transactions

➤ **High Priority Read or Low Latency (HPR/LL)**

- High Priority
- Read only – has to be read, use the HPR

➤ **Best Effort (BE)**

- Lowest priority
- Shares queue with video
- Aging counter prevents starvation

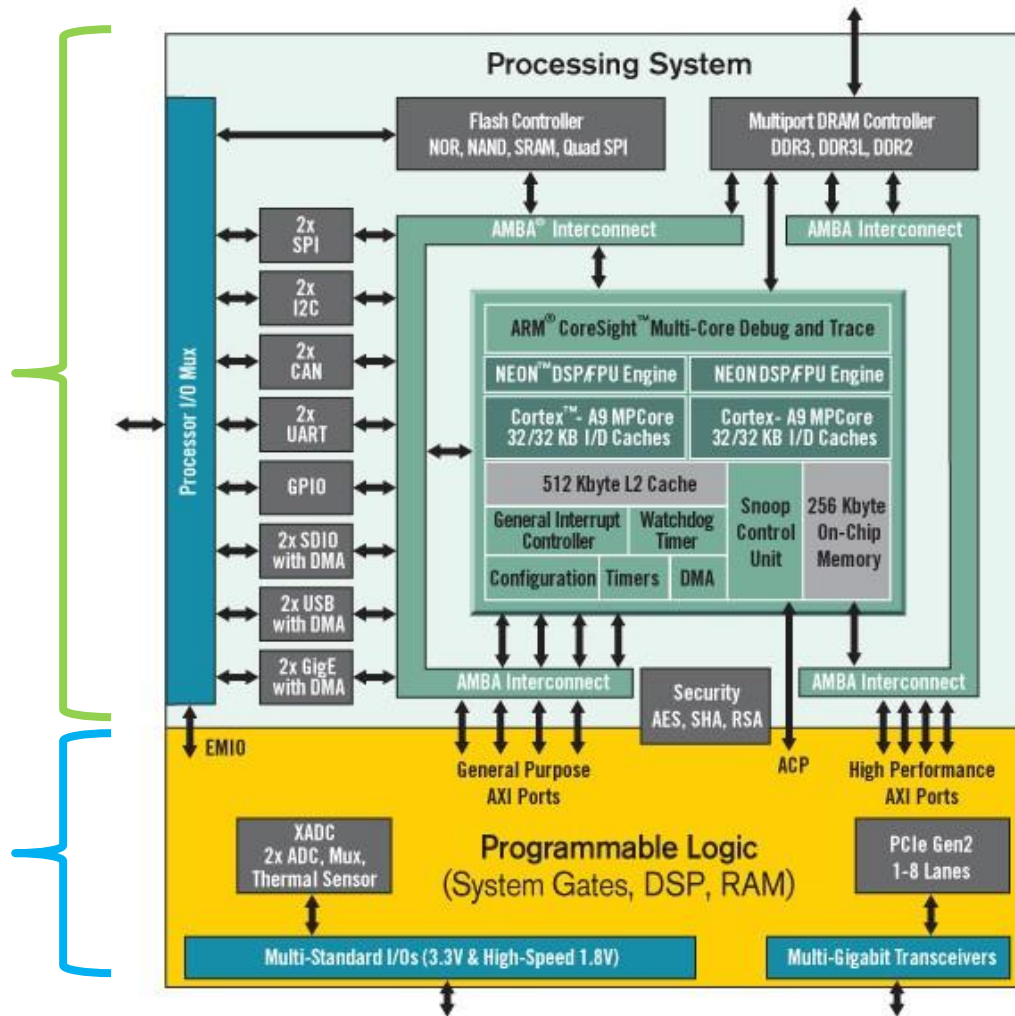
Safety and beyond

Zynq-7000

Device Domains

➤ Processing System (PS)

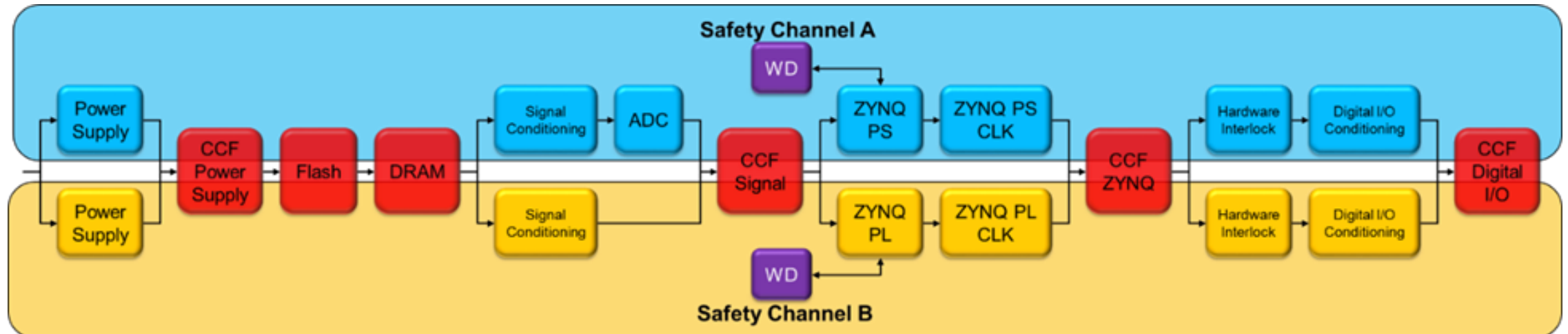
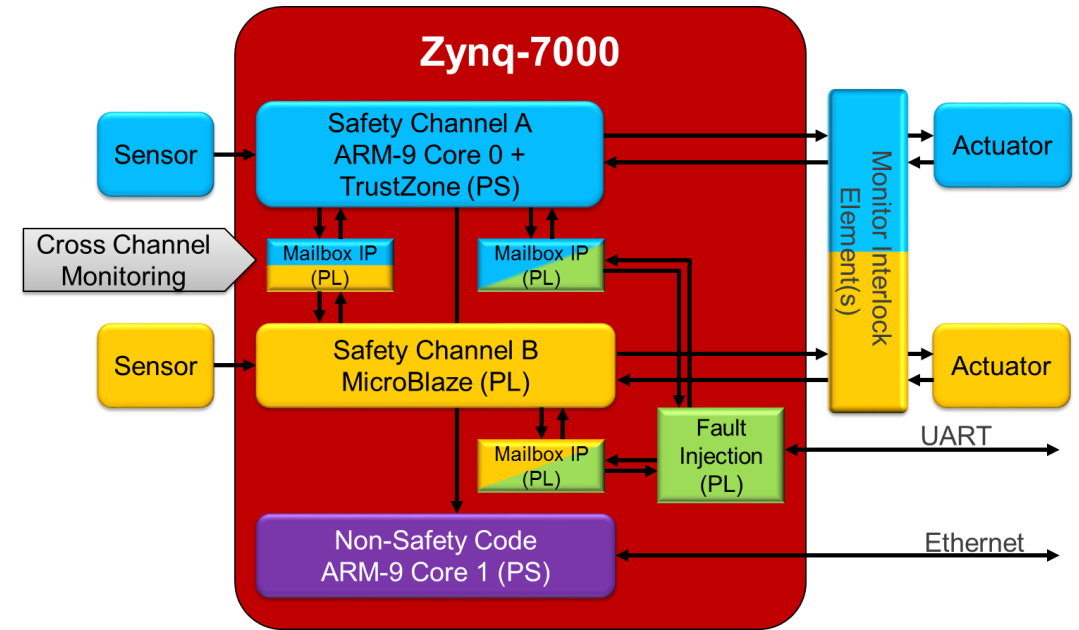
➤ Programmable Logic (PL)



- Dual Channel A9
- Diverse Channel PS/PL
- Microblaze Lockstep
- SEM IP
- Temperature Monitor
- Voltage Monitor

Zynq-7000 Functional Safety Design

- 2 Channel Architecture (HFT=1)
- Cross Channel Monitoring
- Isolated Sensors (PS & PL)
- Isolated Actuators (PS & PL)
- Isolated Load Power and Load Device
- Independent Fault injection



Zynq Ultrascale +

Device Domains

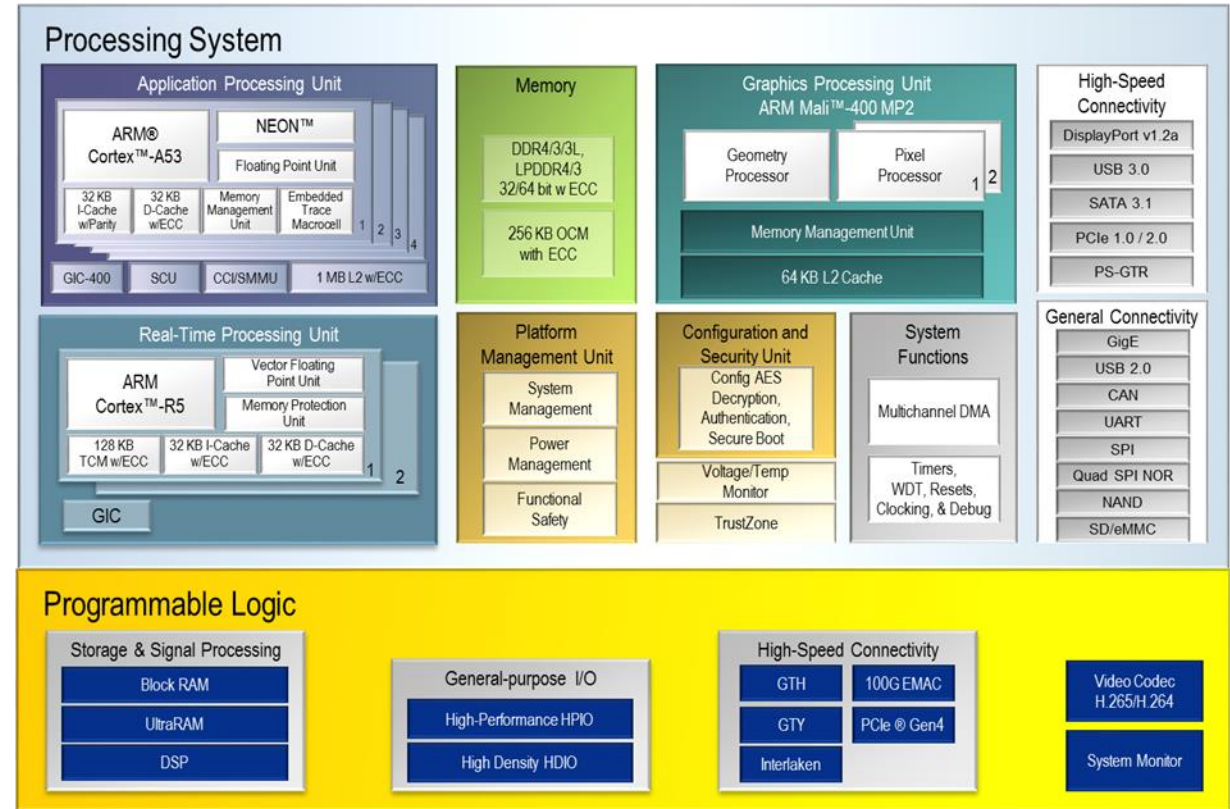
➤ Full Power Domain (FPD)

➤ Low Power Domain (LPD)

➤ Programmable Logic (PL)

➤ PS Processing Units

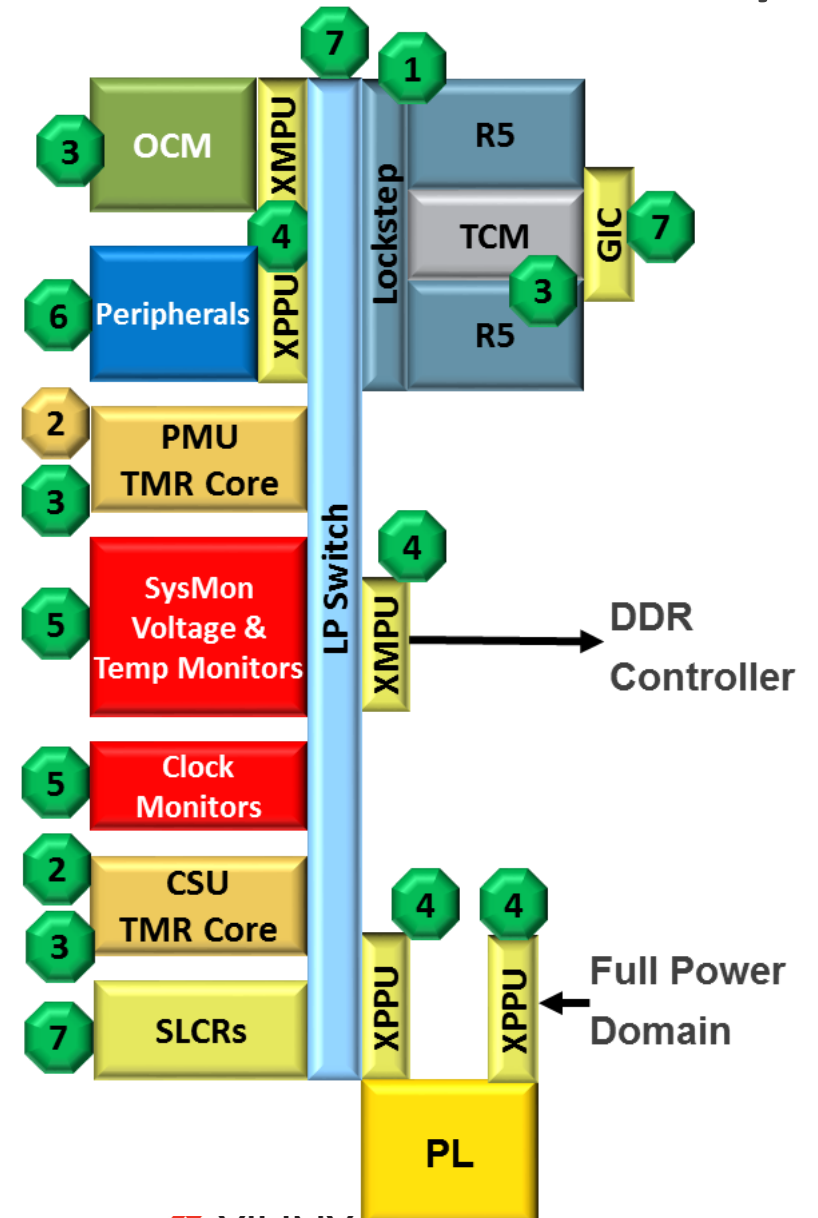
- Applications Processor Unit (APU) = A53 Complex
- Real-Time Processing Unit (RPU) = R5 Complex
- Graphic Processing Unit (GPU) = Mali-400MP Complex



- Configuration Security Unit (CSU): Configuration & Security
- Platform Management Unit (PMU): Power & Safety

Zynq Ultrascale + Low Power Domain Functional Safety Coverage

1. Lockstep for R5s
2. Triple Modular Redundancy (TMR) for Platform Management Unit (PMU) and Configuration & Security Unit (CSU)
3. ECC for TCM, OCM, CSU and PMU RAMs
4. Memory & Peripheral Protection Units provide functional isolation
5. CCF coverage by clock, voltage, and temperature monitors
6. Logic Built In Self Test (LBIST) for checkers & monitors at power-on
 - Peripherals coverage by end-to-end software protocols
7. Software Test Library (STL) for GIC, interconnect, SLCRs & error injection



Functional Safety Design Support and Artifacts

- Zynq Ultrascale + was designed with safety in mind
- Developed as an Safety Element out of Context (SEooC)
- ISO-26262 ASIL-C certifiable design example
- IEC-61508 SIL3 certifiable design example
- Vivado tool chain support in 2017.1
 - ISO-26262 & IEC-61508
 - Isolation Design Flow and verification tools
- Extensive Freedom from Interference hardware in the PL (XPPU, XMPPU) for peripheral and memory isolation
- Third Party Safety Certified compiler (ARM DS5) for A53 and R5

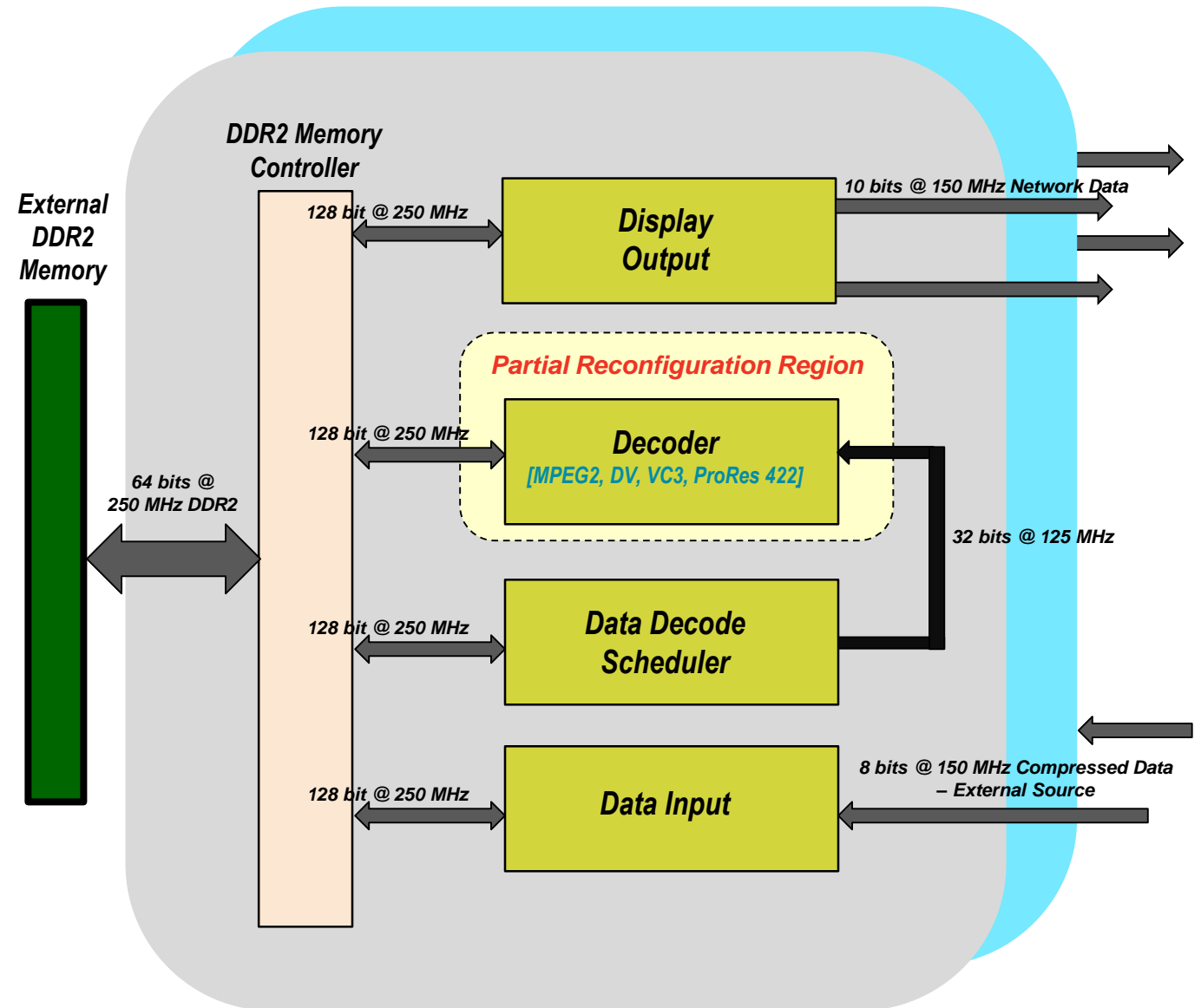
The Partial Reconfiguration (for task switching) for who would like full exploitation of FPGA for real-time, scheduling, and hardware time sharing

Partial Reconfiguration what is it?

- Partial Reconfiguration is the ability to dynamically modify blocks of hardware modules in FPGA.
 - downloading partial bit files while the remaining logic continues to operate without interruption.
- Partial Reconfiguration technology allows designers to:
 - change functionality on the fly,
 - eliminating the need to fully reconfigure the FPGA
 - re-establish links, dramatically enhancing the flexibility that FPGAs offer.
- Partial Reconfiguration can:
 - allows designers to move to fewer or smaller devices,
 - reduce power, and
 - improve system upgradability.
 - make more efficient use of the silicon by only loading in functionality that is needed at any point in time.

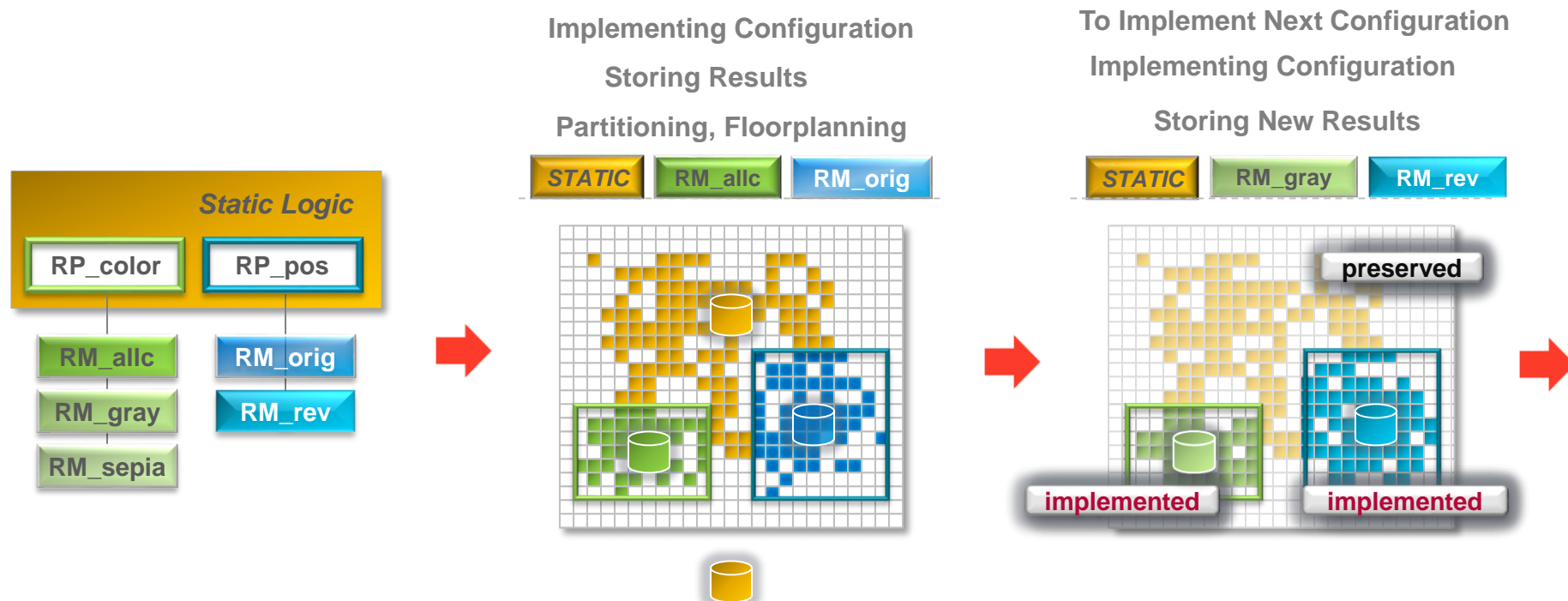
Partial Reconfiguration

- Swap decoders on the fly
 - One channel remains up while the other changes
- Released “flat” version first
 - Two decoders per channel
- Expanded functionality with existing hardware
 - Deployed new bitstreams for more decoders without changing hardware



Partial reconfiguration of hardware

- Partition methodology enables Partial Reconfiguration
 - Allows clear separation of static logic and Reconfigurable Modules
 - Floorplan to identify silicon resources to be reconfigured
- Design preservation accelerates design closure
 - Lock static design database while implementing new modules



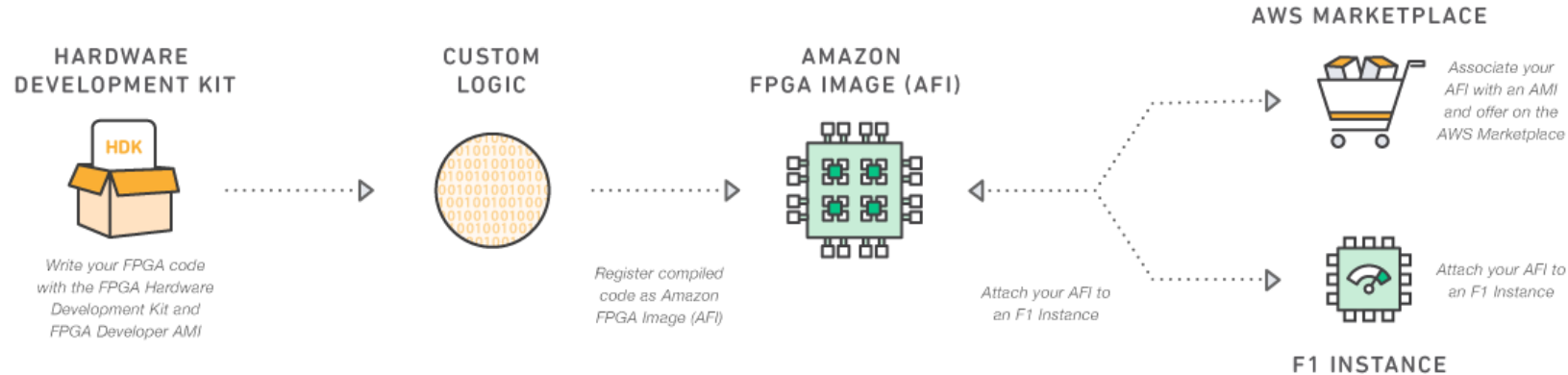
Models in the Cloud for who would like to connect the Edges and the Cloud processing systems

Customer Example

Cloud Computing



- Amazon Web Services EC2 F1 Instances
 - Powered by the Xilinx Reconfigurable Acceleration Stack
 - Deploy acceleration kernels in the cloud across many F1 instances



- F1 partners have solutions across a wide range of applications
 - Edico Genome, Maxeler, National Instruments, NGCodec, Ryft, TeraDeep and more
 - Learn more here: <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/f1>

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- A compute instance with Virtex VU9P UltraScale+ FPGAs
- AWS Cloud pre-configured with Vivado Design Suite
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Conclusion

Looking forward

➤ Take advantage of such new technology to expand your research

- Tools for partitioning of system element into the proper core
- Tools for refactoring of old code
- Look under the hood, such machines have many things you can exploit

➤ Connect with industry

- It is difficult I know... but being proactive is better than reactive

➤ Extend the horizon

- Sometime a clever function repartition do in hardware what you cannot do in software and vice-versa may save years of frustration in finding the holy grail

➤ In the meantime... Enjoy life, Dubrovnik and its beautiful sea



Thank you!
Special thanks to the program committee

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Some Examples how to learn more (beginner and advanced)

- <https://www.xilinx.com/products/design-tools/software-zone/embedded-computing.html>
- <http://www.pynq.io/> (How to get a full many core Zynq based Python enabled framework)
- https://github.com/Xilinx/HLx_Examples (Highly interesting HLS examples)
 - Memcached implementation in HLS fully in hardware
 - TCP/IP implementation in HLS fully in hardware
 - Video streams
 - Matrix multiplications offloaded in hardware
- <https://www.xilinx.com/products/design-tools/software-zone/sdsoc.html>
 - Full in software environment for **what if analysis and performance measurement**
- <https://www.xilinx.com/support/university.html> (University Program)

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