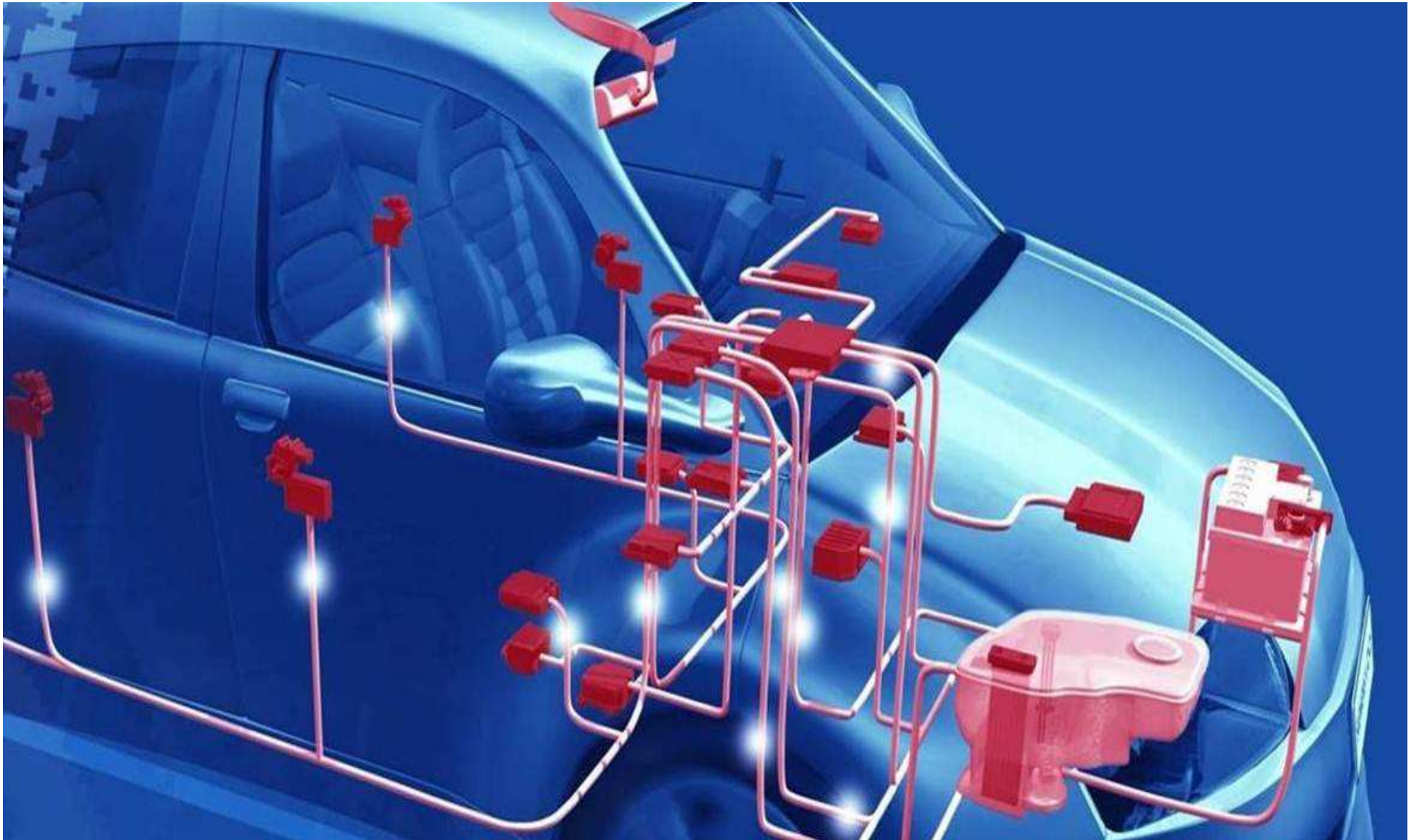


Real-Time in the Prime-Time

ECRTS 2012



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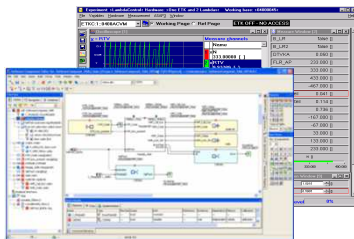
- **Shareholder: 100 % Robert Bosch GmbH**
- **Headquarters: Stuttgart, Germany**
15 additional offices worldwide



Portfolio –
Tools, Services, Consulting

Supporting our customers through
every step of the embedded
software **development process**

Customers –
Vehicle OEMs, ECU suppliers, ...





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What's next? (Where you can help!)

A Big Number...
...and a bigger one

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75,000,000
Annual worldwide car production

1,100,000,000
Annual worldwide mobile phone production

€42.8 billion

Annual vehicle export sales



17.1 million

Vehicles manufactured annually in Europe



12.1 million

People employed in Europe making them



75%

Materials

15%

Labour

15%

Other Expenses

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15%

Mid-range

30%

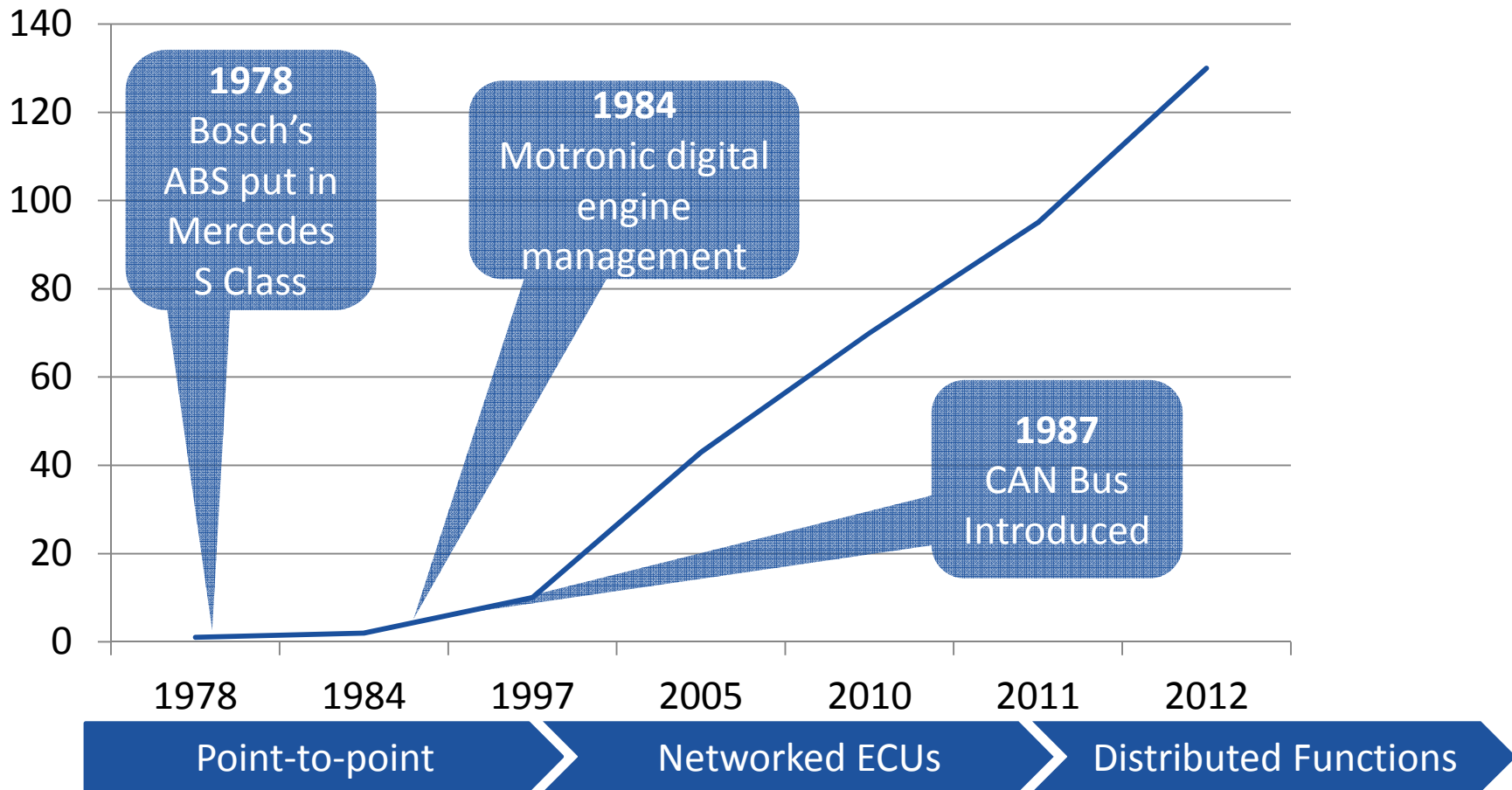
High-End

40%

2015 Estimate

Sources
McKinley, 2010

Max ECUs Per Car



The Modern Car

How much software?



≈ 100,000 SLOC



≈ 6,500,000 SLOC



≈ 20,000,000 SLOC

= 25 copies of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare"

Sources

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Vehicle Domains: Powertrain (Or what does all that stuff do?)

- Engine Management
 - Injection/Spark timing
 - Emissions control
- Transmission Control
 - Gear selection
 - Terrain Adjustment
- Real-time issues
 - Pressure wave control on diesel engines
 - Deadlines a function of angular rotation
 - Lots of data communication



Vehicle Domains: Chassis

(Or what does all that stuff do?)

- Braking
 - Anti-Lock Braking (ABS) since 1978
- Traction Control
 - Electronic Stability (ESP) since 1995
- Steering assist
- Adaptive cruise control

- Real-time issues
 - Wheel rotation driving
 - Slip detect
 - Brake force distribution

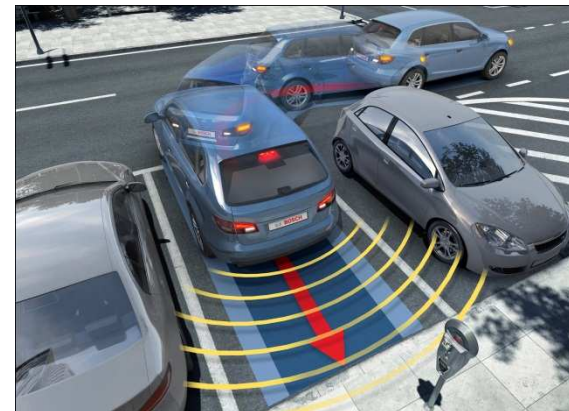


Vehicle Domains: Body

(Or what does all that stuff do?)

- Wiper control / rain sensing
- Wing mirrors
- Vehicle access
- Window lift/anti-trap/pinch
- Electronic seats
- Heating/ventilation
- Park pilot
- Lane departure warning
- Airbags
- Blind spot warning

- Real-time issues
 - End-to-end latency guarantees
 - e.g for brake lights
 - Distributed functionality



Vehicle Domains: In-Vehicle Infotainment (IVI)

(Or what does all that stuff do?)

- Radio/CD/MP3 integration
- Navigation/Mapping
- TV
- Internet
- Telephony

- This area accounts for an increasing part of the “user experience”

- Real-time issues
 - Quality of service similar to those for similar “PC” applications



Automotive Software Development

Who does what?

- Car Makers (the OEM)
 - System integrator
 - Responsible for network scheduling
 - Maximize re-use of systems
Between vehicles
- ECU suppliers (Tier1s)
 - ECU integrator
 - Responsible for ECU scheduling
 - Application constraints
 - Network constraints
 - Minimize bespoke development
- And all of this under MASSIVE cost pressure



Automotive Software Development Collaboration Through Standardization

- Long standing desire to harmonize automotive SW architectures
 - ~1995 OSEK/VDX
 - ~2003 AUTOSAR
- AUTOSAR is the "new big thing"
 - Distributed communication framework for automotive systems
- AUTOSAR means
 - More collaboration
 - More integration
 - More interest in timing issues

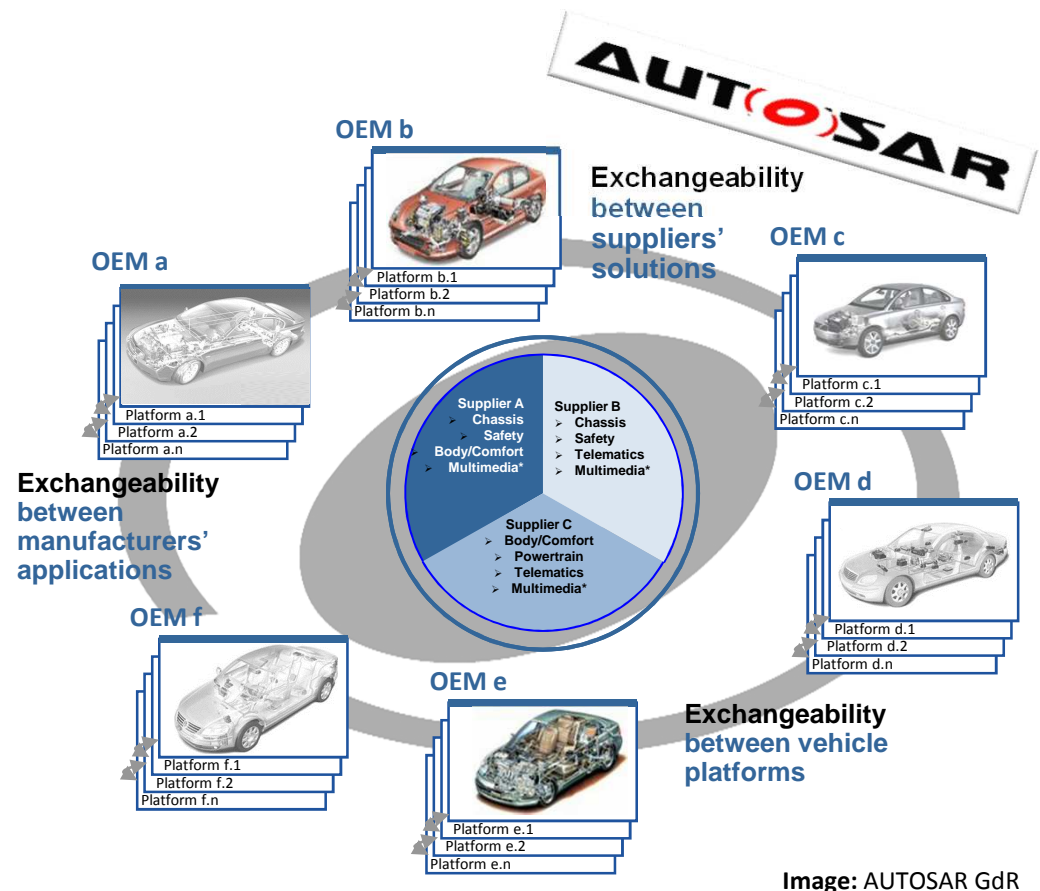
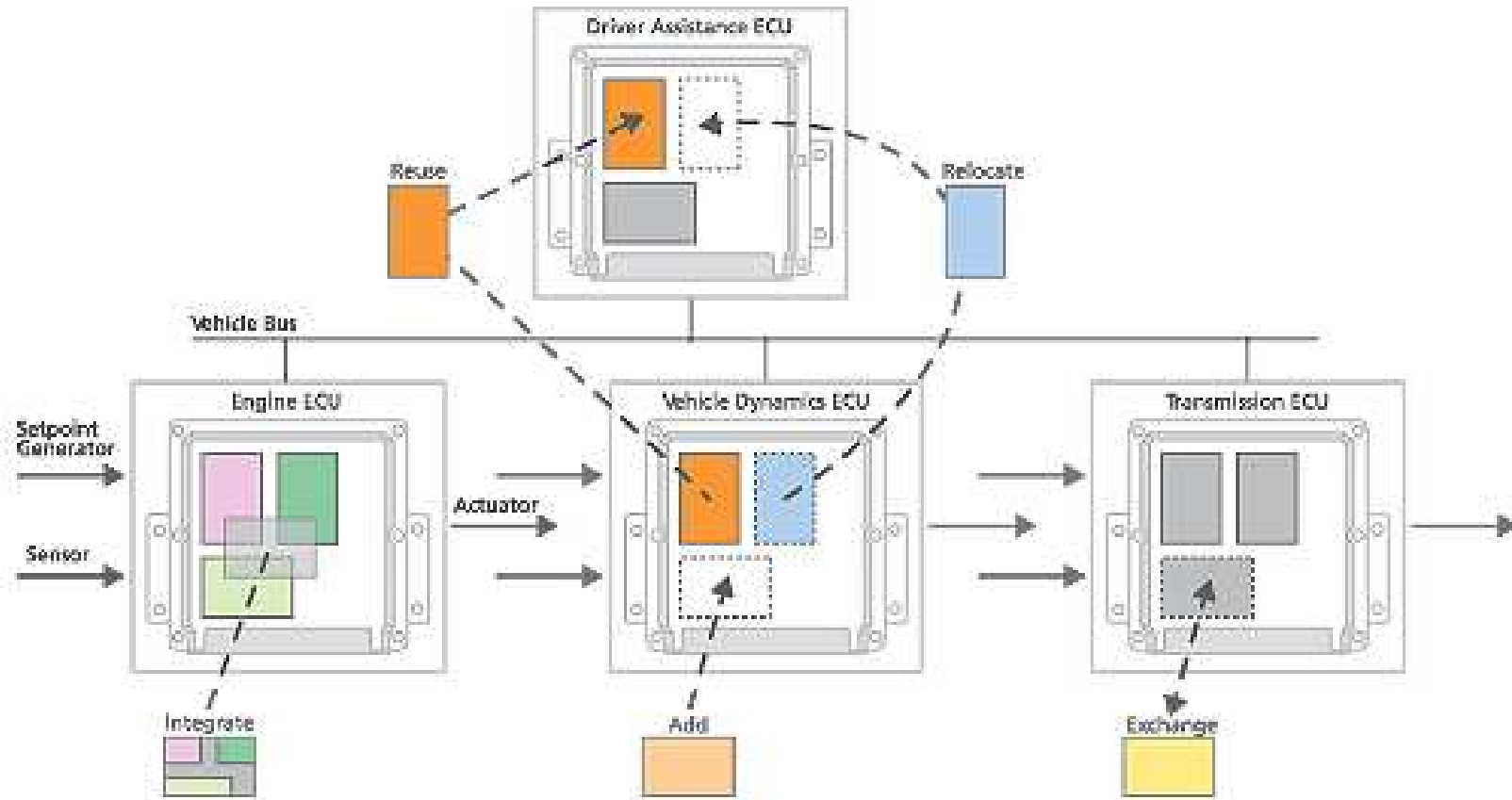
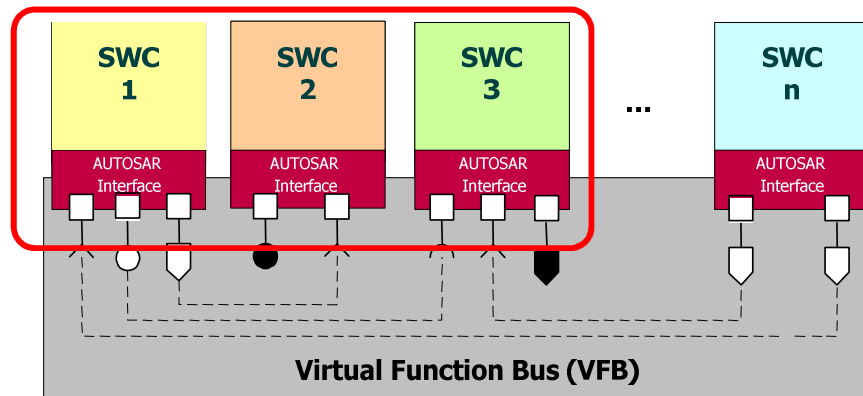


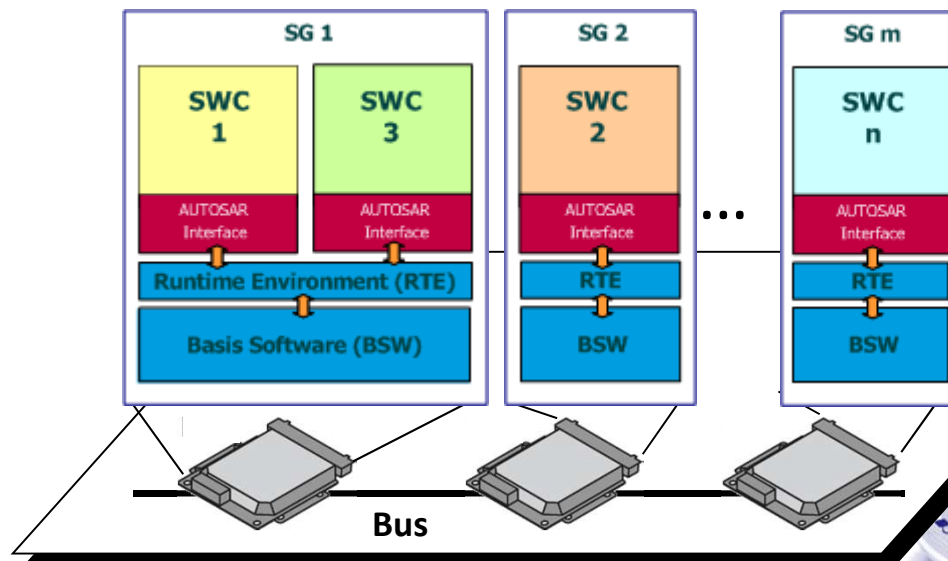
Image: AUTOSAR GdR





Standardized Software Architecture

- Software Components (SWCs) as building blocks
- Virtual Function Bus (VFB) defines communication model
 - Abstraction that makes software components portable
- Users define “what” but not “how”

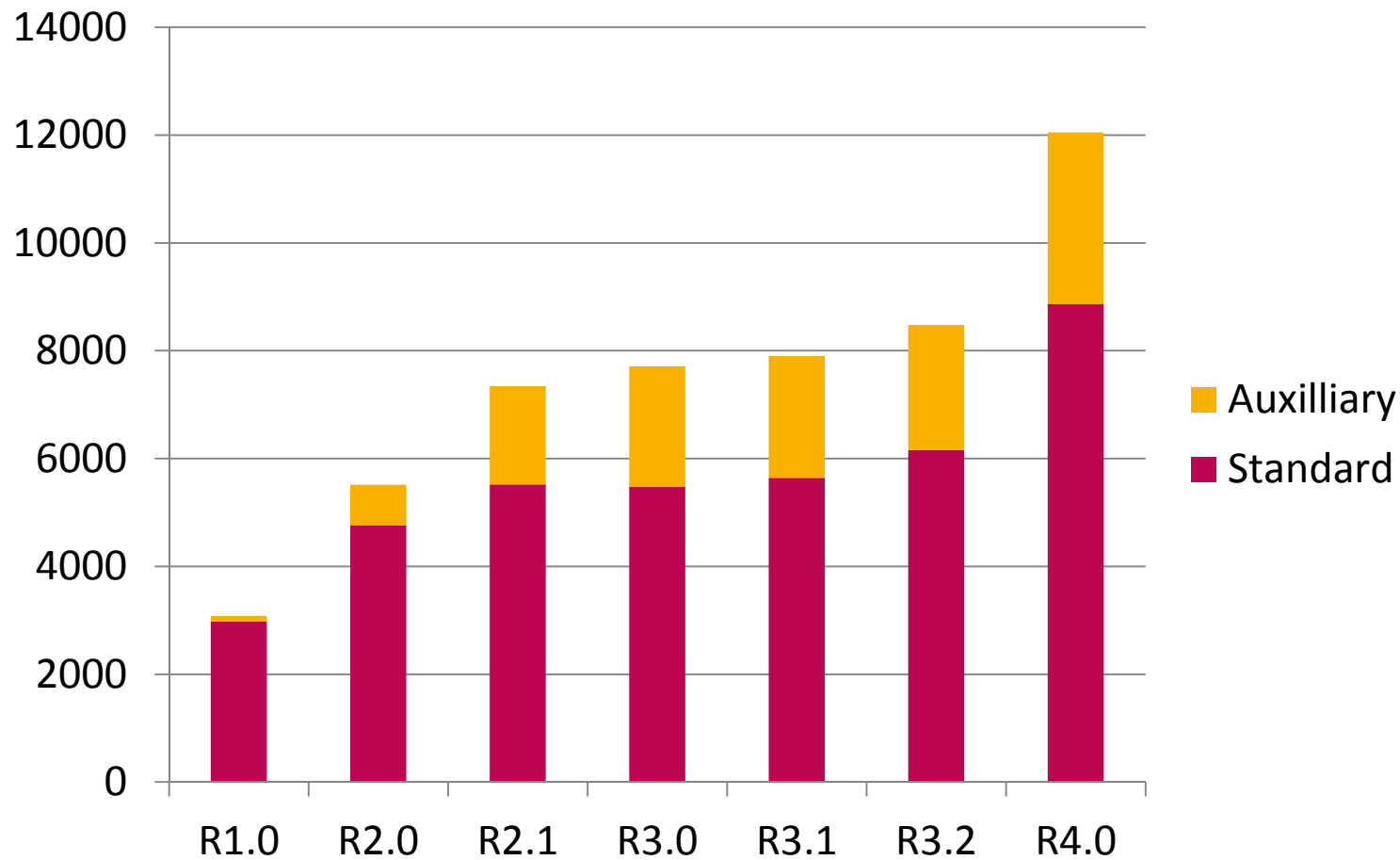


Standardized Basic Software

- Run-Time Environment (RTE) encapsulates VFB
- Standardized OS, communication model, memory model, device drivers, etc.
- All APIs are defined
- All functionality is specified

Timing Aspects

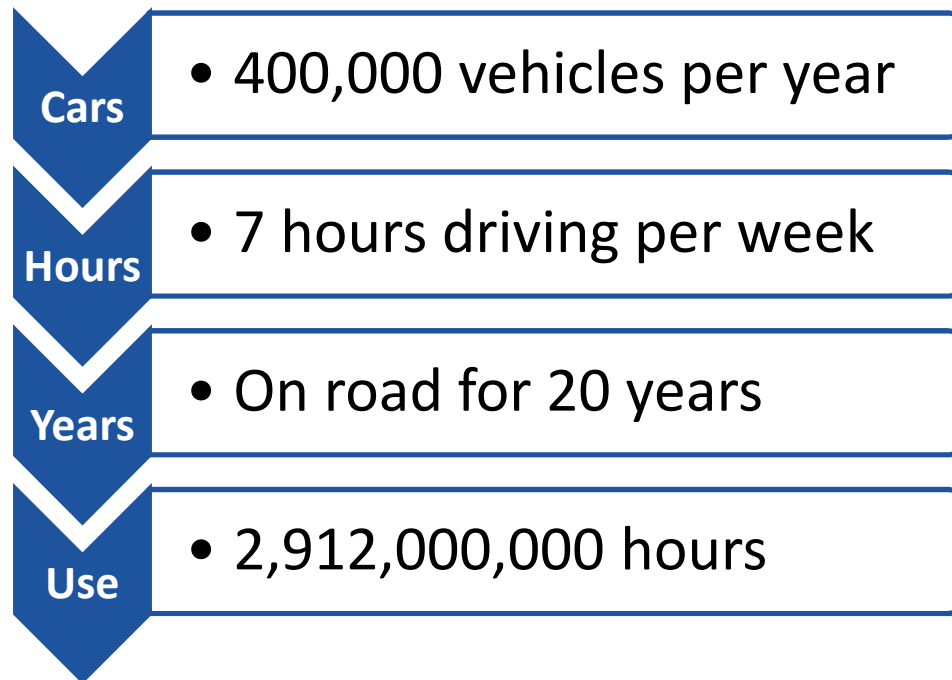
- Capture of timing parameters in configuration
 - Timing chains to cover end-to-end
- AUTOSAR OS provides temporal protection



Why are we interested in scheduling?

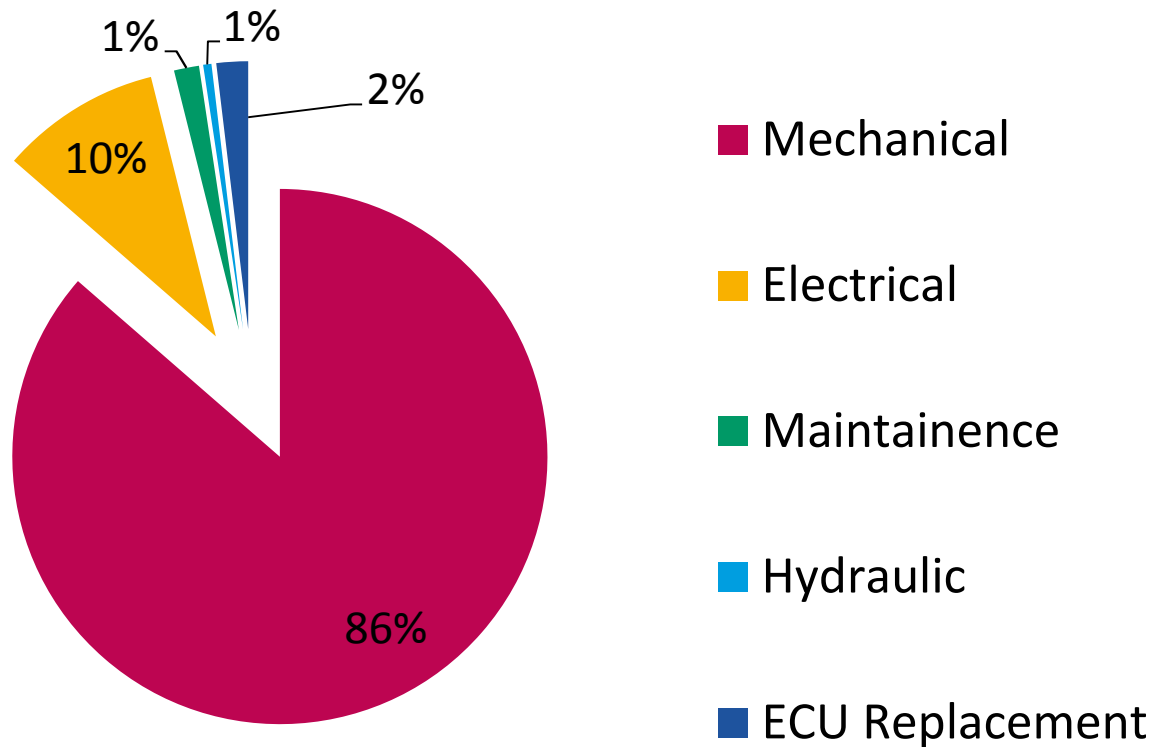
Exceptional Reliability Demands

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1000x more “flying hours” than the entire Boeing 737 fleet has made since 1968

Vehicle Failures by Root Cause



Source: Mike Ellims, "On wheels, nuts and software"

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What's next? (Where you can help!)

Point-to-point wiring until the 1990s

- Expensive to fit
- Heavy
- “Cheap” connectors are major fault source

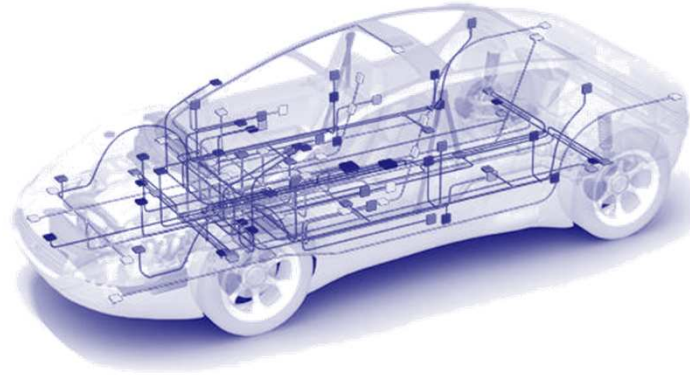
Networked ECUs ease the problem

- Less wire = lighter
- Fewer connections = reduce fault sources

But wiring remains a challenge

- 3rd most expensive part of a car
- 3rd heaviest part

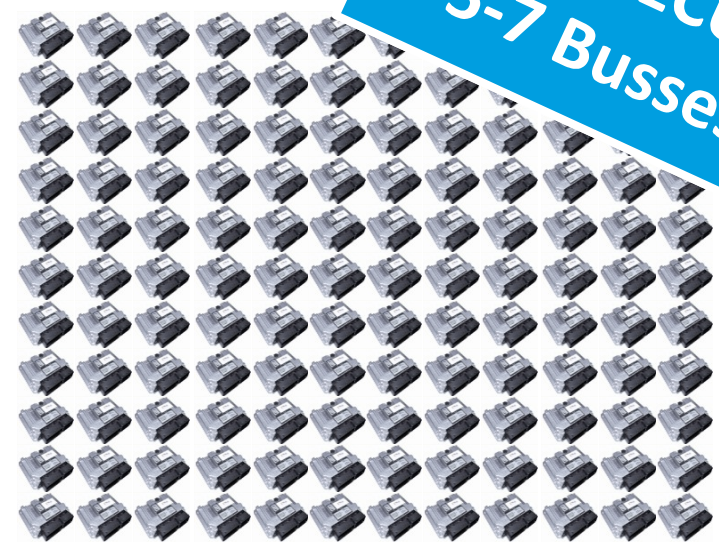




**30-40 ECUs
1-3 Busses**



**100+ ECUs
5-7 Busses**



“Classic Domains”



19.2 kbit/s

50x Faster

CAN

Up to 1Mbit/s

10x Faster



Up to 10Mbit/s

“Multimedia/Infotainment”

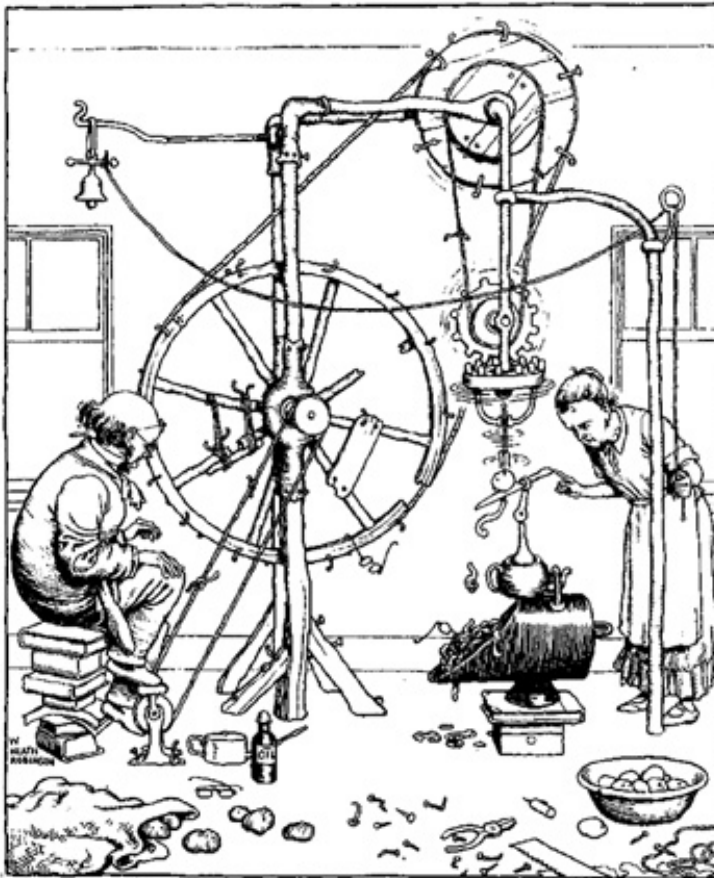


And gateways between them all

**“You cannot run CAN bus
reliably at more than 35%*
bus utilization”**

† Meme: something believed, but not true

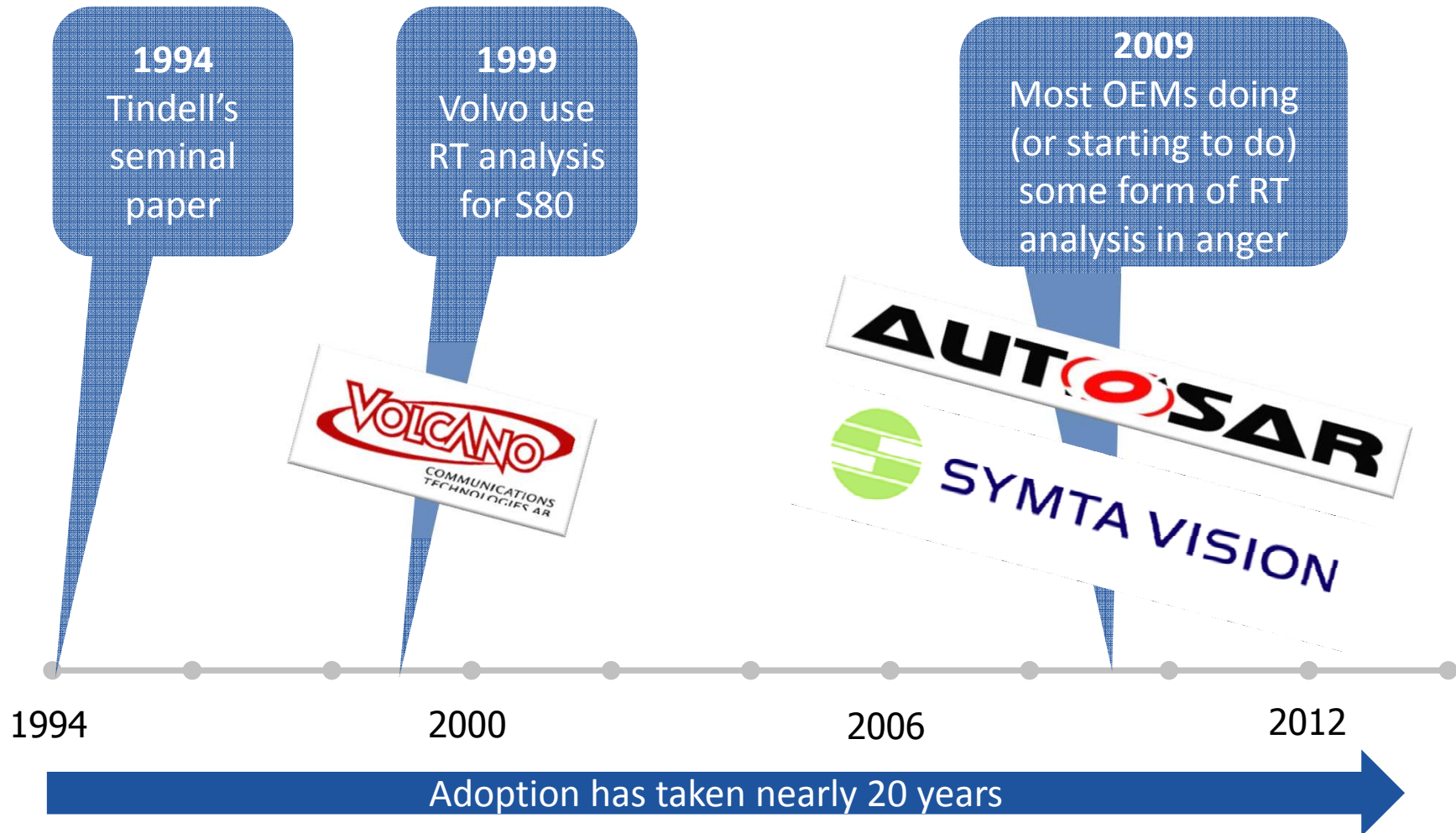
* Figure may vary, but not significantly

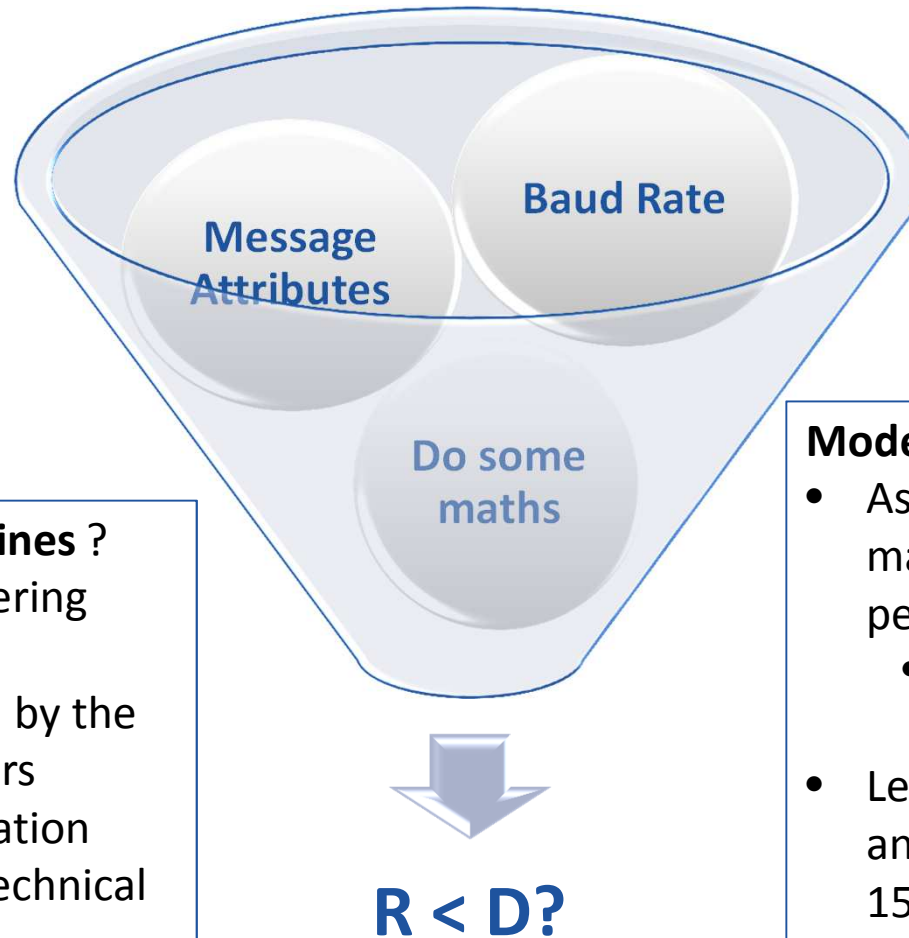


The Professor's invention for peeling potatoes.

**Legacy of ad-hoc
"solutions" to make
CAN scheduling "work"
+
Seldom a "clean sheet"
for the network design
=
Existing timing
behavior can be hard to
model with acceptable
pessimism**

Adoption Timeline





What are the deadlines ?

- A system engineering issue
- Often not known by the network engineers
- Business organization problem: not a technical one

Modeling

- Assuming minimum period makes analysis too pessimistic
 - Offsets, event models are essential
- Legacy network models analyses are often for 150% of the vehicle (e.g . both petrol and diesel engine versions)

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What's next? (Where you can help!)

Memory

4MB ROM/256kB RAM is "huge"
256kB ROM/32kB RAM is "typical"



Speed

280MHz is "fast"
40MHz is "typical"

Harsh environment



Never stop thinking

Everywhere you imagine.

MICROCHIP



TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Significant number of sporadics

Many applications are inherently event driven
Short (<100us) explicit deadlines

Many functions in few tasks

50-300 functions per task is common
Varying WCET: from <1us to 100+us

Lots of shared, global, data

Thousands of messages typical in powertrain
Asynchronous communication

Wide use of OSEK/AUTOSAR OS

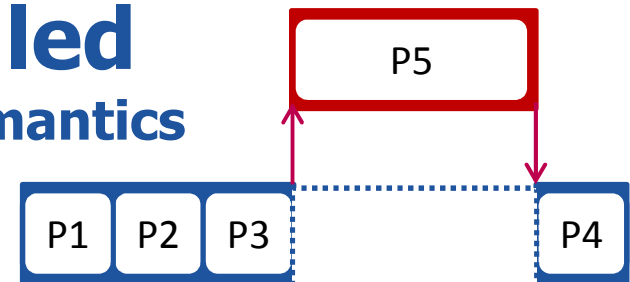
Small footprint , low overhead

ETAS puts 1,000,000 OSs *per week* on the road



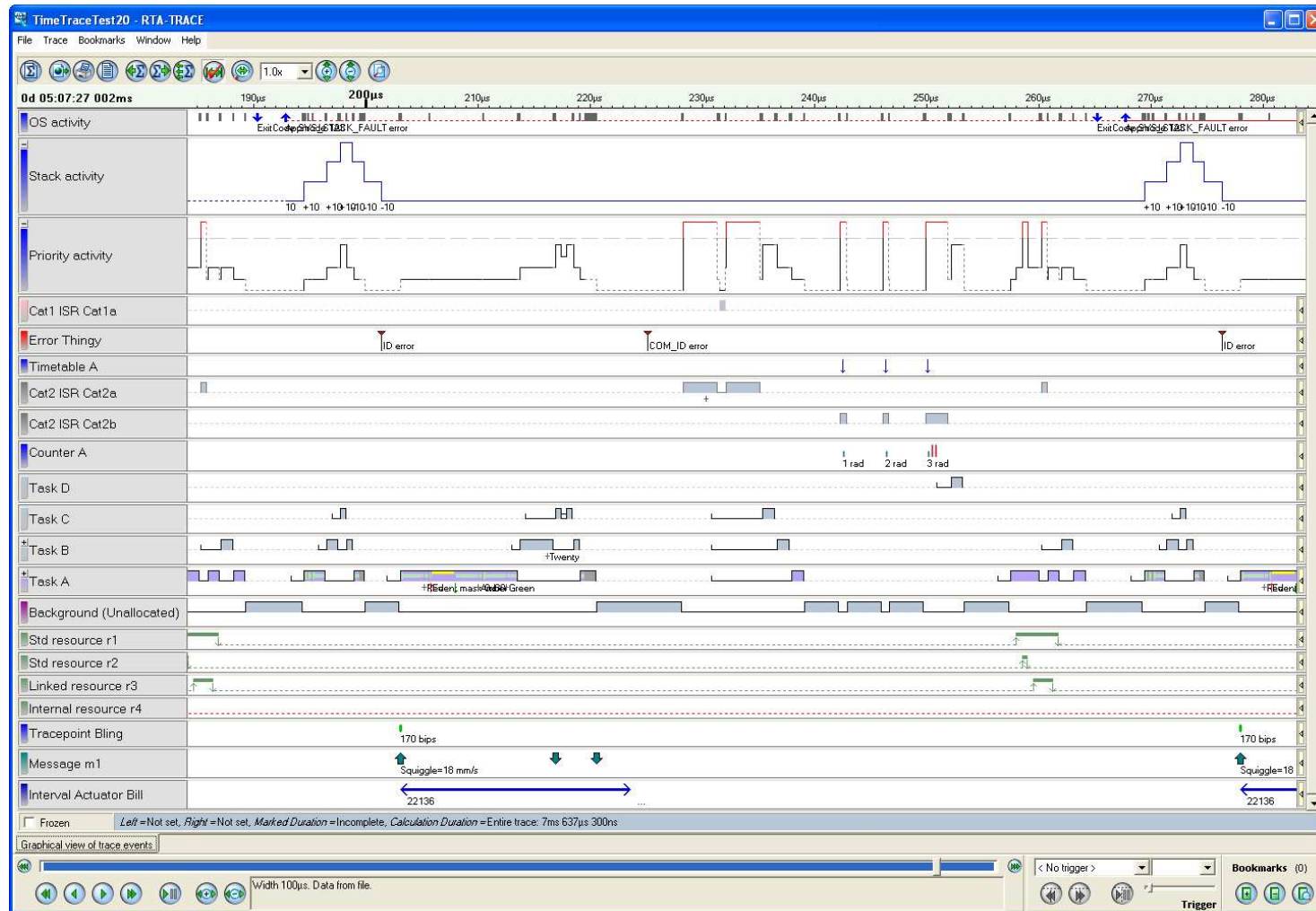
Data intense applications often co-operatively scheduled

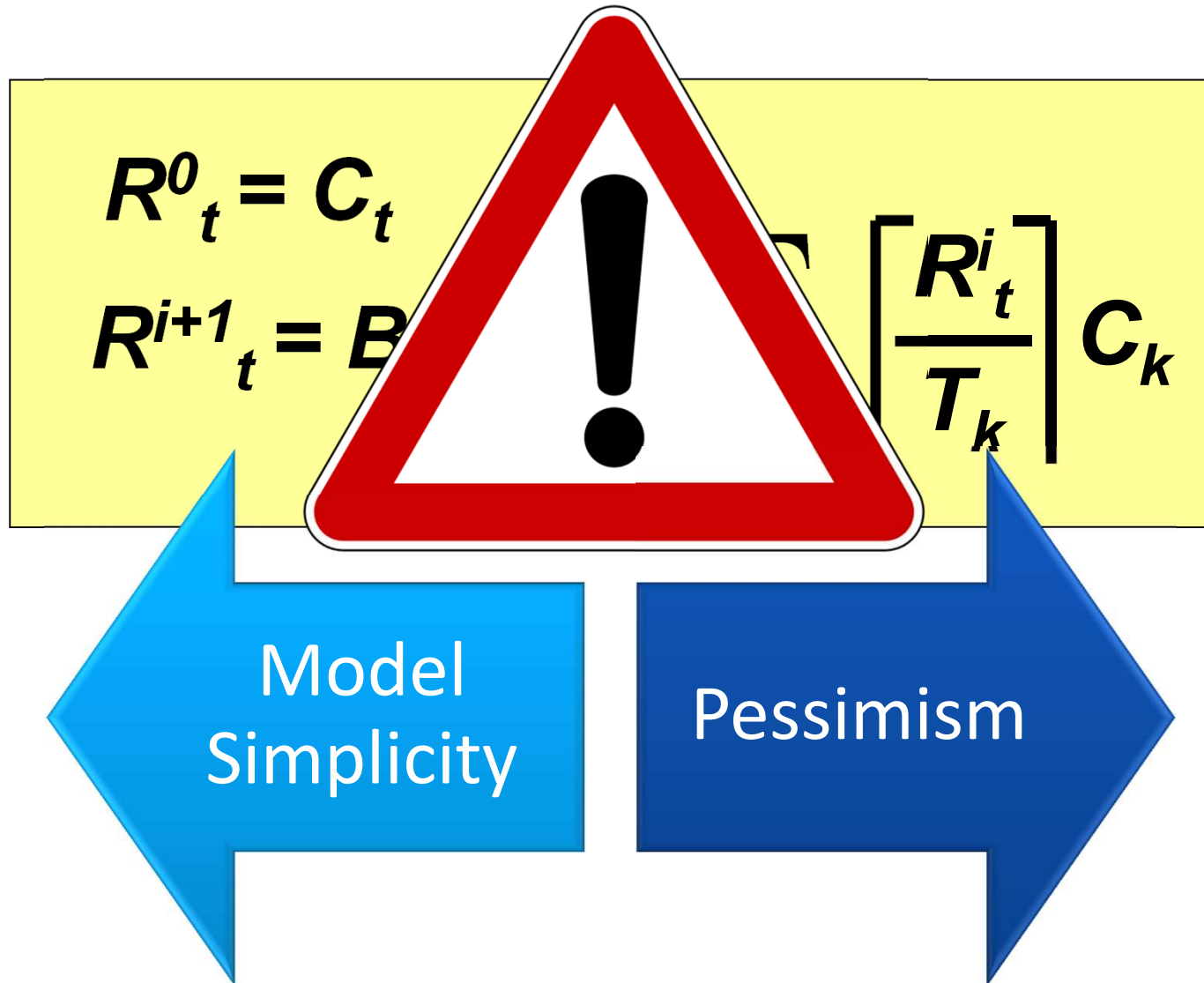
With state-based communication semantics



Cyclic legacy in design

1,2,5,10,20,50,100,1000ms periods





DMA + Offsets + Event Models

This is ~~“state-of-the-art”~~ “state-of-the-practice”

In daily use at some Tier1's

Goal: Avoid costly “surprises” during test

Transparent to working engineers



- Typically lots of mode dependent behavior
 - Both ET
 - And Periods
 - With uncorrelated WC peaks
- Randomization of periods
- Many, many things in AUTOSAR are implemented on top of task self suspension

```
TASK(Variant_Execution) {  
    f1();  
    f2();  
    if (rpm < 4000) {  
        f3();  
        f4();  
    }  
    f5();  
}
```

Benefits of schedulability analysis are clearly seen

Putting it into industrial practice can be hard

There is seldom a “clean sheet”

People want to know about what they’ve already built first

Important to show the result & how it relates to reality

Schedulable: Yes/No isn’t enough

“What sequence of activations happens before it breaks?”

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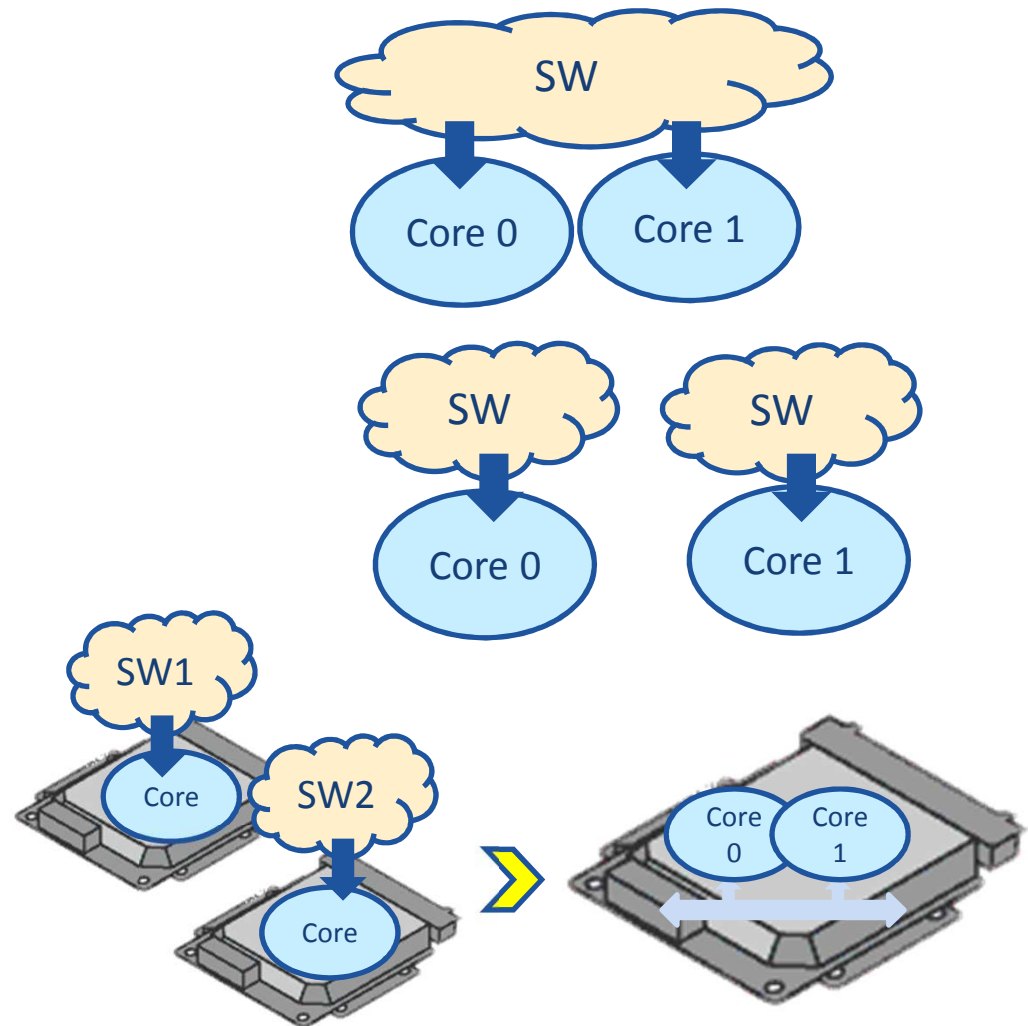


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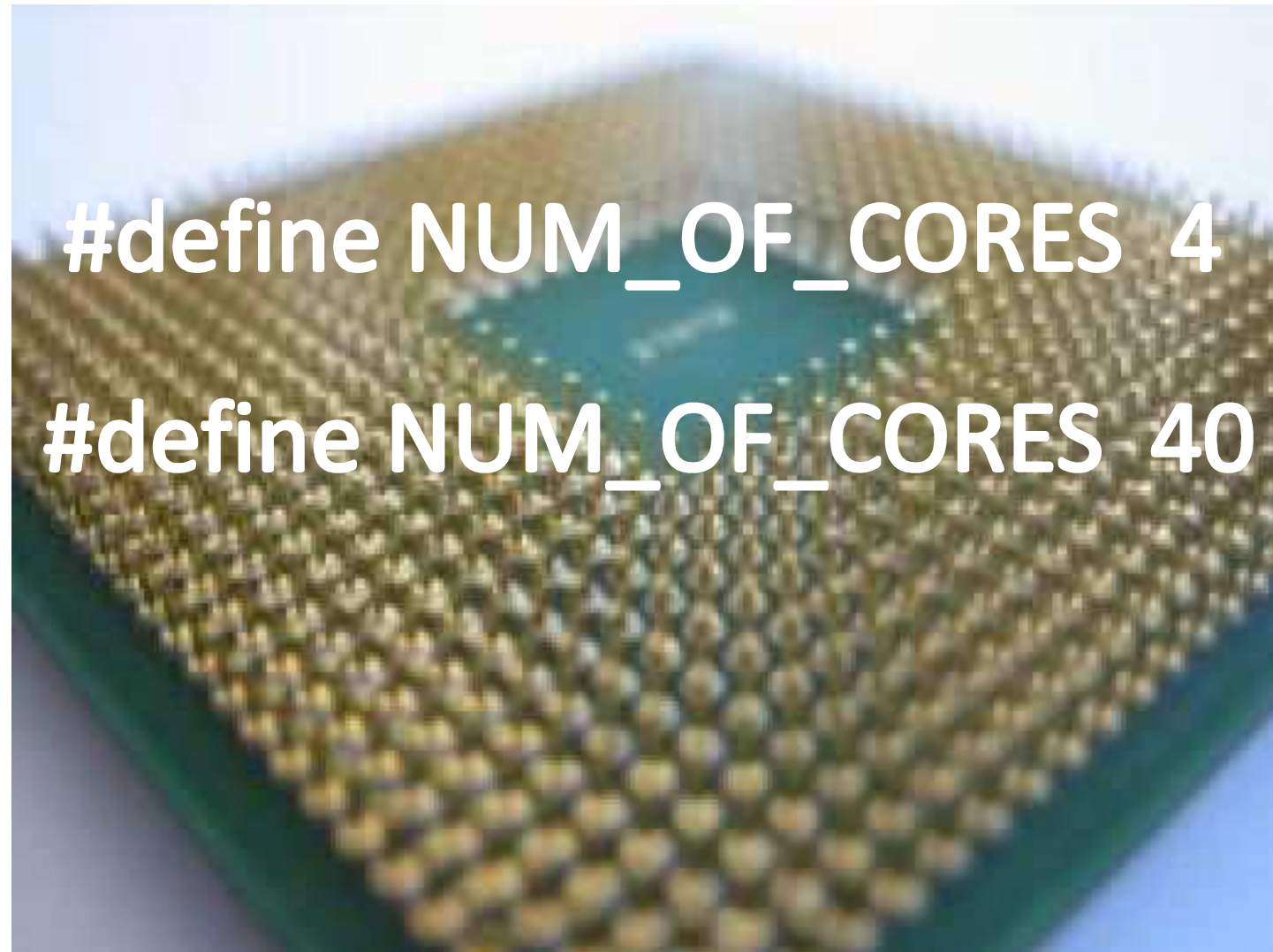
What are people using this for?

- **Case 1: More computing power**
 - Same thermal requirements, but more can be done
- **Case 2: Redundancy in case of failure**
 - Dual cores in lock-step
 - Or monitor on 2nd core
- **Case 3: Aggregation**
 - Combine smaller ECUs into one multicore ECU



Challenge#1: Multicore Systems

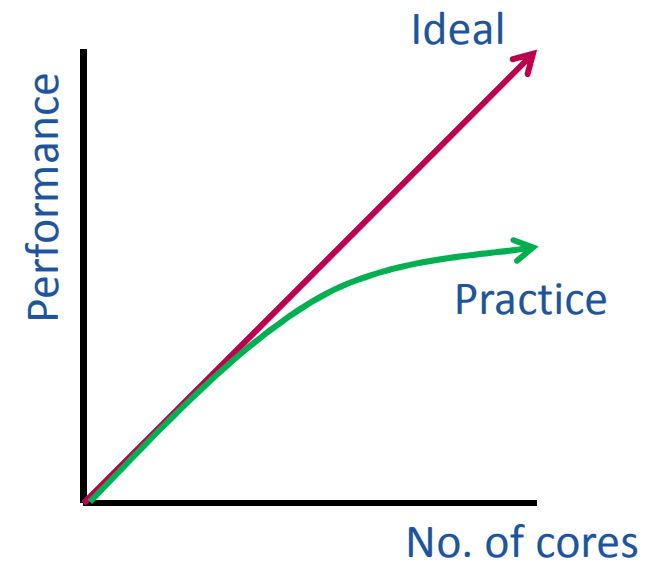
Why Multicore?



Challenge#1: Multicore Systems

Performance Assumptions

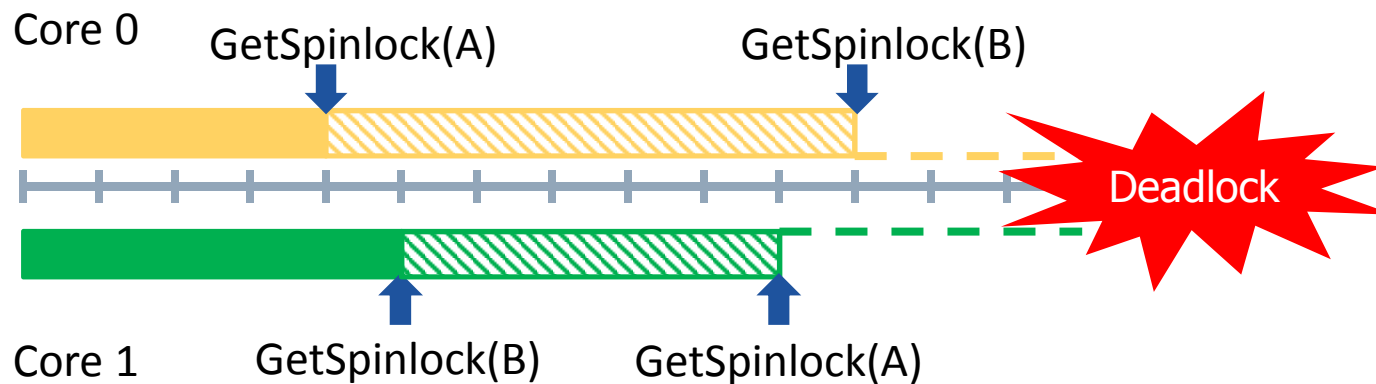
- **Mention multicore and users assume dynamic task migration**
 - **Probably too expensive for this systems with automotive characteristics**
- **They also assumes linear performance gains**
 - **N cores $\Rightarrow N * \text{single core performance}$**
- **The real world has proven to be a disappointment**
 - **Communication delays**
 - Due to HW bus contention, OS spinlock contention
 - **Timing issues**
 - Algorithms are not perfectly parallel
 - **OS overheads**
 - API calls take longer



Challenge#1: Multicore Systems

Old Problems, Re-introduced

- **AUTOSAR OS R4.0 provides a standardized multicore OS**
 - **OS objects are statically allocated to cores**
 - **Each core runs an independent scheduler**
- **Some dubious design choices for critical sections between cores**
 - **Spinlocks and (optional) deadlock avoidance mechanism means potential for deadlock**



**Why not just have lots of
computing power and use
virtualization?**

Already happens in infotainment

**But how do we make that work
for hard real-time & mixed
criticality system?**

- **Next generation of innovation means cars interacting**
- **With "the internet"**
 - **Navigation influencing power train/chassis**
 - **Road conditions from telemetry**
- **With each other**
 - **Local traffic flow control**
 - **Emergency braking**

Challenge #3: Distribution beyond the car

Coming Soon to a vehicle near you...

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