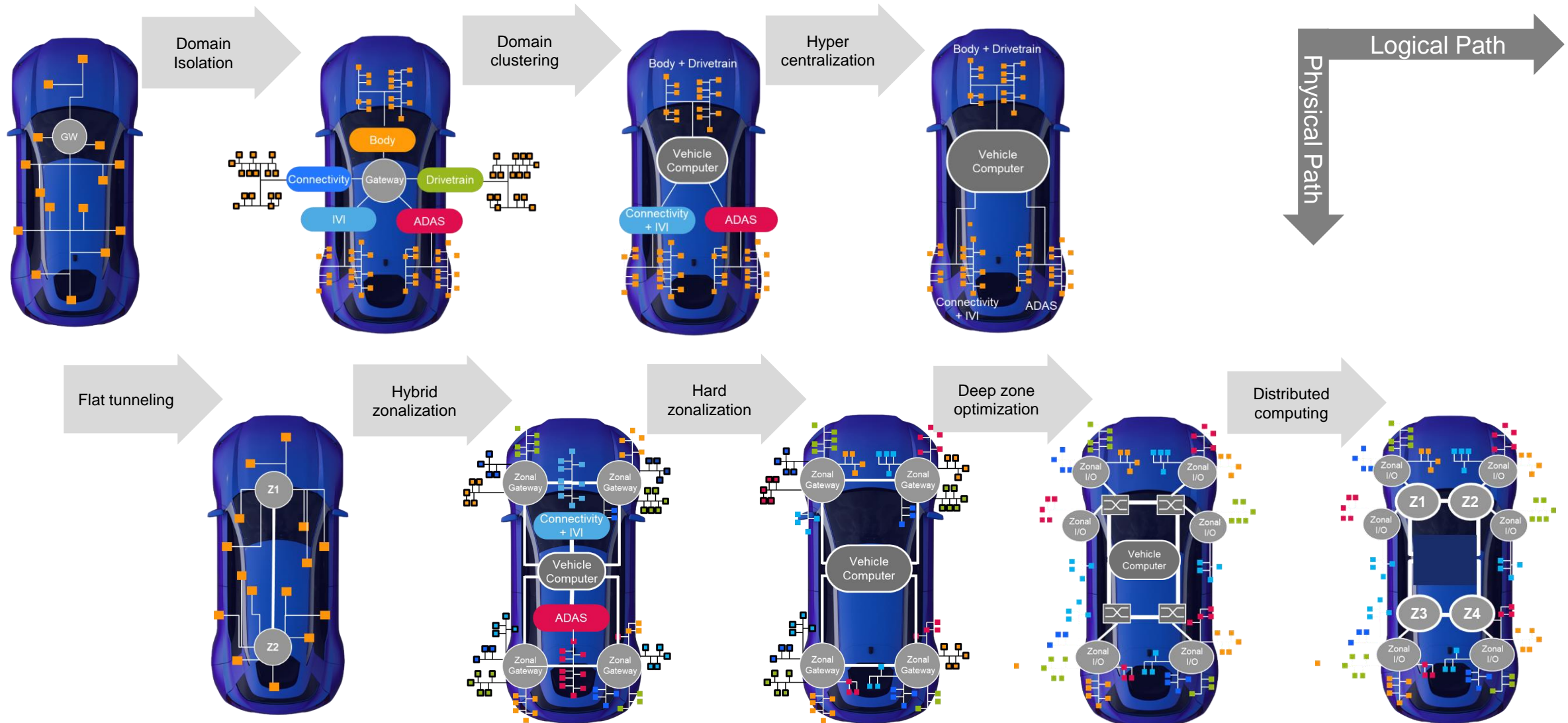


# TRANSITIONING TO A SAFE AND SECURE ZONAL ARCHITECTURE

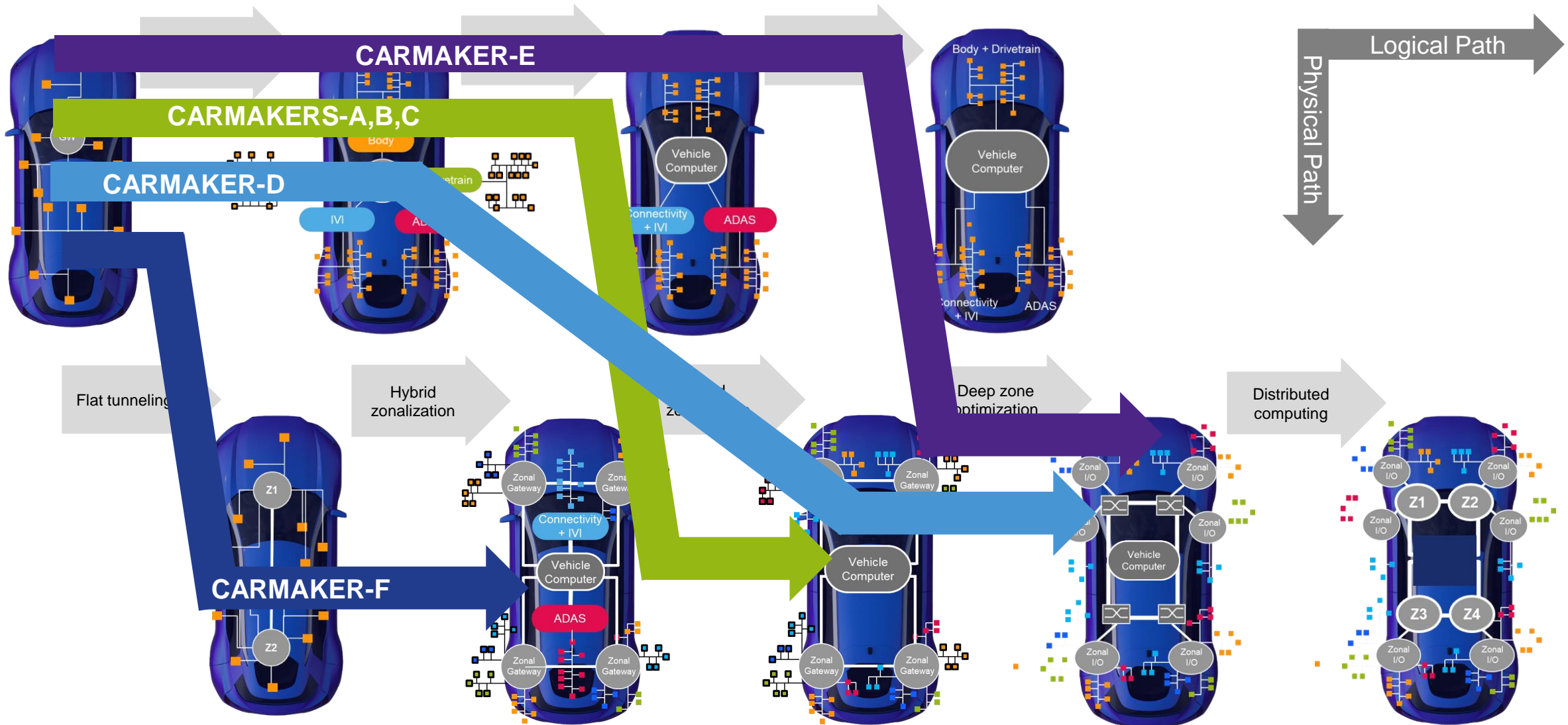
S32G Vehicle Network Processor as  
the Foundation



# Automotive E/E Architecture Evolution Paths: Logical and Physical



# Potential Automotive OEM Architecture Migration Paths → Logical + Physical



# OVERVIEW

- We're tasked with transitioning legacy to Zonal E/E Architecture
  - GuardKnox will assume the role of OEM engineering
- We'll have a workshop with suppliers
  - NXP and Green Hills Software

# APPROACH

- WHY ... ?
- WHAT ... ?
- WHERE ... ?
- HOW ... ?
- WHEN ... ?



**WHY?**

# PROBLEMS & CHALLENGES

## SCALABILITY WALL

- Too many ECUs
- Too much wiring
- Limited network configurations
- Coupled functionality

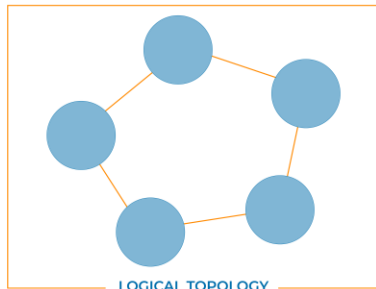
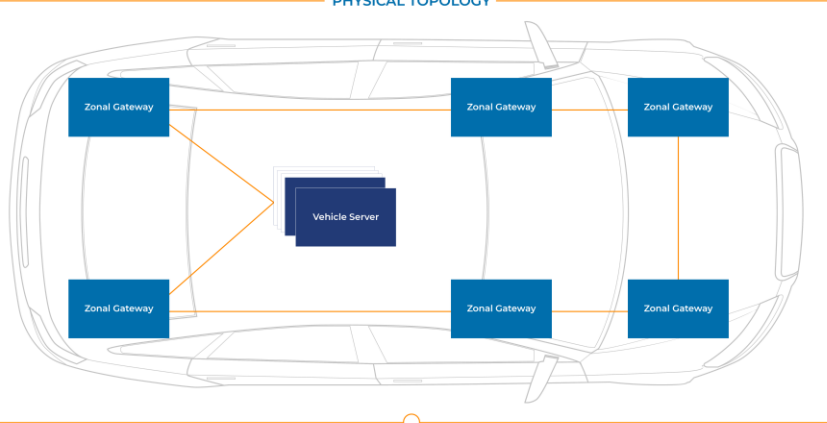
## INDUSTRY LANDSCAPE

- New propulsion
- New consumer
- New competitors
- Upcoming regulation

**THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IS IN THE MIDST OF A PARADIGM SHIFT**

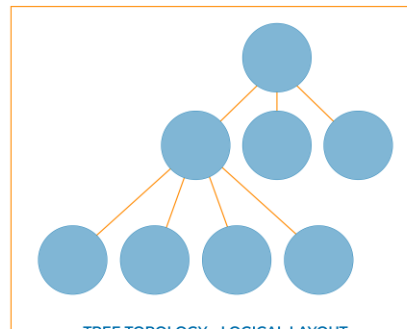
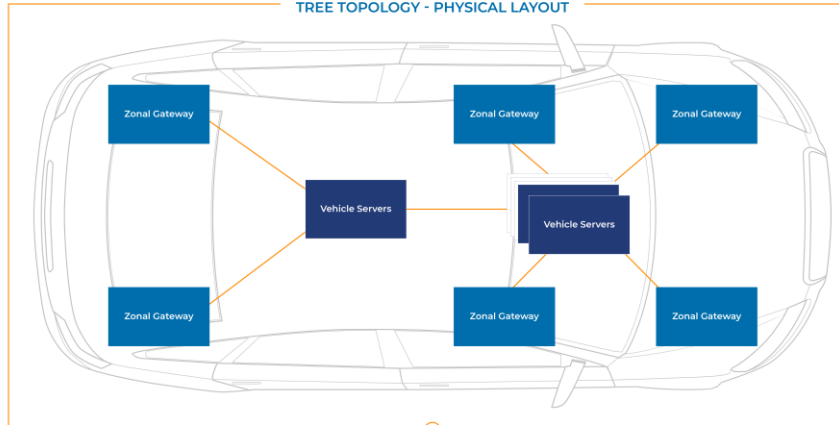
# ETHERNET BACKBONE - TOPOLOGY OPTIONS

PHYSICAL TOPOLOGY



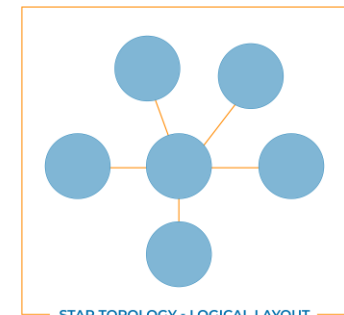
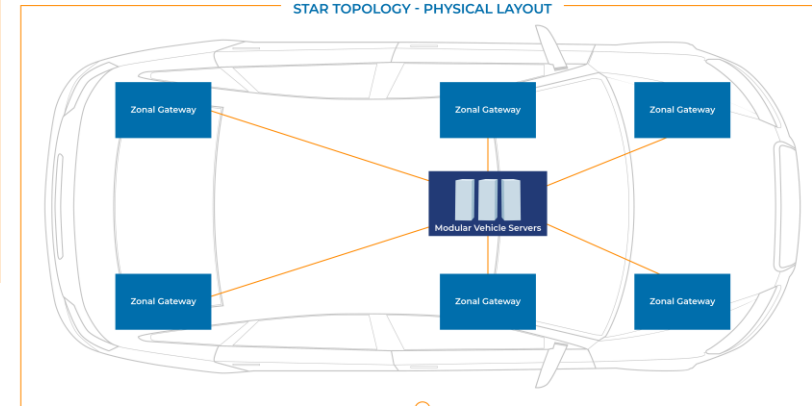
LOGICAL TOPOLOGY

TREE TOPOLOGY - PHYSICAL LAYOUT



TREE TOPOLOGY - LOGICAL LAYOUT

STAR TOPOLOGY - PHYSICAL LAYOUT

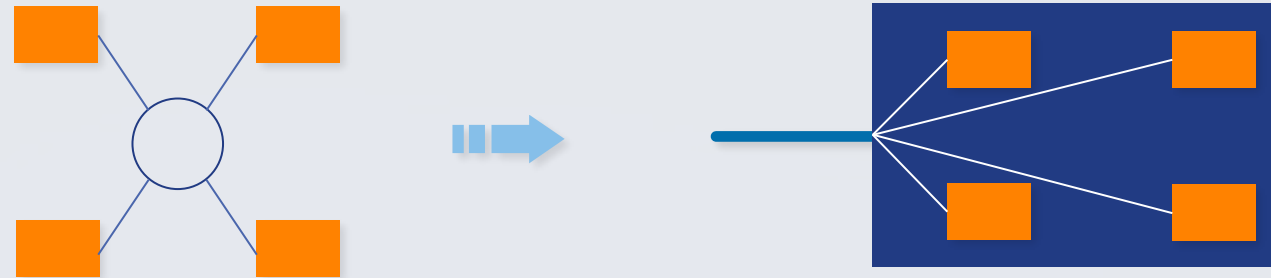


STAR TOPOLOGY - LOGICAL LAYOUT



# ZONAL ARCHITECTURE DEVICE CLASSES

VEHICLE SERVER  
(general purpose computer)



ZONAL GATEWAY  
(localized connectivity hub)



ECU



CAN






Vehicle server

— Ethernet



Zonal Gateway

# GOALS

- 01  END UP WITH A ZONAL ARCHITECTURE
- 02  REDUCE COSTS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE
- 03  BACKWARD AND FORWARD COMPATIBLE



**WHAT?**

# WHICH DEVICE?

## VS.

### VEHICLE SERVER – ECU REDUCTION

- Transition to server(s)
- Network agnostic
- Agnostic to physical layout
- Cost reduction for any car
- Scales up / down
- Major impact on cost (engineering)

MEETS OUR GOALS

### ZONAL GATEWAY – WIRING REDUCTION

- Introduce new gateway(s)
- Changes to backbone
- Depended on physical layout
- Cost reduction for wiring burdened car
- Unclear scaling
- Some impact on cost (material and labour)

WE'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND

# OBJECTIVES

## CONSOLIDATED PLATFORM

- Function = software package
- Stop ordering individual ECUs

## DE-FRAGMENT ECO-SYSTEM

- Runtime environments and versions
- Shorten development, certification and integration times

## FUTURE PROOF

- Single design fits many use cases
- Incremental functionality development

# COMMONALITY

- Powertrain =  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces
- Cockpit =  $\mu\text{P}$  +  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces + GPU
- Connectivity =  $\mu\text{P}$  + Interfaces + Wireless
- Body =  $\mu\text{P}$  +  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces
- Autonomy / ADAS =  $\mu\text{P}$  +  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces + Vision / GPU
- Battery =  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces + PLC / Wireless
- Gateway =  $\mu\text{P}$  +  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces
- Legacy =  $\mu\text{P}$  /  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces + ASICs

**SERVER =  $\mu\text{P}$  +  $\mu\text{C}$  + Interfaces**



**WHERE?**

# CONSTRAINTS

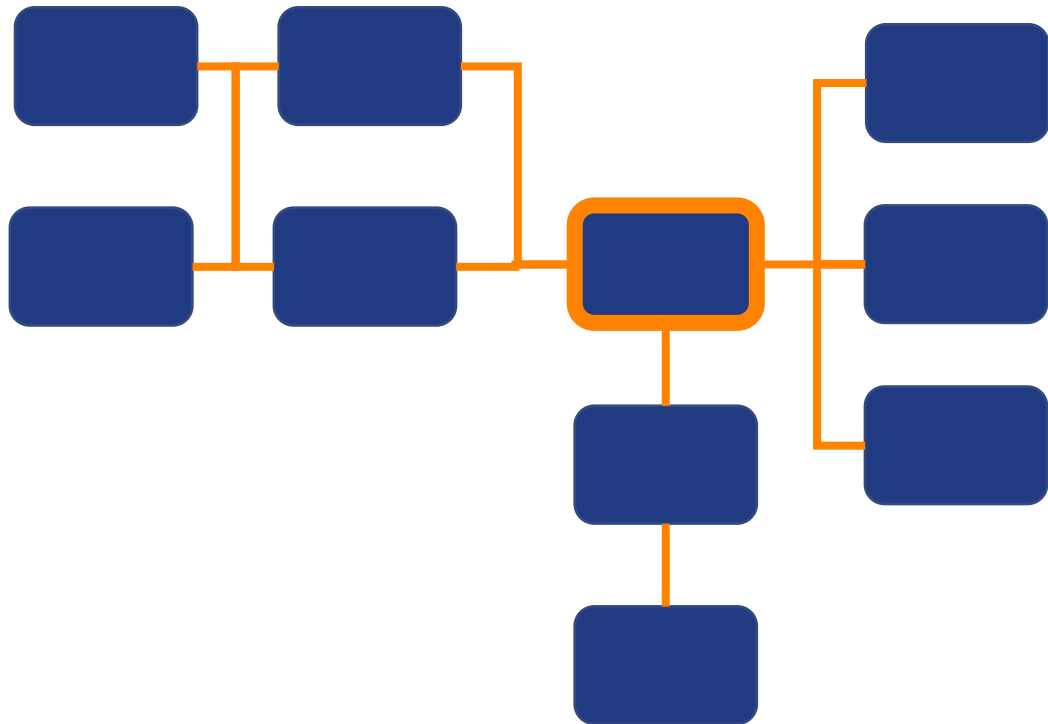
- Replace an existing ECU
- Biggest network outreach
- Place to scale

“CENTRAL” EXISTING ECU → SERVER PLATFORM



# GATEWAY ARCHITECTURE

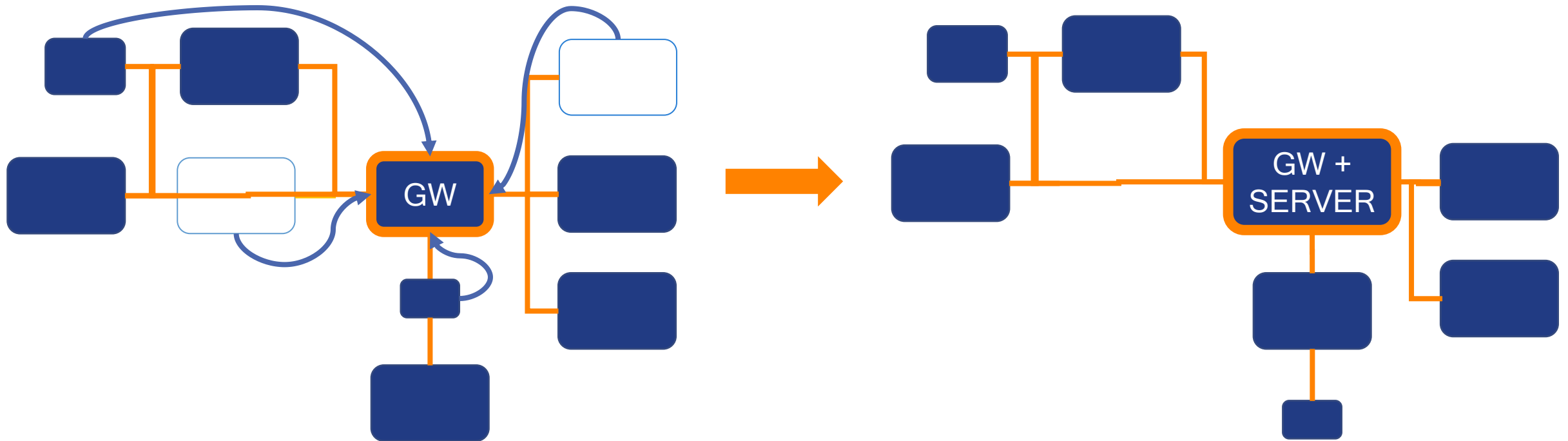
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NETWORK TOPOLOGY  
(STAR-ISH)

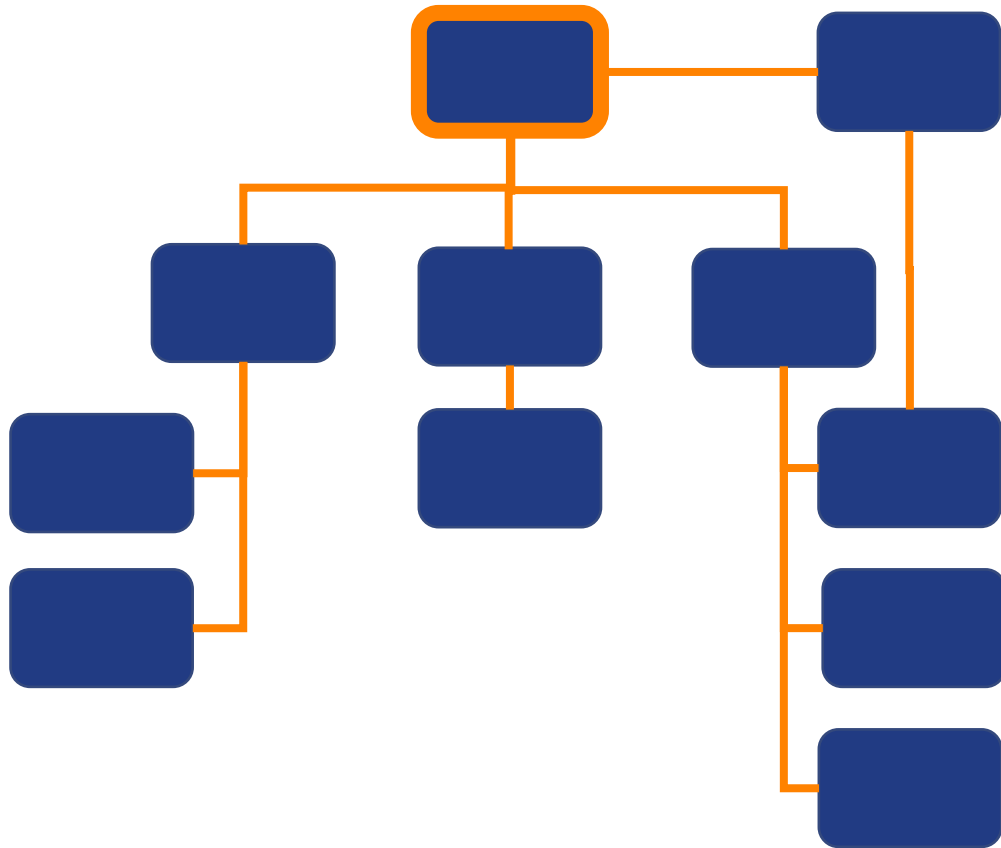


# GATEWAY TO ZONAL

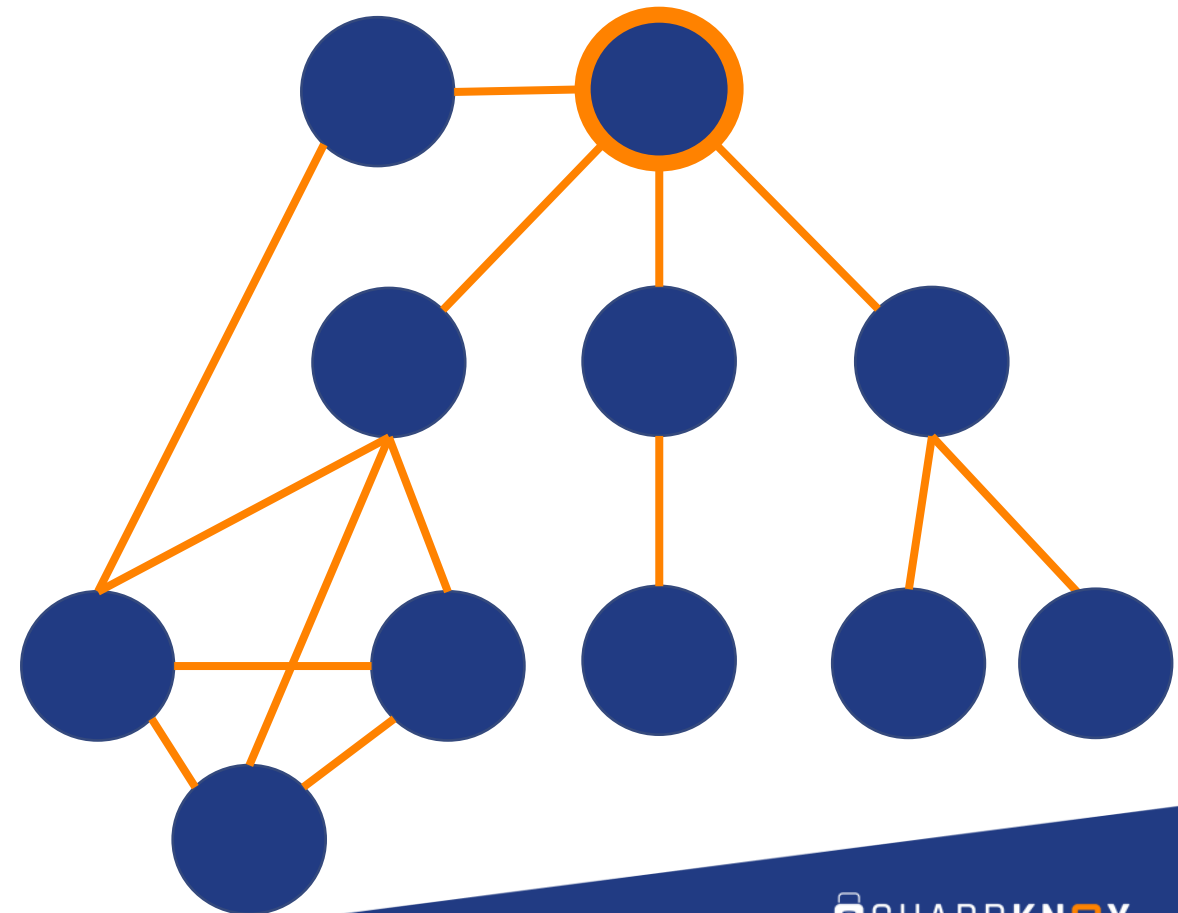


# DOMAIN CONTROLLER ARCHITECTURE

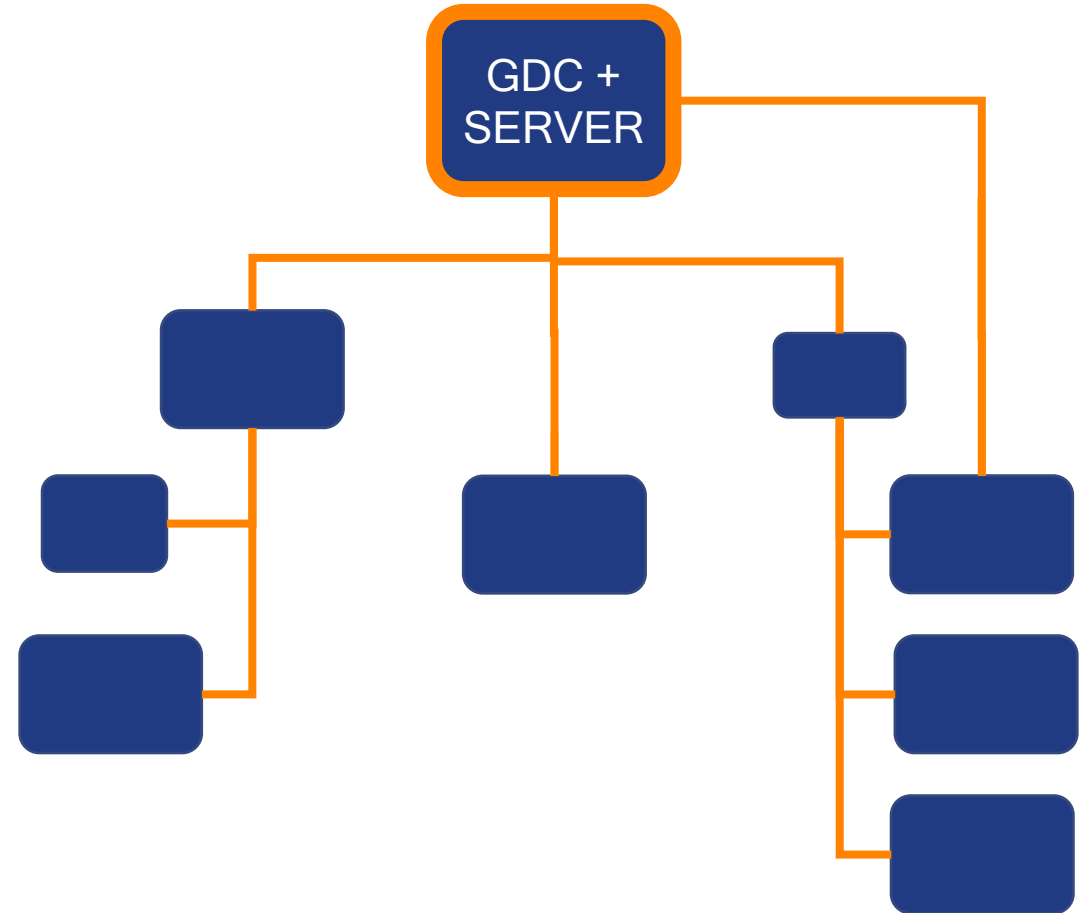
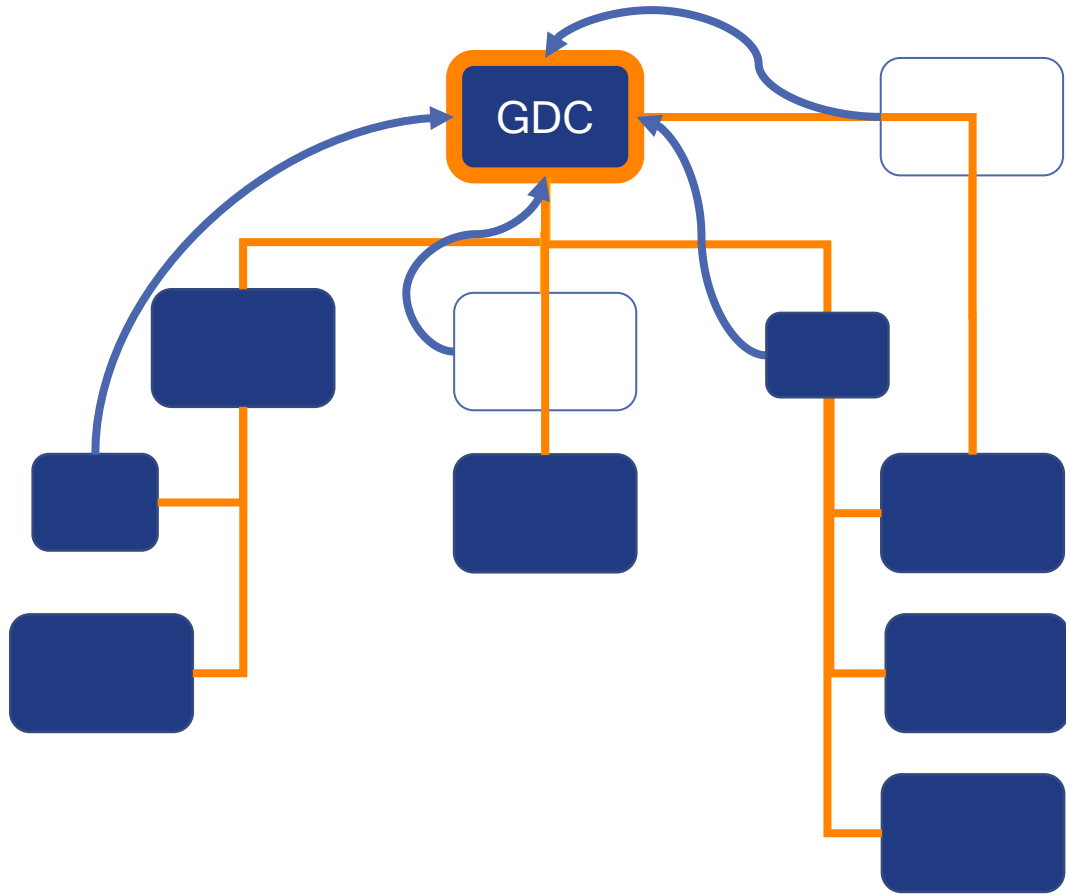
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NETWORK TOPOLOGY  
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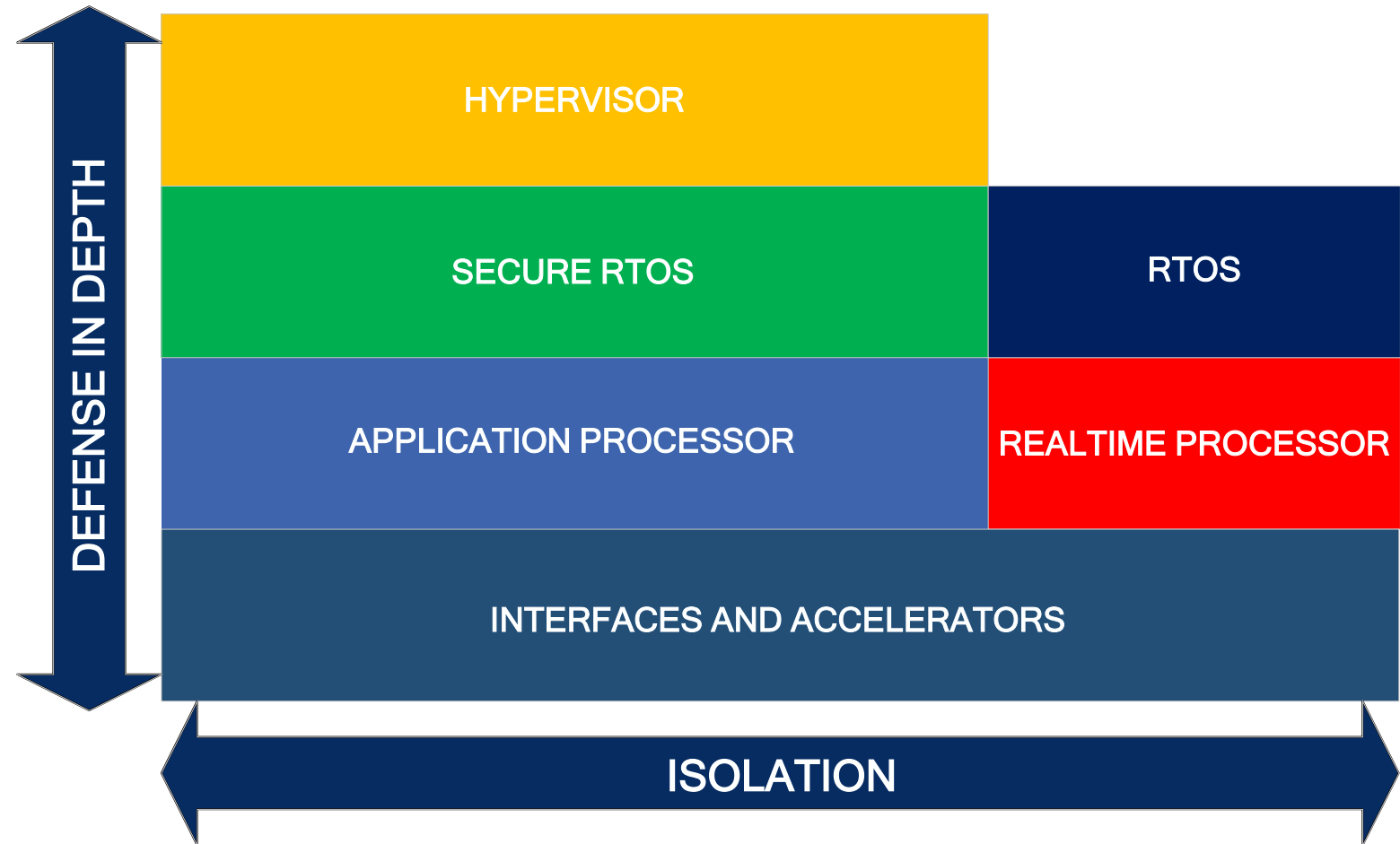








**HOW?**

# VEHICLE SERVER "TEMPLATE"

- Consolidated
  - Single SoC
  - Software modules
- Mixed criticality
  - Safety
  - Security
- Scalable
  - Clustering
  - Device family
  - Runtime environments
- Secure (inclusive safety)
  - Defense in depth
  - Logical / physical isolation



# REQUIREMENTS

- 01  Micro-processor (application)
- 02  Micro-controller (real-time)
- 03  Up to ASIL-D (applications are unknown)
- 04  All automotive interfaces (legacy and Ethernet)
- 05  Multiple runtime environments (hypervisor / processors)
- 06  Scalable platform (hardware family variants)
- 07  Strong isolation (safety and security)
- 08  **NO APPLICATION RE-DEVELOPMENT!**

# S32G is a New Type of Automotive Processor: Vehicle Network Processor

## PROCESSING

Lockstep Microcontrollers  
Cluster Lockstep Microprocessors  
Automotive Networks Acceleration  
Ethernet Packet Acceleration

## SAFETY & SECURITY

ASIL D Functional Safety Support  
Advanced Hardware Security Engine



## NETWORKING

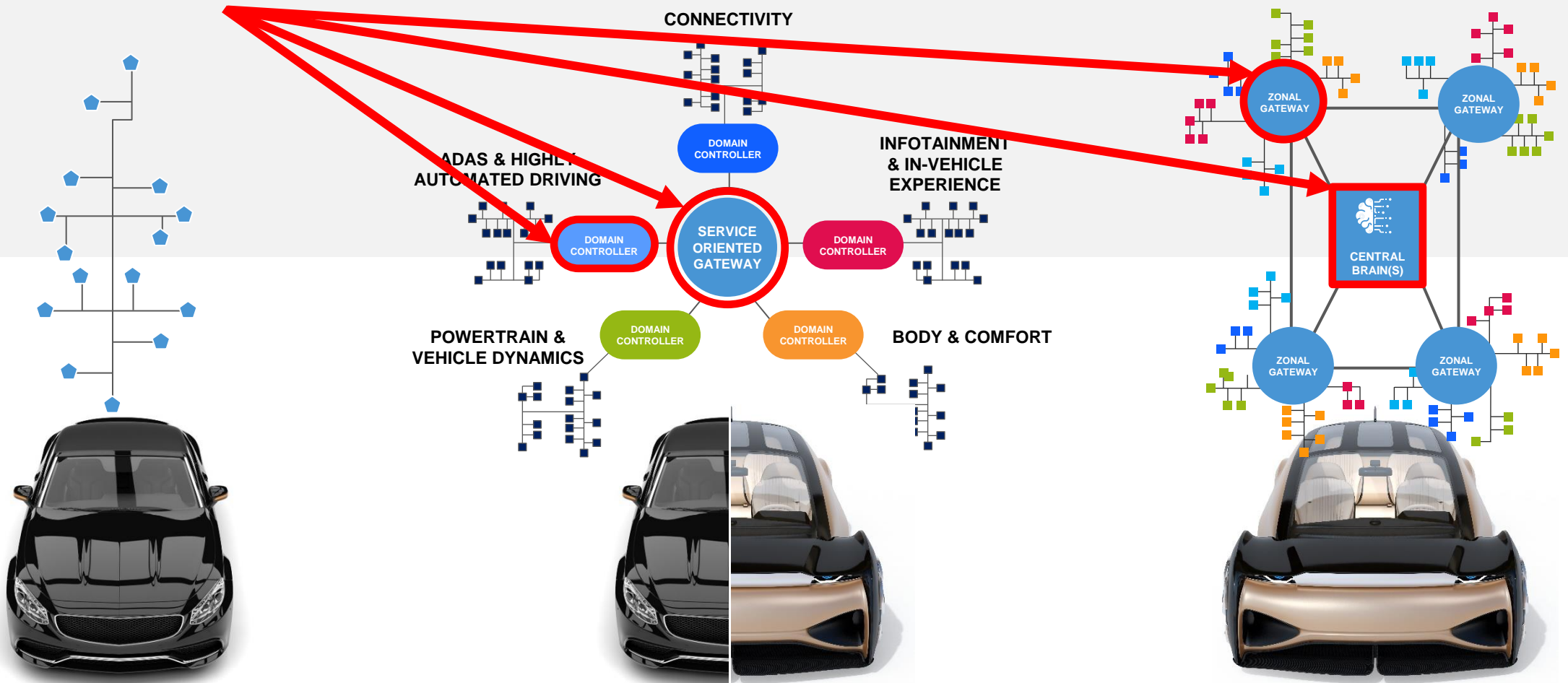
20 x CAN/CAN FD Interfaces  
LIN and FlexRay™ Interfaces  
4 x Gigabit Ethernet Interfaces  
PCI Express Gen 3 Interfaces

## APPLICATIONS

Service-oriented Gateway  
Domain Controller  
ADAS/AD Safety Controller  
Vehicle Compute / Zonal Gateways



# S32G Processor Supports Vehicle Architecture Transformation



**LEGACY APPROACH | FLAT**  
 UNFIT TO FUTURE MOBILITY –  
 SECURITY AND SCALABILITY ISSUES

Low bandwidth,  
 one MCU per application

PUBLIC

**LOGICAL RESTRUCTURE | DOMAINS**  
 ENABLING SCALABLE GROWTH, CONSOLIDATION  
 AND NEW FEATURES LIKE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE

High bandwidth network  
 Gateway key to communication between domains  
 Domain Controllers for local networking and ECU consolidation

**PHYSICAL RESTRUCTURE | ZONES**  
 REDUCING WIRING COMPLEXING AND  
 ENABLING THE USER-DEFINED CAR

Domains virtualized by SW – enabling high flexibility  
 Easy enable/disable or update functions



# S32G274A: ASIL D Vehicle Network Processor

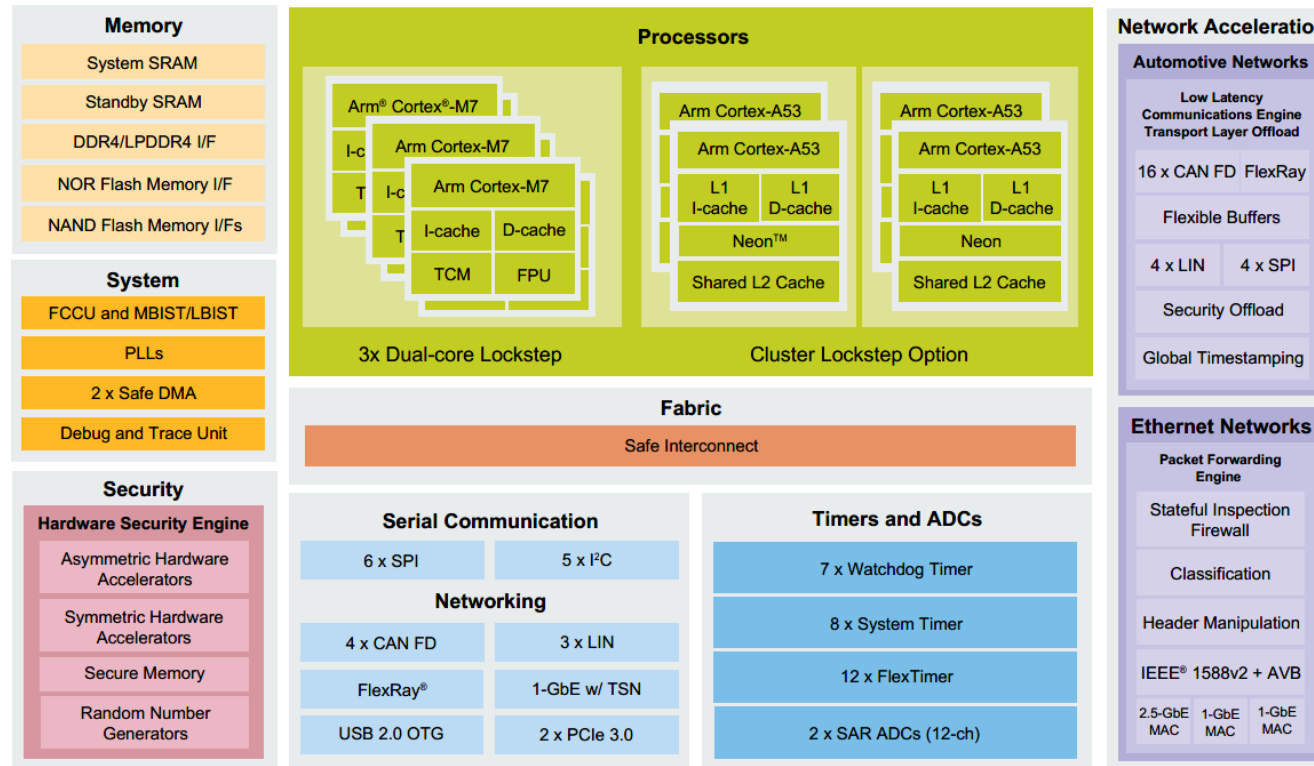
MCUs for real-time processing

MPUs for apps and services

On-the-Fly Secure External Flash Memory

Functional Safety Design

Embedded Hardware Security with PKI Support

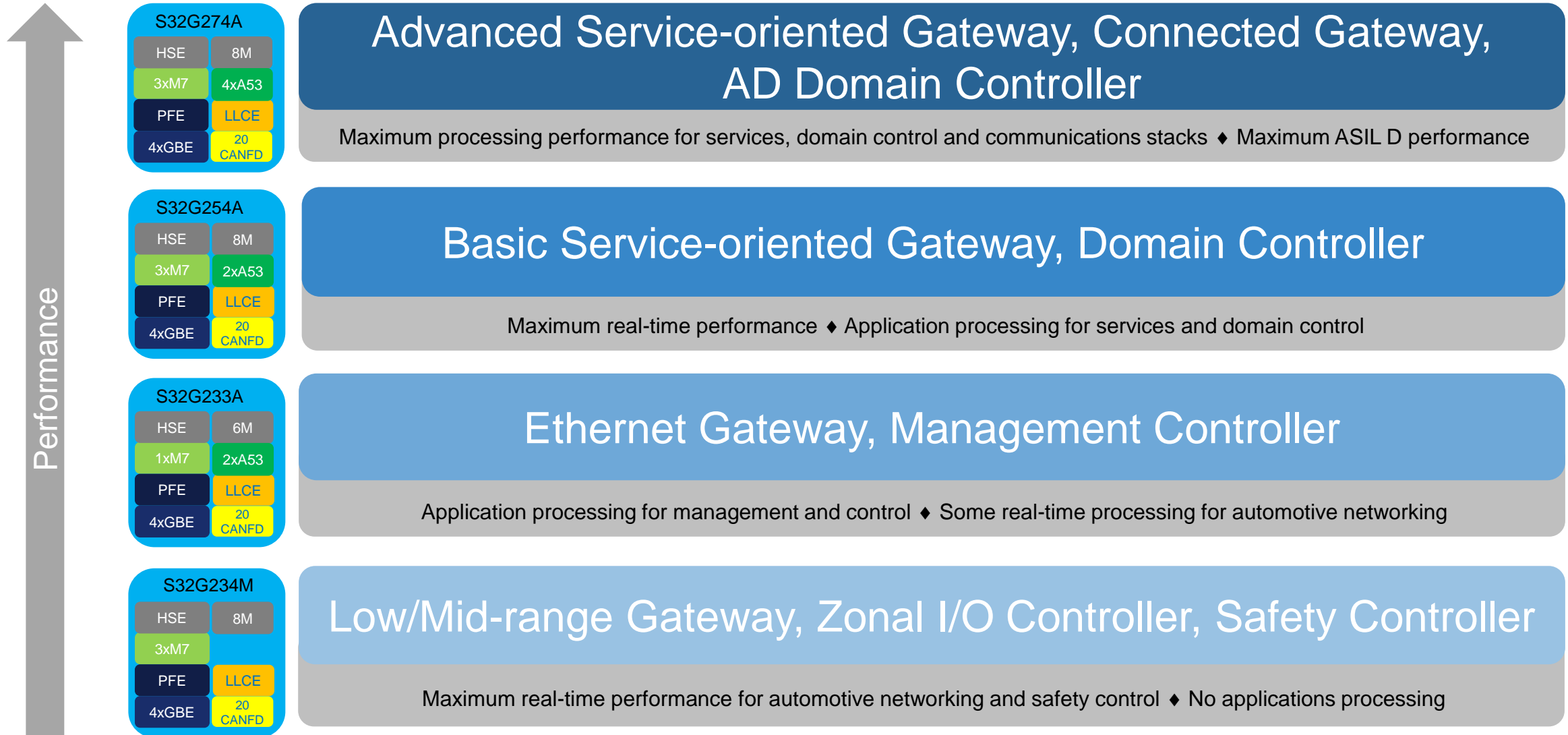


Automotive Networks (CAN/LIN/FlexRay) Hardware Acceleration

Automotive Gigabit Ethernet Hardware Acceleration

System Peripherals and Interfaces including 2x2 PCI 3.0

# S32G Scalable Family Applications\*



\*These applications are only for guidance and can vary based on customer requirements.

# NXP S32G Reference Design Board Accelerates Development



Carmakers

- Proof of concept
- Benchmarking
- Vehicle data insights
- New services deployment

Application Developers

- Innovation platform
- Software development
- Test and validation
- Demo showcase

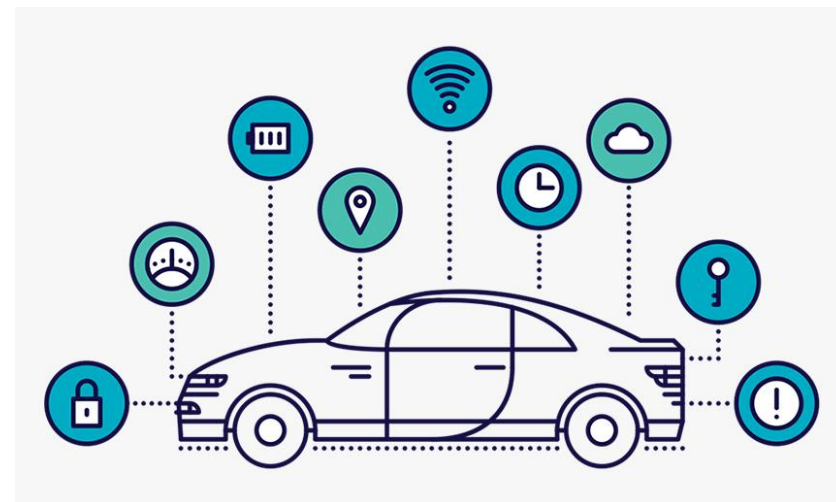
Cloud & Service Providers

- Symbiotic compute
- Over-the-Air (OTA) updates
- Machine learning deployment
- Edge service deployment

## Accelerating Transformation Across the Automotive Ecosystem

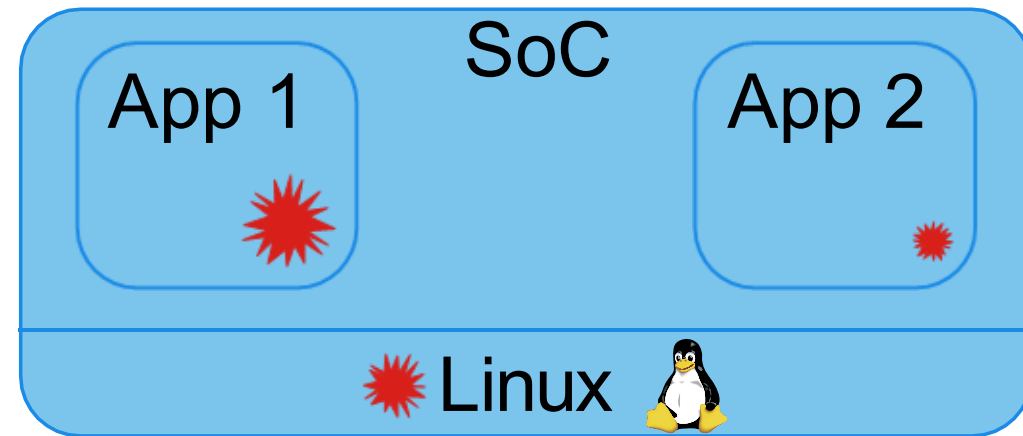
# Mixed-Criticality as an Enabler

- ❑ The main driver is the application landscape
  - Domain controllers & vehicle computers
  - ADAS/AD Applications
  - Gateways
  - Modular software deployment
  - 'App-store' like software distribution
- ❑ Heterogeneous computing platforms to the rescue
  - Require vast middleware packages
  - Enable rich connectivity functions
- ❑ Mixed criticality on a single platform is the key



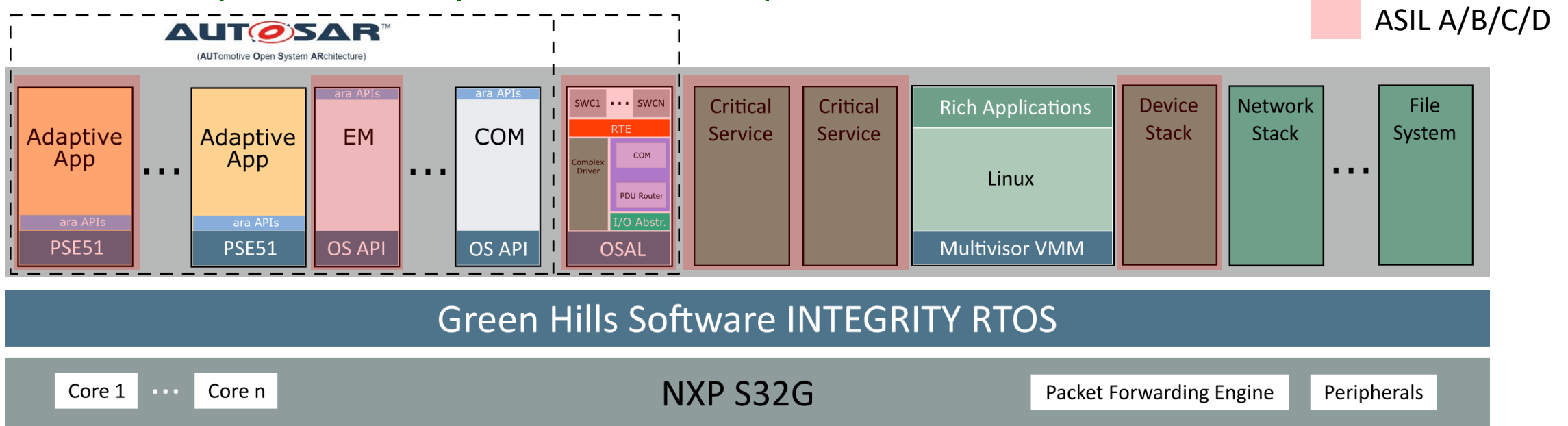
# Freedom-From-Interference

- ❑ A failure in an element is caused by a fault
- ❑ Faults can have diverse root causes
  - Hardware faults – bit flips, erratas, etc.
  - Software faults – bugs
  - Malicious attacks
- ❑ FFI prevents failures from propagating (cascading)
  - Relevant for the safety functions of an ECU
- ❑ FFI is critical for separating mixed-criticality systems
  - Prevents failures to cascade from “lower” ASIL to “higher” ASIL
  - Prevents failures to cascade within the same ASIL domain



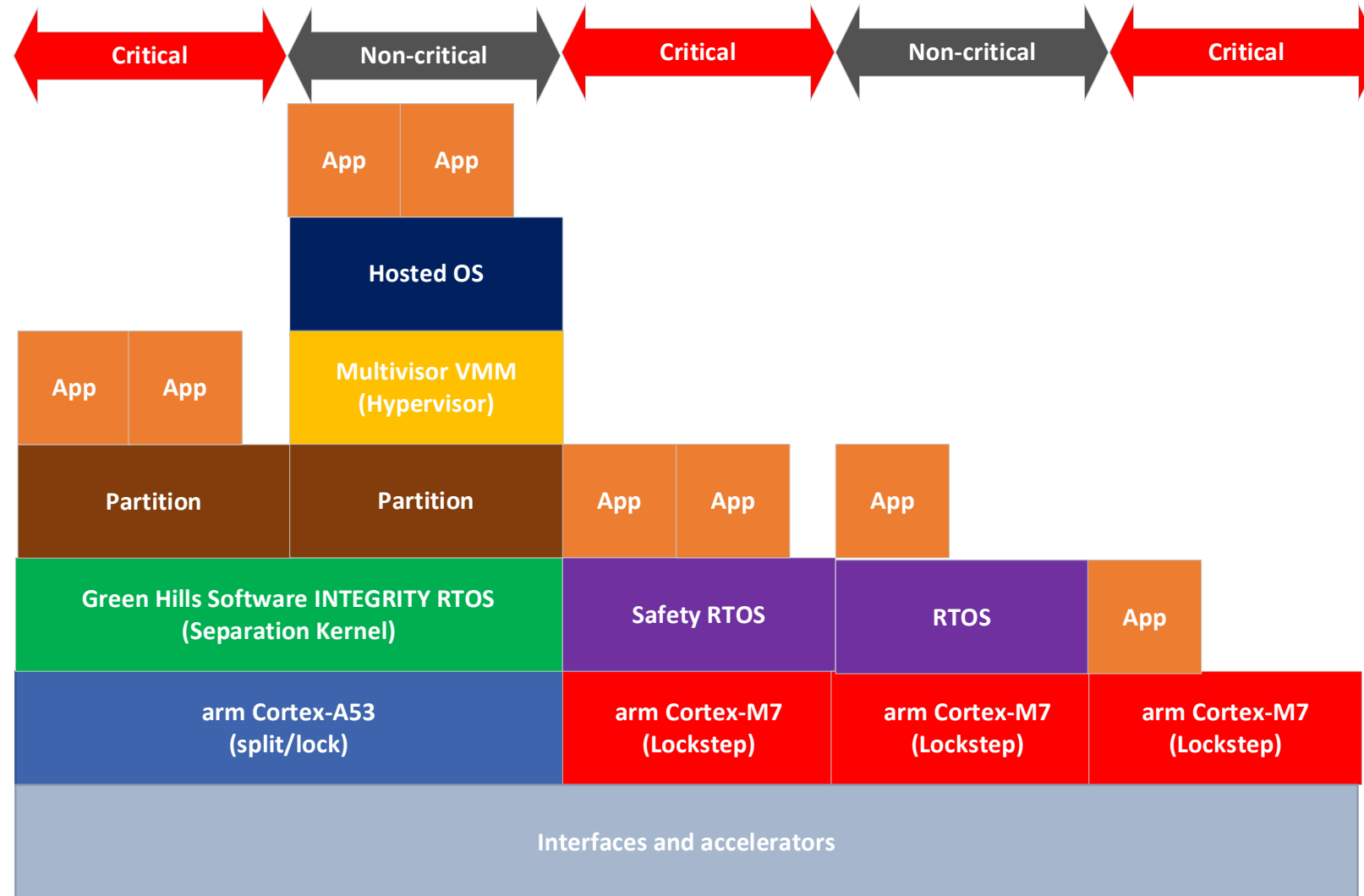
# Mixed-Criticality in Action

- ❑ A pre-certified secure microkernel
  - Minimal codebase, low footprint, efficient hardware resource usage
  - Trusted secure base for separation
- ❑ Least privilege model provides “containerization”
  - Additionally enhanced by virtualization capabilities



# SOFTWARE STACK LAYOUT

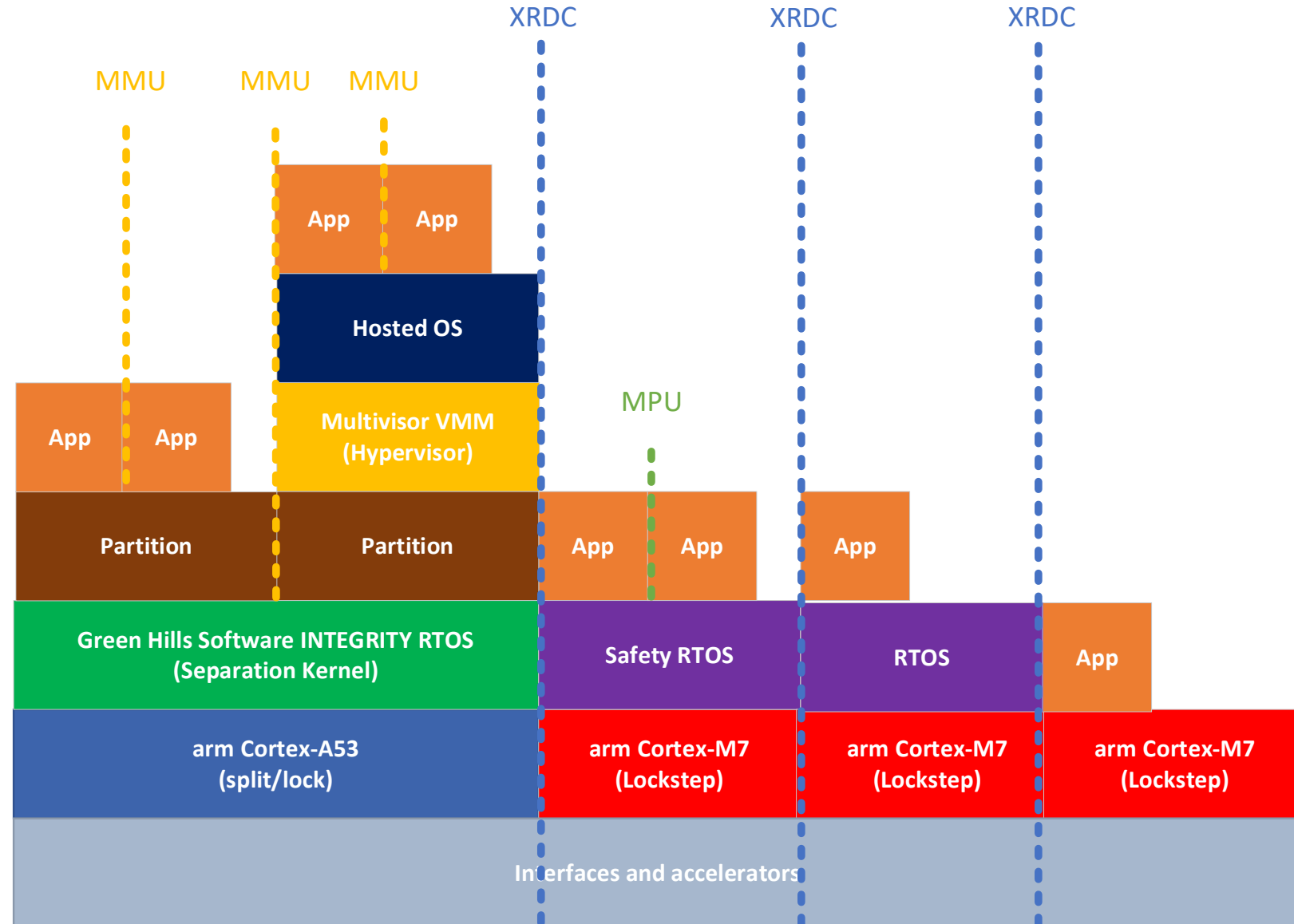
- App domain
  - Quad A53
  - Split/lock
  - RTOS
  - Hypervisor
- RT domain
  - Triple M7
  - Lockstep
  - RTOS
  - Bare metal
- Accelerators
  - Network
  - Security





# HARDWARE ENFORCED ISOLATION

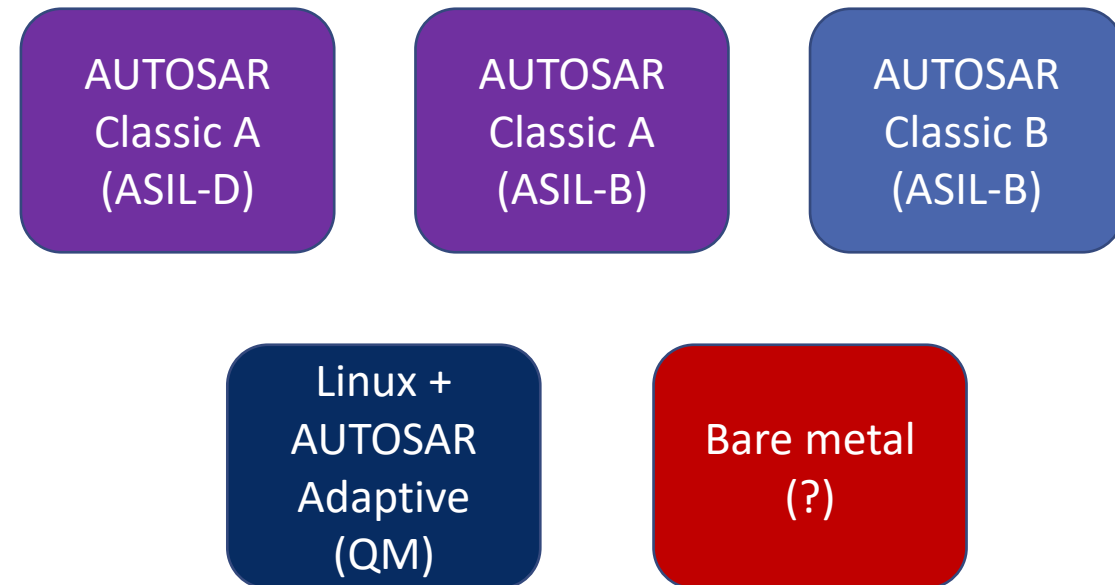
- App domain → MMU
- RT domain → MPU
- Interconnect → XRDC



# CONSOLIDATION: USE CASE

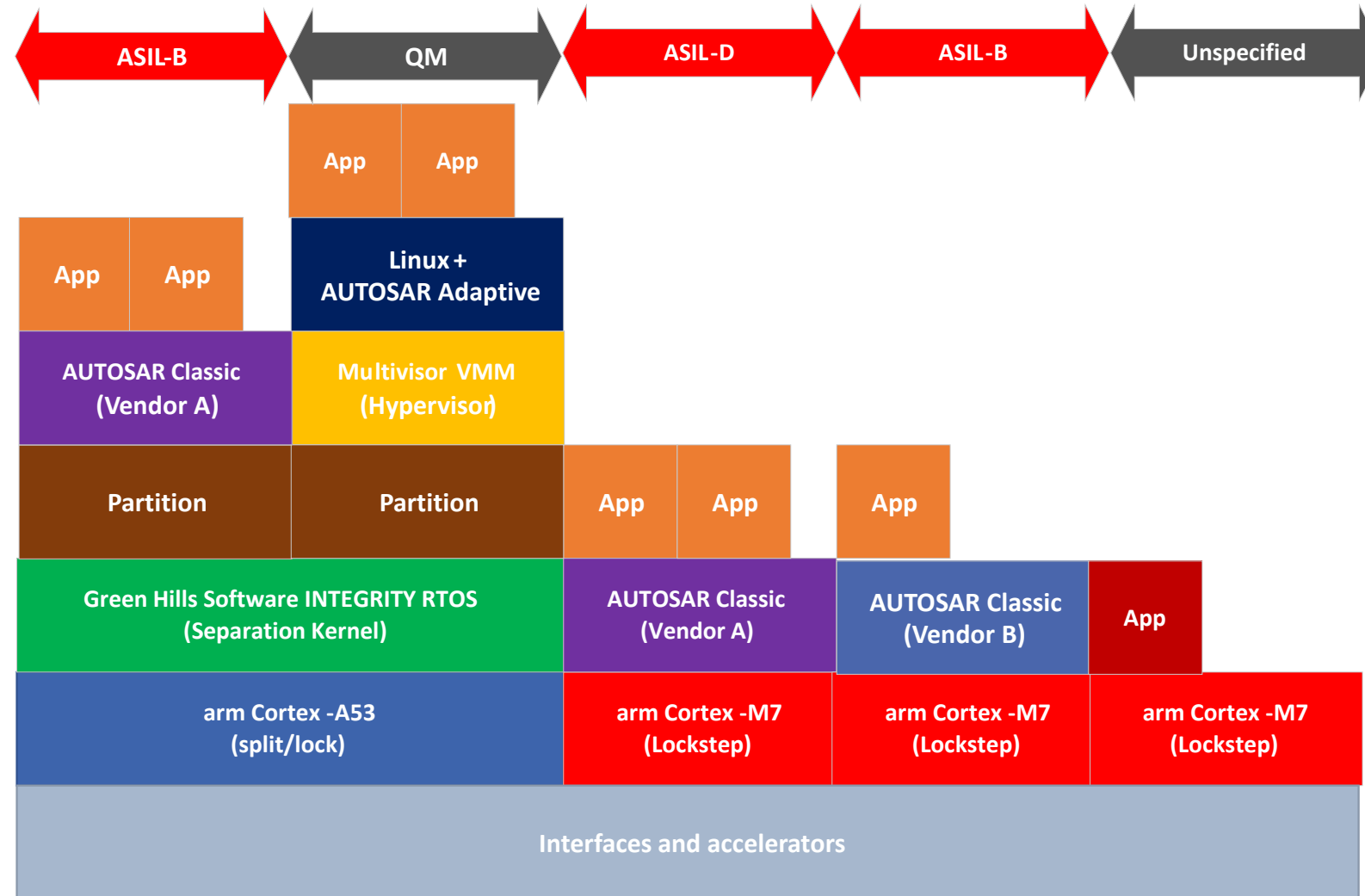
- Runtime
  - AUTOSAR Classic
  - AUTOSAR Adaptive
  - Linux
  - Bare metal
- Vendors
  - AUTOSAR Classic
  - ECU suppliers
- Criticalities
  - ASIL-D
  - ASIL-B
  - QM
  - Unspecified

## Legacy ECUs



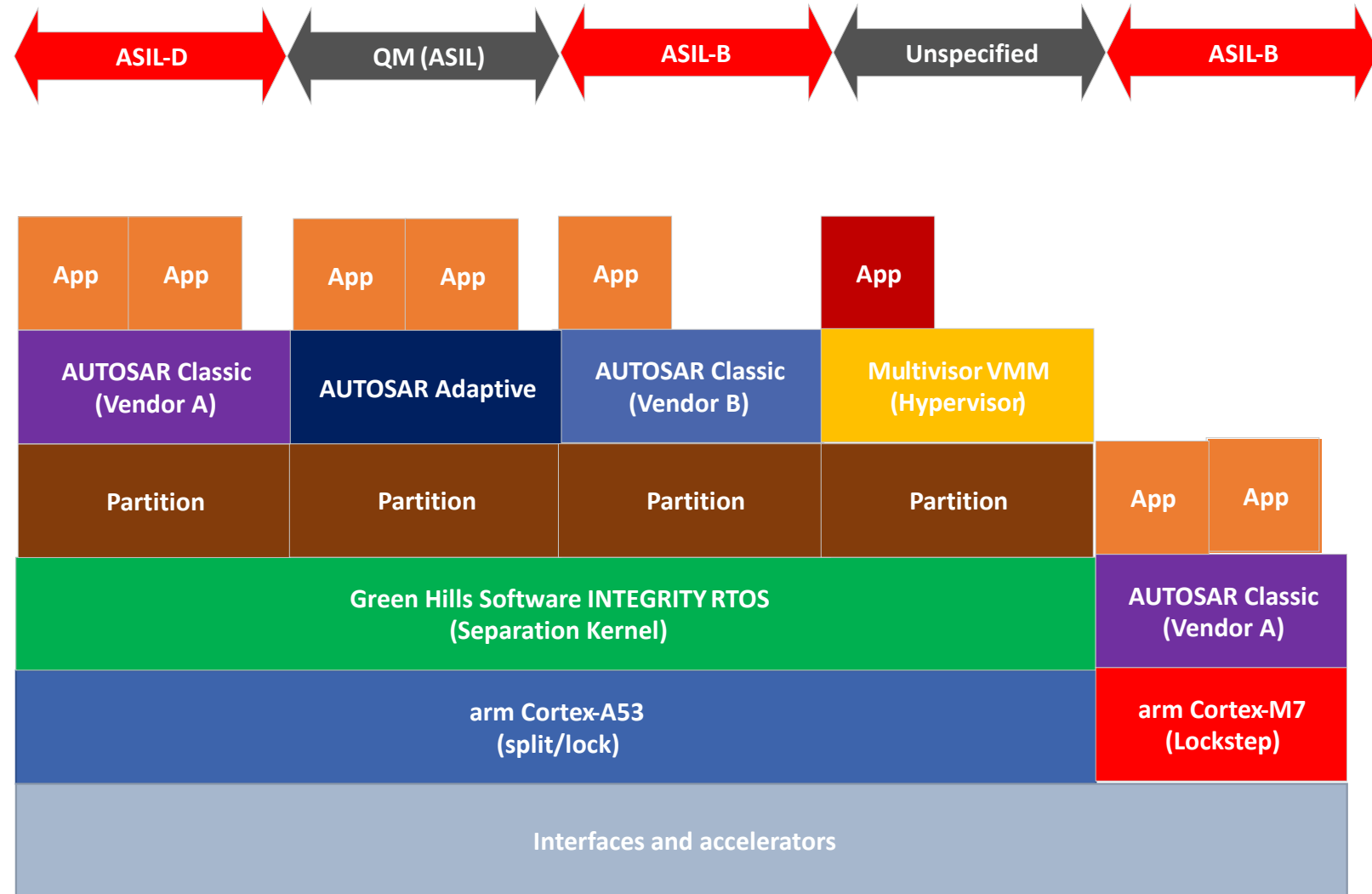
# USE CASE IMPLEMENTATION A

- App domain
  - Quad A53
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  - RTOS
  - Bare metal
- Accelerators
  - Network
  - Security



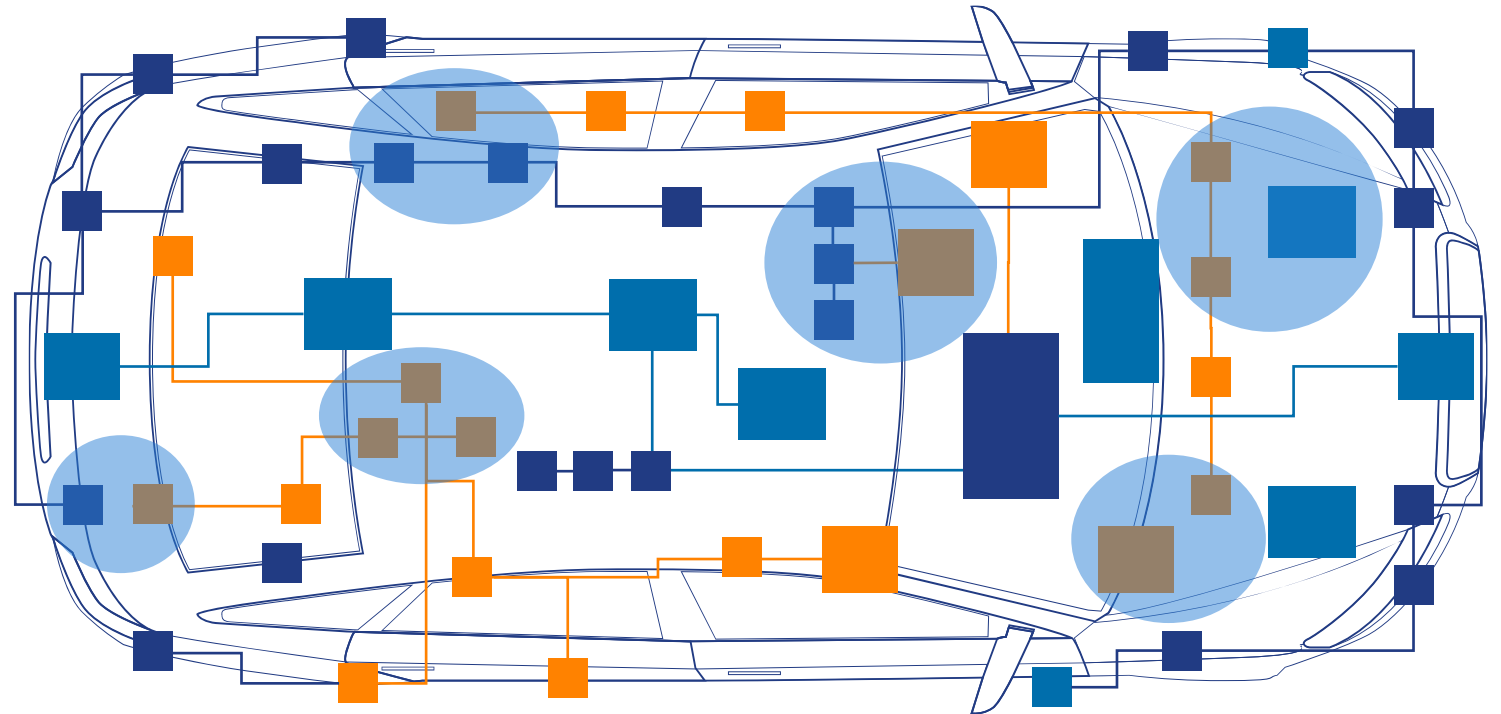
# USE CASE IMPLEMENTATION B

- App domain
  - Dual A53
  - Split/lock
  - RTOS
  - Hypervisor
- RT domain
  - Single M7
  - Lockstep
  - RTOS
- Accelerators
  - Network
  - Security



# ZONAL GATEWAY

- Re-use gateway + server design
- Optimize case by case



# UNIFORMITY

- Maximize software re-use
  - MCAL / BSP
  - Applications
  - Guest OS / middleware / eco-system
- Hardware scaling up / down
  - Pin compatibility
  - Vendor roadmap
  - Product / chip family and variants
- Interchangeable parts
  - May not need to maintain old ECUs
  - May not need to stock up parts for over a decade
  - Used car factory options “retrofitting”
- Vendor complementary peripherals
  - Design optimized PMIC, Ethernet switches, transceivers...

# CHALLENGES AND PITFALLS

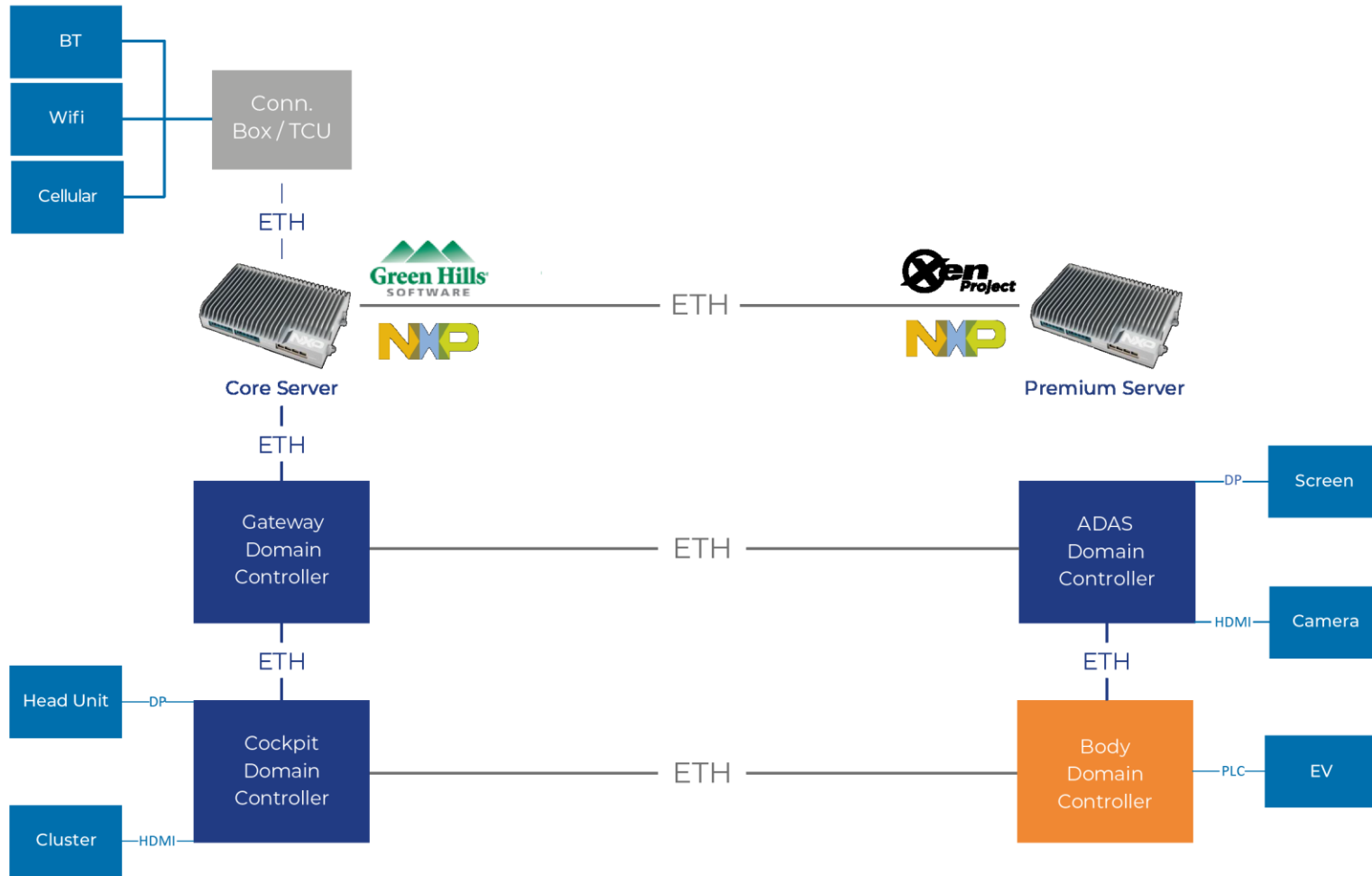
- Cost reduction
  - Across entire E/E
  - Vehicle lifecycle
- Not a traditional supplier engagement
  - Requires expertise - no general solution
  - Can't spec-out "make me have zonal"
- DMIPS performance rating
  - Accelerators and offloaders are left out
  - Today mostly a compiler optimizer benchmark

WHEN?



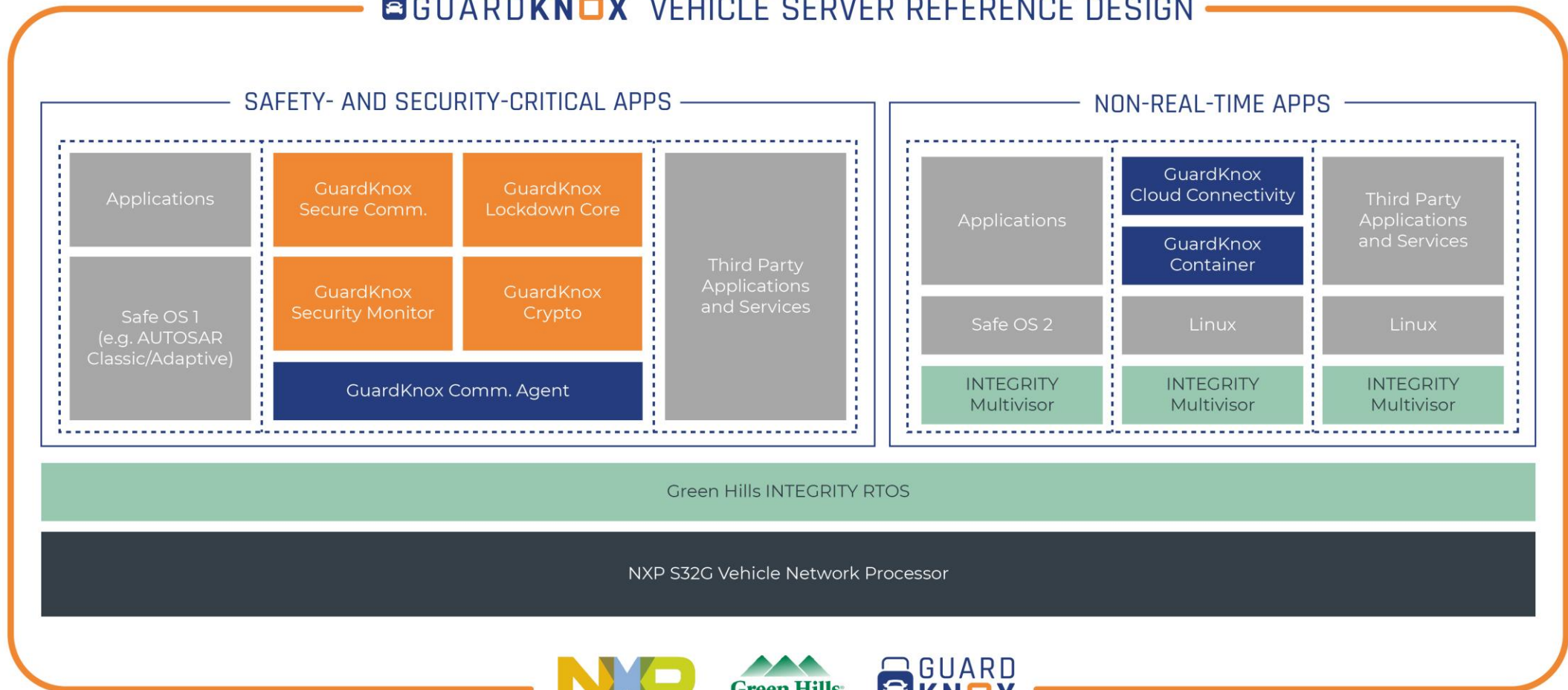


# GUARDKNOX ZONAL E/E ARCHITECTURE DEMO RACK SET-UP



# PARTNER MAPPING

## GUARDKNOX VEHICLE SERVER REFERENCE DESIGN



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