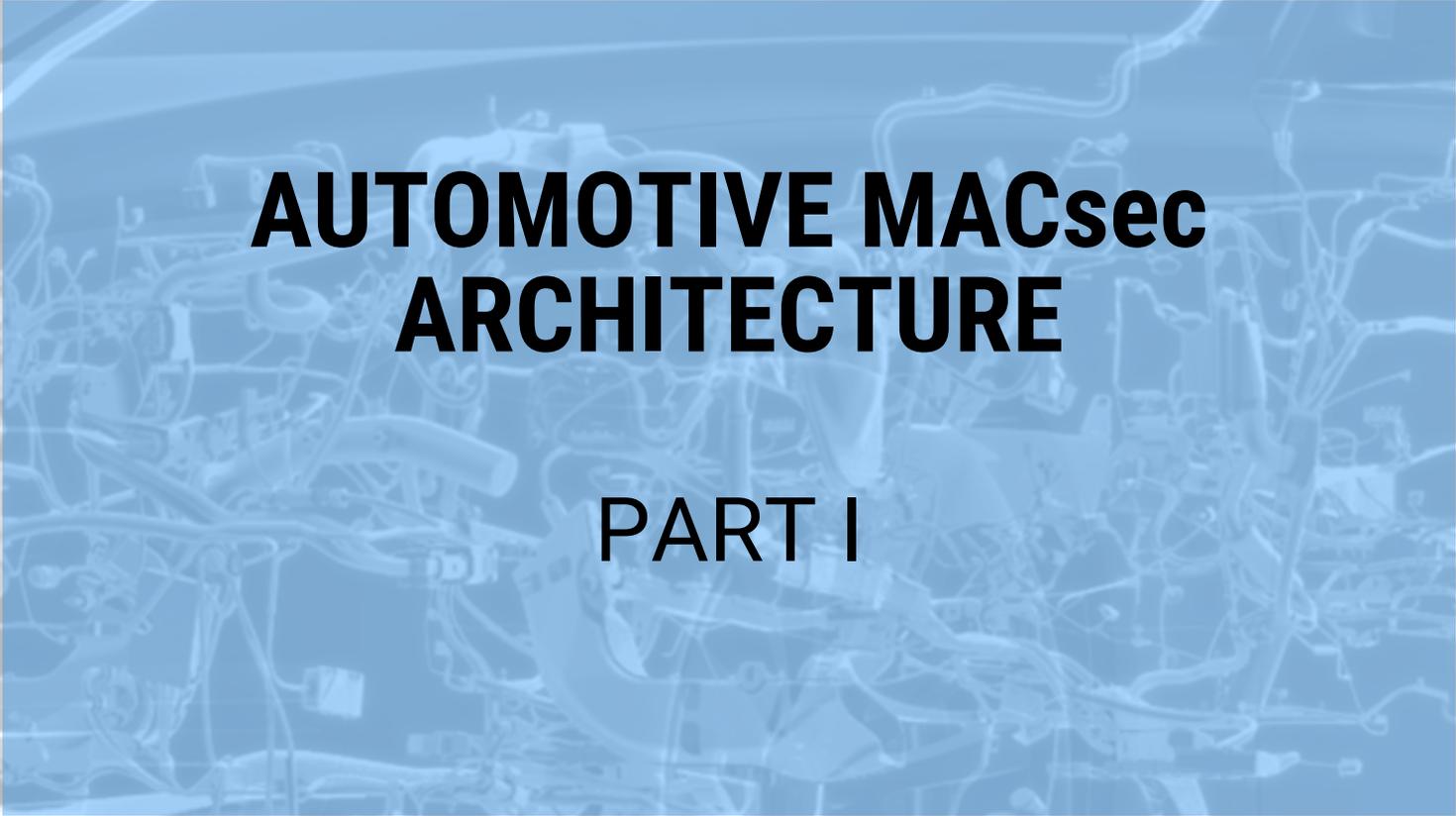


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## **PART I**

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# INCREASING FUNCTIONAL DEMANDS...

Electronic Injection  
Electronic Ignition  
Check Control  
Cruise Control  
Central Locking  
...

Electronic Transmission Control  
Electronic Climate Control  
ASC Anti Slip Control  
ABS Anti Lock Breaking System  
Telephone  
Seat Heating  
Automated Mirror  
...

Navigation System  
CD Changer  
Bus Systems  
ACC Active Cruise Control  
Airbags  
Dynamic Stability Control  
Adaptive Transmission Control  
Roll stabilization  
Xenon Light  
BMW Assist  
RDS/TMC  
Emergency Call  
Servotronic  
Electr. Dampener control  
OBD  
...

Brake Force Displ  
Adapt. Light Ctrl  
Telematics  
Online Services  
Bluetooth  
Car Office  
Local Hazard Integrated  
Safety Systems  
i-Drive  
LH2  
Personalization  
SW-Bugfixing  
AFS, Head Up Display,  
Car Comm.Comp,  
Efficient Dynamics  
...

ACC Stop&Go  
Internet Portal  
Telematics  
Online Services  
Car Office.  
Speed Limit Info  
Sideview-Camera  
Lane Assist  
3D Navigation with  
variable POI  
Infot. Features  
Engine Start-Stop  
Intelligent  
Generator Control  
Diagnostics Strategy  
New Logistics  
...

Electric Drivetrain  
Automated Driving  
Digitalization /  
Connectivity  
Integration Customer  
Eco Systems  
CarSharing  
Remote-SW-Upgrade  
Digital After Sales  
Pay-per-use- systems  
Online Services  
Ad-hoc-Connectivity  
LED-Light  
Personal Radio  
Preventive Diagnostics  
Field Data  
...

1970



1980



1990



2000



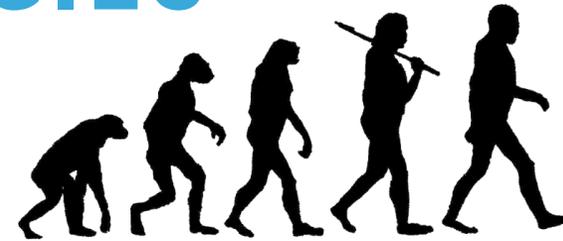
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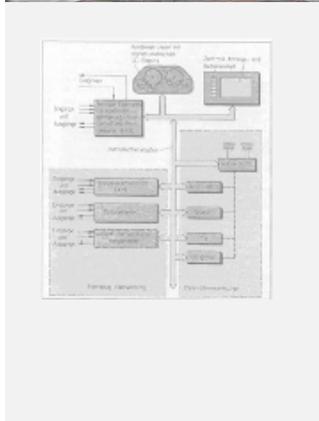
2020



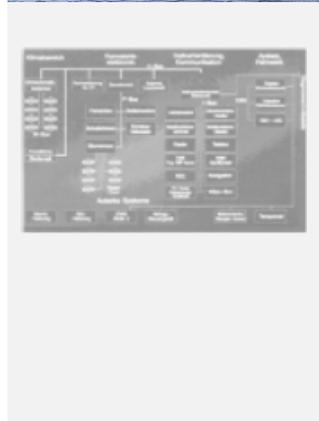
# ...LEAD TO A PROLIFERATION OF NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES



1986



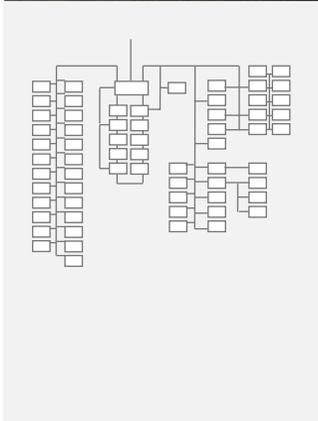
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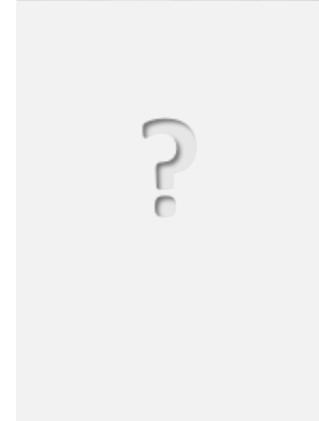
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Next Gen



# AUTOMOTIVE ETHERNET IS WELL-SUITED FOR ALMOST ALL ONBOARD USE CASES: “THE IP FAMILY IS GROWING”

Security is an expected quality for customers and of central importance to (emerging) legal regulation.



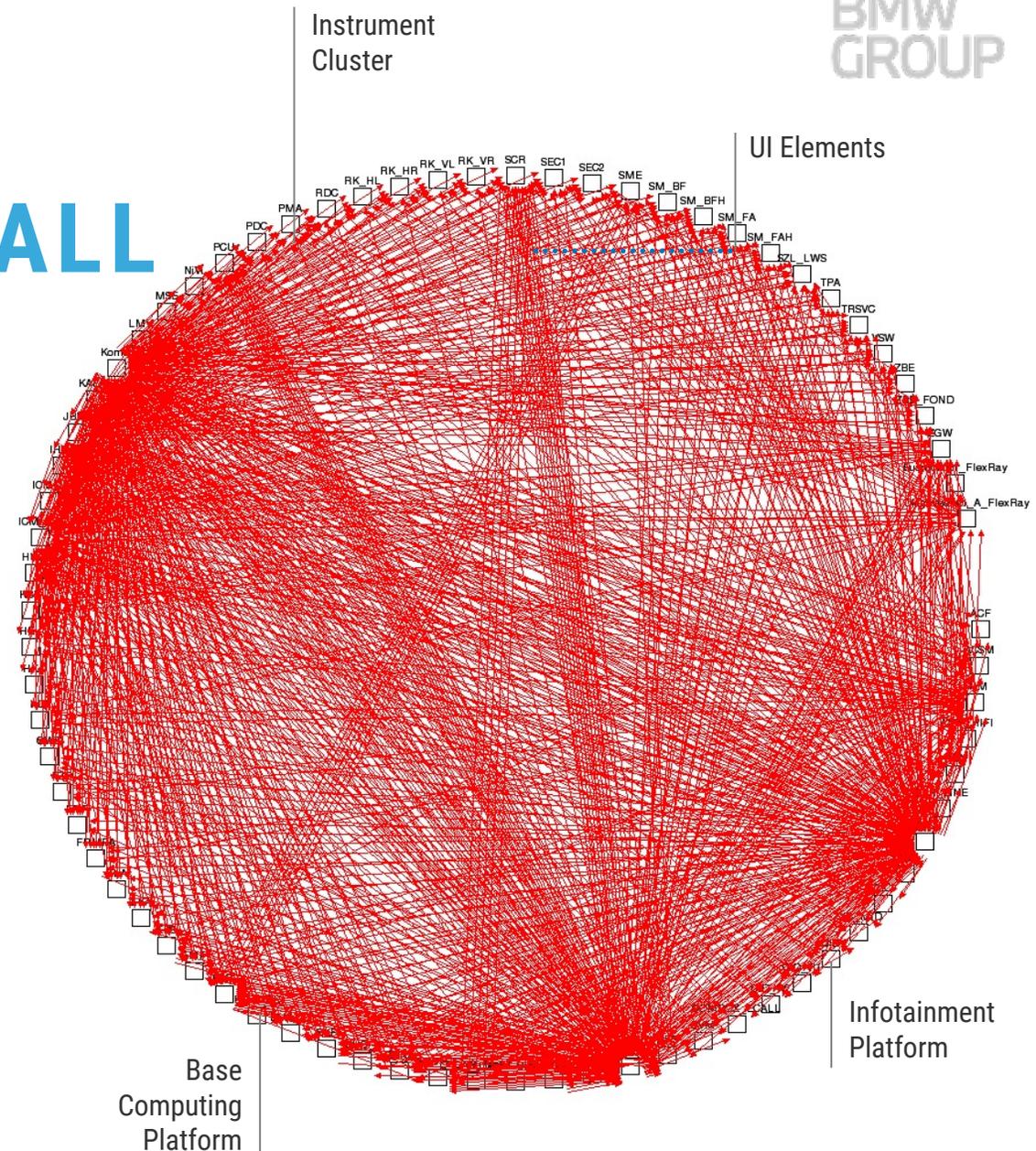
# END-2-END SECURITY MECHANISMS HIT A WALL

Scalability problems exist in particular for complex communication patterns and higher layers.

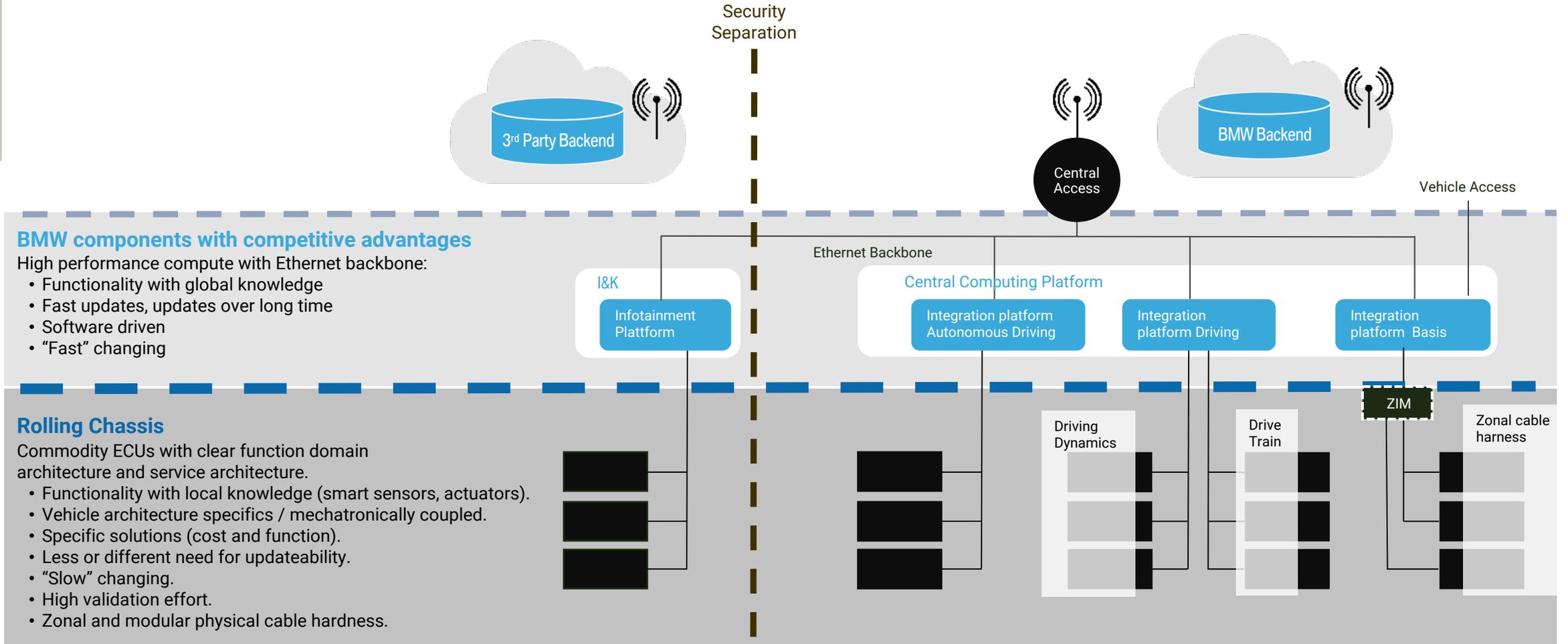
Function-oriented Security mechanisms are where we came from:

- Every individual risk analysis leads to individual mitigations
- SecOC, (D)TLS, and IPsec all offer dedicated protection

Is it time to push security to the „expected quality“ of protecting **all** onboard communication?



# NEXT GENERATION ARCHITECTURE (1)



## BMW components with competitive advantages

High performance compute with Ethernet backbone:

- Functionality with global knowledge
- Fast updates, updates over long time
- Software driven
- "Fast" changing

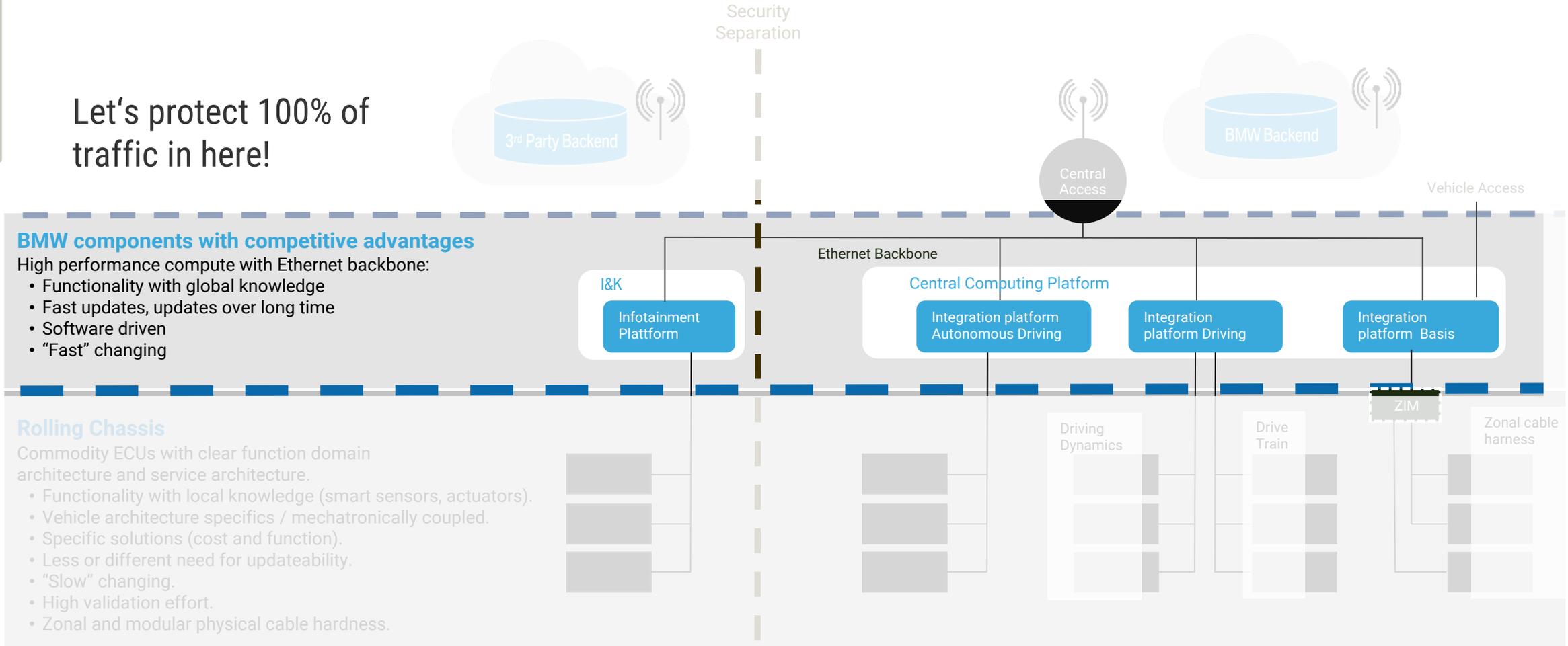
## Rolling Chassis

Commodity ECUs with clear function domain architecture and service architecture.

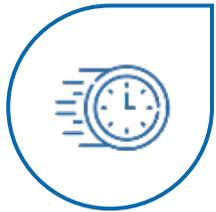
- Functionality with local knowledge (smart sensors, actuators).
- Vehicle architecture specifics / mechatronically coupled.
- Specific solutions (cost and function).
- Less or different need for updateability.
- "Slow" changing.
- High validation effort.
- Zonal and modular physical cable hardness.

# NEXT GENERATION ARCHITECTURE (2)

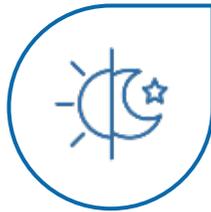
Let's protect 100% of traffic in here!



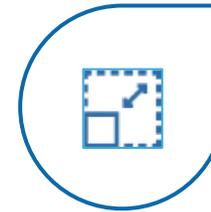
# CRITICAL RUNTIME REQUIREMENTS



Go for the fastest possible startup times (e.g., < 100ms)!



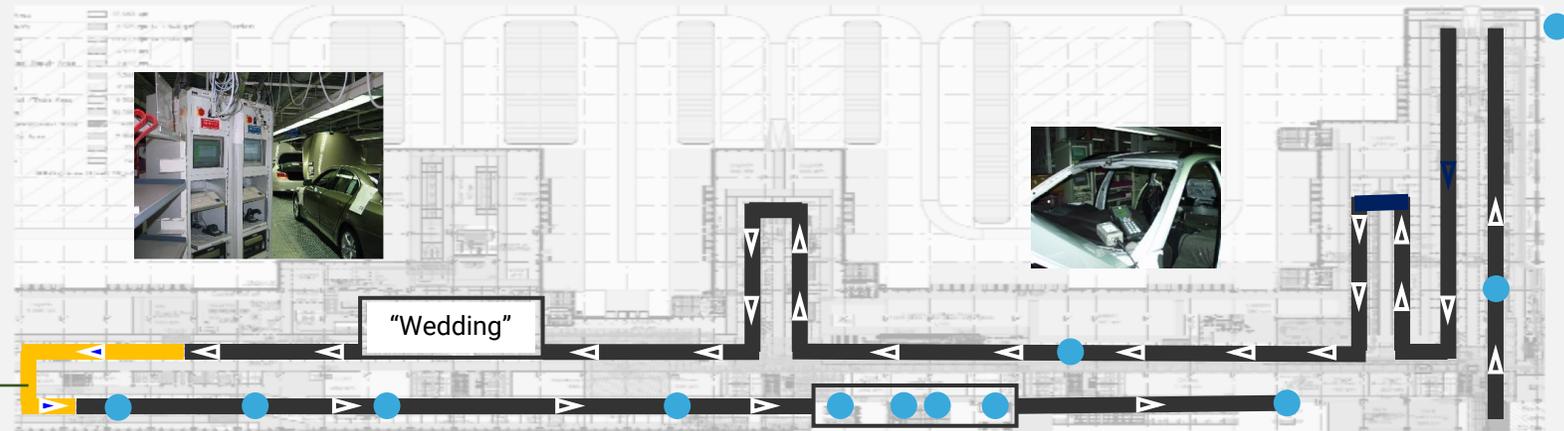
Plan for the car electronics to constantly going to sleep and to wake up!



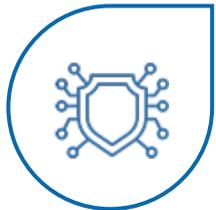
Make your solution scale for large networks with high connectivity!

# BUT WAIT! MANUFACTURING IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING ONLINE: A “NETWORK INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION” CHALLENGE ON THE CLOCK

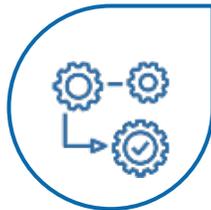
ECUs are powered on for < 10 minutes, do your thing here!



# REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT PRODUCTION AND SERVICE



Build the secure networks fully automated!



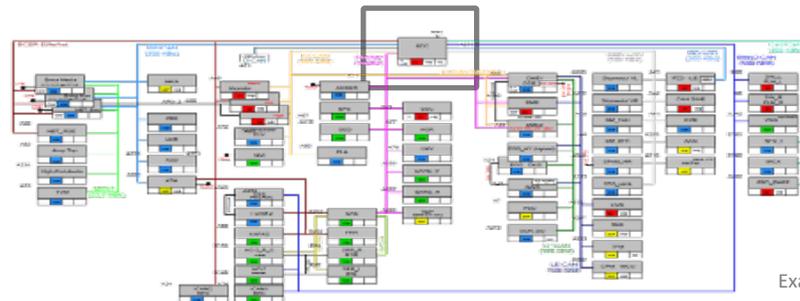
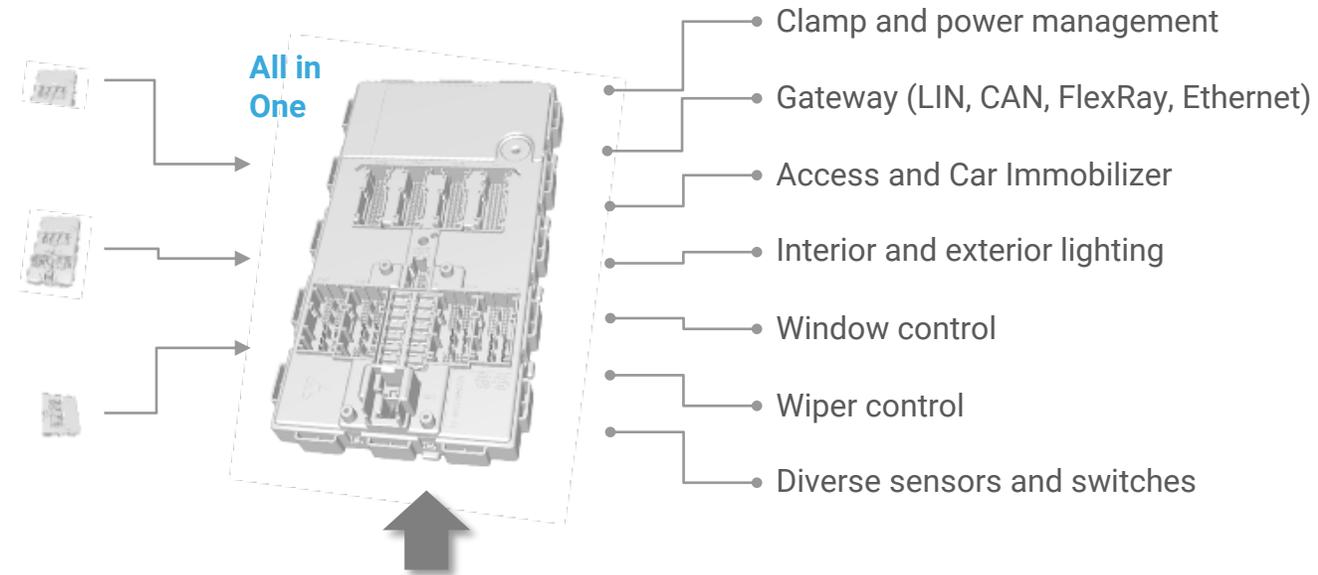
Have processes and systems robust and distributed!



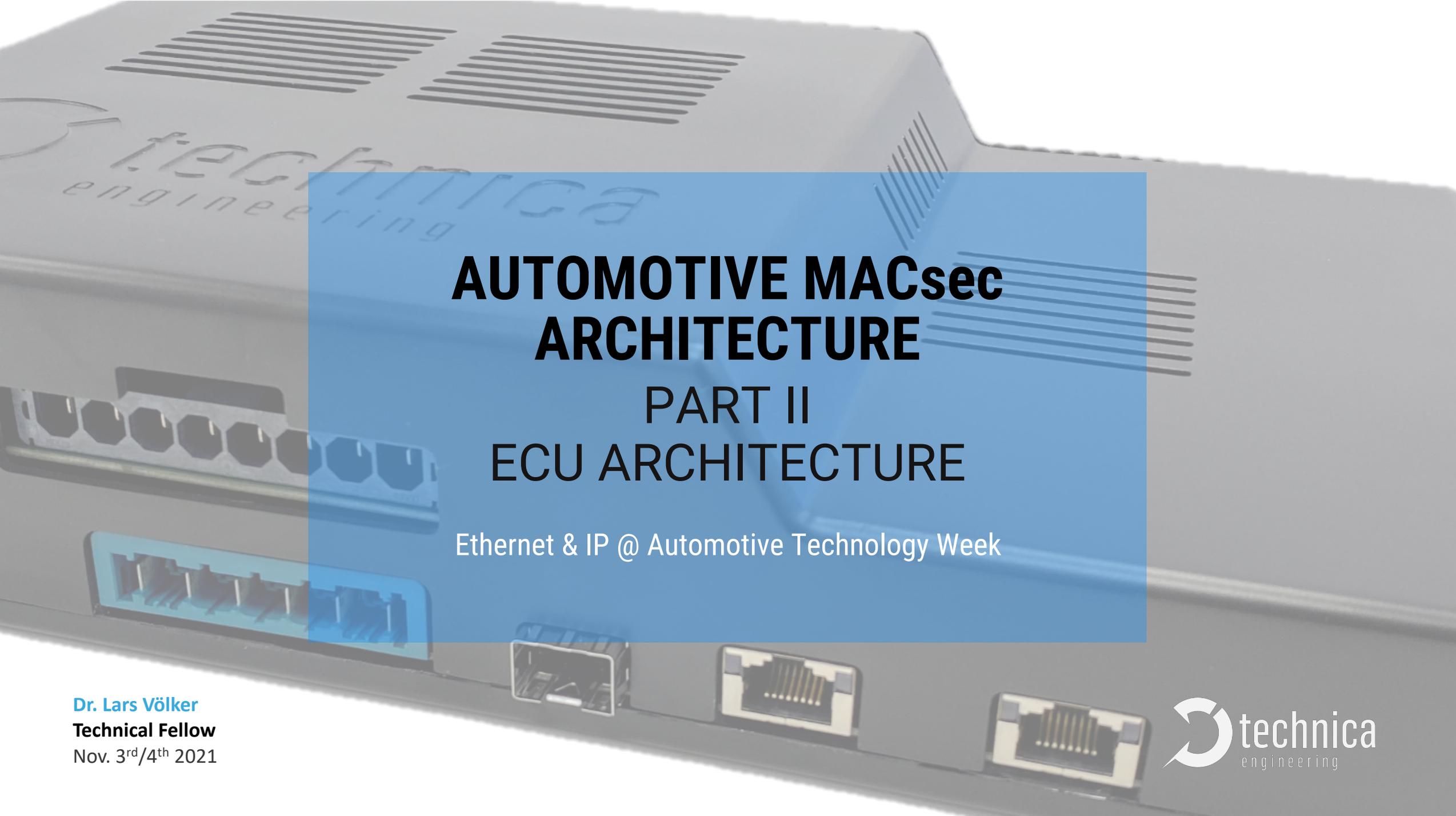
Design for an untrusted production environment!

# DEFENSE IN DEPTH IS NEEDED AGAINST ALL POSSIBLE ATTACK VECTORS

3000 Coding parameters  
2,4 Mio. Lines of Code  
310 Pins to harness  
Master of 130 LIN nodes



Example: Central ECU (2015)



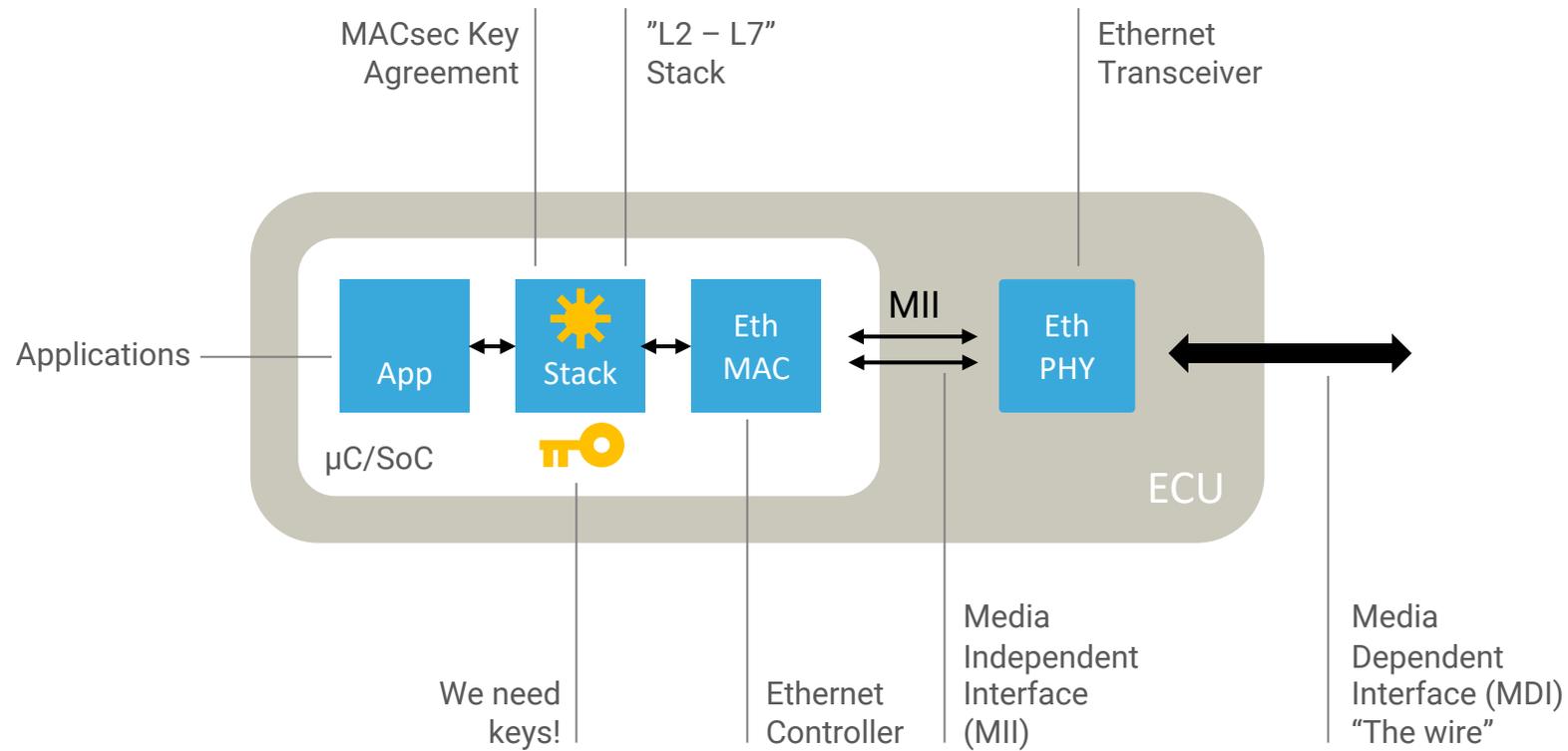
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## PART II ECU ARCHITECTURE

Ethernet & IP @ Automotive Technology Week

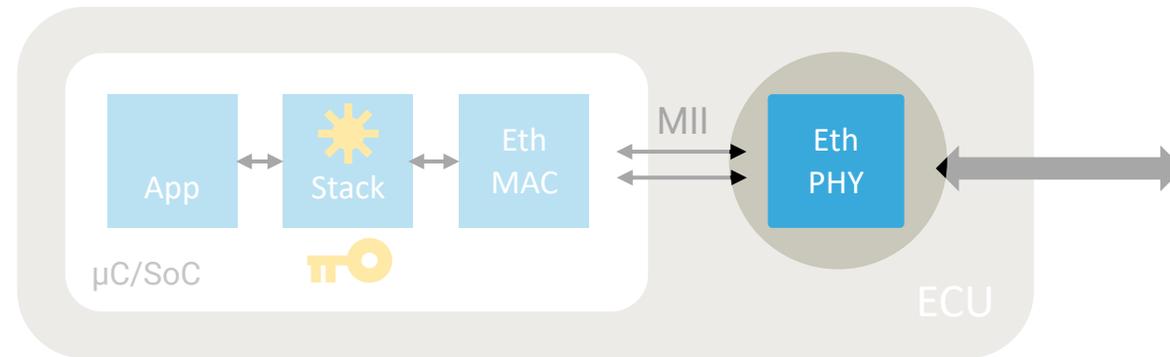
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# ECU ARCHITECTURE (1)



# ECU ARCHITECTURE (2)

## MACsec Placement



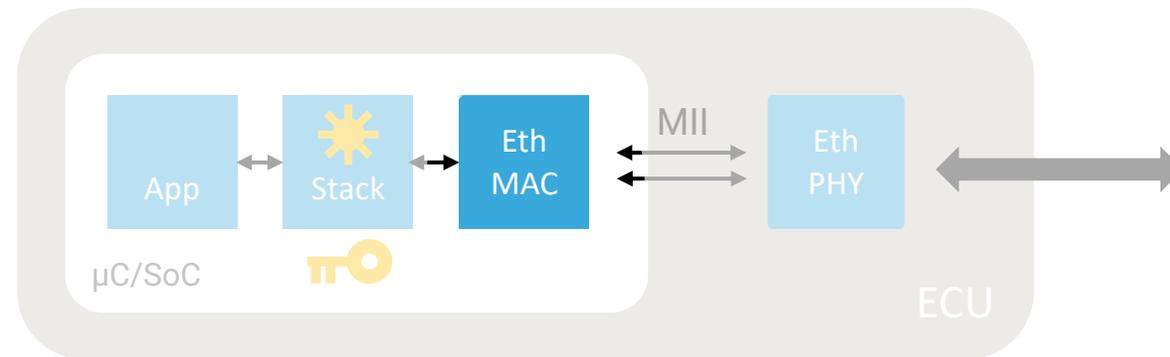
### Option “MACsec in the Ethernet PHY”

Available now.

Access to MII traces may be critical for high security use cases.

# ECU ARCHITECTURE (2)

## MACsec Placement



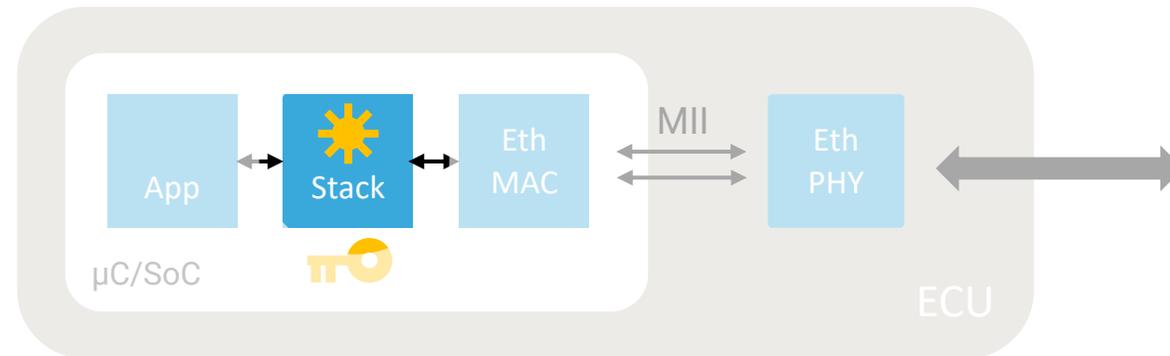
### Option “MACsec in the Ethernet MAC”

Best solution for ease and security.

Long adoption time for all μC/SoCs.

# ECU ARCHITECTURE (2)

## MACsec Placement



### Option “MACsec in Software”

Cost effective solution with hardware crypto.  
Performance of hardware crypto very critical.

# ECU ARCHITECTURE (3)

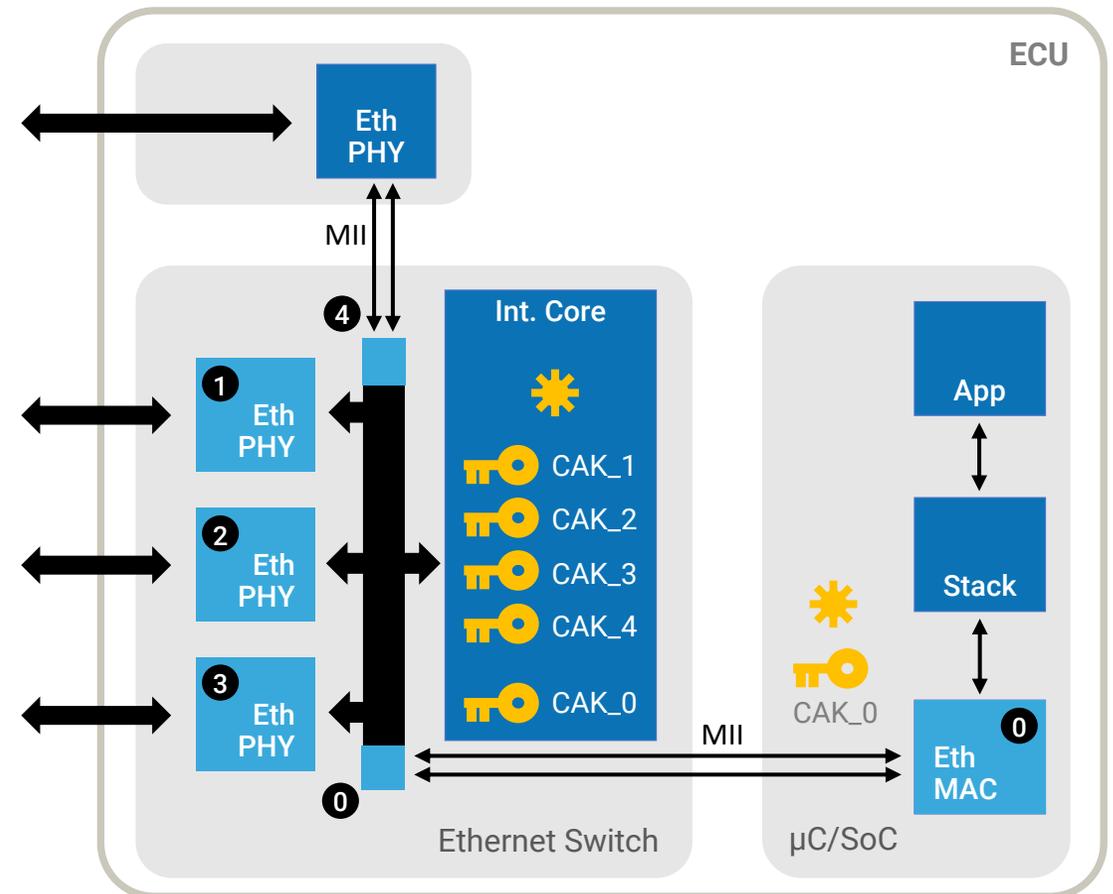
Each MACsec port needs a CAK

## Where to place MKA in Switch ECUs?

- On the Switch (integrated core)
- $\mu$ C/SoC (transport keys into switch)
- both

## More options

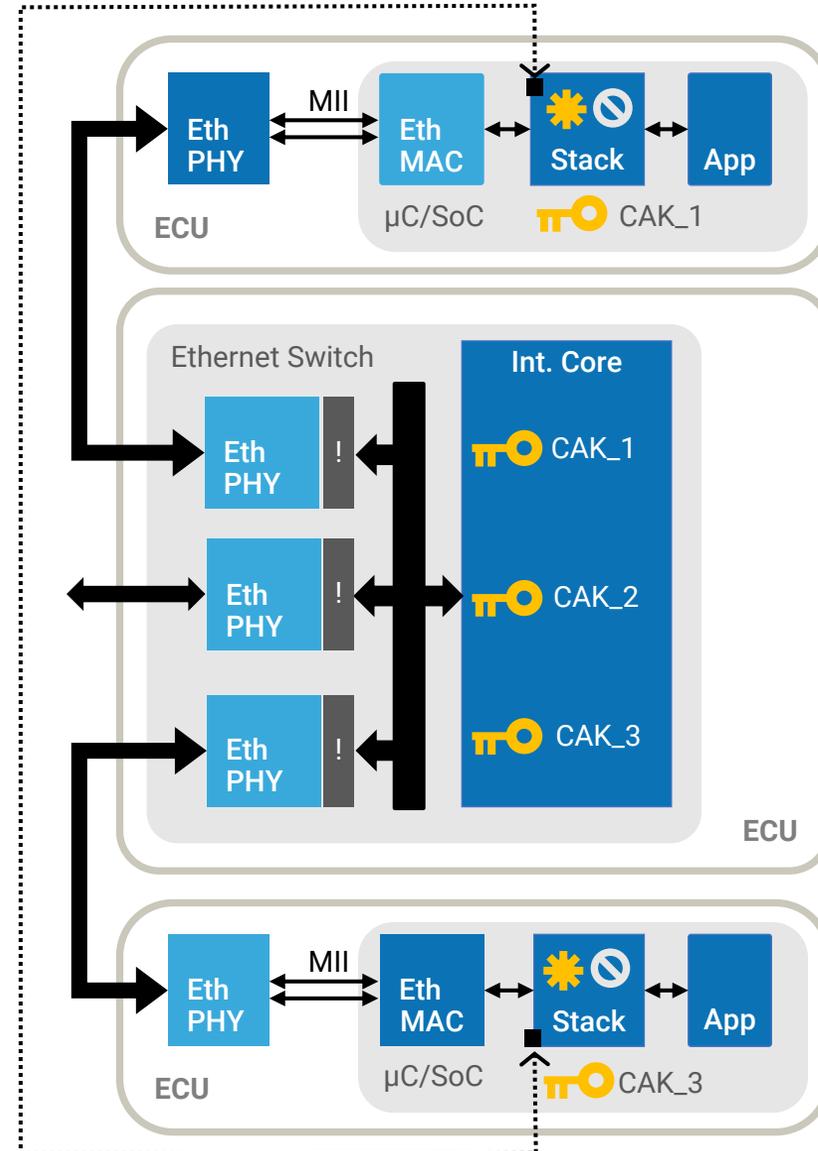
- ① MACsec between Switch and  $\mu$ C/SoC?
- ④ MACsec and External PHYs?



# DEFENSE IN DEPTH

## Important complementary solutions

- ! **Address Filtering on Switches**  
 Since switch ports are authenticated, strong address and VLAN filtering (layer 2 and 3) is possible and highly recommended. This stops address spoofing and unauthorized VLAN access.
  
- ⊘ **Access Control Lists (ACLs) on ECUs**  
 Without address spoofing, access control can be based on addresses.  
 For example, SOME/IP ACLs or regular packet filters in ECUs.
  
- **SecOC for selected communication**  
 Legacy to Ethernet, Secure Element to Application, etc.  
 Highly critical use cases (e.g., vehicle immobilizer).



# KEY INSTALLATION (1)

Challenge: Tester needs to install long term pairwise secret keys, here CAK\_1.

For security reasons, keys need to be vehicle individual.

This means that keys need to be installed after assembly.

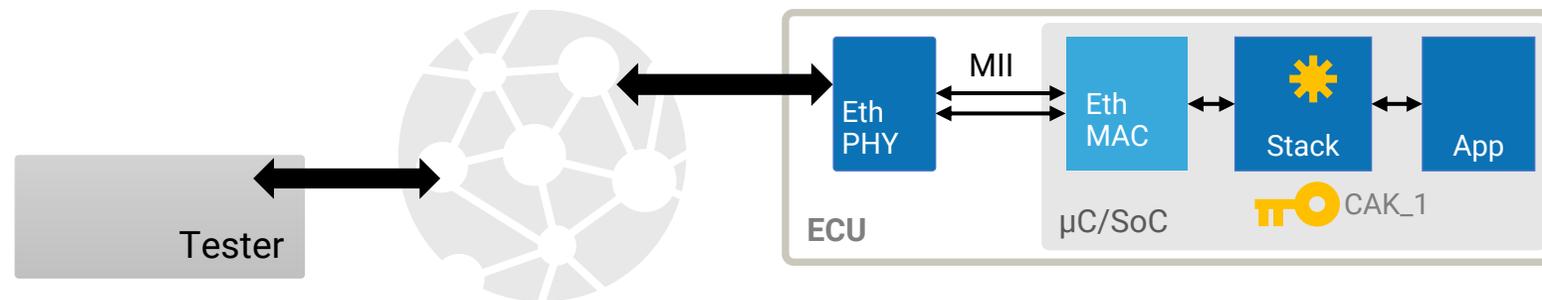
For this installation, diagnostics need to work for setting up MACsec keys.

Recommended solution:

Create bypass in MACsec implementation for certain bring up communication (e.g., via VLAN).

Allow needed diagnostic jobs for bring up here.

After key installation, MACsec can allow other communication.



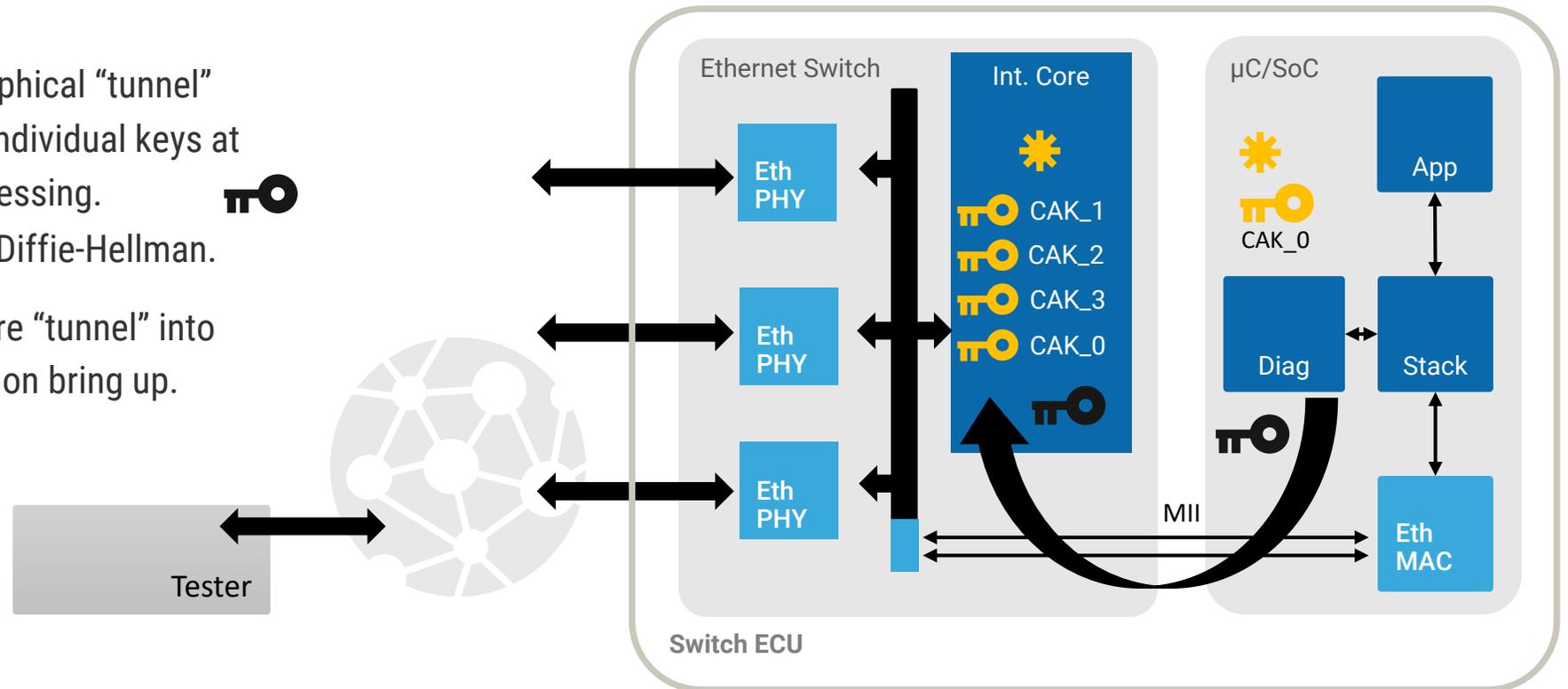
# KEY INSTALLATION (2)

On “Switch ECUs”, the diagnostics runs on the  $\mu$ C/SoC commonly, while the MKA could run on the switch.

Create a secure cryptographical “tunnel” between both chips with individual keys at the Tier-1 end of line processing.

For example: anonymous Diffie-Hellman.

Push CAKs over this secure “tunnel” into integrated core on Switch on bring up.



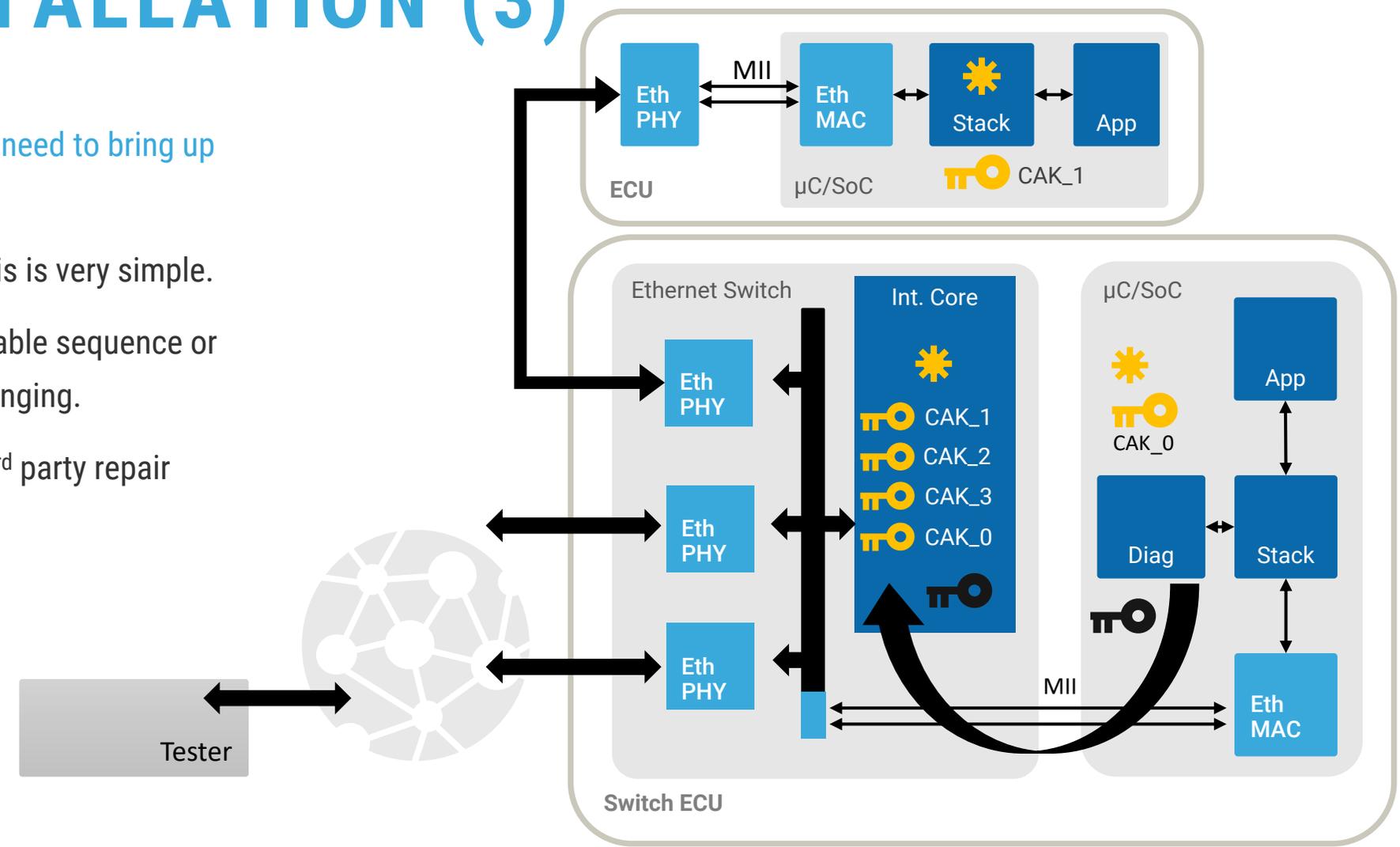
# KEY INSTALLATION (3)

And don't forget that you need to bring up both ends of link!

With a "bypass VLAN", this is very simple.

With a secure enable/disable sequence or similar, this can be challenging.

How much do you trust 3<sup>rd</sup> party repair shops?



# TESTING AND INTEGRATION

## Aspect 1: “Prototypes / A-samples”

Proof that MACsec fits your requirements!

## Aspect 2: “Testing MACsec”

Test cases and test suites for MKA.

Test cases and test suites for MACsec.

Hardware tools to enable MACsec testing.

## Aspect 3: “Trace analysis vs. MACsec”

Solution: “Authentication only MACsec”

Hardware tools to record communication.

Wireshark support since Wireshark 3.4.



<https://automotive-macsec.com>

# SUMMARY

## Automotive MACsec Architecture

### Automotive MACsec is ready:

- E/E Architecture and ECU Architecture can clearly be envisioned.
- Bring up of MACsec can be engineered to be secure, fast, and robust.
- MACsec promises outstanding performance that scales with link speed by design!
- Automotive MACsec requires optimized MKA!
  - Find details of automotive MKA and more here: <https://automotive-macsec.com>
- Automotive MACsec has been proven in prototypes and A-Samples.
- Testing, integration, and tools are ready.



Outlook: Any interest in defining a “Automotive Profile for MACsec”?



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