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A CASE STUDY ON MIGRATING TOWARDS FUNCTIONALLY SAFE ZONAL ARCHITECTURE USING MBSE

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Abstract

The increasing market demands in recent times are driving complexity in machines and their control architectures. To satisfy these demands, their architecture needs frequent updates and up-grades which in turn require significant efforts from architects. This paper presents a case study on **architecture migration** in automotive industry using **Model Based System Engineering (MBSE)** which will lend a helping hand in successfully rearchitecting any complex system.

The Automotive industry is currently undergoing a massive transformation towards software defined vehicles driven by **Connected, Autonomous, Shared and Electrification (C.A.S.E)**. This is possible only with the support of a robust and flexible vehicle Electrical and Electronics (EE) architecture. Taking the C.A.S.E driven transformation into consideration, the present domain control architecture is migrating towards zonal architecture.

This paper presents **RAZA (Rearchitecting Approach for Zonal Architecture)** which is based on the INCOSE defined technical process and ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015

Highlights

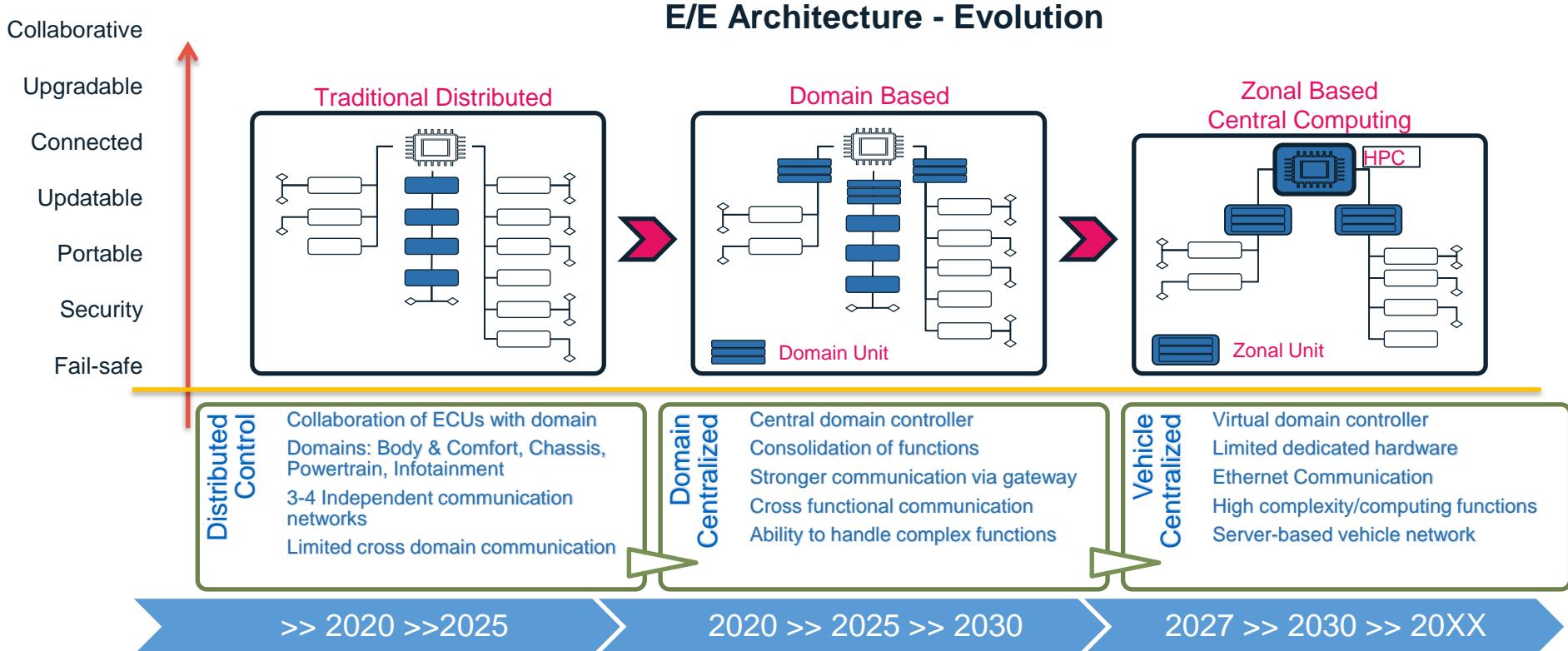
Topics to be covered





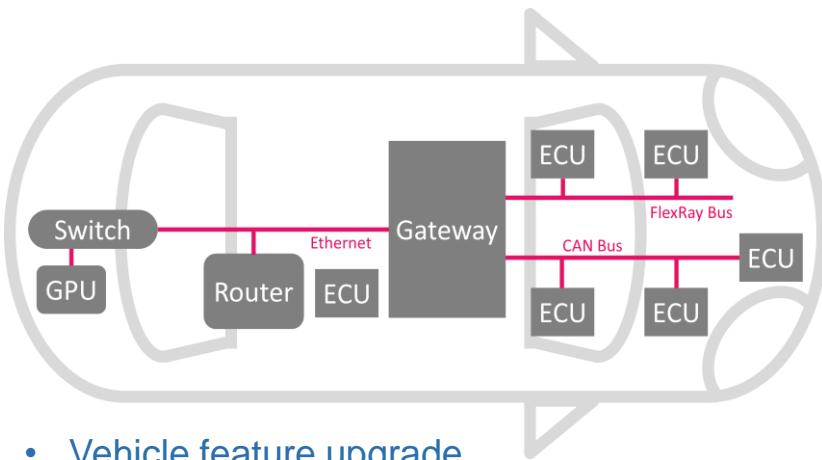
A. INTRODUCTION TO ZONAL ARCHITECTURE

Journey towards Next Gen E/E Architecture



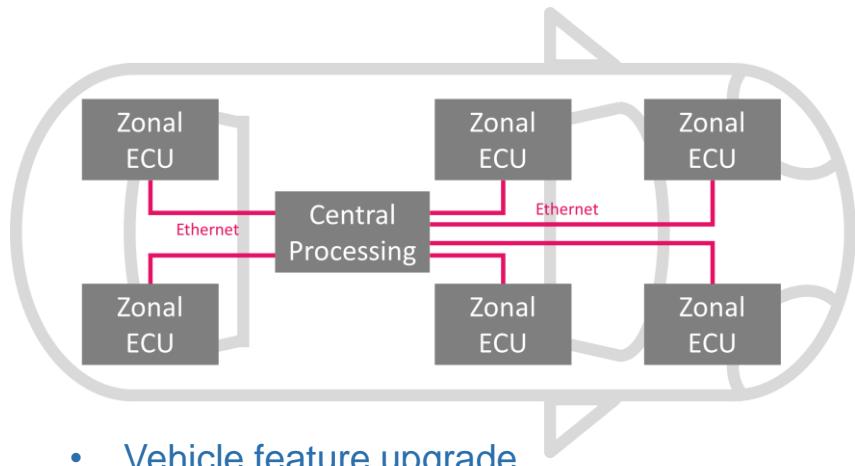
Comparison Legacy and Zonal Architecture

Legacy distributed architecture



- Vehicle feature upgrade
- Legacy software being tightly coupled
- Lack of portability
- The addition of new features increases wiring and thereby complexity of the vehicle system

Zonal architecture



- Vehicle feature upgrade
- Ease of maintenance and repair
- Eases component interchangeability.
- Eases addition of new vehicle feature



B. CHALLENGES OF RE-ARCHITECTING

Challenges of Re-Architecting

- Consolidation of legacy vehicle features.
- Impact analysis after legacy function distribution on performance of vehicle.
- Reusability of architecture elements.
- Traceability between legacy functions with next generation EE architecture elements.
- Maintaining different variants of same vehicle platform.
- Understanding the interdisciplinary interfaces and dependencies.

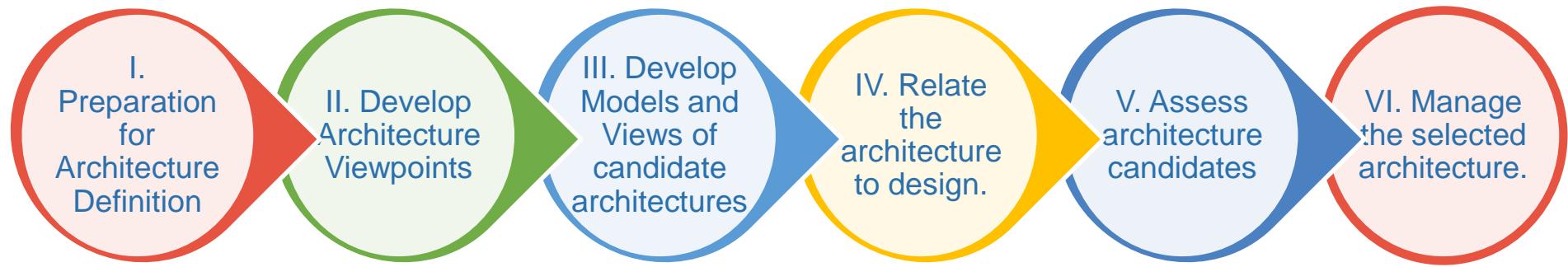


C. Defined Approach- RAZA

RAZA (Rearchitecting Approach for Zonal Architecture) approach

- RAZA (Rearchitecting Approach for Zonal Architecture) is
 - MBSE with systematic approach
 - Based on INCOSE system engineering guidelines
 - Implemented using Cameo Systems Modeler 19.0 SP3 tool.
- Deployed on body domain lighting features i.e.
 - Lighting features like Adaptive Head Lamp (AHL),
 - Lock-Unlock, Turn Indicator,
 - Driver Courtesy Lamp,
 - Interior Room Lamp.

RAZA - Steps



I. Preparation for Architecture Definition

1. Analyze stakeholder requirements - detailed study of the existing lighting features
2. Analyzing legacy System requirements, safety requirements etc.
3. Decide the strategy and roadmap to re-architecture -
 - Challenges of legacy architecture , fundamentals of zones and central computer
 - Tools and technologies required
 - Merits and Demerits of existing and new architecture
 - Brainstorming on key attributes for ex. Redundancy, Complexity, Robustness, Maintainability, Safety and Security, Reusability of zonal ECUs and central comp
 - Sub-systems which should go for re-architecture

I. Preparation for Architecture Definition

4. Defined and implemented steps for architecture migration

- Function distribution –
 - Developed consolidated functional architecture
 - Understanding the inputs, outputs, control(complexity of algo, processing bandwidth)
- Identification of the roles played by sensors, actuators, zonal ECU, and central computer and Interfaces between them.
- Move selected domain to zonal structural framework and repeat until all domains are completed.
- Architecture tradeoff and optimization (performance, safety, security, power consumption, weight).

II. DEVELOP ARCHITECTURE VIEWPOINTS

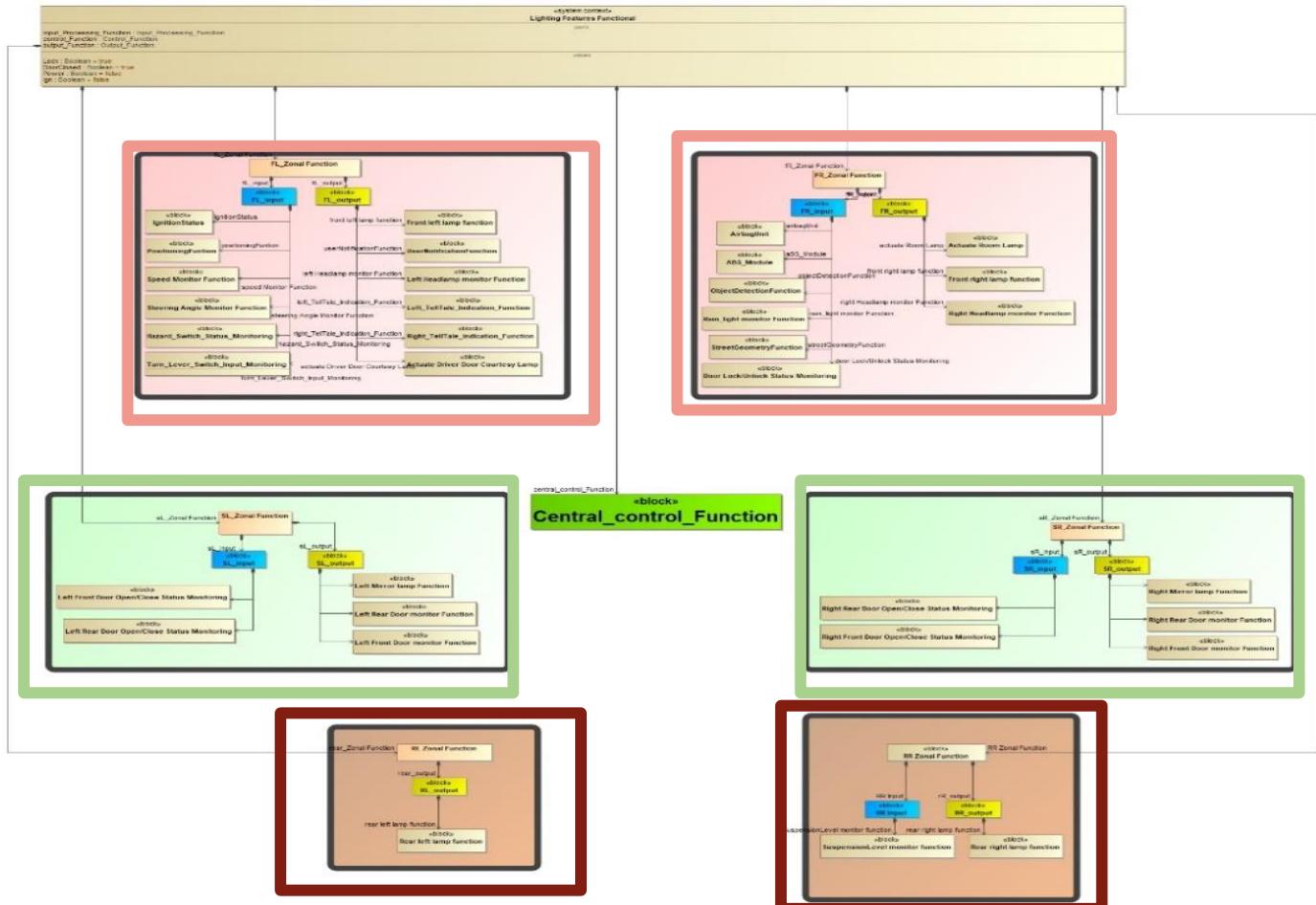
- Primary view of initial architecture of AHL(adaptive head lamp) vehicle feature with
 - Initial distribution of functions to zonal ECU and central computer
 - Study of architecture elements ex. Smart sensors and actuators study
 - Study of Multiple topologies of networking ex: Ring, Start etc.
 - Functional Safety consideration in the architecture
- Discussion with multiple stakeholders i.e., Domain and arch team, Component team, safety team, NW team

Initial Architecture View

Front Zone

Side zone

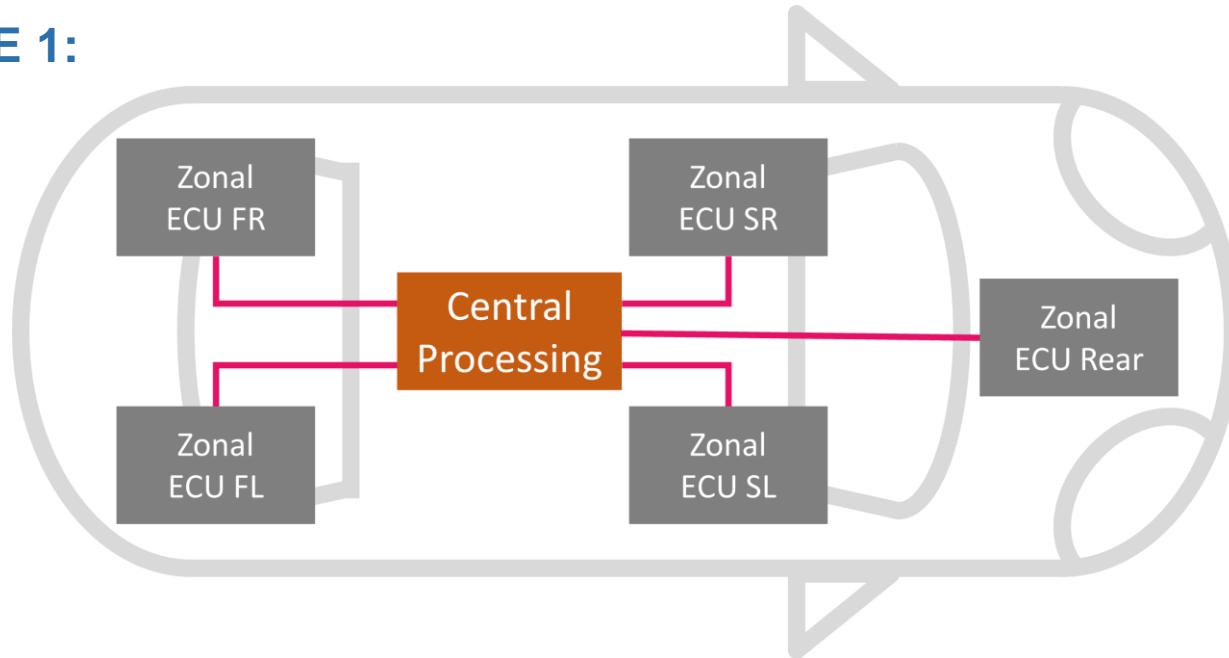
Rear Zone



III. DEVELOP MODELS AND VIEWS OF CANDIDATE ARCHITECTURES

1. ARCHITECTURE 1:

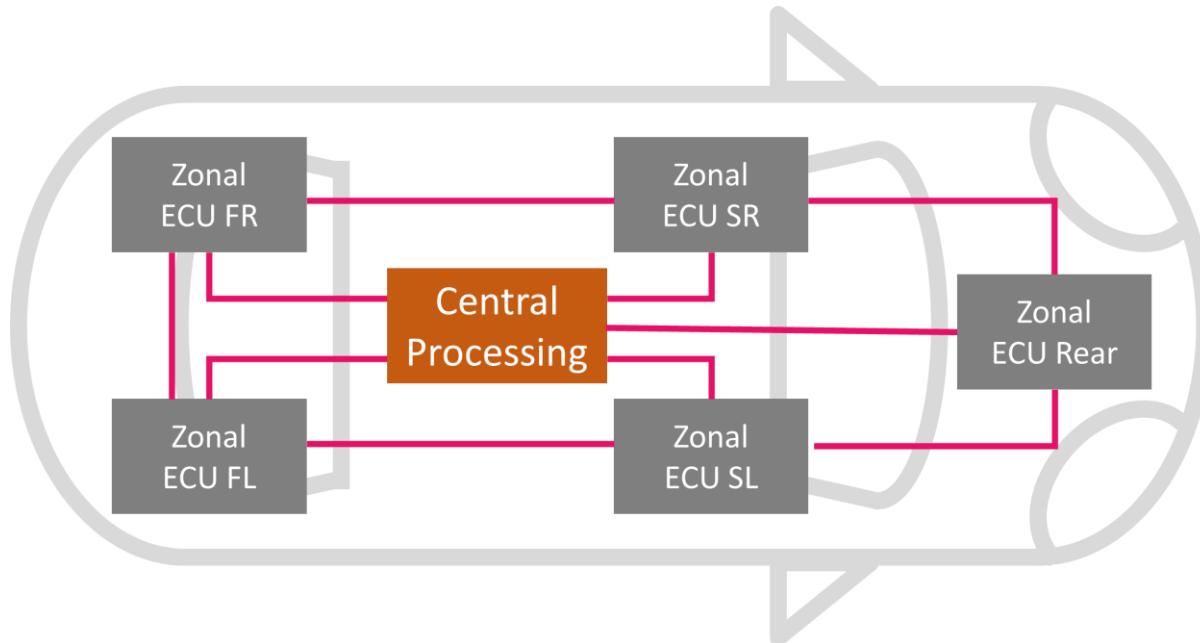
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- 1 Central Comp
- Star Topology



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2. ARCHITECTURE 2:

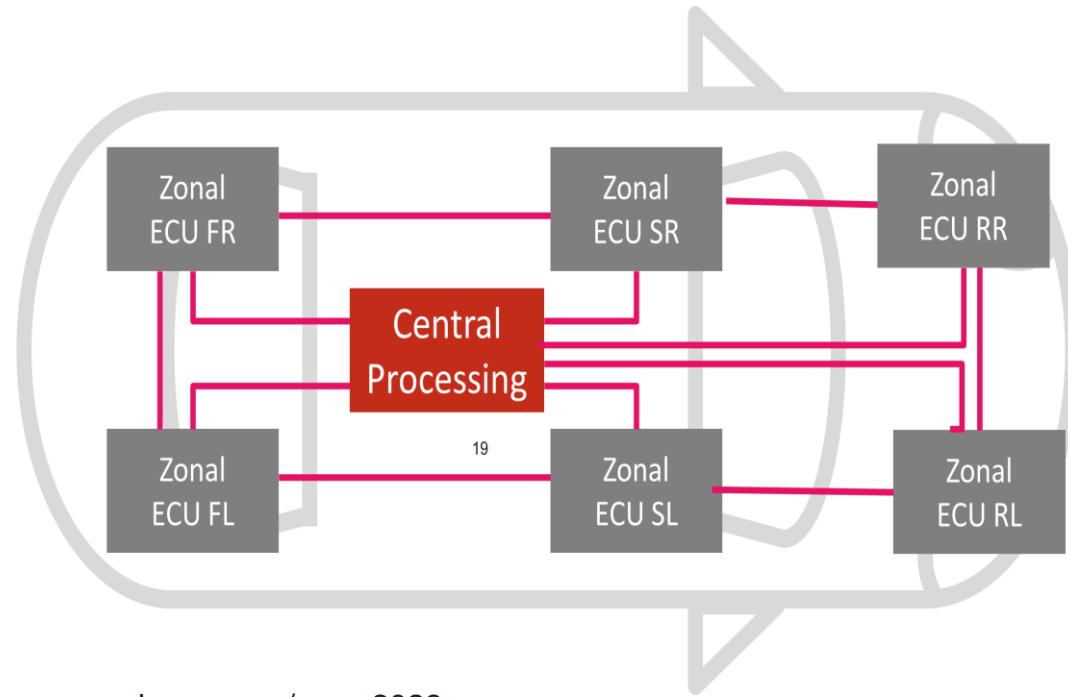
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- 1 Central Comp
- Star and Ring Topology



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3. ARCHITECTURE 3:

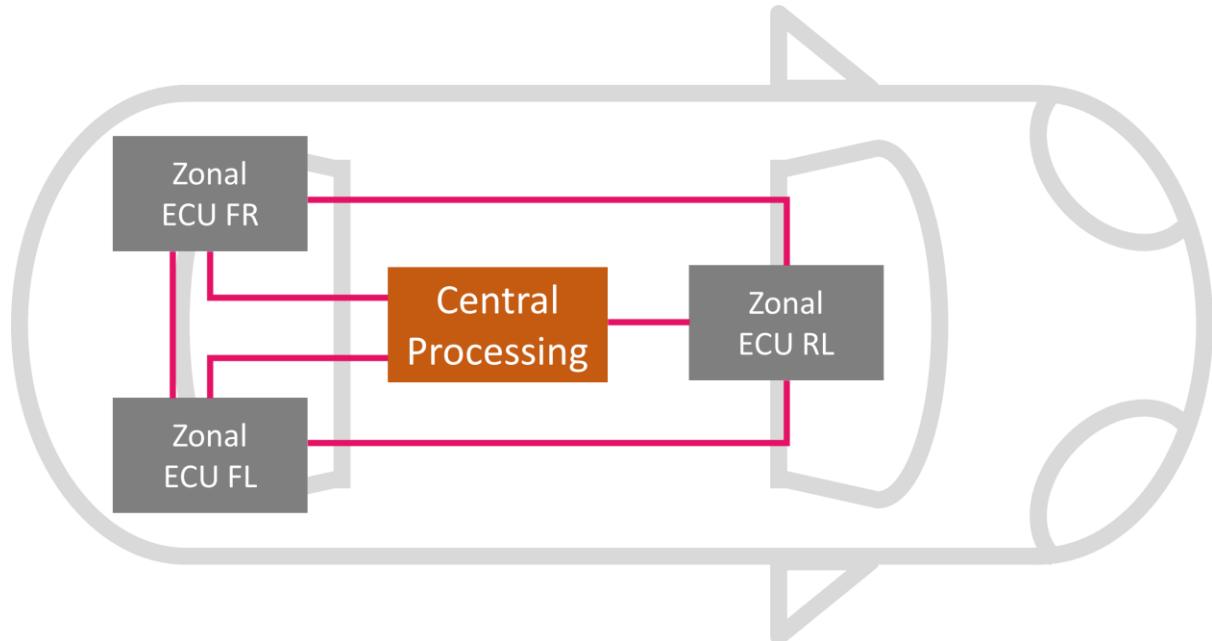
- 6 Zonal ECU
- 1 Central Comp
- Star and Ring Topology



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4. ARCHITECTURE 4:

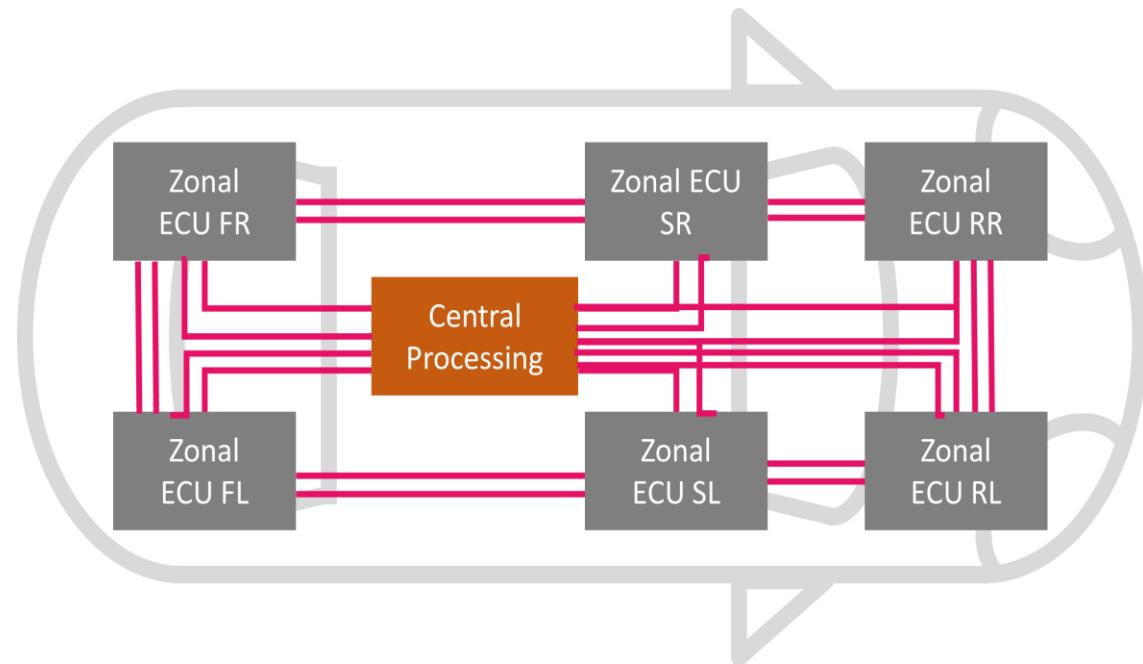
- 3 Zonal ECU
- 1 Central Comp
- Star and Ring Topology



III. DEVELOP MODELS AND VIEWS OF CANDIDATE ARCHITECTURES

5. ARCHITECTURE 5:

- 6 Zonal ECU
- 1 Central Comp
- Double Ring Topology



IV. RELATE THE ARCHITECTURE TO DESIGN:

- Mapping of Sub system elements with components
- System requirements were refined
- Replacing individual legacy actuators with smart actuators wherever it was required
- Defined Interfaces between all Zonal ECU and Central Computer
- Interface Automotive Safety Integrity Level (ASIL) allocation to signals
- Traceability with architecture elements

Criteria

Element Type: Connector Context: 04_IBD_System_ICD Filter:

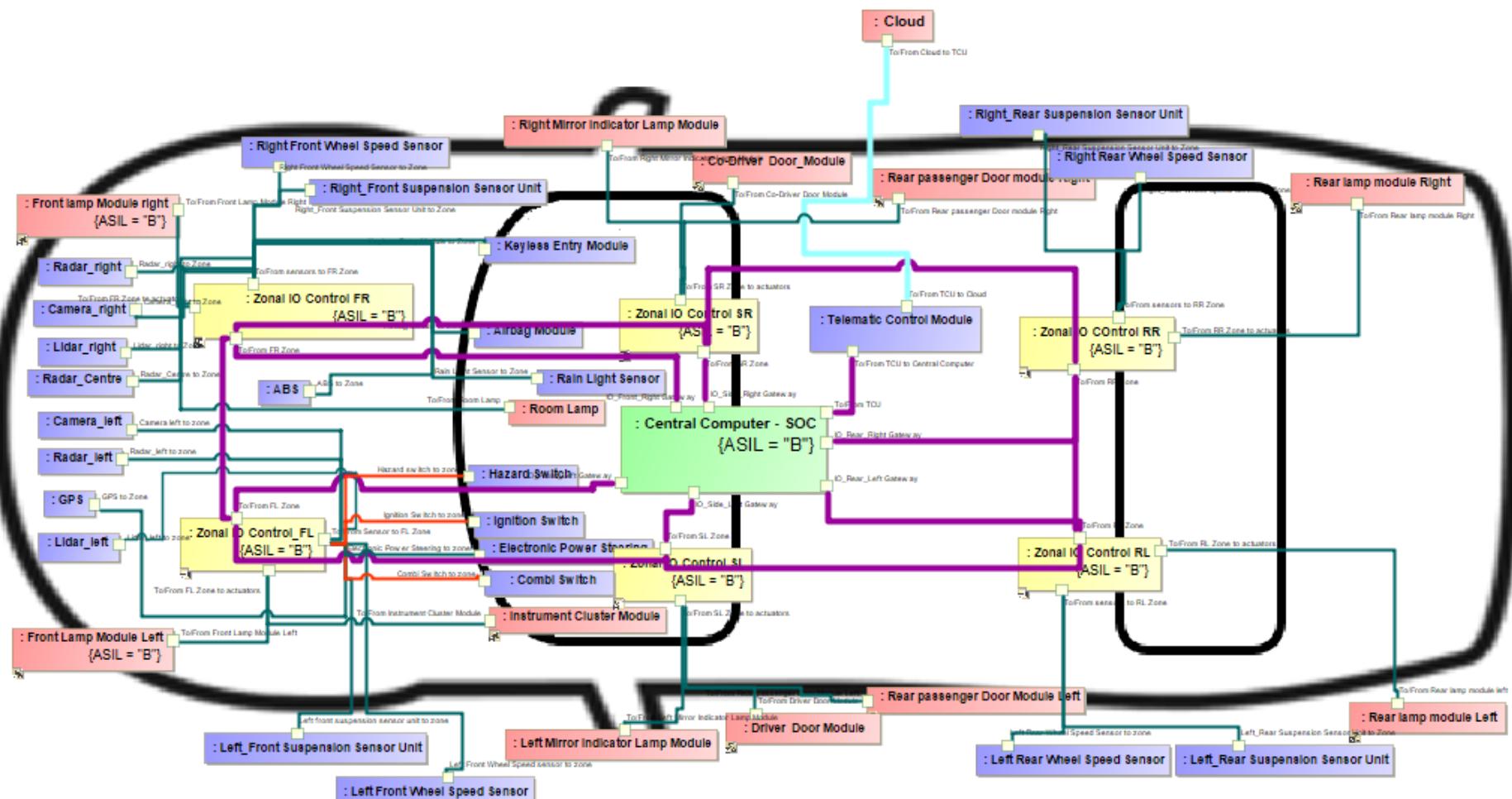
#	Part A	Port A	Item Flow	Port B	Part B	Signal_ASIL
1	: Rain Light Sensor	Rain Light Sensor to Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Visibility_data ► Rain_data ► Feedback_Rain_Light_data 	To/From sensors to FR Zone	: Zonal IO Control_FR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ASIL = B +ASIL = QM +ASIL = B
2	: Combi Switch	Combi Switch to zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Headlamp_off ► Low beam ► High beam ► indicator_left_up ► indicator_right_down ► indicator_off 	To/From Sensor to FL Zone	: Zonal IO Control_FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ASIL = QM +ASIL = QM +ASIL = QM +ASIL = A +ASIL = A +ASIL = A
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V. ASSESS ARCHITECTURE CANDIDATES:

- Identification of key decision criteria for ex. portability, safety, modularity, portability, Latency etc.
- Selection of one architecture as a reference architecture
- Architecture evaluation using a qualitative decision matrix and defined criteria.

V. ASSESS ARCHITECTURE CANDIDATES:

#	Name	ARCH1	ARCH2	ARCH3	ARCH4	ARCH5
1	CAN & ETHERNET COMPARATIVE STUDY	+	0	0	+	-
2	REUSABILITY OF ZONES AND CENTRALIZATION	0	0	0	0	0
3	PORTABILITY	0	0	0	0	0
4	MODULARITY	0	0	0	-	0
5	SCALABILITY	0	0	0	0	0
6	FLEXIBILITY	-	-	0	-	0
7	REDUNDANCY	-	0	0	0	+
8	INTERFACES	0	0	0	0	0
9	COMPLEXITY	+	0	0	0	-
10	ROBUSTNESS	-	0	0	0	0
11	MAINTAINABILITY	+	0	0	-	-
12	Safety and Security	-	0	0	0	+
13						
14	Sum of +	3	0	0	1	2
15	Sum of -	4	1	0	3	3
16	Sum of 0	5	11	12	8	7
17	Netscore ((Sum of +) - (Sum of -))	-1	-1	0	-2	-1
18	Rank	2	2	1	3	2



VI. MANAGE THE SELECTED ARCHITECTURE

- Refinement of
 - System and sub-system requirements
 - Technical safety requirements (TSR)
 - Architecture
- End to end traceability
- Reviews with relevant stakeholders and domain experts

Legend

↗ DeriveReact



D. CONCLUSION

Advantages of RAZA approach



- Better visualization of functional redistribution



- Easy cross functional team interactions
- Single central knowledge base



- Impact analysis



- Faster design and tradeoff analysis
- Reduction of development time



E. FUTURE WORK AND LIMITATION

Future scope –RAZA deployment

- Deployment in multiple integrated domains.
- Use of formal methods for trade study
- Formal analysis method to know the number of HPCs required, their performance and safety characteristics when integrated
- Simulating and early validation of
 - The appropriate portioning of functionalities in the HPC for optimal performance and safety goals.
 - Variant management of features and its various permutation and combinations in a single vehicle platform.
 - Network bandwidth and its performance and safety assessment when loaded with actual real time sensor and actuator data.
- Incorporation of SOA (Service Oriented Architecture)



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