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# Software Defined Vehicle: behind the “Smartphone on wheels” claim, ... a multidimensional system challenge!

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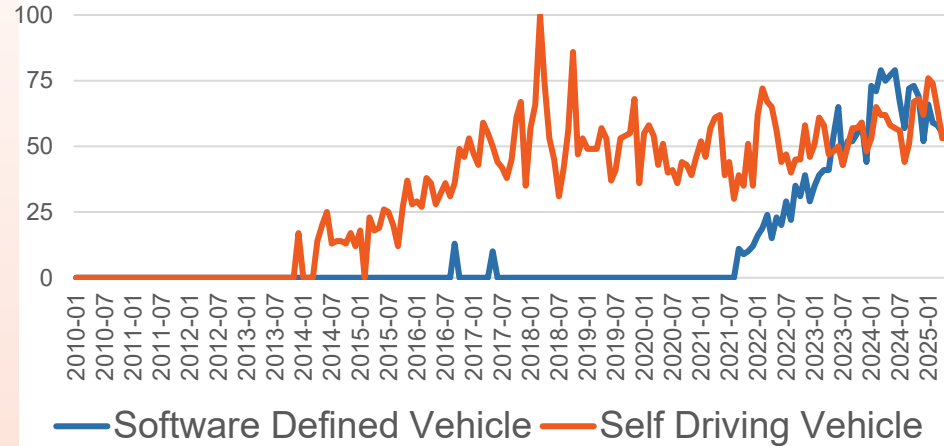
# Which SDV is the most famous ;-)?

**Software Defined Vehicle**

VS

**Self Driving Vehicle**

Google trends : SDV or SDV ?



% wrt max month, All countries, smaller numbers with S-DV

# Hello.



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# Our presentation's « context »

- Fully embedded in the 6 Vision 2035 Megatrends
- 2 workstreams started mid-2024 in AWG :
  - SE for Software Defined Vehicle
  - SE and Service Oriented Architecture
- ... « Those are not only software topics! »

## INCOSE Vision 2035



**exponential growth of software  
in the automotive industry**

## Software Defined Vehicle

**SE4SDV**

**SE&SOA**

**INCOSE Automotive WG**

# Does SDV really fit to this?



# 3 main themes

grouping of « SDV disruptions »

... different System challenges !

More detail in [appendix](#)

**SDV relies on several Software & Hardware (Electronic) advances**

**SDV significantly improves customer value**

**SDV revolutionizes business models**

# What even is SDV?

More than a car...

More than software...

An evolving, rolling

habitat in a value-

focused mobility ecosystem...

<https://blackberry.qnx.com/en/forms/wp-beyond-the-edge>

<https://www.pwc.com/jp/en/knowledge/column/definition-of-sdv.html>

<https://www.renaultgroup.com/en/magazine/technology/all-about-software-defined-vehicle/>

[https://web.archive.org/web/20240716201926/https://www.bosch-mobility.com/media/global/mobility-topics/mobility-topics/software-defined-vehicle/download/231019\\_sdv\\_ebook.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20240716201926/https://www.bosch-mobility.com/media/global/mobility-topics/mobility-topics/software-defined-vehicle/download/231019_sdv_ebook.pdf)

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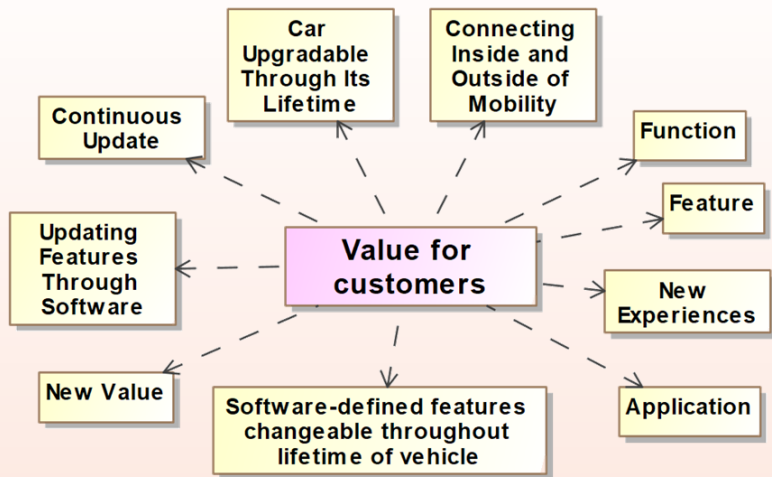
integrate  
new experiences  
software-defined features  
changeable through lifetime  
non-safety domain  
enhance functions  
ecosystem  
new value  
feature  
updating features  
domain update  
safety domain  
continuous update  
upgrade through lifetime  
connecting inside and outside of mobility  
software-enabled features  
centralized architecture  
software at core  
new applications

**Concepts** appearing in 3 definitions of SDV  
from BlackBerry QNX, PWC and Renault

**Note** Terms shown in word cloud are not weighted.

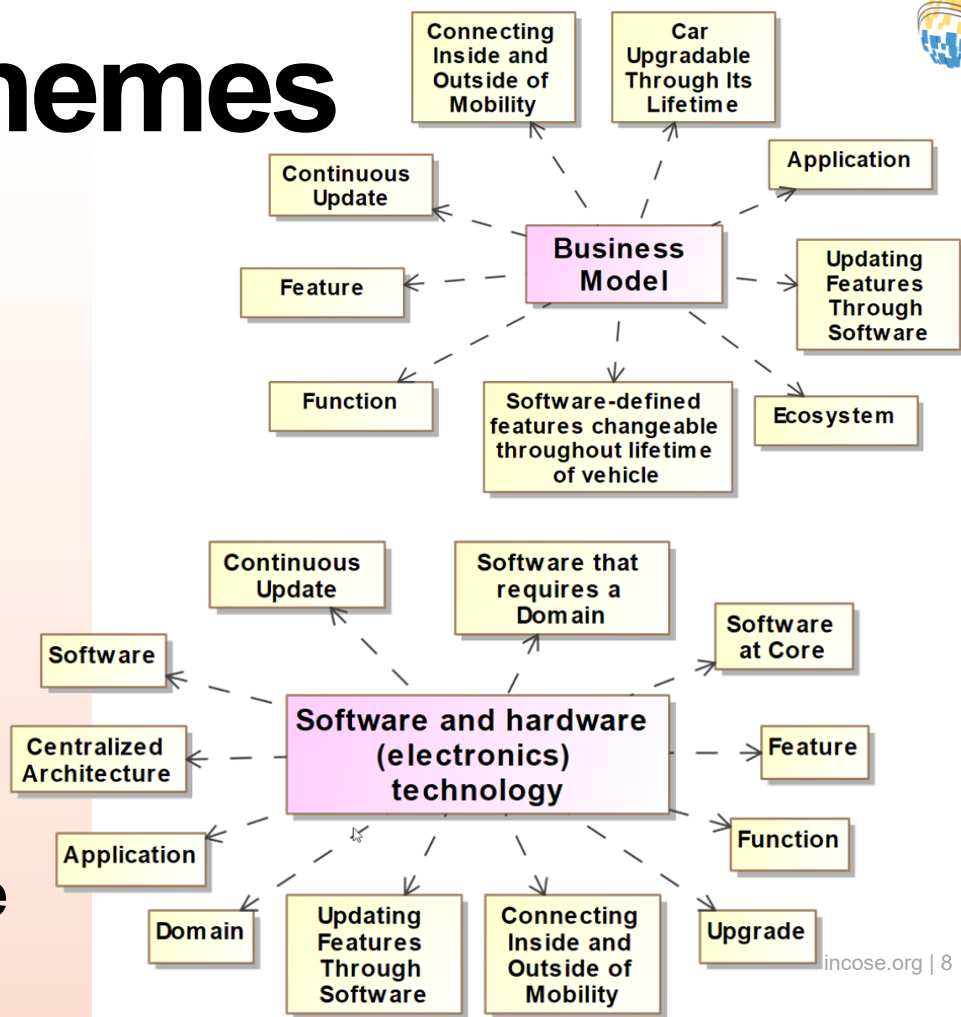
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# Concepts-themes



Mapping **concepts** from definitions to the 3 identified SDV **themes** in the literature review

Other elements in [appendix](#)





# Anything to learn from other « SDx » ?

we looked at 3 other « Software Defined something » that occurred in the past

**SD Radio**

**SD Wristwatch (Smartwatch)**

**SD Architecture**

Other elements in [appendix](#)

# Smart (SD) Wristwatch

Smart watches squashed the middle of the market.

Seiko is a conspicuous example of a company that used to be famous for “Nice, high-quality product at a reasonable price.”

Rather than go out of business, they scrambled to rebrand as luxury jewelry.

Apple can command \$400. Most of the market is now down around \$100 with some examples as cheap as \$21.59.



Patek Philippe  
Worldtimer *Guilloché* Ref. 2523/1:

**\$5.5 million**

Luxury (Mechanical!)



Grand Seiko Japan Four Seasons Special  
Edition Shunbun Spring Dial SBGA413:

**\$6,600**



**Rapidly Disappearing  
Market Segment!!**

**\$6000**



**\$400**



Apple Watch Series 9 [GPS + Cellular, 41mm]:

**\$393.03**

Software Defined



Generic Smartwatch

**\$21.59**



# Software Defined xxx ... learnings for the Auto Industry?

Obviously software and connectivity are becoming of paramount importance in many domains (SDx, “Smart”, “IoT”, ...)

Any more precise learning?

No consensus!!

“any similarity is purely coincidental”?

vs

“maybe something, need to go deeper”?

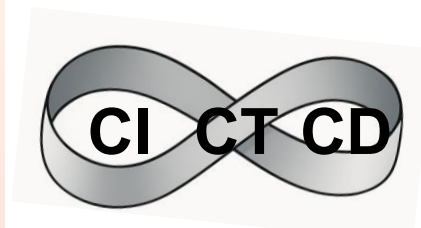
	<i><b>Auto Industry similarity ?</b></i>
<b>SD Radio</b>	<i>Transition to zonal architecture and digital cockpit displays are similar?</i>
<b>Smart (SD) Wristwatch</b>	<i>(no room for purely mechanical highend trend in the Automotive area) Low-cost trend? No similarity because of other product/market characteristics?</i>
<b>SD Architecture</b>	<i>Possible model for the auto industry? But SDV technologies are neither fully mature nor deployed...</i>

# 1) SE challenges associated to SW & HW breakthrough

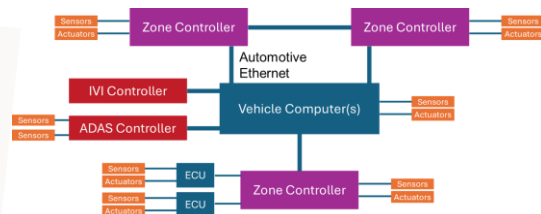
Redefine EE and Software...

... skills, jobs, jobshare,  
... processes, development environment,  
... architectures, deliveries,  
... interaction with the other Engineering teams, both Vehicle & Off-board

HW here means Electric-Electronic, not "physical" in general



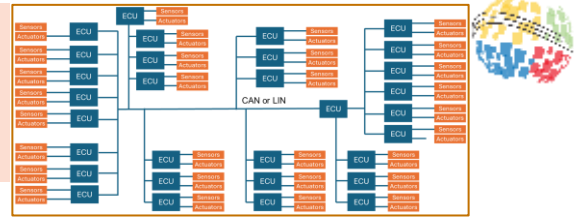
**Service Oriented,  
Agile,  
...**



**Zonal EE archi.**

**SoC  
Cybersecurity**

1) Classical ( #ECU ↗ )  
Individual software dev.  
CAN network (messages)



# 1) SE challenges associated to SW & HW breakthrough

Zoom on EE Architecture:

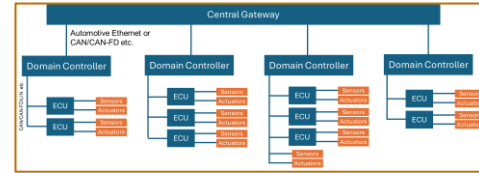
3 steps towards “Pure zonal” →

=> Enriched areas management,  
from:

Vehicle / ECUs

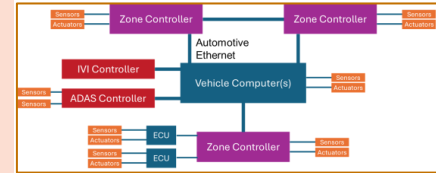
to:

Vehicle / Central area / Single Computers  
/ legacy ECUs



2) Structured,  
Domain oriented,  
CAN & Aut. Ethernet

3) Zonal (full, partial),  
Automotive Ethernet in  
central area, supporting  
unified software dev,  
Service Oriented,  
...



But still...  
« legacy ECUs »,  
Power management,  
Failure management,  
...

## 2) SE challenges associated to enriched value

Complexity, often high safety and cyber-security content, with new:

- End to end scopes (including SW, HW, multi-physics, off-board, multi-partners)
- Stakeholders (perspectives on value),
- Life-cycle phases, Use-Cases, ...

Explosion of functionalities,  
Over the air updates,  
« App stores »,  
Selling services, data,...



AND OFTEN:  
Mechatronics,  
Safety intensive



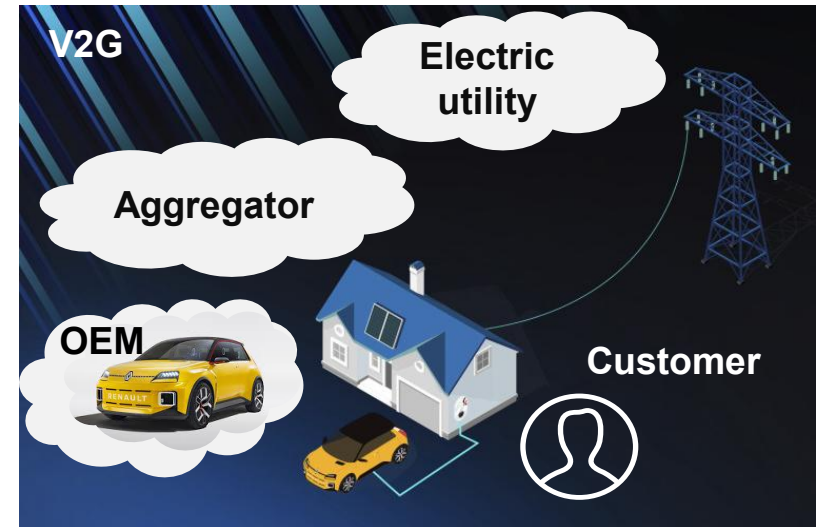
## 2) SE challenges associated to enriched value

Two examples:

- ADAS function with critical safety:  
**Autonomous Emergency Braking**
- Wide System of Systems:  
**Vehicle to Grid**



Also Bicycles, pedestrians, ...



# 3) System challenges associated to Business Model breakthroughs

Huge systemic complexity:

Multiple and intertwined timescales,  
Multiple business domains (incl. value ownership question),  
Uncertain context

Sell “Fully equipped Vehicles” then “Features as a Service”

New OEM-Tier1 jobshare

“Make, or Buy, or Partner?” for mid-layer and applications SW

Open source growing role

Room for “Product+Service” platforms for B2B? (“Skateboard”)

SDV scope & deployment speed? (Full or partial? Evs only?...)



# 3) System challenges associated to Business Model breakthroughs

One example:

the Differentiating / Non-differentiating software components, and the potential of Open-source growth with new actors

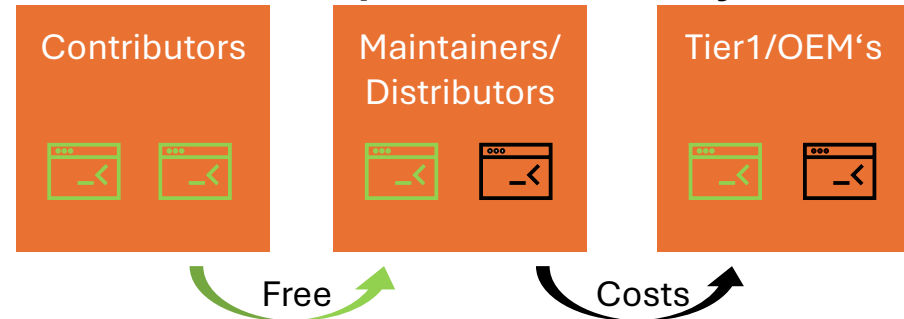
**Non-differentiating building blocks:** Middleware, API Framework, Hardware Abstraction Layer & OS, ...

**Differentiating Building Blocks:** ADAS/AD, Infotainment, Chassis and Powertrain Control, Cockpit User Interface, ...

**“Coopetition”** (Cooperation + Competition):

- **Cooperation** by sharing of development costs for non-differentiating building blocks
- **Competition** on Differentiating Building Blocks

**Room for an Open-Source eco-system ?**



Telecom did similar revolution !

# Next steps...

... for SDV:



... for the INCOSE Automotive WG  
SDV & SOA workstreams:

- Ongoing survey about “SOA” in Automotive,
- 2 topics among many just selected,
- Opportunity tbc with HAL4SDV\* European project
- Continued exchange with the System & Software Interface WG, with JCOSE Automotive WG, ...

**=> you're welcome onboard!**

# Conclusion

Automotive products & services are facing **tremendous challenges**, SDV is a buzz-word with many facets,

=> don't imagine:

- the solution is “software only”
- vehicles are becoming “smartphones on wheels”



=> **System thinking will help!**

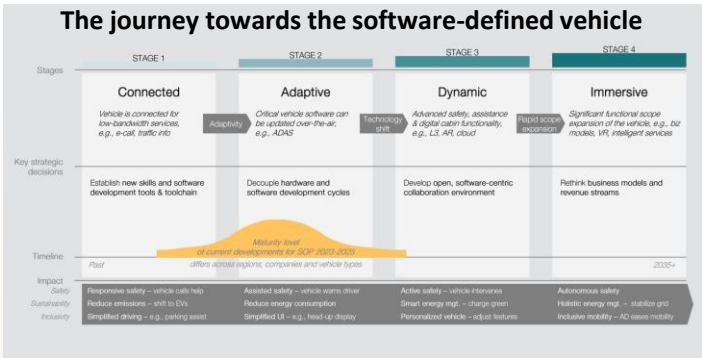
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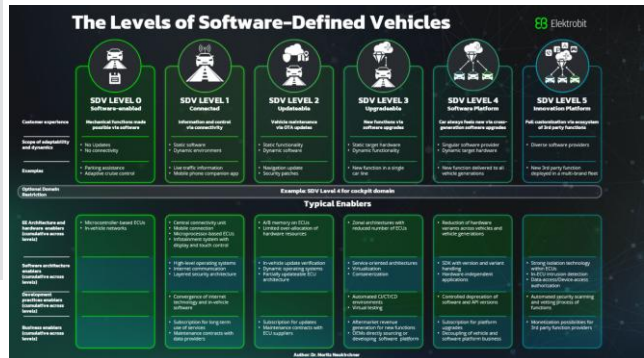
# Appendix

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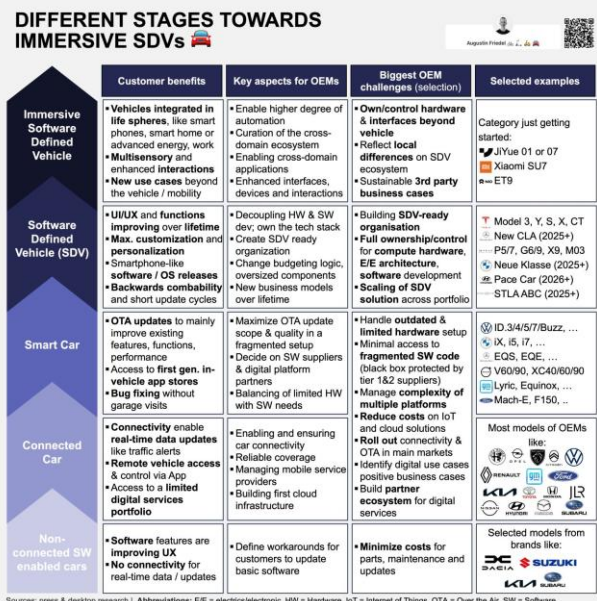
- Several "SDV scales" used to describe progression and maturity towards "full SDV"
- Other view about relations between SDV Themes and concepts used in the definitions
- Modelling tentative based on the concepts expressed in one definition
- Another SDx : Software Defined Radio
- Another SDx : Software Defined Architecture



<https://initiatives.weforum.org/drive-a/sdv>



<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/sdv-yet-dr-moritz-neukirchner-uuyxf/>



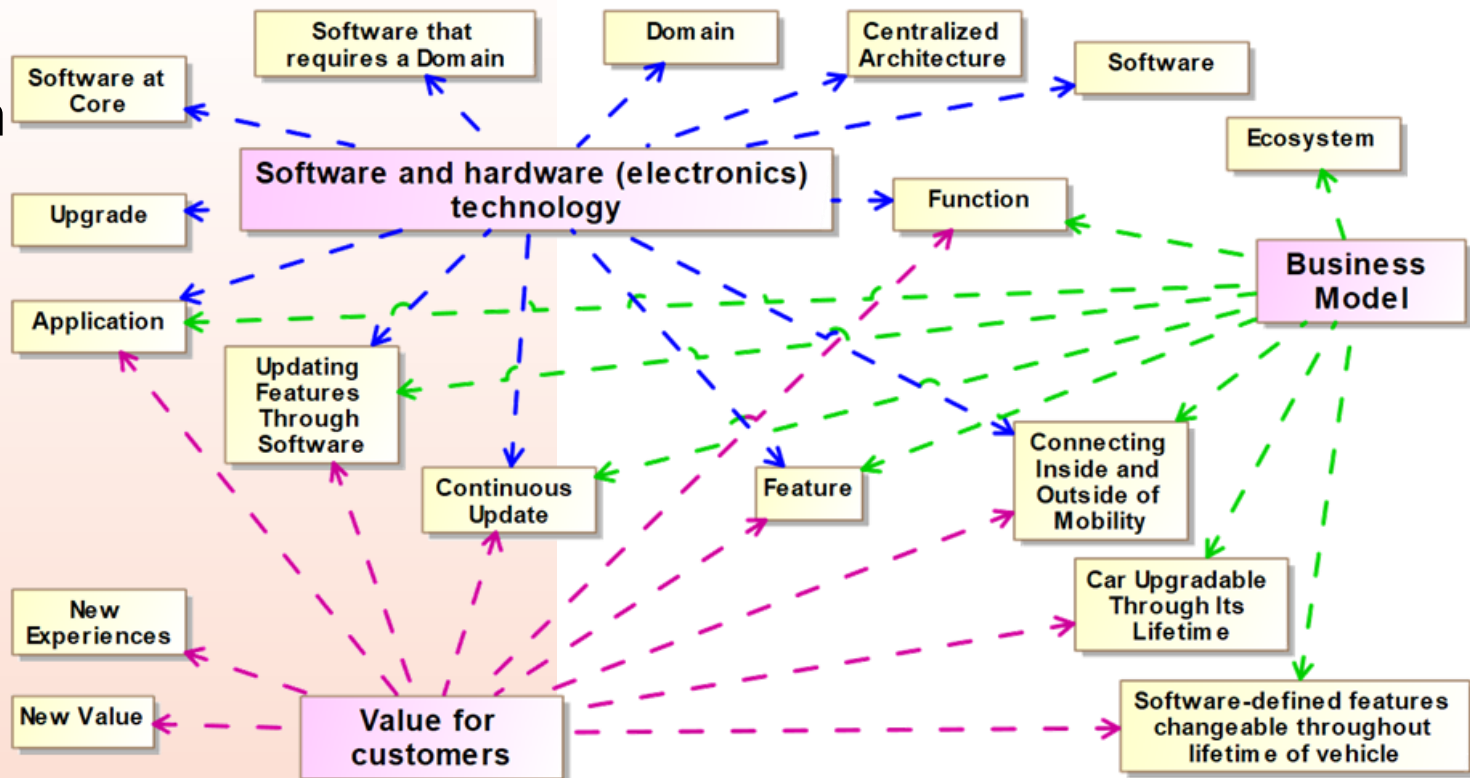
Sources: press & desktop research | Abbreviations: E/E = electronic/electronic, HW = Hardware, IoT = Internet of Things, OTA = Over the Air, SW = Software

Several "SDV scales" Implementation / maturity « non official », similar ideas



# SDV Themes - concepts

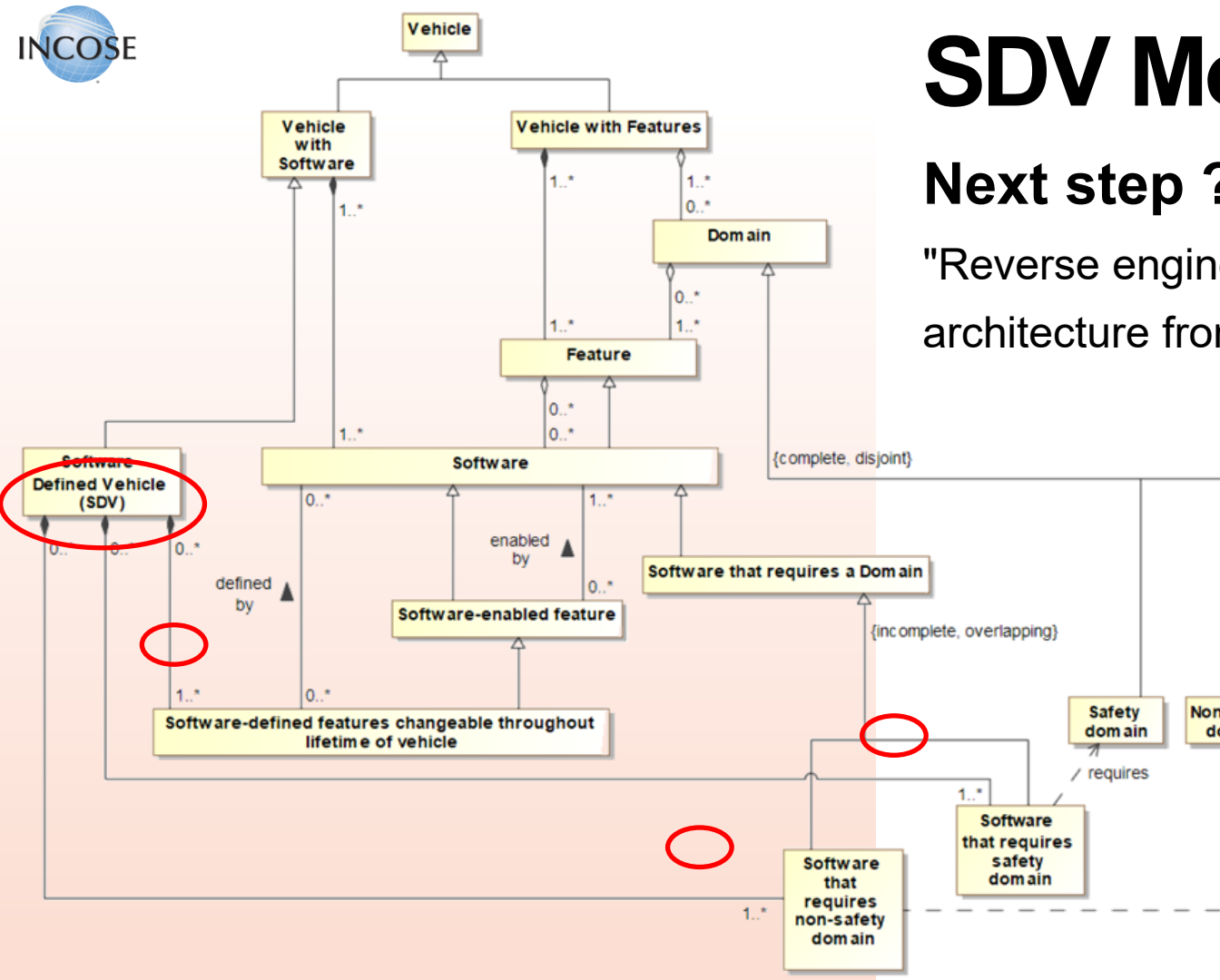
Mapping  
concepts from  
definitions  
to themes  
identified by  
literature  
review



# SDV Model

## Next step ?

"Reverse engineering" of reference architecture from SDV definitions



### Example – Blackberry QNX

"A vehicle where many features are enabled by software, the software requires both safety and non-safety domains, and the software-defined features are changeable throughout the lifetime of the vehicle"



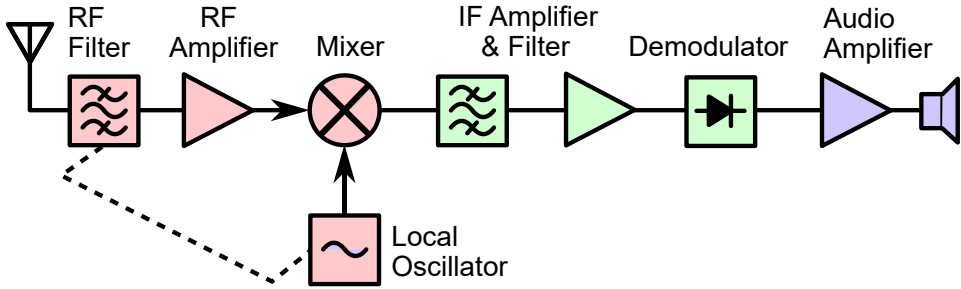
# Software Defined Radio

## Hardware Tuners Replaced with Digital Signal Processing

Analog radios contained many components whose frequency characteristics were determined by their physical dimensions.

With the advent of digital signal processing, many of these could be eliminated or replaced with simpler, broader band versions. Size, weight, power were reduced, and flexibility was improved.

### Analog Superheterodyne Receiver



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### Software Defined Radio (Conceptual)



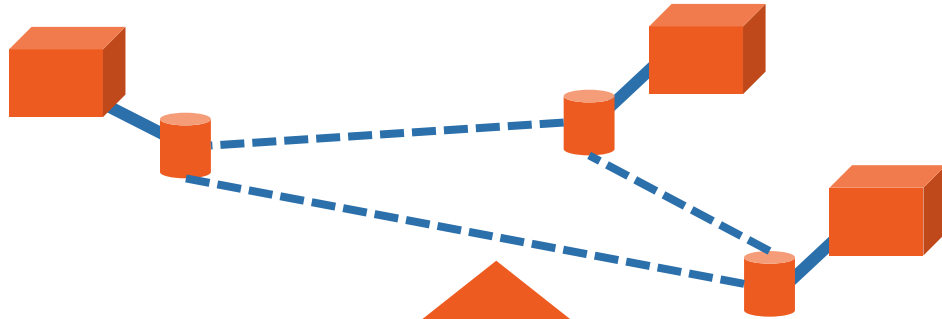
# Software Defined Architecture

## Simulation of Dedicated Networking and Storage for Multiple Tenants

A service provider presents a reduced complexity image of storage systems and networks to an end-user organization using virtualization features.

Unlike software defined radio, not much actually changed in the underlying products (which already had such features).

### Tenant's Image of Network & Storage



### Actual Network and Storage

