Electronic Control Unit(ECU) - Webinar



Basics of Automotive ECU



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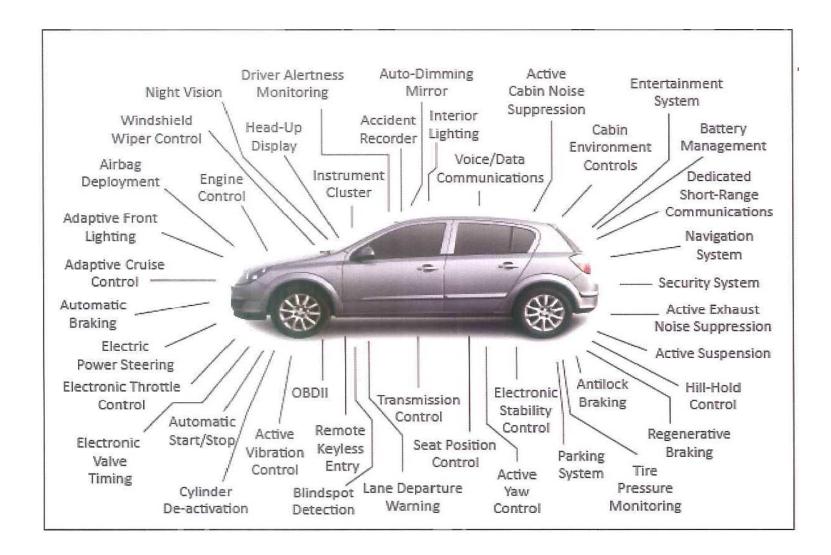


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Importance of electronics and software within vehicles



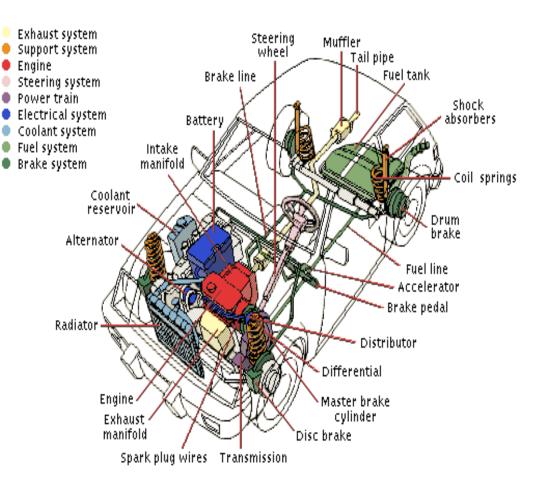
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Major Systems in Automobiles

- ENGINE
- DRIVETRAIN
- INSTRUMENTATION
- SUSPENSION
- STEERING
- BRAKES
- INFOTAINMENT

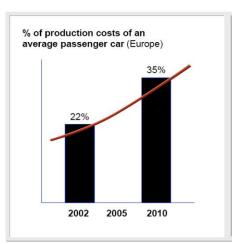


Electronics growing

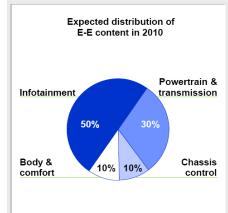
Forecast about "Automotive Electronics" in 2010 35% of the vehicle value will be electronics 5 to 8 Million lines of software code Close to 70 ECUs in Cars

Almost Every subsystem will have electronic controls

- Powertrain (Éngine, Transmission, Hybrid etc.)
- Chassis (Brakes, Steering, Roll Stability, etc.)
 Body (Crash Passive and in the future Active)
- Body (Lighting, Windows, Locks)
- Climate Control (Multi Zone, Instant Heat/Cool etc.)
- Instrumentation
- Infotainment (connecting both driver and passenger) to any available information, Multi-media, Navigation etc.)



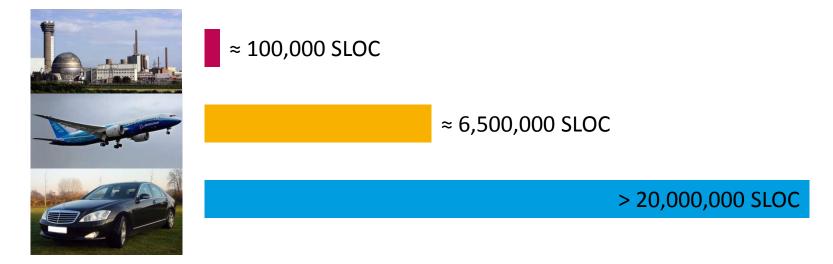
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Legislative Requirements for emission and fuel efficiency becoming critical driving factors

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- Estimates of 100-200 million source lines of code (SLOC)
- To put this into perspective
 - There are \approx 10,000 lines in a novel

Sources

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Need for an ECU

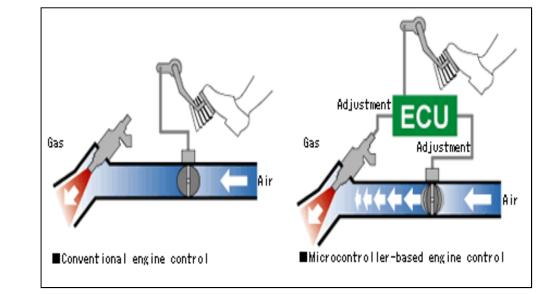
- Emission Legislation
- Higher Power and Torque
- Fuel Efficient
- Smoother drivability
- Cost effective

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Engine management ECU

Function

Engine Control Units provide realtime regulation of both Fuel Injection and Ignition Timing thus simultaneously guaranteeing maximum engine performance and minimum fuel consumption.



Customer Benefits

Improved exhaust-gas after-treatment systems Greater fuel savings Better engine protection

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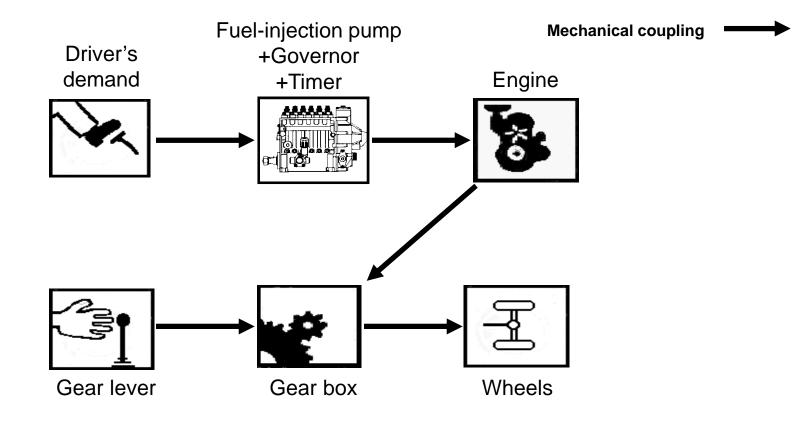
Advantages of an ECU

- Reduced exhaust emission
- Increased fuel efficiency
- Improved drive-ability
- Smoother and/or quieter engine operation
- Safety functions
- Comfort functions
- Interactions with other systems
- Diagnostics



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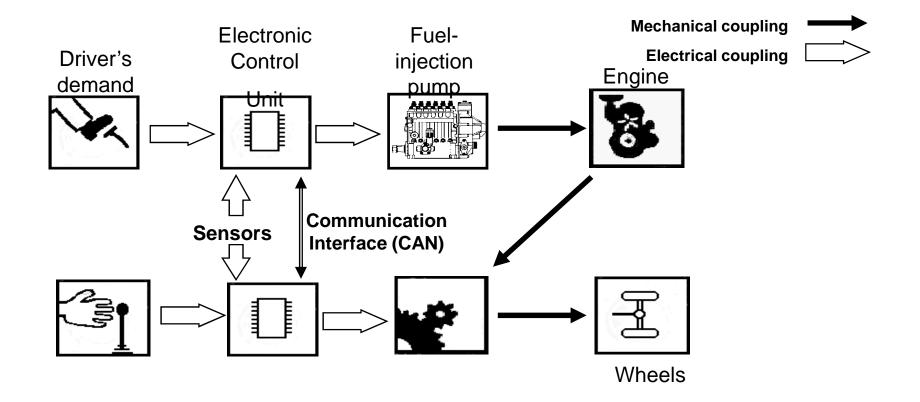
Automobile without ECU



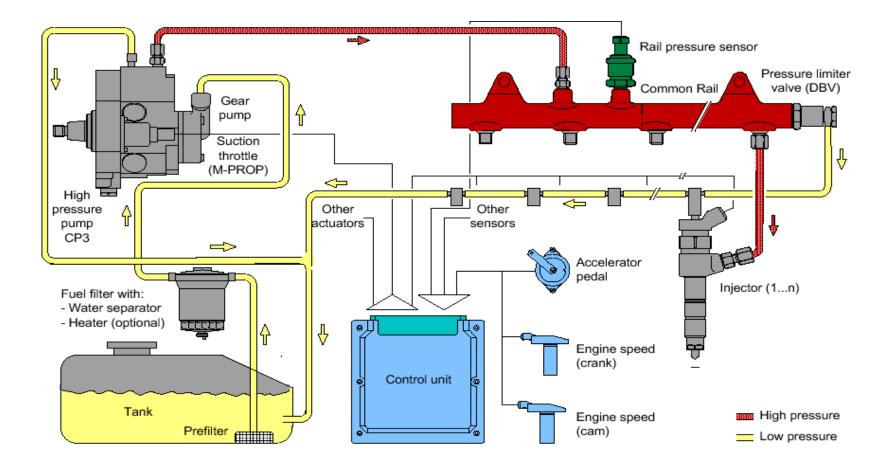
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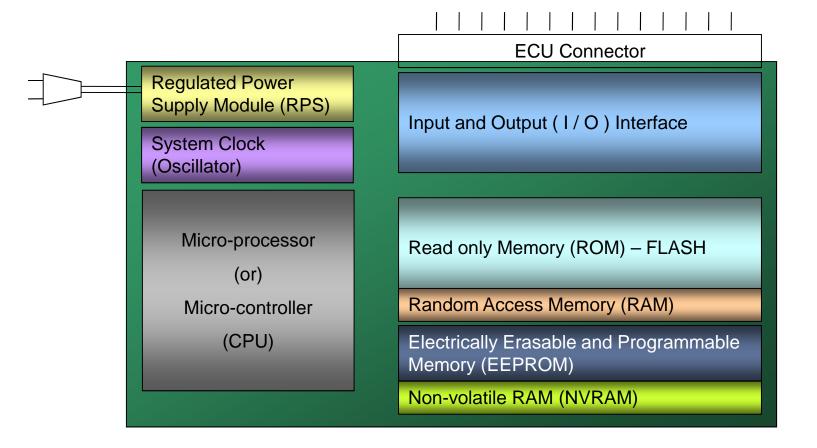
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ECU Hardware



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ECU system blocks

Microprocessor/ Microcontroller

Executes the instructions as coded and generates output signals by processing the information using specified control algorithms.

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- Input Output interface
 - Sensors Registers the operating conditions and the desired values.
 - Actuators Convert the electrical output from ECU to mechanical parameters.
- Memory Unit
 - Boot Memory (ROM/Flash)
 - Program memory (Flash)
 - Calibration memory (Flash)
 - Data memory (Flash, EEPROM, SRAM/Battery backed RAM)



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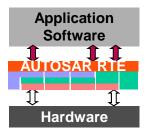
Standardize the software architecture of ECUs, contributing to improved performance, safety and environmental friendliness.

- Increasing amount of networked functionality and software
 - CO₂ reduction (Hybrids, E-Motors),
 - Safety enhancements (active, passive), ...
- Because there was no common standard ...
 - Every company invented its own solutions
 - Integration of 3rd-party software creating prohibitive efforts
 - Who is responsible (for what), how to test (Methodology),
 - Implementation efficiency (e.g. Wrapper software, Interface components)
 - Several tool chains required (own, plus those of 3rd parties)
- Situation without AUTOSAR
 - OEM 'Standard Cores' to ensure correct network behavior
 - But Tier-1 had to integrate different SW for each OEM ...
 - ... integration problems difficult to identify and costly to debug



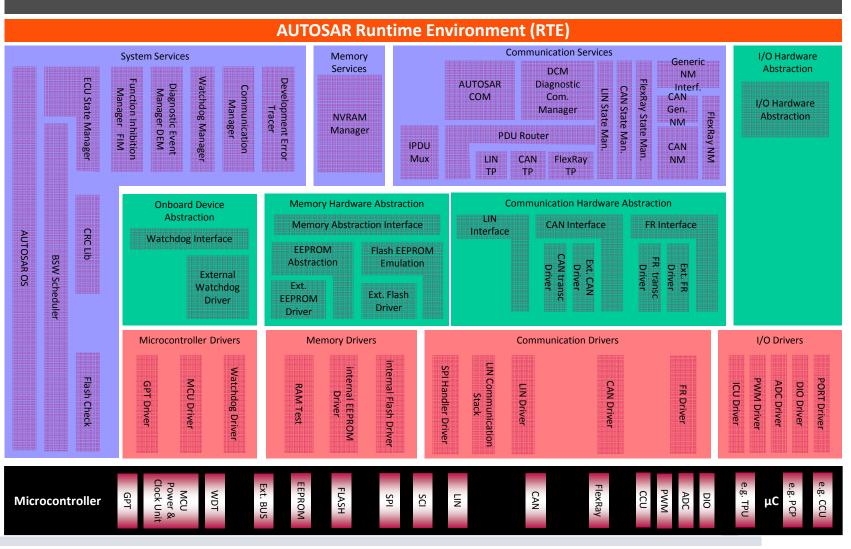
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Application Layer

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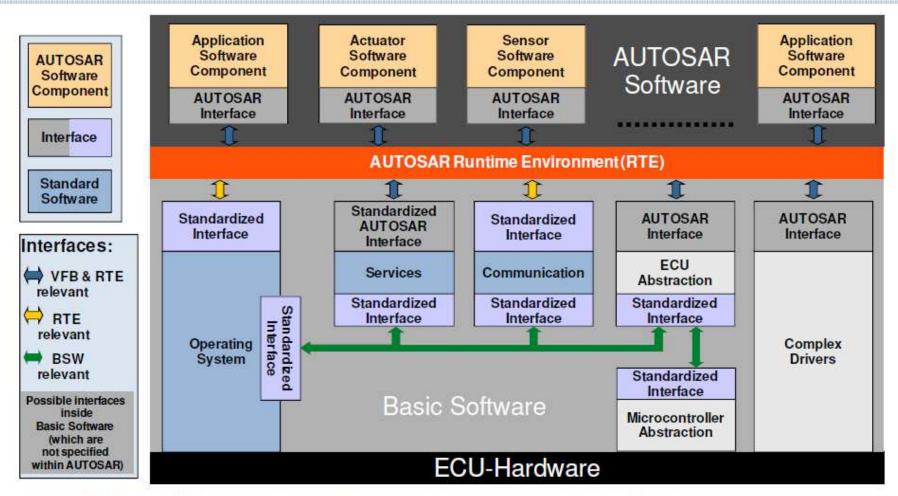


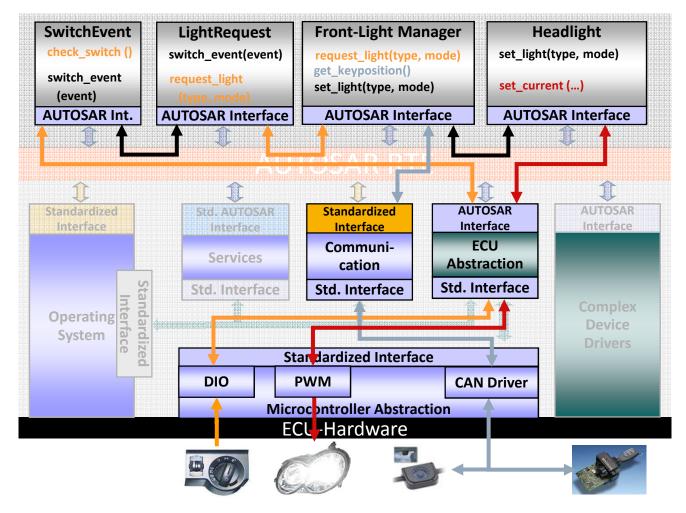
Figure 2: AUTOSAR Software Architecture – Components and Interfaces

Objectives:

Basic SW: Decoupling of Hardware and Application Software Application SW: Relocation / Reuse of SW-Components between ECUs



Use case 'Front-Light Management'





Example Software Function / Task

- Read the Accelerator Pedal value and calculate the required Torque to be generated from the Engine.
 - This function has to be repeated every 20 milliseconds.
 - Steps:
 - Read the data captured by the Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) on the Channel to which the Accelerator Pedal is Connected.
 - Using this data, look-up the value from a 3D Table (Map), which also contains the Engine RPM (Rotations per Minute), as another input axis.
 - Take the output value from the Map, multiply it by a correction factor (depending on, for e.g. Performance or Economy Mode).
 - The output of this calculation is the Torque to be generated by the Engine.
 - Repeat this sequence every 20 milliseconds.



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Chassis Systems ECU

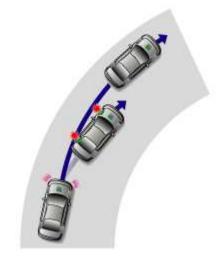
Function

The active chassis control help divers maintain control over a wide range of challenging situations. It is blend of broad range of braking, steering and suspension technologies to enhance vehicle control and help make the drive experience safer. Modern automobiles are unthinkable without systems like ABS or ESP.



Customer Benefits

Improved steerability Increased track stability Reduced risk of skidding when braking Reduced ABS braking distance

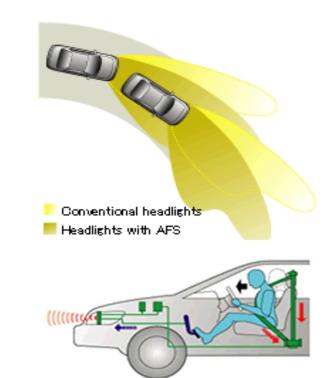


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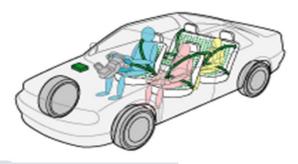
Body Control ECU

Function

The BCM handles various switch inputs, LAN data, and authentication for keyless entry devices in a concentrated manner. (Power Seat Electronic Control Unit, Anti-pinch Power Window Electronic Control Unit) and many other functions.



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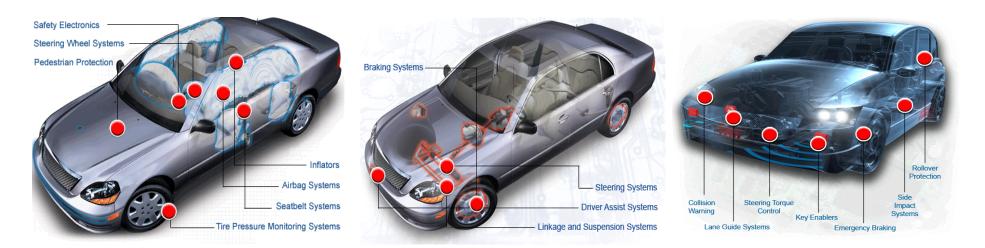
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Safety systems

Passive Safety Systems Airbag system Seat Belt System Steering Wheel System Vision System Pedestrian Protection Tire Pressure Monitoring

Active Safety Systems Brake systems Driver Assist systems Steering Control Linkage & Suspension

Integrated Safety System Pre-Crash Emergency Brake systems Lane Departure warning Park assist Roll Over protection Collision Warning



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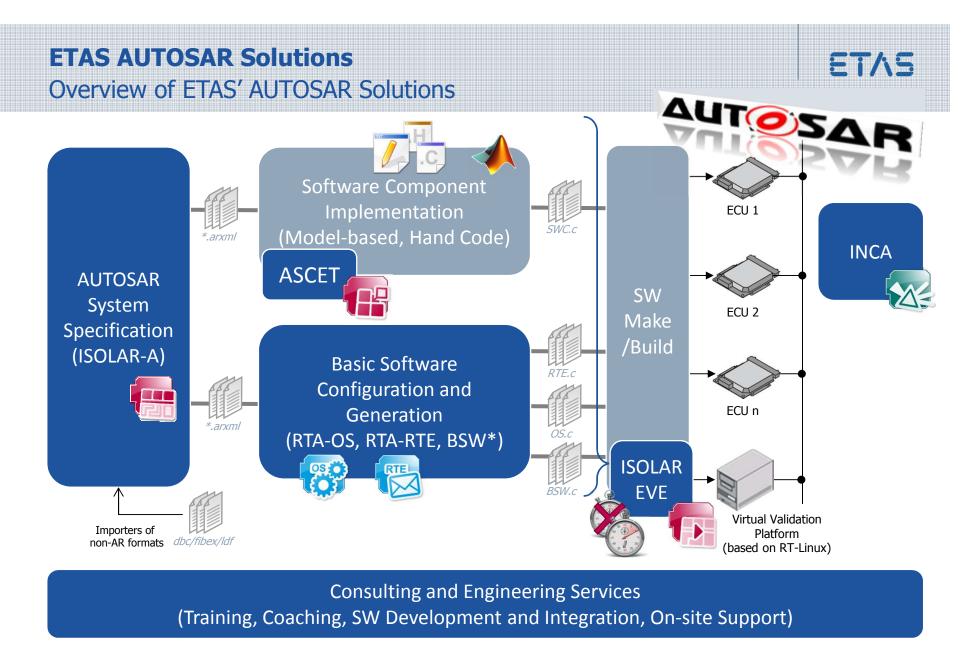
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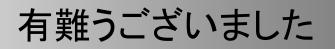
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