

FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IN EUROPEAN LOW-POWER MICROPROCESSOR TECHNOLOGIES

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EUROPEAN PROCESSOR INITIATIVE

- High Performance General Purpose Processor for HPC
- High-performance RISC-V based accelerator
- Computing platform for edge and autonomous cars
- Will also target the AI, Big Data and other markets in order to be economically sustainable

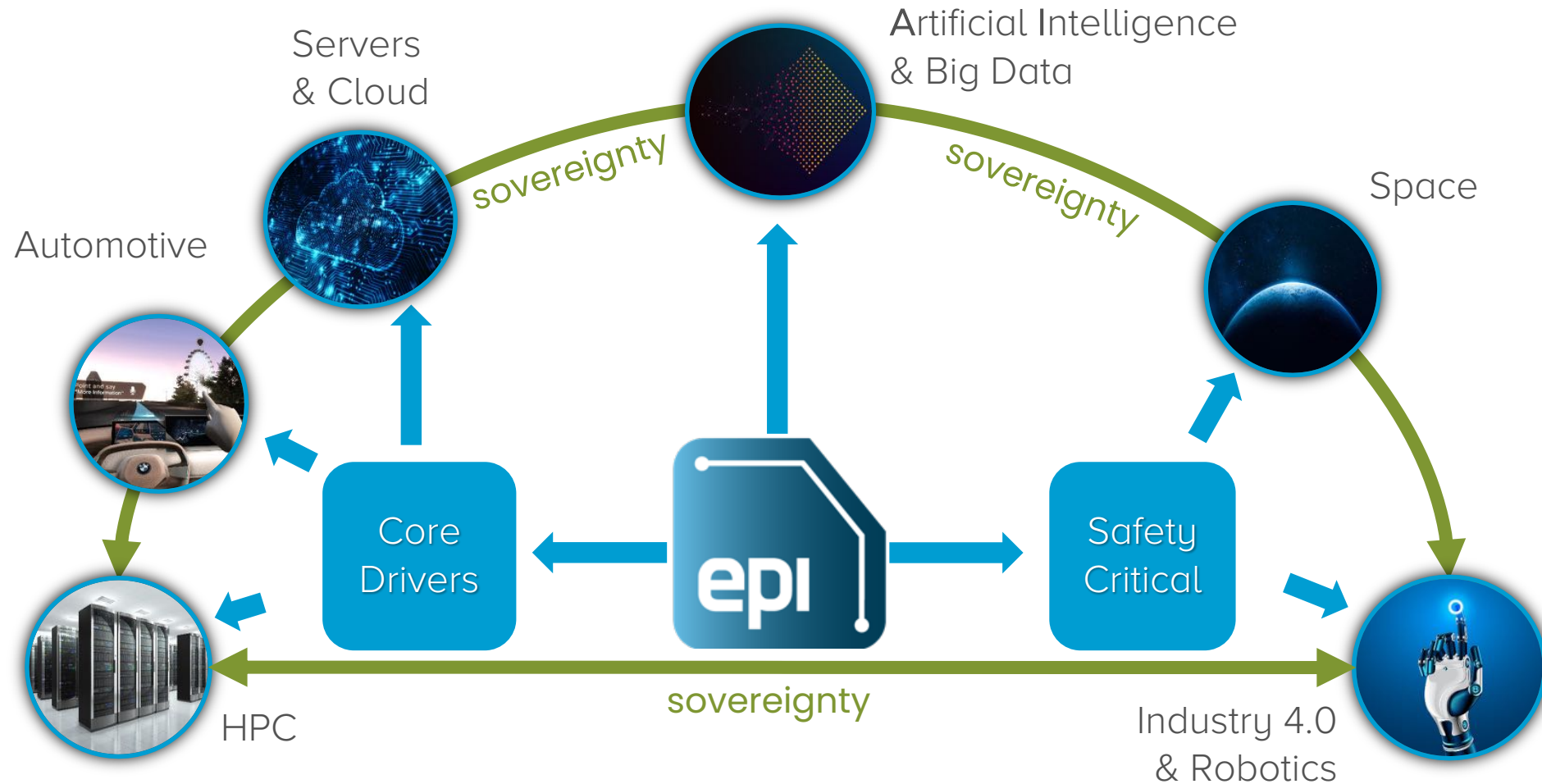
Overall objective

Enhance Europe's Technological Sovereignty in several key areas like HPC, Artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles and edge computing

How?

Develop a complete EU-designed high-end microprocessor, addressing Supercomputing and edge-HPC segments

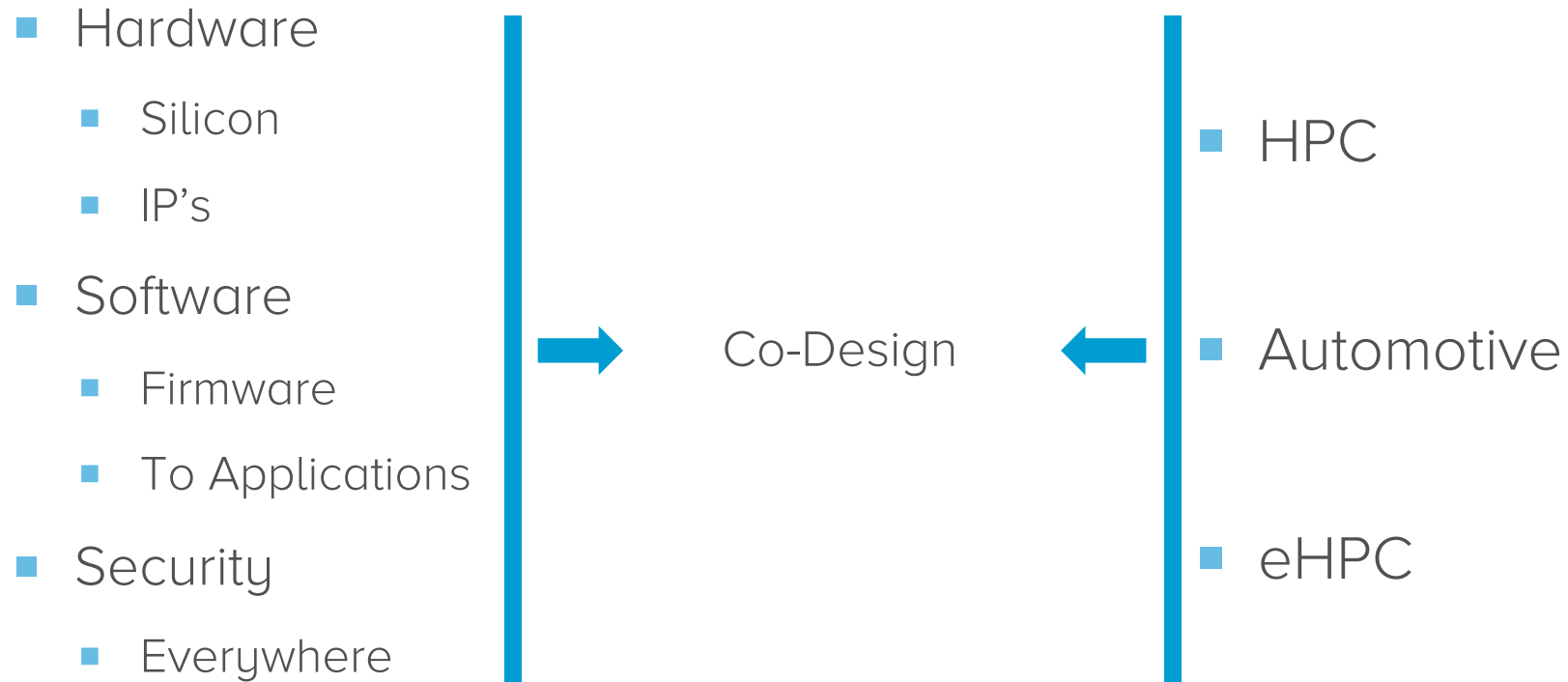
SCALABILITY ALLOWS WIDE MARKET POTENTIAL COVERAGE



EPI: 27 PARTNERS FROM 10 EU COUNTRIES

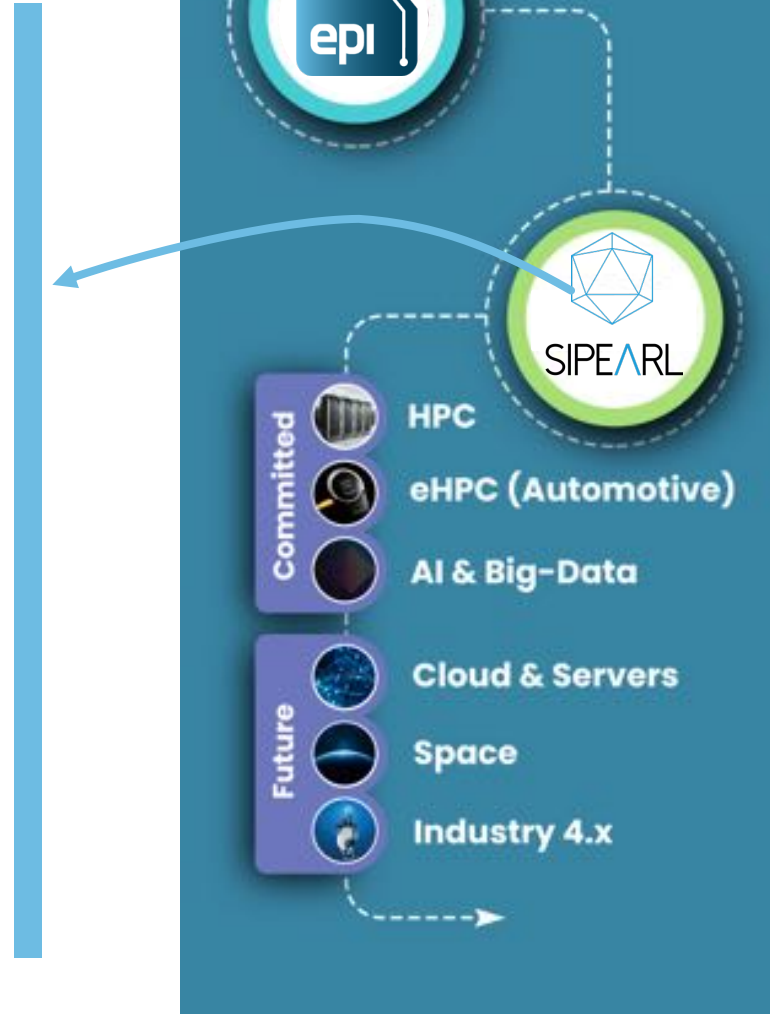


EPI KEY ELEMENTS & GUIDELINES

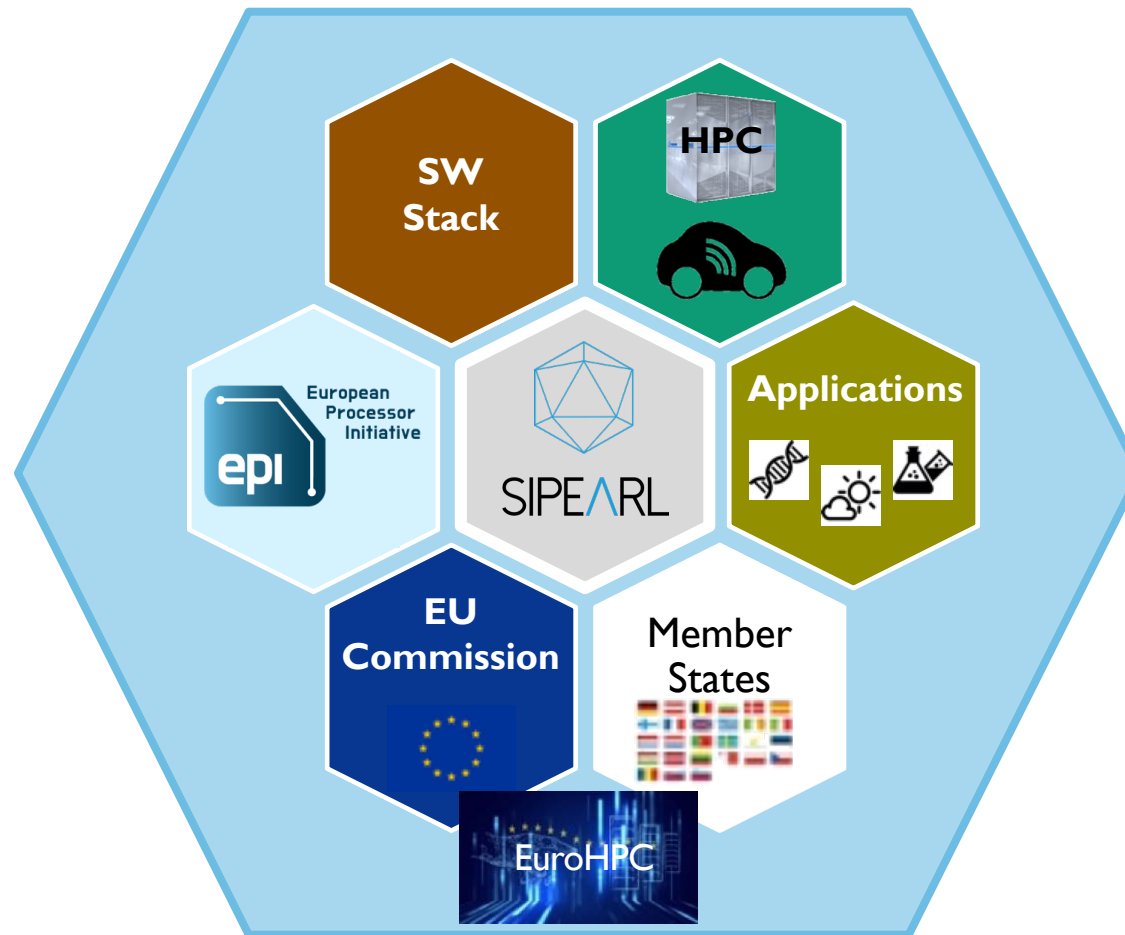


FROM IPR TO PRODUCTS FROM EPI TO SIPEARL

- SIPEARL is
 - Incorporated in EU (France)
 - the industrial and business 'hand' of EPI
 - the Fabless company
- licence of IPs from the partners
- develop own IPs around it
- licence the missing components from the market
- Raise in equity the missing budget (~100M€)
- generate revenue from both the HPC, IA, server and eHPC markets
- integrate, market, support & sell the chip
- work on the next generations



EPI & SIPEARL ARE THE EUROHPC INDUSTRIAL CORNERSTONE



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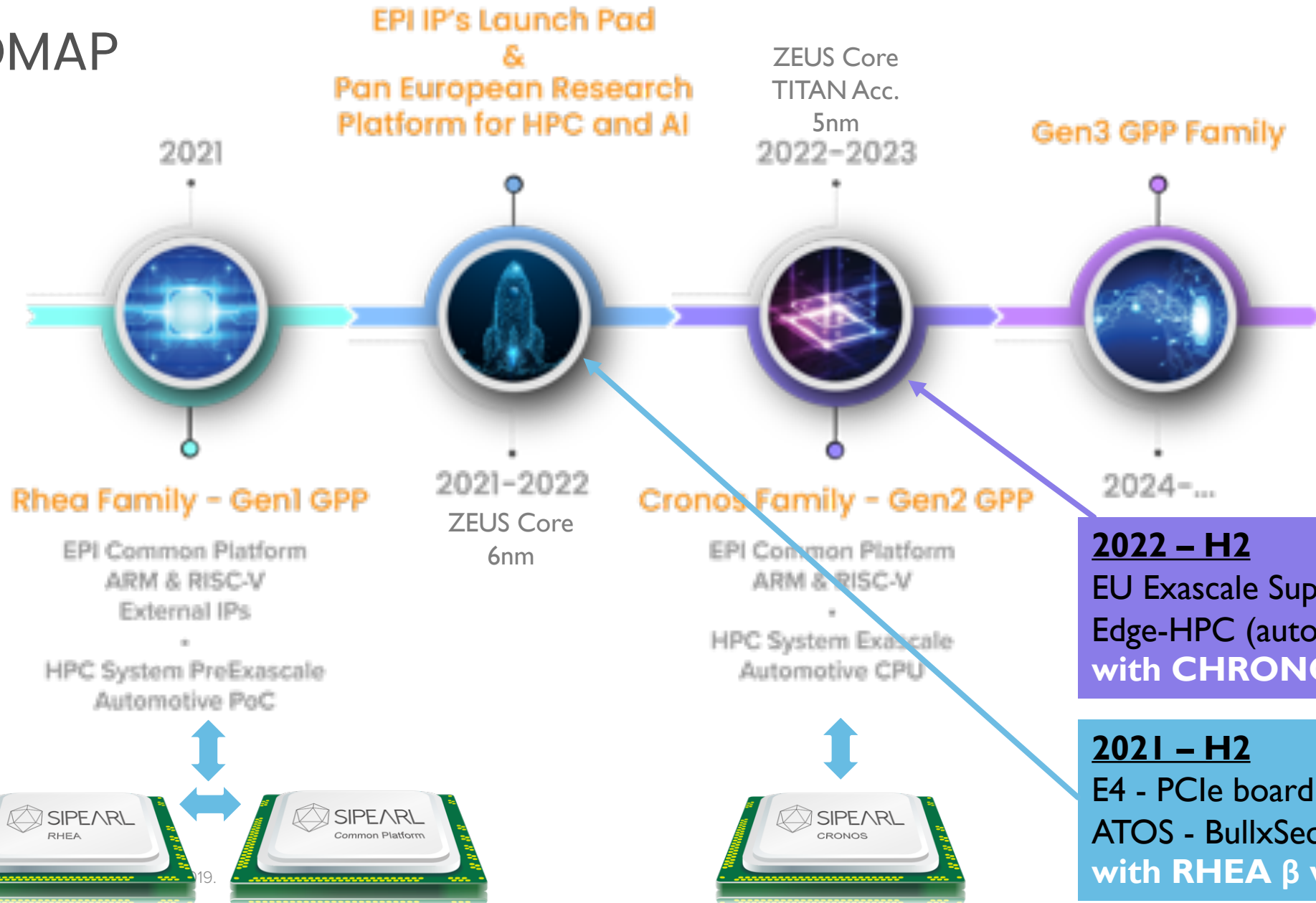


- « foster an HPC ecosystem capable of developing new European technology such as low power HPC chips »
- « ...acquisition of two co-design prototype exascale supercomputers in 2020, at least one based on European technology, which will rank in the Top3 of the world »

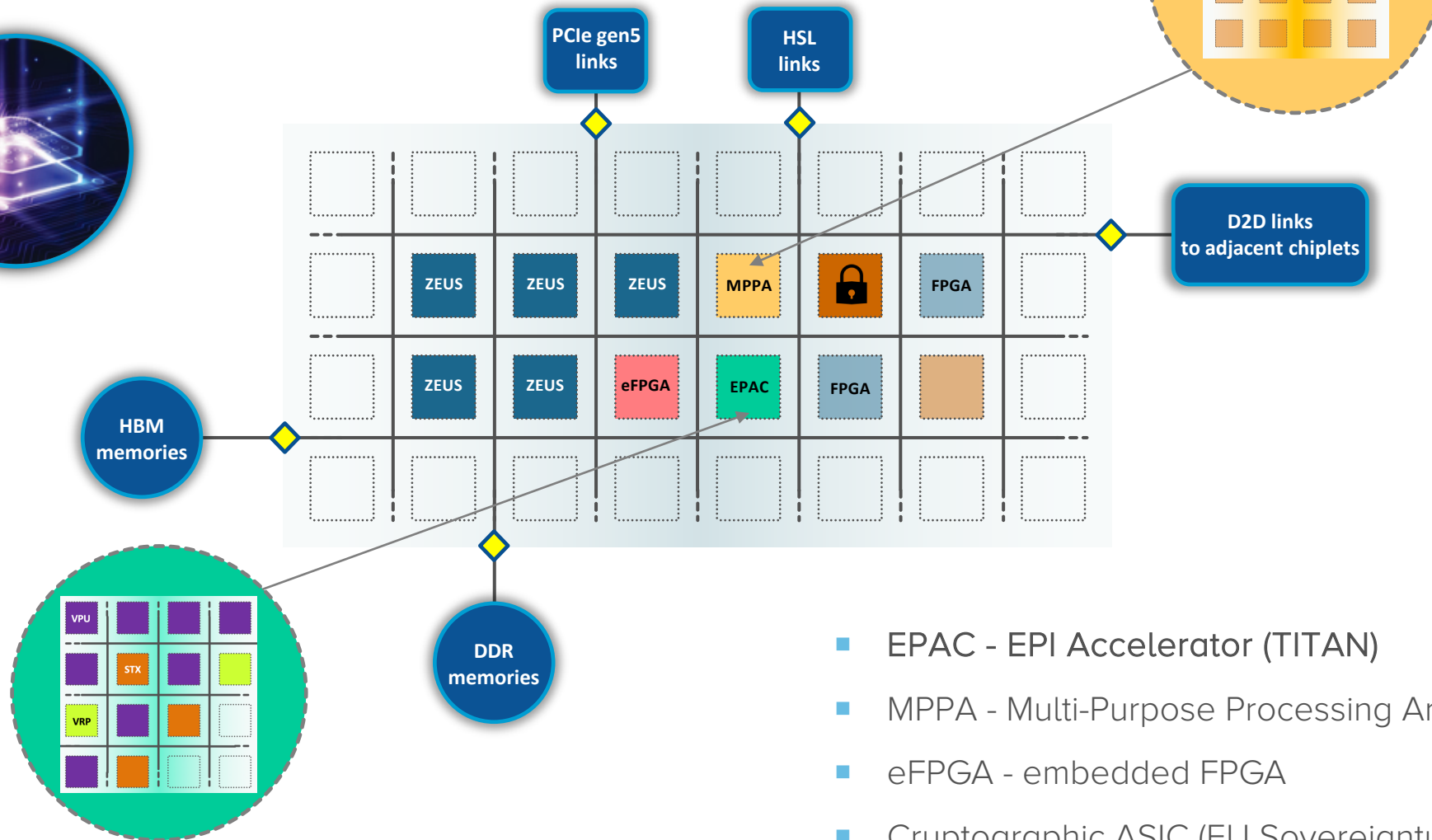
ROADMAP & TECHNOLOGY



ROADMAP

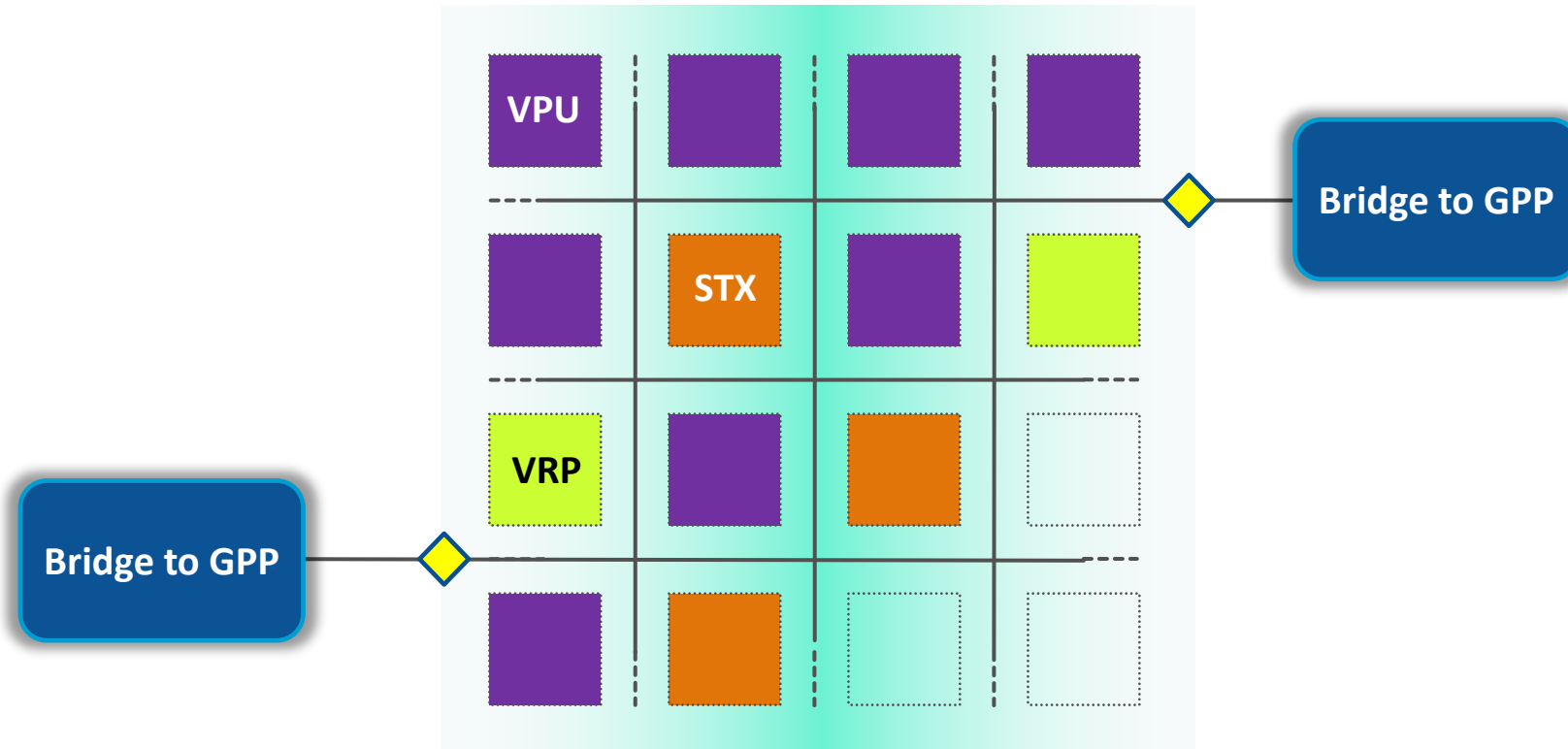


GPP AND COMMON ARCHITECTURE



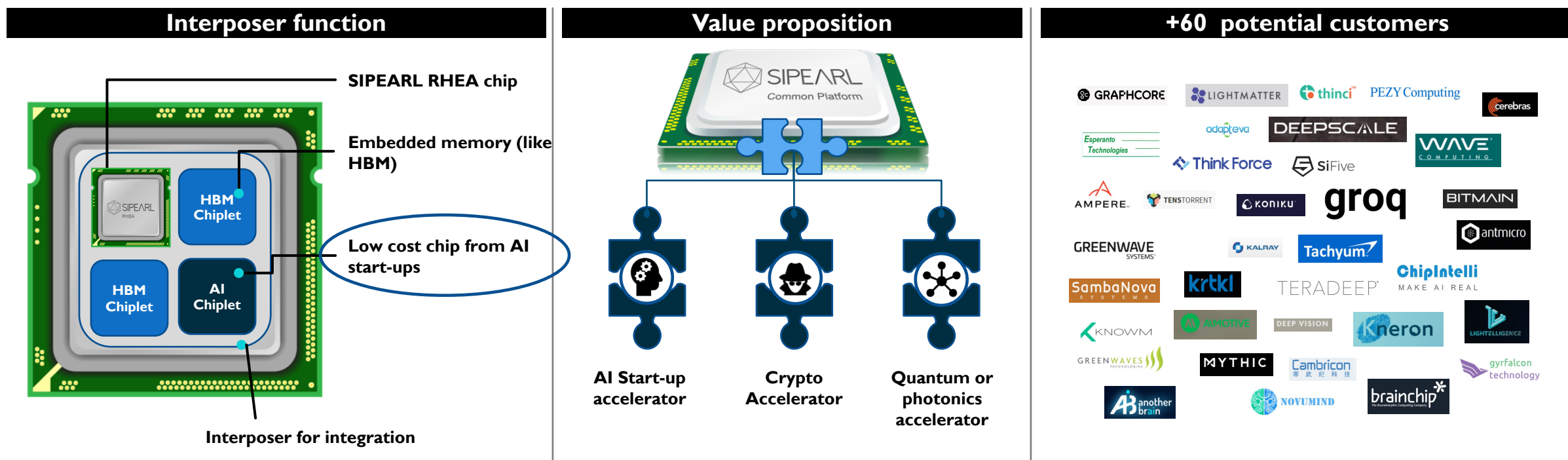
- EPAC - EPI Accelerator (TITAN)
- MPPA - Multi-Purpose Processing Array
- eFPGA - embedded FPGA
- Cryptographic ASIC (EU Sovereignty)

EPAC – RISC-V ACCELERATOR



- EPAC – TITAN = EPI Accelerator
- VPU – Vector Processing Unit
- STX – Stencil/Tensor accelerator

COMMON PLATFORM VISION: WE ACCELERATE ACCELERATORS



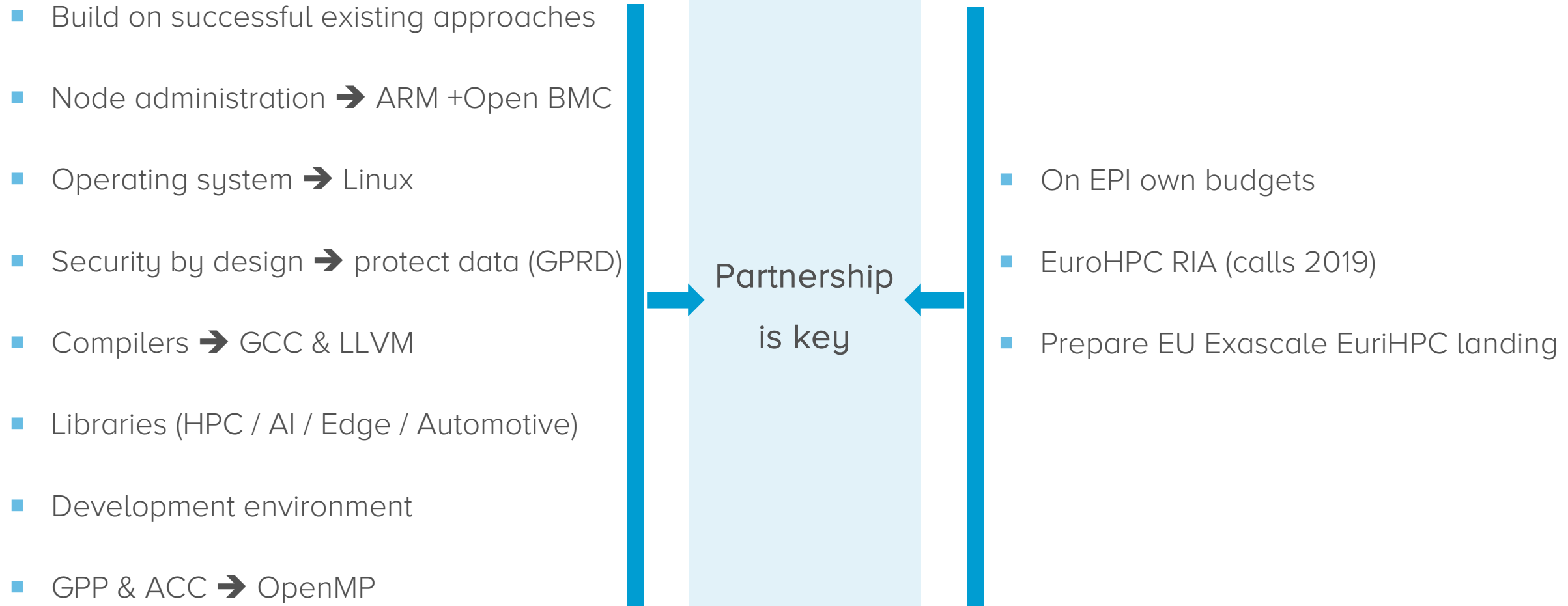
COMMON PLATFORM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME THE EUROPEAN I/O STANDARD DATA-PROCESSING



SOFTWARE

TECHNOLOGY

HOLISTIC APPROACH



EPI SOFTWARE AMBITIONS IN HPC

- **Complement the already existing software** to supply an entire HPC production stack
- **Deployment/administrative side**
 - Securing the node
 - Power managing the node
 - Booting the node
 - (Remote) controlling the node
 - Running a Linux distribution on the node
 - Managing various nodes in a large system
 - Monitoring & accounting various nodes in a large system
- **End-user side**
 - Compiling software for the General Purpose Processor
 - Compiling software for the Accelerators
 - Combining the use of GPP & Accelerators in a software
 - Leveraging standard libraries tuned for the node
 - Running the software on a node
 - Running the software on multiple nodes in a system
- **Automotive (edge-HPC) requirements**
 - Security, power
 - Predictable performance for autonomous driving
 - Multiple inputs, complex models

ARM WW HPC

CPU manufacturer,
2 server manufacturers,
“Astra” system at Sandia,
upcoming system at Stony Brook



Stony Brook University



Hewlett Packard Enterprise



CRAY



Atos



SIPE/ARL



UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER



University of BRISTOL



GW4

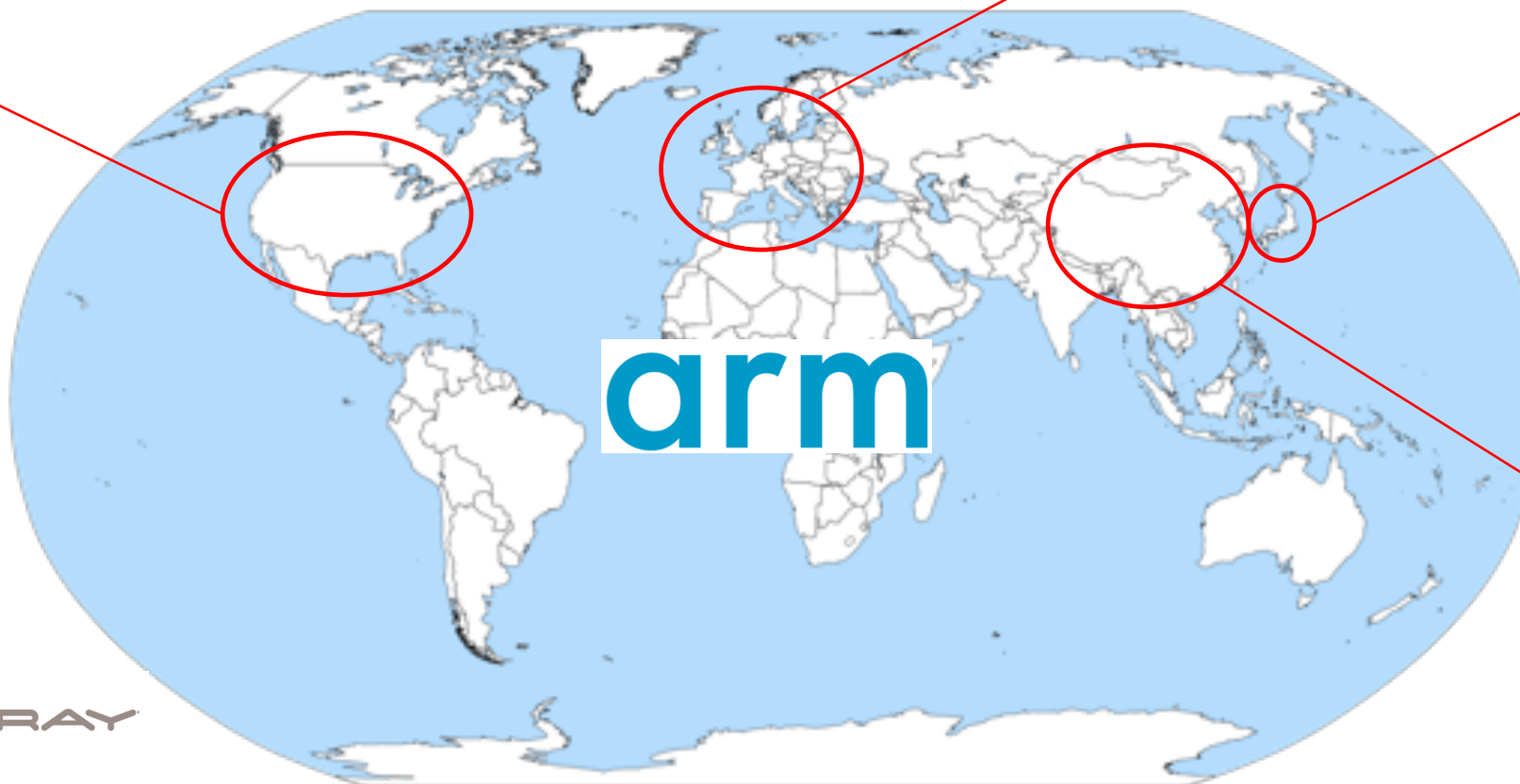
Upcoming CPU manufacturer,
Server manufacturer,
system at CEA, UK,
MontBlanc, EPI



CPU & server manufacturer,
upcoming “Fugaku” system

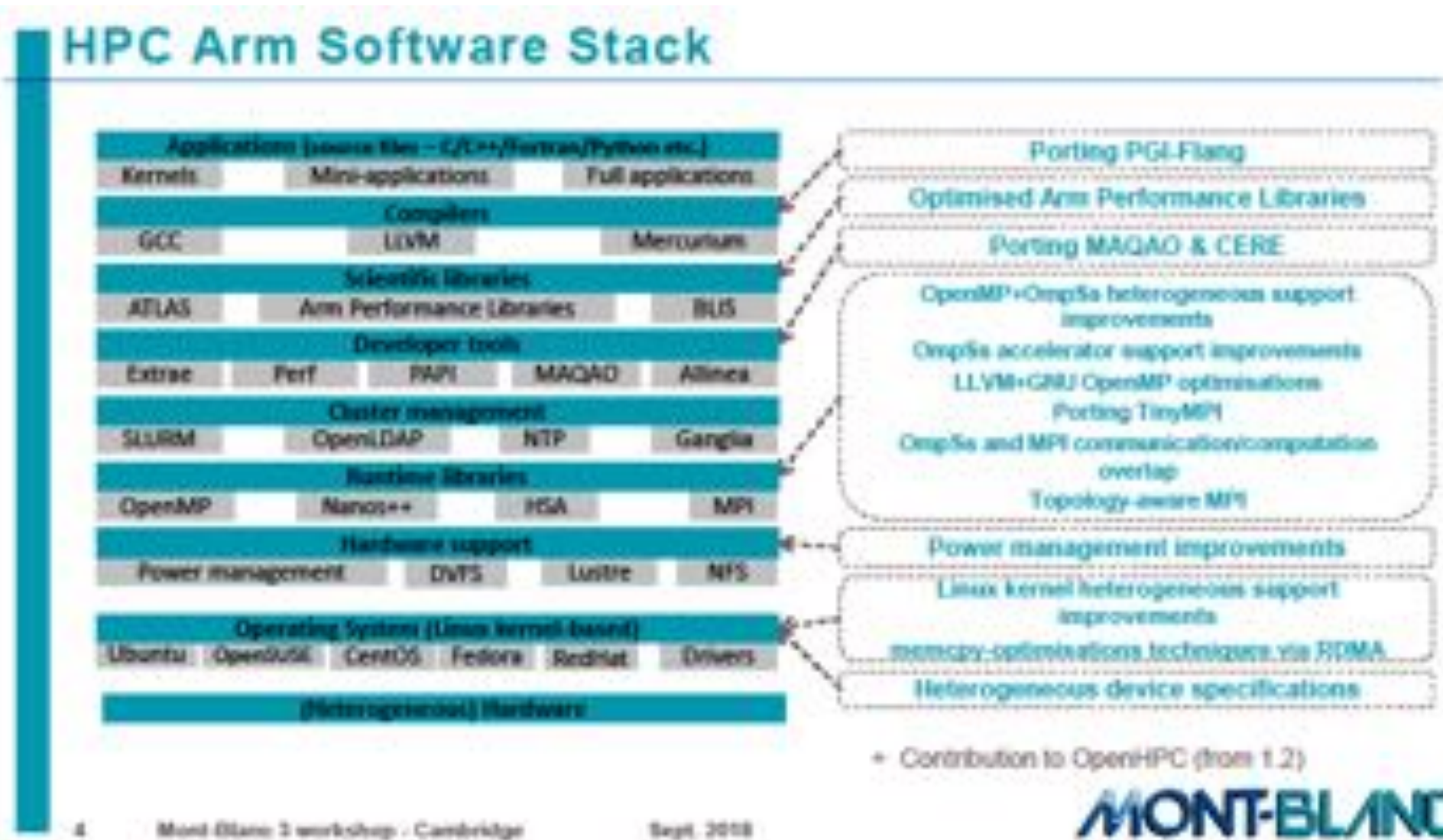


CPU & server manufacturer
[geopolitical issues regarding the license]



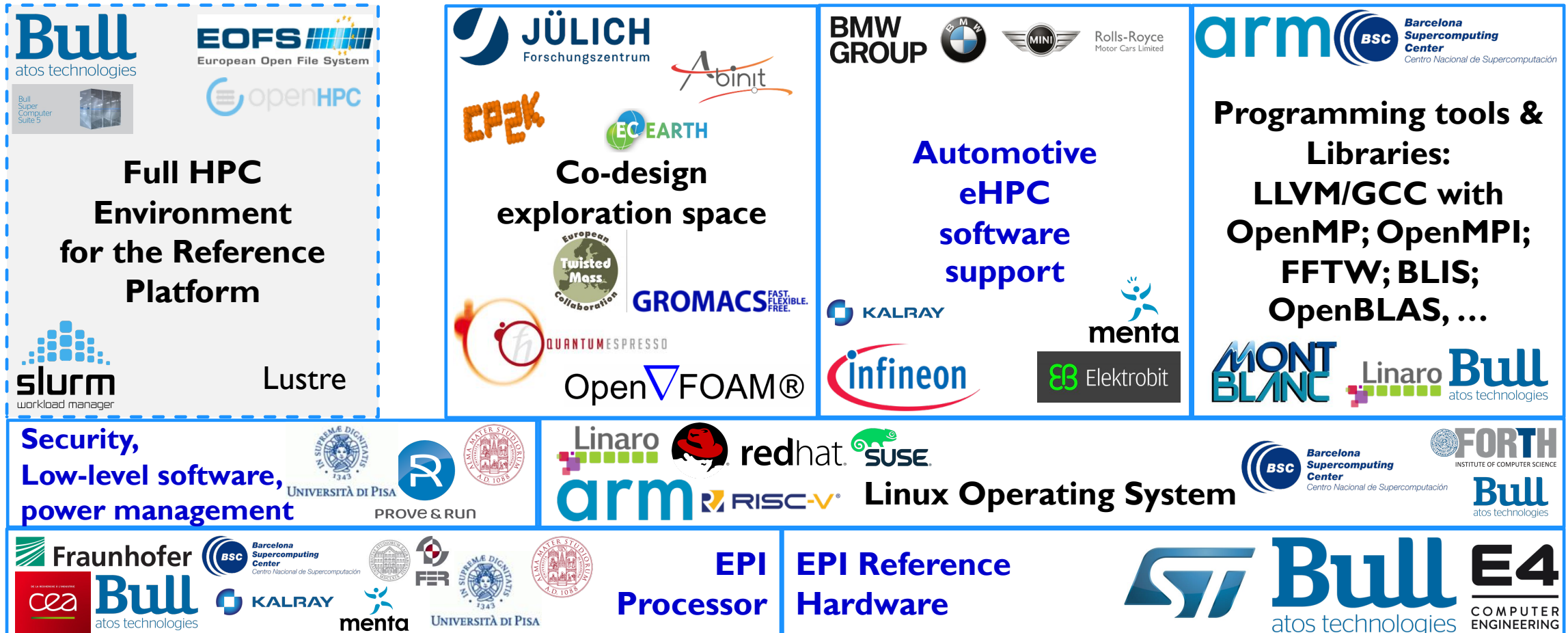
STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN PROJECTS

- Mont-Blanc 3 helped create and stabilize most of the foundations of a full HPC software stack on Arm



EPI ECOSYSTEM

(INCLUDING POTENTIAL OUTSIDE PARTNERS)



... and those supporting the ecosystem & EPI, including EPI partners, external partners & OpenSource contributors

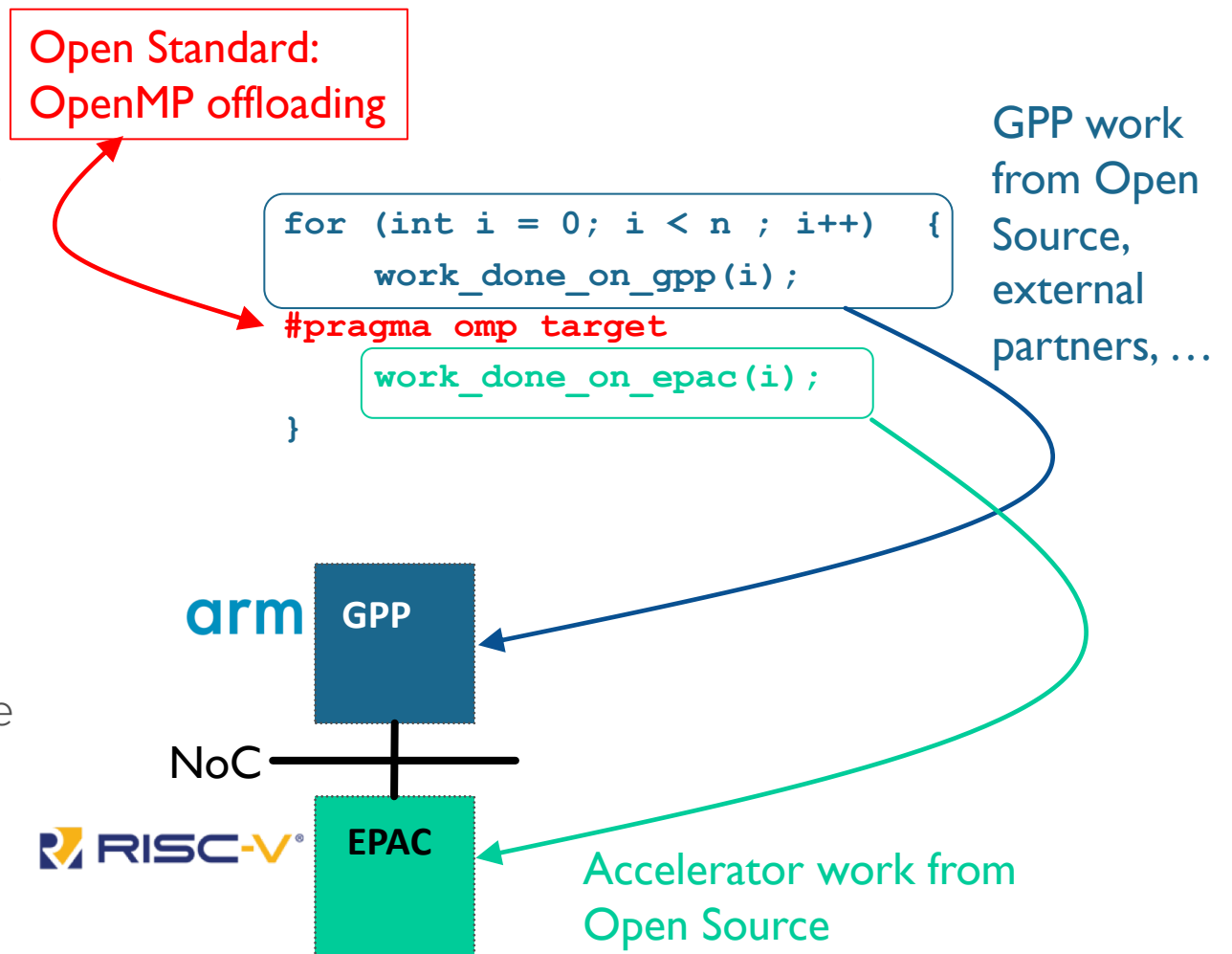
EXPANDING TO RISC-V



- The RISC-V architecture is used extensively in EPI
 - EPAC accelerator, Power Management, ...
- It is fully open and not reliant on one company for its definition
- The software ecosystem is not yet has developed as the Arm one
 - Mont-Blanc projects were instrumental in maturing the Arm ecosystem
- EPI software work includes work to bring RISC-V closer to the need of a production-ready general-purpose processor
- MPI work on RISC-V & hybrid
- OpenMP runtime on RISC-V
 - For offloading & native mode
- Compiler work
 - Including OpenMP SIMD
- Using RISC-V in the industrial world as a full-fledged, linux-capable processor and not just a microcontroller
 - Real-life use to strengthen the software

END-USER : GPP/ACC SEAMLESS USAGE

- Compiling, combining
 - Leveraging work from existing Open Source projects: GNU, LLVM
 - Choosing open standard over proprietary solutions
 - Emphasis on OpenMP in the project
 - OpenVX for automotive
 - Working with external partners
 - Arm work in LLVM & libraries for the GPP
 - EPI adding missing pieces to fully exploit the Common Platform design
 - Better vectorization in EPAC
 - OpenMP offloading
 - OpenMP SIMD for EPAC



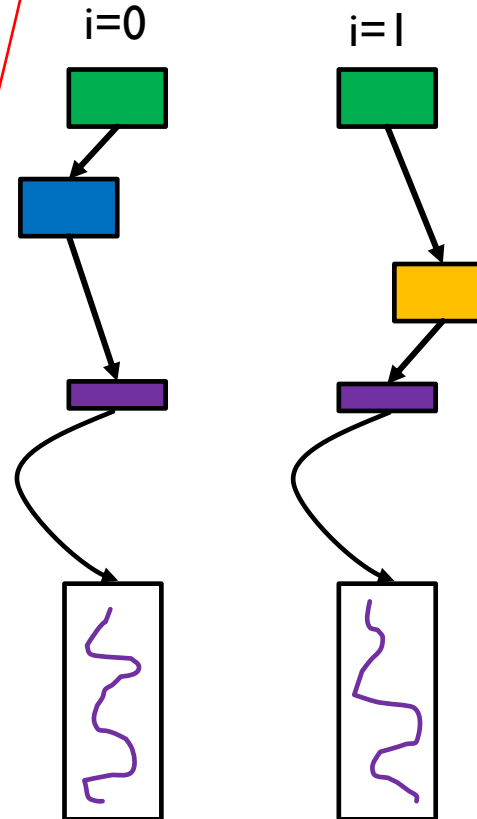
END-USER: COMBINE SIMD W. VECTORIZATION



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#pragma omp simd
for (int i = 0 ; i < n ; i++) {
    green_work(i);
    if (cond(i)) {
        blue_work(i);
    } else {
        orange_work(i);
    }
    purple_function(i);
}
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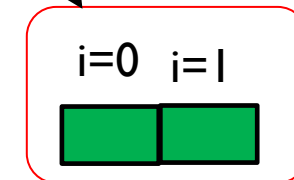
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#pragma omp simd declare
void purple_function(int i) {
    (...)
}
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Open Standard:
OpenMP SIMD

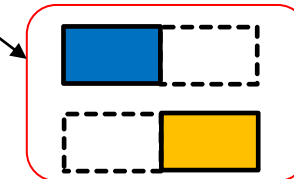


State-of-the-art
(SSE, AVX, ...)

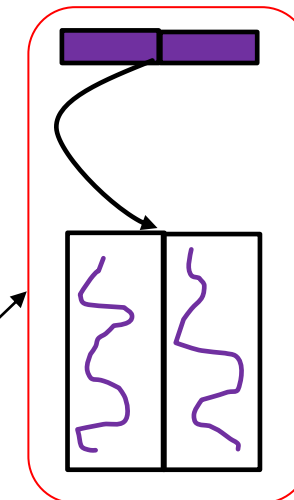
Enabled by
ARM SVE,
RISC-V "V"



fully SIMD
vectorized



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SIMD



OpenMP
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Enabled by
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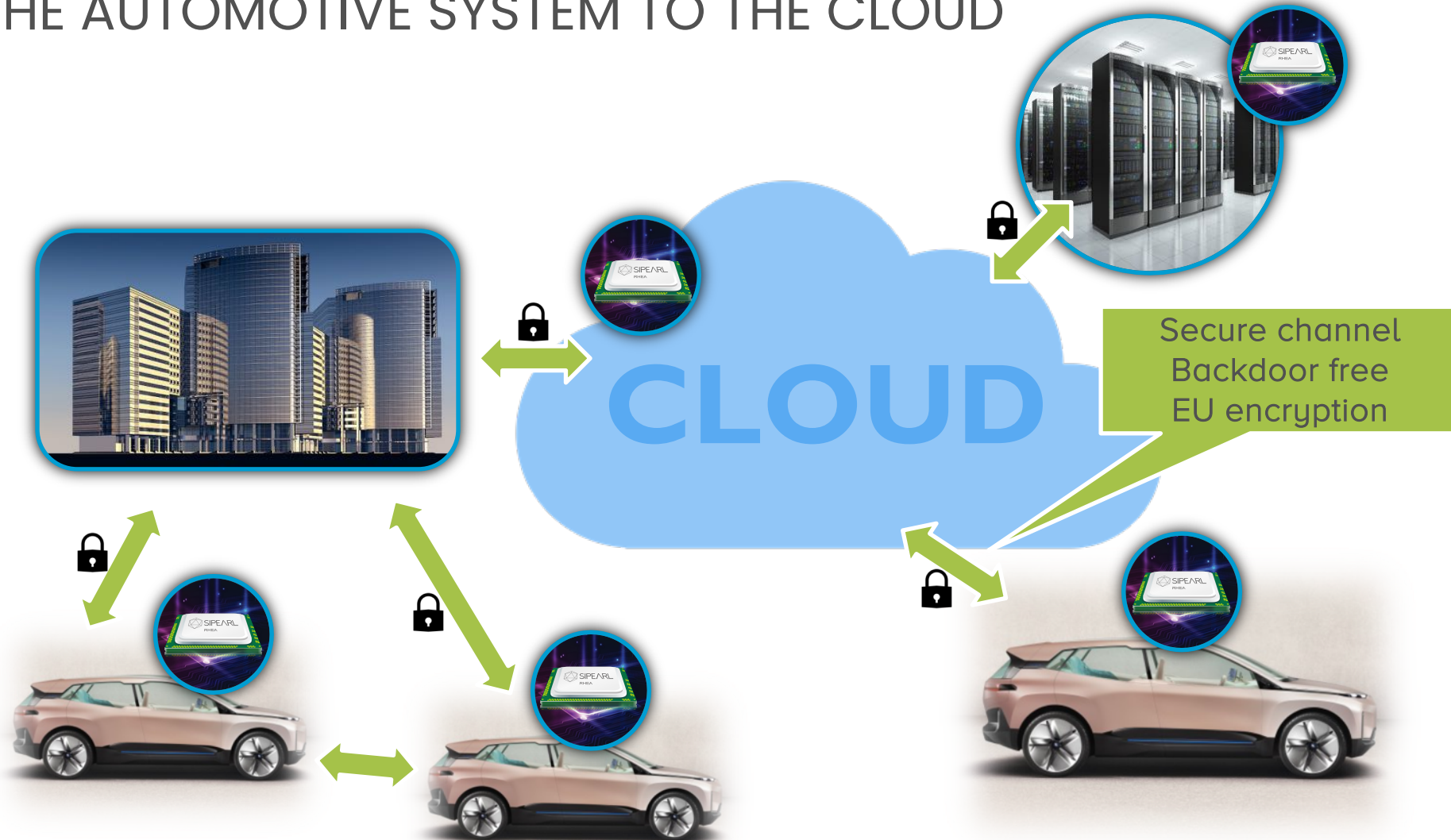
EPI FOR EDGE



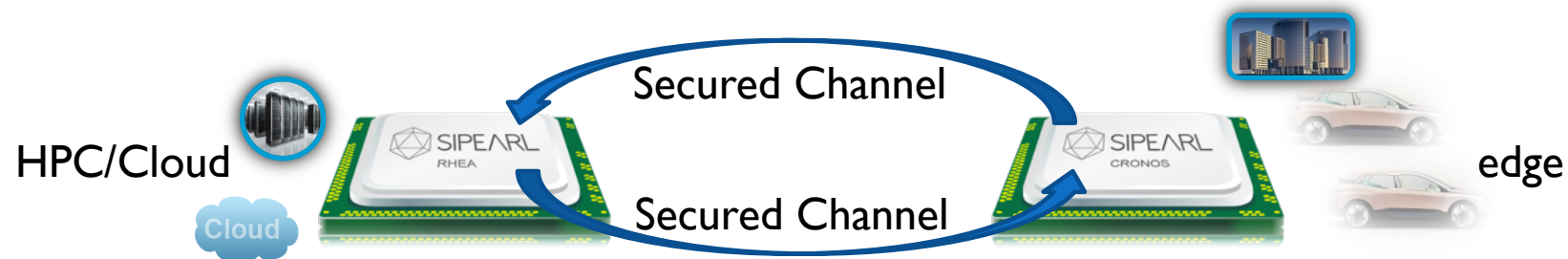
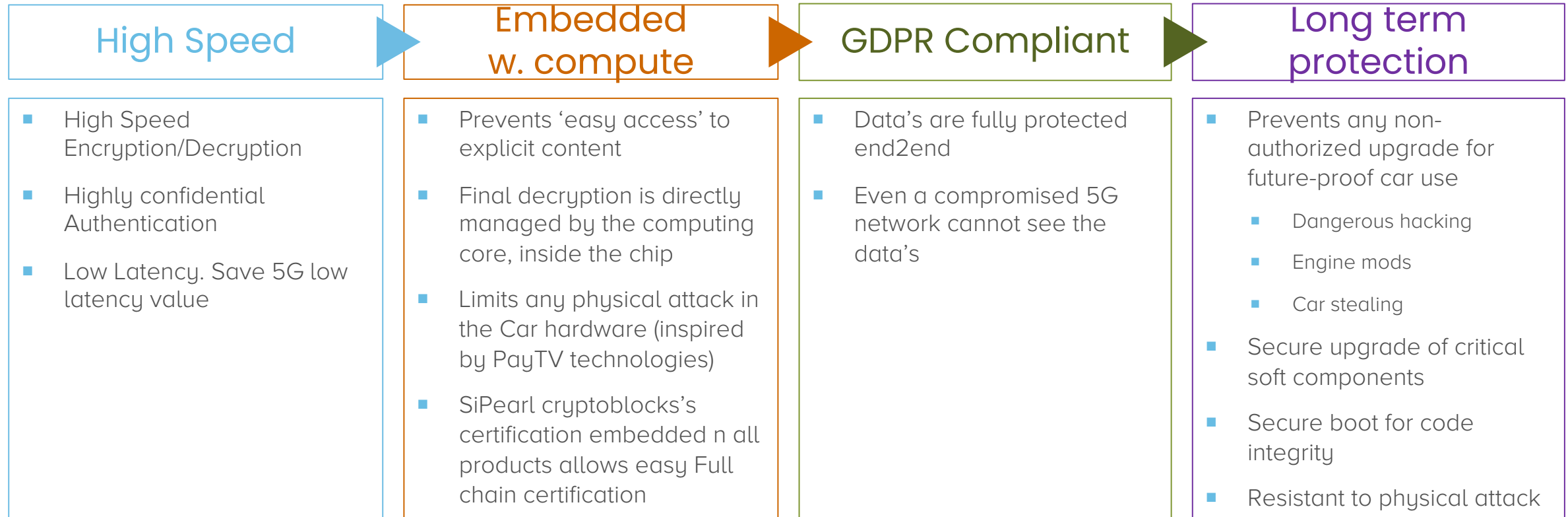
END TO END SECURED EDGE COMMUNICATIONS



END2END SECURITY FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEM TO THE CLOUD

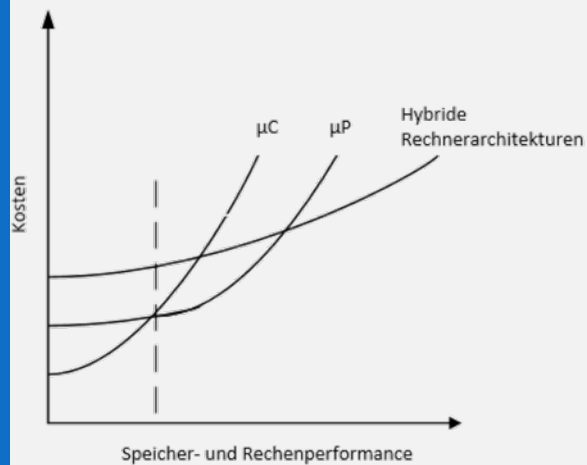


SECURITY BY DESIGN



TAKING HPC FROM CONSUMER TO AUTOMOTIVE

comparing technologies



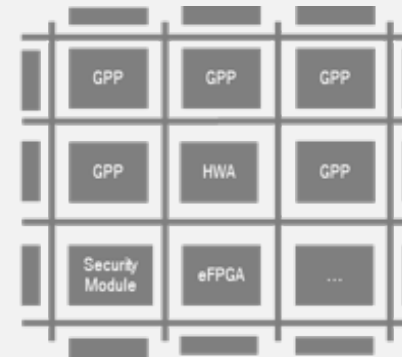
- Automotive MC (μC s) are suitable for basic functions (e.g. brake)
- Plain usage of consumer μC s not helpful
- New hybrid approaches are necessary

Energy = Distance

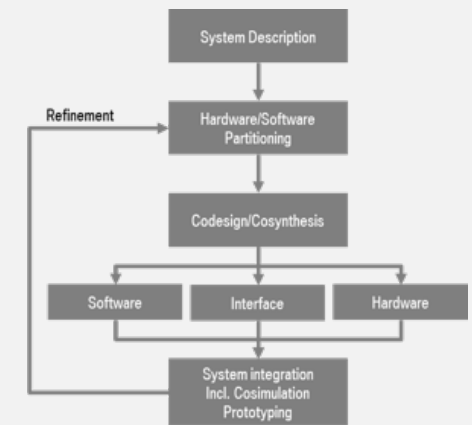


- Tesla and Apple saw the potential and develop their own chips
- E.g. Apple iPhone 8 needs only half battery capacity for same active time compared to Samsung

Energy efficient hybrid architectures

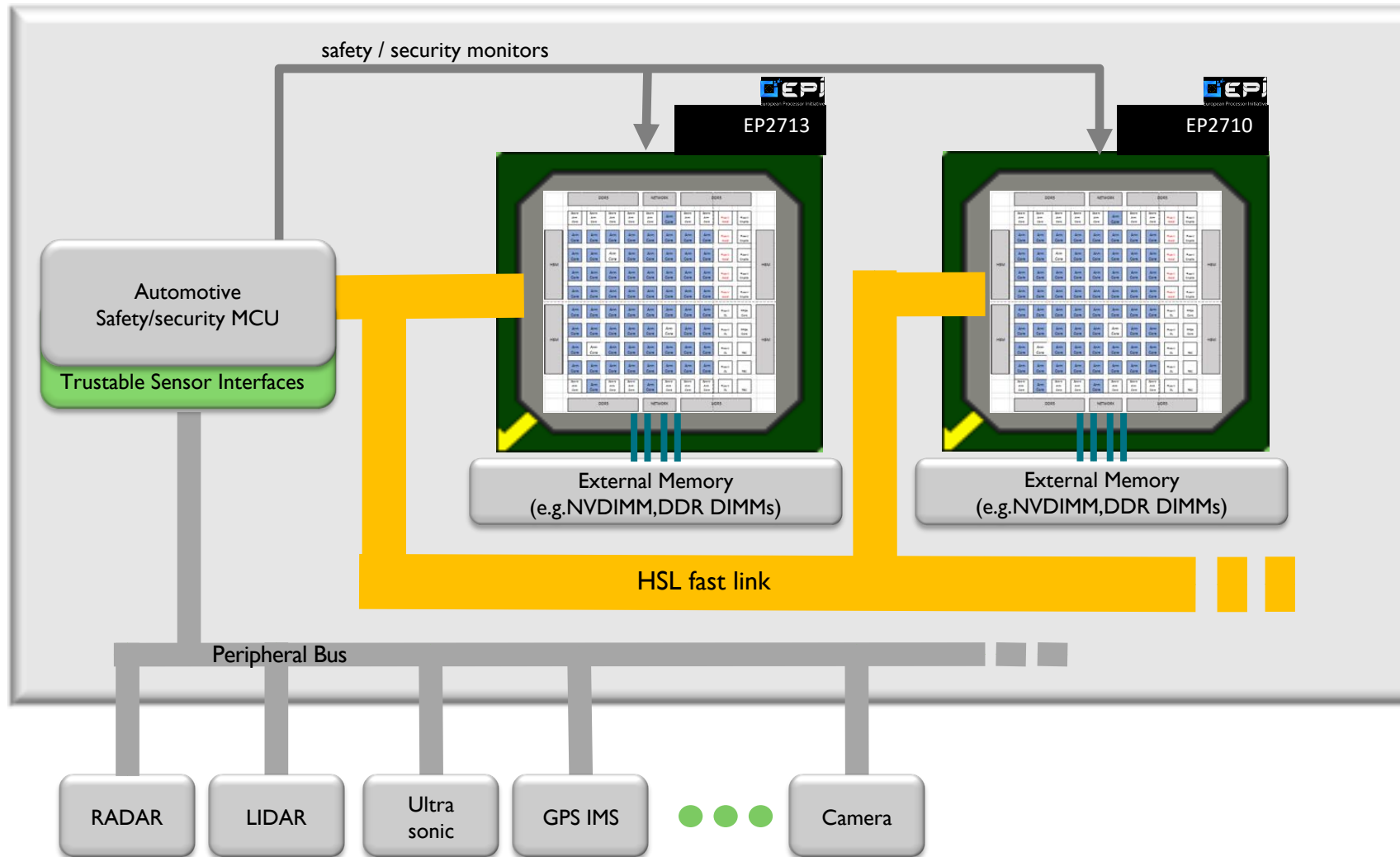


Hardware/Software Codesign



- Hybrid architectures enable energy efficient compute power by optimal balance between General Purpose Processors (GPP), accelerators and programmable Hardware (eFPGA).
- Hardware/Software Codesign helps to find the optimal balance.

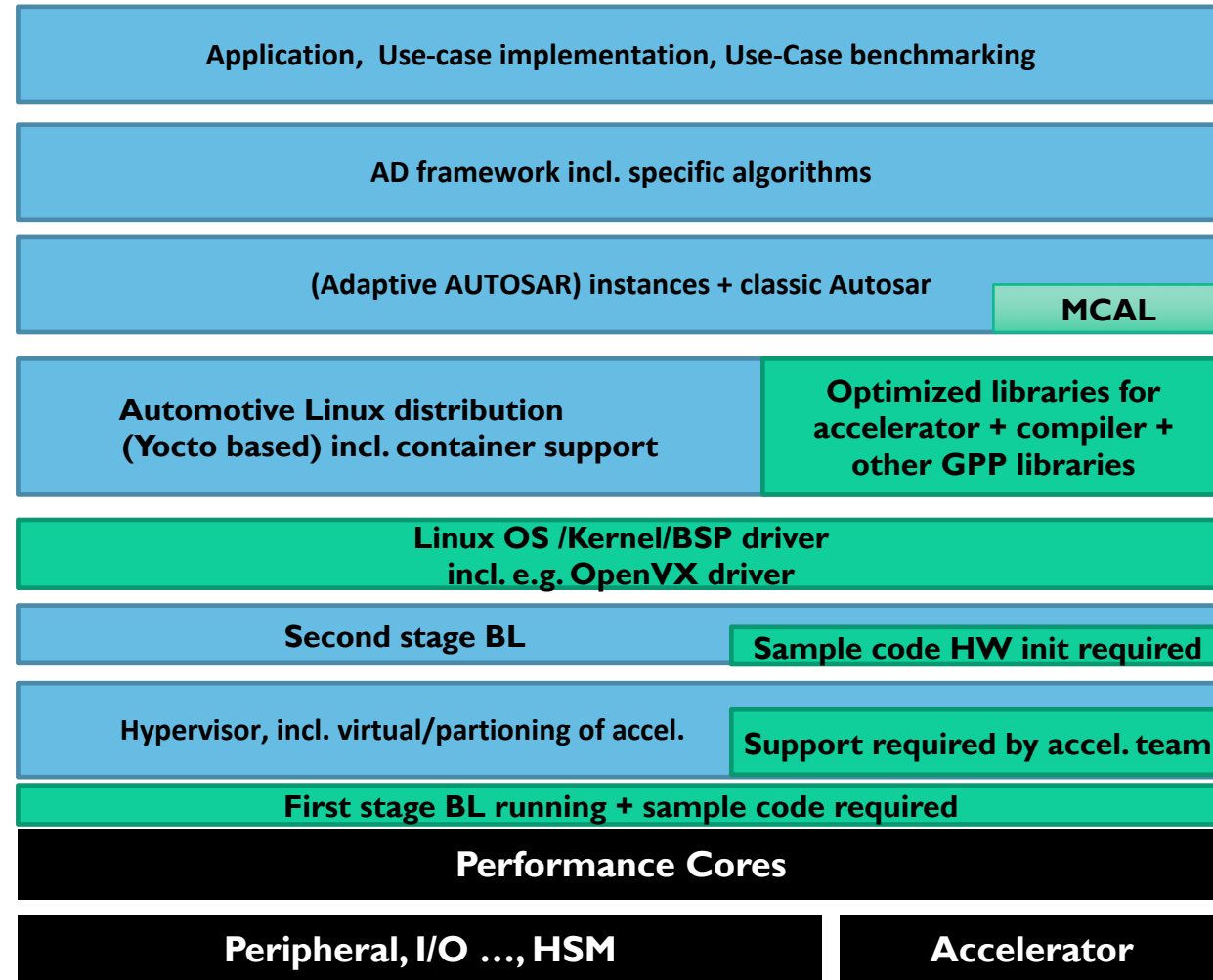
AUTOMOTIVE EHPC PLATFORM



AUTOMOTIVE SPECIFIC SW STACK

Automotive specific

- Reference boards
- Linux config, patches
- Extended BSP for RefBoard
- Automotive Middleware, protocols and libraries
- Everything around AUTOSAR
- AD framework + benchmarking
- Automotive Demo use case
- Integration and interaction with Safety Chips from Info
- Integration in BMW demo
- ...



Take over assumption from other EPI developments

- Chip init / configuration
- Linux kernel & basic BSP
- Optimized general purpose libraries (non-automotive specific) incl. standard accelerator libraries
- General benchmarking
- General dev-environment and SDK, CI, Versioning

Take over from GPP, Accelerator or automotive specific accelerator team

Core team + EB

EPI FOR EXASCALE



HPC BEFORE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

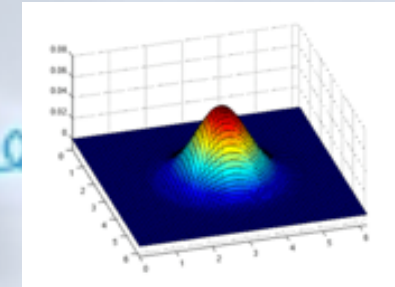
Theoretical model

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

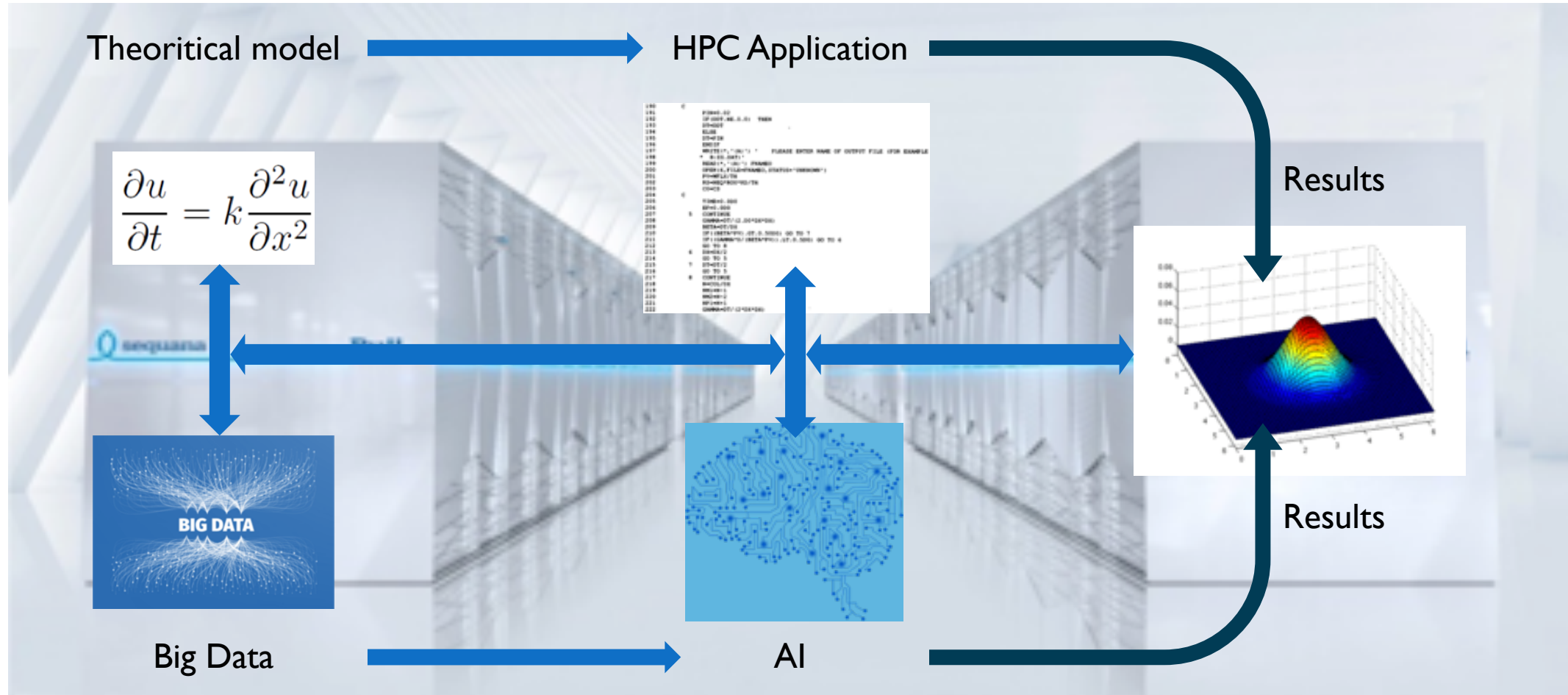
HPC Application

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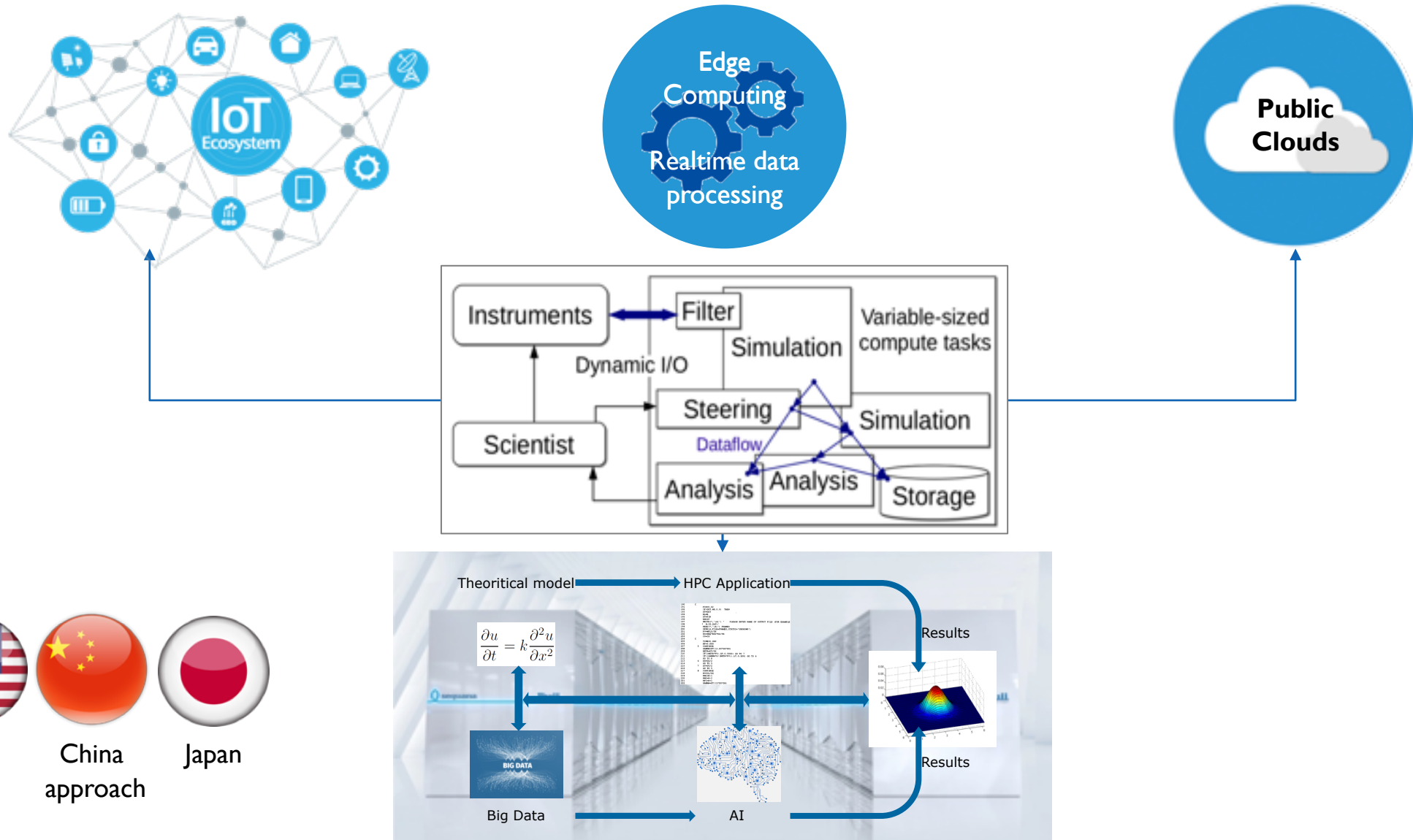
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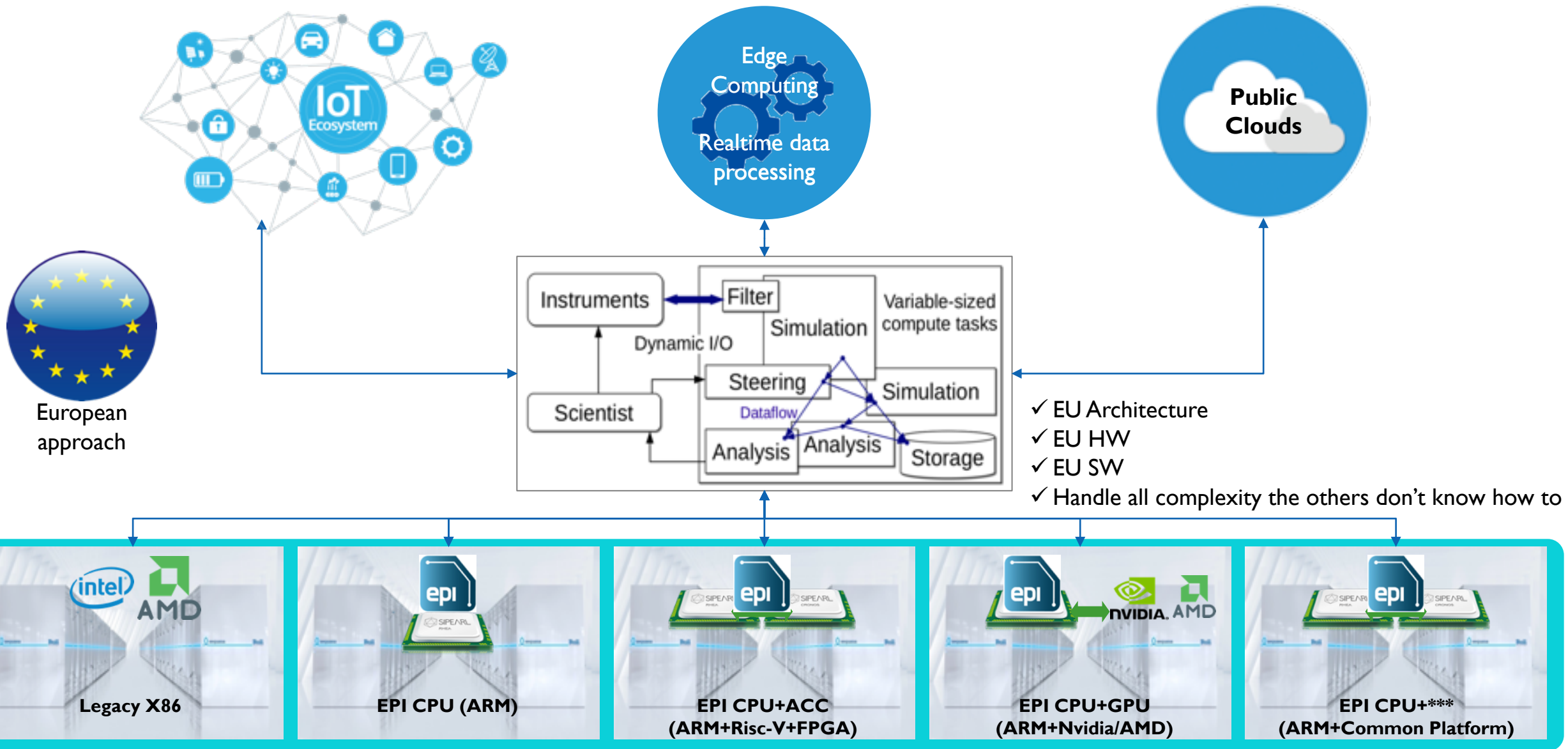
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CONCLUSION



EPI NEXT CHALLENGES

Build on existing IP and w. communities

- Risk minimized by leveraging existing work
 - Open Source, previous projects, external partners
- Future-proofed by favoring open standards & simpler programming models
- Legacy taken into account to widen the potential user-base

Close the gap between R&I and industrial products

- Have EPI “delivery and product” oriented while fulfilling its needs for Research and Innovation
 - We need to be ready for production end of 2021
- Face a WW class competition
 - We will not be used because we are “engineered” in EU but because we have the best and cost effective solution
- Re-create a real ecosystem for deep node microelectronics:
 - Engineers
 - IP's
 - ...factories...



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