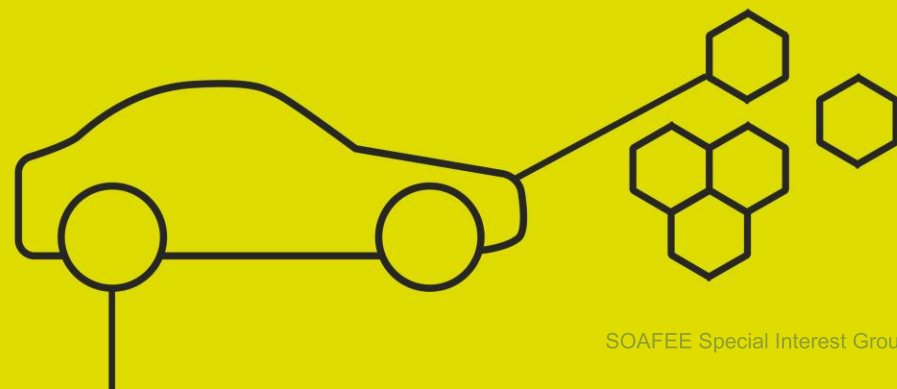


# Deterministic SDV

- Overview
- Who Is Responsible for the Deterministic System?

Soichiro 'Mats' Matsumoto, Product Manager @eSOL  
2025-05-15

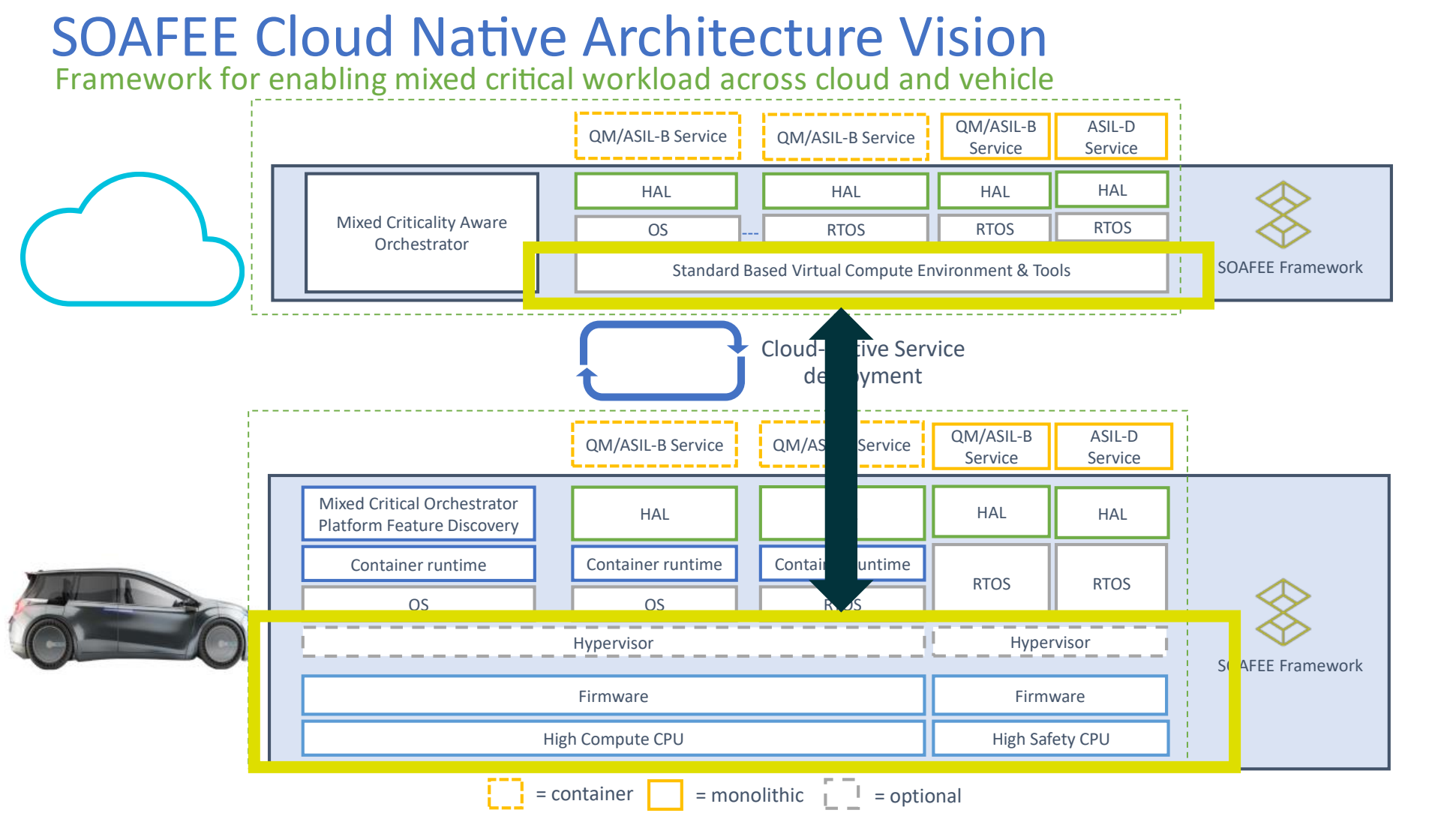


# Agenda & Objectives

- SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
- Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging
- What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?
- ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era
- Who Is Responsible for the Deterministic System?
- Summary & Next Steps

## Scalable Open Architecture For Embedded Edge

# Recap: SOAFEE Architecture



<https://architecture.docs.soafec.io/en/latest/contents/architecture.html#>

# Recap: SOAFEE Challenges

## ☐ 3. Challenges Ahead

- 3.1. Safety certification of cloud native technologies
- 3.2. Compatible safety certified system software
- 3.3. Startup
- 3.4. Real-time constraints & determinism
- 3.5. Automotive networks
- 3.6. Dynamic functions and homologation
- 3.7. Workload Deployment
- 3.8. Workload partitioning and clusters
- 3.9. Cloud based Testing

## 3.4. Real-time constraints & determinism

For automotive functions it is often mandatory to keep timing requirements during execution. Processing of signals chains (e.g., from sensors to applications control units and back to actuators) needs to be guaranteed to ensure important reaction times in order to avoid accidents. For this cloud native technology needs to be enhanced to support:

- Deterministic scheduling
- Deterministic processing of signals / guarantee for latency
- Priority handling

## 3.5. Automotive networks

The automotive network has time sensitive networking (TSN) enabled to achieve deterministic timing for data communication. Currently TSN is not supported in cloud

<https://architecture.docs.soaftee.io/en/latest/contents/challenges.html>

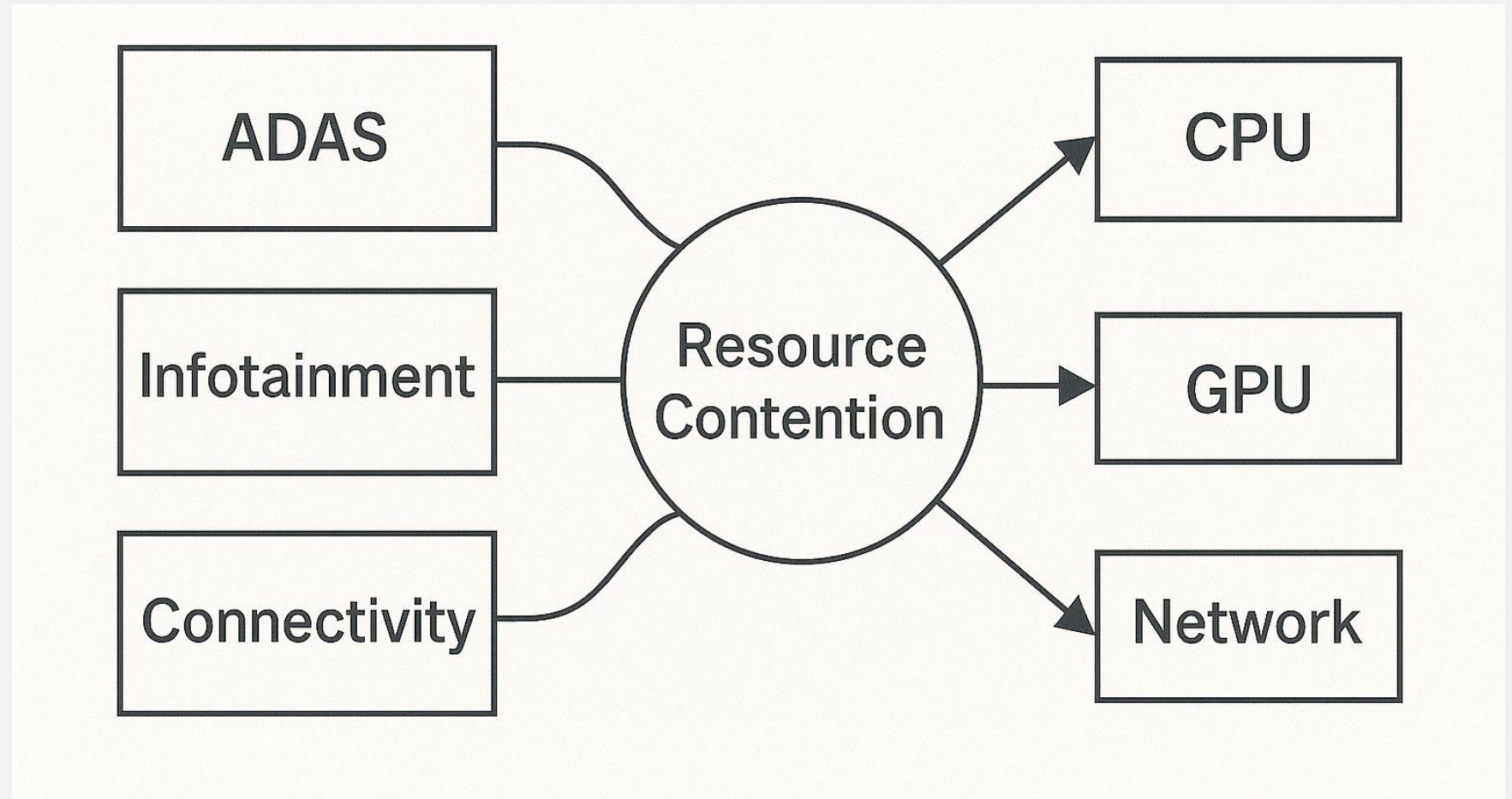
# Agenda & Objectives

1. SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
- 2. Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging**
3. What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?
4. ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era
5. Who Is Responsible for the Determinism System?
6. Summary & Next Steps

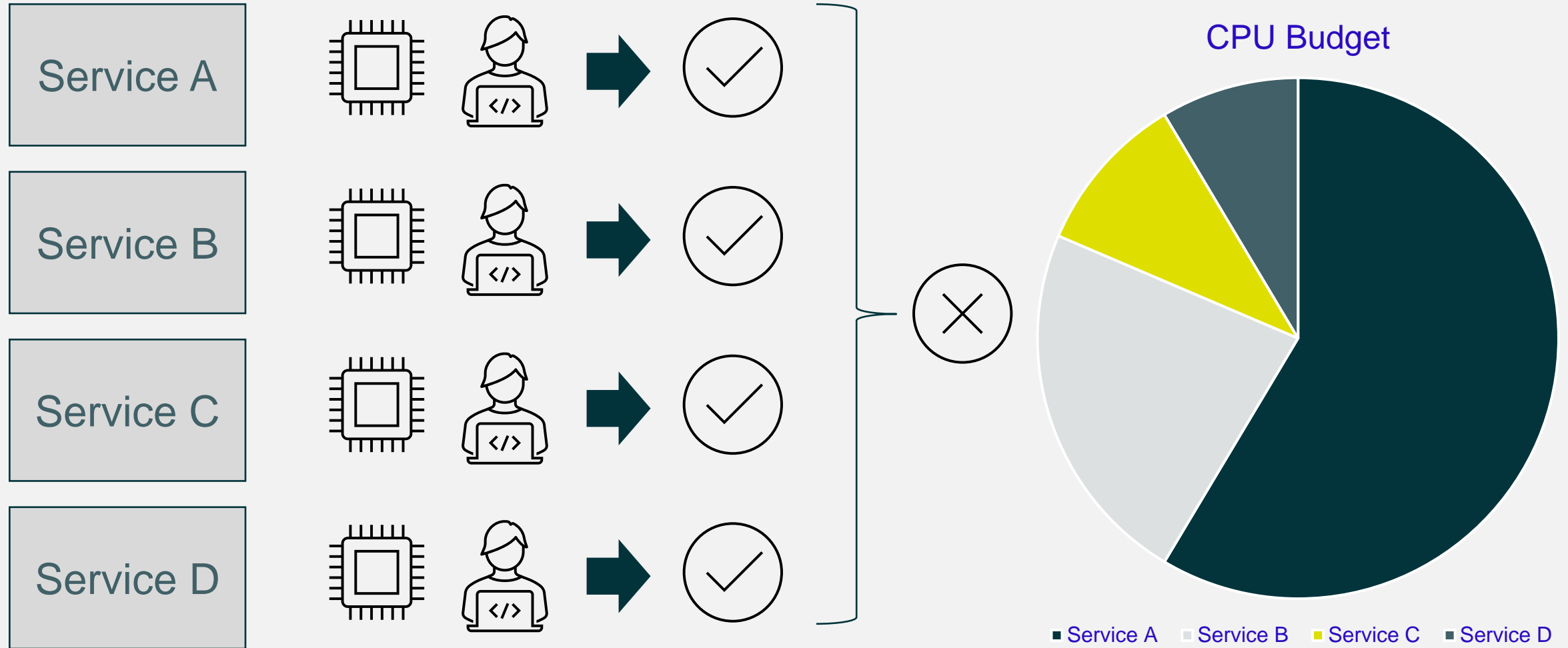


# Real-World Challenges

- Multiple sub-teams, single high-performance SoC
- Conflicting resource requests (CPU, GPU, memory, cache, bus...)



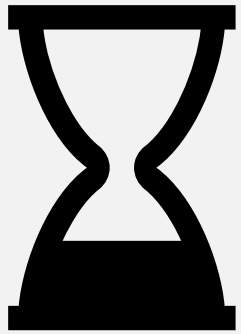
# Real-World Challenges





# Real-World Challenges

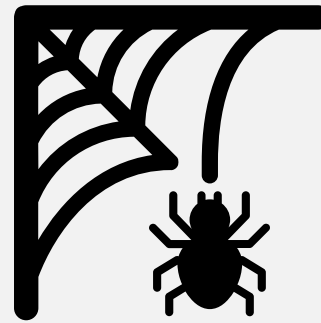
- No countermeasure for non-deterministic behavior leads to:



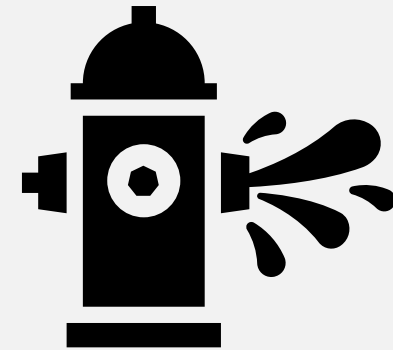
Development delays



Cost overruns



Bugs



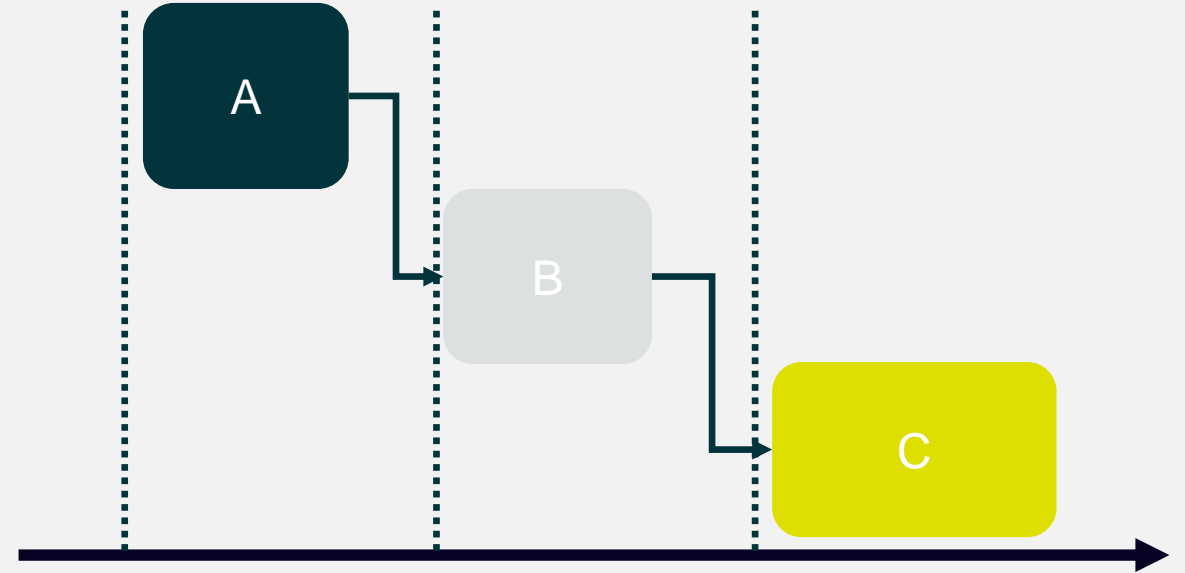
Reduced functionality

# Agenda & Objectives

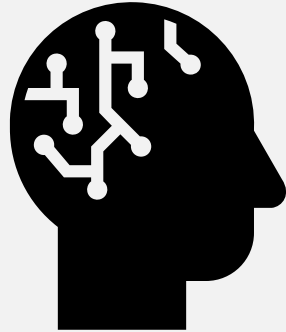
1. SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
2. Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging
- 3. What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?**
4. ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era
5. Who Is Responsible for the Determinism System?
6. Summary & Next Steps

# What Is Deterministic Behavior?

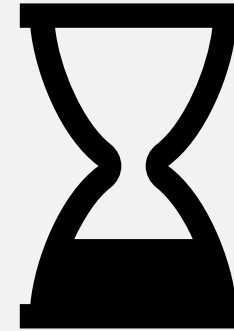
- Predictable Timing
- Consistent Outcomes



# Determinism(s) in systems

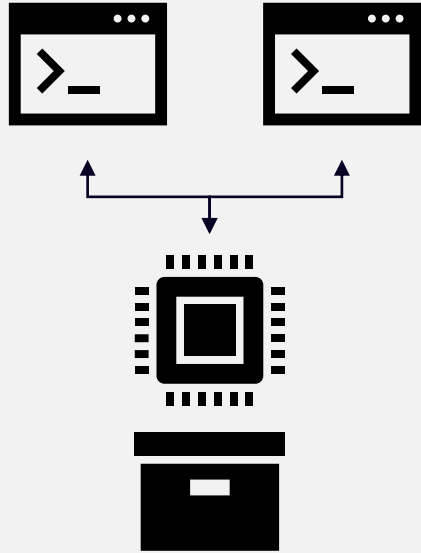


Logical Determinism  
(Not a philosophical one)

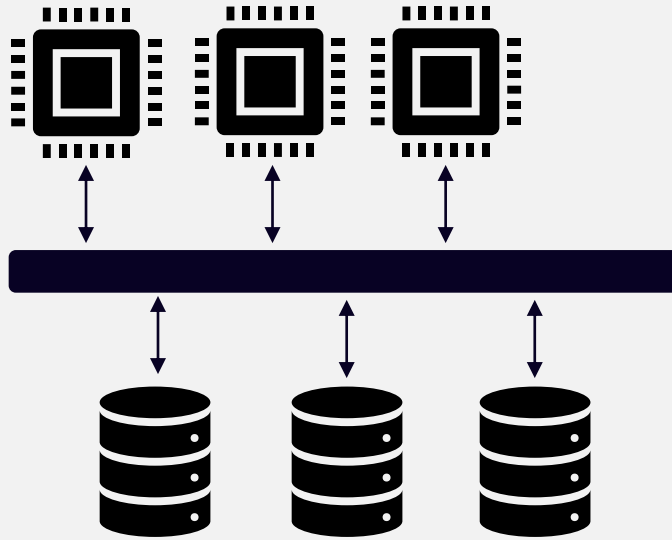


Temporal Determinism

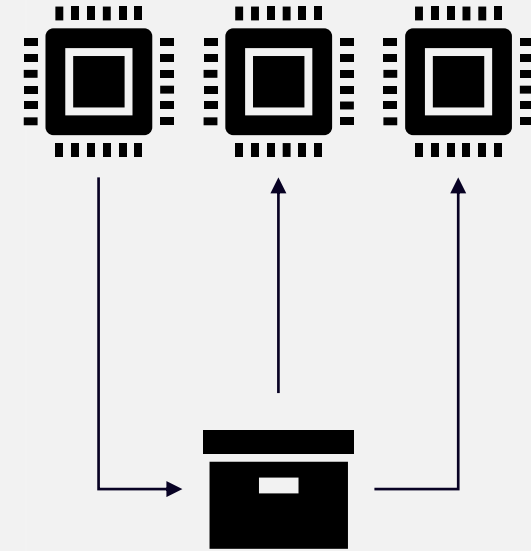
# How your system loses temporal determinism



Unpredictable cache misses



Unpredictable Memory Bus  
and DRAM Contention



Unpredictable Inter-Core  
Interference

# Importance of Determinism



Safety Risks



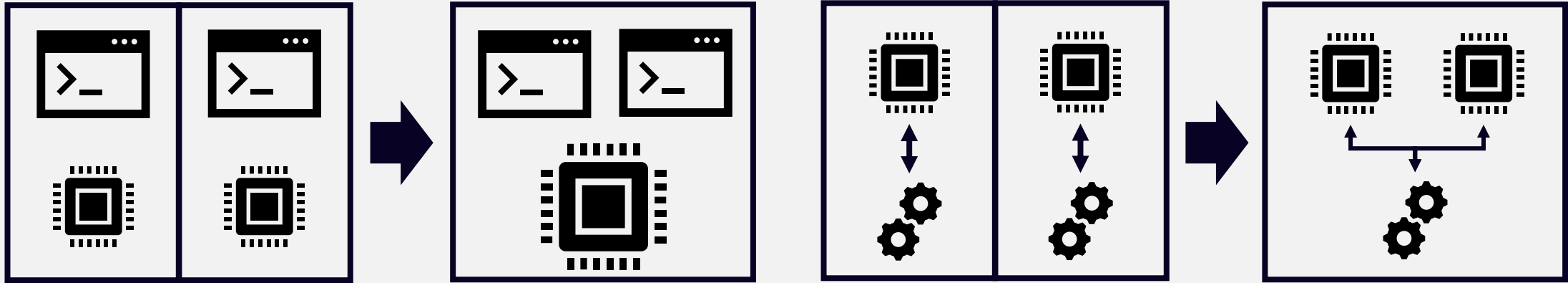
Poor UX



# Agenda & Objectives

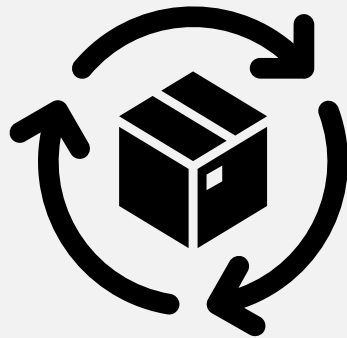
1. SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
2. Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging
3. What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?
- 4. ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era**
5. Who Is Responsible for the Deterministic System?
6. Summary & Next Steps

# What makes your system unpredictable in the SDV Era

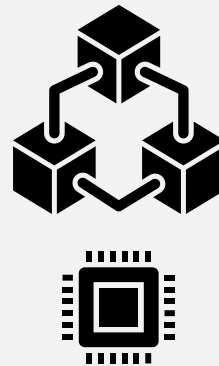


Consolidation

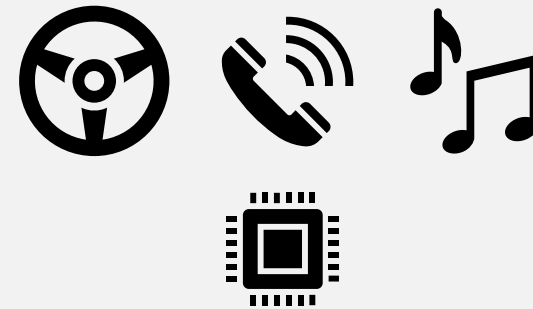
Shared Device



OTA Update



Virtualization

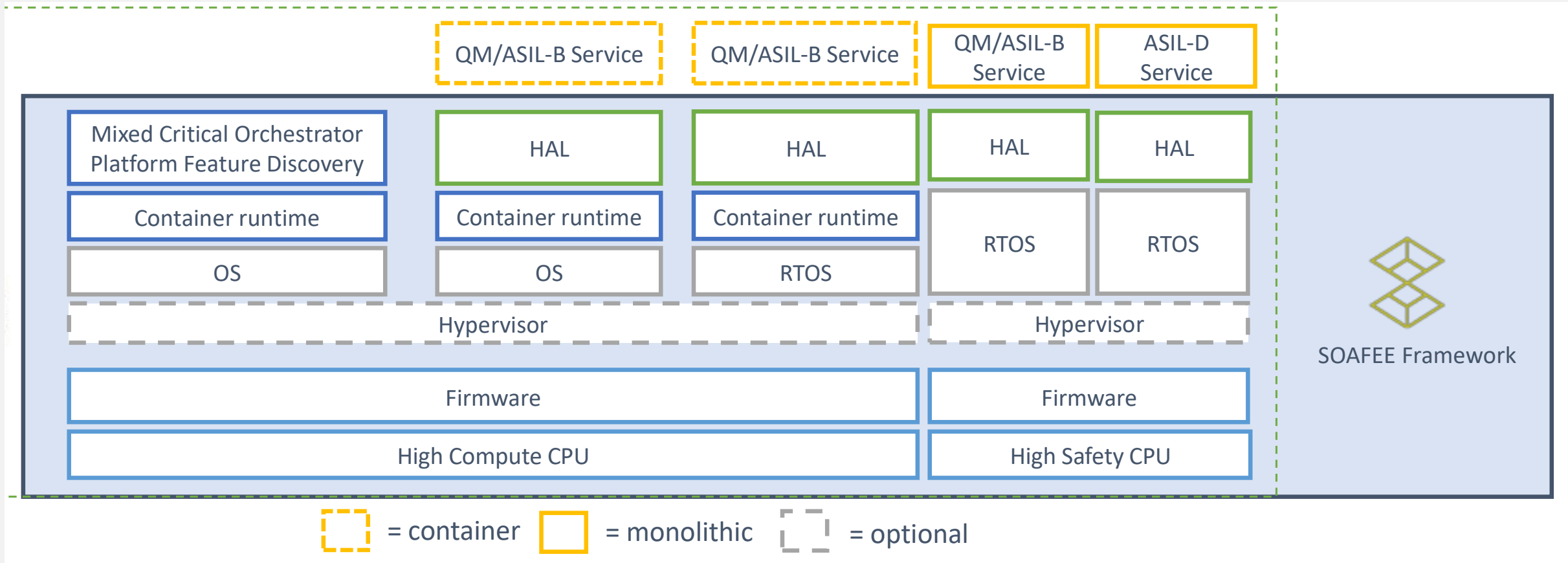


Mixed Criticality

# Agenda & Objectives

1. SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
2. Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging
3. What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?
4. ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era
- 5. Who Is Responsible for the Deterministic System?**
6. Summary & Next Steps

# No single layer can guarantee determinism alone



# Each layer nurtures its counterspell

- Hardware
  - Cache partitioning, Runtime profile, Memory bus QoS...
- OS / Hypervisor / Container Runtime
  - Real-time scheduling, guest partitioning, device virtualization...
- Middleware
  - TSN, IPC frameworks, QoS management...

# Agenda & Objectives

1. SOAFEE Architecture Recap & Challenges
2. Real-World Example: Why Deterministic SDV Is Challenging
3. What Is Determinism & Why Does It Matter?
4. ECU Consolidation in the SDV Era
5. Who Is Responsible for the Deterministic System?
6. Summary & Next Steps



# Key Points

- Determinism = predictability in timing & behavior
- ECU consolidation → more resource conflicts
- System-wide approach: hardware + OS + middleware + app
- Everyone shares the responsibility → **Collaboration at SOAFEE**

- Try abstracting your low-levels, but do not completely ignore the layered architecture underneath. It's physics.

# What's Coming Next

- Dr. Yang Zhang (AutoCore) → TSN & Deterministic Networking
- Dr. Ravi Akella (DENSO) → Cloud Integration, Deterministic Scheduler



Thank You

