Abstract:
As automotive electronic product architectures built upon a multitude of ECUs distributed across different subsystems continue to migrate toward higher levels of distributed-ness with increasing system complexity, the high utility of software components in the development of automotive embedded systems is rapidly influencing the industry to push forward with a new automotive software architecture called AUTOSAR. This presentation discusses the essential business case for AUTOSAR and the challenges of developing embedded software within the automotive industry. The influences of distributed functions, protocol choice, use of multiple vehicle networks, U.S. regulatory agendas, product liability, and the use of an OEM-directed supplier-based business model are examined. This partially historical and systems engineering perspective makes a compelling case that without a major focus on complexity reduction, the development of automotive distributed systems and embedded software would be near impossible.

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