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# **Methods to determine the environmental footprint of software – on the way to standardization**

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Part 1: Bosch SW Eco Footprint model



# Invented for life



# Who we are

## Our business sectors



**Mobility**



**Industrial Technology**



**Consumer Goods**



**Energy and Building  
Technology**

# Sustainability at Bosch

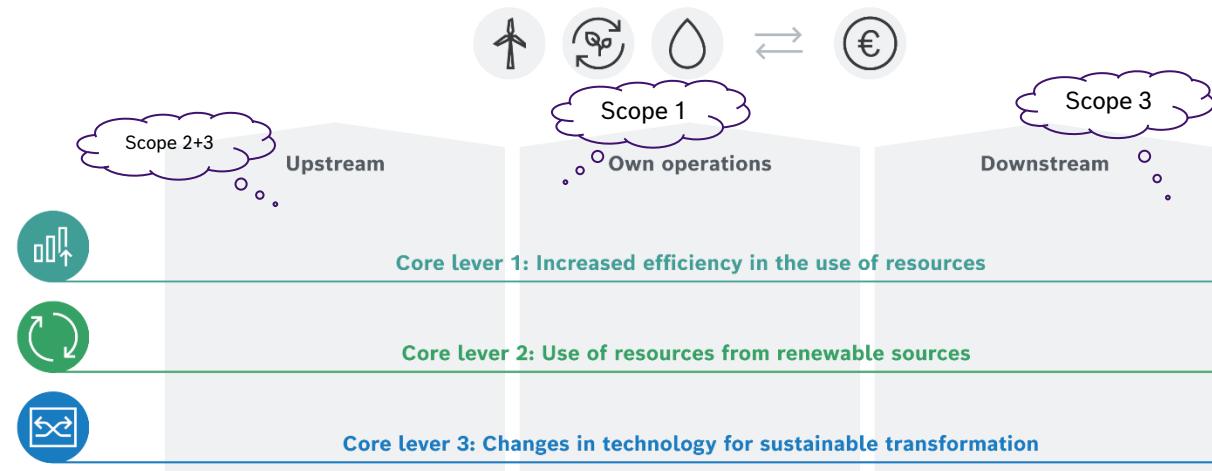
## Uniform sustainability methodology enables systematic control



The environmental dimensions of our vision for sustainability are underpinned by the same logic. This is characterized by **three core levers**, that can be applied along the value chain.

### Sustainability methodology

Core levers for improving sustainability performance along the value chain



# Climate action

Carbon neutral in scope 1 & 2 since 2020

**3.3**

million tons  
CO<sub>2</sub> in 2018

at our over 400  
locations worldwide  
(scope 1 & 2)



**Energy  
Efficiency**



**New Clean  
Power**



**Green  
Electricity**



**Carbon  
Offsets**



**Carbon neutral**

in scope 1 & 2  
since 2020

**Goal 2030**

Savings:  
**1.7 TWh**

In-house  
generation:  
**400 GWh**

Green  
Electricity:  
**100%**

Carbon Offsetting:  
**max. 0.5m t  
CO<sub>2</sub>**

**Achievement  
2024**

**67%**

**49%**

**99.5%**

**531,300 t CO<sub>2</sub>**

**-84% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions since 2018**



# Where we want to go Our sustainability targets



**-30%**

absolute reduction in  
scope 3 carbon emissions  
by 2030\*

\*compared with 2018 baseline year



## Where we want to go Our sustainability targets



**-25%**

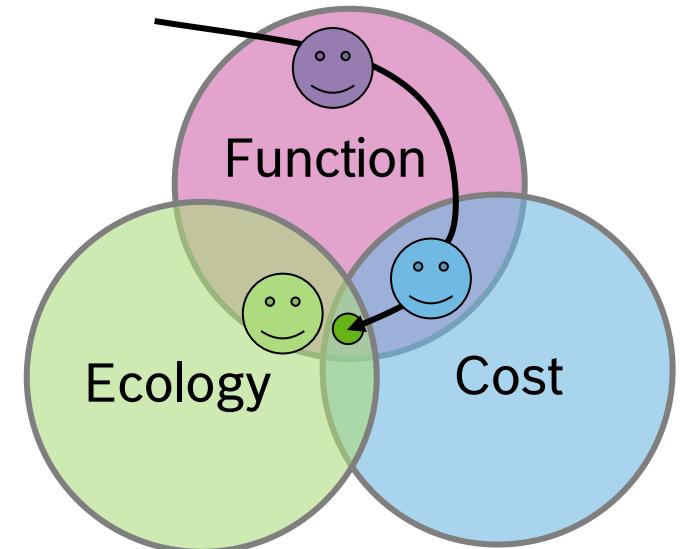
absolute reduction in water  
withdrawal in regions with  
water scarcity by 2025\*

\*compared with 2017 baseline year



# Sustainability strategy of Bosch Design for Sustainability (Eco Design)

Reduce Ecological Footprint, especially Green House Gas emissions,  
during the **entire** product lifecycle  
by a **considerate product creation process**  
with a **Product Lifecycle** view.





# Lifecycle Analysis of Software Eco Footprint

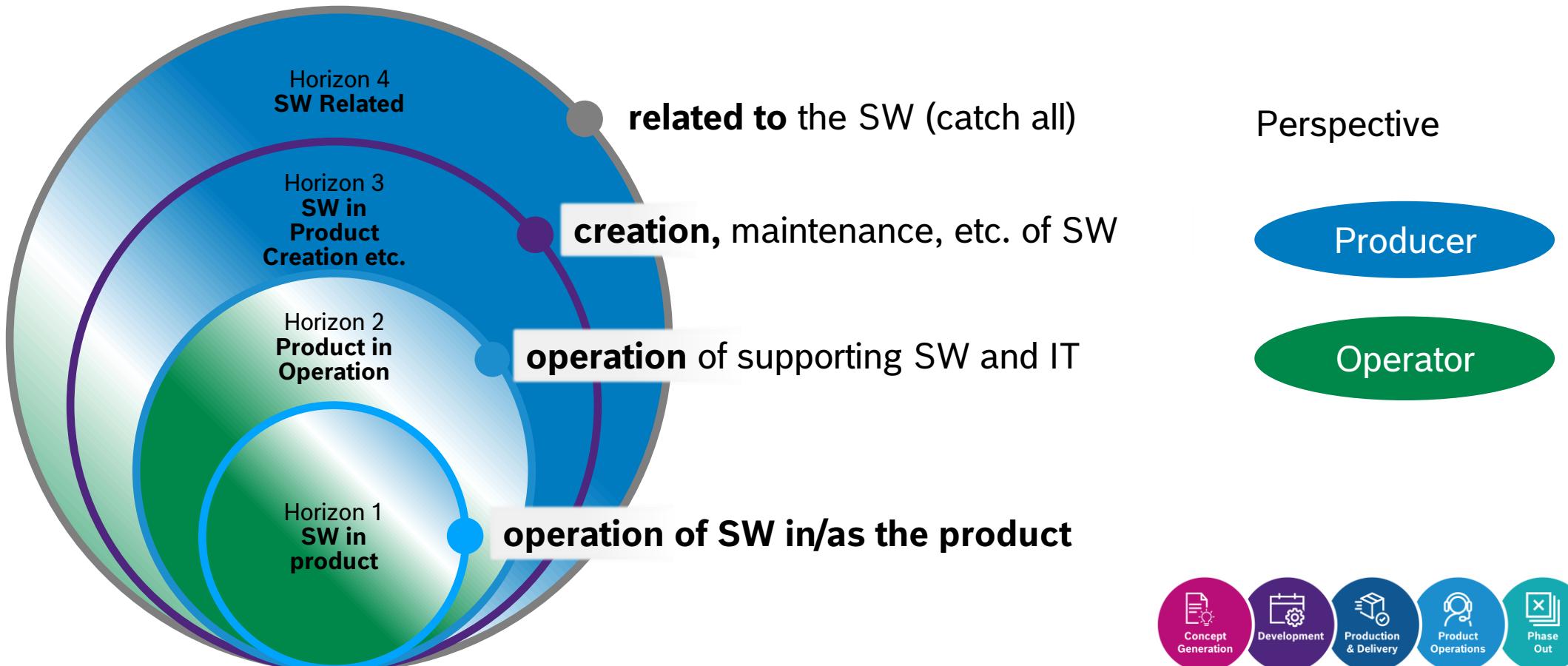
## SW has a different lifecycle profile than a typical HW

| Software PLC        |  | Build Pipelines        |                        |                                    |                              | SW Operations |   | Negligible excpt. Replacement Re-Use and is a topic |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Influencing factors | SW Architecture                        | Operational            | Embodied               | SW Deployment & Embodied Emissions |                              |               |   |   |  |  |  |
| PLC Phases*         | Concept                                | Development            | Production & Delivery  |                                    | Product Operations           |               | Phase Out                                   |   |  |  |  |
| Hardware PLC        | Design decisions<br>Material decisions | Equipment<br>Materials | Equipment<br>Materials |                                    | Depends on physical function |               | Recycling / Second Life / Re-Use / Disposal |   |  |  |  |
| Influencing factors |  |                        |                        |                                    |                              |               |   |   |  |  |  |
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# The Bosch SW Eco Footprint model

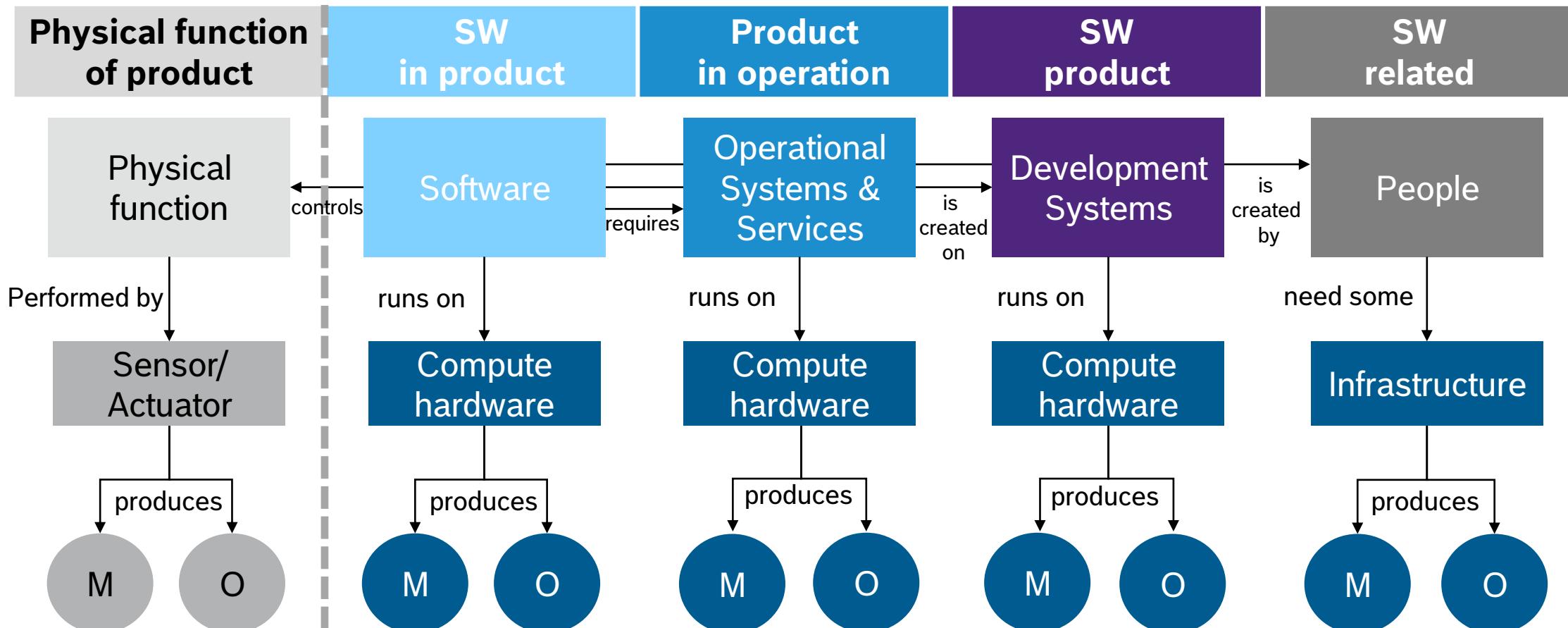
## Four Horizons and two Perspectives of the eco Footprint





# The Bosch Eco Footprint model

## Big picture: The Software Boundary and Four Horizons of SW

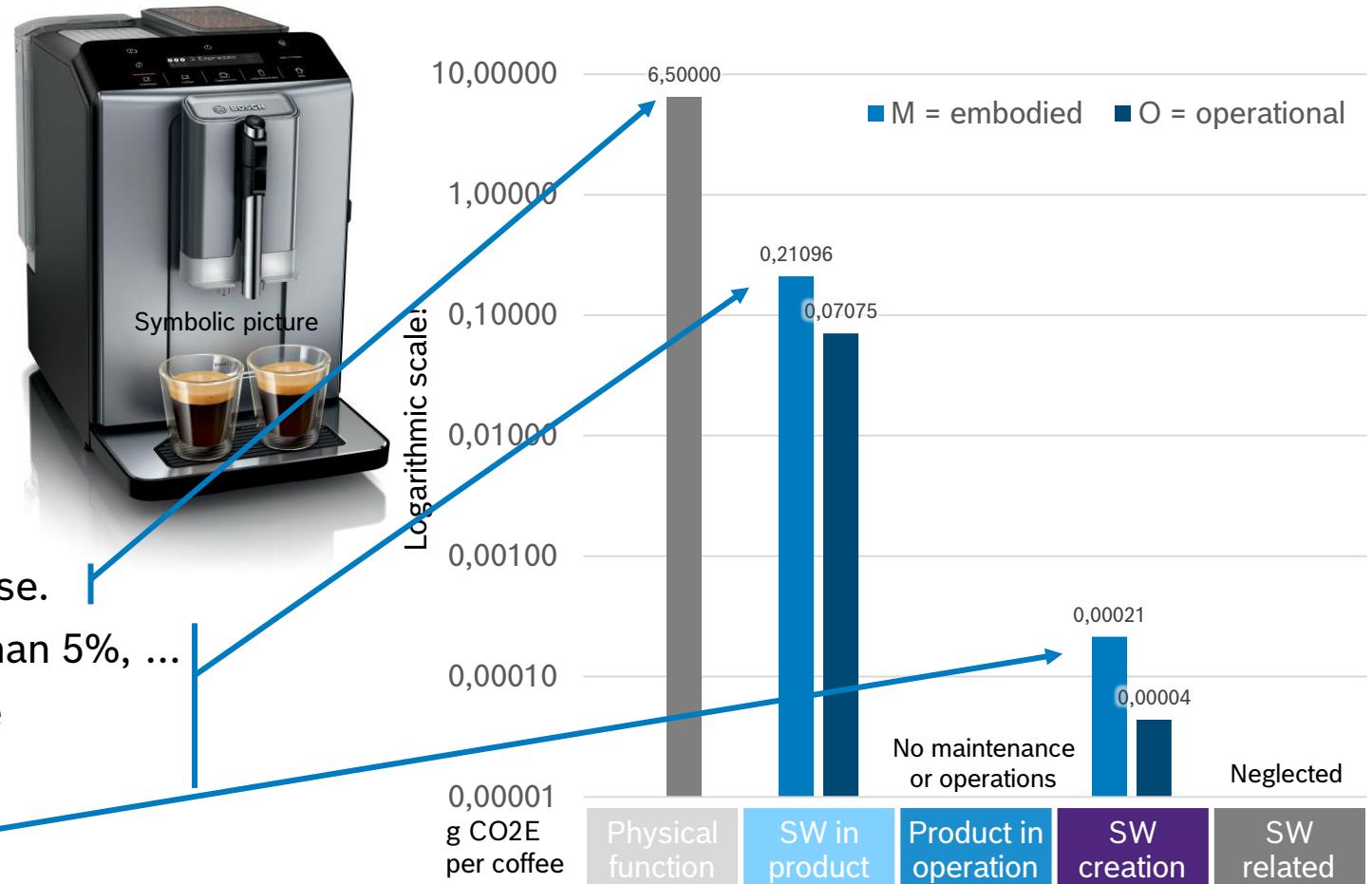


# Software PCF (SCF)

## Deep dive 1: Coffee maker (offline)

- Product function:  
Produce a cup of coffee
- Function of SW:  
Get user input, control coffee making process, display data.
- Functional unit for calculation:  
One cup of coffee
- Usage Profile:  
5 cups of coffee per day, 10 years usage

- Top levers of SCF:
  - Physical function. No real surprise.
  - $M_{SW \text{ in product}} + O_{SW \text{ in product}}$  less than 5%, ...  
...but similar order of magnitude
  - $M_{SW \text{ in product}} > O_{SW \text{ in product}}$
  - SW creation negligible



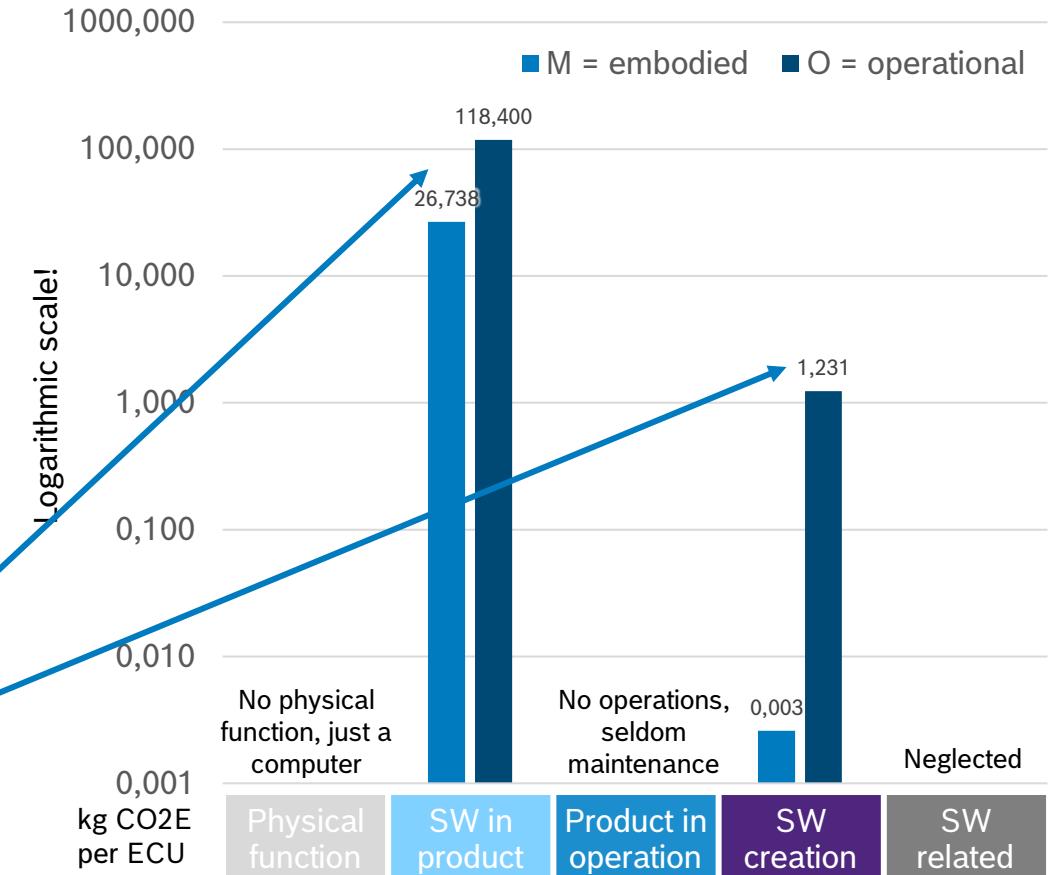
# Software PCF (SCF)

## Deep dive 2: Vehicle compute unit (VCU)

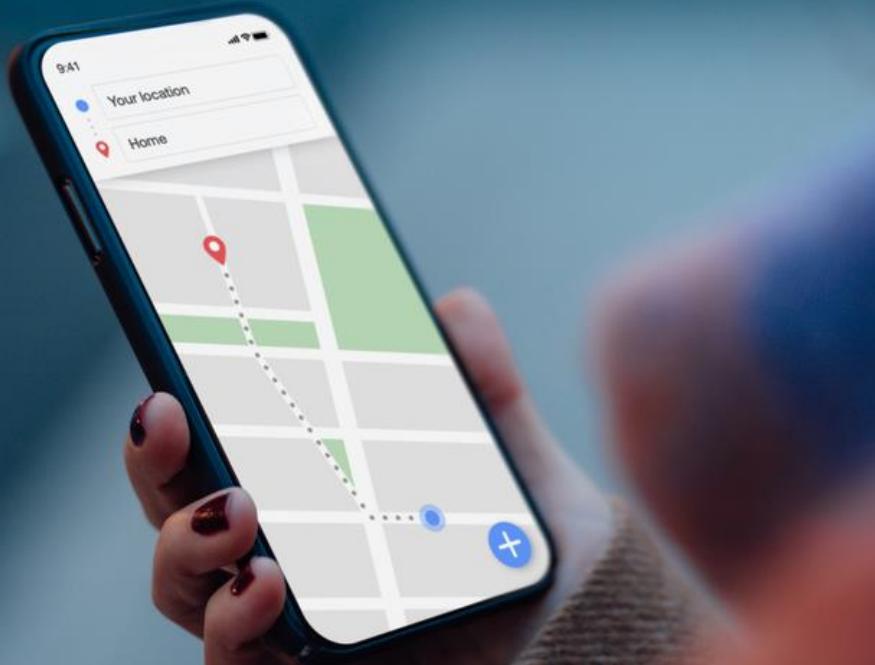
- Product function:  
Compute data, provide safety and comfort to driver.
- Function of SW:  
Collect sensor data, calculate driving trajectory based on environmental model.
- Functional unit for calc.:  
Lifetime of one ECU
- Assumptions, constraints (excerpt):  
1 million units, 100PB training data



- Top levers of SCF:
  - $M_{SW \text{ in product}} < O_{SW \text{ in product}}$ , like any computer
  - SW creation negligible due to #units



Thanks for your interest  
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Lifecycle Analysis of Software



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