

# Software-defined Hardware Design Relies on AI and Intelligent Verification

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# Our world depends on semiconductors and electronic systems



**And our dependency is accelerating...**

# Global factors making semiconductors and electronic systems critical to society

Shift away from general-purpose computing platforms to **workload-optimized computing**

Data centers, automotive, AI, and other segments designing chips

Software **differentiates the product** and must be created, tested, and optimized in parallel with semiconductor designs

Software



**Software-defined, Silicon-enabled**

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**Mercedes-Benz Wants to Become a Software Company, the CEO Says**

At a recent briefing in Northern California's Silicon Valley, the marque's top executives discuss what's soon to roll out on the tech front.



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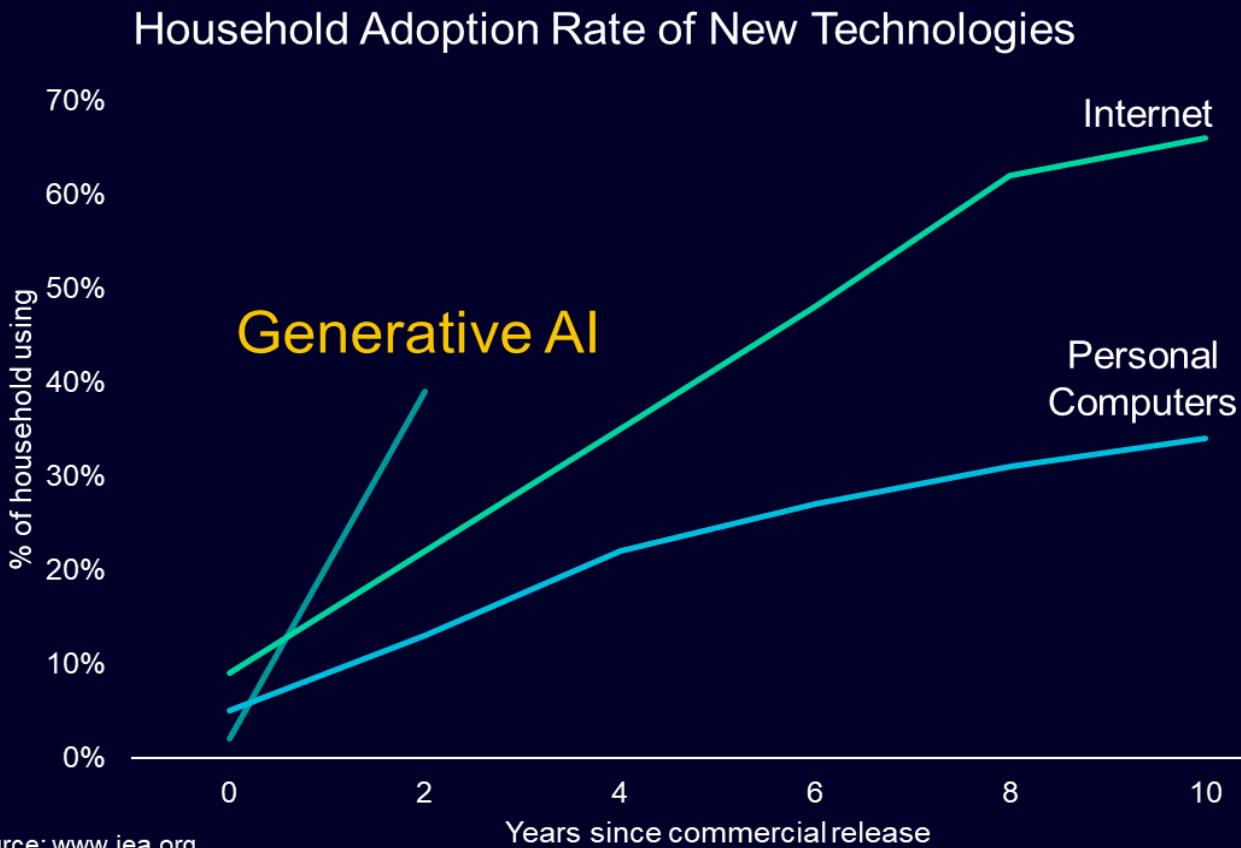
Software

Artificial Intelligence

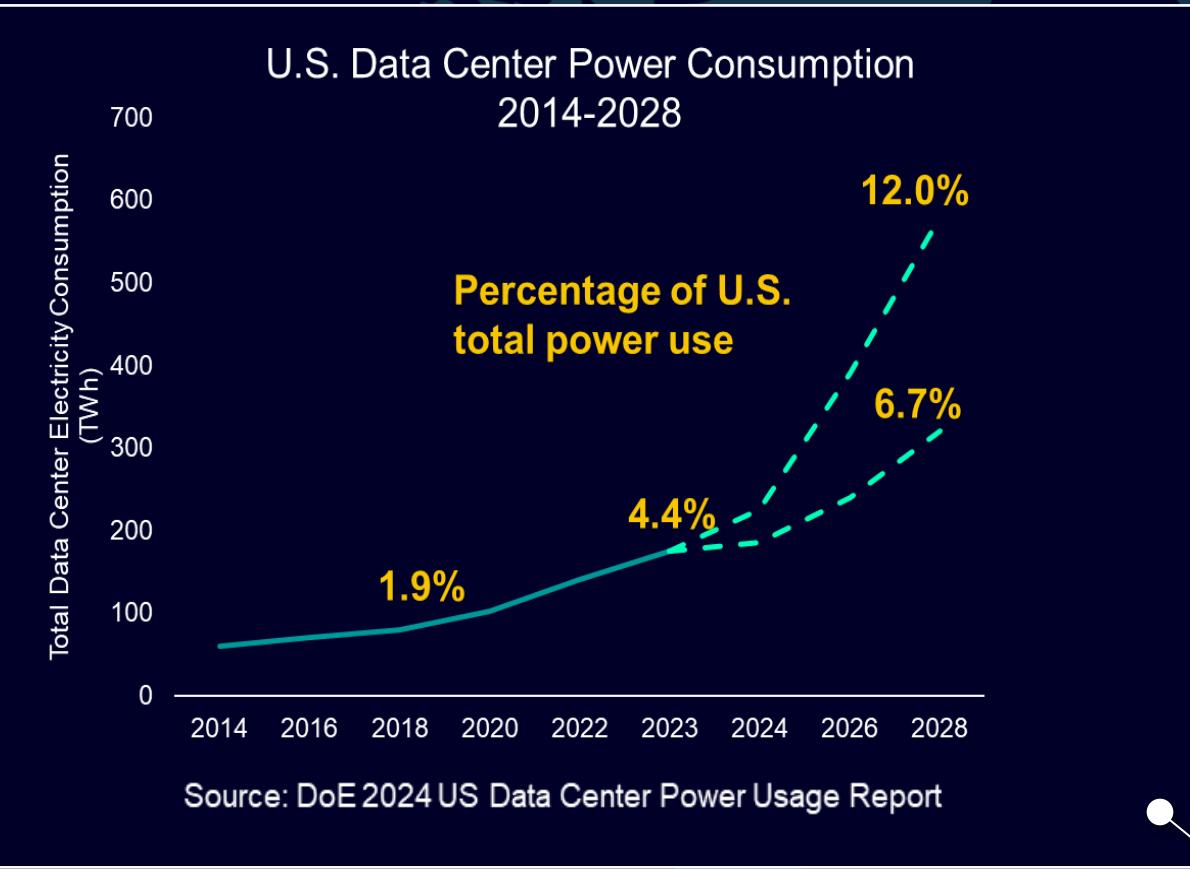
AI will **enable new possibilities and transform industries**

AI introduces **new technology and scaling challenges** for semiconductor

AI everywhere will drive **increased semiconductor consumption**



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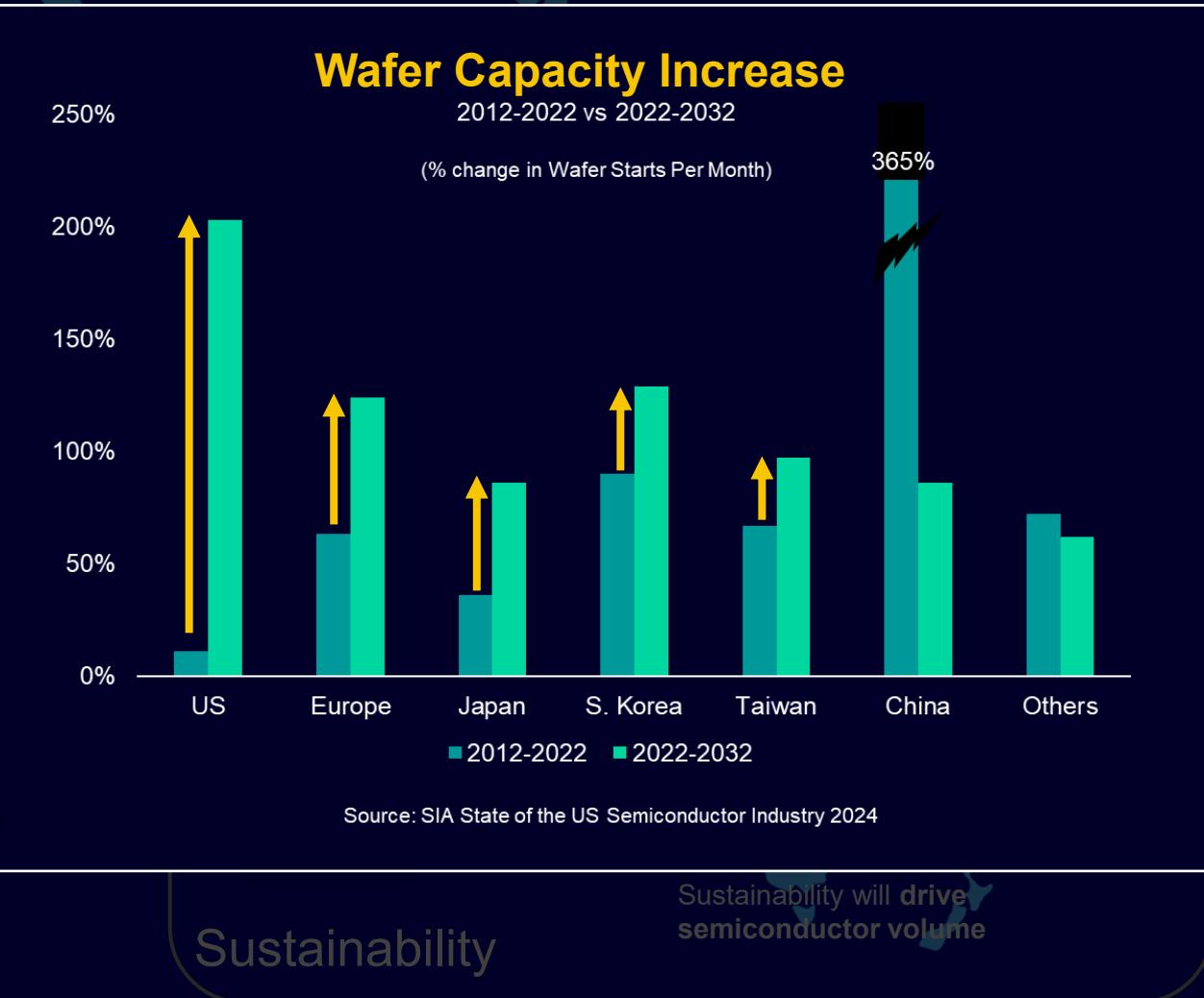
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Semiconductors are at the heart of a **new era of trade wars**

**Supply chain fragility** exposed with Covid-19 and visibility amplified with global dependence on semiconductor-related products

Semiconductor **nationalism** is driving new investments

**Silicon Nationalism**





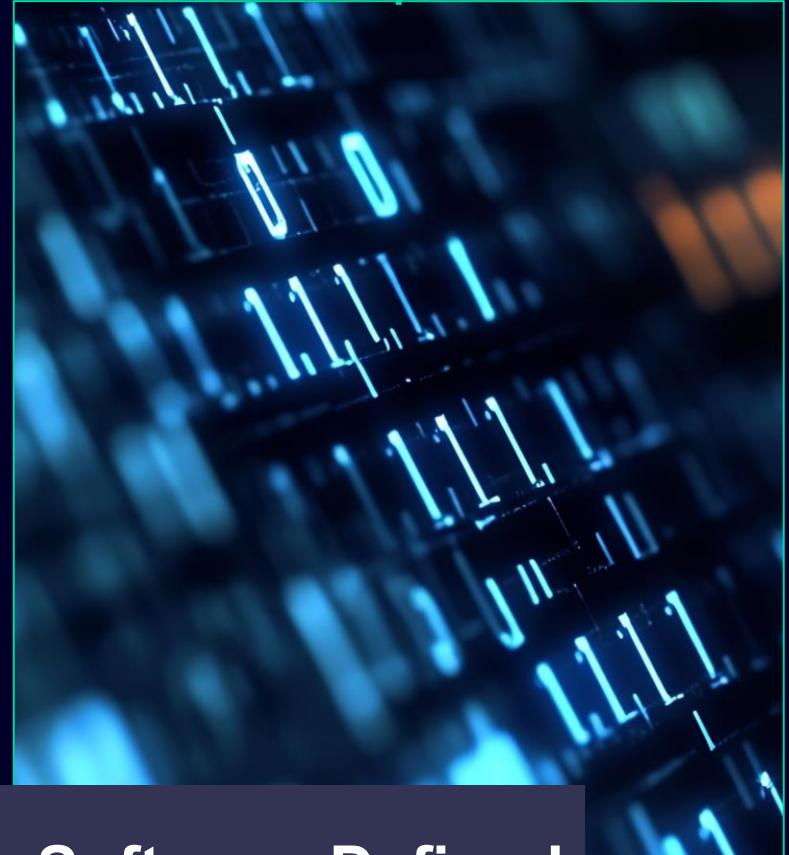
Software is  
**eating the world**

Marc Andreessen  
Founder, Netscape &  
Andreessen Horowitz



Software is  
eating the world,  
but **AI is going  
to eat software**

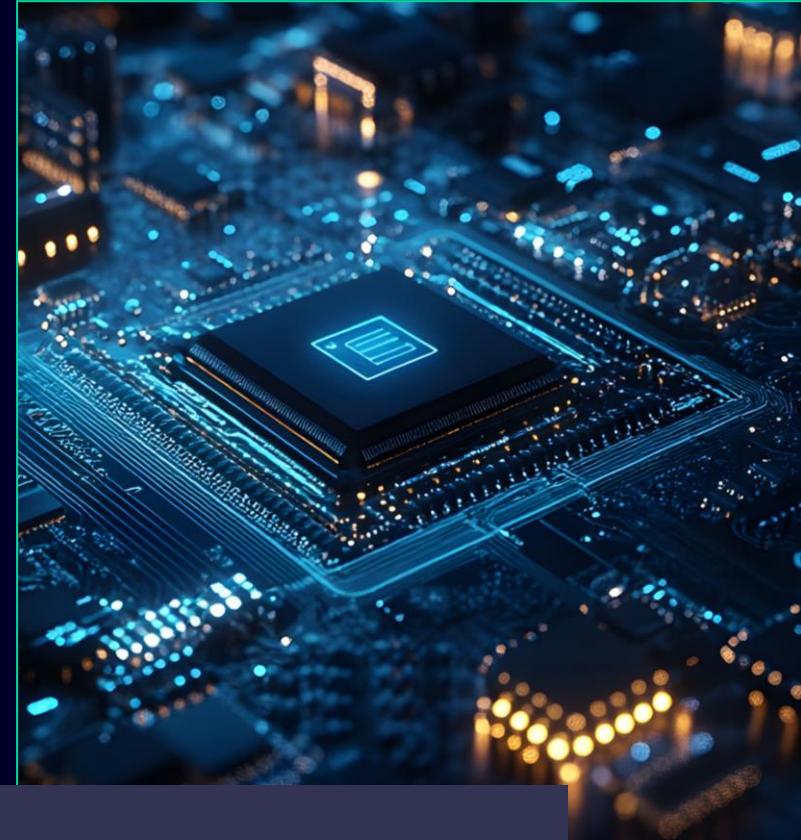
Jensen Huang  
President & CEO, Nvidia



**Software-Defined**



**AI-Powered**



**Silicon-Enabled**

# AI powered software workloads are exploding

## GenAI is thriving

- 🌐 Massive adoption of **foundational models**
- 📍 **Diverse models** across industries
- ✖ Rise of **multi-modal models**

## Agentic AI is advancing

- 💡 **Autonomous decision making**
- 🕒 **Real-time** learning and adaptation
- ⌚ Multi step **planning and reasoning**

Artificial  
General  
Intelligence

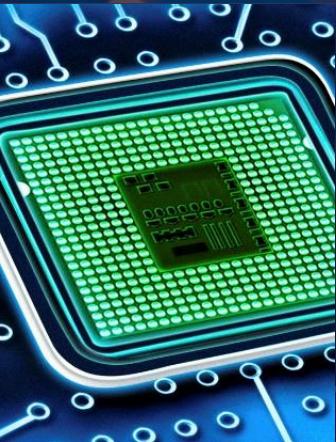


Enhanced intelligence in software drives a sharp increase in workload **SCALE** and **DIVERSITY**.

# Impacting all the **industries** we serve...

## Hyperscalers

Custom AI  
accelerator chips  
deployed at scale



## Automotive

Software-defined  
vehicles with  
enhanced safety



## Industrial

AI-powered robotics  
connected industrial  
internet of things



## Healthcare

Surgical robotics,  
drug discovery  
platforms



## Consumer Electronics

Gaming consoles,  
security cameras,  
virtual assistant



## Aerospace and Defense

Software-defined  
radios, AI-powered  
drones



# Software: The Ultimate Differentiation for Every Industry

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**Mercedes Benz wants to become a software company**

Ola Källenius, CEO



**We have about 60,000 engineers at Lockheed Martin. 10,000 of those are software engineers**

Jim Taiclet, CEO



**10% of the company's annual revenue will come from software by 2030**

John May, CEO



**JOHN DEERE**

**For quite some time now, Bosch has also been a software company**

Stefan Hartung, Chairman



**The future of warfare will be superficially hardware-driven, with a buttload of software smarts under the hood**

Parmer Luckey, Founder



**Software will define containers moved by Maersk, which is ~20% of global container trade**

Søren Skou, Former CEO



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# AI: Supercharges Software Experiences & Outcomes

AI helps to deliver “premium ADAS features at mass market prices” – smarter object recognition, hazard anticipation & surround sensing



AI/GenAI solutions will help SAP cut \$100 million in costs during FY24 (HR, finance, supply chain, contracts & docs etc.)

Christian Klein, CEO, SAP



It takes 10 years and billions of dollars to design a drug. With AI, we can maybe reduce that down from years to months or even weeks

Demis Hassabis, CEO  
2024 Nobel Laureate



We used Gen AI to crunch 850M product data points and improve customer experience – and it was 100X more productive

Doug McMillon, CEO



20%-30% of the code that is inside of our repos today and some of our projects are probably all written by AI

Satya Nadella, CEO



Our AI robot dog literally walks around the plant all day long... it can see and hear and look for error states well before a human being could

Kumar Galhotra, COO



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# Purpose Built Silicon: The Competitive Edge for Every Industry



**Custom silicon provides better price performance on training & inference**

Andy Jassy, CEO



**We built custom silicon that to handle inference for our ranking & recommendations**

Mark Zuckerberg, CEO



**Custom SoC projects are a broad trend across all industries for compute & efficiency demands**

Dermont O'Discoll, VP



**Google Expands In-House Chip Efforts in Costly AI Battle**

WSJ with Amin Vahdat, VP



**Apple silicon will make the Mac stronger and more capable than ever**

Tim Cook, CEO

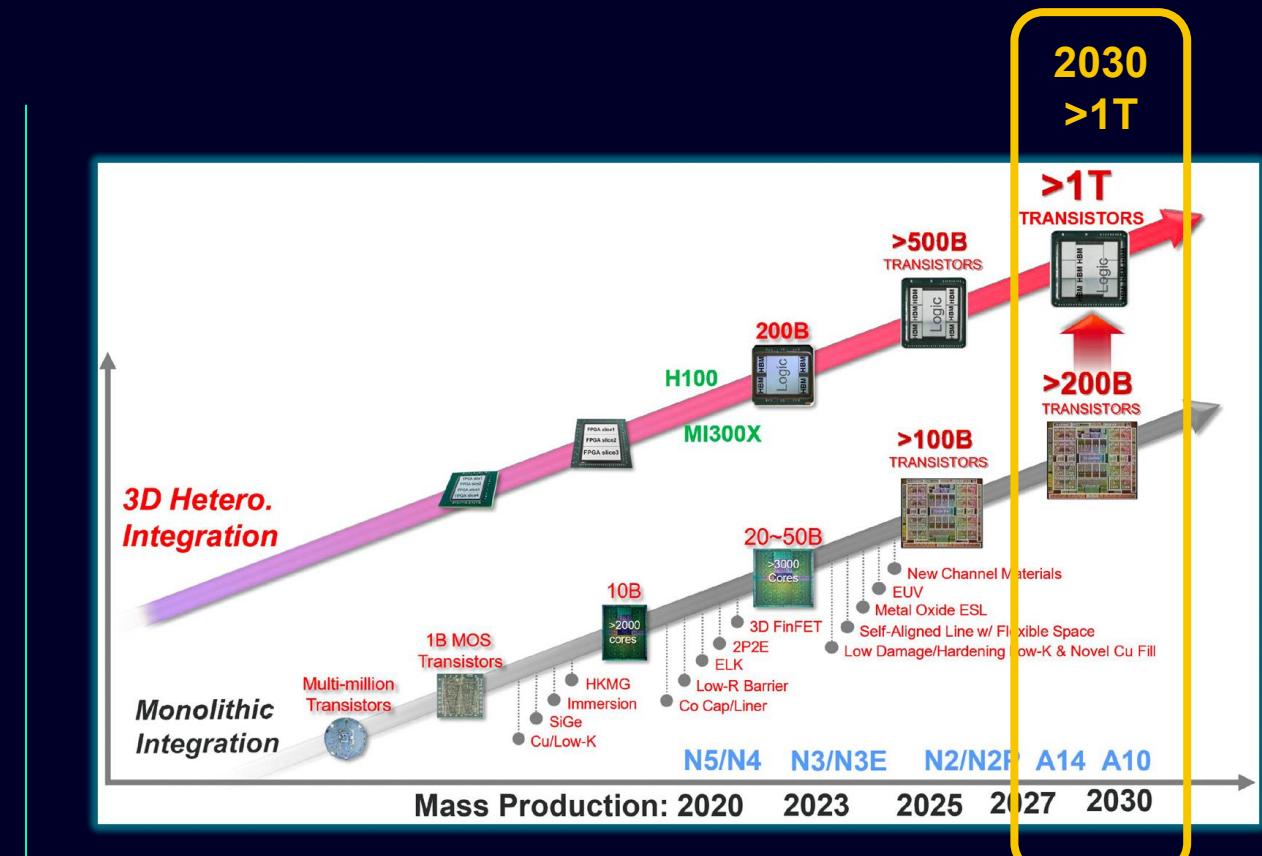
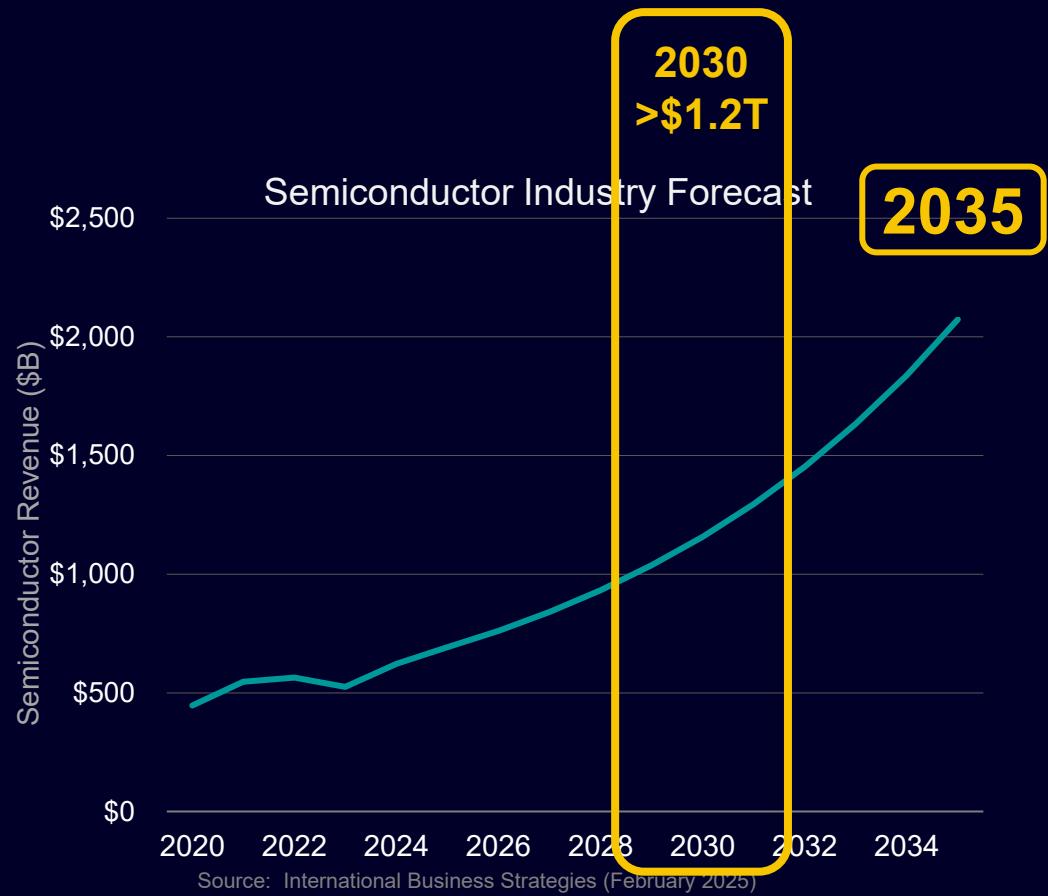


**At this point, it's clear as day, you need to have silicon capability**

Satya Nadella, CEO



# Creating the **TRILLION** opportunity-challenge



**With an accelerated velocity of change**

# AI-powered software workloads demand a leap of compute efficiency



More AI workloads =  
**more compute capacity**



AI's high-power demands  
**challenges power infrastructure**



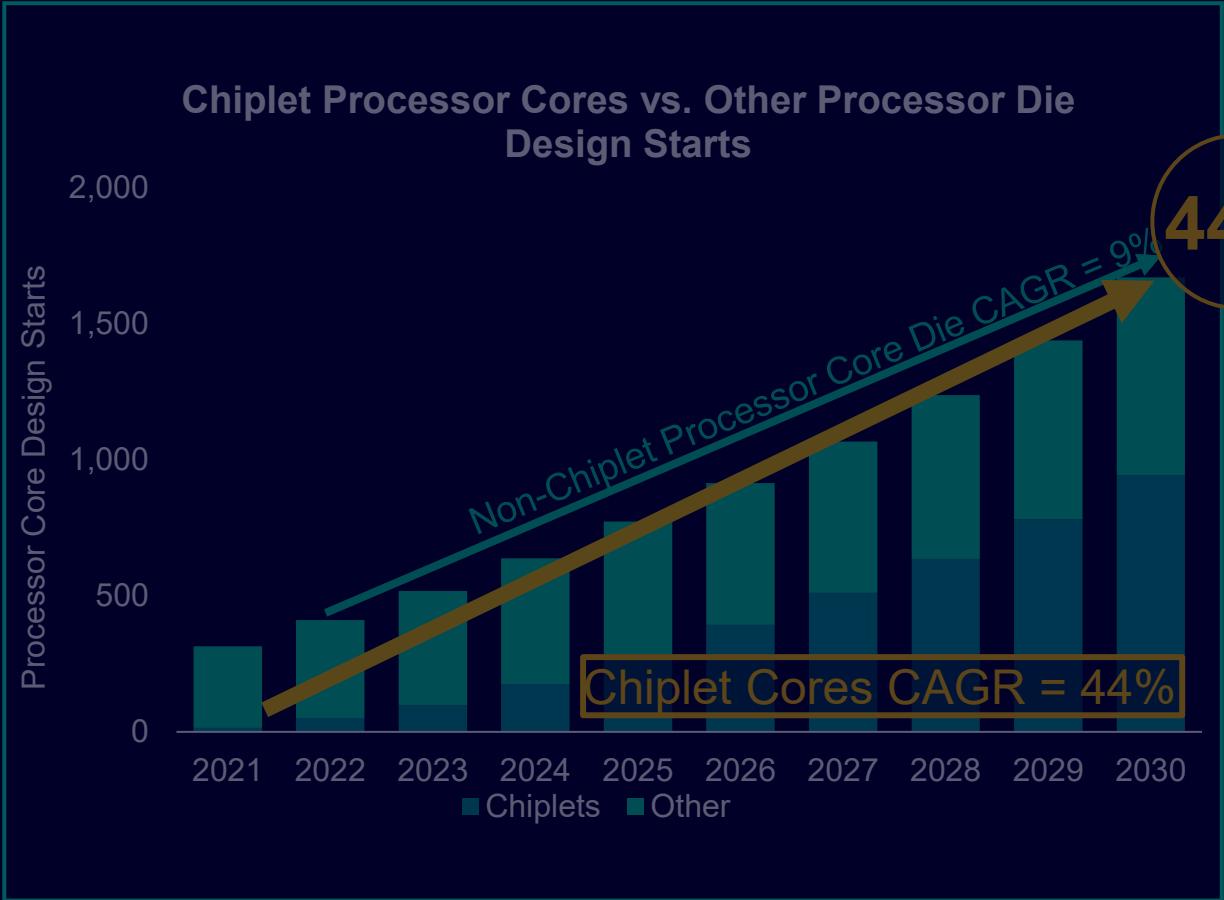
Sophisticated AI demands  
**higher performance**



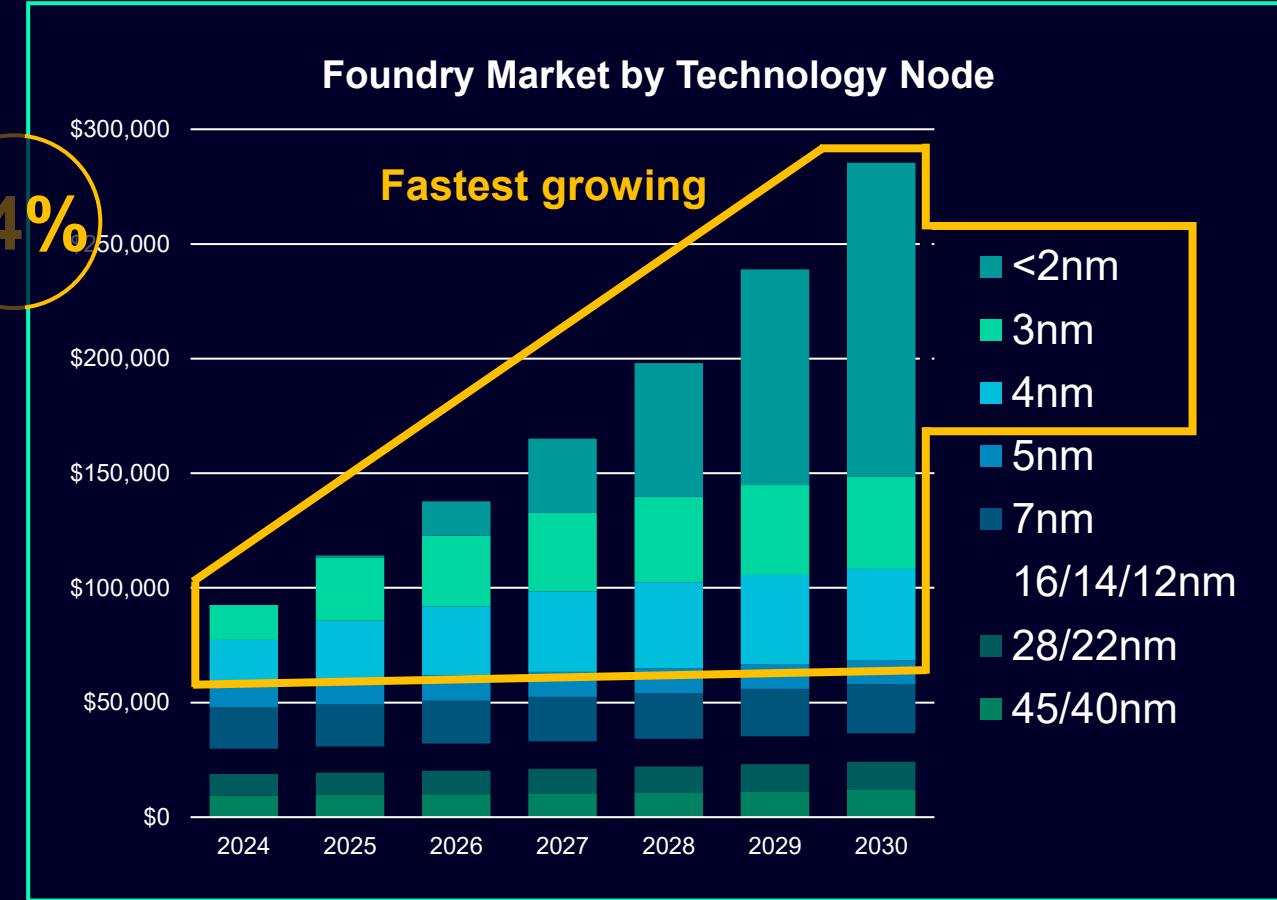
Fast-changing AI workloads  
require **future-proof** designs

# Built on a 3D IC foundation using Advanced Node technology

Chiplet Processor Cores vs. Other Processor Die Design Starts

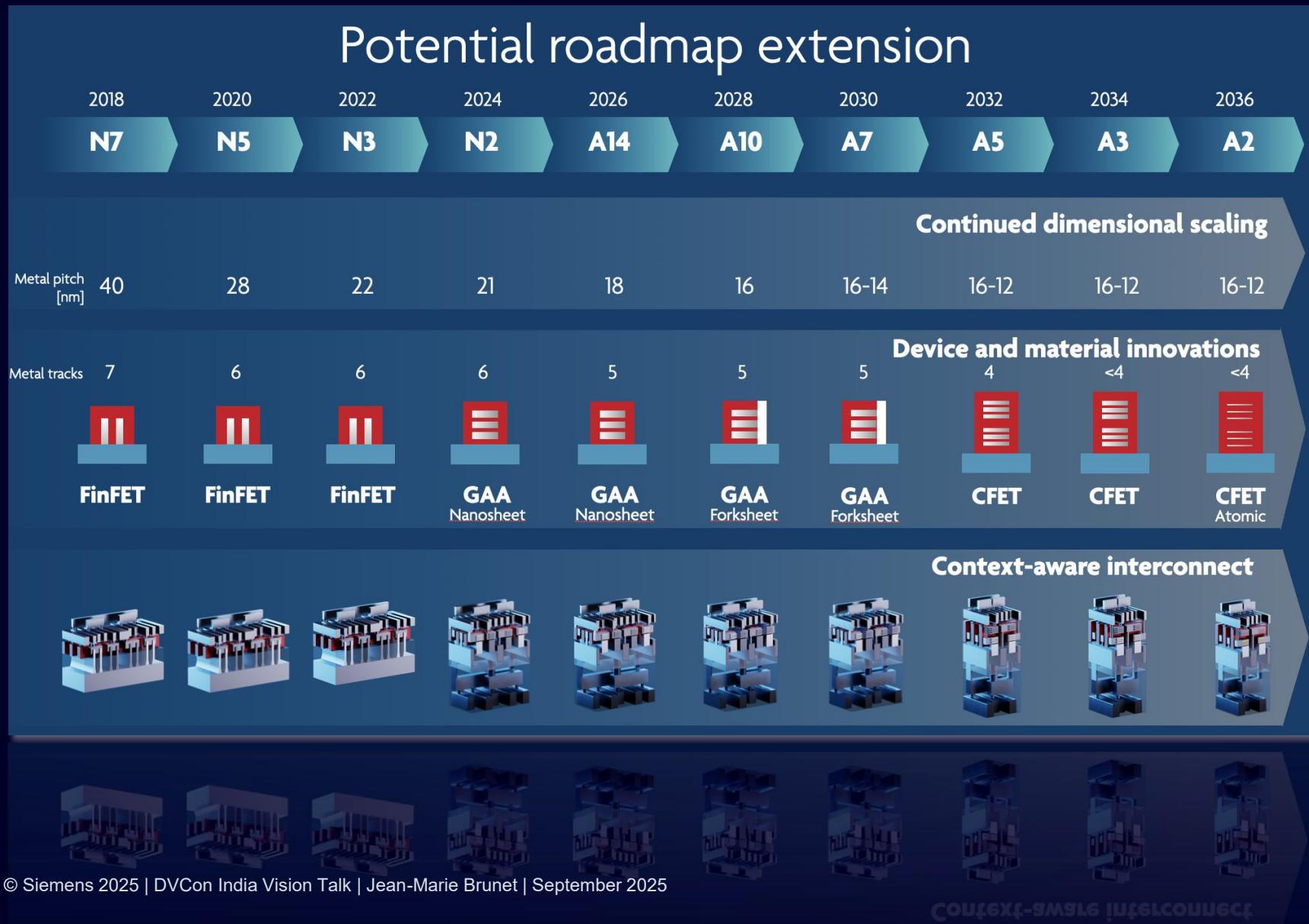


Foundry Market by Technology Node

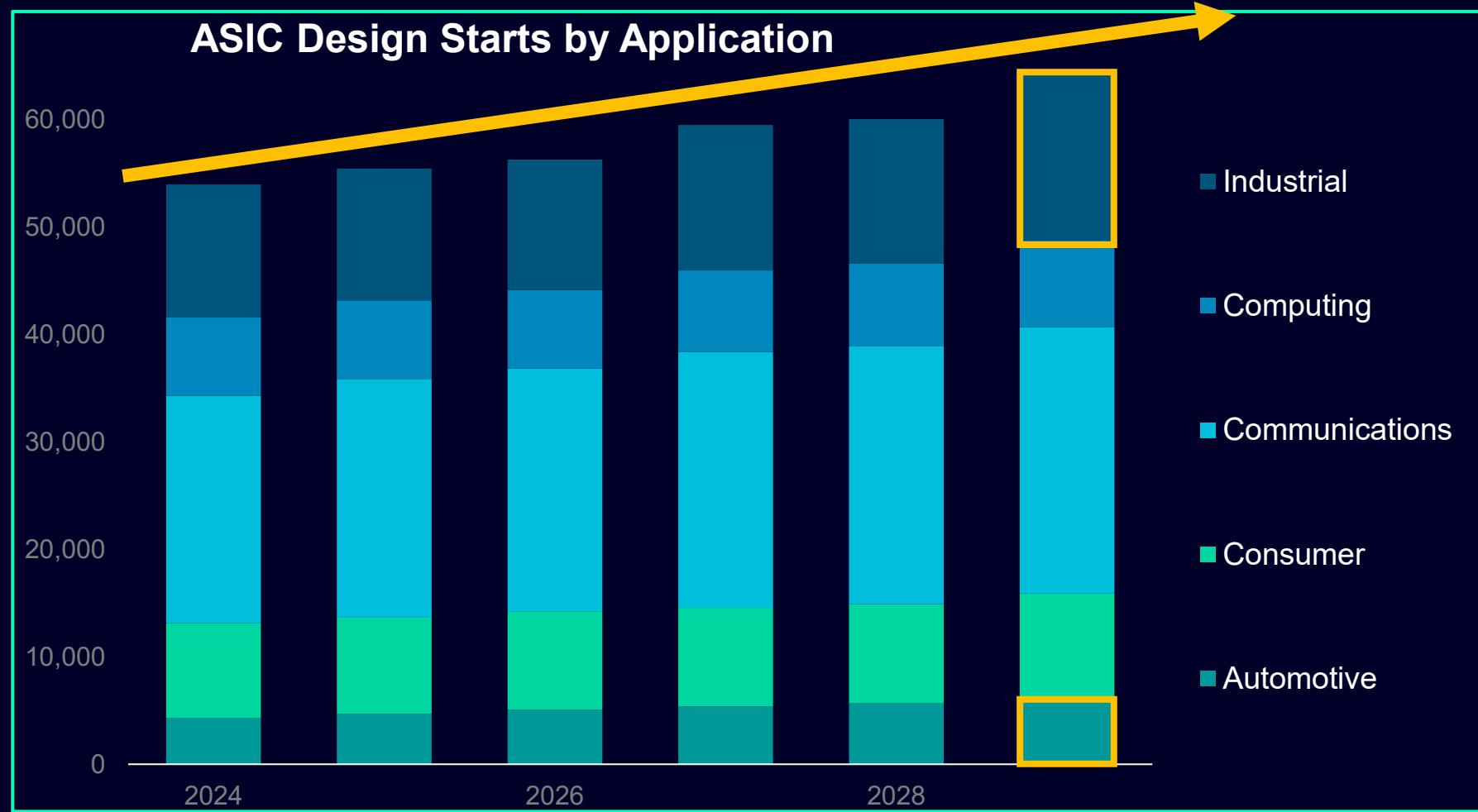


IBS, December 2024

and Advanced Node technology will continue to evolve...



# Semiconductor design volume is ramping



Innovative designs are fueling market growth

Mature Markets grow due to:

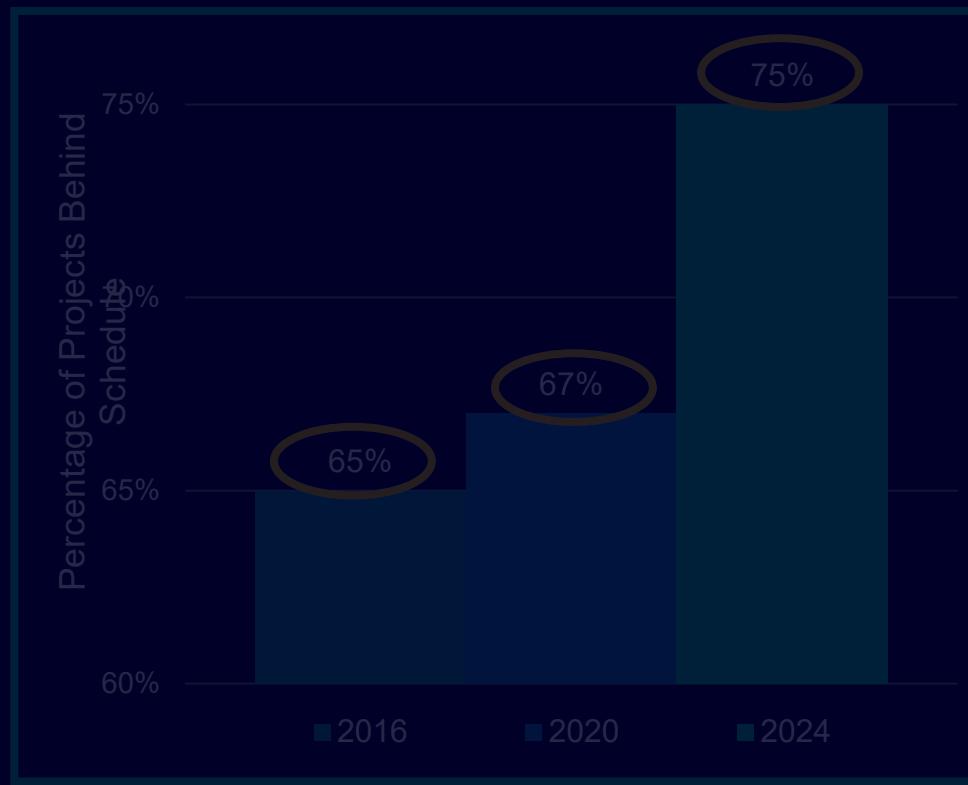
- AI
- HPC
- Data Centers
- Auto electrification

Source: TechInsights, August 2024

# Semiconductor and system complexity is exploding

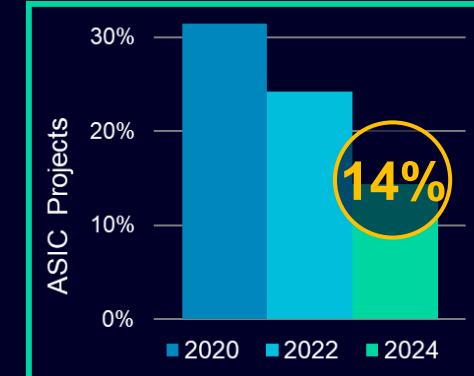
## More missed schedules

ASIC Projects Behind Schedule

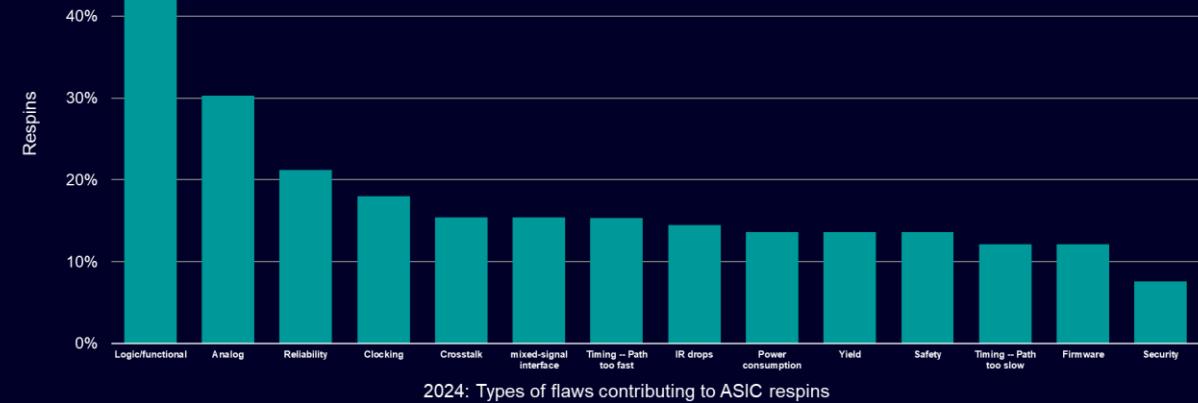
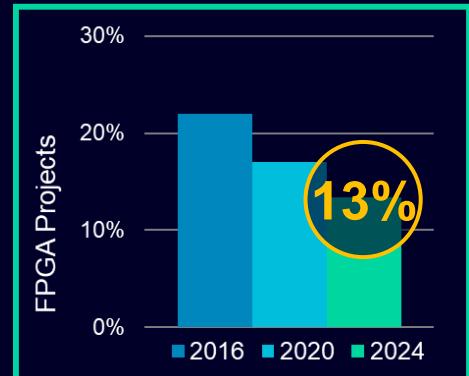


## Decline in 1<sup>st</sup> Silicon Success

ASIC First Silicon Success

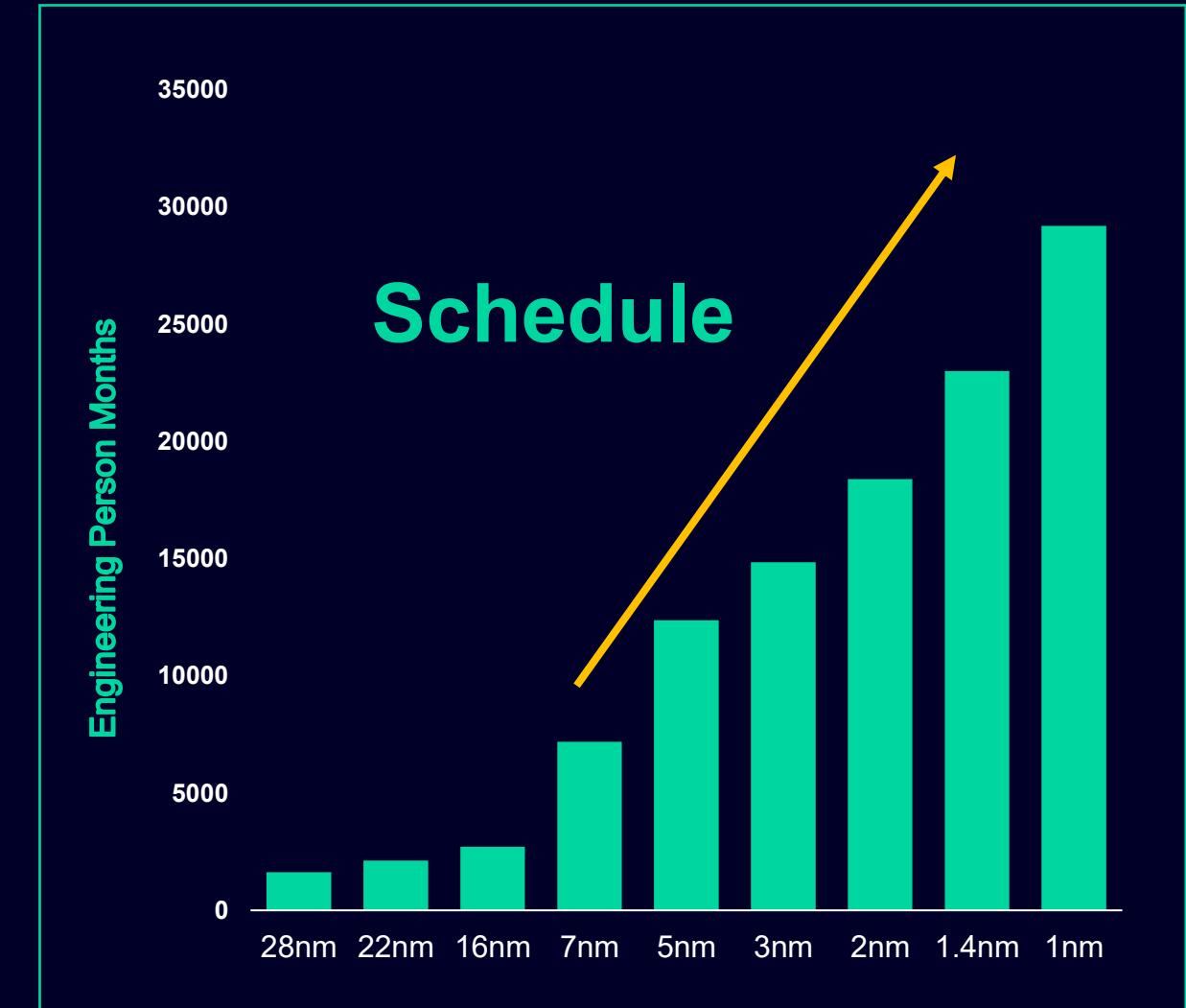


FPGA No Bug Escapes



Source: Siemens EDA and Wilson Research Group, 2024 Functional Verification Study

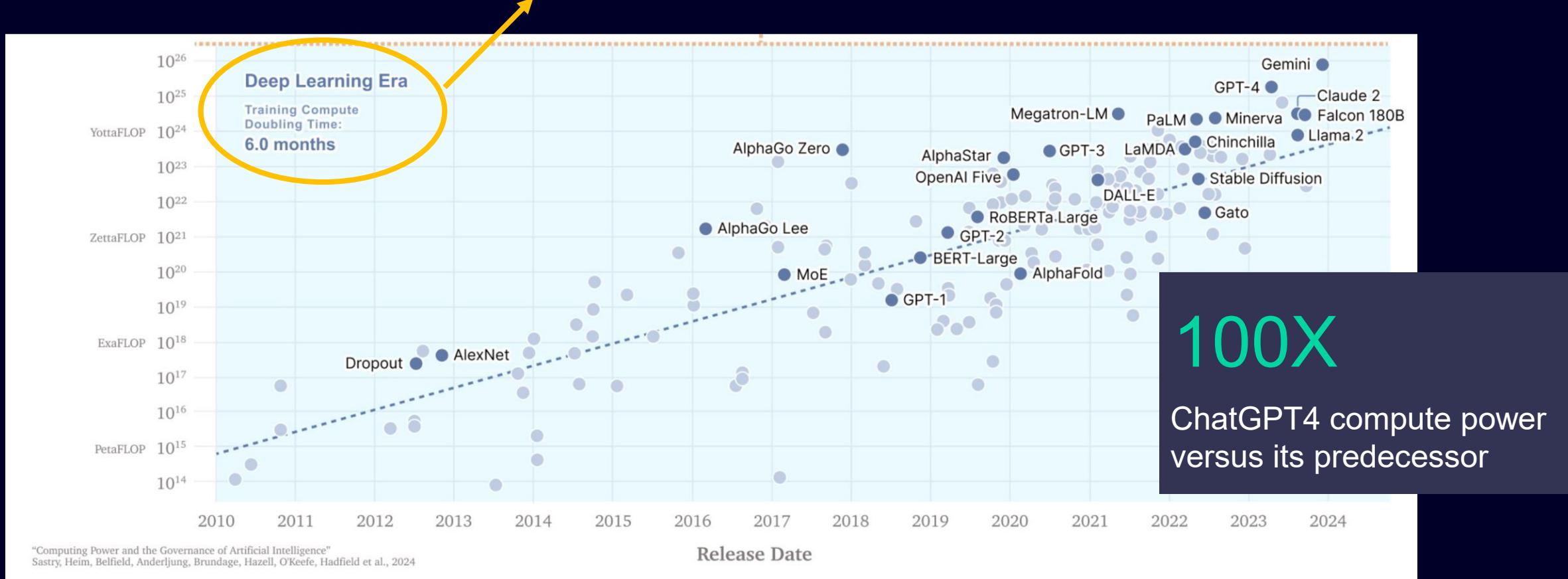
# Semiconductor costs and schedules are skyrocketing



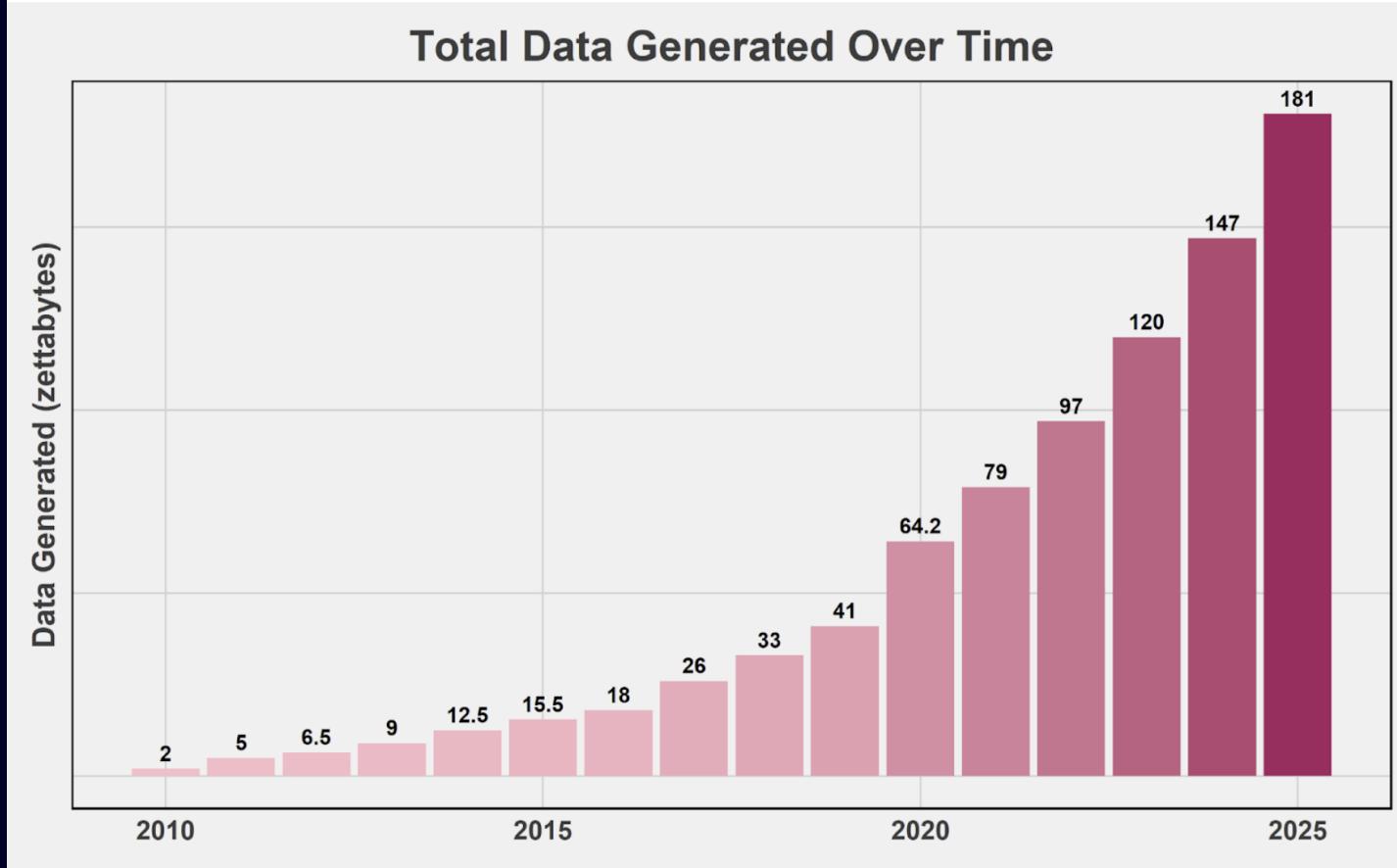
Source: IBS Analysis of Design Costs, Sep 2024

# Large Language Models (LLMs) scaling

2X training compute time every 6 months



## Data scaling



32X

Growth of total amount of new data generated per year from 2010-2020

More data is now produced every month than existed in total just over a decade ago

Source: IDC

## AI training and inference are power-hungry

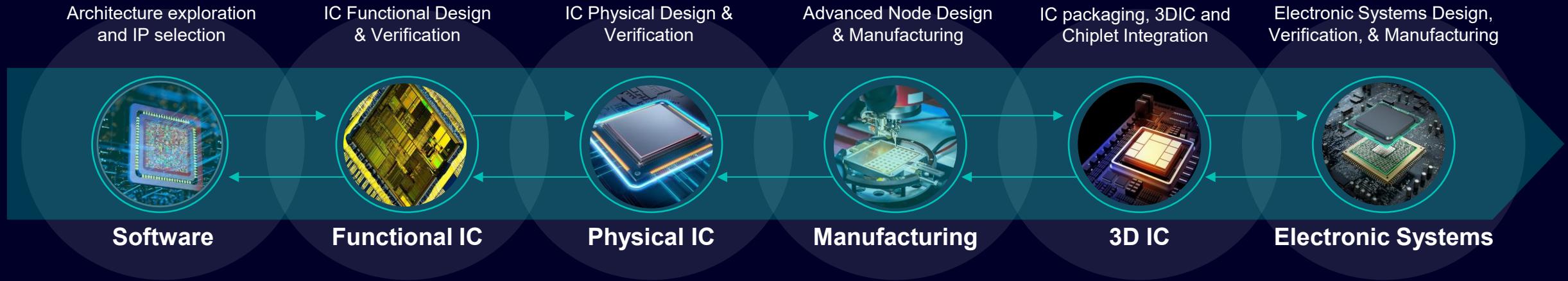
Creating GPT-3, consumed **1287 MWh** of electricity and **552 tons** of CO<sub>2</sub>



**123 cars** driven for **a year**

AI queries require about **10X** the electricity of a traditional search over the web

# Requirements for Software-defined, AI-powered, Silicon-enabled System of Systems



**AI**  
Address volume,  
complexity,  
talent gap



**3DIC integration**  
Discretely  
match silicon  
platform to  
software  
workloads



**System level & cross domain**  
Mitigate cross-domain conflicts - real time visibility /verification



**Cloud-based design**  
backbone for collaborative innovation in ecosystem



**Ecosystem Collaboration**  
EDA providers,  
foundries, IP providers & system companies



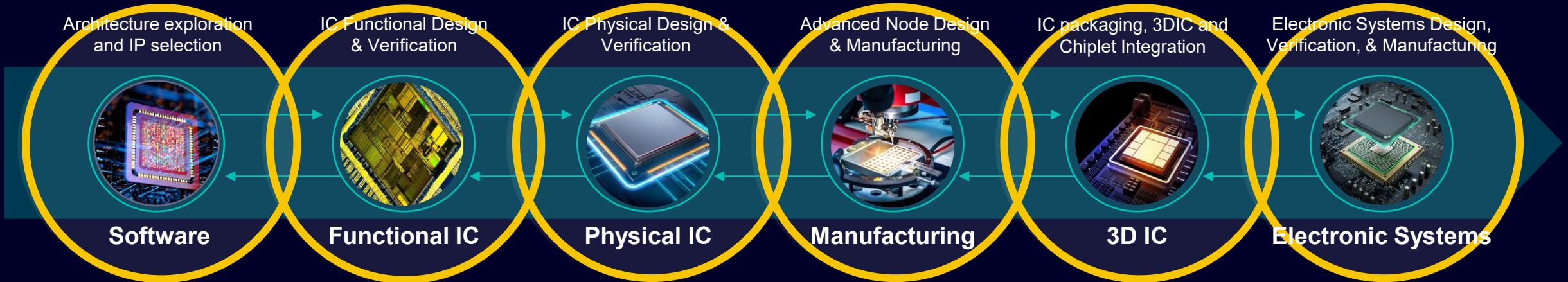
**Semiconductor lifecycle management**  
Bridge isolated domains

# Siemens EDA



What are we doing  
to address those  
challenges ?

# Siemens EDA Key Investment Initiatives



## Accelerated System Design

Supporting system **architecture** design, **verification** and **early software exploration**



Software

## Advanced Node Design

Delivering unmatched **availability**, **productivity and quality** for advanced node designs



IC Manufacturing

## Advanced 3DIC Integration

Enabling an era of more than Moore **through Chiplet Integration**



Chiplets

## Complex System Implementation

Empowering digital transformation **with predictability in function, cost and schedule**



Electronics

## AI for chip & systems

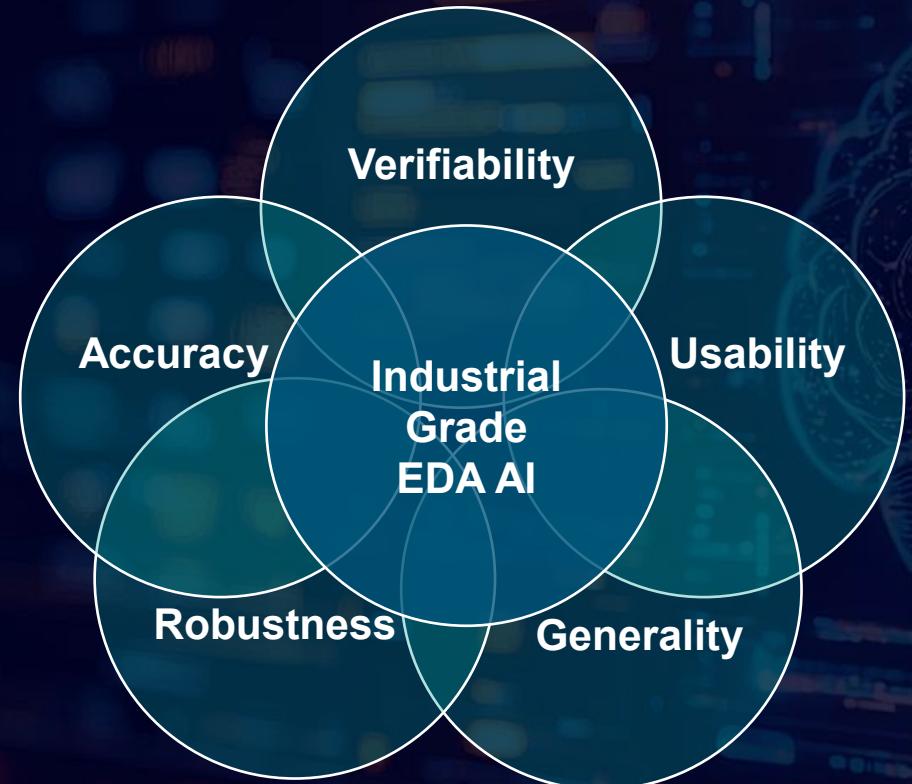
Closing the widening productivity gap as **schedules and complexity skyrocket**



Industrial-grade AI

Adding AI to an app is easy, but adding AI to EDA workflows requires more...

## Critical Elements for EDA



### Verifiability

Correctness of the algorithms, and the integrity/quality of the data used

### Usability

UI experience to achieve desired outcomes effectively and efficiently

### Generality

Ability to perform across a variety of different inputs, conditions, etc.

### Robustness

Ability to perform reliably under a variety of conditions

### Accuracy

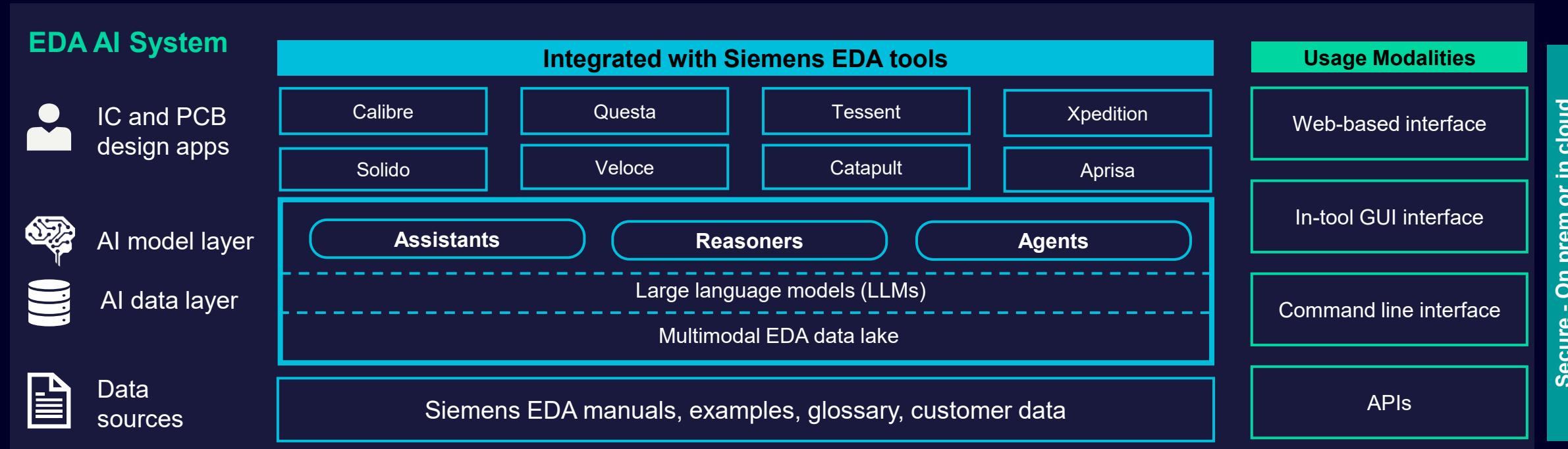
Ratio of correct predictions to total predictions made by the model

Siemens EDA has **invested over 20 years** to achieve industrial-grade AI maturity

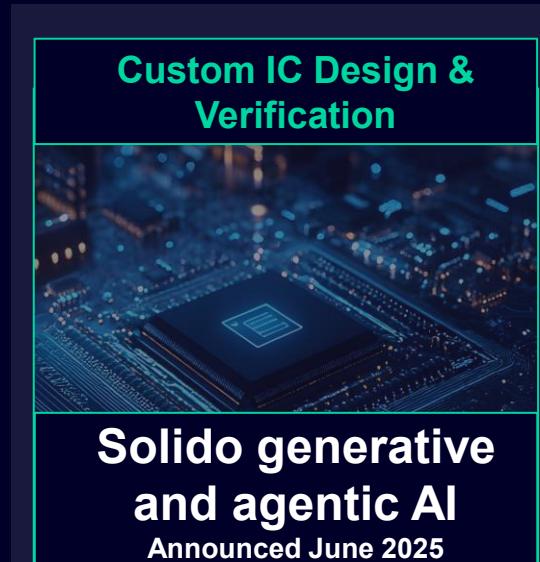


# Siemens EDA AI system delivers generative and agentic AI

Secure, on-prem / cloud, open, flexible, and integrated with all Siemens EDA tools



# Siemens EDA unveils new AI-powered solutions: Turbocharging semiconductor & electronic design with generative & agentic AI



- Delivers 10x faster test times
- **10 to 100X reduction** in manual tests
- **Dramatic ramp** in debug productivity

- Delivers **10X productivity** boost
- **3X improved** compute-time efficiency
- **10% better PPA** for RTL-to-GDS

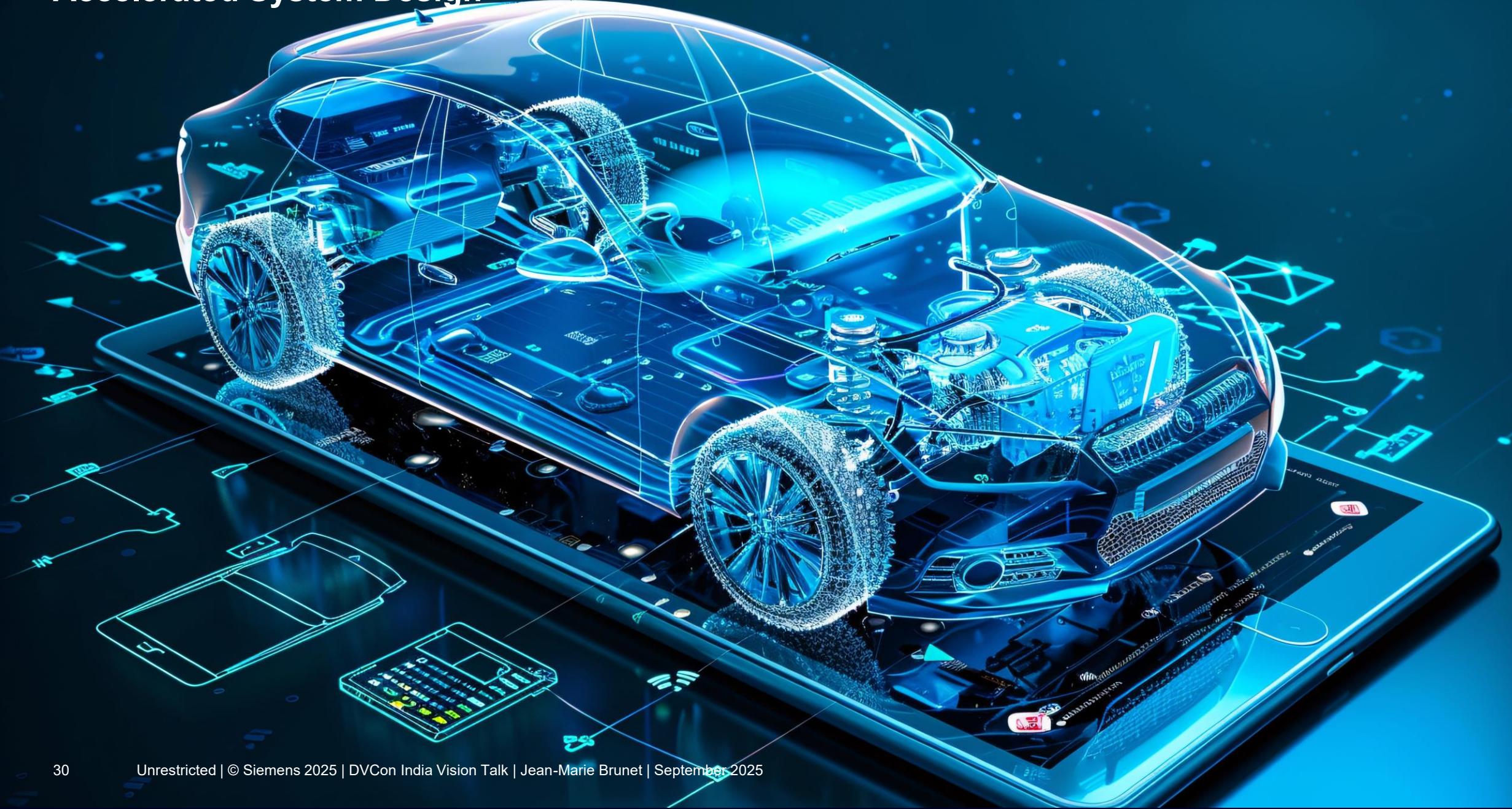
- **2X productivity boost** with early chip integration workflows
- **Fueling collaboration** across top level & block level owners

- **10X+ productivity** improvement
- **Natural-language powered** acceleration of custom IC workflows

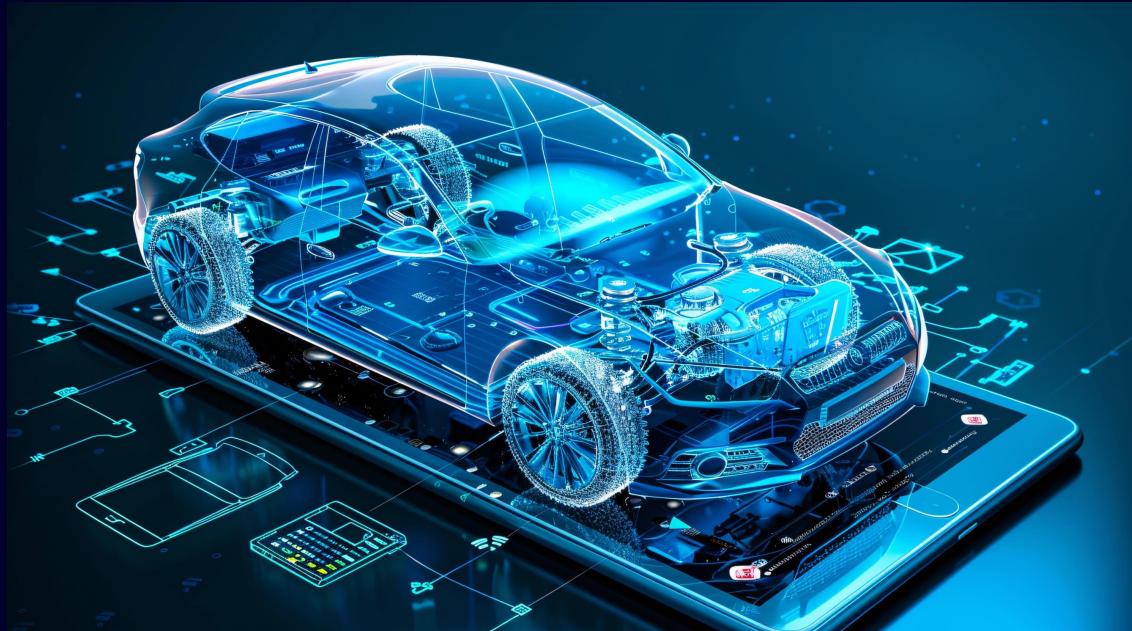
## Siemens EDA AI System

Announced June 2025

# Accelerated System Design



# PAVE360 support for Arm Zena Compute Subsystems



**PAVE360 virtual platform allows Arm partners to begin software development before silicon is available**

- Significantly reduces development time for new software solutions
- Allows full vehicle system awareness
- Parallel development with hardware
- Enables continuous verification

**Siemens Software Defined Vehicle framework**

- Pave360
- Innaxis™ software environment
- Veloce™ hardware-assisted verification and validation system
- Teamcenter® software for Product Lifecycle
- Polarion™ for Application Lifecycle Management (ALM)
- Simcenter™ Prescan and Simcenter™ Amesim™ software for simulation

“With the help of virtual platform solutions like PAVE360 from Siemens, Arm is enabling our partners to begin software development on Zena CSS before physical silicon is available, significantly reducing development time for new software solutions.”

*Suraj Gajendra, vice president of automotive products and software solutions, Automotive Line of Business, Arm*

# ARM Zena CSS support

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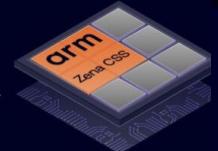
## Automakers Can Launch AI-Defined Vehicles a Full Year Sooner – Powered by Arm Zena CSS

By Dipti Vachani, SVP and GM of the Automotive Line of Business, Arm



### Meet Arm Zena Compute Subsystems (CSS)

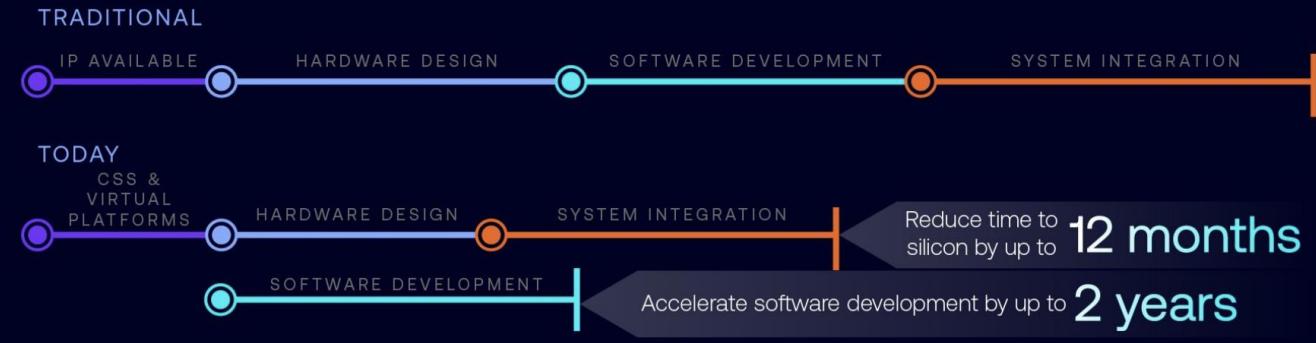
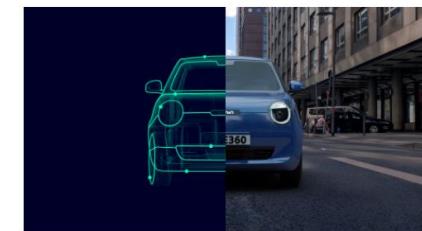
Helping automakers deliver AI-defined experiences at least one full model year sooner



PRODUCTS

## Siemens and Arm work together to build Digital Twin solutions for AI-Defined Vehicle

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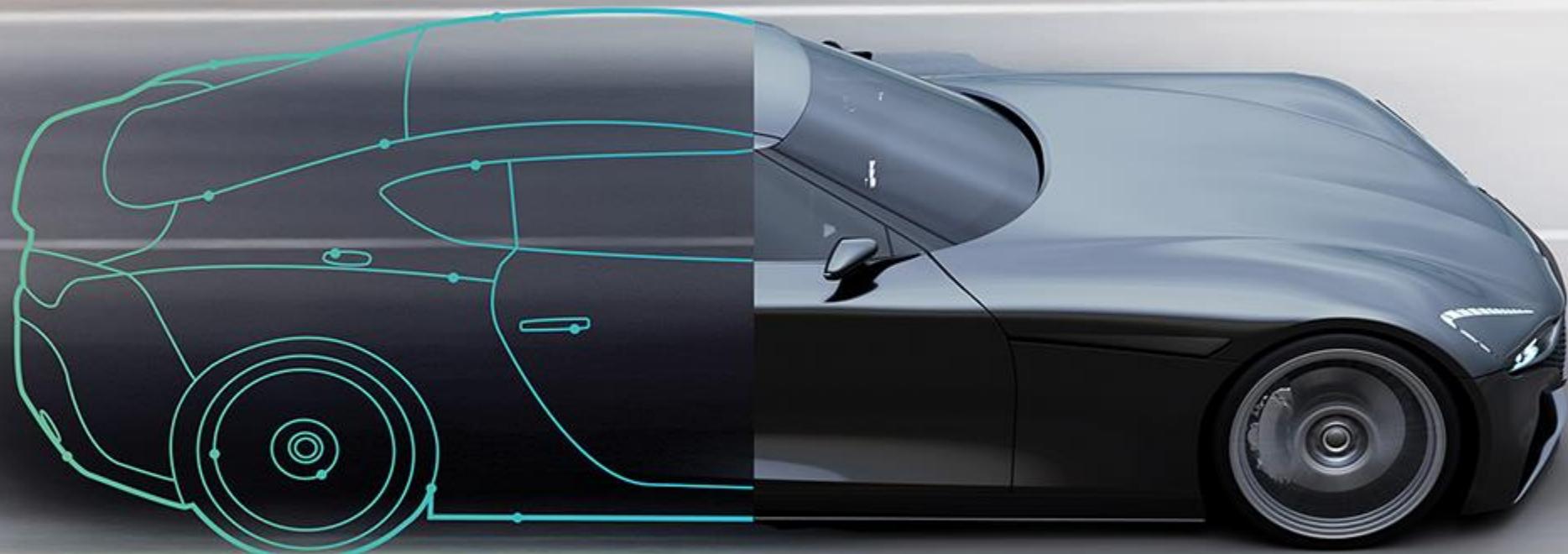
Arm at the center of innovation for AI-defined vehicles

Nearly  
100%  
of global OEMs use Arm

3x  
increase in Arm-based chip shipments  
to automotive in last 5 years

Top 15  
automotive processor  
suppliers build on Arm

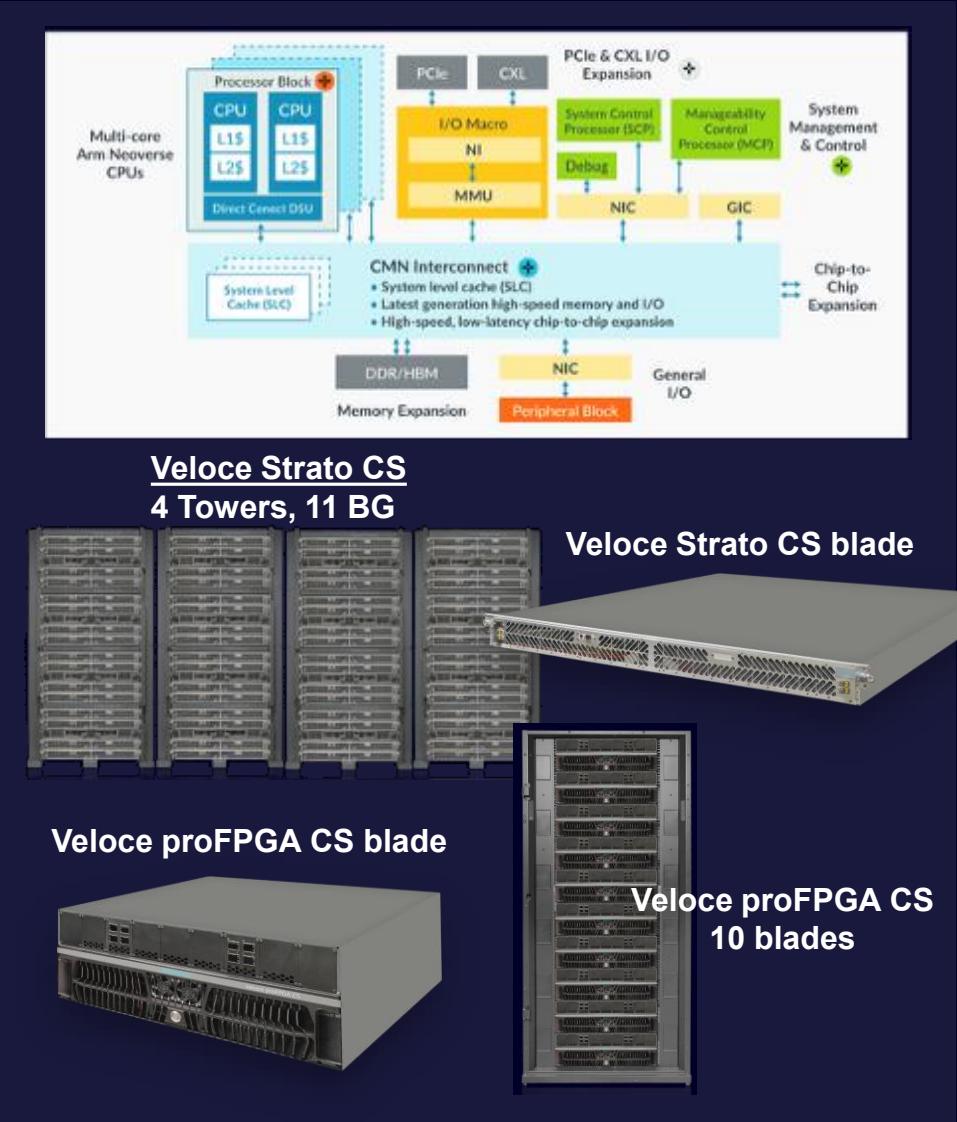
## PAVE360 runs on AMD GPUs on Microsoft Azure cloud



“Our collaboration with Siemens and Microsoft allows **automotive developers** to leverage our leading AMD Radeon PRO GPUs and EPYC processors to power next generation ADAS and autonomous vehicle technologies. We are excited to support Siemens’ PAVE360 on AMD systems to enable developers with **advanced automotive digital twin environments** and help accelerate SDV.”

*Salil Raje, senior vice president and general manager, Adaptive and Embedded Computing, AMD*

# Veloce CS Selected by Arm for Neoverse CSS Verification



**Veloce CS enables faster time-to-market for Arm's partner ecosystem through pre-validation and verification**

## Veloce Strato CS :

- High-performance emulation scaling from 40MG to 40BG
- Full visibility debug capability
- PCIe composite device for Arm Compliance Suite integration

## Veloce proFPGA CS :

- Fast software prototyping scaling from single to hundreds of FPGAs
- Accelerated firmware, OS, and application development

“A core component of Arm Neoverse CSS is the pre-validation and verification, made possible by adopting innovative new tools like Siemens Veloce CS system, so that our partners can get their silicon solutions to market faster.”

*Karima Dridi, Head of Productivity Engineering, Arm*

# We are ready



## Siemens EDA is here to help

# Thank You!

I thank you!