

# Artificial Intelligence Computing for Automotive

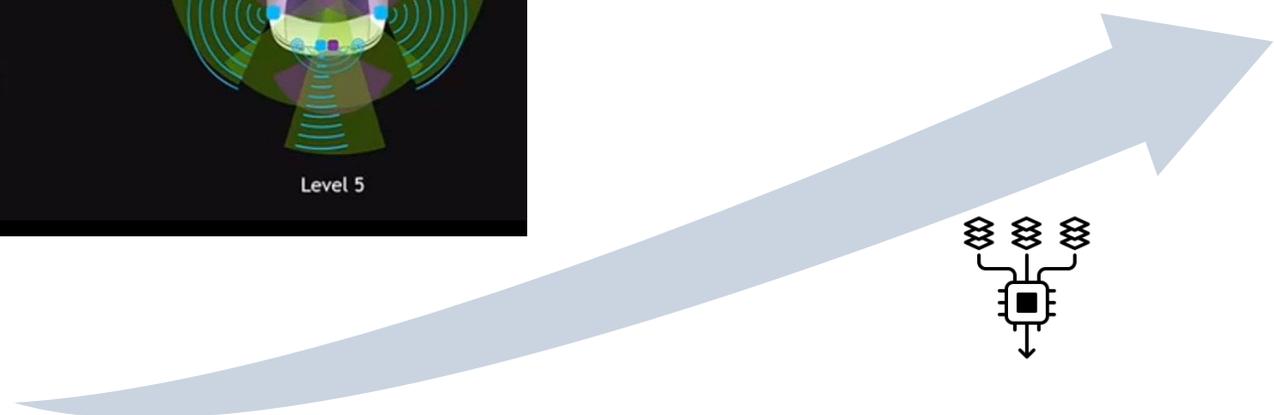
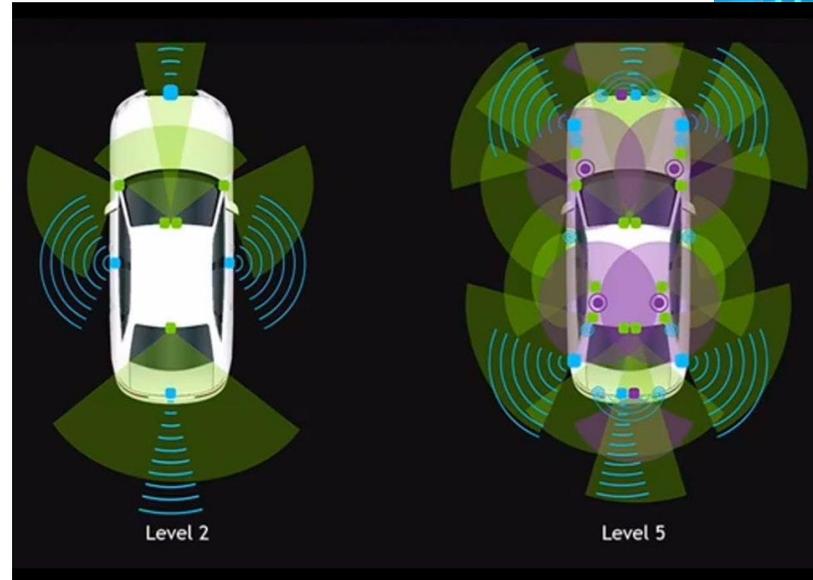
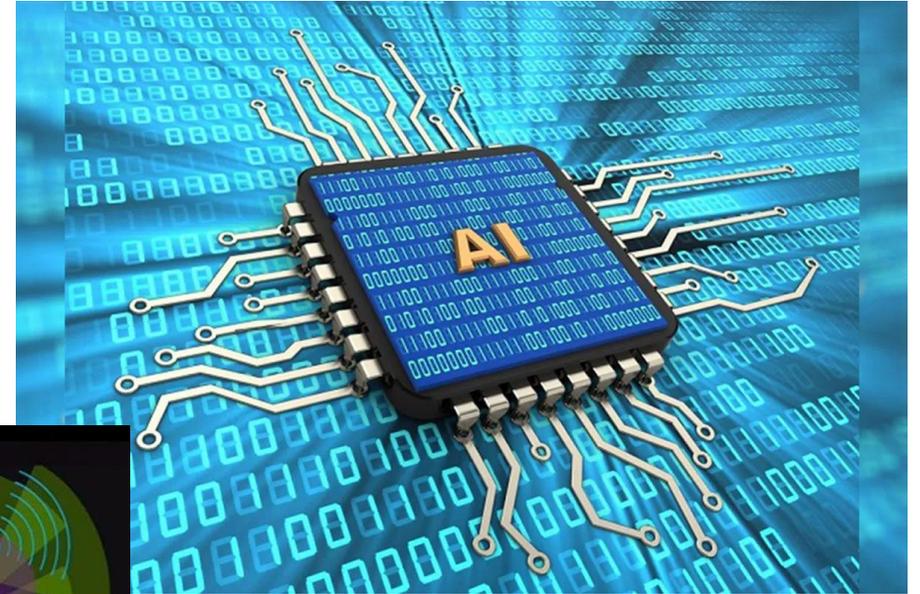
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# AGENDA

- Scope
- From CPU to accelerators to platforms
- Levels of autonomy
- Forecasts
- Trends
- Ecosystem
- Conclusions



# SCOPE



**Robotic cars**  
Autonomous driving

Not included in the report



**Cloud computing**



Data center computing

**Performance**



Level 5  
Level 4

**Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS)**

Level 3  
Level 2



## Understand the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the computing hardware for automotive



**Centralized computing**



**Edge computing**  
Computing close to sensor



**Multimedia computing**

**Driver environment**  
Infotainment



**Gesture recognition**



**Speech recognition**

# FROM GENERAL APPLICATIONS TO NEURAL NETWORKS



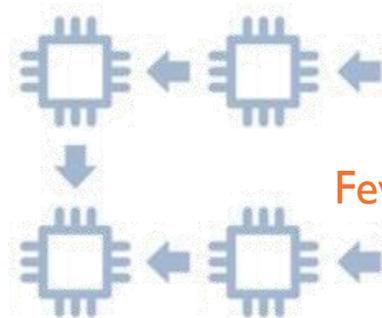
The focus for the semiconductor industry is shifting

from to

General Applications + Neural Networks

General workloads + Deep learning workloads

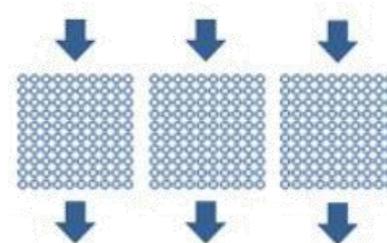
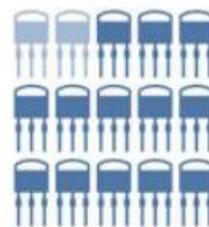
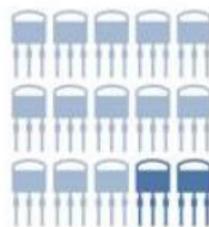
- Integer operations + Floating operations
- Tend to be sequential in nature + Tend to be parallel in nature



Scalar Engines Platforms and Accelerators

Few powerful cores that tackle computing tasks sequentially Hundred of specialized cores working in parallel

Only allocate a portion of transistors for floating point operations Most transistors are devoted to floating point operations



Parallelization is key explaining why this is so popular

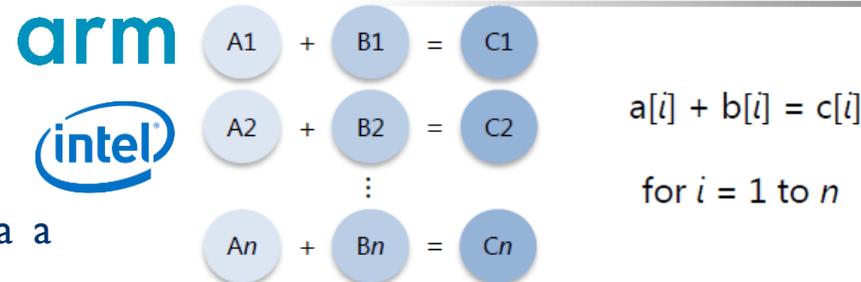
Source: Deep Learning: An Artificial Intelligence Revolution by ARK Investment

# GOING FURTHER WITH DEDICATED PLATFORMS AND ACCELERATORS

## From Applications processors to GPUs to accelerators to platforms

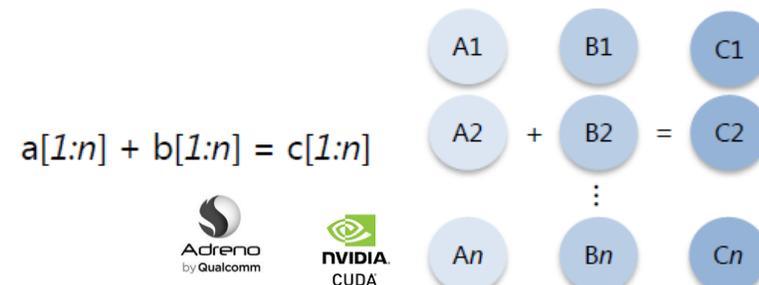
### Scalar Processing

- Processes an operation per instruction
- CPUs run at clock speeds in the GHz range
- Might take a long time to execute large matrix operations via a sequence of scalar operations



### Vector Processing

- Same operation performed concurrently across a large number of data elements at the same time,
- Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)
- GPUs are effectively vector processors



### Matrix Processing

- Runs many computational processes (vertices)
- Calculates the effects these vertices on other points with which they interact via lines (i.e. edges)
- Overall processing works on many vertices and points simultaneously
- Low precision needed
- Names: accelerators, neural engine, tensor processing unit (TPU), neural network processor (NNP), intelligence processing unit (IPU), vision processing unit (VPU), AI Processing Unit (AIPU)...

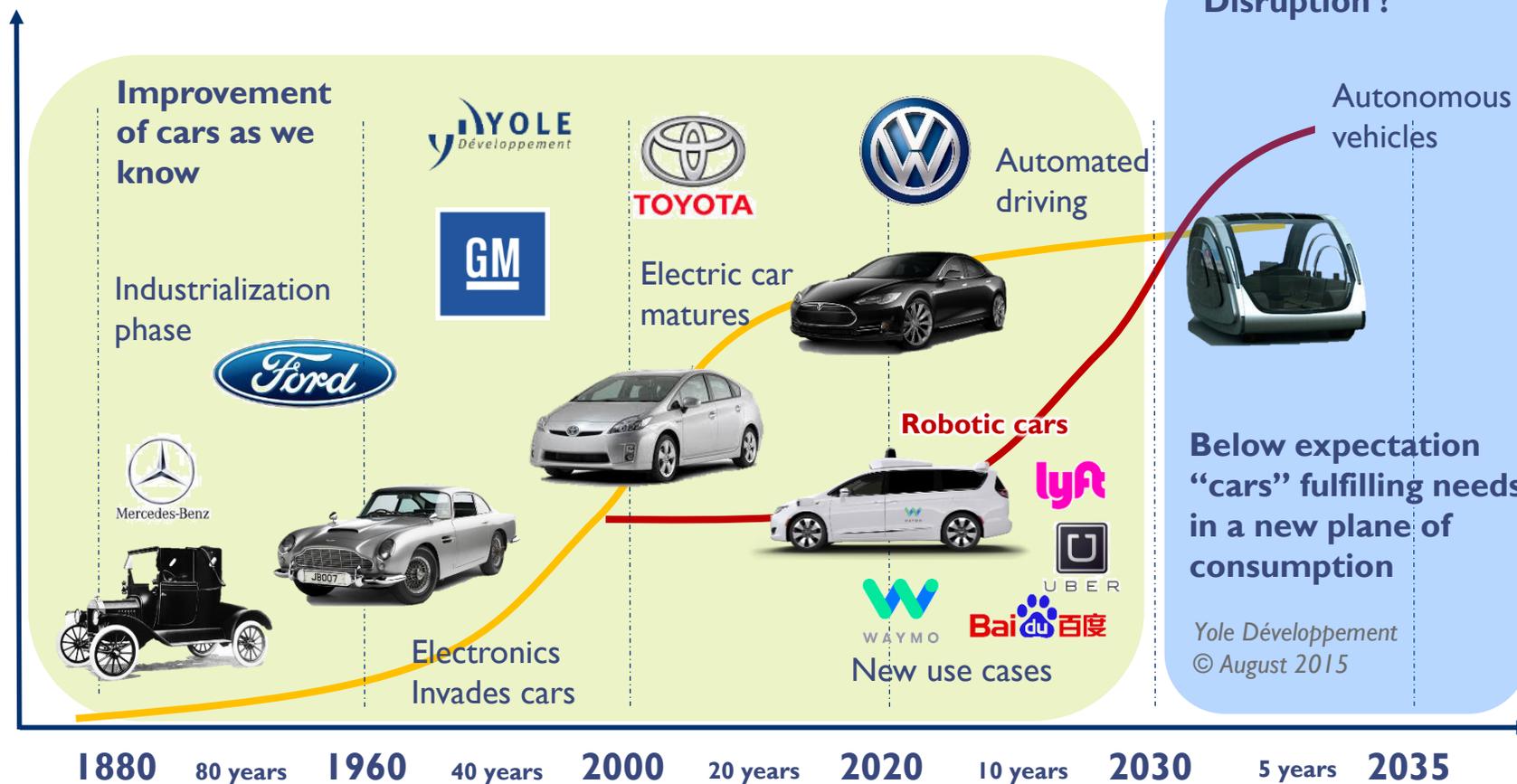


Graph processing at the heart of neural networks

# AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES - THE DISRUPTION CASE

## Two distinctive paths for autonomous vehicles

Technology x Market Penetration



2020 should see the first commercial implementation of autonomous vehicles

Acceleration : The speed of technology change doubles every technology shift

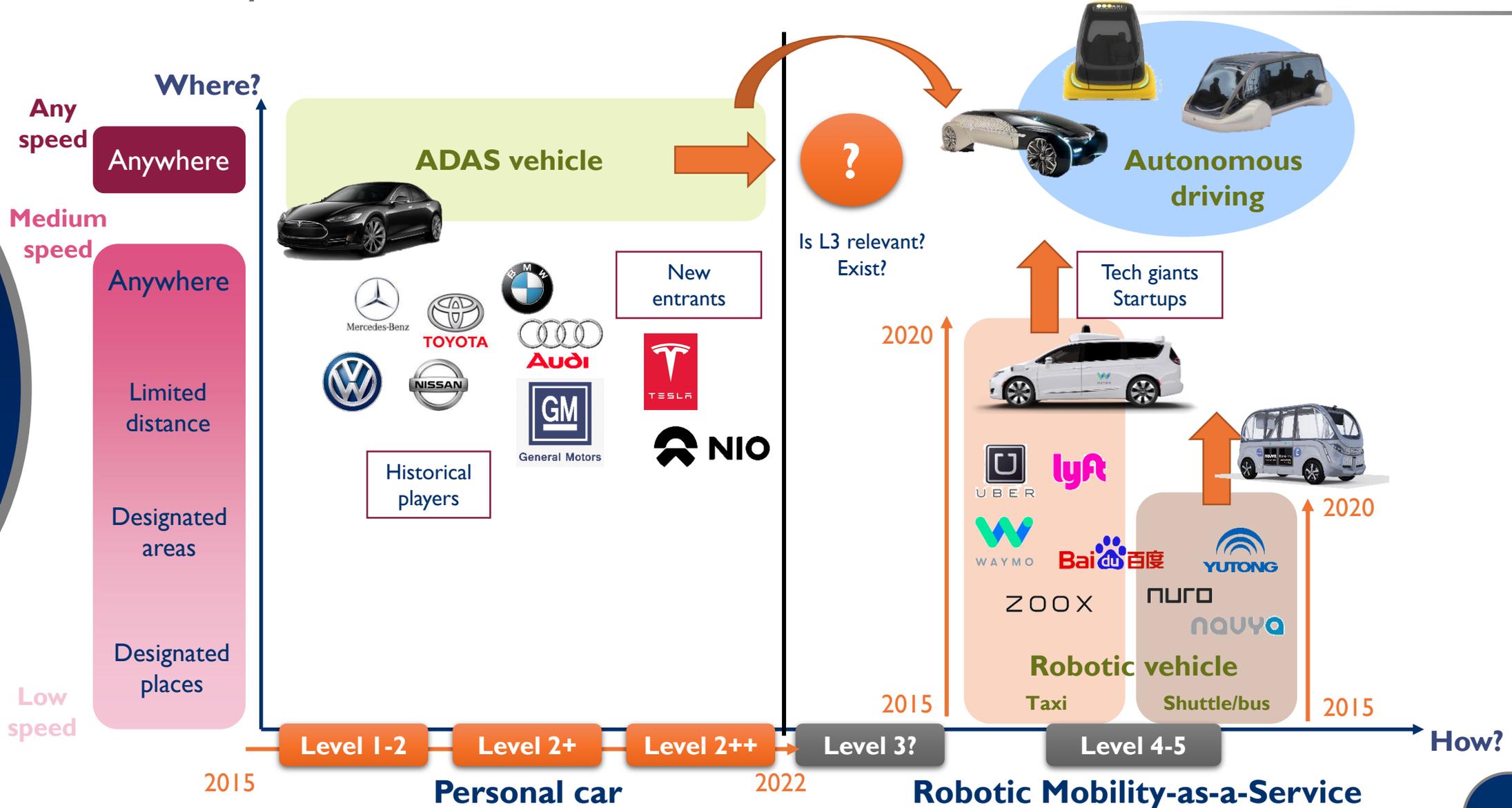
ADAS vehicles

Robotic vehicles

# AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES - THE ROBOTIC DISRUPTION CASE

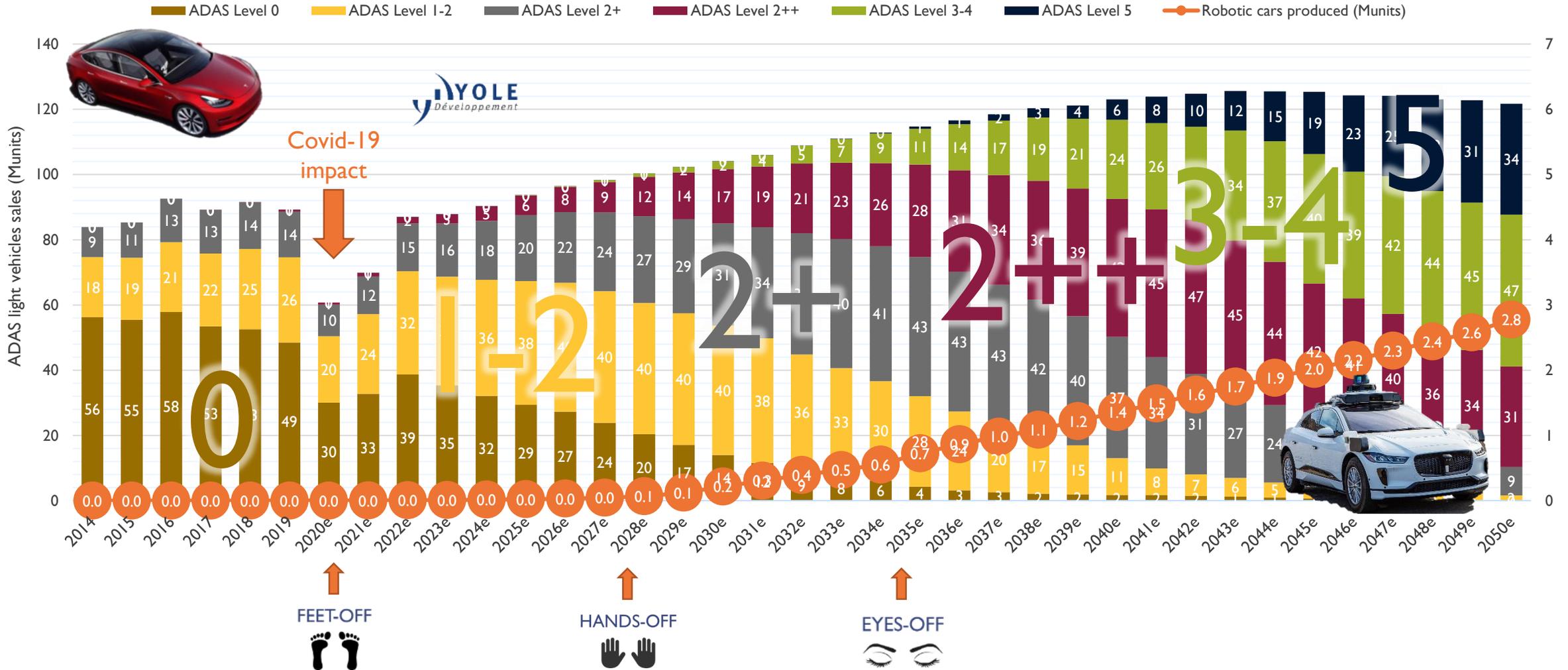
Two distinctive paths for autonomous vehicle

Levels became marketing definitions but we consider that they do not represent the reality.  
The reality is whether it is autonomous, whether it is not



# AUTOMOTIVE MARKET TREND – YOLE MARCH 2020

## 2014-2050 Light vehicle sales breakdown forecast by level of autonomy (in M units)

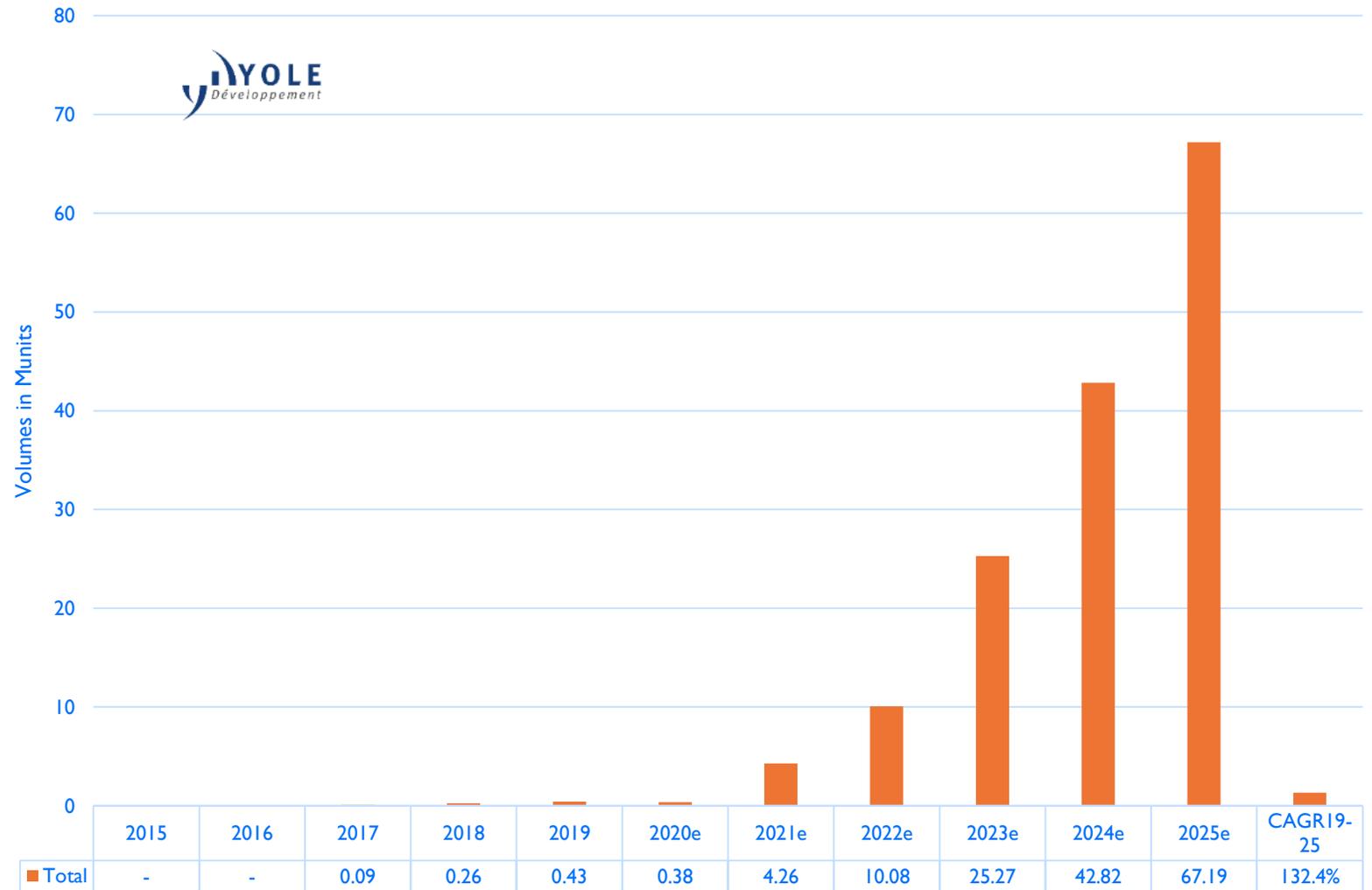


By 2035 cars with autonomy level L3-4-5 will represent 25% of global production the rest will be L1-2-2+

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AUTOMOTIVE

## 2015-2025e Total AI computing hardware volume forecast

- Artificial Intelligence based on images from cameras for automotive will generate a total volume of 67M(unit) chips for computing hardware in 2025 for ADAS vehicles only.
- Currently, we consider that for one type of camera, one chip is used. We can find multiple chips in one car. Fusion of inputs from multiple types of cameras is not considered, as fusion is mostly used for inputs of different types of sensors for now.
- **Ultimately, platform solutions** will enable a variety of vision formats and sensor inputs to enable multiple strategies.



# FROM LEVEL 0 TO LEVEL 2++ ON ONE SIDE, ROBOTIC ON THE OTHER

## Inclusion of accelerators and multiplication of the number of chips

- Level 0 to Level 2+/2++ are differentiating mostly by improved functionalities such as Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) and some new functionalities such as Traffic Jam Assist (TJA) or Lane Keeping Assist (LKA)
- On the robotic side, full autonomy was first realized in closed area at low speed (<15miles/h) to open designated area and at medium speed (<30 miles/h)

Computing introduces AI and follows what has been seen in consumer

These improvements are realized thanks to the introduction of AI algorithms and its related hardware

Implementation of AI : following what have been done in consumer applications



ADAS



Robotic

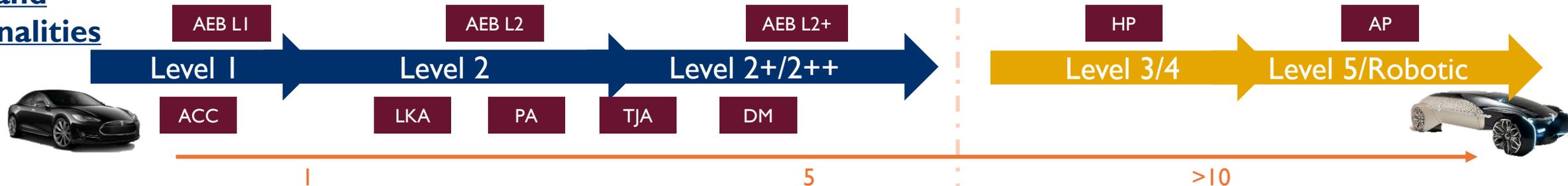
Implementation in SoC > as a standalone chip of **accelerators** > **platforms**

x2 x4 x8

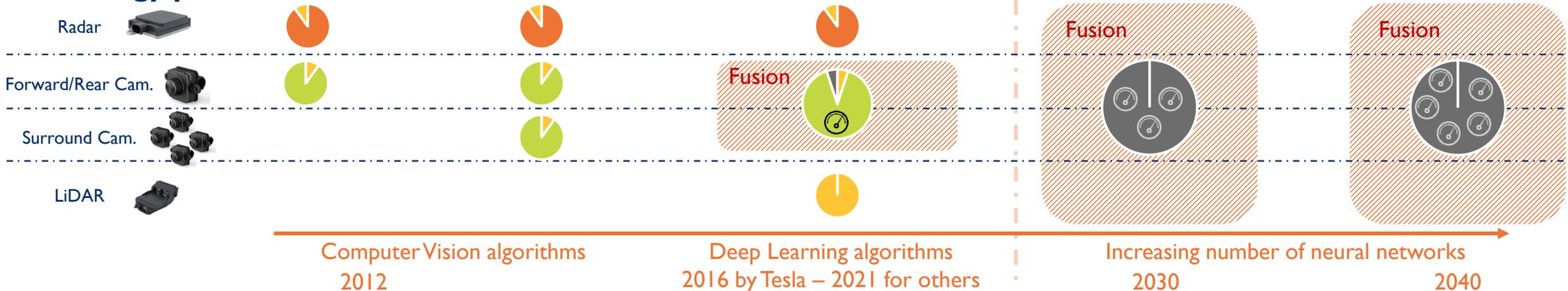
**Multiplication** of the number of computing chips

# FROM SENSOR SUITE TO COMPUTING SUITE FOR AUTONOMY

## Levels and functionalities



## Technology penetration



## Performance and ASP



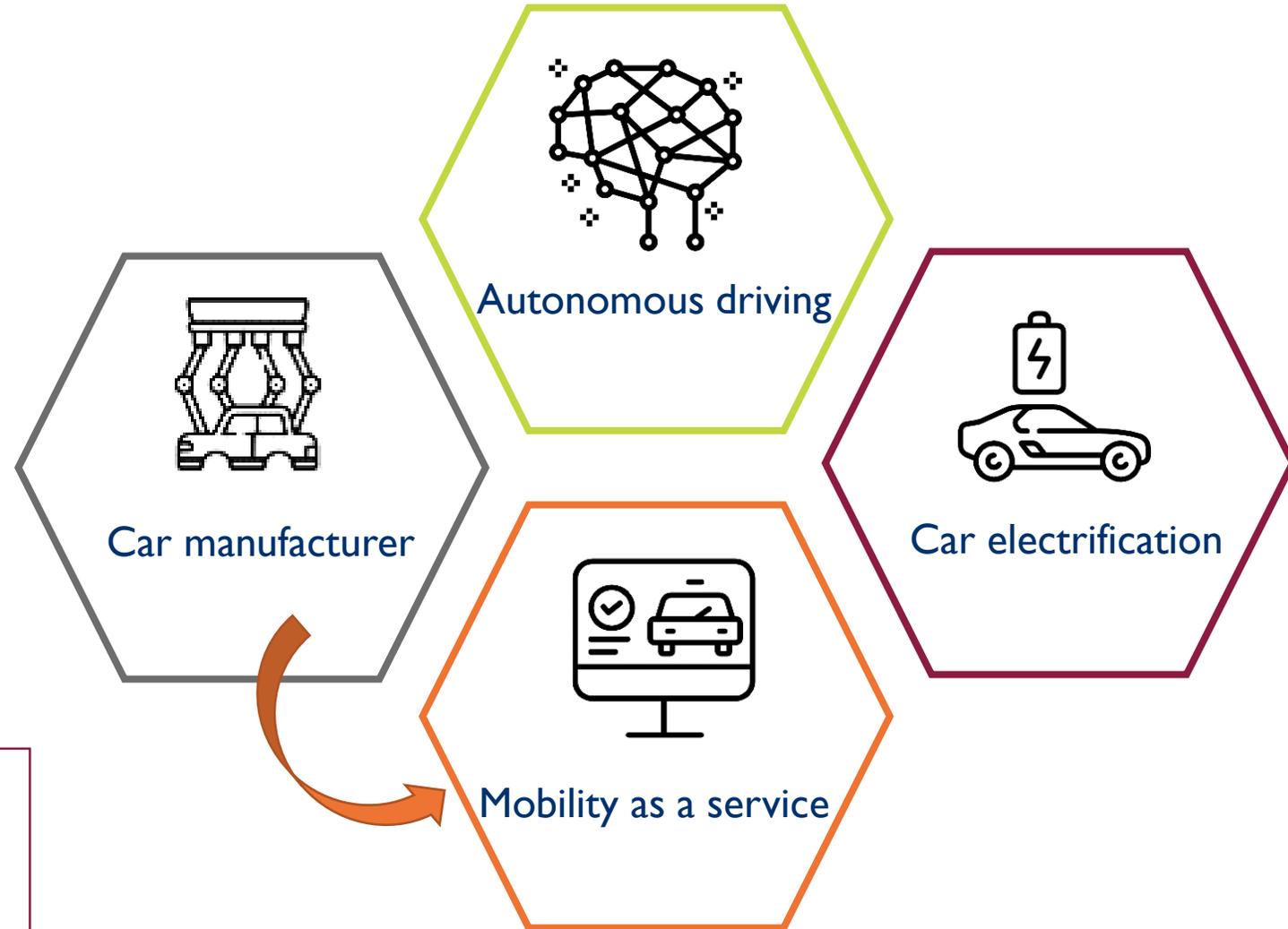
# FOUR BUSINESS MODELS

Each business model gains value from different sources

Four main business models can be identified:

- **Car manufacturer** : OEMs
- **Autonomous driving** : Software and IP hardware:- they are developing the brains of cars and all the driverless application
- **Car electrification** : battery and power train manufacturers:- they are turning cars into electric powered systems
- **Mobility as a service** : service providers (robot taxis or shuttles):- they will offer transportation as a service

But the major **value flow** will go to the **service provider**: by changing consumer use they will overtake the others



Most of the net value will come from mobility as a service

# SUMMARY

## Ecosystem

- Because the technologies are different, ecosystems and supply chains for ADAS and robotic cars are different;
- In both of these ecosystems, the supply chains are organizing;

- ADAS ecosystems are built around historical automotive OEMs, though with classical supply chains going less and less through Tier 1s.



- Robotic vehicles ecosystems are built around full stack solution partnerships – In-vehicle edge platforms to infrastructure to cloud platforms as model to grow transportation as a service

# FOUR TYPES OF PLAYER

## COMPUTING HARDWARE PLAYERS



Provide the silicon and the software stacks to



## Trends

- Levels of autonomy should not be considered as incremental as the underlying technologies are evolving thereby requiring intermediate levels, currently Level 2+ and level 2++.
- Level 3 is questionable as liability and regulations are not included. Many OEMs have, therefore, decided to skip Level 3 and are working directly on Level 4/5 vehicles.
- ADAS vehicles and robotic vehicles are two completely different markets as ecosystems, technologies, ASP, objectives and business models are different.
- The entrance of Artificial Intelligence, bringing with it their dedicated hardware, called accelerators, enables increased understanding of the environment around the car and can therefore allow more and more autonomy as the software and the hardware are improving.
- For ADAS vehicles, AI has been around since 2016 in Tesla vehicles running on their own platform. However, as accelerators will be embedded in next generation SoCs from historical players and partners from OEMs from 2021, AI will spread quickly.
- For robotic vehicles, AI has been in use for a few years and GPUs were used to process these algorithms. As fusion of multiple inputs is already in place, a combination of GPUs and accelerators in the same SoC or as two different chips will be used for vision acceleration.
- To get to the performance needed for Level 4/5, vision accelerators may not be enough, vision and sensor fusion platform solutions as well as data fusion from infrastructure and cloud services will gain traction, especially in mobility as a service. AI platforms in domain control solutions will take share from independent ADAS application systems. Data fusion will become more prevalent to further autonomous evolution.
- The application is key : focus should not initially be on the performance or power, but on the application/technology, so that the software (stack and algorithm) will make this application possible and the hardware can handle this software perfectly.

Tesla was first in introducing AI and is driving the AI hardware trend: moving computer vision from AI on GPUs, to AI on accelerators.

Matrix Accelerators are replacing Vector processing for AI algorithms especially for vision systems.

All along the value chain, NN software should be the focus for success. To be successful, platform providers will also engage in holistic AI solutions.