



# Expanding the COM Express® I/O

Alternative processor architectures on  
the COM Express form factor

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# AGENDA

- Embedded market trends
- Processors architecture challenges and solutions
- COM Express for factor – expanding I/O connectivity for alternative architectures

# Connected Devices Evolution

1960 - 1985  
**Host era**



1985-2006  
**PC Era**



2006 - 2025  
**Internet of Things**



Census

Personal Productivity

Health, Safety, Transportation, Communications,  
Entertainment, Automation

Proprietary  
Hardware &  
Software

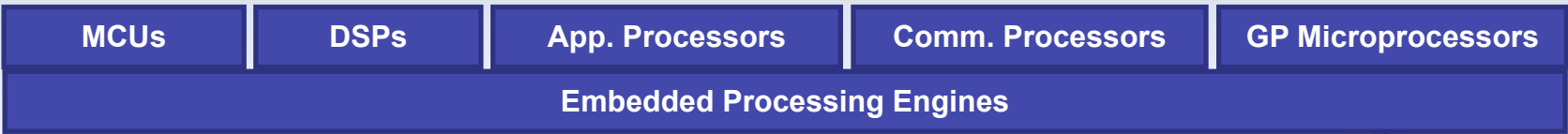
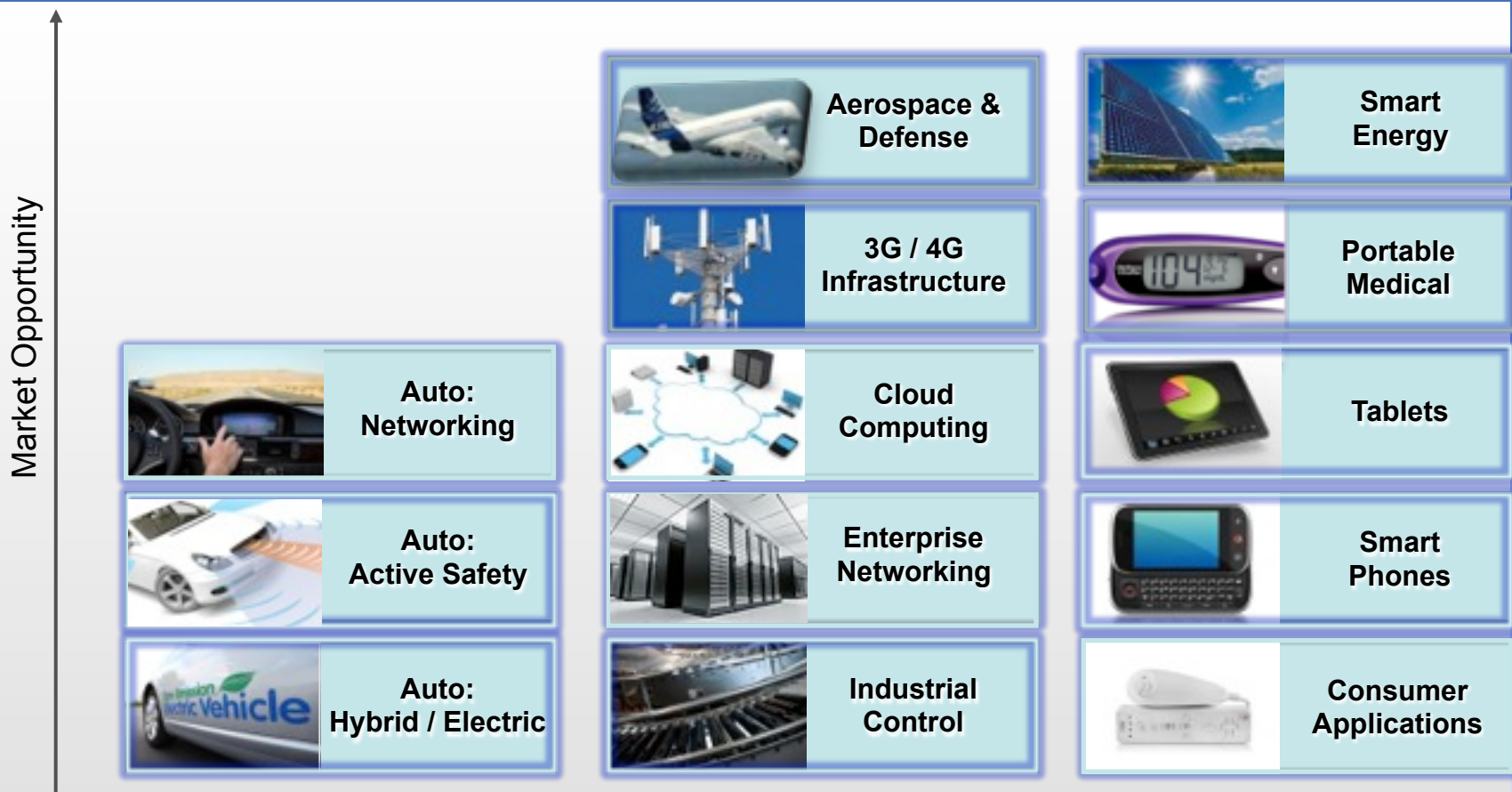
Intel Architecture /  
Windows OS

Non-proprietary  
Hardware &  
Software / Open  
Source





# Embedded Processing Requiring Increased Performance & Integration



**Goal:** Add cost-effective capacity and coverage to global networks

## ■ Technology Trends

- Multi-standard support for new equipment and upgrades
  - GSM, UMTS, LTE
- Heterogeneous networks for coverage
  - Small (Femto & Pico) and large cells (Metro & Macro)
- Cloud-based RAN architectures



## ■ R&D Challenges

- Create a **future-proof portfolio** of products supporting multiple standards, ranging in performance and cell sizes
- **Reduce total cost of ownership** while adding **increased differentiation**

# The Tablet Usage Model is Rapidly Evolving

Today



Near Term

Good, Better, Best

Small, Medium,  
Large Form Factors

Price Segments

Longer Term

General purpose  
Printer  
Home multimedia  
eReaders  
eLearning  
Gaming  
Ruggedized/Industrial  
Business productivity  
Medical  
Auto infotainment  
Enterprise VOIP phones  
Media phones  
Smart monitors  
Appliance displays

Segment  
Introduction



Value (Traditional) Segmentation



Segmentation Proliferation/Maturity

# Embedded Markets Drive Increasing Integration

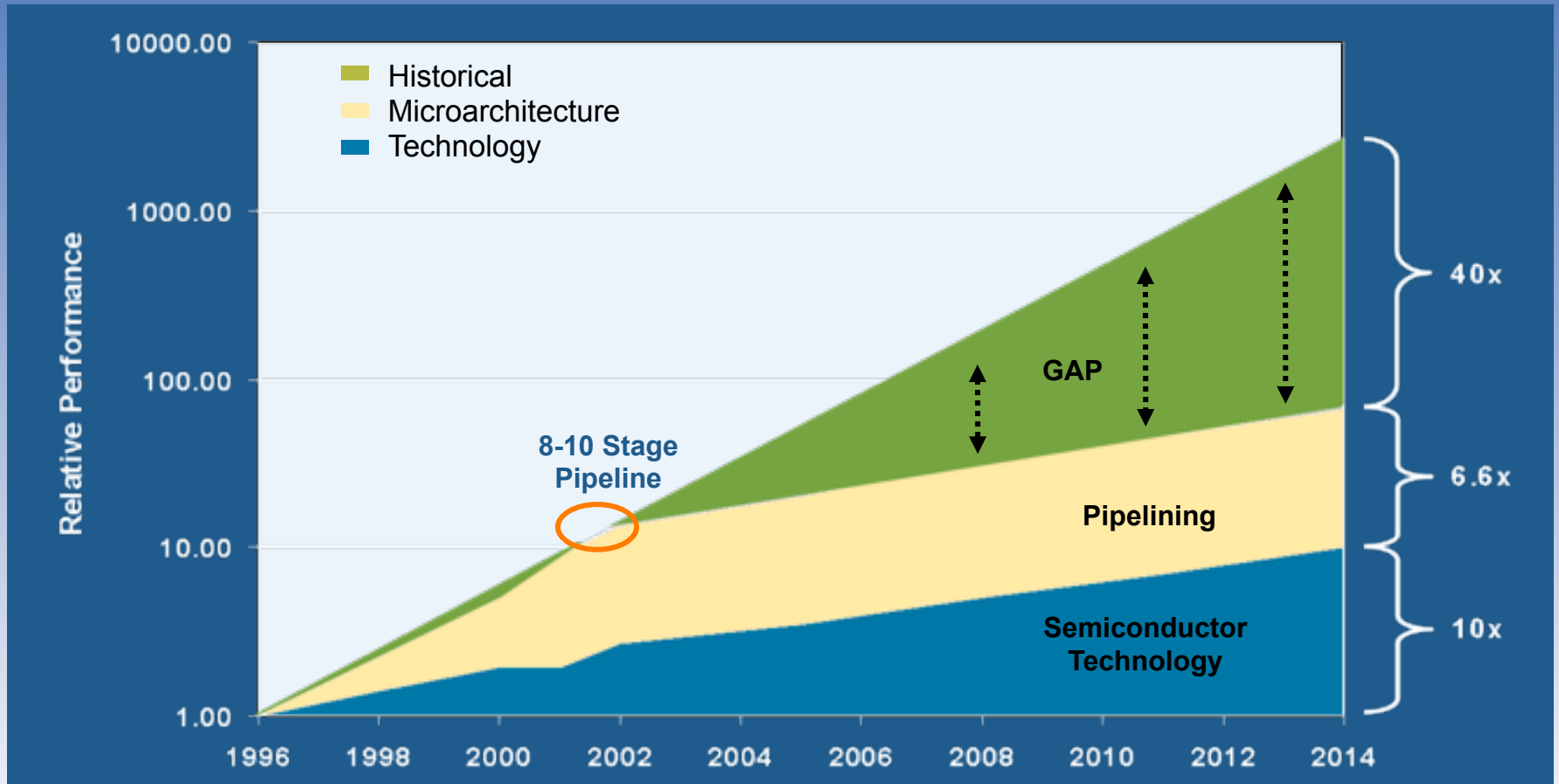


- No “one size fits all” in the embedded space
- Similar principles driving increased performance, reduced cost and reduced power are critical in all embedded markets
- Intelligent Integration is a driving force for all markets

# MPU Challenge Going Forward

# Performance Scaling and Technology Challenges

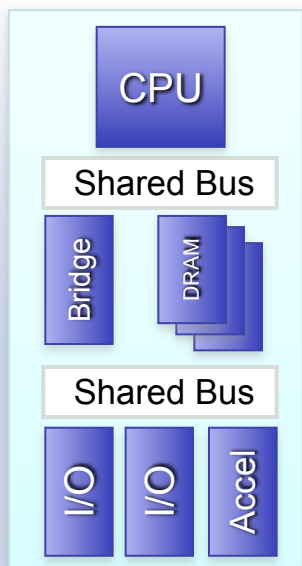
Clock rate improvements slowing: 40%/year to 12%/year



Source: UT Dept. Computer Science

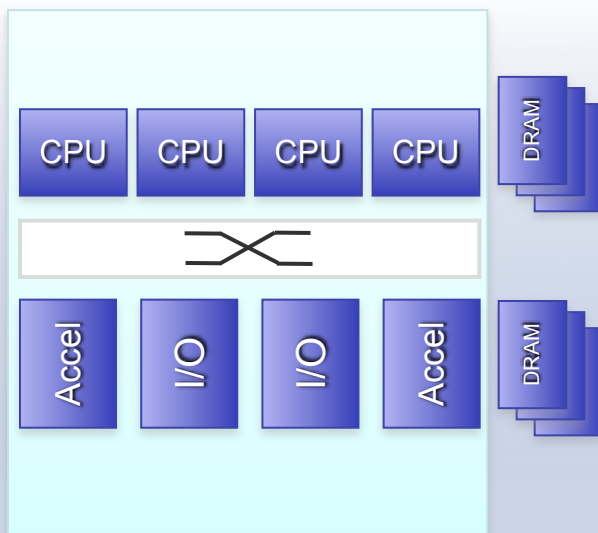
# Intelligent Integration Options

## Single Core with Hardware Accelerators



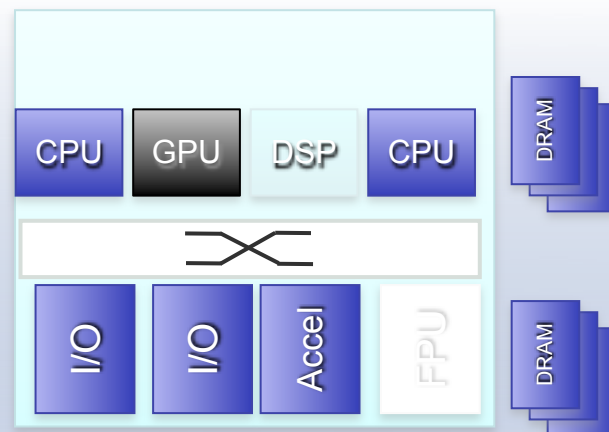
General-purpose processing  
Hardware acceleration provides more power/performance efficiency than software

## Homogeneous Multicore



General-purpose processing with some parallelism for more computing power  
Hardware acceleration for specific tasks

## Heterogeneous Multicore



Truly integrated system  
Most power/performance efficient  
Software complexity and Portability

Increasing Software Complexity



# The New Embedded Processing Paradigm: Intelligent Integration

## Heterogeneous Cores & Functional IP

### Processor IP

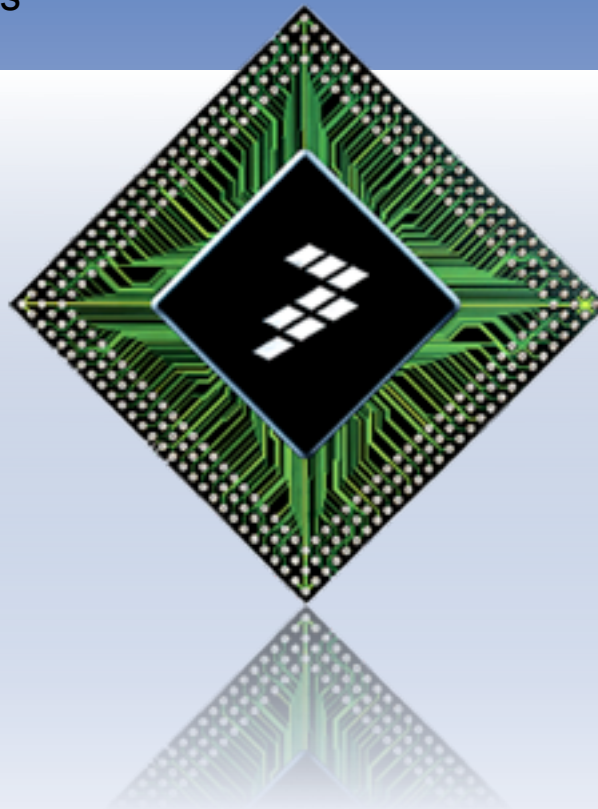
- Communication processors
- Digital signal processors
- Application processors

### Accelerator IP

- Data path accelerator
- Security engine
- Baseband accelerator
- Vertex accelerator
- Video engine
- Image processing unit
- Vector processing unit
- Graphics processing unit

### Multimedia IP

- Audio codec
- Image capture



### Connectivity IP

- Gigabit Ethernet
- Multichannel SerDes
- High-speed interconnects
- USB 2.0
- PCI Express®

### Display Interfaces

- HDMI
- LVDS
- MIPI DSI
- WVGA / XGA
- RGB

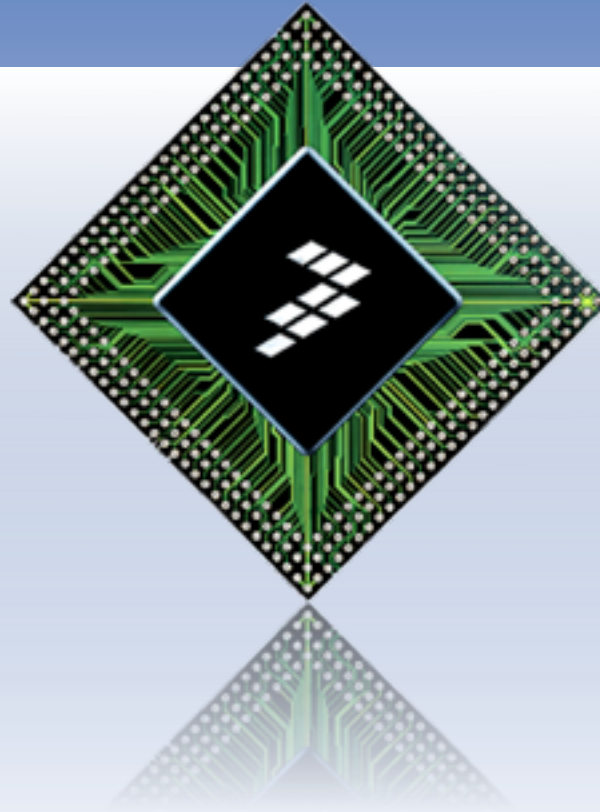
### Memory and Mass Storage Interfaces

- DDR3
- LPDDR2
- SATA



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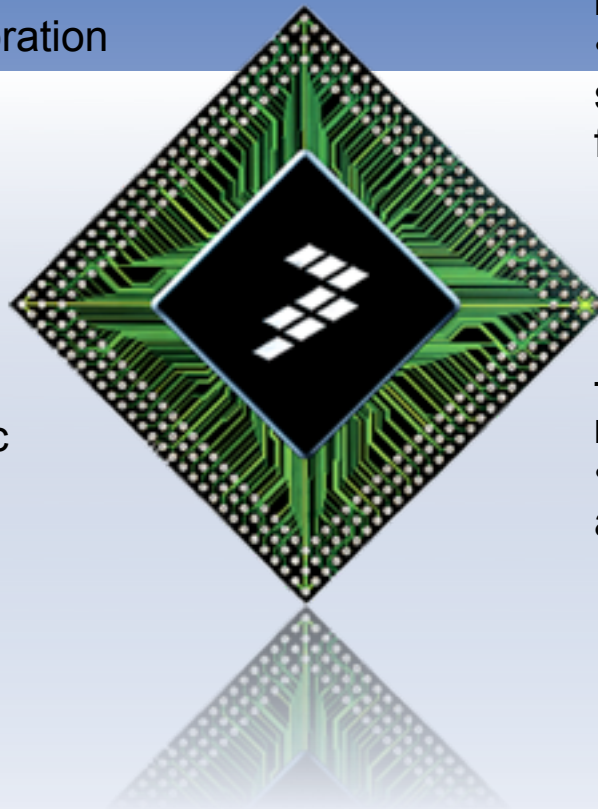
## Software, Tools and Ecosystem Support

### Architecture Alliances

- Strategic technology collaboration to develop embedded power budgets, security IP and content-aware packet processing

### Applications Development Partners

- Optimize application-specific stacks for continual improvement in network security solutions



### Hardware Partners

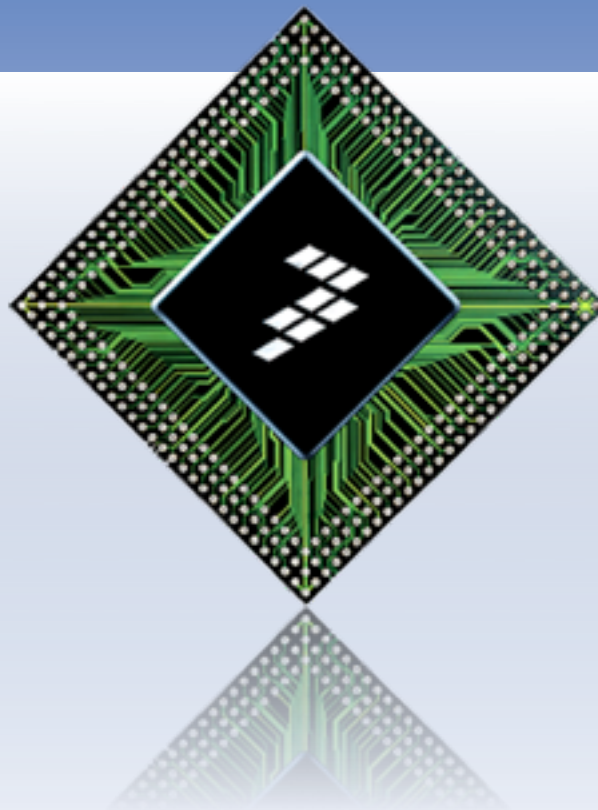
- Development and production systems in standard industry form factors

### Tools and OS Software Partners

- Enable faster time-to-market and market longevity

# **COM** **Express**<sup>®</sup> The New Embedded Processing Paradigm: Intelligent Integration

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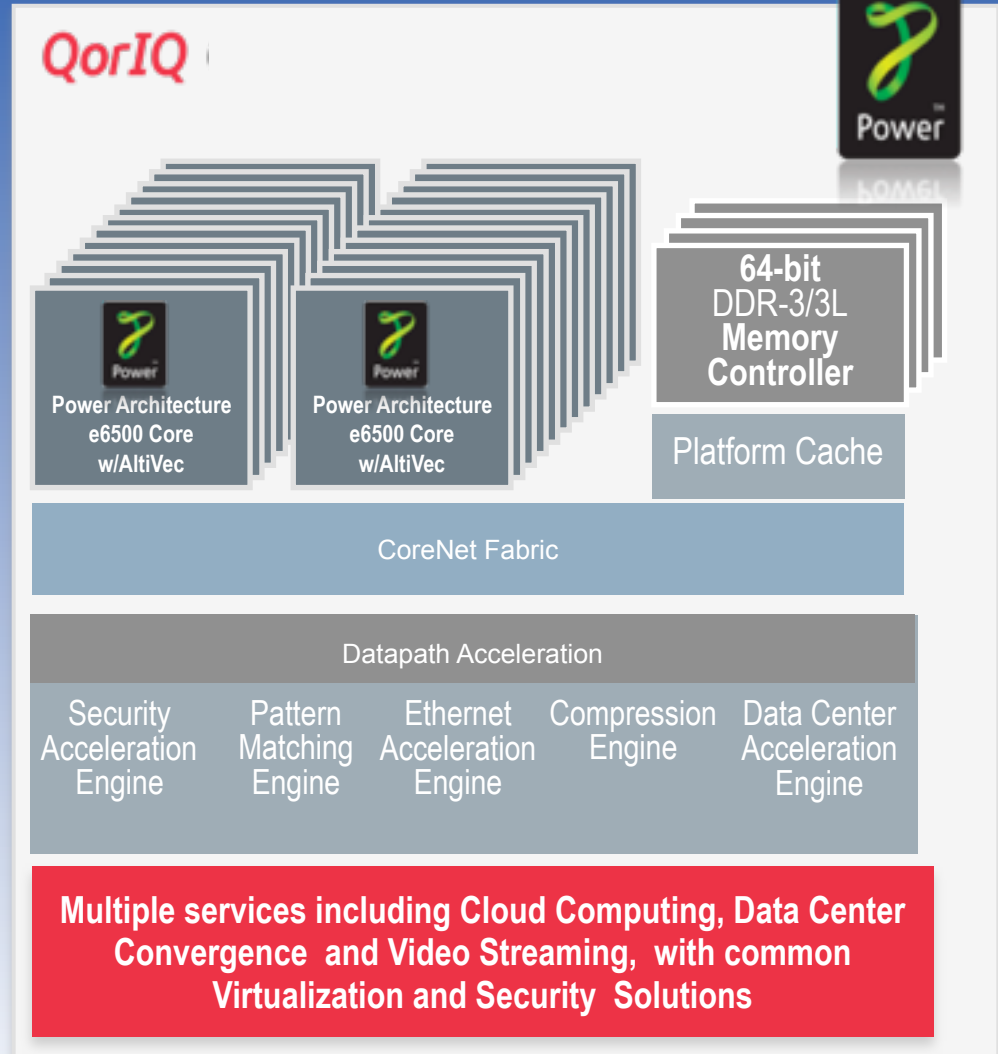


# QorIQ T4240 AMP Product Features



## Programmability for Innovation

- **e6500 core builds on existing QorIQ cores**
  - Dual threads
  - AltiVec® technology
  - 64-bit Power Architecture® technology
  - 24 virtual cores
- **Accelerated processing on demand**
  - Data compression / decompression
  - Interlaken look-aside
  - Security and trust architecture
- **Intelligent processor integration delivers 400% performance improvements:**
  - **4x more** application performance than previous generation - QorIQ P4080 with e500mc Power Architecture core



# Expanding the Processor I/O Connectivity Options for COM Express Form Factor



# Emerson Network Power, Kontron and Freescale Semiconductor

- Three companies coming together to advance I/O connectivity for COM Express form factors – announcement on October 31, 2011 – COM Express Day
- Collaboration enables availability of Freescale’s multicore QorIQ AMP processors on popular COM Express form factor
- Goals of Collaboration
  - New Pin out definition for modules that are compatible with COM Express mechanical requirements
  - New modules can plug into existing carriers without damage to carrier or module
  - Provide expanded flexibility and expanded embedded signals to the market
  - React quickly to market interest
  - Follow Type 6 signaling where possible



- Kept A-B connector signals
- Provided 24 SerDes signals to allow more flexibility and take advantage of the ability to define 1Gb and 10Gb Ethernet, SATA, USB, RapidIO<sup>®</sup> interface and debug ports
- IEEE<sup>®</sup> 1588 to support growing list of time stamping of Industrial signals (AFDX, EtherNet/IP<sup>™</sup>, Ethernet AVB, LXI and many more [freescale.com/IEEE1588](http://freescale.com/IEEE1588))
- Added Pin Type Module definition pin

New definition available at [freescale.com/sbc](http://freescale.com/sbc)

## What's Next for COM Express?

- Is it time to begin defining 10 GHz SerDes?
- Processor agnostic from the beginning
  - Power Architecture<sup>®</sup> technology
  - ARM<sup>®</sup> technology
  - MIPS<sup>®</sup> technology

- COM Express has seen an acceptance by the market for alternative architectures – the concept is proven for deeply embedded applications
- Kontron, Emerson and Freescale have been able to react quickly to market requirements
- Now is the time to begin working on next generation I/O definitions to be ready when processors become available

# Q & A