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# AutoCHERI

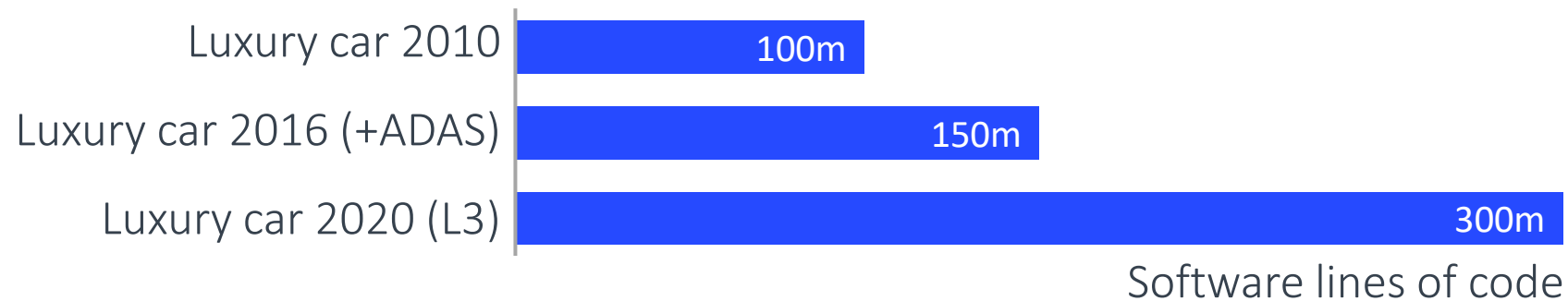
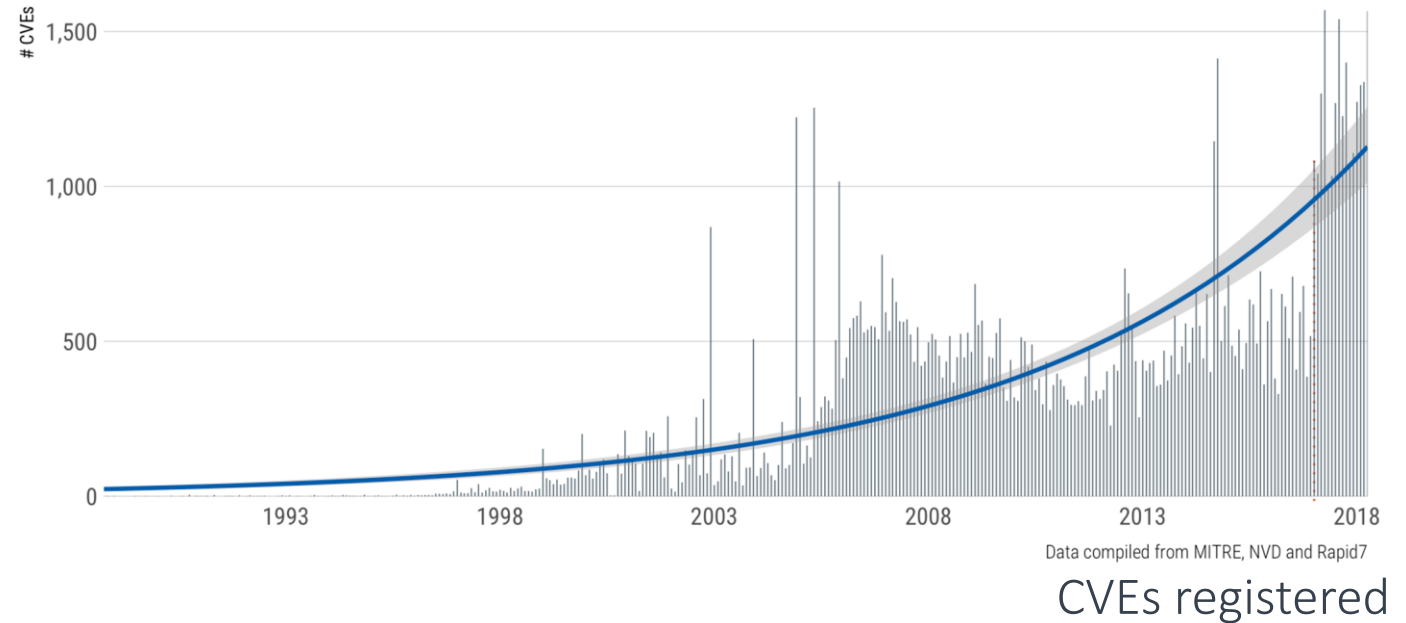
 Business led demonstrator

“Understand performance-security trade-off  
of CHERI for cyber and safety critical  
automotive applications”

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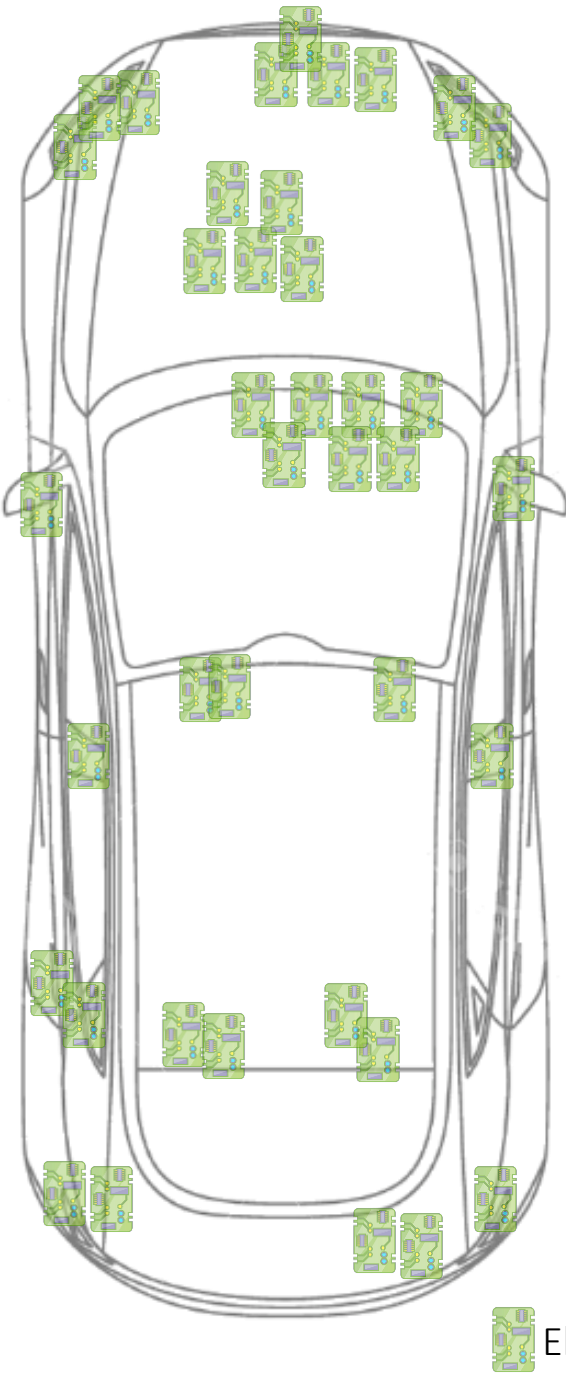
# Increasingly challenging security climate

-  Vehicle system complexity
-  Software complexity
-  Supply chain complexity
-  Vulnerabilities found
-  Geo-political tensions

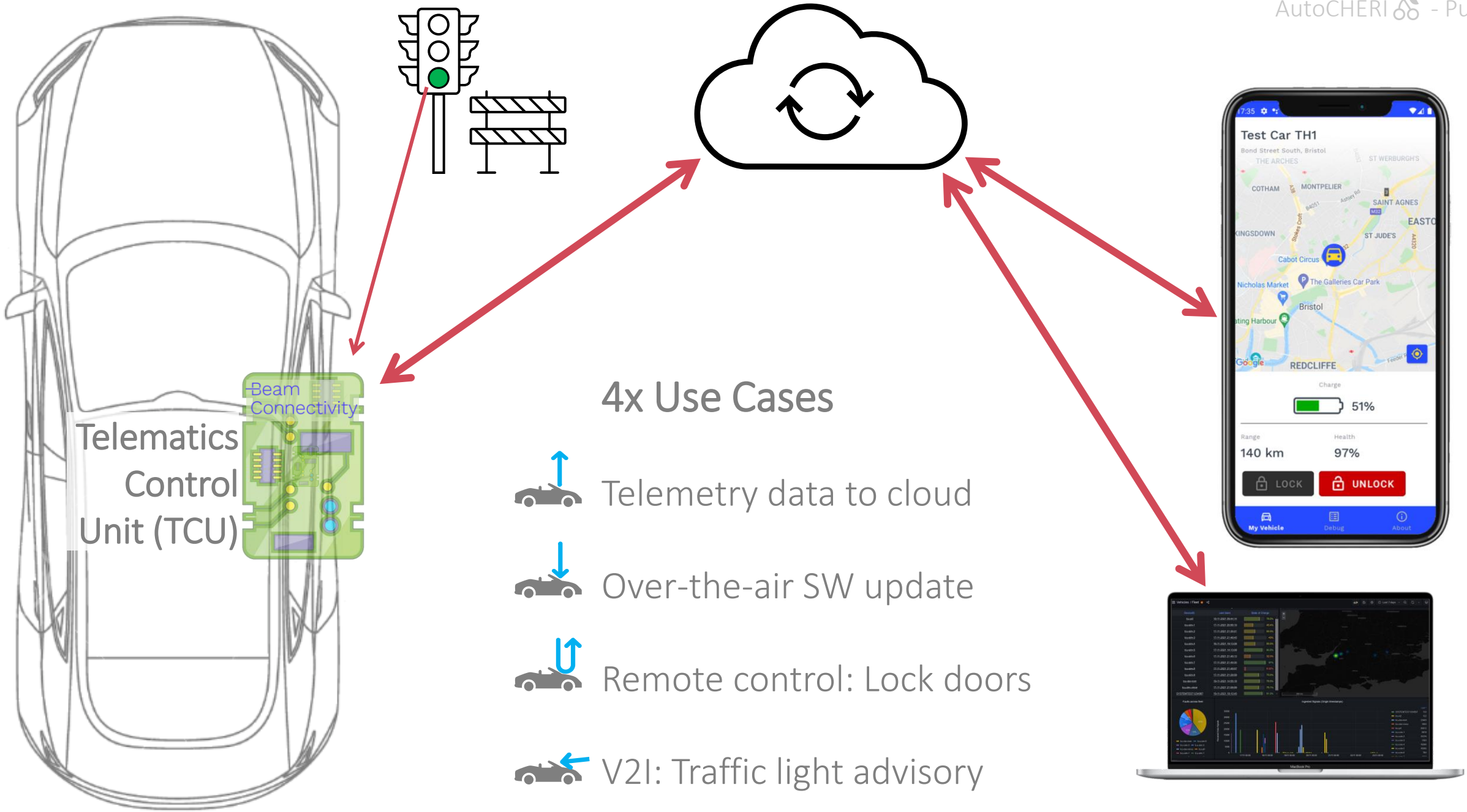


# Automotive networks





- Cars = “Data centers on wheels”
- **Today:** 100+ Electronic Control Units (ECUs) in a car
  - One per ‘function’, e.g. windows, locks, heated seats
- **Tomorrow:** Consolidate into < 10 more powerful compute nodes
  - Need isolation via hypervisors, etc.
- Cars run cyber critical & performance sensitive workloads
- Can we apply CHERI to this domain?
- Beam Connectivity: we have a Telematics Control Unit
  - Manages wireless comms and connected car features

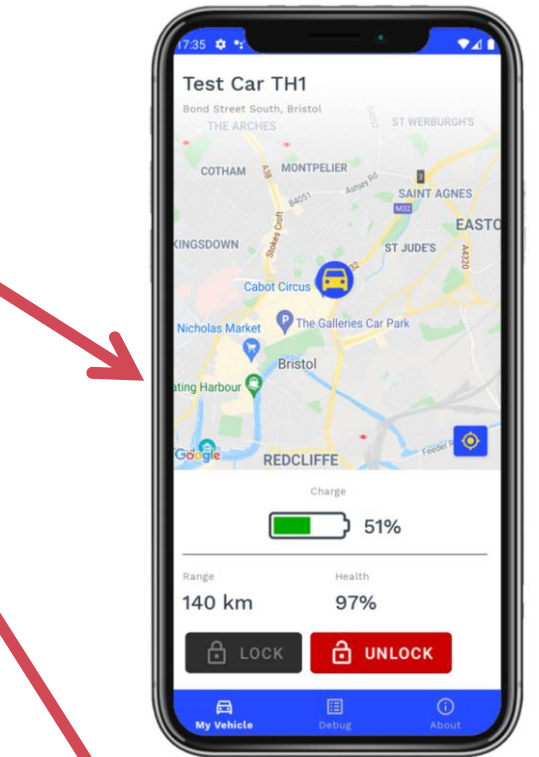


 Electronic Control Unit (ECU)



### 4x Use Cases

-  Telemetry data to cloud
-  Over-the-air SW update
-  Remote control: Lock doors
-  V2I: Traffic light advisory



# Project strands

- ✓ Complete
- 🔄 In-progress
- Up next

## Research

- 🔄 Functional requirements
- 🔄 Threat Assessment & Remediation Analysis (TARA)
  - CHERI efficacy as a mitigation for automotive threats

## Implementation

- ✓ Port TCU codebase to Morello
- 🔄 Implement new features
  - Benchmark and compare
  - Attack!

## Market

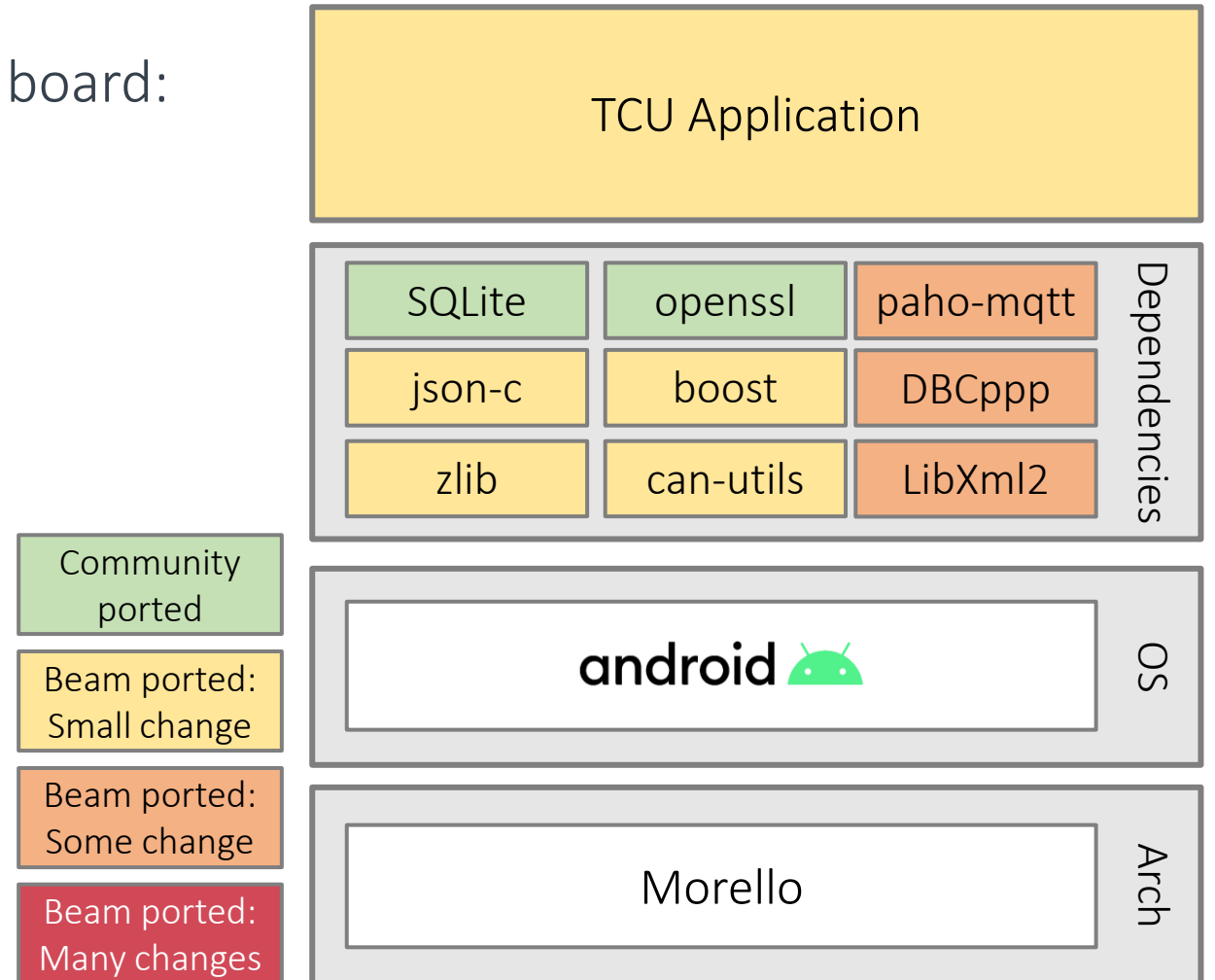
- 🔄 Understand benefits/barriers for adoption in automotive
  - Align CHERI to automotive regulations
  - Understand route to market

Project AutoCHERI 

# Porting to Morello

- Integrated peripherals with Morello dev board:
  - CAN bus adapter
  - GPS & 4G cellular modems
- “Hello CAN bus” demo app
- Automated CI pipelines
  - Dockerised build environment
  - Build all dependent libraries
  - Build application
- Now implementing new app features

Come see our live demo over lunch



To be continued at  
the next DSbD All Hands...



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