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**MIPI Automotive SerDes Solutions:  
New Developments in A-PHY® and the  
MASS<sup>SM</sup> Connectivity Framework**

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# MIPI Automotive SerDes Solution (MASS)

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# MIPI Automotive SerDes Solutions (MASS)

A framework for integrating sensors and displays with functional safety and security built in

## Electronic Control Unit (ECU)

- Advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) based on sensor feeds
- Produces display feeds

## Sensors

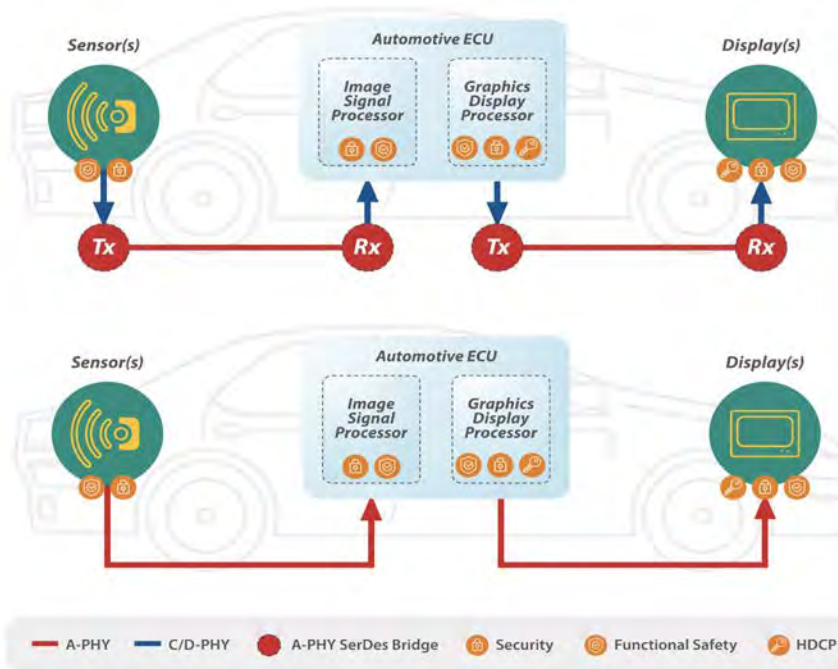
- Camera
- Lidar

## Displays

- Dashboard
- Console
- Side-view mirrors
- Entertainment

## (Optional) A-PHY bridges

- Translates between short-range MIPI C-PHY<sup>SM</sup> / D-PHY<sup>SM</sup> & long-range MIPI A-PHY



MASS solution using  
A-PHY bridges

MASS solution using  
integrated A-PHY

# MASS Guiding Principles

## Service Extensions

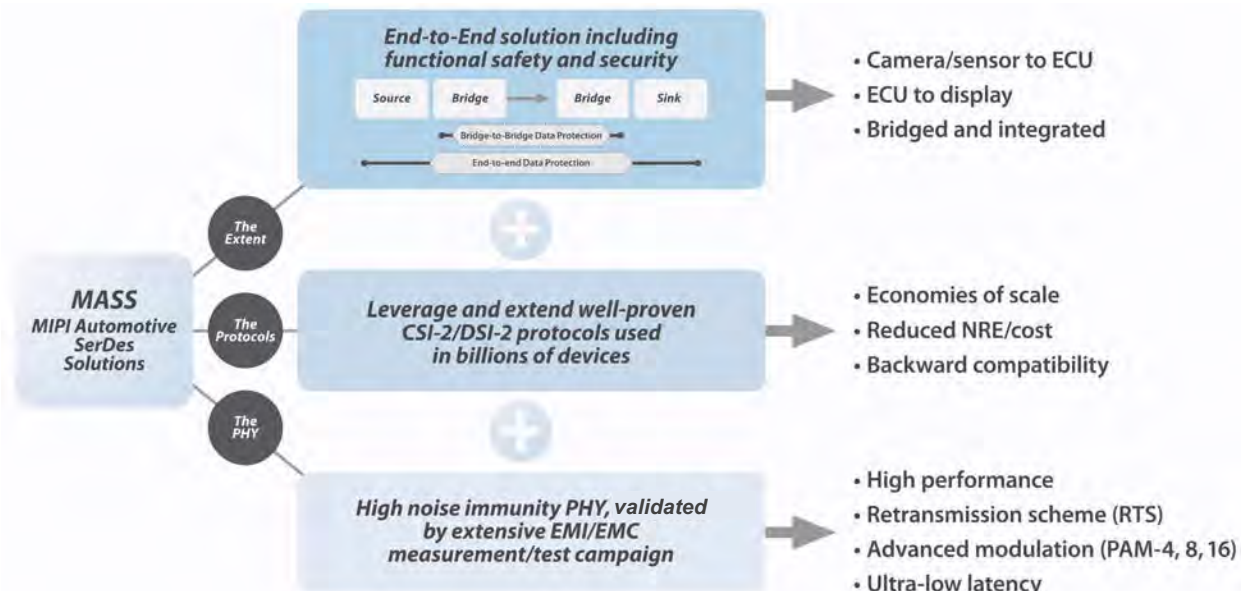
- CSE<sup>SM</sup>: Camera Service Extensions
- DSE<sup>SM</sup>: Display Service Extensions
- CCISE<sup>SM</sup>: Command and Control Interface Service Extensions
- MIPI Security Specification

## PALs: Protocol Adaptation Layers

- MIPI CSI-2<sup>®</sup>, MIPI DSI-2<sup>SM</sup>, I3C<sup>®</sup>
- VESA eDP/DP
- Ethernet, I2C, GPIO, SPI, Audio

## A-PHY

- Robust PHY for Automotive
- MTBF of 1 error over the full vehicle life-span
- Long reach PHY (15m)
- Coax, SDP and STQ cables



MTBF: Meantime Between Failure

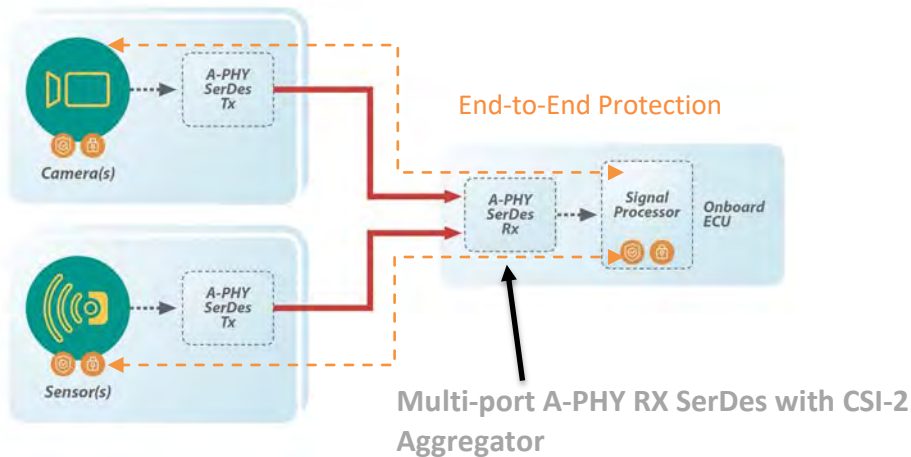
SDP: Shielded Differential Pair

STQ: Star Quad (shielded dual differential pair)



# MASS Supported Topologies - Examples

## Camera and Sensor Aggregation

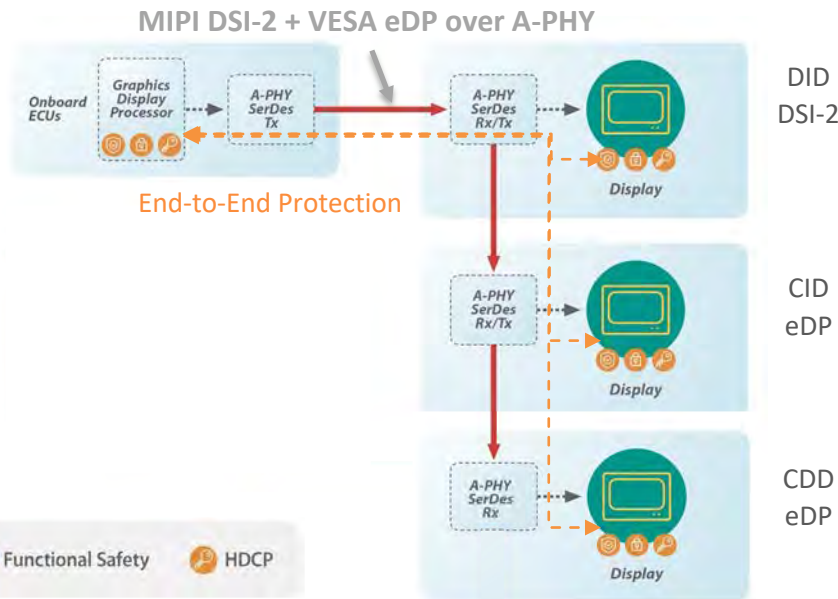


MIPI CSI-2 Sensors



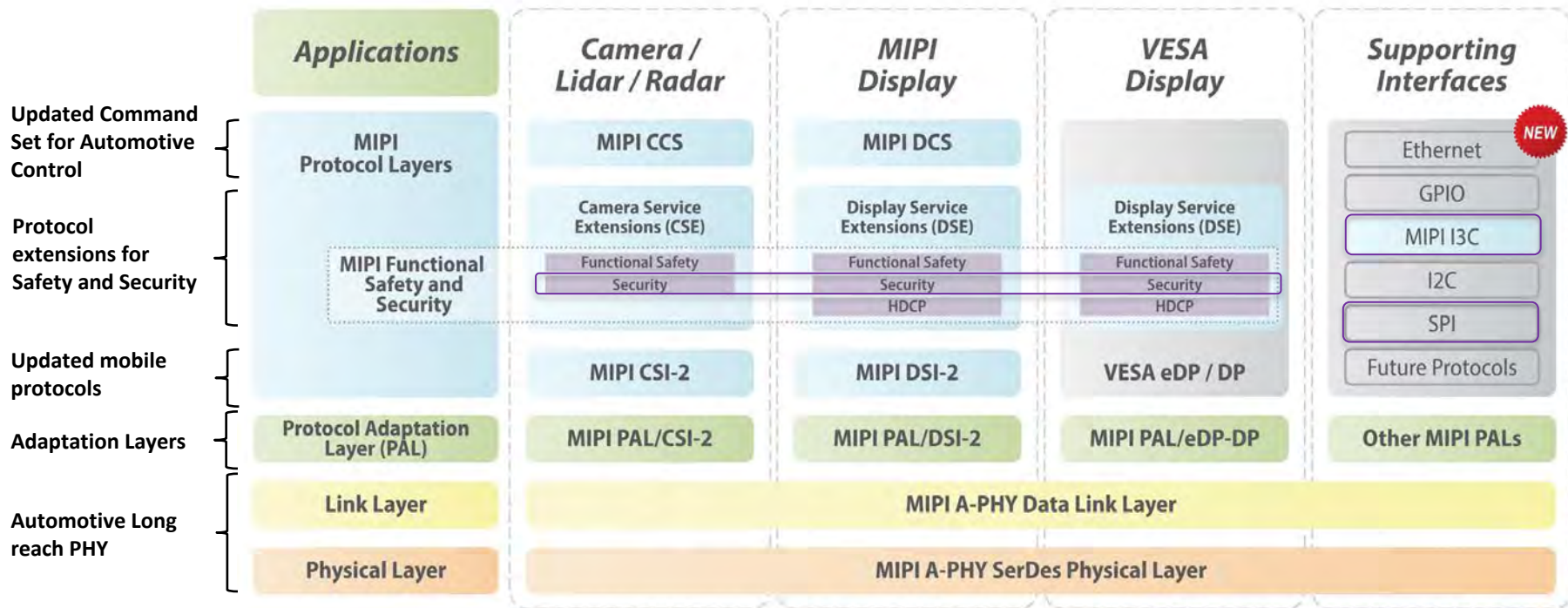
Other common topologies are also supported but not shown

## Daisy Chaining of Heterogeneous Displays



DID: Driver Instrument Display  
 CID: Central Information Display  
 CDD: Co-Driver Display

# MASS Stack – Framework nearly completed



  Under development

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# MASS Status

## Adopted Specifications

- A-PHY v1.0
- A-PHY v1.1
- PAL/CSI-2 v1.0
- PAL/DSI-2 v1.0
- PAL/eDP/DP v1.0
- PAL/GPIO v1.0
- PAL/I2C v1.0
- PAL/Ethernet v1.0
- CSE v1.0
- DSE v1.0

## Under Development

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| • A-PHY v1.1.1           | Inclusive Terminology  |
| • A-PHY v2.0             | Higher data-rate, Security   |
| • PoA <sup>SM</sup> v1.0 | New specification                                  |
| • PAL/SPI v1.0           | New specification                                  |
| • PAL/I2C v1.0.1         | Inclusive Terminology  |
| • PAL/ETH v1.1           | Support for frame preemption   |
| • PAL/I3C v1.0           | New specification                                  |
| • MIPI Security v1.0     | New Specification                                  |
| • CCISE v1.0             | Command and Control Interface Service Extensions  |
| • CSE v2.0               | Security, FSED, Timestamping   |
| • DSE v1.1               | Advanced FuSa, FSED, Timestamping, Audio   |
| • DSE v2.0               | Security   |
| • DCS <sup>SM</sup> v2.0 | Automotive related commands  |

## In Adoption Process

- PAL/CSI-2 v1.1
  - timestamping and synchronization

## Published Application Notes

- A-PHY Profile 1 and Profile 2

## Upcoming Application Notes

- A-PHY RTS and Retraining
- PoA: Power over A-PHY

RTS: Retransmission

FuSa: Functional Safety

FSED: Frame Service Extensions Data



# Camera Service Extensions (CSE)

## CSE v1.0

- End to End Functional Safety Services
- Message-based Functional Safety protection
- CSI-2 Packets are extended with SEP
- Message Counter and CRC are added per SEP
- Test pattern generation and Error Injection
- ESS-CCI Protocol for End to End Control Plane protection

**SEP:** Service Extensions Packet

**FSED:** Frame Service Extensions Data

**CRC:** Cyclical Redundancy Check

**CCISE:** Command and Control Interface Service Extensions

**ESS-CCI:** Enhanced Safety and Security Camera Control Interface

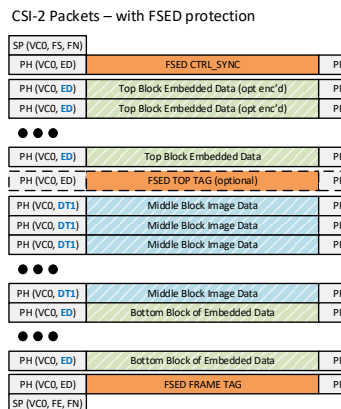
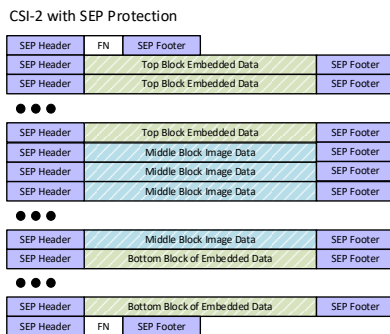
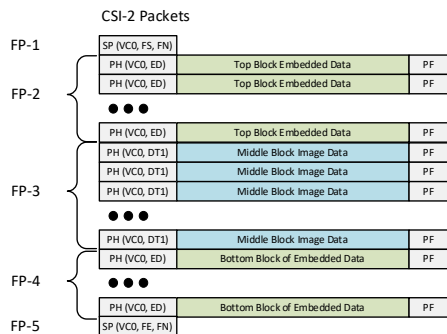
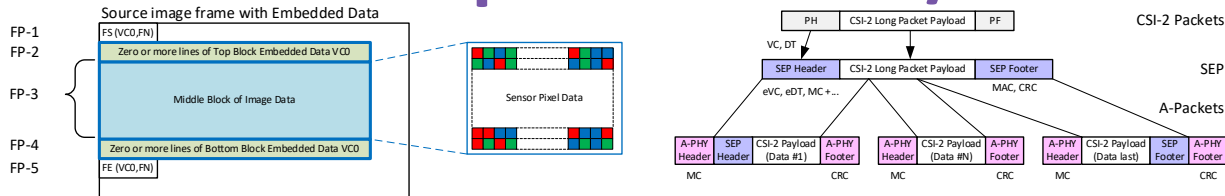
## CSE v2.0

- End to End Security Services: Encryption, Authentication
- FSED Protocol
- Frame-based protection
- SEP per “multiple messages” protection

## CCISE v1.0

- Separate specification
- End to End protection of the Control Plane
- Backwards compatible to ESS-CCI in CSE v1.0
- Adding Security Services

# SEP and FSED – Example with CSE / CSI-2



**KEY:**  
 SP: Short Packet  
 PH: Packet Header  
 PF: Packet Footer  
 VC0: Virtual Channel 0  
 FS: Frame Start  
 FE: Frame End  
 FN: Frame Number  
 ED: Embedded Data type (DT=0x12)  
 nED: non-Embedded Data Type (DT1=0x12)  
 DTm: Data Type m  
 FP-n: Frame Partition n

“Legacy” CSI-2 without FuSa/Security Protection

SEP Header ePH0-ePH9: eVC, eDT, MC, SID, + ...  
 SEP Footer ePH0 : CRC-32; ePH1: MAC  
 (Plaintext) ED CSI-2 Packet  
 (Plaintext) nED CSI-2 Packet  
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CSI-2 with SEP FuSa/Security Protection per Message

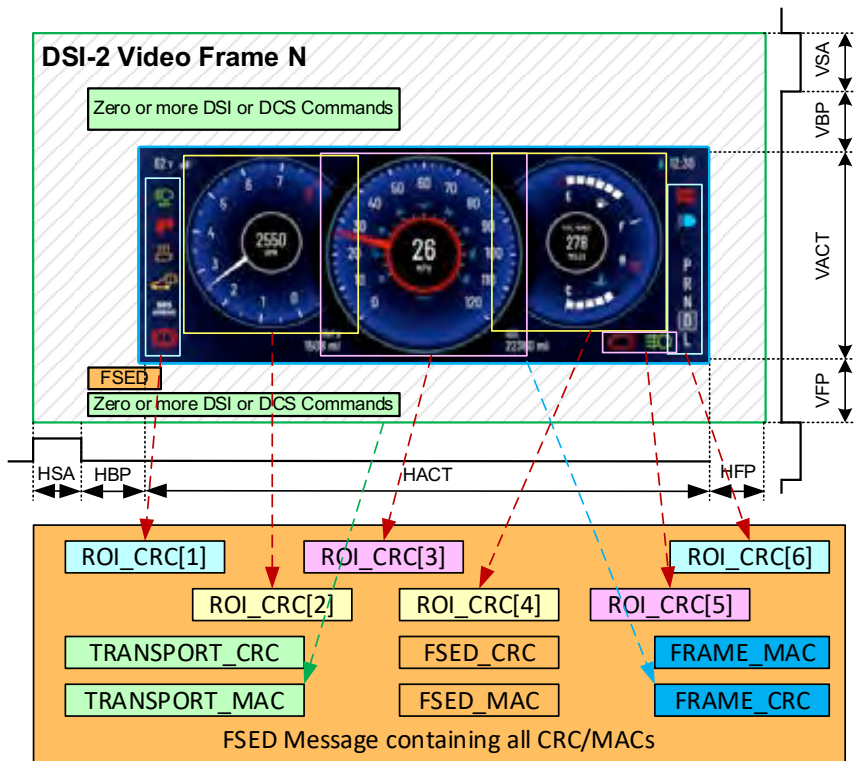
“Legacy” CSI-2 packets with FSED FuSa/Security Protection per Frame

FSED\_CTRL\_SYNC Frame Control information for Security and FuSa. Protected with CSMAC and CSCRC  
 FSED TOP TAG (optional) Optional protection of TOP Block with TOP MAC and TOP TAG CRC  
 FSED\_FRAME\_TAG Full Frame protection with FRAME MAC and FRAME CRC

MAC: Message Authentication Code

CRC: Cyclical Redundancy Check

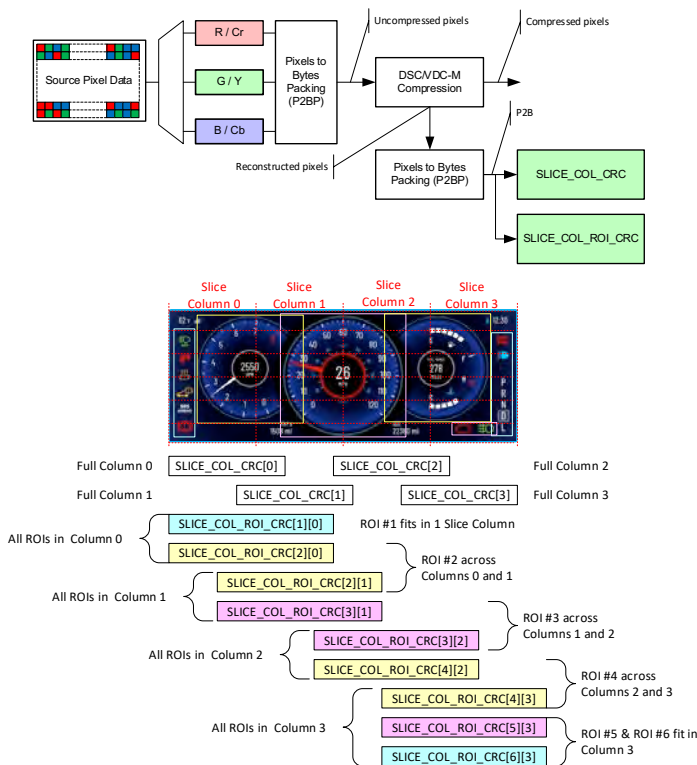
# FSED in Display Service Extensions (DSE)



- One FSED Message per DSI-2 Video Frame
- Contains FuSa & Security extension data
  - Frame number
  - CRCs
  - MACs
- FRAME CRC/MAC for Active Video Area
- TRANSPORT CRC/MAC for “meta data” (display commands and control)
- Region of Interest (ROI)
  - Up to 16 ROIs – ROIs can overlap
  - 1 CRC per ROI
- Note: Security support from DSE v2.0 only

FSED: Frame Service Extensions Data

# FuSa support for Compression

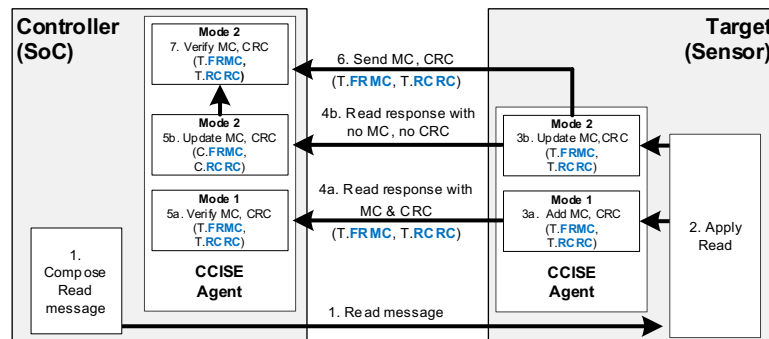
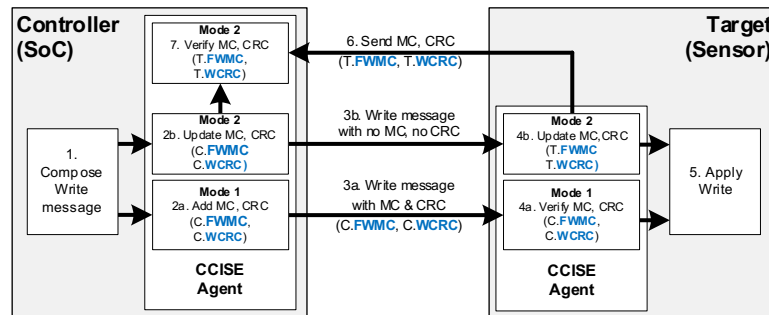


- Visually lossless compression with VESA DSC and VDC-M
- CRCs are calculated over the “reconstructed” pixels
  - Matching between TX and RX
  - Compression engine is covered by the CRC
- Compression engine runs over slices. To ease the implementation DSE defines Slice Columns
- Each Slice Column has its own CRC
- For ROI, CRC are calculated over the Slice Columns
- All CRCs are sent in the FSED Message at the end of the DSI-2 Video Frame
- DSE aligning with VESA on CRC calculations

# Control Plane Protection with CCISE

- Command and Control Interface **Service Extensions** (CCISE) add Security and FuSa services to CCI (I2C)
  - CCISE Supports control of
    - A-PHY bridges and forwarding elements
    - Any other device controlled via I2C (or virtual I2C with PAL/I2C).
  - CCI (I2C) Transactions are extended with Tags
    - FuSa Tags: Message Counter, CRC
    - Security Tags: Message Counter, MAC
    - Separate Tags for Read and Write Messages
  - Two CCISE verification modes
    - **Mode 1: Per-Transaction.** Tags are transmitted with the Messages and can be **verified immediately** by the Target or the Controller
    - **Mode 2: Per-Frame.** Tags are not transmitted with the Messages. Tags are calculated over an entire CSI-2 Frame, both at the Controller and at the Target. Tags are sent from the Target to the Controller
      - Within CSI-2 Embedded Data or
      - Controller read access to the Tags
- Tags are verified by the Controller.** Mode 2 is motivated by the speed limit of I2C interface.

## CCISE Functional Safety Protection Flow







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# A-PHY Overview

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# MIPI A-PHY: SerDes System Foundation

First industry-standard asymmetric SerDes physical layer specification targeted for ADAS/ADS and infotainment applications

## About A-PHY

(v1.0 released in Sep 2020)

- Direct coupling to native CSI-2/DSI-2/DP-eDP protocols
- High noise immunity, ultra low PER ( $< 10^{-19}$ )
- Supports bridge-based and endpoint integration
- Support for automotive coax and SDP channels
- Upto 15m long reach with 4 inline connectors
- Power over cable
- Built-in functional safety according to ISO 26262
- Adopted by IEEE as IEEE 2977-2021

## A-PHY v1.1 Enhancements

(released Dec 2021)

- Increased support for lower cost legacy cables
- Double uplink data rate
- Star quad cable support, enabling lower cost dual lane operation, for up to 32 Gbps data rate

PER: Packet Error Rate

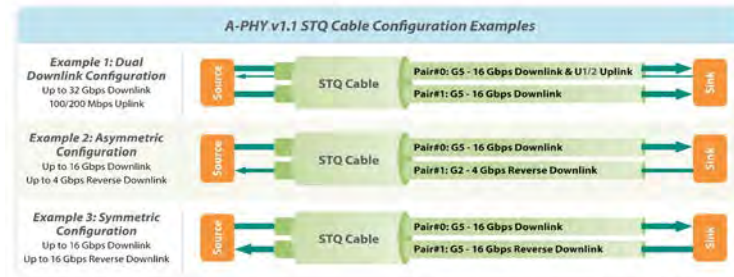
SDP: Shielded Differential Pair

## MIPI A-PHY Performance

A-PHY v1.1 enhancements shown in orange

Uplink Gear Data Rate	Modulation	Modulation Bandwidth (MHz)	Max Net App Data Rate (Mbps)
U1 100 Mbps	NRZ-8B/10B	50	55
U2 200 Mbps	PAM4-8B/10B	50	125

Downlink Gear Data Rate	Modulation	Modulation Bandwidth (GHz)	Max Net App Data Rate (Gbps)
G1 2 Gbps	NRZ-8B/10B	1	1.5
	PAM4 (Optional)	0.5	1.8
G2 4 Gbps	NRZ-8B/10B	2	3
	PAM4 (Optional)	1	3.6
G3 8 Gbps	PAM4	2	7.2
G4 12 Gbps	PAM8	2	10.8
G5 16 Gbps	PAM16	2	14.4



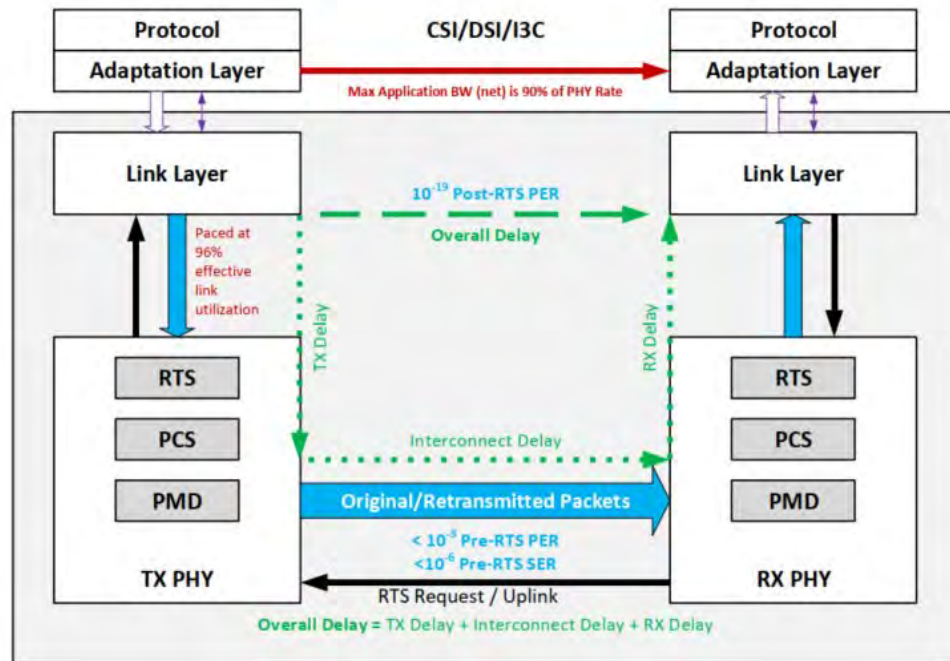
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# What Makes MIPI A-PHY So Robust and Efficient?

## High throughput automotive links are EMI-limited — not AWGN limited

### RTS + NBIC

- **Time bounded local PHY-level retransmission**
  - Only within pre-defined “Overall Delay” ( $\sim 6\mu\text{s}@G5$ )
  - Local: Transparent to the upper layers
  - Local: Happens within a single A-PHY hop
- **Dynamic modulation for retransmitted packets with better error resistance**
- **Highly resilient**
  - Overcomes large thousands symbols-long error bursts
  - Multiple 10s mV, instantly attacking NBI peaks
- **High reliability  $\rightarrow \text{PER} < 10^{-19}$**
- **Low overhead  $\rightarrow 90\%$  net data rate**



NBI: Narrow Band Interferences

NBIC: Narrow Band Interferences Canceller

PCS: Physical Coding Sub-Layer

PMD: Physical Media Dependent

RTS: Re-Transmission Sub-Layer

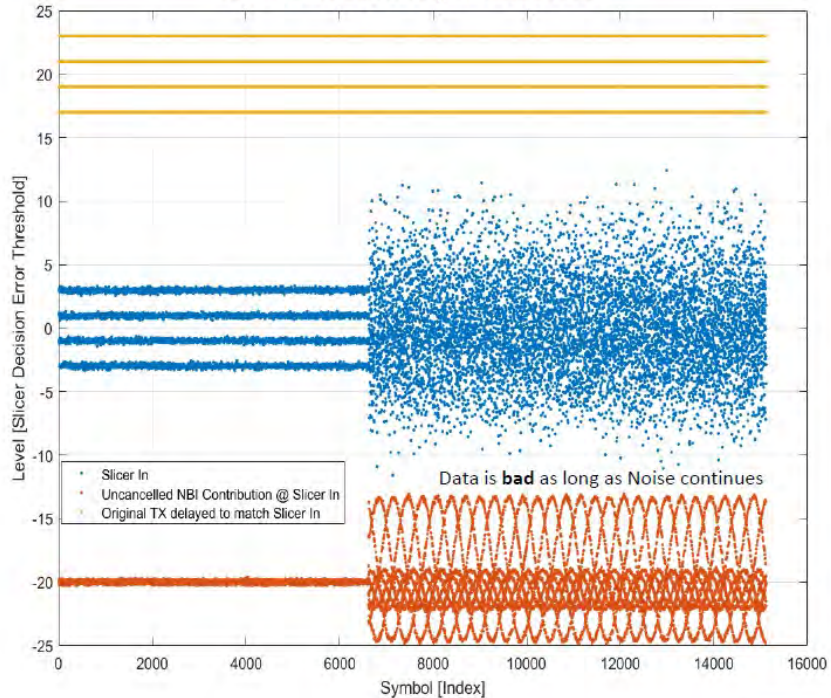
AWGN: Additive White Gaussian Noise



# To Speed Up/Ensure JITC Convergence, JITC Re-training Is Used

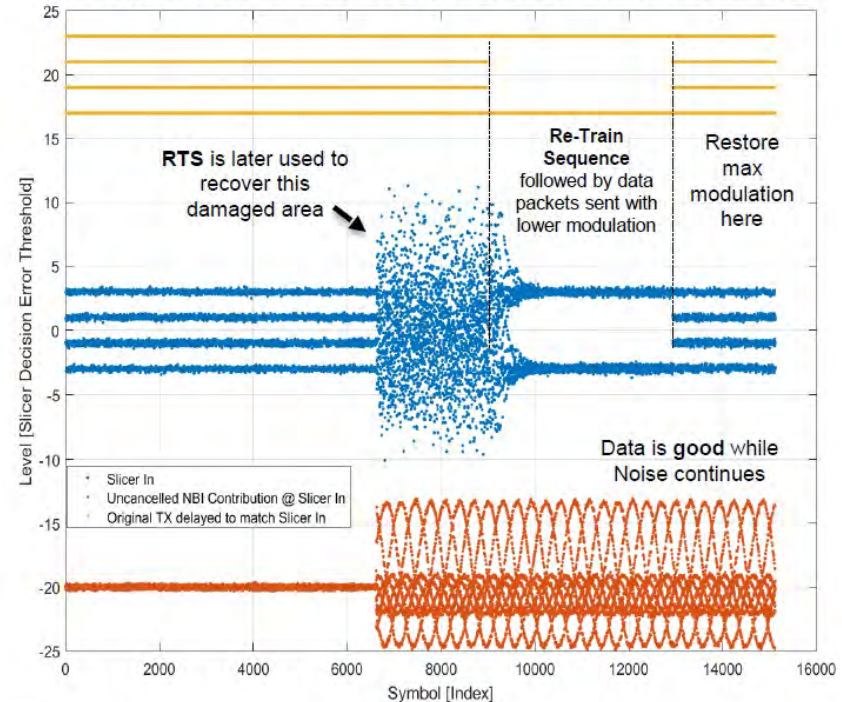
Example: 4GBaud PAM4, 40mVpeak 3 Tone NBI, instant attack, without re-training

*Without Re-training, Cancellor cannot Overcome NBI Impact on Slicer*



JITC: Just In Time Canceller

*With Re-Training, Usage of "Known Data" Slicing Allows Cancellor to Quickly Converge to Remove NBI Impact on Slicer*



# A-PHY Channel models

- Application note providing technical details on system modeling both for Profile 1 and Profile 2 is available to MIPI members.
- Along with this application note, we provided the complete system model in ADS and Matlab at the MIPI member site.
- Information Location (for registered members) -
  - System model - <https://members.mipi.org/wg/A-PHY/document/folder/14078>
  - Application note – <https://members.mipi.org/wg/All-Members/document/download/84933>





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# Next Generation A-PHY

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# What's Next for A-PHY?

## A-PHY v2.0

### GOALS

- Support emerging architecture and use cases:
- Zonal architecture and SDV (software-defined vehicle)
- Modern automotive cockpits
- Maintain backward compatibility
- Be forward compatible
- No changes in the upper layers for easy migration with minimal impact
- Maintain high EMC resilience and low packet error rate

### PROPOSED FEATURES

- Double downlink throughput up to 32Gbps (28.8Gbps net data rate) per single lane
- Uplink throughput increase up to 1.6Gbps (1.166Gbps net data rate)
- Enhance interface support
- Add 1Gb Ethernet support (based on the new uplink BW)
- Other interfaces may be added based on market demand
- Enable support of a secure A-PHY network

## A-PHY v1.1.1

- ❑ Inclusive Terminology
- ❑ Errata

## TEST PROGRAM

- ❑ Reference Compliance Test Suite nearly complete
- ❑ Pilot Compliance program under development

## IEEE ADOPTION

- ❑ v1.1.1 to be submitted to IEEE for adoption

## NEW RESOURCES

- ❑ [Retraining and Retransmission App Note](#)
- ❑ [Power Over A-PHY App Note](#)
- ❑ Power Over A-PHY specification
- ❑ Link Layer and Link Layer Services App Note

# A-PHY v2.0 – Initial Downlink Gear Table (per LANE)

Downlink Gear	Modulation	Modulation Bandwidth [GHz]	Data Rate [Gbps]	Max Net App Data Rate [Gbps]
G1	NRZ-8B/10B	1	2	1.5
	PAM4	0.5		1.8
G2	NRZ-8B/10B	2	4	3
	PAM4	1		3.6
G3	PAM4	2	8	7.2
	NRZ-8B/10B	4		6
G4	PAM8	2	12	10.8
G5	PAM16	2	16	14.4
	PAM4	4	16	14.4
G6	PAM8	4	24	21.6
G7	PAM16	4	32	28.8

**Note:**

Green – New speeds @ 8GBaud

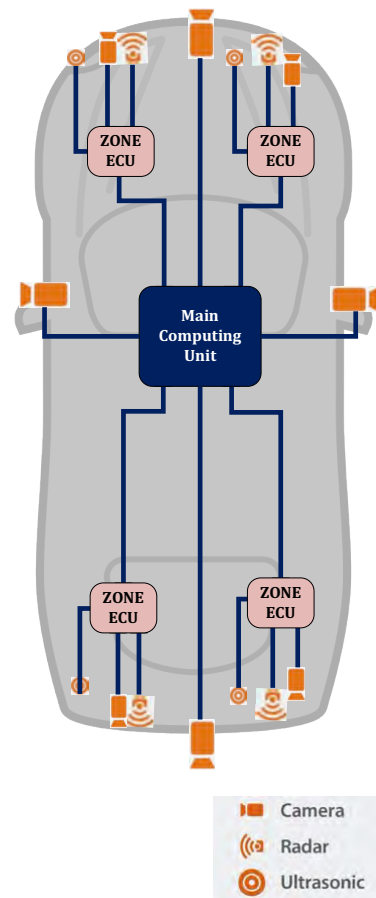
Orange – Under discussion

## A-PHY v2.0 – Initial Uplink Gear Table

Uplink Gear	Modulation	Modulation Bandwidth [MHz]	Data Rate [Mbps]	Max Net App Data Rate [Mbps]
U1	NRZ-8B/10B	50	100	53
U2	PAM4-8B/10B	50	200	125
U3	PAM4-8B/10B	400	1600	1166

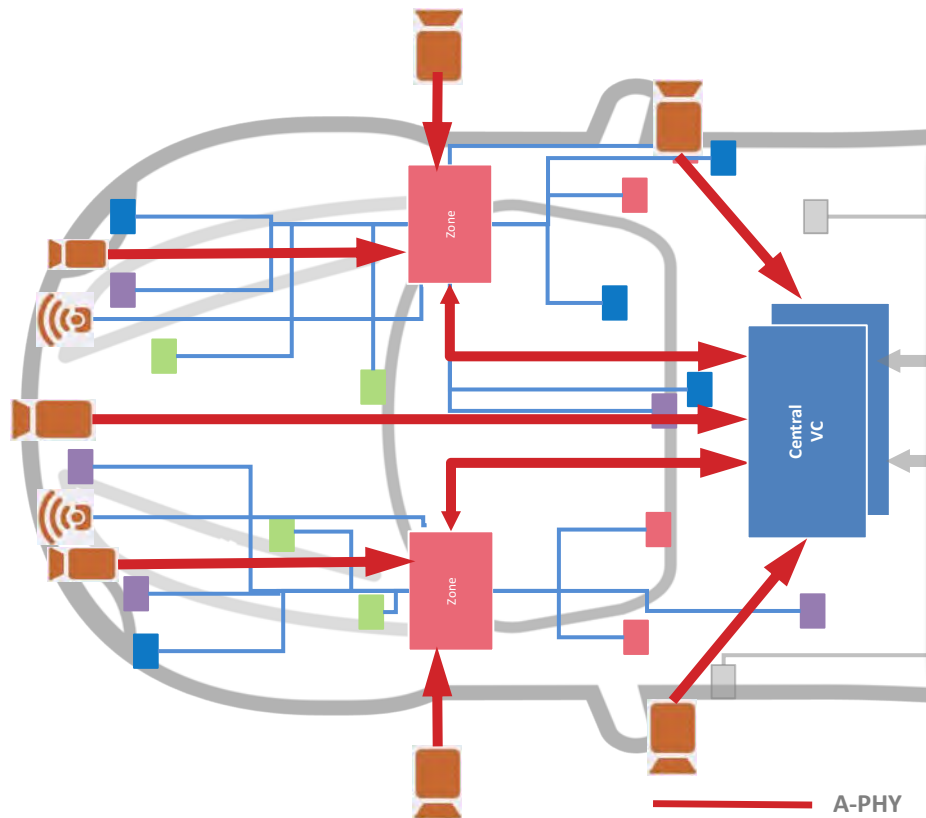
# Zonal Architecture

- Zonal architecture is adopted by many OEMs, many times in conjunction with SDV.
  - Aggregation of sensors and actuators in spatial proximity by zone ECUs
  - Unlike domain architecture that integrates functions by specific domains (e.g., ADAS)
- The aggregation of the local devices is relatively low bandwidth (i.e., < 1Gbps) except for cameras and other emerging new sensors as radar and lidar
- These new sensors are asymmetric, driving high-speed data toward the zone ECU and main ECU, and require only low bandwidth control data, with low latency
- A-PHY as a highly asymmetric PHY is well-situated to support use cases of zonal architecture that require high-speed data aggregation to the main computing unit





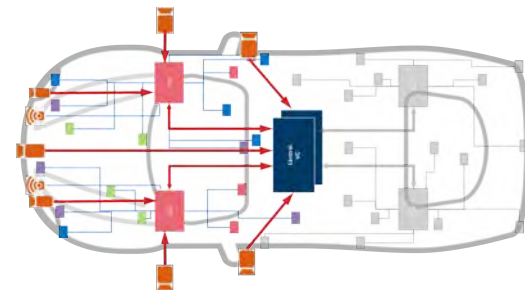
# A-PHY-Based Zonal Architecture – Example



- Focus on front end of vehicle to reduce clutter
- Each zone ECU aggregates multiple sensors and actuators
- Very high-speed data in direction of central computing unit
  - Camera (could be more than one)
  - Radar
  - Lidar
- Bidirectional information up to 1Gbps is supported for the aggregation of low-speed sensors and actuators

# A-PHY-Based Zonal Architecture

- Simplification of zonal ECU
  - Low computing overhead
  - Lower protocol overhead – Maintain native protocols for MIPI CSI-2 (e.g., camera) or Ethernet (e.g., lidar)
  - Designed for ultra-low PER at high noise environment for the entire lifespan of the vehicle
- Future-looking design and easy migration path
  - Scalable downlink speed from 2Gbps to 64Gbps over a single cable
  - Flexible and rich protocol support
  - Layered security scheme supporting variety of use cases
  - Embedded functional safety
- Guaranteed interoperability and backward/forward compatibility

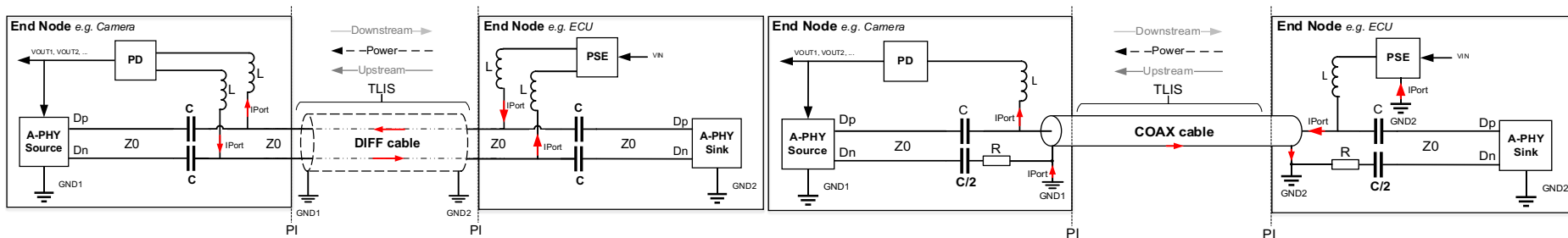


# Power over A-PHY – PoA

- A-PHY v1.0/1.1 include a section on PoA
- Separate specification is developed to provide better flexibility and enhanced capabilities without impacting the A-PHY specification
  - This specification will be backward compatible with current definitions.
- A-PHY v2.0 will be aligned with the new PoA specification
- The new PoA specification introduces new power types A-PHY link can support to enable power over cable to multiple types of devices and use cases.

PoA System Type				
Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5
12 V	12 V	24 V	24 V	48 V
Unregulated	Regulated	Unregulated	Regulated	Regulated

Requirement	Class 1 <sup>9</sup>	Class 3 <sup>9</sup>	Class 5 <sup>9</sup>	Class 7 <sup>9</sup>	Class 9 <sup>9</sup>	Additional Information
1 $V_{PSE_{max}}$ (V) <sup>1</sup>	18	18	36	36	60	See <a href="#">Section 7.2.2</a>
2 $V_{PSE_{OCmin}}$ (V) <sup>2</sup>	8.4	14.4	12	26	48	
3 $V_{PSE_{min}}$ (V) <sup>3</sup>	8	14.4	11.7	26	48	
4 $I_{cont_{max}}$ (mA) <sup>4</sup>	293	500	500	500	500	See <a href="#">Section 7.2.4</a> See Equation 5 for $I_{CONT}$ when $V_{pse} > V_{psemin}$ .
5 $P_{psemin}$ (W) <sup>5</sup>	2.34	7.2	5.85	13	24	See <a href="#">Section 7.2.5</a> See Equation 6 for $P_{pse}$ when $V_{pse} > V_{psemin}$ .
6 $V_{PDmin}$ (V) <sup>6</sup>	6.83	12.4	9.7	24	46	See <a href="#">Section 8.3.3</a>
7 $V_{PDmax}$ (V) <sup>7</sup>	18	18	36	36	60	
8 $PPD_{max}$ (W) <sup>8</sup>	2	6.2	4.85	12	23	See <a href="#">Section 8.3.1</a>



# A-PHY & MASS Summary and Takeaways

- A-PHY provides a resilient and robust automotive SerDes standardized solution for camera, sensor and display applications
- MASS provides End-to-End functional safety and security protections enabling flexible in-vehicle network topologies.
- Native support for standard protocols CSI-2, DSI-2, VESA eDP and DP along with related interfaces.
- CSE v1.0 and DSE v1.0 are already including End-to-End FuSa services
- Next versions of CSE and DSE will include security and additional Frame-based FuSa services
- Future versions of A-PHY and MASS continue to scale and increase design flexibility.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



**MIPI Automotive Workshop**

**15 November  
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**07:00-10:30 PST**  
*Live Virtual Event*



**SAVE THE DATE**

For automotive developers, system architects and engineering managers who are focused on the design, development, integration and test of next-generation automotive E/E architectures. Will cover:

- [MIPI Automotive SerDes Solutions \(MASS\)](#)
- Display and sensor (camera/lidar/radar) stacks
- Functional safety, security and data protection
- [MIPI A-PHY](#) v2.0, Power over A-PHY, system modelling and test.

<https://resources.mipi.org/knowledge-library/webinars/events/2022-automotive-workshop>

Information on A-PHY can be found at:

- [MIPI A-PHY Specification Homepage](#)
- [MIPI White Paper: Introduction to MASS](#)



NEW MIPI WHITE PAPER

**An Introductory Guide  
to MIPI Automotive  
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