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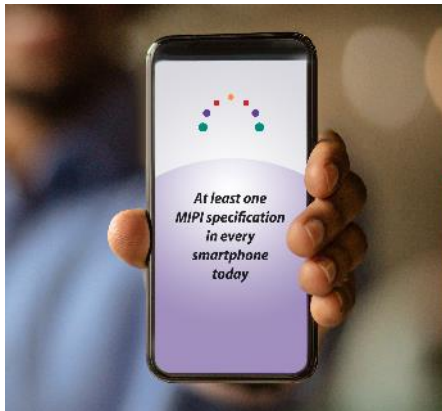
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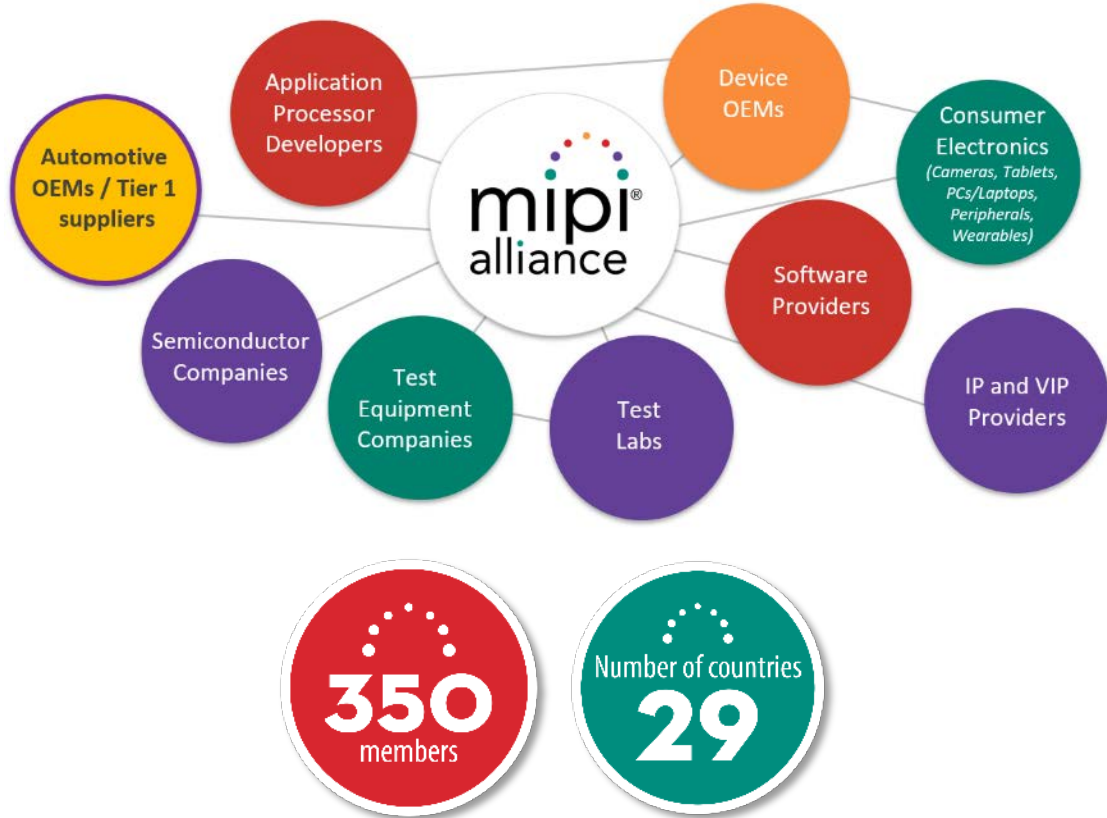


At least one MIPI specification in every smartphone today

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MIPI ALLIANCE HAS DEVELOPED ROUGHLY 50 SPECIFICATIONS COVERING THE FULL RANGE OF INTERFACE APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR MOBILE DEVICES

TODAY'S MIPI MEMBER ECOSYSTEM



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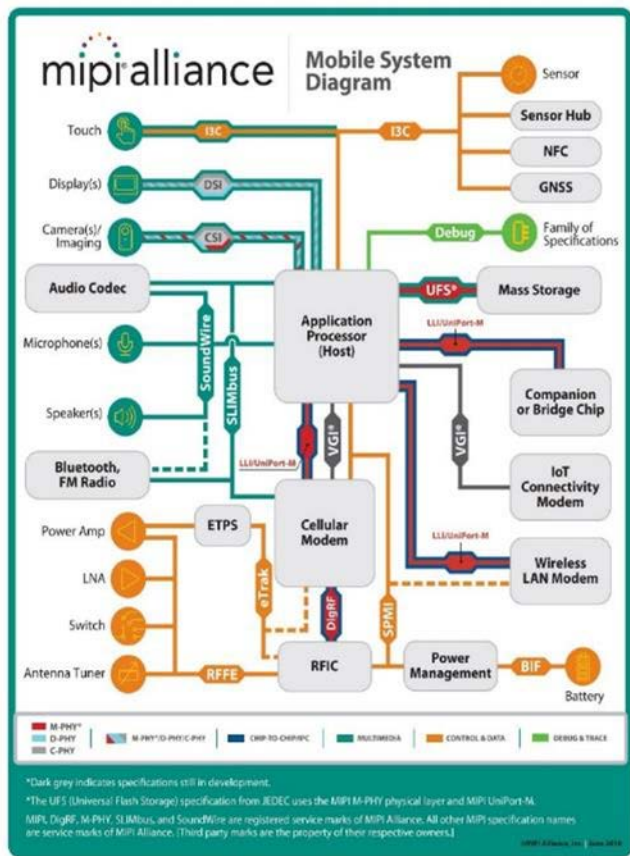
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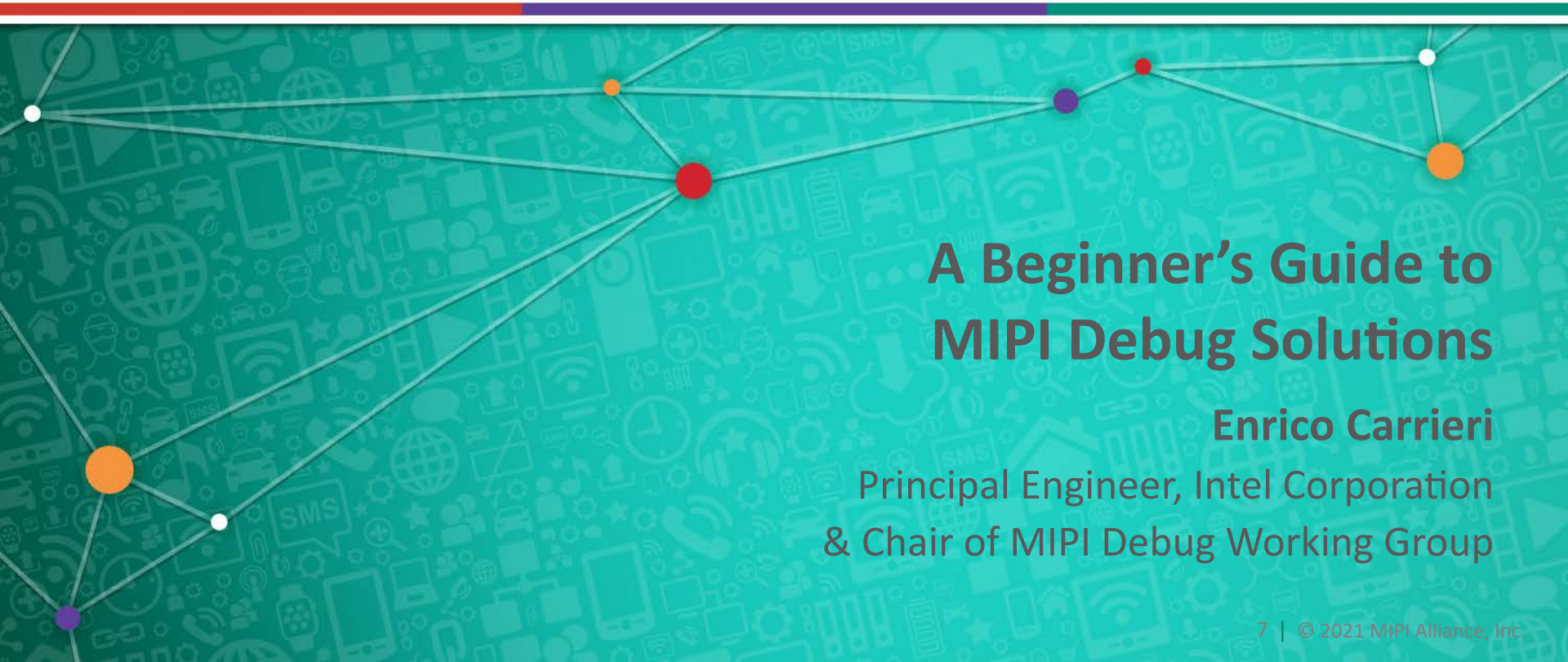


MIPI Specifications Leveraged Beyond Mobile



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 Number of
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MIPI Debug Working Group - Focus



- **The focus of the group is to unify/define:**
 - Protocols that support debug/trace:
 - With a particular focus on highly integrated, fielded systems
 - Software layers to support and/or implement these protocols
 - Configuration/control mechanisms required directly by debug/trace protocols
 - Reuse of functional interfaces and protocols for debug/trace
 - Mating connections and pin assignments
 - Electrical characteristics

MIPI Debug Working Group - Goals



- **Enable the best system debug support to:**
 - Reduce development and implementation/usage cost
 - Provide interoperability by defining standards
 - Provide hardware and software interfaces interacting with / supporting system debug
 - Leverage functional interfaces to increase debug visibility in fielded systems
- **Supply benefits for manufacturers as well as for users by:**
 - Identifying the gaps in current non-MIPI and MIPI standards
 - Developing recommendations and proposing solutions
- **Cooperate with other MIPI working groups and other industry bodies when it is in support of our focus and goals**

“Layered” Approach to Specifications



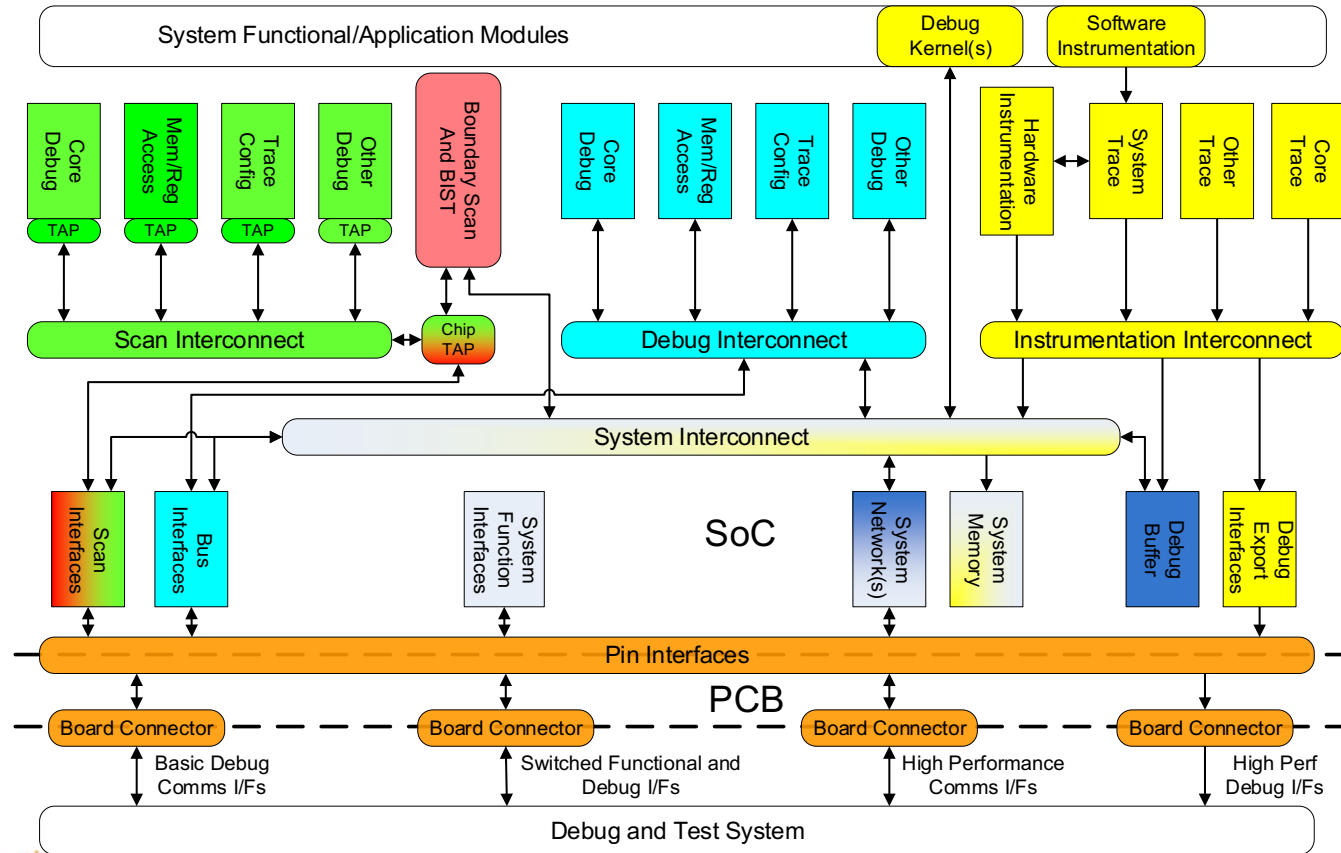
- **The set of Debug specifications provide a cohesive solution across the platform subsystems and across the solution stack**
- **Implementers are not required to implement all the specifications to get value from a given specification:**
 - Implement what you need...add more later
- **Specifications are focused on a particular “layer” or part of the platform solution:**
 - Allows flexibility and reuse of pieces of the solution
 - One solution at a given layer can be interchanged with another

Debug System Framework

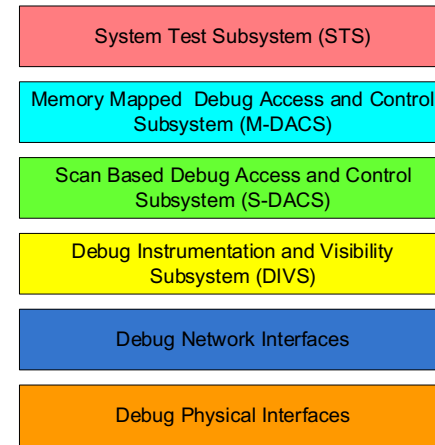


- **MIPI Debug breaks down modern SoC debug architectures into the following major subsystems:**
 - Access and Control
 - Instrumentation and Visibility
 - Physical Interfaces
 - Network Interfaces

MIPI Debug Generic System Framework

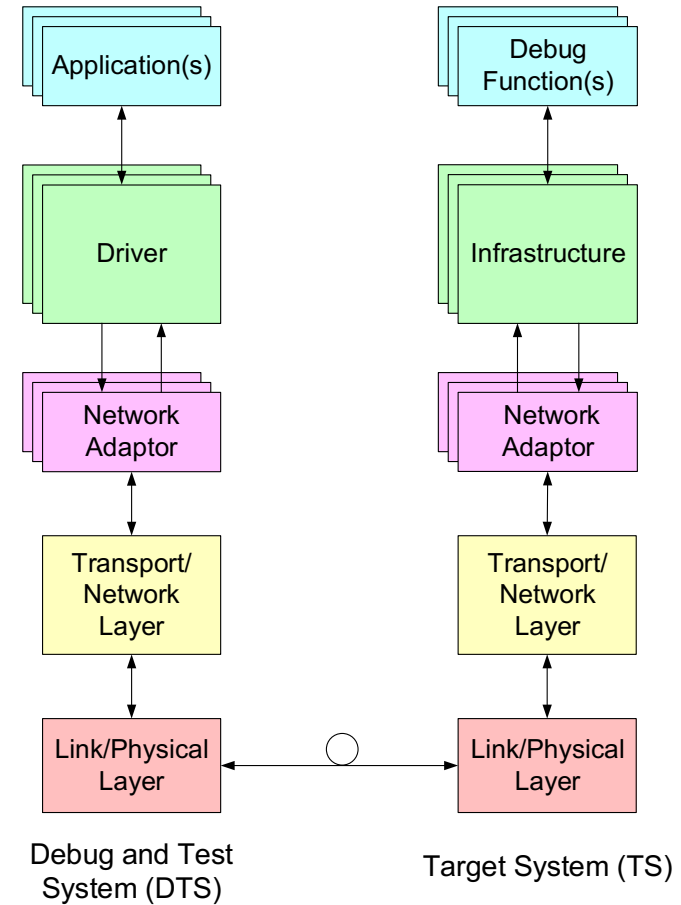


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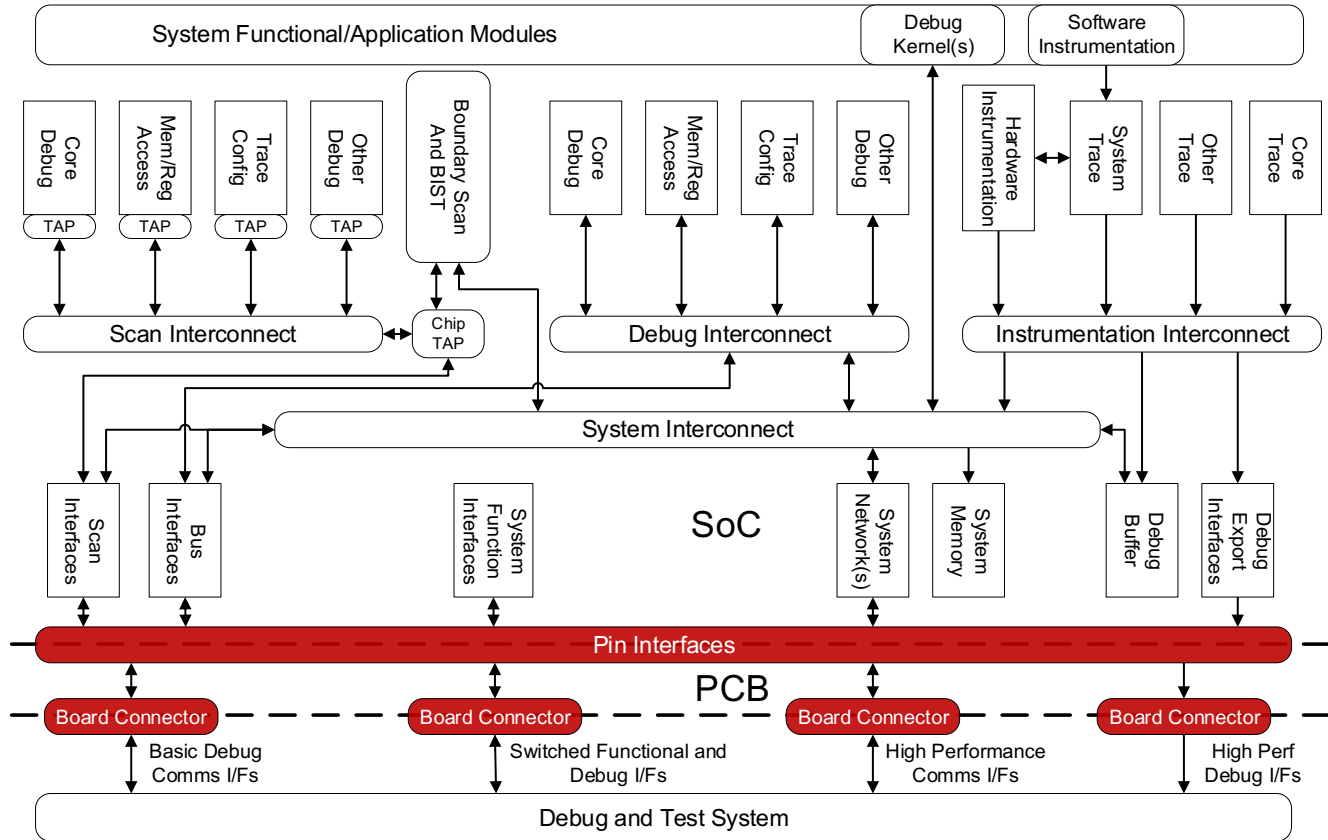
Debug System Stack

- **Debug specifications are focused on a particular layer or set of layers**
- **Allows a given specification to be flexible with other specifications focused on different layers to improve reuse and lower cost:**
 - e.g., specifications targeting the Network Adaptor can be used across different transports/networks



Debug Physical Interfaces (DPis)

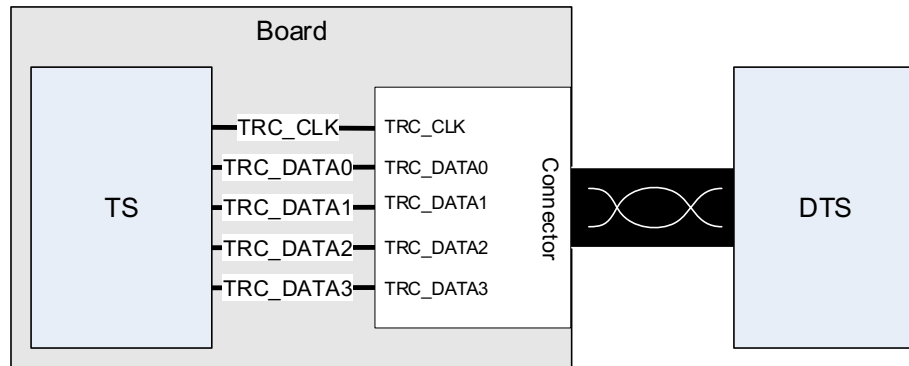
The physical interfaces that support debug at the SoC boundary and on the PCB



DPI Specifications

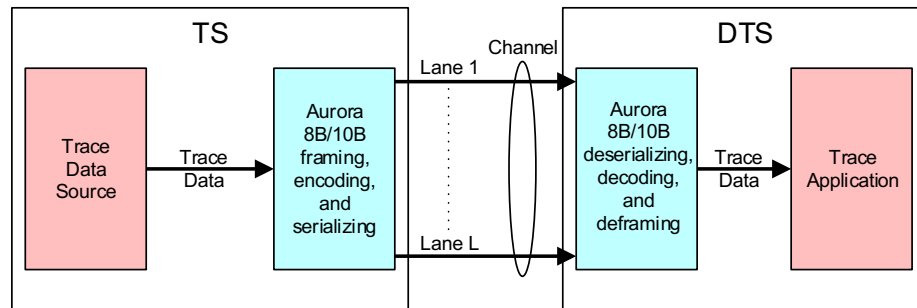
- **Parallel Trace Interface (MIPI PTISM)**

- A low-level, parallel interface to export trace data in a bare-metal environment



- **High-Speed Trace Interface (MIPI HTISM)**

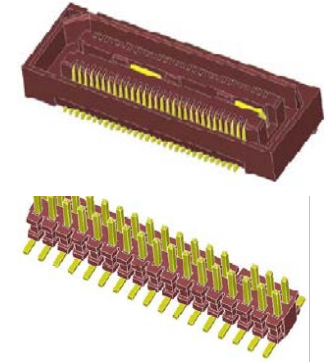
- Serial implementation of PTI—using PHYs such as PCI Express[®], DisplayPort[™], HDMI[®], or USB



DPI Specifications (cont.)

- **Debug Connector Recommendations**

- Set of connectors and mappings to address debug use scenarios



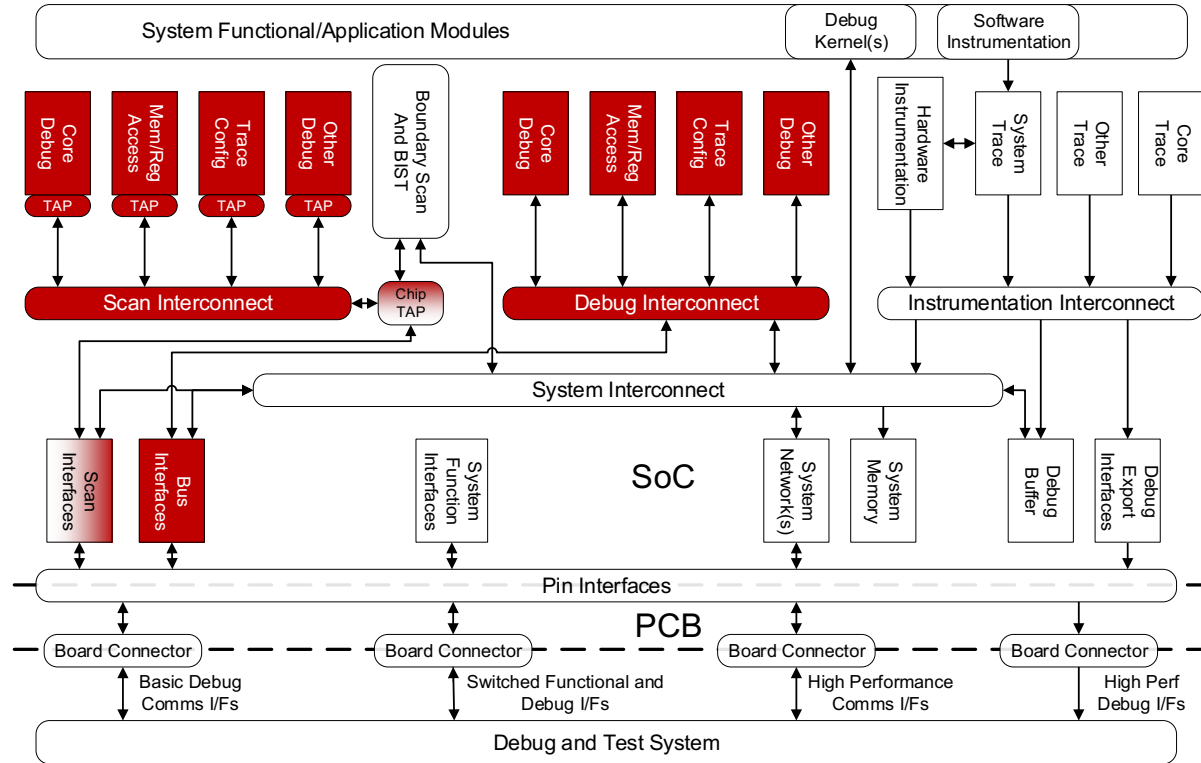
- **Narrow Interface for Debug and Test (MIPI NIDnTSM)**

- Provides the means to use non-debug interfaces for debug purposes



Debug Access and Control Subsystem (DACS)

- Provides a path for the debug and test system to obtain direct access to application-visible system resources (e.g., registers and memory)
- Provides bidirectional communication for configuration and control of debug-specific modules in the target system



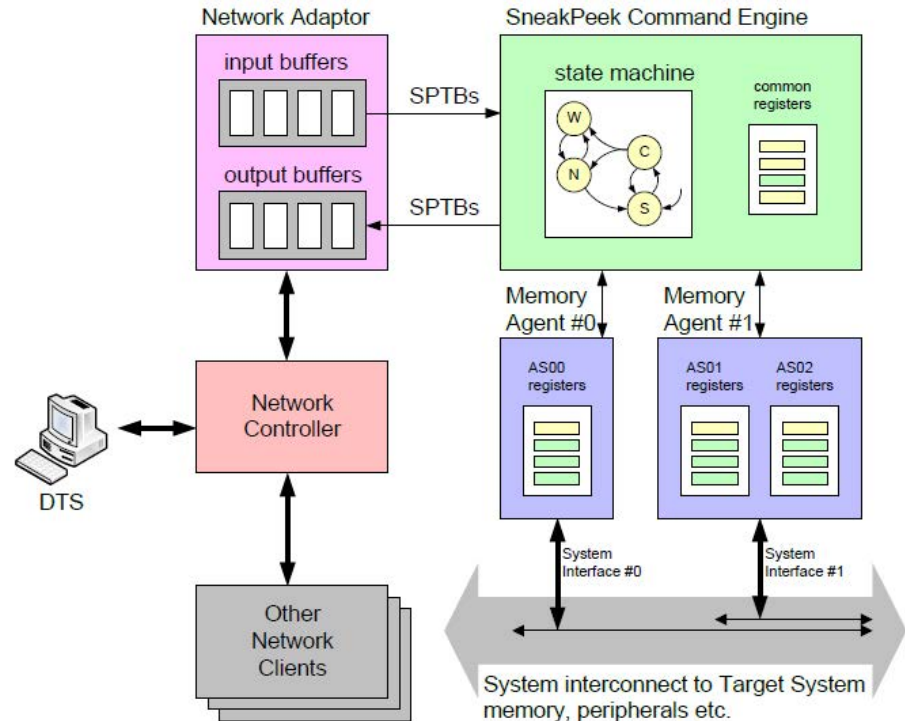
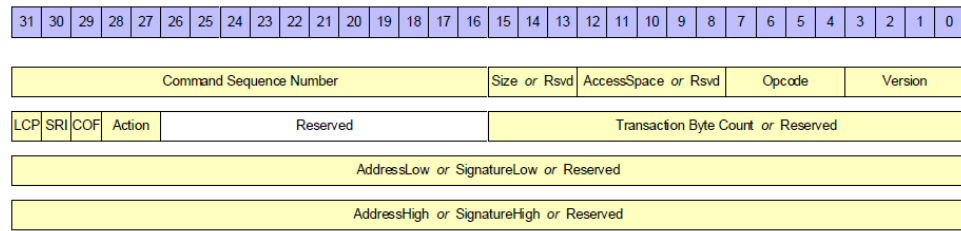
DACS Specifications

- **IEEE 1149.7**

- While not a MIPI specification, this was started in MIPI to define a minimal pin interface (Advanced Protocol: TCKC & TMSC)

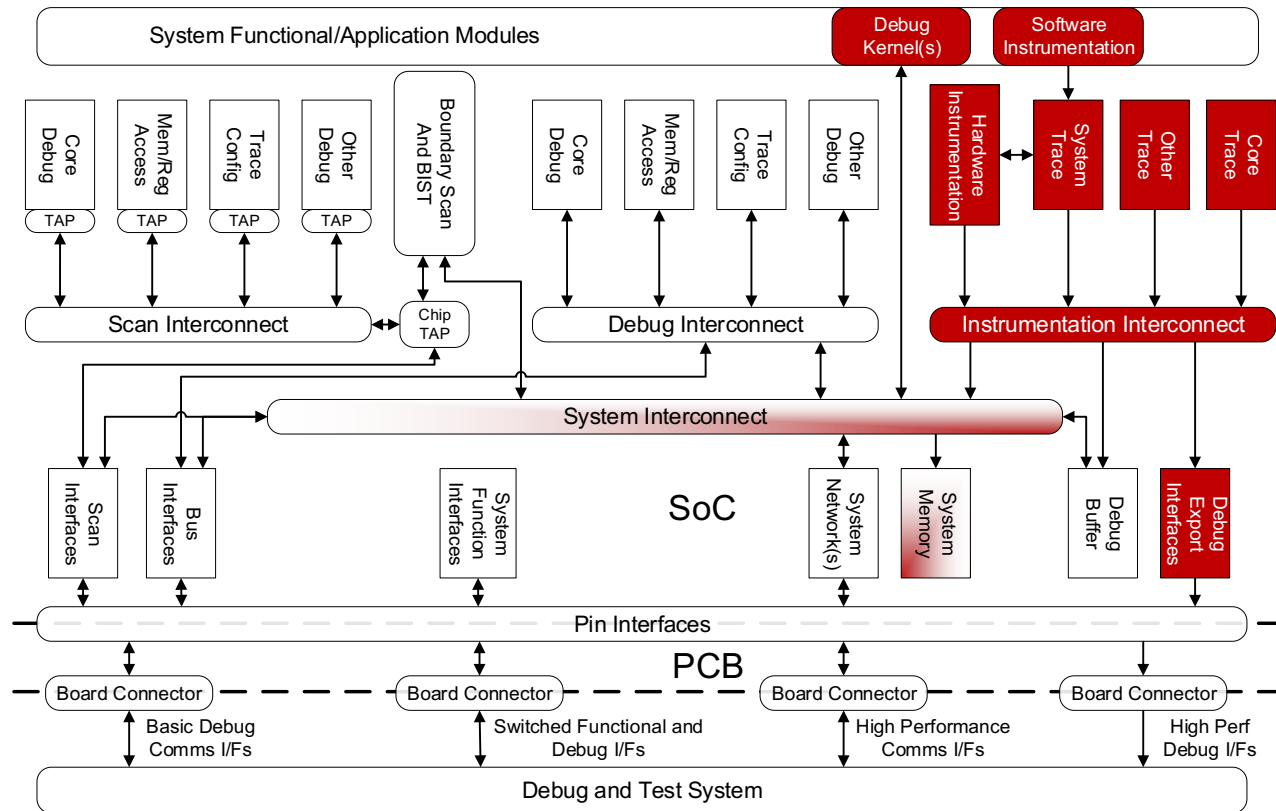
- **MIPI SneakPeek Protocol Specification (MIPI SPPSM)**

- Abstracts the system designer from dedicated debug communication interfaces and replaces them with address-mapped read and write transactions to communicate with target system



Debug Instrumentation and Visibility Subsystem (DIVS)

- Provides communication and storage of data generated by debug instrumentation modules (e.g., processor and system trace) in the target system

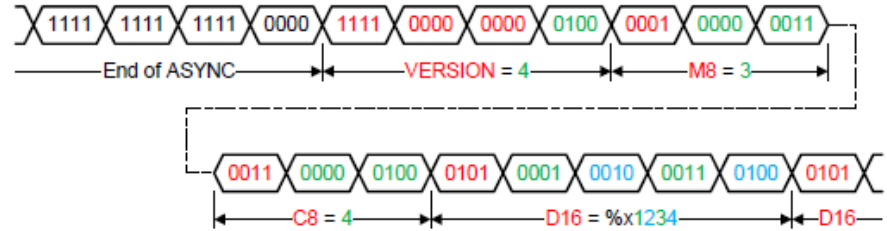


DIVS Specifications



System Trace Protocol (MIPI STPSM)

- Generic base protocol that can be shared by multiple, application-specific trace protocols



Trace Wrapper Protocol (MIPI TWPSM)

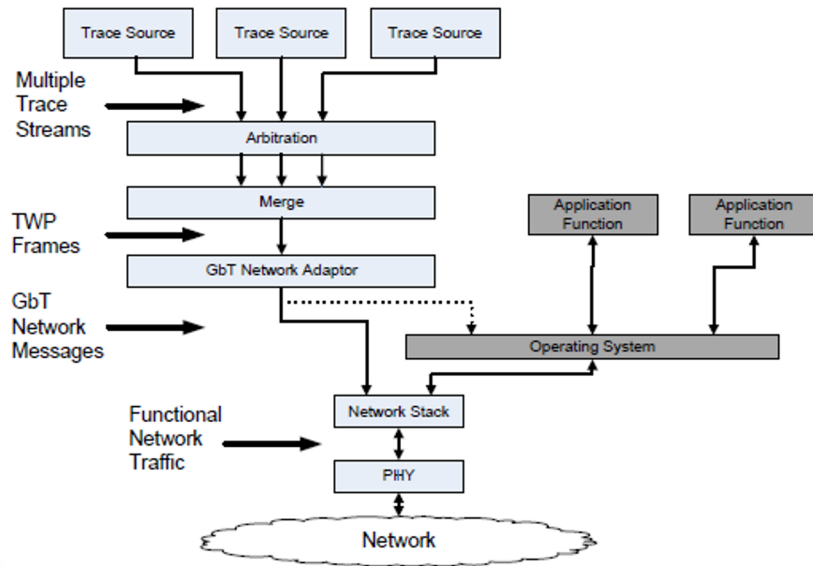
- Combines multiple source trace streams into a single trace stream by using system unique IDs

	3 1	2 4	2 3	1 7	1 6	1 5	8 7	1 0
Bytes 3 to 0	Data 0xA7	Data 0x53	0	Data 0xAA	ID 0x03	1		
Bytes 7 to 4	Data 0x52	Data 0x2A	0	Data 0xA8	ID 0x15	1		
Bytes 11 to 8	Data 0xCA	ID 0x03	1	Data 0x54	Data 0x29	0		
Bytes 15 to 12	0	0	0	1	1	0	Data 0x64	0
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DIVS Specifications (cont.)

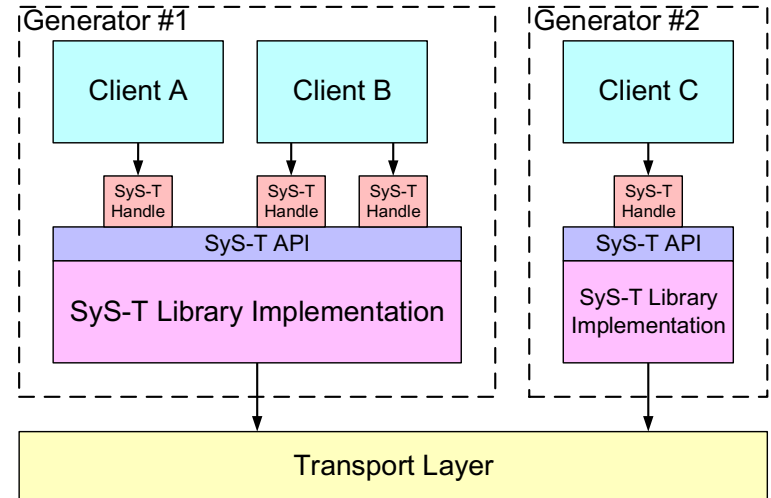
Gigabit Trace (MIPI GbTSM)

- Packages trace data as a stream of network messages suitable for transport over a shared network and/or interconnect



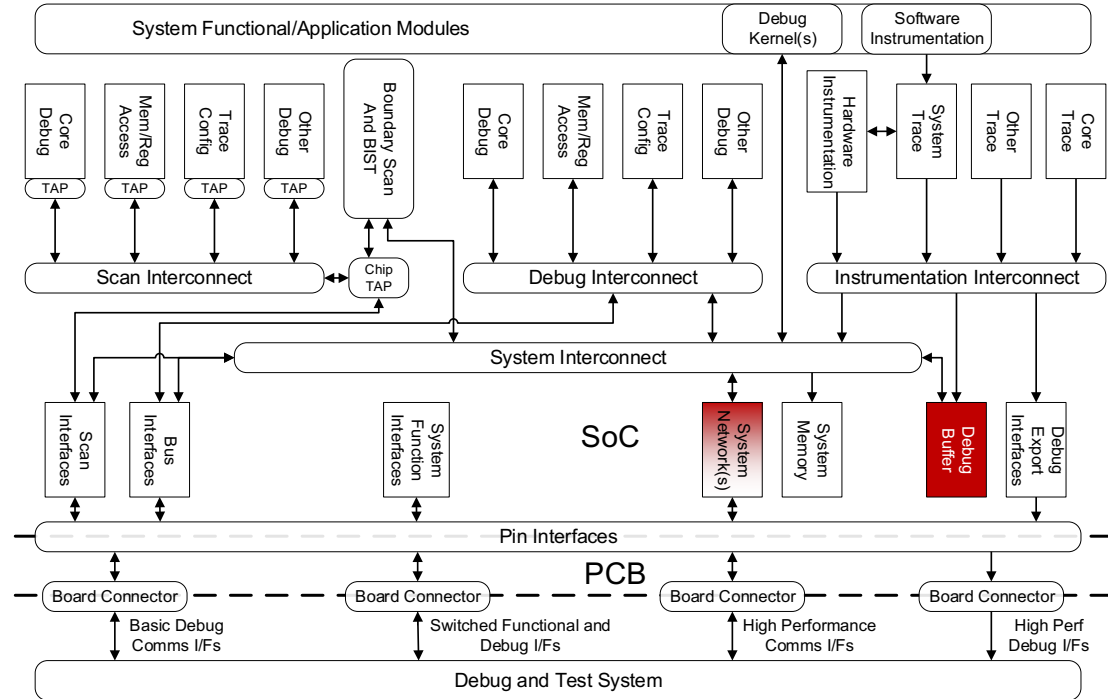
System Software Trace (MIPI SyS-TSM)

- An OS-independent software tracing protocol used primarily on a target system running embedded software



Debug Network Interfaces (DNIs)

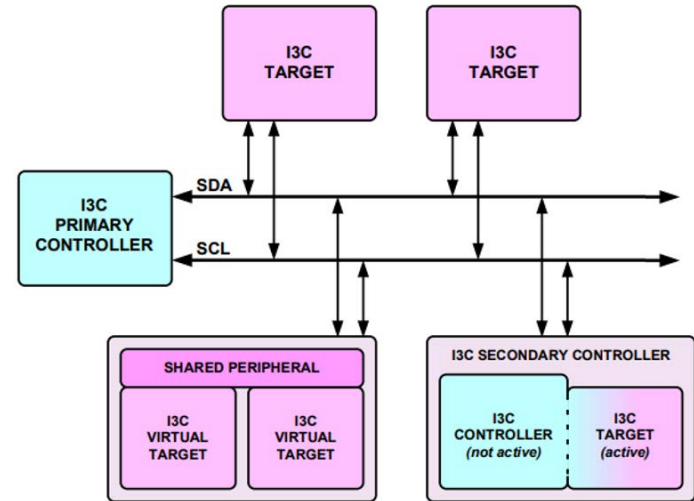
- Interfaces that allow debug and trace data to be transmitted to and from the debug and test system on functional (non-debug) networks
 - Usually with dedicated intelligent resources (sometimes called the Debug Butler)
- DIVS protocols (e.g., SneakPeek and Gigabit Trace) over network can co-exist with other network traffic (as normal application layer functions)



DNI Specifications

- **Gigabit Debug (MIPI GbDSM)**
 - For USB
 - For Internet Protocol Sockets (IPS)

- **MIPI Debug for I3CSM**
 - Bare-metal, minimal-pin interface for transporting debug controls and data between a debug and test system and a target system
 - **Upcoming webinar: A Deep Dive into MIPI Debug for I3C**
 - 17 February 2021, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM PST
 - [Learn more about the webinar »](#)



Summary and Conclusions



- **MIPI Debug Working Group has a set of specifications ranging across the different “layers” of the stack:**
 - Done to reduce effort, maximize reuse, and allow individual pieces to be implemented (not all or nothing)
- **The set of specifications provides scalable solutions:**
 - Simple ASICs to complex SoCs
 - Single to multi function
 - Top to bottom of the solution stack
- **The specifications work together and can be used in part with other pieces (i.e., non-MIPI)**

For More Information...

- **MIPI Alliance Website:**

<http://mipi.org>

- **MIPI Debug Public Page:**

<https://www.mipi.org/specifications/debug>

- **MIPI Architecture Overview for Debug:**

https://www.mipi.org/sites/default/files/mipi_Architecture-Overview-for-Debug_v1-2.pdf



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Questions and Answers