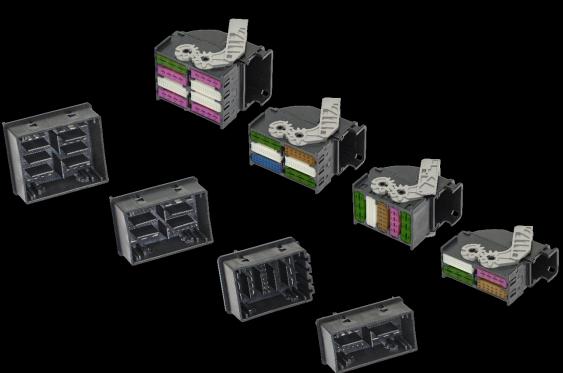
## **MODULAR CONNECTORS**

## **Enabling Harness Automation**









## **Zonal Architectures**

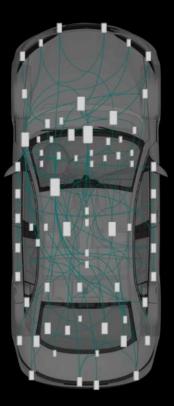
ZONE ORIENTED EE ARCHITECTURE ENABLES OPTIMIZED WIRING AND NEW CONNECTORS

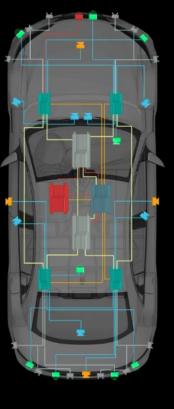
#### Classic

Domain Oriented

- Single ECUs even for small functions
- Complex wiring connectivity
- Limited scalability
- Long wires (up to 10m)
- Connectors with high amount of cavities







#### **SVA**™

**Zonal Architecture** 

- Zone PDC`s -> less ECUs by integration
- Simplified less complex wiring
- Point-to-point connections with reduced wiring length
- Wire length suitable for automation equipment
- Connectors modularized



Modular Connector



## Why We Need Harness Automation

#### Industry Challenges



Labor Inflation and Availability

**Geo-Political Risk** 



Complex architectures require higher level of quality

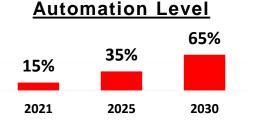
#### **Miniaturization**



#### Traceability



Long supply chains and CO<sup>2</sup>



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Typical estimation of wiring harness automation

#### **Our Solution**

Wiring harness automation leveraging modular connection systems

- Improved quality
- Reduced dependency on labor
- Enabler for localized manufacturing

Modular

Connections



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## **Modular Connector Versus Mixed/Hybrid Connector?**



#### **Modular Connectors**

Building blocks of various terminal types and sizes in standardized modules that can be aggregated in a collector housing to create a flexible, optimal connection system for devices and other applications



#### **Mixed Connectors**

Multiple terminal sizes in one connector (1.2, 0.5, 2.8, etc)



#### **Hybrid Connectors**

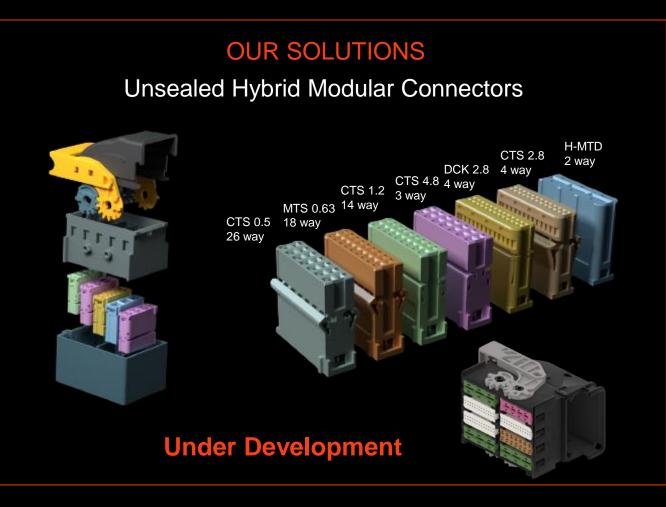
**Data terminals added** to standard signal and power terminals (H-MTD, MCA)



## **Modularity - Modular Interconnect Solutions**

#### Unsealed systems to support next generation controllers

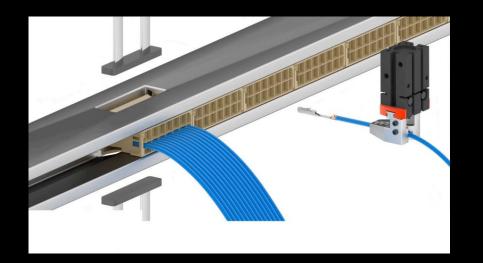
- Modular connector design to offer maximum flexibility for new architecture design requirements
- Modular connectors accommodate various modules, terminals, and highspeed data ports to maximize scalability without requiring multiple new connector designs
- Connectors can accommodate up to 8 modules
- Existing in both horizontal and vertical configurations to meet device packaging constraints



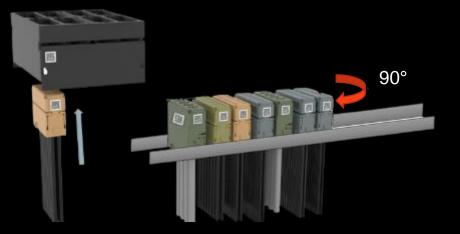
## Modularity – Automation by Design

**Unsealed systems - Under Development** 

• Our connector and wiring experts are leading the industry defining standards for wiring assembly automation



• Connector designed and approved for wiring automation.



2- Automated assembly of modules in the connector



1- Auto plug in of terminals (need video sequence)

## **Modular Connectors Benefits**

#### **Benefits over Fixed High I/O Connectors**

- Designed for auto-plugging during harness assembly
- Allows terminal mix and grouping options
  - Optimal closed kits during harness manufacturing to improve quality
  - Optimal I/O for the device requirements
- Various collector housing options allow interface flexibility
- Allows flexibility of swapping modules for future terminal mixes
- Terminal mix can include high speed data
- Auto-plugging can reduce risk of wire damage during plugging
- Auto-plugging enables wire gauge reductions that reduce mass and cost





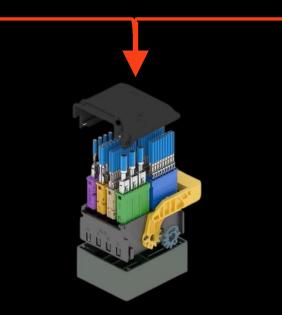


## **Modular Connectors Benefits**

#### **Benefits over Multiple Medium I/O Handmate Connectors**

- Designed for auto-plugging during harness assembly
- Allows terminal mix and grouping options
  - Optimal closed kits during harness manufacturing to improve quality
  - Allows flexibility of swapping modules for future terminal mixes
- Terminal mix can include high speed data
- Lever mate assist for improved ergonomics
- Connector count reduction reduces vehicle assembly plant labor
- Auto-plugging can reduce risk of wire damage during plugging
- Auto-plugging enables wire gauge reductions that reduce mass and cost







## **Headers for Modular Connectors**

#### **Benefits of related I/O Pinheaders - Under Development**

- Allows flexibility of combining standardized modules for future mixes acc. le
- Can integrate high speed data (H-MTD, MCA, AMEC)
- Standardized off-the-shelf over allows flexibility in application, prototyping & time-to-market
- Additional combinations in 1- & 2-row layout possible



4 Modules 2-row



5 Modules 1-row





6 Modules 2-row



8 Modules 2-row



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# Thank you

