



# Functional safety and Quality Management issues in AGL Instrument Cluster Expert Group

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# Introduction to Who I Am

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- Career
  - Received Doctor of Informatics in 2007 (Shizuoka-University).
  - Automotive RTOS platform software engineer since 2007.
  - Automotive Linux platform software engineer since 2011.
- My history of Open Source
  - Joined to AGL in 2013.
  - Member of AGL Instrument Cluster Expert Group since 2019.
  - Joined to ELISA in 2019.



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# What is AGL?

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- Ref.
  - Official website
    - <https://www.automotivelinux.org/>
- Latest presentation
  - <https://events19.linuxfoundation.org/events/agl-amm-eu-2019/program/schedule/>
  - Introduction to Automotive Grade Linux - Walt Miner

# What is IC(Instrument Cluster) EG?

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- IC EG have started from March 2019

## Instrument Cluster (New EG)

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- Create profile for Cluster(HUD)
- Shrink and optimize AGL base as much as possible for low cost system.
- Possible use cases include motorcycles
- Functional Safety for Instrument Cluster

[https://wiki.automotivelinux.org/\\_media/agl\\_roadmap\\_tokyo\\_2019\\_amm.pdf](https://wiki.automotivelinux.org/_media/agl_roadmap_tokyo_2019_amm.pdf)

# Member of IC expert group

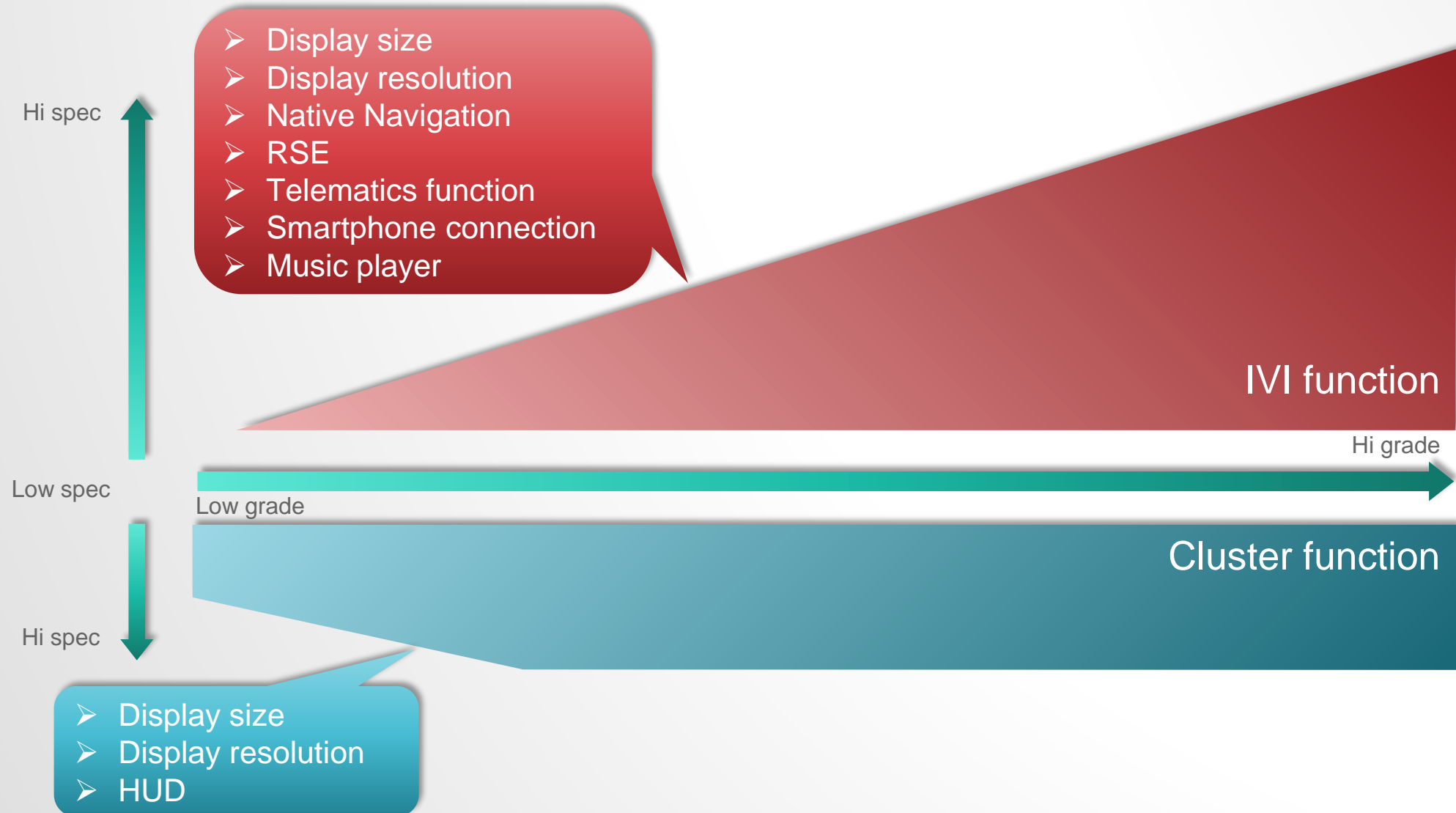
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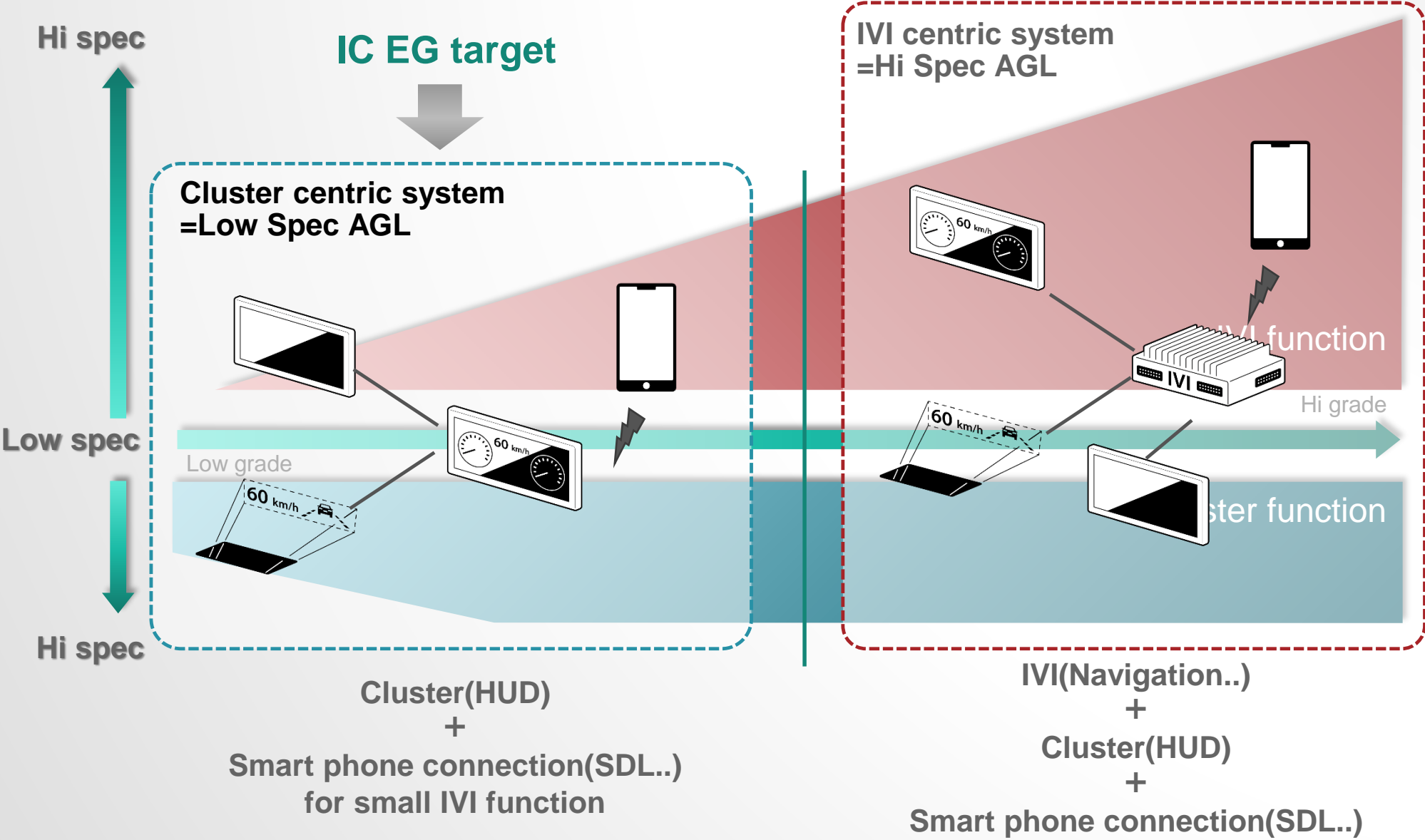
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# EG scope and system image



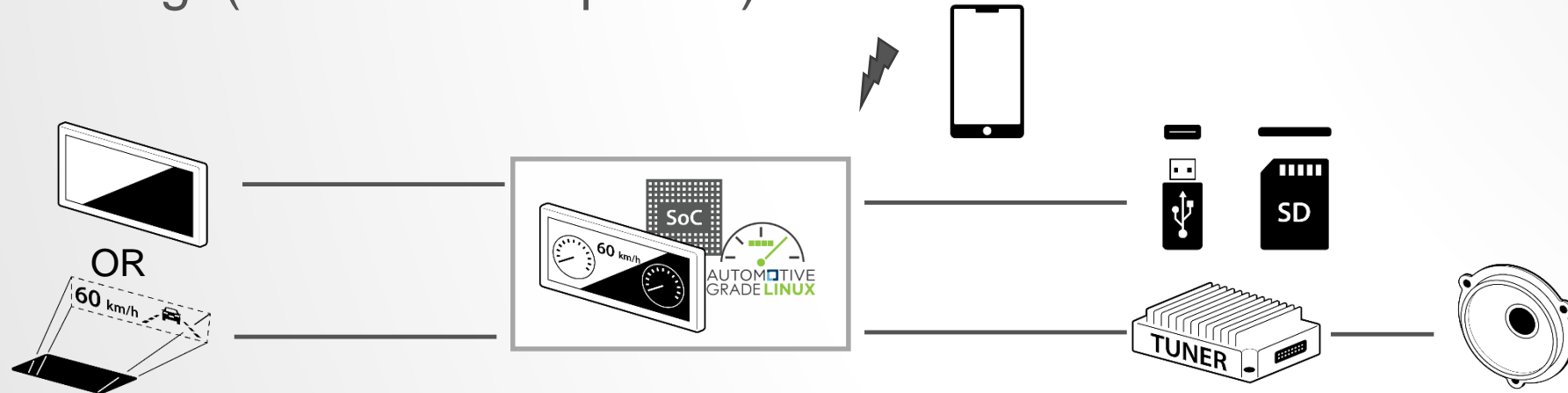


# EG scope and system image



# What does IC EG aim?

- System image(Cluster + Simple IVI)



- Minimalize system image  
e.g.) Motorcycle or cluster alone use case



# Motivation

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- Create Cluster centric platform(Low Spec AGL)
  - We want to create a base platform for Cluster, not a platform based on conventional IVI.
  - There are different system requirements between IVI and Cluster.
    - e.g.)Functional safety, boot time etc...

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- Quality management is required.

Today presentation focus

## 2. Lightweight

- Constraints on boot time are severe.
- Current AGL stack is heavyweight.

# Functional safety

## Main function is the very function of our system

- Requires advanced quality management.
- Requires open innovation.
- Requires cyber security.
- Requires fast boot.
- Requires various functions.
- ...

**Main target of IC-EG EG**

Main  
function

## Safety function ensures vehicle safety

- What function does it include?
- Which OS do you use?
- Which communication method do you use?

**Collaborate ELISA to find a solution.**

Safety  
function

Functional safety will be discussed in the ELISA Project.



Isolation method

**Main function and safety function are isolated by isolation method.**

- Hardware separation? Using hypervisor?

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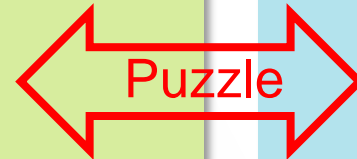
# Puzzles in automotive quality management

- There are many puzzles in the automotive system (main function).

## IVI

- Rapid innovation

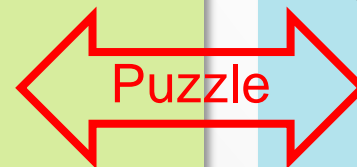
- New features are added
- Short-term development
- Rapid bug fixes



## Instrument Cluster

- Advanced quality management

- Full path coverage testing
- Formal verification
- Careful bug fixes



- Various functions

- Many pre-installed applications
- Applications installed from store

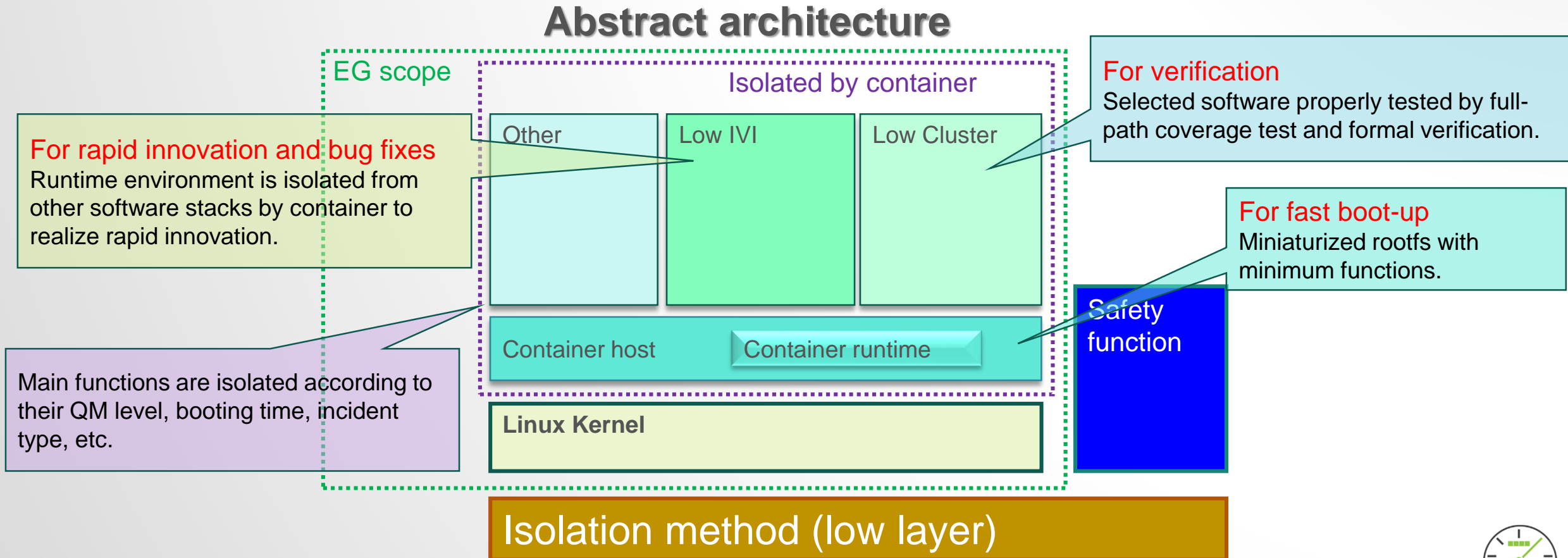
- Selected functions

- Combinational verification
- Fast boot-up



# QM Isolation

- Our answer to the puzzle issues is “one more isolation method” which takes one-more layer to isolate the functions by using Linux container technology.



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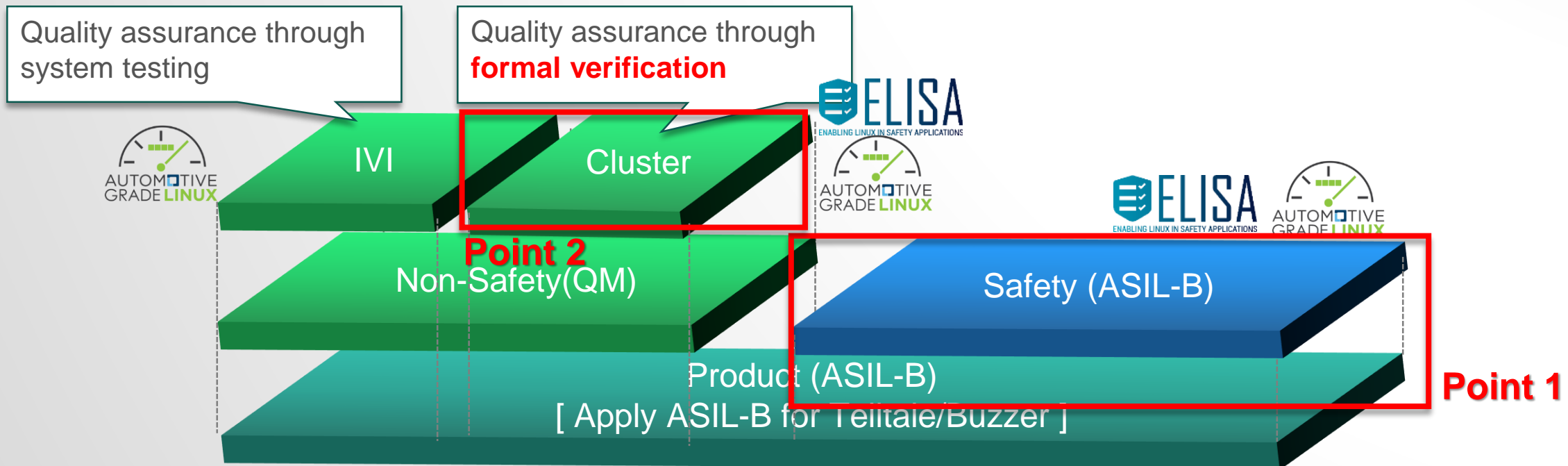
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# Collaboration proposal from AGL

- AGL IC-EG want to collaborate on two points with ELISA.
  - Point 1
    - How to realize safety.
  - Point 2
    - How to create verifiable open source software stack.



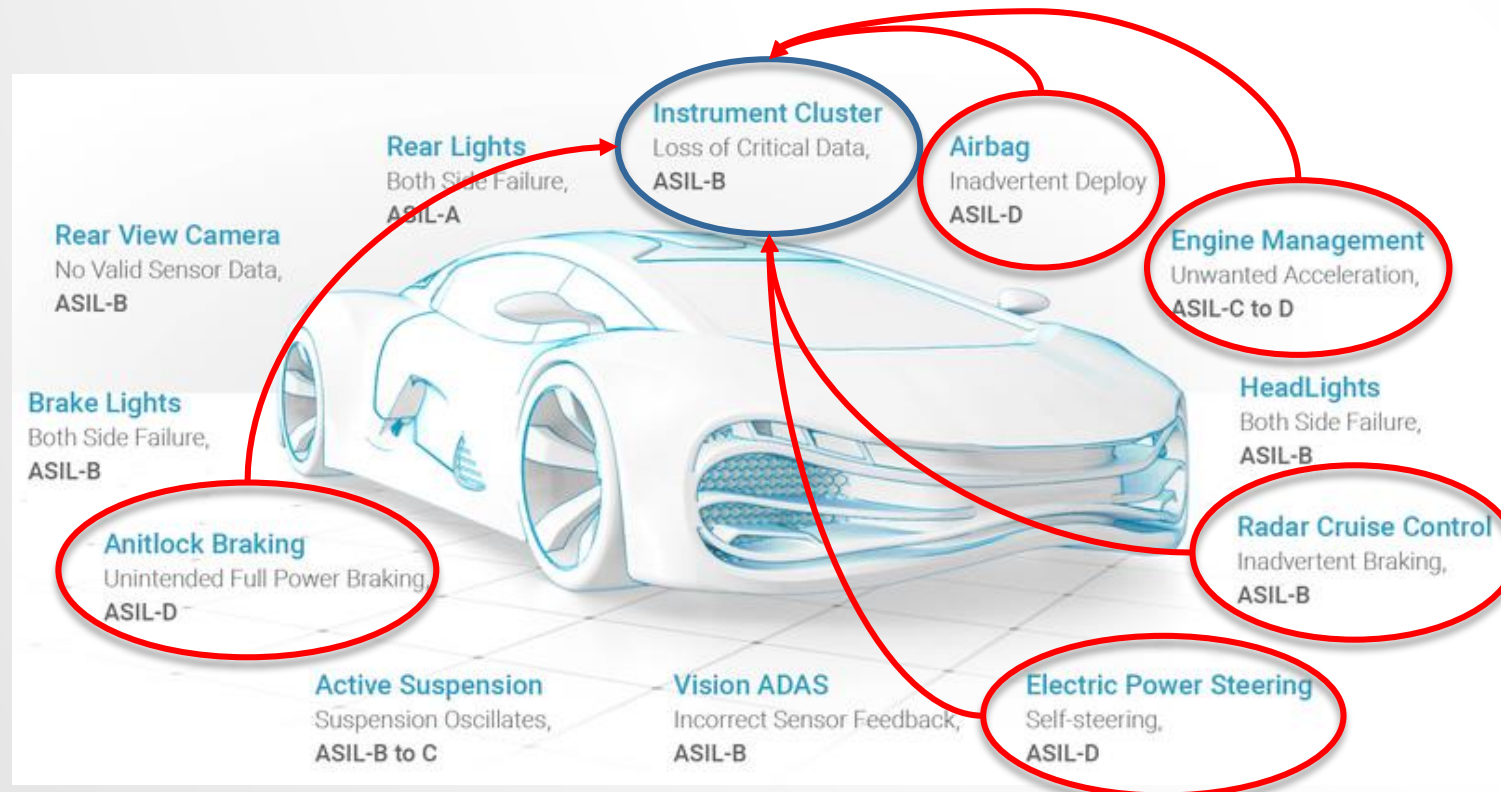
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# Why ASIL-B is required Instrument Cluster.

- Typically instrument cluster assigned ASIL-B.
  - Includes telltale function that is assigned ASIL-B.
    - ASIL-B was decomposed from other units.
  - Existing instrument cluster does not have ASIL from own functions.

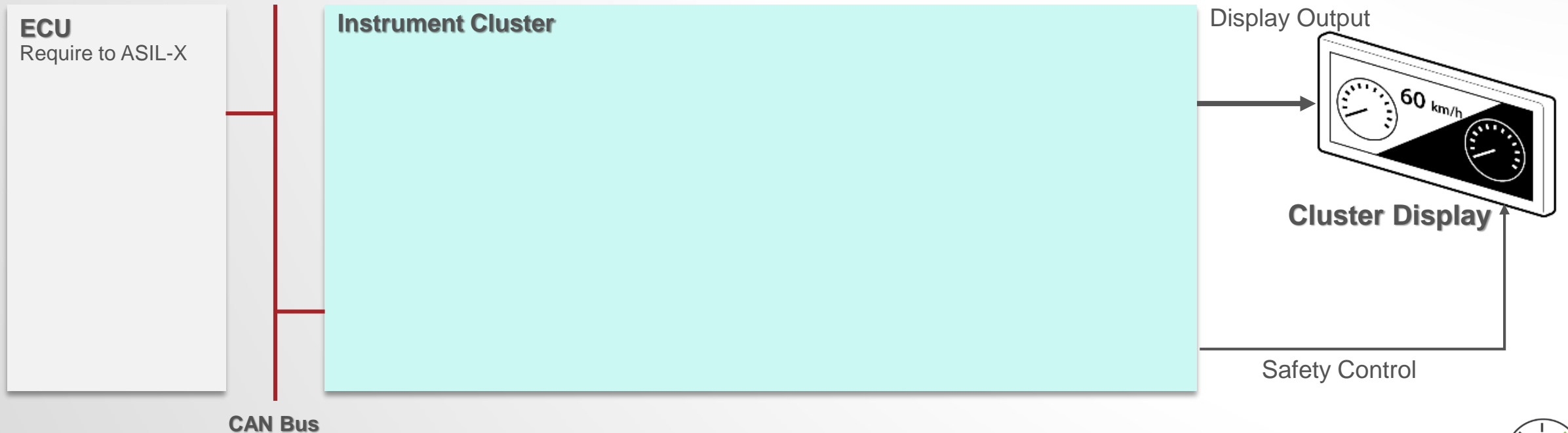


Ref. <https://www.synopsys.com/automotive/what-is-asil.html>

# Case study : Telltale

- Typical system block diagram
  - ASIL-X ECU and Instrument Cluster are connected by CAN.
  - Cluster outputs Safety Control signal separately from output to Display.
  - When safety control is enabled, Cluster display show the failure information.

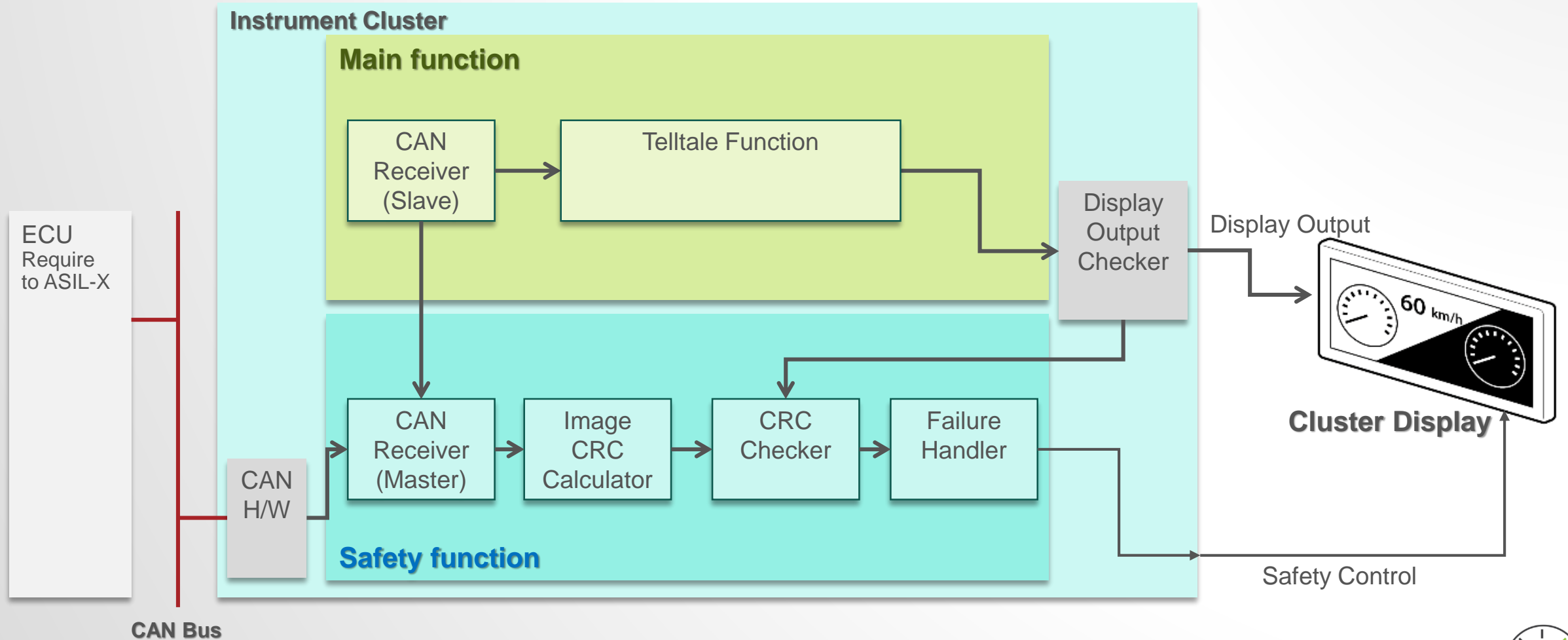
**Abstracted system diagram**



# Case study : Telltale

- More detail of system block diagram

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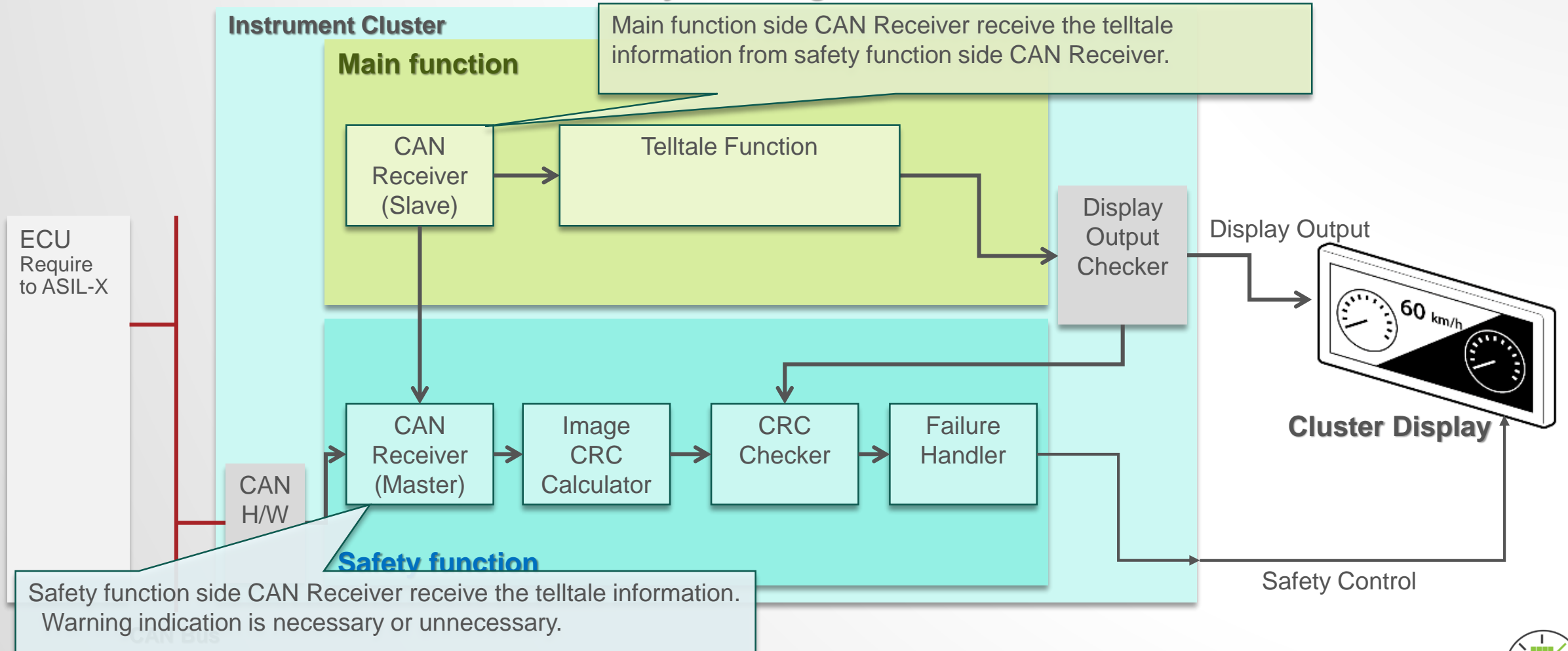




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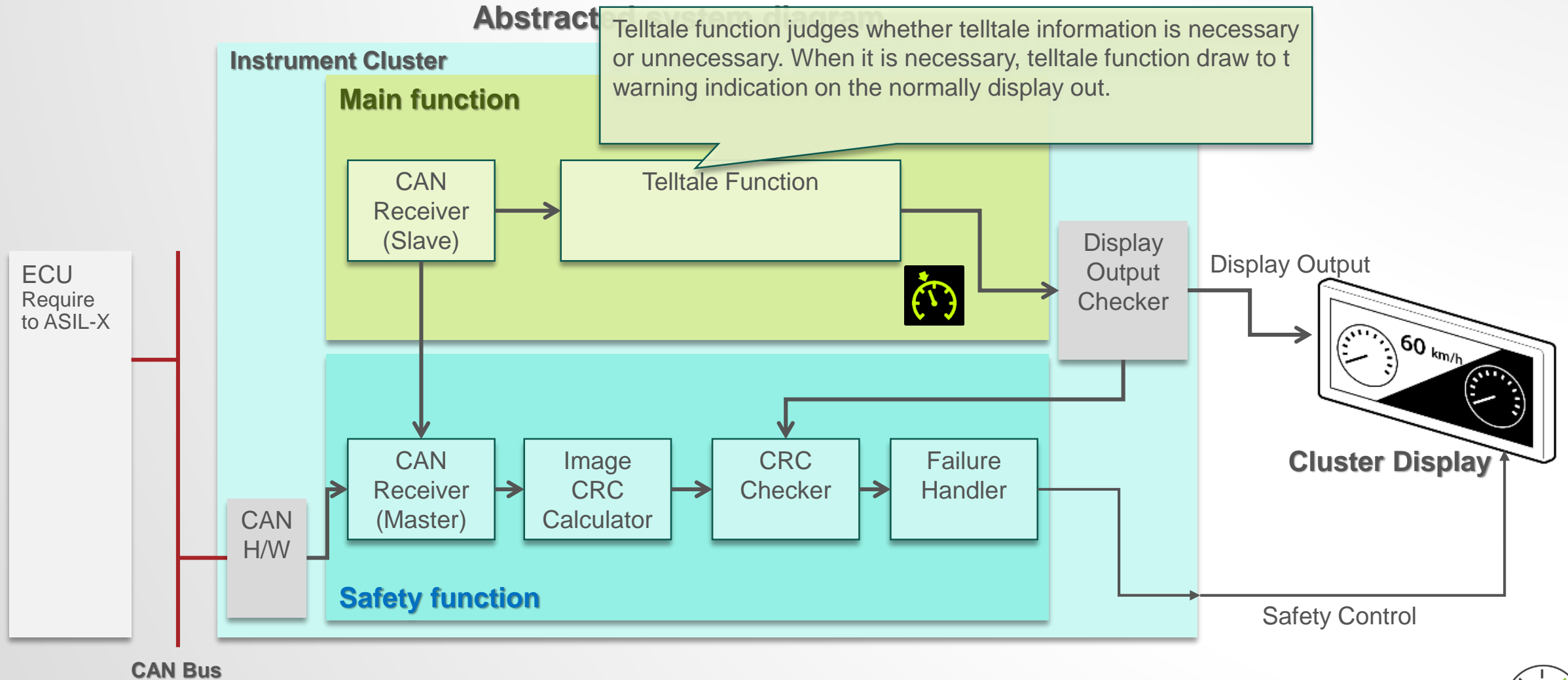
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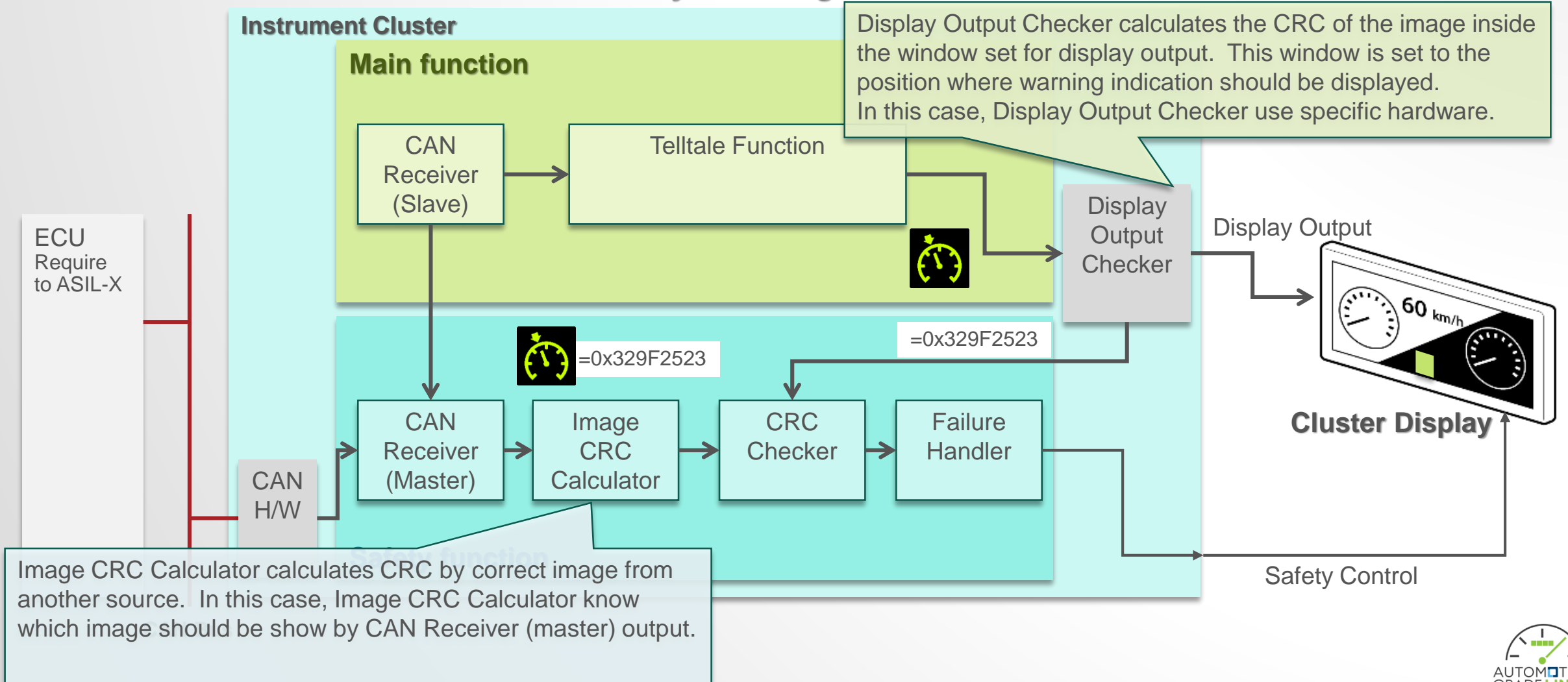
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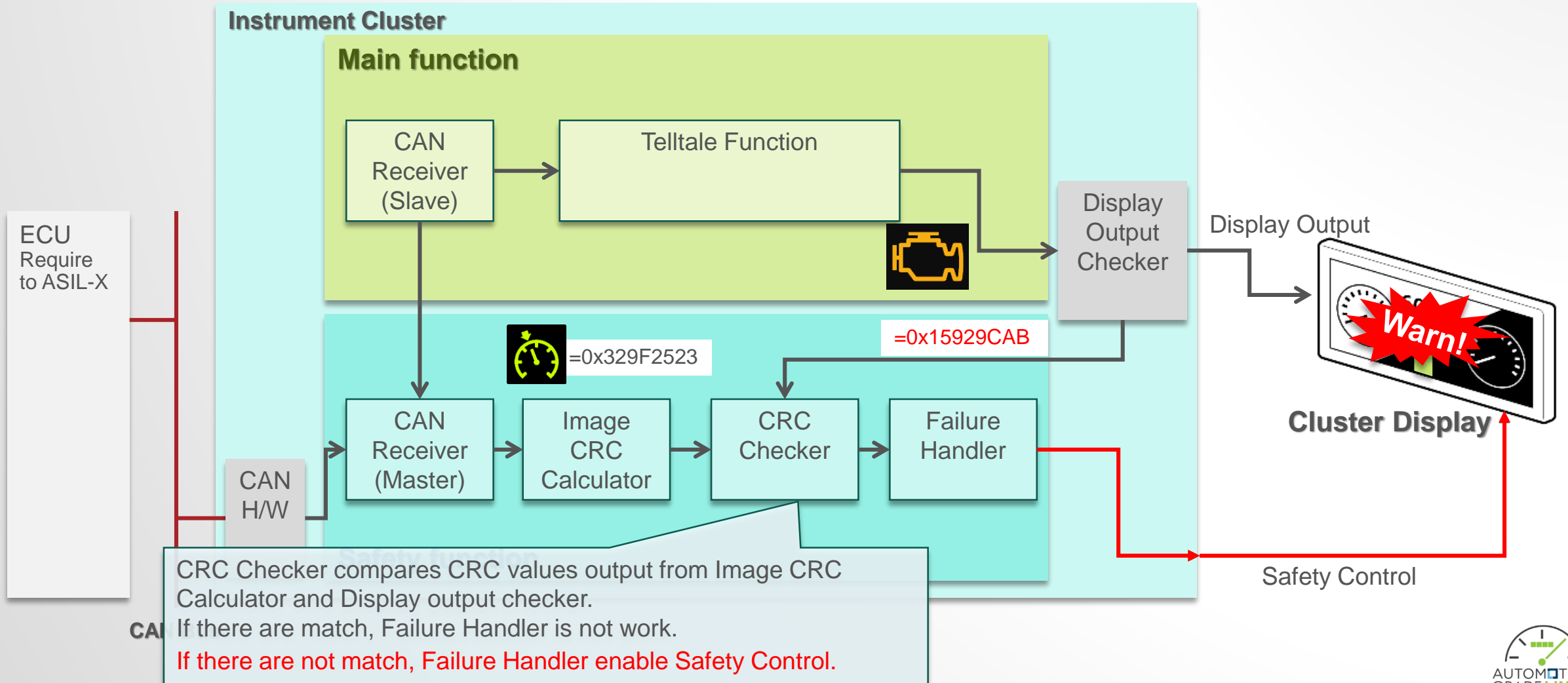




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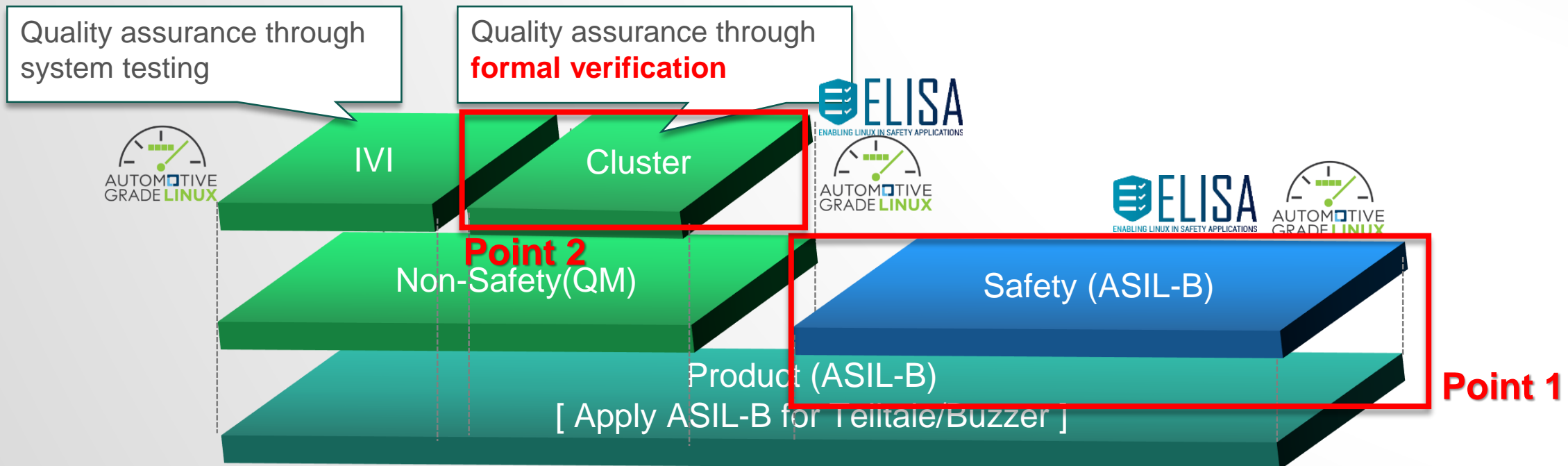
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# What we want in collaboration Point 1

- We want to create a base platform for Instrument Cluster in AGL community.
- We know some examples of functional safety requirements for Instrument Cluster. But we can't analyze and upstream that case to share knowledge.
- We want to find a generic solution with ELISA project to realize opensource base safety systems.



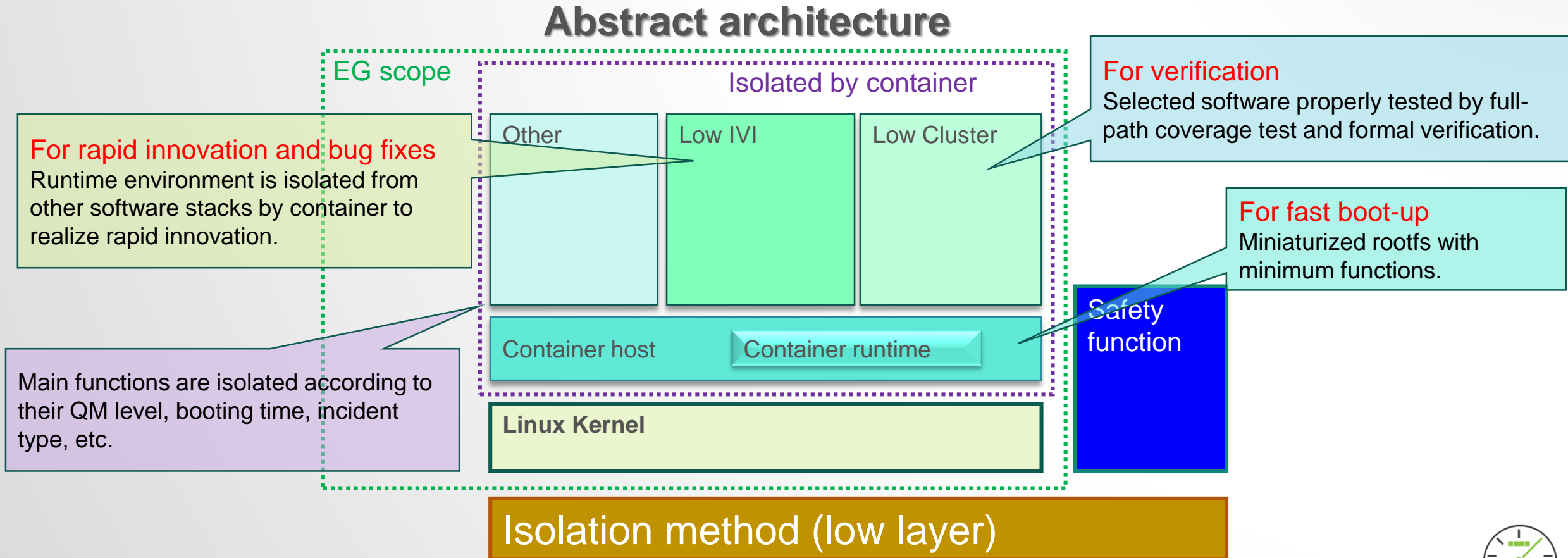
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# Remind of QM Isolation

- Realize to provide the best software stack for each.
- See here for more details of architecture.
  - <https://events19.linuxfoundation.org/events/agl-amm-eu-2019/program/schedule/>
  - At “Joint presentation: Container Based Architecture for AGL”





# What is QM isolation?

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- "One more isolation" is a method to take one-more layer to isolate the functions with Linux container technology.
- Why container?
  - Linux container technology
    - Isolate root filesystems on Linux kernel by using **chroot**.
      - Isolates software stack in accordance with their QM level.
    - Control resource (such as cpu, memory) by using **cgroups**.
      - Guarantees the resources to instrument cluster.
    - Hide resources from other containers by using **namespace**.
      - Protects cluster resources from other functions.

# Issue of verification side

- QM isolation realize to isolate software stack according to their QM level, booting time, incident type, etc. It realize to minimize software stack that needs to be verified.
- But it still requires a lot of code verification.
  - This issue is same of certification case.

## Example of issue

LSB Core Module Library	
libcrypt	libpthread
libdl	librt
libgcc_s	libssl3
libncurses	libstdcxx
libncursesw	libutil
libnspr4	libz
libnss3	libc
libpam	libm

16 library

Ref. [http://refspecs.linuxfoundation.org/LSB\\_5.0.0/LSB-Common/LSB-Common/requirements.html](http://refspecs.linuxfoundation.org/LSB_5.0.0/LSB-Common/LSB-Common/requirements.html)

The screenshot shows two project pages from Open Hub. The top page is for the GNU C Library (glibc), which has 1.28M lines of code (highlighted in a red box), 84 current contributors, and 14 days since the last commit. The bottom page is for musl, which has 96.7K lines of code (highlighted in a red box), 27 current contributors, and about 21 hours since the last commit. Both pages show activity levels (High for glibc, Moderate for musl) and various tags.

Ref. <https://www.openhub.net/>

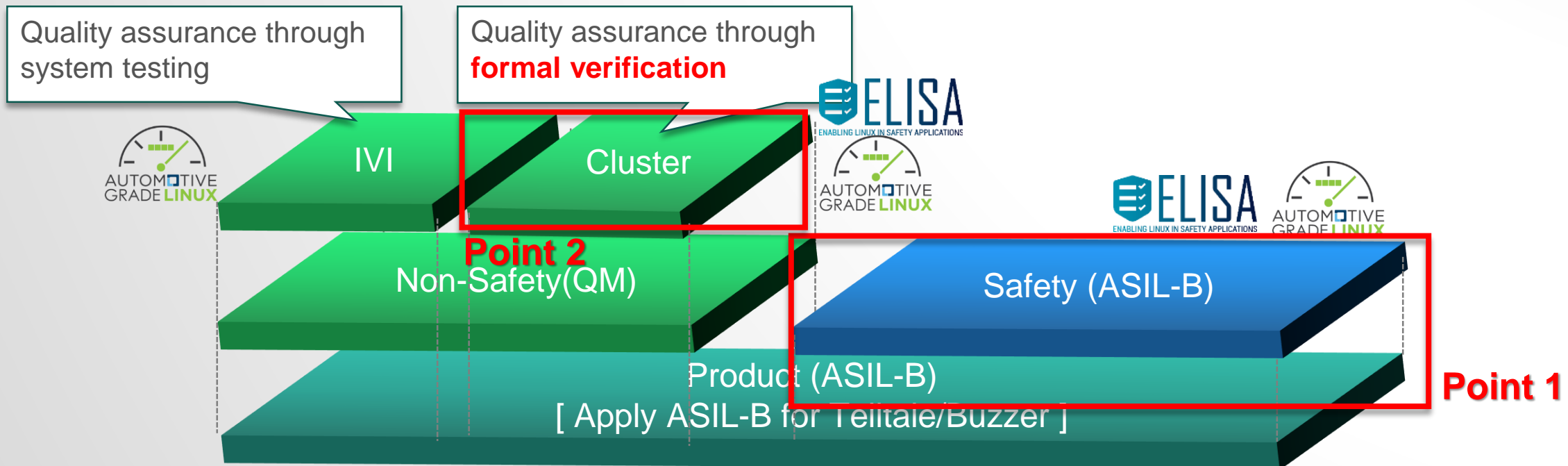
# What solution we need

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- ELISA community has several interesting efforts to realize functional safety.
  - One of them is an effort related to POSIX analysis and source code verification tools.
- Quality Management of main functions as a big issue.
  - But we haven't found an answer yet.
  - We think that current ELISA method is applicable to the Quality Management side as well.

# What we want in collaboration Point 2

- We want to seek and use verification methods with ELISA Project.
  - Example of activity
    - AGL community define the minimalized software stack.
    - Both community analyze software stack and develop the verification tool.
    - This activity will share in the both community.



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- Summary of our presentation
  - In this presentation, we shared the concept and issue of AGL Instrument Cluster EG.
  - In functional safety side, we shared the case study of telltale function and our issue.
  - In main function side, we shared our QM isolation concept detail and issue.
  - Overall, we proposed the content of the ELISA Project and AGL collaboration..
- Future agenda
  - We hope to start the discussion about the collaboration between AGL and ELISA based on this presentation.
  - For the current status, please visit the following link:
    - <https://confluence.automotivelinux.org/display/IC/Instrument+Cluster+Home>