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# MEMS Inertial Sensors Monitor Vehicles in Motion

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# **Presentation Outline**

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- Merging Safety Systems
- Safety System Architectures and Trends
- Safety Sensor Integration
- Automotive Electronics and Sensor Implications
- Summary





# ADI In Automotive Safety NHTSA ESC Mandate





Passenger Vehicles Under 10,000 lbs by September 1 2008 All Vehicles by September 1 2011



# **Safety Integrity Level Requirements**

 Emerging EU trend for automotive safety systems to achieve Safety Integrity Level 3 (SIL3) requirements

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- IEC 61508
  - Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safetyrelated systems (E/E/PES)
    - SIL 1 through SIL 4
- ISO 26262
  - ISO TC22 SC3 WG16 adapting IEC 61508 for automotive functional safety
     ASIL A through D
- IEC 61508 SIL3 requirements
  - Safe Failure Fraction (SFF) > 99%
  - Probability of dangerous failure fraction per hour (PFH) < 10-7</li>
- Achieving ASIL C compliance requires a holistic approach to system and product design
  - Requirements flow from OEMs to Tier 1's to component suppliers
    - Close collaboration between Tier 1's and critical component suppliers required for success

# **Challenges for Inertial Sensors**

### Tough safety standards

- FMVSS210
- FMVSS214
- European NCAP
- Allianz Center for Technology

### Harsh Operating Environment

- Temperature Effects On Sensor
- Overload
  - Determining Between Crash vs. Misuse Events
- High-Voltage

### Demand for Increased Integration

- More Robust Self-Test Concepts
- More Discriminate Crash Detection
- Compatible with multiple busses
- Low System Cost



# Active/Passive Safety System Integration Key Enablers



Source: Continental

- Collision Warning and Preparation
- Pre-Crash Emergency Braking
- Lane Departure Warning
- Park Assist
- Rollover Prevention and Mitigation
- Adaptive Restraints
- Side Impact Integration System
- Electronic Stability Control
   Seatbelt Pre-tensioning



# Merging Safety Systems

### Accident Avoidance & Mitigation

#### Driver Assistance



Adaptive Cruise Control Lane Departure Warning Blind Spot Detection Lane Keeping System Parking Assist

### Active Safety

Electronic Stability Control Adaptive Suspension Yaw / Roll Control

### The Intelligent Vehicle

- Collision Avoidance
- Accident Prevention
- Severity Reduction

Navigation Systems
Visual/Audible Warning
Inter-vehicle
Communications

Communication

 Airbags and Seatbelts
 Occupant Protection
 Pedestrian Protection

### Passive Safety

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# Future Systems Will Employ Inertial Measurement Units That Support Multiple Systems





**Crash Detection System** 



**Navigation/Driver Information System** 

**Body/Chassis Control System** 



Satellite Sensor



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Airbag

Seatbelt Pretensioner

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Low *g* chassis control sensor

Dual-axis airbag sensor

Gyroscopes

# **Modular Solutions Enable Scalability**





- Variety of safety and assistance functions can be incorporated into module
  - Active Rollover Protection
  - Trailer Stability Assist
  - Hill Start Assist
  - Adaptive Cruise Control
- Braking system is monitored by electronics which detect and configure components which have been exchanged
  - Eliminates time-consuming calibration procedures
- Integrating sensor cluster (yawrate and acceleration sensors) into brake control unit reduces components and interfaces
  - Reduces weight, size and co\$t

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## Existing Safety System Architectures Airbag Control Unit



#### Other Key Components:

Digital Potentiometer
Power Management
Signal Control
Supervisory
References
Synthesizers

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# **Crash Sensors**

### Continuous Improvement in Performance At "First Contact"

- Crash sensing (passive safety) strives for two main objectives:
  - More accurate crash discrimination
  - Safer and more effective deployment
- Expanding awareness of vehicle environment
  - More sensors per vehicle
  - Increased mechanical information
  - New kinds of sensors beyond accelerometers
  - Occupant size, out-of-position classification
  - Pedestrian safety
- Mounting sensors closer to edge of the vehicle (frame rails)
  - Earlier detection of collision
  - Know location of crash
  - Mutual safing
- Links to other systems
  - EDR (Electronic Data Recorder)
  - Telematics (eCall)





Impact sensors

### Existing Safety System Architectures Electronic Stability Control Unit



#### Other Key Components:

Digital Potentiometer Power Management Signal Control Supervisory References Temperature Sensors



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# Integrated Safety Module: Crash + ESC **Emerging System Architecture**



#### Source: Autoliv

# FMVSS126 expands low-g sensor fit-rate in stability control applications

- NHTSA estimates ESC will reduce single-vehicle crashes of passenger cars by 34% and single-vehicle crashes of SUV's by 59%, with a much greater reduction of rollover crashes
- By 2012, 98% of new vehicles in Europe and 100% of new vehicles in the US will have ESC systems
- OEMs will integrate both Airbag and ESC in airbag control unit
  - Reduce two packages into single package able to cover both ESC and restraint accelerometer needs
  - Savings \$30/vehicle
- All systems will have
  - Mid-g (20 g 100 g) crash
  - Low-g (< 5 g) ESC</li>

# **Evolution in Automotive Networks**

### Application-Specific vs. Networked Sensors



### Present direction to decrease number of ECU's

- Possible decentralization of data processing to individual device
- Individual ECU's and semiconductor content will need greater functionality and speed
- System reliability depends upon that of individual ECU's
- Specifications of semiconductors in resulting networks may change dramatically
- Vehicle Sensors are networked to provide motion data to various safety systems
  - Star (e.g., BMW 7-Series Airbag using ByteFlight), Ring or IMU configuration
- FlexRay becoming standard for more advanced control applications

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# **Future of MEMS Inertial Sensors in Vehicles**

- System designers are re-thinking current stand-alone sensor architectures in favor of integrating additional functionality of, e.g., an Airbag Control Unit into one single ASIC/ASSP:
  - Receiver (for sensor satellites)
  - SPI output for communication with μC
  - Squib driver
  - Watchdog
  - Power management for entire ACU
  - Clock
  - NVM for diagnostics/calibration
  - **PSI**5
  - CAN or FlexRay interface
- This sensor ASIC/ASSP model is being evaluated by automotive OEMs and will become crucial to cost control as well as to conserve electronics real estate without compromising performance



# Active/Passive Safety Sensor Integration

ESC and Crash Acceleration Sensing in Single Package

- Crash high-g and VSC low-g in a single package
- Facilitate integration of active and passive safety
- Reduce total system cost
- Increase usage of digital signal path to enhance sensor performance
- Digital SPI communications
- Enhance performance via communication with other sensors
- Continuous self-test/status pin
- Low power consumption
- Small plastic packaging



# Active/Passive Safety Sensor Integration

ESC Angular Rate and Acceleration Sensing in Single Package





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# **Automotive Electronics Trends**

### Increasing System Complexity

- Increasing functionality
  - Comfort, Entertainment, Safety
- Proliferation of safety-critical functions
  - ♦ ABS, ESP, EPS
- Networking between subsystems
- Electrical System Robustness
  - More stringent EMI and ESD requirements
  - Quality and reliability
- New Technologies and Requirements
  - Vehicle-to-Vehicle and Vehicle-to-Road Communication
  - Collision avoidance
- Increasing Cost Pressure
  - Electronics contribute significantly to vehicle manufacturing costs



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Source: Continental



# Safety Sensor Integration and Networking Emerging Requirements



### Size

- Small form factor necessary for flexible placement and integration of multiple sensors
- Reduced hardware complexity

### Orientation

 X-Y-Z Accelerometers and Roll-Yaw Gyros needed to cover full array of implementations

### Features

- Modular partitioning to merge active and passive safety
- Digital functionality and features
- 3.3 V and lower operation
- More digital signal processing
- Support new communications and networking standards



# Safety Sensor Integration and Networking

### **Emerging Requirements**

### Quality and Reliability

- Zero Incident Target
- Higher Device Yields
- Enhanced Self-Test and FMEA characteristics

### Robustness

- Operation in harsh environments with intense vibration and high temperature
- Ease of Manufacturing
  - Eliminate module-level calibration
  - Increased configurability, e.g. filter and g-ranges





### MEMS Automotive Inertial Sensor Integration Summary

- Automotive customers are expressing strong interest in combined sensors and IMUs
  - Primarily interested in gyros and low-g accelerometers
  - Reduced sensor packaging volume
  - Perceived cost saving based on reduce package cost
- Numerous approaches to combined sensors/IMUs
  - Module level
    - Packaged sensors
    - Sensor Die
  - Component level
    - Single package
    - Functional equivalent to a single package

Angular Rate and Acceleration from a single sensor structure

- Packaging volume reduction dependent on sensor technology and integration strategy
- Future automotive safety systems will require close collaboration between OEMS, Tier 1s and critical component suppliers
  - Fail-safe and ASIL C compliance strategies and IP
  - System-level trade-offs to optimize system performance and cost





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