Abstract

As the third and concluding Working Paper of the archi-intelligence Research Series, this study takes the Tesla FSD-Optimus unified stack as the empirical anchor that closes the loop between the AR0–AR5 architecture-capability-threshold framework advanced in D1 (*The Architectural Migration of the Century*, 2026-01) and the horizontal maturity assessment of twenty-two OEMs conducted in D2 (*The State of Global Automotive E/E Architecture Maturity 2026*, 2026-02). As of May 2026, Tesla is the only engineering entity worldwide that simultaneously satisfies every criterion of AR4 (a multi-embodiment physical-AI platform) and has entered volume-production ramp; this study selects it not as an endorsement of its commercial prospects but on a single methodological judgment — it is at present the only case that has fully connected its officially disclosed eleven layers of shared core technology across the vehicle and humanoid-robot morphologies. Through a clinical dissection at the granularity of silicon (HW3 → AI7, including the AI4.5 stopgap and the AI5 "not to vehicles" hardware tiering), the FSD software stack (the Software 2.0 paradigm revolution from V11 rules to V14 end-to-end-plus-VLA), the morphology-agnostic occupancy network, and the training infrastructure (Dojo → Cortex 2.0, and the group-level compute restructuring after the SpaceX-xAI merger), the study distills Tesla's eleven officially disclosed shared layers into three structurally distinct reuse mechanisms — the physical layer (6 items), the intelligence layer (5 items), and an implicit organizational twelfth layer (the FSD-Optimus team merger) — and characterizes precisely the boundary of cross-morphology reuse: accumulated capability is reusable, while morphology-dependent high-frequency motion control is not. The central thesis is that Tesla functions as an **AR4 reference frame** rather than a template for replication: no fast-follower can reproduce the twenty years of accumulation, full-stack verticality, and group-level resource allocation the path demands, but every fast-follower can use the reference frame to locate its true position and reasonable path — a judgment the study substantiates through an in-depth twelve-layer mirroring of five distinct trajectories (Volkswagen, Toyota, Huawei, XPeng, Xiaomi). Empirically, the Tesla case supports D1's two-layer structural thesis, its proposition that "AI is a faculty of language, not a brain" (doubly corroborated by Tesla's own deployment cadence and the scaling-law caveat in the SpaceX S-1), its theory of architecture debt, and its failure-philosophy framework, while the study also lists five falsifiable points by which the D1 framework may be tested against the engineering reality of 2027–2028. The study closes by identifying a structural market gap: while the industrial toolchain already offers mature support for the detailed-design phase, the conceptual-exploration phase — where critical architectural decisions are made before the first diagram or line of code — still relies on individual and organizational engineering intuition that the fast-follower has not had twenty years to accumulate.

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