



Electronic Architecture and System Engineering  
for Integrated Safety Systems

## Dependability Services in the EASIS Software Platform

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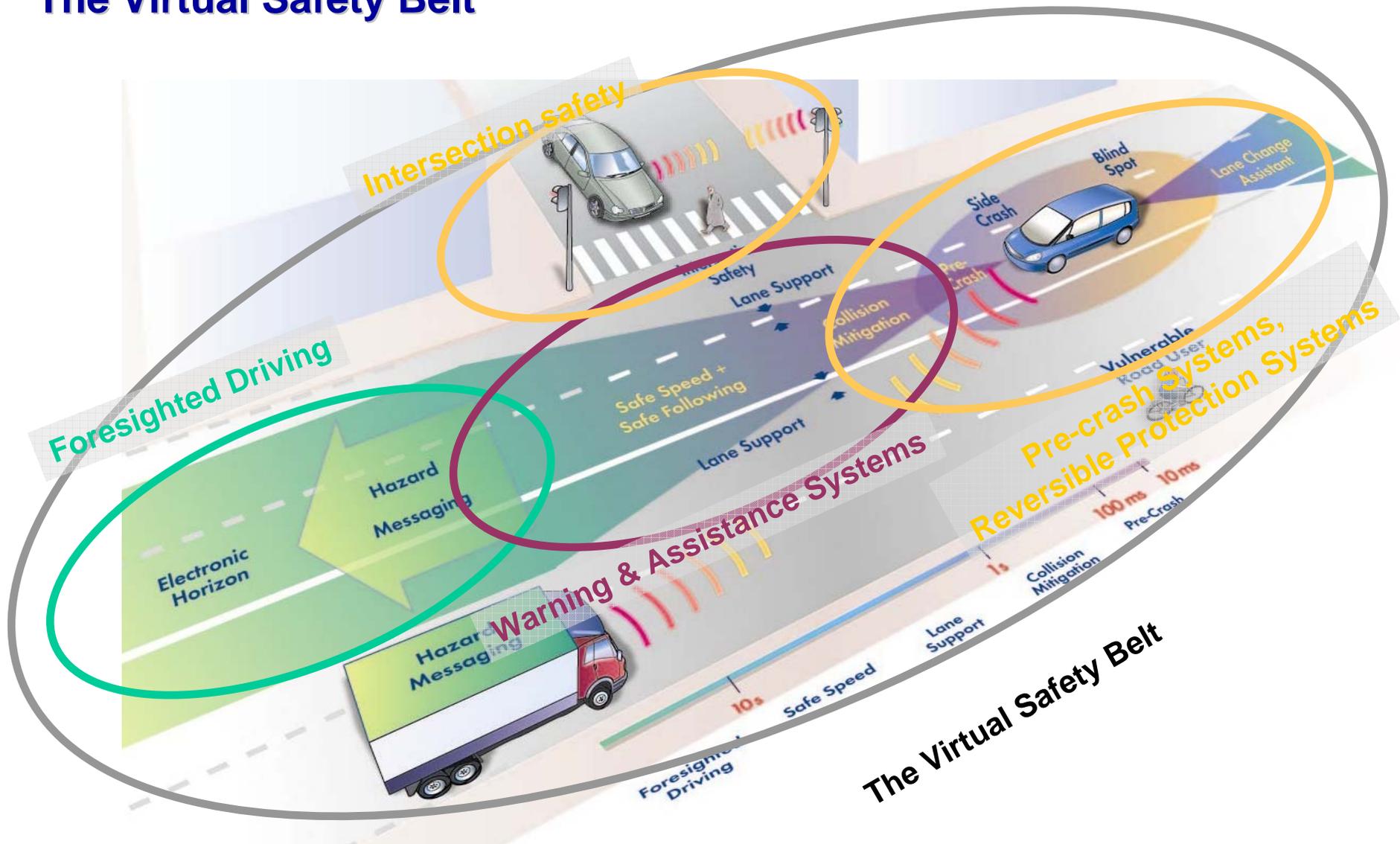
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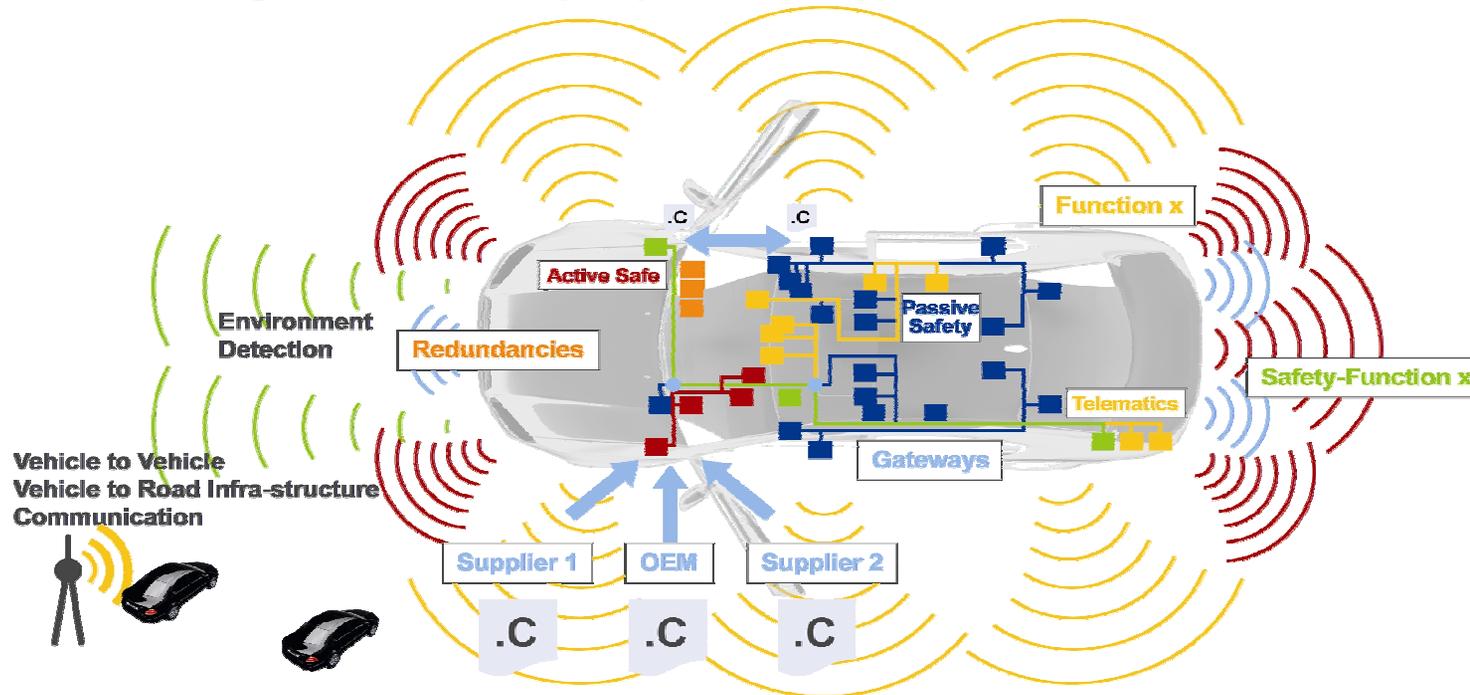
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# The Virtual Safety Belt



## Issues for integrated safety systems



- > Integration of domain (cabin, chassis, powertrain, ...) overlapping safety functions with high dependability
- > Handling of high system complexity
- > Integration and multi-usage of environment sensing
- > Integration of telematics services for safety systems

**Challenges!**

## Project data

**Coordinator:** DaimlerChrysler (Dr. Vera Lauer)  
**Starting Date:** 01.01.2004  
**Ending Date:** 28.02.2007  
**Budget Total/Funding:** 9,4 M€ / 5 M€  
**Web site:** [www.easis.org](http://www.easis.org)

## 22 partners

<b>OEM's</b>	   
	    
<b>Automotive suppliers</b>	   
	   
<b>Tool suppliers</b>	   
<b>Research institutes</b>	  

## Related projects (Integrated Safety Programme defined by EUCAR\*)

### Ongoing Projects

**Systems for accident prevention**  
"PReVENT"  
DaimlerChrysler

**Common, agreed adaptive HMI interface**  
"AIDE"  
AB Volvo

**Common E/E architecture for vehicles**  
"EASIS"  
DaimlerChrysler

**Systems for passenger protection**  
"APROSYS"  
TNO

**Systems for post accident rescue**  
"GST"  
ERTICO



### Recently Started

**Connecting intelligent vehicle and infrastructure for enhanced SAFETY**  
"SAFESPOT"  
CRF

**Connecting intelligent vehicle and infrastructure for enhanced EFFICIENCY**  
"CVIS"  
ERTICO

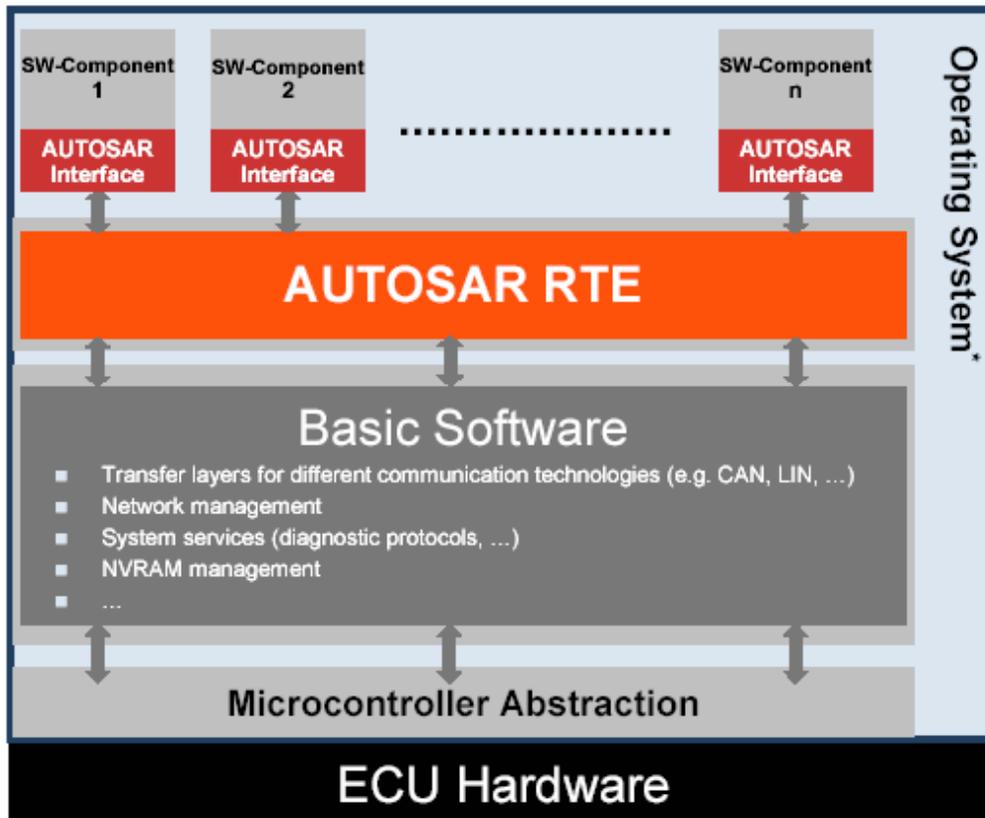
**Methodology for accident causation analysis**  
"TRACE"  
Renault

**Vehicle-to-Vulnerable road user cooperative technologies to improve safety**  
"Watch-Over"  
CRF

**Software for Traffic Efficiency and Safety**  
"ATESST"  
AB Volvo

*\*European Council on Automotive R&D*

(AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture)



■ AUTOSAR

- > Standardized, openly disclosed interfaces
- > HW independent SW layer
- > Transferability of functions

■ AUTOSAR RTE

- > By specifying interfaces and their communication mechanisms, the applications are decoupled from the underlying HW and basic SW, enabling the realization of Standard Library Functions

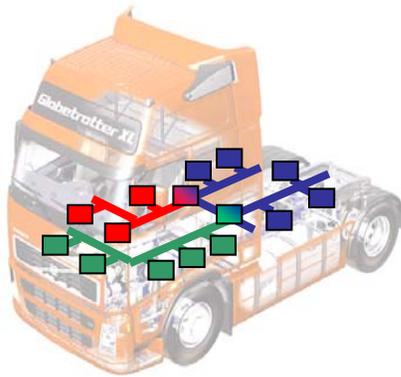
■ Consortium of over 100 members (and growing)

- > Partners from Europe, US, Japan
- > No public funding

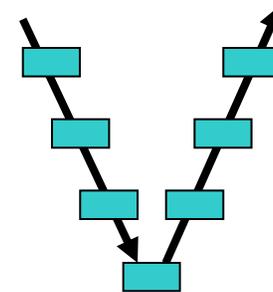
*Check [www.autosar.org](http://www.autosar.org) for more information.*

## Expected final results

EASIS will provide enabling technologies for the introduction of future integrated safety systems

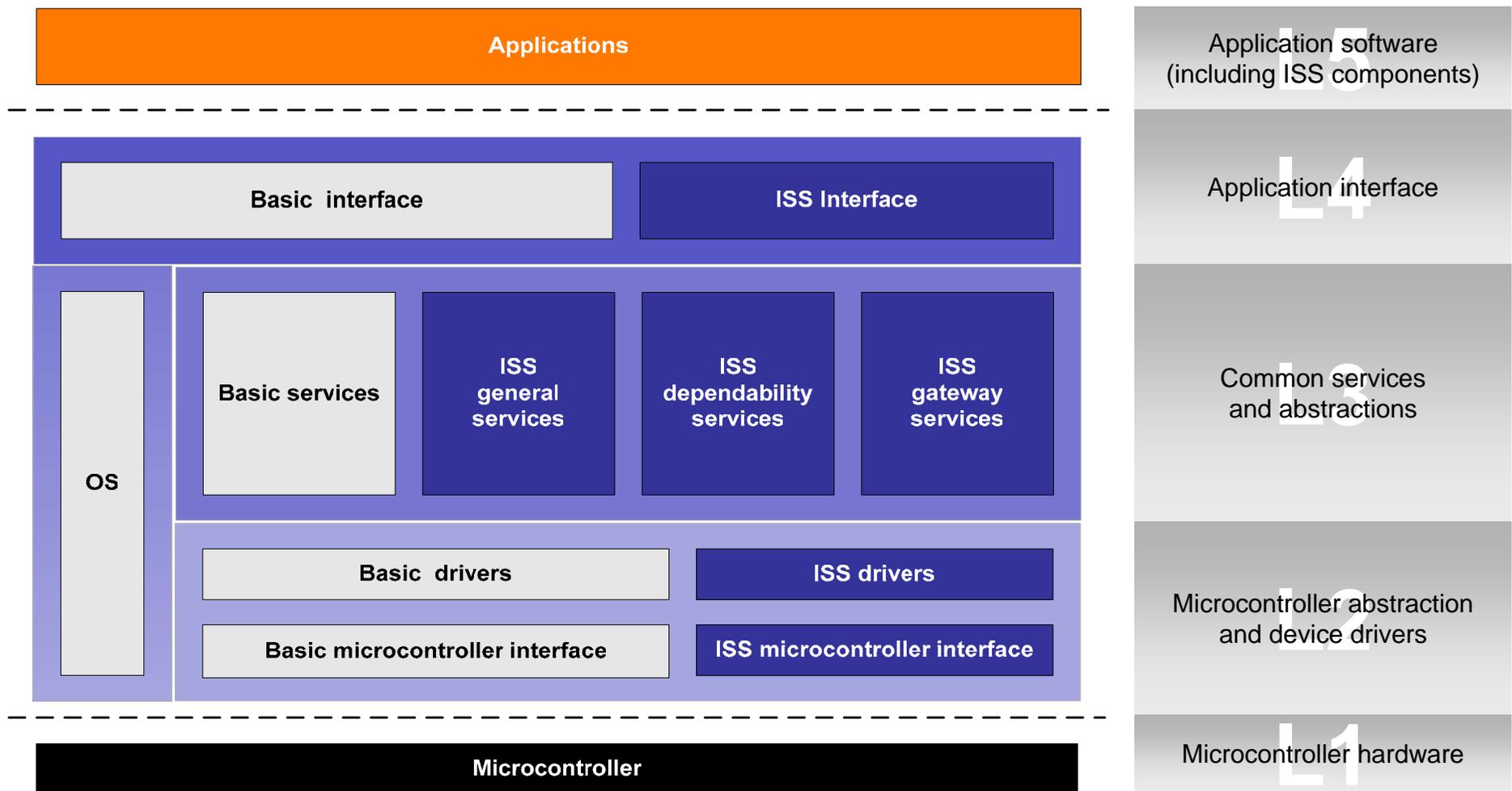


- > **Software platform** providing common services for cooperation between safety systems
- > **Dependable electronics hardware infrastructure**, which supports the requirements of these systems in a cost effective manner

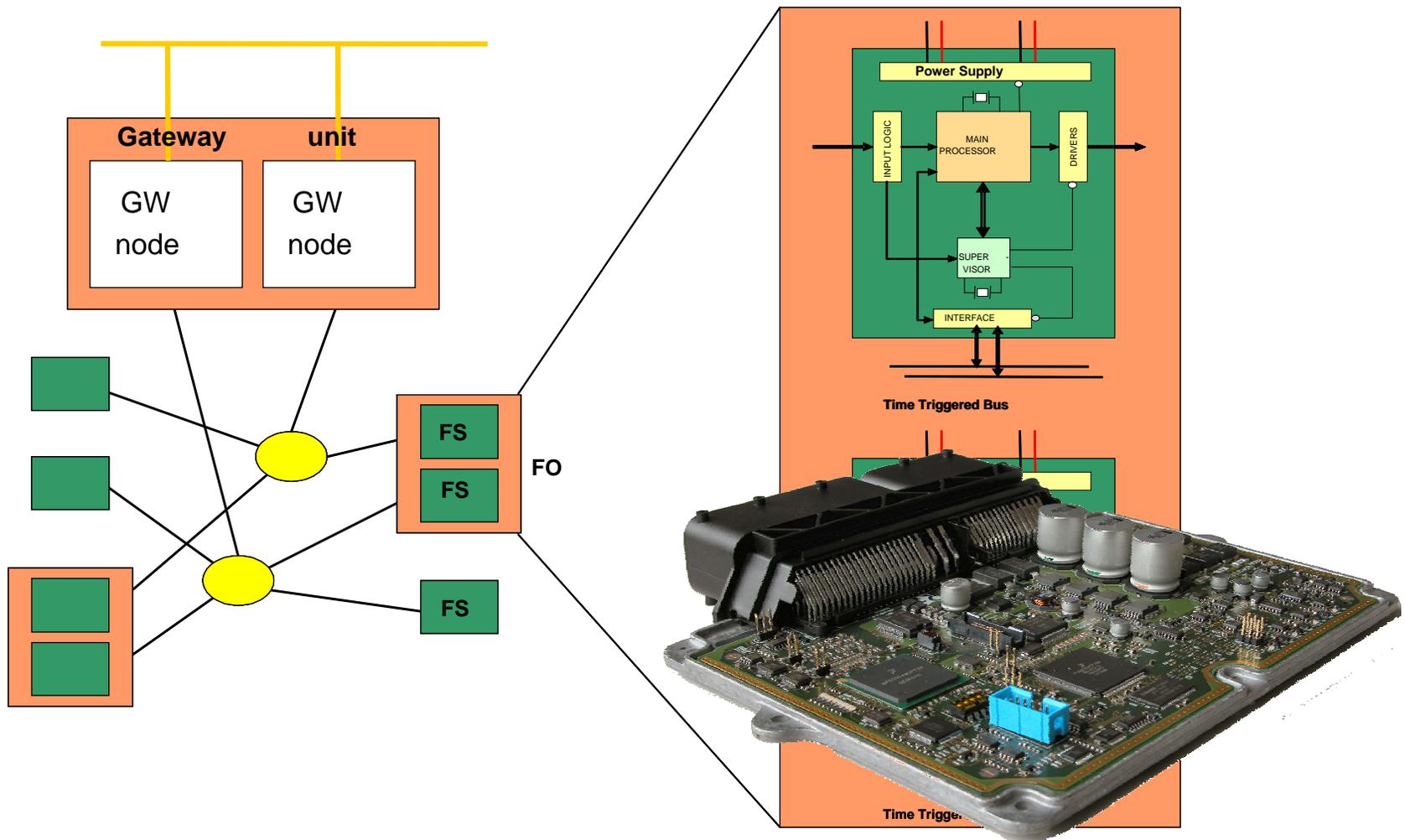


- > **Methods and techniques** for handling critical dependability-related parts of the development lifecycle
- > **Engineering process and tool chain** supporting the development of cooperating safety systems

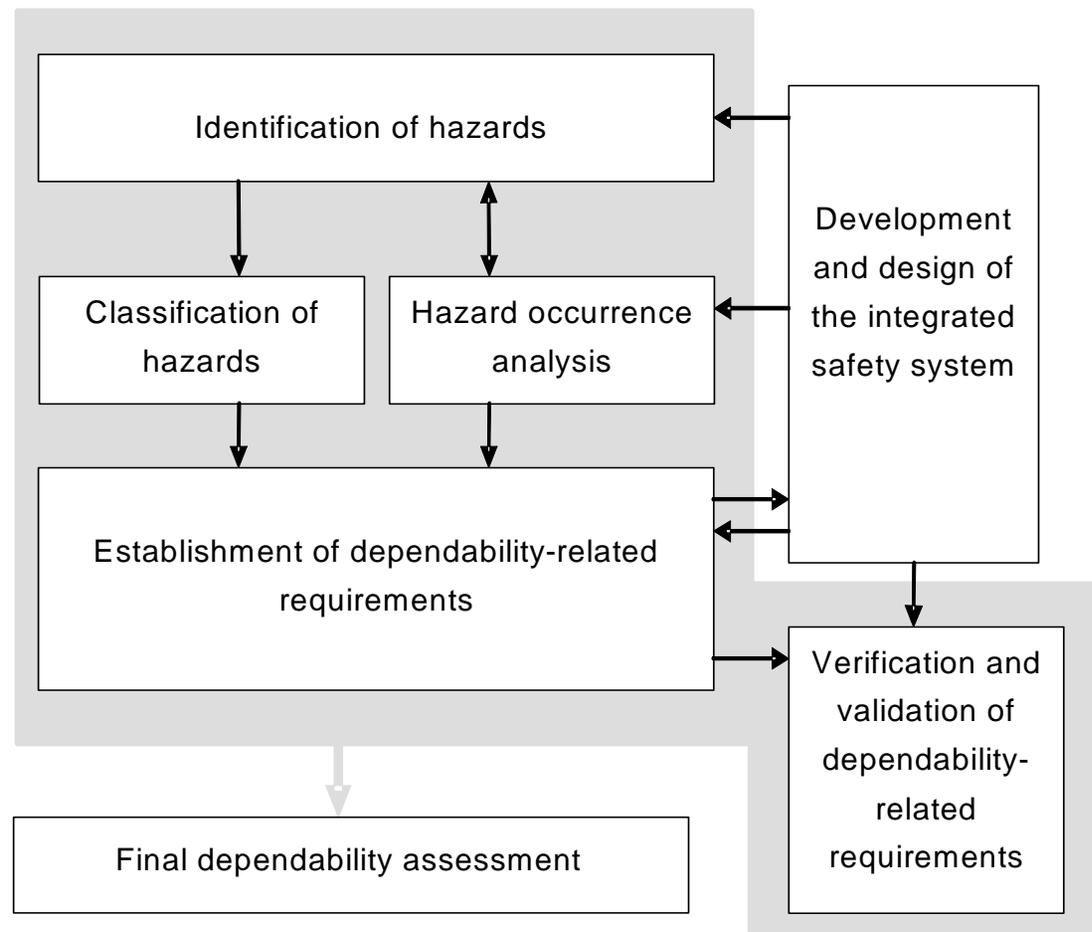
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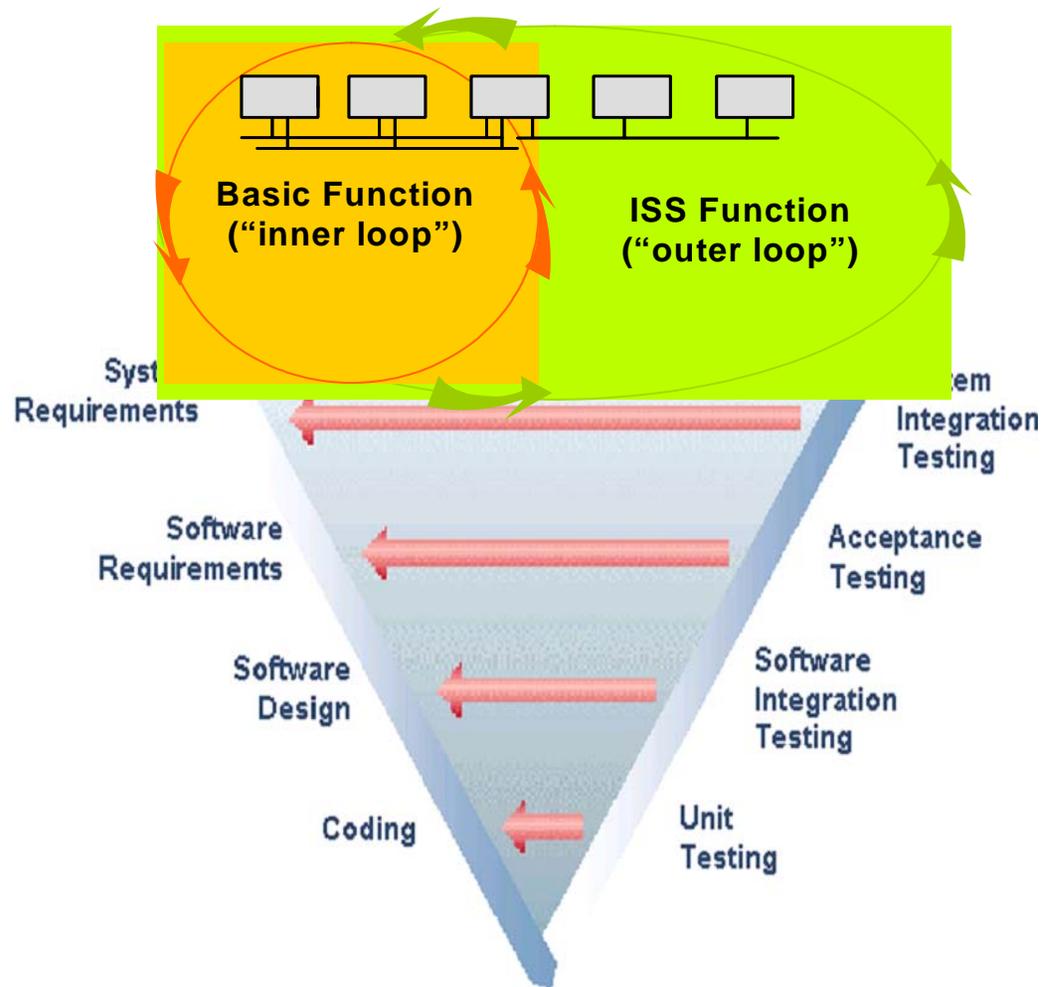
## Scalable EASIS hardware architecture



## EASIS framework for dependability

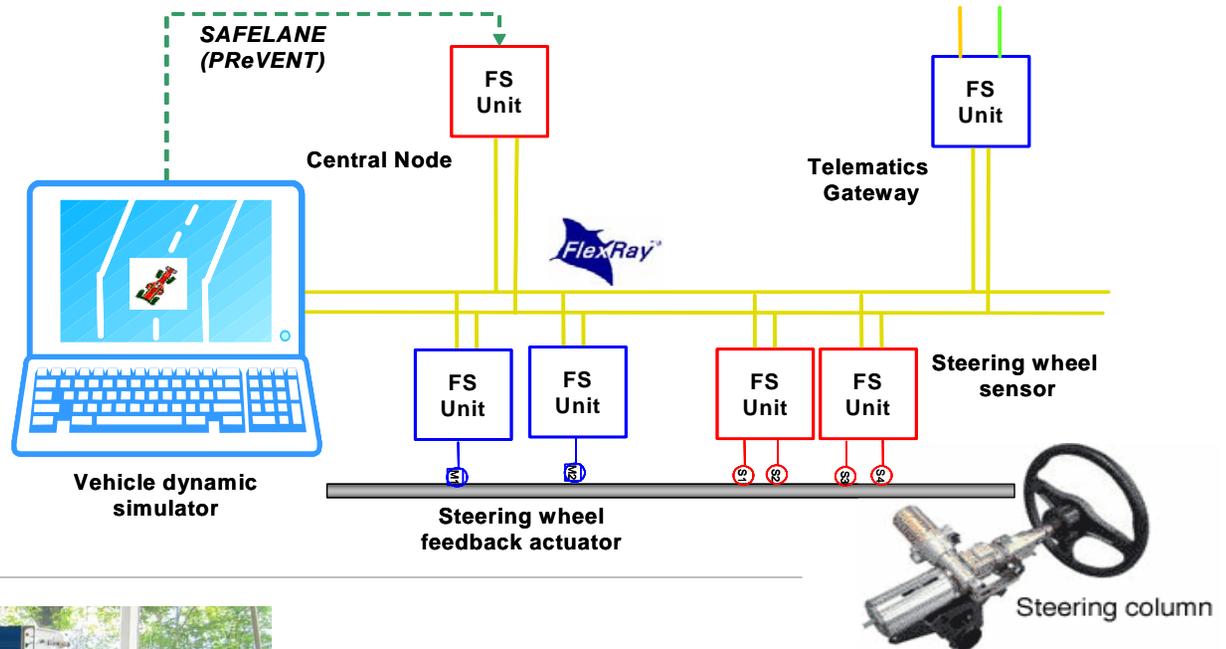


# EASIS engineering process



## Validation / Proof of concept

**Validator 1:** Telematics gateway validator to prove EASIS SW & HW architecture



**Validator 2:** Commercial vehicle Hardware In the Loop testbench to prove EASIS dependability guidelines and development process

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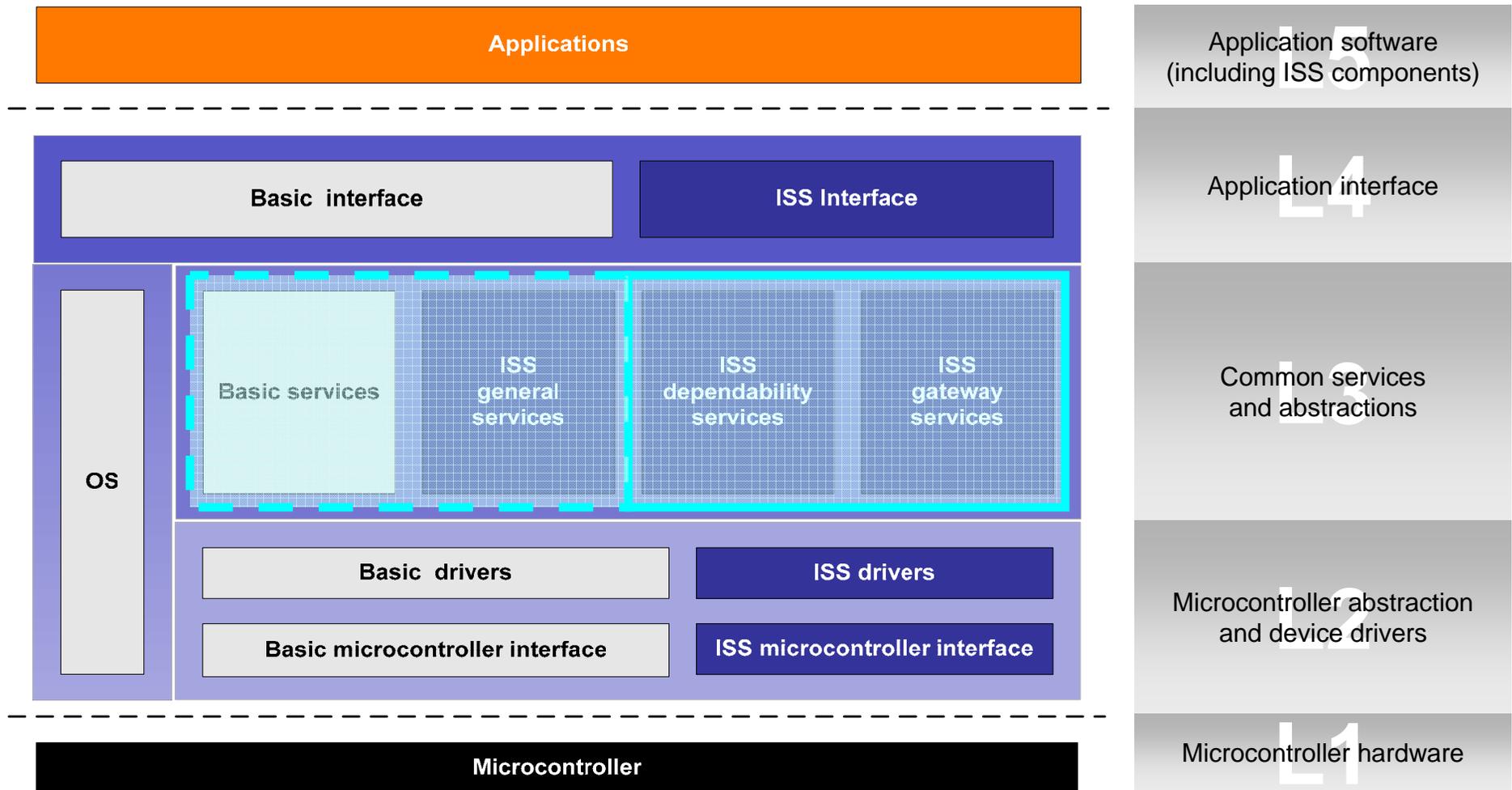
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# Overall software topology



## Basic software platform – assumptions

- **EASIS will not primarily focus on defining basic services**
  - > However, we will specify which services we require, and assume that these services are defined or being defined elsewhere
  
- **Basic services**
  - > **Communication managers (CAN, LIN, FlexRay, etc.)**
  - > **High-level protocols**
    - Basic network specific transport protocols (e.g. ISO 15765, LIN TP)
    - Calibration protocols (e.g. XCP)
    - ...
  - > **Network management**
  - > **Diagnostic interfaces**
    - E.g. ISO 14229 or ISO 14230
  - > **NVRAM manager**
  - > **Operating system**
  - > ...

## Dependability services

- A set of services and mechanisms concerning dependability has been defined.

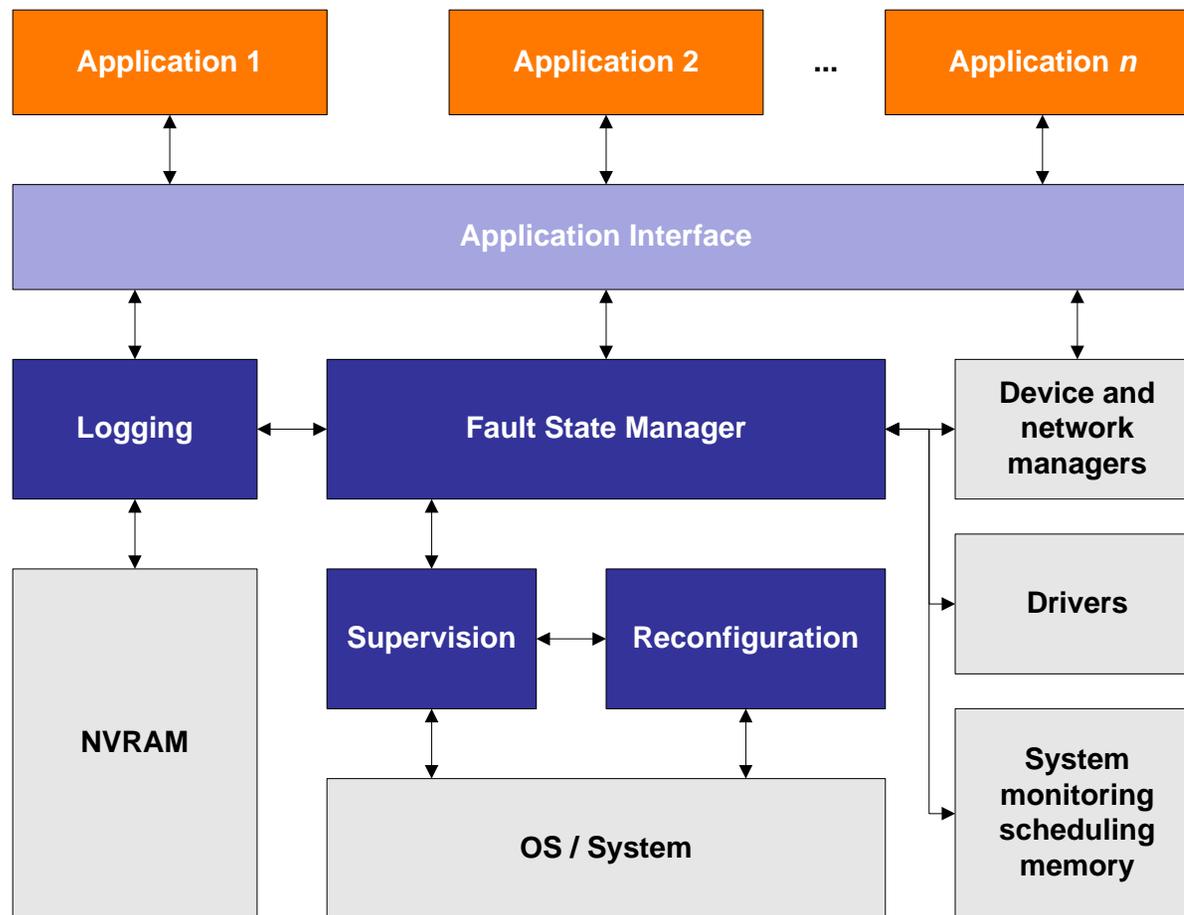
These are to support the following

- > Fault management framework
- > Fault tolerant communication
  - OSEK/VDX FTCom – same as used in AUTOSAR
- > Voting/Agreement protocol
- > Watchdog management
- > Reconfiguration of applications
- > Replication of application components
- > Gateway
- > Firewall

## Fault management framework

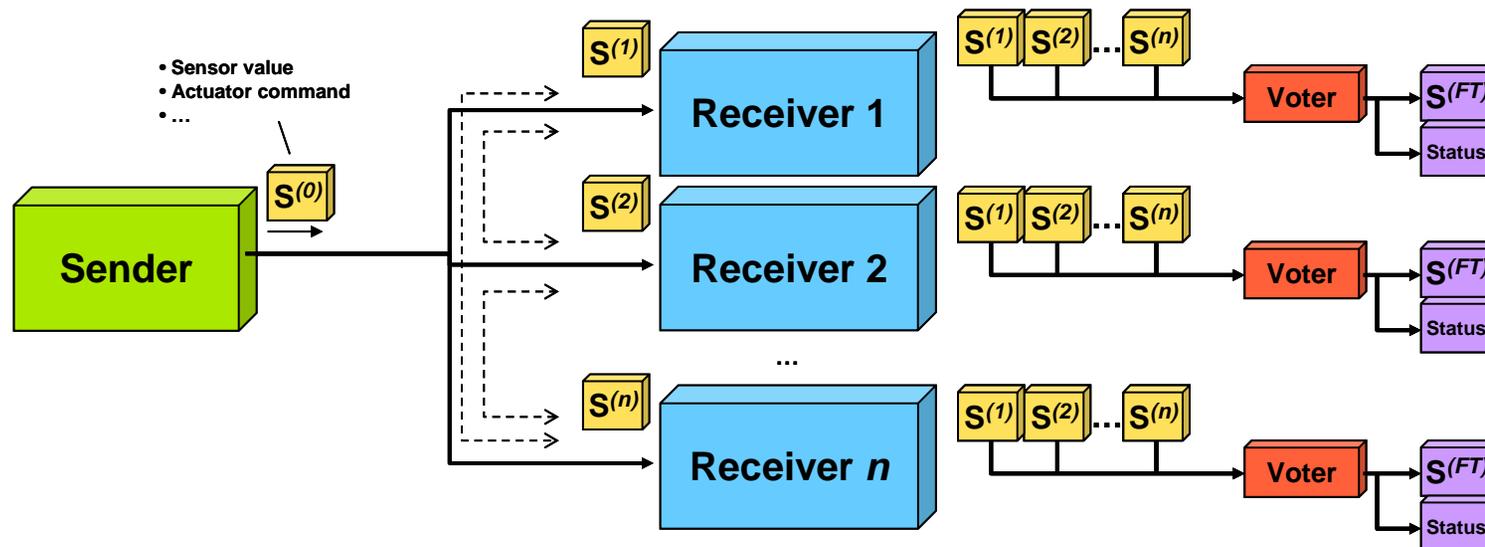
- **Dependability and diagnosis services are part of a larger framework for on-board diagnosis**
  - **Fault management framework**
- **Main goals**
  - > **To give a global view of the fault management issue**
  - > **To ensure the consistency of the fault management strategies**
  - > **To define central software artifacts for in-vehicle fault management and dependability**
- **Focus of activities**
  - > **Act upon error detection notification**
  - > **Trace and identify faults**
  - > **Tolerate faults**
  - > **Other dependability activities**
- **The structure which “glues” those different elements together**
  - > **Note that not all parts of the framework are necessarily implemented software artifacts**

## Fault management framework – current modular view



## Agreement (and voting)

- Byzantine faults may occur
  - > Sender malfunctioning
  - > Communication medium faulty
  - > ...
  
- Based on *Signed Message Protocol*



# Watchdog

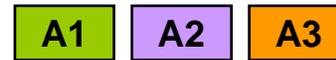
## ■ Error detection at two levels

### > Task level

- Crashing tasks
- Hanging tasks

### > Runnable level

- Faulty execution order



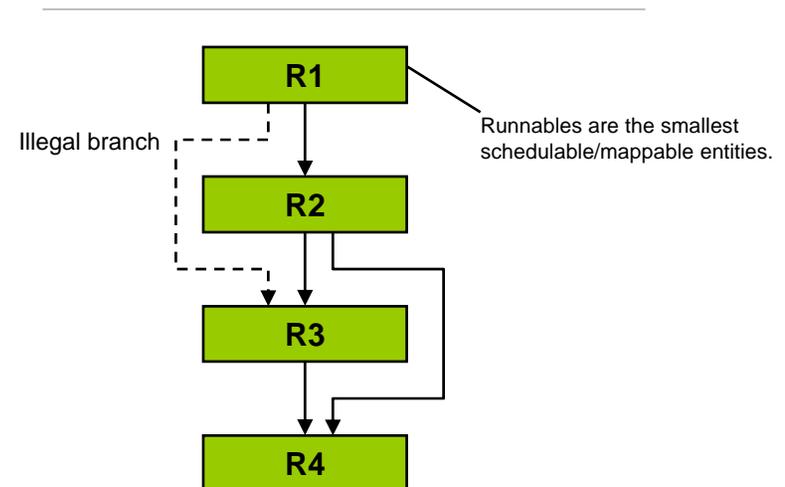
Nominal case: all tasks are executed without problems and all deadlines are met



Error case – example 1: a task crashes during execution – application is unavailable

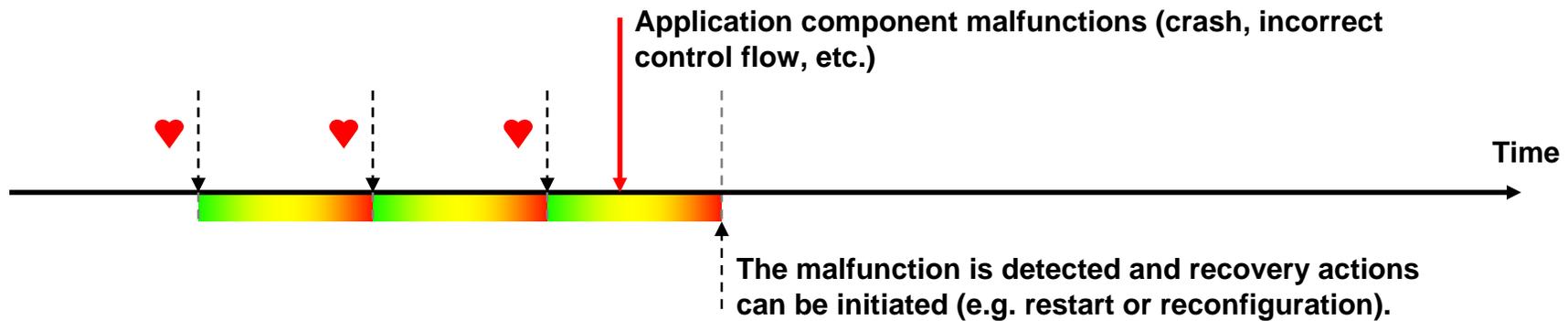


Error case – example 2: a task crashes during execution – all applications are unavailable

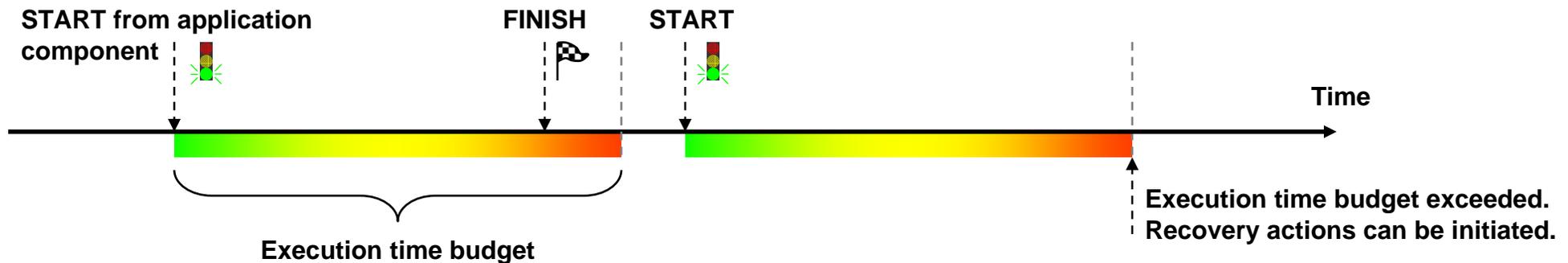


## Software watchdog – The solution (part I)

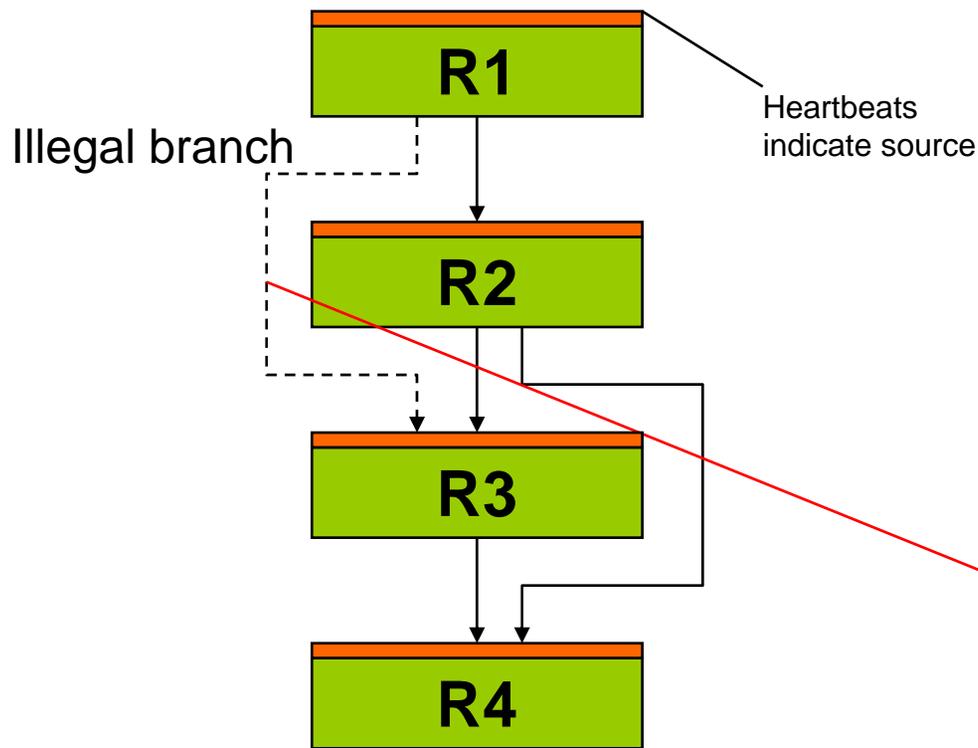
### ALIVE-signals/heartbeat from application components



### Execution time monitoring of application components



## Software watchdog – The solution (part II)



Runnable	Successors
R1	R2
R2	R3, R4
R3	R4
R4	...
...	...

$R3 \notin \text{SUCC}(R1) = \{R2\}$   
**Error detected!**

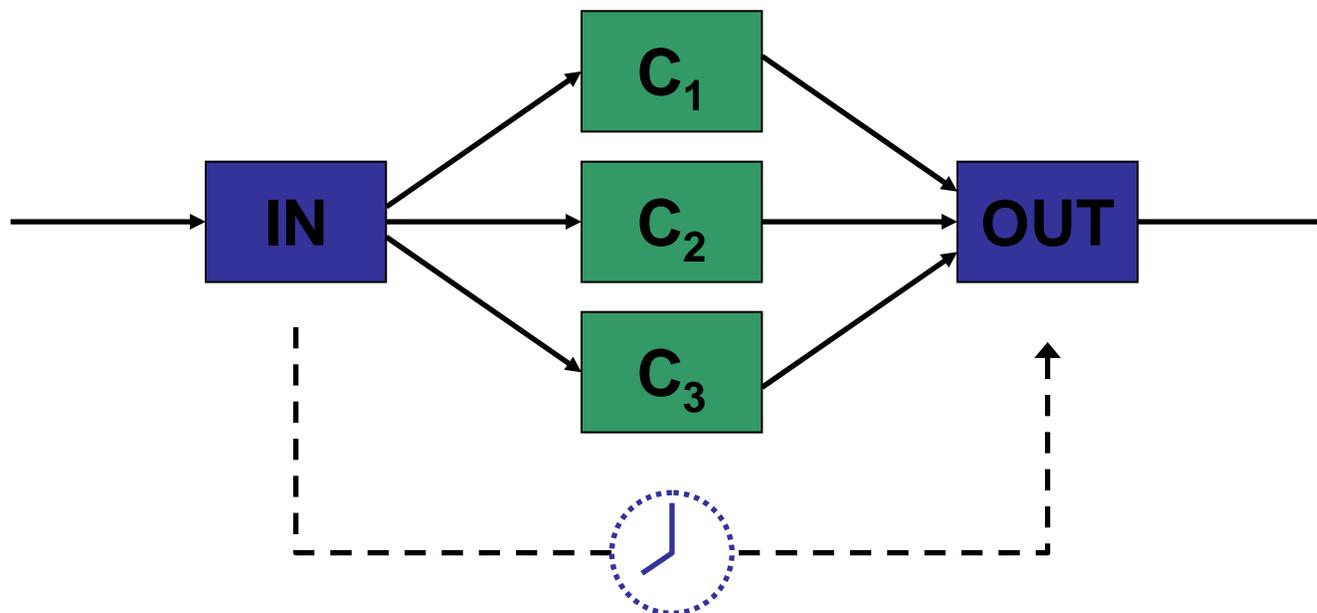
## Reconfiguration of applications

- **Reconfiguration can be triggered by the FMF**
- **Three levels**
  - > **Reconfiguration of active task set**
    - Switch between predefined task sets
    - Puts some constraints on mapping of runnables to tasks
  - > **Functional inhibition**
    - Passive w.r.t. platform → application receives info and has to act on this
  - > **ECU level reset**
    - If all else fails → Ctrl-Alt-Del the ECU

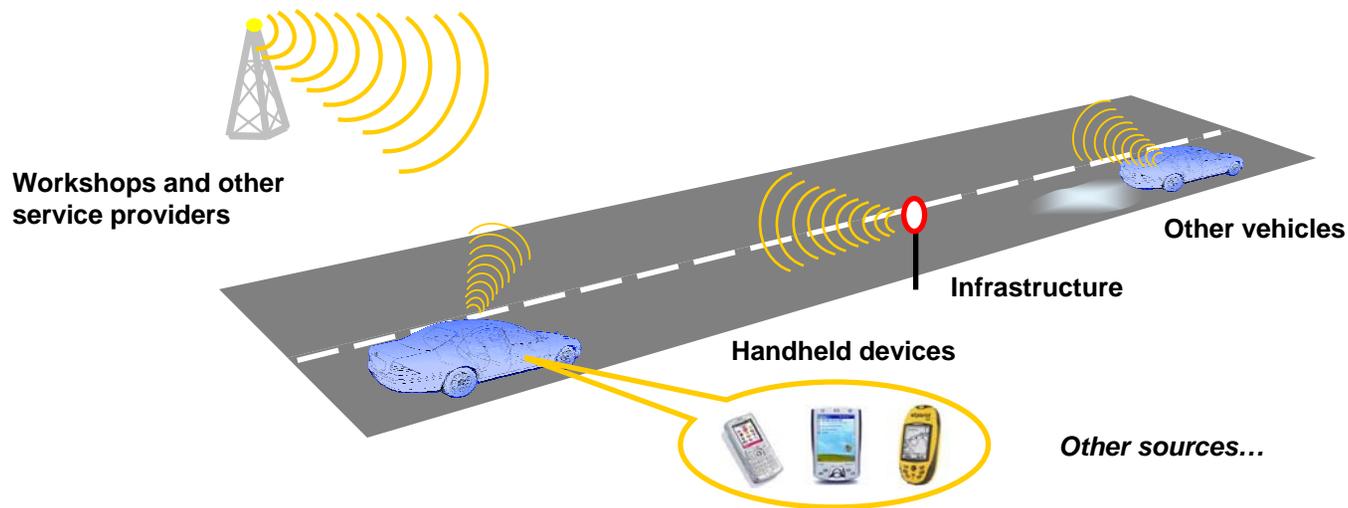
## Replication of application components at the task level

### ■ Basic support required:

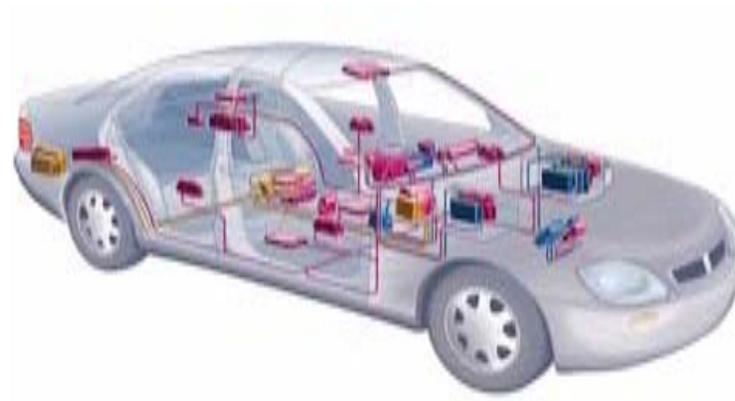
- > Input provider service
- > Output collector service
- > Synchronization service



# The Communicating Vehicle



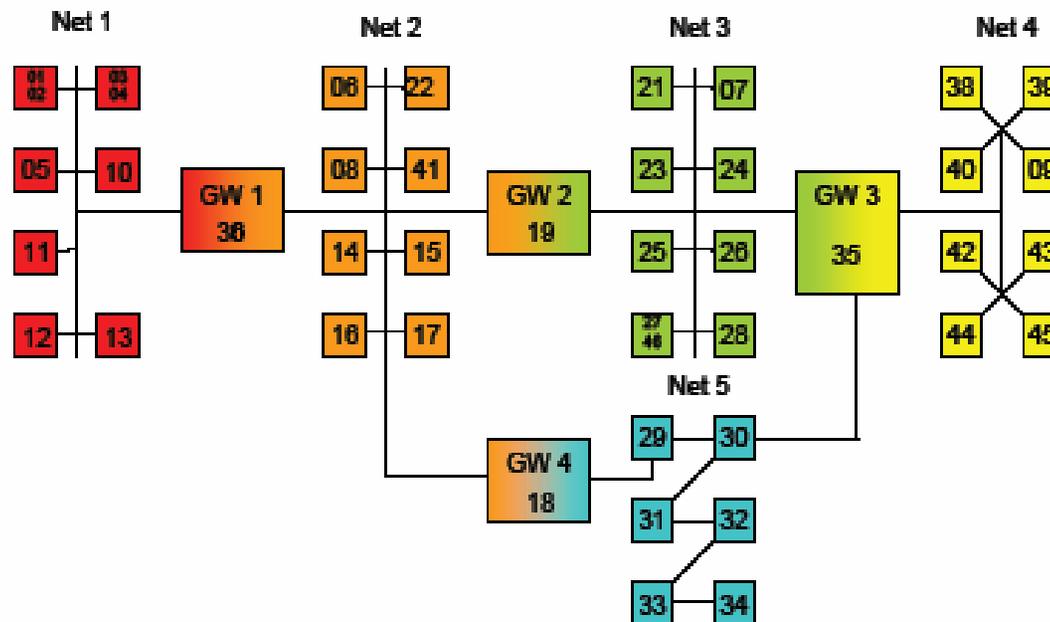
**External communication**



**Internal communication**

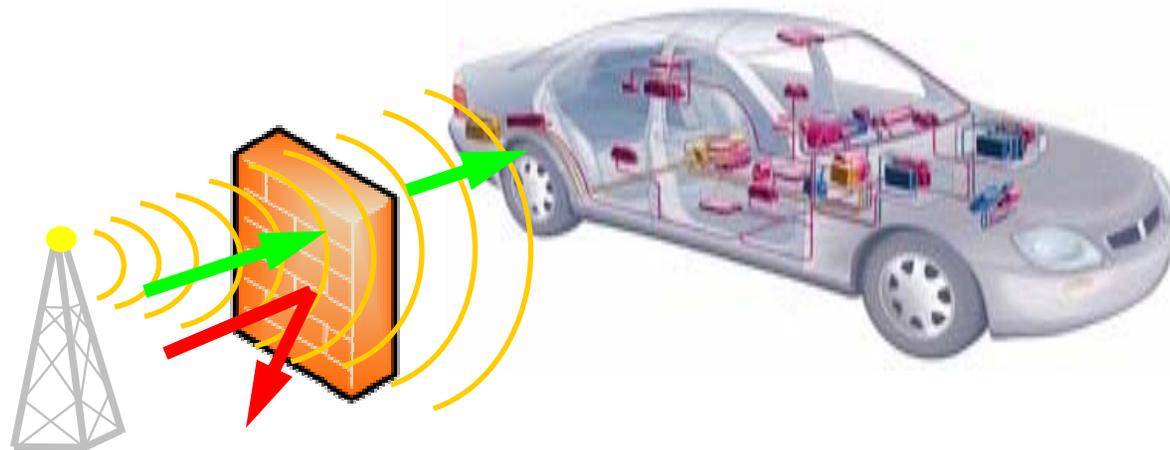
## Gateway – relaying information from source to destination

- Vehicle wide transport protocol: EASIS Common Transport Protocol (CTP)
  - > Every ECU has a global alias
  - > Routing tables in the gateways ensure proper delivery



## Firewall – Protection against malicious attackers

- Platform support contains firewall-based access control
- Application level firewalls have to be implemented by the application developers
  - > Thus, the platform will not check contents of messages – this is the responsibility of the applications



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