Development of Dependable Network-on-Chip Platform

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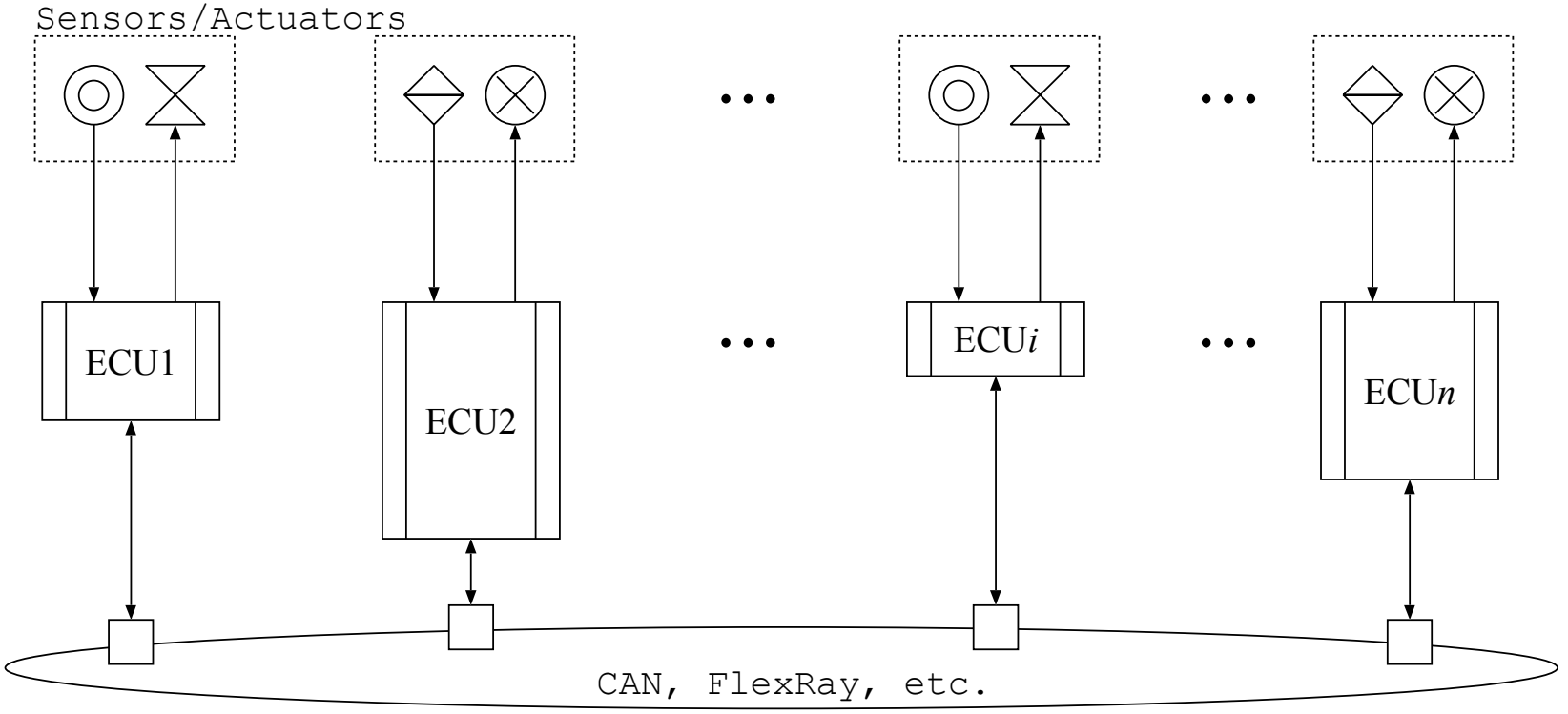

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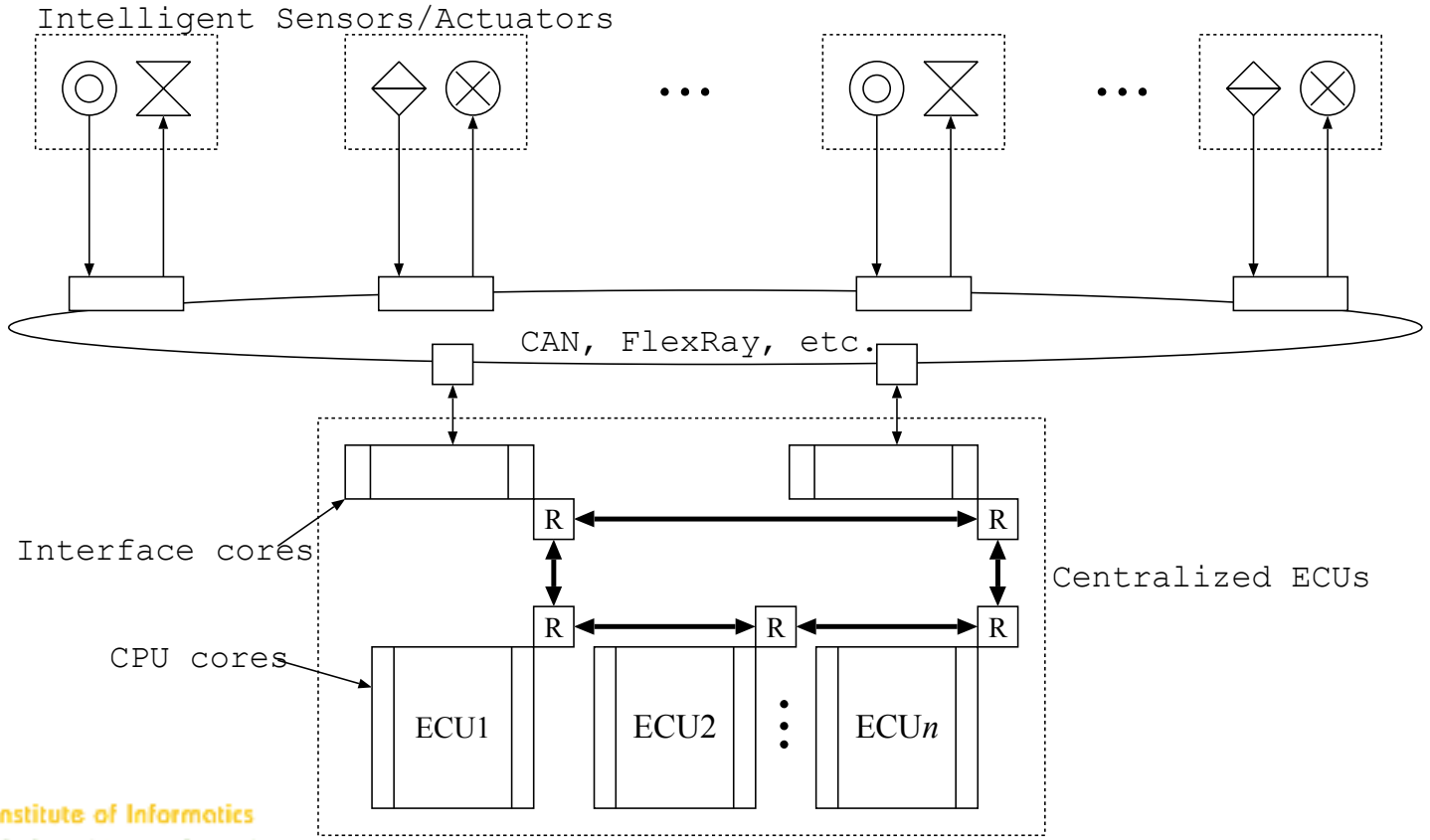

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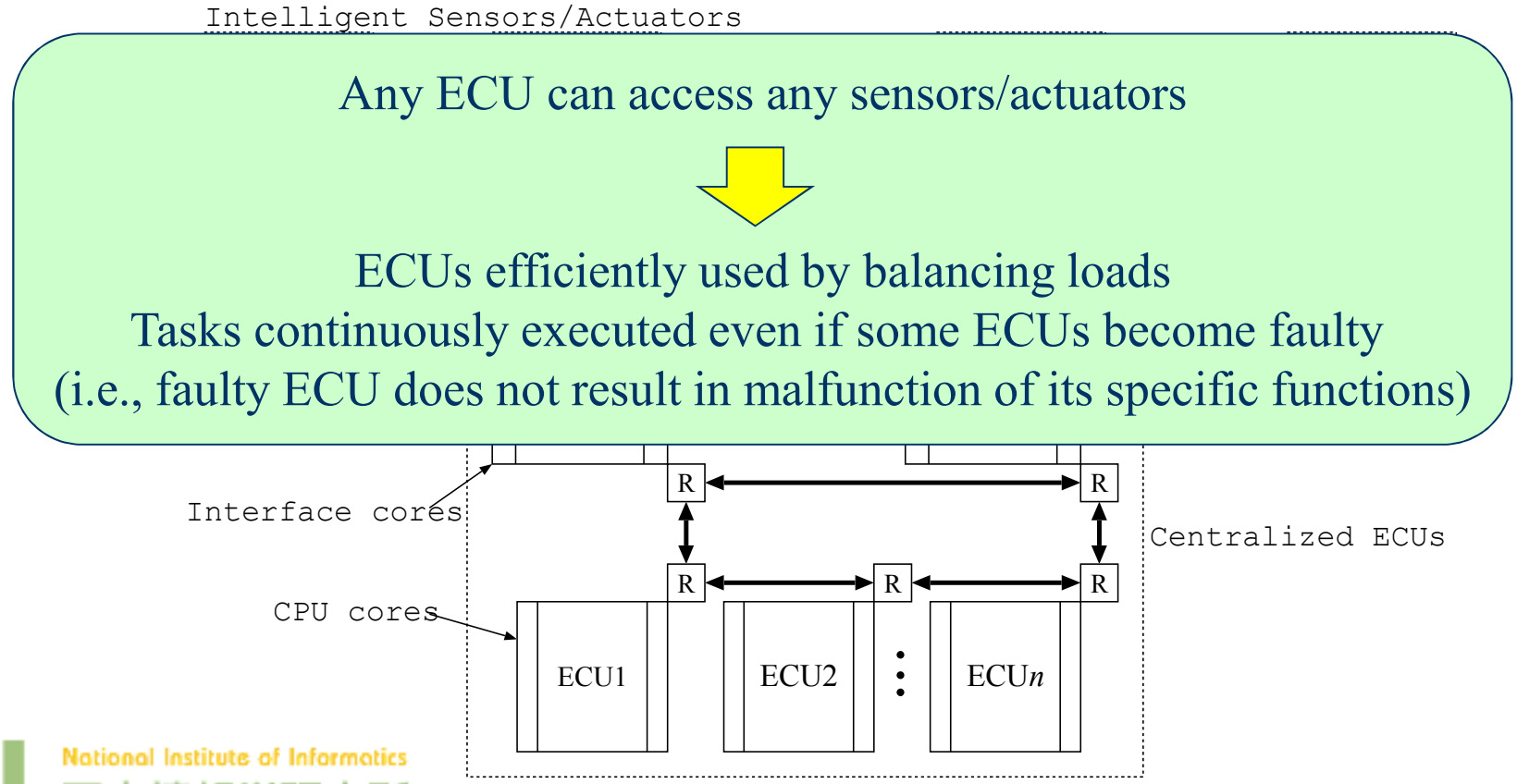

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      - Race: Robust and reliant automotive computing environment for future ecars. *http://projekt-race.de/.*
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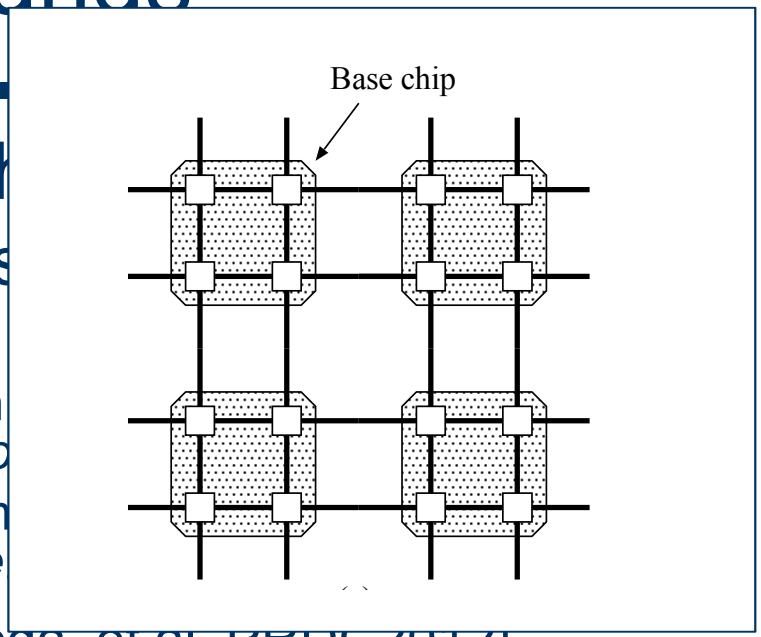

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- Hardware platform
  - Multi-Chip NoC
    - Dependable, adaptive, deadlock-free routing
    - Efficient inter-chip communication technology
  - Evaluation board
- Task execution
  - Pair & Swap
  - SmartCore
- Task allocation
  - Redundant allocation, redundant scheduling

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  - Integrated attitude control system for a four-wheel drive car
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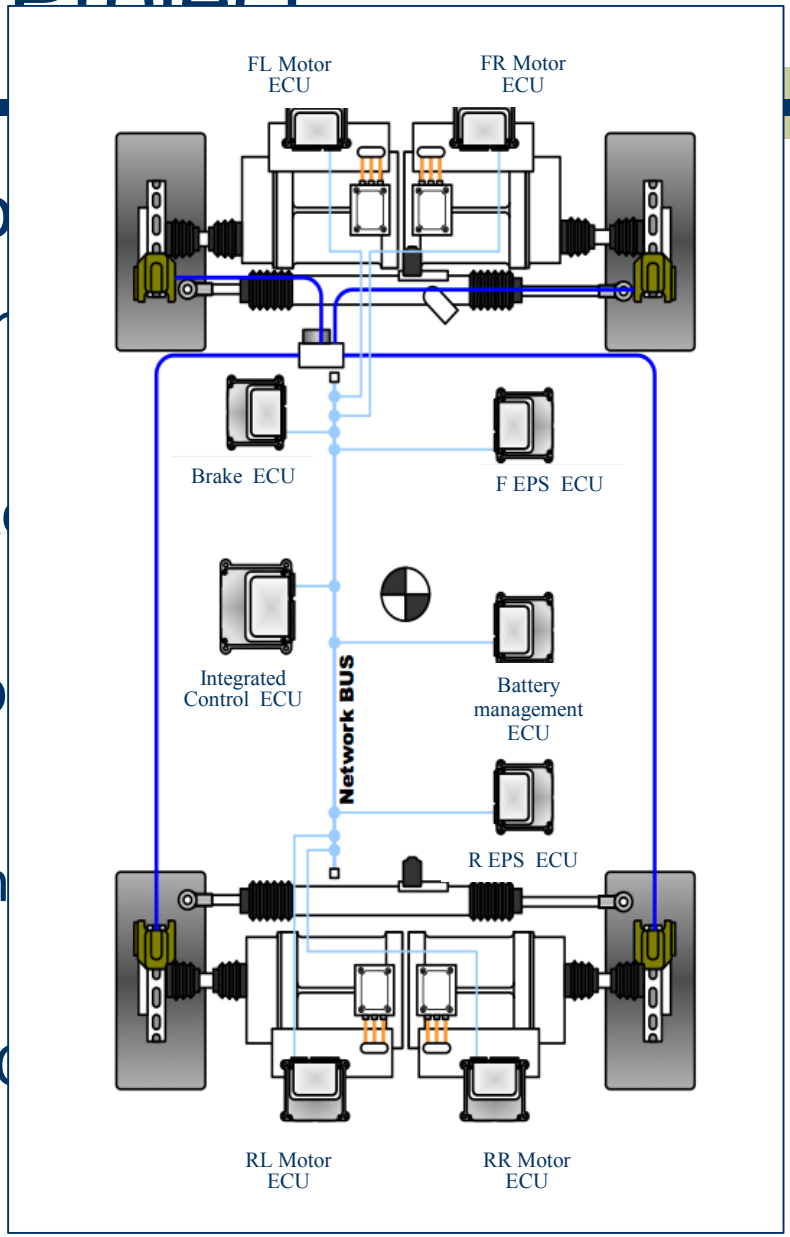

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- Characteristics of this application
  - Stopping control is very dangerous
    - Higher availability is required

Experimental system

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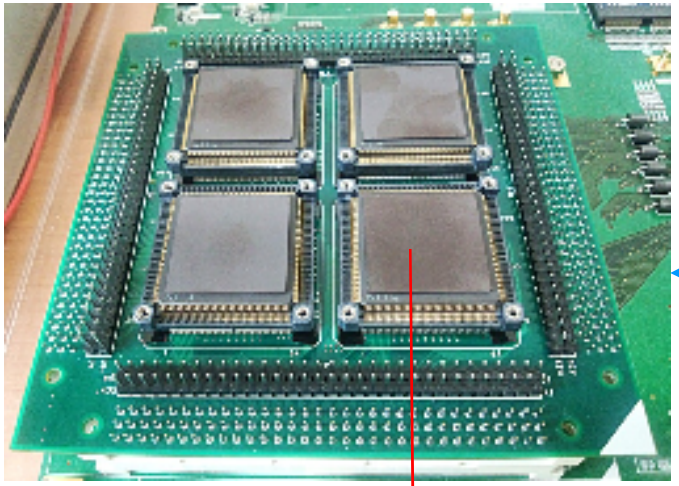

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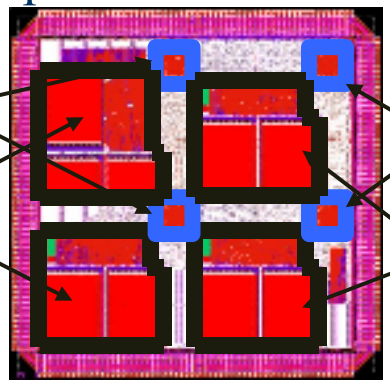
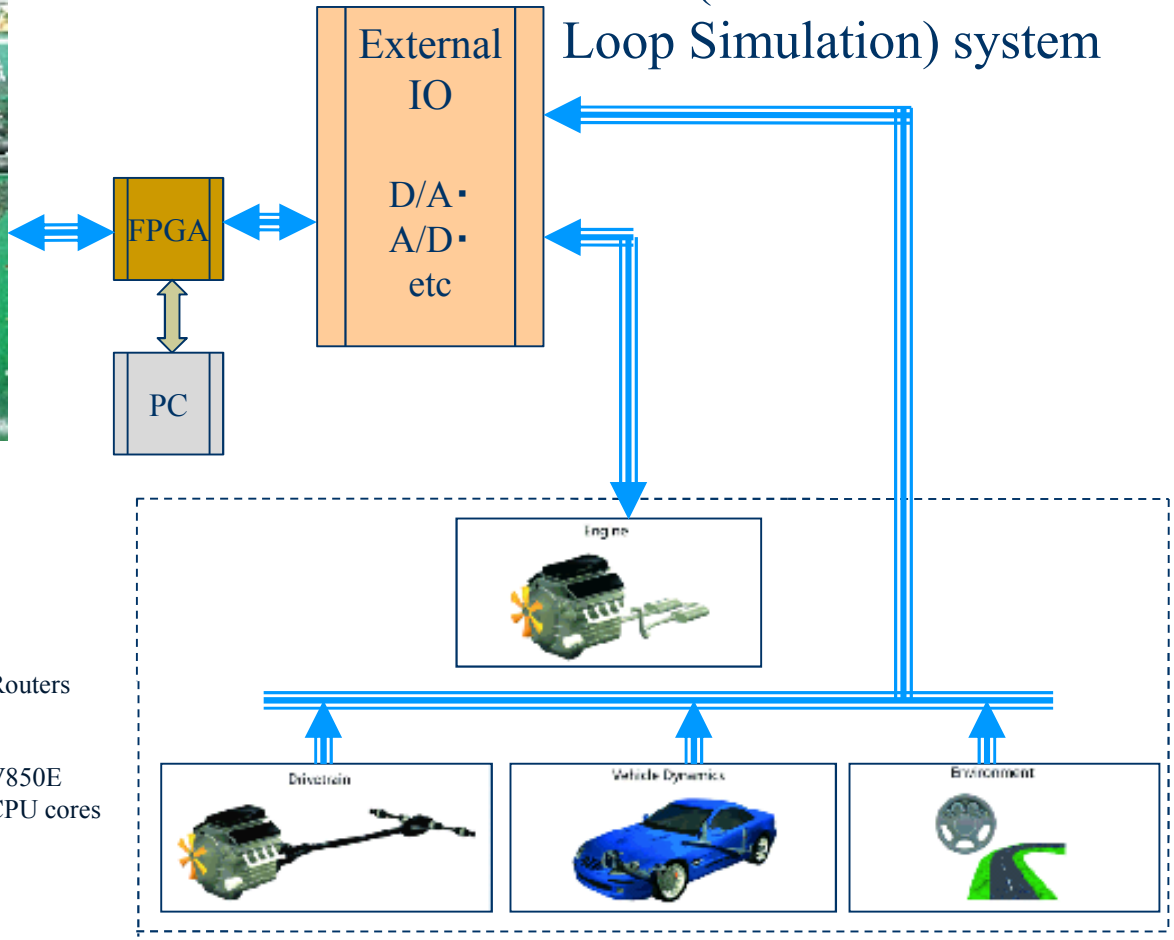


HILS (Hardware In the Loop Simulation) system



Ongoing work

- Evaluation kit
  - NoC implementation
    - 4 Multi-Chip ASICs
    - Vertex7(XC7VLX690T)
  - HILS interface
  - Pseudo HIL-plant models (executable on PC)
  - Redundant task allocation tool
    - Input: (Simplex) Simulink model for application
    - Output: Executable codes for redundant cores