

# INTEGRATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



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# READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

- High potential industrial ecosystem in vehicular technologies in the Pisa-Livorno area
- High potential research ecosystem in vehicular technologies in the Pisa-Livorno area
- UCAR (University Center for Automotive Research)
- MOVET (Motors Vehicles Technologies)
- C3T (Centro Competenza Cybersecurity Toscano)
- CrossLabs @ DII
- Pontech & Polo Tecnologico Navacchio
- Partnership outside region: Calearo, Magneti Marelli
- Polo logistica a Livorno (UNIPISA)





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## EDUCATION IN ELECTRONICS/MECHATRONICS @ UNIPISA

- 2-year Master Degree in Vehicular Engineering at University of Pisa
- Dedicated courses on vehicle & component electrification, connectivity, smart control, digital-flow for design, production and verification also in 2-year Master Degrees in Electronic Engineering, Automation and Robotic Engineering, Electrical Engineering
- Junior electronic/electrical engineer from the 3-year BSc in Electronic Engineering (test, HW board design, FW/SW design)
- New Master Degrees in Cybersecurity and in Data Engineering and Artificial Intelligence
- PhD program in Information Engineering (30 PhD/year of which 75% funded by industry/EU projects) + PhD program in Smart Industry (Regione Toscana)
- Post-degree 1-year master in Cybersecurity
- E-Team squadra corse driverless





# EDUCATION IN ELECTRONICS/MECHATRONICS @ UNIPISA

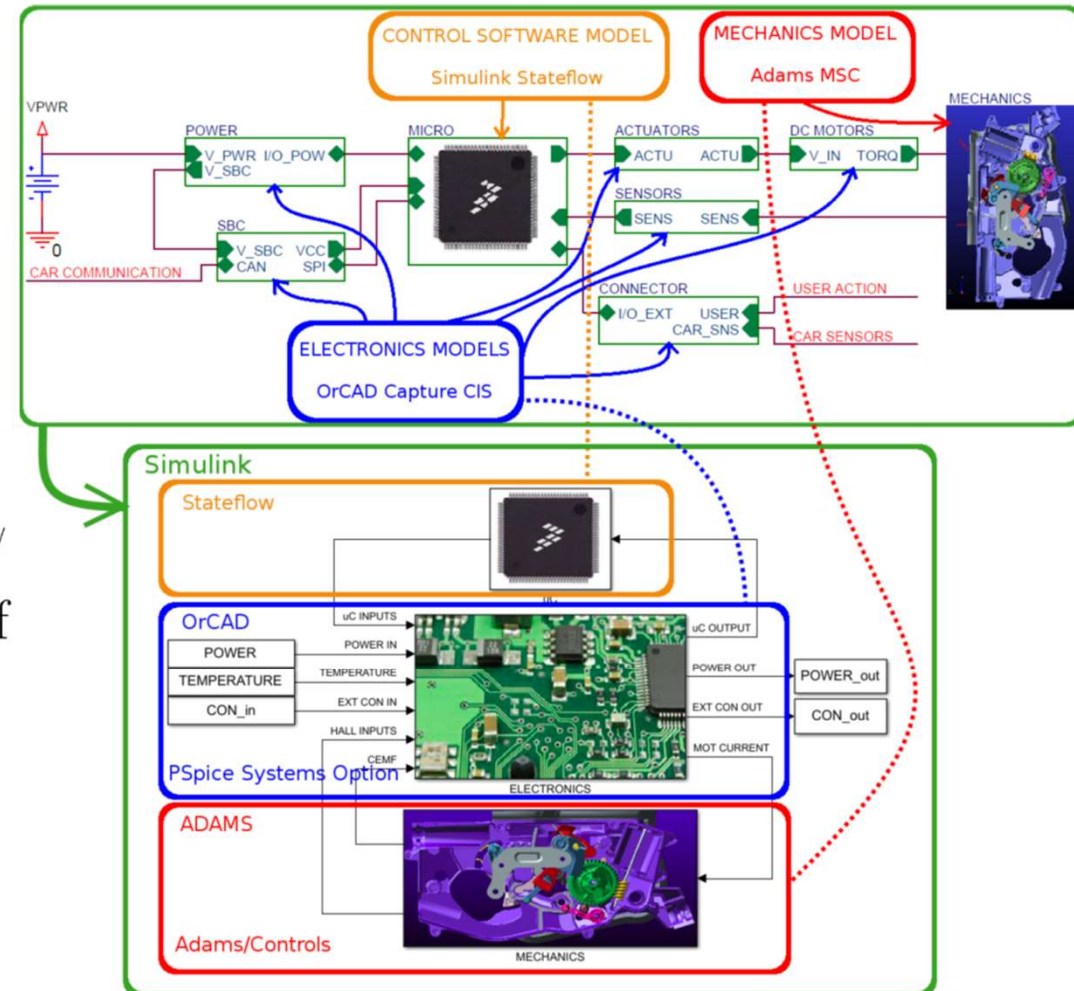


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- Master thesis in industries (now many ongoing in PPC, Magna, Pierburg, Magneti Marelli, Leonardo, INTECS...)
- Dedicated courses for short-intensive education in electronic&ICT field & mechatronics (e.g. Summer school on IoT, dedicated course for industries: already done for Magna, Pierburg, ABB, Leonardo-Finmeccanica)



# EXAMPLE THESIS IN MECHATRONICS @ MAGNA (DIGITAL FLOW)



Integrated simulation environment for co-design/ verification of mechanic, electronic and control of automotive e-drives: the smart-latch case study.

# CROSSLAB @DII-UNIFI



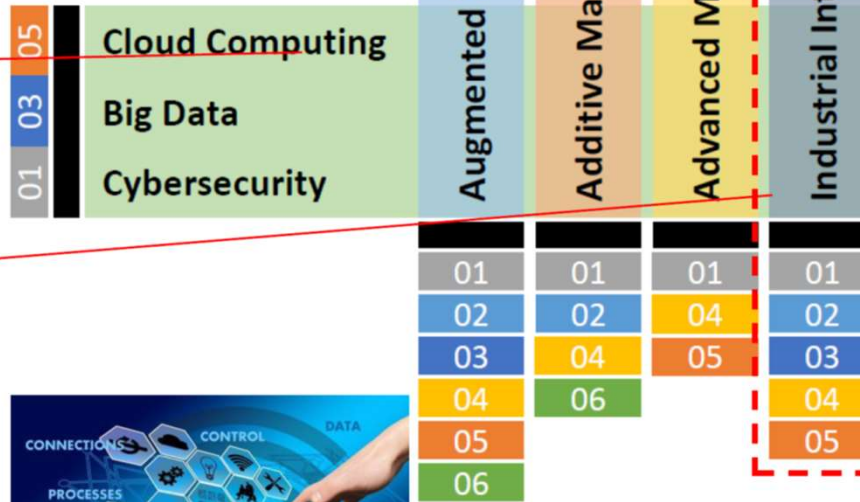
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- 01 ING-INF/01 - Elettronica
- 02 ING-INF/02 - Campi elettromagnetici
- 03 ING-INF/03 - Telecomunicazioni
- 04 ING-INF/04 - Automatica
- 05 ING-INF/05 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni
- 06 ING-INF/06 - Bioingegneria elettronica e informatica

## Two Cross-labs for:

- **Cloud, big data and Cybersecurity**
- **Industrial IoT**

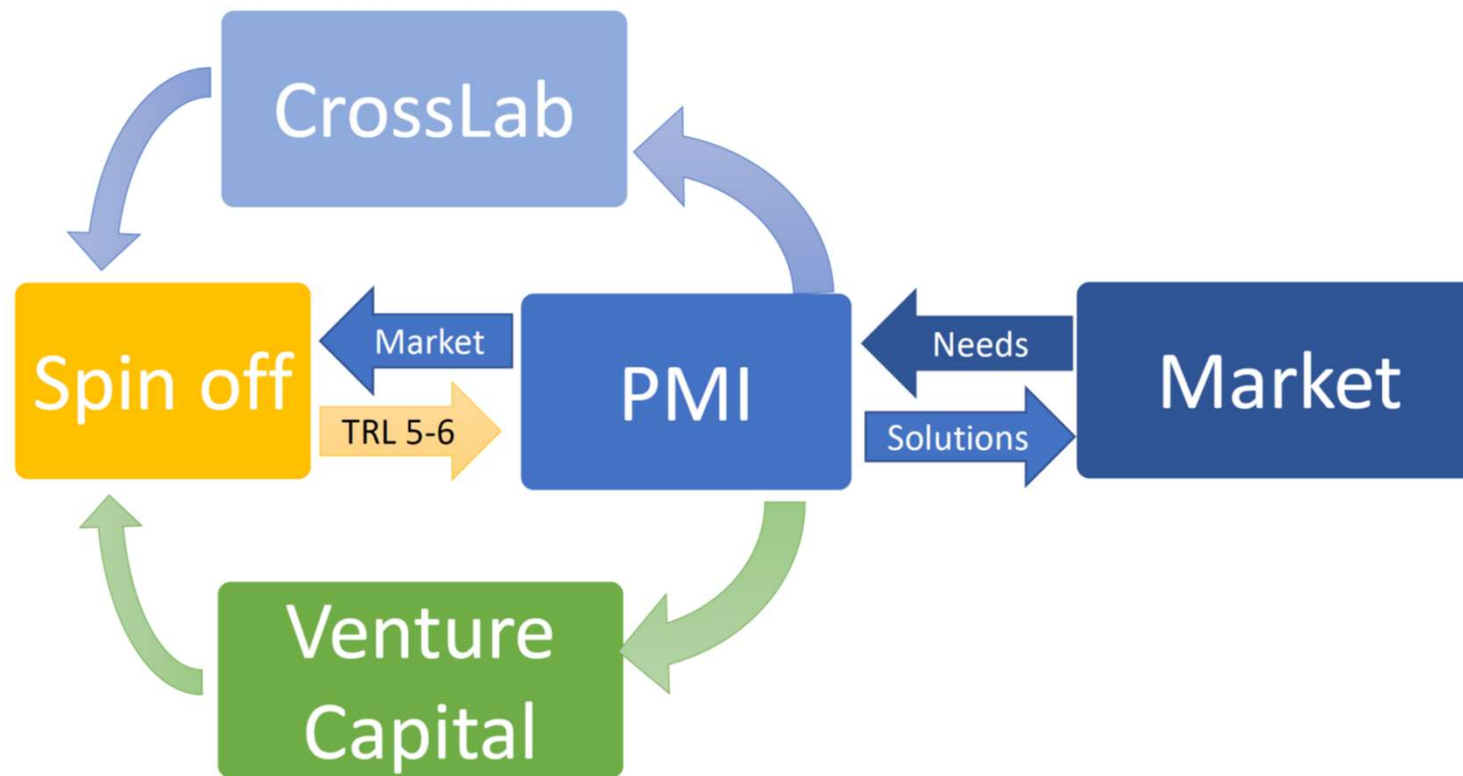
**New physical spaces**  
**New instrumentation**  
**labs (1 ME)**







# FROM CROSSLAB TO ENTERPRISES (13 SPIN-OFFS AT DII)





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## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

### - Master or Training Courses

Es. training for Magna, ABB-PowerOne, Pierburg, ....Summer Schools

### - Dottorato di Ricerca «Industriali», Assegni di Ricerca, RTD

Es. funding from Ri.Co., Kayser, STM, AMS, Gaisler, Sensichip, PPC, Calero,.

- **Direct contracts «conto terzi»**, es. Leonardo, Intel, AMS, STM, Renesas, Magna, ABB, Ri.Co, Thales, Intel, INTECS, IDS, ISE,...

- **Common EU/ESA projects** Leonardo, Magna, STM, AMS, Valeo, IDS, INTECS, Thales, TAS, IDS,..

- **Common Regional Projects** es. SIMPLE, AMDS, IREAD4.0, AirCardio, Corsair,

### **JOINT LABS @ DII (Enterprises physically hosted at UNIPI)**

**STMicroelectronics, CNIT, Calero Antenne, Beijing LMV Institute**

**3-year agreement signed with Magneti Marelli (discussion for a physical site at Villa Letizia-Livorno)**

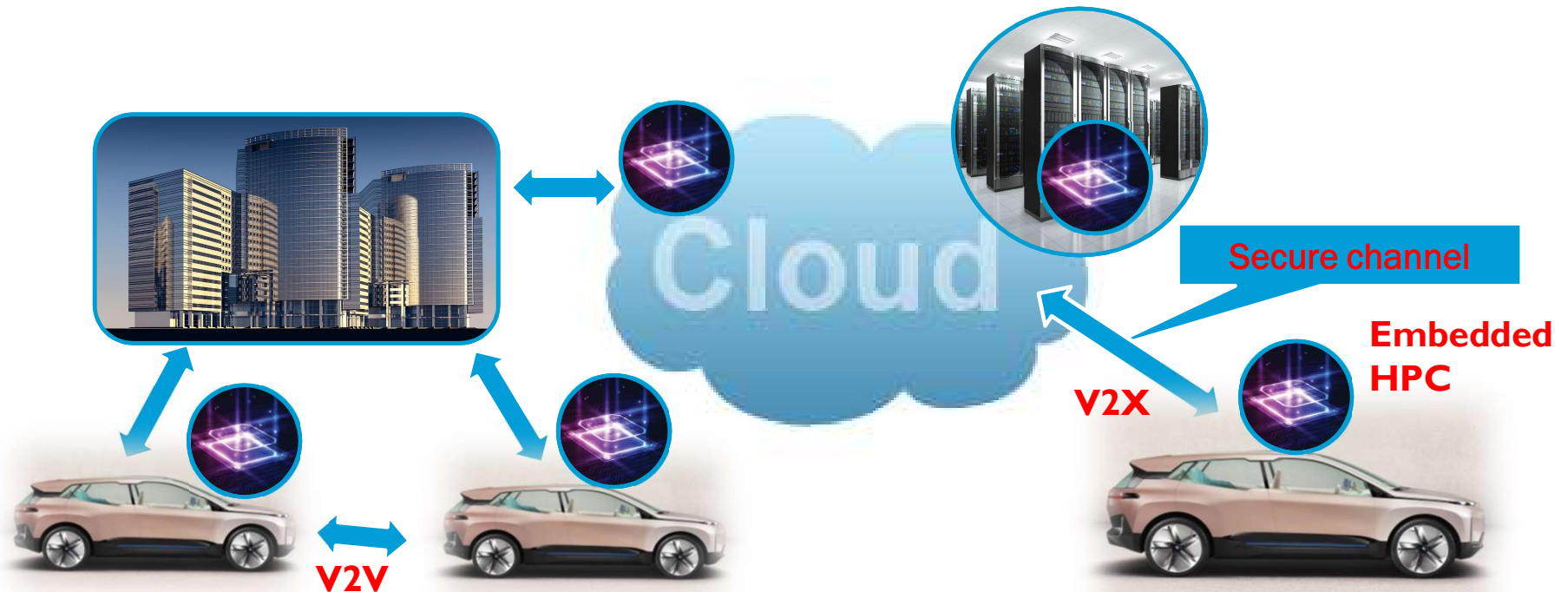
**on-going discussions with NVIDIA**



# RESEARCH

Enabling **T**Echnologies for sm**A**rt vehicles and **M**obility (EPI 120 M€ project in 5 years)

Research on new *technologies, sensors, analog&smart-Power, mechatronics, embedded systems for control/navigation, cybersecurity, AI (ML/DNN) accelerators*





# EPI PARTNERS



Rolls-Royce  
Motor Cars Limited



Barcelona  
Supercomputing  
Center  
Centro Nacional de Supercomputación



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
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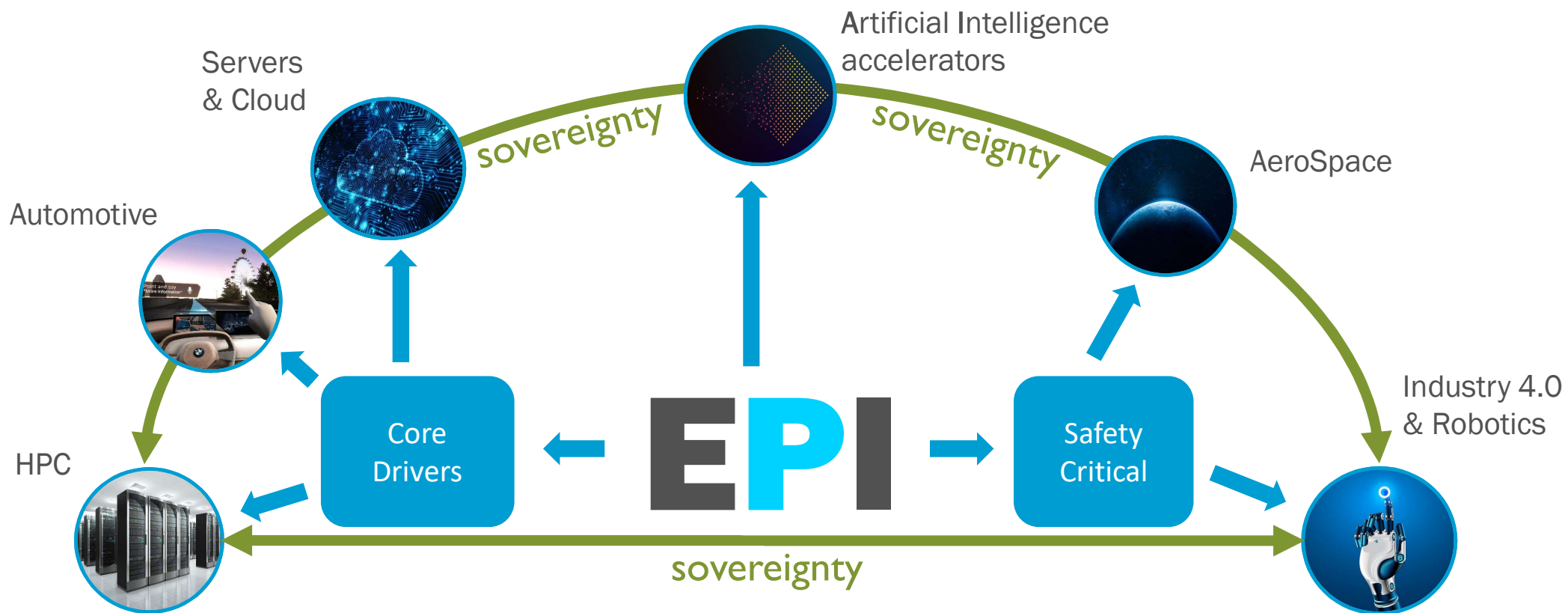
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# ACES VEHICLES & MOBILITY

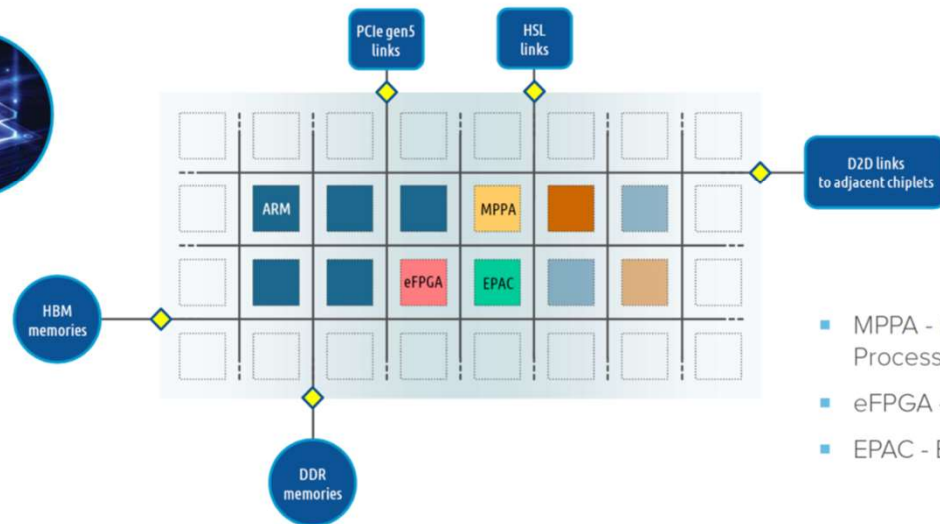
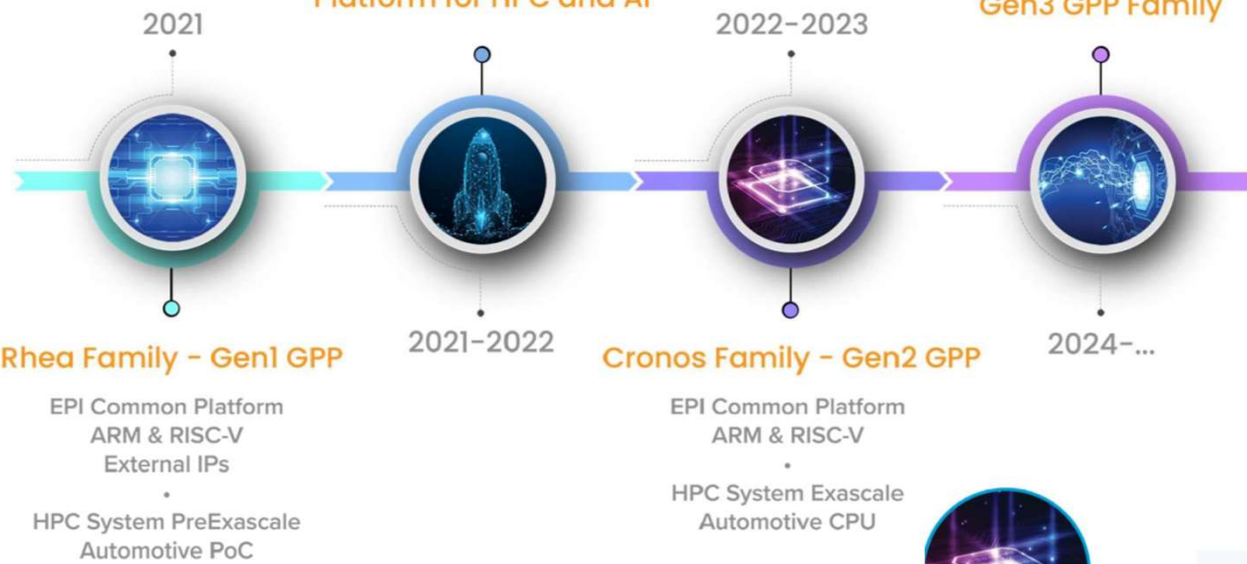
Autonomous Connected Electrified Shared



Pan European Research  
Platform for HPC and AI

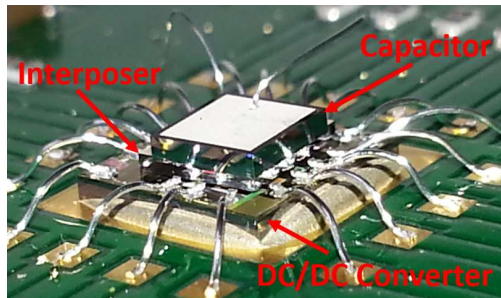
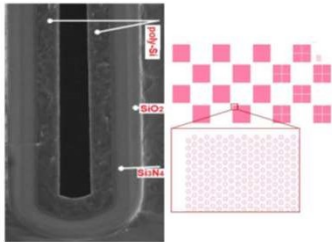
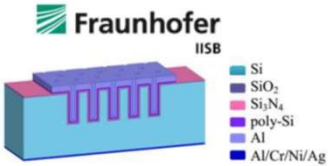
Gen3 GPP Family

# ROADMAP & ARCHITECTURE



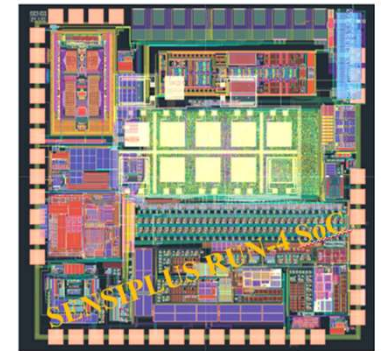


# Sensors & Mechatronics

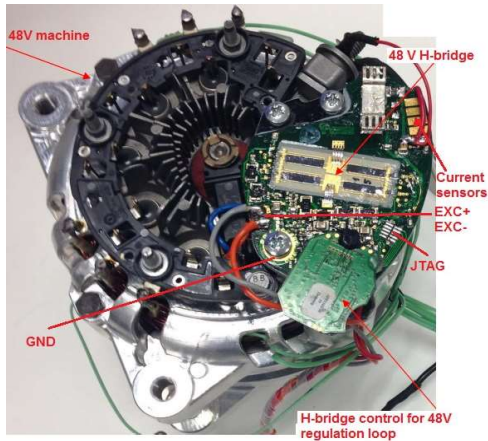


## Sensor platform

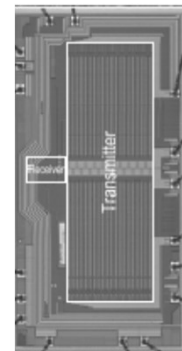
Temperature, radiation, humidity, pollutant gases + communication



## Sensors for Mechatronics



## Driver

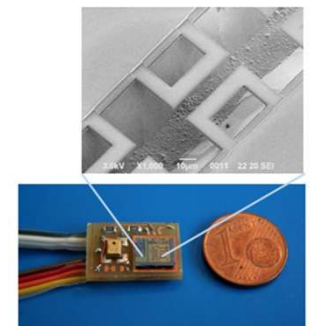
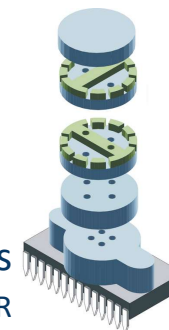


	min	max
Battery	-0.3V	+58V
Bus DC Voltage	-58V	+58V
Junction Temp. (T <sub>J</sub> )	-40°C	+150°C
ESD (HBM)	+4kV	+4kV
Latchup immunity	-100mA	100mA

## MEMS Smart sensors

Acoustic, thermal, flow sensors

In partnership with STM, CNR



## Low-cost Sensors & Converters

Reliable and low cost tags and sensors for WSNs

# Automotive Electronics

## RF Circuits

(mmW Radar, 802.11p V2X & 5G C-V2X, GNSS)

## Sensor signal processing

(Image, Radar, Lidar, IMU,..& fusion )

## Power Electronics

(DC/DC converters, inverters, BMS  
12V→48V→ 300V)

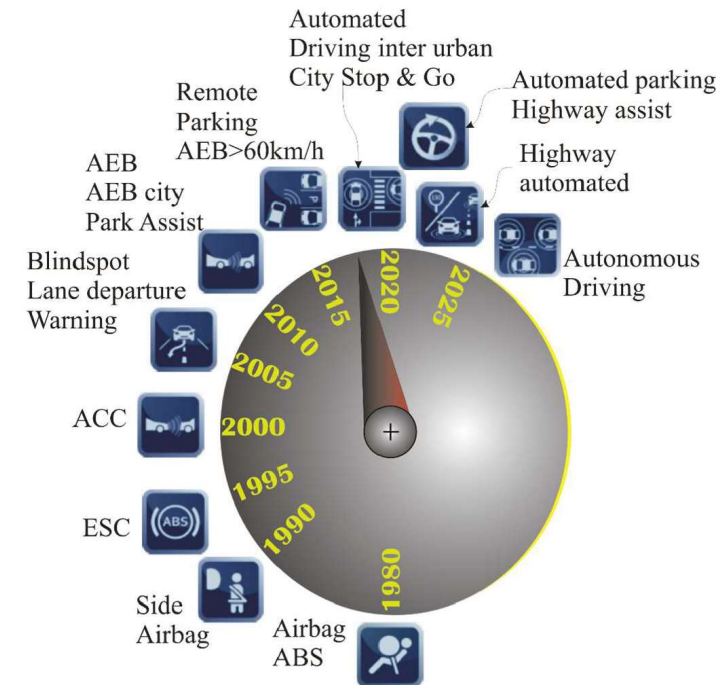
## Low-power Analog & Mixed-signal ICs

**Sensors** (device & technologies-MEMS/MOEMS)

**MCU & memories** (multi-core, deep-learning, high SIL in harsh environments)

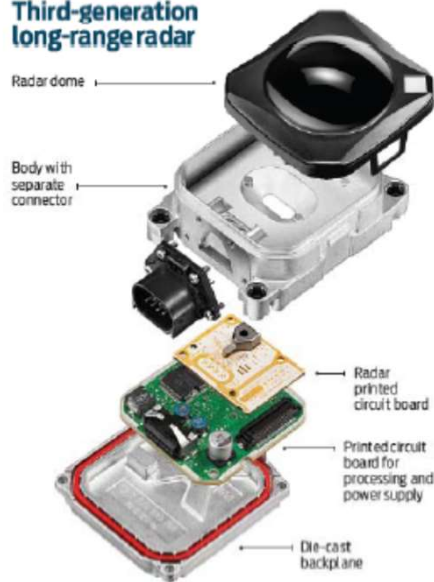
## Predictive-diagnostic

(thermal, EMI/EMC, electrical, ageing, vibrations,..) for functional safety



# Machine Perception

## Third-generation long-range radar



- Front camera:**
- Active lane assist
  - ACC stop&go
  - Speed limit display
  - Pre sense / front / plus
  - Adaptive light

- Ultrasonic sensors at side:**
- Park assist

- Rear camera:**
- Parking system plus with reversing camera
  - Park assist with reversing camera

- Ultrasonic sensors at rear:**
- Parking system
  - Park assist

**Ultrasonic sensors at front:**

- ACC stop&go
- Parking system
- Park assist

**Infrared camera:**

- Night vision assistant with highlighting of detected pedestrians



**Rear radar sensors:**

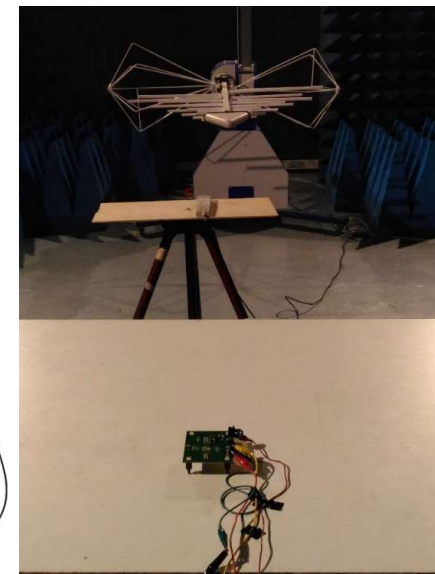
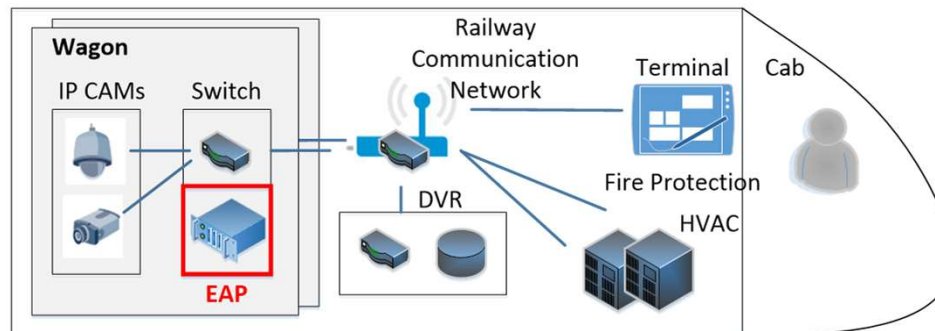
- Side assist
- Pre sense rear / plus

**Crash sensors:**

- Front protection adaptivity
- Side protection
- Rear impact protection

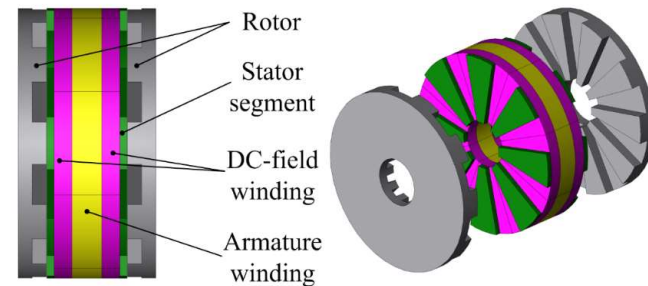
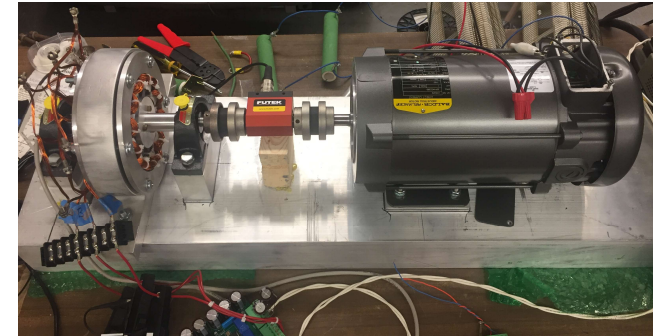
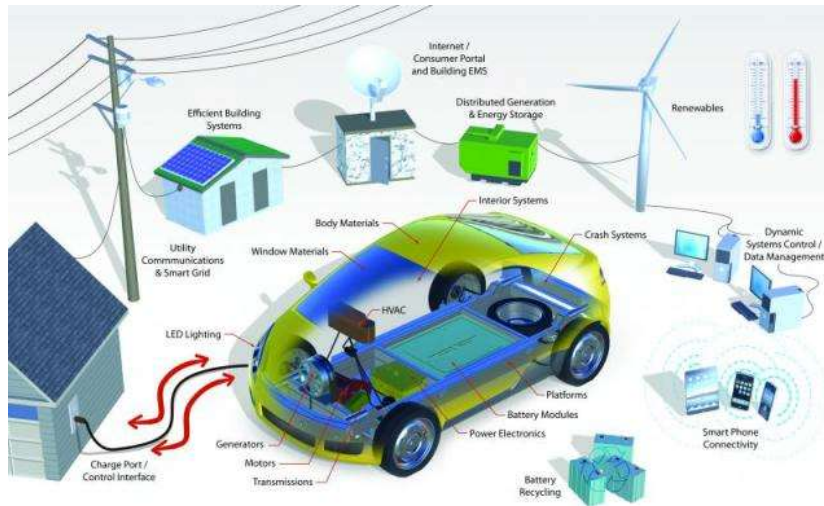
**Front radar sensors:**

- ACC stop&go
- Pre sense / front / plus

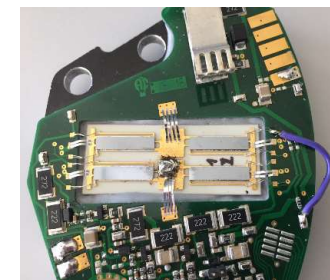
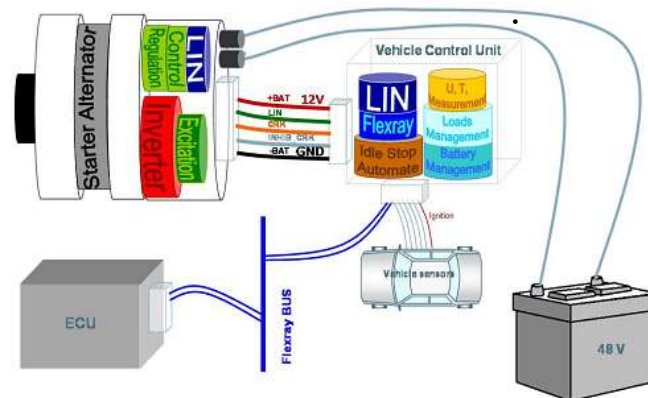
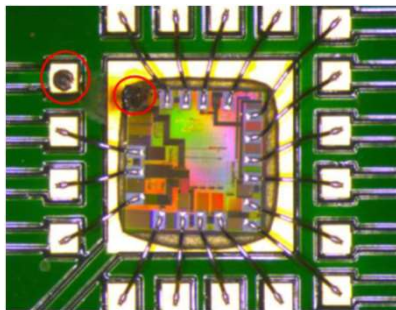




# Power & Control Electronics



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# Cybersecurity

## Hardware for security

CMOS-based Physical  
Unclonable Function  
for secure authentication

## Secure Communication in WSNs/IoT/CPS

Applied cryptography  
Key management  
Denial-of-Service  
Selective jamming

## Automotive Cybersecurity

Abstract modeling  
Architecture patterns  
Methods and tools for analysis and synthesis  
Secure information flow

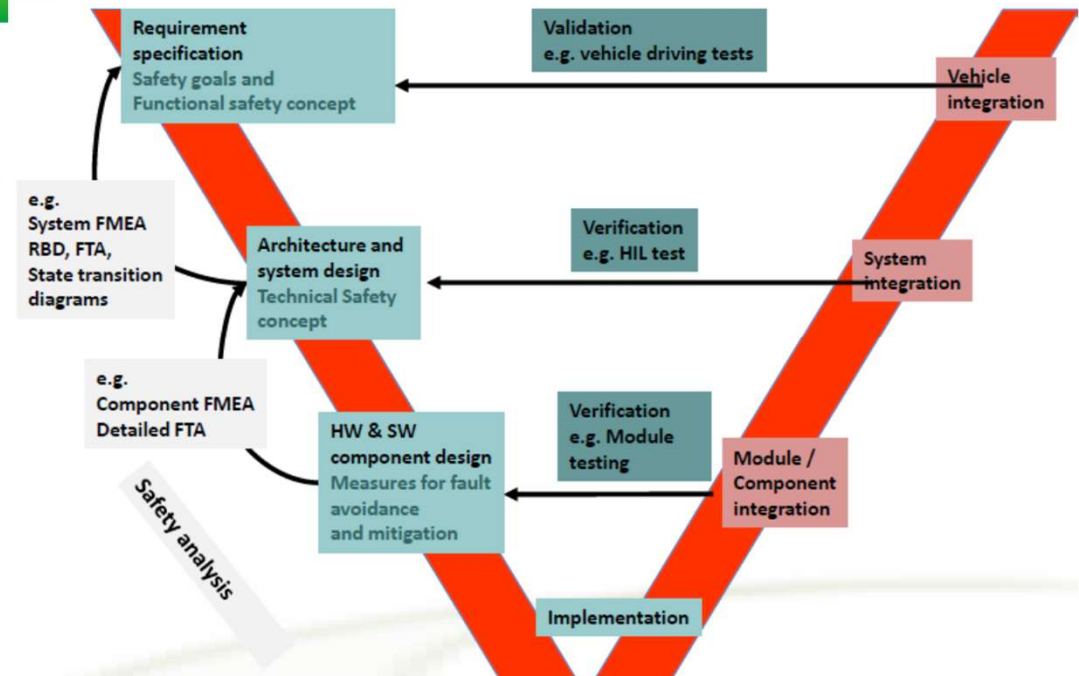
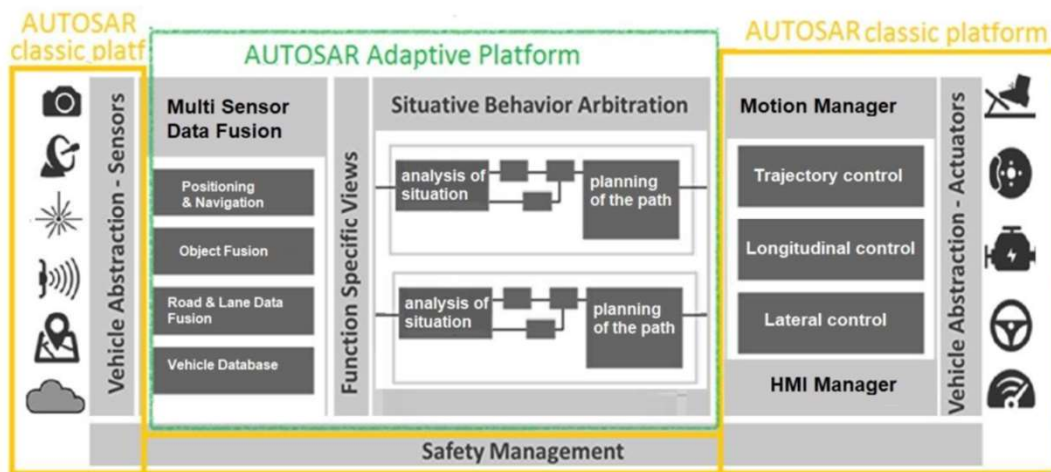


Exposure to cyber attacks:

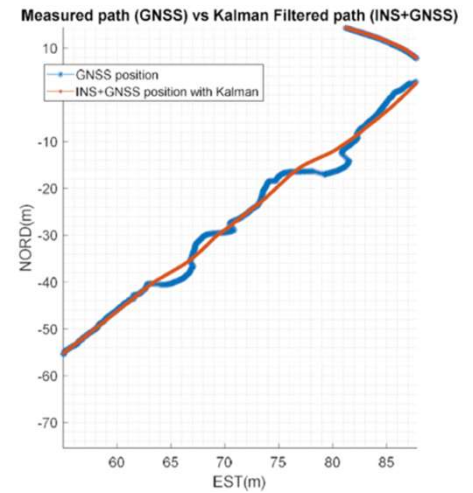
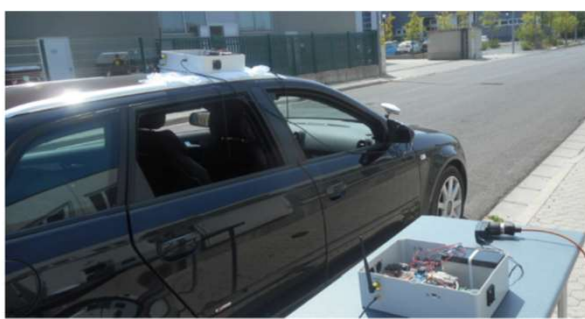
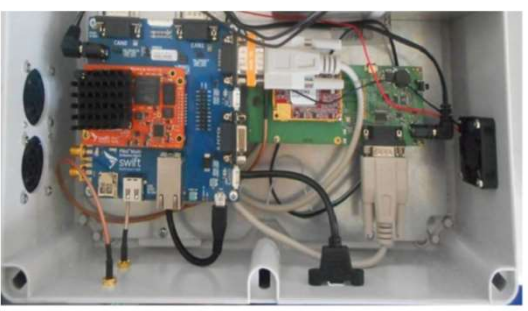
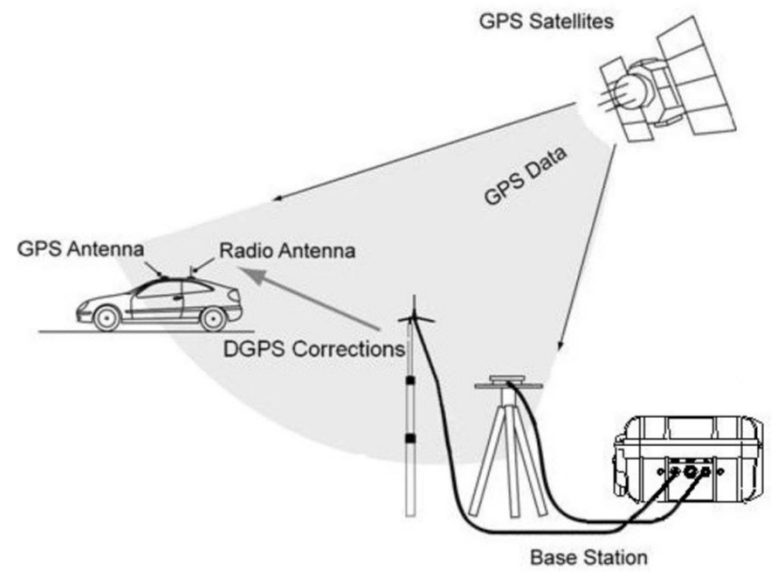
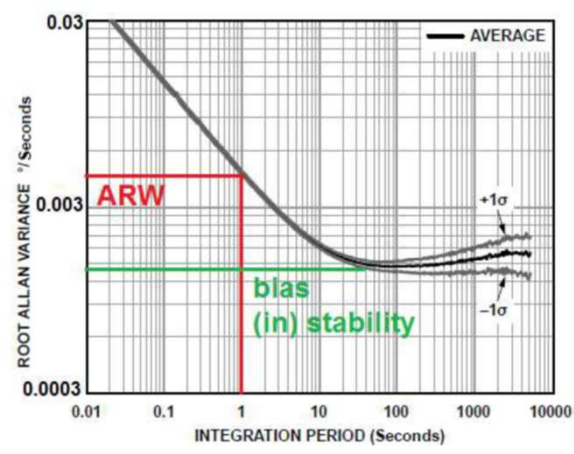
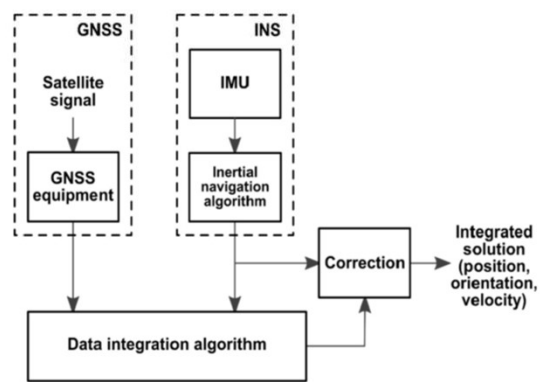
- Vehicle hack
- Data tampering
- Denial of Service

ASIL - D	> 99% faults detected < 10 FIT	EPS, braking, airbag safing, etc...
ASIL - C	> 97% faults detected < 100 FIT	HEV/EV battery mng. powertrn
ASIL - B	> 90% faults detected < 100 FIT	ADAS
ASIL - A	(> 60% faults detected)	

# Functional Safety & Verification



# Positioning/Navigation



# Printed & Wearable Electronics



## Printed Circuits

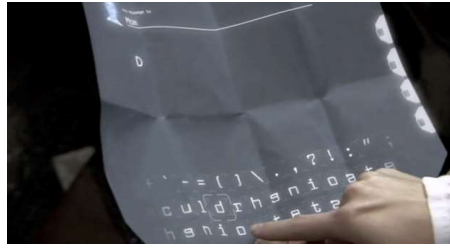
- Electronics circuits printed on flexible substrates
  - Paper
- Through two-dimensional materials
  - graphene

## Printed Devices

- 2D smart labels, sensors
- smart biomedical devices
- ...



Rigid  
Produced in series - Not customizable  
Designed by somebody else than the user



Flexible, foldable  
Fully customized  
Designed and fabricated by the user  
Cheaper  
Low environmental impact



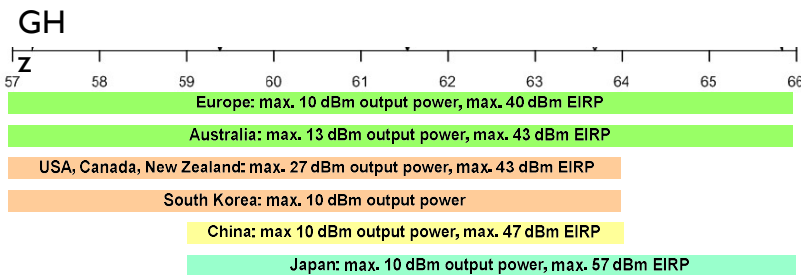
# Industrial Wireless Communications

ISM free spectrum can boost the performance of industrial wireless networks

Time-slotted channel hopping & frequency-diversity can provide support for a large number of high bit rate channels (i.e., several Mb/s per channel).

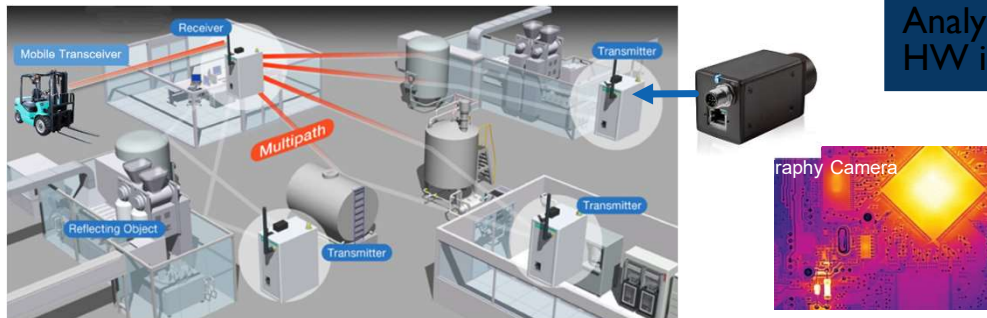
This allows a robust networking of high data-rate industrial sensors, such as hi-res cameras, radars or laser scanners.

Worldwide free mmW **Industrial**, Scientific and Medical bands and power limits



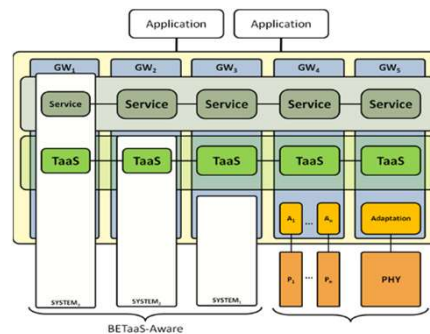
**Areas of investigation**

- mmW propagation in industrial environments
- Link-layer communication protocols
- Networking protocols
- Analysis and performance evaluation
- HW implementation



Software platforms to support interoperability in IoT/M2M systems

Fog/Edge Computing paradigm to reduce network latency, improve data security, and enable autonomous control at the system edge



Recent EU Project  
Building the Environment for Things as a Service

Expertise on standard and open platforms for IoT/M2M

## Internet of Things



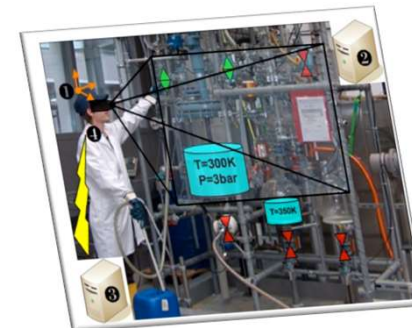
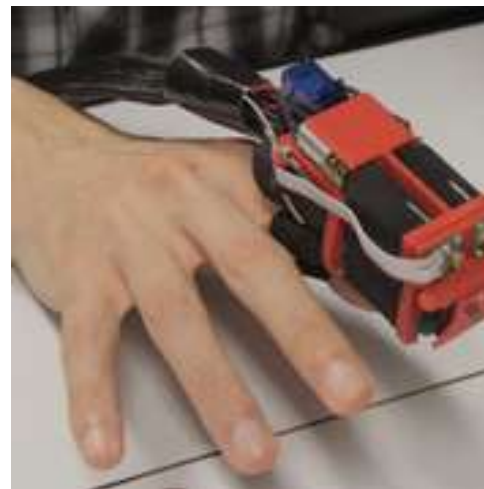
# Augmented Reality

## Augmented Reality on wearable head-mounted display

To support manufacturing processes and for security  
For computer-assisted surgery



Haptic Interfaces

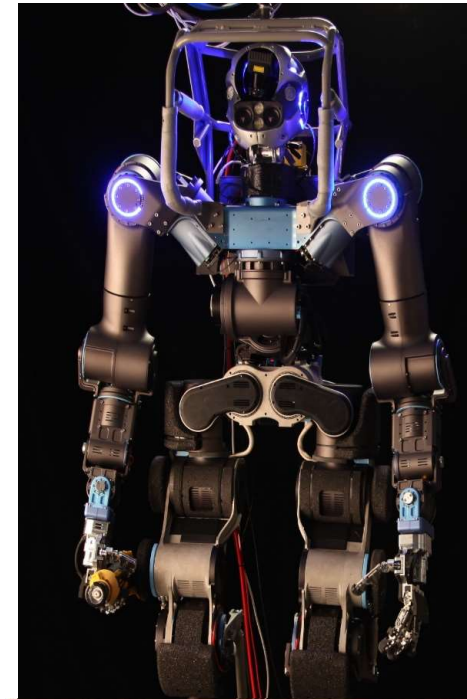


Virtual reality



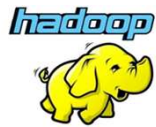
## Drones, UAV & AGV

- Autonomous Mobile Agents
  - Robots, UAV, Marine Robots
  - Distributed, Scalable and Secure Coordination
- COBOTs
- Soft Robotics
- Smart Human-Machine Interfaces





# Big Data & Cloud



## Big Data Mining

Learning algorithms for fault detection, business intelligence, customer satisfaction

Frequent pattern analysis for customer analysis, event detection, fraud detection, web mining

Multi-objective evolutionary algorithms for industrial multi-objective optimization problems

## Condition-based Maintenance

Fault Prediction

Diagnosis of the causes of efficiency loss in photovoltaic energy systems

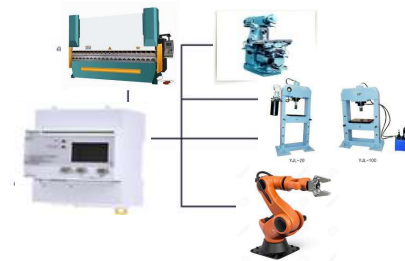


## Profiling

Recommender systems

Electronic Recruitment

Energy Management: low-cost system to monitor the use of electrical energy





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