

# PC-Based Validation of ECU Software

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# What you will learn

- Motivation for PC-Based Development
- How to create MiL and SiL platforms using ETAS INTECRIO software;
- How to calibrate C-code using production tools like ETAS INCA;
- How to improve productivity, reduce cost by leveraging the PC platform;

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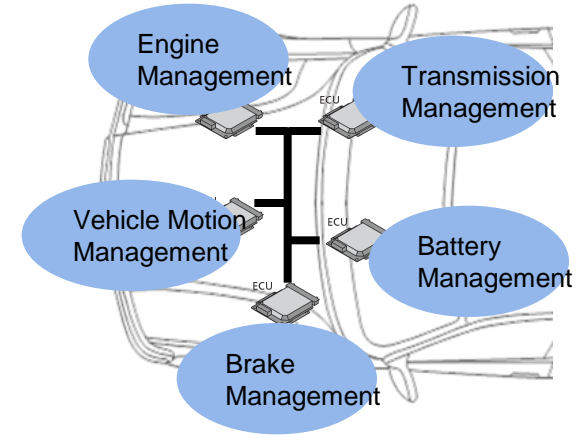
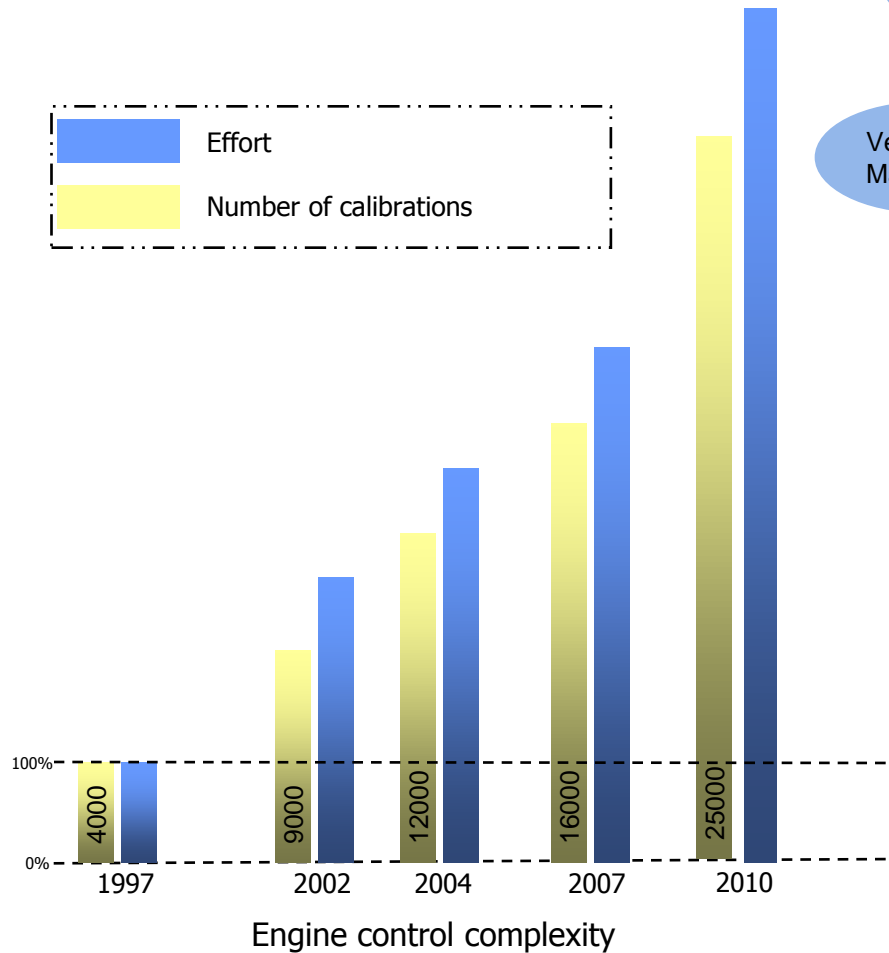
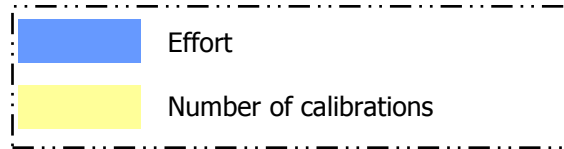
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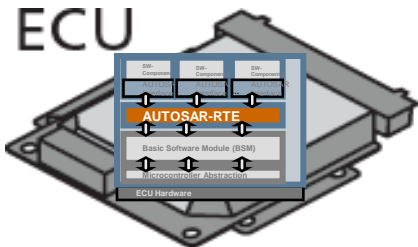
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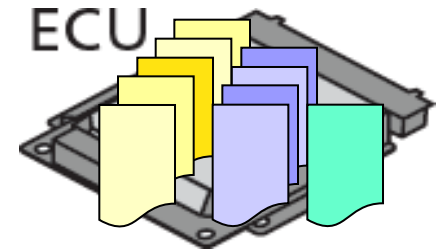
Consumption and emission requirements



Increased inter domain connectivity

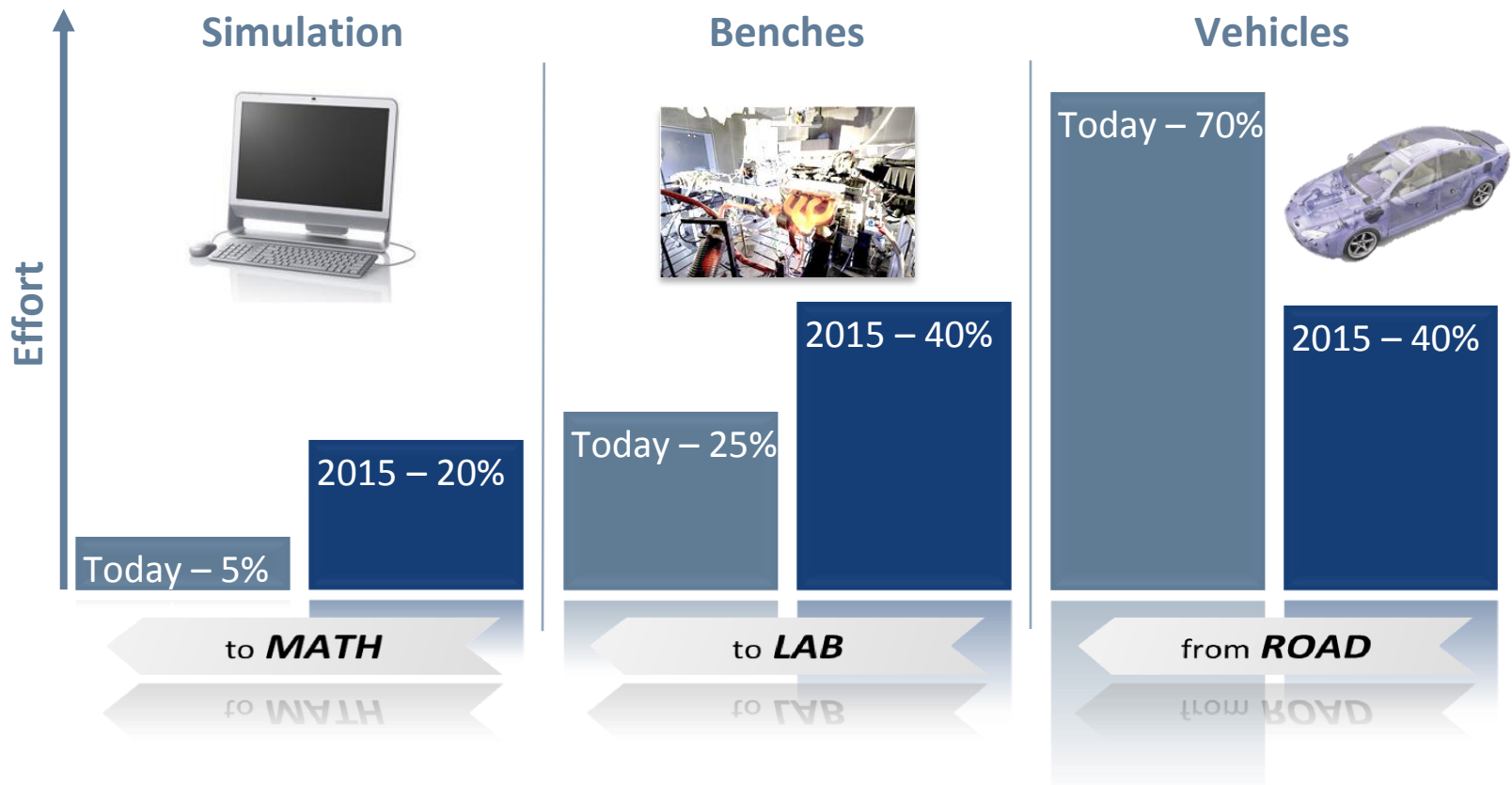


New layered standard architecture



New functions and variants

# Why PC-Based Development?



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“**Road to lab to math** is basically the idea that you want to be as advanced on the evolutionary scale of engineering as possible. Math is the next logical step in the process over testing on the road and in the lab. Math is much more cost effective because you don't have to build preproduction vehicles and then waste them. We've got to get out in front of the technology so it doesn't leave us behind. We have to live and breathe math. When we do that, we can pass the savings on to the consumer.”

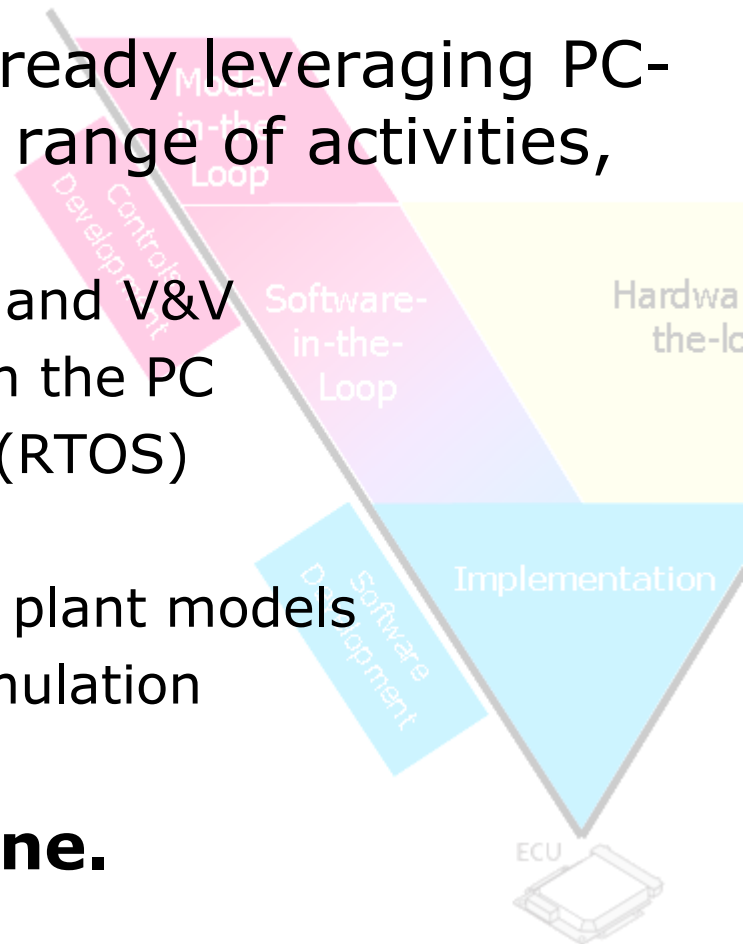
- A senior auto executive

- **Summary:** Development hardware (ECUs, vehicles etc.) is expensive and PCs are more powerful and inexpensive than ever.

# Why PC-Based Development?

- Automotive industry is already leveraging PC-based development for a range of activities, e.g.:
  - software functional testing and V&V
  - legacy c-code simulation on the PC
  - target-like timing analysis (RTOS)
  - calibration development
  - system development using plant models
  - complete ECU hardware emulation

→ **But more can be done.**





# Several studies..

Home > Automotive Design Center > How To Article

## Electronic virtualization for the US auto industry: Is survival in the balance?

Michigan, VaS... January 10, 2009

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### Virtualization Tools Aims to Help Automotive Developers Manage Software Complexity

Virtual prototypes will enable automotive developers to tackle growing software intricacies and speed their time to market.

Compiled By Adrienne Solko

Oct 24, 2008



### The Evolution of GM's Revolution — How Math Made it Happen

The recent changes in vehicle design are incredible. The benefits of math-based tools become clearer when you take a look at the way it began.

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# Definitions

## Virtualization

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

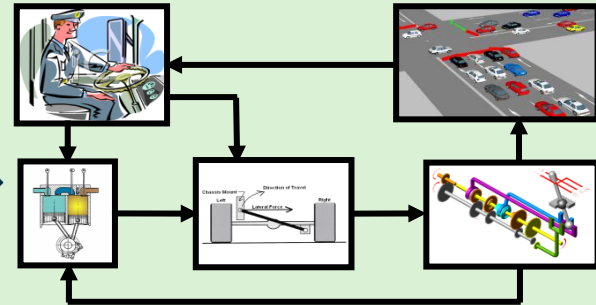
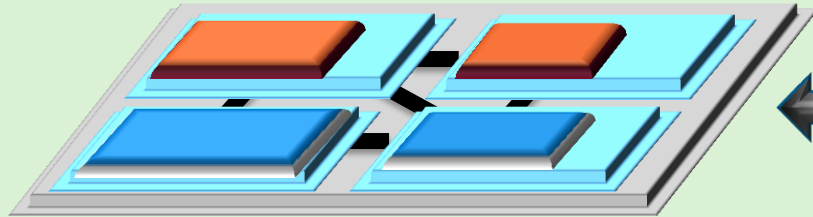
In computing, **virtualization** (or **virtualisation**) is the creation of a virtual (rather than actual) version of something, such as a hardware platform, operating system, storage device, or network resources.<sup>[1]</sup>

**Our Definition:** A virtual ECU development environment is characterized by the absence of physical hardware, i.e. PC-based representation of all components, with or without real-time execution

# Evolution of Virtualization

ECU Application Models, Software

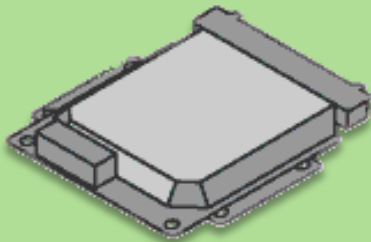
Driver, Vehicle and Environment Models



Virtual Environment

Real ECU

Real Vehicle



Real Environment

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# What's included for today?

## Included:

- ECU algorithm models or embedded code
- ECU real-time operating system (RTOS) and other basic software components
- Physical systems (e.g. engine, transmission, body, chassis, driver, environment models)

## Not included:

- Virtualization of the ECU hardware (e.g. microcontroller, peripherals)
- Virtualization of the physical buses (e.g. CAN, FlexRay)

# Steps to Create a Virtual Environment

Physical Models or stimuli

ECU Algorithm Models

ECU Embedded Code

The main ingredients



Integration and Build Environment

Execution Platform

Instrumentation

The glue and tools necessary



Verification and Validation

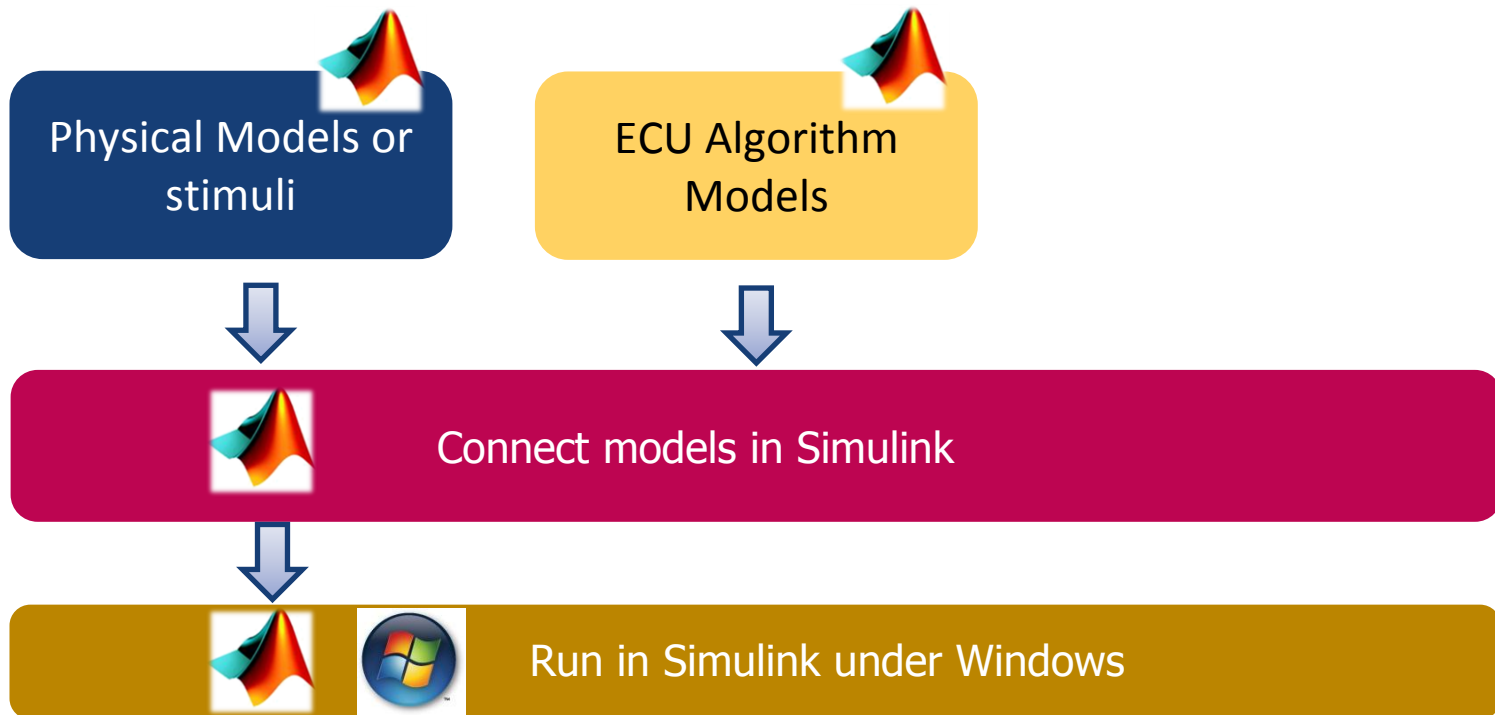
Calibration and Measurement

Automatic Testing

The development tasks you are interested in

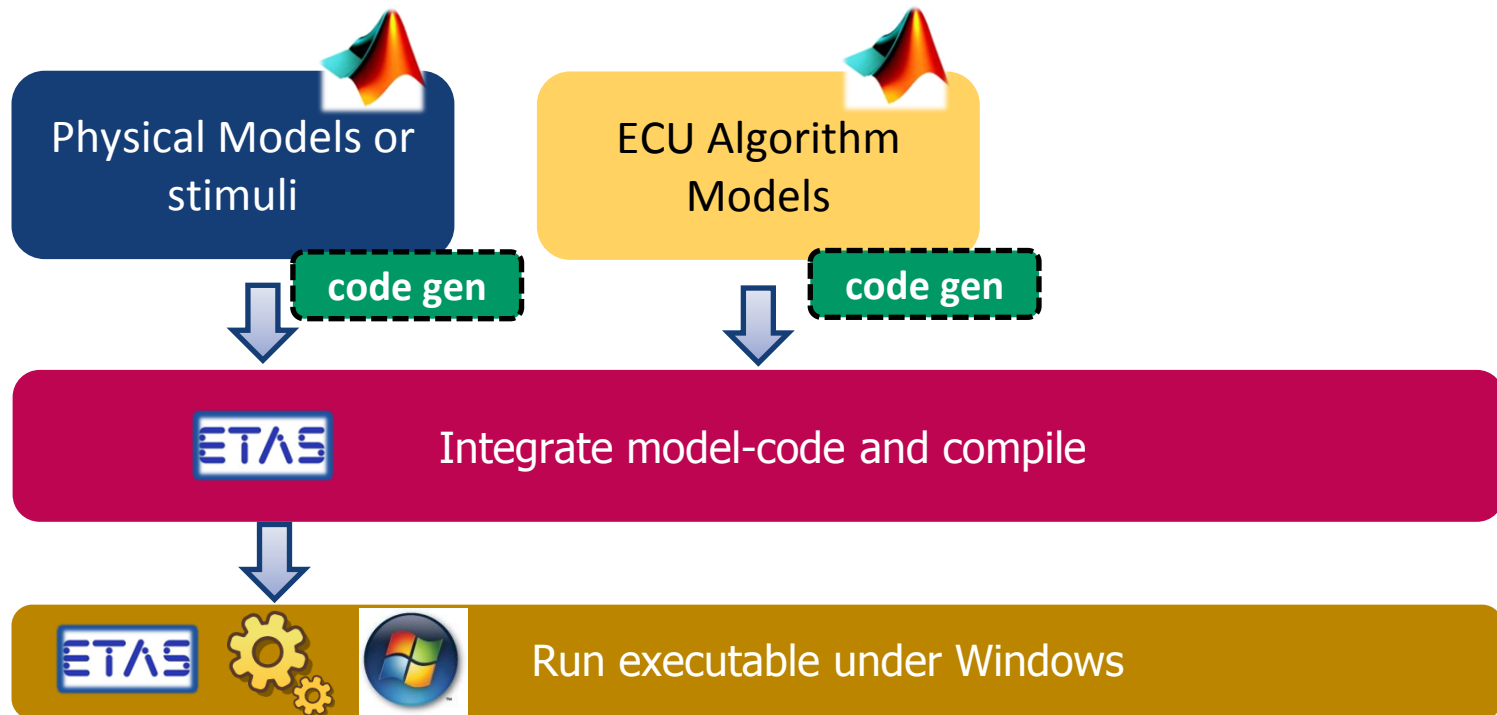
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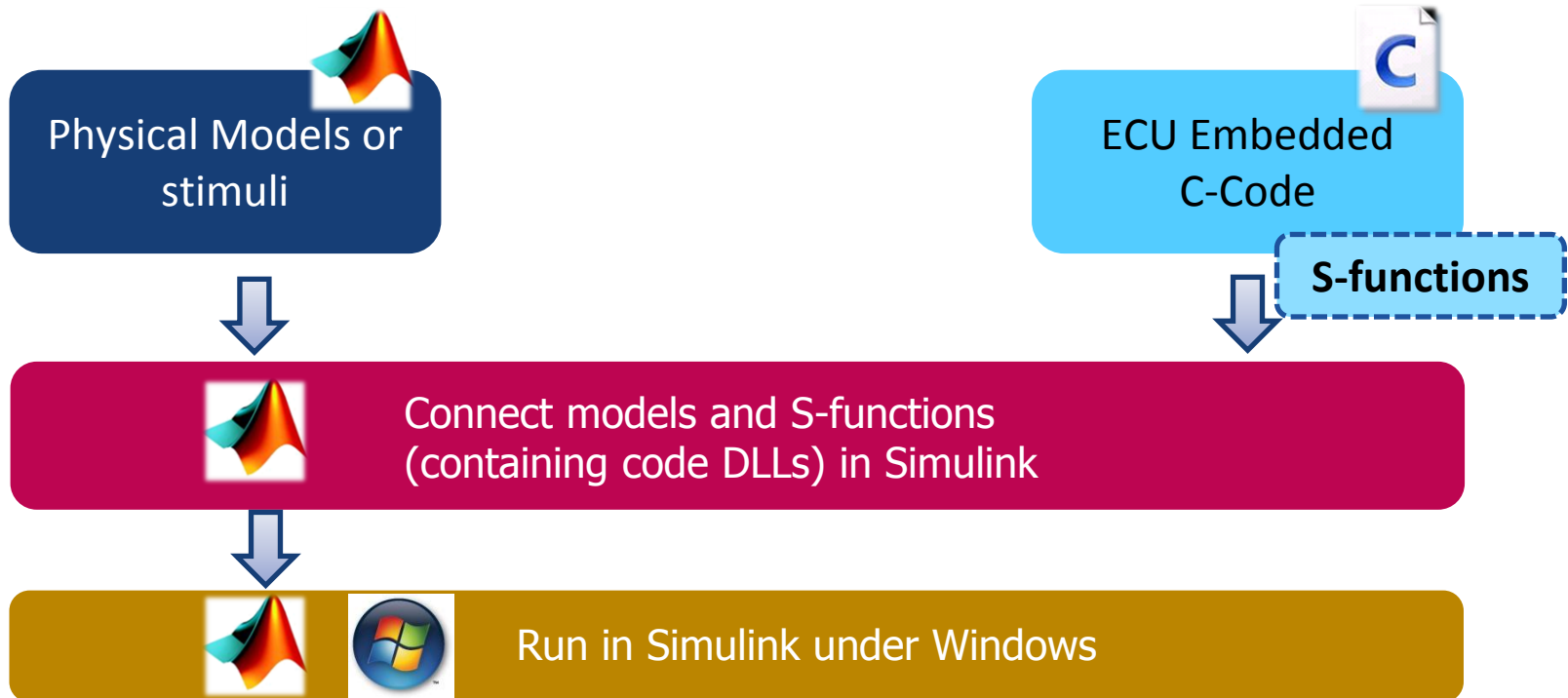
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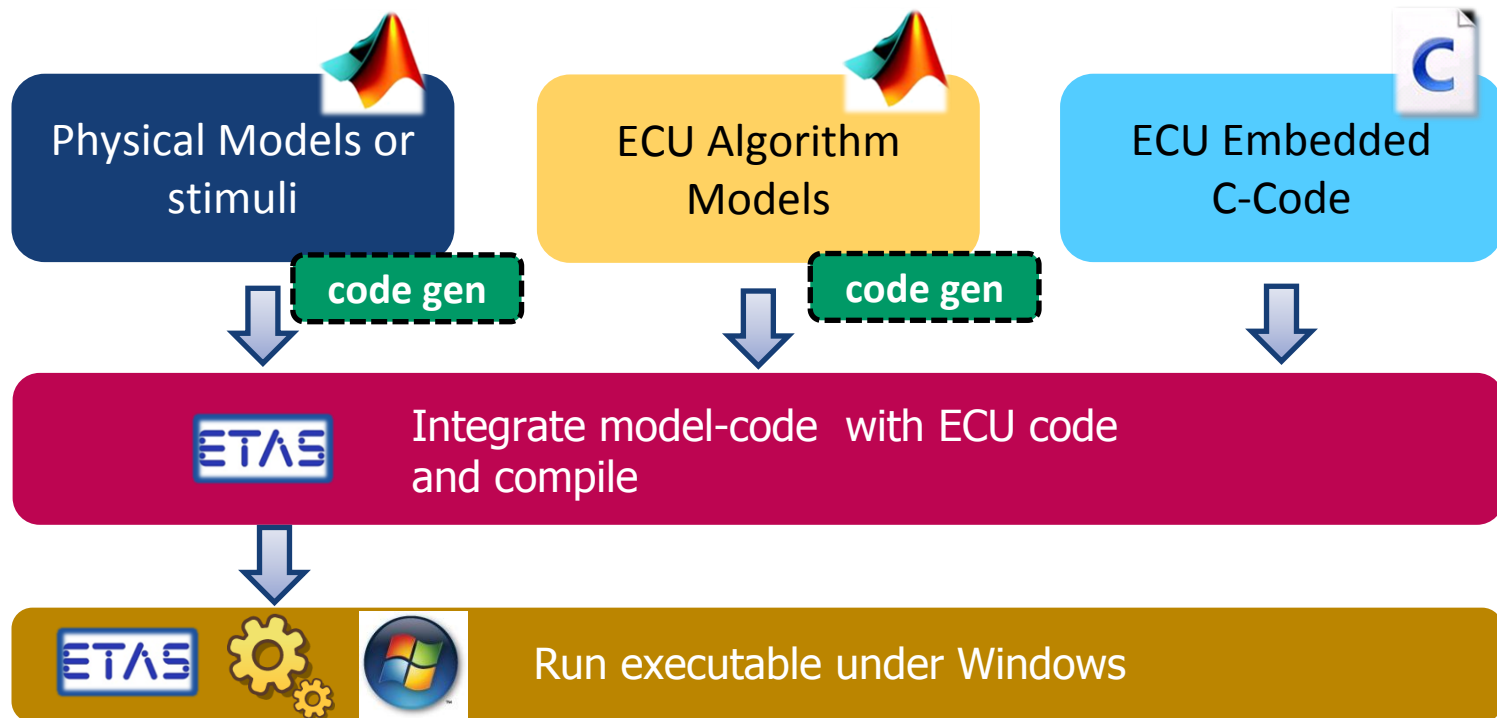
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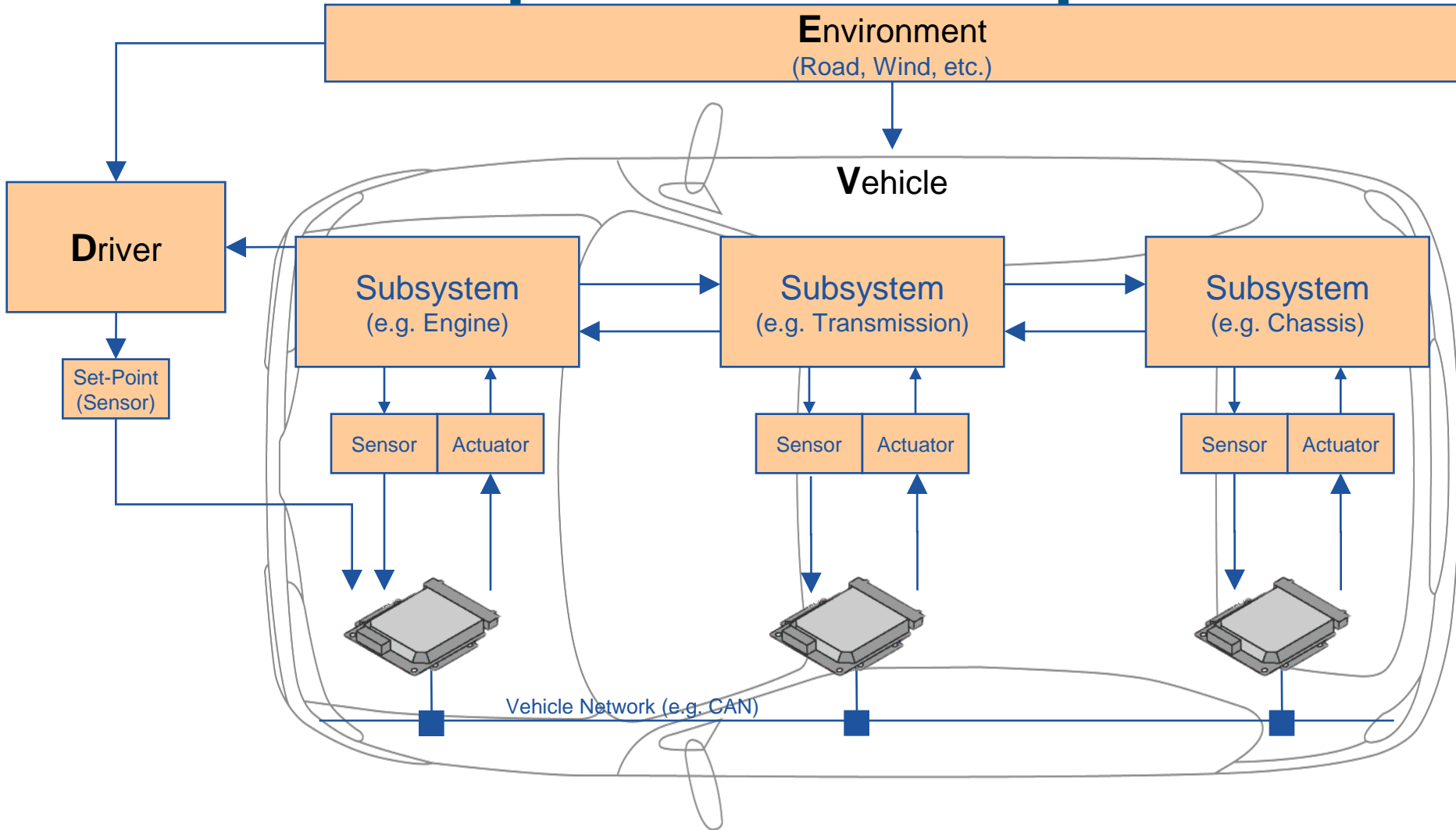
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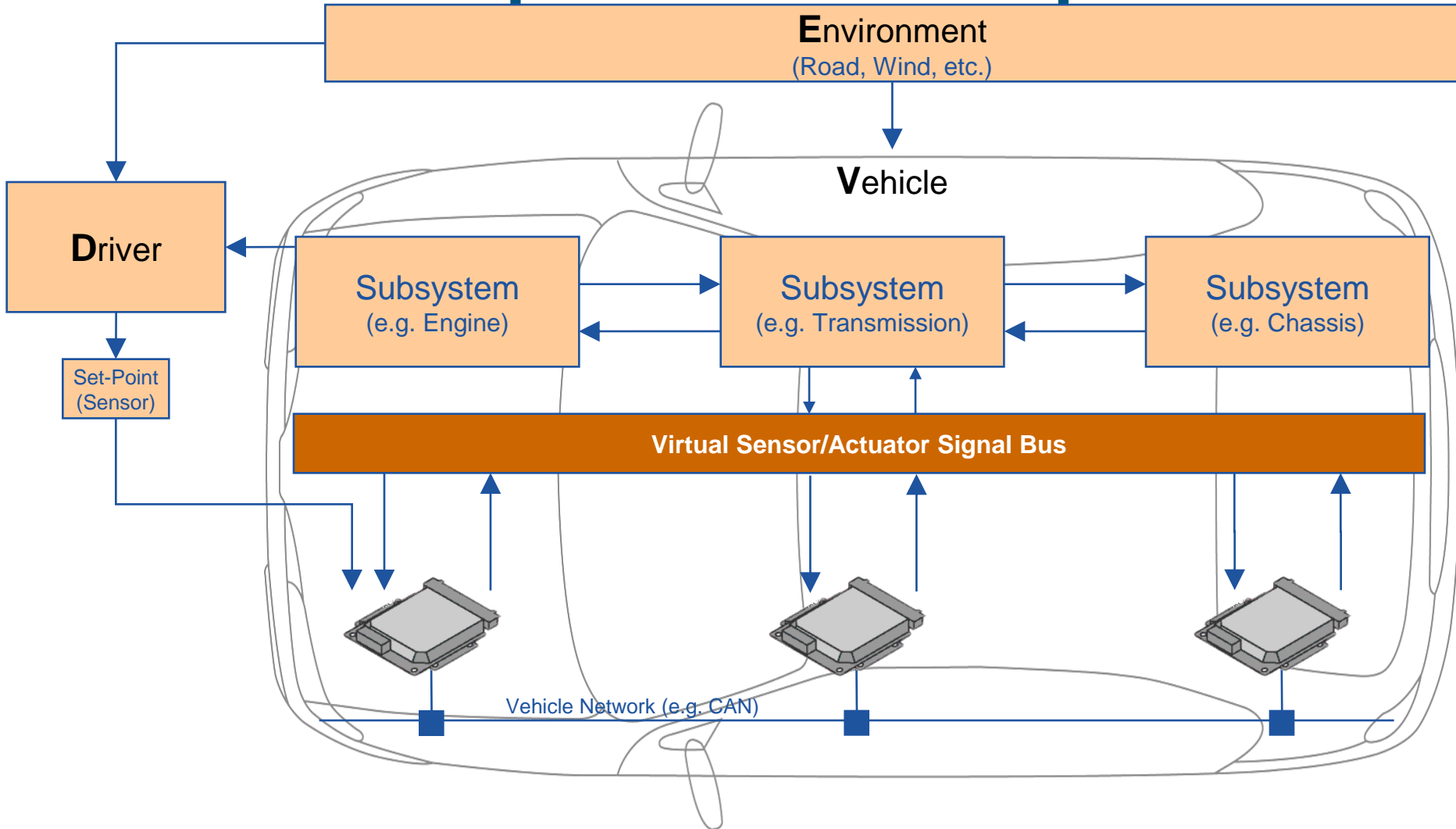
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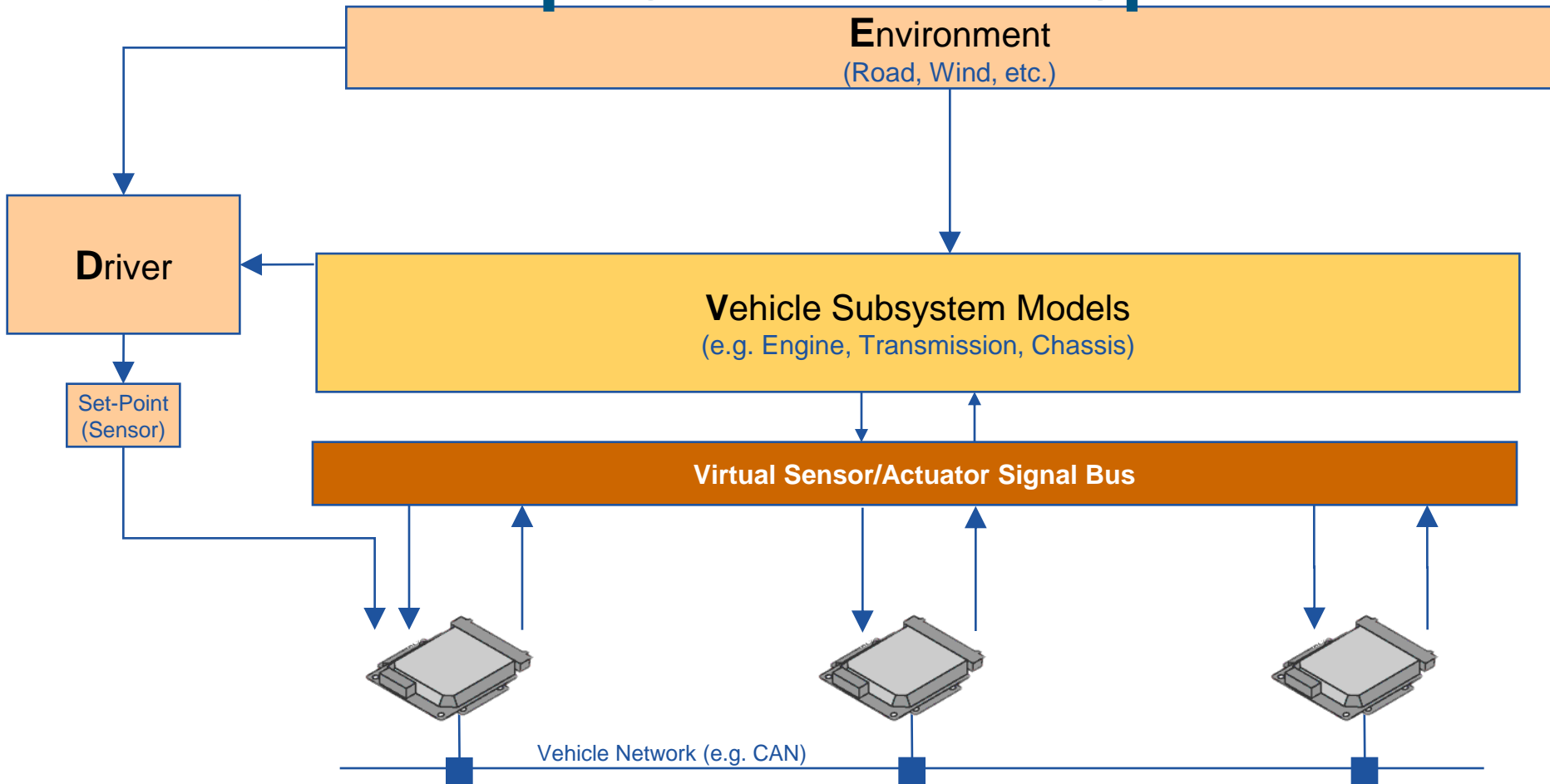
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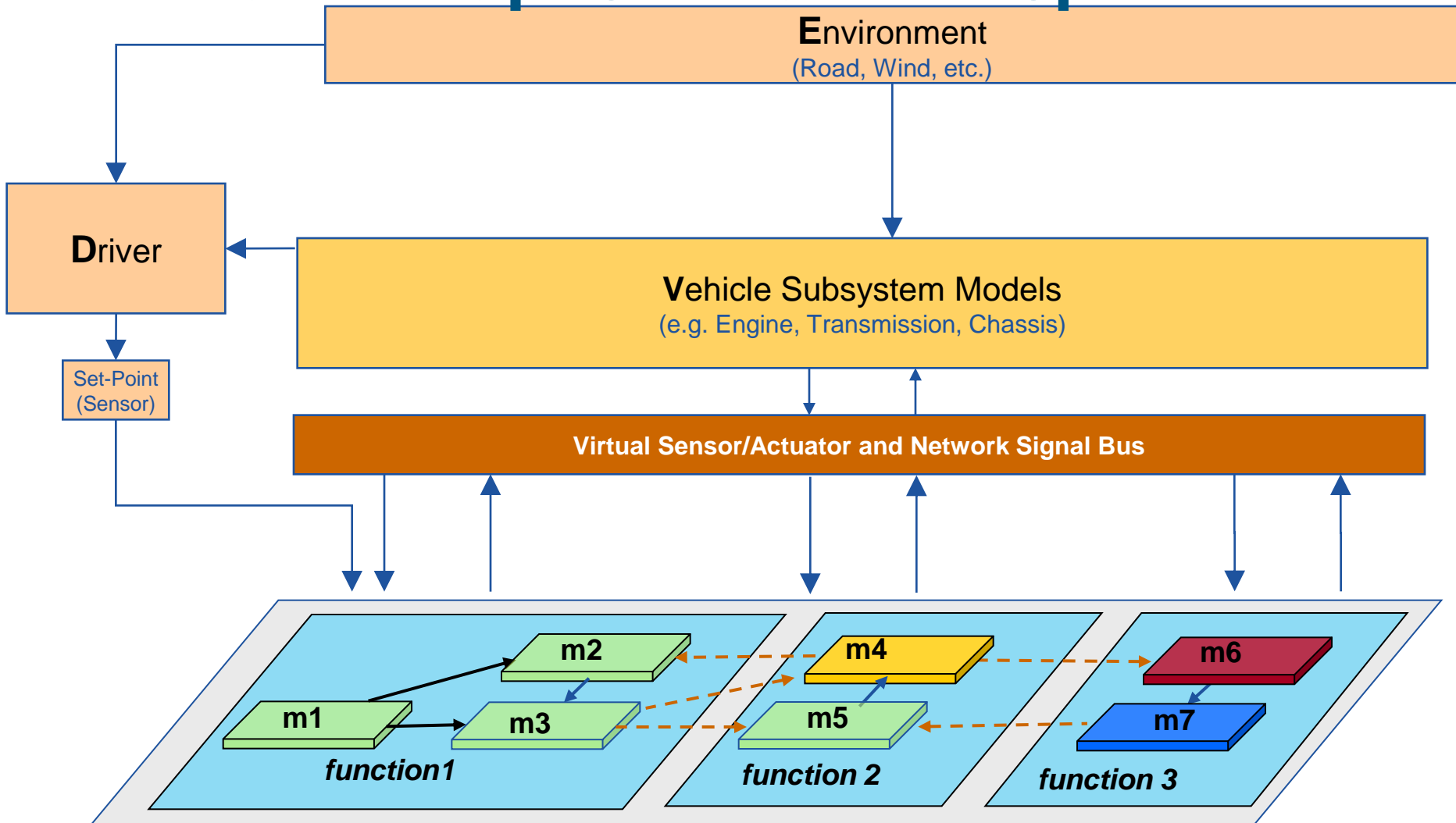
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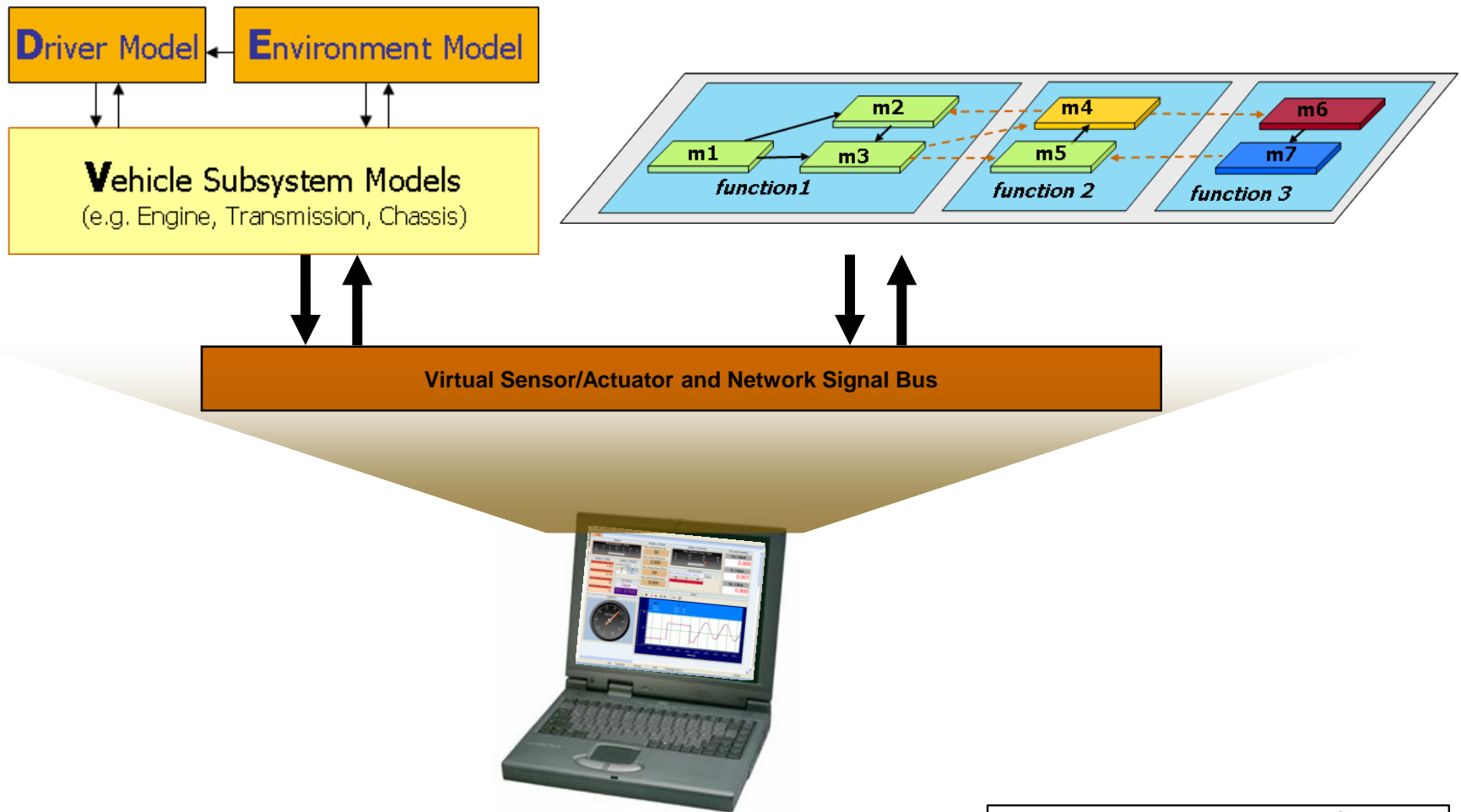




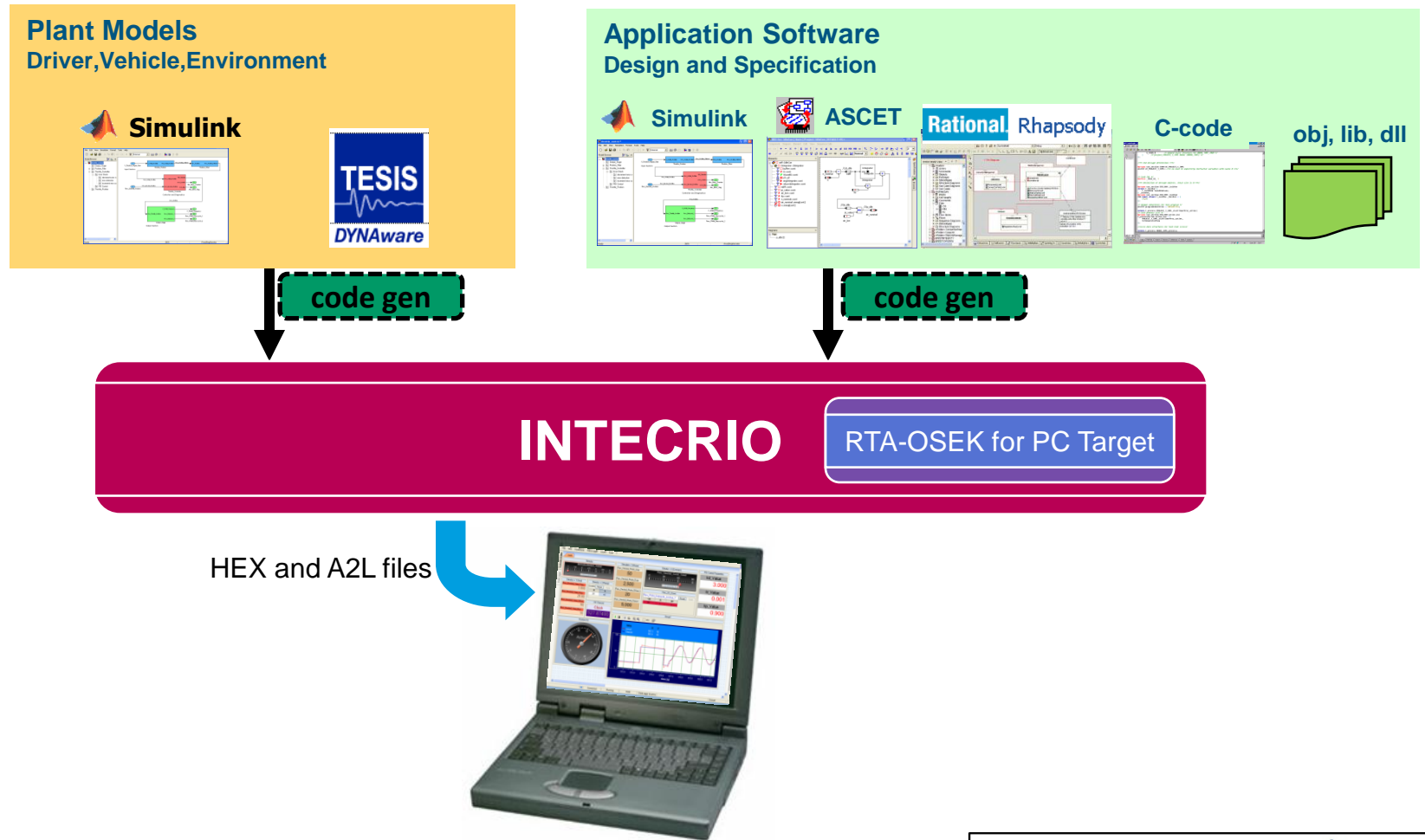
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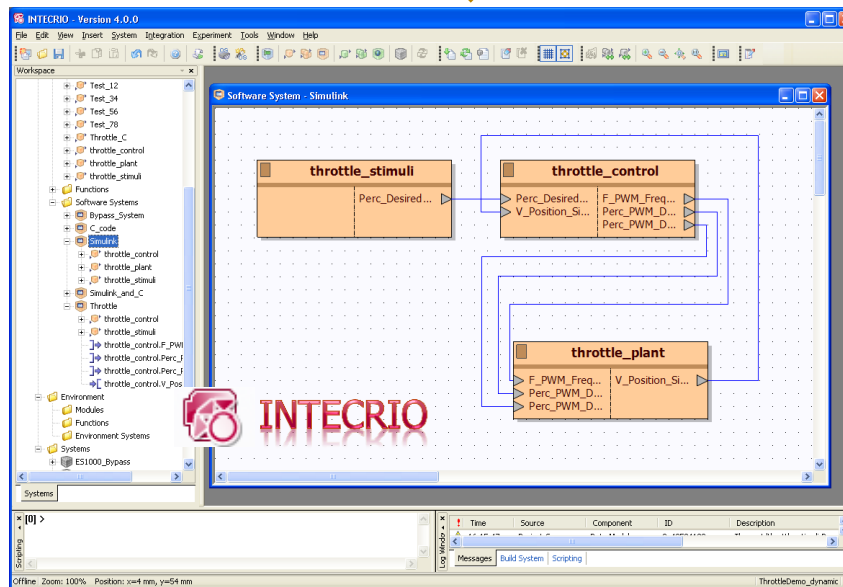
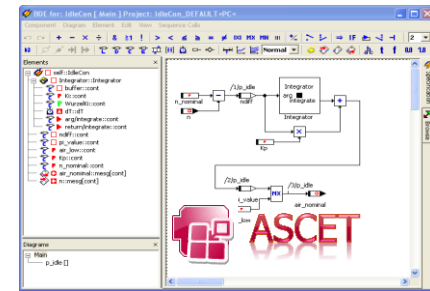
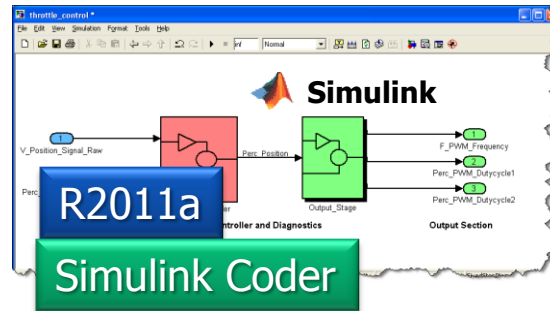
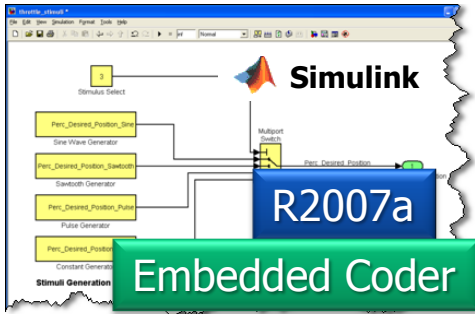
# Key Takeaways

- PC-based development of ECU software is becoming more widespread due to cost and performance advantages
- INTECRIO is a versatile platform for PC-based verification and validation (e.g. in MiL and SiL phases)

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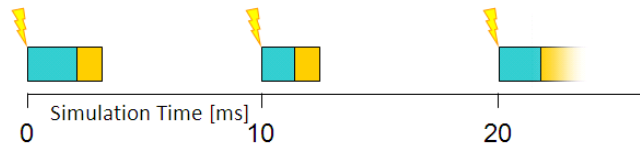
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Hex and A2L



Virtual Prototyping

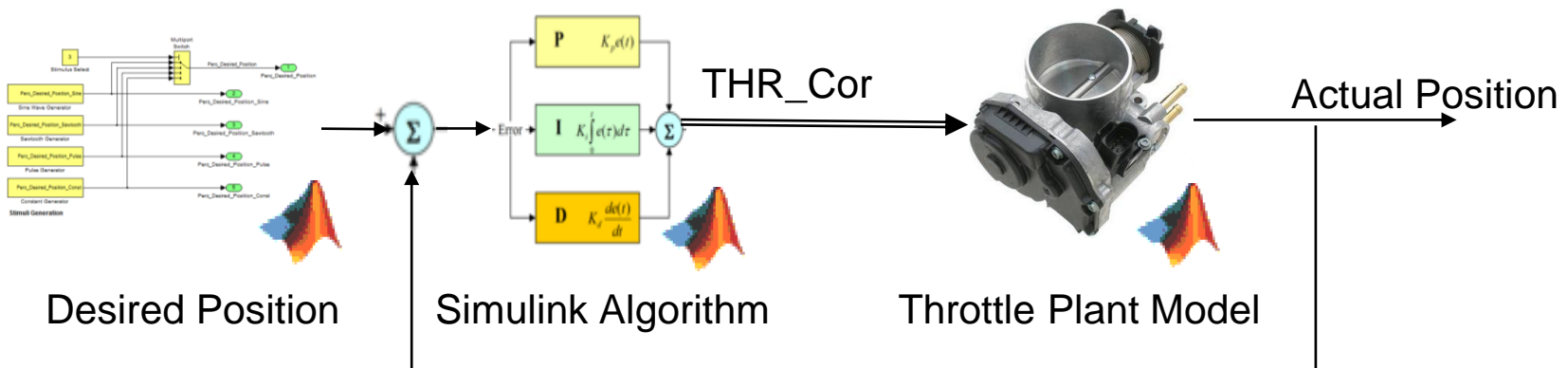


# INTECRIO for MiL



# INTECRIO for MiL: Demo Setup

- **Goal:** Simulate a Simulink-based plant (throttle) + Simulink throttle controller specification.

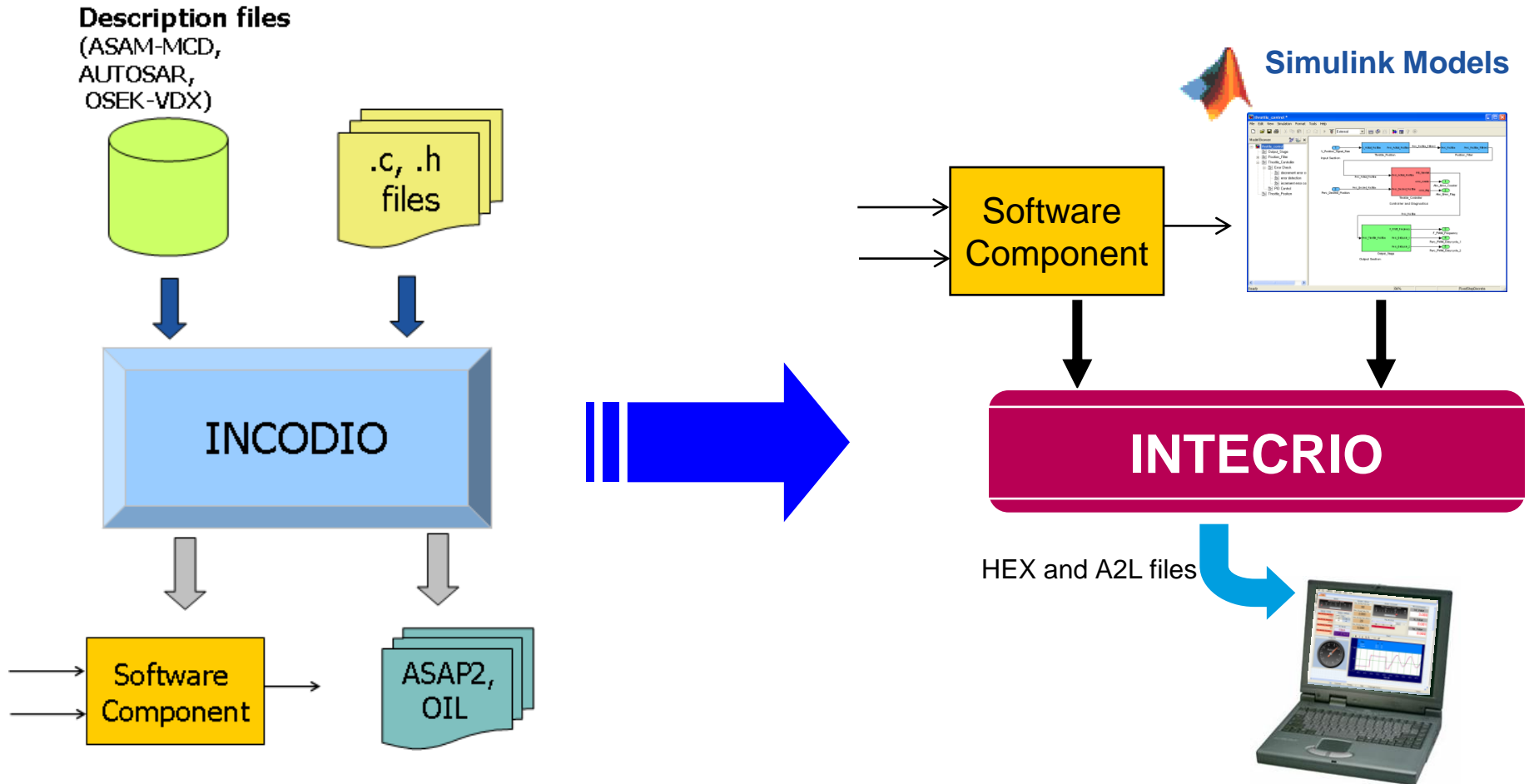




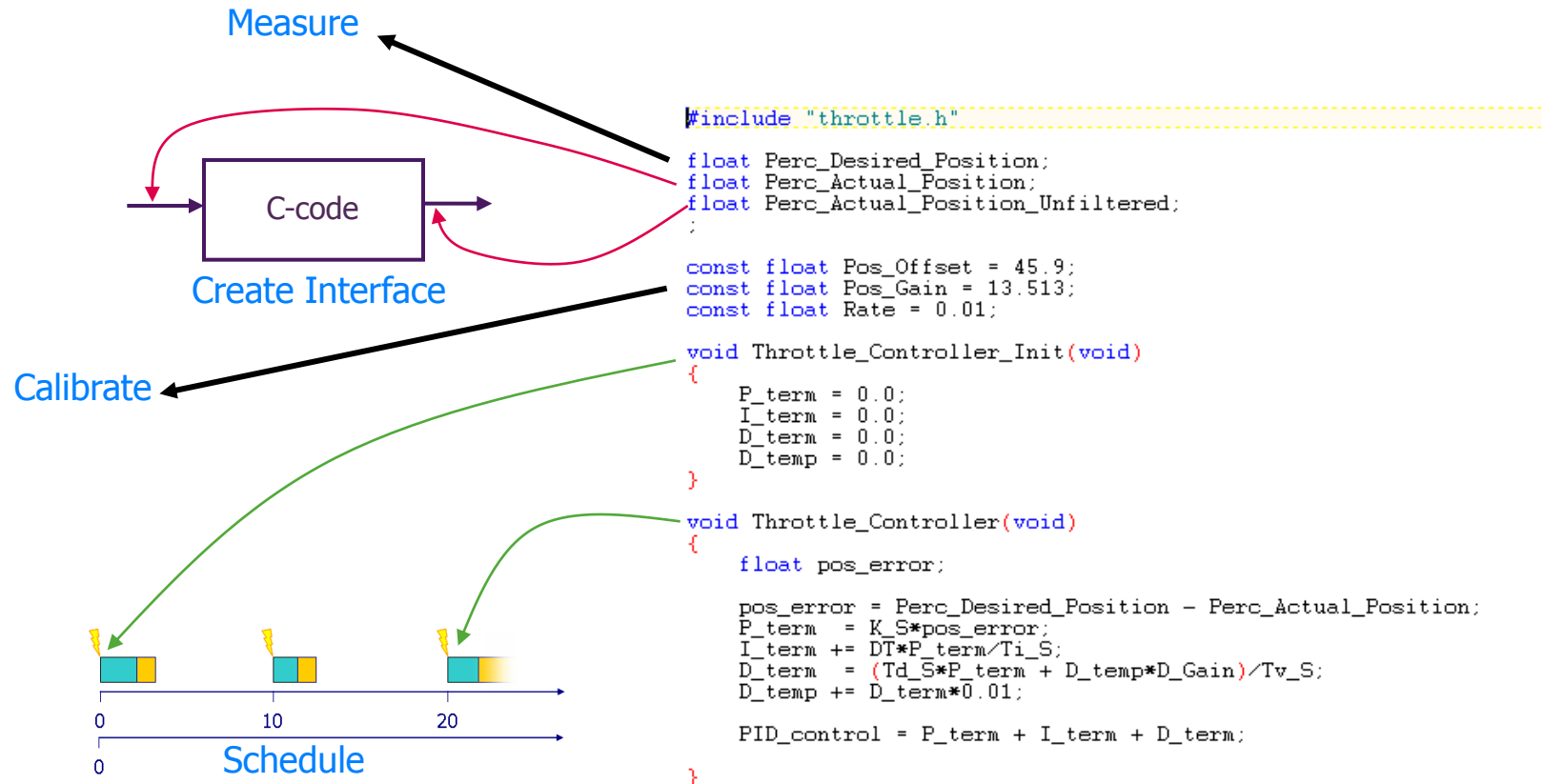
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# INTECRIO for SiL – 2 steps



# INTECRIO for SiL – Step 1 with INCODIO

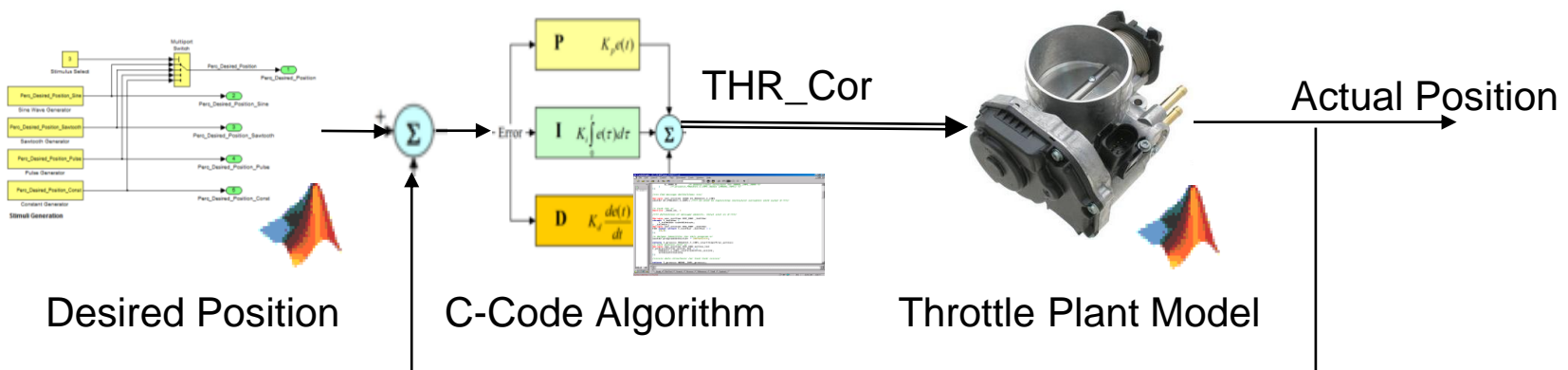


# INTECRIO for SiL



# INTECRIO for MiL + SiL: Demo Setup

- Goal:** Verify that the C-code implementation of the Throttle Controller matches specification, reusing the stimulus and plant Simulink models.



# Calibration of C-code with INCA



# Key Takeaways

- **MiL:** INTECRIO integrates one or more Simulink models at the code level, adds scheduling information and compiles for PC target.
- **SiL:** INCODIO parses C-code and makes it visible to INTECRIO for integration with models or other C-code. INTECRIO adds scheduling information and compiles for PC target.
- **Calibration:** An industry standard tool like INCA can be used to pre-calibrate ECU software in the SiL environment

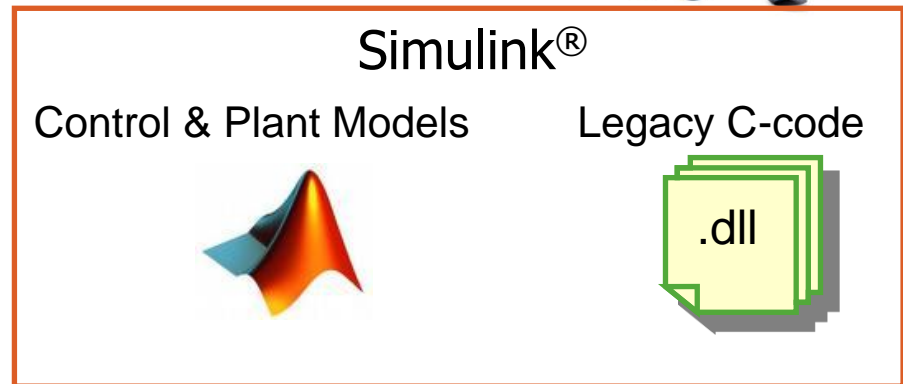
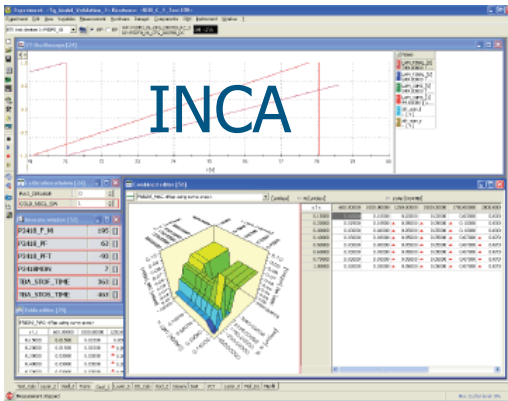
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# INCA with INCA-SIP

Algorithm Engineer



INCA-SIP

API

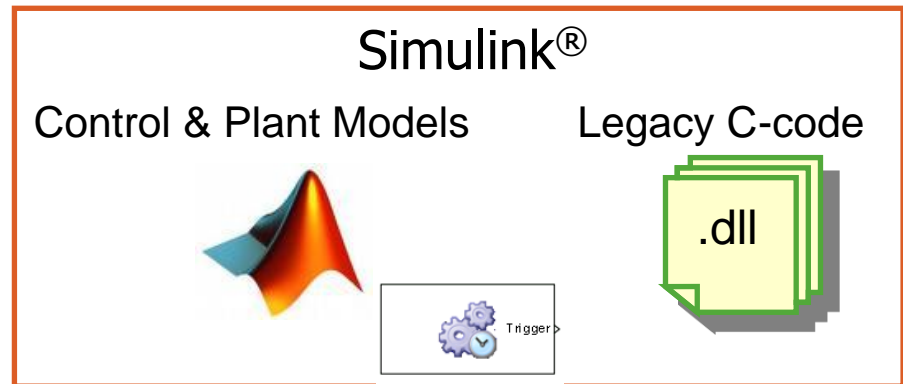
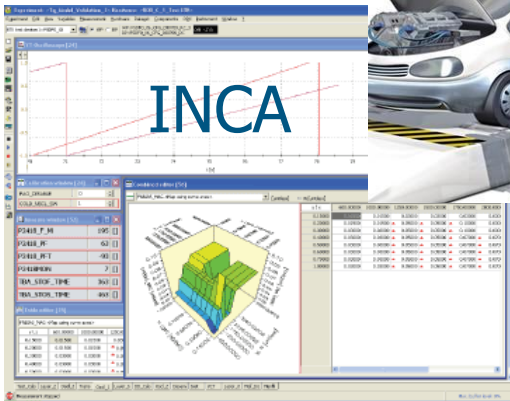
XCP on Ethernet



Windows

# INCA with INCA-VLINK

Calibration Engineer



INCA-EIP

INCA-VLINK

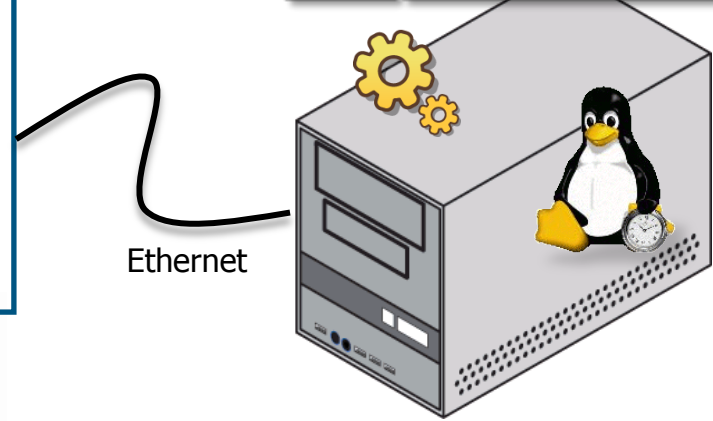
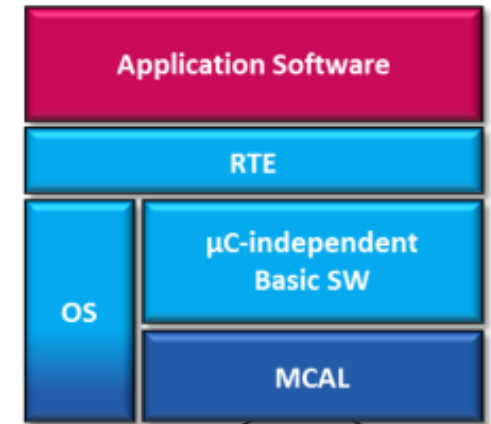
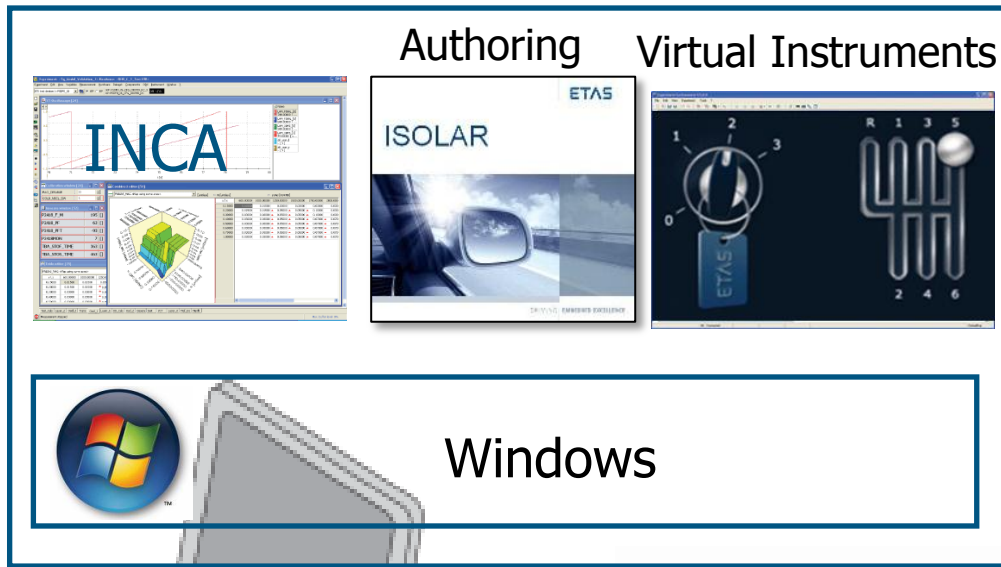
TCP/IP on Ethernet

compile



Windows

# ISLOAR-EVE\* (ETAS Virtual ECU)



\*Product not yet released

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- Virtual techniques can substantially lower the cost of verification and validation of ECU control models and software.
- Calibrators can use the same tools in the virtual environment as in the vehicle.
- Re-use of test cases, models and calibration data across the development cycle further optimizes cost and effort.
- AUTOSAR architecture further enables validation of ECU software on the PC platform

# Where to find more information?

1. Virtualization in Automotive Embedded Systems  
<http://www.slideshare.net/REALTIMEATWORK/rts10-virtualization>
2. Automotive: The Next Frontier for Virtualization  
<http://www.ok-labs.com/blog/entry/automotive-the-next-frontier-for-virtualization/>
3. Virtualization Technologies for Cars  
[http://marko-wolf.de/files/PeWoWo08\\_ECU\\_Virtualization\\_EN.pdf](http://marko-wolf.de/files/PeWoWo08_ECU_Virtualization_EN.pdf)
4. Road-to-lab-to-math: a new path to improved product  
[www.sae.org/automag/features/futurelook/05-2005/1-113-5-78.pdf](http://www.sae.org/automag/features/futurelook/05-2005/1-113-5-78.pdf)
5. SAE papers:
  - **2010-01-0660**: Maximizing Test Asset Re-use across MiL, SiL and HiL Development Platforms
  - **2010-01-0431**: Advanced Techniques for Simulating ECU C-code on the PC
  - **2012-01-0961**: Model-Based Verification and Validation of Electronic Engine Control

# Skills and Networking Opportunities

## 1. Skills required to leverage PC-based development:

- Controls development (e.g. MATLAB/Simulink®)
- Software development (e.g. ASCET, C-code)
- Plant modeling (i.e. physical systems)
- Verification and validation (i.e. testing of embedded software)
- Understanding of AUTOSAR architecture

## 2. Networking opportunities:

- Testing Expo (Novi): Oct 23-25, 2012
- SAE World Congress (Detroit): April 16-18, 2013

# Thank you !

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Merci

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The logo for ETAS, consisting of the letters 'ETAS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The 'E' and 'S' have a stylized, segmented appearance.

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