

# Automotive Requirements and Definitions

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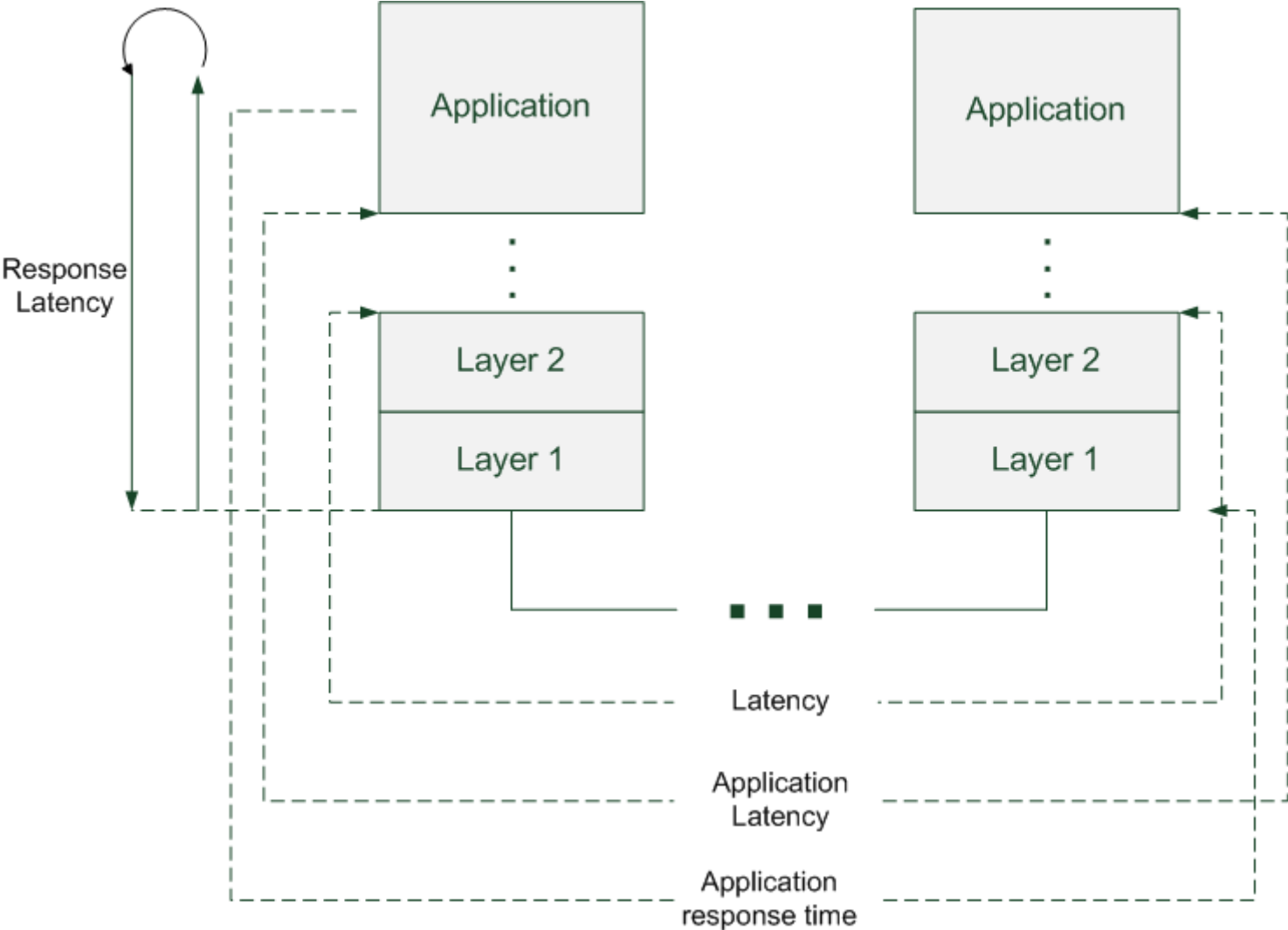
# Definitions

(with respect to automotive networks)

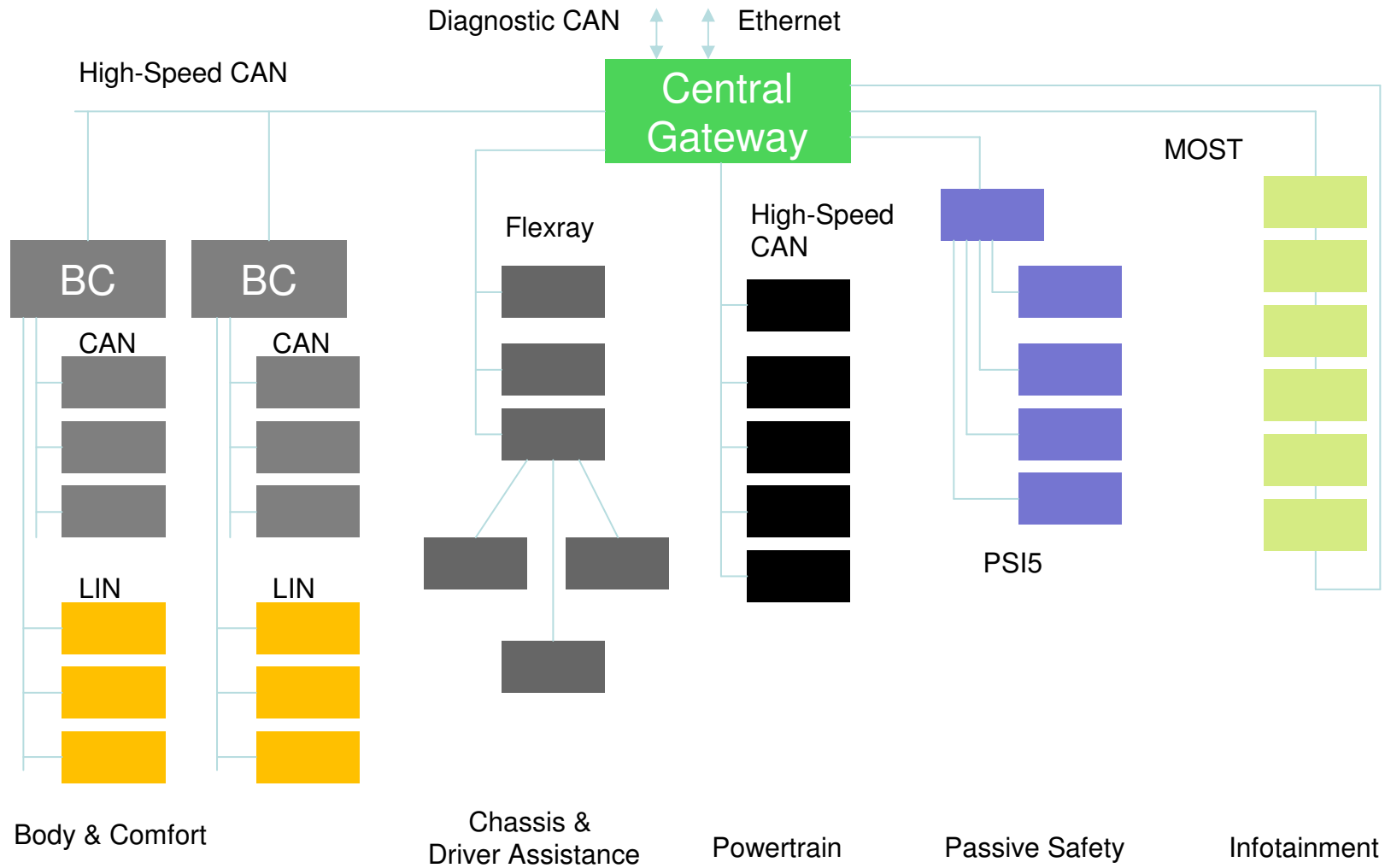
- Latency (Signaling Delay + Layer 2)
  - Time duration for the delivery of data (last bit in – last bit out)
- Application Latency
  - Time duration for the delivery of data from sender to receiver on the application layer
- Response latency
  - Time duration between the reception of data and the time to send a response
  - Important for in-cycle communication (FlexRay)
- Application response time
  - Time between event generation in the application and reception by the receiving station
  - Important for time-triggered network tunneling (how many delay is acceptable)

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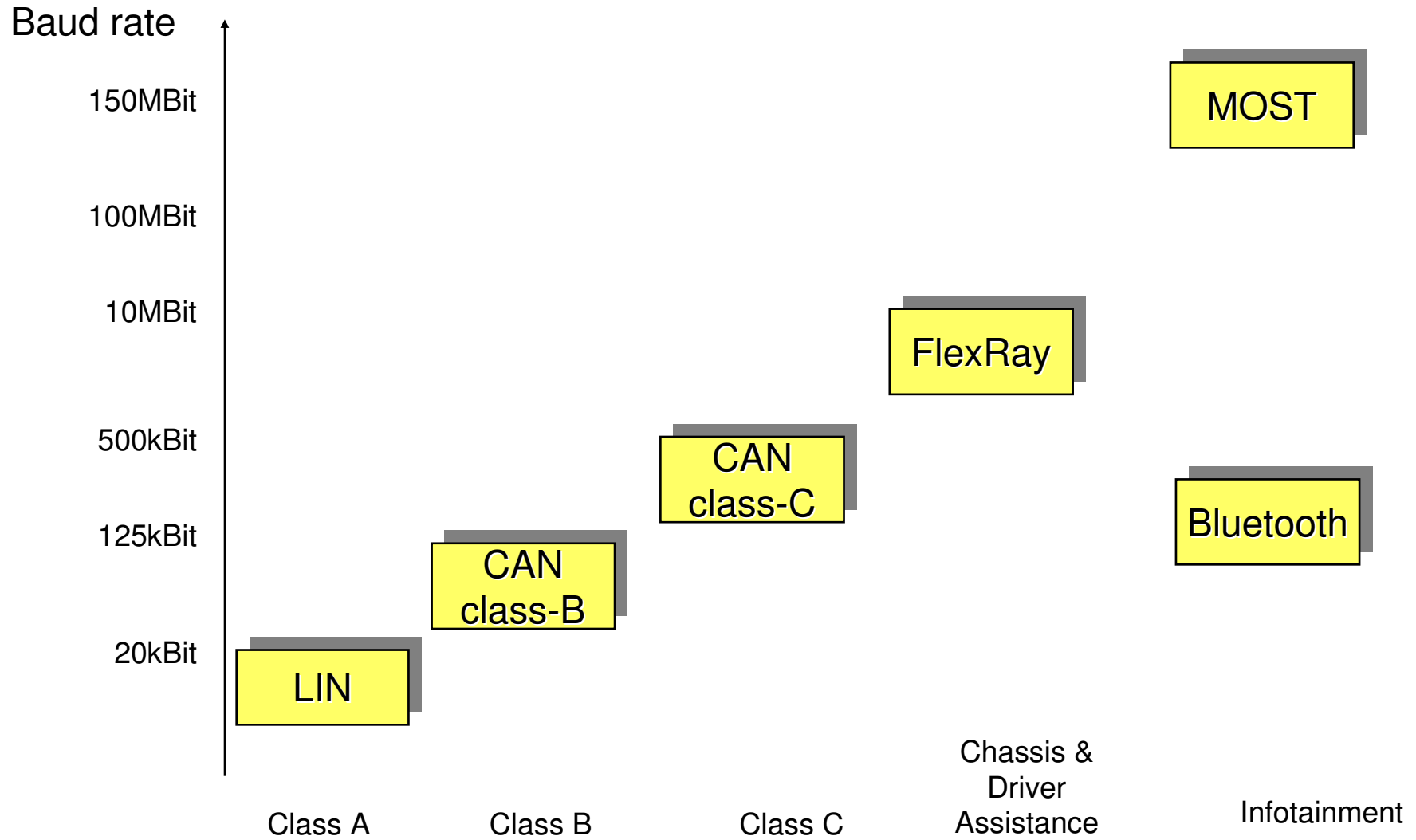
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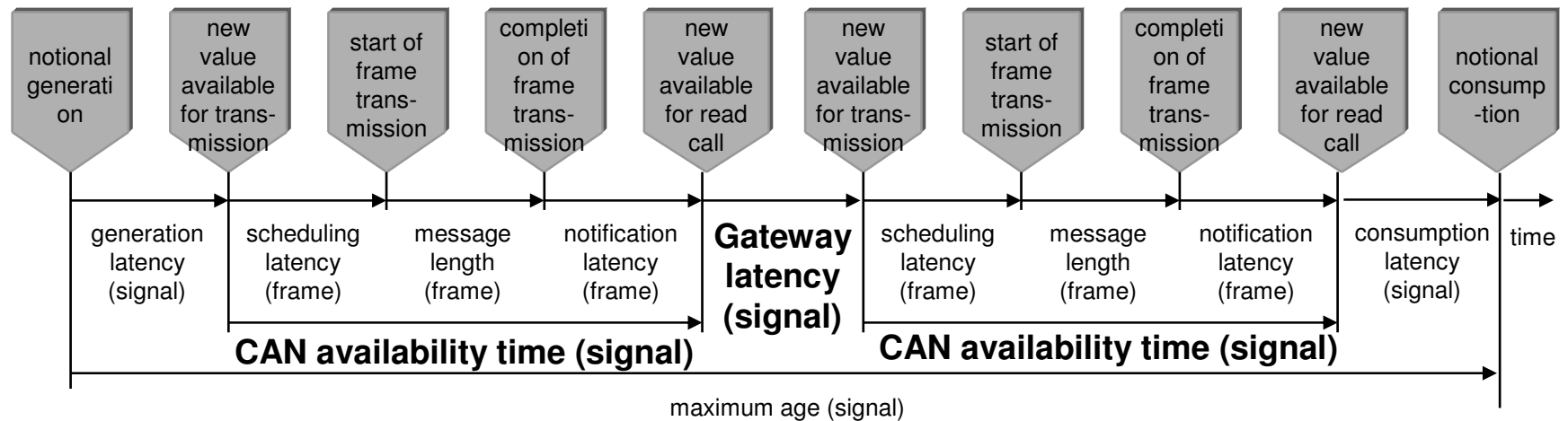
# Automotive Network architecture (today)



# Automotive Network Classification (SAE)



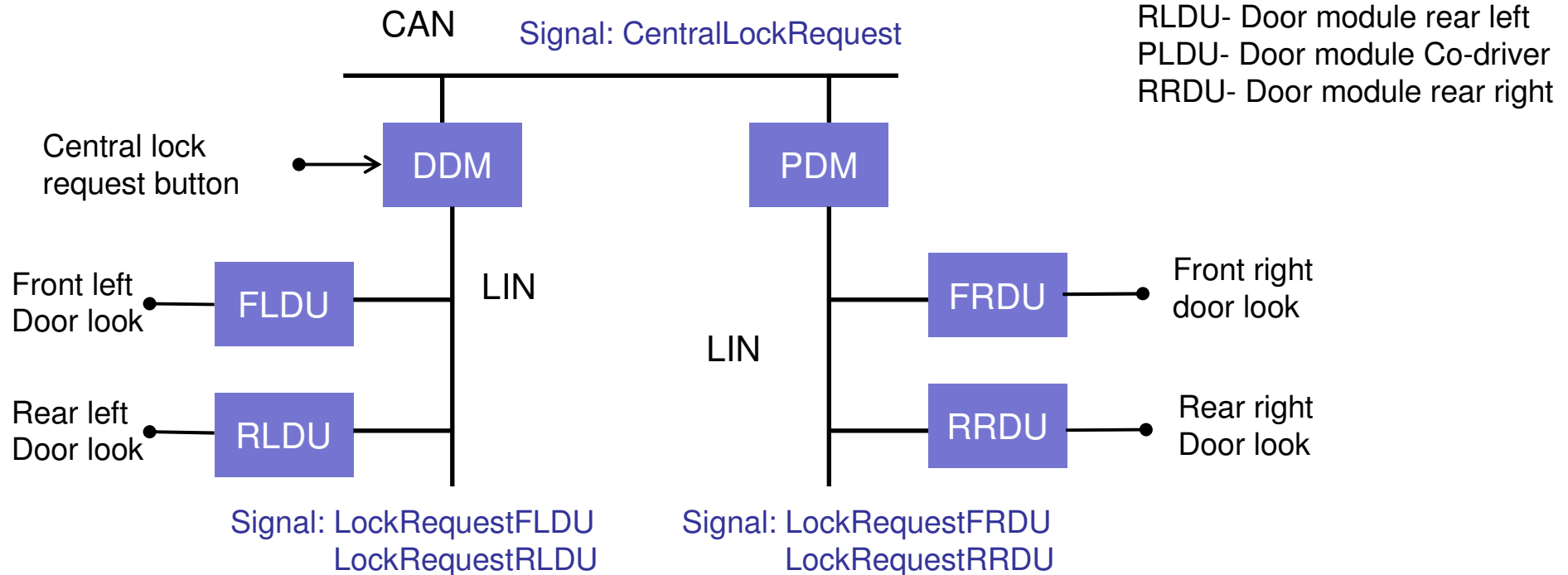
# Determination of latency for multiple networks (CAN)



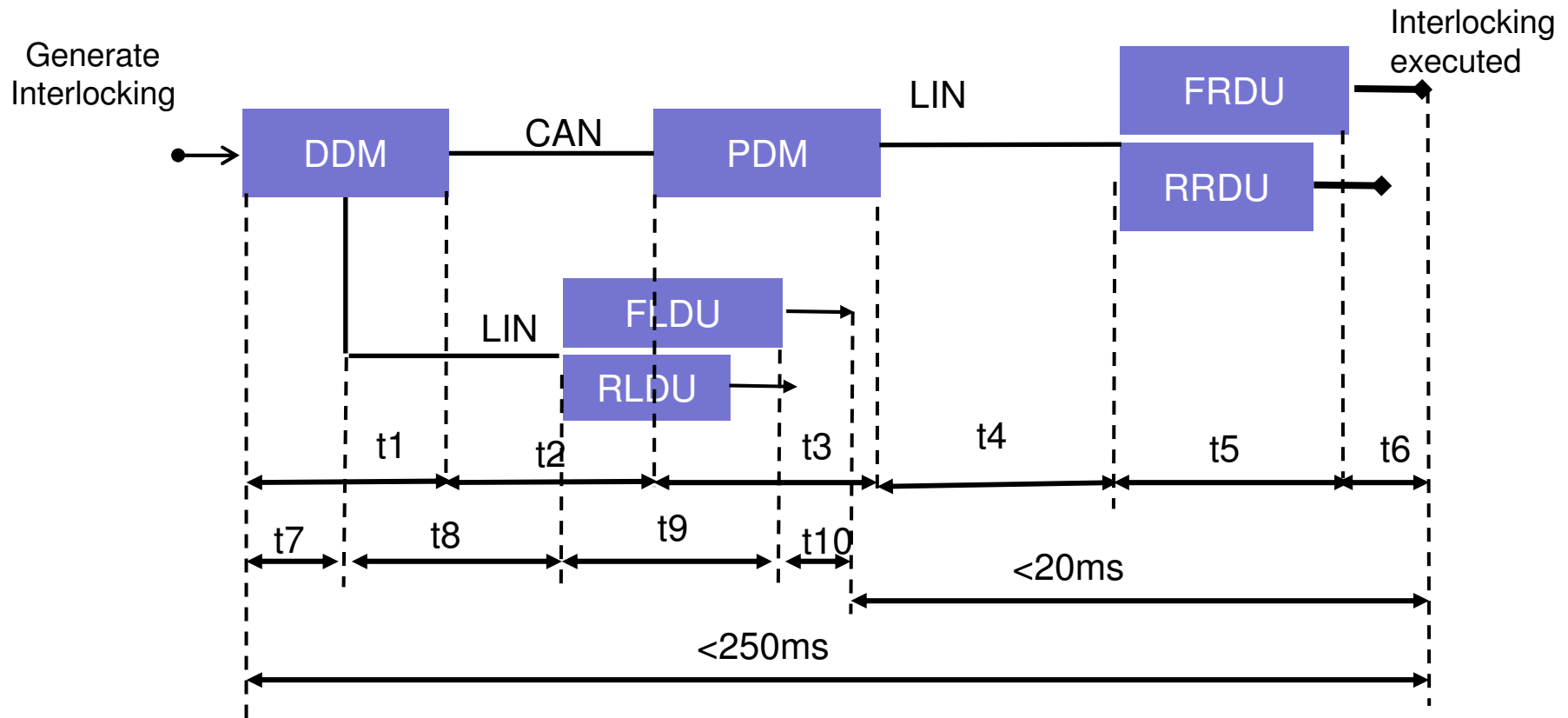
# Use Case: Central Locking System

## Timing Requirements

- Interlocking time < 250ms
- Time difference between interlocks < 20ms



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Requirement: timeliness

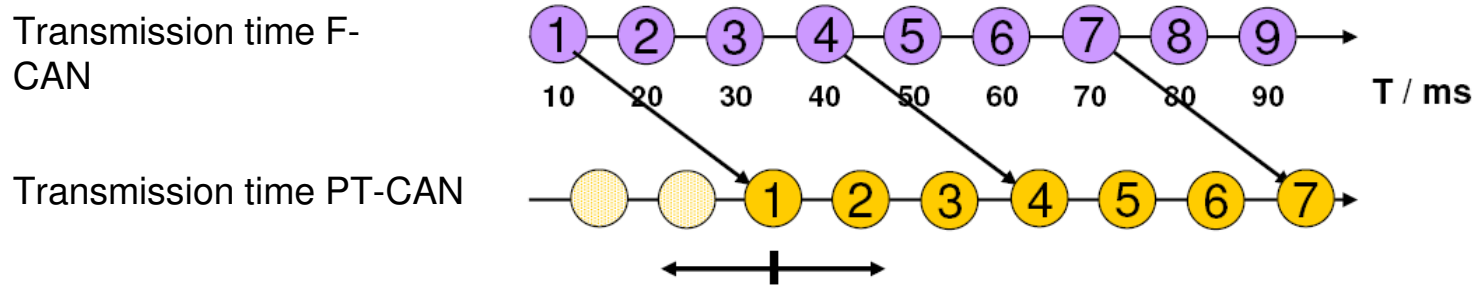
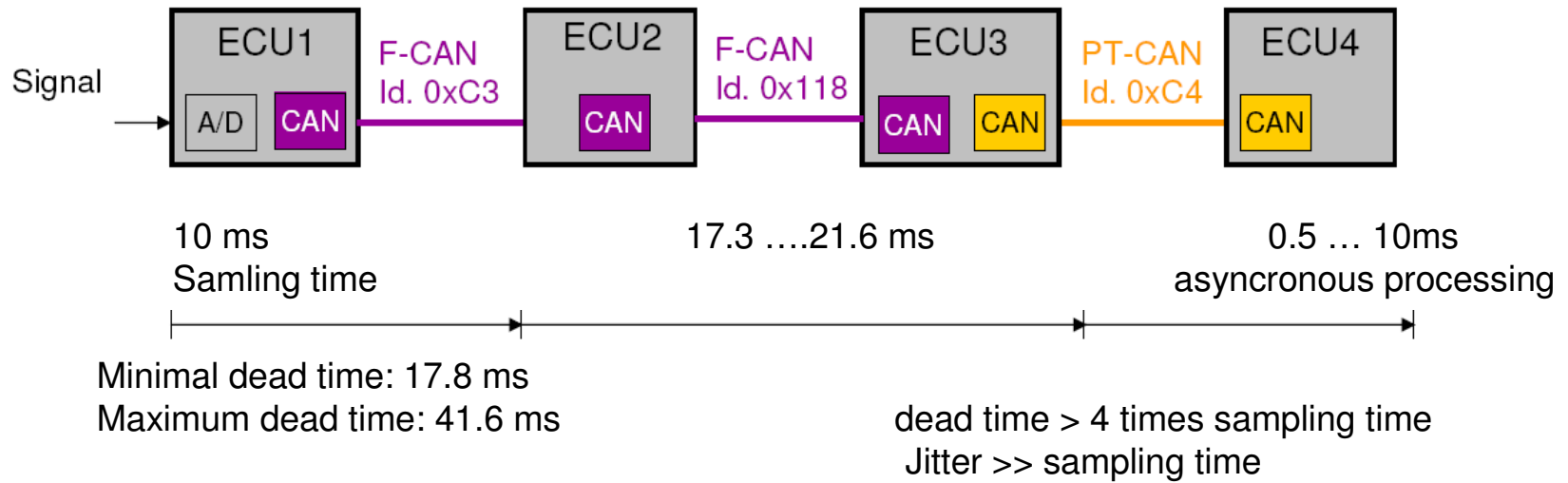
$$\sum_{i=1}^6 t_i \leq 250ms \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=10}^7 t_i \leq 250ms$$

Requirement : simultaneously

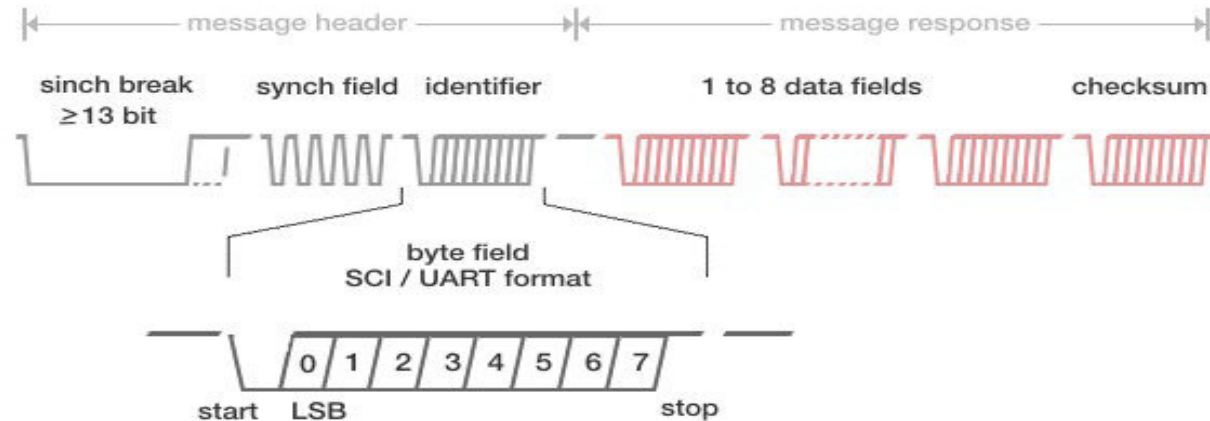
$$\sum_{i=1}^6 t_i - \sum_{i=7}^{10} t_i \leq 20ms$$



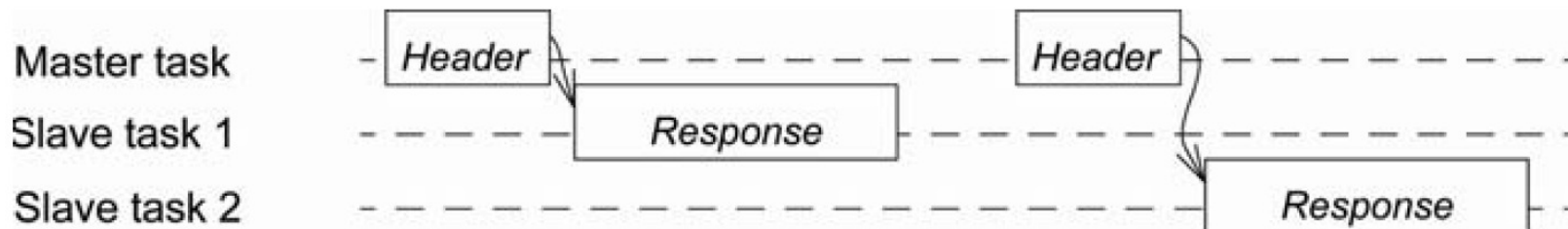
# CAN Network Delay



# LIN: Local Interconnect Network



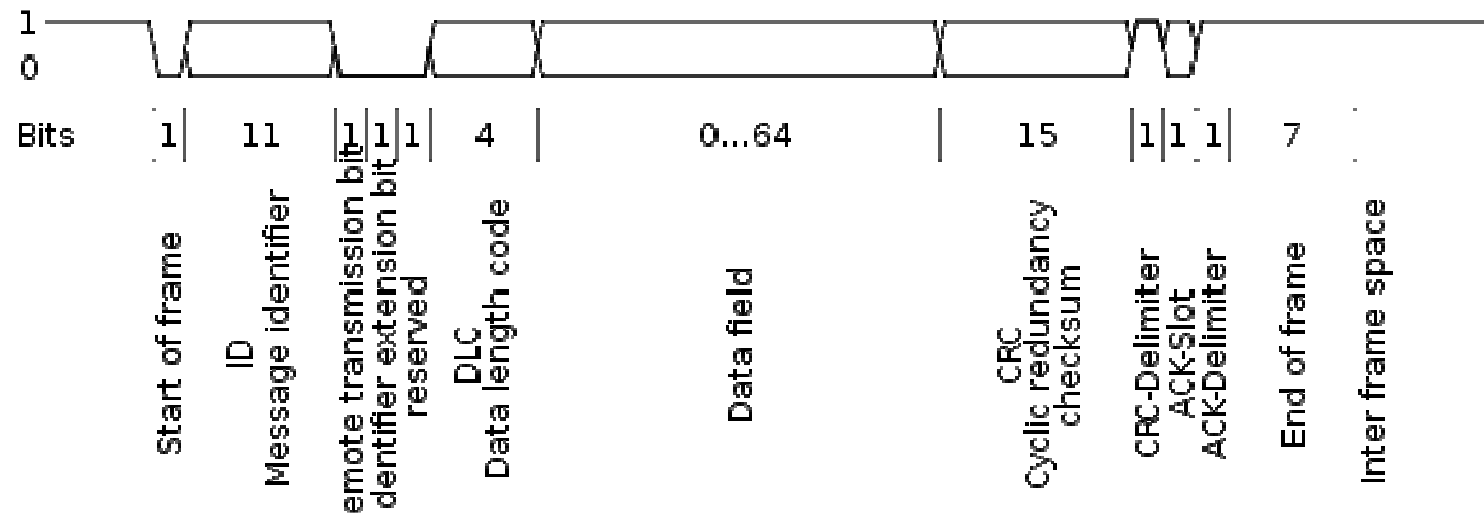
- 1. Master:
  - Frame start: 13 Bit dominant level (sync break)
  - Synchronization: alternating 1-0 bits (sync field)
  - 6 Bit message ID
- 2. Master or slave is addressed by message ID and send its payload:
  - 1-8 data bytes
  - Check sum
- Communication directions (always initiated by master)
  - From master to one or multiple slaves
  - From one slave to master and/or slaves



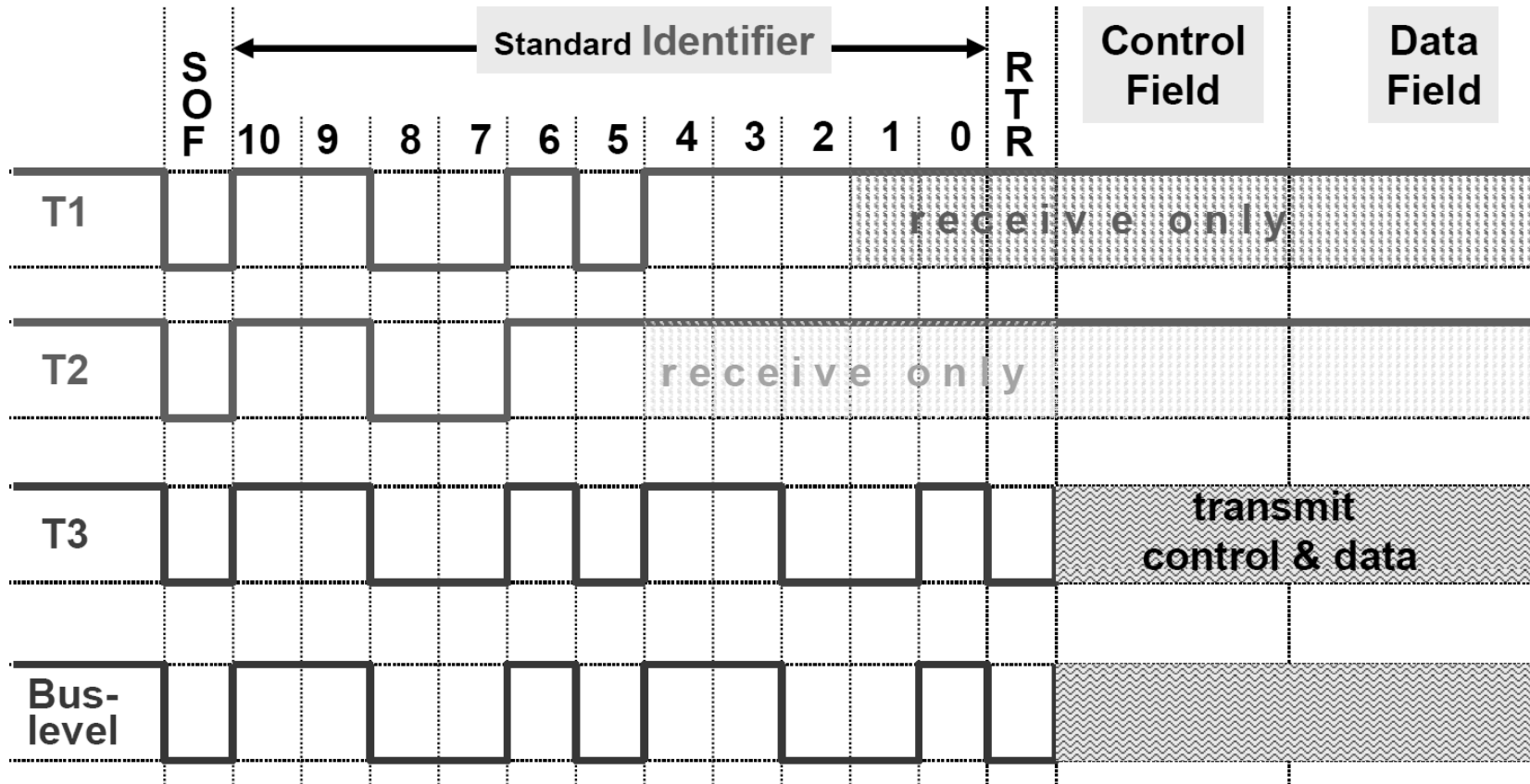
# CAN-Frame

**CAN-ID:** Unique ID used for arbitration and identification of data field content

**Remote Trans. Bit:** By setting this bit another node is requested to send a message

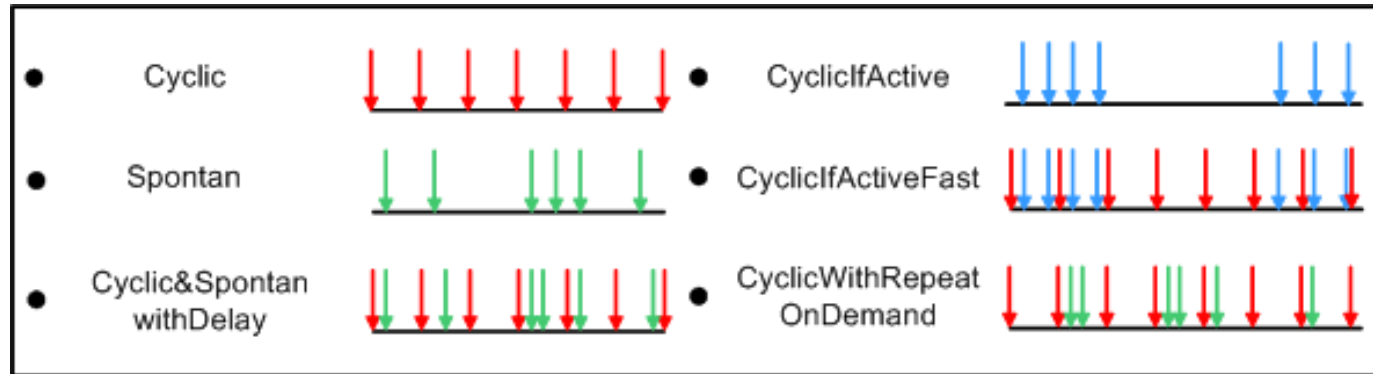


# CAN-Arbitration



# Typical Application Send Types

- CAN-DBC (pseudo cyclic)

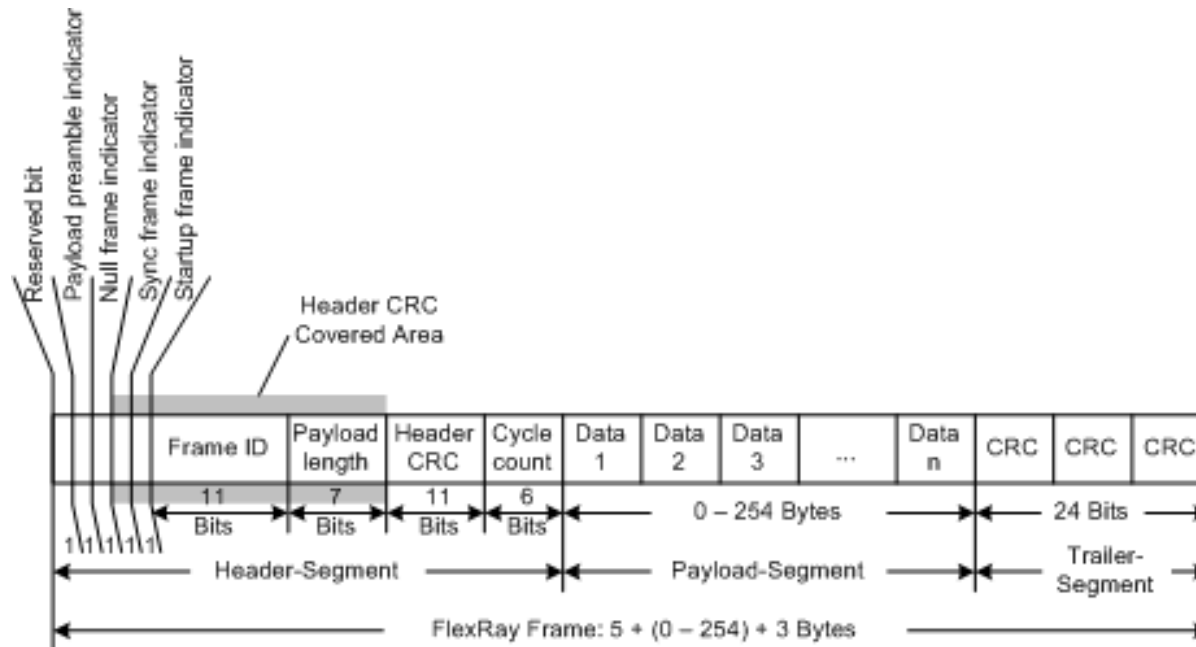


- AUTOSAR I-PDU Transmission Modes:
  - Direct/N-Times: PDU will be sent immediately N-times
  - Periodic: periodic transmission
  - Mixed: Mixture of Direct/N-Times and Periodic
  - None: No transmission via AUTOSAR COM

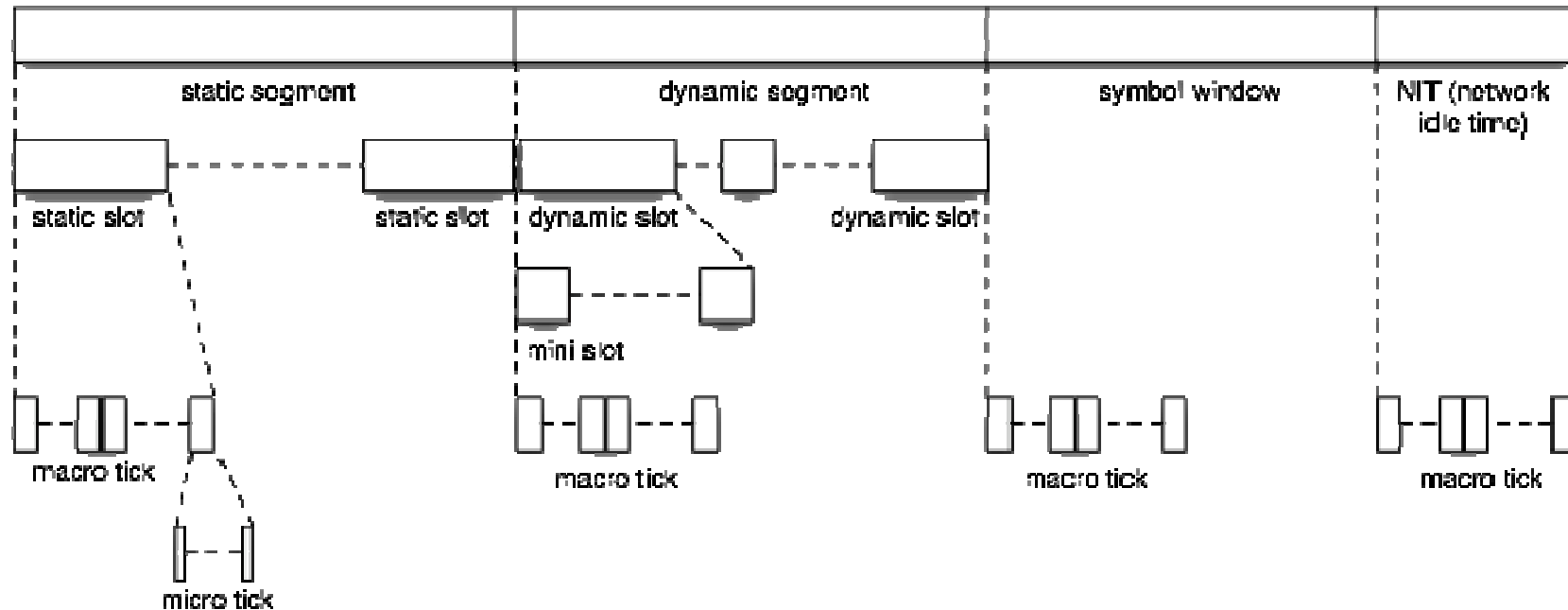


# FlexRay-Frame

- Payload preamble indicator: denotes whether the payload contains control information
- Null frame indicator: if bit is set, the payload contains valid data
- Up to 254 byte payload data



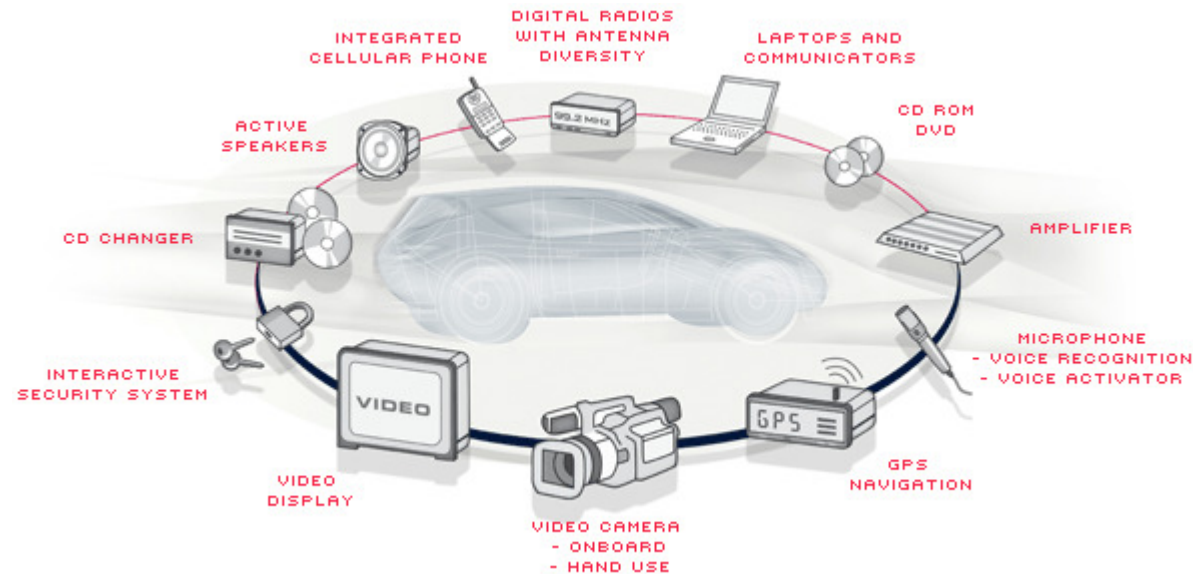
# FlexRay Slots and Cycle



- Single or dual channel operation: second channel can be used for redundancy or additional bandwidth
- TDMA- with a kind of Round-Robin-Arbitration in the dynamic segment
- Data rate: 10 Mbit/s
- Typical sending cycle 5ms (possible: cycle times from 16 $\mu$ s to 16ms)
- Redundancy currently not used by OEMs

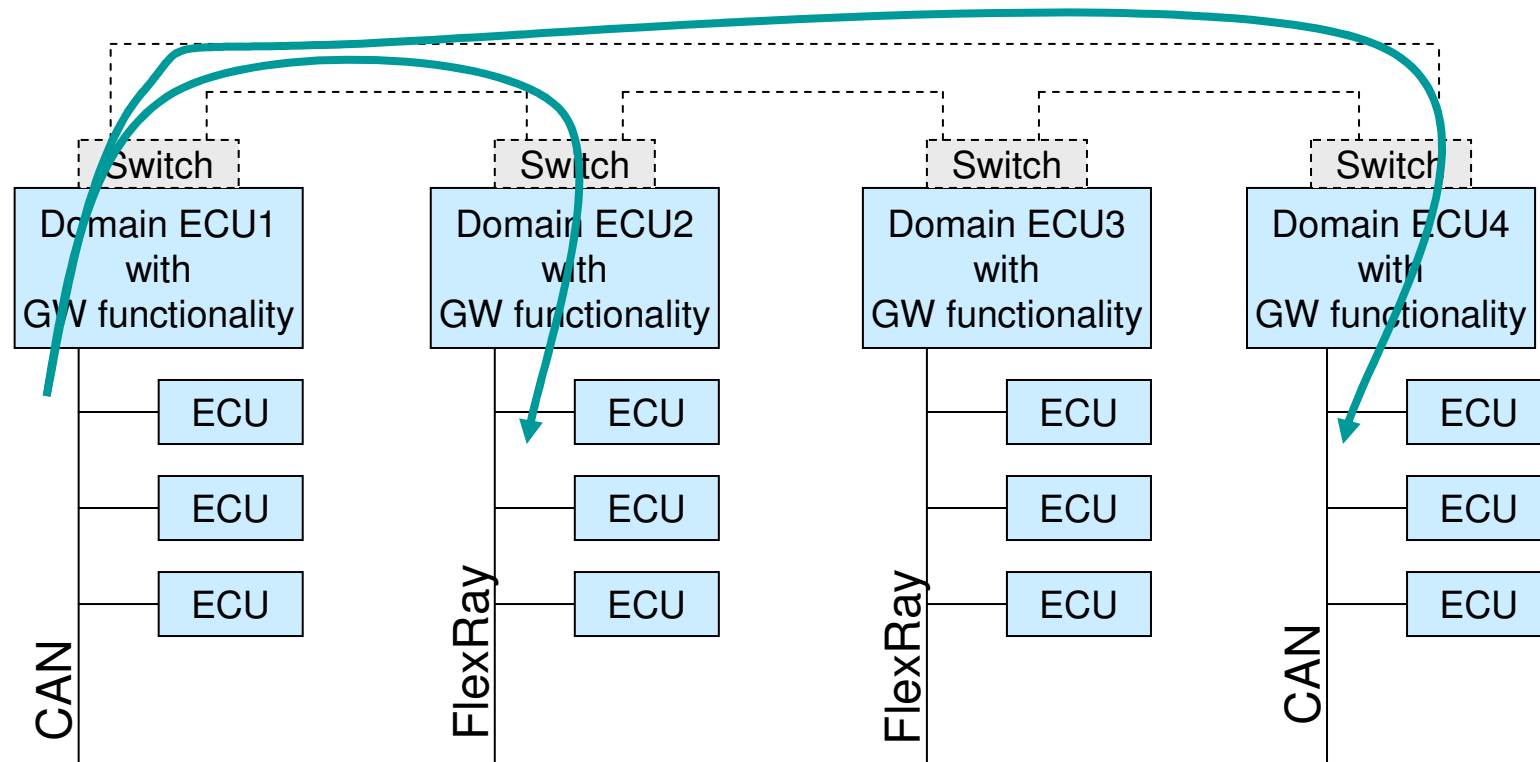


# MOST

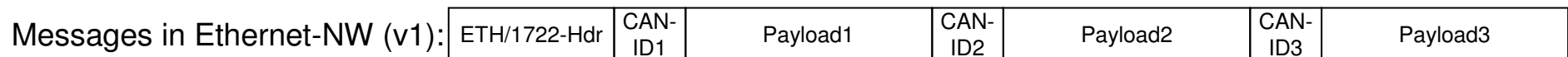


- Time triggered protocol
- Ringbus system
- Datenrate 25Mbit/s, 50Mbit/s, 150Mbit/s
- optical (25, 150) or electrical (50)
- Specifies physical layer, application framework and higher layer protocols

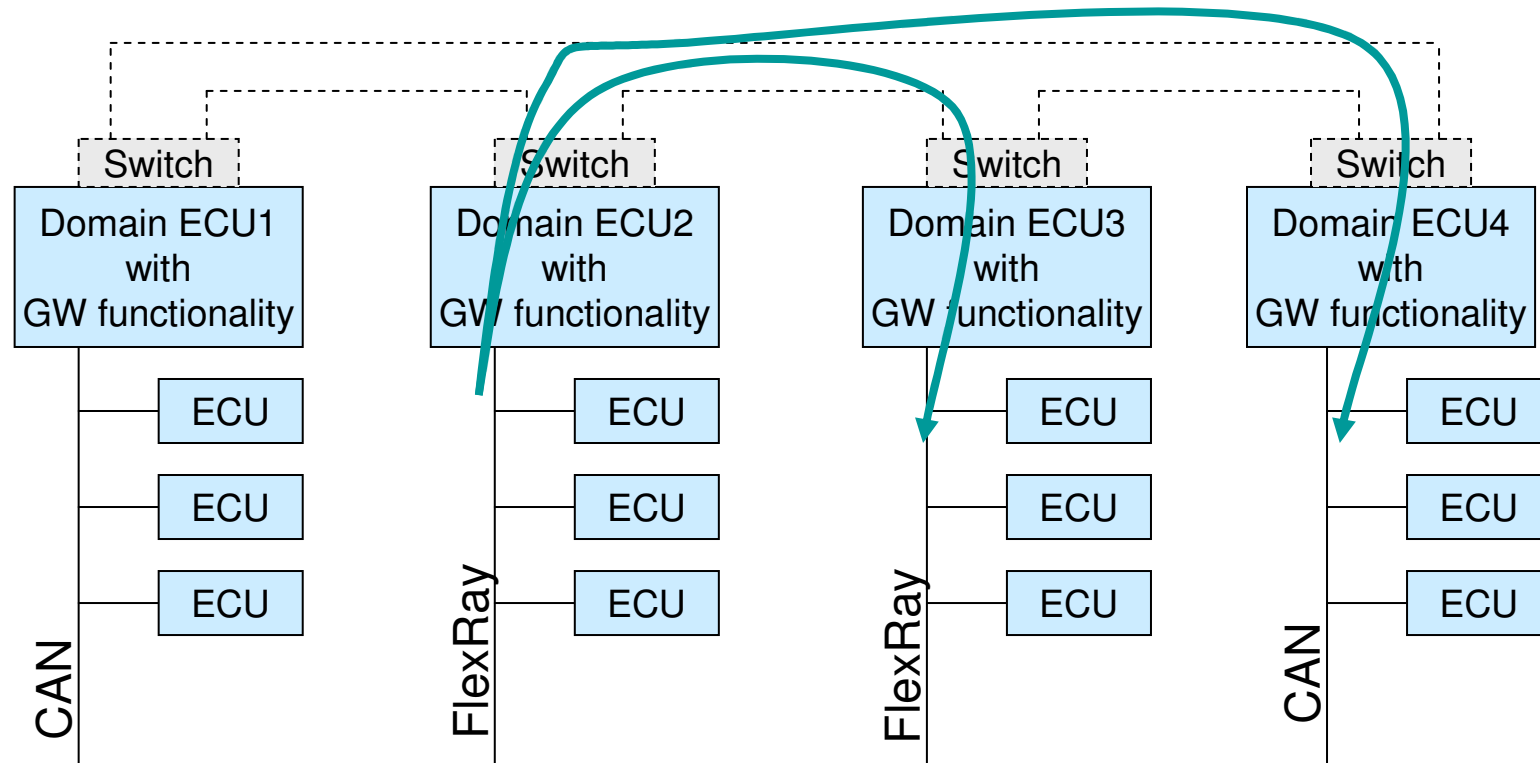
# Use-Case 1a: Ethernet as a Backbone „Bus“ (Message Extraction)



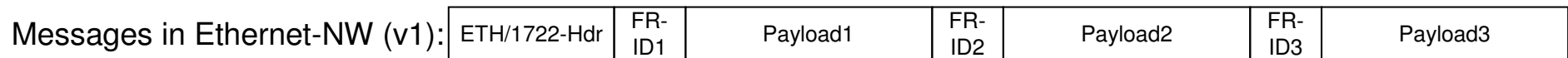
Transmission of data from a CAN bus over several gateways into arbitrary bus systems:



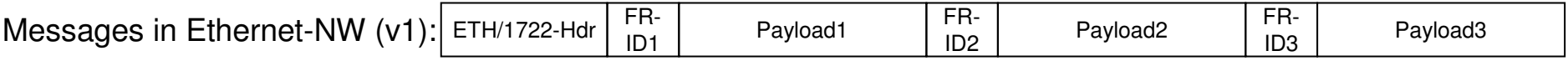
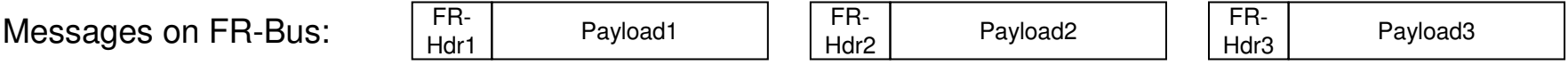
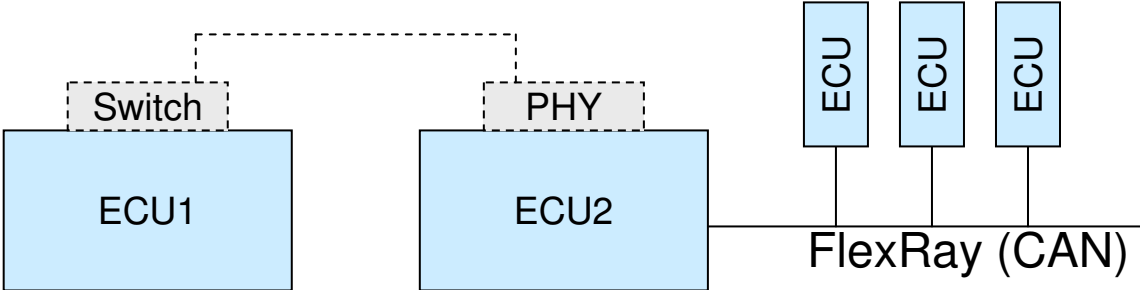
# Use-Case 1b: Ethernet as a Backbone „Bus“ (Message Extraction)



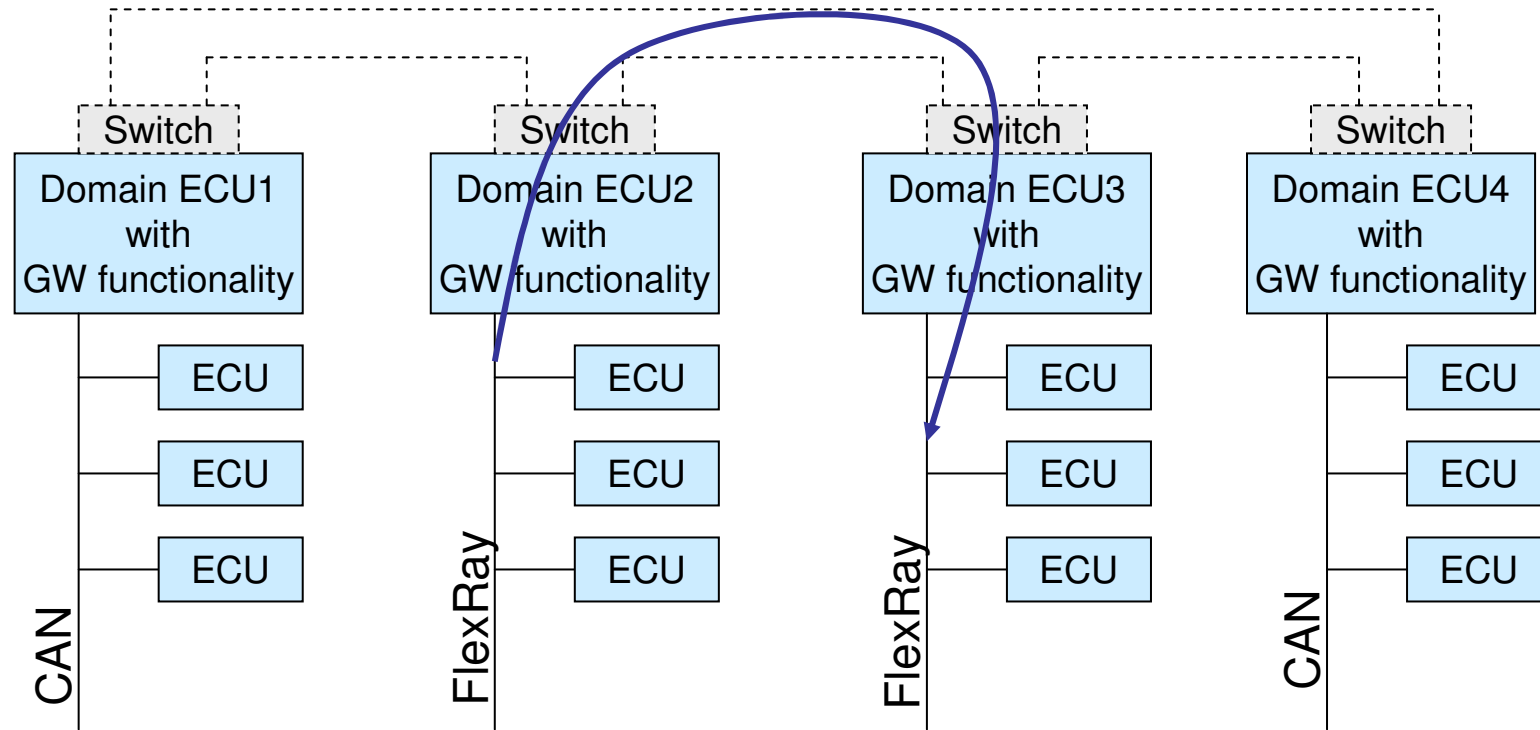
→ Transmission of FlexRay payload without the FlexRay-header in a 1722 frame:



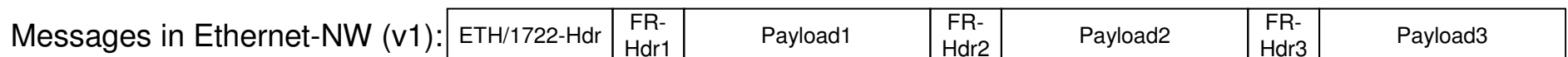
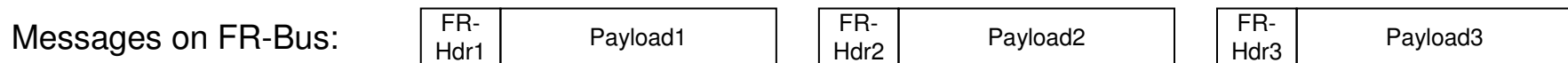
# Use Case 1c – CAN/FlexRay-Ethernet (Message Extraction)



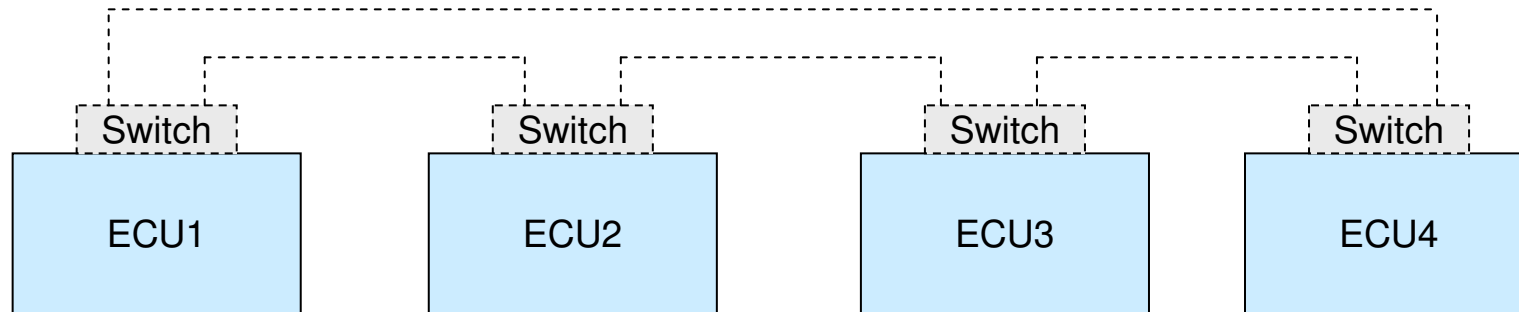
# Use-Case2: Ethernet as a Backbone „Bus“ (Encapsulation)



→ Transmission of FlexRay-Frames between FlexRay-Clusters where the timing information (slot/cycle count) of a FR-message is required



# Use-Case3: Pure Ethernet Network



Transmission of PDUs within a 1722-Frame

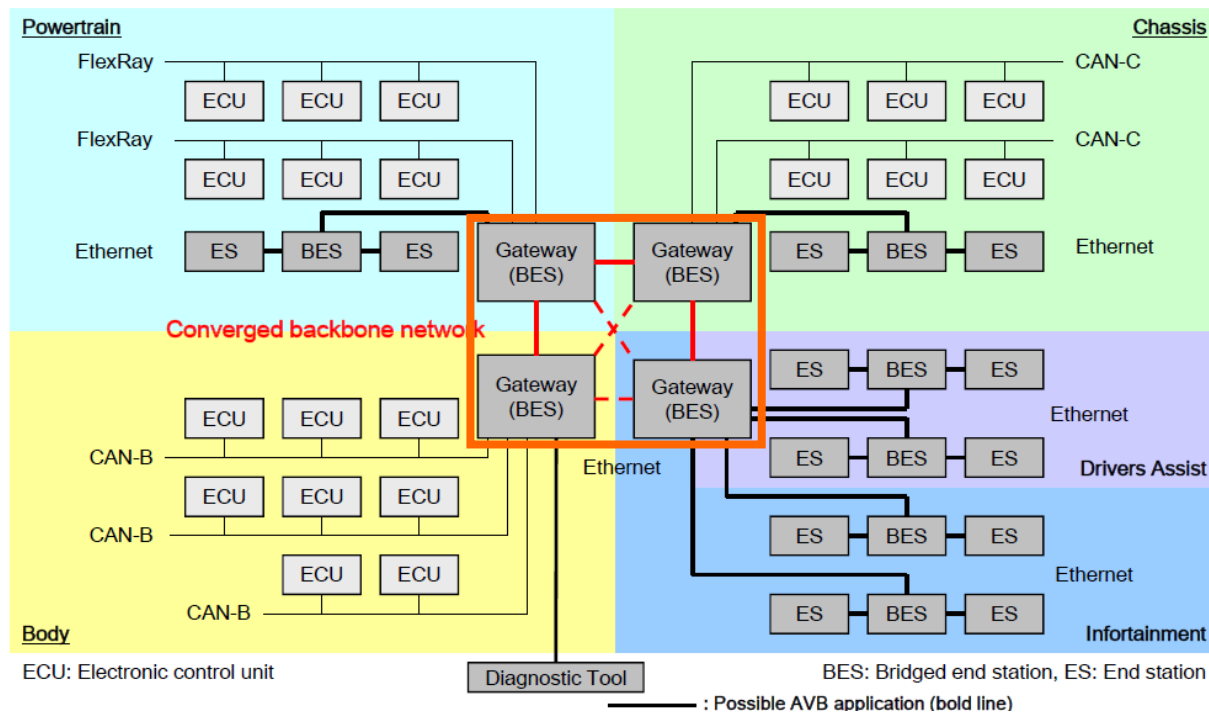
- No frame encapsulation of CAN/FlexRay/... frames
- Time stamping is required depending on the application
- Unique identifier is required for identifying the content of the payload or other serialization

How do these use cases translate into actual possible network topologies in a vehicular network?

# Automotive Network Topologies

## Topology 1 – “Meshed” Star

### “Toyota Topology\*”



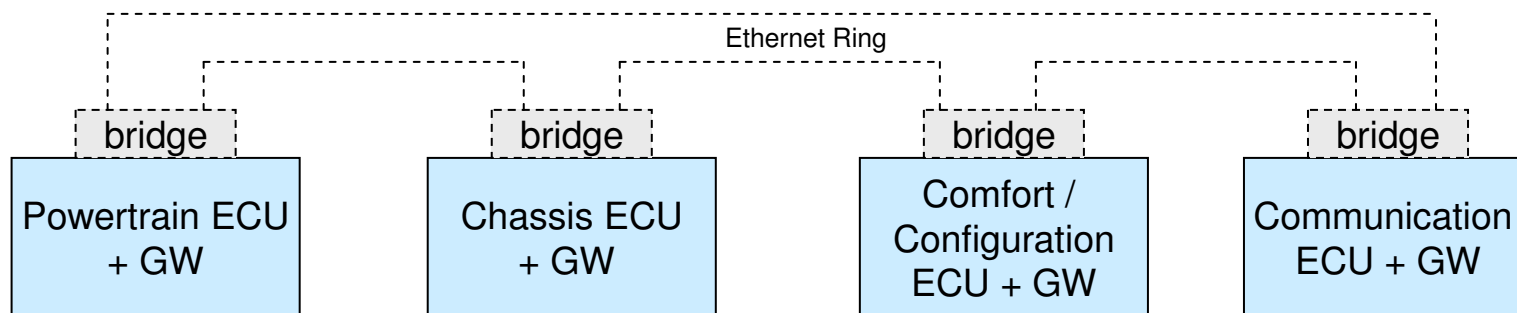
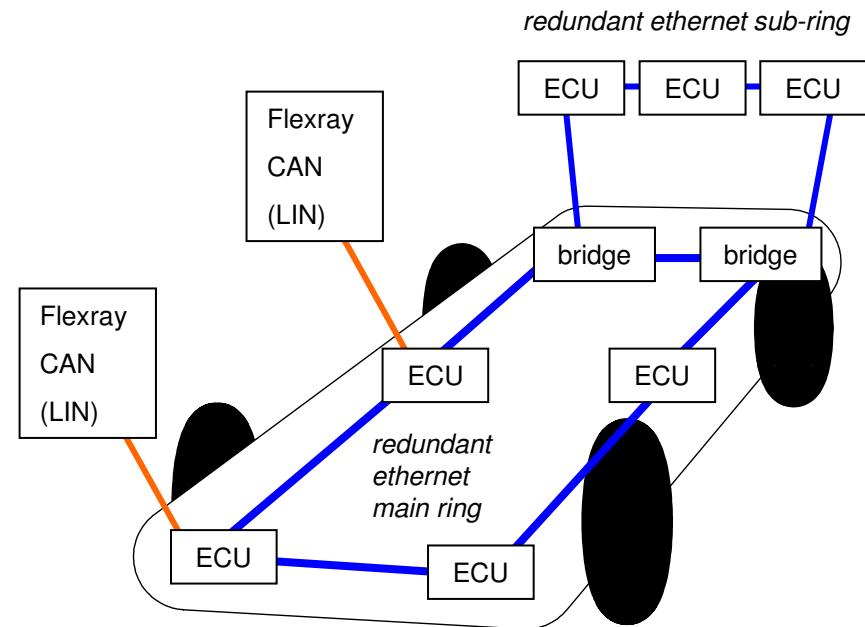
- Minimal redundant topology, could be expanded in the future (high flexibility)
- Small mesh topology
- Only parts of the topology are fault-tolerant

- Mesh keeps total hop count low, but introduces strong requirements on redundancy control protocol in fault-tolerant segments when combined with demanding timing requirements

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## Topology 2: Backbone ring with gateways and subrings

- ECUs with integrated bridges and gateways to other technologies
- Bridges with redundant sub-rings connecting ECUs
- Ethernet ring structure is fully fault-tolerant
- In a ring structure, demanding timing requirements can be met more easily by the redundancy protocol but...
- The ring introduces a higher hop count

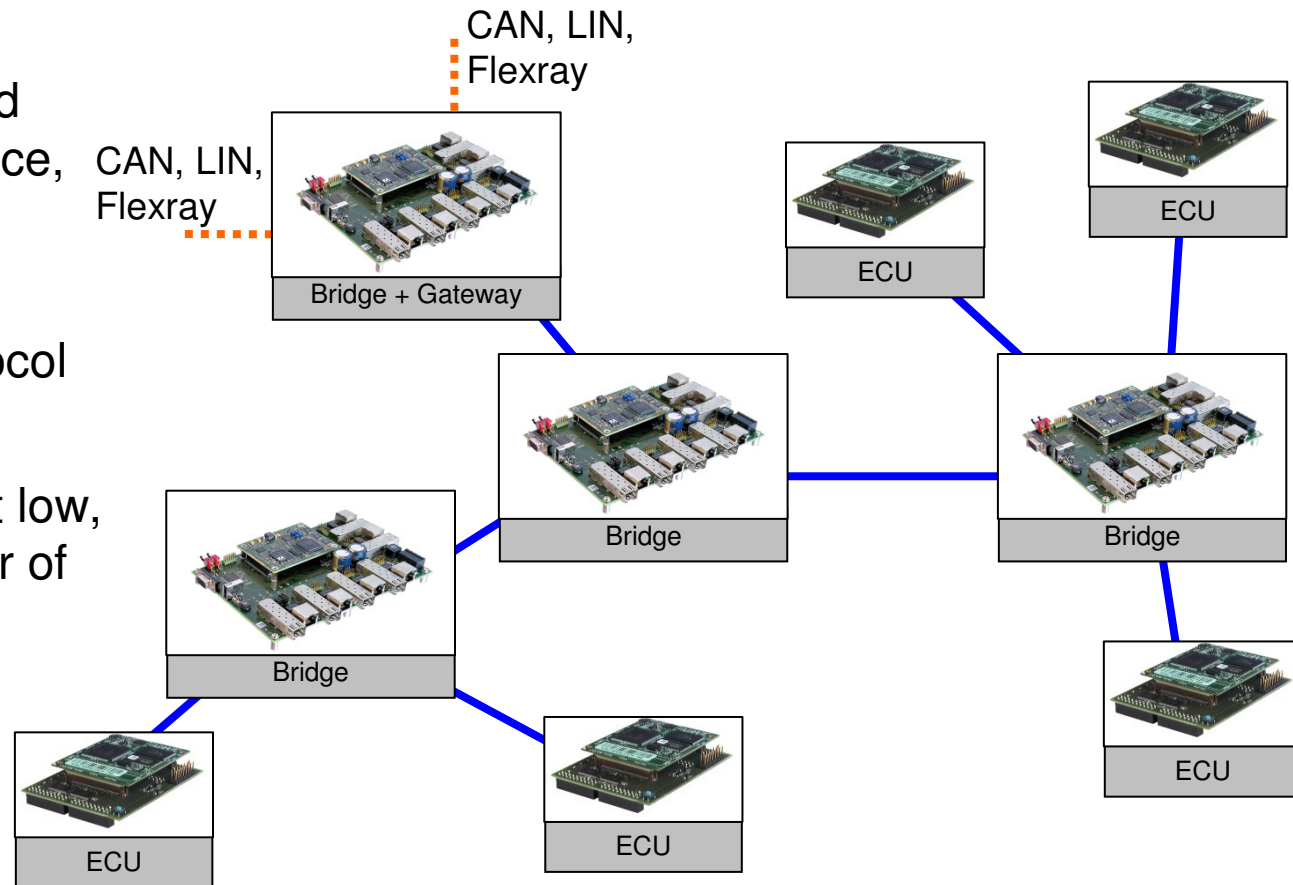




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## Topology 3: Non-redundant extended star

- ECUs with integrated bridges and gateways to other technologies
- No redundant paths and therefore no fault-tolerance, but...
- No delay through redundancy control protocol
- Extended star topology allows to keep hop count low, even with a large number of bridges



# Summary

- Automotive networks have also additional requirements regarding power consumption, startup times, EMI
- First Ethernet Network will be introduced in vehicles in 2013
- Scope of first implementations of Ethernet will be limited
- Complexity of implementations will grow over time
- The future could look like this

# The future of Ethernet within Continental Automotive divisions

