

# Transformation Hub for the value chain of the automotive wiring harness

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## Characteristics of Transformation Hubs :

- **nationwide**
- **thematically oriented**
- are set up along **relevant value chains** in the automotive and supplier industry
- support the necessary **transformation process** throughout Germany, quickly and effectively

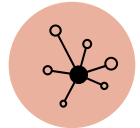
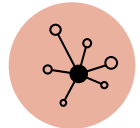
## Objectives of the funding

Knowledge transfer on transformation-relevant topics

Knowledge transfer on resource and energy efficiency

Scaling of application-related R&D solutions

Networking of relevant actors and initiation of implementation steps



## Overview of the Transformation Hubs

11 thematically diverse hubs are being funded for the Germany-wide knowledge transfer. The BMWK grants amount to **€47,9 Mio.**

<b>TraWeBe</b>  Battery	<b>cH2ance</b> $H_2$ Hydrogen	<b>ScaleUp eDrive</b>  el. Drivetrain	<b>Transfer-X</b>  Digi. Ecosyst.	<b>DiSerHub</b>  Buisness mod
<b>MIAMy</b>  Autom. Driving	<b>TuWaS</b>  Forming	<b>InSuM</b>  Interior	<b>Taste</b>  Software Eng.	<b>CyberJoin</b>  Joining techn.

**Transformation Hub Wiring Harness**  
Wiring harness

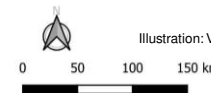
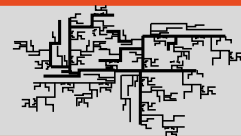


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## Consortium partner of Transformation Hub Wiring Harness



### ARENA2036

#### ARENA2036 is a research-campus of BMBF at the University of Stuttgart

- >30 **academic partners** of the university, Fraunhofer, DLR, etc.
- "Industry on Campus": >40 **companies**
- **Real Use Cases**, prototypes, products ...
- Cooperation with **Startup Autobahn** (Plug&Play)
- Co-innovation platform for **future technologies**
- Legal form association (membership)
- **New building 2016: 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>, thereof 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> shop floor**

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#### Bayern Innovativ is the „Society for Innovation and Knowledge Transfer“

- > 300 employees in cross-industry and cross-technology expert teams
- Network covers more than **32,000 customers**
- **1(n):n services - business area "Networks and Thinknet.Bayern"**: digitization, mobility, energy, health, materials & production
- **1:1 Services - Business Area "Consulting and Funding"**: Funding Pilot & Project Sponsor, Patents & Standards, Technology and Innovation Management, Cultural and Creative Industries

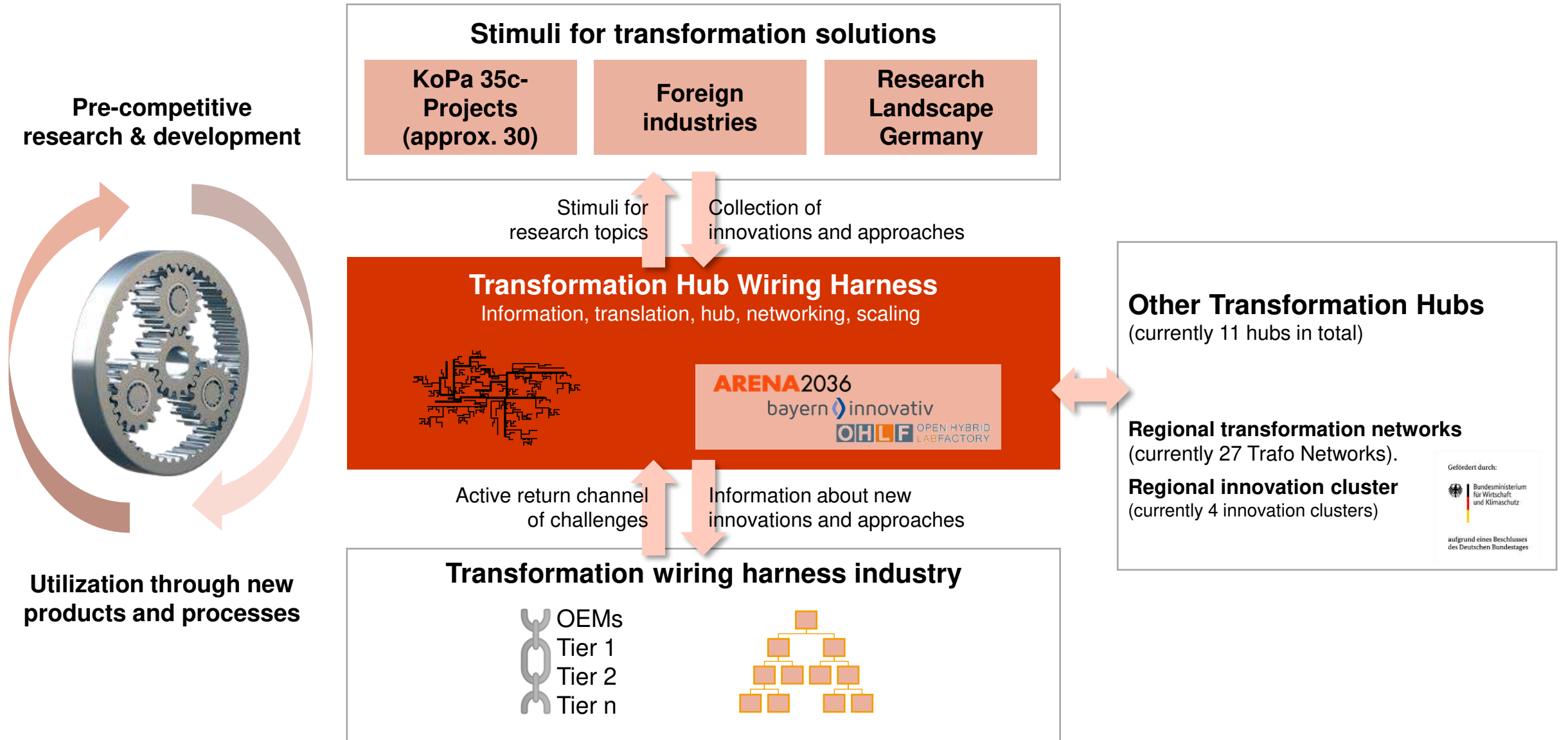


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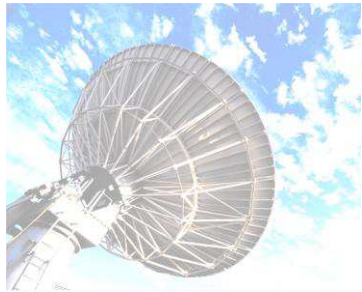
#### Research-campus for Circular Economy and sustainable lightweight construction

- > **40 partners** from industry and science work on solutions for the mobility of tomorrow
- Main areas of activity:
  - **Design for Circular Economy**
  - **Circular material concepts**
  - **Processes for Reverse Production**
  - **Overall system analysis and design**
- Opening of the **Open Hybrid LabFactory in 2016 in Wolfsburg site**





# Bridge function: The Transformation Hub Wiring Harness selects, validates and promotes innovation impulses

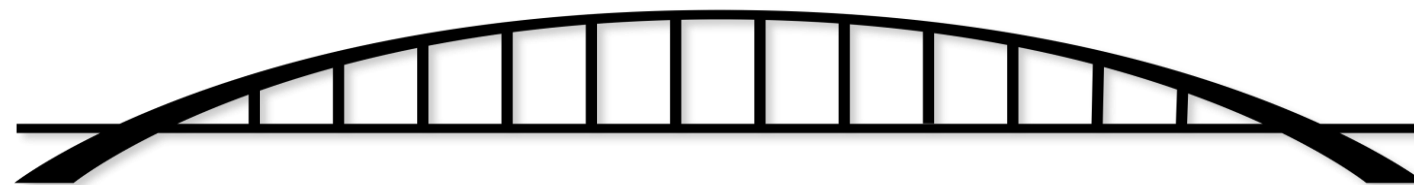
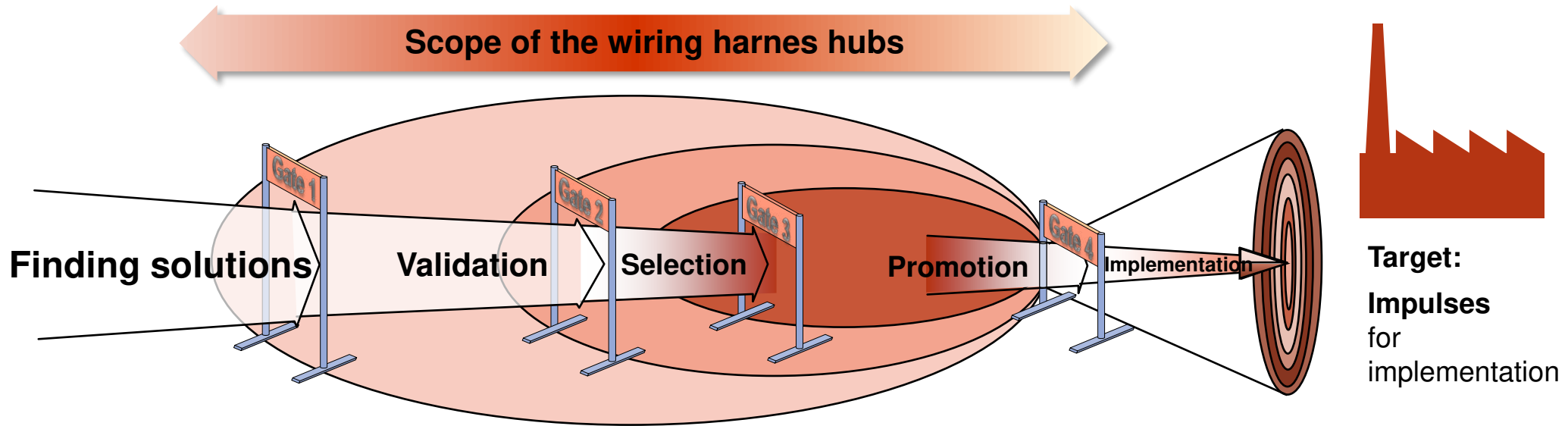


## Input:

- Funding projects (publicly available innovation knowledge)
- Wiring harness industry
- Other industries
- Active references to innovations
- Science

## Out of Scope:

- In-house R&D



## Brückenfunktion



## Out of Scope:

- Roll-out in companies
- Scaling in companies

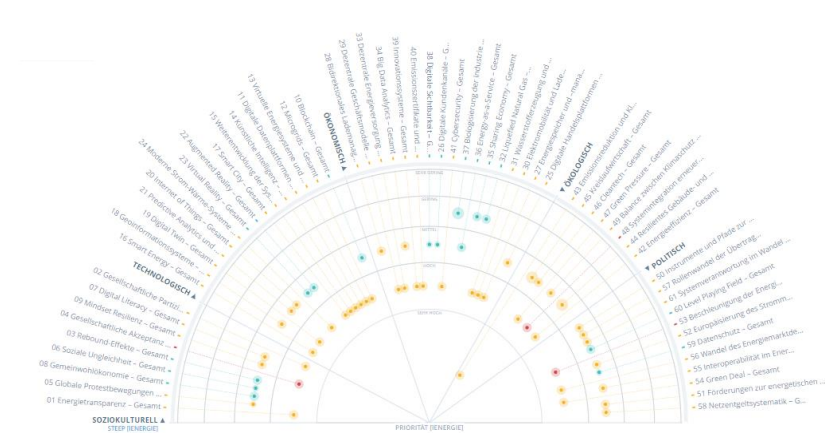
## The Wiring Harness Hub scouts interesting Trends and Technologies

From other industries and academia as well.

### Research map:



### Trendradar:



### Example: Project map „KoPa35c“

Federal Government's economic stimulus package of 2021, Paragraph 35c "Investments in the future for vehicle manufacturers and supplier industry".

### Contribution of Transformation Hub Wiring Harness

- Identification of projects related to the wiring harness
- Initial assessment of relevance and potential for WH-Industry
- Target group (industry or value chain level)
- Implementation potentials of the topic in the WH industry
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL)



## The Wiring Harness Hub informs about news:

“Find good and talk about it”

With our events and publications, we set impulses and create perspectives for the implementation of innovations.

### Events of the Wiring Harness Hub

- An annual main event with an "innovation show“
- Semi-annual virtual information events
- Technical presence events



### Webseite [www.leitungssatz-hub.de](http://www.leitungssatz-hub.de)

- Public knowledge of the solution portfolio
- Presentation of the transfer module



### Fairs and congresses (Examples)

- Cooperation Forum on Wire Harness
- Int. Conference Automotive Wire Harness, Ludwigsburg
- Automotive Wire Harness Conference, Landshut
- Hannover Messe



### Articles in specialized media (Examples)



## The Wiring Harness-Hub **networks experts**:

We create access to the developers and leaders behind the trends and technologies.

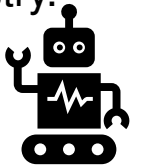
### Wiring Harness-Hub Trends Outlook

Presentation of technical approaches and technological trends that are related to or could potentially be applied in the field of wiring harnesses



### Wiring Harness-Hub Innovation Show

Announcing identified highlight innovations - from the perspective and in the language of the industry.



**Take the opportunity to present your approaches** to the wiring harness community in our event series

- „Trends Outlook“ and
- „Innovation Show“

**Approach us with your topic!**

### Wiring Harness-Hub Webseite

The website as a central contact and information point. Provision of a newsletter for regular updates.



### In-depth discussions

In-depth events for small groups

Discussions in person at the showcase location or at the company's premises



### The Wiring Harness-Hub supports the transformation:

We initiate exploratory processes and feasibility studies.

From the OEM to the cable and component manufacturer to the machine builder.

From corporate groups to medium-sized companies.



The Transformation Hub Wiring Harness generates **implementation impulses** in companies



**Exchange with interested companies** that want to better understand individual solution modules and apply them in perspective.



**Transformation projects** in bilateral or multilateral collaboration (outside of the Lead Set Hub).

## Task of the advisory board:

- **Industry perspective:**  
Defines requirements and relevance of innovation impulses for the wiring harness industry (**Agenda-Setting**).

## Members of the advisory board are company representatives:

- Company representatives in leading management positions with focus on R&D & innovation in product and production.
- The aim is to integrate representatives from many **stages of the value chain** into the advisory board.

Note: The working basis is strictly **pre-competitive** information, which is prepared by the hub team. The cooperation is based on cartel law compliance.

## First members of the advisory board:



Dr. Rainer König  
Mercedes-Benz



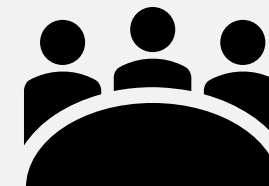
Dr. Jens Haun  
Kostal



Dr. Götz Roderer  
Hochschule Landshut



Martin Döring  
Volkswagen



Frank Gronau  
Aptiv



Hans-Jürgen Mantsch  
Siemens EDA



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### WHAT WE

### DO:

- **Research and evaluation** of innovation potential for the industry as a whole and also for individual "industry clusters" (subsectors)
- **Promotion** of interesting approaches
- **Contacts** to the corresponding know-how providers
- **Networking** of companies to explore these approaches
- **Accompaniment** of transformation projects, if needed
- **Feedback** of requirements into the projects

### WHAT WE DO

### NOT:

- Offering of **consulting scopes** (consulting)
- Carrying out **contract research**
- Organizing and leading **working groups**
- Setting up **standardization**
- **Own** developments

# Overview of 35c-Project (currently 27)



Quelle: **Zukunftsinvestitionen Fahrzeughersteller und Zulieferindustrie** – Das Konjunktur- und Zukunftspaket der Bundesregierung – Digitalisierung der Fahrzeughersteller und Zulieferindustrie (Modul a2)  
<https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Publikationen/Industrie/zukunftsinvestitionen-fahrzeughersteller-und-zulieferindustrie.html>

**Catena-X is developing a collaborative, open data network for the German and European automotive industry and is implementing ten prototype use cases.**

**Potential:** Implementation of Catena-X in companies in the wiring harness industry

### Project target

The aim is to achieve common standards for data and information flows throughout the automotive value chain.

As a permeable ecosystem for manufacturers, suppliers, dealer associations and equipment suppliers including application, platform and infrastructure providers (IT sector), Catena-X aims to increase the competitiveness of the vehicle industry and create new data-based business models.

In addition to efficiency benefits, the partners are hoping for more efficient quality and logistics processes, transparency with regard to CO2 reduction, and improvements in product development. With "SME-ready" solutions, SMEs are to be integrated into the network in a technically simple and efficient manner and thus at reasonable cost.



### Coordinator

Oliver Ganser BMW AG

### Project volume

244,2 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.08.2021 – 31.07.2024

### Project website

[www.catena-x.net/de](http://www.catena-x.net/de)

### Project partner:



**SDM4FZI (Software-defined Manufacturing for the Automotive and Supplier Industry) is developing a transformable, highly adaptable production system that is controlled across all levels of manufacturing by a seamless virtual representation.**

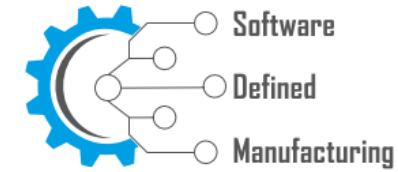
**Potential:** Application of software-defined production in wiring harness assembly plants

### Project target

The focus of the project is to create a unified framework for factories that allows new products to be manufactured in existing operating environments without major retrofitting times.

An ecosystem for software-defined production is intended to bring the advantages of cloud technology to manufacturing: Automation technology and IT systems are to be made usable individually and application-related thanks to software, without having to build hardware from scratch for this purpose.

Individual components or even entire factories can then be flexibly planned, controlled and modified by software, thus making complexity and diversity of variants manageable.



### Coordinator

Dr. Johannes Fisel  
Robert Bosch GmbH

### Project volume

73,1 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.10.2021 – 30.09.2024

### Project website

[www.sdm4fzi.de](http://www.sdm4fzi.de)

### Project partner





**VWS4LS implements the asset administration shell as a digital twin over the entire product lifecycle of the wiring harness - from cross-company collaborative development to disassembly.**



Potential: Implementation of the WH specific asset administration shell in all stages of the WH value chain.

### Project target

The goal of VWS4LS is the prototypical implementation of the asset administration shell in development, production and assembly of the wiring harness in the vehicle along 5 use cases, including collaborative development, automation of change management and traceability. This is based on the work of the Industrie 4.0 platform, the IDTA and various associated projects, in particular for the development of:

- Integration of established data standards (KBL and VEC)
- Development of wiring harness specific information models
- Investigation of scenarios for automated negotiation processes
- Integration respectively connection to Catena-X and illustration of the benefits of the combination with the asset administration shell

### Coordinator

Georg Schnauffer, Christian Kosel  
ARENA2036 e.V.

### Project volume

10,3 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.12.2021 – 30.11.2024

### Project website

[www.arena2036.de/vws4ls](http://www.arena2036.de/vws4ls)

### Project partner



**Twin4Trucks plans to use Digital Twins, Artificial Intelligence and innovative tracking technology to meet the demands of the growing complexity in the production process of the commercial vehicle industry.**

### Project target

The aim of this project is to provide end-to-end digitization solutions for the commercial vehicle industry. This is to be achieved through the use of a digital twin and the linking and overarching use of data in software services for production, intralogistics and quality assurance.

Technologies such as 5G and UWB as well as artificial intelligence methods are used. The aim by using these technologies is to implement application-oriented solutions that can be used to locate operating resources, route vehicles and load carriers, provide smart support for employees and ensure production quality.

**Potential:** Overarching use of the digital twin starting from the OEM and covering all stages of the WH value chain



### Coordinator

Dr. Ekkehard Brümmer  
Daimler Truck AG

### Project volume

25,6 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.09.2022 – 31.08.2025

### Project website

<https://www.twin4trucks.de>

### Project partner



**Industrial Computer Vision (ICV) strives for a holistic solution to establish computer vision in the automotive industry. The prerequisite for this is a comprehensive conception and research of the necessary aspects of the ICV ecosystem under practical conditions.**

### Project target

The scaled industrial application of computer vision in production has been a long time coming, although the potential is great. Hurdles include changing environmental conditions and lighting conditions in production and unresolved legalities. A holistic approach to solutions is needed.

For this purpose, the ICV ecosystem is to be structured in a problem-oriented manner to enable a high degree of user-friendliness and a consistent solution to the technically similar challenges. For this purpose, the four use cases surface inspection, assembly inspection, anomaly detection as well as tire and rim inspection will be implemented. In addition, basic enablers for the use cases are being researched, enabling employees to implement use cases themselves or to develop solutions for legal requirements, for example.

**Potential:** Use of computer vision in the automation of wiring harness assembly with robots.



### Coordinator

Jakob Engelmann  
Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft

### Project volume

13,5 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.12.2022 – 30.11.2025

### Project partner



**Next2OEM is developing a highly automated and sustainable value-added system for the production of wiring harnesses in Germany.**

next2OEM

**Potential:** Use of findings to reduce automation barriers in the assembly of wiring harnesses.

### Coordinator

Dr. Ingo Busche  
Audi AG

### Project volume

23,1 Mio. €

### Project runtime

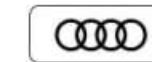
01.02.2023 – 31.01.2026

### Project target

The goal of the Next2OEM project is to develop a digitized and automated value chain from wiring harness development to wiring harness production and assembly into the car body.

The aim is to reshore wiring harness production back to Germany and to optimize all process steps. The dynamic integration of data infrastructures, new manufacturing technologies and design rules into the production process will also enable a more sustainable and resource-efficient process chain.

### Project partner



NuMA 4.X develops and tests a modular and AI-based assistance system for vehicle production employees based on transparent data acquisition and utilization using three automotive use cases as examples.

### Project target

The NuMA 4.X project aims to align digitalization in the factory in a human-centric and sustainable way.

For this purpose, a framework for an operator empowerment system is to be developed using three automotive use cases as examples, by making networked production processes transparent through a digital twin and AI-based assistance functions as well as user-oriented visualizations. In this way, employees are provided with a large information space for creative solution finding with regard to resource-efficient production.

The effectiveness of the developed solution is to be proven directly under real practical conditions.

**Potential:** Use of AI-based assistance functions in the manual production of wiring harnesses.



### Coordinator

Ferat Özkan  
Ford-Werke GmbH

### Project volume

11,6 Mio. €

### Project runtime

01.01.2023 – 31.12.2025

### Project partner



**REPLAKI makes artificial intelligence usable for production planning by analyzing past production data, identifying effective relationships between the influencing variables and integrating them into the future planning process.**

**Potential:** Increased forecasting and planning accuracy through AI for flexible action in production

### Project target

The aim is to increase the prediction accuracy of production plans and to make statements about the effect of influencing variables on the production plan.

Based on these findings, predictions about potential deviations are to be made, which in turn are to be incorporated into the planning.

REPLAKI raises the transparency and the cross-linking of production to a new level and improves processes through automated deviation detection and flexible processing. It is possible to analyze production data across the various IT systems with the aim of achieving greater predictive accuracy and thus increasing planning reliability. REPLAKI therefore contributes to an increase in the resilience of production systems in the automotive and supplier industry.



### Coordinator

Heike Wilson  
DUALIS GmbH IT Solution

### Project volume

4,2 Mio. €

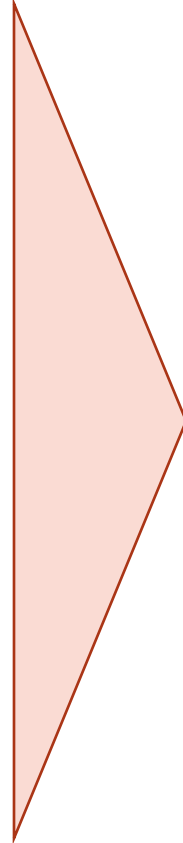
### Project runtime

01.01.2023 – 31.12.2025

### Project partner



- You want to **stay up to date** about all events?
- You would like to be **informed about current results**?
- You would like to **present your technology** to the wiring harness community ?
- You would like to **present the results of your research project** in the context of the wiring harness?
- You have **relevant solutions from another industry**?



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# AAS4WH – Asset Administration Shell for the Wiring Harness

The vision of the end-to-end and interoperable value chain of the wiring harness in 2024  
Bordnetzkongress Ludwigsburg 10.5.2023, Christian Kosel



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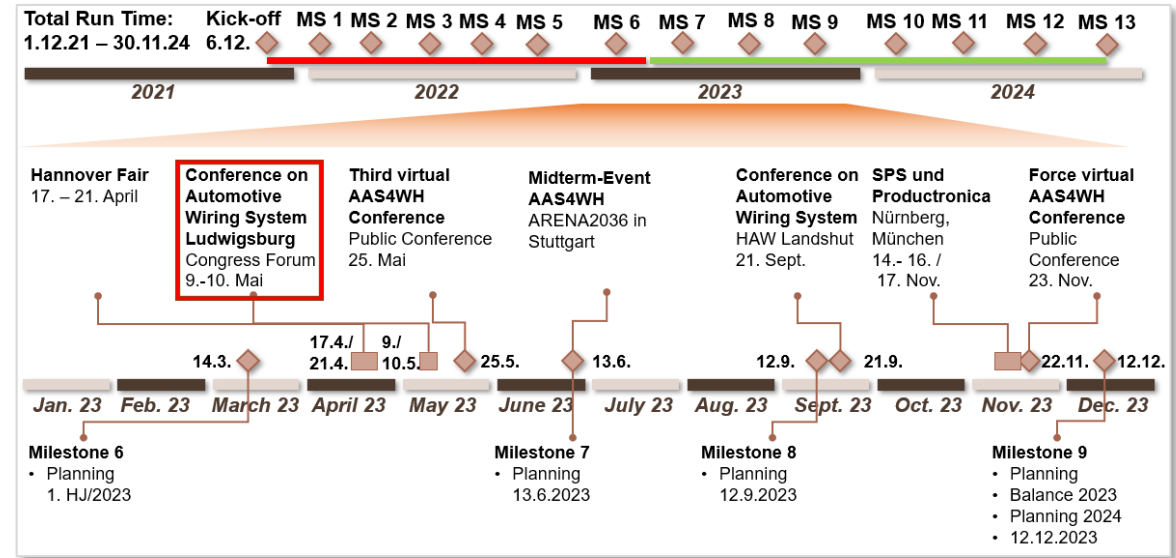


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## Key facts

- Participant of “35c-Konjunkturpaket”
- 10 Project partners over the hole value chain
- Total funding about 10 Mio.€
- 10 Subprojects with different scope
- Goal by using the Asset Administration Shell:
  - Interoperability
  - End-to-end digitization
  - Process automation

Tier 3 Maschinen	Tier 2 Komponenten	Tier 1 Konfektionäre
Software-Toolhersteller		



TP 2 Development Process of the Wire Harness	TP 3 Production Process of the Wire Harness	TP 4 Assembly Process of the Wire Harness
TP 1 Concept, Information model and Product description		
TP 5 Integration of the Composite Component		
TP 6 Automated Negotiation Processes		
TP 7 Data Business Policy, Data Governance and Monetization		
TP 8 Data Storage Policy, Security and Connection to Catena-X		
TP 9 Piloting, Testing, Demonstration		
TP 10 Transfer and coordination		

## Autonomy

Self-determination and free scope for action guarantee competitiveness in digital business models.

- Technology development
- Security
- Digital infrastructure

## Interoperability

Cooperation and open ecosystems permit plurality and flexibility.

- Standards and integration
- Decentralized systems and artificial intelligence
- Regulatory framework

## Sustainability

Modern industrial value creation ensures high standard of living.

- Decent work and education
- Climate change mitigation and the circular economy
- Social participation

## Asset

- Products, machines, components, supply material
- Documents that are exchanged (plans, orders)
- Orders
- Contracts
- ...



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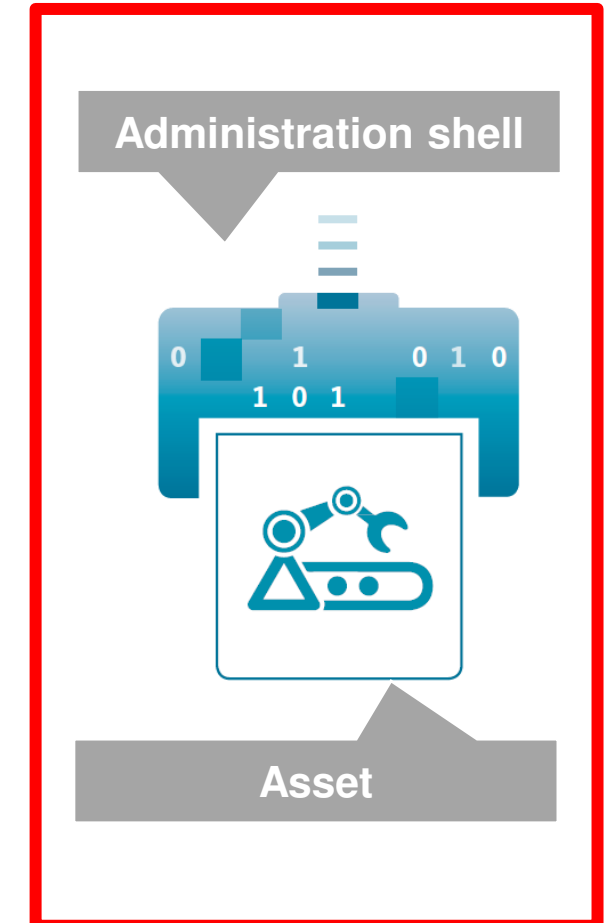
## Asset Administration Shell (AAS)

- Unique ID & nesting possibility
- Standardised product features, capabilities of the object
- Free manufacturer-specific features
- References to external data sources or files, as well as other asset administration shells
- Process variables and parameters, telemetry data
- ...



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## Industry 4.0 Component



**Product-AAS**

**Industry 4.0 Component = Asset + AAS**

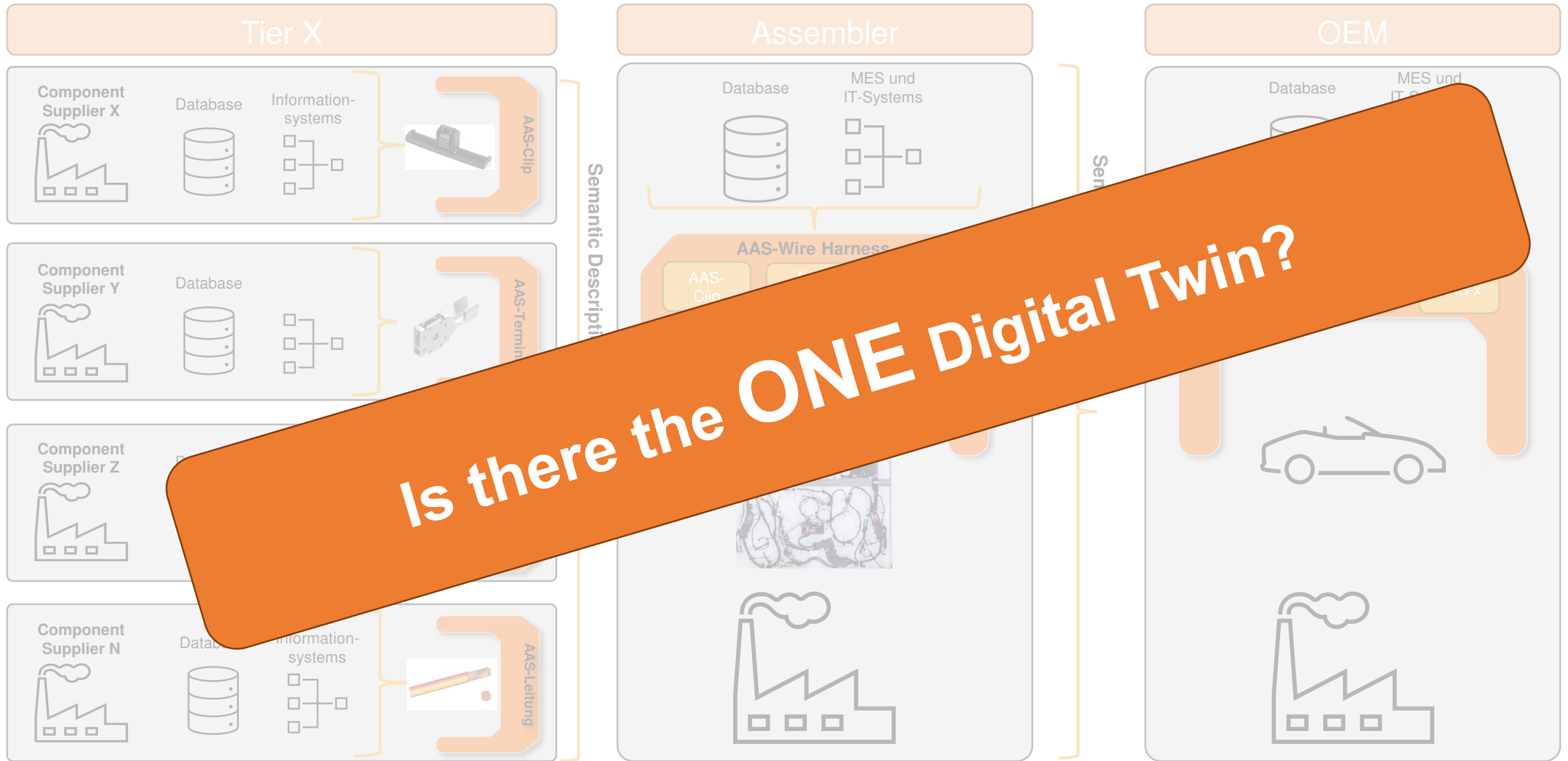
**AAS-Repository**

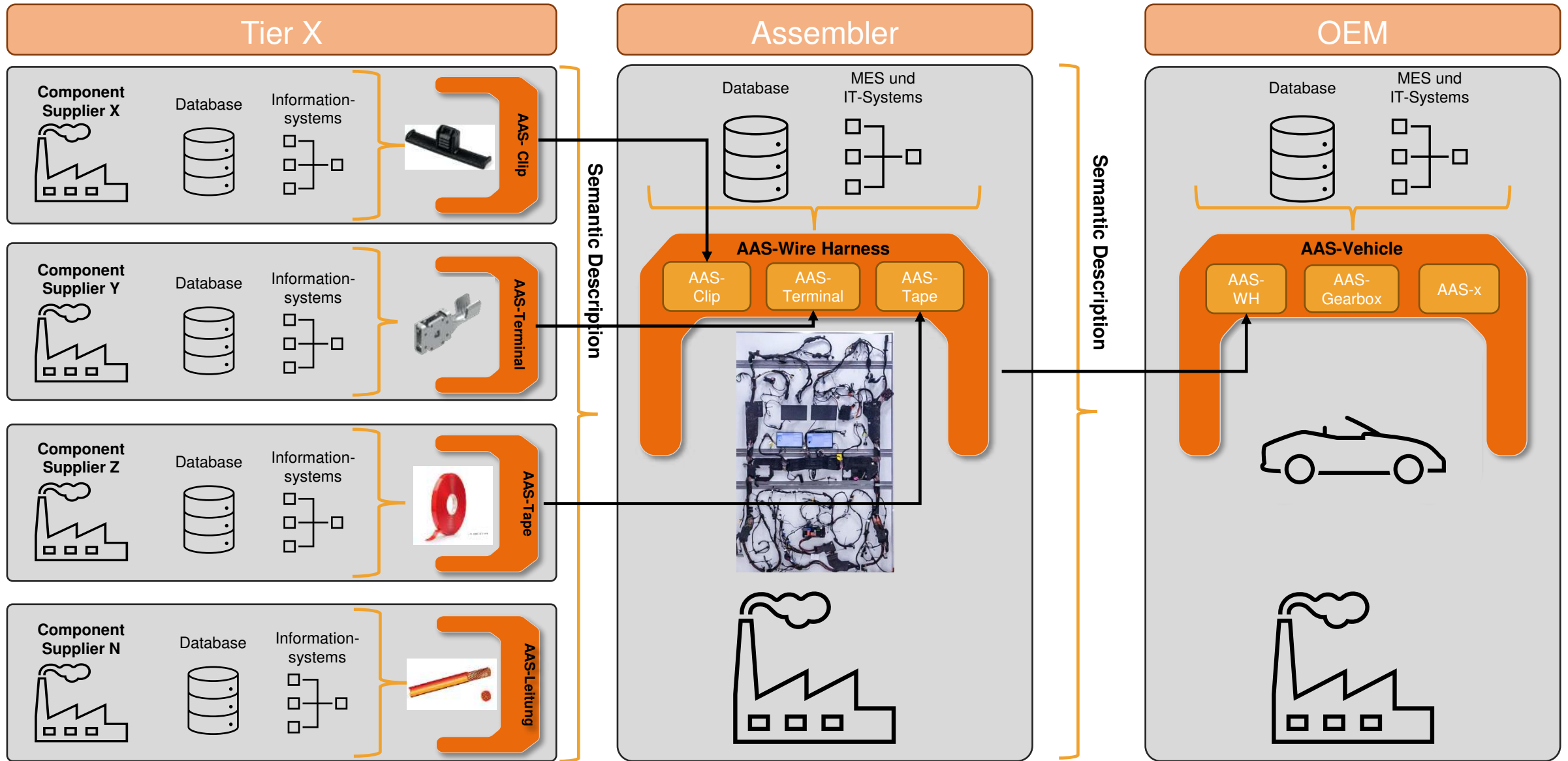
**Bill of Material**

**Open-Source Software**

**Entity (self-managed)**   **Entity (co-managed)**   **Property**   **Asset**   **Property ↔ Entity**   **Relation**

The screenshot displays the AASX-Package Explorer interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of assets, each with an AASX icon and a URL. The main area shows a hierarchical tree of entities (Ent) and their relationships. A large graph in the center illustrates the Bill of Material (BoM) structure, showing how higher-level entities like 'ES-Variante' and 'Segment\_A1\_A2' are composed of lower-level entities like 'Leitung\_schwarz', 'Leitung\_rot', and 'Leitung\_gruen'. The graph uses different colors and line styles to represent various types of relationships and properties. A legend at the bottom clarifies the symbols used in the graph.







Cross-company Interoperability



Digital provision of information (data generation, storage and provision)



Semantic Description



Standardized exchange formats (reduction of proprietary formats)

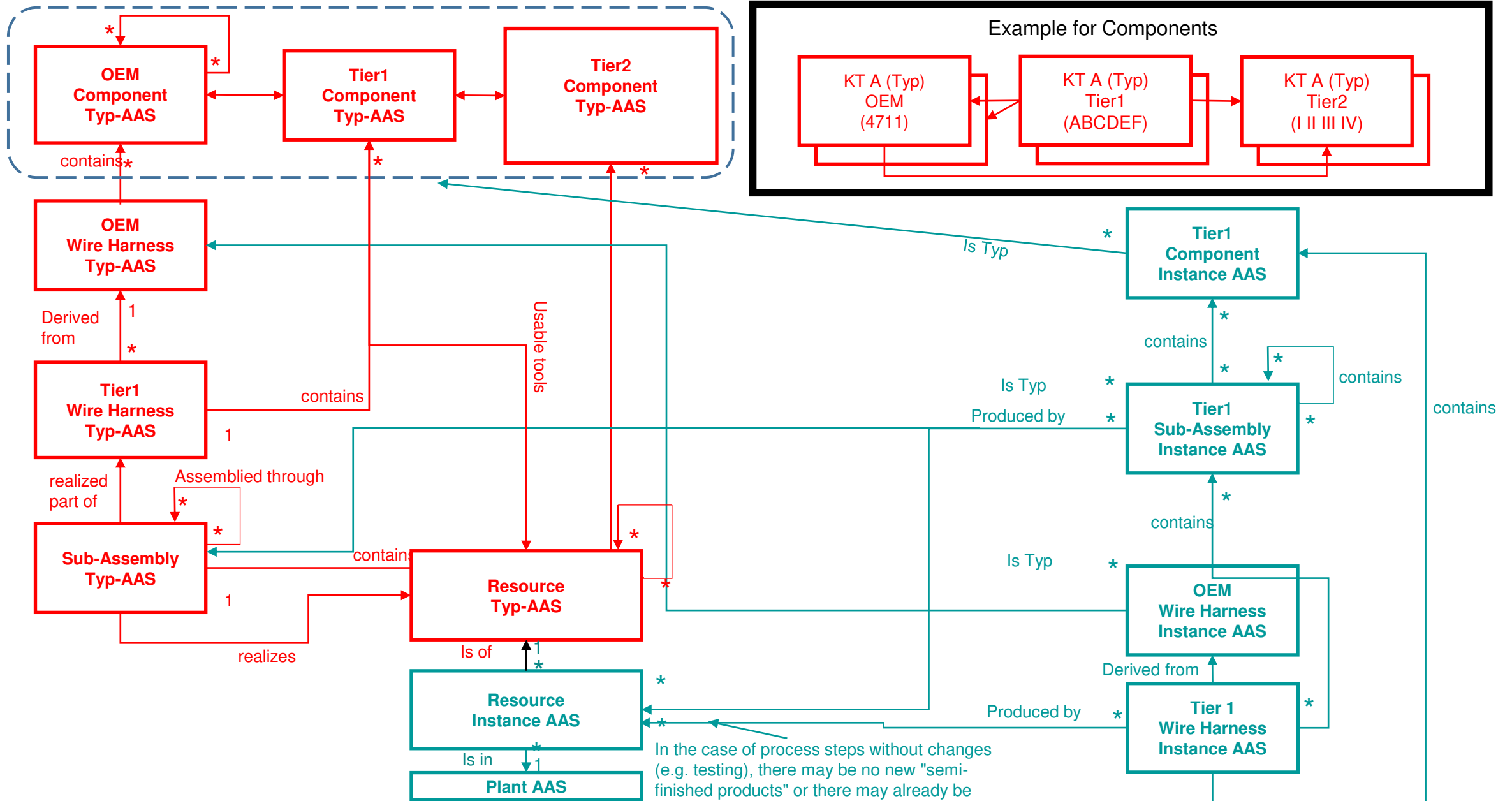


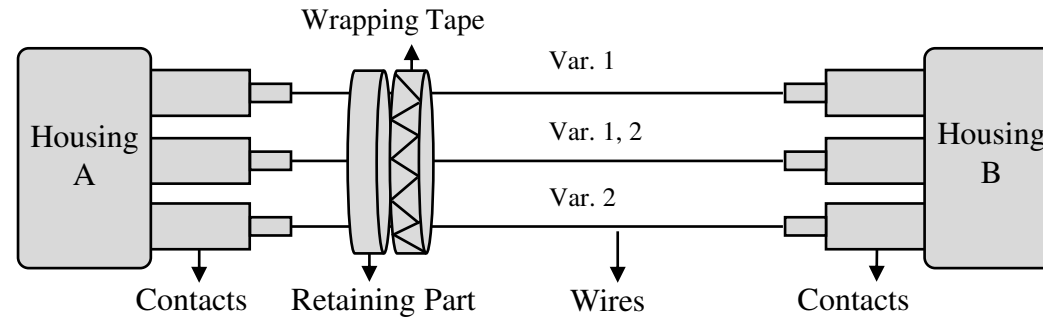
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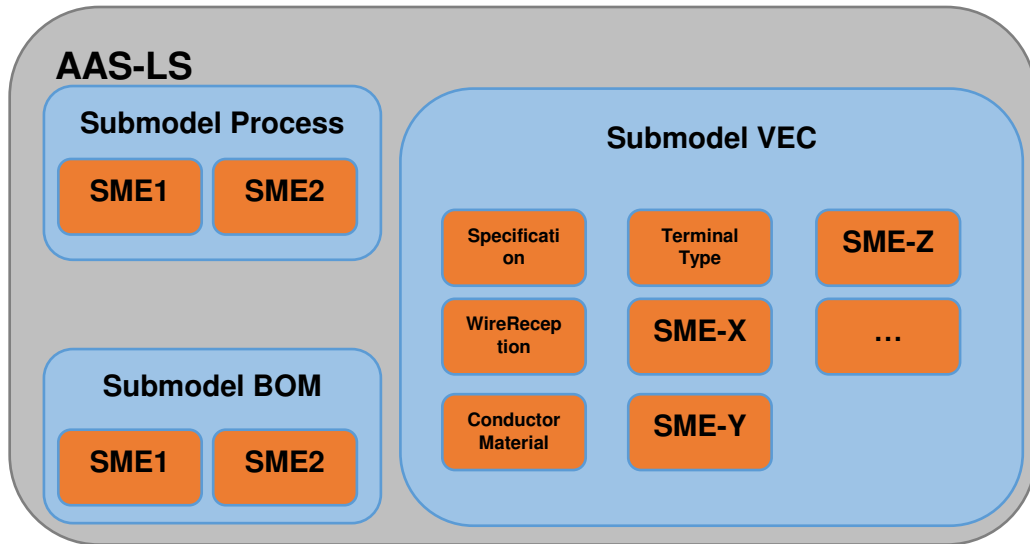


# AAS4WH: Implementation of the AAS in the Value Chain of the Wiring Harness ARENA2036

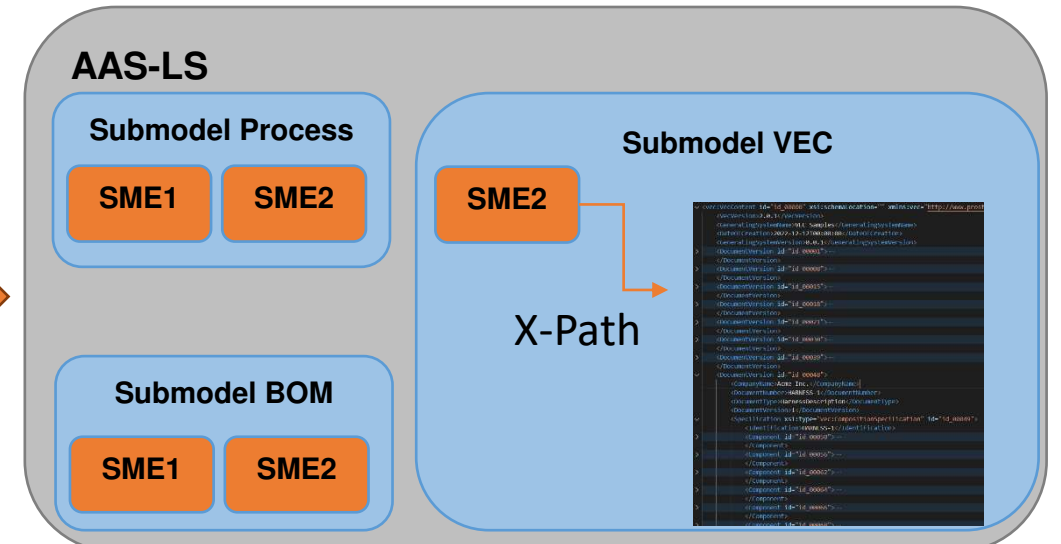


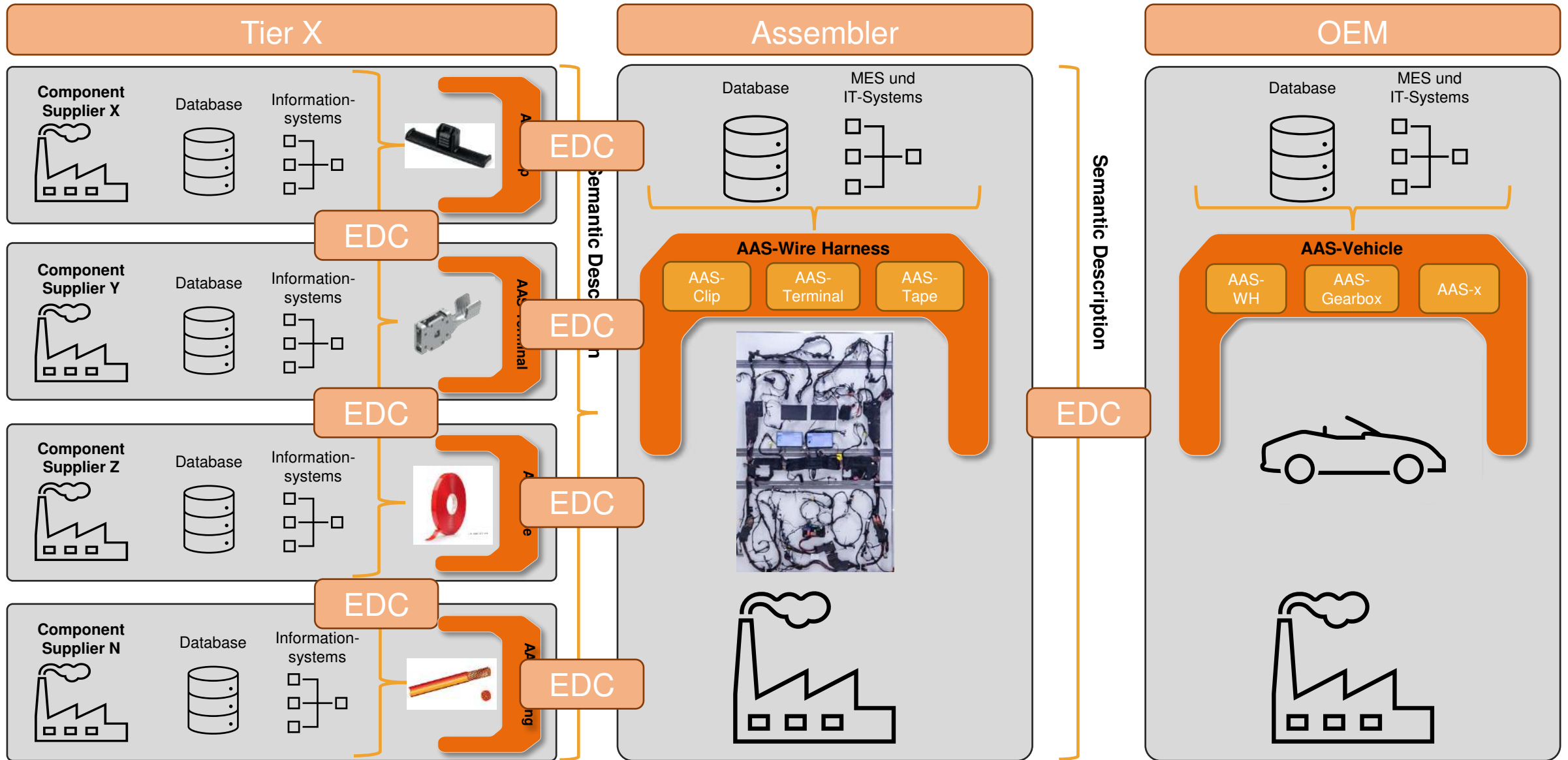


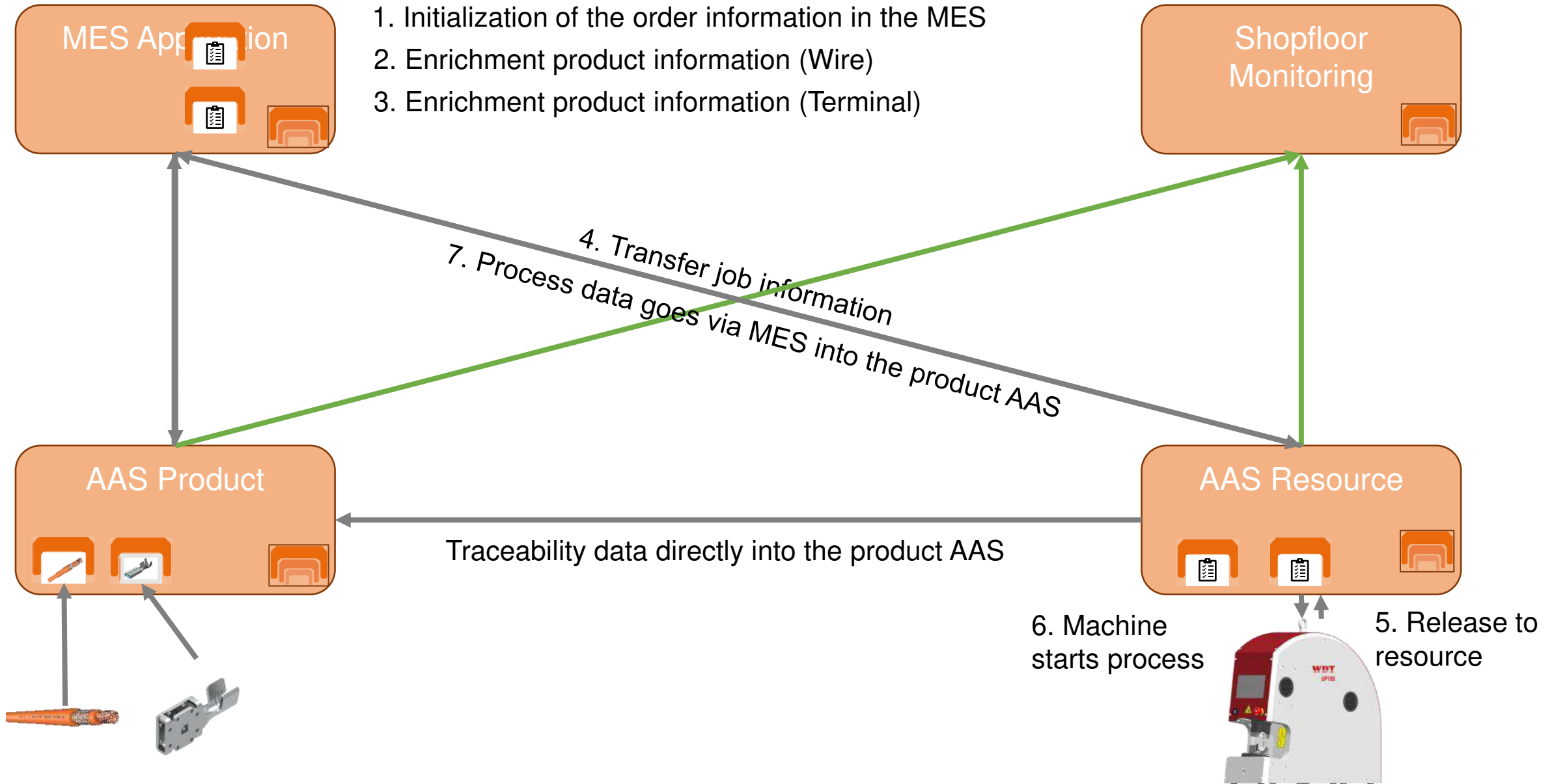
## Variante 1 – Remodeling data model in AAS



## Variante 2 – Reference in the data model

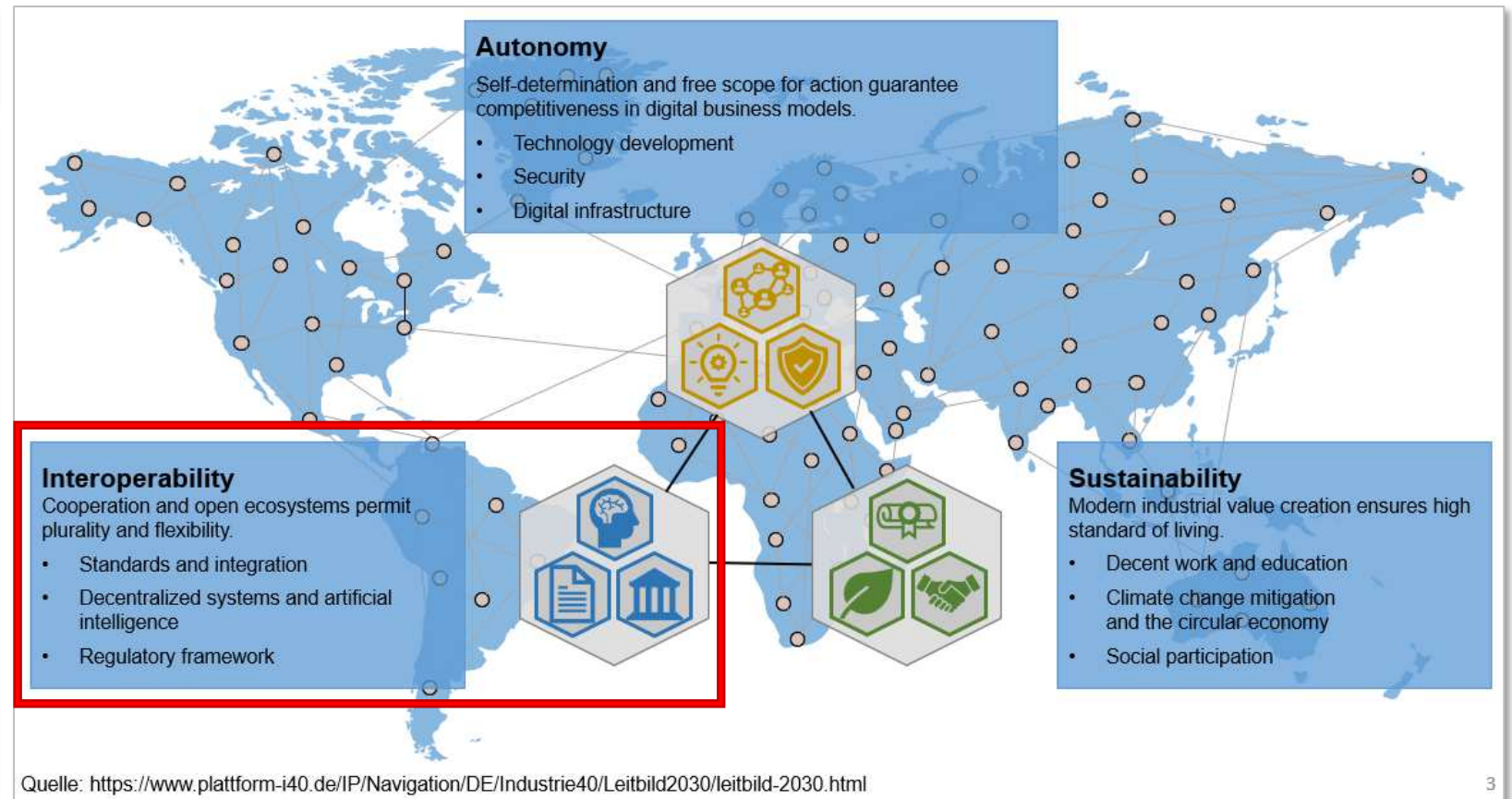






Advantages

- Rethought cross-company Interoperability
- Standardized digital provision of information
- Semantic description
- Standardized exchange format
- Handling of industry-established data standards (KBL, VEC and OPC-UA Comp. Spec)
- Standardized AAS-Submodels for Engineering, Production and Assembly



Interoperability is the enabler from intra-enterprise optimization, to value chain optimization.

If you want participate at the event!



Thank you for your attention!