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# Manufacturing-X Manifest: What does exist and on what should we focus?

# Overview

This presentation illustrates how data spaces within Manufacturing-X can currently be built and which directions should be taken to enable interoperability between the Manufacturing-X data spaces.

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# User Journey: Quality Management

## Description

**In the following user journey, a car manufacturer collaborate with his component supplier to solve quality issues.**

### **Business Process & Description**

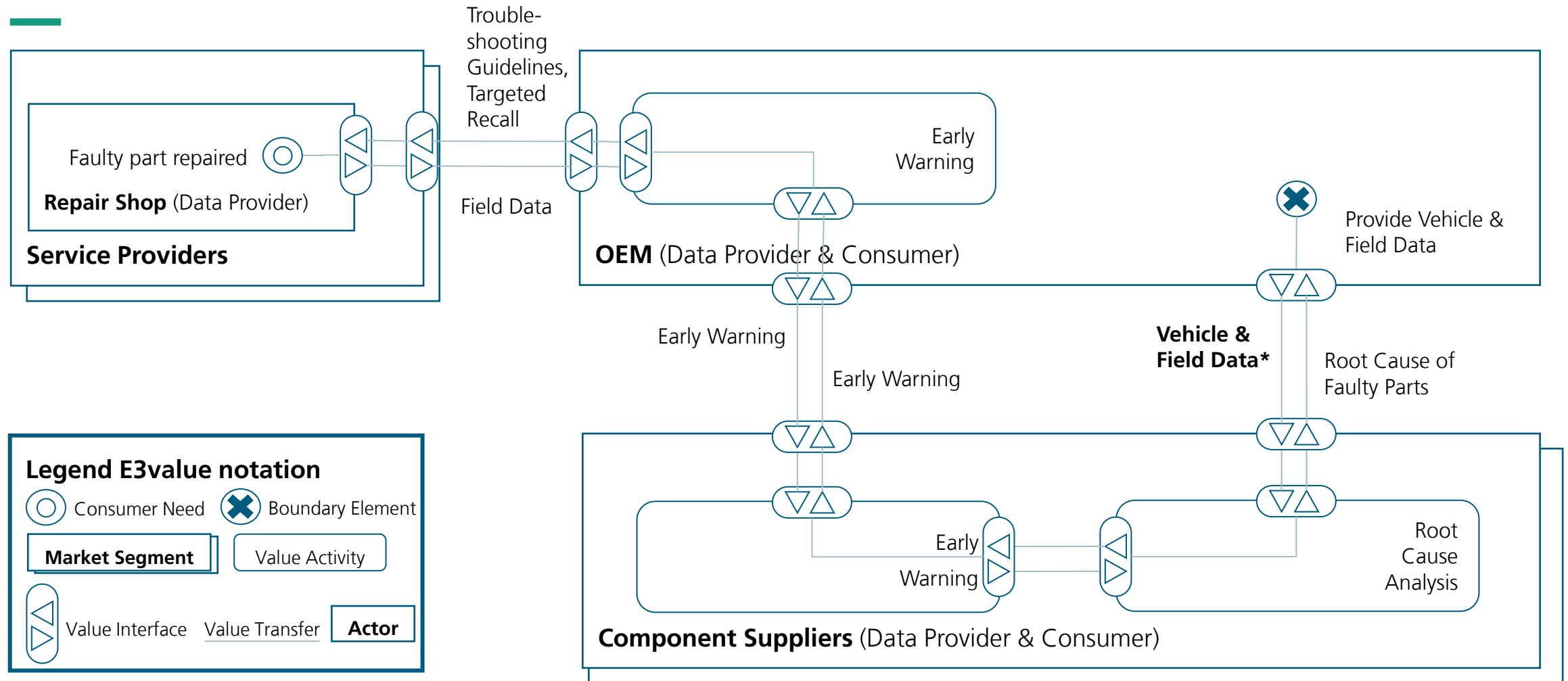
A car original equipment manufacturer (OEM) has been informed by his repair shops that a lot of customer face problems with a specific part in a specific car model. After checking these cars and the parts, the system failure is based on a problem with the control unit component that needs to be exchanged. As the component supplier (Tier 1) supplies these parts to the OEM, the OEM starts a “early warning” by sending a notification message over his IT systems to the component supplier. This early warning references quality relevant data and information about the problematic control unit. To perform the root cause analysis, the component supplier requests field data from the OEM. The component supplier finds and resolves the problem of the control unit. He then provides a fixed version to the OEM. Thus, the OEM informs the repair shops and performs software updates during the next repair shop appointment instead of recalling all parts affected.

### **Technical Process & Description**

Since the OEM and the component supplier are both part of an ecosystem, such as the Catena-X data space, they collaborate. During the production of the car model, digital twins are used to create a technical relationship between the parts. Thus, the IT systems know that a specific control unit is built inside a specific car model. During the problem in the field as described above, the OEM uses the already build up chain of digital twins to identify the correct digital twin. The API for early warnings is used to send a notification in a standardized format under specific conditions. Further information from the field can be provided via the digital twins.

# Ecosystem for Quality Management

## Quality Case



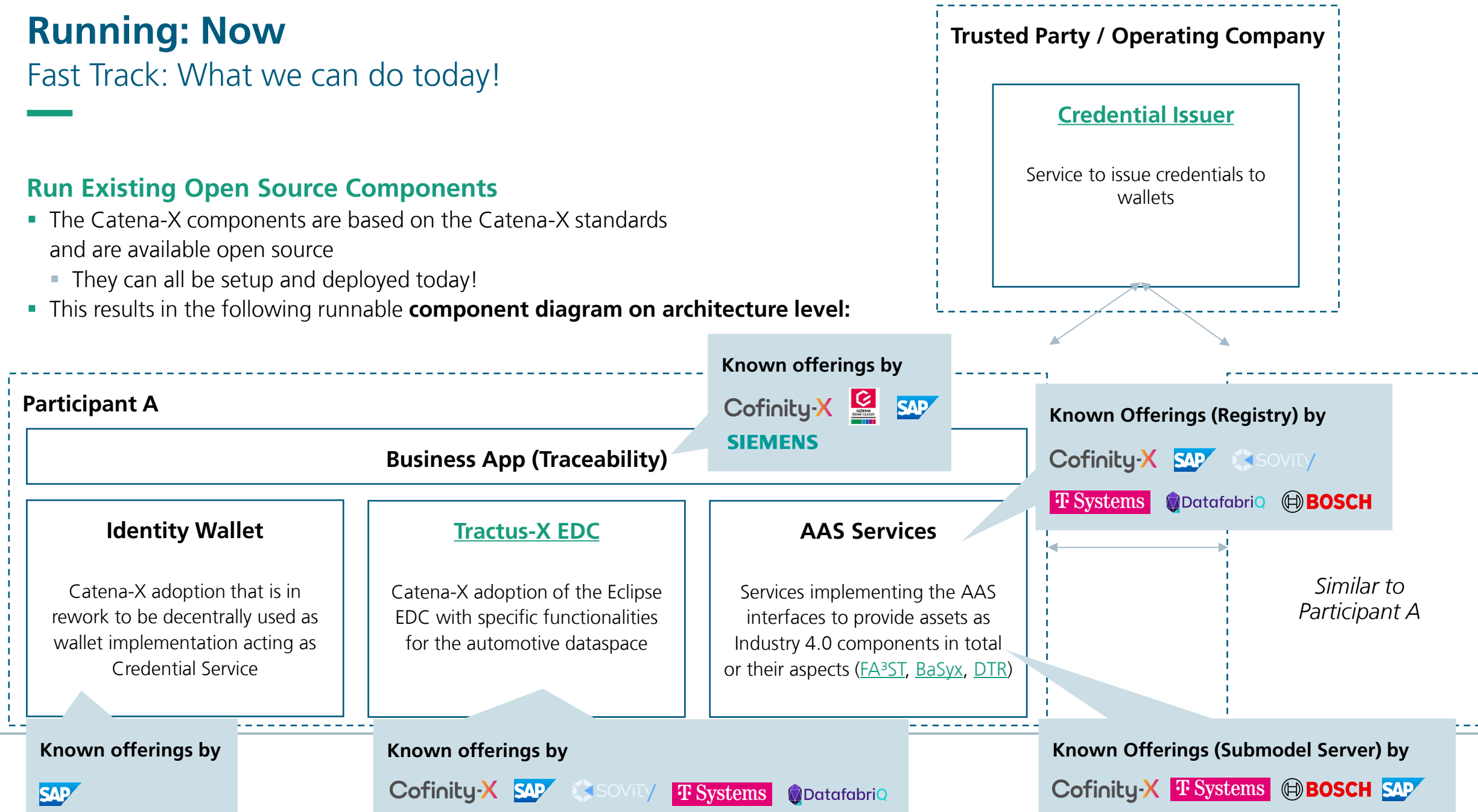
\* See **Vehicle & Field Data Transfer** as sequence diagram on the following slides

# Running: Now

Fast Track: What we can do today!

## Run Existing Open Source Components

- The Catena-X components are based on the Catena-X standards and are available open source
  - They can all be setup and deployed today!
- This results in the following runnable **component diagram on architecture level**:



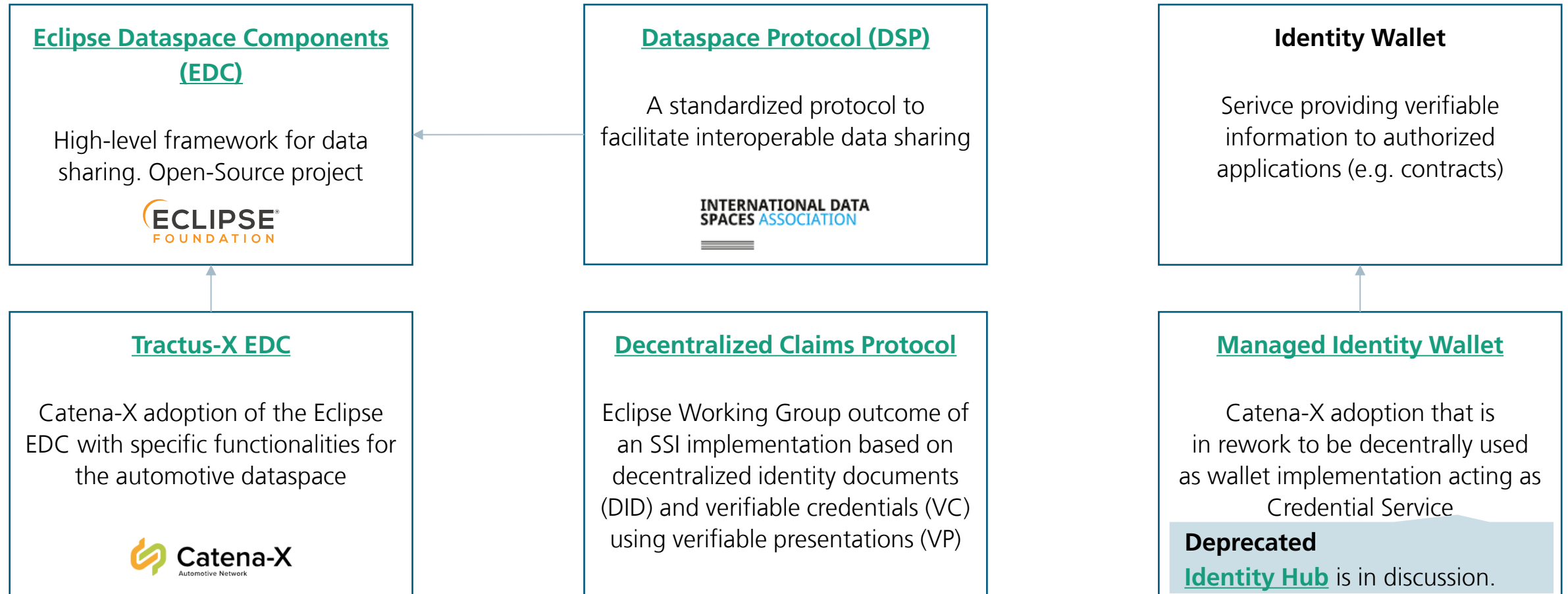
# Ecosystem Basics

## Involved Protocols

Specification / Protocol	Purpose	Ref. Impl.
Data Space Protocol ( <a href="#">DSP</a> )	It defines the process from data offering via negotiation to access of data while preserving usage control.	Eclipse Dataspace Components Connector (EDC)
Decentralized Claims Protocol ( <a href="#">DCP</a> )	Overlays the DSP with organizational identities and verifiable claims in a decentralized network.	Eclipse Dataspace Components Connector (EDC)
Asset Administration Shell ( <a href="#">AAS</a> )	Provide interoperable data provisioning between companies using aspects of digital twins.	BaSyx, FA3ST
OPC UA	Provide operational data of manufacturing processes for AAS.	
IEC 61850	Provide operational data of Energy Network and Utilities for AAS.	

# Components

Overview of what already exists (partly based on Catena-X)



# Manufacturing-X Manifest

The transition to increasing interoperability between data spaces.

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## Overall Requirements

All data spaces in the domain of Manufacturing-X must be interoperable to each other.

- Participants must be identified dynamically (e.g., using the Decentralized Claims Protocol (DCP)). Participants may vary
  - from Business Partners
  - to Industry 4.0 components.
- Cross-company data flow must be governed by a standardized communication (using the Data Space Protocol (DSP)).
- Data must be exchanged in an unambiguous way: Asset Administration Shell (AAS)
- If AAS needs operational data, AAS must be populated using standardized protocols, such as
  - Industrial Manufacturing Processes: OPC UA
  - Utilities: IEC 61850

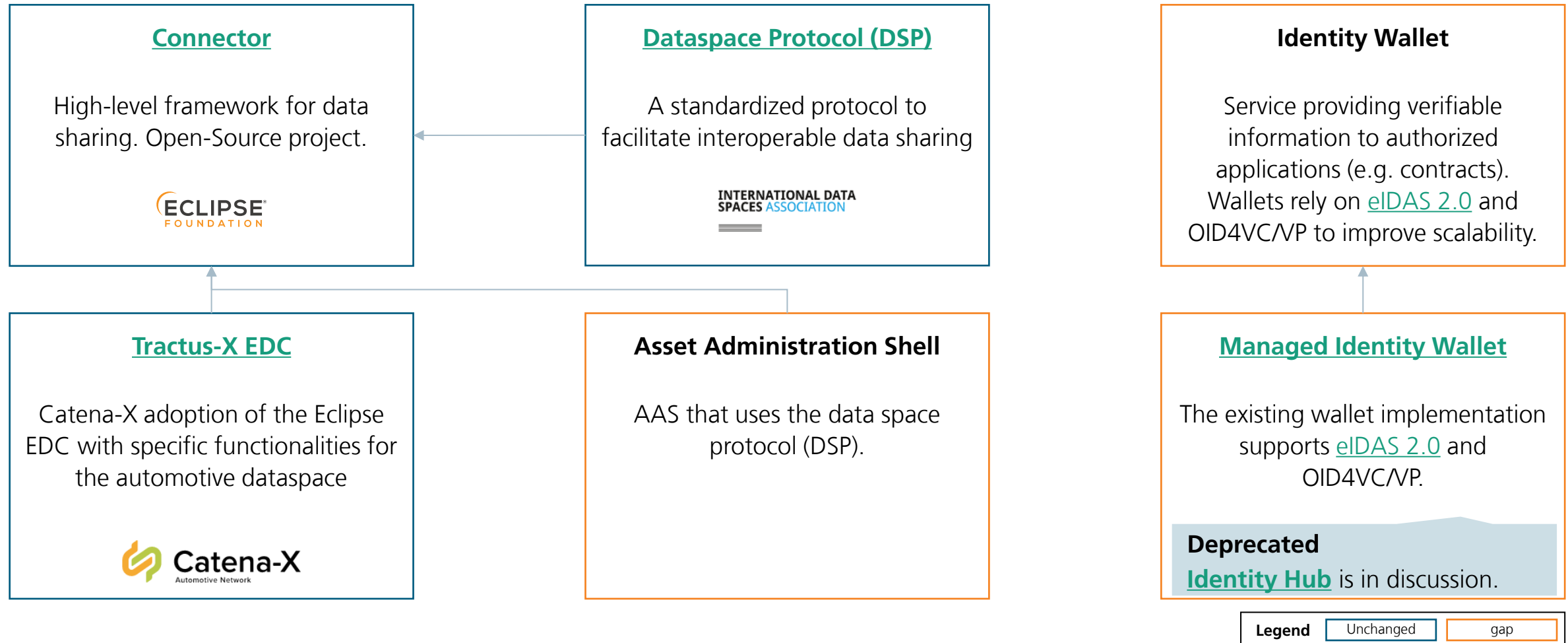
## Ecosystem Principles

- Credential formats and presentation protocols need to be harmonized. Decentralized Claims Protocol (DCP), Open ID 4 Verifiable Credentials (OID4VC) / Open ID 4 Verifiable Presentations (OID4VP) and eIDAS 2.0.
- To increase ease of scalability of AAS, AAS should natively support DSP.
- Type 2 and Type 3 AAS are enabled to act as participants within the data space.
- DSP communication needs to be applicable from level entity till industry 4.0 component level.



# Components

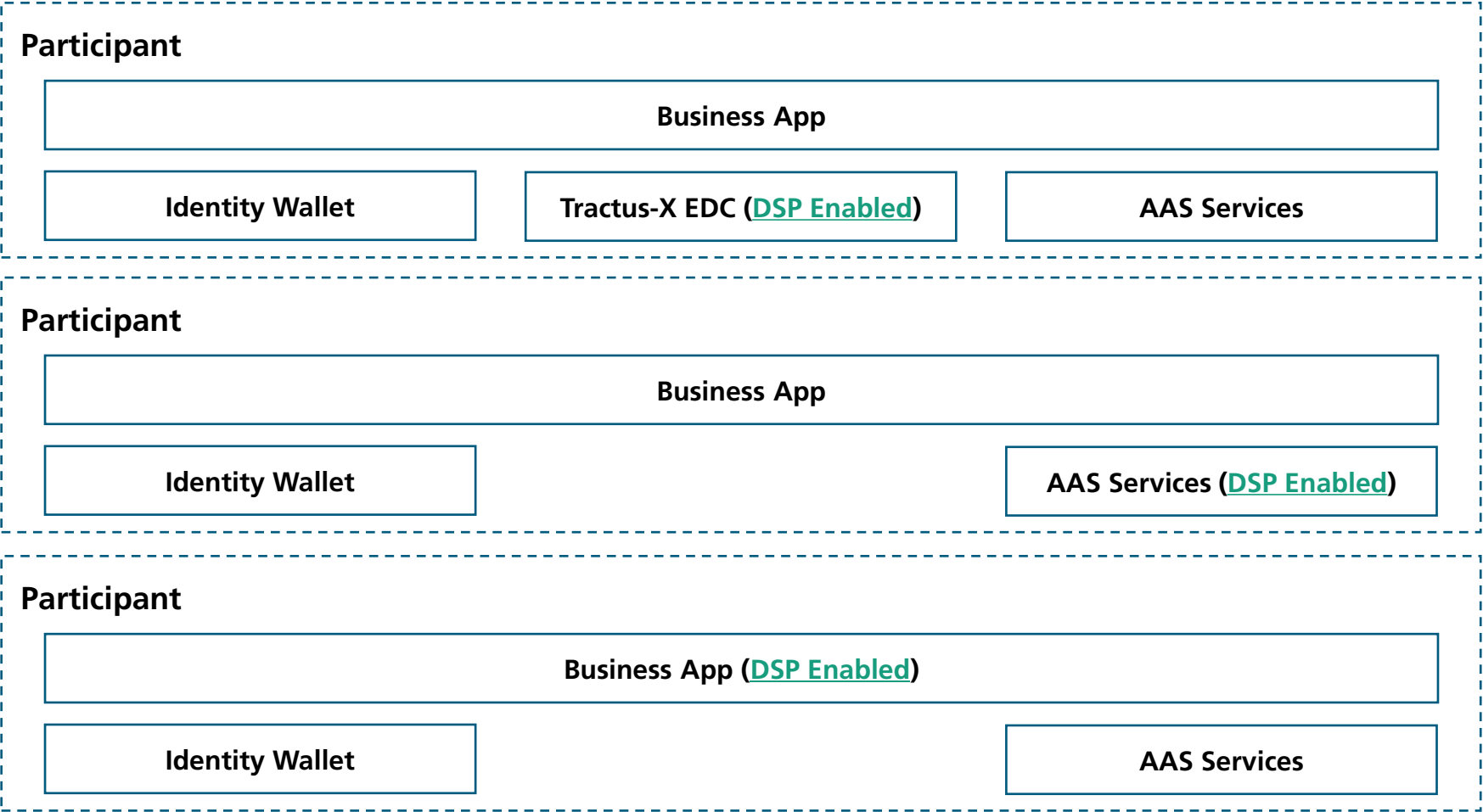
## Overview of gaps based on the manifest



# Running: Future

## Future Vision Track: What would be the ideal long-term solution?

**Disclaimer:** Machine communication has not yet been considered as direct data source. Most likely Option A or B are best feasible for that case.



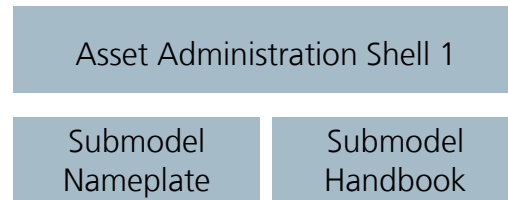
- Option A**  
Same as today. Microservice stack based on Catena-X
- Option B**  
Integrate the DSP directly in the AAS Service to substitute the EDC
- Option C**  
Integrate the DSP directly in the Business App to substitute the EDC

# Asset Bundling

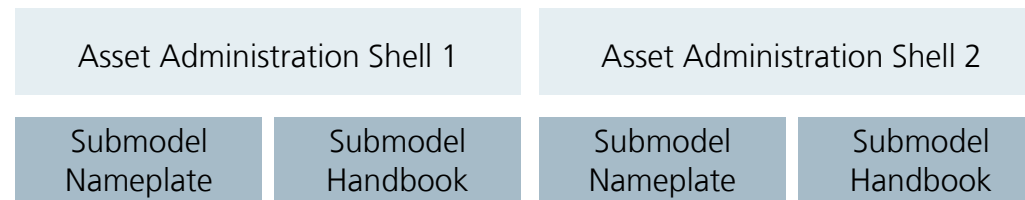
What's already possible using the Digital Twin KIT of Catena-X

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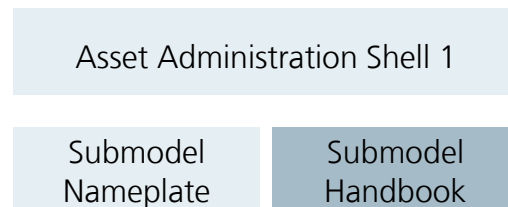
### Case A: Grant access to the **whole AAS**



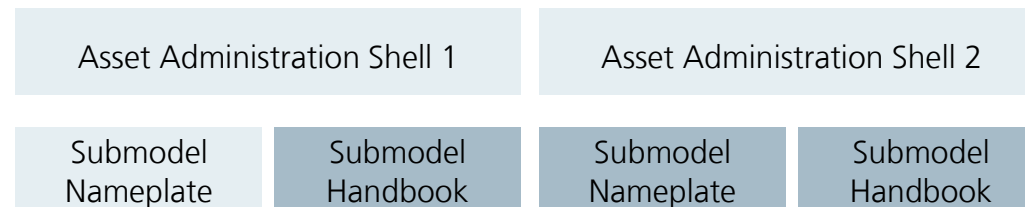
### Case C: Grant access to **multiple Submodels of multiple AAS** (requires further backend / AAS server security evaluation)



### Case B: Grant access to **specific Submodels**



### Case D: Grant access to **specific Submodels of multiple AAS** (requires further backend / AAS server security evaluation)

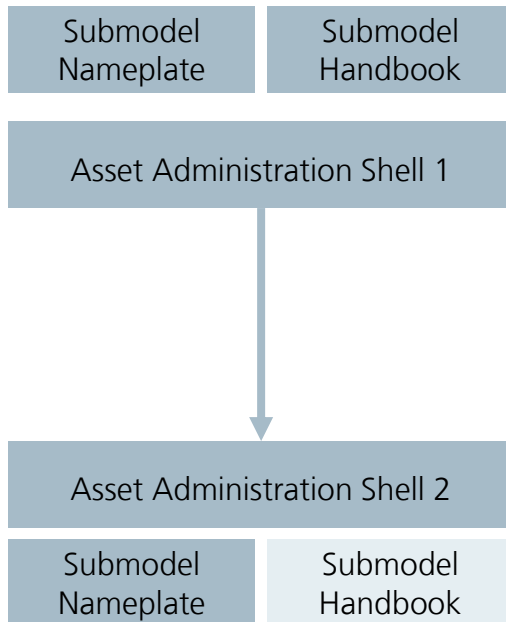


# Asset Bundling

What's already possible using the Digital Twin KIT of Catena-X

Following approaches are possible

**Case E:** Grant access to **containing AAS and their Submodels**  
(requires transitive evaluations)



## Case E

Within industry 4.0 components the parent component needs access to Submodels of its child components.

Legend

Selected

Not selected

Unchanged

gap

# Appendix

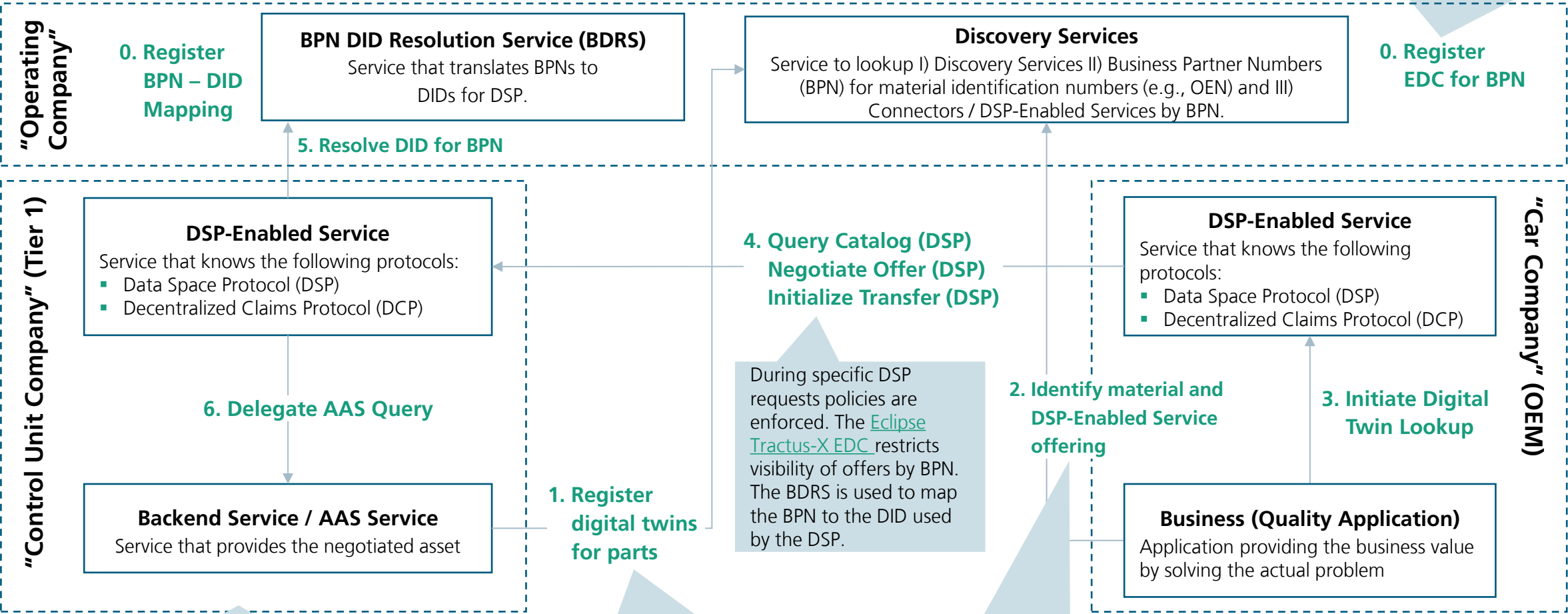
## Detailed Component Interaction Based on Currently Available Protocols

Disclaimer: Partners incl. their BPN in Catena-X can be looked up via Business Partner Data Management (BPDm). These steps have been omitted for readability reasons.

# User Journey: Early Warning

## Detailed View on Material and Partner Identification within Network

During onboarding the BPN and DID have been generated and mapped to each other.  
During technical onboarding a participants registers his / her connector which then can be looked up.



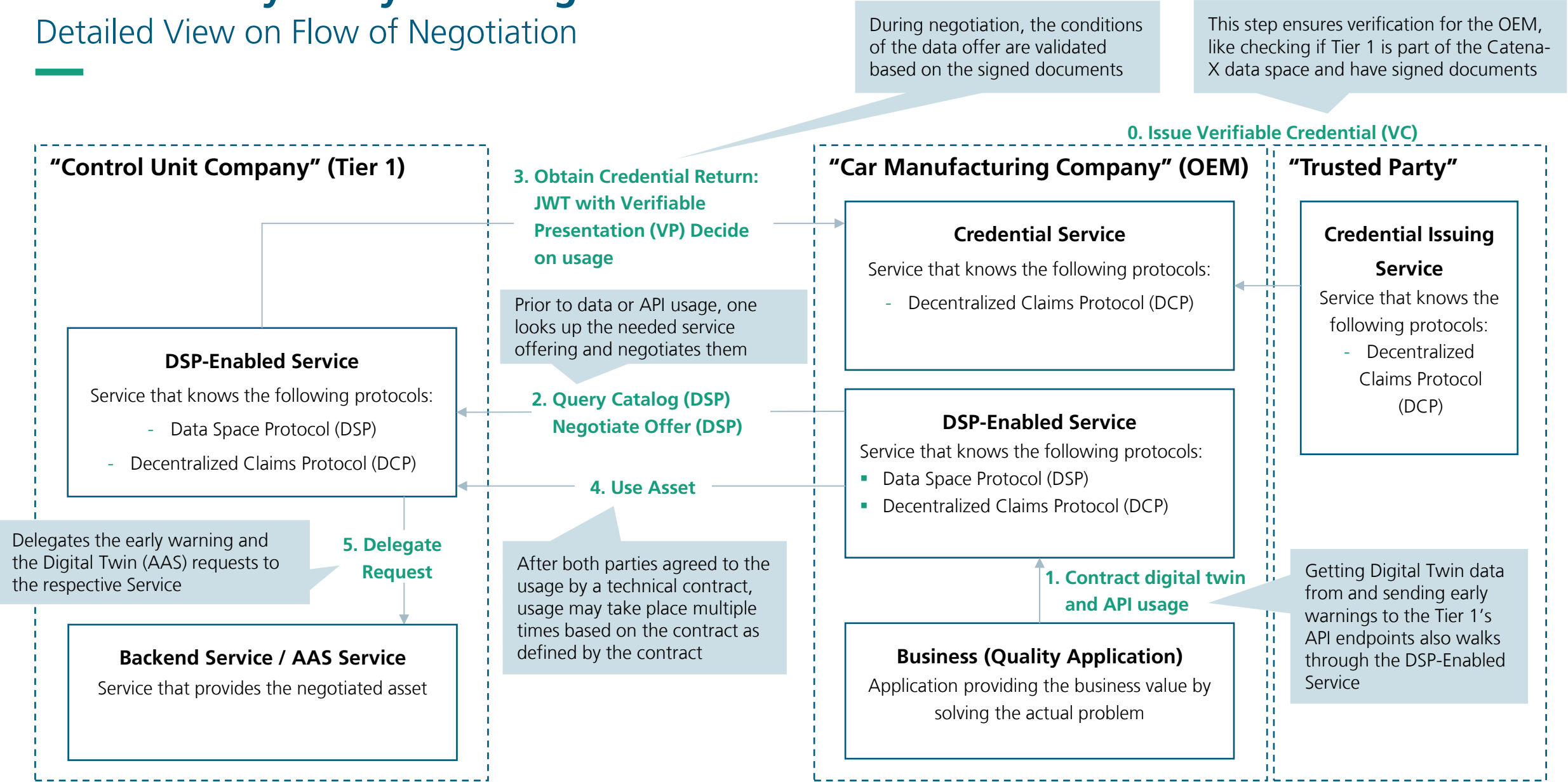
Use the AAS Discovery Interface and return endpoint information wrt. submodels (where get / contract submodel usage).

Register the digital twin by standardized identification criteria, e.g. manufacturerPartId ([Catena-X Industry Core](#)).

To find material / part related information via the digital twin provided by a partner, the application searches for 2.) the relevant discovery services, the partner (BPN) offering the digital twin data and the address of the DSP-Enabled Service. Using the DSP-Enabled Service (3. to 6.) the partner can lookup the AAS related meta information of the digital twin.

# User Journey: Early Warning

## Detailed View on Flow of Negotiation





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