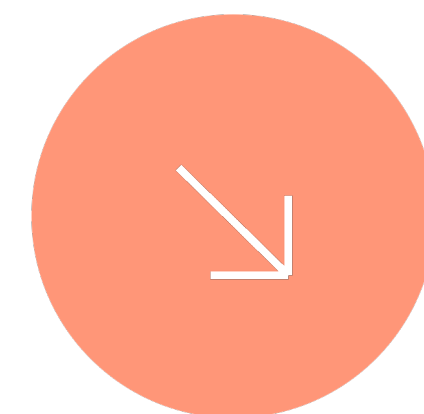


VSS <> SPREAD



We are SPREAD

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Start of Operations: 01.11.2019

Headquarters: Berlin

Industry:

Automotive | Machinery | Aerospace & Defence

Customers



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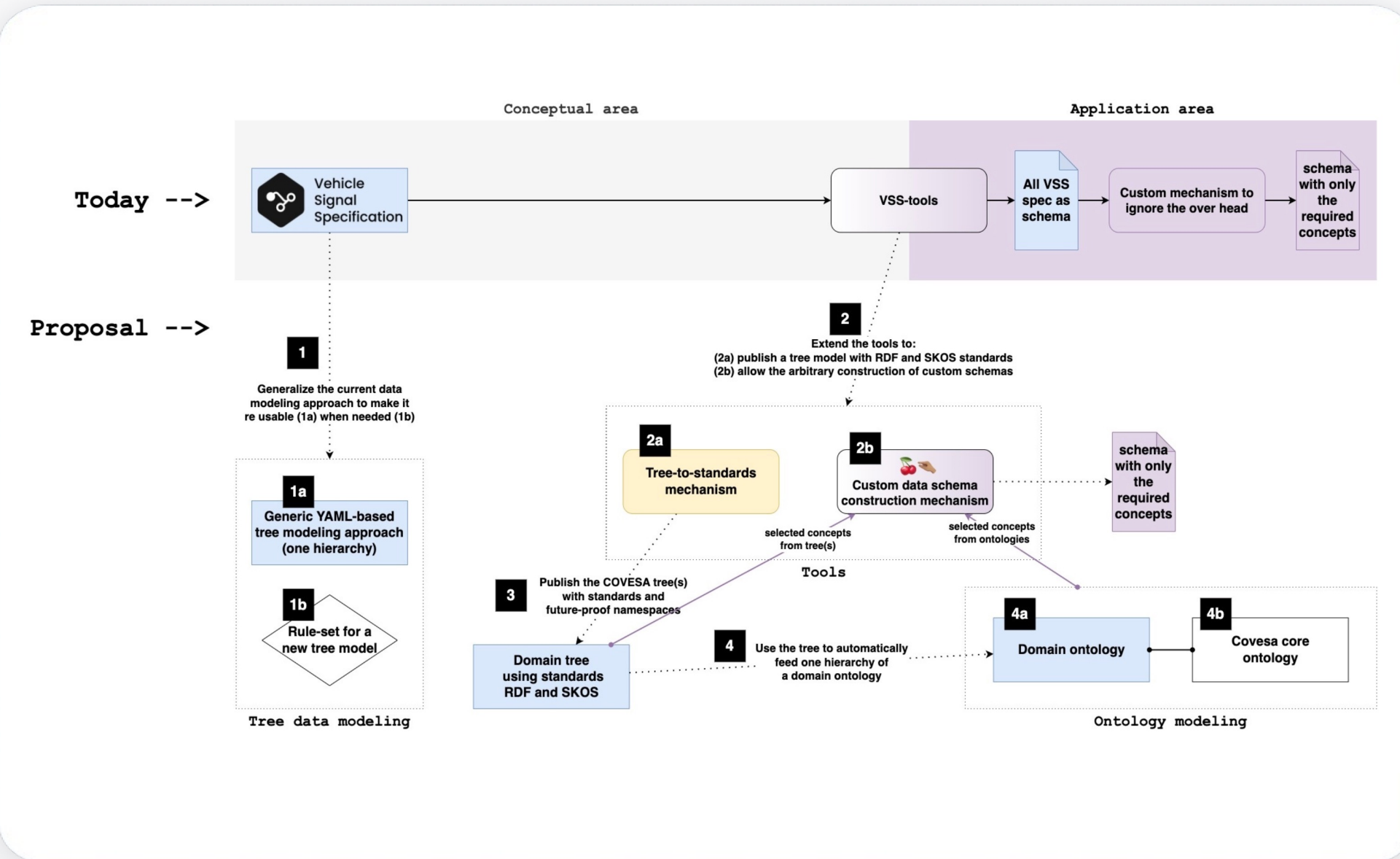
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Motivation

Process proposal



Domain interoperability

COVESA project proposal: Evolving VSS into a domain agnostic information model

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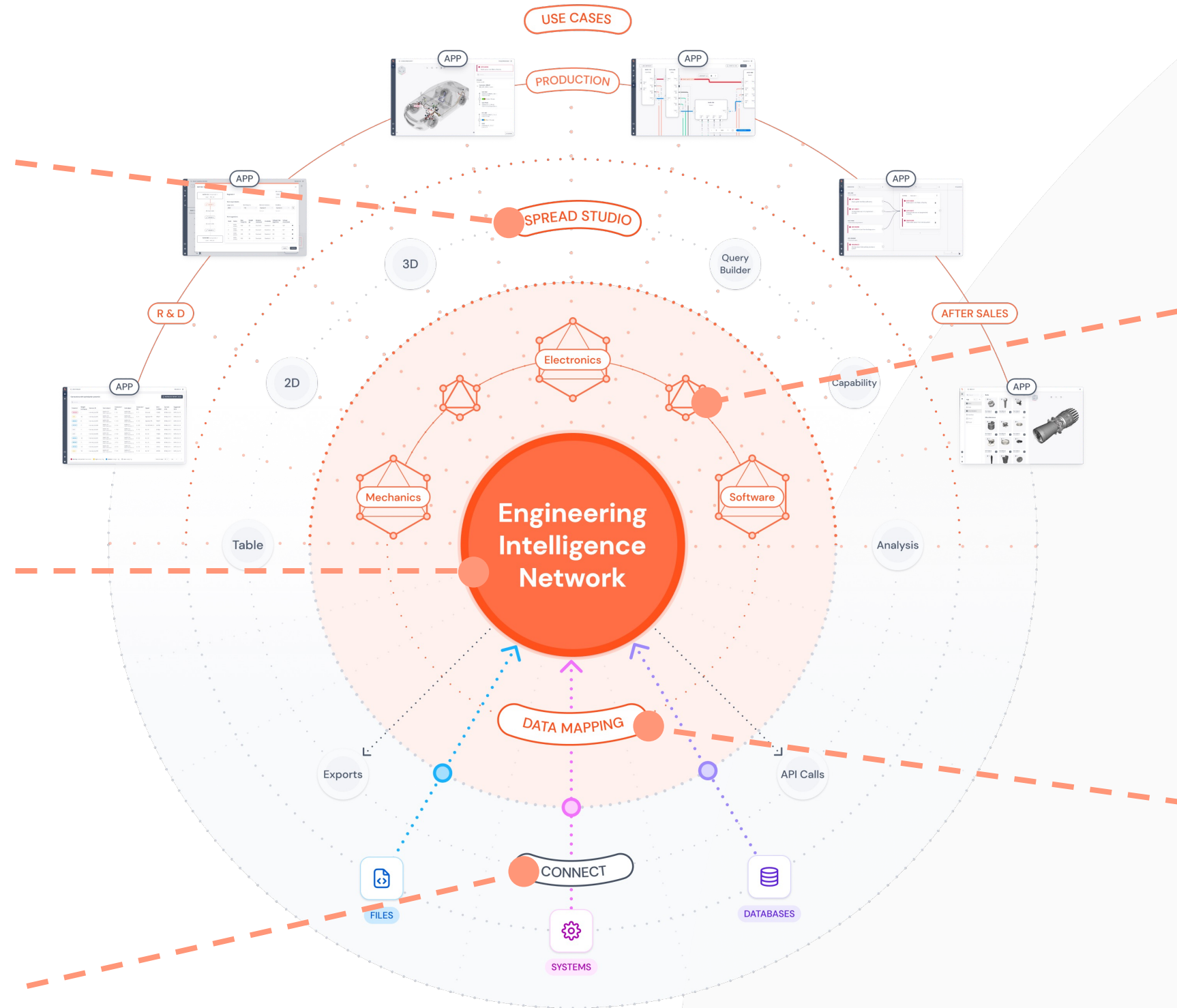
COVESA
Accelerating the future of connected vehicles

Our Product

SPREAD Studio is a **low code platform** with specialized widgets to create web-based applications within hours

SPREAD's Engineering Intelligence Network manages **interdependencies** of **mechatronic systems**.

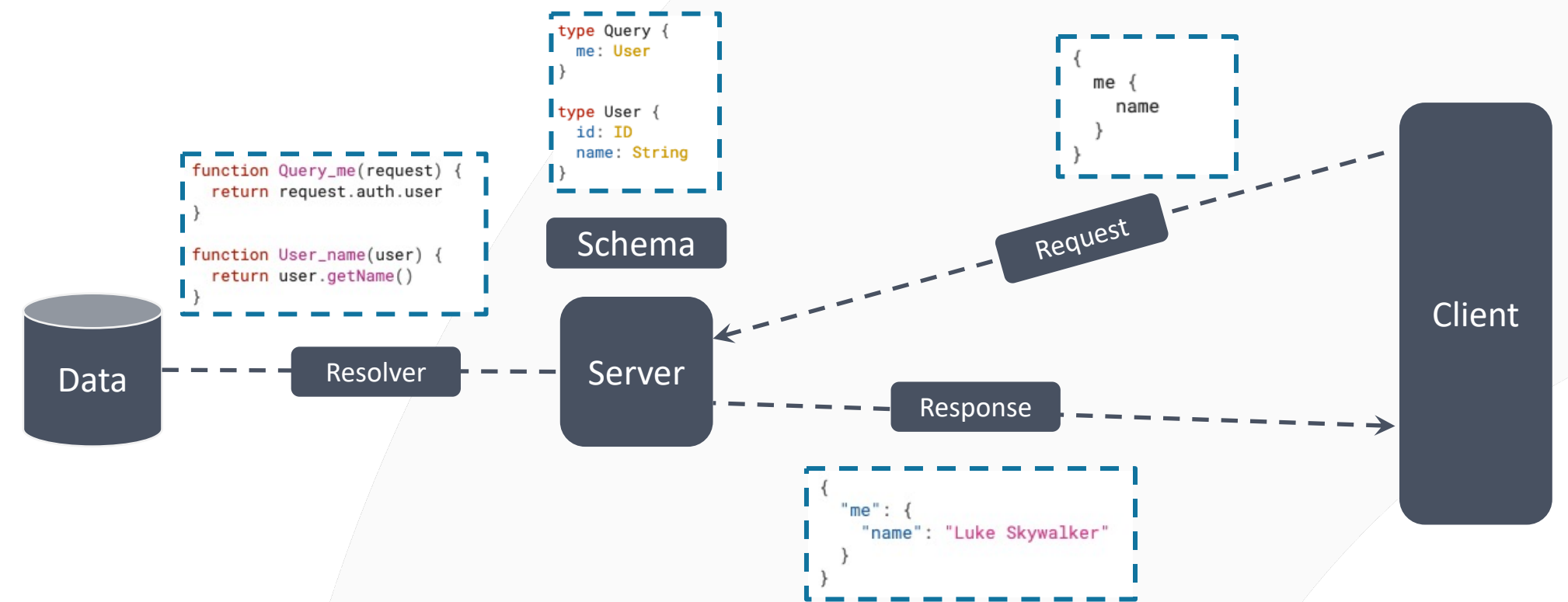
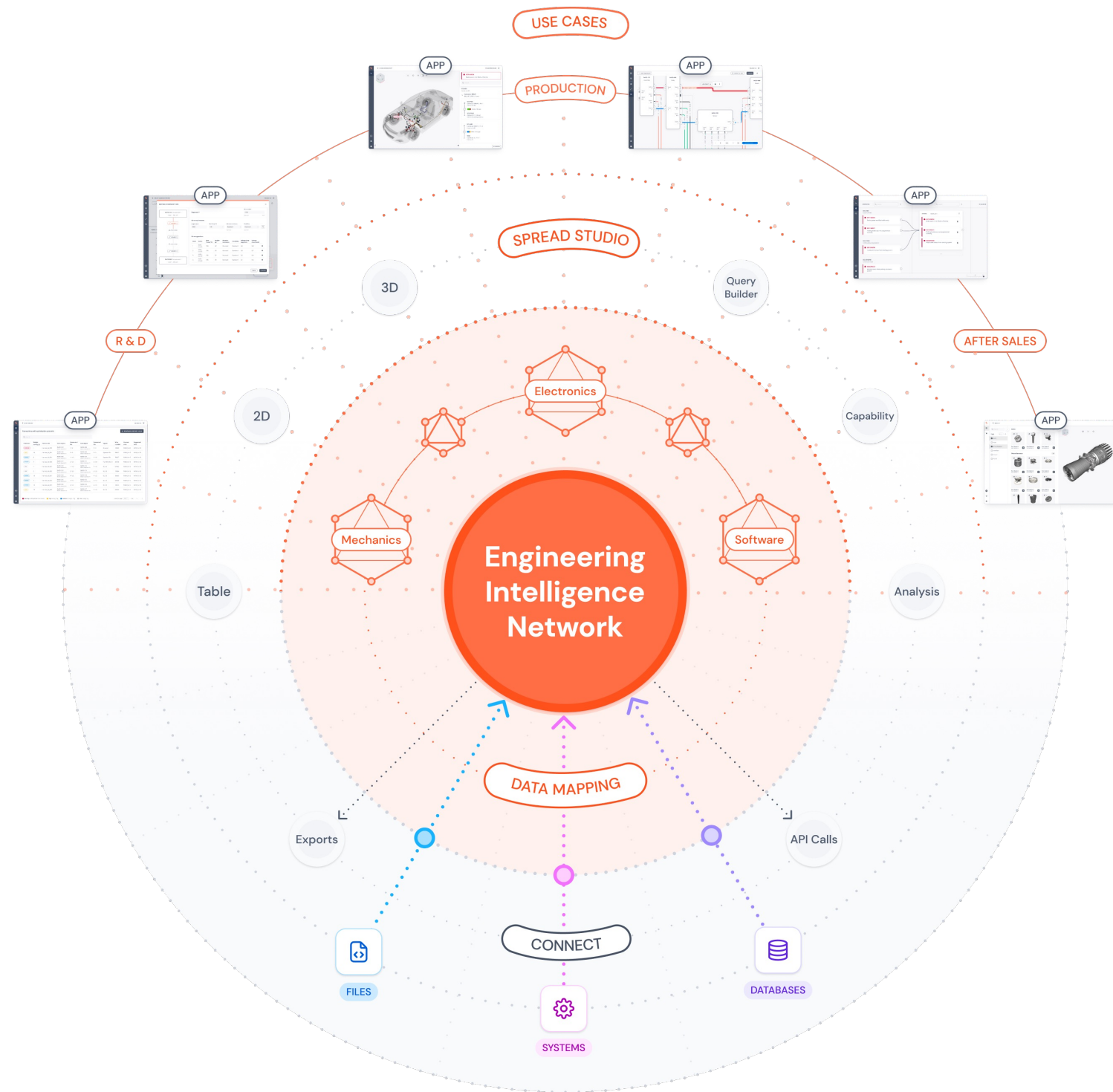
Connect source systems via **RestAPI**, authenticated **GraphQL API**, **Kafka** stream and more



Subgraphs serve Use Case specific needs and increase **application performance** (e.g. Electric-to-Software-to-Function)

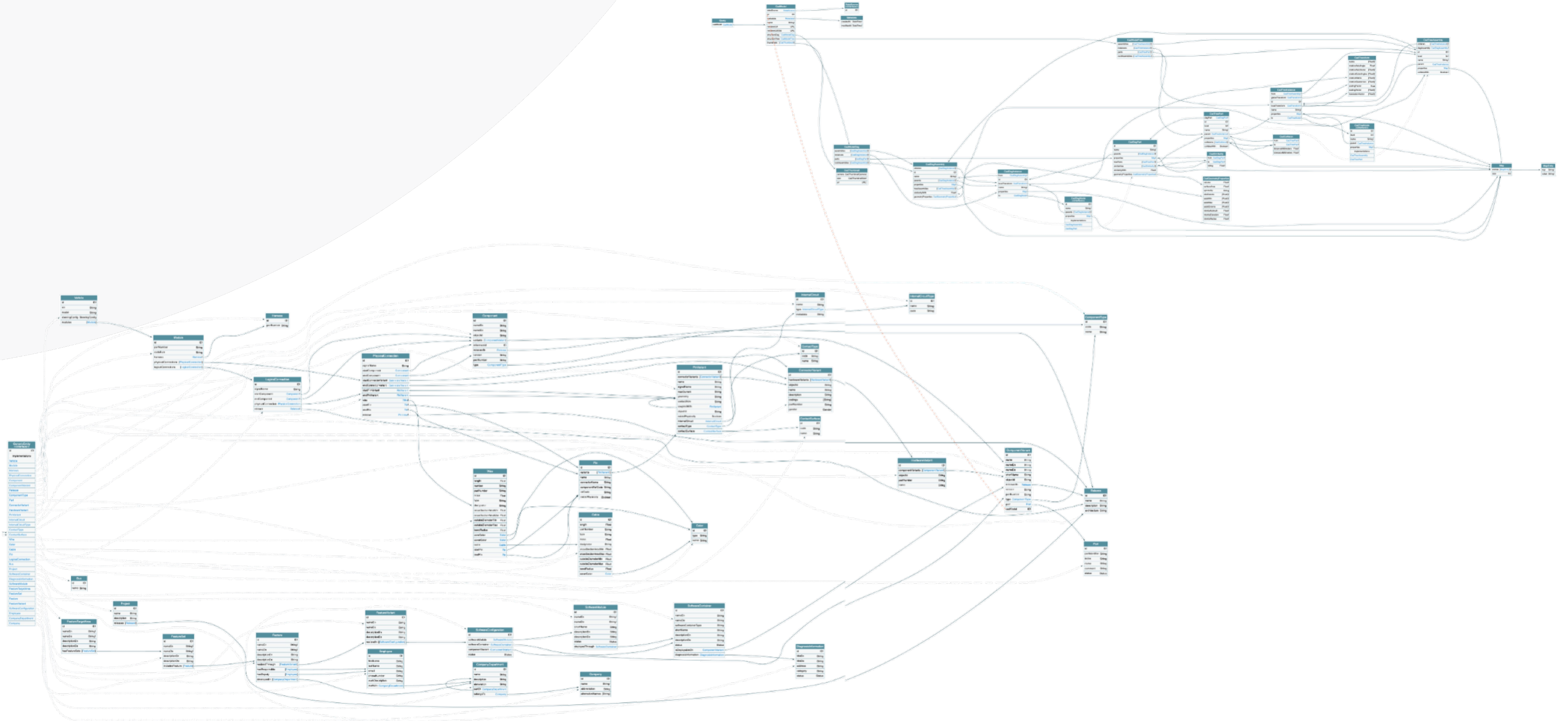
Generic mapper link data to SPREAD's **open and standardized** product information model

Supergraph based on GraphQL



In GraphQL, a client specifies the structure of the data it needs by defining a query, which can include multiple fields and nested objects. The **server then responds with the exact data requested** by the client, in the same shape as the query.

GraphQL Schema as contract



GraphQL Schema as contract

As contract...

A description of an electrical component and it's metadata

IMPLEMENTS

[GenericEntity](#)
Common fields of any entity

FIELDS

id: ID!
ID of the entity given by the interface type

nameEn: String
The name of the component in the given language @todo: filter instead of several fields.

nameDe: String
The name of the component in the given language @todo: filter instead of several fields.

objectId: String
ID for a specific version of a component. Changes, when related data changes

variants: [ComponentVariant]
Connected variants of the specific component

referenceld: ID
A referenceld how the component is identified in a harness.

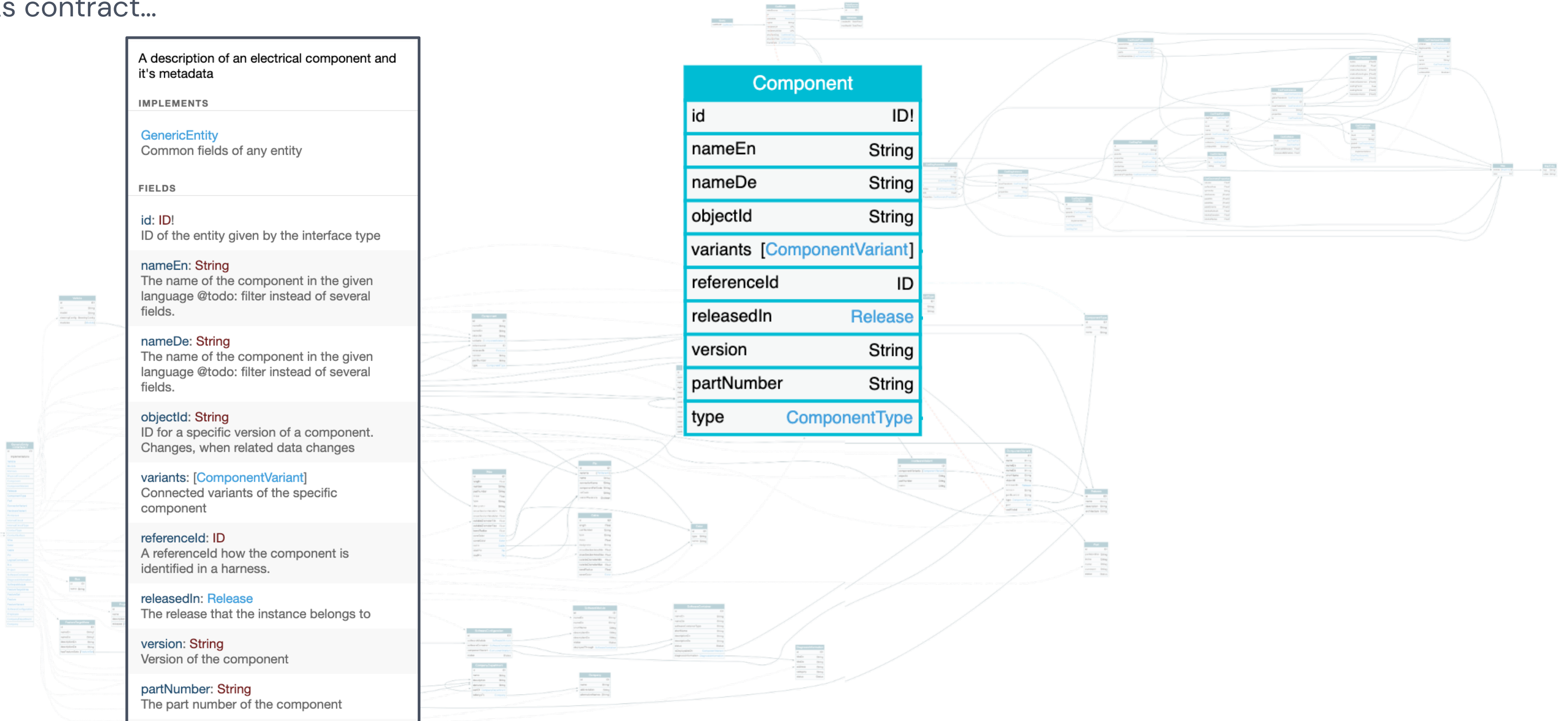
releasedIn: Release
The release that the instance belongs to

version: String
Version of the component

partNumber: String
The part number of the component

type: ComponentType
The type of the component

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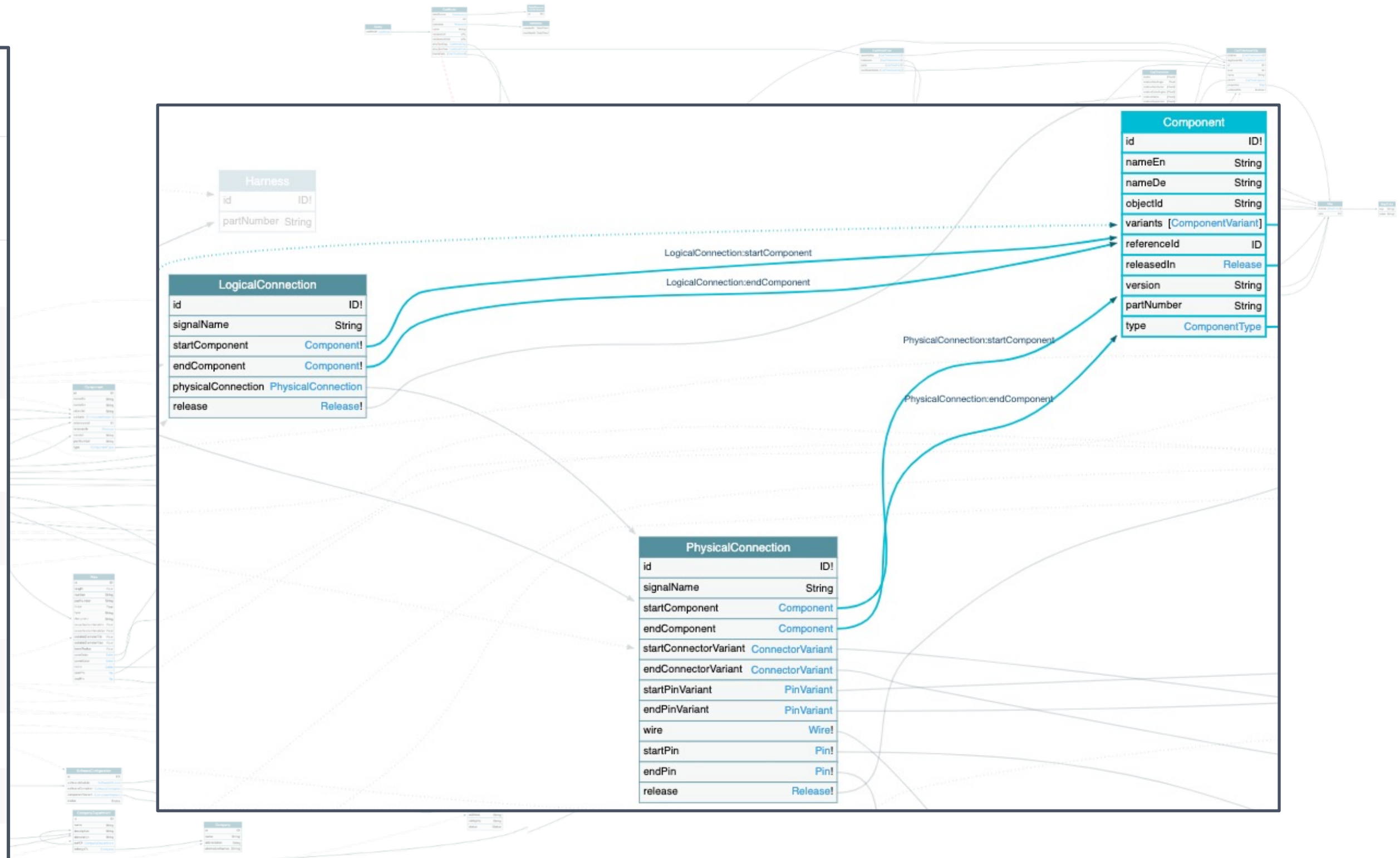
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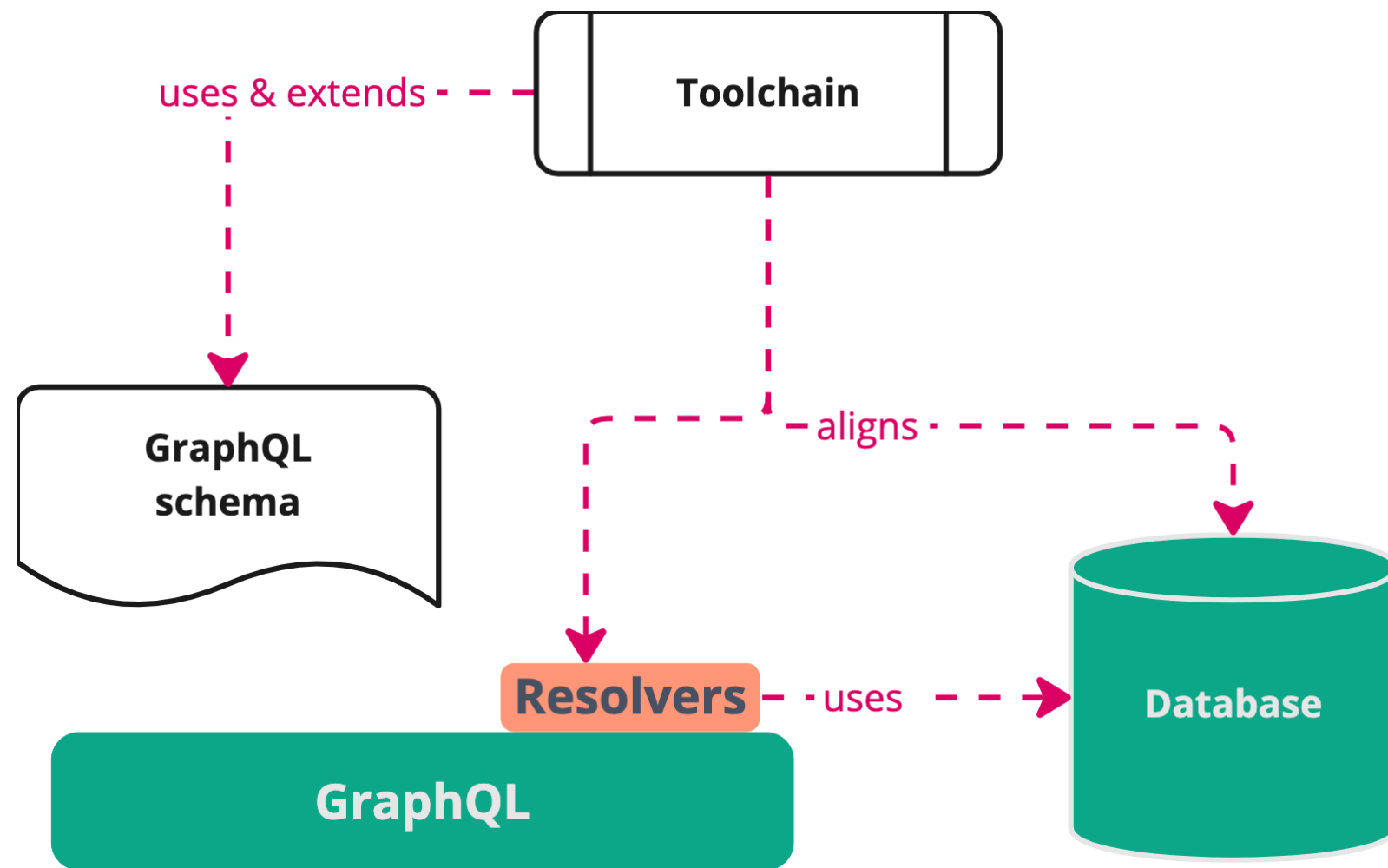
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GraphQL Schema as contract

As contract between graph database ...



Start from GraphQL Schema

In our GraphQL Schema we define the entities, their attributes and how to connect them. The schema is managed, described and customer independent.

Extension

GraphQL uses `directives` for extensions. We use those to tell our toolchain the details about how to generate the graph database, generic queries/mutations and resolvers.

Generation of DB

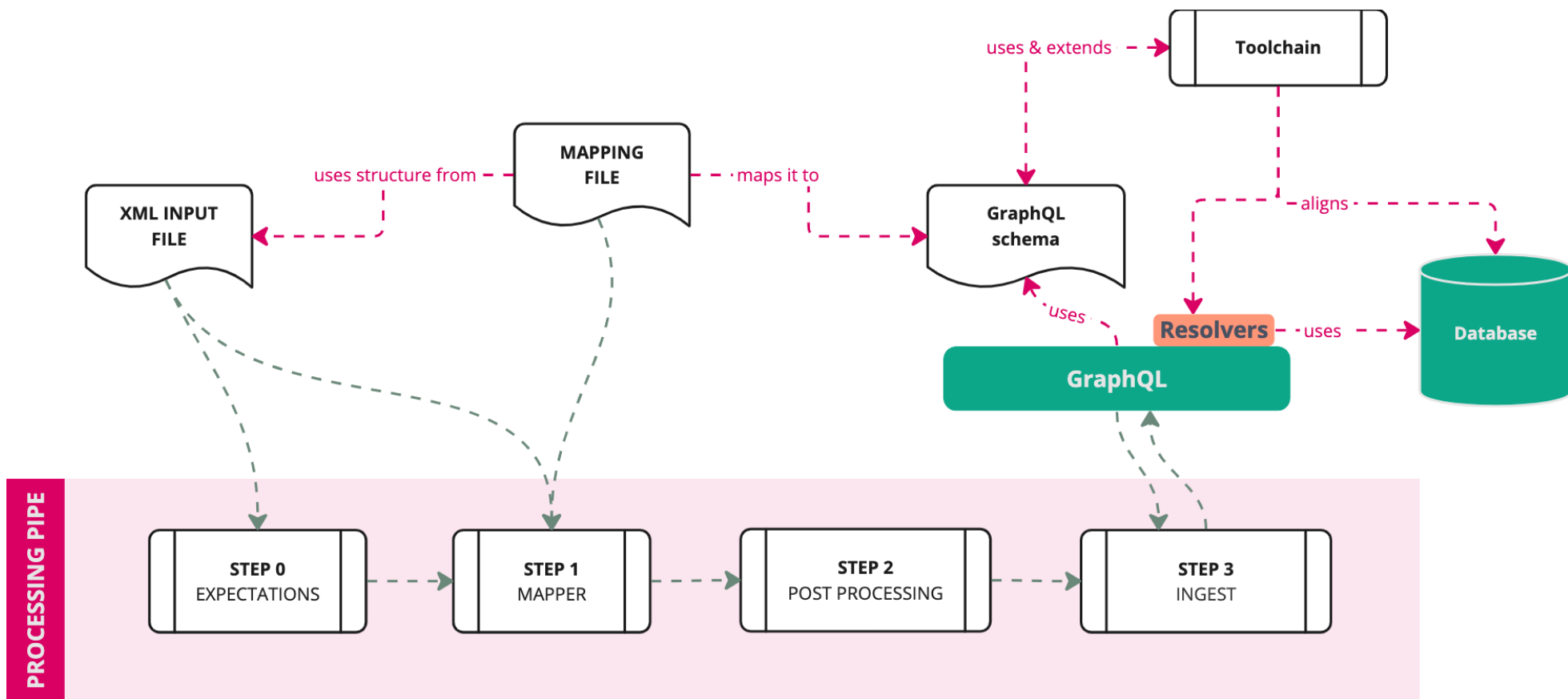
Graph DB is created based on the instructions of the schema.

Generation of resolvers

Where possible, resolvers are generated. Customization for special business queries are possible.

GraphQL Schema as contract

As contract between graph database, data ingest ...



Mapping File

Links the structure of the input file to the desired format for the GraphQL mutations. Defines the entities and their relations in a RML like way.

Step 0 & 1

Checks the input file, for expected fields and values. Uses the the mapping file for the creation of entities based on the input.

Step 2

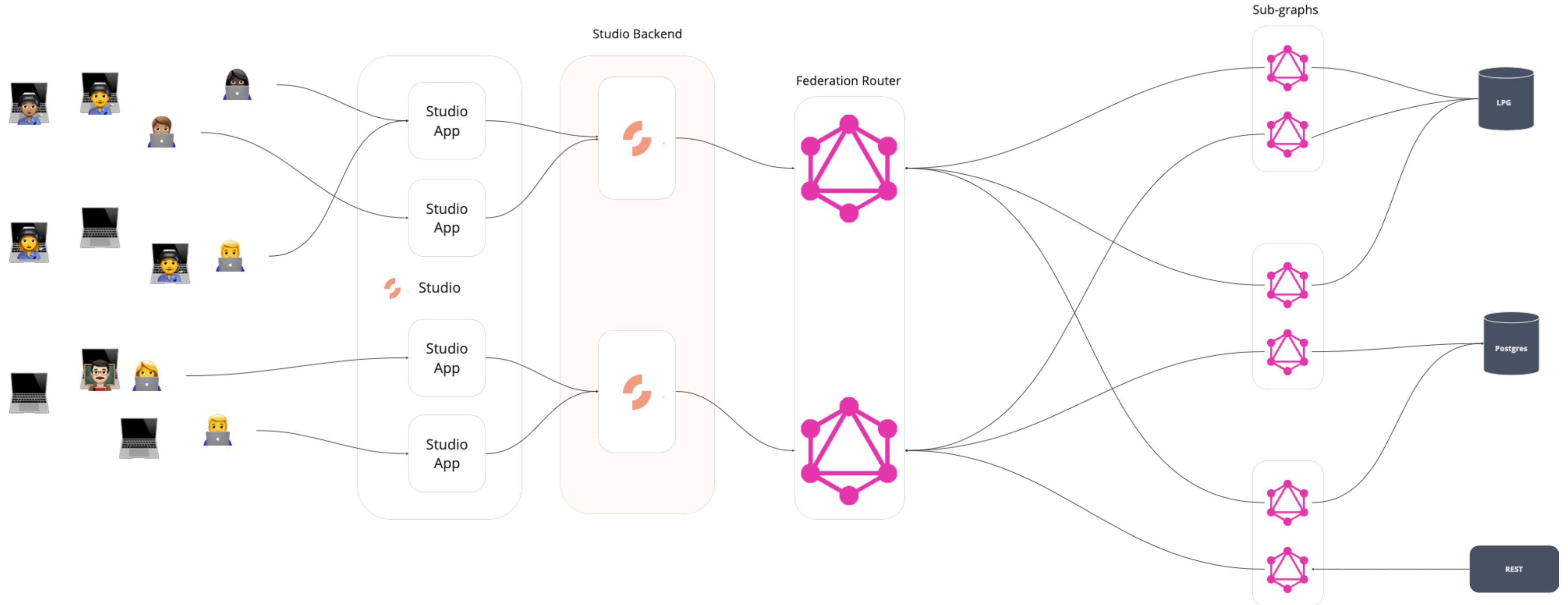
Does the postprocessing and optimization (e.g. local uniqueness of the identifier)

Step 3

Ingests the data over mutations.

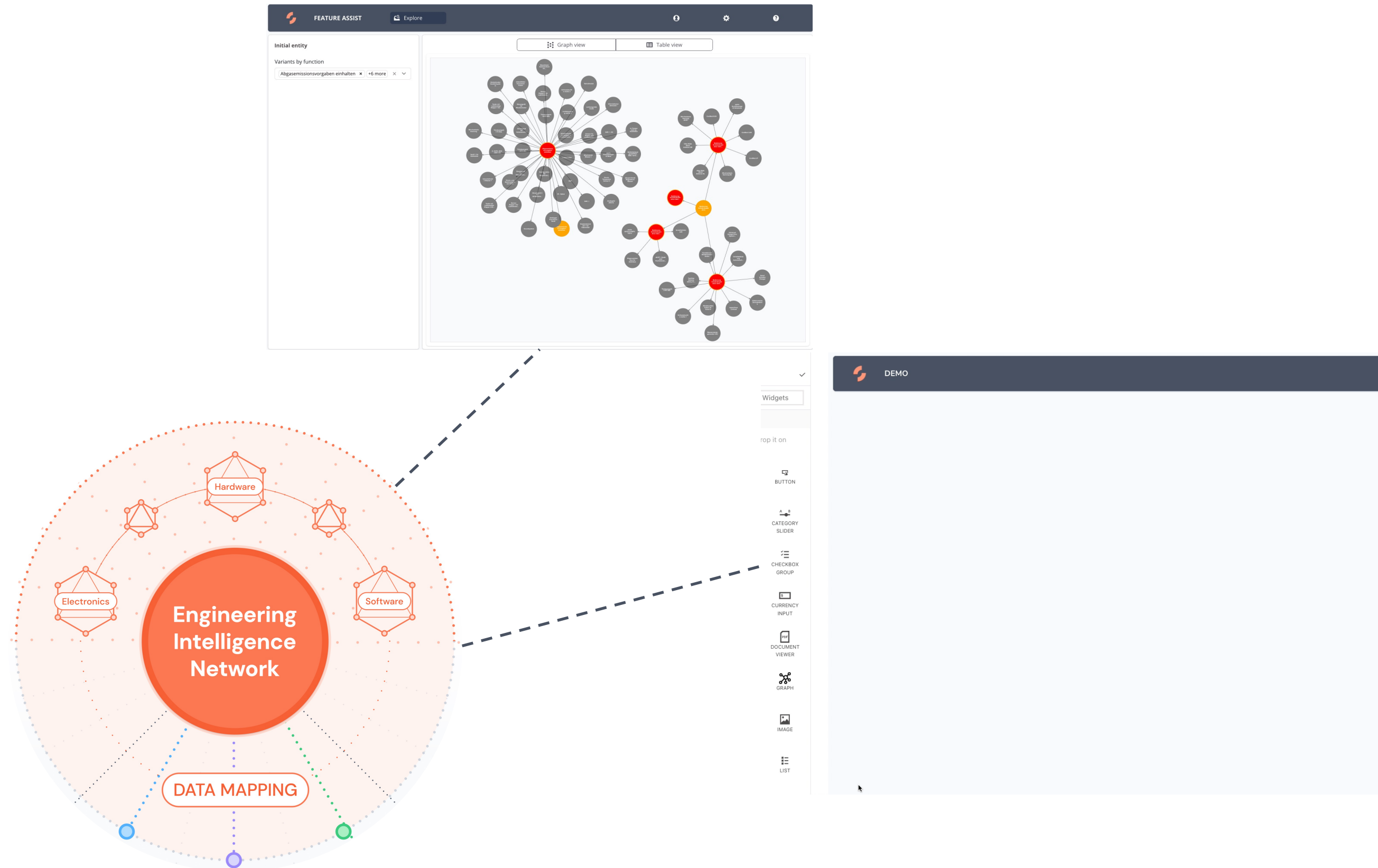
GraphQL Schema as contract

As contract between graph database, data ingest, other (customer) data sources ...



GraphQL Schema as contract

As contract between graph database, data ingest, other (customer) data sources and applications (low code)



Limits and approaches

SPECIFICATION (VSS)

```

graph TD
    VEHICLE((VEHICLE)) --- DRIVETRAIN((DRIVETRAIN))
    VEHICLE --- CHASSIS((CHASSIS))
    VEHICLE --- DOOR((DOOR))
    DRIVETRAIN --- TRANSMISSION((TRANSMISSION))
    DRIVETRAIN --- WHEEL1((WHEEL))
    TRANSMISSION --- AXLE((AXLE))
    TRANSMISSION --- WHEEL2((WHEEL))
    WHEEL1 --- TIRE((TIRE))
    WHEEL1 --- PRESSURE((PRESSURE))
    DOOR --- ISOPEN((ISOPEN))
    style PRESSURE fill:#f00
  
```

flexible and protocol agnostic way of describing

YAML SPECIFICATION *.csv *.json *.graphql

```

Vehicle.Drivetrain.Transmission.Speed
type: sensor
datatype: float
unit: km/h
description: The vehicle speed as measured by the drivetrain
  
```

YAML SPECIFICATION PROs & CONS

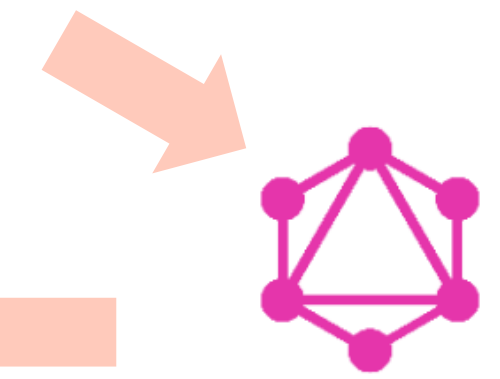
- + Easy to read, parse and understand.
- + Tooling available and useable beyond vehicle signals.
- + Only text, well maintainable in common development tools and version management.
- But, limited modelling capabilities with regard to relationships.
- Hard to refer from one domain to another.

Besides tool maintenance,

- Limited modeling capabilities with regards to relationships (only parent <> child)
- Multidomain reference almost impossible

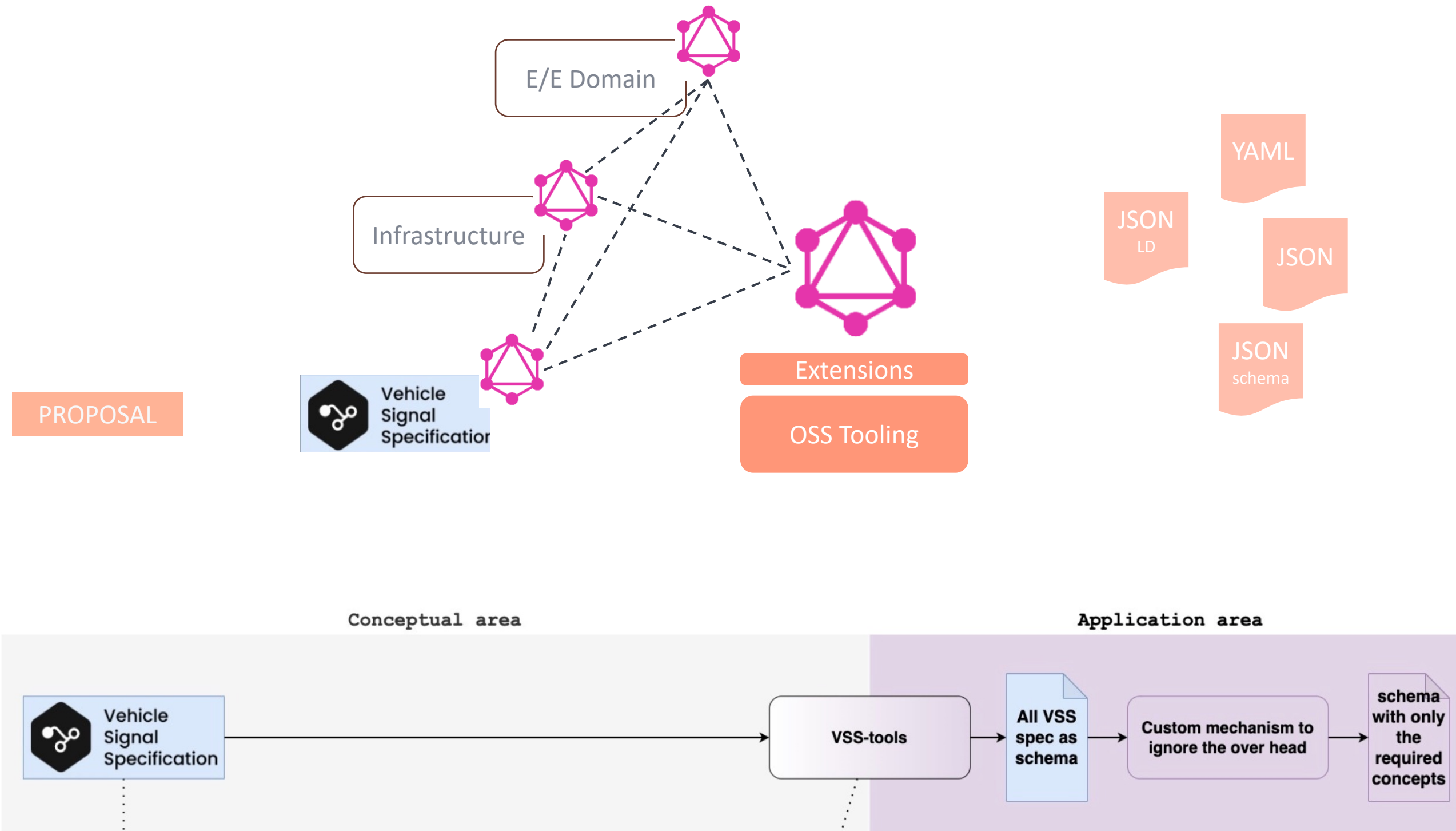


- Steep learning curve
- Deep expertise required
- Little traction in standardization



- Similar syntax
- Real graphs
- Multi-domain
- A lot of tooling available
- Query definition part of the schema language

Proposal



We are looking forward to hearing from you

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