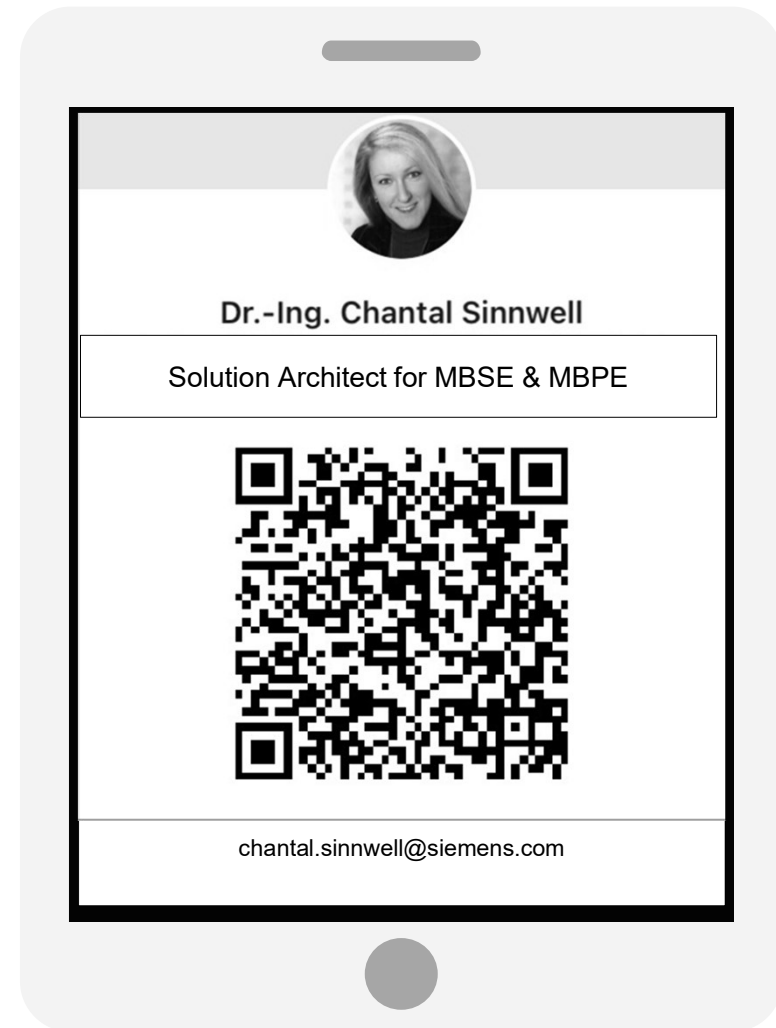


# Holistic Traceability within System Lifecycle

Best-Practice and Advancement potentials

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“It is the **relationships** between the elements that give the system its **added value**.”

*(Eberhardt Rechtin)*

# Global megatrends and the need for understanding relational interdependencies in complex Systems of Systems

Lifecycle-spanning topics ask for a wider perspective in Systems Engineering.

“Digital” is the new standard for Systems like products, companies or infrastructure.

SD-X (software defined everything) is one of the key-paradigms and enabler for Smart Systems.



1. Sustainability



2. Interdependent World



3. Digital Transformation



4. Industry 4.0/  
Society 5.0



5. Smart Systems

All megatrends have in common, that they add to the already high complexity of Systems as well as their Engineering.



6. Complexity Growth

Systems of Systems emerge and interrelate over boundaries of countries, industries and domains.

Systems Engineering successively extends its viewpoints to fields like Manufacturing or Lifecycle Engineering.

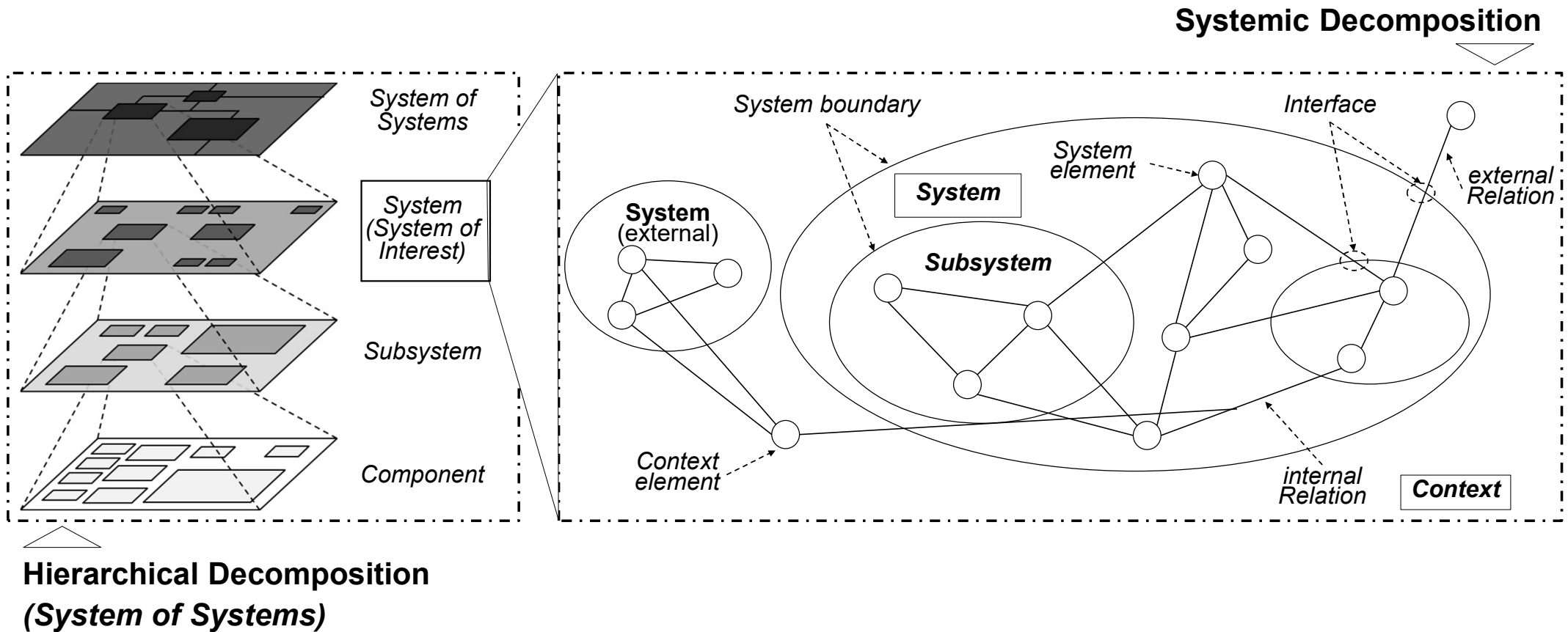
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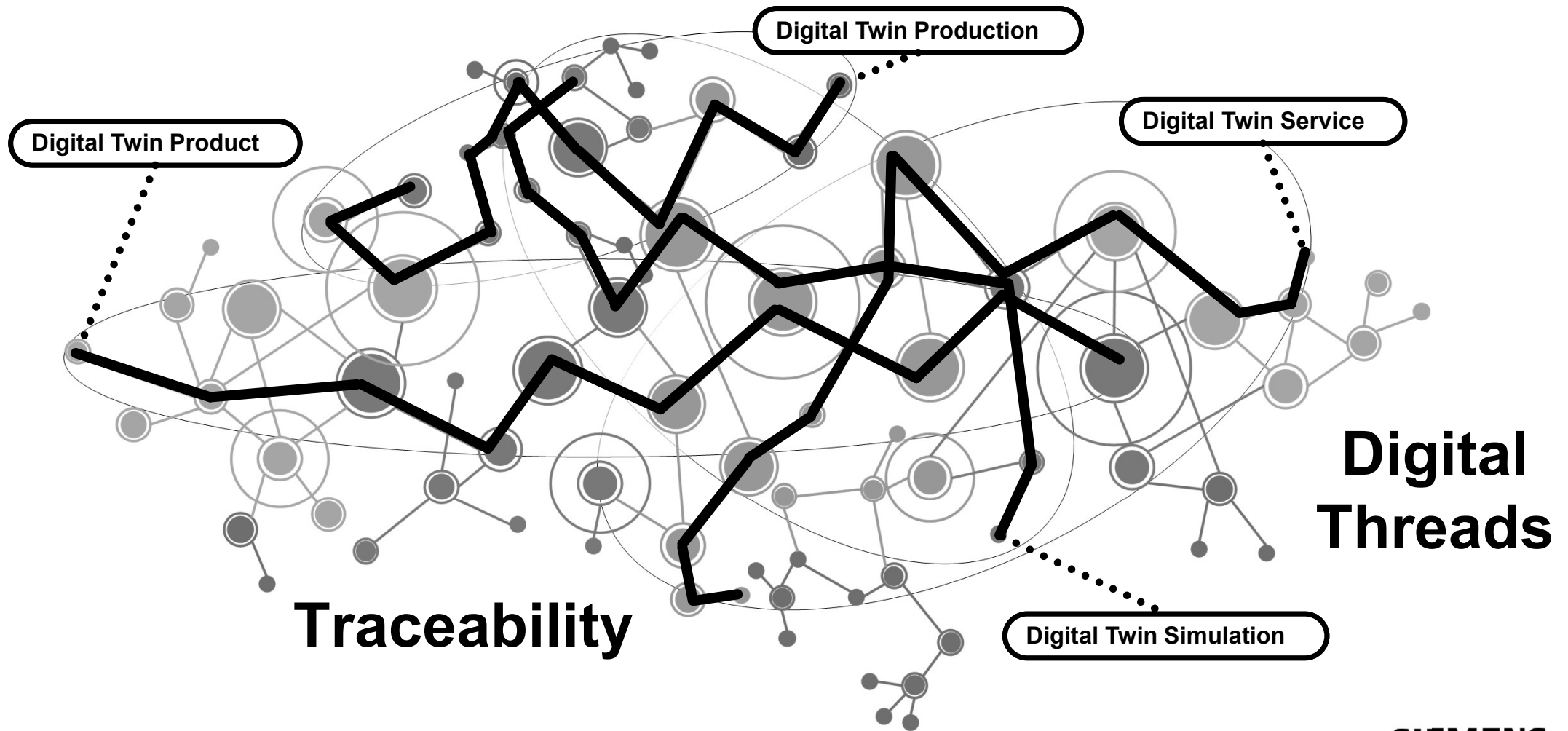
SE contains a **holistic** systems view that includes the **system elements** and the **relationships** between them, the supporting systems, and the environment.

*(SE Principle #2 from the 15 Systems Engineering Principles)*

# System Theory (System, System of Systems, System of Interest)

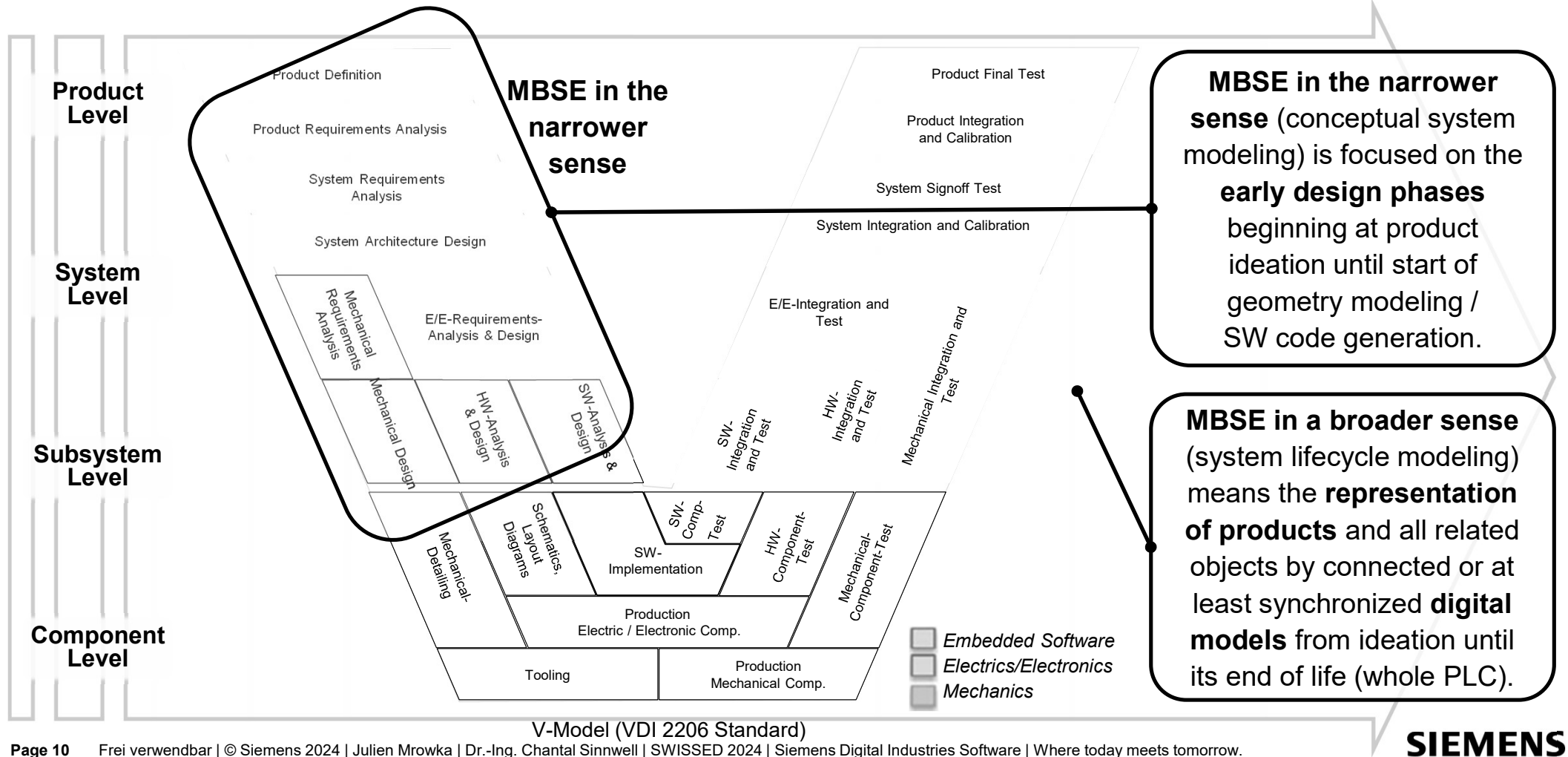


## Traceability in the context of Digital Thread & Digital Twin



## MBSE in the narrower and broader sense

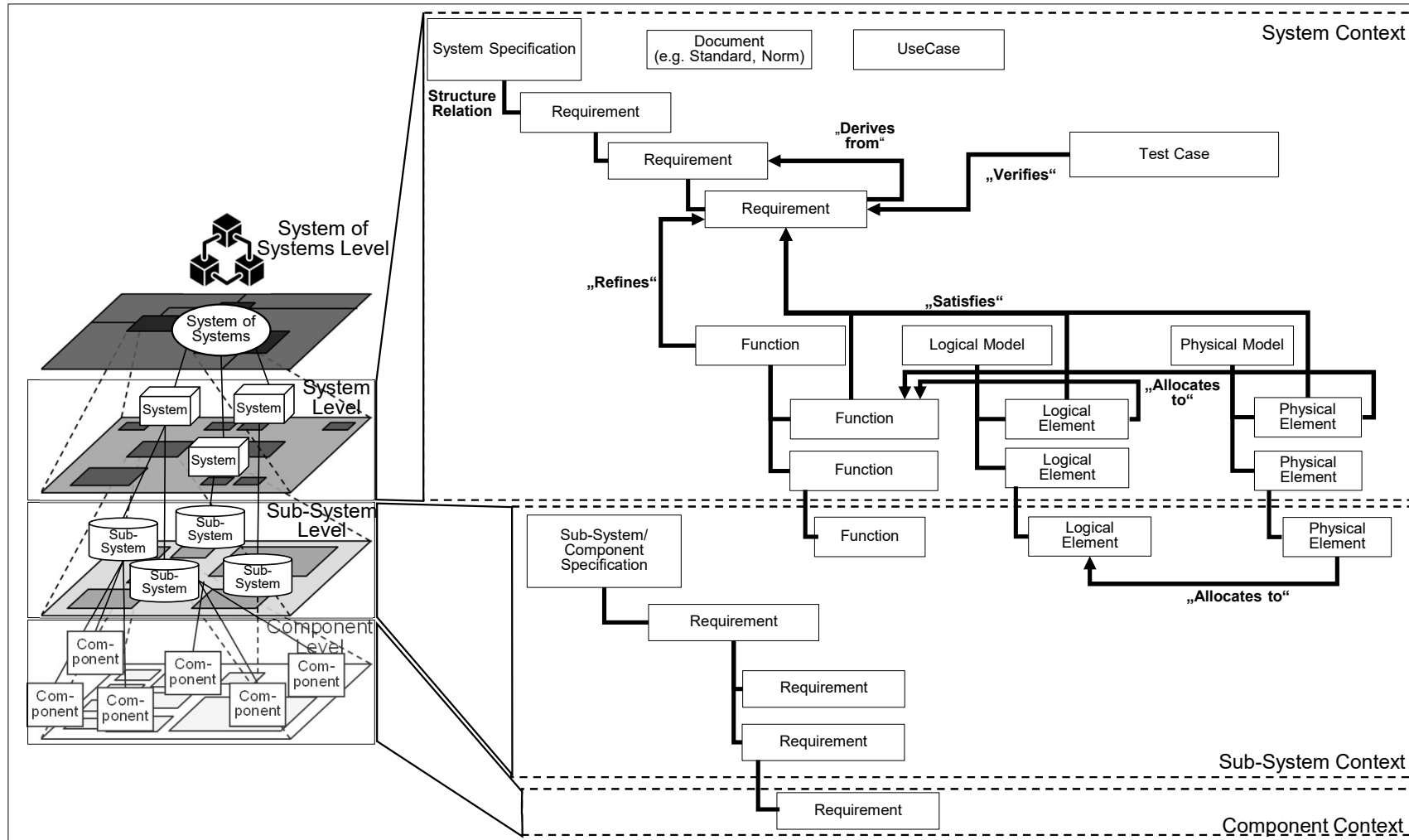
*Existing traceability concepts often refer only to narrower perspective*







# Traceability concept provided by SysML v1 Standard



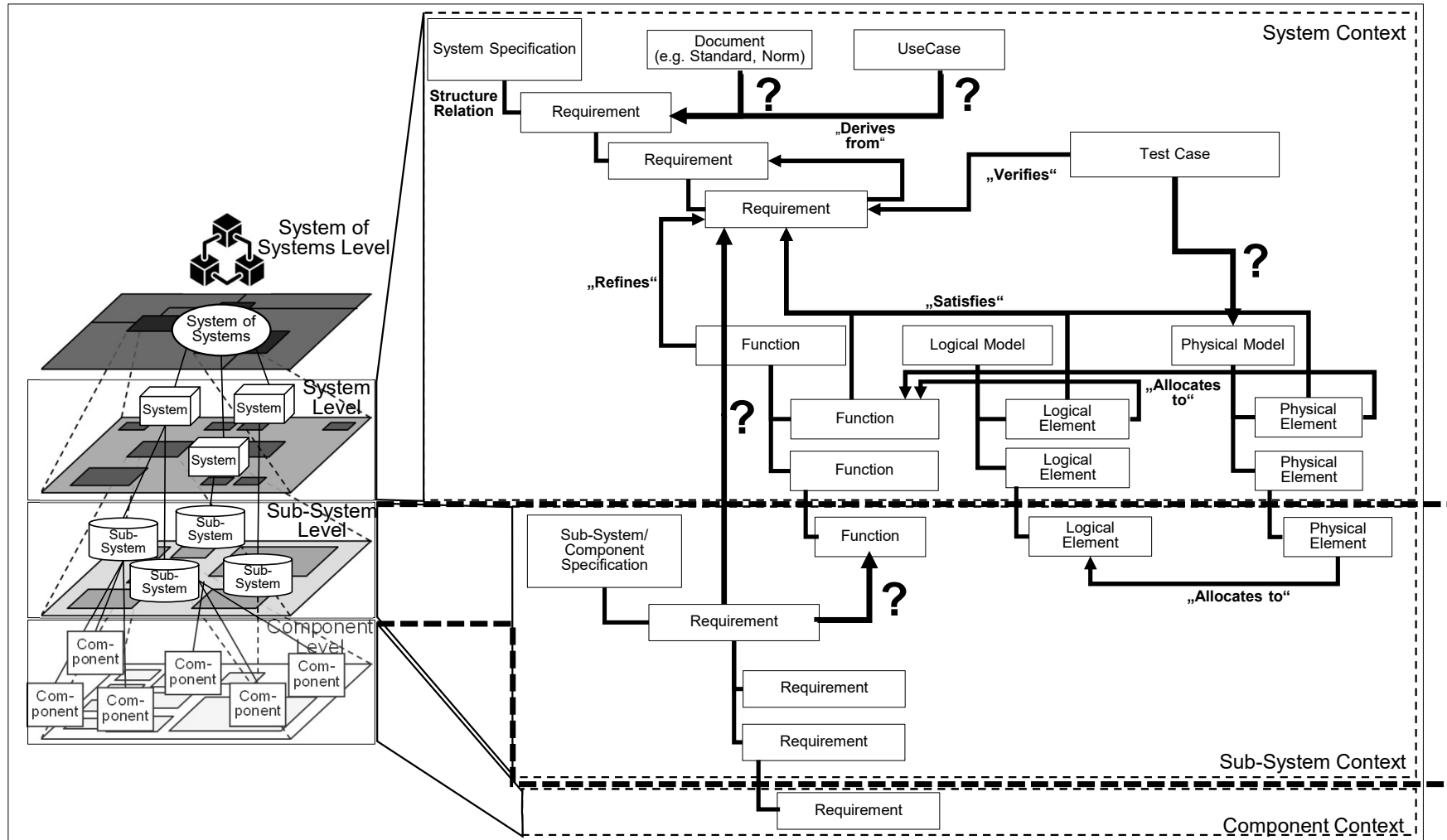
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## Open questions and gaps in existing traceability concepts

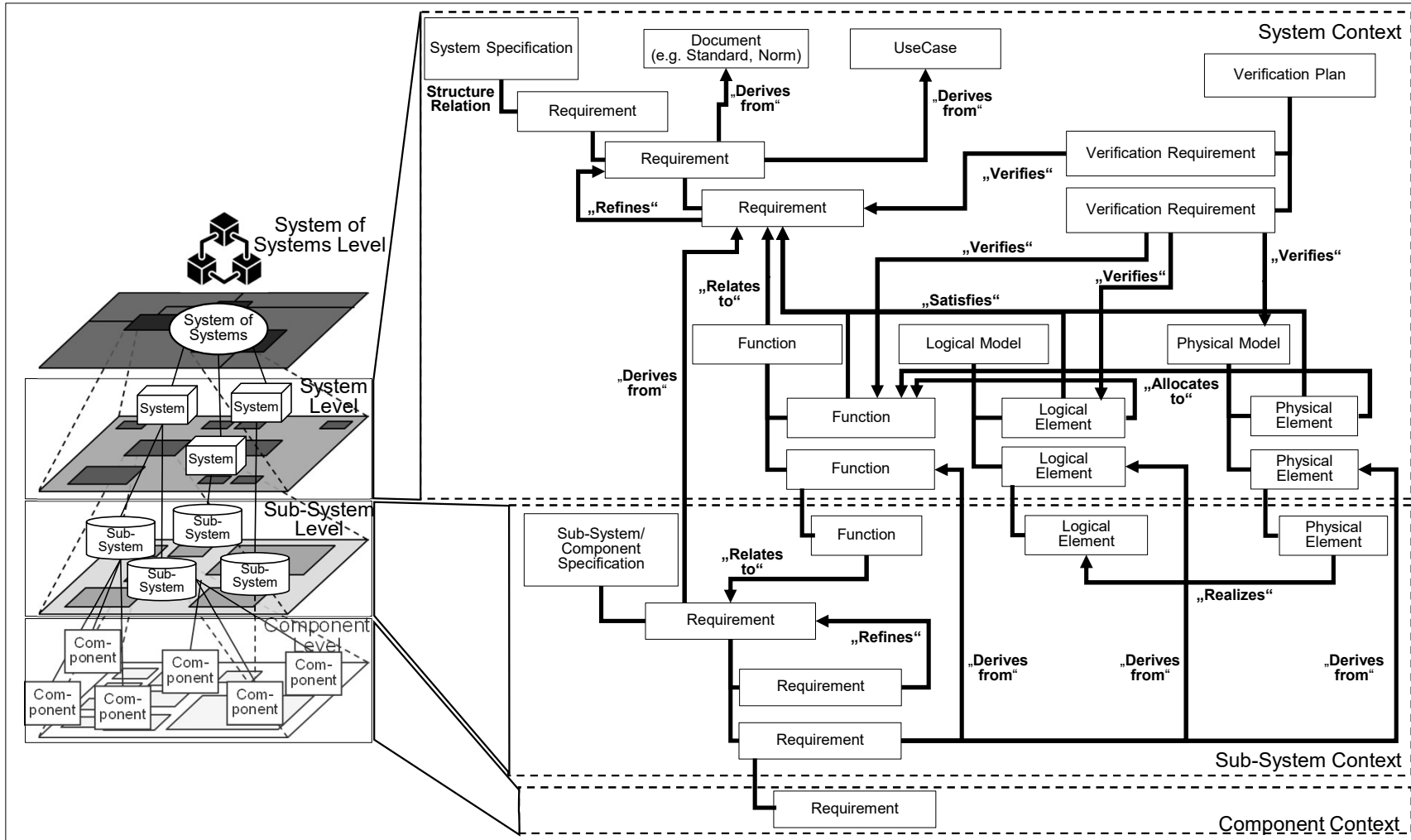
- Cross-system and across system-level dependencies?
- “Derive” only between requirements?
- Verifying of model elements?
- Only one tracelink type in between model elements?
- Trace of domain models (mechanic, E/E) or simulation models?
- Trace of downstream processes (e.g. production planning)?



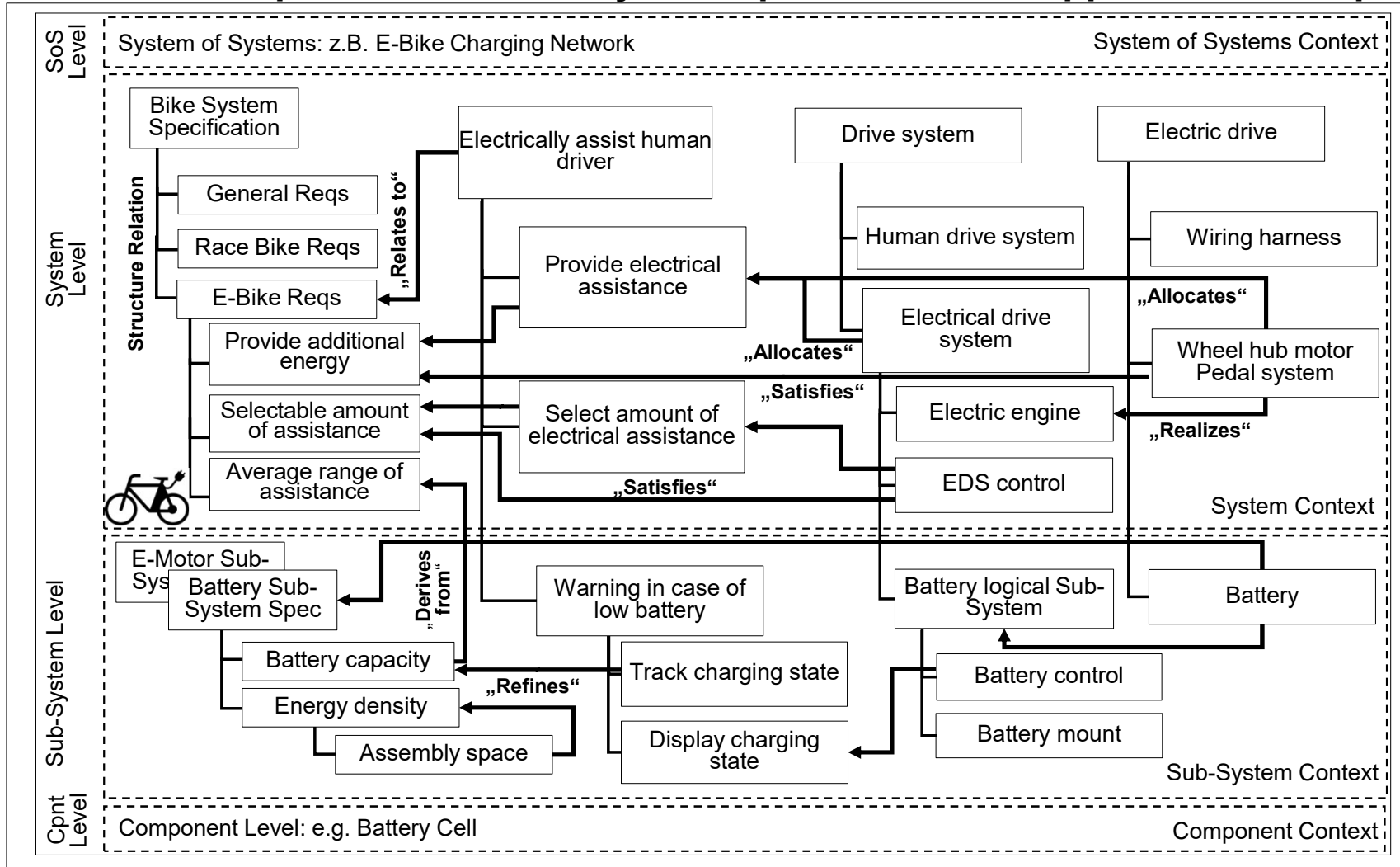
# Open questions and gaps in existing traceability concepts



## Adaptation and description of a best-practice traceability concept



## Illustration of best-practice traceability concept based on an application example



## Conclusion, summary and need for development

### Conclusion & summary



More extensive and clearly defined tracelink types required



80% solution with potential of industry or company-specific extension

### Need for development



KI evaluations of tracelink architectures



Common data management layer



SysML v2 Standard

# Q & A

Thank you for your attention!