



Manufacturing Execution Systems

Example of MES functions in a simplified manufacturing information system

SUMMARY

➔ Example of an MES operating in a fictitious plant

Primary functions

Support functions:

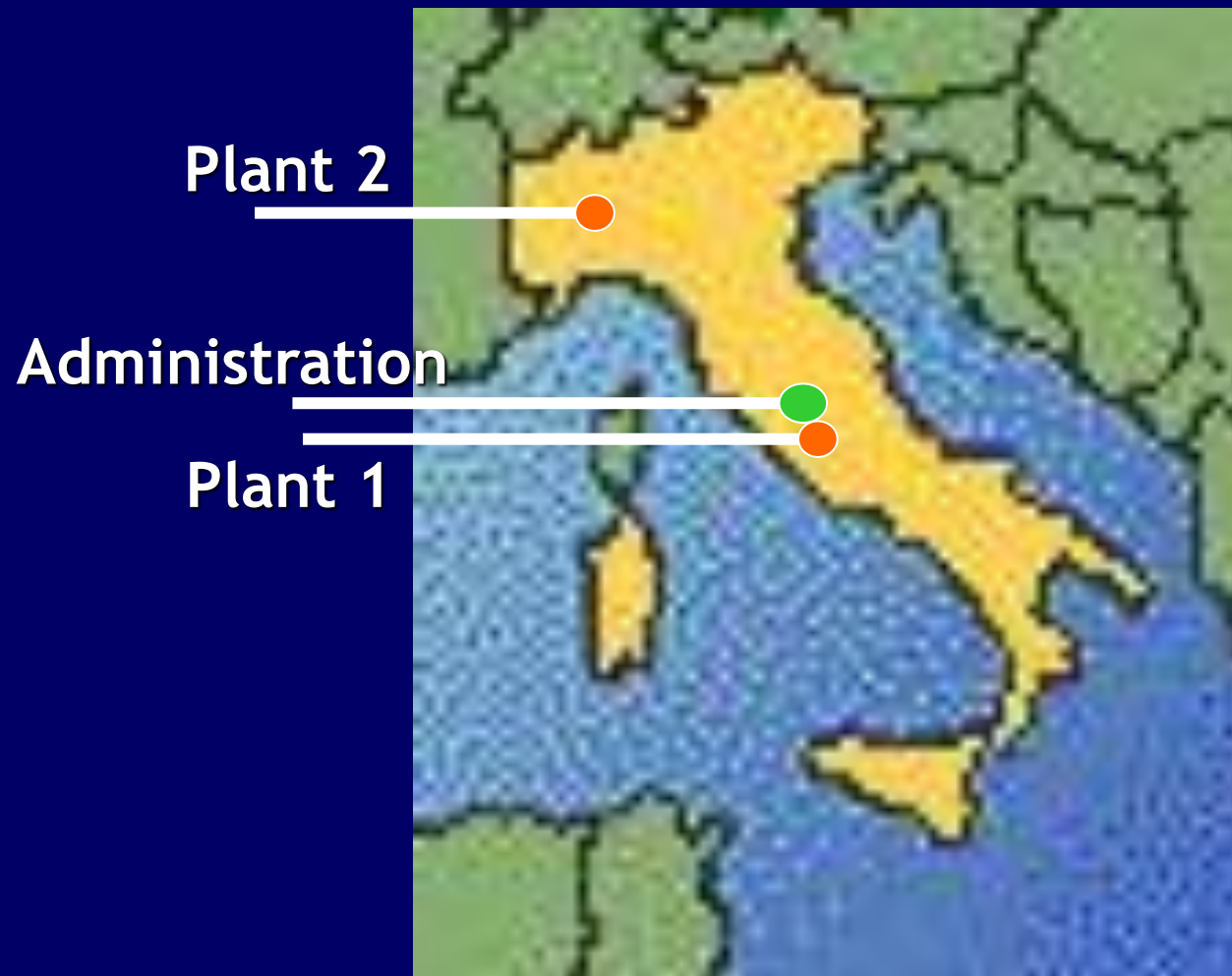
- **Statistical process control**
- **Process data / performance**
- **Genealogy of the product**

MES architecture

- **Hardware**
- **Software**

Issues of the current MES version

DIBRISBIKE S.r.l.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCTION

⇒ **Make-to-order bicycle production**

⇒ **Production process:**

Make the frame

Assemble with other components

⇒ **Product types**

4 models (graziella, mbike, corsa, customized)

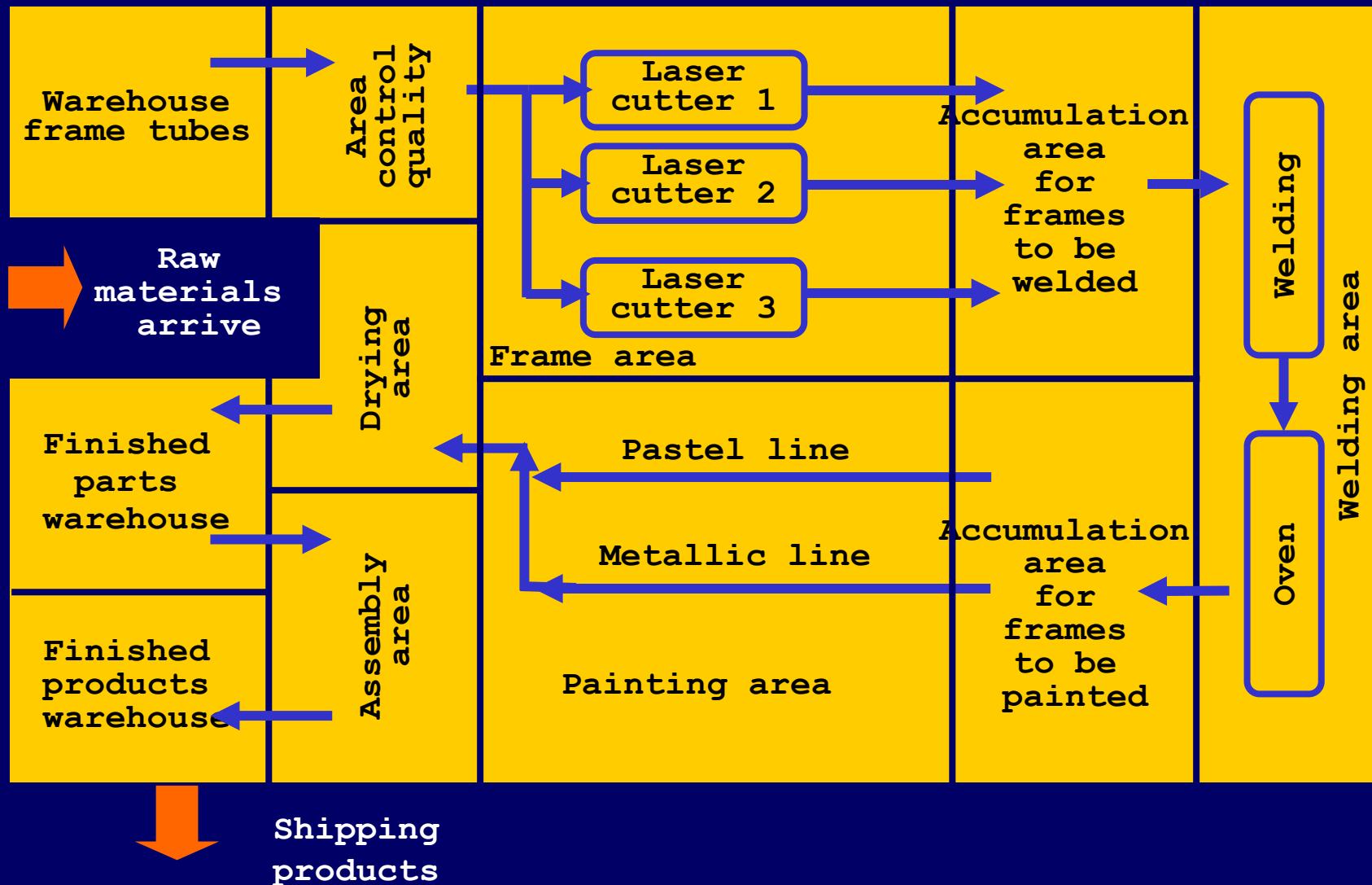
- **Plant 1: production of all models**
- **Plant 2: graziella, mbike**

PRODUCTION DESCRIPTION

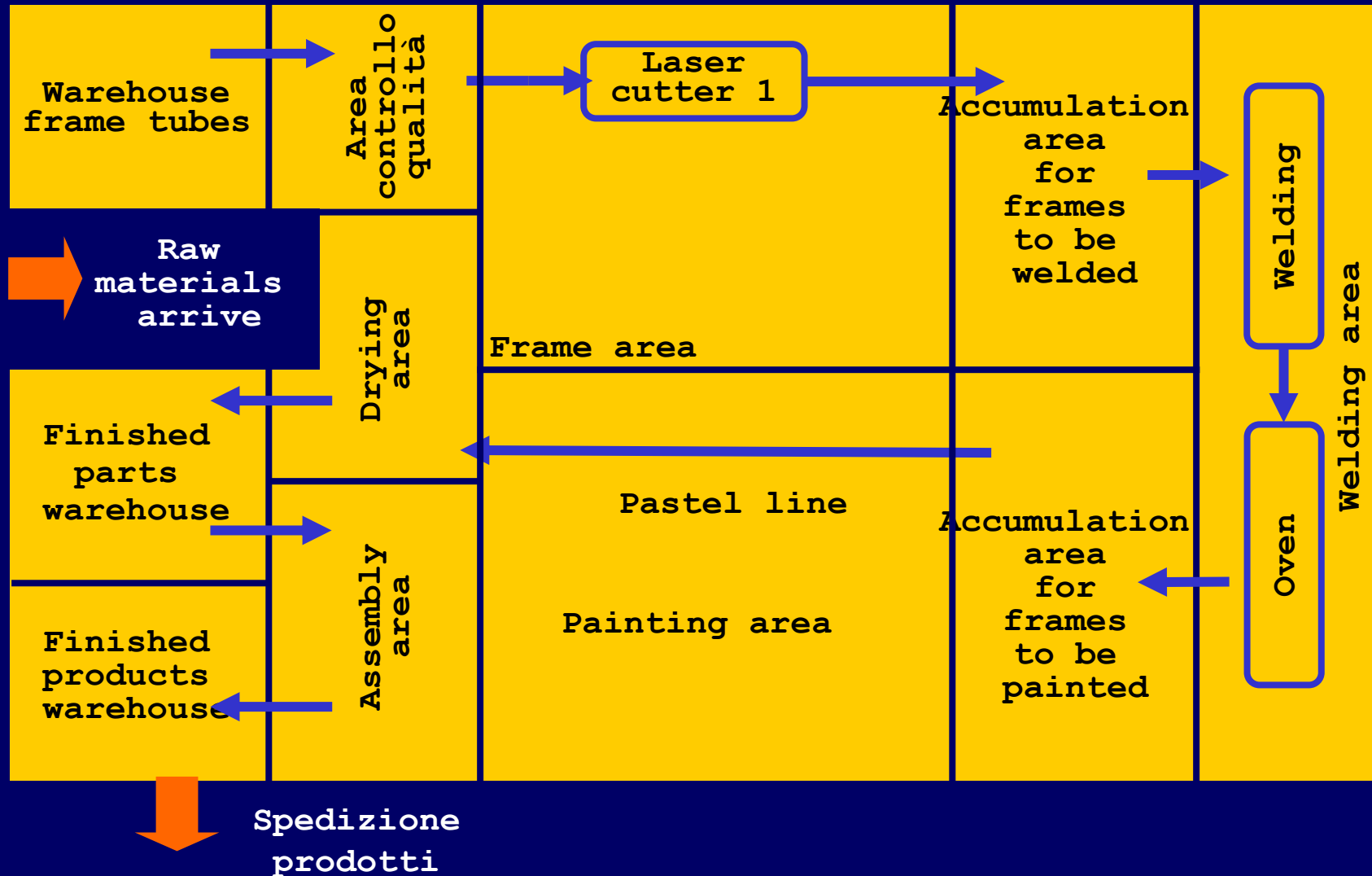
Pastel color (red, blue, green) or metallic (navy blue, gray) lines

- **Plant 1: both lines**
- **Plant 2: just pastel line**

PLANT 1



PLANT 2



INTERFACE WITH THE PLANNING LEVEL

- ⇒ **The two MES communicate weekly with the ERP present in the administrative office to request the MPS**
- ⇒ **For the week of 9 to 13 September, following a precise query to the ERP, the MES of plant 1 obtained the following MPS**



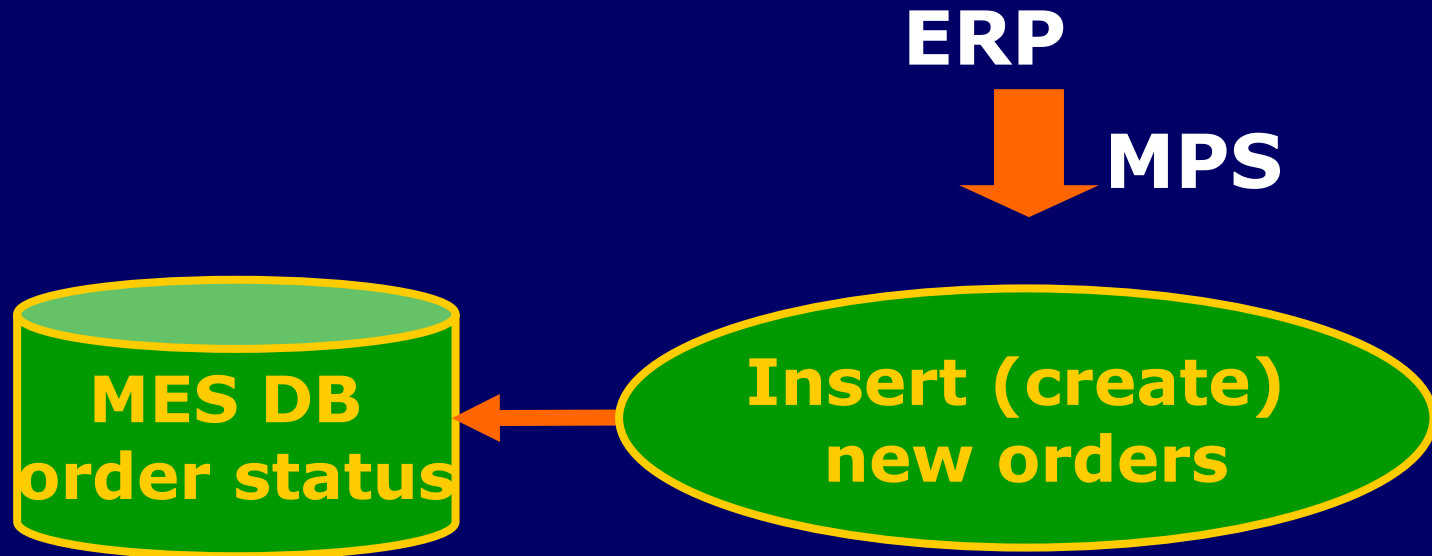
INTERFACE WITH THE PLANNING LEVEL



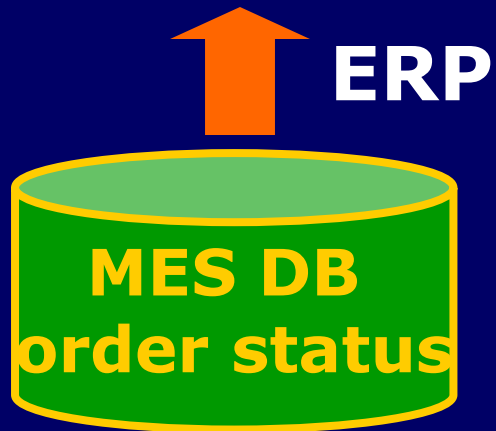
Start	Due date	ID batch	Quantity	Frame type	Colour	Priority
12/09/2022	14/09/2022	L102	120	mbike	blu	4
12/09/2022	15/09/2022	L101	100	graziella	blue	1
12/09/2022	12/09/2022	L100	150	graziella	pink	9
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INTERFACE WITH THE PLANNING LEVEL



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Start planned	Due date planned	Start	Completion estimated	ID batch	Quantity	Quantity produced	Type
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12/09/22	13/09/22	12/09/22	14/09/22	L100	150	20	graziella
12/09/22	13/09/22	12/09/22	15/09/22	L101	100	30	graziella
12/09/22	12/09/22	...	...	L102	120	10	mbike

ORDER MANAGEMENT



Update order

Three orange arrows point from the 'Update order' oval to the table: one to the first row, one to the second row, and one to the 'Quantity produced' column.

Start planned	Due date planned	Start	Completion estimated	ID batch	Quantity	Quantity produced	Type
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12/09/20	13/09/20	12/09/20	14/09/20	L100	150	20	graziella
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12/09/20	12/09/20	L102	120	10	mbike

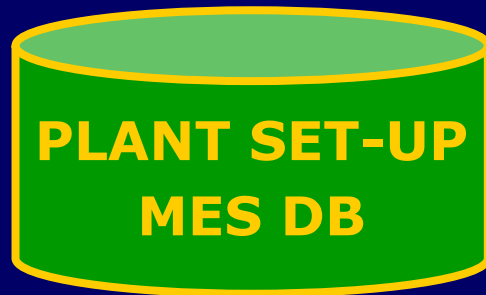
WORK STATION MANAGEMENT



Work station

Workstation ID	Working area	Description
LC001	Frame	laser cutter
LC002	Frame	laser cutter
LC003	Frame	laser cutter
S001	Welding	welding
F001	Welding	oven
NT001	Painting	conveyor belt pastel line
NT002	Painting	conveyor belt metallic line
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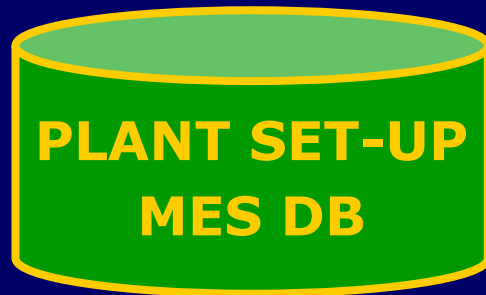
WORK STATION MANAGEMENT



Operations

Operation ID	Description
OP001	Cut frame graziella
OP002	Cut frame mbike
OP003	Cut frame corsa
OP004	Cut frame custom
OP005	Frame welding
OP006	Hot treatment: temper welds
OP007	Pastel painting
OP008	Metallic painting
OP009	Drying
OP010	Assembling
...	...

WORK STATION MANAGEMENT



Work stations - Operations

ID	Workstation ID	Operation ID
1	LC001	OP001
2	LC001	OP002
3	LC002	OP001
4	LC002	OP002
5	LC003	OP001
6	LC003	OP002
7	LC003	OP003
8	LC003	OP004
9	...	

WORK STATION MANAGEMENT



**Workstation /
operation**

ID	Workstation ID	Operation ID
1	LC001	OP001
2	LC001	OP002
3	LC002	OP001
4	LC002	OP002
5	LC003	OP001
6	LC003	OP002
7	LC003	OP003
8	LC003	OP004
9	...	

Routing

ID batch	ID piece	Step	Pr. time	Set-up time	Operation/machine
L100	L100-0001	1	10	0	1
L100	L100-0001	2	5	15	12
L100	L100-0001	3	...	...	...

WORK STATION MANAGEMENT

- **A procedure reads the list of orders to be executed on that day (including those previously started and not completed) and starts the production by ordering the execution in batches with "earliest due date"**
- **In each intermediate storage area an ad hoc scheduling algorithm is applied locally on the single piece or on the single batch**

WORK STATION MANAGEMENT

➔ Scheduling (algoritmo di Moore)
on painting line

➔ Example: 6 batches waiting to be
painted in pastel colour

Lotto	L001	L002	L003	L004	L005	L006
Due date	15	6	9	23	20	30
Processing time	10	3	4	8	10	6

EDD	L002	L003	L001	L005	L004	L006	Rejected
Due date	6	9	15	20	23	30	
Proc. time	3	4	10	10	8	6	
Compl.Time	3	7	17				L001
Compl.Time	3	7	*	17	25		L005
Compl.Time	3	7	*	*	15	21	

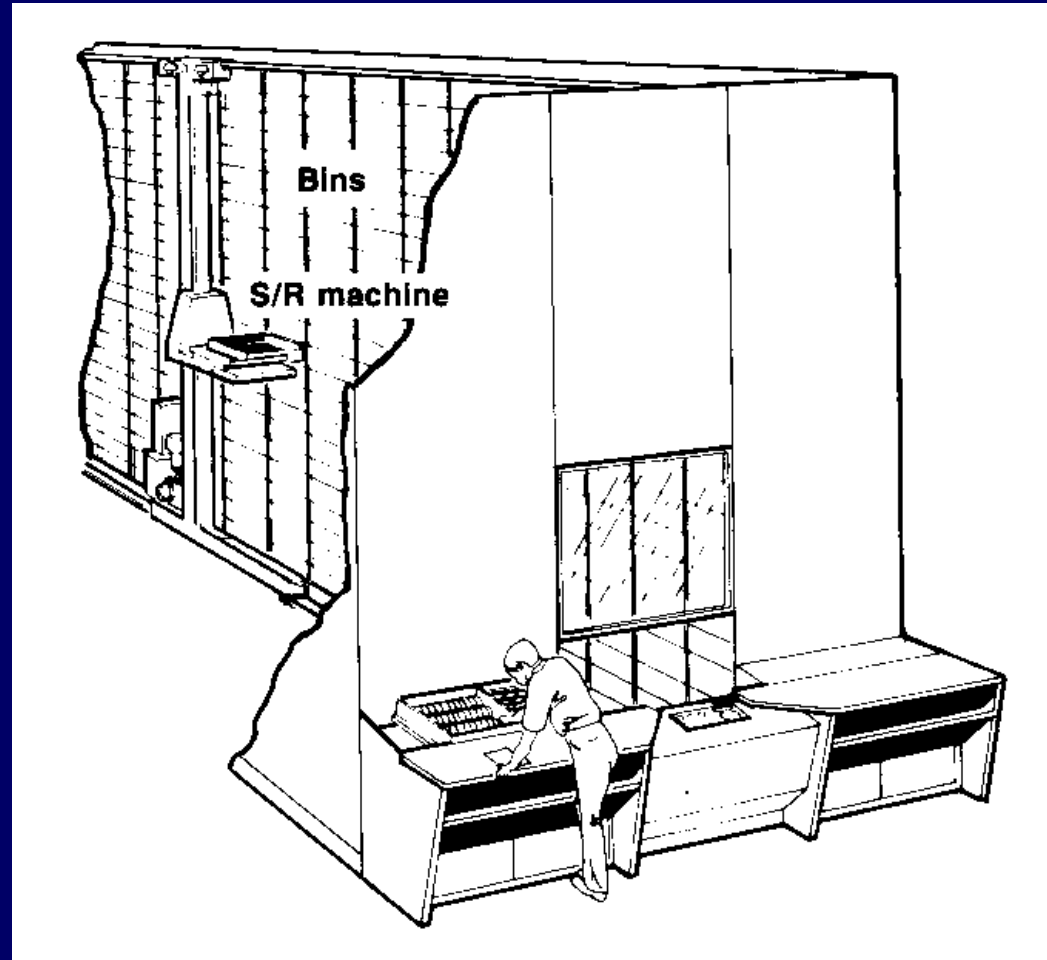
MATERIAL AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

➔ **The completed parts warehouse is automatically managed by two Automatic Storage/Retrieval System (AS/RS):**

One for the frames

One for "boxes" containing the other pieces to be assembled

MATERIAL AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT



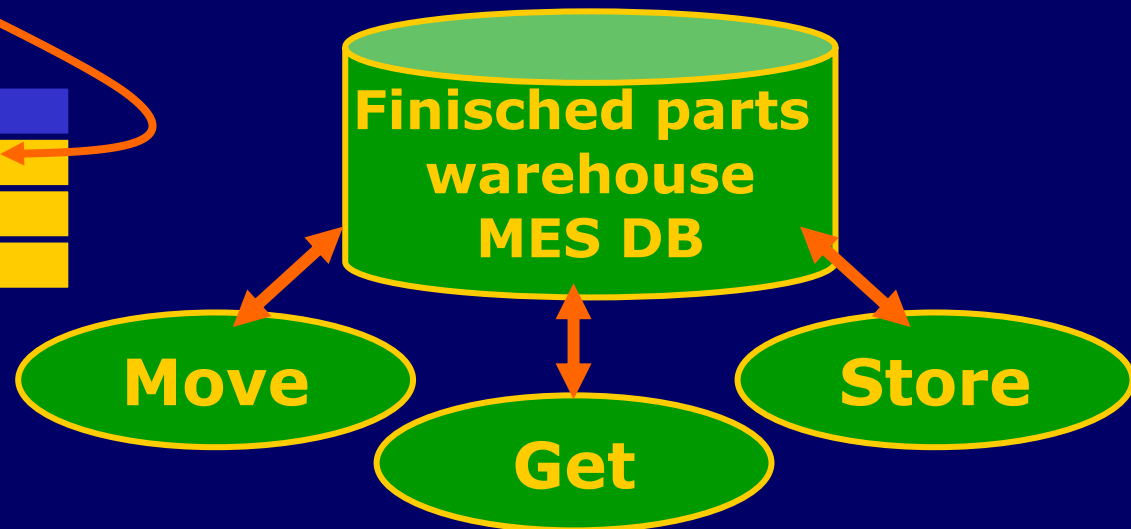
MATERIAL AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

Box

IDbox	Type	ID gear	IDwheel	Idaccess.	ID saddle	ID chain
SC1000	graziella	-	R0023	F0045	S0801	C0323
SC1001	corsa	CB101	R0024	F0033	S1201	

Position

ID	x	y	z	ID box
1	12	1	A	SC1001
2	12	1	B	SC1250
3	12	1	C	-



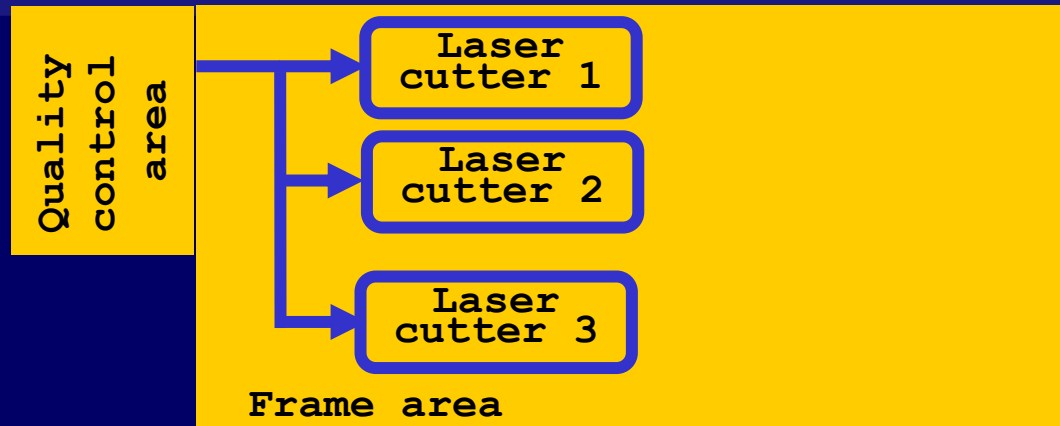
MATERIAL MOVEMENT



AGV1

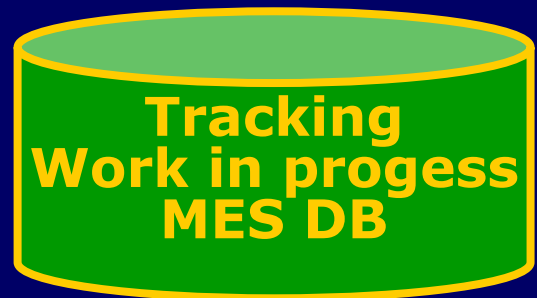
AGV

ID AGC	Type
AGV1	AGV
AGV2	AGV
AGV3	AGV
...	...



Routes

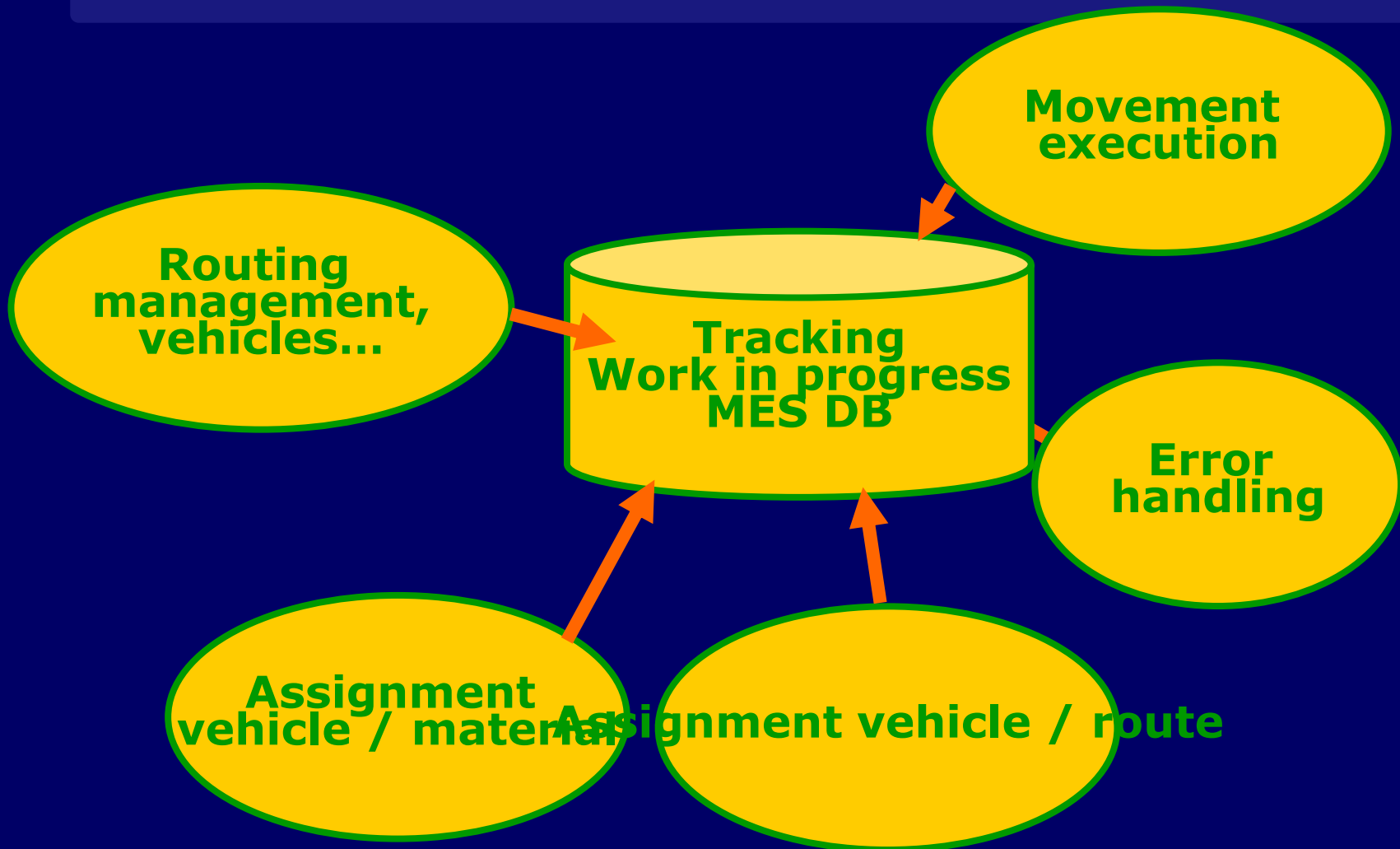
ID route	Origin	Destination
1	ACQ	LC001
2	ACQ	LC002
3	ACQ	LC003
4	...	...



Assignment

ID AGV / route	ID route	ID AGV	Time assignment	Time start	Time arrival
1	1	AGV1	09:00:01	09:00:40	09:00:59
2	1	AGV2	09:00:01	09:01:40	-

MATERIAL MOVEMENT



DATA COLLECTION

Alarms LC001

ID alarm	Description	
LC001_AL1	Out of calibration	Yes
LC001_AL2	Tube diameter no good	No
LC001_AL3	overheating	Yes



Processes LC001

ID process	Description	Max value	Min value
L001_P1	temperature	0	200
L001_P2	First cut	0	100
L002_P3	Second cut	100	200

Process RT LC001

ID	Type	Date/time	Value
1	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.00	58
2	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.01	60
3	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.02	62
4	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.03	62
5	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.04	61
6	L001_P1	12/09/2020 14.00.05	62

Alarms RT LC001

ID	Type	
1	L001_AL1	12/09/2020 14.00.34
2	L001_AL1	12/09/2020 14.00.45
3	L001_AL2	12/09/2020 17.34.54

DATA COLLECTION

⇒ How can I identify a tube?

Laser-marked labeling on the outer diameter



Tracking
Work in progress
MES DB

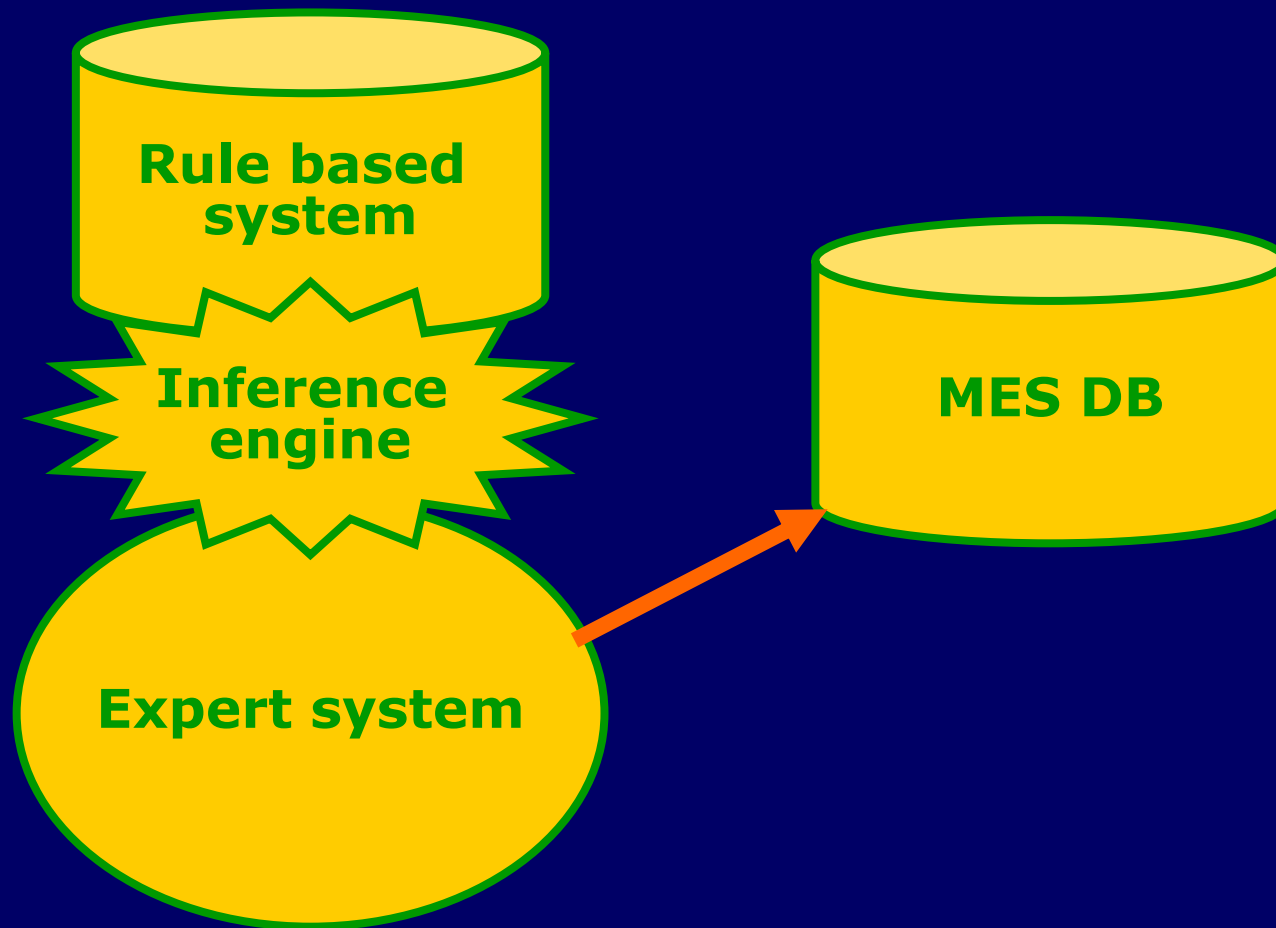
DATA COLLECTION

⇒ For each assembled frame : RFID



Tracking
Work in progress
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MANAGEMENT OF EXCEPTIONS



EXCEPTION HANDLING

- ➔ When the temperature in the oven exceeds XXX, notify the quality control and increase the monitoring frequency
- ➔ When the temperature in the oven exceeds YYY, it sends an alarm to the database and schedules cleaning with method 4

EXCEPTION HANDLING

➔ Every 2 hours check the warehouse of the tubes (supplier ABC). If the quantity is less than necessary, notify the production area of a delay, notify ERP, and send urgent email to ABC

➔ ...

STATISTICAL PROCESS CONTROL

⇒ On raw material

Weight (all)

Corrosion test (10 per lot of 1000)

Ultrasonic inspections (10 per batch of 1000)

⇒ On frame components

Length

STATISTICAL PROCESS CONTROL

⇒ On the frame

Weight

Ultrasonic inspections (1 every 100, 1 per batch)

⇒ On the completed product

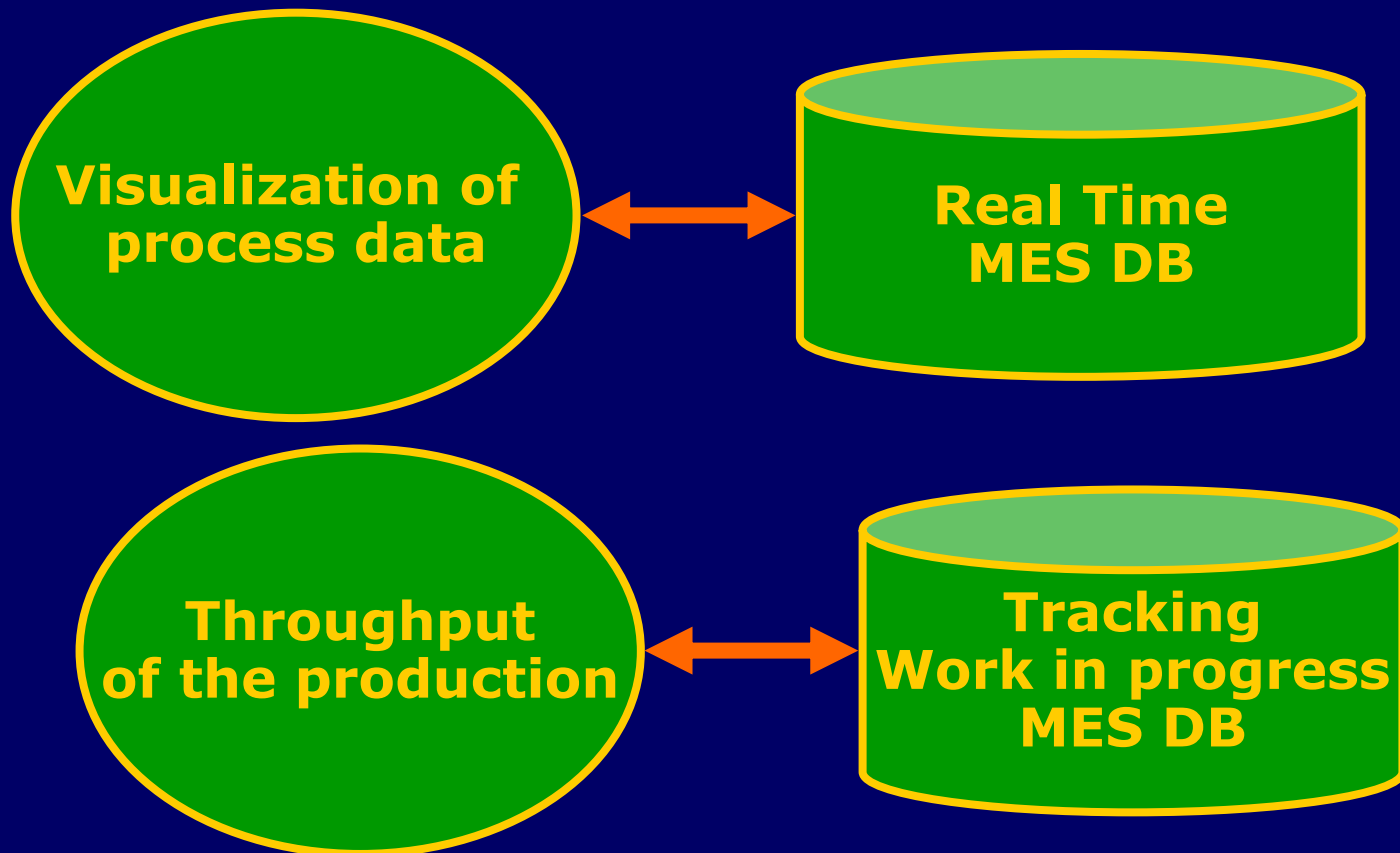
Weight

Color

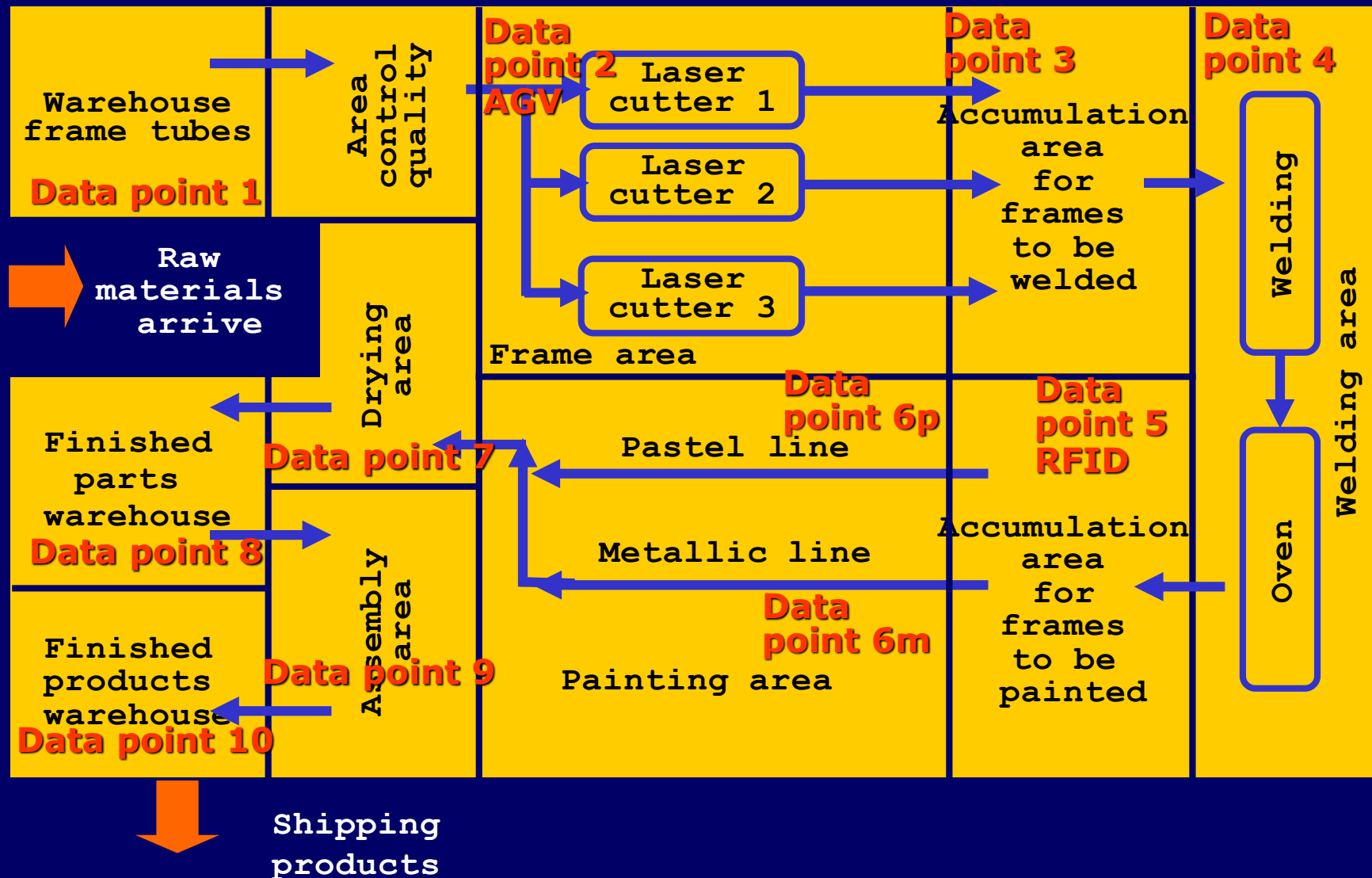
Chain / rear wheel transmission

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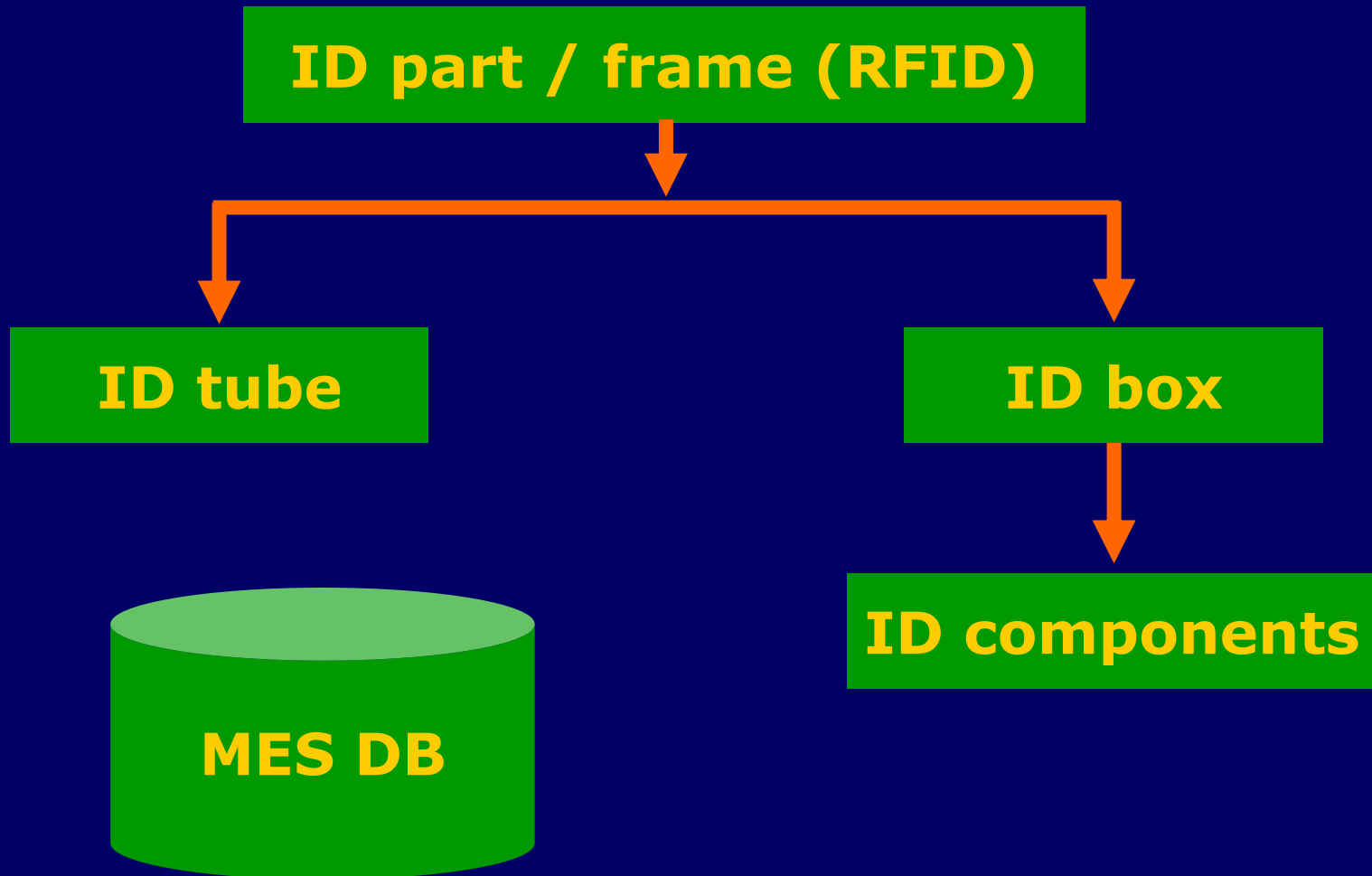
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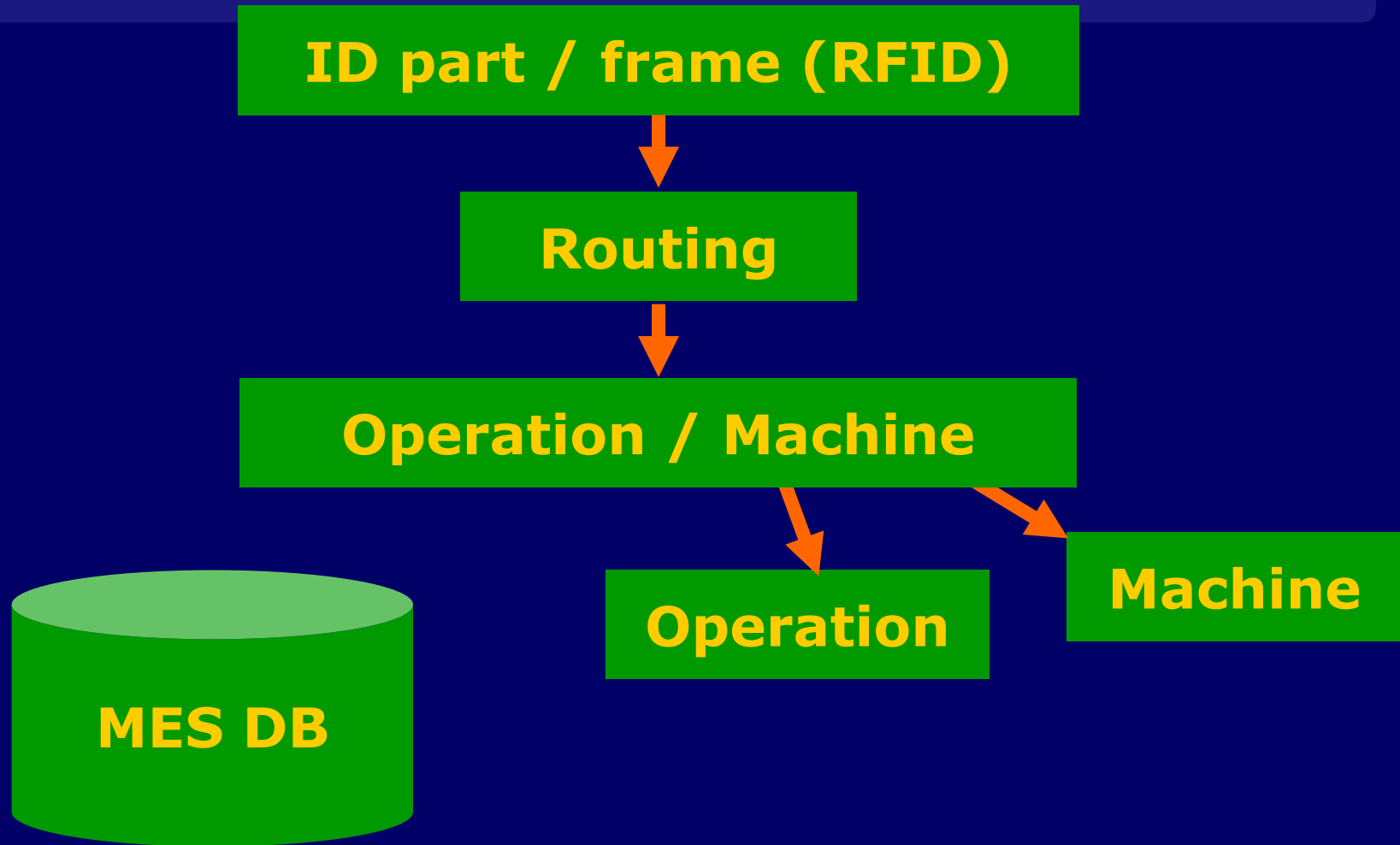
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