



# Innovations for Data-Driven Business Transformation in the Era of AI for Building Materials Industry

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# Agenda

-  **Building Materials Vision**
-  **Industry Challenges**
-  **SAP's Industry Strategy**
-  **Innovations for the Industry**
-  **Key take aways**
-  **Relevant sessions at the conference**





**The fully digitized, self-  
optimizing, intelligent  
Building Materials  
manufacturer**

# Building Materials producers are facing various challenges



**Shortage of  
skilled labor**



**Rising costs**



**Supply chain  
disruptions**



**Increasing  
customization**

# Building Materials strategic priorities



## Drive customer centricity

Optimally price and quote based on customer insight and market environment. Automate sales order processing and technical feasibility checks, and gain profitability insights.



## Build Supply Chain Resilience

Execute the wish of customers from order to delivery, while considering costs and margin. Business networks allow for early visibility on supply issues and provide profitable alternatives..



## Optimize and collaborate on assets and operations

Transforming manufacturing and asset management into a minimum-latency, resilient network with real-time insights into asset status, machine failures, and product quality. Connect ERP-level processes seamlessly to production operations.



## Run data driven and smart business processes

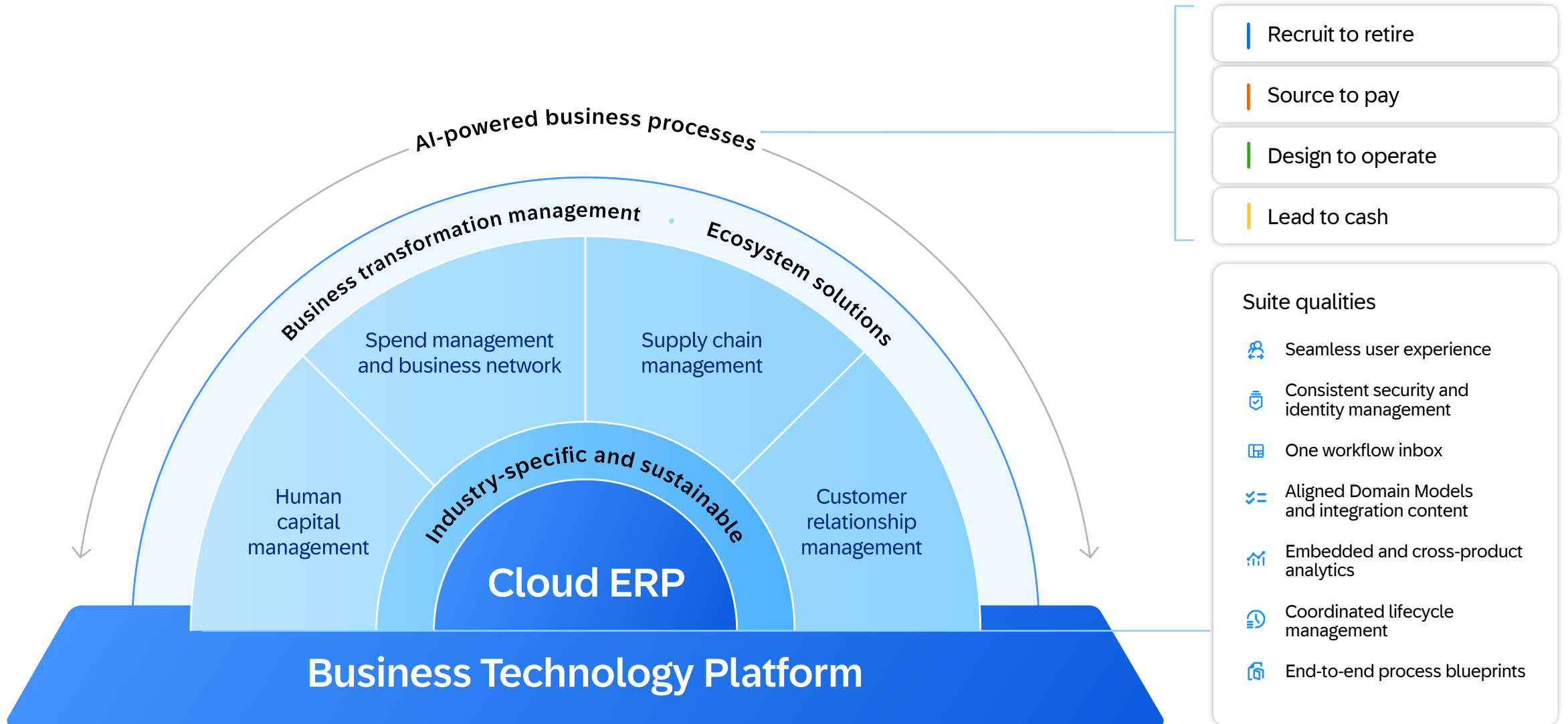
Capture productivity potential from Business AI across process automation, content generation, and better decision making. Both predictive capabilities and classical ML boost product quality, throughput, speed, and profitability.



## Race Towards Sustainability

Comply with ever increasing mandatory reporting regulations from CBAM, SEC, CSRD, plastic tax, and Supply Chain Acts. Report financial and sustainability data with same level of scrutiny, moving towards a real green ledger.

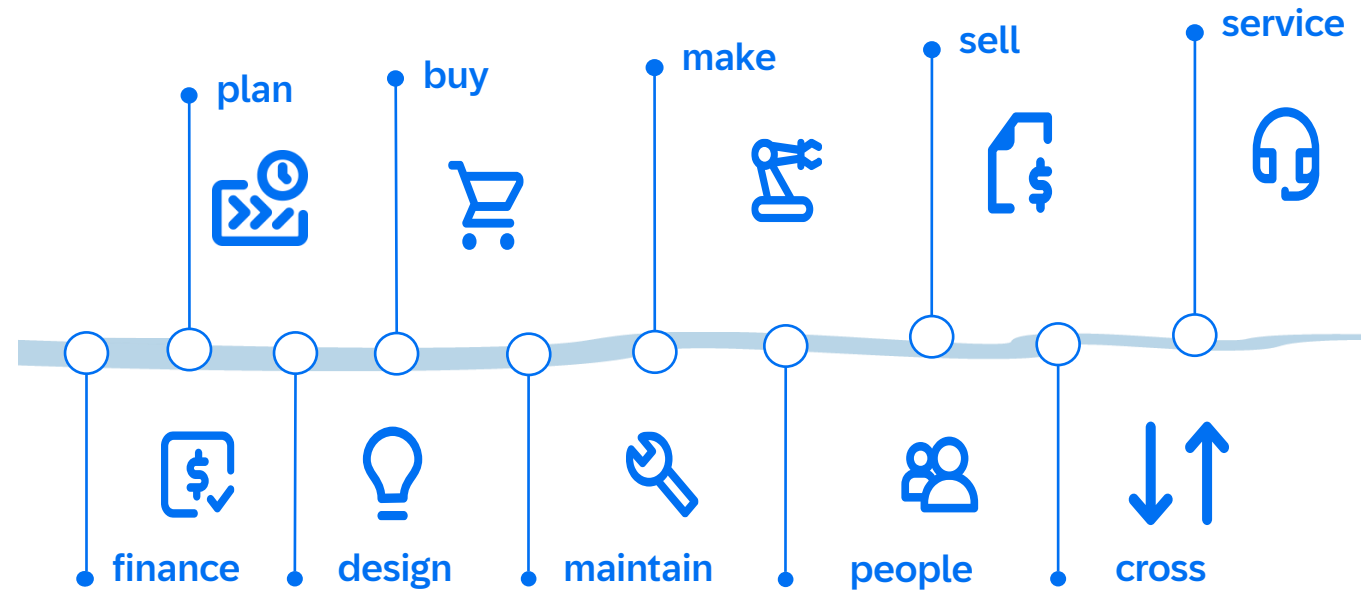
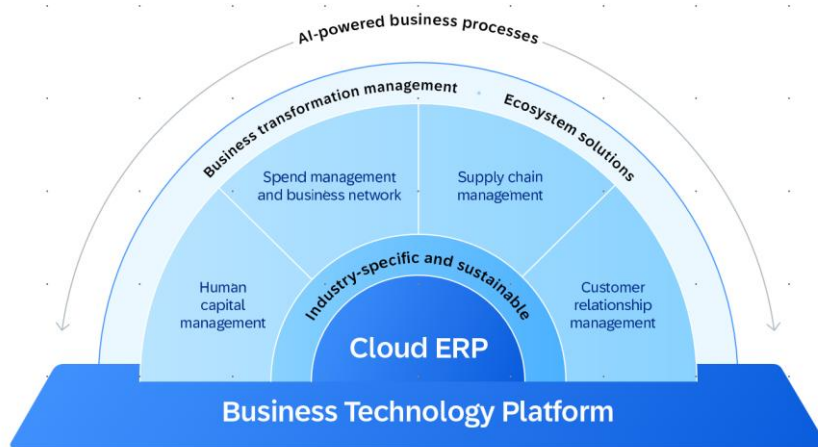
# SAP Portfolio | End-to-End Processes and Suite Qualities



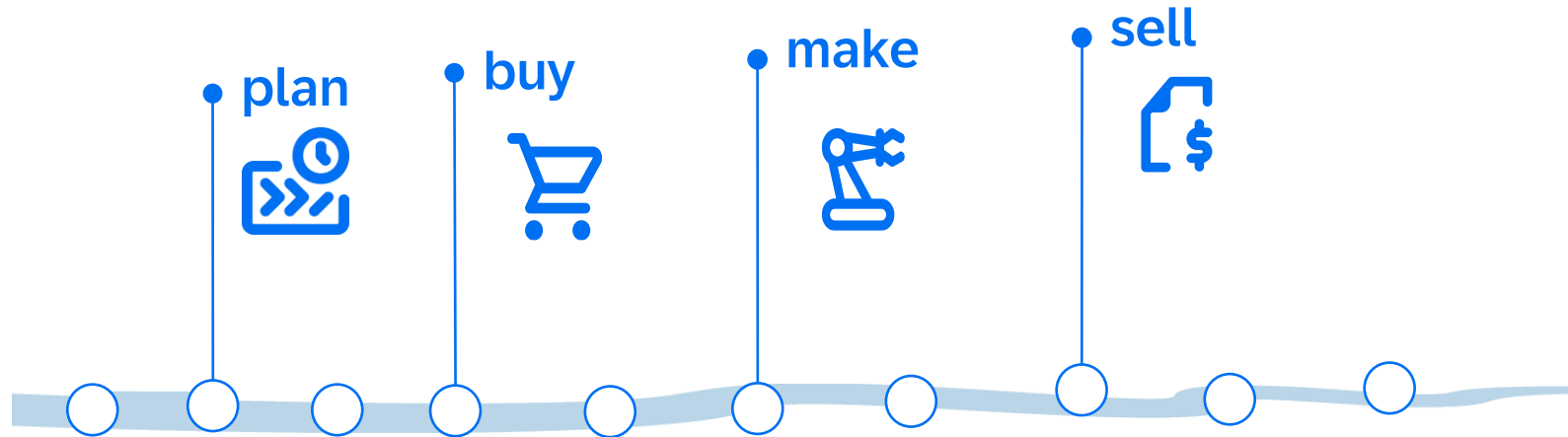
# Intelligent enterprises deliver business outcome

Intelligent, sustainable enterprises ...

... deliver value by Line of Business

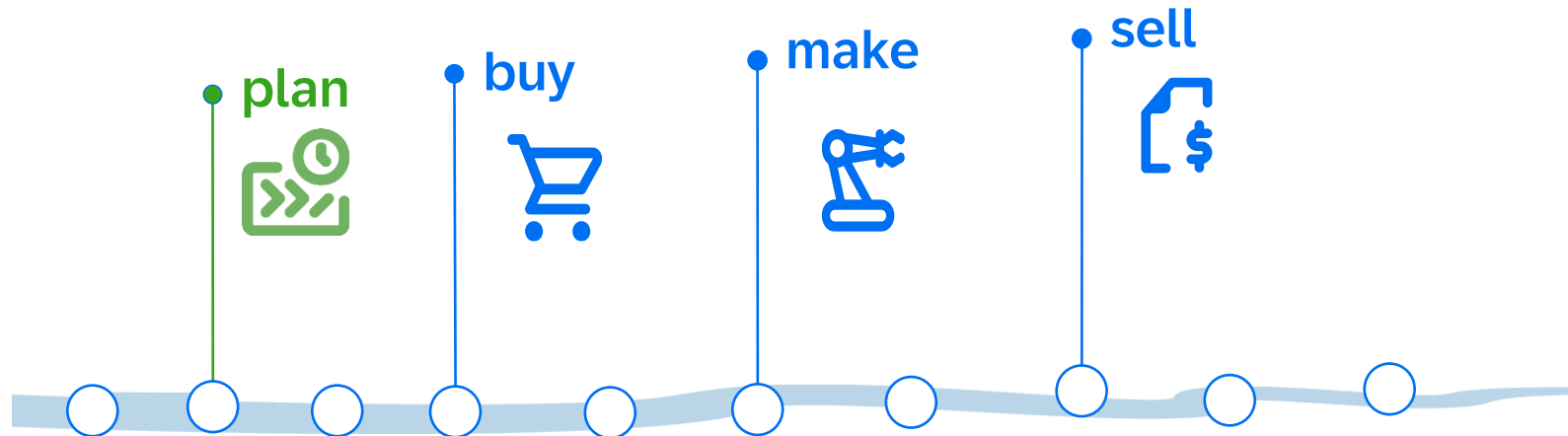


# Focus on plan, buy, make and sell (make-to-stock)





# Supply Chain Planning



# SAP Supply Chain Planning Platform

Connect strategic and operational planning with real-time visibility and execution

## Digital Business Planning



### Execute

SAP S/4HANA

Production planning and scheduling, order promising (aATP) and MRP

Create a feasible master production schedule and rough cut capacity plan to feed manufacturing and production planning and scheduling

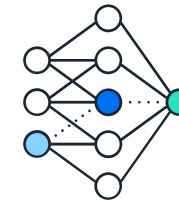


### Plan

SAP Integrated Business Planning (IBP) for Supply Chain

**S&OP, Demand, Response & Supply, Inventory, Control Tower, DDMRP**

- Synchronized Planning for Production
- Digital Twin of the entire supply chain
- Predictive and Prescriptive Decision Support
- Real-time scenarios and Intelligent Visibility
- Impact Analysis & Optimization
- MRO inventory planning



### Collaborate

SAP Business Network

High scalability with access to trading partners (including suppliers, logistics providers, and customers) for collaborative planning and execution

SAP Analytics Cloud (SAC)

Financial planning, steering and financial impact analysis on enterprise level

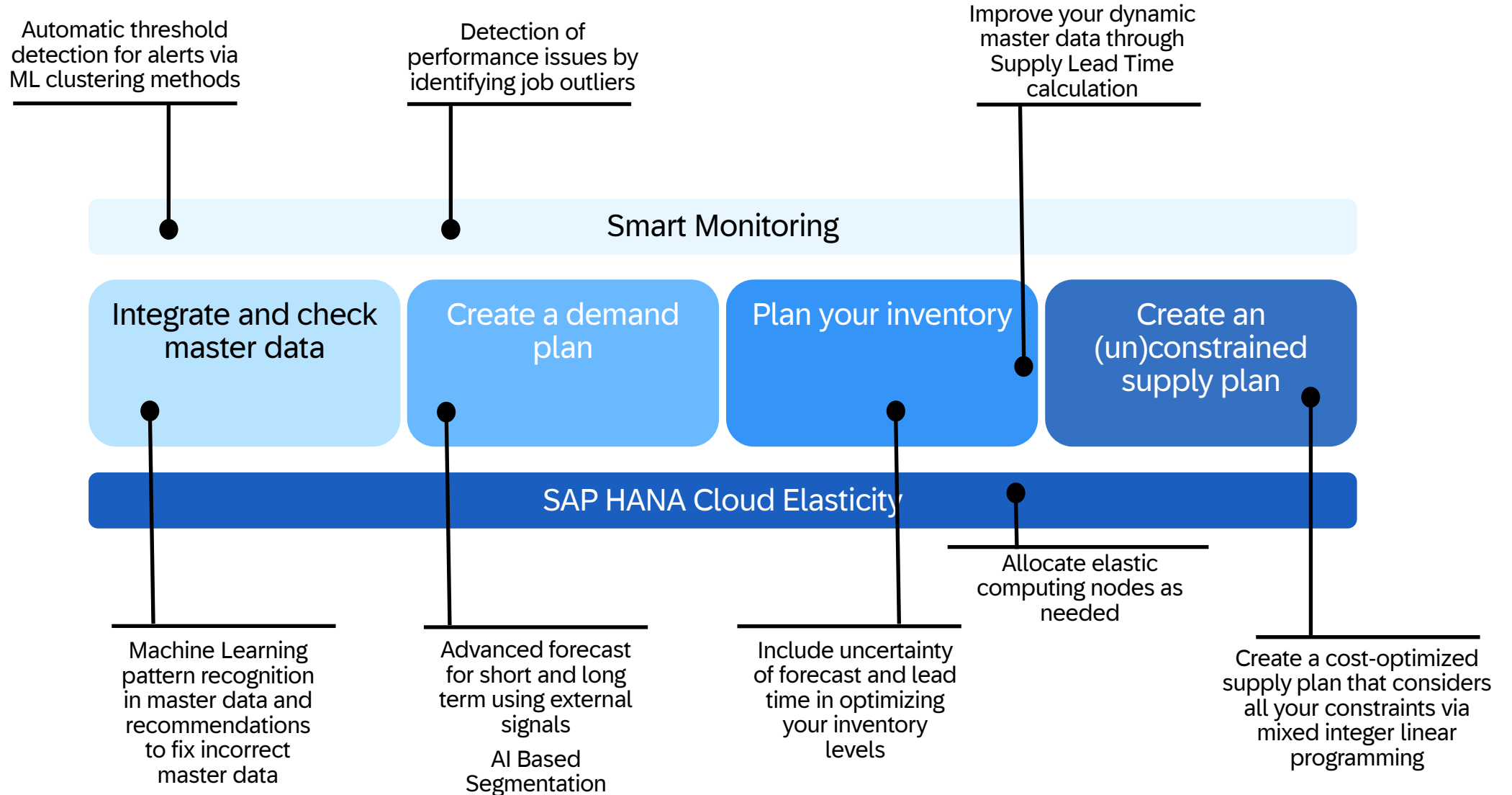


### Innovate

SAP Business AI

Leverage AI technology to improve forecast accuracy, user experience, master data quality & manage supply chain risk

# Business AI embedded in SAP IBP



# Optimizing World-Class Cement Production around Demand Planning

plan



## Business challenge

- Increasingly complex supply chain model
- Reduce costs with less product shortages and more product availability
- Utilize Clinker Curve analysis to optimize production, balancing supply and demand, ensuring efficient resource utilization, and minimizing costs related to inventory fluctuations
- Non-linear production lines with a requirement to view and address product details

## SAP Solutions and Technology

- SAP IBP
- AI - SAP HANA Predictive Analysis Library – Gradient Boosting Decision Tree
- SAP ECC

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## Benefits

Transparency to see forecasts improved by **4%**, representing **50K tons** of cement production

**6x** faster speed-to-delivery of demand plan (went from 6 hours to 10–40 min for 30+ planners)

Considering **5000 location sources** of raw materials in planning

# Procurement



# Power of AI in procurement



## Business challenge

- Reactive instead of proactive
- Clean data isn't always available
- Tiresome day to day operations leaving little time for strategic planning

## SAP Solutions and Technology

SAP S/4HANA

SAP Ariba Sourcing/Procurement

SAP Business Technology Platform

Demo: [Material group recommendations with AI - Increase data consistency and efficiency in central purchasing \(sap.com\)](#)

## Benefits

**Joule in SAP Ariba** reduces average search time across applications by up to **80%**

**SAP Ariba Category Management** speeds up annual category strategy and planning by up to **75%**

**SAP Ariba Sourcing** automates sourcing events by pulling information from previous events, recommending suppliers and generating the content for the event

**SAP Ariba Buying** guides users to goods and services within the company catalog and recommends based on previous buying activities

**SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management** extracts supplier invoices from mail and uploads

**SAP Ariba Central Procurement** creates material group recommendations

# Efficiency in MRO procurement



## Business challenge

- Only one process out of 18 sub processes in P2P process is fully automated leading to increased lead time
- Relatively higher attrition in MRO procurement and low productivity in terms of value
- Timely aggregation of demand of over 100,000 SKUs across 50 departments for material procurement

## SAP Solutions and Technology

SAP S/4HANA

SAP Ariba Sourcing

SAP Business Technology (BTP) - SAP Intelligent Robotic Process Automation

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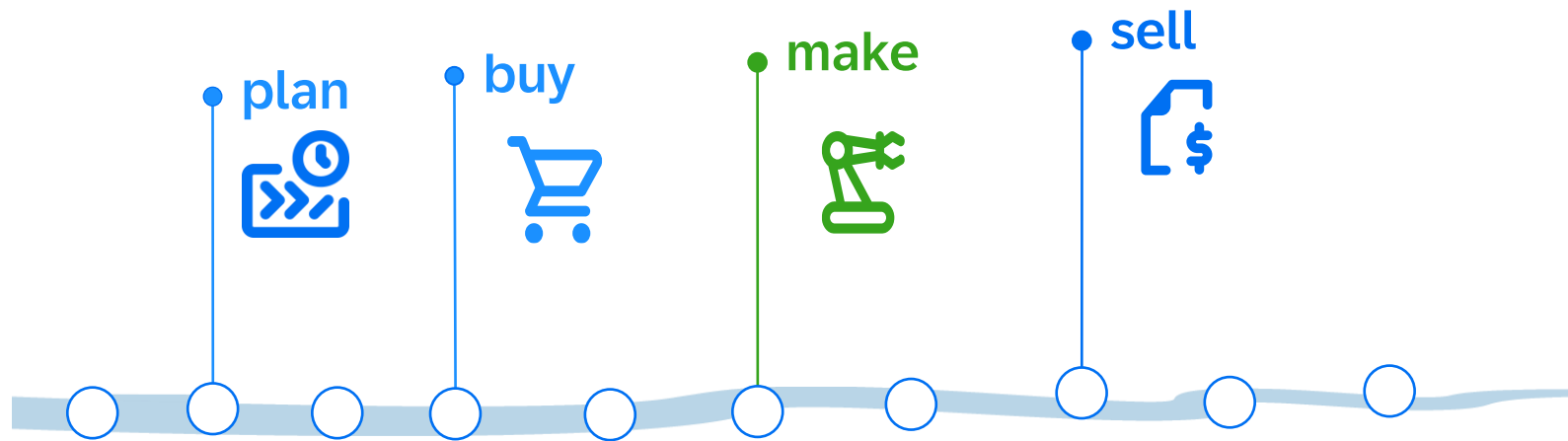
## Benefits

**90% reduction** of lead time in PR release to RFP Publish

**80% reduction** on transactional activities by automation and reduction in No of RFPs

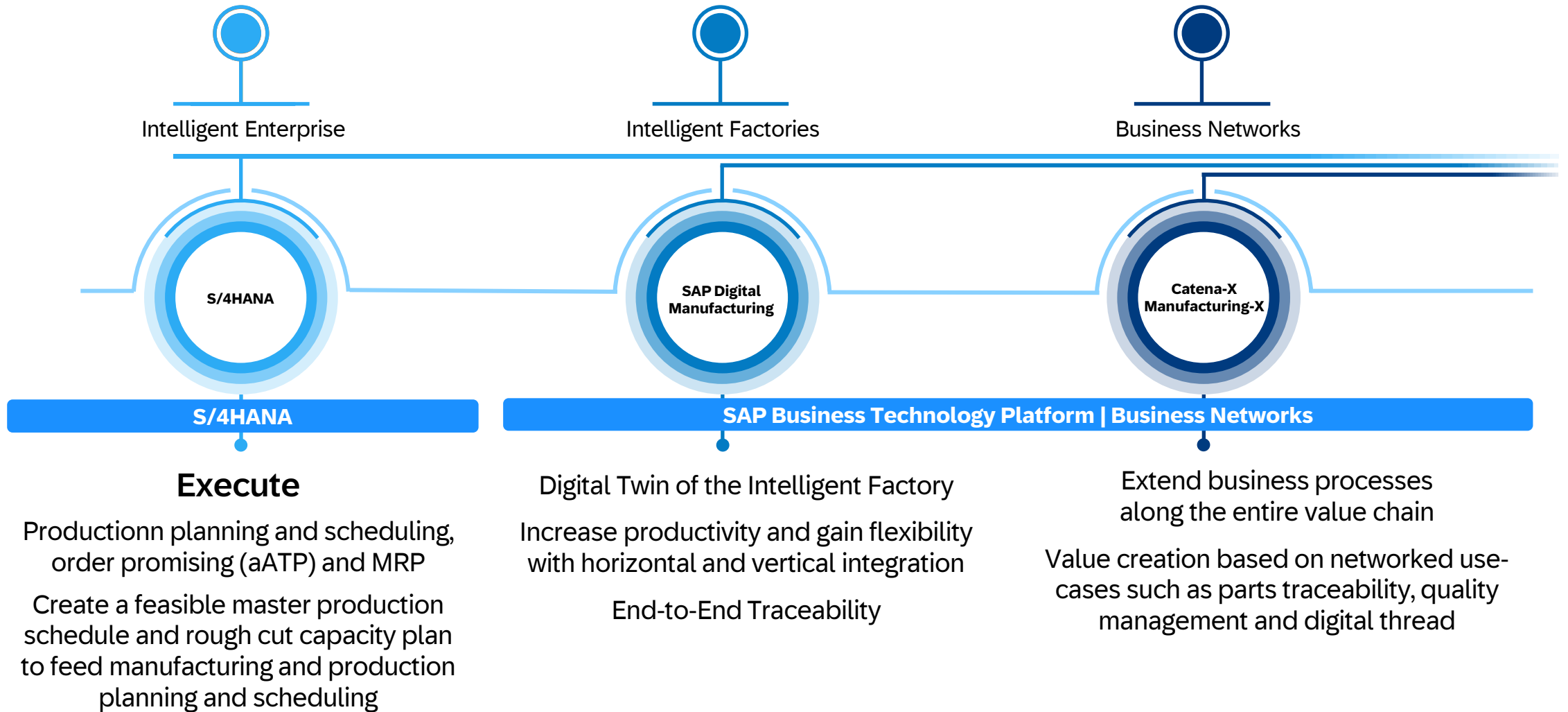
**2% estimated savings** on materials cost through auto aggregation and enhanced focus on negotiation

# Manufacturing





# SAP Digital Manufacturing



# Key Business Capabilities Overview with embedded Intelligence



**Dispatch & Scheduling**

**Sustainable  
Manufacturing**

**Modular – Agile  
Manufacturing**



**Labor**

**Intelligence for  
Digital Assembly**

**Real-Time AI  
Monitor**



**Process Orchestration**



**Inventory**

**Prescriptive  
Recommendations**

**Quality Issue  
Resolution &  
Collaboration**



**Quality Management**



**Insights and Performance Management**

**Digital enablement  
of Workforce**

**Intelligent Work  
Plan and Change  
Management**



**Industrial Automation**

# Visual operations intelligence



## Business challenge

- Repetitive tasks
- Errors in visual inspection
- Requires highly experienced personnel that could add more value in other tasks

## SAP Solutions and Technology

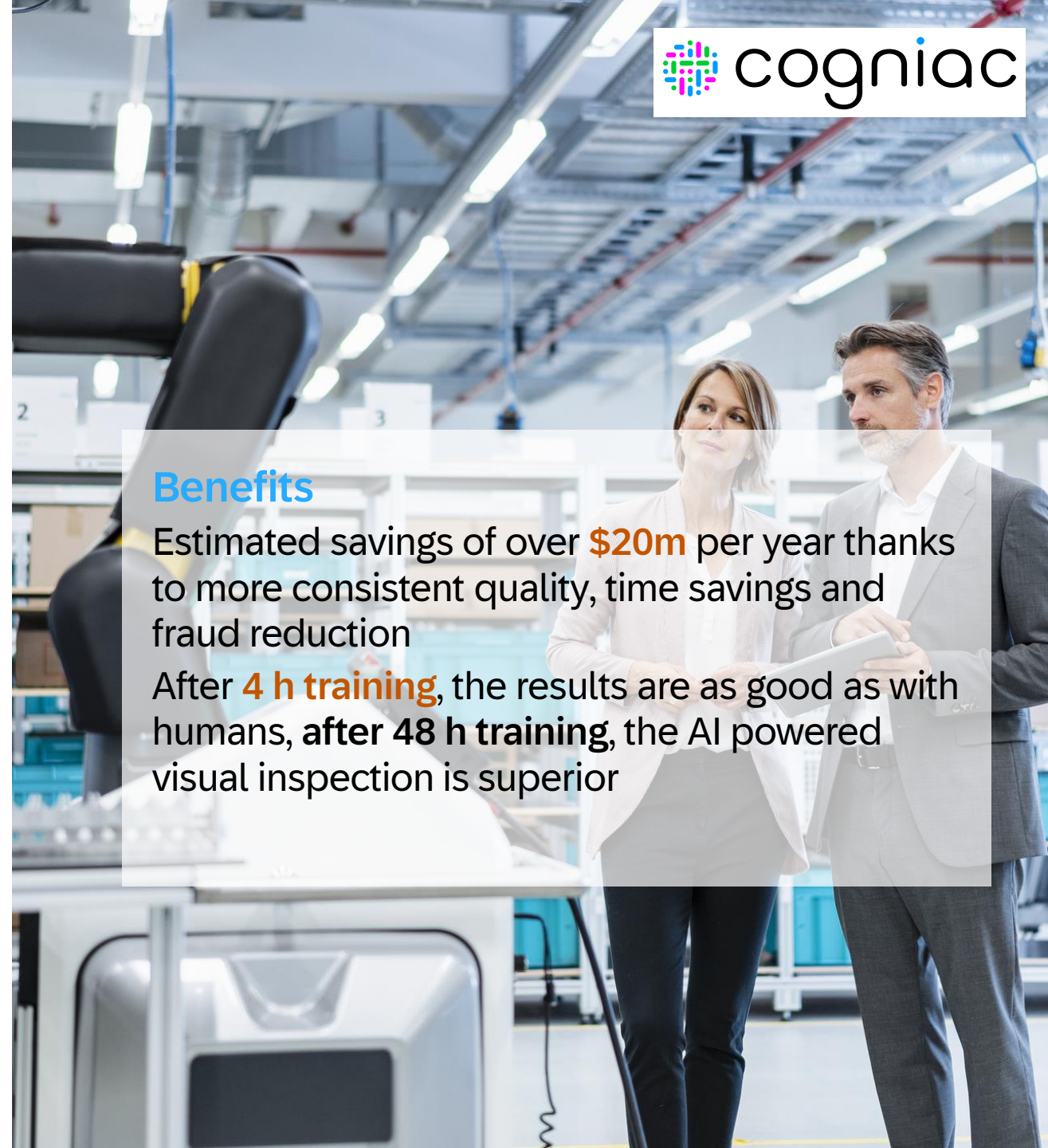
- SAP BTP
- Cogniac Visual Operations Intelligence

[Cogniac Visual Operations Intelligence | Cogniac Corporation \(sap.com\)](#)

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[SAP and Smart Press Shop Success Story | Customer Reviews and Testimonials](#)

[AI Computer Vision System for Manufacturing & Industrial \(cogniac.ai\)](#)

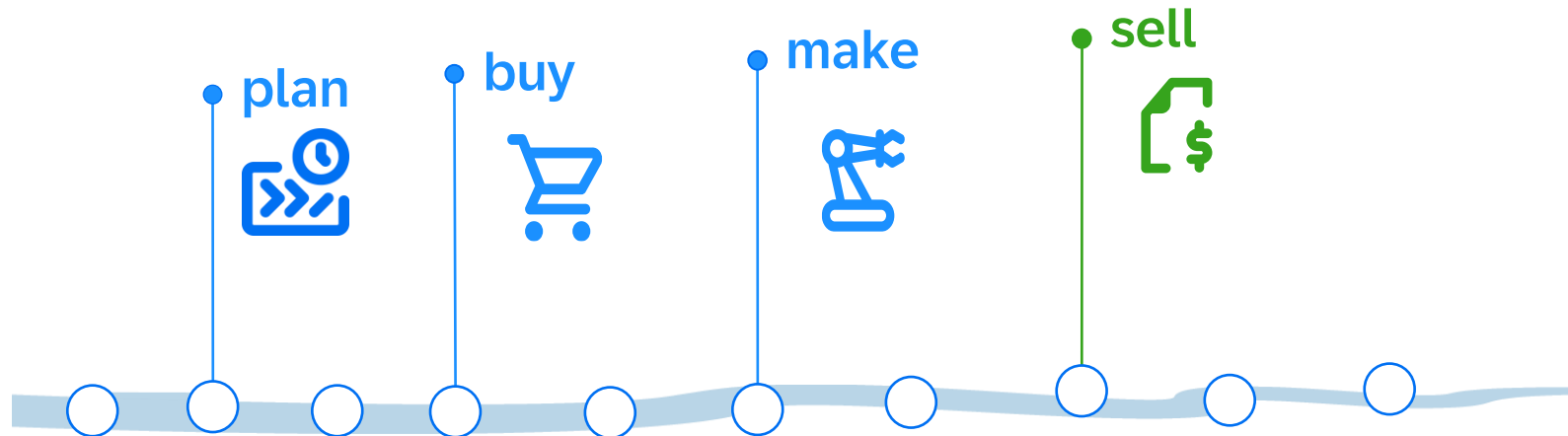


## Benefits

Estimated savings of over **\$20m** per year thanks to more consistent quality, time savings and fraud reduction

After **4 h training**, the results are as good as with humans, **after 48 h training**, the AI powered visual inspection is superior

# Customer Experience



# SAP Intelligent CX solutions to support building materials manufacturers



## Deliver sales excellence

- ✓ B2B customer engagement
- ✓ Intelligent sales
- ✓ Streamline Lead-to-Cash process
- ✓ Dynamic pricing
- ✓ Engaging Experience for Customers
- ✓ Configurable products and solutions



## Adopt digital customer experience

- ✓ Unified customer profile
- ✓ Direct digital sales to customers
- ✓ Customer self-service portal
- ✓ Digital indirect sales channels
- ✓ Omnichannel customer service
- ✓ Auctions for commodities



## Pivot to new business models

- ✓ Products and services marketplace
- ✓ Outcome- & subscription based services
- ✓ Selling bundles and value-added services
- ✓ Supply chain transparency and traceability

# Sales order automation



## Business challenge

- Cumbersome process to enter sales orders received through various channels in the system
- Error-prone process that may lead to delays in the sales order fulfillment

## SAP Solutions and Technology

- SAP S/4HANA

## Benefits

Simple and intuitive user interface **minimizes training costs** and enables higher throughput

Improve data quality and **avoid costly mistakes** with automatic AI-based order extraction

Accurate order capturing leads to **higher customer satisfaction**

Demo: [Sales Order Automation with AI \(sap.com\)](https://sap.com)

# Improving customer experience

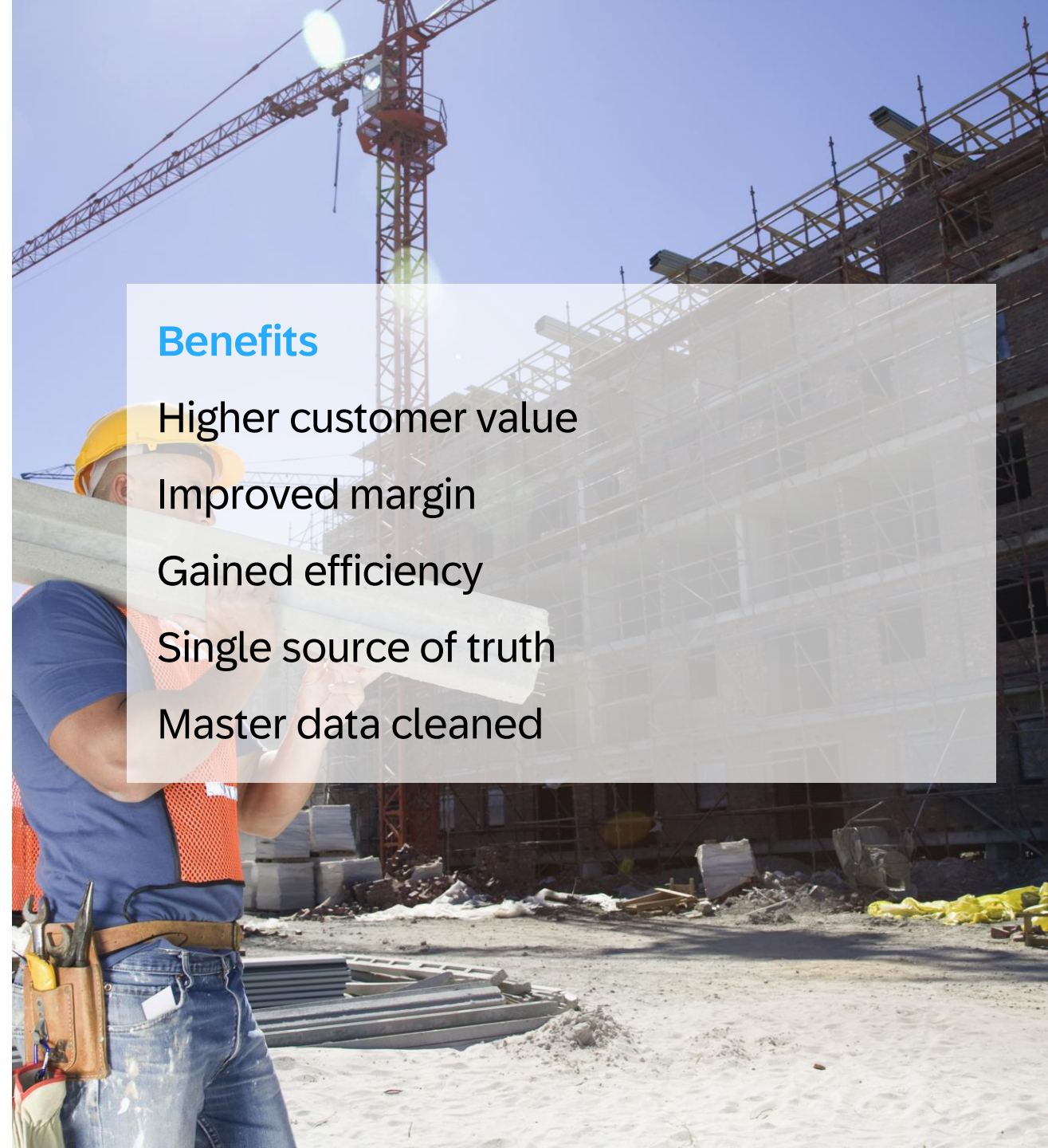


## Business challenge

- Customers: High customer efforts, technical tools, digitization
- Value chain: Need to improve service, leverage scale, logistics
- Process: Greater efficiency, increasing regulations requiring better discipline

## SAP Solutions and Technology

- S/4HANA
- SAP Transportation Management, SAP LBN
- SAP BTP (for delivering specific capabilities)
- SAP Commerce Cloud



## Benefits

- Higher customer value
- Improved margin
- Gained efficiency
- Single source of truth
- Master data cleaned



Business process automation delivered in the cloud as the foundation for your growth ambitions



Insight to action on real-time data to manage your business across the organization



A business platform ready to meet future needs – expansion, new business models, and more – at your own pace




Accelerated time to value with industry cloud solutions by SAP and partners

## SAP for Building Materials

Meeting today's and future business needs





**Wednesday morning, June 19th**

**11:35** Roxor Avoids Technical Debt and Gains Efficiencies in Creating a Modern Buying Experience with SAP Store Solution OMS+

**12:10** Building a Modern Technology Foundation at Etex with SAP S/4HANA

**Wednesday afternoon, June 19th**

**02:05** Geberit's BTP Journey with a Deep Dive into Analytics Cloud

**02:40** SAP Product Safety as a Tool for Creating and Distributing Compliance-Relevant Documents Along the Supply Chain

**Thursday morning, June 20th**

**09:30** From Strategy Bottleneck to Business Differentiation (Keynote, main stage)

**10:45** Cloud Solutions from SAP Enable Digital Transformation at KWC

**11:20** Achieving AGT's Big Dreams with SAP

# SAP for Building Materials

What's on the agenda?

# Thank you.

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