



# The Future of Supply Chain with SAP Business AI

Draw Your Future

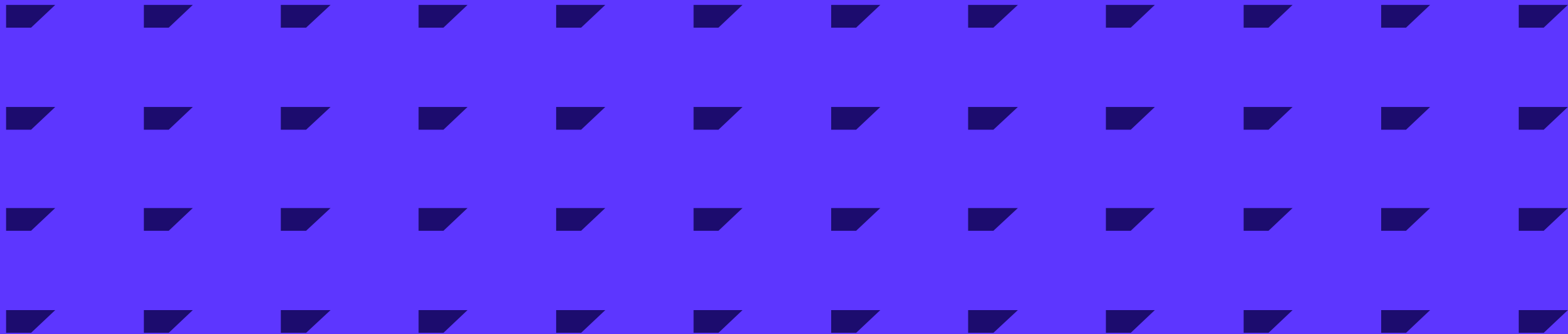
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# Agenda

- Overall SAP Business AI Strategy and Future Direction
- SAP Business AI Strategy for Supply Chain Management
- AI in SCM Roadmap

# Overall SAP Business AI Strategy And Future Direction



AI can Benefit your Business:



# Everywhere

ERP and  
Finance

Supply  
Chain

Customer  
Experience

Procurement

Human  
Resources

IT and  
Cross-Function



# The future with SAP Business AI



Important business insights are delivered with clarity.



Employee productivity is augmented, delivering improved outcomes.

Entirely new processes are generated to transform business performance.



Real Business Results through AI that is Built to be



# Business AI

Relevant

Drive **immediate business** impact with AI embedded across your organization.

Reliable

Make **confident decisions** based on AI grounded in your business data.

Responsible

Minimize **business risk** with the highest ethical, security, and privacy standards.

# AI in Business Needs to be **Relevant**

## Characteristics of Relevant AI



### Pertinent



Aligned with business context and addressing organizational needs

### Impactful



Immediate measurable business value

### Prompt



Timely and relevant insights for improved decision-making

### Integrated



Seamless incorporated into business processes and workflows

### Adaptable



Flexible to changing requirements

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## Benefits of AI embedded in business processes and applications

Lower development costs vs building AI on different technology stacks

Latest AI technologies pre-selected for optimal performance and cost

Compliance with the latest AI regulations

Higher ROI by leveraging AI fully embedded in core business processes

# AI in Business Needs to be Relevant | Example



## SAP Field Service Management AI-assisted Equipment insights

### Challenge

### Solution

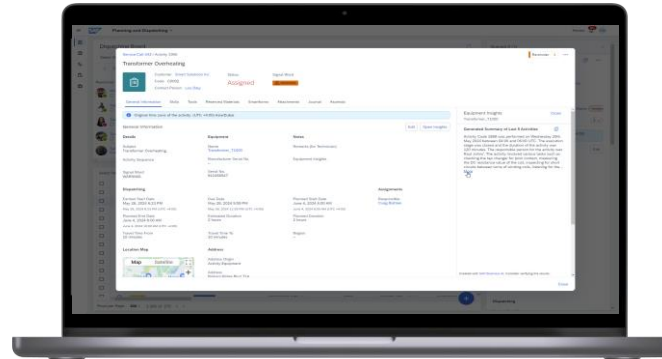
### Benefits



**Margo**  
Dispatcher



**Tara**  
Field Service Worker



SAP Business AI in SAP Field Service Management provides dispatchers with intelligent service recommendations at an asset level by identifying patterns and trends based on equipment history and performance data.

The Solution helps Margo to better identify the issue with the equipment and pick the best service worker for the job.

The solution also helps Tara in faster service issue resolution with self diagnostic capabilities by streamlining the resolution process through the swift identification of equipment issues.

“As a dispatcher, I want to get all relevant equipment history information with one click so I can make educated decisions on who is the best-skilled technician to do the job.”

“As a Field Service Worker, I want to quickly see the past service history before I go on my job so that I can plan accordingly and take the right equipment or spare parts with me”

**65%**  
Improvement in Field Service FTE productivity

**5%**  
Increase in first-time resolution rate

**Reduced**  
Equipment Downtime



# AI in Business Needs to be **Reliable**

## Characteristics of Reliable AI



### Grounded



AI is anchored into business context

### Precise



AI-generated insights are accurate

### Transparent



AI-generated responses need to be explainable, traceable, auditable

### Trustworthy



AI-generated responses are dependable

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## Benefits of business context-aware AI responses

Improved decision-making

Enhanced operational efficiency & productivity

Increased stakeholder trust to leverage AI for strategic initiatives

Higher ROI by leveraging AI to optimize processes, reduce costs, drive revenue growth

# AI in Business Needs to be Reliable

## Grounding AI Makes it Context-Aware



**Grounding techniques and technologies for more business context-aware responses**



Prompt  
Engineering



Vector  
Engine



Retrieval Augmented  
Generation



In-context  
Learning



Human-in-the-loop  
Validation



Fine  
Tuning



Confidence  
Scoring



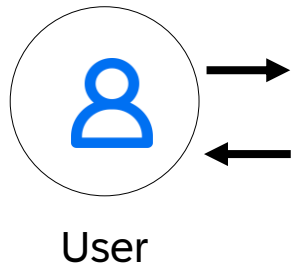
SAP Knowledge  
Graph

# AI in Business Needs to be Reliable

## SAP AI Grounded in Business Context



### SAP Integrated Business Planning – Explanation of Planning Results\*



SAP Home

Search

Versions / Scenarios: Data

Workspace: Plan Design Save

#### Demand Supply Review\*

01 Demand Supply Workbook | 01 Demand Supply View

Consensus Demand | Distribution Center to Customer | Plant to Distribution Center | DC and Plant Location Centric | Production Centric

	Customer ID	Product ID	Key Figures	MAY 2024	JUN 2024	JUL 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2024
1	Energex	UltraCharge-X1	Customer Demand	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2	Energex	UltraCharge-X1	Total Customer Demand Delivered		2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
3	Energex	UltraCharge-X1	Non-Delivery Cost Rate for Customer Demand	200	200	200	200	200
4	Energex	UltraCharge-X1	Unfulfilled Customer Demand (Shortage)	3,000	1,000	0	0	0
5	Energex	UltraCharge-X2	Customer Demand	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
6	Energex	UltraCharge-X2	Total Customer Demand Delivered		2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
7	Energex	UltraCharge-X2	Non-Delivery Cost Rate for Customer Demand	100	100	100	100	100
8	Energex	UltraCharge-X2	Unfulfilled Customer Demand (Shortage)	3,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
9	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X1	Customer Demand	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
10	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X1	Total Customer Demand Delivered			1,000	1,000	1,000
11	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X1	Non-Delivery Cost Rate for Customer Demand	50	50	50	50	50
12	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X1	Unfulfilled Customer Demand (Shortage)	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
13	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X2	Customer Demand	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
14	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X2	Total Customer Demand Delivered			2,000	2,000	2,000
15	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X2	Non-Delivery Cost Rate for Customer Demand	40	40	40	40	40
16	MegaVolt	UltraCharge-X2	Unfulfilled Customer Demand (Shortage)	2,000	2,000	0	0	0

Lab Preview

Joule

Today 8:00 AM

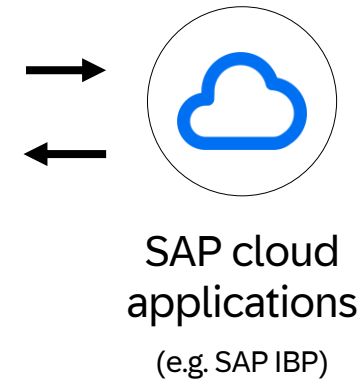
3. Limited Resource Capacity: the company's resource capacity at Plant PLANT101 is too low to meet the demand.

What are the mitigation options for product UltraCharge-X2 and customer Energex?

Based on the data provided, mitigation options include:

- Increase resource capacity at Plant Atlanta (Plant 101). The data suggests that the resource capacity needs to be increased by at least 1000 to 5000 depending on the period.
- Improve planning horizon: Having a longer planning horizon could help in better managing the supply to meet the demand.
- Explore alternative suppliers who can meet the demand in a timely

Message Joule...



# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## Areas of Responsible AI



### AI Safety & Ethics



Moral and societal considerations

### AI Compliance



Protection of individuals' personal information

### AI Security



Protection of digital data from unauthorized access, corruption, or theft

# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## How we operationalize AI Ethics



### From regulations to embedded ethics



#### Regulations

- AI EU Act
- US AI Bill of rights
- Human Rights



#### Local Policy

- SAP AI Ethics Policy
- SAP Data Protection & Privacy Policy



#### Local Processes

- AI Business Process
- Product Standards



#### Tools

- Technical tools
- Non- technical tools



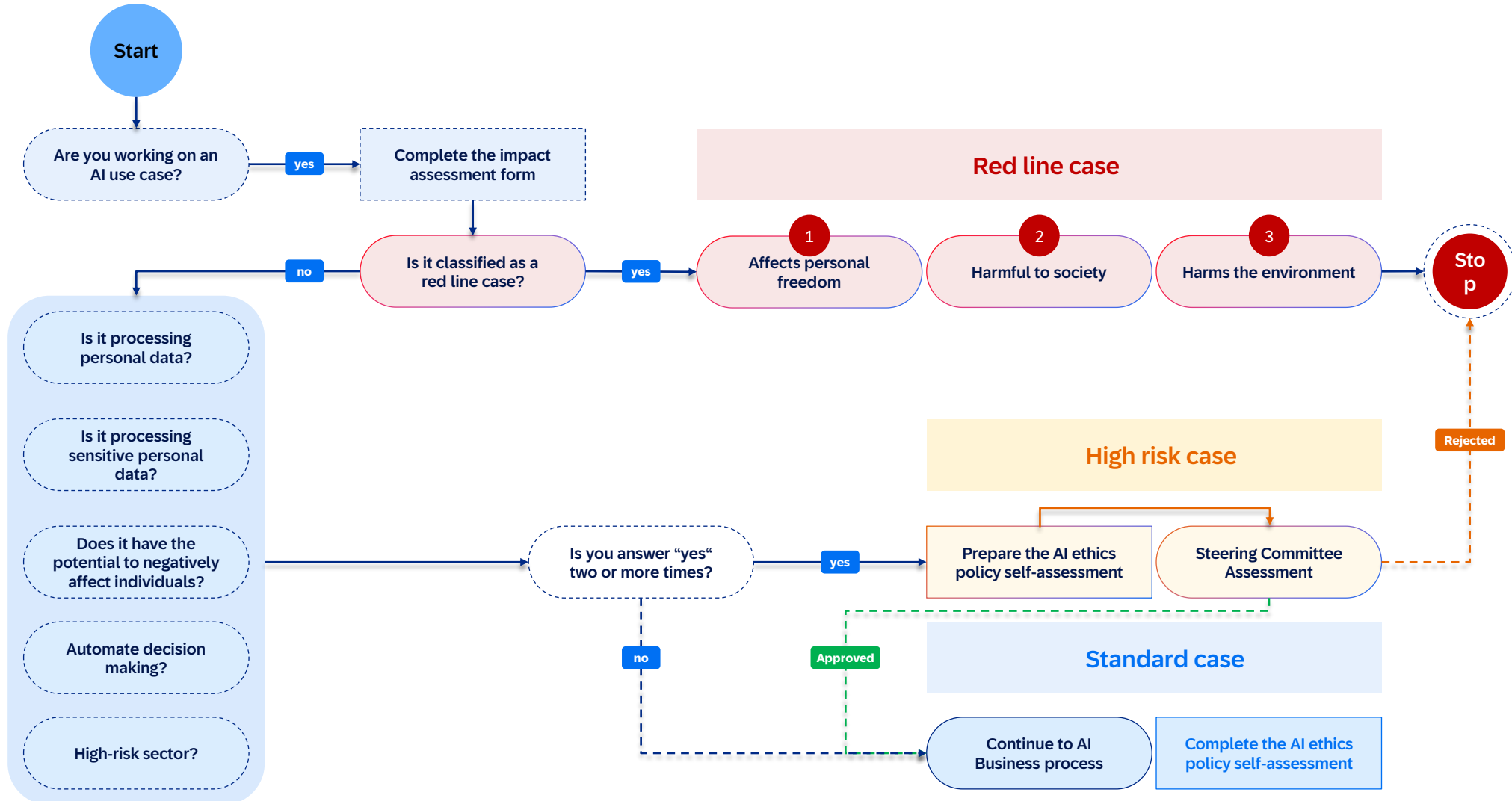
#### Audit

- Steer Co



# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## AI Ethics Assessment Process



# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## Data Privacy with Generative AI



**SAP pursues enterprise-ready partner agreements for generative AI technology with vendors that cater for data privacy and isolation.**

### Contractual Assurance



No customer data used without written consent and following SAP Terms & conditions. See [contractual assurance](#)

### Foundation Models



SAP provides all the necessary technology to securely access foundation models

### Data Usage



Data usage with Foundation Models adheres to zero retention, no third-party access, and regulation compliance.

### Masking & Anonymization



SAP leverages data anonymization and/or data masking when needed. SAP also provides the technology for custom built-AI scenarios. See [other privacy techniques](#)

# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## Security Extensions for AI



### We are building on our existing security measures



Staff Training in AI & security



Security Research in AI



AI Specific Product Security Standards



AI Specific Penetration Testing



Hardening Procedures for AI Solutions

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### SAP Role in Multiple Security and Standards Organizations





# AI in Business Needs to be Responsible

## Additional Security Measures



### Authentication, Authorization and Access Control



SAP ensures robust authentication, authorization, and rigorous access control measures.

### Data Transport Security



SAP ensures secure data storage and transport through robust security measures such as data encryption

### Secure Foundation Models Connections



Secure & pooled connections to 3<sup>rd</sup> party LLMs over TLS and contractual agreements

# One Unified AI Platform Empowering Your Solutions



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## Joule

A copilot that truly understands your business

### Embedded AI capabilities

SAP Cloud ERP

SAP Supply Chain Management

Human Capital Management

Spend Management and SAP Business Network

SAP Customer Relationship Management

SAP Business Technology Platform

Your customized AI application

### AI Foundation

on SAP Business Technology Platform

### AI ecosystem partnerships and investments



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Microsoft





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### SAP AI Services

Document Information  
Extraction

Data Attribute  
Recommendation

Personalized  
Recommendation

SAP Translation  
Hub

### AI Lifecycle Management

Generative AI Hub

### Business Data & Context

SAP HANA Cloud  
Vector Engine

SAP HANA Cloud  
knowledge graph engine

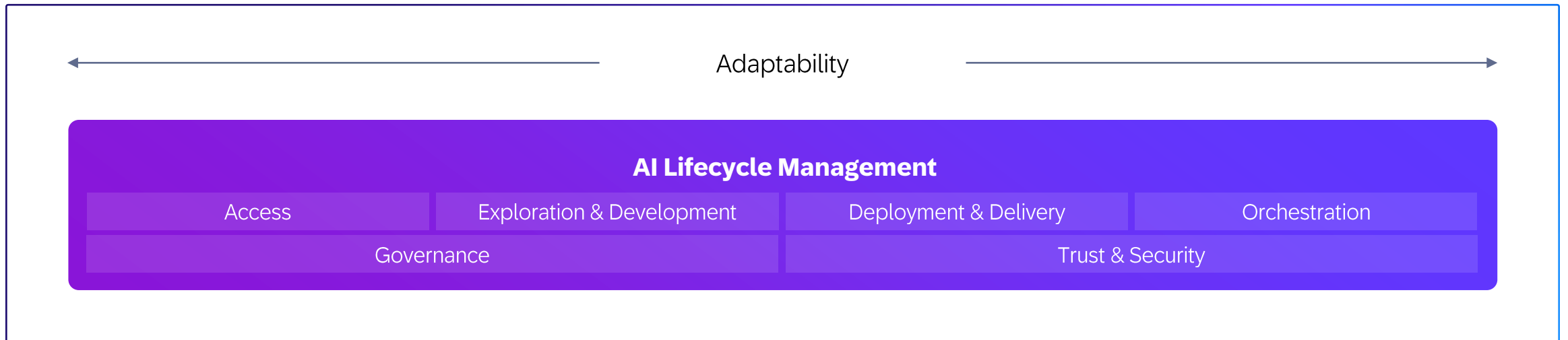
SAP Datasphere

SAP Knowledge Graph



# Generative AI Hub

Develop, deploy, and manage custom-built AI solutions and AI-powered extensions of SAP applications.



# Generative AI Hub | Orchestration



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### Orchestration

Grounding

Prompt templating

Content filter

Data masking

LLM access

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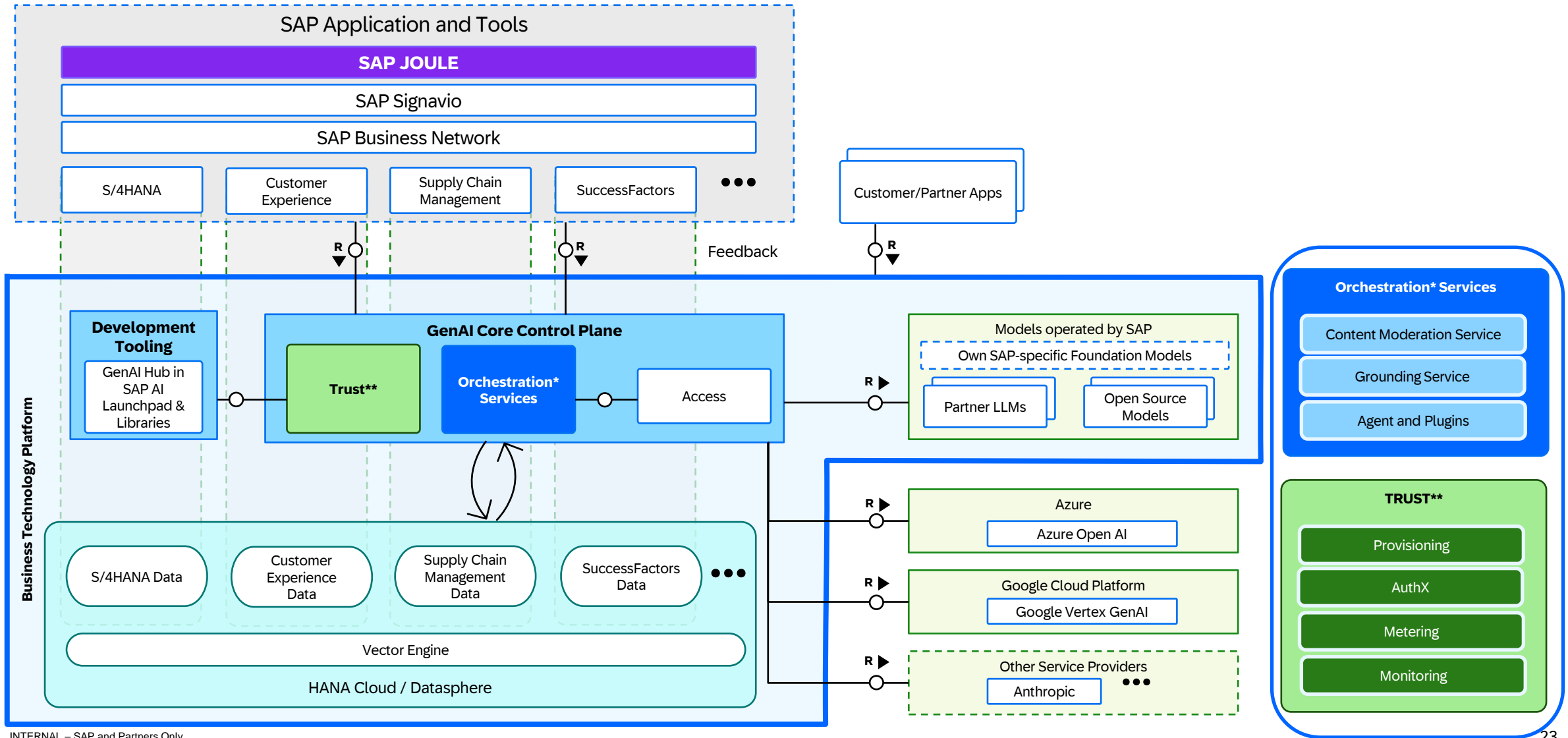
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Microsoft



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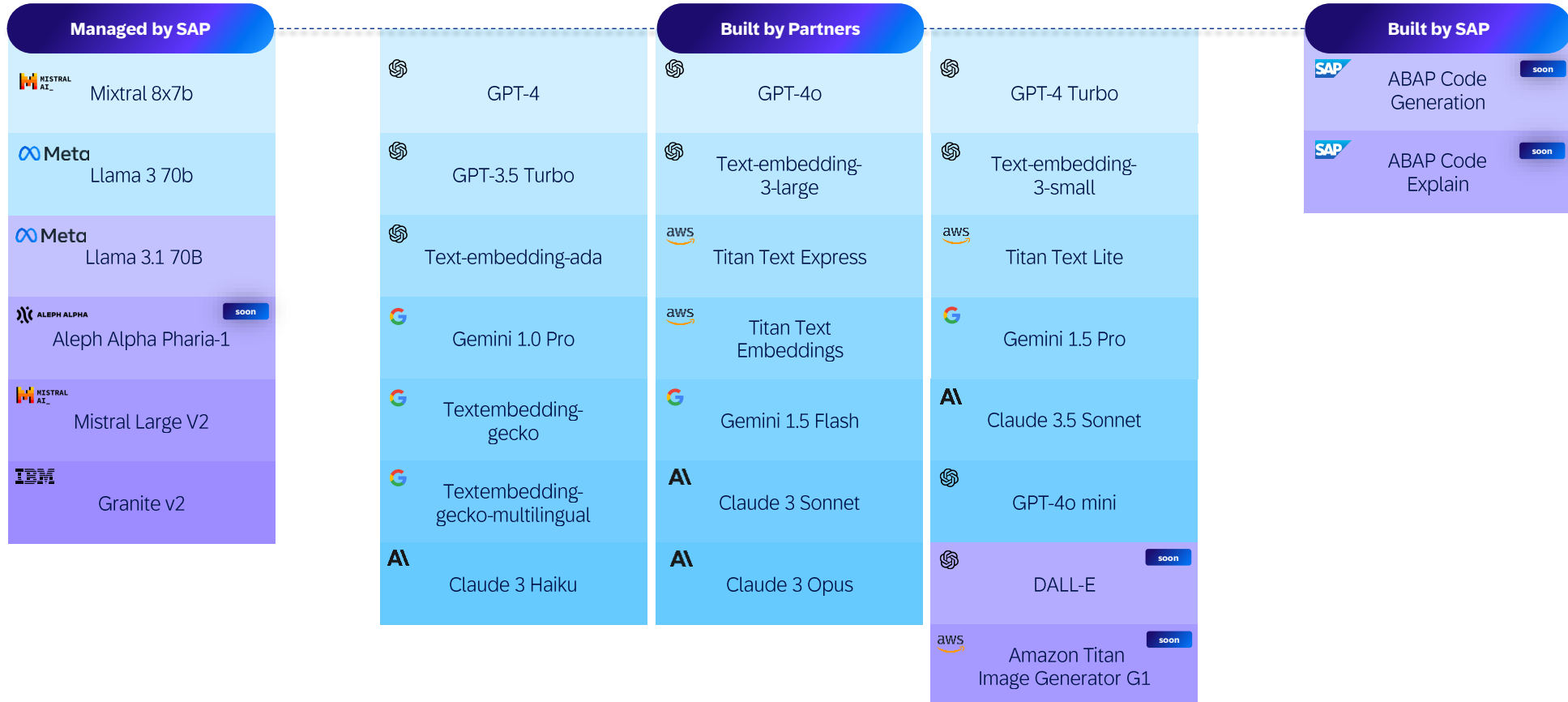
## Secure Large Language Model Access



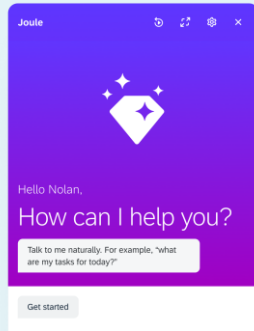
# 25 models currently available



## Generative AI Hub



**100+**  
Generative AI  
use cases



All new  
**SAP Business AI**  
announcements

**New Models**



**SAP Knowledge Graph**

SAP HANA Cloud  
Knowledge Graph Engine

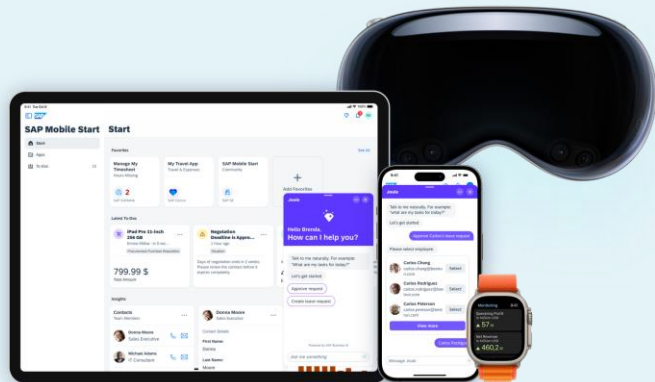
**AI Orchestration**

**Data masking**

**Joule & Copilot**

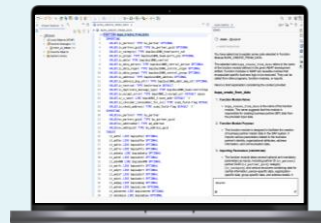


**Joule for Mobile**



**ABAP capabilities**

Generate &  
explain code



**Joule studio**

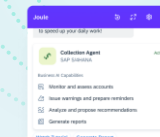


Build your  
**Joule skills**

  
**Hey Siri, ask SAP**

**Joule Agents**

across all  
business processes



**SDKs**

Python  
JavaScript  
Java  
ABAP

access to top tier models

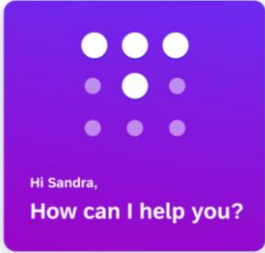
**We got you covered**  
with generative AI hub





# Joule Agents – SCM Hypothetical Example

User Level



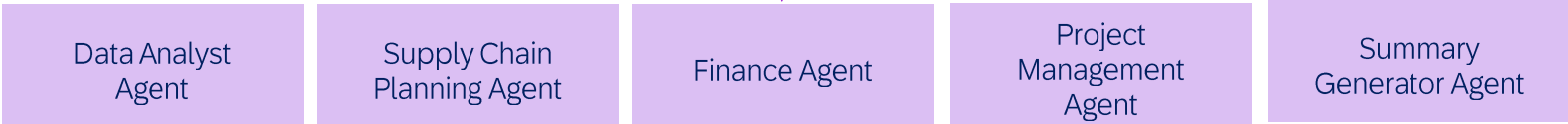
**Query:** Due to increasing pressure and expectations from Walmart, we need to increase our service level\* from 89% to 96%. I'd like you to provide a root cause analysis on our current performance and your suggestions of improvement with its associate costs, implications, and trade-offs. Finally create an executive summary providing the best solution, including a realistic timeframe for achieving the new service level and the implementation costs.

Coordinator Agent Level



**Agentic Workflows:**  
Planning, Reflecting, Reasoning, Collaborating

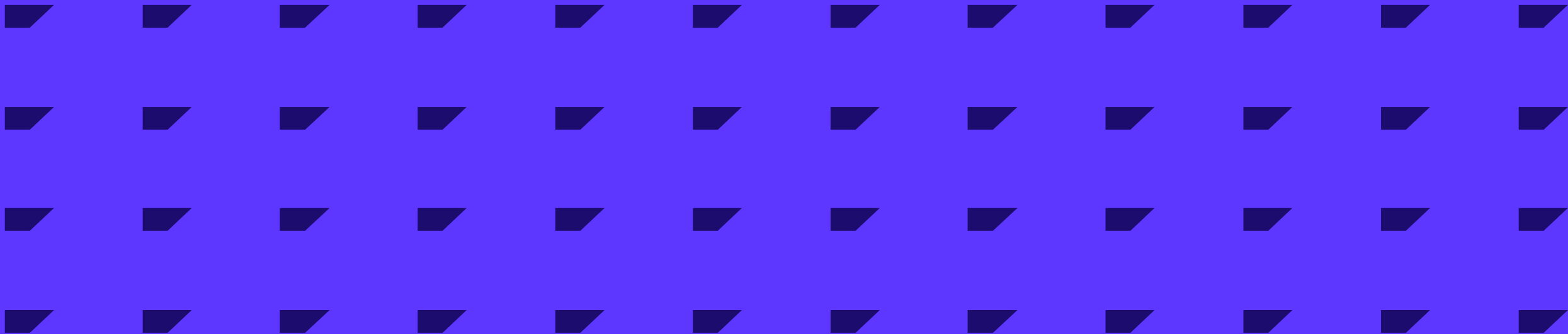
Task Agents Level



Tools Level

<p><b>Data Analyst Agent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze historical service level data</li> <li>Identify patterns and trends in performance</li> <li>Investigates factors contributing to the current 89% service level</li> <li>Identifies bottlenecks and inefficiencies in the supply chain</li> <li>Correlates various factors to pinpoint primary causes of underperformance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supply Chain Planning Agent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests improvements to existing processes</li> <li>Model and simulates different scenarios to achieve the 96% service level</li> <li>Proposes innovative solutions for supply chain enhancement</li> <li>Runs "what-if" scenarios to test proposed solutions</li> <li>Predicts outcomes of various intervention</li> <li>Evaluate potential supply chain risks and challenges</li> <li>Assesses the implications of changes on other business area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Finance Agent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculates costs associated with proposed improvements</li> <li>Estimates potential ROI for each suggestion</li> <li>Analyzes the financial impact of changes on overall profitability</li> <li>Evaluates potential financial risks for each proposed solution and implications on other business areas</li> <li>Identifies potential trade-offs between service level and other KPI</li> </ul>	<p><b>Project Management Agent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a project schedule with milestones, activities and durations</li> <li>Do resource (human, financial, technological) allocation for each project phase</li> <li>Create step-by-step plan for implementation and execution</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summary Generator Agent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synthesizes insights from all other agents</li> <li>Prioritizes recommendations based on impact and feasibility</li> <li>Creates a concise, action-oriented summary for decision-makers</li> </ul>			

# SAP Business AI Strategy for Supply Chain Management



# Tacking Supply Chain Challenges Needs a Different Approach



**“The reality is that **global supply chains have become so complex** and are both generating and receiving bewildering amounts of data that the human brain can no longer keep up. “**

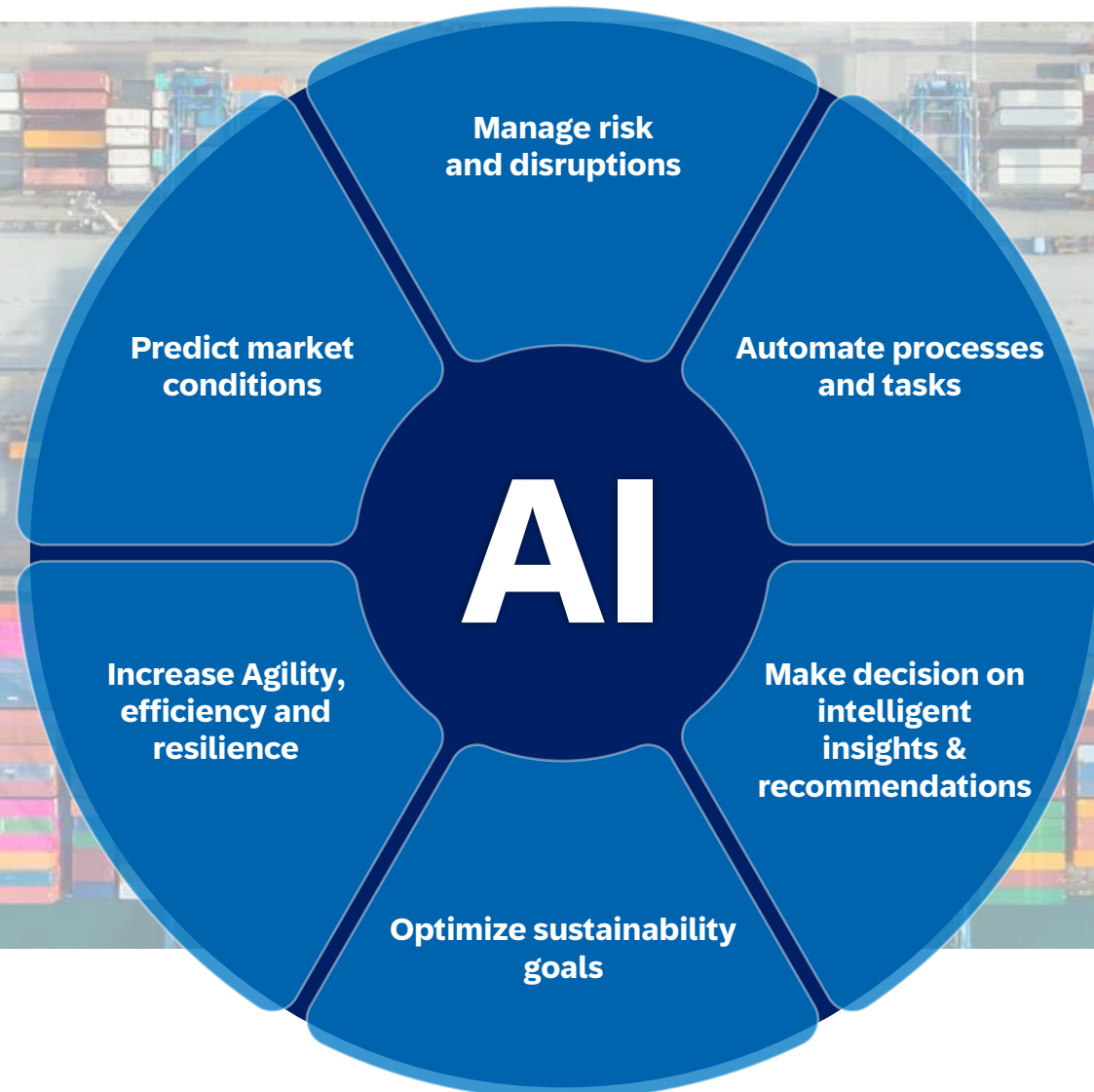
Simon Ellis, Group Vice President IDC  
US Manufacturing Insights,  
US Energy Insights and Global Supply Chain Strategies

Global disruptions have cascading effects, impacting suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors worldwide.

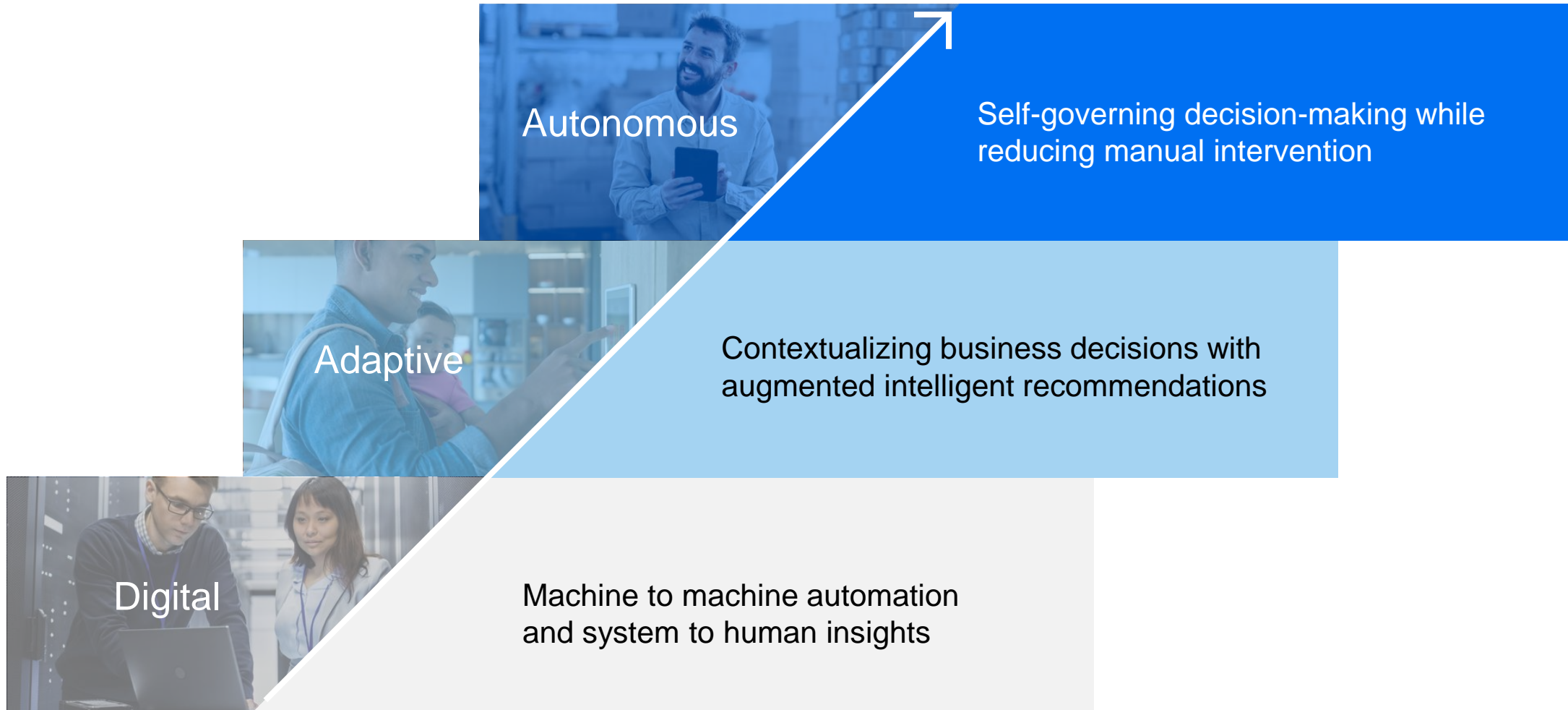
Decision-making requires accurate and timely information

Balancing economic viability and goals requires coordinated efforts and accurate measurements of performance

# Success Within Supply Chain needs AI that Helps:



# SAP Supply Chain Management Overall AI Strategy



# AI Throughout History in SAP Supply Chain Management



## Optimization

- **Optimization as a service** as a common backend for cloud applications
- Rule based and heuristic algorithms
- Predictive Analytics Library (PAL)
- Solvers (Gurobi, SCIP, etc.)
- Examples:
  - Optimizing of transportation plans
  - Supply network optimization
  - Optimize workflows in a warehouse
  - Optimize production scheduling
  - Optimize spare part fulfilment

## Machine Learning

- SAP owned ML models augmented by partner extensibility for specific domains 'bring-your-own model'
- **SAP owned ML use/cases** across DSC portfolio, for example:
  - IBP: Gradient boosting algorithms for demand forecasting
  - IBP: Intelligent lead time prediction
  - EWM: Intelligent slotting
  - APM: Failure Curve Analytics
- **Bring-your-own-model** examples:
  - Visual inspections
  - Anomaly detection

## GenAI

- **Joule** powered conversational assistant for application search for all DSC cloud products
- **Flagship use-cases** confirmed for 2024 beta release:
  - IBP: Explanation of supply chain planning run → Evolve to what-if scenarios
  - EPD: GenAI assisted idea and image generation, assisted master data tagging for 3D visual data analytics
  - DM: Manufacturing issue analysis and solution assistant
  - APM: Advanced Failure Modes Analysis
  - Logistics: Intelligent cargo receipts

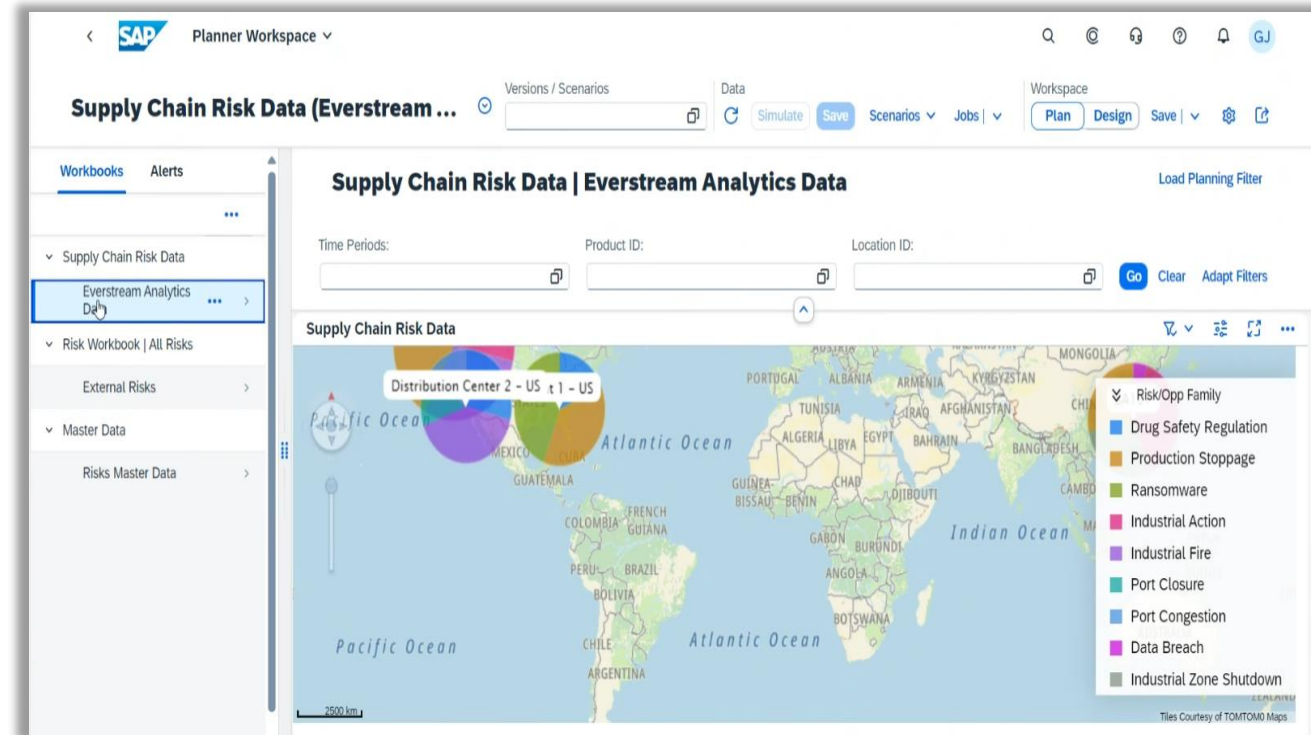
## Next

- Combine optimization with ML models (e.g. re-enforcement learning for production planning)
- Explore quantum computing (partnership with IBM)
- Increase, scale and evolve via (Research) Partnerships e.g. to improve data quality / decrease manual data maintenance efforts (e.g. lead times)
- Launch value adding capabilities as an integral part of the SAP Supply Chain Management portfolio
- Combine GenAI with optimization, and ML
- AI Agents

# Digital | Autonomous Supply Chain requires a Data-Driven approach – from internal and external sources



## Everstream Powered Risk-Aware Supply Chains



# Digital | Autonomous Supply Chain requires a Data-Driven approach – from internal and external sources



## Industry 4.0: Shop-Floor to Top-Floor Integration

SAP Manage Asset Connectivity - Plant: PLANT2 | Search in: "Apps"

SFD\_Asset1 Disconnect Asset

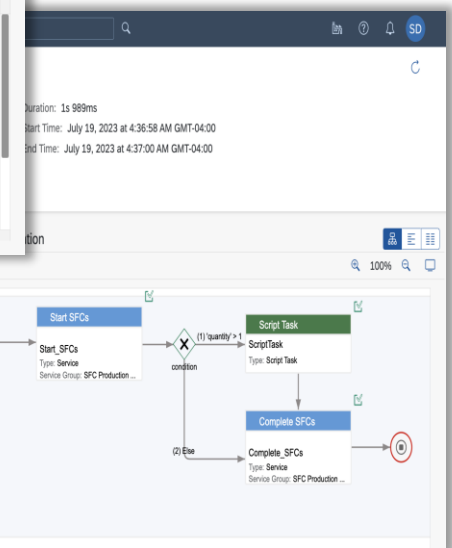
General Information

Plant: Status:  
Asset Type: AT Description:  
Node Type: Equipment  
Manufacturer:  
Technical Identification Number:  
Serial Number:

Shop Floor System Structures

Name	Description	Type	Data Type	Unit of Measure	Shop Floor System	Data Source Tag ID	Source Data Type	
RefStr1	Str1	Structure						
Fan_Temp	Temperature	INDICATOR	Numeric		SFD_DA1	Channel1.SFD_Rob...	Double	Disconnect
SFD_Str_ref1		Structure						
SFD_Attr1		ATTRIBUTE	String					
SFD_Indicator1_1		INDICATOR	String		SFD_DA1	Channel1.SFD_Rob...	String	Disconnect
sum_structure_refer		Structure						
sum_test_Indicator_ref		INDICATOR	String		SFD_DA1	Channel1.SFD_Rob...	String	Disconnect
Temperature_ref	Temperature	INDICATOR	Numeric					Connect
Str1_ref	Str1							
Fan_Temp	Temperature	INDICATOR	Numeric					Connect

No.	Step	Type	Status	Duration	Message
1	Start	-	✓	4ms	-
2	Start SFCs	Business Service	✓	923ms	-
3	Script Task	Script Task	✓	11ms	-
4	Complete SFCs	Business Service	✓	732ms	-
5	End	-	✓	3ms	-

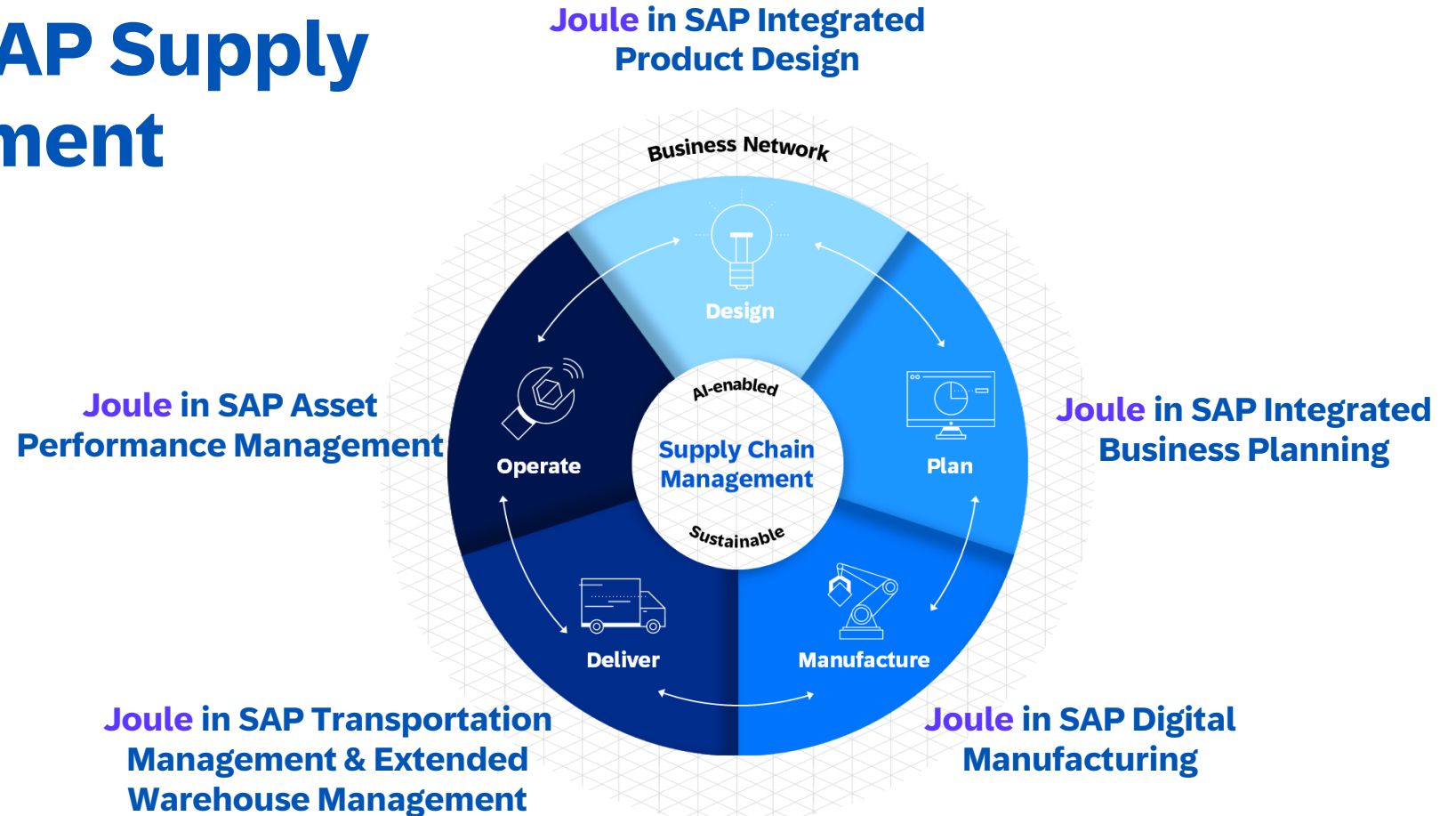




Adaptive | Embedded AI and optimization guides users to take intelligent decisions



# Joule Across SAP Supply Chain Management



# Autonomous | Touchless creation, prioritization, and execution of complex tasks



## Visual Inspection in SAP Digital Manufacturing

The screenshot displays the SAP Digital Manufacturing interface. At the top, there are search fields for SFC (D1004201), Operation Activity (QUAL), and Resource (KH\_QUAL001). Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for Start, Complete, Sign Off, and Activities. The main area is divided into three sections:

- Work List (8):** A table listing work orders with columns for SFC, Status, Priority, Material, and Order.
- Visual Inspection:** A central image showing a mechanical assembly being inspected.
- Report List:** A table showing nonconformances (NC Codes) with their probabilities and actions.

SFC	Status	Priority	Material	Order
D1004201	Green square	500	D18184488	1029628
D1004202	Blue circle	500	D18184488	1029628
D1004203	Blue circle	500	D18184488	1030096
D1004204	Blue circle	500	D18184488	1030096
D1004212	Blue circle	2	D18184458	1030151
D18181234-21	Blue circle	500	D18181234	1030059
D18181234-3	Blue circle	500	D18181234	1030041
D18181234-8	Blue circle	500	D18181234	1030043

NC Code	Probability	Action
MISS CAP	100%	Log NC
Cap Missing Head Assembly		
MISS SCREW L		Log NC
Screw Left Missing Head Assembly	0%	
MISS SCREW R		Log NC
Screw Right Missing Head Assembly	0%	
MISS SCREW T		Log NC
Screw Top Missing Head Assembly	0%	

# Thank you.

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