

Rock-solid mission critical data with SAP Datasphere

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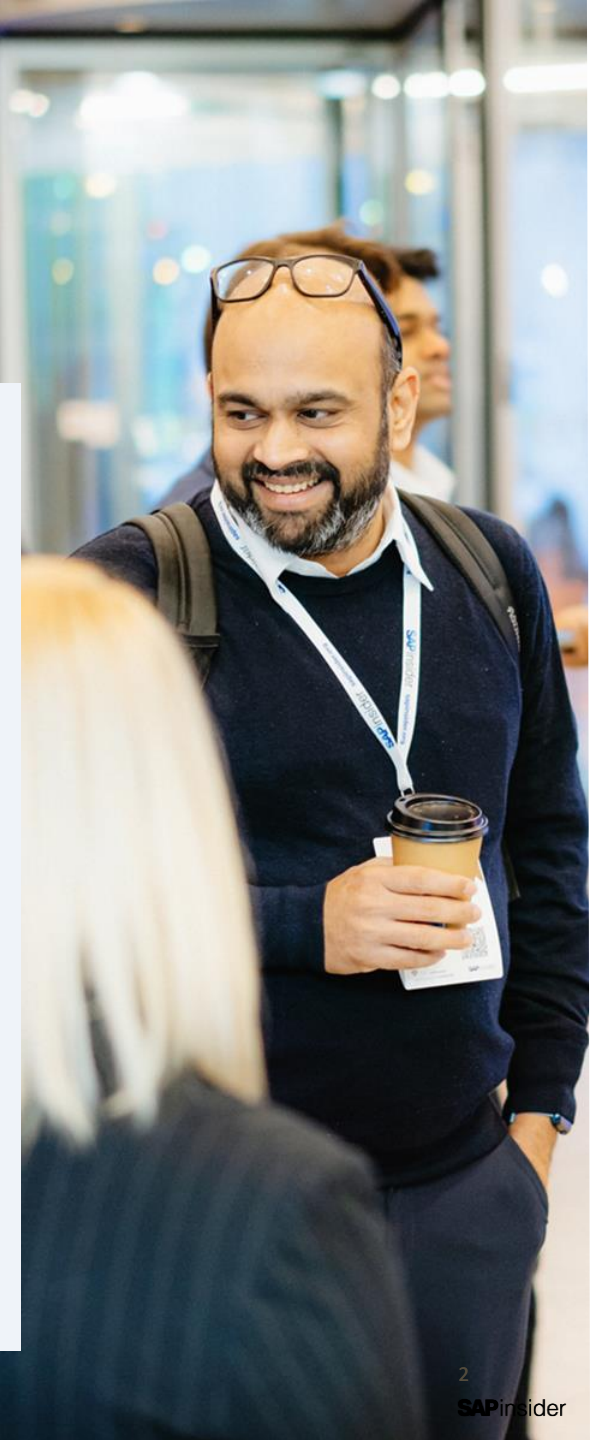
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What We'll Cover

You will:

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the key capabilities inherent in SAP Datasphere.
- Learn about the product enhancements within SAP Datasphere, including advanced features and functionalities that contribute to seamless data access, integration, and contextualization.
- Explore real-world case studies and practical examples showcasing how SAP Datasphere can be effectively implemented to deliver a unified and context-rich view of mission-critical business data.



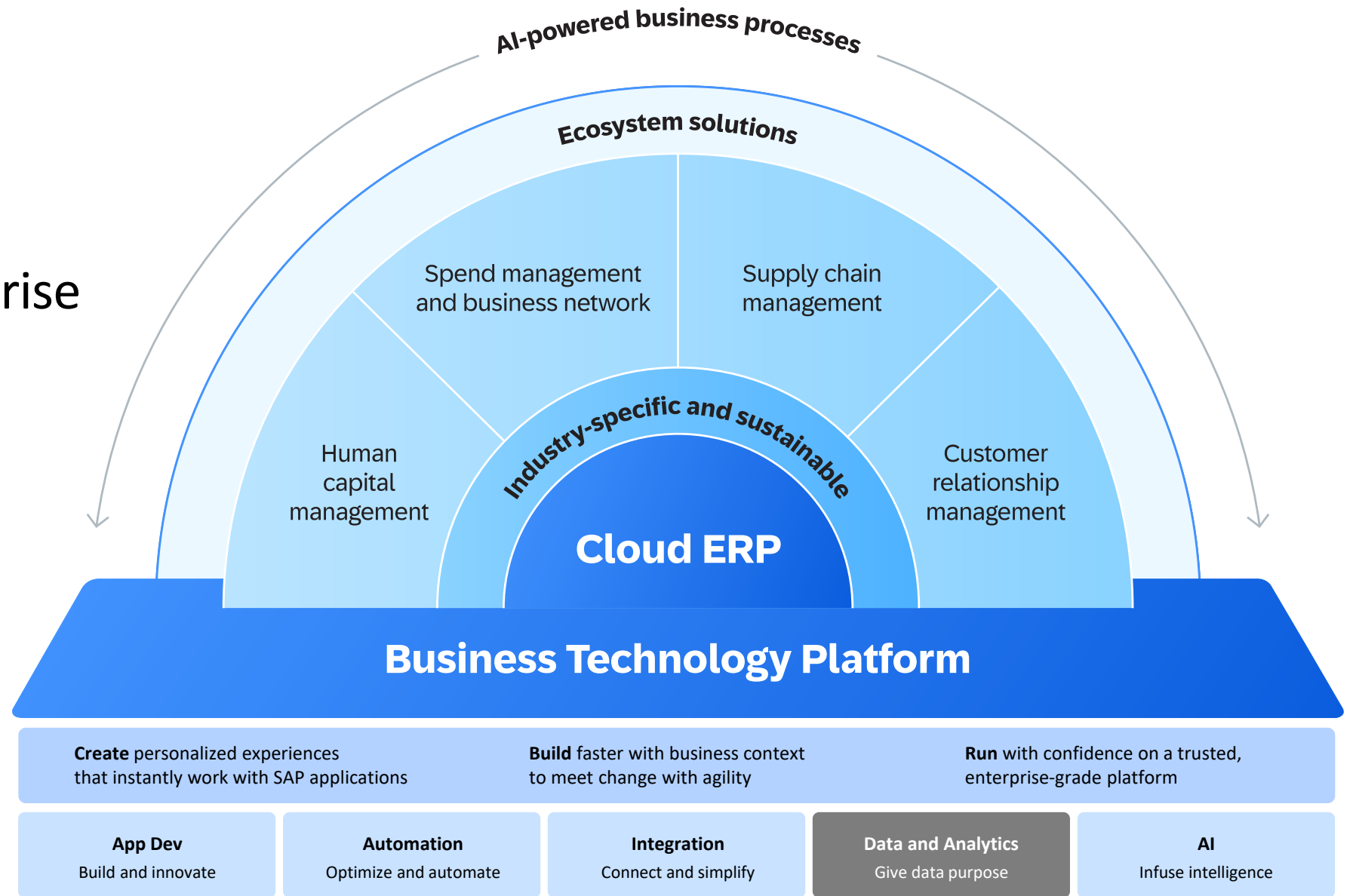
SAP Datasphere

SAP strategy



SAP BTP

is the foundation
of the Intelligent
Sustainable Enterprise



Integrated Data & Analytics Portfolio to realize our vision

Planning & Analytics

Extended Planning and Analytics

Provides an optimized, vertically
integrated consumption layer for
customers, LoBs, partners

SAP Analytics Cloud

Data Mgmt. & Data Warehouse

Business Data Fabric

Harmonizes access to SAP data
(incl. business context) with the ability to
feed in external data

SAP Datasphere

Operational Databases

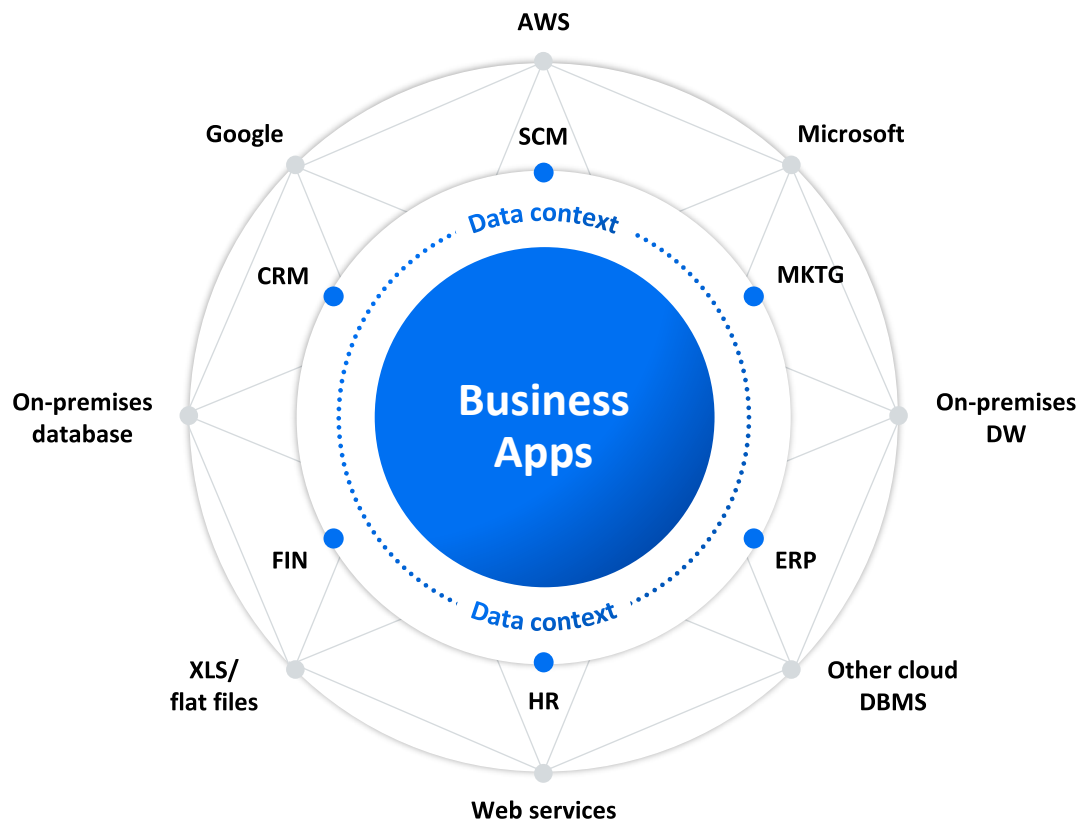
Intelligent Data Applications

Build apps leveraging analytical
capabilities (ML, graph, spatial, vector) of
data tier combining historical & real-time
data. Supported by BTP Services (e.g. pro
/ no-code app, dev tools)

SAP HANA Cloud

Changing requirements

Bringing new opportunities
and challenges



What we hear in the market and from customers

Architecture Complexity

Data leaders say architectural complexity is a significant pain point.

Open Data Ecosystem

Open data ecosystem companies are now perfectly in the right place at the right time.

Discovery & Access

Companies control and offer their data at scale to those who need it.

Self service

Empowering all users across the organization is the most important reason to achieving successful data & analytics strategy.

Governance & Trust

Companies do not achieve their data & analytics goals due to lack of adequate governance.

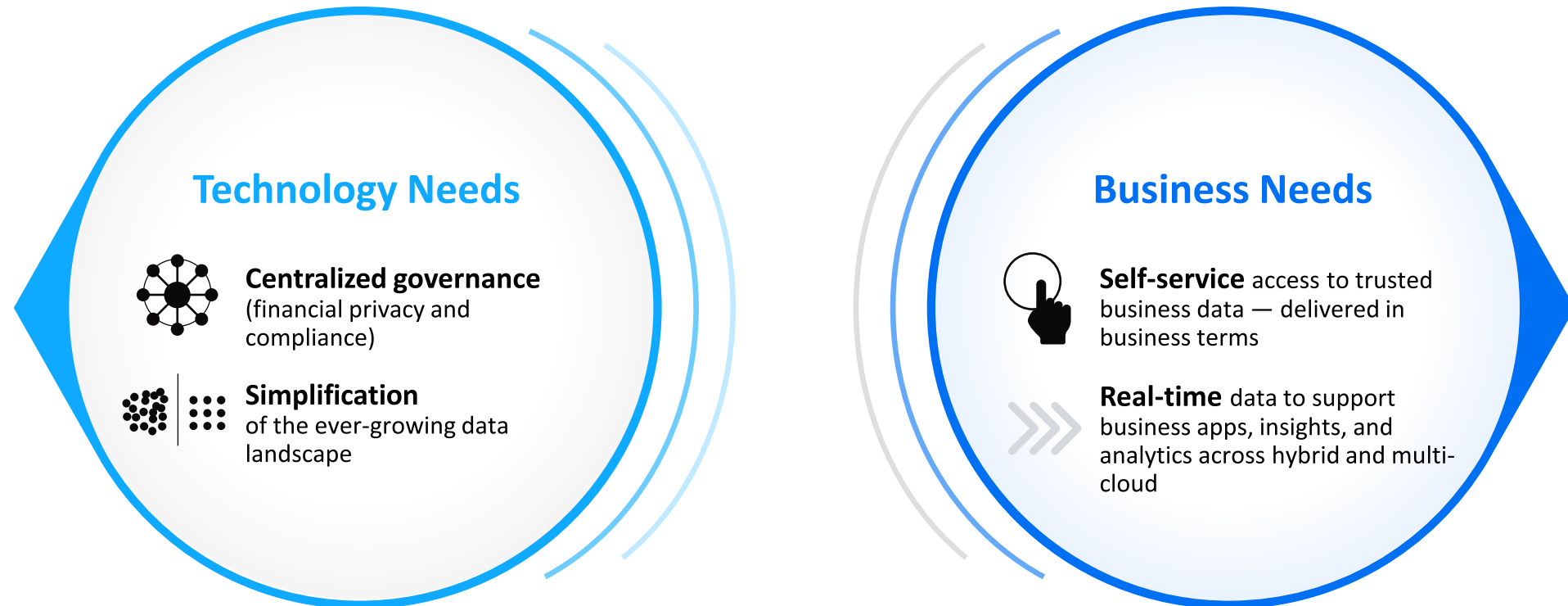
External Data

Data and analytics professionals see the need to increase the usage of external data sources.

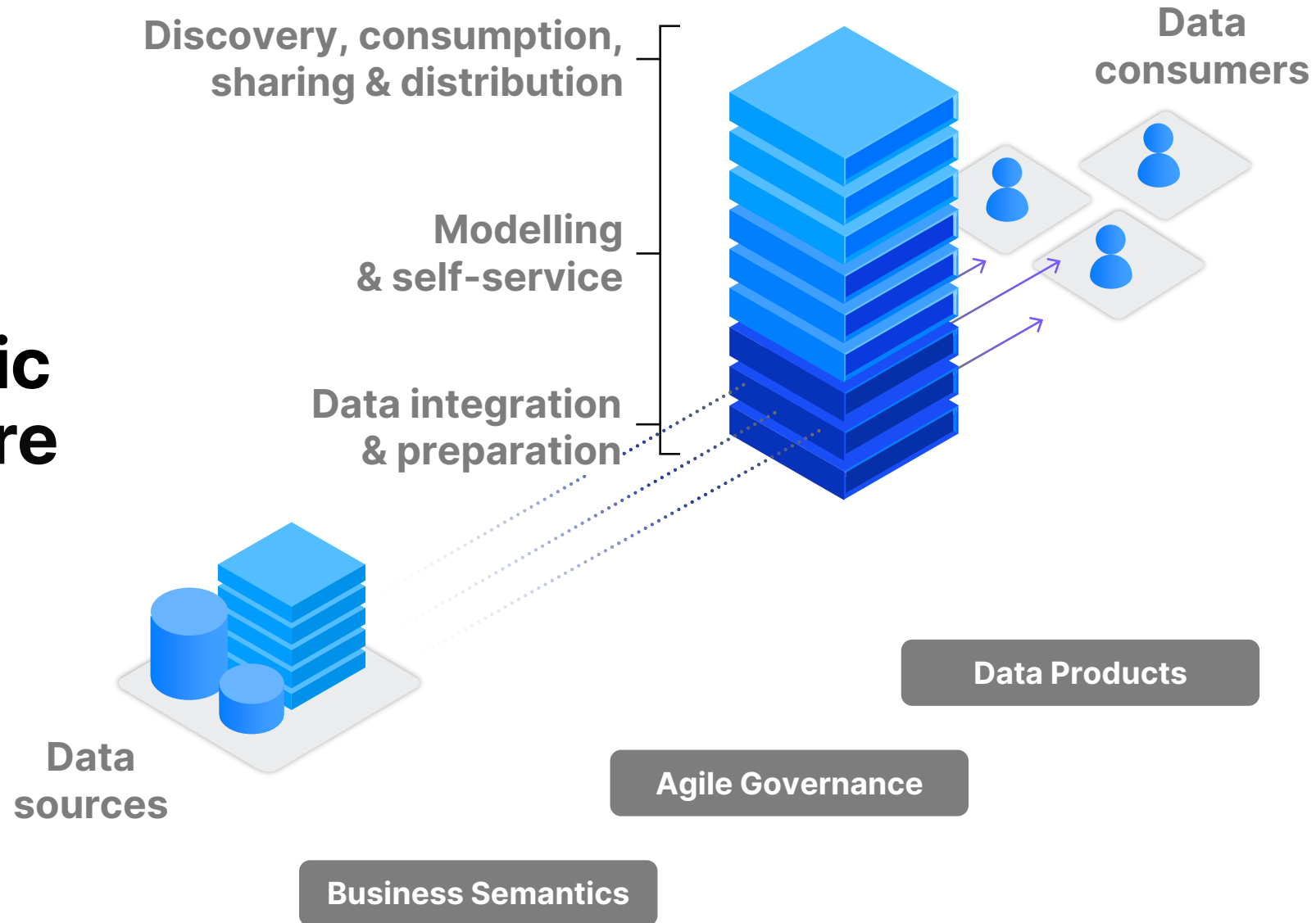
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Product features

Universal yet opposing data needs for business and technology stakeholders



Towards a Business Data Fabric with SAP Datasphere



Business Data Fabric

SAP Datasphere is the foundation for a business data fabric architecture

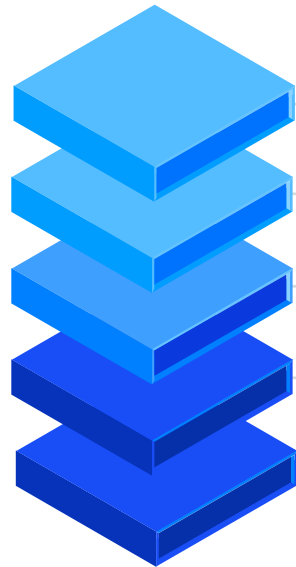
Data consumers

Planning and analytics

Intelligent data apps

Data science

SAP Datasphere
running SAP BTP



Discovery, consumption, sharing & self-service

space, data product, marketplace

Governance

cataloging, metadata management, lineage, privacy, quality

Business semantics

semantic onboarding, entity import, business content

Modelling

relational & rich analytic models, lifecycle management, authorizations

Data integration & preparation

real-time replication & federation, transformation, scheduling, monitoring

SAP and non-SAP data

Applications

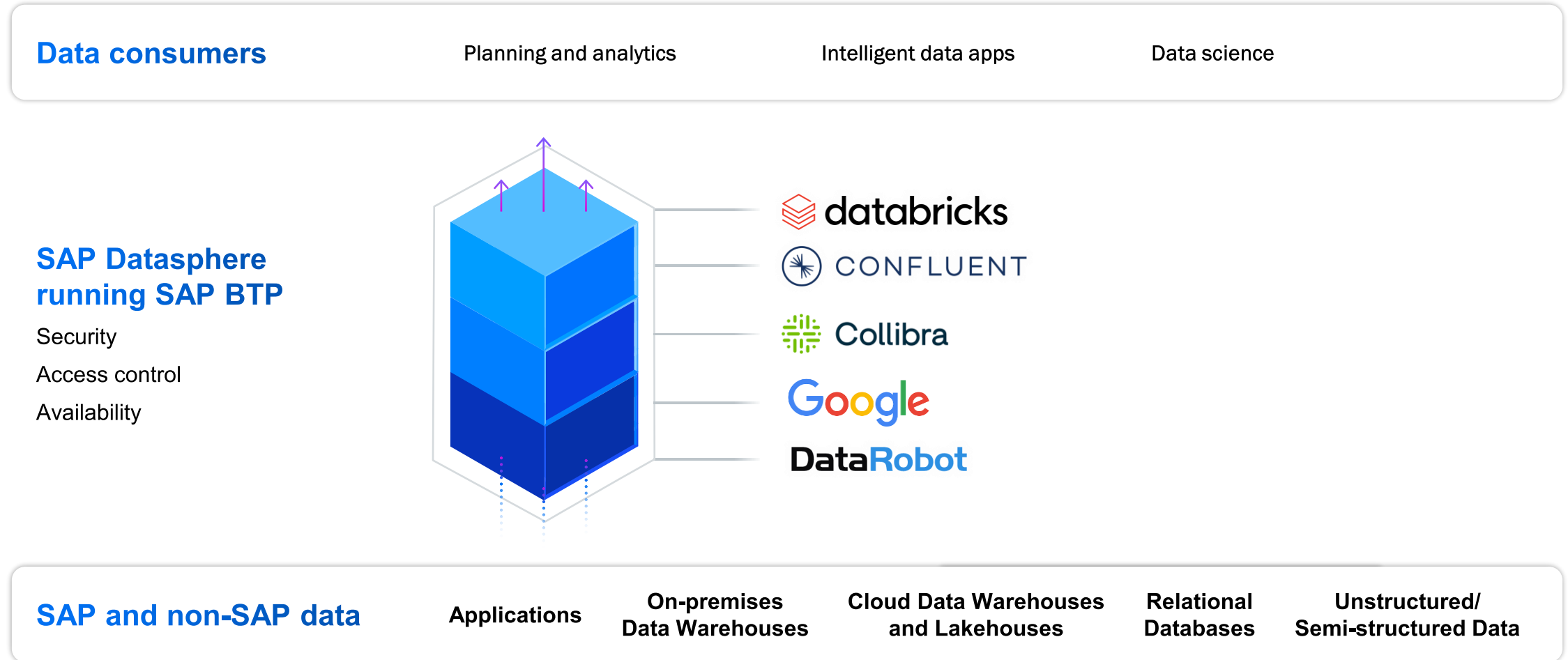
On-premises
Data Warehouses

Cloud Data Warehouses
and Lakehouses

Relational
Databases

Unstructured/
Semi-structured Data

SAP Data & Analytics: SAP Datasphere – partners



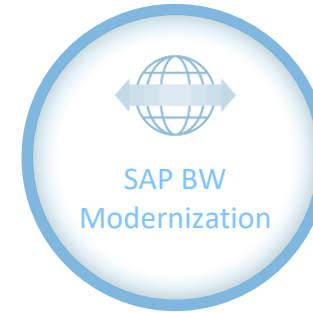
SAP Datasphere: Use Cases



Self-service Insights & Modeling
on S/4HANA and other Eco
systems



Seamless **interoperability**
between Datasphere and key
Hyperscalers



Modernization of SAP BW with
extended functionality and
innovative use cases



Consolidate Operational &
Business Planning with SAP
Datasphere

Unified entry point for semantically rich model generation & import into SAP Datasphere

Semantic Onboarding

Bringing together all features & processes that allow SAP customers to make semantics available at ease & scale



Import Entities

Harmonize existing metadata import options from SAP S/4HANA Cloud, SAP S/4HANA, SAP BW, SAP BW/4HANA



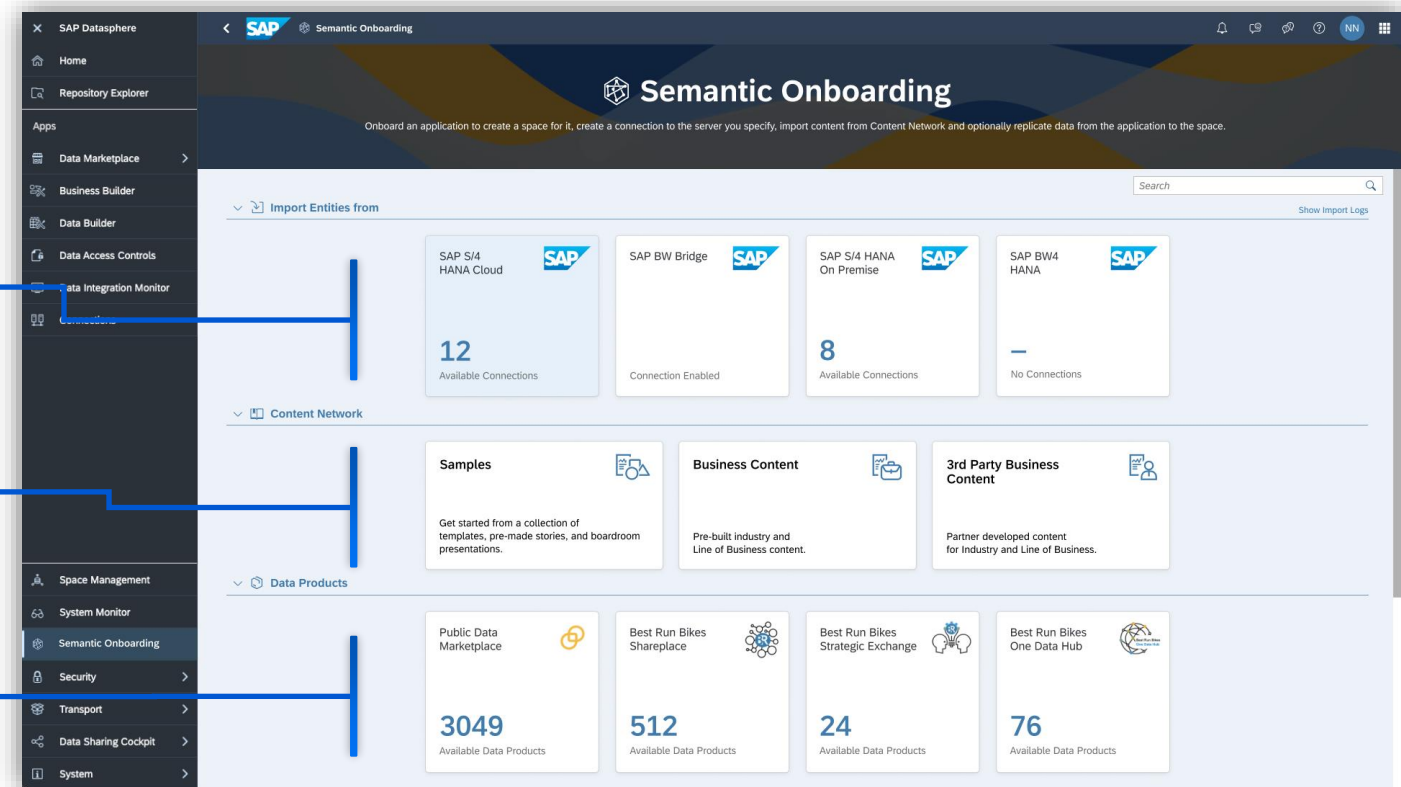
Content Network

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Data Products

Access customer and partner managed data products to democratize SAP data within SAP Datasphere & beyond via API



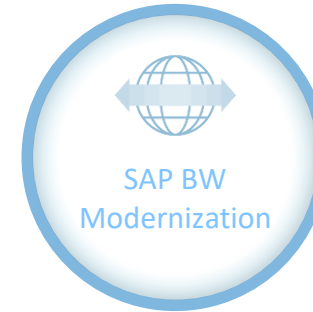
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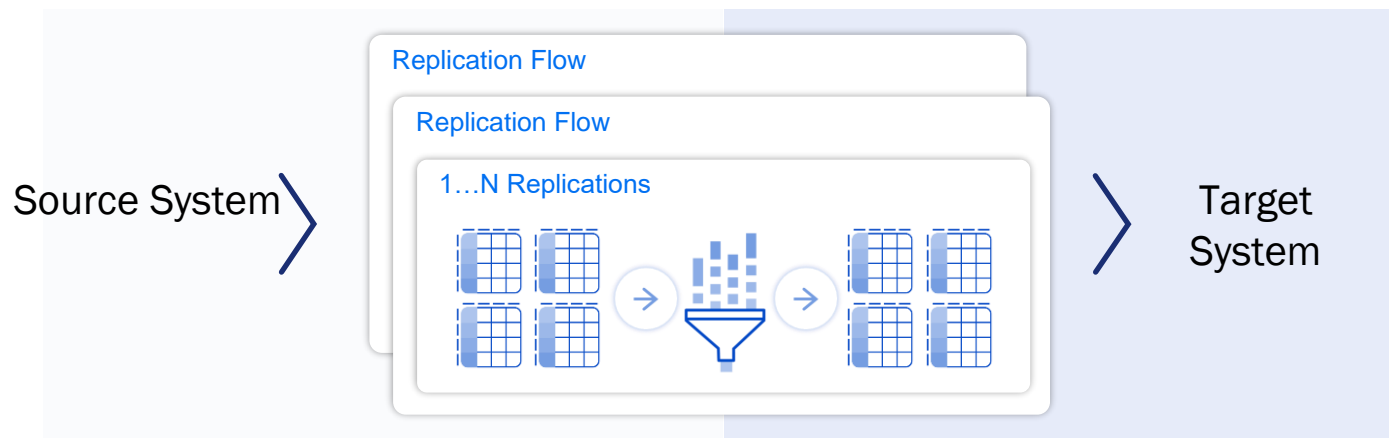


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Enable mass data replication & transformation

Replication Flow

Available today



2024 Upcoming Innovations

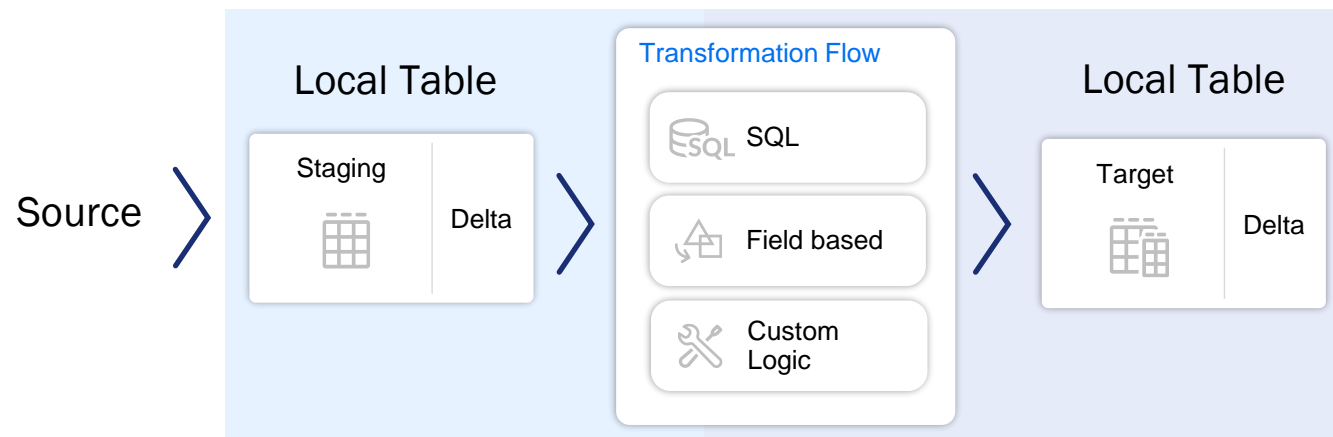
Outbound connectivity to non-SAP systems
(e.g. data lakes, Kafka)

Endorsed partner connectivity for Replication Flows
(Google, Confluent, Databricks)

Functional enhancements
(scheduling, schema evolution etc.)

Transformation Flow

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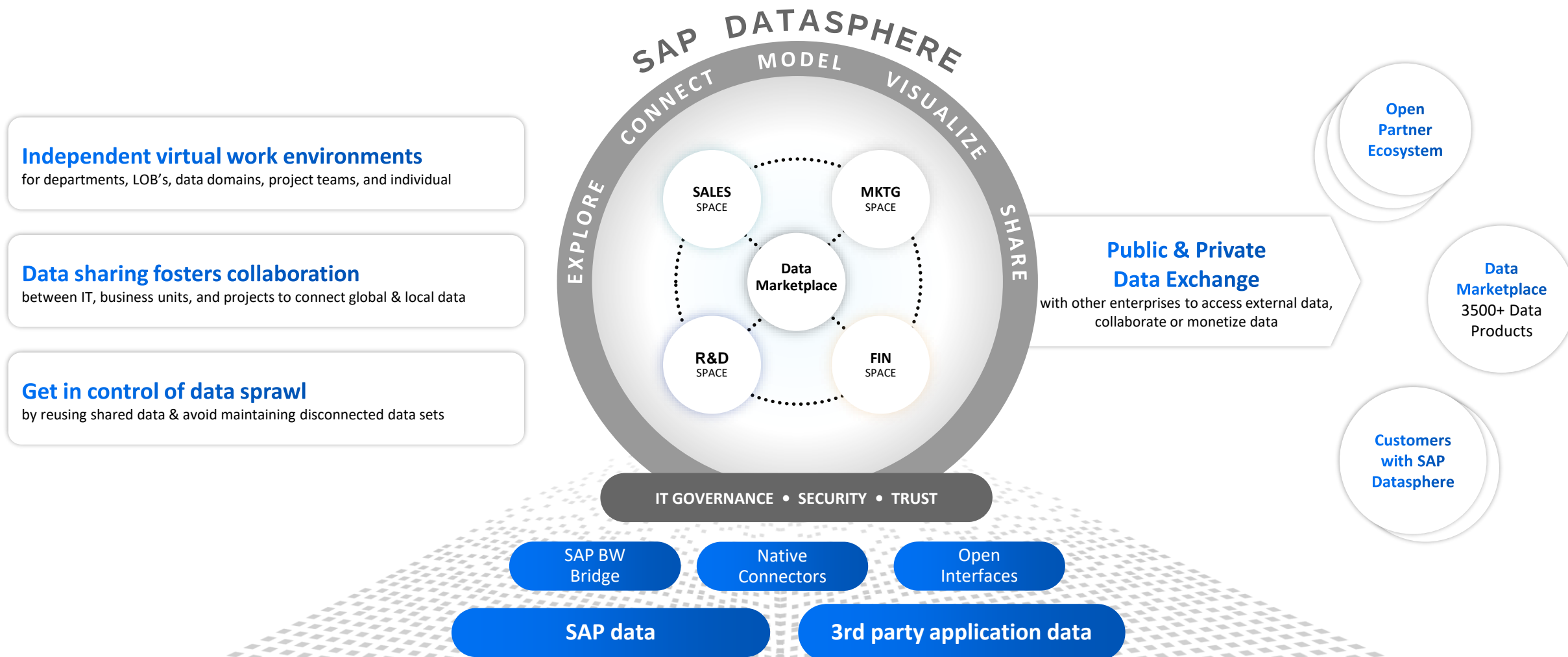


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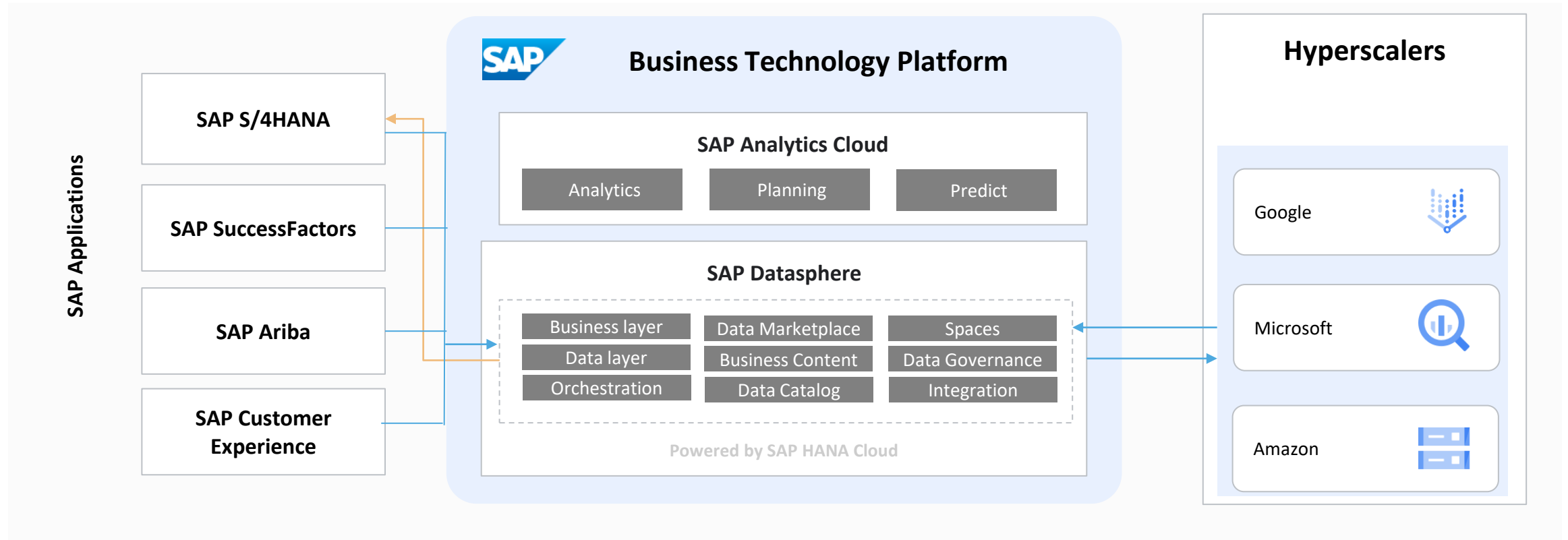
Delta staging in SAP Datasphere to enable SQL transformations, delta writing for multilevel staging, and storage of holistic truth after transformation

Schedulable via task chains and integrated in data integration monitor

Access to External & Internal Data in Clicks for better, faster & more scalable data collaboration



Open architecture



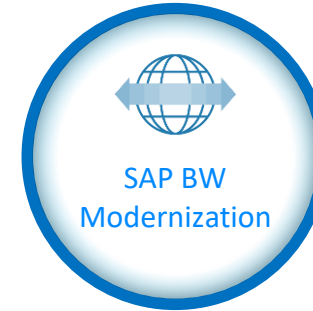
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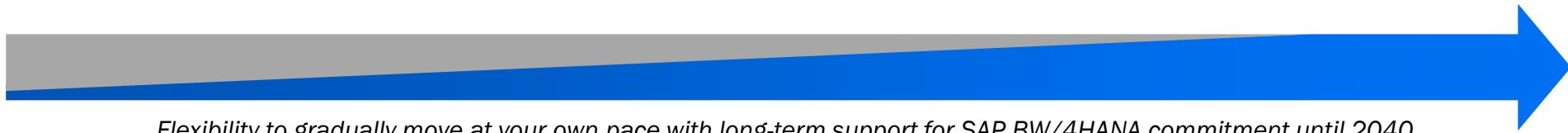
We recommend moving your SAP BW landscape in **three steps**

SAP BW/4HANA

Safeguard investments by retaining mature and complex on-premises systems or move to the private cloud – in support of the “RISE with SAP” strategy.

SAP Datasphere

Innovate with SAP’s strategic target solution for all data warehousing use cases, in line with our data-to-value portfolio strategy.



1

Innovate with new use cases within SAP Datasphere

unique innovation with SAP Datasphere as the foundation for a Business Data Fabric architecture – driving agility, business empowerment, data warehousing, and accelerated time-to-value

2

Gradually Move in Alignment with your SAP S/4HANA transformation

Leverage hybrid functionality to modernize the planning and analytics stack on top of SAP BW (IBP, Add-Ons, Applications...)

3

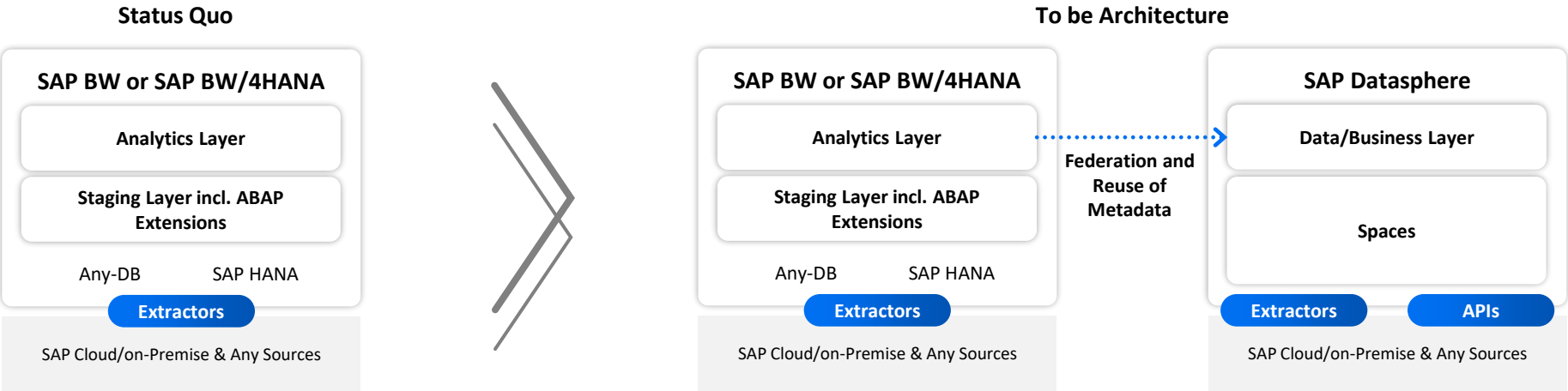
Replace SAP BW

with an modernized Analytics stack on top of SAP Datasphere

Transition to SAP Datasphere with full flexibility at your own pace

Hybrid.

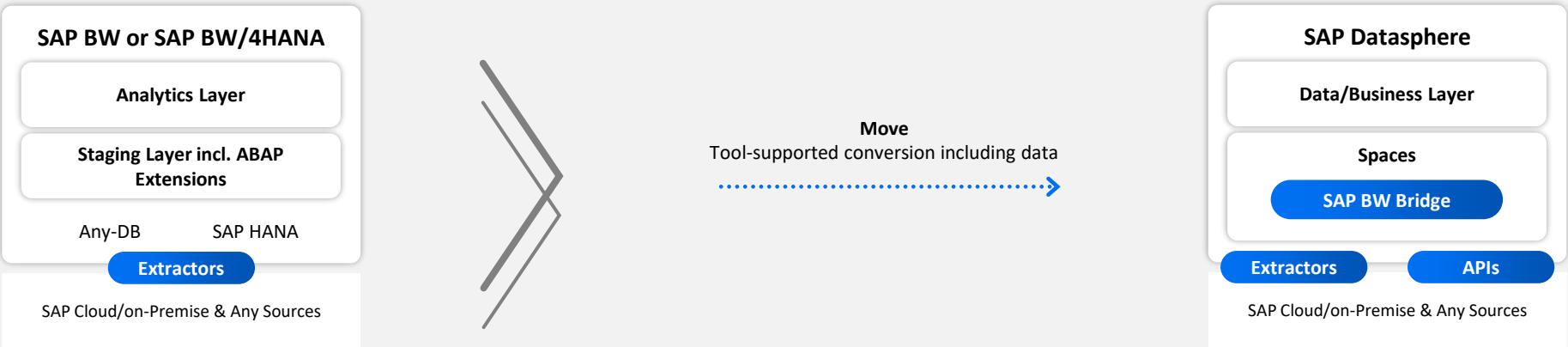
Combining SAP BW or SAP BW/4HANA with SAP Datasphere



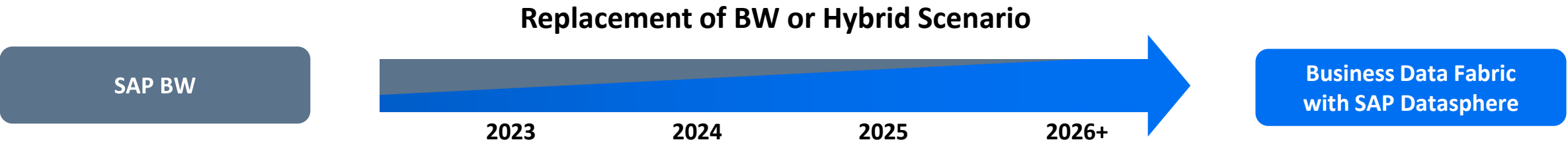
Switch/move from Hybrid to SAP Datasphere with SAP BW bridge

SAP BW bridge.

Replace parts of SAP BW or SAP BW/4HANA with SAP Datasphere



Move SAP BW Customers with SAP BW bridge



Partners & SAP can help with

- Tool-supported migration
- SAP RISE strategy full support
- Free 90-day trial
- System exploration tool
- SAP partner network

Today, SAP Datasphere covers calculated and restricted key figures, hierarchies, time dependencies, and many other features of the BW world

Upcoming features

- Non-Cumulative key figures, exit variables, constant selection & complex hierarchies
- Remote Table with Delta for heavy data loads from SAP BW bridge
- Unit Conversion support and expanded support of Input Variables from the status quo

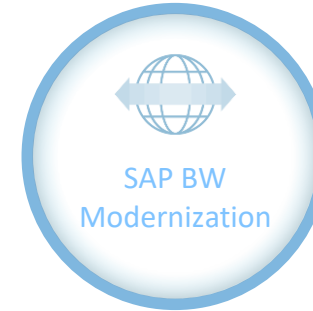
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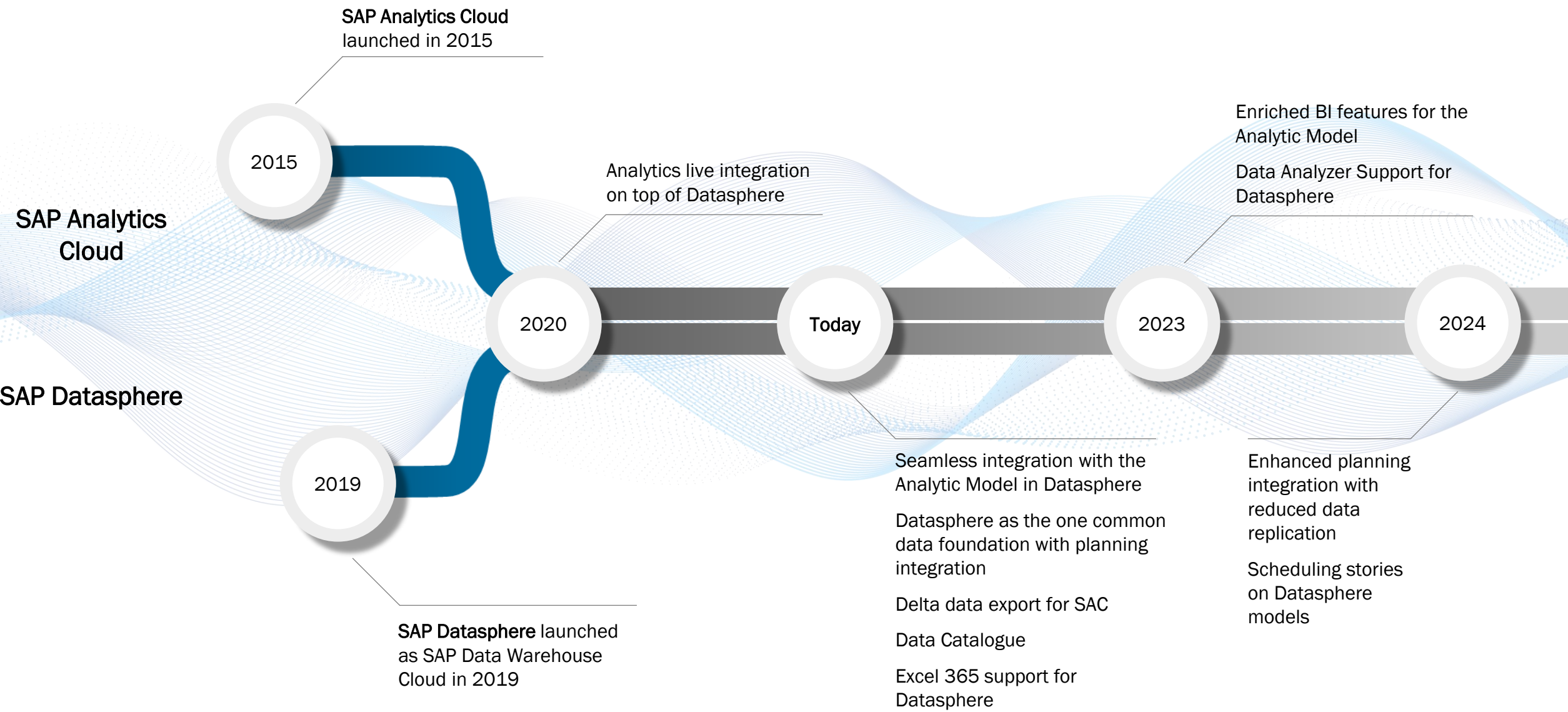
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Consolidate planning

SAP Analytics Cloud and SAP Datasphere integration journey.



SAP Datasphere

Customer use cases

Overview of use cases

SAP Datasphere customers typically drive one or multiple of these use cases to address key challenges in their current data & analytics setup

KEY CHALLENGE

1 Resolving strong IT dependency

2 Breaking silos in data
& analytics landscape

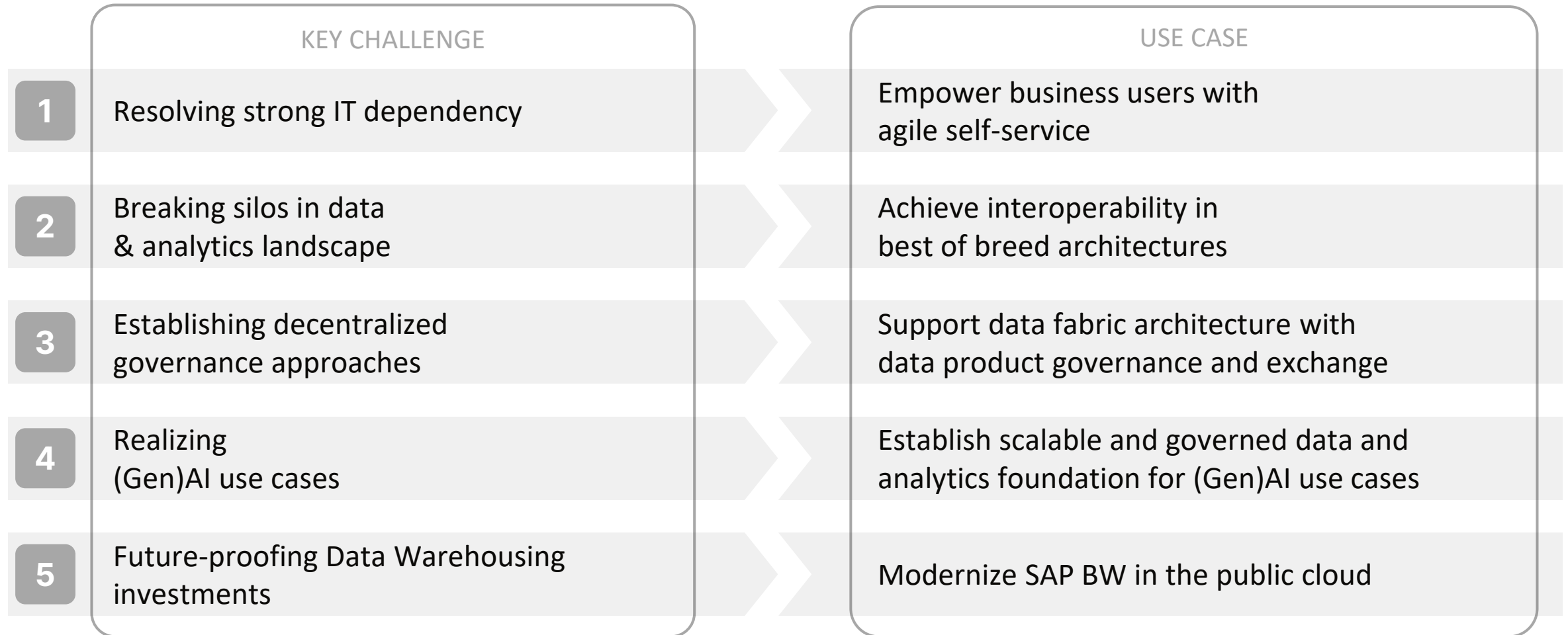
3 Establishing decentralized
governance approaches

4 Realizing
(Gen)AI use cases

5 Future-proofing Data Warehousing
investments

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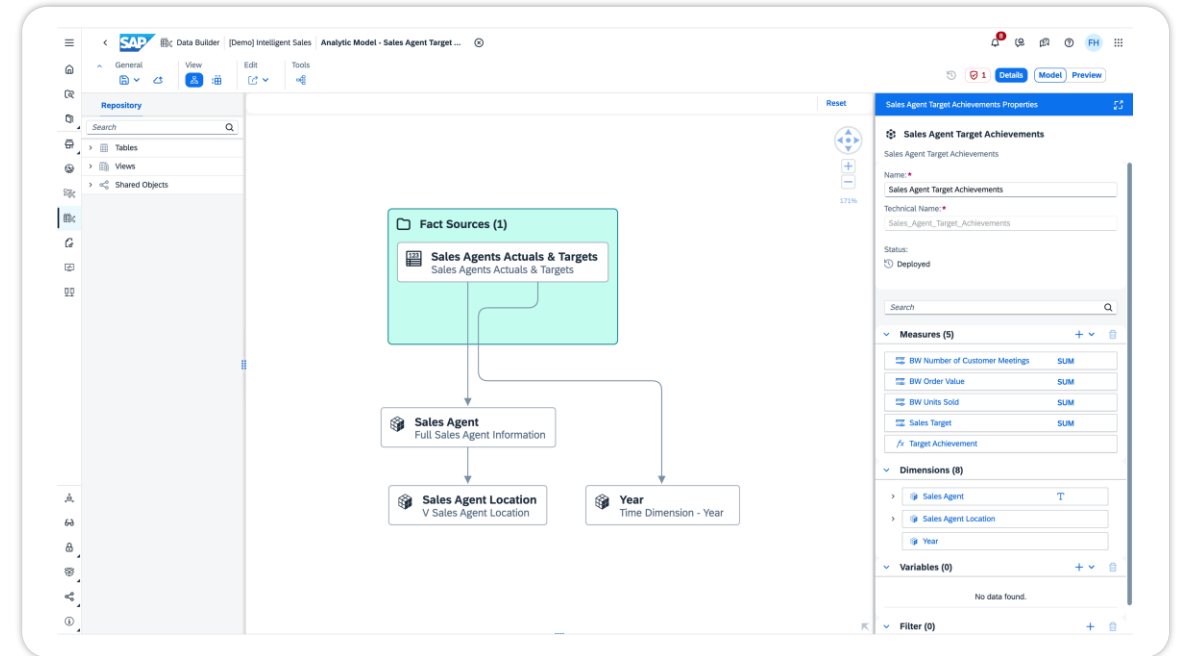


Business User Empowerment

with agile self-service

Advance the collaboration between Business departments and central IT by

- identifying business areas with increased demand for flexibility and time-to-value
- enabling data-savvy Business users for agile self-service in the data fabric
- balancing enhanced agility with central IT control and governance

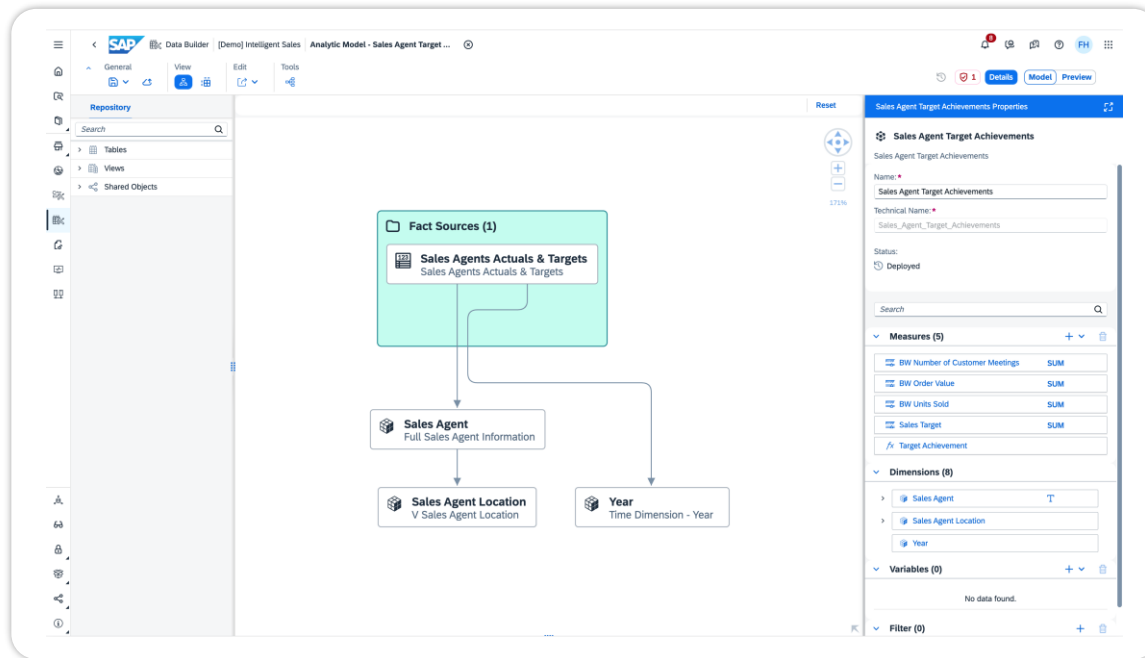


Customer Story

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Factors for Success

- Start with a clearly specified business area and use case
- Enable users with training material such as SAP's Learning Content & openSAP
- Revisit and adjust current governance approach in light of SAP Datasphere's capabilities
- Investigate quick-wins through packaged content and Semantic Onboarding
- Learn from the initial implementation to adjust and further scale the model

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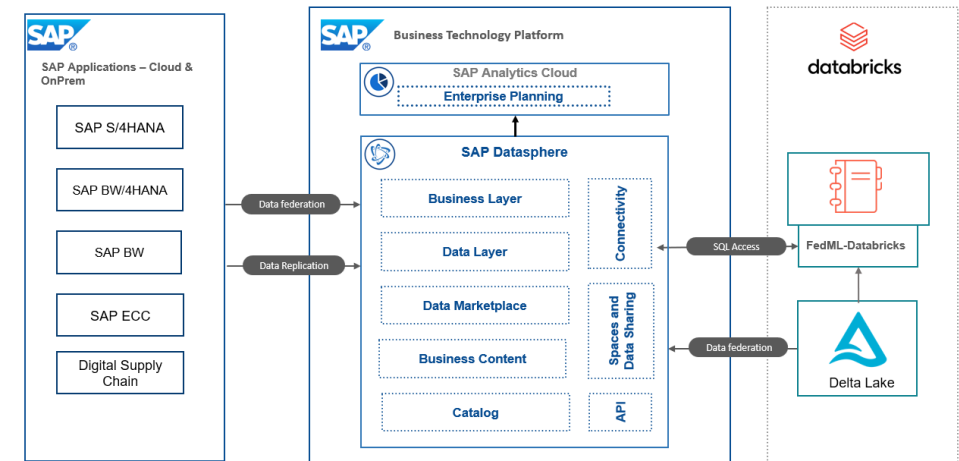
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Interoperability

in best of breed architectures

Establish interoperability in architectures that span across SAP and non-SAP, on-premises and private/public cloud landscapes by

- establishing SAP Datasphere as the central semantical & connectivity layer
- following the reference architectures and connectors provided as part of SAP's Open Data Ecosystem
- using data integration options based on federation or replication

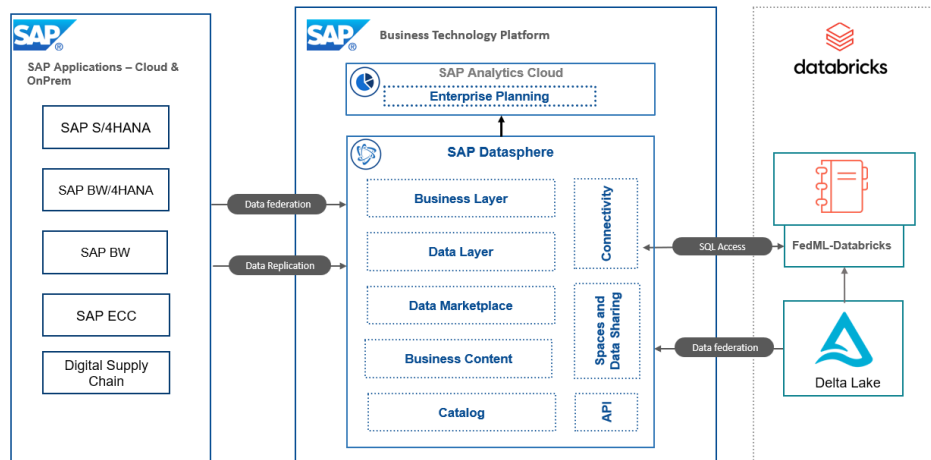


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Factors for Success

- Begin with a clearly defined scenario specified to gain quick wins leveraging our [library of best practice scenarios](#)
- Use the out-of-the-box reference architectures
- Utilize available and planned technical integration offerings with Collibra, Confluent, Databricks, DataRobot, Google, and others

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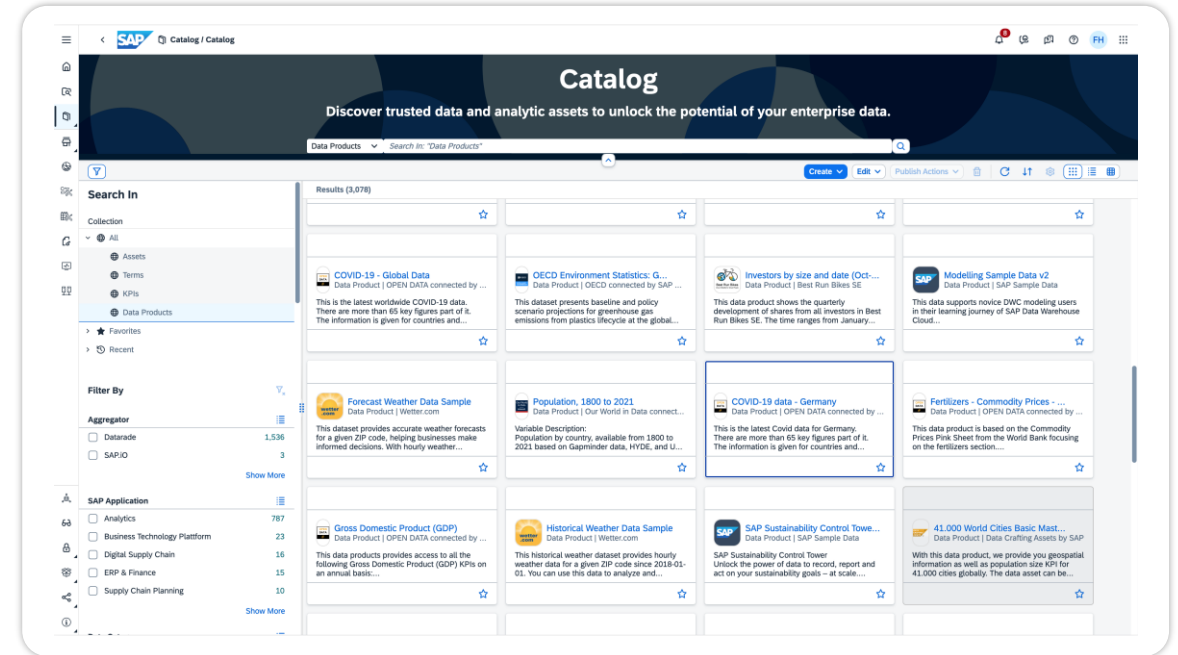
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Modern Governance Approach

with data product onboarding and exchange

Establish a modern, decentralized data architecture and operating model by

- evolving to a “data as a product” mindset and in the organization’s governance & operating model to gain speed & flexibility
- enabling business areas to independently provision, exchange and govern data products around their areas of responsibility
- advancing IT’s role to creator of foundational data products and enabler to drive innovation at scale

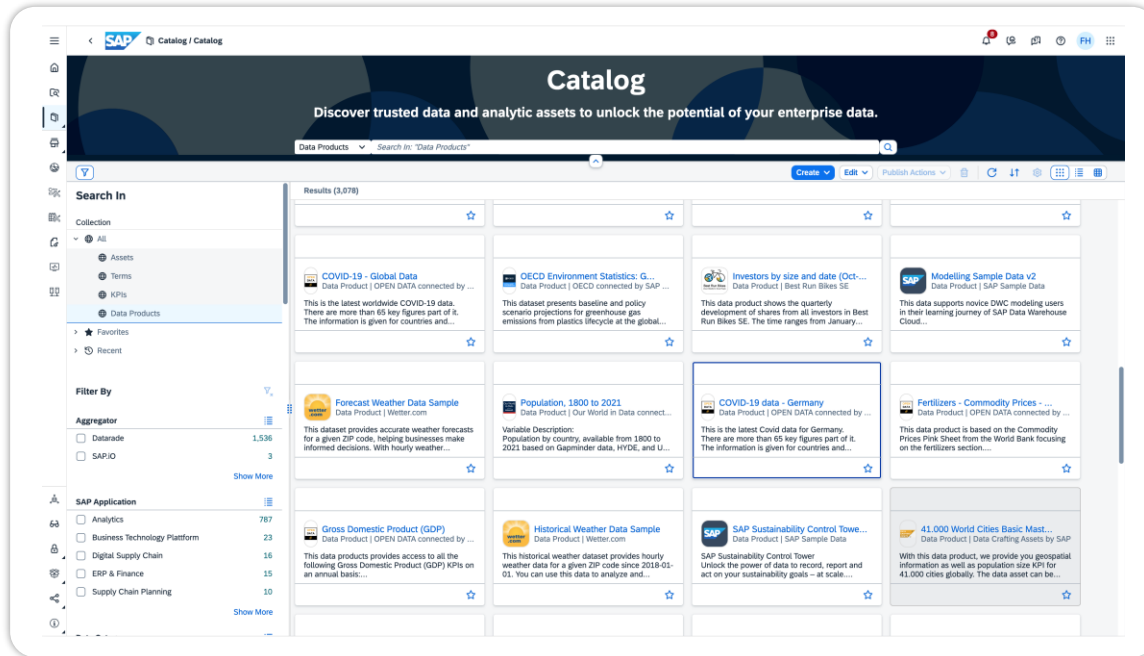


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Modern Governance Approach

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Factors for Success

- Set up data & analytics landscape and data product architecture as future data value chain
- Fill the bar by offering foundational data products (created by IT) per domain that can be used by Business and IT to realize their use cases
- Use accelerators such as Semantic Onboarding and future SAP-provided Data Products
- Enable Business entities to largely independently curate and create data products – sharing them within the organization and B2B network

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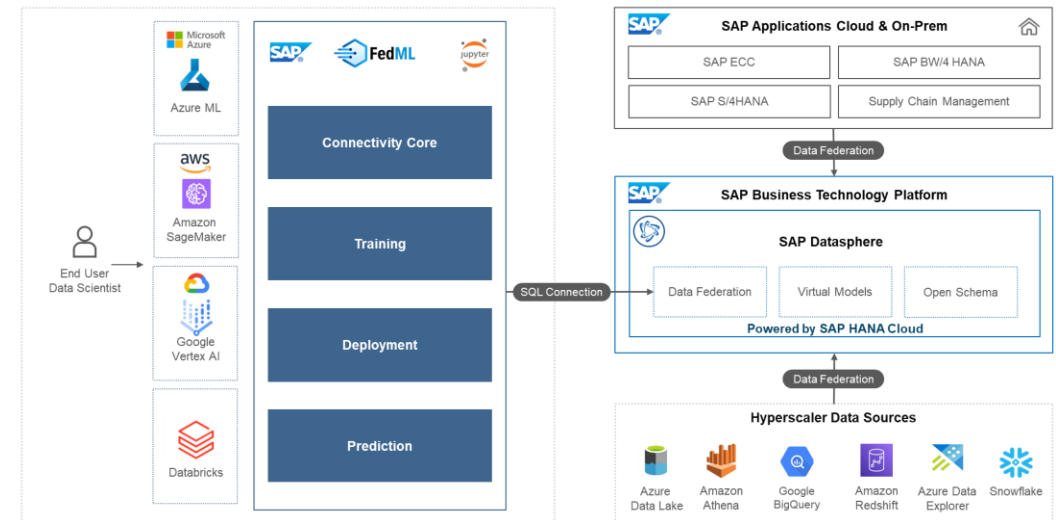
(Gen)AI Foundation

supporting integration across sources, governance and scale

Establishing a scalable and governed foundation for (Gen)AI use cases by

- creating the data foundation for (Gen)AI applications by integrating and harmonizing heterogeneous data sources across SAP and non-SAP into a central and governed semantical layer
- leveraging SAP Datasphere's native integration with justAsk for conversational AI based on reusable Analytic Models
- connecting with hyperscaler machine learning environments with live data exchange while keeping governance and security intact
- making Large Language Models truly understand your business data and analytics scenarios

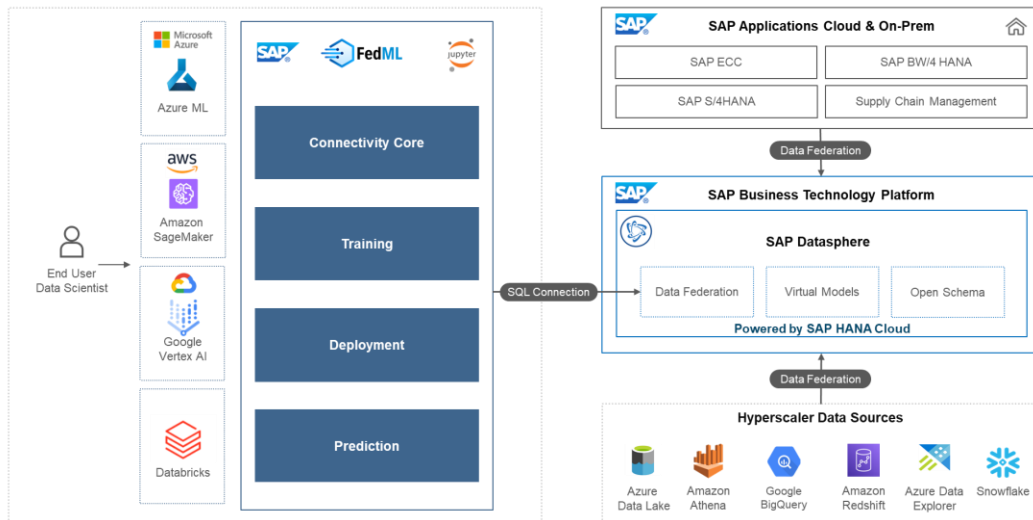
FedML Solution Diagram



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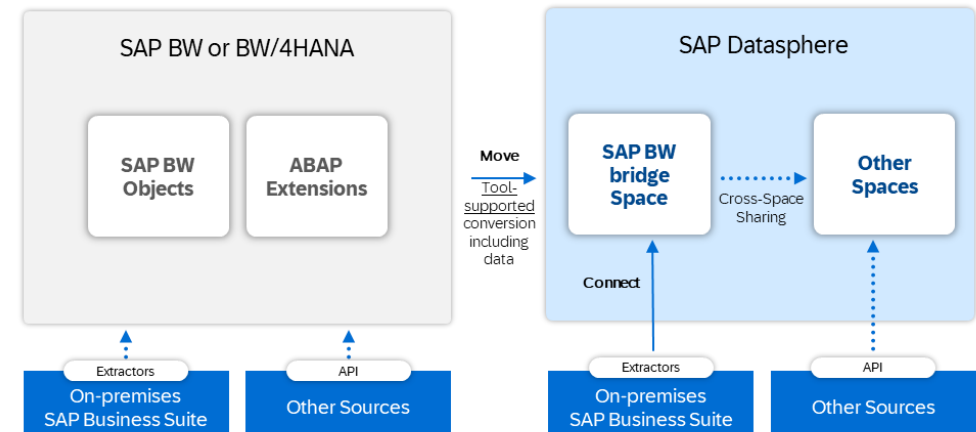
- Establish data foundation in SAP Datasphere leveraging SAP and third-party connectors
- Prepare data through the modeling environment creating a harmonized data foundation
- Provide access to existing and specifically build use cases. Utilizing FedML library for out-of-the-box integration with hyperscaler ML environments in a federated approach

Modernize SAP BW

by future-proofing data warehouse investments in the public cloud

Modernize your data warehouse landscape by

- deciding between options to start greenfield, gradually transform the existing SAP BW landscape in a hybrid approach or fully transition with tool support
- building on existing investments and skills
- combining traditional SAP BW features with cloud-based innovation and scale



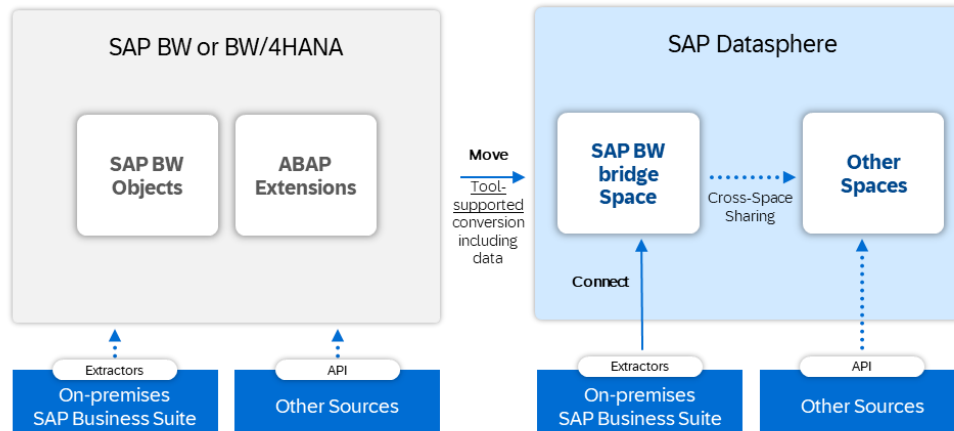
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Factors for Success

- Leverage SAP enablement assets such as the SAP BW Modernization series
- Conduct the free SAP BW Move assessment and get additional support by SAP Consulting and Partner experts as needed
- Identify and plan transition of a relevant and feasible scenario as first step
- Start transition with support by tools such as SAP BW Bridge and Entity Import to protect investments

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Enabling a variety of use cases

SAP Analytics Cloud



Analytics



Planning



External Consumption

SAP Datasphere

**SAP BW
Bridge**
(optional)



Data & Business
Modeling



Catalog



Data Marketplace



Semantic Onboarding



Space Management



Administration & Security

CLI

API

**SAP HANA
Cloud Data
Lake** (optional)



Data Federation



Data Replication



Data Transformation



Connectivity



SAP Applications



External Sources

**Open data
ecosystem
partners**

databricks

CONFLUENT

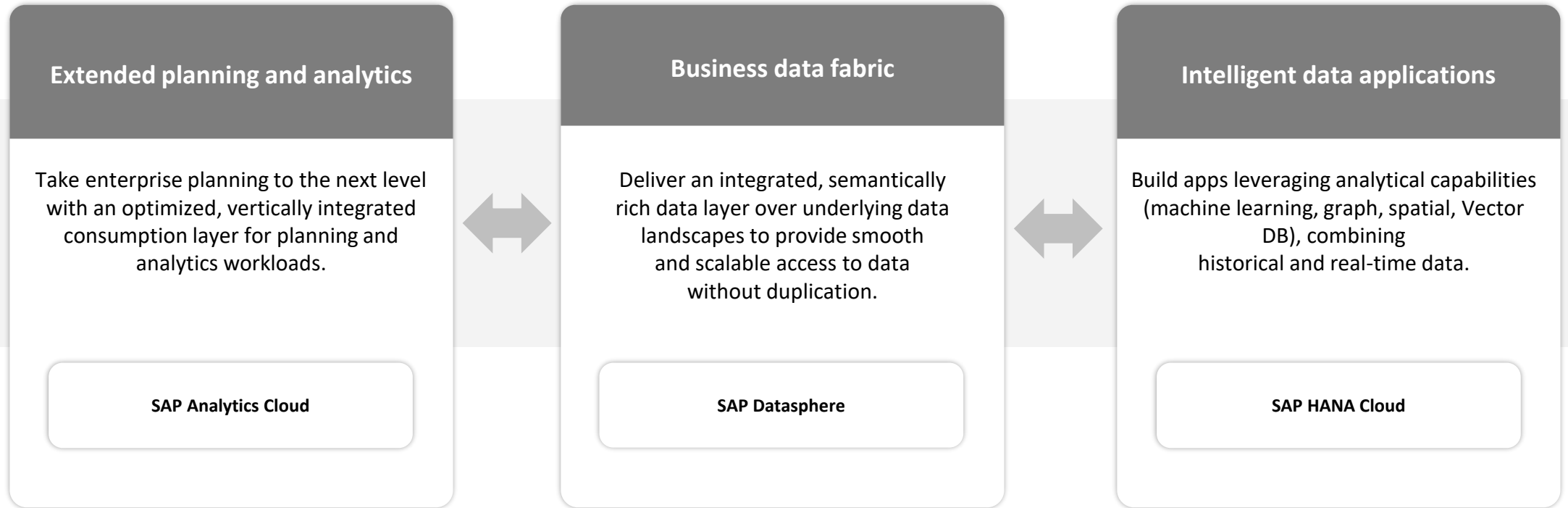
Collibra

DataRobot

Google Cloud

Data to Value

Integrated Data & Analytics Portfolio



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Outlook

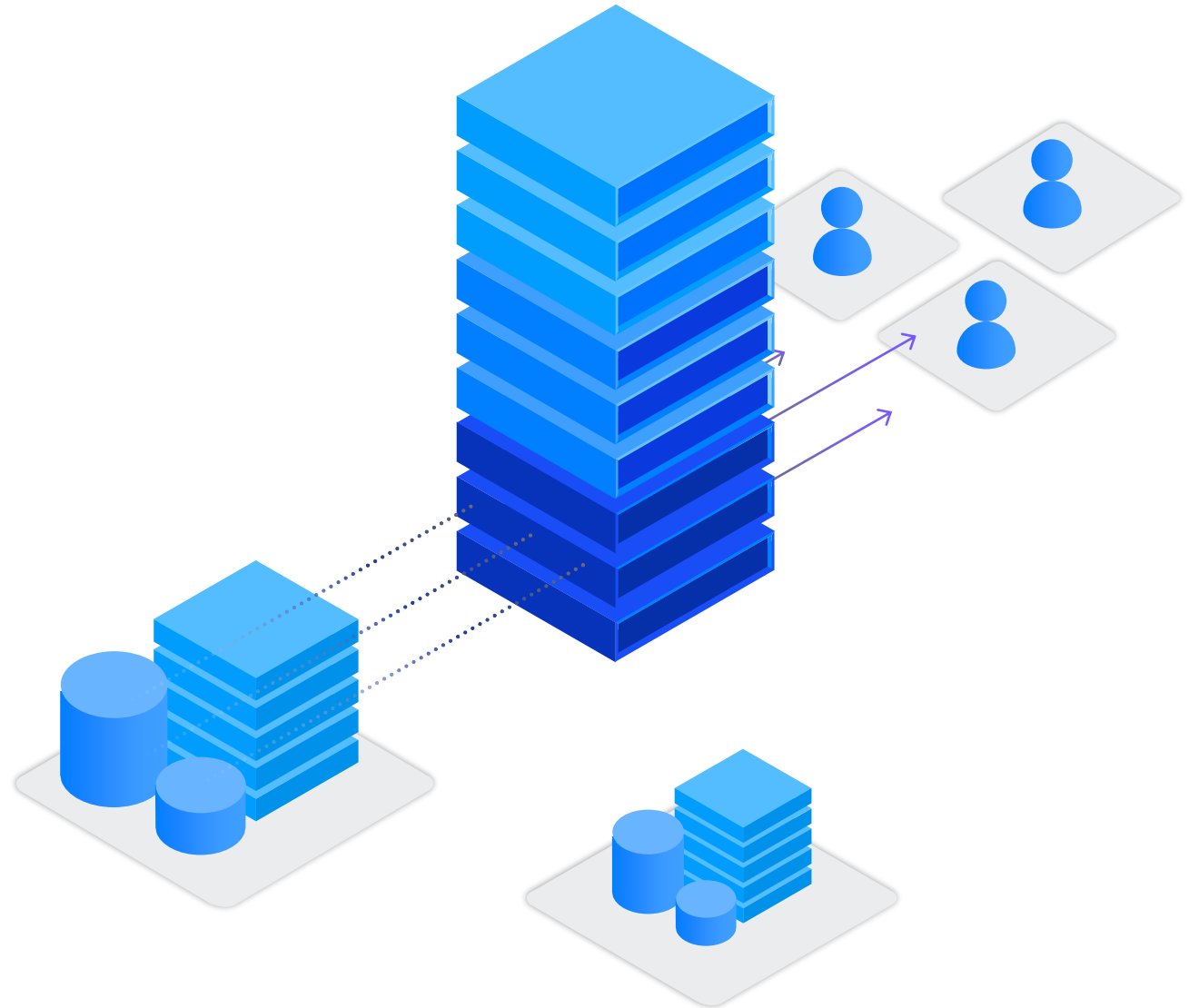
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What's next?

 **Tight Integration into
SAP Applications**

 **Large systems**

 **Foundation for
GenAI Enablement**



Datasphere - Roadmap

Preview
subject to change

Just Released

Space Dependent Permissions for fine granular Space Management including CLI support.

Folder Support to better organize objects in the Data Builder

Semantic Onboarding focusing on Data Products, Importing Entities & Content

Boolean operators for Data Access Controls reducing maintenance effort while increasing flexibility and performance.

Replication Flow Premium Outbound Integration supporting data load into non-SAP Systems (e.g. Big Query, Kafka and more).

Unified discovery of data products and metadata in the catalog.

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License-specific data selection for **Data Marketplace**.

Schedule **Replication Flows**.

Analytical OData API enabling external consumption of the Analytic Model.

Command Line interface for Data and Business Builder Objects.

Metadata translation.

BW bridge in **Google Datacenters**.

Define stable objects with **Compatibility Contracts** including lifecycle management.

Support **Stacking, Non-Cumulative Key figures, constant selection** and further SAP BW, SAP BW/4HANA capabilities.

On demand compute during peak consumption scenarios.

BW bridge and flat files **Delta loads**.

Future

Expanding **Data center coverage** with Google Cloud Platform.

SQL Script and **spill to disk** support w/ Transformation Flows.

Adding objects **beyond relational data** to Data Products in Data Marketplace.

Enabling **GenAI** through API first and accelerating business outcomes through e.g. automated modeling

Catalog expanding crawling reach to S/4HANA, SAP ECC, and SAP HANA.

Semantic Onboarding support for SAP HANA Cloud calculation view

Direct **Multi-Fact modeling** and **Business Layer support** in the Analytic Model

Outlook on Generative AI with SAP Datasphere

Enable (Gen) AI

*SAP Datasphere & Knowledge Graph
as a data foundation for SAP Business AI.*

Joule

- Extend Joule dialogs with customer-owned content and 3rd-party data
- Enable Joule to perform analytical patterns, even across LoBs
- Provide Joule a customer-defined governance model

Generative AI Hub

- Offer tooling for data acquisition and management in genAI Hub architecture
- Expose Datasphere data to genAI-infused applications, e.g. within BTP apps

Infuse GenAI

*SAP Datasphere itself becoming better with
SAP Business AI.*

Enhance existing functionality

Perform work within SAP Datasphere faster with genAI-boosted workflows (e.g., auto-generation of catalog metadata, genAI-based semantics, such as associations)

Wrap Up

SAP Datasphere is the rock solid foundation for all your SAP data in context.

SAP Datasphere enables smooth data blending with external data

Strong partnerships to benefit from the best tools

BW futureproof upgrade solution

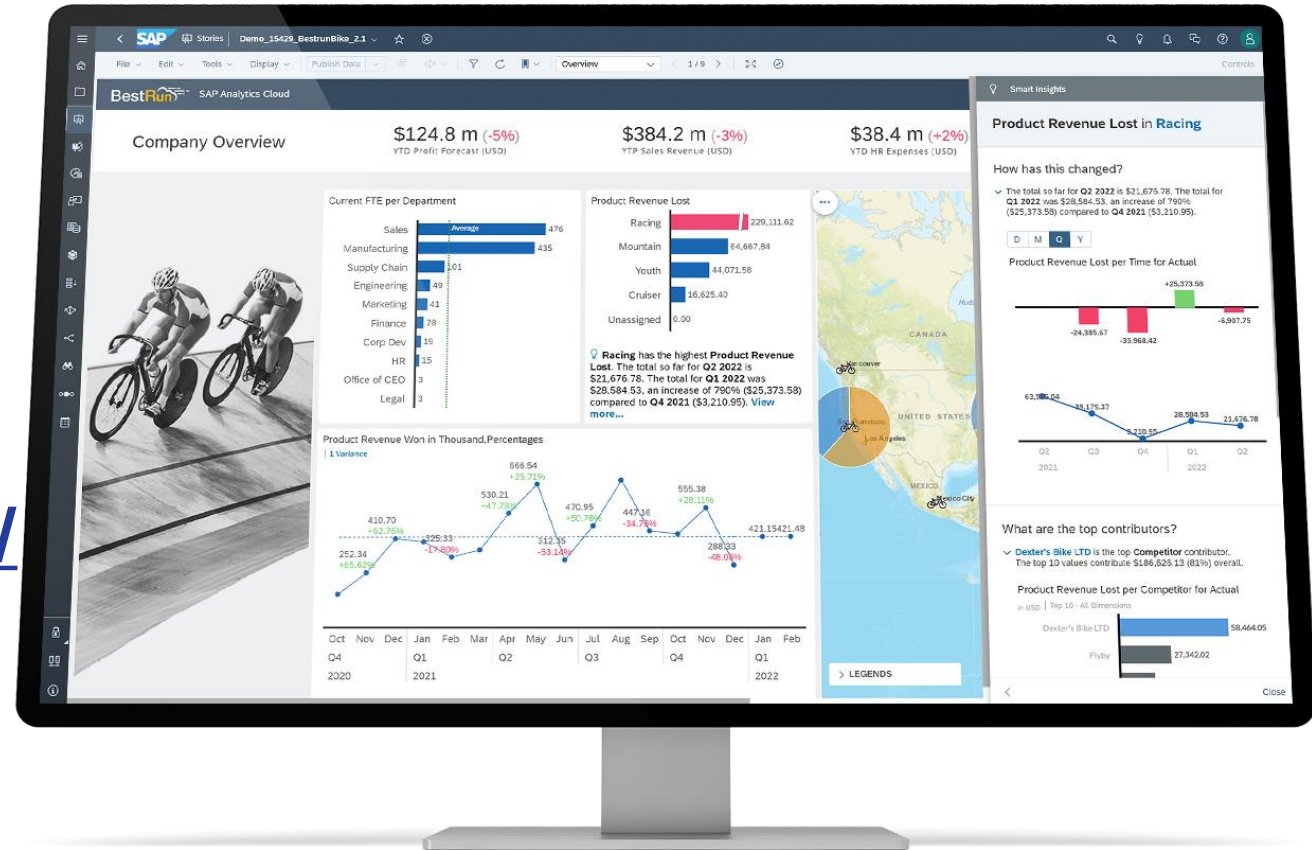
Where to Find More Information

Roadmaps.sap.com

- Explore the future of all SAP solutions

<https://www.sap.com/uk/products/technology-platform/datasphere/guided-experience.html>

- Discover, try the product



Key Points to Take Home

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