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Purchase-to-Pay-Optimization with Process Analytics

Reducing costs & inventory levels with efficient and automated processes

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# Purchase-to-Pay as “Efficiency Driver” of the Source-to-Pay Process

## Optimization Topics within Source-to-Contract and Purchase-to-Pay Process

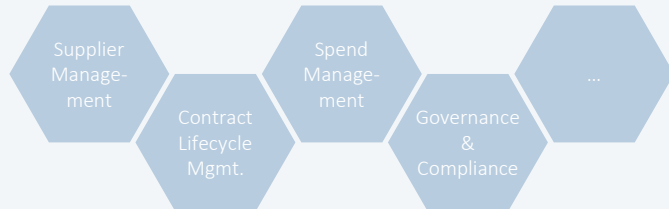
### Source-to-Contract Process



### Target: Expense Reduction

*Cost management starts with effective sourcing execution, which is best facilitated by clear spend visibility and source-to-contract tools*

### Lever



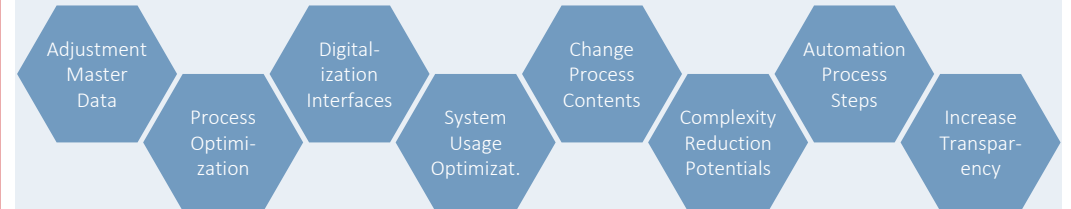
### Purchase-to-Pay Process



### Target: Reduction of Process Costs & of Working Capital

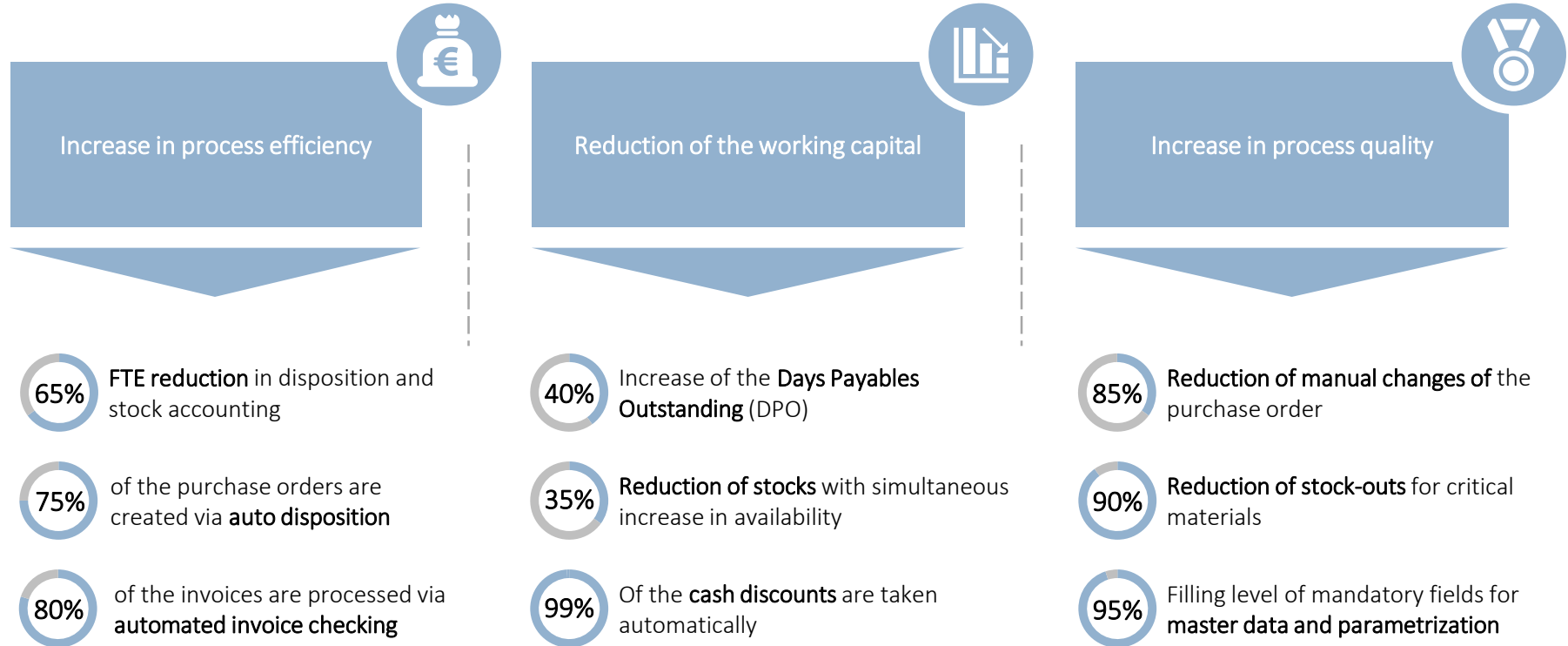
*Costs of the process as well as for Working Capital are driven by various efficiency and stock levers of the PtP process*

### Lever



# With the right measures, significant WOC and efficiency potentials can be realized

*Extract of typical H&C project results*



With the H&C approach for Purchase-to-Pay-Optimization, high P&L effects can be achieved – in the short run as well as permanently through sustainable implementation

# Purchase-to-Pay-Optimization with Process Analytics

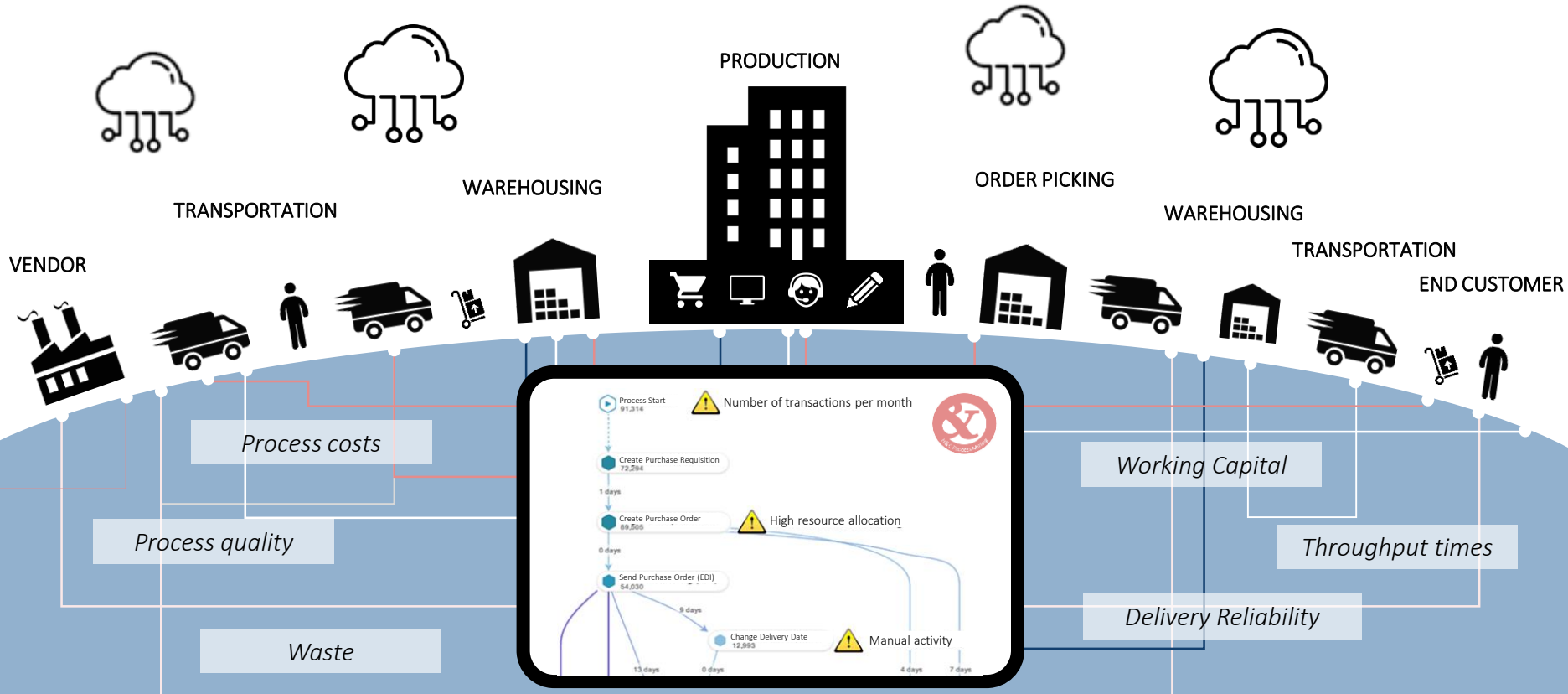
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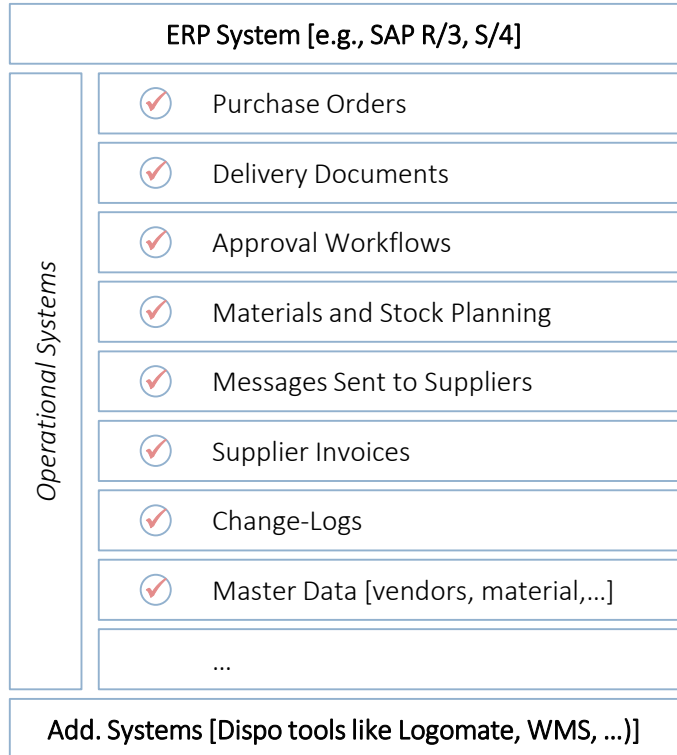
We create data-driven transparency – End-to-End over the whole value chain  
As an "X-ray machine" H&C Process Analytics quickly identifies cost drivers along the entire process chain



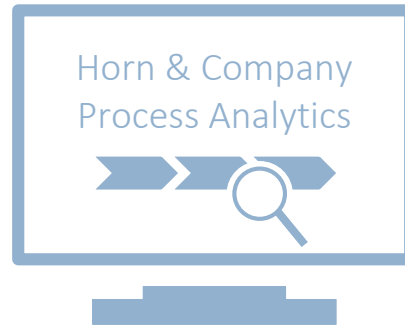
# Process Analytics is based on data from Operational Systems – Not on Opinions

## Core Idea

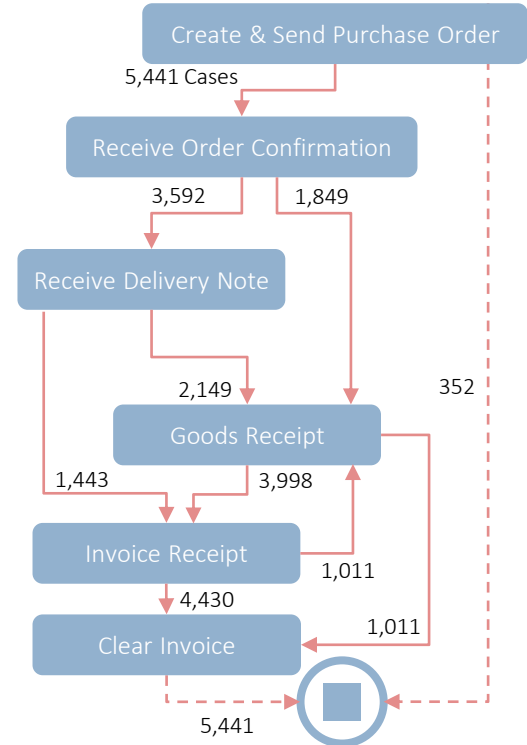
### Data Extraction & Preparation



### Visualization

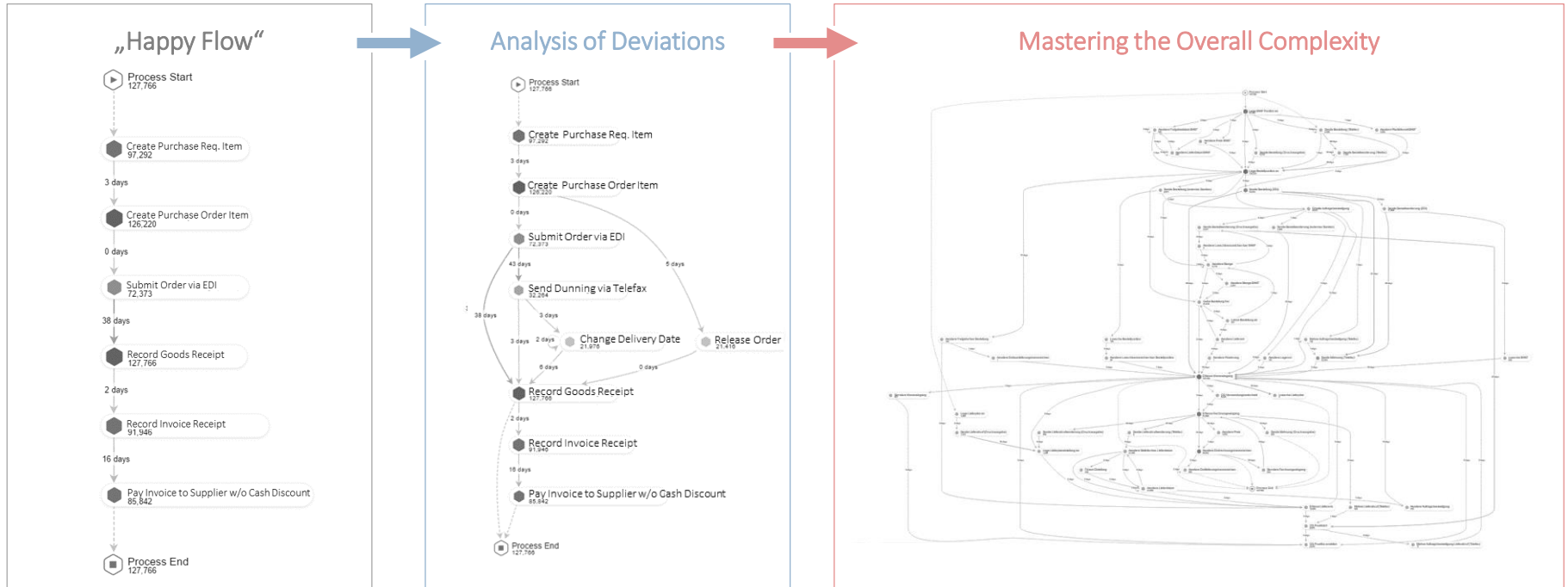


### Detailed Analysis



# Process Analytics empowers mastery of entire Process Complexity

*Process Analytics highlights the drivers of complexity and reveals how to optimize the current situation*



# Optimization through combination of process, financial & inventory data

## Overview of the H&C approach



### Financial Data

- Payment terms
- Payment behavior
- Quantitative simulations

At single invoice level



### Process Analysis

- Transparency over processes and behaviour
- Detection of bottlenecks and lost time
- Across all processes, e.g. PtP, OtC, ...

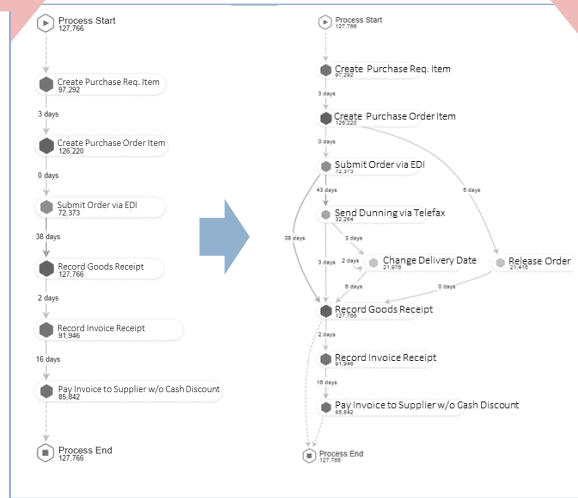
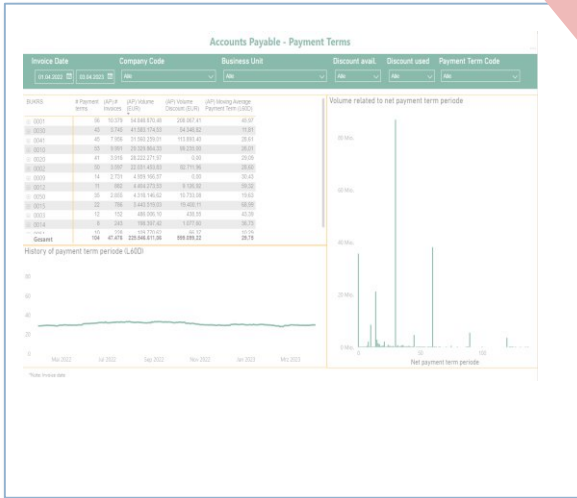
At purchasing/sales document level



### Inventory Analysis

- ABC/XYZ classification
- Stock range and dead stock analyses
- Automatic identification of weaknesses

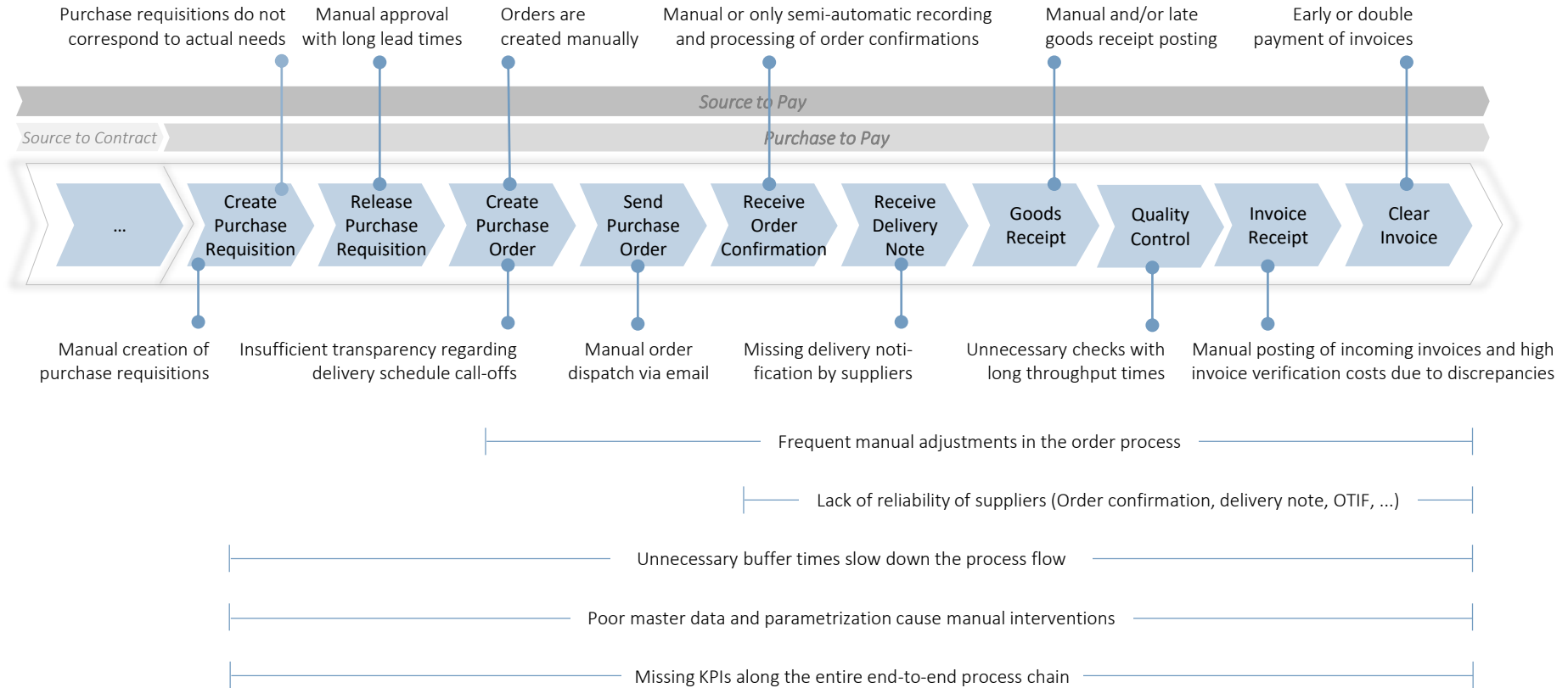
For every single material number





# Purchase-to-Pay-Processes have many levers for improvement

*Exemplary areas where H&C process analytics provides the facts and figures to improve efficiencies*



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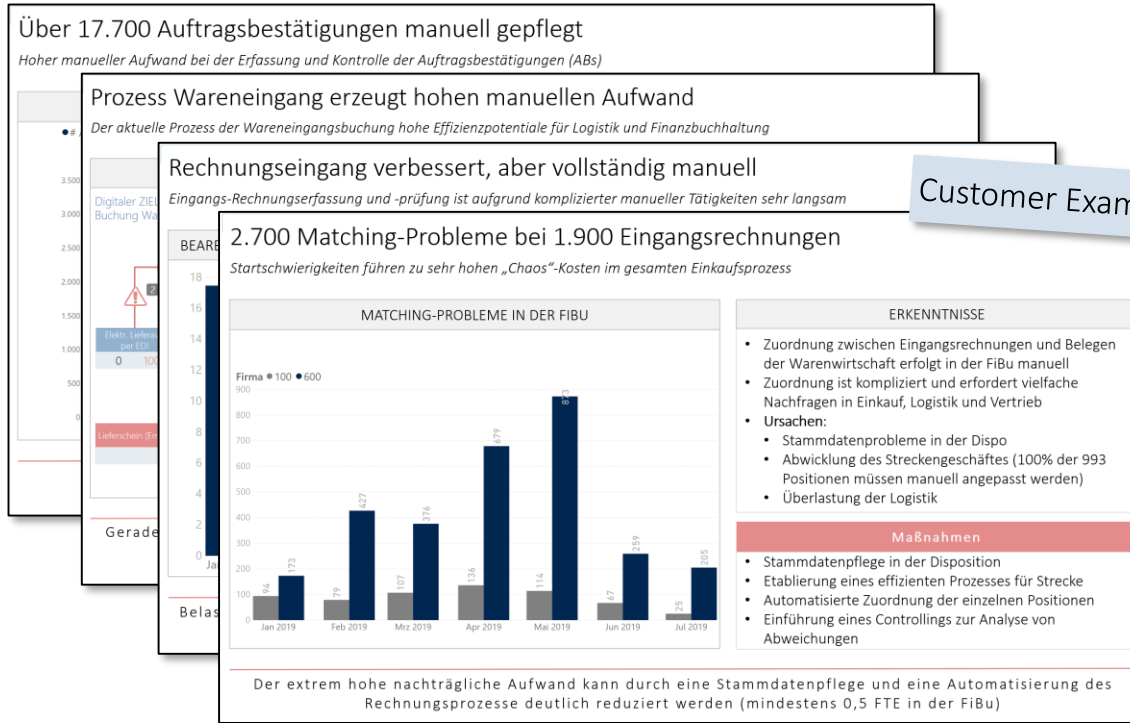
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# Project Example: Identification of automation potentials reduced process costs

## Development of a comprehensive automation program for PtP through process analytics



Customer Example for automation measures in the PtP-Process based on process analytics results

- Comprehensive program with over 42 measures to increase automation throughout the whole process
- Detailed measure fact sheet with findings during process analysis and evaluation of potential

**35%** Reduction of FTEs over the whole P2P process by releasing automation potentials

Set up of a automation program on a large scale for the PtP-Process supported by the findings from process analytics project had a significant impact on process costs

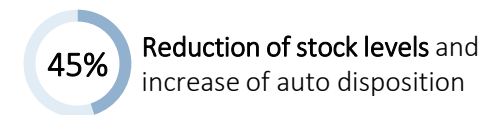
# Project Example: ERP systems are often poorly configured

## *Selection of typical ERP parameters that have to be adjusted*

Example: Plant data for material – SAP Master data (MARC)		
Field	Description	Typical problems
MINBE	Reorder point	Too high or too low. Insufficient consideration of delivery times and fluctuations
EISBE	Safety stock	Safety stock is often not used (but in the reorder point). Set too high. Inaccurate demand forecasts.
BSTMI	Minimum lot size	Minimum lot size too high. Lack of adaptation to changes by suppliers
BSTRF	Value for purch. order quantity	Too low / too high. Insufficient consideration of product packaging
BESKZ	Procurement type	Incorrect classification results in a wrong purchase behavior
PLIFZ	Planned delivery time	Under or over estimation of the actual delivery time. Lack of consideration of delivery time variations
WEBAZ	Goods receipt processing time	Under or over estimation of the actual processing time. Insufficient flexibility in the event of fluctuations
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Customer Examples for poor master data and ERP parametrization

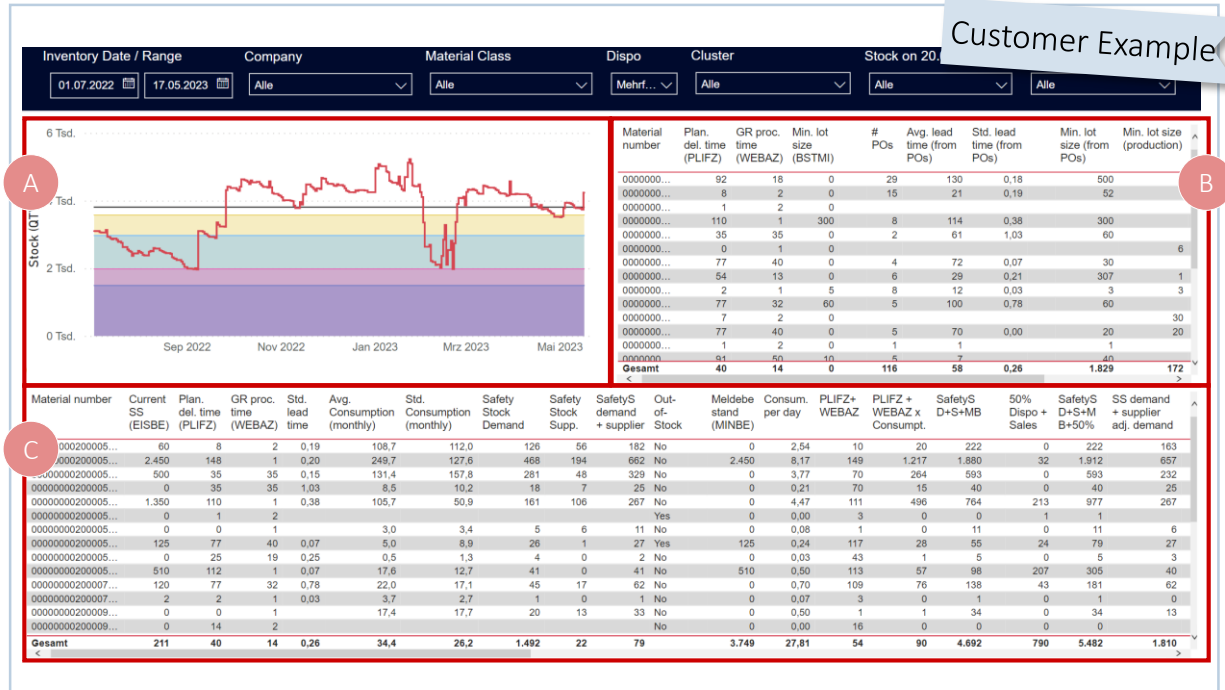
- No tools available for correct configuration and maintenance of the parameters
- Low transparency regarding order, consumption and stock history
- No combined inventory and process view to adjust parameters



Operational dispatchers are often not supported by the system or even work against the system, which leads to a lack of transparency and suboptimal ordering processes. Solution via process analytics is possible

# Project Example: Adjustment of disposition parameters for increasing automation

## Structured comparison between system parameters and lead times from process analytics



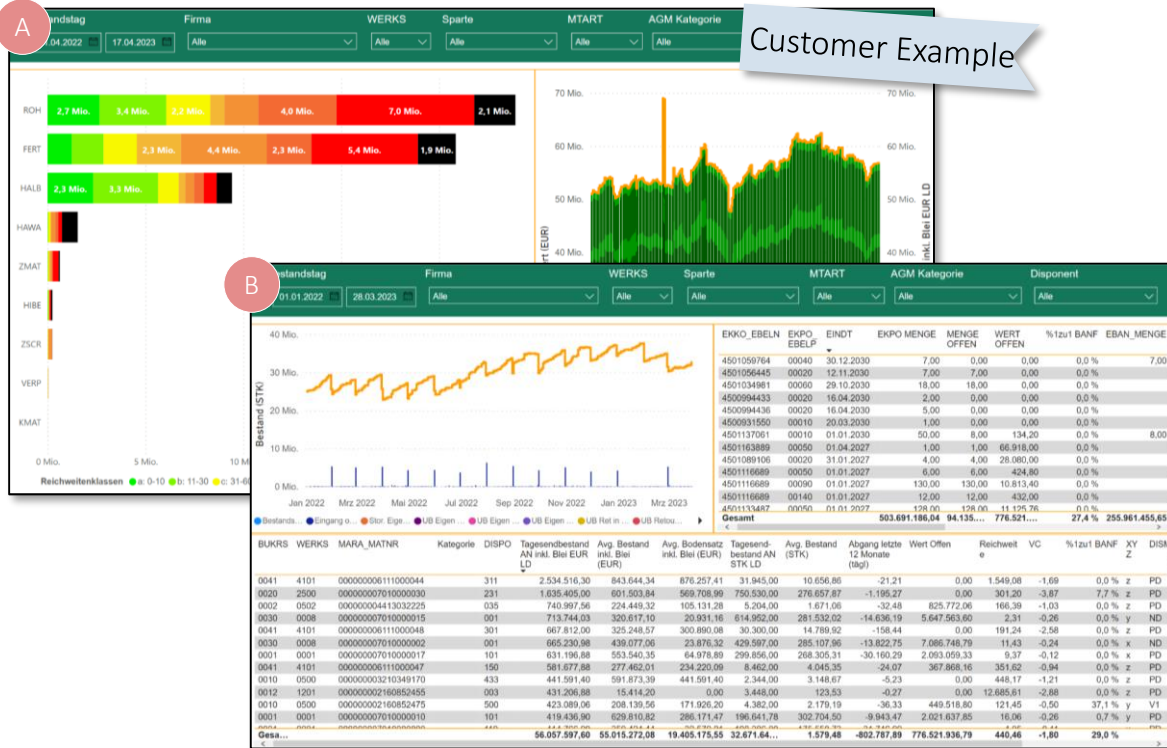
- A Daily updated stock levels over the last few months with the minimal stock level for different time periods
- B Calculation of various KPIs such as delivery times or minimum order quantities from historical purchasing documents through proc. analytics
- C Current system parameters from live system and additional suggestions for adjustments based on different optimization models

**25%** Reduction of FTEs within disposition by utilizing auto-disposition

A higher degree of automation in the Purchase-to-Pay process can be achieved by adjusting the system parameters based on the results from process analytics

# Project Example: Stock optimization by high transparency on material level

Real-time Dashboards with drill-downs through aggregation levels create high transparency on daily stock levels



**A** Aggregated view on stock volume in different reach classes by material classes. Additional overview of the development of the daily stock levels over time by different entities.

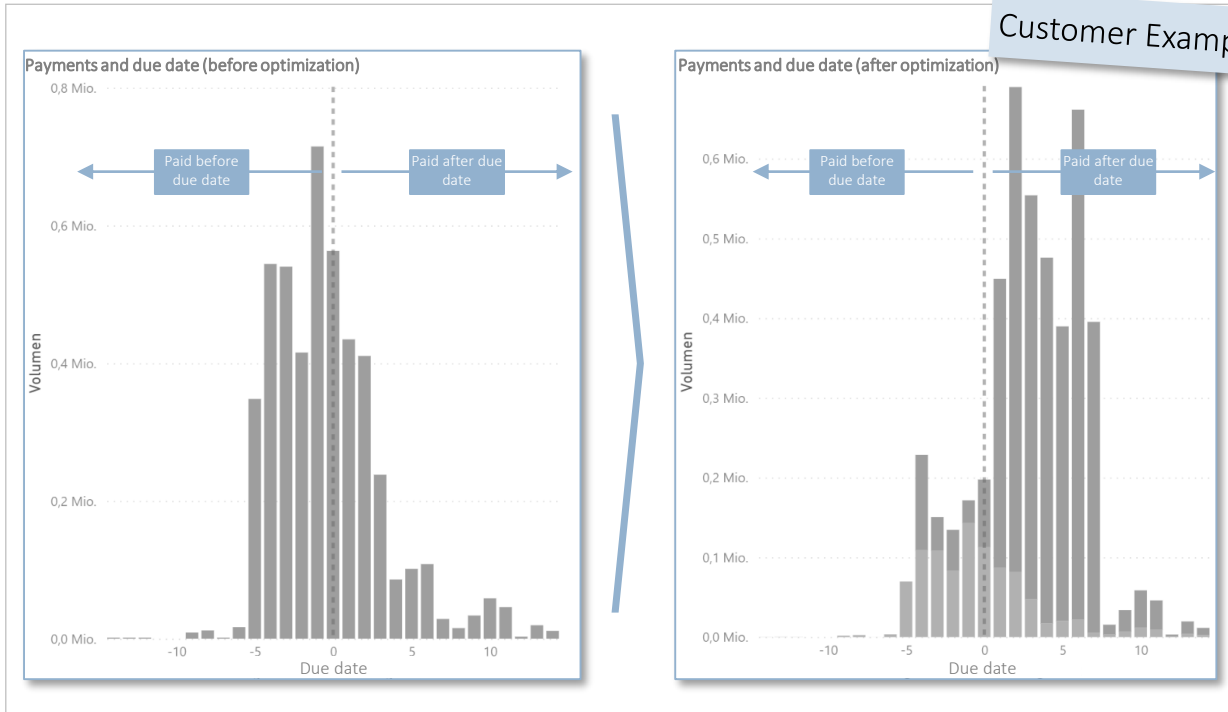
**B** Detailed view of daily stock level development over time on material number level. Providing KPIs e.g. variance of consumption in the last 12 months for deep dives on specific material numbers. This view is complemented by the open orders for the materials.

**40%** Reduction of stock levels and simultaneous increase of availability

High transparency on daily stock levels and open purchase orders combined with powerful KPIs enable sustainable reduction of stock levels

# Project Example: Working Capital reduction through PtP optimization

*Additional transparency over payments on invoice level show levers for Working Capital optimization*



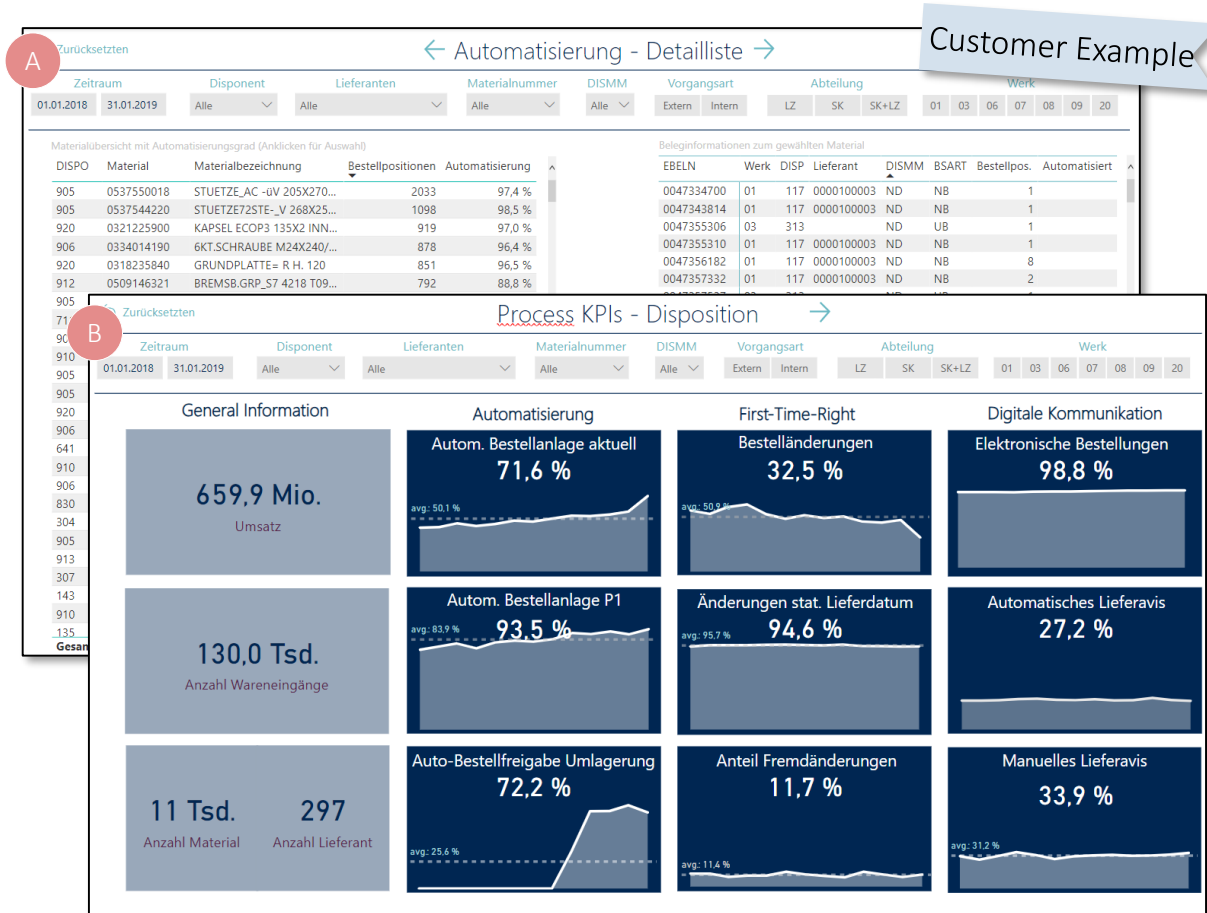
- In the initial situation the payment run was done much too early due to organizational issues and a lack of transparency about payment terms
- Changing this to rule-based, automated payment runs leads to a high reduction of working capital.

**75%** Reduction of early payments by adjusting the payment process

The process analytics results can be used directly to prevent discount periods from expiring, payment deadlines can be increased, and transparency about payment terms can be used for supplier negotiations

# Incorporation of Process KPIs into a modern near-time dashboard solution

Customer example: Purchase-to-Pay-Process KPI dashboards with multiple views on different levels



## DESCRIPTION

Customer Example for a Process Dashboard with views on different levels

- A** Comprehensive Top Mngt. view for highly aggregated KPIs in different parts of the Process
- B** Detailed view on manual efforts per organizational department/ on employee level for each process step



# Realizing potential from a variety of implementable individual measures

## Project example Measures Settlement processes

### Fields of action are addressed through a broad portfolio of measures

#### Overview



- Many implementable and often directly effective individual measures
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- Overall effect of the measures leads to sustainable and relevant Profit & Loss effect

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# Horn & Company: Experienced, pragmatic and high implementation competence

## Company profile

- Positioning** Top-management-consultancy, founded 2008 – i.a. McKinsey, Roland Berger, Droege
- Focus** Strategy – **Performance improvement** – Corporate Restructuring – Digital transformation
- Industries** **Industrial goods** – Automotive/Special Vehicles – Consumer goods – Process Industries
- Clients** Corporate groups, Large SMEs, family businesses
- Consultants** > 250 highly-skilled consultants, including 45 partners/associate partners
- Differentiation** P&L focus – digital/analytics expertise – implementation
- Growth** Merger in 2023 with  -> Addition of extensive SSC and operations experience

### Awards



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# Your Contacts for Data-driven Purchase-to-Pay Optimization at H&C

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### Areas of Focus

- Process Analytics
- Working Capital Optimization
- Process Digitalization



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- Process Analytics
- Purchase-to-Pay and Inventories
- S/4HANA Transformation

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