



Don't Get Caught Out In The Cold: How to Avoid Change Freezes During S/4HANA Migration and Upgrades



Today's Presenters

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Agenda

- Why change freezes happen
- The S/4HANA journey: a cold road
- How automation eliminates change freezes
- Real world automation examples
- Wrap-up/Q&A

“I don’t know ... but I
guess the average
customer is 6 years
back ... probably
more.”

Hasso Plattner,
SAPPHIRE NOW 2019



Change Freezes Hold Back The Business



**Can't We
Just Run
An N+1
Project?**



S/4HANA Journey: A Cold Road

4. Upgrade and maintain S/4



Change Freeze!

3. Migrate to S/4



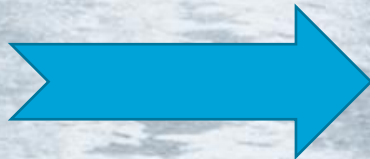
Change Freeze!

2. Migrate to the cloud



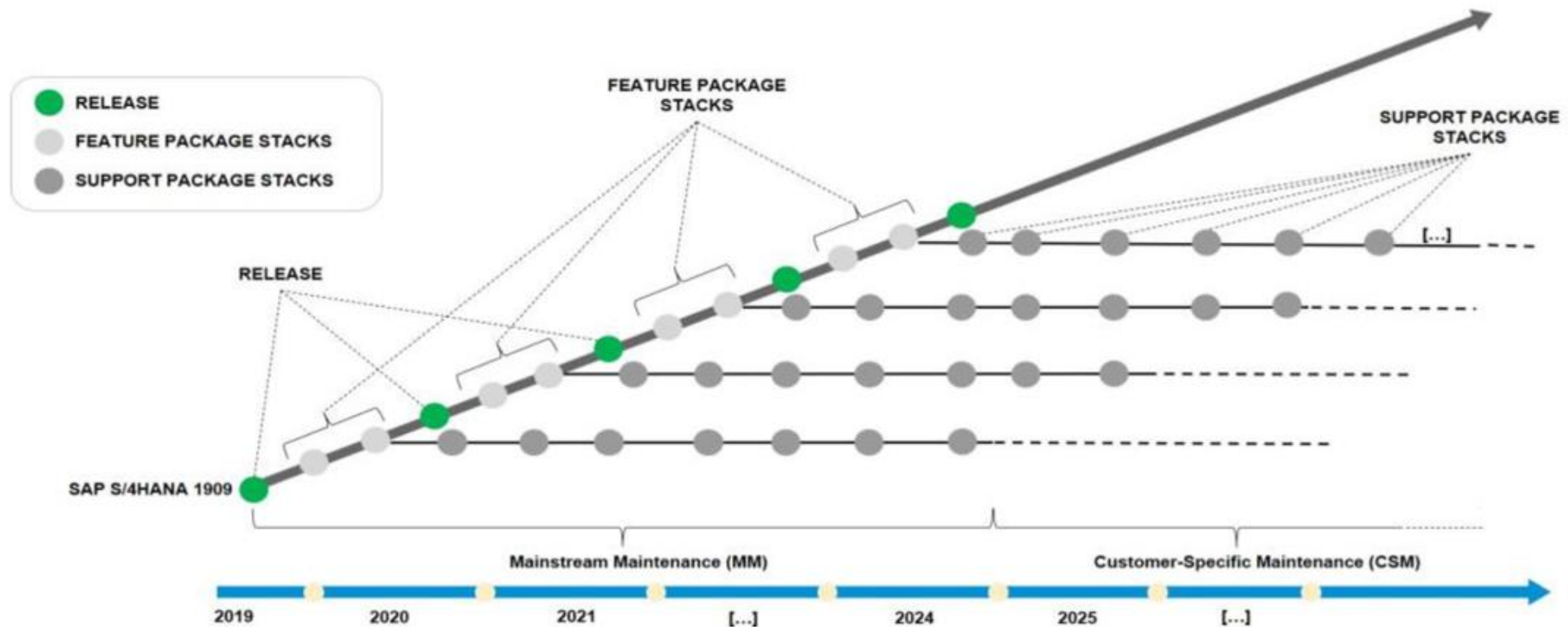
Change Freeze!

1. Upgrade existing systems



Change Freeze!

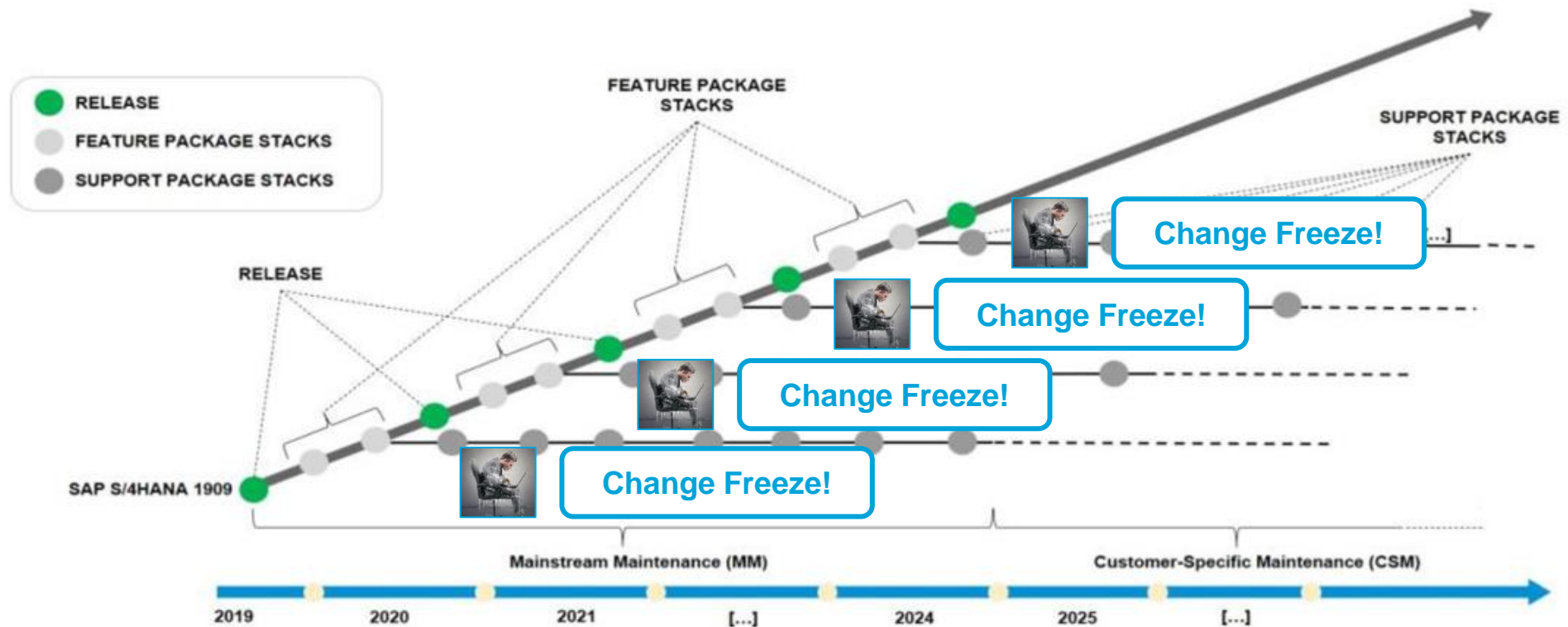
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Figure7: Overview of Release and Maintenance Strategy for SAP S/4HANA®

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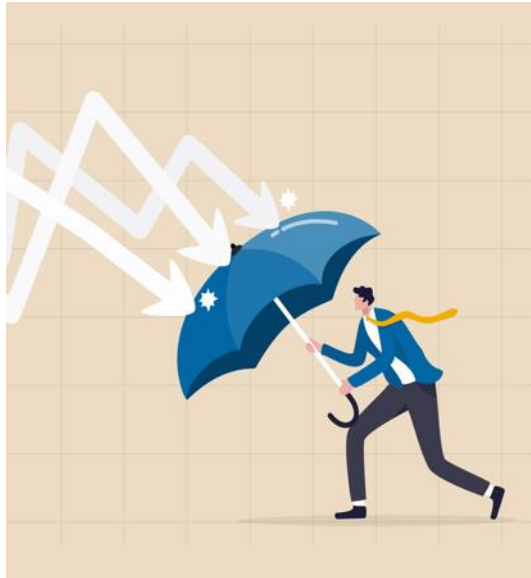
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Automation Solves the Change Freeze Challenge



Truly Parallel
Effort



Downgrade
Protection

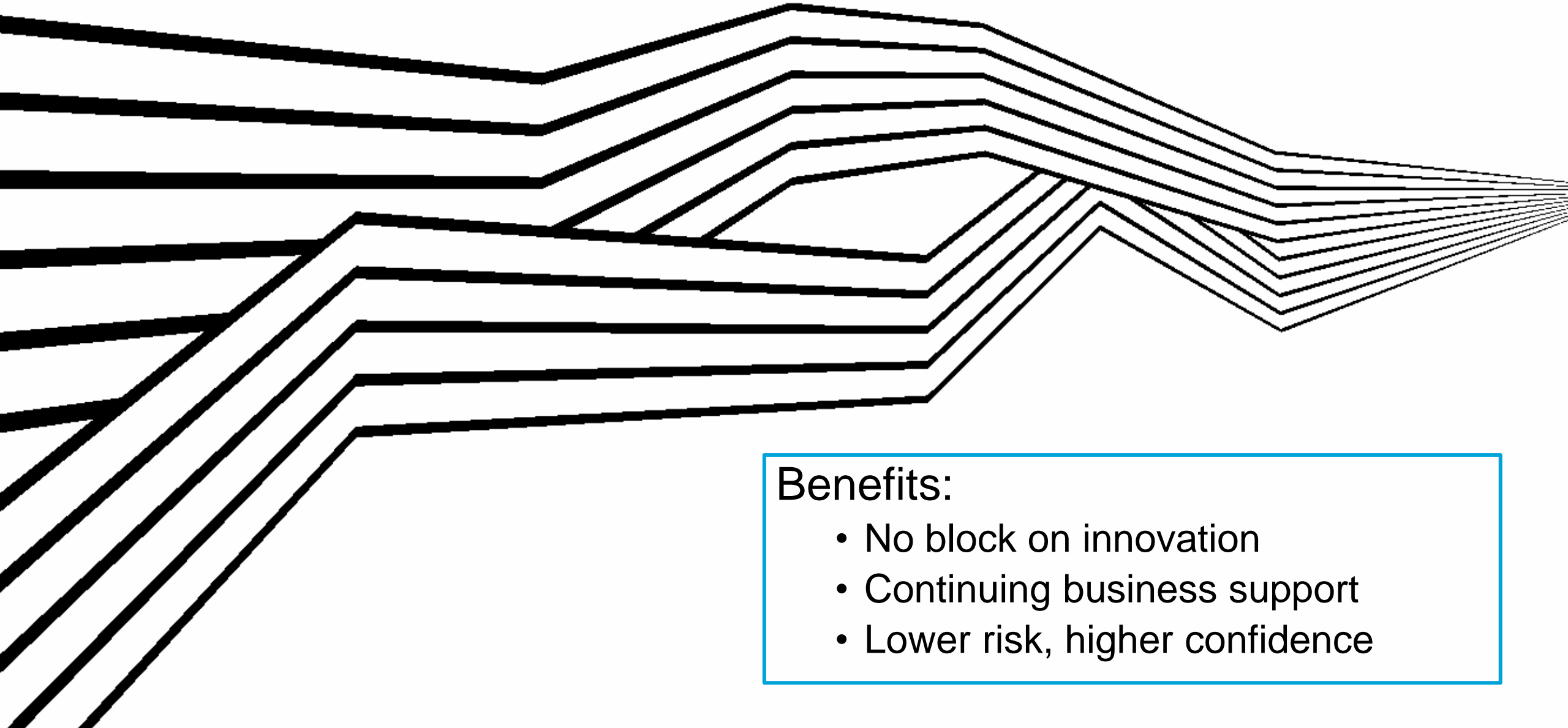


Environment
Sync



Solving the S/4HANA Change Freeze Challenge: Automating Multi-track Development

Automated Multi-Track (N+N) Development



Benefits:

- No block on innovation
- Continuing business support
- Lower risk, higher confidence

The N+N Challenge



How do you keep track of all changes?

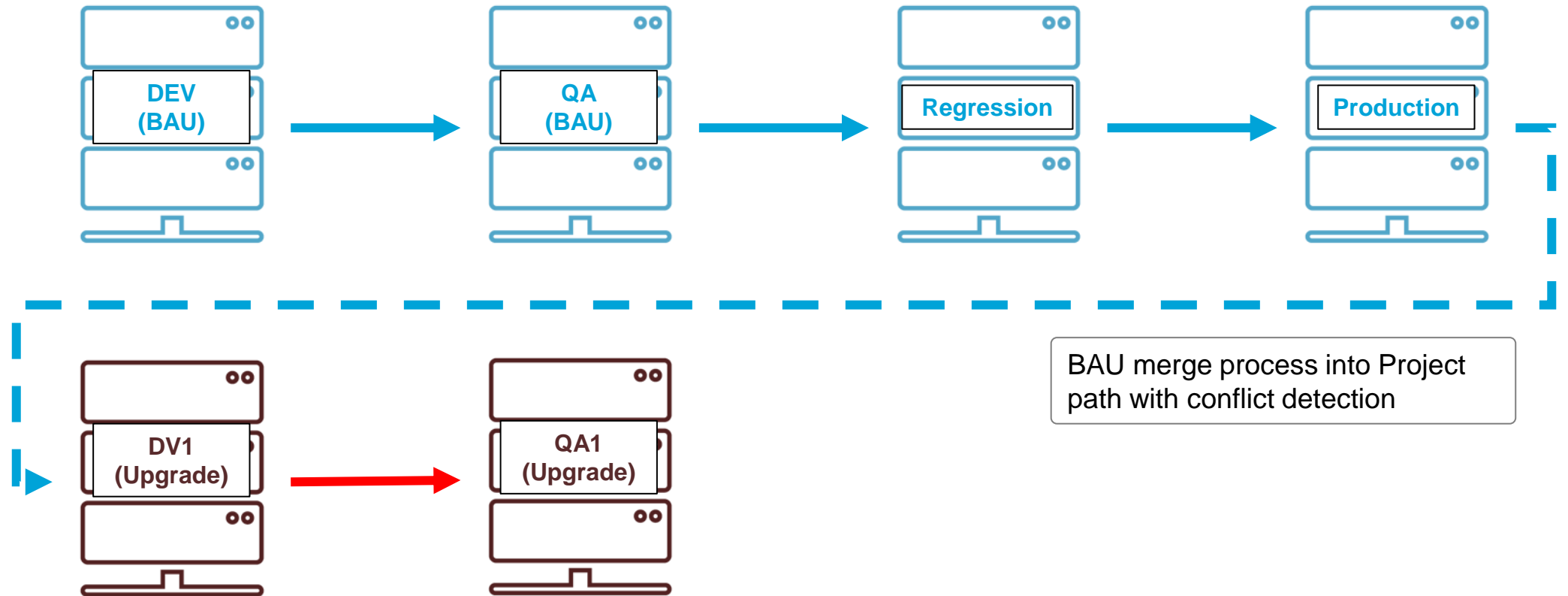


How do you identify conflicts?

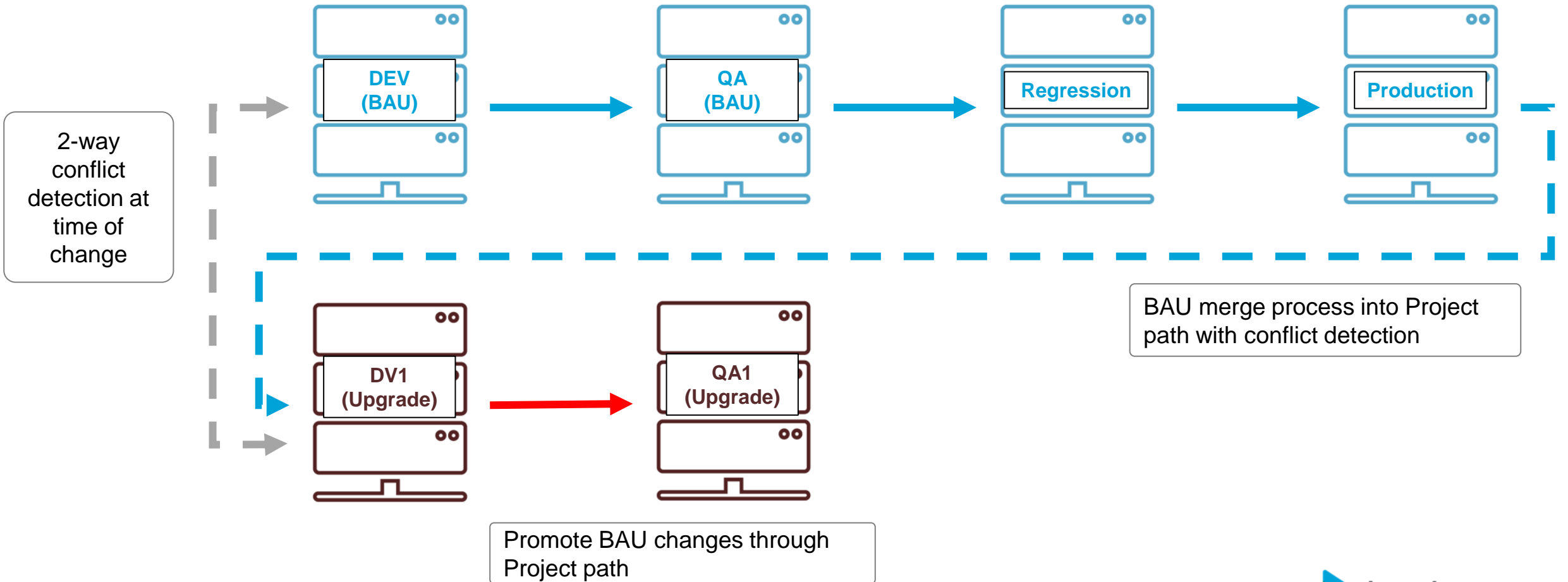


How do you synchronize changes across tracks?

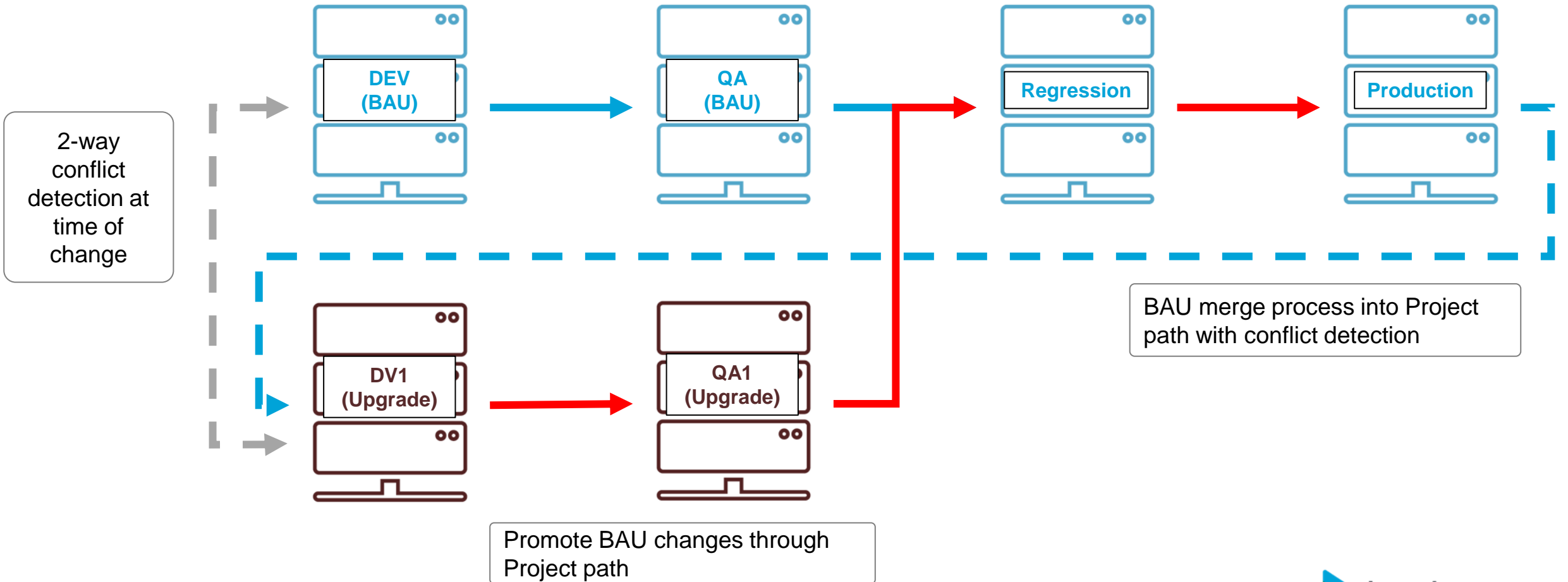
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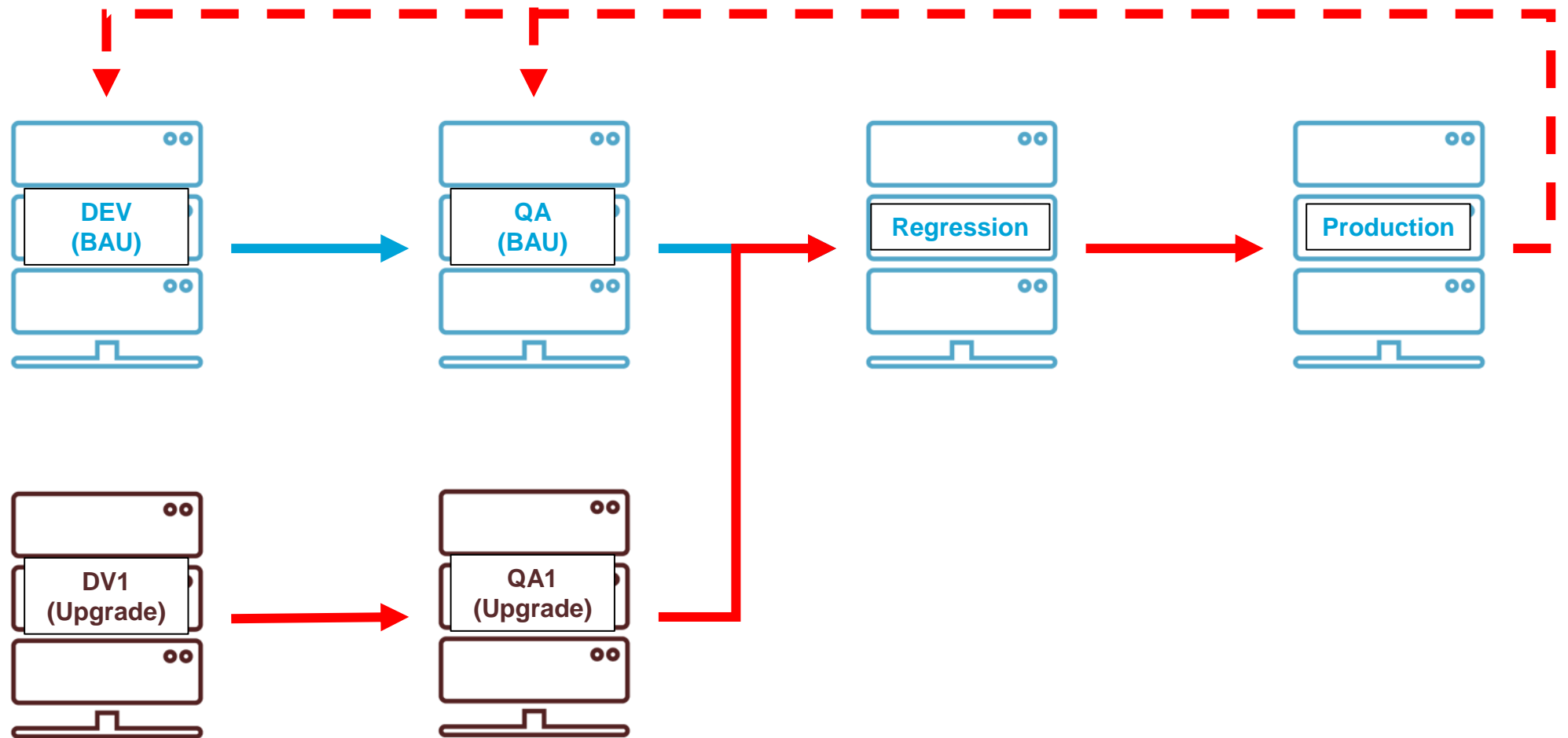


Multi-track Best Practice



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Support for project cut-over including
“reverse merge” and conflict testing



Automation Keeps The Business Moving





ActiveControl



Fast, flexible, safe
change and
release automation



Adopt DevOps for
on-demand SAP
delivery. Integrate into
wider tool chain.



S/4HANA
transition support
& synchronization



Fast
implementation;
rapid ROI



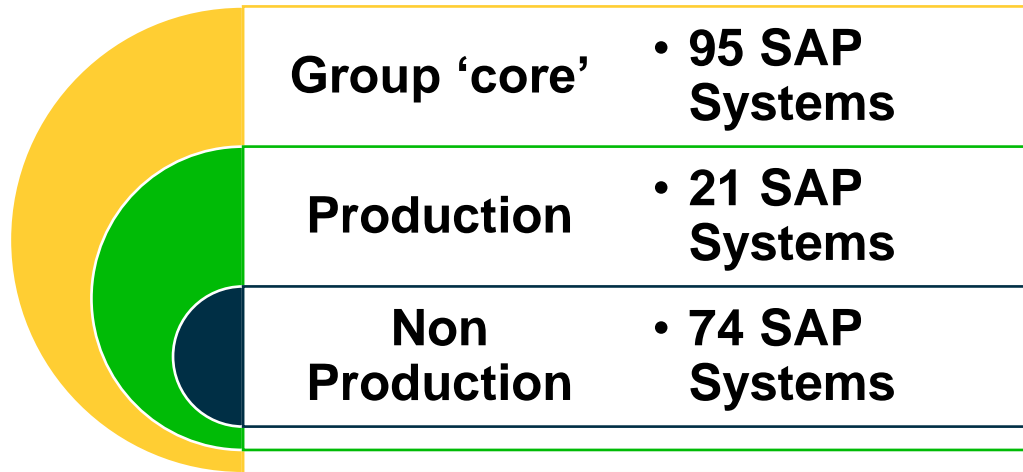
Avoiding Change Freezes: Customer Stories

“The business will want to make changes to ECC until the day before S/4HANA cutover!”

**IT Manager,
Global Retailer**



Major Consumer Goods Vendor: Business Suite Upgrades



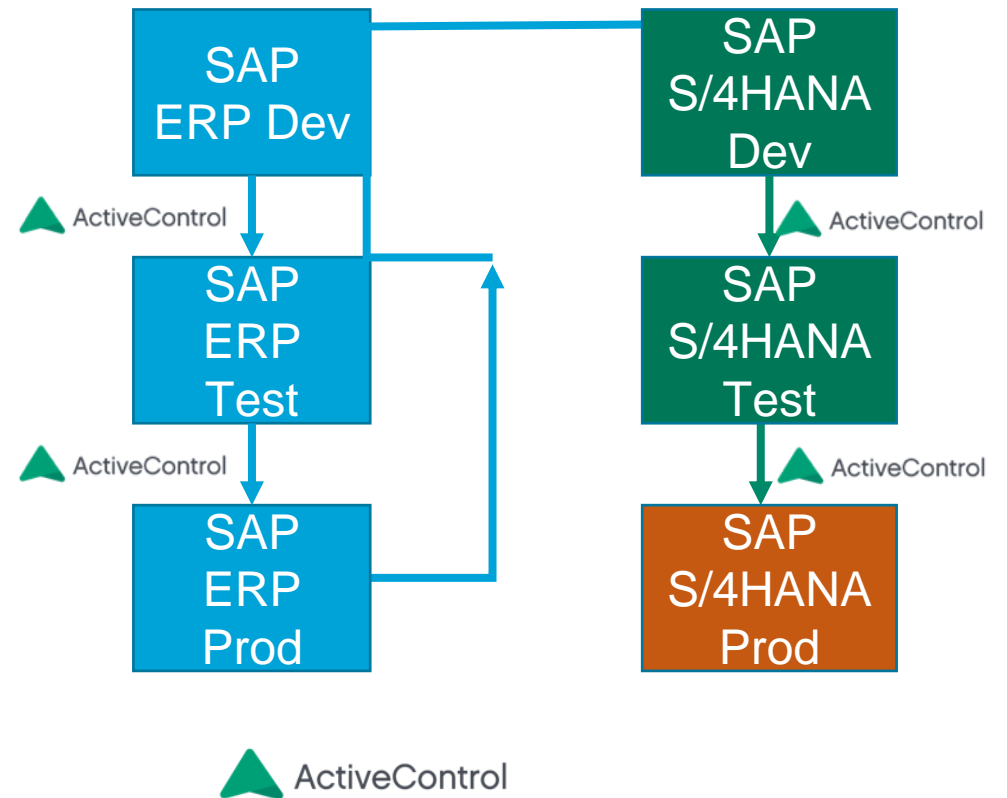
- N+1 for annual SAP upgrades
- Complex BAU development and ongoing project work
- Benefits of automation
 - Faster
 - Less manual effort
 - Fewer errors
 - $\geq 90\%$ of changes automatically merged/maintained between tracks

Vistaprint: S/4 Migration & Upgrades

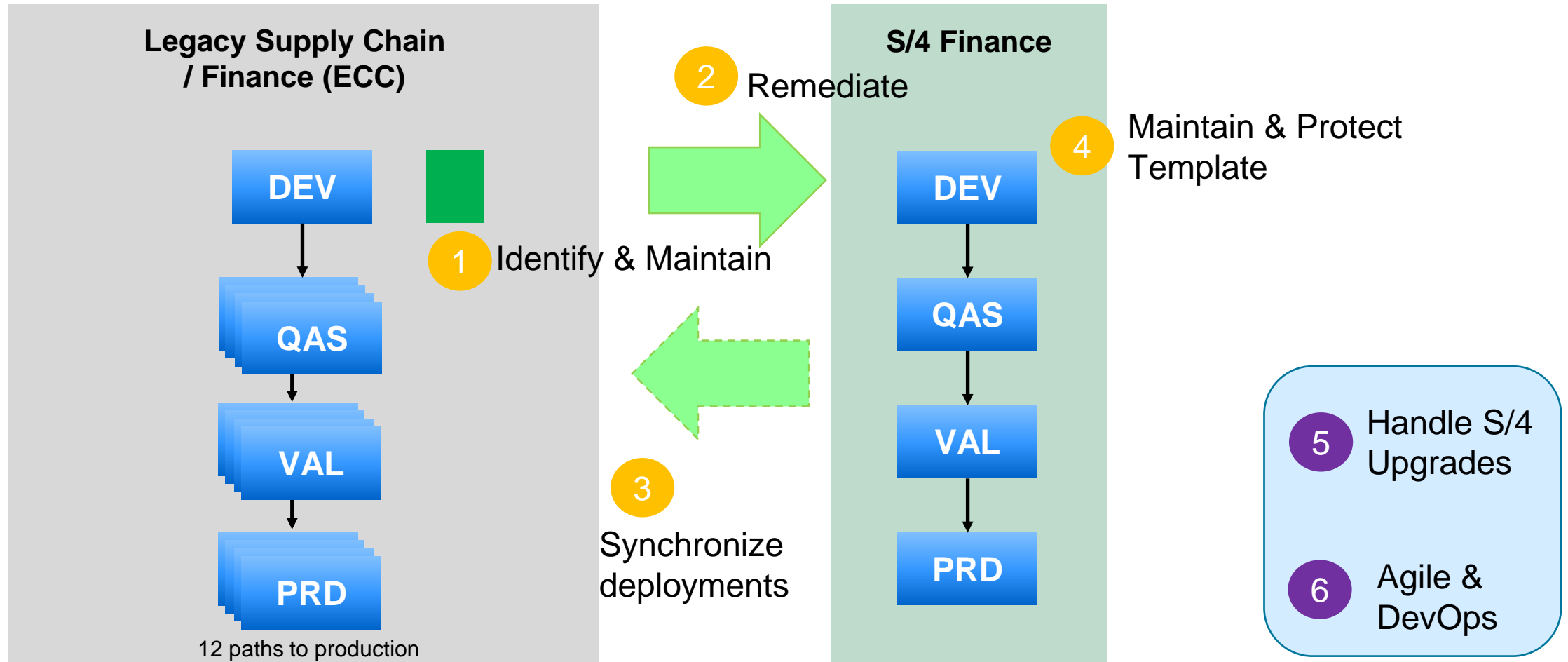
- Brownfield SAP S/4HANA;
greenfield SAP Fiori
- On-Premise data center to SAP
HANA Enterprise Cloud

Benefits of automation:

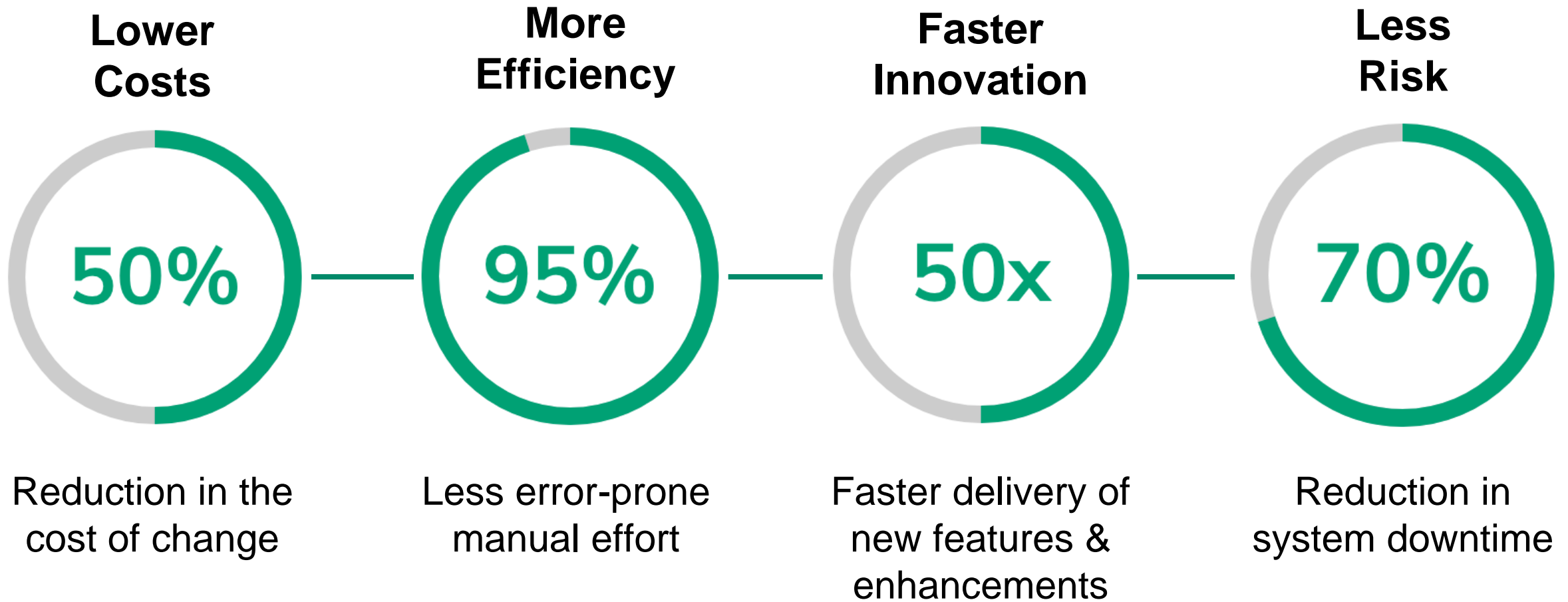
- Manage N+1 landscape
- Massive reduction in manual effort and risk
- Aids implementation of future upgrades
- Integrate with enterprise toolset



Global Consumer Goods Firm: S/4 Migration & Upgrades



Benefits of SAP Orchestration & Automation



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- Bringing DevOps & Continuous Delivery to SAP environments
- The most complete DevOps and test automation platform engineered for SAP
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Summary

- S/4HANA migration isn't a one-off project
- It's doesn't stop with go-live – annual upgrades are coming
- Businesses need to avoid recurring change freezes that block innovation
- ActiveControl solves the S/4 change freeze challenge with automated N+1
- Automation delivers lasting value



Thank you.
Any questions?

Demo or Follow-up?

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