From SAP BPC to unified finance platform:

Inside Cirrus Logic's transformation journey

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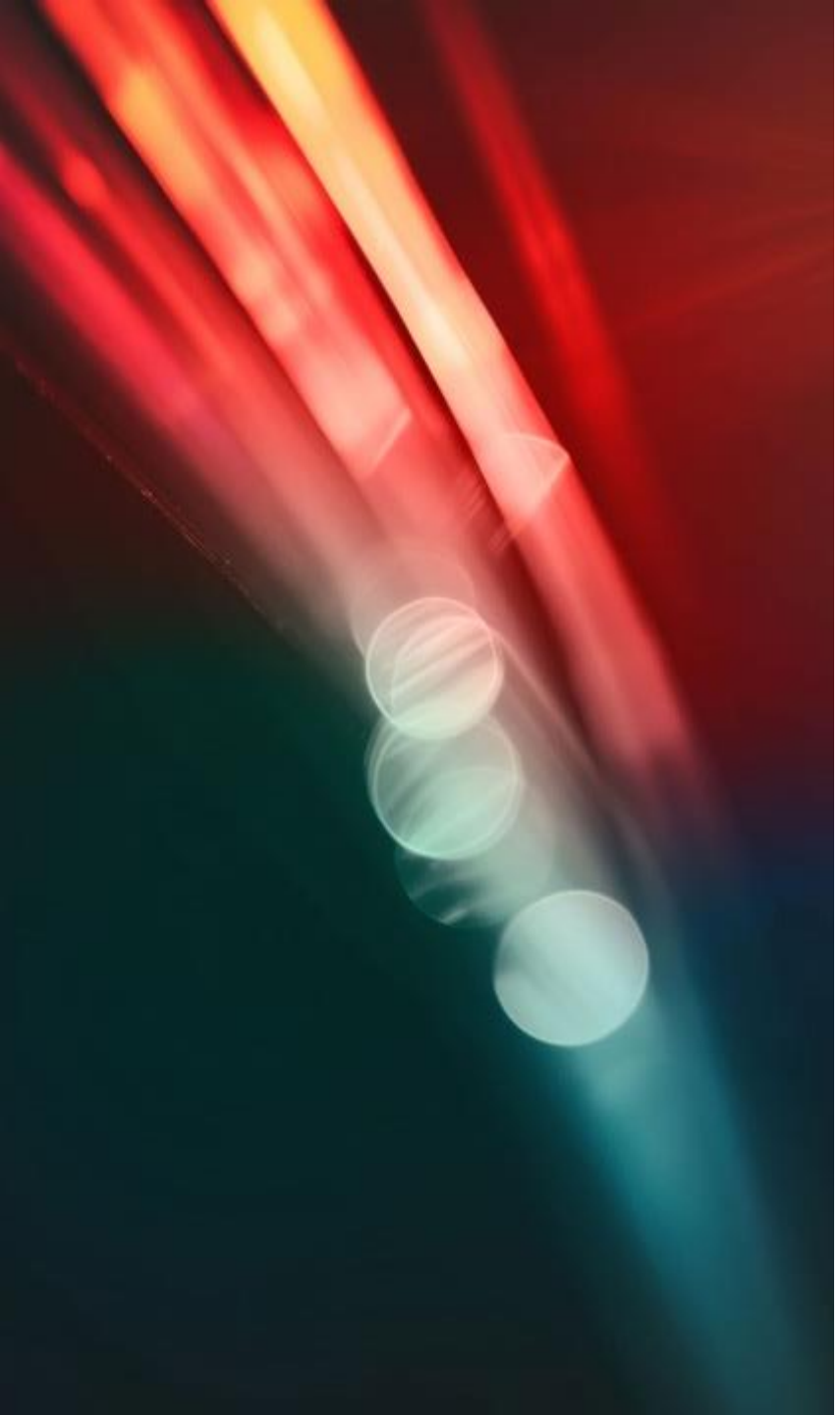
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What we'll cover

- **Why we moved beyond SAP BPC** and the risks of staying on a legacy EPM
- **Our vision**: a single, SAP-centric platform for consolidation, planning, close tasks, and reconciliations
- **How we evaluated options and selected CCH Tagetik**
- **Implementation in 9 months**: phases, key design decisions, and change management
- **Business impact, AI-driven forecasting, and self-service analytics**
- **Lessons learned and a roadmap for moving beyond SAP BPC**



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- **Who we are:** Global fabless semiconductor company specializing in mixed-signal and audio processing solutions.
- **Where we operate:** Headquartered in Austin, Texas, serving mobile, automotive, and consumer electronics markets.
- **Why this matters for finance:** Complex product and customer mix, fast innovation cycles, and increasing data volumes.
- **Implication for EPM:** We needed faster insight, more granular analysis, and a scalable, SAP-centric finance platform.

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A unified, intelligent and scalable management core

SAP

Performance management

Budgeting, reporting, consolidation and ESG under control

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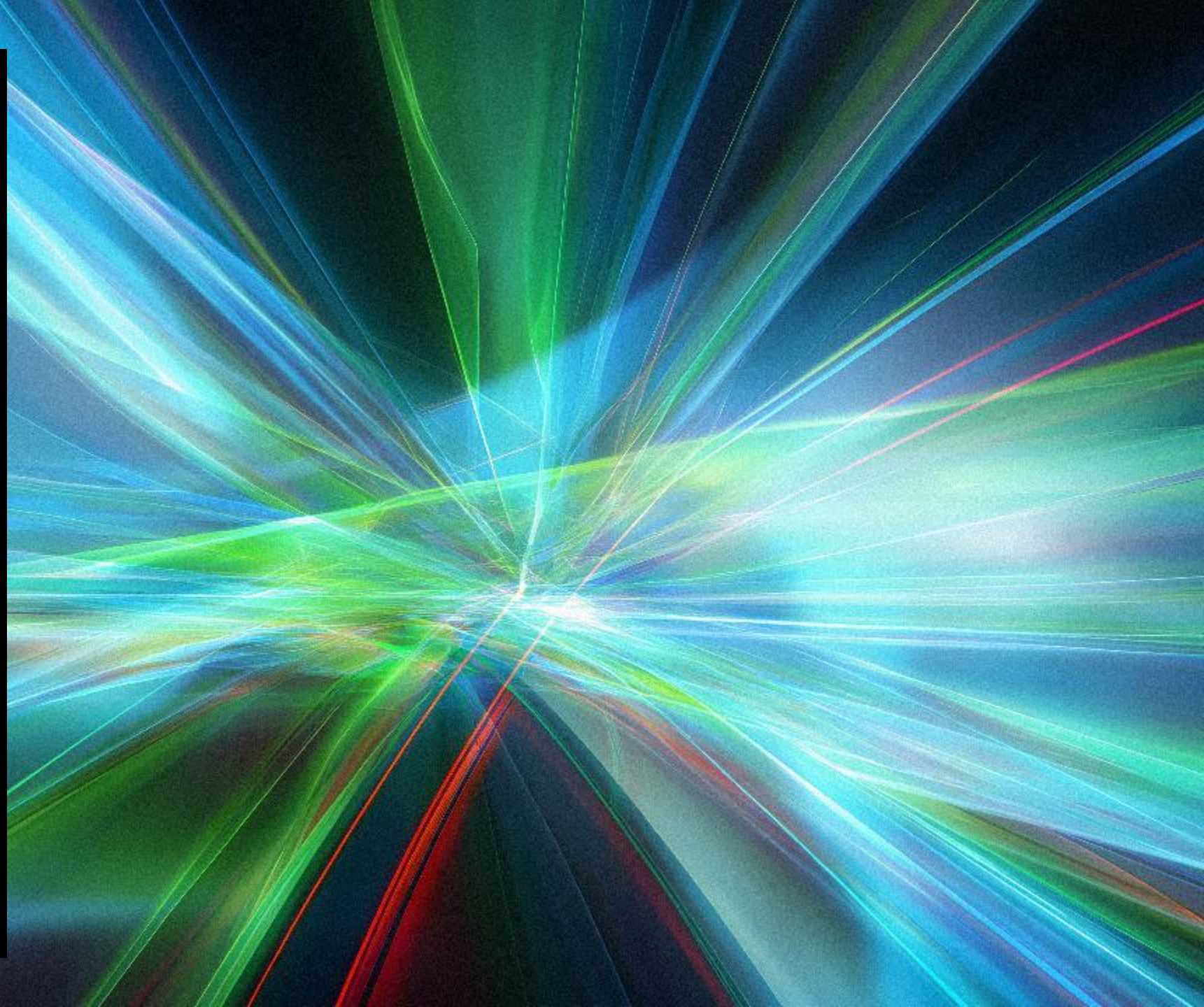
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Business challenges & objectives



Why are organizations reassessing their finance architecture right now, specifically?

Every BPC path now has an end date. The only choice left is whether you pick the replacement or inherit one.

ENDED

SAP BPC 10.1, version for Microsoft

Maintenance ended June 30, 2026.

2027 → 2030

SAP BPC 10.1 for SAP NetWeaver / BW 7.5

Mainstream maintenance runs to the end of 2027, followed by optional extended maintenance to the end of 2030.

2027 → 2030

SAP BPC 11.1 for BW/4HANA

Mainstream maintenance ends December 31, 2027. Extended maintenance available January 2028 to December 2030, for an extra fee.

The cost of waiting

"Let's wait" isn't the safe, no-cost option. It's an active investment in stagnation — the bill just doesn't come due all at once.

$1.67

returned for every $1 invested in CPM
Nucleus Research, five-year study

And you're still paying

Extended maintenance, workarounds and hours spent patching don't stop. Full price to stand still — on a platform that has already told you it's leaving.

Innovation stops

BPC isn't being developed against anymore. AI-assisted forecasting, embedded scenario modeling and self-service analytics keep advancing — you don't.

Forgone return

Nucleus Research: over 50% less time on annual budgeting and audit cycles 22% faster — value forgone every year you wait.

Model failure & efficiency tax

Macros, manual overrides and undocumented logic pile up. Fragile models fail quietly — mid-close, mid-audit, mid-board deck.

Competitive lag

Modernized peers close and reforecast faster, answering leadership in hours instead of weeks. The gap compounds every quarter.

Proven, not theoretical

CCH Tagetik customers cut quarterly close by 56%; one took annual budgeting from months to weeks.

Knowledge walking out the door

The logic lives in one person's head, not the system. When they leave, you inherit a black box — and the BPC talent pool keeps shrinking.

ERP vs EPM in Finance Transformation

ERP (SAP ECC – S/4HANA)	EPM	Challenge with BPC	Our goal
Transactional backbone for record-to-report, order-to-cash, procure-to-pay, and more	Finance-owned layer for consolidation, planning, forecasting, scenario modeling, and performance management	Difficult to connect SAP transactional detail with flexible planning models without IT support	Keep SAP as the single source of truth, while giving finance a modern, flexible EPM platform on top

Challenges – Why we had to move beyond SAP BPC

- **End-of-life risk:** SAP BPC approaching end-of-life, increasing operational and support risk
- **Fragmented landscape:** Multiple tools for consolidation, planning, and close tasks, and reconciliations driving up TCO
- **Manual work and governance gaps:** Workforce, CAPEX, and cash flow planning were heavily Excel-based and hard to control
- **Limited agility:** Difficulty performing rapid reforecasts, what-if scenarios, and deep analysis at granular levels
- **ERP transformation window:** ECC to S/4HANA roadmap created a unique opportunity to rethink our EPM stack

Evaluating the options: Building the migration strategy



Key success criteria for the new EPM Platform

Single finance platform for consolidation, planning, close tasks, and account reconciliations	**Native SAP integration** with ECC and S/4HANA, including drill-down to transactional detail	**Finance ownership:** metadata, models, and workflows managed by finance, not IT tickets
Intuitive self-service analytics for controllers and cost center managers	**Robust AI/ML capabilities** for predictive forecasting and scenario modeling	**Future-ready architecture:** scalable, secure, and aligned with our SAP-centric strategy

Evaluation strategy

- **Structured evaluation:** RFP, analyst input, and an SAP-centric IT strategy drove an initial list of 8 vendors
- **Shortlisting process:** Discovery sessions, demos, and deep-dives narrowed the field to the best SAP-aligned options
- **Key evaluation dimensions:**
  - Functional coverage across consolidation, planning, close, and reconciliations
  - Depth of SAP integration and leverage of SAP HANA
  - Ease of use for finance and self-service analytics
  - AI/ML capabilities and roadmap
  - Total cost of ownership and implementation complexity
- **Why CCH Tagetik won:**
  - Strongest fit for a **single SAP-centric platform** vision
  - **Native SAP integration and HANA-based performance** for high-granularity data
  - Balanced **finance usability and IT confidence** on architecture, security, and support



Our SAP-centric architecture with CCH Tagetik

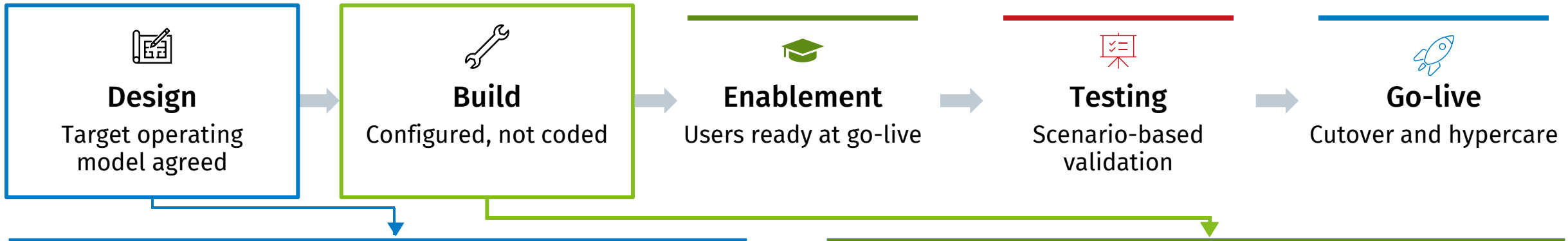
- **Source systems:**
  - SAP ECC today, with a clear roadmap to S/4HANA
  - Selected non-SAP sources for specific planning and reporting needs
- **Data flow:**
  - SAP actuals and master data integrated into CCH Tagetik
  - Standardized EPM data model used for consolidation, planning, and analysis
  - Finance-owned rules and drivers applied within Tagetik for unified reporting
- **Key design choices:**
  - Reuse SAP dimensions and structures wherever possible to simplify mapping
  - Align security and roles with SAP to minimize user confusion
  - Position Tagetik as the single EPM hub for finance processes

Our migration playbook



A standard structure, accelerated where it matters

Five phases every program recognizes — two of them run on MeltOne accelerators



Design accelerator

- Guided gap analysis on a proven reference model
- Pre-defined business & IT interview questionnaire
- Design closed in weeks, decisions documented

Output: your building blocks, ready to activate

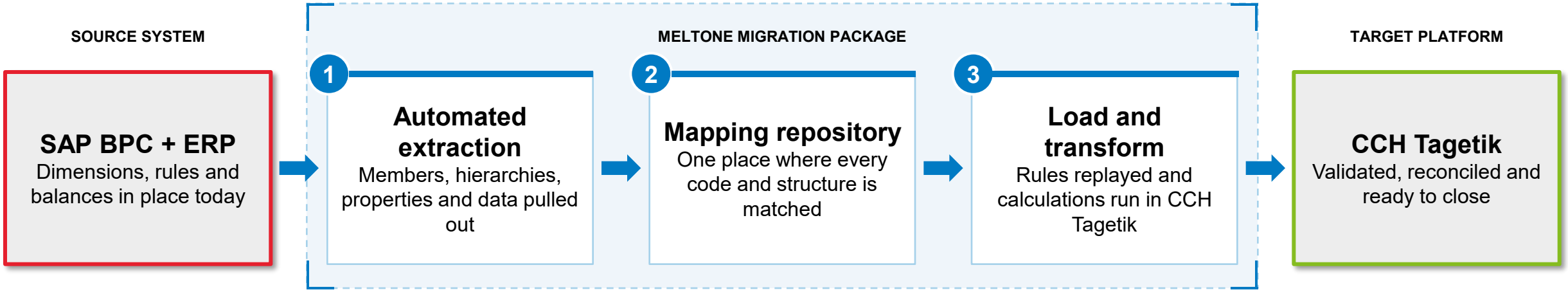
Implementation accelerator

- Blocks activated from a pre-built library
- Pre-configured objects, rules, reports, controls
- Effort focused on what is truly client-specific

Output: a solution built from proven components

Same five phases as everyone else — the accelerators are what compress design and build.

From BPC to CCH Tagetik: how the data flows



Automated reconciliation back to BPC & ERP on every load: dry runs repeat until the delta between the two systems is zero

CARRIED OVER AUTOMATICALLY FROM BPC

Intercompany elimination rules
IC pairs and elimination logic replayed

Balancing and validation checks
Balance controls and integrity checks kept

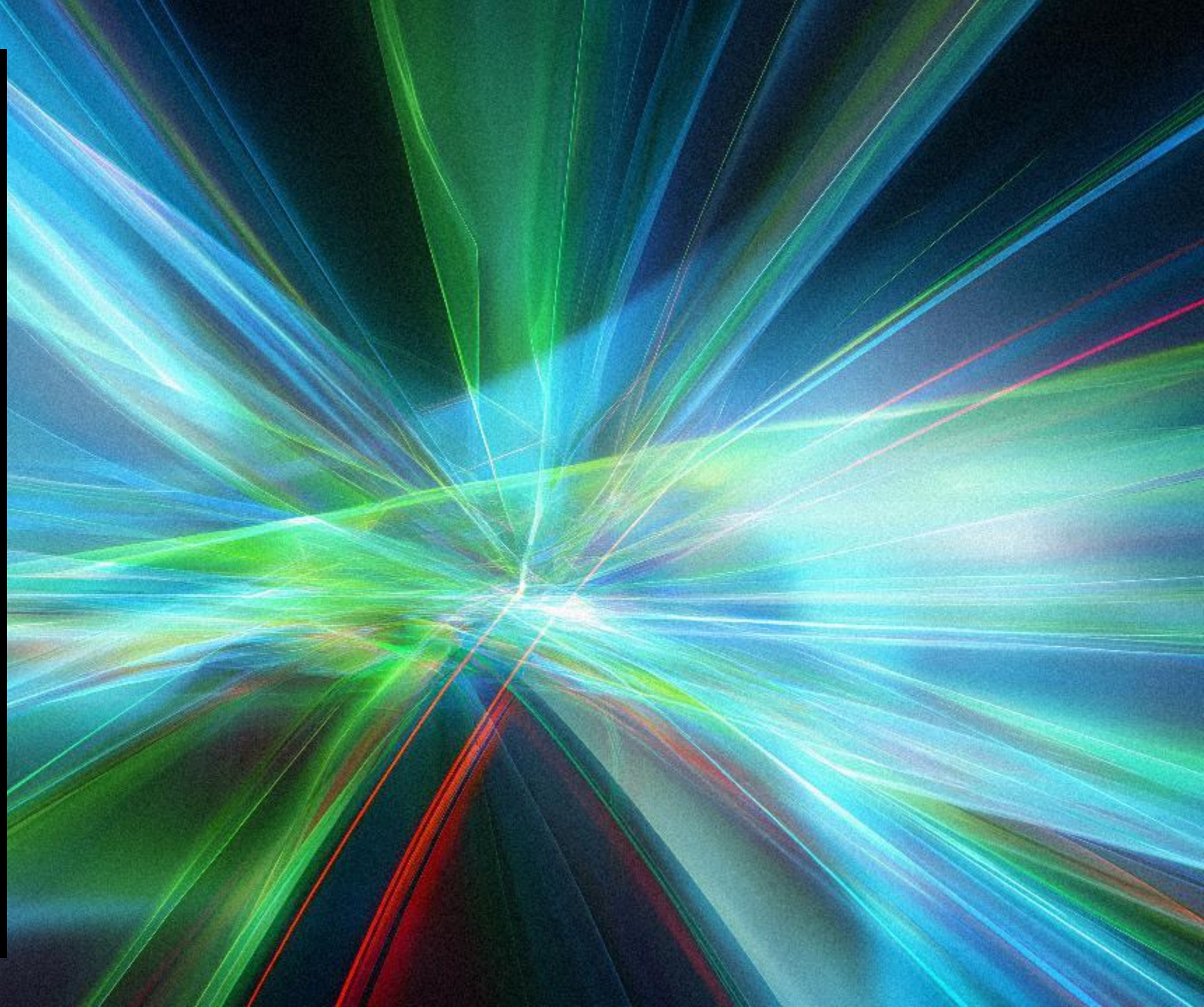
Currency conversion
Rates, methods and CTA mapped one for one

Historical consolidated positions
Prior-period consolidated results loaded and reconciled

Ownership and consolidation scope
Ownership rates and methods carried across

Business rules
Net result, EPS and other calculations replayed

Business impact & measured value



Business Impact and Measured Value

Close & Consolidation

- More detailed data captured directly in Tagetik, with far fewer trips back to SAP for drill-down
- Cash flow automation reduced manual adjustments and reconciliation effort
- Intercompany eliminations streamlined through the IC cockpit

Planning & Forecasting

- Decentralized planning to cost center managers with guided workflows
- Faster forecast cycles and easier “what-if” analysis at P&L and cash-flow levels

Efficiency & Governance

- Excel-based STAT and local reporting migrated into a single governed platform
- Fewer point solutions, reducing total cost of ownership
- Embedded workflow, approvals and audit trail across finance processes



Lessons learned: What we'd do again and do differently

- **What we'd absolutely do again:**
  - Separate ERP and EPM scope but ***design them together*** architecturally
  - Lead with ***consolidation***, then build planning on the same data model
  - Invest early in ***data quality, mappings, and master data governance***

- **What we'd do differently next time:**
  - Engage business stakeholders even earlier with design show-and-tells
  - Challenge legacy BPC customizations instead of recreating them one-for-one
  - Capture all critical business use cases and test them thoroughly
  - Allocate additional time for training users on AI/ML forecasting and scenario tools

Wrap-up





Key takeaways and roadmap beyond SAP BPC

- **Act now to maximize ROI:** Moving off SAP BPC before end-of-life reduces risk and accelerates value
- **Don’t wait for S/4HANA:** EPM transformation can and should run in parallel to ERP projects
- **Stay SAP-centric but finance-owned:** Choose a solution that runs natively with SAP while empowering finance
- **Transform at your own pace:** Use a phased roadmap—consolidation, planning, close tasks, reconciliations, then advanced analytics and AI

Outcome: A future-ready EPM foundation that improves speed, accuracy, and transparency across finance

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