

# PROCESS MINING @ BMW GROUP

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# KEY ELEMENTS OF BMW GROUP'S STRATEGY NUMBER ONE > NEXT.

# A

AUTONOMOUS

CONNECTED

# C



Clear Customer Focus.

# E

ELECTRIFIED

SHARED / SERVICES

# S

# **Lessons Learned – A Rollercoaster Ride to Process Excellence.**







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# Our Vision

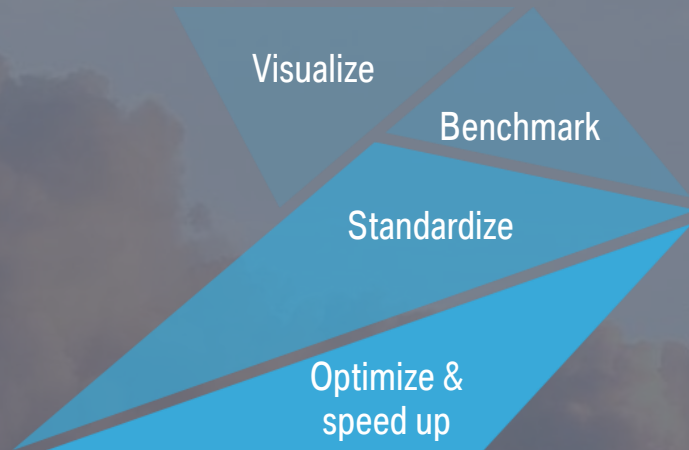
BMW Group wants to offer its customers **sheer driving pleasure** and this fascinating driving experience even more intense in the future.

Sheer driving pleasure needs **world class processes** throughout the BMW Group. To achieve this, our Process Mining Center of Excellence wants to enable all employees to make **data driven process decisions**.

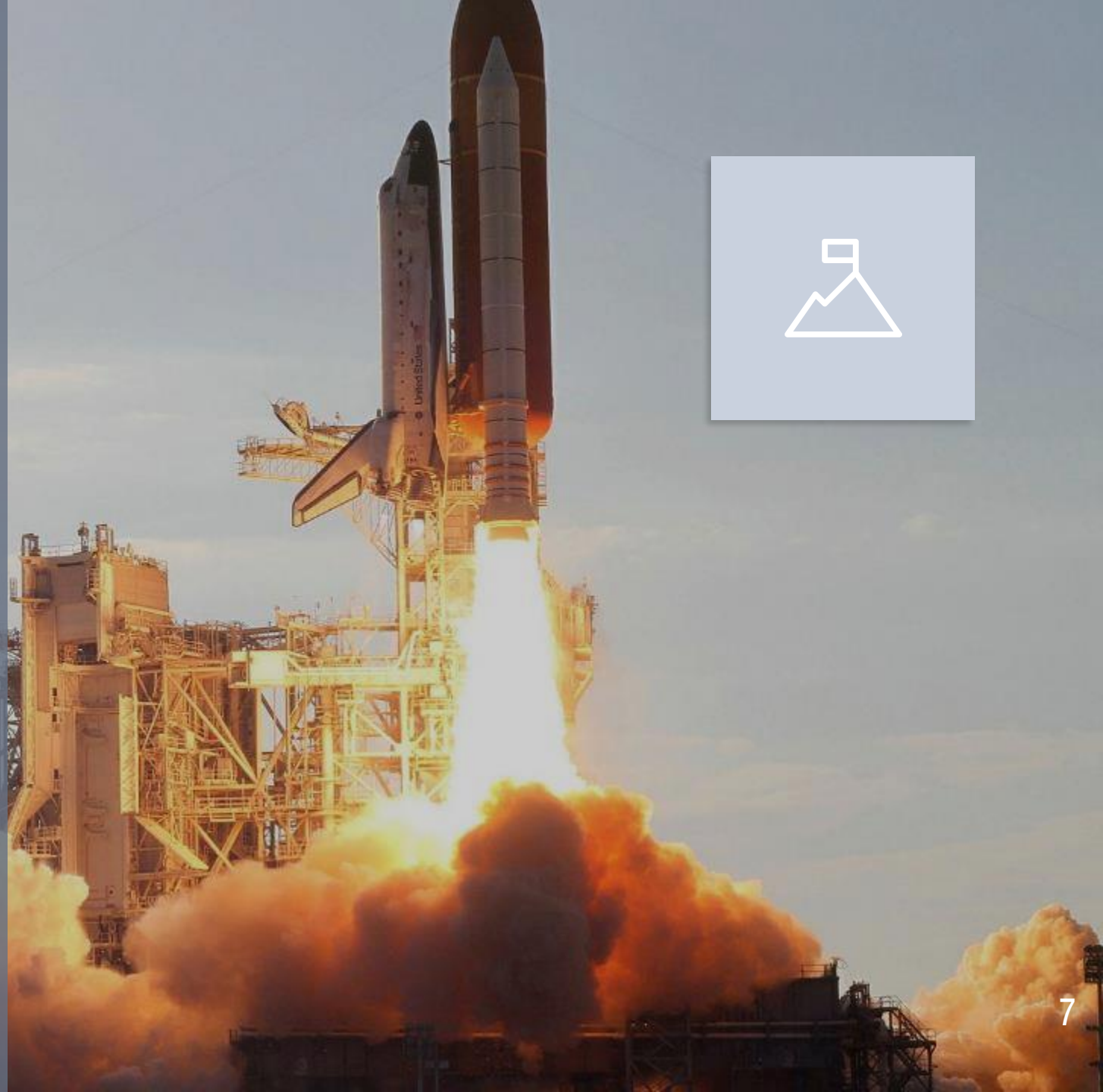


# Our Mission

To enable every BMW employee to make data driven process decisions the Process Mining CoE uses the traces a process leaves in IT systems and help to



them to achieve process excellence allover BMW Group.



# Step 1: Planning the Ride

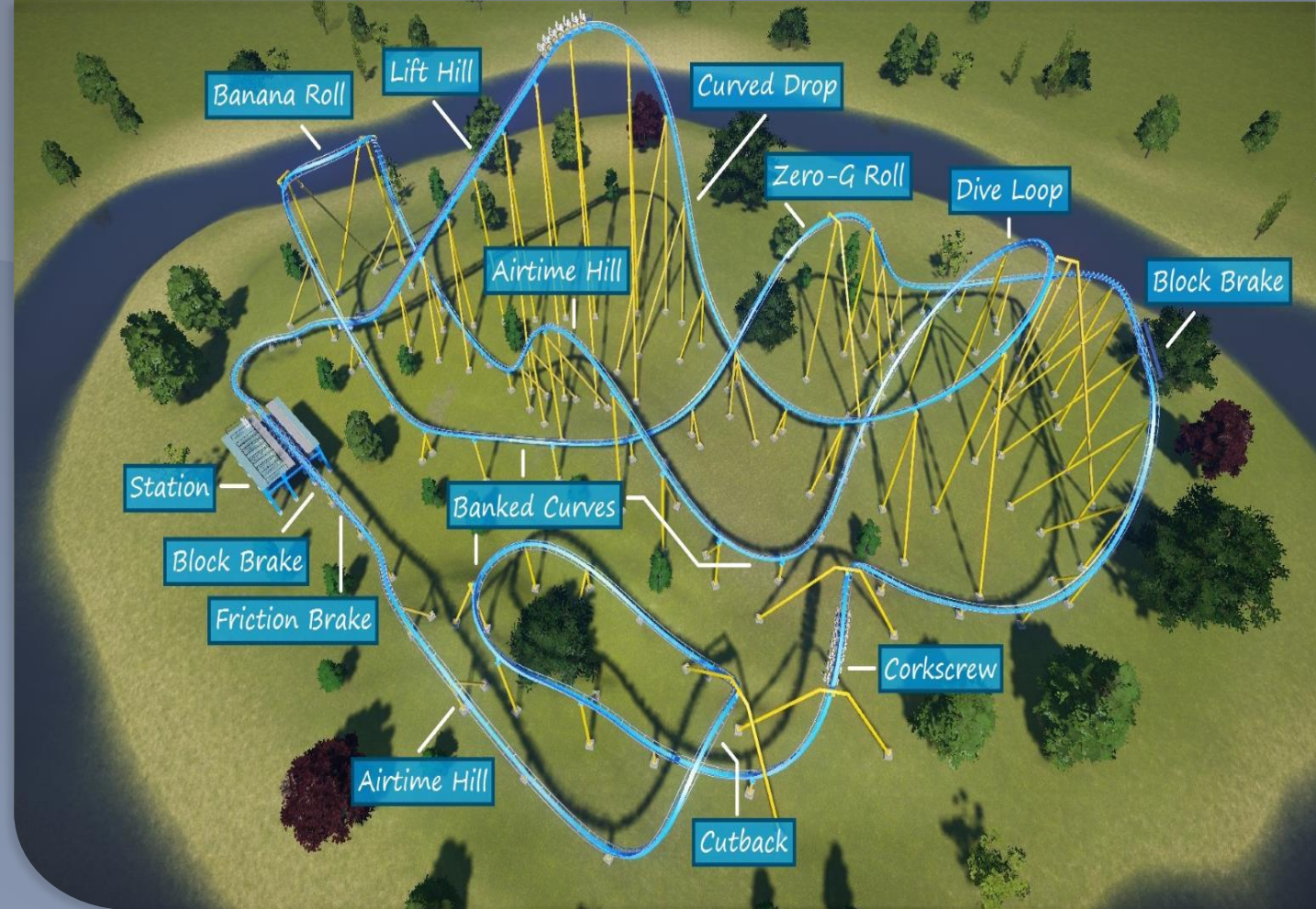
- Which process to start with?
  - Standard Process Mining Use Case?
  - Process along the value chain?
- Which department to start with?
  - Local department?
  - Best practice leader?
  - Department with known issues?
- Which user group?
  - Process owners?
  - Process users?
  - Top Management?



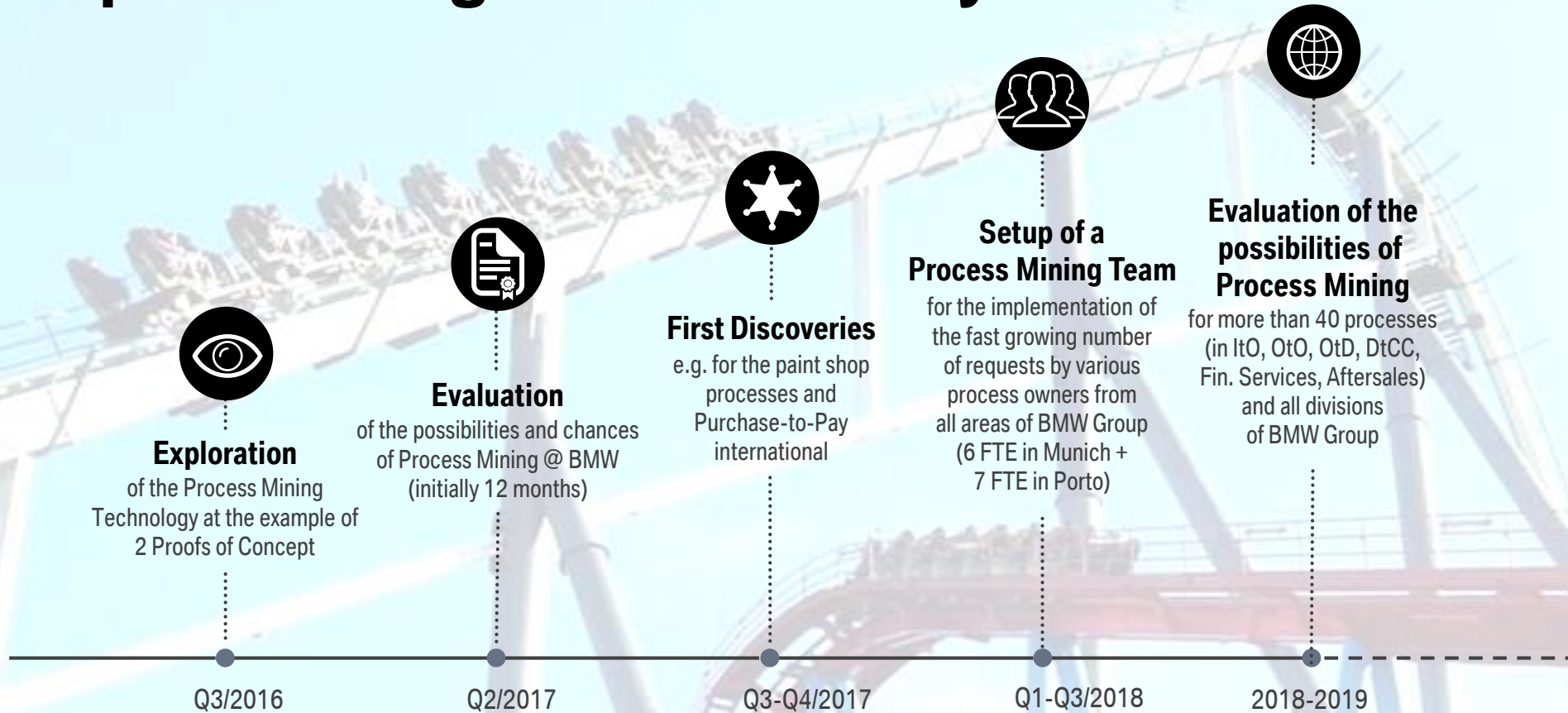


# Step 1: Planning the Ride

- Bottom-up or top-down?
- Implementation by IT or self service tool?
- Which software provider?
- On premise architecture or in the cloud?
- Implement internally or with an external provider?
- One time data extract or permanent connection to the data source?
- Connect data source directly or connection to the big data lake?

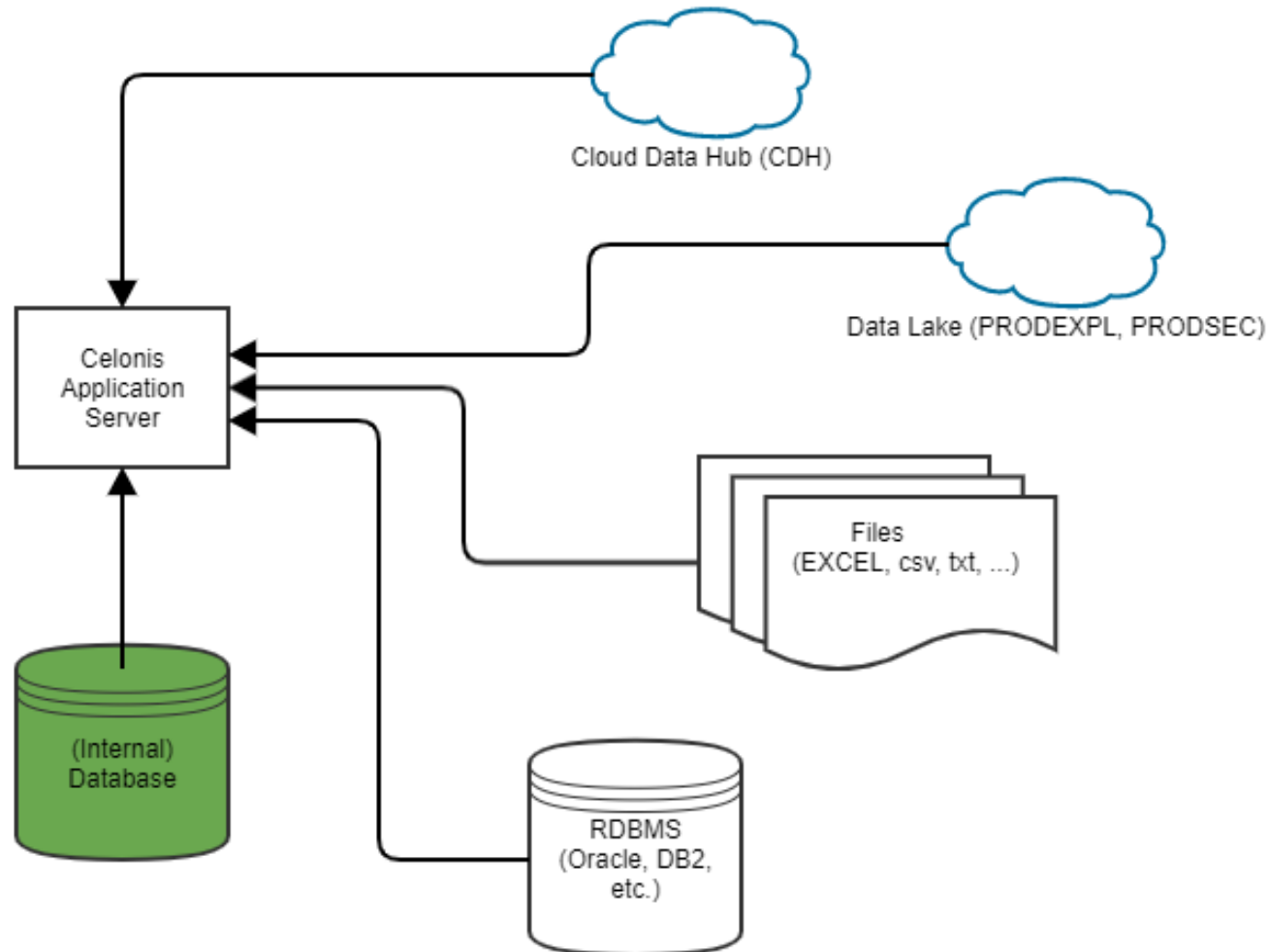


# Step 2: Getting started - Analyses



With the complexity of use cases our IT infrastructure became more and more professional...

## Step 2: Getting started – IT Architecture



### Features:

- On premise architecture (Windows Application Server, several Data Bases)
- 3-tier landscape with PROD, INT and Sandbox
- Connection to application servers, as well as on premise and cloud data lake



# Step 3: First Highlights – Use Cases



## Navigation Systems

**Problem:** Many functionalities are not used by the customer, but cause maintenance and operational efforts.

**Solution:** Process Mining helps to display these functionalities and to reduce development costs.



## Warranty Cases

**Problem:** So far there is no possibility to analyze the warranty process for different cases.

**Solution:** With the help of Process Mining we will make it transparent for a large number of users in the markets.



## Vehicle Distribution

**Problem:** Each vehicle on its way to the customer causes significant costs each day.

**Solution:** Process Mining makes bottlenecks and problems transparent and can help to reduce logistics times.



## Customs

**Problem:** Missing customs informations cause significant additional costs.

**Solution:** Process Mining helps to identify the reasons for these problems and to solve them.

## Change Management E2E



**Problem:** Insufficient transparency across systems and departments of the transfer of vehicle changes from development to production (including purchasing, finance, etc.).

**Solution:** Analysis and reporting for a very large number of users in all BMW plants and other departments.

## Process Improvements in Production & Logistics



**Problem:** Issues in production are often only identified with some delay and therefore cause significant extra costs.

**Solution:** Transparency for process improvement projects (process stability, throughput times, stocks) in production and logistics & start of worldwide rollout.

## Cost analysis in production



**Problem:** So far no possibility to analyze the real costs and energy usage per vehicle in production.

**Solution:** Detailed analysis of the production costs per vehicle & cause analysis of unnecessary additional costs.

# Step 3: First Highlights- Data & Facts

More than **850 registered users** on BMW Celonis Process Mining Infrastructure

**49 of BMW's 50 data models** are in use

More than **10 terrabyte of raw relational data** is handled on the Process Mining Databases

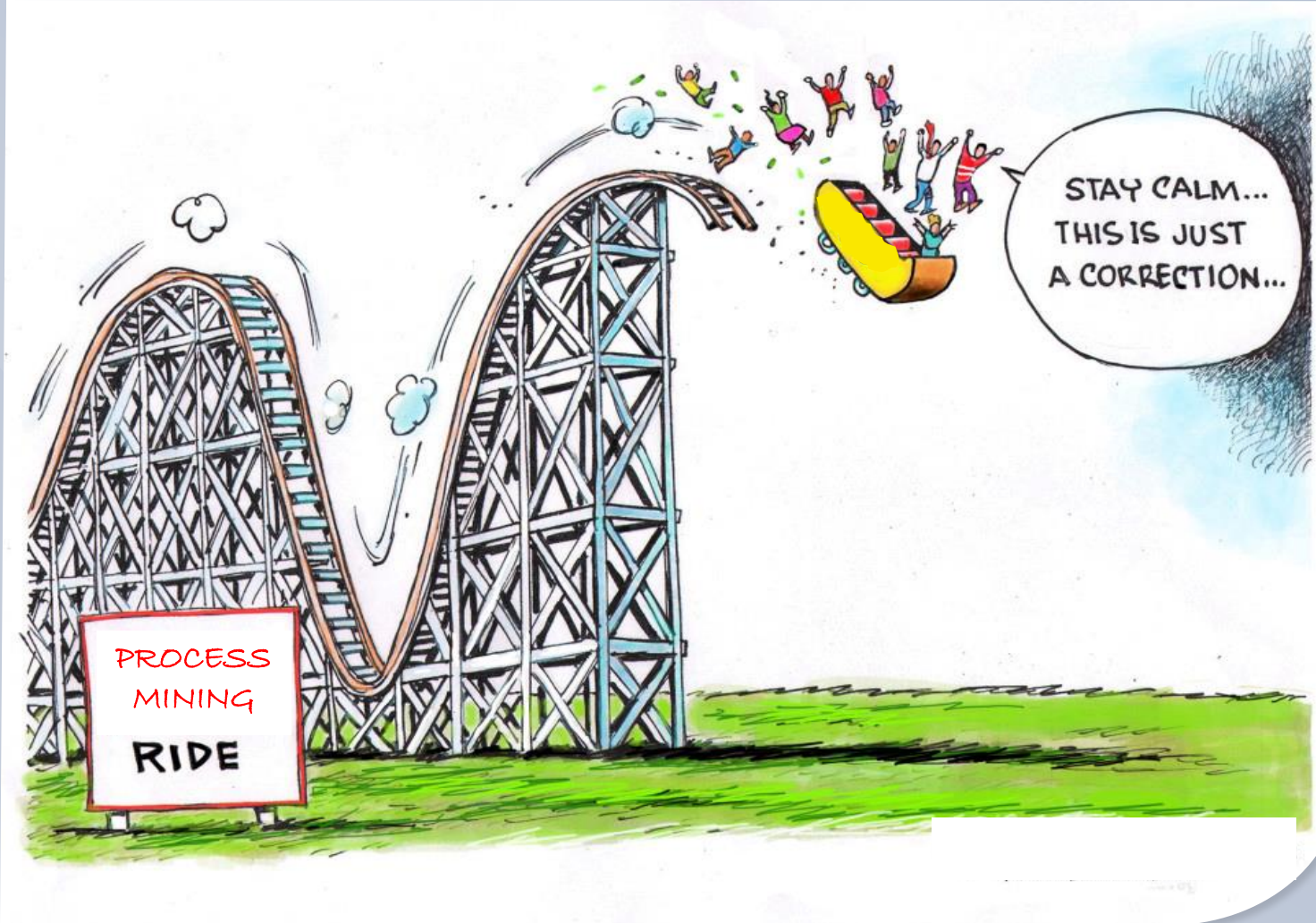
More than **6.4 million process variants** are currently being analyzed within the BMW Process Mining Infrastructure

More than **500 million events** are analyzed on the BMW Celonis Process Mining Infrastructure

More than **30 million cases** are analyzed on the BMW Celonis Process Mining Infrastructure

Between **400 – 600 analytical views** are provided **each day** for the Process Mining Users of BMW

**600 unique analyses** are currently available for the 49 data models



## Step 4: Lessons Learned & Corrections

These success stories don't mean, that everything went completely smoothly on our way...

We also had to face several lessons learned.



# STEP 4: LESSONS LEARNED & CORRECTIONS.

1. Transparency can cause pain and adversities!

⇒ Convincing people can take time...

2. Naming (quantitative) business value for analytics is not always popular and easy!

⇒ However often the best way to prioritize among very different demands...

3. Our Bottom-up approach makes scaling more challenging.

⇒ But Process Mining can't get successful without winning over process experts.

4. Enabling key users takes time and is not always easy.

⇒ It is crucial to build CoCs within the business departments to permanently improve processes.

5. Acquiring and transforming data can take up to 60% or 70% of time at the CoE.

⇒ Optimisations and standardisations in this area are a crucial success factor.

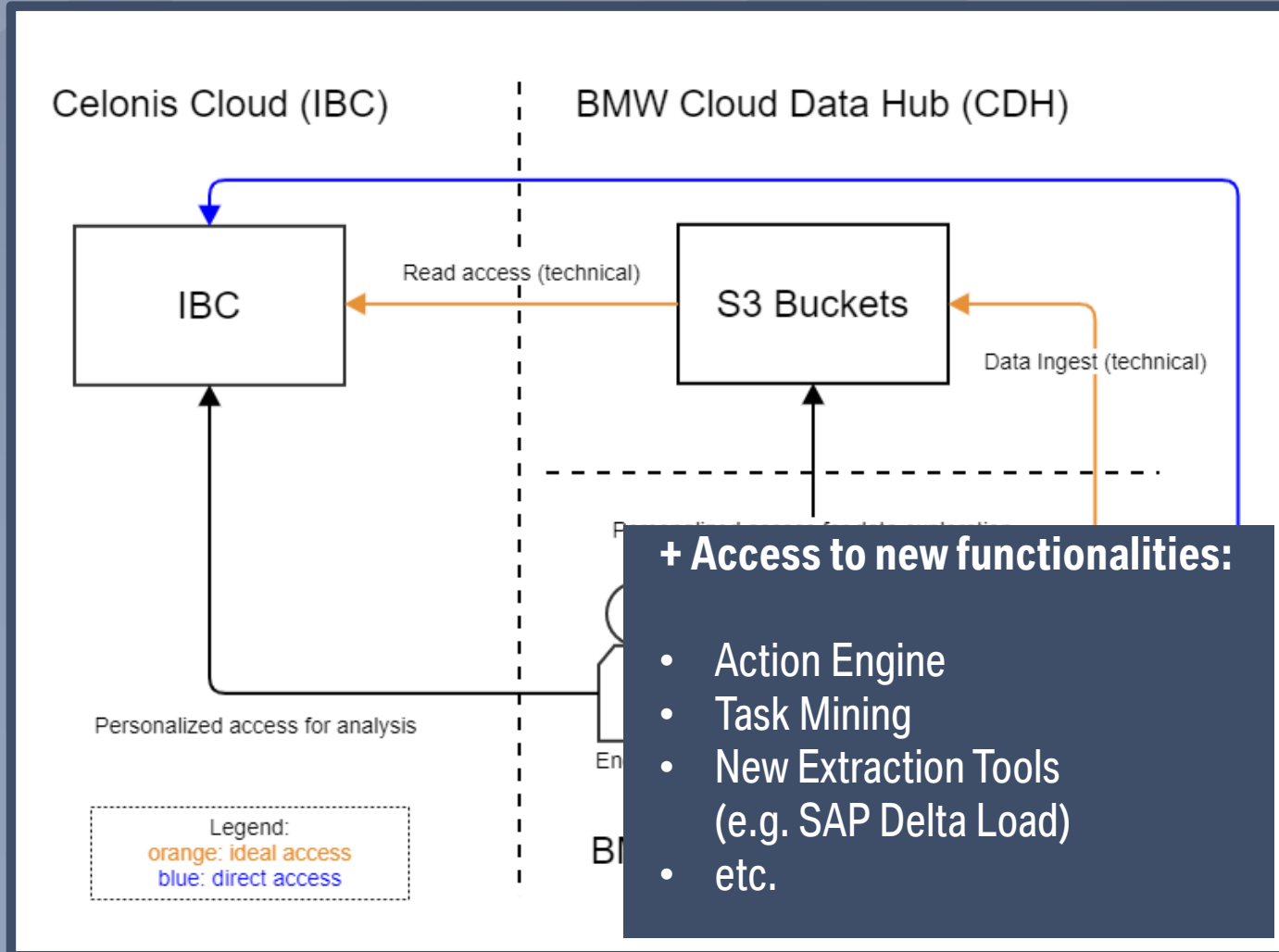
6. One size does not fit all – different business units need different solutions!

⇒ Our CoE need to act agile and adopt our solutions to the business partners.

7. The Process Mining world is fast changing.

⇒ We need to stay open minded and learn new tools and methods every day.

# STEP 5: IMPROVING THE RIDE – BETTER SCALABLE IT ARCHITECTURE (IBC).



## Features:

- Cloud architecture (presumably Intelligent Business Cloud - IBC)
- All relevant data will be migrated into the BMW Cloud Data Hub (CDH) as soon as possible.
- In an **ideal world** the CDH would be the only data source. However at least as an intermediate solution some **direct connections** to the data sources will still be necessary (e.g. near real time use cases/low latency, snapshot data for evaluations).

# STEP 6: OUTLOOK.

Process Mining „in the cloud“  
(„Intelligent Business Cloud“)

Establish Process Mining as a  
standard tool to permanently  
improve EBIT.

Migration support tool

Set up Data based Workflow-  
Support for a significant number  
of employees („Action Engine“)

Analytics of processes  
without log files  
(„Task Mining“)

Predictive Mining before  
process changes

New Use-Cases in different  
areas of BMW where others  
companies are successful

Digital Twin for all  
value creating  
processes of BMW

More combined Use Cases:  
Process Mining & Machine  
Learning & Robotic Process  
Automation (RPA)



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