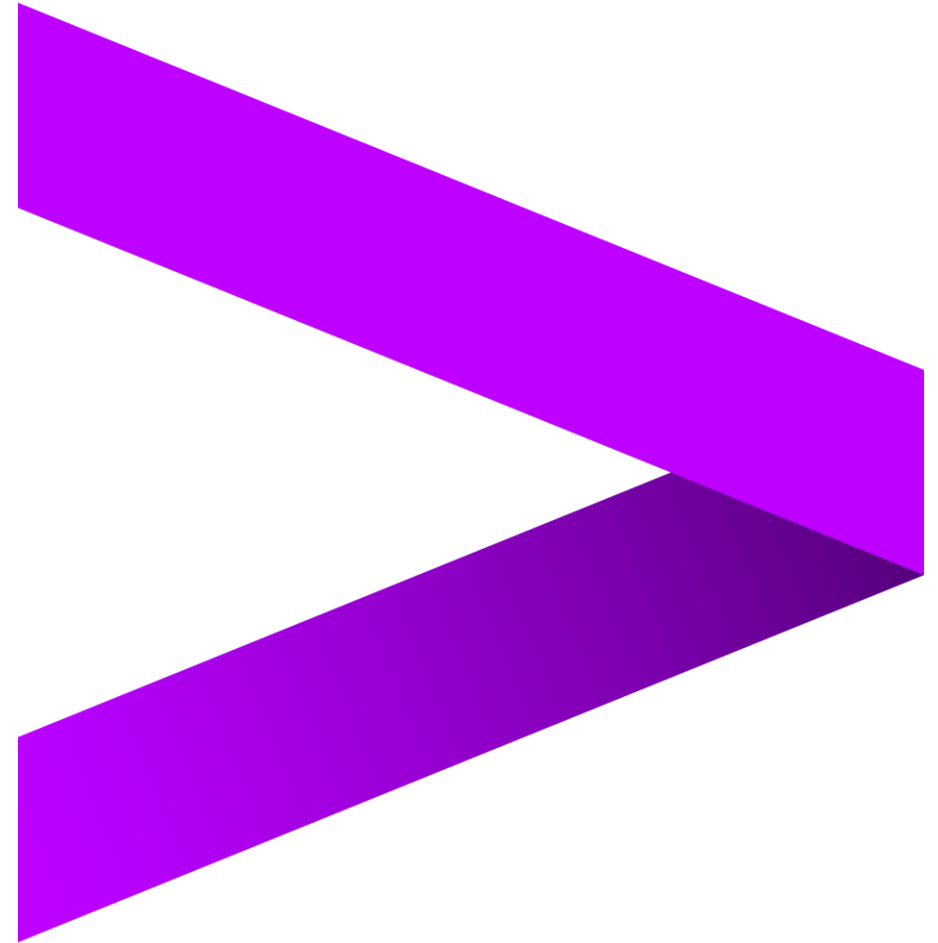


# BLOCKCHAIN & SUPPLY CHAIN

**SUPPLY CHAIN**  
**VISION 2025**



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# INTRODUCTION

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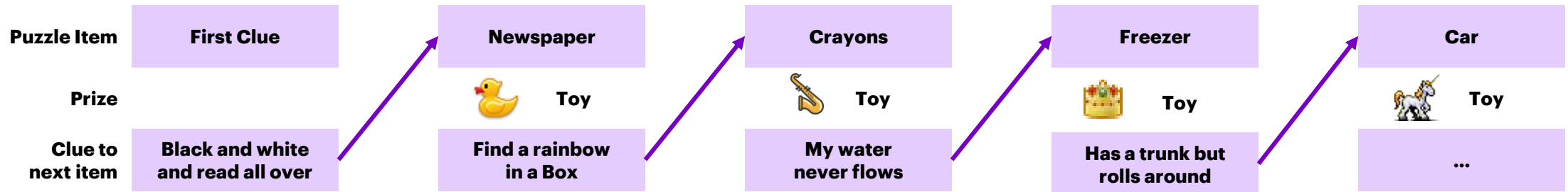
### **Client Focus**

- **Blockchain in OM & Logistics**
- **Blockchain in Media**
- **Blockchain in Research**
- **Blockchain in Device as a Service**
- **Blockchain in MRO**

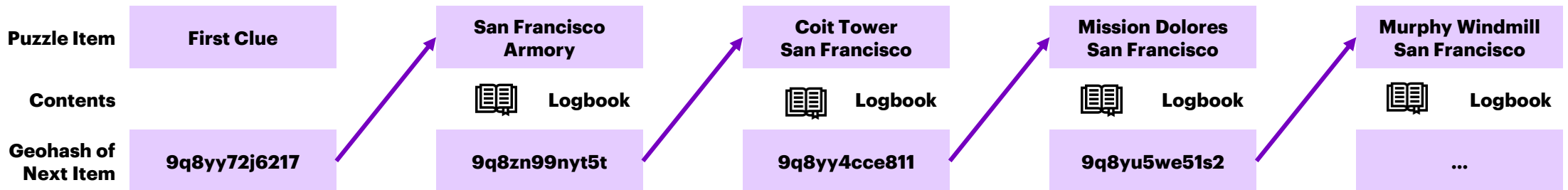


# A LITTLE HISTORY: TREASURE AND SCAVENGER HUNTING

Do you remember playing the old children's games of "Treasure Hunt" or "Scavenger Hunt"



Or have you ever done 'Geo-Caching'?



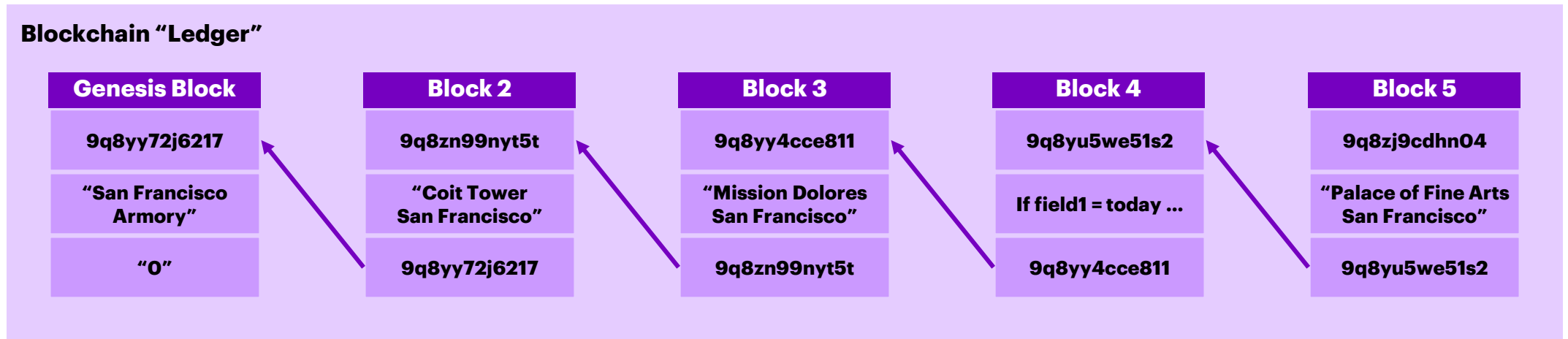
Then you probably already understand **blockchain**.



# BLOCKCHAIN BLOCKS

## STORING AND SHARING DATA

A 'hash' is a 'digital fingerprint' that is mathematically generated from the unique block contents.



### BLOCK ELEMENTS

Each new block stores elements including the prior block key, the current block data, and a hashkey of entire block.

### BLOCKCHAIN LEDGER

A collection of linked blocks which extends over time as participants add data.

### GROWING THE CHAIN

Participants extend the chain with new blocks and **broadcast** the results to the blockchain network.

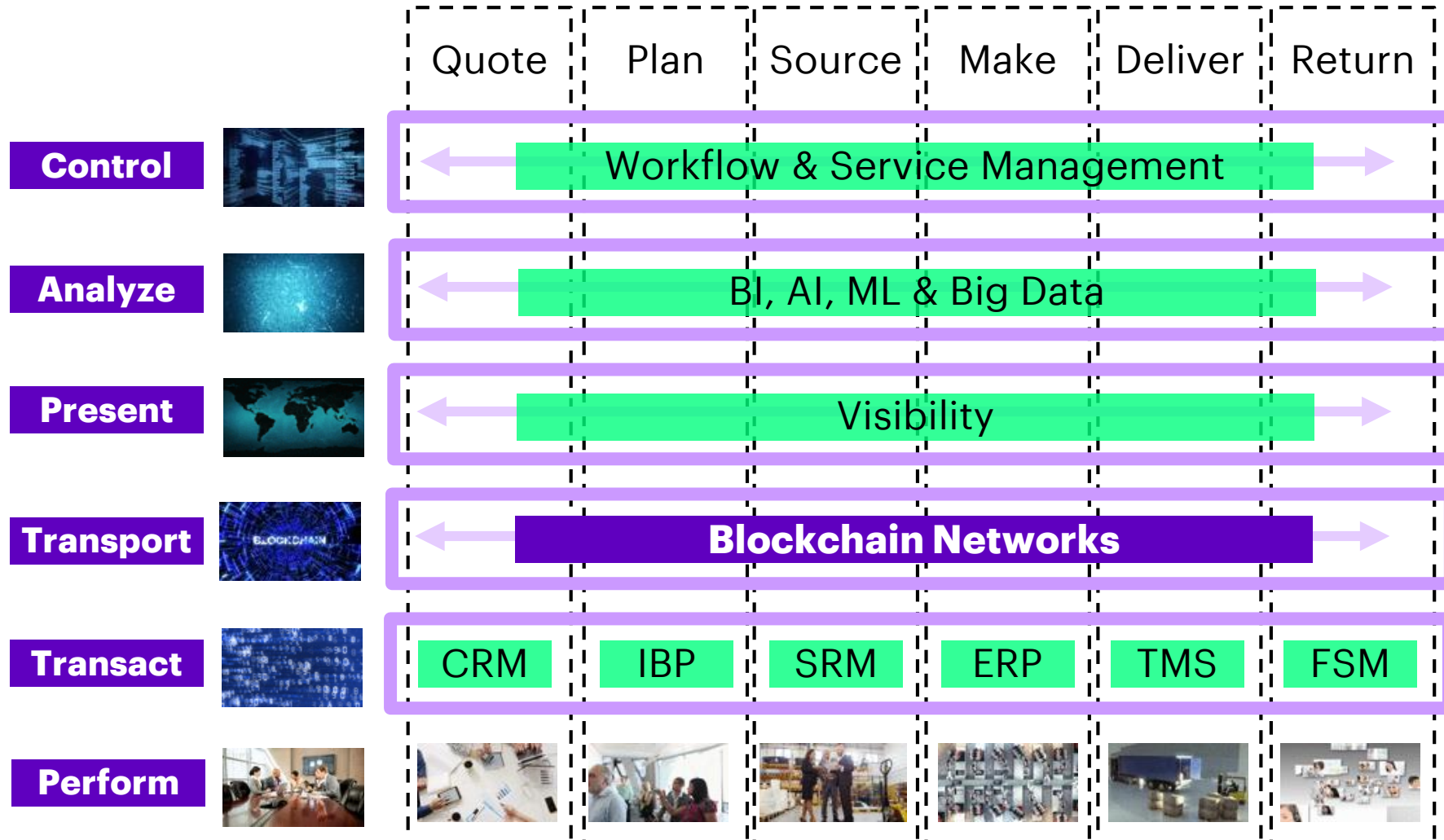
### BLOCKCHAIN NETWORK

Groups of participants who share blocks of a blockchain across decentralized nodes.



# BLOCKCHAIN AND SUPPLY CHAIN

## 2025: **ALIGNED, AUTOMATED, AUTONOMOUS**



- Autonomous Sense & Tune
- SCM **cross-supply chain**
- Adaptive Analytics
- Data **cross-supply chain**
- E2E Supply Chain View
- Visibility **cross-supply chain**
- Immutable Secure Journal
- Inter-Enterprise data flow
- Execution Automation
- Intra-enterprise data flow
- Machine-Human Interaction
- IOT & Robotic Automation

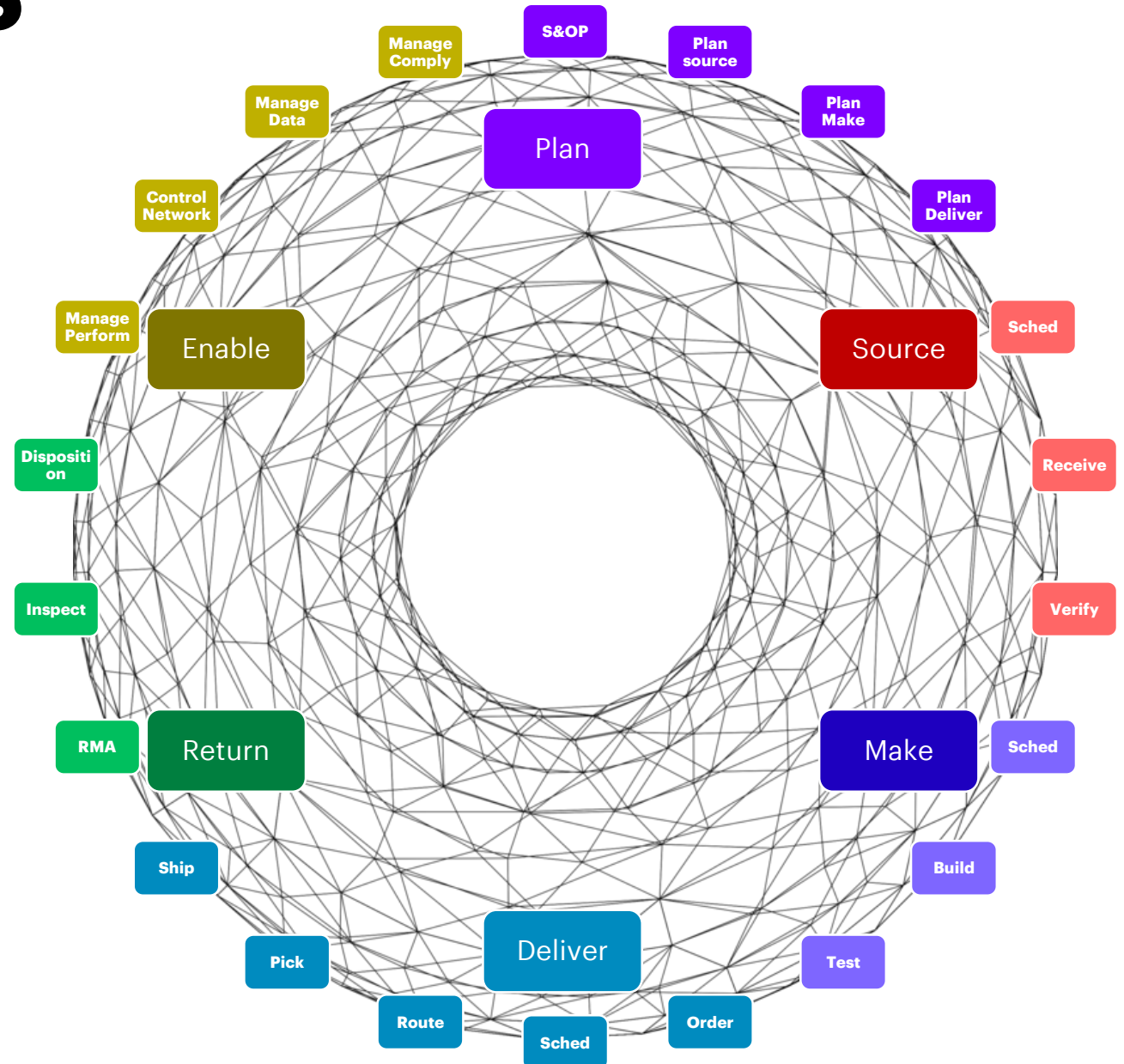
# THE CIRCLE OF APPS

Supply Chain will become increasingly dominated by **blockchain-mediated** integration among technology providers in the form of **apps**

We will see the emergence of true **Gartner Stage 5 Maturity** extended supply chains with deeply shared data, technology, and control assets

The first wave of technology is already here:

**enabling** technology is arriving – analytics, benchmarking, and control-tower  
**planning** technology is arriving – S&OP and planning for source, deliver, and make  
**deliver** technology is arriving for logistics, routing, and order controls



# USE CASE 2025

## NEW SUPPLY CHAIN MODELS

**2018:** Common models **improved** and **networked** via **Blockchain**

### **Build to Stock**

Plan-driven execution driven by aggregated demand and supply models

### **Build to Order**

Order-driven execution aligned with fine-grained demand and fulfilment models

### **Engineer to Order**

Requirements-driven execution aligned with complex validation and execution

### **Reverse Logistics**

MRO, Convenience, or defective returns, cost management and recovery

**2025:** New models **supported** and **managed** via **Blockchain**

### **Device as a Service**

Supply chains with no transfer of ownership, and extended field inventory requiring detailed tracking and management

### **Build to Service**

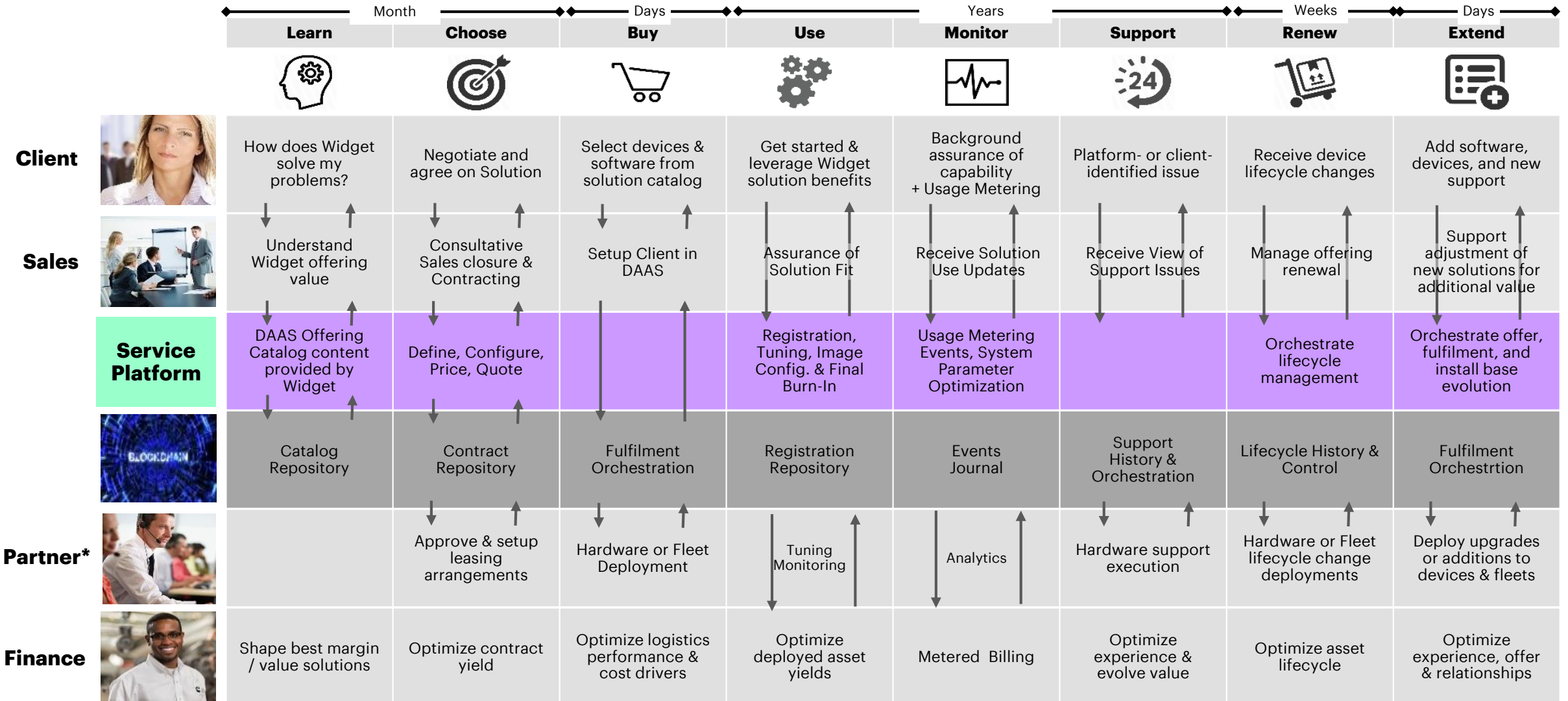
Orderless supply chains focused on pure service-level attainment, based on CPFR-like total data visibility

### **Circular Supply Chain**

Closed-loop supply chain systems focused on maximizing recoverability of inventory at all stages of production

# USE CASE 2025

## DEVICE AS A SERVICE





# USE CASE 2025

## OLD LOGISTICS MODELS



### 1PL

Owner/Operator for Long- and Short-Haul logistics, or a warehouse facility operator – “Uber” for Logistics, Billions in play of new capability development

**Blockchain enabled**

### 2PL

Collection of Owner/Operators operating as a brand with focus on consistent value of performance - The era of “Elastic Freight and Warehousing”

**Blockchain enabled**

### 3PL

Groups of freight & logistics services operating in aggregate as a complete function - Mature market, consolidation, lack of transformative changes

**Needs Blockchain**

### 4PL – or Lead Logistics

Orchestrator/Manager of multiple 3PL services, focused on cross-organization optimization – lack of leading edge investments, lagging “best of breed”

**Needs Blockchain**

# USE CASE 2025

## LEADING EDGE LOGISTICS



### 5PL – Complete Supply Chains

Complete Supply Chain ownership, including assets, from raw material to finished goods, network design, optimization, management, and orchestration of 3PL or 4PL groups with a heavy layer of technology – via **Blockchain** - to manage the full complexity of the end-to-end supply chains crossing multiple industries.

#### spotlight



**LI & FUNG** consumer goods design, development, sourcing, and logistics



### IMPL – Integrated Multi Party Logistics

Disaggregation of supply chain freight management. With technology adapting to new freight capabilities quickly. Deep planning integration. Deep and wide technology-enabled visibility via control via **Blockchain**. Operationally, advanced analytics and robotic process automation focusing staff on exceptions management.

#### spotlight



**amazon** “deliver with Amazon”

# GETTING TO 2025: ACCEPTANCE

Blockchain provokes legitimate questions, as any new technology should

**1**



**I ALREADY  
HAVE <SOMETHING>**

- *EDI, API, Portals, Email, Voice, Spreadsheets*
- *No unified, secure, scalable data strategy*

**2**



**BLOCKCHAIN WON'T  
SCALE**

- *We will generate petabytes of data daily*
- *Blockchain can't handle transaction volume*

**3**



**IT'S A TERRIBLE  
DATABASE**

- *It's difficult to search*
- *Prior transactions can't be edited*

**4**



**YOU MUST  
HAVE STANDARDS**

- *There must be a common language*
- *Masses of data but no semantics*

**5**



**AREN'T SMART CONTRACTS  
DANGEROUS?**

- *DAO Meltdown and Bitcoin hacking*
- *What do I do about runaway transactions*

**6**

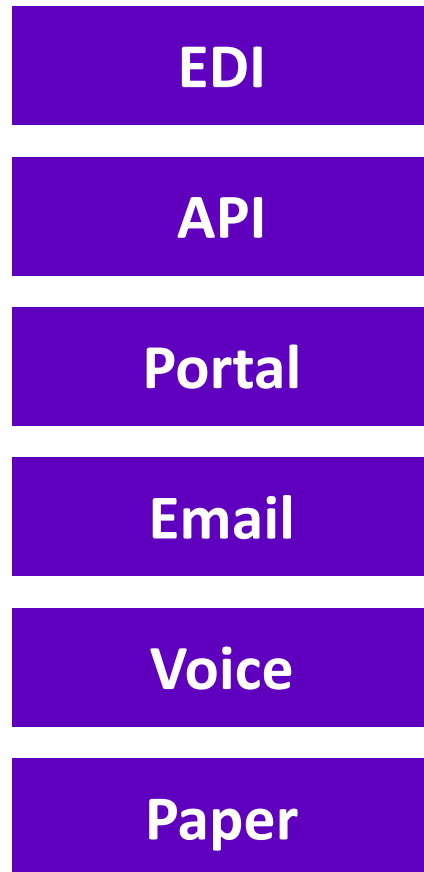


**MAKE MY  
DATA PUBLIC?**

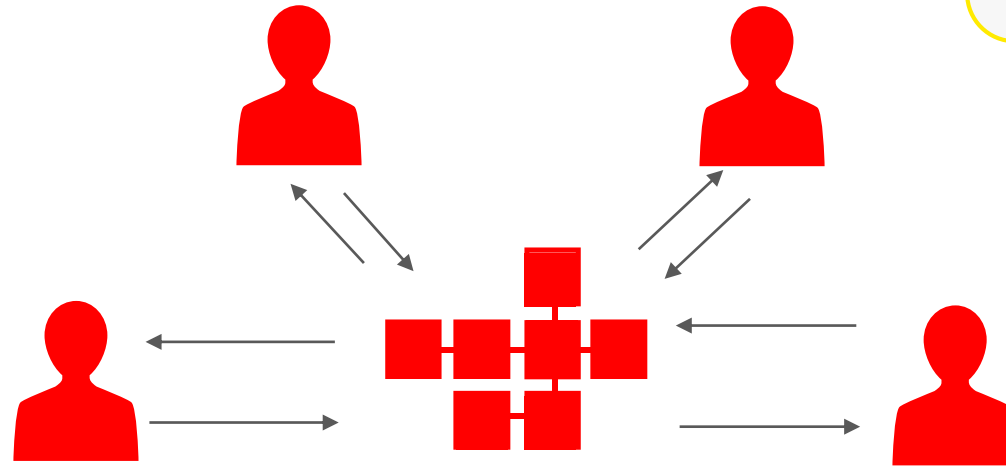
- *I don't want my competitors to see my activity*
- *Sets us up for hacking no matter what I feel*

# I ALREADY HAVE <IT> FOR SUPPLY CHAIN

**You have many technologies for supply chain data, none for secure, immutable sharing**



## A Single Model

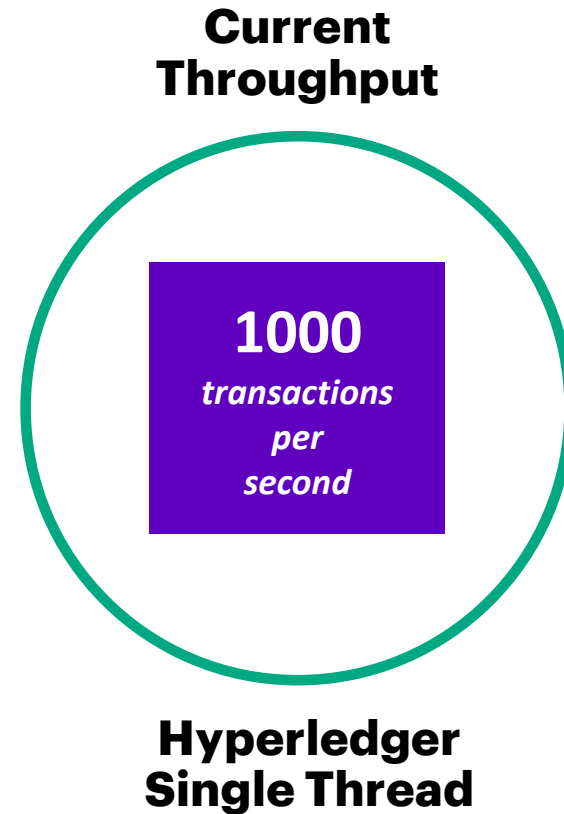
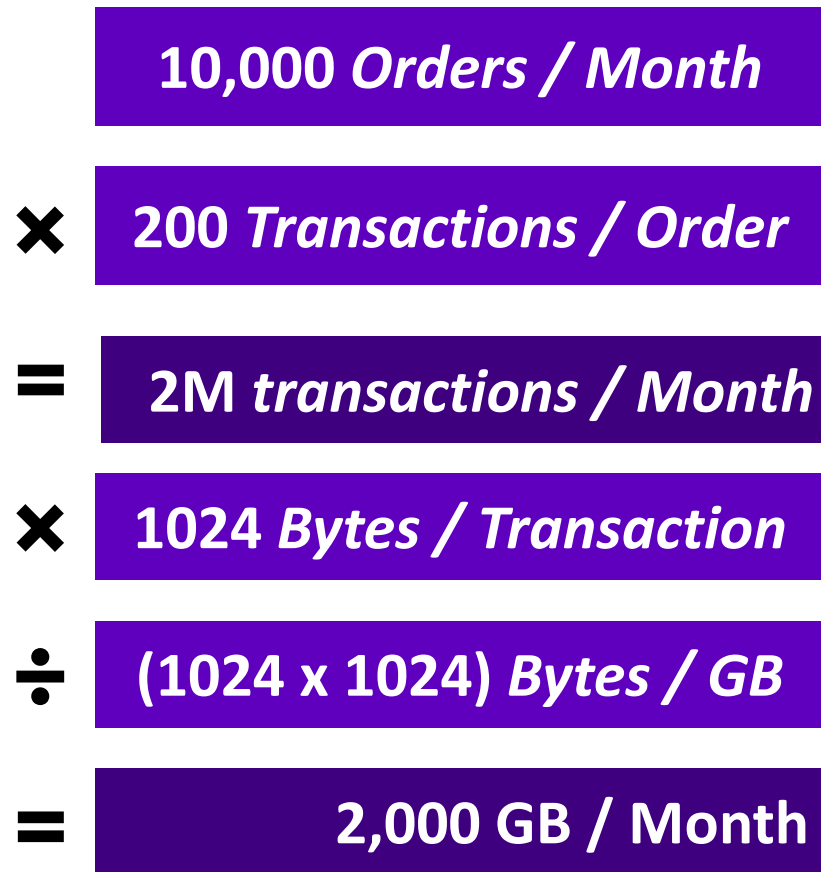


Mutualized Supply Chain Data

*What doesn't blockchain do better than these technologies?*

# BLOCKCHAIN WON'T SCALE

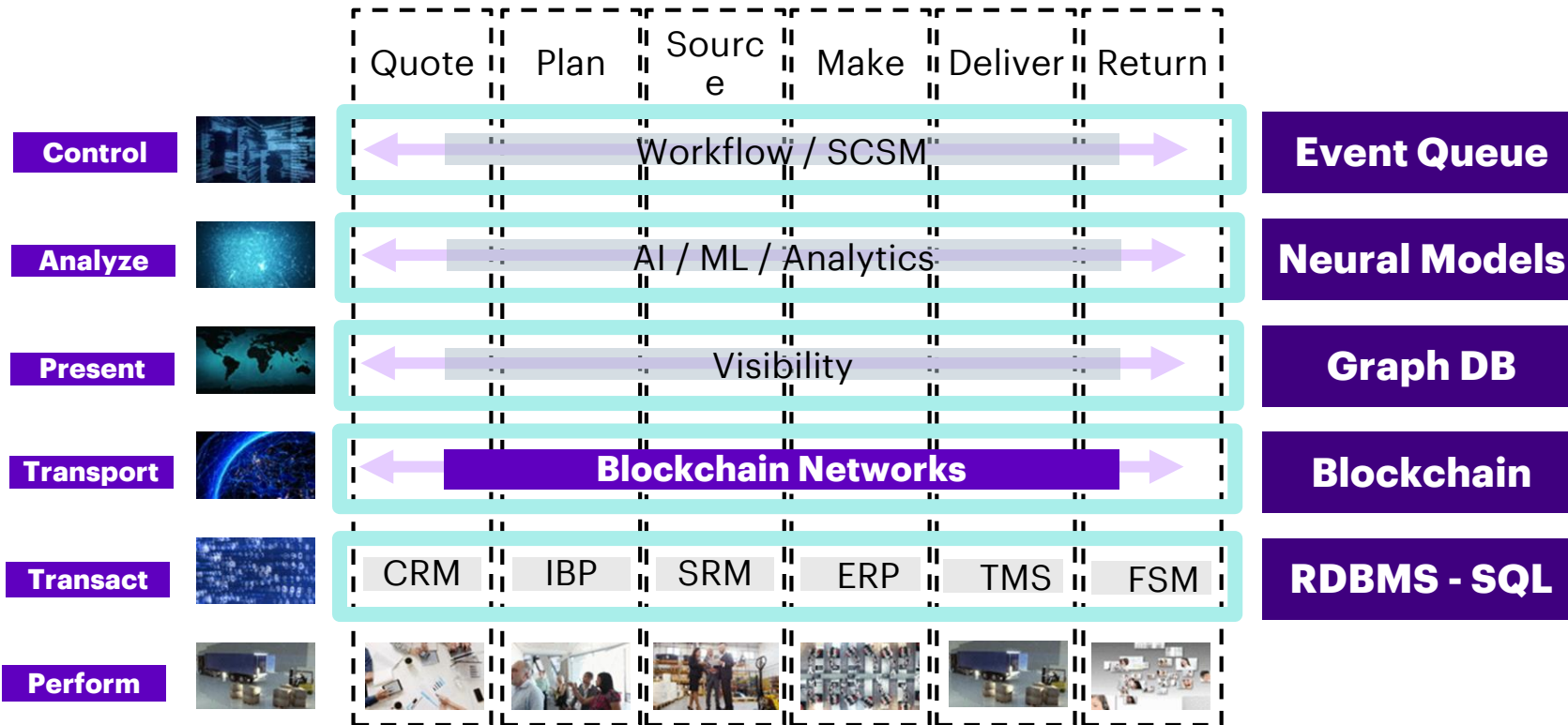
You already have vast quantities of data exchanged. Blockchain handles it easily.



Key Question:  
What fraction of  
"YouTube" is that?

# IT'S A TERRIBLE DATABASE!

Good for some things, bad for others. Let's use the right database for the right purpose.



*Not being able to edit is a feature, not a bug.*

# YOU MUST HAVE STANDARDS.

**Correct. There are at least 4 in common use to choose from.**

## ANSI X.12

- American National Standards Institute “EDI” Standard
- 20-30 years old
- Millions of Implementations
- 900+ transactions covering all aspects of supply chain
- Native support in most ERP systems



## UN EDIFACT

- International counterpart to ANSI X.12
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## GS1 - EPCIS

- Consortium Based
- Covers Lifecycle Tracking of Materials
- Rich transaction models
- Complements other models
- Useful for software & hardware entitlement
- BOM Management
- Repair



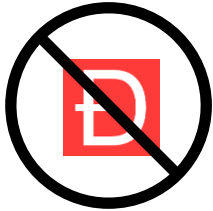
## GS1 - Rosettanet

- Consortium Based counterpart to ANSI X.12
- 10-20 years old
- Tens of Thousands of Implementations
- Also models complex business logic



# SMART CONTRACTS?

**Best for transaction and data validation. Remember the DAO.**



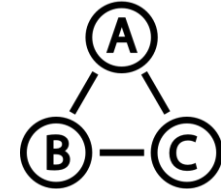
## **PAY THE INVOICE**

- **Best Done with local programming**
- **Keep under ordinary Financial Controls**
- **May be ready one day – not now**
- **Keep accounting and communication Separate**



## **CHECK THE INVOICE**

- **Invoice amounts match smart contract logic & calculations**
- **Match between Contract, PO, Receipt**
- **Could be blockchain generated – but is it crucial to do so?**



## **CHECK THE ORDER**

- **Does the part number exist in the contract / catalogue**
- **Are the dates, times, addresses, quantities valid and sensible**
- **Are we within contractual limits?**



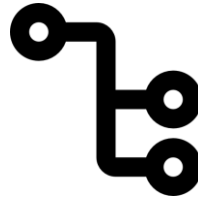
# MAKE MY DATA PUBLIC?

**Private blockchains, private channels, masked data are the way to go.**



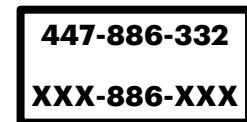
## PRIVATE BLOCKCHAIN

- **Only connect to permissioned nodes**
- **Self-Validated or consensus validation with trusted third parties**
- **Can limit to header-only exchanges**



## PRIVATE CHANNELS

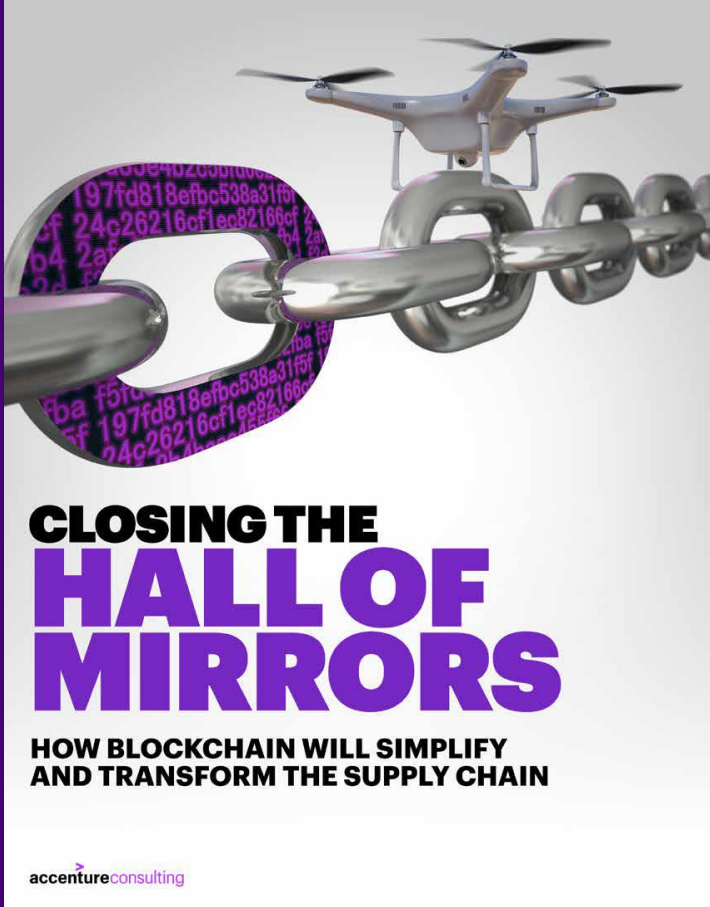
- **Hyperledger 'channel' allows for further partitioning of shared data to targeted channels within a node connection**
- **One or more recipients permitted for each block written within a private blockchain**



## MASKED DATA

- **Shared data for analytic purposes can be field-masked**
- **Either with original block write, by smart contract, or via trusted third party aggregators**

# FURTHER READING



<https://www.accenture.com/us-en/insight-blockchain-supply-chain>



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