

All you ever needed to know about
Product Development
and were too shy to ask

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Thought for the day:

Product Development is the key to the success, prosperity and long-term sustainability of all companies, organisations, and material condition of our lives

A small mistake in Product Development
can cost the reputation of a company

The A-Class Moose Test (1997)

Mercedes Benz introduced the A-Class in 1997 after a \$1.5 Bn Development.

The Swedish magazine, "Teknikens Värld" (World of Technique) tested one A-class at 60Km/h, simulating a moose-test, and the car flipped over!

2500 newly-sold cars were recalled

...and sales almost stopped!

Mercedes added stability control (ESP) and redesigned the car's suspension



Cost of Change = \$ 250,000,000

A serious mistake in Product Development
can cost the company

Story of Ford Edsel

- Biggest market research and marketing exercise in automotive history
- Development cost = \$400 M
(equivalent of \$6.7 Bn in 2007)
- Planned to sell 200,000/year
- Sold
 - 58,000 in 1958
 - 16,000 in 1959



**Ford Edsel nearly bankrupt
Ford in the late 50s**

Repeated mistakes in Product Development will
cost the company

Firestone disaster (2001)

More than 250 deaths and 700 injuries in the US were as a result of Ford Explorers rolling over after the tread separated on Firestone tyres.

22 May:

Ford to replace **13 M** Firestone tyres and take a **\$3 Bn** charge

18 July:

Ford reports **\$551M** quarterly loss

1 Aug:

Ford's market share falls by **22%**

17 Aug:

Ford cuts **10%** of its white-collar workers

17 Oct:

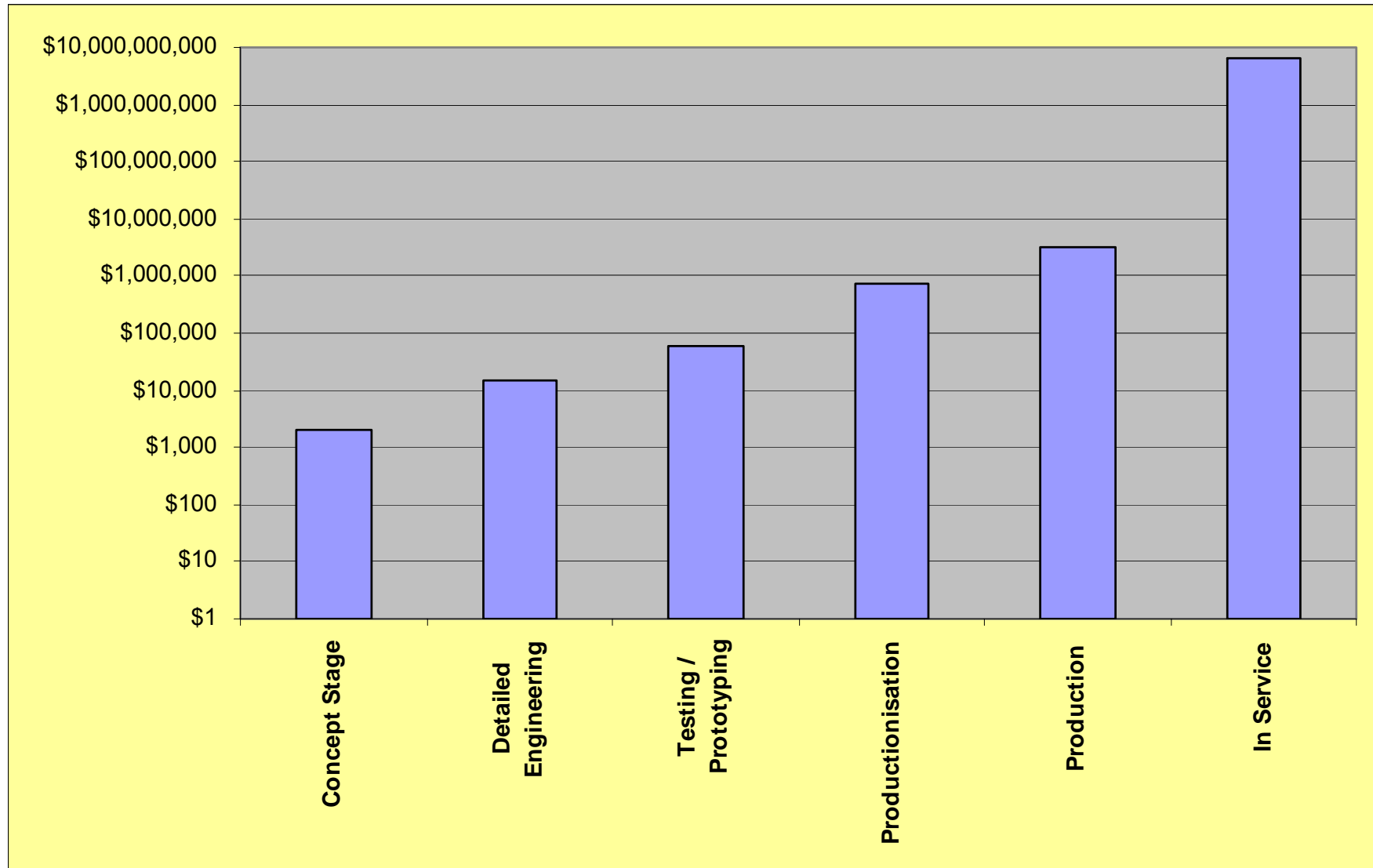
First consecutive loss in a decade

30 Oct:

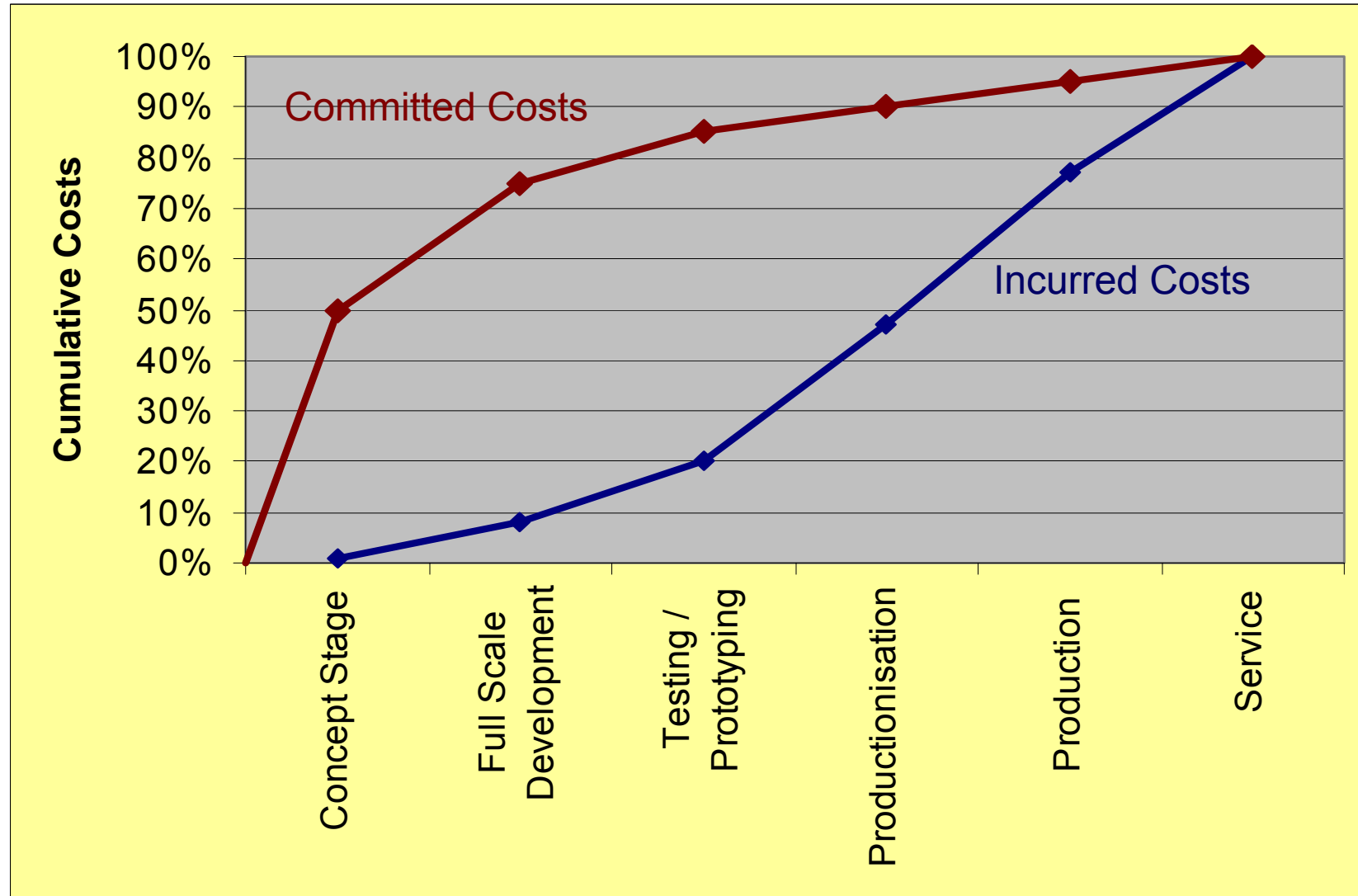
Ford CEO Jacques Nasser resigned



Logarithmic scale plot of cost of change to fix the Firestone problem

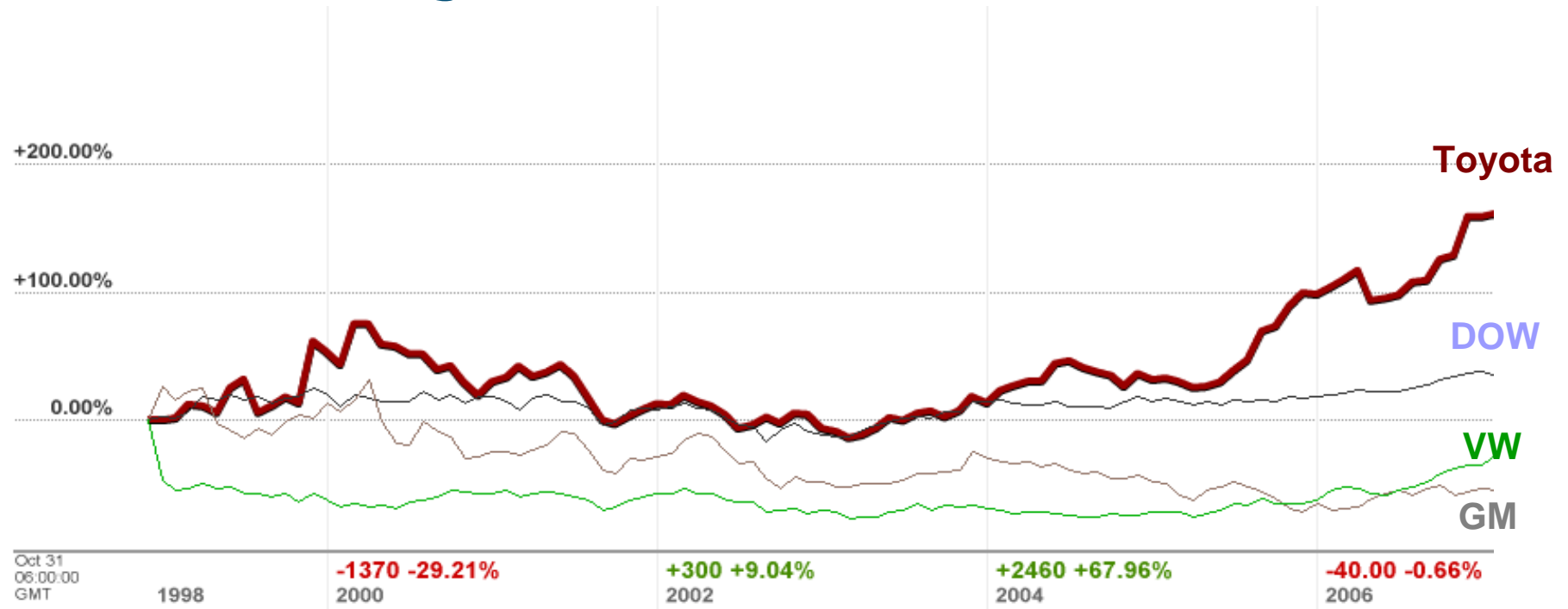


Product Development determines the outcome



Superior capability in Product Development will
renew the company and increase its profits over
time

Toyota's PD capability gives it long-term advantage



- Toyota's Programme costs have been consistently 50-75% of European and US car makers
- Toyota's PD lead times are nearly half those of European and US car makers
- Toyota's Product Quality has consistently been at the top of JD Powers Quality Metrics

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Sector classification

		Complexity	
		High	Low
Risk	High	Aerospace Major Construction Automotive	Fashion Textiles Cosmetics Food / Drink
	Low	Electronic Products White Goods	Commodities - Paper - Glass - Building Materials

Terminology

- **Product**

Something used by a customer or something sold by an enterprise –

not necessarily physical and discrete

Aircraft, kettle, components, insurance, bank account, educational programme, training course,

- **Product Development**

Flow of activities from identification of market need to production and use of product

- **Design**

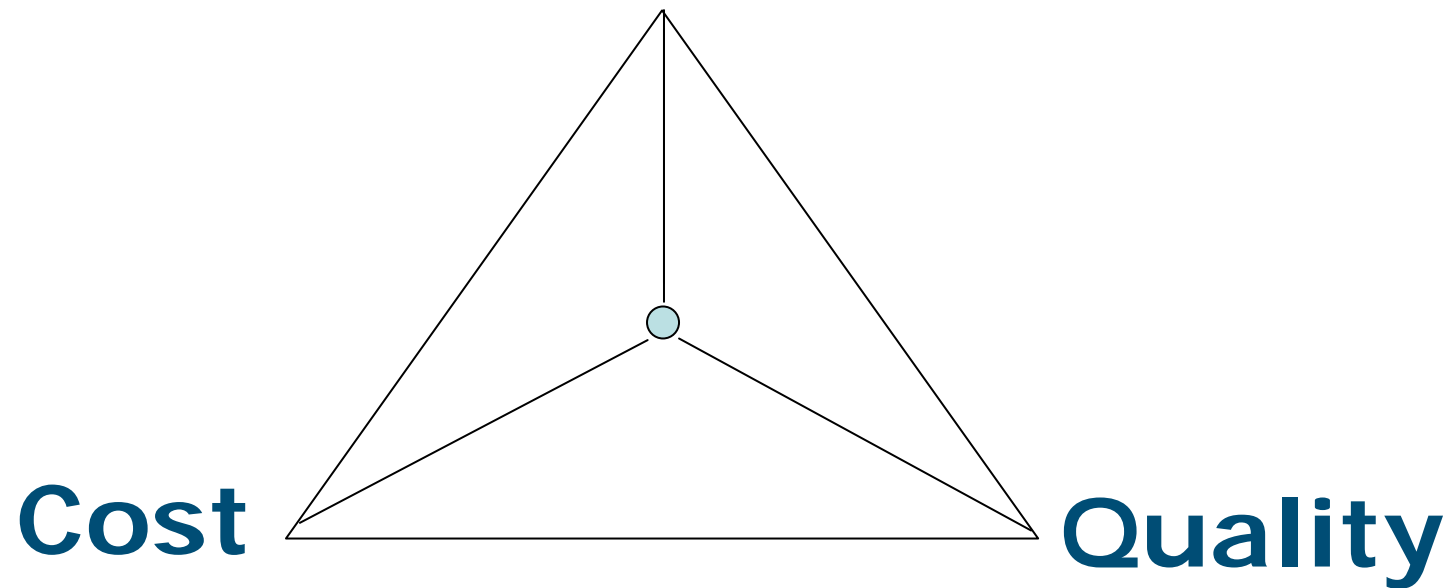
Execution of ideas, manifest in plans to deliver it

One of four fundamental processes in business

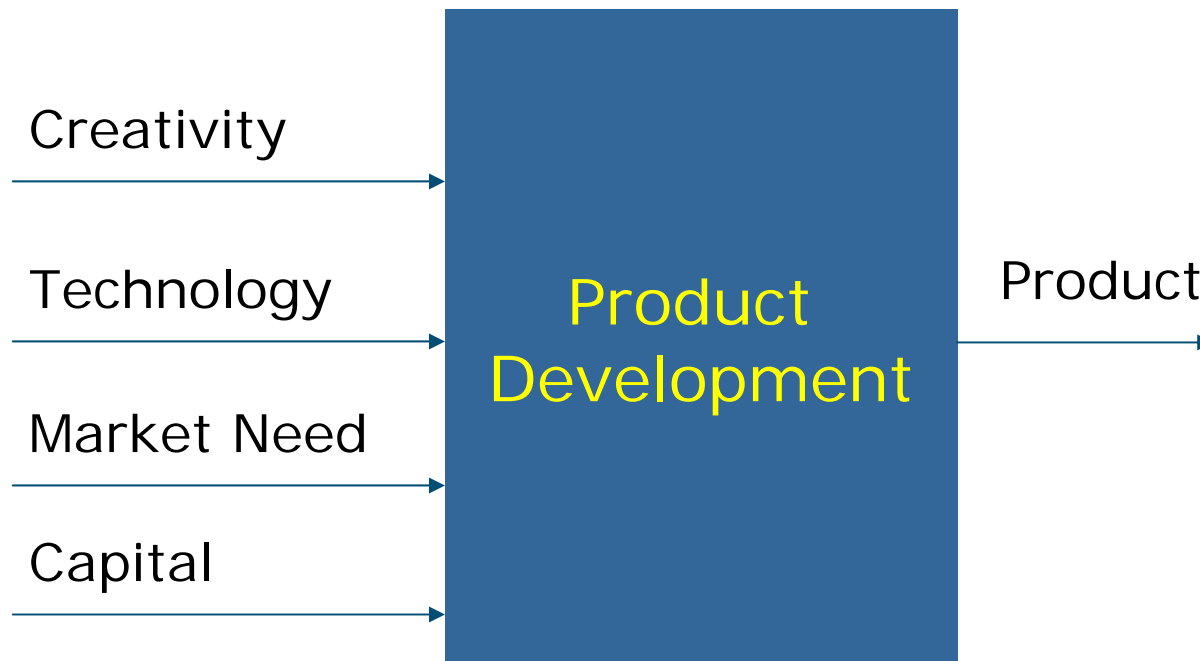
1. Product Development
2. Product Delivery
3. Planning, Execution, and Control: Management
4. Learning
5. Support and Supply

Triangle of compromise

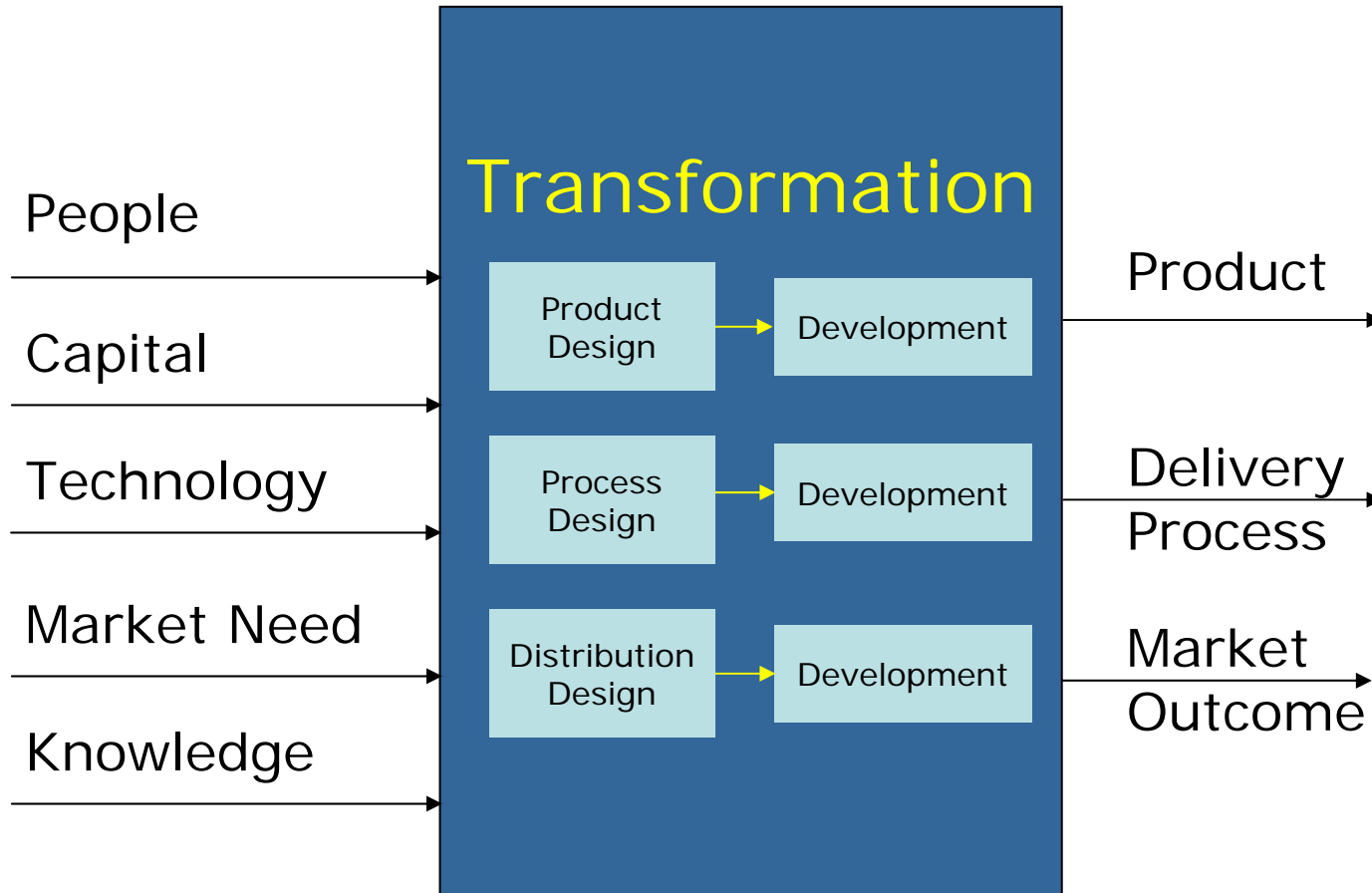
Time



I/O of Product Development



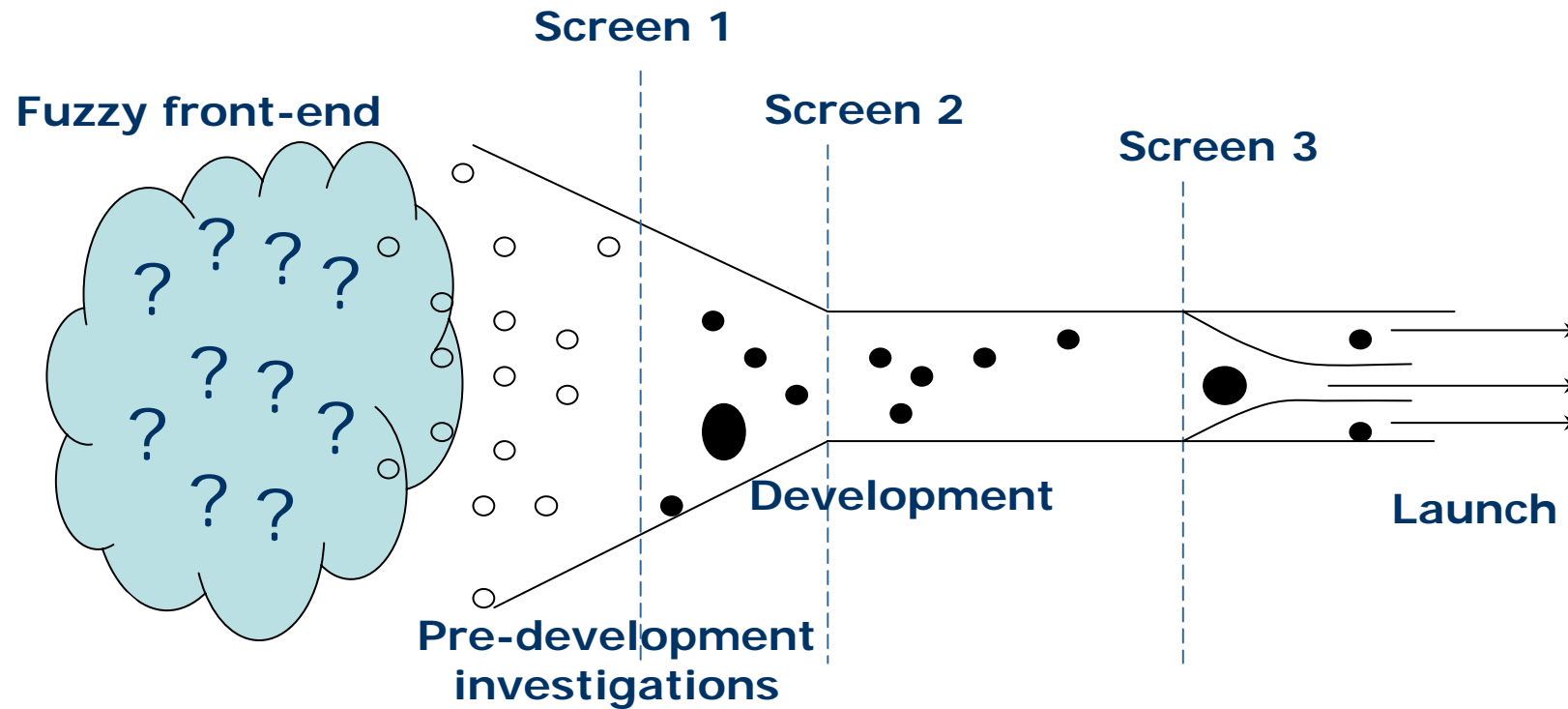
Further decomposition



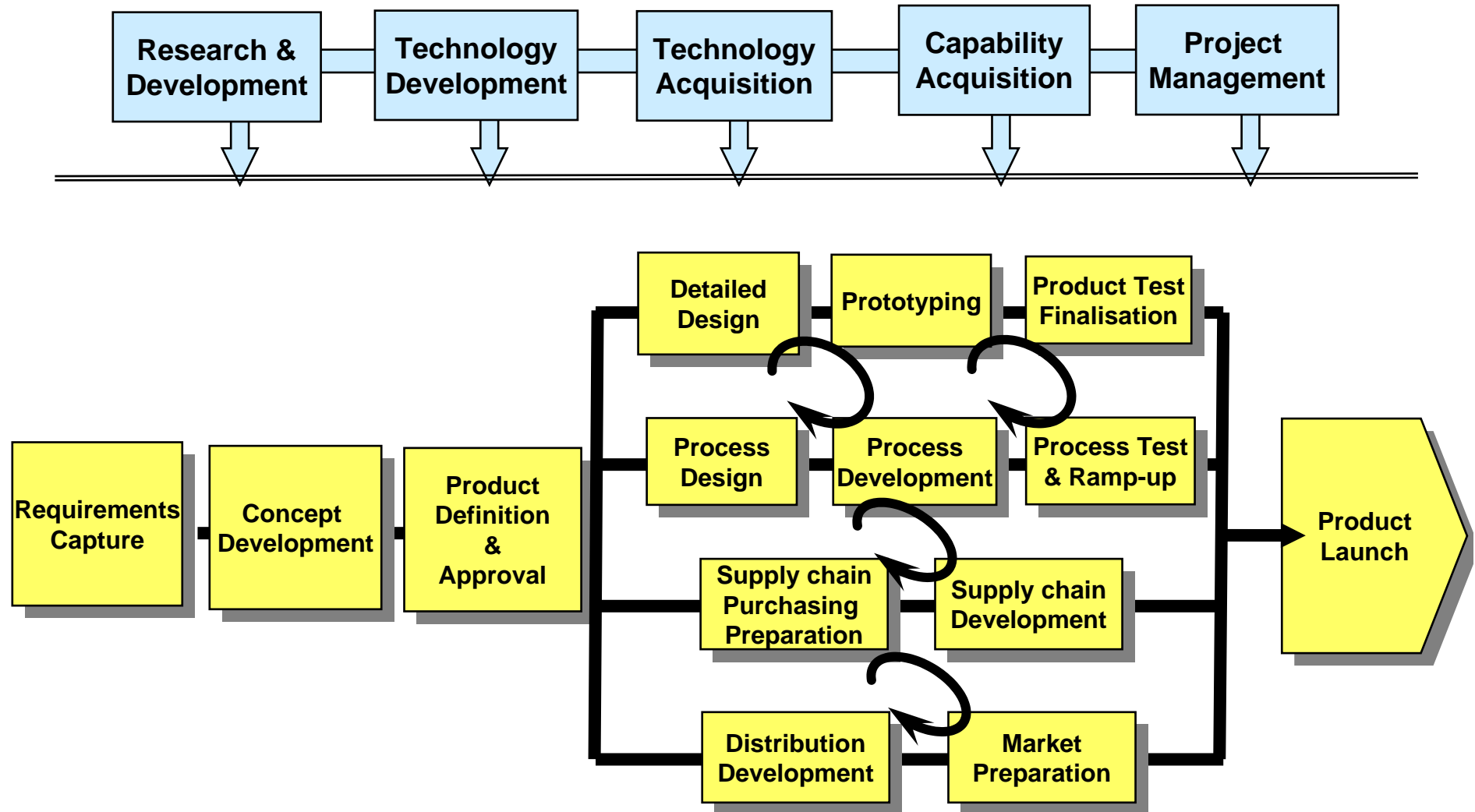
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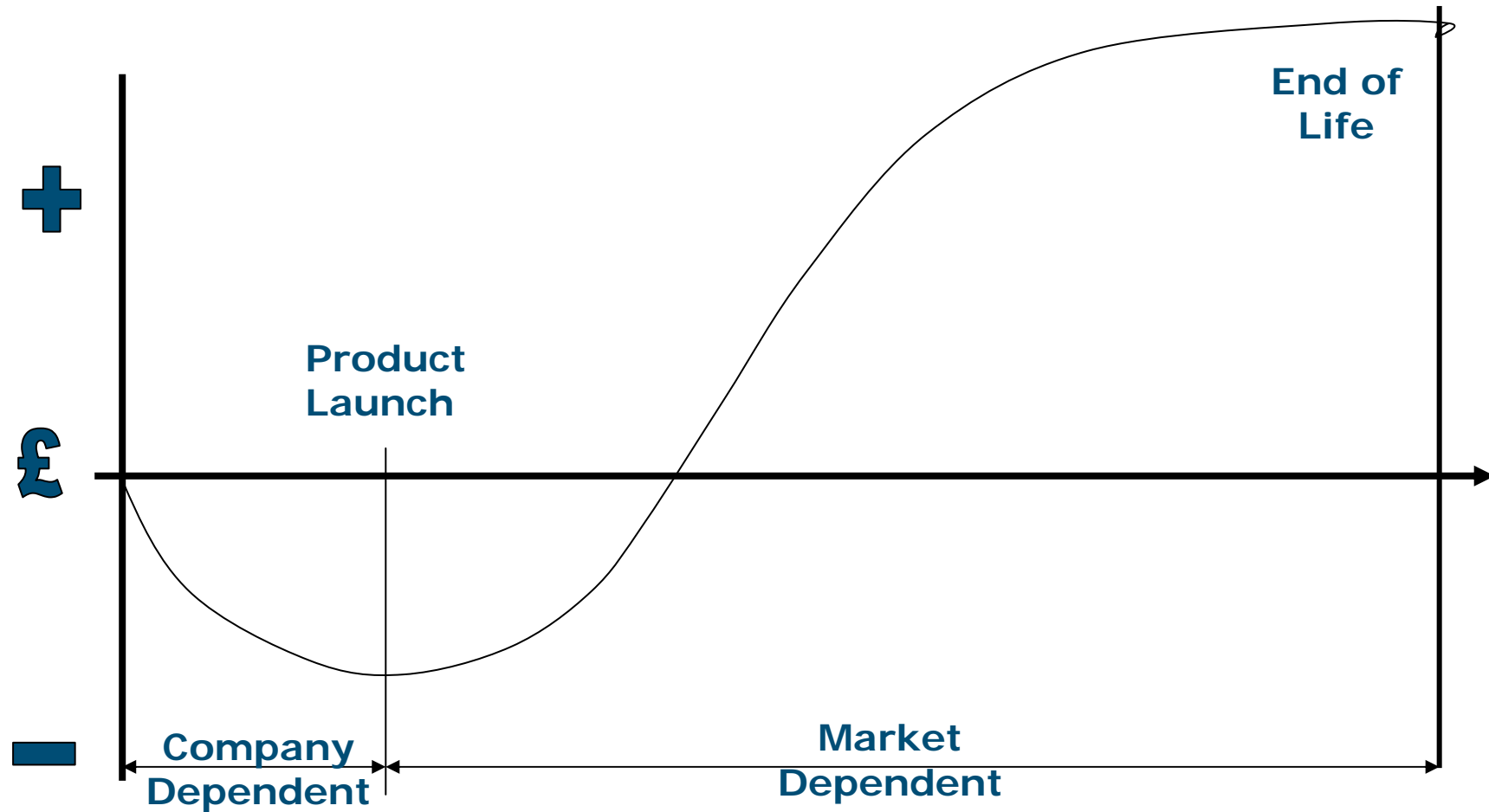
Fuzzy front-end and development funnels



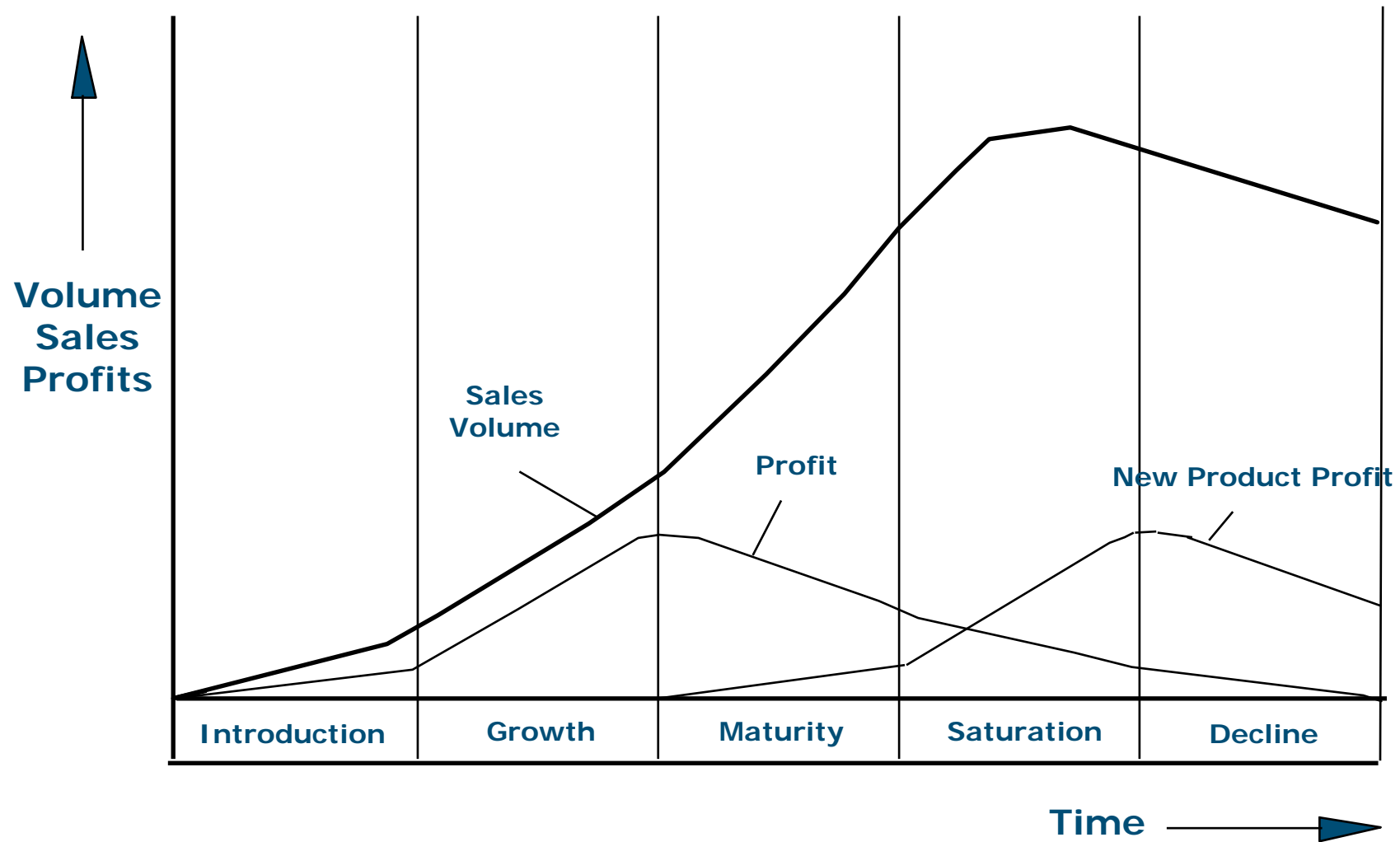
Generic Product Development process



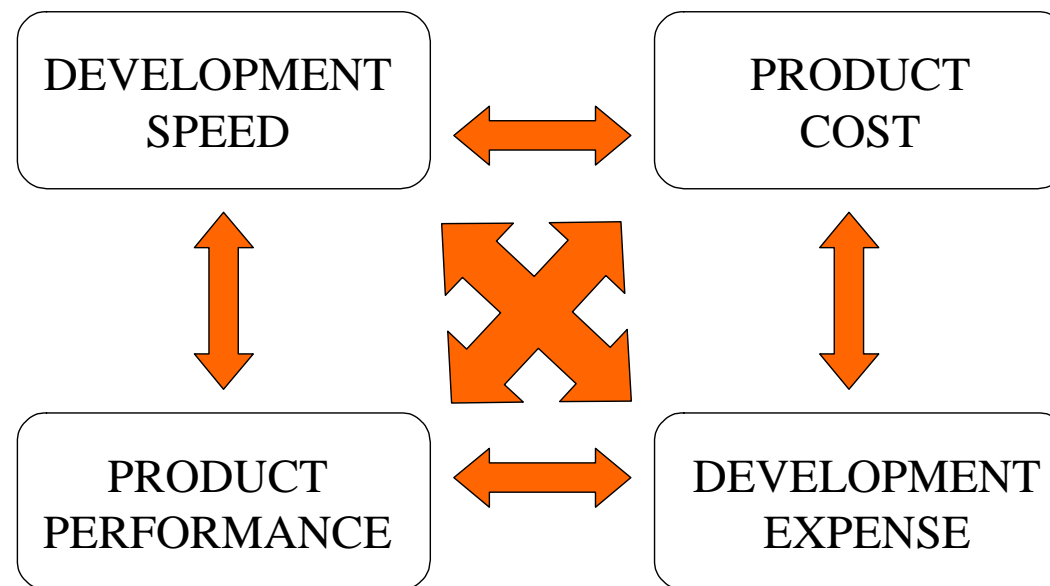
Product Development cash flow



Product life-cycle

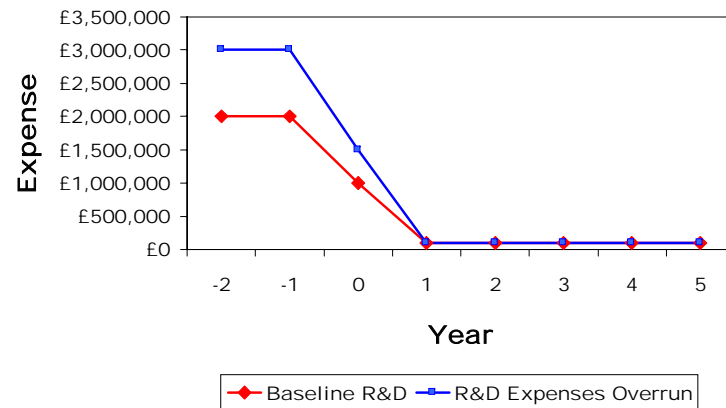


The Four Economic Objectives

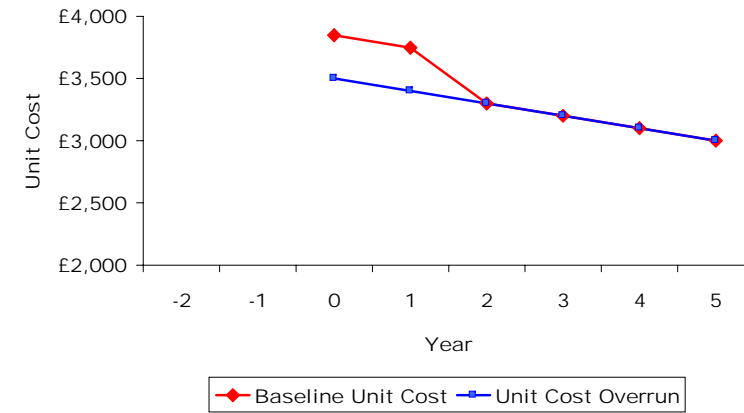


Smith and Reinertsen's work

Expense Overrun



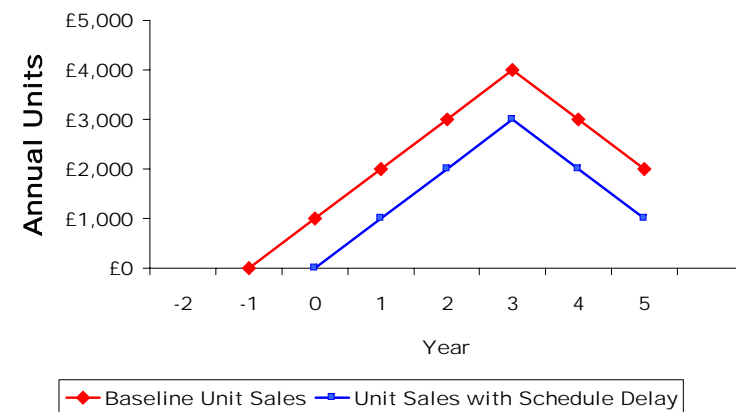
Cost Overrun



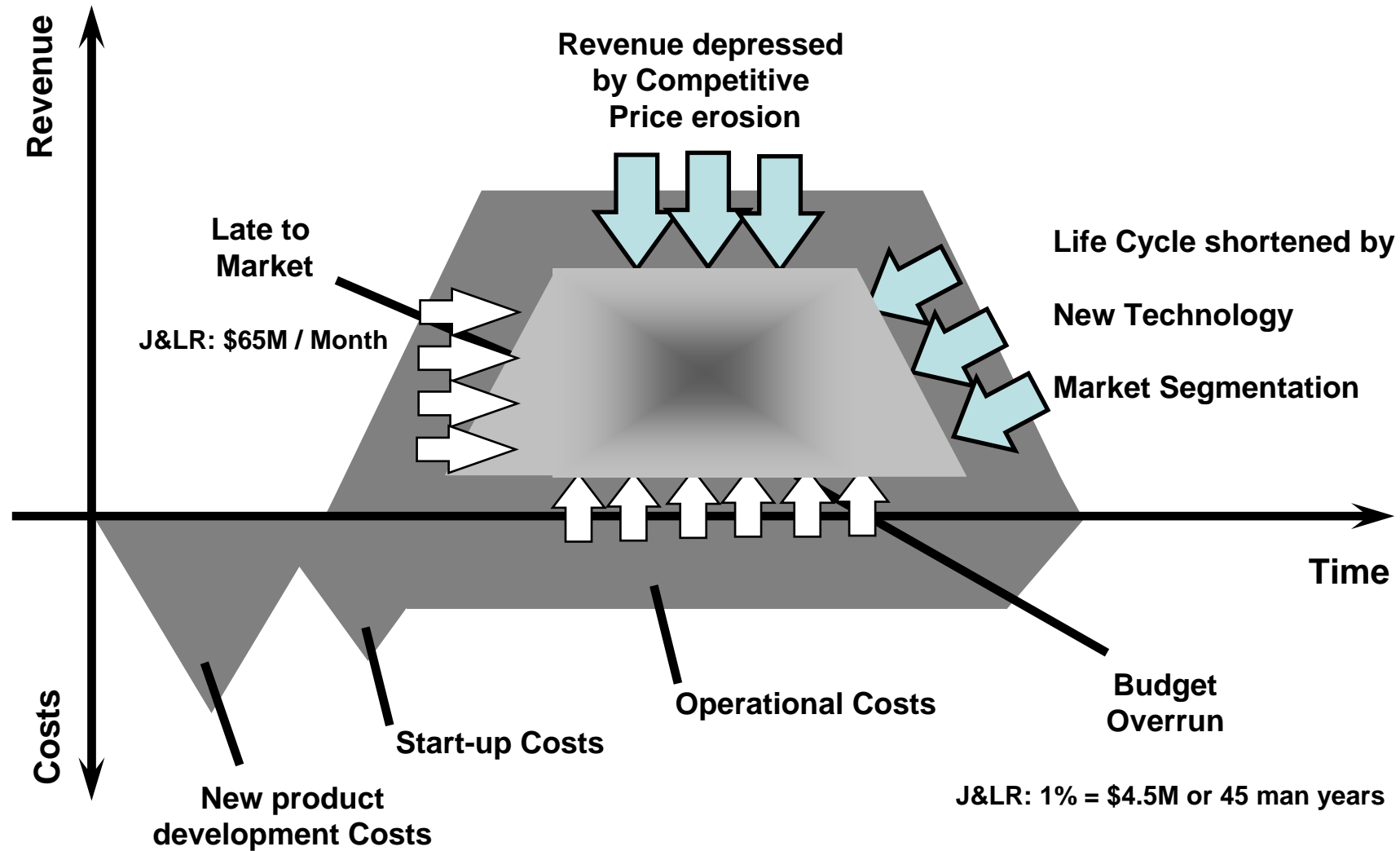
Performance Shortfall



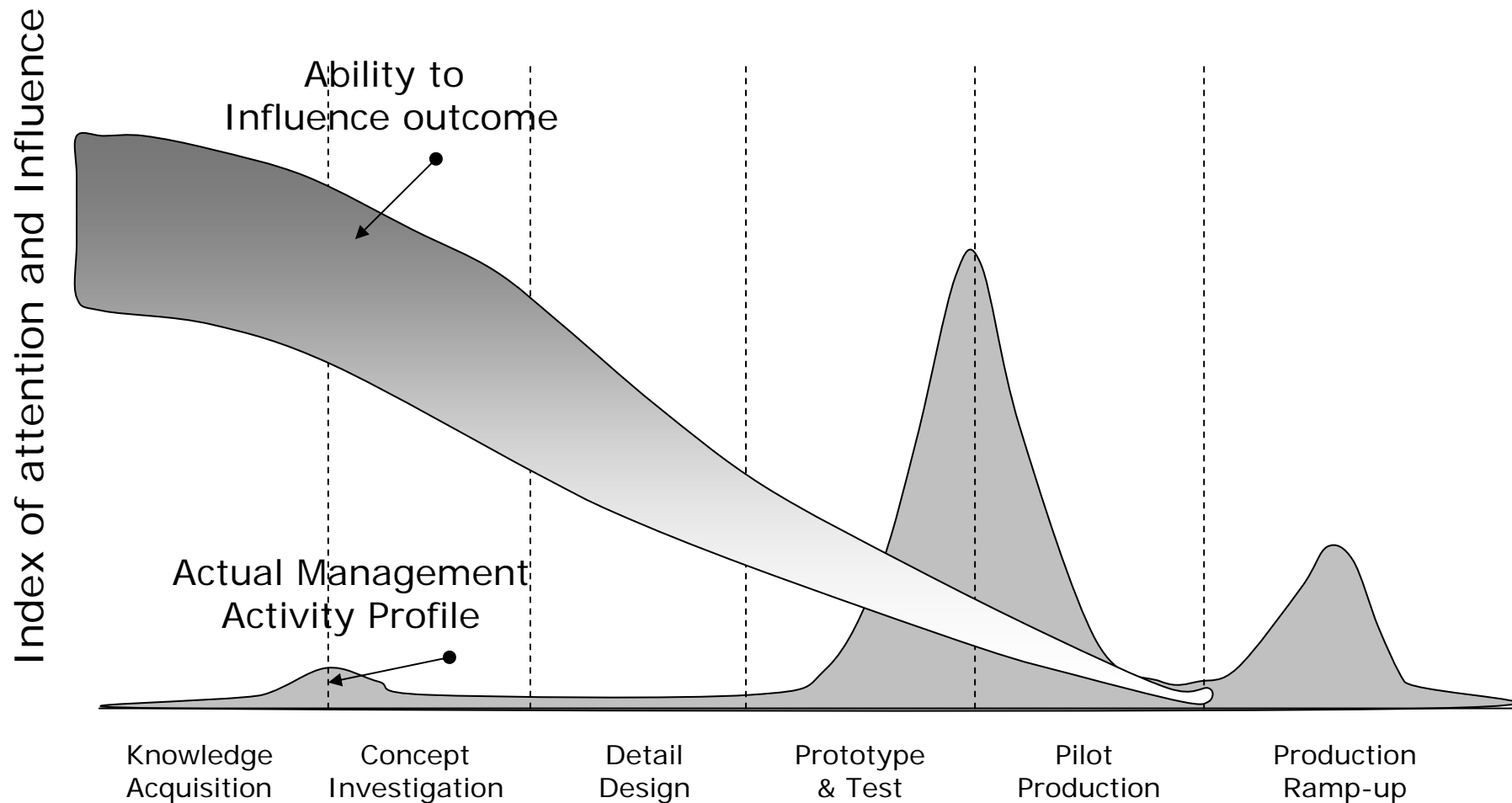
Schedule Delay



Product life-cycle pressures



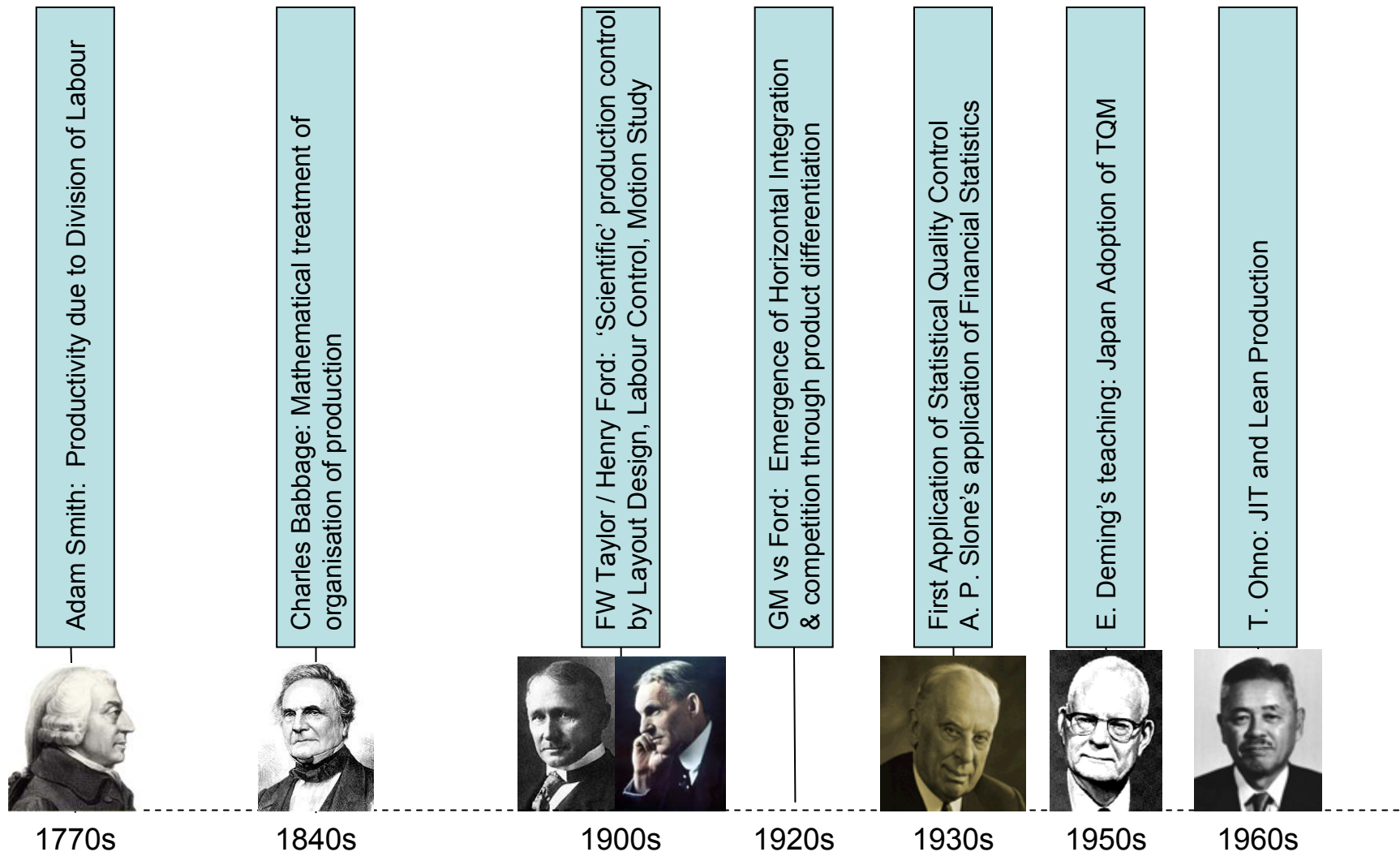
Timing and impact of management attention and influence



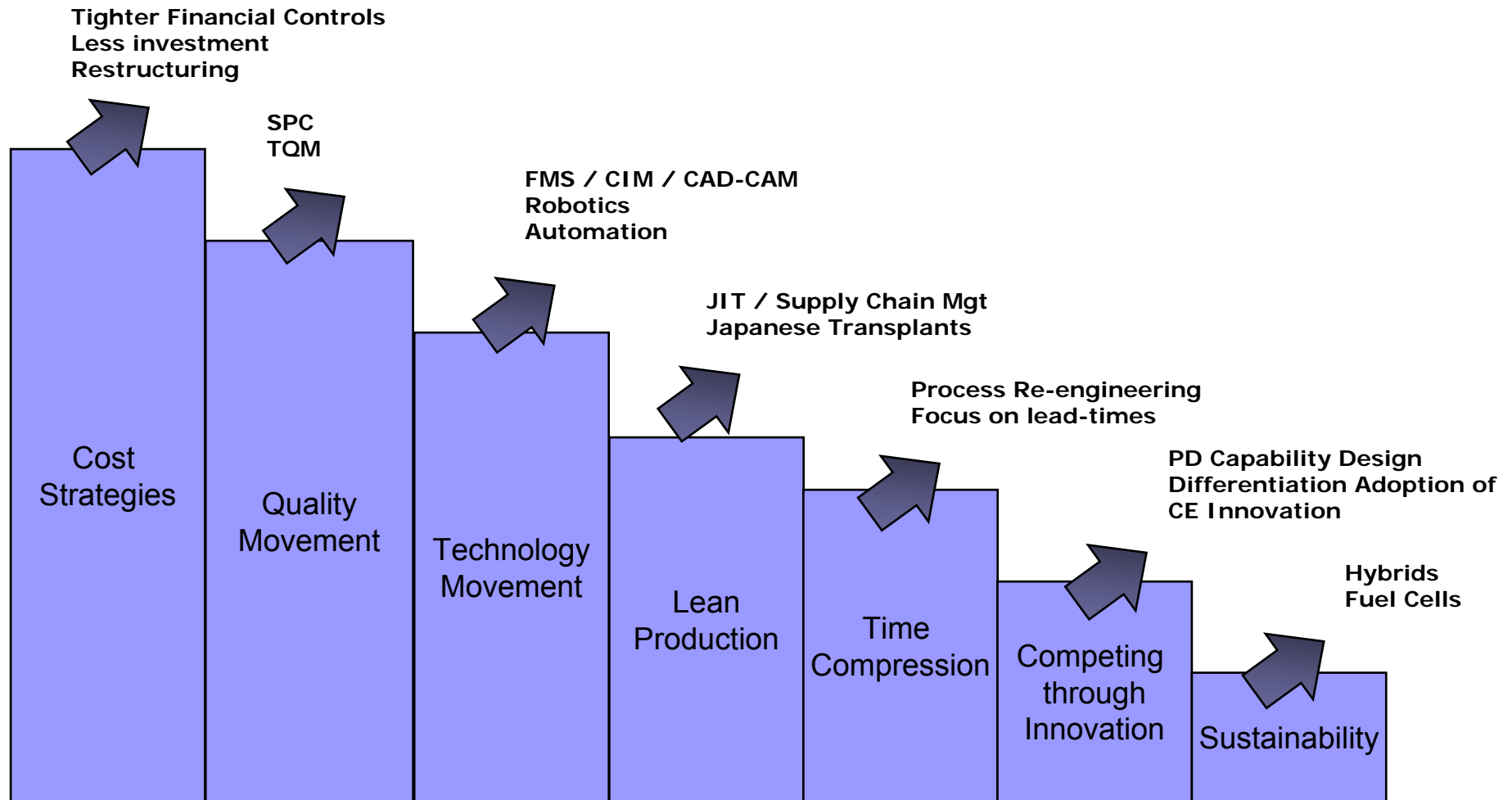
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Major developments in industrial management



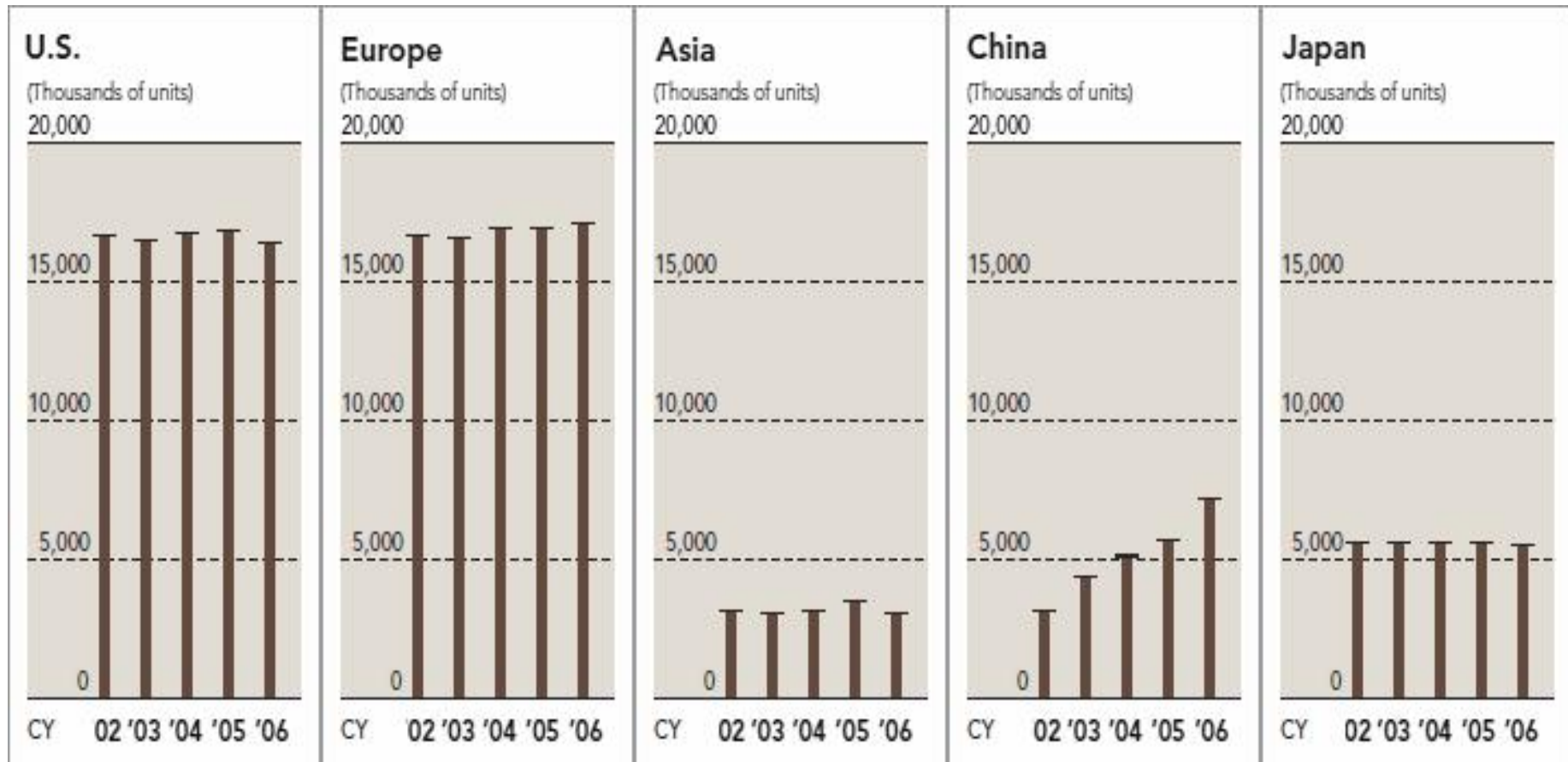
Development of business strategies in AI



Automotive industry

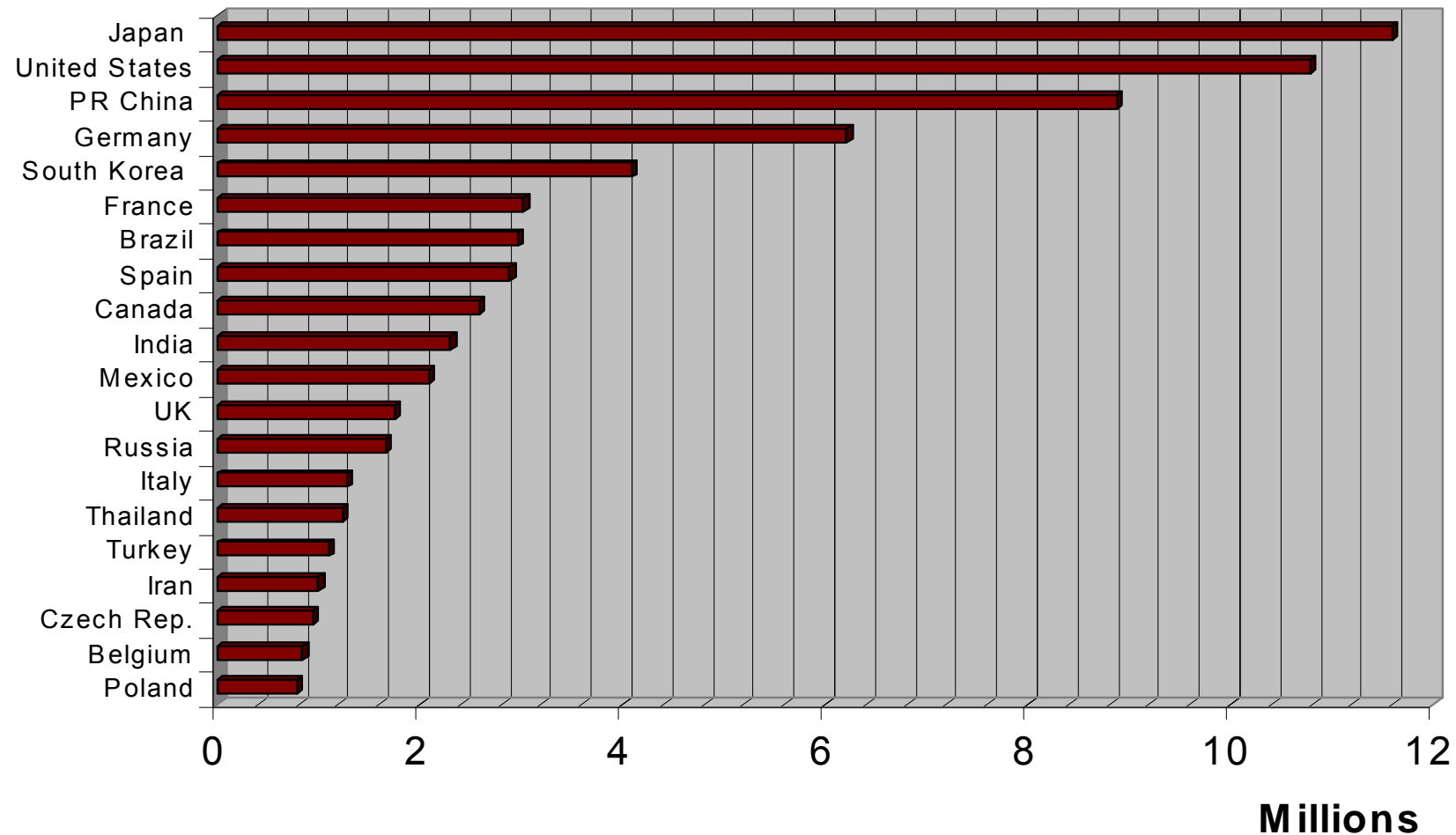
- An industry over 100 years old
- One of world's largest industries
- Turn over of \$1.4+ Trillion a year
- Employing more than 20 Million people
- One of the most organised and complex
- Innovator of industrial management practices
- Over capacity of 20 million units / year
- Intense international competition
- most systemised in Product Development

World's major automotive markets (2002-06)

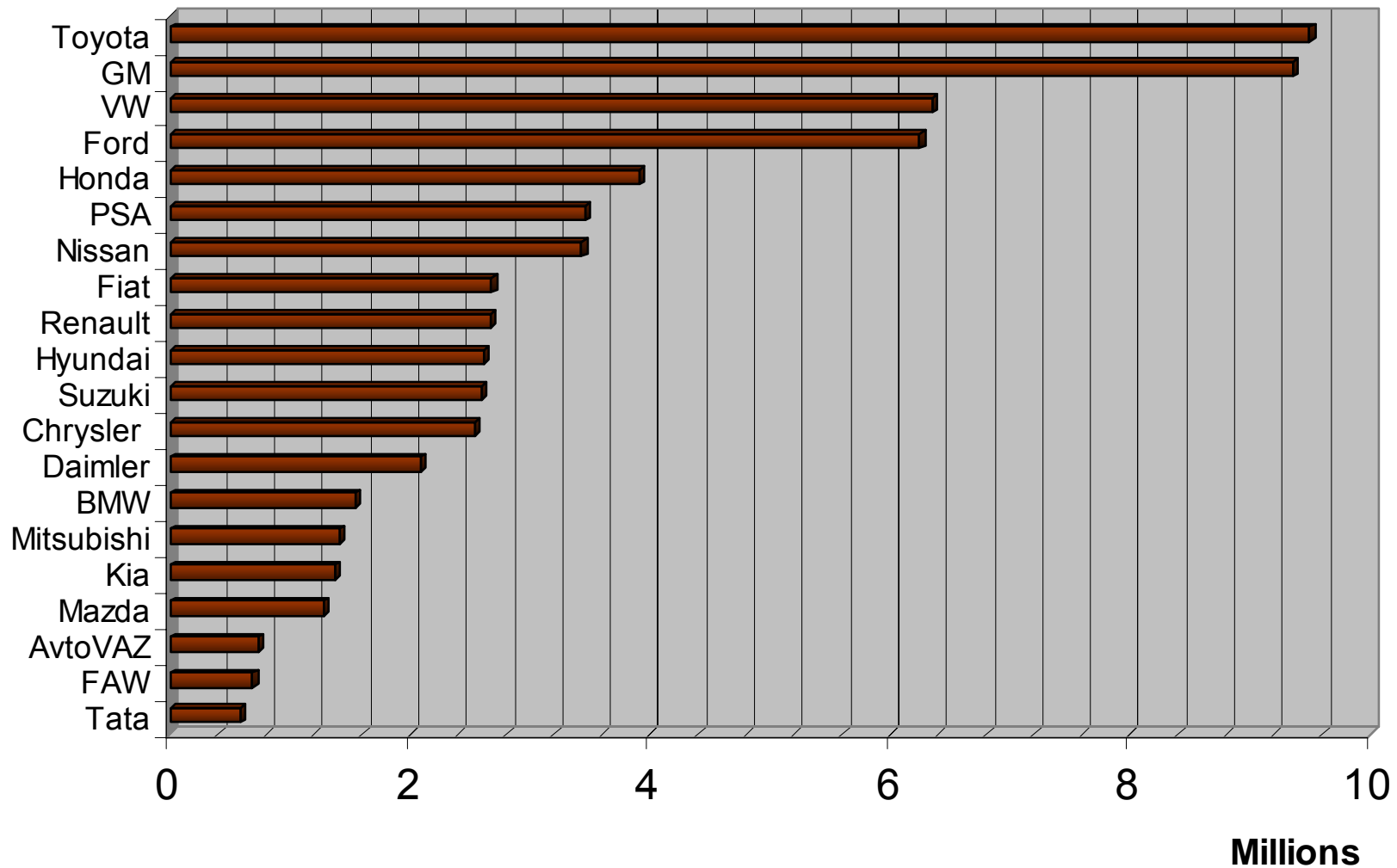


One of world's largest industries (2007)

World Top 20 Vehicle Producing Countries

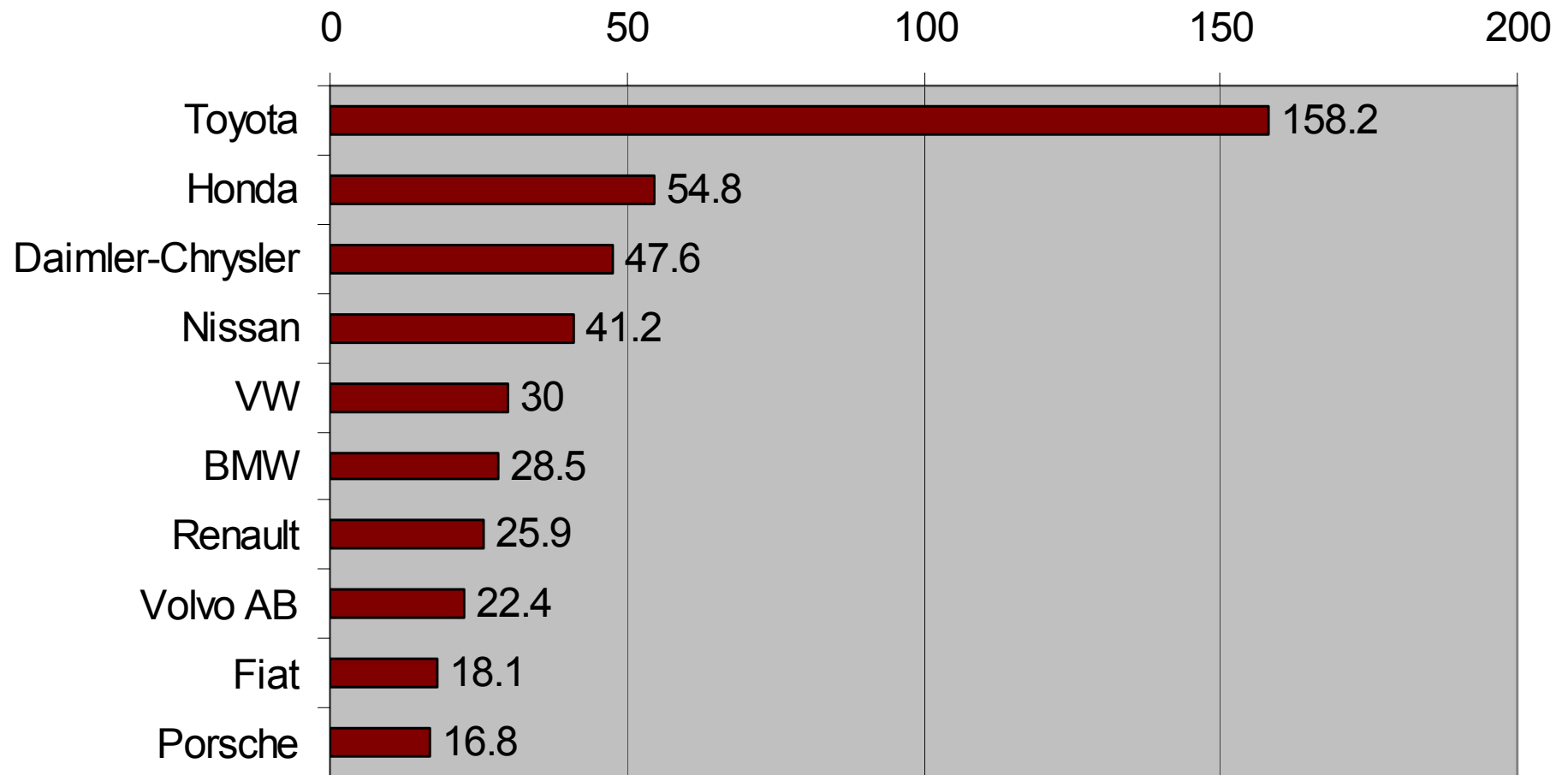


Top 20 vehicle producers (2007)

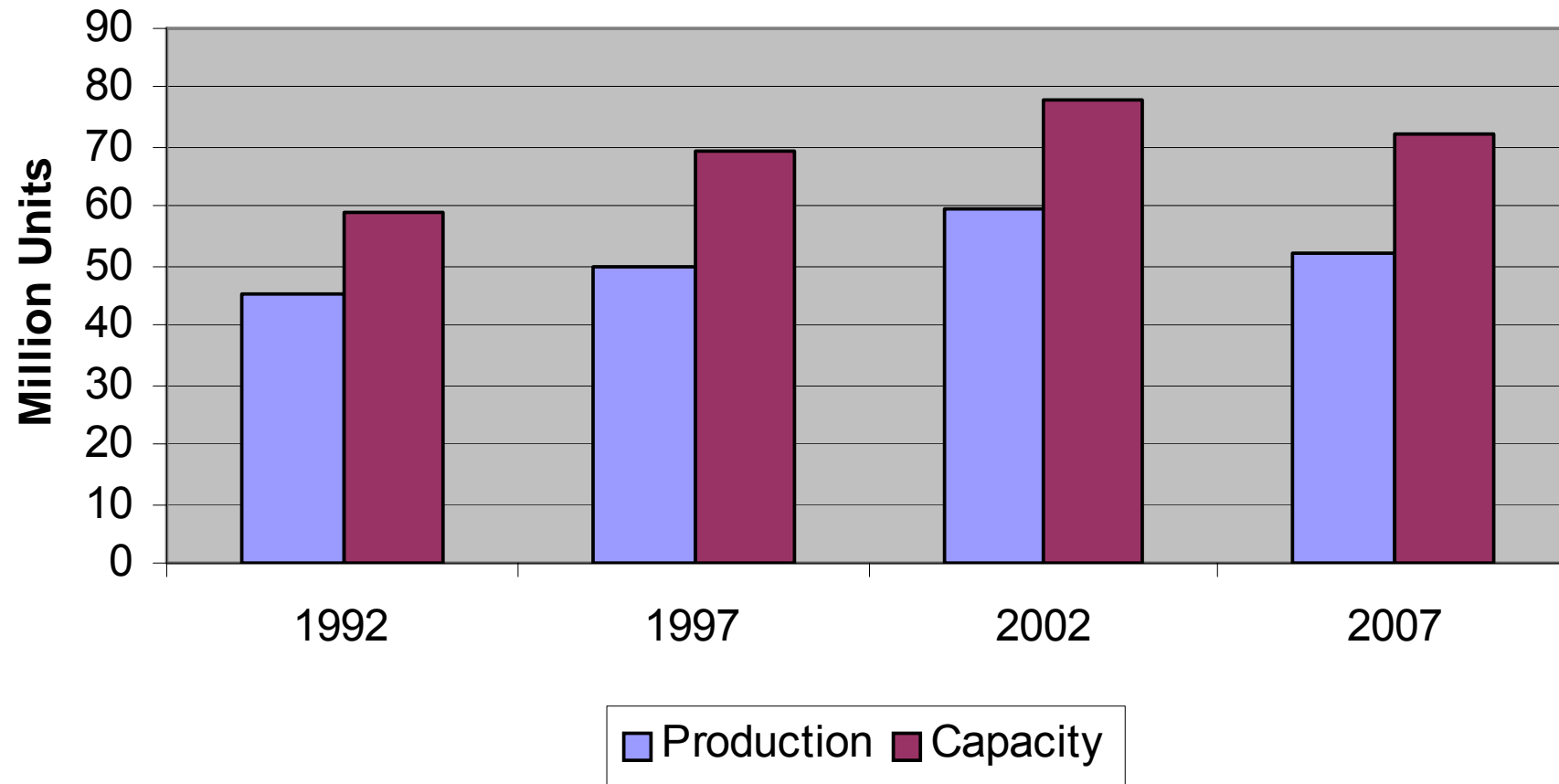


Top 10 automakers' market capitalisation (2007)

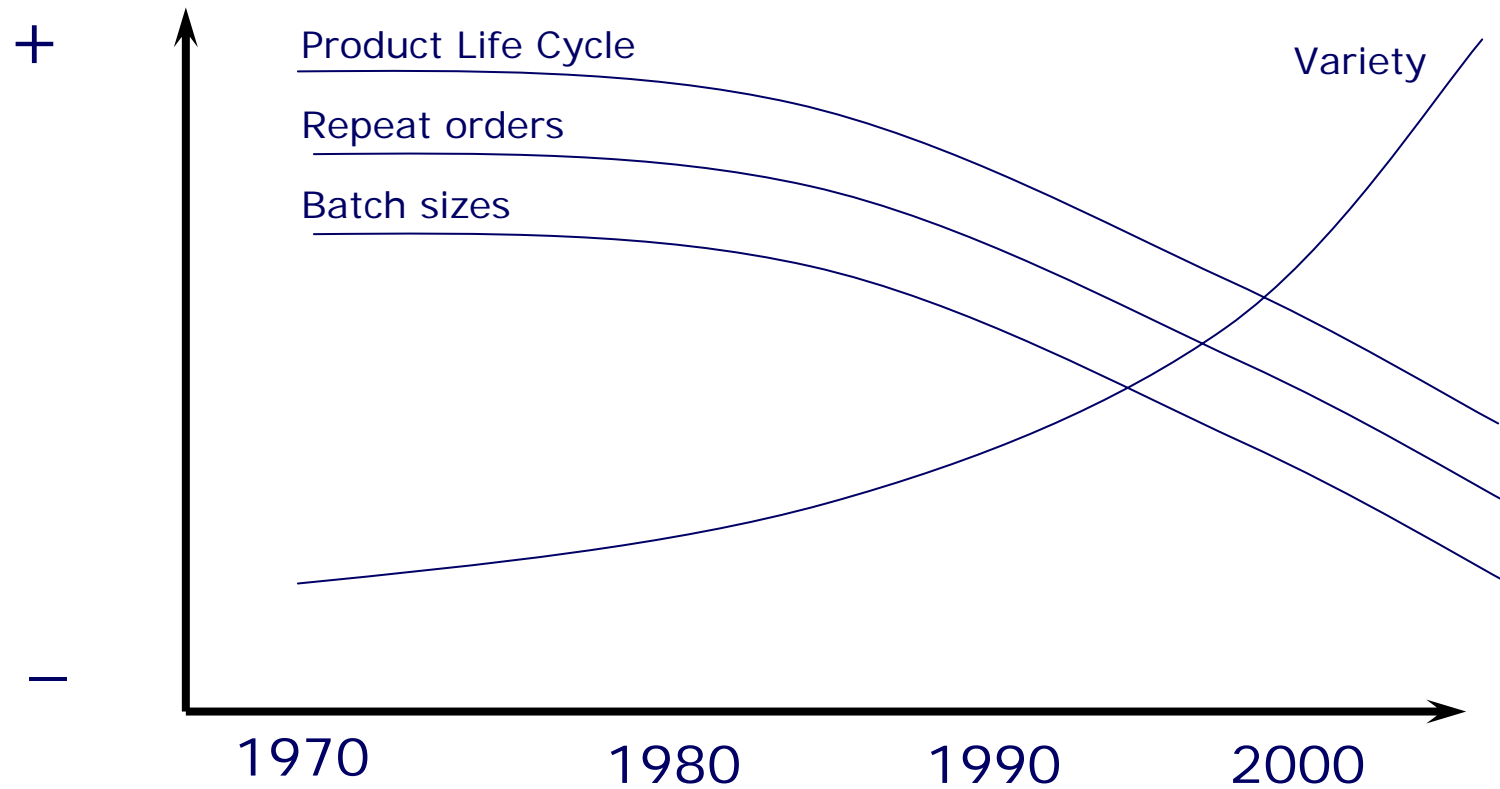
(€Bns)



Over capacity in global auto industry



Trends



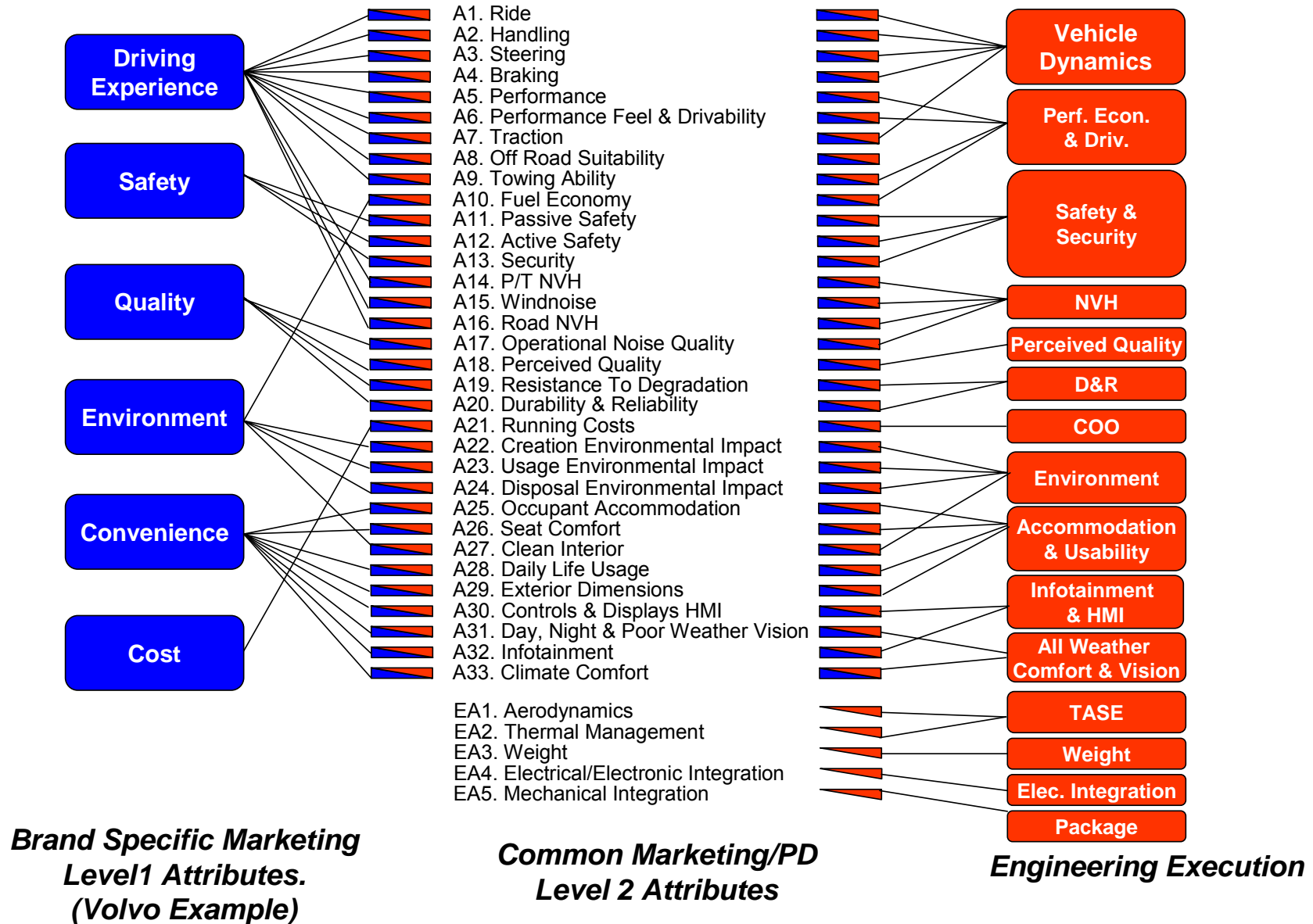
Drivers of new product development in AI

1. Environment, fuel prices, sustainability
2. Legislation
3. Intense international competition
4. Extremely sophisticated customers
5. Fragmentation of the markets
6. Inclusion of new technologies

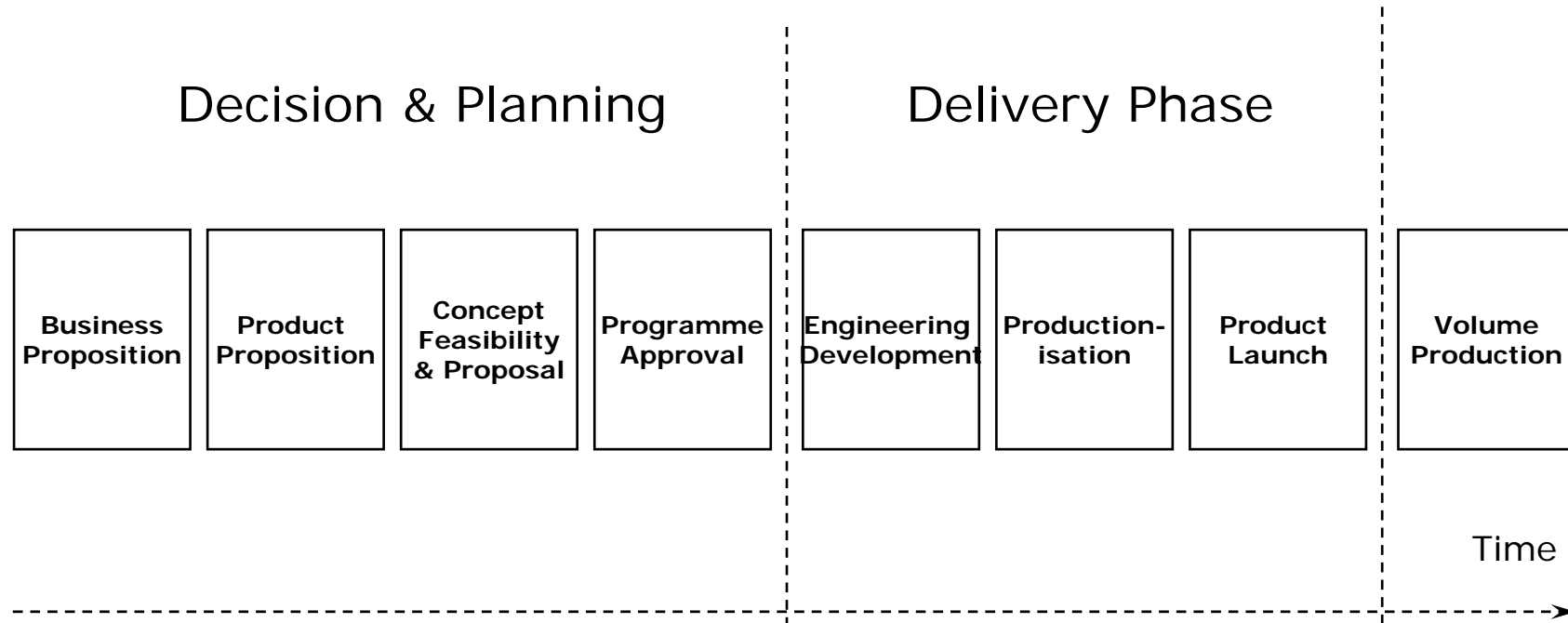
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Vehicle attribute decomposition



New model development generic high-level process



Time to market for complete new vehicle

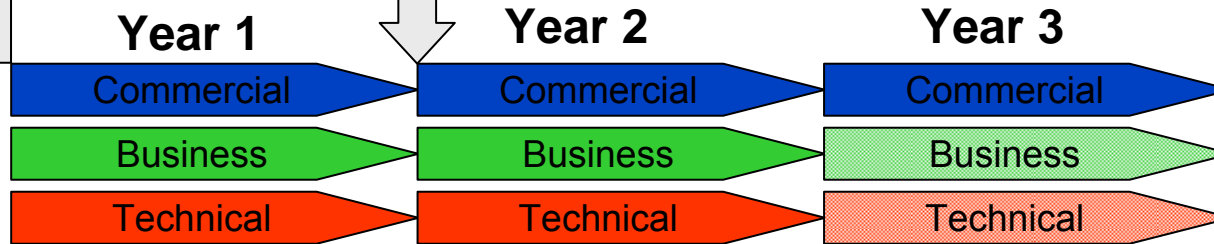
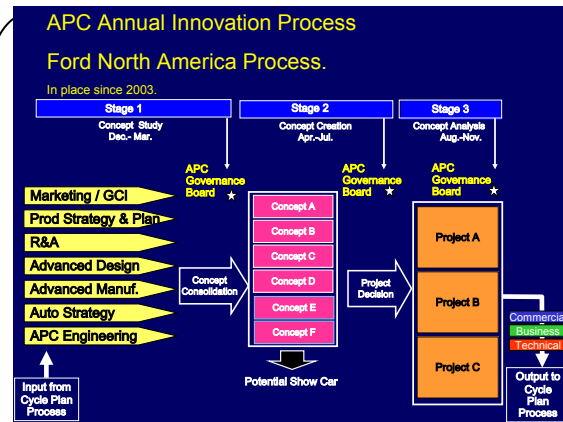
	Time to Market	Design Freeze <ST>
Toyota	38	15
Honda	32	18
Mazda (655)	38	18
Nissan	28	19
Ford/J & LR	51	25
Renault	49	26
DaimlerChrysler	39	28
General Motors	36 (SI)	30



Clarifying the fuzzy front-end of PD

- Co-Located Creative X-Functional Team
- Focused On New product Innovation

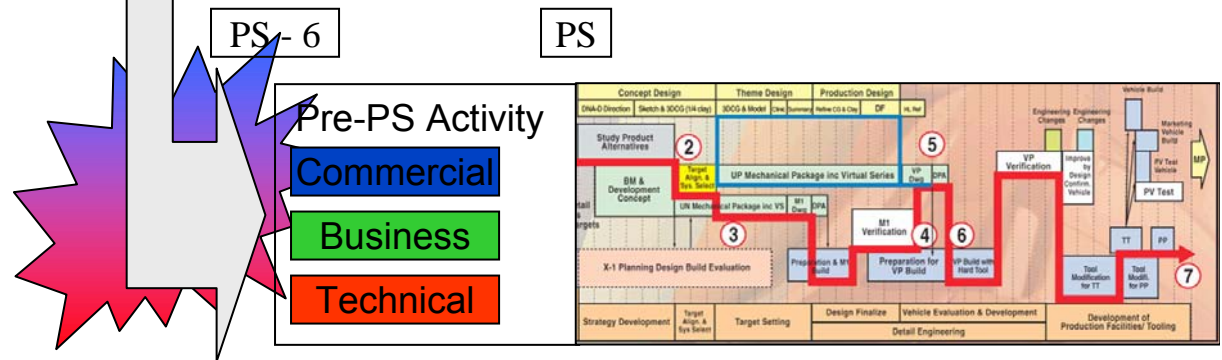
Annual Strategic



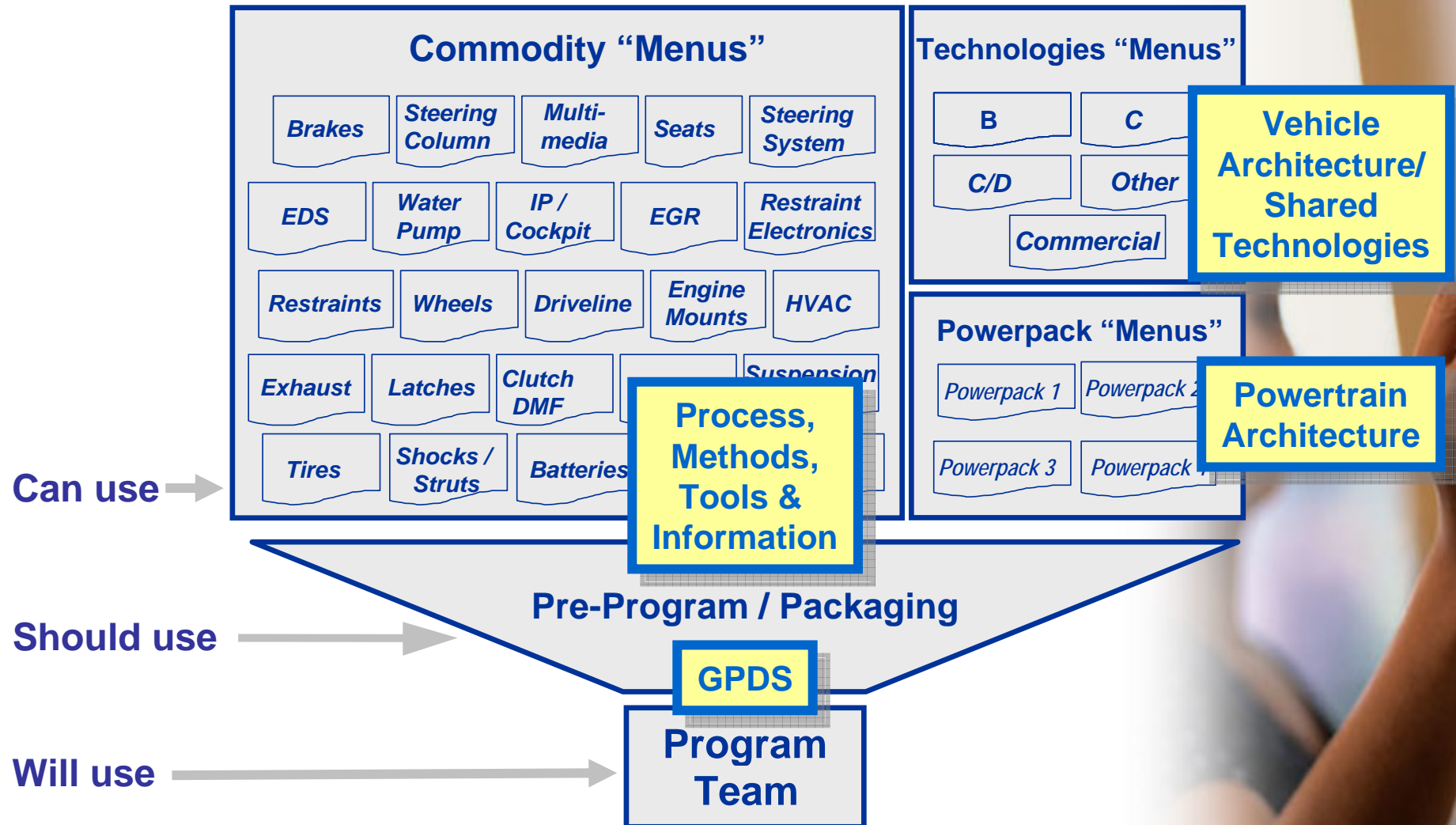
Annual Process
Total Cycle Plan

Platform/Programme

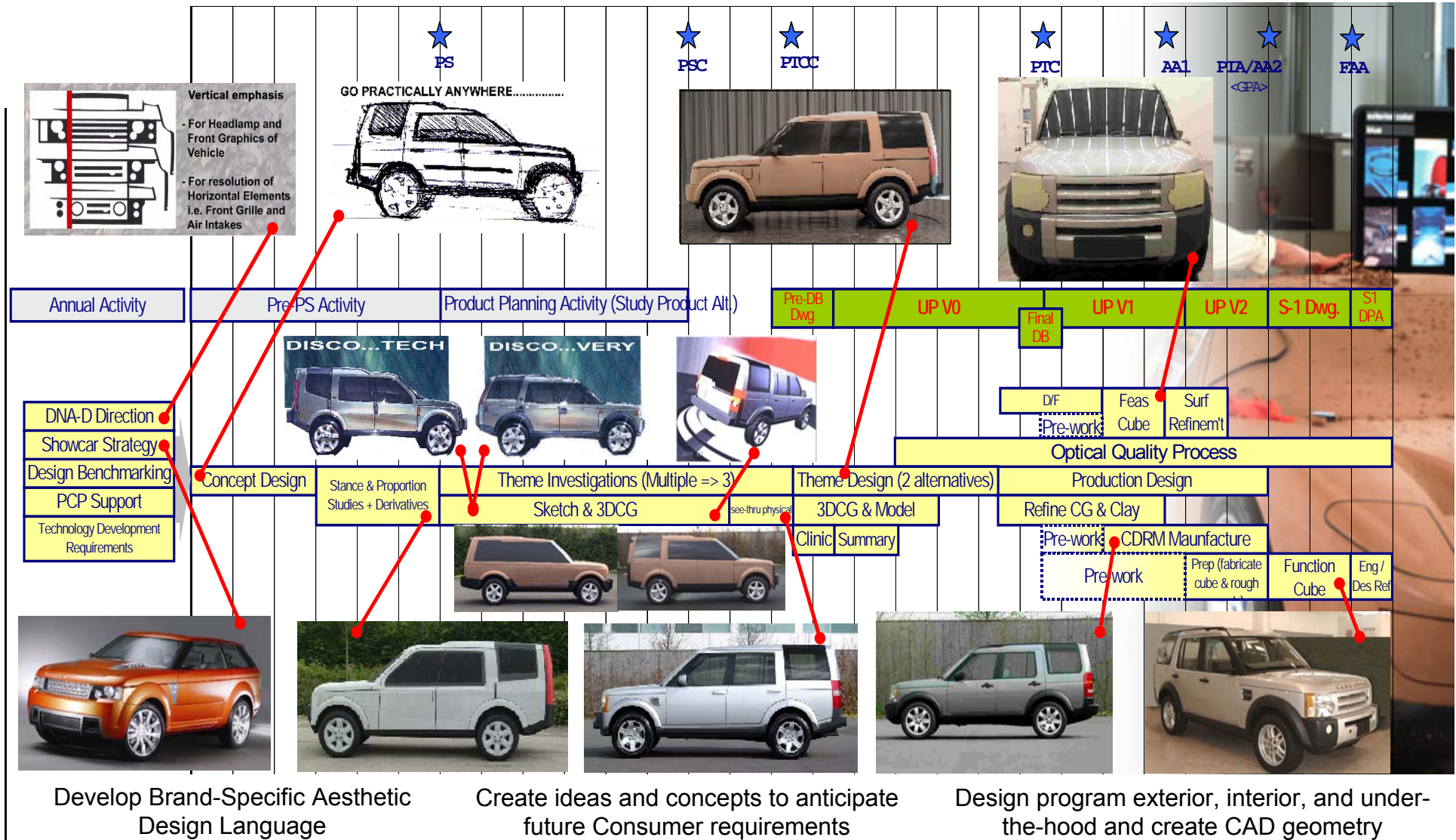
Serial Development
Of Particular Platform
Or Vehicle Programme
“Can Use”

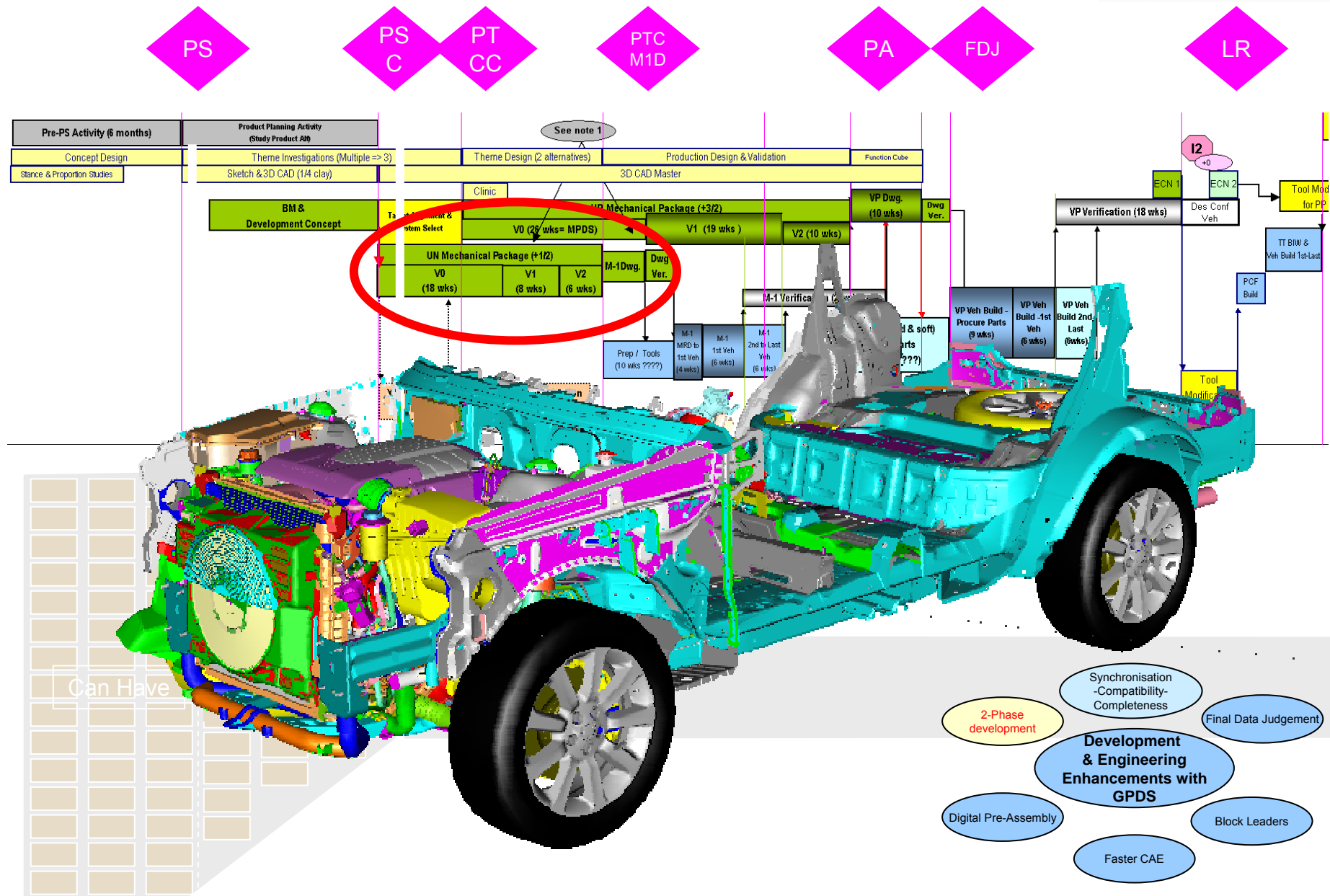


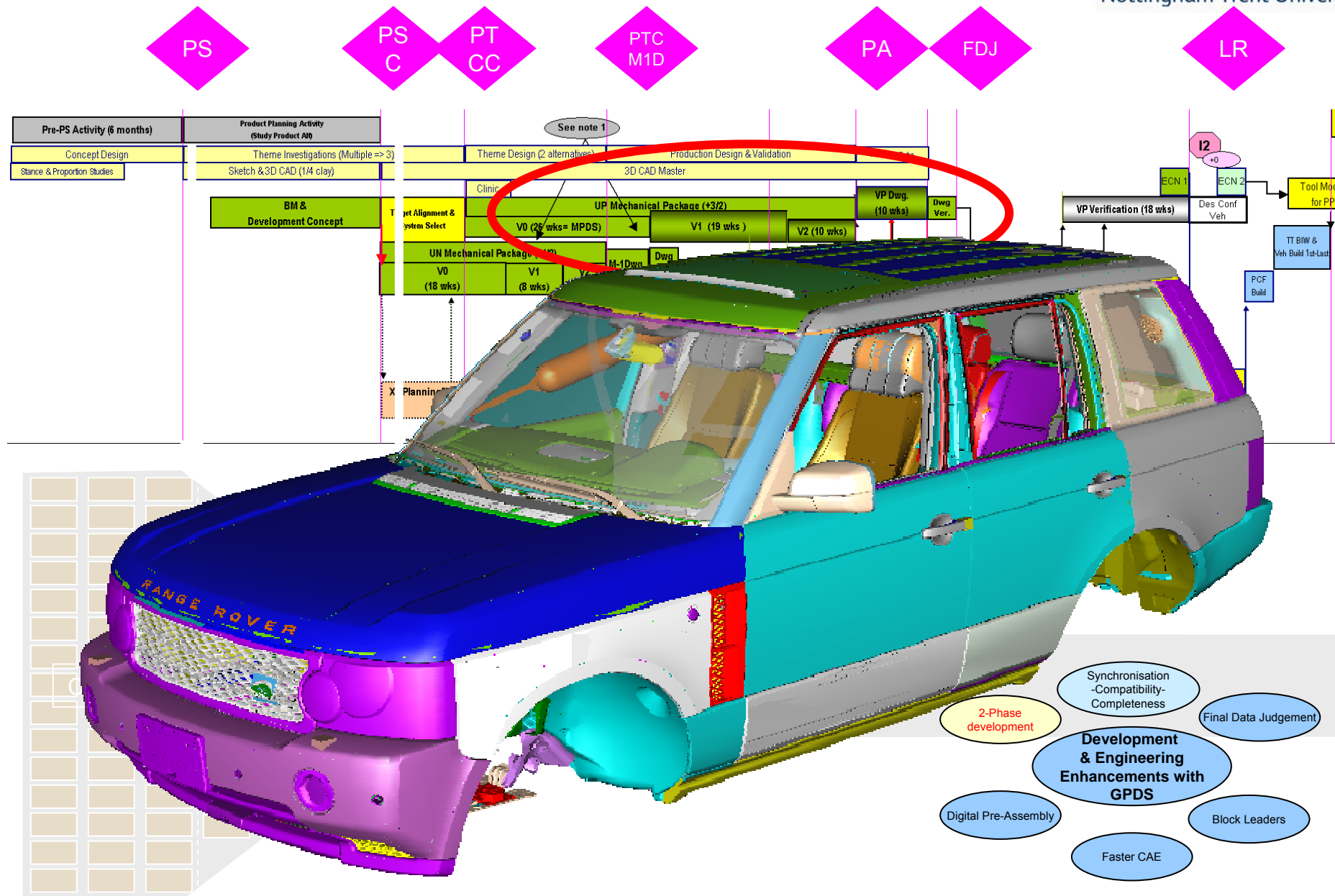
Maximising knowledge and certainty

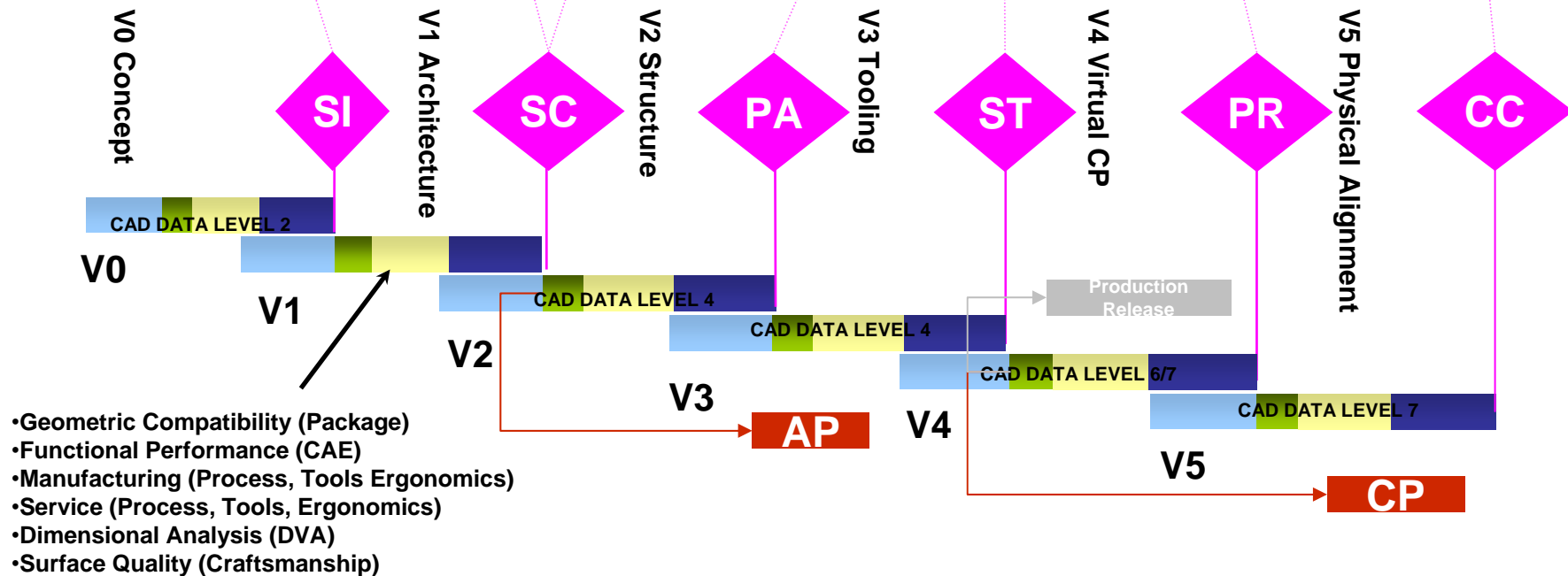
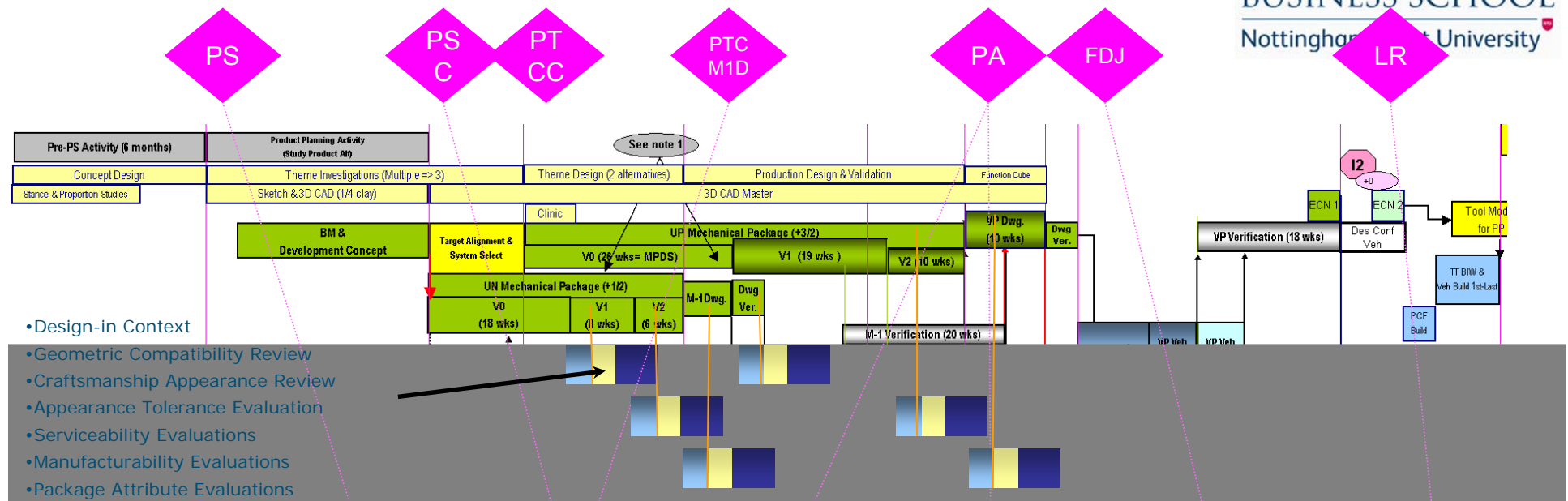


Design engineering & development



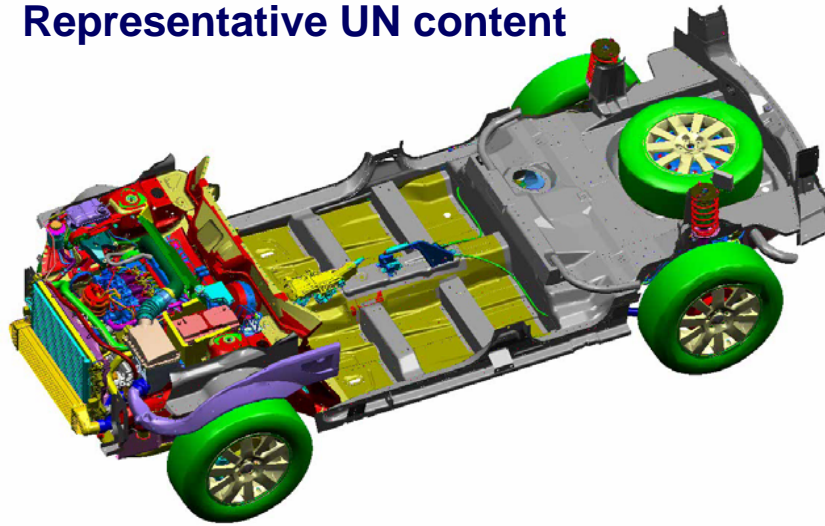




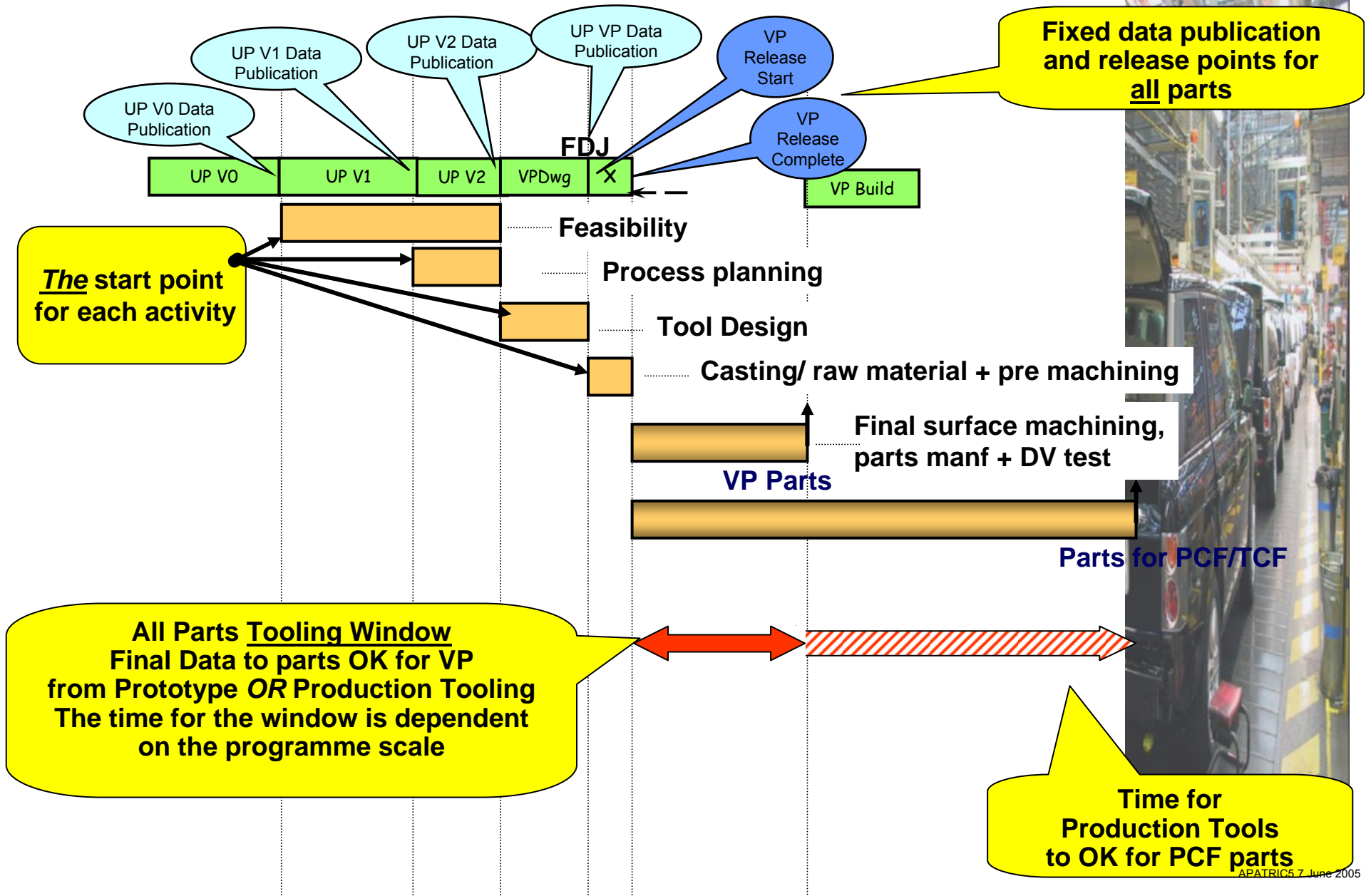


Engineering & Prototyping

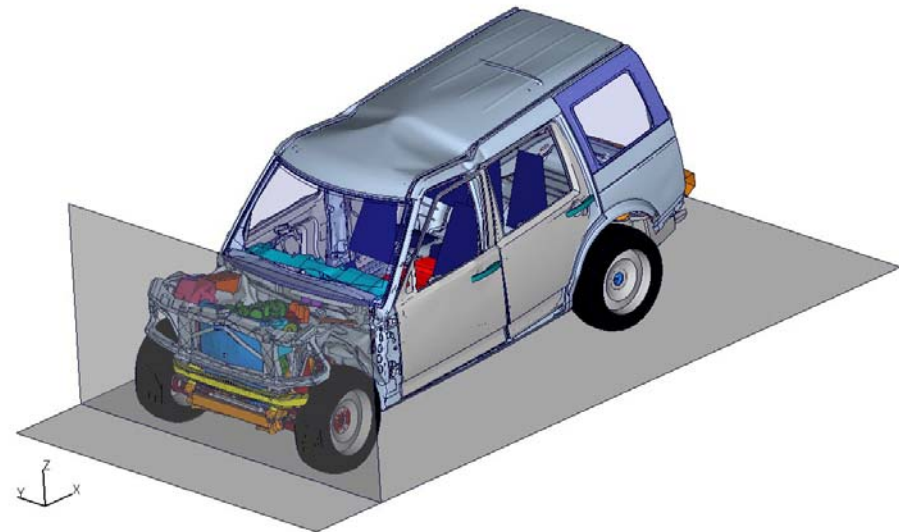
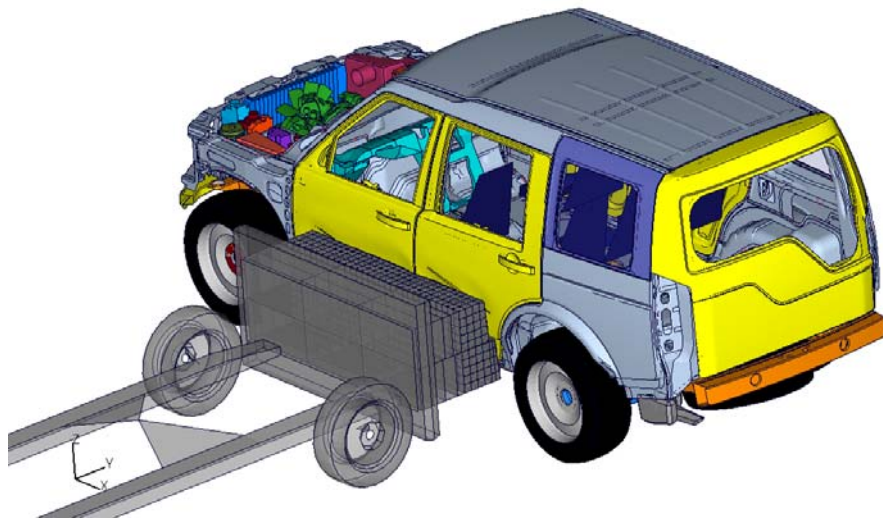
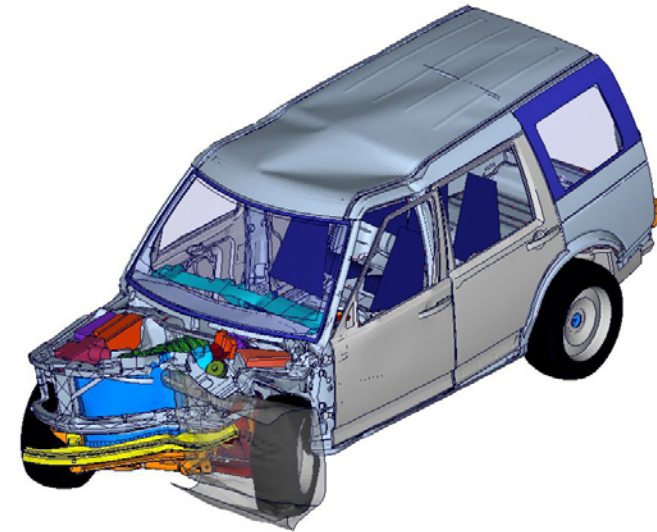
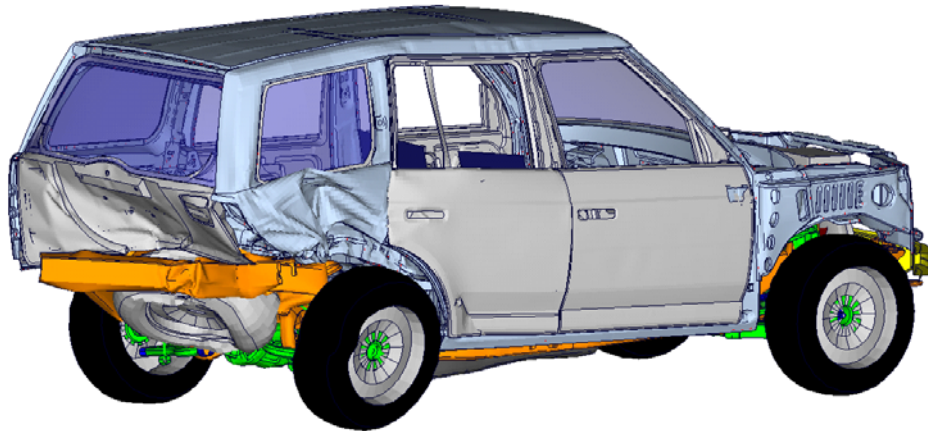
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VP production and tooling

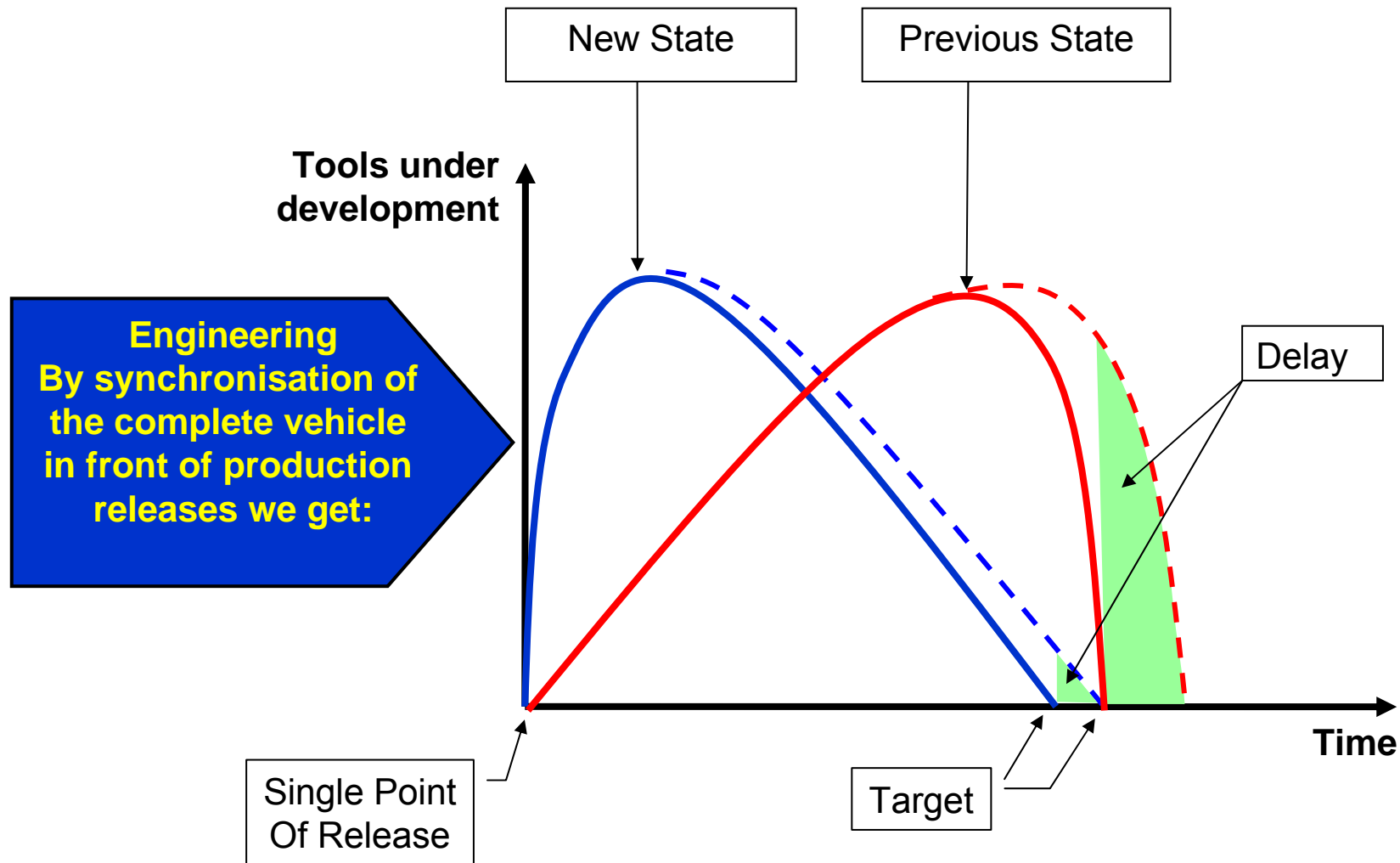


Verification and crash test

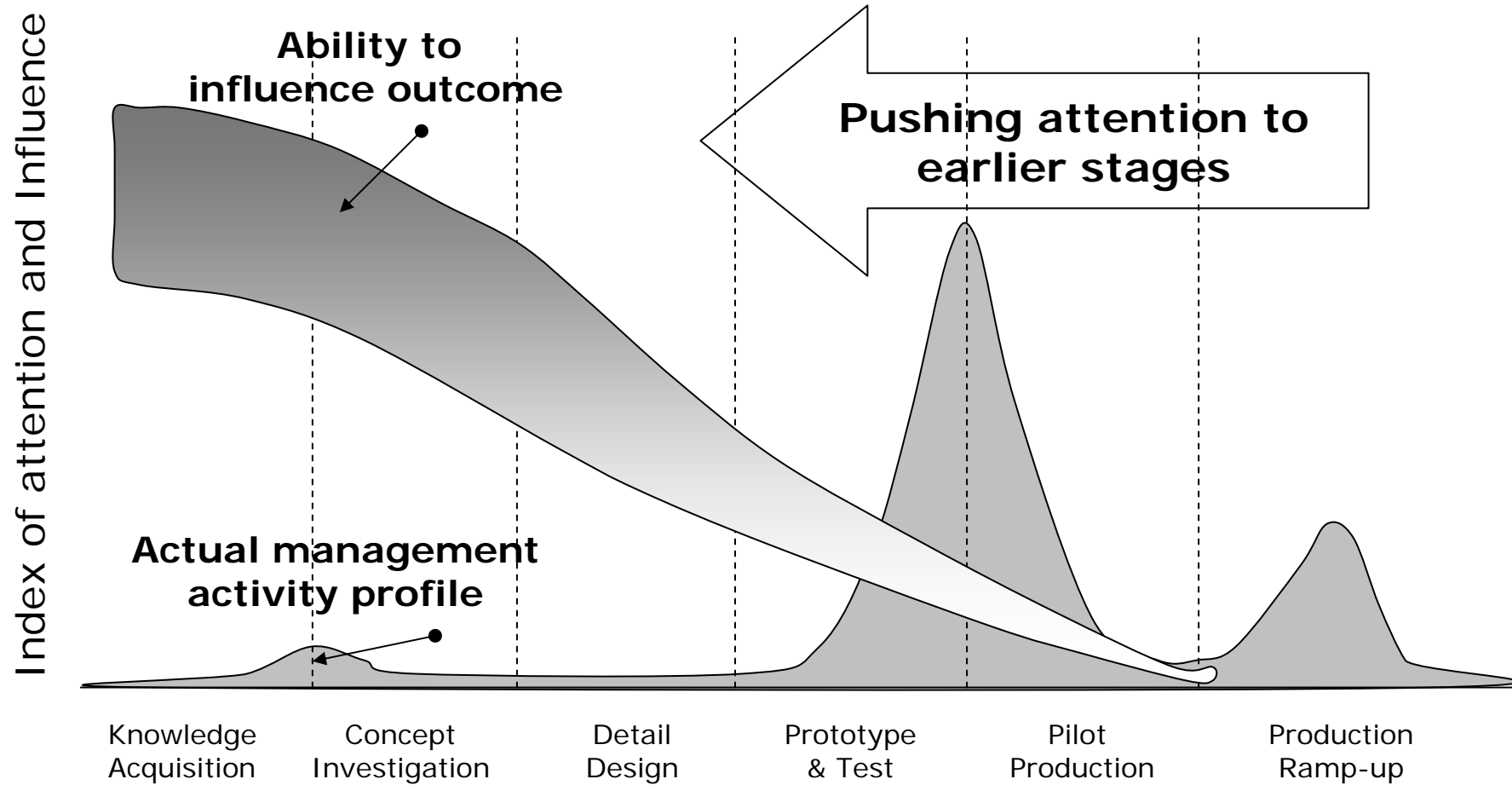


Would you like to see the actual crash test clips?

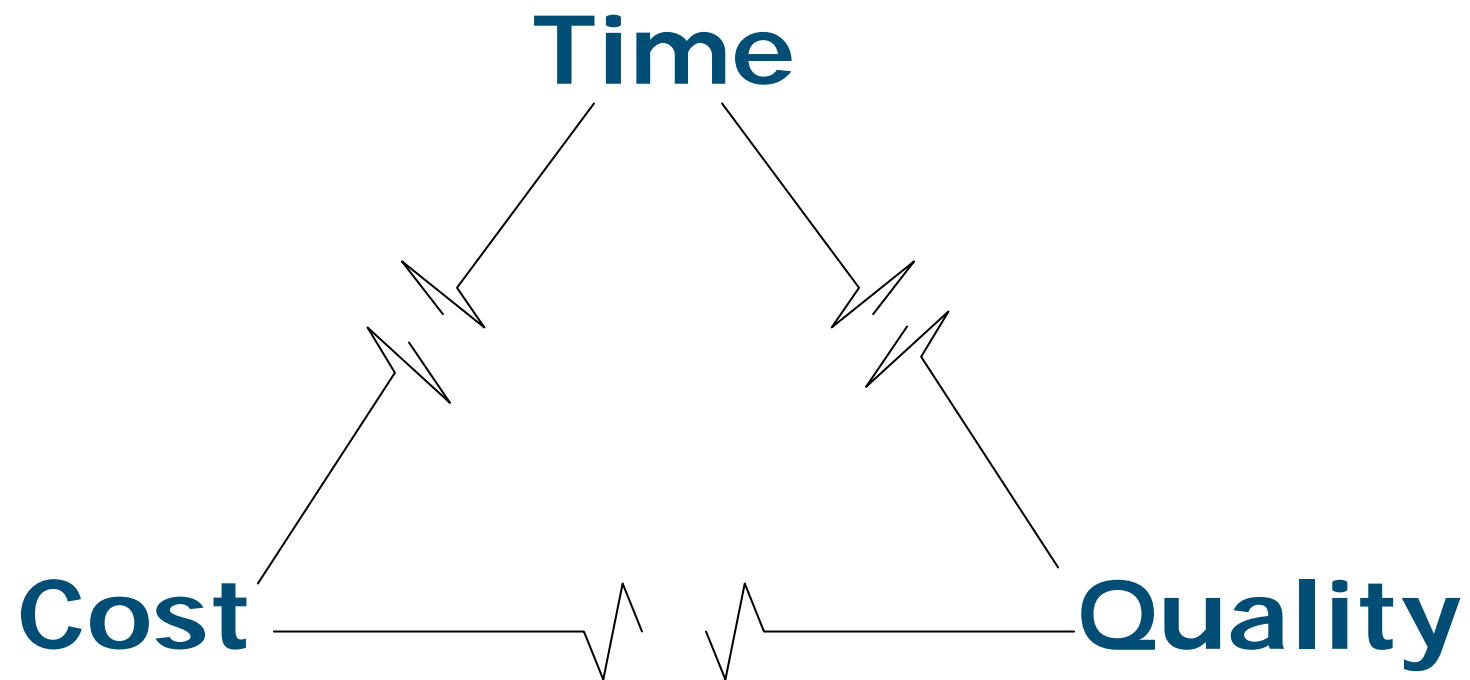
Synchronisation & mass production preparation



Improved PD System



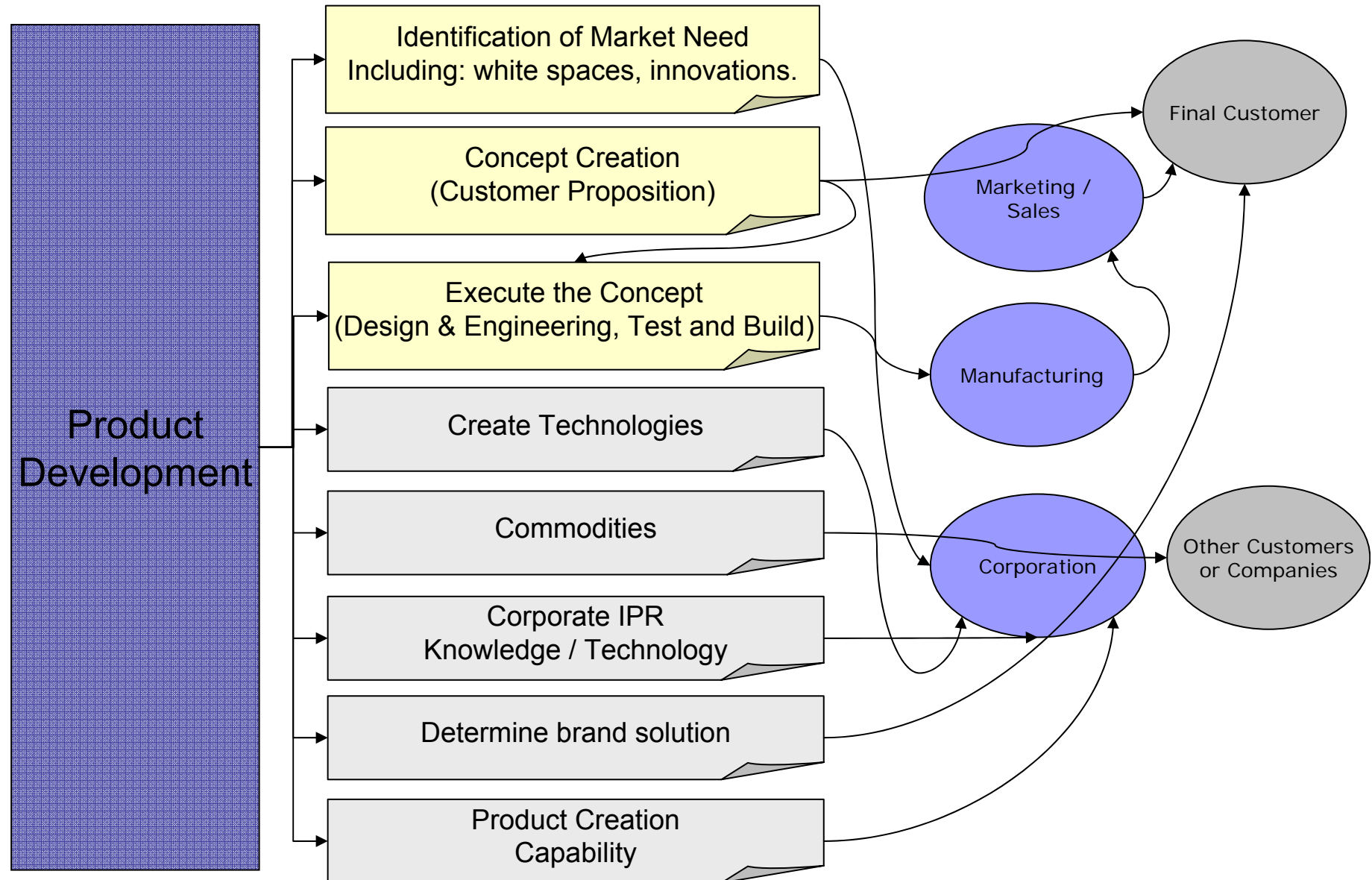
Decoupling and Alignment



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Product Development: Value-add outputs



Criteria for successful new products

- Offer a unique feature
- Higher relative quality
- Solution to customers' problems
- Reduction of total customer costs
- Being the first of its kind

Product Development system



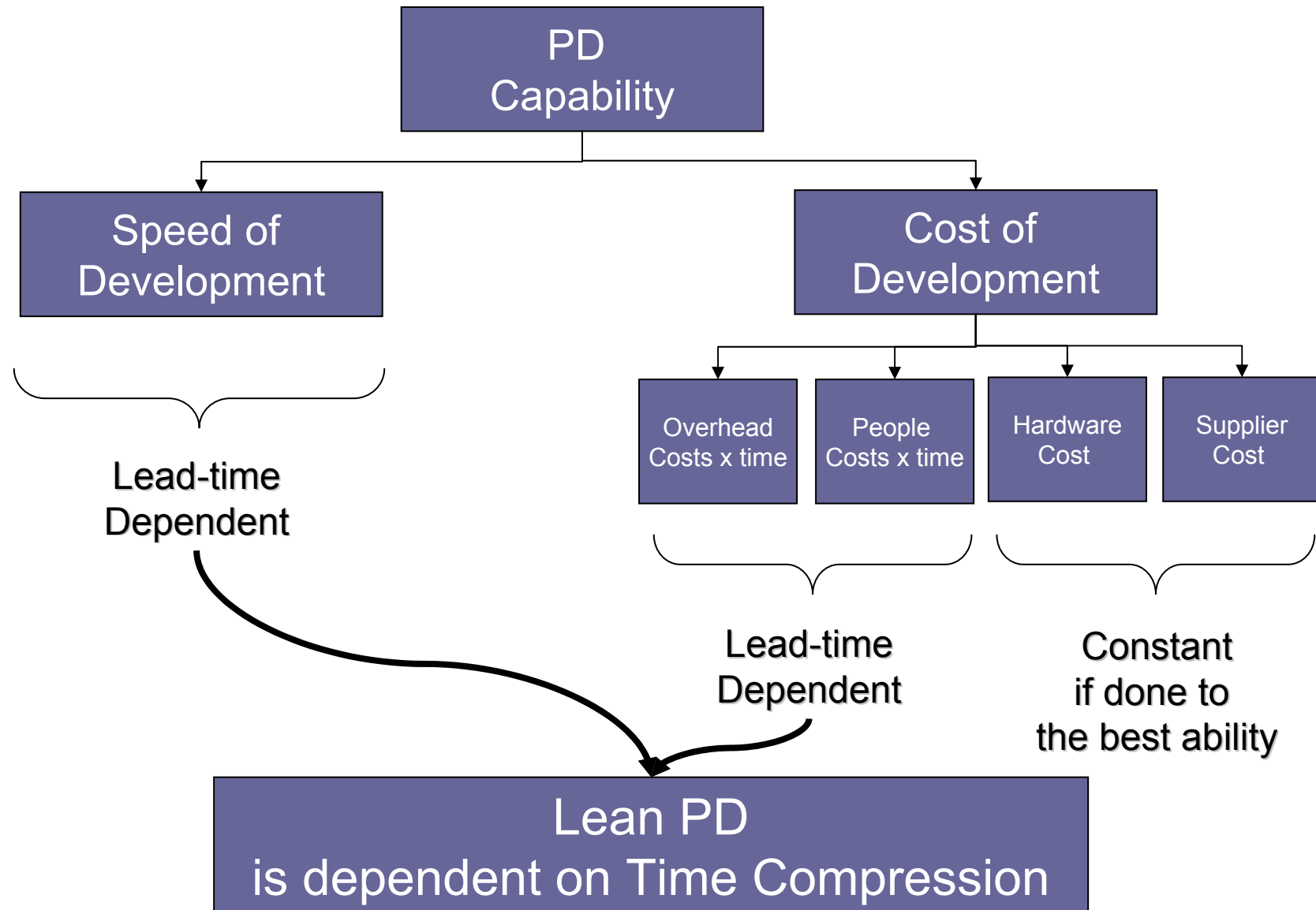
Product Development capability

How fast = speed of development

How Many = throughput

How much investment = cost of development

Product Development capability



PD Capability Metric

Time Compression

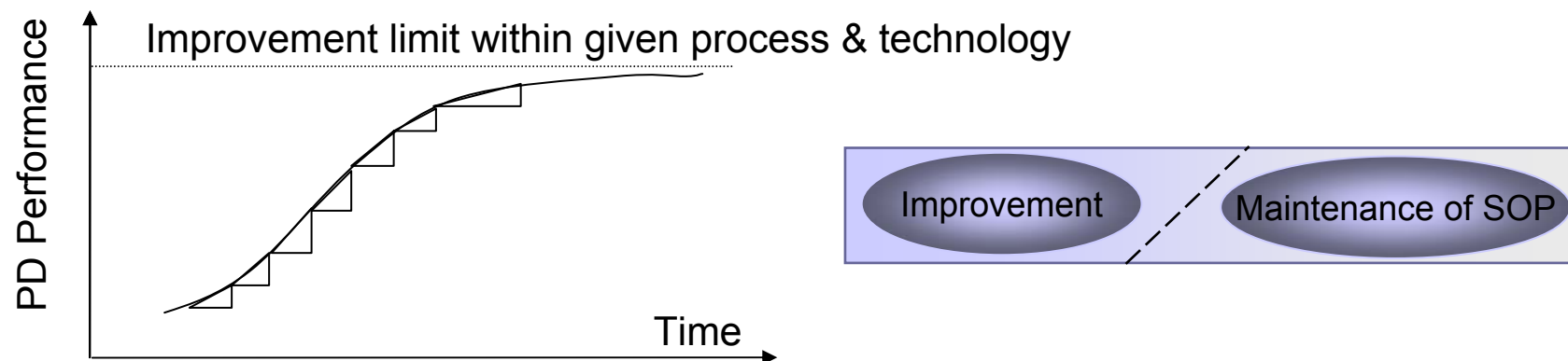
i.e. How much can you reduce the lead-time of Product Development

At Program Level : Program Time Compression

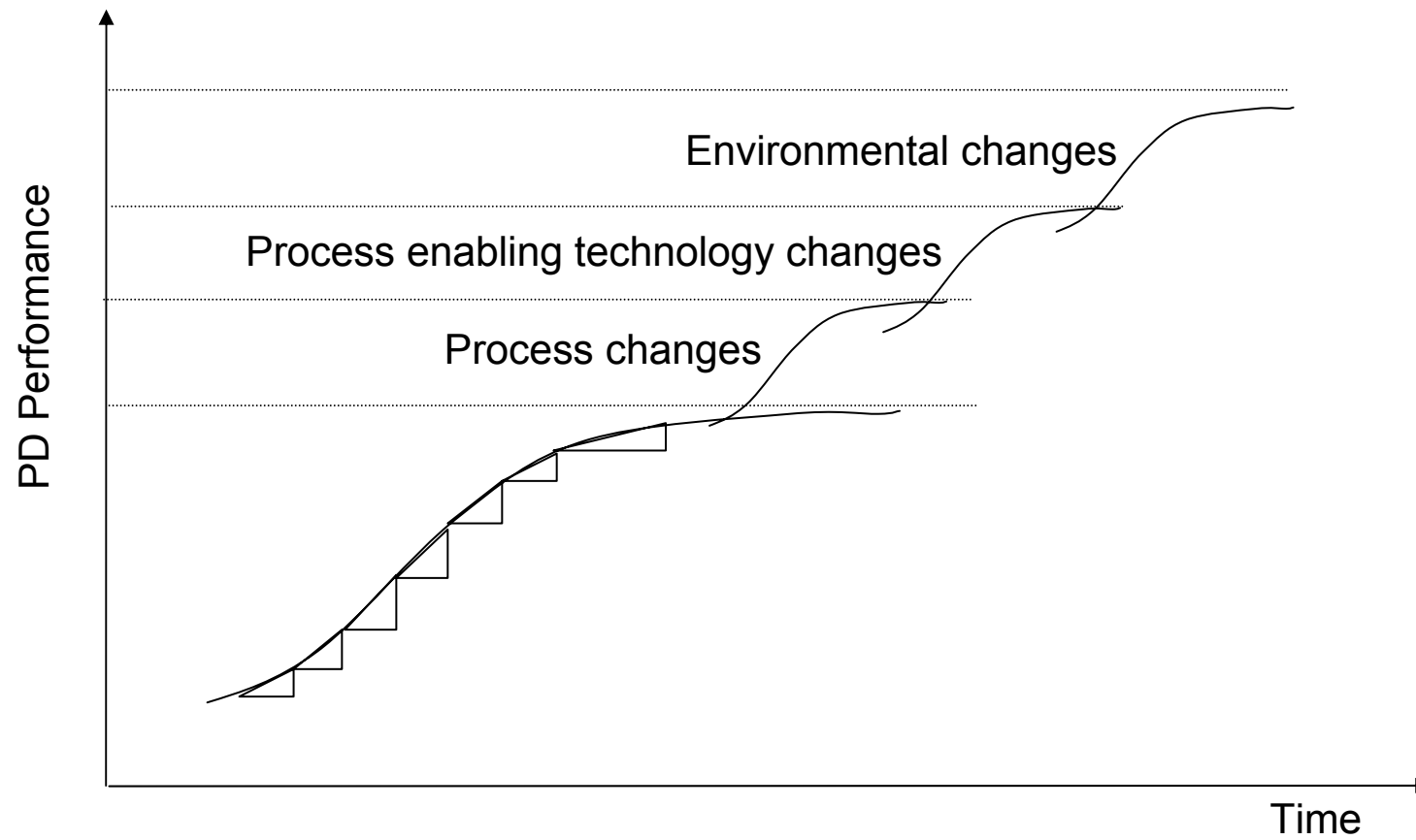
$$\text{Program Performance} = \Delta t_c$$

At Business Level : Rate of Time Compression

$$\text{PD Performance} = dt_c / dt$$



Sources of Improvement

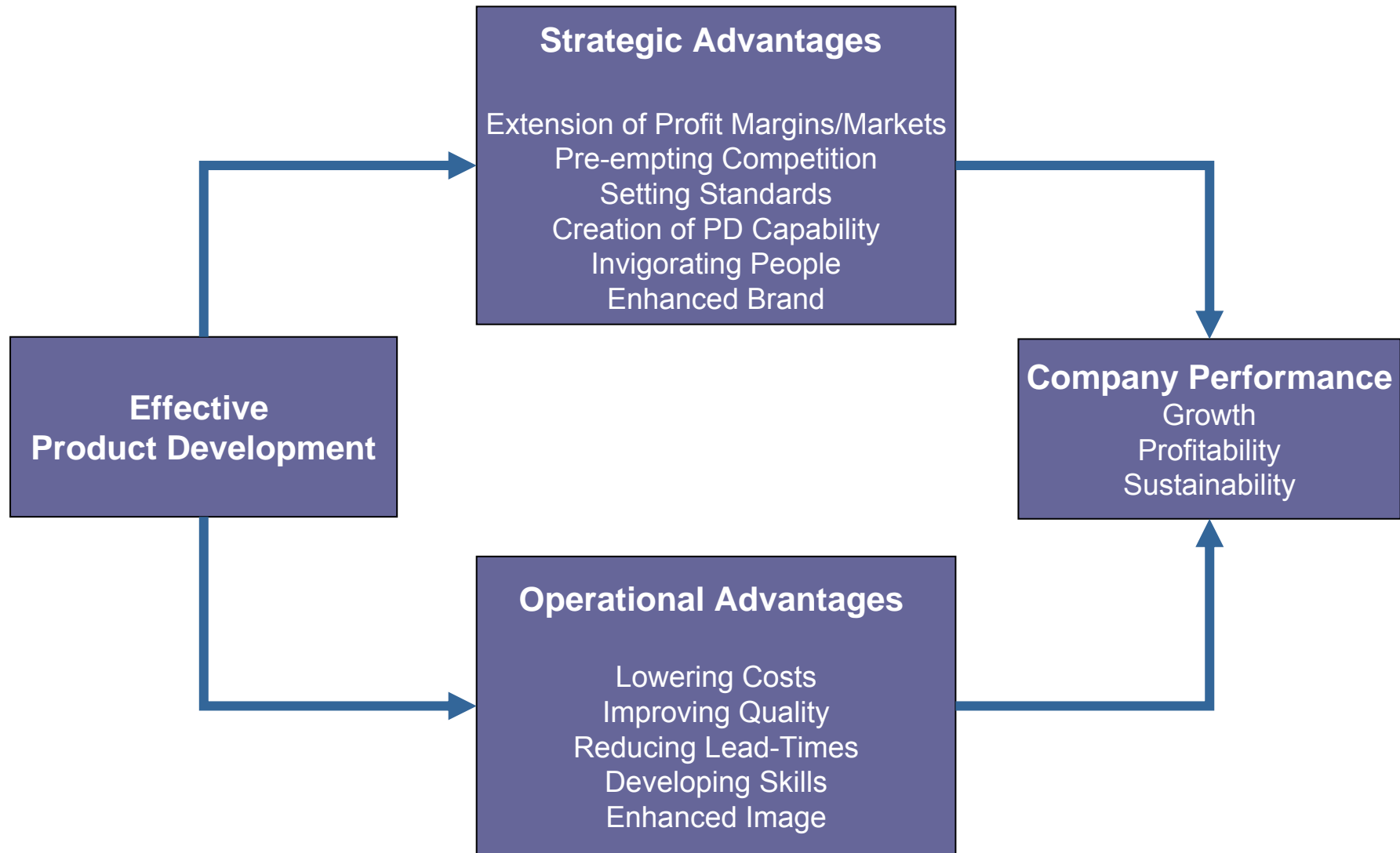


No new Products

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No future for that company

Effective Product Development



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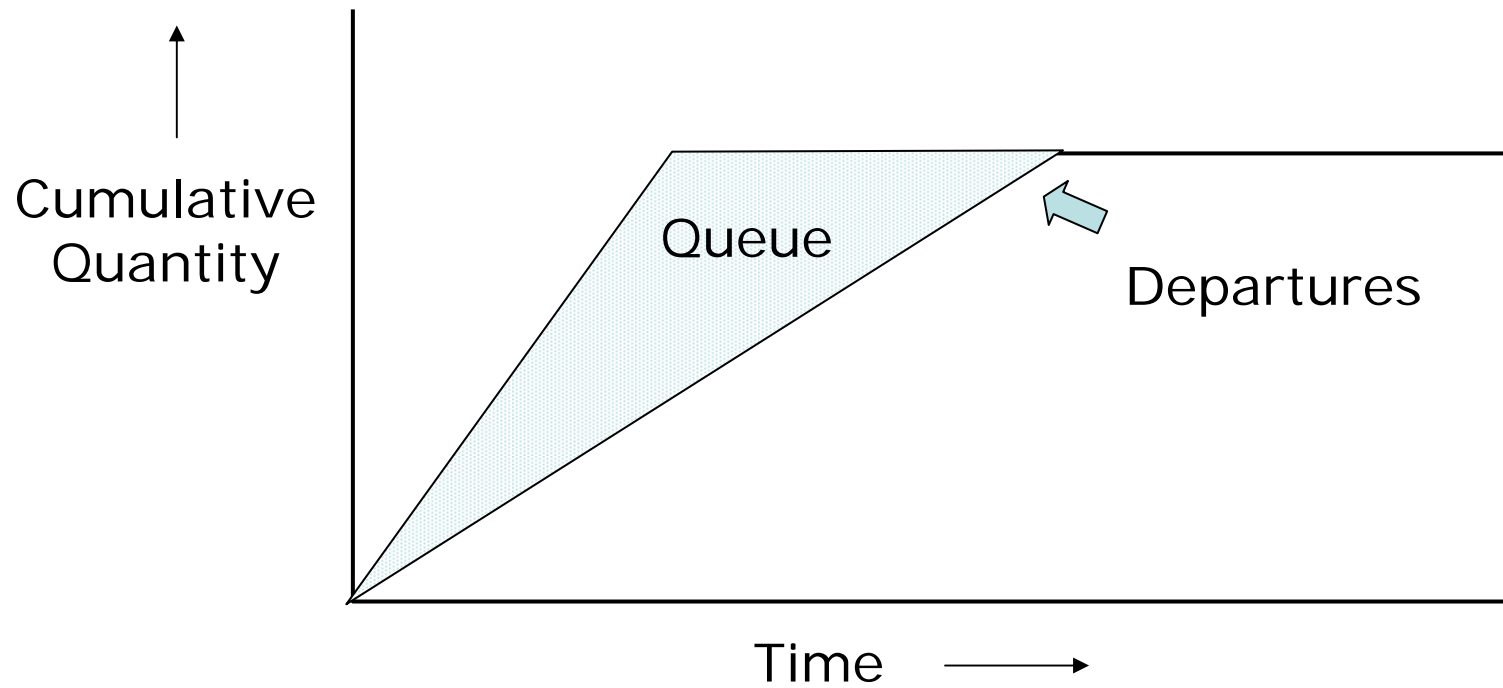
The shape of things to come

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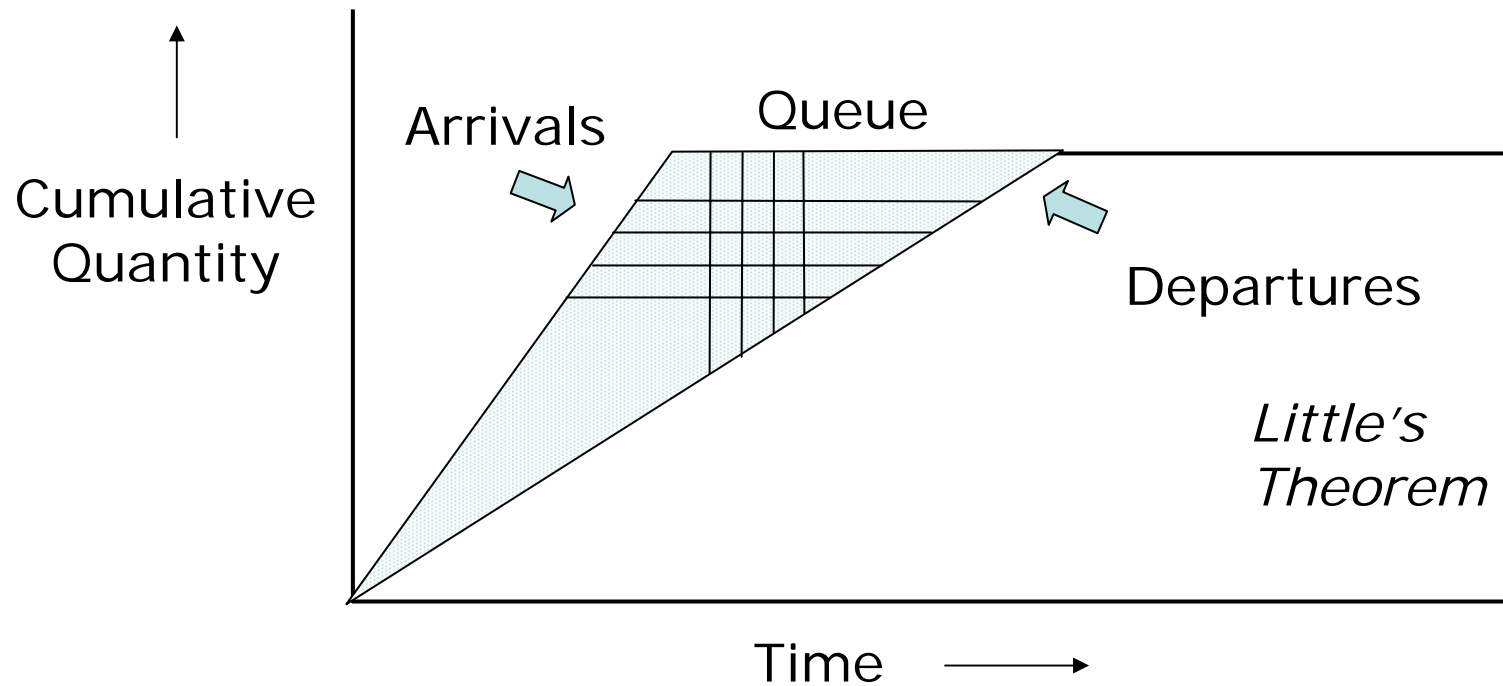
Apologies for over-running on time !

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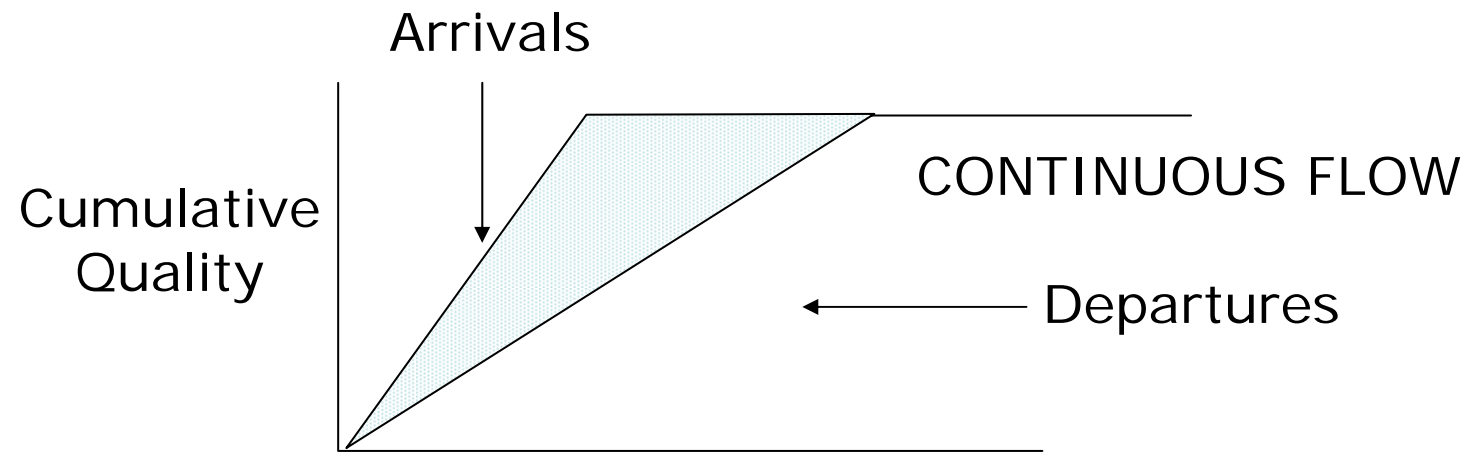
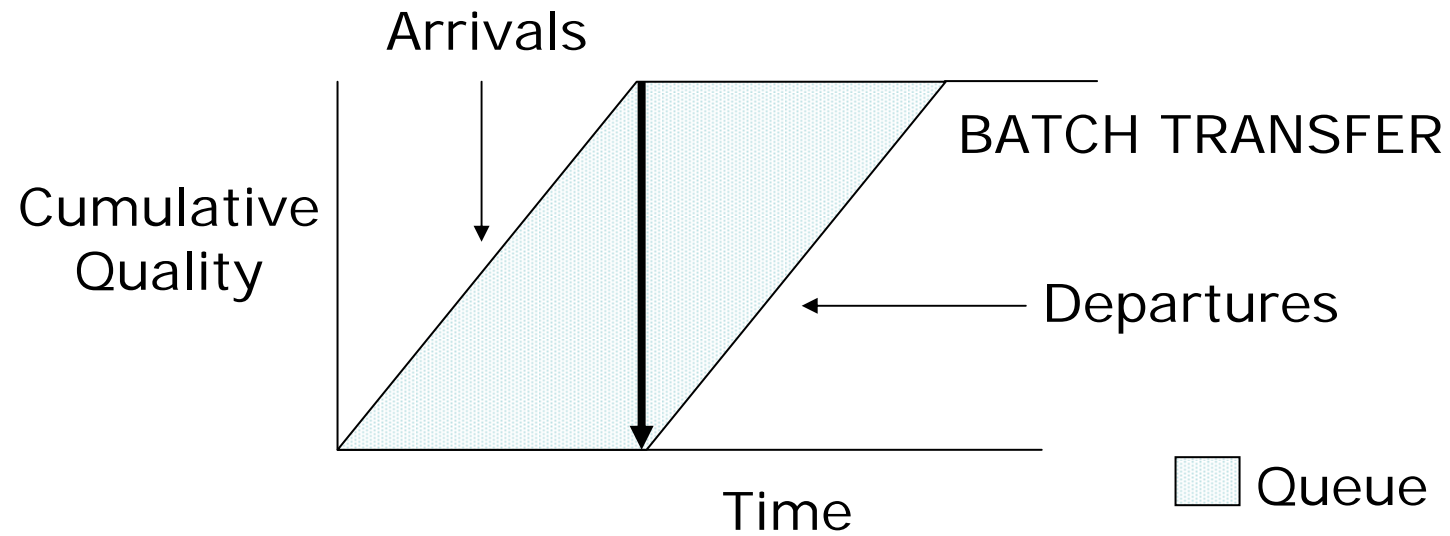
Cumulative flow diagram



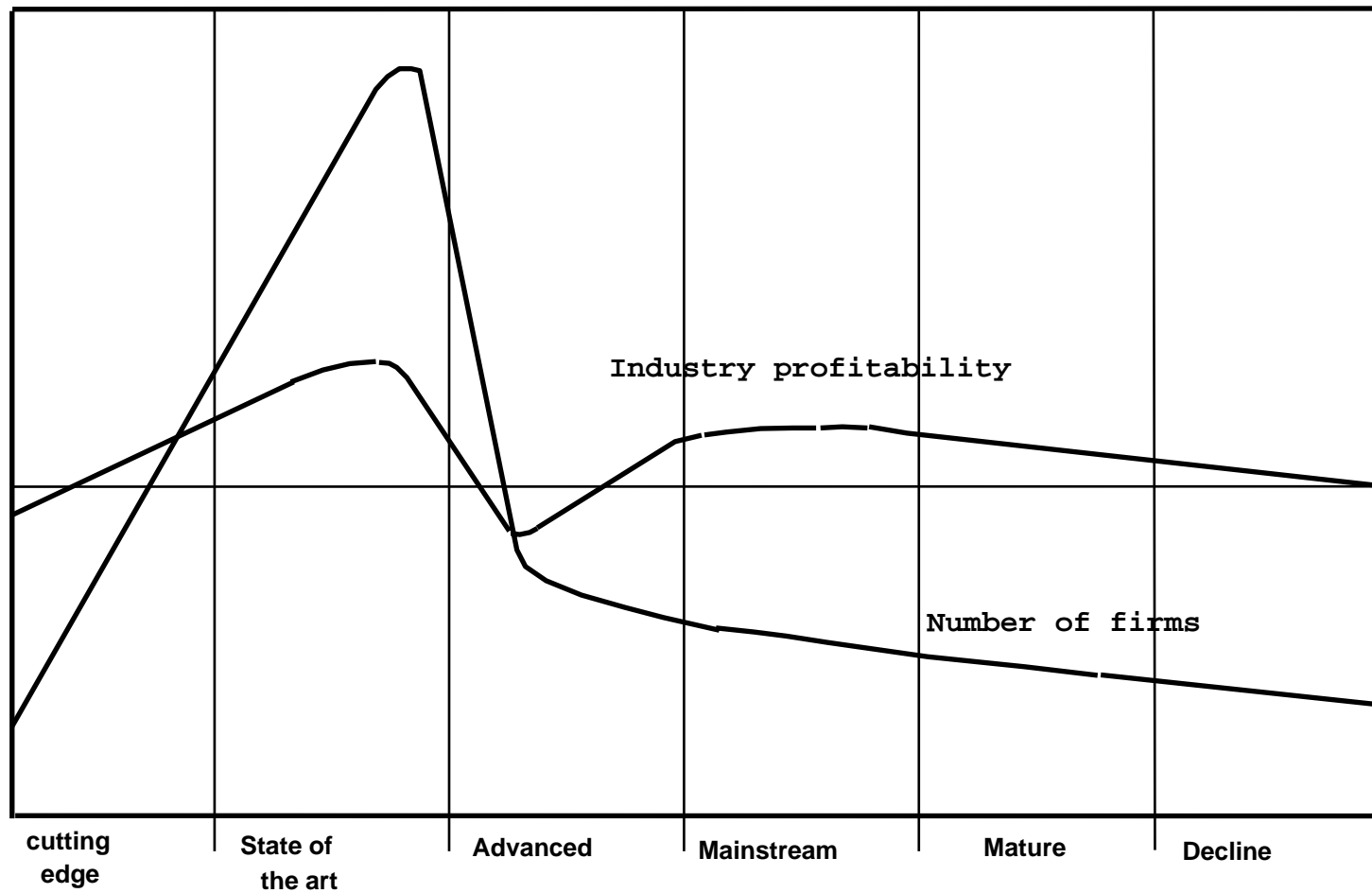
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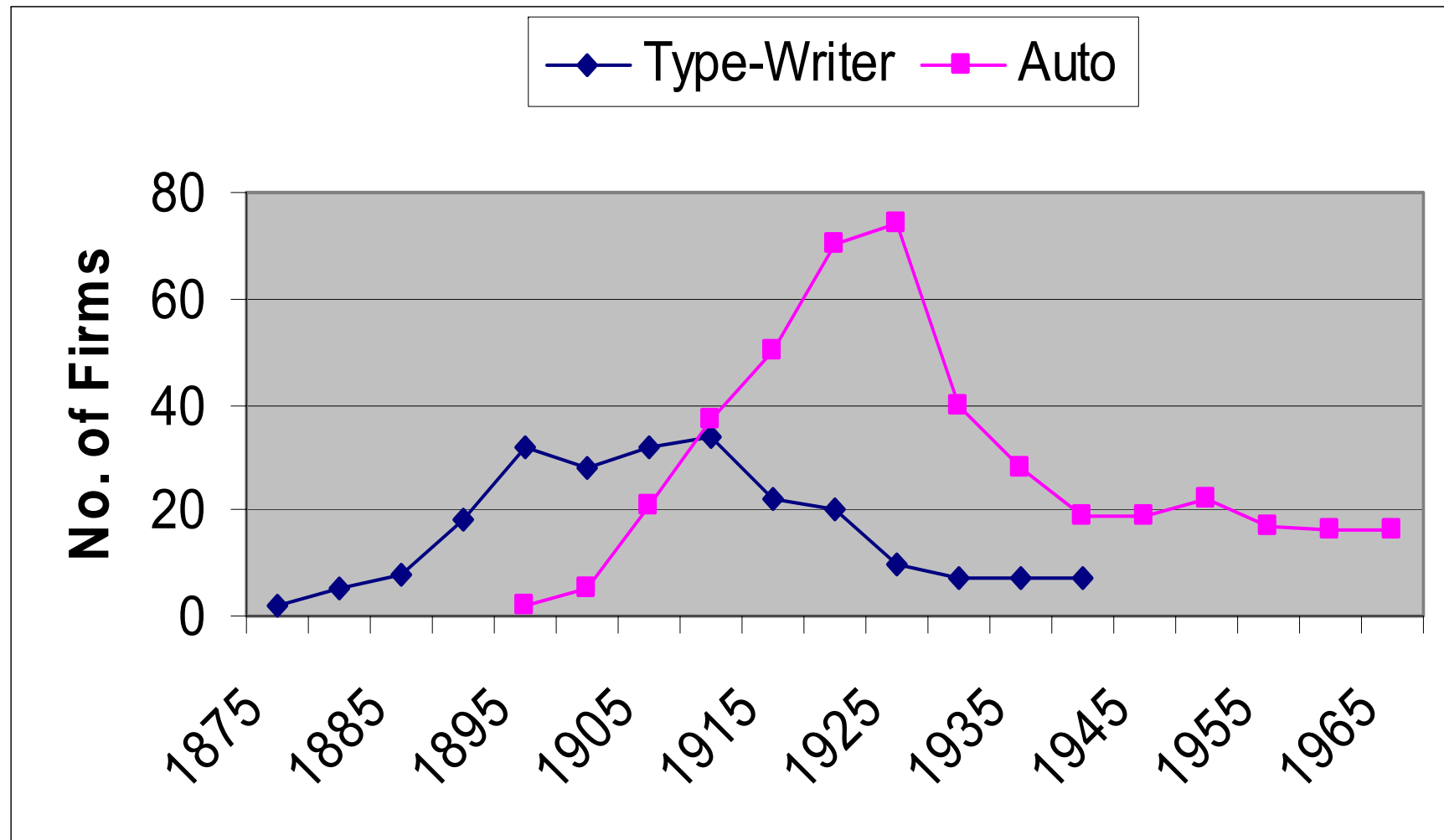
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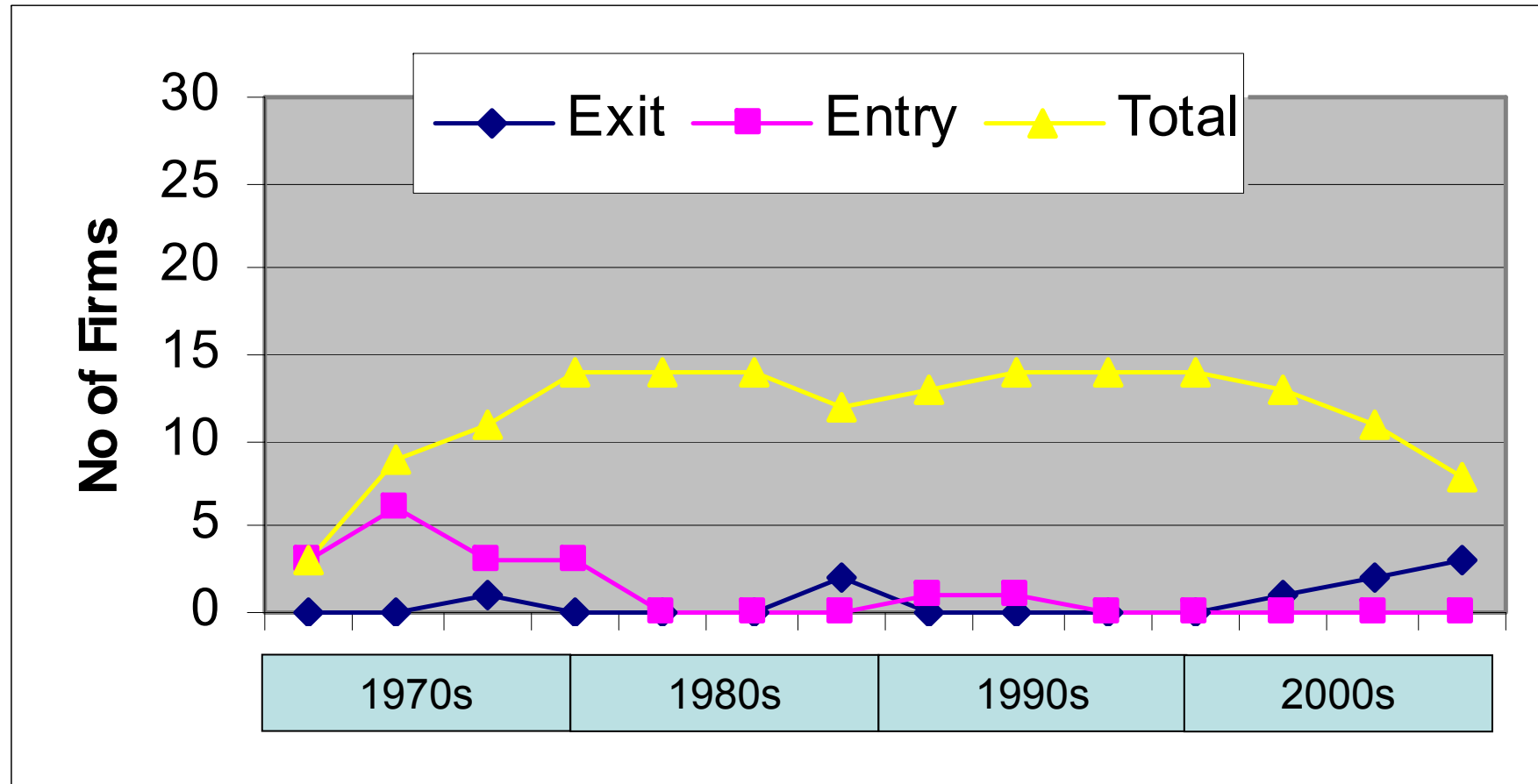
Technology Life Cycle



Dominant Design

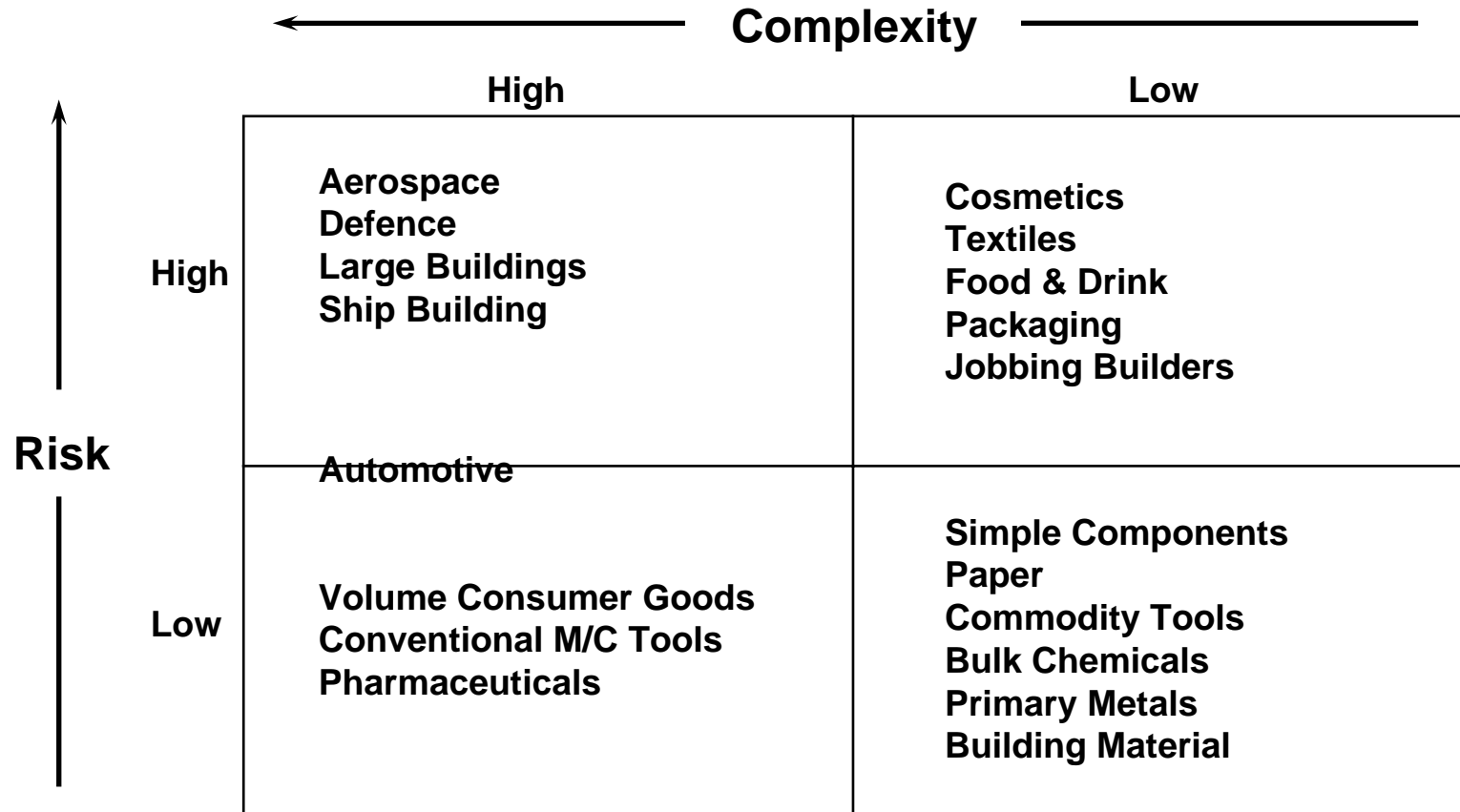


Non-convergent technologies

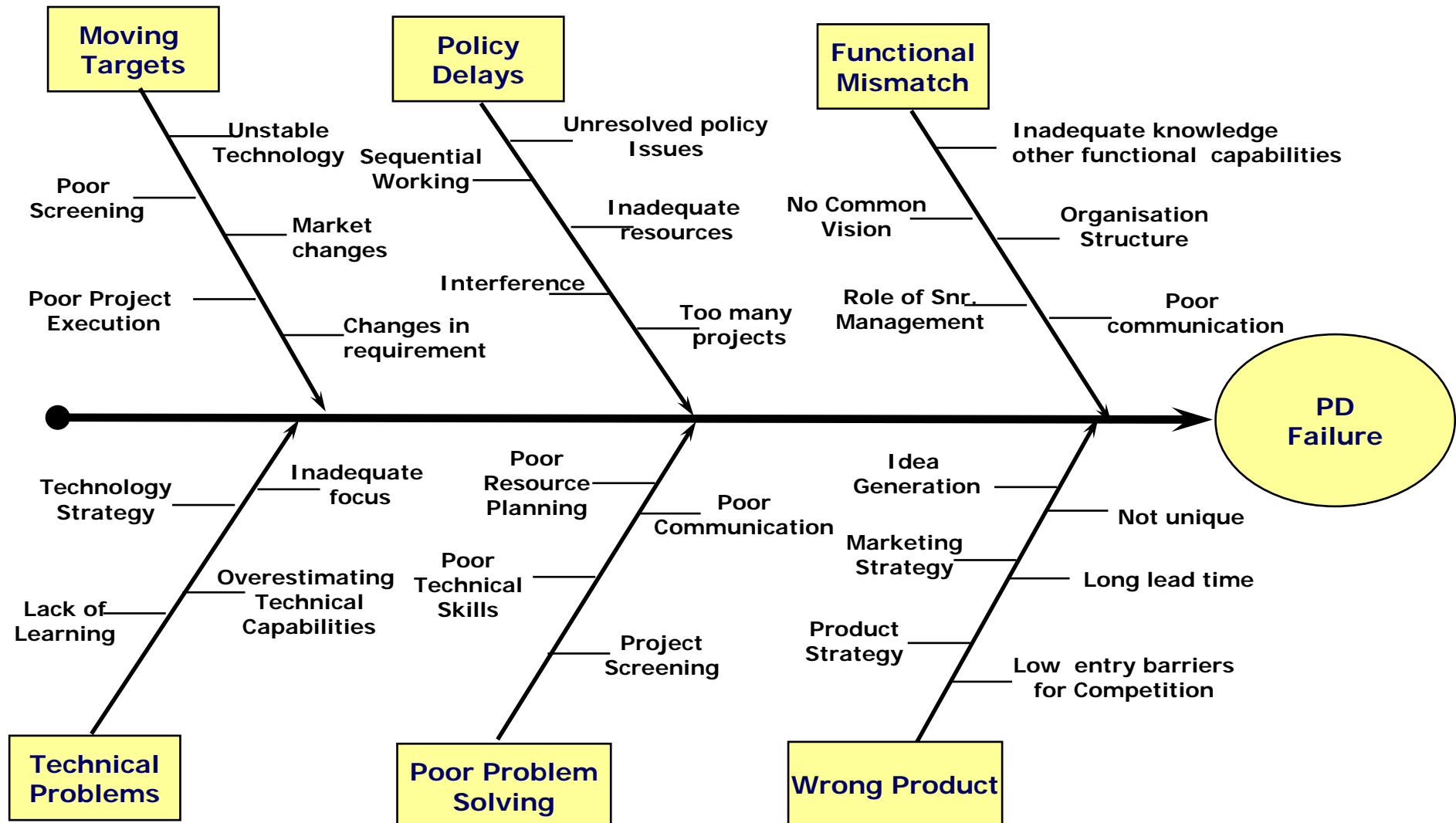


Firms participating in US integrated circuits industry

Product-type positioning



Causes of PD Failure



MPDS vs FPDS

