

Lean Product Development



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Lean Engineering Learning Points

Lean applies to engineering

Lean engineering process eliminates waste, focuses on value creation, and improves cycle time

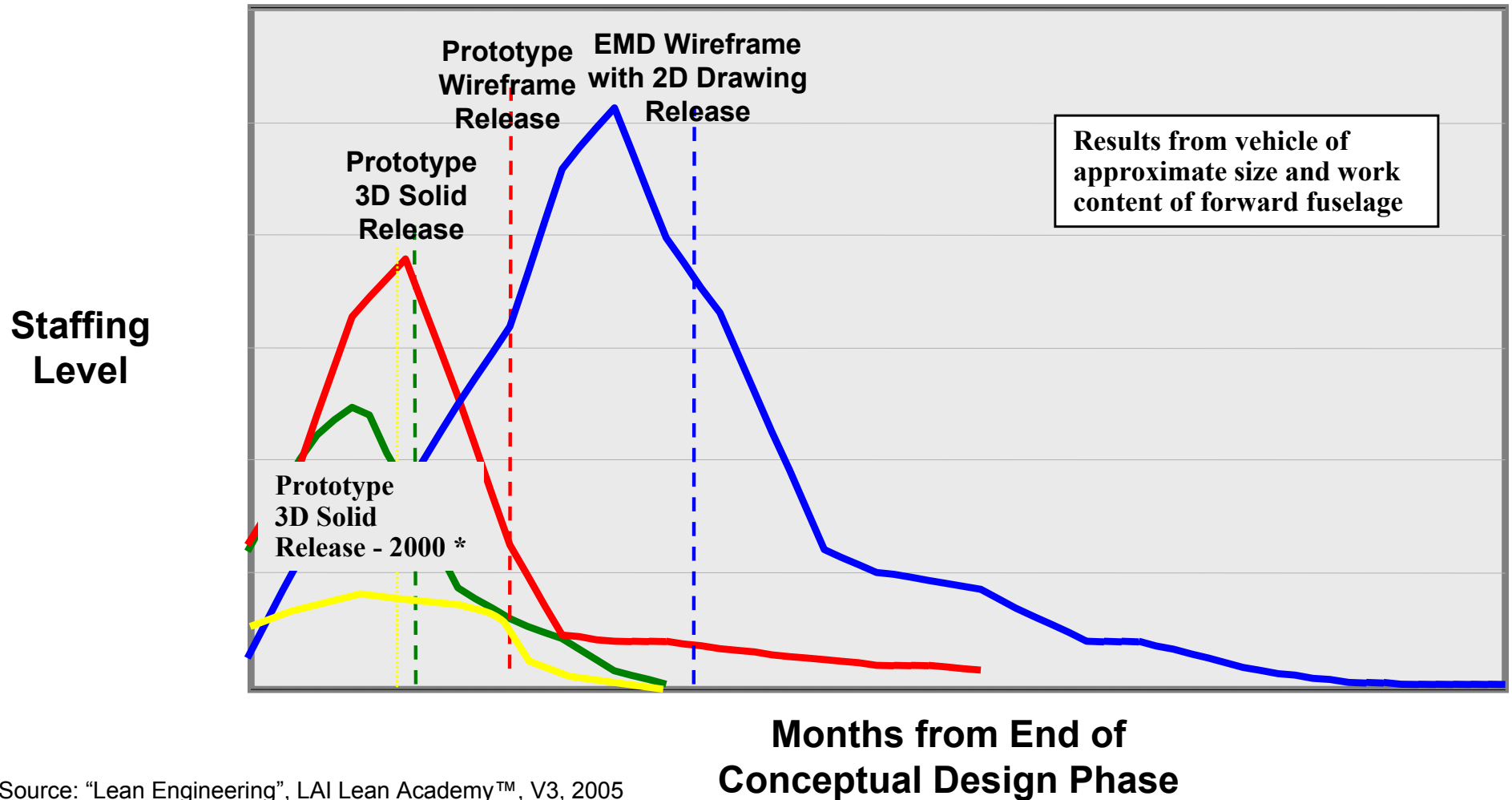
Efficient and standard process enables better engineering

Integrated Product and Process development (IPPD) and other tools are critical for lean enterprise



Lean Engineering Enables Faster and More Efficient Design

Forward Fuselage Development Total IPT Labor

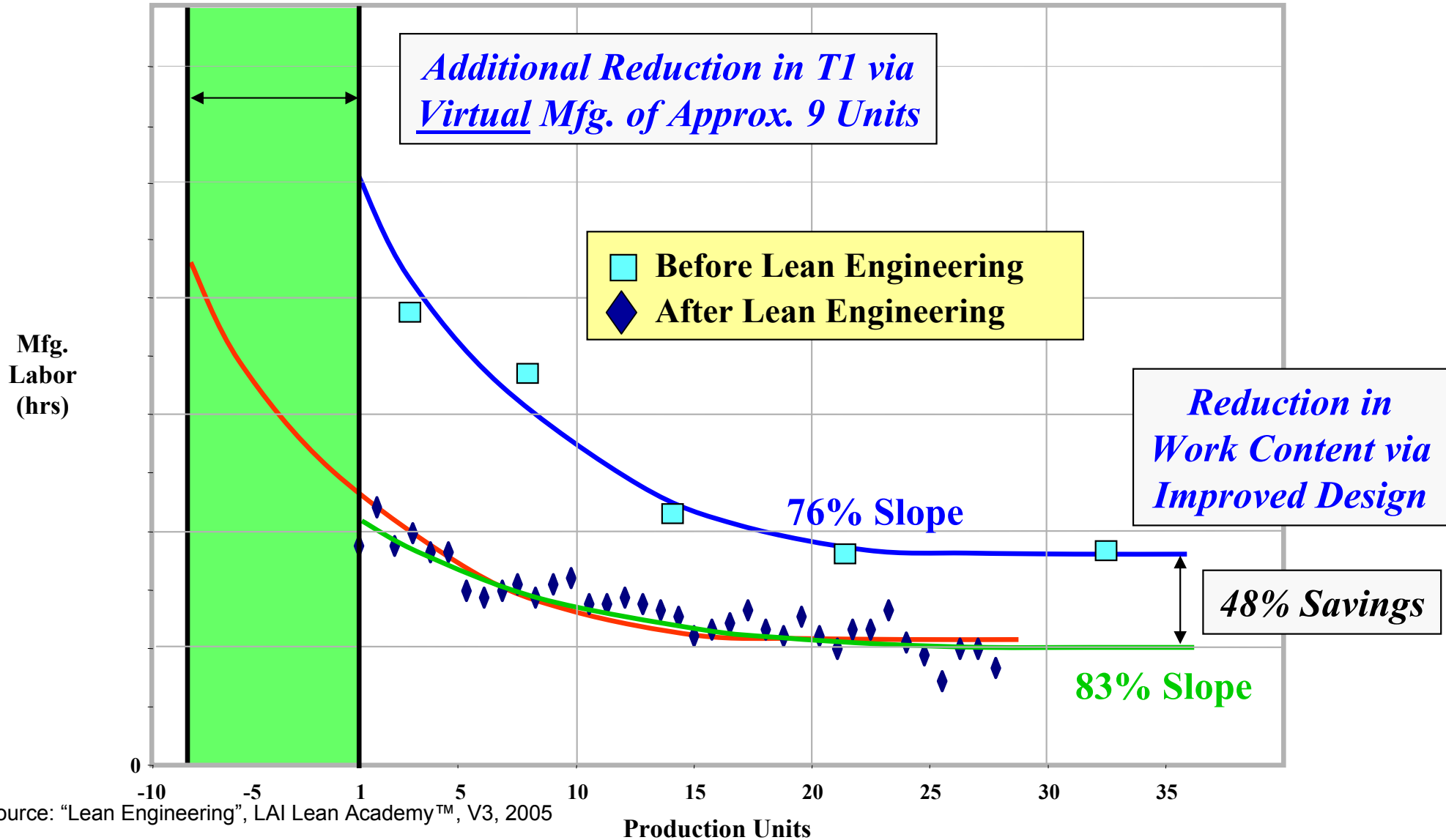


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Lean Engineering Improves Manufacturing



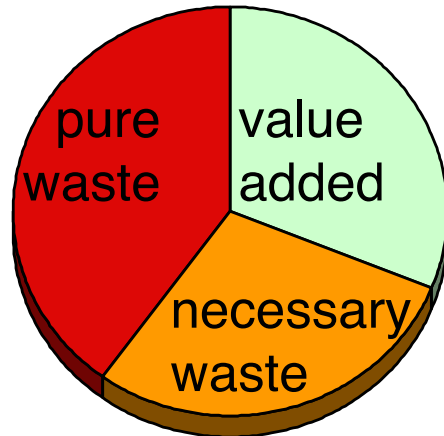
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Production Units



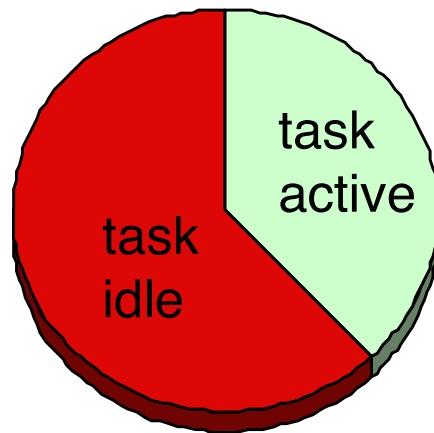
Using Efficient Engineering Processes: Applying lean thinking to eliminate wastes and improve cycle time and quality in engineering



Effort is wasted

40% of PD effort “pure waste”, 29% “necessary waste” (*workshop opinion survey*)

30% of PD charged time “setup and waiting” (*aero and auto industry survey*)



Time is wasted

62% of tasks idle at any given time (*detailed member company study*)

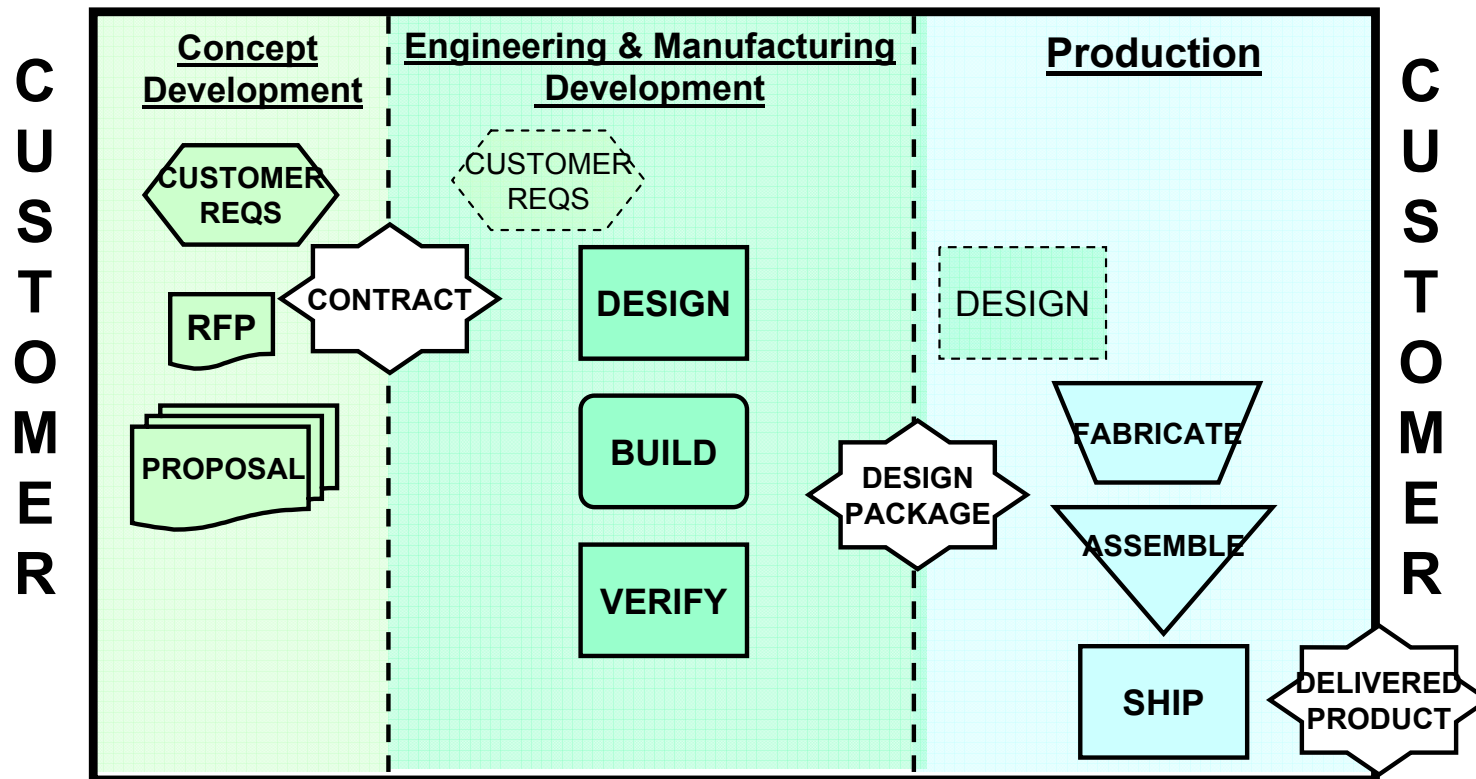
50-90% task idle time found in Kaizen-type events

Source: McManus, H.L. “Product Development Value Stream Mapping Manual”, LAI Release Beta, April 2004

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What is Product Development?

“The set of activities beginning with the perception of a market opportunity and ending in the production, sale and delivery of a product”. Ulrich K. and Eppinger, S, Product Design and Development, McGraw-Hill, 1995



Source: Adapted from Aerojet General Corporation Briefing- “ Value Stream Analysis Applied to the Product Development Process”



Lean Engineering: Doing the Right Thing Right

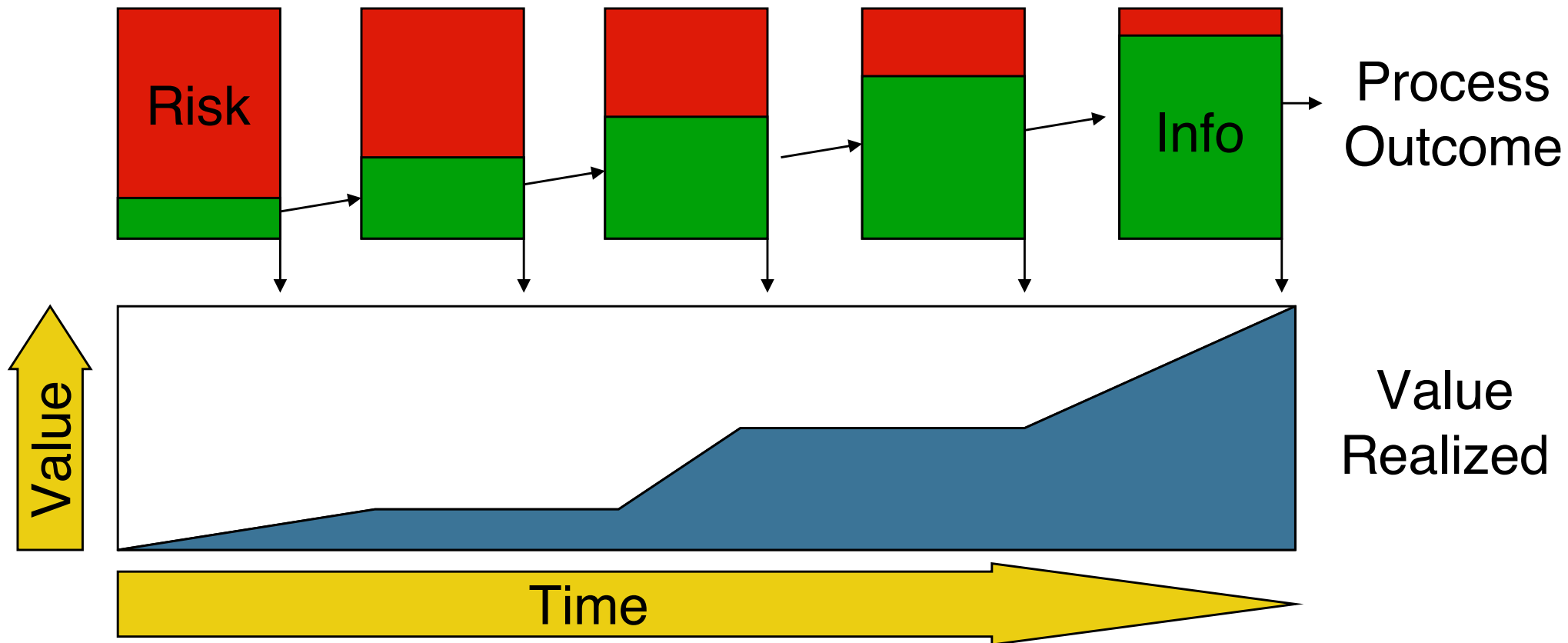
- **Creating the right products...**
 - Creating product architectures, families, and designs that increase value for all enterprise stakeholders.
- **With effective lifecycle & enterprise integration...**
 - Using lean engineering to create value throughout the product lifecycle and the enterprise.
- **Using efficient engineering processes.**
 - Applying lean thinking to eliminate wastes and improve cycle time and quality in engineering.

Source: McManus, H.L. "Product Development Value Stream Mapping Manual", LAI Release Beta, April 2004

**Framework based upon a decade of Lean Aerospace
Initiative research and industry/government implementation**

One Approach: Value in PD Emerges Through Uncertainty Reduction

Activities accumulate information, eliminate risk, use resources



Adapted From Chase, "Value Creation in the Product Development Process", 2001.



A Framework for Reducing Uncertainty in PD

Uncertainties

- Lack of Knowledge
- Lack of Definition
- Statistically Characterized Variables
- Known Unknowns
- Unknown Unknowns

Risks/ Opportunities

- Disaster
- Failure
- Degradation
- Cost/Schedule (+/-)
- Market shifts (+/-)
- Need shifts (+/-)
- Extra Capacity
- Emergent Capabilities

Mitigations/ Exploitations

- Margins
- Redundancy
- Design Choices
- Verification and Test
- Generality
- Upgradeability
- Modularity
- Tradespace Exploration
- Portfolios&Real Options

Outcomes

- Reliability
- Robustness
- Versatility
- Flexibility
- Evolvability
- Interoperability

<Uncertainty> causes <Risk> handled by <Mitigation> resulting in <Outcome>

Source: HL McManus and Daniel Hastings, Presentation at INCOSE 2005 - Rochester NY, July 2005



Value Measurement

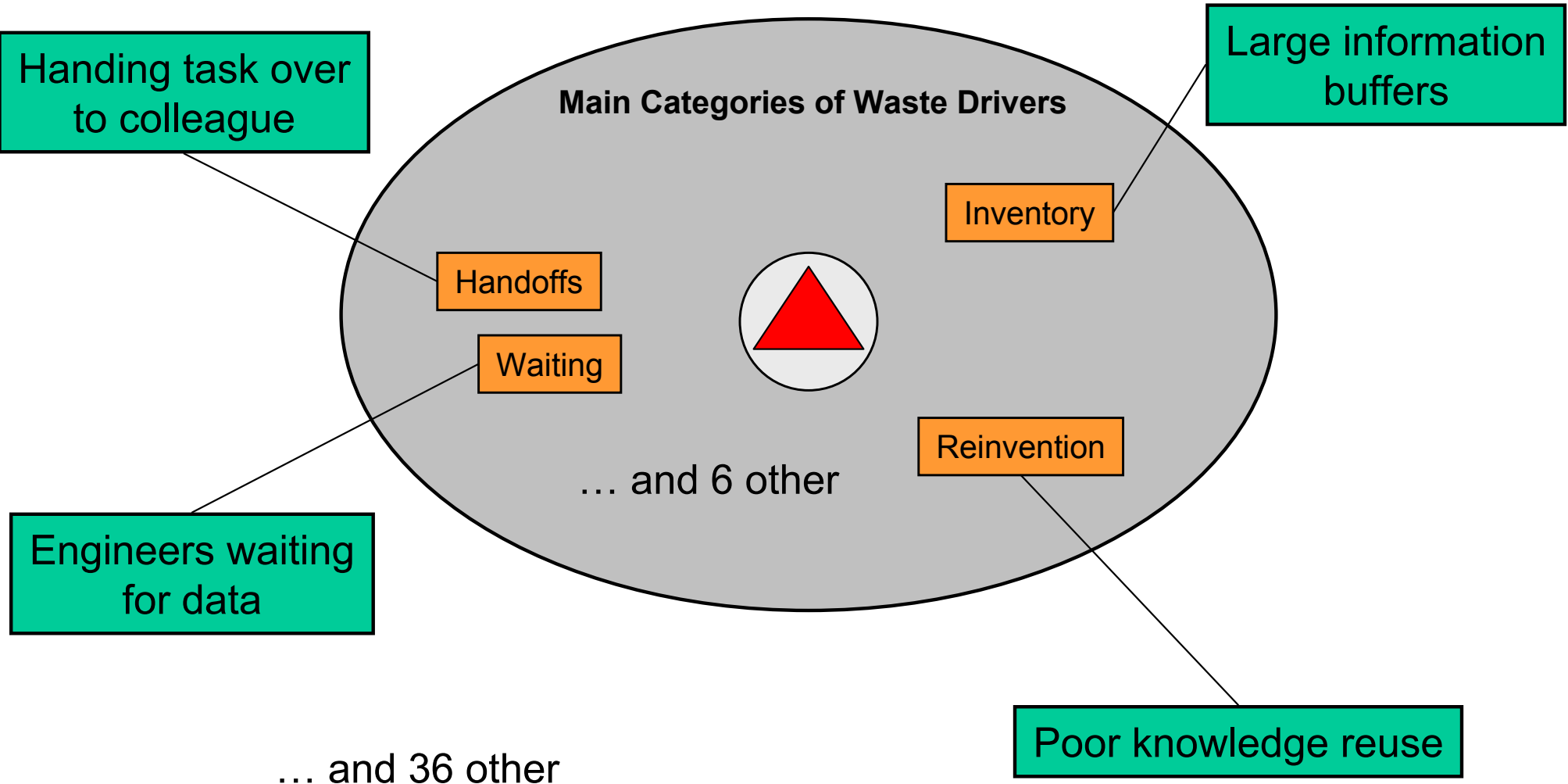
EVMS is commonly a common measure of “value” in PD

Typically generated from WBS at project launch

Relationship to underlying processes varies

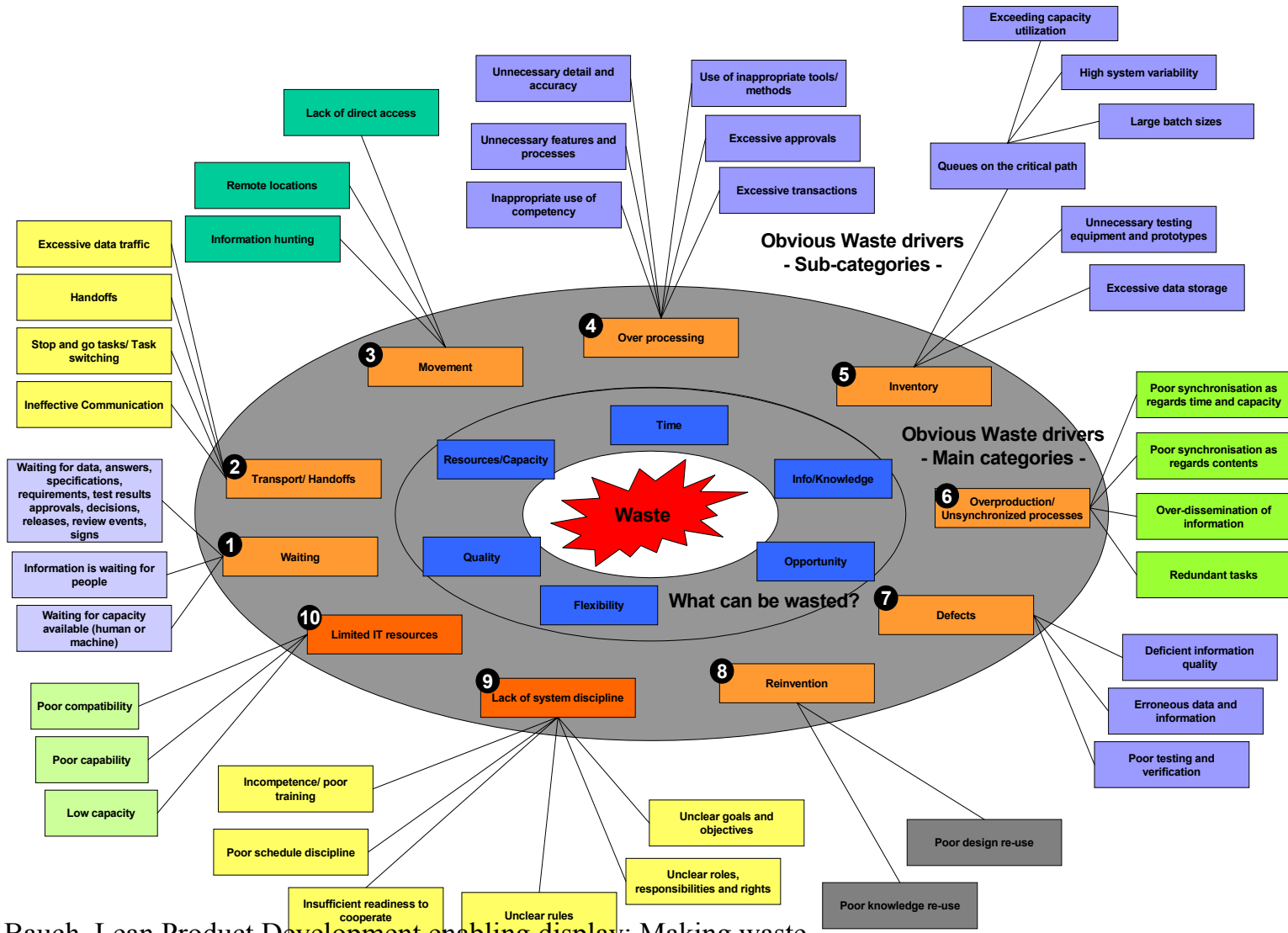
Level of detail can make it difficult to get program-level perspective on state of work completed, in-process, waiting, or otherwise in play

Waste Drivers – The Causes of Waste



Source: Christof Bauch, Lean Product Development enabling display: Making waste transparent, TUM Thesis 2004

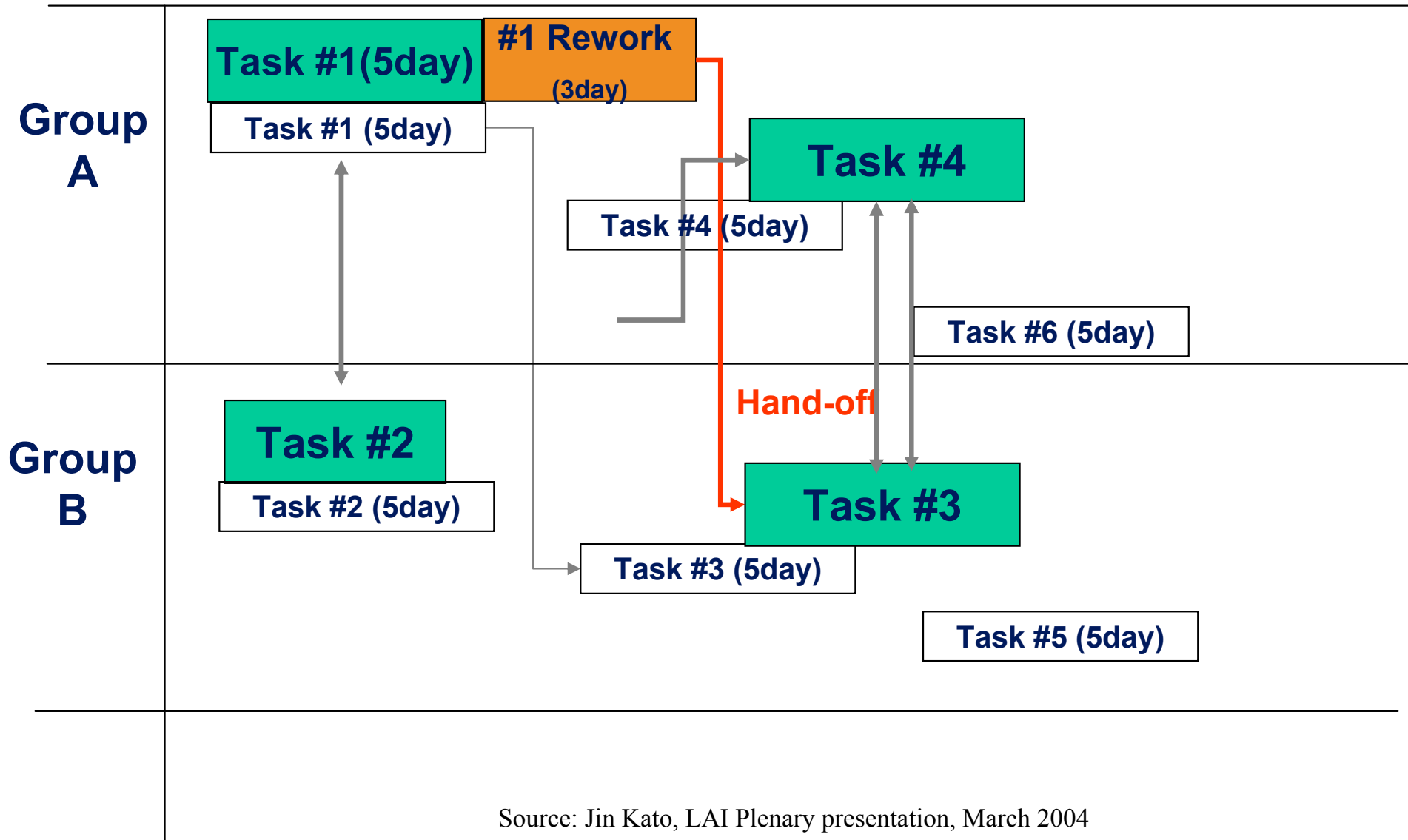
Complete Framework for Causes of Waste in Product Development



Source: Christof Bauch, Lean Product Development enabling display: Making waste transparent, TUM Thesis 2004



Tracking Waste in Programs Using Swim-Lane VSM



Source: Jin Kato, LAI Plenary presentation, March 2004

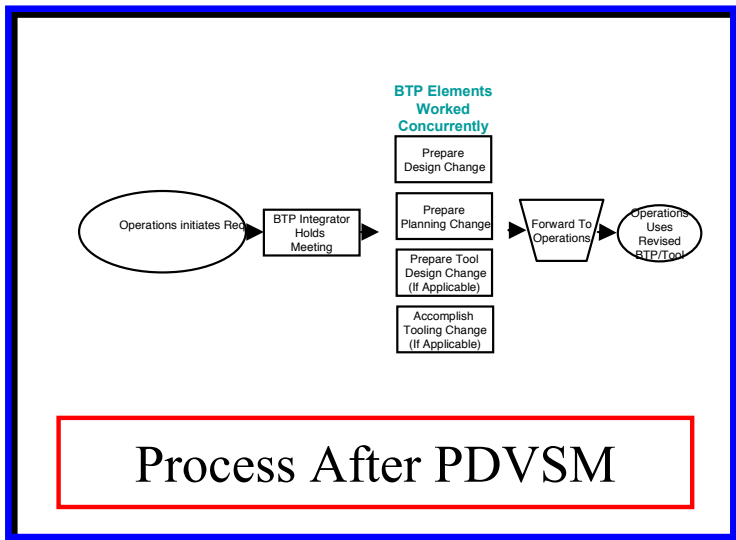
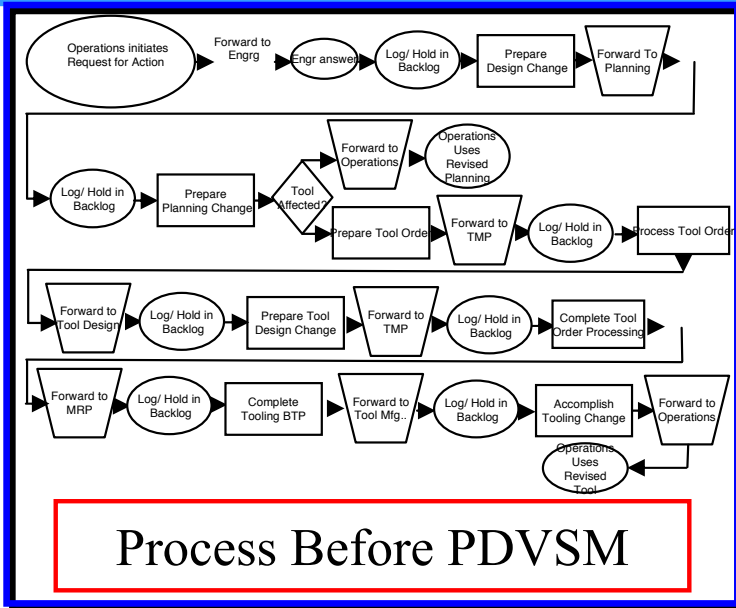


Making Processes Flow

- Value Stream Mapping and Analysis required for understanding
- Process mapping and Design Structure Matrix methods most powerful for process improvement
- Process mapping customized for PD developed



F-16 Lean Build-To-Package Support Center PDVSM Results



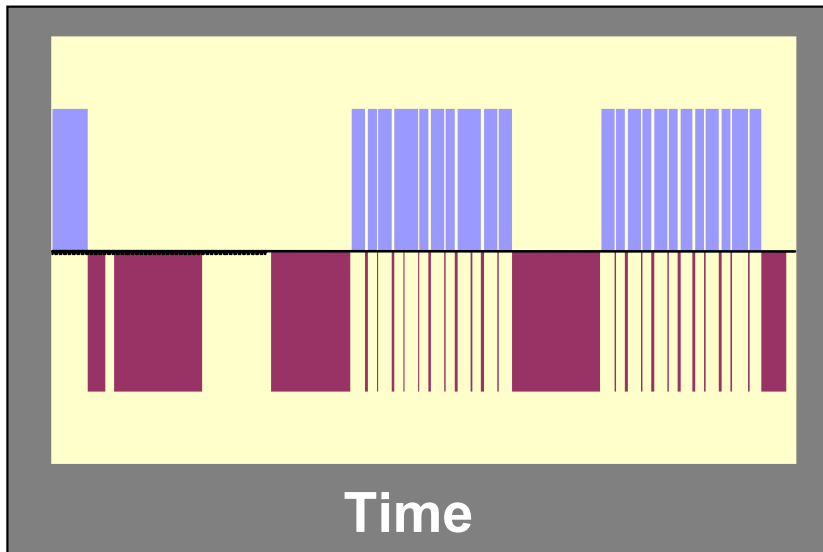
849 BTP packages

Category	Reduction
Cycle-Time	75%
Process Steps	40%
No. of Handoffs	75%
Travel Distance	90%

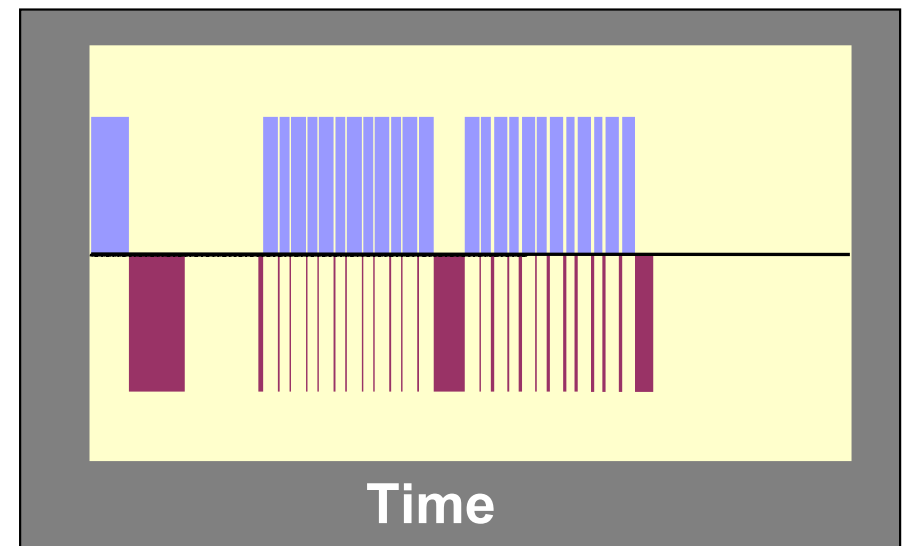
Source: "F-16 Build-T- Package Support Center Process", Gary Goodman, Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems LAI Product Development Team Presentation, Jan 2000

PDVSM Used For Spacecraft Mechanical Environmental Test

As-Is Process



To-Be Process



Value Added
Required Waste

Category	Before	After	Reduction
Test Cycle Time	14.7 Days	8.6 Days	41%
Labor	\$1,687,908	\$701,564	58%
Material	\$554,304	\$132,864	76%
Travel Distance	85,560 Feet	7,200 Feet	92%

Critical path system test cycle time reduced by 6 days

Source: Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space Systems



Additional Tools of Lean Engineering

- **Integrated 3-D solids-based design**
- **Design for manufacturing and assembly (DFMA)**
- **Common parts / specifications / design reuse**
- **Dimensional management**
- **Variability reduction**
- **Production simulation**

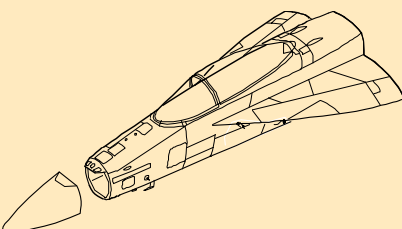
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Design for Manufacturing & Assembly

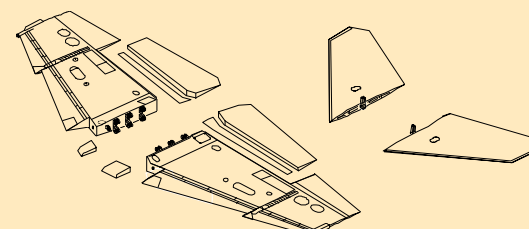
Reduced F/A-18E/F Parts Count

Forward Fuselage and Equipment



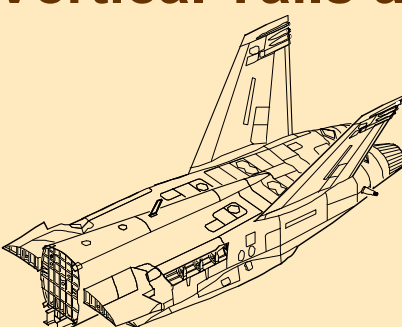
<u>C/D Parts</u>
5,907
<u>E/F Parts</u>
3,296

Wings and Horizontal Tails

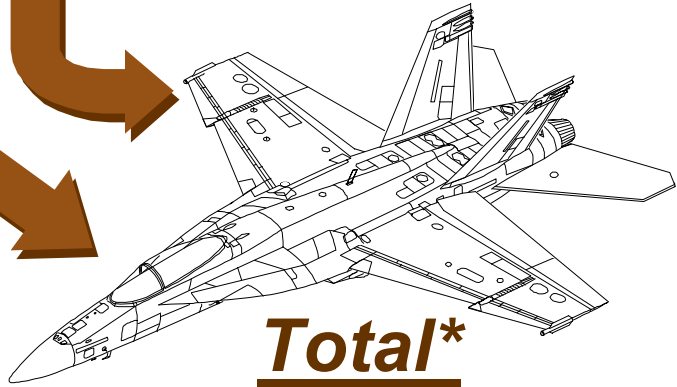


<u>C/D Parts</u>
1,774
<u>E/F Parts</u>
1,033

Center/Aft Fuselage, Vertical Tails and Systems



<u>C/D Parts</u>
5,500
<u>E/F Parts</u>
2,847



Total*

<u>C/D Parts</u>	<u>E/F Parts</u>
14,104	8,099

*Includes joining parts

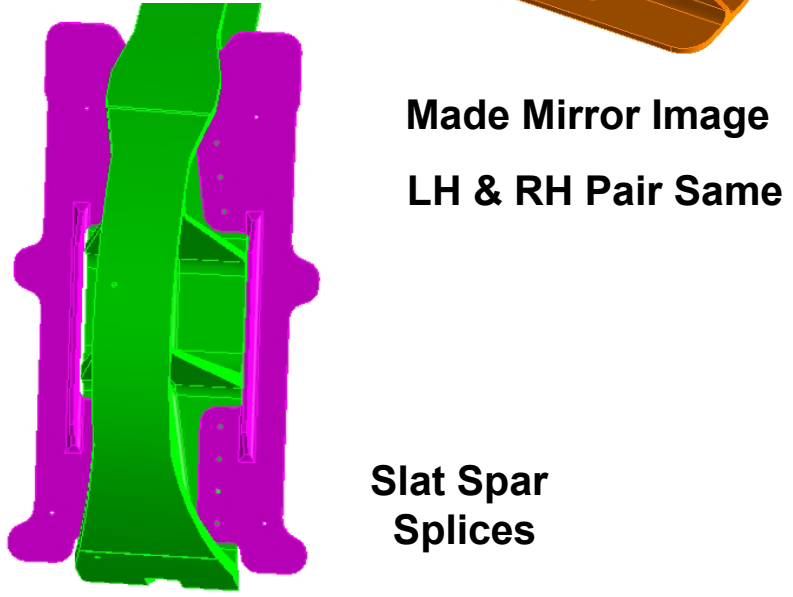
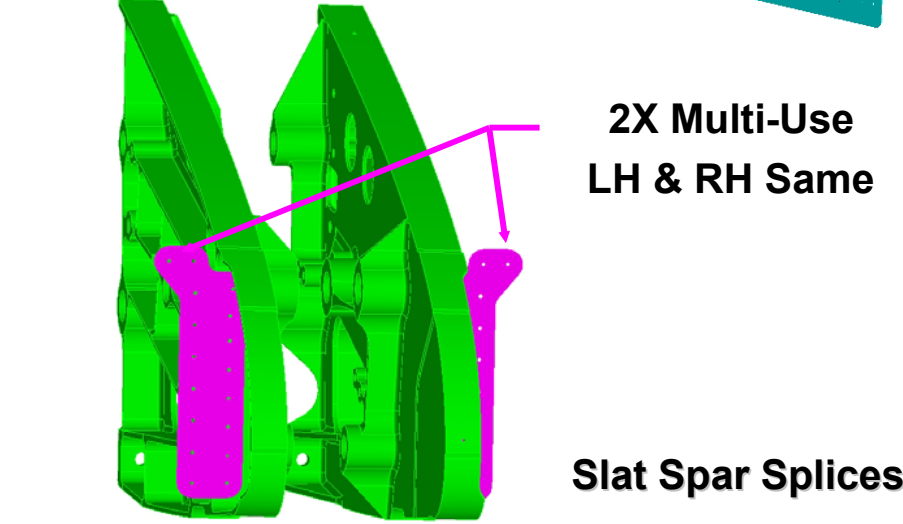
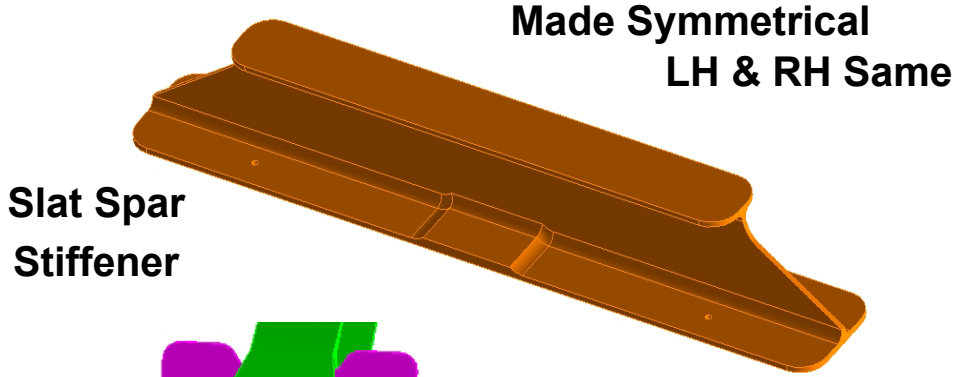
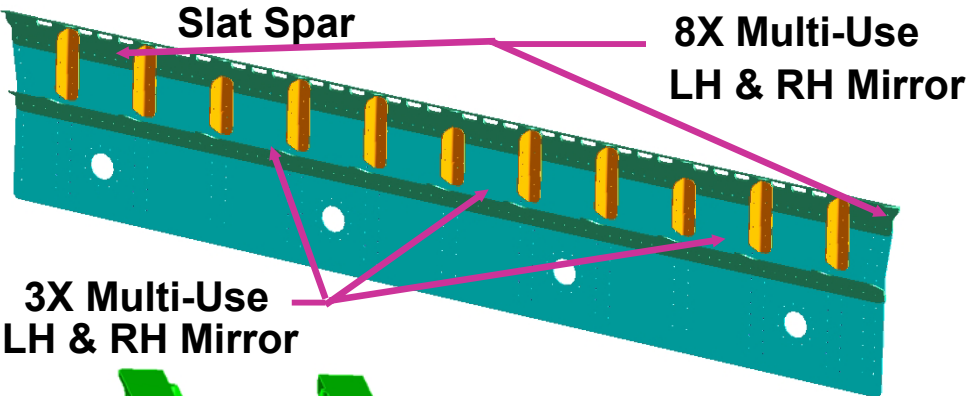
E/F 25% larger and 42% fewer parts than C/D

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Multi-use Parts/Design Reuse



- Fewer part numbers (so more of each) reduces part cost
- Same multi-use part reduces assembly variation
- Same symmetrical part reduces identification errors



Dimensional Management Enabled by Key Characteristics

Key Characteristics: Critical few product features that significantly affect the quality, performance, or cost of the product

System KCs

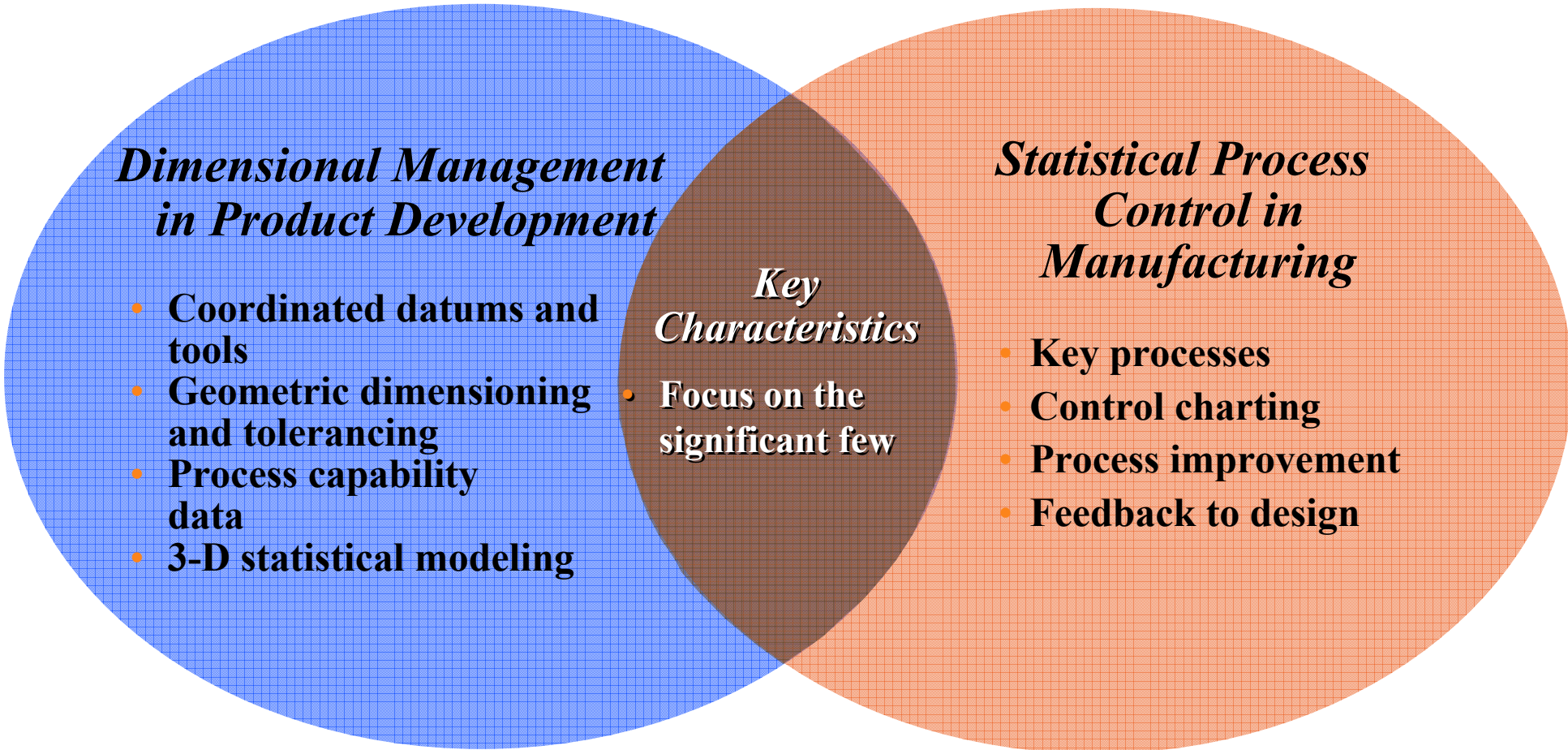
Subassembly KCs

Feature KCs

Critical parameters that cannot withstand variation – thus causing a loss (rework, scrap, repair, or failure) in fabrication / production.

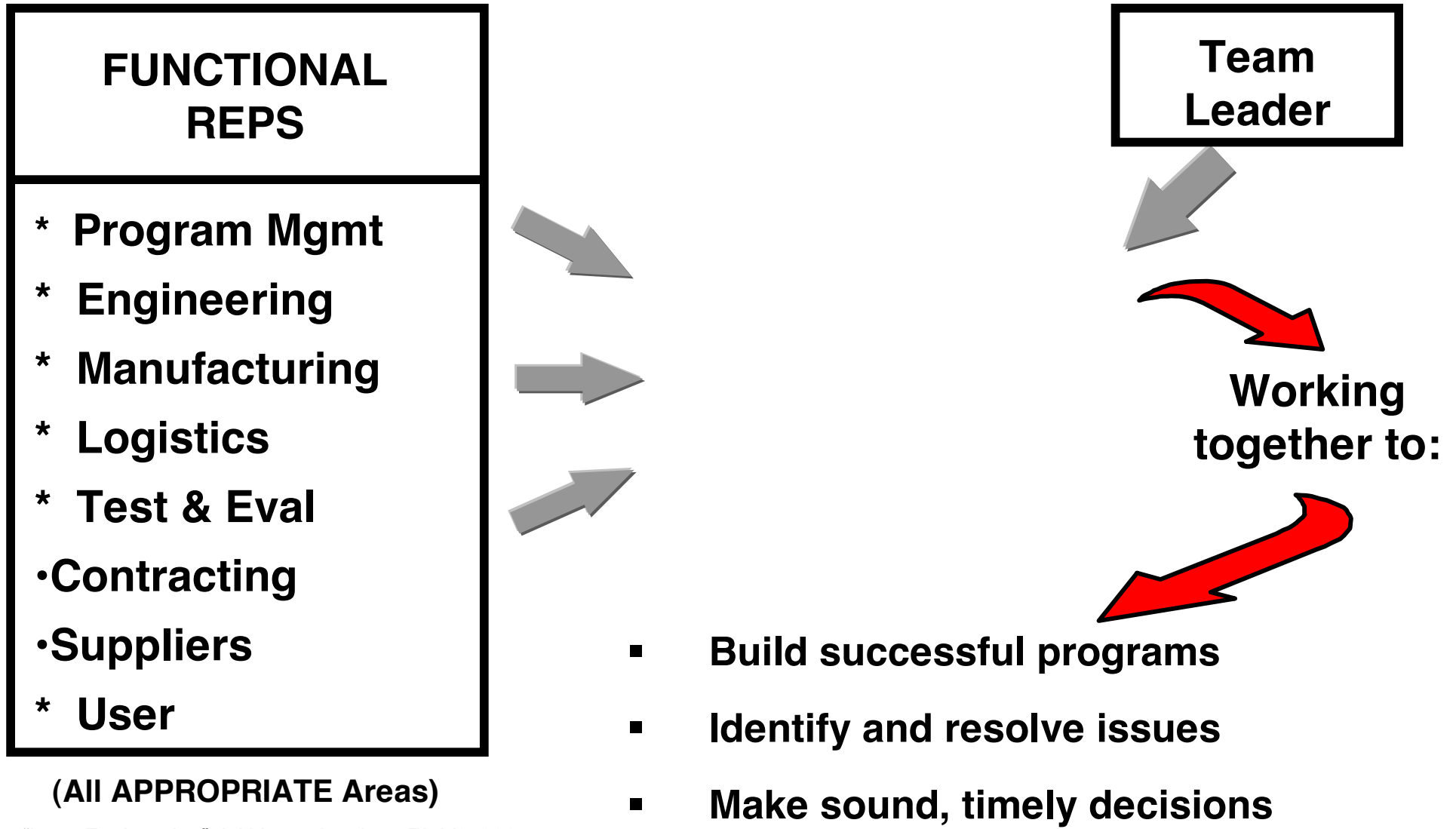
Source: Anna C.Thornton, Variation Risk Management, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2004

Variability Reduction



Lean manufacturing requires robust designs and capable processes!

Integrated Product Team



Source: "Lean Engineering", LAI Lean Academy™, V3, 2005

RTCE Structure Based on ICE

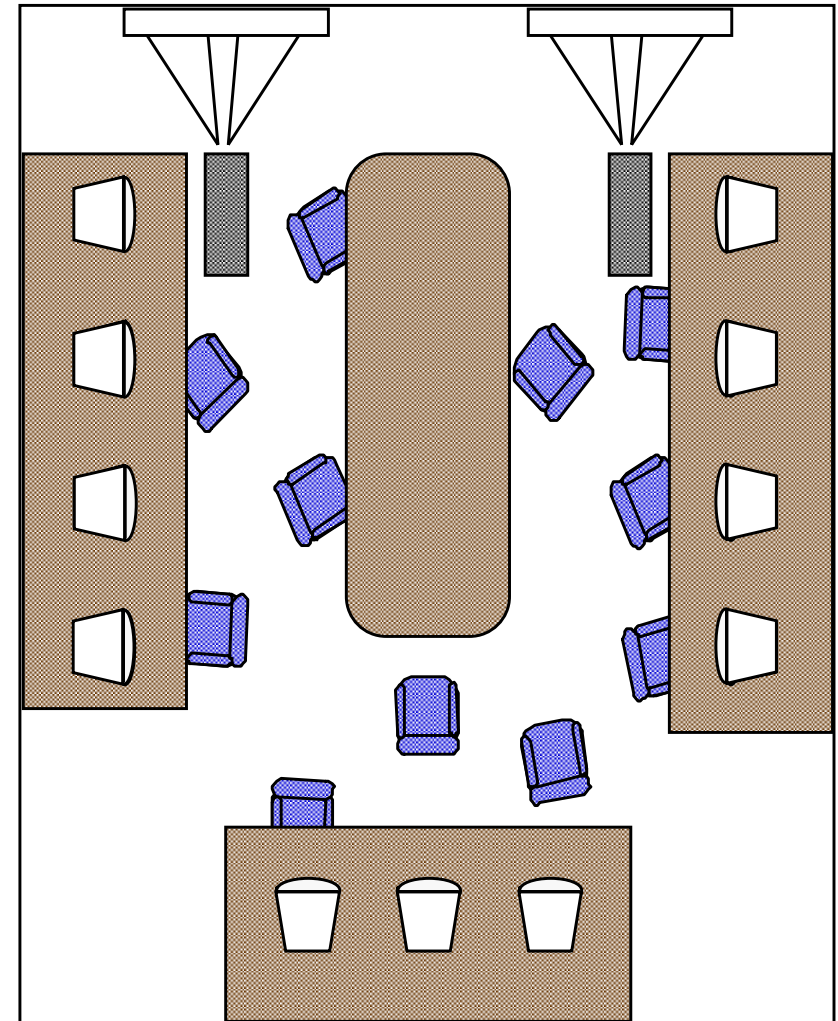
Evolution of a Revolution

ICE: “Integrated Concurrent Engineering”

Developed initially at JPL’s
Product Design Center in 1994
Further enabled by creation of
ICEMaker© software at Caltech

Not talking about the design,
but actually doing the work
together!

All design information is passed
through a central server - each
designer has access to the
latest data and sees changes
instantly



Source: David Stagney, presentation at LAI Plenary Conference, March 2003



RTCE Team Context

Tremendous Success in the First 9 months!

Completed at least 20 new product proposals this year

Trimmed 33% lead time from their standard process

Created new designs in as little as 4 hours – compared to up to 4 weeks previously

Distinct Competitive Advantage in time-sensitive situations

Higher quality designs are being produced

More detail, earlier in process

Sharing over 7000 design variables in real time

Objective decisions

Focus on System Design - no sub-optimization

Efficient Process and Motivated Team

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Emerging Vision of Lean PD

PD process/state awareness and transparency

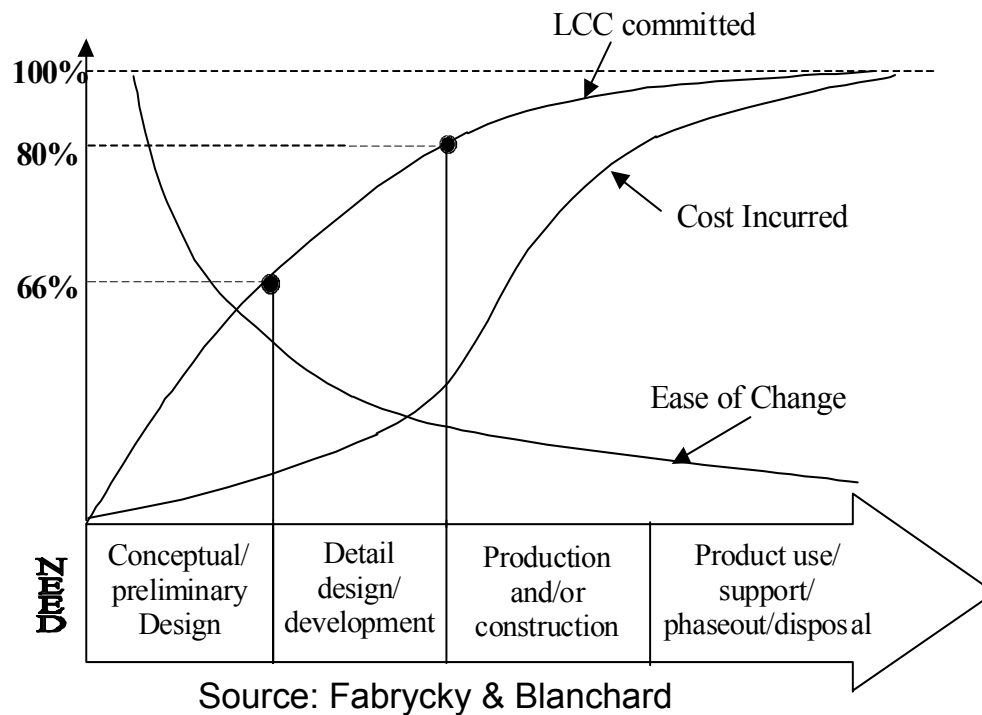
Value-driven lean management metrics

Flow and pull of Information *and* decisions

Value stream mapping, improvement activities and processes on a continuous basis

Built on foundation of stable, consistently executed processes that are understood, assessed, and continuously improved by their users

Creating the Right Products: Creating product architectures, families, and designs that increase value for all enterprise stakeholders.



“Fuzzy Front End” Challenges

Understanding what the customer values

Deciding which product to pursue from amongst many opportunities

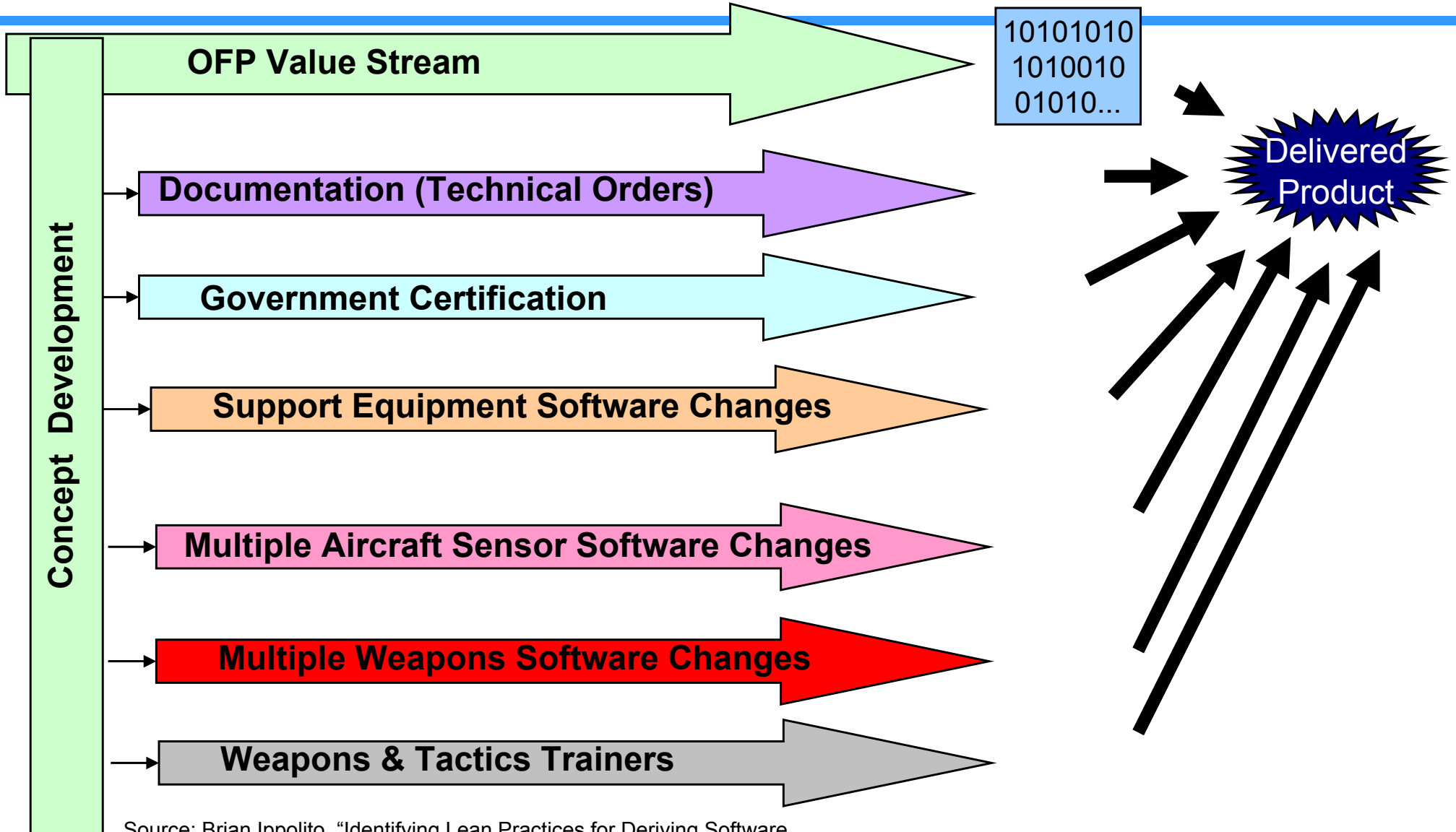
Selecting the right product concept

Early decisions are critical - Disciplined lean systems engineering process is essential!

Source: McManus, H.L., Allen Haggerty, Earll M. Murman, “Lean Engineering: Doing the Right Thing Right”, presentation at 1st International Conference on Innovation and Integration in Aerospace Sciences, August 5, 2005



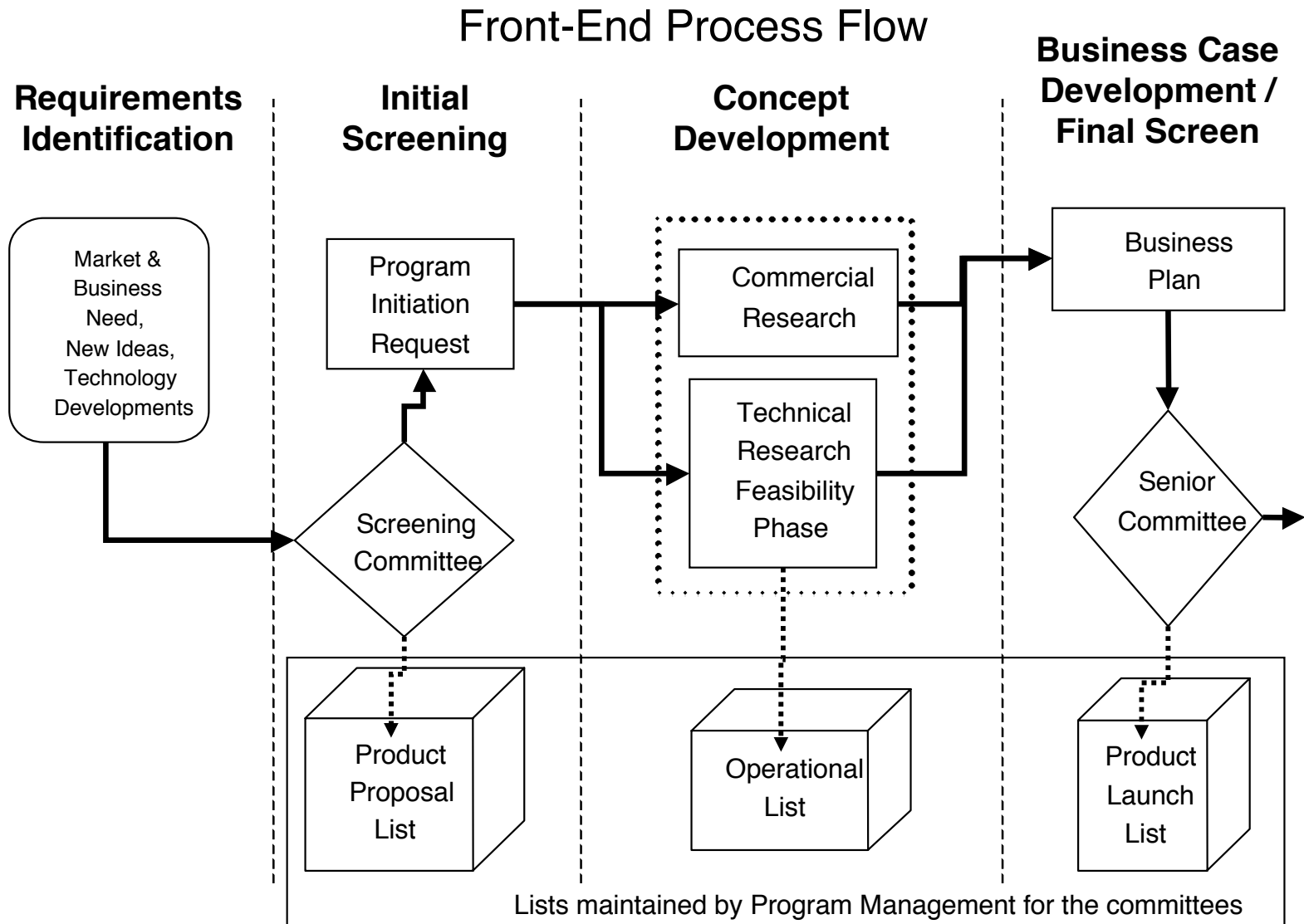
Military: Software Development Value Stream(s)



Source: Brian Ippolito, "Identifying Lean Practices for Deriving Software Requirements", MIT Master's Thesis, February 2000



Company A's Front End Process





Performance of Company A's Front End Process

Single high-level Screening Committee (~7 members, VP level)

Oversees both R&D and planning processes across company

Approves Program Initiation Requests (PIRs) and commits company funding (\$300M-\$1B authority—for reference: 1999 annual sales \$2.7B)

Work in process (annual):

~100 concept solutions considered

~10 become PIRs; 10-20 continue further investigation at lower priority

1-4 PIRs approved for development at final screening stage

Cross-functional front end teams (2-9 people) remain intact until products transition into production

Conducts both initial studies and more rigorous concept evaluations

Process cycle times:

Identification: Screening Committee meets every 6-8 weeks

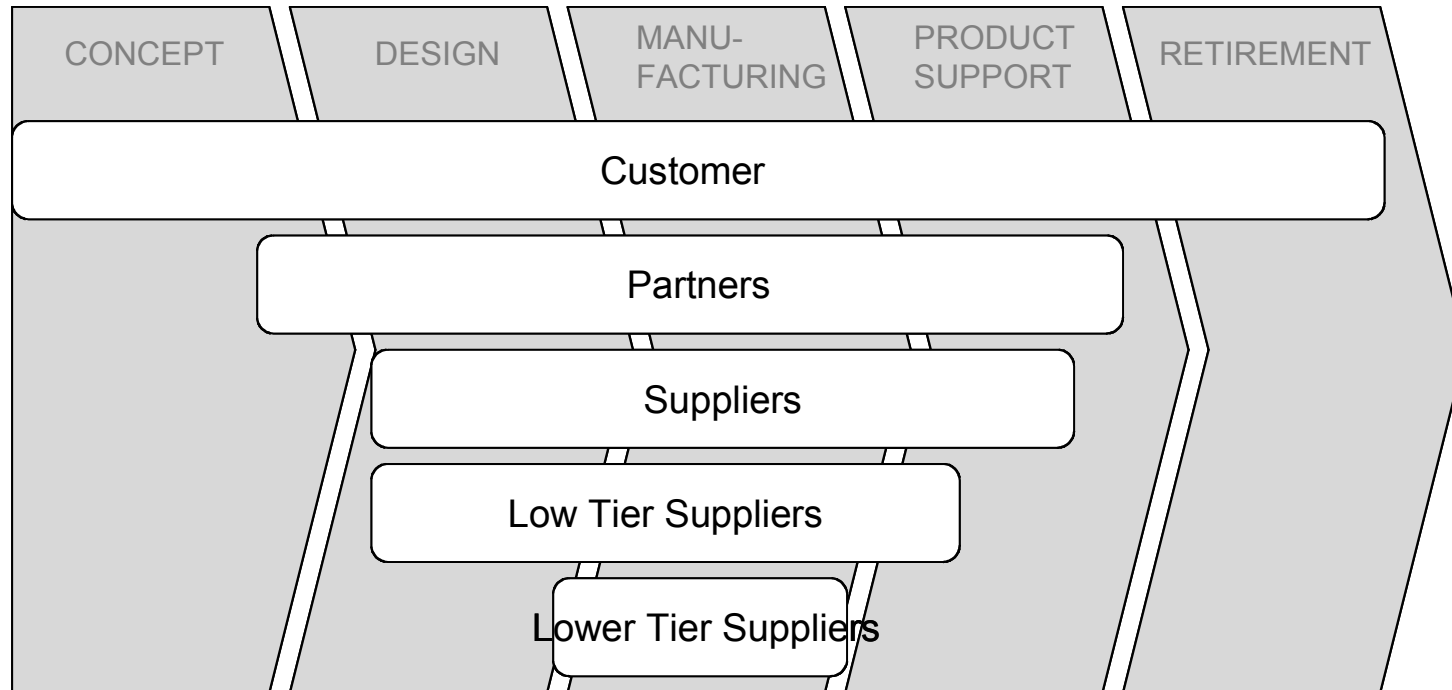
Concept evaluation: 90-180 days

New product cycle time: 2-4 years



Enterprise Information Systems for PD

Scope of enterprise-focused PD encompasses multiple stakeholders, stages of the product lifecycle



Source: Erisa Hines, Lifecycle Perspectives on Product Data Management, MIT Master's thesis, August 2005

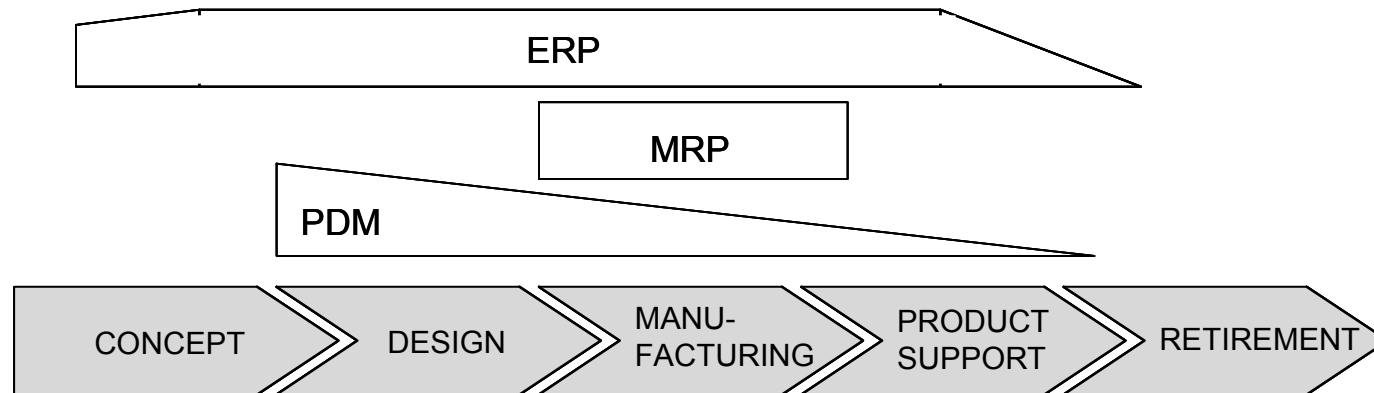
PDM Systems in Context

PDM is currently largely focused on engineering

One part of a larger IT infrastructure

Many “home grown” applications driven by engineering

Enterprise IT infrastructure handles broader set of functions



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MIT Master's thesis, August 2005



Current Issues with PDM Use

PDM remains focused on the design stage

Suppliers moving up the food chain: Need for product data management capability

Change management and data migration are the biggest challenges/pitfalls

Lean principles and practices should be used when implementing PDM capability

**PDM enables Lean Enterprise Transformation
opportunity to address enterprise value stream**

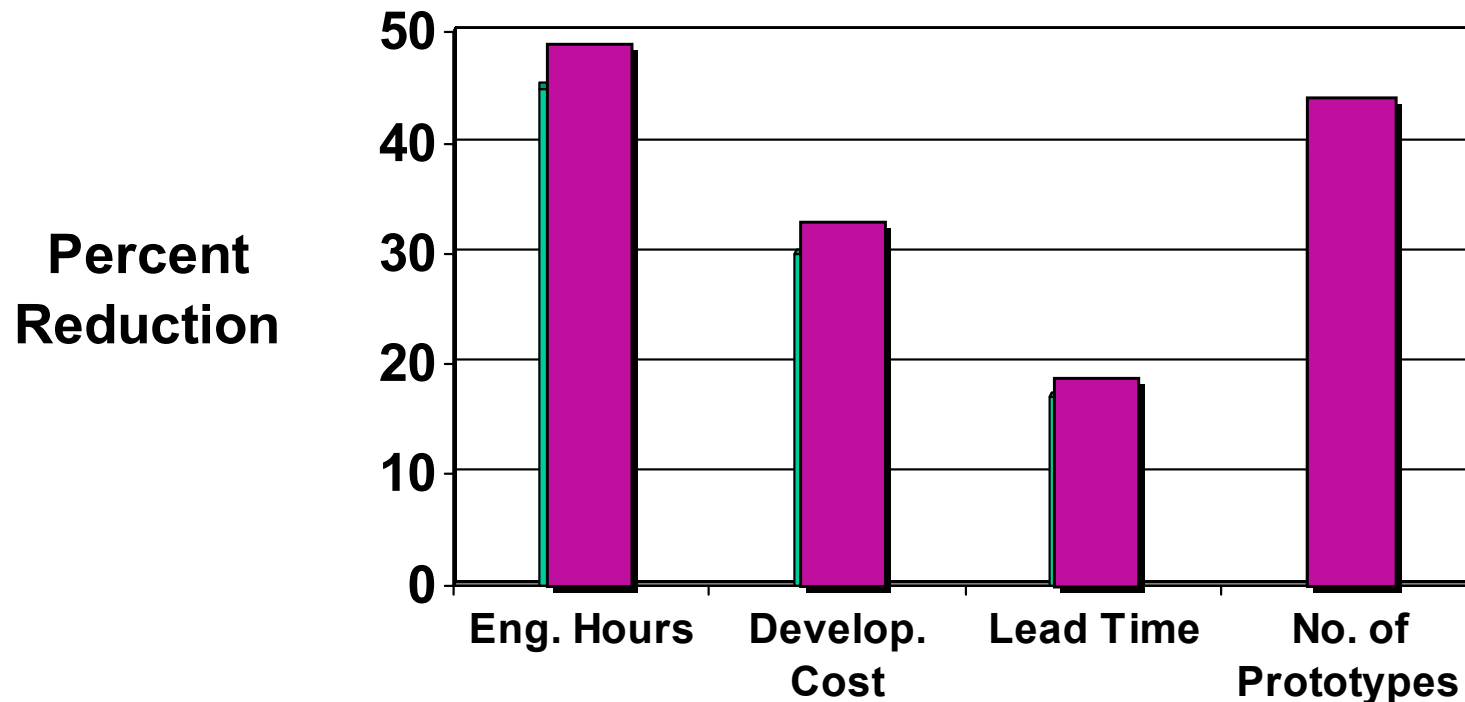
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Cross-Platform Commonality Yields Significant PD Benefits in the Auto Industry

Result of concurrent technology transfer and multi-project management

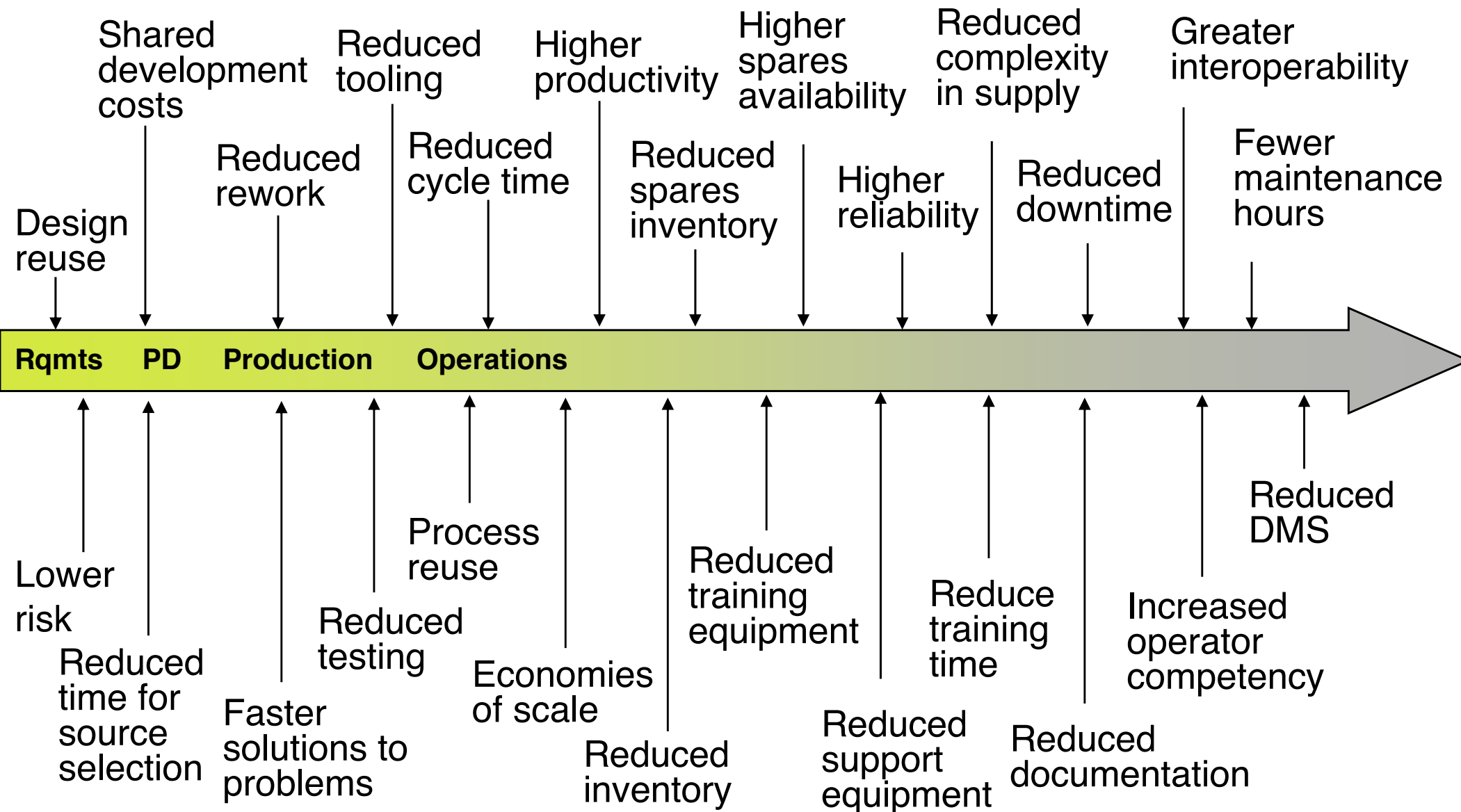
Data based on 6-year MIT IMVP study of 17 auto manufacturers, 103 new programs



Cusumano and Nobeoka, "Thinking Beyond Lean," 1998.



Many Opportunities to Benefit from Commonality in Aerospace Systems Over System Lifecycle





Subsystem Commonality Across Product Lines Reduces Design, Operations & Support Costs

Commercial Airline:

Main engine starter is common across 747-400, 767, and 767-300ER

26 airports service these aircraft (11 common)

Airline only has to stock 14 spares, as opposed to 25 if they were not common

Military Helicopters:

85% commonality between UH-1Y and AH-1Z reduces the detachment maintenance personnel requirement from between 4 and 14 people (3 to 12%)

Source: "Managing Subsystems Commonality", Matt Nuffort and Eric Rebentisch, LAI Presentation, Apr 10, 2001



Increased PD Performance Using Product Line Discipline

Organizational Data	A	B	C	D
Time Implementing PLE (years)	10+	4	2 ^a	10
Market Share (%)	75 ^b	94 ^c	60 ^b	55
Overall Size (no. of people) ^d	5500	2000	1300	5000
Number of Platforms	5	6	1	8
Number of Derivatives	12	9 ^e	0	24
PLE Ratio (Derivatives/Platforms)	2.4	1.5	0	3
PLE Cycle Time Ratio (Derivative Cycle Time/Platform Cycle Time)	0.25	0.5	0.35 ^f	0.24

Firms A and D have relatively more mature PLE capabilities

Long history of using the strategy

Greater number of derivatives per platform

Shorter product cycle times through derivatives

Source: Michelle Beckert, Organizational Characteristics for Successful Product Line Engineering, MIT Master's thesis, June 2000



Conclusions

Lean has demonstrated significant product development-related performance improvements in

Engineering processes

Program outcomes

Company-level performance

Multi-stakeholder enterprise and system lifecycle

Basics of value stream mapping, waste elimination, focus on value, and continuous improvement can be applied in a straightforward way

PD increases focus on information management and decision-making processes across multiple boundaries/stakeholders

Tools to reduce variation, uncertainty, novelty/exceptions, and programmatic disruptions (beginning at the front end of PD through production) enable increased focus on value creation for customer



Resources

LAI web site (lean.mit.edu)

Product lifecycle knowledge area

Presentations:

Product Development/Product Lifecycle meetings

LAI Plenary conference breakouts



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