

# Supply chain strategies and configurations for globalisation

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# Today's Topics



## Supply chain strategies and configurations for globalisation

- ❖ SCM and the strategy hierarchy
- ❖ Supply chain design considerations
- ❖ Supply chain strategic levers & decision-making components



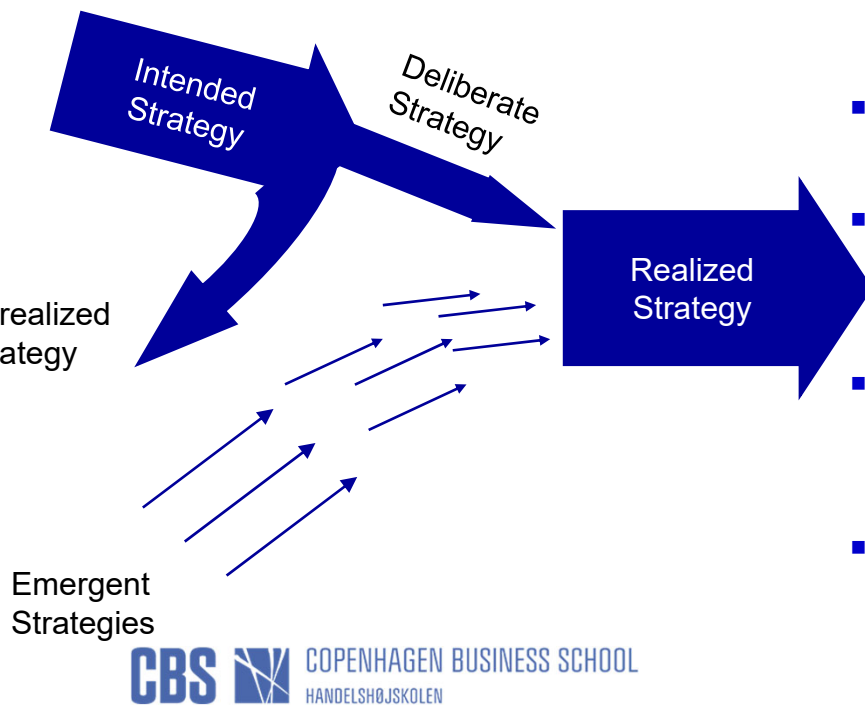
# The Basics & Warm Up

## Strategy & Configuration

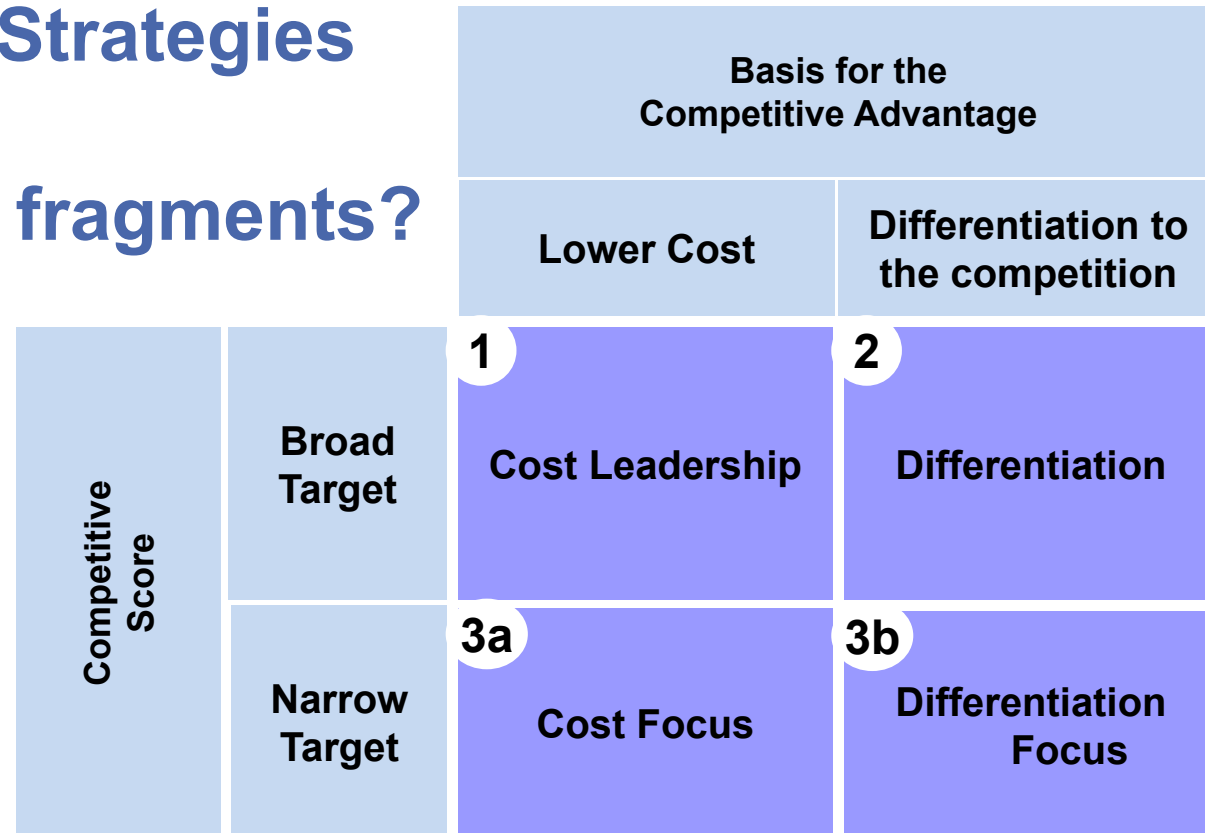
# Quick Excuse: What is it – A Strategy

## ❖ Strategy as

- Plan: sort of consciously intended course of action, a guideline (or set of guidelines) to deal with a situation..
- Ploy: just a specific maneuver intended to outwit an opponent or competitor
- Pattern: intended vs. realised: encompasses the resulting behavior: specifically, a pattern in a stream of actions.
- Position: locating an organisation in an "environment – e.g. chosen Product-market combination.
- Perspective: an ingrained way of perceiving the world - entering the realm of the collective mind - individuals united by common thinking and / or behaviour.



# Generic Strategies or Strategy fragments?



## E.g. Hambricks View on Strategy

### Where will we be active? (and with how much emphasis?)

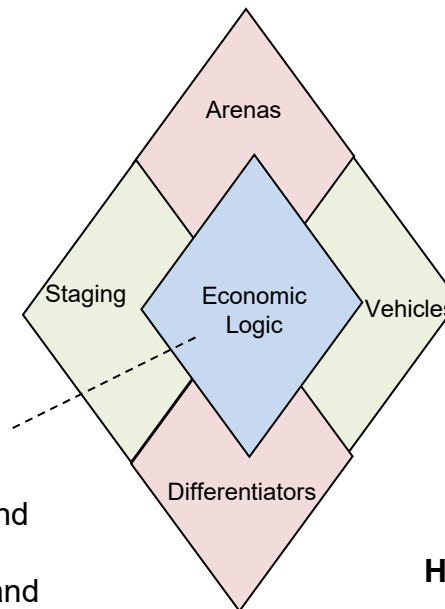
- Which product categories?
- Which market segments?
- Which geographic areas?
- Which core technologies?
- Which value-creation stages?

### What will be our speed and sequence of moves?

- Speed of expansion?
- Sequence of initiatives?

### How will we obtain our returns?

- Lowest costs through scale and advantages?
- Lowest costs through scope and replication advantages?
- Premium prices due to unmatched service?
- Premium prices due to proprietary product features?



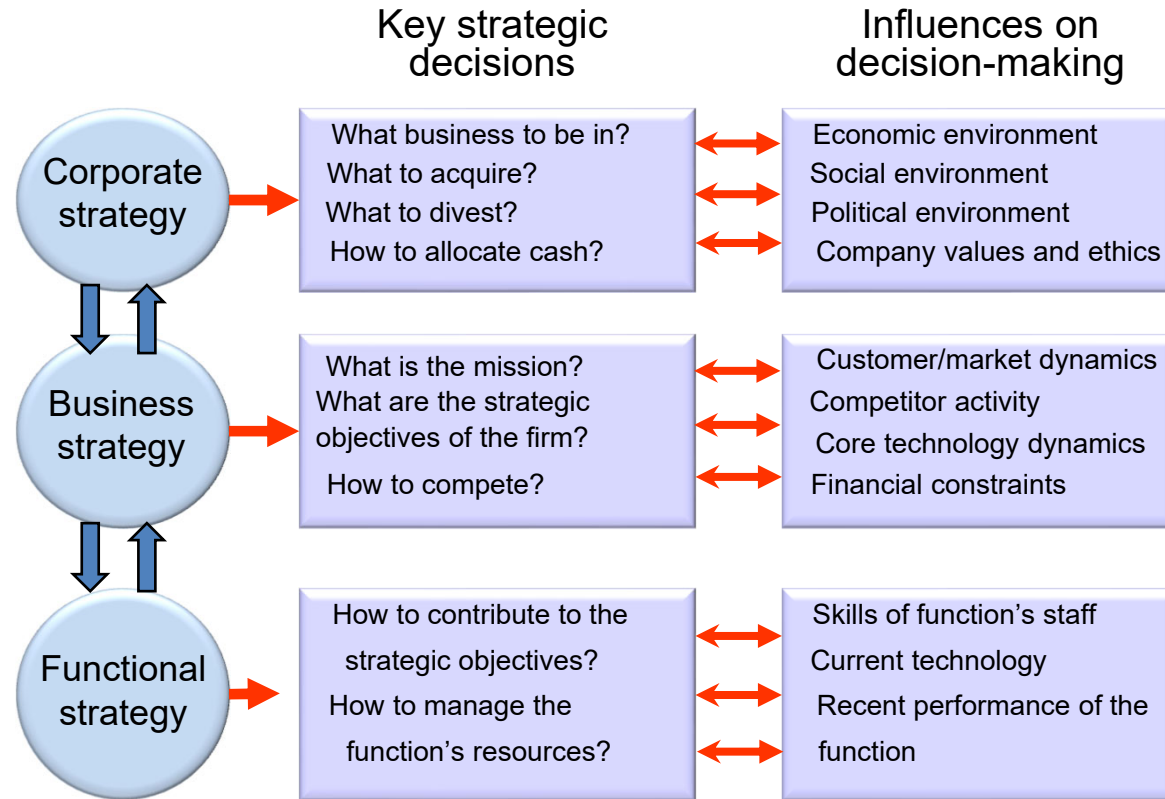
### How will we get there?

- Internal development?
- Joint ventures?
- Licensing/franchising?
- Acquisitions?

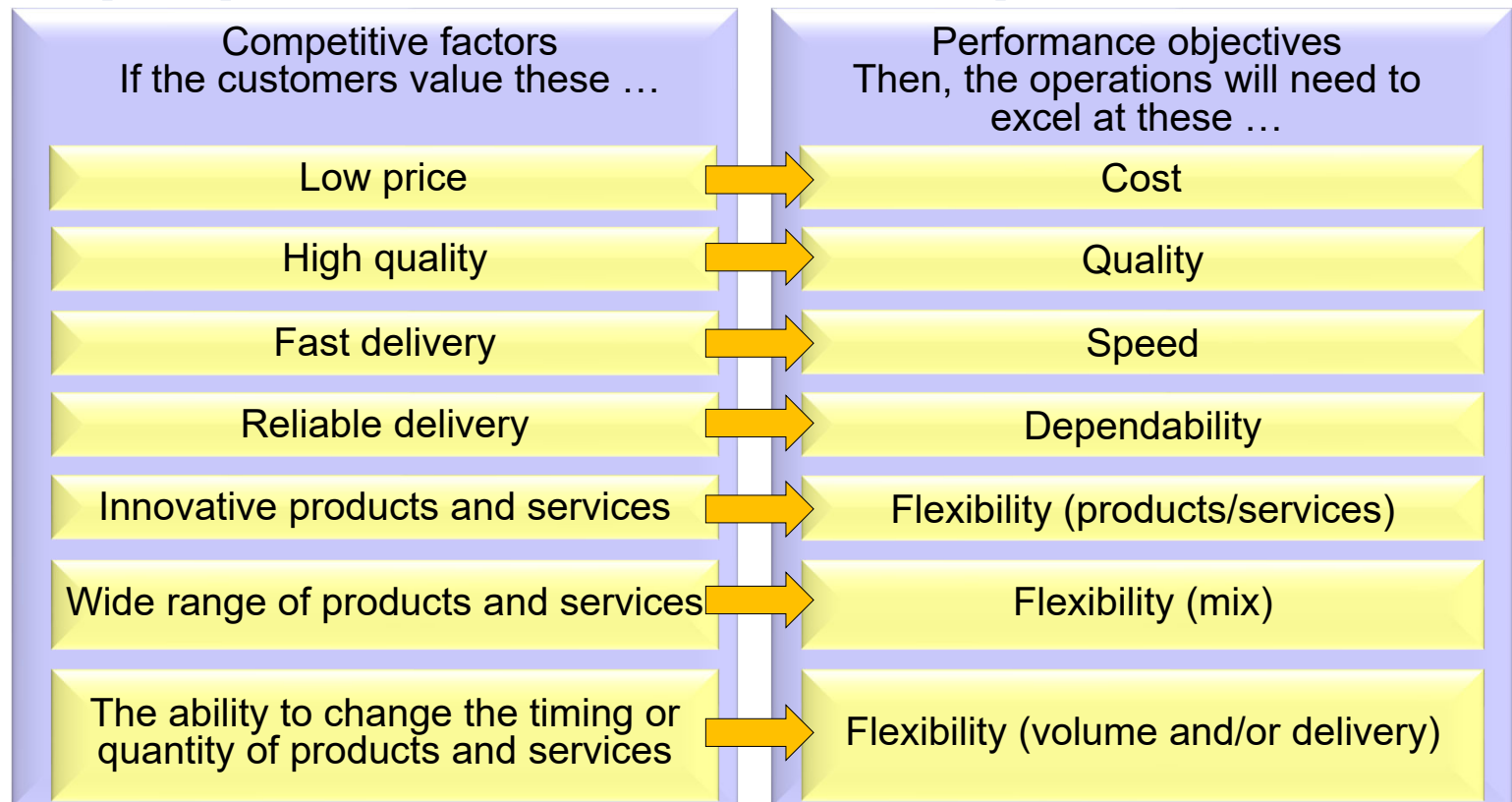
### How will we win?

- Image?
- Customization?
- Price?
- Styling?
- Product reliability?

# Scope – The strategic hierarchy??

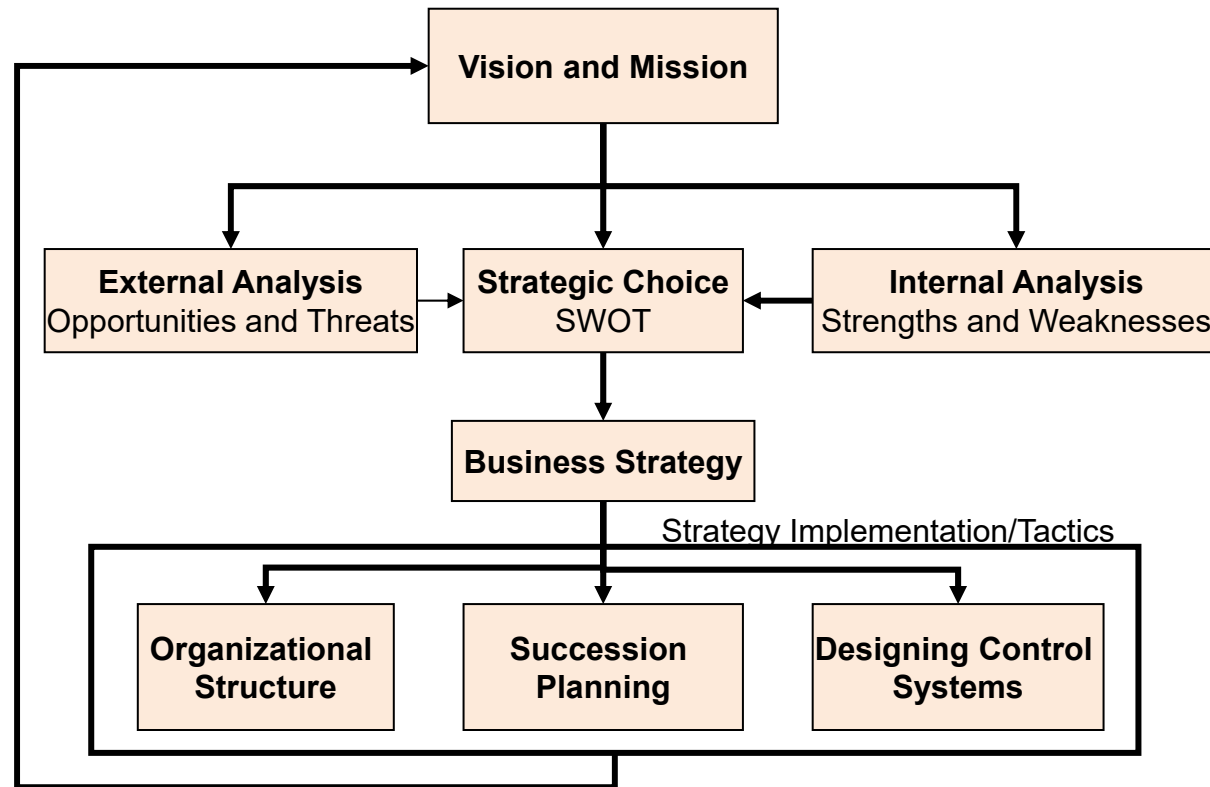


## What proposition and how to “operationalize“





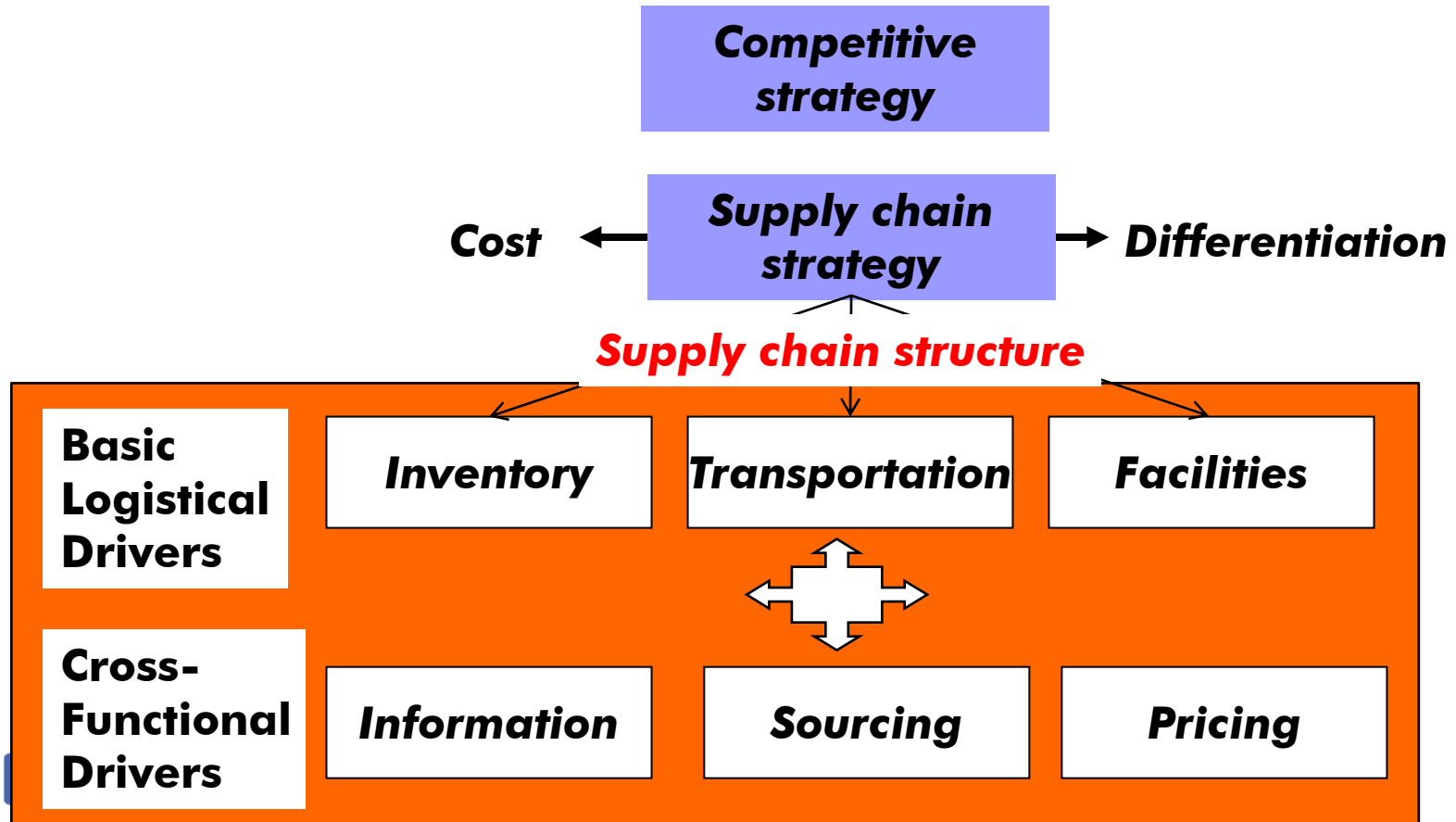
# Where is the Supply Chain??



What are the strategic tasks within Supply Chain Management

# NOW, THE SUPPLY CHAIN

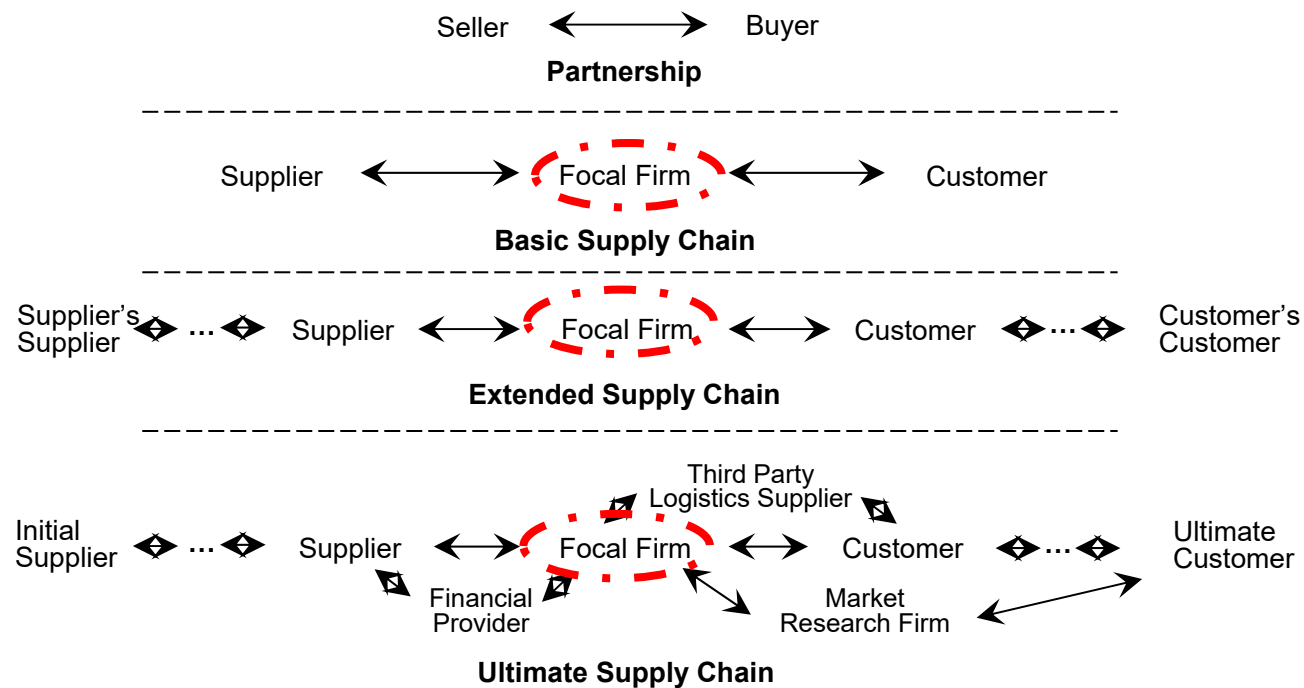
# Competitive Strategy and Supply Chain



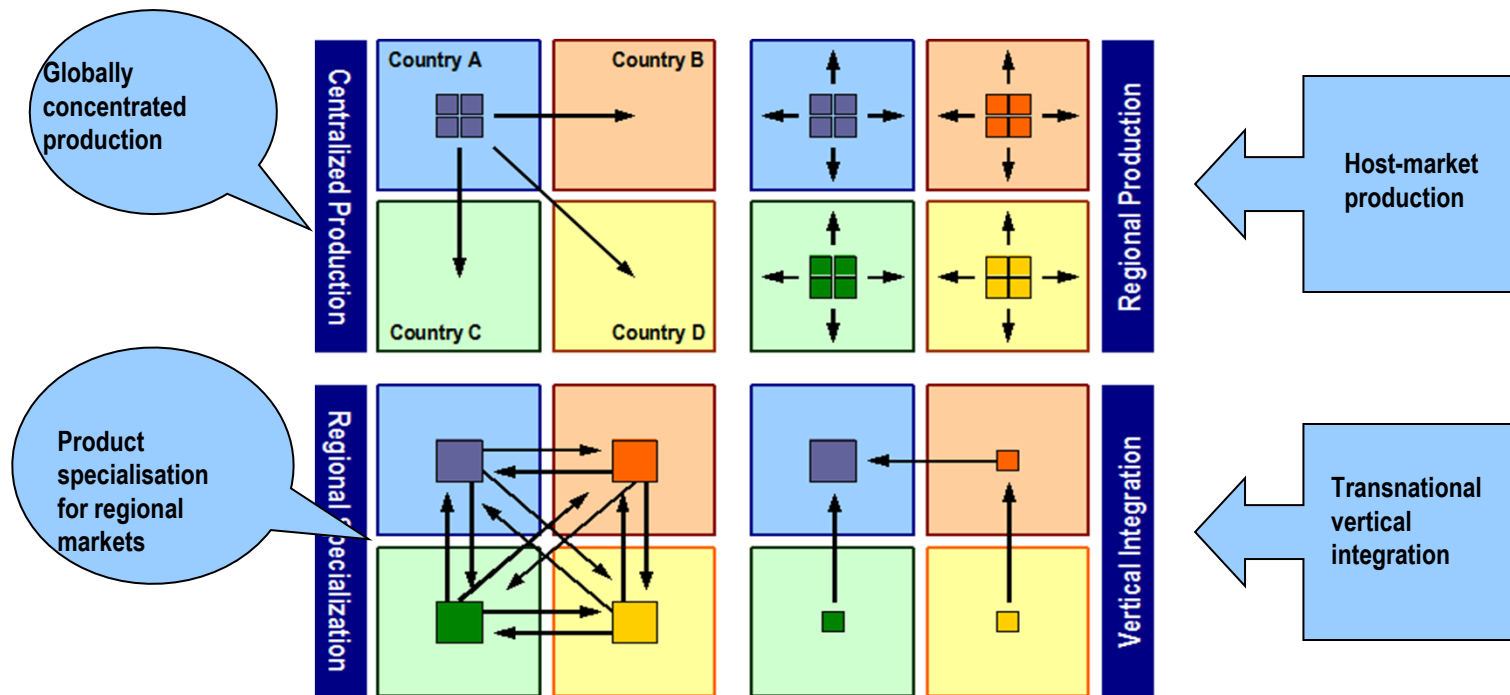
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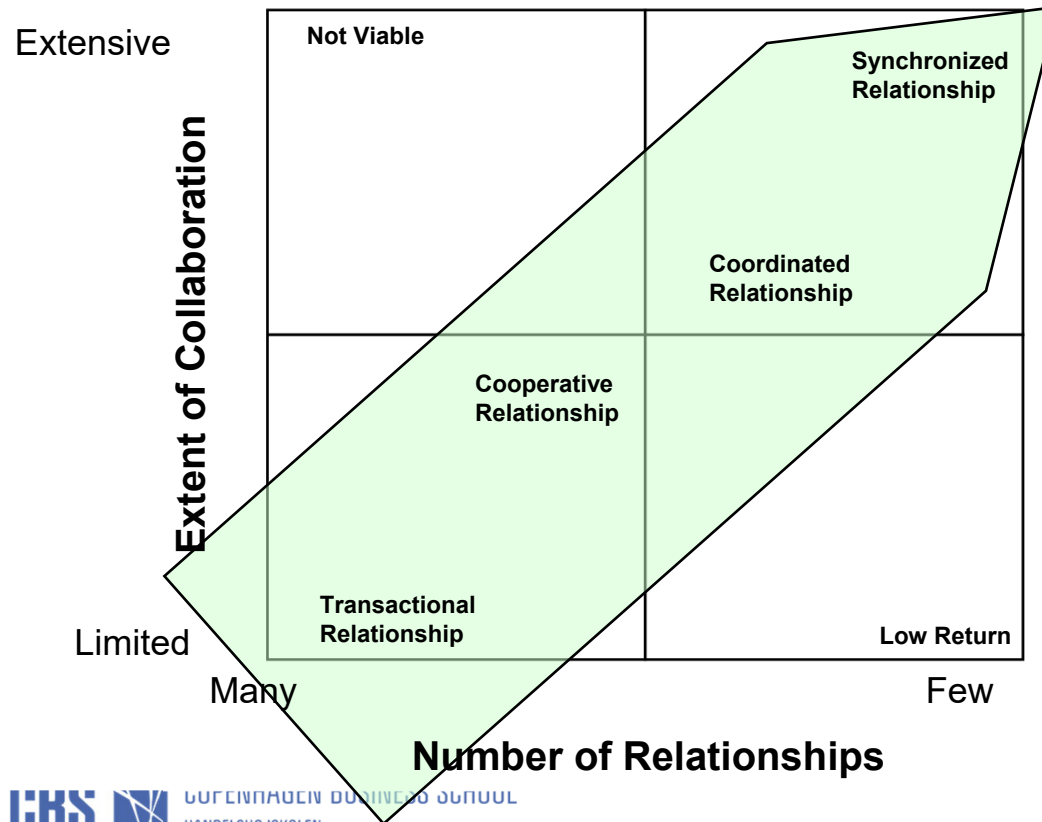
# WHAT Scope? Basic – Extended - Ultimate



## e.g. Broad production location strategies Dicken (2003) see lessons 2 and 4

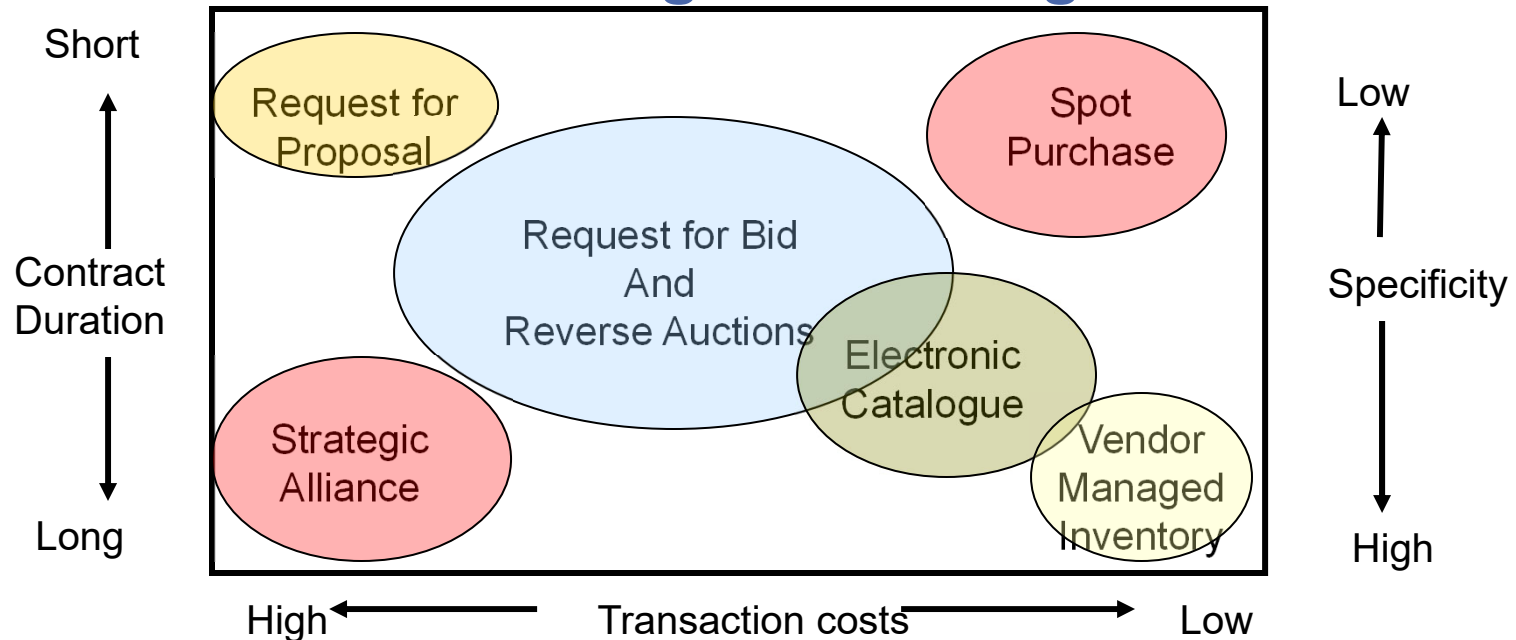


# e.g. Supply Chain Relation Spectrum see lesson 3

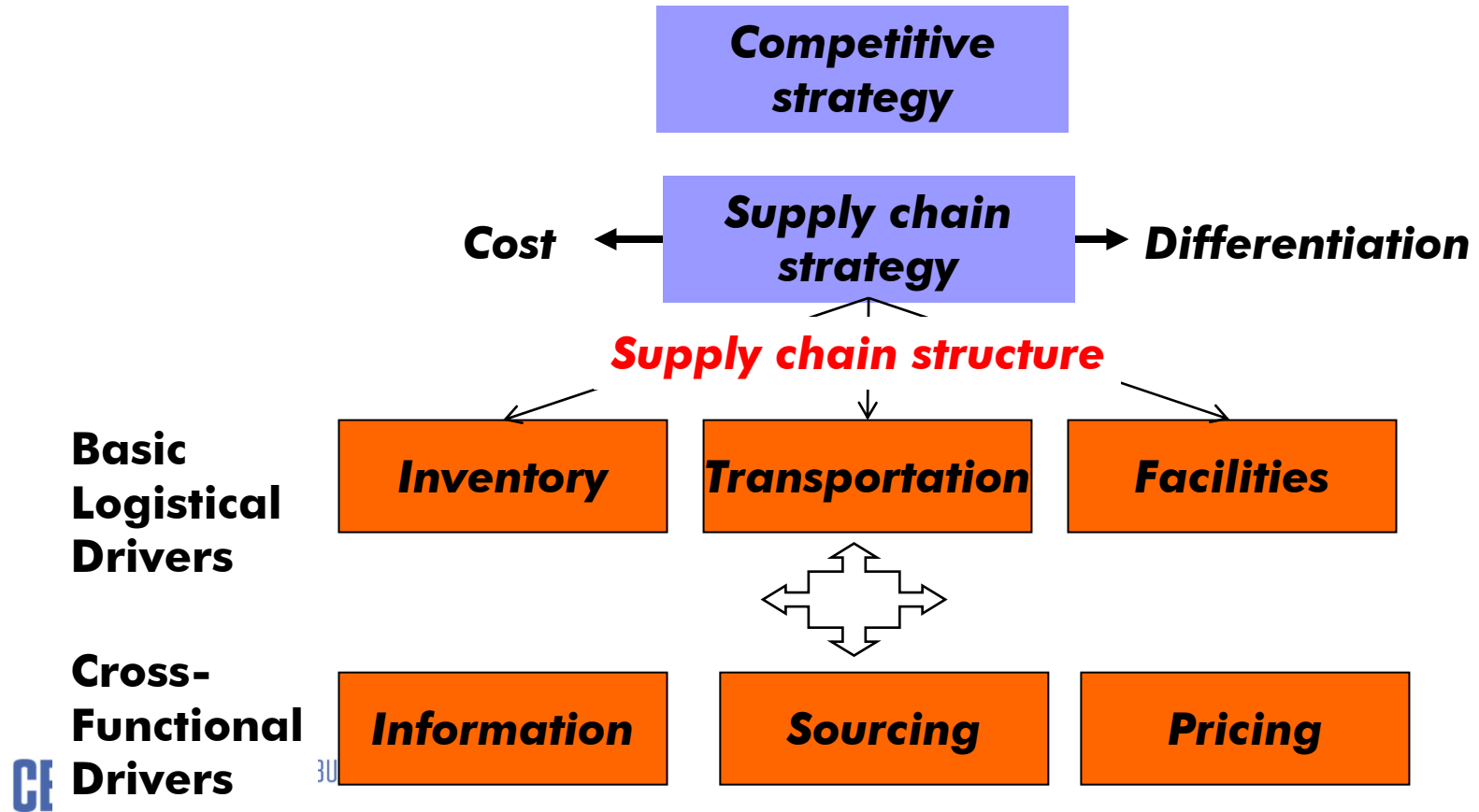


- The green arrow describes increasing complexity and sophistication of:
  - Information systems
  - Systems infrastructure
  - Decision support systems
  - Planning mechanisms
  - Information sharing
  - Process understanding
- Higher levels of collaboration imply the need for both trading partners to have equivalent (or close) levels of supply chain maturity
- Synchronized collaboration demands joint planning, R&D and sharing of information and processing models
  - Movement to real-time customer demand information throughout the supply chain

## Or e.g. like you have it in the book Sourcing/Purchasing-System Design Matrix: Framework Describing Purchasing Processes



# Competitive Strategy and Supply Chain





# SCM – e.g. Simchi Levi's Key Issues

ISSUE	CONSIDERATIONS
<b>Network Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warehouse locations and capacities</li> <li>• Plant locations and production levels</li> <li>• Transportation flows between facilities to minimize cost and time</li> </ul>
<b>Inventory Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should inventory be managed?</li> <li>• Why does inventory fluctuate and what strategies minimize this?</li> </ul>
<b>Supply Contracts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of volume discount and revenue sharing</li> <li>• Pricing strategies to reduce order-shipment variability</li> </ul>
<b>Distribution Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection of distribution strategies (e.g., direct ship vs. cross-docking)</li> <li>• How many cross-dock points are needed?</li> <li>• Cost/Benefits of different strategies</li> </ul>
<b>Integration and Strategic Partnering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can integration with partners be achieved?</li> <li>• What level of integration is best?</li> <li>• What information and processes can be shared?</li> <li>• What partnerships should be implemented and in which situations?</li> </ul>
<b>Outsourcing &amp; Procurement Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are our core supply chain capabilities and which are not?</li> <li>• Does our product design mandate different outsourcing approaches?</li> <li>• Risk management</li> </ul>
<b>Product Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are inventory holding and transportation costs affected by product design?</li> <li>• How does product design enable mass customization?</li> </ul>

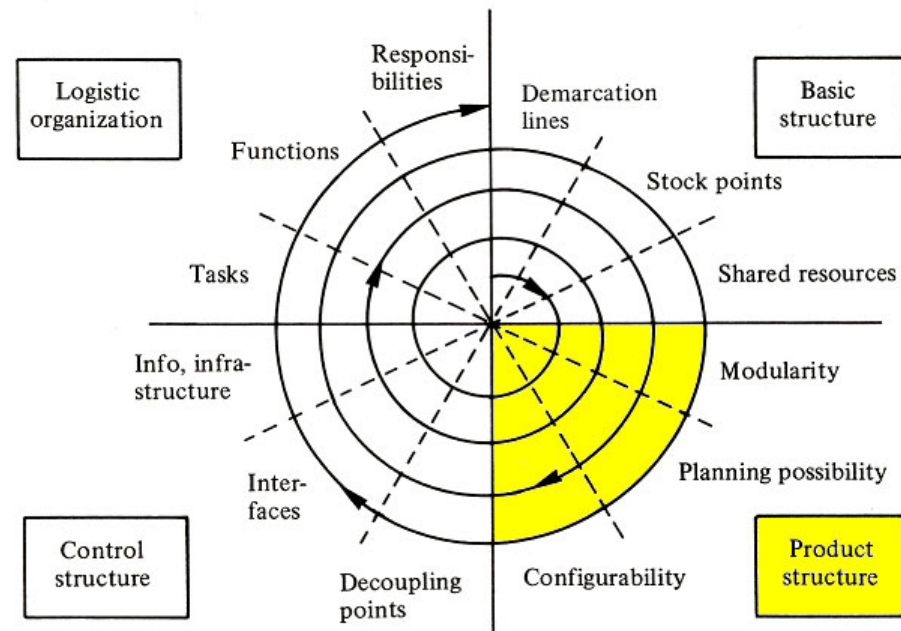
## Even a bit deeper – Some basic question on the design of logistics (flow) systems - e.g. the model of Hoekstra/Romme

### Some basic questions:

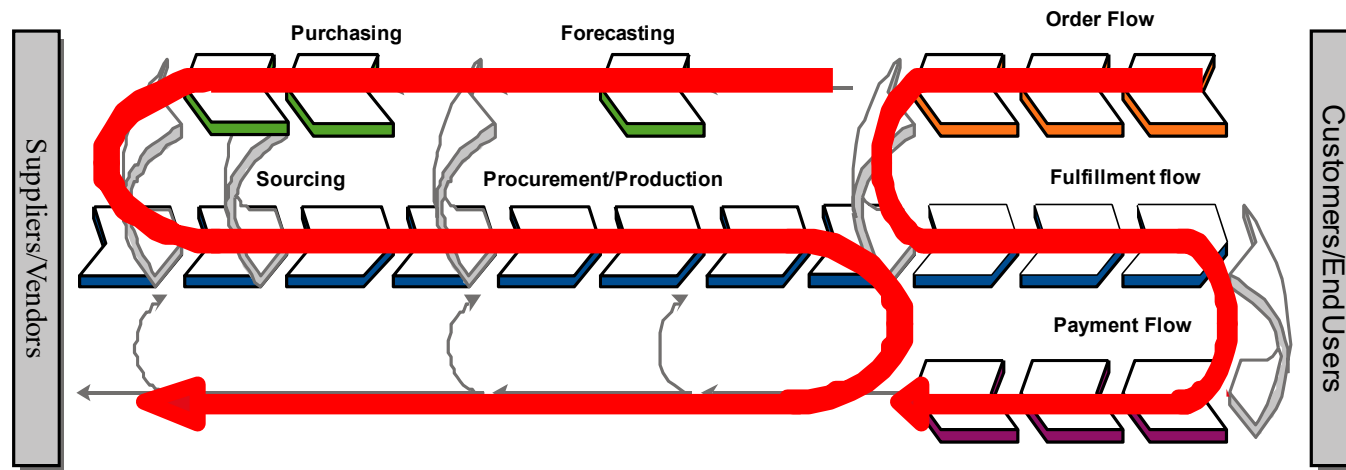
- Centralize or Decentralize
- Direct or Indirect (stages)
- Speculate or Wait
- Tight or loose coupling, linking

### Basis tasks of logistics:

- Bundling, Structuring, Securing, and splitting, Rearrange,
- Segment; Classify
- Specialize and Diversify
- Create flexibility and synchronize

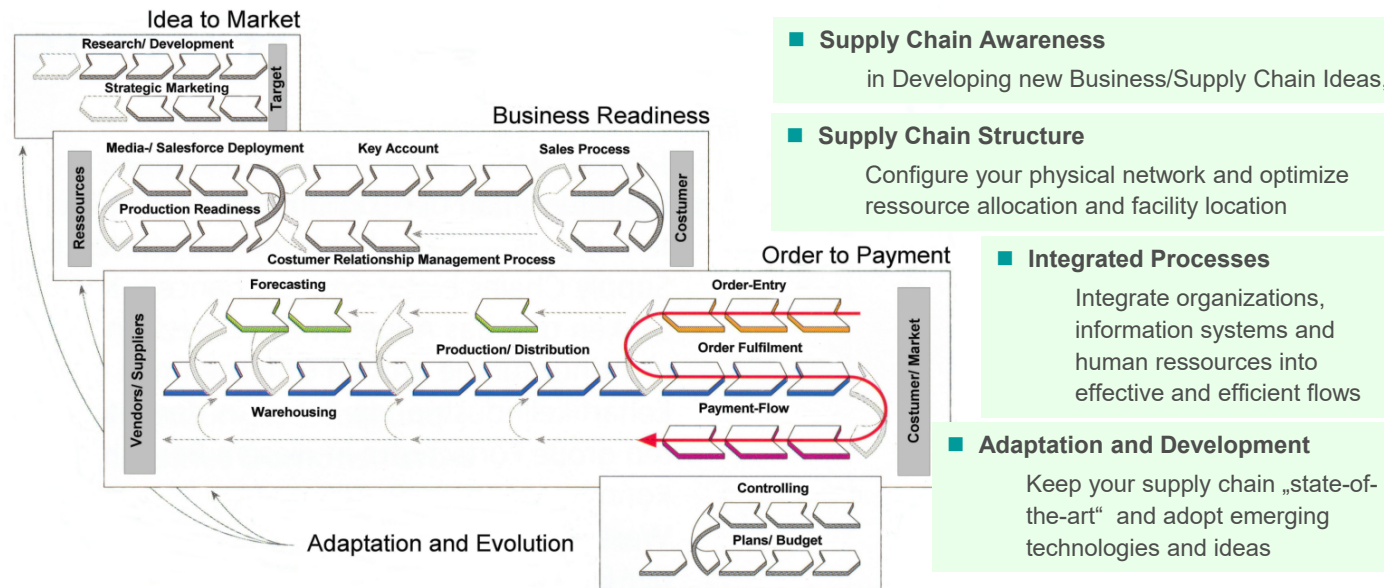


## At the Core: The Order-to-Payment Flow



*... how to integrate activities  
in the Supply-Chain „S“?*

## SCM – e.g. Flow Oriented Thinking based on the „S“-model: four generic Processes and related main Challenges



# Strategic Scope of the single actor in the Supply Chain – ONLY some thoughts!

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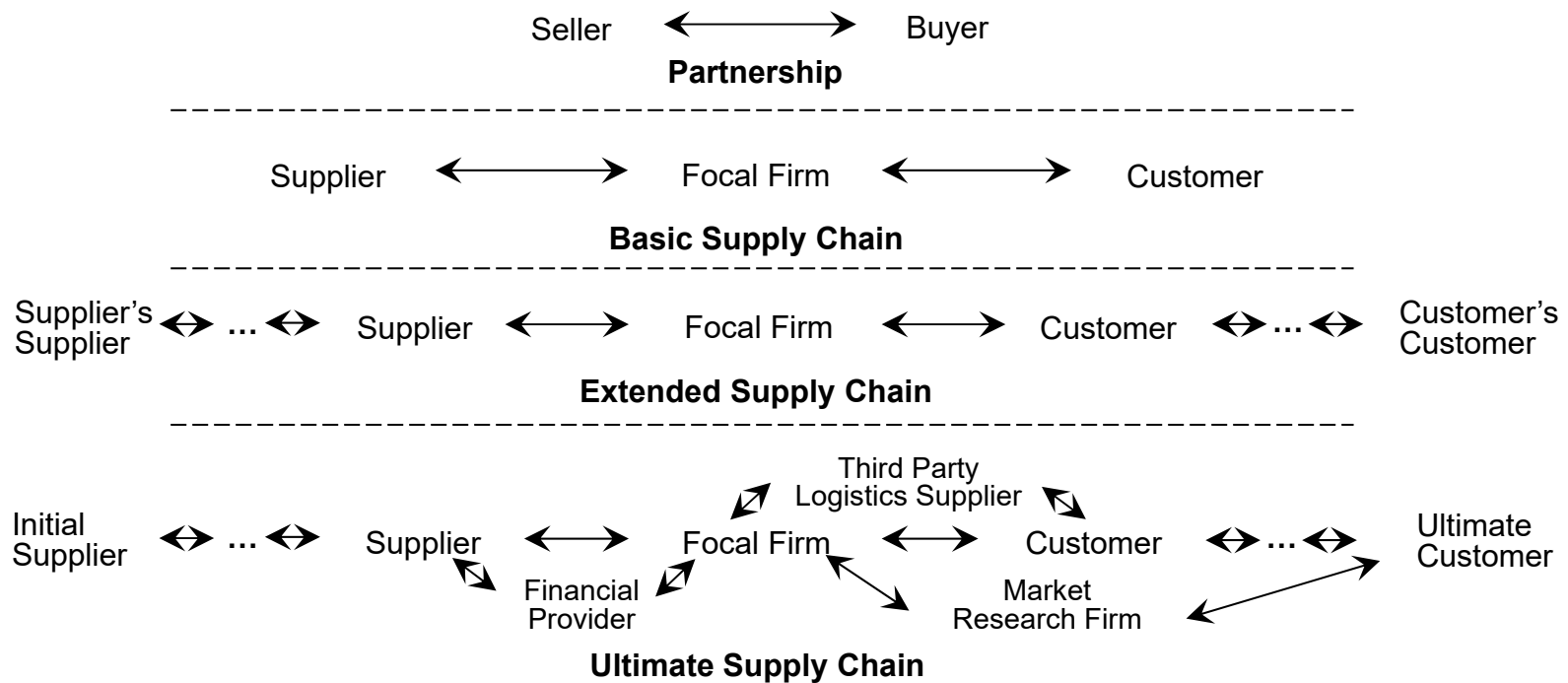
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# WHAT Scope? Basic – Extended - Ultimate



# Strategic Scope across the total supply chain

	Suppliers	Manufacturer	Distributor	Retailer	Customer
Competitive Strategy					
Product Dev. Strategy					
Supply Chain Strategy					
Marketing Strategy					

Archetypes of Supply Chain Configurations

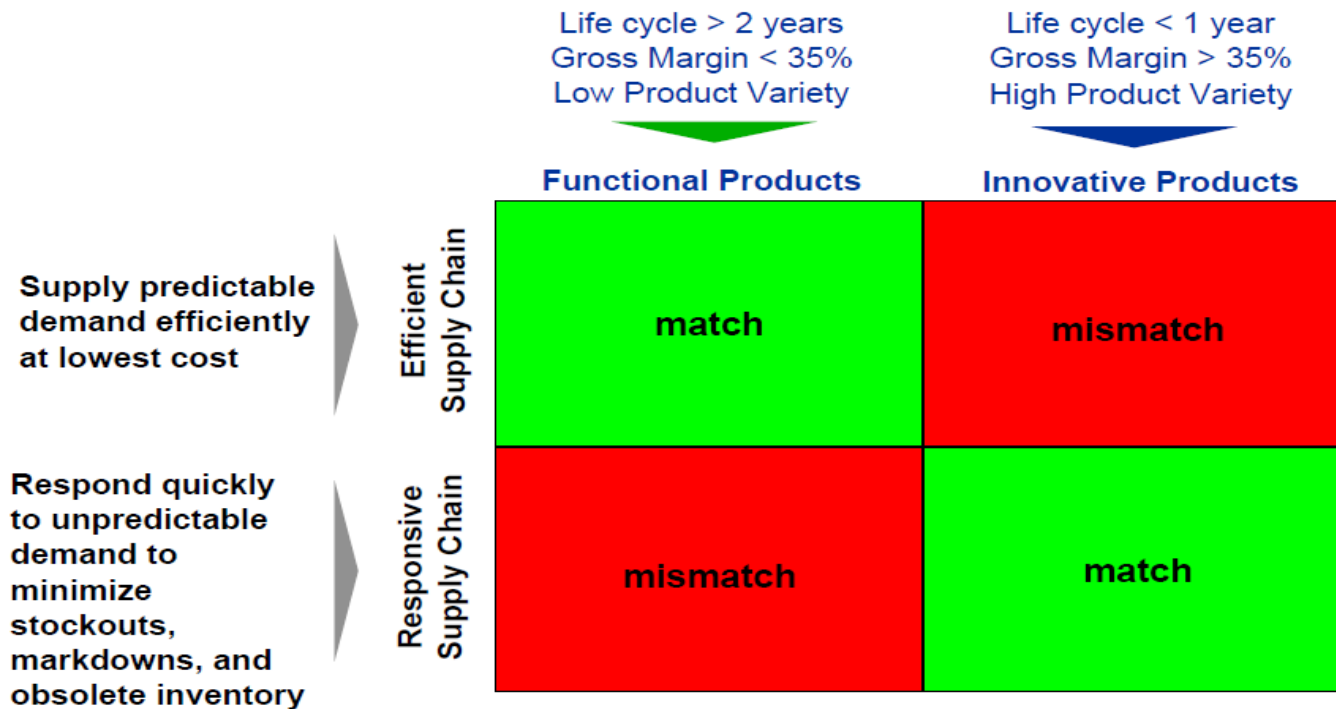
The push/pull boundary

Related concepts; Postponement,

# **LOOKING FOR DOMINANT THEMES SOME BASIC PATTERNS SOME “CONFIGURATIONS”**

# Environment and Contingencies

## - Fishers Typology based on the products

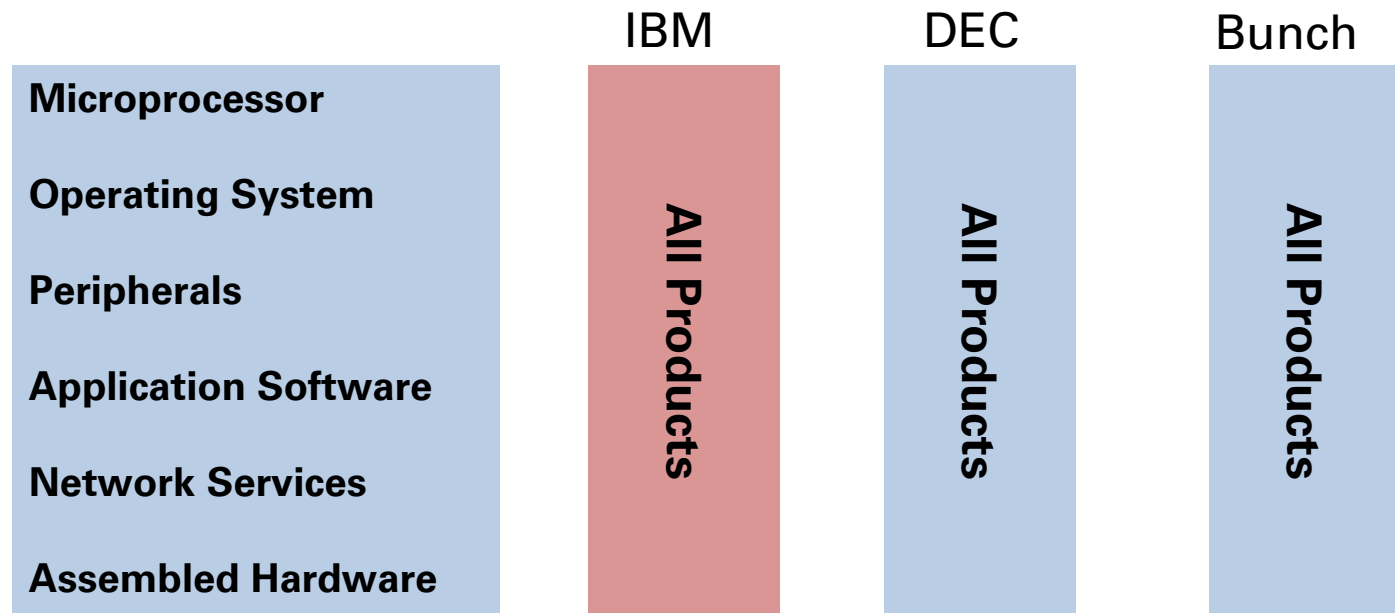


## ... and the related Supply Chains

	<b>Physically Efficient process</b>	<b>Market-Response Process</b>
Primary purpose	Supply predictable Demand efficiently at the lowest possible cost	Respond quickly to unpredictable demand to minimize forced markdowns, obsolete inventories
Manufacturing focus	Maintain high average utilization rate	Deploy excess buffer capacity
Inventory strategy	Generate high returns & minimize inventory throughout the SC	Deploy significant buffer stocks of parts or finished goods
Lead-time focus	Shorten lead times as long as it does not increase cost	Invest aggressively in ways to reduce lead times
Approach to choosing suppliers	Select primarily for cost & quality	Select primarily for speed, flexibility and quality
Product design strategy	Maximize performance & minimize cost	Use modular design to postpone product differentiation as long as possible

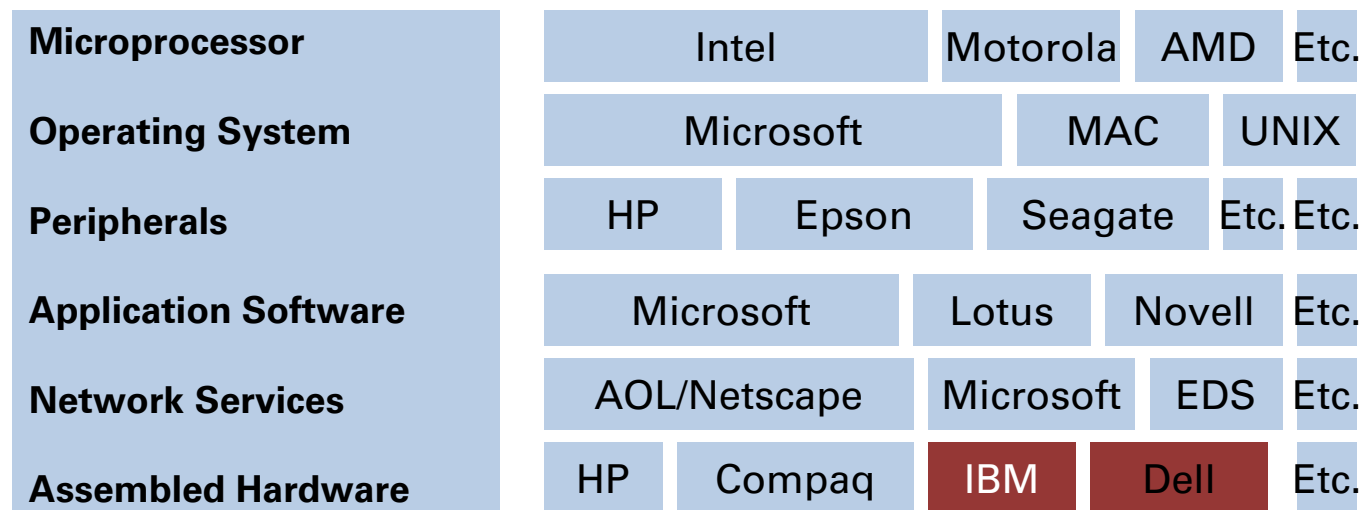
## E.G. Computer Industry Structure 1975 – 1985

Showing changes in the product architecture -



## ... and consequences on the Network – example – Computer Industry Structure 1985 - 1995

Modularization instead vertically integrated supply chains



## e.g. Fine: Integral vs. Modular

### Integrated Products

- Components are tightly coupled
- Components perform several functions
- Components are in close physical proximity or strong relationship
- Components are closely synchronized

### Modular Products

- Components are loosely coupled
- Components are interchangeable
- Components are individually optimized (improved)
- Components have standard interfaces

### Integrated Supply Chain

- Closely coupled elements
- Elements are not interchangeable
- Strong geographical proximity
- Shared responsibility
- Tightly synchronized processes
- Similar cultures
- Coordinated information systems

### Modular supply chains

- Loosely coupled elements
- Interchangeable elements
- Low geographic proximity
- Autonomous responsibility
- Hardly synchronized processes
- Different cultures
- Disparate information systems



## e.g. Christopher: Environmental dynamics Agility vs. Lean Supply Chains

▪ „Lean“ works best in **high volume, low variety and high predictable** environments)

- Primary forces: **efficiency**
- Product features: standard
- Product life cycles: long
- Order winners: cost
- Supply chain emphasis: economies of scale
- Capacity utilization: level scheduling
- Supplier selection criteria: Price and quality

Agility“ is needed in **less predictable environments I.e. demand is volatile and requirement for variety is high**

- Primary forces: **effectiveness**
- Product features: high variety
- Product life cycles: short
- Order winners: time
- Supply chain emphasis: flexibility
- Capacity utilization: deploy buffer capacity
- Supplier selection criteria: speed, flexibility and quality

# Or Hau Lee's : Typology of Supply Chains

## Demand Uncertainty

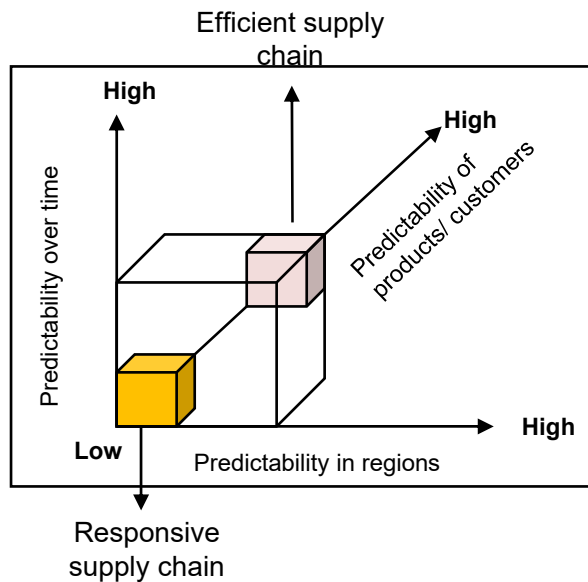
### Unsecurity of Supply

	low (functional Products)	high (innovative Products)
low Processes stable)	<b>Efficient Supply Chains</b>	<b>Responsive Supply Chains</b>
high (new Processes)	<b>Risk-hedging Supply Chains</b>	<b>Agile Supply Chains</b>

# Approaches are using different dimensions and variables and focusing on different aspects

Authors	Dimensions	Configurations
Fisher, 1997	- uncertainty of demand - product	- Physically efficient process - Market responsive process
Tan et al., 2000	- uncertainty of demand - product	- Physically efficient process - Market responsive process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>customizable product</i></li> <li>• <i>innovative product</i></li> </ul>
Christopher, 2000	- Variety/Variability - Volume	- Agile - Lean
Mason-Jones/ Naylor/Towill, 2000	- various	- Leagile
Lee, 2002	- Demand characteristics - Supply characteristics	- Efficient supply chain - Responsive supply chain - Risk-hedging supply chain - Agile supply chain
Corsten & Gabriel, 2002	- Demand uncertainty - Product structure	- Lean Supply Chain - Connected Supply Chain - Agile Supply Chain - Speed Supply Chain
Klaas, 2003	- strategic goal - coordination mechanism	- Tight logistics segment - Agile logistics segment - Modular logistics segment - Individual logistics segment

## This Needs to Be Addressed With the Appropriate Changes in Supply Chain Design From Efficient to Responsive and Vice Versa – FOR INSTANCE



### Value drivers

### Forecasting

### Transportation

### Inventory

### Sourcing drivers

### Efficient supply chain

Transportation  
Inventory  
Warehousing

Analytics,  
baseline

FTL

Minimise  
throughout

Quality, cost

### Responsive supply chain

Stockouts,  
Markdowns,  
Obsolescence

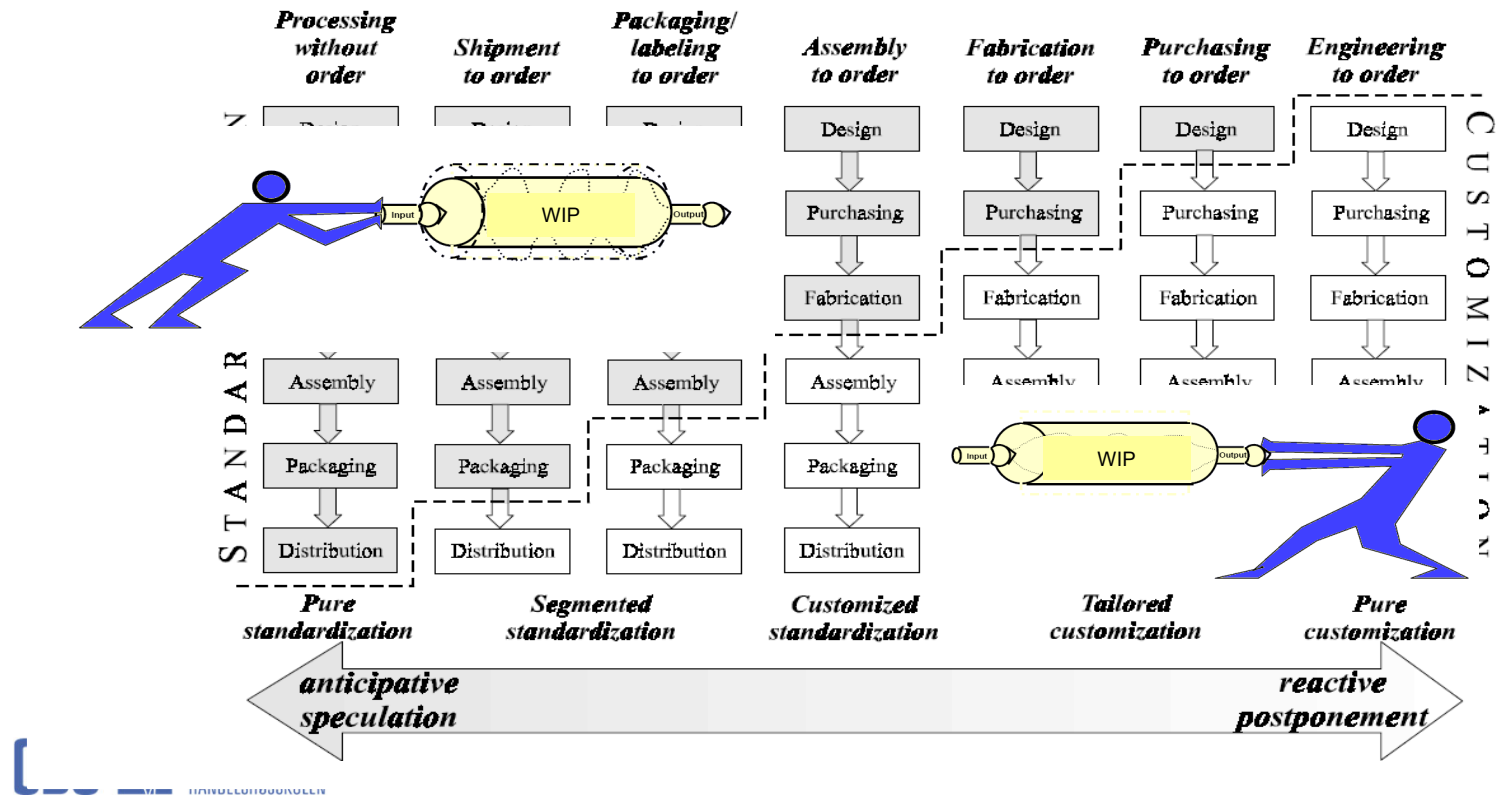
Heuristics

LTL

Buffer close  
to customer

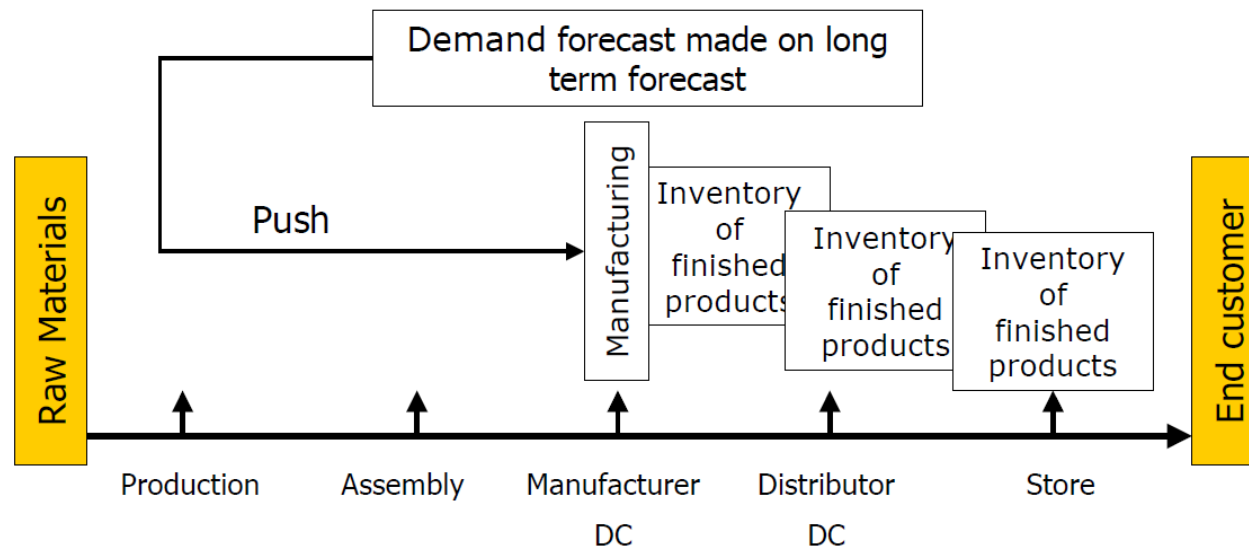
Quality,  
speed,  
flexibility

# Further key patterns Anticipating vs. Reacting – Push vs Pull



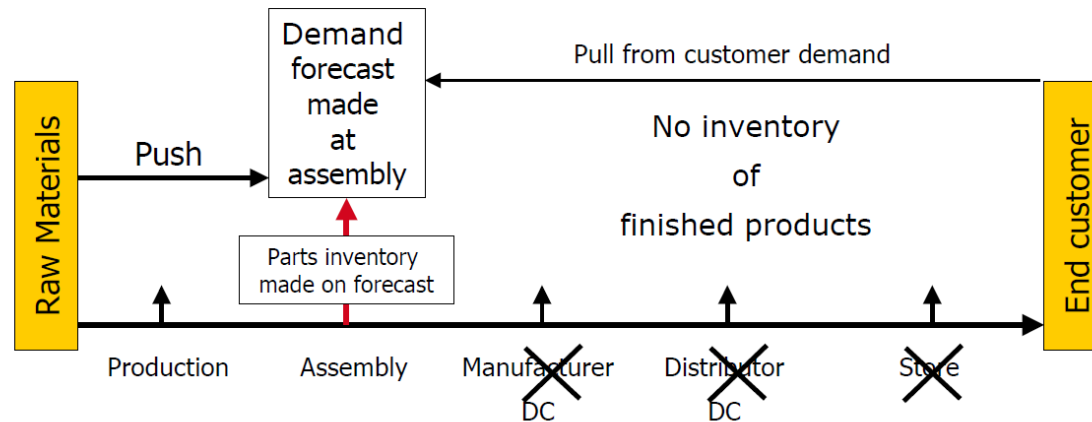
# Push/Pull Boundary – traditional Computer industry

- High level of demand uncertainty
- Low delivery cost (% to the unit price)



## Push/Pull Boundary – e.g. Dell

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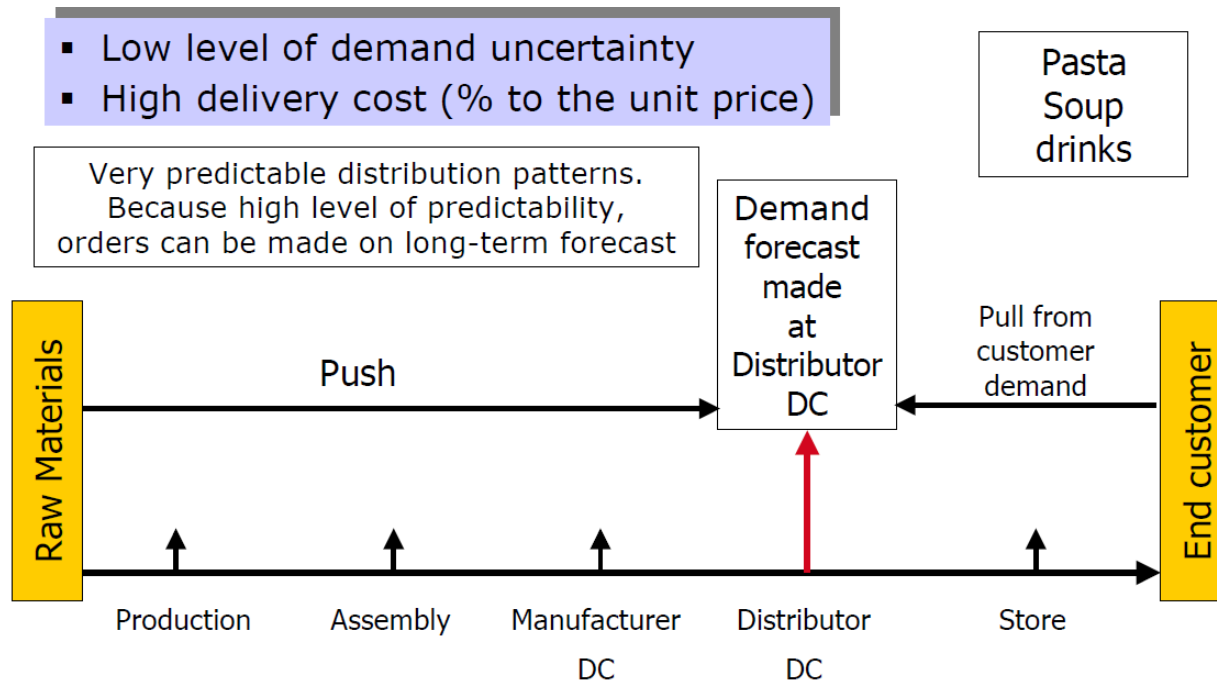


Where to locate the push/pull boundary?

# EXAMPLES

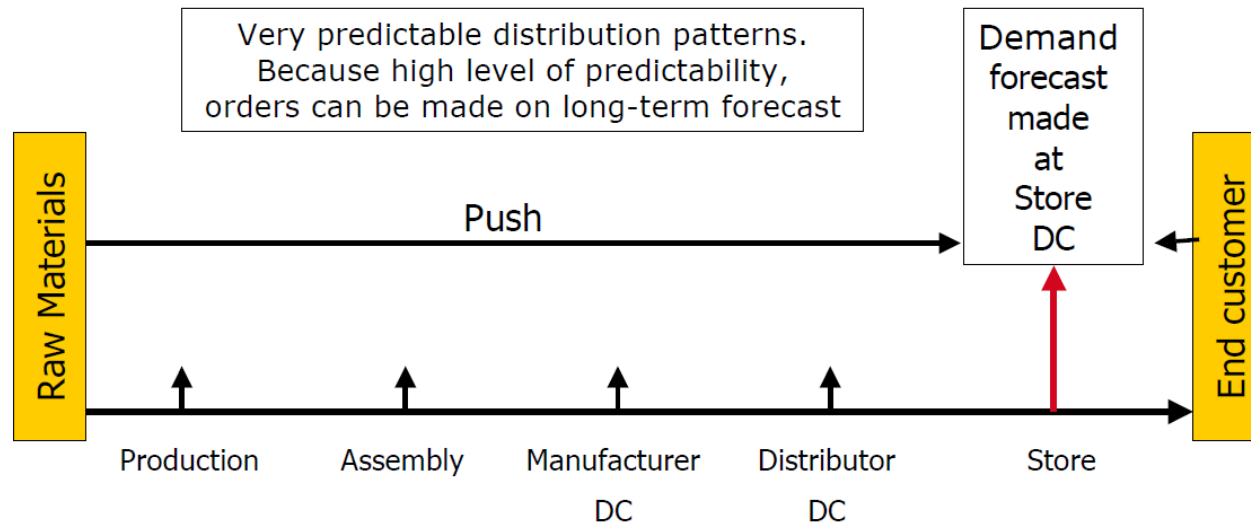


# Push/Pull Boundary – Groceries



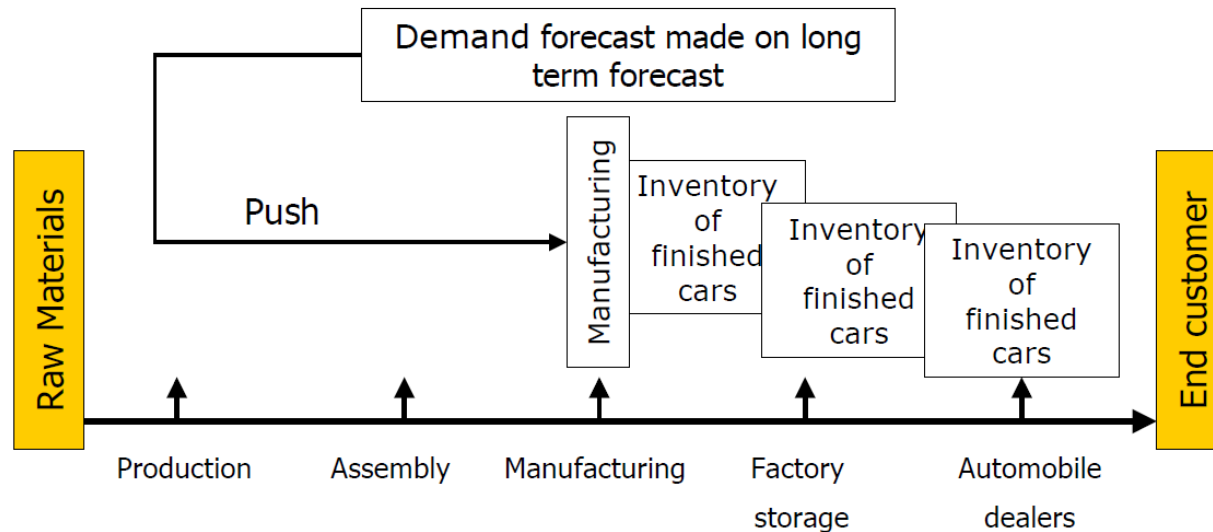
## Push/Pull Boundary – Groceries Case 2

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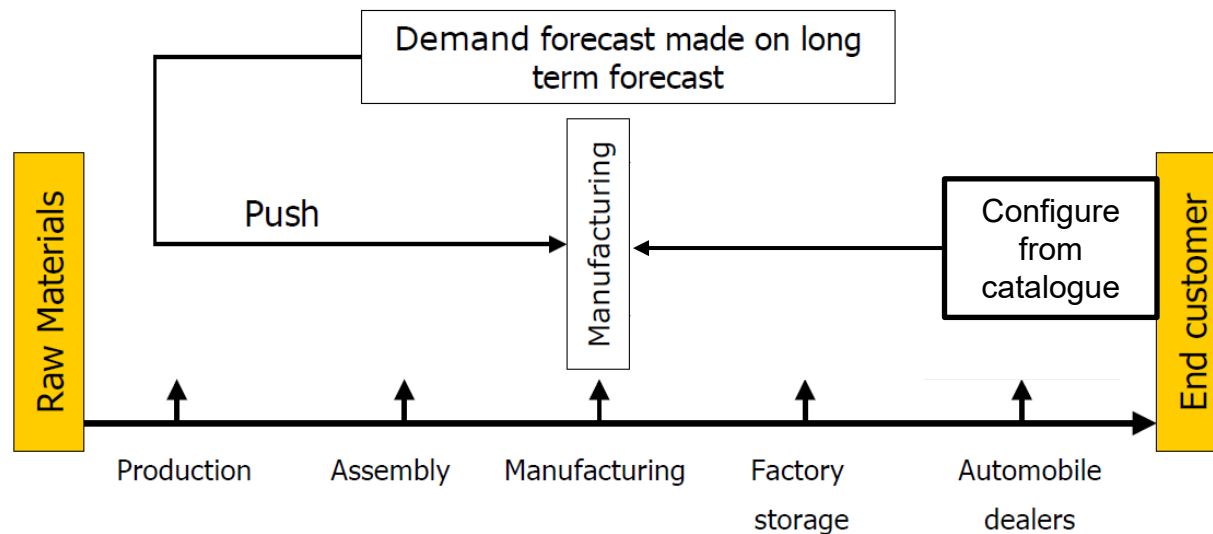
# Push/Pull Boundary – Traditional Car Industry (more US)

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# Push/Pull Boundary –Car Industry (more Europe)

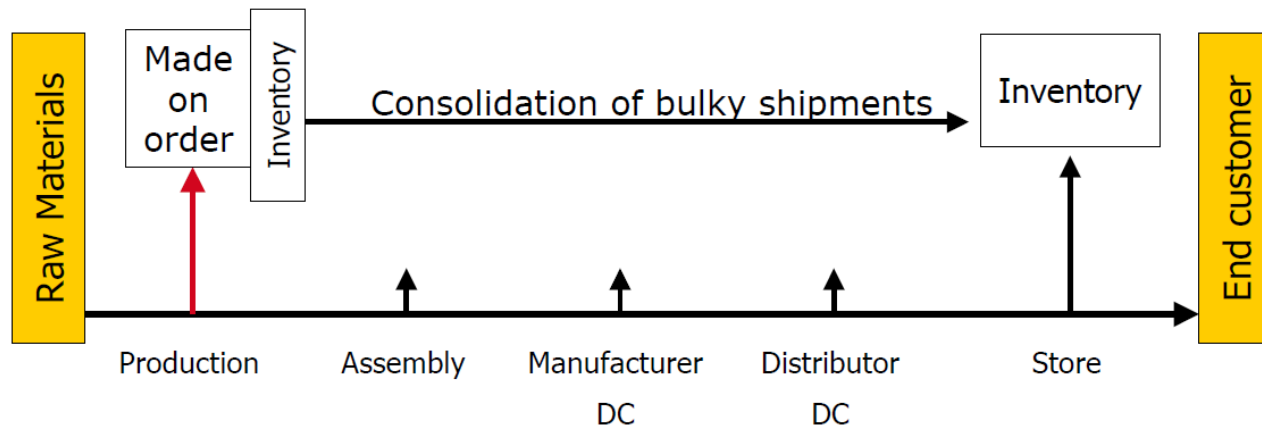
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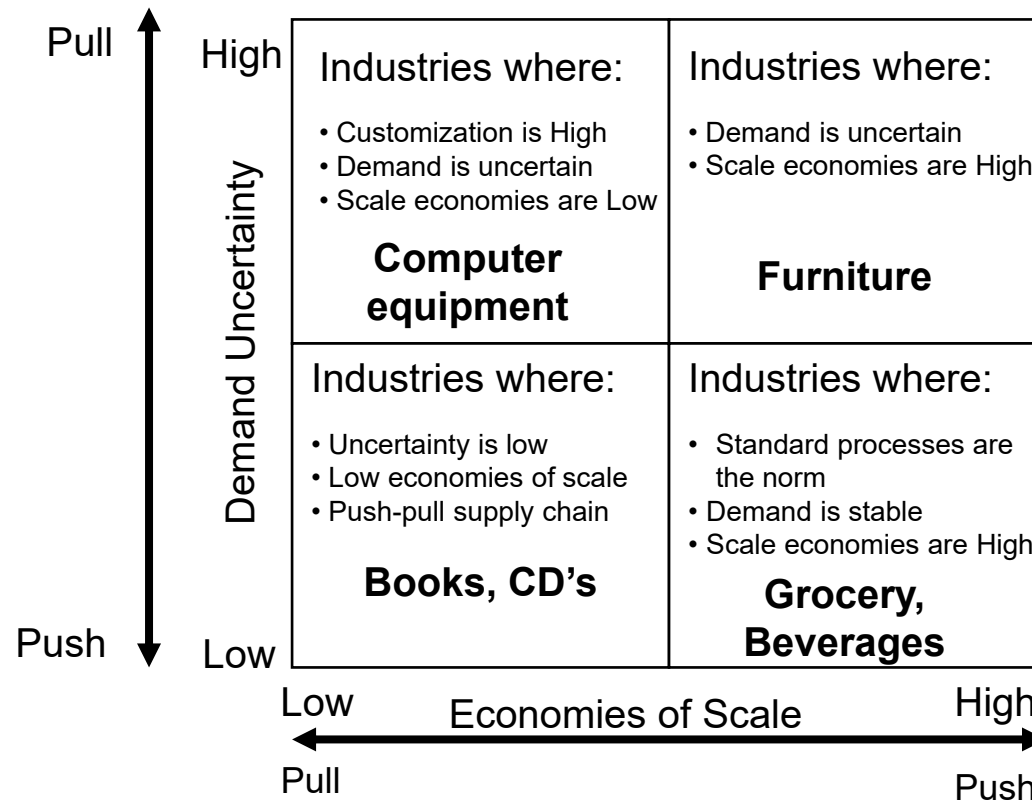
## Push/Pull Boundary – e.g. Furniture Industry (not IKEA – how would IKEA look like?)

- High level of demand uncertainty
- High delivery cost (% to the unit price)

Many different type of fabrics, colors  
decided on order.



# Choosing Between Push/Pull Strategies

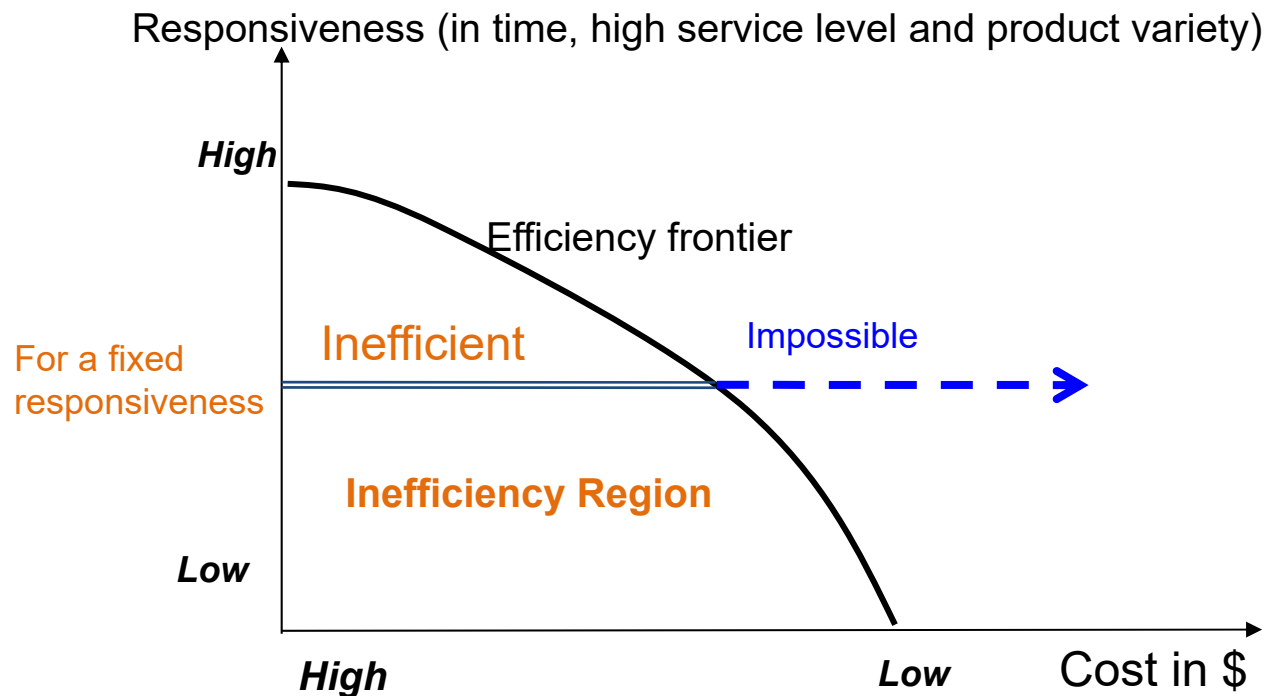


**Where do the following industries fit in this model:**

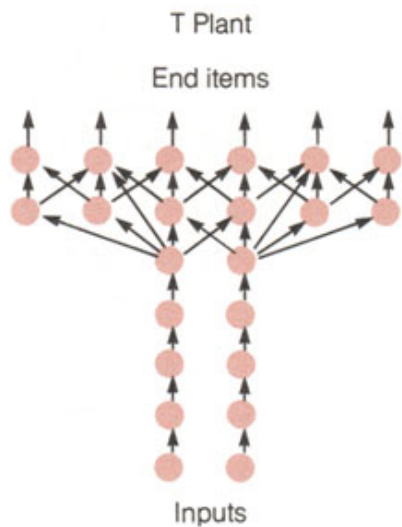
- **Automobile?**
- **Aircraft?**
- **Fashion?**
- **Petroleum refining?**
- **Pharmaceuticals?**
- **Biotechnology?**
- **Medical Devices?**

Source: Simchi-Levi

# Understanding the Supply Chain: e.g. Cost-Responsiveness Tradeoff



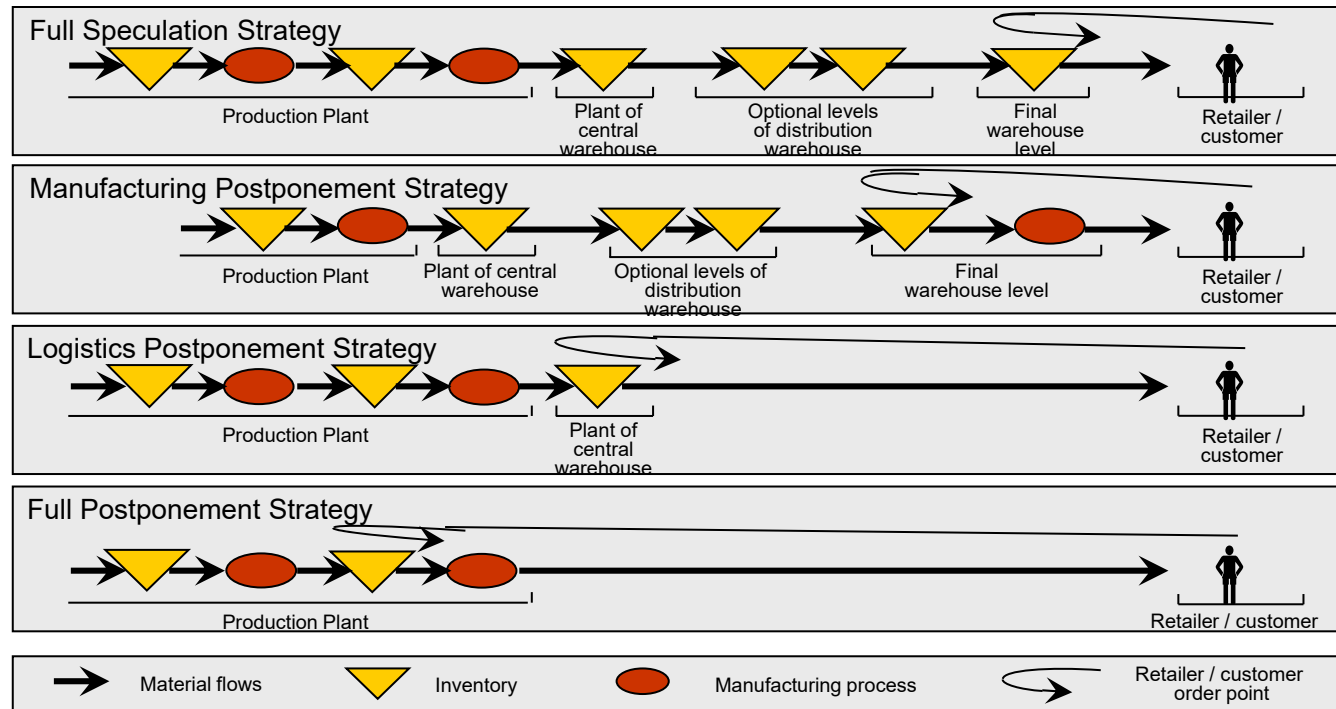
## Postpone the moment of variation – The way to hybrids



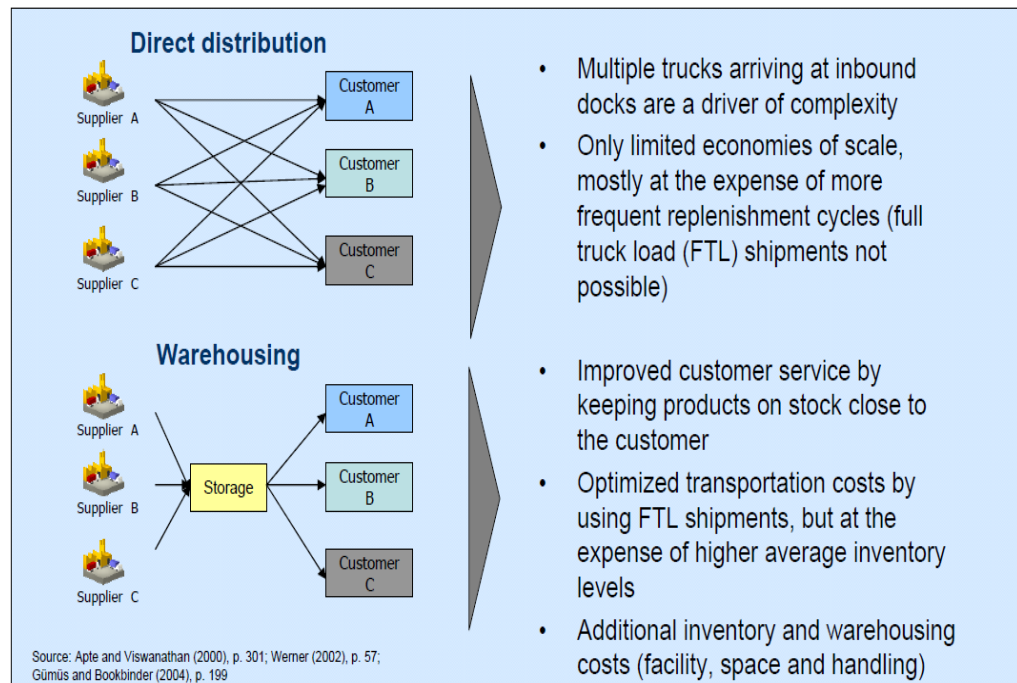
- The Configuration of a Logistics system is the better the further „upstream“ Inventories and Transshipment points and the more „downstream“ value intense, customer specific activities are positioned („Postponement“-Concept),
  - Product (Form) Postponement (Benetton)
  - Geographical Postponement (Cross Docking)
  - Inter-Company Postponement (Dell)



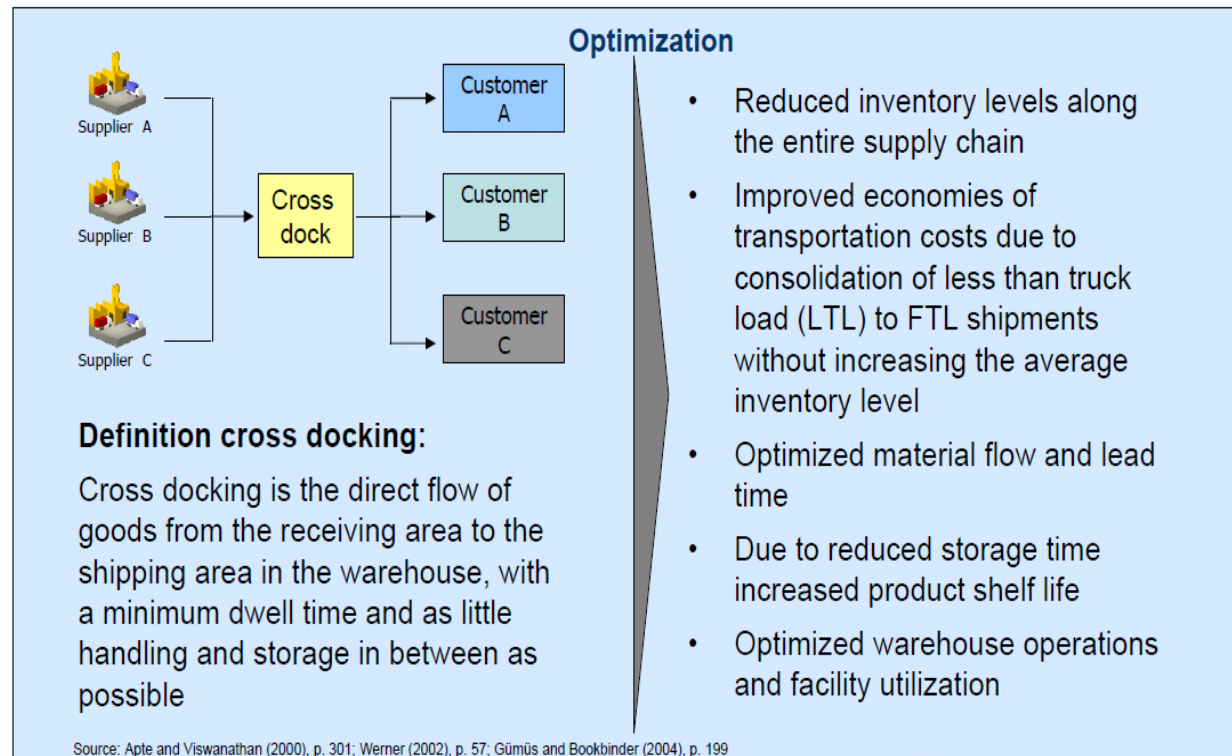
## Mason-Jones/Towills Definitions of Postponement-Strategies



# Thy hybrids – e.g. in distribution – see module on Warehousing



# The idea of X-Docking



The Strategy of Dell  
The Strategy of ZARA (Inditex)  
Apple

# APPLICATION - DISCUSS

Strategy & Configuration

What is the strategic pattern of Dell

# DELL

Strategy & Configuration

## Dell Computer Company

“How can we make the process of buying a computer better?”

- ☑ Sell custom-built PCs directly to consumer
- ☑ Build computers rapidly, at low cost, and only when ordered
- ☑ Integrate the Web into every aspect of its business
- ☑ Focus research on software designed to make installation and configuration of its PCs fast and simple

What is the strategic pattern of Zara

# ZARA INDITEX

Strategy & Configuration



Zara's mission:

To produce a  
fashion forward  
product for the  
masses

