



The Power of Documents, Knowledge Capital & Information Systems

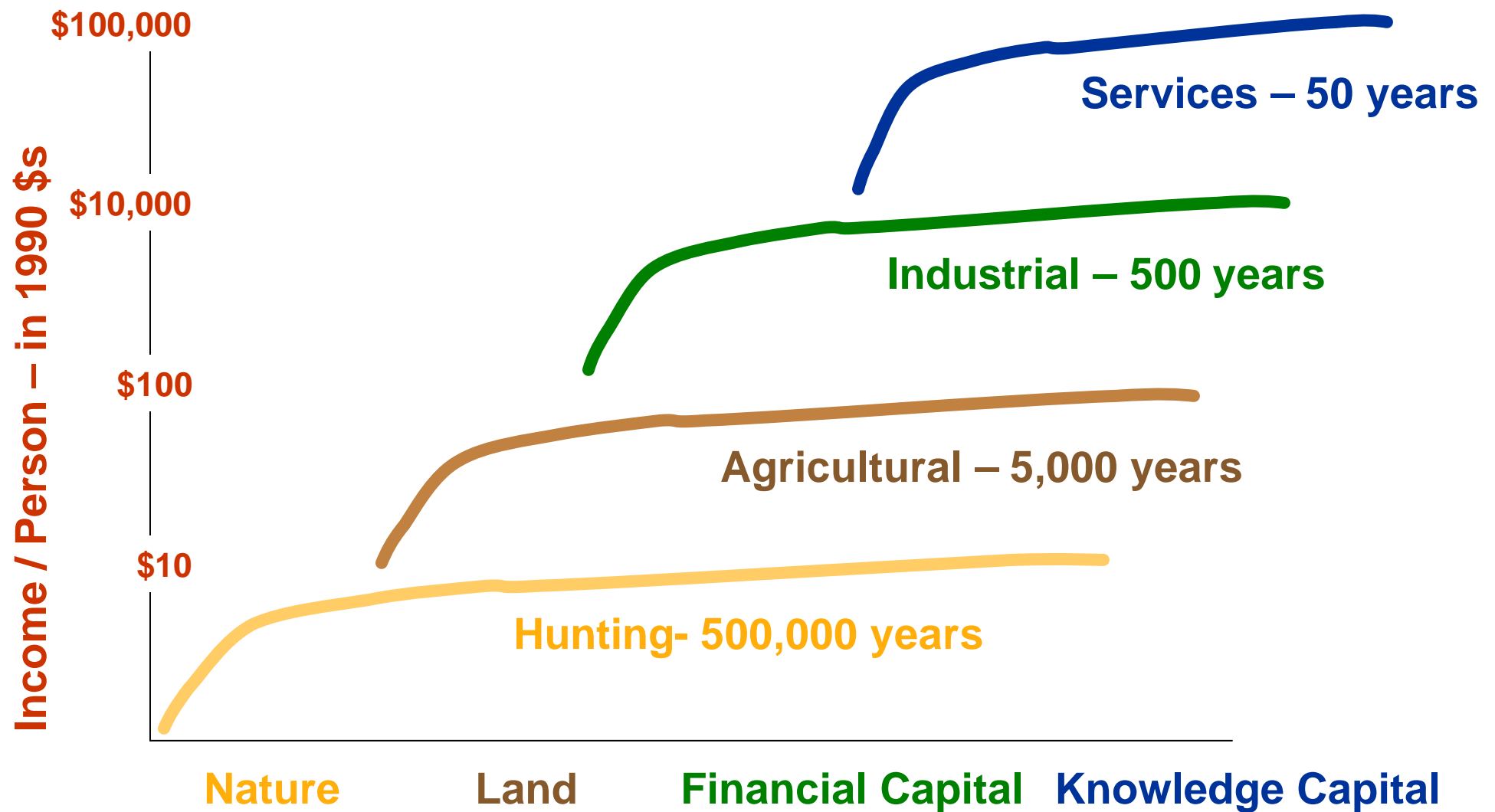
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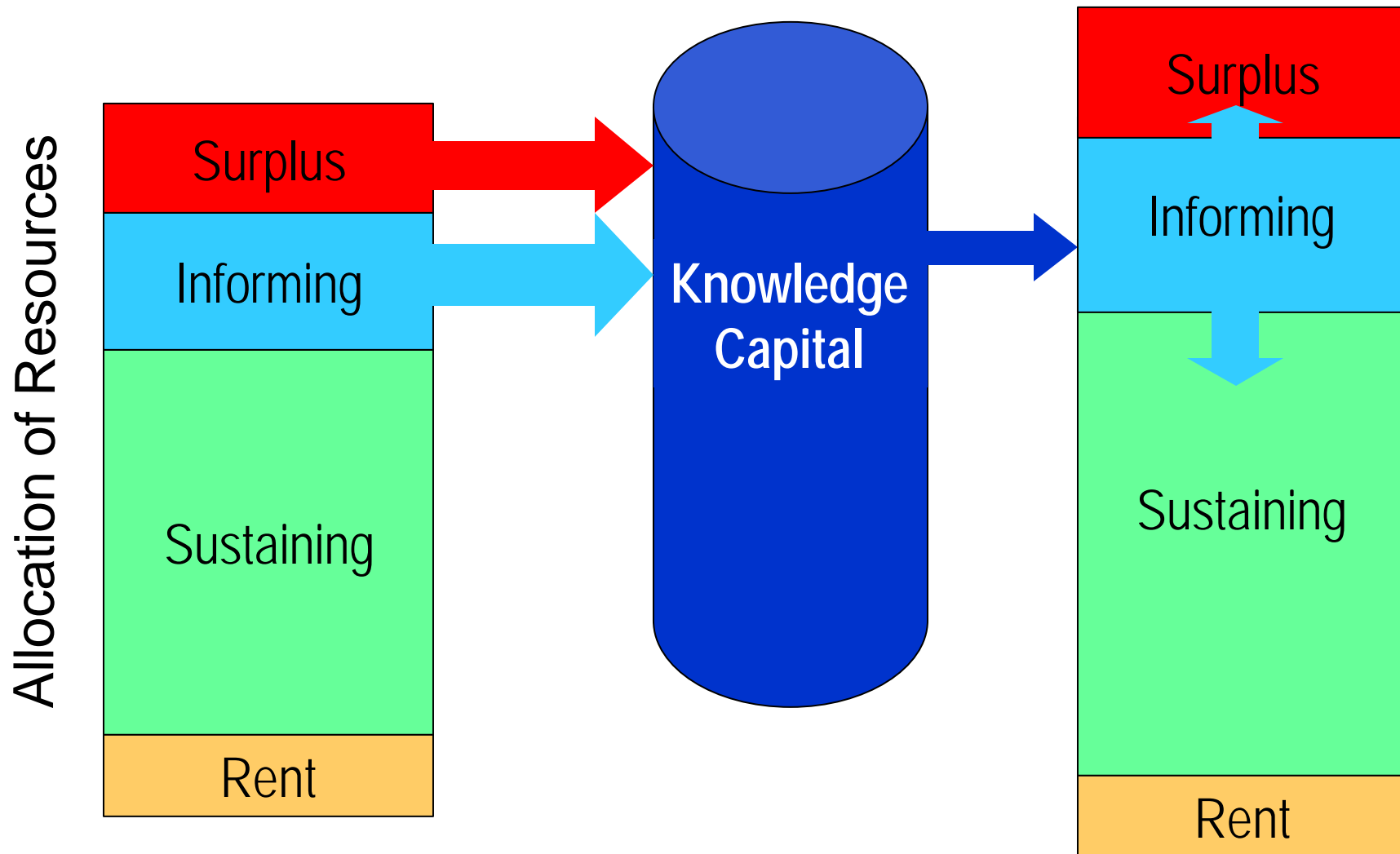
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A View of Economic Development



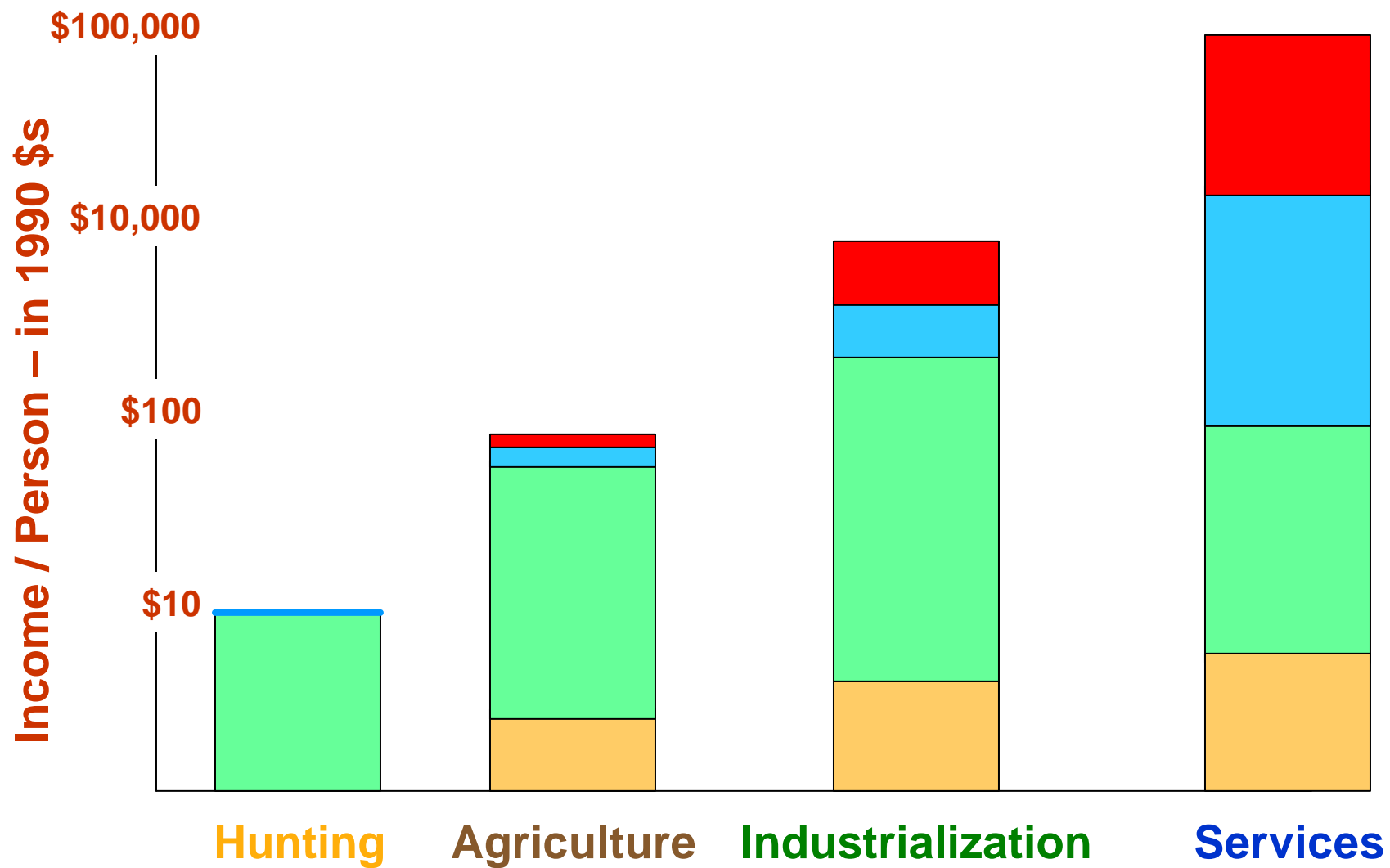
The Knowledge Capital Accumulation Model



Definition of Terms, in Corporate Context

- Rent: Interest and Depreciation
 - Sustaining: Cost of Goods Sold
 - Informing: Sales, General & Administrative
 - Surplus: Economic Profit
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- Knowledge Capital: Assets that Generate Economic Profit

Composition of Resources at Stages of Growth





The Power of Documents, Knowledge Capital & Information Systems In Hunting Society

Origins of Written Communications



Pech Merle Cave, France, cca. 18,000 B.C.

Hunting Society Memory-Aids



Birch-bark Records, Ojibwa Indians

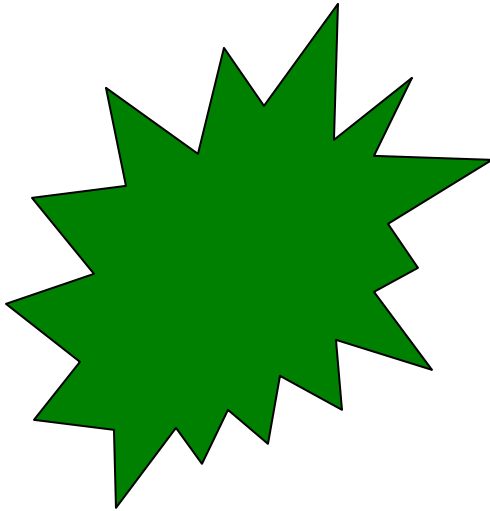
Next Evolutionary Step: Pictographic Memory-Aid Clues



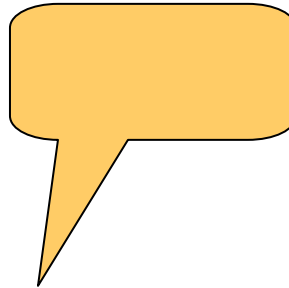
Na-Khi Tribe, Burma/Laos

Hunting Society Barriers to Understanding

Reality



The Narrator



The Listener



The Economics of a Tribal Hunting Society

- Rent: None
- Sustaining: Foraging, Hunting, Gathering
- Informing: Verbal, limited
- Surplus: Primitive Tools

- Knowledge Capital: Customs and Rituals

RESULT: 500,000 years to reach \$10/person



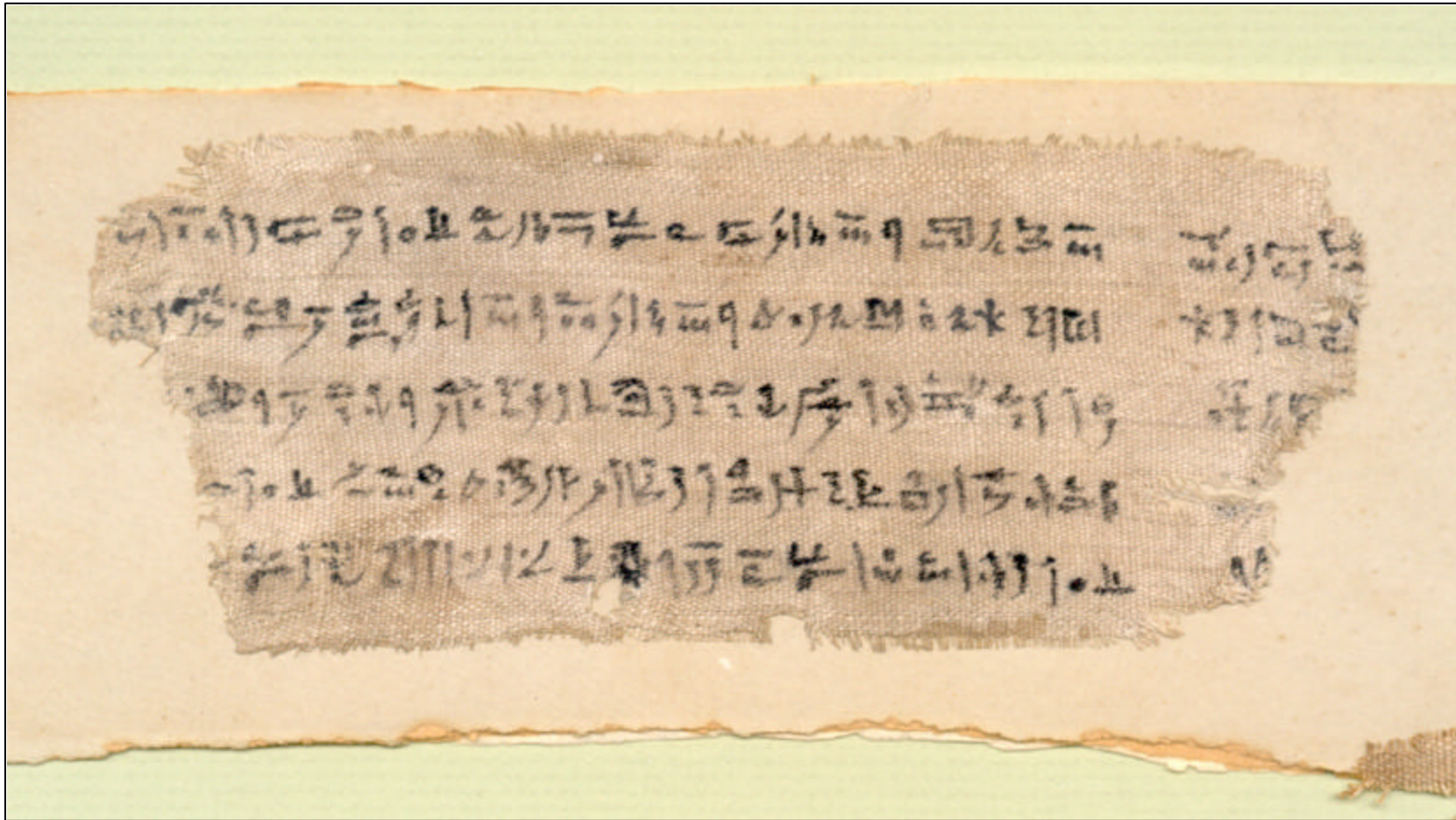
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Read Only by the Class That Wrote It



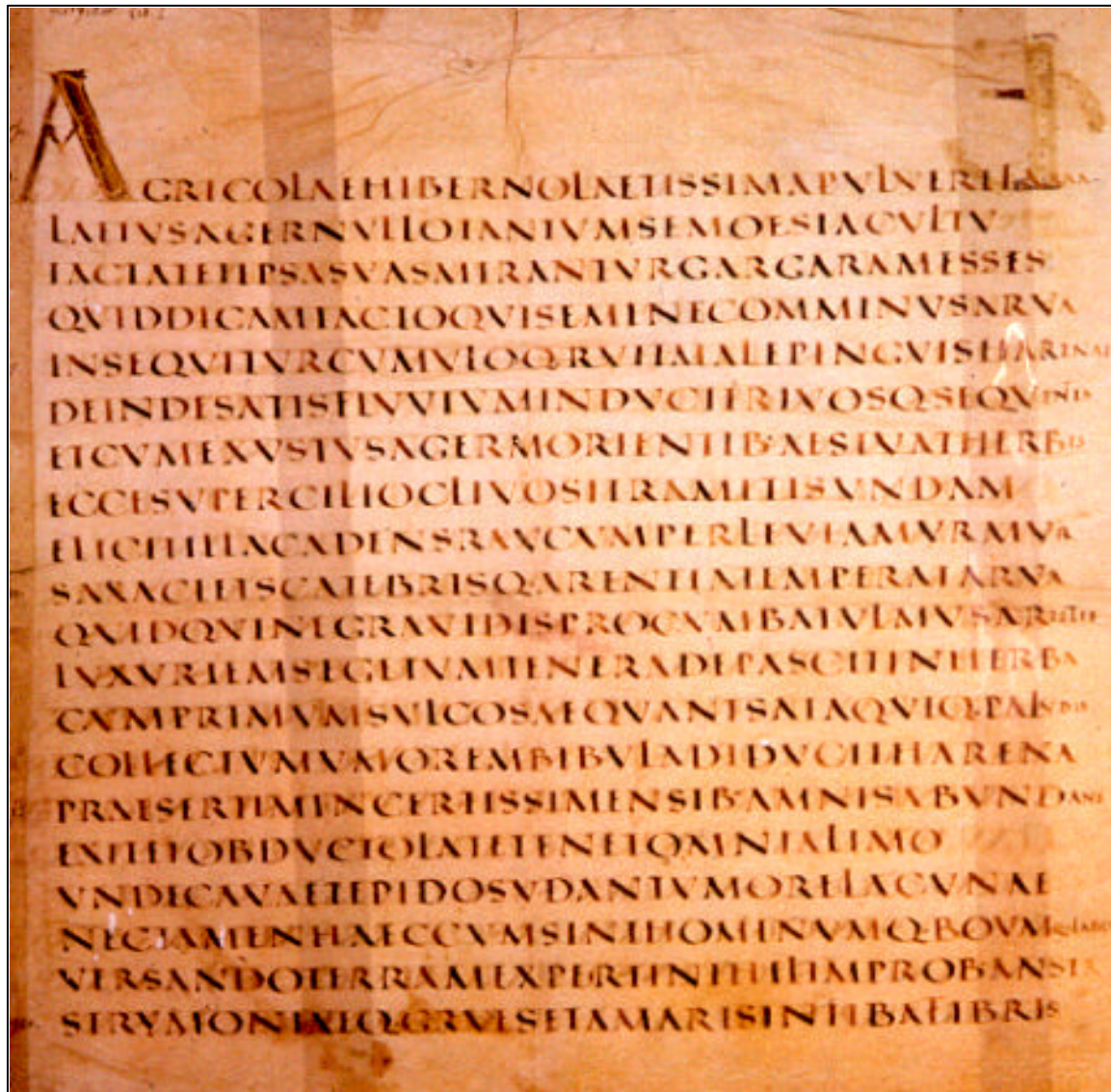
Cuneiform Receipt for 6 Sheep and 5 Goats, Babylon, cca. 3,000 B.C.

Hieroglyphs Representing Pictographs

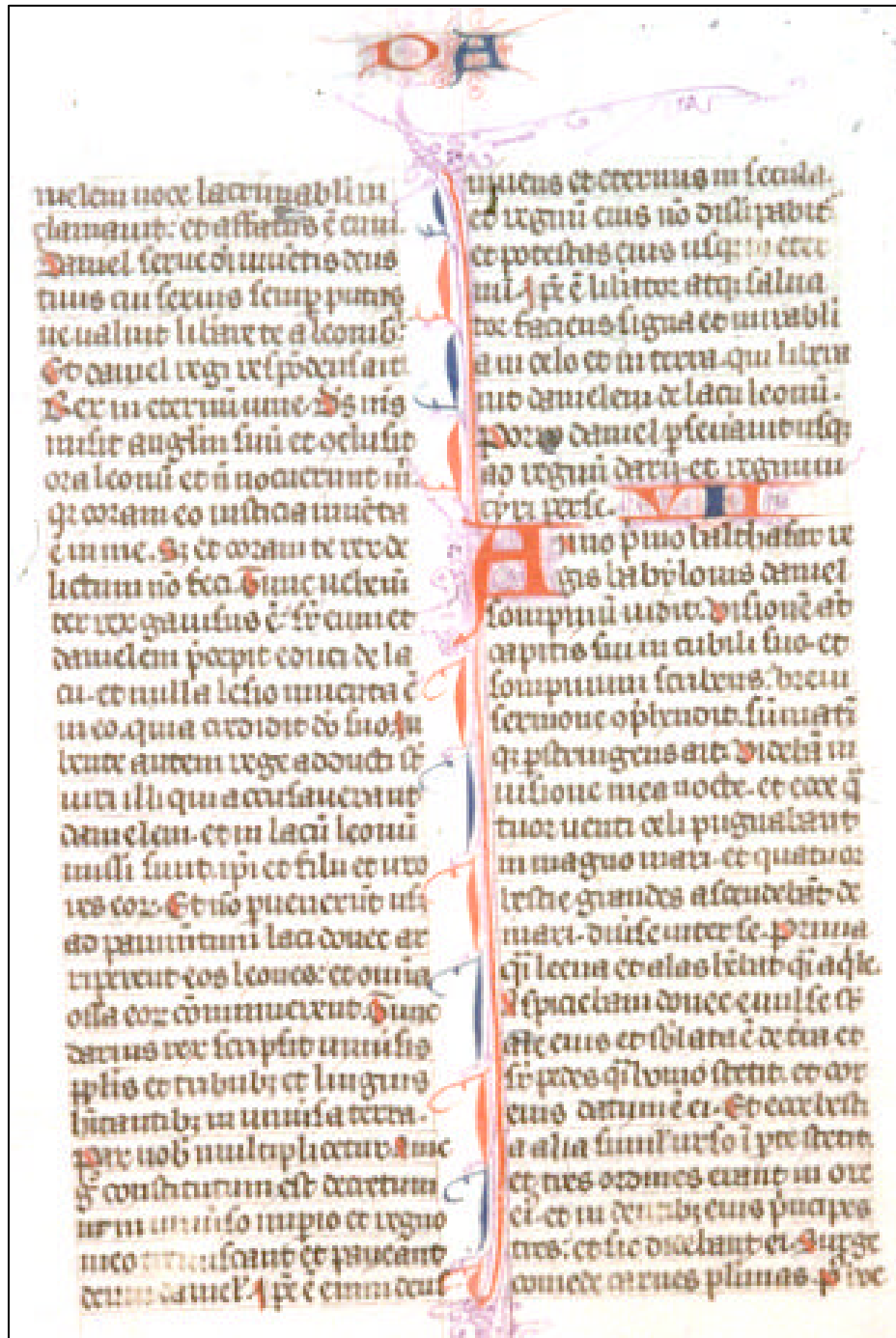


Syllabic Representation, on Cotton Cloth, Egypt, cca. 1,000 B.C.

Virgil, Roman Lettering, 4th Century A.D.



French Bible,
Gothic Script
A.D. 1310



Means for Reproduction of Sacred Texts



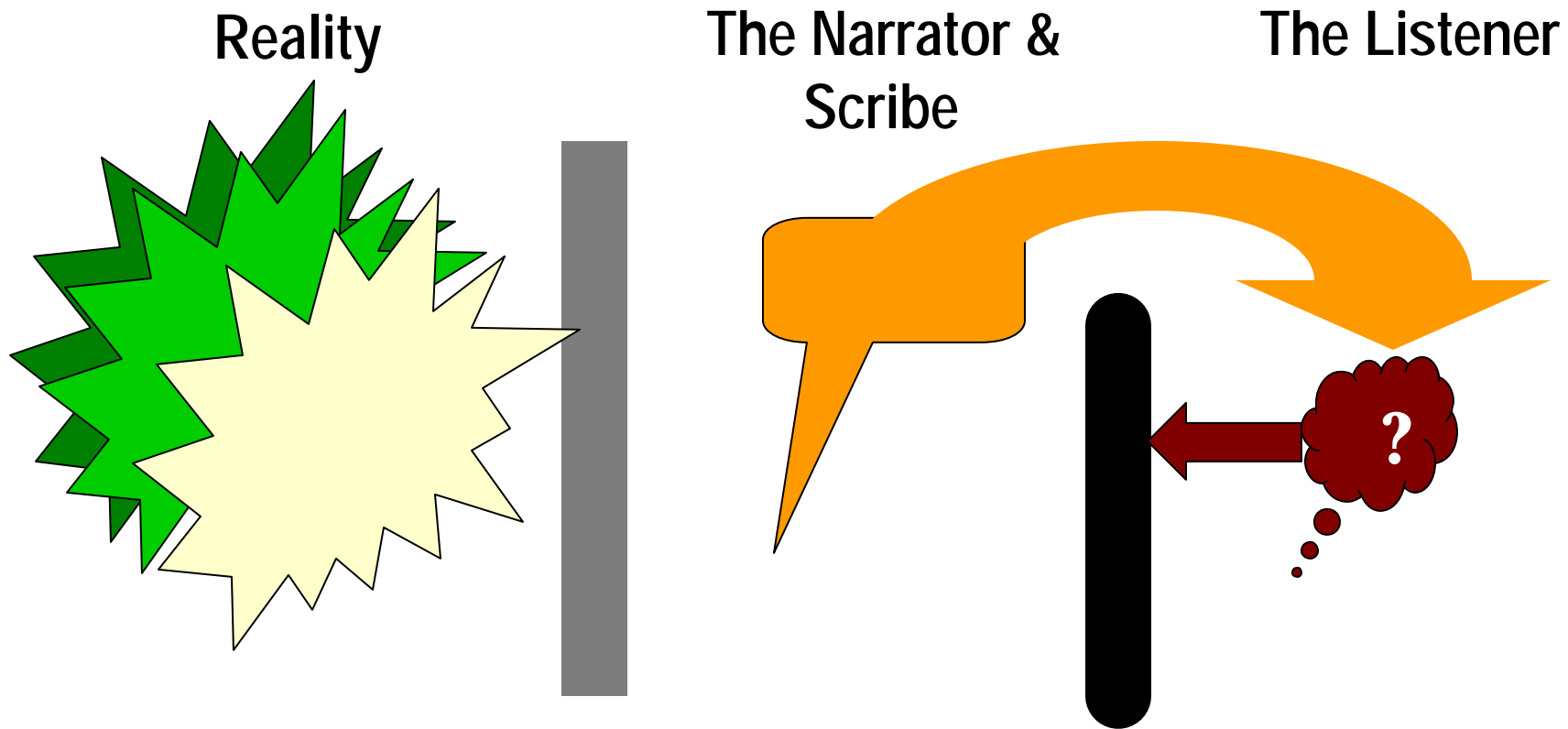
Buddhist Sutra, Tibet, cca. 1960

Example of Technology Ahead of Social Economics



Movable Metal Type, Japan, cca. 770 A.D. – Print run of 1 million

Extensive Barriers to Understanding and to Communicating



The Economics of a Feudal Agricultural Society

- Rent: Serfdom
- Sustaining: Land Cultivation, Animal Husbandry
- Informing: Record-keeping, law
- Surplus: Limited, in the hands of nobility

- Knowledge Capital: For priesthood and feudal overlords

RESULT: 5,000 years to reach \$100/person



The Power of Documents, Knowledge Capital & Information Systems In Industrial Society

The Guttenberg Invention: The Reproducible Font



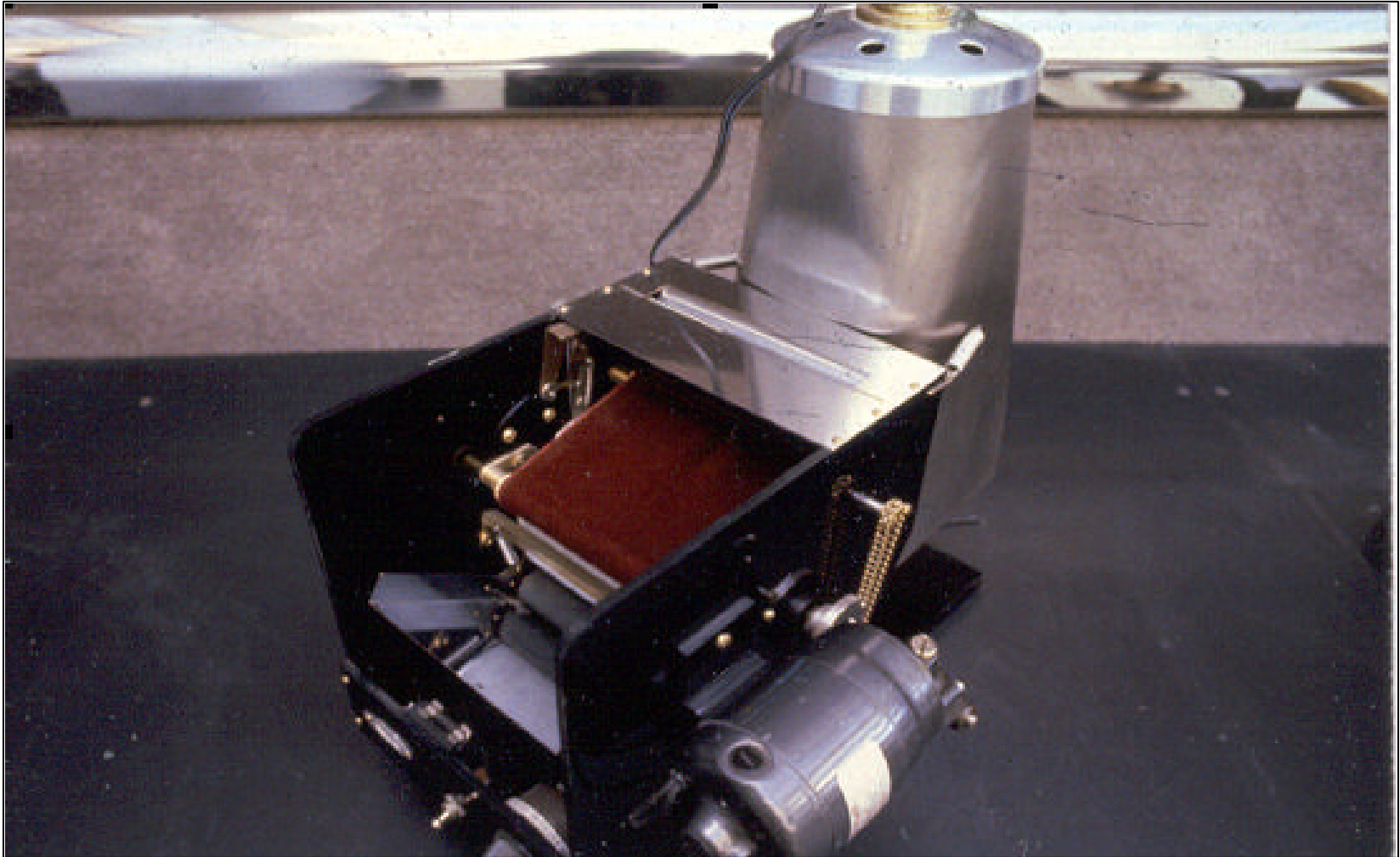
Gutenberg Bible,
Mainz, Germany
1455

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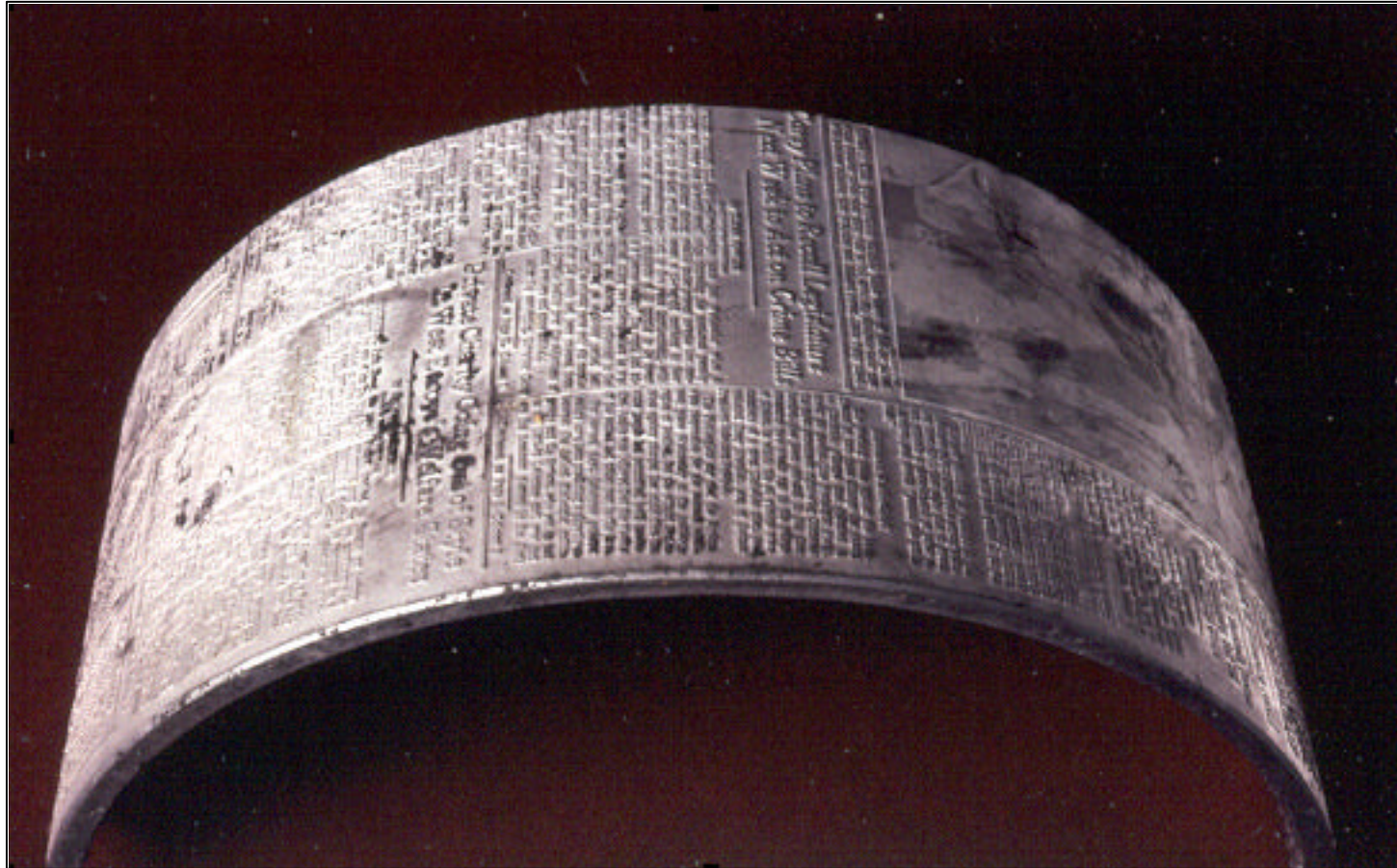
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The End of Electro-Optical Reproduction

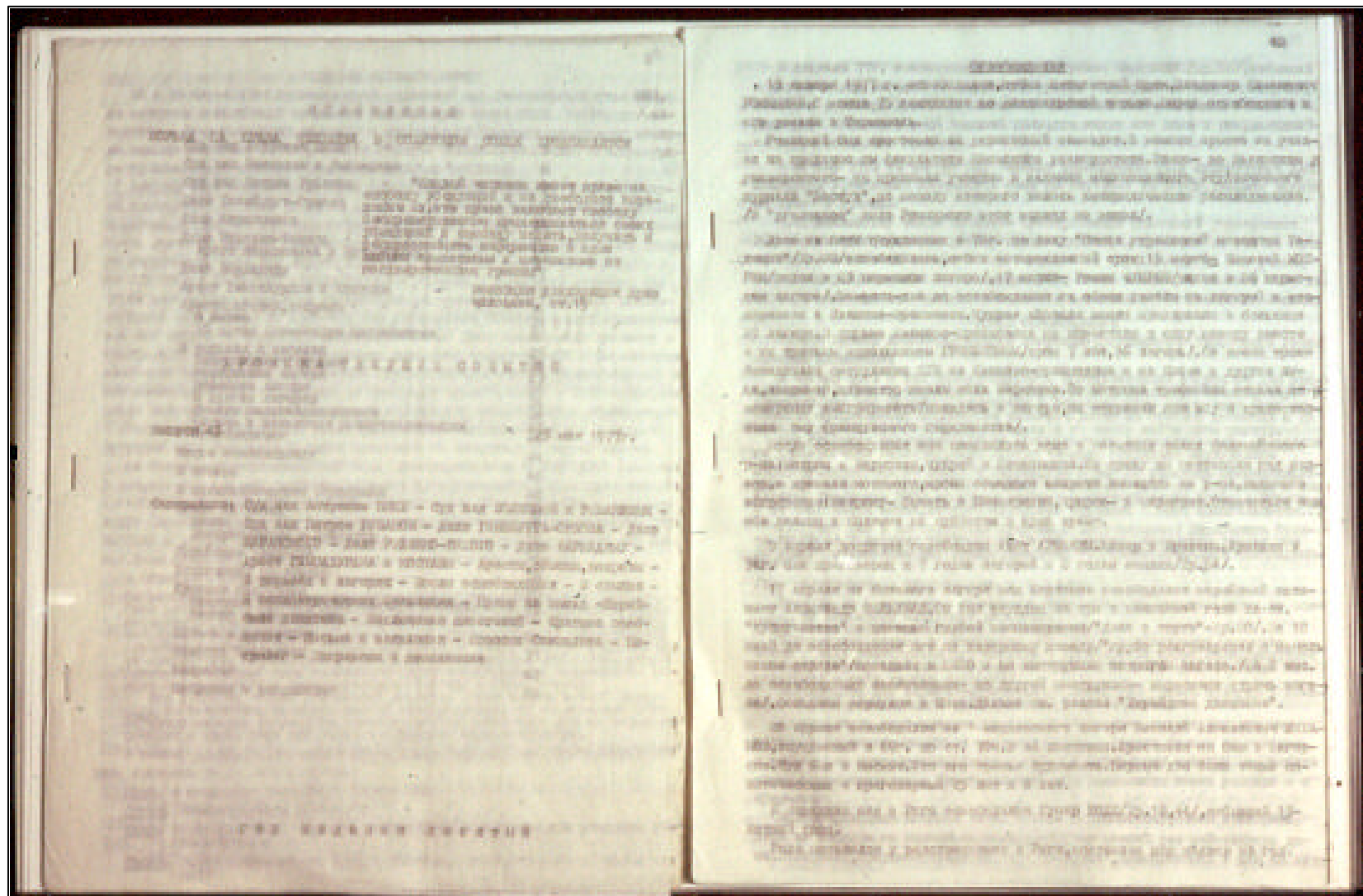


The first xerographic machine – Chester Carlson, 1939

Last Metal Plate from New York Times Rotary Presses - 1978

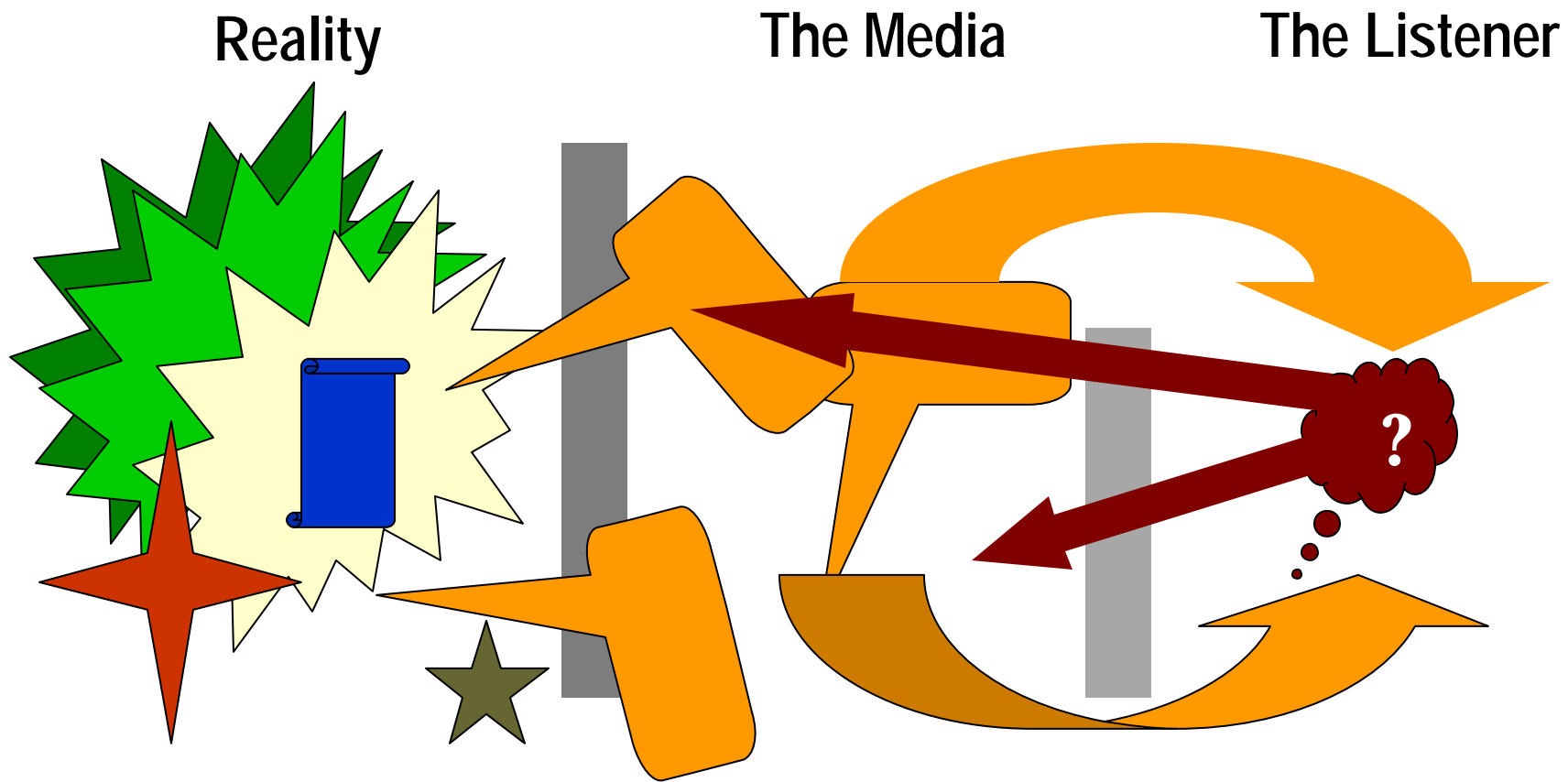


Without Freedom Communication Atrophies



“Samizdat” – Chronicle of Current Events, U.S.S.R, May 25, 1977

Extensive Barriers to Understanding and to Communicating



The Economics of a National Industrial Society

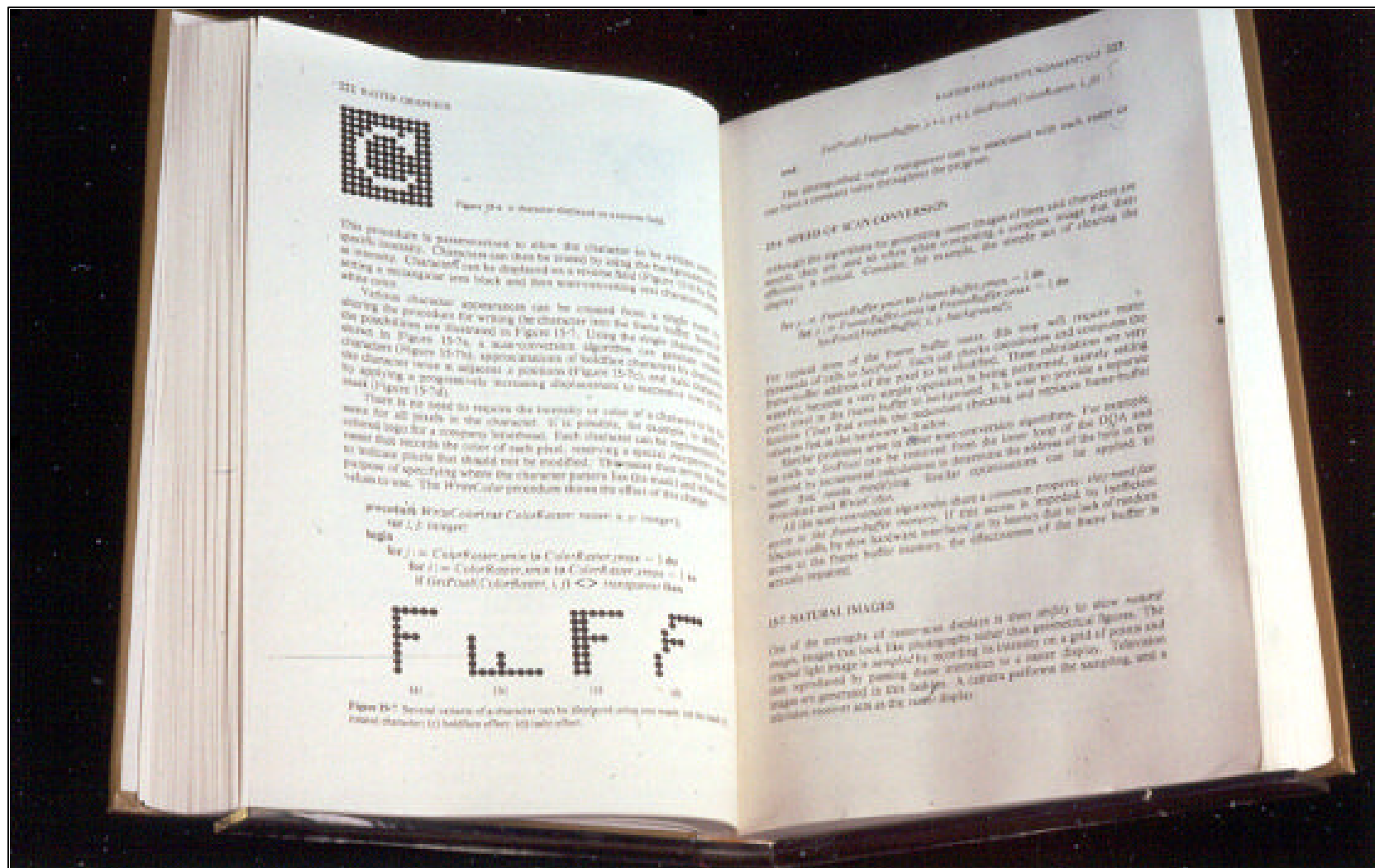
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The World's First Laser-Generated Textbook



Sproull & Newman, Principles of Interactive Graphics, March 1979

8,000 Years Later: The Information Glut



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E-Publishing
Changes
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Authoring,
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Delivery
Processes

**Digital Publications
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**D001: Information Productivity Indicators
of U.S. Corporations**

By Paul A. Strassmann
25 Pages Online Price: \$9.98 eMatter (PDF)
Date Published: 05/2000 Product#: EB00014737

**D002: Revenues and Profits
of Global Information Technology Suppliers**

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Principles and Concepts**

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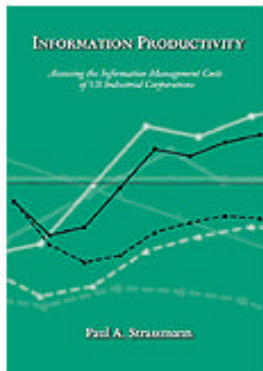
D004: Assessment of Productivity, Technology and Knowledge Capital

By Paul A. Strassmann
93 Pages Online Price: \$14.98 eMatter (PDF)
Date Published: 07/2000 Product#: EB00016531

**D005: The Digital Economy and Information Technology -
A Critique of Department of Commerce Spending Statistics**

By Paul A. Strassmann
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What E-Publishing Displaces



Now Available!

Information Productivity

by Paul Strassmann

Assessing the Information Management Costs of U.S. Industrial Corporations.
How the costs of information management relate to all other costs of doing business.

1999. Hardcover, 168 pages, 89 illustrations

Price: \$49 + \$4.50 for UPS shipping and handling (within continental US).



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at Amazon.com**

The Squandered Computer

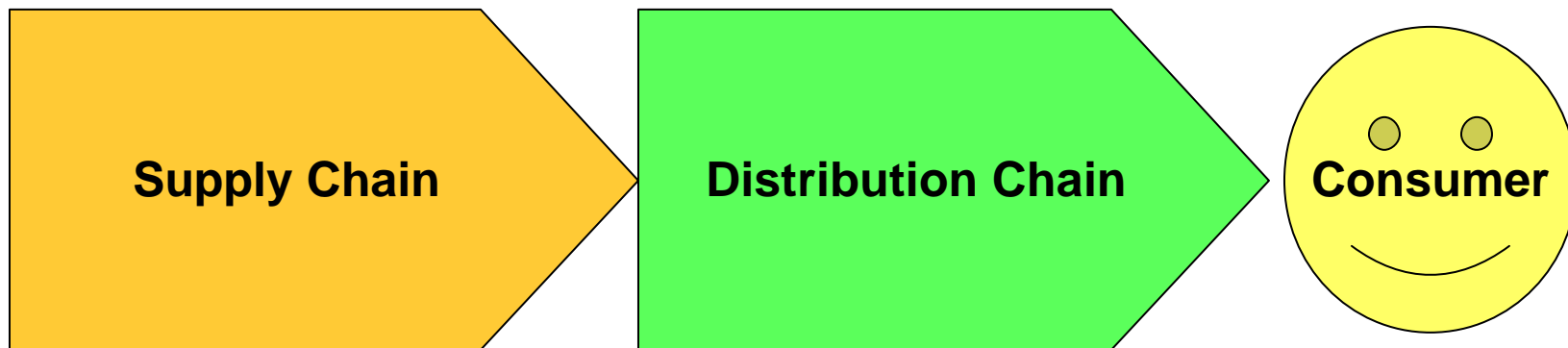
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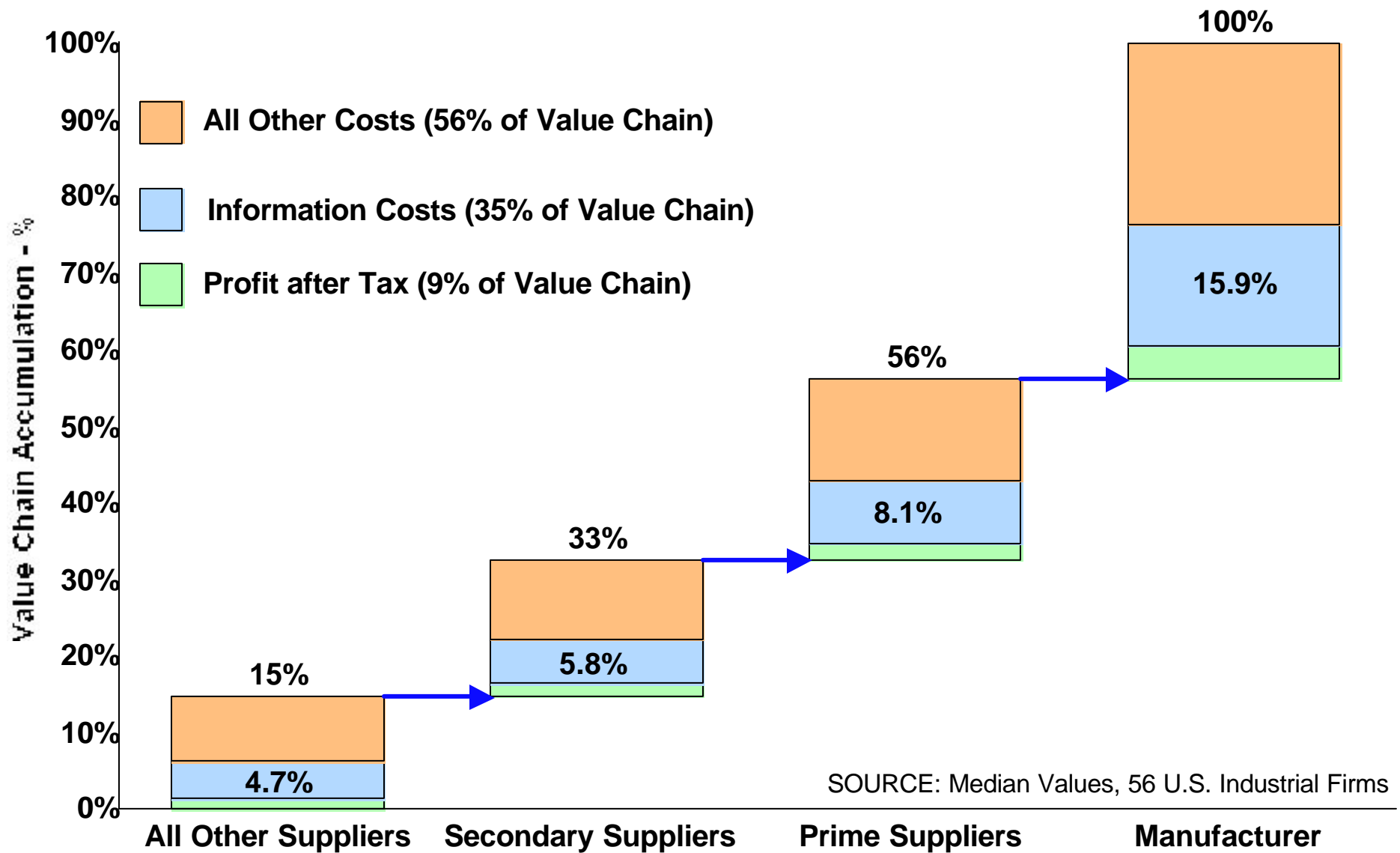
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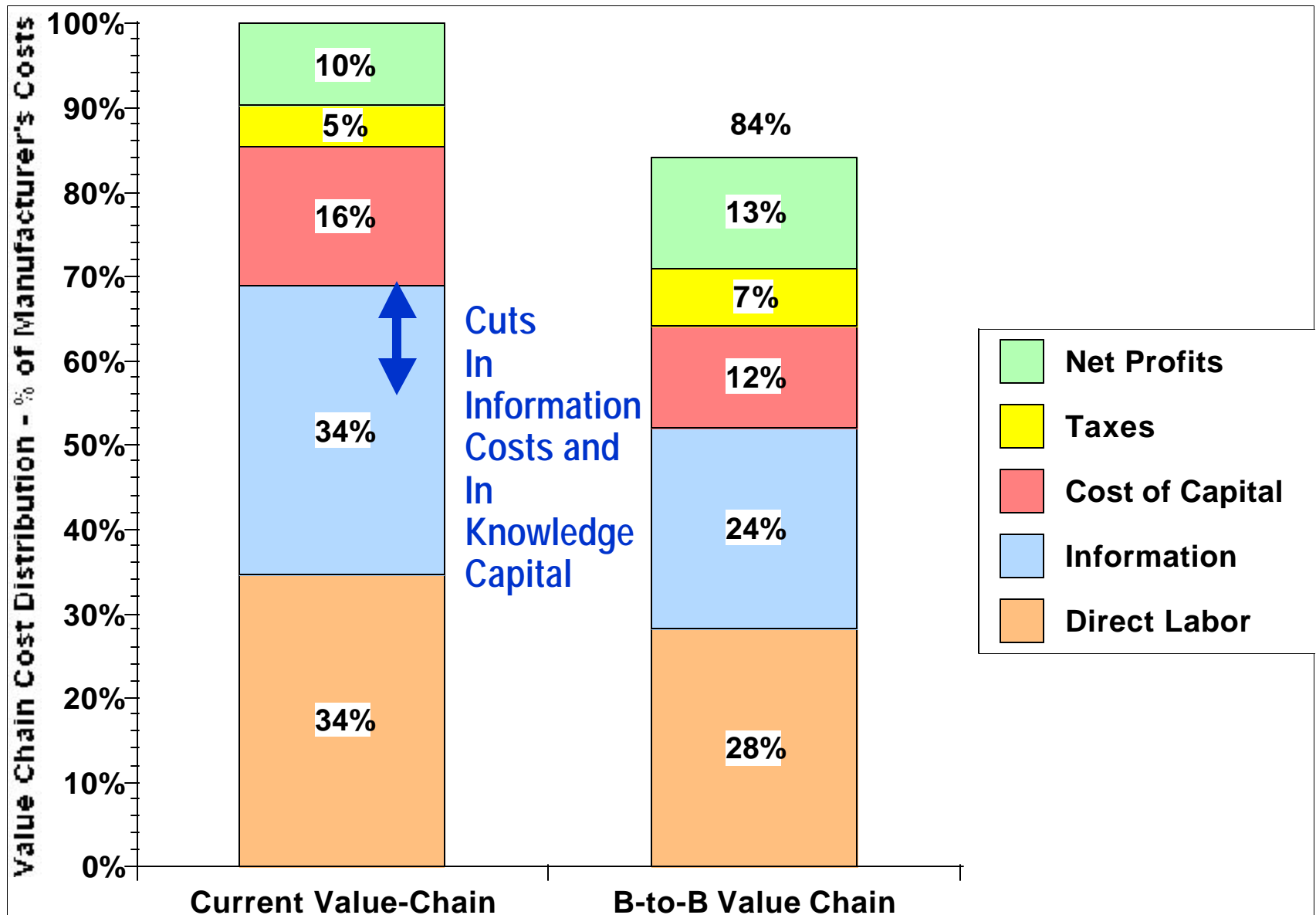
E-Commerce Shifts the Services Value Chain



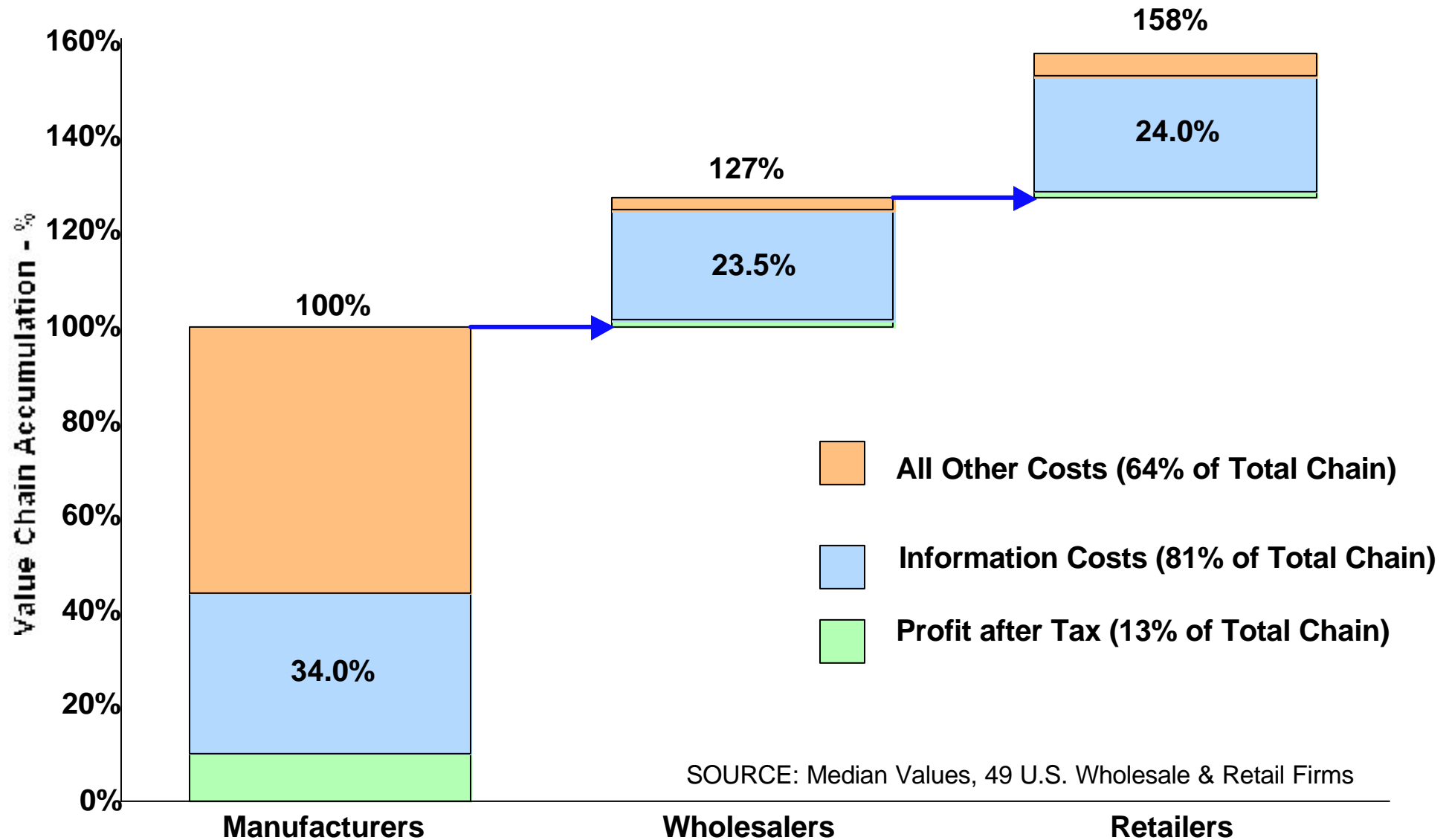
Costs, Information and Profit in a Supply Value Chain



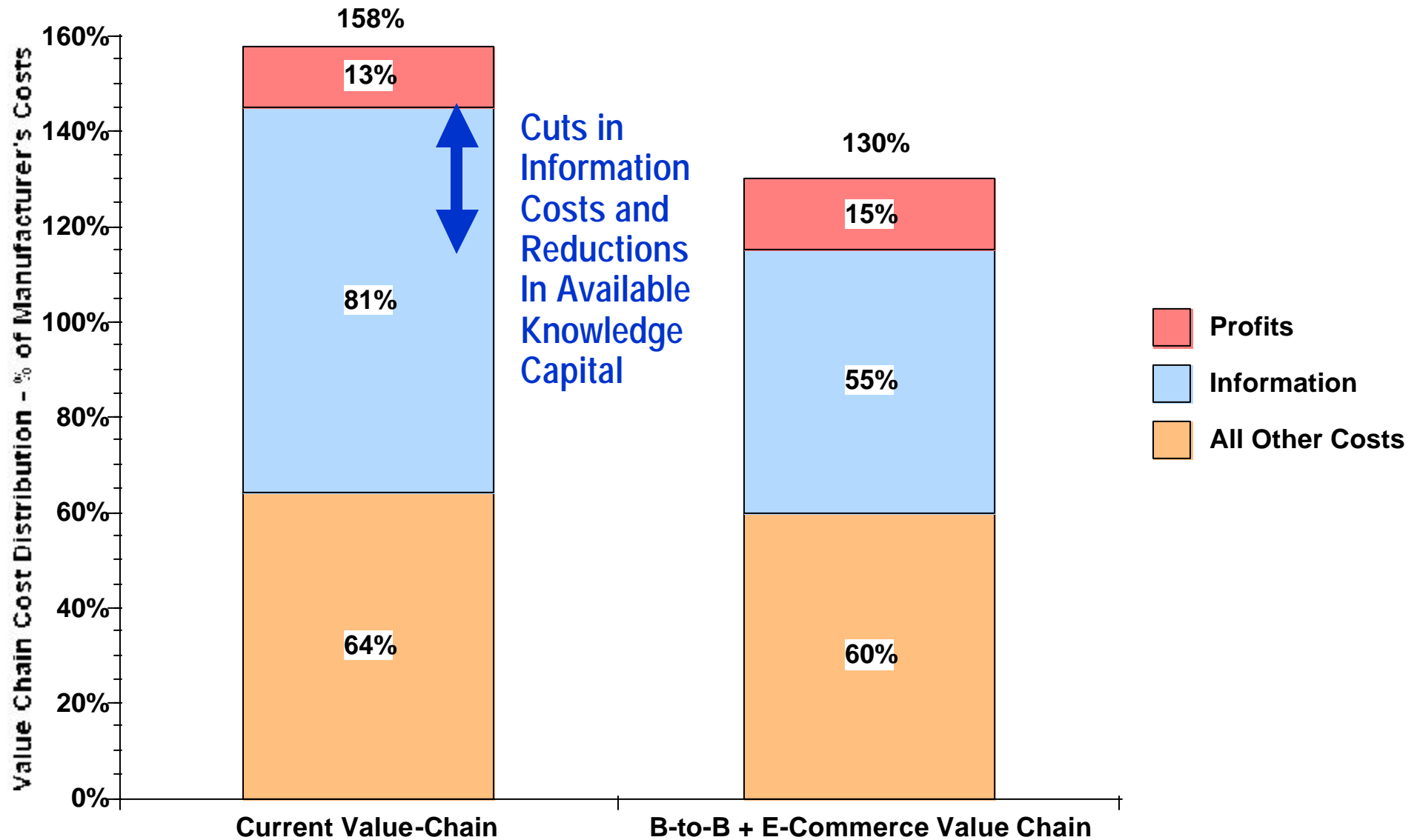
Estimate of Supply Chain Costs



The Supply and Distribution Value Chain



Changes in the Supply and Distribution Value Chain



Summary Observation

- The information-distribution industries will be subject to rapidly changing economics in the supply and distribution of its products.

Conclusion

- Verifiable and repeatable metrics are now needed to guide the making of investment decisions that will produce a sustainable growth in Knowledge Capital.

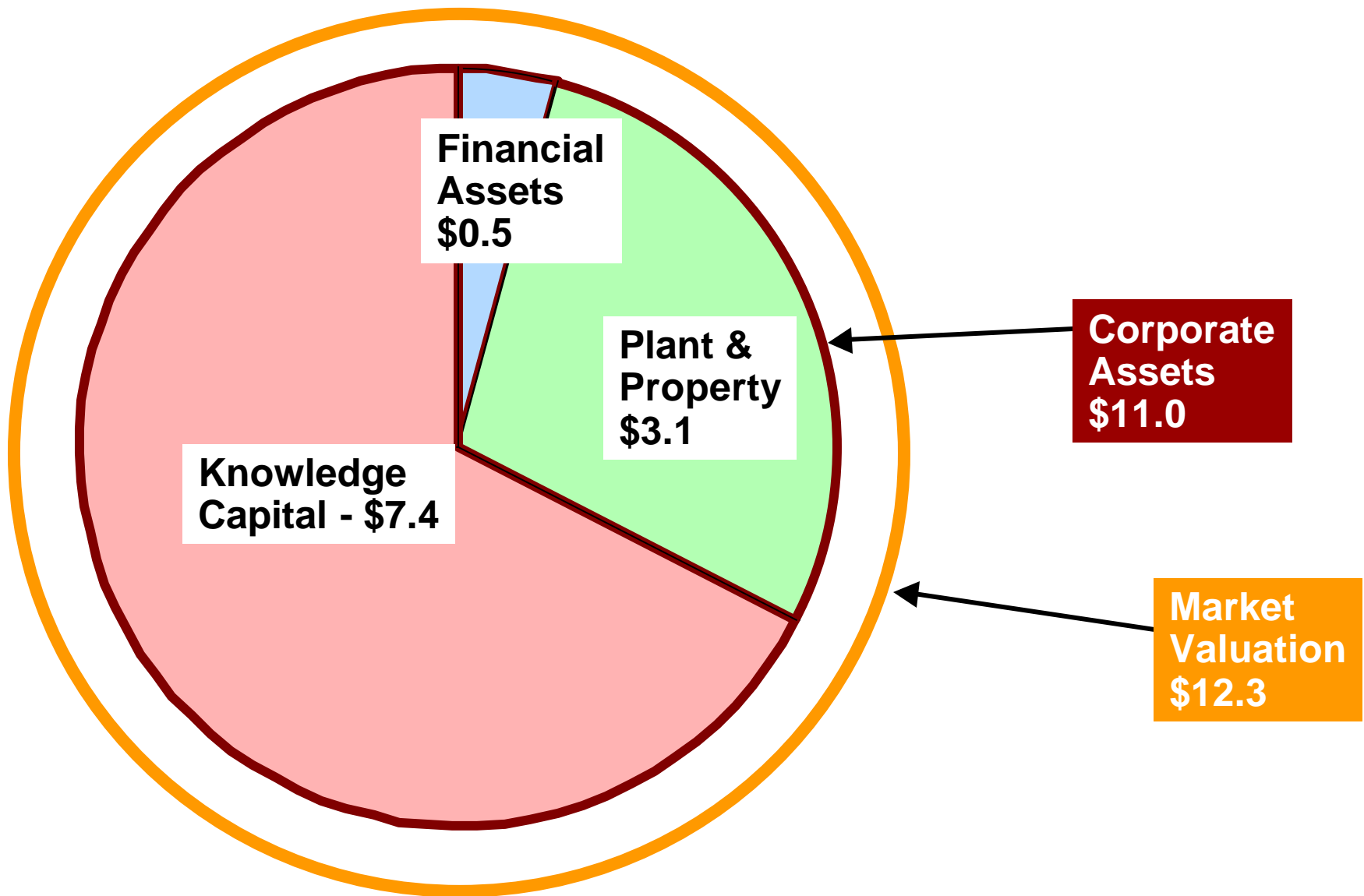
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Ideas Emerging at End of 20th Century

- **Knowledge Capital**
 - **Knowledge Assets**
- **Knowledge Management**
 - **Intellectual Capital**
 - **Information Assets**
- **Information Warfare**
- **Information Security**

Knowledge Capital Now the Key U.S. Asset (\$ trillions)



SOURCE: Strassmann, Inc. database of 5,763 US firms, 1998

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Theme

***“ Only if you Can Measure It
Can You Understand and Invest in It.”***

Current Measures Disregard Information

$$\text{Productivity} = \frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$$

$$\text{Return On Assets} = \frac{\text{Profit}}{\text{Finance Capital}}$$



SOURCE OF WEALTH

Focus on Information as the Key Input

$$\text{Information Productivity} = \frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$$

$$\text{Info. Productivity} = \frac{\text{Economic Profit}}{\text{Cost of Information}}$$



SOURCE OF WEALTH

Fundamental Proposition

**Today's *Economic Profit* is
the return realized from an
accumulation of efficient
Knowledge Capital.**

It is Knowledge Capital that Generates Information Productivity

Economic Profit (EVA) =

Knowledge Capital * Cost of Capital

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How to Calculate Knowledge Capital

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$$\text{Knowledge Capital} = \frac{\text{Economic Profit}}{\text{Cost of Capital}}$$

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Example of Knowledge Capital Calculations

Pharmaceuticals Case

Calculate Economic Value-Added (1998, Thousands \$)

Company	Economic Profit
MERCK & CO.	\$4,365,086
GLAXO WELLCOME	\$2,757,647
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	\$2,446,091
ABBOTT	\$2,038,406
WARNER-LAMBERT	\$938,302

Calculate Knowledge Capital (1998, Thousands \$)

Company	Knowledge Capital
MERCK & CO.	\$81,590,396
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	\$54,237,051
GLAXO WELLCOME	\$42,622,063
ABBOTT	\$39,503,994
WARNER-LAMBERT	\$10,735,726

Calculate Knowledge Capital/Employee

Company	Employees	Knowledge Capital/Employee
MERCK & CO.	57,300	\$1,423,916
GLAXO WELLCOME	54,350	\$784,215
ABBOTT	56,236	\$702,468
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	93,100	\$582,568
WARNER-LAMBERT	41,000	\$261,847

Summary Observation

- Knowledge Capital is the largest asset for most corporations;
- Knowledge Capital can be measured.

How to Invest in Knowledge Capital

Gaining Knowledge Capital

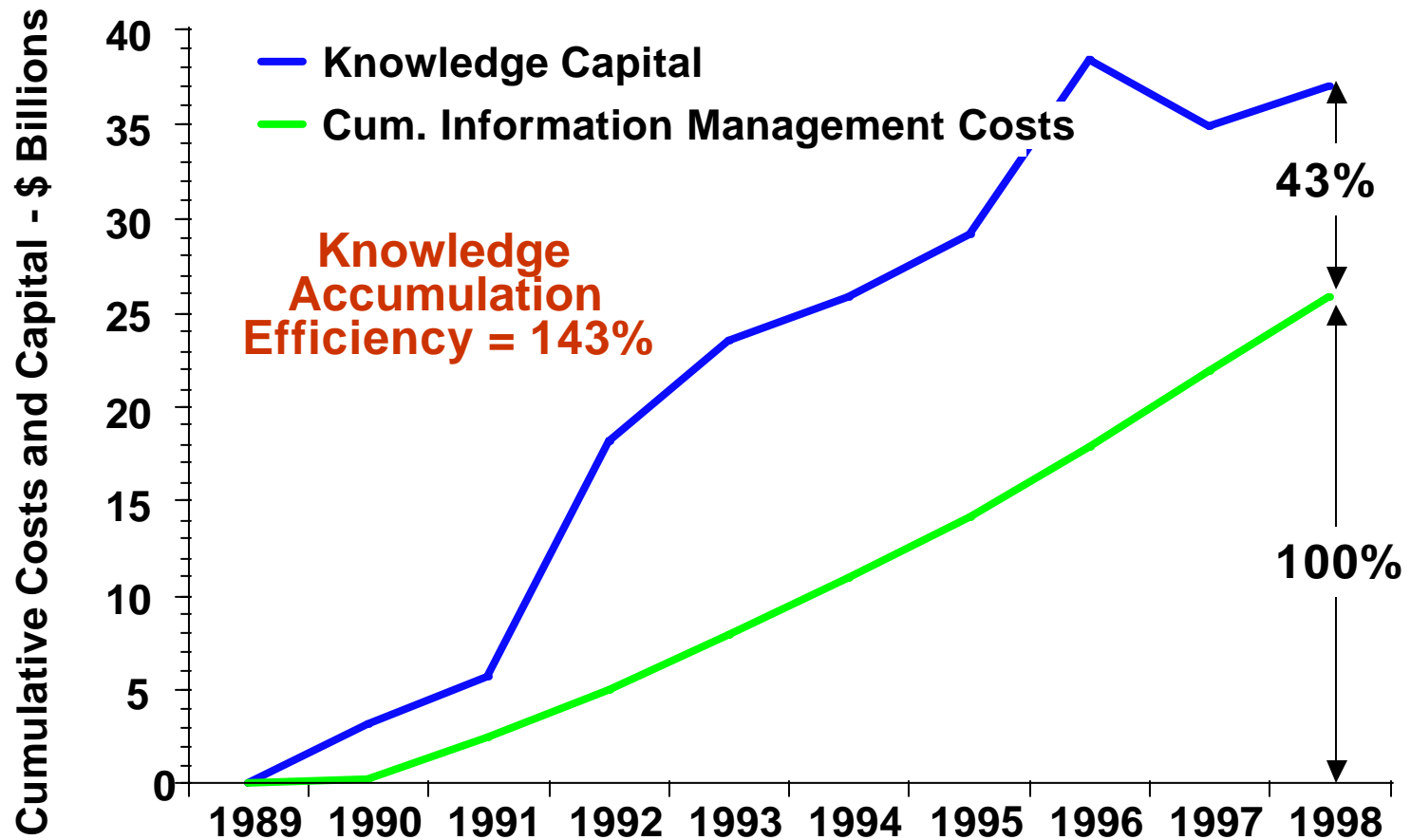
Source of Knowledge Capital Generation

	1998- \$000s	% of Sales
Sales	\$12,477,845	100.0%
Cost of Goods	\$4,610,198	36.9%
Depreciation	\$784,243	6.3%
Selling, General, Administrative, R&D	\$3,965,481	31.8%
Other	\$-122,676	-1.0%
Taxes	\$907,368	7.3%



Source of Knowledge Capital

How to Measure Knowledge Accumulation Efficiency



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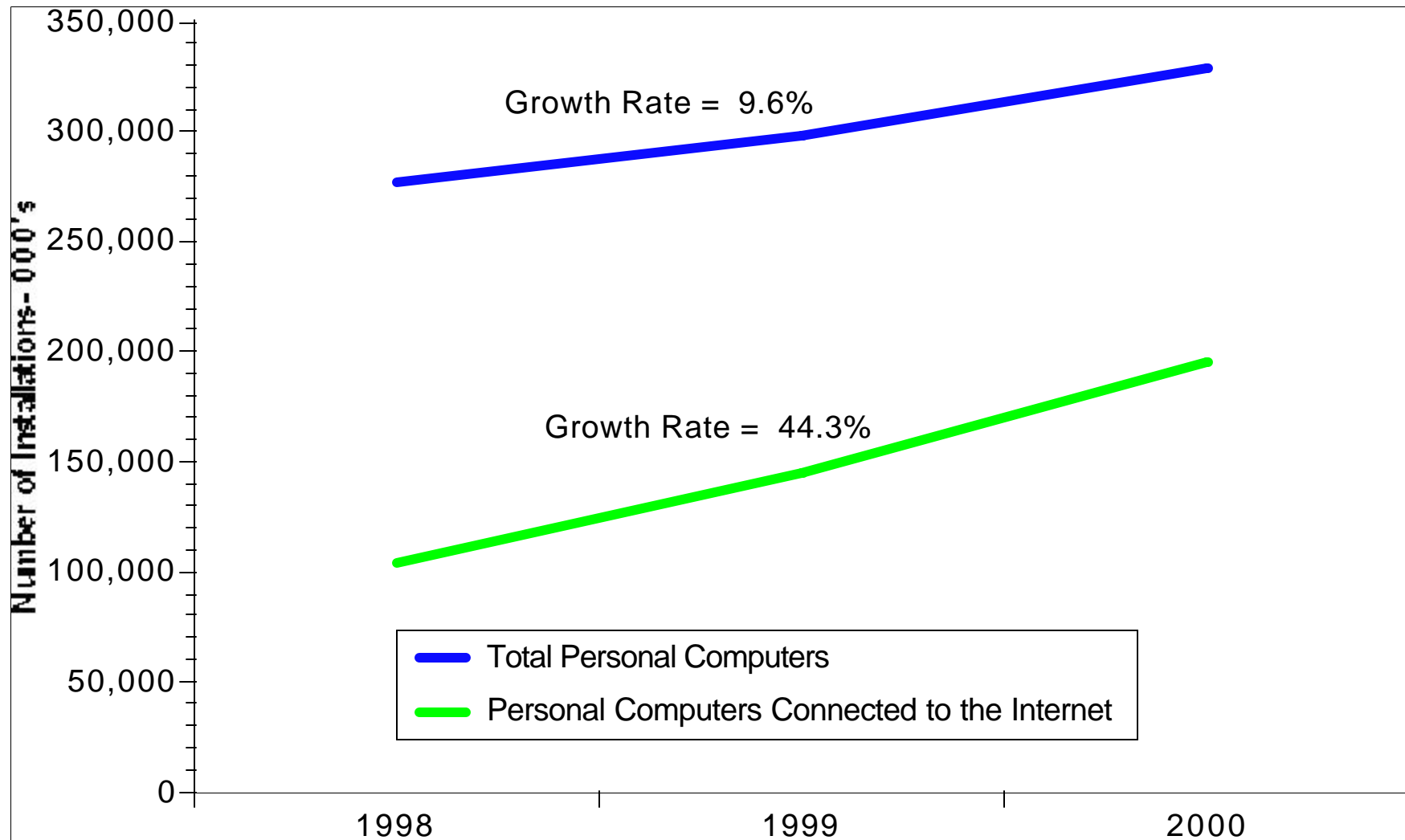
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Scope of the Internet

- The Archive now contains more than 1.2 billion pages. Contains only a fraction of total content, estimated at 5 billion + pages.
- Archive grows at a rate of 120 million pages per week, growing exponentially.
- The largest existing search engine contains only 300 million searchable pages and indexes only a small share of that total.
- The average life of a web page is only 75 days. None of the existing collections are definitively archival.

SOURCE: <http://www.archive.org/content/about.html> = The Most Comprehensive Internet Library
20 terabytes.

High Growth Rates Pace Internet Utility



Market Penetration Rates as Yet Very Low

Percentage of Population Using the Internet	
Canada	38%
Australia	25%
Singapore	25%
USA	25%
New Zealand	24%
UK	15%
Germany	14%
Hong Kong	14%
Taiwan	12%
France	11%
Philippines	8%
Malaysia	7%
China	4%
South Africa	2%
Thailand	2%
Indonesia	1%
Source: ACNielsen NetWatch	

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Technology Choices Must Recognize Bandwidth Limitations

Bandwidth in the US November 1999				
Speed	Unique Audience	Pages/ Person	Visits/ Person	Percent of Net Users
14.4	6,050,900	282	11	8.3%
28.8/33.6	32,991,289	451	15	45.2%
56	29,671,057	587	18	40.7%
High speed	4,266,023	1036	28	5.9%
Source: Nielsen//NetRatings				

Manage Software through Networks

Projected Fiber Capacity (cca 2005+)

Capacity of one waveform = 10 Gigabytes/second.
One fiber can multiplex up to 500 waveforms.
Number of fibers per cable = up to 200

Fiber Cable Capacity =
1,000,000,000,000,000 / second =
1 Petabyte/second =
1 billion floppy disks/second

Search Engines – The Keys to Locating Relevant Text

- **49 General Purpose Engines**
- **105 MetaSearch Engines**
- **112 Special Interest Search Engines**
- **Most engines do not perform their own indexing or abstracting, but act as customized indexes to compiled archives.**
- **None of the engines are comprehensive, do not deliver assured results and are difficult to use except for simple inquiries.**
- **Just about every engine is ancillary to an already existing portal and has only a very small market share.**
- **Rise in MetaSearch and Special Interest engines reflects inadequacies of the general purpose engines.**

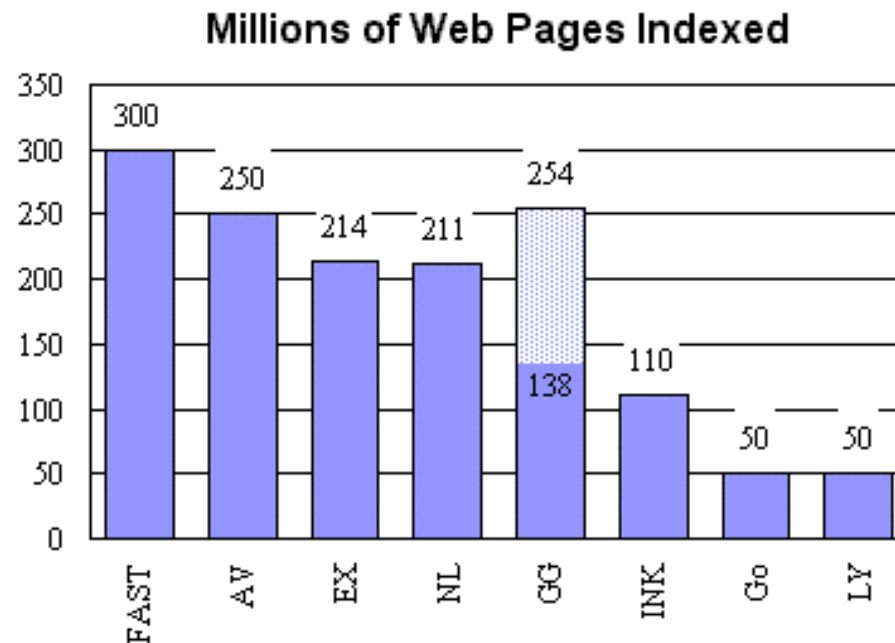
Multi-lingual Searches Become a Challenge

Languages on the Web	
Language	Speakers (millions)
English*	128
Japanese	19.7
German	14
Spanish	9.4
French	9.3
Chinese	7.0
Dutch	4.4
Korean	4.3
Swedish	3.6
Italian	3.3
Portuguese	2.9
Total non-English	88
*99 million of English speakers are in US Source: Global Reach	

Internet Usage According to Language				
	1999	2001	2003	2005
English Speaking (percentage)	91,969,151 54%	108,282,662 51%	124,265,453 46%	147,545,824 43%
Non-English Speaking (percentage)	79,094,449 46%	104,480,528 49%	143,733,527 54%	198,008,511 57%
Total Worldwide	171,168,600	212,889,190	268,150,180	345,735,835
Source: Computer Economics				

Scope of Existing Search Engines Limited

Sizes are as reported by each search engine and as of Feb. 3, 2000.



KEY: FAST=FAST, AV=AltaVista, EX=Excite, NL=Northern Light,
GG=Google, INK=Inktomi, Go=Go (Infoseek), LY=Lycos.

SOURCE: SearchEngineWatch

Research will Continue Stimulating Search Engine Use



Uses for Online Services	
Activity	Percent of Households Using
E-mail	85%
Research	78%
Education	71%
General surfing	67%
News	67%
Products/services	58%
Health information	52%
Investment information	49%
Games	48%
Shopping	48%
Includes Internet, WWW, and commercial online services Source: Odyssey, L.P.	

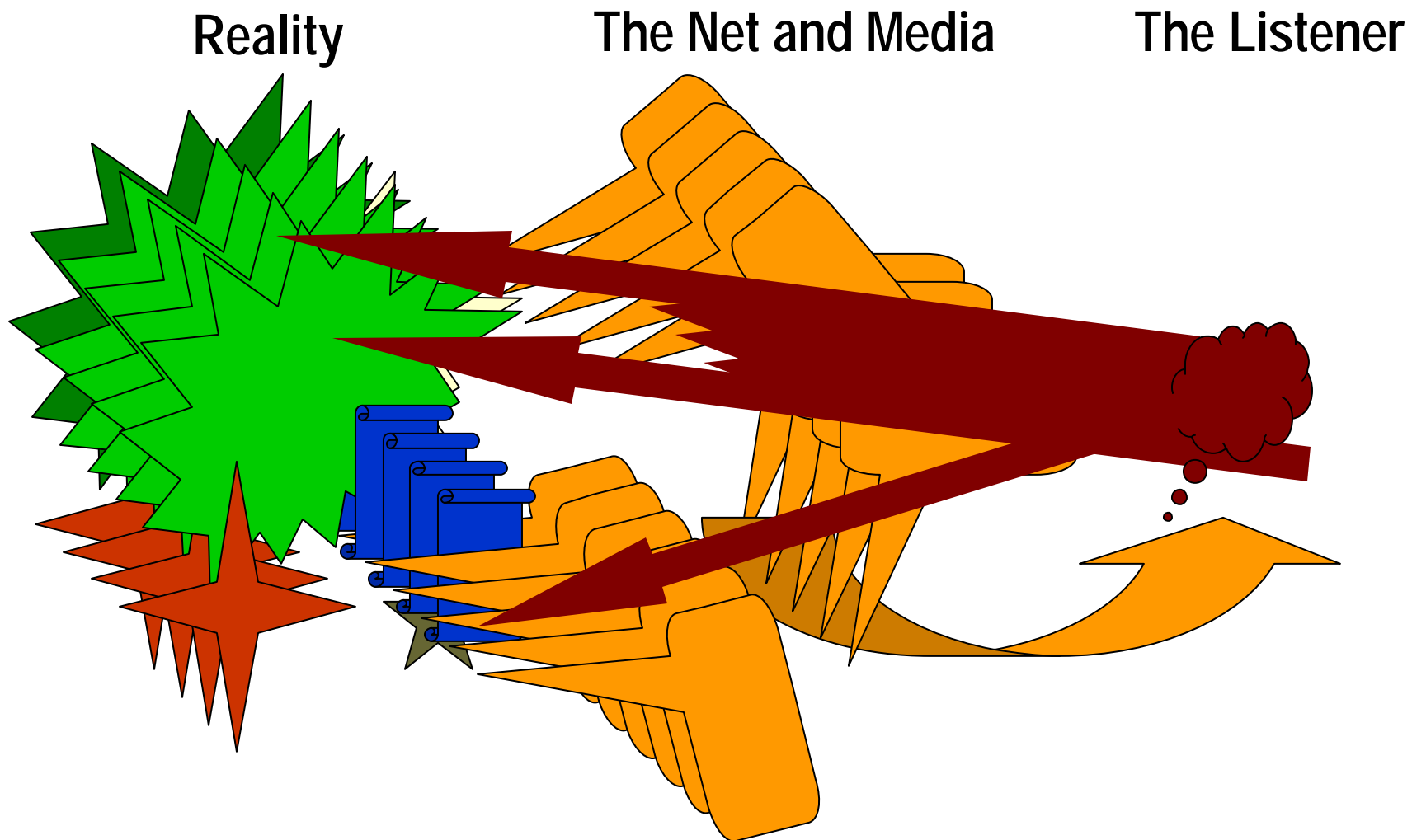
SOURCE: <http://cyberatlas.internet.com/>

Future Prospects

- **Terabyte (10^{12}) and Petabyte (10^{15}) files;**
- **Data Mining and Knowledge Management Advance;**
- **Search Engines become the next “killer application” *;**
 - 1981 - Spread Sheet and Word Processors
 - 1984 - Database software
 - 1987 - Operating System (e.g. Windows);
 - 1990 - Office Suites (Microsoft Office);
 - 1994 - Browsers (Netscape, Explorer);
 - 1998 - Website Search Engines;
 - 2002 – Personal Search Management methods (Socratic).

* Killer application = Software that enables the next wave in industry expansion.

Barriers to Communicating Removed but not for Understanding



The Economics of a Global Services Society

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- Informing: Administrative Overhead, Government Bureaucracy, Information Services
- Surplus: Devoted to Innovation, Largely Concentrated and Taxed
- Knowledge Capital: In trained workforce, information technology, software, databases and information utilities.

RESULT: 50 years to reach \$100,000/person

Summary

- **Historical Context Useful in Comprehending Present Acceleration of Evolution.**
- **The Shifts in the Value-Chain Will Dictate Future Directions in Text Creation and Text Distribution.**
- **Information Management Should be Understood as a Knowledge Capital Investment.**
- **Successors of Internet will Become the Means for Management and Distribution of Knowledge Capital.**