

Sustainable Products & Supply Chains (ME-203)

Introduction to Products & Supply Chain Management

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The Learning Outcomes

By the end of this class , the student must be able to understand:



How products are made and moved across supply chains



How different supply chain players coordinate and respond to changes



How companies adapt to changes and navigate disruptions



How to rethink supply chains for efficiency, resilience, and sustainability



How supply chains transition from linear to circular models and practical strategies for implementation

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From Materials to Markets

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How are products **made** & moved?

What These Items Have in Common?



From Raw Materials, to Market-Ready Products



Coca beans



Sugar



Milk



Raw Materials

Product

Supply Chain

Why Do We Choose & Value These Products?



Heritage, Timekeeping, status symbol, durability, ...

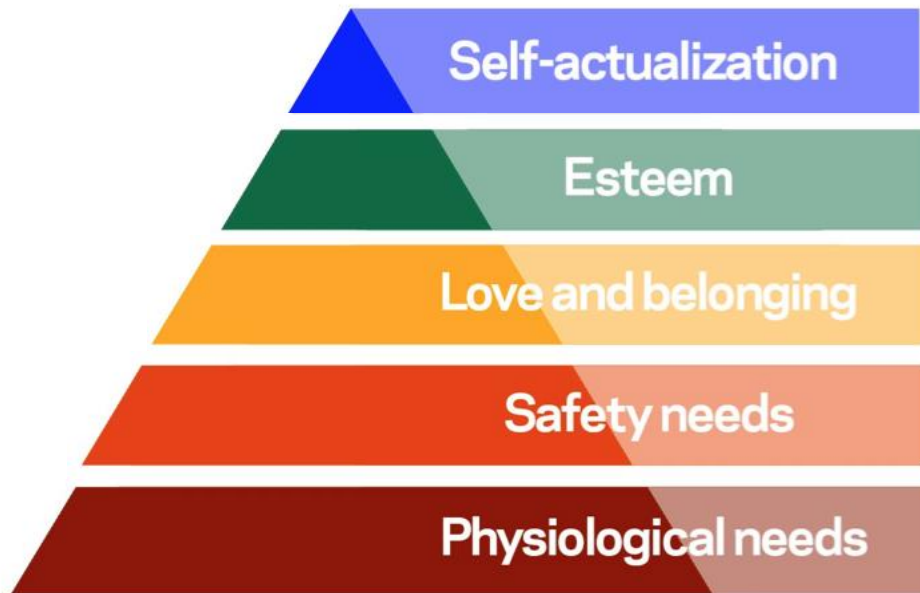


Versatility, utility, all-in-one-toolset, convenience, ...

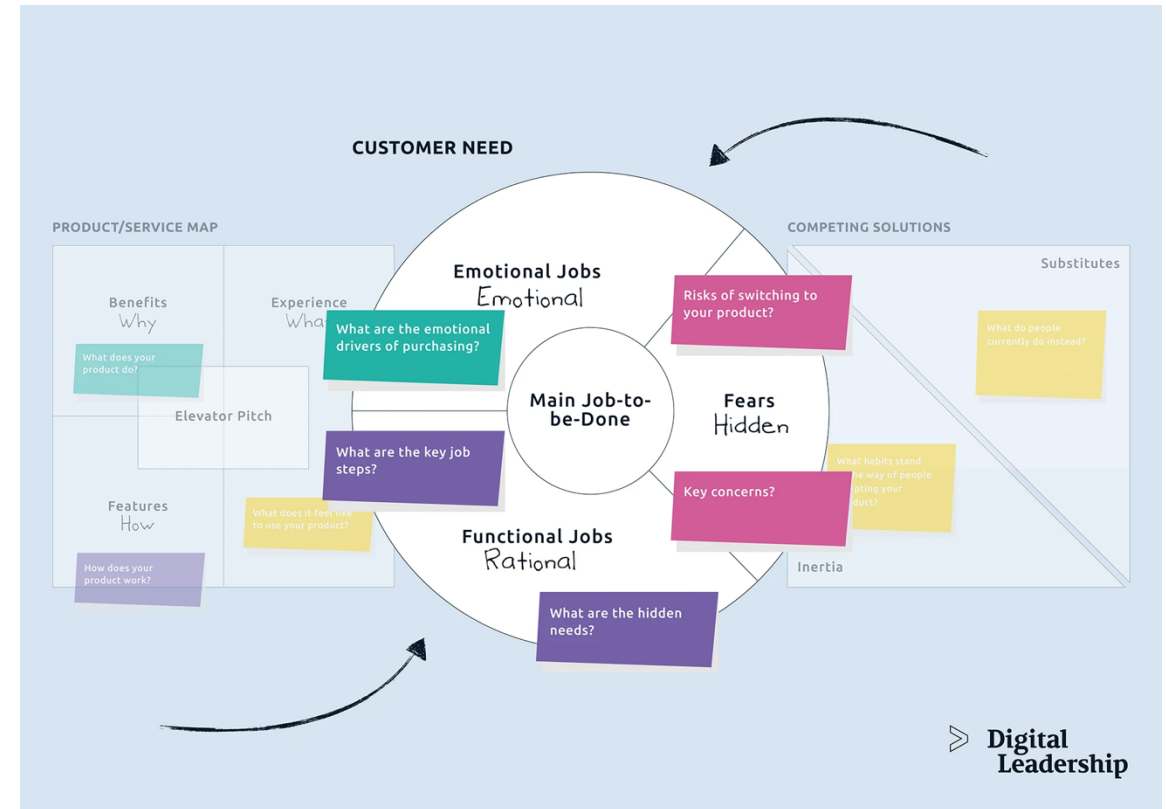


Pleasure, gifting, energy boost, relaxation, ...

Human Needs & Value



Source: A. Maslow, A Theory of Human Motivation, 1943.



A **value** is a conscious choice to act in a certain manner to meet your own **needs**.

The Elements of Value

SOCIAL IMPACT



Self-transcendence

LIFE CHANGING



Provides hope



Self-actualization



Motivation



Heirloom



Affiliation/belonging

EMOTIONAL



Reduces anxiety



Rewards me



Nostalgia



Design/aesthetics



Badge value



Wellness



Therapeutic value



Fun/entertainment



Attractiveness



Provides access

FUNCTIONAL



Saves time



Simplifies



Makes money



Reduces risk



Organizes



Integrates



Connects



Reduces effort



Avoids hassles



Reduces cost



Quality



Variety



Sensory appeal



Informs

INSPIRATIONAL VALUE

PURPOSE



Vision



Hope



Social responsibility

INDIVIDUAL VALUE

CAREER



Network expansion



Marketability



Reputational assurance

PERSONAL



Design & aesthetics



Growth & development



Reduced anxiety



Fun & perks

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS VALUE

PRODUCTIVITY



Time savings



Reduced effort

ACCESS



Availability

RELATIONSHIP



Responsiveness



Expertise



Decreased hassles



Information



Transparency



Variety



Commitment



Stability



Cultural fit



Organization



Simplification



Connection



Integration



Configurability



Risk reduction



Reach



Flexibility



Component Quality

OPERATIONAL

STRATEGIC

FUNCTIONAL VALUE

ECONOMIC



Improved top line



Cost reduction



Product quality



Scalability



Innovation

PERFORMANCE

TABLE STAKES



Meeting specifications



Acceptable price



Regulatory compliance

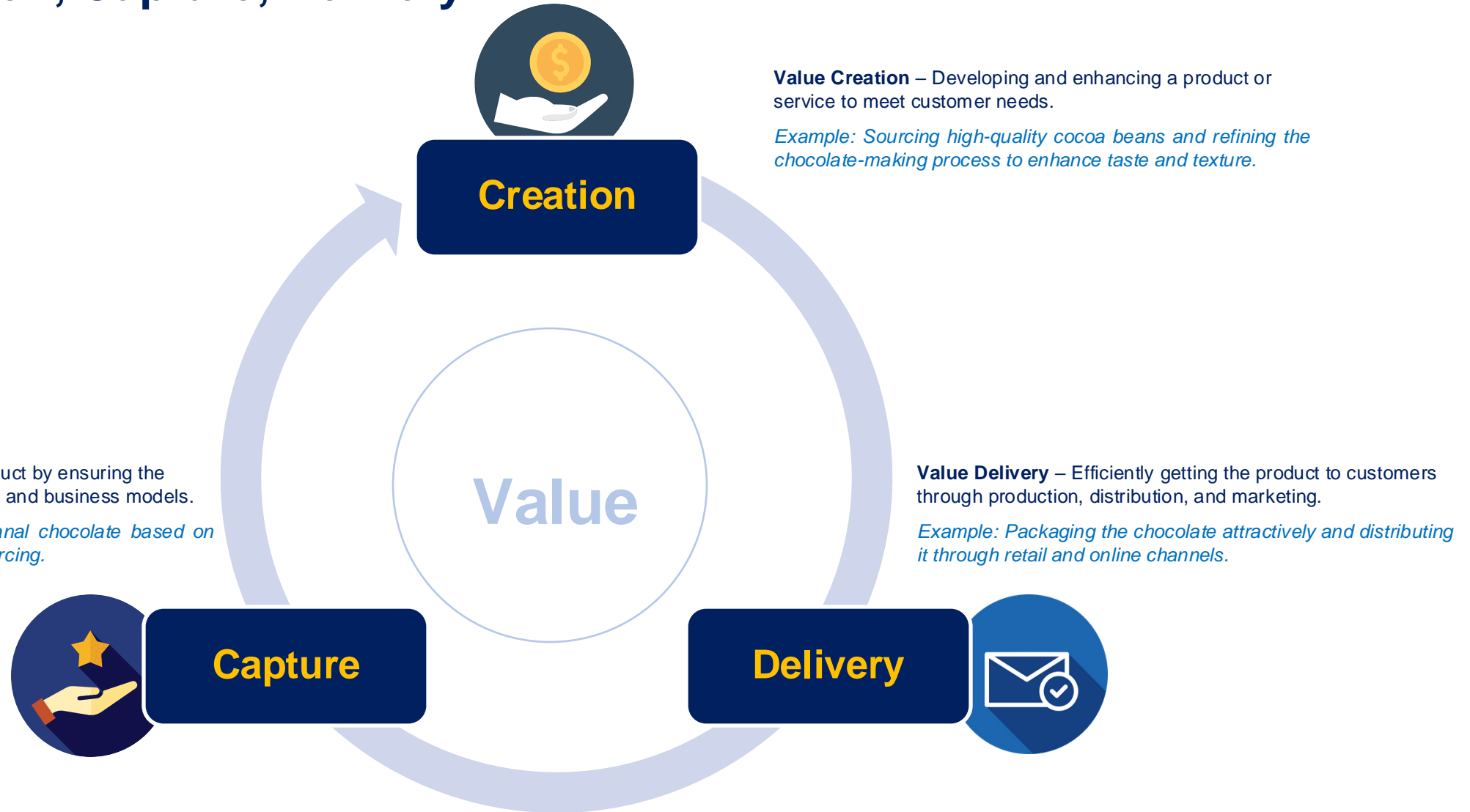


Ethical standards

Source: 2015 Bain & Company - The Elements of Value, Harvard Business Review, 2015

Source: 2018 Bain & Company - The B2B Elements of Value, Harvard Business Review, 2018

Value Creation, Capture, Delivery

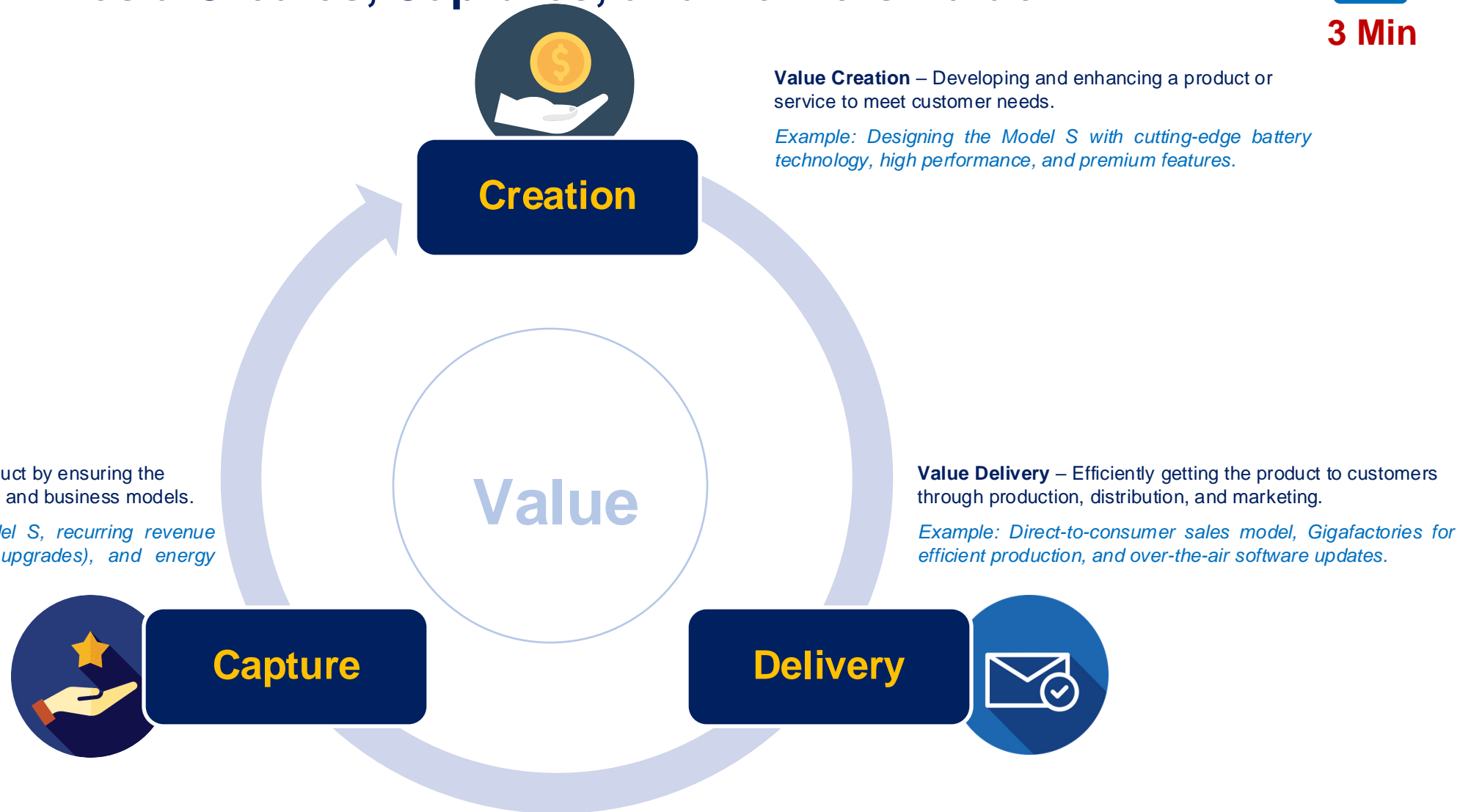


**How you ever toured
a production line?**



3 Min

Exercise: How Tesla Creates, Captures, and Delivers Value?



INTERIOR

- RARE EARTH METALS**
While Tesla motors and batteries do not use rare earths, most high-end car speakers and other electronics use rare earth elements such as neodymium magnets
- PLASTIC**
Most plastics are made from petrochemicals
- LEATHER**
Leather is derived from animal skin, mainly cowhides
- SILICON**
Glass windows and other features are made from silicon
- CARBON FIBER**
Adds touches on interior design, as well as for external add-ons
- COPPER WIRE**
Copper wire is used for electronic components

BODY + CHASSIS

- BAUXITE**
The Model S body and chassis are built almost entirely from aluminum, which comes from bauxite ore. Aluminum is light-weight, which helps to maximize the range of the battery beyond that of other EVs
Total aluminum: 410 lbs (190 kg)
- TITANIUM**
The underbody of the Model S is made from ultra high-strength titanium, which protects the battery from nearly any roadside force or piercing
- BORON STEEL**
High-strength boron steel is used to reinforce the aluminum at critical safety points

Weight : 4,647 lbs
Weight distribution: 48/52

Iron Boron Coking Coal Other Additives

INDUCTION MOTOR

- STEEL**
The stationary piece of the motor, the stator, is made from both copper and steel
- COPPER**
Tesla's high-performance copper rotor motor delivers 300 horsepower and weighs 100 lbs (45.4 kg)

TIRES

- RUBBER**
Natural rubber comes from rubber trees, but today 70% of US rubber is synthetic, made from petrochemicals
- BAUXITE**
Aluminum alloy wheels

BATTERY

The Tesla battery pack weighs 1,200 lbs (540 kg), which is equal to about 26% of the car's total weight.

This puts the car's center of gravity a mere 44.5 centimeters off the ground, giving the car unprecedented stability.

HERE'S WHAT'S IN EACH CELL:

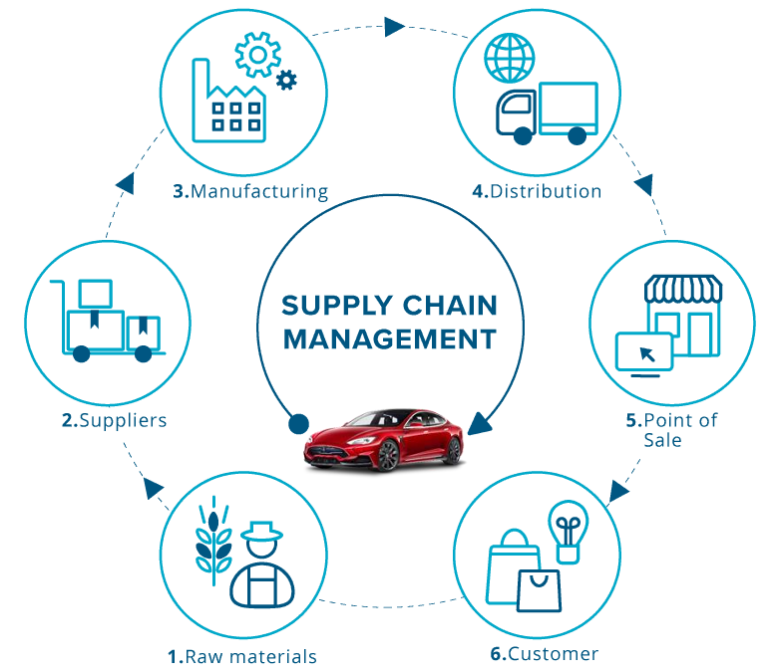
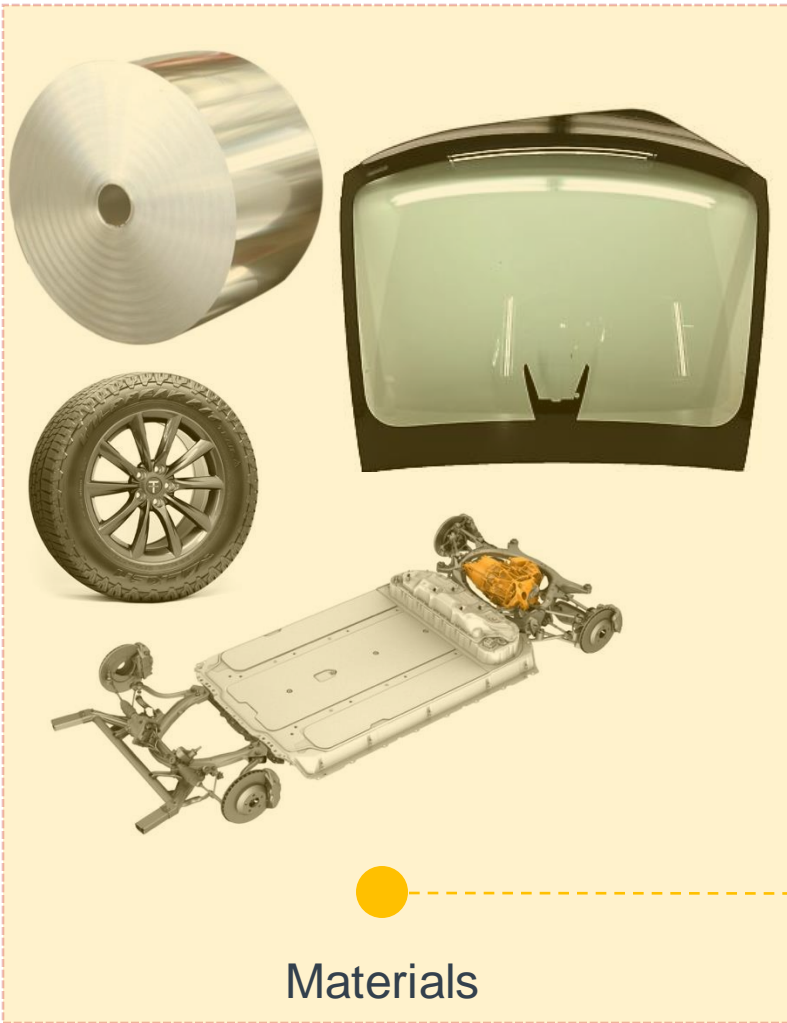
CATHODE An NCA formulation is used with the approximate ratio:	80% Nickel	10% Cobalt
	5% Aluminum	Lithium
ANODE	Silicon	Graphite (natural or synthetic) to hold lithium ions
ELECTROLYTE	Lithium Salt	
OTHER	Copper or Aluminum Foil	

BATTERY PROFILE

Source: Battery University

Source: <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/extraordinary-raw-materials-in-a-tesla-model-s/>

From Materials to Market – Tesla



Materials


Product

Supply Chain

Case Study Tesla – Next Week


Reminder: Read the case fully during the week and before the class

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Case Study

Tesla (Act 1):
Disruptor or Disrupted?



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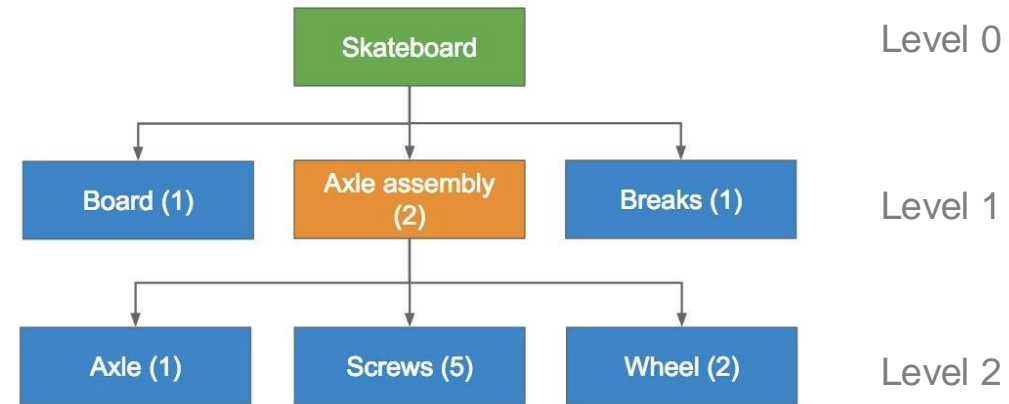
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How does a company like Tesla systematically organize and manage all the materials and components needed to manufacture a product?

Bill of Materials (BoM) – Definition



An extensive list of raw materials, components, and instructions required to construct, manufacture, or repair a product or service. It lists the **finished product at the top, followed by individual components and materials**. Engineering BOMs are used in the design process while manufacturing BOMs are used in the assembly process.

Source: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/bill-of-materials.asp>

Bill of Materials (BoM) – Handout



Week number								
Item: X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Quantity				100				150

FIGURE 12.3
A master schedule for end item X

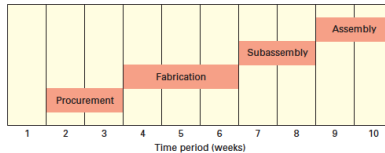


FIGURE 12.4
The planning horizon must cover the cumulative lead time

The quantities in a master schedule come from a number of different sources, including customer orders, forecasts, and orders from warehouses to build up seasonal inventories.

The master schedule separates the planning horizon into a series of time periods or time buckets, which are often expressed in weeks. However, the time buckets need not be of equal length. In fact, the near-term portion of a master schedule may be in weeks, but later portions may be in months or quarters. Usually, plans for those more distant time periods are more tentative than near-term requirements.

Although a master production schedule has no set time period that it must cover, most managers like to plan far enough into the future so they have some general idea of probable upcoming demands for the near term. It is important, though, that the master schedule cover the **stacked or cumulative lead time** necessary to produce the end items. This amounts to the sum of the lead times that sequential phases of a process require, from ordering of parts or raw materials until final assembly is completed. Note that lead times include move and wait times in addition to setup and run times.

The Bill of Materials

A **bill of materials (BOM)** contains a listing of all of the assemblies, subassemblies, parts, and raw materials that are needed to produce one unit of a finished product. Thus, each finished product has its own bill of materials.

The listing in the bill of materials is hierarchical; it shows the quantity of each item needed to complete one unit of its parent item. The nature of this aspect of a bill of materials is clear when you consider a **product structure tree**, which provides a visual depiction of the subassemblies and components needed to assemble a product. Figure 12.5 shows an **assembly diagram** for a chair and a simple product structure tree for the chair. The end item (in this case, the chair, the finished product) is shown at the top of the tree. Just beneath it are the subassemblies, or major components, that must be put together to make up the end item. Beneath each major component are the necessary lesser components. At each stage moving down the tree are the components (parts, materials) needed to make one unit of the next higher item in the tree.

A product structure tree is useful in illustrating how the bill of materials is used to determine the quantities of each of the ingredients (requirements) needed to obtain a desired number of end items. Items at the lowest levels of a tree often are raw materials or purchased parts, while items at higher levels are typically assemblies or subassemblies. Product-structure trees for items at the lowest levels are the concerns of suppliers.

Let's consider the product structure tree shown in Figure 12.6. End item X is composed of two Bs and one C. Moreover, each B requires three Ds and one E, and each D requires four Es. Similarly, each C is made up of two Es and two Fs. These **requirements** are listed by level,

Cumulative lead time
The sum of the lead times that sequential phases of a process require, from ordering of parts or raw materials to completion of final assembly.

Bill of materials (BOM)
One of the three primary inputs of MRP; a listing of all of the raw materials, parts, subassemblies, and assemblies needed to produce one unit of a product.

Product structure tree
A visual depiction of the requirements in a bill of materials, where all components are listed by levels.

FIGURE 12.5
Assembly diagram and product structure tree for chair assembly

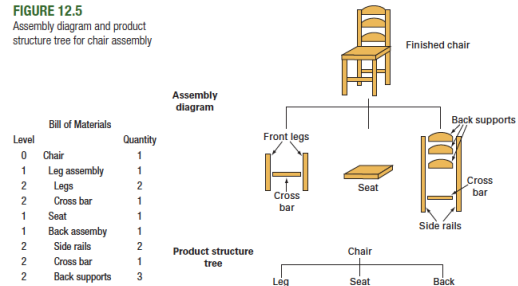
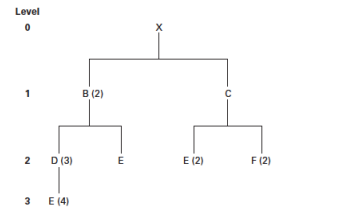


FIGURE 12.6
A product structure tree for end item X



beginning with 0 for the end item, then 1 for the next level, and so on. The items at each are **components** of the next level up and, as in a family tree, are **parents** of their respective components. Note that the quantities of each item in the product structure tree refer only to amounts needed to complete the assembly at the next higher level.

EXAMPLE 1



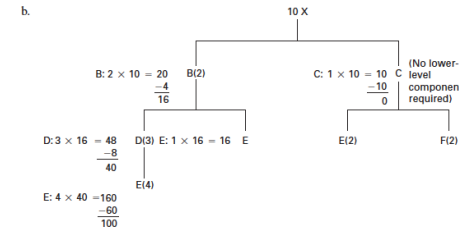
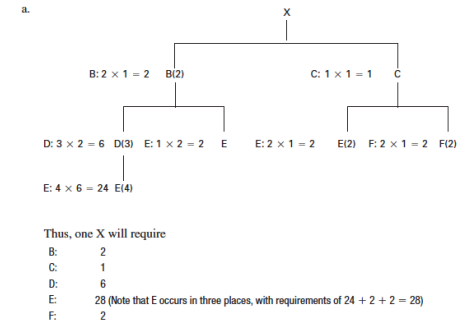
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Use the information presented in Figure 12.6 to do the following:

- Determine the quantities of B, C, D, E, and F needed to assemble one X.
- Determine the quantities of these components that will be required to assemble 10 X, taking into account the quantities on hand (i.e., in inventory) of various components

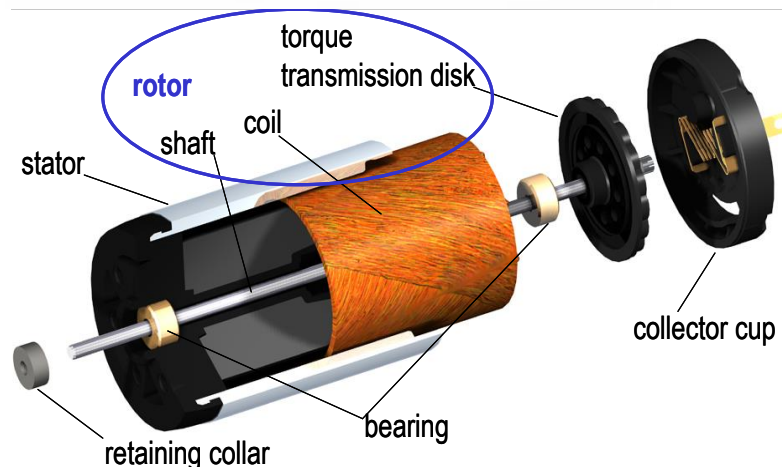
Component	On Hand
B	4
C	10
D	8
E	60

SOLUTION

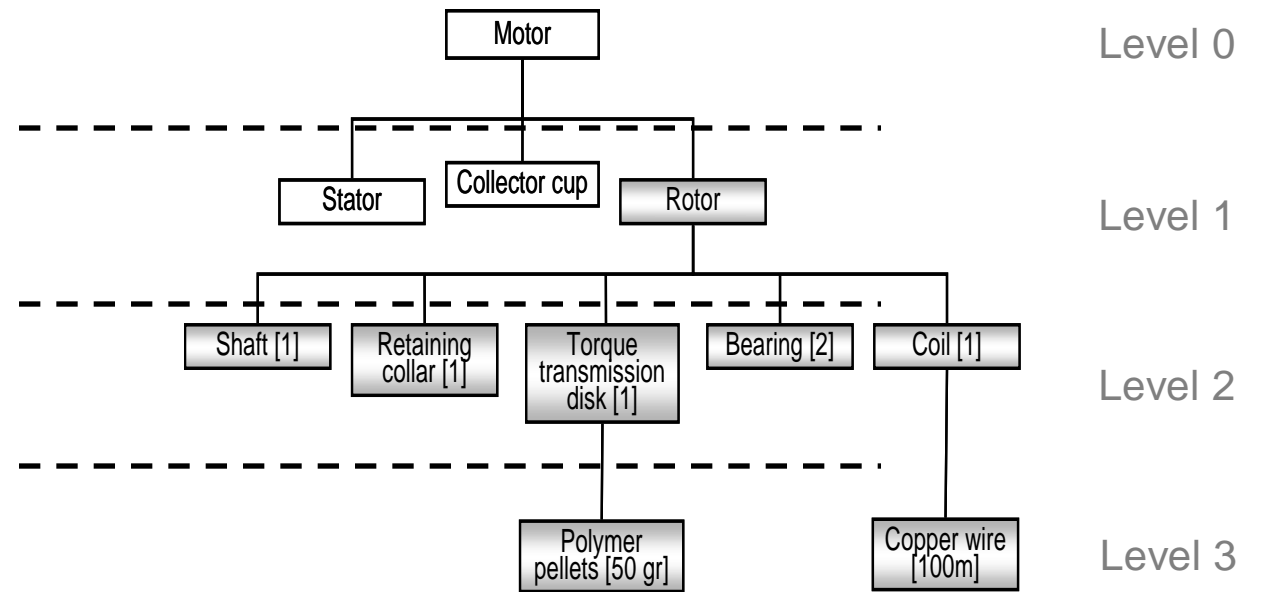


Determining total requirements is usually more complicated than Example 1 might suggest. For one thing, many products have considerably more components. For another, the issue of **timing** is essential (i.e., when must the components be ordered or made) and must be included in the analysis. Finally, for a variety of reasons, some of the components/subassemblies may be on hand (i.e., currently in inventory). Consequently, in determining total requirements, the amounts on hand must be **netted out** (i.e., subtracted from the apparent requirements) to determine the true requirements as illustrated in Example 1.

Bill of Materials (BoM) – Micro Motor

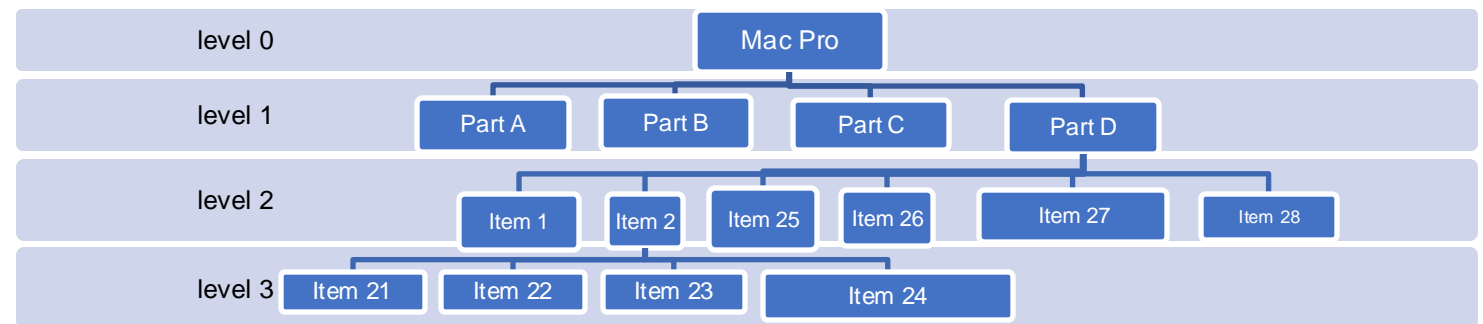


Electrical ironless micro-motor



Exercise: Bill of Materials of Mac Pro

- What is the Bill of materials (BOM) of Mac Pro in your view?
 - Develop your hypothetical BOM, it could be like the blow chart;

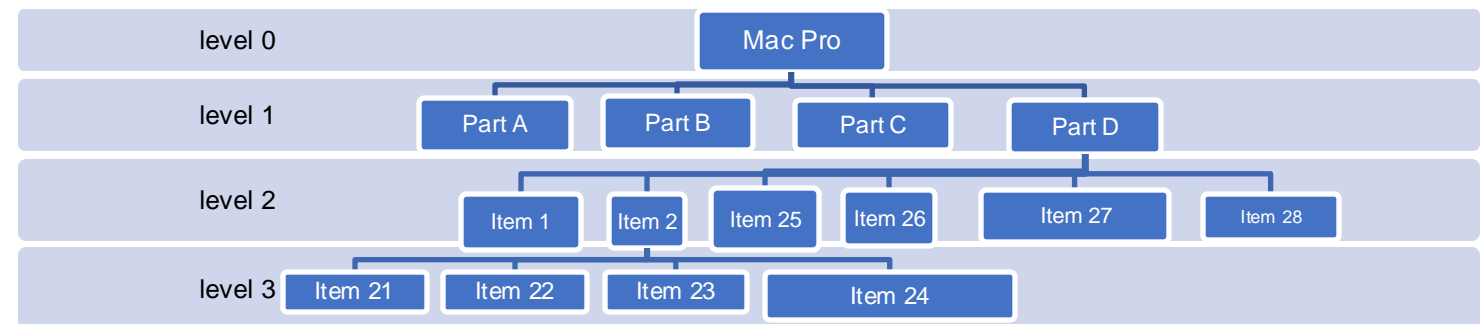




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Exercise: Bill of Materials of iMac

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Assignment 2 – Evaluation of Current State of Your Products & Supply Chain



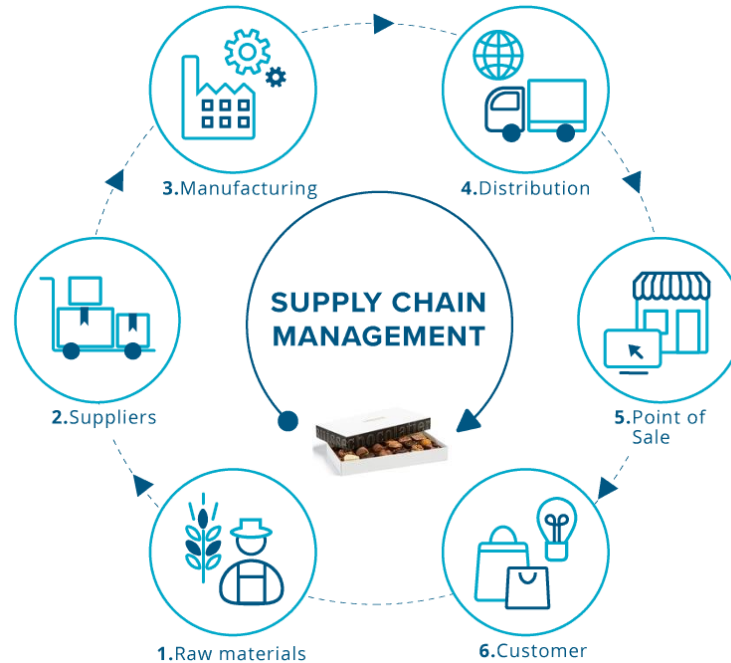
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2	Describe and visualize the Value Adding Network (VAN) of your company including material flow and information flow (use schematic provided in slides)
3	How would you define your supply chain—linear, circular, or in transition? Provide evidence to support your evaluation.

Note: If you can't find a real BoM for your product, explore **similar products**. Look for teardown reports, patents, or manufacturer specs to understand BoM structure from **Level 0 to Level 4**. The goal is to grasp how products are built—be resourceful and analytical!

How are products made & moved?

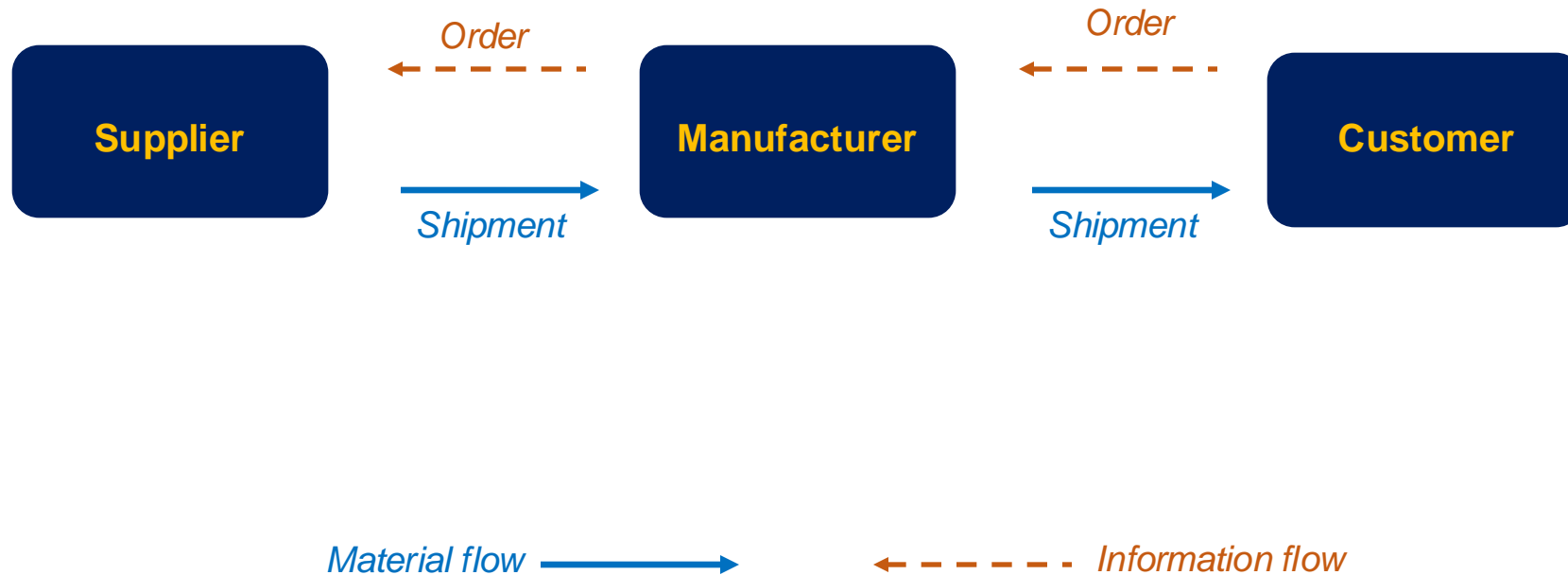
Supply Chain – Definition



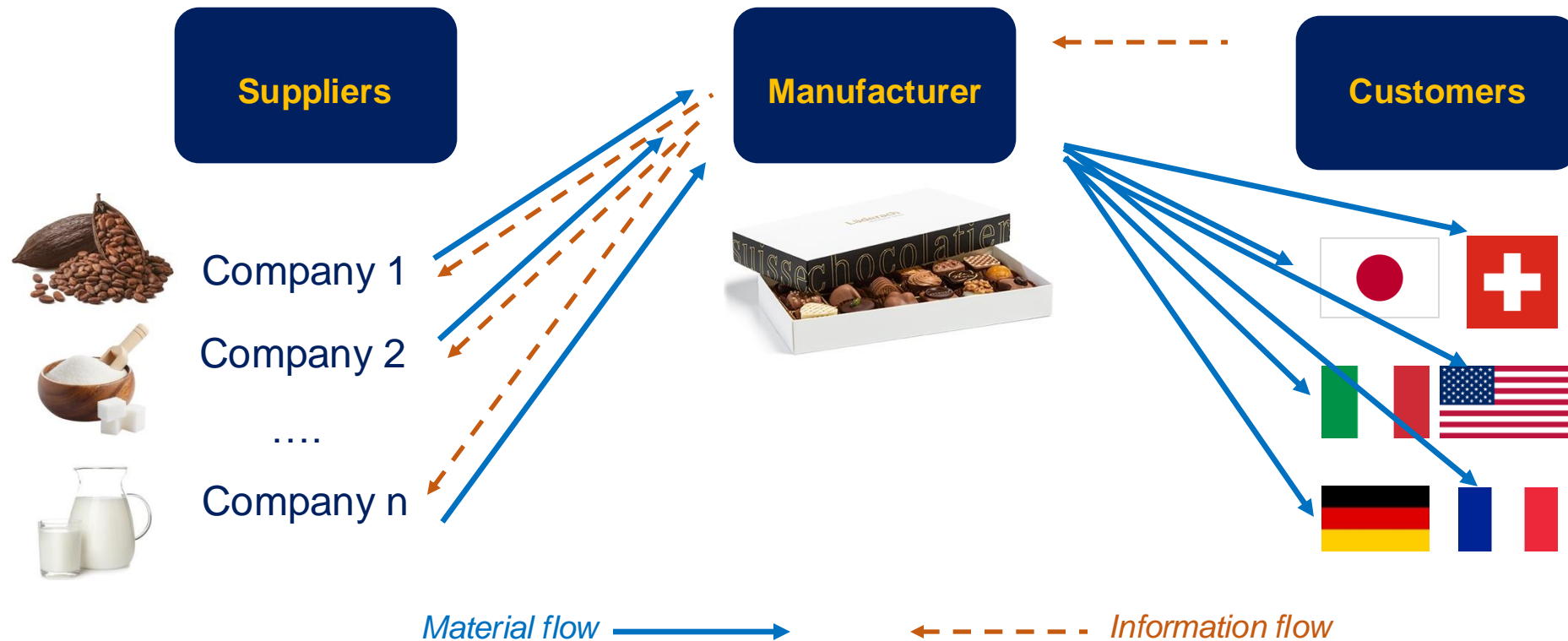
A network of individuals and companies that are involved in creating a product and delivering it to the consumer. Links on the chain begin with the producers of the raw materials and they end when the van delivers the finished product to the user.

Source: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/supplychain.asp>

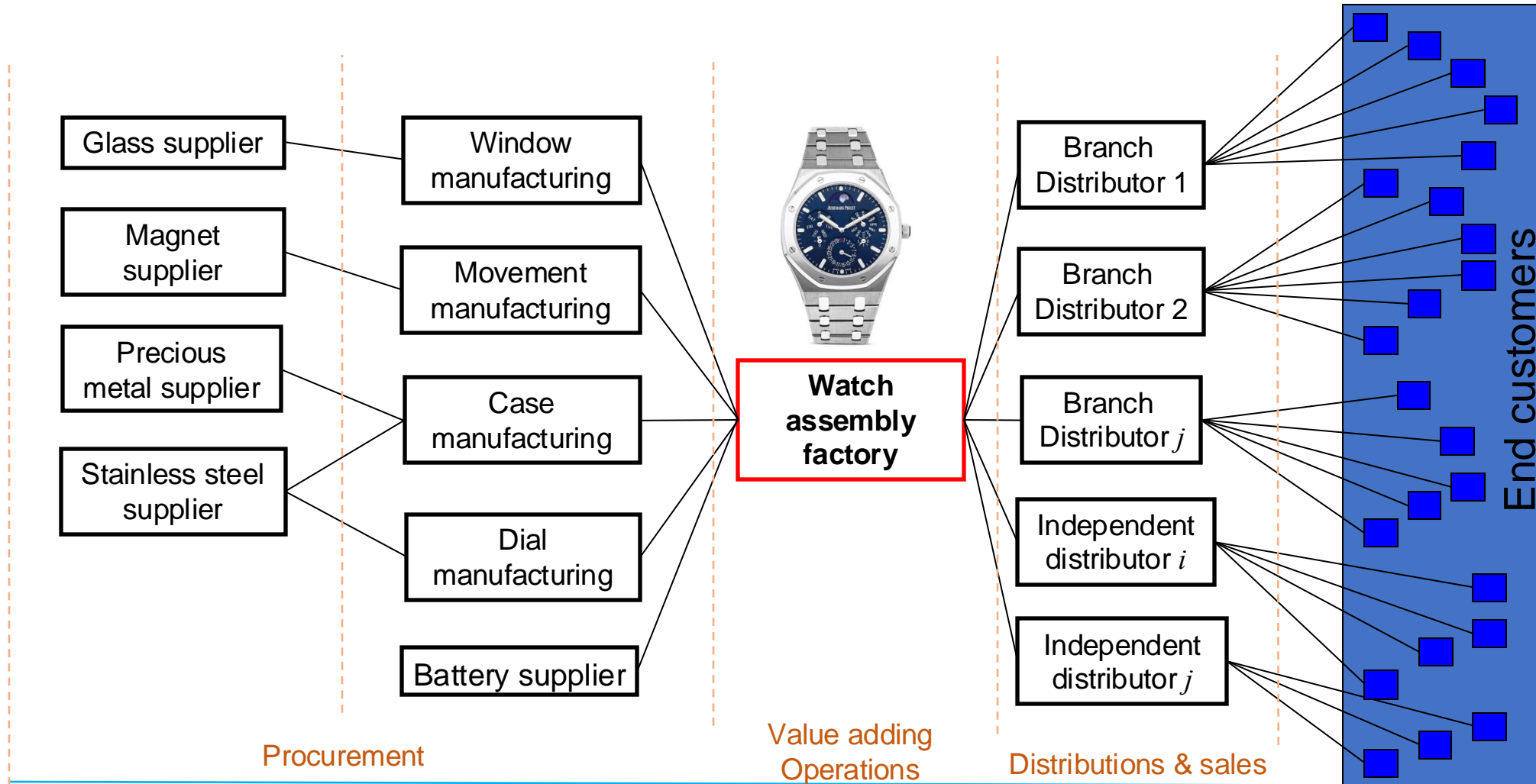
Simplified Supply Chain – Material & Information Flow



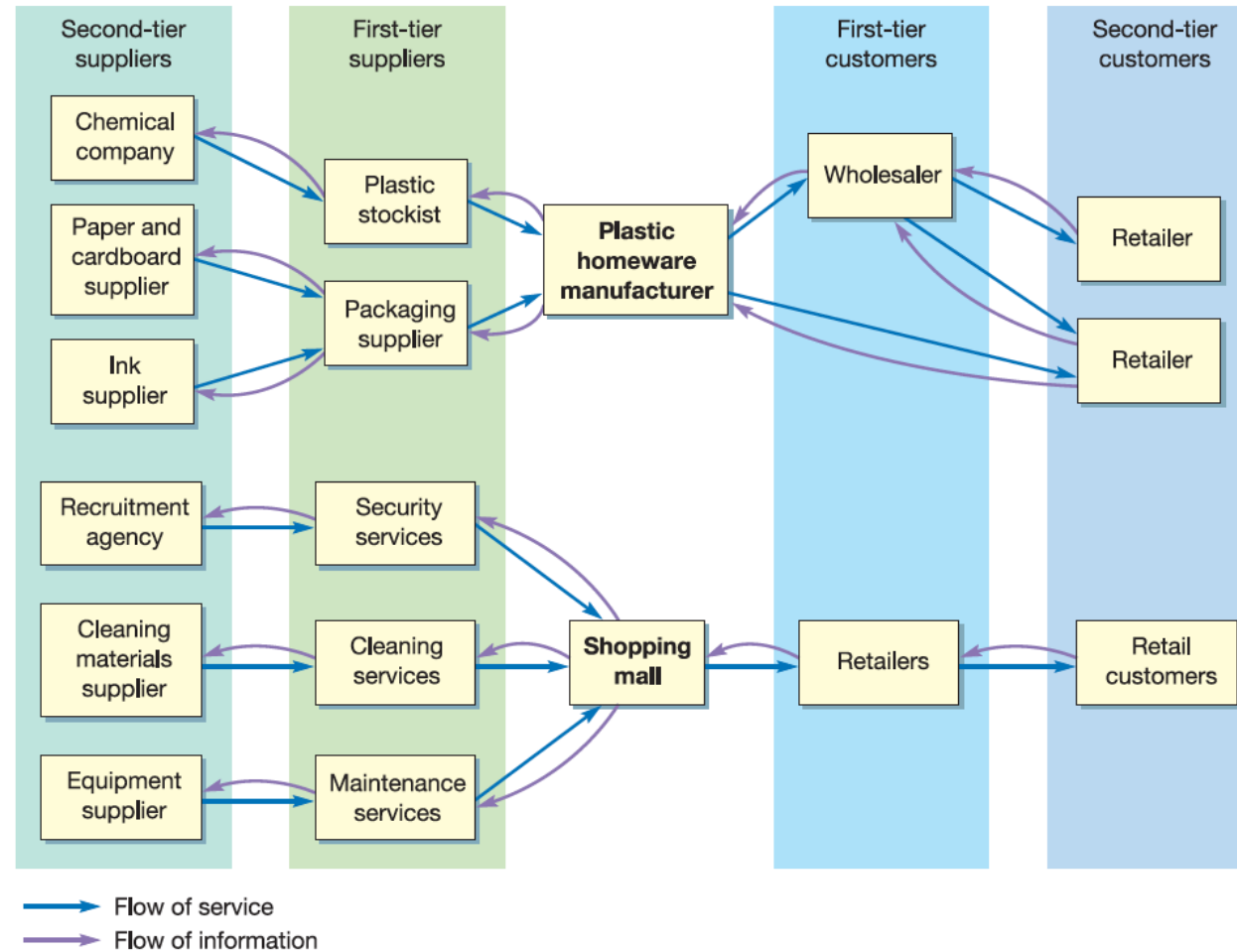
Example: Material & Information Flow – Schematic Representation



Supply Chain Network (Value Adding Network) – Watch

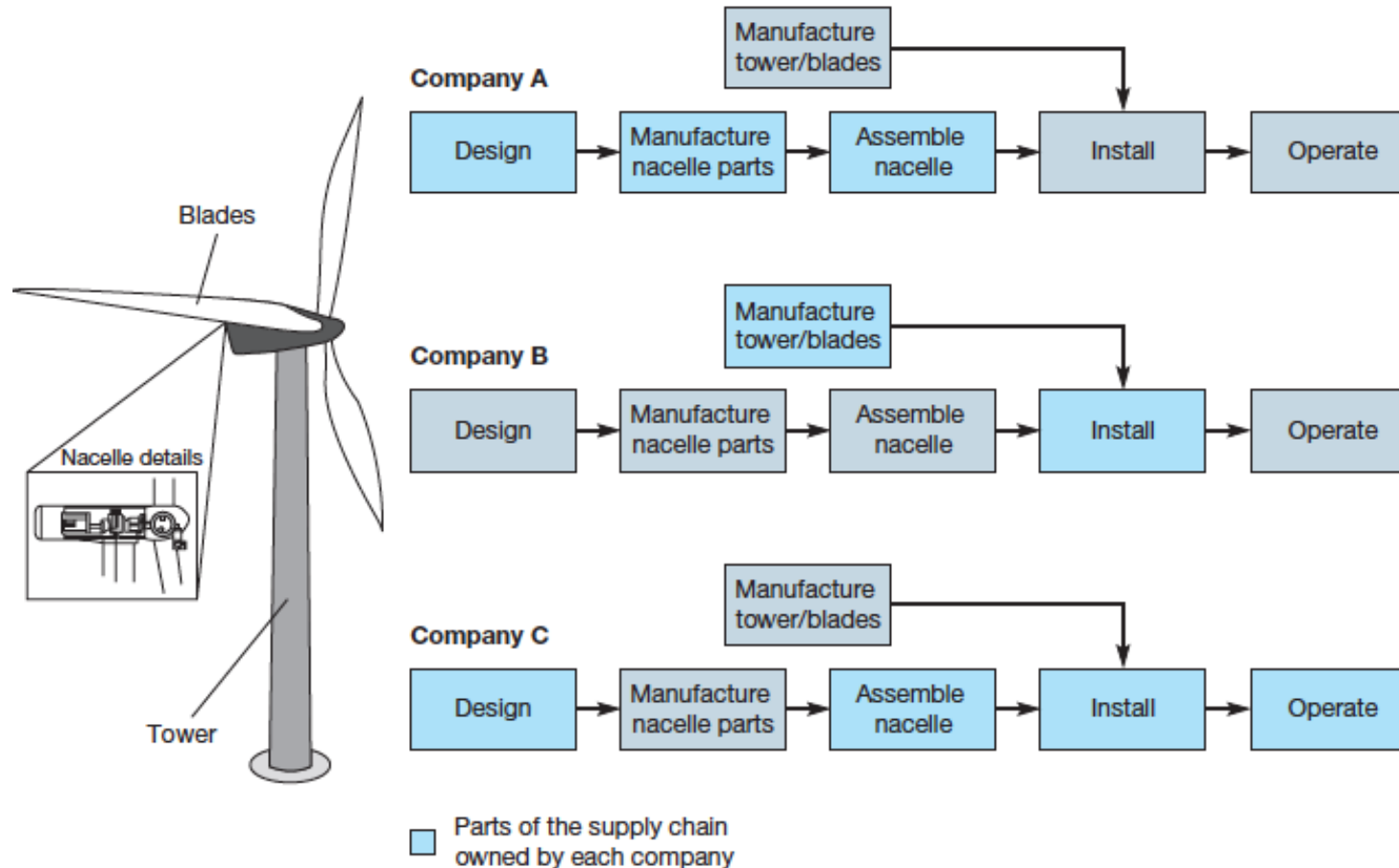


Supply Chain Network (Value Adding Network) – More Examples



Supply chain network for a plastic homeware company and a shopping mall.

Supply Chain Network (Value Adding Network) – Vertical Integration



Three companies operating in the wind power generation industry **with different vertical integration positions.**

Supply Chain Management – Book Chapter



CHAPTER 4

Supply Chain Management

Before studying this chapter you should know or, if necessary, review

1. The implications of competitive priorities, Chapter 2, pp. 36–39.
2. Product design considerations, Chapter 3, pp. 57–65.
3. Process selection considerations, Chapter 3, pp. 65–69.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After studying this chapter you should be able to

1. Describe the structure of supply chains.
2. Describe the bullwhip effect.
3. Describe supply chains for service organizations.
4. Describe major issues affecting supply chains.
5. Describe electronic commerce.
6. Describe global issues affecting supply chains.
7. Describe government regulation issues affecting supply chains.
8. Describe green supply chain management.
9. Describe the role of purchasing in supply chain management.
10. Describe sourcing issues.
11. Describe strategic purchasing partnerships.
12. Describe ethics in supplier management.
13. Describe supply chain distribution.
14. Describe how to implement supply chain management.
15. Describe supply chain management metrics.
16. Describe trends in supply chain management.

CHAPTER OUTLINE

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WHAT'S IN OM FOR ME?

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6 Supply network design

Key questions

- Why should an organization take a total supply network perspective?
- What is involved in configuring a supply network?
- Where should an operation be located?
- How much capacity should an operation plan to have?

INTRODUCTION

No operation exists in isolation. Every operation is part of a larger and interconnected network of other operations. This supply network will include suppliers and customers. It will also include suppliers' suppliers and customers' customers, and so on. At a strategic level, operations managers are involved in 'designing' the shape and form of their network. Network design starts with setting the network's strategic objectives. This helps the operation to decide how it wants to influence the overall shape of its network, the location of each operation, and how it should manage its overall capacity within the network. Here we treat all these strategic design decisions in the context of supply networks (see Fig. 6.1).

Figure 6.1 This chapter covers supply network design

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Check and improve your understanding of this chapter using self-assessment questions and a personalized study plan, a video case study, and an eText – all at www.myomlab.com.

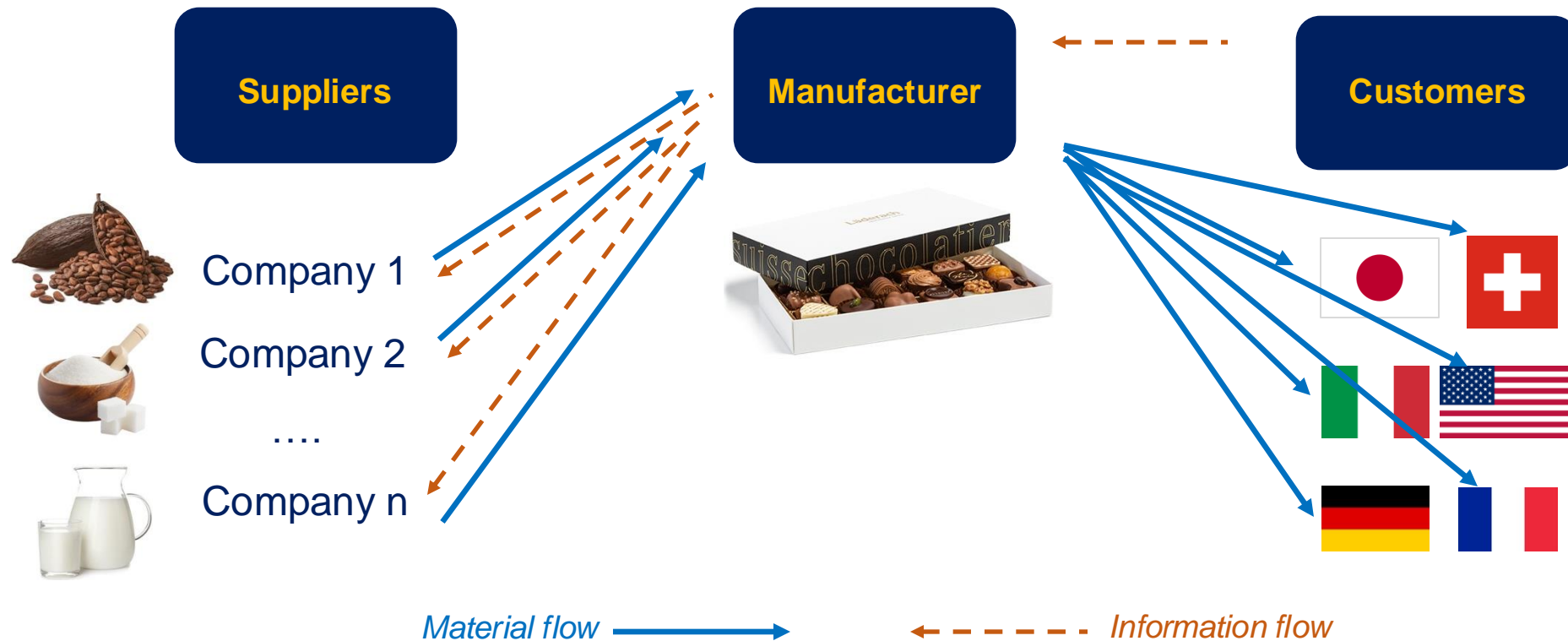
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Material & Information Flow – Schematic Representation



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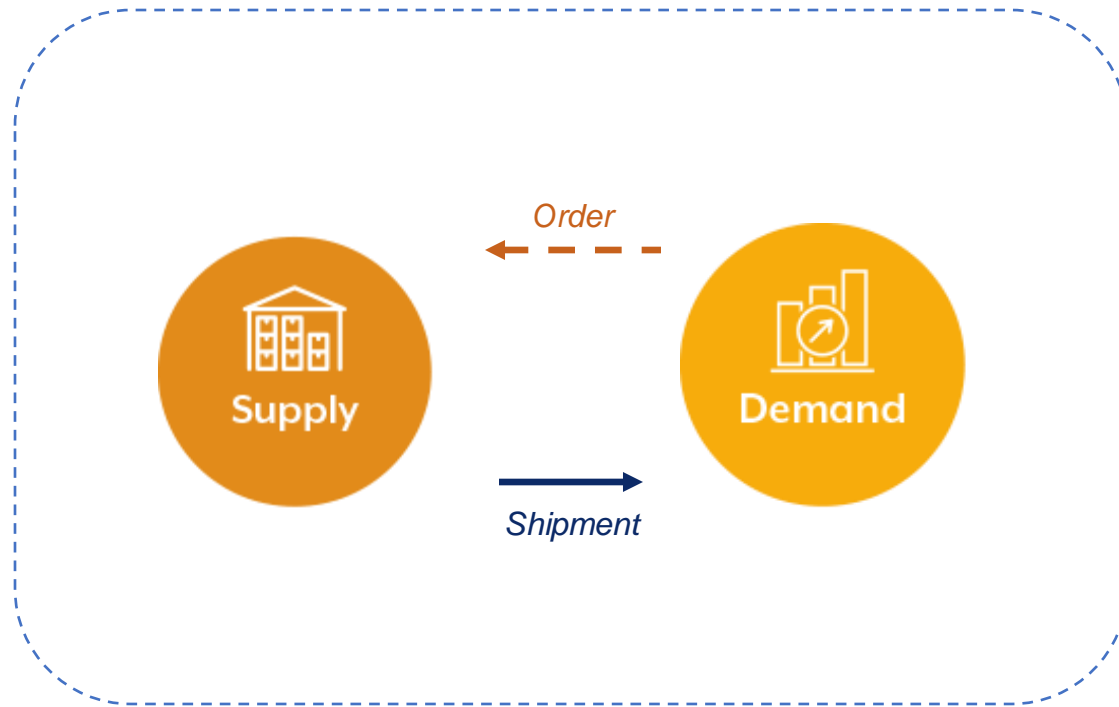
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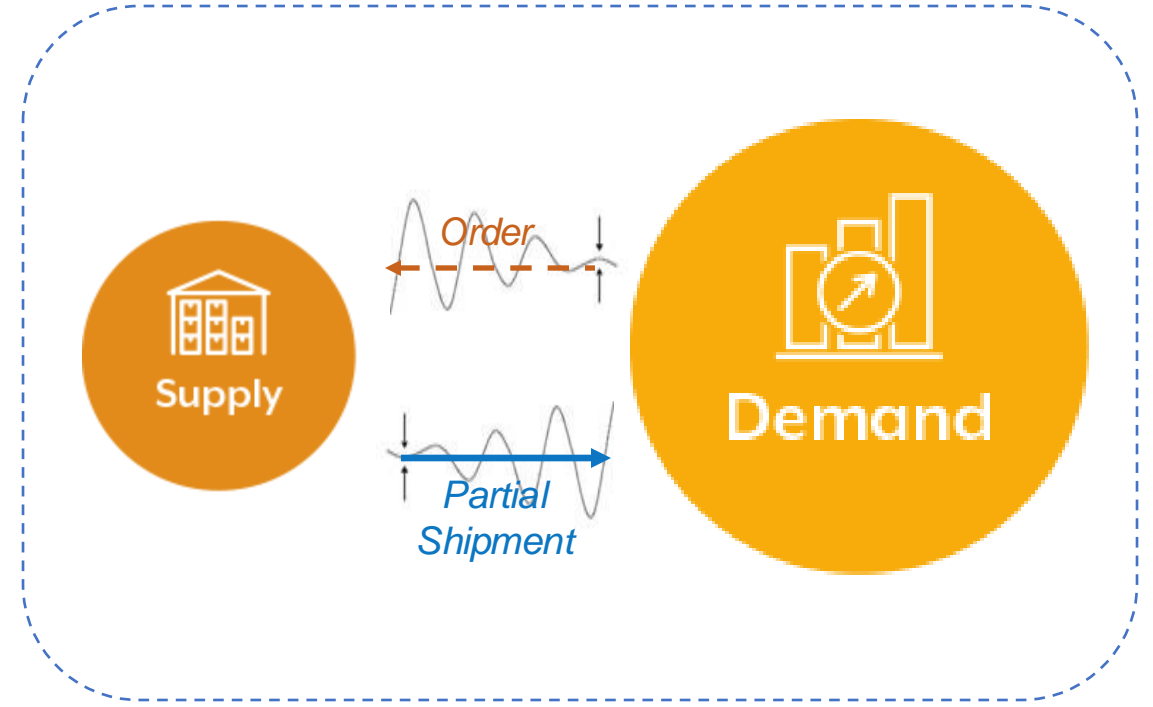
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Supply chains respond to changes and disruptions

Demand and Supply



Match



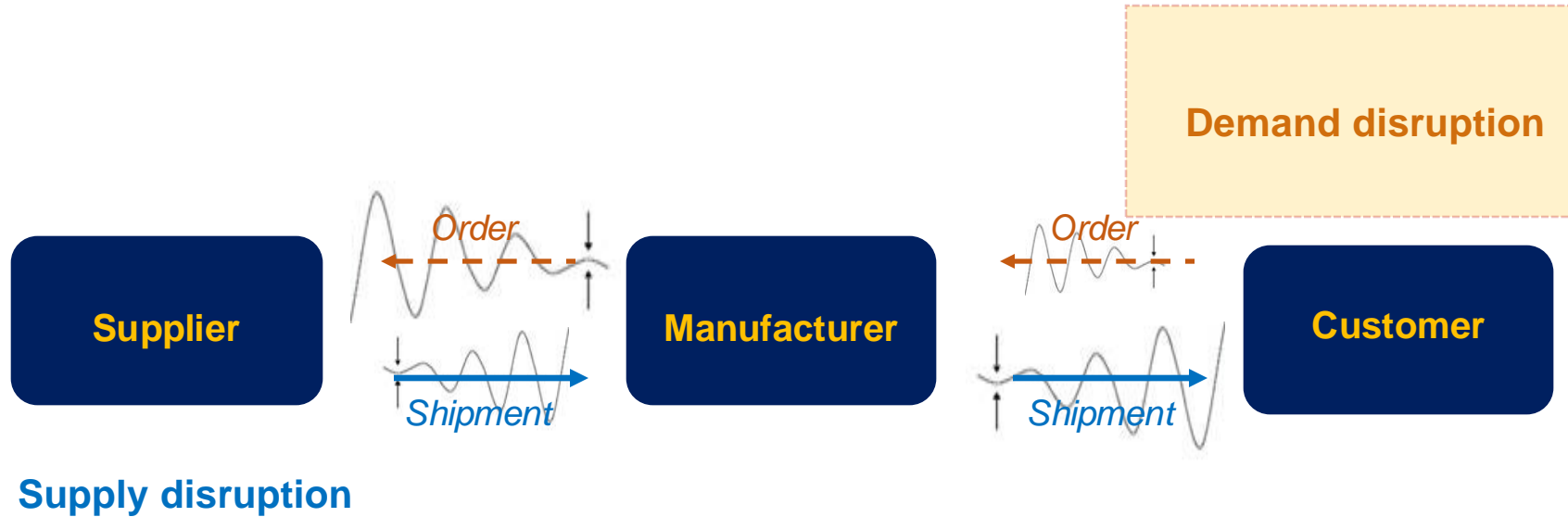
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Demand and Supply – Mismatch



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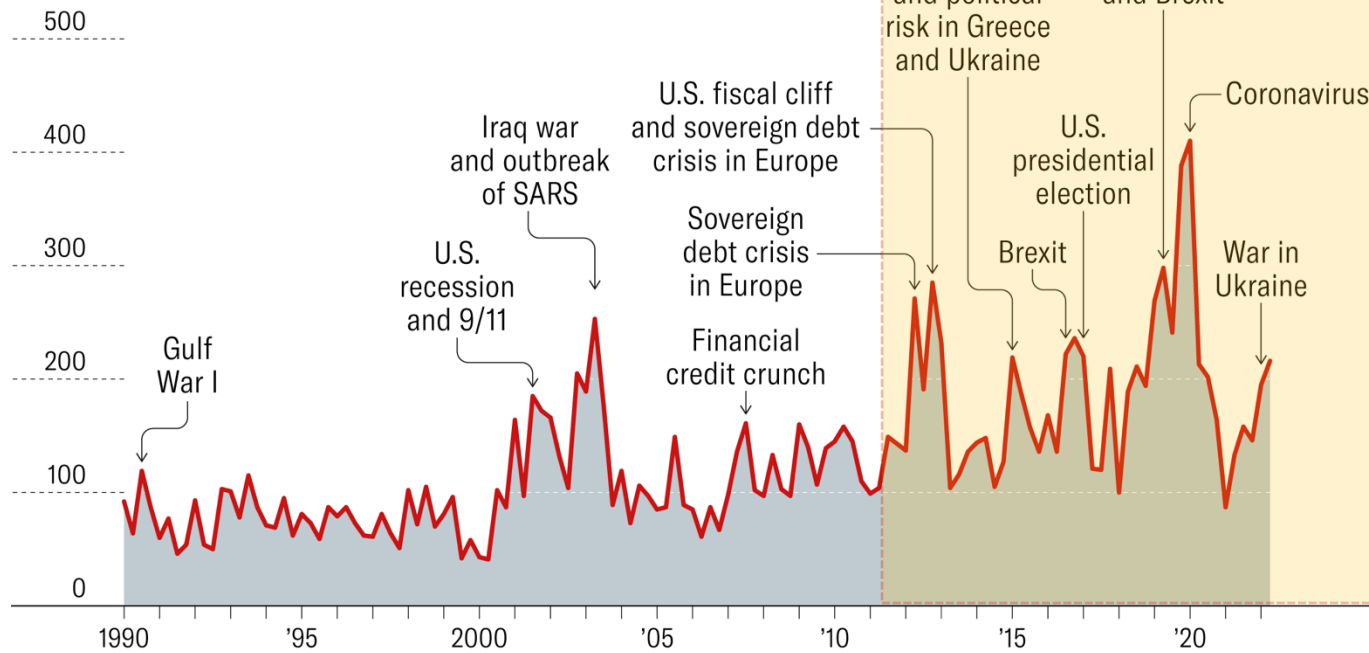
Simplified Supply Chain – Disruptions



The Rise of Economic Uncertainty – The World Uncertainty Index

World Uncertainty Index

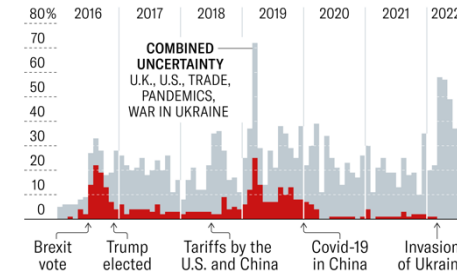
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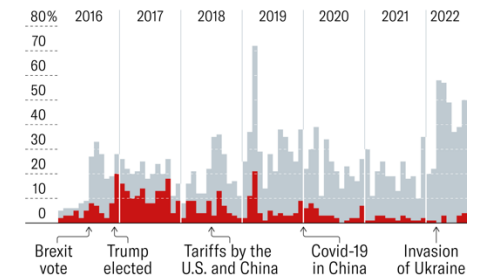
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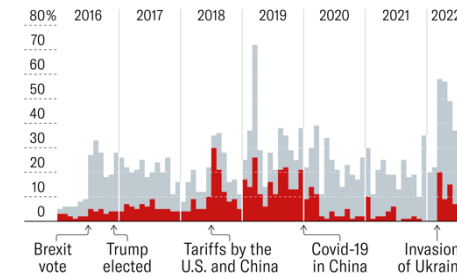
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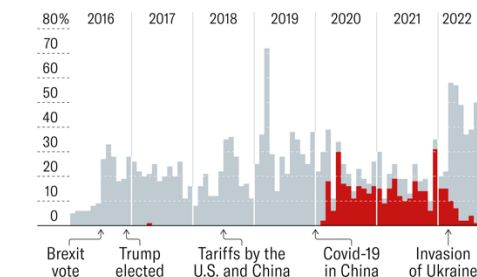
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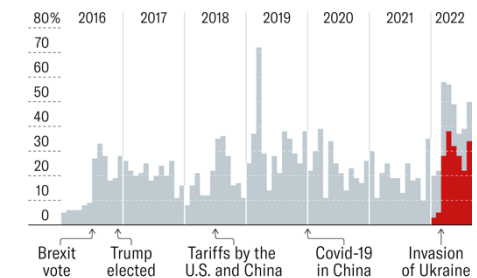
3. Trade



4. Pandemics



5. The war in Ukraine



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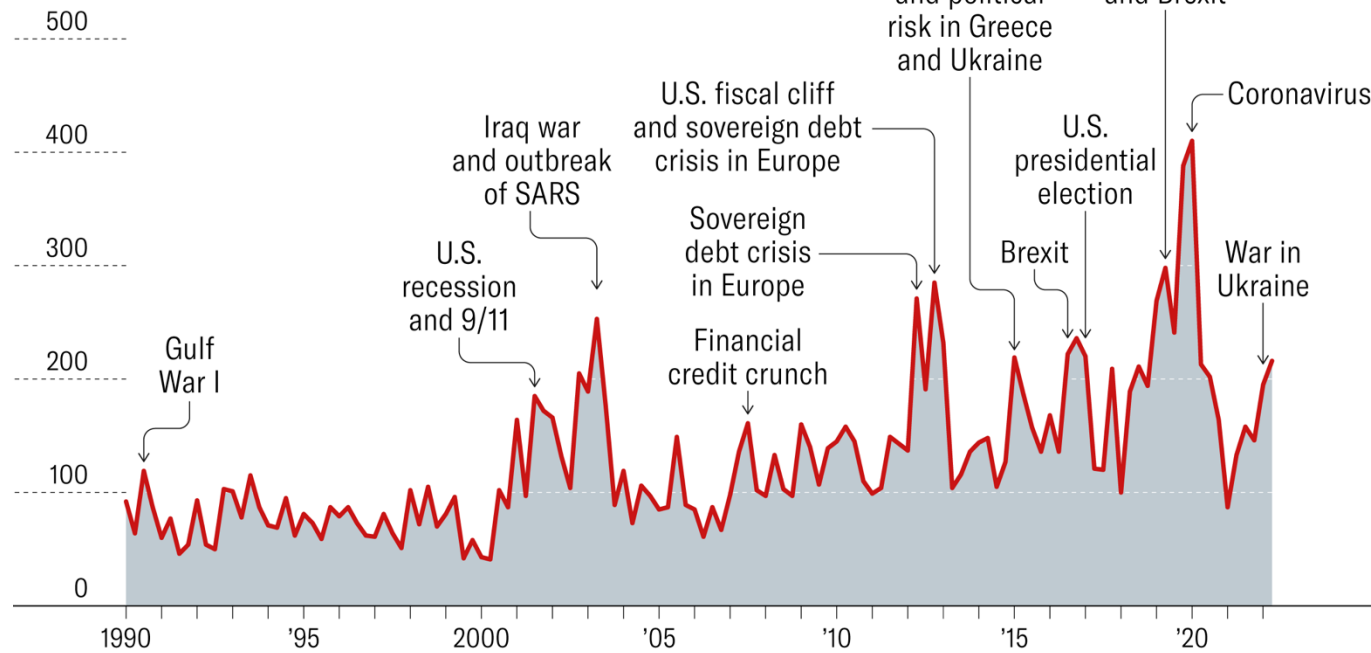
Case 1:

COVID-19 & Swiss Watch Industry

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World Uncertainty Index

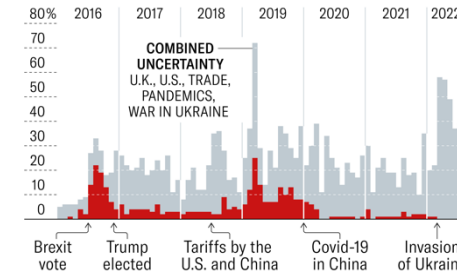
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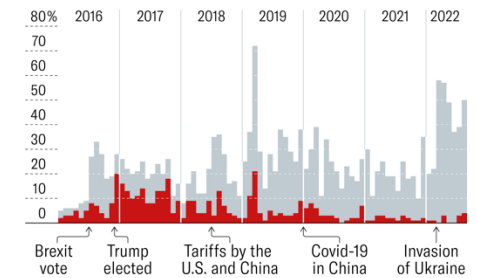
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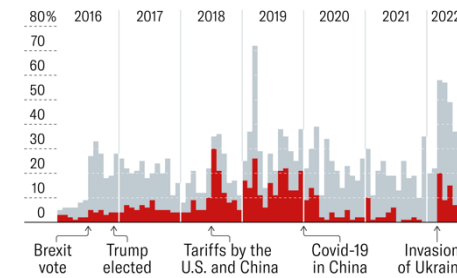
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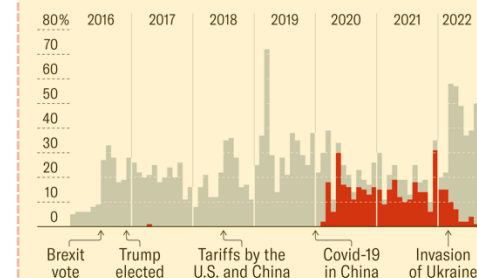
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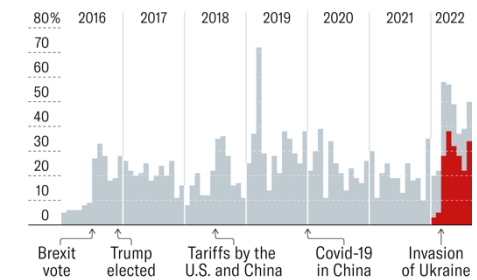
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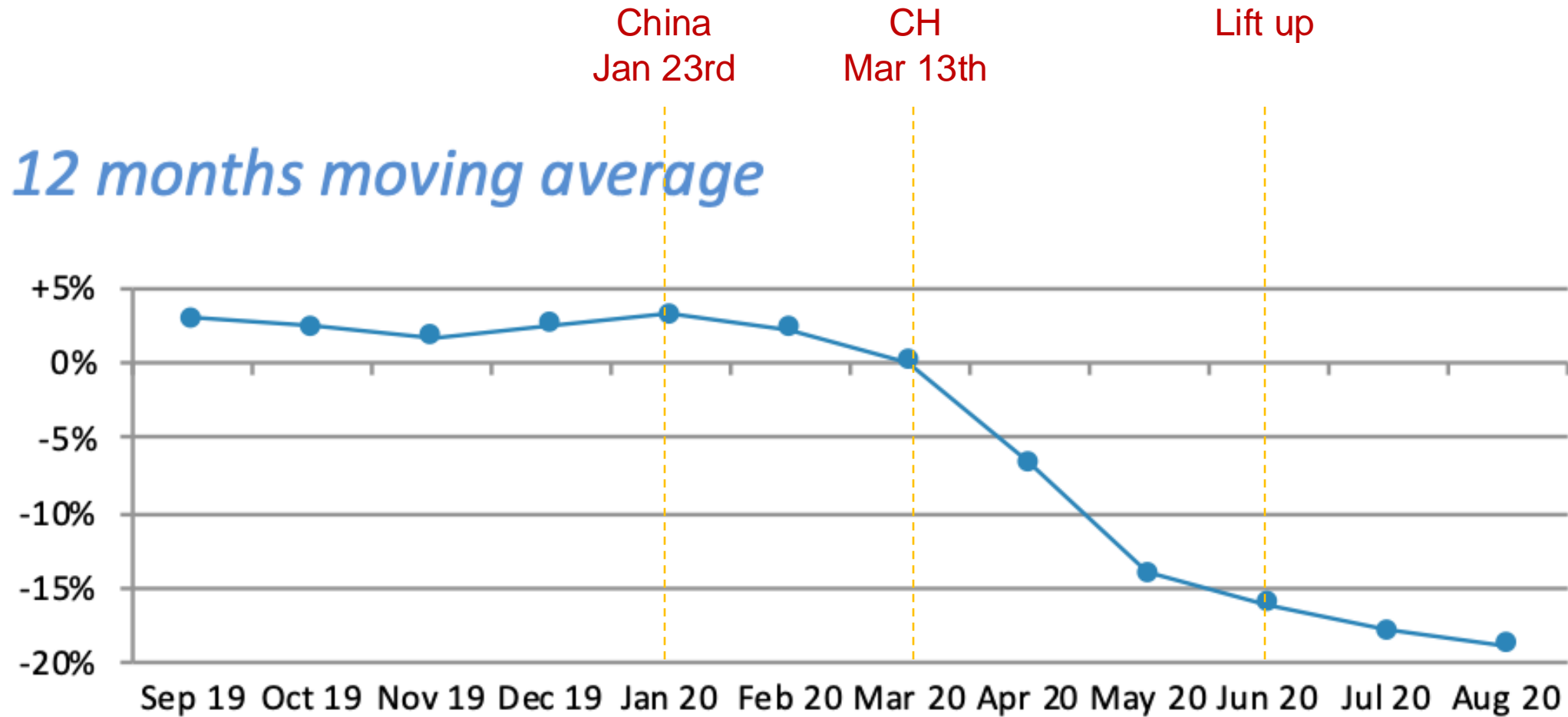


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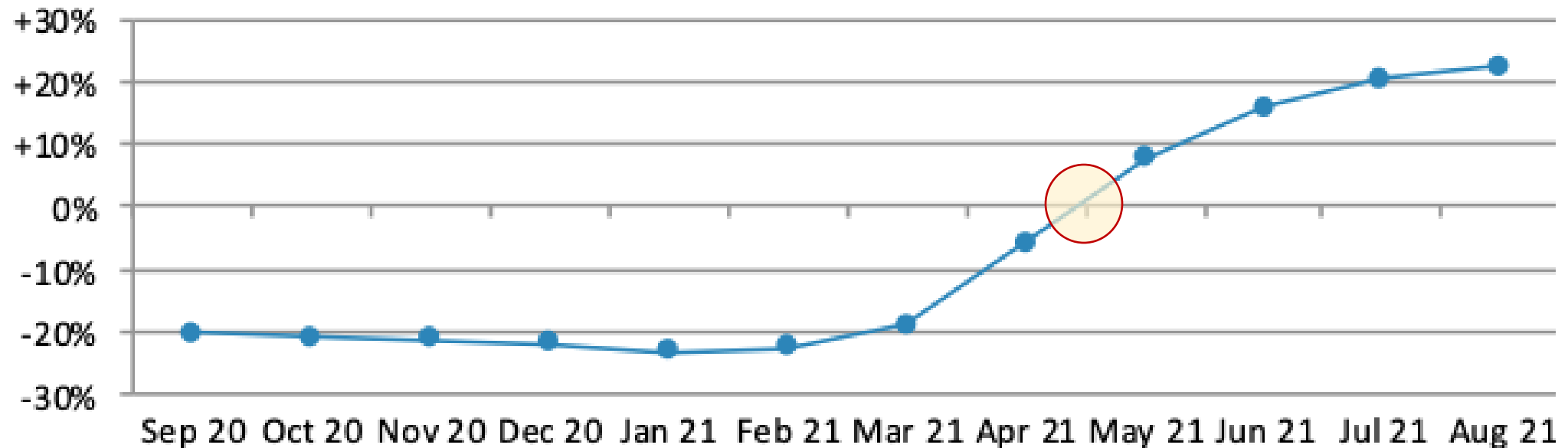
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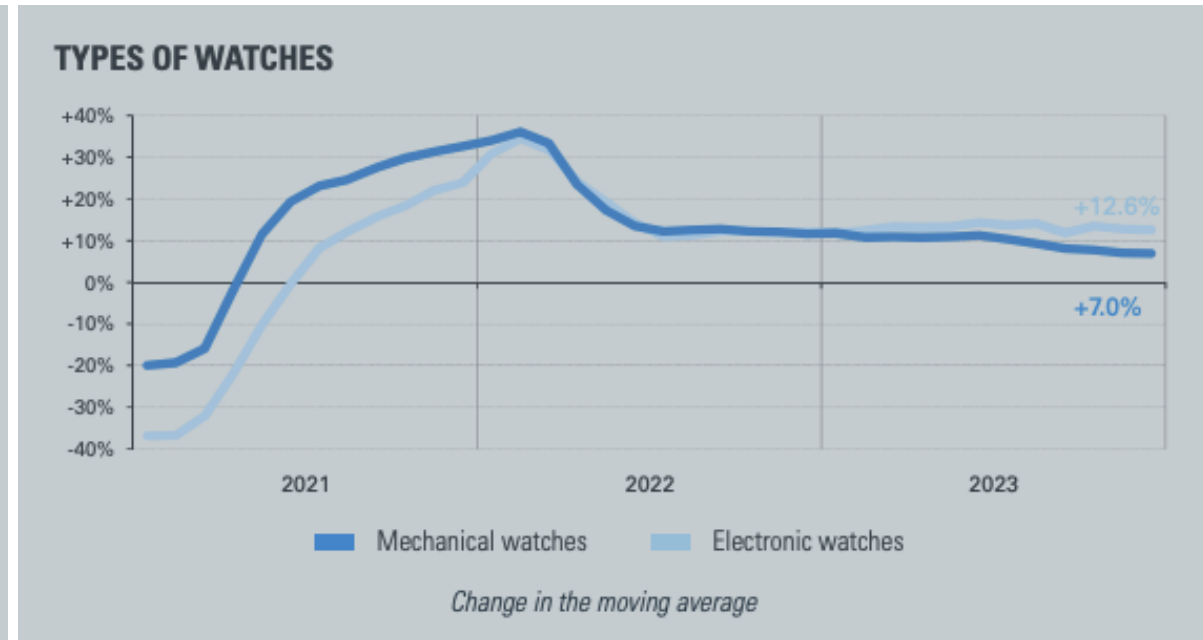
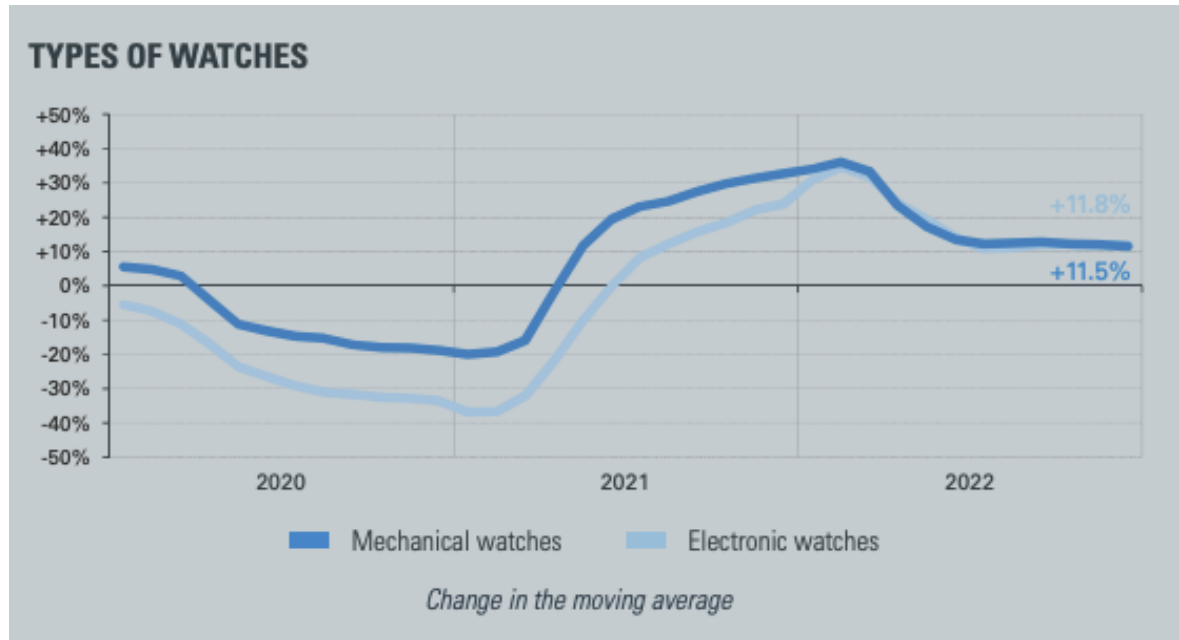
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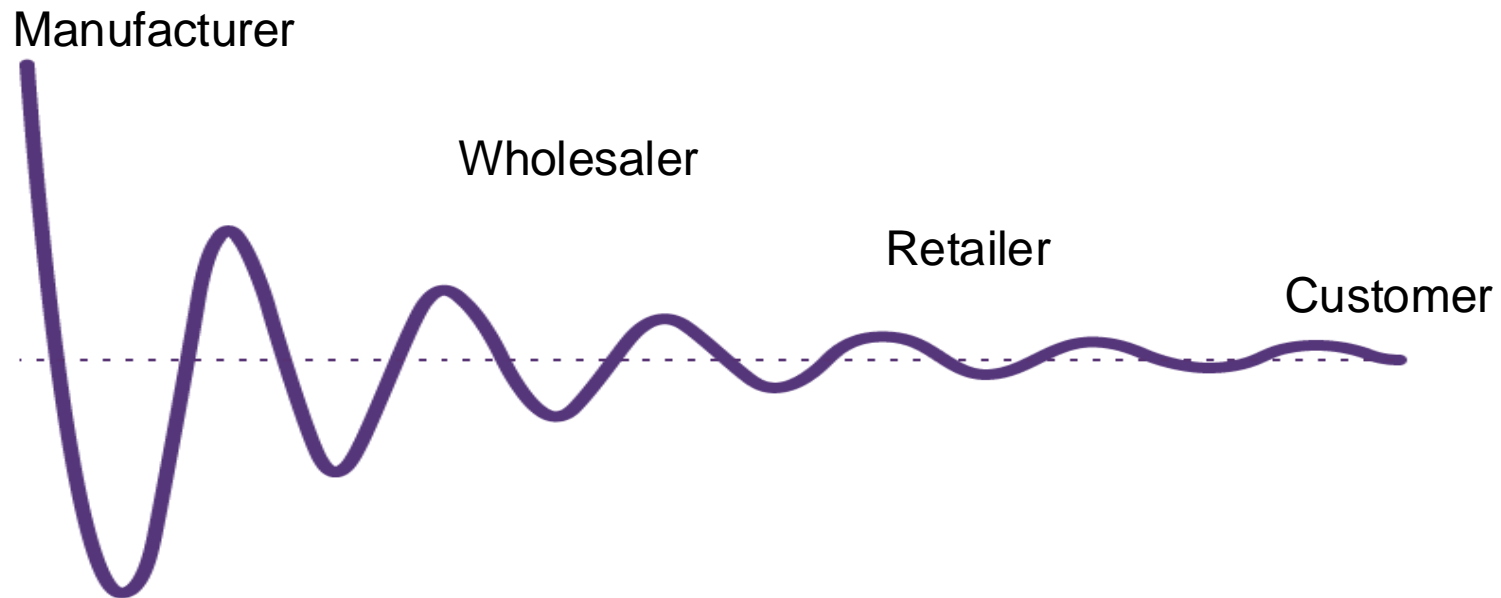
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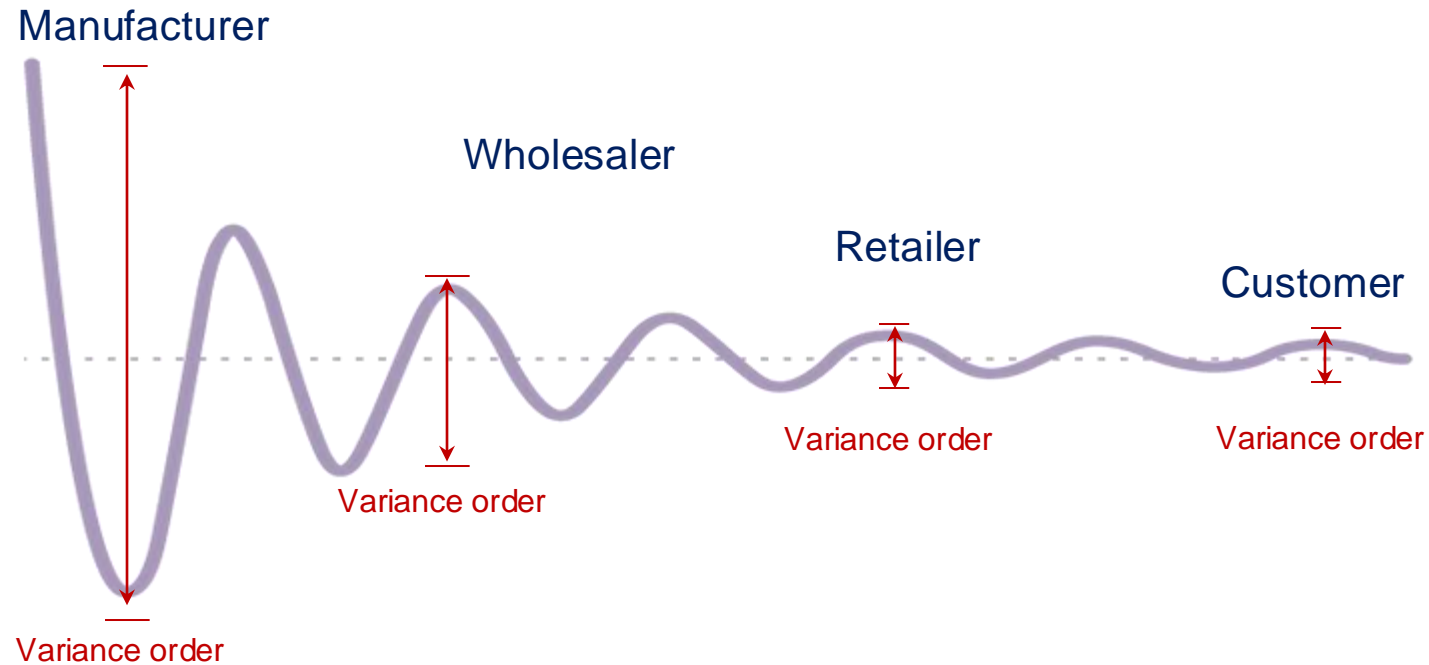
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Bullwhip Effect



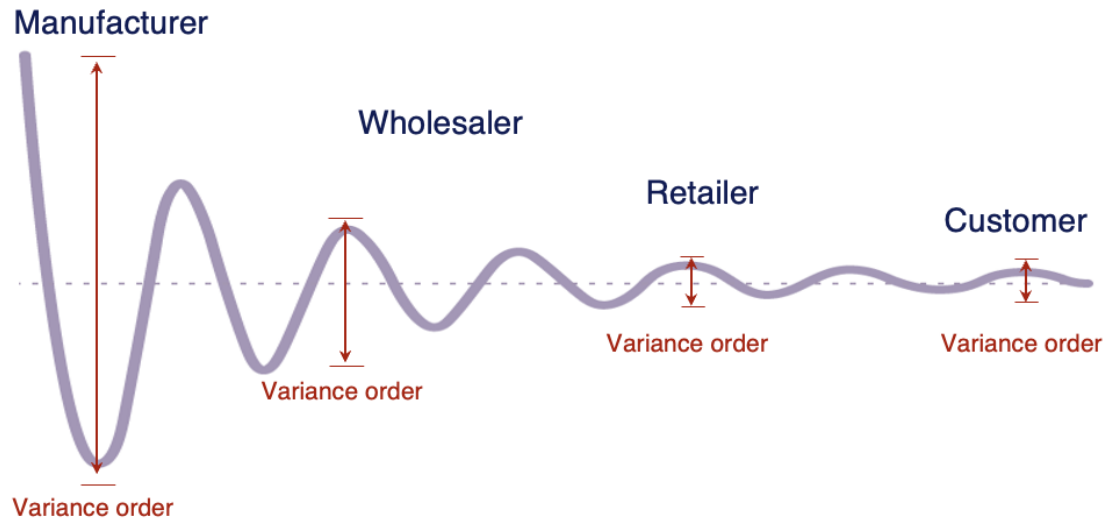
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Measuring Bullwhip Effect



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Measuring Bullwhip Effect



Note: This will be further explored in the Supply Chain Analytics module during Weeks 9 and 11.

1. Bullwhip Effect Formula for Each Echelon

For each stage in the supply chain, the **bullwhip effect (BWE)** is calculated as:

$$BWE_i = \frac{\text{Variance of Orders Received at Echelon } i}{\text{Variance of Orders Sent to Next Echelon } (i + 1)}$$

Where:

- i represents an echelon (e.g., Manufacturer, Wholesaler, Retailer).
- A higher BWE value means greater demand amplification at that echelon.

2. Bullwhip Effect Formula for the Whole Supply Chain

To measure the **overall bullwhip effect** across the entire supply chain (from the customer to the manufacturer), we compare the **order variance at the manufacturer** with the **demand variance at the customer**:

$$BWE_{\text{Total}} = \frac{\text{Variance of Orders Received by Manufacturer}}{\text{Variance of Customer Demand}}$$

Where:

- **Numerator:** Captures the variance at the manufacturer (which is the most volatile in the chain).
- **Denominator:** Represents the demand variance at the customer (which is the source of the orders).

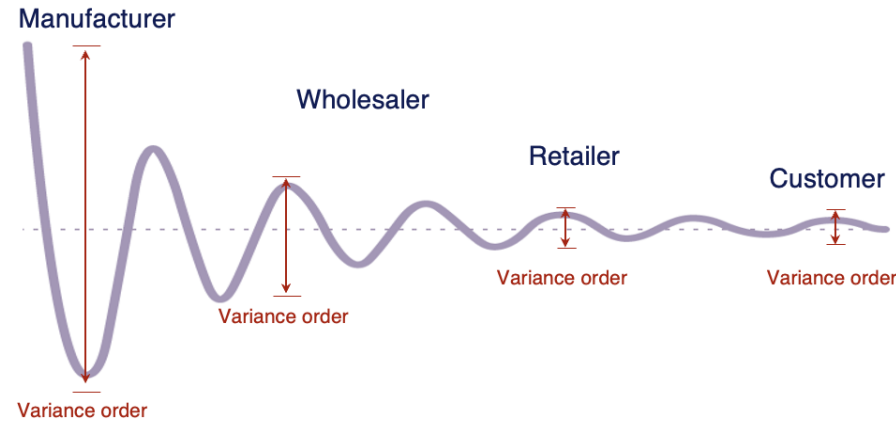
3. Alternative Approach: Multiplicative Form Across Echelons

Since the bullwhip effect accumulates across multiple echelons, we can also express it as:

$$BWE_{\text{Total}} = BWE_{\text{Wholesaler}} \times BWE_{\text{Retailer}} \times BWE_{\text{Manufacturer}}$$

This approach assumes each echelon amplifies the variance, and the total effect is the product of individual echelons' bullwhip ratios.

Demand Disruption – Causes of Bullwhip Effect



Operational Reasons

- Demand processing (forecast errors)
- Leadtime variability
- Lot-sizing
- Promotions and forward buying

Behavioral Reasons

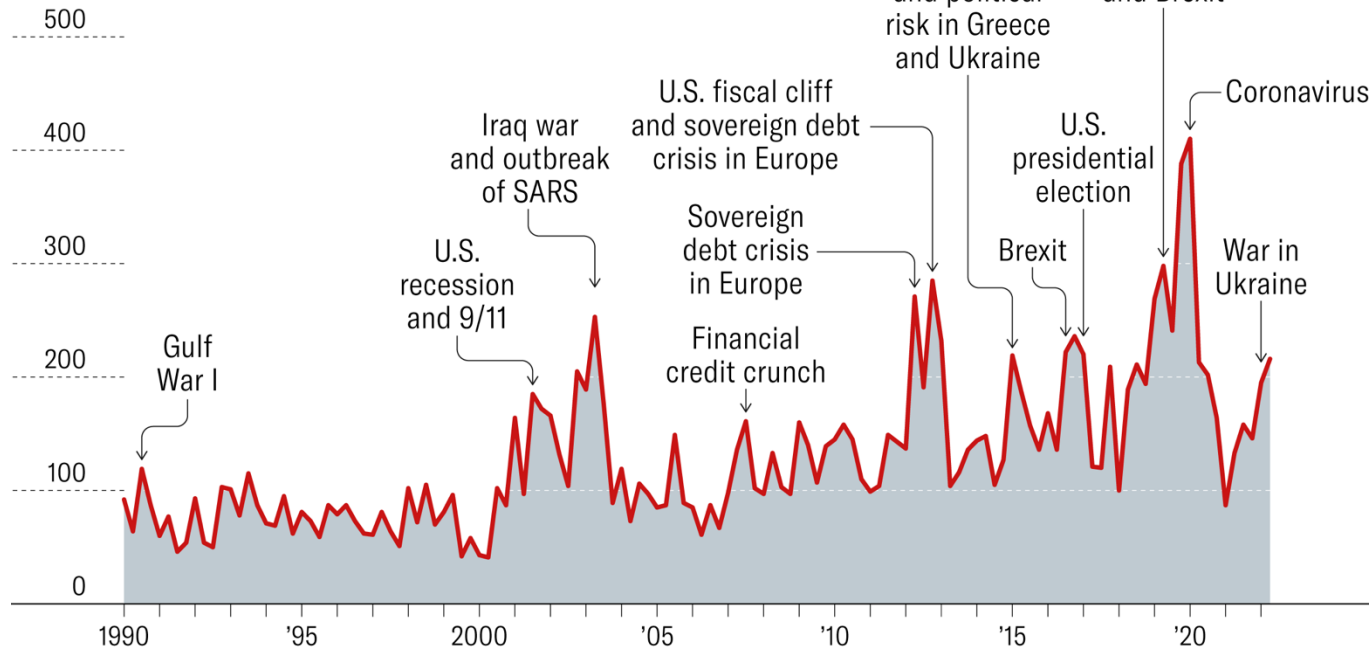
- Trust
- Mis-perceptions of feedback and time lags
- Panic ordering after unmet demand
- Perceived risk of bounded rationality of others

Case 2: Geopolitics (War in Ukraine)

The Rise of Economic Uncertainty – The World Uncertainty Index

World Uncertainty Index

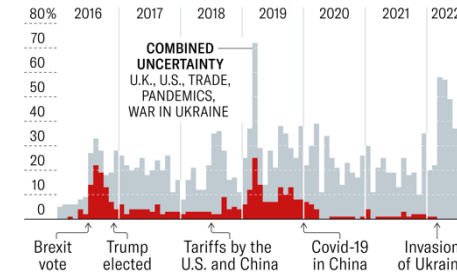
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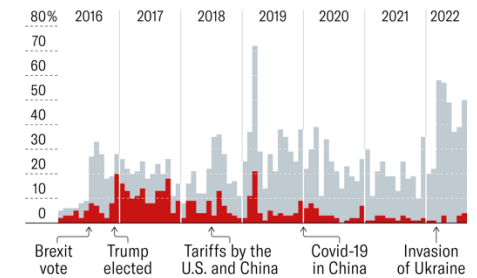
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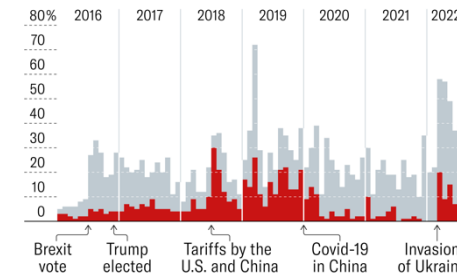
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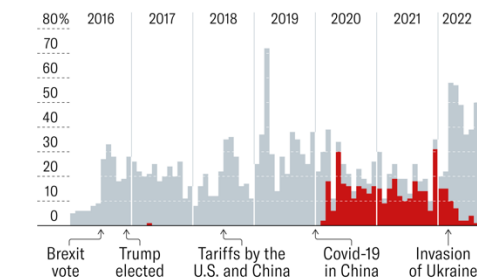
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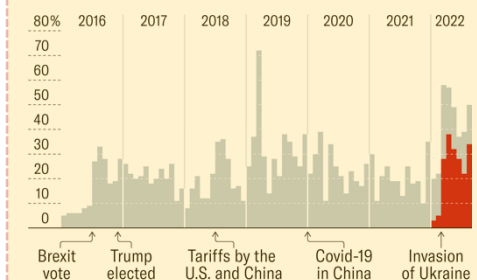
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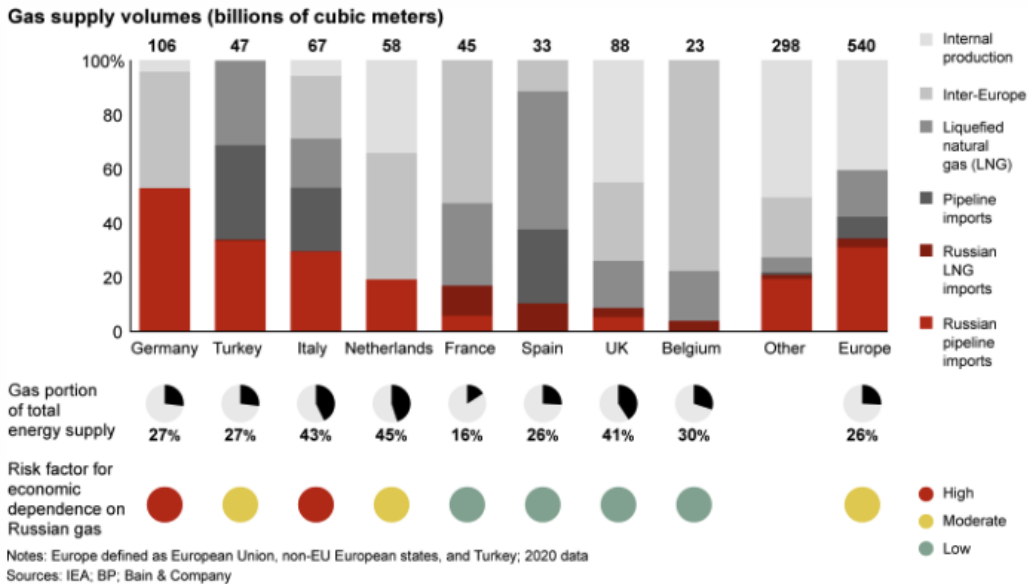
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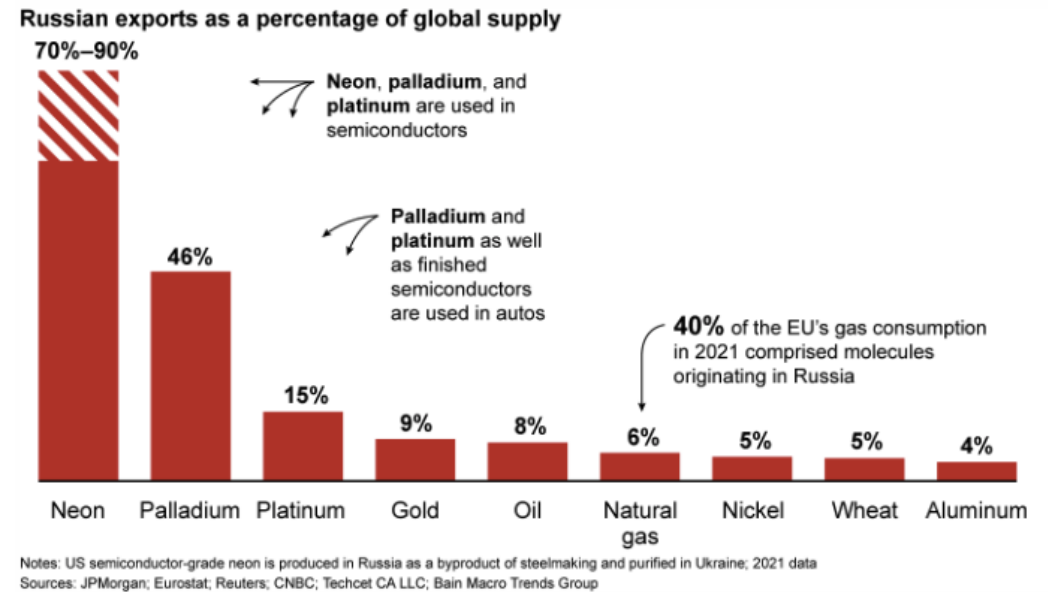
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How Should Your Supply Chain Respond to the Crisis in Ukraine?

Europe counts on Russia for a third of its natural gas supply, with Germany most dependent

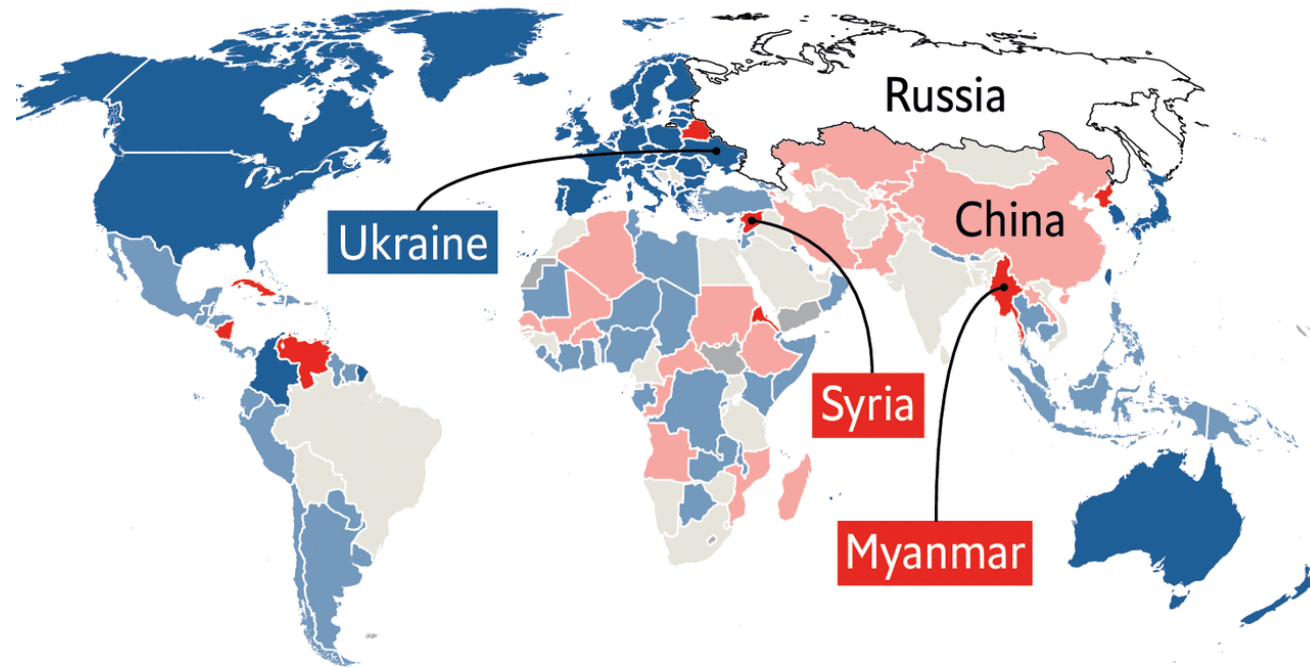


Makers of semiconductors and automobiles have relied on Russia for some commodities



Source: <https://www.bain.com/insights/how-should-your-supply-chain-respond-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>

A Divided World – Government Responses to Ukraine War, 2022



Source: EIU

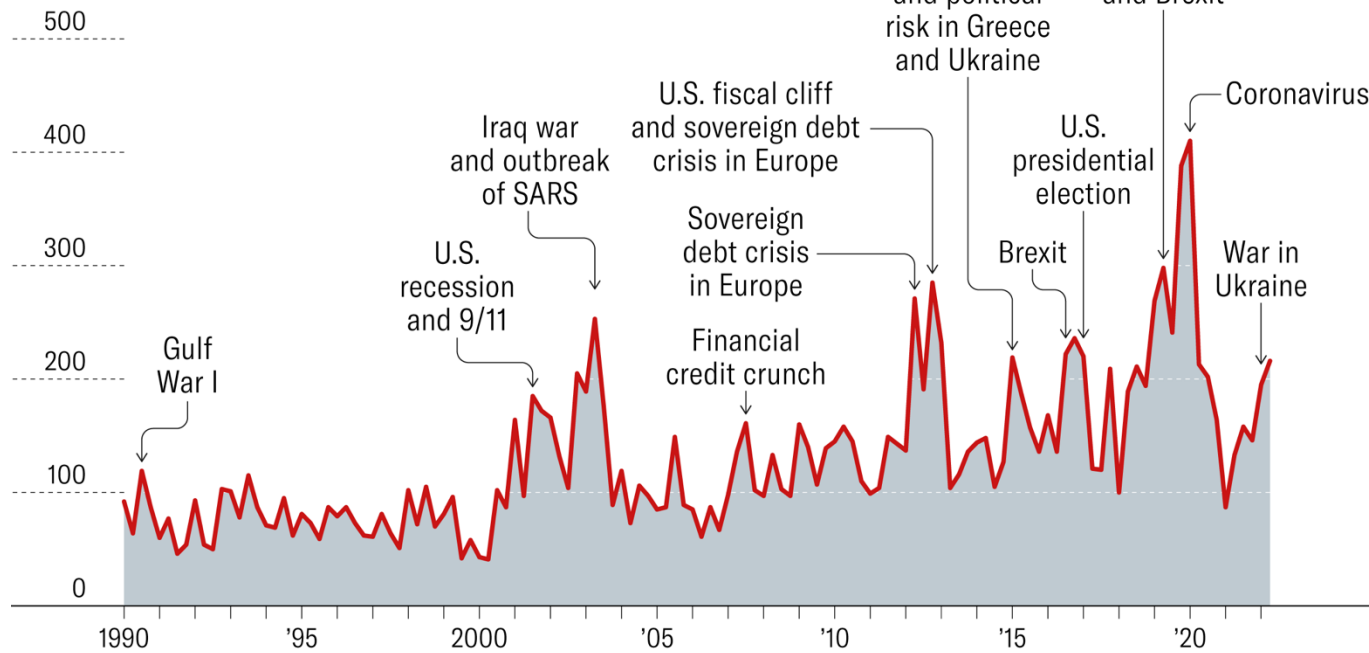
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Case 3: Geography Concentration Risks

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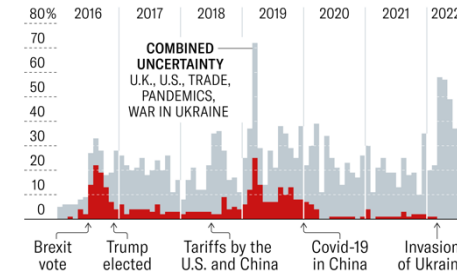
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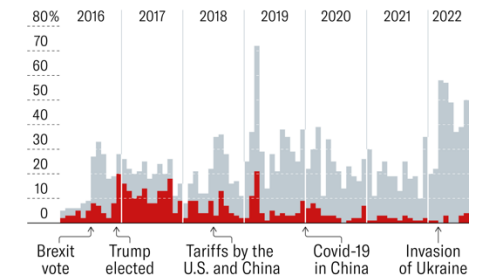
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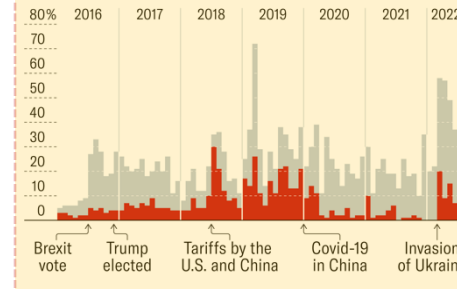
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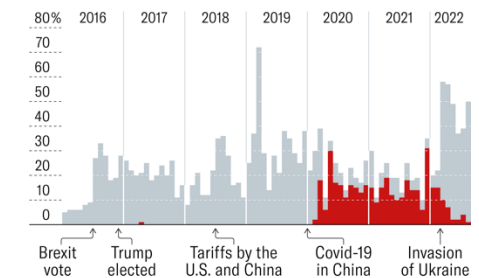
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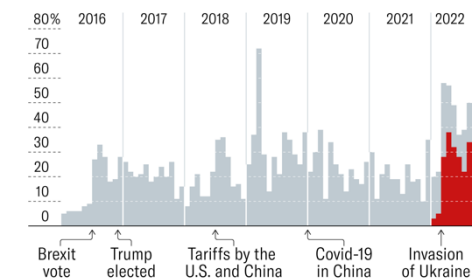
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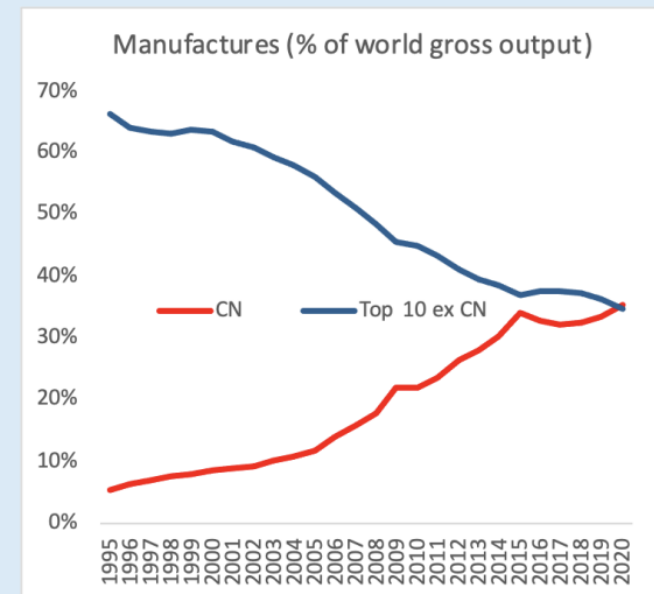
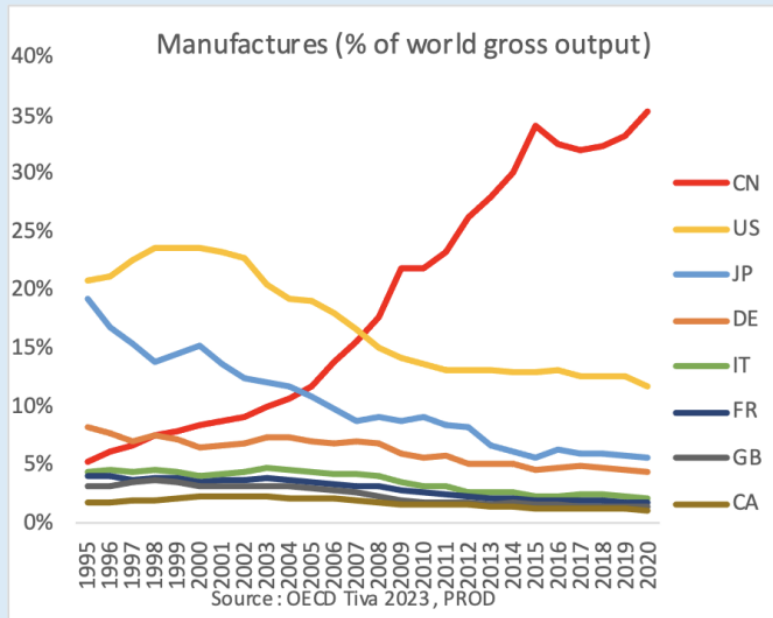
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The Rise of the Factory of the World – China

World shares of gross production

G7 shares declined sharply (gross production)

China's share rose sharply (gross production)



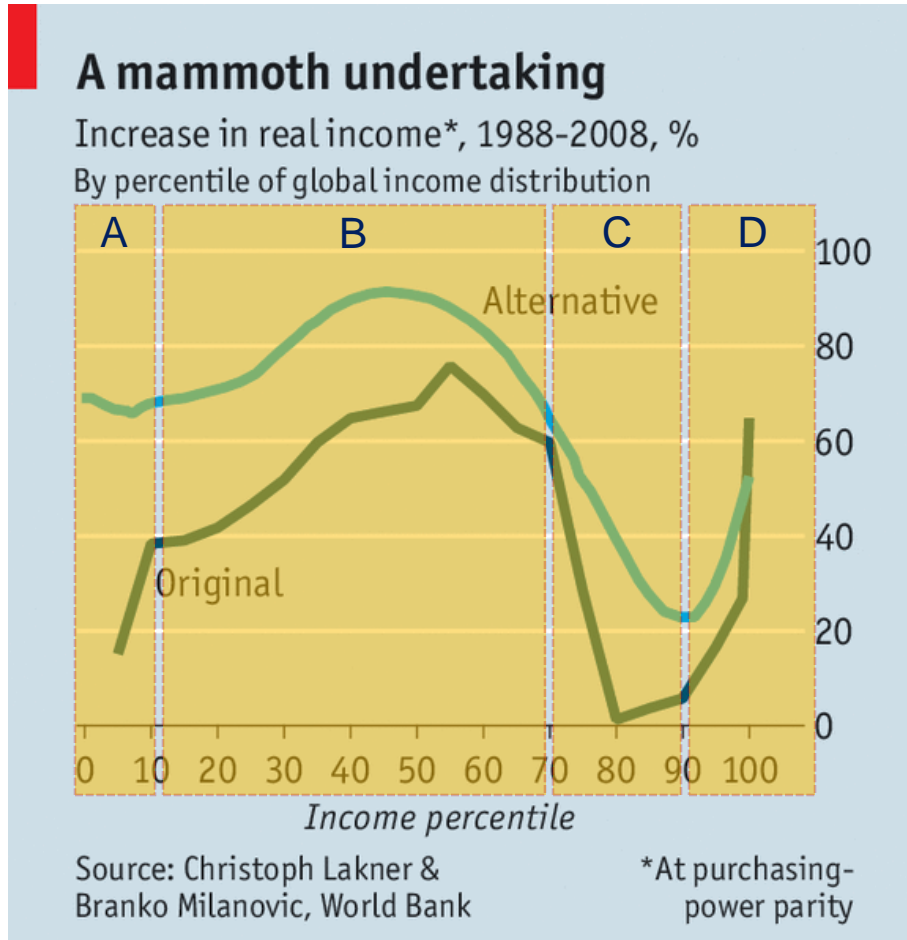
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Source: Author's elaboration of OECD TIVA database 2023, charts based on PROD for all manufacturing sectors.

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Global Income Growth – From 1988 to 2008



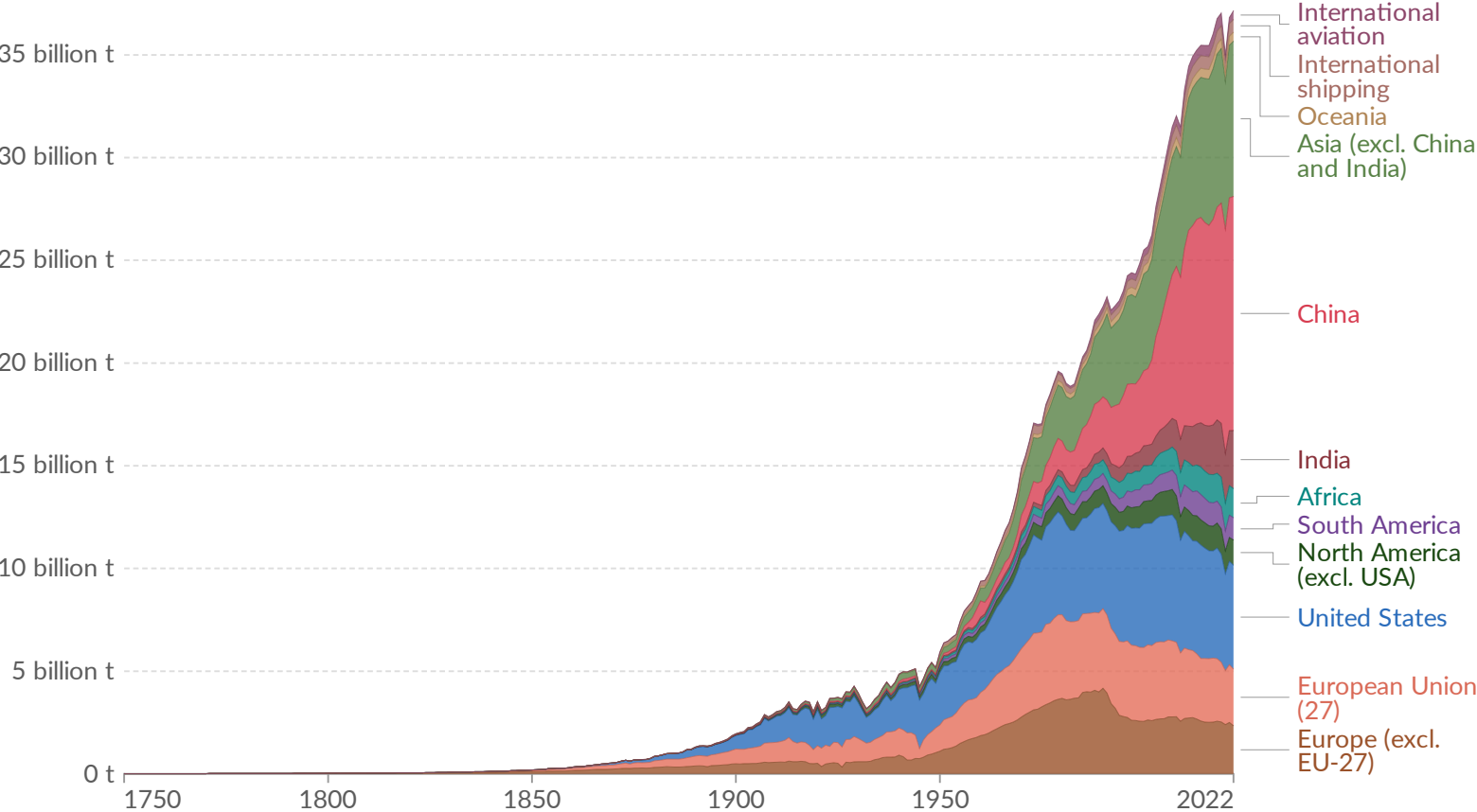
- **A:** Poorest locked out of growth
- **B:** Rising incomes in emerging economies – mainly China
- **C:** Decline of developed-world middle class
- **D:** Booming global elite

Economist.com

Source: *The Economist*, 2016 (<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2016/09/17/shooting-an-elephant>)

Annual CO₂ emissions by world region

Emissions from fossil fuels and industry¹ are included, but not land-use change emissions. International aviation and shipping are included as separate entities, as they are not included in any country's emissions.



Data source: Global Carbon Budget (2023)

OurWorldinData.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions | CC BY

1. **Fossil emissions:** Fossil emissions measure the quantity of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted from the burning of fossil fuels, and directly from industrial processes such as cement and steel production. Fossil CO₂ includes emissions from coal, oil, gas, flaring, cement, steel, and other industrial processes. Fossil emissions do not include land use change, deforestation, soils, or vegetation.

RELATIVE STANDING OF GREAT EMPIRES

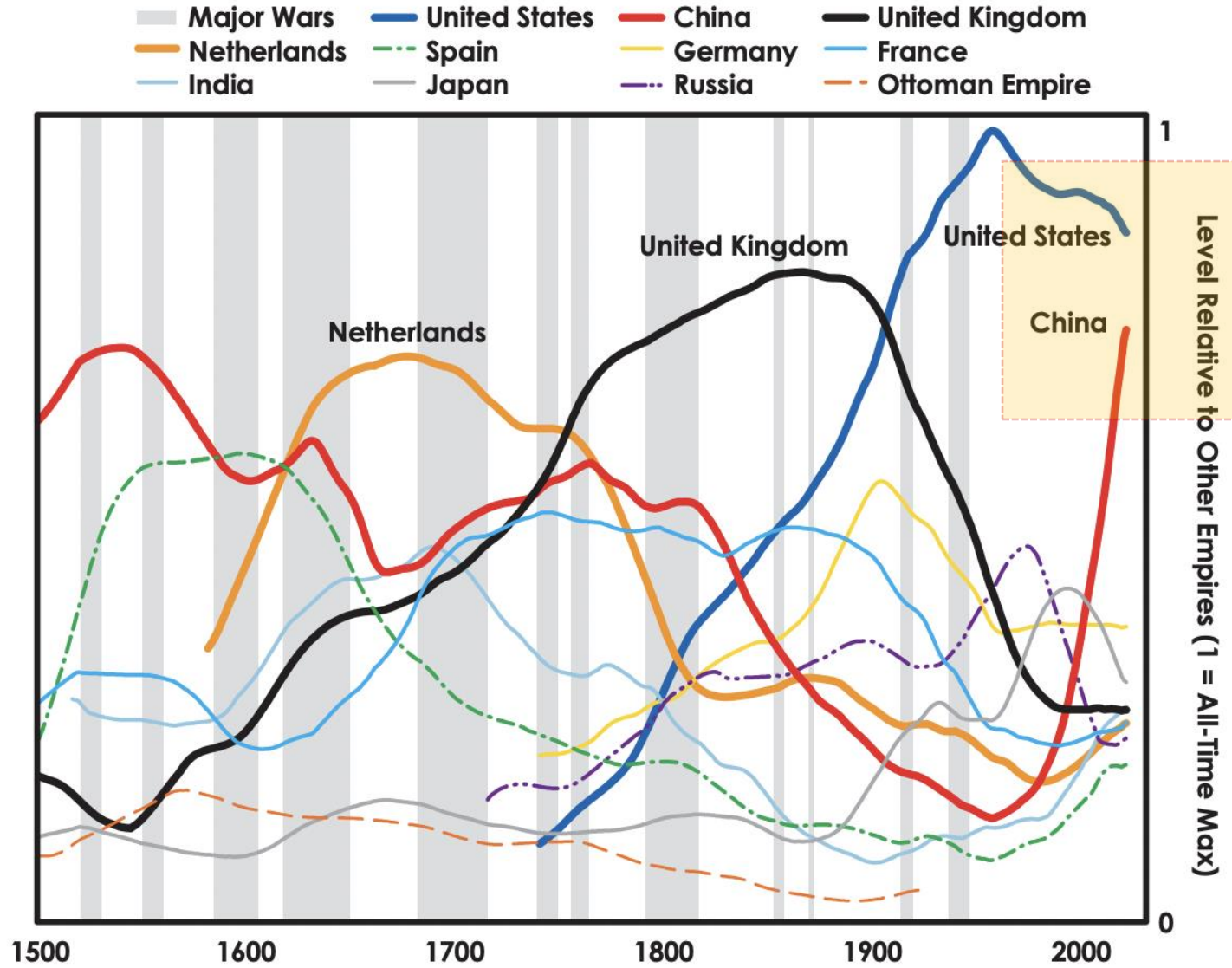
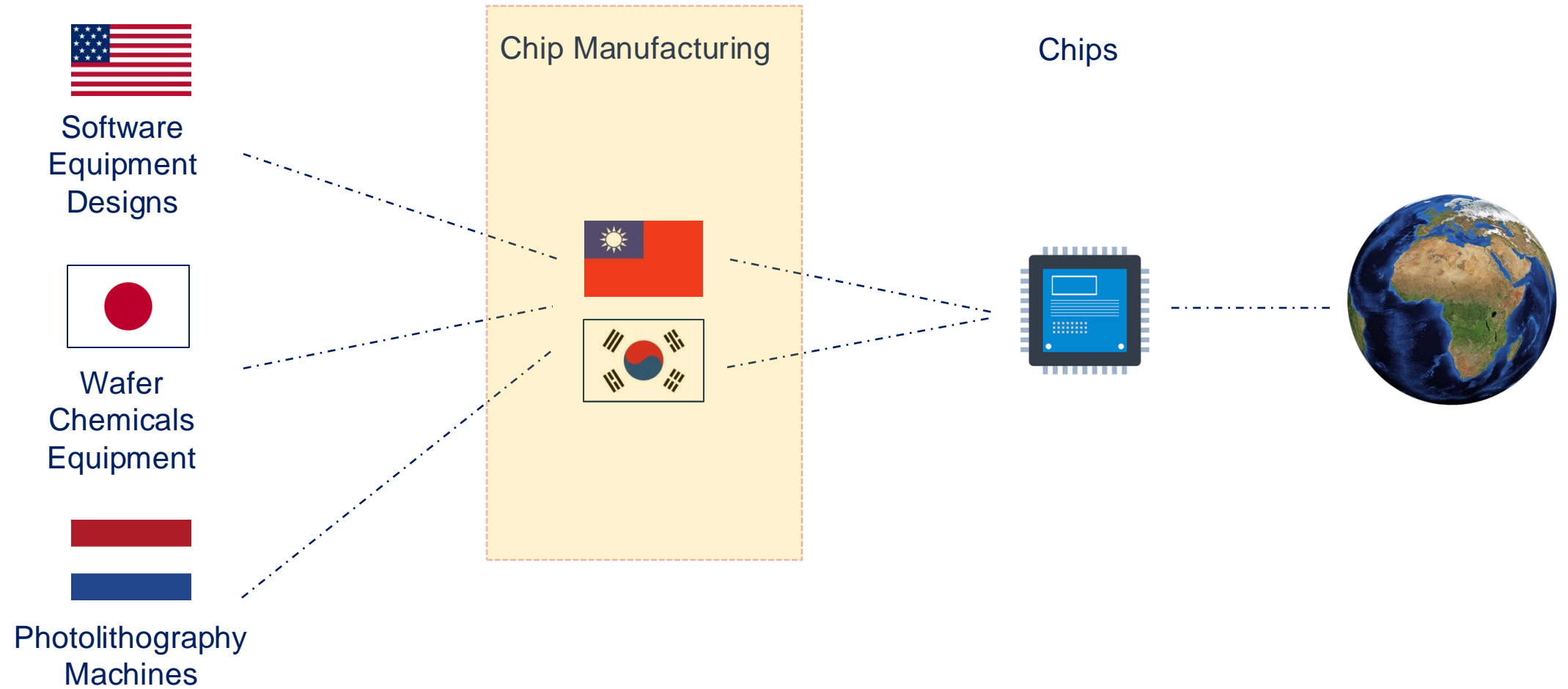
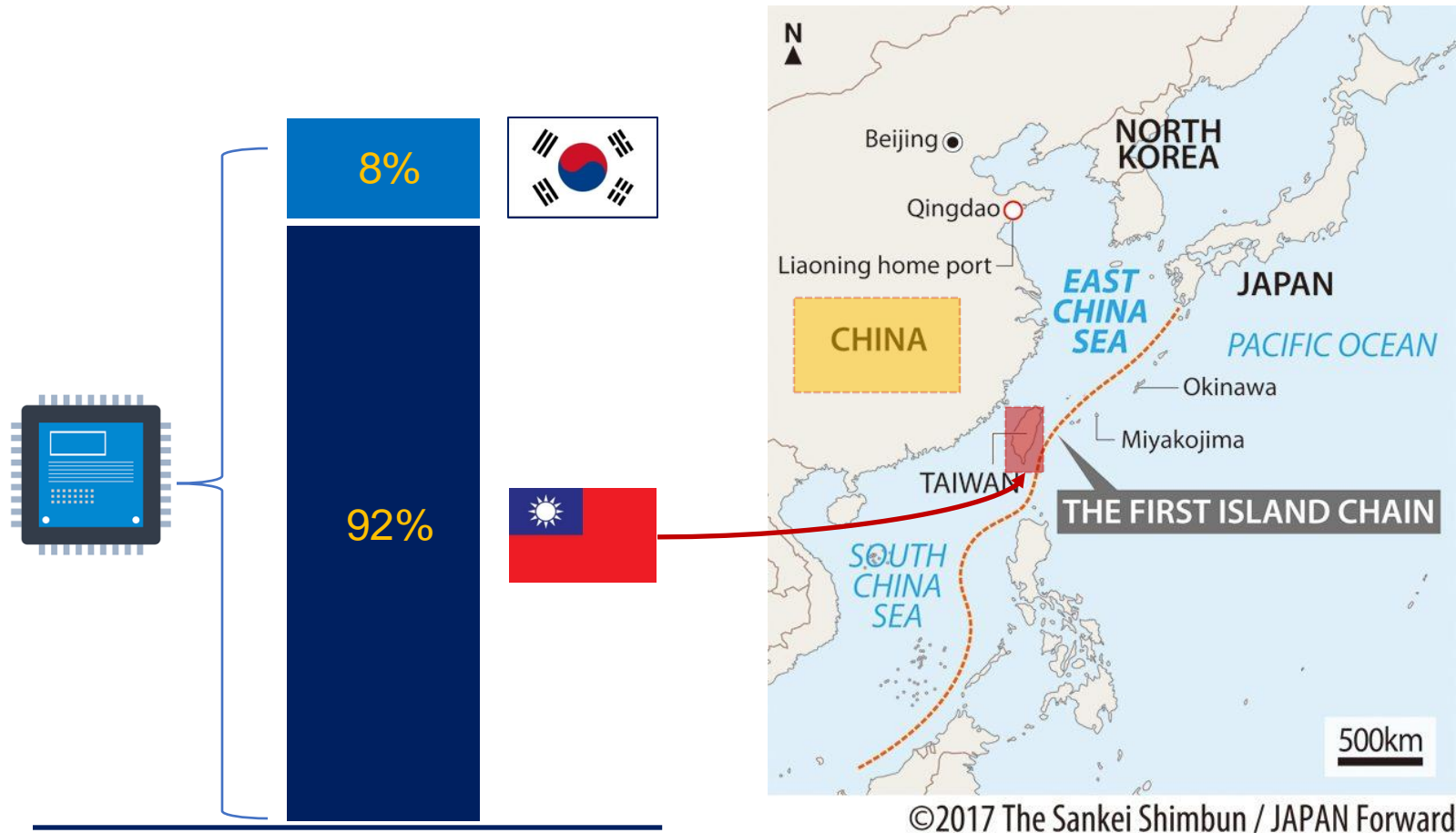


Chart Source: *Changing the world order*, Ray Dalio, 2021

Simplified Chip Supply Chain



Making of Advanced Chips – Less than 10 nm



We are getting into new era of tension, distrust, and multi-sourcing!

Simplified Supply Chain – Disruptions

Demand disruption

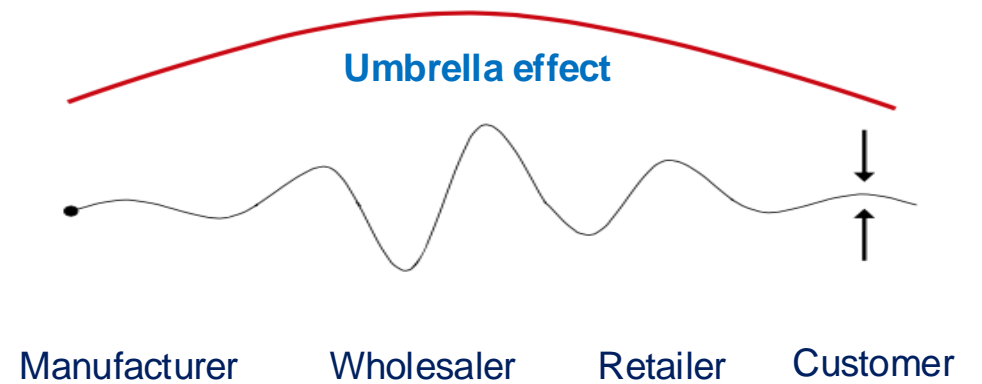
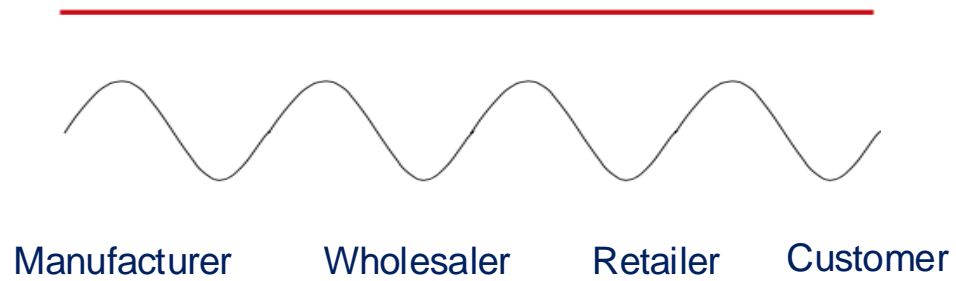
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Supply disruption

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Bullwhip Effect – Types



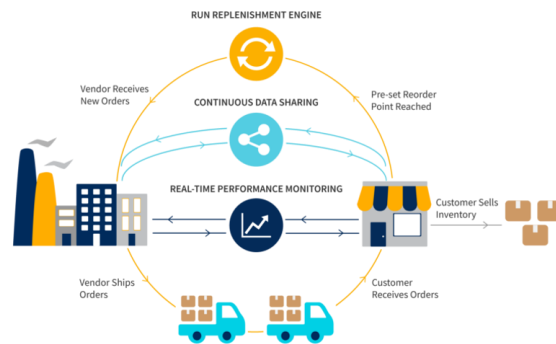
Bullwhip Effect – How to Tame it



Information sharing



Just in Time (JIT)



Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI)



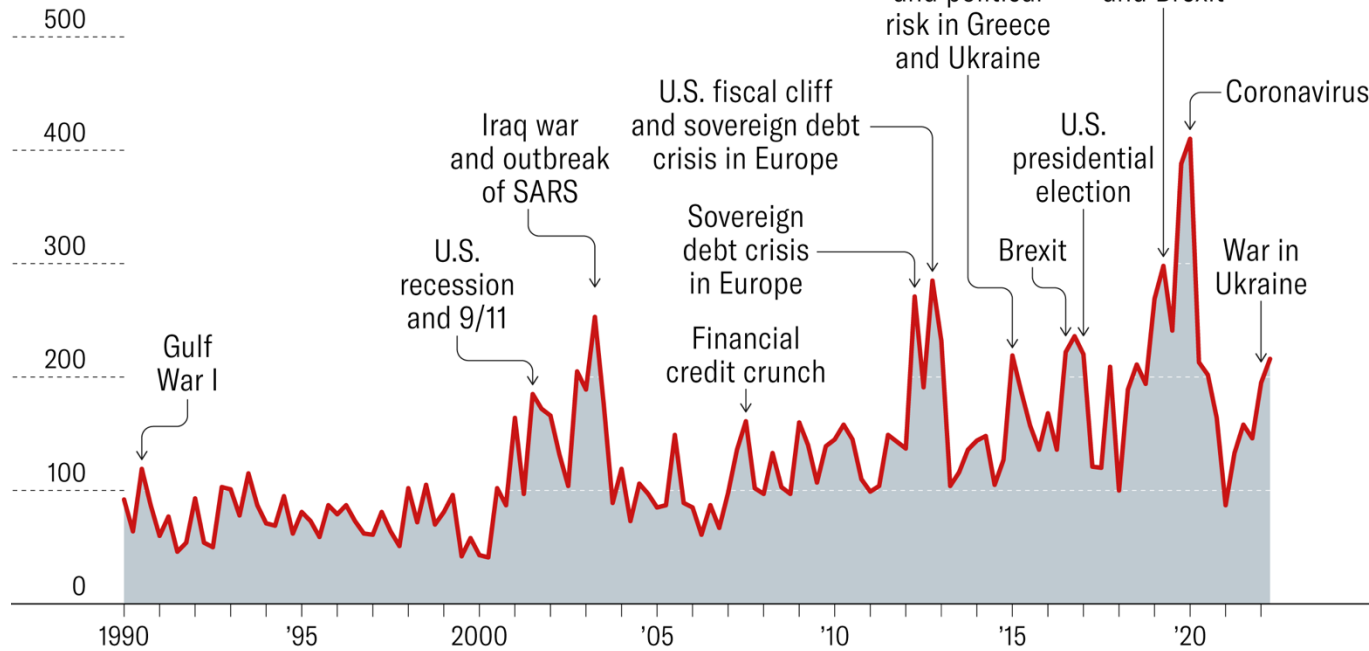
Avoiding price games

Case 4: Tariffs

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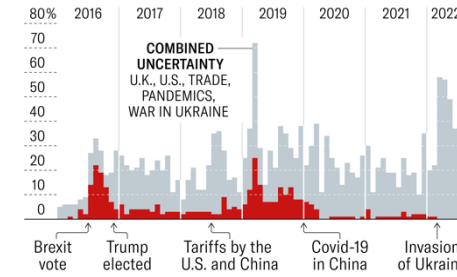
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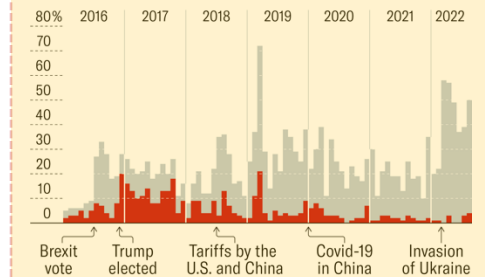
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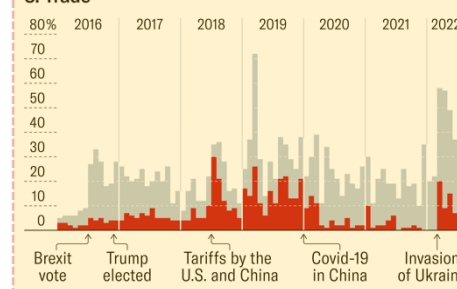
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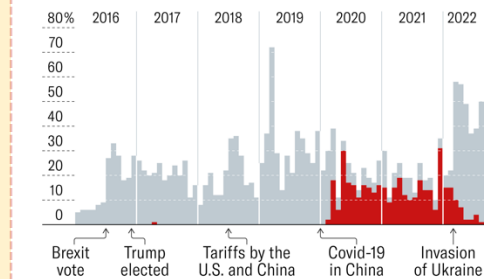
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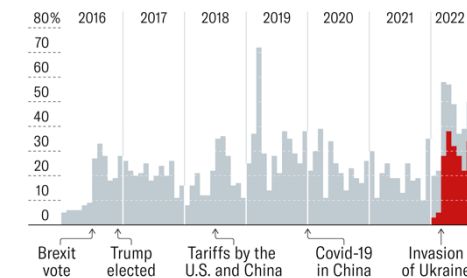
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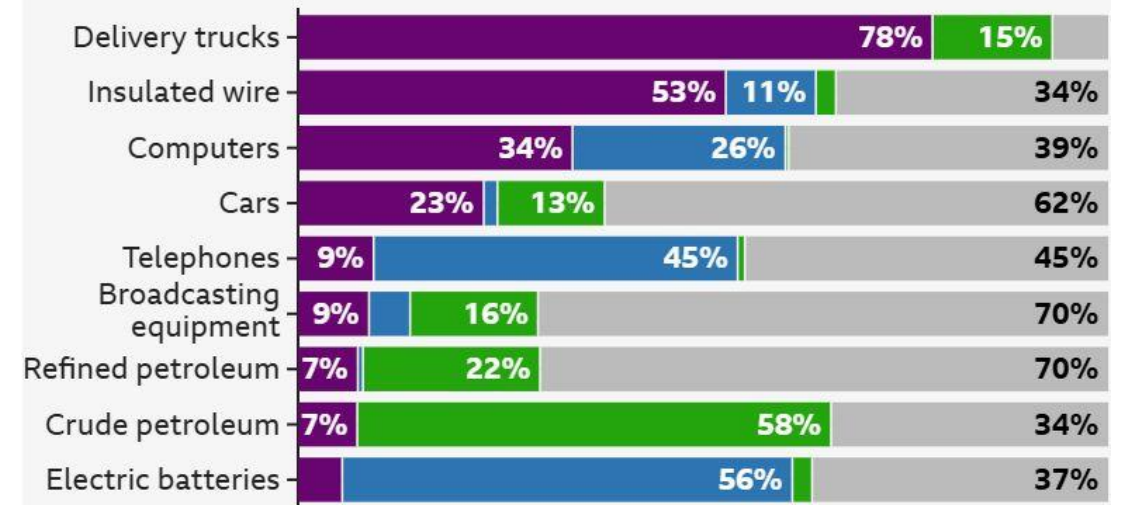
US politics & policy

Trump warns tariffs will cause 'a little disturbance' in defiant speech

Trump's tariffs: Which products will be affected?

Key items imported to the US from Mexico, China and Canada in 2024

■ Mexico ■ China ■ Canada ■ Others



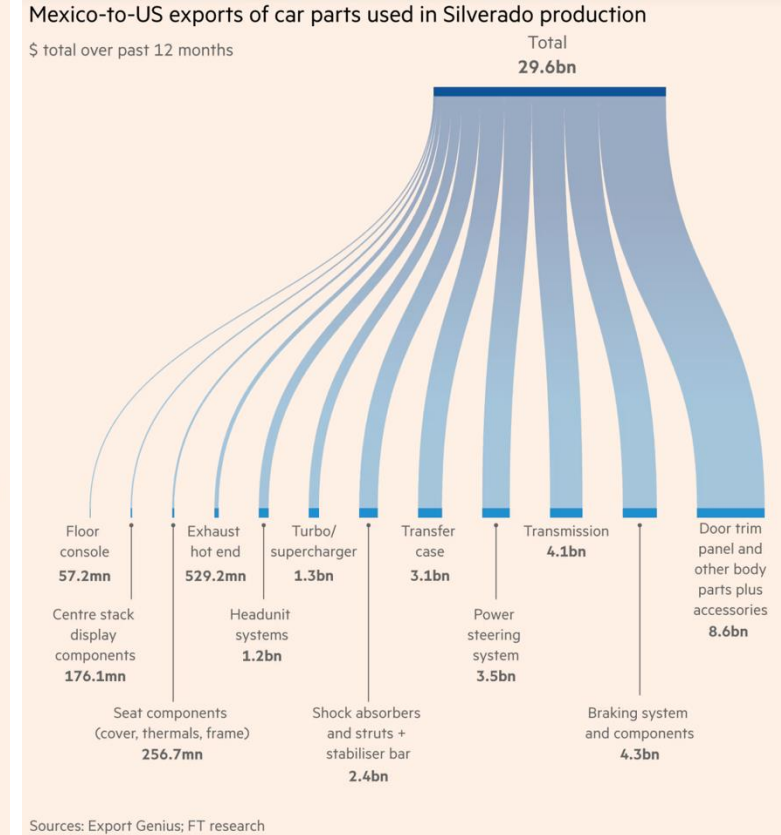
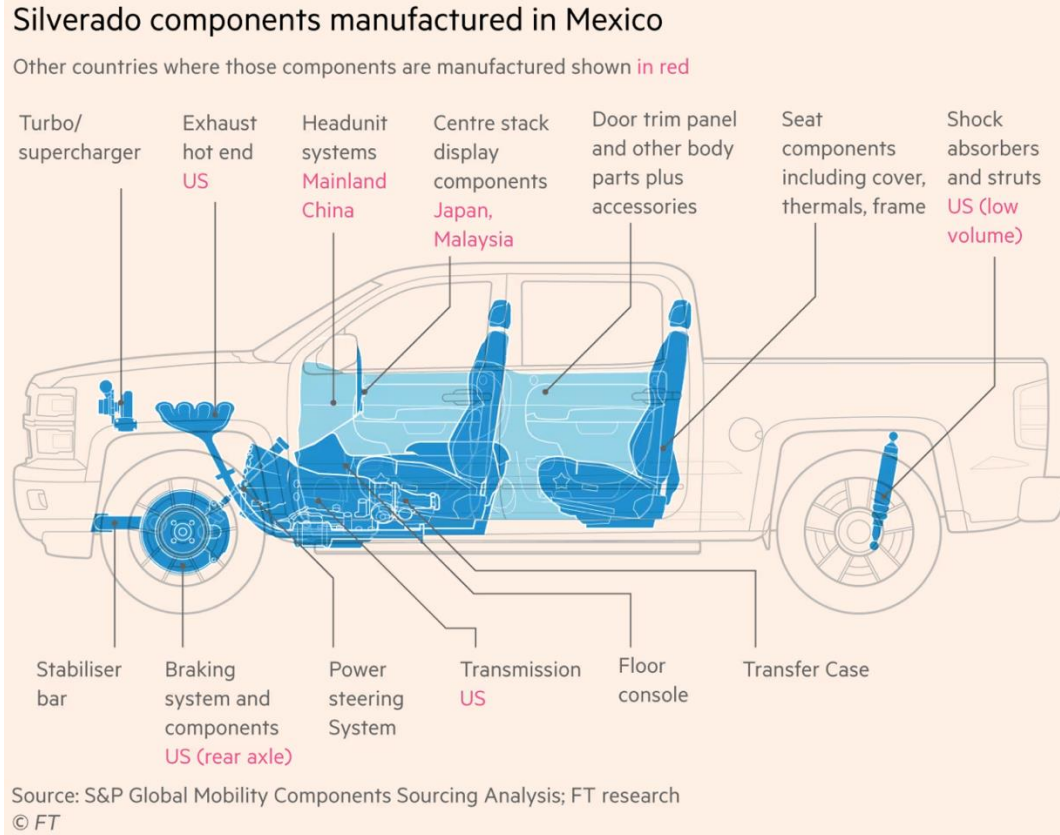
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How Donald Trump's Tariffs Threaten an Iconic US Pick-up Truck



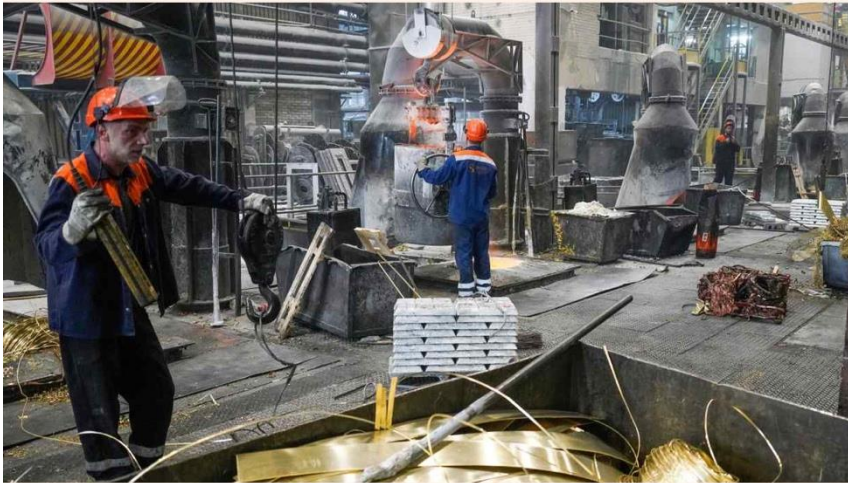
The Chevrolet Silverado remains one of America's most popular pick-up trucks © <https://www.chevrolet.com/trucks/silverado/1500>



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Copper smelting industry reels from threat of tariffs and China rivals

Fees charged to transform ore have fallen to all-time lows as Glencore halts operations at Philippines plant



Global copper smelters are struggling to compete with rivals in China, which have rapidly built facilities and control about half of smelting capacity worldwide © Oliver Bunic/Bloomberg

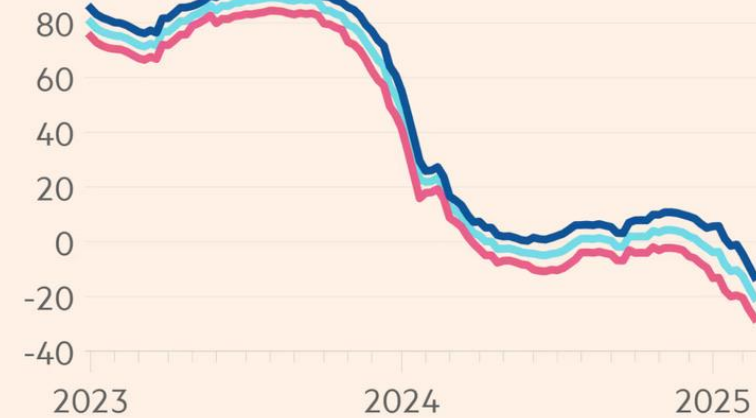
Camilla Hodgson in London 3 HOURS AGO



Copper processing fees have fallen to all-time lows

Spot market price (\$/tonne)

— Smelter price — Trader price
— Combined index price



Copper concentrates treatment charge index. Smelter and trader buying prices and midpoint index
Source: Fastmarkets

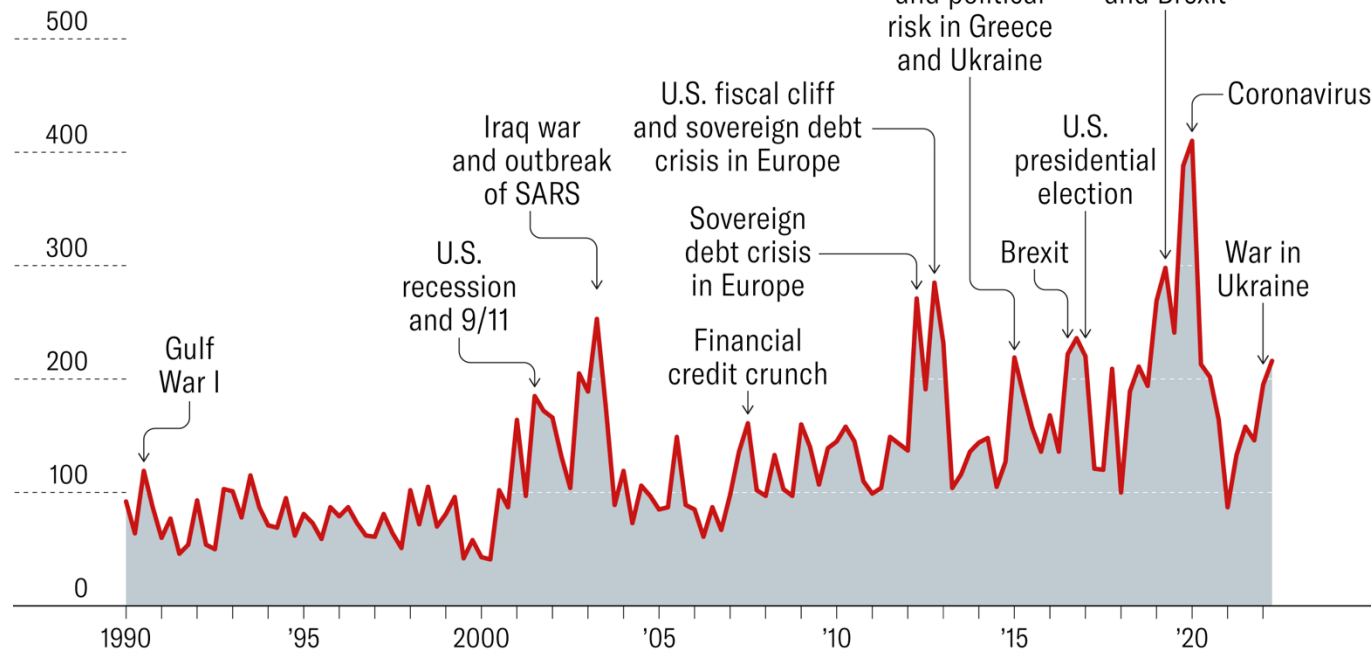
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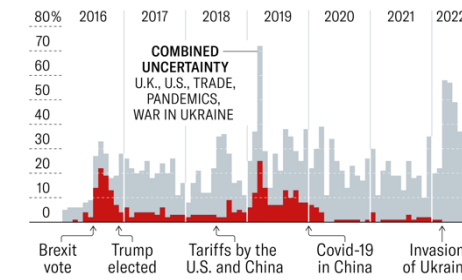
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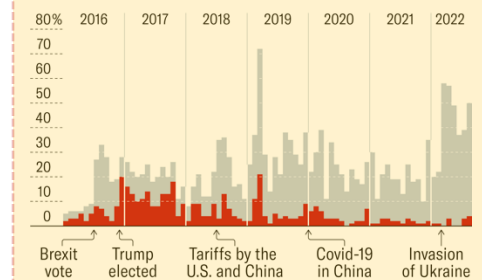
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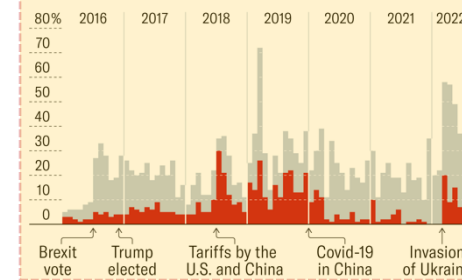
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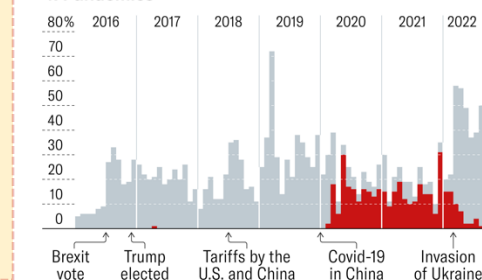
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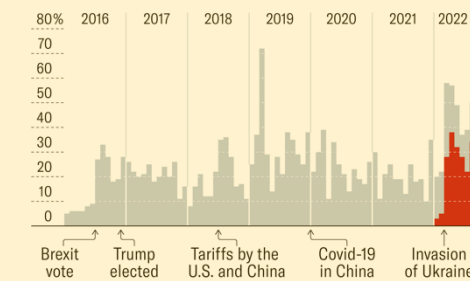
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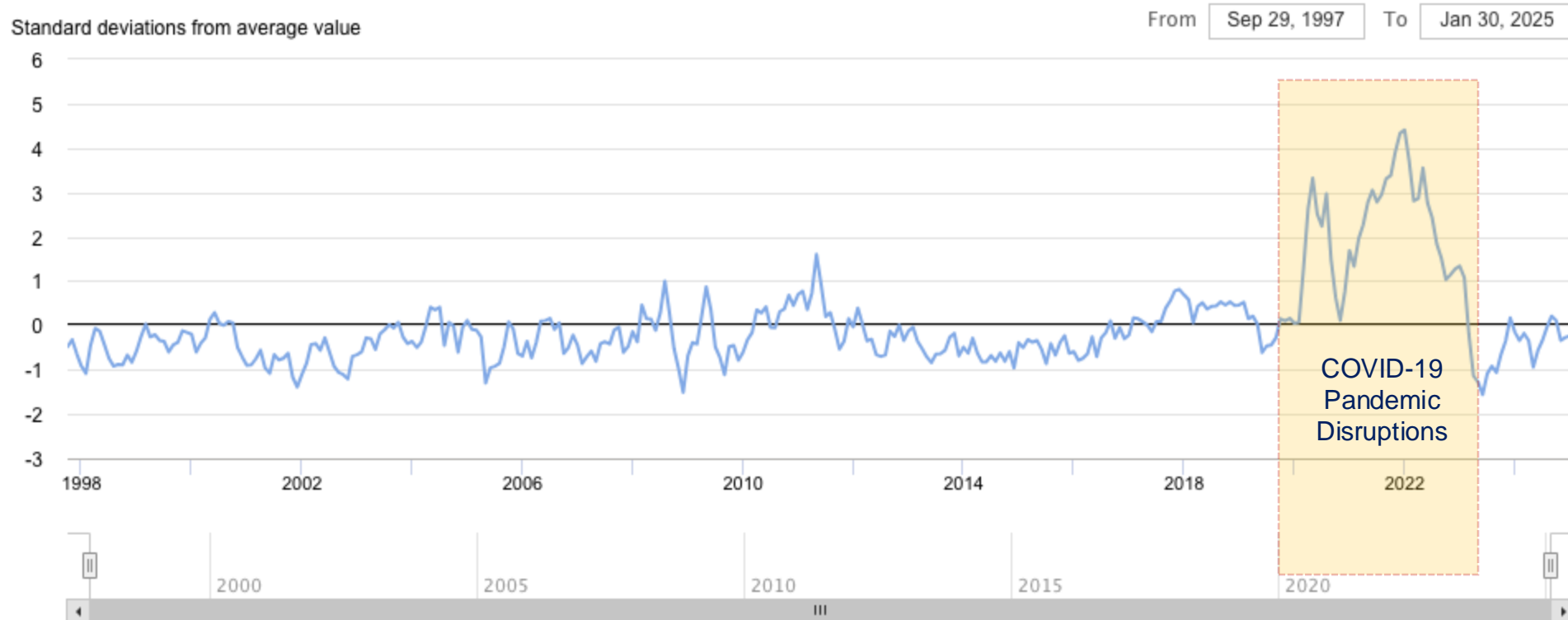


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Global Supply Chain Pressure Index (GSCPI)

Latest Update January 2025

Enter a date range to see monthly estimates or use the slider below to view a specific date range.



Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Harper Petersen Holding GmbH; Baltic Exchange; IHS Markit; Institute for Supply Management; Haver Analytics; Refinitiv; authors' calculations.

Chart Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2025 (<https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/policy/gscpi#/overview>)

Sustainable Products & Supply Chains (ME-203)

Rethinking Supply Chain for Greater Efficiency, Resilience, Sustainability

Amin Kaboli

Week 3 – Session 3 – March 06th, 2025

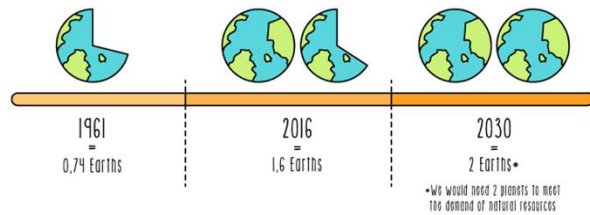


Efficiency

Using the least number of inputs to achieve the highest amount of output.

Environmental Impact of Products & Supply Chains

60%



of earth's resources that it can regenerate every year; meaning we are using about 1.6 earths yearly.

Source:  **WWF**
World Wildlife Fund

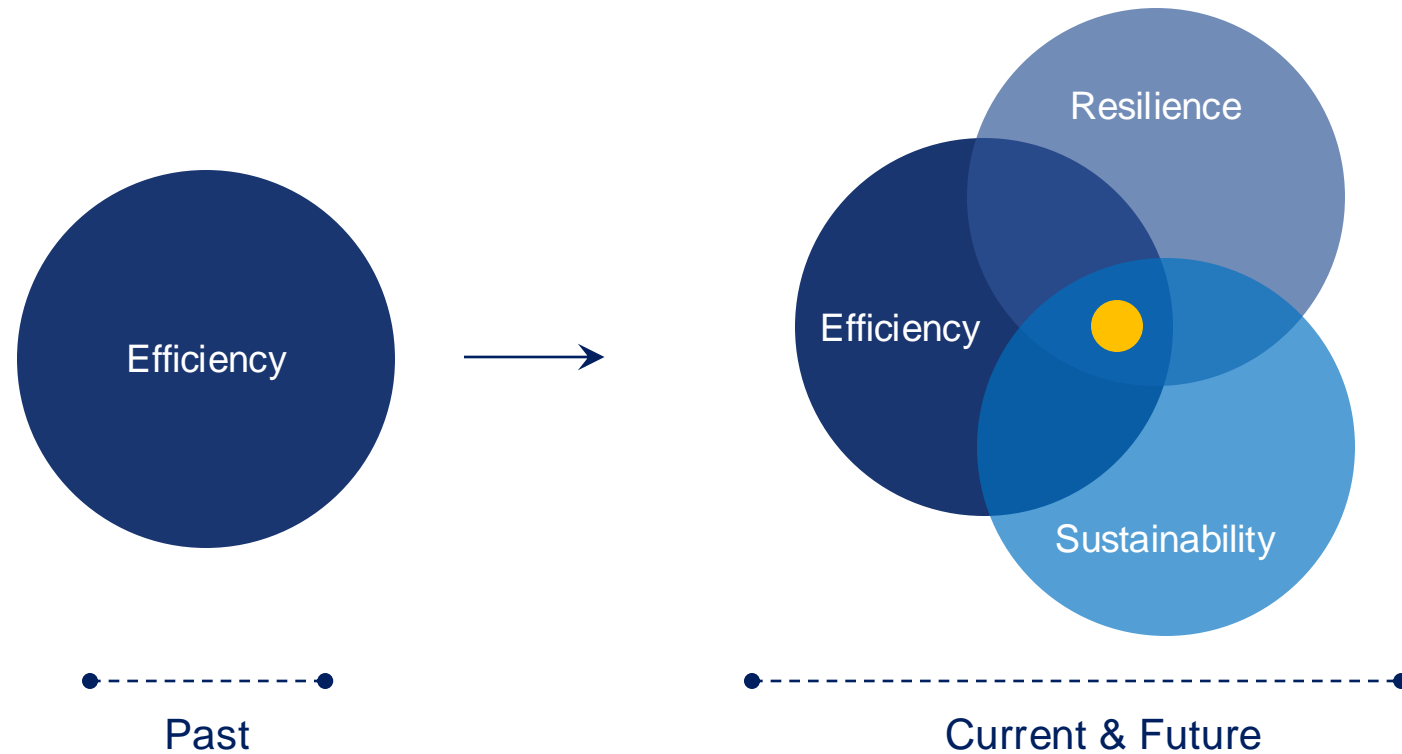
2 Billion tons



Solid waste yearly produced in the world and it is expected to grow to 3.4 billion tons by 2050. About one-third of that waste is not managed properly!

Source:  THE WORLD BANK

Supply Chain Challenges – Past, Present, Future





Resilience

The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties.



Sustainability

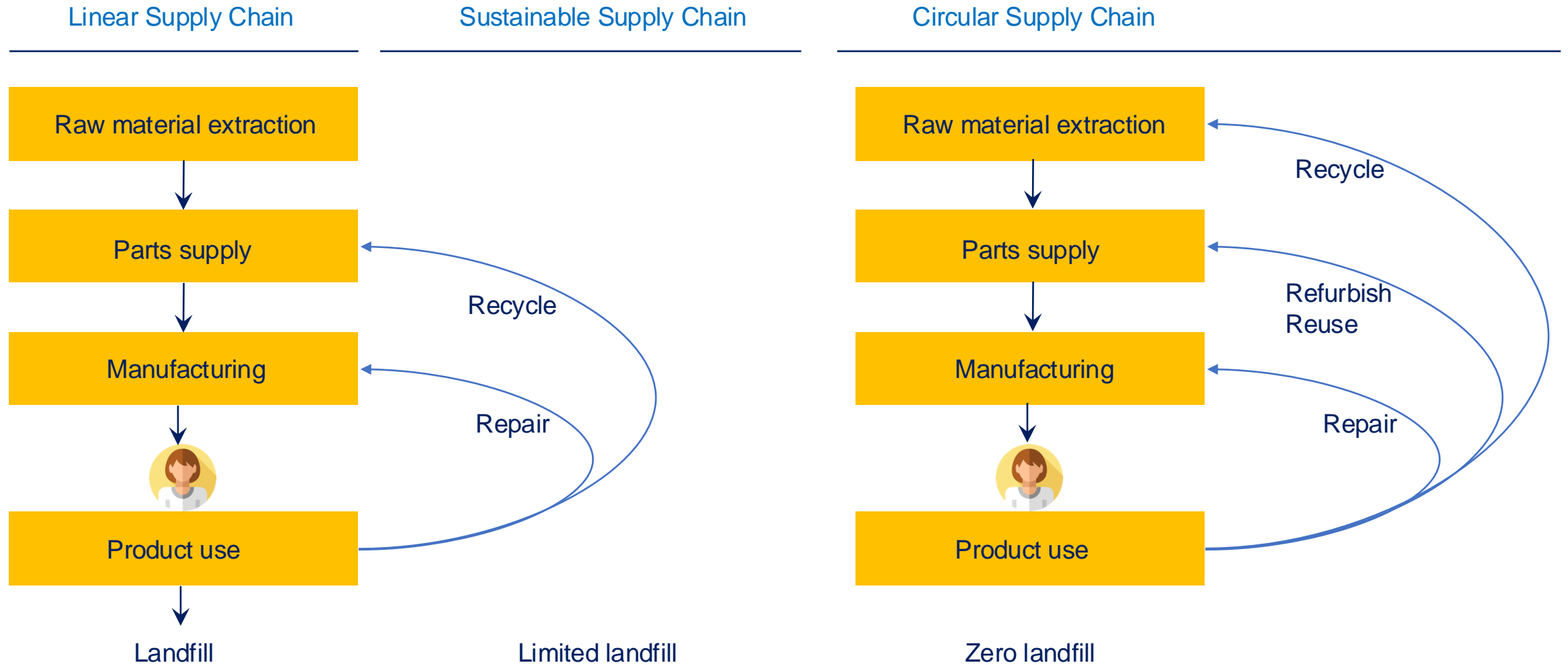
Meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brundtland Report, 1987). Main dimensions: environmental, social, and economic.

Note: **sustainability** is the goal—a state of balance while **sustainable development** is the process—the actions taken to achieve sustainability.

How can supply chains be **redesigned** to enhance efficiency, resilience, and sustainability?



From Linear, Sustainable, Circular Supply Chains

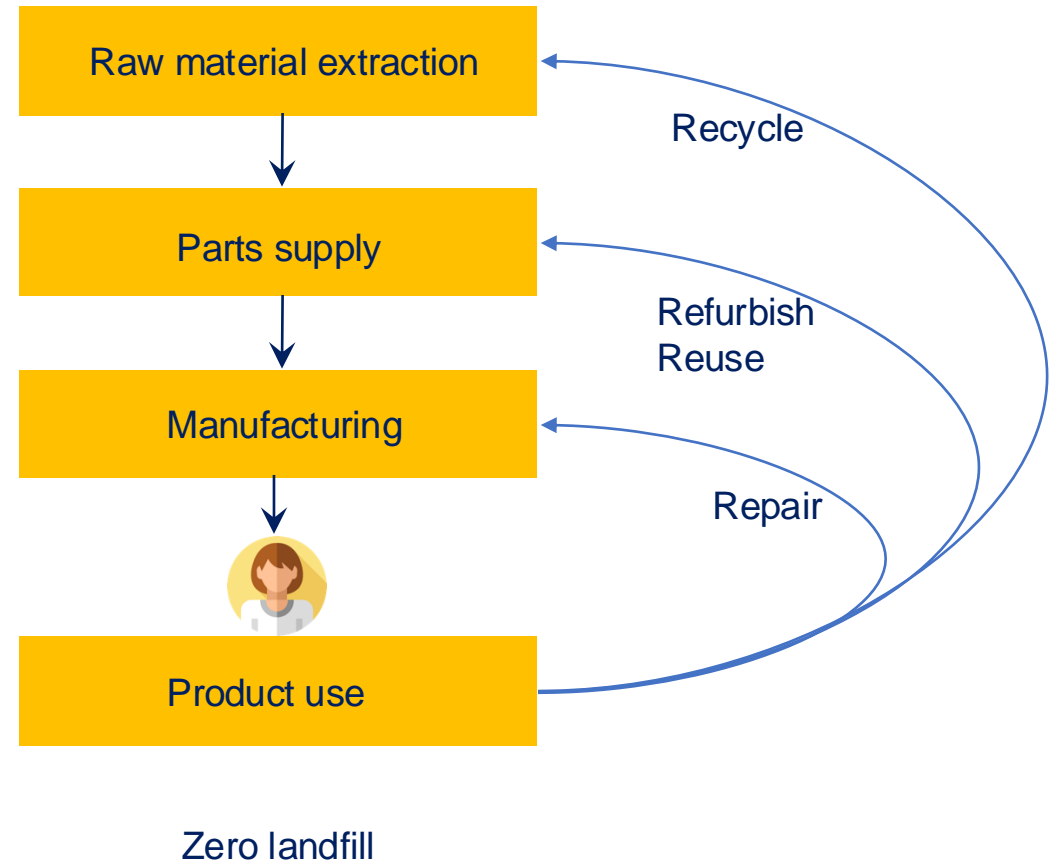


Circular Supply Chains

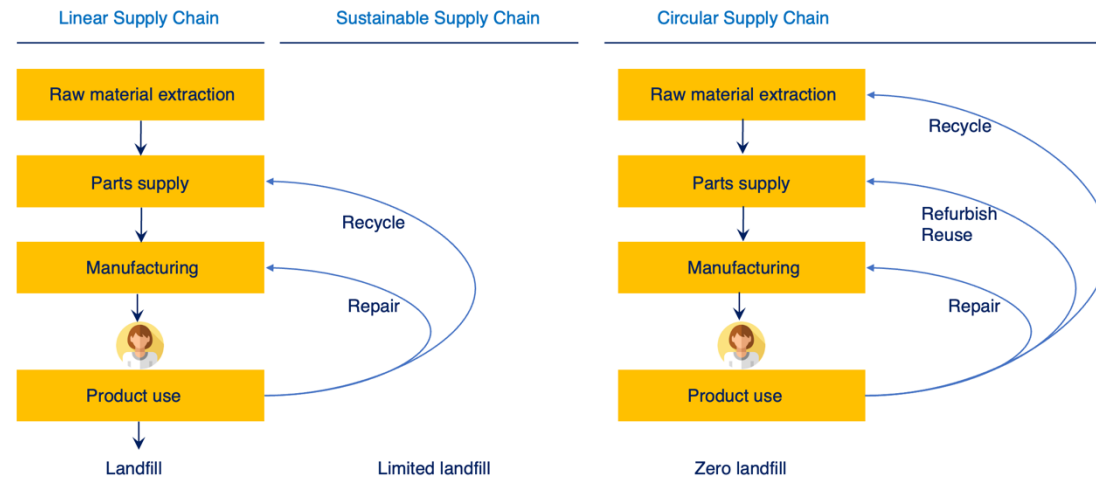
Circular supply chain management is the integration of **circular thinking** into the management of the supply chain and its surrounding industrial and natural ecosystems.

It systematically **restores** technical materials and **regenerates** biological materials toward a zero-waste vision through system-wide innovation in business models and supply chain functions from product/service design to end-of-life and waste management , involving all stakeholders in a product/service lifecycle including parts/product manufacturers, service providers, consumers, and users.

Source: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959652619314003>



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Clothing & Personal Equipment – Dutch Army (KPU)



DUTCH CIRCULAR INGENUITY

While there are almost endless possibilities for circular efficiencies for Member States' militaries, some are more obvious than others. One surprising source is soldiers' clothing and personnel items, as shown by the Dutch Defence Ministry.

Traditionally, any used workwear and gear would be incinerated to prevent misuse, which meant everything had to be entirely replaced. It was also expensive, costing the MoD €500 000 per year to destroy materials that still had re-use value in them. In 2017, the government's central procurement entity for clothing and personnel equipment, known as KPU, began applying circular principles to its purchases of uniforms, helmets, specialised gear, and other personnel equipment for the 60,000 personnel across the country's navy, army, air force, and military police. The goal was to extract re-useable materials, extend all the items' service life, and thus reduce waste.

KPU's textile recovery effort now generates additional annual revenues of €750,000 for the Ministry, while saving 14,500 tonnes of CO2 each year – a sterling example of smart procurement via closed-loop recycling.

Source: <https://eda.europa.eu/webzine/issue20/in-the-field/advancing-circular-economy-in-defence>

Strategies

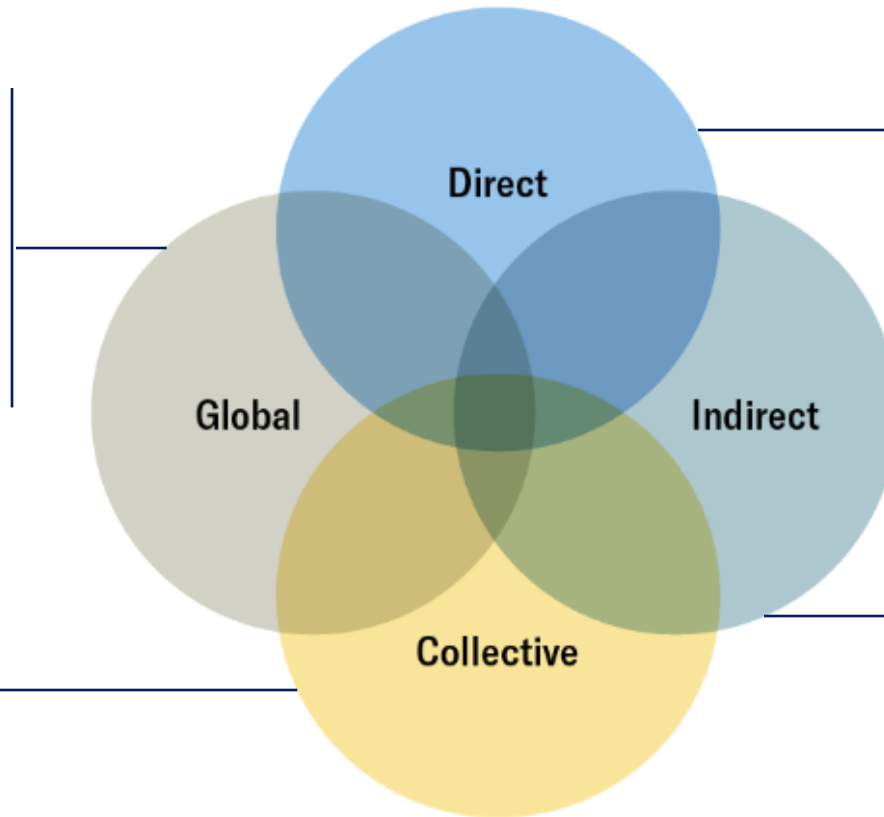
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Establishing Long-term Sustainability Goals & Including Lower-tier Suppliers

Managing Lower-Tier Supplier Sustainability

- Work closely with relevant NGOs and international institutions interested in improving supply chain sustainability.
- Use tools and data that those organizations provide for dealing with suppliers (contracts and scorecards).
- Recognize suppliers that excel in programs sponsored by NGOs and international institutions.

- Commit to developing and complying with industrywide sustainability standards, and help suppliers become full members of industry organizations.
- Via industry organizations, share resources with competitors and major suppliers to achieve sustainability goals.
- Encourage first- and lower-tier suppliers to take advantage of sustainability training programs offered by industry organizations.



- Evaluate first-tier suppliers by using sustainability performance indicators that capture their requirements for lower-tier suppliers.
- Survey suppliers on their environmental, health, safety, and labor practices and on their procurement practices.
- Work with major first-tier suppliers to map the firm's supply network.

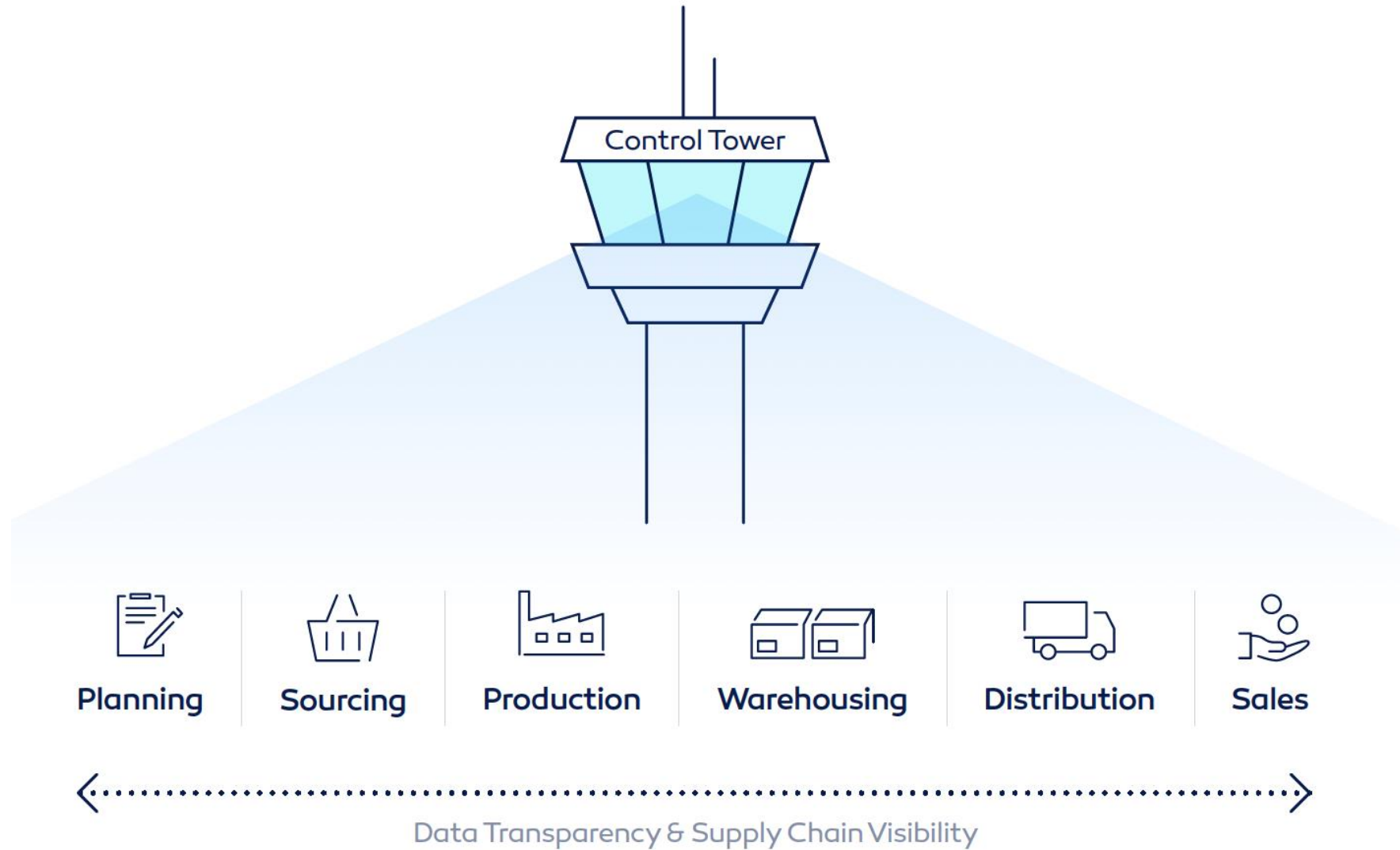
- Provide training and foster peer learning among first-tier suppliers to help them improve their procurement practices with lower-tier suppliers.
- Select high-performing suppliers to pilot new sustainability initiatives.
- Reward suppliers for cascading sustainability requirements to lower-tier suppliers.

From: "A More Sustainable Supply Chain," by Verónica H. Villena and Dennis A. Gioia, March–April 2020



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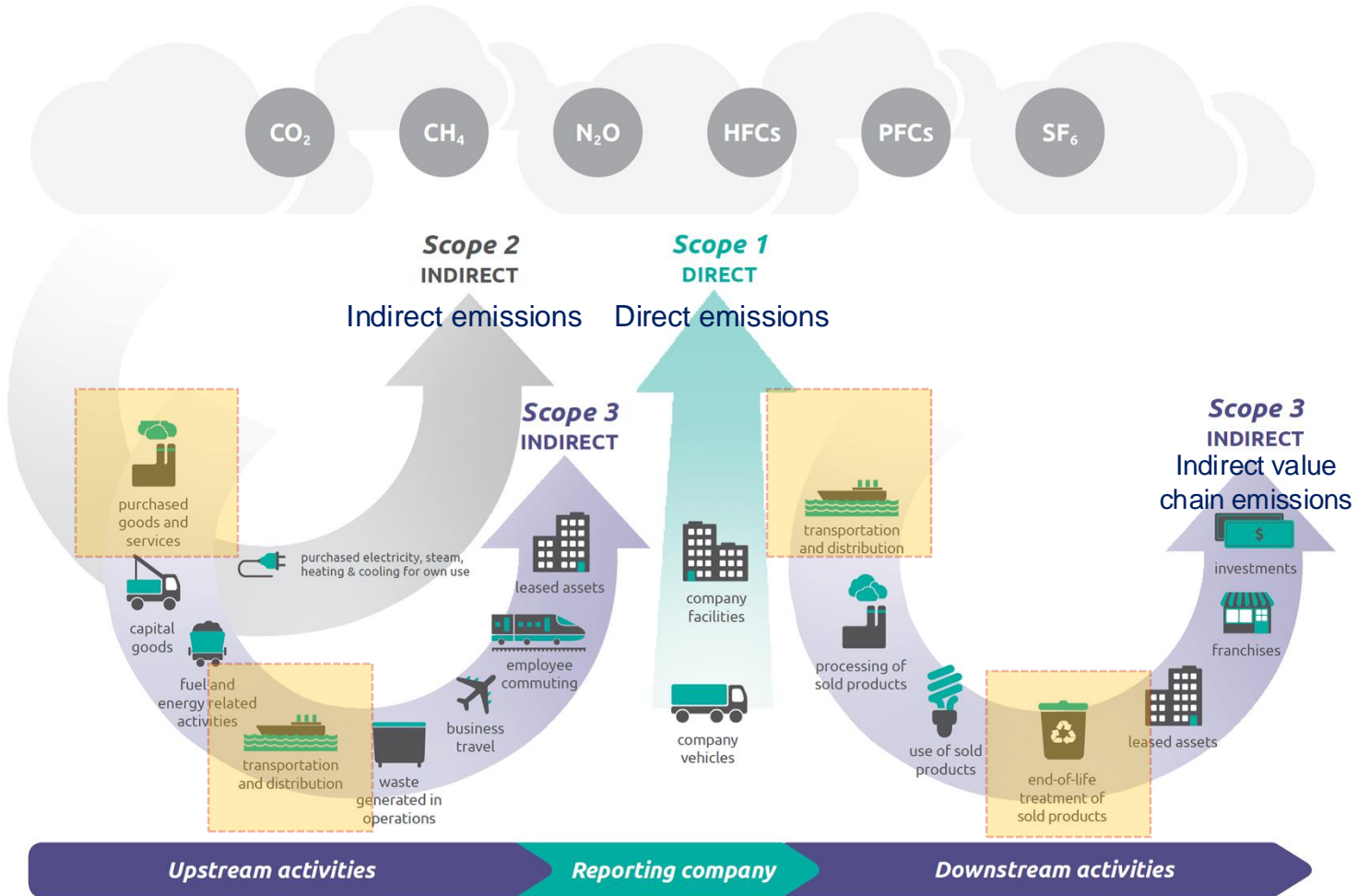
Supply Chain Network Visibility



3.

Near-shoring Friend-shoring

Near-shoring, Friend-shoring & Sustainability



 Where Supply Chain is directly involved in scope 3.

- Scope 3 emissions represent **65-95%** of a company's carbon footprint, originating indirectly from vast networks like extensive **supply chains**.
- Addressing these emissions is complex due to **data availability, accessibility, and evolving regulations**, but it's crucial for both environmental and regulatory reasons.

Graphic Source: [WRI/WBCSD Corporate Value Chain \(Scope 3\) Accounting and Reporting Standard \(pdf\)](#)[EXITEXIT EPA WEBSITE](#), page 5

Near-shoring, Friend-shoring

Near-shoring



a close relocation and refers to the practice of relocating business operations to a nearby country.

Friend-shoring



the act of manufacturing and sourcing from countries that are geopolitical allies, such as members of the same trade bloc or military alliance.

Near-shoring, Friend-shoring Decision

Product category (Geopolitically impacted, Market driven)



Near-shoring, Friend-shoring – Examples

Apple expands iPhone production in India in shift away from China

New Delhi has been working to lure companies seeking to diversify supply chains



Companies are seeking to diversify their production outside of China as geopolitical tension between Beijing and Washington rises
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John Reed in New Delhi SEPTEMBER 26 2022



Focus: How global supply chains are falling out of fashion

By Elisa Anzolin and Silvia Aloisi

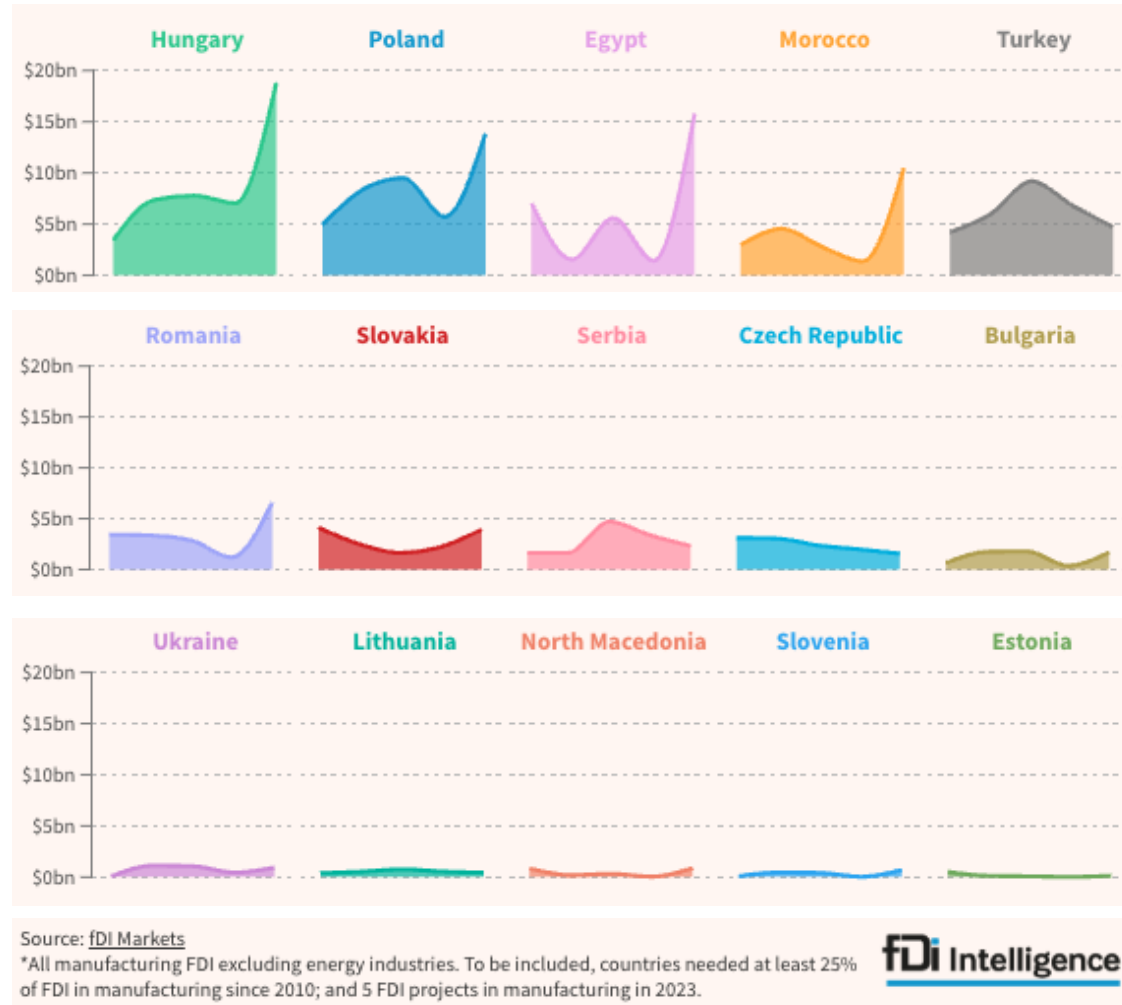
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[1/4] Posters offering special discount on Black Friday sales are seen in front of a United Colors of Benetton kid's fashion store, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, in Zurich, Switzerland November 27, 2020.

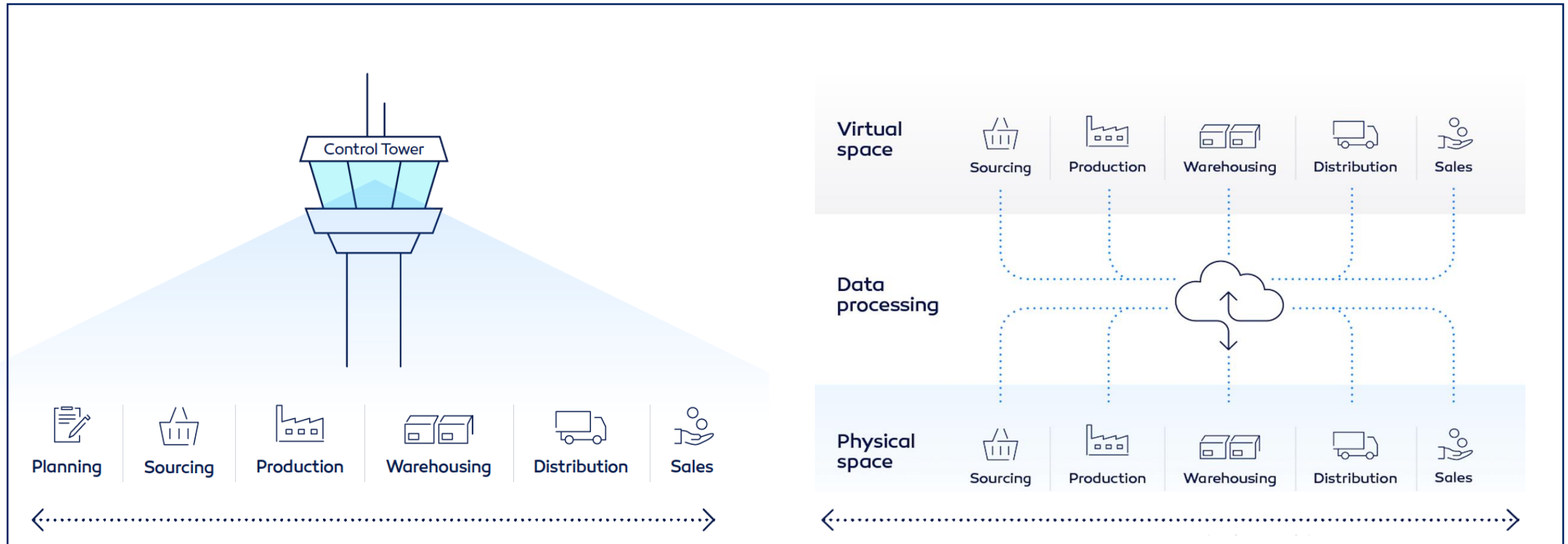


EU Near-shoring, Friend-shoring Locations & Investments – 2014 to 2023



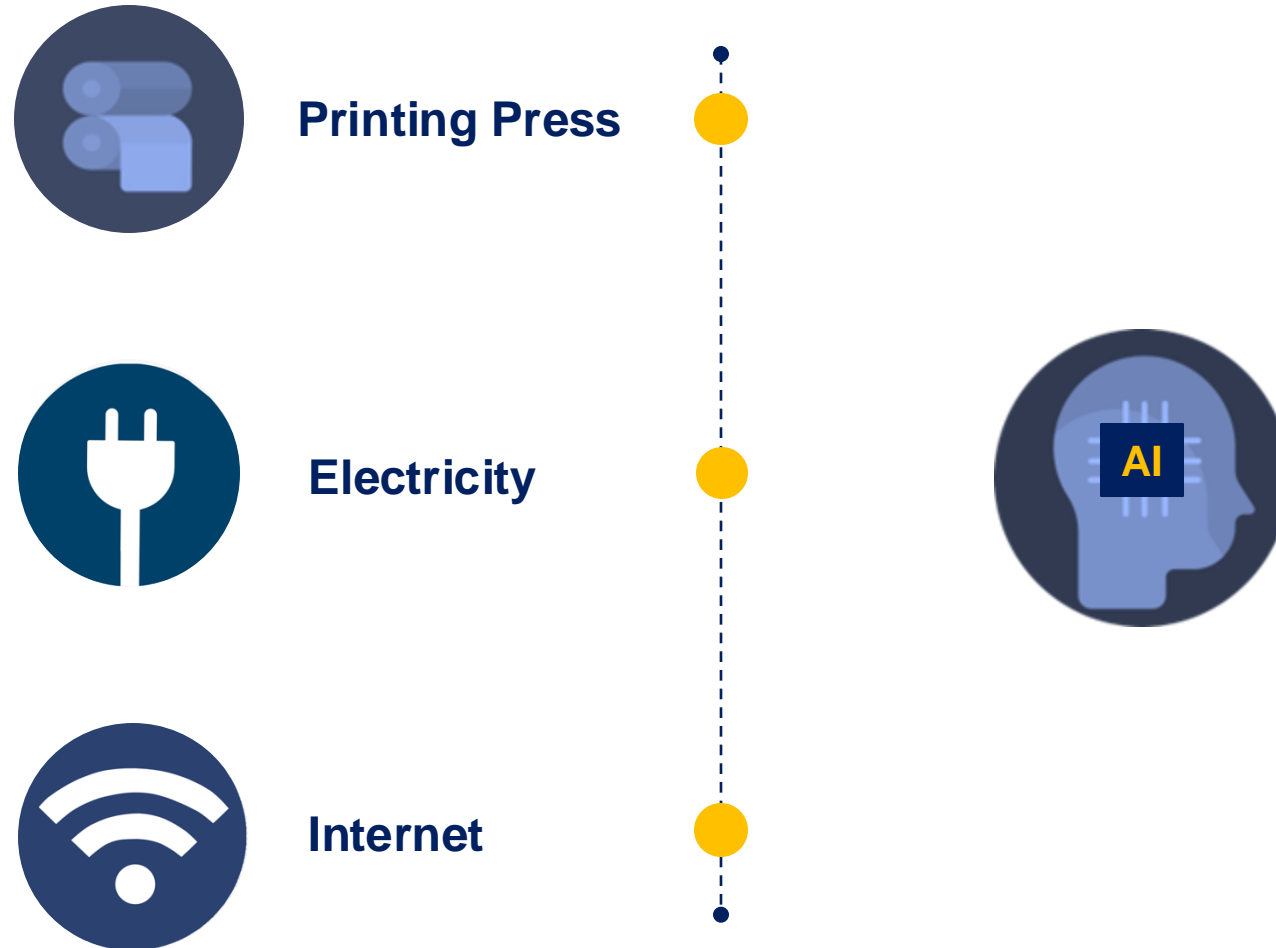
4. Using Tech & AI

AI Enhances End-2-End SC Visibility & Transparency

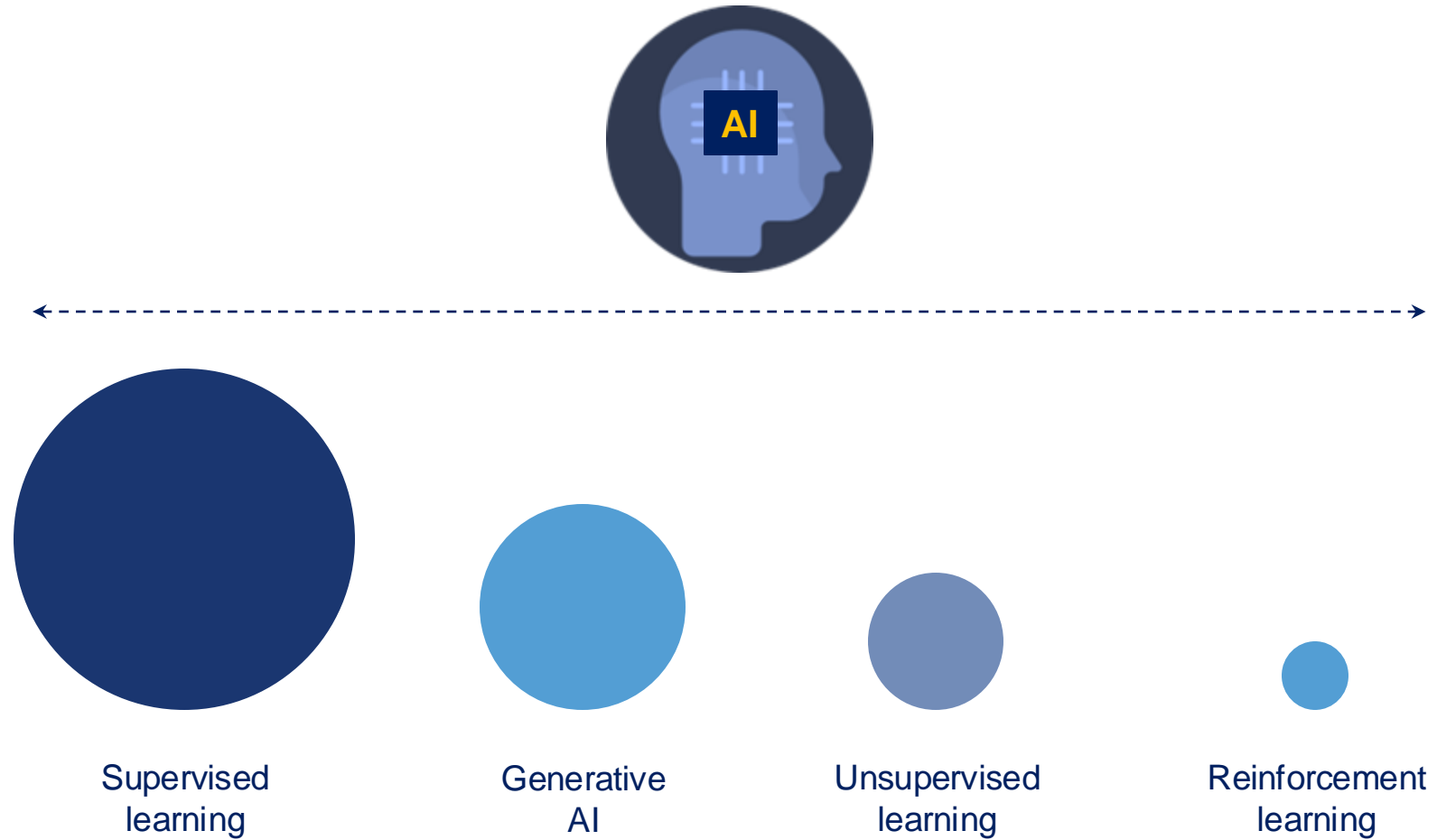


Examples: Tesla, Amazon, Haier

AI is a General-Purpose Technology



AI is a toolset

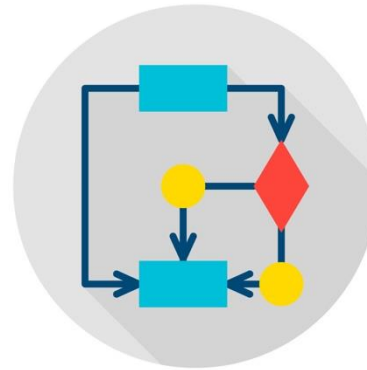


What's Driving AI Advances? – Synergies and Amplifying Effects



Data

Data from sensors in smartphones, industrial equipment, digital photos and videos, social media, ...



Algorithms

Such as deep supervised learning, reinforcement learning, their results improve as the amount of training data they are given increases ...



Hardware

GPU (Graphic Processing Units) used for neural nets

Its all about Speed & Scale!

AI Drives Changes at Three Levels



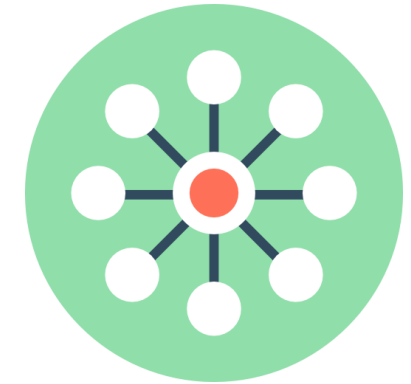
Task & Occupations

Example: Machine vision to identify potential cancer cells



Business Processes

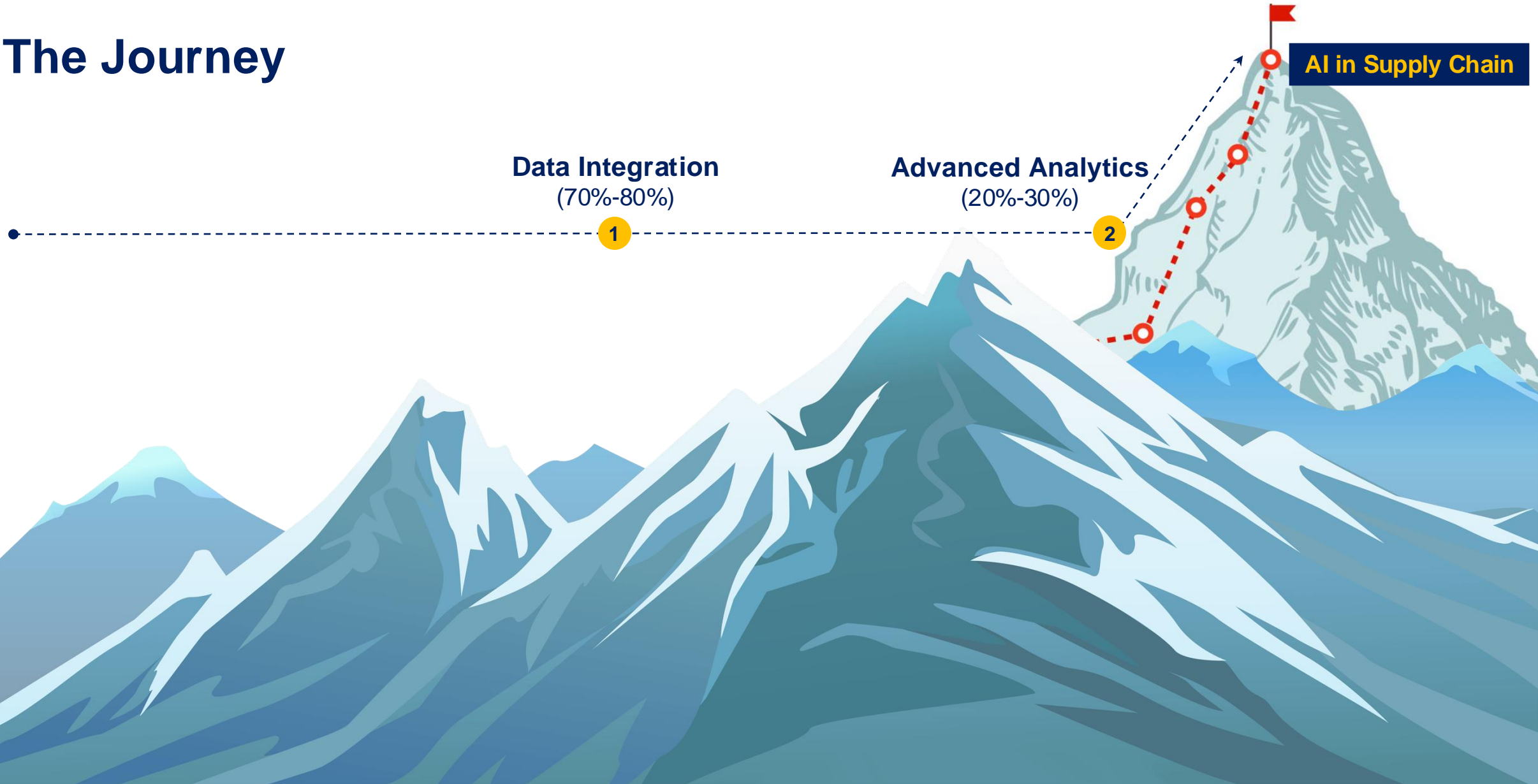
Example: Process redesign for supply chain network optimization and CO2 reduction



Business Models

Example: Experiencing music or movies personalized uniquely to your preferences

The Journey



Case Study

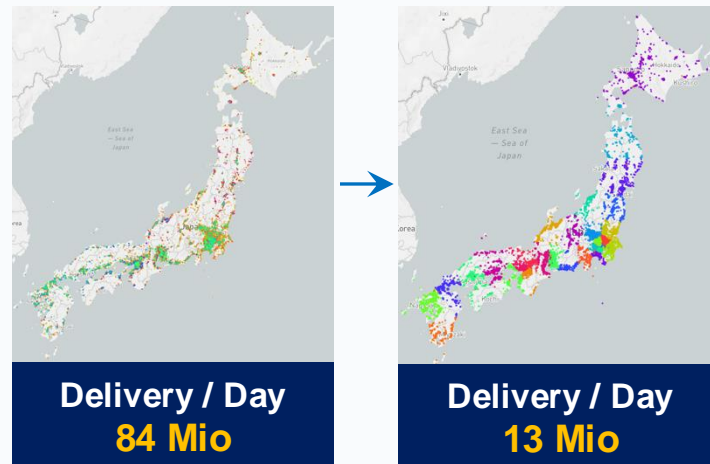
Problem



Acquisitions in Japan



Solution



Impact



1 Month (instead of estimated 9 Months)



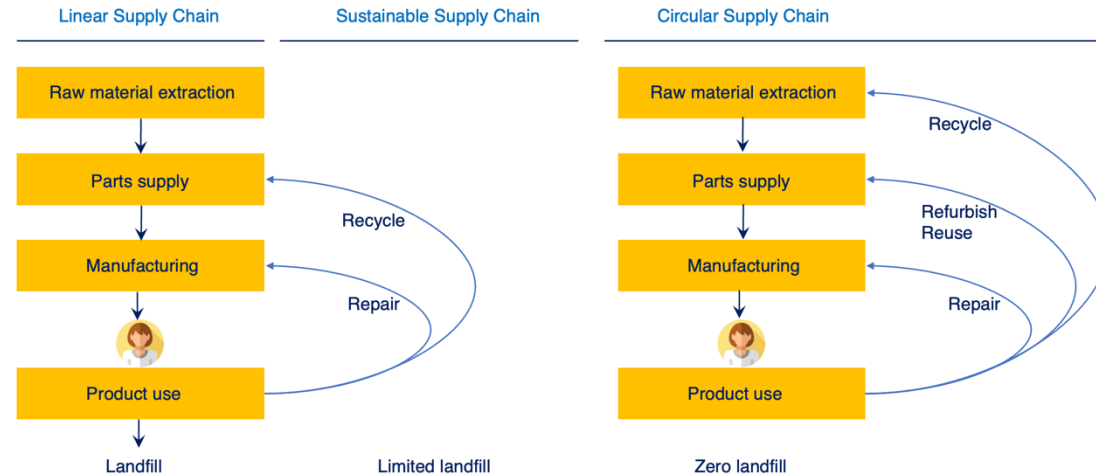
15% decrease in carbon footprint



20% cost saving (\$ 3 Mio)

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Assignment 2 – Evaluation of Current State of Your Products & Supply Chain

No.	Question
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2	Describe and visualize the Value Adding Network (VAN) of your company including material flow and information flow (use schematic provided in slides)
 3	How would you define your supply chain—linear, circular, or in transition ? Provide evidence to support your evaluation.