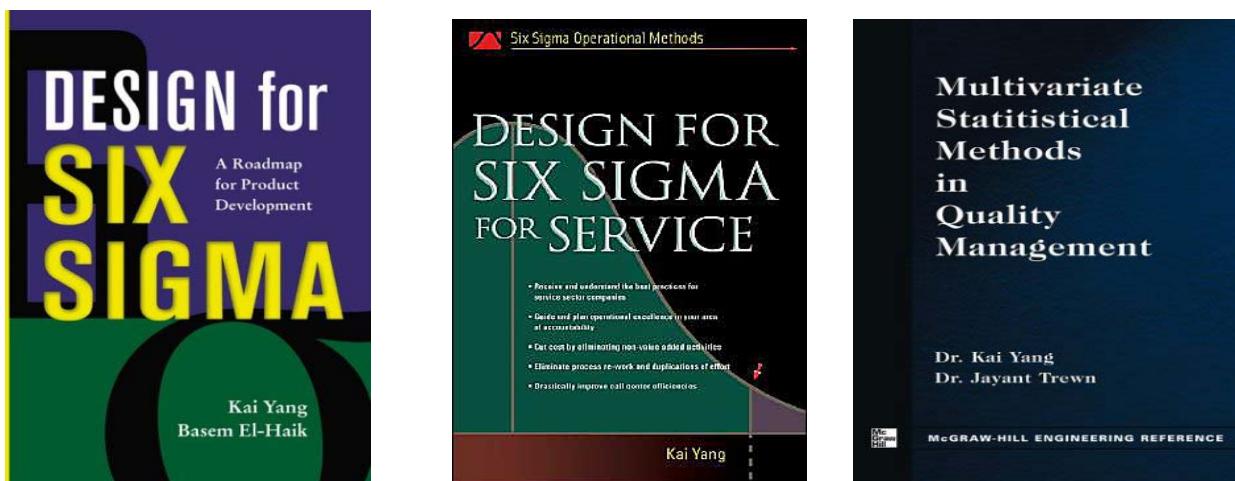


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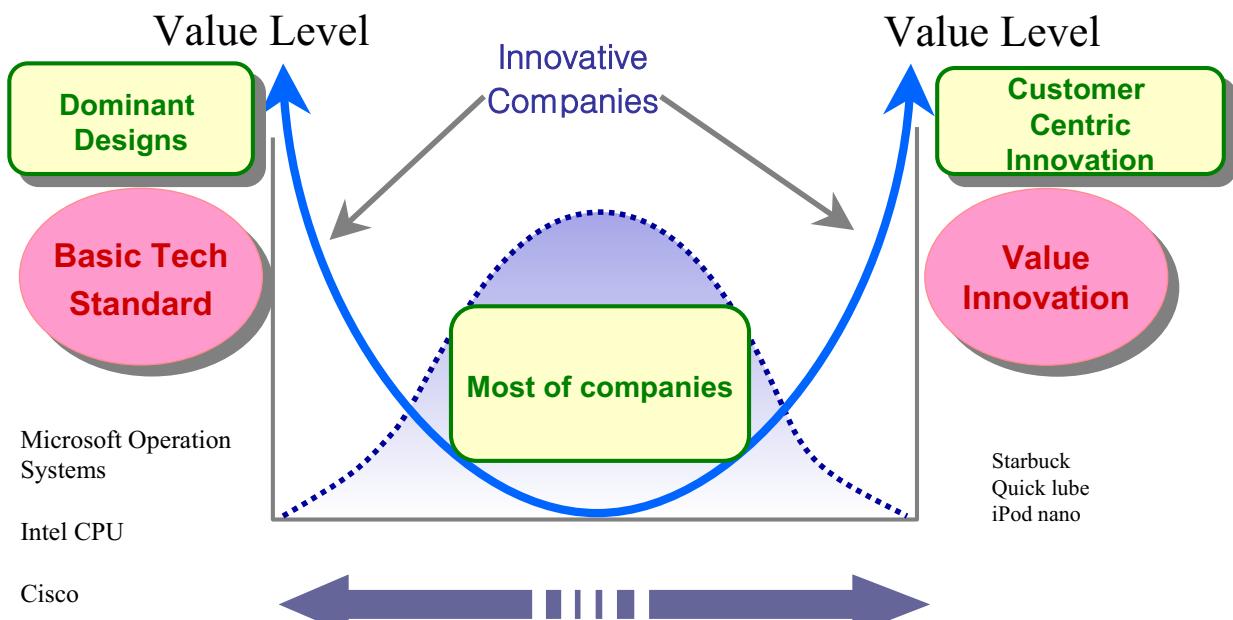
## Innovation and Value Creation

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**Success Factors for every company:**

**Profit = Revenue - Cost**

# Value Creation Map



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## Innovation Map

- **Type of Product Development**
  - Technology/Innovation Push
  - Customer/Market Pull
- **Creativity/Ideas generation: driver for technology push**
- **Customer centric innovation:**
  - Identify hidden unmet needs
  - Identify customer value
  - Make creative ideas to commercial success
  - Deliver better business processes
- **Make creative ideas/customer centric innovation into quality products**
  - Lean Product Development
  - Robust design
  - Product development Kaizan cycles

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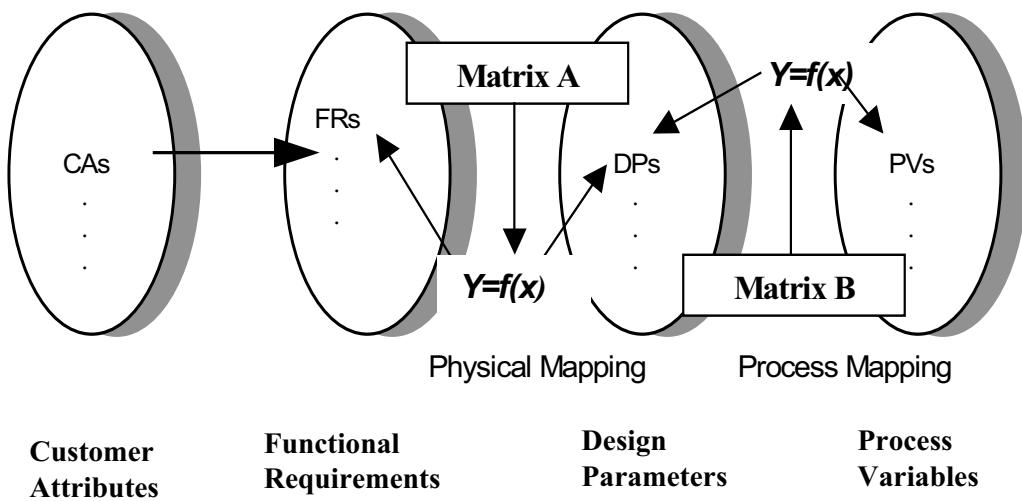
# TRIZ, Axiomatic Design and Creativity

- TRIZ, Axiomatic Design are close relatives
- TRIZ makes Samsung to be more R&D Competitive and to surpass Sony (*Fortune*)
- There is increasing usage of AD to bring Breakthrough designs

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## Axiomatic Design and Voice of Customer



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# **Product Development Process and Axiomatic Design**

## **PD Performance Metrics**

- **Product Design Quality**
- **Product Development Lead Time  
(Concept to launch)**
- **Product Productivity (Engineering hours,  
concept to launch)**

(Clark and Fujimoto 1991)

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## **Axiomatic Design Practices**

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- **Independence Axiom: Maintain independent Functional Requirements and Design Parameters**

### **Implications**

- Encourages modular design practices
- Maintain parametric independence within modules

### **Benefits**

**Parallel developments and testing**  
**Much easier for engineering change**

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# Information Axiom

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---Minimize the information content in designs

## Implication – Lean Product

Reducing Design complexity by:

- Reducing unnecessary product functions and parts
- Loosening up unreasonable tolerances
- Using standard/out of shelf parts
- Controlling technical immaturity
- Avoiding complicated user/operator requirements
- Avoiding complicated interface requirements

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# Nature of Product Development

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Information (knowledge) creation (Reinertsen 1997)

$$I = \ln \left( \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

I: Information contents

$$I_{Test} = P_{Failure} (I_{Failure}) + P_{Pas \ sin \ g} (I_{Pas \ sin \ g})$$

## Keys for Success in PD Process

- Maximize Information Creation Speed
- Increase Information Flow
- Minimize information contents in each product

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# Information also has time value

**The earlier we get the information, the more valuable**

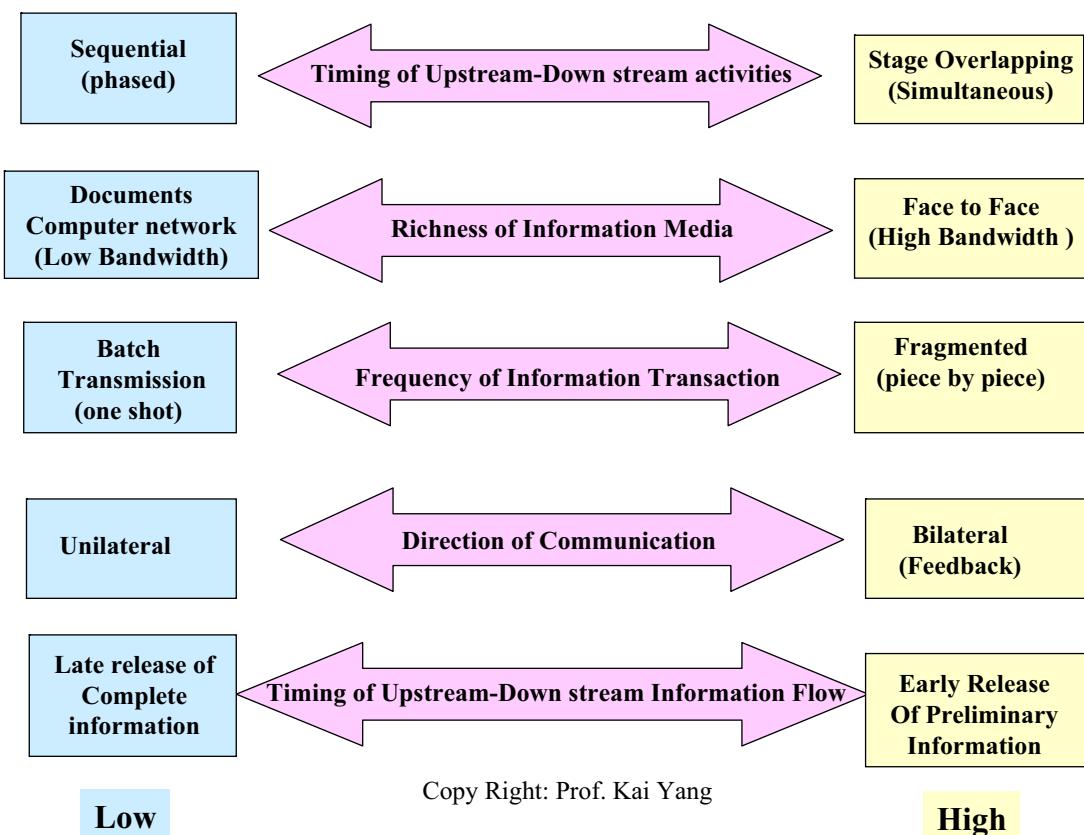
- In general, we want to get information as early as possible  
(Small scale early tests, robust technology development)
  - We want to get the more critical information earlier than Non-critical information

### (Task sequencing)

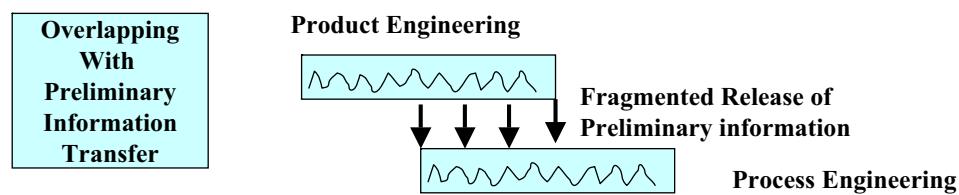
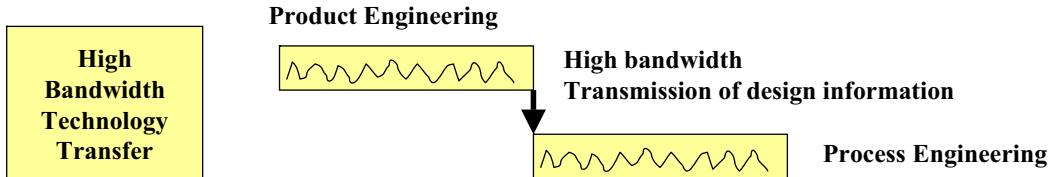
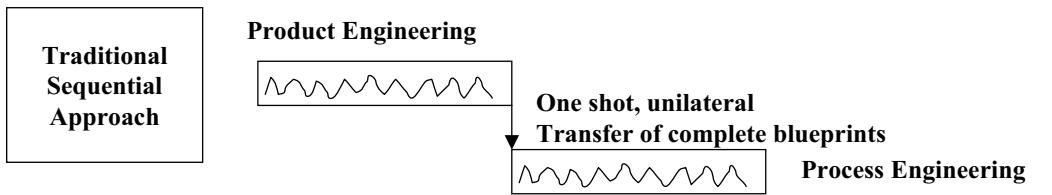


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## Information Flow Quality

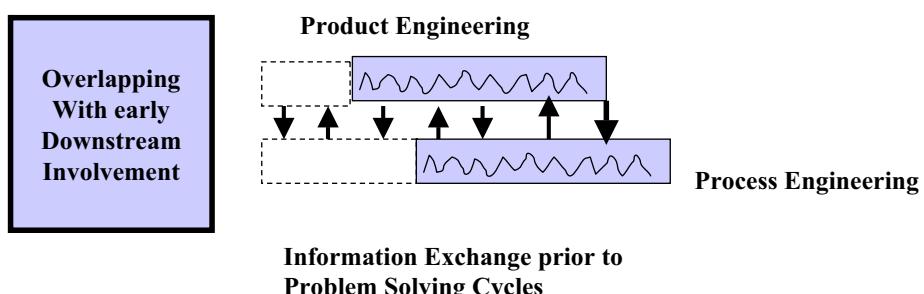
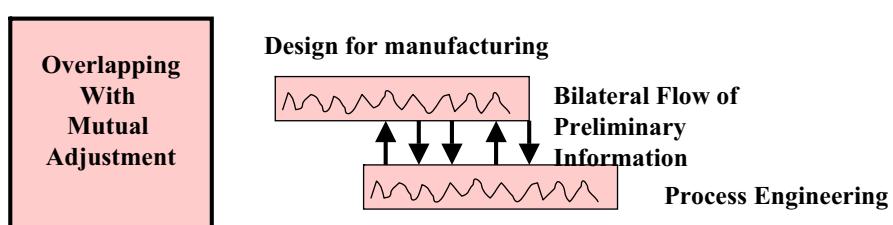


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# 13 Principles of Lean Product Development (Toyota)

5. Develop a Chief Engineer System to Integrate Development from Start to Finish.
6. Organize to Balance Functional Expertise and Cross-functional Integration.
7. Develop Towering Technical Competence in all Engineers.
8. Fully Integrate Suppliers into the Product Development System.
9. Build in Learning and Continuous Improvement.
10. Build a Culture to Support Excellence and Relentless Improvement.



11. Adapt Technology to Fit your People and Process.
12. Align your Organization through Simple, Visual Communication.
13. Use Powerful Tools for Standardization and Organizational Learning.

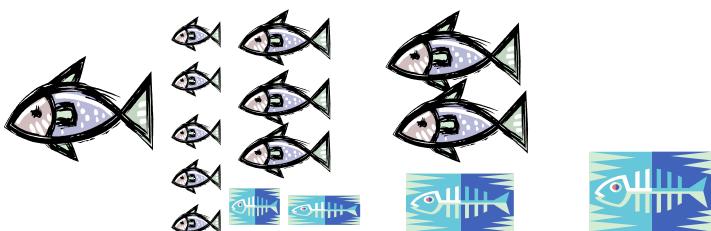
1. Establish Customer-Defined Value to Separate Value-Added from Waste.
2. Front-Load the Product Development Process to Explore Thoroughly Alternative Solutions while there is Maximum Design Space.
3. Create a Leveled Product Development Process Flow.
4. Utilize Rigorous Standardization to Reduce Variation, and Create Flexibility and Predictable Outcomes.

(Jeff Liker)

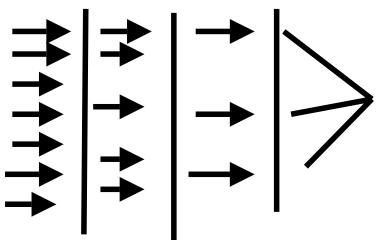
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## Principle 2: Front-load the product development process



### Set-based Concurrent Engineering



**Evaluate against threats and each other  
Eliminate weak  
Add knowledge  
Combine in different ways**

**AD Implication: Generate information earlier**

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## **Principle 3: Create Leveled Product Development Process Flow**

- Synchronize activities across function
- Level the work load, no idle, no overload
- Create steady speed job flow for design engineers
- Stagger the release of data from one function to the next

### **AD Implication**

**Minimize the Product Development Process Complexity**  
**By minimizing variation in job flow, workload, and**  
**Information flow**

## **Principle 4: Utilizing Rigorous Standardization to Reduce Variation Variation and Create Flexibility and Predictable Outcomes**

- Design standardization:  
engineering checklist, standard architecture, share common Components
- Process standardization  
Standardizing common tasks, sequence of tasks and task duration
- Skill Set standardization  
Standardized skill inventories

### **AD Implication**

**Minimize the Product design complexity, process complexity, and Engineers communication complexity by standardization**

## **Principle 11: Adapt Technology to fit People and Process**

- Integrate new technology seamlessly into existing technologies  
And lean product development system before using it
- Use the technology to support the lean product development Process. Not to drive it
- Technology should enhance people, not replace them
- Right size, not king sized

### **AD Implication**

**Streamline and simplify the overall people/technology/process**

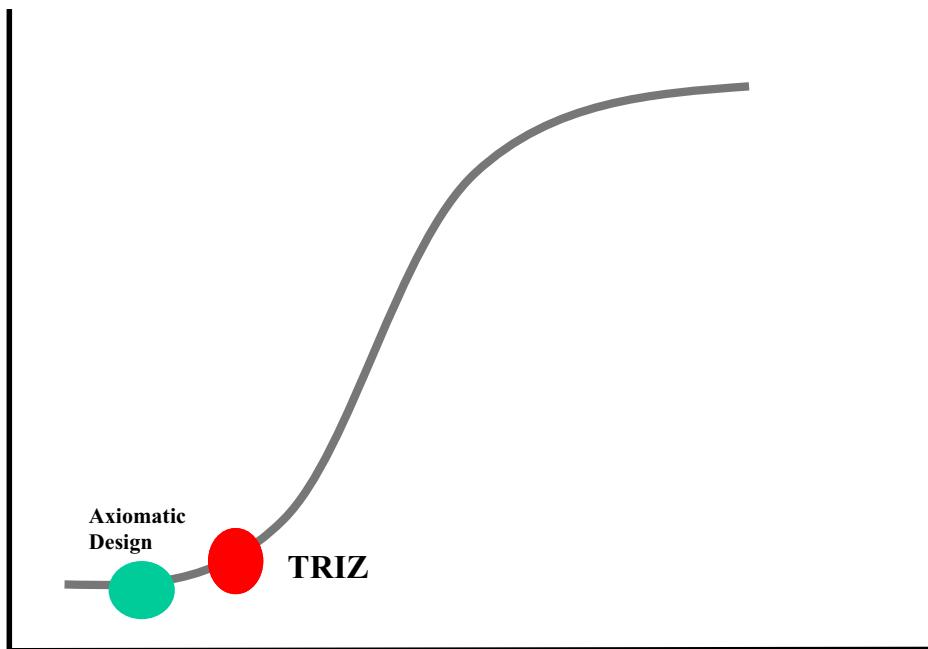
## **Principle 12: Align your organization through simple, visual Communications**

## **Principle 13: Use powerful tools for standardization and organizational learning**

**And many others**

### **AD: Information Axioms**

# The Future of Axiomatic Design



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