

# Five Key Points About Business Process Change – *Avoiding the Common Pitfalls*

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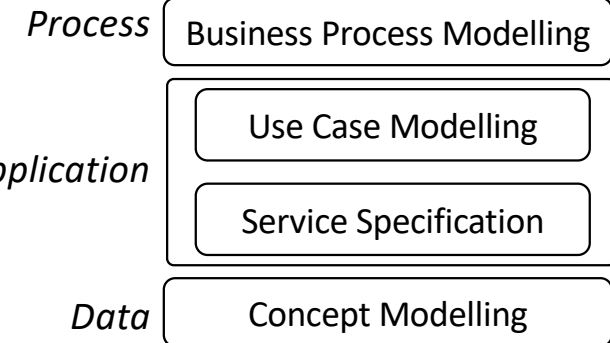


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- Project Recovery



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- Awarded DAMA's global Professional Achievement Award for contributions to "human-friendly" data modelling
- Author of "Workflow Modeling"
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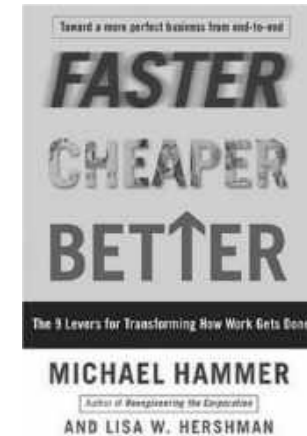
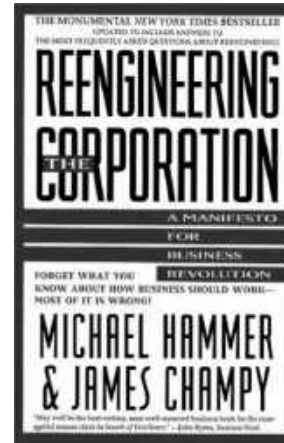
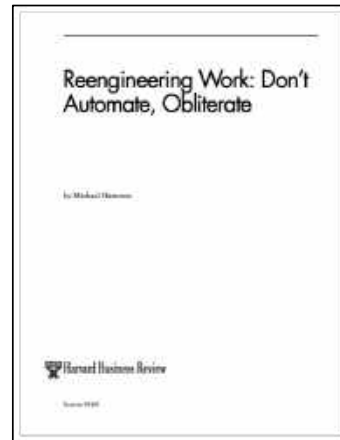
## *Five central ideas*

1. It's essential to have clarity on what a *business process* really is
2. Existing performance measures are often *functionally aligned* and work *against* business processes
3. Enterprise system implementations *must* include a *business process* perspective
4. Success with business processes depends on taking a *holistic view* in which six *enablers* are considered
5. Business processes can't be great at everything – a single *differentiator* or *strategic discipline* should be chosen

# 1. Confusion – what is a “business process?”

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In the early 1990s, Michael Hammer popularised the focus on *business process*



Introduced core terminology:

- end-to-end, cross-functional, functional silo, ...
- even *business process*

Still, people and organisations miss the point...

# Lesson #1 – Never assume everyone agrees what a "process" is

We need some help with our *Product Lifecycle Management* process.

**Not** a single process – it's a *family* of multiple business processes (a *process area* or *process domain*)



I spend all day writing business processes, like the process to *Revise Product Brochure Image*.

**Not** an entire process – it's a *procedure* providing instructions for a single task (SWI – standard work instructions)

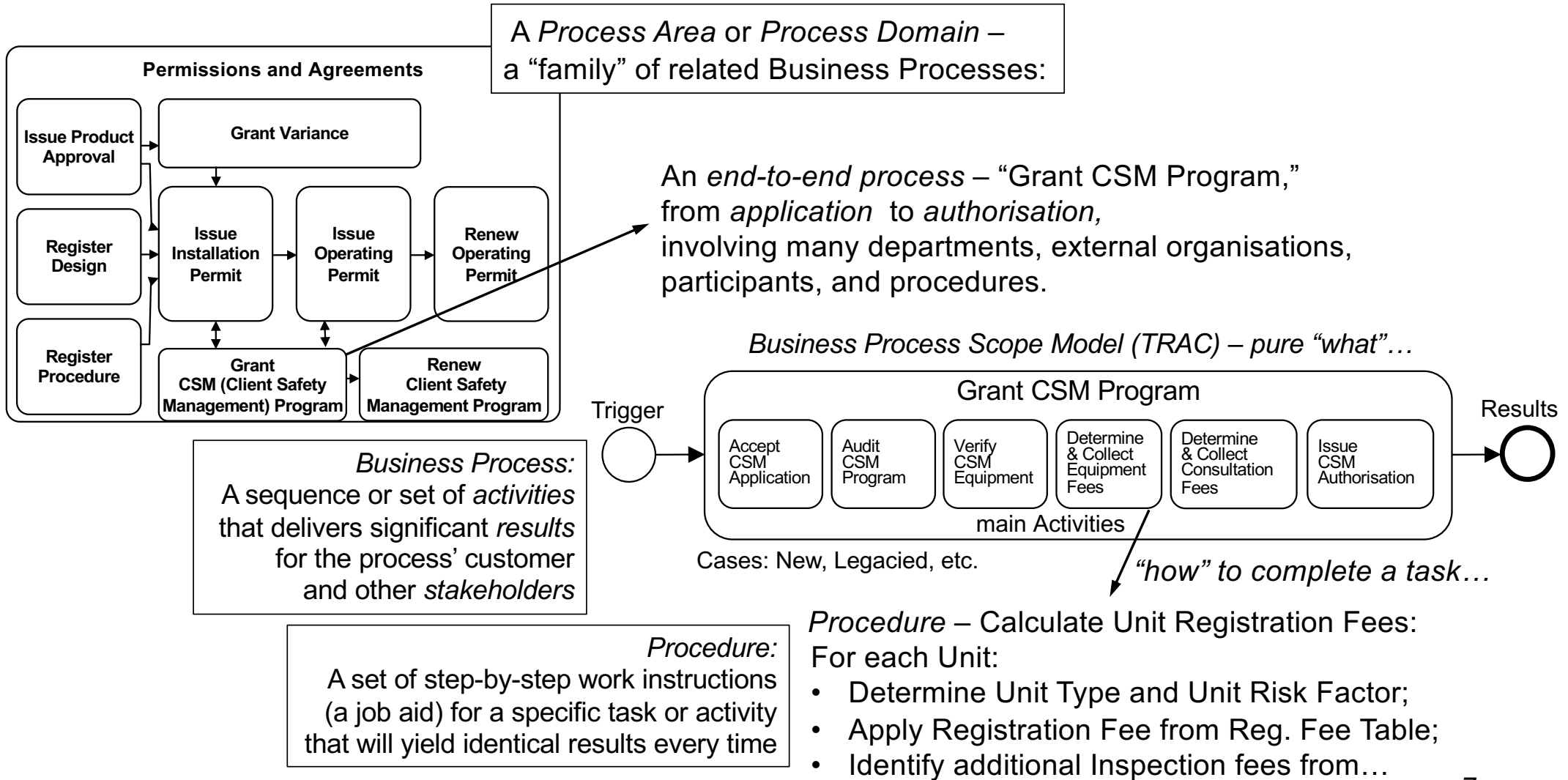
A whole *spectrum* of interpretations of *process*.

Seek balance – a "business process" lies between the extremes

Most people hear *process* and think *procedure*!

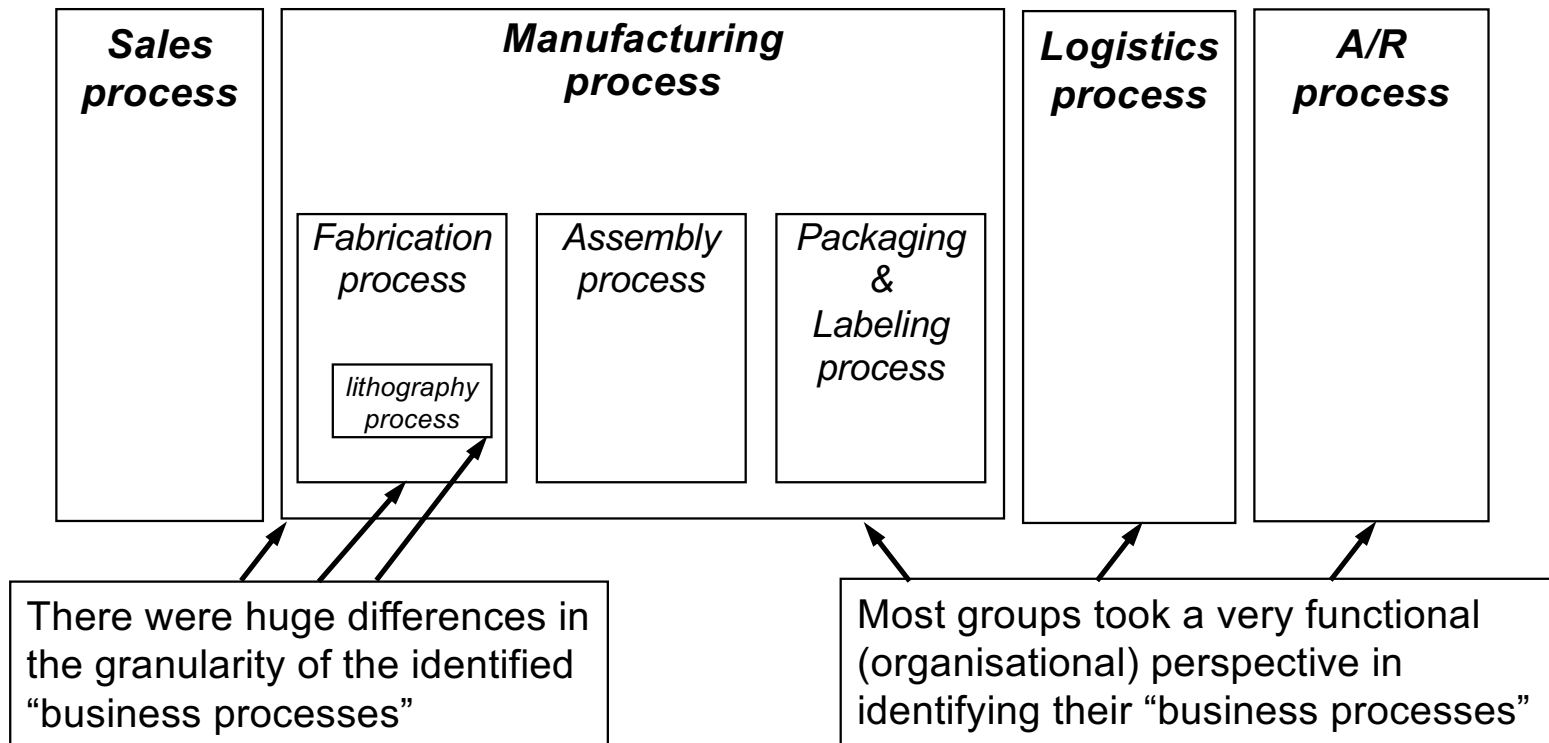
*The key issues – granularity and orientation*

# A collection of processes vs. a process vs. a procedure



## *A real life (and expensive!) example*

As part of a massive system implementation, a global manufacturer identified the *business processes* that were expected to improve:

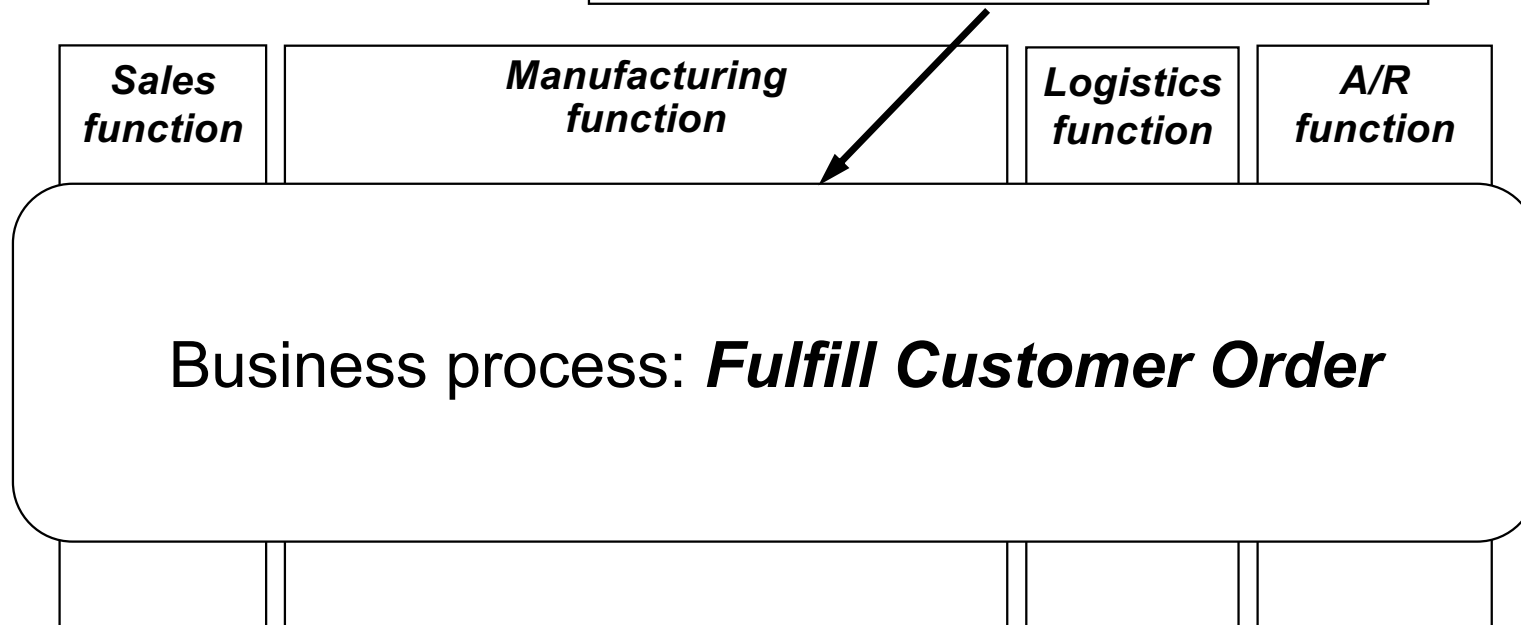


The problem? *These aren't processes – they're functions!*



## The “real” business processes were missed

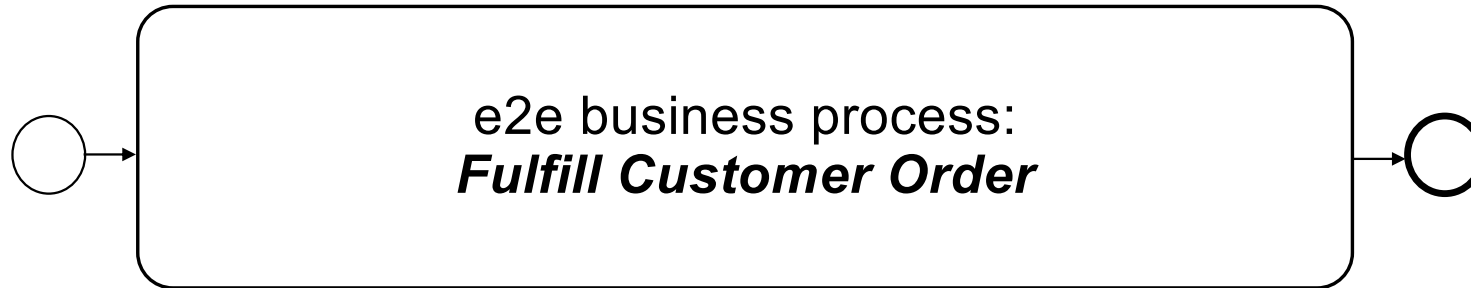
Everyone confused “process” and “function.”  
None of the actual end-to-end processes  
were correctly identified.



“Business Process” =  
*end-to-end, cross-functional, business process.*

“Larger” than people think – from *initial* trigger to *final* results.

## *What are the boundaries of the process?*



### *Trigger*

Order received? *No.*

Before that...

- Contract is Finalised
- Price & Schedule are Negotiated
- Specifications are Confirmed

And before that...

- Demand is Signalled. *Yes.*

### *Result*

Order is Shipped? *No.*

Order is Received? *No.*

Order is Received, Tested,  
and Accepted? *Yes.*

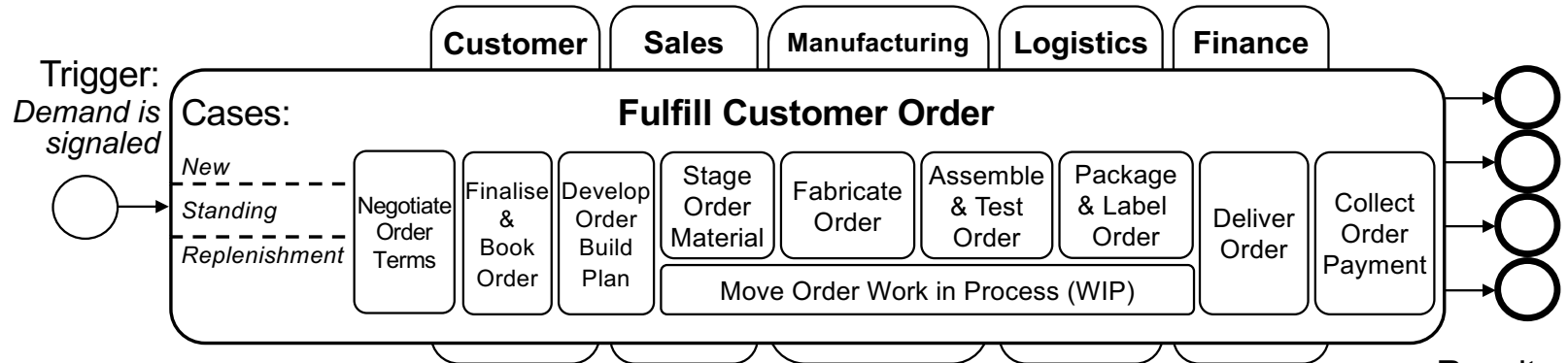
Any other results?

*Yes, for other stakeholders.*

*Always trace to the earliest trigger,  
and to the final results for each stakeholder.*

# Process Scope Model – “what” first, “who and how” later

I build a  
Process Scope Model & a  
Process Summary Chart on  
~100% of Project Recovery  
assignments -



“TRAC” –

1 – **Triggering event or events**

2 – **Results: final outputs**

- result(s) received by the process' primary customer
- result(s) for other stakeholders (performers, owner, supplier, regulator, ...)

3 – **Activities: 7 +/- 2 phases, milestones, or sub-processes**

- a phase achieves a significant intermediate result
- simply ask the participants for ~5 to 7 milestones within the process

4 – **Cases**

- main variations, e.g. “new order” vs. “standing order”
- verb – *qualifier* – noun

5 – **Functions or Organisation Units**

6 – **Actors and responsibilities**

7 – **Systems, data sources, other mechanisms**

↑ **essence of the process (“what”)**

↓ **as-is elements of the process, for clarification (“who and how”) (6 and 7 not shown)**

Results:

**Customer:**

Goods received, tested, & accepted

**Owner:**

Payment received

**Performer:**

Commission credited

**Industry Association:**

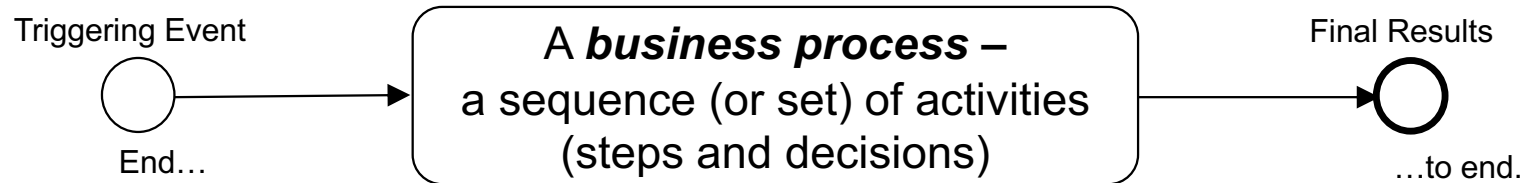
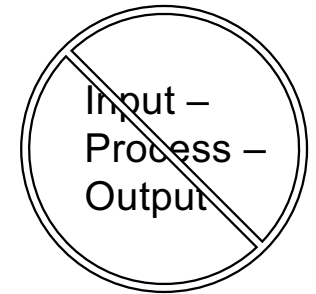
Order stats reported

Always construct a  
Process Scope Model & a  
Process Summary Chart before  
diving into Workflow Modelling /  
Swimlane Diagramming

# The essential framework

## Business Process:

- a sequence (or set) of *activities* (steps and decisions,)
- initiated in response to a *triggering event*,
- that achieves a defined *result* for each process stakeholder



- Three types of events:
  - Decision-based (action)
  - Time-based (temporal)
  - Data-based (conditional)
- The *earliest* triggering event

- Important processes are virtually always cross-functional and involve multiple actors / roles
- May be a defined *sequence*, or a more ad hoc *set* of activities
- First, identify “*what*” it includes – Trigger, Results, Activities, Cases (“TRAC”)
- Later, we add “*who and how*,” then map the process flow, if there is one

- Three types of results:
  - A service
  - A good
  - Information
- The *final* result

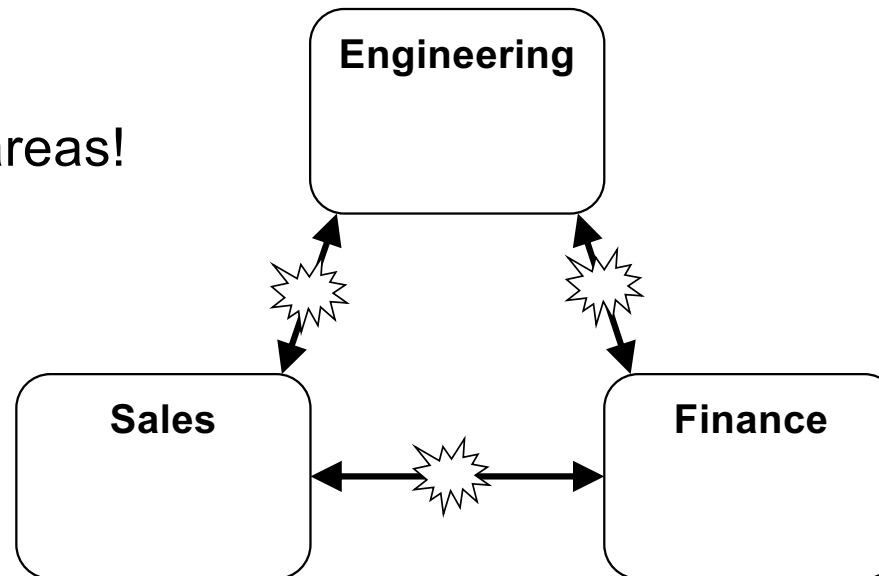
“What” before diving into the “who and how”

## *A recent Business Process example*

A regional telecommunications provider (the "Telco") thought they had three main Business Processes, and efforts to improve them were failing:

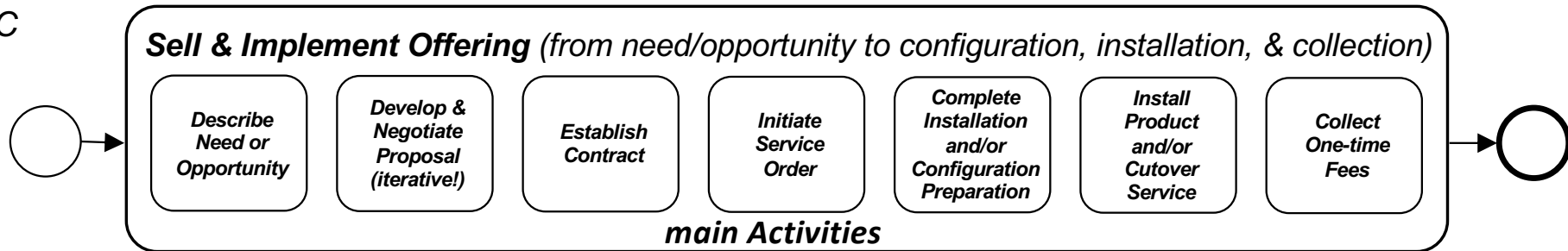


The outcome...  
conflict between functional areas!



# Process Scope Model showed ONE process not THREE

TRAC



**Triggering Event:**

- Prospect / Customer expresses need
- Telco (Inside Sales, Marketing, Sales Rep, ...) recognizes opportunity

**Cases:**

- BU with or without Telco Internet, no cabling (*our focus*)
- initial installation
- service only
- product only
- mixed

**Other factors:**

- TBD

**Results:**

*Customer:*  
Product / Service is installed and operational per original or amended contract terms

*Telco:*

- Ongoing source of revenue in place
- One-time fees collected

*Employee:*

- Commission or referral credit

*Agent:*

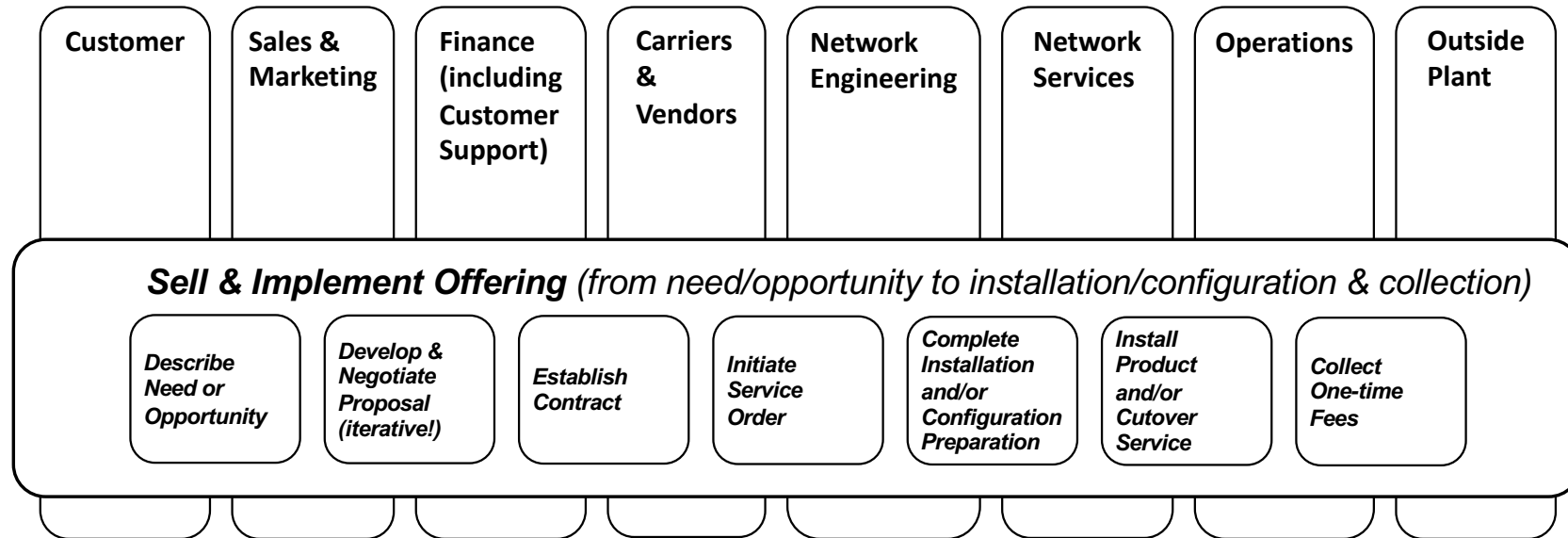
- Commission

The "token," a Service Order, is changing state from *need/opportunity to configured, installed, & collected.*

The Business Process could be named "Fulfill Service Order" but the client wanted to name it "Sell & Implement Offering."

**"We're all in this together!"**  
*An end-to-end, cross-functional Business Process is a great lens to view organisation conflict and disfunction!*

## Process Summary Chart – my favourite diagram!

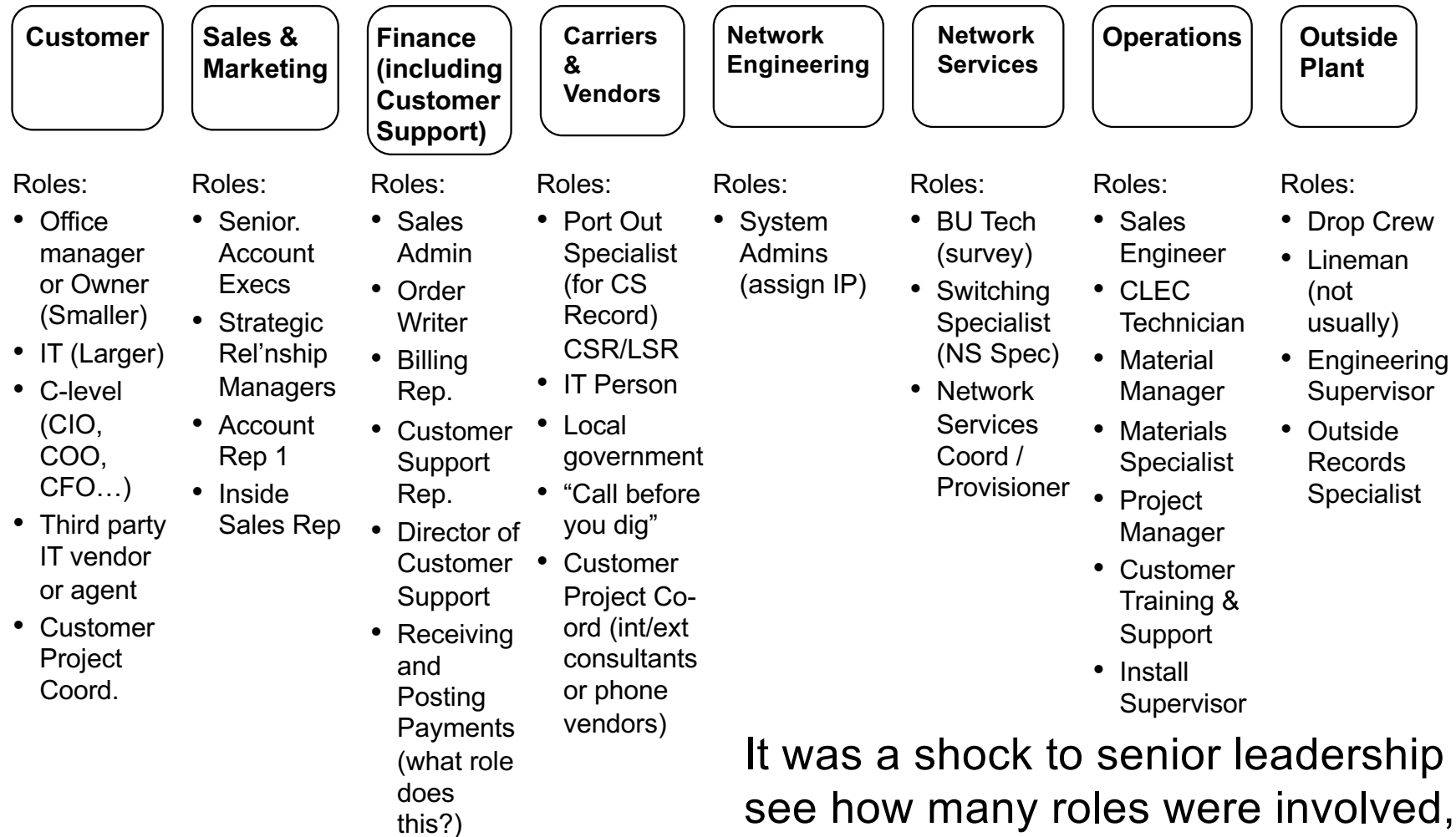


Process Summary Chart (a.k.a. "Process vs. Function Chart") adds "who" at the organisational unit or functional level.

*Nothing else clarifies "Process" vs. "Function/Organisation" as well.*

Great for putting details of Activities or Functions in context, e.g. ...

## Multiple roles by organisation for “Sell & Implement Offering”



It was a shock to senior leadership to see how many roles were involved, often overlapping or unnecessarily



# Another fast Augmented Scope Model example

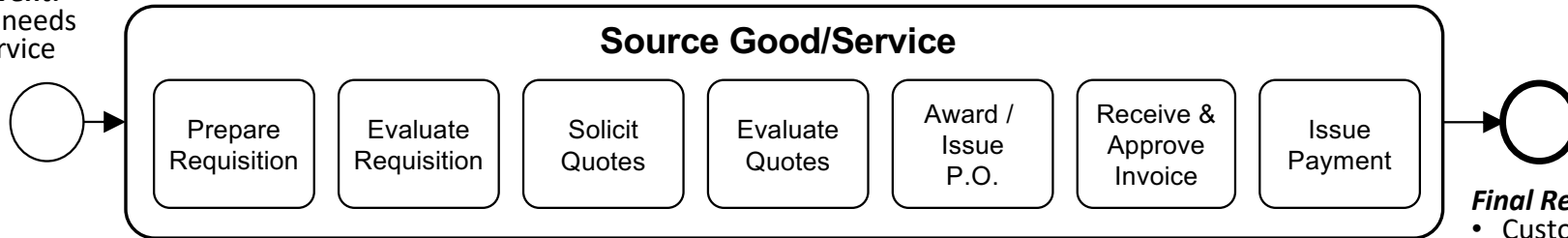
**Cases:**

- \$5000 - \$25000 Goods
  - \$25000 - \$50000 Goods
  - \$5000 - \$25000 Services
  - \$25000 - \$50000 Services
- Assume everything <\$5000 is purchased with a PCard

This example adds detail by major Activity (or subprocess/phase/milestone)

**Triggering Event:**

- Customer needs Good / Service



**Final Results:**

- Customer has received Good/Service:
- Vendor has been paid
  - via A/P
  - via PCard

Develop scope of work / specs

Investigate potential vendors (and price?)

Solicit vendor quotes (just to get an idea)

Obtain approval (Department)

Verify Item and Account (General Accounting)

Submit requisition (visible to all)

Confirm completeness – get clarification this is actionable (scope sufficient)

Assign (or re-assign Buyer as necessary)

Identify MBE/SB opportunity (competitive) (co-op)  
\* sole source or co-op, vendor(s) known

Determine methodology  
• sole source  
• co-operative (piggyback on contract)  
• competitive  
• emergency

Determine (additional) potential vendors

Solicit quote (including Bid Due Date)

Post quote (solicitation documents) in "the binder"

Resolve vendor queries

\* Up to \$200K, we control who gets solicitations; above, no control – it's "publicly advertised."

Over \$200K there would be 20 more activities, and could be multiple award.

Receive quote (mail, fax, e-mail, ...)

Confirm completeness

Verify suitable price, terms, and conditions (generally, low bid for equivalent)

Clarify (not negotiate) with vendor

Optional:  
• Evaluate equivalency (for alternate)  
• Confirm equivalency w. Customer

Identify vendor

Generate Purchase Order

Notify Requestor

"Transmit / deliver" P.O.  
\* Pain point – we aren't sure when the vendor receives the P.O.

Issue Payment (Magic Happens Here)

\* If multiple line items, different line items could go to different vendors;  
\* If multiple vendors, line items are not split.

Receive Good/Service  
\* Invoice could be attached

Accept Good/Service

Issue invoice (vendor)

Receive invoice:  
• from vendor  
• from the department the vendor sent it to

\* Vendor complains invoice is "lost"

If >\$5000, match  
• invoice  
• PO  
• receiver  
If <\$5000, match  
• invoice  
• PO  
\* Could invoice \$4K on \$40K PO

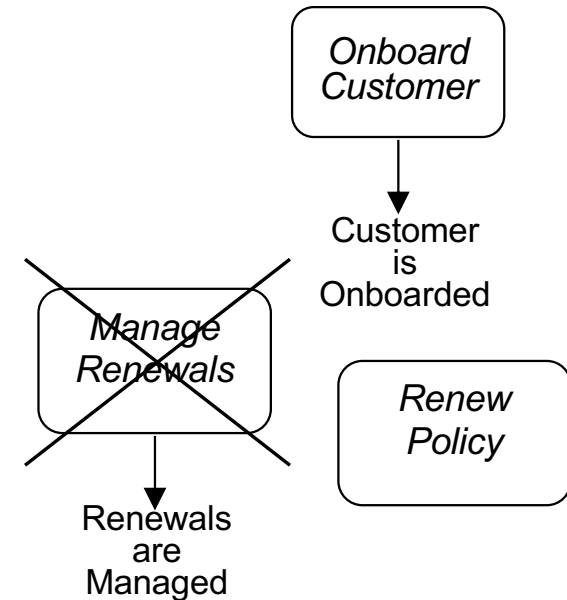
Batch invoices for GAD

Receive payment

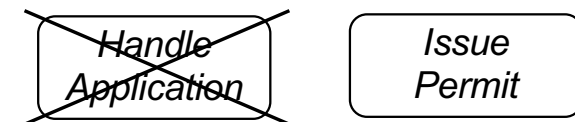
# Naming conventions will make life easier

## 1. The process name **must** indicate the expected result

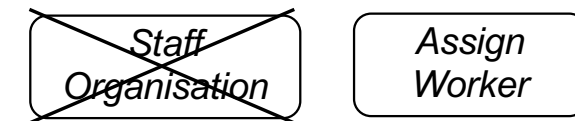
- Name potential process in “verb – noun” format
- Restate that name as a result (“noun is verbed”)
- Ensure this is the intended result of the process: *discrete*, so results are *identifiable & countable*
- **No mushy verbs:** manage, monitor, administer, handle, track, support, maintain, etc.
- **Active verbs only:** *Evaluate Prospect, Onboard Customer, Fill Customer Order, Resolve Customer Issue, ...*
- Applies to business processes, phases (subprocesses,) activities, steps, ...



## 2. Name process from customer's perspective (what do they want from the process?)

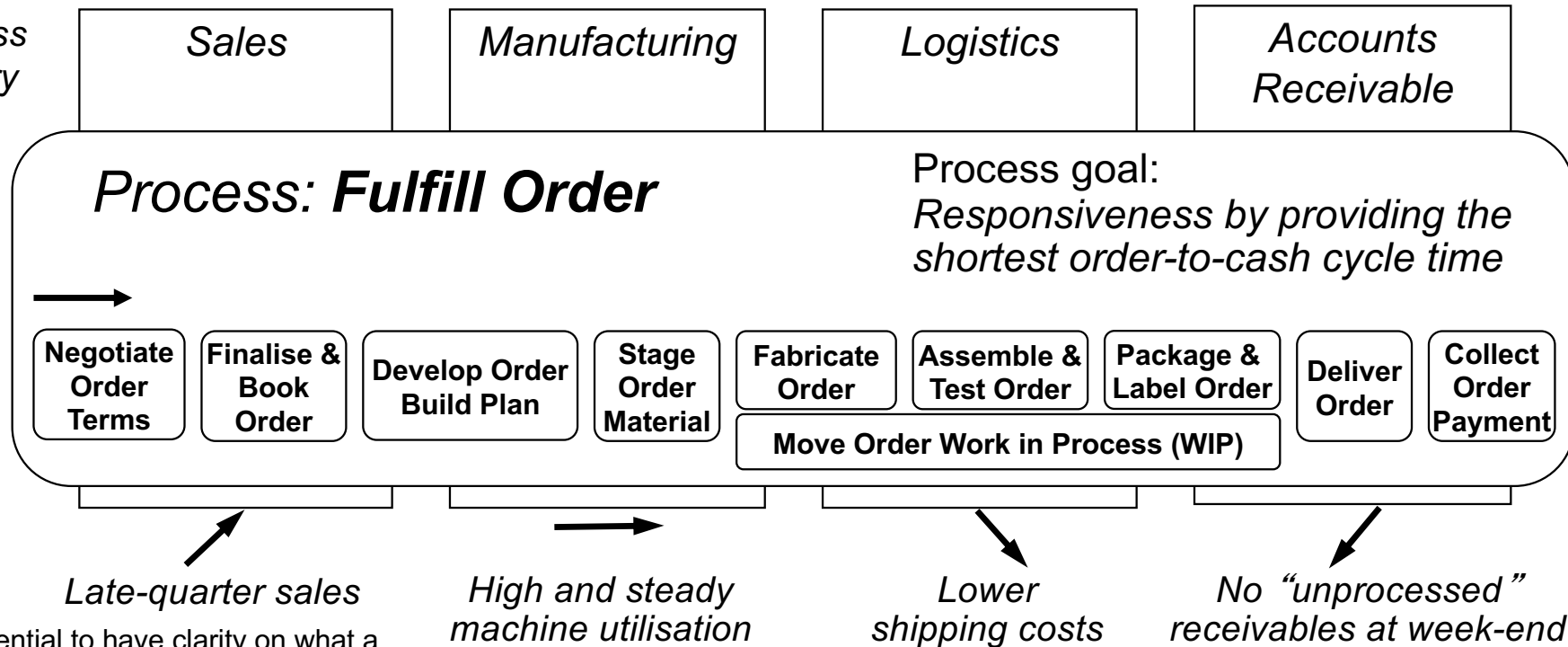


## 3. Name process in the singular



## 2. A common obstacle – misaligned performance measures

A Process  
Summary  
Chart



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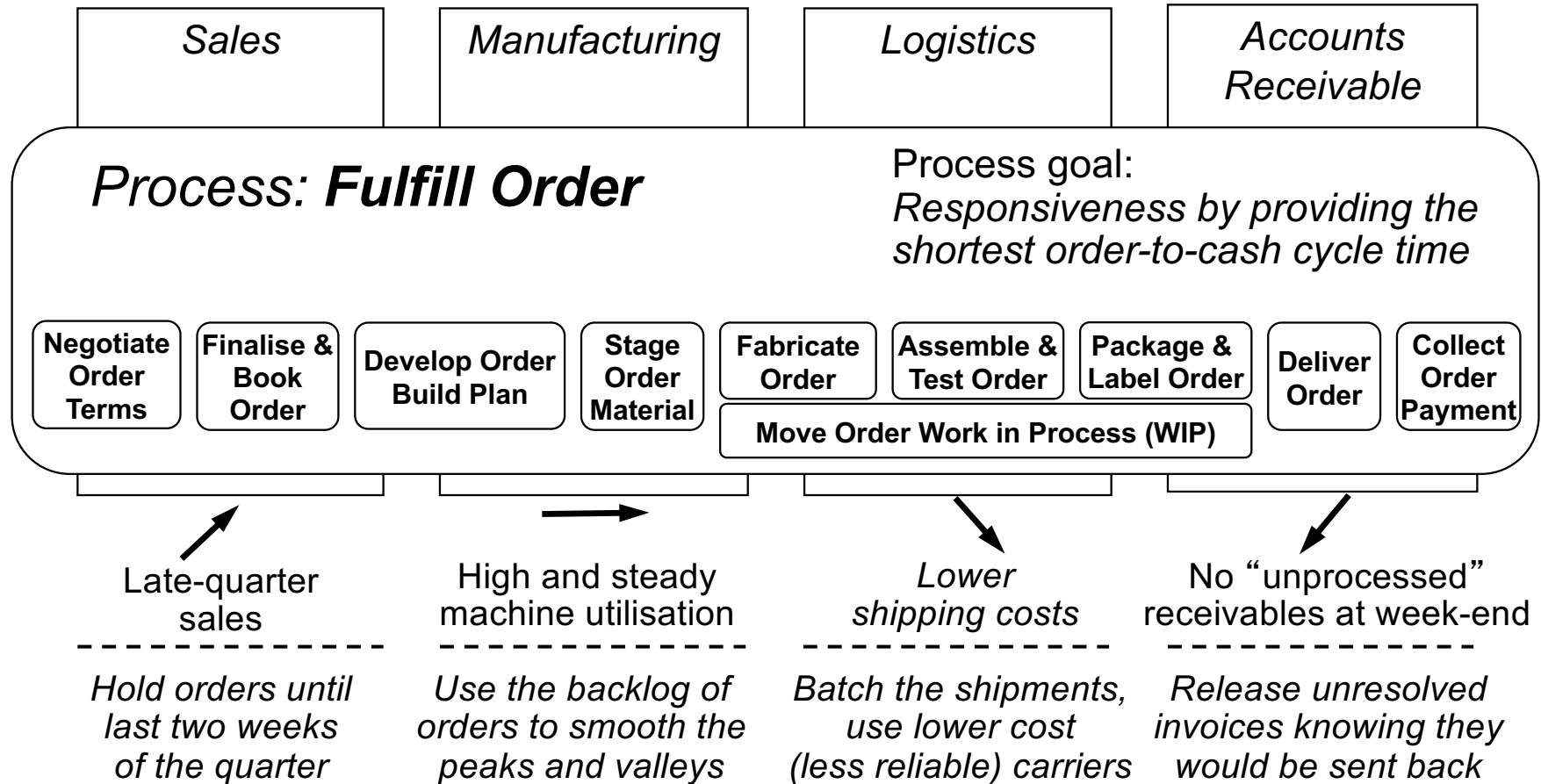
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But... performance measures were established *functionally*, before awareness of the *end-to-end process*

*Discuss –*

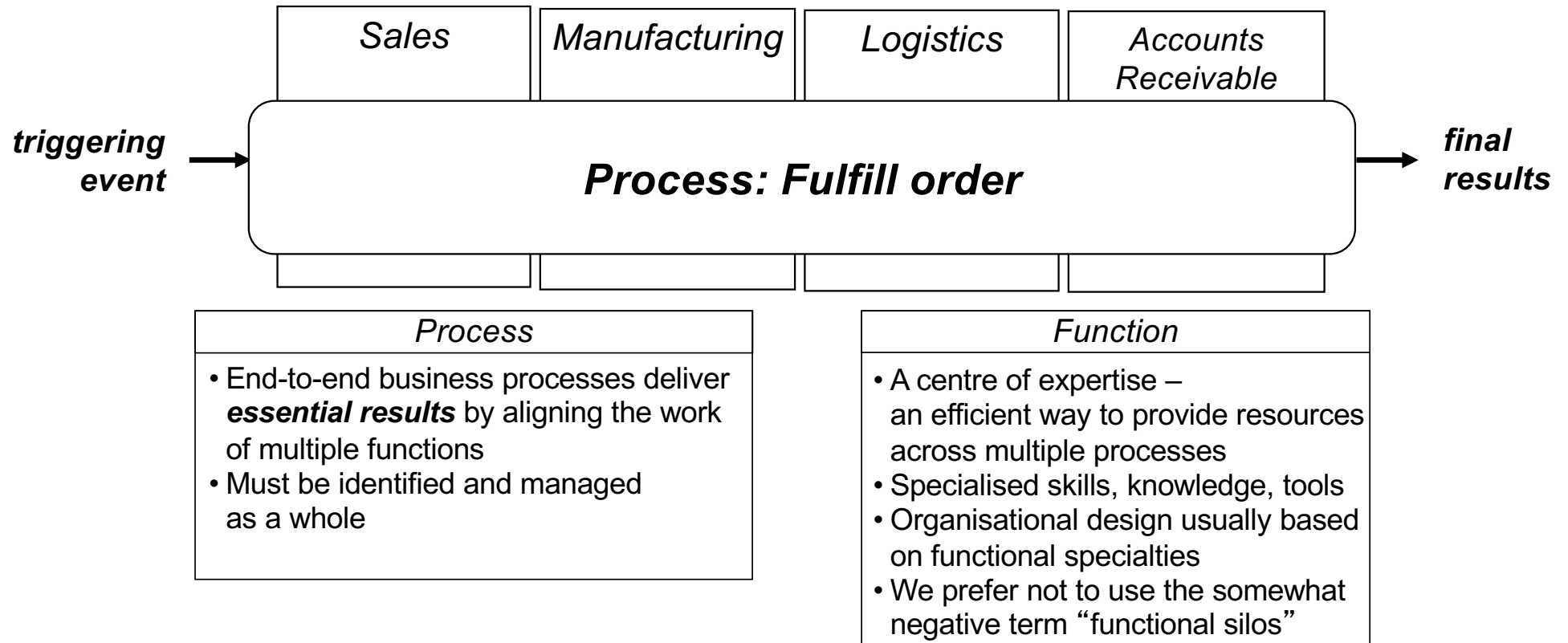
*What are the likely impacts of these performance goals?  
What will the different functions do to meet the targets?*

# Misaligned performance measures



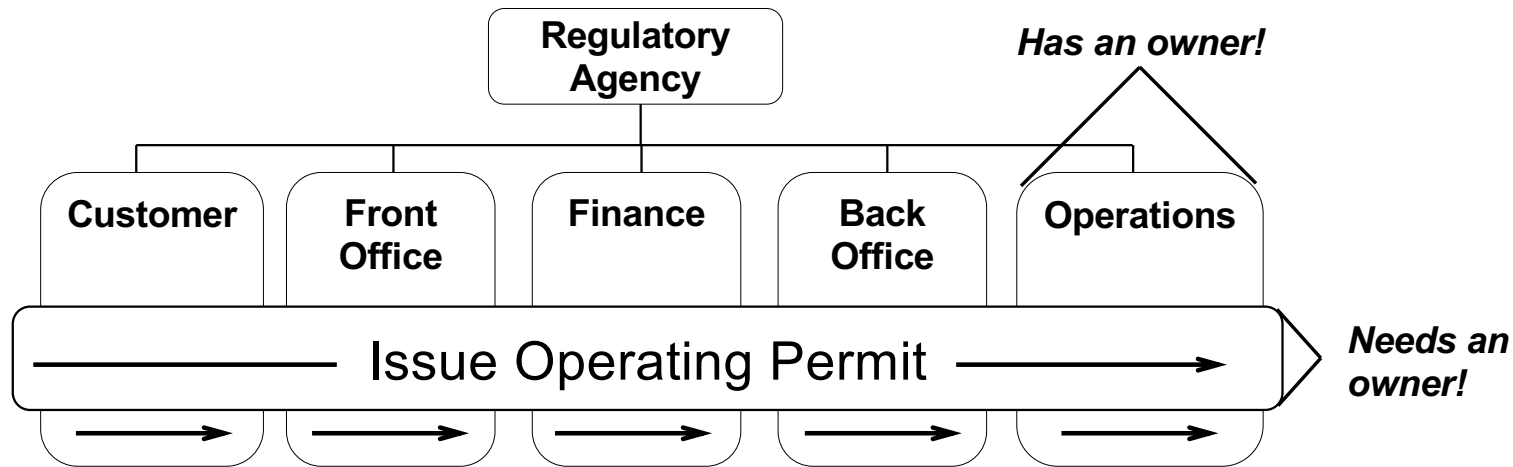
Poor performance because each function was working hard to meet uncoordinated, functional targets

# *This doesn't mean functions are bad!*



*Ultimately, business processes are all about alignment*

## Processes and functions – three key points



- The first step in managing processes is to *determine what they are* – they don't identify themselves
- Performance goals for the functions must *align with* (or be *balanced against*) the performance goals of the process
- Processes need an *owner / steward* to set direction, ensure alignment, and resolve conflict

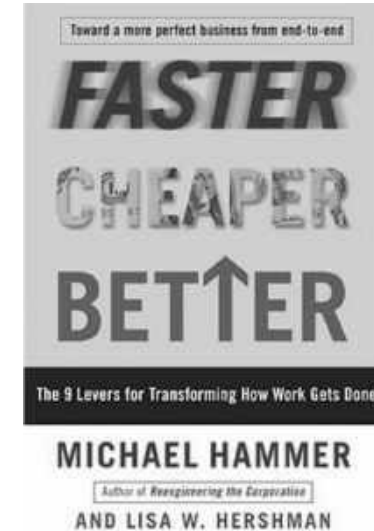
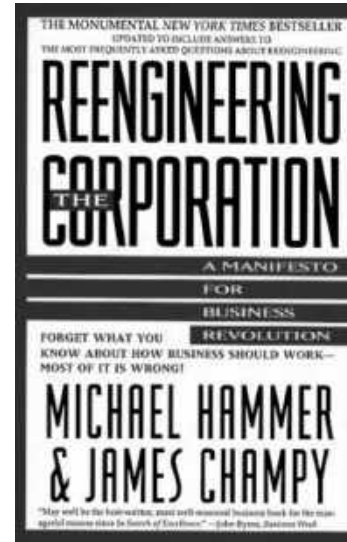
*It takes concerted effort – nothing happens by accident*

## 3 – Processes and information systems

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### “Success with SAP Implementation”

Study by the late Michael Hammer, “godfather of BPR”

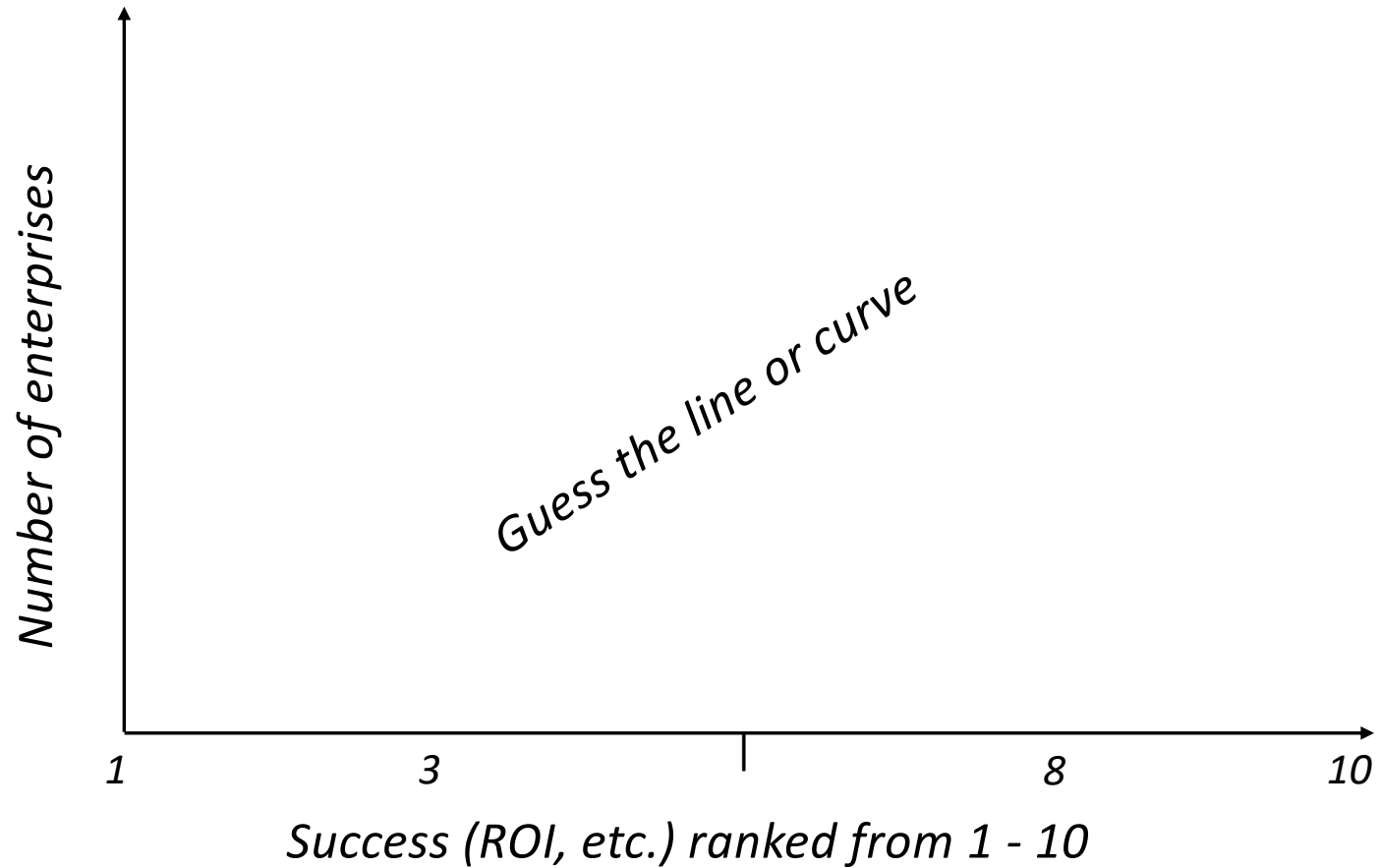


Observed that success of SAP implementations varied *wildly*

Worked with ~80 companies to assess their degree of success with SAP implementation

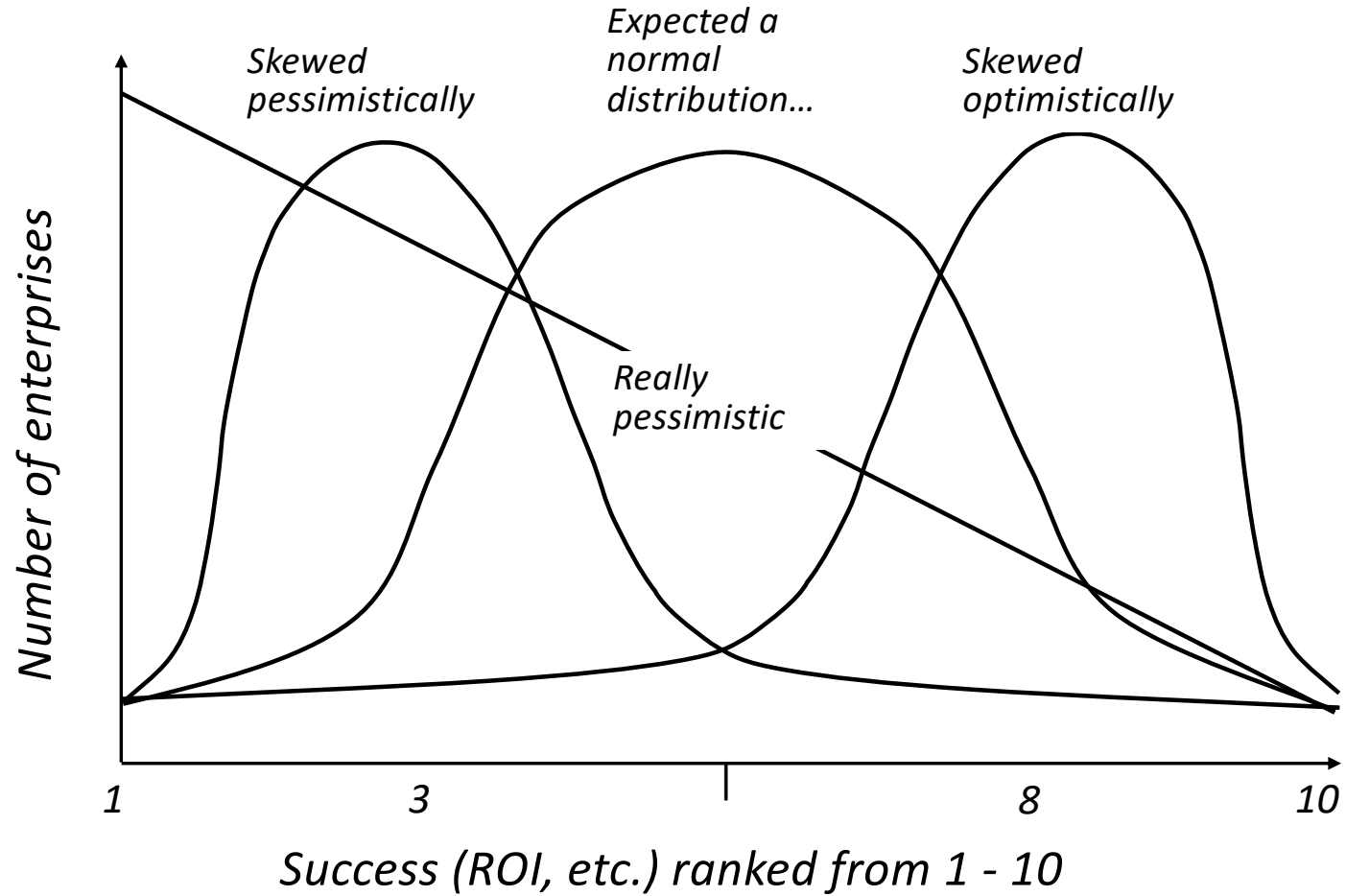
# *Success with SAP implementation*

Hammer plotted the number of companies for each “success” ranking

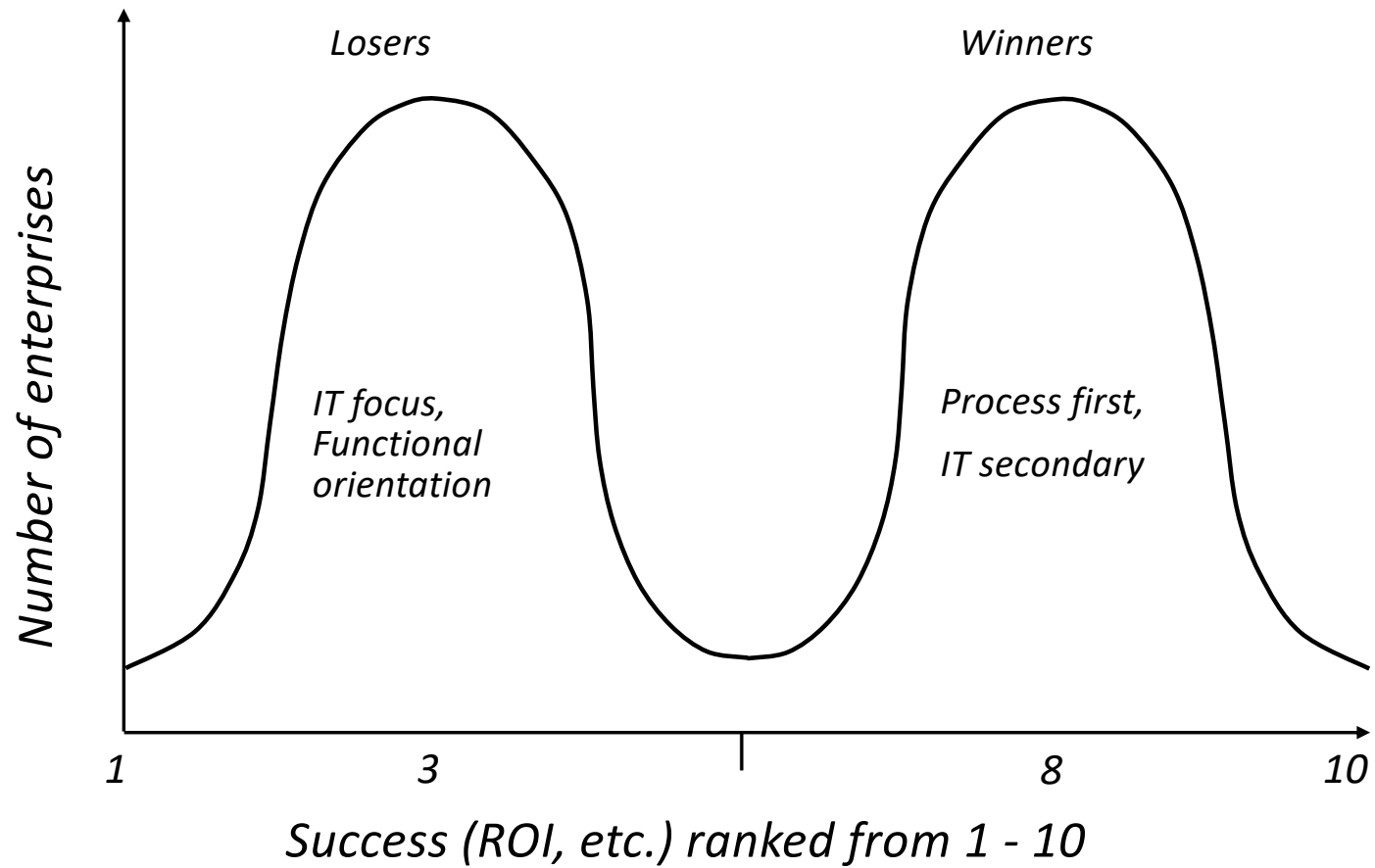




# Hammer not sure what the outcome would be



# *The surprising result*



## *Returning to an earlier example*

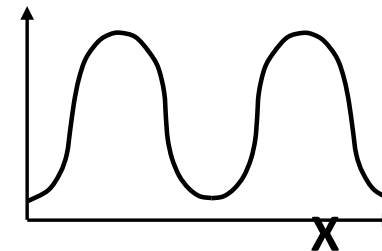
Global manufacturer implementing SAP

Four primary modules:

- *Sales*
- *Manufacturing*
- *Logistics*
- *Finance*

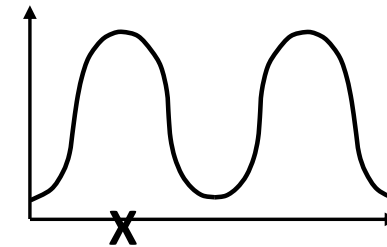
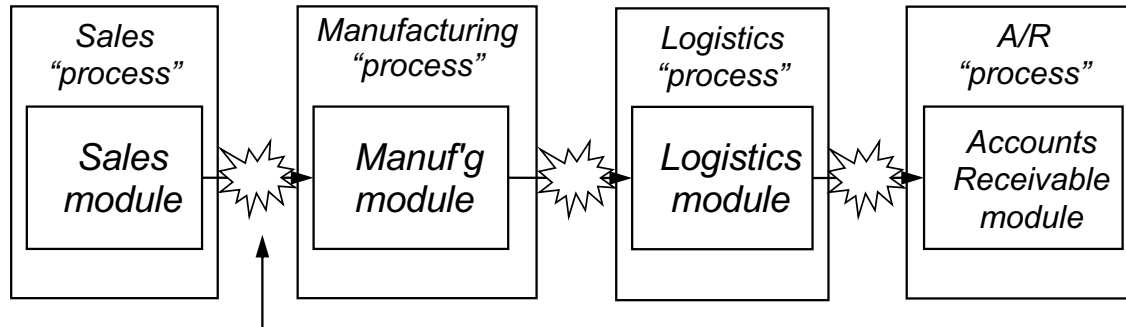
Determined to *do it right*:

“This will be a *process-oriented* implementation!”



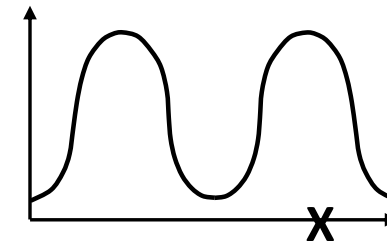
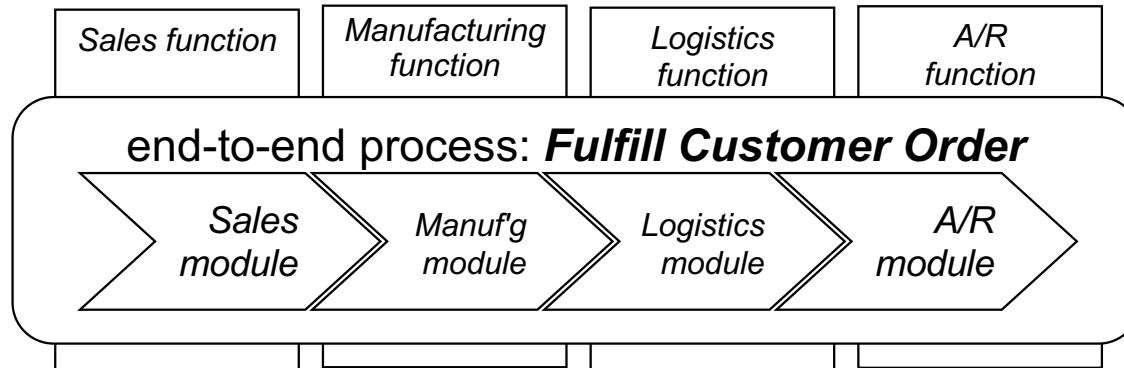
# Impact of confusing function and process

Implementing SAP without clarity on “process”:



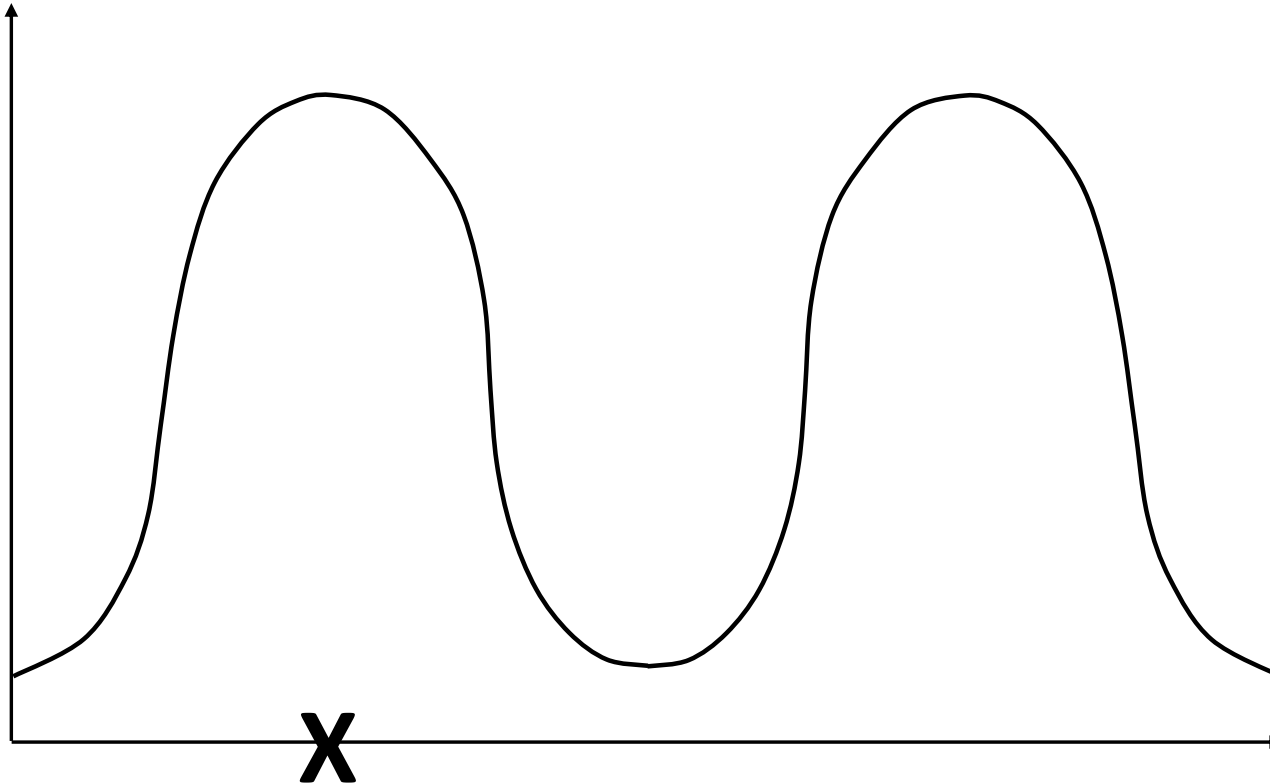
Conflicts: timing, coding, terminology, data formats, performance targets, ...

SAP re-implemented in a process-driven configuration:



Same software, radically different outcomes

## *Staying “right” in an “entropic” environment*

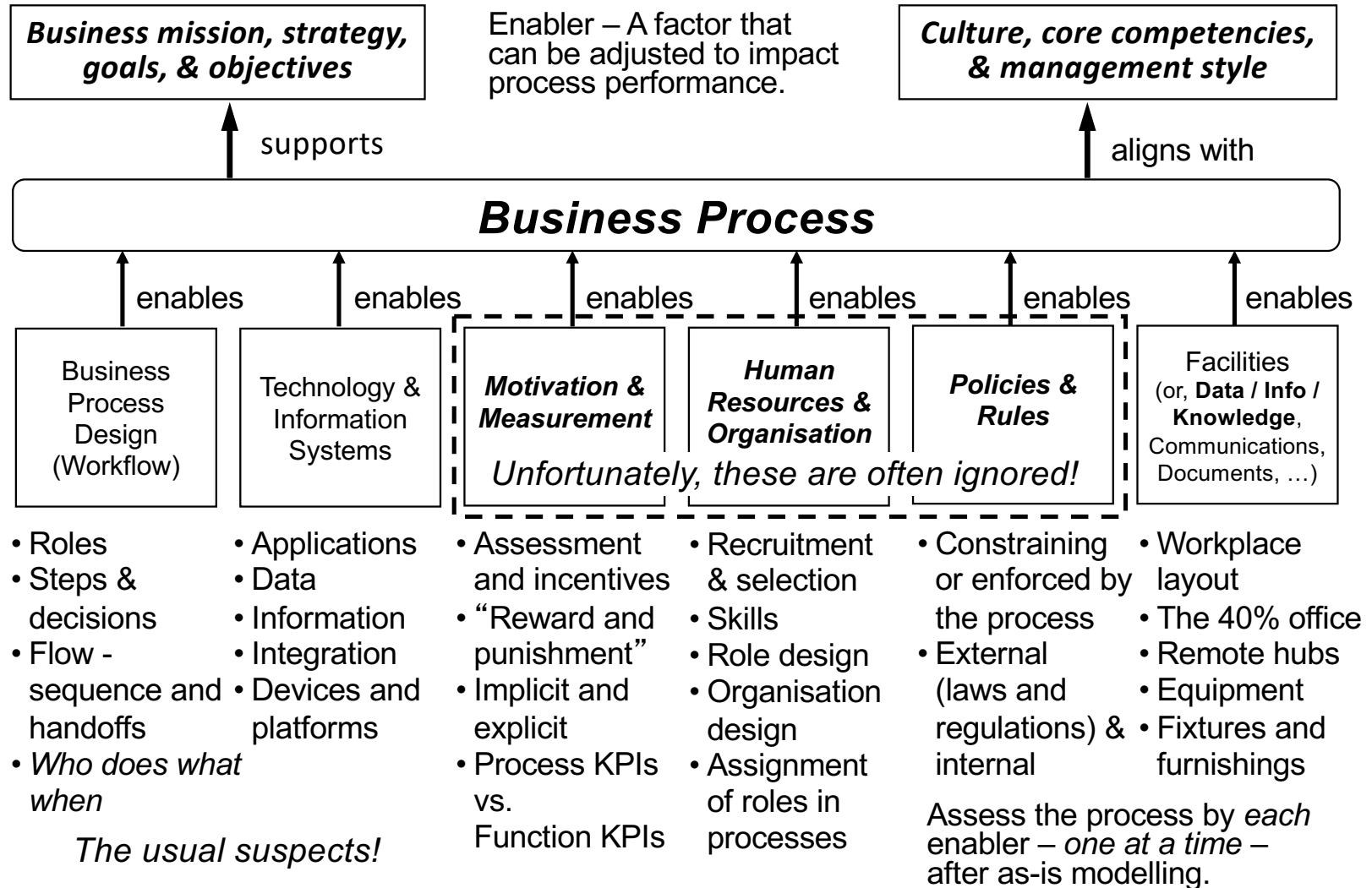


*There will always be a pull back towards functional comfort*

- *ongoing management of the process is critical!*
- *all enablers must be addressed for a sustainable process*

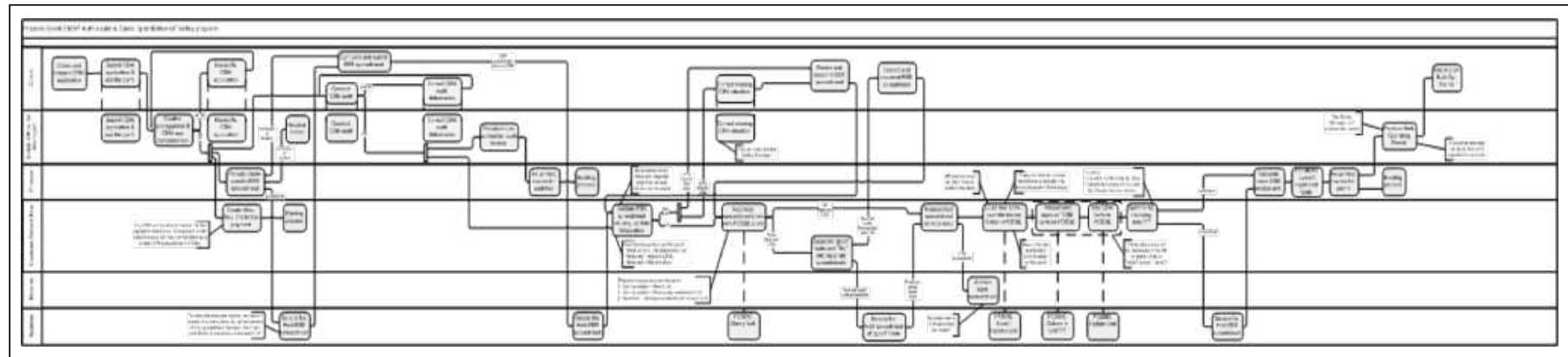
# 4. A holistic view for process analysis and design

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# We model the as-is process to support assessment by enabler

As-is modelling maps *reality* – *who, does what, when.*



This supports a *fact-based* assessment of the *as-is* process by enabler.

<p><b>Process Workflow Design:</b> Is each step adding value, placed at the right point in the process, sequential or parallel as appropriate, performed by the best role, etc.?</p>	<p><b>Information Systems &amp; Technology:</b> Are the process, the steps, and the actors supported by the right systems and technology?</p>	<p><b>Motivation &amp; Measurement:</b> How is the performance of the steps, the actors, the participating functions, and the process measured, and what are the consequences?</p>	<p><b>Human Resources &amp; Organisation:</b> Are roles suitably broad, are organisations designed properly, and are roles &amp; skills deployed well into the process?</p>	<p><b>Policies &amp; Rules:</b> What policies or rules, whether internal or external, constrain or are enforced by the process, and what is their impact?</p>	<p><b>Facilities (or other):</b> Are the layout &amp; furnishings optimal or do they impede the process? (Many clients instead use this enabler to consider data, info, and knowledge.)</p>
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# 5. Process goals: know your “differentiator”

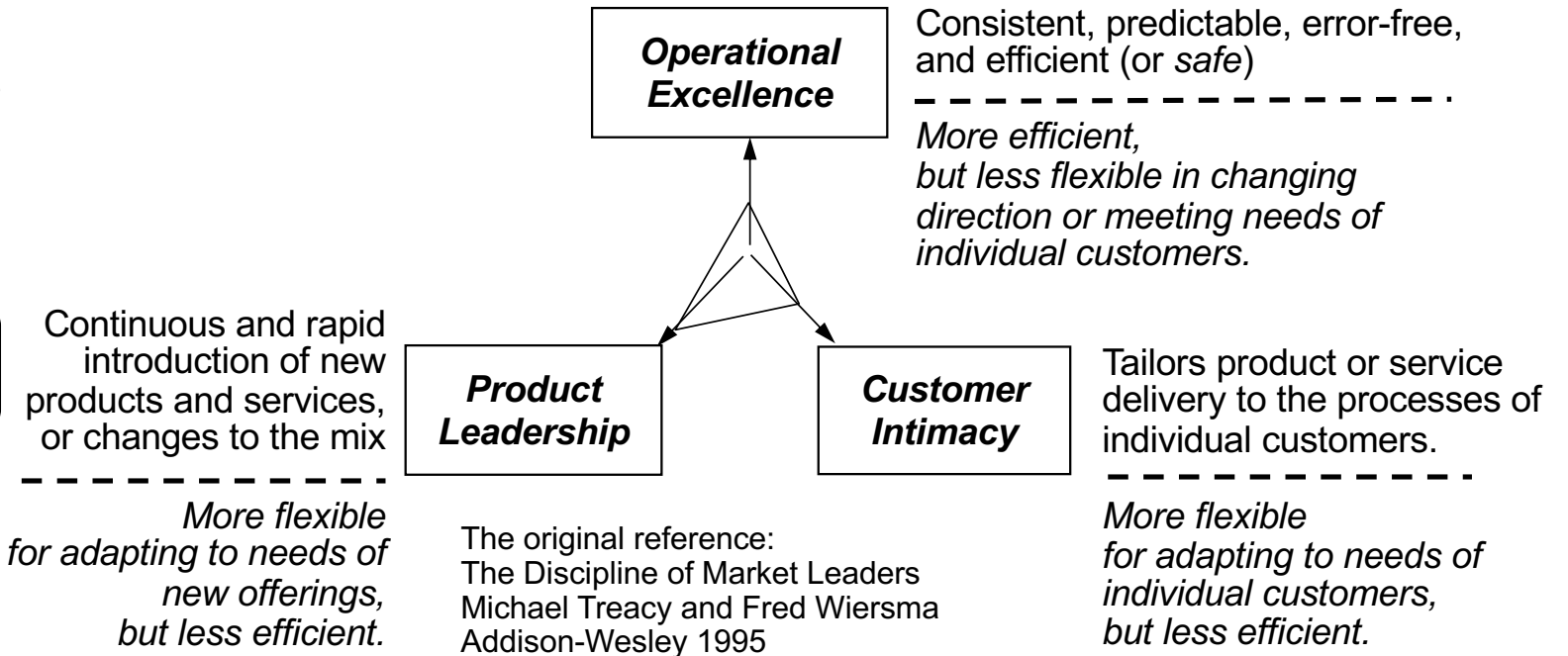
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As noted, this is one of the things I do on ~100% of *Project Recovery* assignments -

1. Build *Process Scope Model & Process Summary Chart*
2. Develop *Case for Action* – an *As-Is Assessment by Stakeholder*
3. Establish the *Differentiator*
4. (Optionally conduct an *As-Is Assessment by Enabler*)

Great processes don't try to be all things to all people – strive to be **great** at one differentiator, and **good** at the other two...



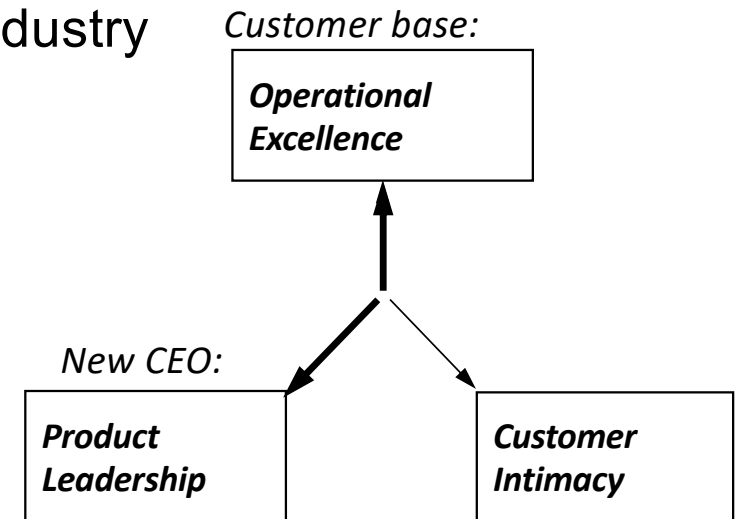
1. Concept developed for the entire enterprise, but excellent for individual processes – a “signpost” for decisions on process changes.
2. Processes in an enterprise do not all have the same differentiator.
3. The Process Differentiator can change over time – *slowly!*



## Example: “differentiator confusion”

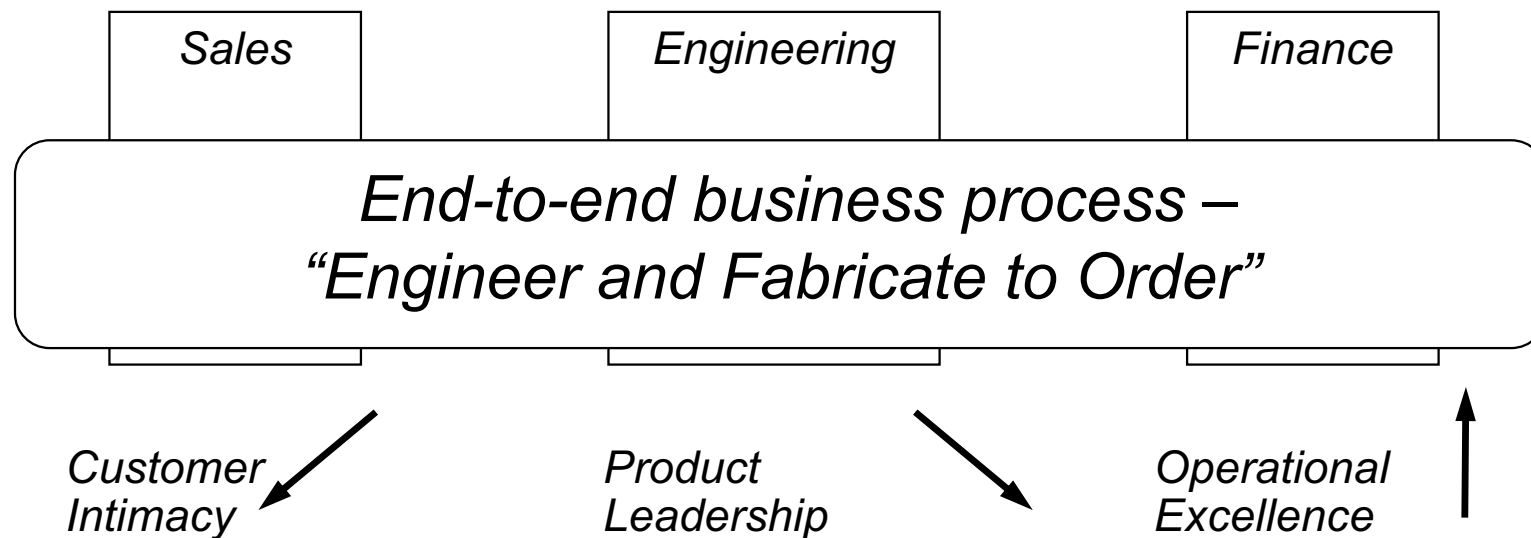
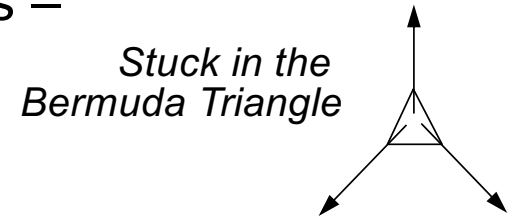
Getting it wrong can be *expensive...*

- Insurance company recruits CEO from high tech industry
- New CEO decides “innovation is everything” – \$100M spent on process redesign and system development in support of “innovative car insurance products” – *Product Leadership*
- Total failure – customers wanted affordable, easy to understand, easy to buy insurance – *Operational Excellence (Op Ex)*

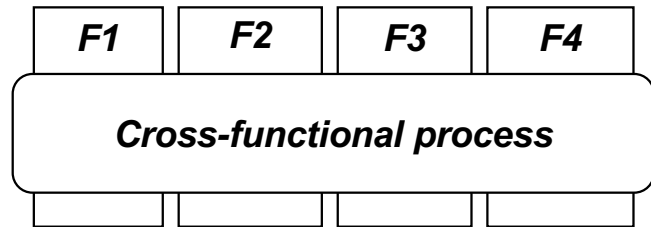


## Three common differentiator problems

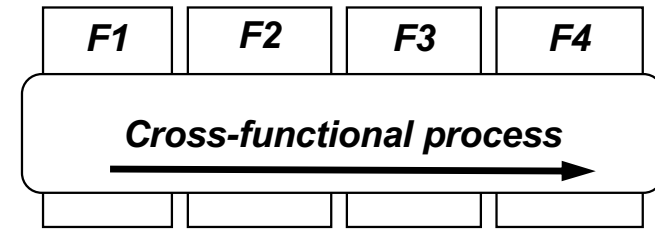
1. Focus on the wrong differentiator – *customer alienation*
2. No differentiator or trying to excel at *multiple* differentiators – *stressed workforce and lower performance*
  - *Operational excellence* – “We must be the low-cost provider!”
  - *Customer focused* – “We must do what it takes for each client!”
3. Conflicting differentiators within functions of a process – *lower performance*



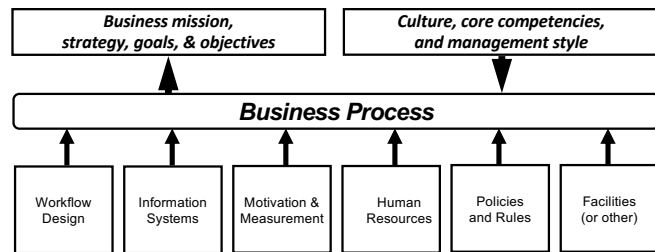
# Five key points about Business Processes



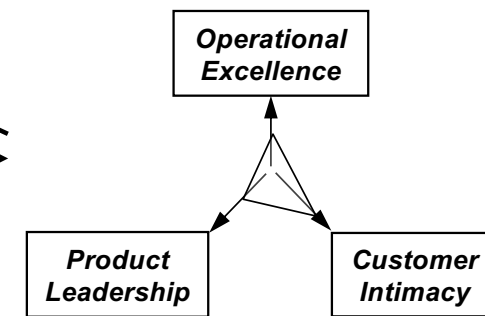
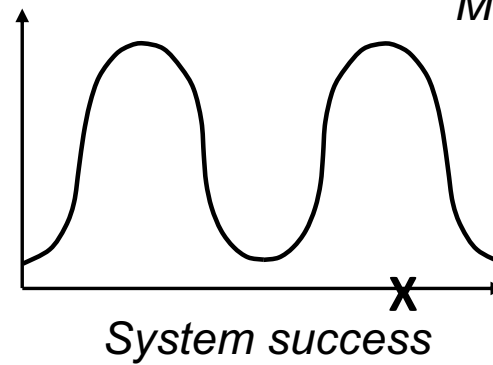
Processes:  
"large" and X-functional



Misaligned measures



Holistic method



Differentiator

*Thanks again!*



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Business Process  
Change –  
Avoiding the  
Common Pitfalls

# *Some extras...*

# Business Process – part of a proven framework for Business Analysis

Framework Layer	Technique sample	What it covers	
Goals	<p><i>Business Objectives</i></p> <p>The university is initiating the “Strategic Enrollment” program to raise Student graduation rates in part by ensuring Classes are available for Student registration when needed.</p>	<p>✓ <b>Project Charter:</b> documents the rationale, objectives, scope, and success measures for the project</p>	<p>This is not a fixed sequence!</p>
Process		<p>✓ <b>Process Model:</b> shows “what” in a Scope Model, then “who &amp; how” in a Workflow Model – the steps done by the actors in the process</p>	
Application	<p><i>Presentation Services (user interface)</i></p> <p>When advisor enters five characters of Last Name → Then System lists matching Students</p> <p>When advisor selects list item → Then System displays expanded Student view with needed Classes</p> <p>When advisor etc. →</p>	<p>✓ <b>Use Case:</b> describes how an actor would like to interact with a system to obtain a service, typically to complete a step or task within a process</p>	<p><i>Use Cases and Services – where we capture Functional Requirements</i></p>
	<p><i>Business Services (rules &amp; logic)</i></p> <p><b>Input Message:</b> Student Number, Course ID, Class ID</p> <p><b>Register Student in Class</b></p> <p>Verify Student Status Verify Student pre-reqs Confirm Class availability Create Registration</p> <p><b>Output Message:</b> Results</p>	<p>✓ <b>Service Specification:</b> describes a service – a package of rules and logic – that is triggered to complete or respond to a business event</p>	
Data		<p>✓ <b>Concept Model:</b> depicts the things and the facts about things the organisation needs to record; the things (the Entities) are what processes and solutions act on.</p>	<p><i>Concept Model – a great platform for Business Analysis</i></p>

Only four types of models vs. 14 in the UML! (Unified Modelling Language)

# Key point! Everything relies on the concept model

*All use the language and constraints of the Concept Model (the “thing model”) – the ultimate “what”*

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Data	Data Mgmt. Services (databases)	
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*Use Cases/User Stories:*  
- Who (Actors) needs access to the Services, and how (Platform)?

**Use Case**  
actor + service + platform:  
*Advisor Register Student in Class via SRS*

**Service**  
verb + noun ( + noun):  
*Register Student in Class*

**Entity (“thing”)**  
noun:  
*Class*

*Verb-Noun pairs:*  
- The Services (event-handlers) that are at the heart of a Service Oriented Architecture.  
- Also “building blocks” of Business Processes

The core *Nouns* in your enterprise. Also known as *Business Objects*.

Bonus – great starting point to discover your Events/Services and Use Cases/User Stories

# Another key point! Different levels of detail for different purposes

Different models and levels of detail for different audiences and purposes.

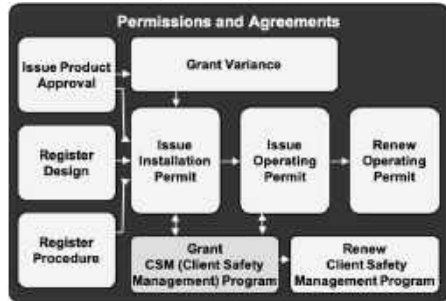
Scope –  
for Planning

Concept –  
for Understanding

Detail –  
for Specification

Also applies to Use Cases, Services, and Data Models

Process Landscape (optional):



- Augmented Scope Model showing next level activities: *who - what - how*
- “Business-friendly” (just boxes & lines) flow models to maximise communication and participation
- Two levels – *Handoff* and *Service*

- Detail for technical design, perhaps using full BPMN

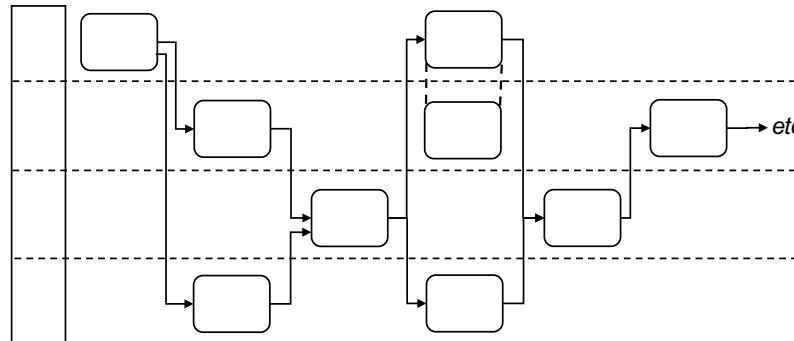
Process Scope Model:



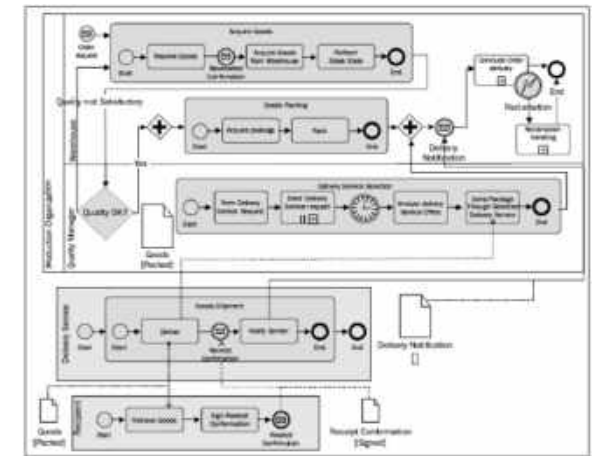
Process Summary Chart:



Boxes



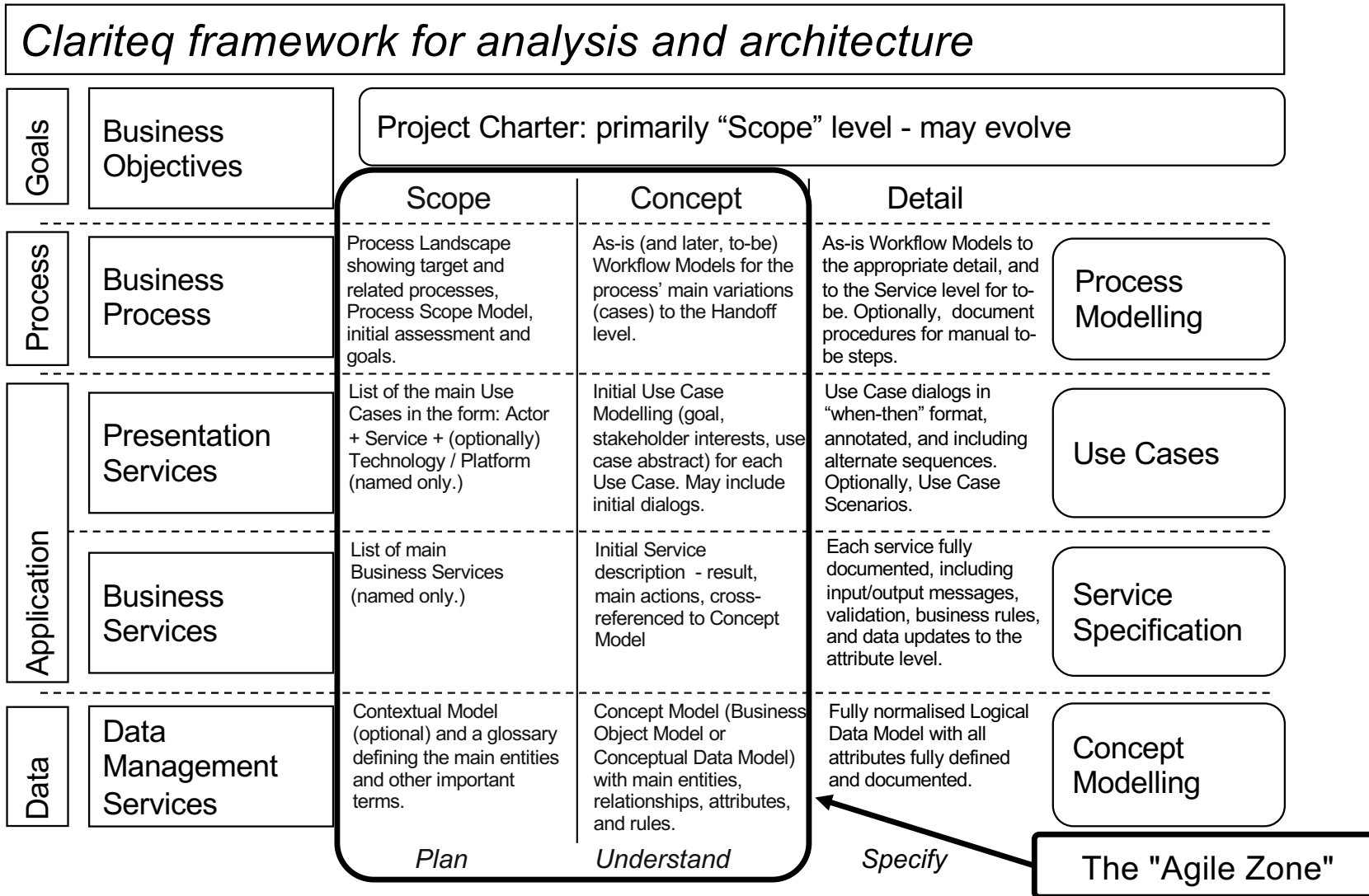
Boxes & Lines



Boxes, Lines,  
& MANY Symbols<sup>40</sup>



# Specifics on progressive detail for all techniques



# Our three-phase methodology – proven, practical, & agile



Goal or issue, not rigorously specified

**Identify & scope** the process with a **Scope Model** & a **Process Summary Chart**; Optional - build a **Concept Model**

**Complete initial as-is process assessment, and to-be objective setting, by stakeholder**

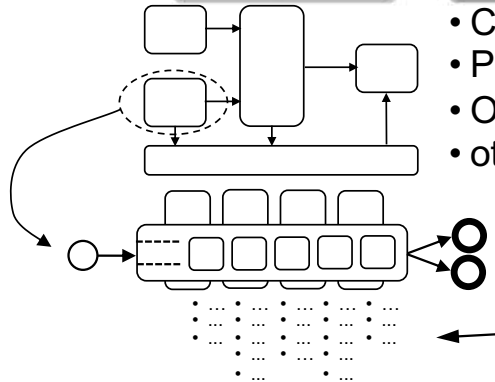
**Perform more detailed as-is process analysis:**  
- Augmented Scope Model  
- Optionally, draw workflow

**Complete final as-is process assessment by enabler, and generate to-be improvement ideas**

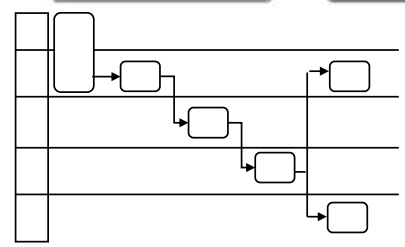
**Refine to-be improvement ideas, determine 5–10 key features of the to-be process**

**Assess each to-be feature by enabler to determine changes to make it sustainable**

**Design to-be process:**  
1 - **essential** activities first  
2 - "who & how"  
3 - transport & protocol



- Customer
- Performers
- Owner
- others...

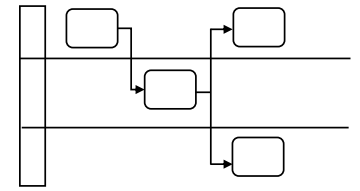


- Process
- IT
- M&M
- HR
- P&R
- Fac. or...

- Develop as-is models:
  - *Augmented Scope Model* – add ~5 – 7 more detailed Activities for each main Activity
  - (Optional) *as-is Workflow Models* – only enough detail to understand process behaviour
- Conduct *enabler-based assessment* and identify *potential improvements*



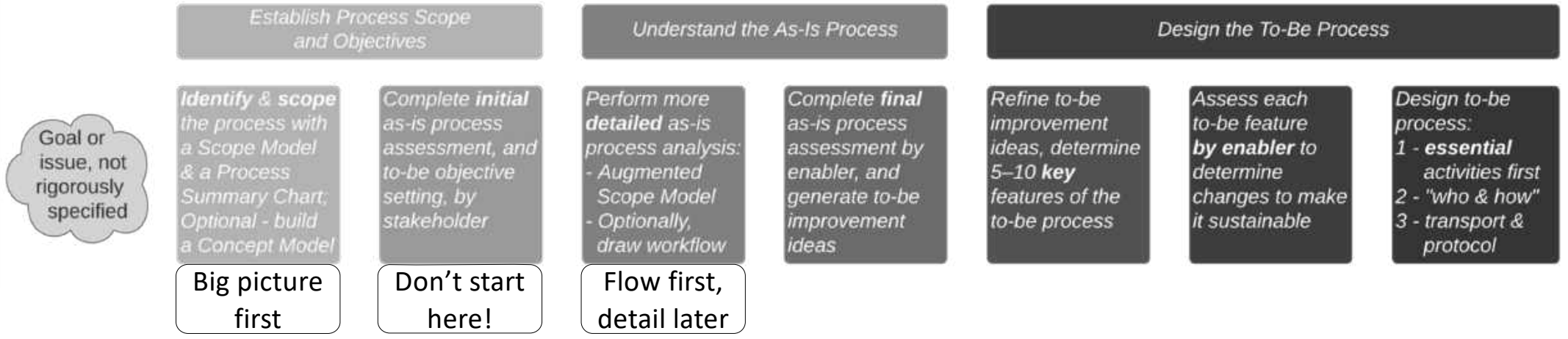
- Select key to-be Features



- Assess each key Feature by enabler
  - Identify and sequence *essential* activities
  - Develop *to-be Workflow Models* depicting the future *who* and *how*
  - ...on to requirements definition and implementation

- ID processes & draw *Process Landscape* (Optional – only if you have a large scope)
- ID Trigger, Results, main Activities, Cases (**TRAC**) & draw *Process Scope Model* – focus on *what*, no reference to *who* or *how*
- ID involved functions & mechanisms (*who* and *how*) & draw *Process Summary Chart*
- Conduct *stakeholder-based assessment*

# Our methodology – three responses to three common difficulties



My *hardest* assignments

- 1 – Premature diagnosis of the situation
- 2 – Failure to identify true end-to-end processes
- 3 – A rapid descent into unhelpful detail

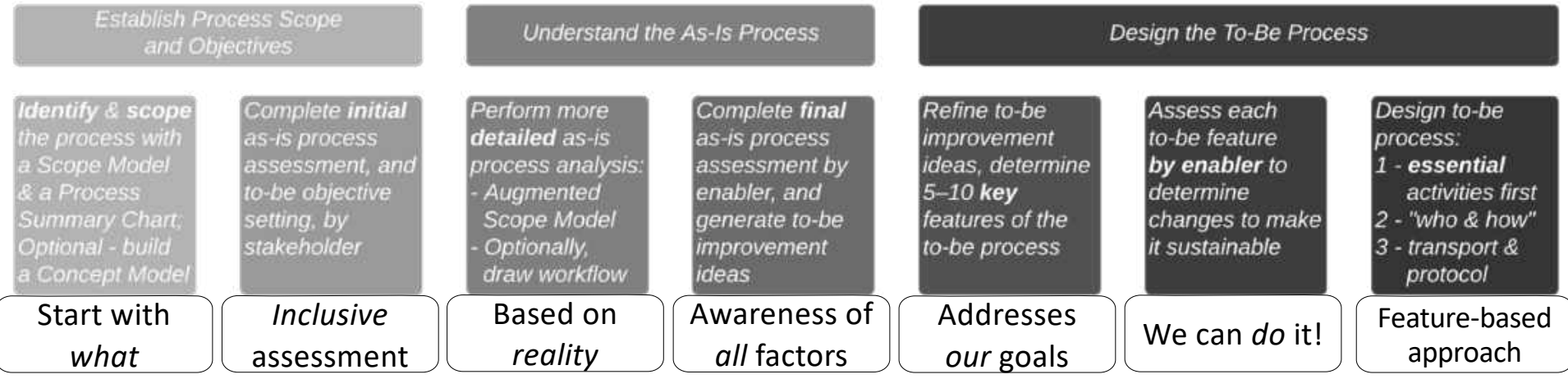
*Don't* start with a problem statement!  
There will be some goal or issue, but don't formalise it **yet**.  
And remember... it may not be a "process" issue. **Why not?**

Rigorous techniques to identify real business processes – a Process Scope Model and a Process Summary Chart make scope and context visible.

Clarify the big picture, then take a *controlled* descent with well-defined levels of detail.

# Our methodology – two points highlighted by clients

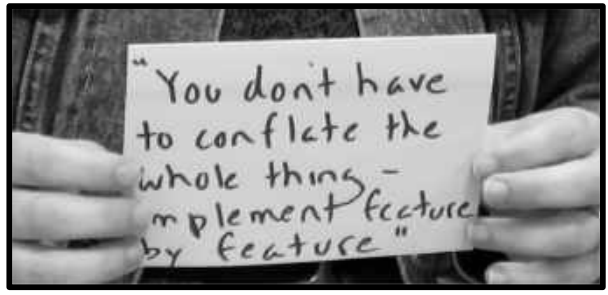
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Builds support for *change*

Not a "big bang" – an effective, implementable, sustainable business process

"We like the way support for change is built in *throughout* your approach, not bolted on at the end."



Feature-based approach makes it *Agile / iterative*.  
  
And *fast!* – up-front work avoids endless rehashing later