## Architectures and Roadmaps for Communications and Media



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# **One View (the consumer's) of the Communications Value Chain**

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# **Another View of the Communications Value Chain**

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### **Roadmapping Communications:** What are the Premises?



Silos in the value chain are interdependent (integrality).

Absence of leadership and coordination across an interdependent value chain creates uncertainty, risk, and reluctance to invest.

HOW TO ACHIEVE COORDINATION IN THE ABSENCE OF VERTICAL INTEGRATION?

### **Roadmapping Communications:** What are the Premises?

Technology dynamics, Industry dynamics, and Regulatory dynamics are interdependent.

Technology and industry roadmapping are typically done by different people



SIA roadmaps provided productive coordination in semiconductors, but focused only on technology & a narrow slice of the value chain. Industry growth was assumed. --> Not a good model for Communications.

Productive roadmapping must encompass multiple links of the value chain, a multidisciplinary team, and the coevolution of technology, industry, and regulatory policy.

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> Is there a third way? (Quantum Roadmap)

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#### **Proposed MIT Communications Roadmap Consortium**



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### **Dynamic Analysis to Support Industry & Technology Roadmapping**



### **Roadmap Components: Dynamic Analyses**

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- 7. Capital Markets Dynamics

### **Cisco's End-to-End Integration for its Fulfillment Supply Chain**

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#### Basic Design Principle: Arm's length Relationship with Fulfillment Chain Partners

### Cisco's Strategy for Technology Supply Chain Design

- 1. Integrate technology around the router to be a communications network provider.
- 2. Leverage acquired technology with
  - sales muscle and reach
  - end-to-end IT
  - outsourced manufacturing
  - market growth
- 3. Leverage venture capital to supply R&D

#### **Basic Design Principle: Acquisition Relationship with Technology Chain Partners**

#### Volatility Amplification in the Supply Chain: "The Bullwhip Effect"

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#### Supply Chain Volatility Amplification: Machine Tools at the tip of the Bullwhip

"We are experiencing a 100-year flood." J. Chambers, 4/16/01

See "Upstream Volatility in the Supply Chain: The Machine Tool Industry as a Case Study," E. Anderson, C. Fine & G. Parker *Production and Operations Management,* Vol. 9, No. 3, Fall 2000, pp. 239-261.

# LESSONS FROM A FRUIT FLY: CISCO SYSTEMS

- 1. KNOW YOUR LOCATION IN THE VALUE CHAIN
- 2. UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS OF VALUE CHAIN FLUCTUATIONS
- 3. THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE ROLE OF VERTICAL COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- 4. INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS SPEED DO NOT REPEAL BUSINESS CYCLES OR THE BULLWHIP.

### **Bonus Question:** How does clockspeed impact volatility?

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### The Strategic Leverage of Value Chain Design: Who let Intel Inside?

1980: IBM designs a product, a process, & a value chain



The Outcome:

A phenomenonally successful product design A disastrous value chain design (for IBM)

### LESSONS FROM A FRUIT FLY: THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

- 1. BEWARE OF *INTEL INSIDE* (Regardless of your industry)
- 2. MAKE/BUY IS **NOT** ABOUT WHETHER IT IS *TWO CENTS CHEAPER* OR *TWO DAYS FASTER* TO OUTSOURCE VERSUS INSOURCE.
- 3. DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP DESIGN CAN DETERMINE THE FATE OF COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIES, AND OF PROFIT AND POWER
- 4. THE LOCUS OF VALUE CHAIN CONTROL CAN SHIFT IN UNPREDICTABLE WAYS

Vertical Industry Structure with *Integral* Product Architecture

#### Computer Industry Structure, 1975-85



(See A. Grove, Intel; and Farrell, Hunter & Saloner, Stanford)

### Horizontal Industry Structure with Modular Product Architecture

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#### Computer Industry Structure, 1985-95

Microprocessors	Intel Moto AN	ID etc
Operating Systems	Microsoft Mac L	Jnix
Peripherals	HP Epson Seagate et	tc etc
Applications Software	Microsoft Lotus Novell	etc
Network Services	AOL/Netscape Microsoft EDS et	tc
Assembled Hardware	HP Compaq IBM Dell et	C.

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#### THE DYNAMICS OF PRODUCT ARCHITECTURE STANDARDS, AND VALUE CHAIN STRUCTURE: THE DOUBLE HELIX

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See Fine & Whitney, "Is the Make/Buy Decision Process a Core Competence?"

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# ALL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IS TEMPORARY

- Autos:
- *Ford* in 1920, *GM* in 1955, *Toyota* in 1990
- *Computing: IBM* in 1970, *DEC* in 1980, *Wintel* in 1990
- World Dominion:
- Greece in 500 BC, Rome in 100AD, G.B. in 1800
- Sports:
- Bruins in 1971, Celtics in 1986, Yankees no end
- The faster the clockspeed, the shorter the reign

VALUE CHAIN DESIGN: Three Components

1. Insourcing/OutSourcing (The Make/Buy or Vertical Integration Decision)

2. Partner Selection (Choice of suppliers and partners for the chain)

3. The Contractual Relationship (Arm's length, joint venture, long-term contract, strategic alliance, equity participation, etc.)



See Leonard-Barton, D. Wellsprings of Knowledge

#### Projects Serve Three Masters: Capabilities, Customers, & Corporate Profit



#### IMPLEMENTATION OF **PROJECT DESIGN**: FRAME IT AS 3-D CONCURRENT ENGINEERING



#### ARCHITECTURES IN 3-D INTEGRALITY VS. MODULARITY

#### *Integral product architectures* feature close coupling among the elements

- Elements perform many functions
- Elements are in close spacial proximity
- Elements are tightly synchronized
- Ex: jet engine, airplane wing, microprocessor

# *Modular product architectures* feature separation among the elements

- Elements are interchangeable
- Elements are individually upgradeable
- Element interfaces are standardized
- System failures can be localized
- Ex: stereo system, desktop PC, bicycle

### VALUE CHAIN ARCHITECTURE

**Integral value-chain architecture** 

features close proximity among its elements

- Proximity metrics: Geographic, Organizational Cultural, Electronic
  - Example: Toyota city
  - Example: Ma Bell (AT&T in New Jersey)
  - Example: IBM mainframes & Hudson River Valley

Modular value-chain architecture features multiple,

- interchangeable supplier and standard interfaces
- Example: Garment industry
- Example: PC industry
- Example: General Motors' global sourcing
- Example: Telephones and telephone service

### ALIGNING ARCHITECTURES: BUSINESS SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS



In/Outsourcing: Sowing the Seeds of Competence Development to develop dependence for knowledge or dependence for capacity



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#### Technology Dynamics in the Aircraft Industry: LEARNING FROM THE DINOSAURS



### SOURCEABLE ELEMENTS



#### Strategic Make/Buy Decisions: Assess Critical Knowledge & Product Architecture



Adapted from Fine & Whitney, "Is the Make/Buy Decision Process a Core Competence?"

#### Strategic Make/Buy Decisions: Also consider Clockspeed & Supply Base Capability



Adapted from C. Fine, *Clockspeed*, Chap. 9

#### **Qualitative analysis of strategic importance uses five key criteria**


#### **Every decision requires qualitative and quantitative analysis to reach a conclusion**



Model developed by GM Powertrain, PRTM, & Clockspeed, Inc.

### VALUE CHAIN DESIGN IS THE ULTIMATE CORE COMPETENCY

Since all advantages are temporary, the only lasting competency is to continuously build and assemble capabilities chains.

#### **KEY SUB-COMPETENCIES:**

1. Forecasting the dynamic evolution of market power and market opportunities

- 2. Anticipating Windows of Opportunity
- 3. 3-D Concurrent Engineering: Product, Process, Value Chain



Fortune Favors the Prepared Firm

### PROCESS FOR VALUE CHAIN DESIGN

- 1. Benchmark the Fruit Flies
- 2. Map your Supply Chain
  - -Organizational Value Chain
  - -Technology Value Chain
  - -Competence Chain
- 3. Dynamic Chain Analysis at each node of each chain map
- 4. Identify Windows of Opportunity
- 5. Exploit Competency Development Dynamics with 3-D Concurrent Engineering



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#### OPTICAL TELECOM VALUE CHAIN: MINI CASE EXAMPLE

NORTEL NETWORKS plays at at least three levels of the Optical Network Telecom value chain:

- 1. Network design & installation
- 2. Modules (OC-192 network elements)
- 3. Components (lasers, amplifiers)
- QUIZ: Should Nortel sell their components business?
- Hint: How likely are the scenarios of:
  - An Intel Inside effect in components?
  - Networks become sufficiently modular as to be assembled by the customer?

#### WIRELESS VALUE CHAIN:MINI CASE EXAMPLE

Wireless Base Stations (WSB'S) comprise 4 key subsystems:



WSB architectures are -integral & proprietary Suppliers include: Nortel, Moto, Ericsson, Siemens, Nokia Disruptive Modem advances (e.g., MUD) can double Base Station Capacity

#### Modular WSB's might

(1) Stimulate new WSB entrants (ala Dell)

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- (2) Stimulate standard subsystem suppliers
- (3) lower prices to the network operators
- (4) Speed base station performance imp.
- (5) Increase demand for basestations due to improved price-performance ratios.

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### **Customer Preference Drivers**

(adapted from Sadek Esener, UCSD and Tom O'Brien, Dupont "Macro-Trends" process)

- 1. Population
  - Aging, Growth
- 2. Awareness
  - of Environment/Energy costs, Personal Health
  - of consumption possibilities & disparities
- 3. Globalization
  - of commerce, culture, knowledge, disease, terrorism
- 4. Clusters
  - urbanization
  - wealth
  - affinity/ethnic groups
- 5. Technology
  - cheap computation, pervasive connectivity
  - technology at the molecular (nano) level (life sciences, electronics, polymers)

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### **Roadmap for Electronic Devices**

#### Number of chip components



#### International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors '99

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Year	2005	2008	2011	2014
Technology (nm)	100	70	50	35
DRAM chip area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	526	603	691	792
DRAM capacity (Gb)	8		64	
MPU chip area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	622	713	817	937
MPU transistors (x10 <sup>9</sup> )	0.9	2.5	7.0	20.0
MPU Clock Rate (GHz)	3.5	6.0	10.0	13.5

### Disk Drive Development 1978-1991

Disk Drive Generation	Dominant Producer	Dominant Usage	Approx cost per Megabyte	
14"	IBM	mainframe	\$750	
<b>8"</b>	Quantum	<b>Mini-computer</b>	<b>\$100</b>	
5.25"	Seagate	<b>Desktop PC</b>	<b>\$30</b>	
3.5"	Conner	<b>Portable PC</b>	<b>\$7</b>	
2.5"	Conner	Notebook PC	<b>\$2</b>	

From 1991-98, Disk Drive storage density increased by 60%/year while semiconductor density grew ~50%/year. Disk Drive cost per megabyte in 1997 was ~ \$.10

## Optical Networking is Keeping Up!



#### "Killer Technologies" of the Information Age: Semiconductors, Magnetic Memory, Optoelectronics

#### "We define a <u>*killer technology*</u> as one that delivers enhanced systems performance of a factor of at least a hundred-fold per decade."

C.H.Fine & L.K. Kimerling, "Biography of a Killer Technology: Optoelectronics Drives Industrial Growth with the Speed of Light," published in 1997 by the Optoelectronics Industry Develoment Association, 2010 Mass Ave, NW, Suite 200, Wash. DC 20036-1023.

### Killer Question:

Will <u>Integrated Optics</u> evolve linearly like Semiconductors with Moore's Law or like Disk Drives with repeated industry disruptions?

#### Optical Technology Evolution: Navigating the Generations with an Immature Technology

	1	2	3	4	5
Timeline	Now	Starting	Starting	3-5 years	5-15 years
Stage	Discrete Components	Hybrid Integration	Low-level monolithic integration	Medium Monolithic integration	High-level monolithic integration
Examples	MUX/ DEMUX	TX/RX module OADM	TX/RX module OADM	OADM, Transponder Switch Matrix	Transponder
Core Techno- logies	FBGs, Thin- film, fused fiber, mirrors	Silicon Bench, Ceramic substrates	Silica Silicon InP	InP, ??	InP, ??
How many Functions?	1	2-5	2-5	5-10	10-XXX
Industry Structure	Integrated	Integrated/ Horizontal	Integrated /Horizontal	DOUBLE HELIX	DOUBLE HELIX

Dr. Yanming Liu, MIT & Corning

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### **Regulatory Policy Dynamics: Some Components**

- 1. Players: United States: FCC, Congress, Consumers, Corporations, Interest Groups
- 2. Environments:

Wireless in Europe, NTT DoCoMo, Broadband in Sweden & Korea India vs. China Development US: Access, Digital Rights

3. Standards:

wCDMA vs CDMA2000

#### **Regulatory Policy Dynamics: WORK IN PROGRESS: Structural Model**



Economic Power of Respective Regulated Parties

Political Power of Pro-statusquo business Party

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# All Conclusions are *Temporary*

**Clockspeeds are increasing almost everywhere Value Chains are changing rapidly** 



# Assessment of value chain dynamics

**Roadmap Construction**