

Digitalization is the Future

Key Challenges and Opportunities

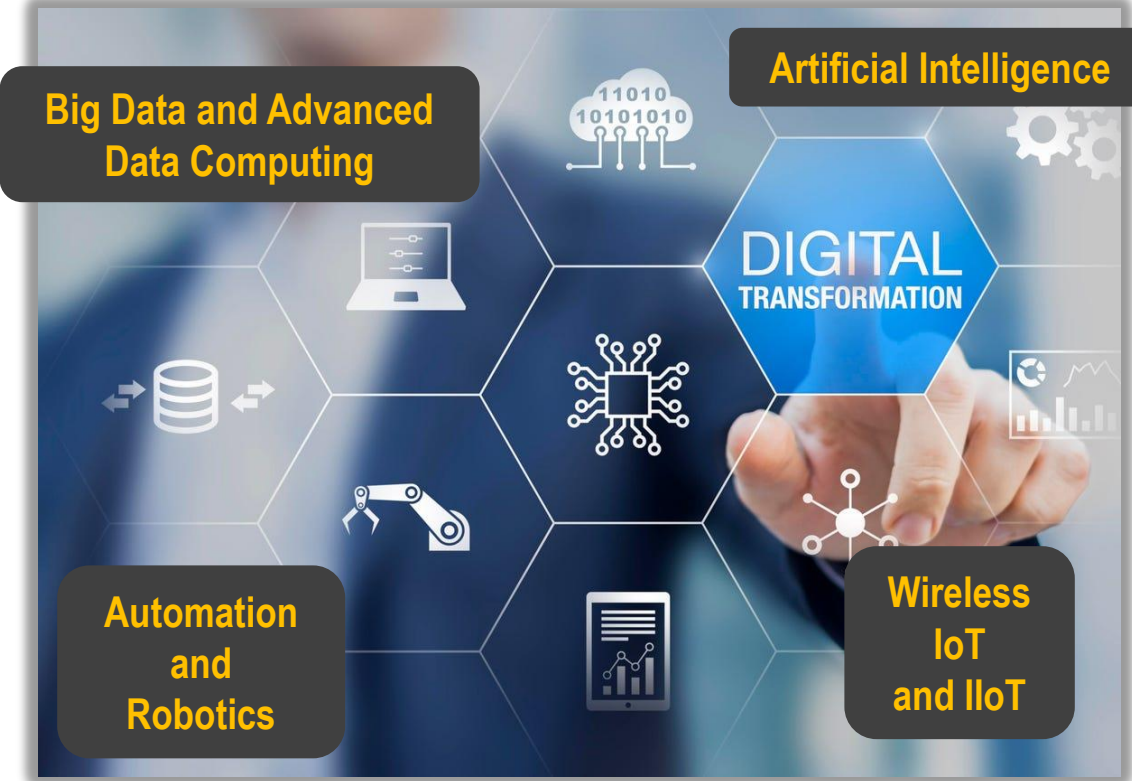
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Agenda:

- Key Business **Drivers** (45 min)
- Significance of **SMEs** (45 min)
- Implications on **Project Management Practice** (30 min)

Key Business Drivers

Key Business Drivers: Interconnection of Everything

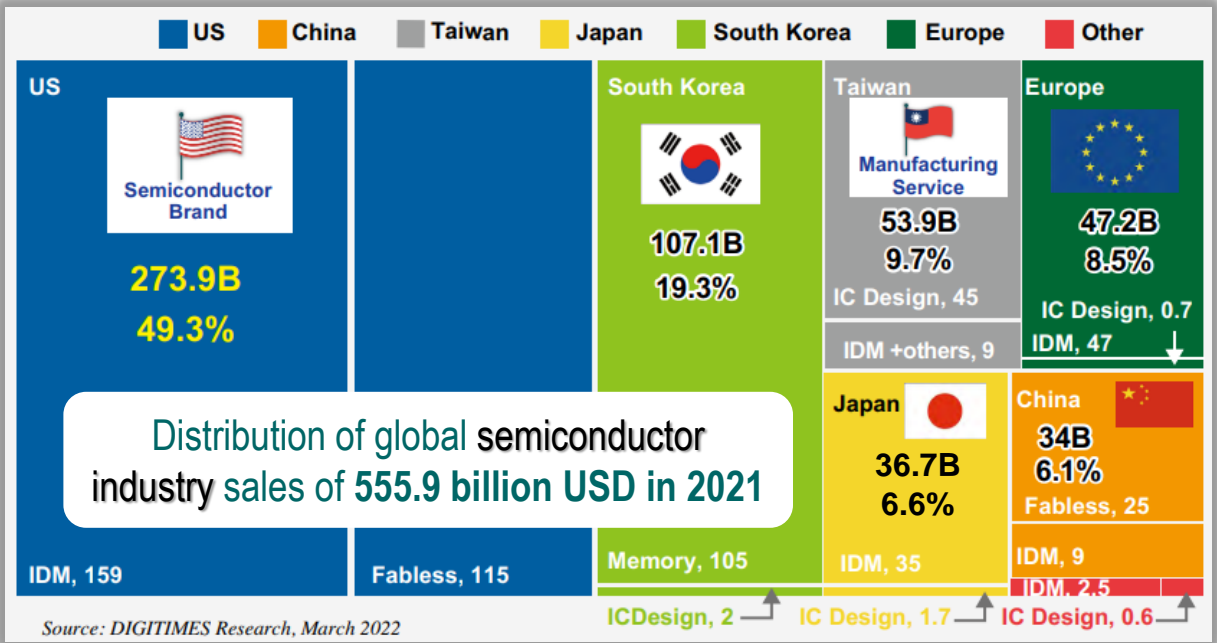


Technology and Solutions

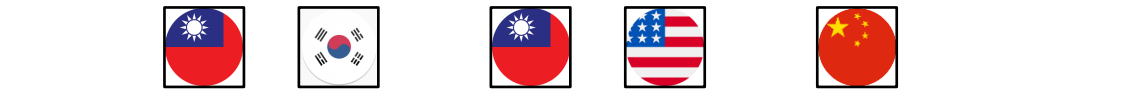
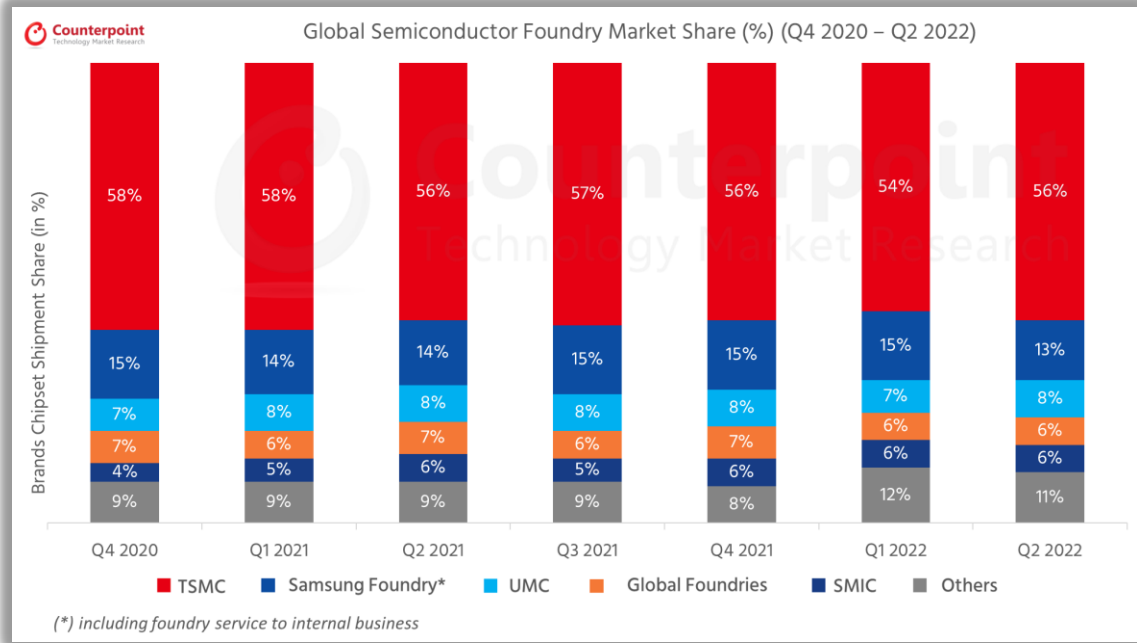


Applications

Key Business Drivers: Semiconductors Industry

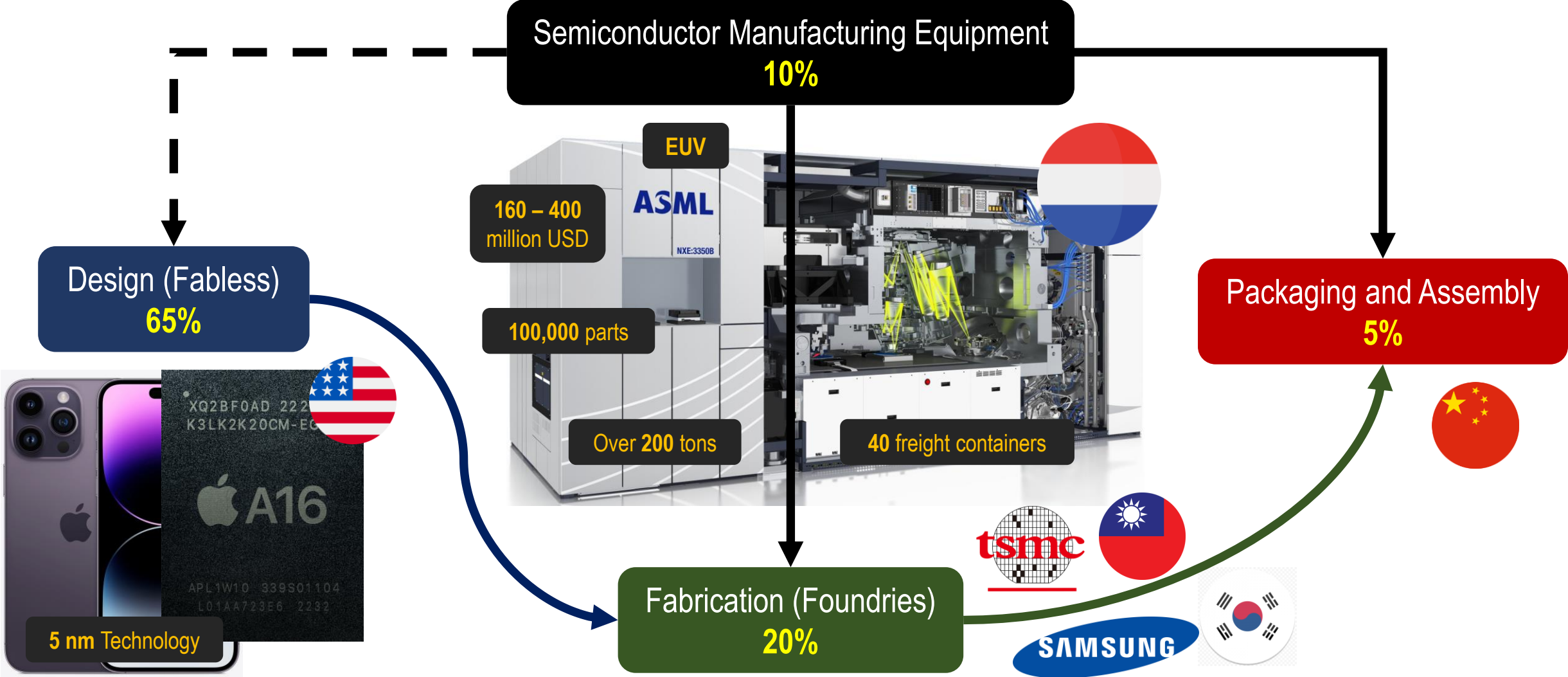


United States dominates 50% of global semiconductor industry



Taiwan supplies 65% of global needs of microchips

Key Business Drivers Complex Supply Chains



Key Business Drivers: Leadership and Competition Pressure

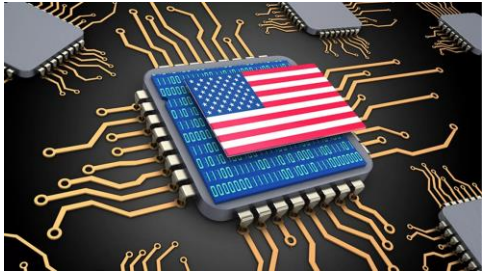


Signed on **August 9, 2022**

Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (**CHIPS**) Act

280 billion USD funding over **10 years**

To boost the domestic research and manufacturing of semiconductors **in the United State**

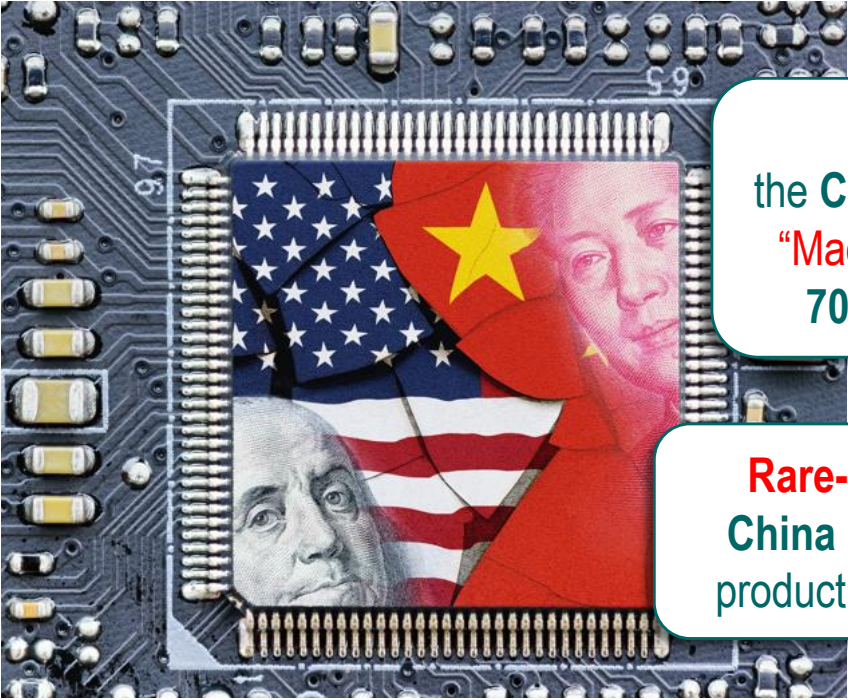
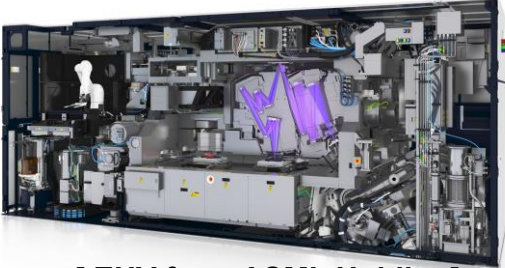
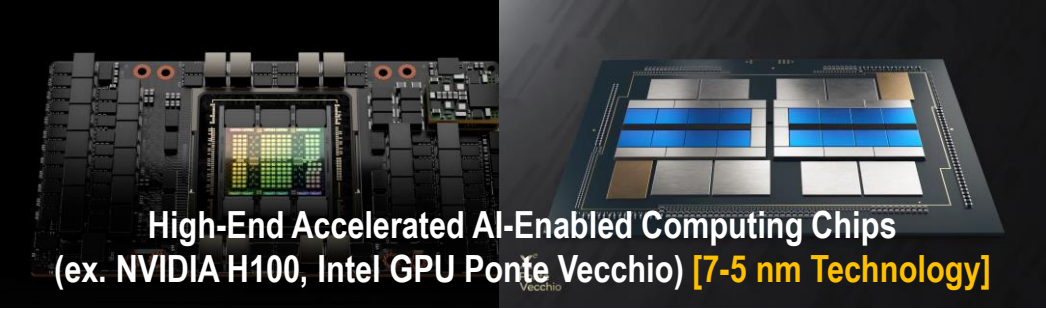


To keep leadership in advanced chip technology for AI, biotechnology and quantum computing

Key Business Drivers: Geopolitical Tensions

CHIPS **BATTEL** on **October 7, 2022**

Biden administration banned Chinese companies from buying **advanced chips** and **chip-making equipment** without a license!



Threatening
the **China's technological ambition**
"Made in China 2025" for reaching
70% autonomy in chip-making

Rare-Earth-Metals CONTROL
China accounts for **70%** of global
production, **37%** of global reserves

China's High-Tech Companies are 4-5
years behind the overseas counterparts

At least **1 trillion USD** for a fully "self-
sufficient" local chip supply chains
[Boston Consulting Group]

Singapore's prime minister warned that greater
decoupling between the US and China would
create a **"less stable world"!**

Key Business Drivers: Strategic Investment in High-Tech



TSMC continues investing in advanced chip manufacturing in Taiwan and reportedly building **1nm chip fab** in northern Taiwan

TSMC's **2nm chips** mass production is anticipated by **2025**

TSMC's **3nm chips** commercial production will start in the **second half of 2023**

Transforming from **3nm to 2nm technology** will enable **10% - 15% more speed**, and **25% - 30% less power-consumption**

Key Business Drivers: Global Technological Race



European
Commission



EU CHIPS Act

Proposed on **February 8, 2022**

160 billion USD funding over **10 years**

To boost domestic research and manufacturing of **cutting-edge semiconductors** in the **European Union** aiming to achieve **20%** of global production **by 2030** (**EU's 2030 Digital Decade**)

High Cost of Manufacturing (Key Challenge)

South Korea planned an investing of **450 billion USD** to boost domestic research and manufacturing of semiconductors **by 2030**

JAPAN planned an investing of **8 billion USD** to boost domestic research and manufacturing of semiconductors



The Digital Europe Programme
Horizon Europe

Key Business Drivers: Global Energy Crisis



International
Energy Agency

“Never too early to prepare for next winter: Europe’s gas balance for 2023-2024”

Europe needs to take immediate action to avoid risk
of natural gas shortage next year

03 November 2022

New IEA analysis identifies a challenging 30 bcm supply-demand
gap next summer at key time for refilling EU storage if **Russia**
halts all pipeline deliveries and **China’s** LNG imports rebound



Key Business Drivers: The Bright Side



Recognized by WEF as “Manufacturing Lighthouses” for their large-scale use of **Fourth-Industrial-Revolution solutions** (AI, IoT sensors, smart drones, robots)

Monitoring and Inspection times **cut by 40% - 90%**

Power consumption **reduction by 18%**

Maintenance cost **reduction by 30%**

Aramco and **IBM** aim to establish an Innovation Hub in Saudi Arabia
DHAHRAN, October 31, 2022

“**Aramco** and **IBM** (NYSE: IBM) today announced preliminary plans for a **strategic collaboration** to establish an Innovation Hub in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The collaboration aims **to support high-tech driven** economic growth in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia leveraging emerging technologies in **hybrid cloud, AI, and quantum computing** to address objectives including circular economy, materials science, supply chain, sustainability, security, and digitization.”

Key Business Drivers: 1000 Billion USD Investments



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The Line

Cutting-Edge Smart City in KSA

WHAT IS OXAGON?

OXAGON is being built as the future of advanced and clean industries, and a hub for innovation, enabled by an automated port integrated with a smart supply chain network. The coastal city in NEOM will offer exceptional livability, brought to life by thriving communities, designed in harmony with nature.

OXAGON

- 13%** OF GLOBAL TRADE PASSES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL
- 90,000** POPULATION BY 2030
- 70,000** JOBS BY 2030
- LARGEST** FLOATING STRUCTURE IN THE WORLD
- 100%** CLEAN ENERGY
- 48km²** OXAGON CORE

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HOW IS OXAGON DIFFERENT?

As NEOM's catalyst for advanced transformational industries, OXAGON is a place to turn grand ambitions into reality. It provides a new way of living and working, where you can make the biggest impact on your business and the smallest impact on the planet.

- 01** A HUB FOR ADVANCED AND CLEAN MANUFACTURING
- 02** LIVING LAB FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
- 03** NEXT GEN AUTOMATED AND INTEGRATED PORT AND SUPPLY CHAIN WITH GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY
- 04** EXCEPTIONAL LIVABILITY
- 05** 100% CLEAN ENERGY

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Key Business Drivers: High-Tech RND in KSA



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Lessons Learned – Key Business Drivers

- Digitalization is a **global technological race** with **billions USD strategic investments**
- Digitalization as well as semiconductors industry are incorporated within a **volatile environment**:
 - **Complex supply chains** of highly interconnected actors across the globe and **numerous chock points** which impact the production
 - Highly impacted by **geopolitical “games”** and **energy crisis**
- Digitalization is definitely the **global revolution and culture** of the presently decade (**2030 Digital Decade**)
- Digitalization business is a **great excited opportunity** but closely engaged with **high threats** and **rapid changes**



Significance of SMEs

Significance of SMEs: Backbone of Economy Growth



Middle East Investment Initiative
An Innovative Approach to Development Finance.



JEDCO
المؤسسة الأردنية لتطوير المشاريع الاقتصادية
Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation



غرفة صناعة الأردن
Jordan Chamber of Industry

SME's in Jordan:

- Represents **99.5%** of all companies
- Making up to **30%** of the country's GDP
- Employing **60%** of the Jordanian Workforce
- Accounting for **10%** of exports



Industrial



Trade



Service

	Micro	Small	Medium
Number of Employees	< 5	< 20	< 100
Annual Revenue (JD)	< 100 k	< 1 M	< 3 M

Significance of SMEs: Expanding Opportunities



Lockdowns

Social Distancing

Disruptive Supply Chains

“Digital” Connectivity and Communication as Keys to Access the Market

Improving Customer Acquisition

Lowering Operational Costs

Automating Redundant Tasks

Improving Customer Relationship

Optimizing Service Provision

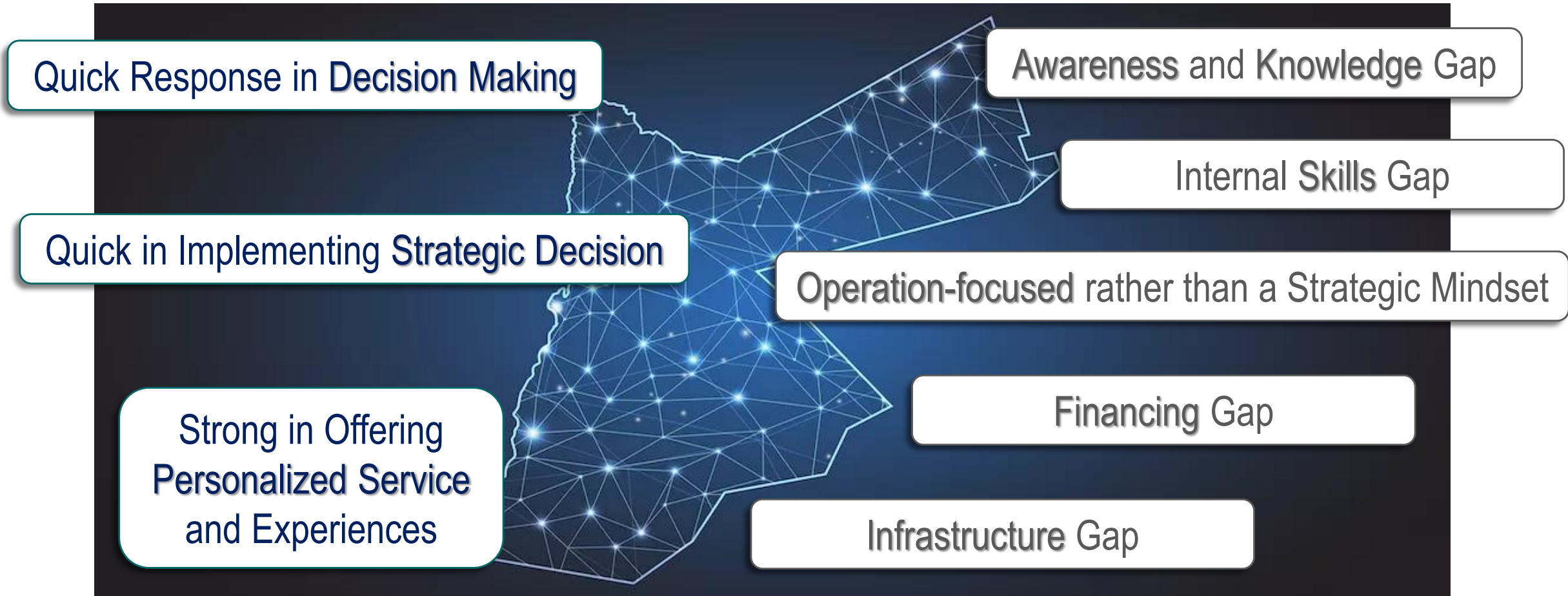
Improving Decision Making

Improving Process Agility

Increasing Productivity

Enhancing Competitiveness

Significance of SMEs: Competitiveness and Challenges



Significance of SMEs: Innovation Culture

Create **NEW** idea, Conceptualize **NEW** solution, Realize **NEW** approach, Achieve **NEW** added-value

Productivity

Costs

Profitability

Recognition

Competitiveness

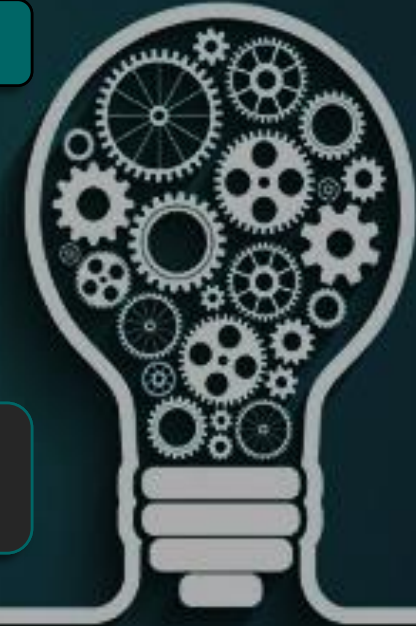
Networking

Each Enterprise has **unique** business model and needs

Tailored Roadmap

Willingness of the company:
lack of time, reluctance to change, trust

HOW to engage with the SME?

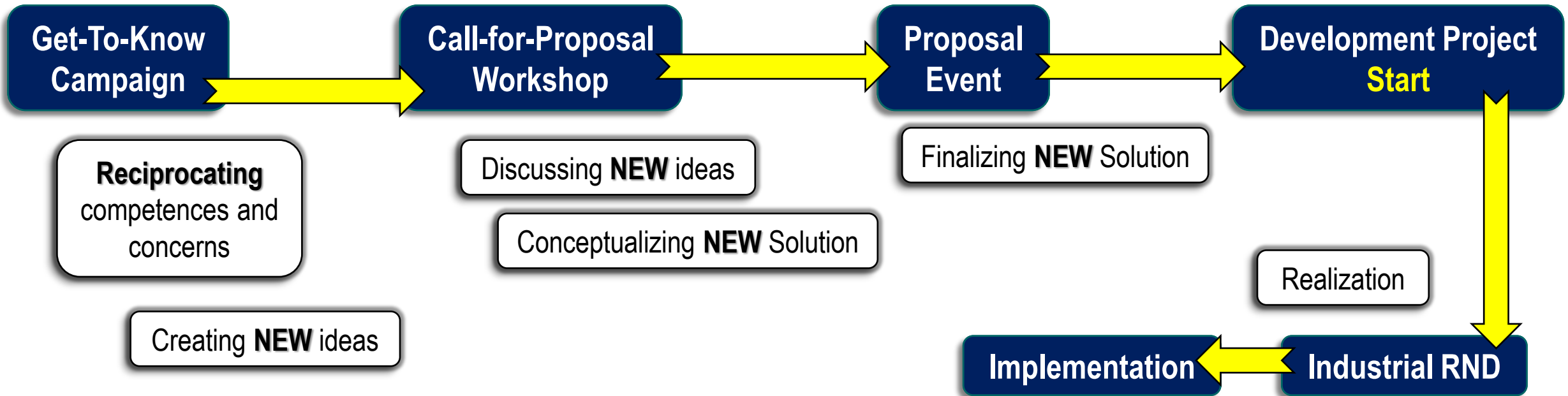


Significance of SMEs: Innovation Focused Campaign

**Proactive
Impulse**

Targeted Enterprises

Experts and Specialists



Significance of SMEs: Focused Campaign in Practice

Proactive Step



Academic Research Institute specialized in High-Tech RND

Engaged SMEs



Selected Domestic SMEs in Healthcare Industry

Customized NOVEL Solutions

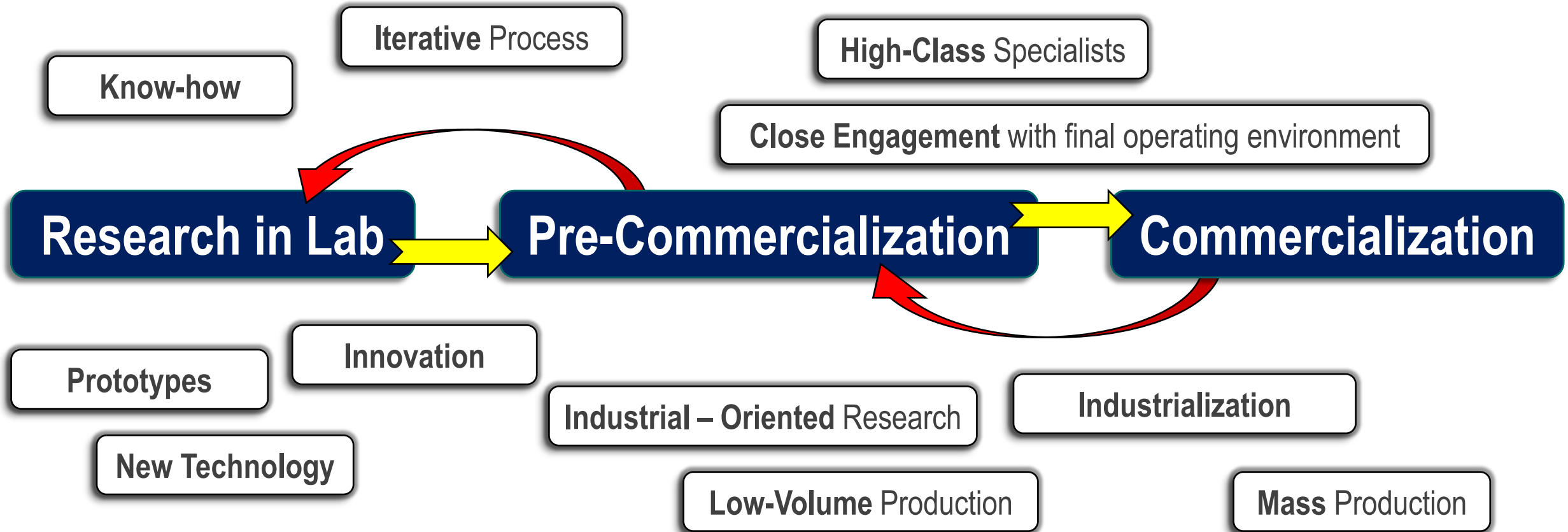


Initiative Program with multiple application-oriented projects

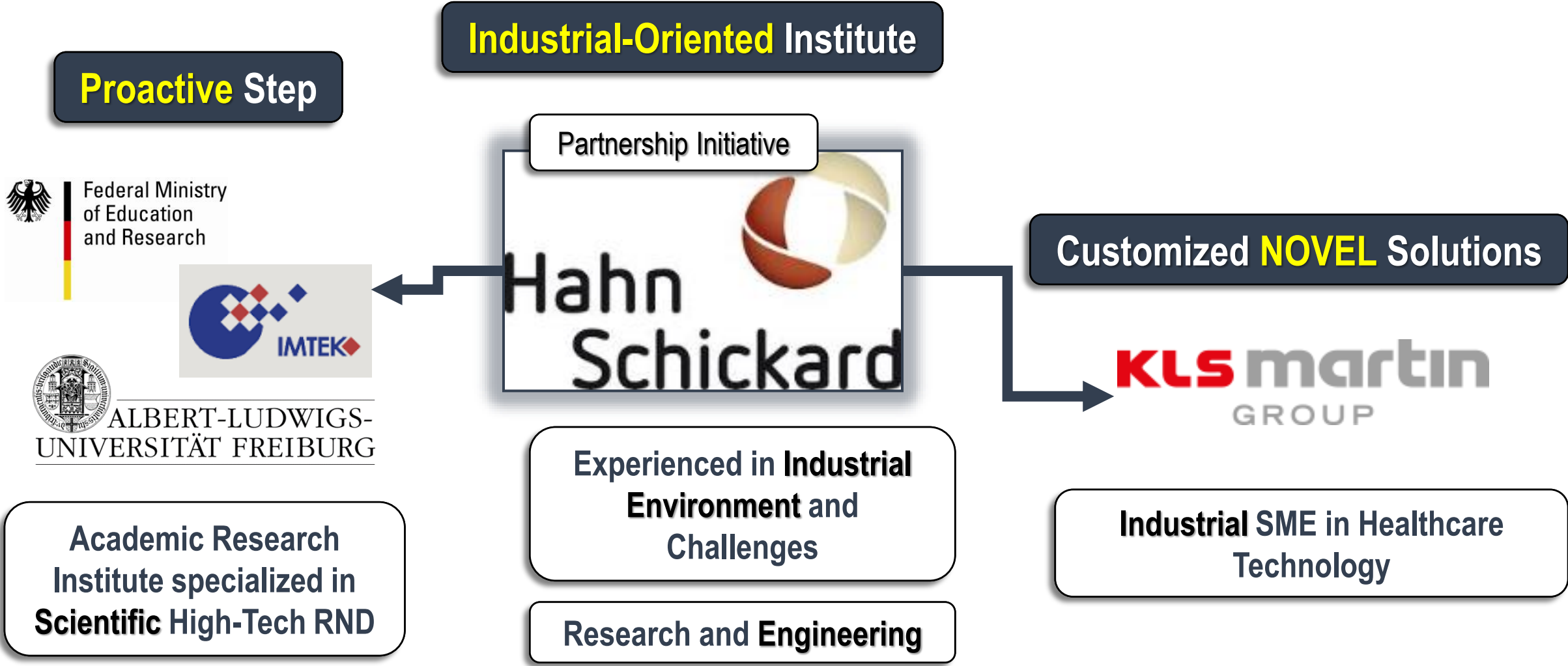
Successful Experience resulted in NEW follow-up projects

Significance of SMEs: The Pilot Line

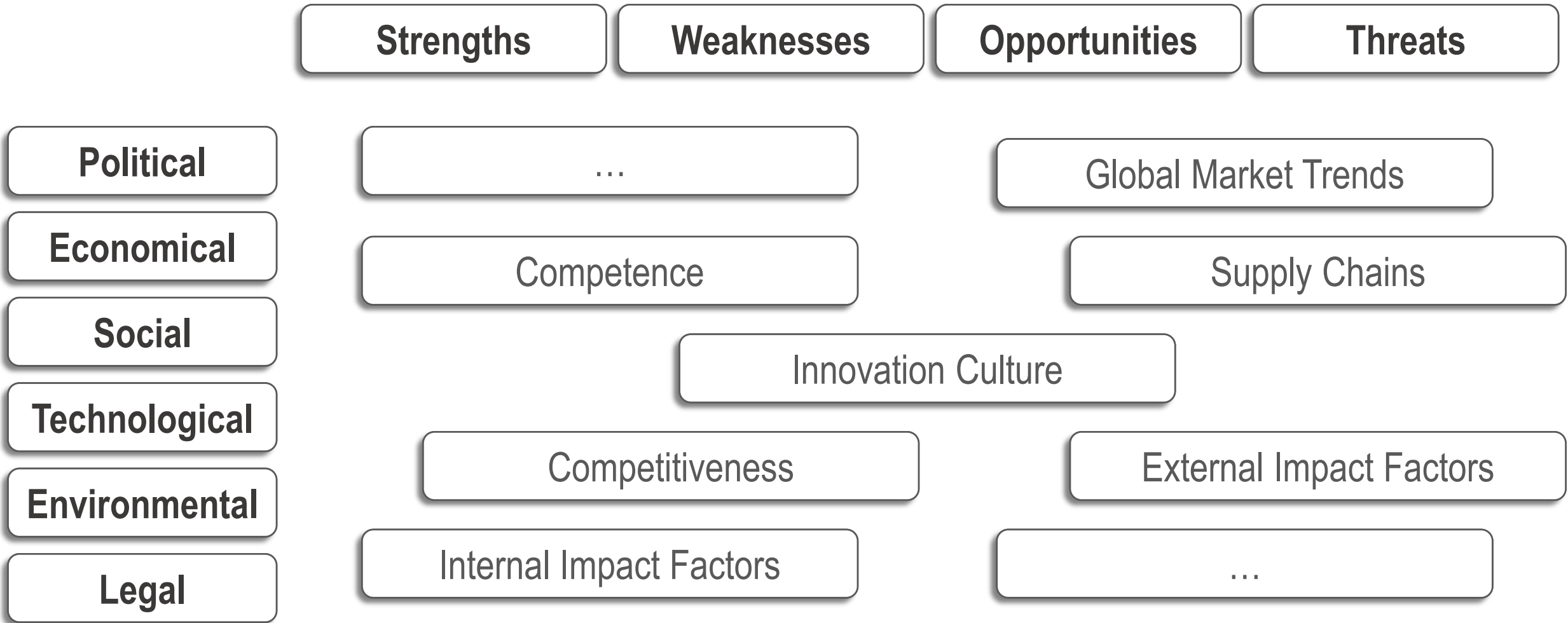
From **Idea Creation** through **Solution Conceptualization** to **Full-Scale Production**



Significance of SMEs: Pilot Line in Practice



Significance of SMEs: The Vision



Lessons Learned – Significance of SMEs

- SMEs are the **core** of economy growth
- The **unique** business model and needs of each SMEs represents a **serious challenge** for realizing a **tailored** solution
- **Innovation mindset** is potential approach for the digitalization of SMEs
- **Approaching the SMEs** and gaining their interests and trust requires a **proactive impulse culture**
- **Innovation** solutions incorporated creation of **new ideas** and **pre-commercialization** competence that is applicable through **focused partnership and multidisciplinary collaboration**



Implications on Project Management Practice

Quiz

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ ? & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

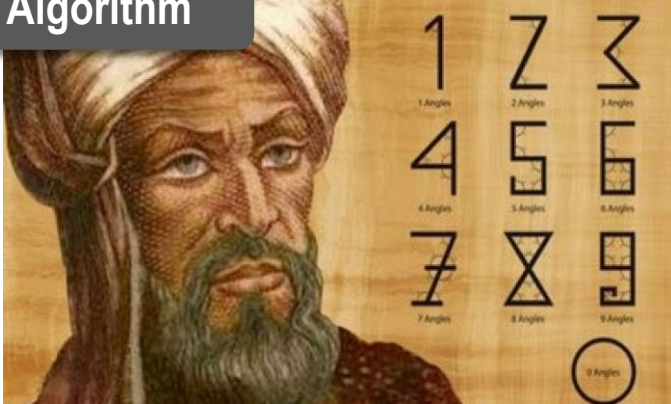
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$$3 \times 2 + 1 \times 5 + 0 \times -2 = 11$$

Implications on Project Management Practice: Ancient School

Algorithms for Solving Matrix Multiplication

Algorithm



Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} \\ b_{2,1} & b_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} \\ c_{2,1} & c_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{1,1} = a_{1,1} \times b_{1,1} + a_{1,2} \times b_{2,1}$$

$$c_{1,2} = a_{1,1} \times b_{1,2} + a_{1,2} \times b_{2,2}$$

$$c_{2,1} = a_{2,1} \times b_{1,1} + a_{2,2} \times b_{2,1}$$

$$c_{2,2} = a_{2,1} \times b_{1,2} + a_{2,2} \times b_{2,2}$$

Standard Algorithm

8 Multiplications

Strassen's Algorithm

7 Multiplications

Strassen's Algorithm:

- Invented in **1969**
- Applicable **only for 2x2** matrix
- Algorithm for **larger version** such as 3x3 have remained **unsolved!**

Fifty years ago!

Implications on Project Management Practice: Digital AI-based School

Artificial Intelligence is the **simulation of human intelligence** process by machines

nature 05 October 2022

Discovering faster matrix multiplication algorithms with reinforcement learning
Volume 610, pages 47–53 (2022)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques could advance the **automatic discovery of new matrix multiplication algorithms** that are **more efficient** than the state of the art for many matrix sizes

Unlocking New Possibilities

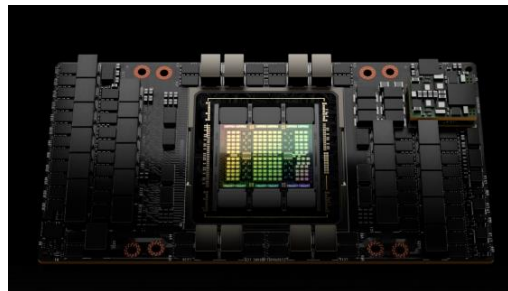
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,5} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{4,1} & \cdots & a_{4,5} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & \cdots & b_{1,5} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{5,1} & \cdots & b_{5,5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,1} & \cdots & c_{1,5} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{4,1} & \cdots & c_{4,5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Standard: 5x5x4 = **100**

Advanced: **80**

AI-based: **76**

Matrix multiplication is essential for **computational tasks**:
image processing, speech recognition, computer games, weather simulations



Adapting the new algorithm on the **NVIDIA H100** High-End Accelerated AI-Enabled Computing Chips exhibited **10-20% faster** computing response compared to commonly used algorithm.

Implications on Project Management Practice: AI Powered Tools

CHATBOT ASSISTANT



Automating project communications and interactions with internal and external stakeholders

Cloud-based application offers resources for **collaboration and task management** with multiple users



Visually tracking the project tasks and their statuses



Quick way to track the project tasks and their statuses

Creating project documentation, allotting responsibilities and task allocation



Project conceptualization and planning phase allowing **public access of tasks**

Implications on Project Management Practice: AI Sets New Rules

- **Complex Analytics:** AI-powered data analysis enables the performing of complex analytics with high accuracy extremely beyond the human capability

- **Automated Data-Driven Tasks:** AI-powered tools assist in administrative tasks (meeting planning, reminders, day-to-day updates, cost forecasting) and fostering reduction if not removal of manual errors

- **Promoting Innovation:** AI-based project is not a typical IT one, it requires extensive experimentation (problem scoping, data acquisition, data exploration, modelling and evaluation)

- **Confident and Fast Decision Making:** AI-based data analysis provides deep insight in the project to help in decision making and project steering activities

- **People Management:** AI-powered tools preform routine administrative tasks allowing more focus on the higher-level and complex activities and planning tasks and thus increasing productivity and efficiency

- **Empowering Leadership:** AI-powered tools do not perform tasks with creativity, social skills and perceptiveness and this requires project managers to focus more on the development of leadership skills

Implications on Project Management Practice: Complementing with AI

Digital vs. Analog Project Management

Artificial Intelligence Literacy

From Reading and Writing skills, to Computer skills,
NOW Artificial Intelligence (AI) skills

Change Management Skills

- Continuous changes and uncertainties environment
- “Visionary” mindset rather than “get the job done”!
- Pro-activeness
- Creative problem-solving
- Life-long learning
- Collaboration

Awareness, Desire,
Knowledge, Ability,
Reinforcement

Innovation Mindset

Lessons Learned – Implications on Project Management Practice

- AI-powered tools perform **complex data analytics** for assisting in **decision making** and **project steering** activities
- AI-powered tools save time for **focusing on high-level and complex activities** that require **creativity** and **social skills**
- **Developing the AI-based skills** is essential for project manager for effective adoption of AI culture in project management
- AI-based projects incorporate continuous changes and uncertainties thus practicing strong **change management skills** is essential for project success

Me: If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 1/(x-8) = \infty$ as x tends to 8, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 1/(x-5)$ as x tends to 5?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{1}{x-8} = \infty$$

AI engine:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{x-5} = 5$$



Thank you for your attention!

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