

Survival of the Fittest: *Quality A Key Business Enabler*

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Case 1: *The Space Shuttle Challenger disaster*

The Challenger Space Shuttle exploded on January 28, 1986

- ✓ Caused by failure of O-ring seal [criticality 1 feature] - leading to flames in main liquid fuel tank
- ✓ All 7 crew members perished
- ✓ Financial loss: USD1 Billion

Root cause for O-ring failure:

- ✓ Technical failure
 - ✓ Previous warnings and untested conditions
 - ✓ Pressure to launch
- Cost of re-designing O Ring: few hundred thousand dollars

Quality Rule Broken

- ✓ Critical to Quality (CTQ) analysis considering all failure modes missed
- ✓ Identified risks waived – risk of operating O-ring at very low ambient temperature ignored

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Case 2: BP's Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

2010: BP's Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explodes - Leading to the **largest environmental disaster in US history**



Quality Failure

- ✓ **Weak cement around the well of the oil rig**
- ✓ **Equipment failures** - Valve failure, gas alarm failure ..
- ✓ **Human error** - misinterpretation of pressure test results

Impact:

Human Loss: 11 people dead

Financial Loss: ~ 10 Billion \$

Environmental loss: 4 billion gallons of oil leak into the Gulf of Mexico (wreaking incalculable environmental damage)

Quality Rule Broken

- ✓ **Lack of 'Quality First' mentality** focused on risk prevention
- ✓ **Number of systemic failures** pointing to **erroneous business culture**
- ✓ **Standards** to do a job well the 1st time – **not followed**

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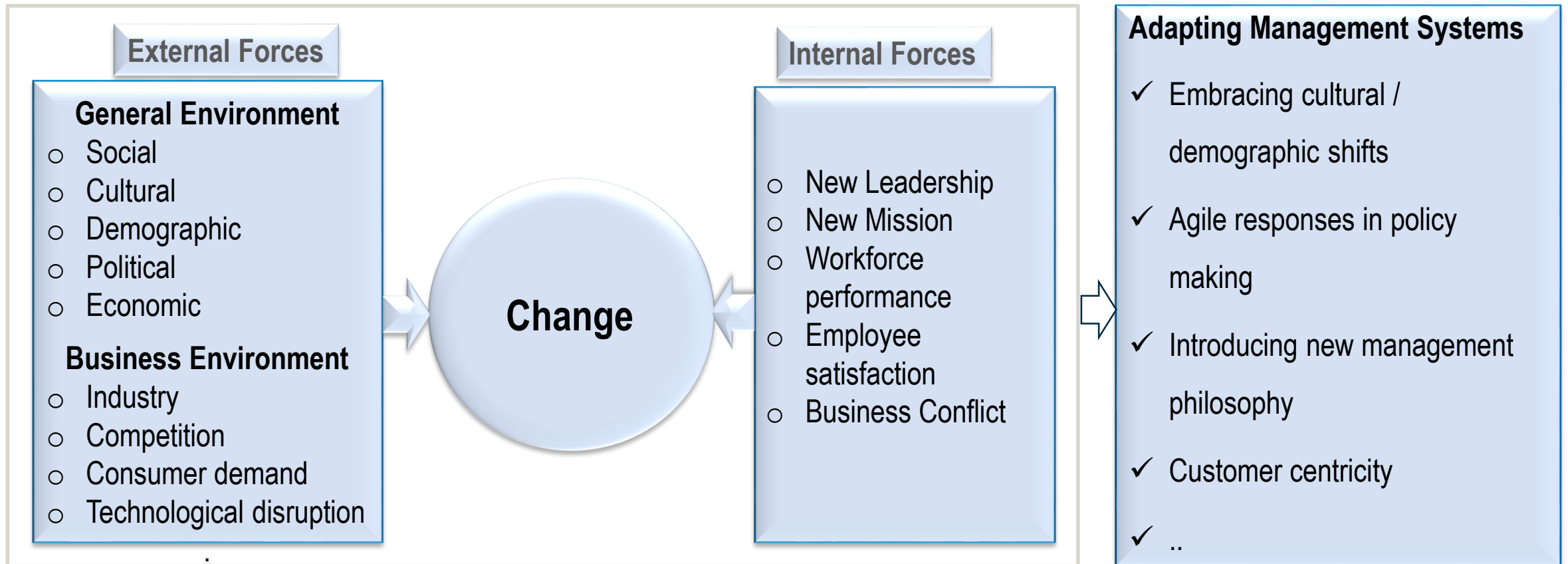
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B. Managing changes in Management System



An organization's ability to incorporate quality into every aspect of a change, results in overall product and process quality, with less chance of defects and re-work

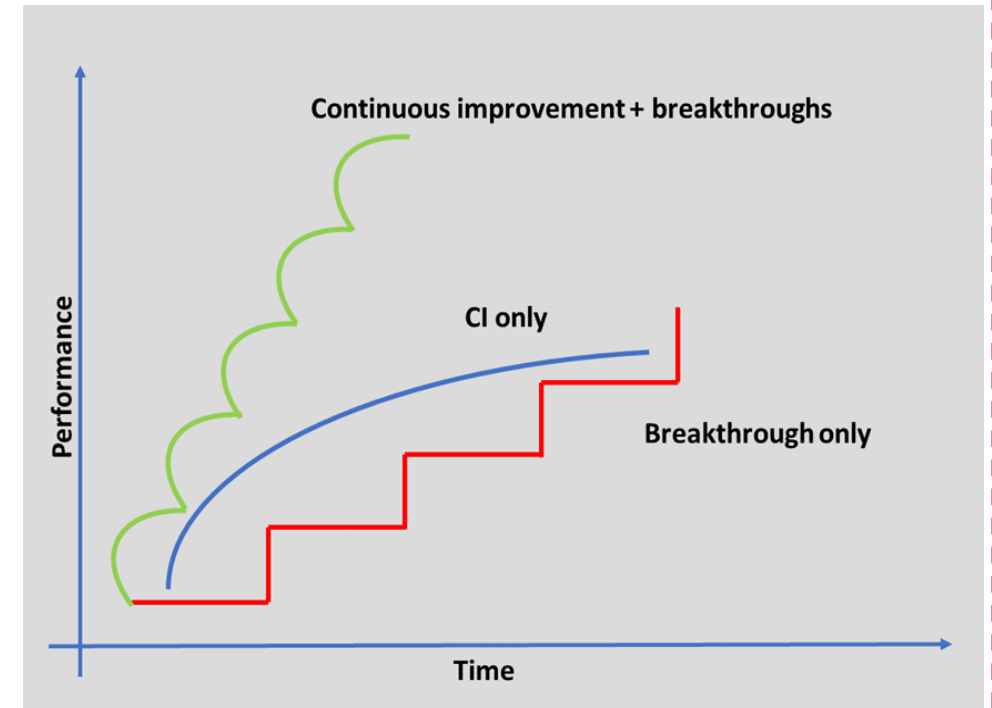
B. Quality Focus vis-à-vis Technology Infusion – striking a balance

Continuous Improvement

- Efficiency enhancement - Quality, Cost, Manpower focus
- Waste reduction - Process, Equipment, Material focus

Breakthrough Improvement

- Throughput enhancement - process automation focus
- Enhanced product/ service quality - advanced and predictive analysis
- New offering (product/ service) through technology focus
- Process Control & Optimization – use of IoT and analytics



Quality excellence through adoption of available new technologies while ensuring effective management of change to provide decisive competitive edge – a recipe for success

Total Quality Management

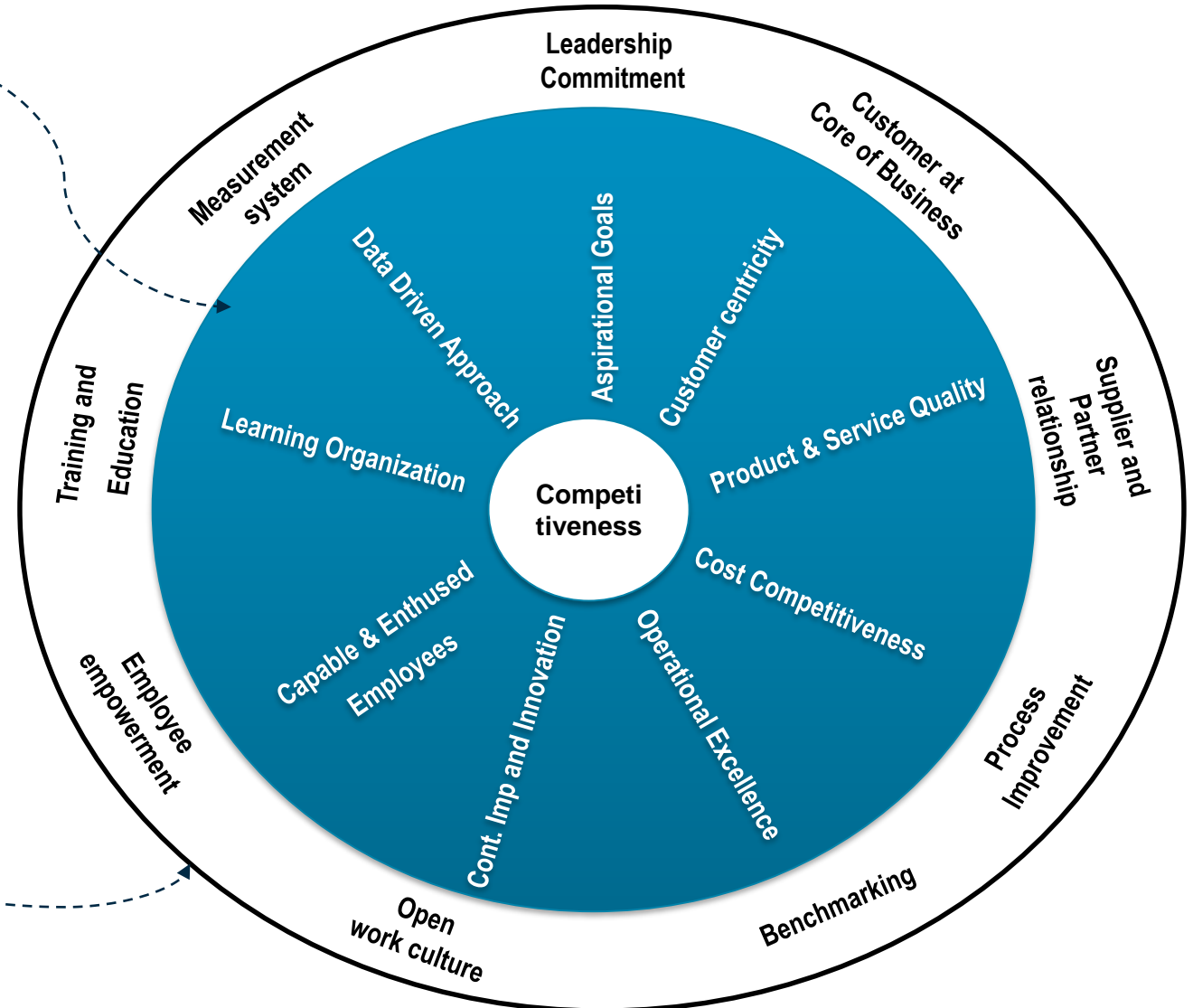
B. Competitiveness through Total Quality Management (TQM)

Competitiveness – Key Enablers

- Technology is one of the elements in a broader quality transformation.
- To stay competitive and excel in quality management, a multifaceted approach is required that addresses strategic, technological, operational, employee related and cultural, issues.

Total Quality Management gives a strong foundation to address these requirements.

TQM – Key Factors



Key enablers of competitiveness and factors of TQM complement and co-exist

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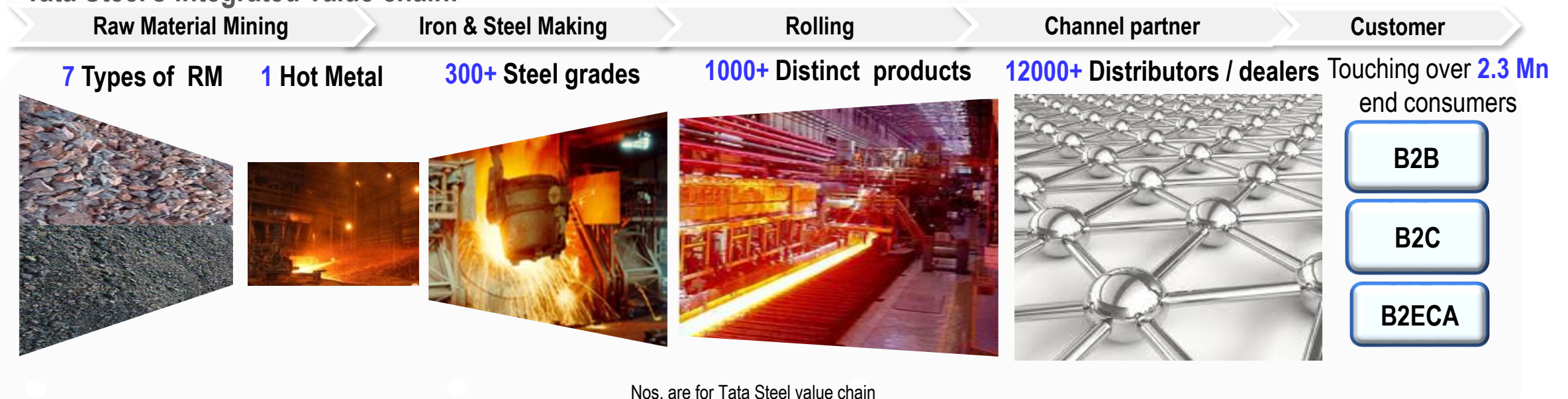
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C. Inherent challenges in an integrated steel plant ---

Tata Steel's integrated value chain:



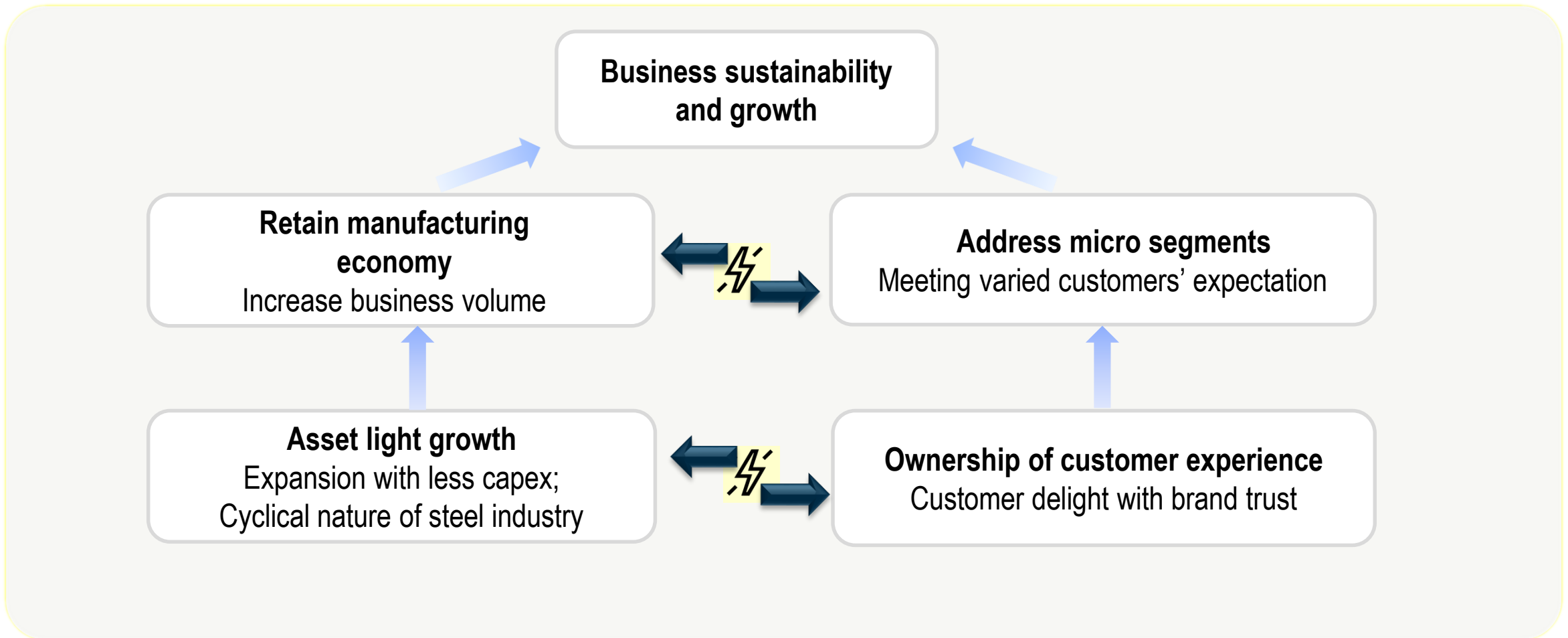
Key Challenges:

- Heterogeneity -> Homogeneity -> Heterogeneity
- Complex value chain
- Managing **Trilemma**
- Labour intensive operation
- Varied people skill

'Trilemma' – the Quality, Cost and Longevity conflict:

- Stringent **Product & Quality requirements** of the customer
- Economical production to **remain cost competitive**
- Managing input raw material (captive) while **conserving mine life**

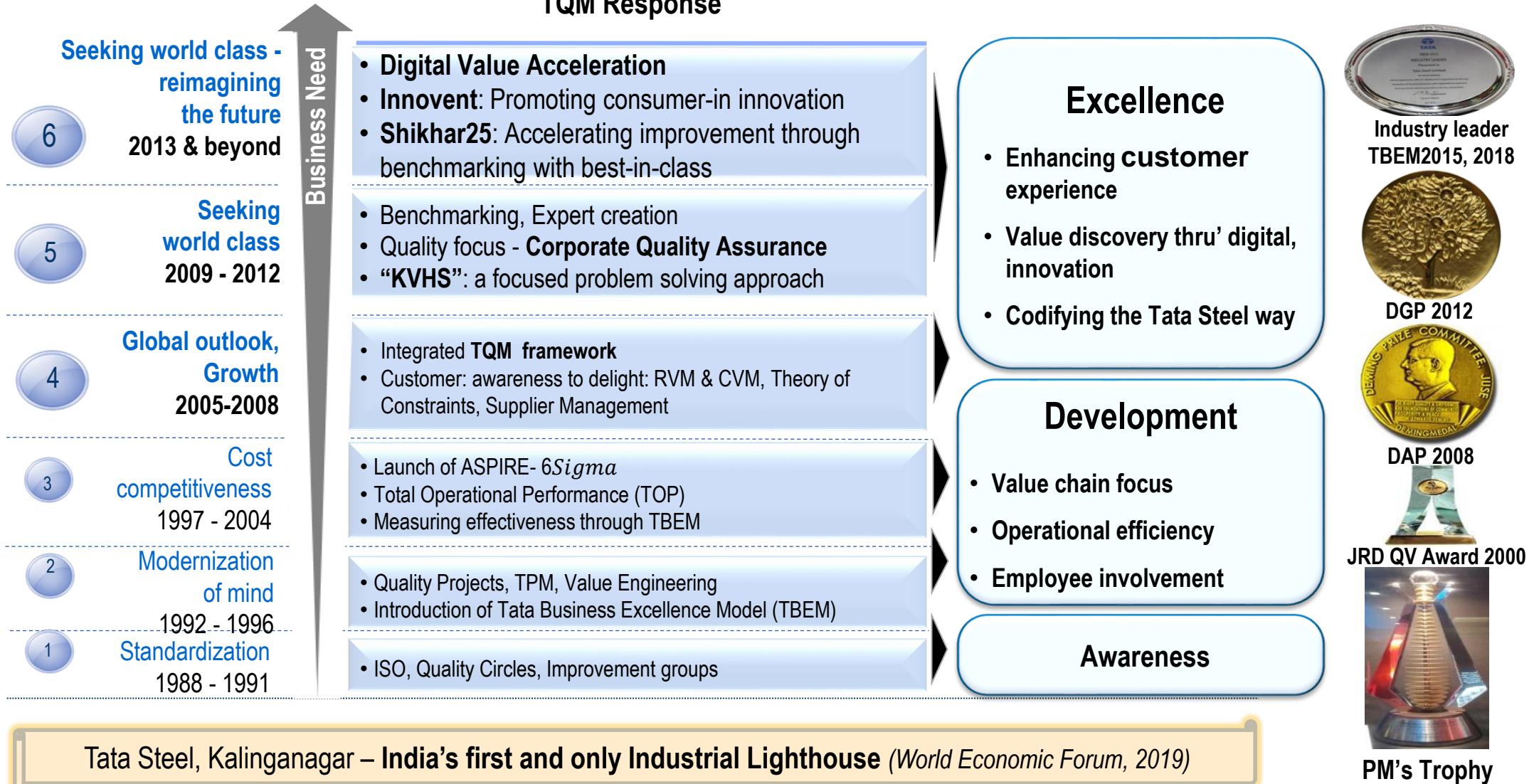
C. --- coupled with management of conflicting requirements ---



.....Addressed through unwavering focus on Quality...

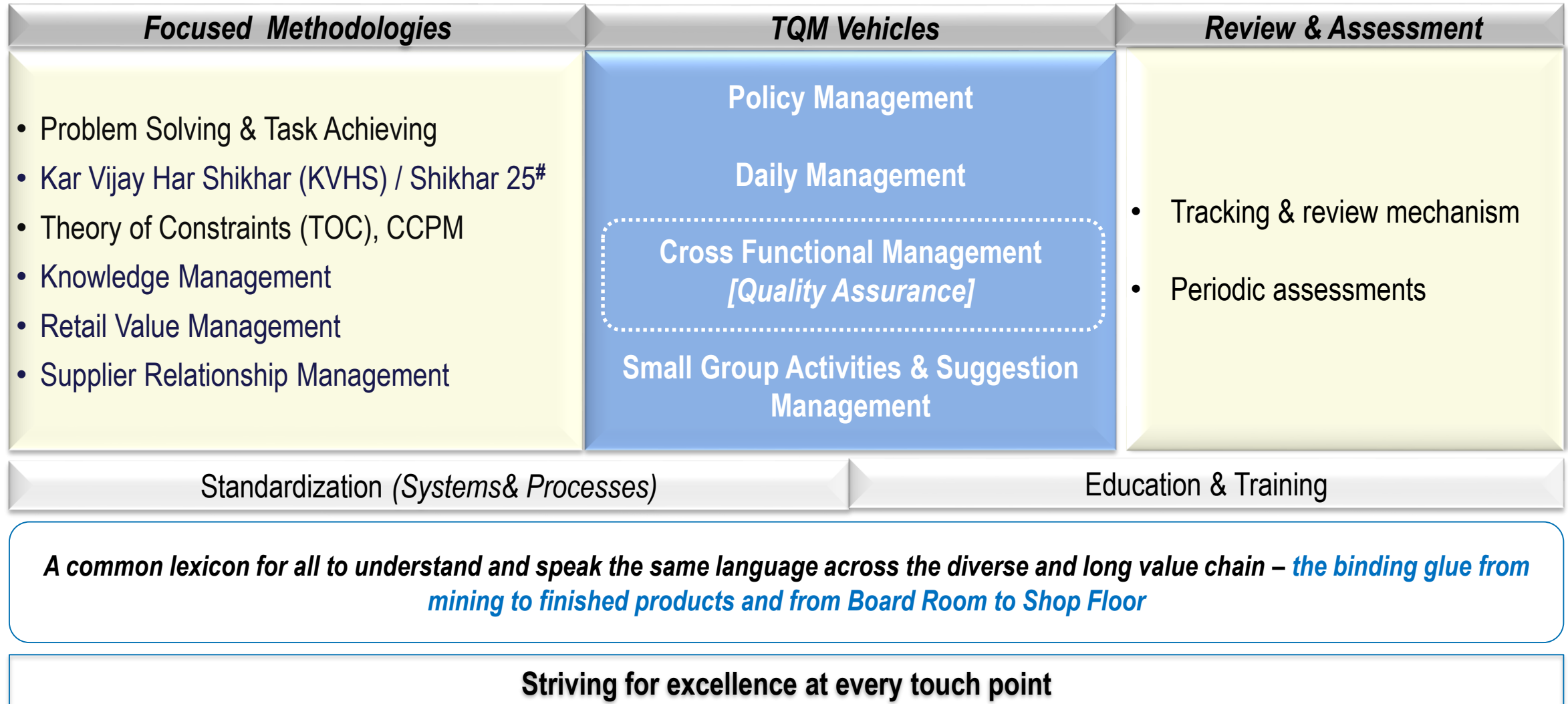
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TQM Response

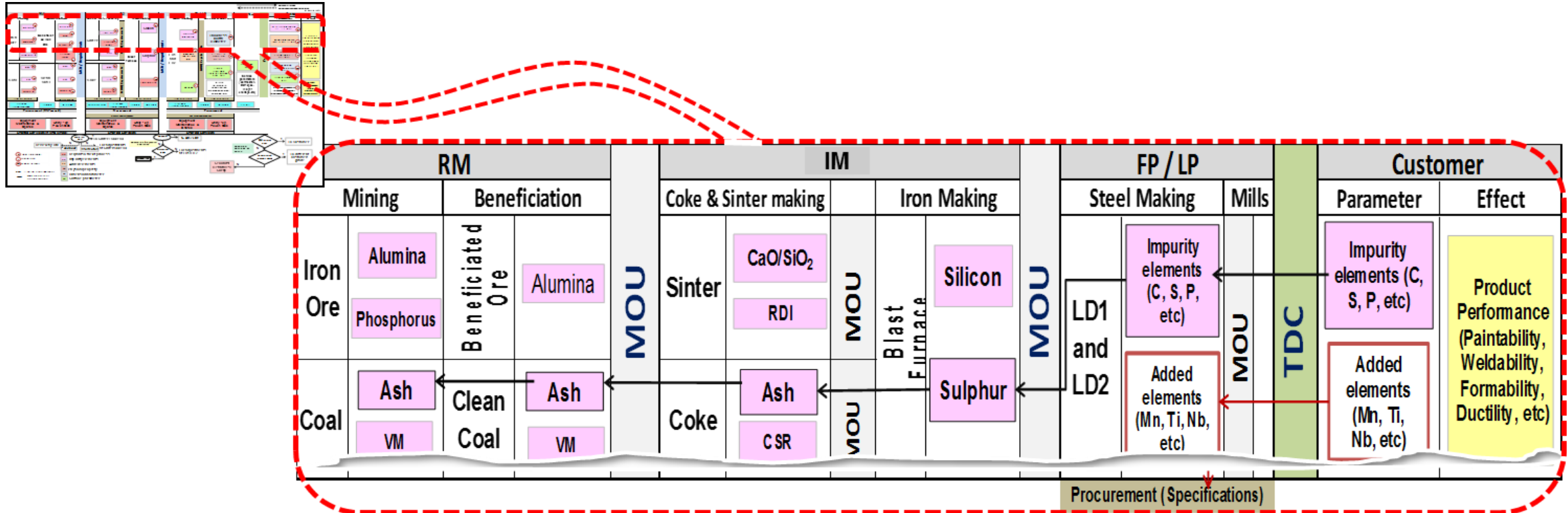


(11 times since inception; back to back for 2014, 15, 16, 17)

C. --- enabled through the TQM framework - a common lexicon across the value chain



C. Integrated Quality Assurance process for enhanced customer centricity ---



- ❑ End customer linkage with all upstream process – Customer to Mines
- ❑ Inter/ Intra -Divisional control mechanism through MOU and COA

C. --- which has matured over years to address product & service needs ---

Implementing the basics

- Focus on **Product related complaints**
- Standardization** through ISO, Quality Circles, Improvement groups, Apex Quality Council

Standardization

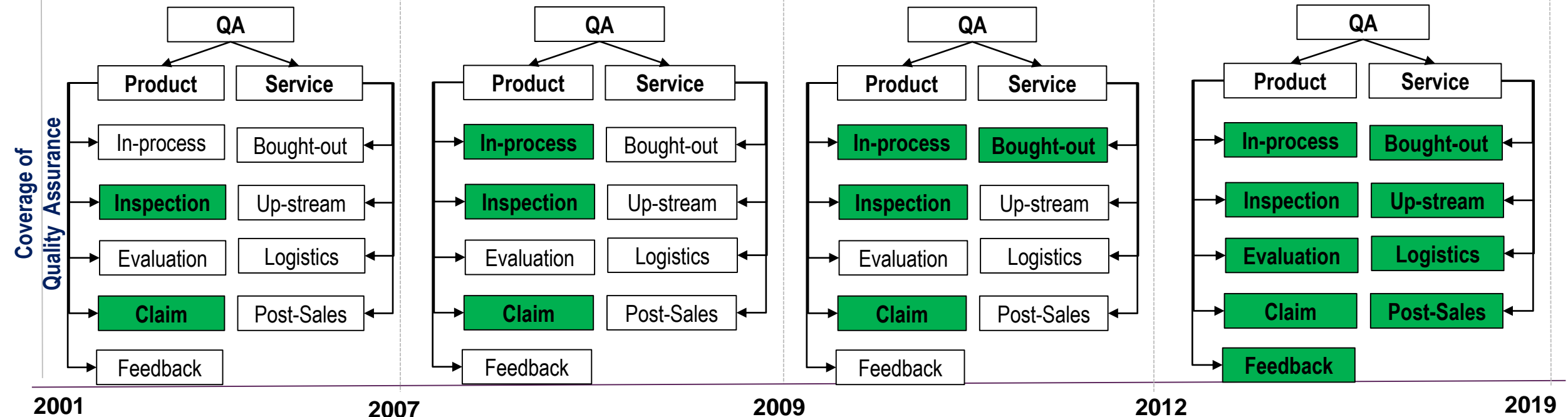
- Corporate Quality Assurance (QA)** set up
- Certification to **Automotive Standards** and other QMS standards (ISO)

Integration

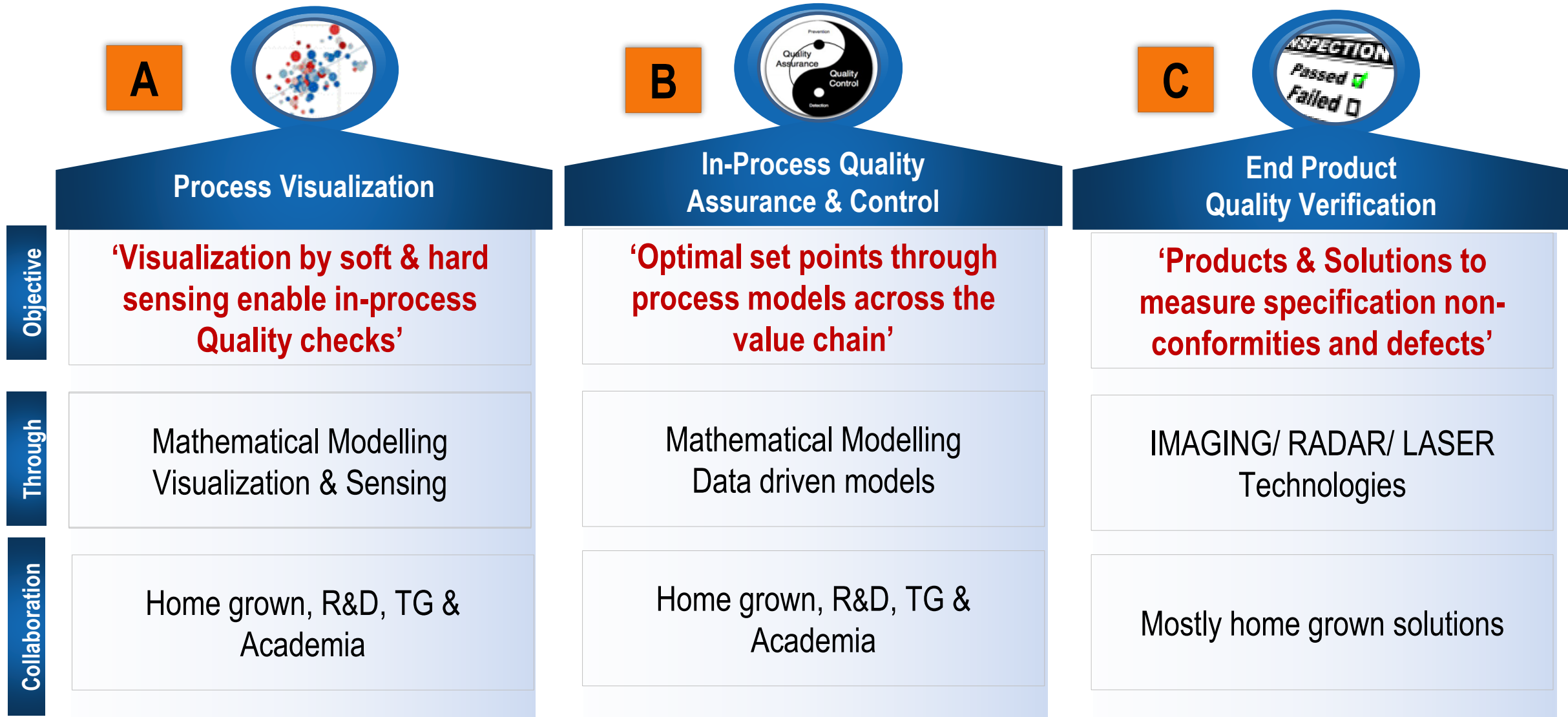
- QA integration** at Corporate level initiated
- Systematic capturing of **customer needs and analysis**

Sustenance

- Involvement of **cross functional groups**
- Automation/ Digitization** with m/c based inspections, decisions, data capturing, monitoring and analysis



C. Technology led excellence in Quality Assurance – the next frontier



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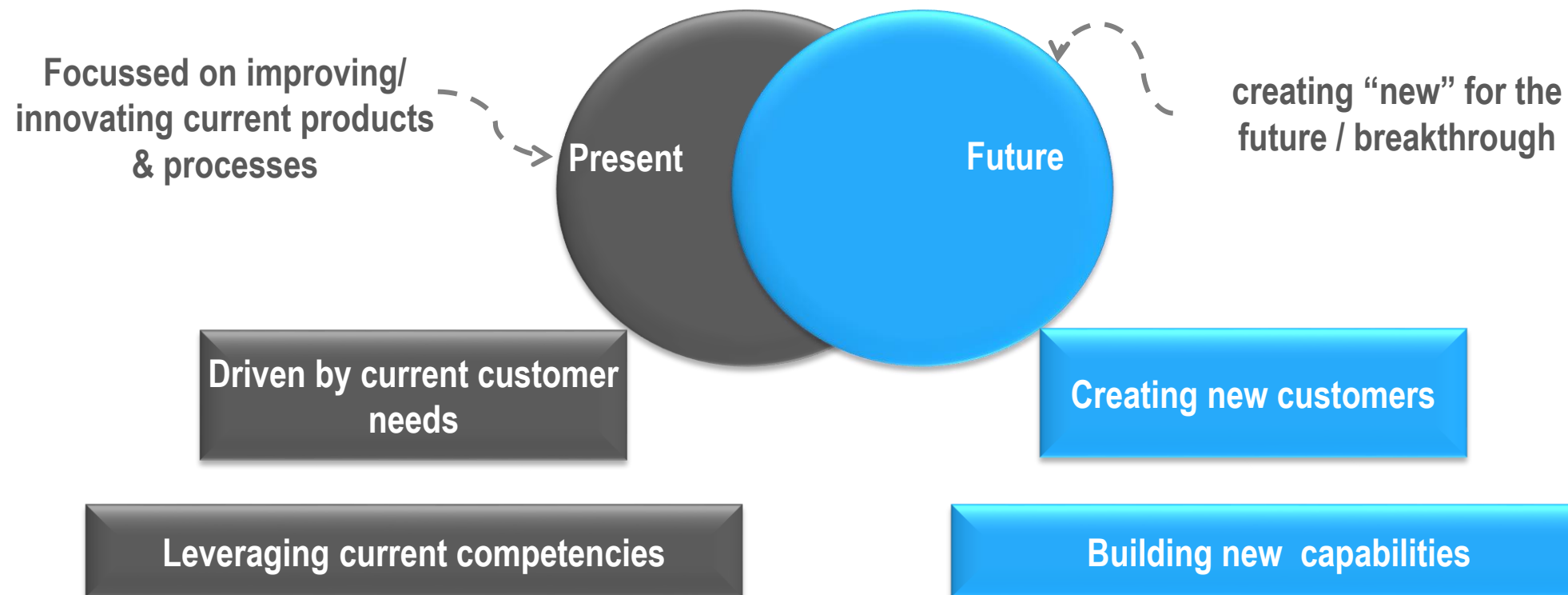
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D. In quest of North Star – implementation of priority issues --- (1/2)

...while managing the present, selectively forgetting the past and creating the future

..In rapidly changing environment, TQM is necessary to identify priority issues that are well suited and helps promote activities necessary for tackling new issues... practice TQM that supports innovative business management through continued implementation of priority issues.. - DGP 2012



D. In quest of North Star – implementation of priority issues ... (2/2)

The next paradigm shift – Innovation and Digitalization

1. **Disruptions** are real and will hit every industry sooner or later including the steel industry

*Tata Steel's response - **Business model innovation / non-linear innovation***

2. Use **digitalization** to achieve exponential improvements in productivity and value creation

*Tata Steel's response – **multi-year digital transformation journey** to be the leader in digital steelmaking by 2025*

Thank You