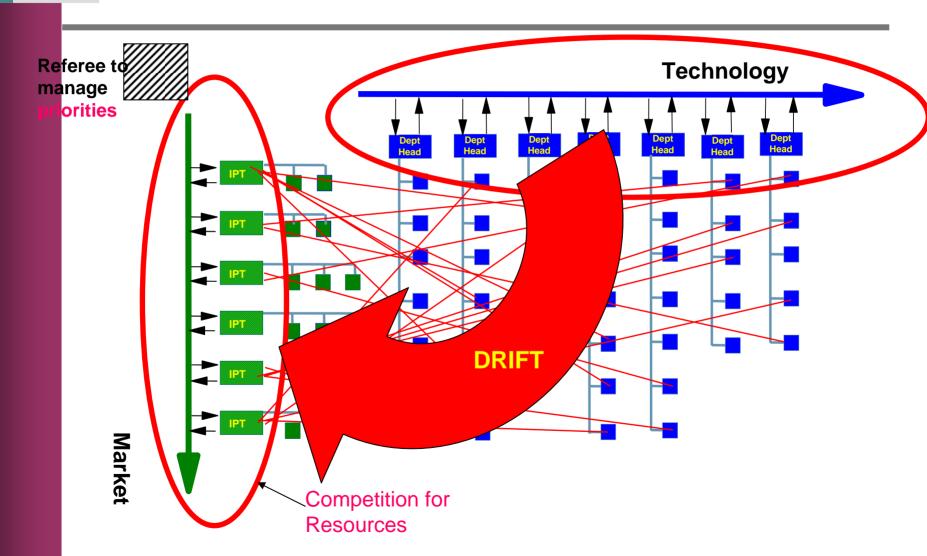


Structuring the Product Development Organization (Continued)

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Matrix Connections to Market and Technology





Imbalance

- What is the problem when power, authority and credit drift to the project side of the product development matrix?
 - Project managers are in a high pressure role.
 - Pressure emanates from the Marketing function and from key customers.
 - The competition already has their next generation out. Where is ours?
 - This can tempt project managers into premature clearance of the product.

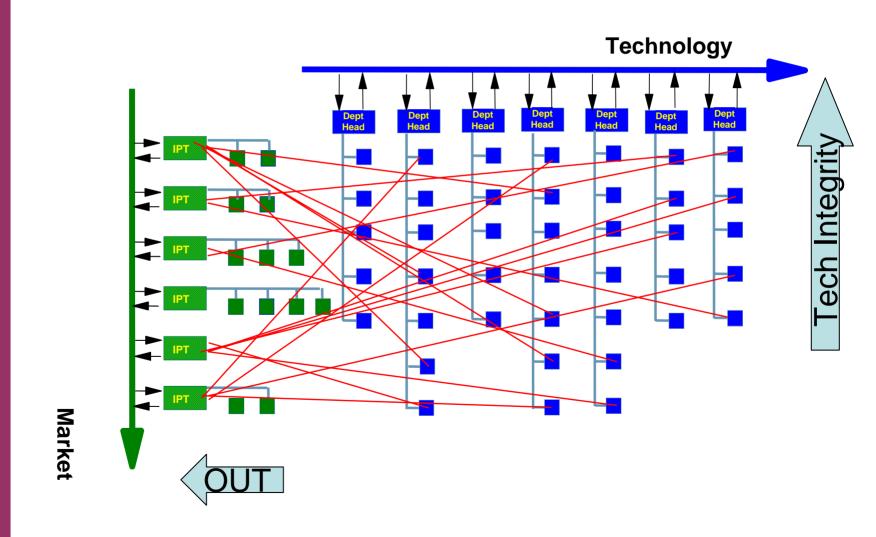


Countering Imbalance

- There must be a countering force to constrain the project manager's temptation toward premature release.
 - Where better to find this force than in departmental management?
 - Departmental management should be responsible for the technical integrity of the product.
- Of course, if the balance shifts too far toward departmental management, products may be delayed too long and 'time-to-market' extended too far.

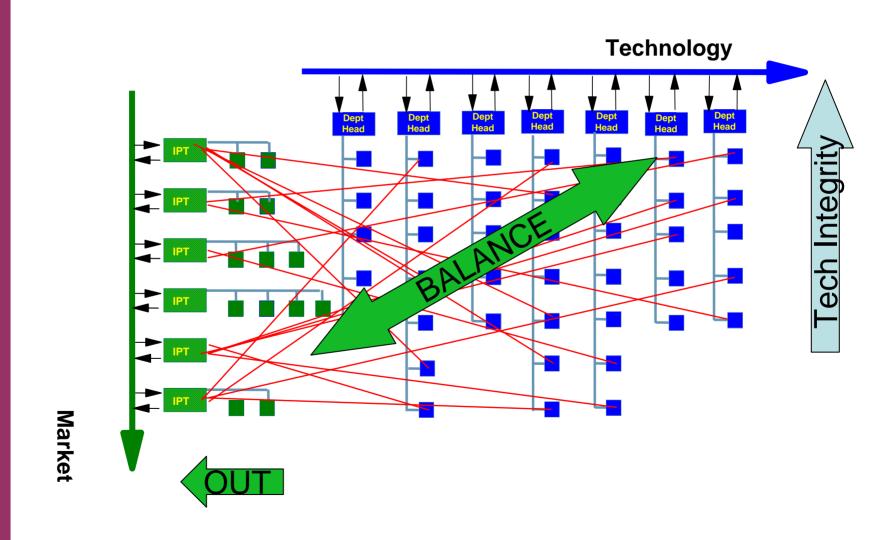


Problems with Imbalance





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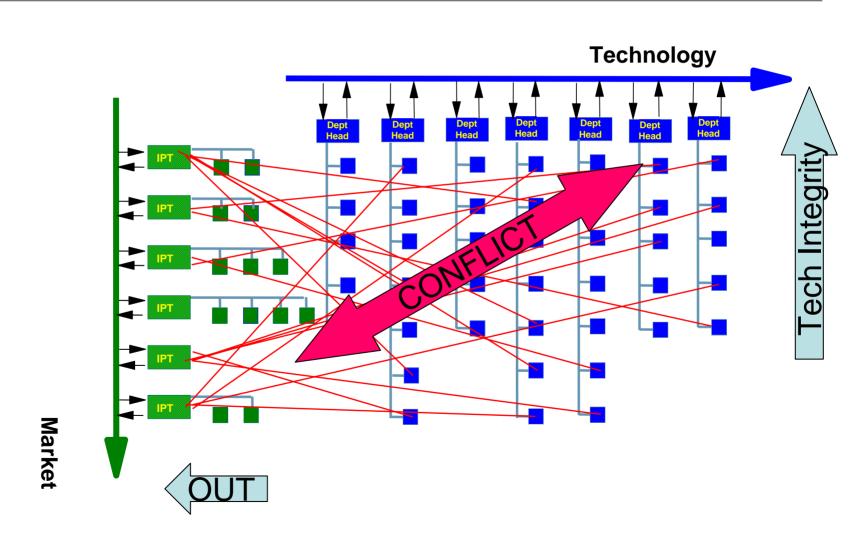


Resolution of Two Forces

- It is the resolution of the two forces that produces the optimum.
 - Project management pulling the product out.
 - Departmental management holding back.
- This quite naturally leads to conflict.



The Inescapable Conflict



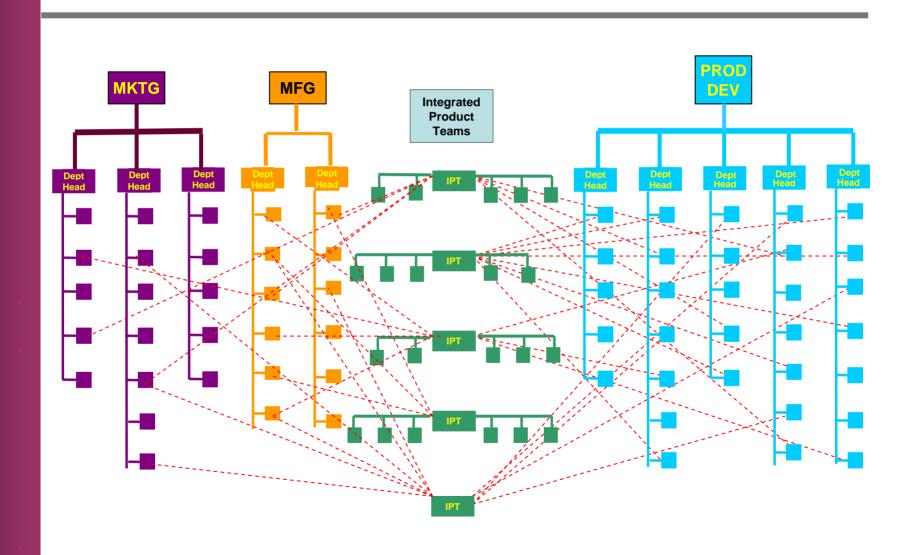


The Inevitable Conflict

- Do not be surprised by the presence of conflict in the product development matrix.
 - Conflict is designed into the matrix.
- Be worried when conflict is absent from the product development matrix.
 - The absence of conflict means that one side 'won'.
 - The system is out of balance.



A More Complete Matrix Using Integrated Product Teams



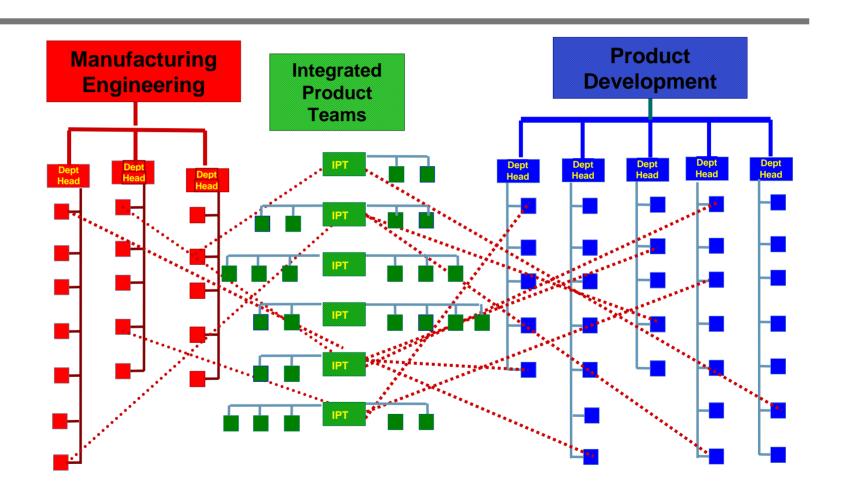


Management of Transitions

- The critical points of vulnerability in the life of a project are the points of transition.
 - Transitions can involve many parameters, for example:
 - People
 - Management
 - Leadership & leadership style.
 - Primary organizational responsibility and reporting relationships.
 - Nature of the work.
 - Types of knowledge required.
 - Physical location.
- To change all of these simultaneously is to court disaster.

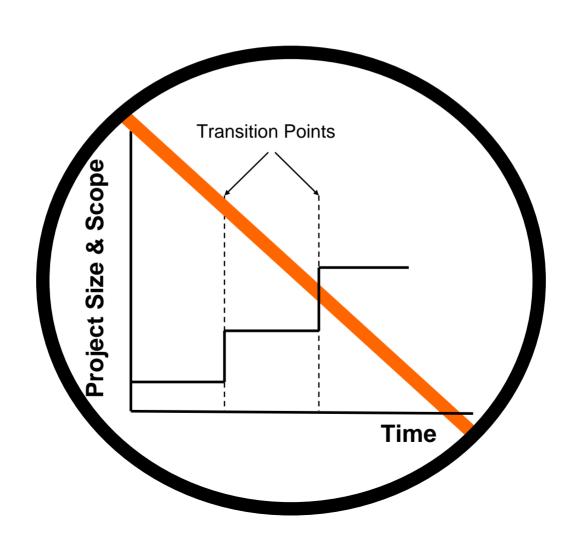


Matrix Connections to Product Development and Manufacturing Engineering





Management of Transitions II



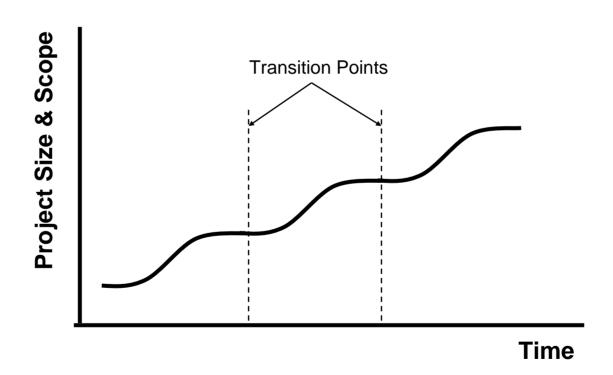


Management of Transitions IV

- Projects must be protected through transitions.
 - There must be areas of continuity to offset the areas of change.
 - Team size must grow in a gradual fashion.
 - This has implications for both organizational structure and physical architecture.
 - Both must be very flexible to allow this to happen along with a gradual transition in reporting relationship.
 - There should be an extra effort to retain a sense of 'ownership' among team members.
 - Avoid 'runway management'.



Management of Transitions III

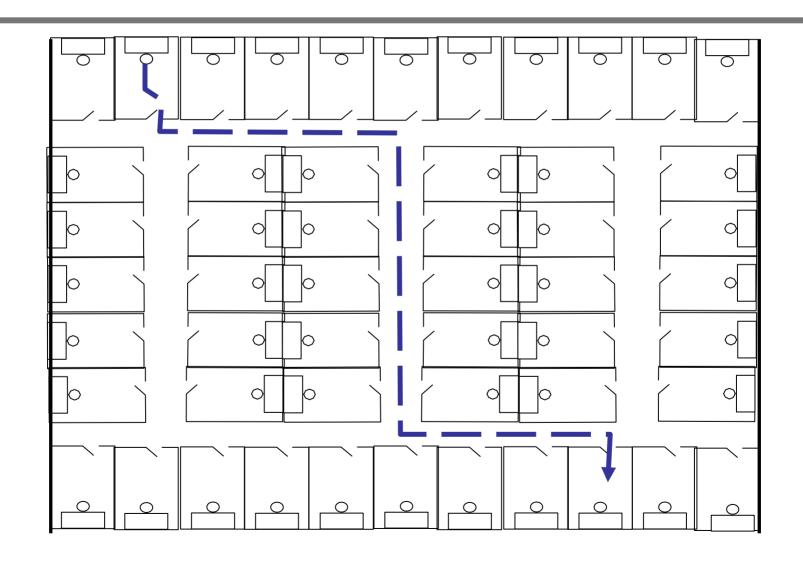




Space & Location

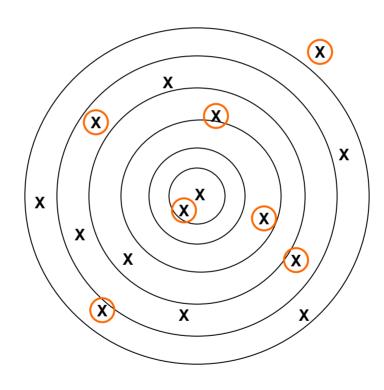


Distance Measurement



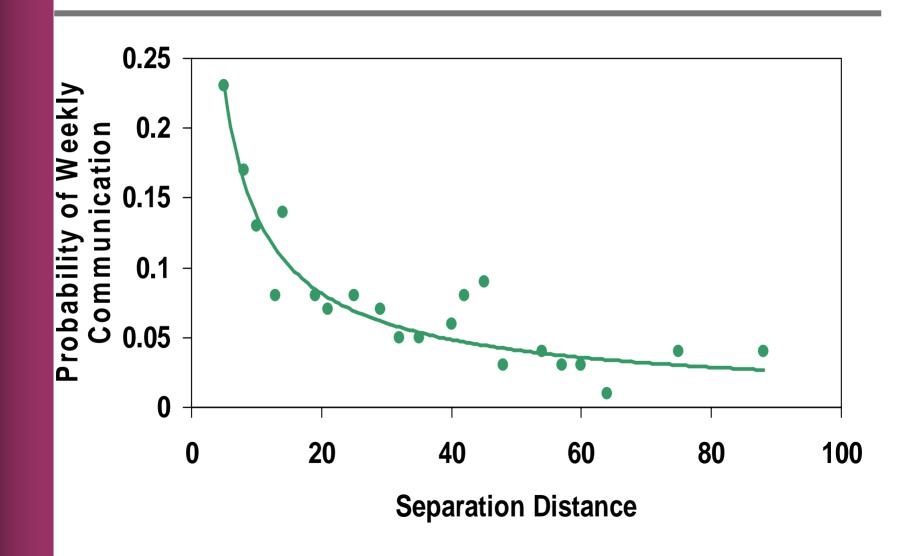


Proportion of Communication Partners as a Function of Distance





Probability of Technical Communication as a Function of Distance Between Work Stations





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