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Supply Chains of the Future

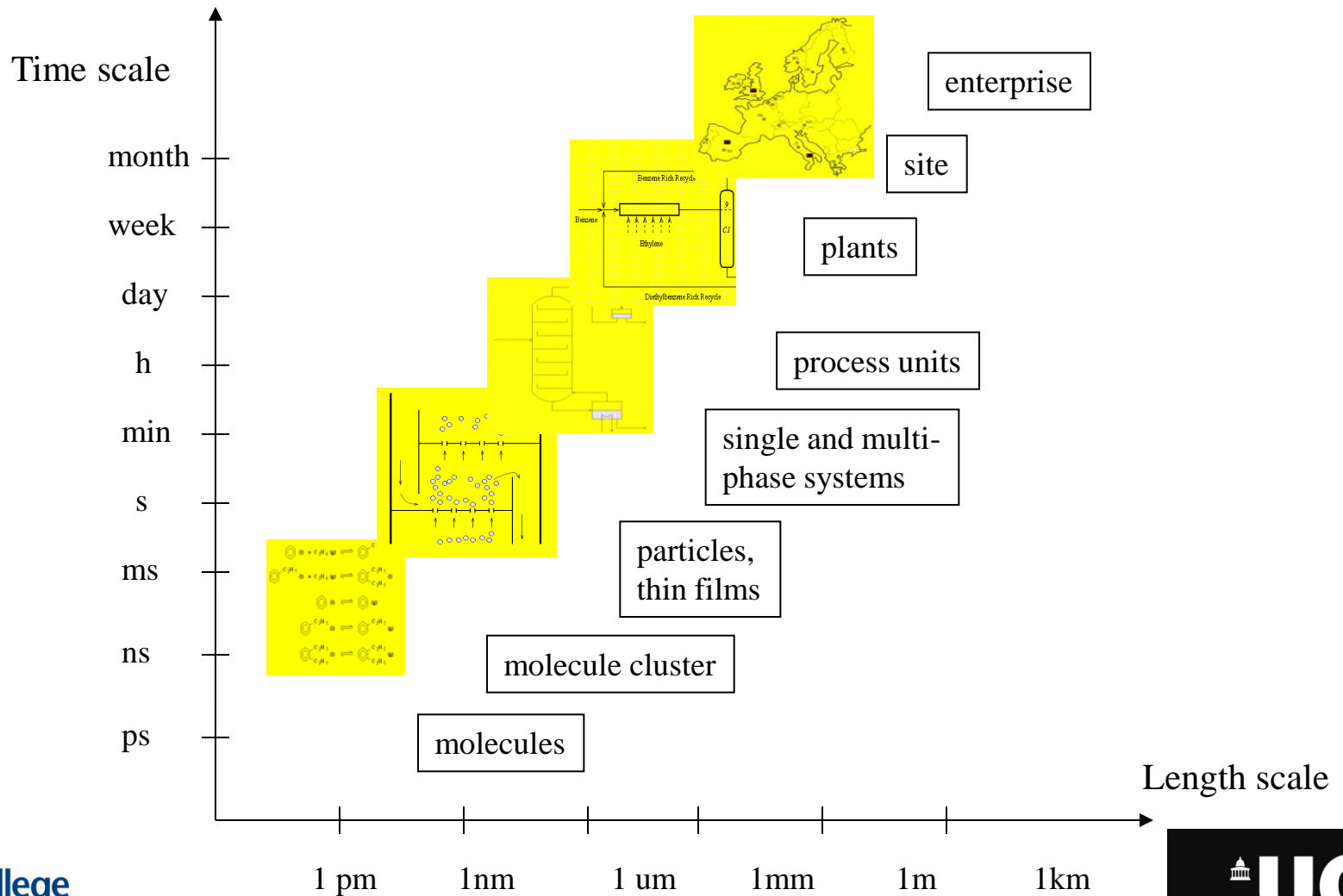
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CPSE: Chemical/Energy supply/value chain



Supply Chain

- Procurement, processing and distribution of materials
- Optimisation opportunities:
 - Infrastructure
 - Planning
 - Short-term operation

Infrastructure

- How many plants and where ?
 - in-house or outsource ?
- What resources in each plant ?
- What distribution/warehousing resources
 - own or third party
 - share with competitors ?
- What are sensible goals to set ?
- Which long-term suppliers ?
- What strategic parameters to set for business to run smoothly ?

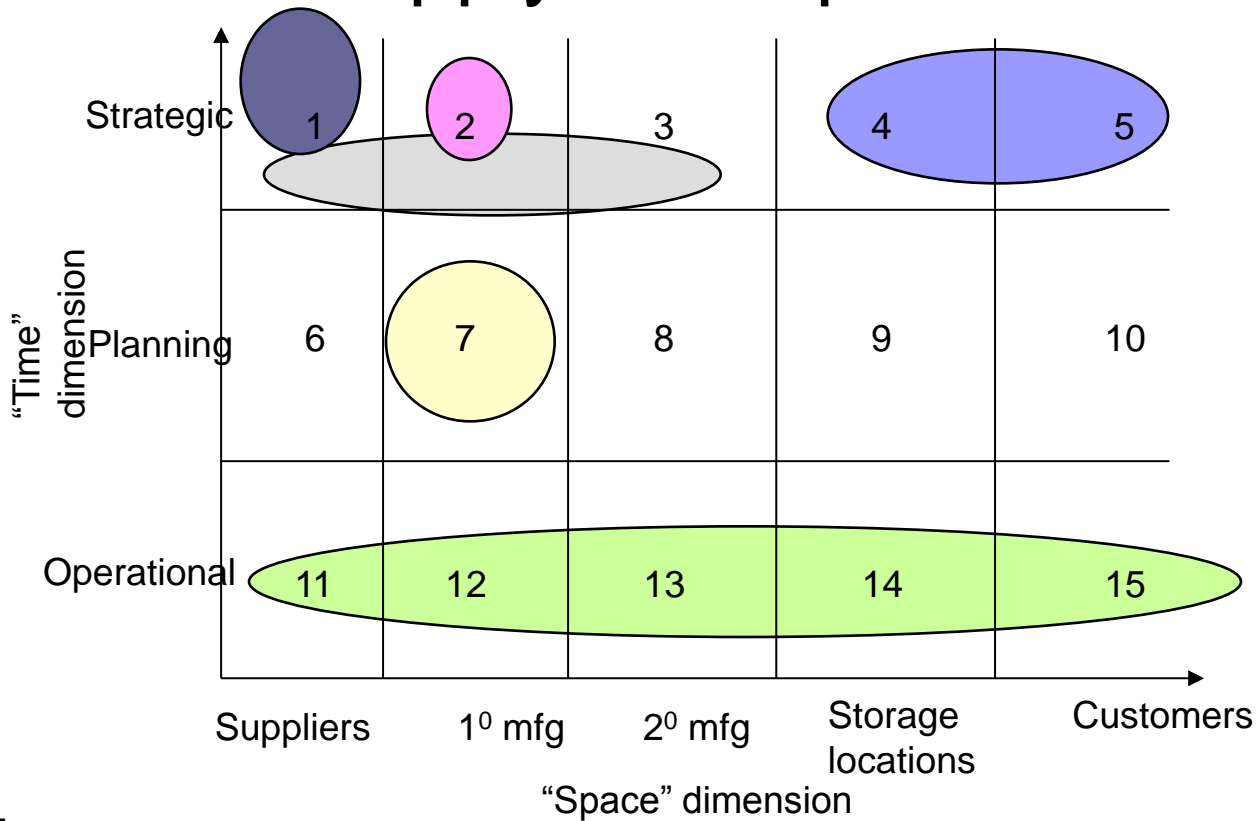
Planning

- Forecasting and demand management
 - What are we likely to sell ?
 - What stocks will we need ?
- Production
 - What should be made where & how ?
 - e.g. over the next month
 - exploit regional differences to maximise return
 - identify improvements with supply chain impact
- Distribution
 - How best to distribute material
 - consider concurrently with production planning







Short-term operation

- Daily production scheduling at each site
 - minimise cost/waste/changeovers
 - meet targets set by higher level planning
- Daily vehicle routing
 - minimise distance
 - maximise capacity utilisation
 - explore backhauling opportunities
- Short-term supply chain management
- How do we get the right product in the right place at the right time at the right price ?

Supply chain problems



Examples

- Redesign logistics network 
- Campaign planning at a primary manufacturing site 
- Real-time supply chain management and control 
- Negotiation of long term supply contracts 
- Improved design of primary manufacturing processes and plants 
- Long-term manufacturing capacity planning and value-chain management 

Process industries

- Very broad
- Many companies do not operate at “customer-facing” end of chain, mainly B2B
 - Affects supply chain performance significantly



Opportunities of digitalisation

- Integration across scales; seamless use of data and models
- Integration across lifecycle (discovery -> operations)
- Integration between real-time, planning and strategy
- “Real-time optimisation” at supply chain level
- Adaptive operation and customisation
- Incorporation of advanced process analytics to reduce testing and improve quality and responsiveness
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Integration across modelling scales: European feedstock selection and flexible cracker operation problem

What feedstocks to buy?
How to operate plants?

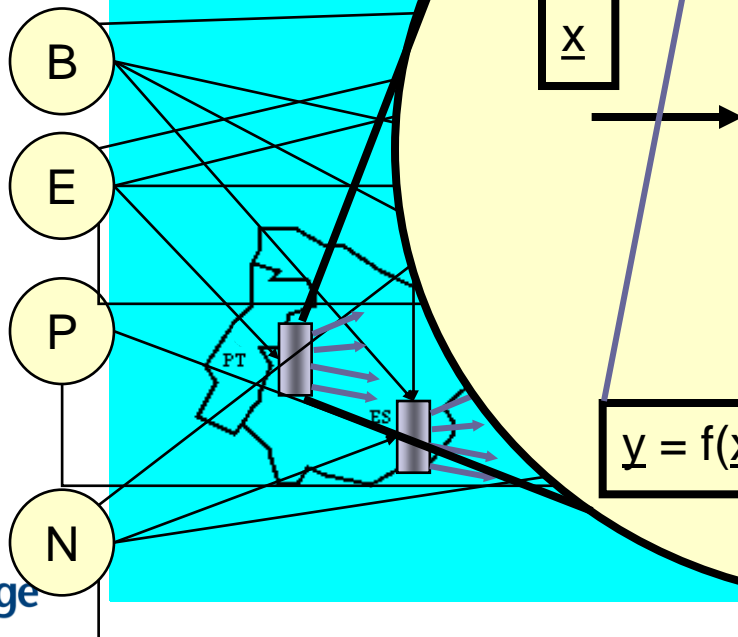


Table I. Reaction Scheme for the Pyrolysis of Paraffins and Olefins

no.	reaction	A_i s ⁻¹ or L mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	E_i kcal/mol source	no.	reaction	A_i s ⁻¹ or L mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	E_i kcal/mol source
1.	$C_3H_6 \rightarrow 2CH_3$	4.0×10^{16}	87.5 a	41.	$C_2H_4 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow CH_3 + C_3H_5$	3.0×10^9	19.0 e
2.	$C_3H_6 \rightarrow C_2H_5 + CH_3$	2.0×10^{16}	84.5 a	42.	$C_3H_6 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow C_3H_5 + C_2H_5$	1.0×10^8	9.2 d
3.	$n-C_4H_{10} \rightarrow 2C_2H_5$	1.5×10^{16}	82.1 a	43.	$C_3H_6 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow 1-C_3H_7 + C_2H_5$	1.2×10^9	12.6 a
4.	$n-C_4H_{10} \rightarrow 1-C_3H_7 + CH_3$	9.0×10^{16}	85.4 a	44.	$C_3H_6 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow 2-C_3H_7 + C_2H_5$	8.0×10^8	10.4 a
5.	$i-C_4H_{10} \rightarrow 2-C_3H_7 + CH_3$	2.0×10^{16}	82.0 a	45.	$1-C_4H_8 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow C_4H_7 + C_2H_5$	2.0×10^8	8.3 a
6.	$2C_2H_4 \rightarrow C_2H_5 + C_2H_5$	9.0×10^{13}	85.0 a	46.	$i-C_4H_8 + C_2H_5 \rightarrow Me allyl + C_2H_5$	6.0×10^7	8.3 a
7.	$C_3H_6 \rightarrow C_2H_5 + CH_3$	8.0×10^{17}	95.0 a	47.	$n-C_4H_{10} + C_2H_5 \rightarrow 1-C_4H_9 + C_2H_5$	2.0×10^9	12.6 a
8.	$C_3H_6 \rightarrow C_3H_5 + H$	3.5×10^{16}	86.0 a	48.	$n-C_4H_{10} + C_2H_5 \rightarrow 2-C_4H_9 + C_2H_5$	4.5×10^8	10.4 a
9.	$2C_3H_6 \rightarrow 1-C_3H_7 + C_3H_5$	3.5×10^{11}	51.0 a	49.	$i-C_4H_{10} + C_2H_5 \rightarrow i-C_4H_9 + C_2H_5$	1.5×10^9	10.4 a
10.	$1-C_4H_8 \rightarrow C_3H_5 + CH_3$	8.0×10^{16}	74.0 b	50.	$C_3H_6 + C_3H_5 \rightarrow 1-C_3H_7 + C_3H_5$	1.0×10^9	18.8 d
11.	$2-C_4H_8 \rightarrow C_3H_5 + CH_3$	2.0×10^{16}	71.3 a	51.	$C_3H_6 + C_3H_5 \rightarrow 2-C_3H_7 + C_3H_5$	8.0×10^8	16.2 d
12.	$C_2H_4 + H \rightarrow C_2H_3 + H_2$	8.0×10^8	4.0 a	52.	$i-C_4H_8 + C_3H_5 \rightarrow Me allyl + C_3H_5$	2.0×10^8	13.5 a
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17.	$1-C_4H_8 + H \rightarrow C_4H_7 + H_2$	5.0×10^{10}	3.9 d	57.	$C_3H_6 + 2-C_3H_7 \rightarrow C_3H_5 + C_3H_5$	1.0×10^8	10.2 d
18.	$2-C_4H_8 + H \rightarrow C_4H_7 + H_2$	5.0×10^{10}	3.8 a	58.	$n-C_4H_{10} + 1-C_3H_7 \rightarrow 2-C_4H_9 + C_3H_5$	2.0×10^8	10.4 a
19.	$i-C_4H_8 + H \rightarrow Me allyl + H_2$	3.0×10^{10}	3.8 a	59.	$n-C_4H_{10} + 2-C_3H_7 \rightarrow 2-C_4H_9 + C_3H_5$	2.0×10^8	12.6 a
20.	$n-C_4H_{10} + H \rightarrow 1-C_4H_9 + H_2$	1.5×10^{11}	9.7 a	60.	$i-C_4H_{10} + 2-C_3H_7 \rightarrow i-C_4H_9 + C_3H_5$	1.0×10^8	13.4 a
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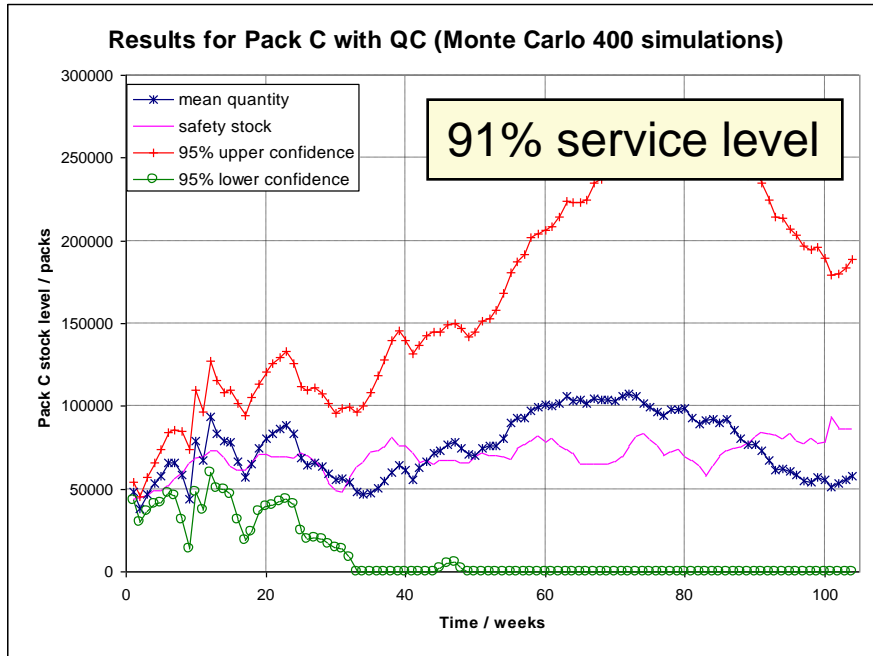
Pharmaceutical case studies

- Case study 1: supply chain advantages of advanced process analytics and digital release
- Case study 2: application of MPC at supply chain level

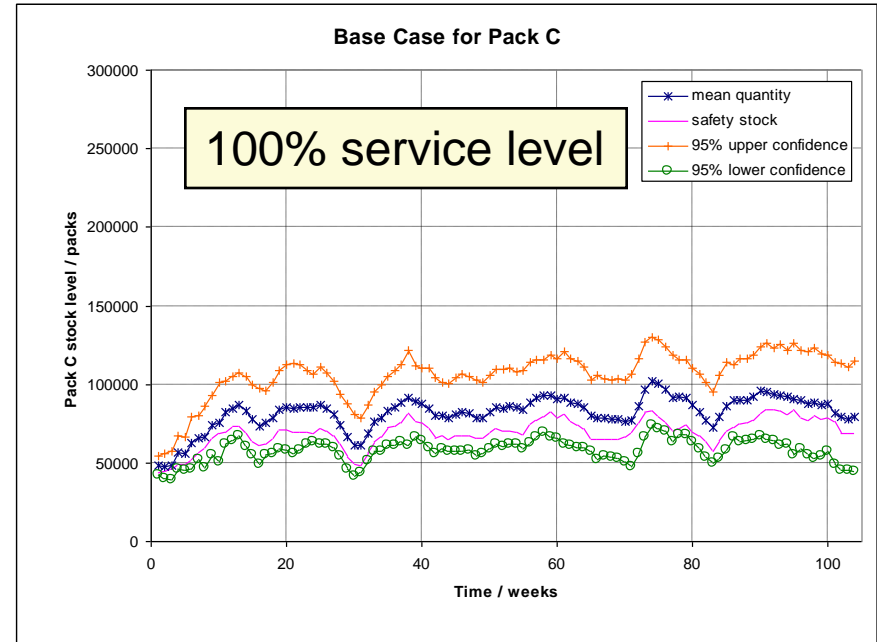
Interaction between process and supply chain levels: Comparison of two supply chain responses

- Pharmaceutical process
 - primary production has five synthesis stages
 - two secondary manufacturing sites
- Two different recipes
 - Case A: QbT: QC (analysis) at the end of each synthesis stage and the final products (6 QC checks)
 - Case B: QbD and PAT: QC only for the product of the primary process (AI), and the final product (2 QC checks)

Inventory variation for one SKU 6 versus 2 QC points



Case A – extra delays
cause poor responsiveness

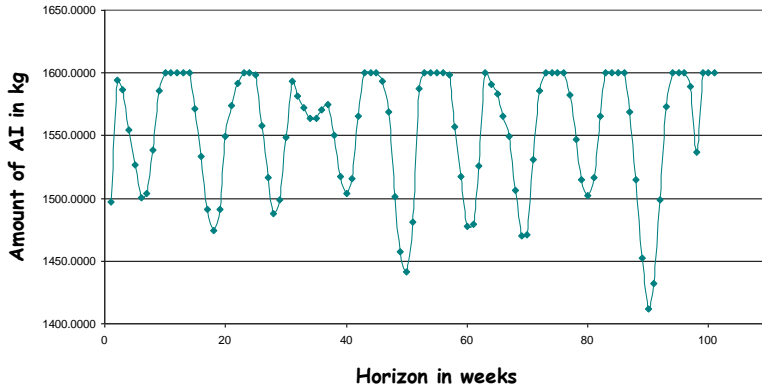


Case B

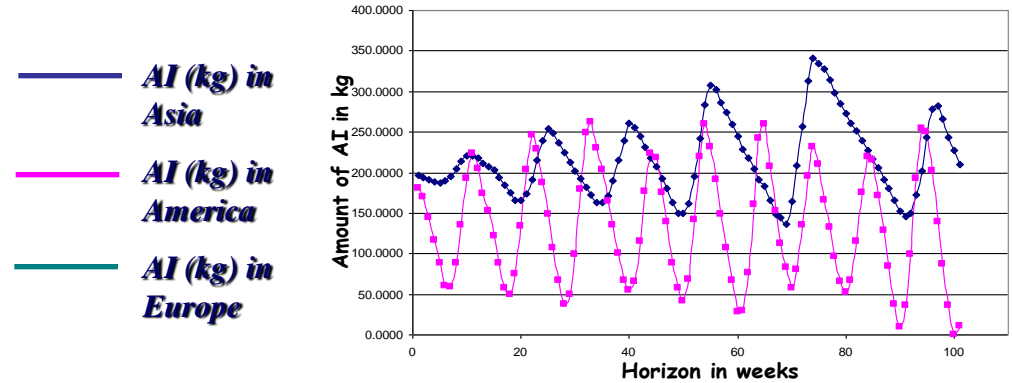
Important to consider supply chain performance when designing processes – use process analytics/digital release rather than lab-based analysis where possible

Control: Results of standard (“feedback”) policy

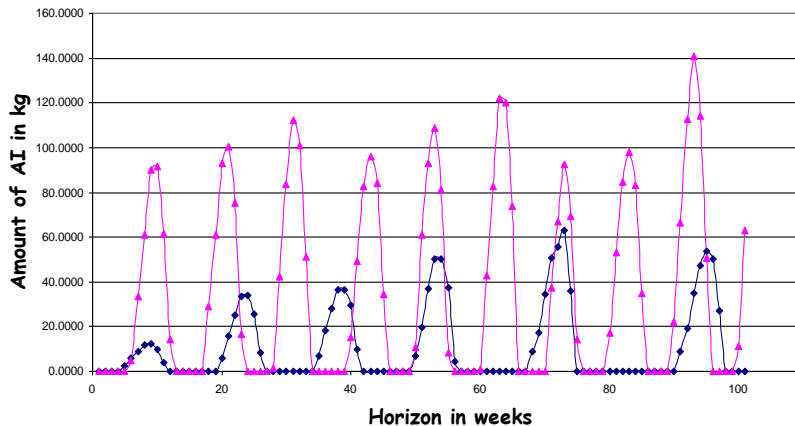
Inventory Level of AI in Europe



Inventory Level of AI in Asia & America



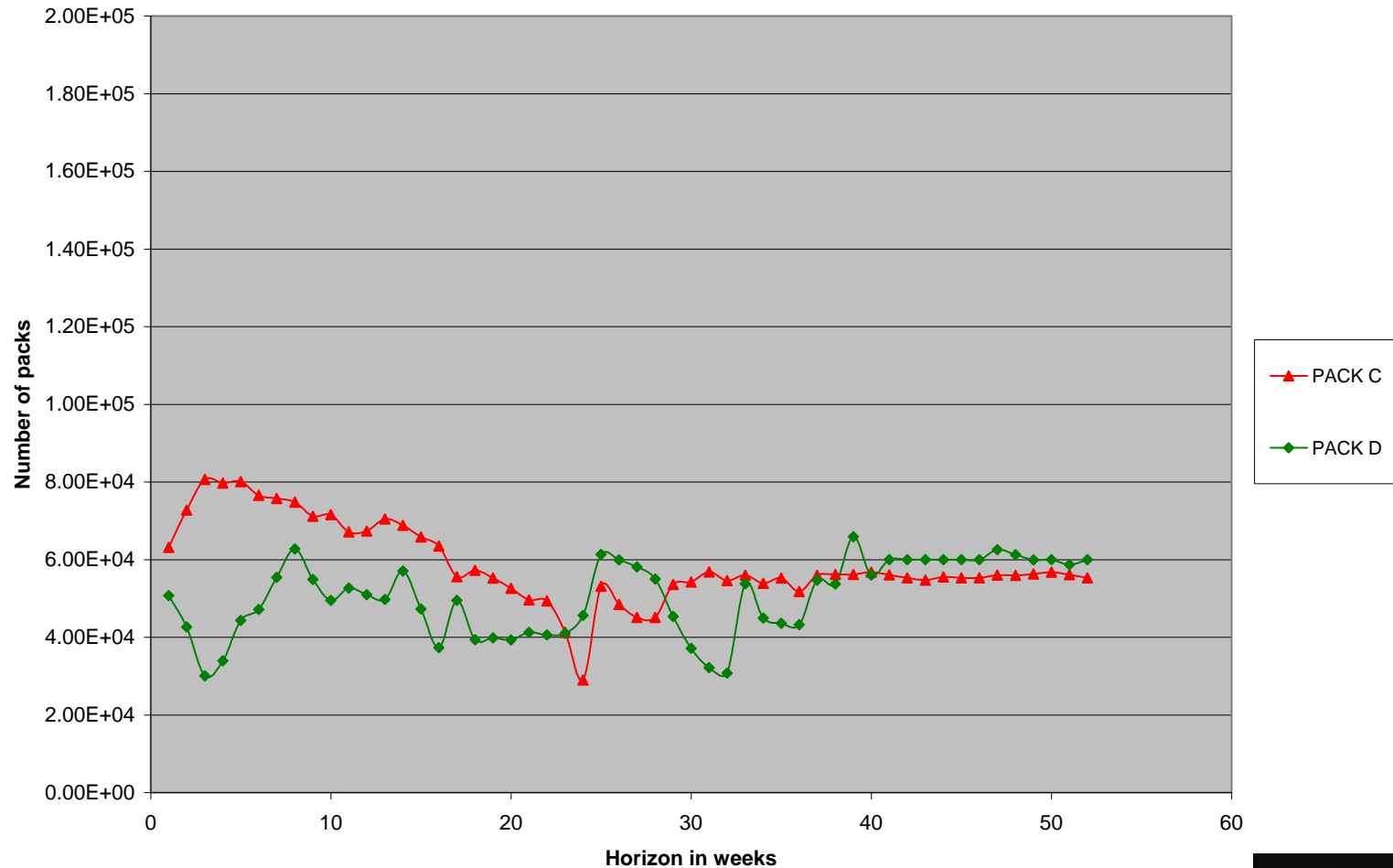
Deliveries of AI to Asia & America



Standard policies introduce internal dynamics and large upstream fluctuations

Results of planning/model predictive control approach

Inventory of the packs



Improved operation for existing chains

- Supply chain is not logistics
- Process industry supply chain strongly affected by flexibility and responsiveness of manufacturing process
- Manufacturing processes have not traditionally been designed with supply chain performance in mind
- Scope for “process design for supply chain responsiveness”
 - E.g. lean, worldscale manufacture of intermediates, mass customisation of final products
 - Process intensification and improved control:
 - Operation of processes at intrinsic rates to increase manufacturing velocities
 - Many processes much slower than they need to be
 - Flexible, multipurpose plant of the future...

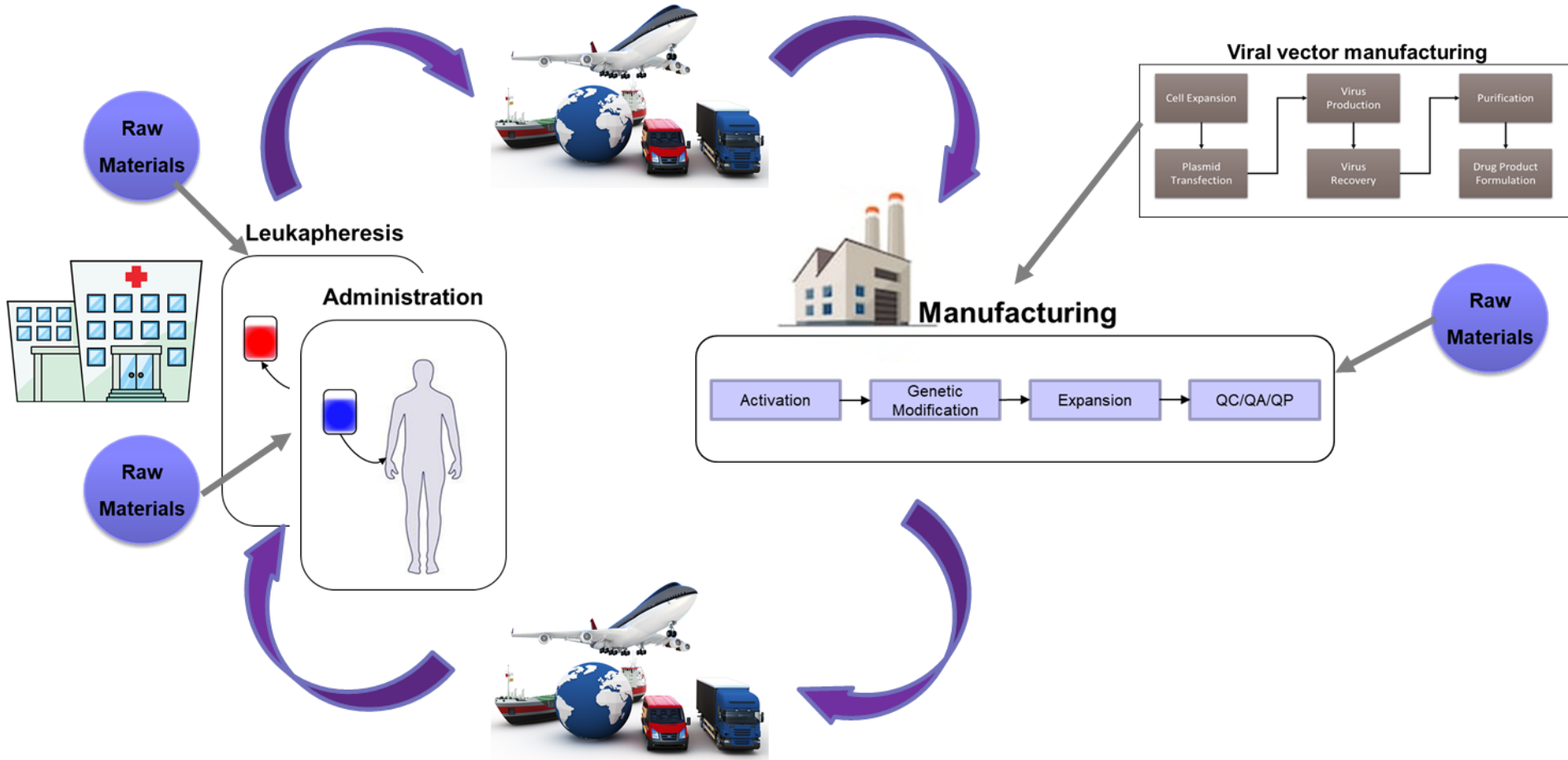
Improved operation for existing chains

- New pressures:
 - Desire to move from product-oriented business to service-oriented business
 - providing life-cycle solutions for customers
 - perception of higher margins and USPs
 - Need to respond ever more rapidly to changing market circumstances
 - shorter product life-cycles
 - Aim of mass customisation
 - E.g. designer drugs which are tailored to small populations
 - existing pharmaceutical supply chains are inappropriate
 - Need to evaluate, report and improve sustainability and environmental and social impacts throughout the supply chain
 - cf. “REACH”
 - Anticipate and respond to future regulation and compliance requirements
 - E.g. responsibility to recover and recycle consumer products at end-of-use

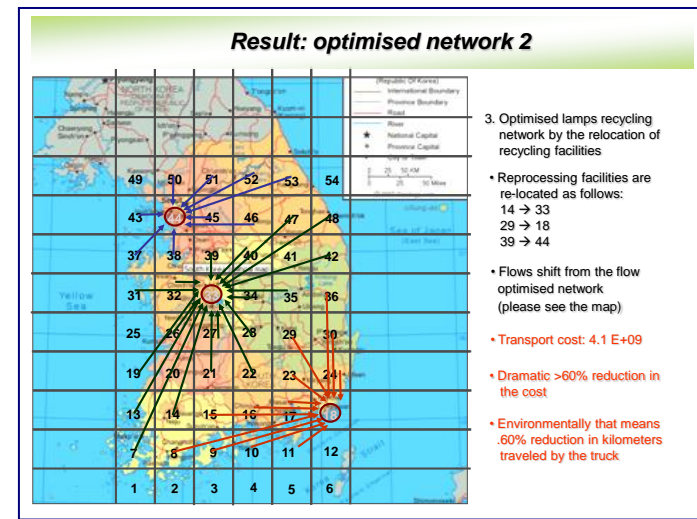
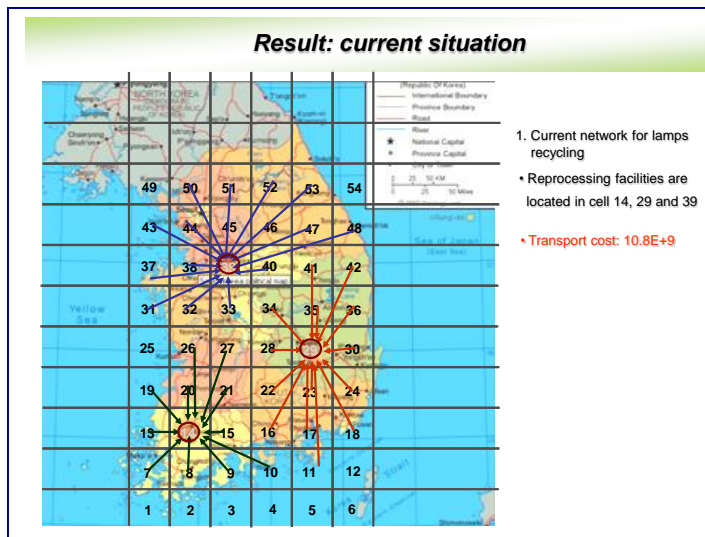
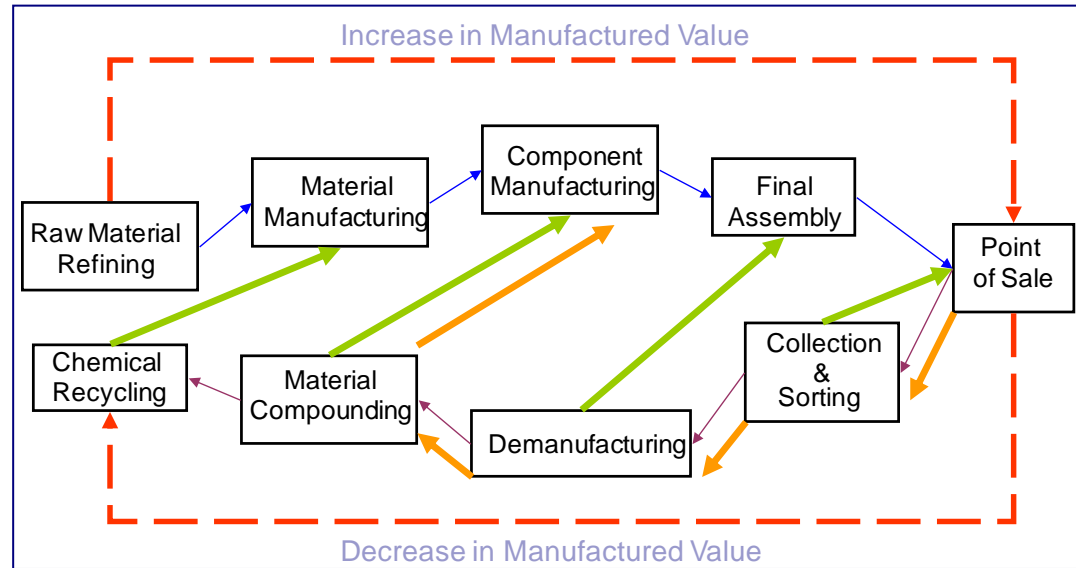
Design of new supply chains

- Supply chains of the future:
 - Hydrogen, and more generally, supply chains to support fuel cells
 - Water
 - Fast response therapeutics (particularly vaccines)
 - Clean Energy: significant pressures for decarbonisation
 - Life science products; customised healthcare
 - Crops for non-food use and biorefineries
 - Waste-to-value and reverse production systems (closed loop supply chains)
- Generic issues
 - Dealing with complexity and scale
 - Consideration of both business processes and physical processes;
 - Dealing with extended enterprises with different information structures and cultures
 - Accounting for significant, often structural, future uncertainties related to strategic decisions

Example: Personalised healthcare



Example: closed loop supply chains



Some 21st century challenges

- Sustainability
 - New energy and material sources
 - Cleaner exploitation of existing sources
 - Increasing scarcity of other resources (H₂O, P, Cu,...)
 - Decarbonised supply chains
 - Waste
- Healthcare
 - Affordable
 - Customised
 - Safe
- Innovation
 - How can engineering and production respond to rapid advances in science?
 - How to mass customise innovative products?