



## Competitive Intelligence

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### Part 1: Strategy to Organization



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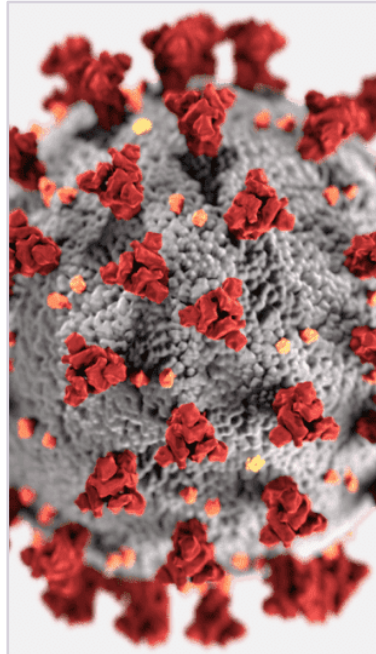
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# Human Marketing

– Authenticity – Empathy – Advocacy –

## New Digital

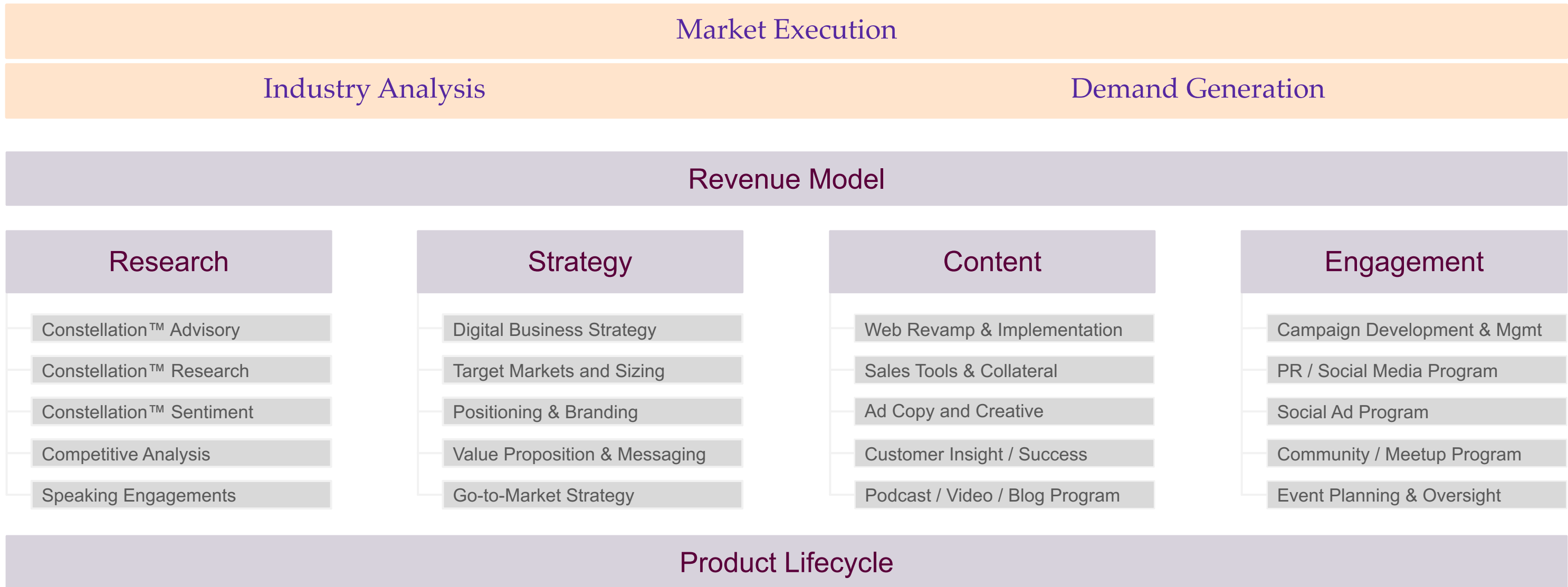
- ✦ New Audience
- ✦ New Content
- ✦ New Competition



## New Mission

- ✦ Quality of Engagement
- ✦ Ongoing Relationship
- ✦ Cultivate Community

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# Competitive Intelligence Webinar Series



Competitive Intelligence  
Webinar Series

Part 1: This Webinar

Strategy to Organization: Structure and Big Rules

Part 2:

Organization to Intelligence: Analysis and Synthesis

Part 3:

Intelligence to Action: Sales Enablement

# What is Competitive Intelligence?

**It's an Organization**

Unlike Competitive Analysis

**Focused on Competitiveness**

National, Corporate, Sales

**Understands Your "Supply Chain"**

Market Trends, Your Strengths, and  
Customers' Needs, Behavior, and Choices

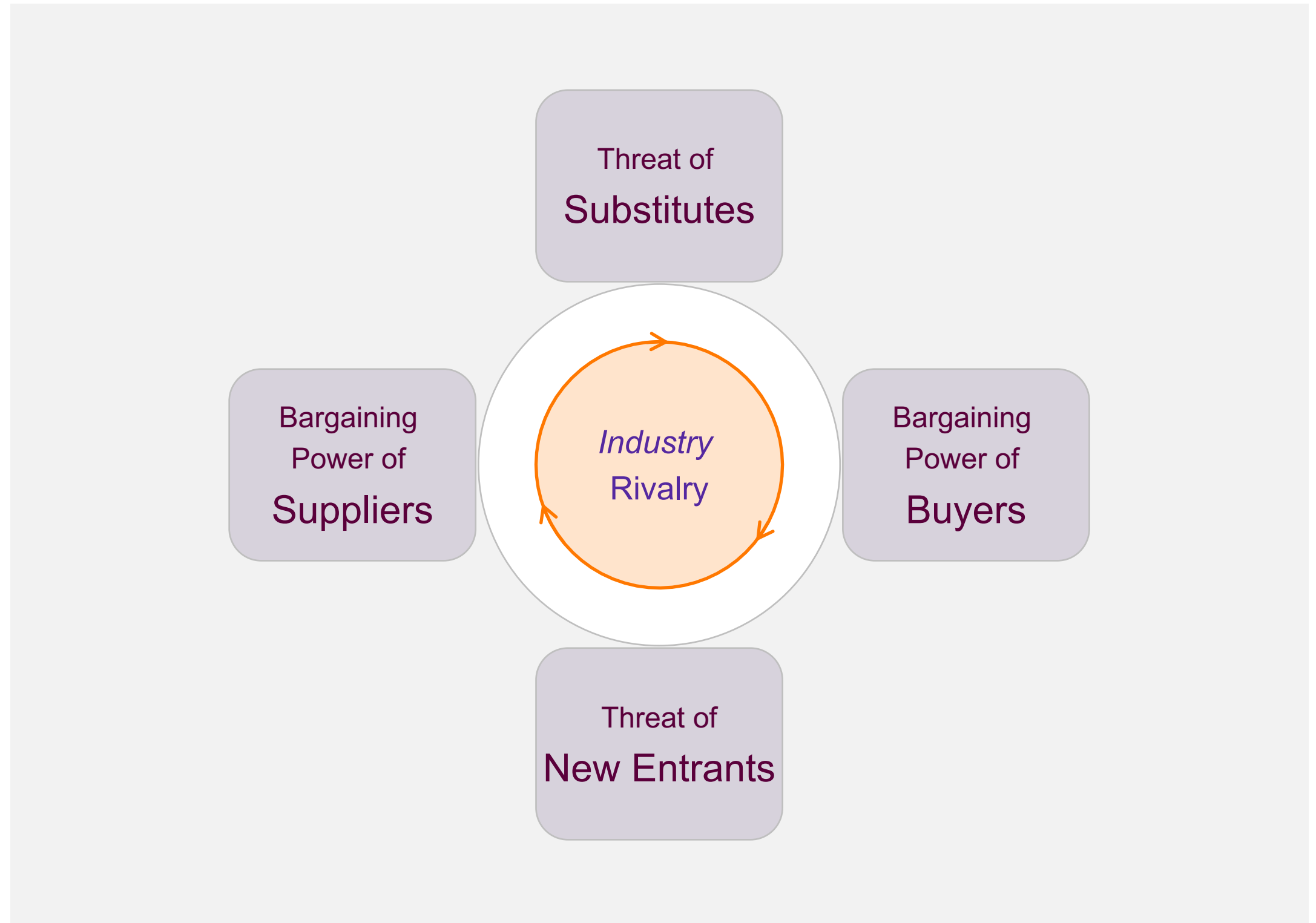
**Builds Tools and Processes to**

Set policies to win strategically  
Build tools to win tactically

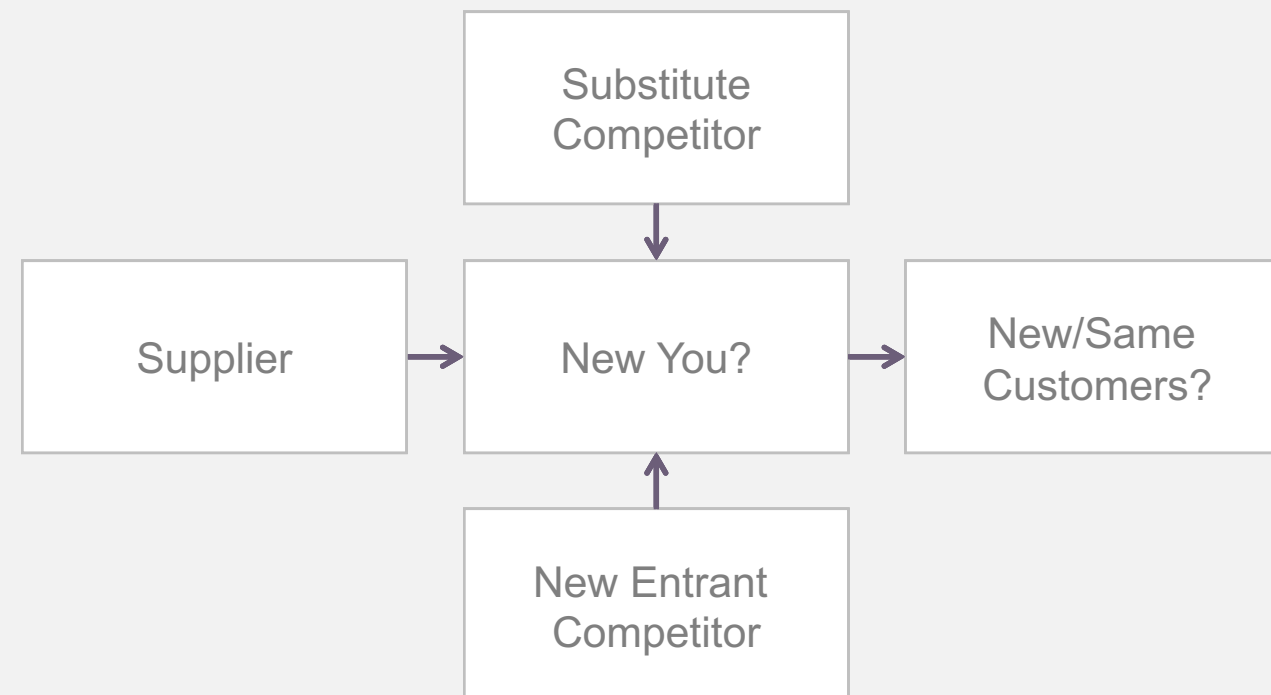


# Strategic Framework

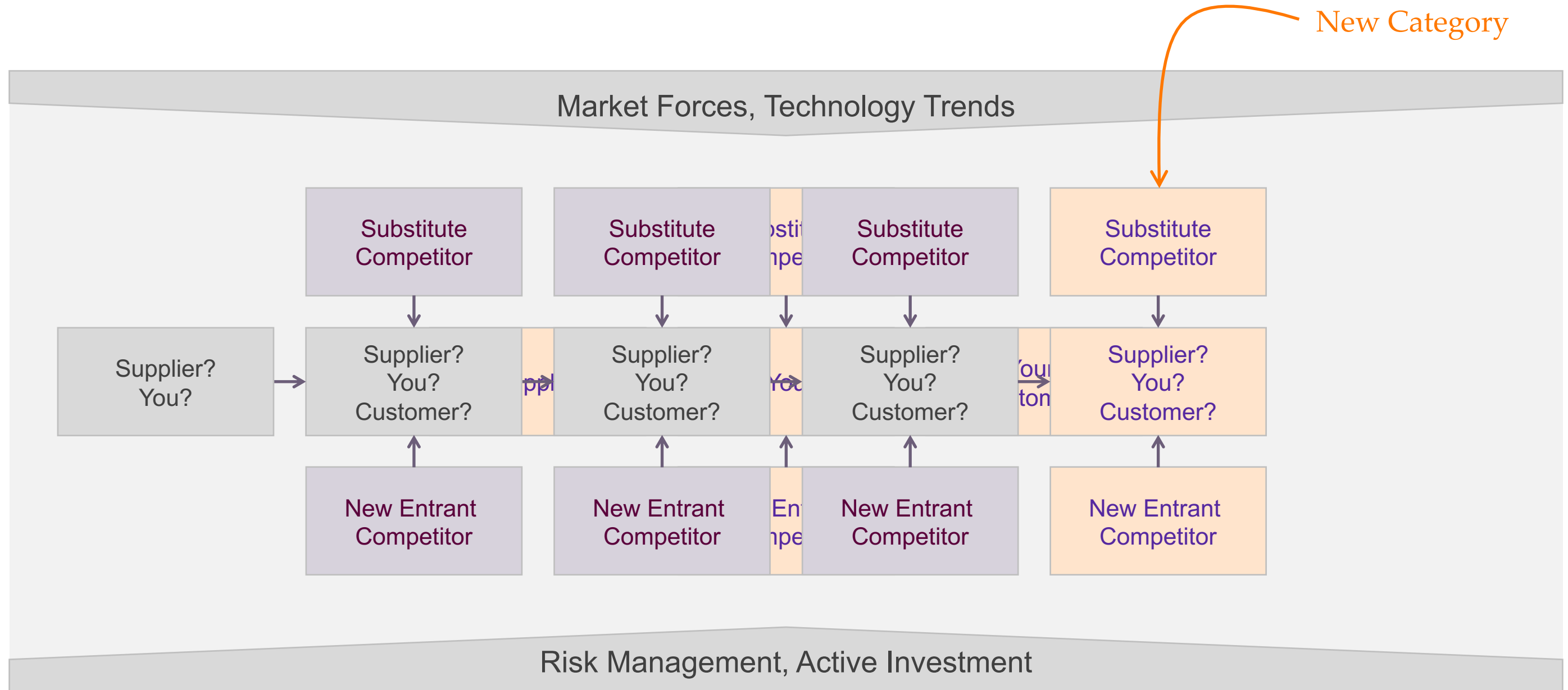
# Porter's Five Forces



# Porter's Five Forces in a Supply Chain

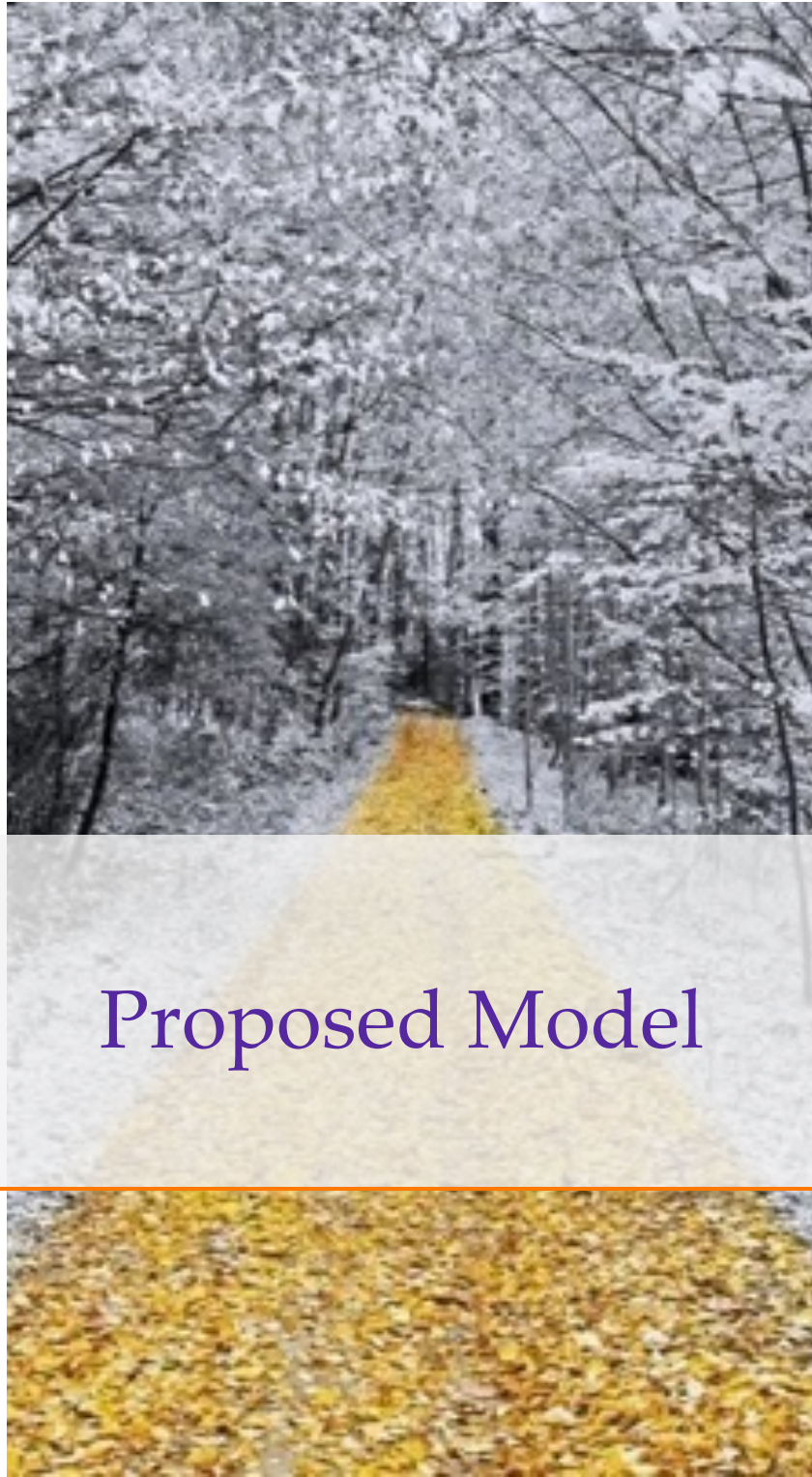


# Understanding What You Offer, Who You Are, and Who You Sell to



# Important Data and Processes

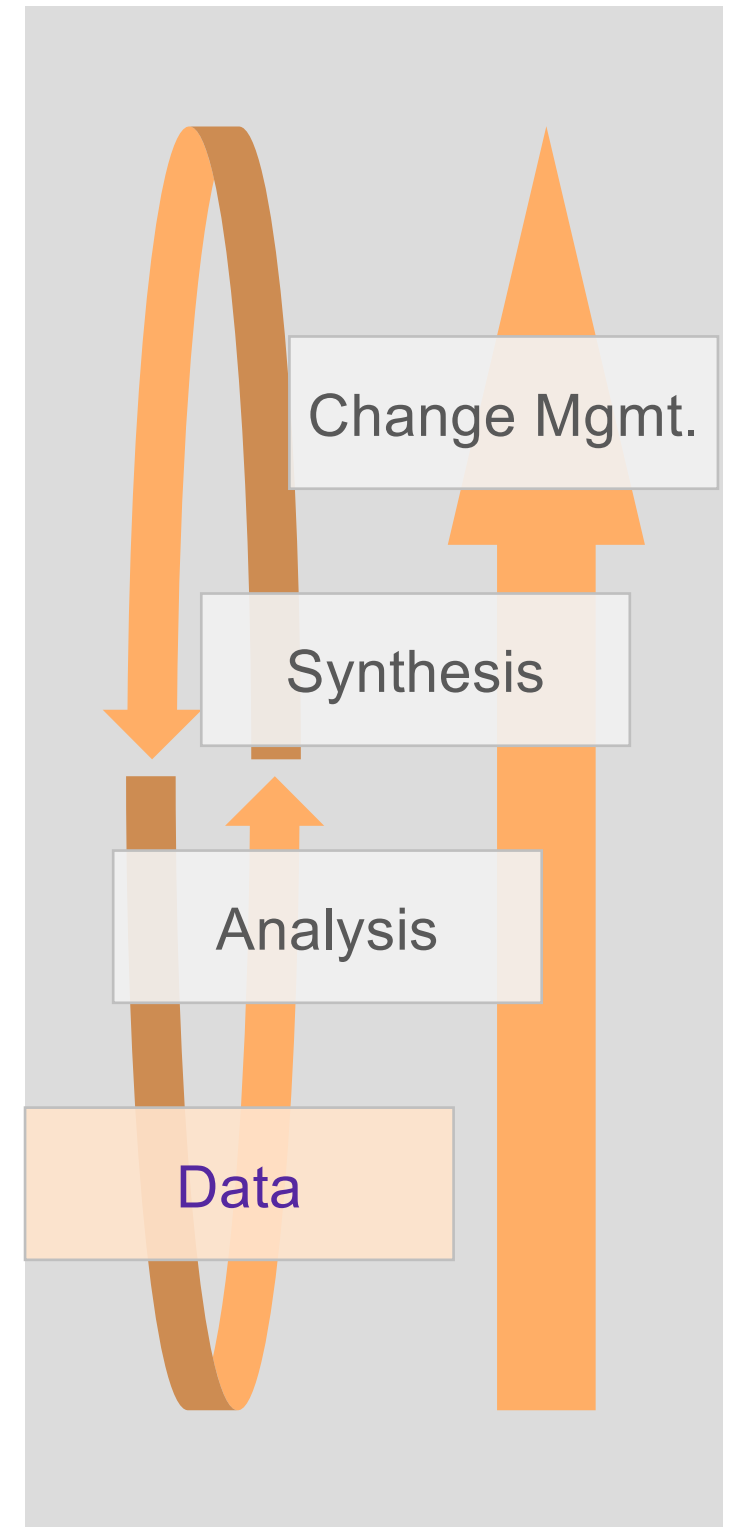




Proposed Model

Will it achieve  
business objectives?

Can it be  
implemented?



Change Mgmt.

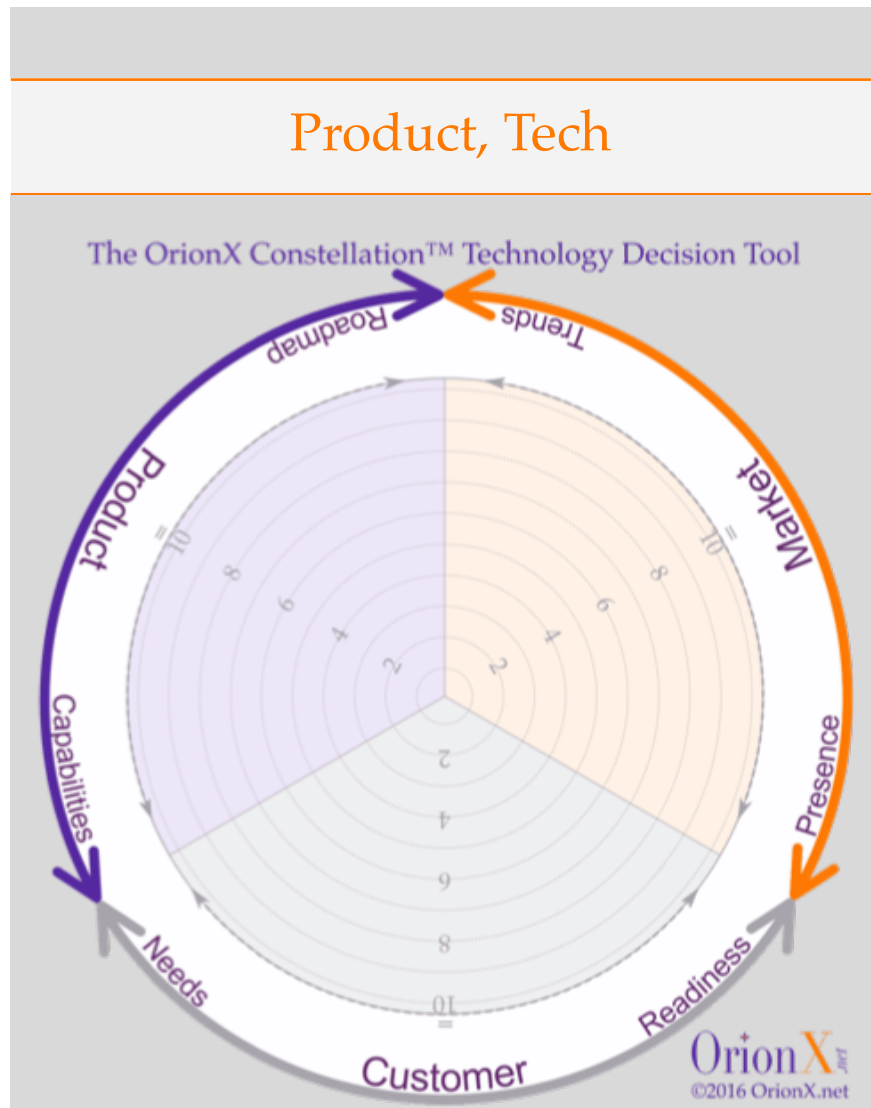
Synthesis

Analysis

Data

# Types of Data

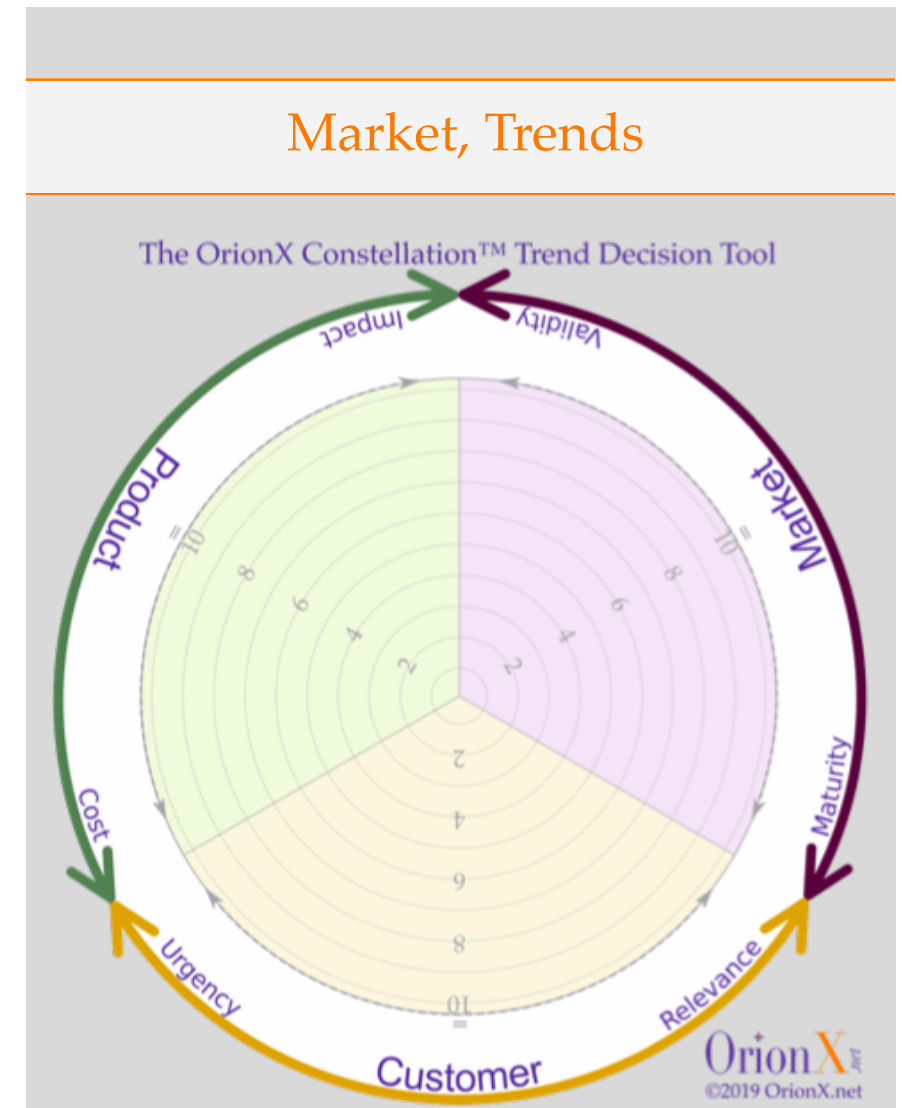
## Product, Tech



## Customer, Sales

- ✦ Needs Analysis
- ✦ Investment Priorities
- ✦ Buying Behavior
- ✦ Corp Roadmap
- ✦ Win-Loss
- ✦ Satisfaction
- ✦ Referenceability

## Market, Trends



# Inbound Gathering of Data

Quick



Systematic

## Ad Hoc

- ✦ Customer visit
- ✦ Briefing center
- ✦ Events/shows
- ✦ Web research
- ✦ PR/AR interactions
- ✦ Success story collateral

## Project Based

- ✦ Online survey
- ✦ 1:1 interviews
- ✦ Product blogs
- ✦ Focus groups
- ✦ On-site staff
- ✦ Leading-edge customers

## Corporate Process

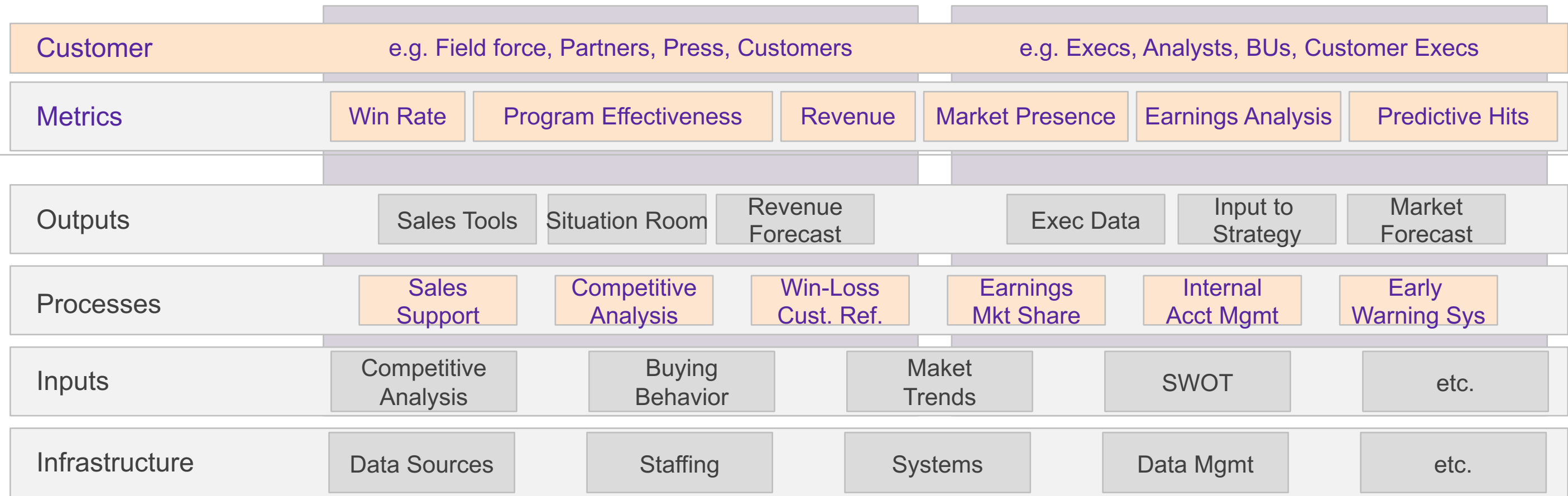
- ✦ CAB / UG
- ✦ Satisfaction/Loyalty Surveys
- ✦ Competitive Intelligence
- ✦ Corp Strategy process
- ✦ Social Media
- ✦ CRM mining
- ✦ Early Access Programs

# Analysis Work

- ✦ Market Trends
- ✦ Customer Values
  - Time Horizon, Complexity of Buying Process, Risk Tolerance, Scale of Deployments
- ✦ Brand Attributes
  - Investors, Customers, Employees, Influencers
- ✦ SWOT
  - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
- ✦ Market Map
  - Mega Trends, Brand Permission, Customer Needs, Barriers
- ✦ Product and Technology
  - Head to Head comparisons

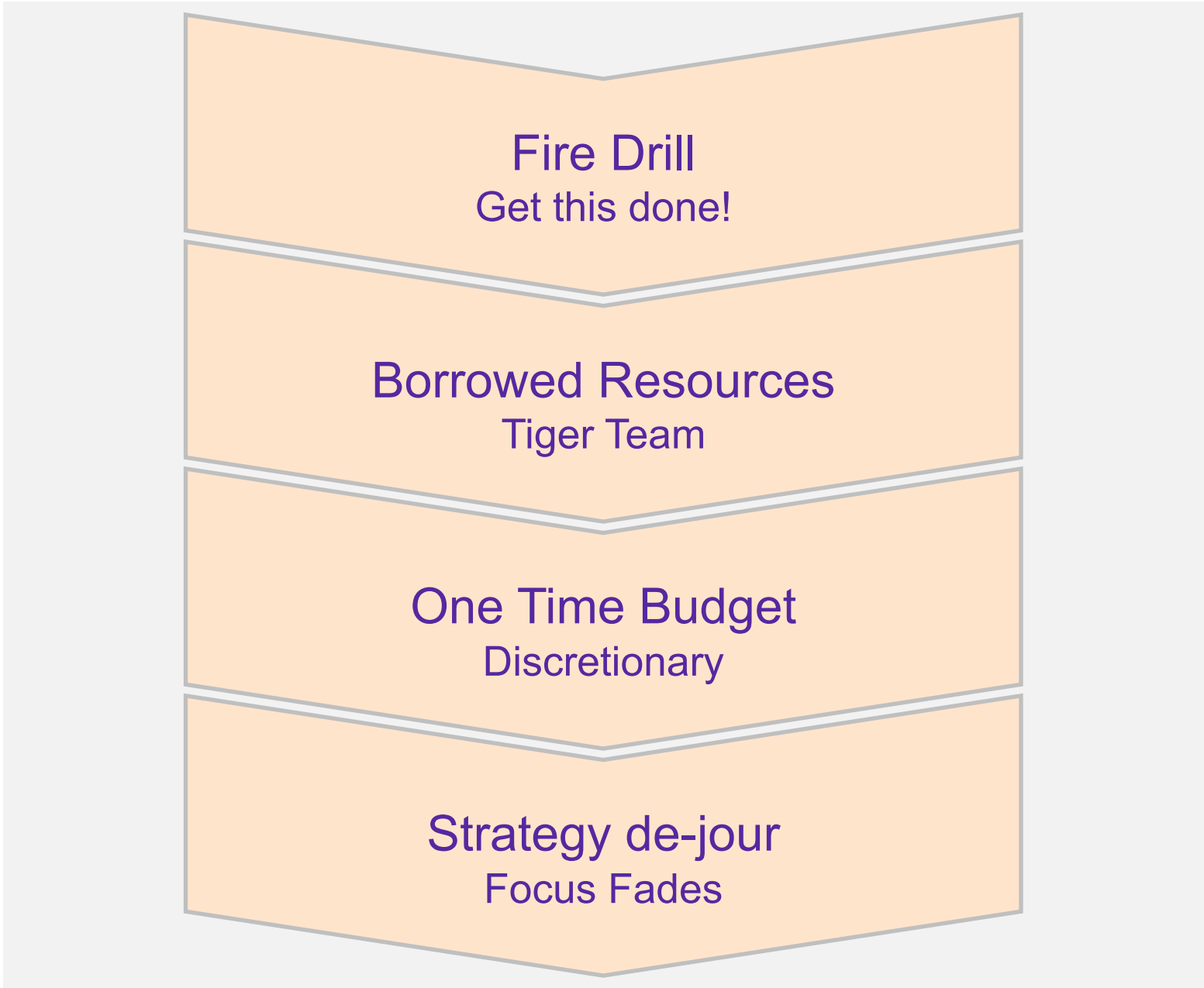
# Key Processes, Deliverables, Metrics, and Audiences

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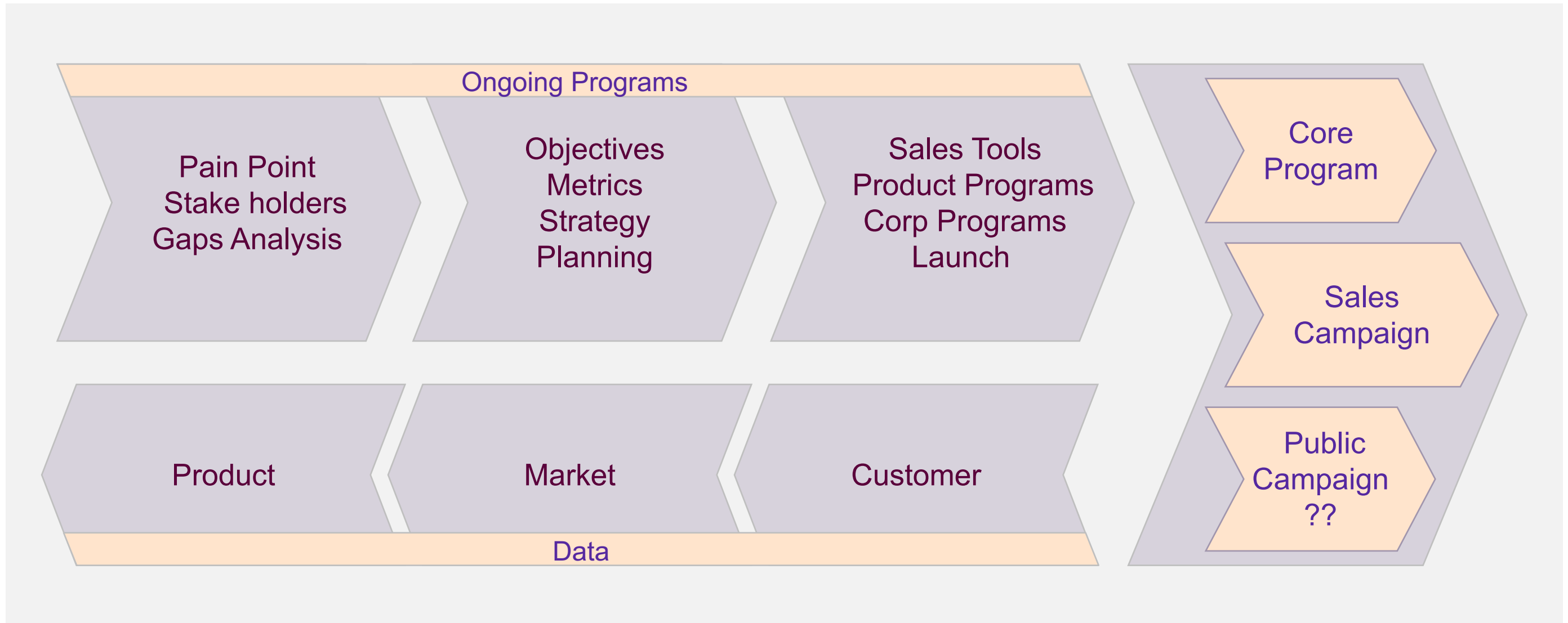




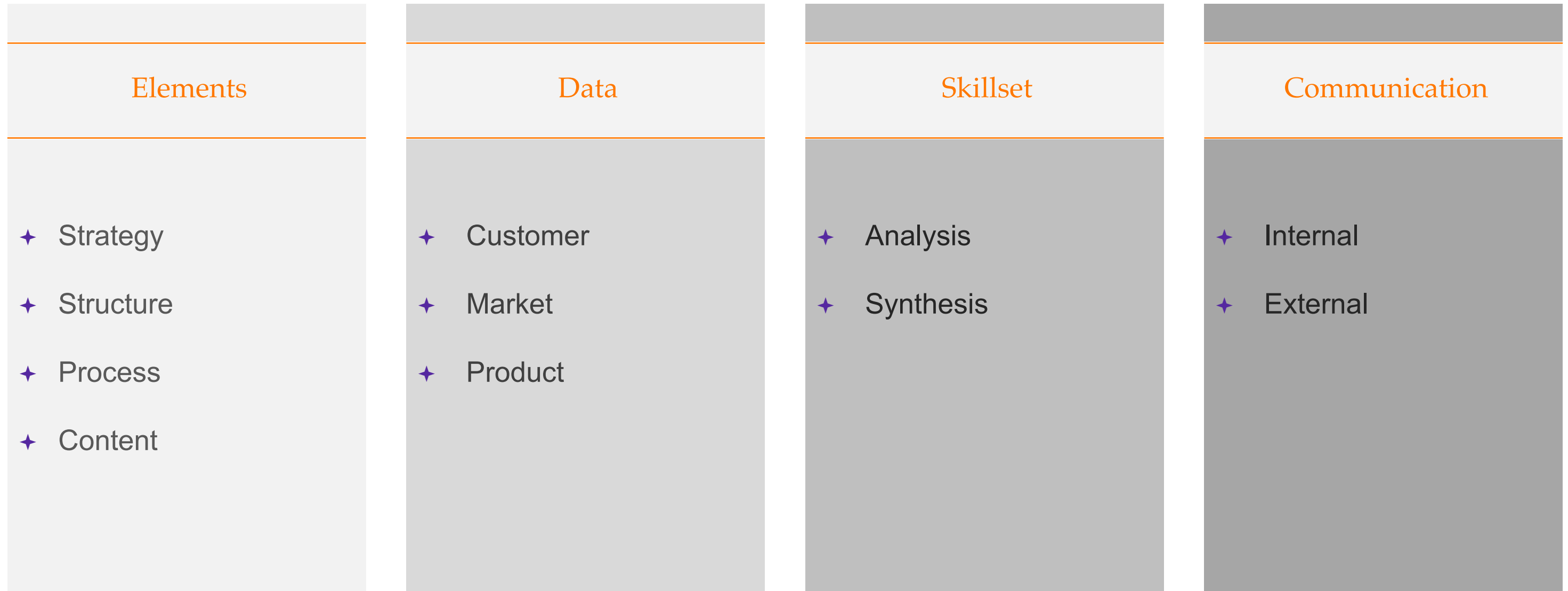
# Organizational Issues



# How it Should Be Done

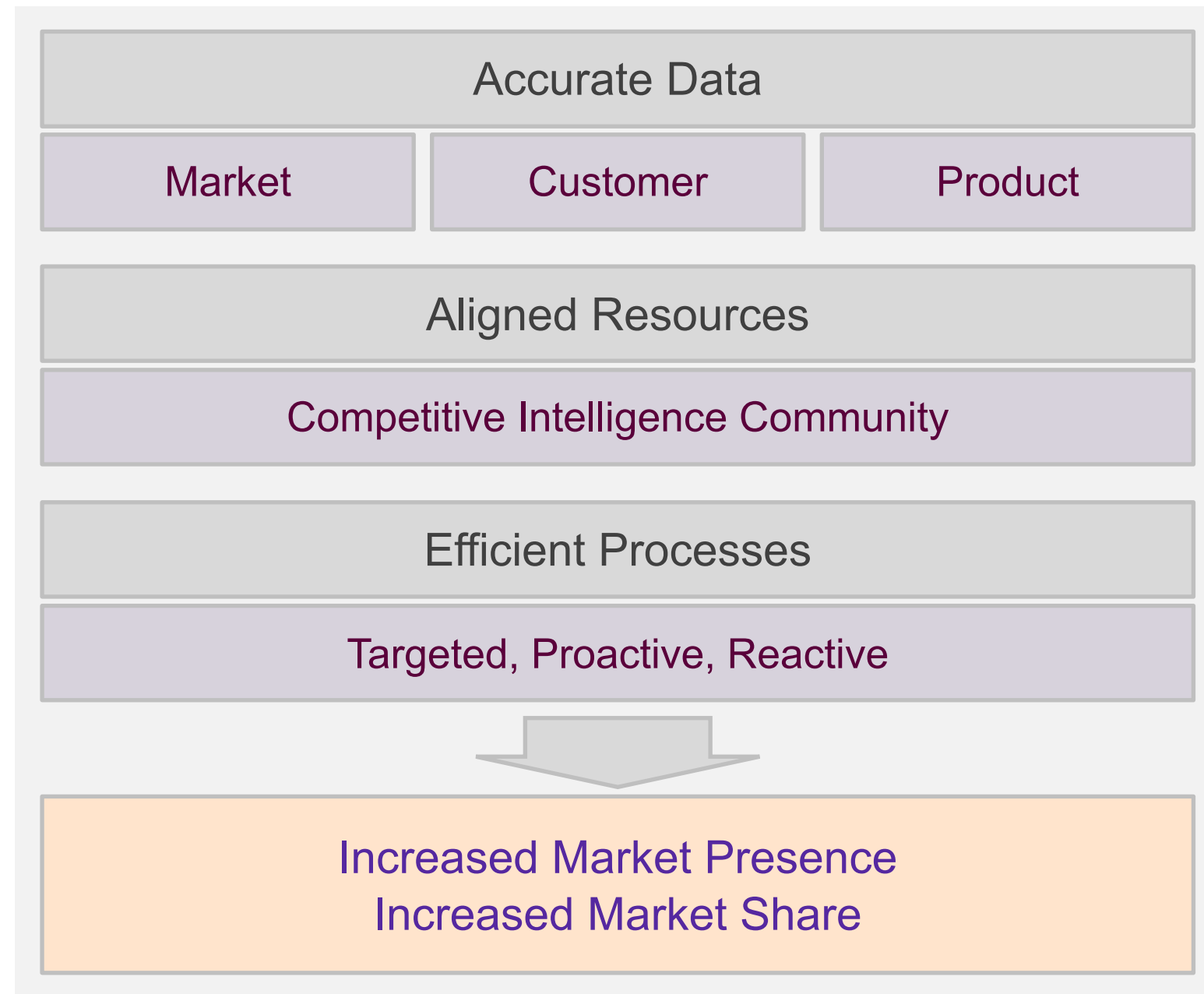


# Dimensions of Competitive Intelligence



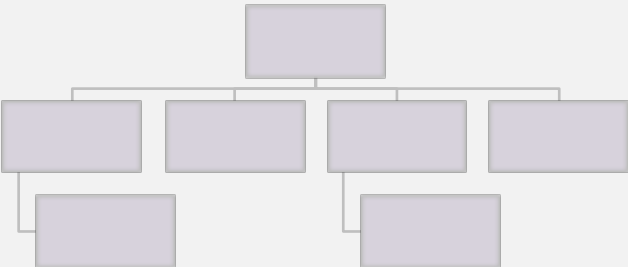
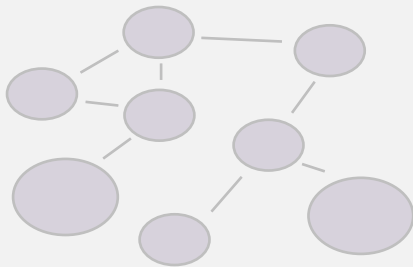
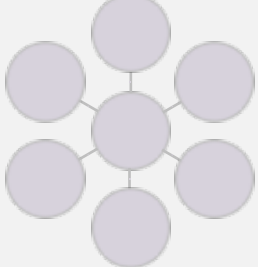


## Elements of Success





# Organizational Models

Centralized	Decentralized	Hub & Spoke
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Consistency, Control</li> <li>✦ Funding / Support, Communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Fast response and experiments</li> <li>✦ Uncoordinated, can lack holistic view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Federated, Best of both</li> <li>✦ Takes time, vigilance</li> </ul>
		

Constituents, Sponsors, Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ How is formed and where it reports to ?</li> <li>✦ Strategic vs. tactical mission</li> <li>✦ Company vs. Product/BU priorities</li> <li>✦ Reactive vs. Proactive</li> <li>✦ Execs: has need vs. has veto power</li> <li>✦ etc.</li> </ul>

# 12 Prescriptions



- ✦ Always Rule #1
- ✦ Win legally and ethically



## 2. Take it Seriously

- ✦ Whoever takes it more seriously wins



### 3. Respect your competition

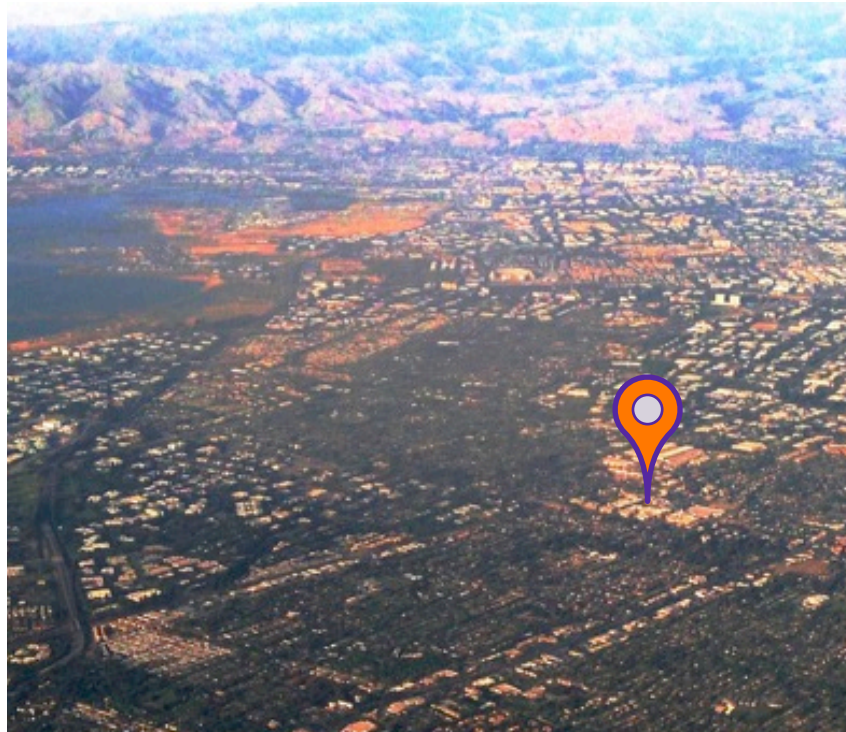
- ✦ If customers are buying them, find out why



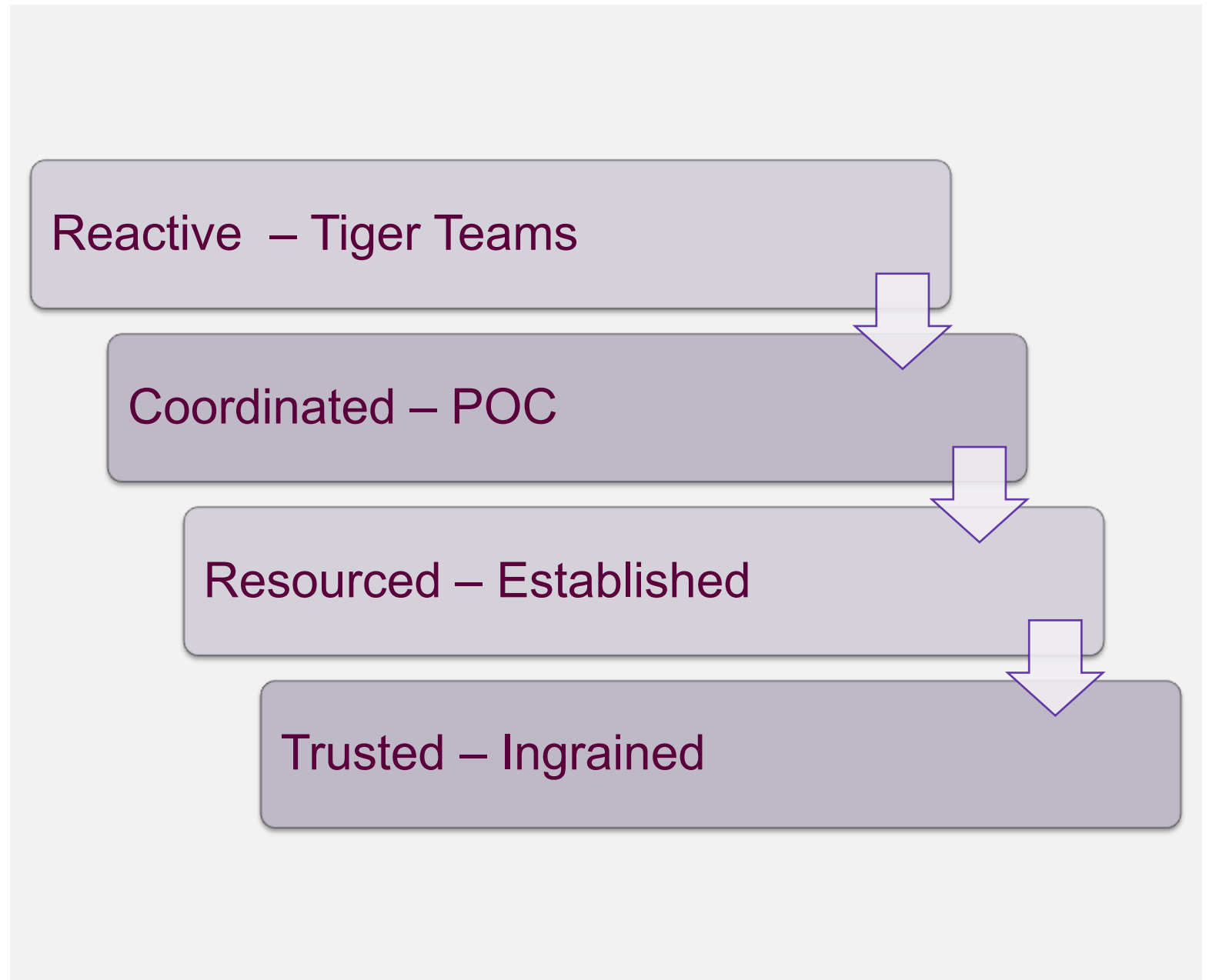


## 4. Lead vs. React

- ✦ Project your own vision vs. react
- ✦ Leadership, not just matching others



## 5. Create a CI Roadmap

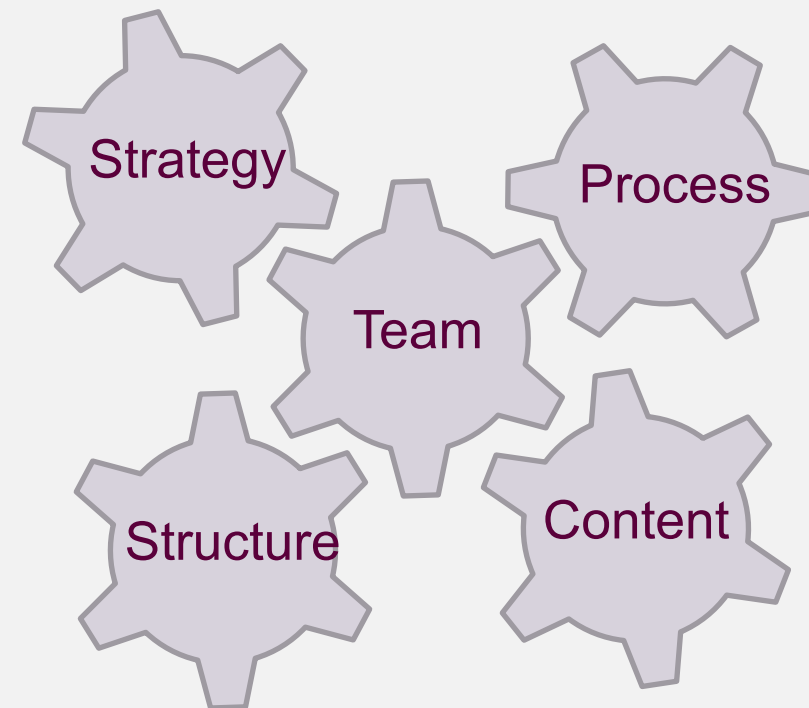






## 6. Make it Ongoing

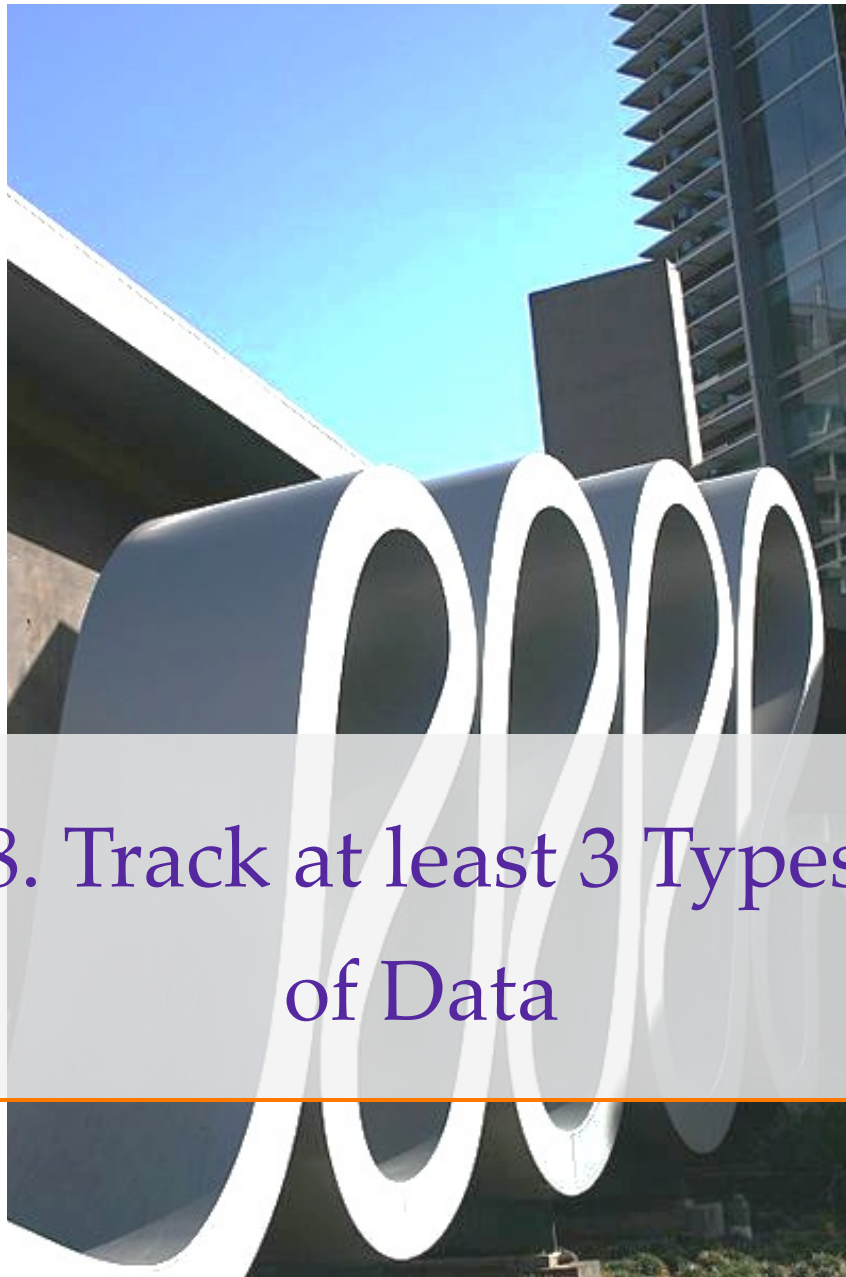
- ✦ Make it a program but fail fast, make decisions, and move quickly
- ✦ One-off projects don't retain valuable learning



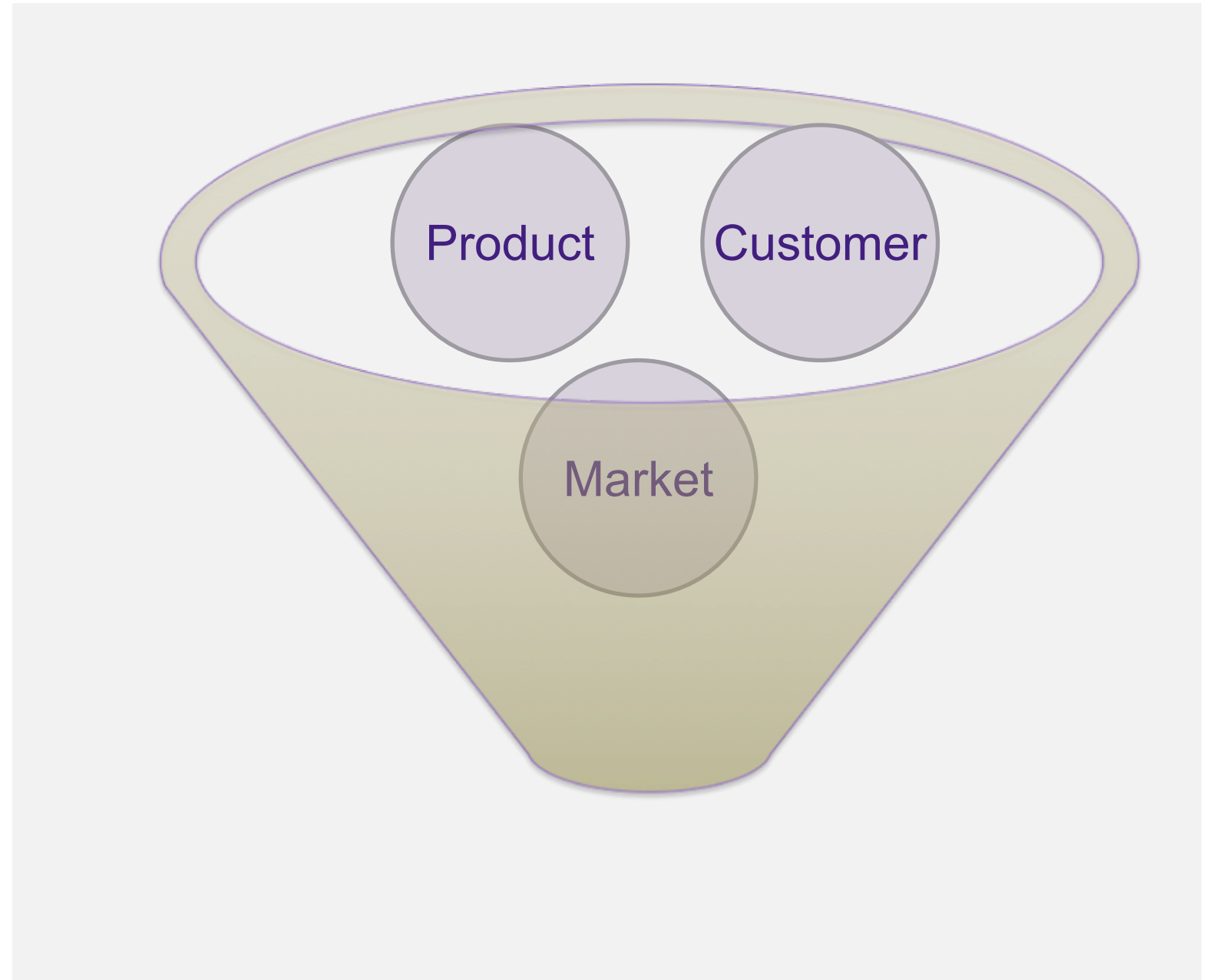


7. Trust your team to interpret data

✦ ... or get a new team



8. Track at least 3 Types of Data





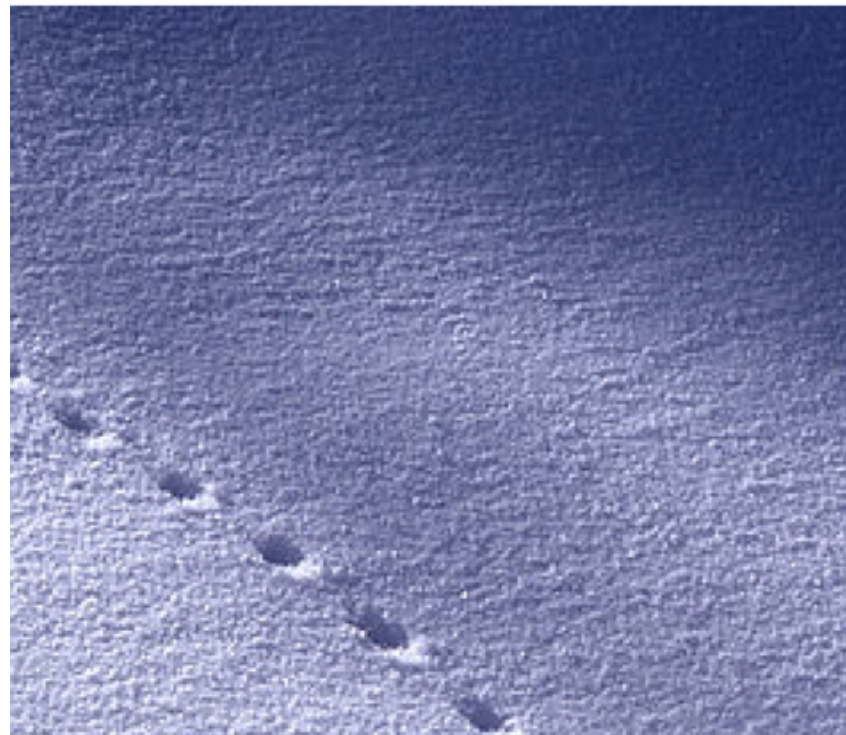
- ✦ Synthesis is the purpose of analysis , and they are different skillsets





## 10. Excel in Tactical First

- ✦ ... then you can become strategic
- ✦ You need a system and know how to operate it before you can set the course



11. Ask "So what?"  
Repeatedly

- ✦ Follow the trail until you get to the salient point



## 12. Build the Internal Community

- ✦ Competitiveness is like Quality:  
It's everyone's business



# Summary

- ✦ Competitive Intelligence permeates everything
- ✦ Programs – not one-off deliverables
- ✦ Project leadership, don't reacting
- ✦ Quality not quantity
- ✦ Identify success metrics
- ✦ Get help to jump-start!

## Questions?



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- ✦ Customer-focused content creation (video, podcast, collateral, web copy, etc.)
- ✦ Competitive Intelligence, customer input, strategy process
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