



EE 366

Economics of Services Sector



Service Innovation

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Services Innovation Categories

Overview of the categorization of service innovation

	Degree of change	Type of change	Newness Means	Means of provision
Main categories	Radical, incremental	Product, process	New to the market, new to the firm	Technology, organization
Explanation	A service innovation is based on new core characteristics or improvements to existing core characteristics.	A service innovation is based on changes in the core characteristics related to the output or service provision.	A service innovation that has not been provided by competitors or is a new service for the specific service provider.	A service innovation is provided in a new way through technology or new organizational arrangements.
Core references	Gallouj and Weinstein (1997)	Pearson (1997) Mansury and	Mansury and Love (2008)	Van der Aa and Elfring (2002)

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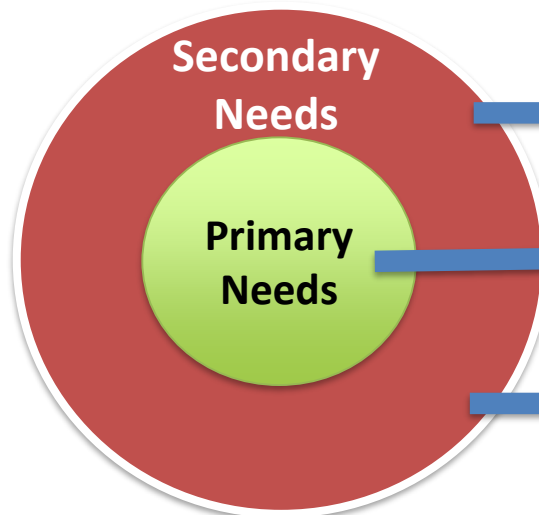
Service Innovation Model

- ✓ Service development includes the whole process from idea generation to the market introduction of a new service
- ✓ Three concepts: 1. Service concept, 2. Service process and 3. Service-system & resource-structure

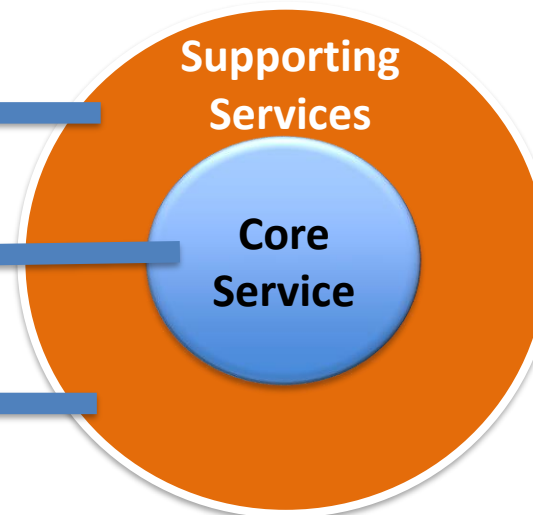
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Service Concept

A. Customer Need



B. Design of the Offer



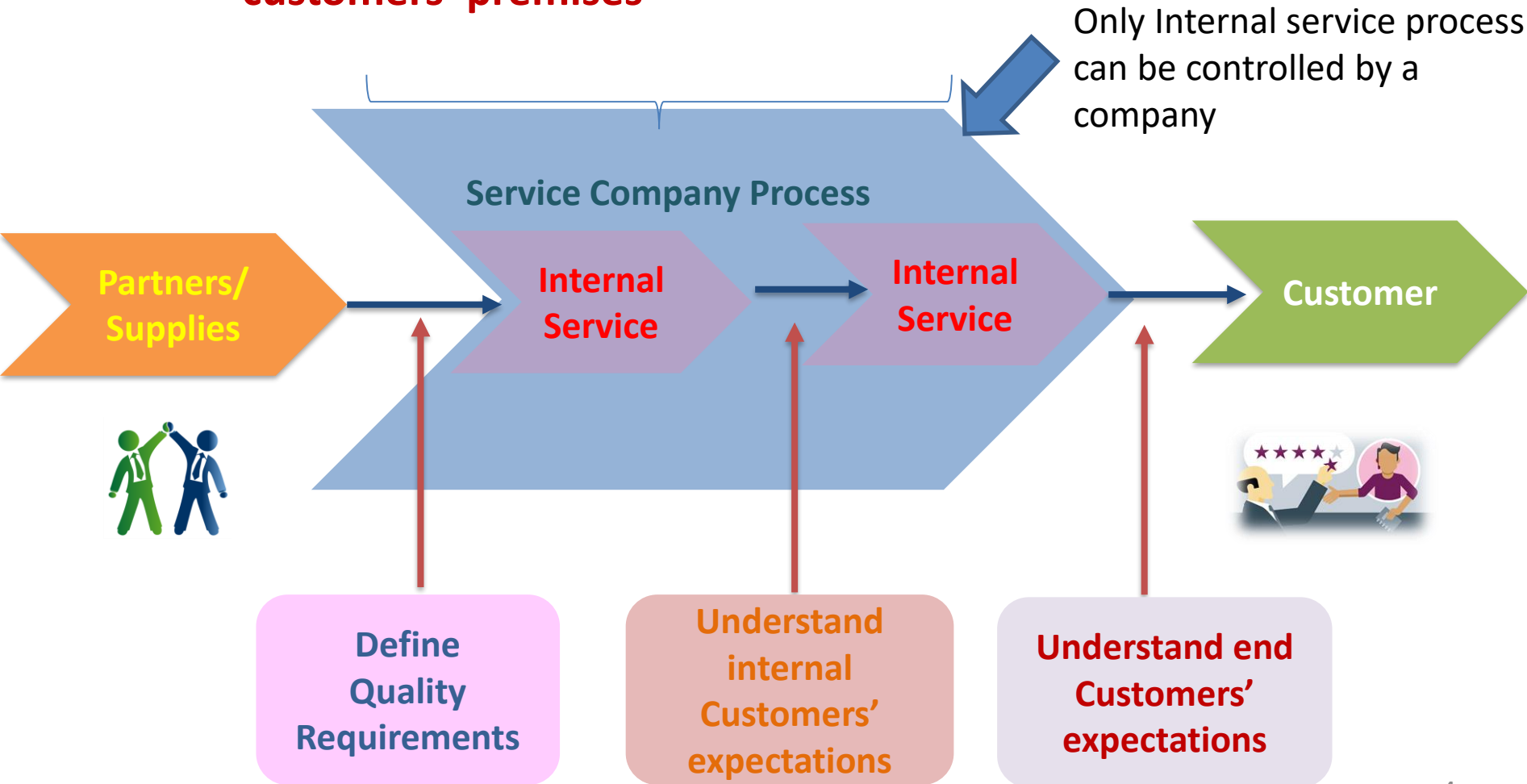
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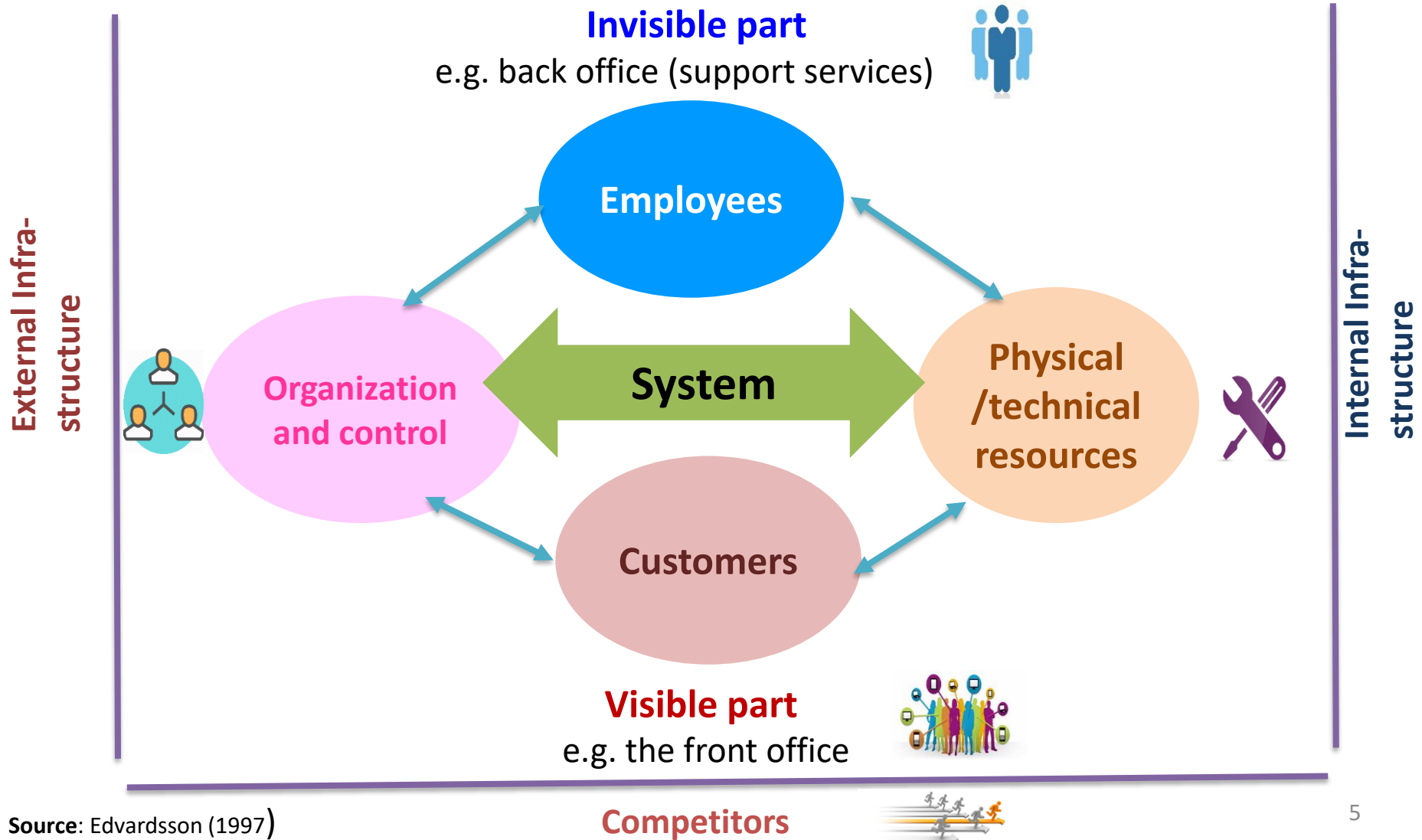
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Service Process

- The service process partly consists of activities at partners' and customers' premises



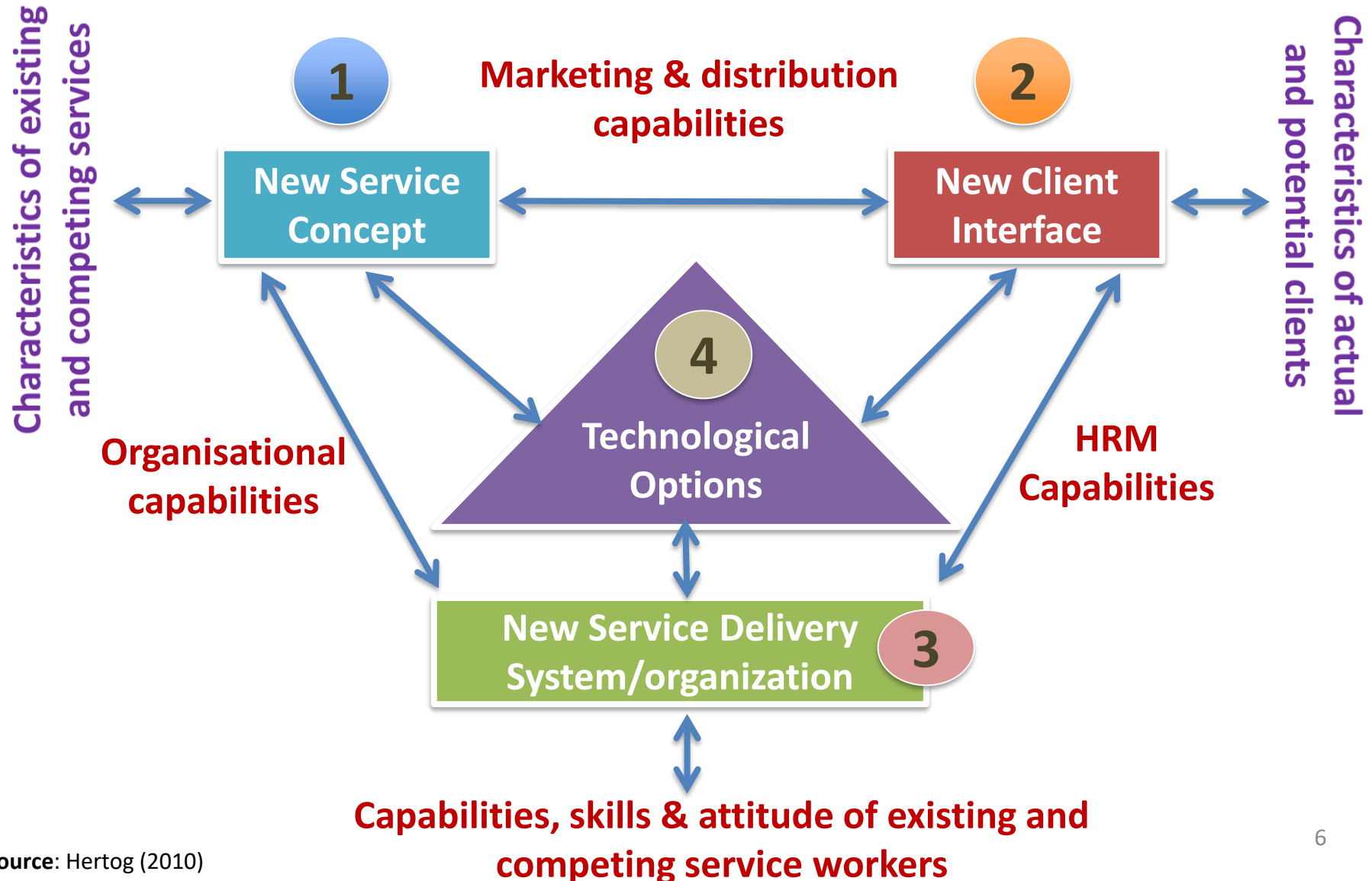
Business idea, strategy and goal



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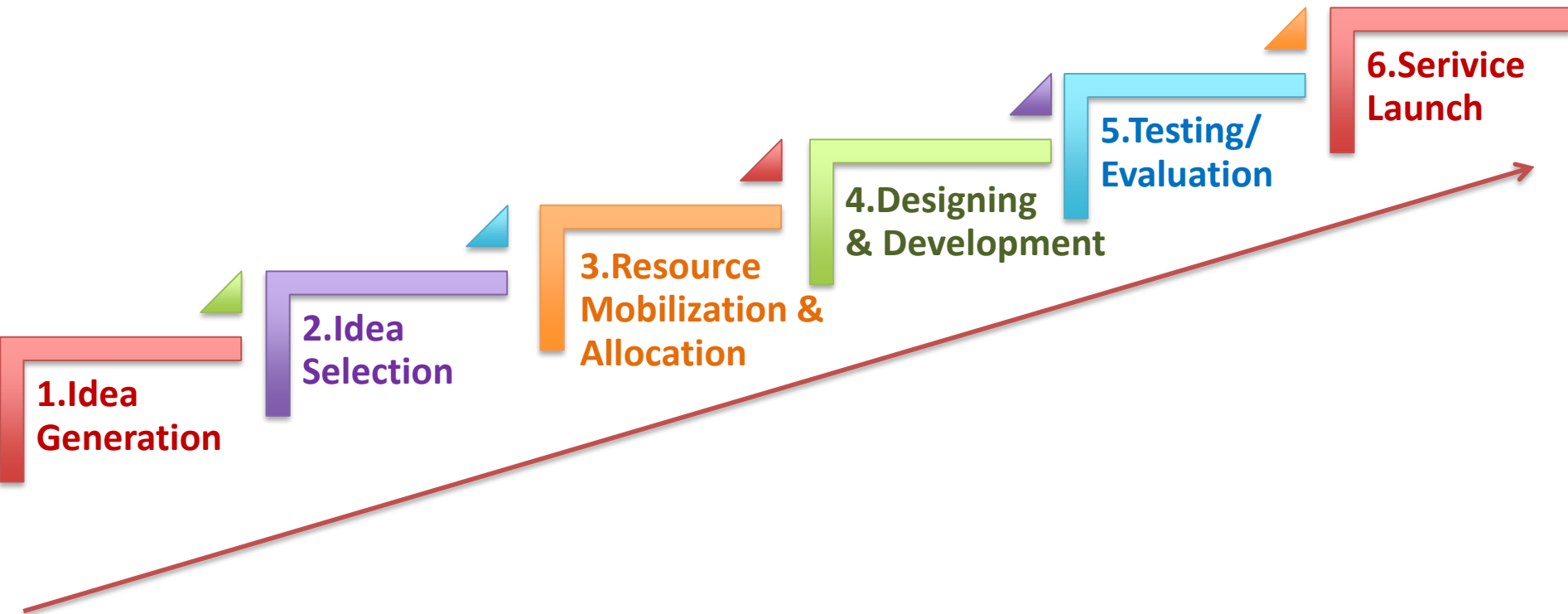
❖ **Four dimensional model of service innovation** (by Den Hertog)



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Innovation Strategy

➤ There are **6** phases of the innovation process



3 Innovation Strategy (Cont.)

1.Idea generation

- Relating to creativity with “out of the box thinking”



- Conway and McGuinnis (1986) identified several ways to detect ideas:

Customer driven	Market driven	Close follower	Technology driven
Customer knowledge (type of customers and trend of their behavior)	Through market changes, market needs and adaption of strategy	Following and anticipating competitors	The ongoing technological development and availability of novel technology.

2. Idea Selection

Centralization

- ✓ Economy of scale
- ✓ High internal communication links
- ✓ Lower risk of distraction
- ✓ Reduced risk of copying
- ✓ High amount of space to create network opportunities

Decentralization

- ✓ Focus on Back Office activities
- ✓ High communication links with other organizational functions and teams
- ✓ Competitive surveillance in specific locations (especially overseas)
- ✓ Establishment of innovation unit anticipating on local market needs

Selection Systems

- ✓ Market, financial & preference of customers
- ✓ Competitors, strategies & offerings
- ✓ Strategy, planning, budget, evaluation
- ✓ Attractiveness, analytical demonstrated or subjective
- ✓ Champions, support for potential

Innovation Strategy (Cont.)

- ✓ Financial mobilization sources (source of funds)
- ✓ Design of a project team
- ✓ Design of products/services



- ✓ Present the designed innovation to some customers in the pre developed target market
- ✓ Evaluate based on defined targets (sales, costs, profits)



3.Resource Mobilization and Allocation

4.Design and Development

5.Testing and Evaluation

6.Service Launch



✓ **Development of a business case:**

- Commercial feasibility
- Technical feasibility

✓ **Project team:**

- Transfer ideas into design and
- are responsible for speed and quality



- ✓ Service Launch Training of employees
- ✓ Holistic approach (external, internal and interactive marketing)
- ✓ Clear distinction between core and supportive services.
- ✓ Brand strategy

Discussion

- Give examples of innovations in your group service industry based on types of innovation in slide no. 2
- Give examples of 6 phases of innovation process of your group service industry (see slides no. 7 – 10)

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