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# How to apply agile to HW development

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# Intro

## Risk – System – Small things

New product introduction End to End

Agile needs new habits  
These can be helped with changing the system

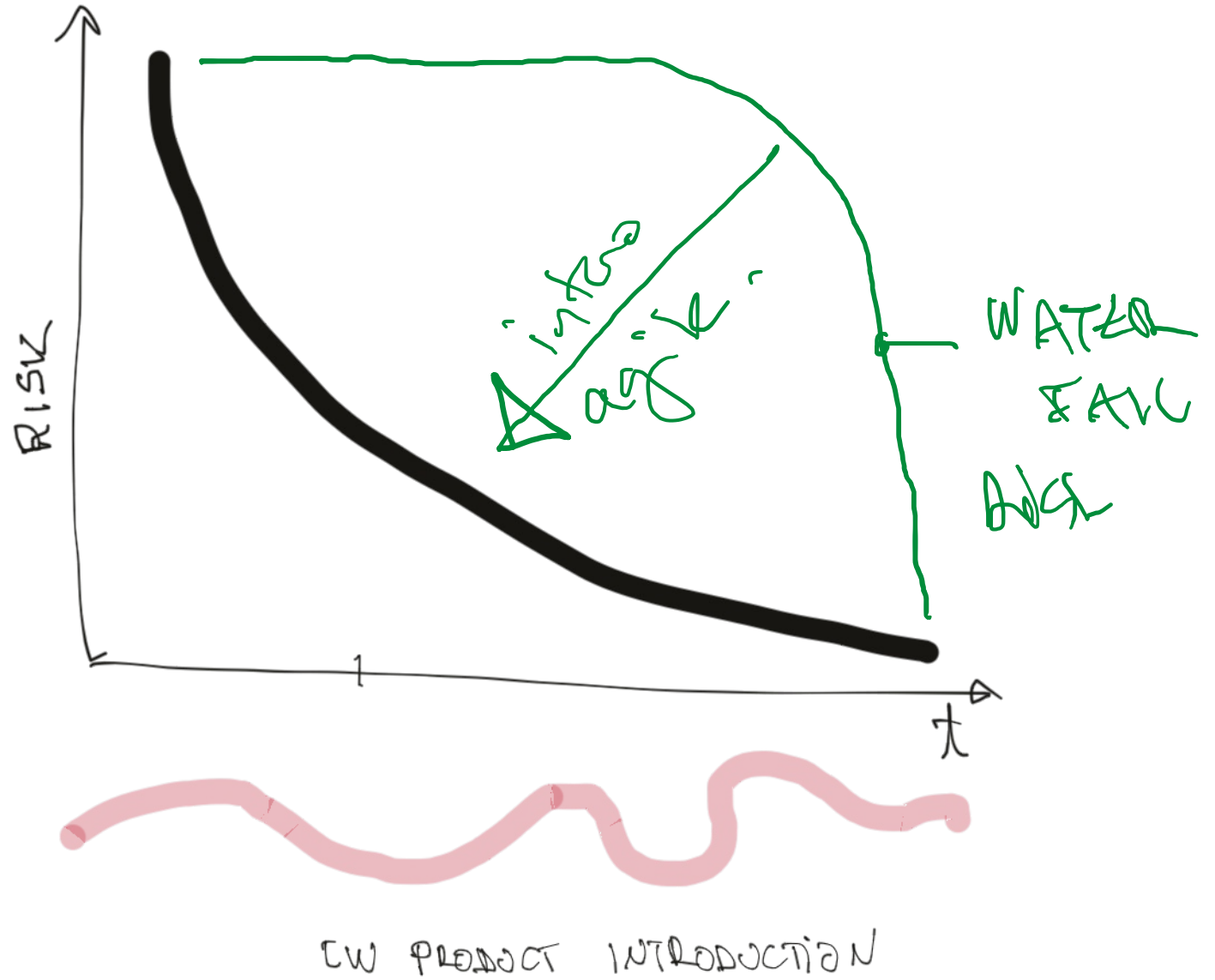
Agile as an approach to managing risk



Agile things  
- Experiment with system changes



System change  
- Frequently consider new  
ways of working



# Start

## Uncover a problem

Identify real valuable thing to solve

Talk to customers (Customers know how they work)

Iterative (Several takes to understand)

Diversity (people have a unique angle)

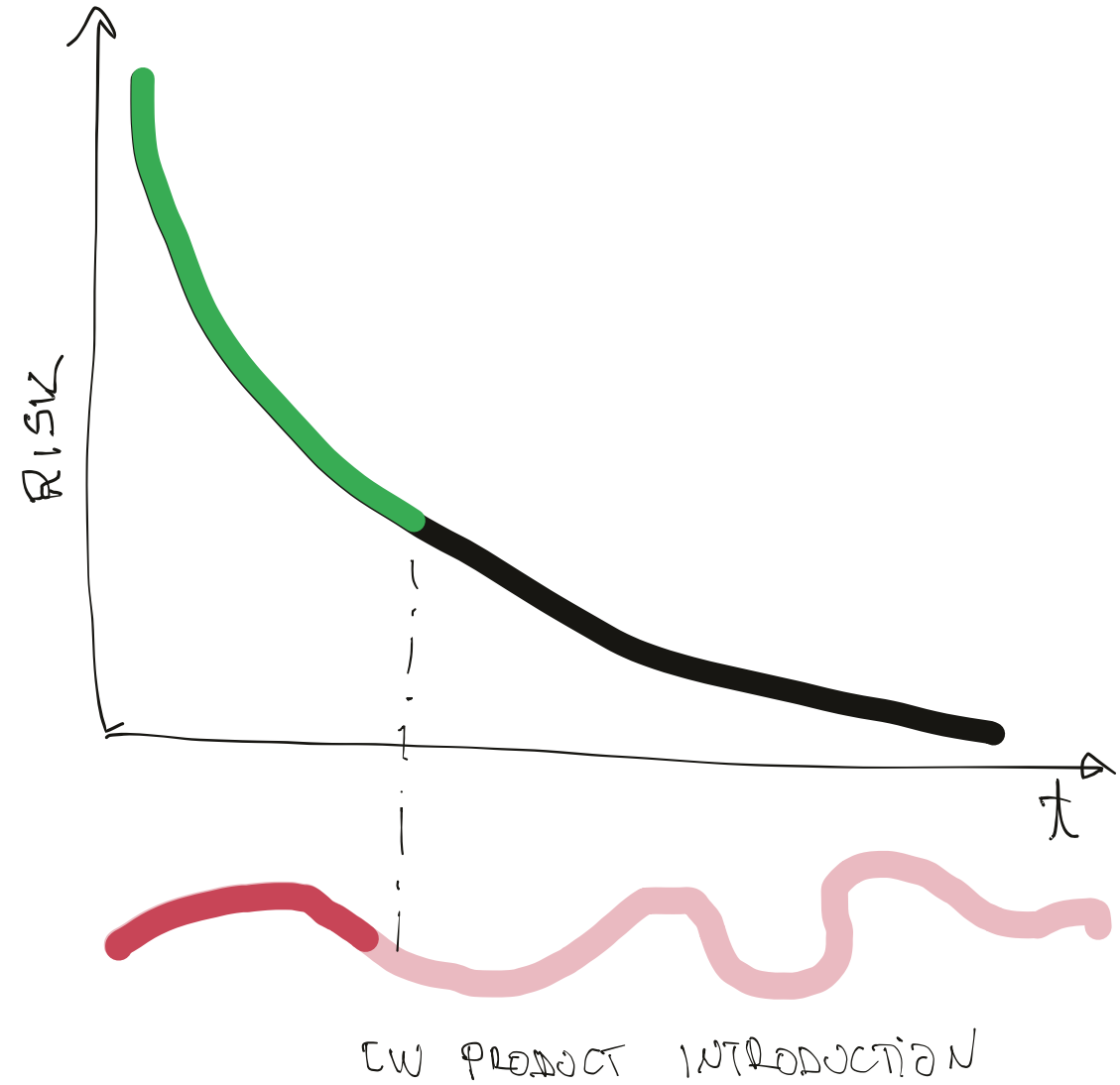
Agile things

- Customer collaboration
- Iterative
- Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and ...



System change

- Team involve
- Focus on seeing the problem



# Solution

## Concepts

Simulation (system)

Complexity of a product (physical, cloud, algorithms,...)

Architecture (System, product, discipline, ...)

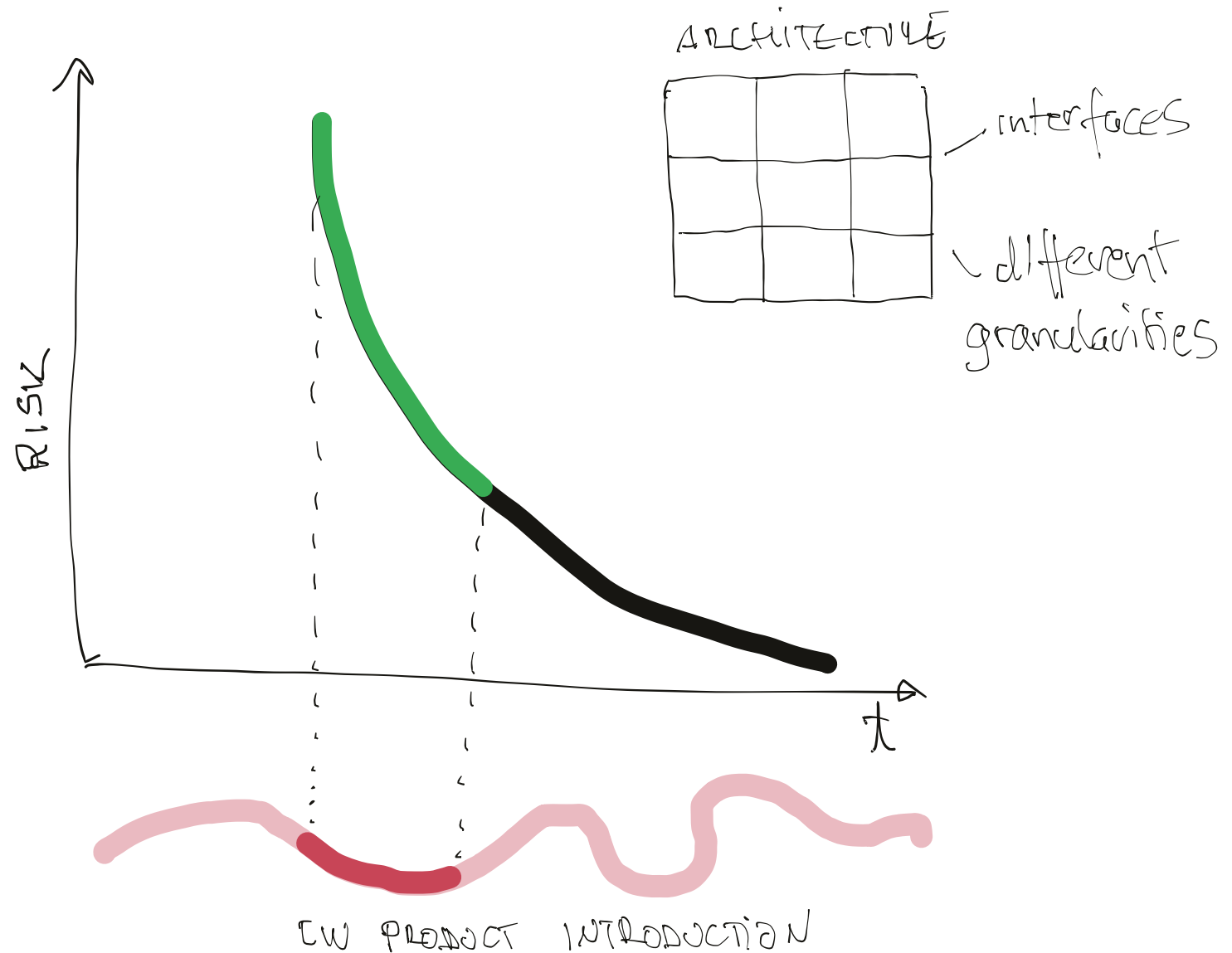
Diversity (people have a unique angle)

Agile things

- Frequent delivery of value
- Maximize work left undone
- Business /dev must work together

System change

- Architecture focus
- Simulation capability
- Team composition



# Design

## Fast feedback to accelerate learning

Fast feedback (simulation, fast prototyping, pairing...)

Engineering practices (automate, remove bureaucracy, ...)

Visibility/transparency (War rooms, access, same floor area...))

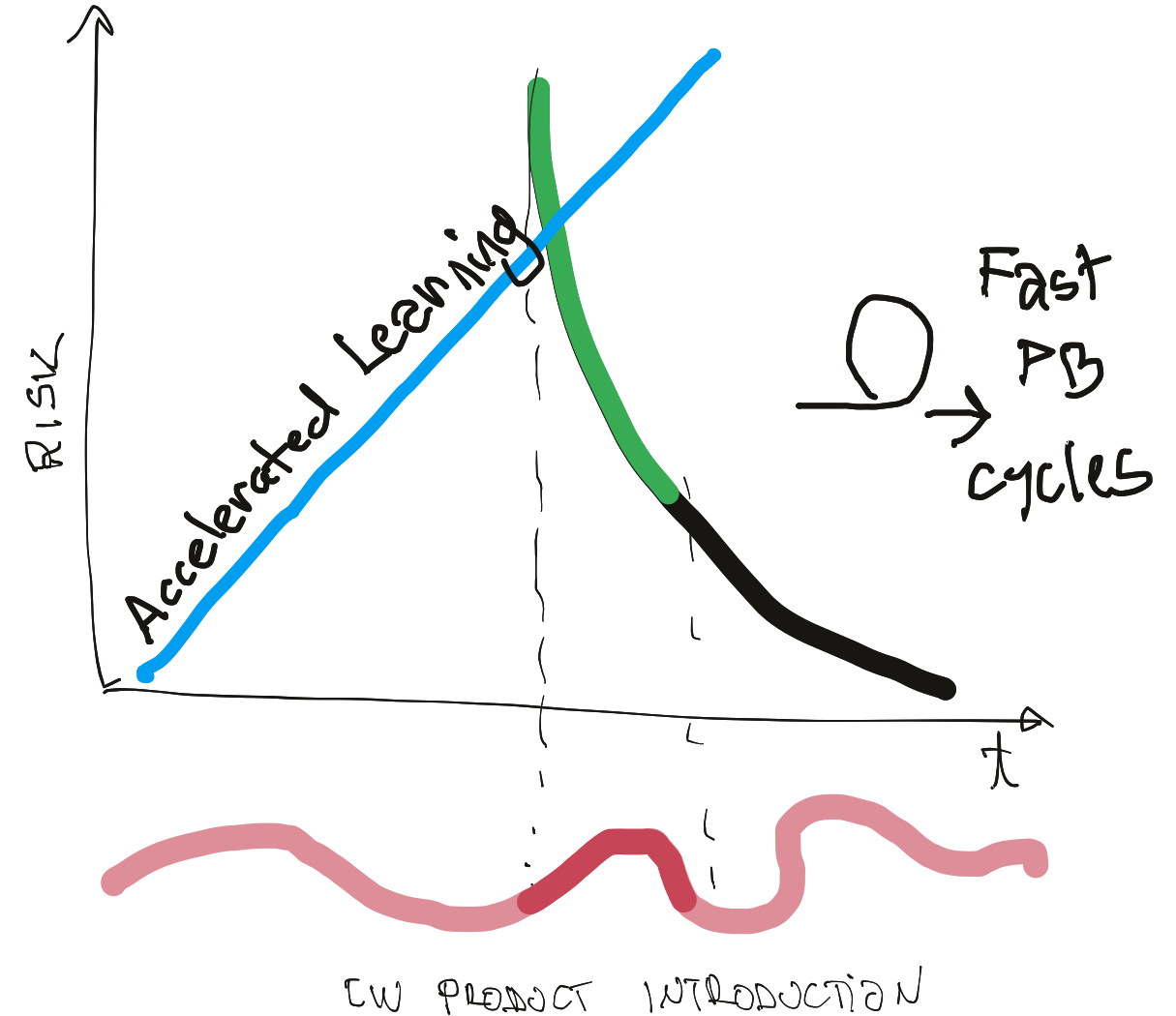
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# Manufacturing

## Agile?

Fast lines (easy start, flexible procuring, ...)

Modular robotic lines (easy to modify even volumes, )

Part of design team (allows better solution)

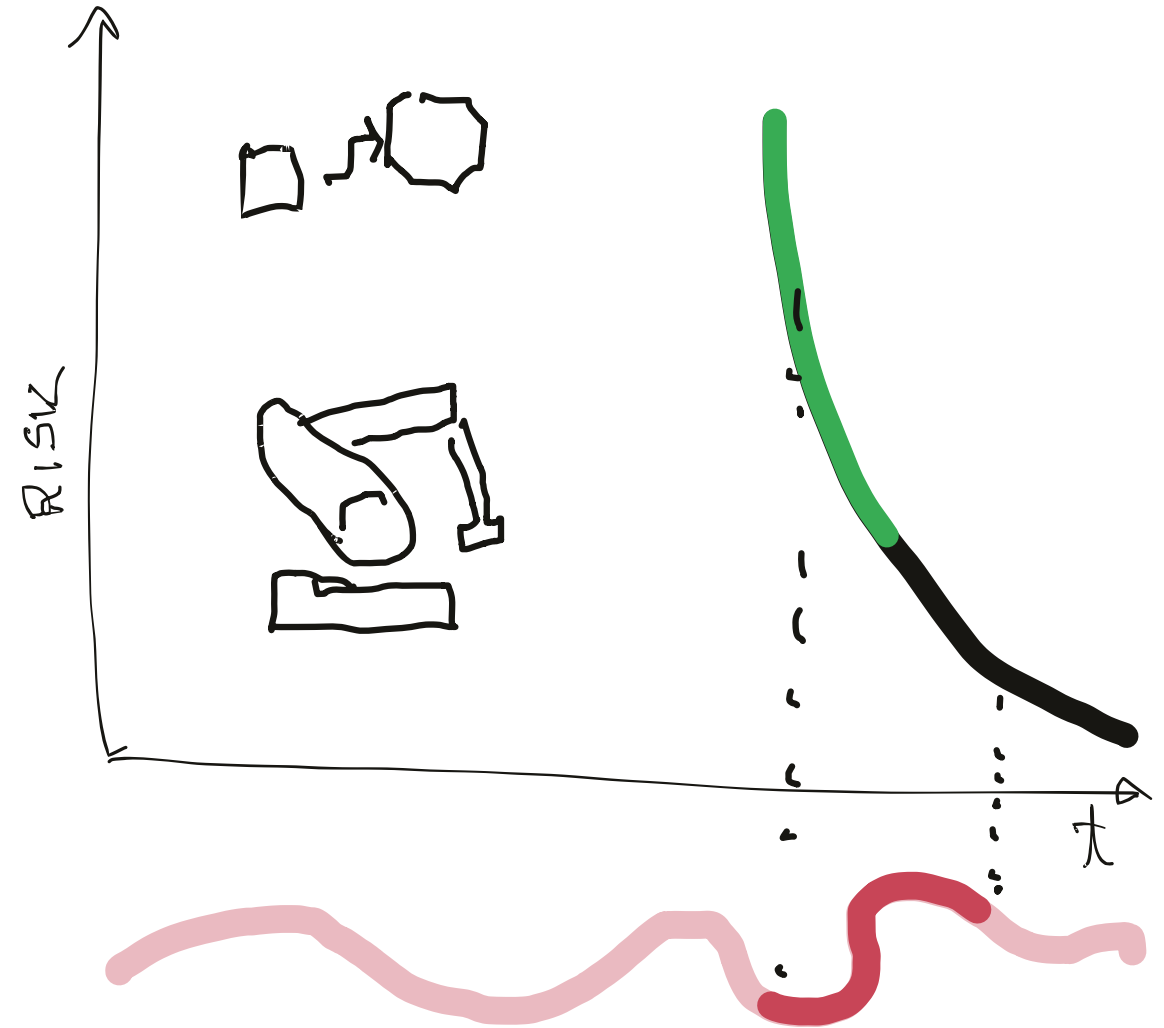
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# Market Introduction

## Gradual

Select Customers (small volume, fast FB, early revenue)

Areas (selected Areas first, limit volume, fast FB )

Updates (MVP, next functionality, ...)

Service (field support must be available)



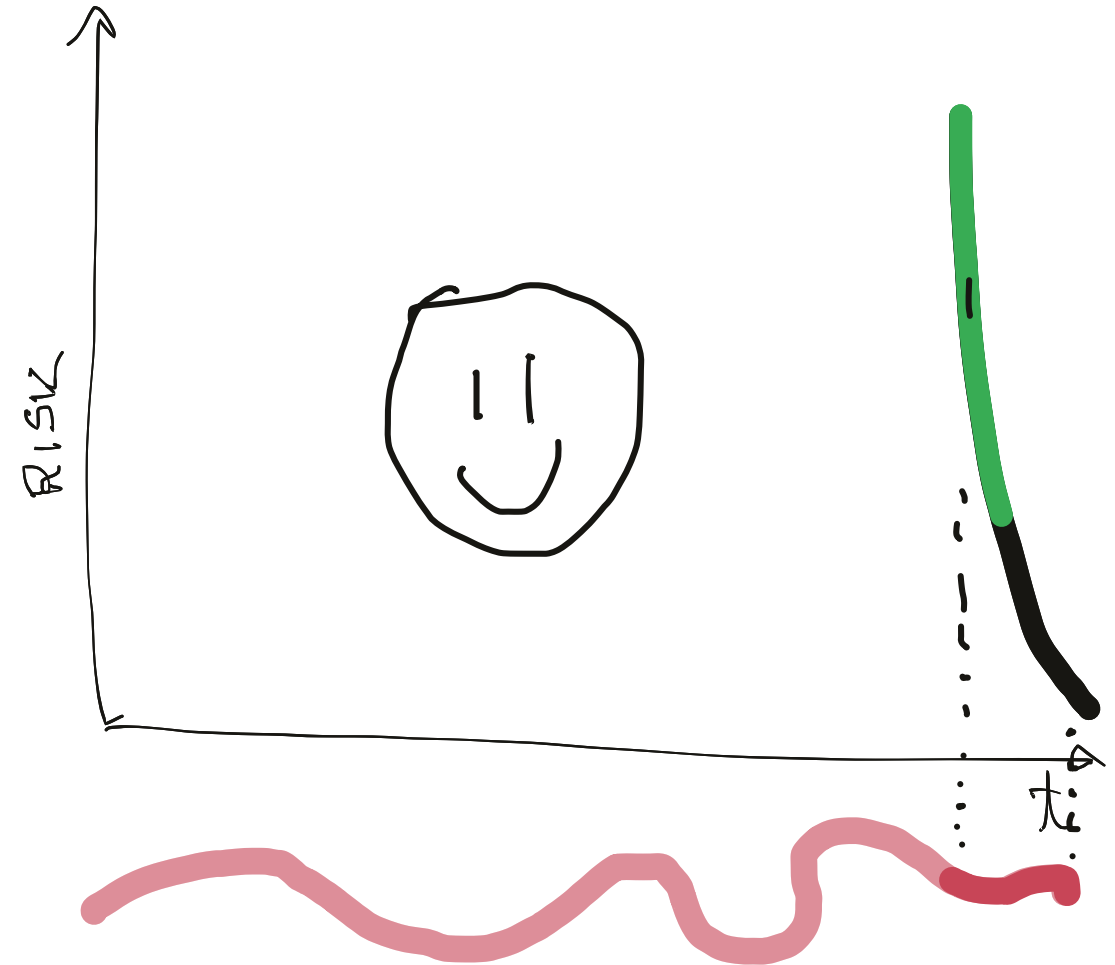
Agile things

- ... Valueable products
- Business/dev must work together
- Simplicity



System change

- Allow early installation
- Collaborate with customers
- Service part of the dev team



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# What changes

Gradual

Faster delivery

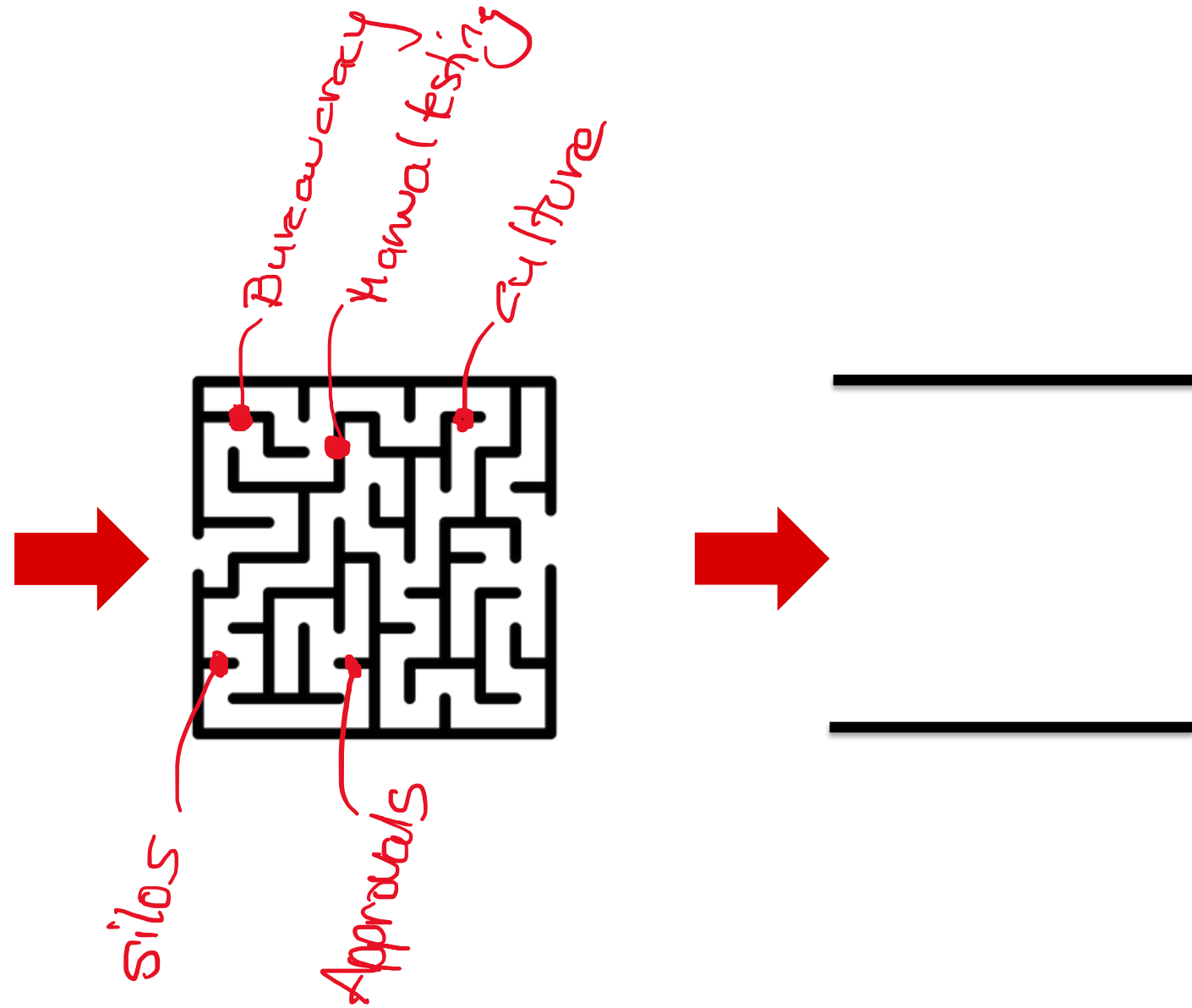
Better fit

Accelerated learning

Slack (this is a good thing)

Ownership

Happier employees





# Basics

## Agile and LEAN

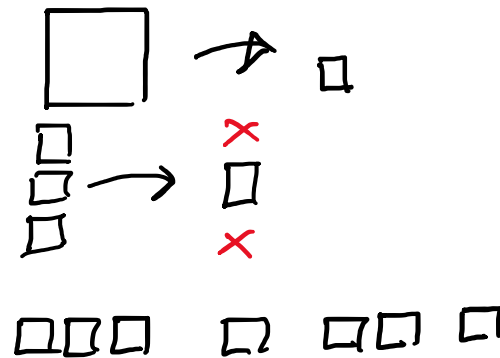
Smaller batch size

Smaller WIP

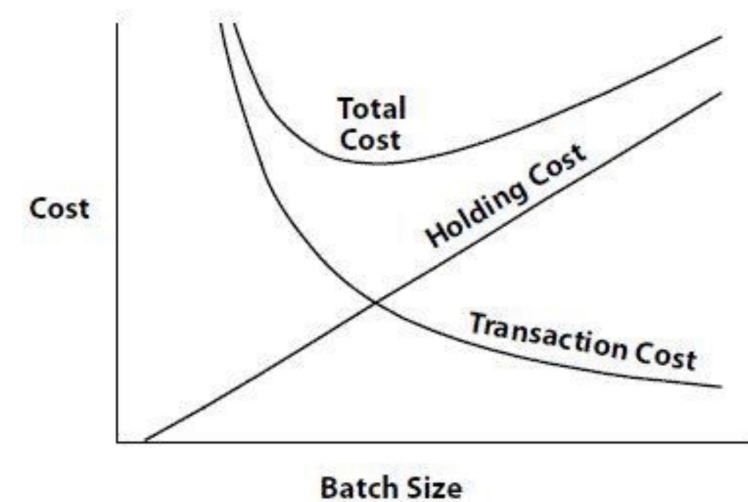
Slack in system

Faster FLOW

Reduced risk



### Economic Batch Size



**Figure 2-2** Economic batch size is a U-curve optimization. We do not need to find the perfect optimum to capture most of the value.

# What has worked for us

Some personal observations

Organic change (allow teams to <sup>!</sup>PULL the changes they want)

Many small changes seem to be faster and better than one big program

Allow teams to grow change positive view

Support <sup>✓</sup>engineering practices with needed investment (test automation)

Allow teams to take ownership and drive changes – help and coach

Talk – listen – listen – listen (rinse and repeat)

*repeating*

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