



## A Short 'History' of Manufacturing

- Materials- and Process-Driven Manufacturing
  - New materials demand process innovations
  - Stone-chipping to semiconductor fabrication
- Metrology-Driven Manufacturing
  - Precision of parts made > that of machine parts
  - A cycle of ever-increasing precision
  - Interchangeable parts to LIGO
- Logistics-Driven Manufacturing
  - Electric motors provided distributed power
  - Layout for material flow, not power access
- Computer-Driven Manufacturing
  - NC Machining (1952), CAD/CAM
  - Modeling and Simulation, MRP, Synthetic Biology



## Current Role of the Internet in Manufacturing

- The CAD terminal is pervasive
  - Modern gateway to manufacturing
  - 100,000 CAD/CAM seats in US High Schools
- Manufacturing enterprises use internet communications
  - data transmission, collaborative design, ordering
- Improved web services promise reduced wait time
  - Estimated > 95% of part time in organizational handoffs
- Some manufacturing services available, within process
  - Rapid prototyping, NC machining, VLSI, PCBs...
- No analog to explosive expansion of web commerce
- Retailing, music, publishing have been transformed
  - Widely accessed by a creative public



## The Manufacturing Mindset

- Highly skilled and experienced specialists
- Product must be 100% reliable, on-time and in-spec
  - A deciding factor for critical applications
  - Systems must respond predictably to every need
- Requires 'command and control' systems
- Top-down, expensive, complex, difficult to change
- The opposite of the web

But...



## The 'Internet Manufacturing' Mindset

- System capabilities will evolve and increase with time
  - If some entrepreneurs can make money using them
  - Only a tiny fraction of apps will survive
- Small scale users exploit incremental capabilities
  - Key element is better tools than they have
  - They'll make what the system can produce
  - Access increased by reduced cost of entry
  - Long odds of success for millions of ideas
- Large-scale users exploit proven capabilities
  - Adopt as the reliability threshold is crossed
  - Fortune 100 were not early web adopters