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Developing a production engineering based theory of production

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Fast, market-ready innovations are the key to success for high-wage countries

Factors of success for high-wage countries like Germany

- 1. Offering a wide range of product variants at competitive prices by taking advantage of the *economies of scale*.
- 2. Reducing the risk of imitations through *highly innovative products*.
- 3. Staying one step ahead of the competitors by *shortening the time-to-market*.
- 4. Enhancing *ressource efficiency* in the product life cycle



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The polylemma of production is resolved by simultaneously addressing the poles of the field of tension







The solution hypothesis for companies in high-wage countries is higher integrativity in production technology

Definition of Integrativity

- Holistic approach to simultaneously address economic, ecologic and social challenges for production technology in high-wage countries
- Interdisciplinary inter-divisional cooperation in research and industry
- Expansion of the solution space by combination of established technological and managerial approaches



Prerequisites for integrative production technology:

- Sound understanding of a production system's mathematical and physical fundamentals
- Regulatory framework for interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge management

Central hypothesis:

Integrativity is the key to generate social added value by enabling competitive production technology in high-wage countries.





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Production theories deliver a theoretical approach to describe the cause-effect relationships of production systems



Evaluation of existing production theories

Iack of engineering basics to describe interrelations of technologies and production.

insufficient description of interdisciplinary interdependencies in production systems.





Development of a production engineering based theory of production



Production System (Real World)





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Interdisciplinary interactions of production technology need to be described mathematically and physically





The goal is to identify actuating variables and target values as well as their cross-dependencies



Formula-based description of production technological interdependencies within a production system

- To avoid intradisciplinary local optimization, the interactions between the dimensions of evaluation need to be examined
- The interdisciplinary approach allows the derivation of the overall optimal operating point



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The human being is the perfect archetype to design a complexity oriented structure for a cybernetic management system





Quelle: BEER 1979, pg. 319; MALIK 2006, pg. 84; GOMEZ 1978, pg. 24; ESPEJO U. HARNDEN 1989, pg. 99

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The Cybernetic Production Management System fosters maximum autonomy, continuous learning and structural evolution





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The multilevel structure enables a self-preservating system based on autonomous elements



To develop cybernetic control mechanism, new ways of experimental research will be performed in the Enterprise-Integration-Center





Interoperable IT support

 Standardized IT structures and systems to reach versatility
 (EDD as a Service, Best of Bread etc.)

(ERP-as-a-Service, Best-of-Breed etc.)

 Barrier-free cross-company communication in realtime using transmission standards

Cybernetic Production Planning and Control

 Mastering dynamics with almost real-time processing of reported informations



 Decentral and robust control systems to separate automated and manual actions and reactions

Data management for High Resolution

 High Resolution identification of materials, parts and process status



 Mastering dynamics with the update of relevant data (Refurbishment times, prices, etc.)





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A production engineering based theory of production is the key for success in high-wage countries



1. Integrative production technology generates social value in highwage countries.

- 2. The Value Added model delivers a formula-based description of production technological interdependencies within production systems
- 3. The Viable System Model allows to integrate autonomous but interdependent subsystems in a production system, which is capable to self-preserve under dynamic conditions.





Thank you for your attention!



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