

# **SESSÃO 5**

## **EMPRESAS MULTINACIONAIS, SISTEMAS NACIONAIS DE INOVAÇÃO E ESTRATÉGIAS TECNOLÓGICAS**

# TEORIAS DO INVESTIMENTO INTERNACIONAL

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- ❖ **Imperfeições do Mercado:**  
                  Hymer-Kindleberger
- ❖ **Ciclo de Vida do Produto:**  
                  R. Vernon
- ❖ **Reacção Oligopolística:**  
                  F. Knickerbocker
- ❖ **Teoria Japonesa:**  
                  K. Kojima
- ❖ **Internalização:**  
                  P. Buckley & M. Casson
- ❖ **Paradigma Ecléctico:**  
                  J. Dunning
- ❖ **Perspectiva Evolucionista:**  
                  J. Cantwell; B. Kogut & U. Zander

# **CICLO DE VIDA (Vermon)**

## **Hipóteses de Base**

- 1) Alteração temporal das condições de produção e comercialização dos produtos
- 2) Conhecimento tecnológico limitado fora das fronteiras nacionais
- 3) Existência de economias de escala
- 4) Os gostos variam com o rendimento e os produtos podem ser estandardizados e vários níveis de rendimento

## **3 fases no ciclo**

- 1) Produto Novo
- 2) Produto em Desenvolvimento
- 3) Produto Estandardizado

# **TEORIA DA INTERNALIZAÇÃO**

## **(Buckley & Casson)**

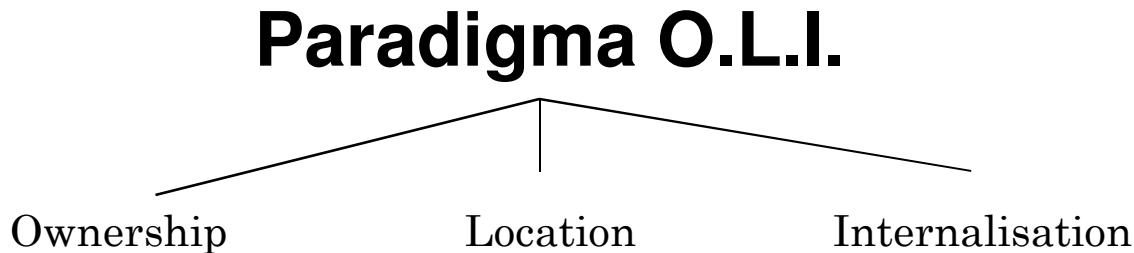
### **Vantagens**

- Controle e planeamento da produção e comercialização
- Exploração do poder de mercado pela prática de preços discriminatórios
- Evitar situações de monopólio bilateral
- Evitar os problemas da transferência de conhecimentos
- Evitar a intervenção governamental

→ **A Informação como bem Intermédio**

# **PARADIGMA ECLÉCTICO**

## **(J. Dunning)**



### **3 Condições para Investir no Exterior**

1. A empresa dispões de **Vantagens Específicas**
2. É preferível explorar tais vantagens por si própria que transmiti-las a outros (**Internalização**)
3. A exploração é mais vantajosa fora do país de origem. O país de destino deverá ter **Vantagens de Localização**

# **EVOLUÇÃO DA CONCEPTUALIZAÇÃO DA EMPRESA MULTINACIONAL**

# EVOLUÇÃO DA CONCEPTUALIZAÇÃO DA EMPRESA MULTINACIONAL (EMN)

- **Perspectiva Tradicional:**  
A Empresa Hierárquica
- **Perspectiva Actual:**  
A EMN como Rede de Unidades  
Dispersas Geograficamente

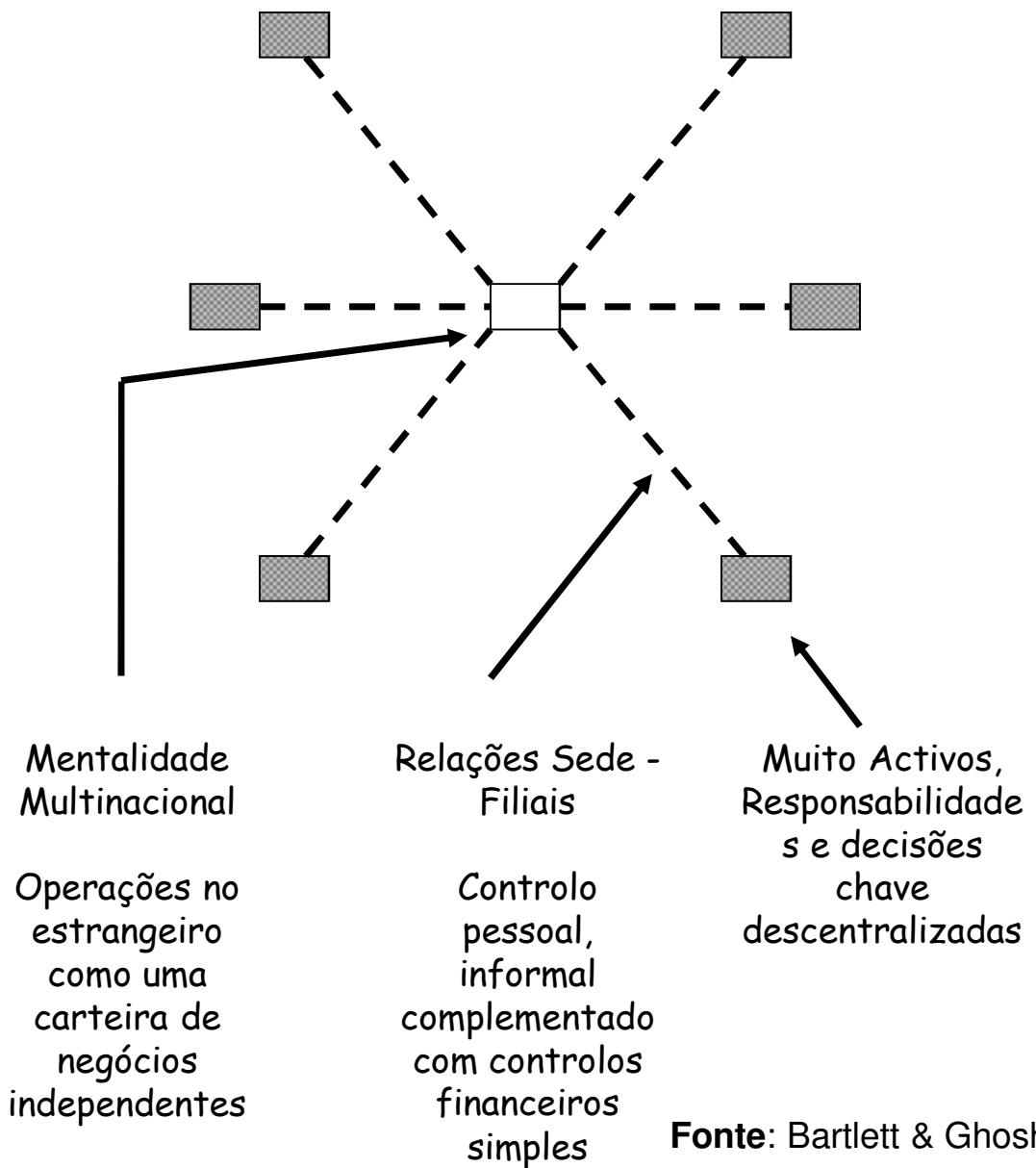
# A CONTRIBUIÇÃO DE BARTLETT & GHOSHAL

- ❖ Imperativos de Gestão
  - ❖ Flexibilidade/Adaptação Local
  - ❖ Eficiência
  - ❖ Aprendizagem à Escala Mundial
- ❖ Tipos de Organização
  - ❖ Multinacional
  - ❖ Internacional
  - ❖ Global

→ A Transnacional como Solução

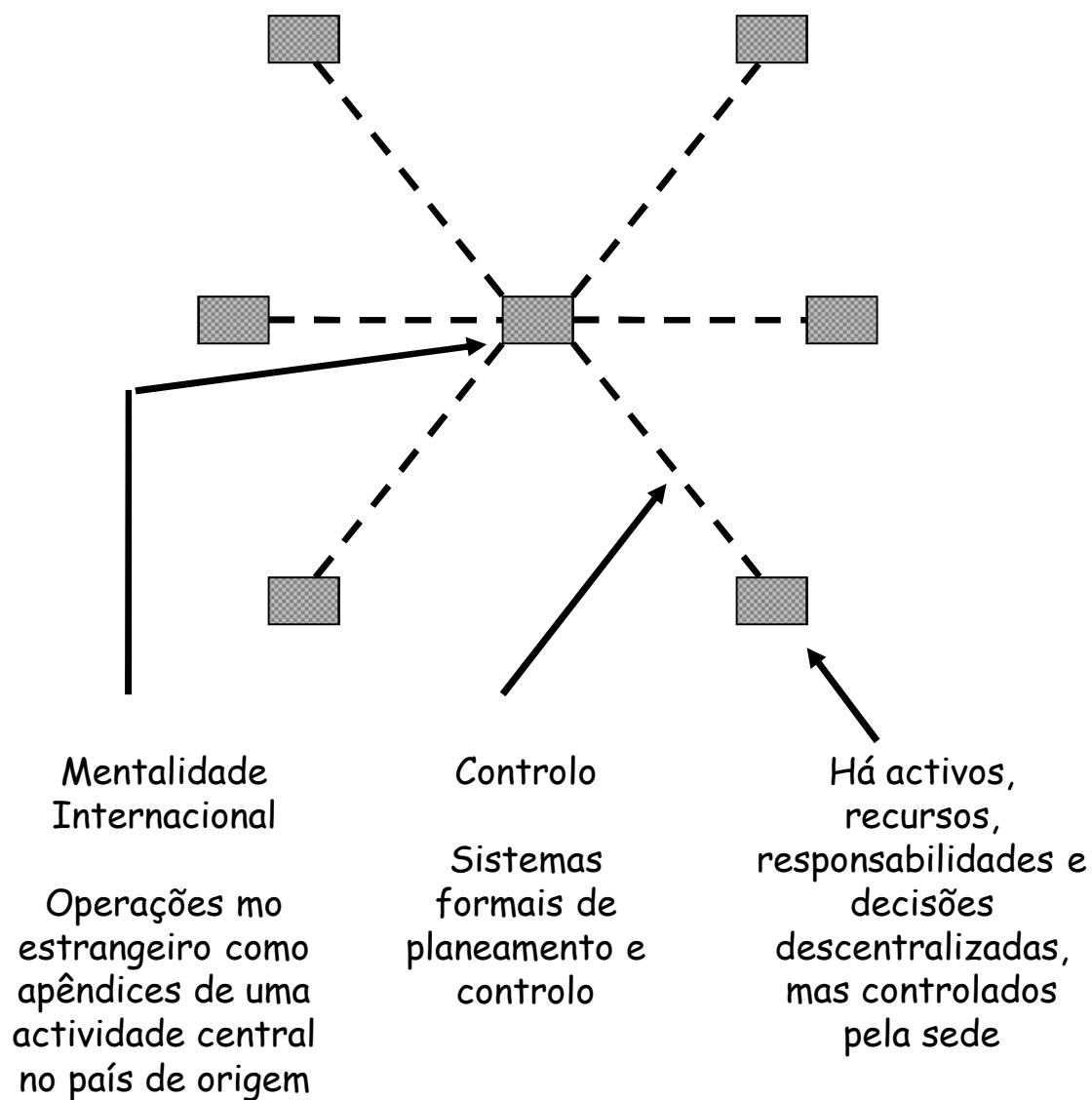
# MODELO DE ORGANIZAÇÃO MULTINACIONAL

## FEDERAÇÃO DESCENTRALIZADA



# MODELO DE ORGANIZAÇÃO INTERNACIONAL

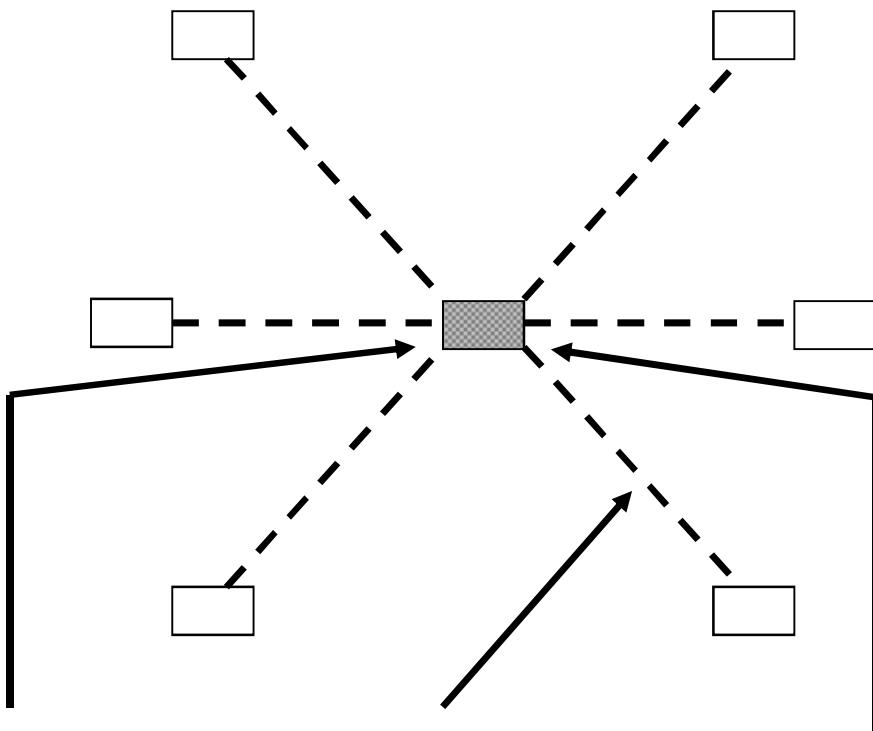
## FEDERAÇÃO COORDENADA



Fonte: Bartlett & Ghoshal (1991)

# MODELO DE ORGANIZAÇÃO GLOBAL

## “CENTRO DA RODA”



Mentalidade Global

Operações no estrangeiro encaradas como canais de distribuição para um mercado global unificado

Controlo Operacional

Forte controlo central das decisões, recursos e informação

A maioria dos activos, recursos responsabilidades e decisões estratégicas está centralizada

Fonte: Bartlett & Ghoshal (1991)

# HOW FIRMS ENVISAGE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS: MANAGEMENT MENTALITIES

## ❖ **International**

- Domestic market as the core
- Foreign Businesses (and affiliates) as appendages

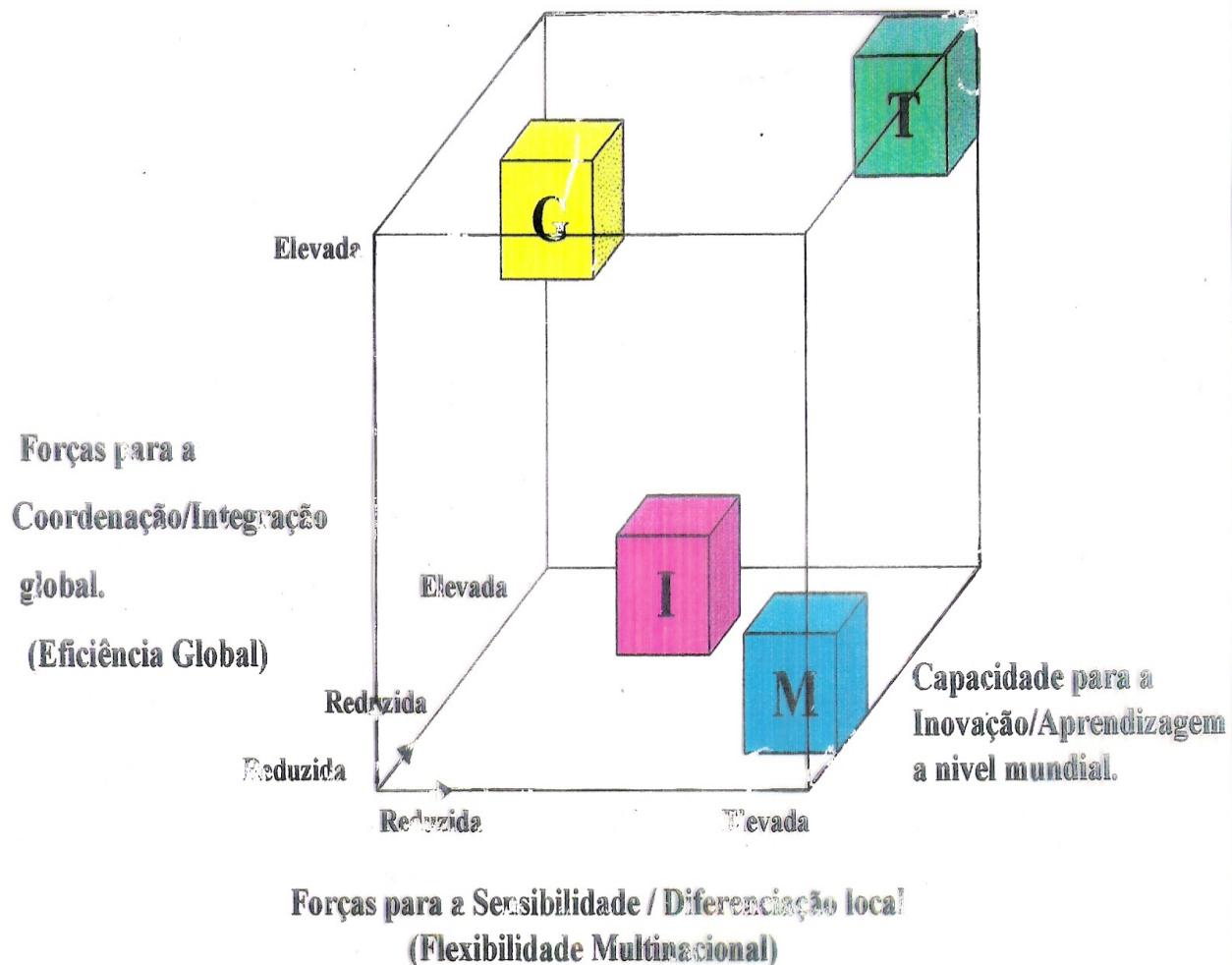
## ❖ **Multinational**

- Awareness of differences between domestic and international environments
- Adaptation to local requirements: responsive marketing

## ❖ **Global**

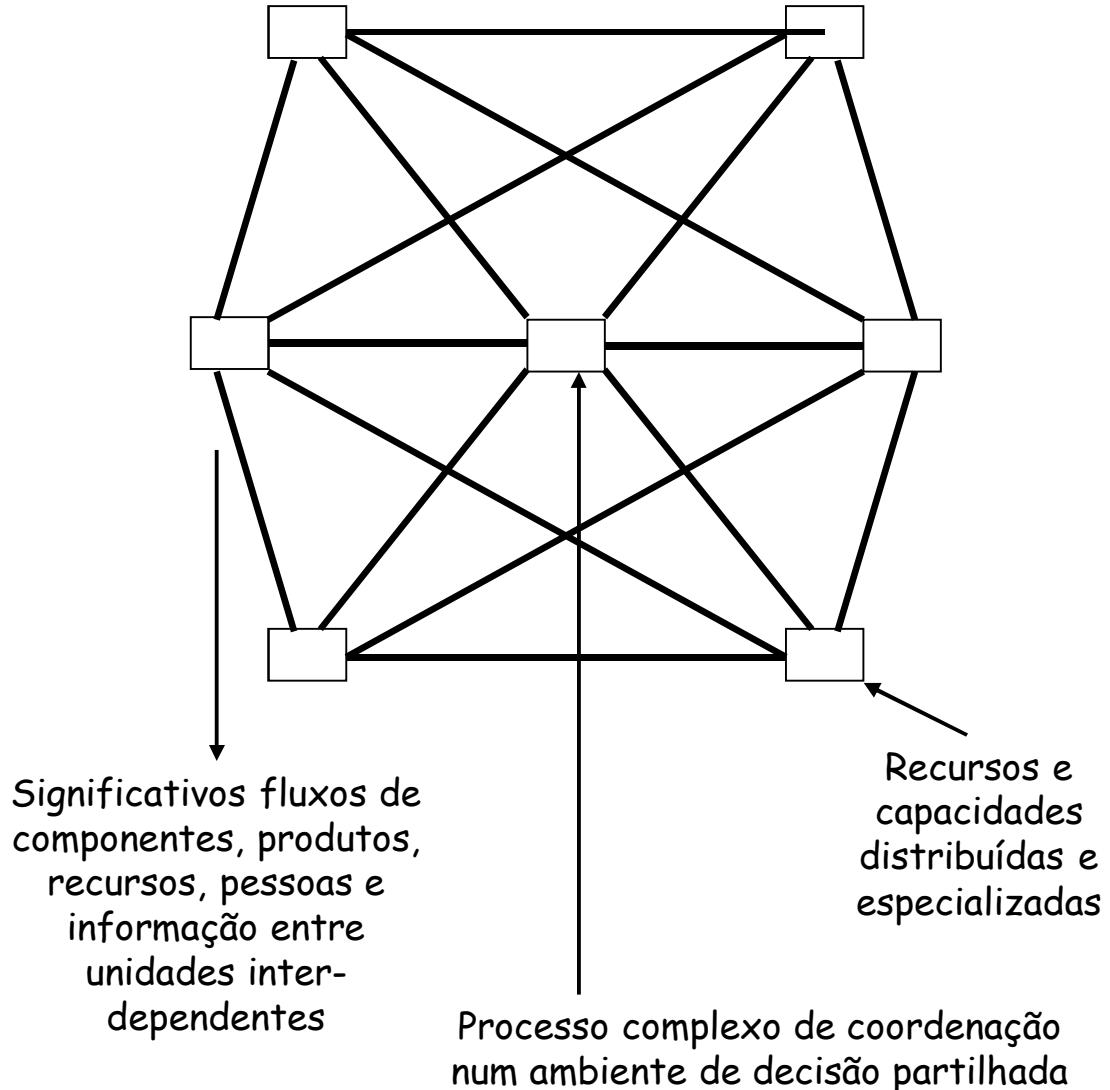
- The World as the unit of analysis
- Product standardization promoting /exploiting similar “ways of life”
- “The same thing, the same way, everywhere”

## O Cubo da Tipologia de Estratégias



Fonte: Elaboração conjunta de Jorge Silva Miranda e Vitor Corade Simões, com base em Bartlett e Ghoshal (1989)

# A “Rede Integrada”



Fonte: Bartlett & Ghoshal (1991)

# **TRANSNATIONAL PROCESSES**

- 1. From Symmetry to Differentiation:**  
Integrating and Exploiting capabilities, knowledge bases and linkages
- 2. From Dependence or Independence to Interdependence:**
  - Dispersed and specialized configuration of resources: the integrated network
  - Inter-unit integration mechanisms to promote synergies

Movement of personnel as a tool for promoting inter-dependence
- 3. From Unidimensional Control to Differentiated Coordination:**  
Reccourse to different mechanisms to coordinate flows of goods, resources and information
- 4. Linking National Competences to achieve Worldwide Learning and Competitiveness**

# A GESTÃO DA INOVAÇÃO À ESCALA MUNDIAL: NOVAS DINÂMICAS

# THE CORE QUESTIONS

1. Fostering **Intra-Firm Cross-Border** communication of specific knowledge
2. Promoting external communication to absorb other's knowledge while preventing the "leakage" of firm's specific knowledge
3. How to avoid knowledge accumulation paths leading to "Deadlocks"

# THE MNE AS A REPOSITORY OF KNOWLEDGE

- 1) Existence of Specific Advantages (knowledge or knowledge-based rights)
- 2) International Exploitation (across borders, within firm's boundaries)

# R&D EXPENDITURES OF FOREIGN AFFILIATES AS A % OF TOTAL R&D EXPENDITURES

Canada	34.2
Finland (1999)	14.9
France	16.4
Japan	1.7
Netherlands	21.8
Spain (1999)	32.8
UK (1999)	31.2
US	14.9
Czech Republic (1999)	6.4
Hungary	78.5
India (1994)	1.6
Turkey	10.1

**Fonte:** R. Narula (2005), *The Globalisation of Innovation*,  
[http://www.unctad.org/sections/meetings/docs/narula\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/sections/meetings/docs/narula_en.pdf)

# Main forms of internationalisation of industrial R&D

Establishment of R&D activities in the host country by foreign-controlled affiliates (inward investment)

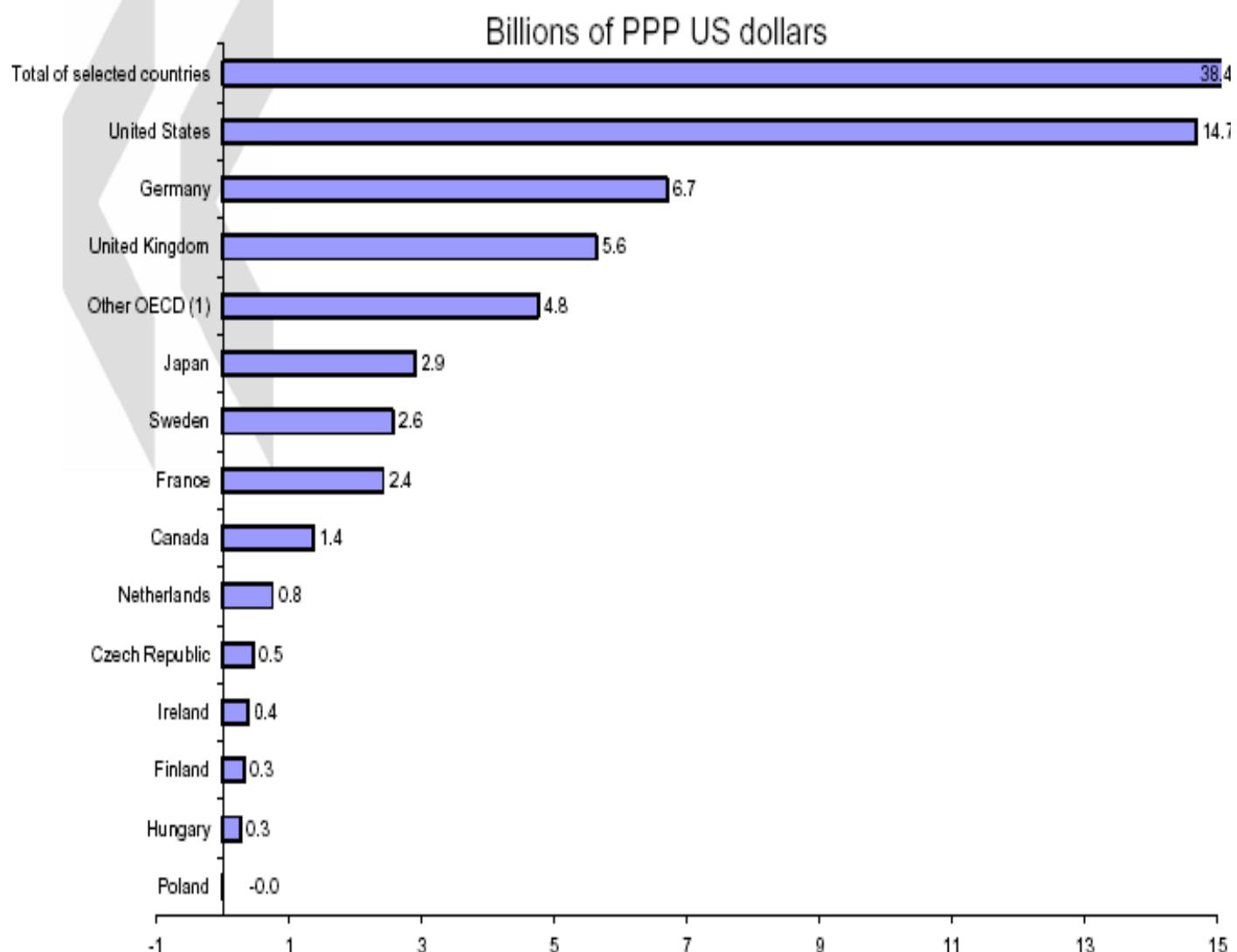
Setting up R&D laboratories abroad by investing countries (outward investment)

Creation of joint ventures

Co-operation agreements or technological alliances

International R&D subcontracting

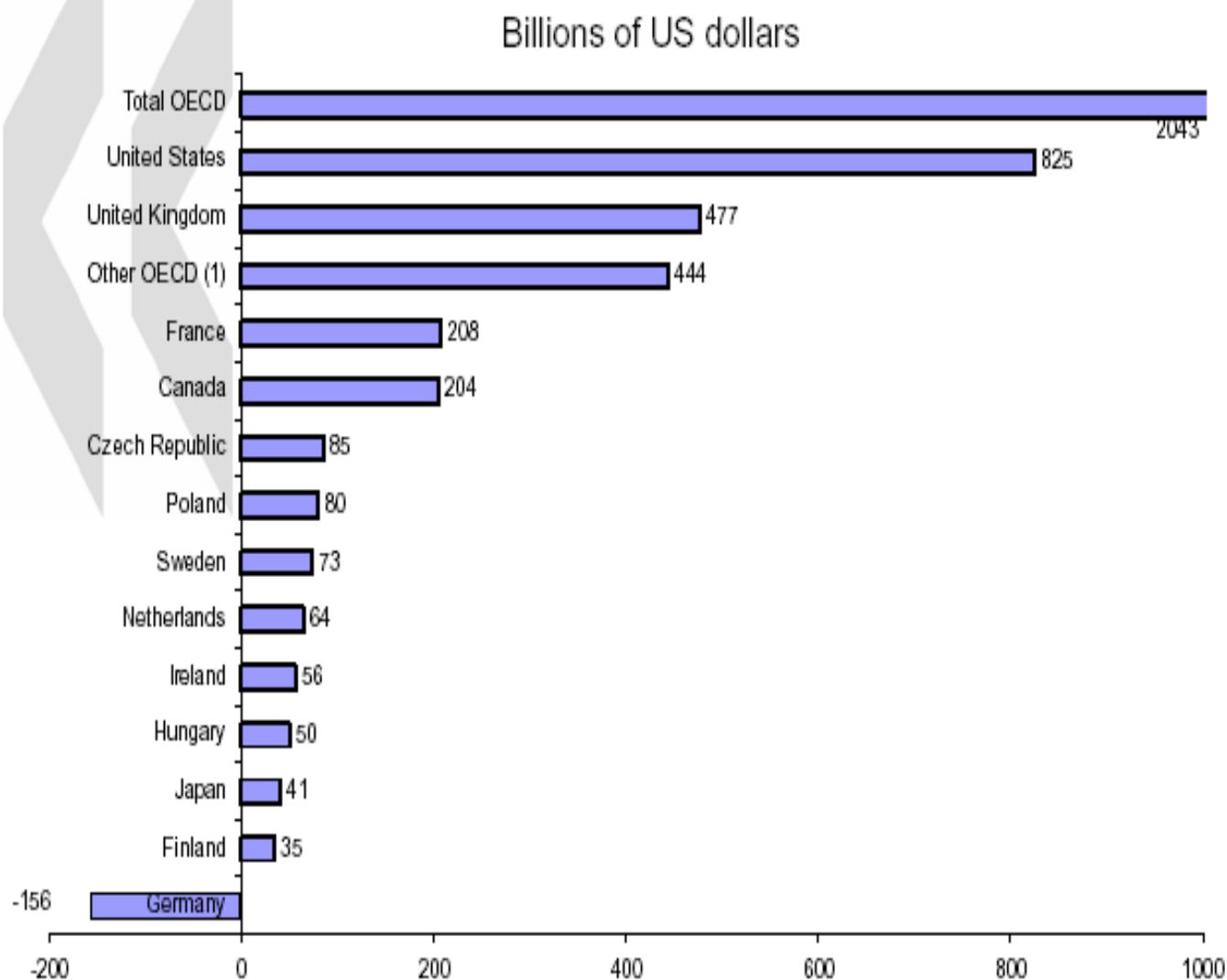
## Growth in R&D expenditure by affiliates under foreign control between 1995 and 2003



1. Consists of the Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, the Netherlands and Sweden.  
Source: OECD, AFA database, June 2006.

**Fonte:** Thomas Hatzichronoglou (2006), *Recent Trends in the internationalisation of R&D in the enterprise sector*, OCDE

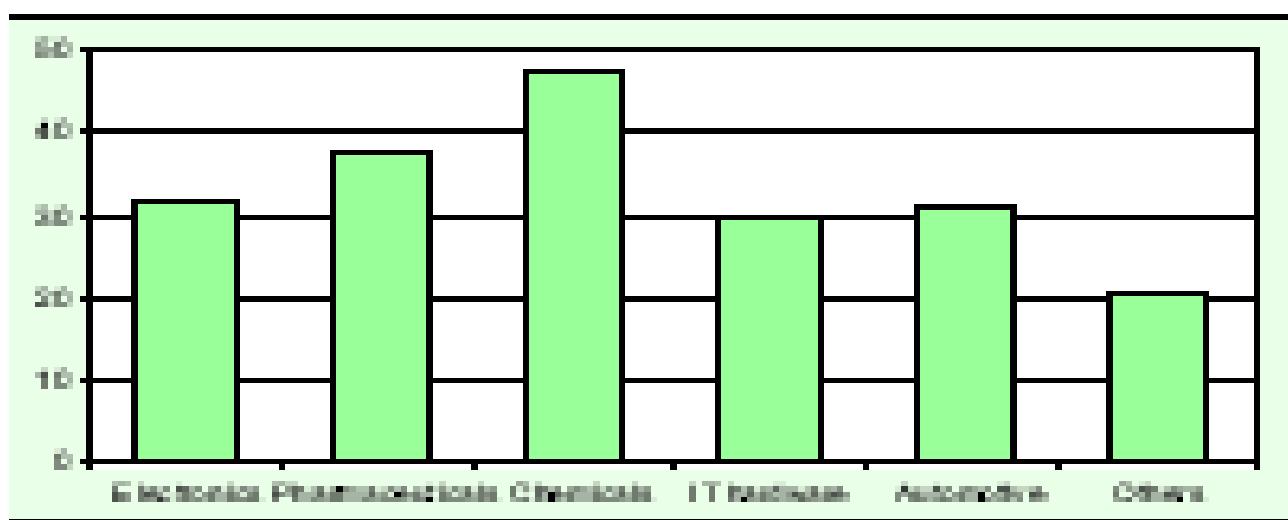
## Growth in turnover of affiliates under foreign control between 1995 and 2003



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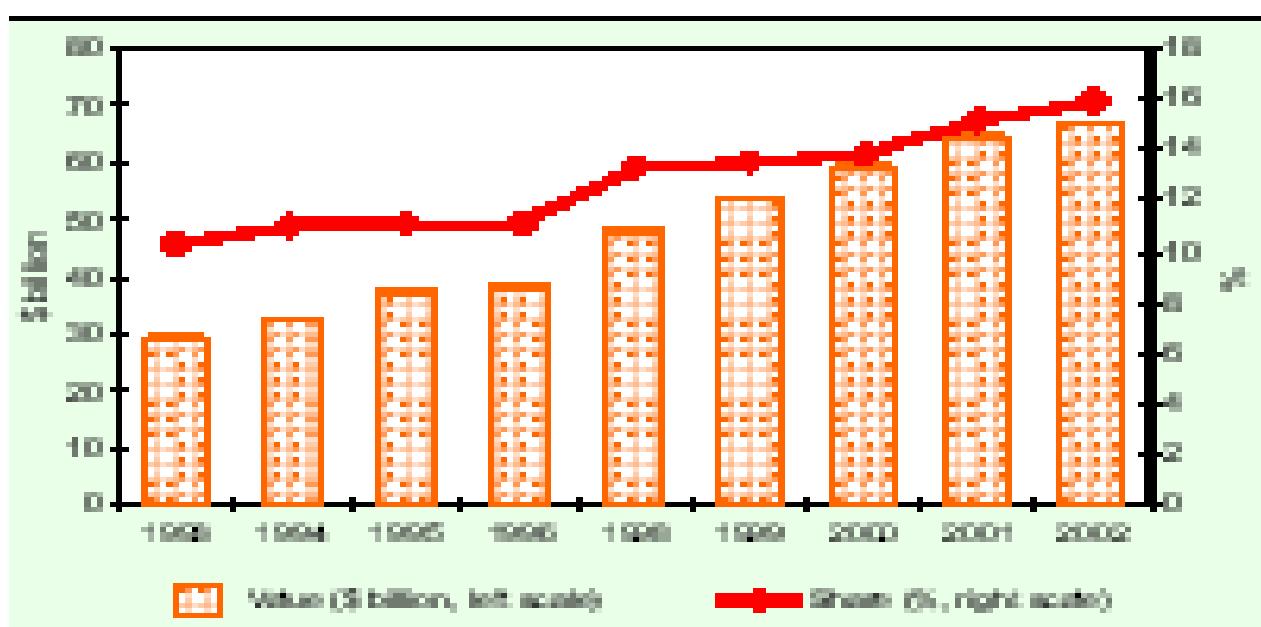
**Figure IV.4. Degree of R&D Internationalization by Industry, 2004-2005  
(Per cent)**



Source: UNCTAD survey

Fonte: UNCTAD, WIR (2005)

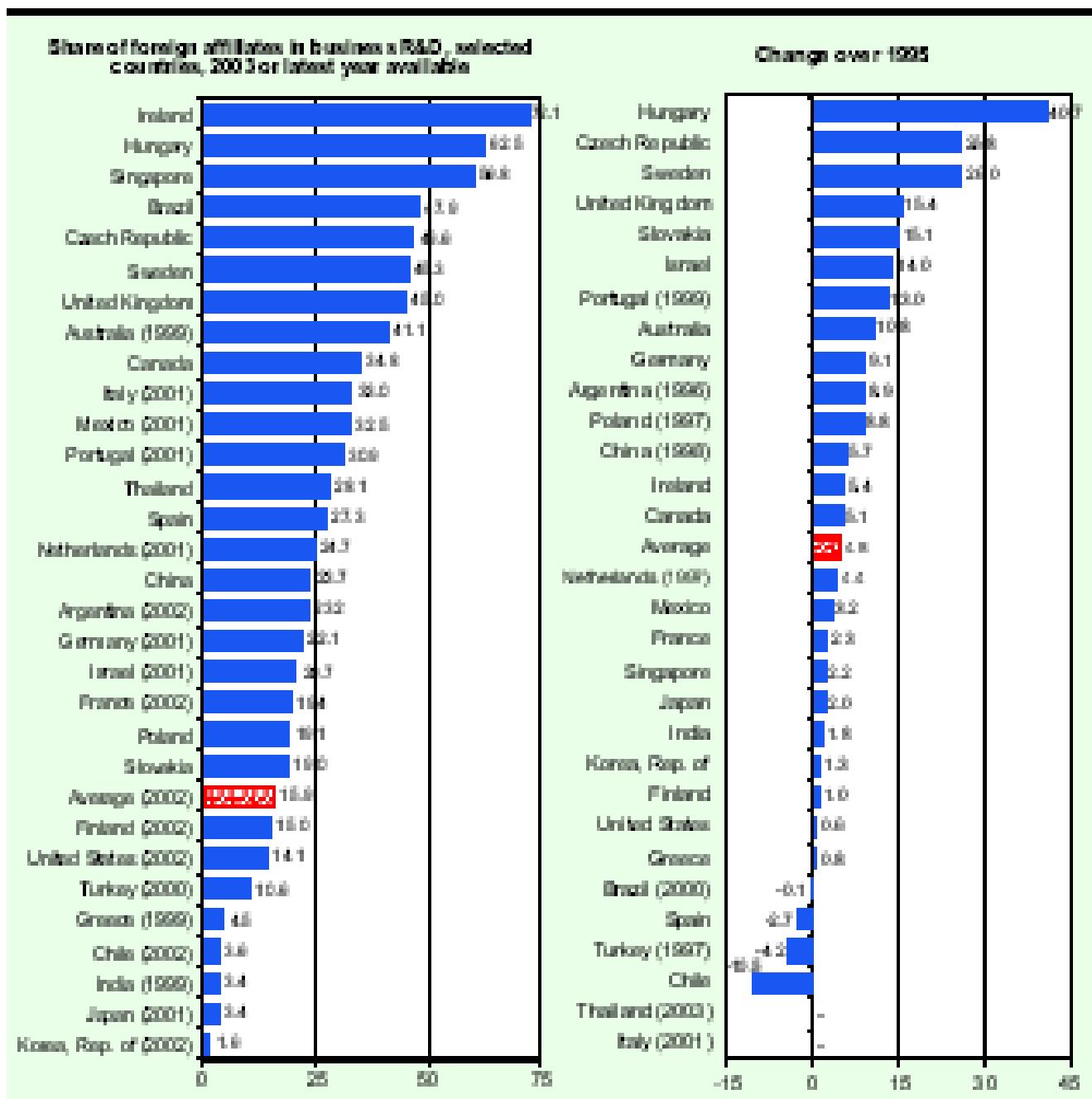
**Figure IV.5. R&D expenditure by foreign affiliates, based on a sample of 30 economies, value and share in business R&D, 1993-2002**  
 (billions of dollars and per cent)



Sources: UNCTAD, based on annex table A.IV.1.

**Fonte:** UNCTAD, WIR (2005)

**Figure IV.6. Trends in R&D spending by foreign affiliates, selected economies, 1995-2003**  
 (Per cent)



Source: UNCTAD's calculations, based on national sources and data provided from the OECD AFA database.

Note: In Argentina, Chile, Israel, the Republic of Korea and Mexico, the R&D expenditure of United States-owned affiliates has been used as a proxy for the R&D spending of all foreign affiliates. In India, the share of foreign affiliates in total R&D spending has been used as a proxy for their share in business R&D spending.

Fonte: UNCTAD, WIR (2005)

**Table IV.6. R&D expenditure abroad by majority-owned foreign affiliates of United States parent companies, by selected region/country, 1994–2002**  
 (Millions of dollars)

Region/country	Year									Share of total (%)	
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 <sup>a</sup>	1994	2002
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 822</b>	<b>12 582</b>	<b>14 029</b>	<b>14 552</b>	<b>14 884</b>	<b>18 144</b>	<b>20 452</b>	<b>19 702</b>	<b>21 151</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Developed economies</b>	<b>10 925</b>	<b>11 831</b>	<b>13 152</b>	<b>13 518</b>	<b>13 545</b>	<b>16 113</b>	<b>17 251</b>	<b>16 720</b>	<b>17 844</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>84.4</b>
of which:											
Canada	636	7 865	7 563	7 823	7 250	7 621	2 332	2 151	2 345	7.8	11.1
EU <sup>b</sup>	8 221	8 852	9 386	9 651	10 058	11 500	12 422	11 538	12 405	69.6	58.6
Switzerland	151	242	190	238	223	231	286	292	405	1.6	1.9
Ireland	56	92	169	288	141	382	628	326	889	0.6	4.3
Japan	1 138	1 286	1 333	1 812	262	1 523	1 628	1 503	1 433	9.5	6.5
Australia	238	352	409	363	290	294	345	386	329	1.9	1.6
New Zealand	3	9	16	18	15	9	8	10	6	0.1	-
<b>Developing economies</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1 082</b>	<b>1 119</b>	<b>2 031</b>	<b>2 627</b>	<b>3 582</b>	<b>3 655</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>1 945</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>2 113</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>
of which:											
China	2	13	25	35	52	312	586	6	646	0.1	1.1
Hong Kong, China	51	55	38	82	65	214	6	252	6	0.4	-
India	5	5	9	22	23	20	6	6	80	-	0.4
Indonesia	5	9	6	5	4	1	3	3	3	-	-
Korea, Republic of	13	29	34	41	29	101	143	153	167	0.1	1.4
Malaysia	22	21	23	32	30	161	218	6	6	0.2	-
Philippines	14	25	14	12	10	31	48	48	50	0.1	0.2
Singapore	162	63	88	23	62	426	521	355	322	1.4	2.8
Taiwan Province of China	118	61	75	84	55	122	143	171	170	0.9	0.3
Thailand	3	5	5	5	4	7	13	16	22	-	0.1
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>
of which:											
Argentina	21	22	42	43	56	25	28	43	24	0.2	0.1
Brazil	238	243	346	432	446	205	253	172	306	2.8	1.4
Chile	2	15	6	3	6	4	11	6	6	-	-
Colombia	8	9	9	12	11	6	18	11	10	0.1	0.1
Costa Rica	2	2	2	4	6	2	6	4	7	-	-
Mexico	183	58	121	126	121	238	283	245	284	1.5	1.3
Venezuela	12	25	9	11	14	40	32	24	47	0.1	0.2
<b>West Asia and North Africa</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
of which:											
South Africa	14	12	16	22	20	14	21	24	6	0.1	0.1
<b>Economies in transition<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.3</b>

Source: UNCTAD, adapted from Morris (2005a), based on data from United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, [www.bea.gov/beaweb/](http://www.bea.gov/beaweb/).

<sup>a</sup> Estimates for 2002 are preliminary.

<sup>b</sup> Withheld to avoid disclosing operations of individual companies. Note that due to undisclosed data, shares do not add up to 100%.

<sup>c</sup> EU covers 12 countries for 1994 and 15 countries thereafter.

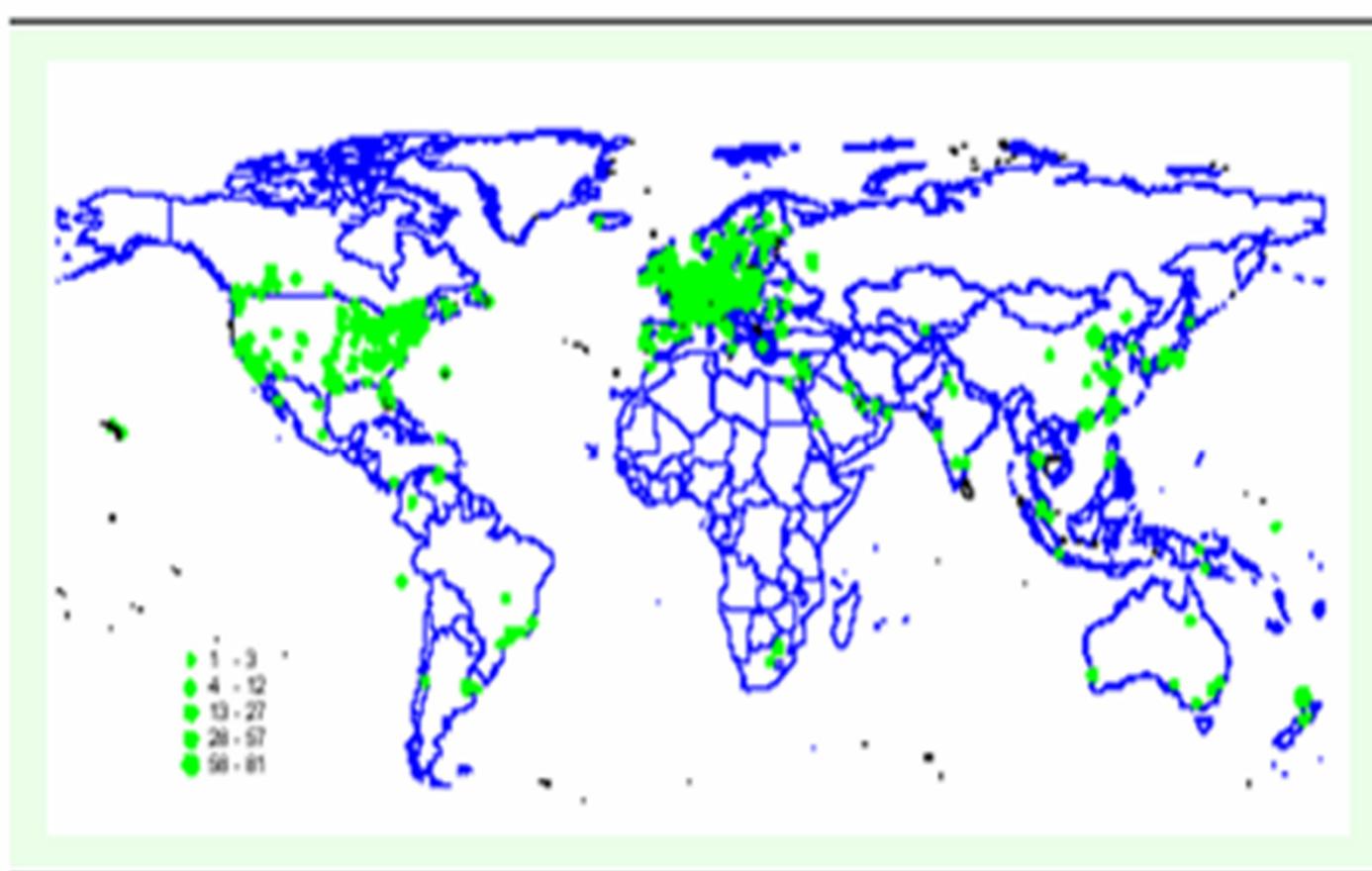
<sup>d</sup> Including new EU members.

<sup>e</sup> Based on data for countries listed below.

Note: Data are for majority-owned foreign affiliates of United States parent companies. Majority-owned affiliates are those in which the combined ownership of all United States parents is more than 50%.

Fonte: UNCTAD, WIR (2005)

Figure IV.7. Worldwide location of majority-owned foreign affiliates engaged in R&D, 2004



Source: UNCTAD, based on the Who Owns Whom database (Dun & Bradstreet).

Note: On the basis of 2,602 majority-owned foreign affiliates engaged in R&D.

**Fonte:** UNCTAD, WIR (2005)

**AS EMN E OS SNI**

# EMPRESAS MULTINACIONAIS E SISTEMAS NACIONAIS DE INOVAÇÃO

- ❖ Uma inter-relação cada vez mais intensa
- ❖ A concorrência internacional para atracção IDE intensivo em conhecimento...  
...mas grande selectividade nas escolhas
- ❖ A actividade de I&D como algo de adquirido e não como dado (mas há excepções)
- ❖ A crescente importância do cruzamento de saberes e de bases de conhecimento (conjugando global e local)

# EMPRESAS MULTINACIONAIS E SNI EM PAÍSES MENOS AVANÇADOS

- ❖ Qual o papel desempenhado pelas filiais de EMN?
  - ‘Abafando’ a dinâmica inovadora local?
    - (por aquisições, p. exº.)      ou
    - Filiais como tutoras e mobilizadoras de redes?
- ❖ A internacionalização das ligações locais: papel das filiais na internacionalização das empresas nacionais
- ❖ Relacionamento e exigência de novos patamares

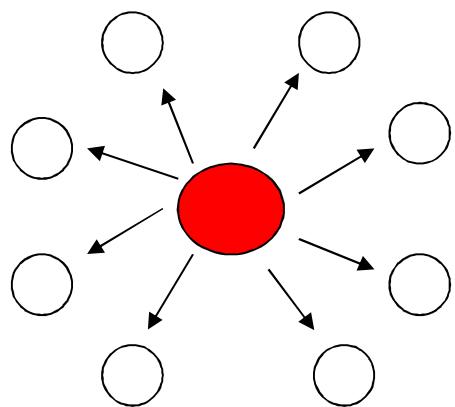
# PROCESSOS DE INOVAÇÃO TRANSNACIONAL

# FDI, NETWORKS AND LEARNING

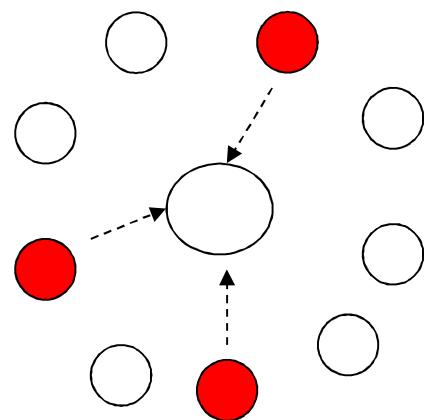
1. The relevance of learning about transnational activities: “We learned the way how VW works”
2. The creation of relational grounds: Internationally Replicable?
3. The importance of mutual expectations: “The motivation for exceeding customer’s expectations”
4. Forbearance attitudes and past performance
5. Escaping from a dyadic logic and from a purely conflictual perspective: playing the “collaborative manufacturing” game
6. Learning and networking positioning as a never-ending process:
  - Blending exploiting and exploring
  - Up-grading internal competencies and relational capital

# INNOVATION PROCESS

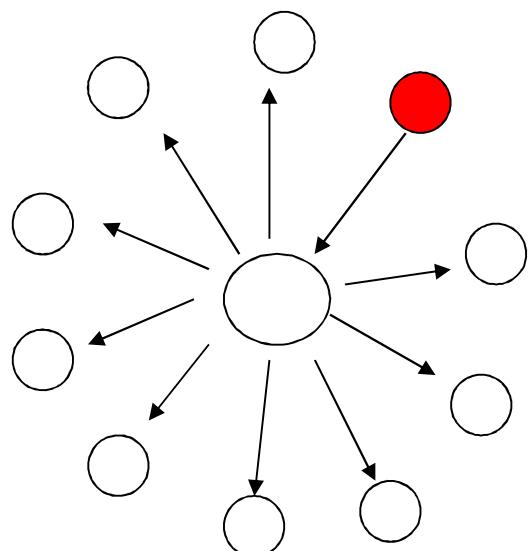
**CENTRAL**



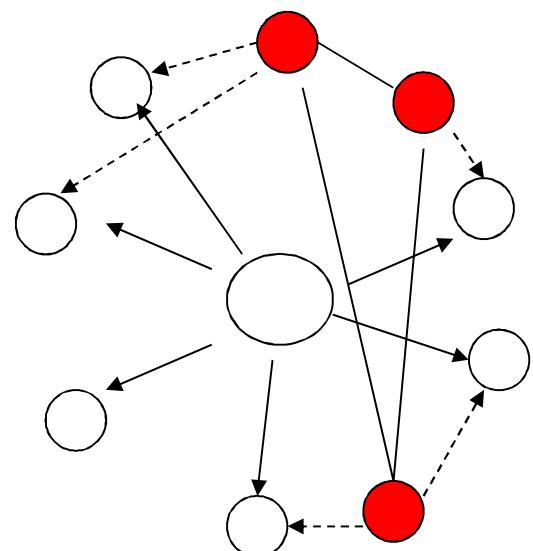
**LOCAL**



**LOCALLY  
LEVERAGED**



**GLOBALLY  
LINKED**



**Fonte:** Adaptado de Bartlett & Ghoshal (1989)

# **INOVAÇÃO LOCAL**

## **Vantagens**

- Adaptação às Condições Locais
- Aproveitamento e Estímulo das Competências das Filiais

## **Riscos**

- Duplicação de Esforços  
(Multiplicidade de “Reinvenções da Roda”)

# INOVAÇÃO CENTRAL

## Vantagens

- Controlo da Tecnologia (Garantias de Apropriabilidade)
- Relacionamento Inter-Departamental (Inter-acção, desenvolvimento, Produção, comercialização)
- Rapidez de Desenvolvimento e Lançamento de Novos Produtos

## Riscos

- Conflitos Casa Mãe / Subsidiária
- Insensibilidade às Necessidades Diversificadas dos Mercados

# **LOCALLY LEVERAGED**

## **Vantagens**

- Estímulo da Criatividade das Filiais em Proveito de Toda a Empresa

## **Riscos**

- Dificuldade de Transferência devida às Especificidades Nacionais
- Reacções Negativas devidas ao Síndroma NIH

# **GLOBALLY LINKED**

## **Vantagens**

- Estimular e Aproveitar de forma Integrada as Capacidades das Filiais
- Obter Economias de Gama à escala Mundial
- Resposta Comum a Estímulos (eventualmente) Localizados
- Potenciar Aprendizagem à escala Mundial

## **Riscos**

- Elevados Custos de Coordenação
- Ambiguidade, Falta de Integração e Excessiva Difusão da Autoridade

# NOVOS MODOS DE ORGANIZAÇÃO

- Mandatos Globais
- Plataformas de Produção
- Centros de Excelência

# **PAPEL DOS CENTROS DE EXCELÊNCIA**

- DESENVOLVIMENTO  
CONHECIMENTOS
- INTEGRAÇÃO DE  
CONHECIMENTOS
- INSERÇÃO NA REDE

# **EMPRESAS MULTINACIONAIS E SISTEMA DE INOVAÇÃO EM PORTUGAL: DOIS EXEMPLOS**

**MNE CENTRES OF  
EXCELLENCE AND  
ACQUISITIONS:  
LONG EVOLUTIONARY  
PATHS OR CAPTURING  
OPPORTUNITIES?**

**Vitor Corado Simões  
Pedro Nevado**

**2001**

# **SUBSIDIARY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND GAINING CoE MANDATES**

- **EVOLUTIONARY, TIME-  
CONSUMING PROCESS**

(FORSGREN, JOHANSON AND SHARMA, 2000)

- **DOES IT STILL HOLD FOR  
ACQUISITIONS?**

(FRATOCCHI AND LORENZONI, 2000)

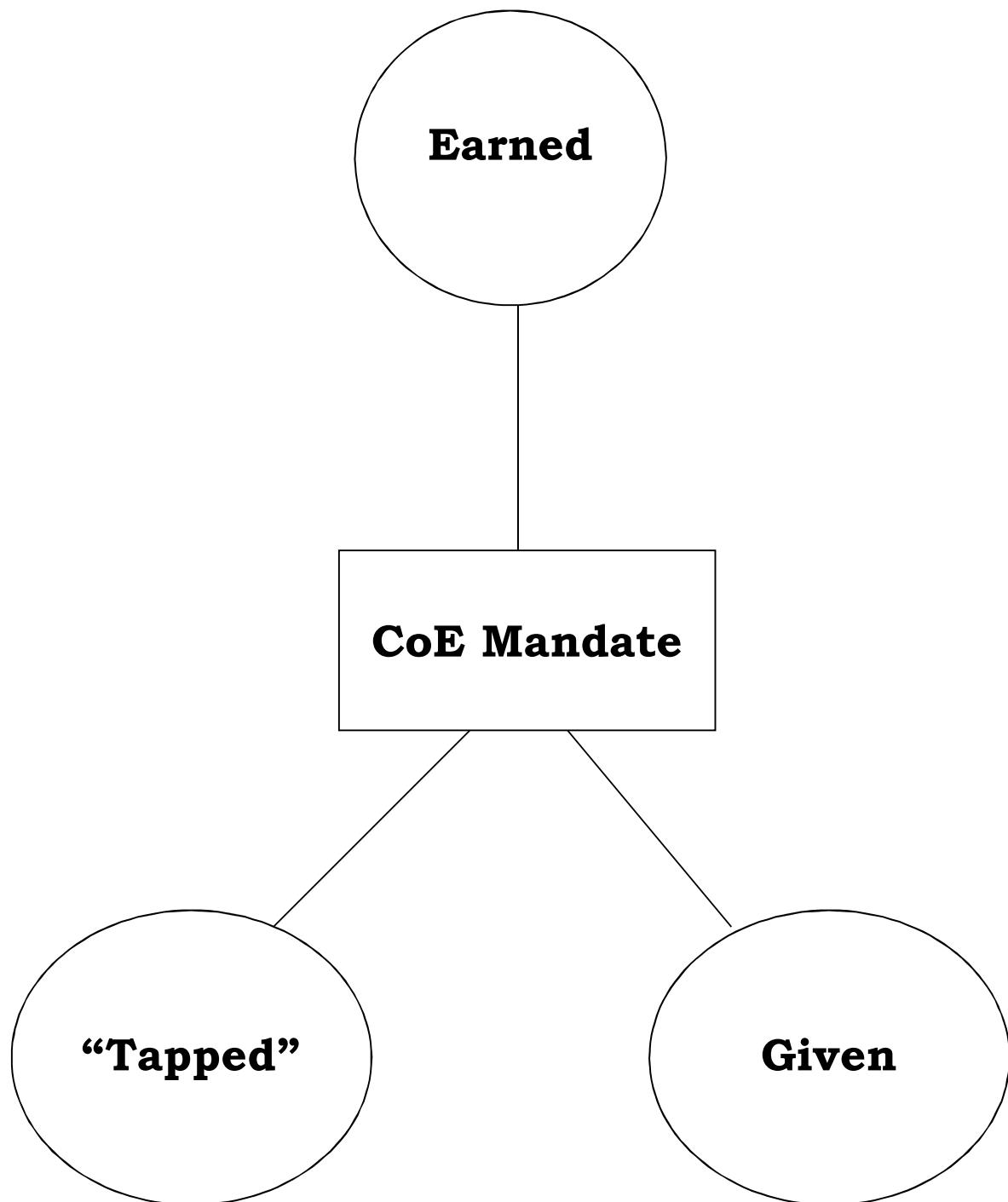
# **DEFINITION OF CoE**

**A CoE is “an area of expertise for which the subsidiary is recognized by the corporation, and which other parts of the corporation draw on”**

**(Birkinshaw, 1998: 291)**

## **3 MAIN FEATURES**

- ❖ Competences**
- ❖ Use of such competences by other units**
- ❖ Recognition**



# **AUTONOMY VERSUS INTEGRATION**

- Autonomy is Needed for the Subsidiary to Create, Develop and Strengthen its Capabilities
- Integration is Needed to have Influence over other Units of the MNE Network

**“Too much autonomy makes the subsidiary mandate potentially vulnerable to divestment (as a spin-off company) or decline (because of a lack of corporate investment)”**

**(Birkinshaw, 1996: 488)**

- How to Balance Knowledge Development with Knowledge Sharing?

# THE ROLE OF ACQUISITIONS

- Is an historical process of competence development and interrelationships with other MNE units needed?  
("Acquired Subsidiaries cannot become CoEs Overnight", Fratocchi & Holm, 1998)
- **Or can CoE rapidly stem from acquisitions (picking up potential "leaders")?**

# 3 CASE STUDIES

1

**ABB PORTUGAL**

2

**ALCATEL PORTUGAL**

3

**VULCANO (R. Bosch  
Group)**

1

# ABB PORTUGAL

- **1990: SENETE  
JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN ABB (40%), MAGUE  
AND IPE (SOREFAME)**

## SOREFAME HISTORY:

- CREATED IN 1943
- HYDROELECTRICAL POWER INVESTMENTS
- POWER AGREEMENT: SPECIALIZATION
- **1992: HIDRO-SOREFAME  
SOLE PRODUCER OF HYDROMECHANIC  
EQUIPMENT WITHIN ABB**
- **1994: ABB CONTROLS 70% OF SENETE**
- **1995: HIDRO-SOREFAME CHANGED INTO ABB  
HIDRO**
- **1997: FULL CONTROL OF SENETE BY ABB  
ABB HIDRO BECOMES "LEAD CENTRE"**
- **1999: POWER BUSINESS INCLUDED IN A JV WITH  
FRENCH PARTNER**
- **2000: EQUITY STAKE SOLD TO FRENCH PARTNER  
(THE PORTUGUESE COMPANY STILL A CoE)**

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# ALCATEL PORTUGAL

- **1987: DEAL ALCATEL/ITT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**  
PORTUGUESE SUBSIDIARY “INHERITED”
- **1988: PORTUGUESE SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITY CHANGED FROM SEMICONDUCTORS AND CONSUMER GOODS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**
- **1989: LOCAL SOFTWARE CENTRE ESTABLISHED**
- **2000: 5 CoEs IN ALCATEL PORTUGAL**
  - COILS AND TRANSFORMERS
  - CALL CENTRES (FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE)
  - NETWORK MANAGEMENT
  - COMMUNICATIONS FOR RAILWAY
  - APPLICATIONS
  - GSM NETWORKS PLANNING AND
  - OPTIMIZATION

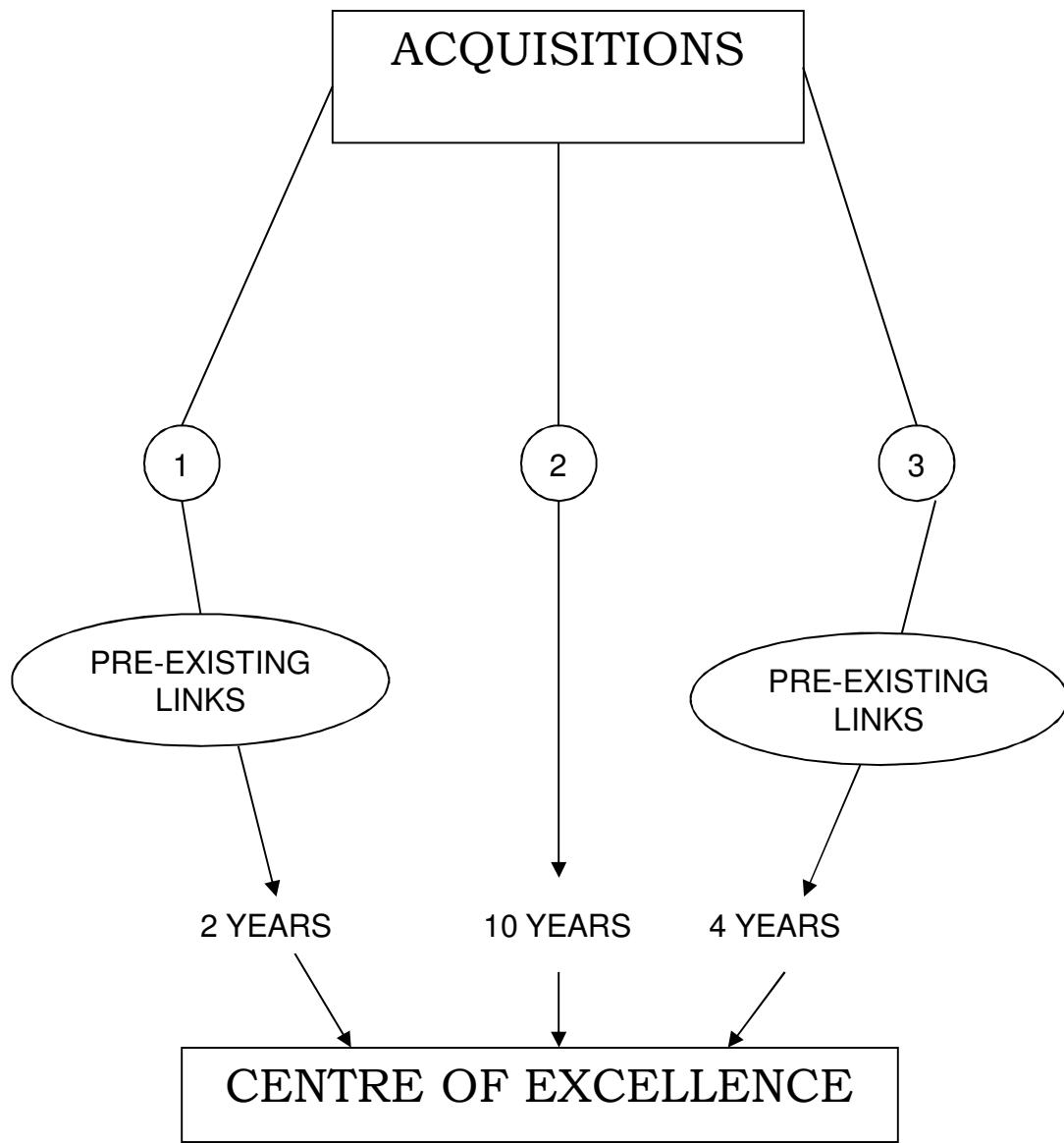
# **“NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMPETENCE CENTRE”**

- Original Opportunity (1991):  
Services for Portuguese GSM Operator
  - Capability Development
  - Reference
- MNE Network Involvement: Participation in Development of Products for France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom
- Capability Demonstration (1996):  
Development of a New Traffic Management System for the Whole Ggroup
- **CoE Recognition (1997): Network Management Competence Centre**

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# VULCANO

- Born as a Licensee OF Robert Bosch Gmbh (1977)
- Own Brand Lauching – Vulcano (1983)
- 50% of Portuguese Market; 8TH Largest European Water Boller Manufacturer (1988)
- Licensing Agreements about to Eexpire:
  - Options {
    - A) Stand alone
    - B) Renew
    - C) Strengthen Relationship
  - Majority Equity share Acquired by R. Bosch
  - Market Leader in Europe (1992)
  - Group Competence Centre in Water Boller
  - Internationalization Drive
    - Licensing: Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Brazil
    - Direct Investments: China, Chile and Australia



**THINGS TAKE TIME...**

**...BUT NOT TOO MUCH!**

# **IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Market opportunities</b>	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
<b>Market performance</b>	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
<b>Government Policy</b>	✓✓✓	✓	
<b>Technology/ Knowledge Linkages</b>	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓

# CONCLUSIONS

- 1) ACQUISITION DRIVEN CoEs ARE DIFFERENT
- 2) HEADQUARTERS RECOGNITION (AND “PICKING UP”) IS OFTEN FASTER THAN PEER RECOGNITION
- 3) LOCAL ENVIRONMENT RELATIONSHIPS MATTER
- 4) TO LEVERAGE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AT GROUP LEVEL, STRATEGIC INTENT AND MANAGERIAL INITIATIVE ARE RELEVANT INGREDIENTS

# **NETWORKS AND LEARNING PROCESSES: A CASE STUDY ON THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN PORTUGAL**

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**2002**

# THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

- ❖ Globalisation
- ❖ Complexity and Changing Relationship Patterns
- ❖ Strategic Alliances

# FDI IN THE PORTUGUESE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY: AN HISTORICAL RETROSPECT

1963: “Assemblying Law”

1972: Revision of the Assemblying Régime

1979: “Framework Law” on the Automotive Sector

→ RENAULT PROJECT (1980)

1986: EC Accession

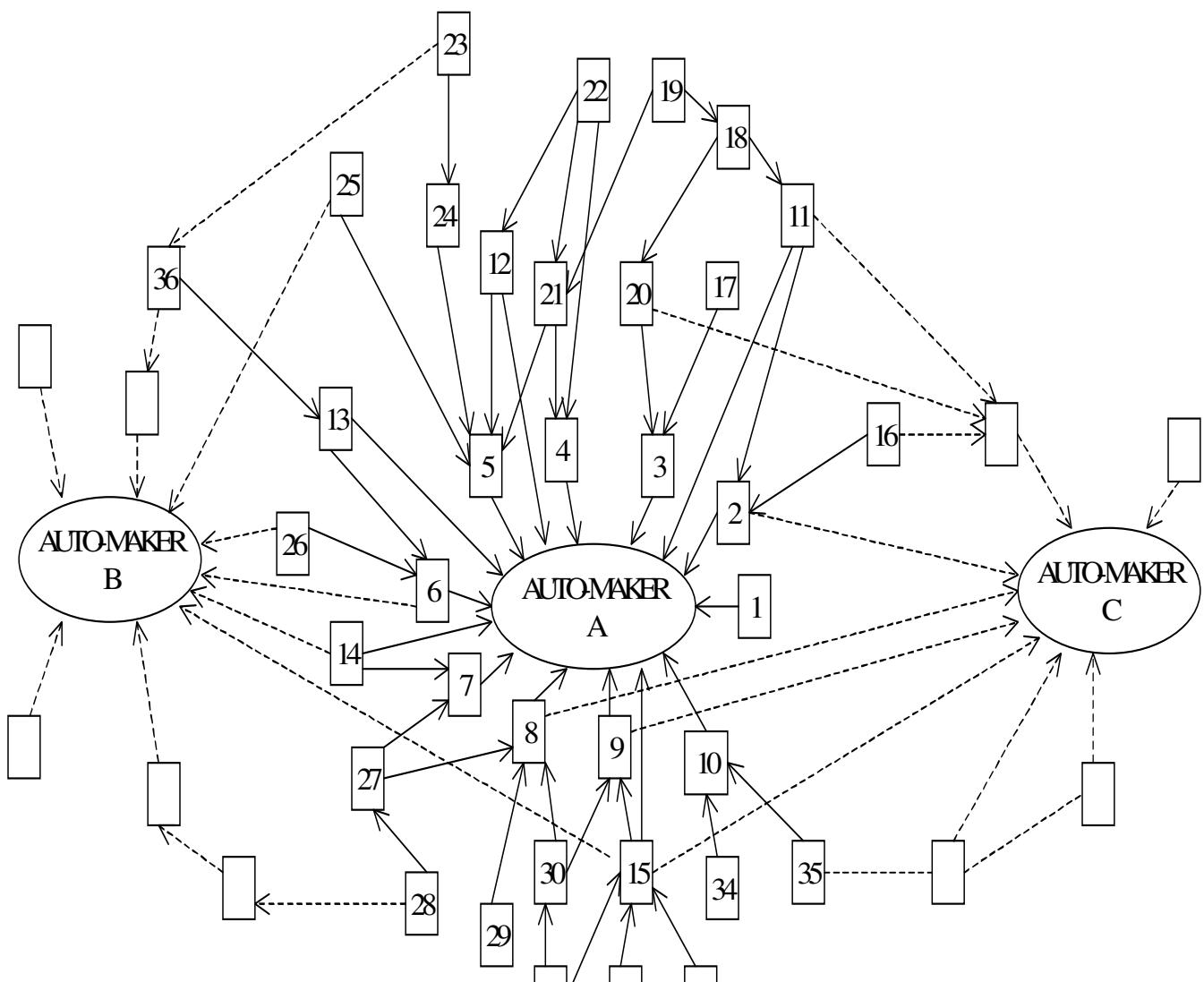
→ AUTO-EUROPA PROJECT (1991)  
[FORD + VOLKSWAGEN]

# CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- ❖ The automotive supply chain as a network
- ❖ Business Networks Approach:  
The Framework of Haakansson (1987)  
[Actors– Resources– Activities]
- ❖ The “Flagship Firm”:  
The five partners  
Framework of Rugman & D’Cruz (2000)
- ❖ The five dimensions of Inter-Organizational Networks (Ebbers, 1997)  
[Resource Flows, Information Flows, Assignment of Property Rights, Coordination Mechanisms and Mutual Expectations]

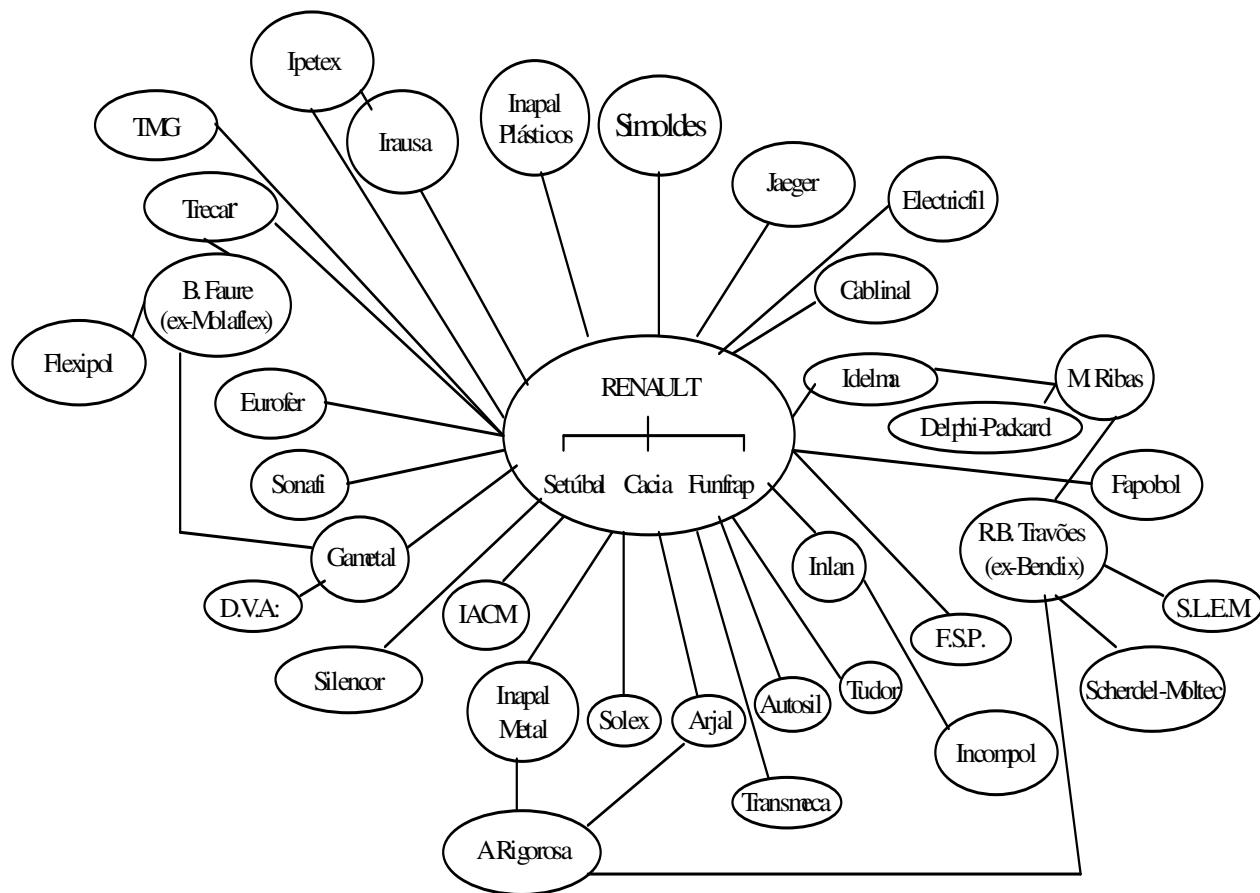
# **METHOD**

- ❖ Working out the Sytructure of Focal Networks
- ❖ Selection of Companies
- ❖ Undertaking of Case Studies
- ❖ Comparative Inter-Case Analysis



**Figure 1—Automotive Supply Network**

# RENAULT NEWORK



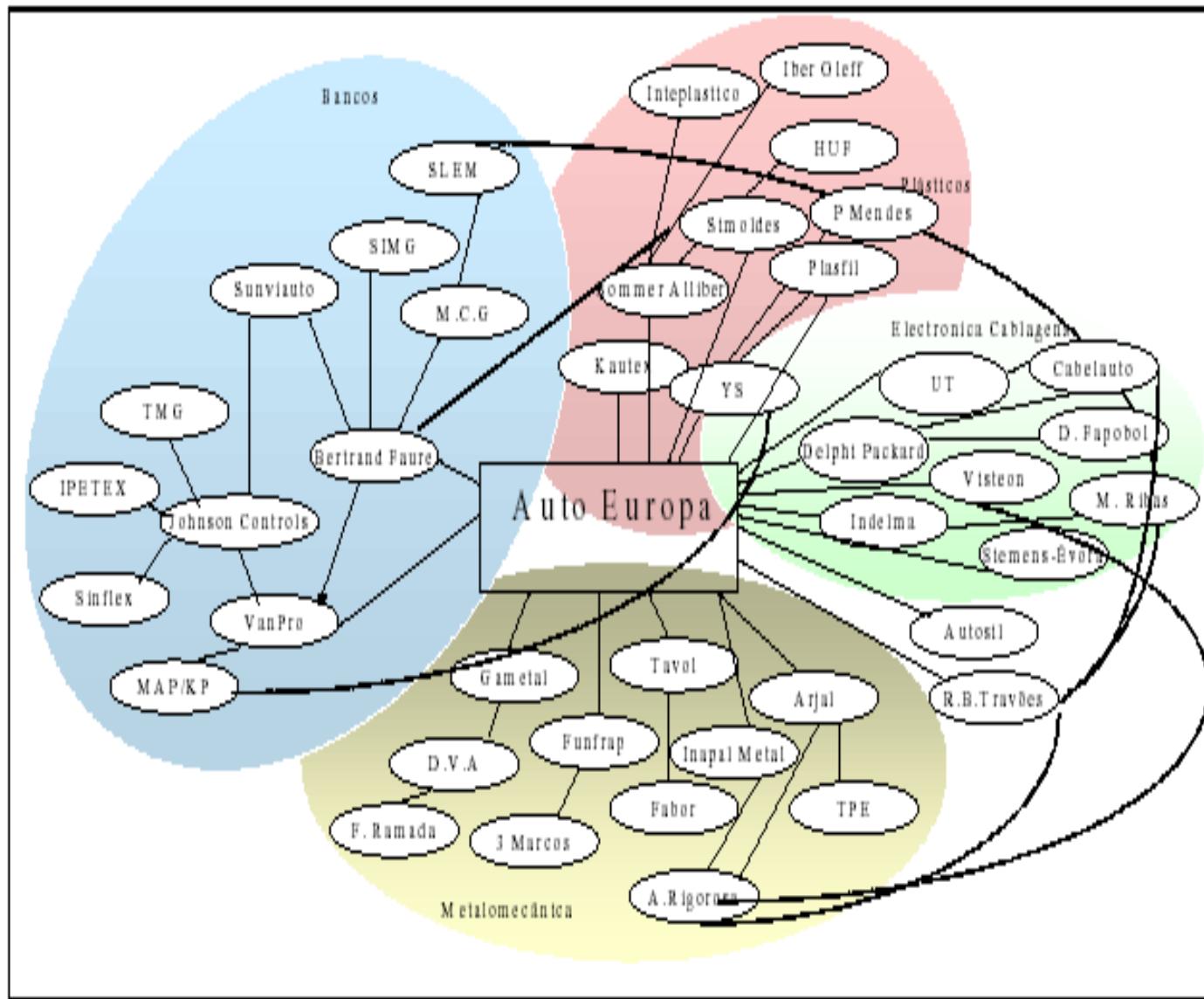


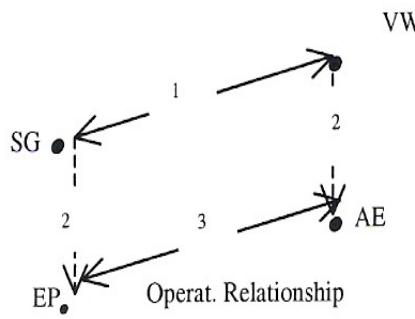
Figura 5.6. – Redes de Fornecedores da AutoEuropa

# THE RENAULT NETWORK

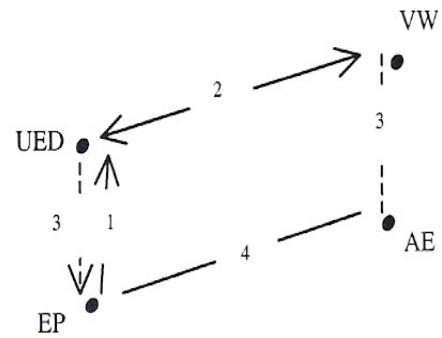
- ❖ Local value added commitments ⇒  
Support to domestic suppliers'  
development
- ❖ Suppor = Provision of Technical  
Assistance + Training + Tolerance  
(Prices, Quality)
- ❖ EC Integration ⇒ Strategic Change
- ❖ Dismantling the Renault Complex
- ❖ Lasting effects:  
Stimulating of learning processes,  
CredibilityT  
Understanding how the industry works,  
and  
Strong relationships with a few suppliers

# THE AUTO-EUROPA NETWORK

- ❖ Cooperative Spirit
- ❖ Autonomy Constraints:  
Different Relationships Modes
- ❖ Learning with Auto-Europa:
  - 1) Transformation Activities
    - Quality Requirements and Support
    - Help in Problem Solving
    - Personal Exchange and Inter-action
    - Engineering Dialogue
  - 2) Transactional Activities
    - Immersion in a Lean Product Environment
    - Understanding Auto-makers' Requirements
    - Setting up of Relationships and Trus-Building Processes with Ford and VW
- ❖ Requirement to Succeed
  - ⇒ Creating Proximity
  - ⇒ Consistent Performance
  - ⇒ “Good Surprises”

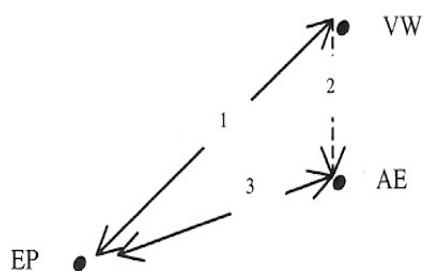


Mode 1: Multinationals' Subsidiaries

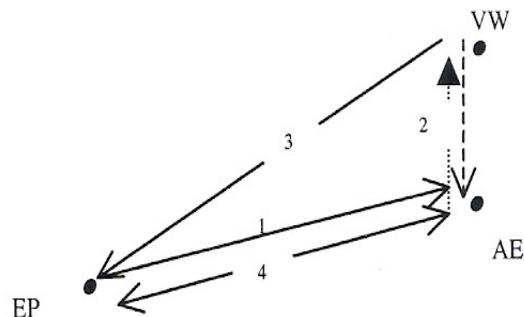


Mode 3: Portuguese firms with a development

unit in Germany



Mode 2: Direct dialogue from Portugal



Mode 4: Intermediation by Auto-Europa

- 1      2      3      ... Sequence of moves  
 :————→ Relationships between independent firms  
 - - - - -> Inter-group relationships  
 - - - - -> Intermediation

VW – Volkswagen (Wolfsburg)  
 AE – Auto-Europa  
 FP – Portuguese Subsidiary  
 SG – Headquarters  
 EP – Portuguese firm  
 UED – Engineering and Development Unit

**Source:** Empirical research

**Figure 2 – Actors and Relationships Modes in Auto-Europa network**

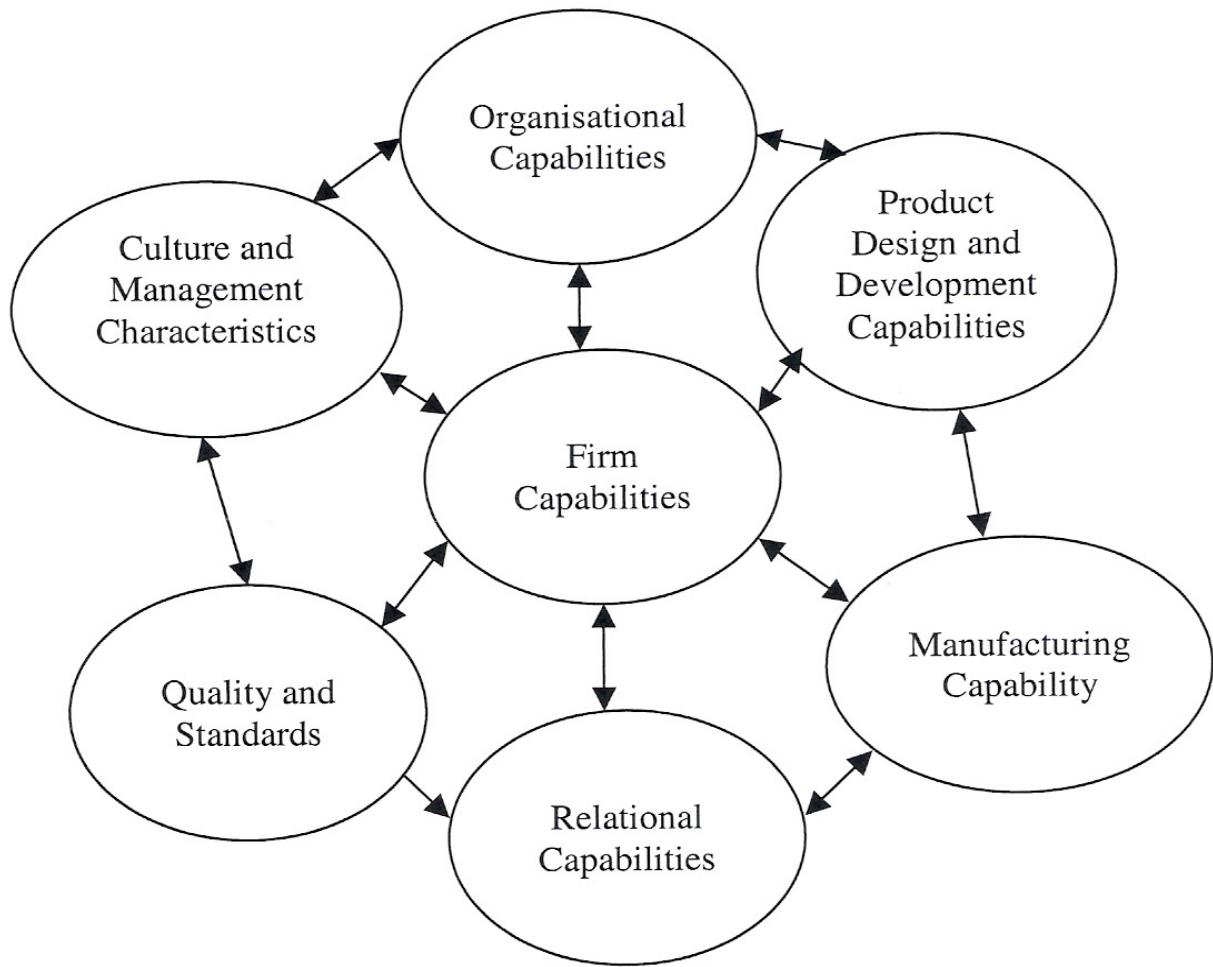
# COMPARING THE TWO NETWORKS

Differences { Time + Context  
↓  
Evolution Relationships Model  
Reduced Subsidiary Autonomy  
Increased Performance Requir'ts

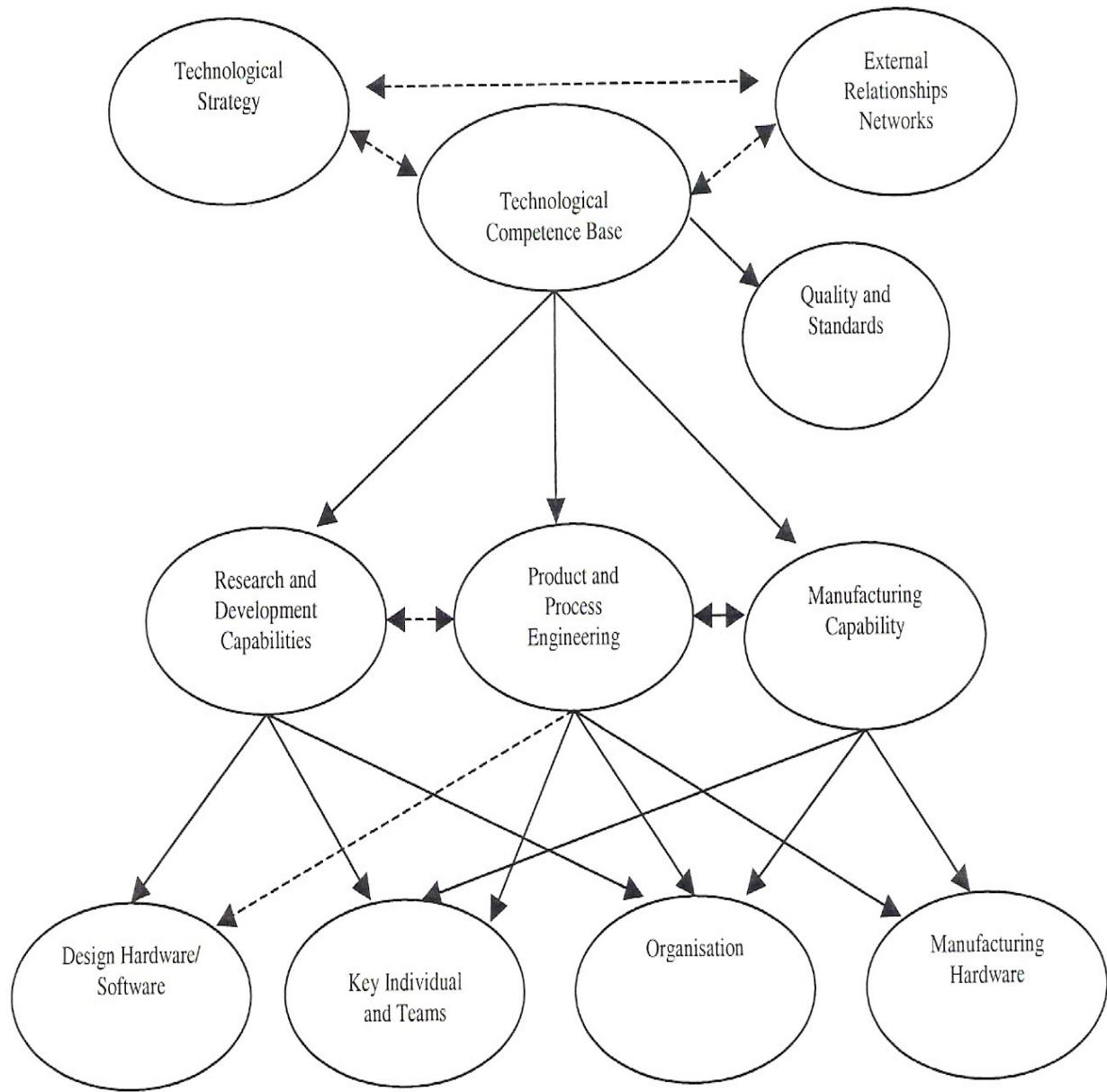
Similarities { Networks led by a Subsidiary  
FDI Attraction  
Support (with some limitations) to local Suppliers

## Consequence: Learning Instruments

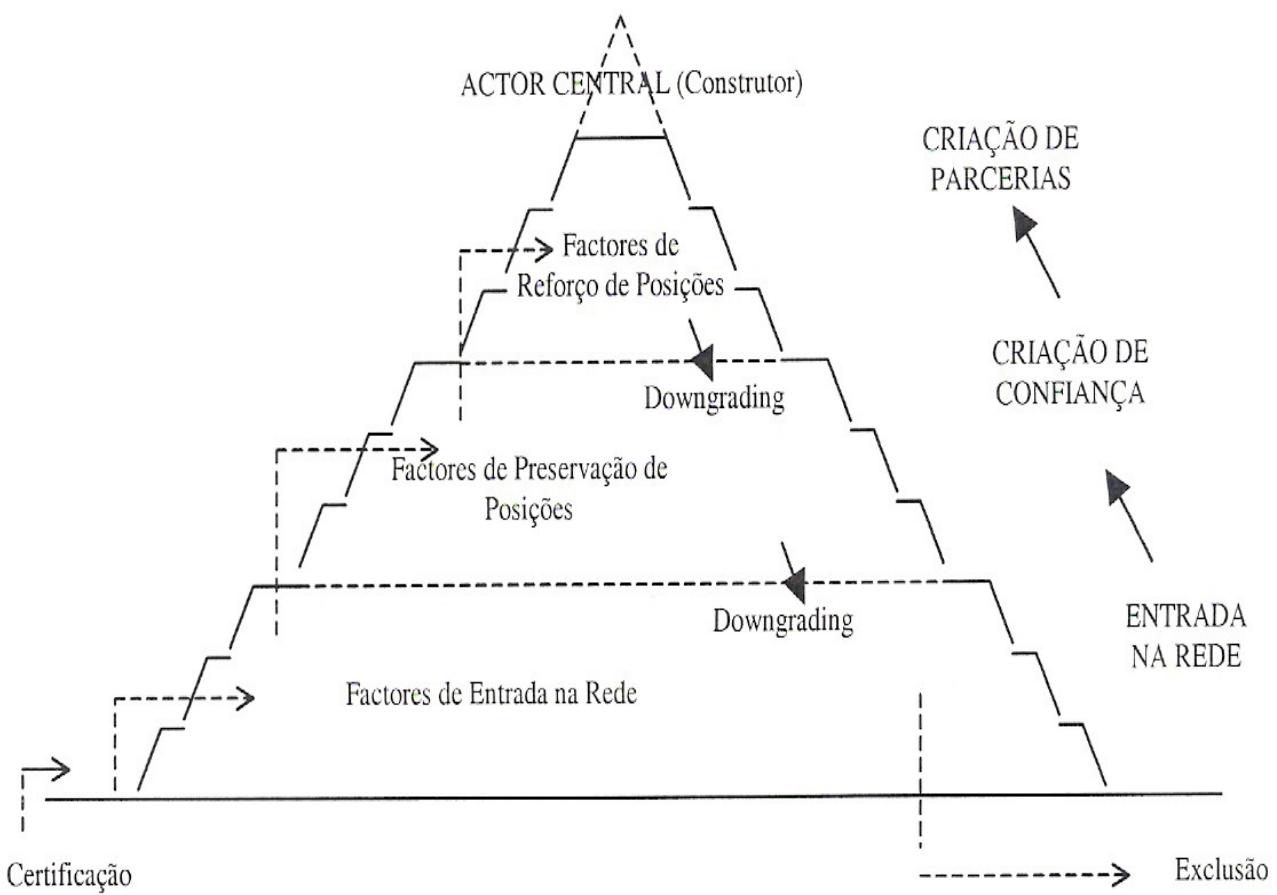
HOW DEEP WAS LEARNING?



A Simplified View of Firm Capabilities

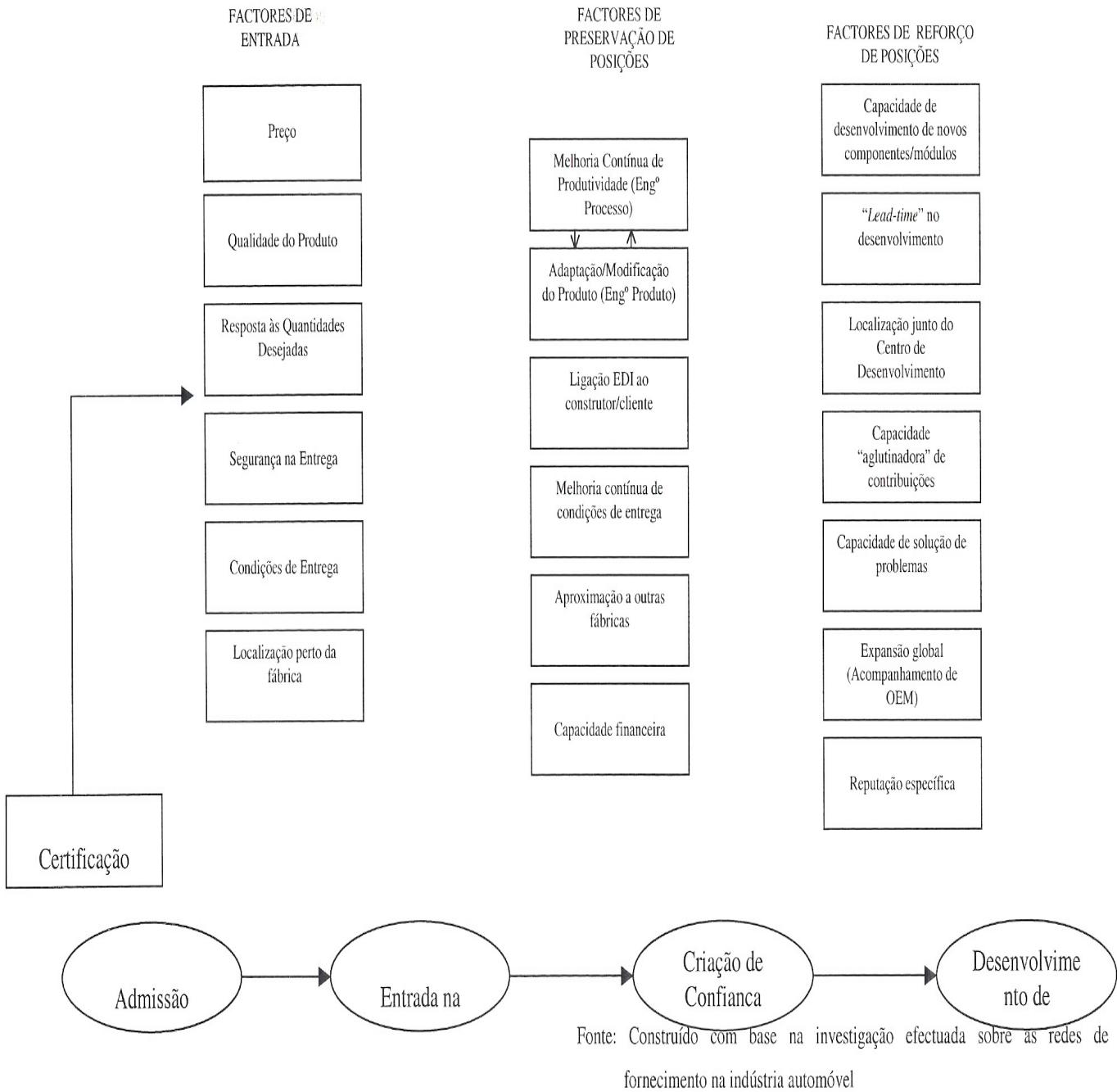


Firm Technological Competence Base

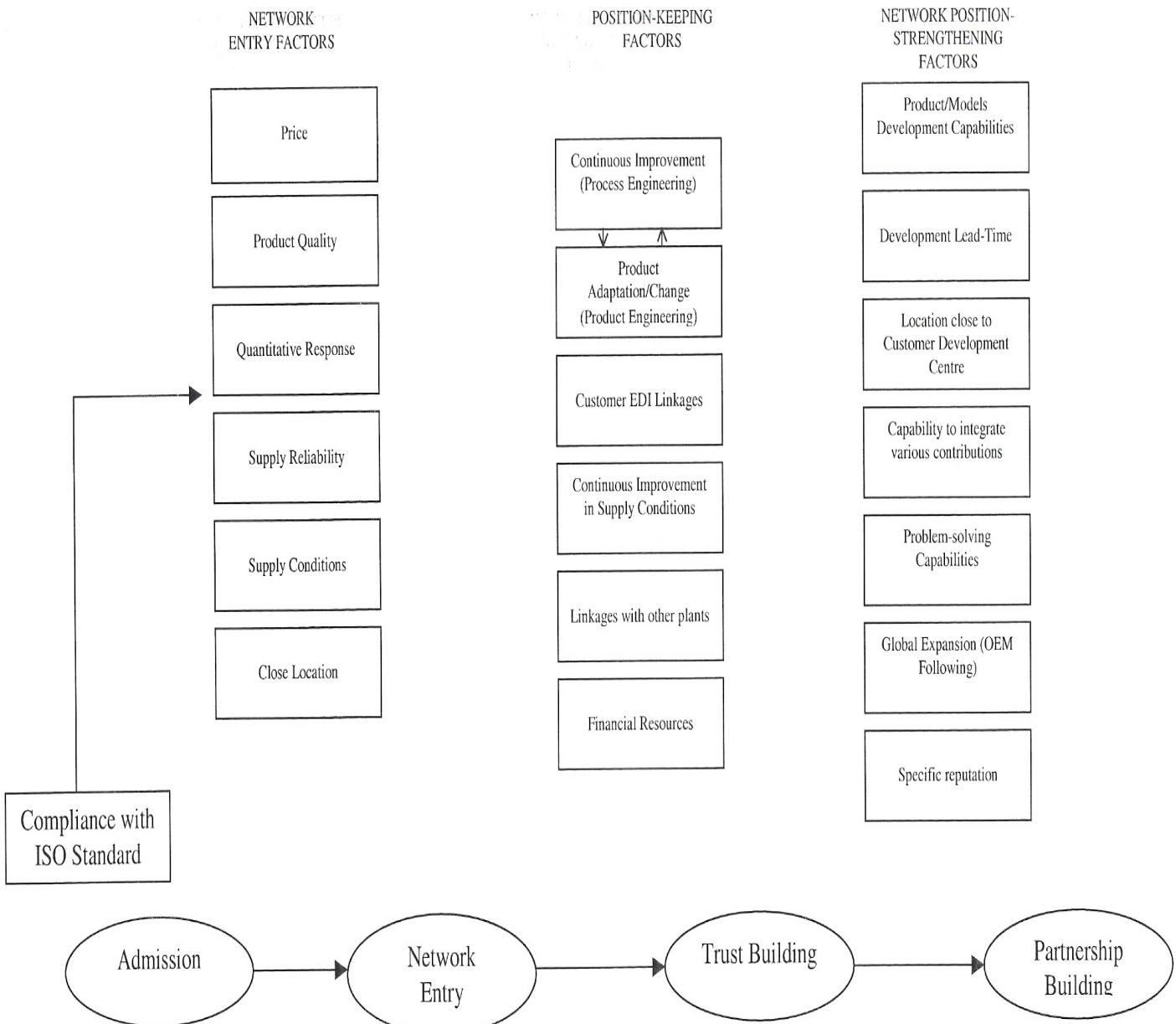


**Fonte:** Construído com base na investigação efectuada sobre as redes de fornecedores na indústria automóvel

**Figura 8.1. – A Pirâmide de Posicionamento na Rede de Fornecedores**



**Figura 8.2.** – Factores de Evolução do Posicionamento nas Redes de Fornecedores



Source: Built on the basis of own field research

### Supply Network Position Evolution Factors