

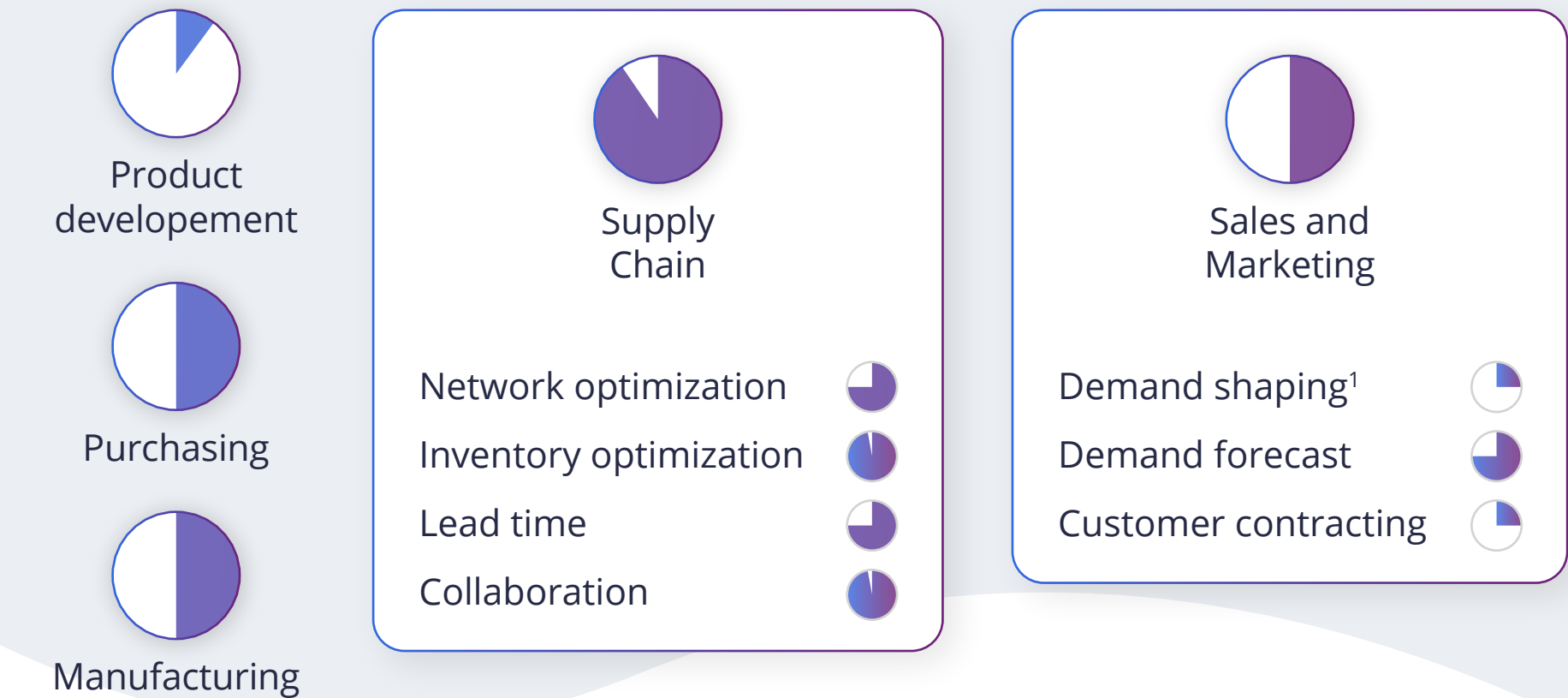
What is agility?

It is the ability of supply chains to respond to volatility and uncertainty. In addition to financial benefits, it helps companies gain significant competitive advantage.

Steps to make supply chains agile?

Understanding the effects of uncertainties on operation.
Building agility across functions, coherently.
Making detection-and-response core capabilities.

Drivers



Methods

Reduce uncertainty		Build structural agility		Ensure operational reactivity	
How?	Top Industry ²	How?	Top Industry ²	How?	Top Industry ²
Best in class forecasting	High-tech ³	Postponement ⁴	Pharma	Lean replenishment	High-tech
Demand shaping	Retail	Integrated planning & collaboration	High-tech	Inventory optimization	High-tech
Risk management	Telecom	Agile network	Telecom	Emergency planning	Industrials

Food for thought!

How to make the best trade-offs between the costs and benefits of agility?