

Information Services: *Customer Intelligence and Strategic Planning*

Reinhold Decker

Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaft

Michael Höppner

Universitätsbibliothek

Bielefeld





The Wind of Change ...

- Information Technique
 - *Information Market*
 - *Customer Perception*
- Company Conditions
 - *Budgetary Constraints*
 - *Input-Output-Orientations*

... Forces New Strategies



Strategic Planning ...

- Appropriate vs. Advanced Services
 - *Customer Relationship and Satisfaction*
 - *State of the Art (and Beyond?)*
 - *Skills and Resources of the Library*
- Expectations vs. Behaviour of Customers
 - *Traditional Views of Libraries*
 - *Internet-Oriented Everyday Life*
 - *Poor Information Competence*

... Entails Effective and Efficient Services



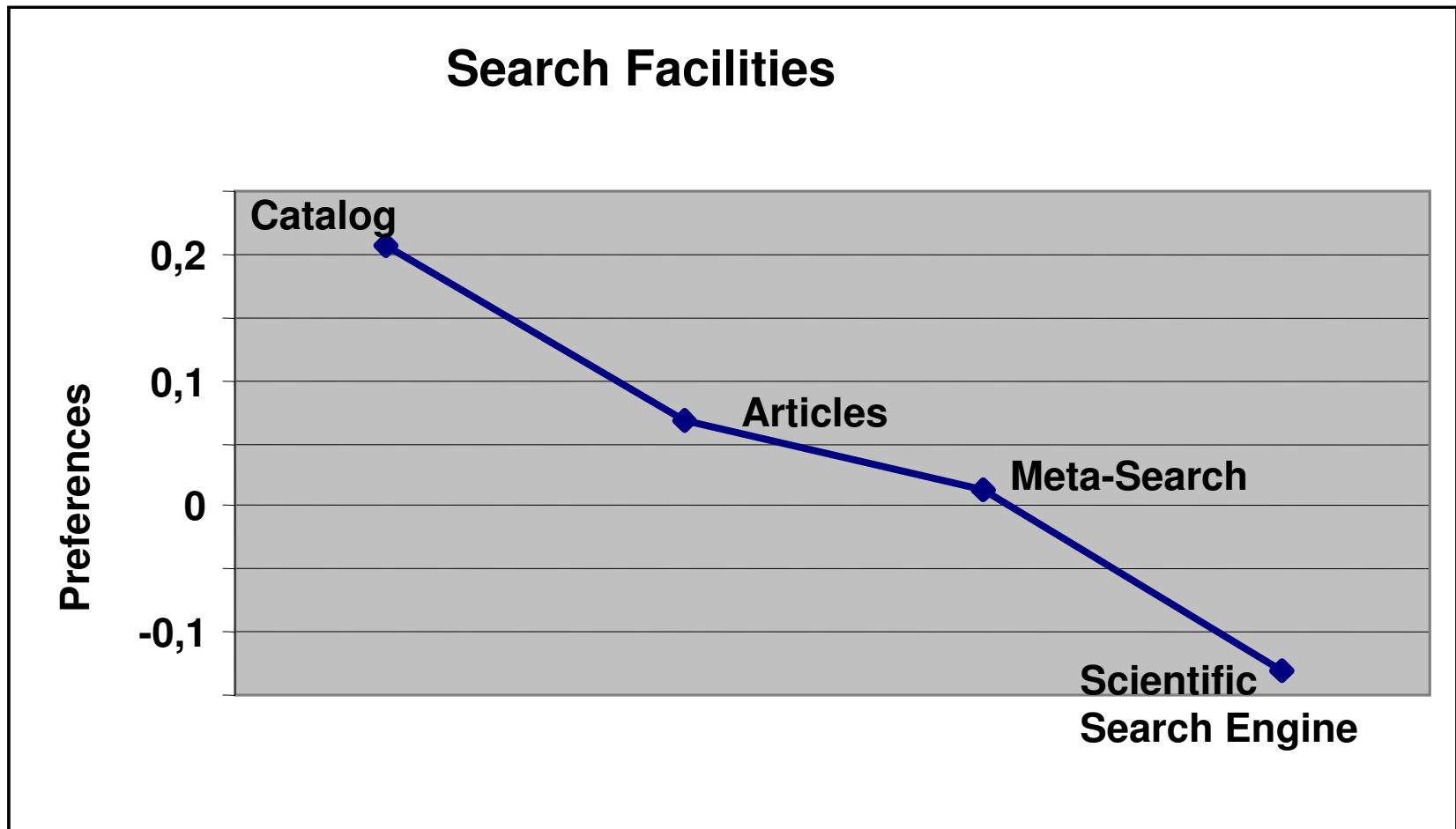
The Customer's Point of View ...

- Public Surveys on
 - *Satisfaction with Established Services*
 - INFAS
 - LibQual+
 - *Preferred Services and Action Lines*
 - Conjoint-Analysis (DFG-Project, Bielefeld)
 - *Adaptive Conjoint-Analysis*
 - *Choice-Based Conjoint-Analysis*
- Measurement of Behaviour
 - *Data Warehouse*

... Must Be Accompanied by Expertise

Customer's Preferences ! ???

- Conjoint-Analysis with Respect to Searching
 - *Catalog, Articles, Meta-Search, Search Engine*





Effectivity of Services ...

- Mission Statement
 - *Guiding Principles*
 - *Address of Services*
- Catalog of Services
 - *Recognition, Transparency, and Reliability*
 - *Depending on Demands, Skills, and Resources*
- Service Level Agreements
 - *Measurements of Services*
 - *Reliability of Resources*

... Has to Be Accepted by all Parties



Discussing Effectivity ...

- Generating Ideas of Services
 - *Screening the Environment*
 - *Expertise from Employees*
 - Matching with Expectations and Skills
- Finding Proper Services
 - *Staff Meetings, Steering Group*
 - *Working Groups, Editorial Group*
 - Description of 200 „Services“ (or Routines)
 - Consolidation to Catalog of 50 Services

... Needs Involvement of Staff



Catalog of Services

- Content
 - *The (General) Library*
 - Scientific Literature
 - Comfortable Search
 - Customer Assistance
 - *My Library*
 - Personalized Portal/Services
 - Services on Demand
 - *A Place to Work ...*
 - Structure and Specialities
 - Research, Instruction, and Study
 - General Equipment



A Service Description

Produktname	Bücher, Zeitschriften, Artikel (inkl. Neuerscheinungen)	1.1.1.1
Produktgruppe	Die Bibliothek Sie finden bei uns Wissenschaftliche Literatur und mehr	1 1.1 1.1.1
Sie suchen (Ziele)	Sie möchten sich einen Überblick verschaffen, ob und wo zu einem bestimmten Thema Literatur vorhanden ist.	
Wir bieten (Was und wie)	In unseren fachübergreifenden Datenbanken können Sie nach Büchern, Zeitschriftentiteln, Zeitschriftenaufsätzen und anderen Veröffentlichungen suchen, die in der Universitätsbibliothek Bielefeld vorhanden, über Fernleihe aus anderen Bibliotheken bestellbar oder frei im Internet zugänglich sind.	
Zielgruppen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alle <input type="checkbox"/> Studienanfänger (1.-3. Semester) <input type="checkbox"/> Fortgeschrittene Studierende inkl. Examenkandidaten <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoren / Hilfskräfte <input type="checkbox"/> Wissenschaftler <input type="checkbox"/> Sonstige Hochschulangehörige <input type="checkbox"/> Schüler <input type="checkbox"/> Externe	
Angebote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bibliothekskatalog: Über 2 Mio. Bücher, Zeitschriftentitel und Publikationen aus Hochschulen und anderen wissenschaftlichen Einrichtungen, die entweder in der Bibliothek vor Ort oder online im Internet zugänglich sind. ▪ Aufsatzdatenbank JADE: Über 40 Mio. Zeitschriftenaufsätze. Direkte Anzeige der Zugriffsmöglichkeiten (gedruckt in der Bibliothek, online, per Fernleihbestellung). ▪ JASON (Fernleihe für Zeitschriftenaufsätze / Suche nach Zeitschriftentiteln): Suche nach Zeitschriftentiteln mit anschließender Bestellmöglichkeit eines Aufsatzes aus einer Zeitschrift. Nutzung ist sinnvoll, wenn eine Recherche im Bibliothekskatalog und in JADE keine Treffer erbringt. ▪ EZB (Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek): Datenbank für online erscheinende Zeitschriften mit Anzeige der Abrufmöglichkeiten. Die Titel sind auch über den Bibliothekskatalog zu finden. ▪ Suche nach Neuerwerbungen: Liste der Neuzugänge der letzten 4 Wochen 	



Efficiency of Performance ...

- Analysis and Optimisation
 - *Transactions and Workflow*
 - Organisational Development
 - Personnel Development
- Controlling
 - *Customer Satisfaction*
 - *Performance Indicators*
 - Reengineering of Business
 - Readjustment of Objectives

... Must Be Proofed Again and Again



Discussing Efficiency ...

- Identifying Fields of Activities
 - *Assistance of Customers*
 - *Performance Indicators*
 - *Data Processing as a Foundation of Most Services*
- Course of Discussion
 - *Weak-Point Analysis*
 - *Necessity of Transactions and Workflow so far*
 - *Interdependence of Quality and Resources*

... Must be Based on

Confidence of Staff and

Acceptance of Customers

Customer intelligence and DS

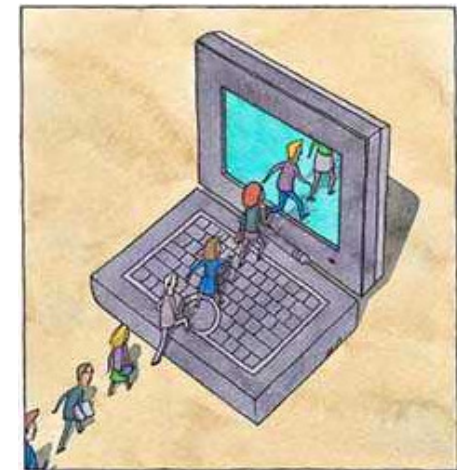
What does “**customer intelligence**” mean?

“CI aims at gaining a comprehensive understanding of customers by means of intelligent tools, which enable a more pointed customer contact and a higher degree of customer loyalty.”

(IBM 2005)

Questions to be answered:

- Who are the customers?
- What needs do the customers have?
- How do they use the library services?
- How loyal are the customers?
- Who are the “valuable” customers?



(Tomczak/Christofolini 2002; Janal 2000)



Customer intelligence and DS

CI and CRM:

Forrester Research (2005): "... 98 % of the marketers rate customer analysis and analytics as the most important database element in producing successful results."

The problem:

- No unanimous understanding of CI in science
- No clearly defined set of CI methods

But: Consensus regarding the use of data warehouse and data mining techniques in CI discussions

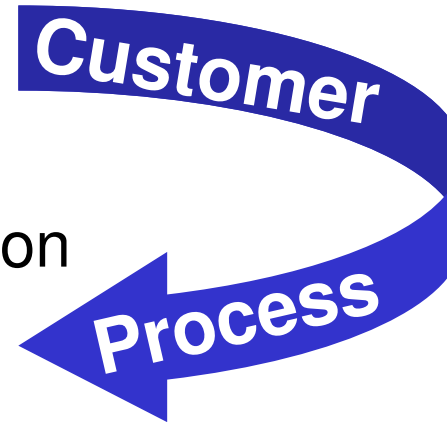




Customer intelligence and DS

The knowledge source:

1. Search and orientation
2. "Purchase"
3. Utilization and satisfaction
4. "Repeat purchase"

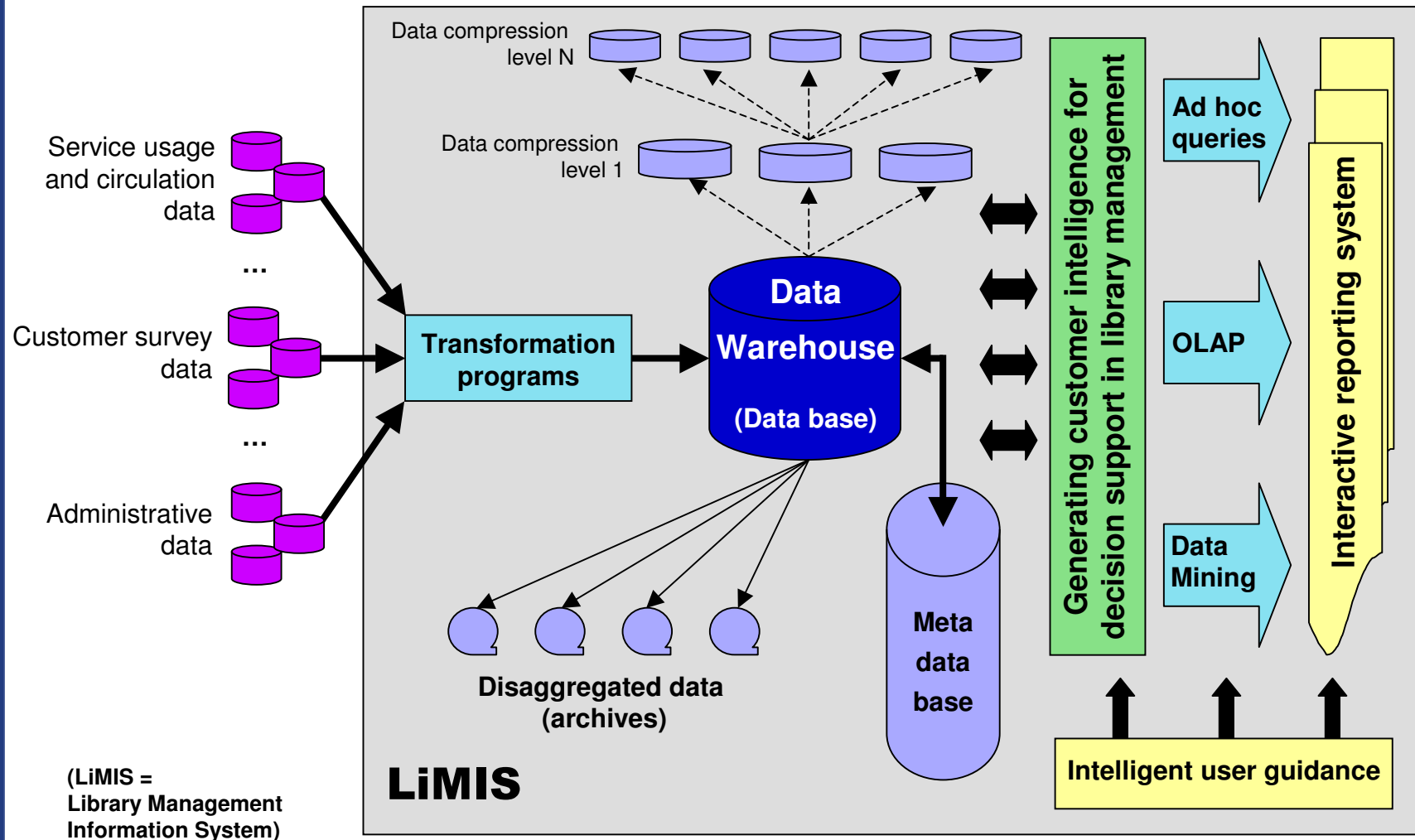


Resulting tasks:

- Exact process definition
- Location and evaluation of customer information
- Method selection and application

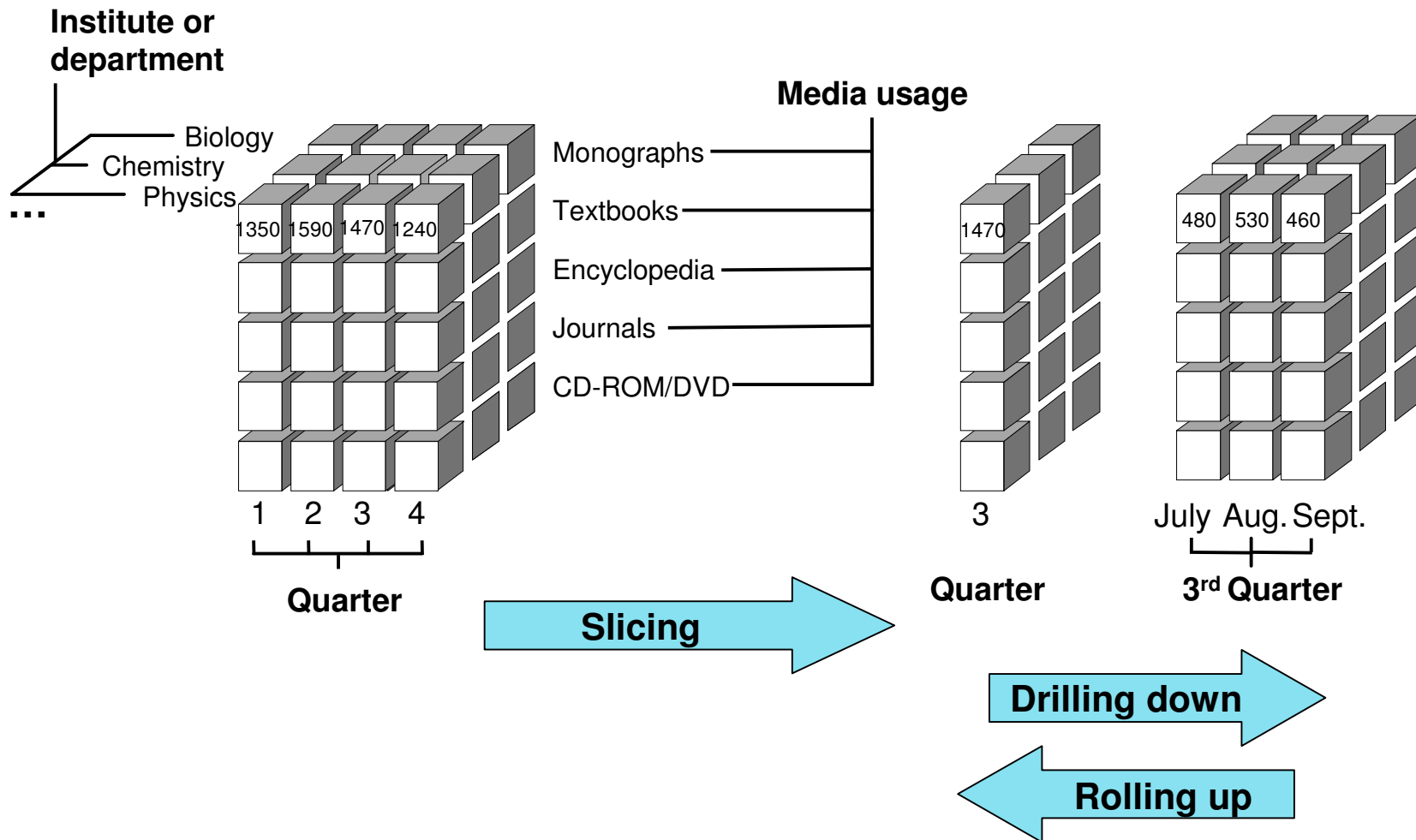
Customer intelligence and DS

Data warehousing in libraries:



Customer intelligence and DS

OLAP of library data:



Customer intelligence and DS

CI development process:

1. Identifying the relevant data structures
? data heterogeneity
2. Determining the practical demands to LiMIS
? information type and aggregation level
3. Implementing the data warehouse
? separation of operative systems and DSS
? definition of data syntax and semantics
4. ... the transformation interface
? adequate level of automation

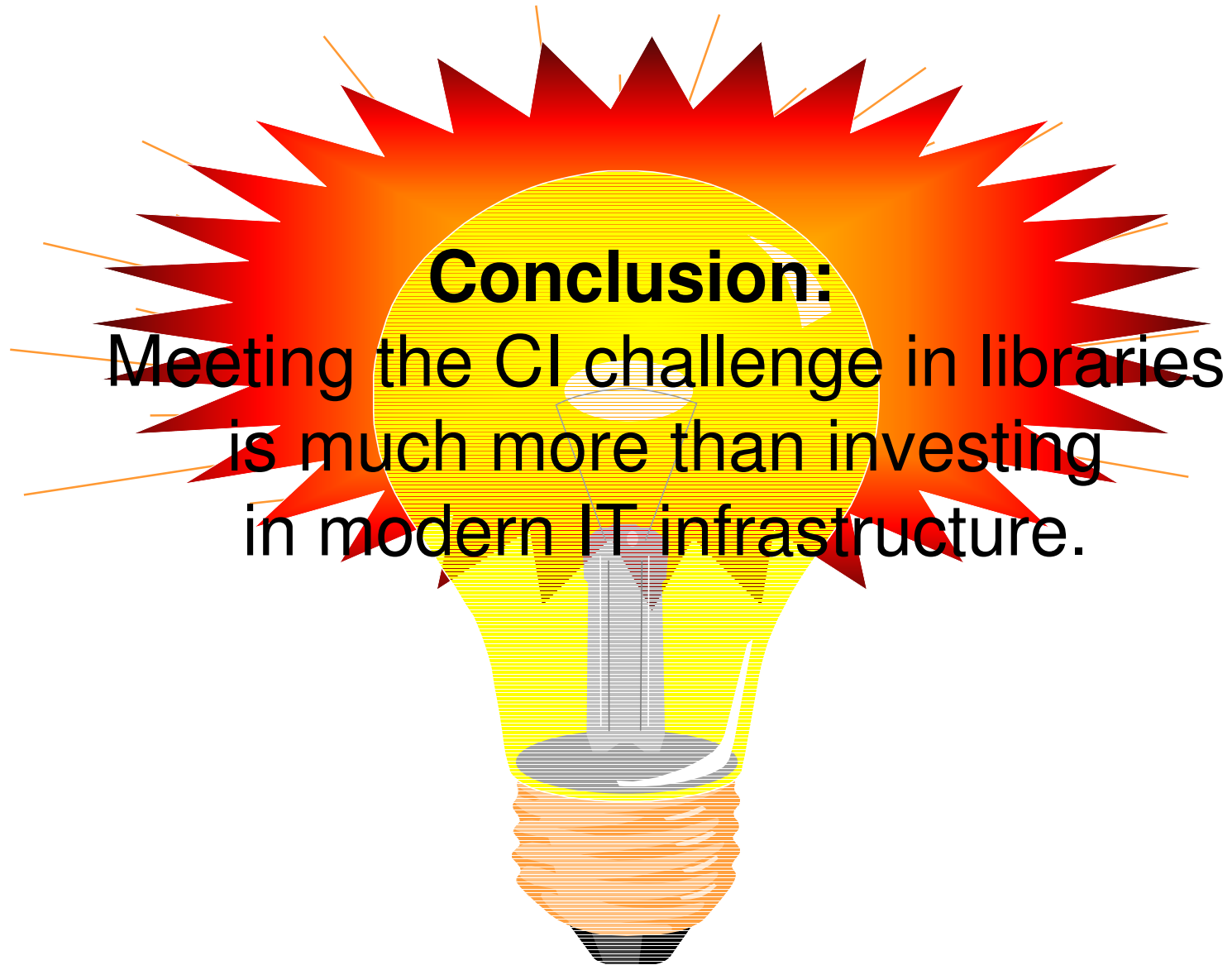


Customer intelligence and DS

5. ... an OLAP and data mining front-end
 - ? process model (goal driven vs. data driven)
6. ... a data mining “toolbox”
 - ? selection of adequate fields and methods
7. Design of survey and observation techniques
 - ? dealing with qualitative data / latent information
8. Implementing a reporting system
 - ? hierarchy of relevance
 - ? concepts of interestingness



Customer intelligence and DS



Data warehousing success

Study by Ariyachandra/Watson 2006:

Item 6: “Your data warehouse provides all the data needed by users and applications.”

Item 20: “Users can access the data more easily and quickly because of the data warehouse.”

Measure	Number of items	Range of ratings or values
Information quality	9	4.19 – 5.63 (Ø 5.04)
System quality	9	5.04 – 5.90 (Ø 5.39)
Individual impacts	5	5.03 – 5.91 (Ø 5.59)
Organizational impacts	6	4.53 – 5.50 (Ø 5.19)
Development costs	(3 arch.)	\$ 1.4 – 2.4 million
Development time	(3 arch.)	8.8 – 11.4 months

(N = 454)





DS with primary data

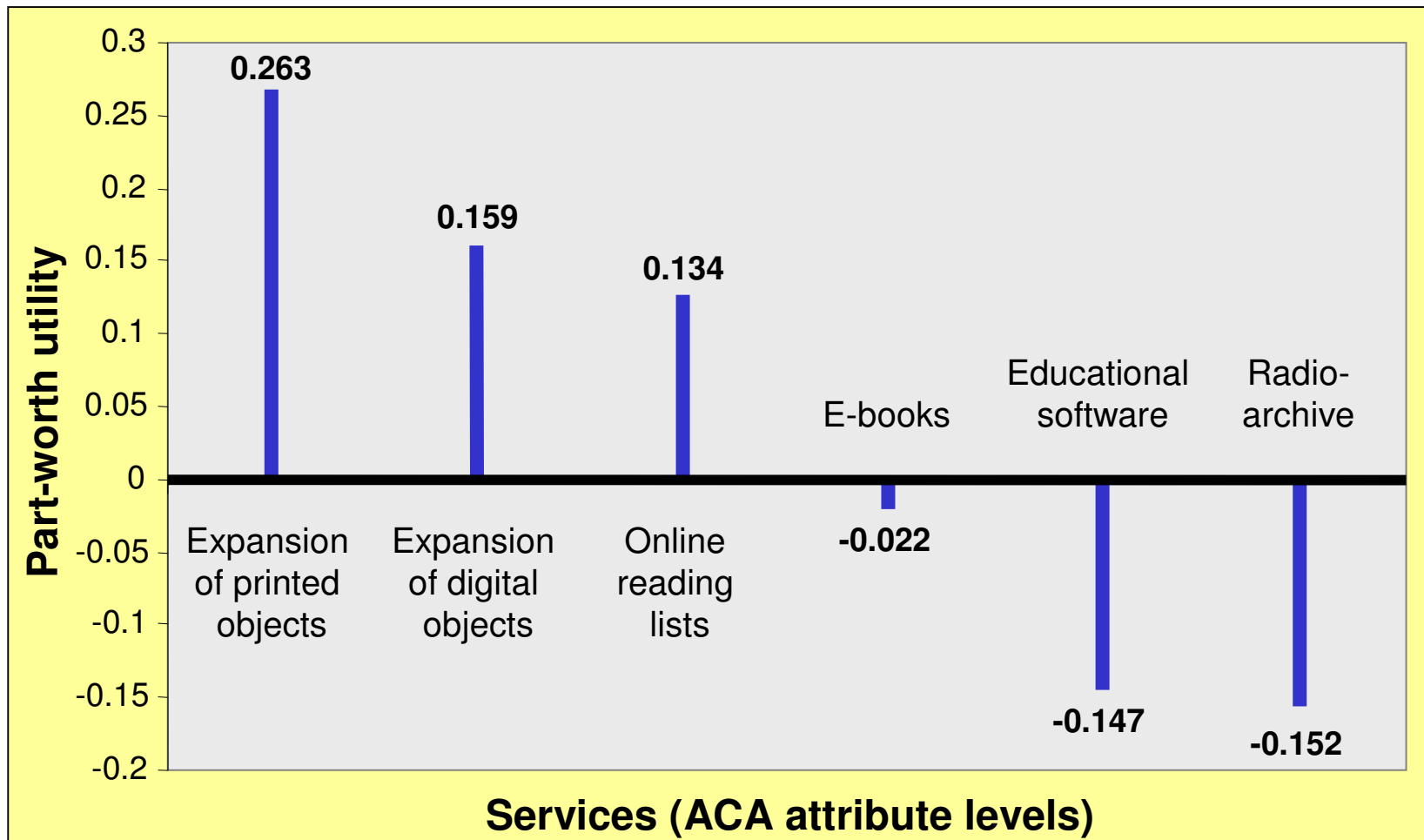
Preference measurement in academic libraries:

	<p>Expansion of printed objects</p> <p>Printed objects are brought into the stock of printed monographs, bibliographies, journals and newspapers.</p>
	<p>Expansion of digital objects</p> <p>Digital objects are brought into the stock of digital media, especially in the area of journals and newspapers.</p>
	<p>Online reading lists</p> <p>Reading lists are offered in the conventional way as well as additionally on-line – i.e. in digitized form.</p>
	<p>Educational software</p> <p>Currently offered, subject specific on-line courses and educational software from external suppliers are provided on CD and DVD.</p>
	<p>Radio archive</p> <p>Currently offered, radio and TV broadcasts relevant to teaching or research (e.g. Horizon) are recorded and made available in digital form.</p>
	<p>E-books</p> <p>The media currently offered, more electronic books will be brought into the library collection and made available on-line.</p>

- ACA and CBC
- $N \geq 3\,500$ (academic library users)

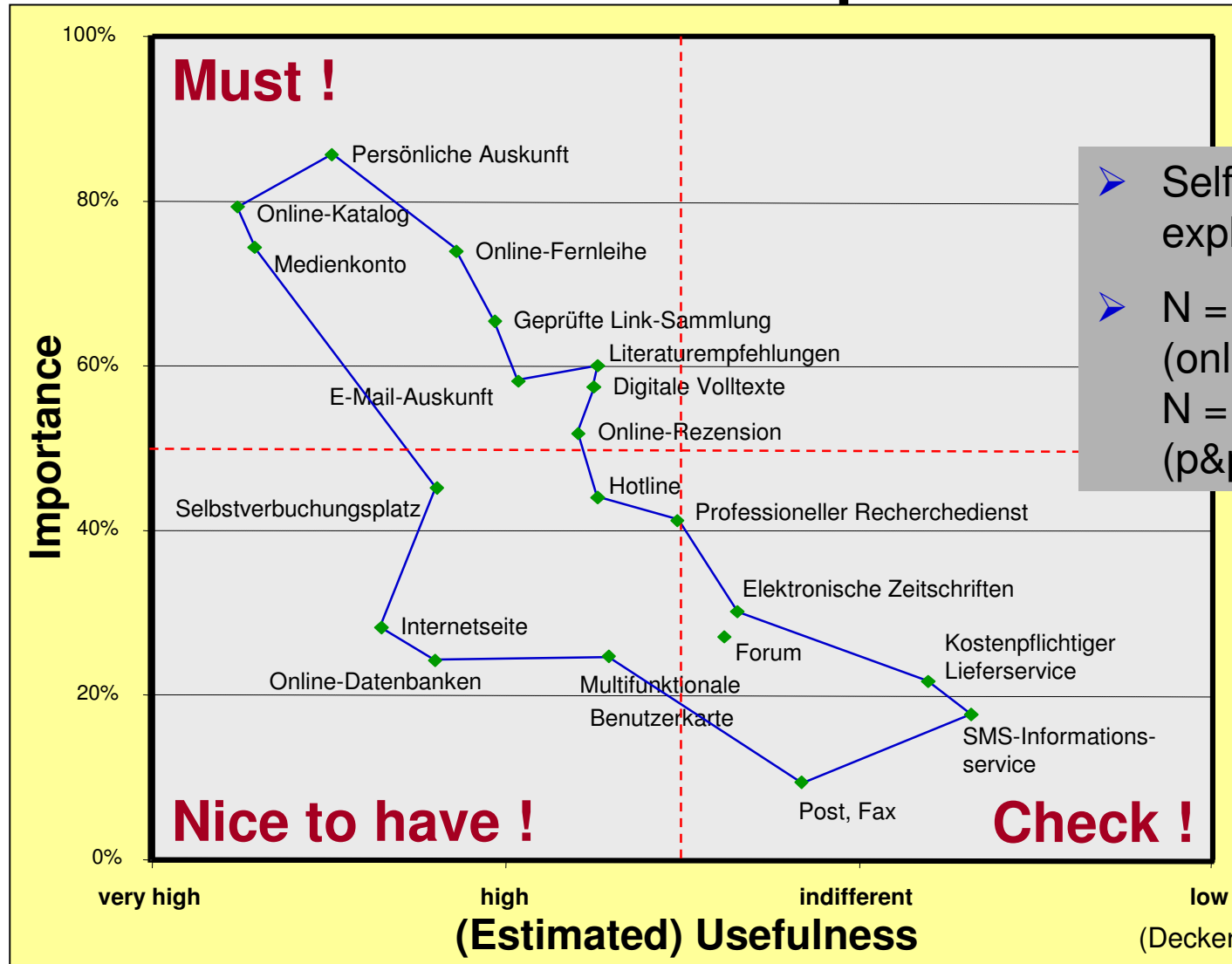
DS with primary data

- Evaluation of service concepts by means of averaged part-worth utilities



DS with primary data

Preference measurement in public libraries:



➤ Self-explanation
➤ N = 1 490 (online)
N = 525 (p&p)

(Decker et al. 2005)



DS with secondary data

Library acquisition budget allocation:

- Circulation database mining with ID3

Department	Concentration	Connection	Budget [NTD]
Public communication	2.1175 (max.)	1.5175 (low)	44 469 (min.)
Industrial management	2.0299 (medium)	2.3211 (low)	61 453 (low)
Fiber engineering	2.0271 (medium)	3.2114 (medium)	80 779 (medium)
Environmental engineering	1.9923 (low)	6.3602 (max.)	149 001 (max.)

Premise: The more a department makes use of its acquired materials in the present, the more budget it can get in the future.

(Kao/Chang/Lin 2003)





DS with secondary data

Pattern mining in media usage data:

- 3773 book profiles (34 items)
- Self-organizing neural network → 11 “prototypes”

Items (short forms of statements)	Prototype 1 (2 655)	Prototype 2 (126)
Number of available copies	1.20	2.10
Number of pages	250	375
Last edition	1.12	2.25
Year of publication	1991	1994
Total number of lendings	0.89	5.25
Number of reservations	0.04	0.66
Number of biweekly lendings	0.13	5.19
Number of copies lent during the term	0.57	3.70

(Decker/Hermelbracht 2004)



Thank You, ... and don't forget

When the wind of change blows,

some build walls,



others windmills.



rdecker@wiwi.uni-bielefeld.de

michael.hoepfner@uni-bielefeld.de