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Trust, Trajectories, and Trade Zones

Navigating a Semiconductor World
in Permanent Crisis

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nexperia disruptions have triggered strategic thought process

Presenting three STRATEGIC WORKING HYPOTHESES
on semi strategy

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Working Hypothesis

- 01 Semiconductors = Critical National Infrastructure
- 02 Interruption is permanent – master *force majeure* events
- 03 Global expansion meets diseconomy of scale

Semiconductors = Critical National Infrastructure

States move into your board room



New focus on national / trade zone interests

Public / private sector alignment increases

Corporate Governance



Transparency and oversight

Ownership

National identity

Global business



Intra-company conflict of interest

Governance overhead

From autonomy to Control



Compare with:
Energy, Water, Telecom,
Transport, Healthcare,
Financial System, Defense

Employment diversity is at risk



Security clearance restrictions

National security / Public service
override

U.N. SDG goals

Conflict areas for critical
infrastructure industries

FOR DISCUSSION

Corporate Governance

Anti-fragile global business design
anticipating conflicting state input

Governance & State Intervention

Company	Measure	Reasons	Consequences
 nvidia	Export Ctrl, 2022 / 2023	Nat' security (US)	Nvidia develops modified portfolio, CN develops alternatives
 nexperia	Leadership + control, 2025	Management issues	time-limited export restrictions (CN), control dispute
 LUMILEDS	Blocked acquisition, 2026	Nat' security, Tech sovereignty (US)	Acquisition / divestiture fail
 ASML	Export restrictions, 2019-2023	Nat' security (US, EU)	Politicized high-tech trade, CN develops alternatives
 ZEISS	Export Ctrl, 2022 / 2023	Allied security, Tech sovereignty (DE, EU)	Western-only access to EUV tech, slowing CN tech progress
 SMIC	Export ban, 2020	Nat' security & sanctions (US)	Forcing Huawei to select SMIC as alternative
 SMIC	Export blacklist, 2020	Nat' security (US)	CN accelerated advanced semiconductor funding program
 micron	Market ban, 2023	Nat' & cybersecurity (CN)	Technology de-coupling (CN), US urging SK not to sell to CN
 Qualcomm	Blocked BDCM takeover, 2018	Nat' security (US)	BDCM relocated HQ to US

 **Lattice** 2017,  **WolfSpeed** 2017,  **HUAWEI** 2019 / 2020

State intervention becomes
a common practice.

Semiconductor & Semiconductor
Manufacturing become state's
critical infrastructure like
defense industry.

Accelerated supply chain
fragmentation across trade zones.

Substantial revenue impacts,
portfolio consequences,
governance changes.



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Interruption is permanent – master force majeure events

Dual sourcing did not prevent line downs – buffering did.



No company maintains idle capex & opex intensive, efficient – high yield – profitable capacity.

Force Majeure Events are a boardroom topic – NOT contractual fine print.



Force Majeure Events demand resilient – NOT efficient supply chains.

Fast Recovery enables anti-fragility.

Considerations for anti-fragile supply chains

Redundancy

Geographic + sovereign diversification

Buffering

On site, in transit, at suppliers, partners, WIP

Supplier collaboration

pre-negotiated emergency MOU / LTSA

In-sourcing / allied trade zone manufacturing

Supply chain disruption – associated costs

Theme	Cost item	What it includes in practice
1. Procurement / input cost	Spot-buy premium Supplier price increase Critical material premium Utility / resource premium	Paying above contracted price to secure constrained parts on the open market or through brokers. Formal list-price hikes, allocation pricing, surcharge-loaded quotations. Higher cost for neon, palladium, helium, bromine, sulfur-derived chemicals, etc. Extra cost for water, electricity, gas, cooling, purification, emergency utilities.
2. Logistics / transport cost	Expedite freight Rerouting premium War-risk / insurance surcharge Delay-related handling cost	Airfreight, express parcel, split shipments, charter solutions to avoid shortages. Longer routes, extra fuel, emergency rebooking, transshipment changes. Additional carrier fees, war-risk premiums, bunker surcharges, conflict surcharges. Demurrage, detention, re-handling, port dwell, special storage.
3. Production / operations cost	Line-down cost Yield / restart loss Substitution / redesign cost Temporary workaround cost	Idle labor, under-absorbed fixed cost, interrupted production, tool downtime. Scrap, requalification lots, slow ramp after outage, restart inefficiency. Re-engineering BOMs, part replacement, PPAP / qualification / testing, software validation. Direct wafer shipping, alternate turnkey flows, temporary packaging / test routes, manual workarounds.
4. Commercial / market impact	Lost sales / lost revenue Lost contribution margin Penalty / service-level cost Customer recovery / retention cost	Orders missed, shipments delayed or cancelled, share loss in the market. Margin forfeited because finished goods cannot be built or shipped. Late-delivery penalties, chargebacks, lost rebates, contractual non-performance. Commercial concessions, price protection, special support to preserve accounts.
5. Inventory / working capital cost	Safety-stock build cost Inventory carrying cost Buffer stock write-down	Intentional inventory build to improve time-to-survive. Financing cost, warehousing, insurance, obsolescence risk. Excess inventory acquired at crisis prices that later devalues.
6. Governance / compliance / finance cost	Sanctions / export-control compliance cost Quality / authenticity assurance cost Hedging / financing cost	Legal review, screening, transaction restructuring, entity-list management. Extra controls where source chain integrity or site oversight is uncertain. Higher cash needs, bridge inventory funding, FX effects, commodity / energy hedging.
7. Strategic / long-tail cost	Dual-sourcing enablement cost Localization / footprint-shift cost Opportunity cost of delayed launches	New supplier development, audits, qualifications, tooling, engineering transfers. Moving packaging / test or fab load, adding regional capacity, duplication of footprint. Deferred new products, delayed qualifications, missed design-in windows.

Former incidents





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Divergent technology regulations



by trade sphere demand portfolio customization.

Portfolio

becomes incompatible in foreign trade spheres.



Management attention



is diluted from business to complex governance, export control, sanctions, public sector stakeholder management, subsidies,...

"Local-for-Local"

implies multiplied (capex intensive) investments for separate supply chains – risk: smaller ROIC.



STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

How much globalization do you want to afford at what profit ?

What's your position with the tech spheres around: US, CN, EU, emerging players IN, SEA, Global South, GCC / MENA...?

How can you go deep vs. broad in your *home* trade sphere?

The New World Order

TRADE SPHERE

U.S. centric

MENA

SEA

EU centric

China centric

Emerging

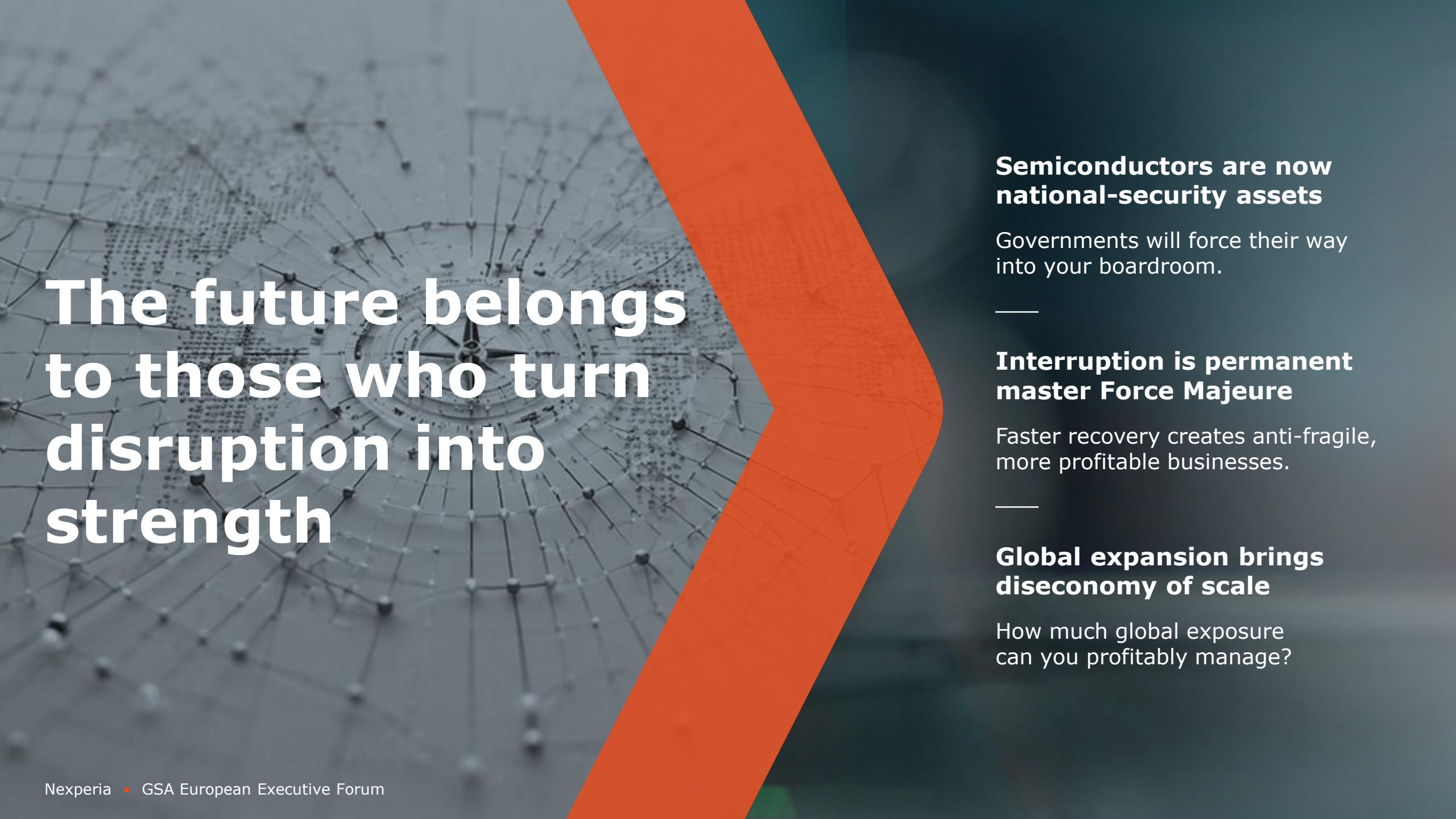


DYNAMIC ALLIANCES

National Interests

Free trade zones

Global politics



The future belongs to those who turn disruption into strength

Semiconductors are now national-security assets

Governments will force their way
into your boardroom.

Interruption is permanent master Force Majeure

Faster recovery creates anti-fragile,
more profitable businesses.

Global expansion brings diseconomy of scale

How much global exposure
can you profitably manage?