

# From blue skies to pots of gold at the end of the rainbow

## Successful Collaborations between Research & Industry

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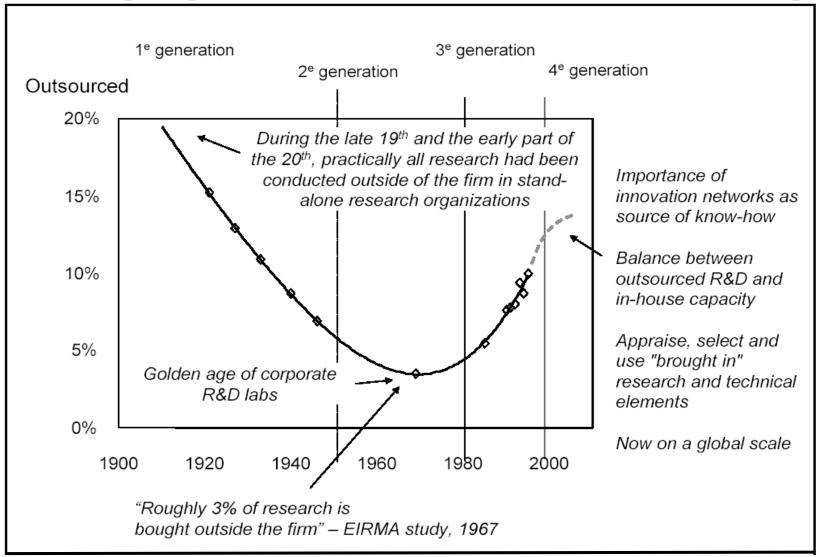
### **Responsible Partnering**

Joining Forces in a World of Open Innovation

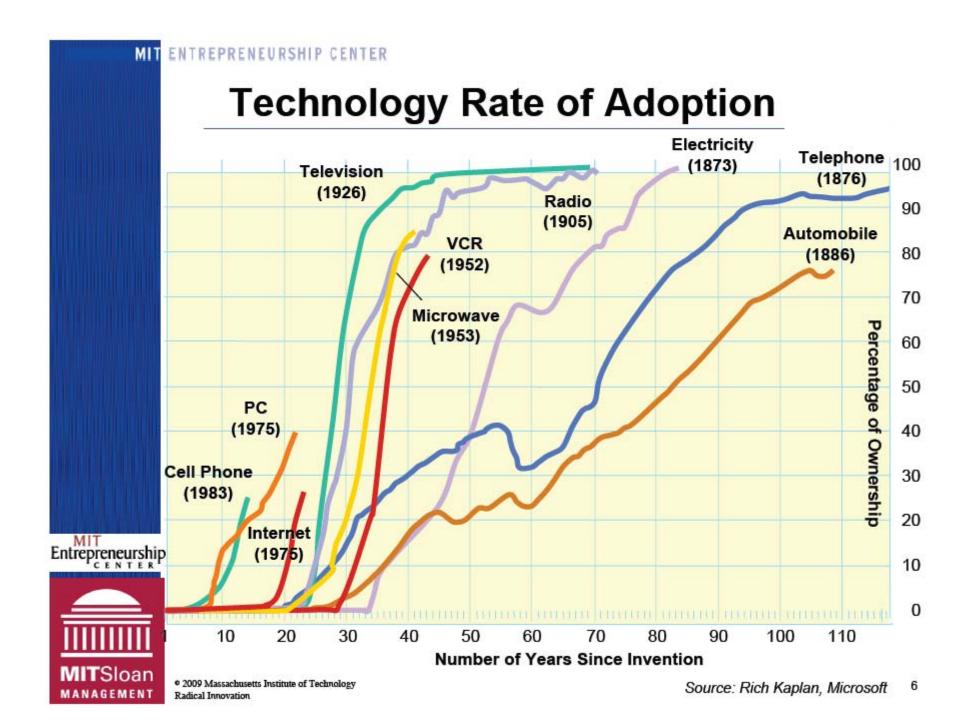
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### **Changing Patterns of R&D Outsourcing**







## Financial over-valuation of start-ups & soft assets

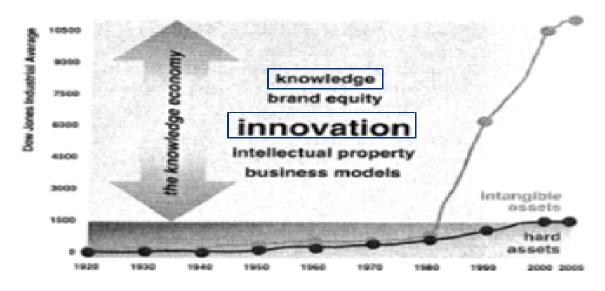


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The Knowledge Economy, 1920 - 2005

Beginning in 1980, investors recognized knowledge assets as much more important than hard assets.

- The end of knowledge monopoly (US trends) :
  - Patents held by individuals and small firms grew from 5 to 20% (1970-1992)
  - Over 50% of 1999 research was made in companies smaller than 25 000 people (30% in 1981)
  - 45% of patents held by non US companies in 1999

### US R&D spendings in 1998193 bn USD

Government funded 30%

Industry66%

Universities2%

Other (non profit)2%



### 1. Foster strong institutions

10. View innovation as trans-disciplinary

- 9. Provide relevant training
  - 8. Achieve effective IP
- 7. Use standard practices & communicate regularly
  - 6. Establish clear intent

2. Align interests

- 3. Treat collobaration strategically
  - 4. Organize for lasting relationships
- 5. Provide the right professional skills

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## 10 (obvious ?) guidelines "for open innovation partnership"... but...



### **Build the base professionaly...**

- Objective
- Scope
- Resources
- Funding
- Governance
- Reporting

- Publication/Confidentiality
- Access to background IP
- Ownership of foreground IP
- Patent policy
- Compensation
- Diligence

Without loosing the purpose of long term partnership



♦ Take care of the details... where the devil sits...

- ... « fair compensation »
- ... « best effort »
- ... « good faith »
- ... « reasonable terms »

#### ... Build trust



# Who to partner with? ....Identifying the right one...

- Networks
- Publications
- Patents
- Conferences/Seminars
- **♦ EU frame work programs**
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#### Connecting the <u>right expertises</u> and the <u>right people</u>



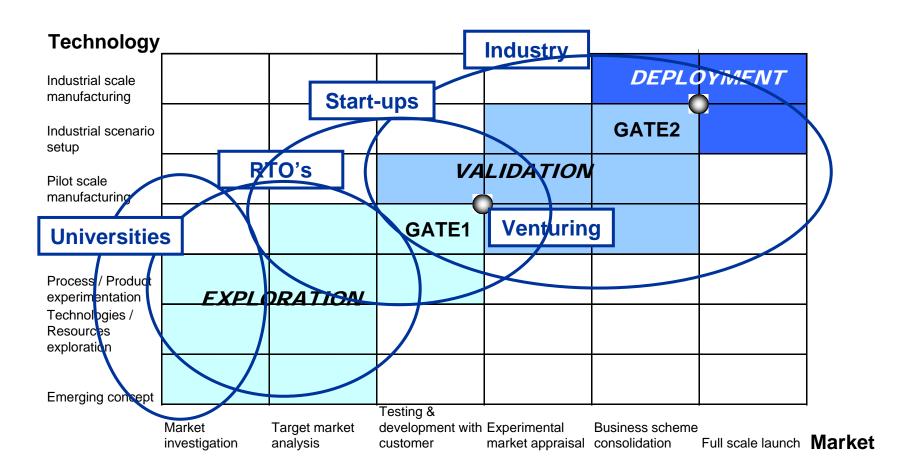
# Where to partner? Europe? USA? Asia?

- Industry has to follow it's markets... universities and RTO's have to extend their networks either...
- Cultural mismatch must be offset to succeed... it needs time...
- Industry don't focus (only) on cost for mid-long term
   R&D

Universities, RTO's and industry must grow together globally

#### RTO's & INDUSTRY AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

### Complementary skills to be connected...



# Industry & RTO's... must grow together 10 (better 5!) years ahead!

#### Universities & RTO's...

- WW Networks of excellence...
- Creating small businesses...
- ◆ Trading knowledge...

#### **Industry**

- Addressing global markets needs
- Growing businesses
- ◆ Trading IP

... With strong Science, strong Industry, strong Institutions we can do it... if well connected



### Thank you!



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