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STREAM Joint Training Course

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Innovation Management and Technological Competence Leveraging

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- Introduction of WU Vienna and the lecturers
- Overview of the summer school
 - What's the logic of the program?
 - What to expect from the next 4 days?
 - What's the idea behind the „real life project assignment“ (2nd Joint Training Course)?
- Session on Technology Transfer & Creativity

WU Vienna in numbers:

- ▶ + 22,000 students (Europe's biggest business school)
- ▶ + 6,000 international students
- ▶ + 600 faculty
- ▶ 500 non-academic staff
- ▶ 5 bachelor programs
- ▶ 14 master programs
- ▶ 3 doctoral/PHD programs
- ▶ 7 special focus research fields (among them open and user innovation)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION



- ▶ founded in 2002
- ▶ 2 Profs, 2 Post-docs, 11 Prae-docs, approx. 100 external guest professors and lecturers
- ▶ +1000 alumni and 250 current students
- ▶ Bachelor and master level program, MBA together with the Technical University Vienna
- ▶ Host of the Entrepreneurship Center Network, the University Knowledge Transfer Centers
- ▶ Research cooperations with MIT, Harvard Business School, Copenhagen Business School, Technical University Munich, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Bocconi University, etc
- ▶ + 35 consulting projects per semester



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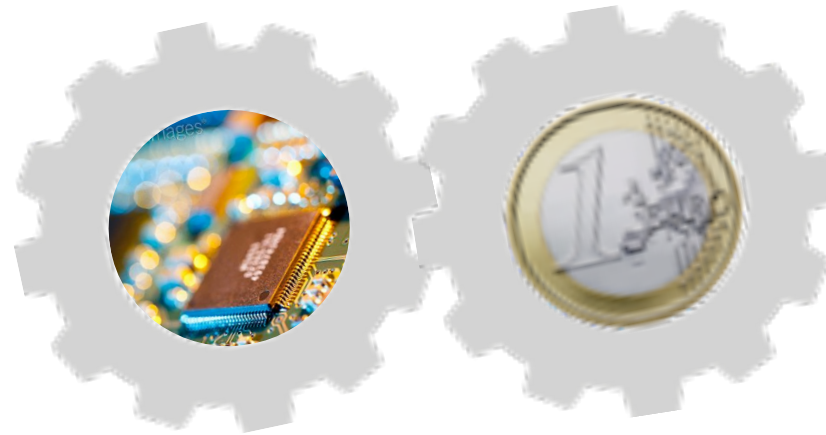
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- ▶ Midterm Reporting coach



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- ▶ Science Communicator
- ▶ Founder Science Slams Austria

Innovation = Invention + Implementation



Different levels

- ▶ Bridging the gap between people from different disciplines, e.g. physicists and business people
- ▶ Bridging the gap between science and industry

Work package 6 aims at identifying market opportunities for Smart CMOS sensors and developing commercialization strategies.

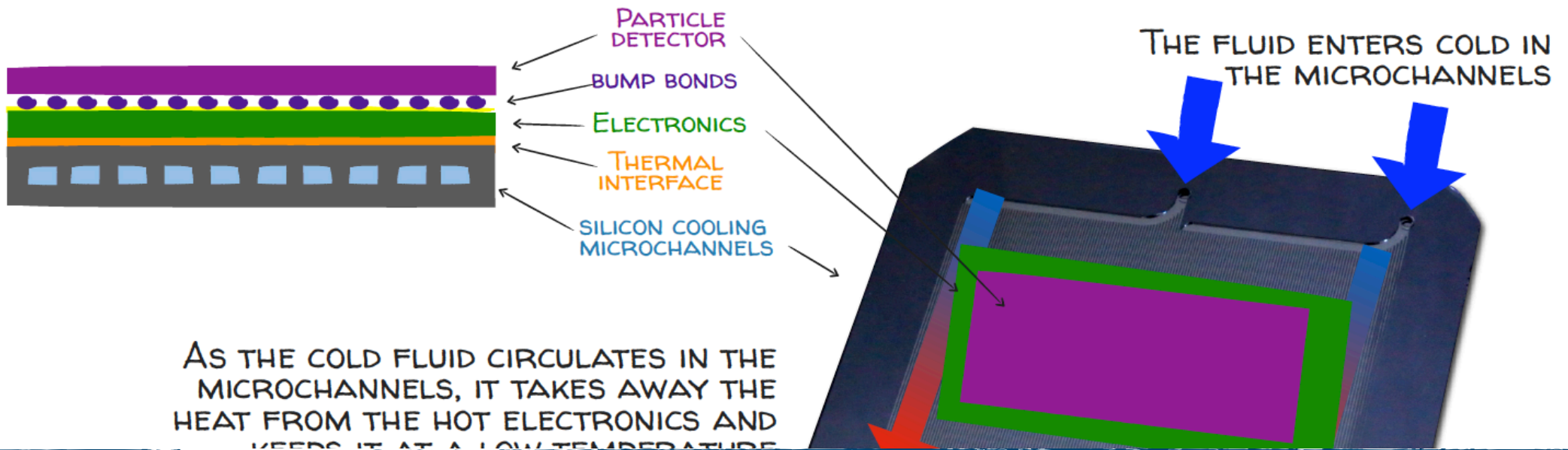
Work package name

- ▶ Technology valorization

Work package team

- ▶ Peter Keinz (Work package leader)
- ▶ Evgeniia Filippova (ESR 16)
- ▶ Barbara Mehner (ESR 17)





Deliverables and Milestones



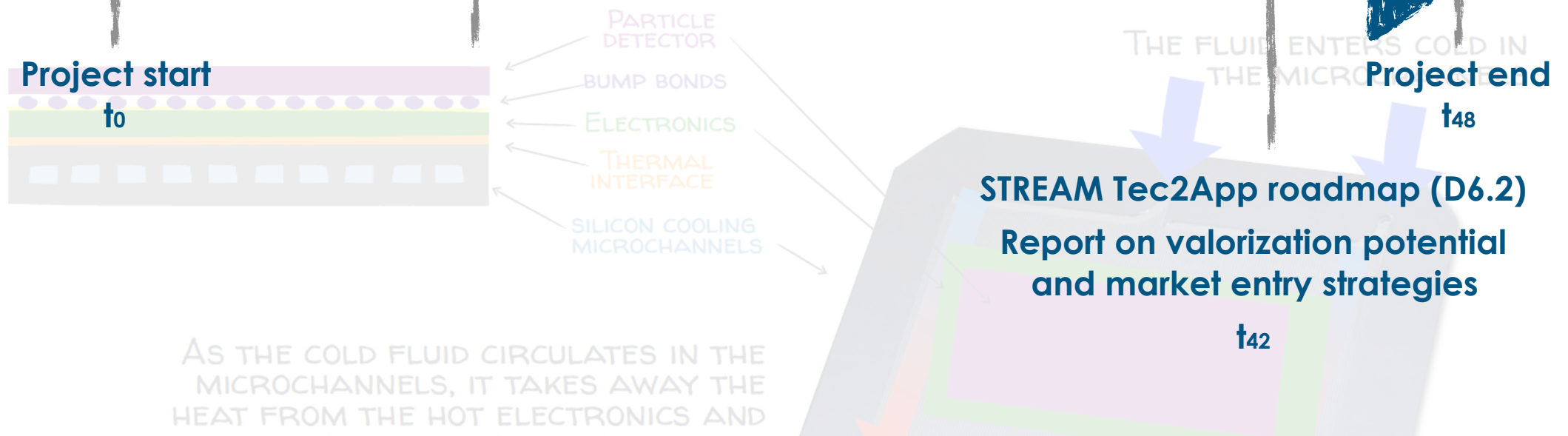
Work Package 6 comprises two formal deliverables.

Innovation management and entrepreneurship training (D6.1)

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Business planning and modeling course (MS10)

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Structure of the program

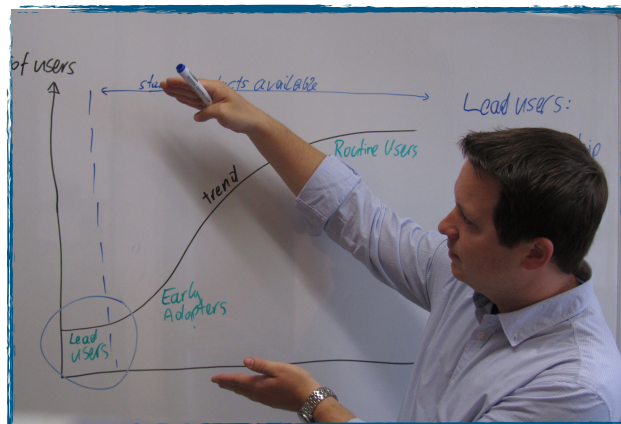


The training will consist of a four-days workshop including theory input and case studies.

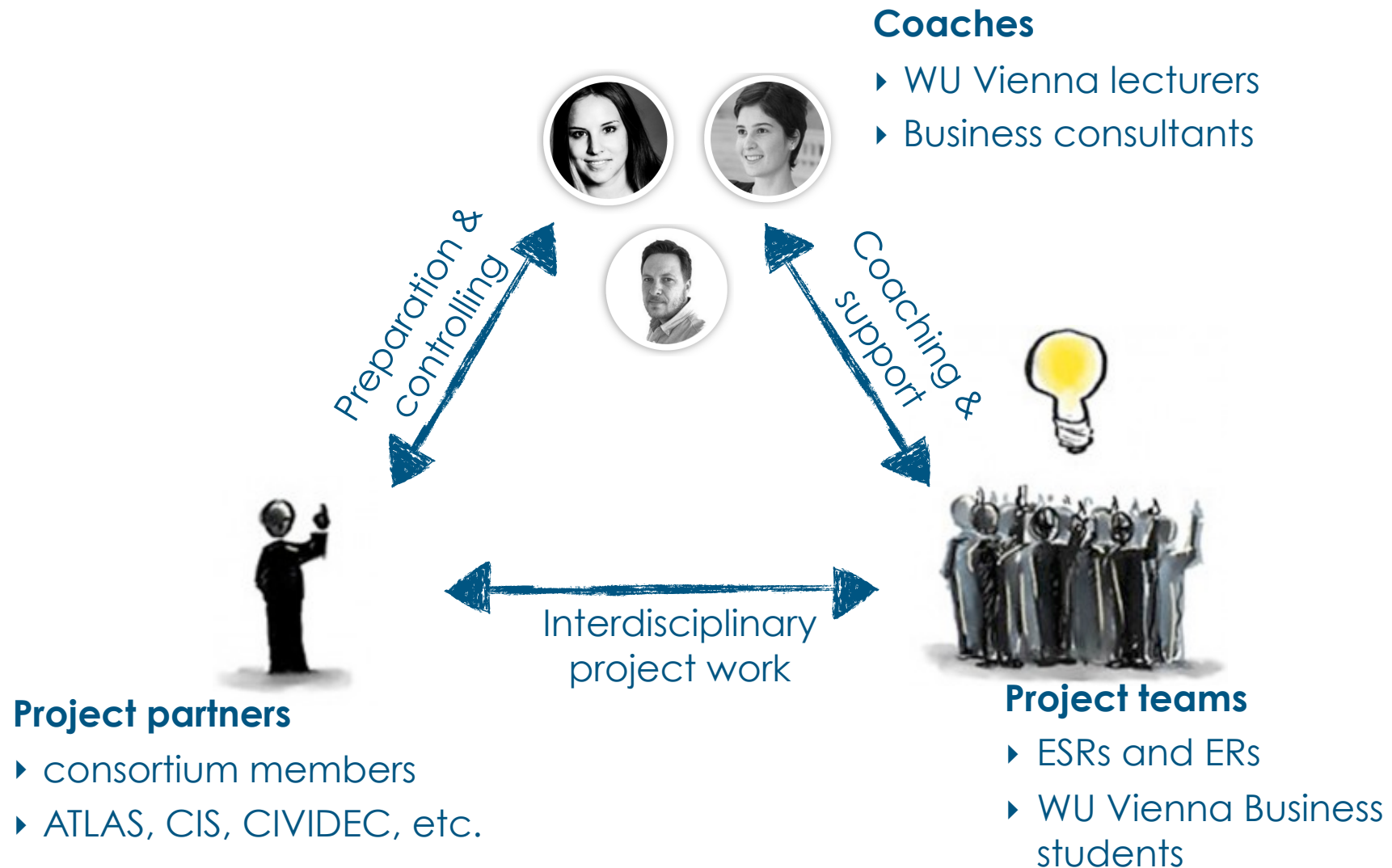
Structure



Didactical concept



During the winter semester, the ESRs will participate in real-life KTT projects hosted at WU Vienna and conducted by business students.



What's in for you (and the STREAM consortium)?



Please do a little brainstorming (individually) and come up with reasons on why this program makes sense (for you as well as for the STREAM consortium itself).



- ▶ Individual exercise
- ▶ Timeline: max. 5 minutes

What's in for you (and the STREAM consortium)?



Formal benefits

- ▶ 8 ECTS
- ▶ Certificate of attendance
- ▶ Official training event for midterm report

Informal benefits

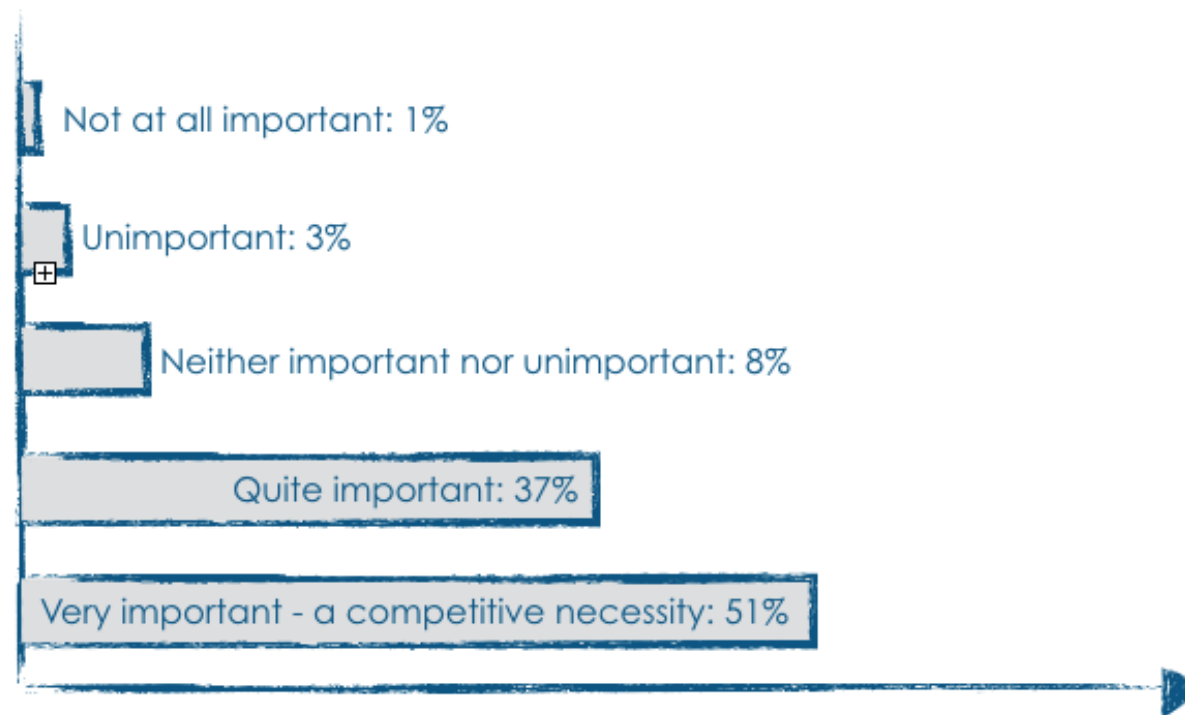
- ▶ Interdisciplinary collaboration (network!)
 - ▶ Insights into innovation and technology management
 - ▶ Experience through participation in a real-life KT project
- > increase in your employability
- ▶ Preparation for own start-up / spin-off



Innovation Management makes a difference!

Innovation Management as an organizational success factor

How important is innovation to the success of your company?



Increasing the ESRs' capabilities and networks

- ▶ Get to know state-of-the-art management methods
- ▶ Collaborate with partners from industry (potential employers, customers, etc.)

Relevant stakeholders expect us to think about KTT.

Formal “requirement”

- ▶ The EC regards KTT as an integral part of ITNs

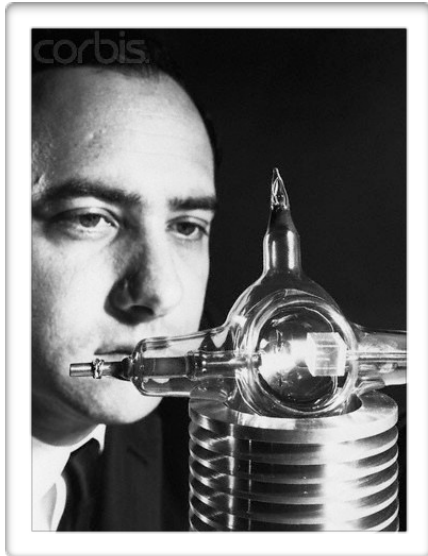
CERN’s mandate to do KTT

- ▶ *“Knowledge transfer is an inherent component of CERN’s mission and culture: it fuels scientific collaboration and great technological endeavors alike; it drives innovation, motivates future generations of scientists, and makes the general public aware of the impact of basic science on their lives.”*

Let's start with a quiz!



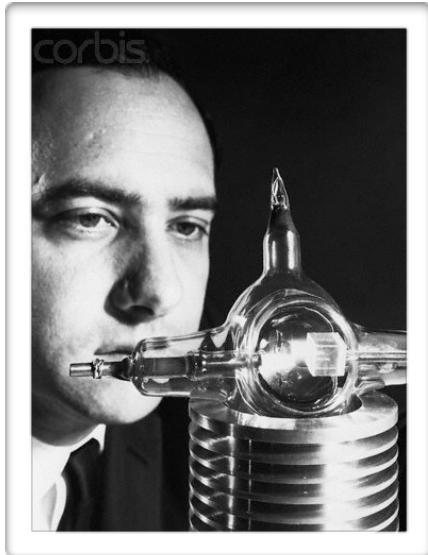
Do you know these two guys?



The challenge of finding (new) applications



Inventors are not necessarily good at coming-up with application ideas.



Theodore Maiman, inventor of the „laser technology“

- ▶ 1960: development of first ruby laser
- ▶ Employer: „laser is a solution to a problem that does not exist“
- ▶ After a publication in „Nature“, laser technology gains importance

Spencer Silver, inventor of the „post-it“

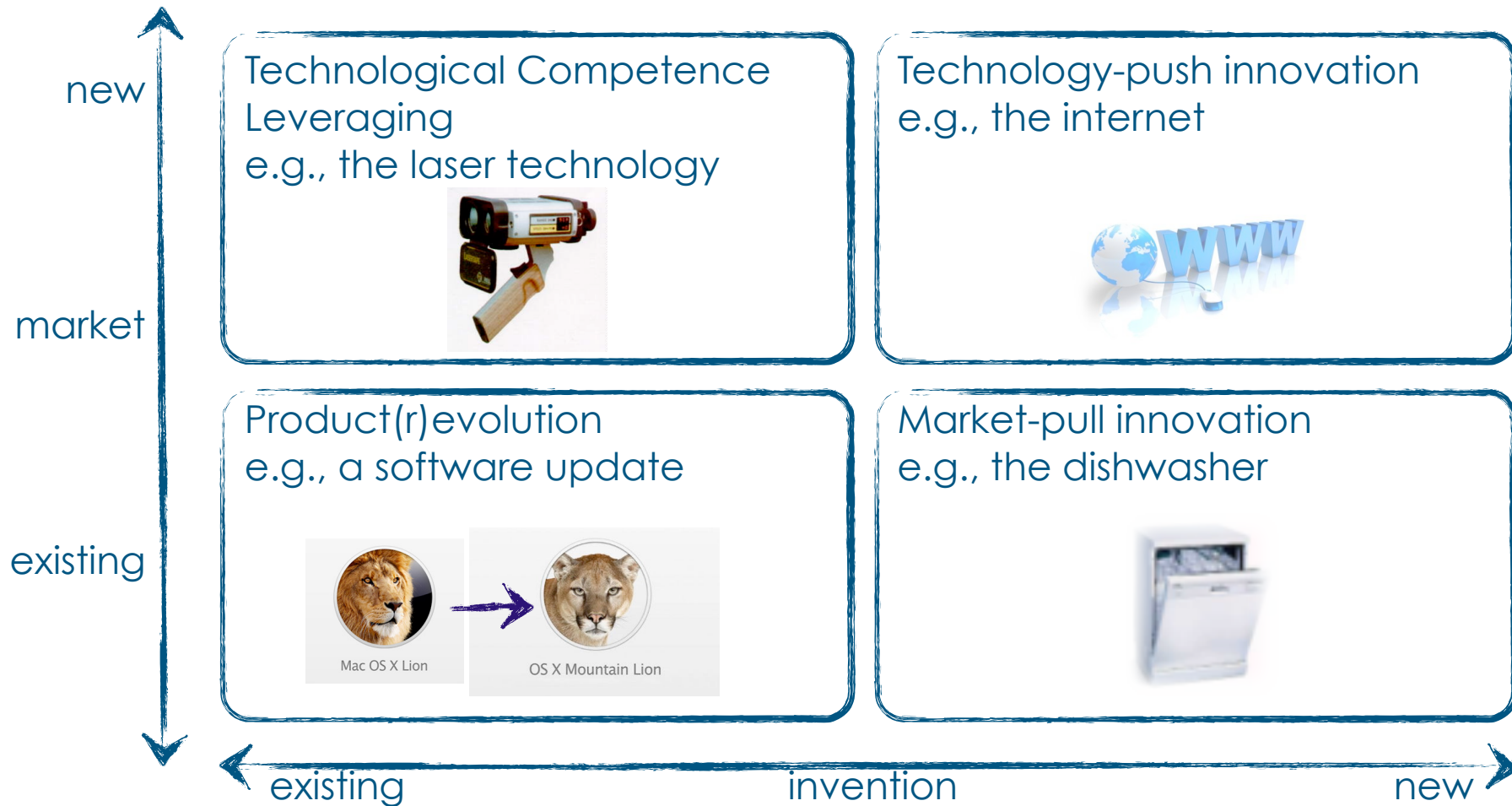
- ▶ 1968: 3M invents an easy-to-apply and remove adhesive
- ▶ No obvious use for this invention
- ▶ Business Idea: A colleague used it to attach bookmarks in his songbook



Innovation strategies



Innovation strategies aim at matching inventions with market opportunities.




Motives to conduct Technological Competence Leveraging vary in dependency of the organization's nature.

Motives of enterprises

- ▶  return on investment
- ▶  capacity utilization
- ▶  strategic dependency from certain markets
- ▶ identification of best business opportunity
- ▶ gaining VC / funds

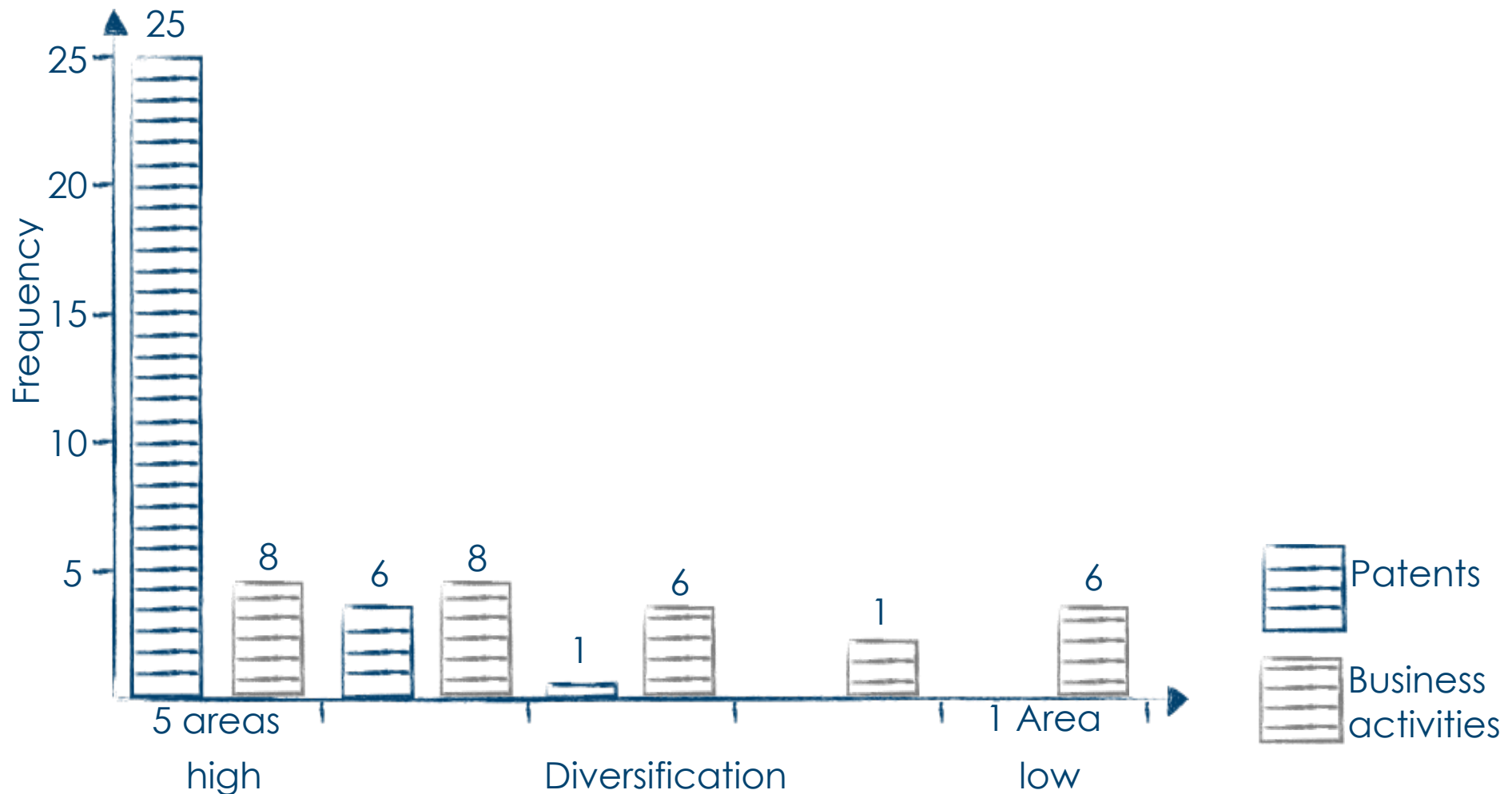
Motives of research organizations

- ▶  reputation
- ▶ new collaborations (know-how insourcing)
- ▶ mandate to create value for society
- ▶ support in fundraising

“Under-utilization“ is a wide-spread phenomenon



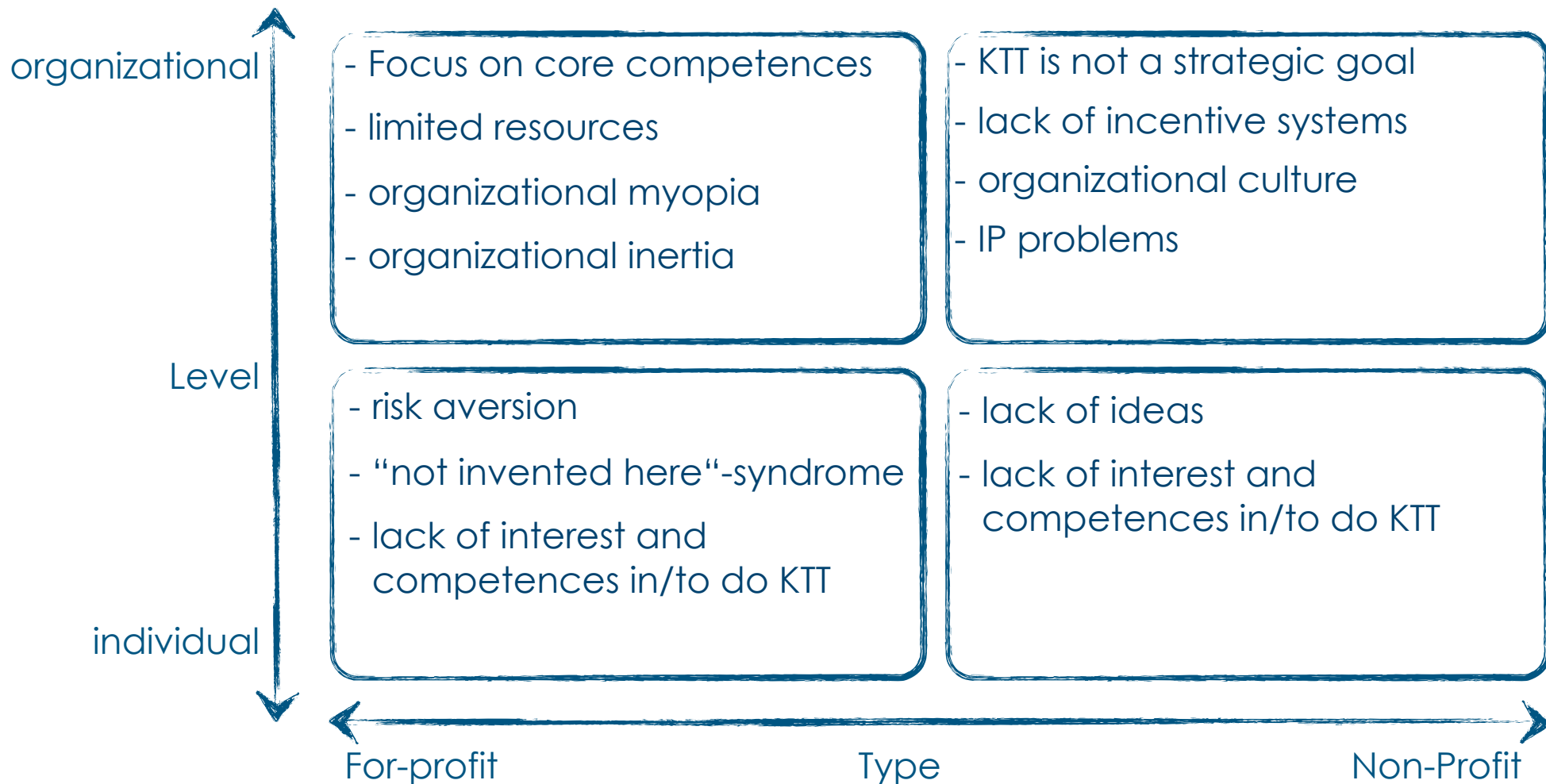
A study among 32 European and US electronic-goods companies show that technical diversification is high while market diversification is low.



Reasons for “Under-utilization“



There are several organizational and psychological barriers that hinder companies from leveraging their technologies effectively.

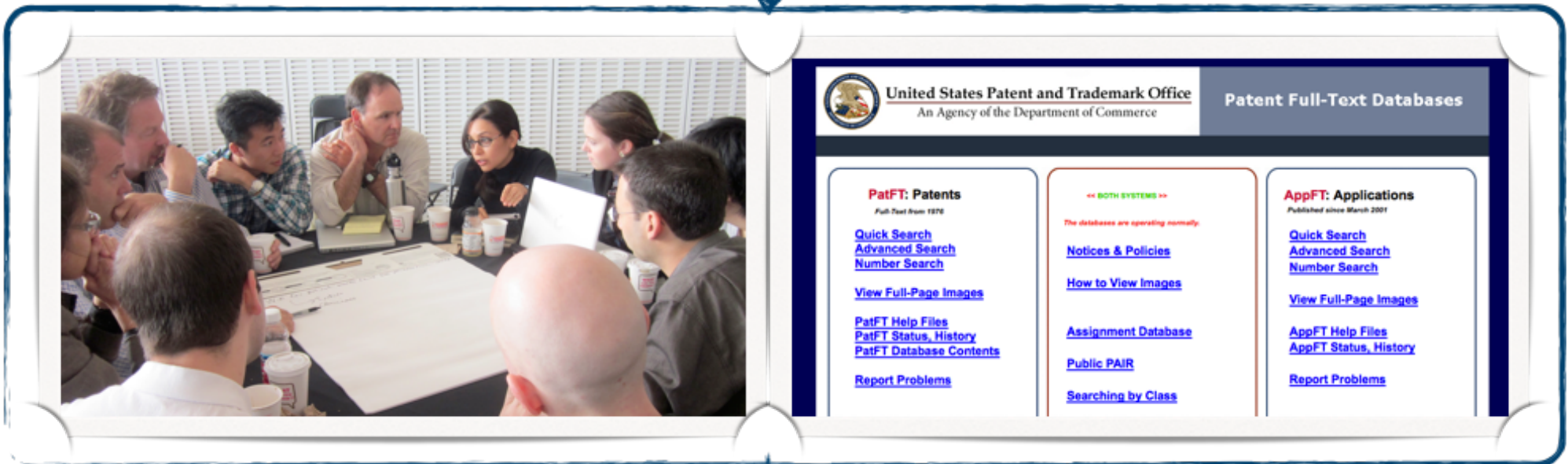


Common approaches to TCL



Most companies follow two “traditional” approaches when trying to identify new fields of application to existing technologies.

Technology

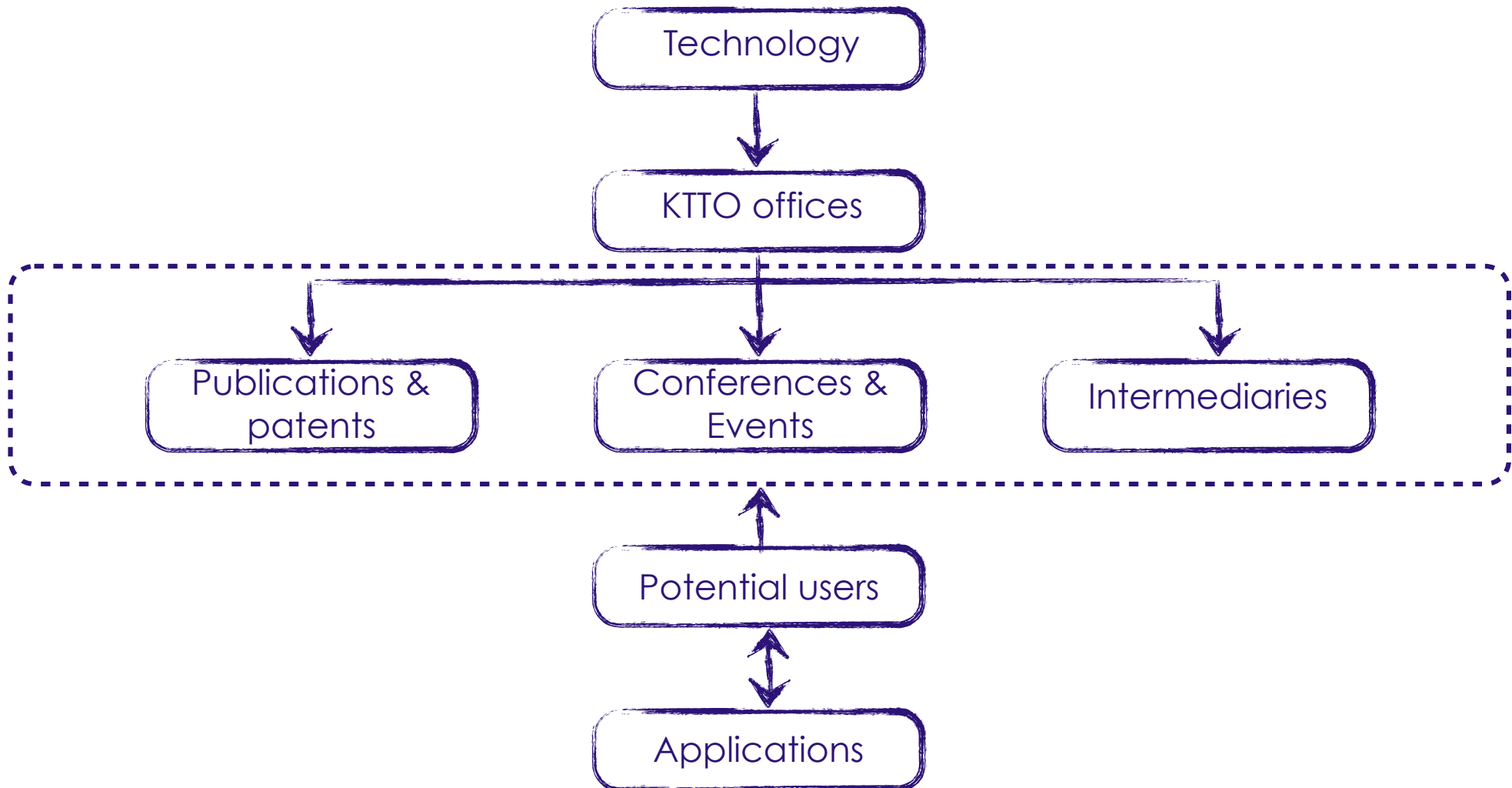


Application

The state-of-the-art in TCL



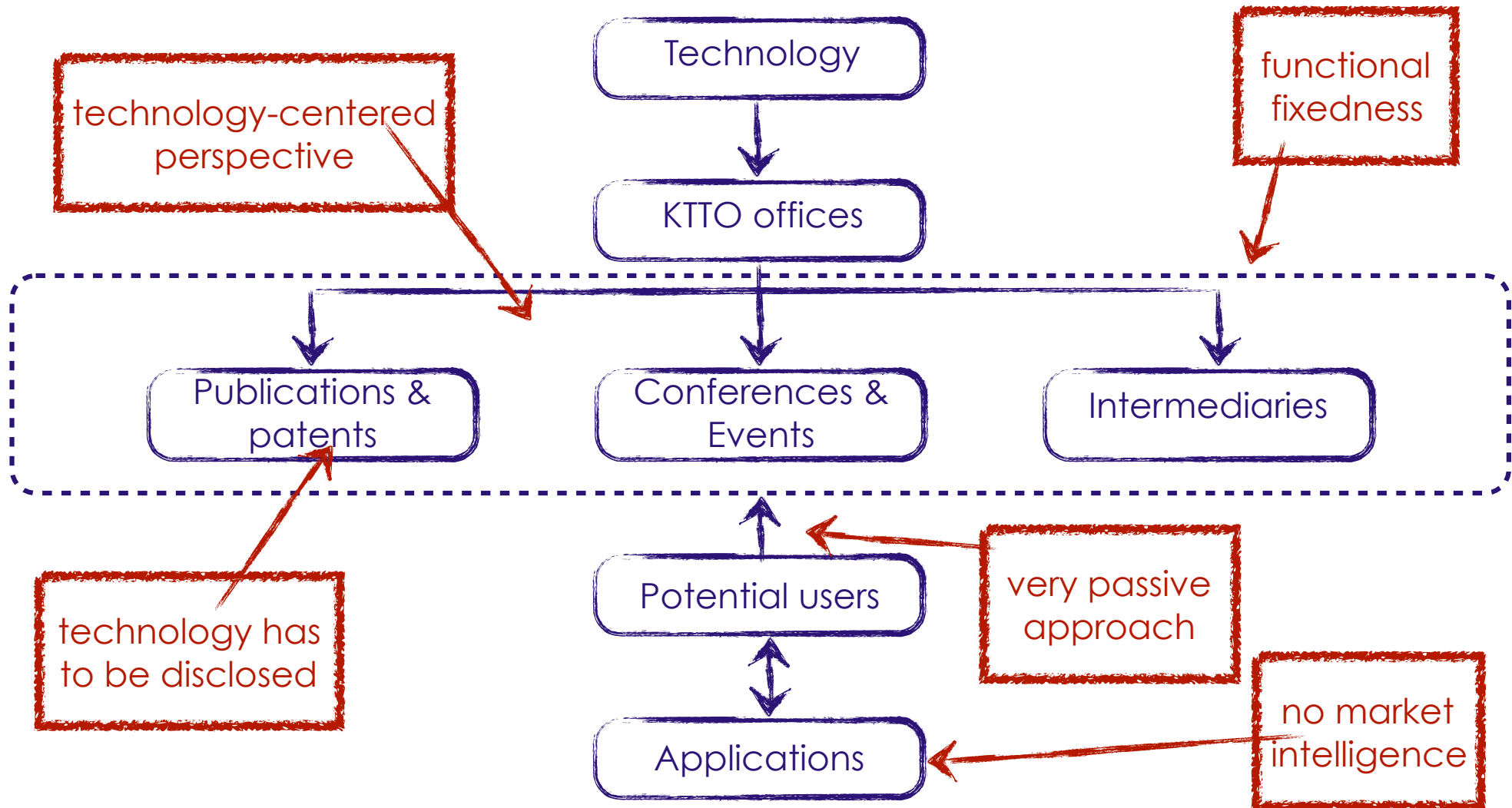
Some companies draw on more advanced activities in order to identify new applications to existing technologies.



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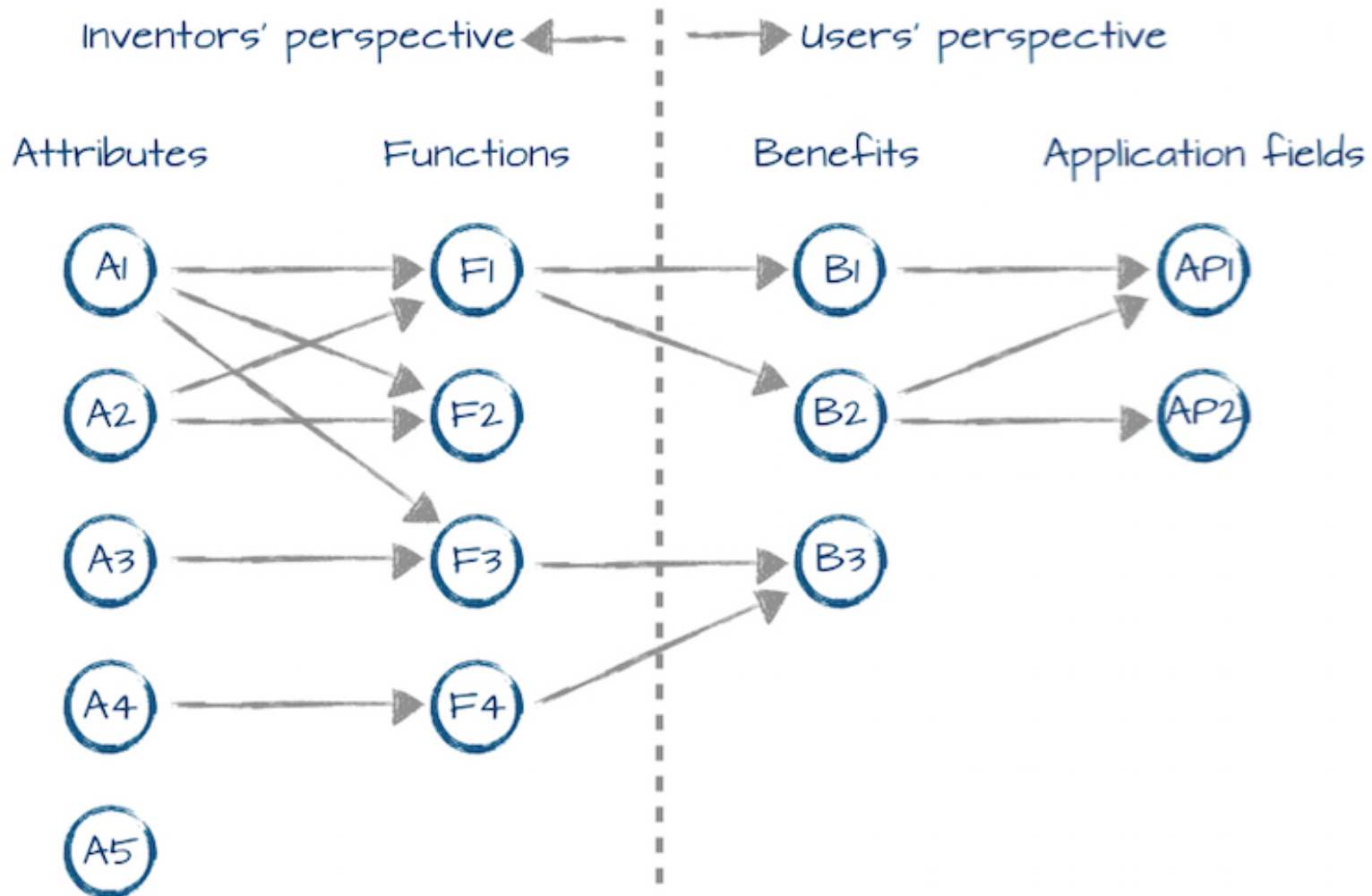
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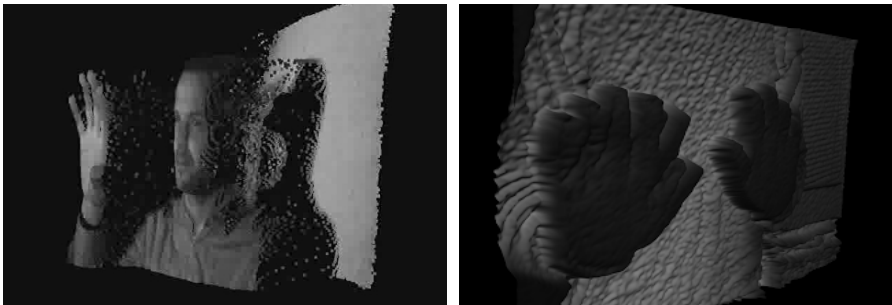
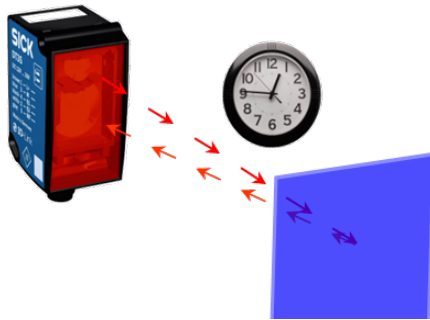


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Technological perspective:

“...communicate features instead of benefits, leaving the cognitively challenging tasks of understanding the [...] technology as well as linking it with a potential market [...] to future users .”

Technology:



Typical description:

HDDM Technology (High Definition Distance Measurement)

HDDM is a statistical time-of-flight measurement technology

Statistical evaluation of several 100 pulses in each measurement cycle to get one measurement value

HDDM offers economical but highly accurate & reliable time of flight measurement

Coded sending sequences of Dx35 assure unique measurement and avoid cross talk when using several sensors

Problem 2: Local Search Bias



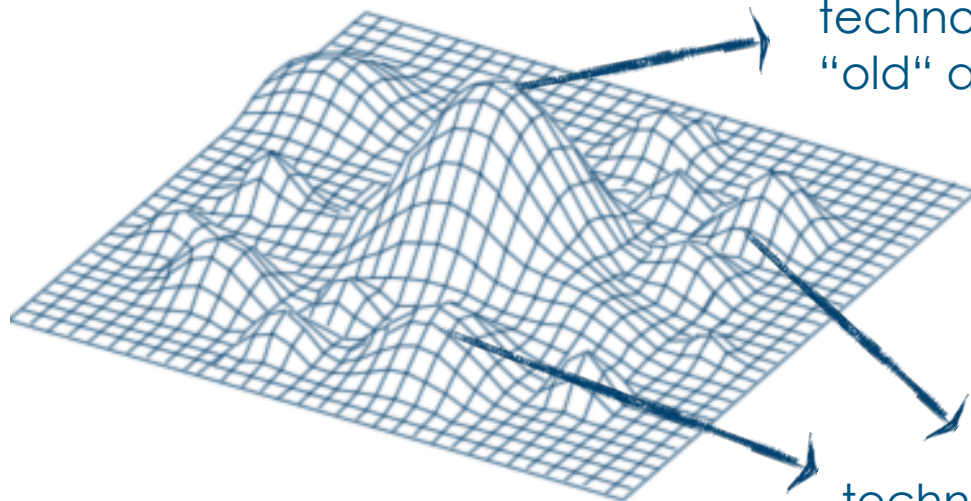
The *Local Search Bias* - also referred to as *Functional Fixedness* - limits the organization's creativity in finding far analogous application fields.

Local search:

"...the behavior of any firm or entity to search for solutions in the neighborhood of its current expertise or knowledge."

Limited creativity

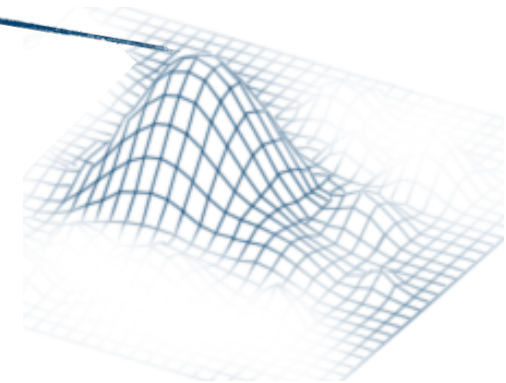
KTT solution space



Benefits of the technology in the "old" application

Benefits of the technology in "new" applications

Organizational search space



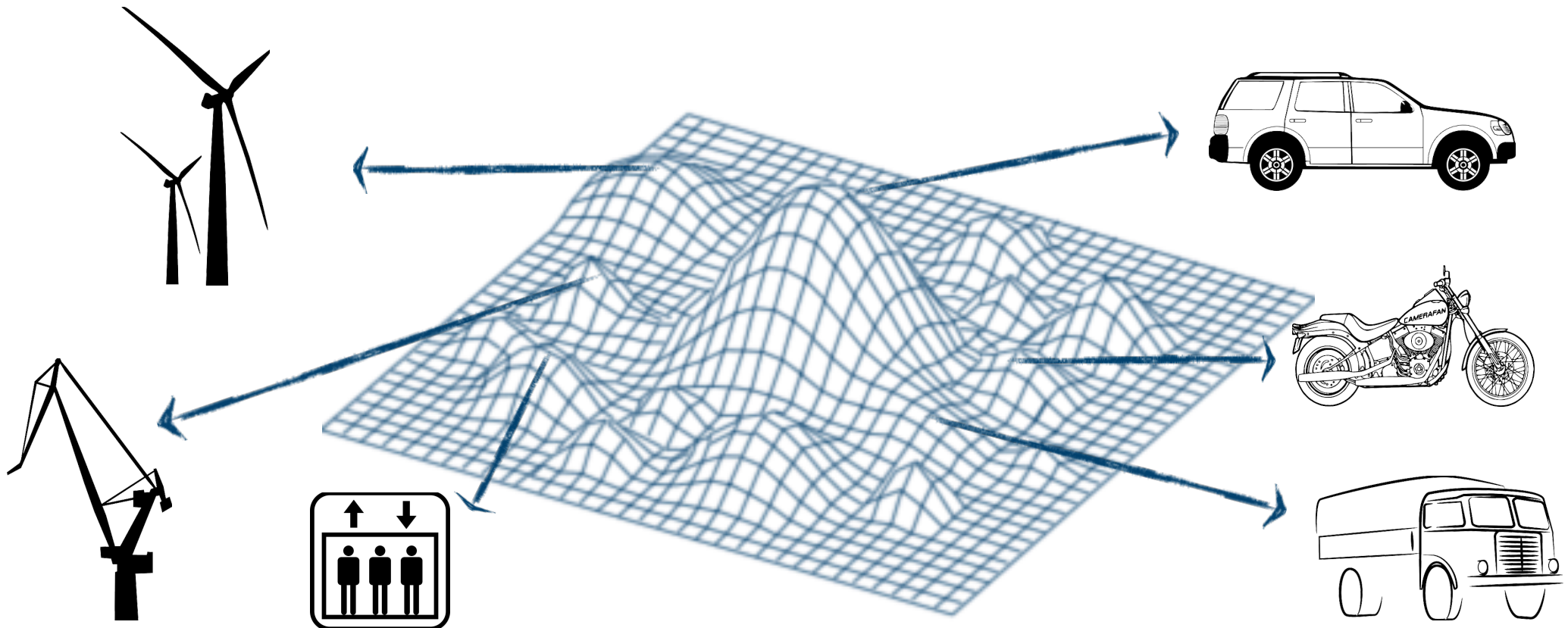
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Once a company overcomes the Local Search Bias, it can identify a whole lot of new applications.

The case of Magna Powertrain:

—> high-performance gear-boxes from the automotive industry might be needed in off-shore wind parks as well as in escalators



User Community-based Technological Competence Leveraging is a new approach to identify and evaluate alternative fields of application to existing technologies.



- use experience
- no functional fixedness



- market intelligence
- no need for disclosure

The HCID technology is a sensor-embedded glove looking for viable applications.

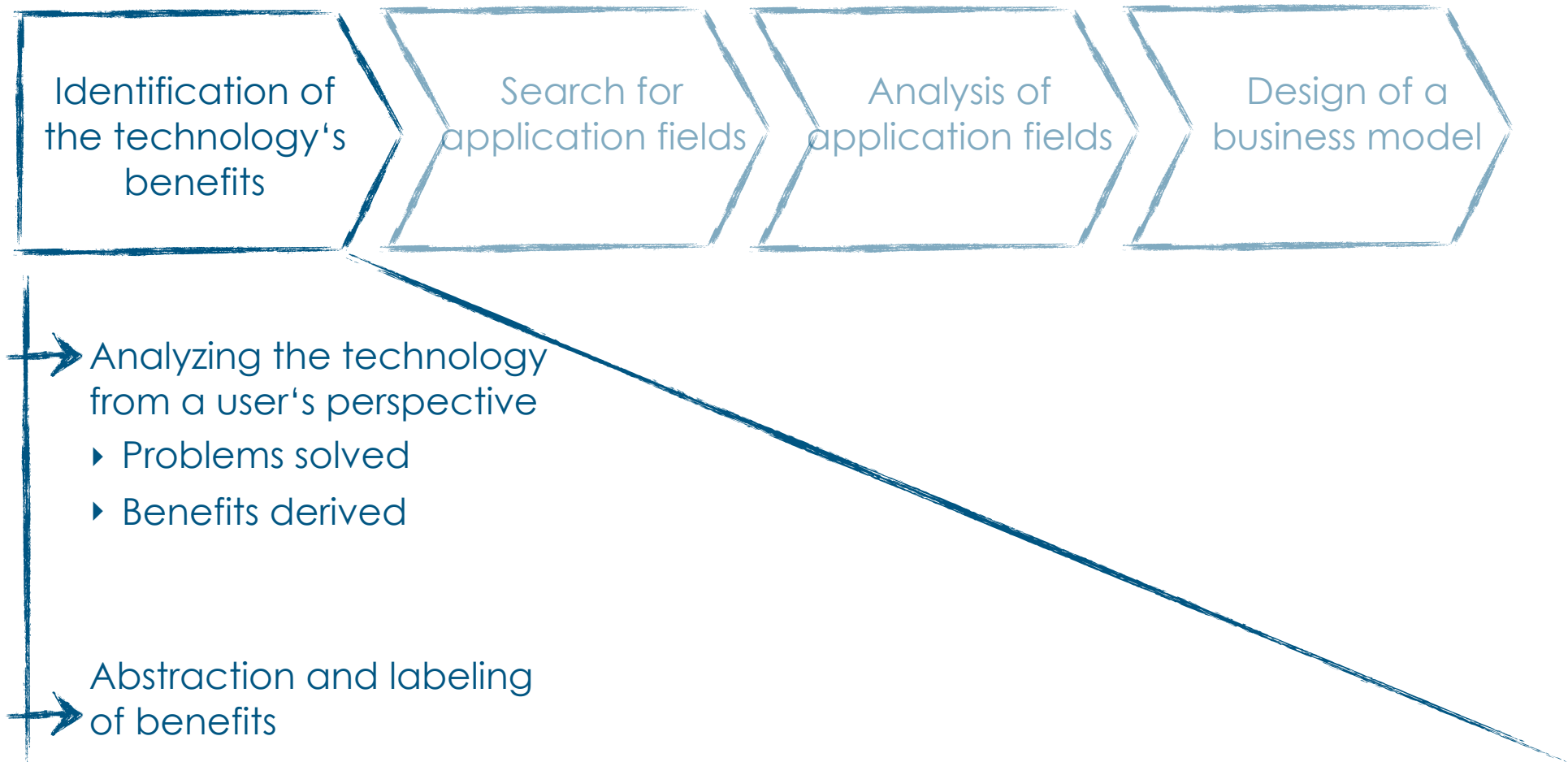


FEATURES

- ▶ HCID technology
- ▶ developed by RallyPoint (MIT alumni)
- ▶ capable of recognizing intuitive single-handed gestures
- ▶ US Army as strategic partner and VC investor

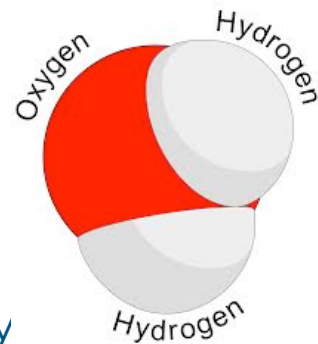
How to increase ROI by systematically exploiting business opportunities in non-military applications?

The first step is about looking at the technology from a user's perspective.



Distinguishing between attributes and benefits is not easy and should be done by applying three indicators.

Attributes



- ▶ describe the technology
- ▶ are independent from specific applications
- ▶ can be measured

Benefits

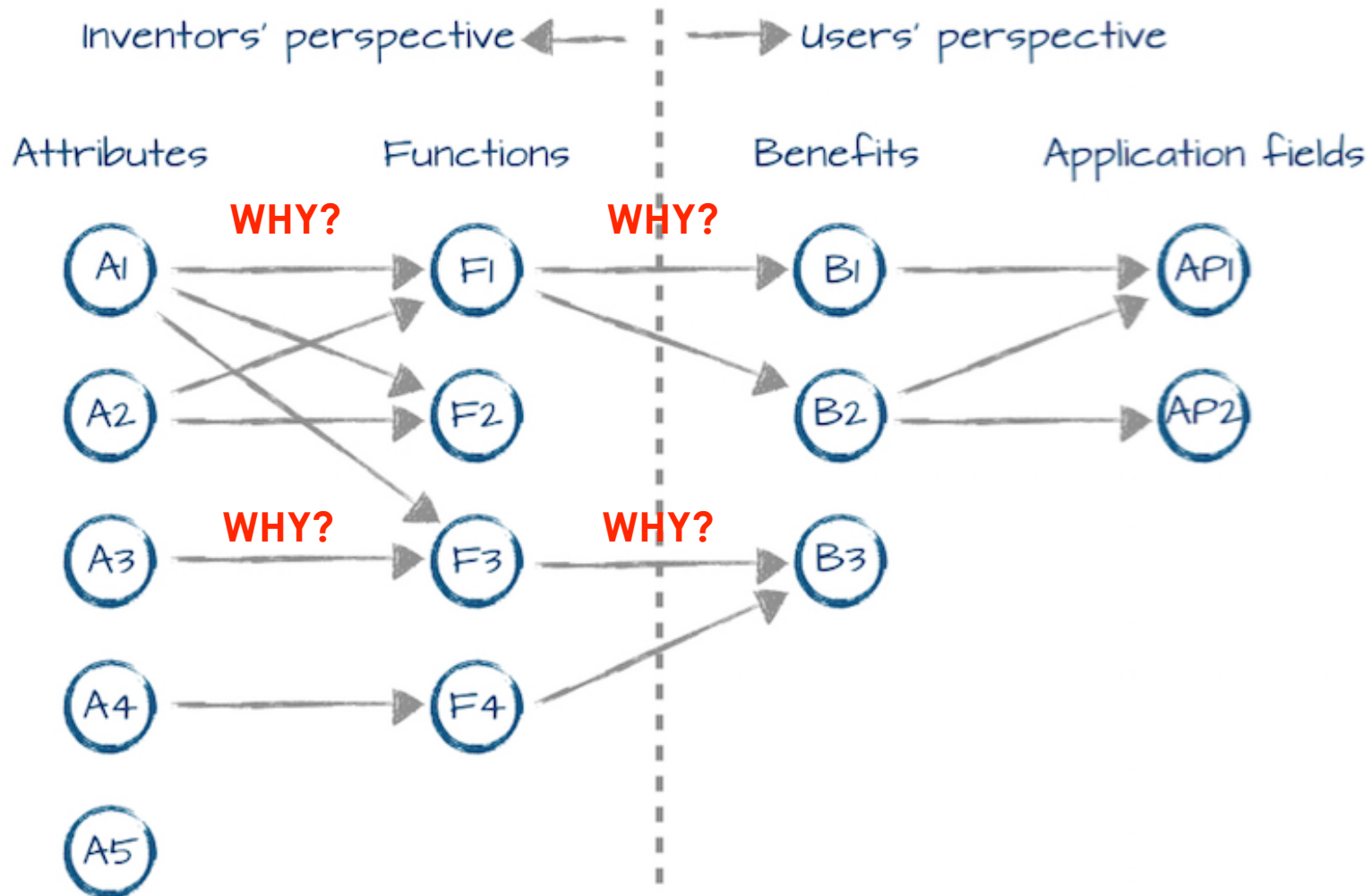


- ▶ describe how people gain advantages from using the technology
- ▶ arise in specific use situations
- ▶ can not be measured reliably

Attributes vs. Benefits



You can reveal a technology's benefits by the "laddering" technique.



Identify the benefits delivered by the HCID technology from a user's point of view and label them appropriately.



- ▶ Groups of 3-5 people
- ▶ Timeline: max. 10 minutes

RallyPoint – Military

Handwear Computer Input Device

Introduction

The HCID is a sensor-embedded glove that is capable of recognizing 1) intuitive single-handed gesture commands and 2) direct "hands-on-weapon" input actions, and relaying them to an interfaced electronic device such as a wearable computer, two-way radio, or robot control unit. Gesture commands are recognized by a suite of sensors that sense hand posture and orientation, and hands-on-weapon input actions are detected by thin, flexible force sensors strategically placed throughout the glove. These sensors and their supporting conduction network are fully integrated into the glove's fabric to maintain the look-and-feel of a conventional Soldier glove.

Benefits

HCID enhances the functionality and usability of wearable Soldier systems. You can:

- Select the view mode of your helmet-mounted display without having to take your hand off your weapon or vehicle handgrip
- Operate a small unmanned ground vehicle from a combat-ready posture
- Enjoy hands-on-weapon input capabilities without being tethered to your weapon
- Input commands into your computer using intuitive hand-arm gestures



Features

- Provides choice operating position without the need for additional weapon attachments
- Is lightweight, self-contained, and non-interfering
- Recognizes hand-arm gestures for multipurpose input and directional referencing
- Can be a versatile electronics platform for a variety of possible devices (e.g., metal detector, life-sign sensor, etc)

RallyPoint, Inc. is developing the HCID under a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) contract from the Natick Soldier Center (NSC).

For more information, contact: info@rallypoint.info

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A possible solution



Interviews with current users remained 3 main benefits, 2 of them were “new” to RallyPoint.



... HCID enables me to control my radio without having my hands go off the rifle...

... even minimal gestures are noticed which is important if you are in a dugout...

..on scouting missions or during combat, I can control my devices without having to speak...

3rd hand/multitasking

„silent“
communication

minimal gesture
capturing

Tips from experience - Step I



Clarify on the transfer object

Talk to users to reveal „actual“ benefits



VS



Focus on the technology's problem solving capability rather than tech specs

Be as abstract as possible when labeling the technology's benefits

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So what?

The second step is about searching for concrete application fields.



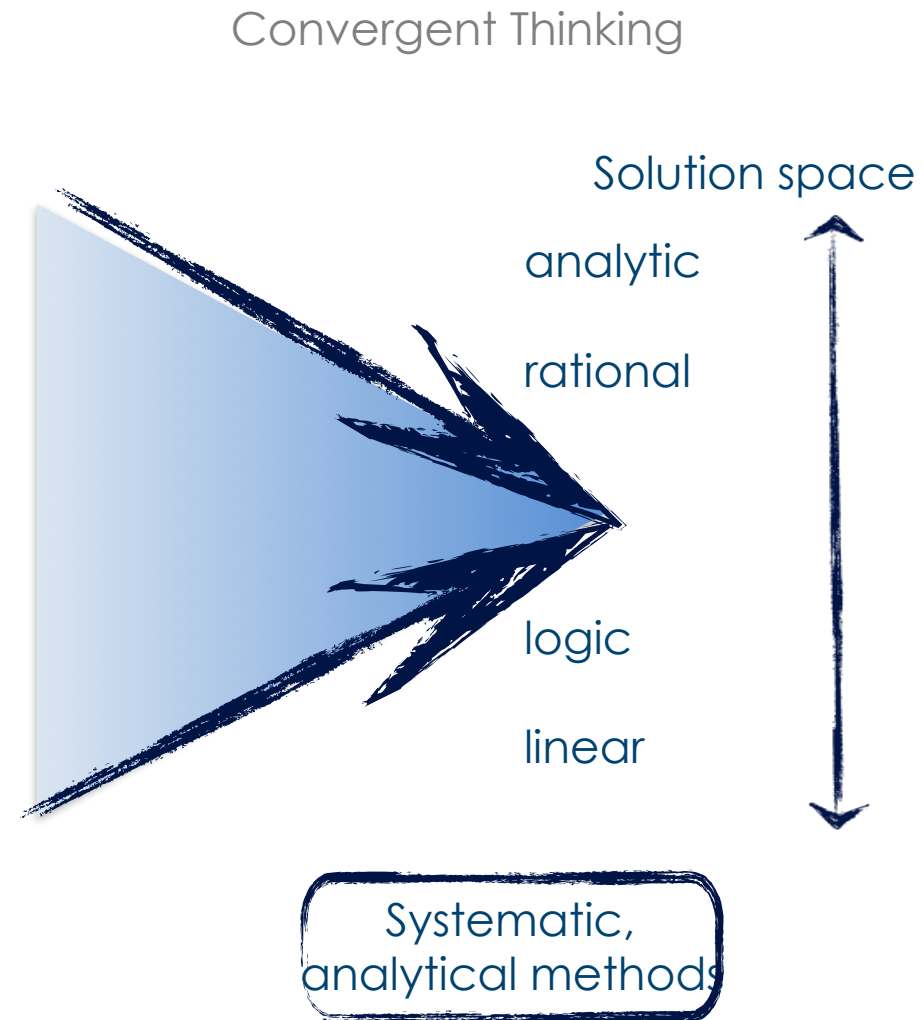
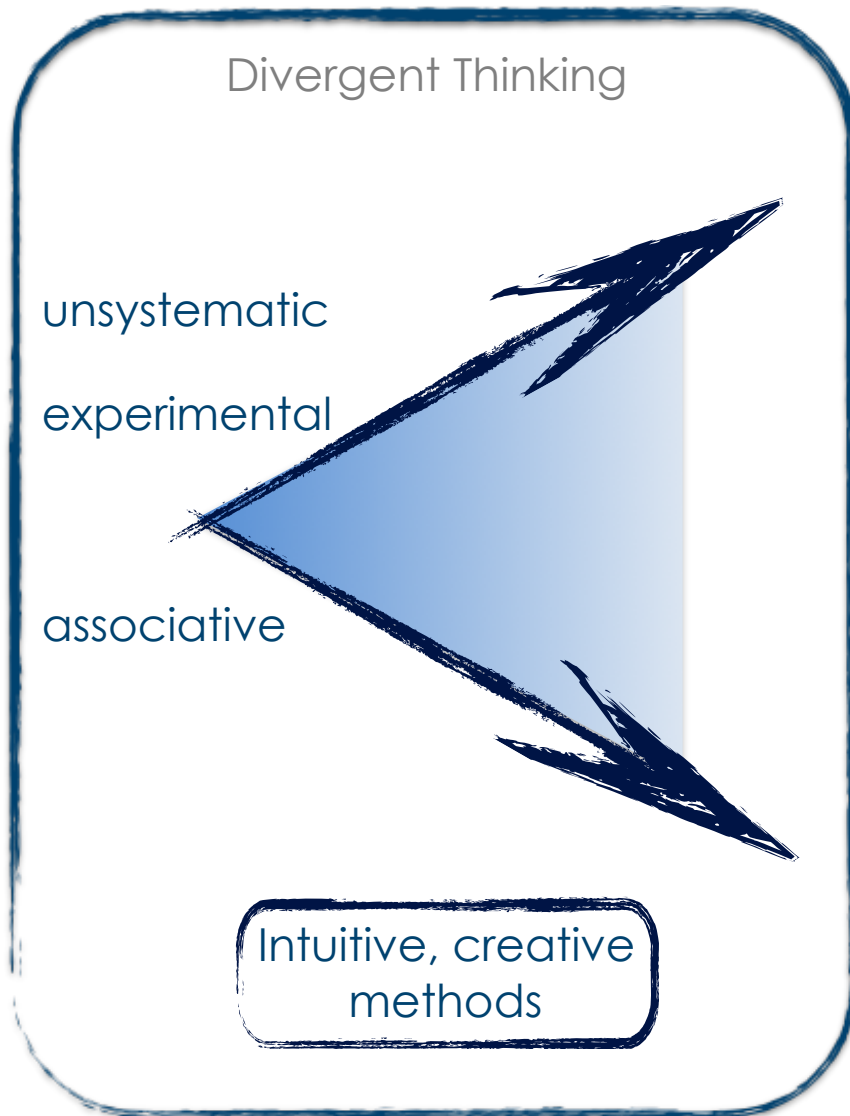
→ Search for similar problems
(creativity techniques)

→ Search for persons who
benefit from the
technology
(social search techniques)

Overview: Creativity techniques



Creativity techniques can be divided into two categories.



Brainstorming is the best known and easiest creativity technique.

Goal: generation of as many ideas as possible

Duration: 30min

Basic rules:

- Quantity before quality
- Everything goes
- No feedback or critique during the ideation process
- Build on ideas of others

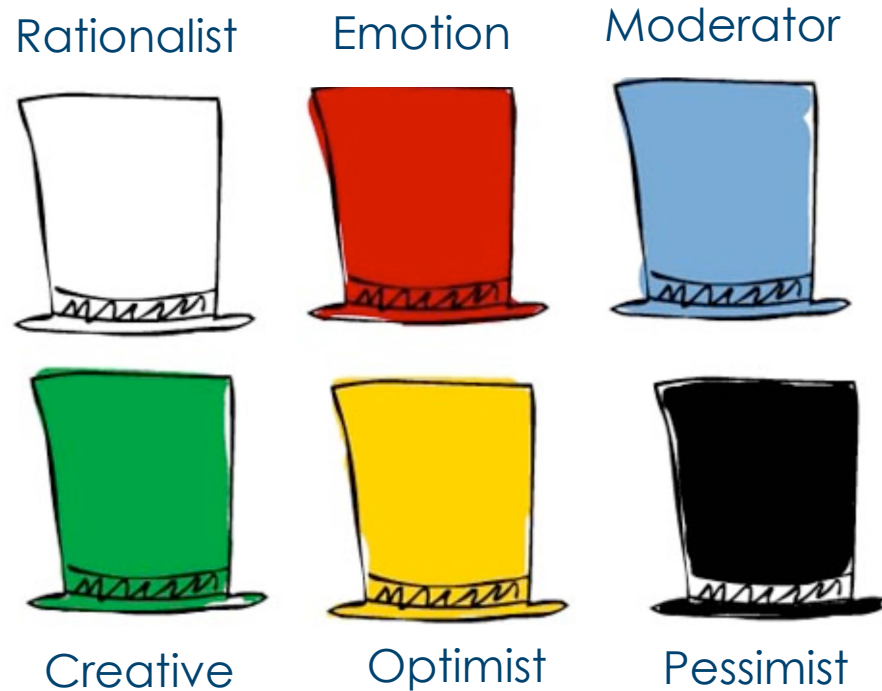


- Tips
- Don't stop in the "valley of tears"
 - the best ideas are yet to come
 - Nominate a moderator
 - Group ideas only after ideation

6 Thinking Hats



The 6 Thinking Hats is a creativity techniques by Edward de Bono that allows for applying different perspectives on a problem.



- Tips
- Appoint a moderator
 - Explain the method
 - Use flip-charts and cover them after each round
 - Visualize the 6 hats

Group discussion/Brainstorming with different roles

The whole group takes on each and every perspective step by step

Ideas are visualized

Reflection of all findings after the discussion phase(s)

Start with the white hat, end with the blue hat

Word Association analysis



The Word Association analysis triggers unsystematic thinking and new associations.

Goal: Find completely new associations by “getting out of the box”

Duration: 15 min

Steps:

- Define the problem
- Chose a random word or picture that is completely unrelated to the problem
- Try to find connections between your problem and the word/picture



- Tips
- Chose a random word out of a staple of books/magazines
 - No moderator needed
 - do short brainstorming on the connections/associations

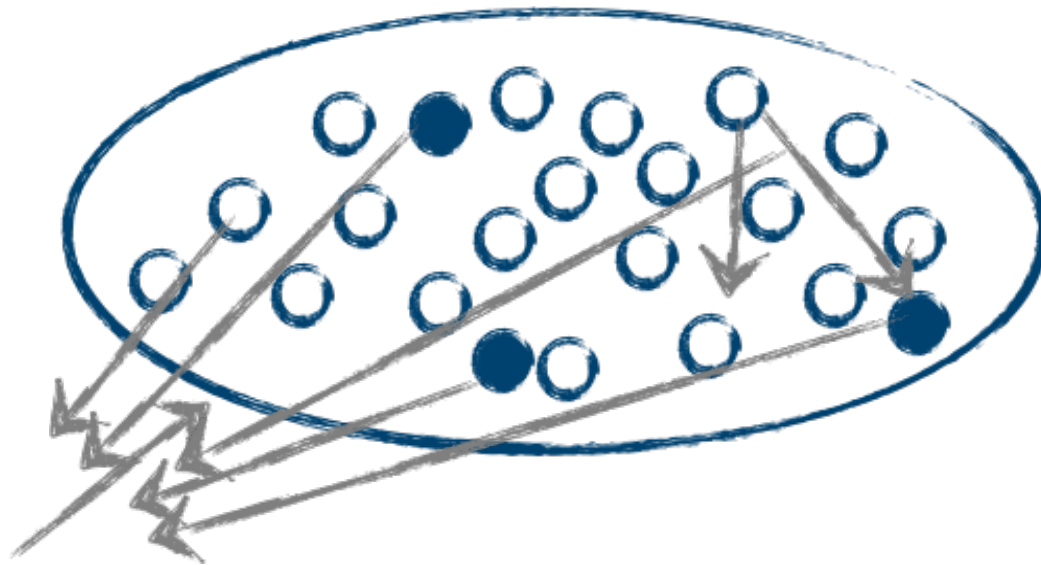
Social Search techniques: Broadcasting



Latest developments in the field of ICTs have paved the way for social search techniques, e.g. Broadcasting and Pyramiding.

Broadcasting

(Postings in online forums & User Communities)



- ↑ ... Postings
(75% result in valuable ideas)
- ... Users with relevant problems
- ... Users in a forum



Who could benefit from a solution, that ...

Can you think of any other areas where people suffer from similar problems like...?

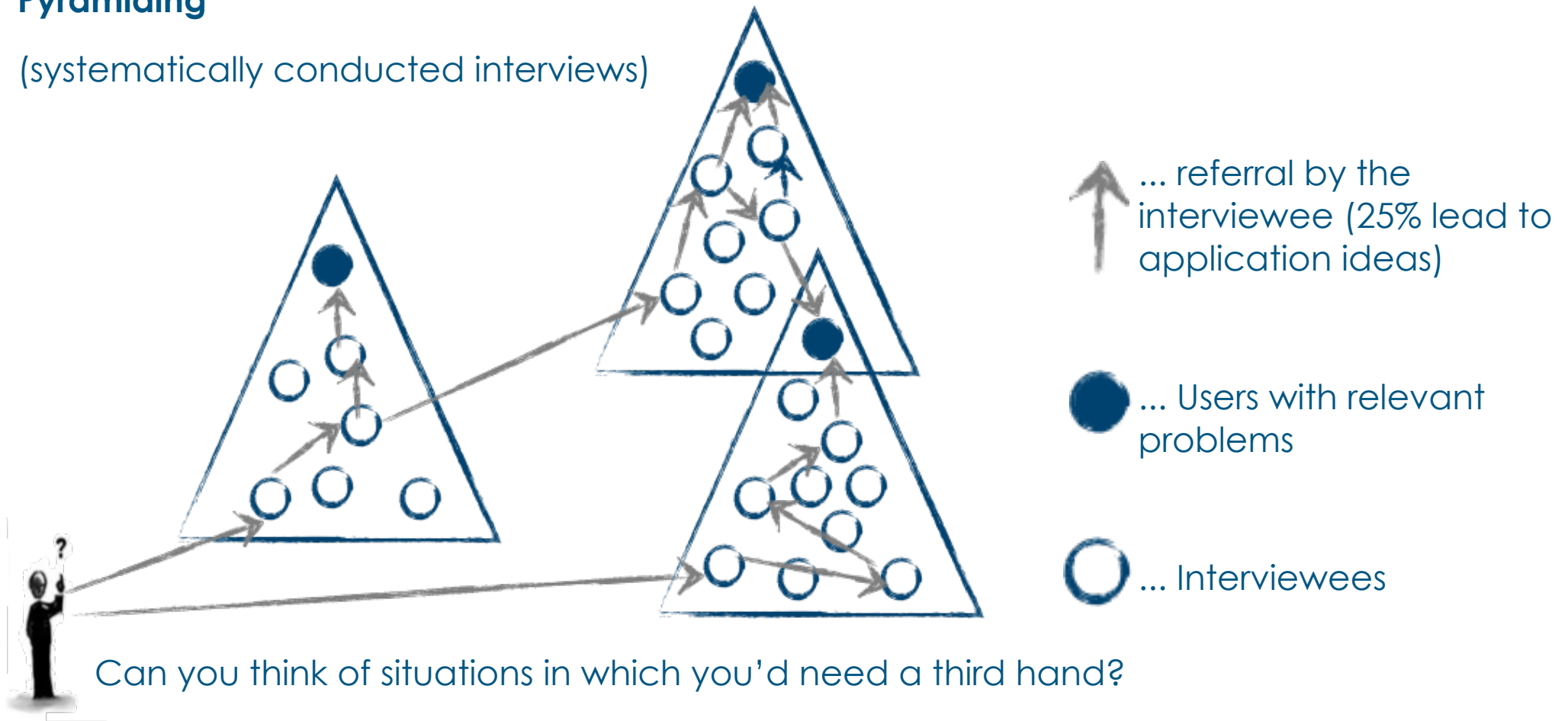
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Pyramiding

(systematically conducted interviews)



Can you think of situations in which you'd need a third hand?

Can you think of anybody with a similar problem who might benefit from a third hand?

Information to be gathered during Step 2



In this step, you want to learn everything about the potential user's problems.

Essential information:

- problem in the application
- Current solution and potential solution as offered by the technology
- Technical requirements
- Information on Benefit relevance
- Information on Strategic Fit
- Number of mentions
- Willingness to pay
- Contact data and referrals

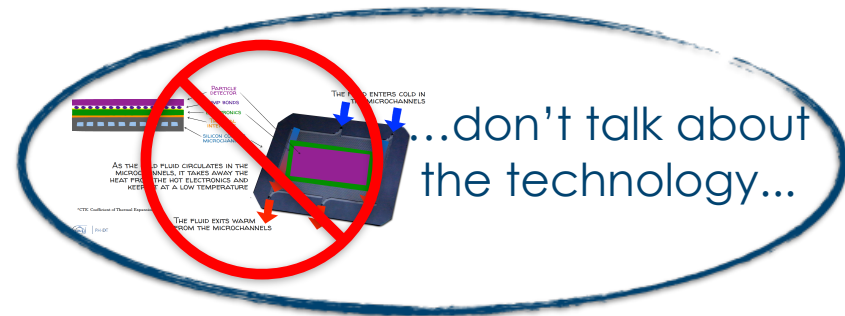
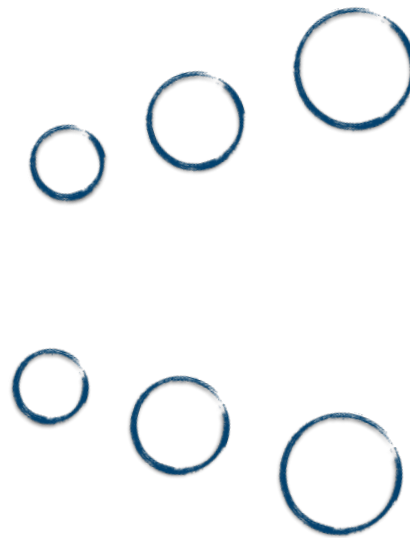


Conducting customer-insight interviews



When conducting customer-insight interviews, beware of two common mistakes.

2 central principles:



A possible solution



150+ interviews and some 40 postings yielded nearly 90 application fields, 30 of them highly feasible and commercially attractive.



152 Interviews



37 Postings

> 30 applications
95% far-analogous
areas

Police



Fire
brigade



Gaming



Industr.
welding



Presentation
device



RC robot
arm



Flight
controller



Sterile
keyboard



Computera.
surgeries



motor
cyclists



Diving



Virtual
rehabilitation



Example of a successful search process



Combining different search approaches yields in efficient and effective search processes.

Private James W. Drewer

„... maybe gotcha-players, I know a guy who might ...“



www.gotcha-action.de,
User „speedfreak“



„... would be cool to control the headset during a tournament. However, diving might be interesting as well. Go and ask my diving instructor Yvonne...“



Dr. Yvonne F., physician and diving instructor

„... maybe for underwater photographers...and definitely interesting in the field of stroke therapy...“

Team exercise 2



Identify as many application fields as possible. Choose one and explain it in detail by using the application canvas.

Description of the application field		Number of mentions
Concrete problem and current solution	Solution delivered by the technology and potential need for adaptation	
Information on Benefit Relevance	Information on Strategic Fit	

- ▶ Groups of 3-5 people
- ▶ Timeline: max. 20 minutes

Tips from experience - Step 2



Search for areas and persons



Use your personal network



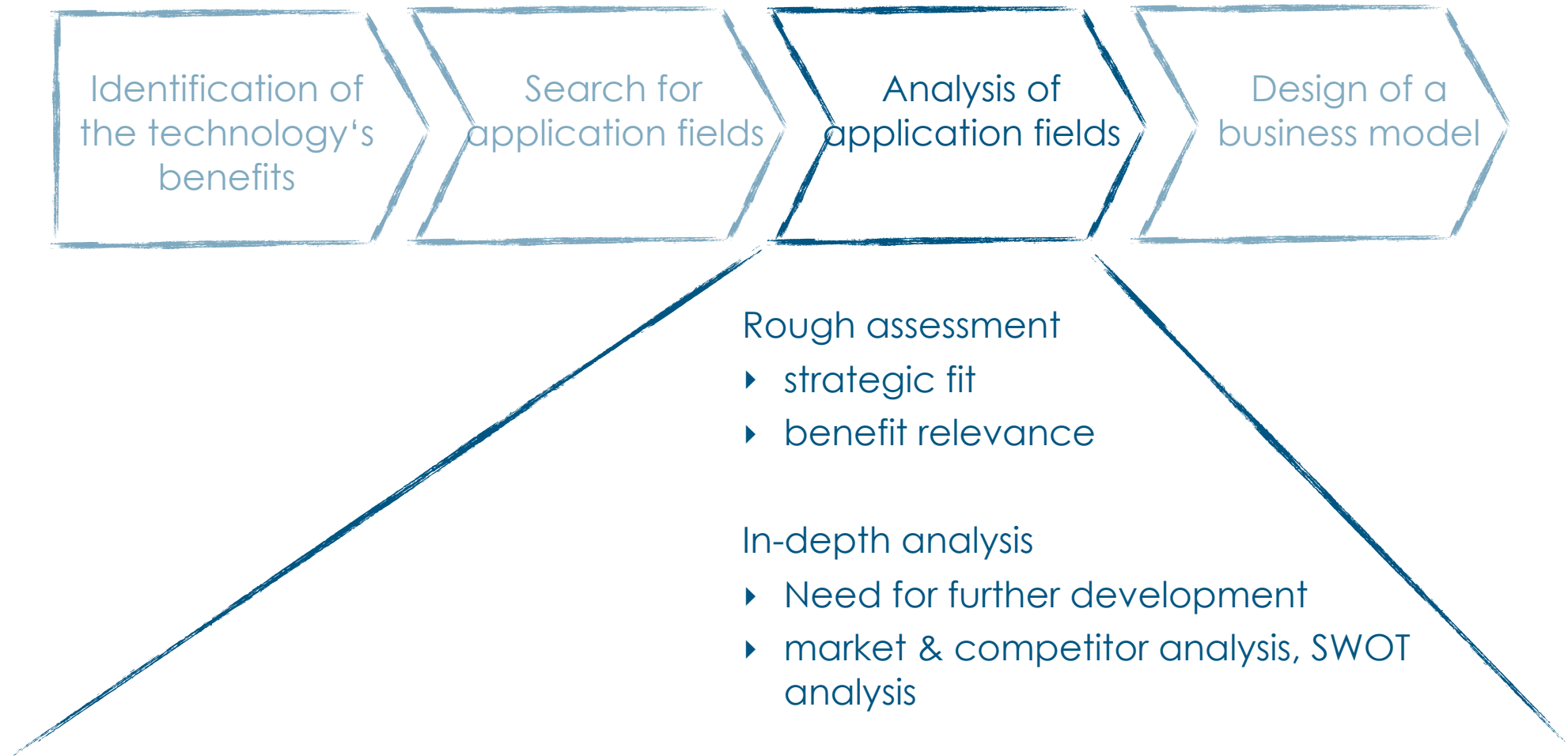
Validate your application areas



Combine search techniques



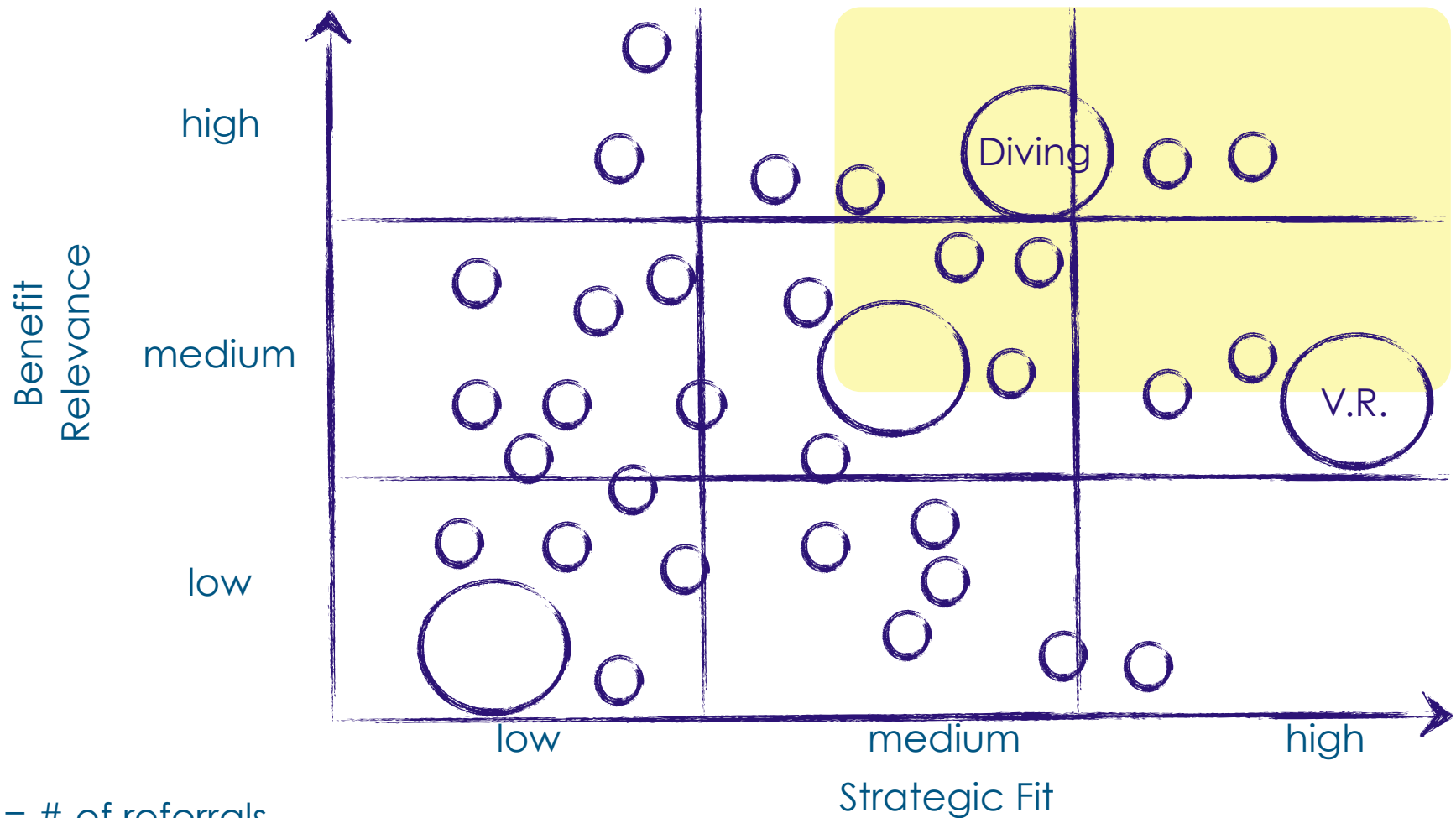
The third step is about evaluating the identified application fields.



Rough assessment of application fields



A first but valid assessment of the application fields can be done using the indicators Benefit Relevance and Strategic Fit.



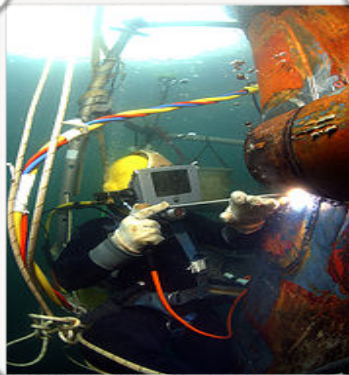
Bubble size = # of referrals

Application field "Diving"



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Typical problems of divers



Solution through
HCID

Waterproof diver's glove regulating
the compressed air cylinder



3rd hand/multitasking

sensitive motion
capturing

„silent“
communication

Application field “Virtual Rehabilitation”



Patients recovering after a stroke need guidance and professional feedback during their rehabilitation therapies.

State-of-the art stroke therapy



low effectivity due to
- a lack of motivation
- a lack of feedback



Stroke therapy with the HCID



~~3rd hand/multitasking~~

sensitive motion capturing

~~„silent“ communication~~

Calculating Benefit Relevance



Benefit Relevance is a valid indicator of market attractiveness.

$$\frac{\text{\# of benefits relevant in AF}}{\text{\# of all benefits}} \times \text{Relevance index}^*$$

* = Index built from 4 items; 3-point multi-item likert scale (0 = I don't agree, 1 = I agree, 2 = I fully agree)

Items: The problem is highly relevant; The problem will become even more relevant in the future; There is no solution to this problem yet; Many people suffer from this problem.

Strategic Fit describes the application field's fit with the company's strategic requirements towards new applications.

$$\text{Time horizon}^* + \text{Resource fit}^*$$
$$\frac{\quad}{2}$$

* = measured using 3-point single item likert scales (0 = not at all, 1 = somehow, 2 = perfectly)

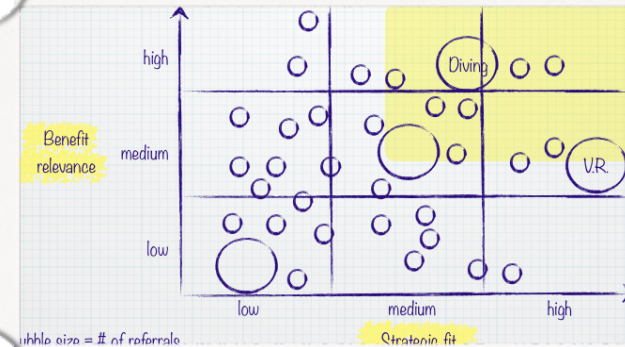
Items: Time horizon -> Desired and actually possible market entry coincide.
Resource fit -> Market can be served with existing resources.

Tips from experience - Step 3 (rough assessment)



Use an interview guideline

Do not put too much effort into calculations



Document all your interviews

Adapt „benefit relevance“ and „strategic fit“ to the specific needs of the project

How to increase ROI by systematically exploiting business opportunities in non-military applications?

See Tomorrow's Lecture

Let me introduce to you: The KEINZ pump



- ▶ Invented by Peter Keinz, student at the Technical University Vienna
- ▶ rotorless pump
- ▶ simple construction
- ▶ hardly any moving parts
- ▶ noise level: 10 decibel
- ▶ resistant to acids with a PH value of up to 10

Your tasks:

- > Analyse the technology presented and derive it's benefits from a user's perspective.
- > Conduct interviews with the inventor and one potential user to gain additional information on the technology and its applications.
- > Come-up with at least 3 viable application fields.
- > Validate and explain them in detail, using the application canvas.
- > Chose one of them, convince Peter Keinz about your idea and get a 50% share in the company!

Rules of the game:

- > Work in groups of 3 to 5 people each.
- > You may use sources; you could interview Peter Keinz, the inventor; there are some statements of interviewees available to you.
- > If you make any assumptions, be prepared to explain them.
- > Deadline for the presentation: 4 pm
- > Prepare a short presentation (max 5 minutes) about your findings

Thank you!



In case of any questions and/or ideas, please contact me:

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