



Bell Labs Model =
Company Context + Fundamental Research + Monopoly on Talent

# We have learned a lot about R&D over the past 50 years

Science & Technology



50+ years

Product & Service And Scale









# R&D Process for Product Development is well understood.

#### Methods:

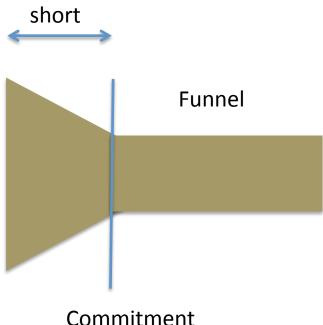
- Train schedules
- Platforms/Products
- Gates
- Funnels
- PRD
- Agile vs.AggregatePlanning

#### Measures:

- Cycle time
- Market Share
- Quality
- Fully Allocated Cost



Keep Technology Risk in "Labs"



Commitment
Point with Product
Requirements



# However, our understanding of Adv. Development is still less clear

Long timeframes

How to define project?

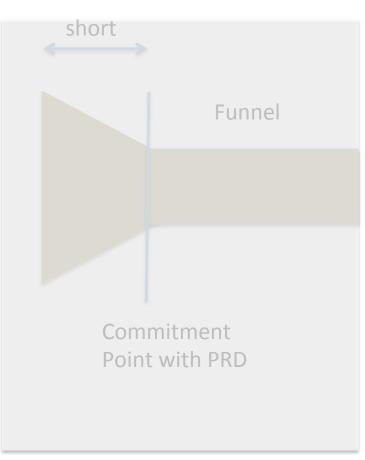
How to measure?

Bell Labs model does not work anymore?

How do modern firms manage Advanced R&D today



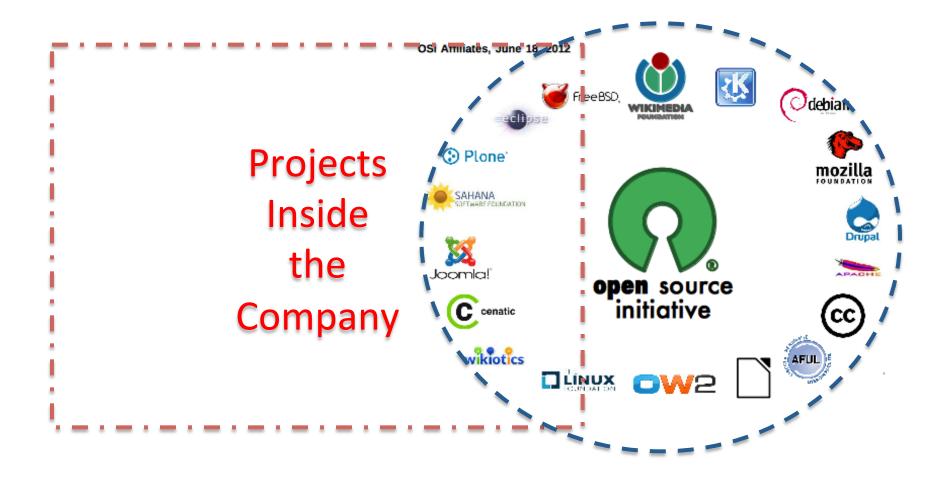
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All firms believe Advanced R&D is critical, but measures and processes differ widely.

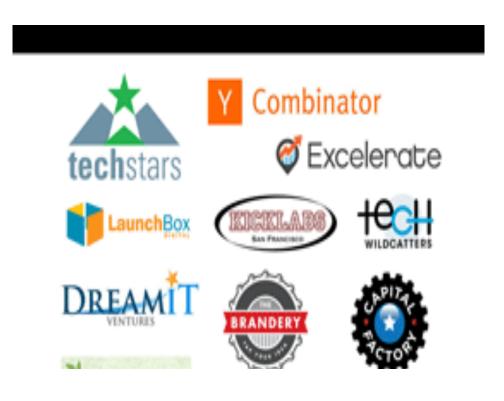


# And since then: Open Source Trend





# And also since then: Regional and Corporate Incubators Trend









Corporate and Public Accelerators



# So given this landscape:

- undefined long term projects
- open source
- incubation/venture as partners

How do modern firms organize and measure their advanced work?



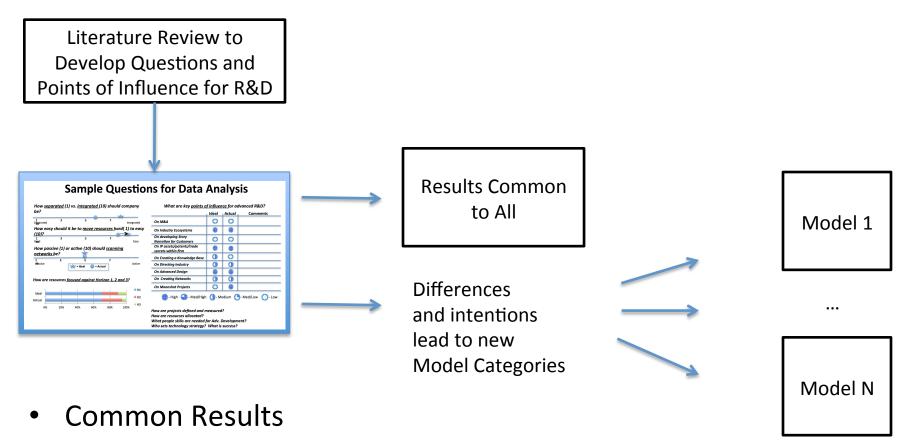
# **Sample Participants**

Company Name	HQ Location	Founding Date	Size	Revenue (2013)	Patents
VMware	Palo Alto, CA, USA	1998	14,300	\$5.2B	
Google: Adv. R&D and Research	Mountain View, CA, USA	1998	52,000	\$49.8B	51,000+ (patents and pending, MIT Tech Review 11/29/2013)
Cisco	San Jose, CA, USA	1984	74,000	\$48.6B	
Ericsson	Stockholm, Sweden	1876	115,000	\$39.5B	35,000+
Huawei	Shenzhen, China	1992	140,000+	\$40B+	30,240+
Coca Cola	Atlanta, GA, USA	1886	700,000	\$46.9B	NA

Information from company website and annual reports



# **Identifying R&D Models**



- Basic Models
- Possibilities of Mixtures



## **Results Common To All**

### Topics where all firms agree:

All firms believe in similar Horizon Level allocations:

H1: Core:
60-70%
(effectiveness)

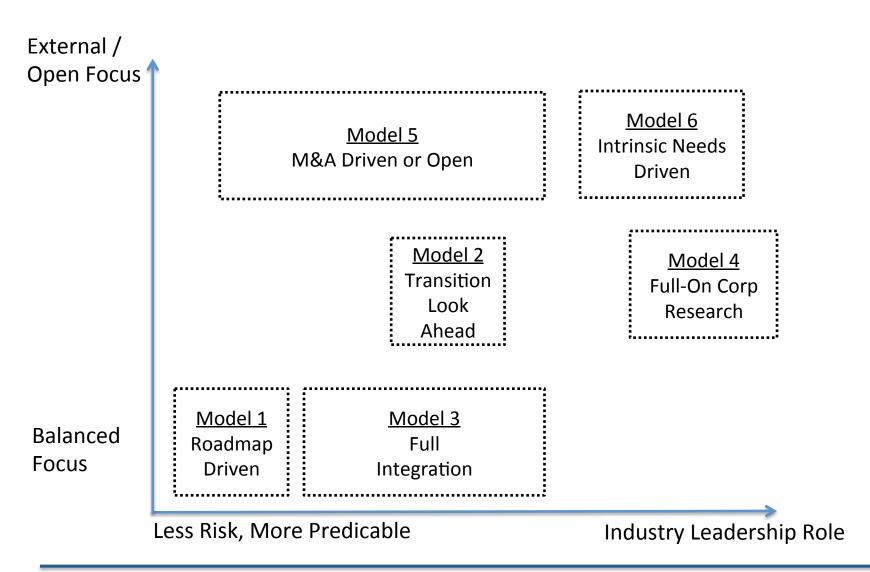
H2: Adjacencies
25-30%
(learning)

H3:Shifts
5-10%
(learning)

- Soft skills and innovation culture matters
- University & networks:
  - both sensing (listening) and active (directing)

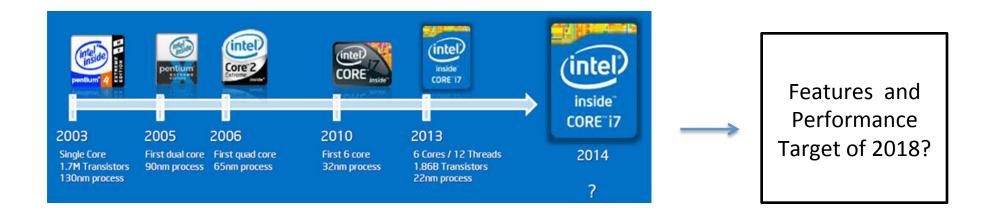


## **Observed Patterns:**





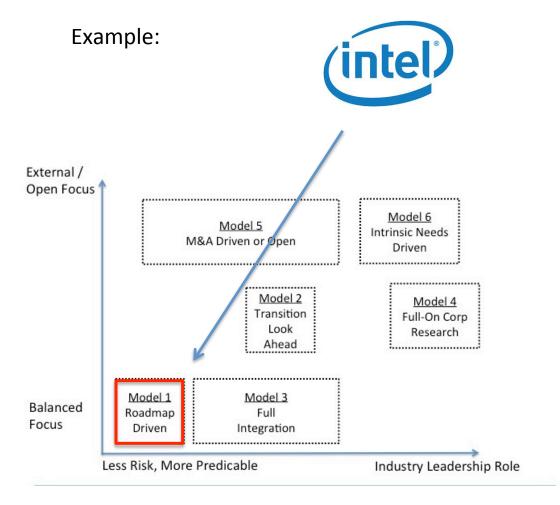
# Model 1: Roadmap-Driven Example: Processor Roadmap



- Process
- Requirements
- Advance problems
- Tools



## Model 1: Roadmapdriven Adv. R&D



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

Focus on existing roadmaps Success is to "use" in next generation product

Achieve "better performance" or other key purchase criteria

#### Main Points of Influence on firm:

M&A

**Customer Story Narration** 

**IP** Assets

Advanced Design

Standards,

External Industry Leadership,

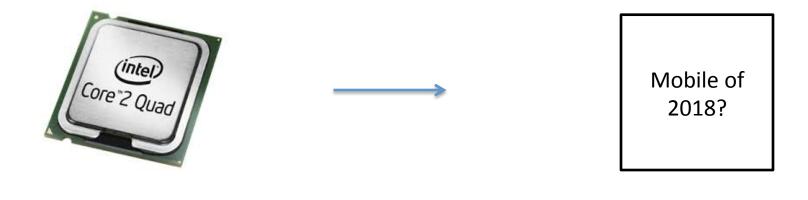
Moonshots

Competence: Predictable Product

Line



# Model 2: What if the next market transition is not on directly on the roadmap?

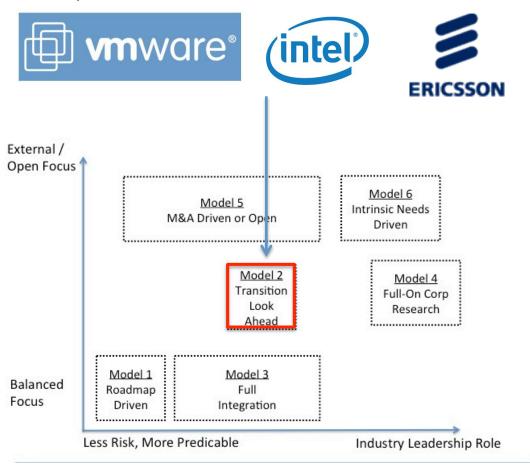




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# Model 2: Market Transitions and Blindside Avoidance

#### **Examples:**



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

Groups decide their own projects with signals from:

- Pilot studies
- BU or CTO priorities
- External: start-ups and academic
- Demo days or open interfaces to suppliers, customers, universities

Projects must be relevant to core competencies.

Success is to external awareness, market perception including Business week, Forbes.

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# Model 3: What about developing Integrated Products/Services

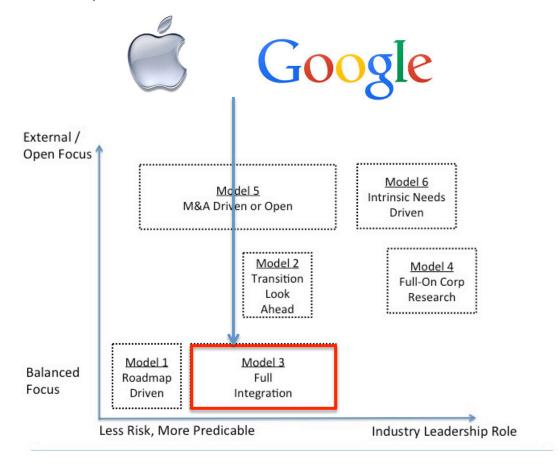






# Model 3: Fully Integrated Adv. R&D

Example: Google Mainstream R&D, Apple, many modern market leaders



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

R&D Groups have lots of freedom:

Managers each choose own portfolio, 1-2 of 5 should have higher risk.

- \* "a team can do what it wants"
- \* "multiple teams need buy-in"
- \* "must have some failures"

Success: a) some must fail, b) people say "wow", we did not know that was possible, c) absence of complaints, and d) no competitors.

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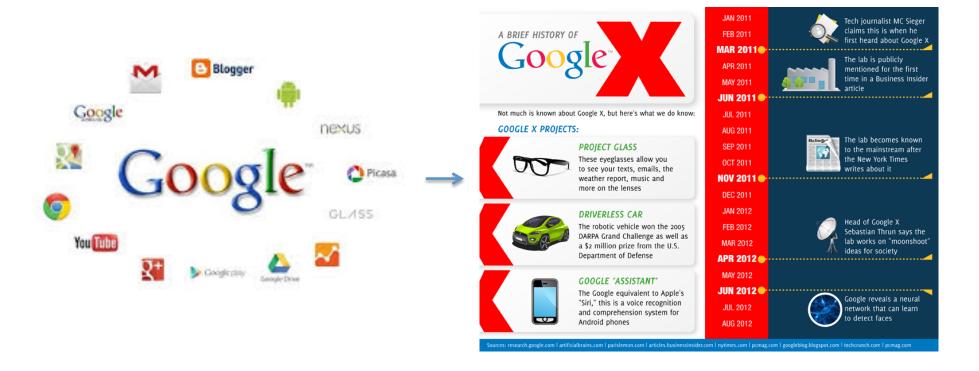
Standards

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# Model 4: A Focus on 10X



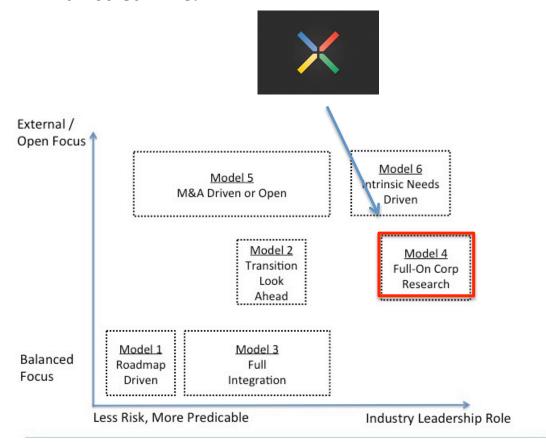
Mainstream Google Product Development

Google X



# Model 4: Full-On Corporate Research

Example Google Research: Separate from mainstream R&D.



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

Complete independence. No accountability. Project should stay away from R&D.

#### "If you can not afford it, don't do it"

"Only for true market leaders (who can not be followers of other players)"
"Projects are 10X game changers"

Success: 10X impacts, others reference you, consider big changes.

#### Main Points of Influence on firm:

M&A

**Customer Story Narration** 

**IP** Assets

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Standards

External Industry Leadership Moonshots



# Model 5: M&A Focused



CTO Organization Owns Corporate Development

Supplemented with:

- Fellows (freedom for Skunkworks)
- Corp. Tech.
   Development (100 people)

Why:

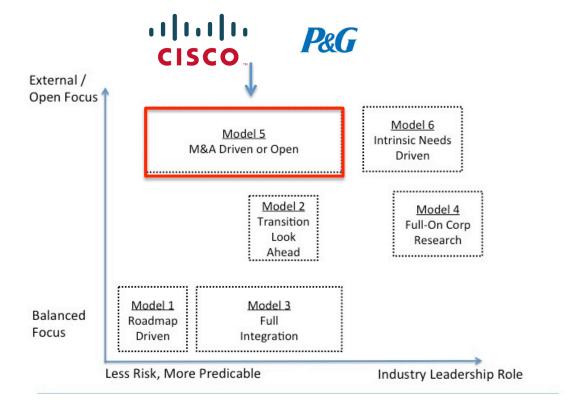
- \* Market Transitions
- \* Performance
- \* Replenish Talent





# Model 5: M&A-Driven Adv. R&D and Open Models

Example: Cisco. Also applied to open models like Proctor & Gamble's C&D



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

High Focus on M&A

Supplemented with:

- Engineering Fellows (Skunkworks in BUs)
- Parallel Advanced Development

Allow Spin-Ins.

Success: Market share and ease of entry in new markets.

#### Main Points of Influence on firm:

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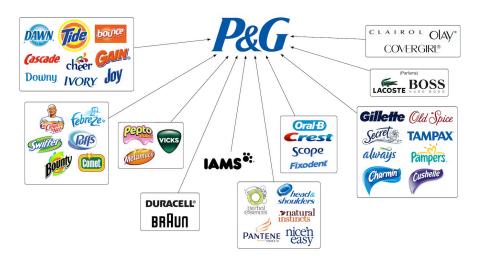
External Industry Leadership Moonshots



## Model 6: Intrinsic Need-Driven Adv.



Syrup, Bottling, Distribution, Vending Machines,



R&D

Top List of "Intrinsic Needs" at top of business level

- Health
- Environment
- Clean shirts

Informs Advanced R&D Projects:

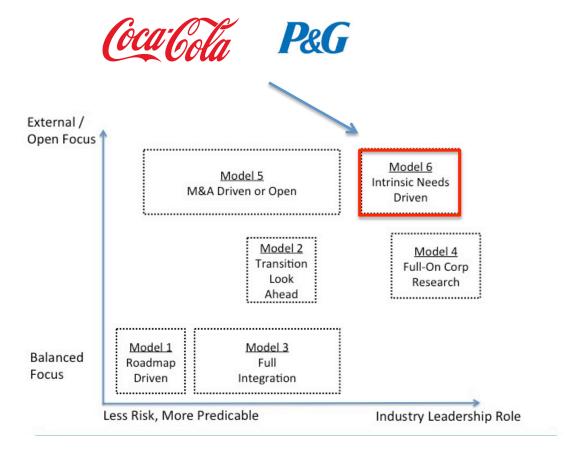
- Product
- Packaging
- IT

Effects
Supplier
Networks,
Licensing,
and M/A



## Model 6: Intrinsic Need-Driven Adv. R&D

Example: Coca-Cola, other global firms with strong brands



#### **Characteristics / Quotes:**

Starts with intrinsic needs of customers and society.

Goal is a) increased volume of sales, next product, localize in new markets.

Yearly planning cycle based on intrinsic needs and focus groups with customers. Leads to product, package, and IT solutions.

Experiment, customer test stabilize.

Success: Business unit adoption

#### Main Points of Influence on firm:

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## **Leaders vs. Competitors**

#### **Competitor in Pack**

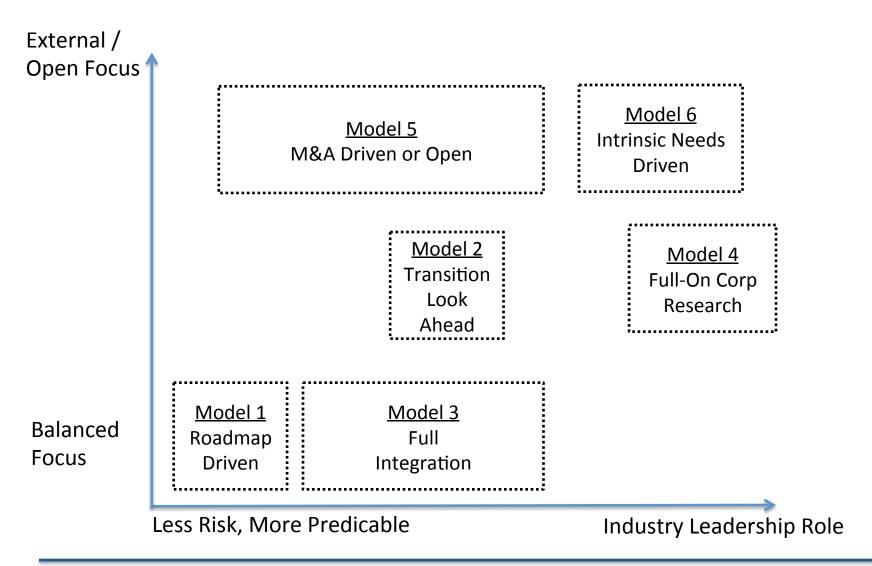
- Fast follower
- Fast cycle times
- Prioritized features
- Leverage cost advantage

#### <u>Leader</u>

- No one to follow / copy
- Target on back, other copy
- Expectations of being a global citizen
- Must disrupt status quo and/or disrupt self



## Observed Pattern of 6 Adv. R&D Models





1. Which do you have now? 2. What would be ideal?

#### Summary of Advanced R&D Models

Model	Characteristics	Budgeting/Prioritization	Metrics/Success Measures
Model 1 – Roadmap Driven	<ul> <li>Focus on IP and Advanced Design of H1 Areas</li> </ul>	Business units own/manage budgets	Measures: Number of Patents,     Adoption in Next Product,     Performance/Differentiation
Model 2 – Market Transitions/ Blindspot Avoidance	Focus on Customer Story Narration, Standards, Demonstrating Industry Leadership and push to H2	<ul> <li>Adv. R&amp;D uses central budget.</li> <li>Adv. R&amp;D sets own direction with signals from CTO, Bus, and many external sources.</li> <li>Quarterly review cycle, central CTO coordinates with BUs CTOs</li> </ul>	Measures: Standards body influence, Number of customer meetings and public (business) articles. External awareness, customer perception of technical leadership, and awareness of market transitions.
Model 3 – Fully Integrated	H1, H2, and even some     H3 within each R&D     group. Focus on IP,     Advanced Design, and     some Moonshots.	<ul> <li>Central CTO and executives set R&amp;D budgets.</li> <li>R&amp;D Groups have lots of freedom.         Mix of low risk with high risk projects within each group.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Measures: Adoption in Next Product,         Demonstrate competitive         differentiation, Number of Patents.         "Wow", we did not know that was         possible. Some projects must fail.</li> </ul>
Model 4 – Full On Corporate Research	IP Assets, External Industry Leadership, Moonshot. For industry leadership, H3 Focus	<ul> <li>Complete independence.</li> <li>CEO / Central CTO with centrally allocated budgets</li> <li>"If you can not afford it, don't do it</li> </ul>	Projects have 10X game changing potential, Number of Patents, External awareness. Progress towards achievable game changers.
Model 5 – M&A Driven/Open	<ul> <li>M&amp;A focus with Market Transition Focus, IP Assets, Moonshots.</li> <li>Need strong channels and effective acquisition process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CTO also leads Corp Development, BUs all have CTOs</li> <li>Centralized budgeting, influenced by Engineering Fellows (Skunkworks in BUs)</li> <li>Parallel Advanced Development (Corp)</li> <li>Spin-Ins.</li> </ul>	Market share, Ease of entry in new markets., Number of Patents, Success/ speed in acquisition integration.
Model 6 – Intrinsic Needs Driven	<ul> <li>Brand driven and intrinsic need driven. For industry leadership</li> <li>IP Assets, Advanced Design, External Industry Leadership,</li> </ul>	Yearly planning cycle rooted in intrinsic needs and focus groups with customers. Leads to product, package, and IT solutions.	Measures: Business Unit Adoption, Next Product, Performance/Differentiation, Effect on brand perception. IP or trade secret generation.

### **Evolution of Corporate Incubation and Acceleration**









Corporate Synergy





- No Money
- ATT: Inside problems
- Coke: Branding and Connections to suppliers/ customers
- Big Lifts: Spotify, Call Drops, Video Bills
- Rewards to firms:
  - More happy customers,
  - Better product/services,
  - and maybe a few \$\$\$



New: Adv. R&D is Blending into Corporate Incubation External / Open Focus Model 6 Model 5 **Intrinsic Needs** M&A Driven or Open Driven Model 2 Model 4 **Transition** Full-On Corp Look Research Ahead Model 3 Model 1 **Balanced** Roadmap Full **Focus** Driven Integration Less Risk, More Predicable Industry Leadership Role



# Looking ahead at Corporate Adv. R&D:

- ☐ Follower versus Leader considerations
- Open Innovation Considerations
- Role of Incubation and Corporate Synergy
- ☐ Where do you want to place bets (models)?
- ☐ Do the measures and funding structures match?



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