Innovation Science

Frameworks and Practices

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Outline

- Innovation definition
- Examples of innovation rules
- □ Innovation science
- Data in innovation
- □ Innovation case studies
- □ Conclusion

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Background

- □ NSF Engineering Design Workshop
- □ Growing interest in Innovation as a main differentiator of US economy
- □ 9/11 Commission Report "Failure of Imagination"
- □ US President "Innovation in Manufacturing" Executive Order

Basic Research Questions

- □ To what degree is Innovation an art or a science?
- □ Can the science base of innovation be established?
- □ What elements of innovation can be taught?
- □ What methodologies/computational tools can be developed in support of innovation?
- What type of work environments foster innovation?





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Innovation Science Perspectives (1)

"Borrowing" from

□ Mathematical programming

□ Evolutionary computation

Data mining











Learning Systems 2

- □ Association rule algorithms
- Text mining algorithms
- □ Meta-learning algorithms
- □ Inductive learning programming
- $\hfill\square$ Sequence learning

Innovation Science Perspectives (4)

Evolutionary computation, e.g., genetic programming

- Based on natural systems
- "Smart" exploration of alternatives

Example: Design without patent infringement















- □ Ideas: Consider many alternatives
- □ Strategy: Setting goals and ways of achieving them
- □ Process: Establish basic innovation steps
- Environment: Making innovation a natural activity

Product Innovation: The Necessary Conditions

□ Basic Elements:

- Market needs
- Knowledge of the market
- Product/process knowledge
- Innovation management □ Right level and mix of innovation at any
 - given corporation Customers adapt slowly to change

If you don't innovate fast in today's world, you will go away very, very quickly [Curtis Carlson, CEO, SRI International]

Innovation: A Question □ Where to focus: Radical innovation Generating new inventions? Continous innovation Transformations of existing solutions into innovations? Integrative innovation Integrating existing inventions into innovations?

Innovation in the Literature

□ Creativity

- Book The Creating Brain: The Neuroscience of Genius by Nancy Andreasen, U of Iowa Professor of Psychiatry
- Andreasen's Theory (Hypothesis): "Creative ideas appear spontaneously when people are not trying to be creative"
- Example 1
 - Mozart who composed his music after a good meal and a walk, that would occasionally trigger a complete symphony

Innovation in the Literature

□ Creativity

- Example 2
- Friedrich Kukule German chemist who determined the structure of benzene entered a dreamlike state in which the form of benzene came to him in a brilliant flash

Innovation in the Literature

□ Creativity

- Terrence Ketter Professor of Psychiatry, Stanford U
- Ketter's Theory (Hypothesis): "Creativity is directly related to mental instabilities, because the brain uses its negative emotion to initiate a real or fictional solution to the problem"
- What comes first creativity or the mood disorder?
- Where does creativity comes from? [It is not known, Peggy Nopoulos, UI Professor of Psychiatry]

Innovation in Industry: SRI

Innovativeness

- Book Innovation: The Five Disciplines for Creating what Customers Want by Curtis Carlson, CEO, SRI International, Menlo Park, CA and William Wilmot, Director, Collaboration Institute
- Hypothesis: "Rapid, consistent innovation comes from highly disciplined processes" [which may surprise many]

Innovation in Industry: SRI

□ Innovativeness

Five disciplines:

- 1. "Select important, not merely interesting problem"
 - E.g., Douglas Engelbart, the SRI engineer who invented the computer mouse and hypertext, asked his team "to make the world a better place by augmenting and extending the human intellect"

Innovation in Industry: SRI

□ Innovativeness

- Five disciplines:
- "Assess each innovation for its value to the customers"
 Look beyond cost and quality, e.g., into convenience and conscience
- "Appoint a champion who is insanely committed to the project" No champion, no project, no exception

Innovation in Industry: SRI

□ Innovativeness

- Five disciplines:
- 4 & 5. "Building teams and doing so across the organizations"

Engelbart's iterative approach was also applied on a larger scale by Google, which publishes beta versions of its products and feeds customer responses into development of these products

Innovation in Industry: Xerox

Combine Ideas

Xerox Corporation looks for intersection between ideas and combining them into next offering of products

Pentilla, C., Big Ideas, Entrepreneur, March 2007, pp. 62.

Innovation in Industry: Xerox

□ Create an Internal Incubation Fund Xerox sets aside funds that encourages

employees to network and develop ideas that are different from the currently funded ones

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Innovation in Industry: McDonald's

McDonald's innovation team thinks it terms of "back-casting" – starting with an end-product and working backward towards the basic idea that is cost and technology feasible

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Innovation in Industry: McDonald's

 Do Rapid Prototyping
 McDonald's transforms quickly ideas from a blackboard to 3-D models

Innovation in Industry

Take it On-Line Idea management software automates the innovation process by allowing multiple partners to

contribute to the idea being worked on

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□ Allan Morally – Ford's CEO

- Innovation rule at Boeing
 - Encouraging managers to speak up about problems (not prize him and themselves for the job well done as commonly recommended, e.g., D. Trump – a business person has to be always positive)

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- Carlos Ghosn
 - Renault and Nissan
 - Has become
 - A two suitcase man
 - 7 Eleven man
 - □ Rock star of a company

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□ Carlos Ghosn's Innovation Ideas

- Sell-off Nissan shares to the suppliers
- Forming world-wide alliances
- Pursuing the concept of common platform across continents
- Micro managing, as needed.

Innovation in Insurance Industry

- □ Pay As You Drive"[™] insurance is a new type of car insurance providing comprehensive individual cover
- Using the latest GPS (Global Positioning System) technology monthly insurance premium is calculated based on driving pattern of an individual driver

http://www.payasyoudriveinsurance.co.uk/index.htm

Different Thinking

- All businesses require innovation driven by new ideas. Some degree of unconventional thinking is essential for businesses to succeed.
- Experience points to many companies trapped by conventional thinking.

Garvin, D. A. and Levesque, L.C., Meeting the Challenge of Corporate Entrepreneurship, *Harvard Business Review*, October 2006, pp. 102-112

Different Thinking – Counter Examples

- □ Microsoft's using too much energy on limiting open-source software.
- Delaroid's grudging move into digital cameras.
- □ GM's and Ford's reluctance to embrace hybrid cars, improve fuel economy, and embracing the common platform idea.
- □ Distaste of media companies for blogs.

Innovation and Globalization (1)

- □ At present (2007) emerging markets make 21% of the global economy
- □ 25 years from now emerging markets will make up at least 50% of the global economy
- □ In the past 20 years US exports to emerging markets have increased 338% (much faster than domestic demand)

USA Today, March 7, 2007, p. 11A

Innovation and Globalization (2)

Industrial Examples

- □ GE plans to double sales in emerging markets from 15% to 30% between 2007 and 2010
- □ Goldman Sachs builds a franchise in China
- □ Dell and GM increasingly produce in India and China for local markets

USA Today, March 7, 2007, p. 11A

Innovation and Globalization (3)

Culture Change

□ P&G

- Places young manages with local families
- Establishes international focus groups to tailor products to local markets
- Forms business alliances with new breed of companies

USA Today, March 7, 2007, p. 11A

Innovation and Globalization (4)

Culture Change

- Universities
 - Emphasize teaching creative problem solving skills
 - Introduce programs of study and work abroad
 - Promote learning foreign languages

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Imitation vs Innovation

Imitative Design	Innovative Design
Market demand is relatively predictable	Potentially large and unknown demand; The risk
	of failure is large
Rapid market recognition and acceptance	Market acceptance may be initially slow; however,
	the imitative competition response may be also slow
Readily adaptable to existing market, sales,	May require unique, tailored market distribution
and distribution networks	and sale policies aimed at educating customers
Fits existing market segmentation and product	Demand may cut across traditional marketing
policies	segments, disrupting divisional responsibilities

R.H. Hayes and W.J. Abernathy, Managing Our Way to Economic Decline, Harvard Business Review, Vol. 85, No. 7-8, 2007, pp. 138-149.

Data-driven Innovation

- Data reflect product/system behavior
- □ Data has been used to monitor, processes, improve efficiency, detect faults, and so on
- The use of data in data in innovation has not being pursued
- □ Innovative ideas may embedded in the data









□ Information-world induced



Requirements driven













Challenges

- Data availability
- Industry struggle with embracing the concept of gift economy
 - Benefits from customers' input
 - VS
 - Potential losses from revealing
- Lack of experience
- Computational experience with mass customization data

Summary

- □ Innovation handled at the business-rule level
- □ Data may change the innovation landscape
- □ Evaluation of products/services the most important gap
- Great promise of the innovation-driven economy
- □ Diverse products, systems, and services call for different innovation approaches

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Case Studies

















Product and Process Innovation

- □ Why customers are paying high price for low cost ingredients (material)?
 - Highly customized product (size and taste)
 - Unusual locations
 - Easily recognizable

Case Study 6: Product Innovation (Undergraduate Student Project) 9 VENT NPT FEMA 말 DIAPHRAGM AND STEM SHOWN IN POWN POSITION * SPRING PUB ARLIFTS STEN UP CIAPHRAGM PLATE NPT FEMALE CONNECTION ACTUATOR SP ACTUATOR STEP PRING SEAT PRING ADJUS STEM CONNE OKE -TRAVEL INDICATO INDICATOR SCALE -Valve Actuator



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