Design thinking & innovation concepts:

From Research to Innovation in Life Science

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Learning Objectives

Over the next hour, you should be able to:

- Understand the importance of design thinking and [market-driving] breakthrough innovation
- Evaluate and define types of breakthrough innovation
- Highlight some critical success factors in innovation
- Comprehend the diffusion-adoptions model of innovation
Later today ...

- Exploration
- Evaluation
- Execution

Innovation & Breakthroughs
The entire innovation process

New Product Development (NPD)

Stage-Gate Process

Source: adapted from Cooper (2008); Khurana and Rosenthal (1998); Koen et al. (2002)
Learning is a collaborative process by which knowledge is co-constructed through social interaction using language and culturally organised activities that facilitate proper human intellectual and psychological development and higher-order thinking.

(Vygotsky 1962; Vygotsky 1978)
The breadth or diversity of knowledge and divergent thinking may give rise to creativity, allowing linkages between what is already known and novel associations (Thongpravati 2014, p.103).

Diversity of knowledge is a source of new product creativity, particularly for market driving innovation (Thongpravati 2014, p.319).
What is market-driving innovation?

‘Breakthrough’ or ‘market-driving’ innovation is a new line of product (or service/process), which explores new ideas or technologies that significantly transform existing markets or create new ones:

- Using very new idea or very new technology that has never been used in the industry before, and/or;
- Has caused significant changes in the industry or category
- Was one of the first of its kind introduced into the market
- Is considered to be highly innovative by the market

Market-driving innovation?

Speech Perception Test (SPT) result
Michael Nich — 29/6/2018

- Vowels correct: 43/50
- Consonants correct: 85/100
- Words correct: 33/50
- Words entirely missed: 0/50

Your results indicate you may have a hearing loss.

[Bar chart showing speech feature categories and percent correct]

- Good hearing
- Open-fit hearing aids recommended
- Contact us for advice

Guest Speaker: Chula TH 21.1.19
Market-driving innovation?

“X-Y position indicator for a display system”

**CHALLENGE**

A new kind of computer navigation device that is less expensive and more reliable in the market.

**OUTCOME**

First usable computer mouse, with a "ribcage" to hold pieces.
Types of Product Innovation

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Examples of product innovation?

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Quick Discussion of Product Innovations

Based on the examples of product innovations

- What role does that innovation play in successful companies?
- What did that innovative company do differently?
- Critical success factors in innovation
  - What factors promoted their success?
  - Was success a function of the product, its design, marketing or the external environment?
**Critical Success Factors**

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<td>1 Organisational structure</td>
<td>Single structure (only one NPD program for all products)</td>
<td>Clearly identified structure (strategic business units, loosely coupled to mainstream organisation)</td>
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<td>Cross-functional team between departments</td>
<td>Multifunctional skilled employees with entrepreneurial characteristics</td>
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<td>2 Organisational culture/behaviour (market orientation)</td>
<td>Market driven (reactive market orientation)</td>
<td>Market driving (proactive market orientation)*</td>
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<td>Top management involvement</td>
<td>Top management involvement (visionary leaders), external linkages with potential customers and constituents</td>
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<td>3 NPD process</td>
<td>Stage-gate process, strong market orientation and rigorous go/kill decision points</td>
<td>Next generation stage-gate process (&quot;full&quot;, &quot;xpress&quot; and &quot;lite&quot;)</td>
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<td>- Focus on existing consumer needs</td>
<td>- Focus on latent consumer needs</td>
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<td>- Address existing demand</td>
<td>- Build and create demand</td>
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<td>5. Research</td>
<td>Market research: - Customer insight (market pull)</td>
<td>Research and development (R&amp;D): - Executive foresight* (technology push)</td>
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<td>7. Metrics and performance measurement</td>
<td>Traditional measures for product development performance</td>
<td>Activity- and performance-based measures</td>
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*Emerging success factors of market-driving innovation

Importance of Commercialisation

“You cannot save a bad product with a splendid launch strategy but you can surely kill a great product with a poor launch strategy” - Prof Erik Jan Hultink

- New product launches - key driver of business growth.
- Launching a new product has to be done right or the chances of success are severely diminished.
- Statistics for new product launches often suggest failure rates for new products at around 50% to 75%.
A failed invention/innovation?
## Common causes of flops and Lesson Learnt

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<td>Can’t support fast growth.</td>
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<td><strong>FLAW 2</strong></td>
<td>The product falls short of claims and gets bashed.</td>
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<td><strong>FLAW 3</strong></td>
<td>The new item exists in “product limbo.”</td>
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<td><strong>FLAW 4</strong></td>
<td>The product defines a new category and requires substantial consumer education—but doesn’t get it.</td>
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<td><strong>FLAW 5</strong></td>
<td>The product is revolutionary, but there’s no market for it.</td>
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<td><strong>THE LESSON</strong></td>
<td>Have a plan to ramp up quickly if the product takes off.</td>
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<td>Delay your launch until the product is really ready.</td>
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<td>Test the product to make sure its differences will sway buyers.</td>
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<td>If consumers can’t quickly grasp how to use your product, it’s toast.</td>
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<td>Don’t gloss over the basic questions “Who will buy this and at what price?”</td>
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Source: Joan Schneider and Julie Hall, HBR, 2011
Diffusion and Adoption of Innovation

- **Diffusion**: a *macro* process with the spread of new product from its source to the consuming public

- **Adoption**: a *micro* process that focuses on the stages through which a consumer decides to accept or reject a new product (through awareness, interest, evaluation, trial)
Diffusion of Innovation

- Considering the way products are diffused into the population i.e. technology transfer

- A universal process of social change

- How, over time, an idea or product gains momentum and spreads (or diffuses, hence the name) through a specific population or social system.

Product lifecycle and Adoption of Innovation

- the adopter groups that form part of the market e.g. early and late adopters
- the factors that ensure new products penetrate the market quickly
  - how best to promote our product and enable consumer to experience it quickly

Product lifecycle and Diffusion of Innovation

• Main characteristics of innovations

1. **Relative Advantage** – Degree to which an innovation is seen as superior than the existing idea, program, or product

2. **Compatibility** – Degree to which an innovation is consistent with the values, experiences, and needs of the potential adopters.

3. **Complexity** – Degree to which an innovation is easy to understand and/or use.

4. **Trial ability** – Degree to which the innovation can be tested or experimented with before a commitment to adopt is made.

5. **Observability** – Degree to which an innovation provides tangible results.

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“Facett” World-first self-fitting hearing aid with ...

- The core: User’s setting to optimize their listening preference of the device via smartphone, tablet or home computer
- Module: A rechargeable battery that activates the hearing aid

https://www.3dprintingprogress.com/articles/13914/3d-printing-helps-develop-world-first-hearing-aid
"Facett is a true collaboration between science and design"

"It's part of a digital health system that empowers people to self-manage their hearing experience."

"This is a huge leap in progress for the four million Australians suffering hearing loss, many of whom aren’t using hearing aids because of appearance, repeated and frustrating visits to suppliers for hearing aid tuning and the inconvenience and complexity of changing batteries"
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• PhD project – low-power, wireless control system that communicates between personal electronic devices such as smartphones and hearing aids

• "I provided multiple designs for the modular connections, each of which provided different features aimed at improving the strength of the connection between modules without making the hearing aid too difficult to manipulate"

• "The design and prototyping process was carried out in rapid iterations using a combination of computer-aided design software and various types of 3D printing. The work I conducted on the modular connection is to be submitted a part of my PhD."
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- In March 2015, a new Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Technology Innovation, the “Swinburne BioReactor”, has commenced.

- In dynamic and rapidly growing medical technology (medtech) industry, fostering commercialisation of biomedical research and innovation through entrepreneurship education and training (EET) programs is critical

(Maritz, de Waal and Shieh 2014; Yoon and Lee 2013)

- Biomedical EET is relatively a young field of interdisciplinary
  - Limited number of existing programs, e.g. Stanford BioDesign, MIT Portugal, Ireland BioInnovate
  - Lack of training at a PhD level research

- Challenges and opportunities for university-industry collaboration
  - [Australia] TOP five countries; contributing 3 percent of the World’s medical research publications
  - Medtech industry with revenue of AUD$10billion per annum
  - High-performing companies with success stories (AAMRI 2014; Australian Innovation Systems Report 2014)
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- **Aim:** To develop the next generation of entrepreneurs, industry-ready applied researchers and leaders in the field of biomedical engineering, specifically biomedical devices and diagnostics

- An innovation hub with **multi-stakeholders**
  - Program designers, industry liaison and advisory board
  - Supervisory team including industry partners
  - 10 PhD students and 3 postdoctoral researchers

- Industry-led and cross-disciplinary research and training
  - Focuses on real-world healthcare challenges; making a difference in people’s lives!
  - “Entrepreneurship Education” and “Design Thinking” themes.
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