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# Open innovation and collaboration between SMEs and external partners

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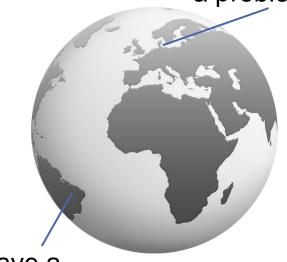
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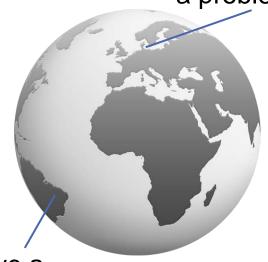
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"Open Innovation is a distributed innovation process based on purposively managed knowledge flows across organizational boundaries, using pecuniary and non-pecuniary mechanisms." (Bogers and Chesbrough 2014)



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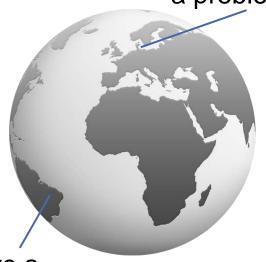
"No matter who you are, most of the smartest people work for someone else."

(Joy's law, attributed to Sun Microsystems co-founder Bill Joy)



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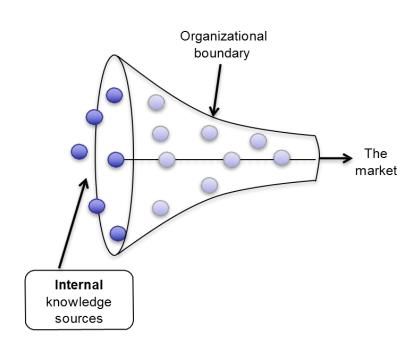
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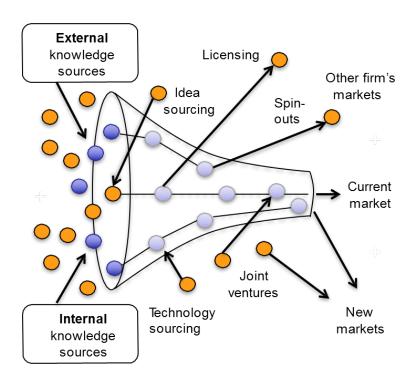
"Given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow."

(Linus's law, named in honor of Linus Torvalds)



# **Closed versus open innovation**







## Inbound and outbound open innovation

Firm

**Problems** 

Solutions (technologies)

Inbound (outside-in)

Who has a solution to my problem?

Outbound (inside-out)

Whose problem can be solved with my technology?

**External partners** 

Solutions (technologies)

**Problems** 

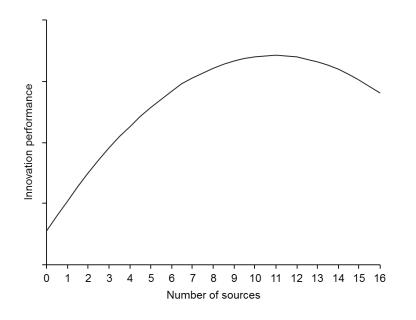


# How to do open innovation?

Technological Competence **Distributed Innovation** Lead User Leveraging Method Innovation Collaborative Innovation Communities Joint **Innovation** Malls Crowdsourcing Ventures Strategic Alliances **User Innovation Open Innovation** M&As Innovation Mass Customization **Networks** University-industry Collaboration Markets for Technology Licensing **Pyramiding** Search Outsourcing **Broadcast** Corporate Venturing Search Elite Free revealing Co-Creation Consortia Circles



## How does open innovation affect performance?



- External search breadth (the number of different innovation sources a firm draws from) is curvilinearly related to innovation performance
- After a certain threshold, firms may "over-search" because they fail to attend to the vast diversity of innovation sources

Source: Laursen and Salter (2006)



# Some findings from research

#### Higher number of solutions

e.g. Alam (2003), Bonser (2006), Hargadon (2003), Hargadon and Sutton (1997) Hargadon and Sutton (2000), Huston and Sakkab (2006), Kolle (2005), Lettl (2004), Vincent and Mann (2002)

#### More novel solutions

e.g. Cooper (2005), Hargadon and Sutton (1997), Hienerth, Pötz and von Hippel (2007), Higgs (2005), Hsu und Kwanghui (2006), Huston and Sakkab (2006), Katila (2002), Lakhani et al. (2007), Grimpe and Kaiser (2010)

# Effects of open innovation

### Higher success potential

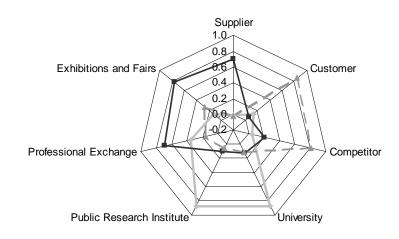
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# Shorter development times, lower costs

e.g. Alam (2003), Gassmann and Enkel (2004), Hargadon and Sutton (2000), Huston and Sakkab (2006), Lagace (2006), Lakhani et al (2007), Lettl (2004), Ramirez et al. (2005)



# Identifying collaboration strategies



Scientific search strategy — Supply search strategy — Market search strategy

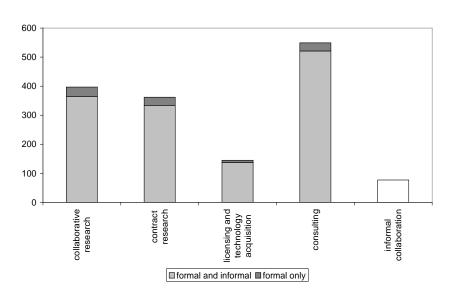
Source: Köhler, Sofka and Grimpe (2012)



	Share of sales	Share of sales
	with products	with products
	new to the	new to the firm
	market (all)	(all)
Colombifica and advantages (and a)	0.000*	0.045
Scientific search strategy (scale)	0.062*	0.015
County county stretch was (county)	(0.033)	(0.013)
Supply search strategy (scale)	0.077**	0.023*
	(0.032)	(0.013)
Market search strategy (scale)	0.046	0.056***
	(0.028)	(0.011)
Share of internal R&D exp. of sales (ratio)	0.345^^^	0.153^^^
	(0.080)	(0.033)
Cont. R&D activities (d)	0.142***	0.040***
	(0.015)	(0.006)
Share of sales w/ exports (ratio)	0.076***	0.035***
	(0.026)	(0.010)
Sales 1998 (log)	-0.018***	-0.011***
	(0.004)	(0.002)
Part of company group (d)	0.010	-0.001
	(0.015)	(0.006)
Process innovation (d)	-0.006	-0.033***
	(0.013)	(0.005)
Country dummies included	yes	yes
Industry dummies included	yes	yes
Pseudo R2	0.08	0.14
N	5022	5010
LR/Wald chi2	337.16	631.76
P-value	0.00	0.00
Log likelihood	-2052.87	-1877.15

<sup>(</sup>d) for discrete change of dummy variable from 0 to 1  $^{*}$  p<0.10,  $^{**}$  p<0.05,  $^{***}$  p<0.01

# **Collaborating with universities**



	% of Innovation sales <sub>2003</sub> Tobit model				Innovation sales > 0 Probit model		
	coefficie	nt	std. err.	coefficie	nt	std. err.	
Formal collaboration <sub>2002</sub>	4.39		6.06	0.12		0.27	
Informal collaboration <sub>2002</sub>	1.60		3.95	0.10		0.18	
Formal and informal collaboration <sub>2002</sub>	16.02	***	2.090	0.58	***	0.13	
Collaboration with firms <sub>2002</sub>	13.95	***	3.86	0.78	***	0.20	
% Innovation sales/Employment <sub>2002</sub>	0.79	***	0.05	1.01	***	0.12	
$Log(R\&D_{2002})$	0.40		1.31	-0.01		0.06	
Share of high skilled workers <sub>2002</sub>	12.30	*	7.14	0.94	***	0.36	
Log(employment <sub>2002</sub> )	-1.00		1.12	0.04		0.05	
SME <sub>2002</sub>	-6.33	*	3.59	-0.30	*	0.16	
Log(export <sub>2002</sub> )	-0.37		0.54	-0.02		0.02	
East Germany <sub>2002</sub>	0.05		5.50	-0.00		0.11	
Log(age <sub>2002</sub> )	-0.51		1.29	-0.04		0.06	
Process innovator <sub>2002</sub>	6.07	***	2.42	0.42	***	0.11	
Part of a firm group <sub>2002</sub>	6.55	***	2.59	0.16		0.12	
with a headquarter outside of Germany <sub>2002</sub>	-7.05	*	3.85	-0.32	*	0.18	
Industry dummies	Yes			Yes			
constant	-17.09	**	7.90	-0.83	**	0.35	
Complementarity test:	F-statistic:			X <sup>2</sup> -statistic:			
Formal & informal > formal + informal	1.97	*		2.04	*		
Number of observations	884			884			
Number of left-censored observations	441						
Number of right-censored observations	10						
LR-X <sup>2</sup>	483.54	***		348.41	***		
Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	0.10			0.28			

Source: Grimpe and Hussinger (2013)



# Challenges in open innovation



STILL NO INTEREST IN OUR OPEN INNOVATION PROGRAM?

Organizations often lack the ability to "recognize the value of new, external knowledge, assimilate it, and apply it to commercial ends" (Cohen and Levinthal, 1990)

# What does it take to collaborate externally?

### **Absorptive capacity**

Ability to **recognize** the value of new information

Ability to **assimilate** new information

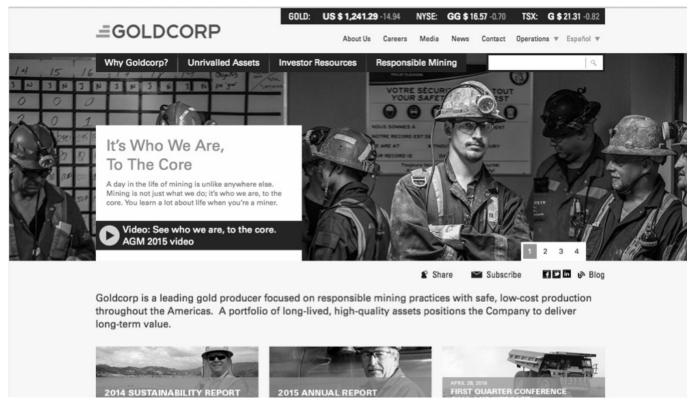
Ability to **apply** it to commercial ends

The level of an organization's absorptive capacity influences its ability to widely explore new (external) knowledge to generate innovations.

- Prior knowledge
- Organizational structure and culture
- Level of autonomy
- Diversity of staff
- Resources

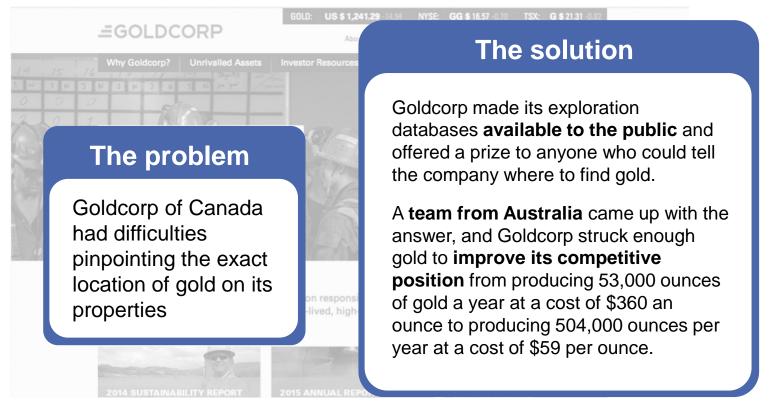


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# Why crowdsourcing?

- A medical instruments
   manufacturer is looking for a
   method of infection prevention in
   surgery (target market)
- Problem: avoiding contamination



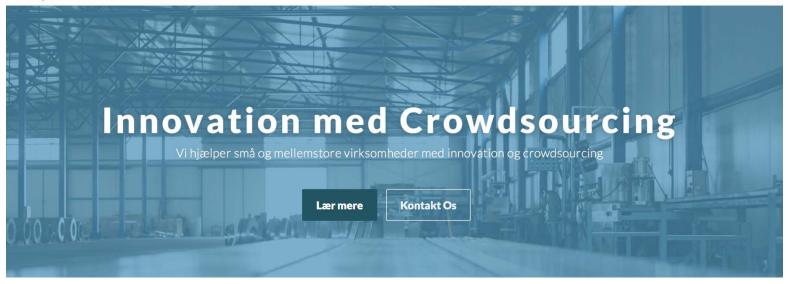
- Same trend in **analogous market** (e.g. chip production)
- Maybe better insights?



#### **Analogous market effects**

Ideas from analogous/distant markets are more novel than those from the target market





### http://www.smvcrowdsourcinglab.dk/













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