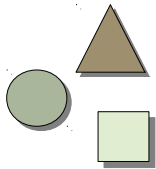# 74. Business Development and Technology Transfer -
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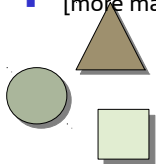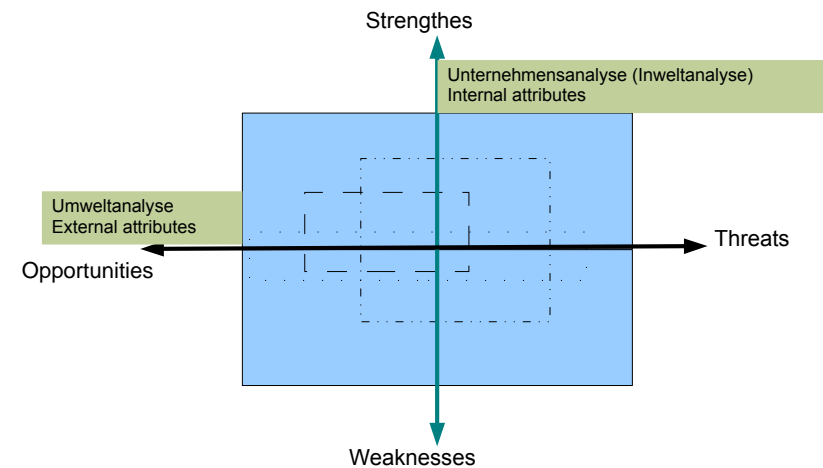
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74.1 Strategic Analyses for Research and Innovations

- Not all research is *relevant*
- For developing your research direction
    - Often, decisions have to be made about which way to go in research. Several general analysis for strategy can be used.
- For deriving an innovation
    - Out of a set of research results, it has to be decided, which one has be best chances to become a product and have success to be sold
- For defining the "minimal viable product" (MVP) of a startup
- [more material in course "Software Management (summer)"]

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SWOT Analysis for Estimating Relevance of Your Idea

► SWOT is a 4-dimensional attribute analysis for the development of a strategy for of a project, research result, technology, service, or product [Albert Humphrey]

► For strategic decisions of your thesis and your research

Strengthes

Unternehmensanalyse (Inweltanalyse)
Internal attributes

Umweltanalyse
External attributes

Threats

Opportunities

Weaknesses

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„Low Hanging Fruit" Analysis (Cost-Utility Product)

▶ "**low hanging fruit"-Analysis (Fruchtbarkeitsanalyse)** analyses the set of possible research questions and results in a research portfolio

▶ The **Cost-Utility-Product** is:

• **Cost-utility-product** = Win*Effort

▶ Most attractive are **"low hanging fruits" (Abstaubertore)**, because they bring bit win with low effort

▶ **Dogs** questions can be investigated, but will not lead to anything

▶ **Snakes** kill immediately – never do research on them!

▶ **Elefants** kill your research and your life on the long term if you are not careful. But they can also be rewarding
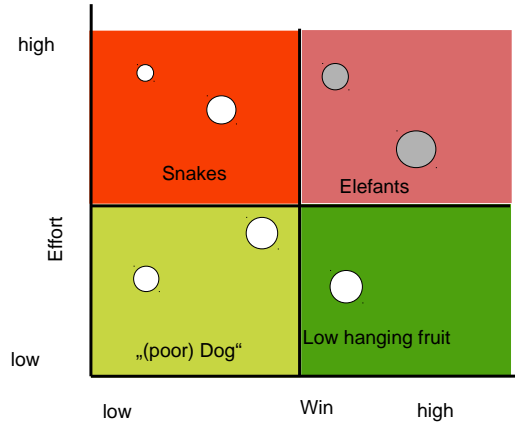

„KillerApp" Analysis (Attractivity Portfolio)

▶ Die **"KillerApp"-Analysis** investigates for a product or a research paper
  ▪ whether it is needed
  ▪ whether it is comprehensible

▶ the **Attractivity Product** is a Utility-utility-product:
  – **Attractivity** = Need * Comprehensibility

▶ Most attractive papers, ideas, or projects are "KillerApps", because they are easy to comprehend and useful for many

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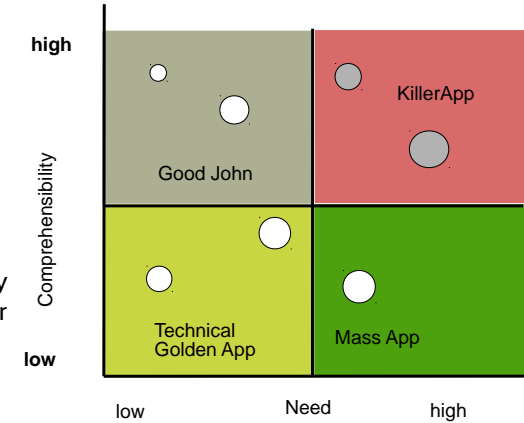
BCG-Box zur Marktanalyse als Attraktivitätsfaktor

▶ Die **"BCG-Box" (growth-share matrix)** analysiert die Menge aller aktiven Projekte auf (Boston Consulting Group)
  – Der **Marktfaktor** ist ein Nutzen-Nutzen-Attraktivitätsfaktor:
  – **Marktfaktor** = Marktwachstum * Marktanteil

▶ Am attraktivsten sind Cash Cows

▶ Stars befinden sich noch in einem kleinen Markt, sind aber für Investitionen sehr attraktiv

▶ Dogs sollten auslaufen

▶ Question marks (problem children) können sich unter Investitionen zu Stars wandeln
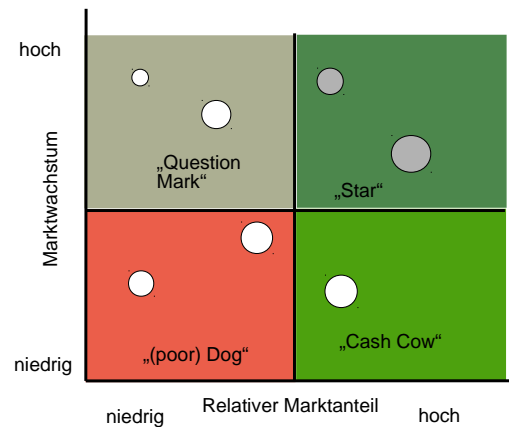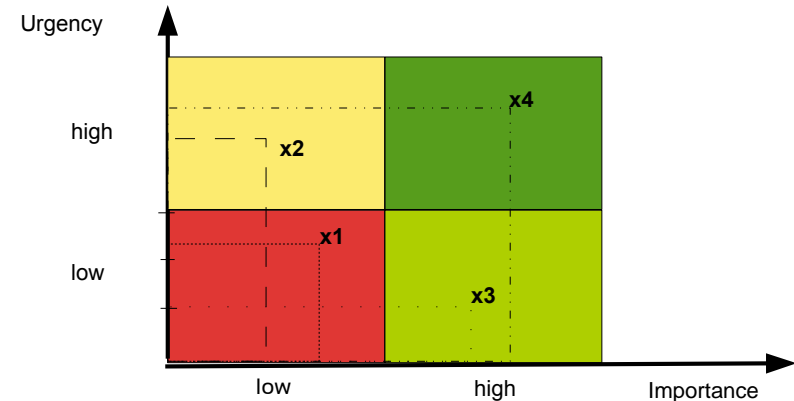

[DecisionBook]
http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/BCG-Matrix
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Growth-share_matrix

Eisenhower's Urgency Analysis

▶ X4: important and important: do/realize immediately

▶ X3: important, but not important: do

▶ X2: not important, but urgent: delegate

▶ X1: not important, not urgent: ignore

Home Work

▶ Conduct a "low hanging fruit" analysis for the topic "Smart Grid"

▶ Conduct a "killer app analysis" for the topic Smart Grid
  – find a killer app
  – find a golden technical app


74.2 Innovation Engineering and Business Development

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- ▪ .. from business opportunities to business cases.
- ▪ For startups
- ▪ For transfer.

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74.2.1. Business Opportunity Analysis (BOA) for Products and Services (Innovation Analysis)

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▶ How to find interesting problems or objectives of a customer?
  - ▪ Aspect-oriented problem analysis such as SWOT-BPOPP or UCEW-BPOPP
  - ▪ Value-Proposition Analysis (VPA), such as NABC

▶ This **business opportunity list (BOL)** contains prospective opportunities to solve problems for the customer, and earn money
  - ▪ It must be prioritized according with other 2-D or multi-critiera analysis methods

▶ *Low-hanging-fruit analysis* finds out those products/services which are easiest reachable and are most business efficient

▶ *Eisenhower urgency analysis* finds out, how important or urgent the problems are for the customer. Helps to derive the *busines opportunity list*

Generation of opportunities → Prioritization of business opportunity list → Business opportunities

Value proposition analysis (VPA) → Low hanging fruit analysis → Urgency analysis → Selection → Business opportunities

Business opportunity analysis

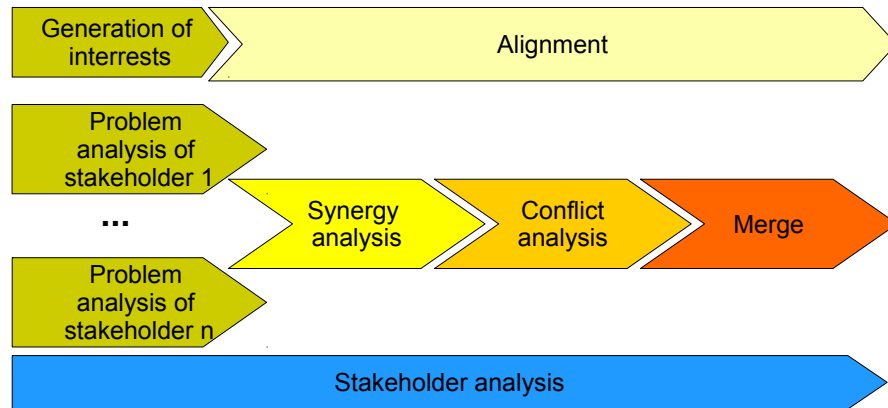## Market and Competitor Analysis

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▶ A simple market analysis prioritizes the BOL with the chances in the target markets.

▶ *Killer-App analysis* finds out those products/services which are very attractive

▶ *BCB-Box analysis* finds out "cash cows" and "stars"

Business opportunities → Prioritization of business opportunity list → KillerApp analysis → BCG Box → Selection → MVP

Market analysis
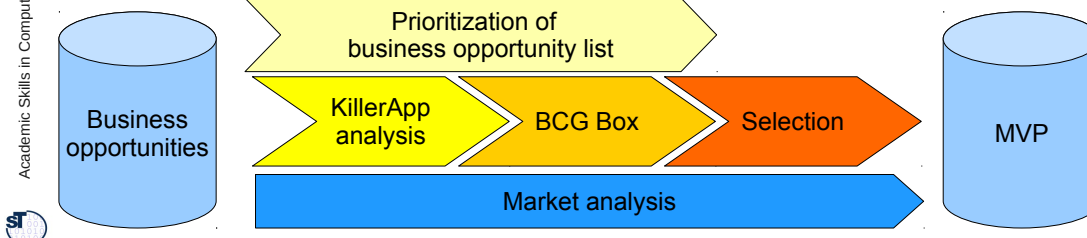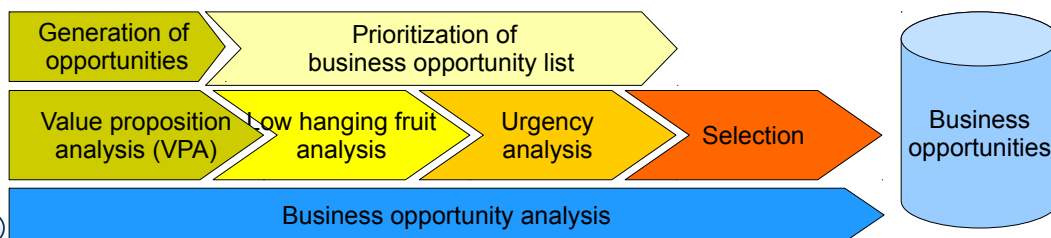
Stakeholder Analysis in Innovation Engineering

▶ Also stakeholder analysis relies on aspect-oriented problem analysis.

▶ Here, the concerns (SWOT, UCEW, or Maslow) can be used to find **synergies and conflicts**. From these, a **merge** of the problem analysis result must be achieved

Generation of interrests	Alignment

Problem analysis of stakeholder 1

...

Synergy analysis → Conflict analysis → Merge

Problem analysis of stakeholder n

Stakeholder analysis

Strategic Analysis

▶ For Start-Ups
  ▪ Do a VPA with NABC
  ▪ Conduct AOPA with SWOT-BPOPP
  ▪ Conduct a AOEA with UCEW-BPOPP
  ▪ Do a Stakeholder analysis.
  ▪ It will bring out new ideas for business and sort out conflicts between stakeholders.
  ▪ Then do a business opportunity analysis for "low hanging fruits"
▶ For strategic project and product managers:
  ▪ Do a regular aspect-oriented problem analysis for your markets.
  ▪ After a certain time, re-check the success analysis.
▶ Companies entering new markets:
  ▪ Identify in a business opportunity analysis with a KillerApp analysis the "Stars" and "KillerApps".
  ▪ Avoid GoodJohns and TechnicalGoldenApps.

74.2.2 Business Cases (Geschäftsfall, -szenario)

A **Business Case (Geschäftsfall, Geschäftszenario)** plans the economic cost and benefit of a business opportunity, as well as the time of Return-Of-Investment (ROI, Wirtschaftlichkeit). [Wikipedia]

▶ Business Cases are derived from the Top-Level Business Opportunities
▶ Synonyms:
  ▪ Kosten-Nutzen-Analyse
  ▪ Wirtschaftlichkeitsrechnung
  ▪ Renditerechnung
  ▪ Investitionsrechnung
▶ Without ROI analysis there is no investment

A **business case** captures the reasoning for initiating a project or task. Whenever resources are consumed, they should be in support of a specific business need.

74.3 Technology Transfer

▪ How to organize transfer projects from which products can be commercialized

The Generic Transfer Process

- Transfer fields must be *matchmaked* with applied and basic research fields
- So that a concrete transfer process can be installed
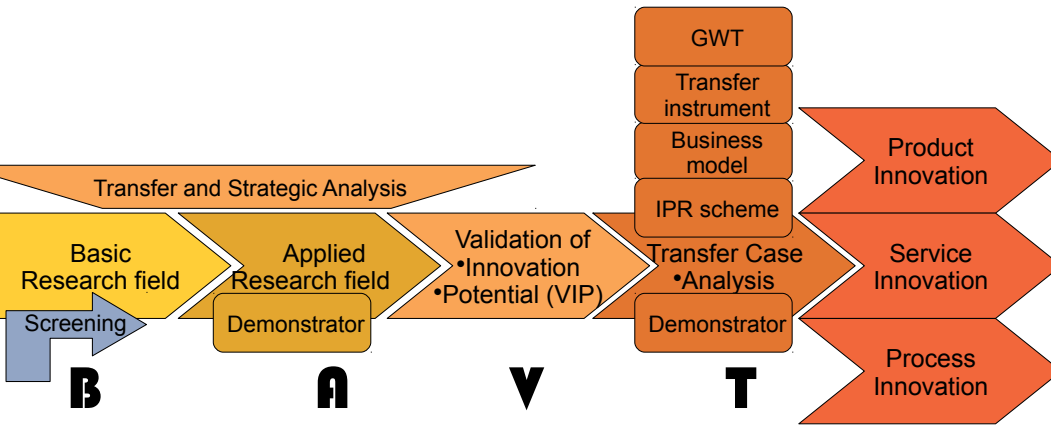
74.3.1. Push Technology Transfer Process

- **Push technology transfer process** operates in **phases** in concert with several partners.
- Companies are searched who realize innovation.
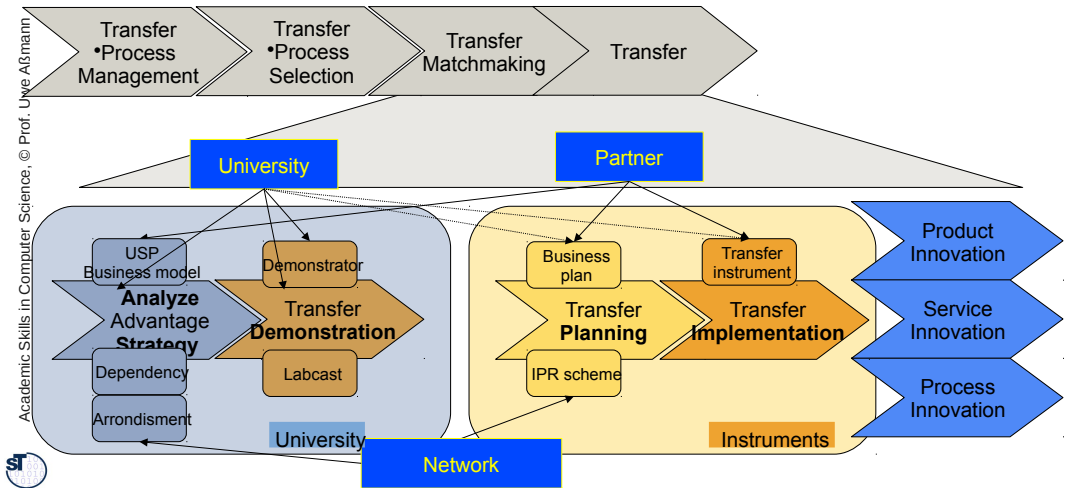
74.3.2. Specific Push Transfer Processes

74.3.2.1. Push Transfer Process with VIP

- VIP is a transfer instrument of BMBF
- www. validation-innovationspotential.de

Push Transfer Process with VIP

- University prepares transfer with VIP project; company waits

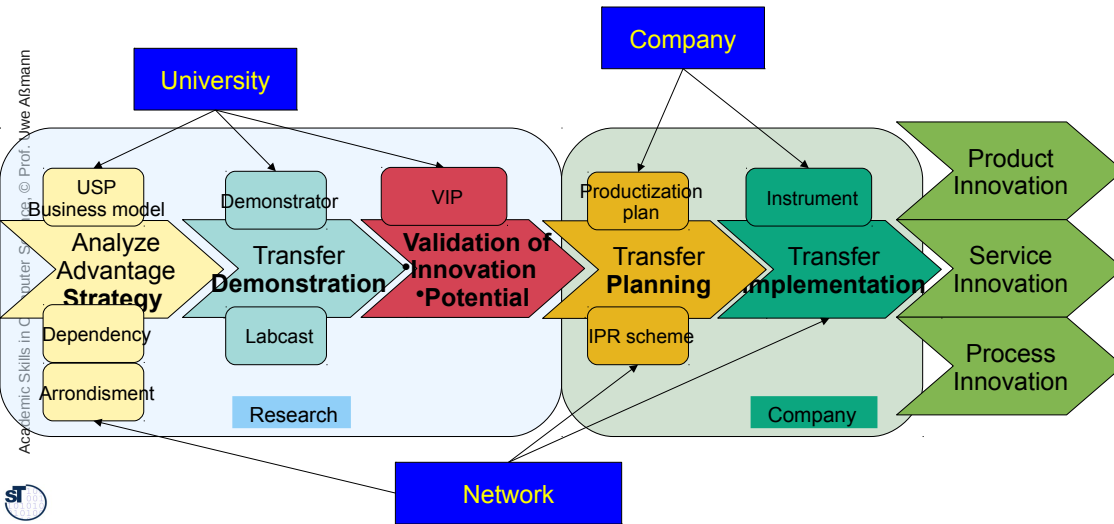University · Company · USP Business model · Demonstrator · VIP · Productization plan · Instrument · Analyze Advantage **Strategy** · Transfer **Demonstration** · **Validation of Innovation •Potential** · Transfer **Planning** · Transfer **Implementation** · Product Innovation · Service Innovation · Process Innovation · Dependency · Labcast · IPR scheme · Arrondisment · Research · Company · Network

74.3.2.2. Personal Transfer Process (PTP)

VIP Unique Selling Points for Software Machine Tools

- ▸ For a Software Machine Tool (Software-Werkzeugmaschine) the VIP instrument can deliver new application domains and business opportunities
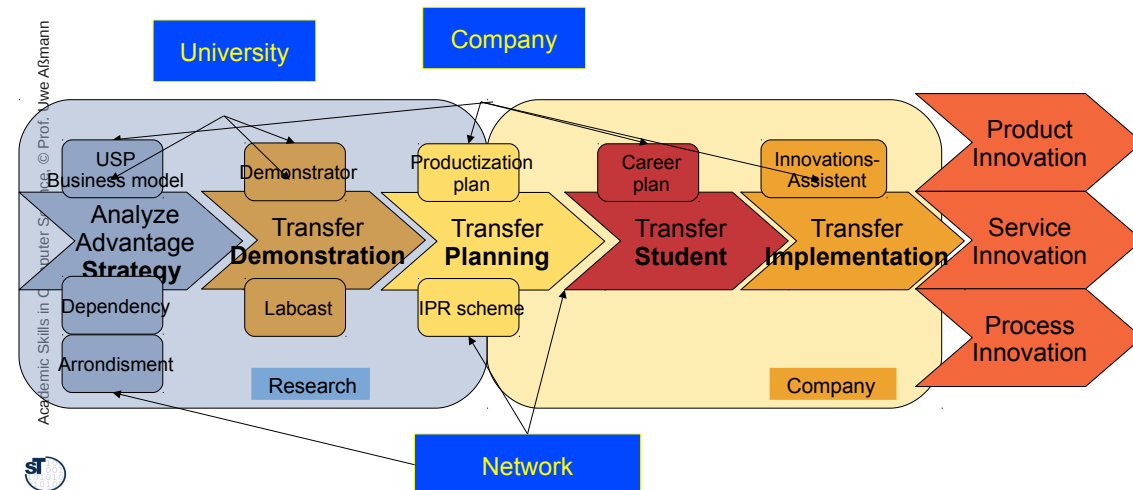- ▸ Matrix of domain-specific use cases

Tool Use Cases	Domain 1	Domain 2	Domain 3	
Function A			Customer b	
Function B		Customer a		
Function C			Customer c	

Personal Transfer Process

- **Personal transfer process** transfers students into existing business fields
- Light-weight process
- Advantage: extending a product

University · Company · USP Business model · Demonstrator · Productization plan · Career plan · Innovations-Assistent · Analyze Advantage **Strategy** · Transfer **Demonstration** · Transfer **Planning** · Transfer **Student** · Transfer **Implementation** · Product Innovation · Service Innovation · Process Innovation · Dependency · Labcast · IPR scheme · Arrondisment · Research · Company · Network

ESF Innovationsassistent

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▶ After a master's thesis, a student can be employed 2 years for 50% in a small company, if he continues to transfer his master's thesis topic (or another research result) into the company

▶ High grant approval rate

▶ May be a chance for you?

74.4 Pull Transfer Processes

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■ "Pulling" means that industry pulls technology out of the Unversity

74.4.1 Industriepromotion (Industrial PhD), z.B. Europäischer Sozial Fond ESF)

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▶ PhD student gets a topic relevant for a company
  - works part time for the company
  - is paid 50% by the company

▶ Examples
  - Georg Püschel
  - Julia Schroeter

74.4.2 Pull Cell Transfer Process

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▶ "Industry young researcher groups"

▶ Cell transfer process creates new fields for companies

▶ Transfers focussed junior research groups together with topic („Cell")
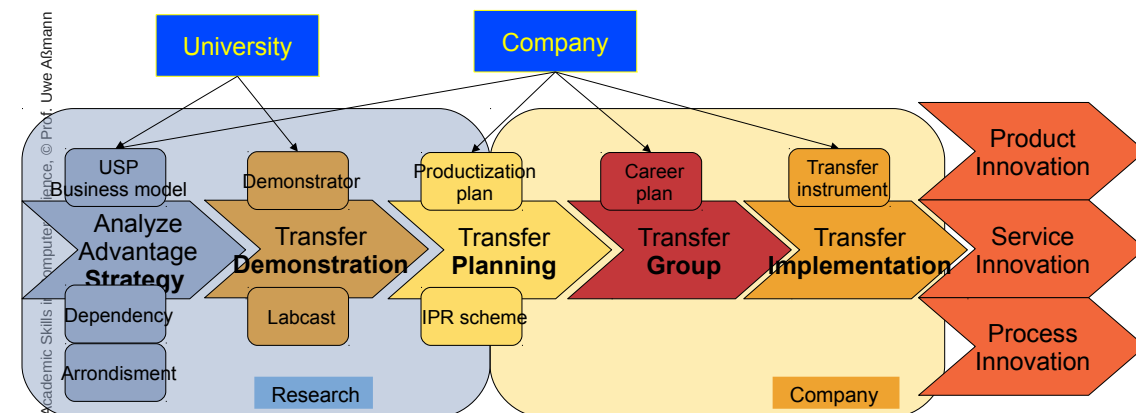
74.4.3 Startup Founding with BMBF Exist

- ▸ BMBF exist" is a stipend program of 1 year to derive a business plan for a startup
- ▸ A professor of the university becomes "Mentor"
- ▸ The startup agency "Dresden Exist" mentors, too
  - ▪ and gives hints how to get the grant

74.4.4 Common Research Projects (Verbundprojekte)

- ▸ EU: Horizon 2020 mit Innovation process
- ▸ Saxonian instruments
  - ▪ Master's thesis with Innovationsassistent
  - ▪ InnoPrämie (10kEuro pro Jahr)
  - ▪ ESF Industriepromotion
  - ▪ Innovationsberatung für KMU
- ▸ BMWI
  - ▪ ZIM
- ▸ BMBF
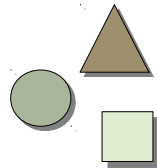 - ▪ KMU-initiativ
  - ▪ VIP

Beispiele erfolgreichen Transfers

Example: Software Productization Center for Transfer

- • Millersville Software Productization Center Pennsylvania
  http://www.millersville.edu/spc/
- • The mission of the Software Productization Center (SPC) at Millersville University is to provide emerging technology-focused entrepreneurs within the Central Pennsylvania region with assistance in advancing software products from concept to marketable product. The Center will accomplish this mission utilizing faculty expertise, the assistance of student interns from various disciplines, and support from community business leaders and technology experts. The Center will:
  - − Serve regional economic and community development needs
  - − Enhance the quality of instruction and learning resources available to students
  - − Link the University community to regional business, government, and nonprofit resources

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74.5 Coopetition and Collaborative Networks

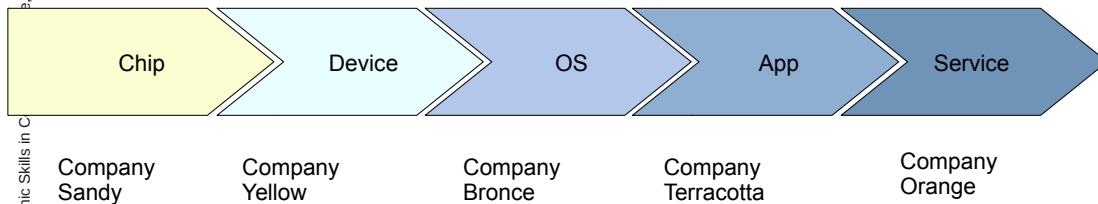# 74.5.1 Innovation Clusters aggregate Clustered (Colored) Value Chains

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Innovation Clusters aggregate Colored Value Chains

- An **innovation cluster aggregates** a **colored value chain** with companies grouped to an application field
  - Product-structured colored value chain
  - Process-structured colored value chain

Chip	Device	OS	App	Service
Company Sandy	Company Yellow	Company Bronce	Company Terracotta	Company Orange

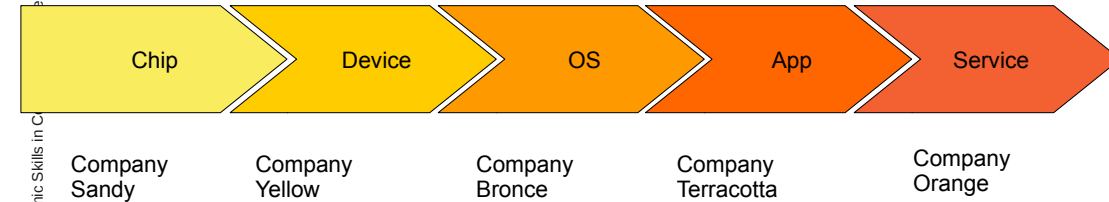---

Creating Colored Value Chains

- Blueprints for Colored Value Chains should be asked in Delphi studies
  - Web community
  - Matchmaking system
  - » Wie erzeugt man Benefit für alle? (Motivationssystem)

Chip	Device	OS	App	Service
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A Process to Create Innovation Clusters

- The process needs matchmaking of the cluster partners for the value chain
- **Cluster leader**: drums cluster together
  - Starting from a blueprint of a CVC
  - Does Delphi studies for innovation field
- Clustering IT-system
  - Simplifies Delphi studies
  - Fragebogenaktionen mit Review-System
  - Web 2.0 community a la itsax.de
- Cluster leader drums together a CVC for companies
  - Company as cluster leader
  - O4I as cluster leader

Leader

Chip	Device	OS	App	Service

The End