

Chemical Entrepreneurship -New Business Development in der Industrie

**Beispiel Evonik Chemicals** 

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- 2. Basic strategic considerations
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#### **Evonik business areas and sales**





#### The business units



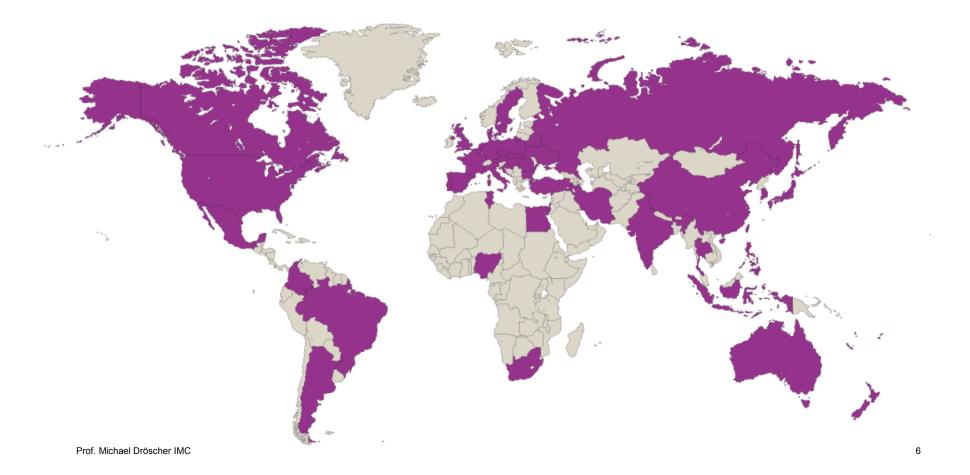
#### **Evonik Group**

Chemicals			Energy	Real Estate	Evonik Services GmbH
Technology Specialties	Consumer Solutions	Specialty Materials			
Base Chemicals	Consumer Specialties	Coating & Additives	Energy	Real Estate	
Inorganic Materials	Health & Nutrition	Performance Polymers			

### Evonik around the globe



Evonik has production and distribution sites in 52 countries around the globe and operates in more than 100 countries.



#### **Research & Development**



Evonik chemical business area operates at 35 sites R&D and tech centers with about 2300 employees Expenditures for R&D were 304 mio Euro in 2006



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# It is a must to ask the right questions today to develop a profitable future!



#### Horizon year 2017....

Only innovation allows sustainable and profitable Growth!



Will business model change and what is the impact on the BU/BLs innovation activities?

What are the right markets to focus on and how will these markets change in long term future?

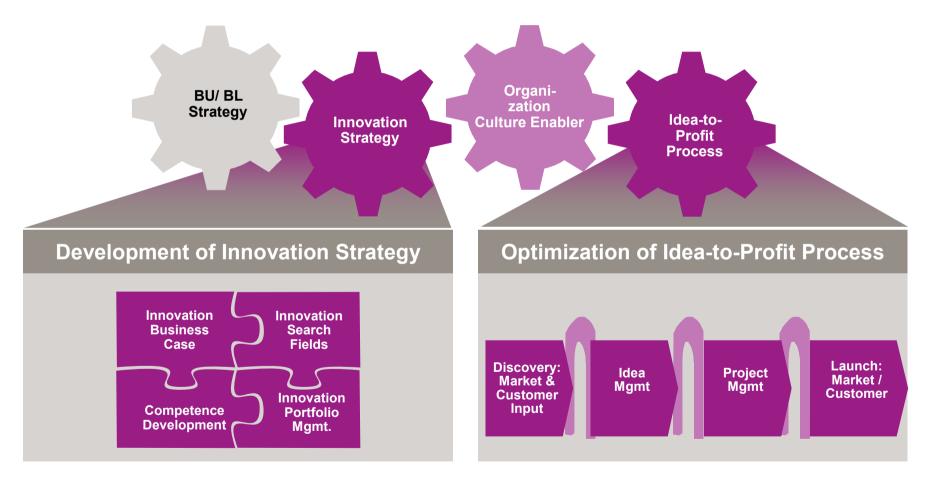
How can evolving customer requirements be better addressed by the businesses?

Is the right market view taken and what are customer requirements of tomorrow?

Where must resources be focused on and how could efficiency of BU/BLs be enhanced?

# Good innovators drive an advanced innovation management





#### **"Good Practice Innovation Strategies" are based on four key elements**

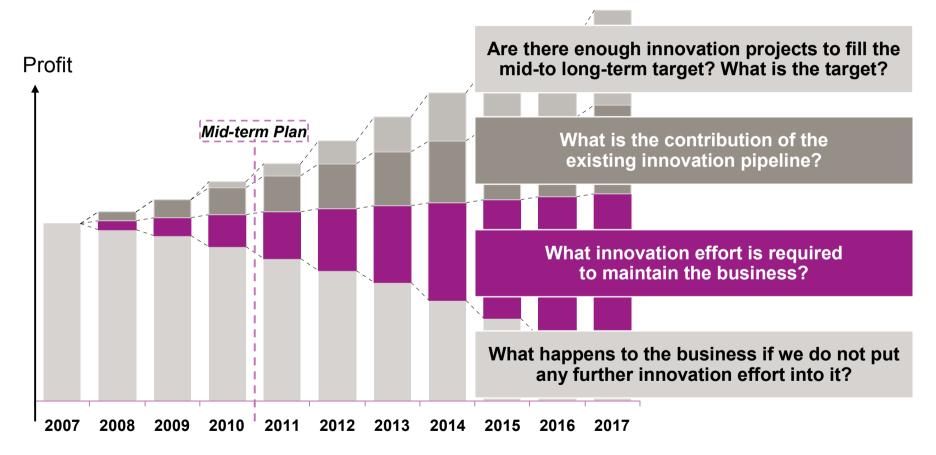


#### **Minimum Elements for an Innovation Strategy**



# Innovation Strategy: Good innovators have answers to their innovation business case



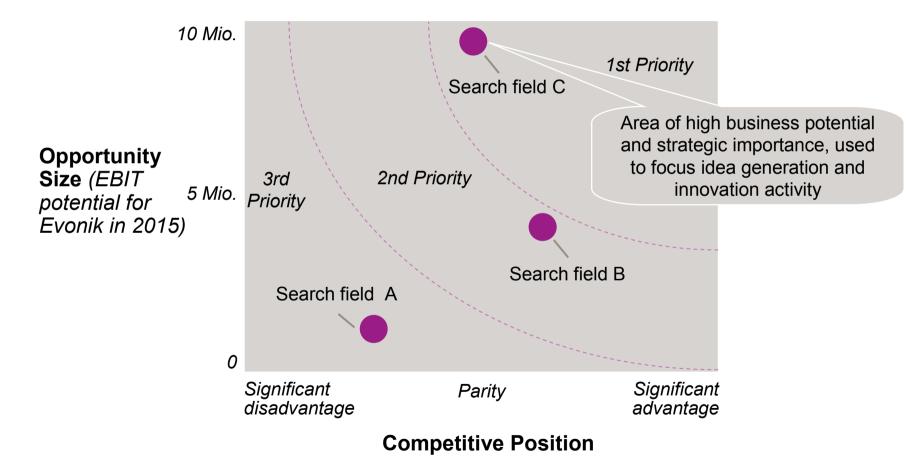


# Innovation strategy: Innovation search fields are setting up the strategic frame



#### **Innovation Search Field Prioritization**

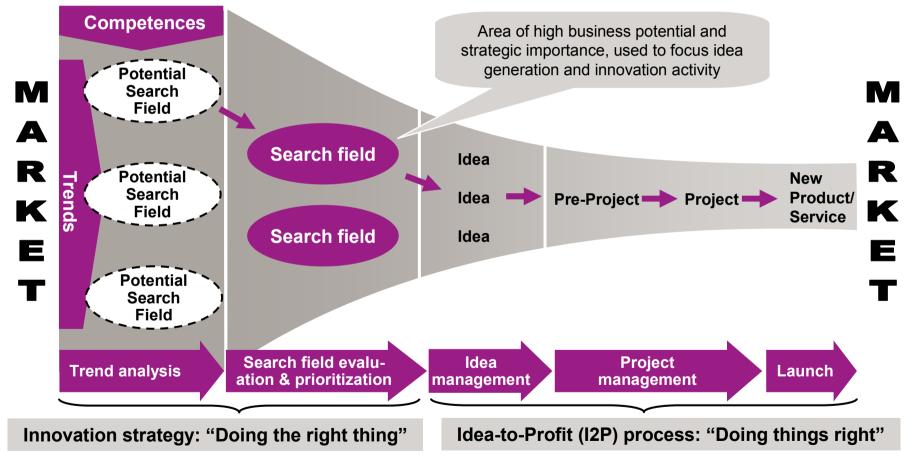
Illustrative Industry Results



# Combine innovation strategy and process – this leads to an advanced innovation mgmt

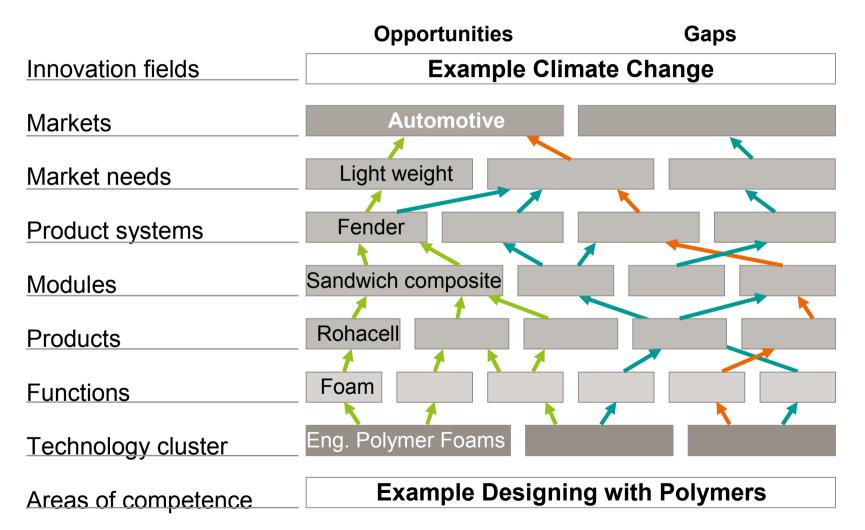


#### **Advanced Innovation Management from Market to Market**



Innovation strategy: Competences open opportunities, but there are also gaps to fill...

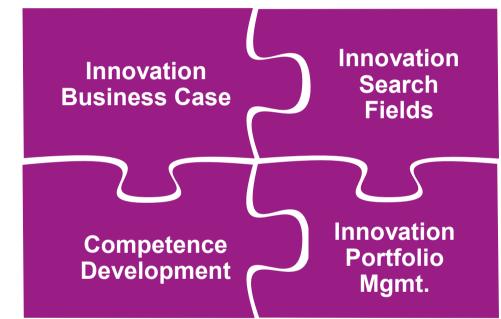




### To summarize: Key success factors in innovation management are...



best practice innovation strategy



best practice Idea-to-Profit Process

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"A Core Competence is a bundle of skills and technologies that enable a company to provide a particular benefit to customers. It is a well-performed internal activity that is central (not peripheral or incidental) to a company's competitiveness and profitability".



Hamel & Prahalad (1994) "Competing for the Future"



### **Competence Management: Our objectives**

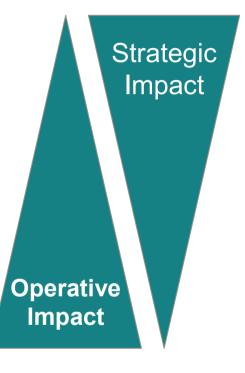


Profiling Evonik to differentiate from competitors

Guiding Strategy to create strength and opportunities for growth and value creation

Identifying business opportunities

**Creating solutions** 



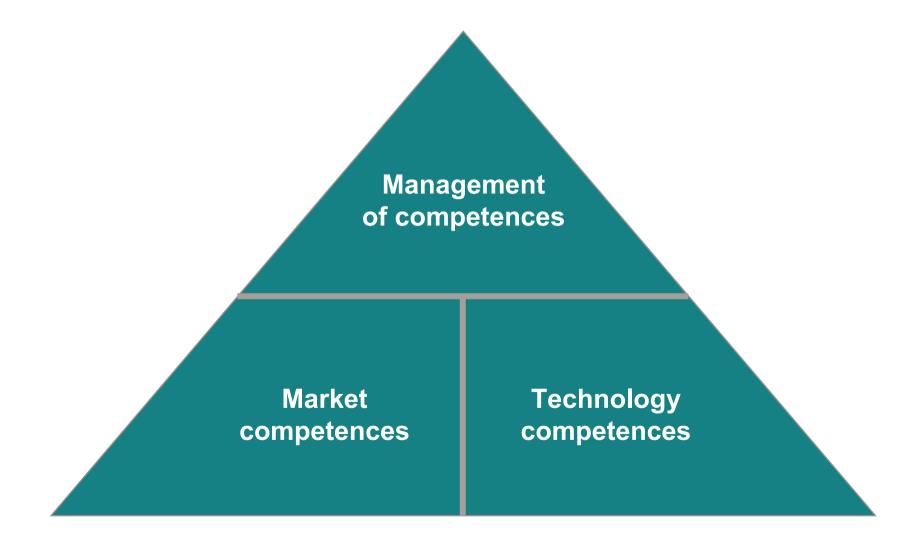
# Core Competences: The roots of new business



Leaves	
Branches Business Lines Trunks	
Core Product Groups	
Roots Core Competences	

## **Competence Management: A cross functional approach**

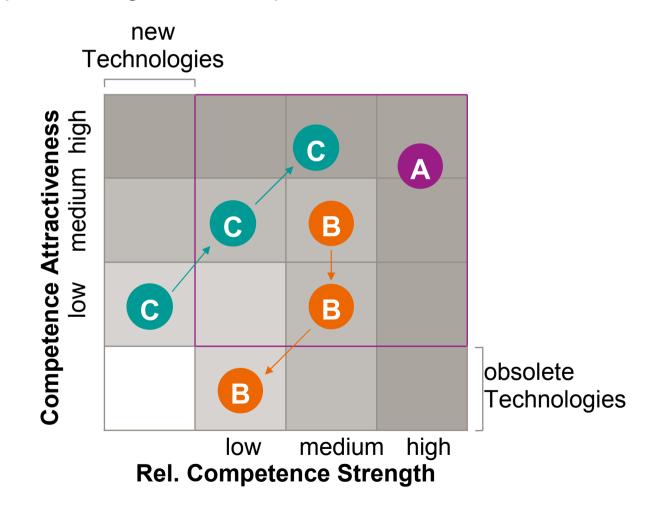




### **Competence portfolios are dynamic**

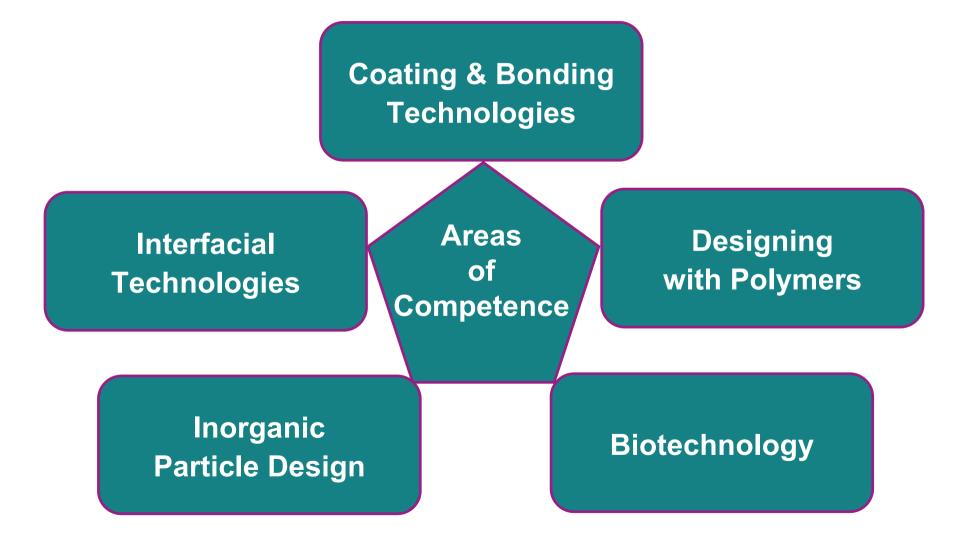


Some competences get more important, others obsolete



# Evonik Chemicals' Areas of Competence (AoC)





### Example Coating & Bonding Techn. Applications for lightfast polyurethanes



#### Large-Vehicle Coatings



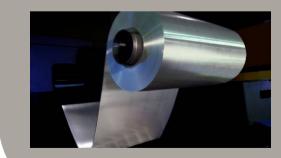
#### Automotive Coatings



#### **Aviation Coatings**



#### **Coil-Coating**



#### **Automotive Interiors**

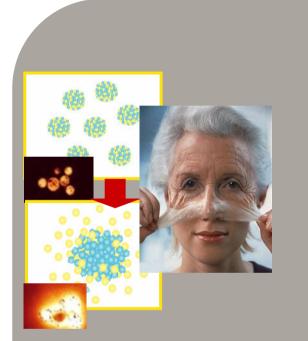


**Plastic Finishes** 



### Example Interfacial Technologies Encapsulation technology creates value in different markets



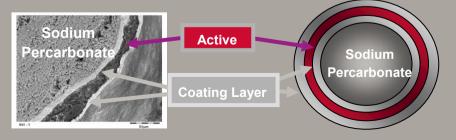


Eudragit<sup>®</sup> not only for Pharma

#### **Encapsulation**

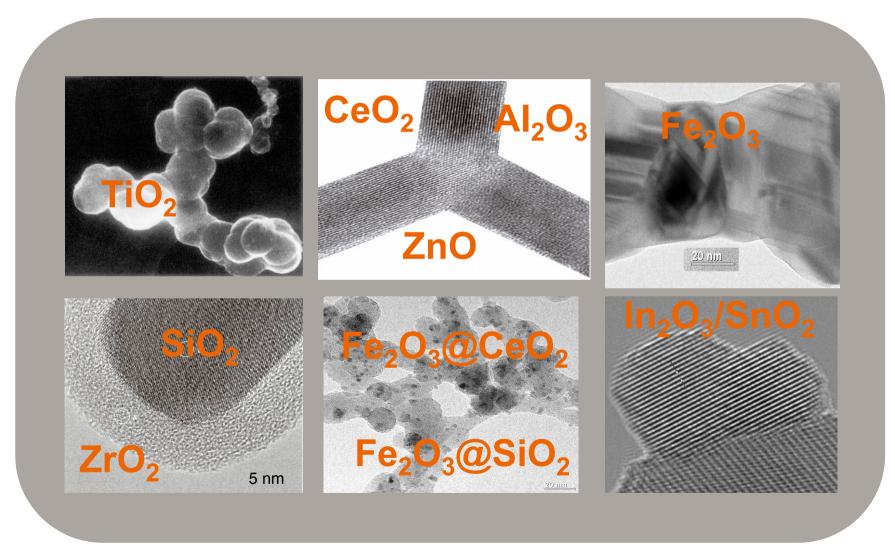
#### **Actives for Cosmetics**

Bleaching agents for laundry / dish-wash



# Example Inorganic Particle Design Evonik Chemicals' manufacturing capabilities for nanoparticles





# Inorganic Particles: a plethora of applications .....



# Zinc Oxide: for the protection of UV-sensitive materials

- Indium Tin Oxide: for transparent and antistatic coatings, or IR absorption
- MagSilica<sup>®</sup>: heating and curing polymeric materials from the inside
- <image>
- Fumed Zirconia: for technical ceramics and wear protection



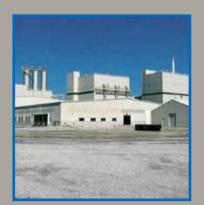


#### Example Biotechnology Evonik Chemicals' products by fermentation



#### **Products:**

- L-Lysine
- L-Threonine
- L-Tryptophane
- L-Valine
- L-Isoleucine
- L-Proline
- Sphingolipids







#### Example Biotechnology Evonik Chemicals' Products by Biocatalysis



- L-Methionine
- L-tert-Leucine
- L-Aspartic Acid
- L-Alanine
- Chiral Alcohols
- -Amino Acids
- Pharma Intermediates
- Lipases
- Emmolient Esters
- Acrylamide



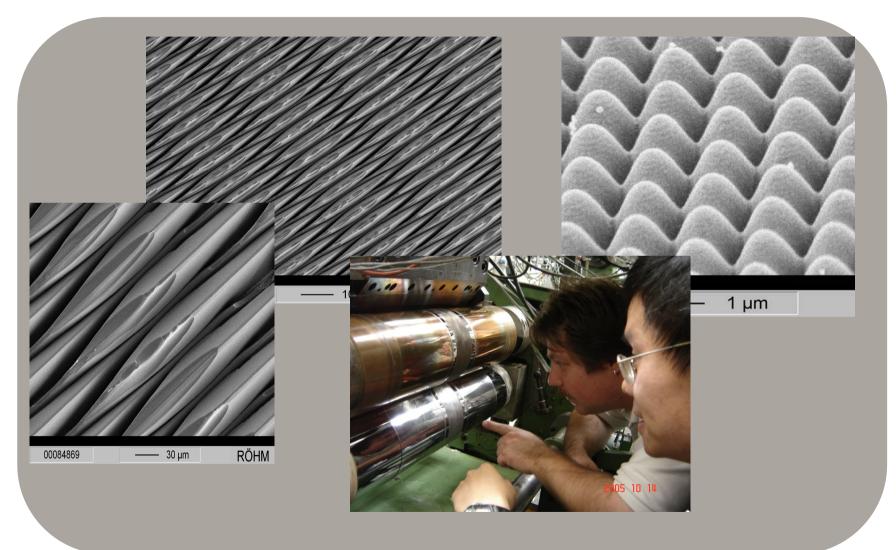


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#### Example Designing with Polymers Surface Structured Polymer Sheets and Films via Extrusion Processes

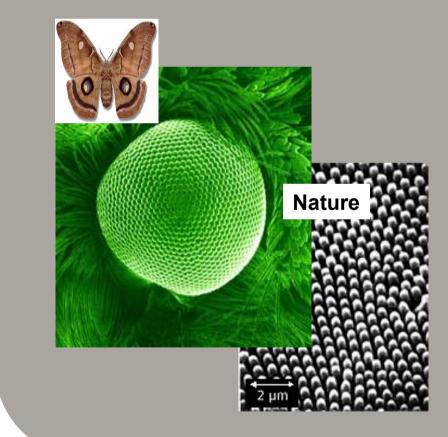


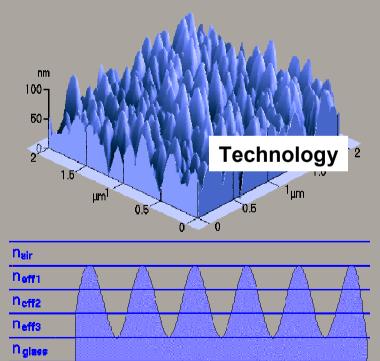


# Surface Structured Polymer Sheets and Films with Moth-eye Effect



Micro- & Nanostructured Surfaces or "How to Learn from Nature"



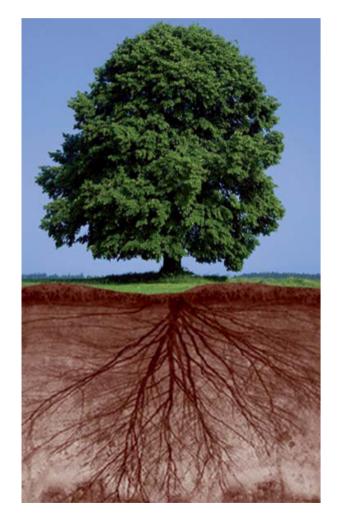


#### Competences



Deep and healthy competence roots make a strong tree

Thus, roots have to be nurtured and must always grow with the tree



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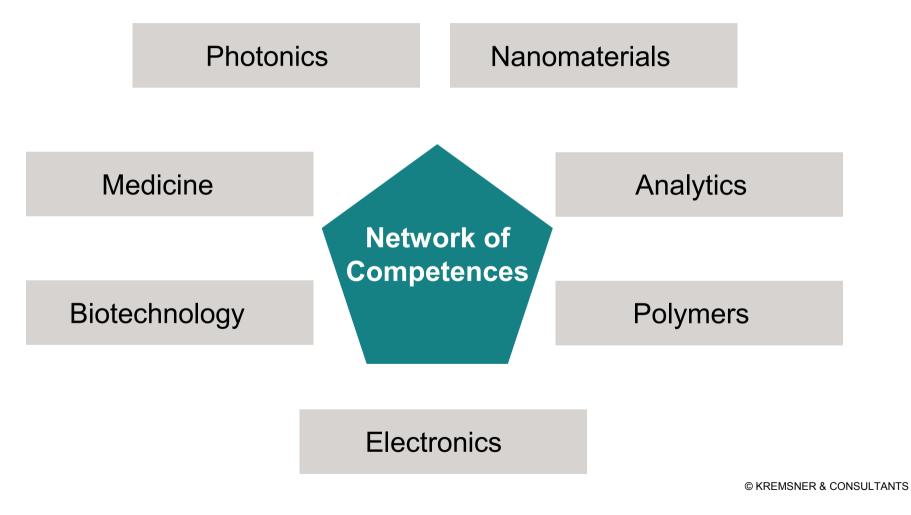
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# Today breakthrough innovations happen at interfaces





# **Convergent industries:** No company has all competences



#### Outside the industry **Technology Competences** "Hvbrid Innovation" Inside the industry Inside the company Conventional Innovation Inside the Inside the Outside the industry company industry Market Competences

#### **Example: Nanotronics**

Convergence of Nanotechnology + Electronics

= "Hybrid Innovation"

Material companies benefit from:

- materials competence
- printing competence

But face competence gaps regarding:

- market competencies
- system knowledge

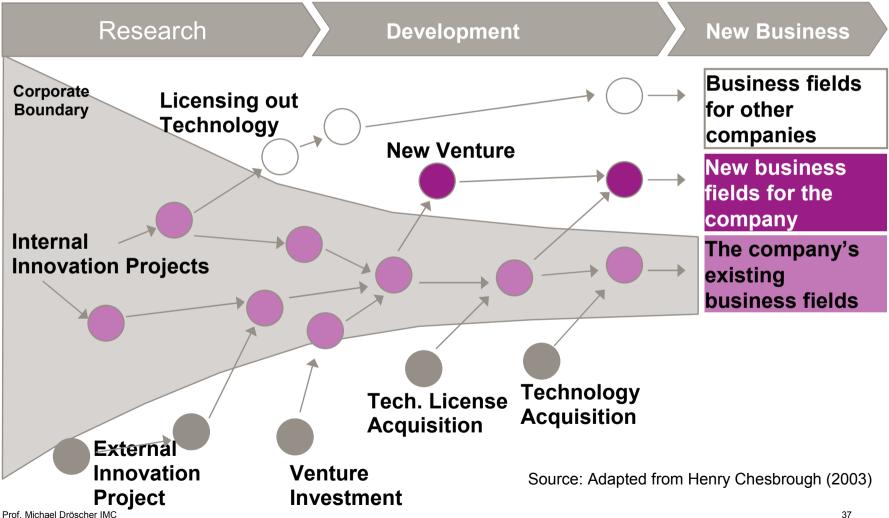
# Open Innovation: An answer to converging value chains



Material	Component	Device	Final product						
Inks	Transparent	TFTs	Alarm-Sensors						
Substrates	Conductors	Antenna	RFID-tags						
Dispersions	Printed Circuits	OLED-Display	Price Tag						
Additives									
Chemistry goes	into electronics	Electronics move backwards							

## **Open Innovation: Integration of** internal and external competences





## **Open Innovation needs Private Public Partnerships**



Example 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the EU for a more competitive European Industry ...

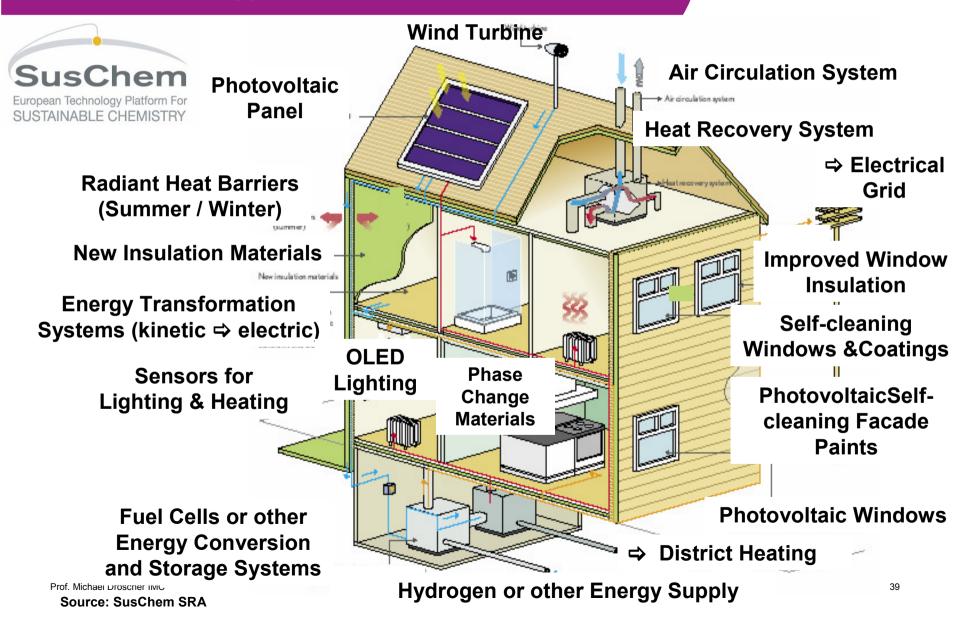
... the technology platform SusChem is the initiative to give (bio) chemical research a higher priority, started by industry and academia with a strong backing from the European Commission





## **Smart Energy Home**





## F<sup>3</sup> Factory: Fast, Future, Flexible Technology driven development

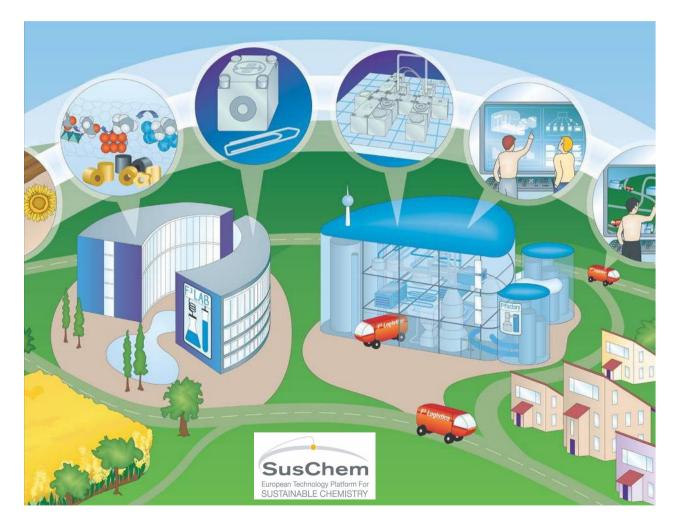


#### Including

- Environmentally benign processes
- Modular production
- Integrated logistics

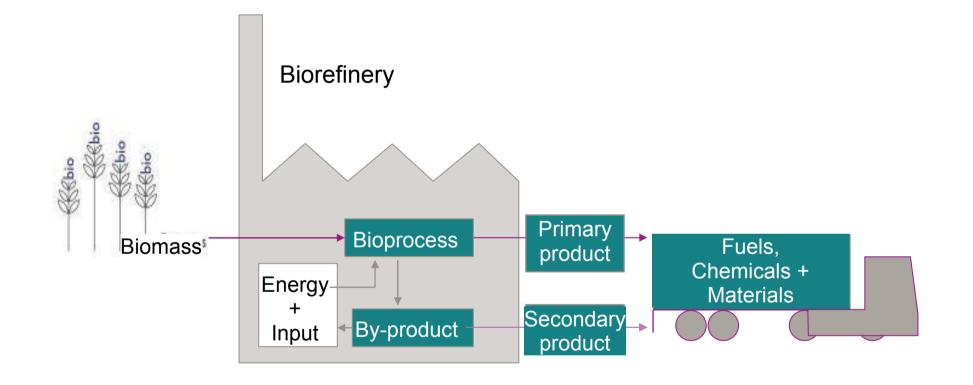
High relevance for future production in Europe

Status: Concept phase



## SusChem: Biorefineries will produce the base materials for bio-based products





## Example for cooperative research Systems biology for amino acid fermentation



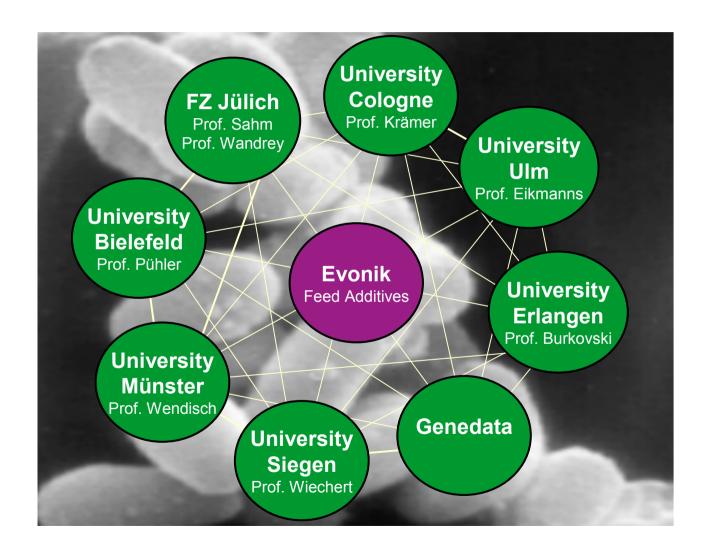
**SysMap** "Systems Biology on Microbial Amino Acid Producers" (BMBF)

Start 2005

Focus Corynebacterium glutamicum:

• Understanding of metabolic regulation

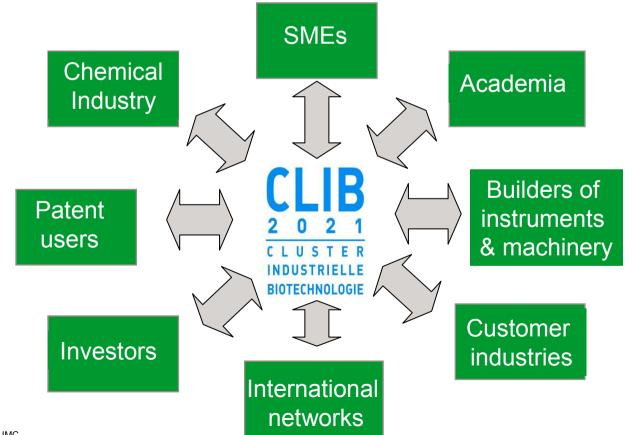
• Predictive modifications to optimize fermentation



## Cluster Industrielle Biotechnologie CLIB<sup>2021</sup>



Strategic networks across the value chain with strong commitment of the chemical industry



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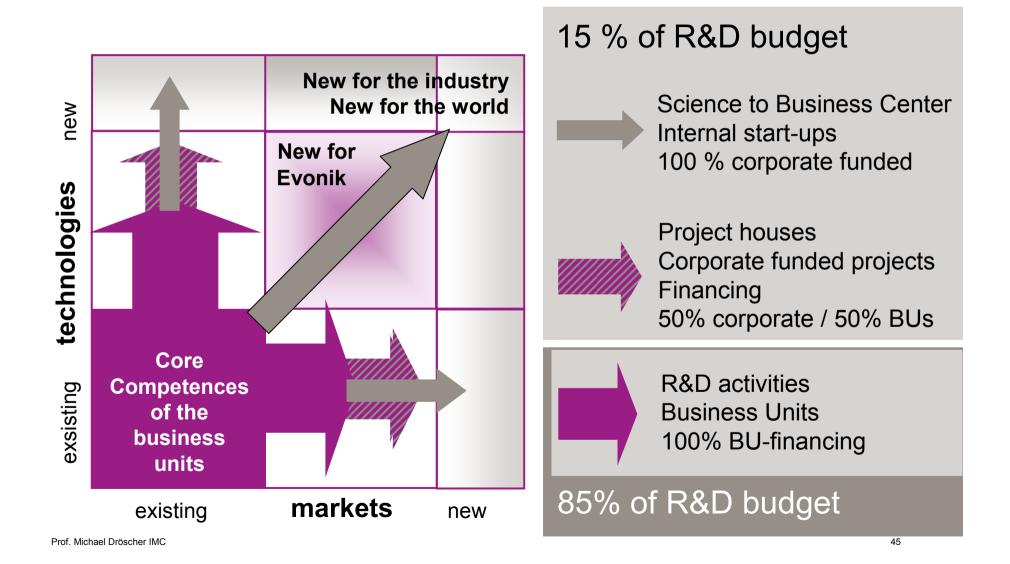
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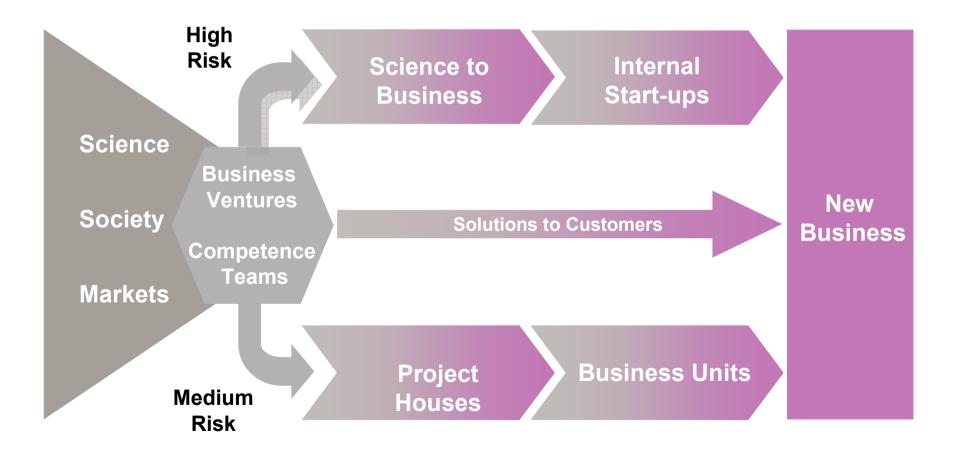
# Evonik's R&D targets strategic growth





# Creavis: Our process for high risk projects





## **Creating New Business for Evonik Degussa**



#### **Creavis creates profitable and sustainable new business for Evonik Degussa**

Enhance Evonik Degussa's portfolio by building high-value business in specialty chemistry

Enter technologies and markets new to the world

Seamlessly integrate know-how from the fundamental sciences and materials development through internal and external partners

Develop solutions that will be of considerable value to our customers



## **Creavis Structure**



Creavis Technologies & Innovation		
New Technology Platforms	New Business Development	<b>Central Services</b>
Project Houses Functional films Process intensification	Business Ventures Exploration & Validation Nanotronics / Biotechnology Internal Start-ups	Sales & Marketing Controlling & Administration Technology & Processing

## **Business Venture concept**



### **Opportunity generator**

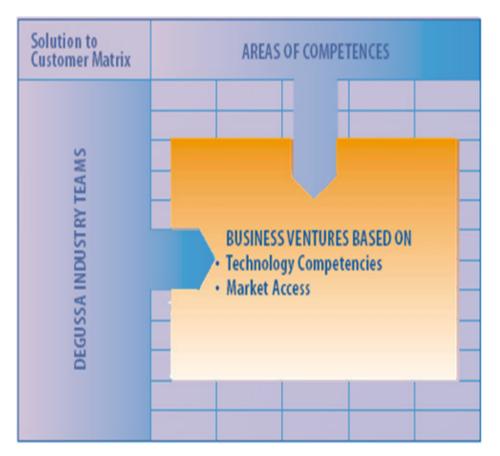
Identification of new R&D venturing opportunities by analysis of global technology push and market pull dynamics

Compile and measure detailed knowledge about end markets and technologies on a global scale

Holistic design of strategy, business model and business plan

Supports the creation of new business through its entire life-cycle

Corporate-wide network and acceptance to generate new opportunities



## **Our Science to Business Concept**





Rapidly create new businesses and technologies from knowledge in the fundamentals of science all the way through to the production and commercialization of the final solution

Worldwide tight cooperation's with external research institutes, universities, small and midsize companies Vertical integration of all R&D activities along the value chain with academic, research and industrial partners

All activities from fundamental R&D to product development located under one roof

Other concepts are continuously considered for their relevance and contribution

## Science to Business Center Nanotronics



Focus on success in future electronics markets through Evonik Degussa's nanotechnology platform

Joint development and systems integration between Evonik Degussa and partners under one roof

Start of operation in April 2005

Co-funded by Evonik Degussa and the German and EU governments and their agencies





## Exploration & Validation Nanotronics



#### **Competences of our core scientific group**

Nanomaterials

Semiconductors

Polymer Chemistry

**Ceramic Chemistry** 

Sol-Gel Technology

Material Formulation

**Electronic Characterization of Materials** 

Scale-Up & Production





## Exploration & Validation Nanotronics



**Current strategic projects** 

**Printable Electronics** 

Material systems for low-cost electronic devices

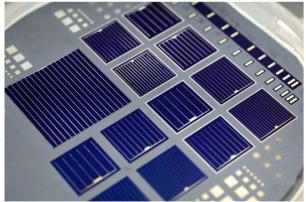
Low-Cost Displays

Cost reduction of key electrode materials in displays

Ultra Low-Cost Flexible Solar Cells

New materials and processes for low-cost flexible solar cells





## **Science to Business Center Bio**



Focus on sustainable production processes – fermentation and biocatalysis - mainly based on renewable feedstock

Development of new and highly competitive routes to established products as well as innovative biomaterials and functional products for life science and skin & hair care markets

Start of operation in January 2007 Co-funded by Evonik Degussa and the German and EU governments and their agencies



This project is co-financed by the European Union and is financially supported by the state of North-Rhine Westphalia.

## Exploration & Validation Biotechnology



#### **Our project clusters**

Raw Material & Energy Polyols Intermediates

Health

**Performance Materials** 

**Personal Care** 



## Project Houses: R&D Excellence for Evonik Degussa



Enhance Cross-BU Technologies and Product Competences in all relevant Fields

Characteristics

Interdisciplinary team of 20-30 FTE from different BUs

Uses and accumulates know-how of participating BUs

Steered by Top Management and Business Managers

Three-year time limit, 50:50 cost share of BU and Corp.

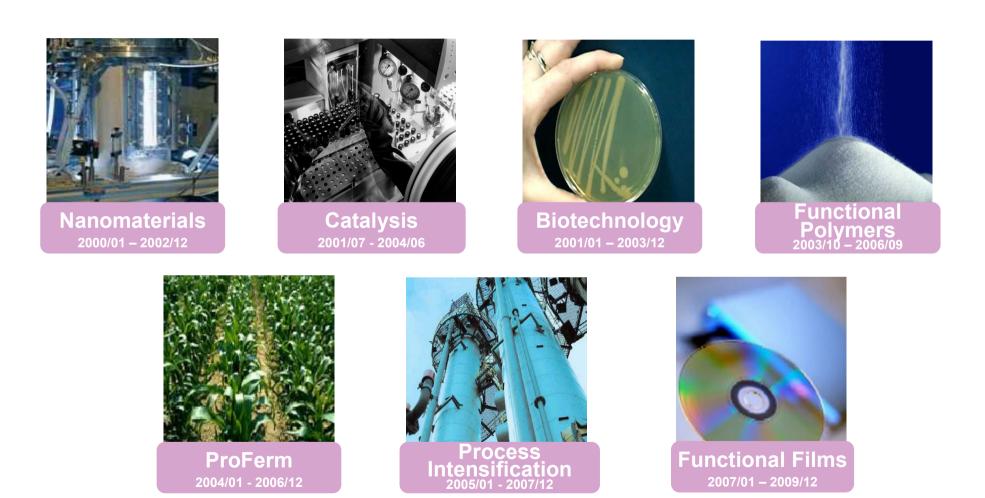
Team members return with new know-how and products to BUs

Commercialization in BUs or spin off in start-ups



## **Evonik Degussa Project Houses**





### **Project Houses**



#### **Innovation in a Container!**

Process Intensification Development of highly active catalysts, functional materials and disperse systems to integrate in process intensifying technologies

Functional Films Development of mono-/multilayered high performance films and sheets based on polymers providing new and enhanced functionalities



## **Internal Start-ups**



#### **Evonik Degussa's new business incubator**

Turns promising projects from exploration & Validation and the project houses into profitable and sustainable new businesses

Develops and executes upon highly effective business strategies through excellent understanding of the commercial environment, cooperation and partnering

Each start-up is challenged to deliver excellent financial performance and optimal resource allocation



### **Internal Start-ups**

#### CREASORB

Superabsorbent polymers for new high value applications such as

prevention of water penetration for power and communications cables

soaker pads for food packaging, storage and transport

heat absorbing gels for fire fighting

hydrogels for water and nutrient retention in soils for arid lands







## Lithium-Ion Technology



#### Advanced ceramic separators and electrodes for large-format rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries

SEPARION® - Safety through ceramics

LITARION<sup>™</sup> - Electrodes ready to use



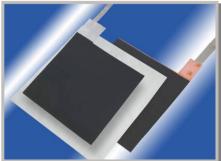




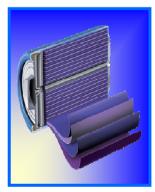
## Lithium-Ion-Battery technology

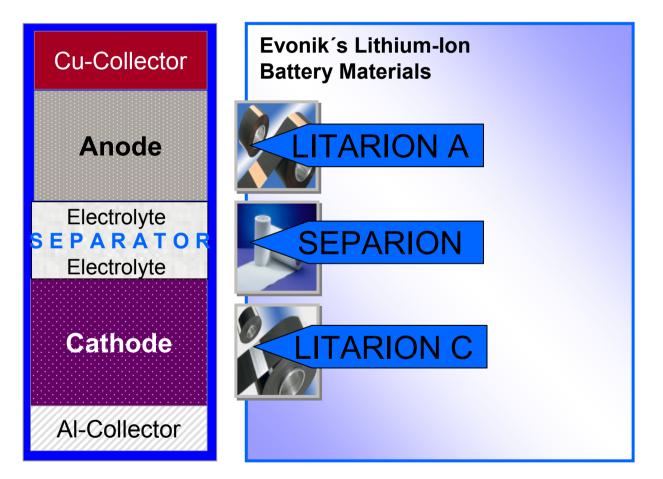


#### **Stacked Cells**



**Cylindrical Cells** 





## Example for automotive solutions: Cooperation with Red Motorsport



#### **Evonik Technologies & Solutions**

- Lightweight Li-Ion Battery
- Lightweight scratch resistant Wind Screen
- Composite Body Parts
- Parts from Rapid Prototyping
- Friction reduced Lubricants



## ccflex – The Flexible Ceramic Wallcovering



## Flexible non-woven supported ceramic composite

Applications

Sanitary facilities, interior decoration, furniture surfaces / door surfaces, office equipment, surface refinement / lightweight construction, customized

#### Attributes

Easy to install, Scratch and shock resistant, water resistant, easy to clean / dirt repellent, acid / caustic proof, stain resistant, flame resistant (B1/A2\*), UV resistant, free choice of design, free of halogens







\*with special enhancement and other properties

# No success without intellectual property



Patents, Know-how,

are the base for a good business opportunity are strategic weapons in a competitive world

#### But,

a patent is only a right to block competitors, not a right to produce per se, only if nobody else can block you

Many patents wait years to become valuable, most will never be used

It costs a lot to maintain a patent portfolio

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## Cultural change: Innovation is more than R&D



...production, marketing, logistics....

also contribute to innovation







## Create an innovative culture: Innovation Awards



Each year three awards are given for developments of:

- new products
- new processes
- new applications

The awards have a value of € 40 000 for each of the winning teams



## Create an innovative culture: Evonik Not Invented Here Award



#### Goal:

Enhancement of the internal knowledge exchange

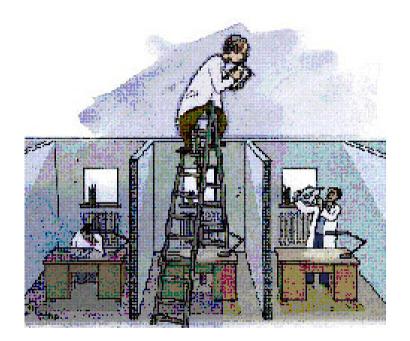
Target groups: All employees of Evonik

#### **Categories:**

Best Technical Knowledge Transfer Best Management Knowledge Transfer Best Day-to-day Knowledge Transfer

#### Price:

In total € 75,000 plus team event



## Create an innovative culture: Europ. Science-to-Business Award

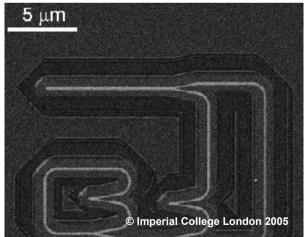


For a discovery of young scientists with potential to become a successful product.

Winner 2006: Prof. Russell Cowburn Chair in Nanotechnology Imperial College London

For magnetic domain wall logic: a new way of high density data storage





## Create an innovative culture: Europ. Science-to-Business Award





## Create an innovative culture: Evonik Meets Science



Every two years Evonik invites academia for the

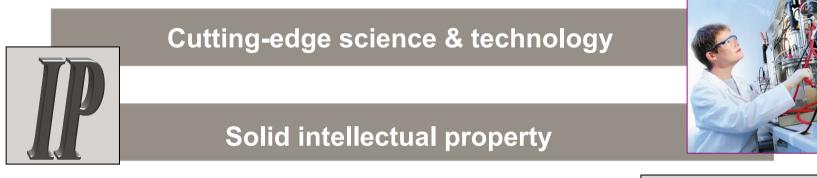
Evonik Meets Science

event to exchange ideas and discuss emerging areas of applied science



## To summarize: Success factors for new business







## ...but, the most important success factors for innovation are people





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