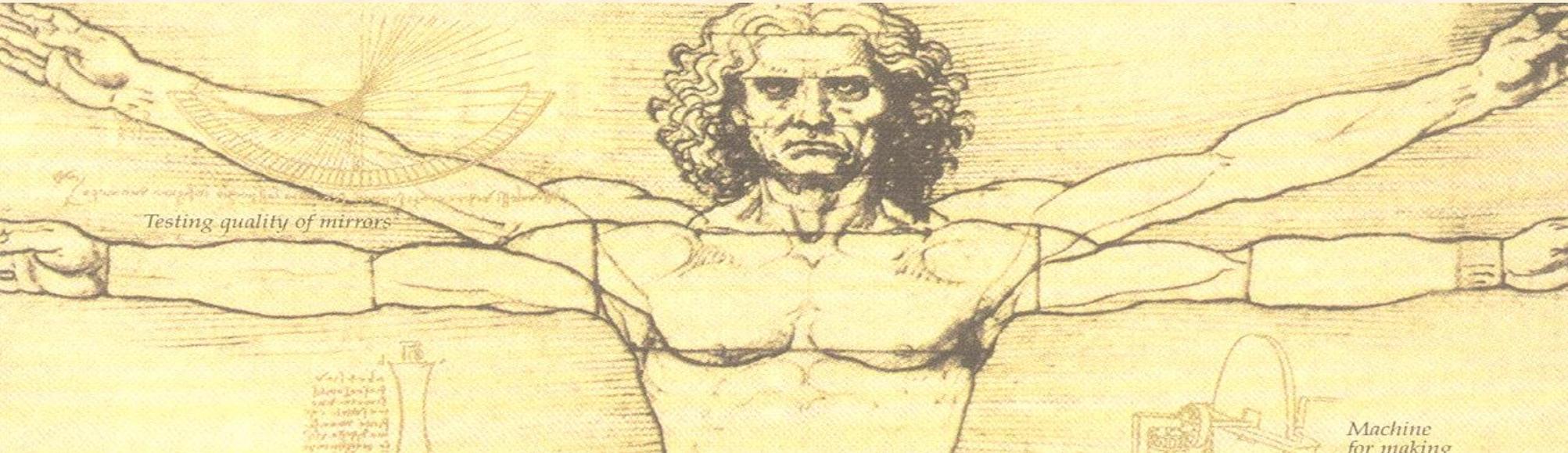


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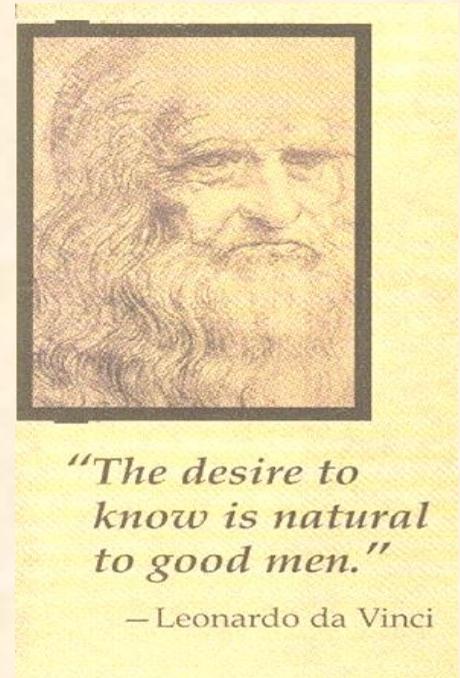
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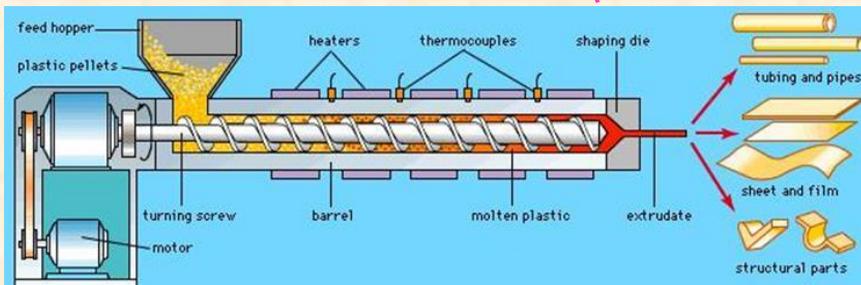
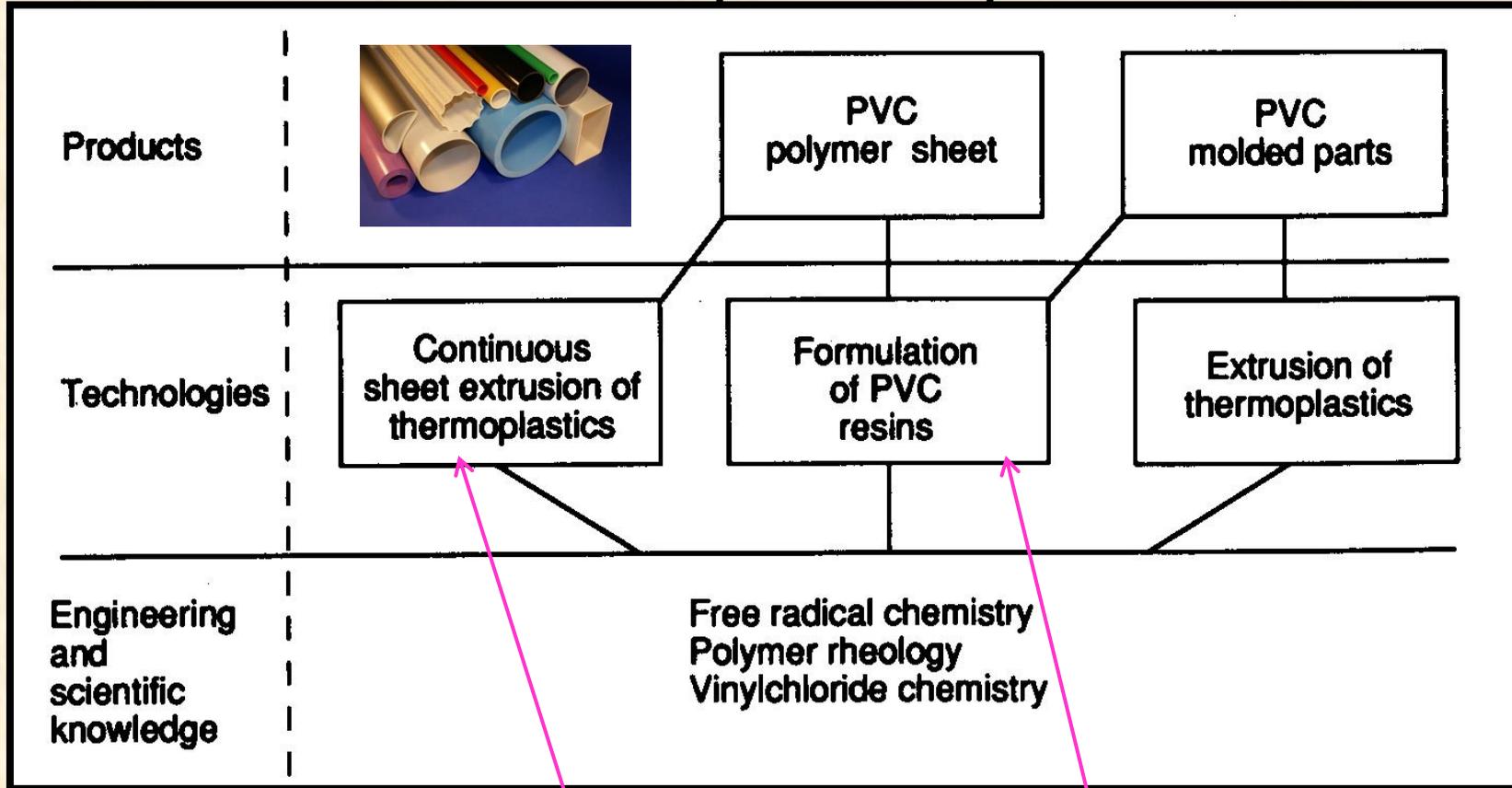
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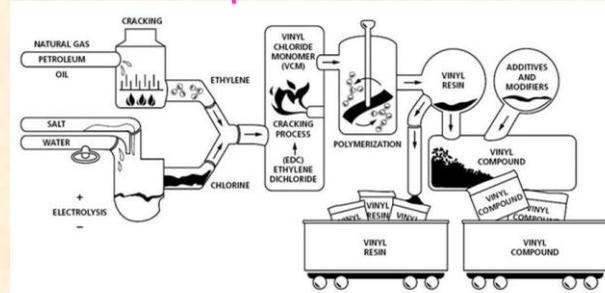


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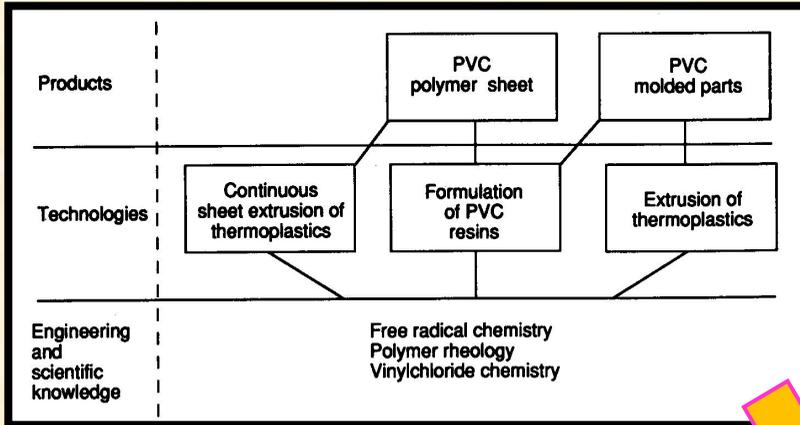
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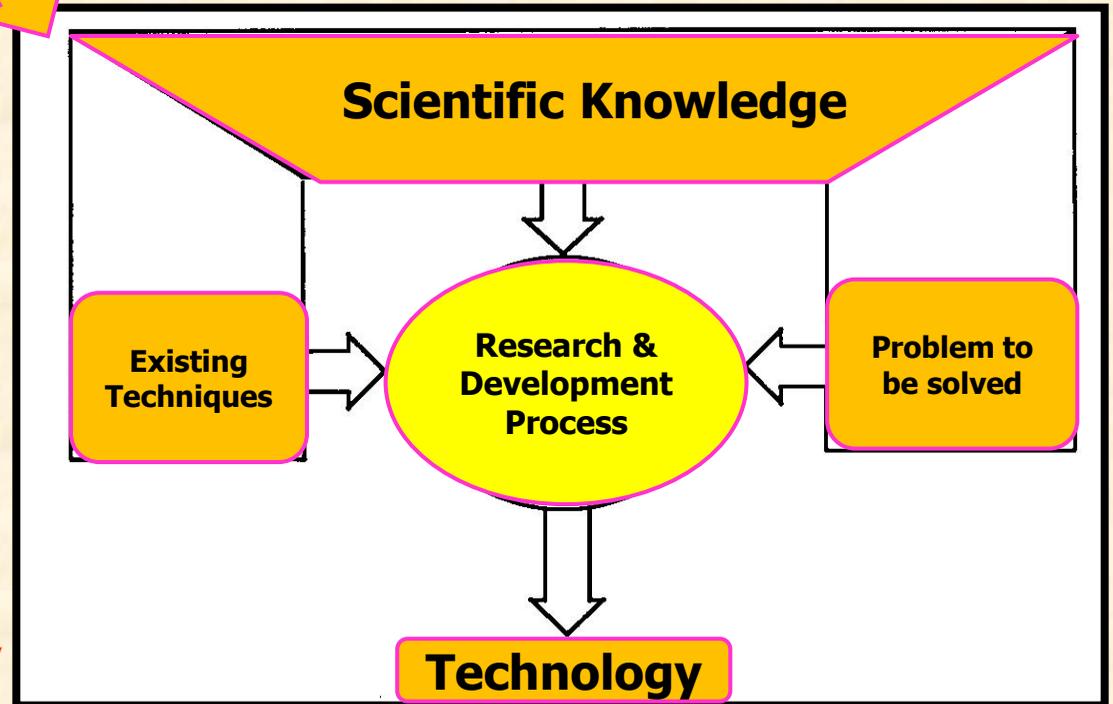
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The above definition can be represented graphically as in Figure.

**Definition of technology**



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## Tech·nol·o·gy

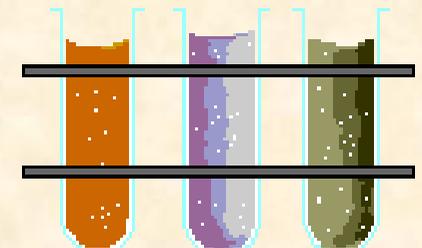
- **Application of tools and methods:**
  - The study, development, and application of devices, machines, and techniques for manufacturing and productive processes
  - Example: *recent developments in seismographic technology*
- **Method of applying technical knowledge:**
  - A method or methodology that applies technical knowledge or tools
  - Example: *a new technology for accelerating incubation.*  
“...Maryland-based firm uses database and Internet technology to track a company’s consumption of printed goods...” Forbes Global Business and Finance November 1998
- **ANTHROPOLOGY sum of a society’s or culture’s knowledge:**  
the sum of a society’s or culture’s practical knowledge, especially with reference to its material culture

# What is Technology ?

- The following definition of technology is suggested:

**A process which, through an explicit or implicit phase of research and development (the application of scientific knowledge), allows for commercial production of goods or services.**

- It is not claimed here that this definition is universal or even that it is superior to some of those reviewed here. However, **it is designed to be suited for examining the competitive impact of technology, and for improving the strategic management of technology.**



# Science, Technology, and Industry

**Table** Science, technology and industry: a few examples

| Problems to be solved   | Scientific fields  | Existing techniques   | Technology       |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| To balance the brake system according to the grip of a vehicle's wheels on the road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fluid mechanics</li> <li>● Strength of materials</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conventional brake system technique</li> <li>● Microprocessor data analysis</li> <li>● Transmission of data through sensors</li> </ul> | ABS brake system |

- Science, technology and industry: a few examples
- A few examples of technologies and their linkages to problems, science, and technique



# Some Attributes of a New Technology

## ■ New technology

- Must have considerable **relative advantage** to the user
- Must provide **significant value to the user**
- Can be more expensive than the older one but **must provide value to the following to motivate its adoption** by the user:
  - Quality
  - Flexibility
  - Responsiveness
- There are numerous management challenges

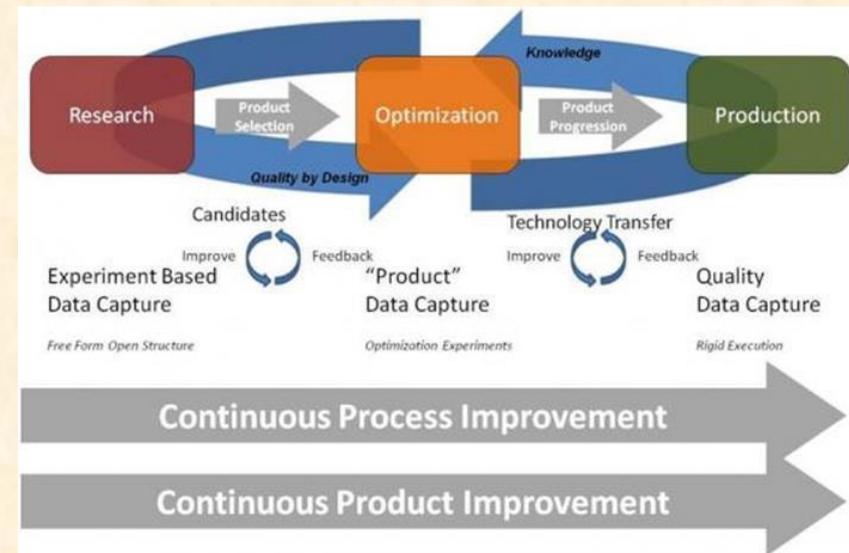


# Some Rules for Managers in Charge of Adopting New Technology

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- **Continuous improvement** is the basis of future competitive advantages for an organization
- Some **rules of thumb for managers** in charge of adopting new technology:
  - ▶ Do not accept performance as it is, and focus on *continuous improvement*
  - ▶ Do not just do the same thing a bit faster (or cheaper, or automatically). Careful re-examination of the product and process design is essential to make *significant improvements*
  - ▶ Recognize and learn to deal with *people's natural reluctance* to accept change that is necessary to incorporate innovation in a firm.



# General Hypothesis Related to Tech Transfer

- **Technology transfer of research results is essential** if a mission-oriented research organization is to be effective in fulfilling its task
- The **effectiveness of technology transfer** provides the essential measure of productivity of a mission-oriented R&D organization
- Effective technology transfer increases user involvement in the innovation process
  - ⇒ in turn positively affect *R&D productivity* and has long-term benefits in terms of funding support from the sponsors
- Institutional and organizational *constraints*, as well as *improper planning* for technology transfer, impede the process
- *Technology transfer techniques and approaches* can be developed to facilitate the process

# Stages of Technology Transfer

■ R&D Lab ⇒ Manufacturing ⇒ Marketing ⇒ User

**What should you keep in mind if you have developed a technology within R&D and desire to transfer it to Manufacturing?**



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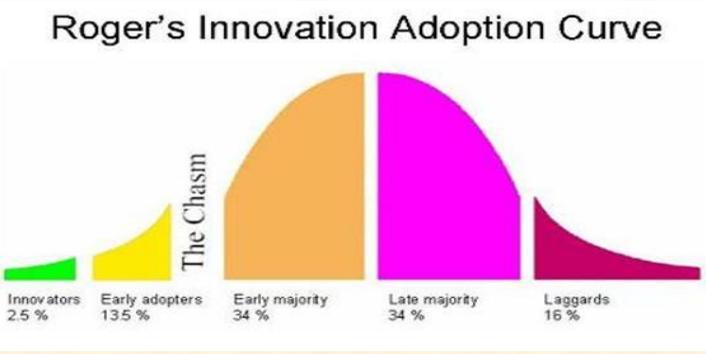
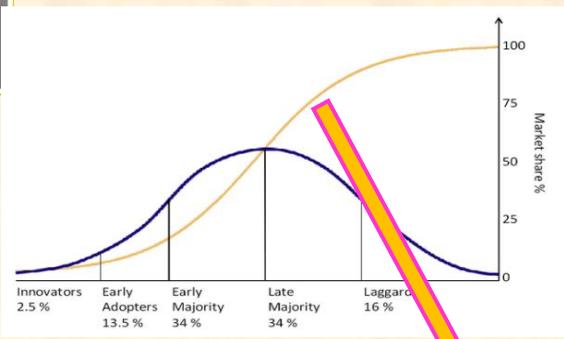
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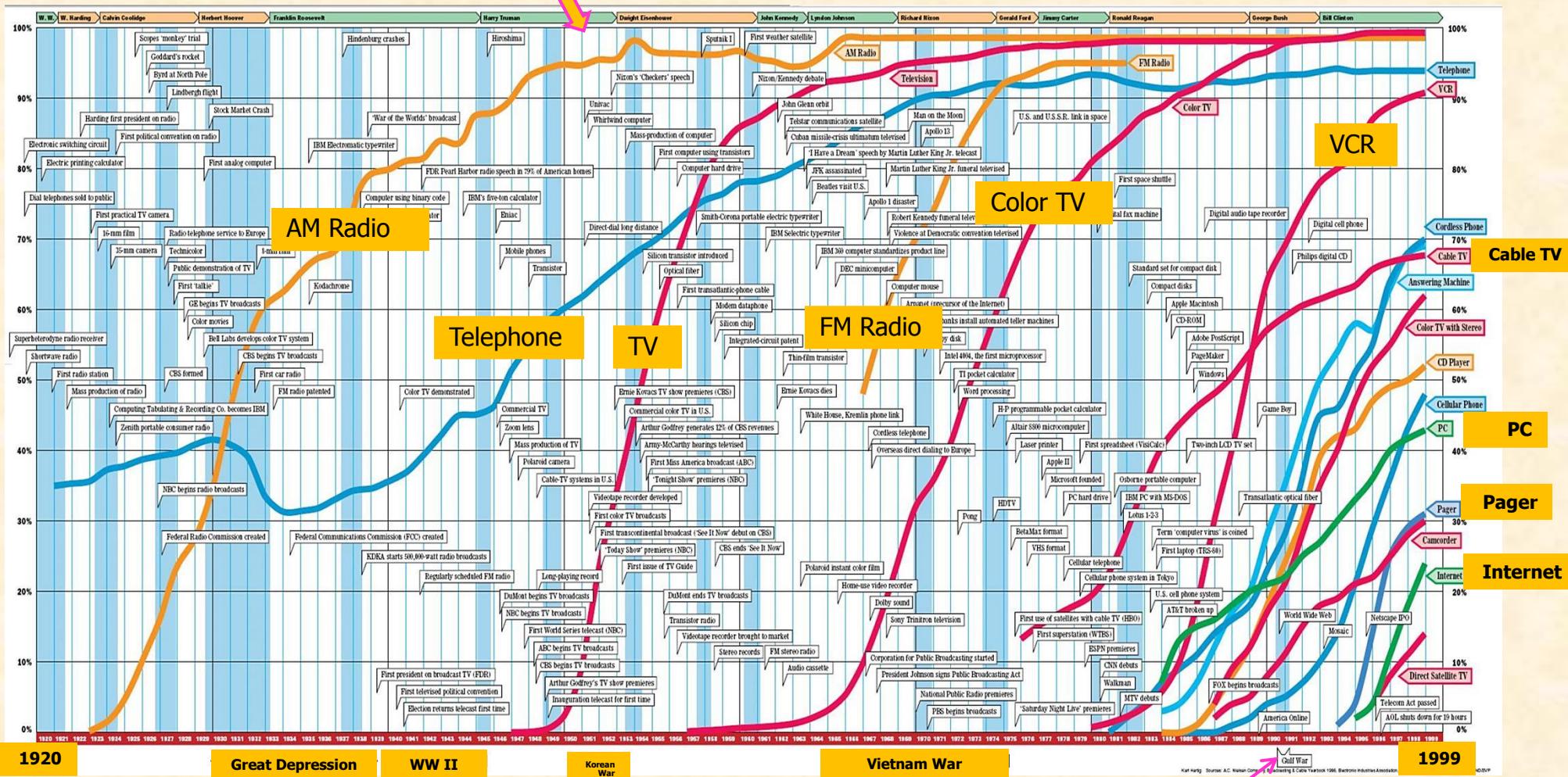
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- **Note:** Confirmation step is not always well understood, which is why many innovations first implemented are later discontinued. Certain activities to reinforce user acceptance of the innovation need to continue after implementation.

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# Adoption of Innovation



Trying to convince the mass of a new idea is useless. Convince innovators and early adopters first



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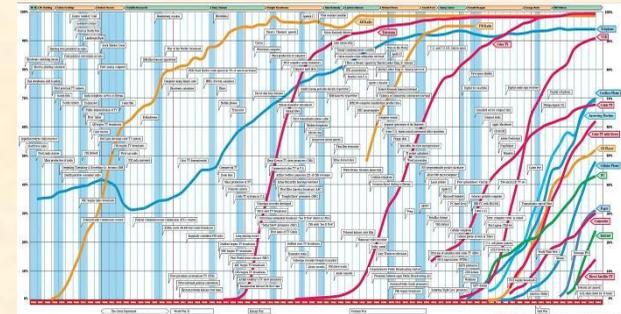
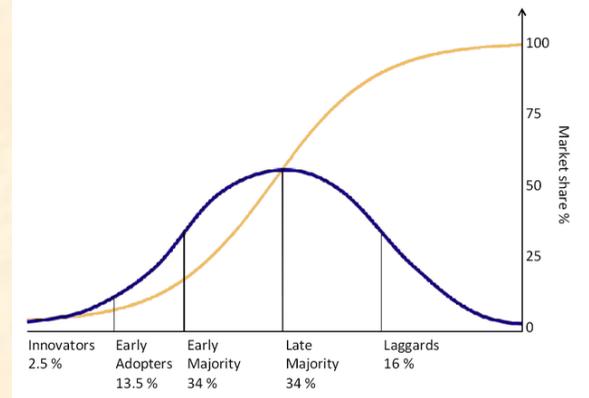
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# **Technology Transfer Cases Discussed**

# Technology Transfer Case: AMGEN I

**Joint Venture  
Joint Tech Transfer**

# Technology Transfer Case: Monsanto-Harvard

**University/Industry Collaboration & Tech Transfer**

**Funding Pure Basic Research**

# Technology Transfer Case:

## CAD for Microelectronics\_I

- Inadequate incremental improvement of existing technology
- Rapid changes of the base technology
- University/industry/government collaboration and tech transfer
- Entrepreneurship by university students
  
- Disagreement on IP in partnership

# **Government/Industry Collaboration for Advanced Technology Development and Transfer**

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