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## SOME BACKGROUND...



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- Diploma in Information Systems
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- ~11 years Management Consulting (Senior Manager Bain & Company)
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  - 2015: Consulting Firm (Excubate)
  - 2015: Real Estate Fund (Wupperform)
- Munich Center for Internet Research since 12/2015











## ZENTRALE FRAGEN FÜR HEUTE

Wie wirkt sich die Digitalisierung auf Unternehmen und die Entwicklung von Innovationen aus?

Welche (Macht-)Verschiebung entsteht zwischen etablierten Unternehmen und Startups?

Was versuchen etablierte Unternehmen zu tun, um langfristig relevant zu bleiben?

Und was sollten sie tun...?



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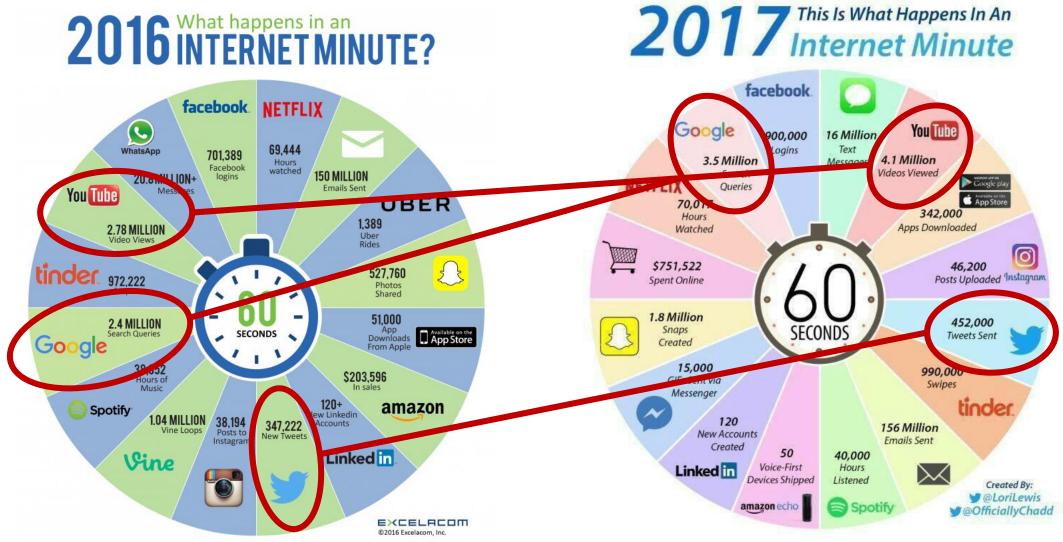
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## DIGIT(AL)IZATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

## + Technology

- + Agility & Speed (Scrum, ...)
- + Mindset & Capabilities (Entrepreneurship, ...)
- + Teamwork (Startup, ...)
- + Customer Focus (Design Thinking, UX ...)

#### DIGITALIZATION ALSO TRIGGERS SUBSTANTIAL DYNAMICS

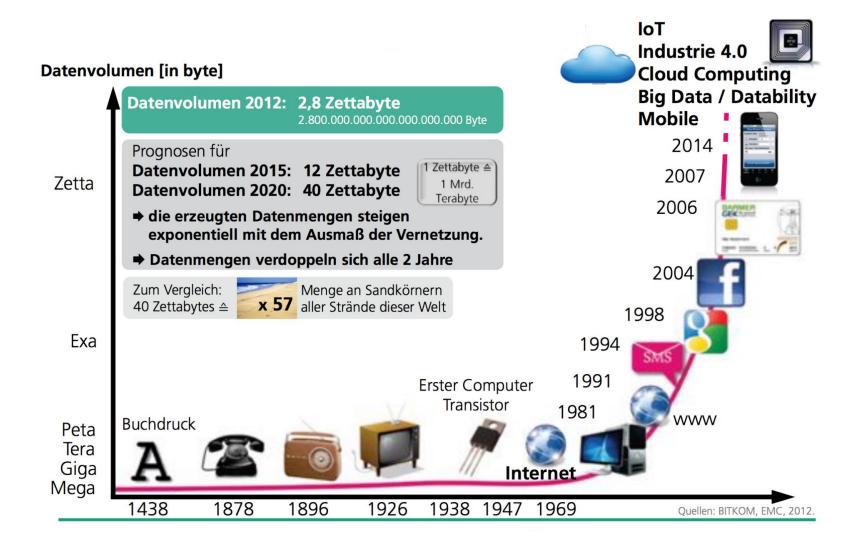


Source: Leboeuf, Kelly, 2016: 2016 Update: What happens in one internet minute?

Source: Lori Lewis, 2017: Based on coupofy.com/social-media-in-realtime/

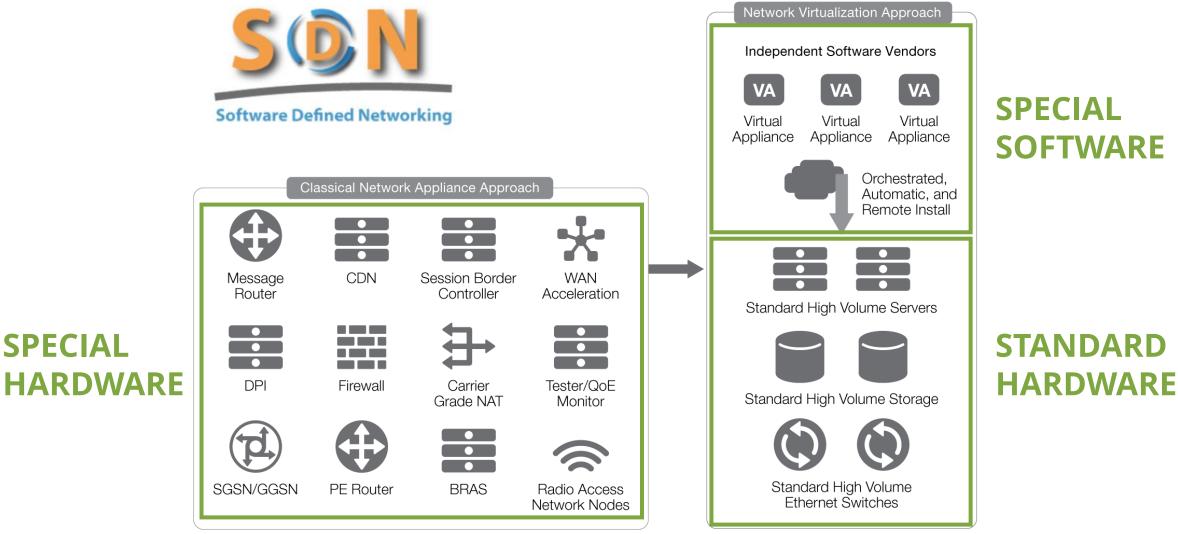


### DIGITALIZATION MAKES DATA VOLUMES GROW EXPONENTIALLY





### DIGITALIZATION MOVES INTELLIGENCE FROM HARDWARE TO SOFTWARE



Source: https://f5.com/resources/white-papers/network-functions-virtualization-everything-old-is-new-again



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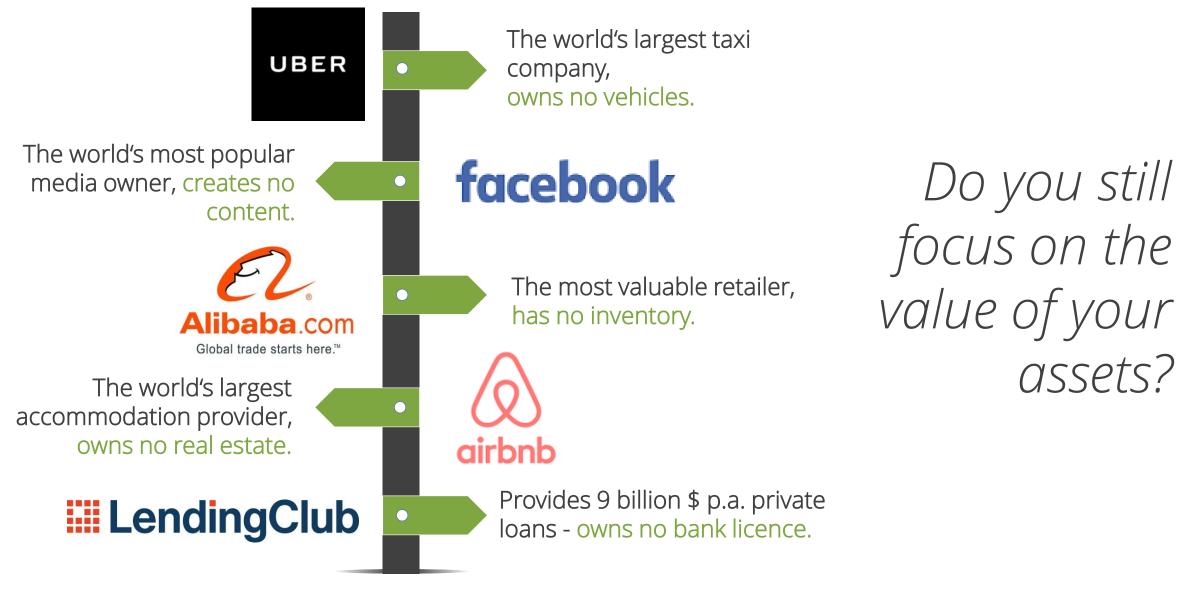
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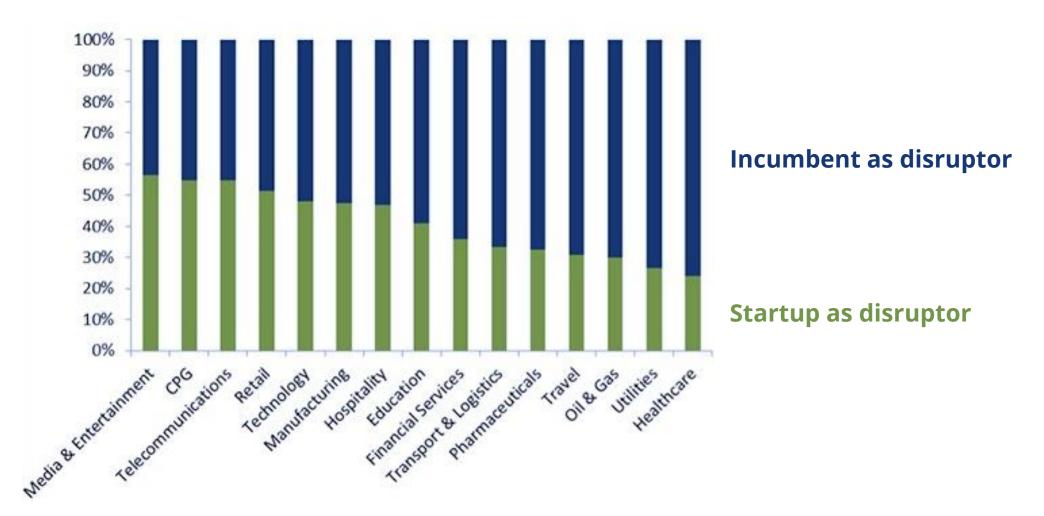


## DIGITALIZATION FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGES THE RULES OF THE GAME





# LARGE DIFFERENCES IN THE PERCEIVED SOURCE OF DISRUPTIVE THREATS ACROSS INDUSTRIES



Source: DBT Center, 2015; Survey of 1000 Executives across 15 industries



# What's really different between corporates and startups?

## Innovate

- radical
- autonomous
- creative

## EXPLORE

SCALE

Implement

- fast, agile
- aggressive
- repeatable

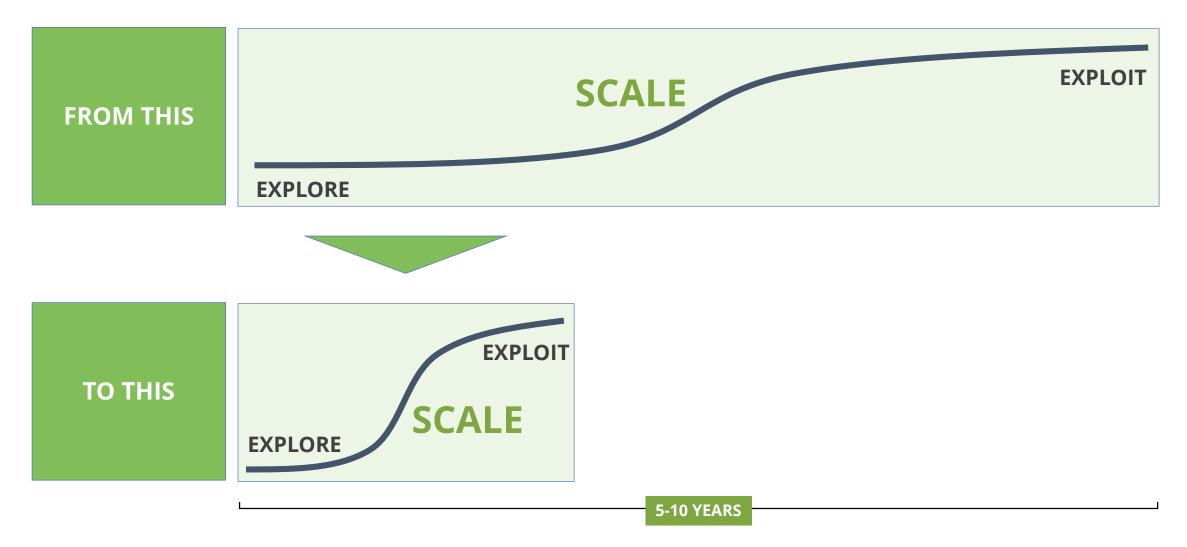
## Optimize

incremental

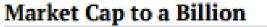
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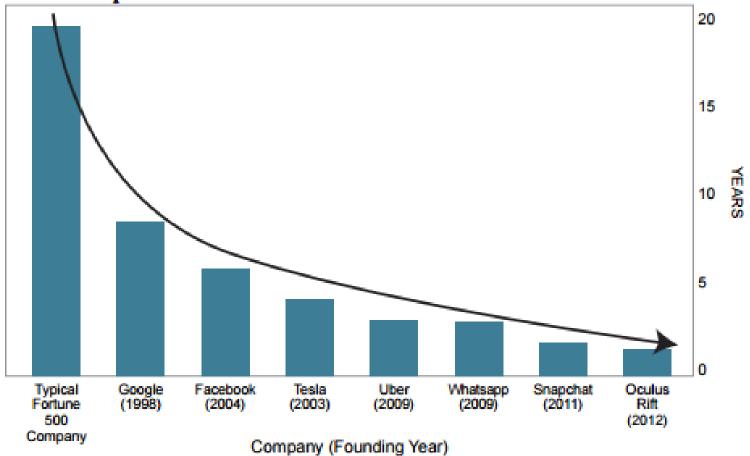
- efficient
- excellent

## NOW, DIGITALIZATION CHANGES A FEW THINGS HERE...







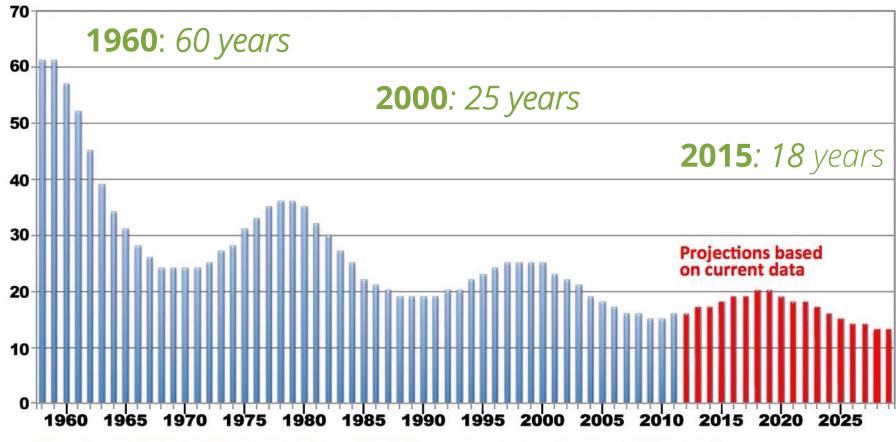


# Scaling is the new execution

Source: www.bonnerandpartners.com



### 75% OF THE S&P 500 MAY BE REPLACED BY 2027



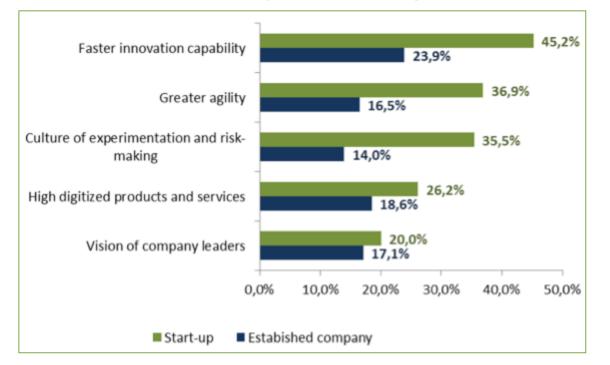
Year (each data point represents a rolling 7-year average of average lifespan)

#### DATA: INNOSIGHT/Richard N. Foster/Standard & Poor's

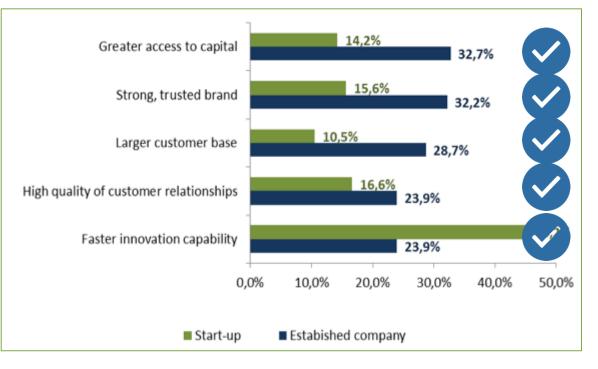


# DIGITALIZATION EVAPORATES HISTORIC ADVANTAGES OF CORPORATES OVER STARTUPS

## The top 5 relative advantages of startups



## The top 5 relative advantages of established companies



Source: DBT Center, 2015; Survey of 1000 Executives across 15 industries



# EXCEPT THE BIKE'S ON FIRE AND YOU'RE ON FIRE AND EVERYTHING'S ON FIRE

# RIDING A BIKE

# BEING IN A STARTUP IS EASY. IT'S LIKE

# STARTUPS DIFFER IN THEIR MINDSET



"Only **20%** of employees said their managers encourage entrepreneurial ideas."

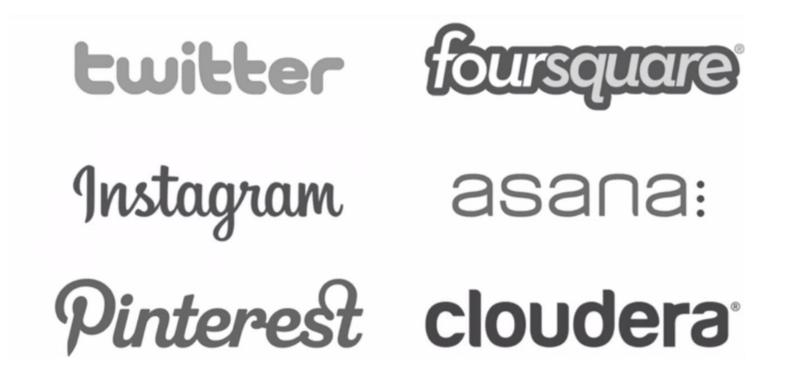
(Accenture Study, 2015)



"More than **70%** of successful entrepreneurs developed their big idea while working at an established organization and then left to commercialize it on their own."

(Harvard Business Review, 2014)

EVEN KNOWN INNOVATORS LOSE ENTREPRENEURS AND, THUS, BUSINESS

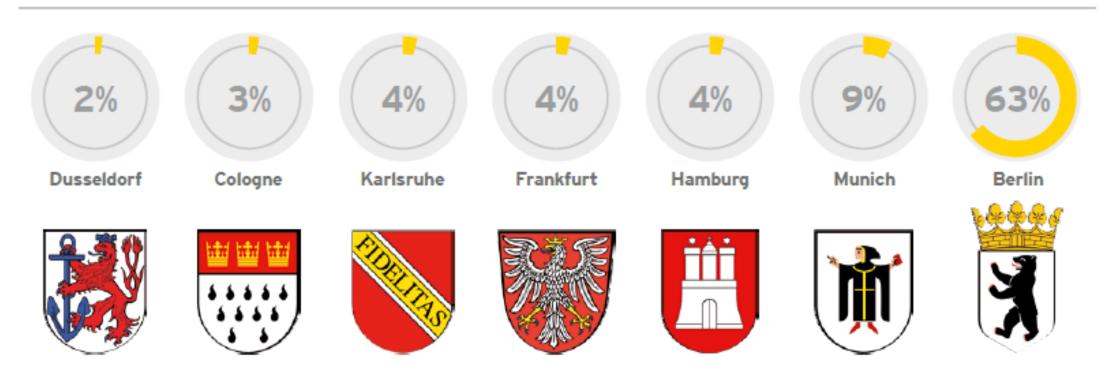


By not providing entrepreneurial incentives to employees, **Google** lost several multi-billion dollar businesses...



## DO WE ALL HAVE TO GO TO BERLIN NOW?

Key locations of Top 100 start-ups in terms of funding

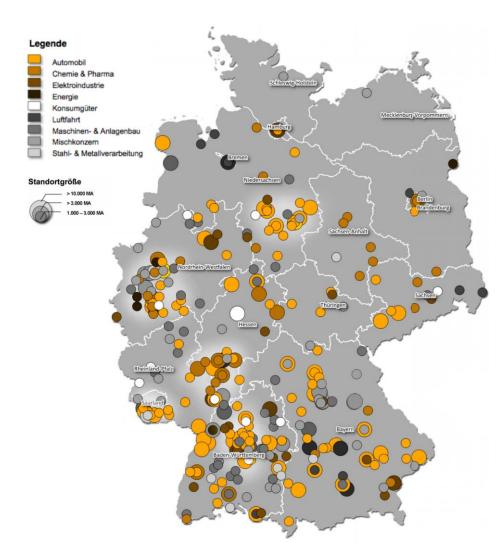


Sources: Thomson One, Mergermarket, Crunchbase, Press Releases / Remark: The remaining 11% are linked to other cities in Germany

Source: Ernst & Young Study: Funding, Growth and Profitability: Tech Start-ups finding the right balance



### CLASSICAL INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, IS LOCATED ELSEWHERE



#### Big player in Germany by employees

Unternehmen	Standort	Mitarbeiter
1. Volkswagen AG	Wolfsburg	53.500
2. BASF SE	Ludwigshafen	36.000
3. Audi AG	Ingolstadt	33.700
4. Daimler AG	Sindelfingen	25.900
5. BMW AG	Dingolfing	18.500
6. Daimler AG	Untertürkheim	17.600
7. Volkswagen AG	Kassel	15.500
8. Audi AG	Neckarsulm	14.000
9. Siemens AG	Berlin	13.600
10. Daimler AG	Bremen	12.700
	Gesamtbeschäftigte	241.000

Source: Dr. Jörg-Peter Naumann, 2014; Gesellschaft für Unternehmensberatung



- Historically: Co-existence of startups and corporates statups just needed much more time for product development and scaling
- Today: Relative speed differences in startups and corporates become much more pronounced due to digitalization acting as catalyst
- •Huge threat for corporates if they don't react the right way



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"More than **7,500** business incubators exist around the world.

Most of them fail."

(Harvard Business Review, 2013)

### MANY INCUBATORS ARE RUN BY CORPORATES

Name	<b>∓ Тур</b>	Ŧ	Betreiber -	Standorte Dtl	N
Hardware.co	Frei		Hardwareclub	Berlin	w
Microsoft Accelerator	Konzern		Microsoft	Berlin	w
Mindbox	Konzern		Deutsche Bahn	Berlin	w
foulsNow	Konzern		Immobilienscout	Berlin	w
CyberLab	Unternehmer-Netzwerk		Cyberlab	Karlsruhe	w
Social Impact Lab	Frei		Social Impact	Leipzig, Potsdam, Berlin, Duisl	w
pinLab - The HHL Accelerator	Frei		SpinLab Accelerator GmbH	Leipzig	w
Media Lab Bayern	Staatlich		Bayerische Landeszentrale für neue Med	München	w
<b>Fechfounders</b>	Hochschule		UnternehmerTUM	München	w
/isionest	Hochschule		Uni Witten Herdecke	Witten	w
Music Worx	Staatlich		Hamburg Kreativ Gesellschaft mbH	Hamburg	w
European Pioneers	Staatlich		etventure GmbH	Berlin	w
EY Accelerator	Konzern		EY	Berlin	ht
Nondelez ShopperFutures	Konzern		Mondelez		w
Berlin Startup Academy	Frei		Berlin Startup Academy UG	Berlin	w
Axel Springer Plug&Play	Konzern/VC		Axel Springer & Plug and Play Tech Center	Berlin	w
MS Spacelab	Konzern		Media Saturn Holding	München	w
BlackForest Accelator	Frei		Black Forest Accelerator Fitness & Gesur	Lahr (Schwarzwald)	w
startupbootcamp	Frei		startupbootcamp	Berlin	w
grants4apps	Konzern		Bayer	Berlin	w
Metro Techstars Accelerator	Konzern		Metro / Techstars	Berlin	w
seedcamp	Frei		Seedcamp	Berlin	w
lechstars	Frei		Techstars	Berlin	w
Kraftwerk Accelerator	Konzern		Stadtwerke Bremen	Bremen	w
Next Media Accelerator	Konzern		DPA + Medienkonzerne	Hamburg	w
Wayra	Konzern		Telefonica	München	w
nub:raum	Konzern		Dt. Telekom	Berlin	w
AtomLeap	Frei		AtomLeap GmbH	Berlin	w

Facts about the 44 most known incubators (in Germany):



**41%** are founded by corporates



45% acquire shares from the startup



**45%** are located in Berlin

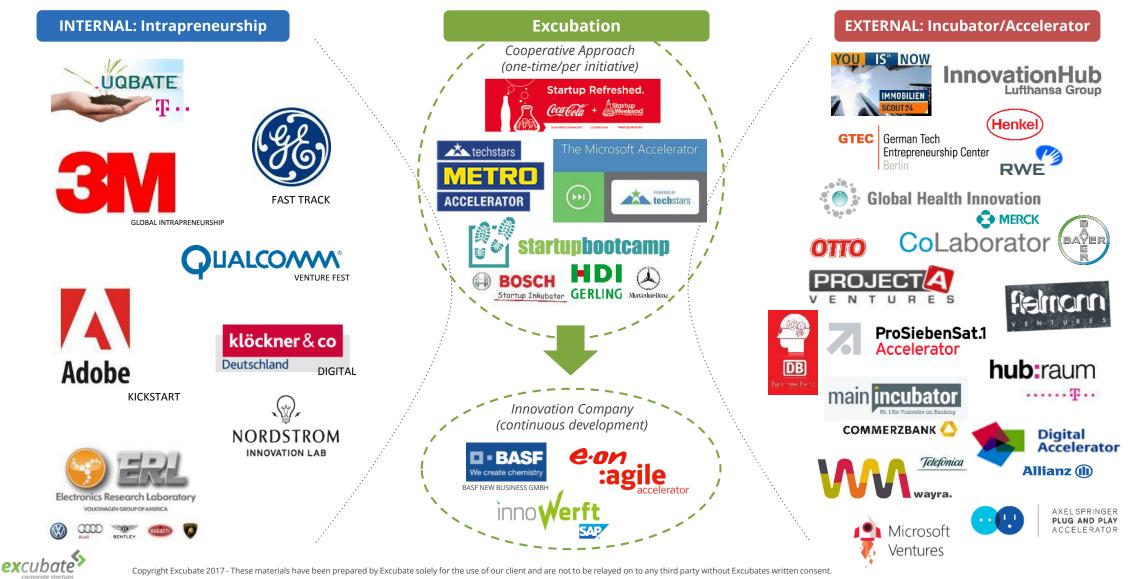


62% provide venture capital

Source: Weber, Eric, 2016: Gründerszene.de



# WE'VE LOOKED AT THE VARIOUS CORPORATE INNOVATION SETUPS (EXTRACT OF MORE THAN 50 PROGRAMS IN SCOPE)



# EXCUBATION DIFFERS IN CENTRAL ASPECTS FROM EXISTING MODELS BUT IS FLEXIBLE TO MEET INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS

			Intrapreneurship	Incubator / Accelerator	Excubation	
INNOVATION LEVEL AND SOURCE	LEVEL OF INNOVATION	Core Business			radical	Transformational Innovation
	IDEA SOURCING	Internal (Organization)	•	integrativ		External (Market)
	TEAM SOURCING	Internal (Organization)	•	• •		External (Market)
ANCHORING WITHIN ORGANIZATION	ORGANIZATIONAL FIXING	Existing Organization	•	Í		Independent legal entity
	TEAM AUTONOMY	Resource Dependency	•	•	fast 🔶	Entrepreneurial freedom
	TEAM MOTIVATION	Salary, secure Job	•			Company Shares, high risk – high reward
FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENT	FUNDING STRUCTURE	Internal Sponsor (e.g. BU)	•	•		External Investors allowed
	INVESTMENT ENGAGEMENT	100 % Equity Stake with Corporate	•		effective	100 % Equity Stake with Team
	TIME OF ENGAGEMENT	Early Stage				Established Business
	LENGTH OF ENGAGEMENT	Short-term Commitment	•	sustair	able	Long-term Commitment



"If managed effectively, a corporate startup has the resources of a large organization and the entrepreneurial momentum of a small one."



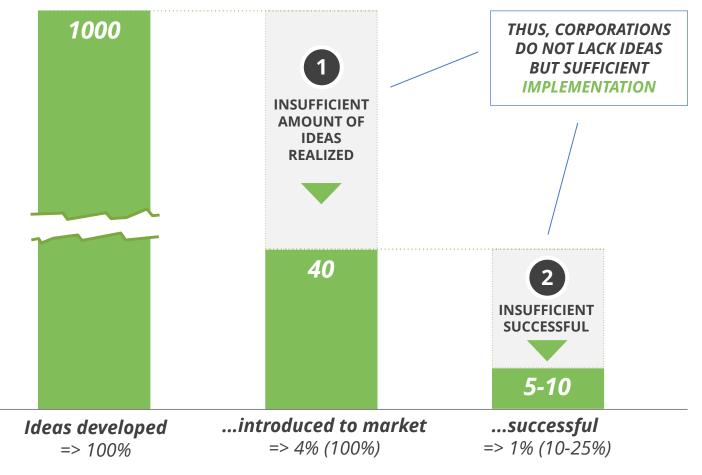


# BUT...DOES THAT ACTUALLY WORK WITH CORPORATES?!





## PROBLEM: LOTS OF IDEAS, MARGINAL IMPACT



Source: Innovative Tools für Decisions, Deborah Heifetz-Yahav, Shlomo Maital



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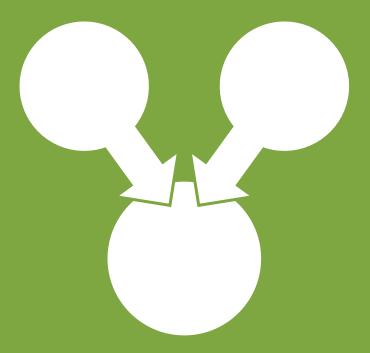
## ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES COULD BECOME INFLEXIBLE LIABILITIES.

...blocking the scale process as assets are tailored to execute the existing business model, not to help search for a new one and scale it.

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## INTERNAL VENTURES MUST FIGHT ON TWO FRONTS RISKING FOCUS AND ENERGY.

...externally achieving product market fit and scaling the new business AND internally obtaining the permissions, protection, resources, etc. needed to launch the venture initiative, and work to retain that support over time as conflicts arise



## STRATEGIC & RESOURCE DEPENDENCY LEAVES NEW VENTURE AT CORPORATES MERCY.

...increasing risk to get stopped before showing profits, e.g. imagine one bad quarter for the company or the arrival of a new CEO who wants to clean house

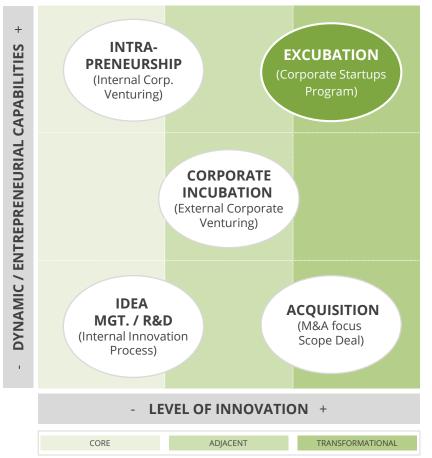
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# EXCUBATION AS CONSEQUENTIAL NEXT STEP TO ENHANCE CORPORATE INNOVATION



- Internal idea management too close to core business therefore incremental innovation only, not appropriate for transformational innovation
- Intrapreneurship programs usually lack the required degree of freedom
- Corporate incubators/accelerators usually do not lead to a sustainable increase of the corporates innovative capacity, because they work mainly isolated instead of integrated
- Acquisitions provide access to more radical innovations, but require strong integration capabilities as well as financial power
- Excubation enables corporates to radically innovate whilst fostering their entrepreneurial capabilities



## EXAMPLE BMW: THREE APPROACHES IN PARALLEL

Intrapreneurship
 Program: Internally
 developed ideas

## BMW Startup Garage: Connect with external startups

GARAGE

 BMW Excubator: Ideas further away from core business

Source: BMW, LitSearch







"Excubation is the **smart separation** of corporate innovation activities **from the core business** to enable the **effective build-up** of new and more radical **business** 

models by combining the best of both the corporate

and startup worlds in an entrepreneurial fashion."



## **SMART SEPARATION – THREE PERSPECTIVES**







LEVERAGE OF STRATEGIC SUCCESS FACTORS

## SIMILARITY OF BUSINESS MODELS

LINKAGE OF PROCESSES



# STRATEGIC SUCCESS FACTORS: WHERE DOES THE STARTUP BENEFIT FROM THE CORPORATE?



•		INTERNAL	Industry Example:	_		CUSTOMER FACING
	Management Capabilities	Portfolio management and finance	Little overlap on management capabilities, but leverage/synergies c	Regulatory management	BU strategy and driving priorities	HR management and culture
			assets			
	Operating Capabilities	Supply chain and logistics	Production and operations	Development and innovation	Go-To-Market	Customer relationship
	Proprietary Assets	Tangible assets	Scale	Technology & IP	Brand	Tied customer network
				Ov	erlap New/Core:	Low/none 🌑 high

- How do we **differentiate** tomorrow (vs. today)?
- Which of these factors would make the new venture even stronger?
- Which are the strengths of the existing core organization and which can be brought into a the new venture?
- Where are **gaps that need to be closed** by the new venture to successfully scale?



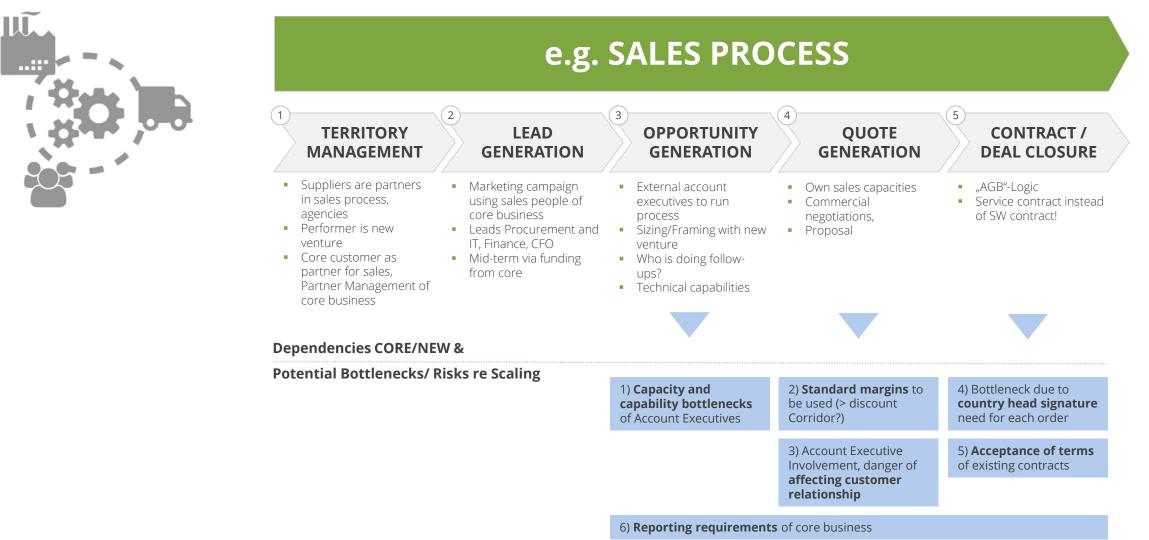
## BUSINESS MODEL BUILDING BLOCKS: HOW DIFFERENT ARE BIZ MODELS?

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BUILDING BLOCK		SPECIFICATION AT CORE & NEW BUSINESS		ELEMENT SIMILARITY	SYNERGY POTENTIAL	CONFLICT POTENTIAL
CHANNELS	<ul> <li>Through which communication, distribution, and sales channels are we reaching our customers?</li> </ul>	CORE	<ul><li>Same companies but other contacts</li><li>Core to act as facilitator</li></ul>	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
		NEW	<ul> <li>Other communi- cation channels (i.e. LinkedIn, FB)</li> </ul>			
		RECOMMENDED SEPARATION LEVEL		Fully Integrate		Fully separate
	<ul> <li>What type of relationship have we established with each customer segment?</li> <li>How are they integrated with the rest of the business model?</li> </ul>	CORE	<ul> <li>Account Executive (Incentives, bottleneck, compliance needs)</li> <li>Quarterly driven</li> </ul>			
CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP		NEW	<ul><li>Campaign driven</li><li></li></ul>			
			IMENDED ATION LEVEL	Fully Integrate	0	Fully separate

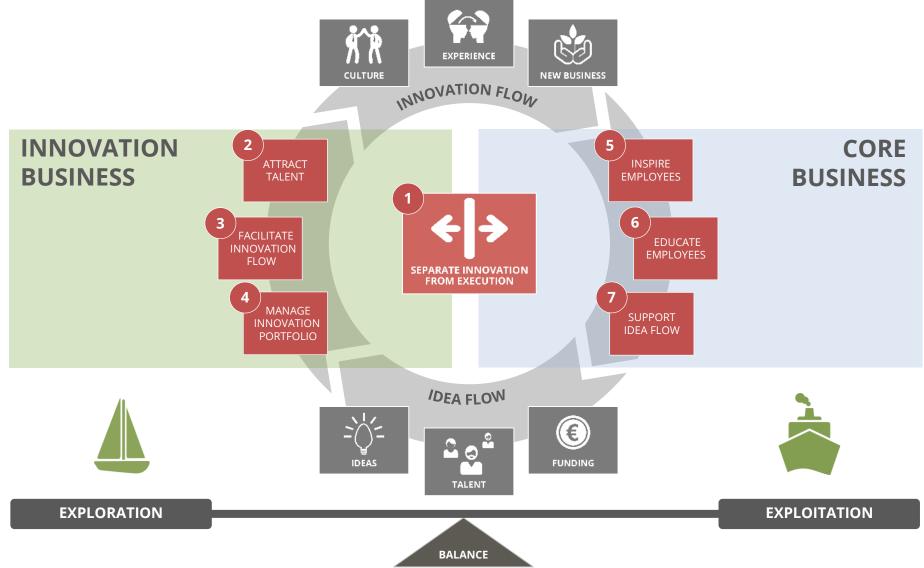


# LINKAGE OF PROCESSES: WHERE WILL THE STARTUP FAIL IF ADHERING TO CORPORATE PROCESSES





## EXCUBATION APPROACH OPERATIONALIZED: 7 RULES FOR CORPORATES



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# WHAT DO CORPORATES NEED TO DO DIFFERENTLY, AND WHY IS THAT HARD?



## **PROVIDE FREEDOM**

- Enable (right!) team to make decisions
- Relax and watch



 Against the need for control and "perfect" decisions



## PROVIDE ACCESS

- Provide pragmatic access to corporate resources
- Not too much, not too little, not forced



- Against the need for synergies and "leverage what we have"
- Hide and protect customers from evil



## PROVIDE INCENTIVES

- Define entrepreneurial upside
- Have people participate



- The board needs to agree
- The works council needs to agree



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## **KEY TAKE-AWAYS FOR TODAY**

- Digitalization has a tremendous impact: It significantly speeds things up (HW→SW, 80/20, "minimum viable", …)
- This shifts the power between startups and corporates by enabling startups to scale MUCH faster
- Corporates are experimenting but are mostly stuck in their incubation and acceleration approaches with limited success
- Excubation can help via smart separation of innovation from execution and better combination of best of both worlds



# QUESTIONS





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# EXCUBATE IS A THOUGHT LEADER IN CORPORATE INNOVATION AND REGULARLY PUBLISHES WHITEPAPERS, BLOGS, CONFERENCES

### excubate

## Building, scaling and managing successful (corporate) startups

Excubate whitepaper, 2016

### Innovating like a startup becomes an imperative

For years, corporations have been going after the holy grail of innovation. The challenge of finding the right approach has now become even tougher as digitization and lowered barriers-to-entry speed up and heat up the competition with greenfield start-ups that disrupt corporations' existing business models. As intragreneurship and incubators continue to fail, excubation could be the long wishedfor solution to the innovation challenge.

The world in which corporates are used to compete has been changing dramatically for about a decade now. Two drivers manifest this change, which turn out to be quite challenging to cope with for many corporates. Most of them struggle heavily with a) digital transformation that fundamentally changes processes and business economics and b) disrupting business models, often built by startup companies capitalizing on speed and network effects that digitalization brings.



#### TRADITIONAL INNOVATION PROCESSES DON'T WORK, NEITHER DO MANY CORPORATE INITIATIVES TO INNOVATE "LIKE A STARTUP"

While having tried to address these challenges with traditional innovation processes and various new innovation approaches like setting up incubators and startup accelerators, most of the "7.500 incubators globally have failed to deliver real business value for the respective corporate. Many endeavors ended up as marketing or recruiting efforts. To get to the bottom of why this happened and how to do things differently, this paper presents a few specific insights based on research and practical project experience of the excubate corporate startups team.

### First: What makes a successful startup?

Today, the startup notion is extremely hyped and it almost is required for a somewhat state-of-the-art business (and business person) to be active in the "startup scene" in one way or another. Each idea for a simple app or service that classically made a product feature, is not set up and thought of as a startup, often because it communicates future proof. However, there is sometimes no real business, let alone

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### CORPORATE INNOVATION NEEDS A MAJOR MAKEOVER – THE 7 RULES OF EXCUBATION 12.10.16

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In a nutshell, excubation is a smart separation of corporation exploitation and exploration endeavors, where new ventures are given access to existing corporate assets (client base, etc.), while also being allowed to bypass the typical limitations of the corporate conventions and processes. The "smartness" of this approach lies in ensuring a cohesive, tight exchange between then- and out-flow of innovation.





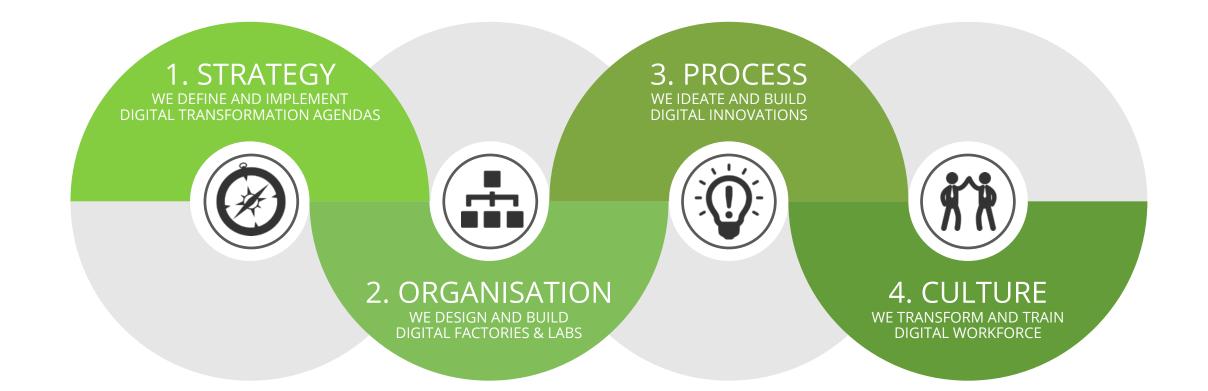


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