# Innovation in The World of Technology

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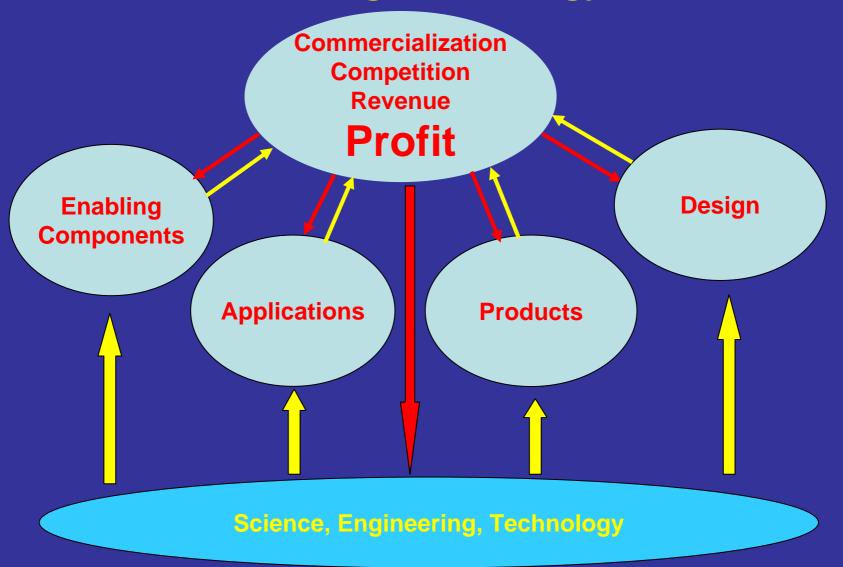
# Recent Technology Innovation Drive

- Why is there a recent push for innovation?
- Where does Technology innovation come from?
- What have we learned from IT Development?
- Are we panicking because CMOS technology is almost at the end of its life?
- Are we worried about where to go from here on in technology innovation?

### Innovation

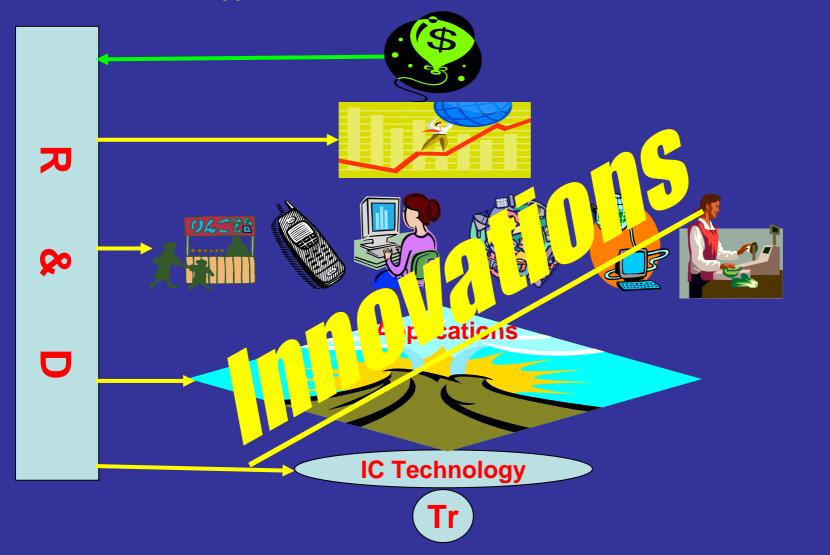
- Innovation is the <u>successful</u> introduction of something new and involves creativity
- Innovation is not a discipline, it's more like a process or mindset
- Innovation has no boundary. It's everywhere
- It's global, multidisciplinary, and wide open
- To survive and thrive in their endeavor, everybody including common workers and leaders which include CEOs, business leaders, officials, academic researchers and community leaders are all put their minds into innovation
- What we learned from technology innovation can be transposed to innovation in general

#### What's Driving Technology R&D



### **IT Thrives on Innovations**

Tr - IC - Applications - Commercialization - Business - Revenues - Profit



## **Technology Innovations**

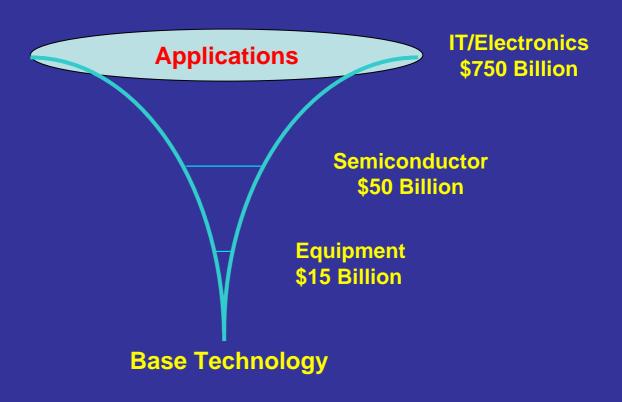
- Scientific innovations are the backbone of technology
- But It's not necessarily the driver of technology innovations

# Some Characteristics of Innovations in the Practical Technology World

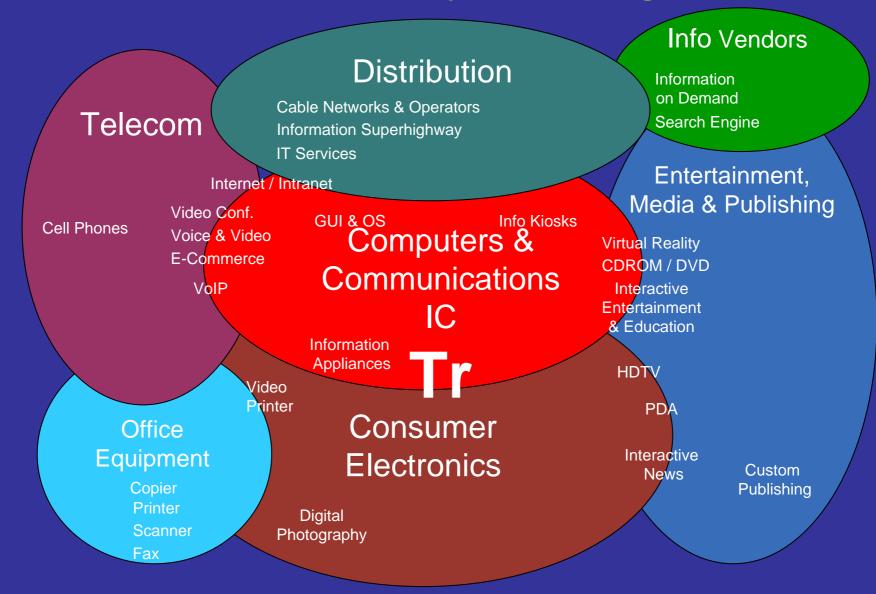
- Knowledge Base
- Fundamental and Advanced Domain Knowledge
- Good Science, Engineering, Technology, Business Base
- Goal and Technology Focus
- Well Supported R&D Environment
- Vision and Experienced Guidance, Broad Perspectives, and Young Talents
- Business Driven
- Competition Driven

### **World IT/Electronics Food Chain**

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### The Information Industry — The Mega-Trend



Information Delivery

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# Why are there so much focus on IT Innovations?

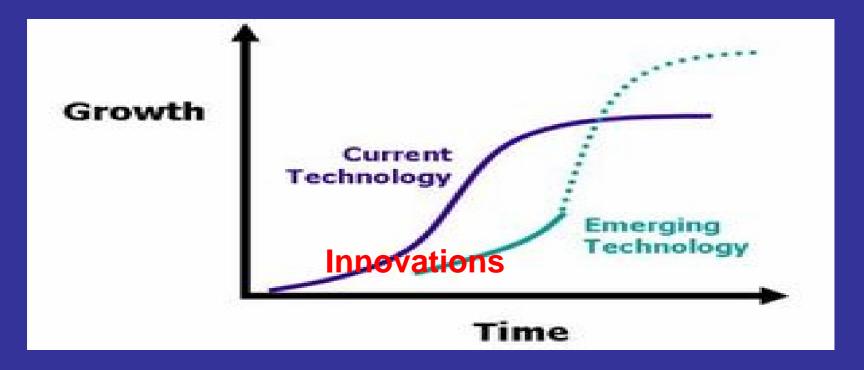
- Cater to Human Needs
- Cater to Consumer Needs
- Attractive to Business
- Quick Market Adaptability
- Industrial Adaptability (All Sizes)
- Broad Based Revenue and Profit
- Transforms and Impacts Society for the better
- Fast Economy Expansion

### **Essential Attributes of IT**

- Basic human curiosity in seeking new information
- Information becomes knowledge which empowers everything
- IT is transforming our life (forever)
  - The way we see, hear, smell, feel, touch, etc.
- IT transforms business
- IT drives business, profits, economy rapidly

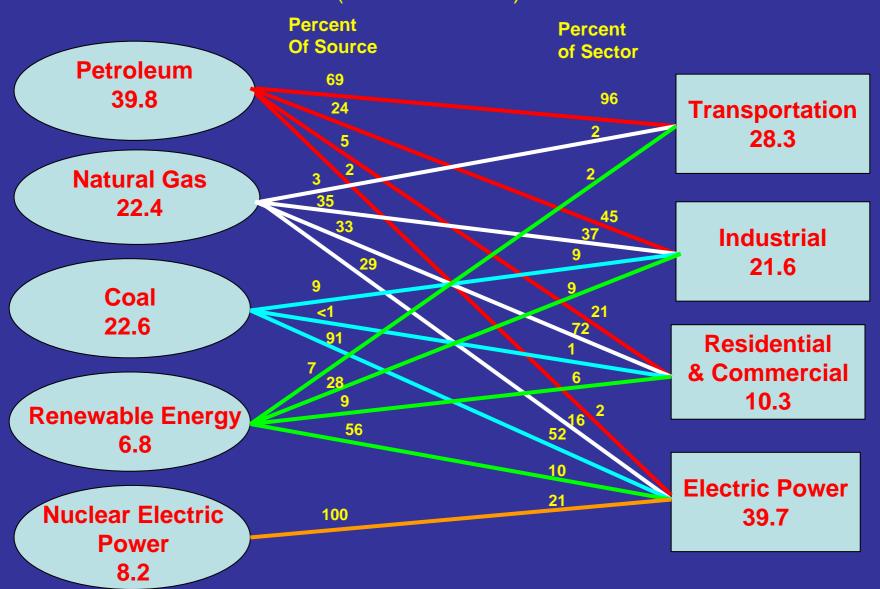
## **Technology Innovations**

- In rapidly expanding technology innovation arena, business revenue/profit is the prime driver
- IT will continue to drive Innovations, particularly in applications and is here to stay
- Leaders started to worry about their future endeavor: Technology, Business, Economy, etc.



- CEO are constantly on the look out for new technology base and focus for technology innovations in new areas for future expansions
- Where there is market driven revenue/profit opportunities, technology Innovation flourishes
- Any other mega technology trends in sight for future Innovations?

## U.S. Primary Energy Consumption by Source and Sector, 2006 (Quadrillion BTU)



**Source: US Dept of Energy** 

# Energy & Environmental Technology Industry (Empowerment)

#### **Distribution**

**Transmission** 

#### **Environmental**

Clean Air
Garbage Recycling

# Green Energy & Power

## **Energy Related Products**

**Utilities** 

**Power Plant** 

Water

Electric Vehicle **Battery**Public Transportation **Solid State Lighting** 

#### **Products**

Low Power
Industrial Products
Household Products
Electronics Products

#### Technology Vendors

Bio-Degradable Recyclable

Technology Delivery

**Technology Content** 

# Potential Technology Focuses for Innovations

- Service
- Software
- Renewable Green Energy or Power
- Low Power Consumptive Products
- Healthcare
- Nanotechnology
- Bio-XXX
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### Conclusions

- Chances of finding a mega-technology "spark", such as transistor, is slim
- It's important to have a clear goal or focus in Technology for Innovation
- Where there is a prospect of large revenues and profits on a broad base, technology innovations will flourish
- Don't expect old experts to innovate
  - Curse of Knowledge Phenomenon
- Technology innovations will continue un-abated