

Entrepreneurship & Economic Development:  
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# What is Entrepreneurship Research?

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- Behavior
  - Opportunity Recognition/Creation
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- Performance
  - Innovation
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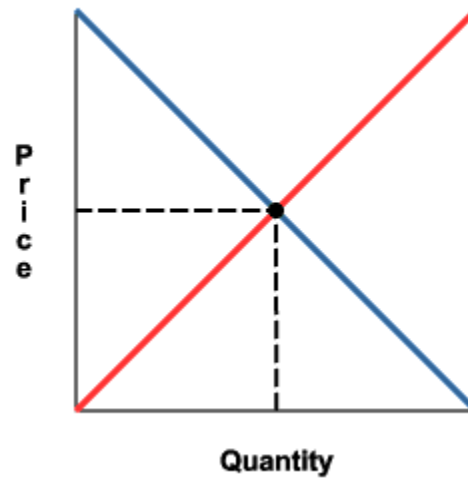
# Performance

- Innovation
- Growth (Gazelles)
- Social Goals (Social Entrepreneurship)

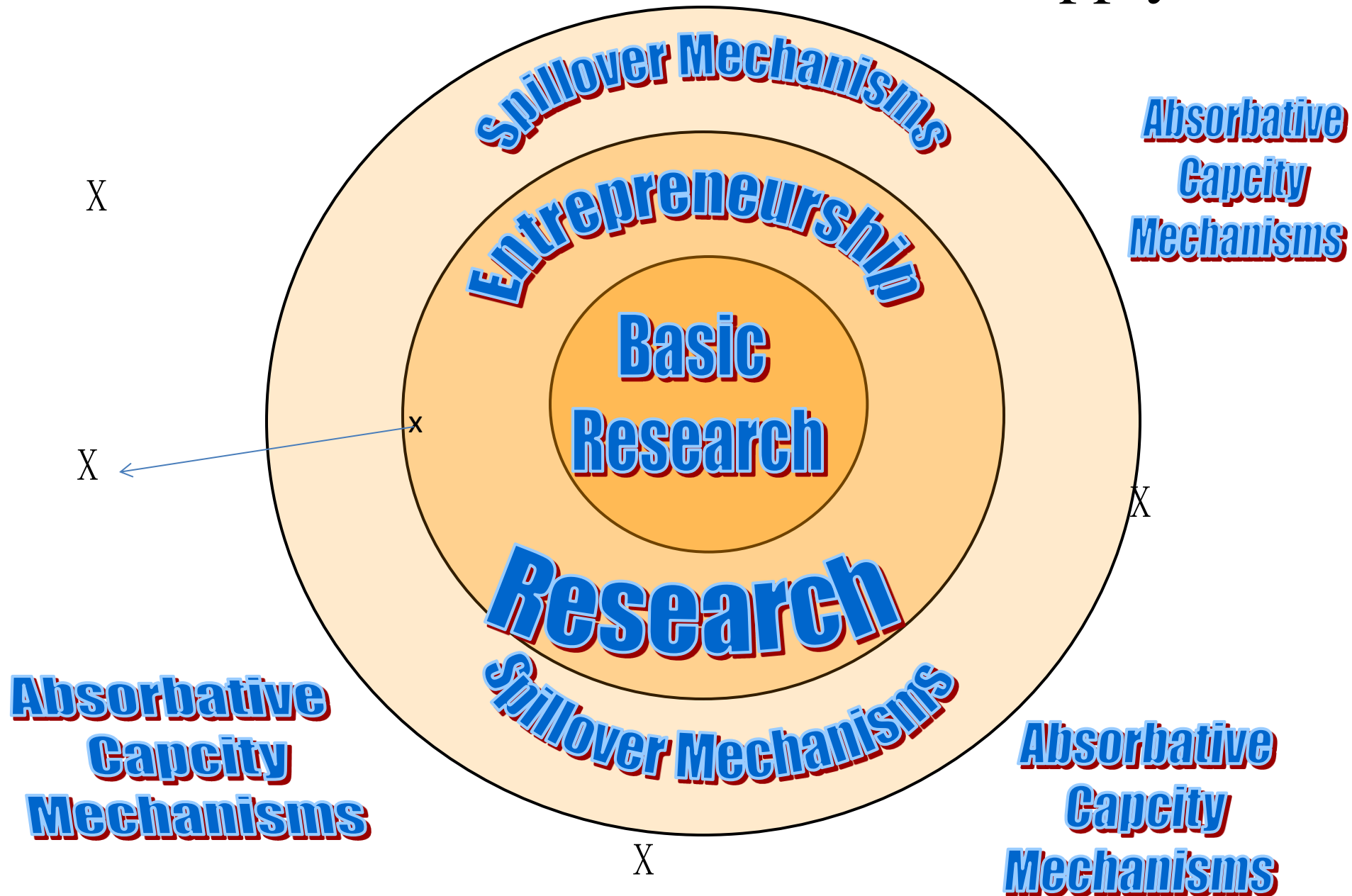
# An Overview of Entrepreneurship Literature

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# What Creates Value in (Economic) Research



# What Generates Demand & Supply





# The Historical Perspective

- Entrepreneurship as a Marginal or Invisible Field
- Small Business Research
- *Mittelstandsforschung* in Germany
- KMU Forschung

# The Historical Perspective

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# The Demise of Entrepreneurship

“Since capitalist enterprise, by its very achievements, tends to automatize progress, we conclude that it tends to make itself superfluous – to break to pieces under the pressure of its own success. The perfectly bureaucratic giant industrial unit not only ousts the small- or medium-sized firm and ‘expropriates’ its owners, but in the end it also ousts the entrepreneur and expropriates the bourgeoisie as a class which in the process stands to lose not only in its income but also, what is infinitely more important, its function.”

Joseph Schumpeter, 1942, *Capitalism and Democracy*

# Policy Mandate for Entrepreneurship to Promote Innovation & Economic Growth

*“Our lacunae in the field of entrepreneurship needs to be taken seriously because there is mounting evidence that the key to economic growth and productivity improvements lies in the entrepreneurial capacity of an economy”*

EU President, Romano Prodi

2002

# Innovation at the Firm Level

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# The Model of the Knowledge Production Function

- $I = f(K)$
- $I = \alpha RD^\beta \cdot HK^\eta \cdot \epsilon$

Where  $I$  is innovative output and

$K$  is Knowledge, and  $RD$  is R&D,  $HK$  is human capital

# Testing the Schumpeterian Hypothesis

- Firm Innovative Output is Positively Related to Firm Size
- Empirical Evidence  $\beta \geq 0$
- Measurement Issues
- Innovation -- Inputs (R&D), Intermediate Outputs (Patents), Outputs

# The Schumpeterian Paradox

- Empirical Evidence for Innovative Output Measures find  $\beta \leq 0$

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# Resolving the Schumpeter Paradox: Knowledge Spillovers

- $E_i = f(K_j)$

Where E is the startup of a new firm i and j refers to an incumbent organization.

- The knowledge production function reconsidered – the knowledge is exogenous and the creation of a new firm is endogenous

# How is Knowledge Different?

- Non-excludable & non-exhaustive  
(Arrow, 1962)
- Hyper uncertainty, asymmetries & transactions cost  
(Arrow, 1962)

# The Knowledge Filter

*“A wealth of scientific talent at American colleges and universities – talent responsible for the development of numerous innovative scientific breakthroughs each year – is going to waste as a result of bureaucratic red tape and illogical government regulations...What sense does it make to spend billions of dollars each year on government-supported research and then prevent new developments from benefiting the American people because of dumb bureaucratic red tape?”*

U.S. Senator Birch Bayh, 1980





# Xerox PARC's Discarded Inventions



# Apple Computer Founders



# Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship - Innovation - Growth

Behavior- Organization- Performance



# Where Do Entrepreneurial Opportunities Come From?

- **Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship:** Knowledge embedded in economic agents is *exogenous*, and in an effort to appropriate the returns from that knowledge, the spillover of knowledge involves *endogenously* creating a new firm

# Endogenous Entrepreneurship

- Appropriation Problem – Firm vs. Knowledge Agent
- New firms are endogenous response to knowledge not completely & exhaustively commercialized
- Knowledge exogenous and embedded in economic agents who endogenously start new firms to appropriate knowledge endowments

# Knowledge Spillover Entrepreneurship

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# Two Dimensions of Knowledge Spillovers

- **Geography** – Clusters within Close Spatial Proximity to Knowledge Source  
(Adam B. Jaffe, Manuel Trajtenberg, and Rebecca Henderson, 1993, “Geographic Localization of Knowledge Spillovers as Evidenced by Patent Citations,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; Annalee Saxenian, 1994, *Regional Advantage*; Harvard University Press.)
- **Organizational** – Role of Entrepreneurial New Firms as Conduit of Knowledge Spillovers  
(R. Agarwal et al., “The Process of Creative Construction: Knowledge Spillovers, Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth,” *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*, 2008.)

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# The Cluster Context

- Cluster: “The location of complementary and interacting firms, individuals and institutions within close geographic proximity”
- Michael Porter, “firms in downstream industries (that is channels or customers); producers of complementary products; specialized infrastructure providers; government and universities, think tanks, vocational training providers); and standards/setting agencies”

(M.E. Porter, “On Competition,” Harvard Business School Publishing, 1999, p. 199.)

# Stylized Facts for Geographic Clusters

- ***Emergence of Knowledge-Based Clusters***  
(AnnaLee Saxenien, *Regional Advantage*, Harvard University Press, 1994)
- ***Innovative Activity Clusters within Close Geographic Proximity Around Knowledge Sources***  
(D. Audretsch & M. Feldman, “R&D Spillovers and the Geography of Innovation and Production,” *American Economic Review*, 1996, 630-640)

# Stylized Facts for Geographic Clusters - 2

- ***Knowledge-Based Clusters Exhibit Higher Rates of Economic Growth***  
(Ed Glaeser et al., “Growth of Cities,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 1992)
- ***Cluster Growth is Promoted by Diversity Rather than Specialization of Knowledge Resources***  
(M. Feldmann & D. Audretsch, “Innovation in Cities,” *European Economic Review*, 1999.)



# Stylized Facts for Geographic Clusters - 3

- ***New-Venture Growth Greater in Cluster Context than in Non-Cluster Context***  
(B. Gilbert et al., “Clusters, Knowledge Spillovers and New Venture Performance: An Empirical Examination,” *Journal of Business Venturing*, 2007; D. Audretsch & E. Lehmann, “Does the Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship hold for regions?”, *Research Policy*, 2005, 1191-1202.

# Stylized Facts for Geographic Clusters - 4

- ***New Venture Creation Greater in Cluster Context***  
(D. Audretsch et al., 2005, “University Spillovers and New Firm Location,” with Erik E. Lehmann and Susanne Warning, *Research Policy*.)
- ***Locational Sources Provide Capabilities & Knowledge to New Ventures in Cluster Context Creating High Performing Firms***  
(S. Klepper, 2007, “Disagreements, Spinoffs, and the Evolution of Detroit as the Capital of the U.S. Automobile Industry,” *Management Science*, 616–631 and R. Agarwal et al., 2004. “Knowledge Transfer through Inheritance: Spin-Out Generation, Development and Performance. *Academy of Management Journal*, 501-522.)

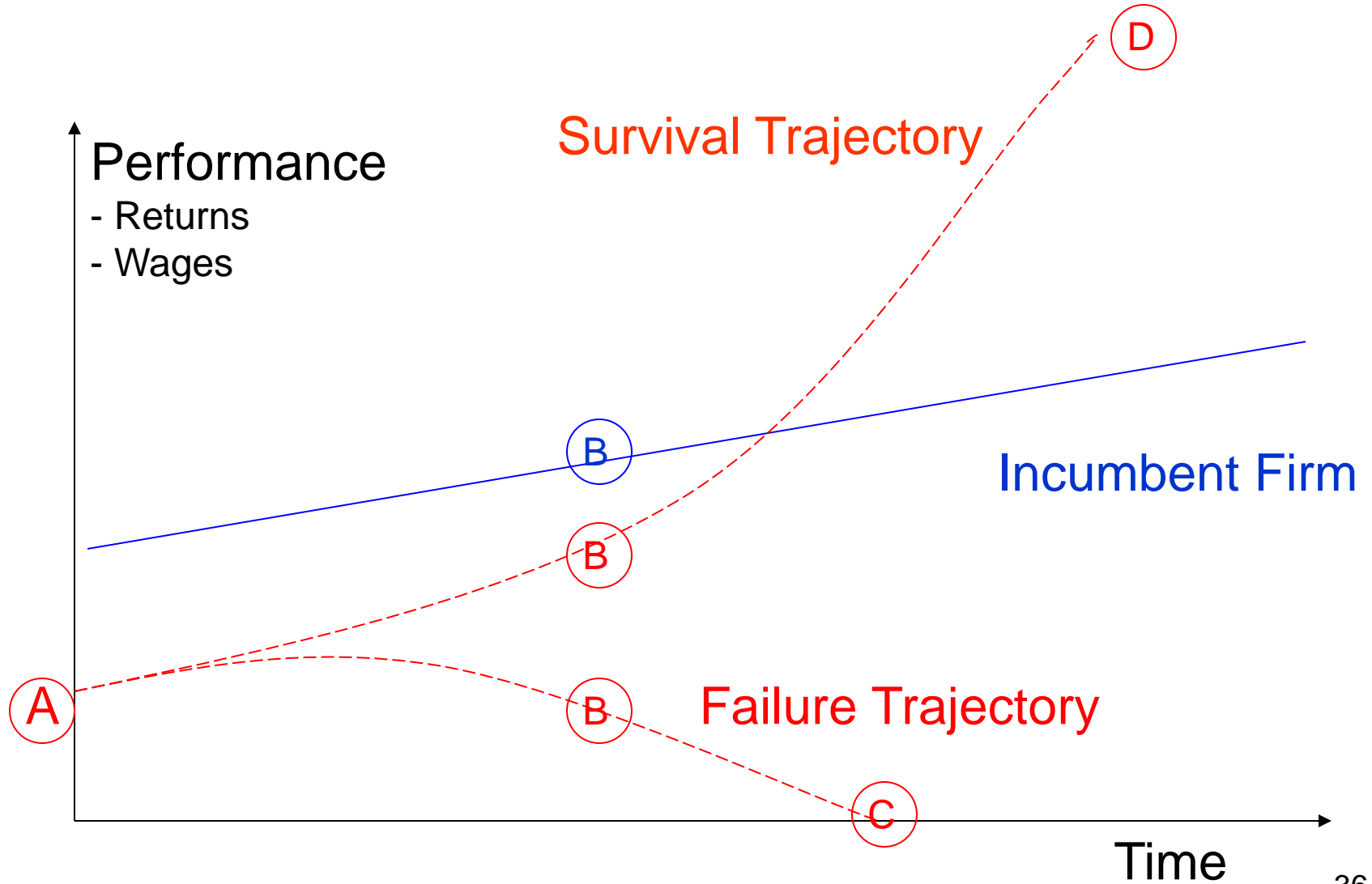
# Stylized Facts of Entrepreneurship Dynamics

- New Firm Survival positively related to age and size
- New Firm Growth negatively related to age and size
- Survival and Growth effects more pronounced in knowledge industries

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# The Romer Model

$$Q = \alpha K^\beta L^\varphi R^\eta$$

# Economic Growth Hypothesis

- $Q_i = h(t)f(C_i, L_i, K_i, E_i)$ 
  - *Given a level of knowledge investment and severity of the knowledge filter, higher levels of economic growth should result from greater entrepreneurial activity, since entrepreneurship serves as a mechanism facilitating the spillover and commercialization of knowledge.*

# Entrepreneurship Capital's Role

$$Q_i = \alpha K_i^\beta L_i^\varphi R_i^\eta E_i^\varepsilon$$



# Regional Differences by Growth

- **High Growth Regions**
  - High knowledge investments
  - Low knowledge filter
  - High level of Entrepreneurship Capital
- **Low Growth Regions**
  - Low Knowledge Investments
  - High knowledge filter
  - Low level of Entrepreneurship Capital