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"How Accelerated Product Development can lead to cost-effective Innovation and move a company forward"

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**Who We Are...**

- An 11-year-old global aerospace and defense leadership community of over 2,400 professionals that facilitates communication, collaboration, and commerce relative to the business of A&D
- Nine chapters – Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, South Bay, Orange County, San Diego, Arizona, Dallas-Ft. Worth, and Ventura County.
- Conduct monthly meetings with presentations, panels and tours with industry leaders focused on some aspect of the business of A&D
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**Accelerated Development  
Fosters Cost-Effective  
Innovation**



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### Asking ChatGPT About "Innovation"

"Innovation is the driving force behind progress, pushing us to explore new possibilities and solutions to the challenges we face in our ever-changing world."

"In today's fast-paced and competitive market, the ability to innovate is essential for companies to stay ahead of the curve and meet the ever-evolving needs of their customers."



**motivo** Picture from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey

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### Innovation Defined

Innovation refers to the...

**process of introducing new ideas, products, services, or processes that bring about positive change and value creation.**


It involves taking creative approaches to problem-solving and implementing new solutions to...

**address unmet needs or to improve existing products, services, or processes.**

Innovation can occur in any field or industry and is often...

**driven by advances in technology, changes in consumer preferences, and evolving market trends.**

**It is a critical driver of economic growth, competitiveness, and sustainability, and it requires a combination of imagination, curiosity, and entrepreneurial spirit to succeed.**



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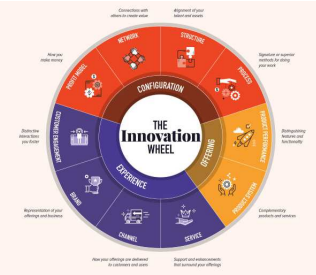
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### Innovation | The Art of Discovery

#### How Breakthrough Products are Realized

According to Deloitte, most big breakthroughs in history comprise some combination of the 10 types of innovation

New products are invented from scratch all the time, but this is only one way to innovate. Here is a breakdown of the "spokes" that comprise the Innovation Wheel:



**CONFIGURATION**

- Profit Model, Network, Structure and **Process**

**EXPERIENCE**

- Customer engagement, brand, channel and service

**OFFERING**

- Product System** and **Product Performance**

**motivo** Source: https://www.deloitte.com/us/en/industry/aerospace-and-defense/innovation-wheeler.html


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### Innovation Conundrum | Why We Don't Take the Leap

There are many reasons why companies refrain from pursuing new innovations

**MAIN REASONS FOR STIFLING INNOVATION INCLUDE:**

- Lack of resources
- Fear of failure
- Bureaucracy
- Resistance to change
- Lack of incentives
- Short-term thinking
- Intellectual property issues
- Regulation



**motivo** Source: https://www.persyst.com/insights/innovation-conundrum

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### Innovation Conundrum | Culture

## Inc.

Praveen Seshadri

**JOINED GOOGLE IN EARLY 2020**  
**COMPANY ACQUIRED BY GOOGLE**  
**LEFT THE COMPANY AFTER THREE-YEAR MANDATORY RETENTION PERIOD**

#### This Ex-Google's Scathing Takedown of the Company Is Basically a Blueprint for Killing Innovation

An ex-employee offers a peek inside the Googleplex and reveals the cultural problems that are smothering innovation.




**motivo** Source: https://www.inc.com/praveen-seshadri/google-culture.html

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### Getting Past the Excuses | It's Time to Innovate

We are done holding off executing that great idea

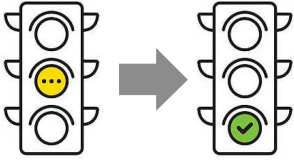
**FIND THE HONEST BROKERS WHO WILL HELP ONE REALIZE A VISION**

Factors that **PREVENT** Companies from Contracting External Sources:

- Intellectual Property Concerns
- Lack of Control
- Cost

Who **SHOULD** be Contracting External Product Development Organizations?

- Startups
- Large Companies
- Companies in Competitive Industries



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### Accelerated Product Development | As a Service

Accelerated product development refers to the process of quickly bringing a new product to market. By shortening the development timeline, companies can realize several benefits, including cost-effective innovation.

**BENEFITS OF ACCELERATED PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT:**

- Faster Time-to-Market
- Reduced Development Costs
- Better Product Quality

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### Accelerated Product Development | Stage-Gate Process

**1<sup>st</sup> Stage-Gate**

- Scoping
- Viability of product analyzed
- Demand for product
- Competitor assessment
- SWOT
- Market & Economic Conditions

**2<sup>nd</sup> Stage-Gate**

- Build a Business Case
- Product Definition and analysis
- Development of business case and Project Plan
- Feasibility Review
- Generally last phase for concept development

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stage-Gate**

- Development
- Initial design and development
- Testing
- Prototyping

**4<sup>th</sup> Stage-Gate**

- Testing & Validation
- Product evaluation
- Customer acceptance
- Alpha/Beta testing

**5<sup>th</sup> Stage-Gate**

- Launch
- Product launched
- Volume estimation
- Product demand validation
- Resolution of customer complaints

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### Accelerated Product Development | The 1:10:100 Rule

**Forrester** estimates that for every **\$1** to fix a problem during **DESIGN** the same problem would cost **\$10** to fix during **DEVELOPMENT** and would cost as the equivalent of **\$100** to fix after the product's **LAUNCH**.

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### Product Development | Three Innovation Success Stories

**How Airbus Dreamed Up the Wild Design for its Flying Car**

**20. Monarch Tractor**

**Precision Agriculture**

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### Self-Piloted Electric Flying Vehicle

**Urban Mobility transport: a sustainable complement to existing transport systems**

- Novel electric variable pitch actuator mechanism that allows vertical take-off as well as horizontal flight
- Quick swapping battery mechanism including ground support equipment
- Compact canopy airframe mechanism design, multibody dynamic simulation, force and weight optimization
- High voltage distribution

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### Development of First Autonomous-eV Tractor

**AGRICULTURE POWER PLATFORM – MOBILITY, POWER AND MECHANIZATION**

- Leverage technology developed during NextEnergy TAPETIC microgrid project
- Developed energy solution that will improve the sustainability and productivity of agricultural communities worldwide
- Power platform with ultra flexible input/output capabilities
- Product has been spun-off as Monarch Tractor

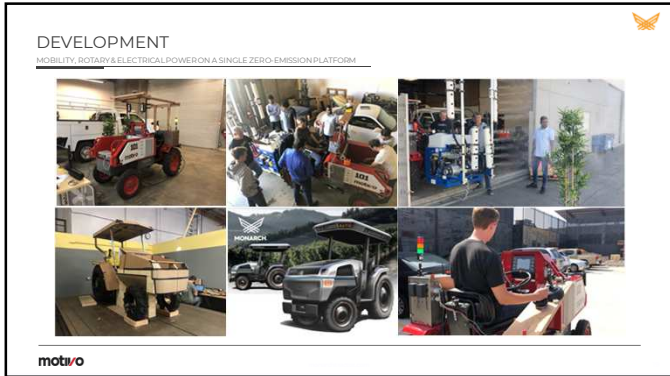
**Electric**: Zero tail-pipe emissions resulting in an annual CO2 abatement of ~1/4 road cars

**Automated**: Reduced skilled labor and data collection costs while increasing farm safety

**Smart**: Precision operations and market-based apps will improve farm economics

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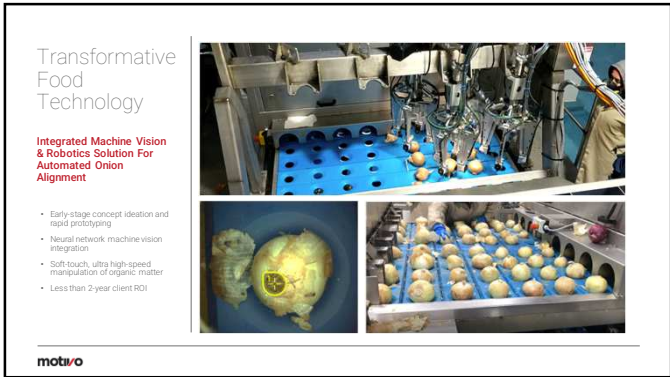
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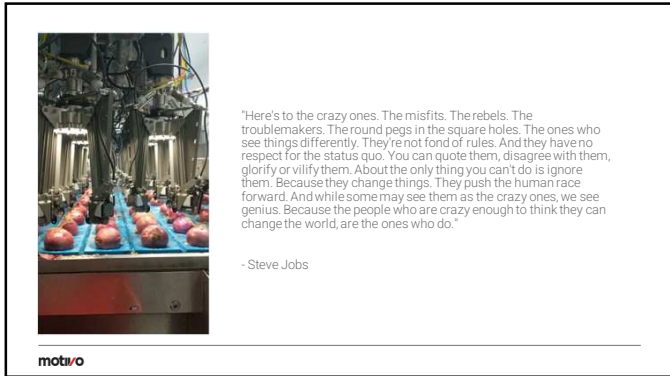
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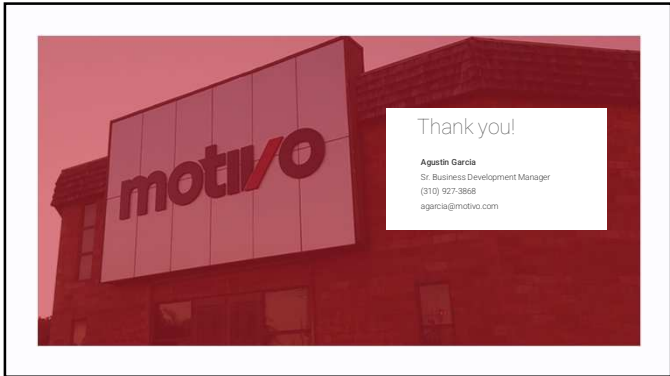
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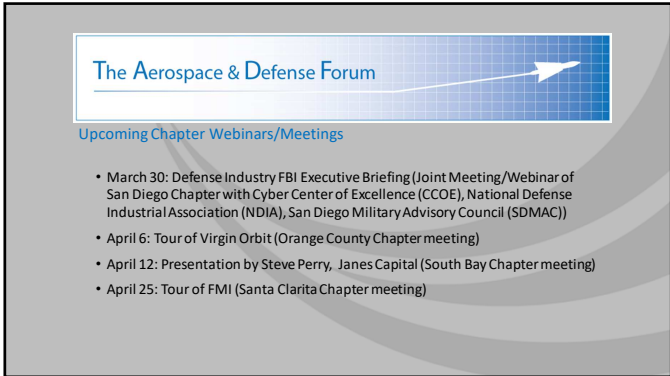
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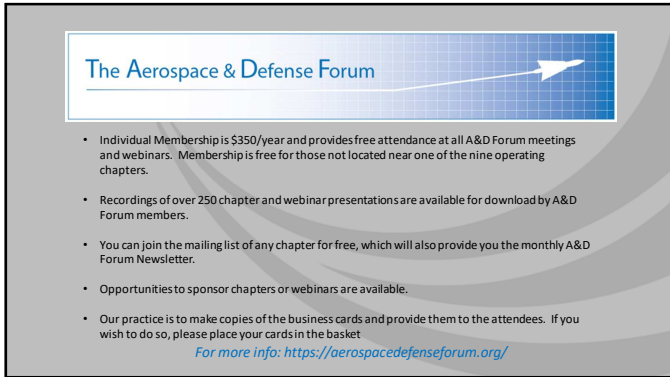
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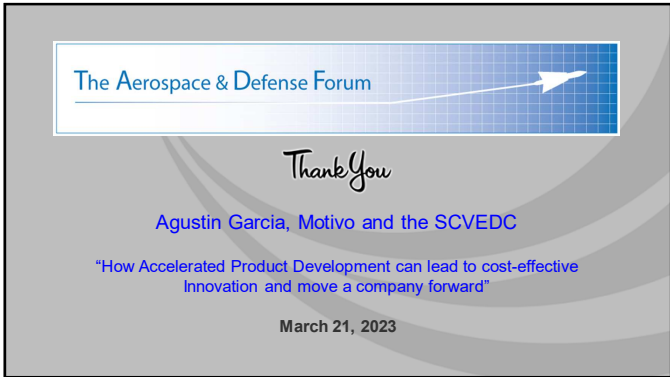
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