

# R&D Club

## Applying Science to Life

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## Our Vision

3M Technology Advancing Every Company

3M Products Enhancing Every Home

3M Innovation Improving Every Life



# A Century of Innovation

**1921**

3M patented and introduced Wetordry™ waterproof sandpaper -- the world's first water-resistant coated abrasive



**1925**

Scotch™ masking tape introduced



**1930**

Scotch™ Cellulose tape introduced



**1931**

3M began producing Colorquartz™ roofing granules



**1939**

First traffic sign featuring Scotchlite™ reflective sheeting erected in Minneapolis



**1945**

Scotch™ vinyl electrical tape introduced



**1952**

Scotchlok™ electrical connectors and Scotchkote™ insulation introduced



**1948**

3M debuted its first surgical drape



3M's first non-woven product-decorative ribbon for gifts introduced



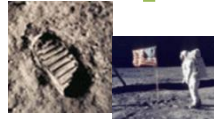
**1947**

Scotch™ magnetic audiotape introduced



**1969**

3M products were used in the first moon walk on July 20. Astronaut Neil Armstrong left a footprint in the lunar dust in boots made from Fluorel™ synthetic rubber from 3M



**1979**

Thinsulate™ thermal insulation introduced



**1954**

RCA used Scotch™ magnetic tape to record TV programs for the first time



**1960**

Scotch™ Brand Magic transparent tape introduced



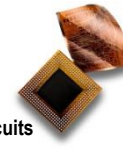
**1967**

3M developed the first disposable facemasks and respiratory protection products



**1996**

New products include flexible circuits for electronic products and HFEs (hydrofluoroethers), replacing ozone depleting chlorofluorocarbons



**1995**

3M introduced the first metered dose asthma inhaler, free of ozone depleting chlorofluorocarbons.



**1991**

3M introduced Scotchshield™ window film, shatter-resistant, heat-and cold resistant window protection.



**1985**

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave 3M a Scientific Engineering Award for magnetic film, improving audio capabilities of movie sound tracks



**1980**

3M introduced Post-it® Notes, greatly enhancing office communication



**2000**

3M introduced the Vikuiti™ brand for light management products that make electronic displays easier to read



**2005**

3M developed Aluminum Conductor Composite Reinforced (ACCR) as a solution to thermally constrained transmission bottlenecks



**2009**

3M™ MPro pocket-sized projector for mobile presentations and sharing photos on the go



**2010**

3M™ Cubitron™ II using precision shaped abrasive granules creating the future of the abrasives industry



**2012**

3M LED advanced light, most energy efficient, longest-lasting light bulb



**“Innovation is our biggest competitive advantage and the heart of 3M.”**

**– Inge Thulin 2012**

**Chairman, President & CEO**

# Connecting Customers to Technology

1925



Two-tone cars  
were in demand ...

... but a clean paint line was  
very hard to achieve.

3Mer Dick Drew observed this  
dilemma in action while visiting  
customers to sell sandpaper ...



... and he remembered  
some stuff he'd seen  
in the laboratory...

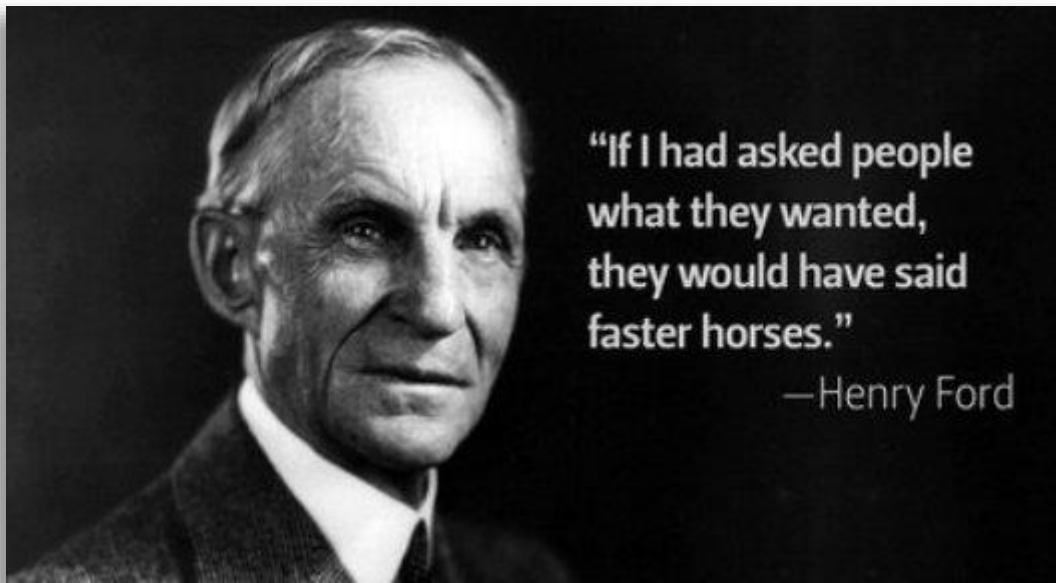
... and went on to invent  
3M Scotch Masking Tape



**3M**

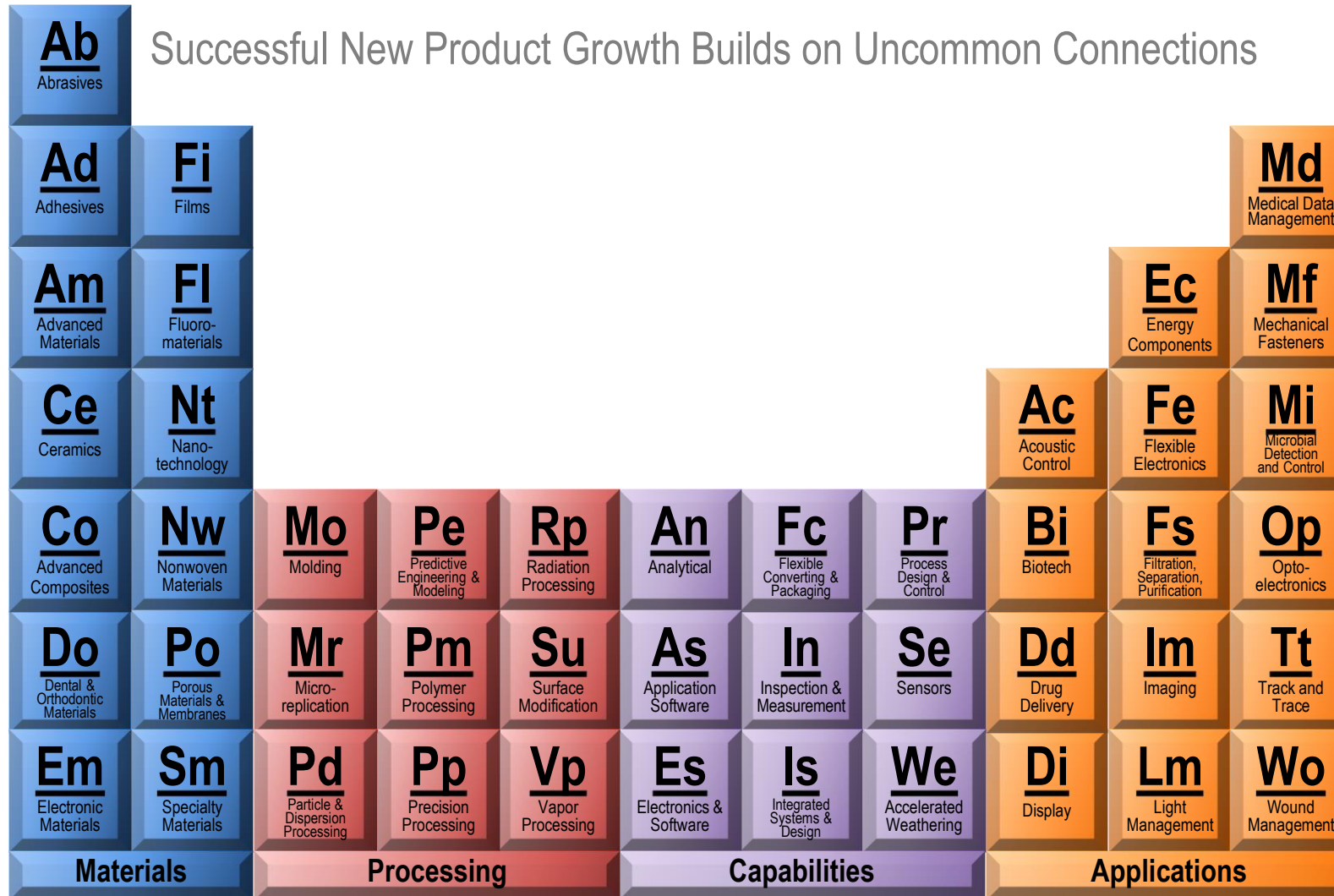
# Customer Insights Drive Innovation

- Customers can be challenging to understand ...
  - They think within the context of what they know today
  - Simply asking people what they want (VOC) rarely yields important insights

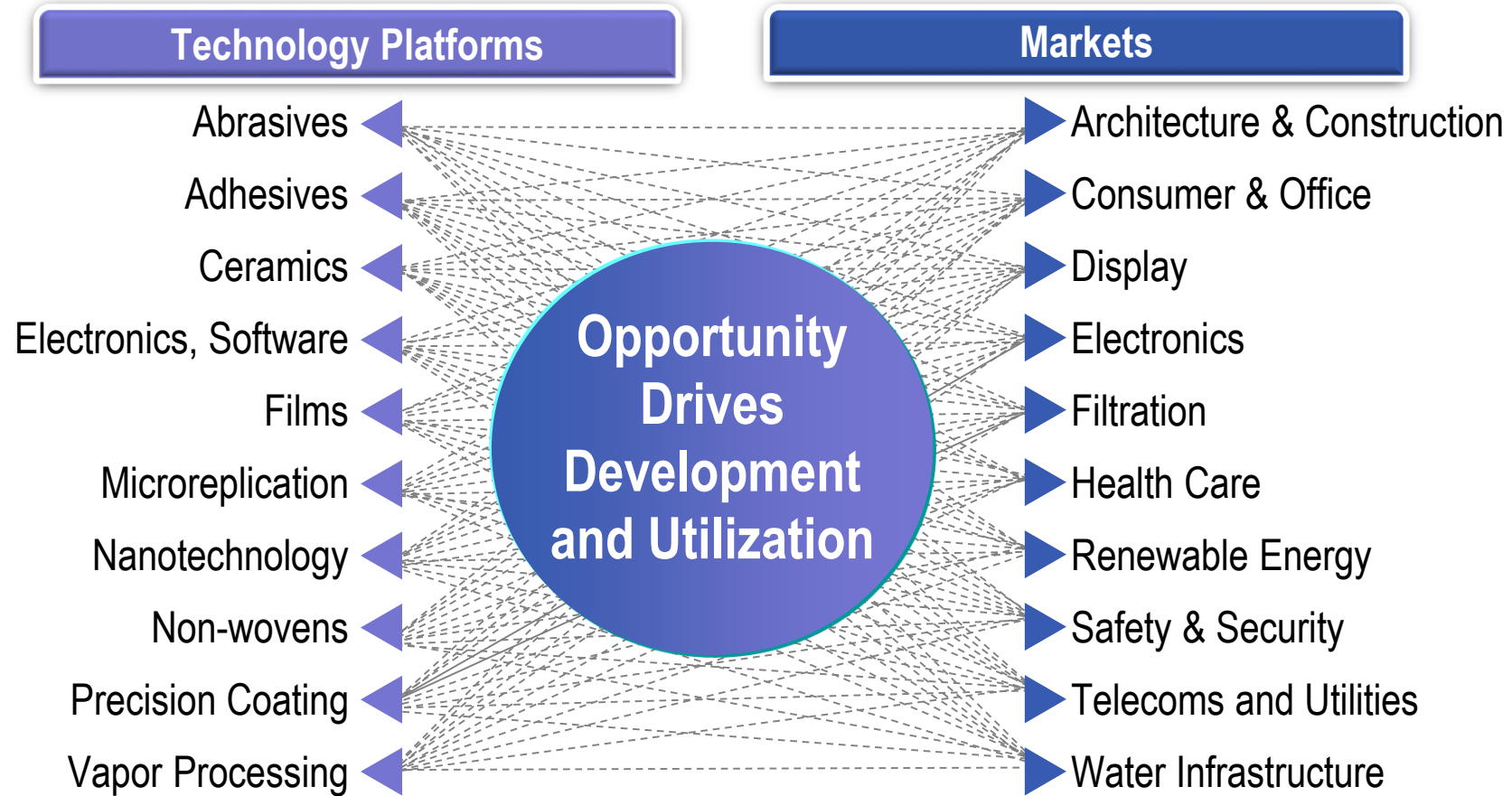




# 46 Core Technology Platforms



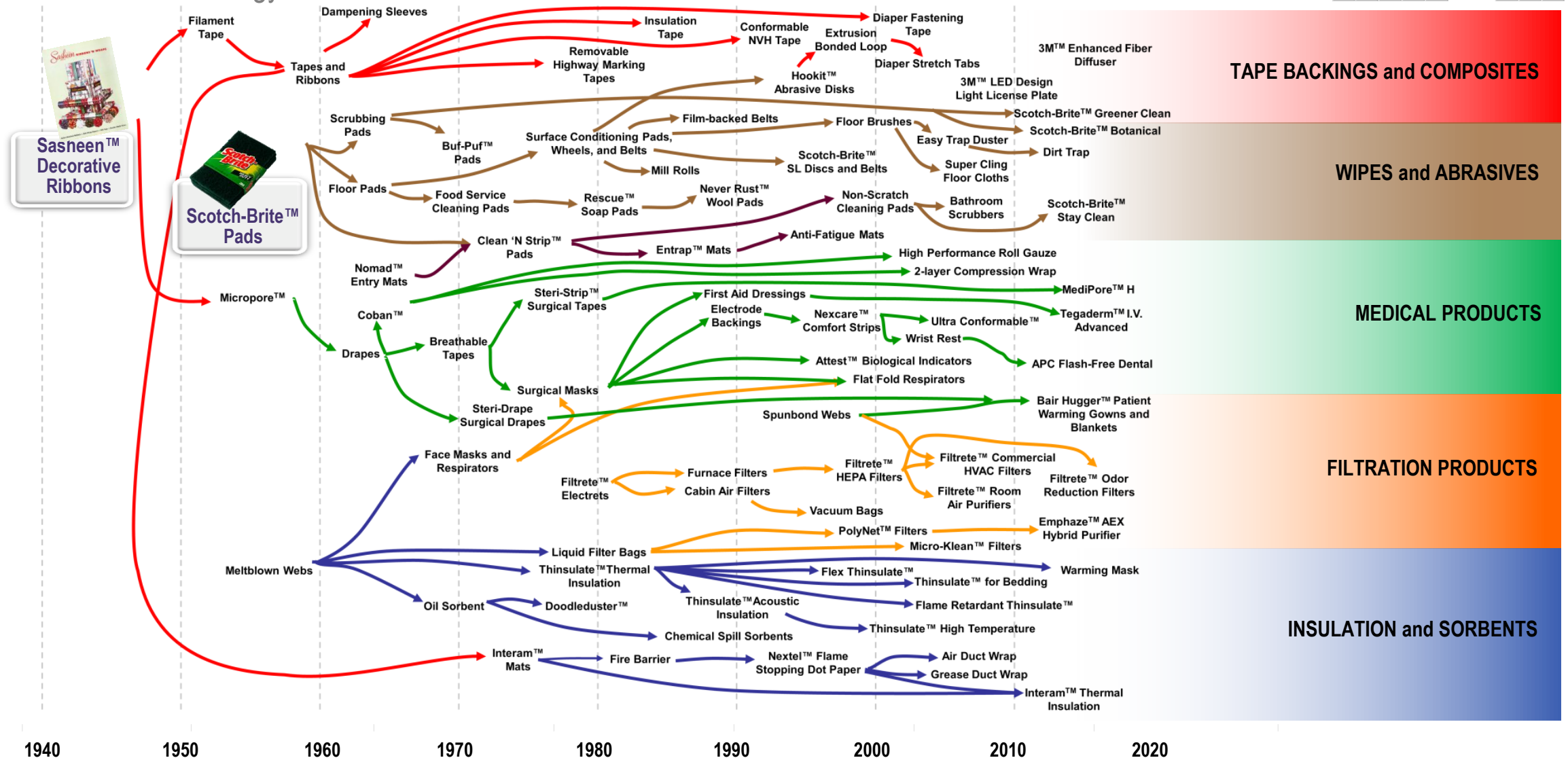
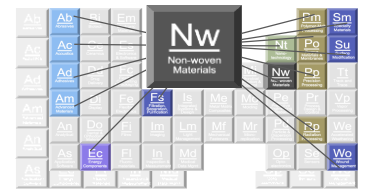
# 3M Innovation Model



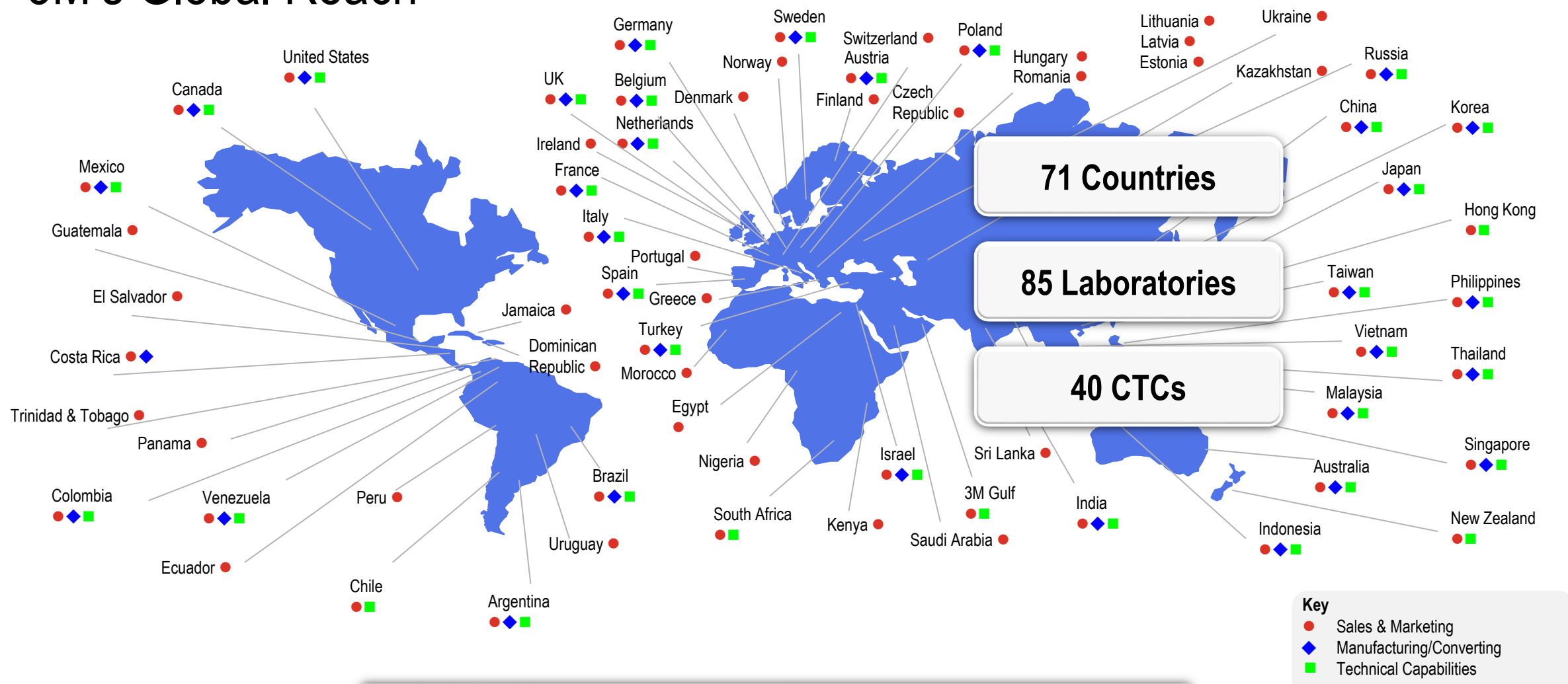


# Product and Technology Migration

Non-wovens Technology

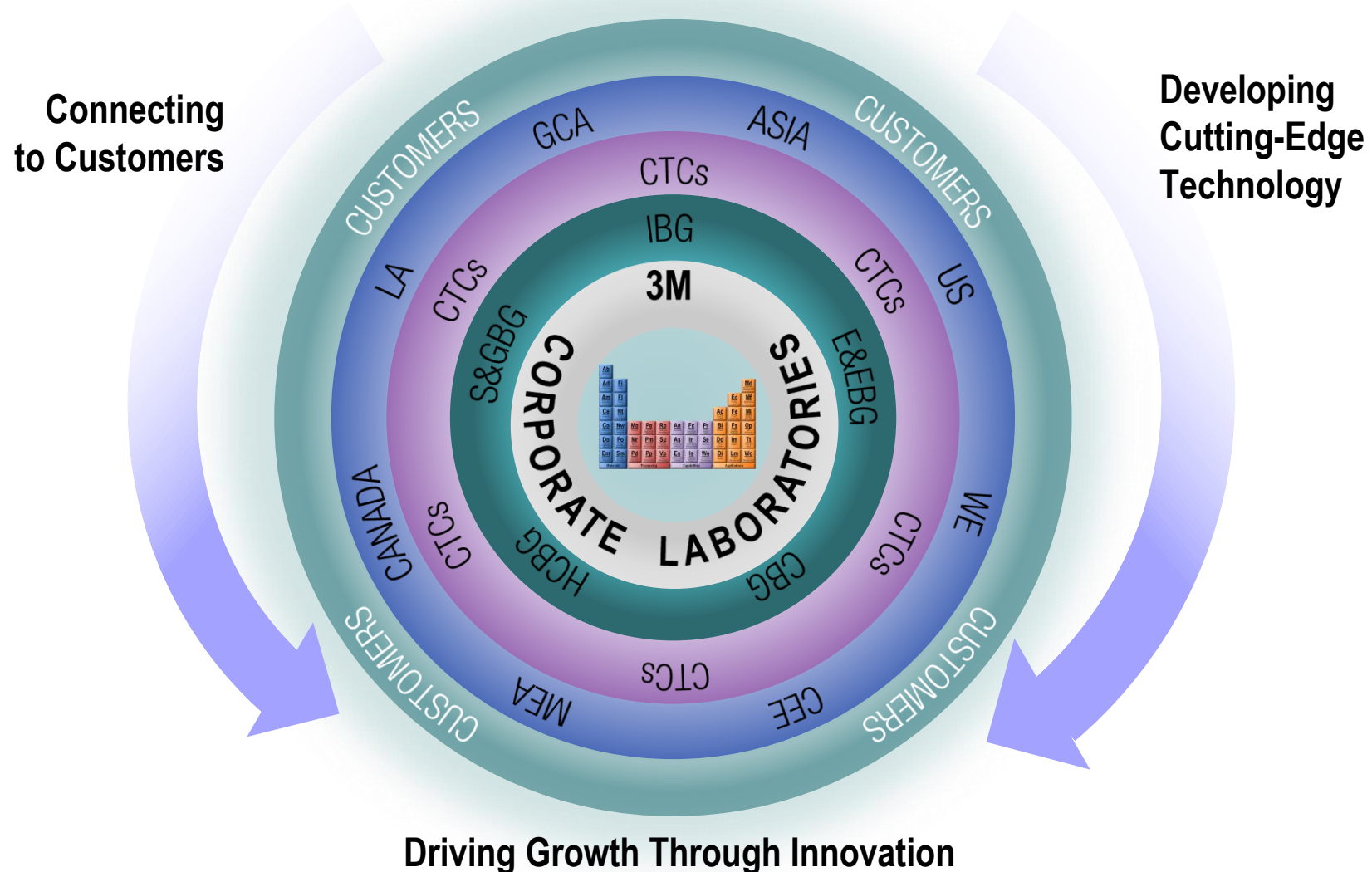


# 3M's Global Reach



# Connecting Technology to Customers...

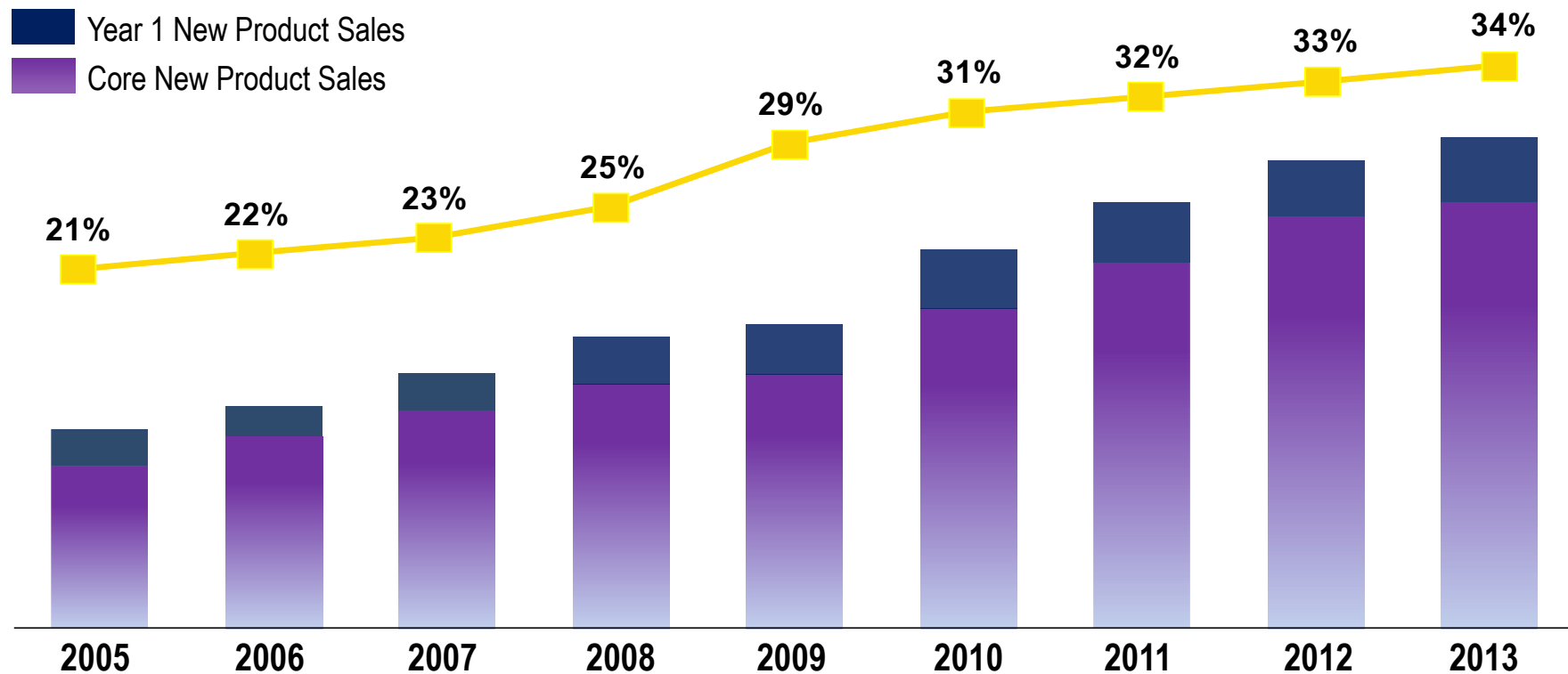
Anywhere and Everywhere



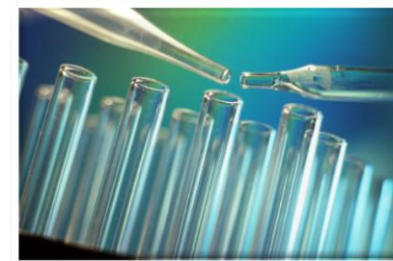
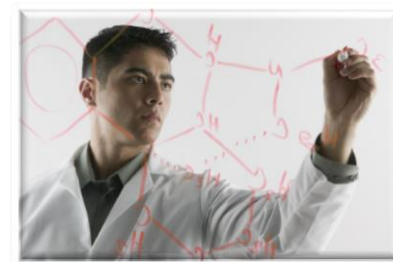


# New Product Sales as a Primary Business Metric

A new product is defined as being introduced within the past 5 years



International new products now ~70% of total



# Creating an Innovation Culture



“ As our business grows, it becomes increasingly necessary to **delegate responsibility** and to encourage men and women to **exercise their initiative**.

This requires considerable tolerance. Those men and women are going to want to do their jobs **in their own way**.

Management that is destructively critical when mistakes are made kills initiative. **And it is essential that we have many people with initiative if we are to continue to grow.** ”

William L. McKnight, 1948

# Creating the space for Innovation

- It is a **culture/philosophy** not a time sheet measurement
- Enables employees to **explore** new technologies and/or new markets
  - Usually related to existing work
- Enables employees to **leverage** technical specialists
- Does not need management approval
- Teaches employees **leadership** and new skills
- **Diversity** in how employees utilize their 15% time



Display Protection Films



APC™ PLUS Color Change Adhesive



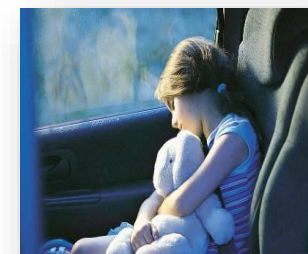
Post-it® Notes



High Performance  
RFID Reader



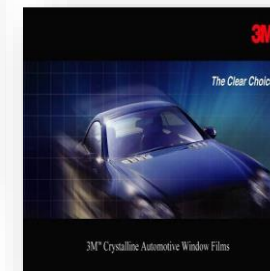
Transdermal Drug  
Delivery Adhesives



3M Scotch tint™  
Auto Window Film



Structured  
Abrasive Belts



Multilayer  
Optical Film



Post-it® Flag  
Highlighter



Many innovative 3M products were initially developed with 15% Time



# A Connected Global Collaboration Community

## 1,100+ Technical Forum Events Globally

**3M's Annual Event** – 3,300 participants

**The Spring Technology Symposium**  
– 1,300 participants

**Carlton Awards Symposium**  
– 500 participants

**Inventor Recognition Ceremony**  
– 250 participants

**Circle of Technical Excellence & Innovation**  
– 6,000 participants

**Virtual Technology Information Exchange**  
– 1,700 participants

**Hundreds of Chapter Events**  
– Sometimes as few as half dozen experts meeting on specialized topics such as dynamic molecular modeling

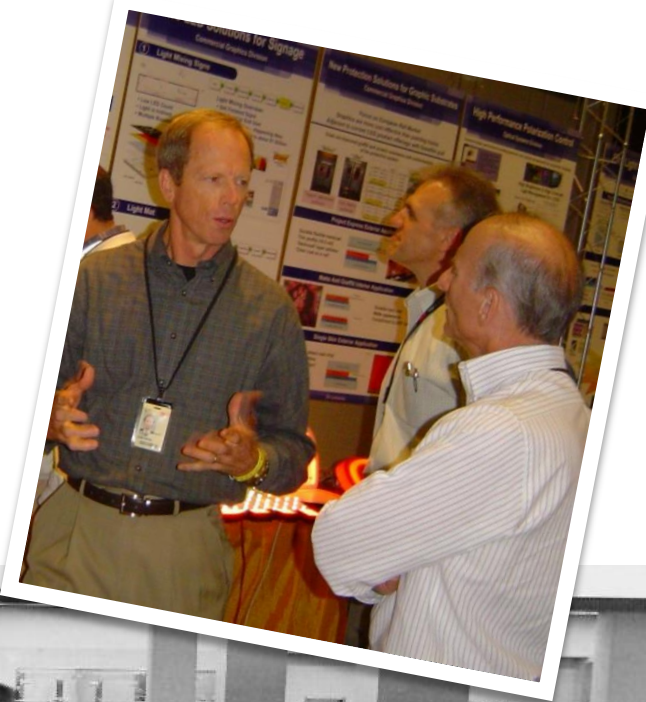


11,000+ member **"grass roots"**  
technical organization



# The Annual Event

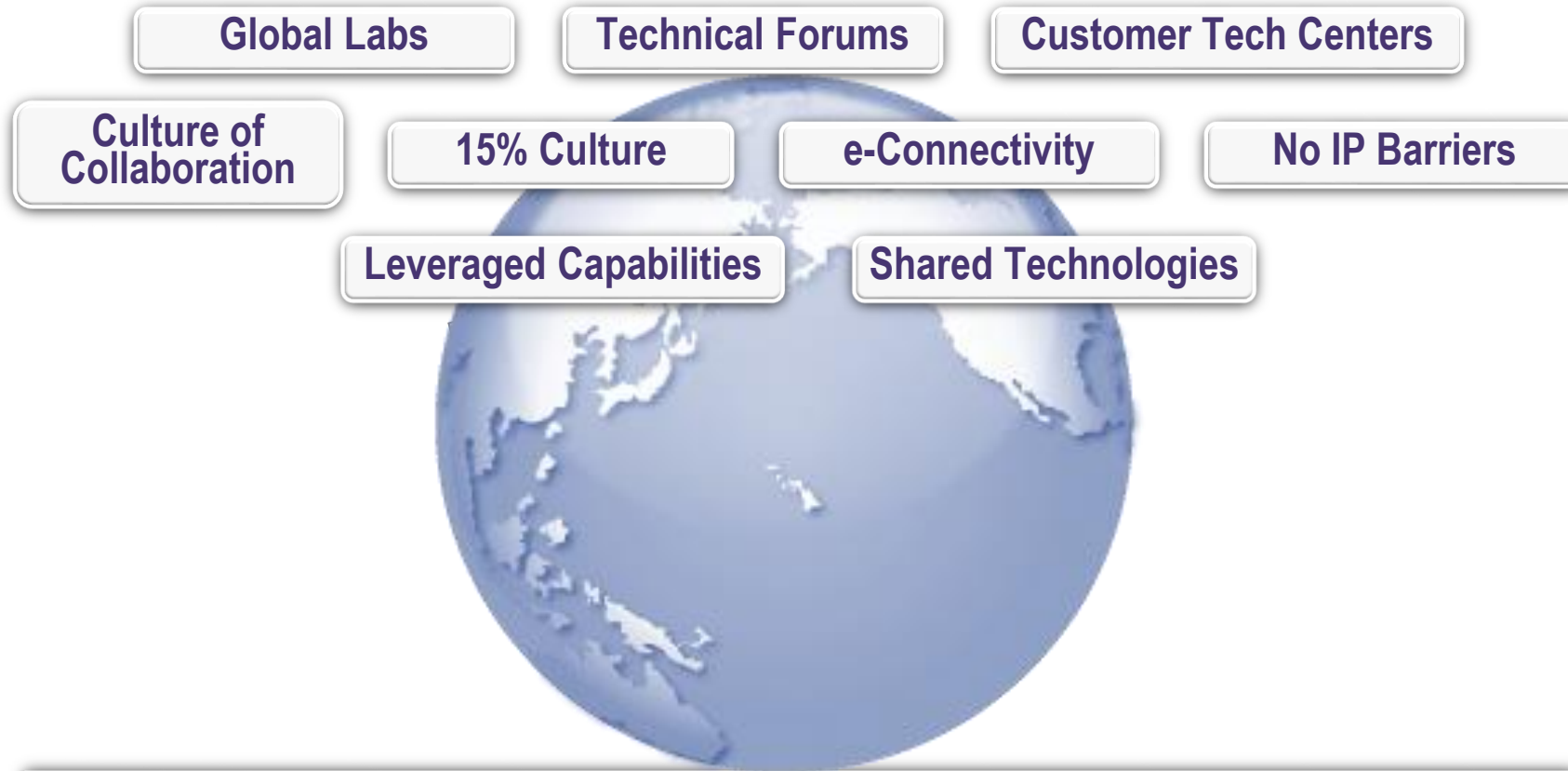
- Largest event; Everyone participates
- “Internal 3M Trade Show”
- Latest and greatest 3M technologies
- Opportunities to help solve problems
- Delivered electronically to Worldwide Labs



1951



# Innovation can be Planned, Purposeful and Global



**Innovation is driven by a system of principles, practices and infrastructure that harness the chain reaction of new ideas.**



**3M** Science.  
Applied to Life.™