## Venture Capital in an era of disruptive innovations

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# Comprehending the current growth of technology

- Moore's law
- Mesmerizing impact of exponential growth
- More than 35 doublings since 1958

#### Knowledge Obsolescence

- High growth and high obsolescence of knowledge
- Sony's assessment
- Growing need for risk capital
- Spread of VC investment
- Inadequacy of the prevalent system of VC finance

#### Stage-wise Risks of VCF

Stage	Funding Period (years)	Risk Perception	Activities financed
Start up (Seed Money)	7-10	Extreme	For supporting a concept or idea or R&D for prototype development

Product development (Start Up)	5-9	Very High	Early stage firms that need funding for expenses associated with marketing and product development

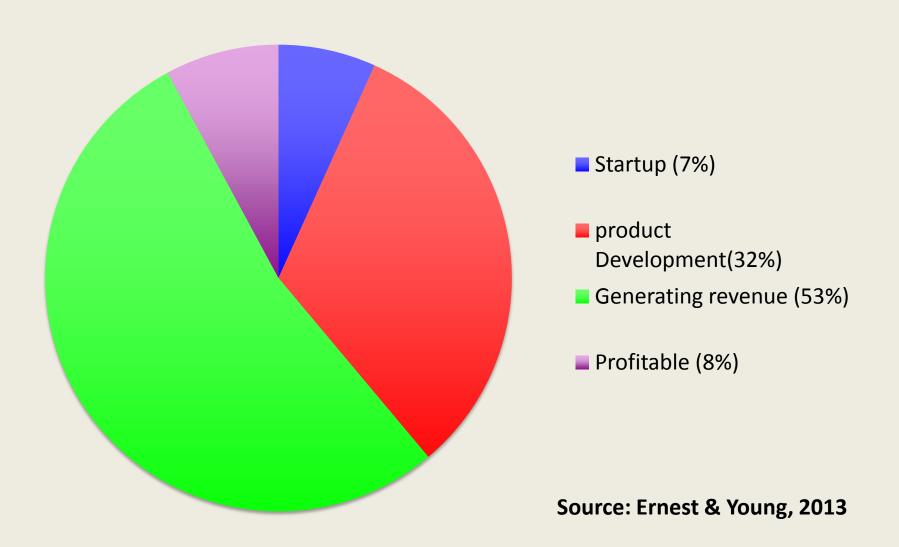
Revenue generation (First Stage)

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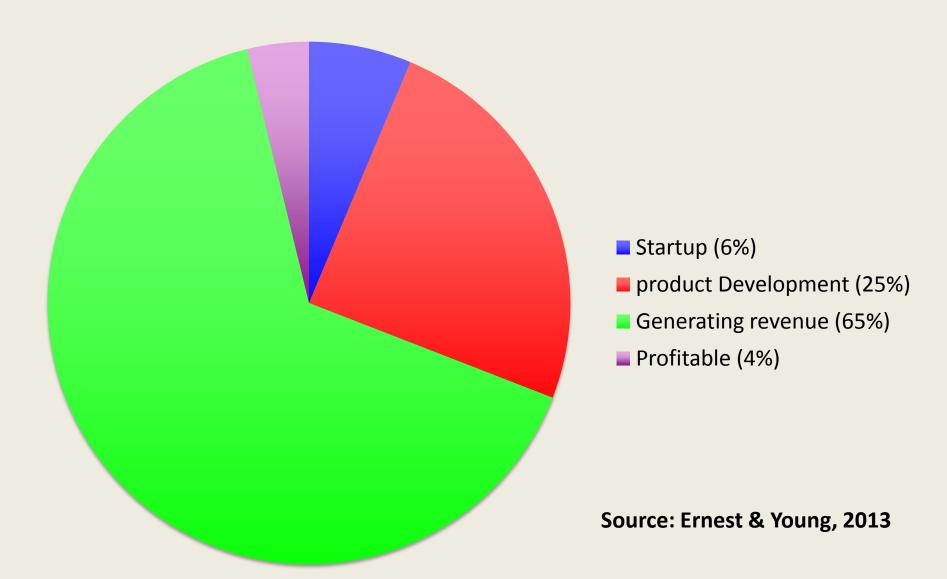
High Early stage manufacturing and marketing funds

Financial Stage	Period (Funds locked in years)	Risk Perception	Activity to be financed
Revenue generation (Second Stage)	3-5	Sufficiently high	Working capital for early stage companies that are selling products, but not yet turning a profit
Revenue generation (Third Stage)	1-3	Medium	Expansion money for a newly profitable company
Profitable (Fourth Stage)	1-3	Low	Facilitating Exit (public issue, strategic exit through M&A, PE, etc.)

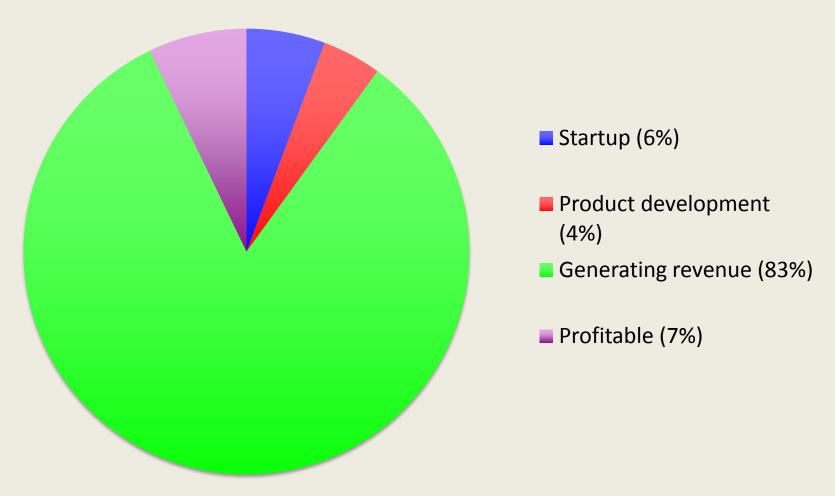
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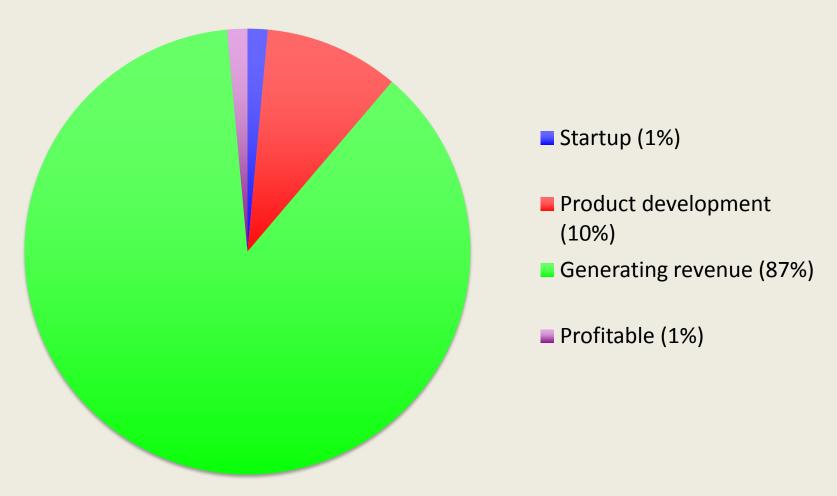


#### VC Investment in India - 2006



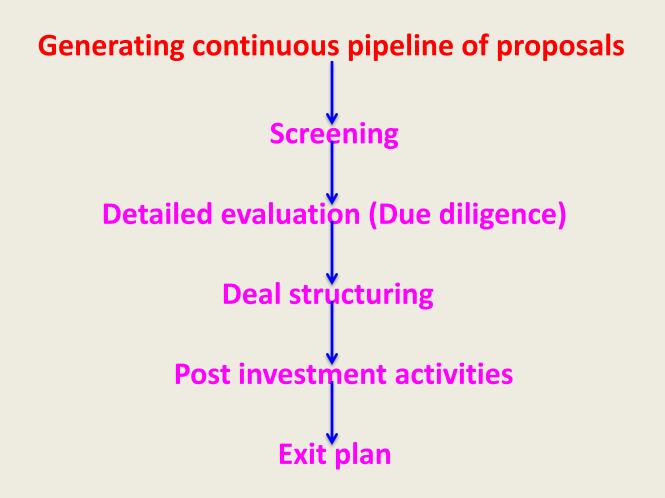
Source: Ernest & Young, 2013

#### VC Investment in India - 2012



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## From idea-selection to exit: The need for a shift in focus



### Attributes that can drive growth of an innovation-driven firm

- Ability to create
- Ability to feel comfortable with ambiguity
- Ability to go to the market with speed
- Ability to use heuristics
- Ability to collaborate
- Ability to co-create with customers

Success of the VC industry in today's economy will solely depend upon the industry's ability to measure and manage intangibles

### THANK YOU!