

# IOT AND STRATEGIC KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT'S EFFECT ON A CHINESE MANUFACTURING AND INNOVATION COMPANY

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## ABSTRACT

In the context of the Internet of Things, new disruptive technologies are changing the way organisations manage their information (IoT). This necessitates a reconsideration of the traditional knowledge management system as well as the installation of a more open approach to allow for the free flow of ideas. This trend was most likely benefitting the development of the organization's main in-house knowledge management competencies. The examination of this environment was centre on four interrelated concepts: knowledge management, open innovation, knowledge management aptitude, and creative genius. This goal is achieved by using the structural equation modelling approach to data collected from 685 Chinese enterprises. The results show that implementing a knowledge management system improves an organization's ability to innovate by improving its internal knowledge-management resources. This, in turn, allows for more chances for cooperation and access to previously unavailable informational resources. The study's findings are utilised to draw major academic and managerial implications, as well as to recommend potential future research topics.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chinese government's techno nationalist outlook on the development of information technology has been a main driving factor behind the country's lightning-fast adoption of the internet of things (IoT). They see it as a measure of the country's strength and security; consequently, top leaders in China place a high priority on China's ability to keep up with other countries that compete with it internationally in terms of technological innovation. This is because they perceive it as a gauge of the country's strength and security. The Internet of Things (IoT) is regarded as a particularly significant category of information technology due to the fact that it has the ability to significantly increase both China's economic situation and the country's overall military strength (IT). In spite of the fact that the Chinese government is providing major assistance for the development of the Internet of Things (IoT) in the country, the IoT's expansion in China is being challenged for a number of purported faults. It would seem that the entire effort that China is attempting to dominate the Internet of Things (IoT) is being hampered by problems such as a disconnected supply chain, inconsistent standards, and poor adoption of IoT devices across a wide variety of different businesses (Wang et al., 2015; Bogers et al., 2016).

The top-down, government-supported method to Internet of Things in China is being implemented regardless of the real advantages or downsides of China's Internet of Things growth. It is unavoidable that the development strategy taken by China had an influence on firms relating to the Internet of Things in the United States. As a result of the fact that Beijing puts such a high strategic importance on the growth of the Chinese internet of things, many of

these repercussions was almost certainly have a detrimental effect. Internet of Things (IoT) businesses from the United States that want to break into China's enormous IoT industry face a number of challenges, including restrictions on foreign investment, inconsistent regulation enforcement in China, and the risk of unwelcome transfer of intellectual property. These are just a few of the challenges. It is possible that China's strategic emphasis on the rise of the internet of things (IoT), which is motivated by a competitive drive, poses a threat to the national security and economic interests of the United States. This danger may be caused by the fact that China is motivated by a competitive drive. Even though there is no single document that outlines China's blueprint for the Internet of Things (IoT), the country's top officials, economic strategists, and technology experts have sketched out the broad strokes of the plan. This is because there is no single document that outlines China's blueprint for the Internet of Things (IoT). Following is an explanation of why China is pushing for a quicker spread of the Internet of Things (IoT), followed by a discussion of how to place China's IoT policy within the greater framework of techno-nationalism (Aziz and Rizkallah 2015).

## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

“Knowledge management (KM) and organisational performance are seen to be critical to company success. Various studies have shown that KM has a favourable impact on organisational performance. However, there are some conflicting relationships between KM and organisational learning (OL)”.

The assumption that KM influences organisational performance via OL is backed by empirical research. This research offers support to the notion that OL mediates the link between KM and organisational performance. The role of OL as a mediator is therefore a significant new insight into this problem (Liao & Wu, 2009).

## 3. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

In-depth exploration of the potential of big data and related emerging technologies to contribute to knowledge management increased human intelligence capital and healthy competition in the industry and marketplace. It was a marked change from the past, when academic publications first published new technologies and then developed them in industry, as was the case prior to the emergence of these new technologies. Because of this, governments around the world began formulating new strategies to re-capture the public's attention. Since it was first proposed as a part of the digital economy's national strategic goals, every high-ranking official in the world's most ambitious countries has endorsed the importance of the Big Data industry (Tu, 2018).

The creation of mature applications serves as the starting point for the standardization process, which concludes with the establishment of key technical standards. Due to the fact that it encompasses such a wide variety of technologies, sectors, and areas of activity, it would be quite difficult to set standards for the Internet of Things that are applicable everywhere across the board. This would make the task extremely difficult. The networking industry as a whole is going to eventually agree upon a comprehensive standard system, and the market as a whole is going to continue to expand and evolve over the course of time. Even though a single, cutting-

edge technological breakthrough cannot be taken as a guarantee of the continued life and dynamism of a particular standard, it is likely that the openness and the scale of the standard that the market is confronted with continue to be crucial and fundamental problems in the course of the growth of the industrial sector of things (Lan, 2015). Standards that have already been adopted over a wider proportion of the market have a higher chance of being accepted by the whole industry as it continues to grow and expand as a whole. This is due to the fact that the market for applications that make use of networking is always evolving and growing. When industrial applications have reached their full potential, the new networking technology platform was meaningfully exhibiting the flexibility of which it is capable. One definition of innovation on the Internet of Things is the combining of technologies and applications that were initially created separately in order to solve a difficulty or make general steps ahead in an industry (IoT) (Lohr, 2015).

#### 4. LITERATURE REVIEW

One of the most significant factors that contribute to creative production is the presence of an incentive system that is adequate. This is because the system pushes individuals to be inventive, which in turn contributes to creative output. If a company wants its workers to think and behave like entrepreneurs and come up with original ideas, it has to be willing and able to pay its workers at the same level as that of entrepreneurs, and it has to have the willingness and the ability to do so. Only then can a company hope to achieve the goals it has set for its employees. In addition to this, the company must be willing to pay its employees at the same level as that paid to individuals who operate their own independent businesses. When innovators are given credit for the accomplishments they have achieved, it serves as a potent incentive for them to keep pushing the boundaries of what is possible even farther (Baumgartner, 2010). There should be incentives provided at each level, beginning with the stage of ideation, and continuing through the stage of releasing a product or service to the market, in order to encourage innovation. This should begin at the stage of ideation and continue through the stage of releasing the product or service to the market. To do this, making it a top priority to protect the intellectual property of any and all unique ideas should be done at whatever cost. When it comes to tasks that require creative behaviour, the results of a number of studies indicate that an increase in the availability of monetary incentive is connected with an increase in the amount of inventive behaviour that is shown (Baldwin, 2012). Researchers still don't know a whole lot about how people inside a firm respond to the unusual challenges that are presented by OI strategies, but it is getting closer. Some of these challenges include figuring out how to deal with the not-invented-here phenomenon, determining how much time R&D personnel should spend on projects both inside and outside the company (Dahlander, O'Mahony, and Gann 2016), and making sure that all employees have a voice in determining the company's priorities for innovation and putting those priorities into action. Therefore, there are a variety of angles from which research conducted at the individual level may assist us in gaining a deeper understanding of OI in its entirety. It has been suggested that future research focus on gaining a deeper understanding of the factors that determine the degree to which open innovation (OI) models are embraced and put into practise inside an organization's R&D department; also, the degree to which they are effective in producing the 'fruits' of open innovation. For example, socio-cognitive theories of resistance to change may give insight into the reasons why some individuals are more ready than others to

embrace OI in their working practices (Alexy, George, and Salter 2013).

Accelerometers and dynamometers are some of the instruments that are used in the course of their examination. These results have been compiled by researchers into a data-driven virtual machining model for UPM. This model has the capability of making correct predictions about the surface quality. It placed one accelerometer on the spindle, similar to what was done and the second accelerometer on the tool in the feed direction. In order to verify the accuracy of their results, this was carried out. They used a white light laser interferometer to evaluate the surface quality, and they used the data from these sensors to derive inferences regarding the link between the spatial frequency of UPM machined surface features and the frequency spectrum of the sensor data. In other words, they used the data to determine whether or not there was a link between the two. Rao et al. developed a method for real-time defect detection in UPM by combining a wide range of sensor data with the help of a feedback-delay embedded recurrent neural network (RNN) that imitated a NARMAX representation and Bayesian particle filtering (PF). This allowed the researchers to detect flaws in the UPM in real time (vibration, force, and AE). The solution was able to detect UPM process irregularities in around 15 milliseconds, while the traditional control charts needed more than 100 milliseconds to complete their analysis. Rao et al approach, despite the fact that it is effective, may demand a large amount of processing work and does not permit fault type classification (Rao, 2014).

## 5. METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this study is to offer a background for the empirical analysis and hypothesis testing of the theoretical relational path that was chosen based on the existing literature. The conceptual models that have been offered make it possible for this to occur. Quantifying the facts is one of the goals that the conceptual framework seeks to accomplish. In this particular investigation, the majority of the approaches and methodologies that used were quantitative. The research was a detailed cross-sectional investigation that took place over the course of three months, from September to December of 2022. The study was mostly focused on the industrial sector in China. According to the information that was gathered from different parts of the world, it was anticipated that the total working population would reach three billion. Rao soft was used to do the determination, and the results showed that the sample size was. The samples were from a selection that was completely at random. Over 815 questionnaires were sent, and only 795 were brought back for further inspection and 685 of which were complete. For the purpose of carrying out the interviews, a questionnaire consisting only of yes/no questions was used. It includes twenty items with five response categories ranging from 1= Strongly disagree 5= Agree. In this study, used a cross-sectional design, which allowed us to gather data at a particular moment in time in a straightforward and economical manner. The researcher had to use a quantitative strategy to limit the use of resources. The total sample size of 700 included people from manufacturing. The researcher might ask the same set of questions to all of the participants if they are using a structured data collecting instrument. Then, the researcher might have the participants choose from a limited set of prepared answer possibilities. This is done so that the researcher can gather information on the social and demographic aspects of the workforce. It took around 25 minutes to fill out a single form, and all of the information was gathered in less than a month. In order to be successful,

organisations must always keep an eye on their surroundings and have a flexible mindset. One way to determine whether or not a prior estimate that was plausible of the costs of the inputs that were required to manufacture the product is now unrealistic, for example, is to keep an eye on the market. This is one strategy that may be used. In order to arrive at a more accurate estimate of the input costs, it would be necessary to do more scanning, forecasting, and analysis.

6. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK



7. RESULTS

7.1 FACTOR ANALYSIS

Principal Components Analysis (PCA) is a technique for minimising the number of variables to be analysed by identifying the subset of variables (components) that best describe the data. Assume the researcher utilises a 35-item survey to assess participants' resolve. By reducing the number of questions, researchers seek to decrease the survey's duration. An excellent technique to simplify the survey is to use principal component analysis (PCA) to discover and delete duplicate questions.

Table 1. KMO and Bartlett’s Test

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.945
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	5334.715
	df	190
	Sig.	.000

In this regard, Kaiser recommended that the KMO (Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin) measure of sampling adequacy coefficient value should be greater than 0.5 as a bare minimum for performing factor analysis. The KMO value of the data used for this study is .945. Furthermore, Bartlett’s test of

Sphericity derived the significance level as 0.00.

7.2 TEST FOR HYPOTHESIS

A company-wide knowledge management strategy that encourages teams to draw on institutional memory and make more educated choices can be beneficial to an organization's bottom line, employee morale, and the creation of innovative new products, all of which have the potential to benefit from the strategy.

H02: There is no significant relationship between Plans and strategies and strategic knowledge management.

H2: There is a significant relationship between Plans and strategies and strategic knowledge management.

Table 2. H2 ANOVA

ANOVA					
Sum					
	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	55136.464	117	4241.266	650.761	.000
Within Groups	560.496	568	6.517		
Total	55696.960	685			

In this study, the result is significant. The value of F is 650.761, which reaches significance with a p-value of .000 (which is less than the .05 alpha level). This means the “H2: There is a significant relationship between Plans and strategies and strategic knowledge management.” is accepted and null hypothesis is rejected.

8. CONCLUSION

Knowledge management systems (KMS), open innovation (OI), knowledge management capacity (KMC), and innovation capacity are all part of the technical infrastructures used to create what is being called an "open knowledge system." It takes a lot of both of these abilities to be able to quickly adjust one's behaviour to new circumstances. By facilitating the identification of the most suitable external sources and partners, KMC boosts the impact of such collaboration on the inventive capacity of the organisation. Some data suggests that factors like as company size and industry may have a major impact on the outcomes of KMS and OI initiatives. Managers need to be able to assess a given circumstance, identify potential outcomes, and settle on the best information and communication technologies (ICTs) and approach to learn more about it.

9. LIMITATIONS

It's possible that researchers may miss out on more broad patterns and relationships if they focus just on quantitative data. Showing a trend with qualitative data may be difficult since it relies so significantly on the participants' own perspectives and experiences. Individuals tend to remember the past in accordance with their own idealised version of the occurrences. For

this reason, we may look back on experiences that brought us great pain in the past and find them uplifting even if we now see them through rose-colored glasses. Researchers have a tough time establishing the credibility of their results due to the inherent optimism of human beings.

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