It's how broadly you search

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**[Abstract]** Innovative performance is influenced by the origins of the existing knowledge that is combined to generate innovation and by how economic actors search for new knowledge. Based on this stylized picture of the innovation process, and focusing specifically on R&D alliances, we investigate the impact exerted on innovative performance at the alliance level by both (a) the geographic and organizational origins of the knowledge resources that allied organizations integrate across their boundaries, and (b) the extent to which allied organizations jointly search for new knowledge across different knowledge domains (i.e., search span). (...)

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