

# Translational Research in the Context of the Changing Dynamics of Biopharmaceutical Innovation

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# Agenda

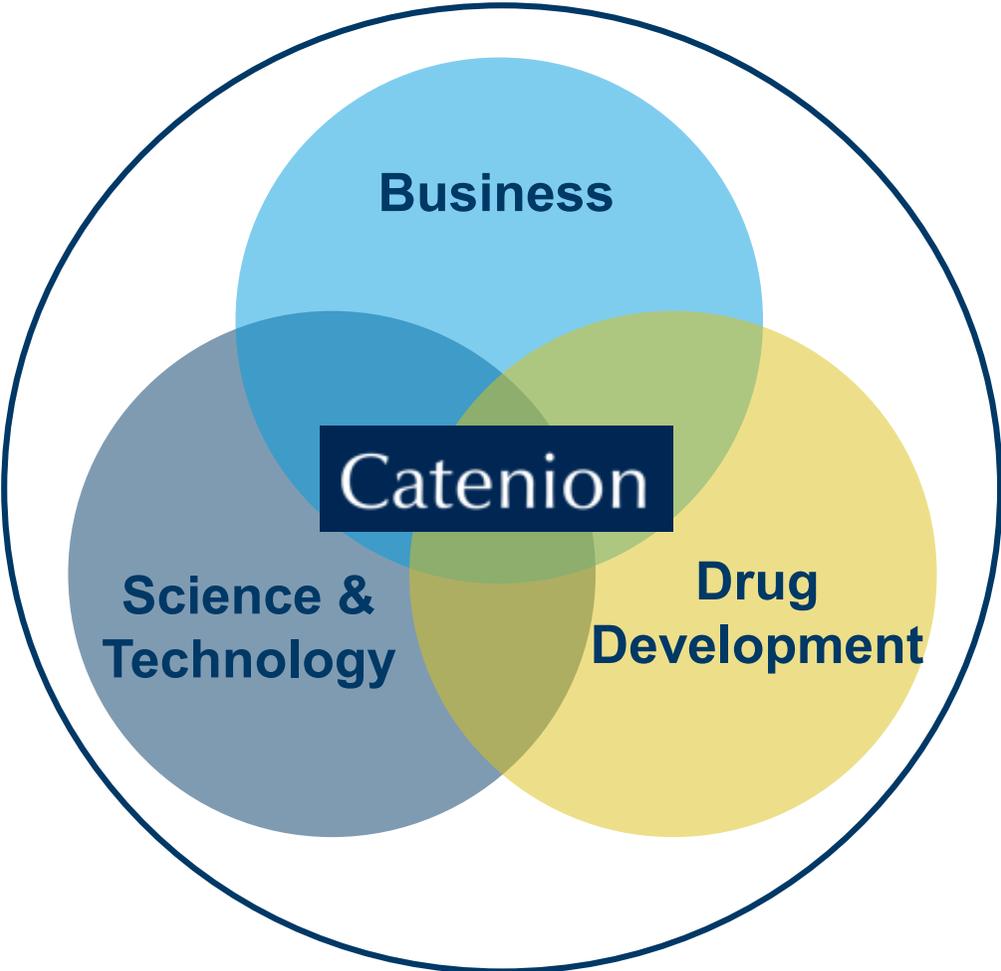
- **By Way of Introduction**

# Working primarily for Biopharma, Catenion has a proven track record of creating value for clients and patients

Largest team exclusively focused on Biopharma R&D

Objectivity and independent thought

Assessed >1,000 projects, often in collaboration with R&D project teams



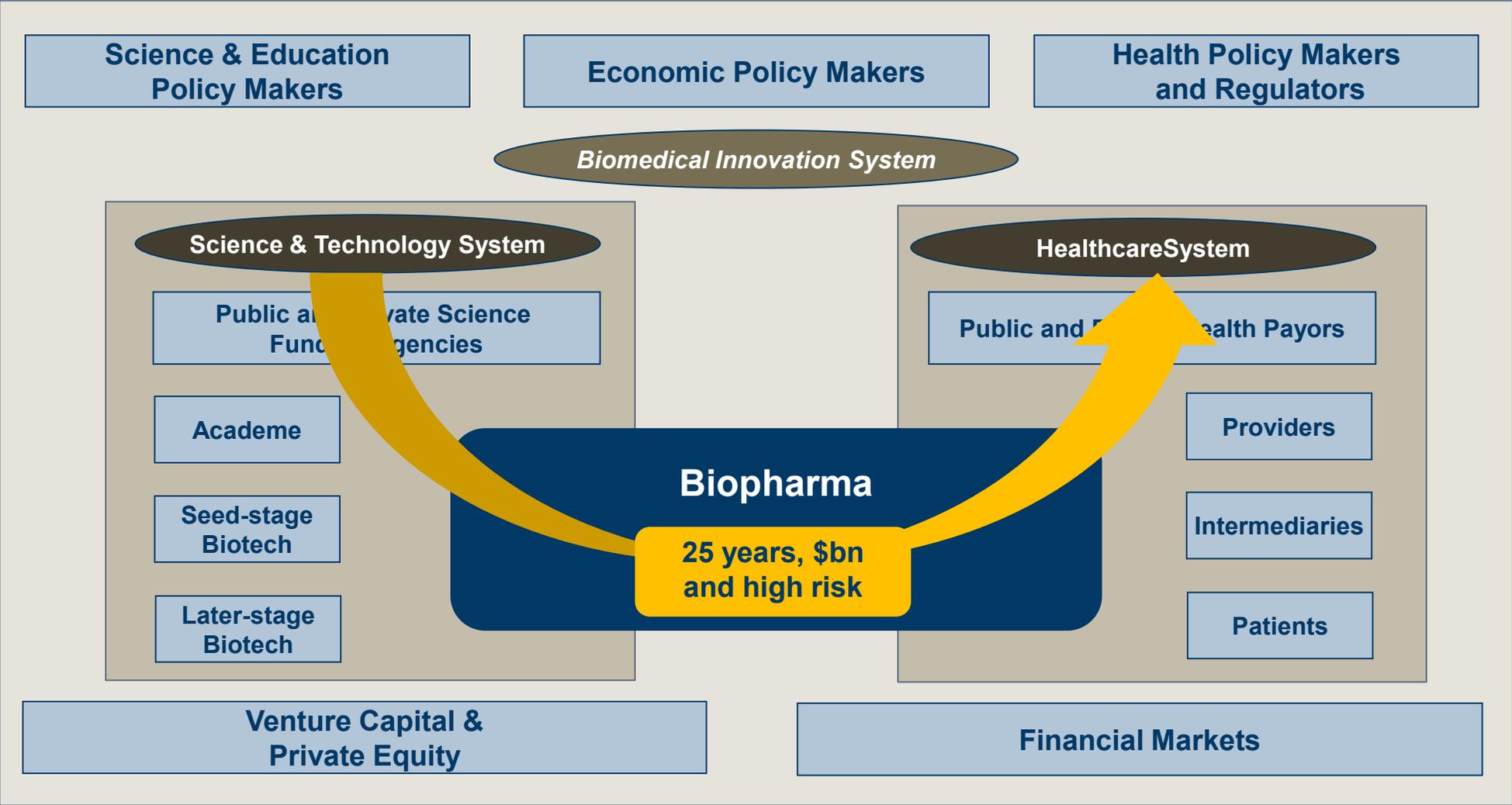
Helped develop more than 10 marketed drugs

Value creation through portfolio strategy and optimization

Trusted partners of top executives in Europe, the US and Japan

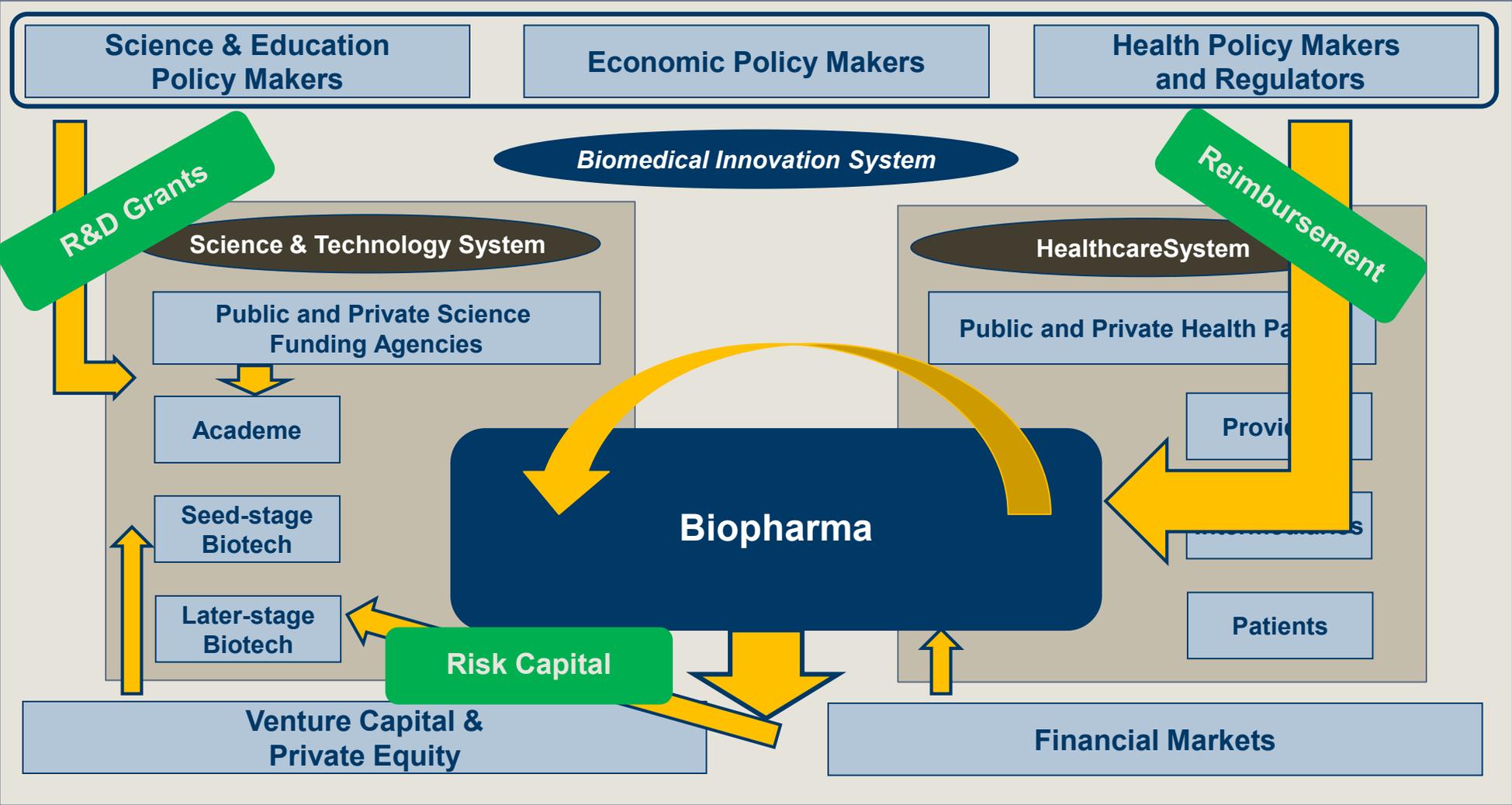
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# It is sometimes useful to remind ourselves of the context within which biopharma operates: Science, technology, healthcare, as well as rules and regulations: The “Biomedical Innovation System”



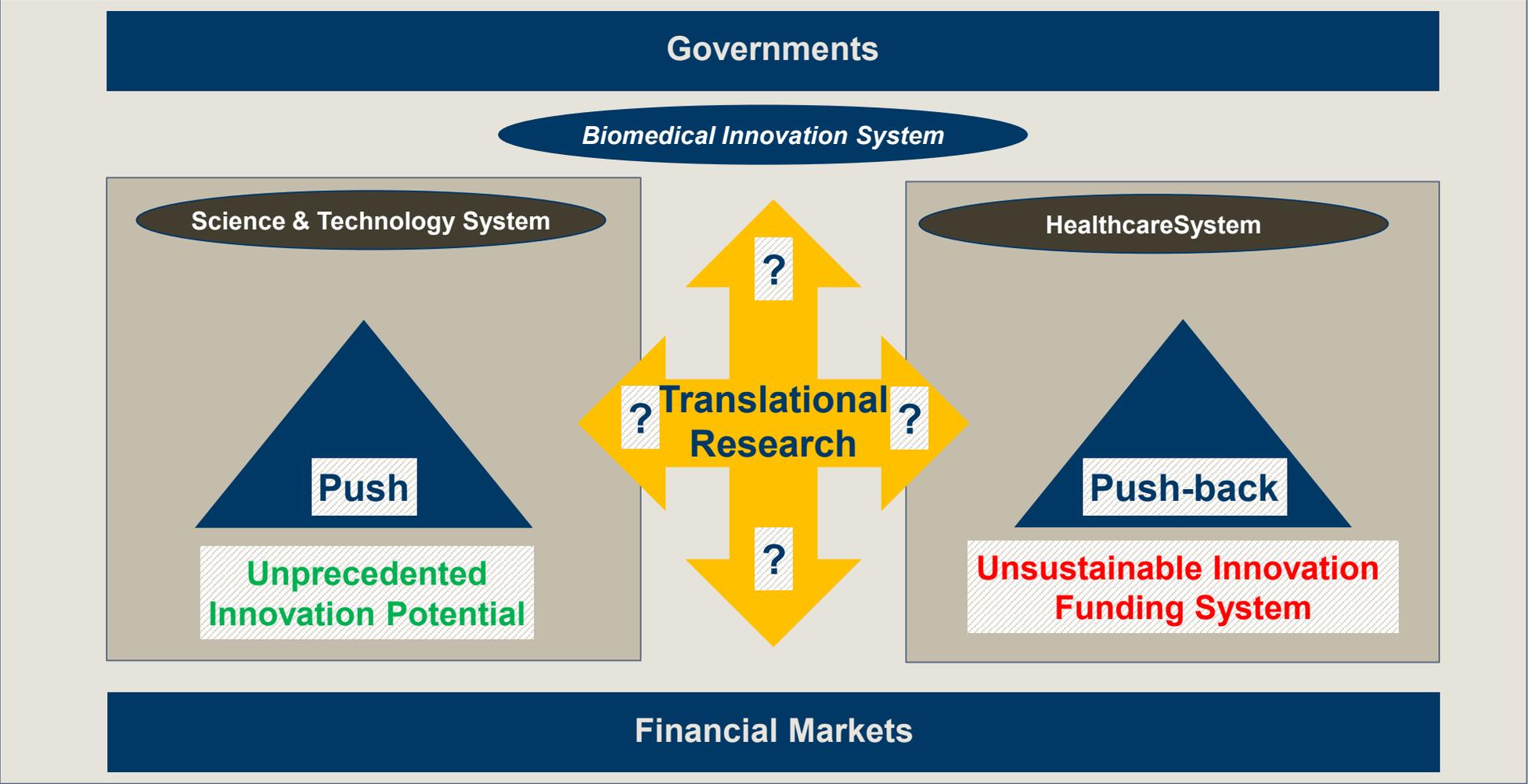
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# The funding mechanisms for innovation in this “Biomedical Innovation System” are often taken for granted



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# The main hypothesis of this presentation: Current trends are putting Translational Research at centre stage and will change business models of all players

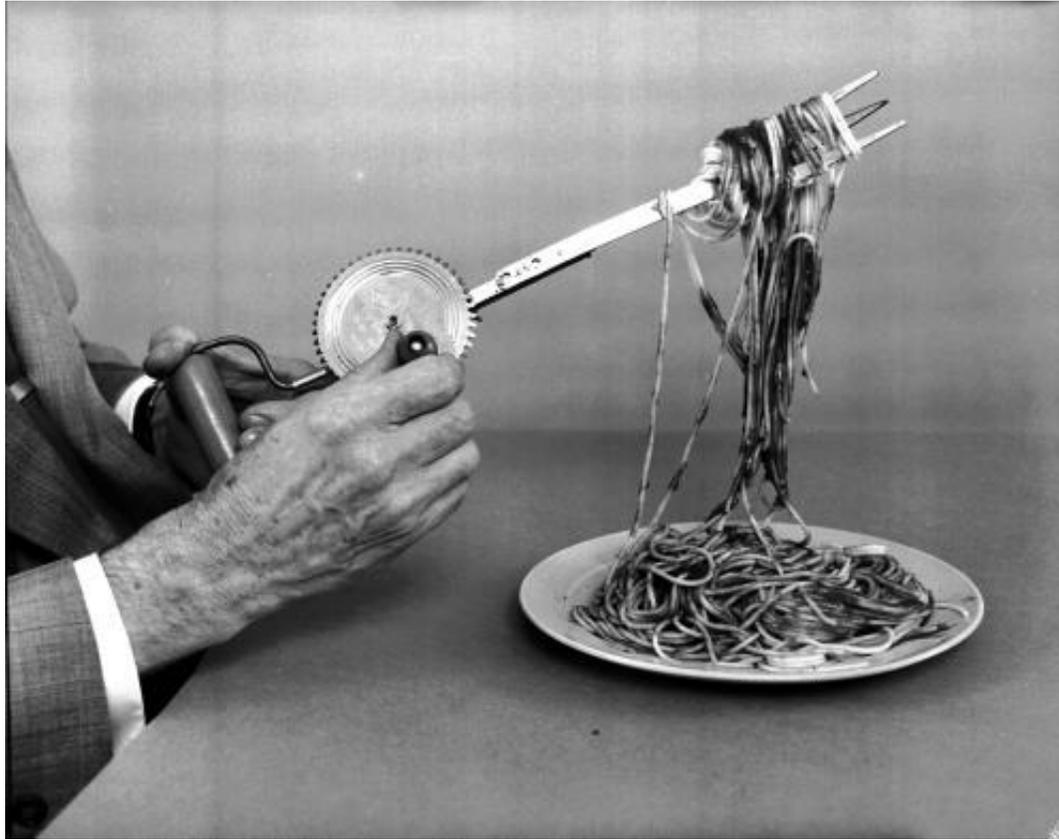


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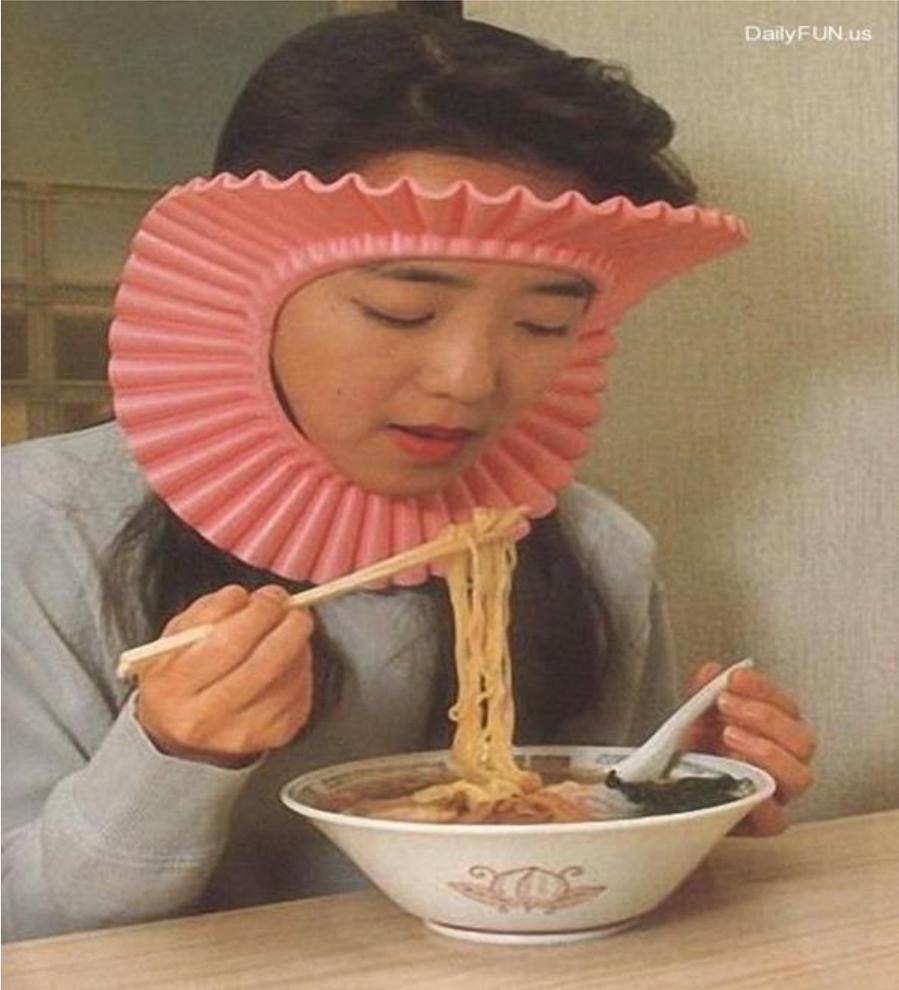
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Innovation is not the same thing as invention – for an invention to become an innovation, it needs to be adopted into practice



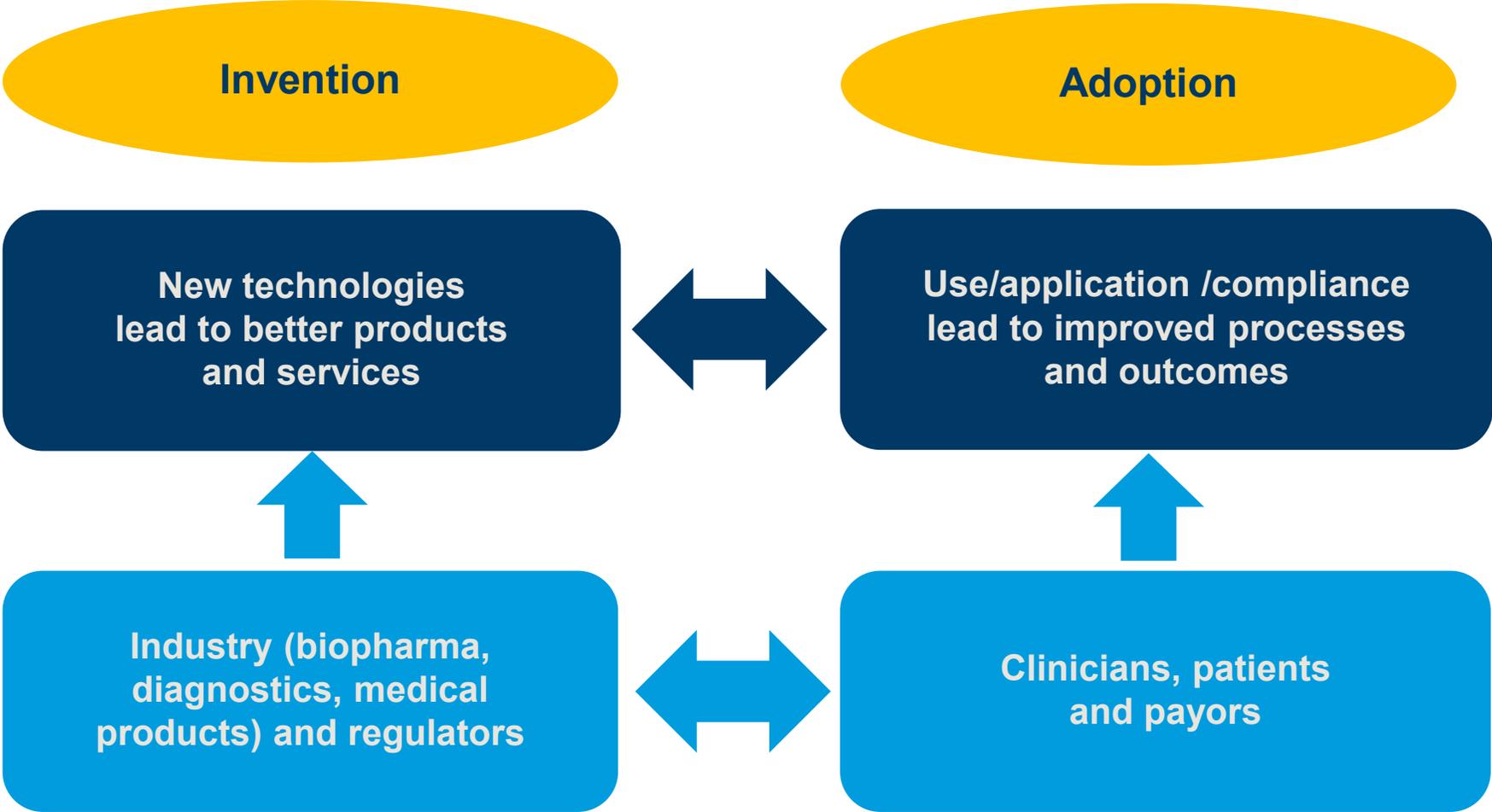
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# Not all creative ideas have proven to be practical



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# Biopharmaceutical innovation requires R&D at the front end (invention) and translation into clinical practice at the back end (adoption) – multiple players have to co-operate for this to happen



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# Invention saves lives – Strimvelis, lentivirus-based ex vivo stem cell/gene therapy for ADA-SCID (adenosine deaminase deficiency severe combined immuno-deficiency)



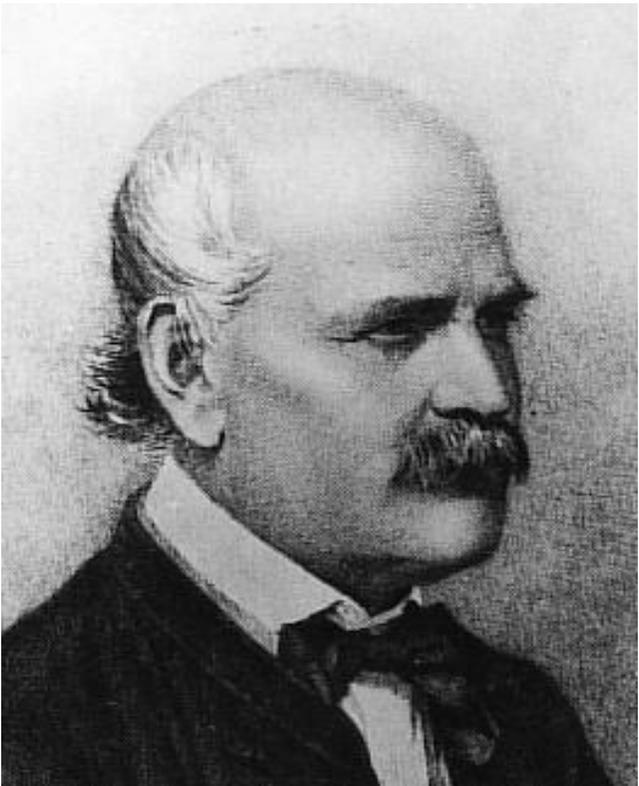
Bubble Boy

- 58 patients treated, first treated patient still alive and well after 13 years
- Approved by EMA in 2016

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# Adoption saves lives, too but it can take time - the story of Ignaz Semmelweis - Hand-washing by doctors and nurses dramatically reduces death rates in obstetric yards

Late 1840's



2015



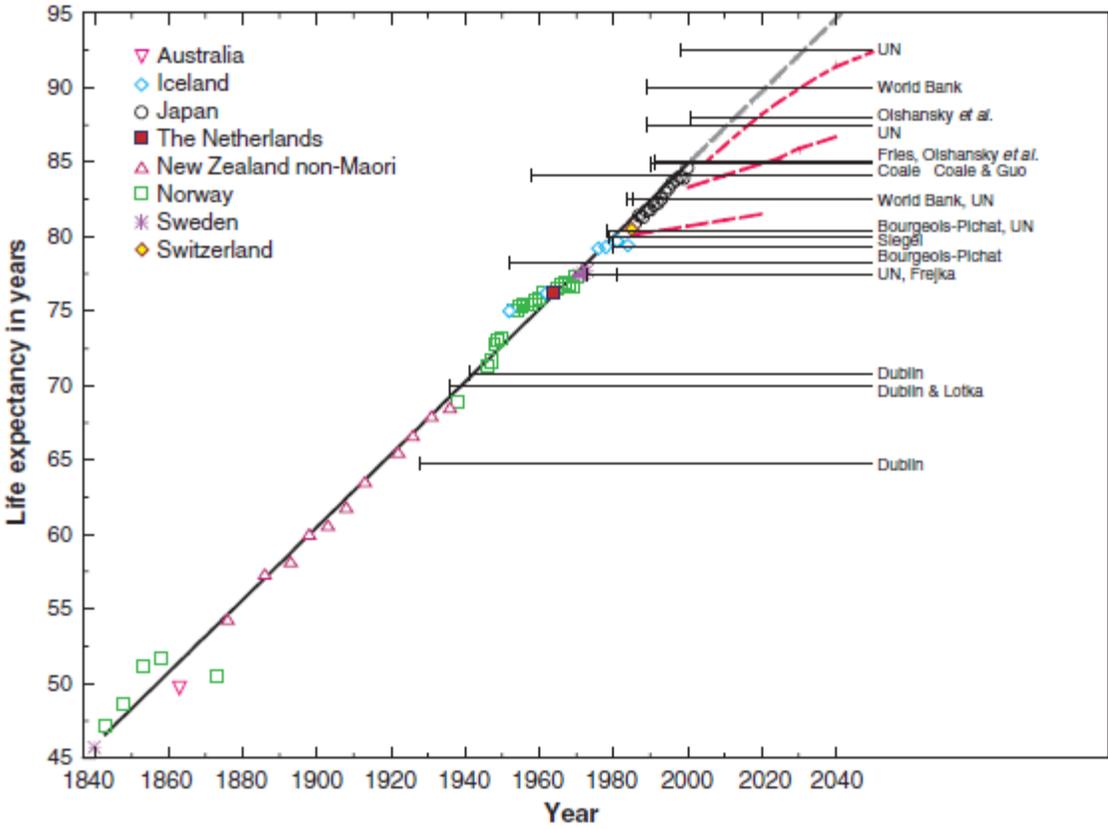
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# How can we measure the impact of innovation on medicine over time?

**Life Expectancy would be a first choice parameter**

„For 160 years, best-performance life expectancy has steadily increased by a quarter of a year per year, an extraordinary constancy of human achievement“

**Record Female Life Expectancy from 1840 to the Present**



**Start of „Modern Medicine“ around 1900**

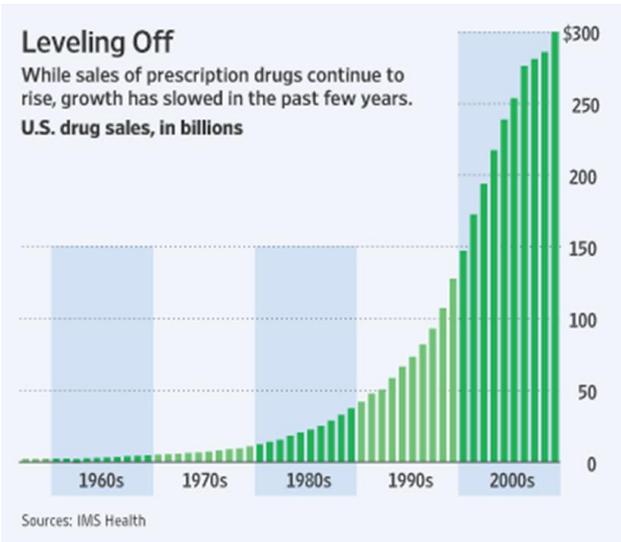
- „Modern Rx Industry“ around mid-1930's

**Why is there no visible effect on survival?**

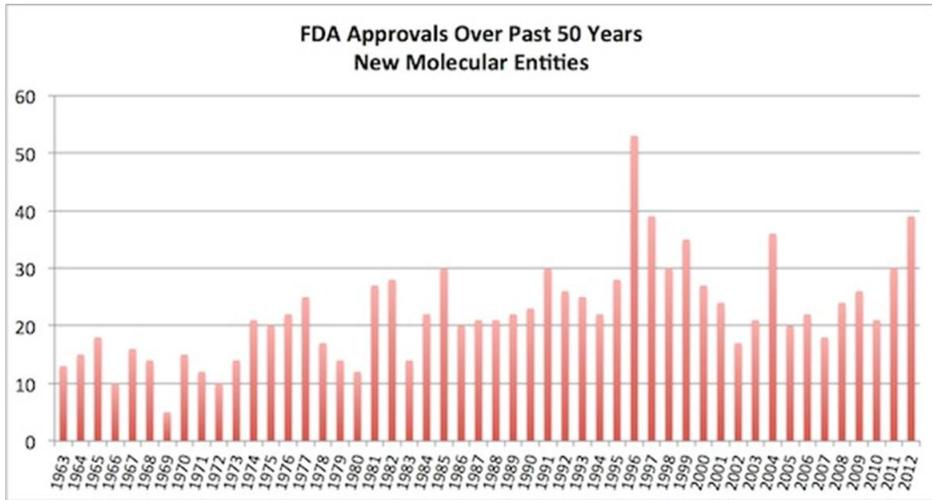
Source: Jim Oepen, James W. Vaupel: Broken Limits to Life Expectancy in: Science Vol 296 10 May 2002

If Life Expectancy were a direct function of biomedical innovation, then innovation would have to be represented by a straight, upwards sloping line

### Sales of Prescription Drugs



### FDA Approvals of NMEs

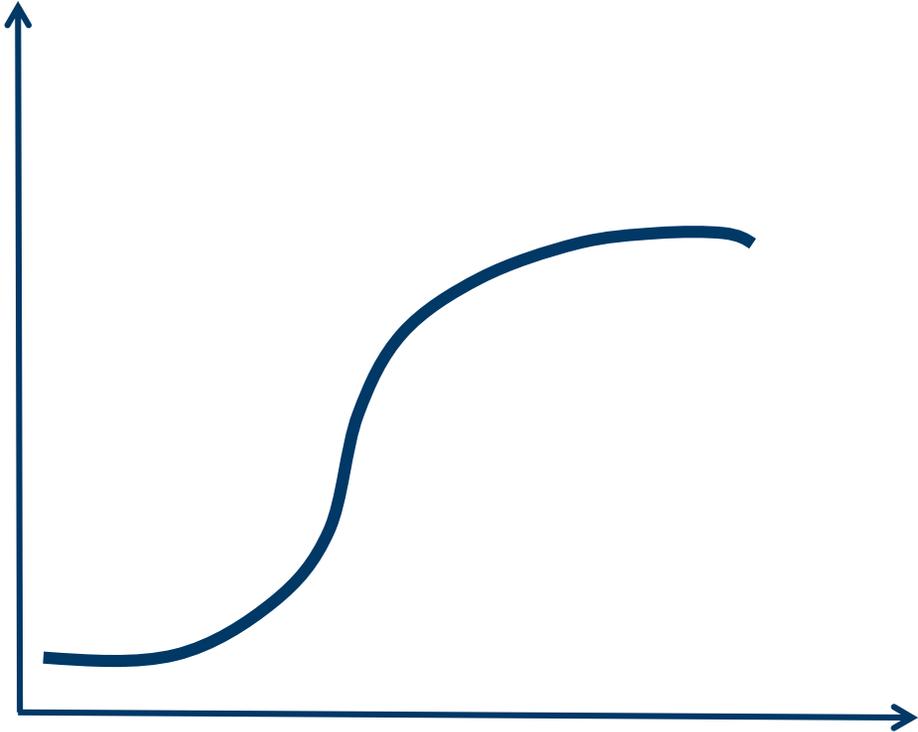


**Major surrogate parameters do not look like straight lines at all and seem implausible as representations of biomedical innovation over time**

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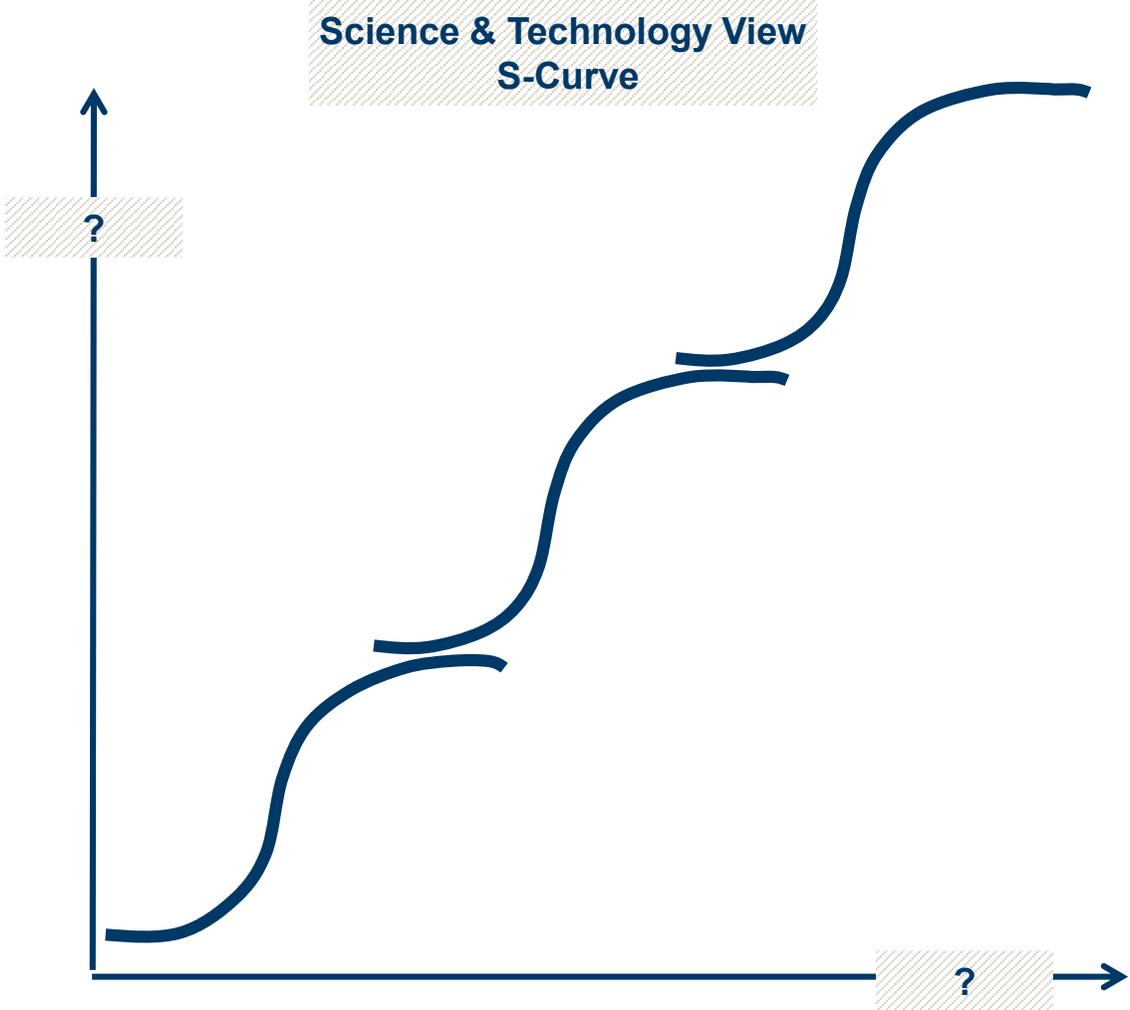
The original drivers of bio-medical innovation are to be found in the fields of Science & Technology, so the classic S-curve might be a good starting point

Science & Technology View  
S-Curve



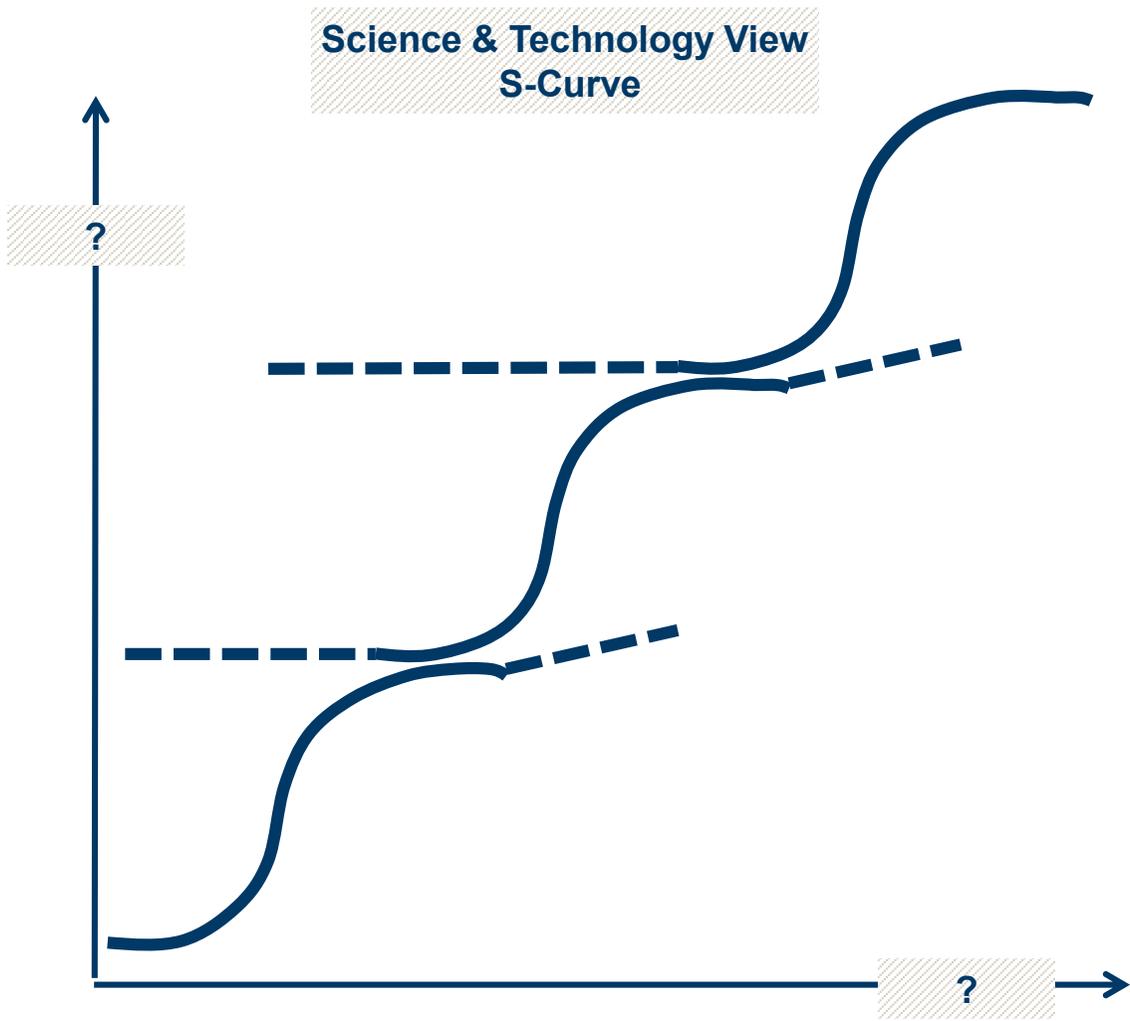
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Also, we would expect a number of S-curves to follow and supersede each other in time..



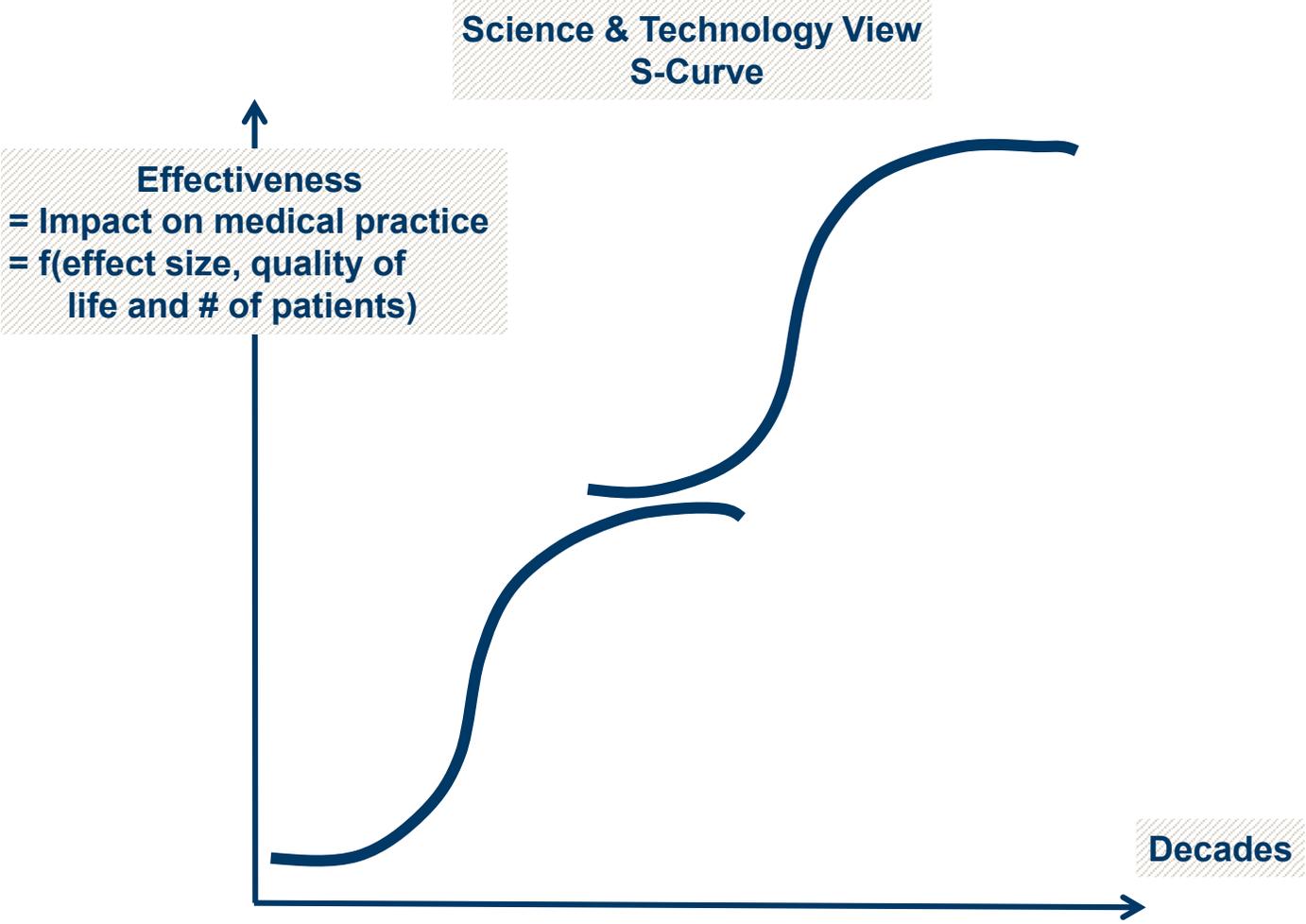
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New curves have very long lead times before they mature and incremental innovation continues to take place on the „old“ S-curve in parallel to breakthroughs on the new one



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But what measure can we use for the y-axis? Clearly, life expectancy does not do the job – and no other single parameter will either, so we need a composite qualitative index

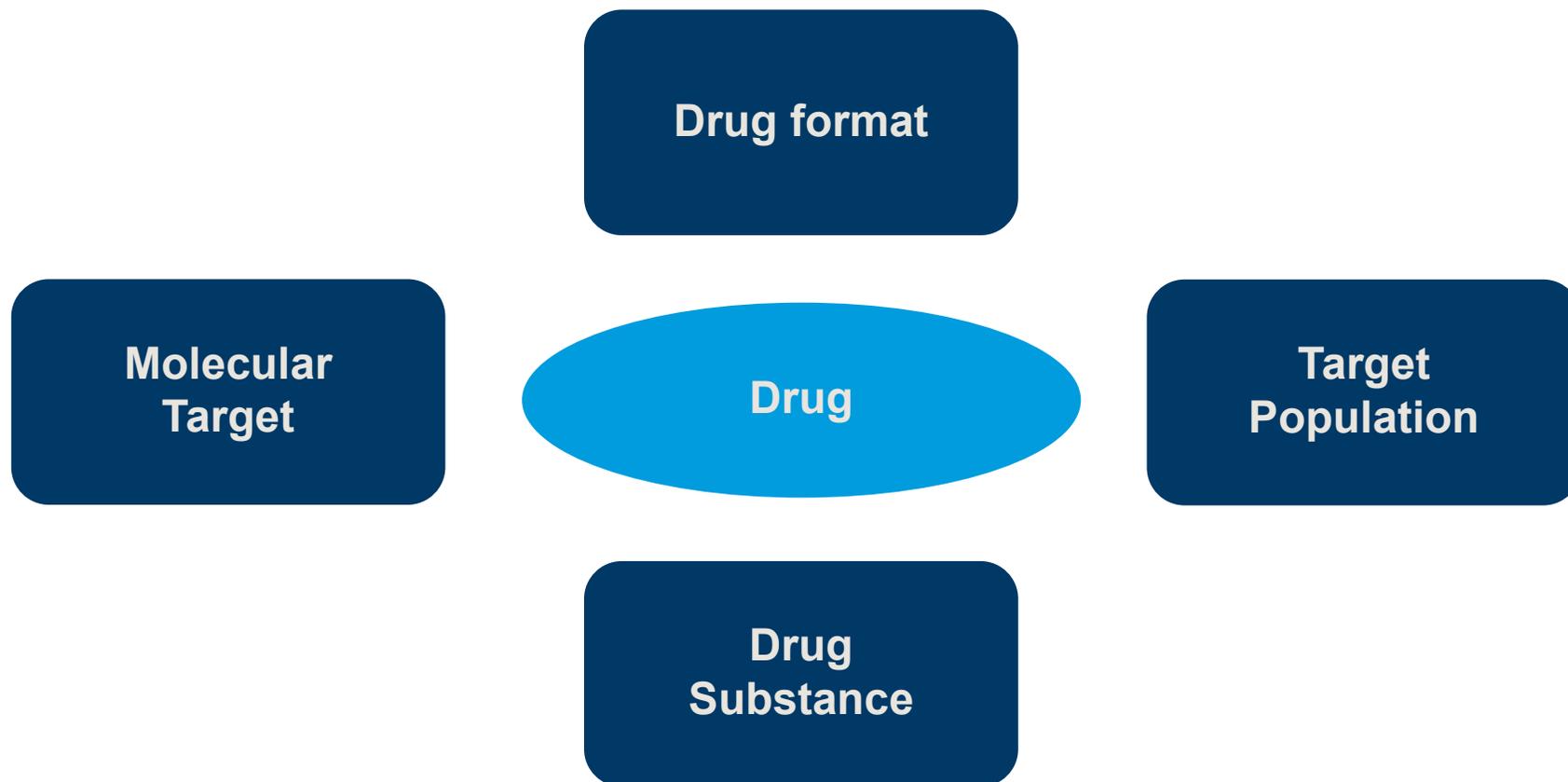


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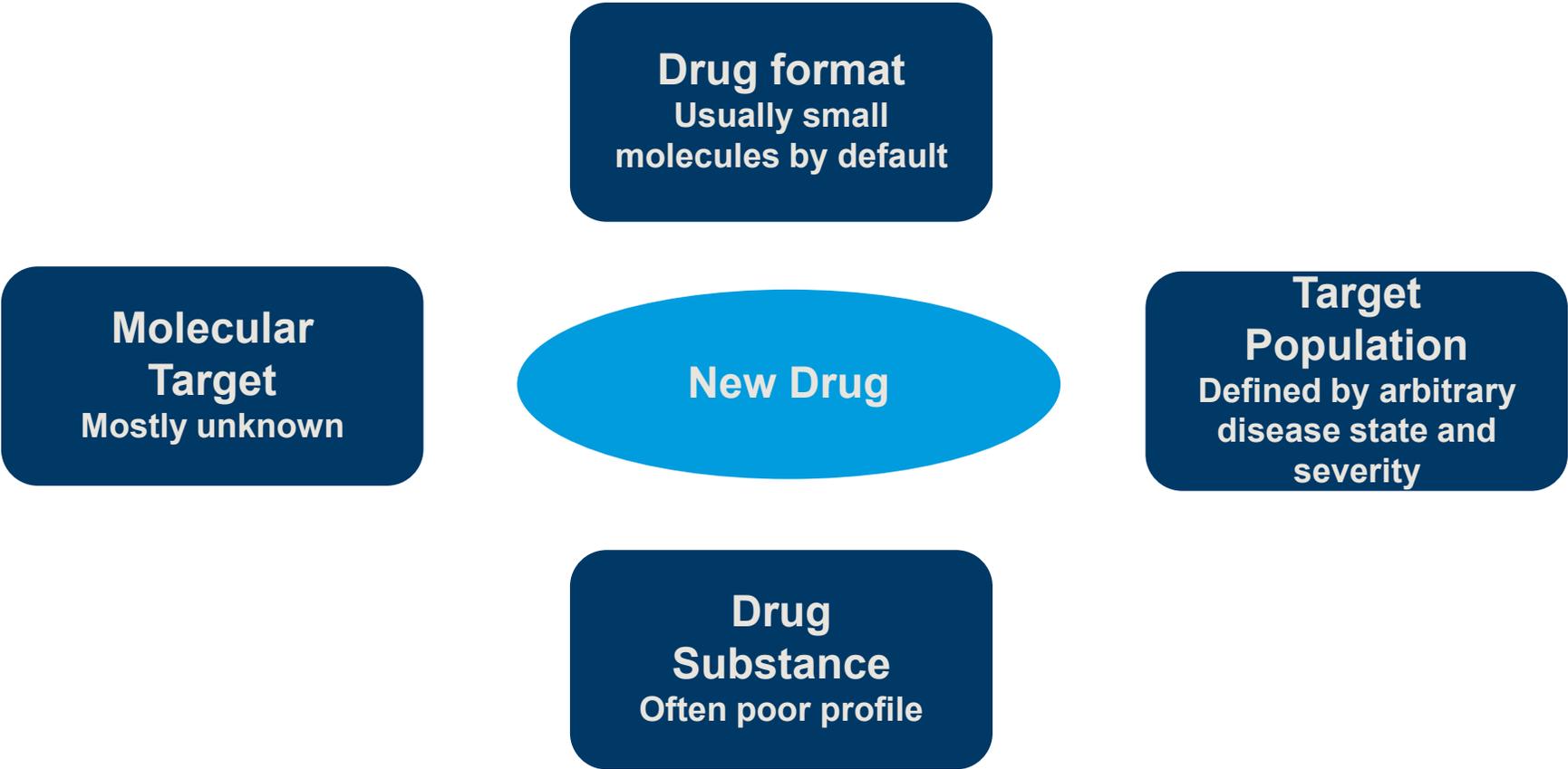
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To make a new drug, four basic dimensions must be addressed



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In this framework, bio-pharmaceutical innovation as represented by the first S-curve from the 1930s onwards was essentially driven by what might be called „Pure Phenotypic Discovery“ ...



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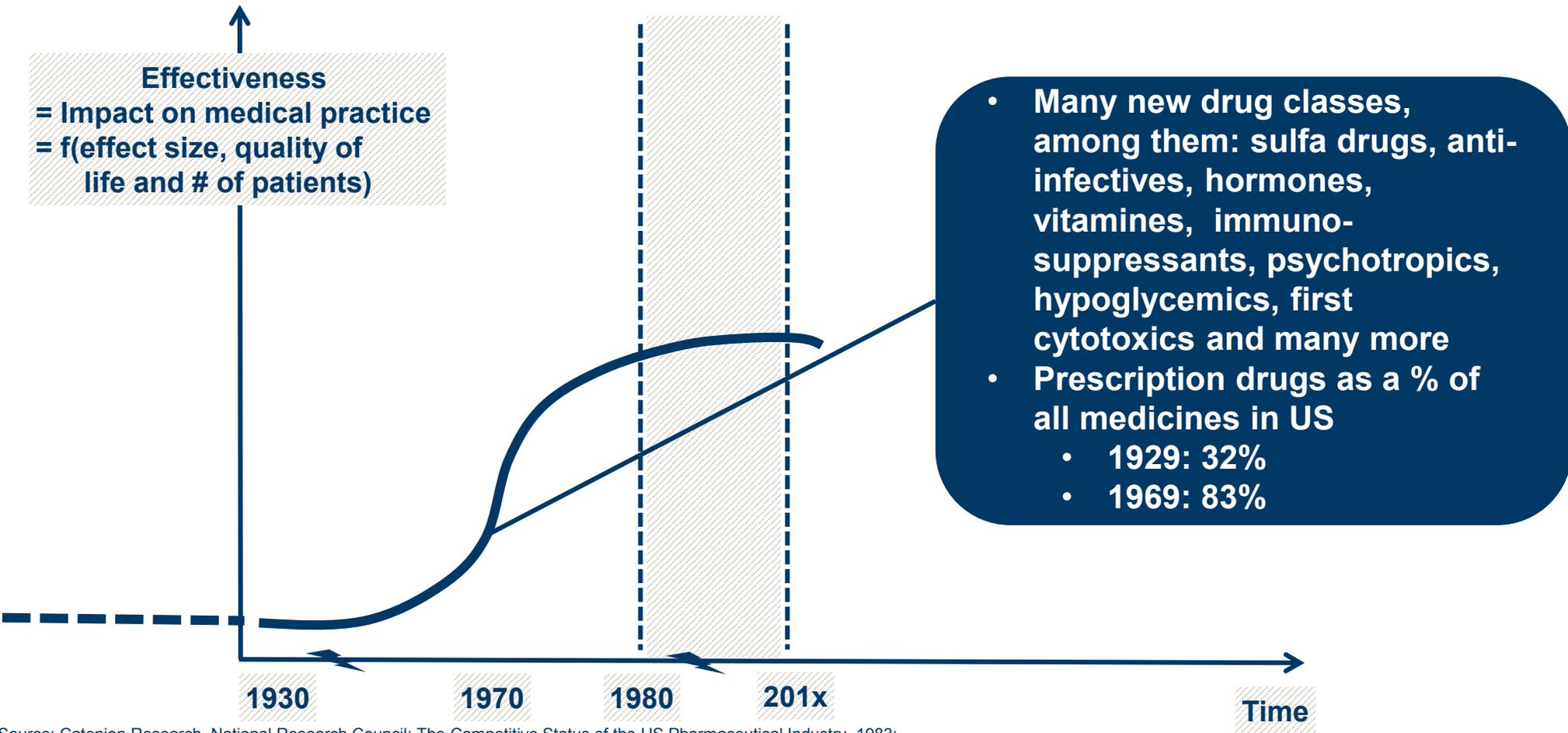
# Bio-pharmaceutical innovation on the first S-curve: Phenotypic discovery by trial and error and straightforward clinical development



- **Contribution of many different disciplines, but limited exploratory clinical research**
- **Sometimes translational insights in the clinic**

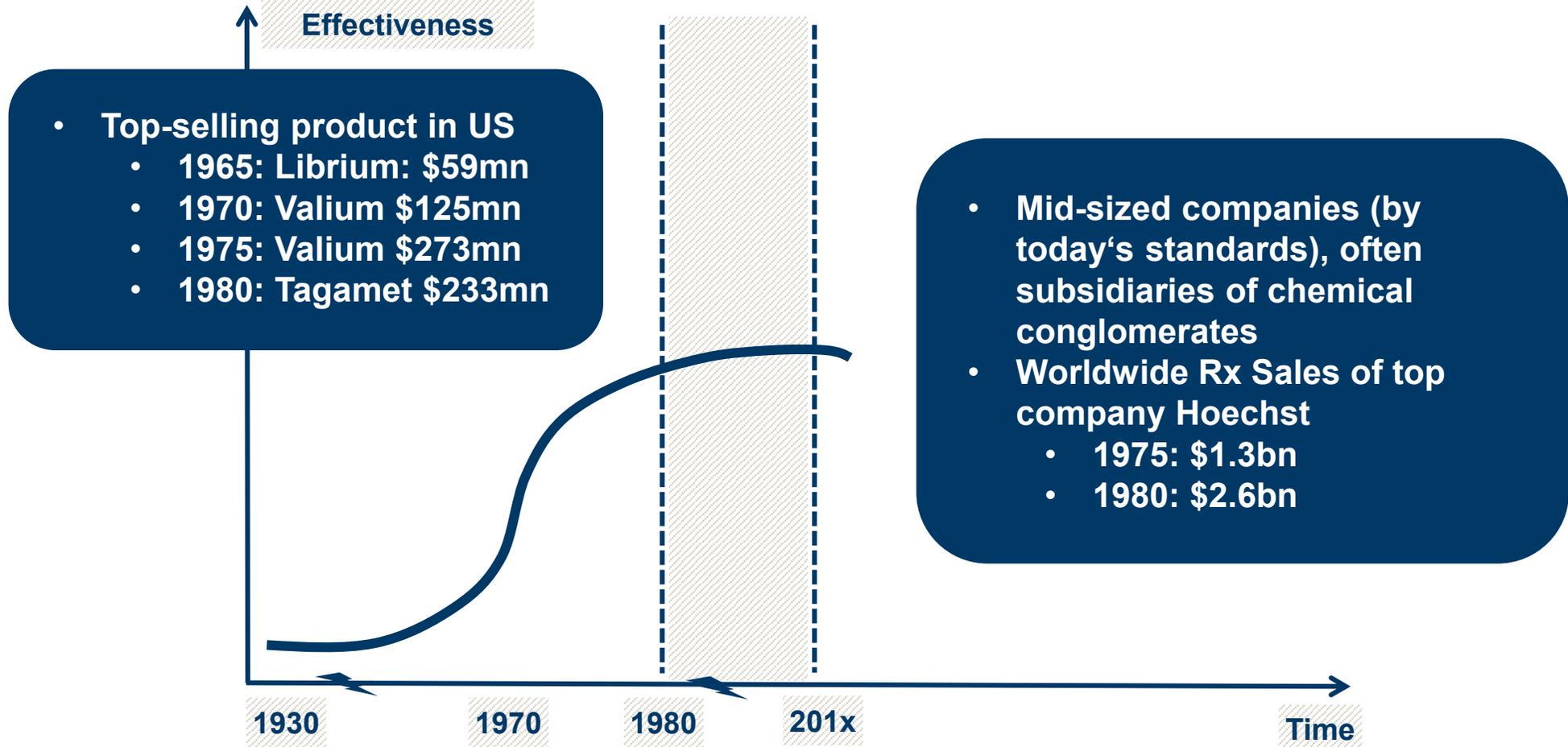
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# The first pharma S-curve – starting to take off in the 1930s with sulfa drugs and rapidly accelerating in the 1940s, then peaking in the 1950s and 60s



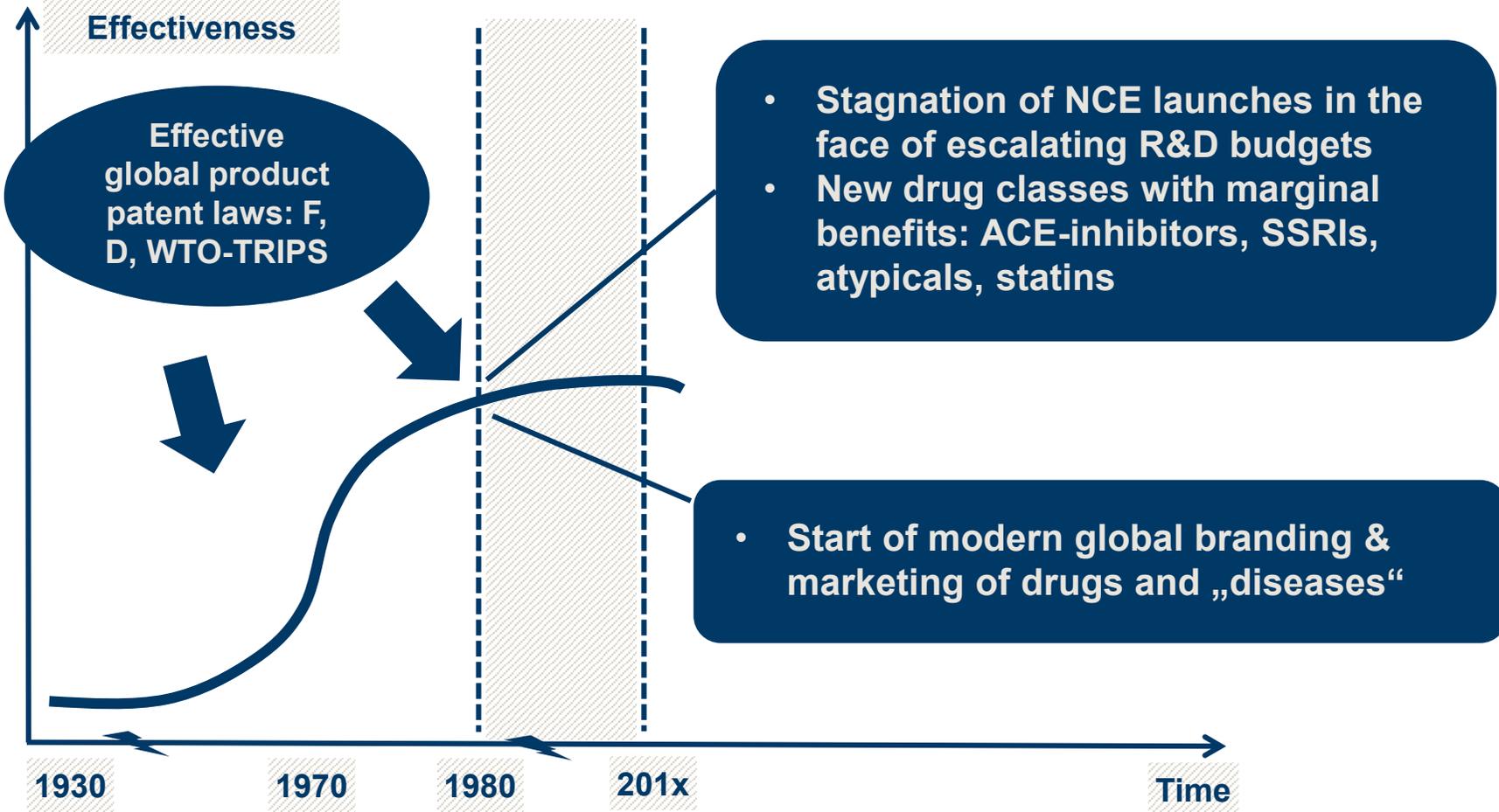
Source: Catenion Research, National Research Council: The Competitive Status of the US Pharmaceutical Industry, 1983; <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WhatWeDo/History/ProductRegulation/SummaryofNDAApprovalsReceipts1938tothepresent/default.htm>

# The first 50 golden years – massive innovation, small sales per product, mid-sized companies – no VCs/ no biotechs/no Big Pharma...



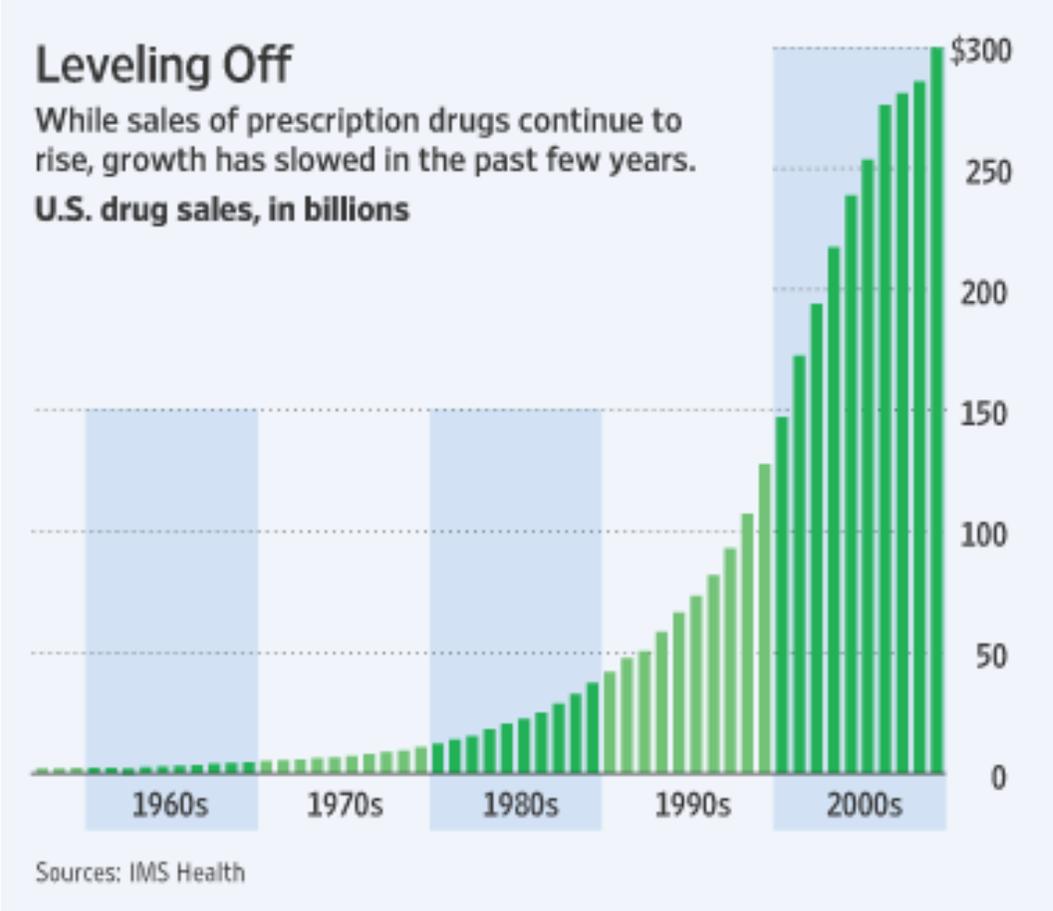
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# Stagnation from the mid-80s onwards – the slowing of innovation and the emergence of Big Pharma and blockbusters



Source: Catenion

# Steep sales growth for pharmaceuticals in the US since the late 1980s - at a time when innovation was slowing down



Source: IMS

# Industry consolidation as a sign of innovation decline: Of the PhRMA members active in 1988, by 2011 only one quarter remained active – all others had disappeared through M&A

## PhRMA members active in 1988

Abbott Laboratories	G.D. Searle	Procter & Gamble
American Cyanamid	Glaxo	Rhone Poulenc
A.H. Robins	Hoechst	Rorer
Astra	Hoffmann-LaRoche	R.P. Scherer
BASF	ICI	Roussel
Beecham Laboratories	Johnson & Johnson	Sandoz
Boehringer Ingelheim	Knoll	Schering Plough
Boots Pharmaceuticals	Eli Lilly	SmithKline
Bristol-Myers	Marion Laboratories	Squibb
Carter-Wallace	Merck	Sterling Drug
Ciba Geigy	Merrell Dow	Upjohn Company
Connaught Laboratories	Monsanto	Warner-Lambert
DuPont Pharmaceuticals	Pfizer	Wellcome
Fisons	Pharmacia	Zeneca

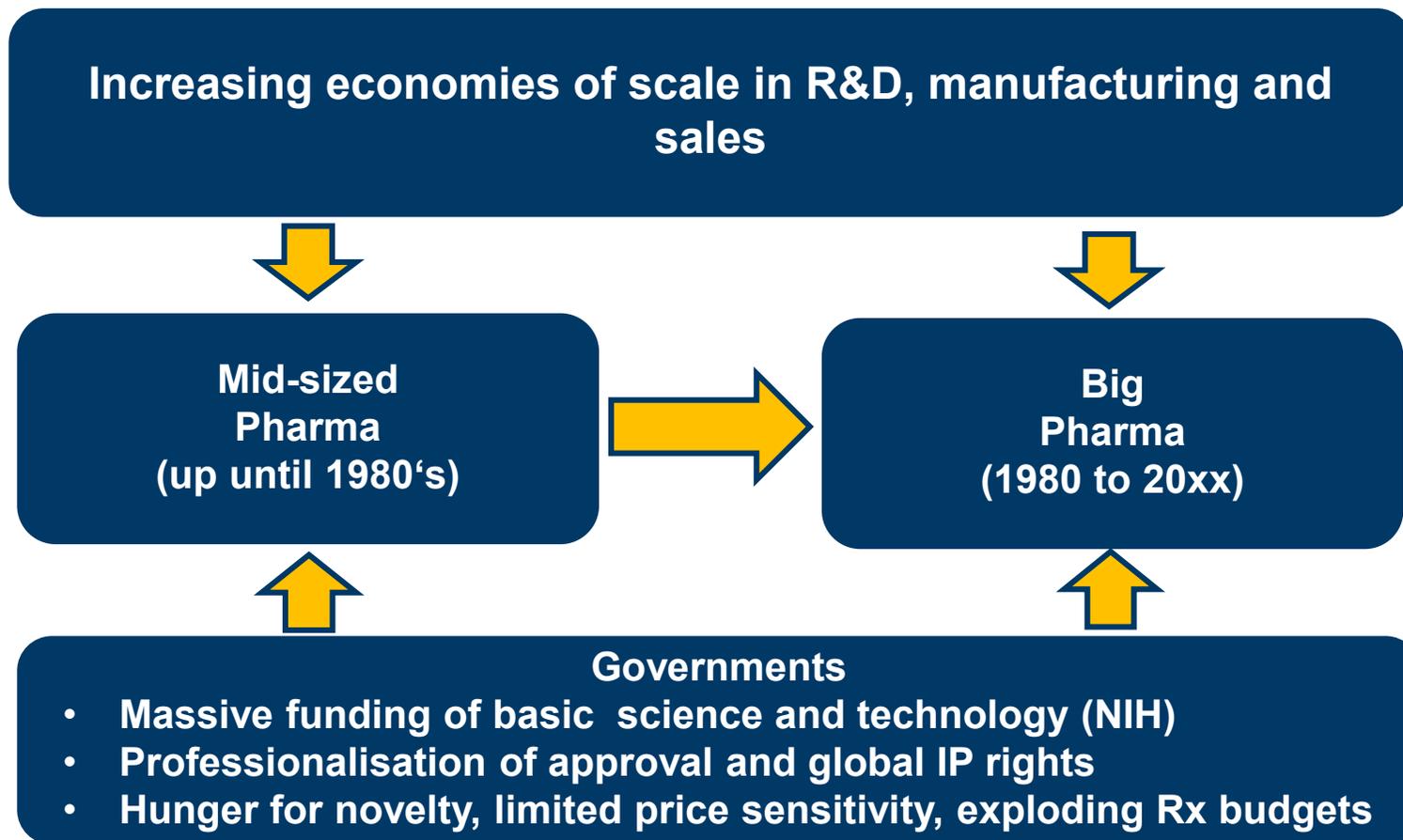
## PhRMA members remaining in 2011

Abbott Laboratories	Eli Lilly
AstraZeneca	Merck
Boehringer Ingelheim	Novartis
Bristol-Myers Squibb	Pfizer
Glaxo SmithKline	Sanofi-Aventis
Johnson & Johnson	



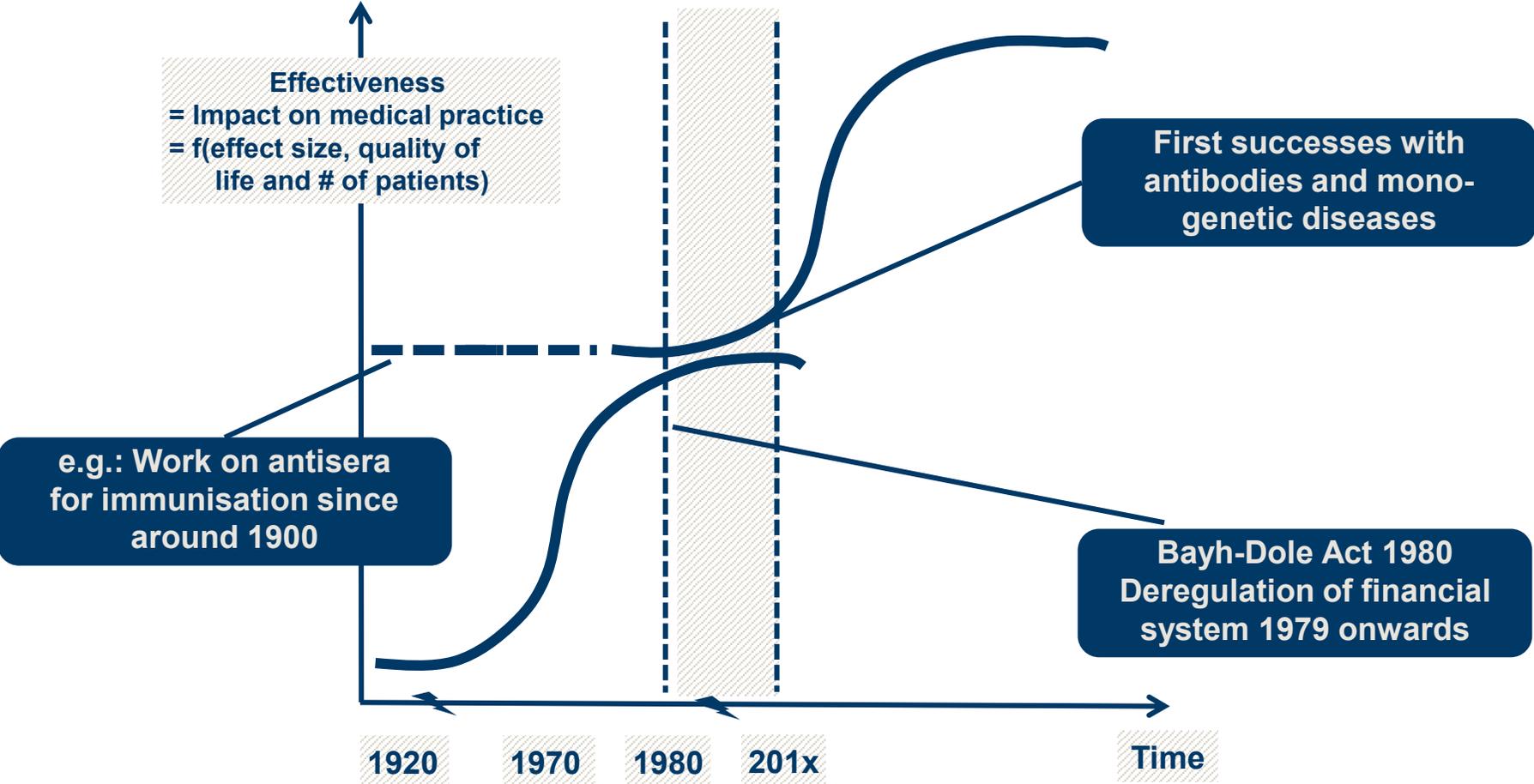
Source: John L. LaMattina, The impact of mergers on pharmaceutical R&D in Nature Reviews Drug Discovery, Vol 10, Aug 2011

# Big Pharma emerged driven by flattening innovation curve, economies of scale and rapidly rising Rx budgets



Source: Catenion

At the same time, a new biopharma S-curve slowly started to emerge in the late 1970's (mainly in the US) and is currently accelerating



Source: Catenion

# In the proposed framework, the current - and anticipated future - acceleration of bio-pharmaceutical innovation is based on a number of factors working in conjunction...

- Huge investments in target discovery and validation
- Initially fuelled by the rise of genomics
- Increasingly multi-target treatment approaches

**Drug format**  
Increasing choice of different formats

- Different anti-body formats
- siRNA, gene therapy, cell-based therapies, therapeutic vaccination, oligonucleotids, etc

**Molecular Target**  
Increasingly starting point

**New Drug**

**Target Population**

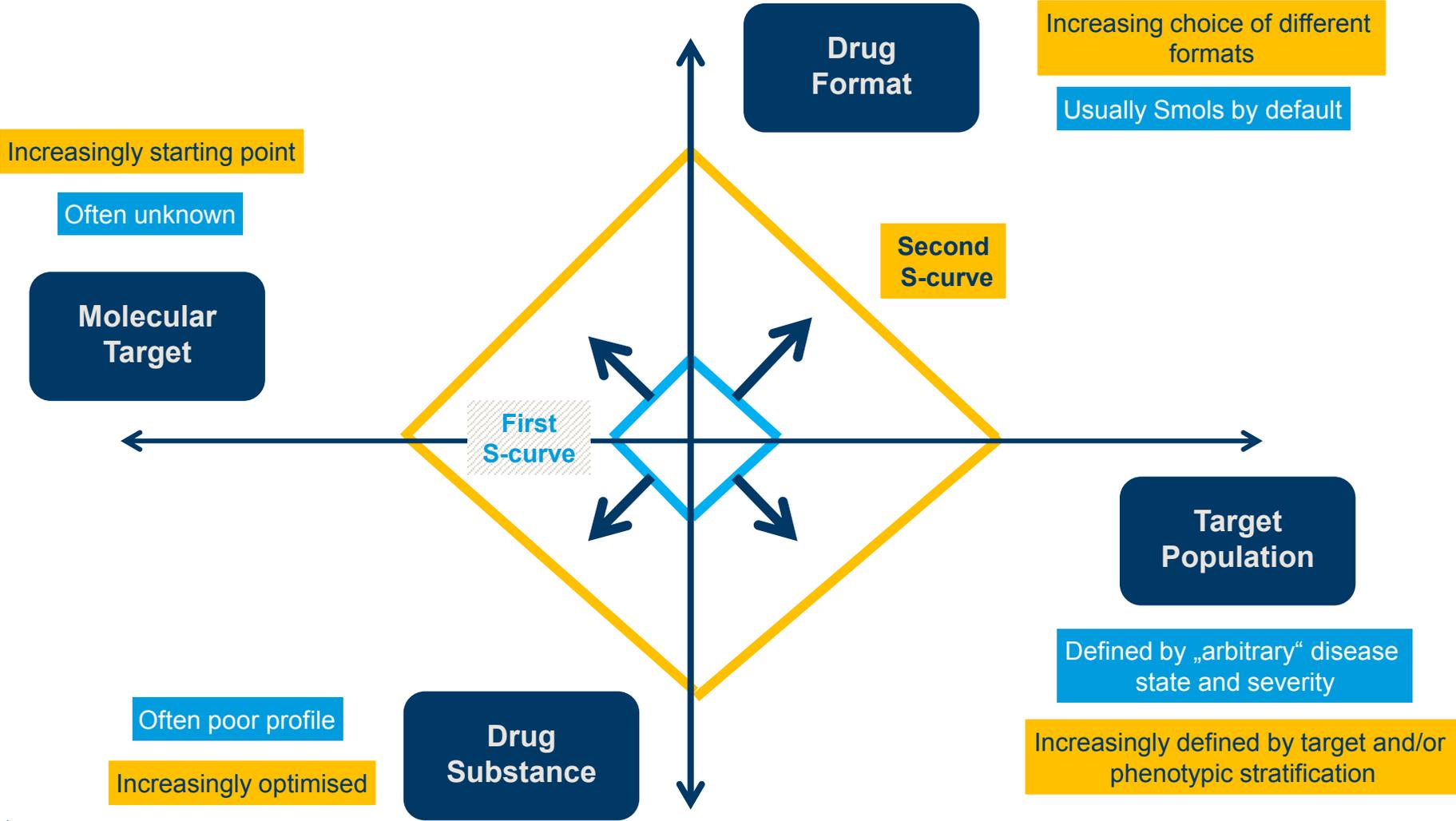
- Structure-based approaches
- Better screening techniques
- Better pre-clinical models
- Tox, PK, PD simulations etc

**Drug Substance**  
Increasingly optimised

- Increasingly defined by target (biologics) and/or relying on phenotypic stratification

Source: Catenion

...taken together, these enabling technological changes considerably widen the scope for breakthrough innovation over and above that represented by the first S-curve...



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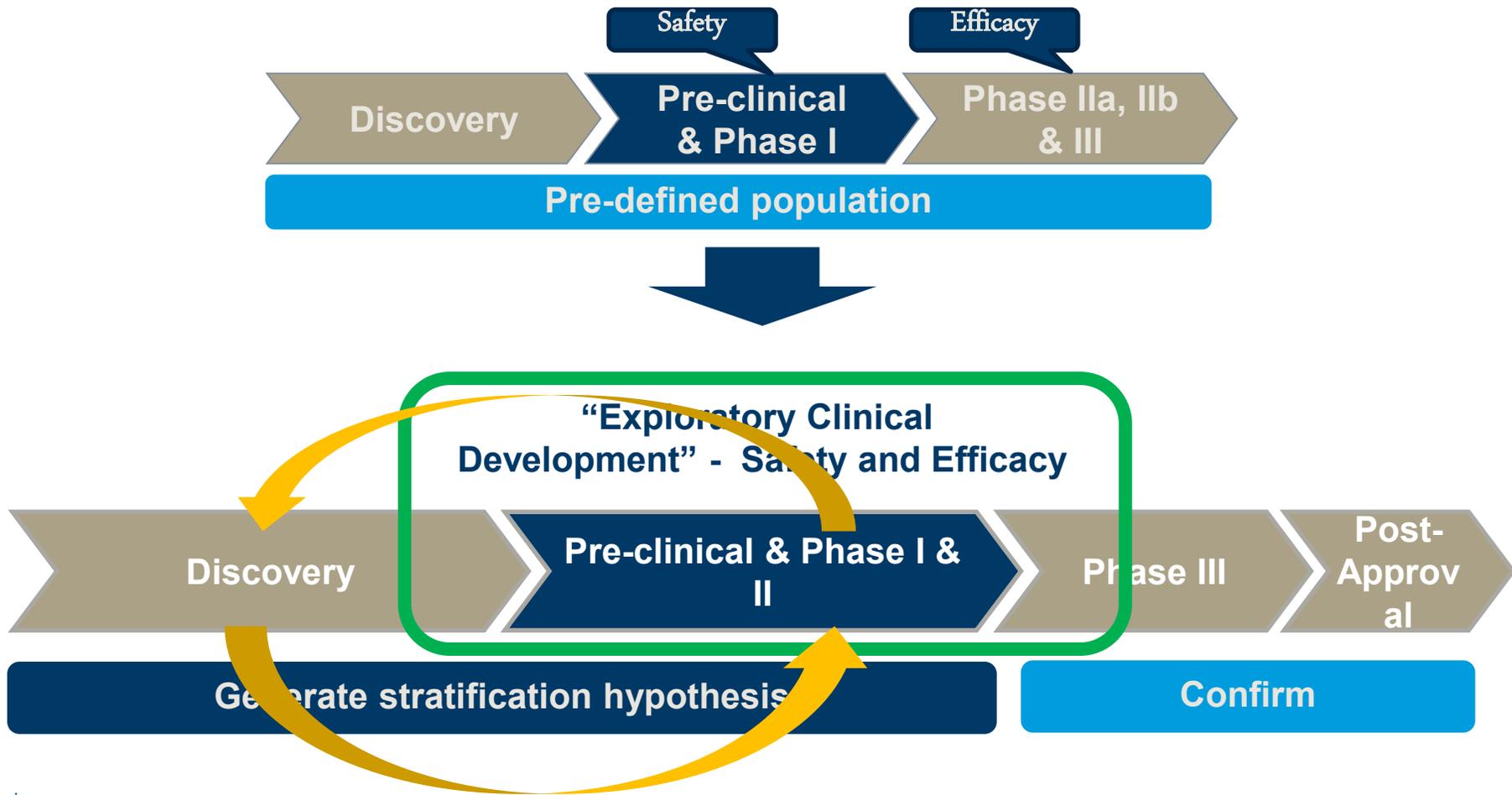
# Redefining disease states constitutes a novel dimension of biomedical innovation – table after Prof Sir John Bell

Disease Taxonomy	
Symptom-based	Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Fibromyalgia
Histology	Angioimmunoblastic Lymphadenopathy
Physiology	Hypertension, Diabetes
Eponymous	Alzheimer's Disease, Bell's Palsy
Organ-based	Breast Cancer, Ovarian Cancer
End-of-the-Road	Heart Failure, Liver Failure

**e.g.: Neo-glucogenesis by the liver vs dysregulated fatty acid metabolism, etc**

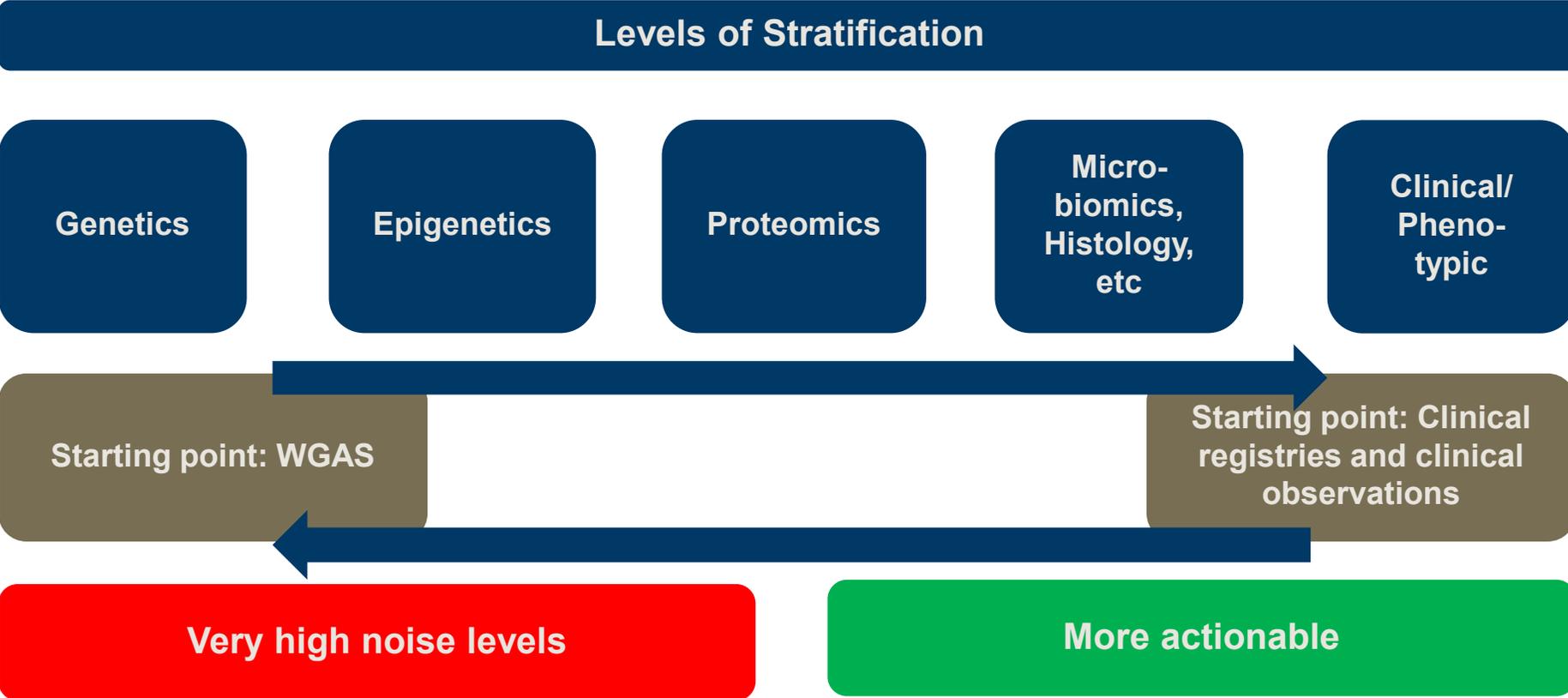
Source: Prof Sir John Bell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBiYP6Pxvy0>

# In this environment, exploratory clinical development takes center stage, implying a massive need for collaborative TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH of basic and clinical scientists



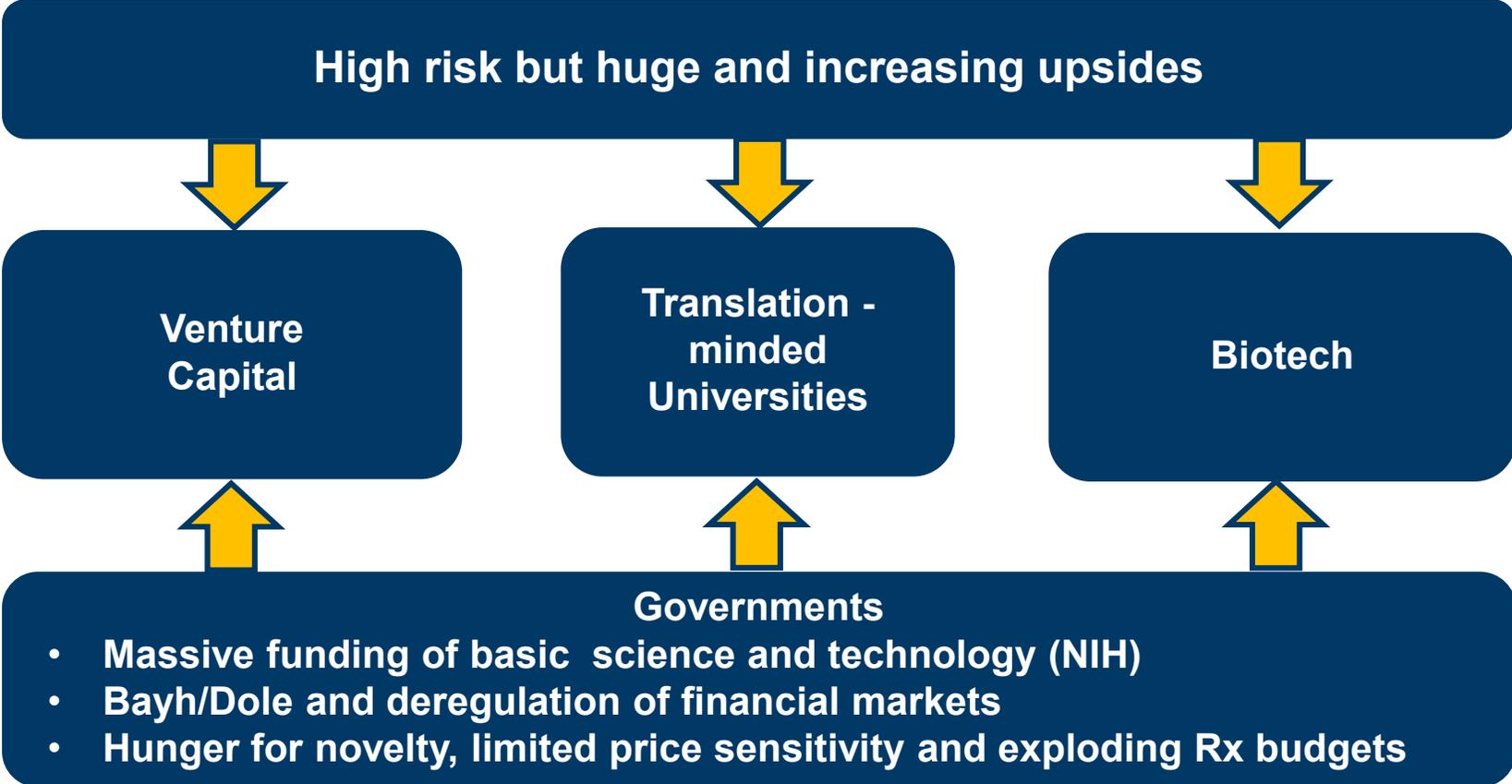
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For many drug development projects, the likelihood of success will increase the more stratified the population is for which it is tested



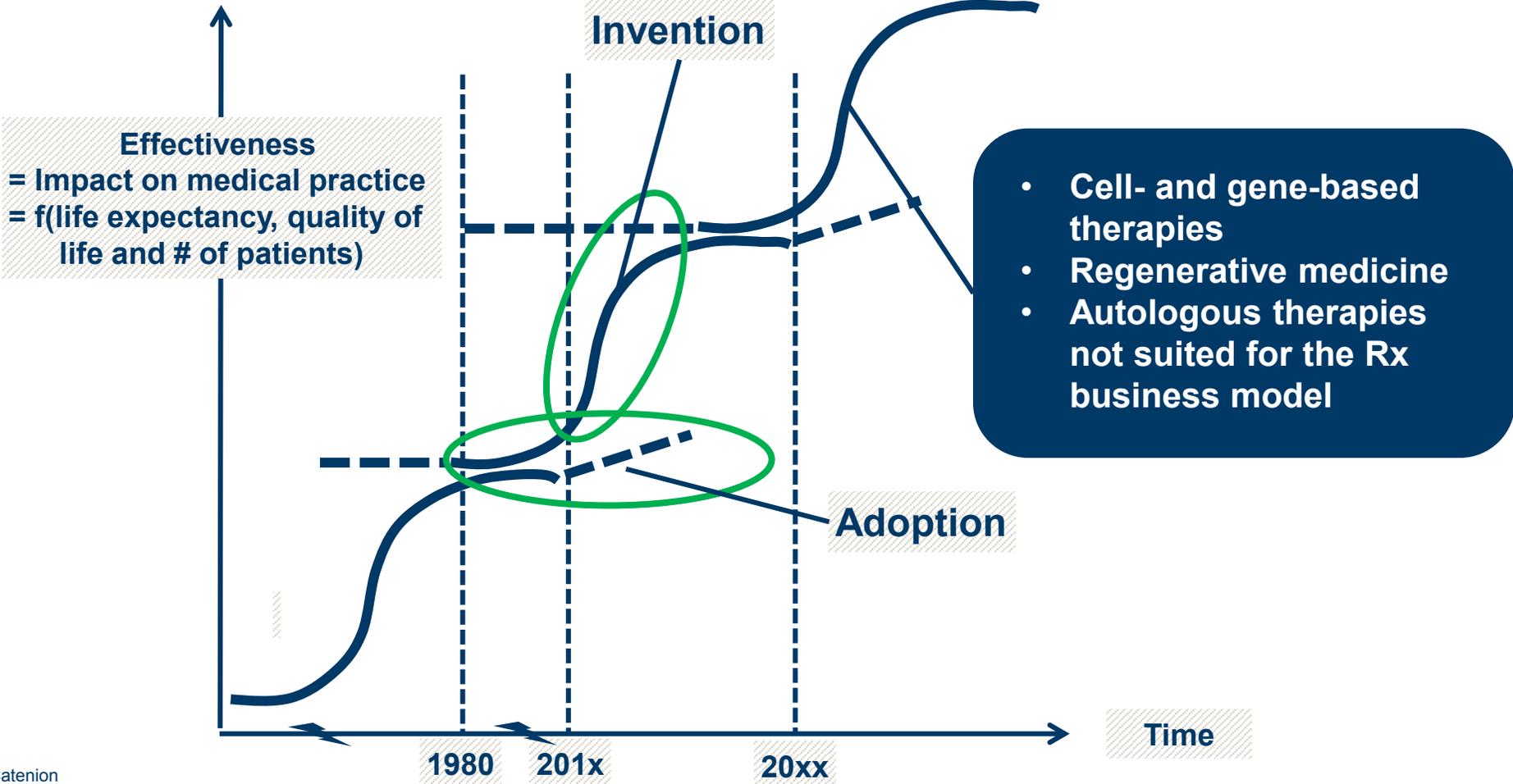
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Emerging players on the second biopharma S-curve from 1980 onwards – universities, Biotechs and VCs, driven by deregulation, science focus, risk and increasing upsides; of course now joined by Pharma big and small..



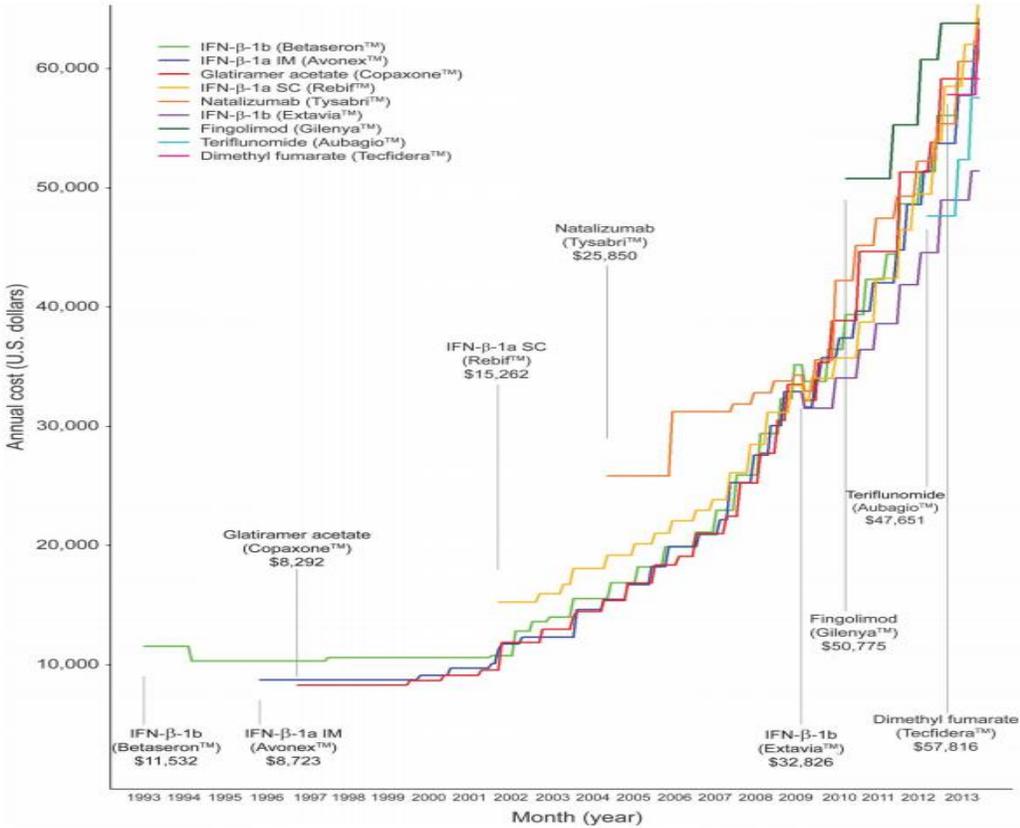
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So now we have three innovation cycles running in parallel with unprecedented innovation potential combining invention with adoption, but in an unsustainable funding model



Source: Catenion

Especially on the second and now the third S-curve, price levels have continued to move - up leading to pushback from payors, limitations of access and ultimately raising the question of sustainability of the current model



US list prices of MS drugs up more than six-fold since early 2000's

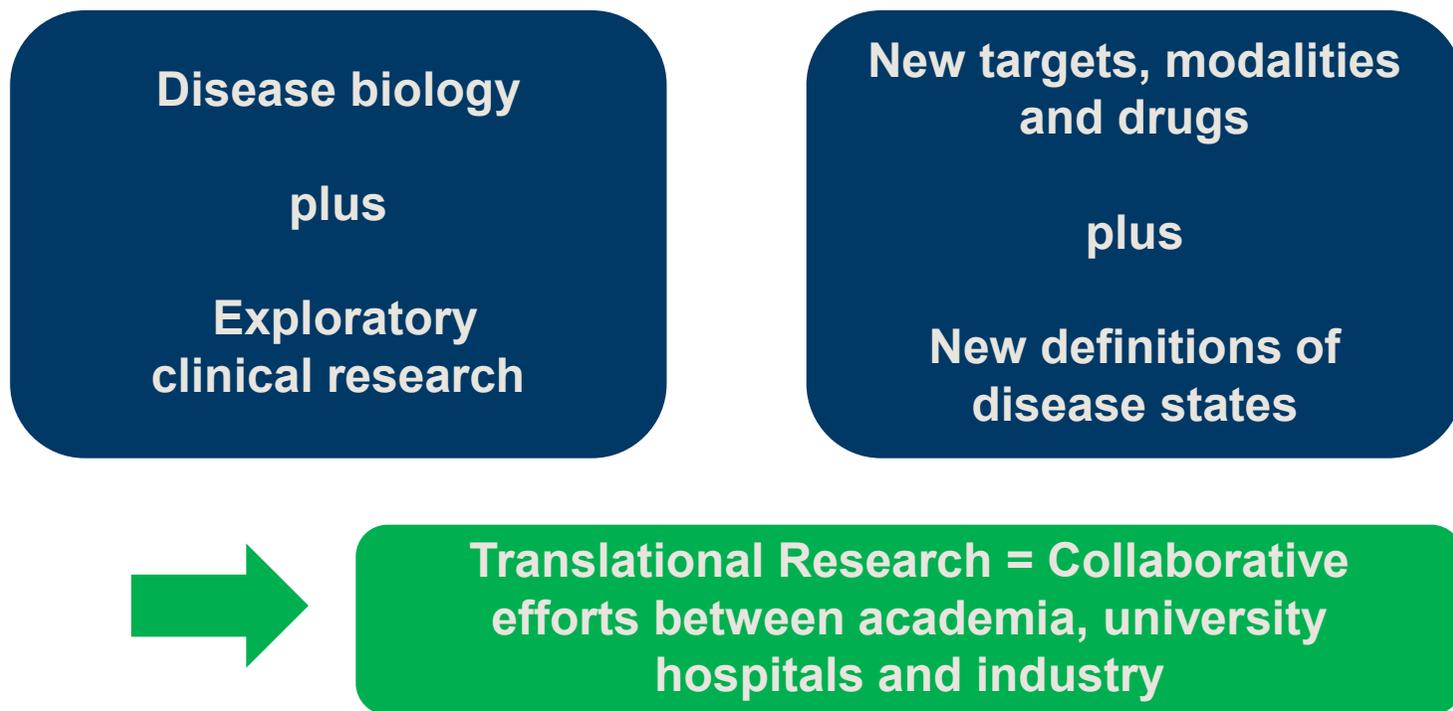
Annual costs estimated from average wholesale prices (AWP), or wholesale acquisition costs if AWP not reported, and discounted 12%. IFN = interferon.

Source: Source: Hartung et al., 2015 Neurology

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# Translational Research is not everything but it will be increasingly crucial to biomedical innovation



Source: Catenion

# Advances in science and technology as well as economic pressures are changing the role of biopharma in biopharmaceutical innovation

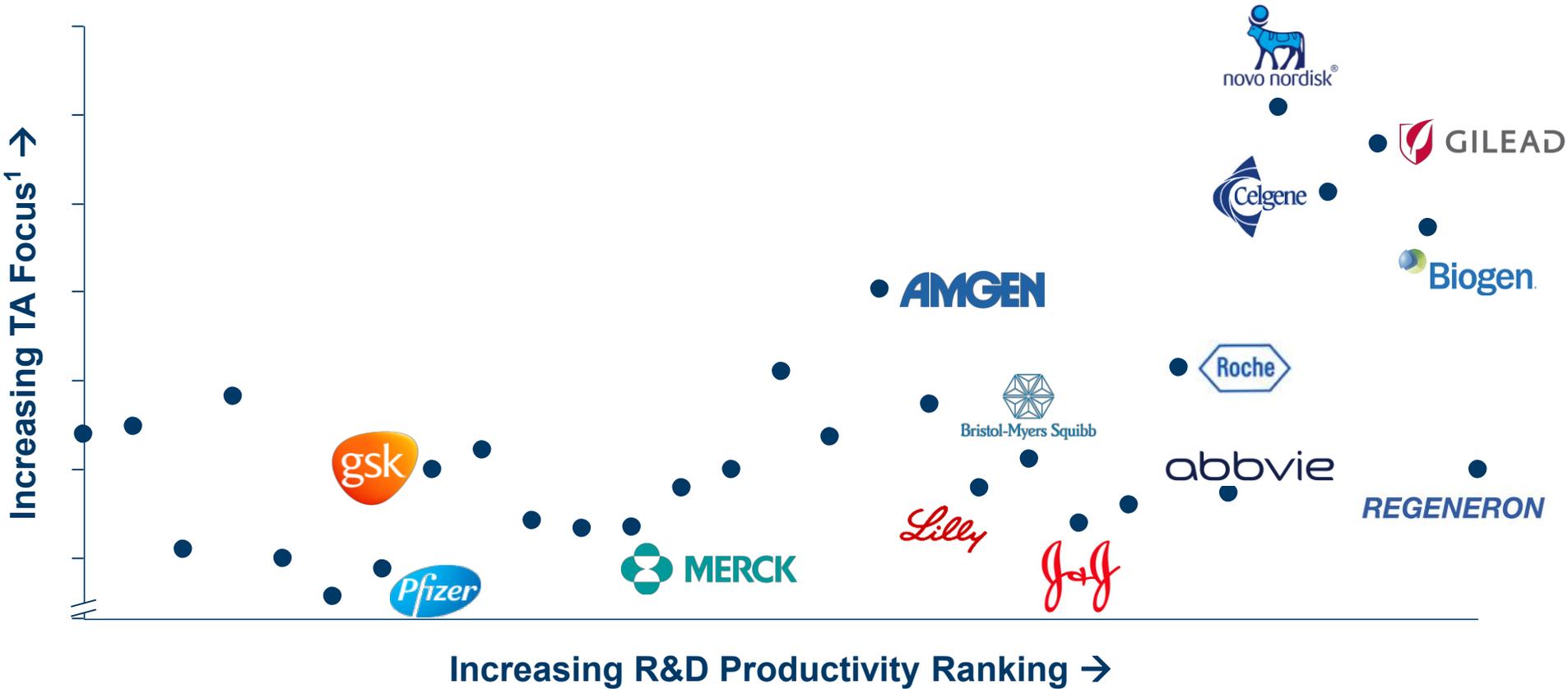
## R&D productivity crisis in Pharma

- Scaling back of in-house discovery in favour of „open innovation“ approaches
- Long-term industry/academia research alliances for specific fields
- Investment by pharma earlier in the value chain
- Increasing pressure by payors for highly clinically-differentiated drugs in the place of „just novelty“ as the basis for premium pricing

## Emerging drug formats which Pharma does not know how to deal with

- Most new drug formats beyond small molecules originate in universities and require CMC know-how for development
- This know-how is typically generated by a new breed of CROs, not by pharma
- Autologous gene cum cell therapies do not fit the traditional pharma business model

# Mid-sized companies with strong therapeutic focus show the highest R&D productivity



Source: Catenion Analysis, 1) % of Assets in Largest Two Therapeutic Areas

# In the last decade, many universities have started translational initiatives to take advantage of the changing innovation dynamics

## Mostly triggered and supported by national or regional government initiatives..

- E.g.: approx 30 CTSA grants from NIH (Harvard, NYU, Kansas, Iowa...) – total of \$500mn
- Sweden, Flanders, Bioregions in Germany, Alberta, Wales...

## ..and/or embedded in strong biomedical innovation ecosystems

- E.g.: Boston, South san Francisco, Golden Triangle, Flanders, Bio-regions in Germany...



**What will drive success in the Translational Research required to leverage scientific potential into medical interventions?**

First of all, the deep cultural divide between academia and industry needs to be tackled; this is rooted in values, lack of mutual understanding and (often) arrogance

## Culture

### Academia

- Scientific excellence
- Curiosity & Creativity
- Academic freedom
- Focus on publications
- Poor replicability
- Poor project management
- Lack of discipline

### Industry

- Commercial Success
- Focus on IP
- R&D Productivity
- Little room for serendipity
- Constantly changing strategies and priorities
- Intransparent decision-making



# Translation by definition cuts across domains, so it is not surprising that some of the key cultural divides are to be found INSIDE each of the players

## Culture



Source: Catenion

# Universities should combine academic values with professional project management - the world will be poorer if universities become profit-driven enterprises – example SPARK Stanford

## Culture

**Collaborative, bottom-up initiative initiated and driven by a protein chemist and a clinician**

**Focus on education and mentoring of PIs for selected high-impact projects**

**Virtual organisation domiciled within the Stanford School of Medicine**

### Strong Set of Values

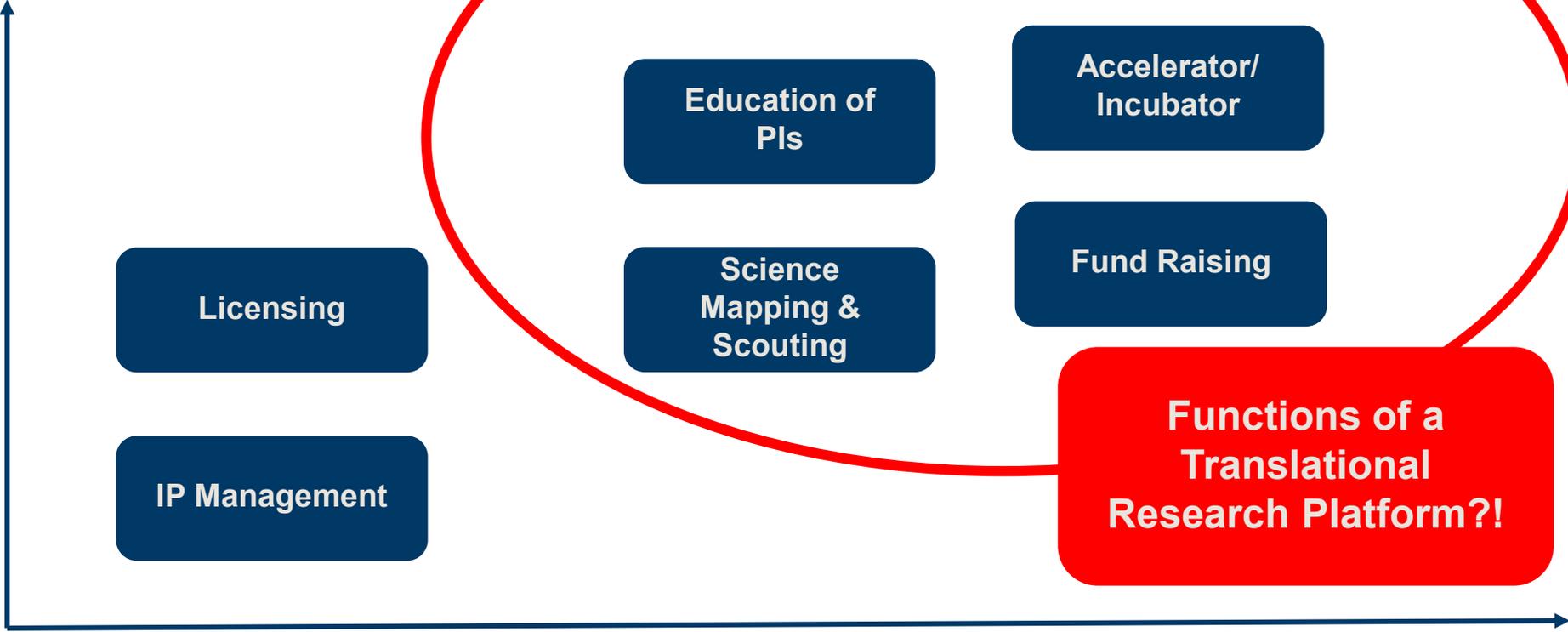
- **Academic freedom, scientific excellence and potential clinical impact**
- **Commercial potential is just one criterion**
- **Culture of open discussion and challenging regardless of hierarchy („check your ego at the door“)**
- **Voluntary contribution of time and advice by scores of pharma advisors**
- **No agreements with pharma in search of financial return**

Source: SPARK, Catenion, more detailed information is available from Catenion

# Due to the historical development of TTOs and Translational Research, there are additional fault lines inside universities

## Culture

Scope of TTOs



1980's

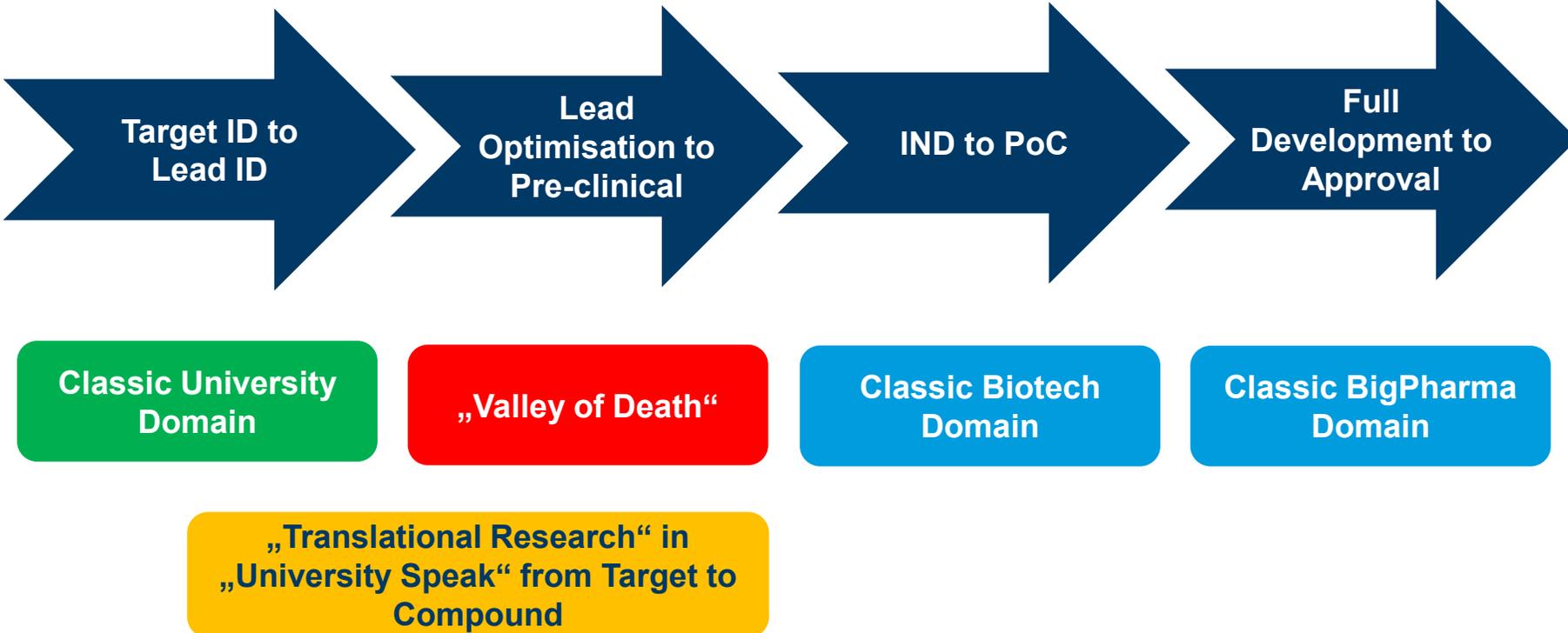
2000's

Time

Source: Catenion

„Translational Research“ in traditional university speak aims at bridging the „Valley of Death“ in order to generate IP that can be licensed or spun off into a start-up company („from target to candidate“)

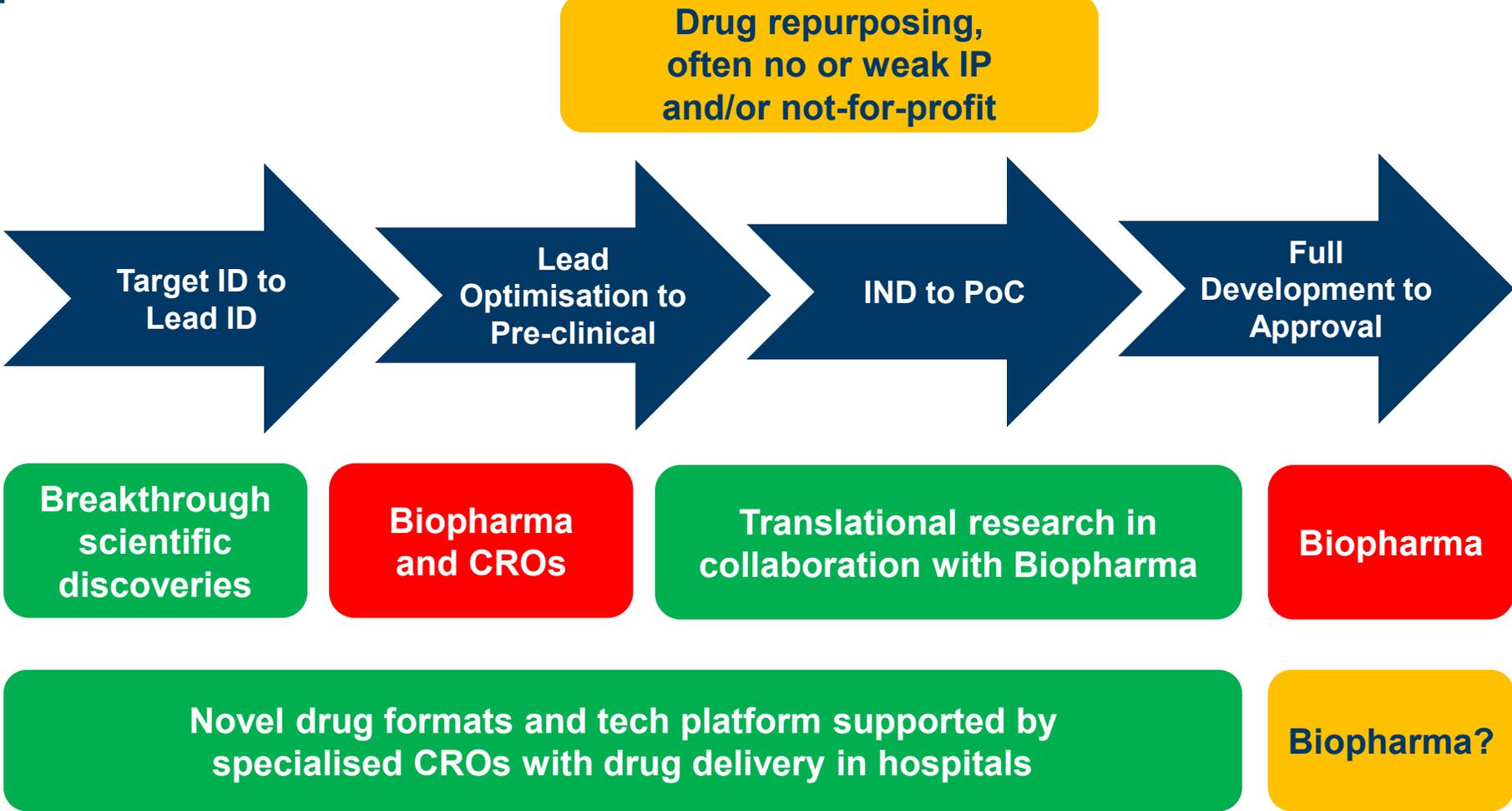
**Scope of Translational Research**



Source: Catenion

So where can universities play in the emerging environment? A priori, the scope is large if the work is carried out according to the professional standards of industry required to get drugs to market...

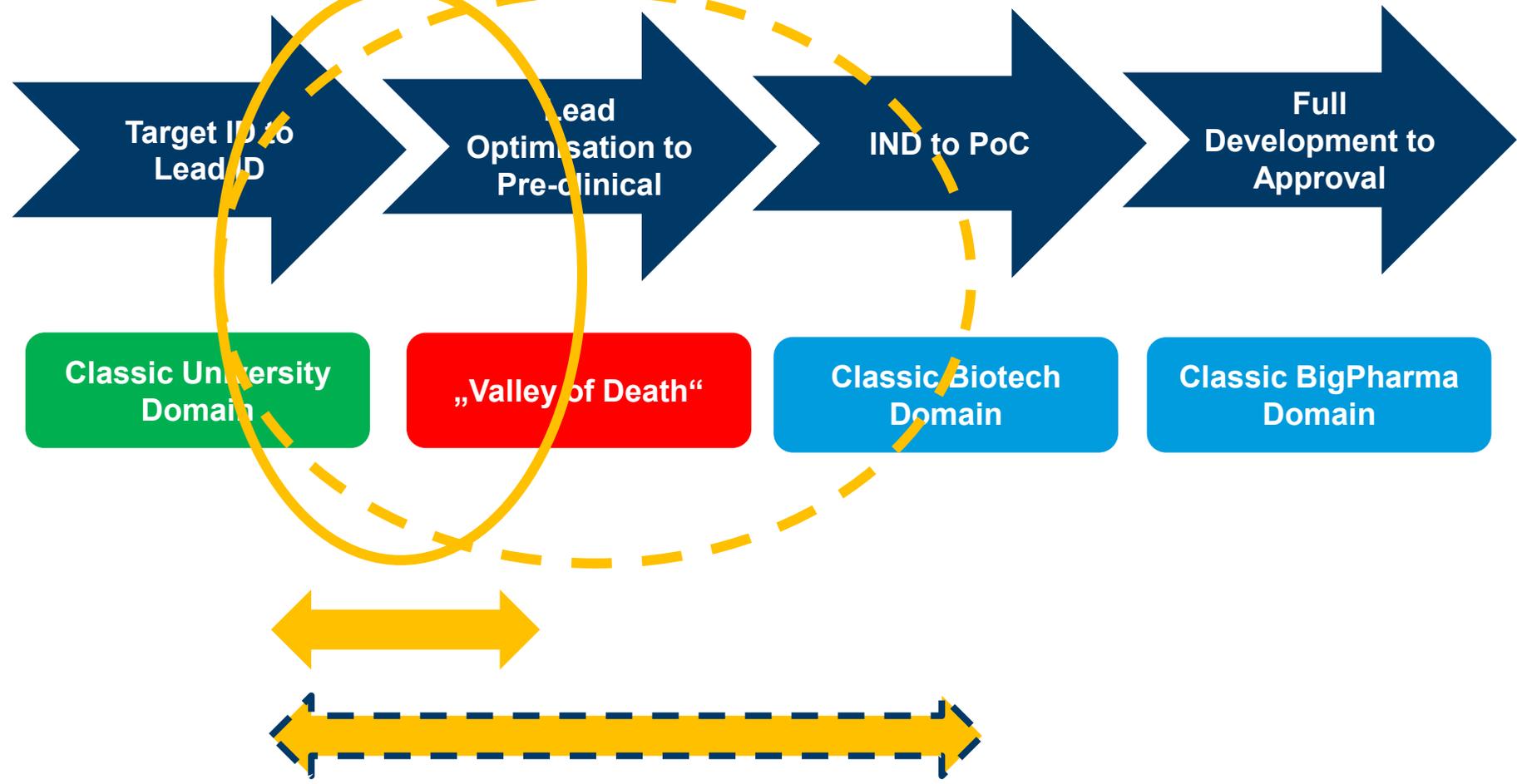
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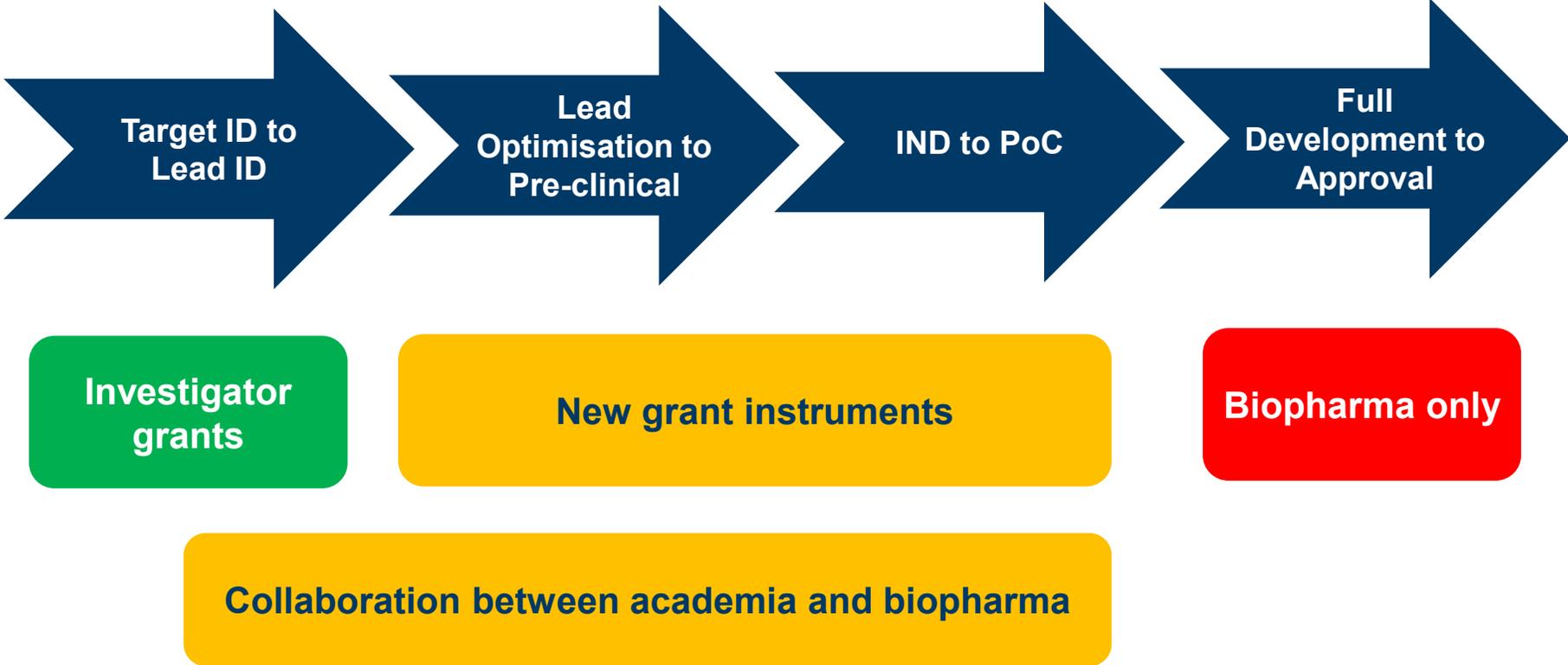
In any event, in order to build a competitive position in Translational Research, the focus of universities needs to expand forward into the early clinic („from bench to bedside“)

Scope of Translational Research



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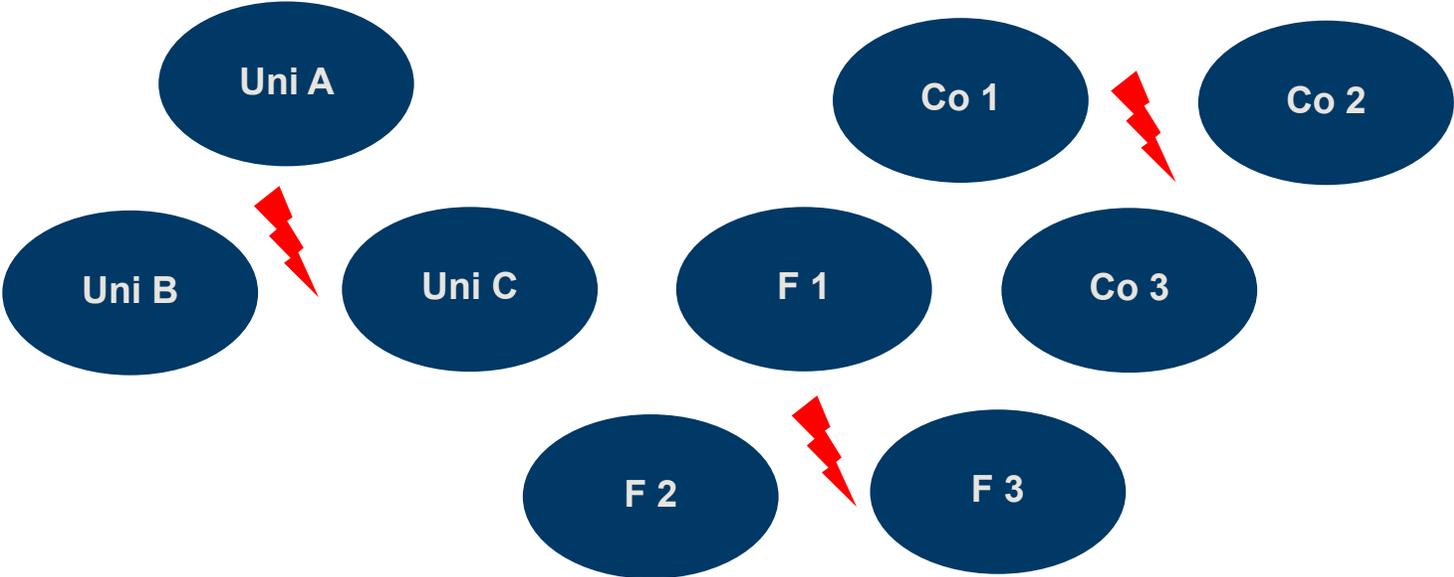
...but as the cost escalates once projects move into the clinic, this strategy requires either collaborative approaches with pharma or a different funding model (e.g.: CTSA grants)



Source: Catenion; CTSA = Clinical and Translational Science Awards, granted by NCATS, the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

# Universities and other biomedical players are often engaged in heated local competition....

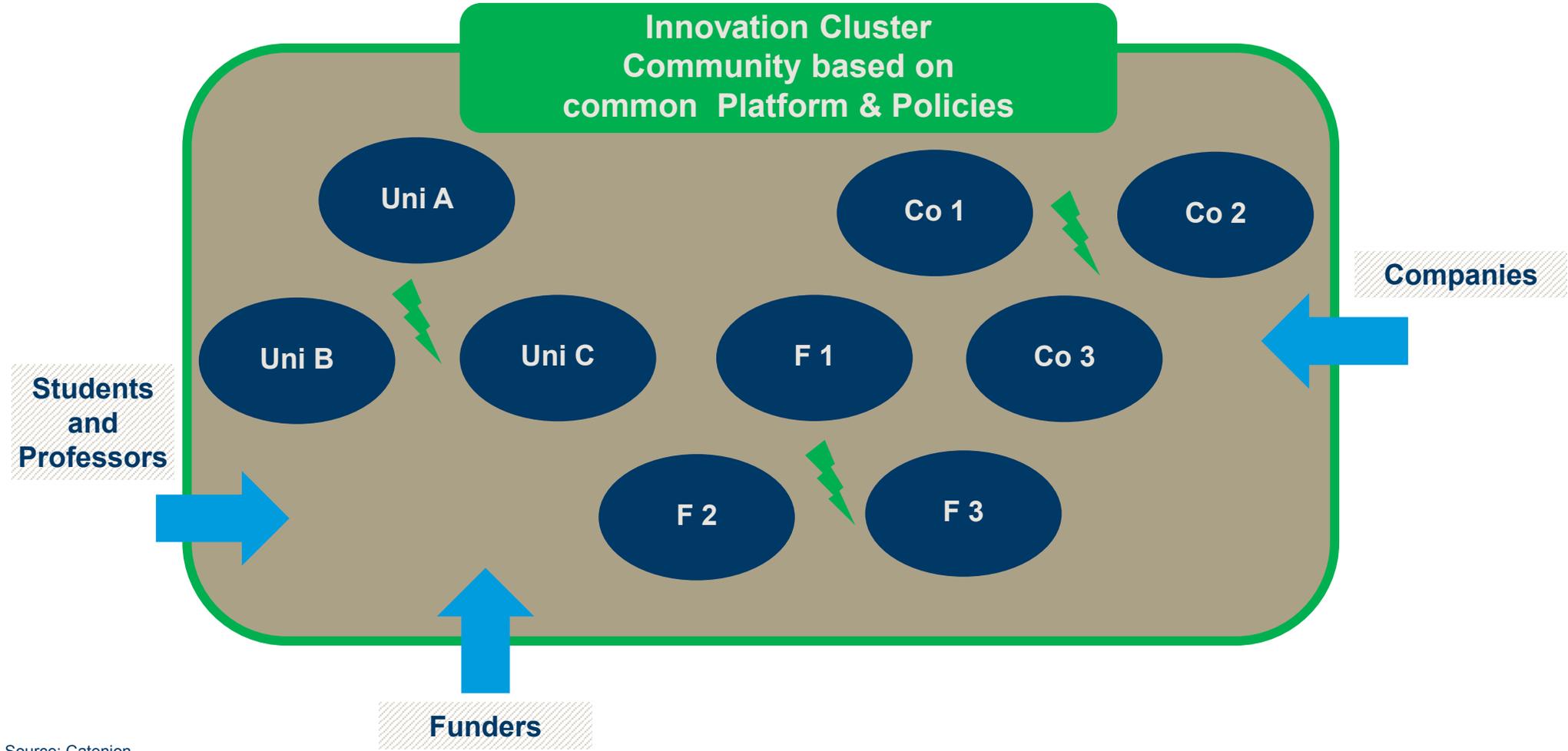
## Getting on the Map



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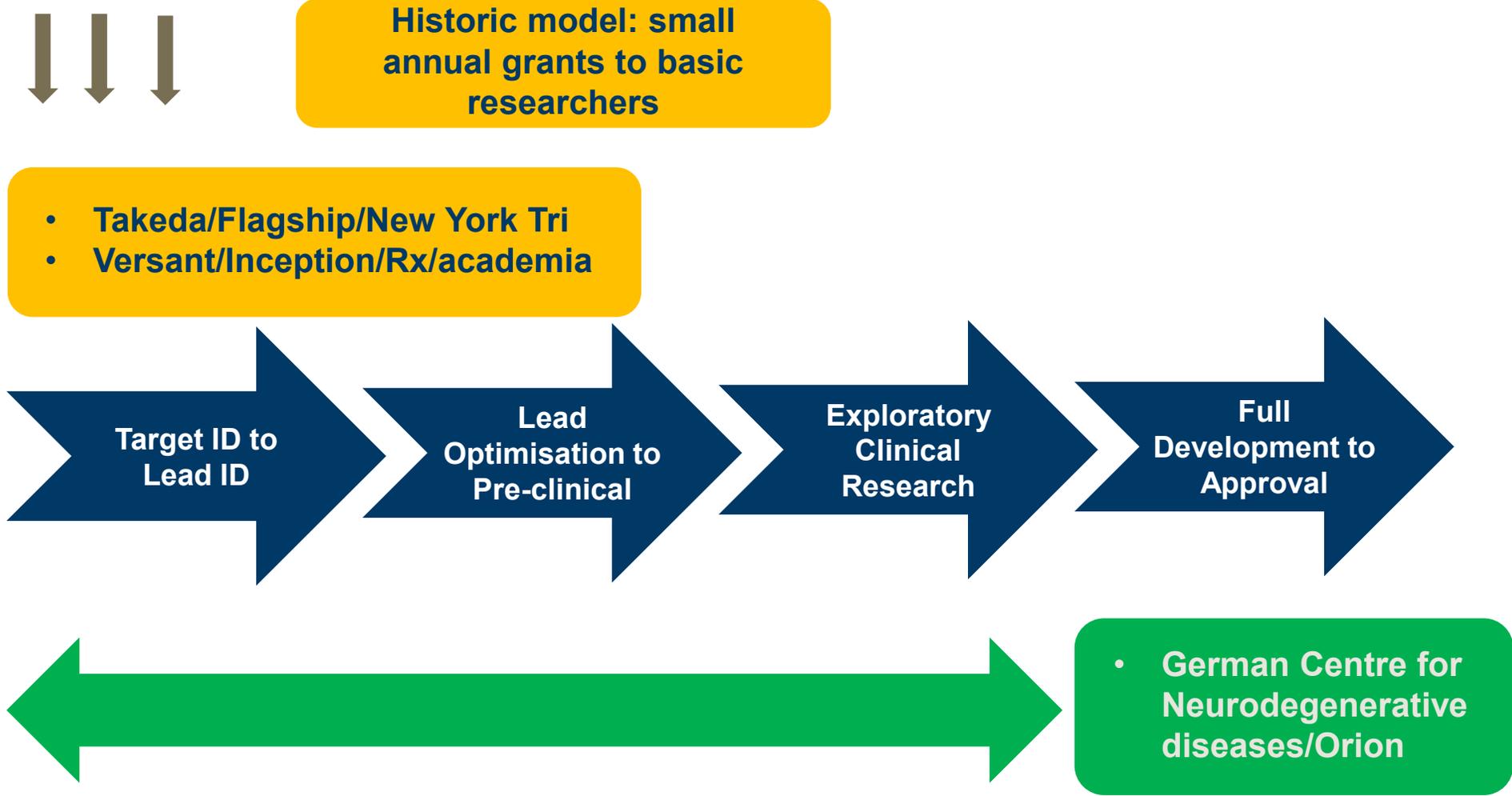
...forming a biomedical innovation cluster will attract third parties and make all participants stronger in global competition (which is the one that really counts)

### Getting on the Map



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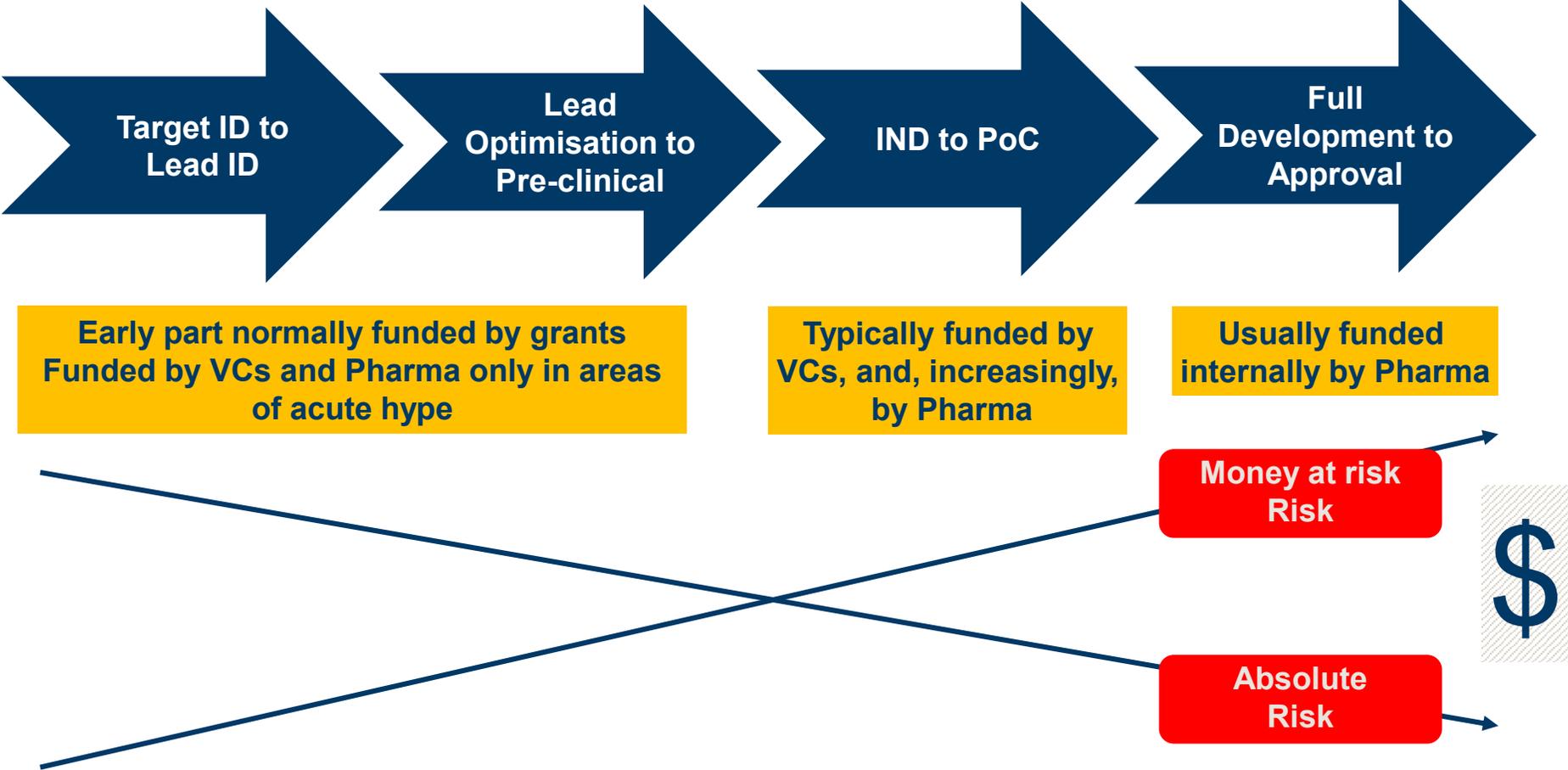
# As biopharma and VCs are chasing good ideas in academia, collaboration models are evolving rapidly into more strategic/long-term set-ups, increasingly reaching into the clinic



Source: Catenion

# Historic funding models have used a high proportion of private „**money at risk**“ to finance biomedical innovation – **this needs to be compensated by high returns and puts sustainability at risk**

## Funding Models



Source: Catenion

If we want lower prices, we need to rely less on private risk money – is Telethon Italia (originators of the SCID therapy) a model for things to come?

## Funding Models

### Fondazione Telethon Italia

#### Scientific Excellence

Telethon scientific publications  
1991-2014:  
10.222 articles  
in peer-reviewed journals  
Impact second only to MRC

#### Charity Funding

€45mn in grant volume pa  
2/3 intra-mural research, 1/3 to single researchers in Italy

#### Professional management

First research lab to receive  
GLP certification for gene and cell therapy toxicity and bio-distribution studies

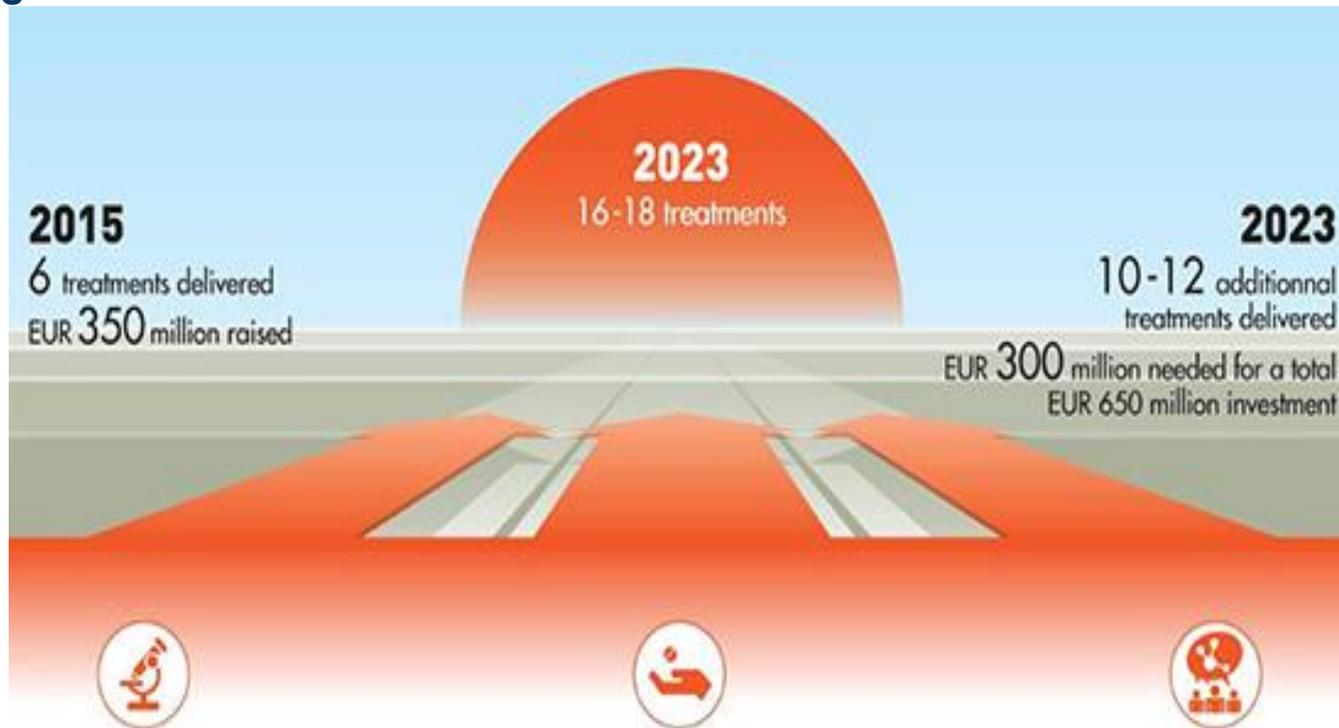
#### Industrial Partnerships

Collaborating with GSK, Biogen, Shire, Biomarin

Source: Telethon Italia

# Another potential model of things to come: DNDi – Drugs for Neglected Disease initiative – why only for neglected diseases?

## Funding Models



- **Not for profit virtual model**
- **Numerous co-operations with biopharma and CROs**
- **Funding from private donors and public agencies**
- **Attrition-adjusted cost of NCE \$110-170mn (estimate)**

Source: DNDi – Drugs for Neglected Disease initiative

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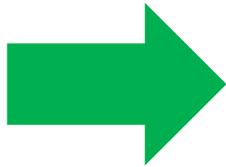
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# In the future, policy-makers will hold the keys to unlocking innovation potential based on translational research at affordable prices

- **Support the creation of clusters to attract scientists and companies from everywhere to drive excellence**

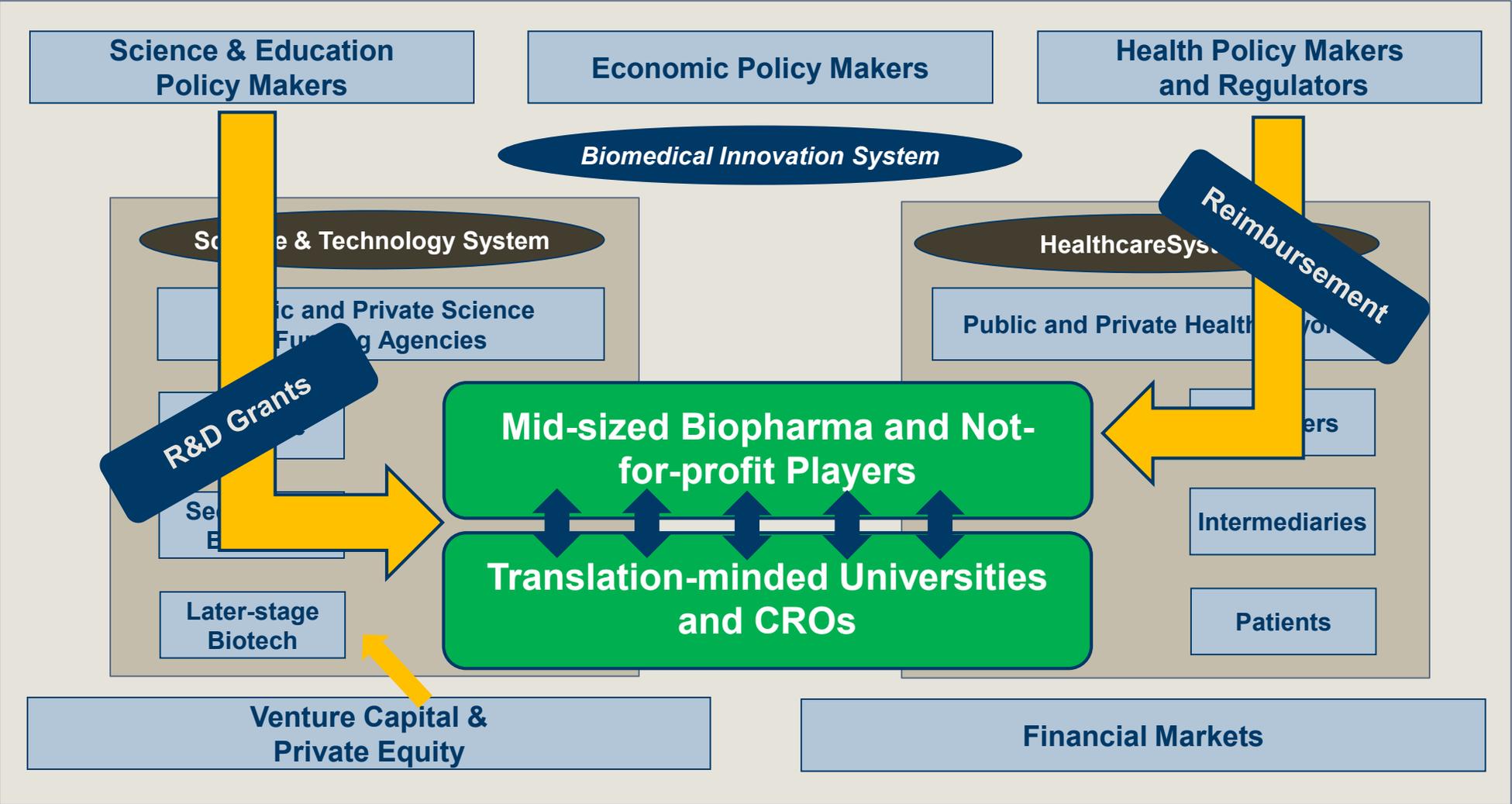
- **Increase the amounts of grant funding for translational projects including in the early clinic**

- **Gradually reduce price levels as more grant-funded drugs come on stream**



- **Move from R&D funding by rewarding past success to funding based on the merits of current projects**

If R&D funding gradually shifts from high reimbursement levels to direct R&D grants, universities, mid-sized biopharma and not-for-profit players stand to play a larger role, especially if integrated into regional innovation clusters



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To finish, three burning questions for you to think about

**Why is Tokyo not one of the leading global hubs for biomedical innovation ?**

**What does it take to get there?**

**Are more Japanese Big Pharmas, VCs and start-ups really the answer?**

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