



Virtual Integrated Design for Real Medicines

In silico Development Technology:

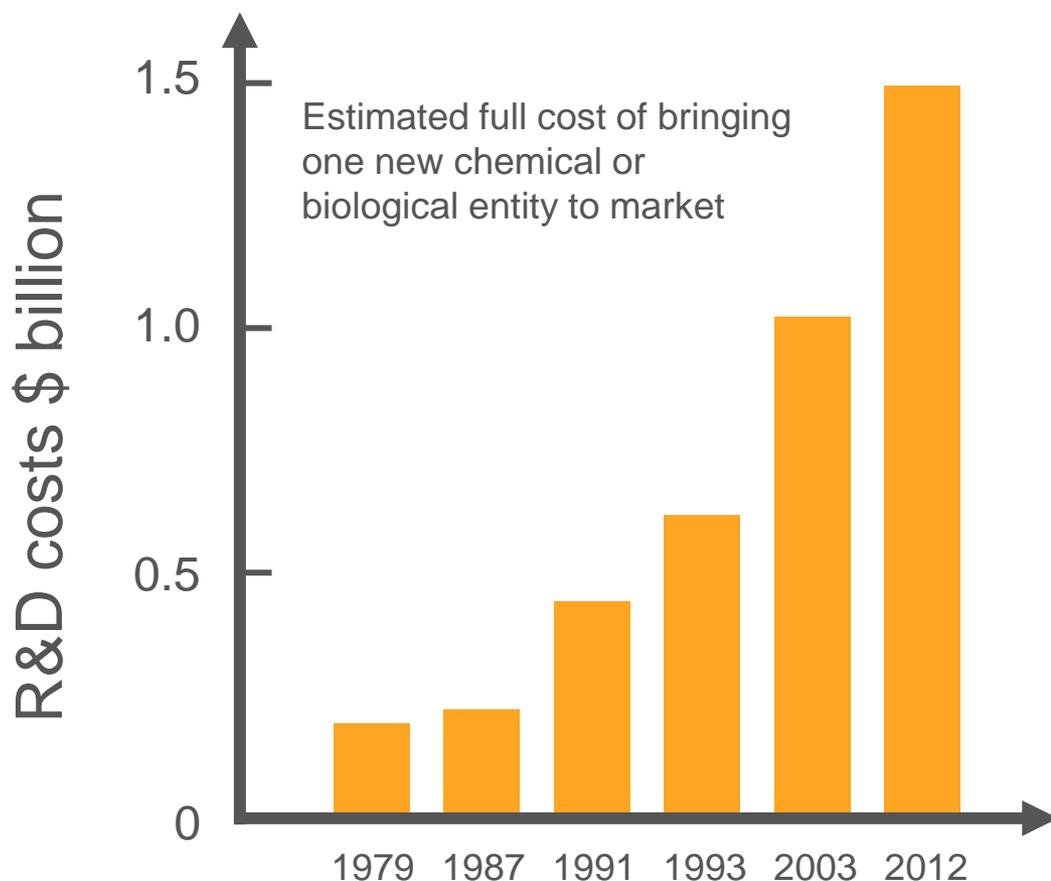
Virtual Design of Tablets (Dec 3, 2014, Loerrach)

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Today's Challenge: Accelerating R&D Costs



Challenge

- Accelerating R&D costs
- Decreasing output

Companies' strategy

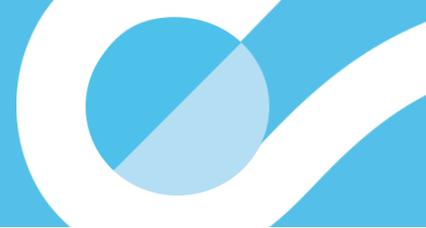
- Cost cutting
- Efficiency increase

AstraZeneca example:

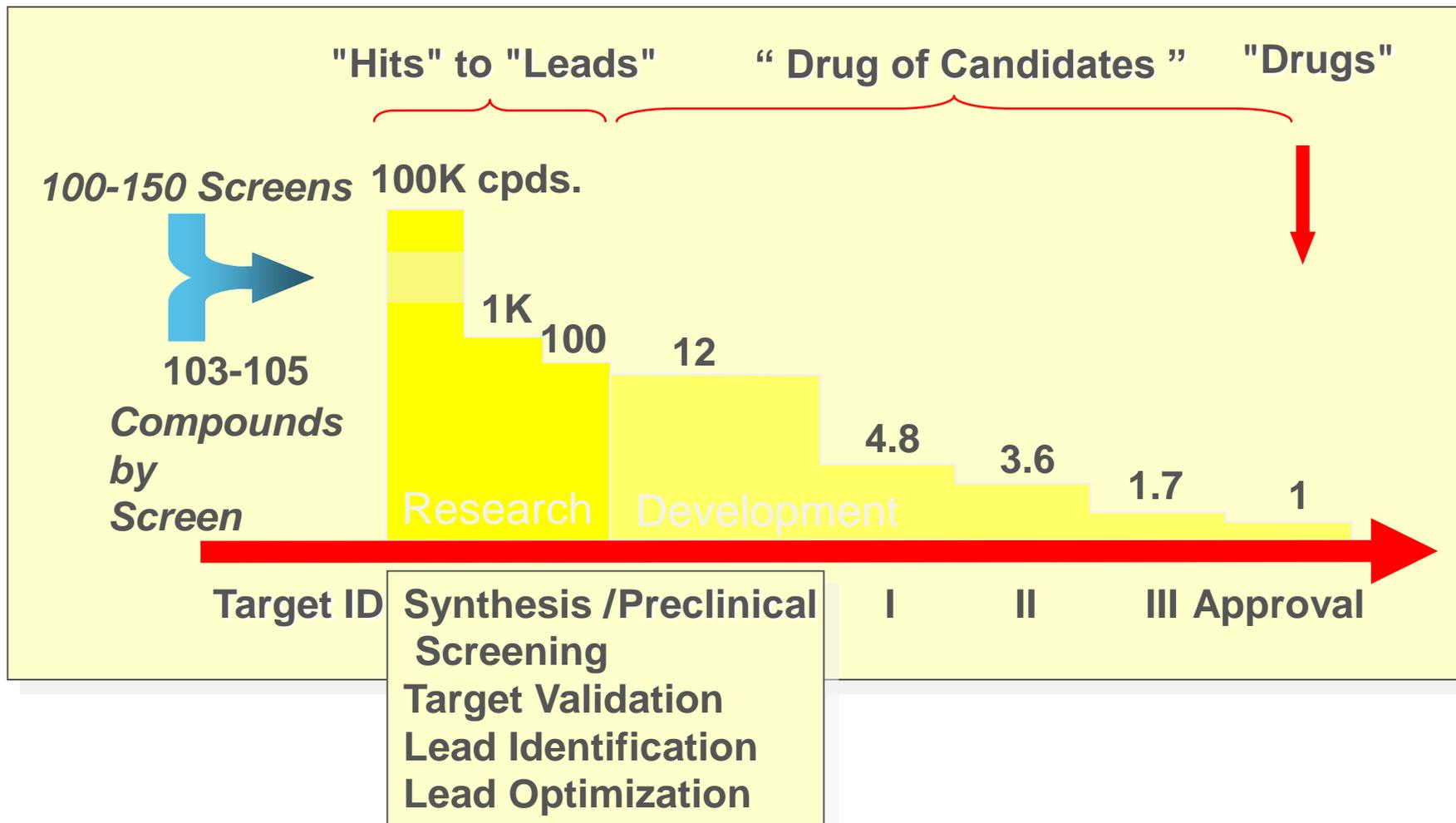
- closing R&D in Macclesfield
- shedding 500 jobs
- moving 1600 jobs to Cambridge
- new global R&D center
- £330m (\$550m) investment

Source: http://www.efpia.eu/uploads/Figures_Key_Data_2013.pdf

Source of Costs: Attrition rate

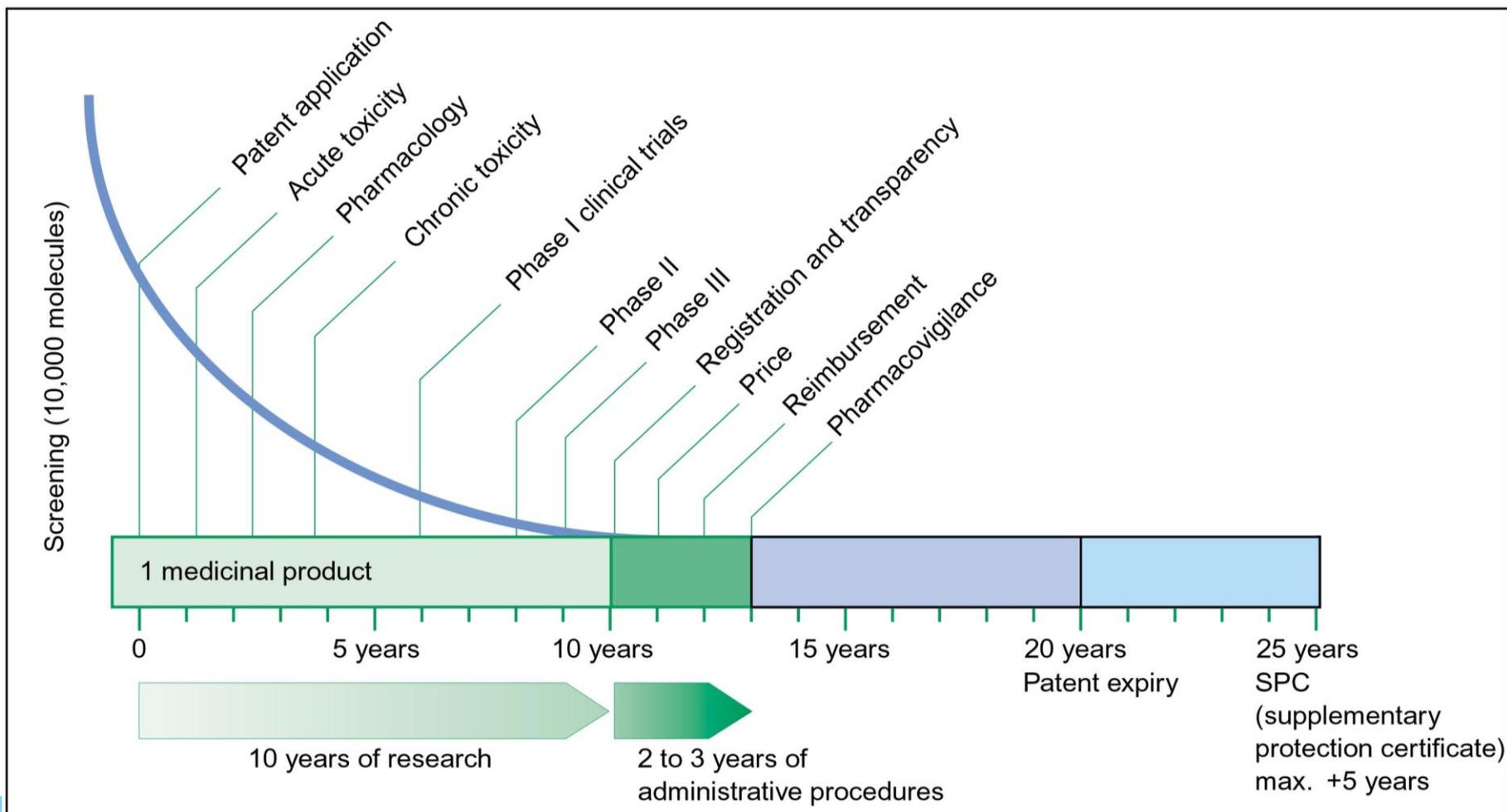


Attrition rate during the development of a medicinal product (Originator)



Development & Lifetime

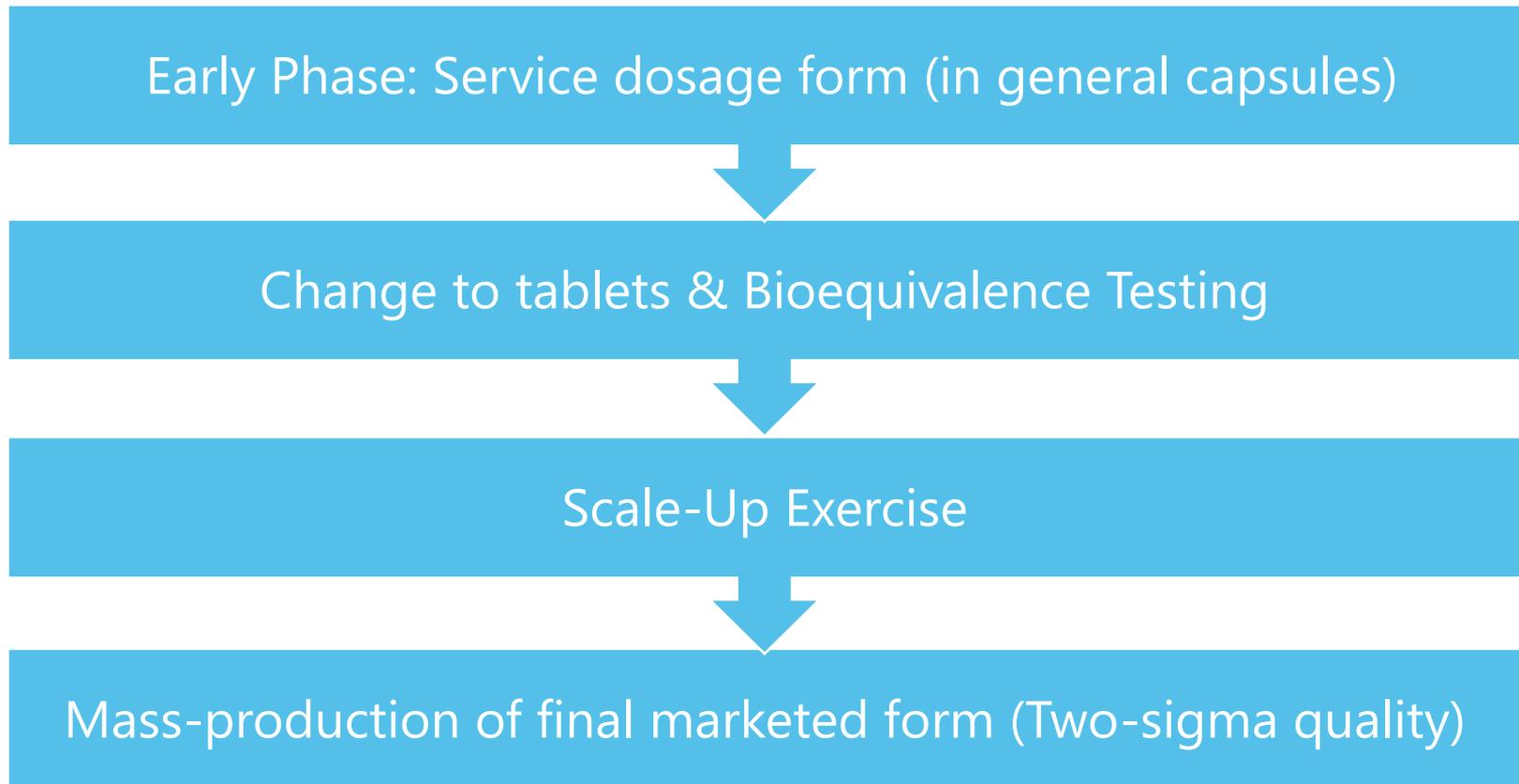
Development and lifetime of a medicinal product (Originator)



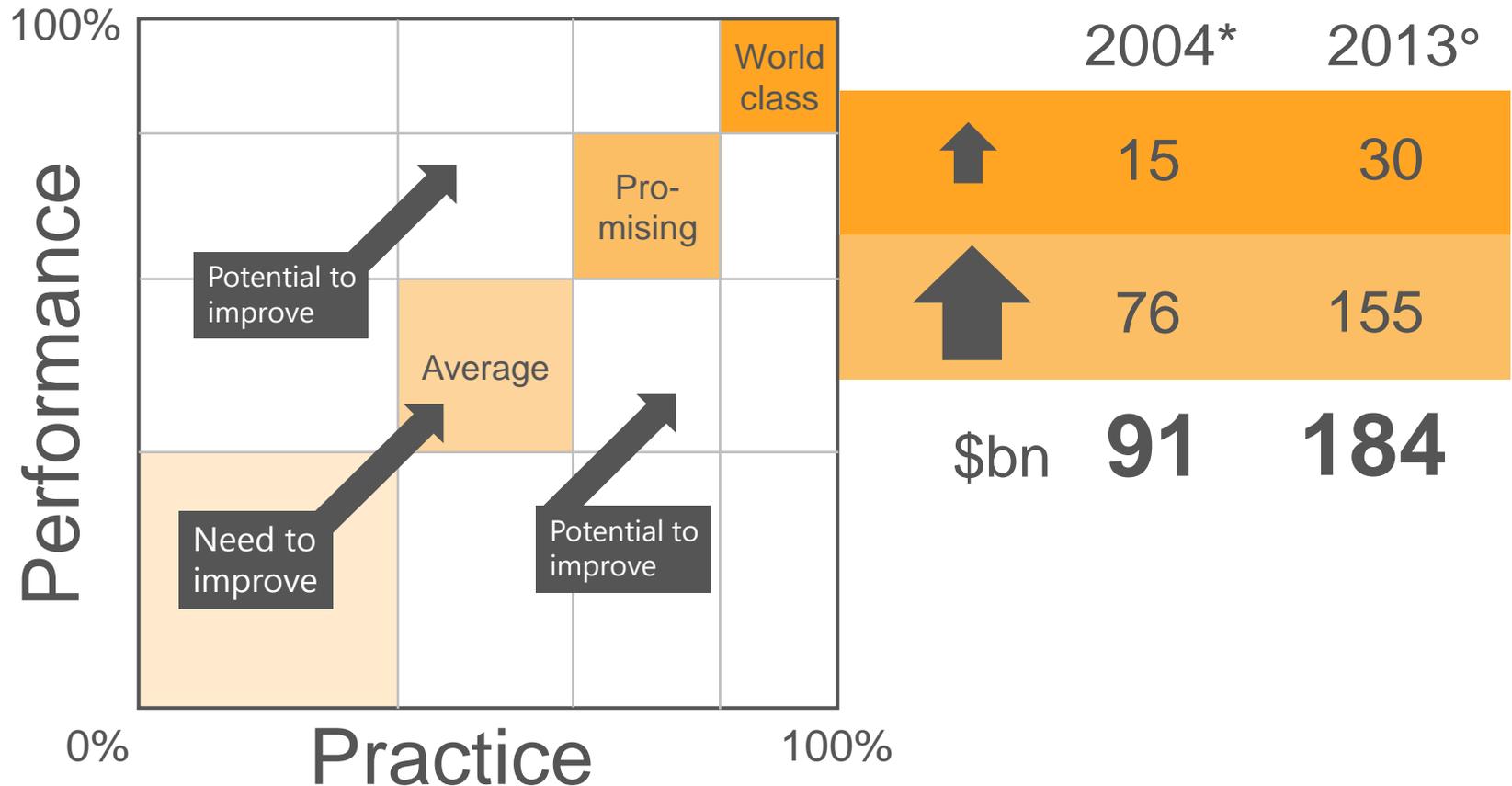
What is “Right, First Time” ?



Conventional Workflow: Early development (Clinical Phase I) with a service dosage form, i.e. a „simple“ capsule formulation (Two-Sigma).



Tomorrow's Chance: Improvement Potential of low quality formulations (2-Sigma)



* Source: Roger S. Benson, Jim D.J. McCabe. From Good Manufacturing Practice to Good Manufacturing Performance. Pharmaceutical Engineering July/August 2004, Volume 24, Number 4

° Estimate according to the market development (IMS)

“Right, First Time”: Six -Sigma



Right First Time Workflow: Start with final marketed tablet formulation already at Clinical Phase I (!!!)

Market ready tablet dosage form (instead of service form)



Small-scale Production

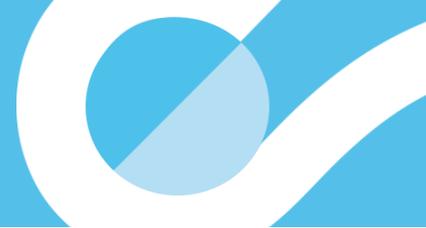


Scale-Up Exercise (computer-assisted)

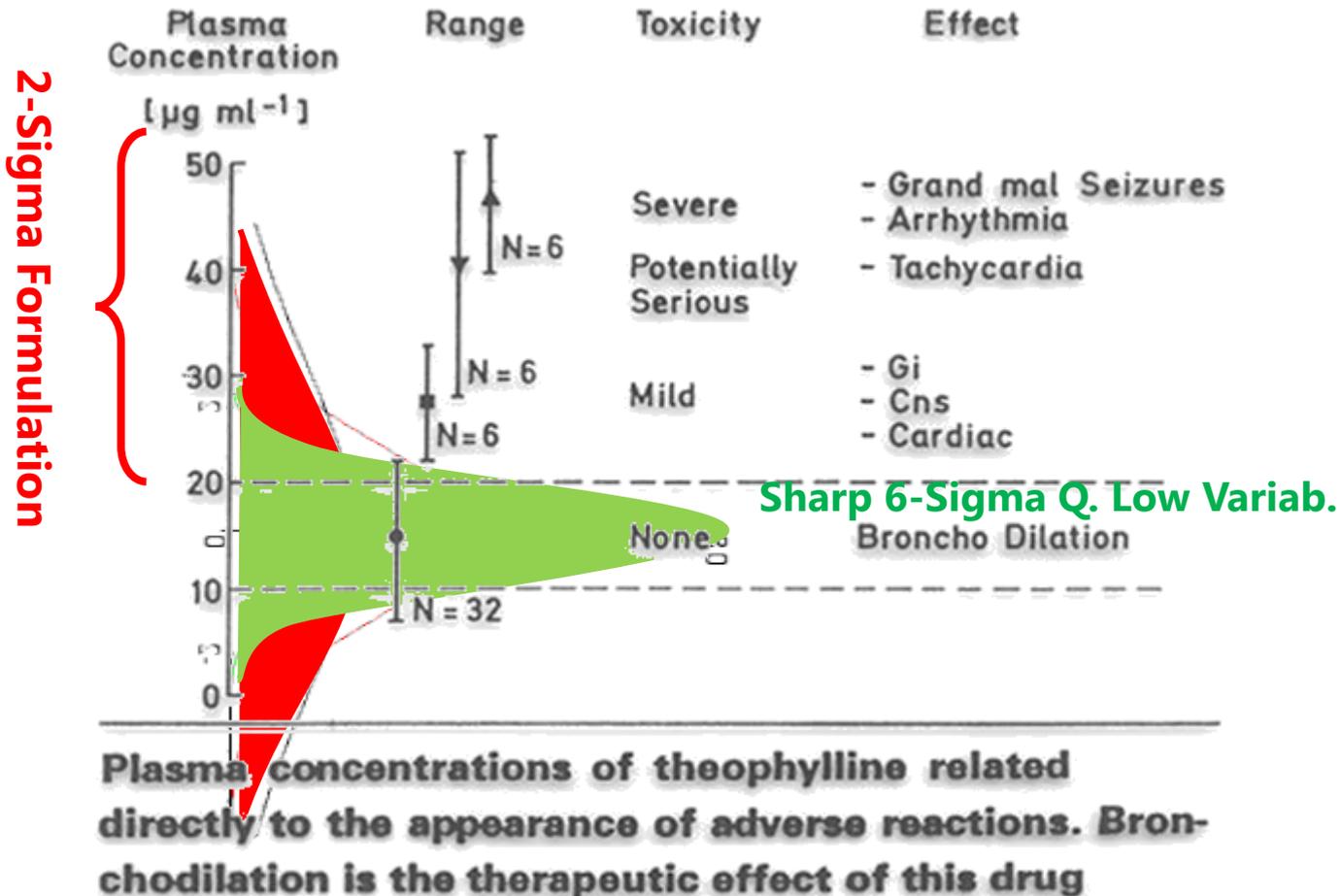


Mass-production of final marketed form (six-sigma quality)

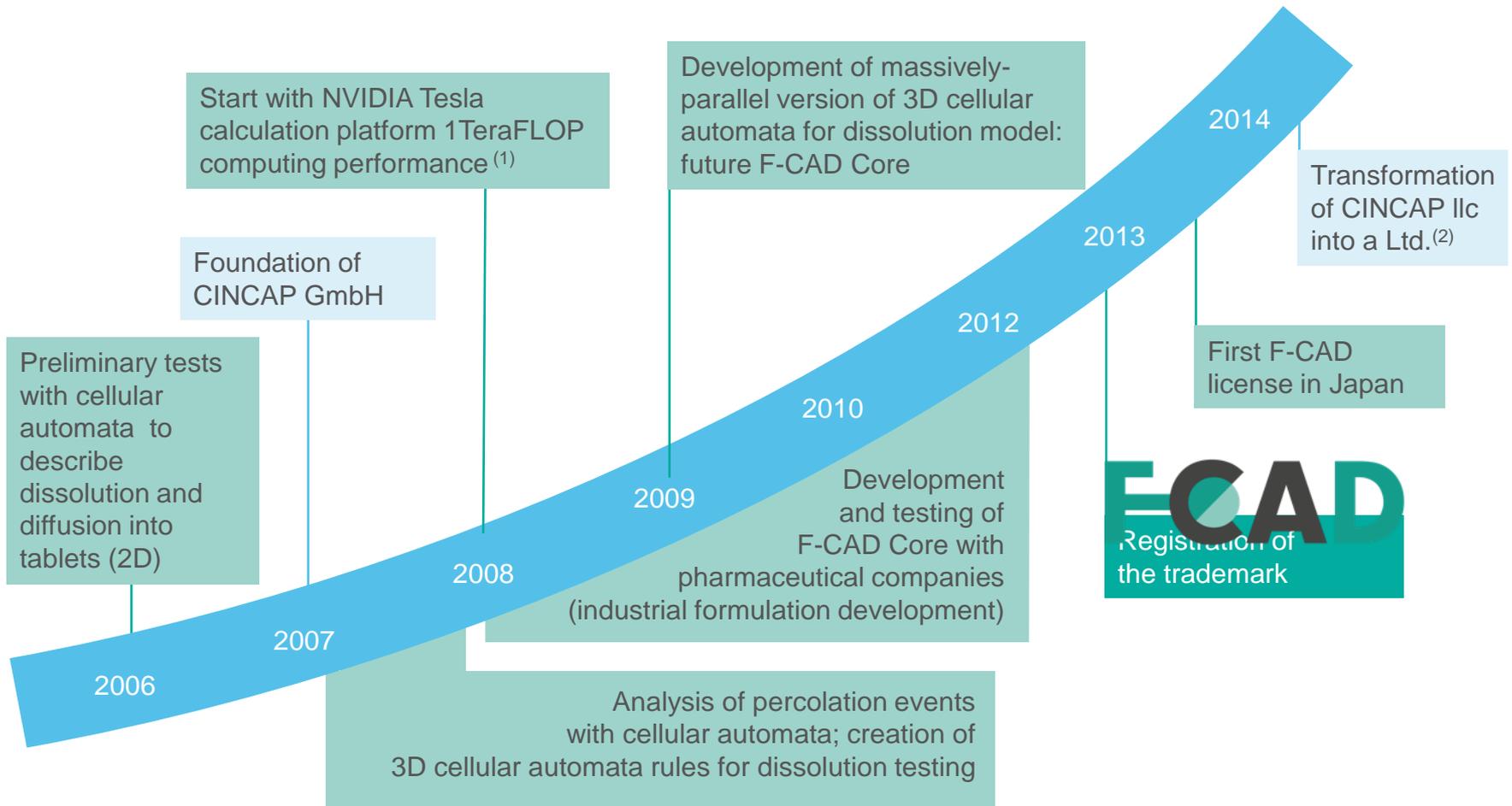
Benefit of 6- σ Formulation



INNOVATION OF CINCAP: Top Quality Formulation (6-Sigma) already for Clinical Phase I to prevent false decisions during screening:



CINCAP Development

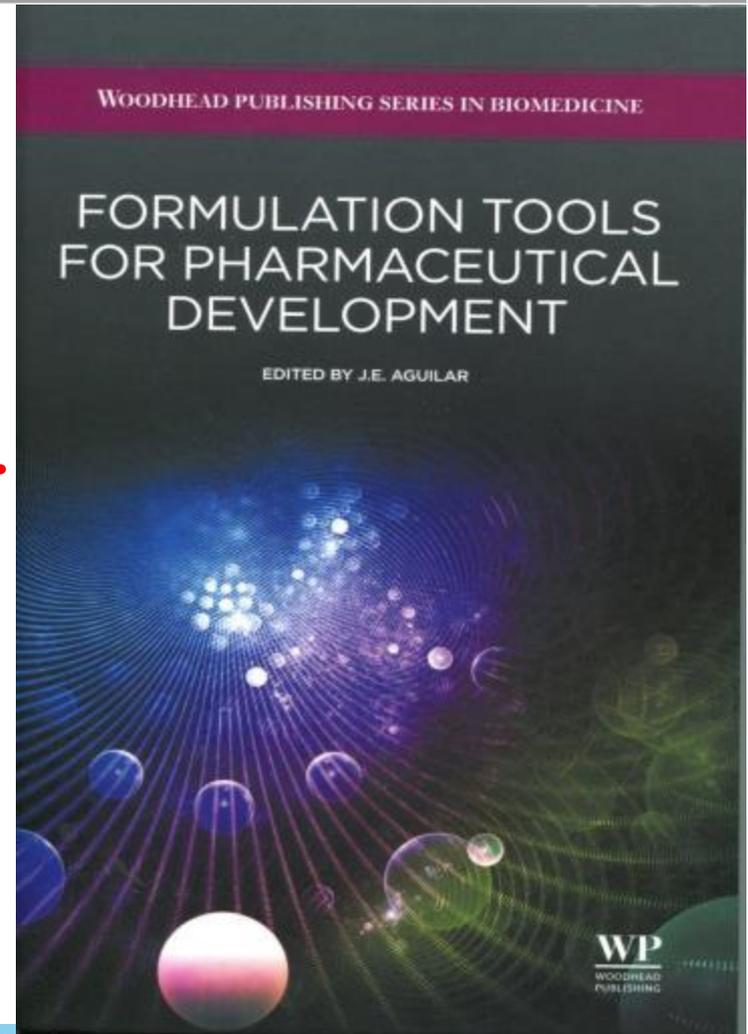


Remarks: (1) At this time the computing platform with the highest processing capacity in Switzerland; (2) Ongoing

**Eine "Extrapolation"
der Biopharmazie im Hinblick
auf die Pharmatechnologie
führt zum Schwerpunkt**

**Computational (Bio)Pharmacy incl.
Computational Pharmatechnology**

**i.e. Formulation Tools such as
"Expert" Systems, in silico design**



Performance benchmarking of CA-based models and standard modeling methods

	CA-based models	DEM/FEM
Dissolution Simulation	yes	Yes
Swelling/diffusion	yes	Limited
Effect of granulation/milling	yes	Yes
Compaction Simulation	yes	limited
Memory usage	Extremely low	High
Particles per simulation	up to 1 000 000 000	Ca. 1 000 000 max.
Calculation speed	Up to 250x faster than real experiment	Extremely slow (days for simulation)
Hardware costs	Moderate/Low	Extremely high
Usage complexity	Simple and straight forward	Special training is essential

The Quality Benefit



Conventional Production Process

FCAD

Sensitivity of formulation

Experience-based

A time-consuming and expensive collection of a huge number of laboratory tests

Calculated

by integrated tests during the Virtual Integrated Design

PAT* Production Process

Risk

Any deviation along the PAT registered production process may cause a loss of batch

Flexibility

Process variability insignificant for the quality of the final product is defined and registered

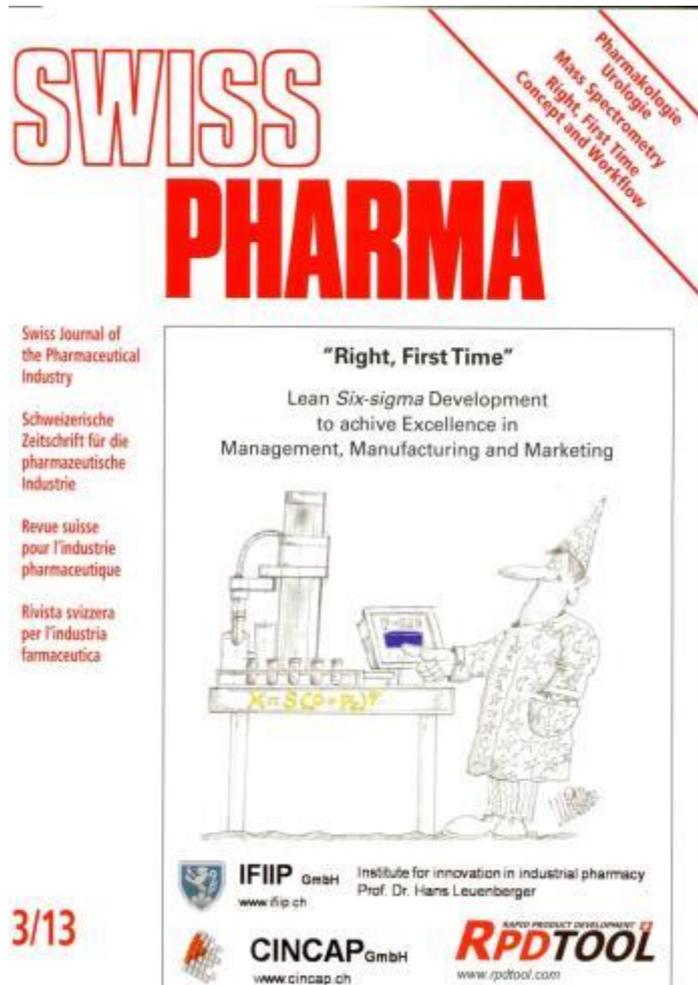
Quality

2σ

6σ

* Batch master file ("in-process control information")

Right, First Time



Publication

"Right, First Time"
Concept & Workflow
in **SWISS PHARMA 3/13**

⇒ **See**

www.ifiip.ch/downloads

Personal Message from Janet Woodcock concerning the article “Right, First Time” in SWISS PHARMA 3/13

“Thank you very much for sending me your provocative article on right first time. It is very timely and I certainly hope we will see widespread adoption in industry. I’m not sure many in industrial pharmacy are aware how predictive in silico approaches have become. FDA is certainly supportive

→ Email to Prof. Hans Leuenberger on May 8, 2013 ←

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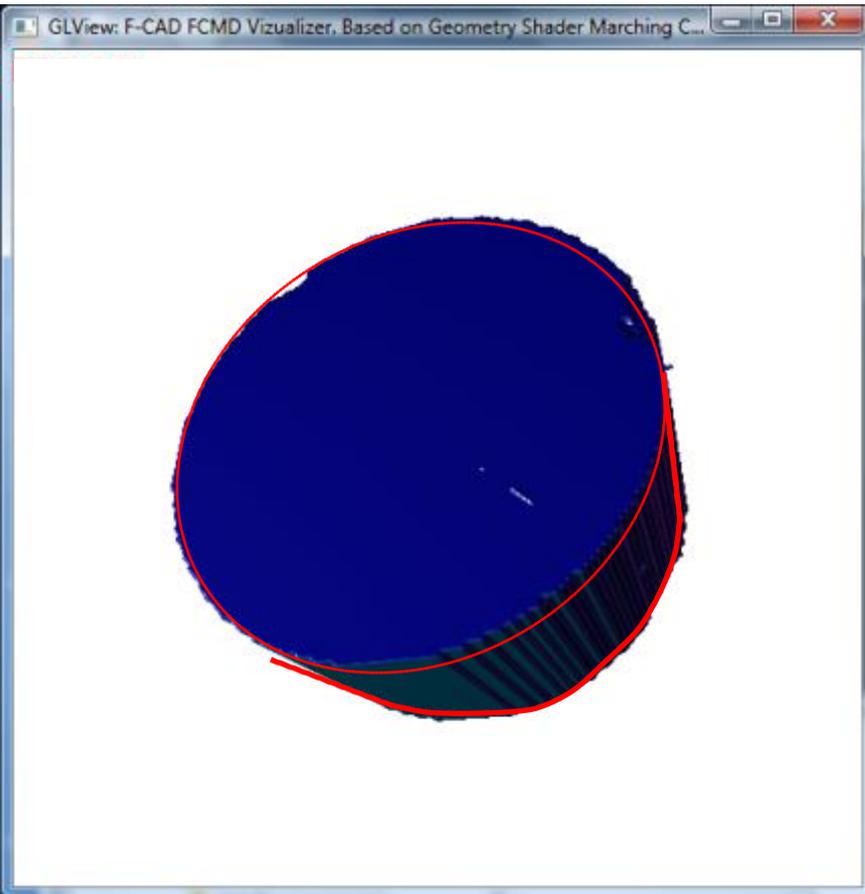
Virtual Integrated Design: from Lab to CAD



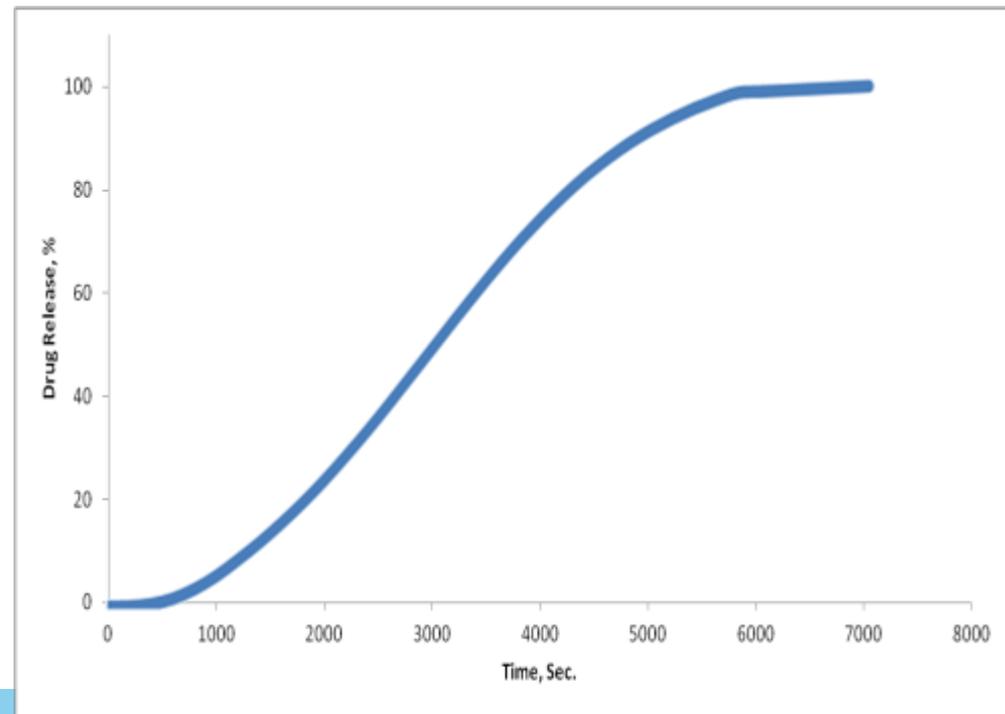
In-silico test of the dissolution profile



In-silico design of n formulations, i.e. design space exploration according to ICH Q 8 (R2)



● Calculation of dissolution profile



Benefits: Time + Quality + Security etc



1. Time: shortening time to market

- Faster time to develop final solid formulation
- Reduction of the number of lab tests
- Clinical testing with the marketable formulation
- Tablet design redundant after clinical trials phase 2c
- Bioequivalence test redundant after clinical trials phase 2

2. Security: enhancement

- Calculated risk of process deviation
- Final formulation during all 3 clinical trials phases

3. Reverse Engineering: possible for known excipients

4. Quality: improvement

- Sensitivity of formulation (ICH Q8/R2)
- Computable consequences of production deviations
- Storable and retrievable expert knowledge

Services, which can be offered by CINCAP



For Originator Companies

- Full license for F-CAD platform for a “Right, First Time” R&D and support
- Market ready tablet formulations already for Clinical Phase I
- Support to realize workflow “Right, First Time”
- In-silico scale-up support, manufacturing “Right, First Time”
- Support to facilitate and speed-up registration process
- Full support for Life Cycle Management and Formulation Patent Extension

For Generic Companies

- Fast copy of originator formulation by reverse engineering
- Sensitivity analysis of robustness of originator formulation according to ICH Q8 (R2)
- Support to improve robustness and bioequivalence testing with originator formulation
- No difference in development time for a fast or slow release tablet formulations!
- F-CAD enables to create **combination medicines** from the original drugs.

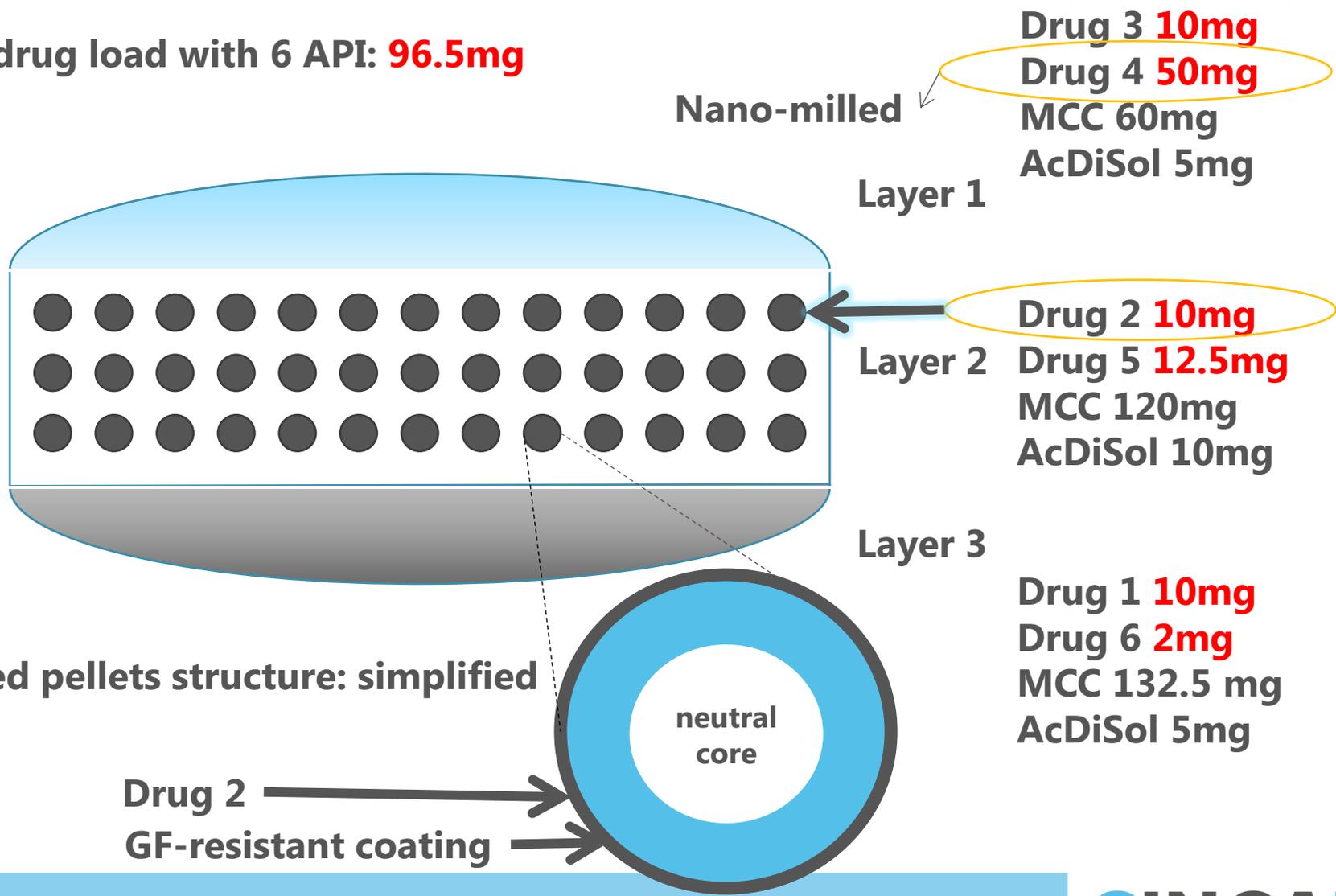
For Start-up drug substance & Virtual Pharma Companies

- Contract R+D & Manufacturing of Clinical Samples (according to ICH Q8)
- Support for formulation **patents** (tested in-silico)
- F-CAD enables to optimize **portfolio**.

Example of Combi-Dosage Form



Total drug load with 6 API: **96.5mg**



Layered pellets structure: simplified

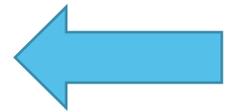
Drug 2
GF-resistant coating

Personal Message from Janet Woodcock

"Wow, very interesting. Getting to single tablets for the elderly (and others) will require this sort of dosage/manufacturing flexibility. Hope you get uptake!!jw"



Email to Prof. Hans Leuenberger on June 26, 2014



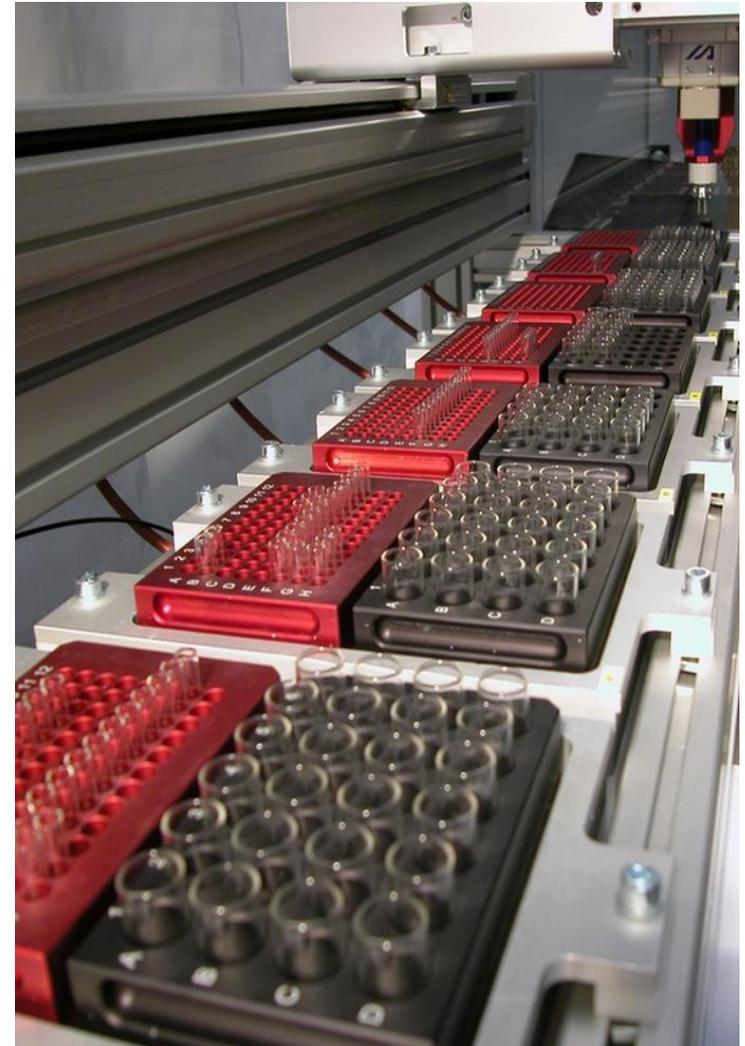
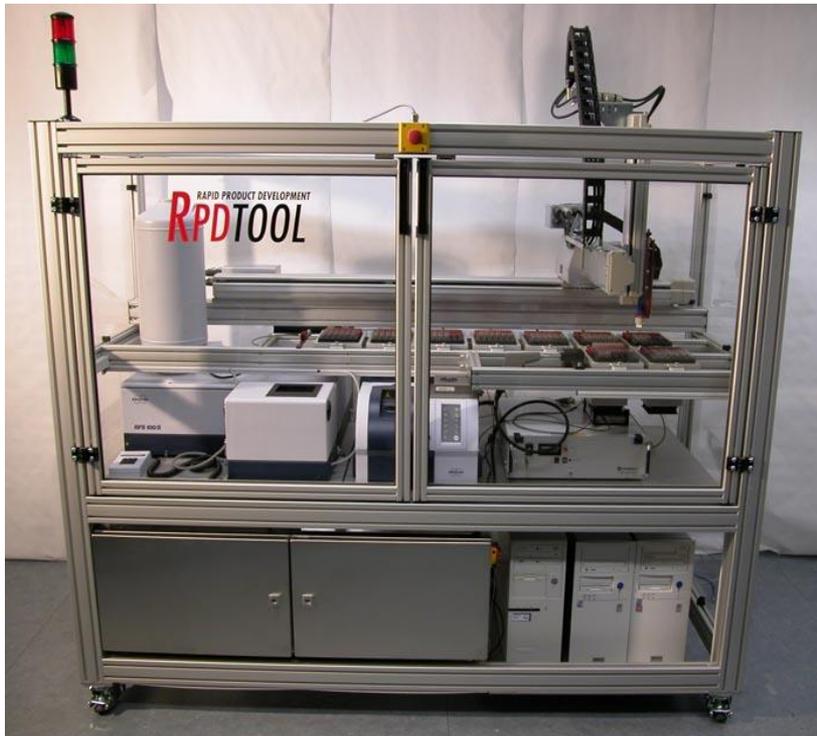
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Automated Stability/Compatibility testing e.g. for Combi-dosage forms

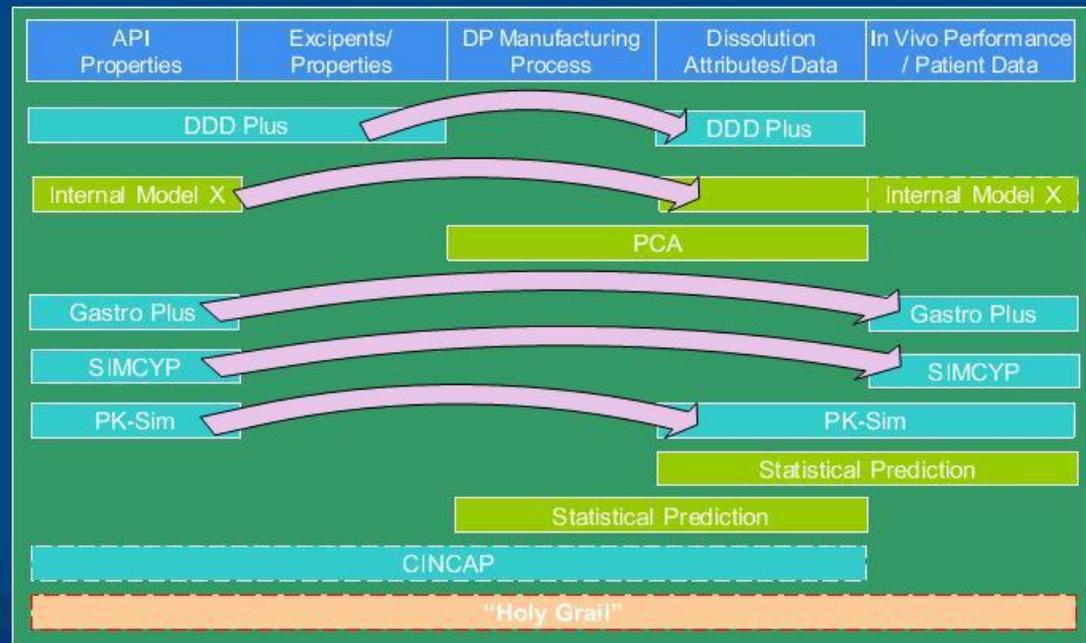


RPD Tool Technologies GmbH, MuttENZ



In Silico Performance Modelling

- Many companies have invested in software packages to enable in vivo in silico modelling
- We need improved In vivo mathematical models for complete assessment
- When realised will have huge impact on how we develop Drugs



F-CAD of CINCAP: (2nd from Bottom) Covers Already A major Part of the Holy Grail (bottom) Slide Sally Greb Pfizer ([http://pasg.org.uk/..](http://pasg.org.uk/))

Our Aspiration



Wyss Multiscale Modeling Center for Sustainability and Security, Basel

Outlook by Extrapolation from the past*):

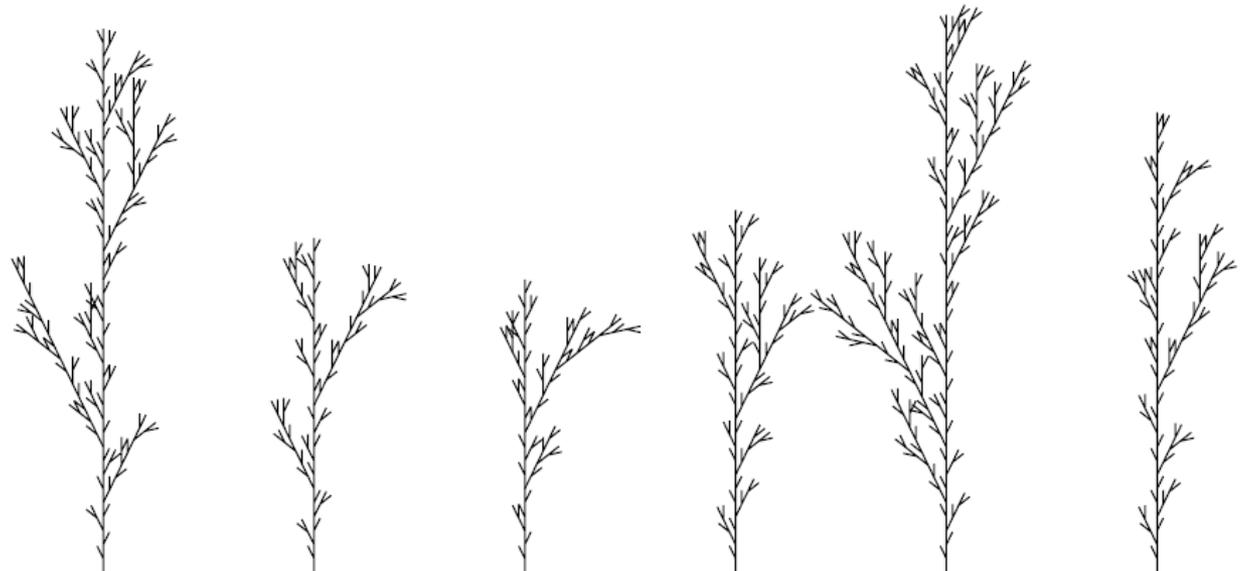
- The centuries of chemistry, physics and biology **followed by**
- The century of nanoscience and nanotechnology
=> Convergence of Chemistry, Physics and Biology! **Followed by:**
- The century of in-silico models of complex systems
=> **Convergence of all sciences and scales**, i.e. natural, medical & humanities!

=> **Ignition and Implementation of this new Megatrend by the Basel Wyss Institute!**

*) **The Rise and Fall of Megatrends in Science**, Margit Leuthold, Hans Leuenberger, Ewald R. Weibel, Schwabe Verlag Basel, 2002

An [L-system or Lindenmayer system](#), after Aristid Lindenmayer (1925–1989), is a formal grammar (a set of rules and symbols) most famously used to model the growth processes of plant development, though able to model the morphology of a variety of organisms. Przemyslaw Prusinkiewicz & Aristid Lindenmayer, "The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants," Springer

1996. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/L-System>



To the right: A model of a member of the **mint** family that exhibits a basipetal flowering sequence.



Cauliflower
(approximate
self-similarity)

<jupiterimages.com>

<http://algorithmicbotany.org/papers>

