# Case Studies in Funded External Collaborations

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#### Outline

- Pfizer pre-competitive landscape
- The collaborative journey
  - Alignment, idea generation, partnerships, funding, execution
- A few examples of our journeys for laboratory and synthetic enabling technologies
- Some things we learnt along the way
- Thoughts on the future

#### Headline

- Pfizer Pharmaceutical Sciences wholeheartedly support pre-competitive collaborations that are aligned with our technology strategy
  - Aim to develop better solutions, faster, at lower cost, with less internal resource and with reduced risk

# Partnership





"Bristol-Myers Squibb and Pfizer Announce U.S. FDA Approval of ELIQUIS® (apixaban)"

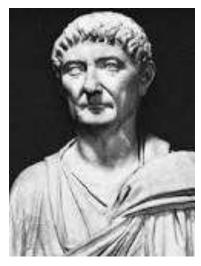


"Rival giants team on diabetes as Merck partners with Pfizer on SGLT2 combo"

"In the long history of humankind, those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."

-Charles Darwin

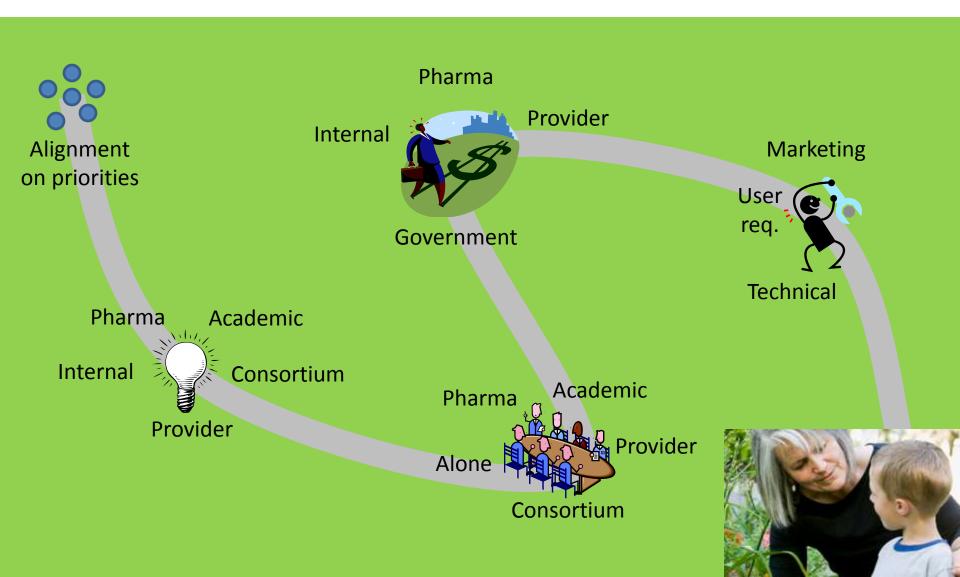
#### Trust and Anti-Trust



Diocletian, 301 AD

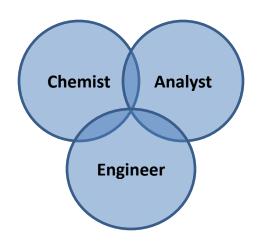


# The Collaborative Journey



## Alignment













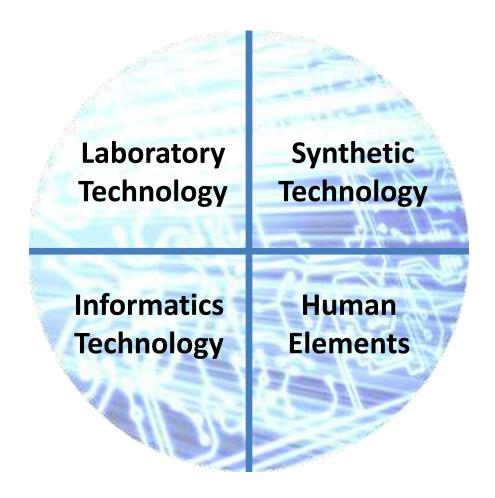








## Alignment on Technology Strategy





# **Laboratory Technology**









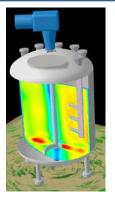


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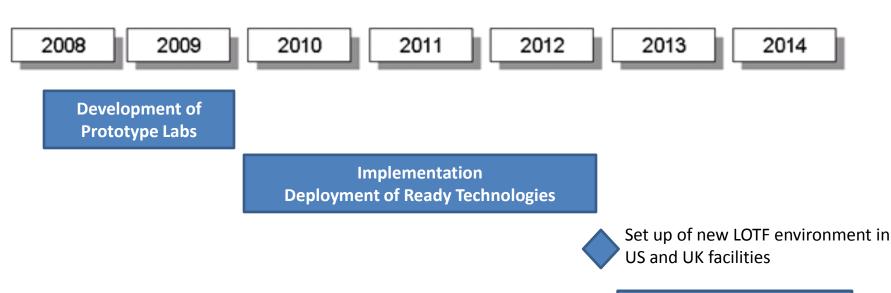








#### Lab of the Future Investment



•Multi-million dollar investment over 5 year period



Optimization and Sustainability of LOTF

Continued Evolution of Technologies

Development of LotF
Culture



## Automated Parallel Lab Reactor Example





Argonaut AS 3400

**Control** experimental parameters

Mimic scale up

Minimize extraneous variables

Collect more data, e.g. calorimetry:

"Rate meter"

Safety data during route development

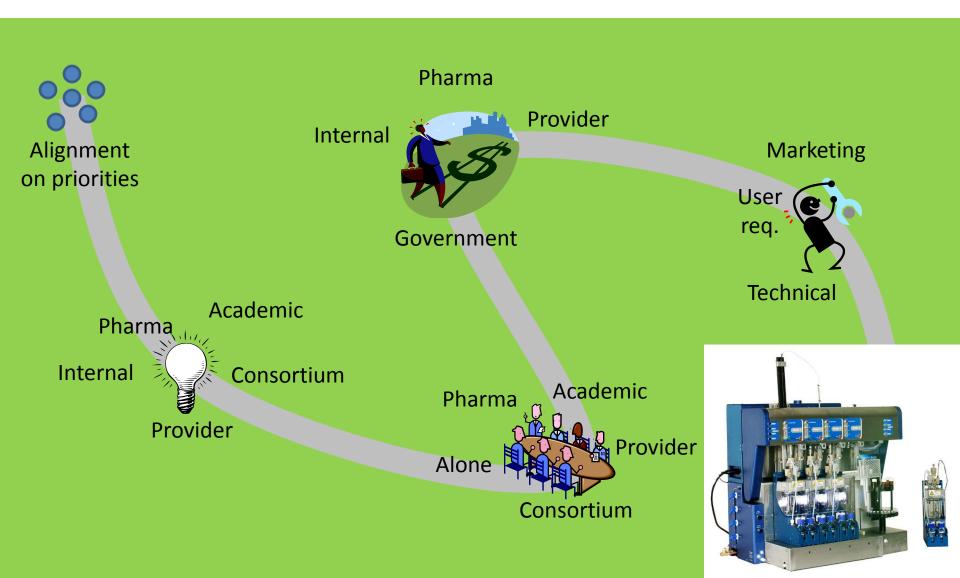
Shared back plane for **parallel** reactions

a series for optimization

or totally independent

Greater Quantity and Quality of Data

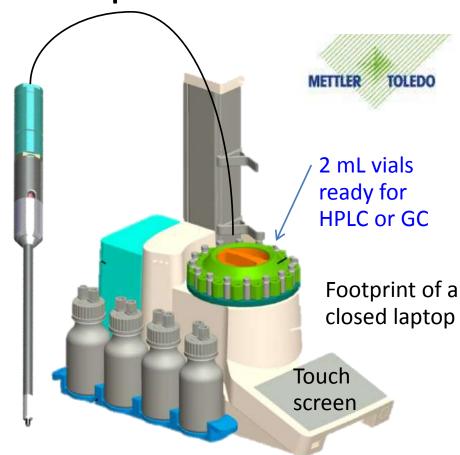
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## **Automated Sampling Example**

#### Goal to sample:

- Without air exposure
- From hot tanks without the need to cool first
- From cold systems with immediate quenching at the reaction temperature with proton or other electrophiles
- From slurries where the solids are sampled representatively
- With continuity of analytical method from lab to scale up
- Utilize the high dynamic range of HPLC to profile the main transformation and impurities



Probe 9.5 mm OD Interface box for quench, dilution, and preparation of the vial for HPLC



# The Collaborative Journey



## **Continued Evolution**



#### **Technology Areas of Focus**

**Automated Parallel High Throughput Screening** 

Automated (parallel) lab reactors

Faster broader analytics - UPLC MS

In situ Monitoring and Characterization (Raman, FTIR and FBRM)

PAT Data Management

**Computational Chemistry Algorithms** 

**Predictive Tools for Chemical Properties** 

In-silico tools for Process Modeling (CFD, mixing, kinetics)

**Crystallization Screening Technologies** 





#### Focus Areas

- Replacement of Endangered/Precious Metal Catalysts
- Catalytic Methods for Preparation of Chiral Amines
- Methods for "Direct" Amide or Peptide Formation
- "Direct" Substitution of Alcohols
- C-O and C-N Redox Interconversions

## Gaining Knowledge



Horizon 1	Horizon 2	Horizon 3	
Direct Portfolio Impact	Targeted innovation for immediate portfolio	Broader funding of longer term innovations	
<ul> <li>Create internal technology champions</li> <li>Establish best practices</li> <li>Test against portfolio</li> <li>Identify gaps</li> <li>Opportunistically innovate new technology</li> <li>Influence external environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Technology workflows in place (≥ 50% portfolio impact)</li> <li>transferred to Pharma partners</li> <li>Innovate solutions to targeted technology gaps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Widespread value appreciation (private/public)</li> <li>Broad uptake in academia and pharma</li> </ul>	
	Focused Pharma \$ investment	Selected Pharma \$ investment	
No external \$ investment  Private Sector Pharma  Consortium	Private Sector Pharma Consortium  Private – Academic Alliances	Private Sector Pharma Consortium  Selective Private — Academic Alliances  Government Funded Research Institute and GOALI grants	

### **Non Precious Metal Catalysis**

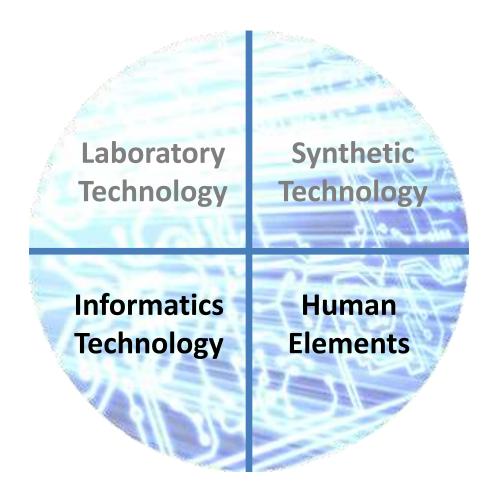




Academic Partners



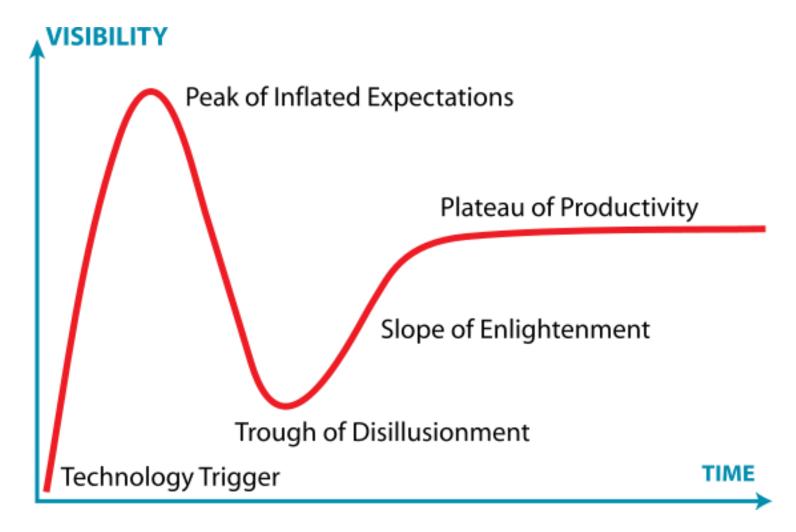
	Cost		Toxicity	Sustainability	
Metal	Cost (\$/oz) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Production (tonnes)	Oral Exposure limits (ppm)	Natural Abundance (ppm)	Supply Risk Index
Pd	607	24	10	0.015	8.5
Ni	0.52	1,350,000	25	90	4.0
Cu	0.23	15,000,000	250	68	4.5
Fe	0.006	1,200,00,00	1300	56,300	3.5



## Some Key Learning

- We should have gotten to this point through innovation rather than economic drivers
- Pet projects don't usually end well- align
- Appreciate the science outside your walls
- Work with others to disseminate an improved common platform/solution across the industry
  - Share cost, risk, ideas and enjoy the sustainability
- Find the right partners with complimentary skills and knowledge
  - Similar mindsets but different perspectives
- Pre-competitive collaboration is a bedrock of future technology strategy

#### Where are We?











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