



The Pistoia Alliance

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A Construct for Pre-competitive Collaborations

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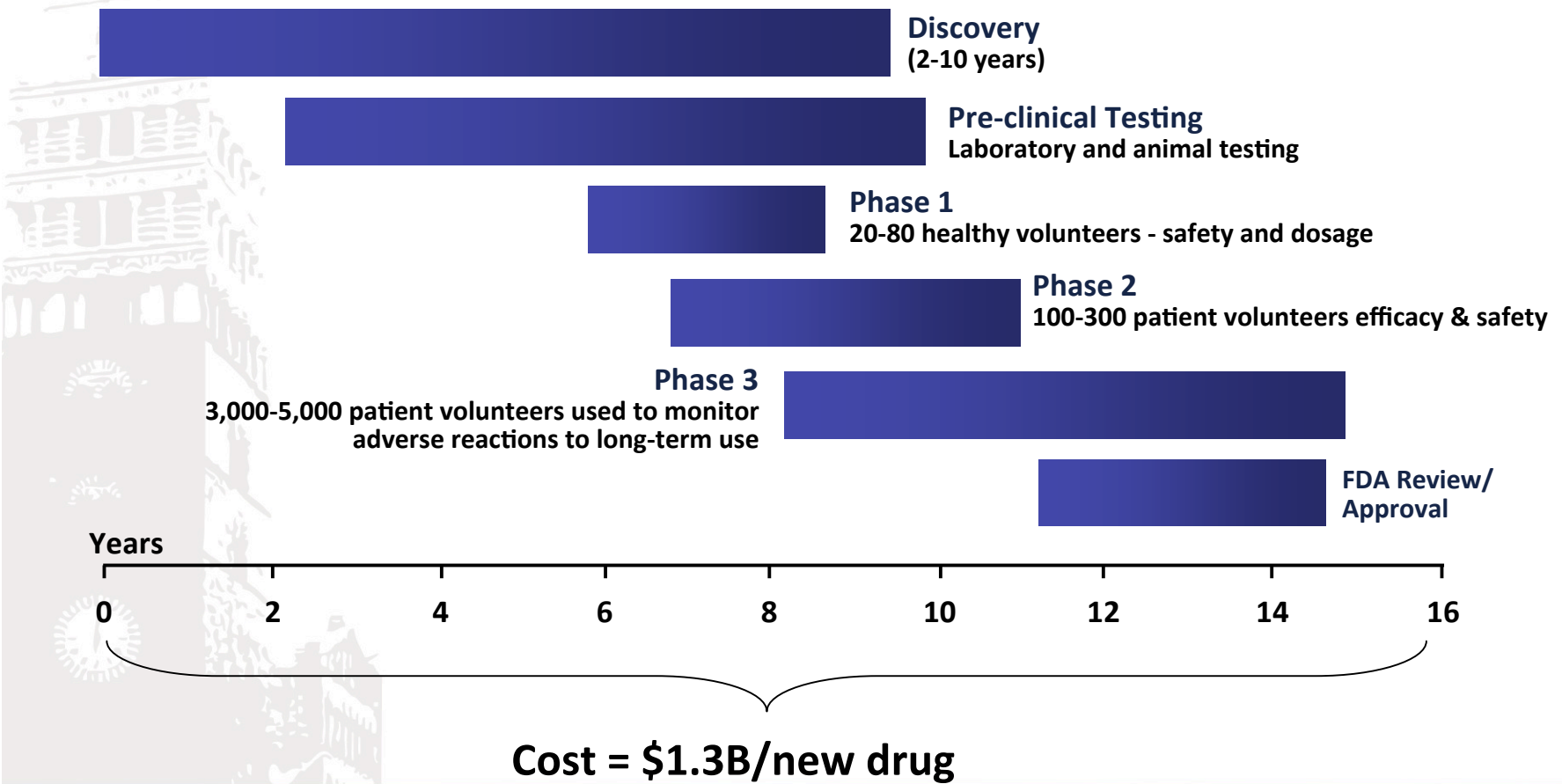
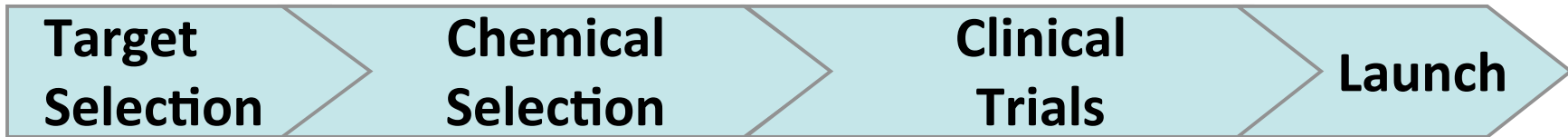


Agenda



- Introduction
- Origins of Pistoia
 - History
 - Industry Drivers
 - Technology Trends
- Scope and Operations of Pistoia
 - Mission, Membership, Governance
 - Projects and Deliverables
- Discussion

R&D: Long, Expensive, and Risky

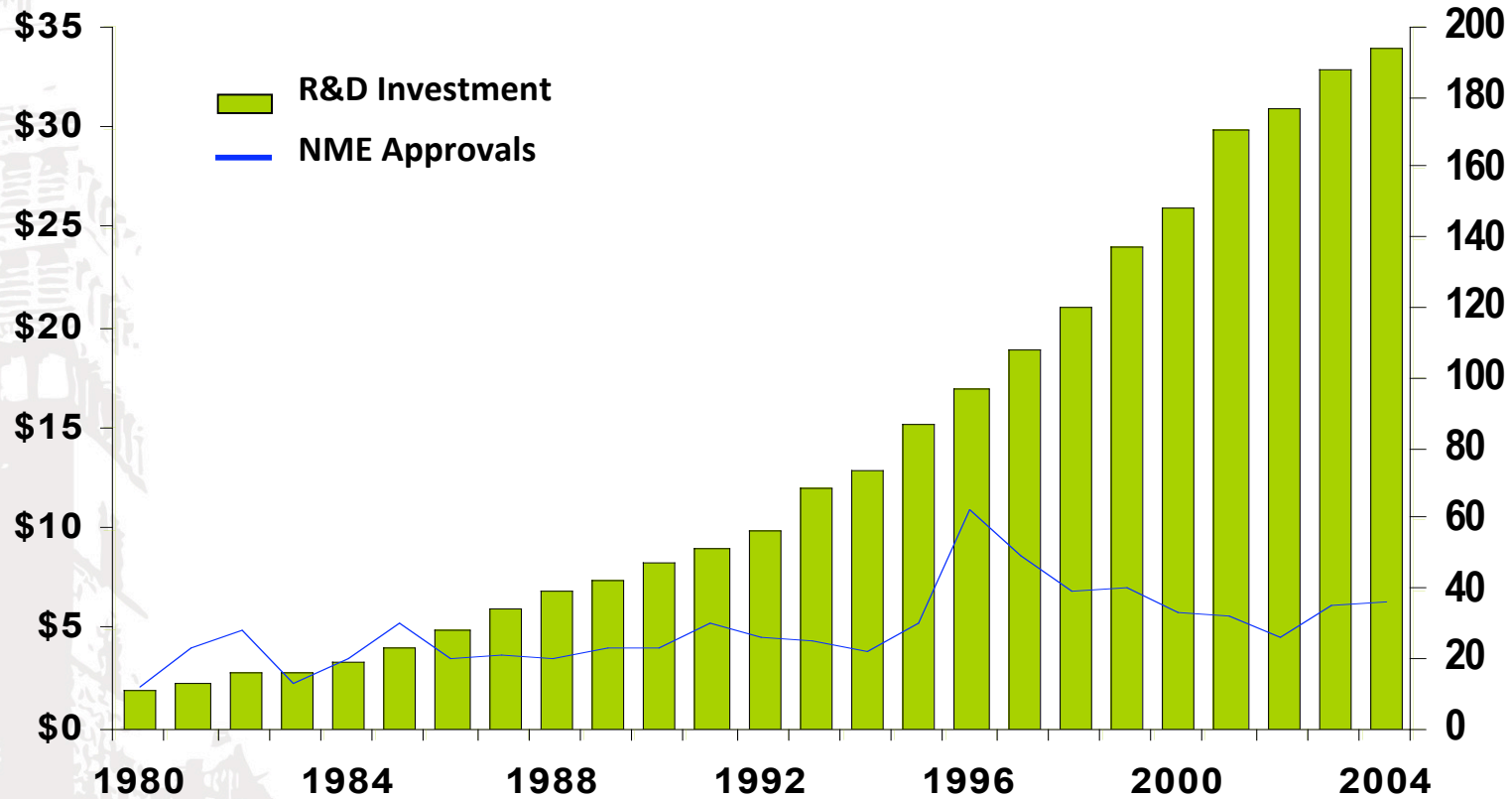


Productivity is Decreasing



Industry R&D
Expense
(\$ Billions)

Annual NME
Approvals



Source: PhRMA, FDA, Lehman Brothers; The 2004 Industry R&D Expense is an estimate

Chris's Mission Statement



- Foster collaborations between pharmaceutical, biotechnology, technology, academic, and government organizations in pre-competitive space to develop and promote the use of standards, identify partnerships, and transfer technology in order to drive greater process efficiency and lower costs.

Pre-competitive

- Refers to standards, data, or processes that are common across an industry and where the adoption, use, or prosecution of which provides no competitive advantage relative to peers.



Leading Healthcare Data Exchange Standards

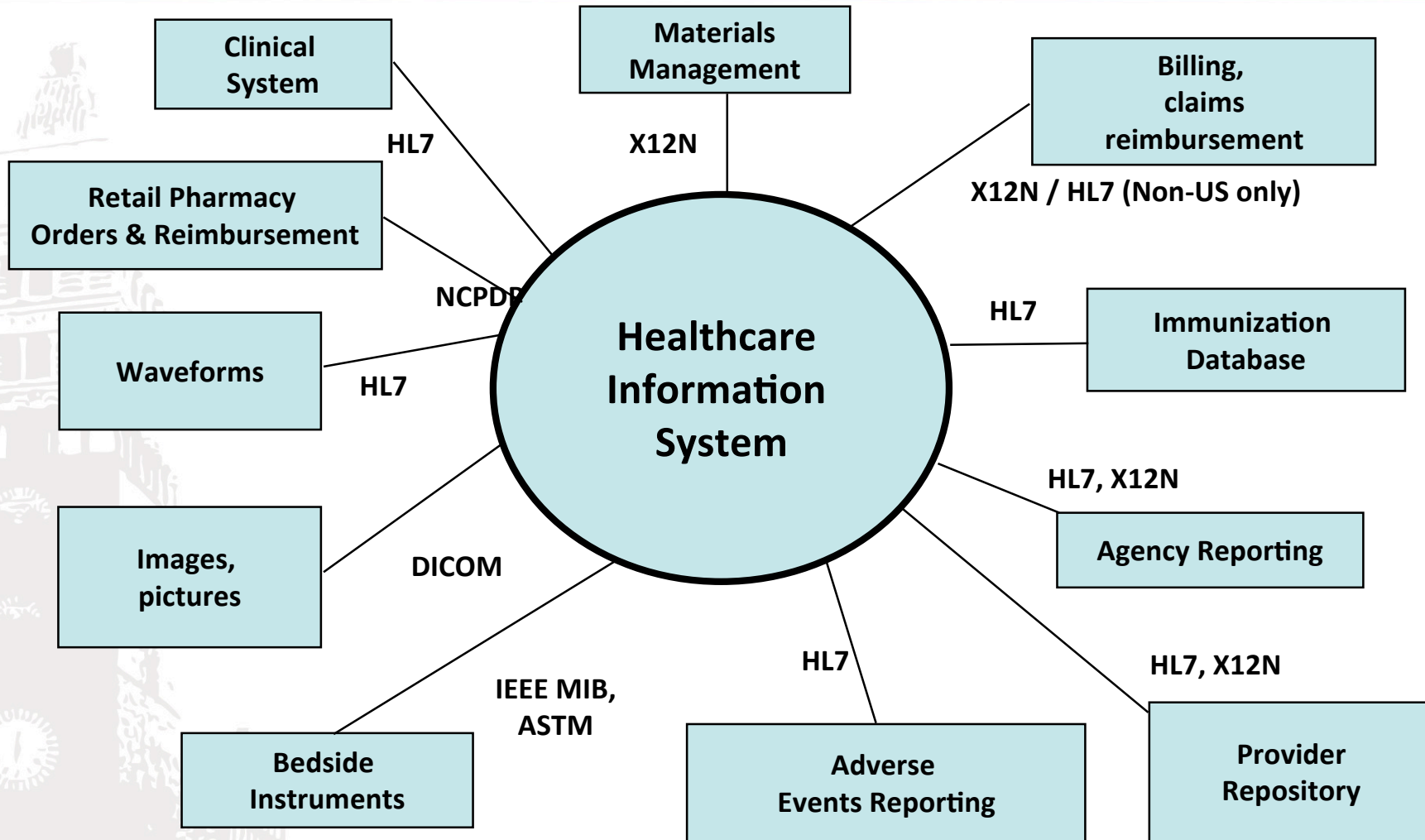
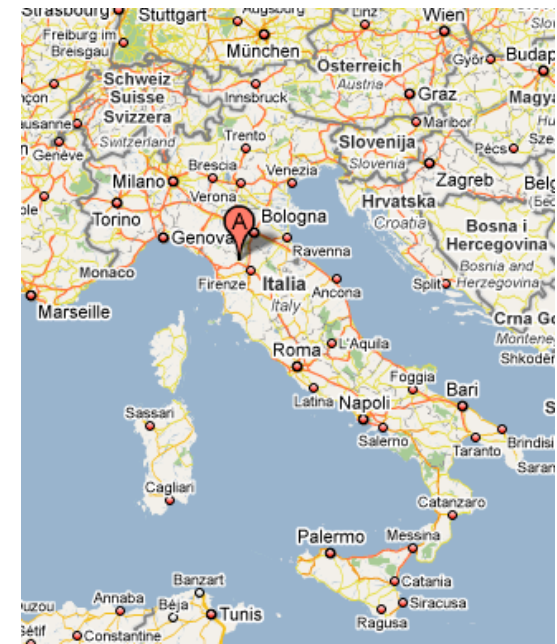


Image from Abdul-Malik Shakir

Background—How it all started



- In Pistoia, Italy
- Meeting of GSK, AZ, Pfizer and Novartis—identified similar challenges and frustrations in the IT/Informatics sector of Pharmaceutical Discovery

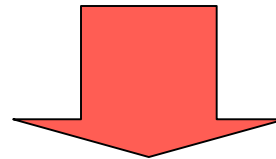


Industry Driver: Externalization

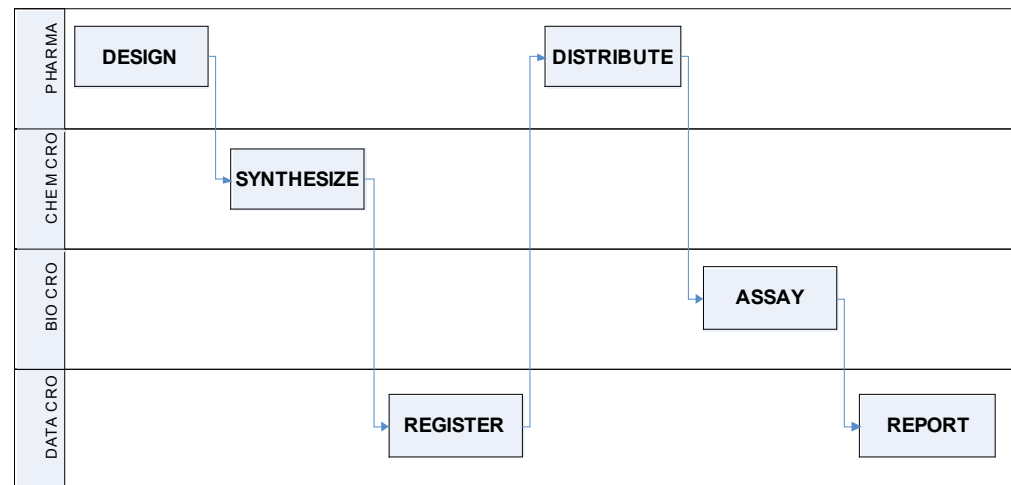


Cost pressures, disruptive technologies, and other forces often drive business processes to be externalized.

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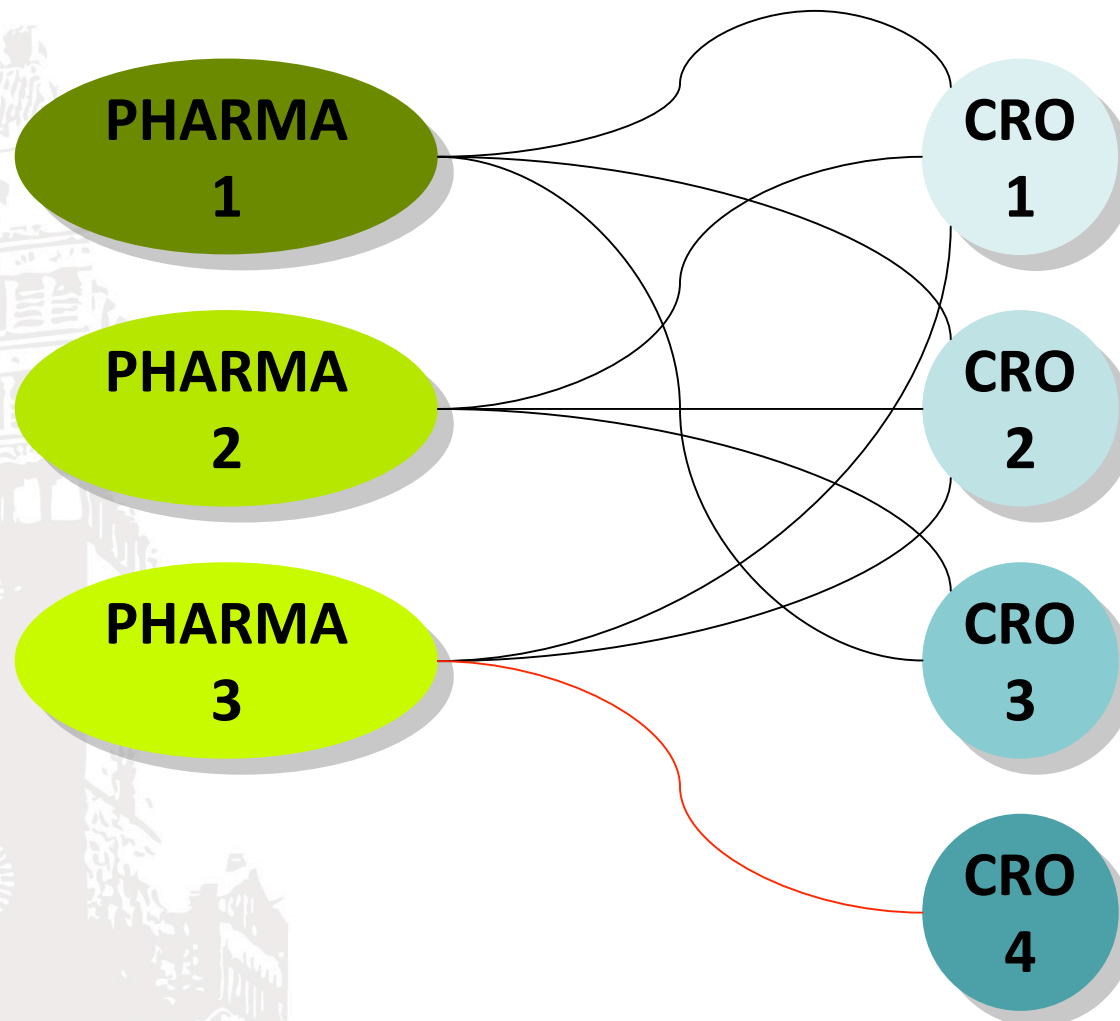


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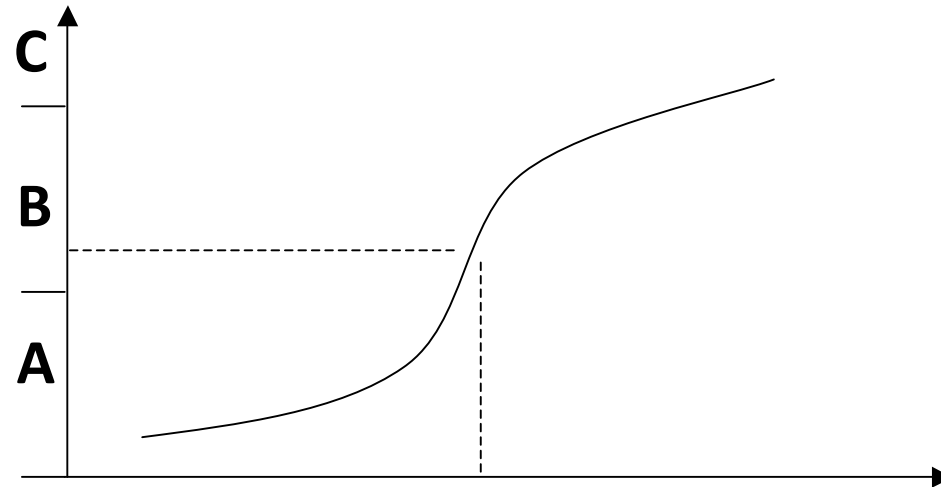


PHARMA
CHEM
BIO
DATA

Emerging Net-centric Pharma Processes



Inconsistent Semantics degrade Effective Communication



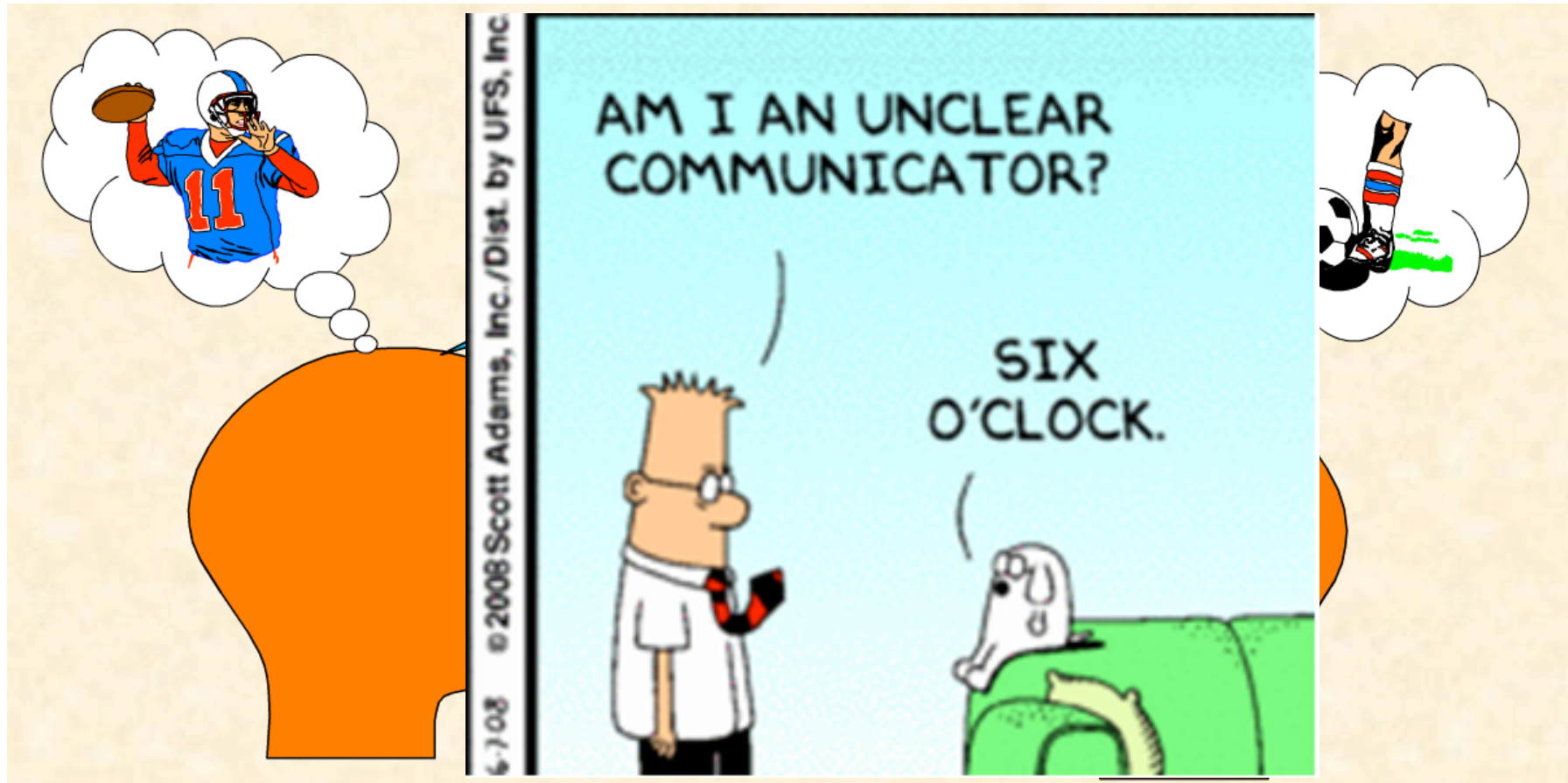
**The result from our
proprietary assay is "B"**

CRO

**But we only record
numbers in our assays!!**

PHARMA

Greater Challenge: Unknown Semantic Collisions



Revealing assumptions is an essential component of effective communication.

Image/quote from Abdul-Malik Shakir

Opportunity: Changing Tech Landscape



More Robust Technologies

- Web 2.0
- Services-Oriented Architecture
- Software-as-a-Service
- Open Source Initiatives

More Robust External Content

- Publicly available chem and bio sources
- Richer literature content
- Academic Sources of Tools and Data

The Path Forward: Standardize, Simplify, Centralize

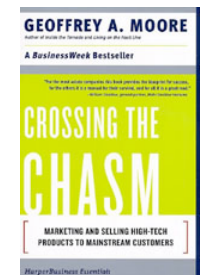
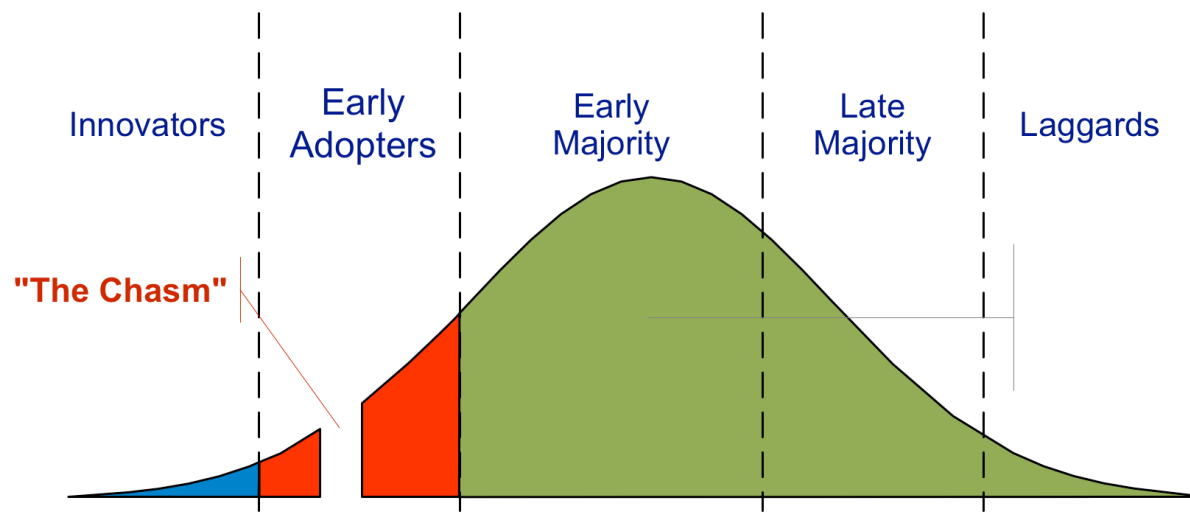


- Standardize our interfaces and messages
- Simplify our cross-industry architectures and support models
- Centralize services to reap economies of scale and scope

Mission of Pistoia



- Pistoia is the BRIDGE to cross the chasm to a more agile pre-competitive environment



Learn from Other Industries



Transportation



Banking



Geospatial



Retail



Clinical



Automotive



Healthcare **HITSP**



Pistoia Description and Purpose



Mission

To streamline pre-competitive workflow elements of pharmaceutical research and development by specifying common business terms, relationships and processes

Goal

- Develop taxonomies and vocabularies, application interface specifications, data dictionaries, data models, etc.
- Establish standards that will be embraced by producers and consumers of pre-competitive workflows

Pistoia Membership

as of: August 26, 2009



>65 Individuals from 18 member organizations



Pistoia Alliance Organisation



Board of Directors

**Develops roadmap
Final approval of technical standards
Voting Members (pharma, biotech)
Non-Voting Members (vendors, academics)**

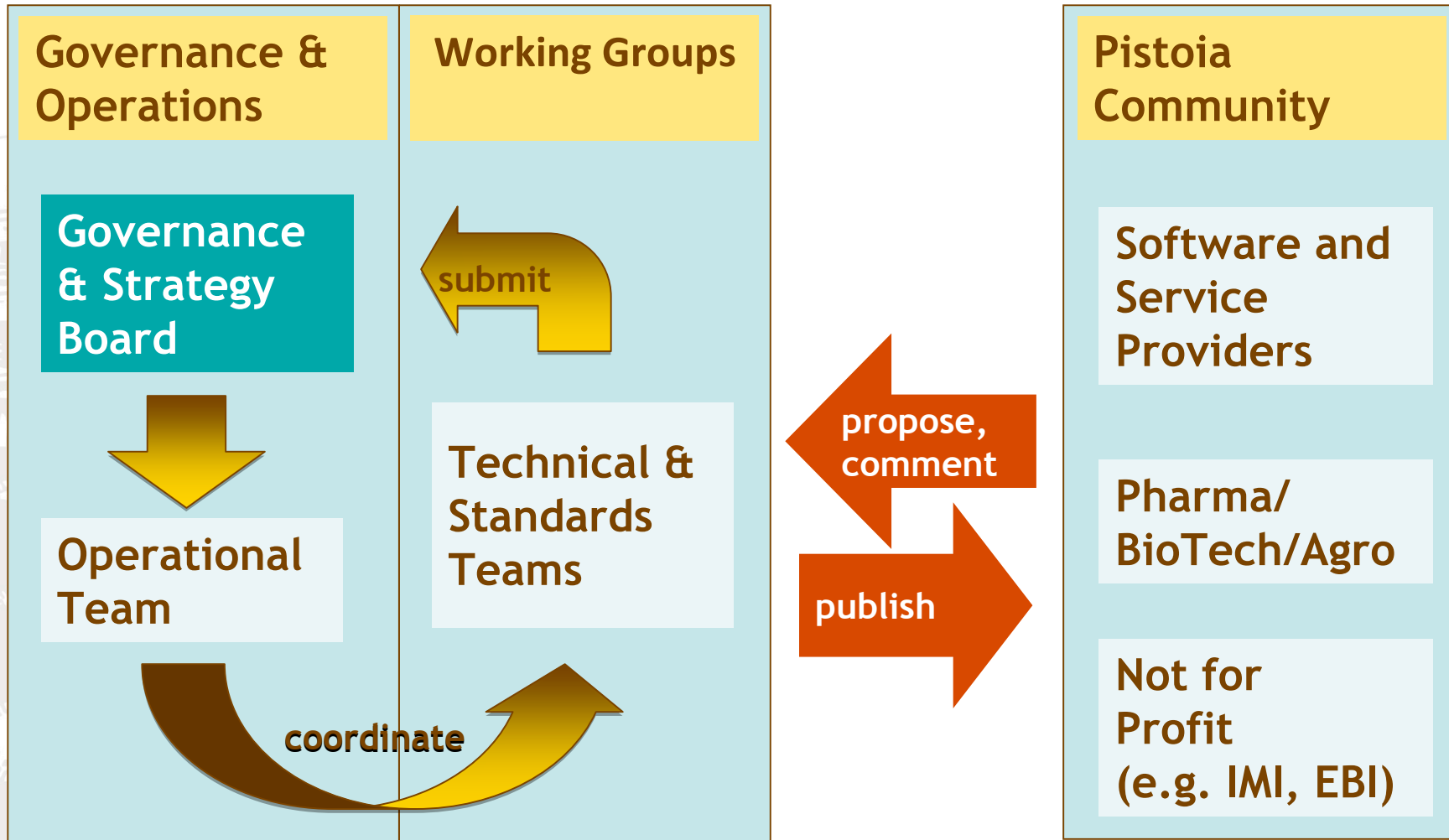
Officers

**President, Secretary, Treasurer, PM,
Communications**

Technical Committee

**Develop standards
Submit standards to Gov & Strat Board
Finalize standard and publish
Observe use of standard and evolve if necessary**

Pistoia Standards Process



Pistoia Domains & Working Groups

Board of Directors

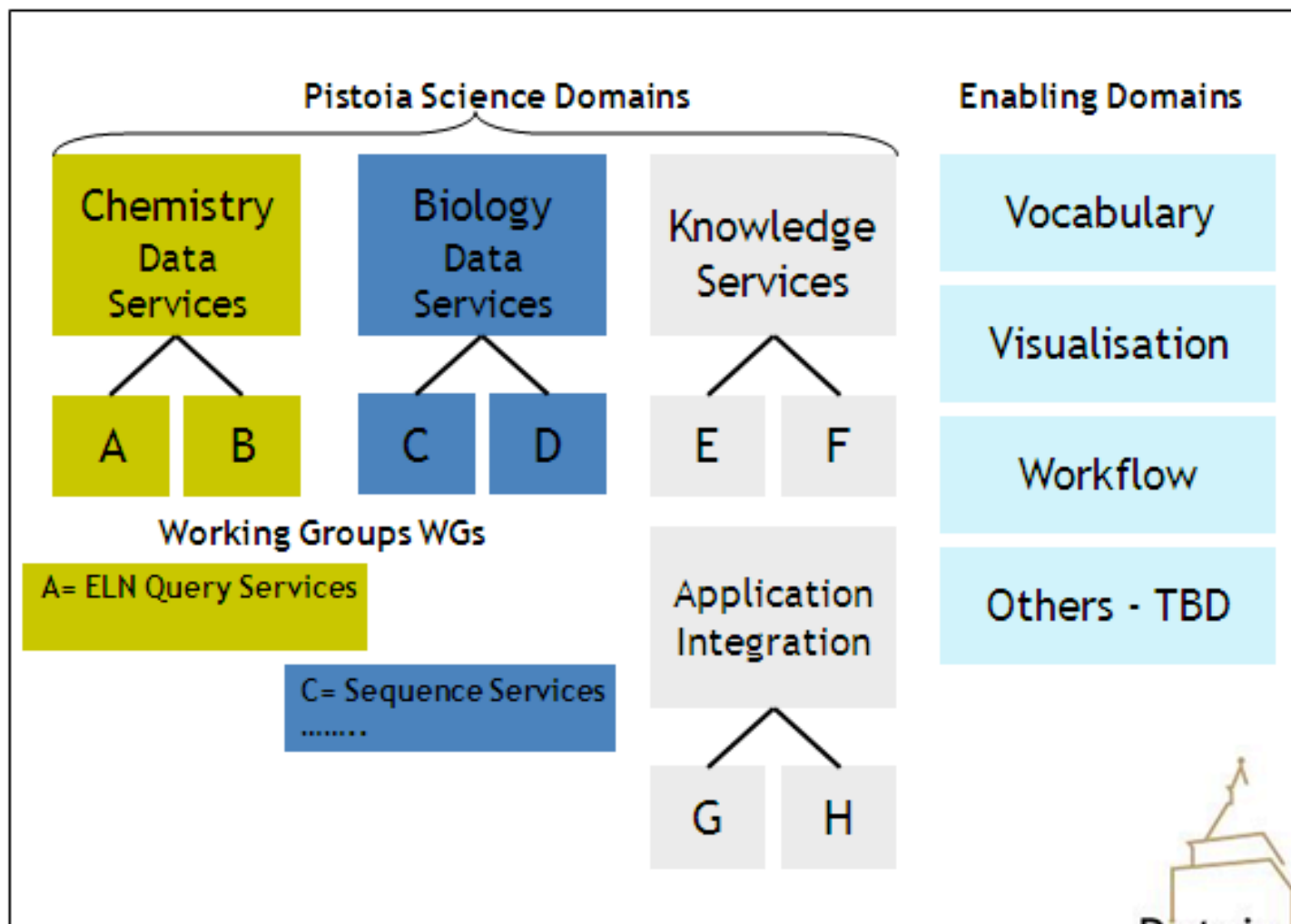
- Approves new Pistoia Domains
- Approves new Working Groups (WGs)

Technical Committee

- Approves WG Standards publication
- Ensures consistency of standards across Pistoia

Domain Steering Groups

- Steers Working Groups
- Creates remit for Working Group
- Consistency across Science domain



Pistoia Domains

Focused on business workflows/supply chains



Enabling

Vocabulary

Visualisation

Workflow

Others

**Knowledge and Information
Services**

Application Integration

**Biology
Data
Services**

**Chemistry
Data
Services**

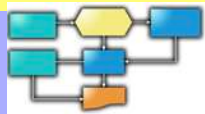
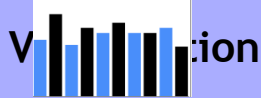
**Translational
Data
Services**

Pistoia Domains

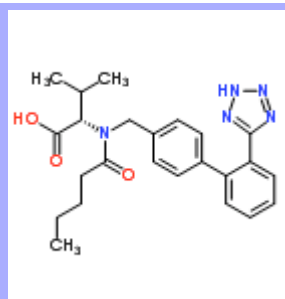
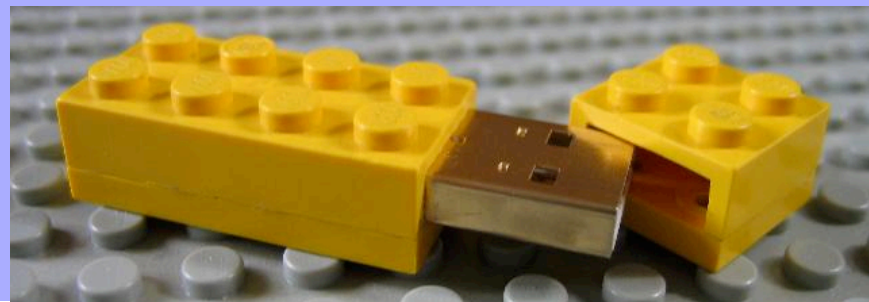
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Enabling



Knowledge Information



Capturing Demand using Domain Framework



Need a disease ontology

Enabling
Vocabulary
Visualisation

Knowledge and Information Services

How to enrich literature with semantic tags

What is this raw data? How did you calculate the summary?

Workflow
Application Integration in a wiki

How to show chemical structures

Biology Data Services
Chemistry Data Services
Translational Data

How do I describe the sample I'm shipping to you?

How do I link to clinical systems?

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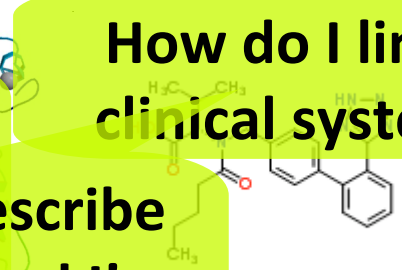
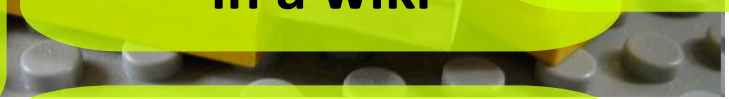
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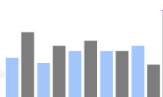
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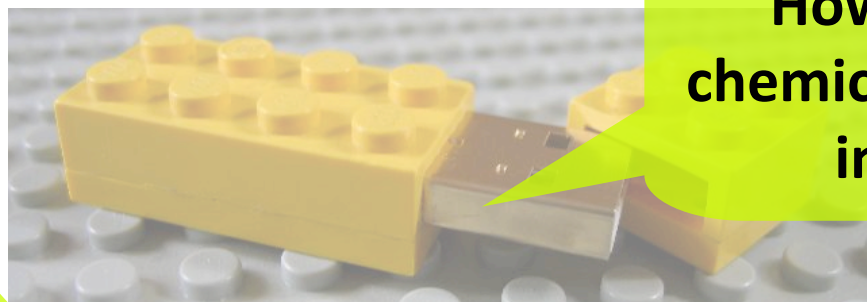
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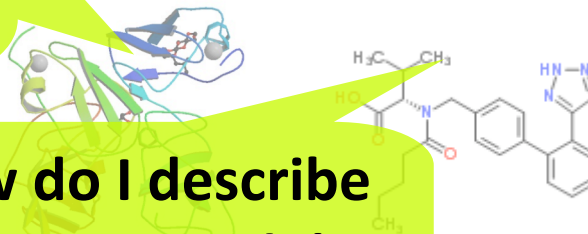
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Pistoia Current/Emerging Activities - plotted

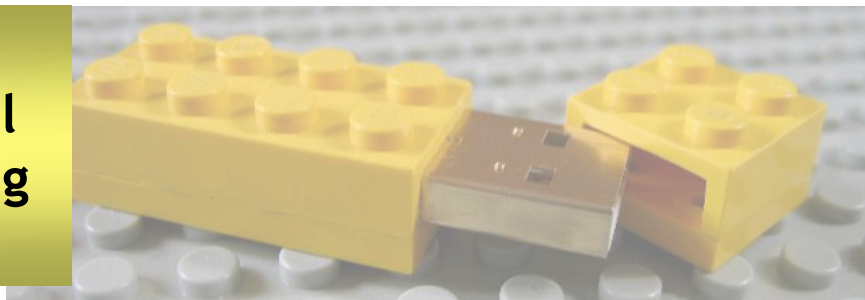


Vocabulary Services

Disease Knowledge Services (SESL)

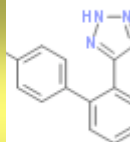
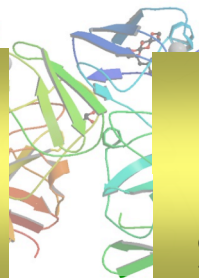


Chemical Rendering



Sequence Services

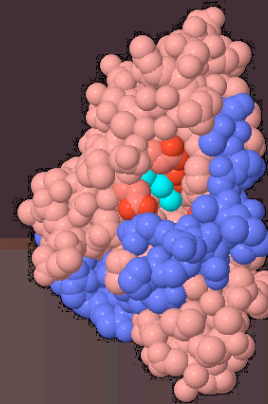
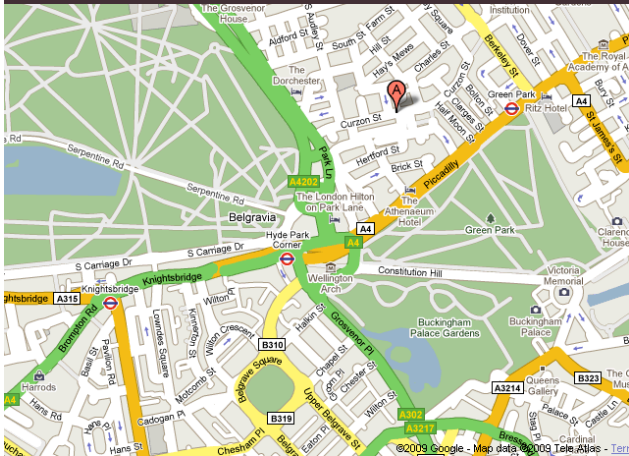
ELN Query Data Services





Domain Example: Initiatives in Biology Standards

Pistoia - Curzon Initiative



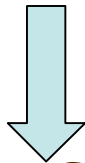
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Pistoia - Curzon Initiative



- Biomedical Knowledge Integration



- External Bio-Services Standards

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2 key needs in Biomedical KM



1. Semantic standards in information supply chain (commercial & academic)

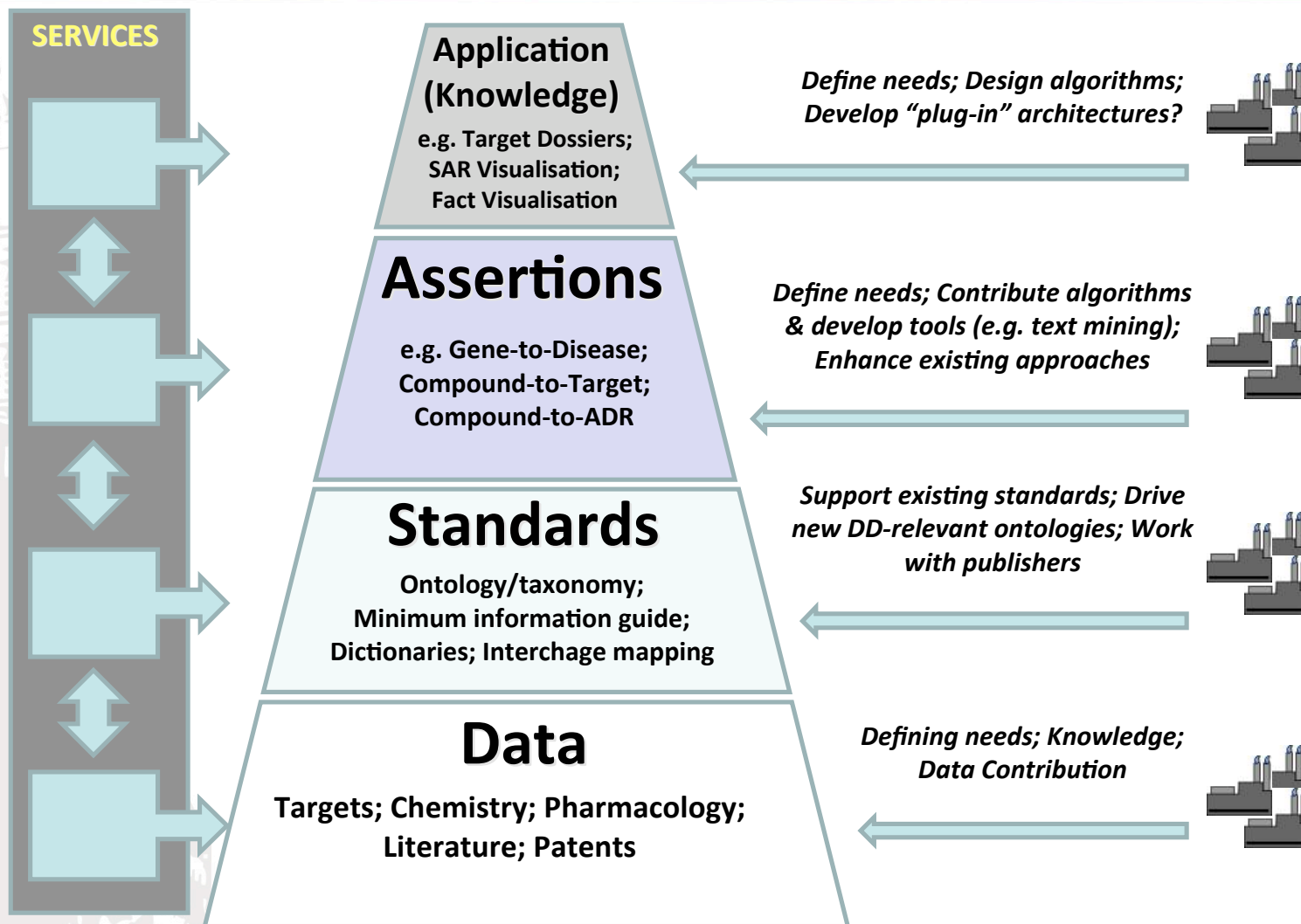
- Standardisation of analysis tool interfaces

2. Push model for knowledge access

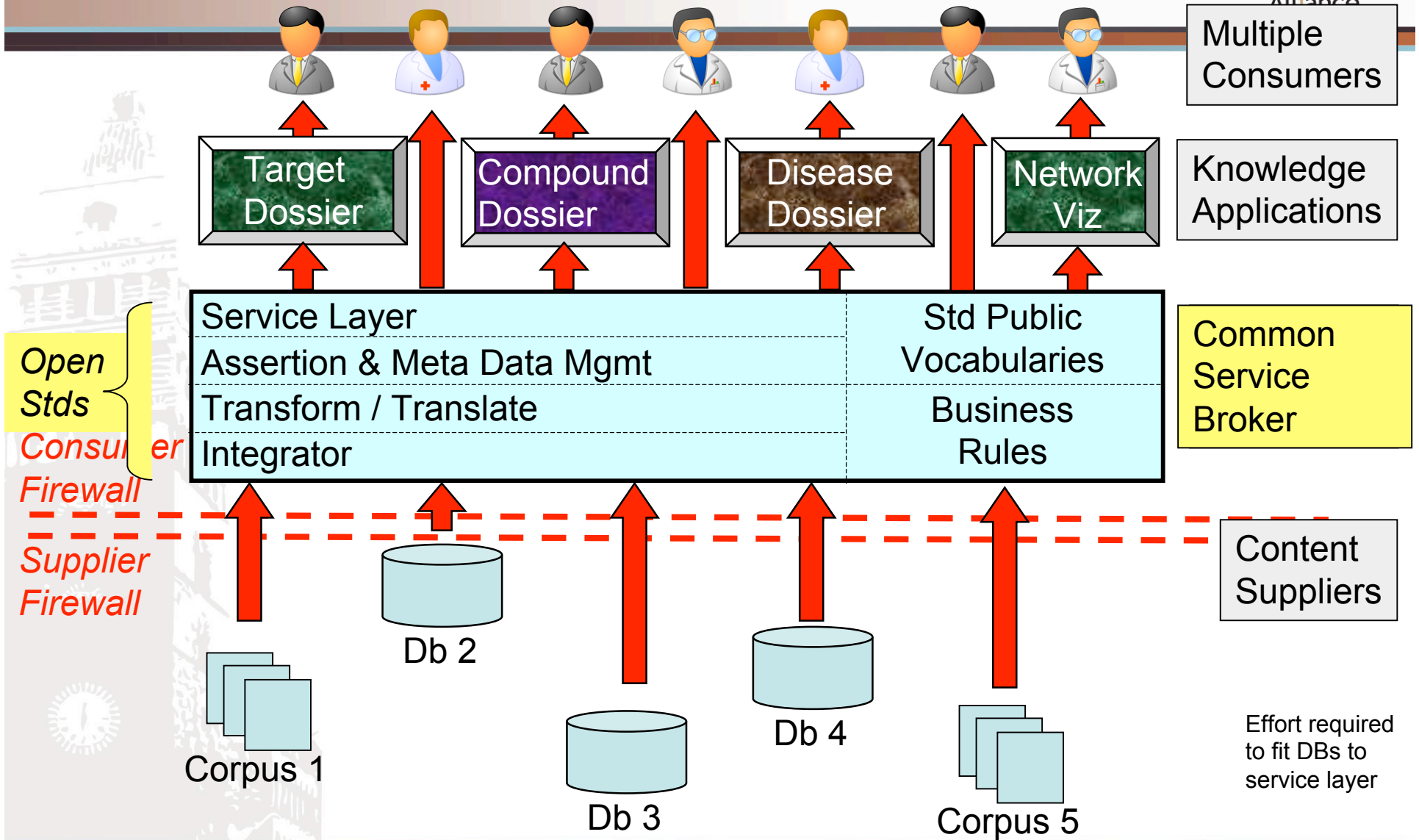
- Information awareness, access & mapping is key activity for internal information professionals
- Can we move to a model where content owners/generators can 'advertise' content assets?



Building an open services infrastructure



Biomedical Knowledge Service Framework





Pistoia Alliance: Chemistry Domain

WORKING GROUP UPDATE:
ELN QUERY SERVICES



ELN Query Services Working Group



• Purpose

- To increase the quality of scientific decision-making through superior exploitation of integrated cross-domain knowledge

• Goals

- To define a standard for an ELN data mart and its query services, encompassing information from multiple domain sources, whether internal or externally derived, and independent of any one technology provider
- Enable knowledge mining and alerting, including a published API to enable data exploitation by external systems

ELN Query Services: Progress

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ELN Query Services Working Group

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 - Working Group Chair
- Uwe Geissler (Novartis)
- David Drake (AstraZeneca)
- Steve Trudel (Pfizer)
- Nick Lynch (AstraZeneca)
- Kevin Hebbel (Pfizer)

- Kick off meeting April 2009
 - Scope identification
 - Requirements definition and consolidation
- Progress
 - Biweekly meetings held for Interface Discussions
 - User story collection and consolidation
 - Active use of Ning Site for communication

ELN Query Services: **Scope**

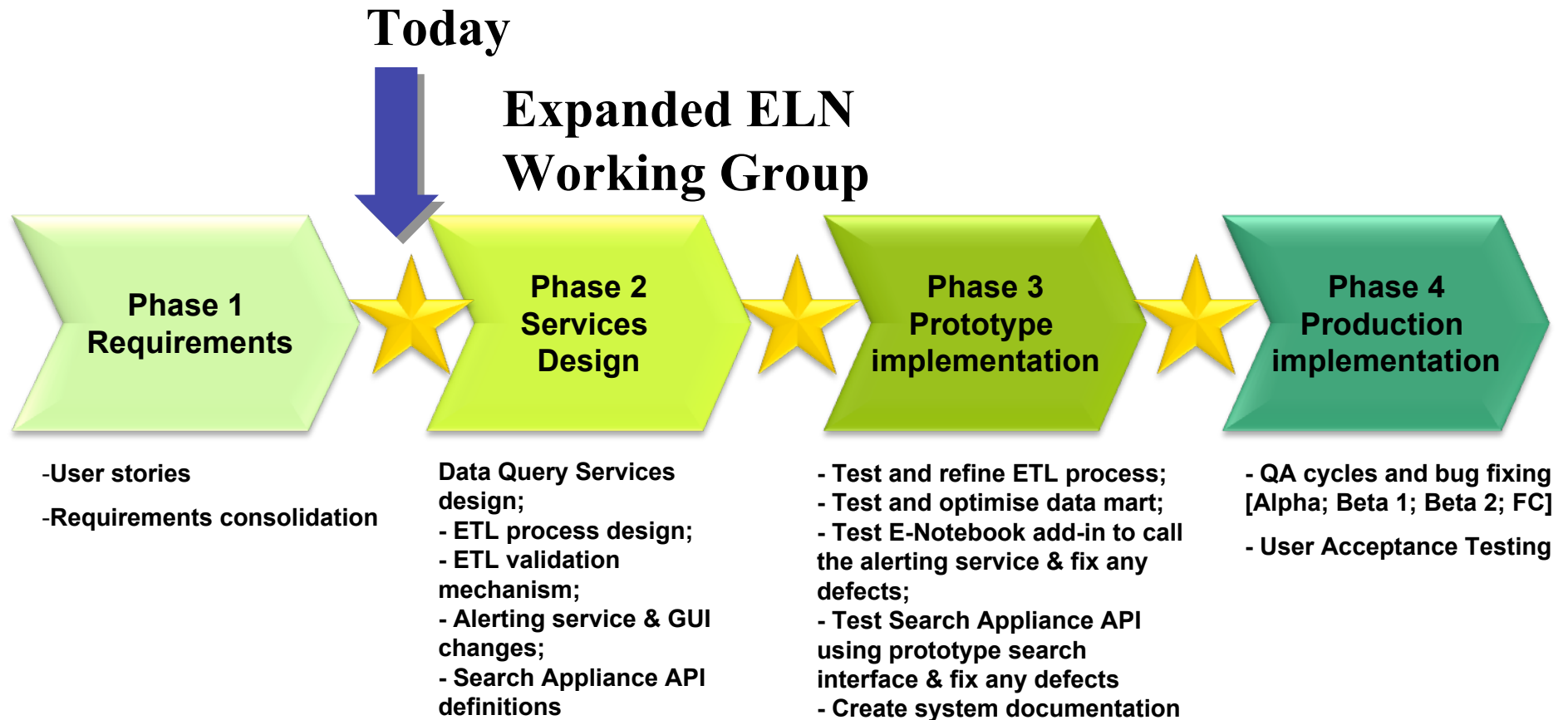


- Define and publish high-level foundation design principles for an ELN data mart and its query services
- Design and implement a prototype version of a synthetic chemistry ELN data mart using information from the Discovery Chemistry workflow
- System independent query interface & tools accessing via a published API
- Expand the data model to incorporate data from ELN sources across the life science space - biology, pharmaceutical sciences and analytical sciences



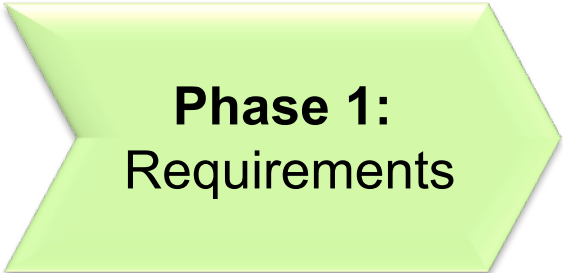
ELN Query Services:

Logical breakdown of project



Defined tollgates between phases

ELN Query Services: Requirements



Phase 1: Requirements



- To provide the ability to rapidly and flexibly search ELN experiment information
- Readily accessible from within the ELN and also to external systems or services
- Enable comprehensive reporting based on ELN data
- Alerting capabilities to provide added-value information and to optimise decision making
- To be able to segment the data services based on security roles
- Allow drill-down to experiment details from resultant hit set
- Built on flexible service-oriented architecture
 - Web services interfaces for querying and retrieval

ELN Query Services: Phase 1

Personas - Roles



Name	Persona
Anna	Chemist works in lab 80% of time preparing compounds
Bert	CRO chemist (external)
Cathy	Lab Manager works in lab 20% of time.
Dave	Alliance/Collaboration manager
Enid	Stores person
Fred	Biologist
Grace	General user
Hector	Analyst (physical chemistry, spectroscopist)
Irene	Department head, does not do any laboratory work
John	Records Manager

ELN Query Services: Phase 1

Story Types

Story type	Purpose	Goal
Ad hoc chemistry query	<p>An ELN user submits a query using an ELN search interface. The ELN Data Mart returns the results which are rendered in the results table.</p> <p>A non-ELN user submits a query using a web-search interface. The ELN Data Mart returns the results which are rendered into HTML.</p>	<p>To provide faster searching of the Med Chem ELN via its built-in search interface</p> <p>To provide rapid searching of the Med Chem ELN data for non-ELN users</p>
Interface derived query (Search API)	<p>An external system or service submits a query to the ELN data mart API. The query is executed and the required data extracted. The results are returned to the external system or service</p>	<p>To provide access to ELN data from an external system or service.</p>
Metrics/Reporting	<p>A manager executes a stored query (providing variable parameters where necessary). The ELN Data Mart returns the results which are then rendered using a pre-defined template to generate a formatted report. Could include both on demand and batch based reporting.</p>	<p>To provide on demand reports for monitoring targets, measuring value and planning future strategy</p>
Live Alerting	<p>A user action triggers a stored query within the E-Notebook based on the data entered. The ELN Data Mart returns related data which is displayed to the chemist.</p>	<p>To provide added-value information during the day-to-day use of the Med Chem ELN to optimise decision making</p>

ELN Query Services: Phase 1

User Story Collection



- Working group → Consolidation of Stories

Type of Story	Indication of story such as ad hoc query, interface drive, metrics/reporting, live alerting, security
User Story detail	The business based description of the process the user wishes to initiate.
User story input detail	The inputs generated for successful outcome
User story output detail	The results of the data mart action returned to the user
Requirements detail	Extraction of specific data mart requirements based on the stated use input and system output
Other implications	Things that need to be considered further or need investigating to enable clear requirements to be stated.
Data entities input list	The primary data entities the user story will call on in standardized form.
Data entities output list	The primary data entities the user story will call on in standardized form.
User feedback on story (includes non functional stories)	What next once the user receives results, and how is that data consumed and used



ELN Query Services: Phase 1

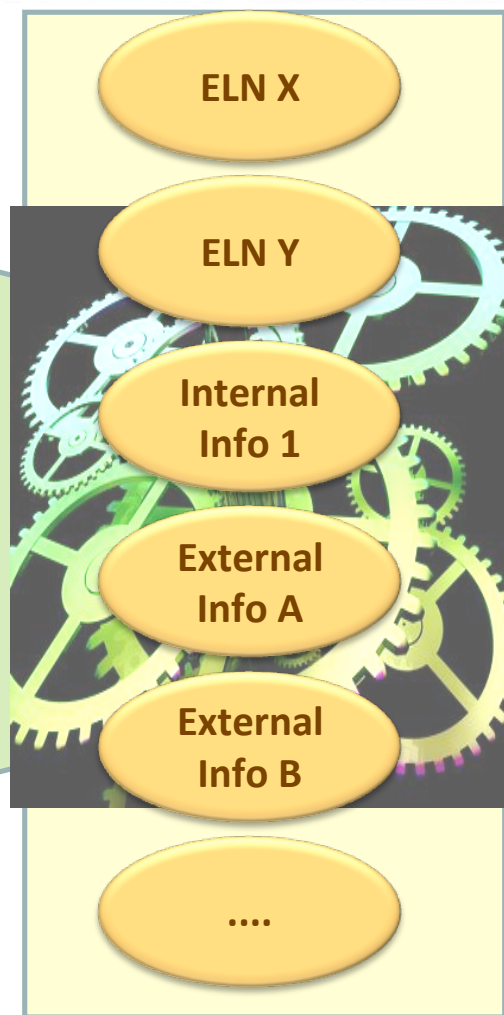
User Story Collection

- Roles, story types, questions, inputs...



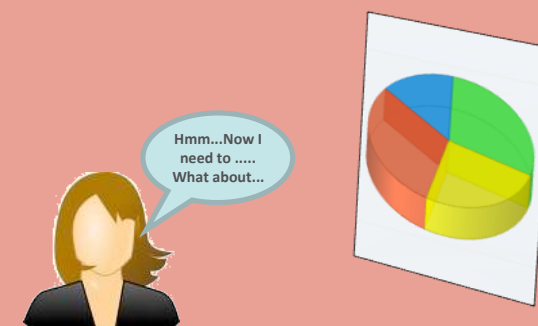
- Input data entities

- Requirements Detail



- Formats

- Implications



- Output data entities

- Results Detail

ELN Query Services: Phase 1

User Story Example: US_AHQ_001

User Story detail	Anna wishes to find reactions and data for a particular conversion
User story input detail	Anna enters a reaction/transformation of interest and selects either required retrieval fields or expects to retrieve all the experiment
User story output detail	User receives a list containing all experiments that fit the conversion along with a selected set of fields from the mart in an appropriately sorted sequence (user defined sort) with the selected data available
Data entities input list	reaction:structure transformation:structure (list of fields to be retrieved)
Data entities output list	reaction:structure transformation:structure reaction_id:integer yield: float scientist:text site/location:text experiment_detail:text (other fields requested)

ELN Query Services: Phase 1

User Story Example: US_IDQ_003

User Story detail	Enid is using stock control system needs to identify all reagents that have not been used in the past five years in her annual audit.
User story input detail	Enid enters a list of ids of reagents. The system will need to expand this id into structure and all possible synonyms than use these to search exhaustively for these as used in any reaction over the indicated time period. Both structure and experiment fields will likely need to be searched
User story output detail	list of id's as input with summary usage stats showing how often used and when. Enid id unlikely to wish to drill down to understand usage, she is only interested in finding those reagents that have not been used. If a reagent has a single use close to her time interval she may want to drill down to the scientist to ask them for their opinion on keeping the reagent.
Data entities input list	reagent_id:string date:reange
Data entities output list	reagent_id:string reagent_name:string date:date aggregated usage

ELN Query Services

Next Steps



- Next Steps
 - Pistoia Publication process
 - Checkpoint and onto Phase 2
 - Active use of Ning Site for communication and collaboration

A screenshot of a Ning group page. The title is "ELN Data Mart Service Interface" and it was created by Nick Lynch. The page shows a list of discussions, a text box, and a members list. The discussions include "Invitation to speak at ELN Conference? Anyone interested?", "ELN workgroup meeting minutes and actions July 17th 2009", and "ELN Working Group Remit Phase 1". The members list shows 11 members with their profile pictures.

ELN Data Mart Service Interface
Created by [Nick Lynch](#)
[View Groups](#)

Information

Pistoia Alliance Working Group on ELN Data Mart
Members: 11
Latest Activity: Jul 30

Admin Options

- ★ [Stop Featuring](#)
- [Edit Group](#)
- [Manage Group Members](#)
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ELN Query Services



- Search, Performance, Reporting...
- Are you actively and effectively using your ELN data?
- How are you accessing your data?
- Querying across data sources:
 - Internal vs. external data
 - Data driven decision making
 - Balance of data usage
 - Accessibility
 - Combined searches, independent
 - ...

For More Information

- **Pistoiaaalliance.org**
 - Vision, Overview, How to Join



- **Ning Site**
 - Pistoia Alliance Members only

Two screenshots of the Pistoia Alliance website. The top screenshot shows the main website with the Pistoia Alliance logo and navigation menu. The bottom screenshot shows the Ning site for The Pistoia Alliance Inc, featuring a forum and various workstream links.

Pistoia Alliance
Open standards for data and technology interfaces in the life science research industry

Home
An initiative to provide an open foundation of data standards, ontologies and web-services to streamline the Pharmaceutical Drug Discovery workflow (Chemistry, Biological Screening, Logistics) through common business terms, relationships and

Pistoia Vision
The primary purpose of the (Pistoia) Alliance is to streamline non-competitive elements of the life science workflow by the specification of common standards, business terms, relationships and processes

Challenges for the Life Science Industry

Efficacy

Safety

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Open standards for data and technology interfaces in the pharmaceutical industry

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Company Info Edit
A non-profit corporation registered in the State of Delaware, The Pistoia Alliance Inc streamlines non-competitive workflow elements of pharmaceutical research and development by specifying common business terms, relationships and processes.
Pistoia Alliance Inc By-Laws
Pistoia Alliance IP Rights Policy

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Chemistry Workstream 0 members
Biology Workstream 2 members
Clinical Workstream 1 member

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An Intentional Segue into Technology Transfer



- Grant or License Access to Pfizer-developed assets to support pre-competitive components of research, development, and medical operations.
- Philanthropic and capitalistic (revenue generation) opportunities.
- Examples:
 - Biological Protocol Definitions/Models
 - Electronic Notebooks (IP Traceability) for Chemistry
 - Computational Surrogates for ADME/T Assays
 - Research Outsourcing/Bidding/Tracking Tools

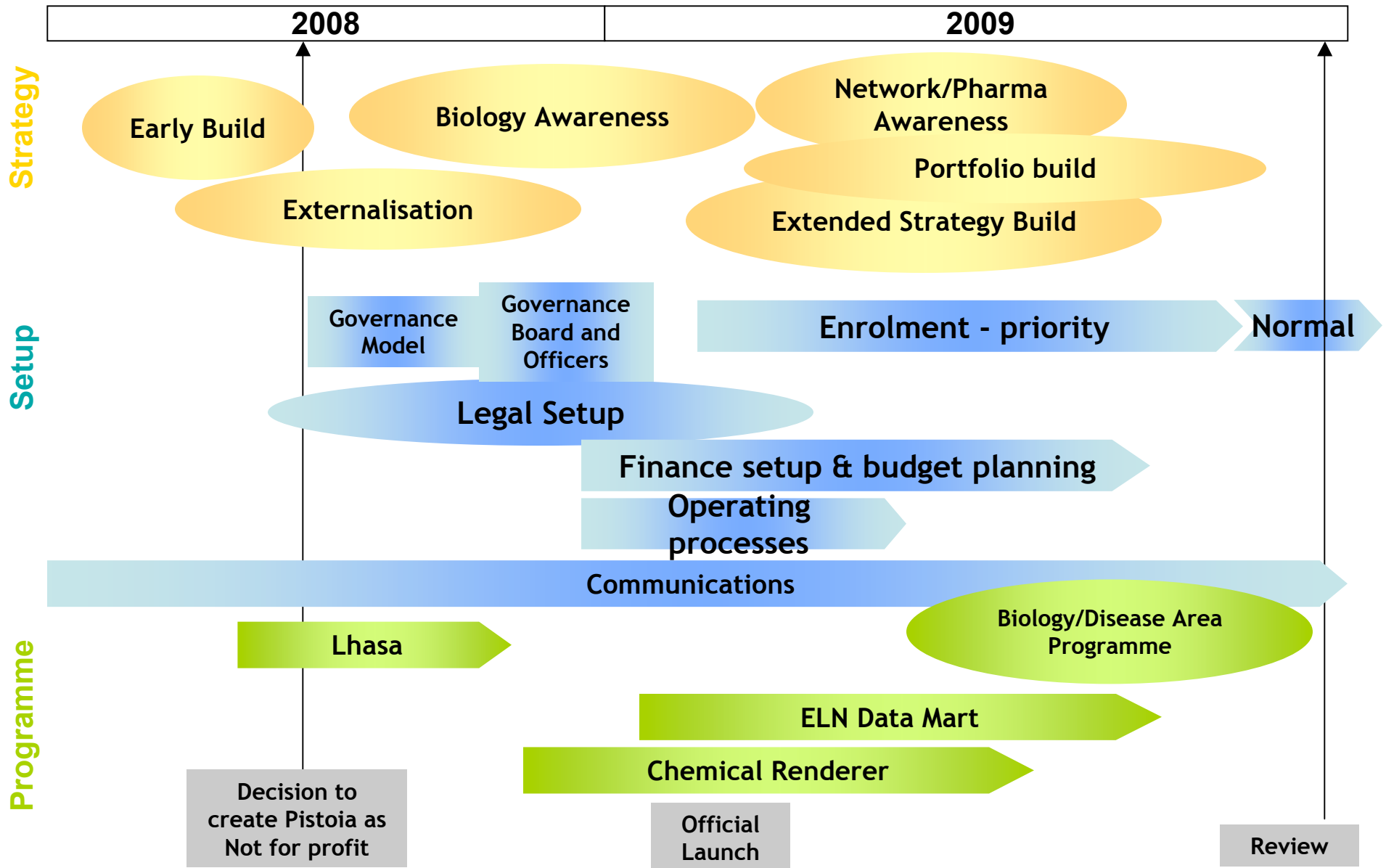
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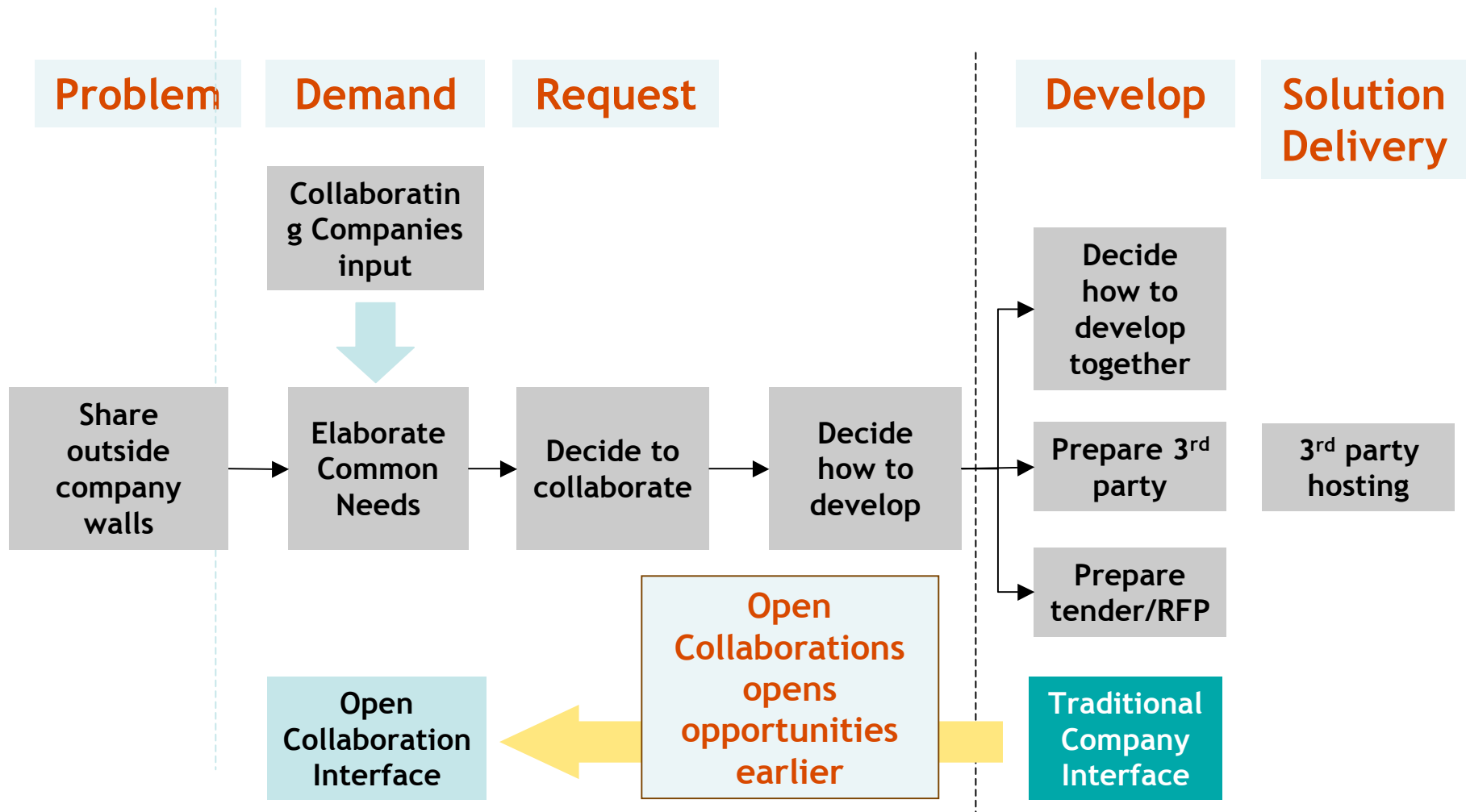


Additional Information on Pistoia

Pistoia Roadmap - Overview



Open Collaboration—Process



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