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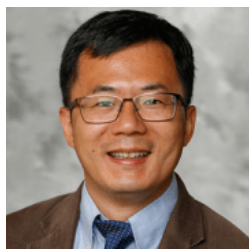
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# TACKLING THE UNDRUGGABLES

Advancements and Emerging Trends

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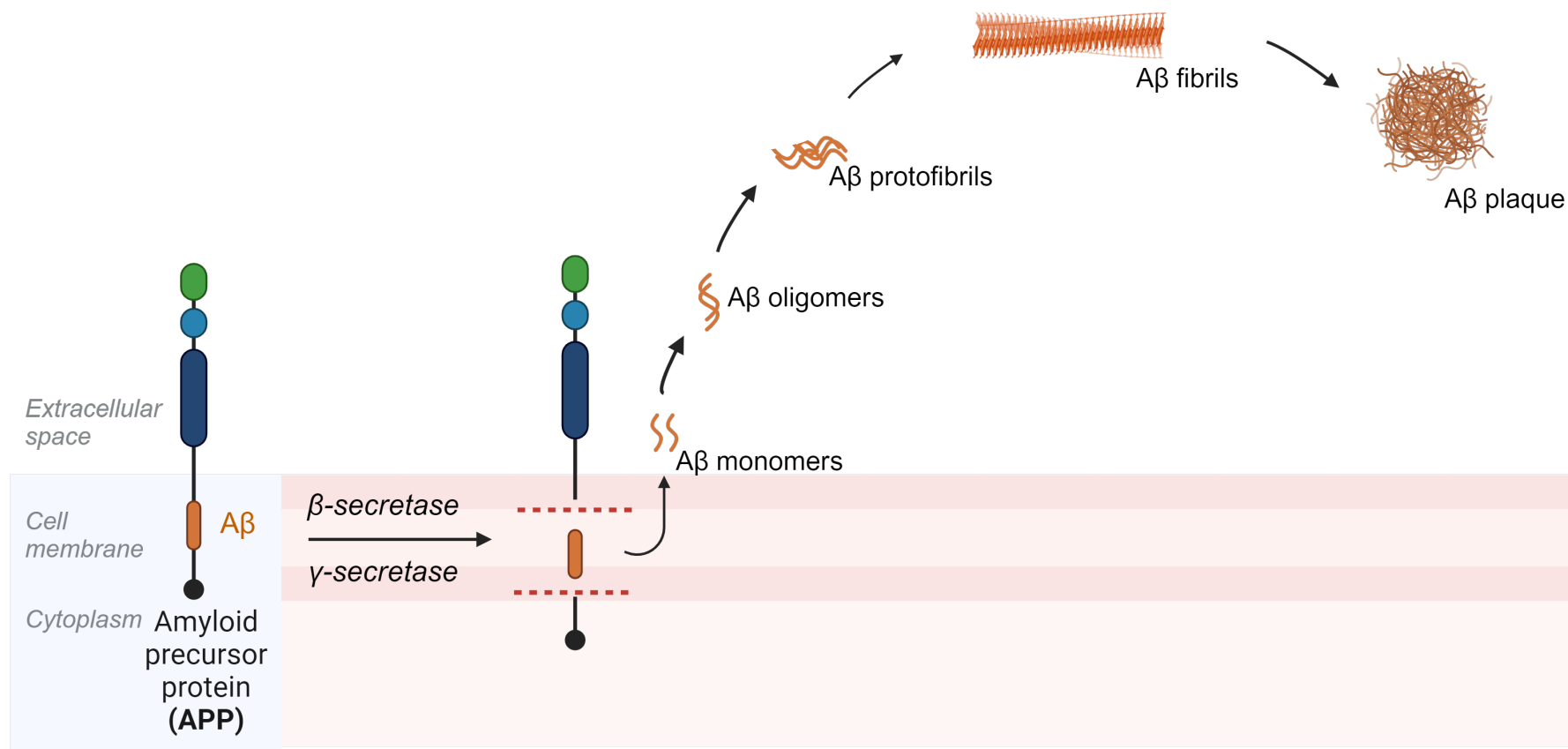
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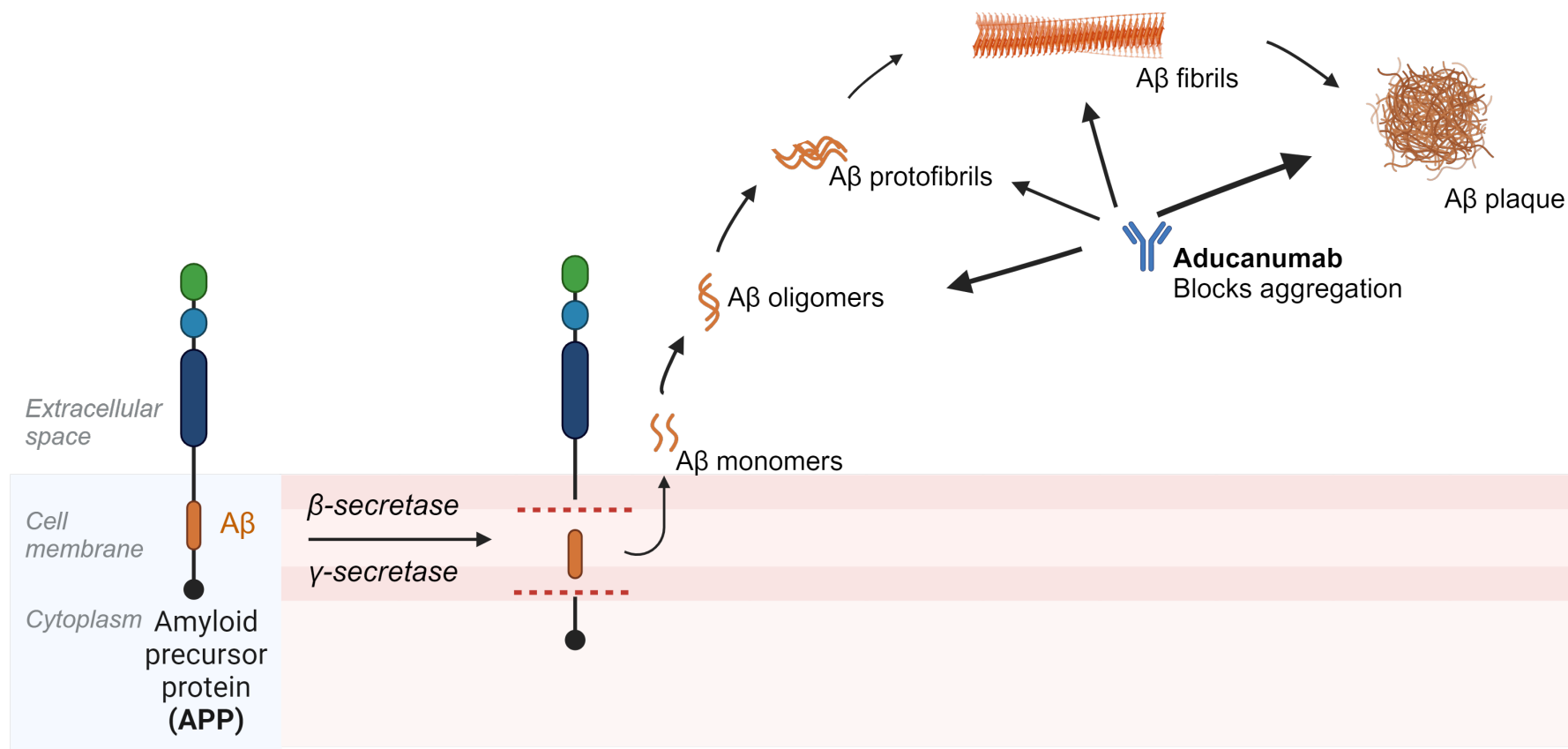
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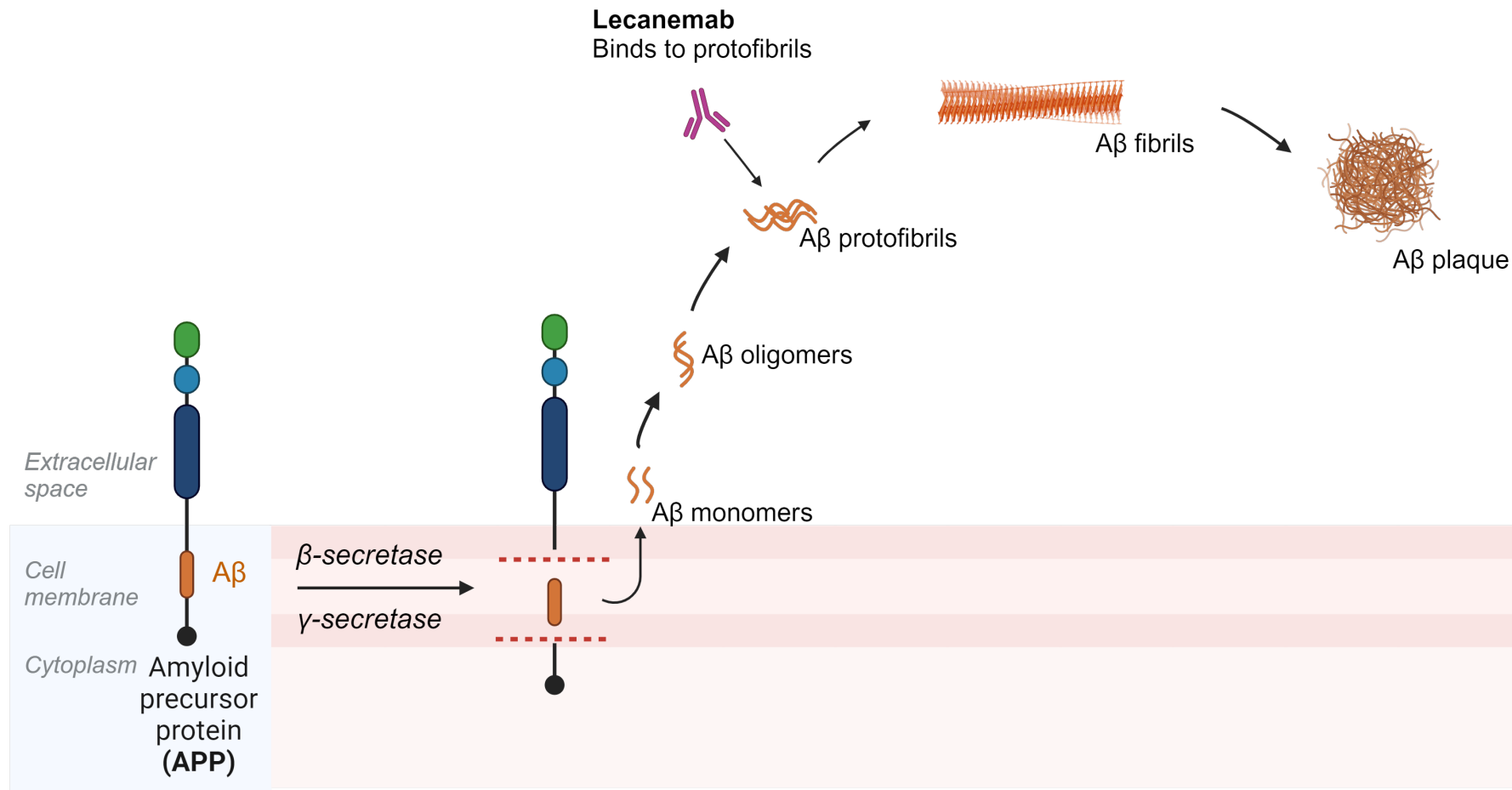
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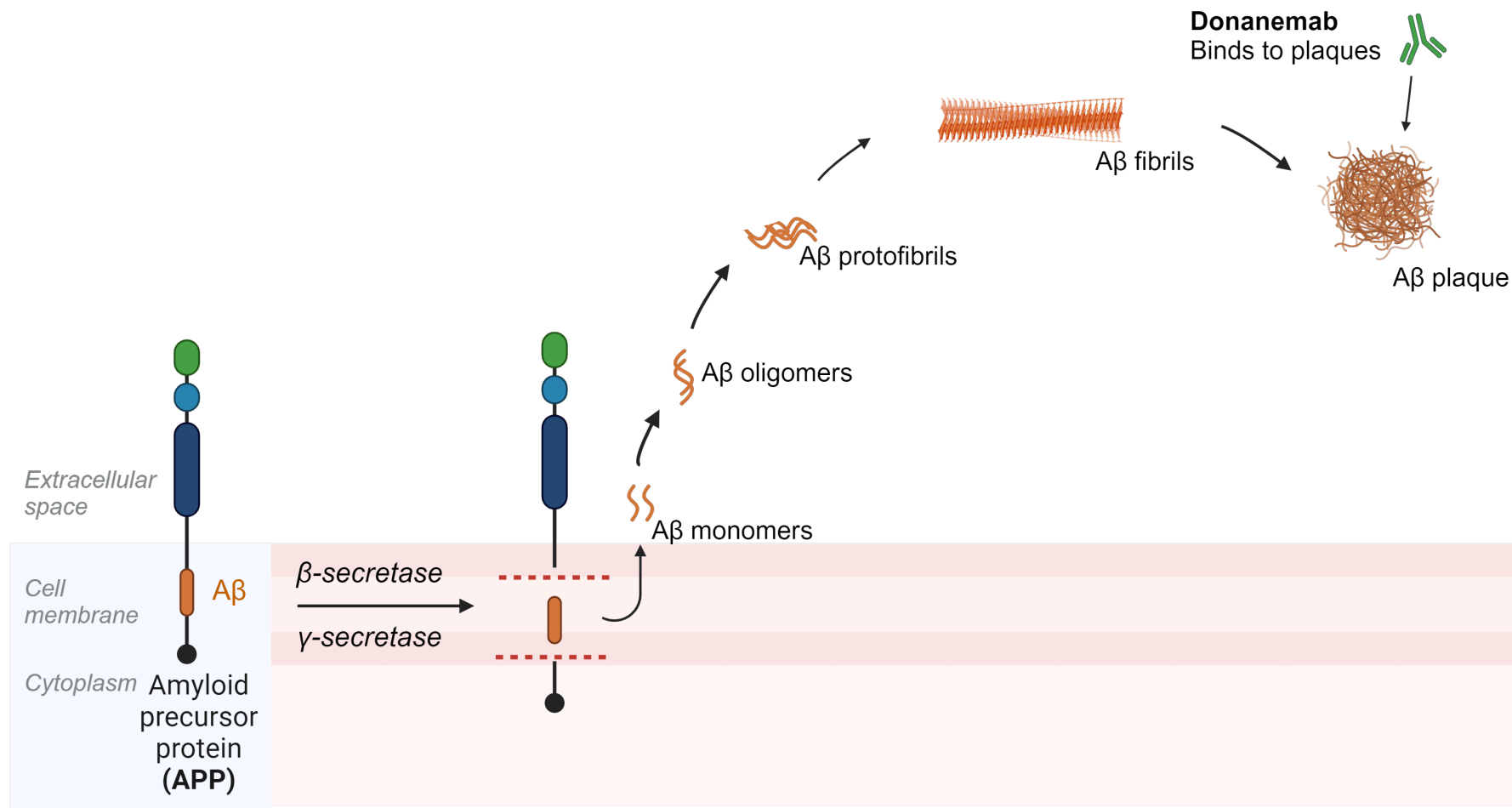
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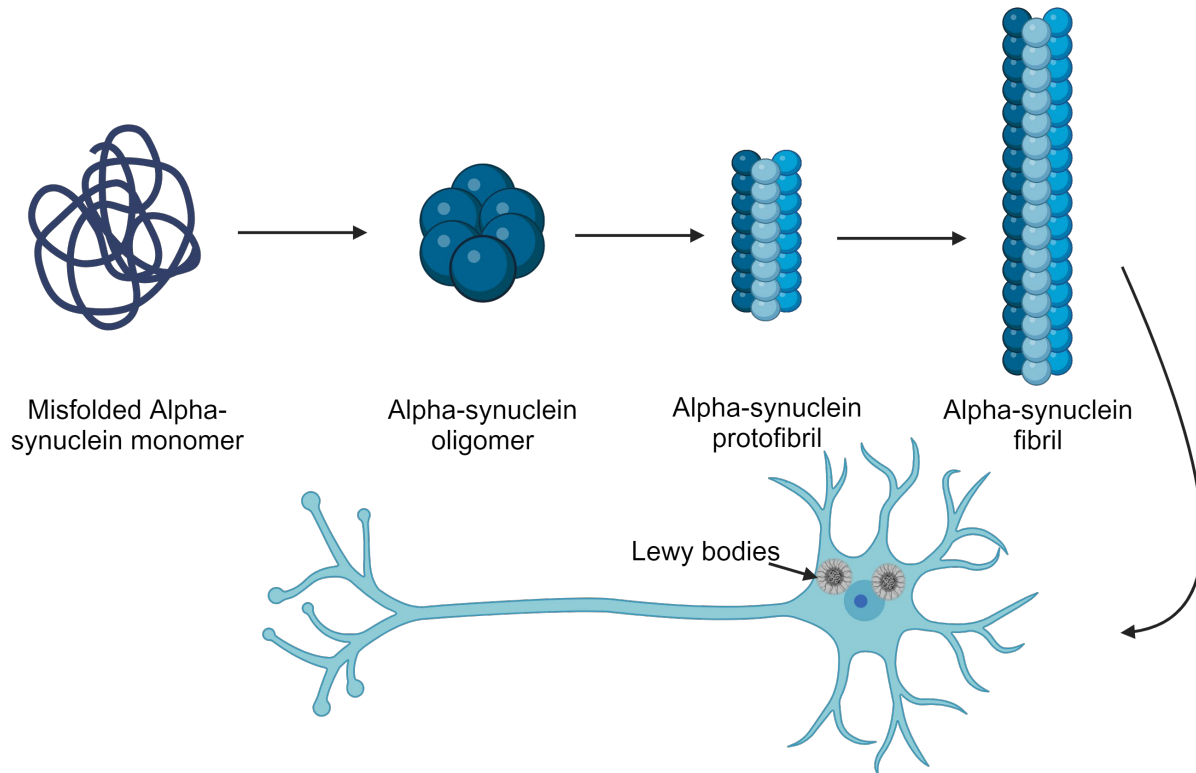
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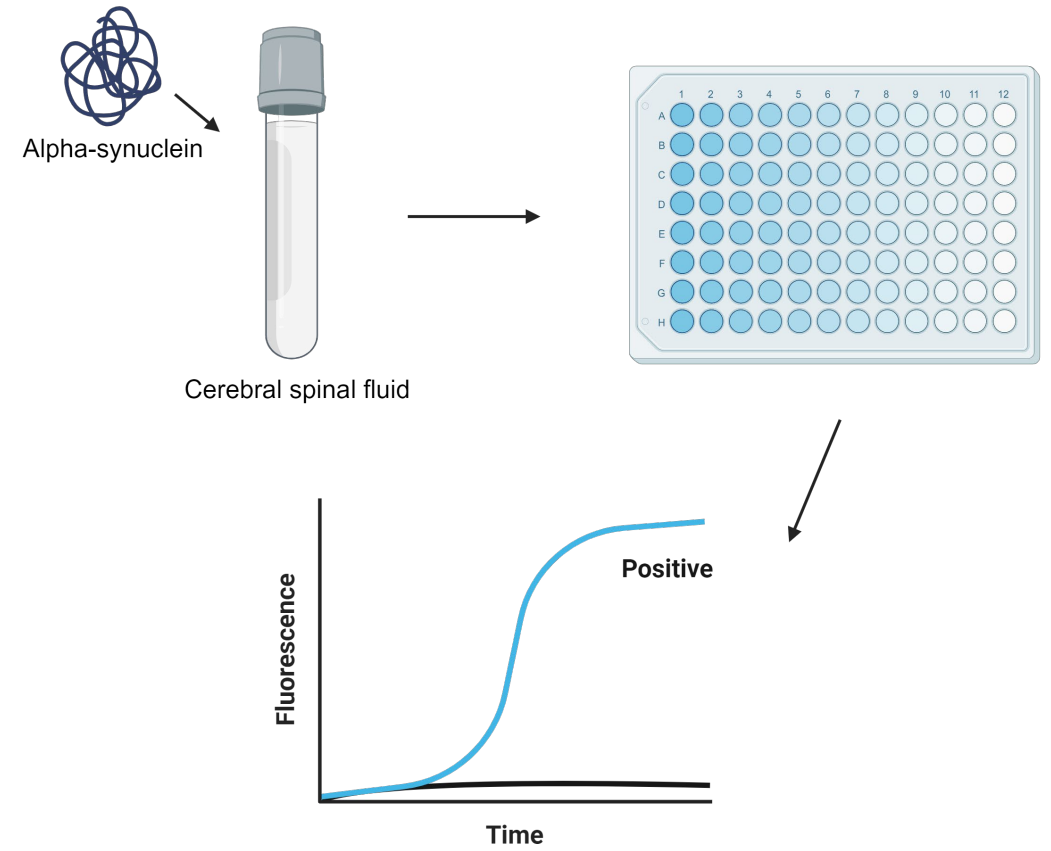
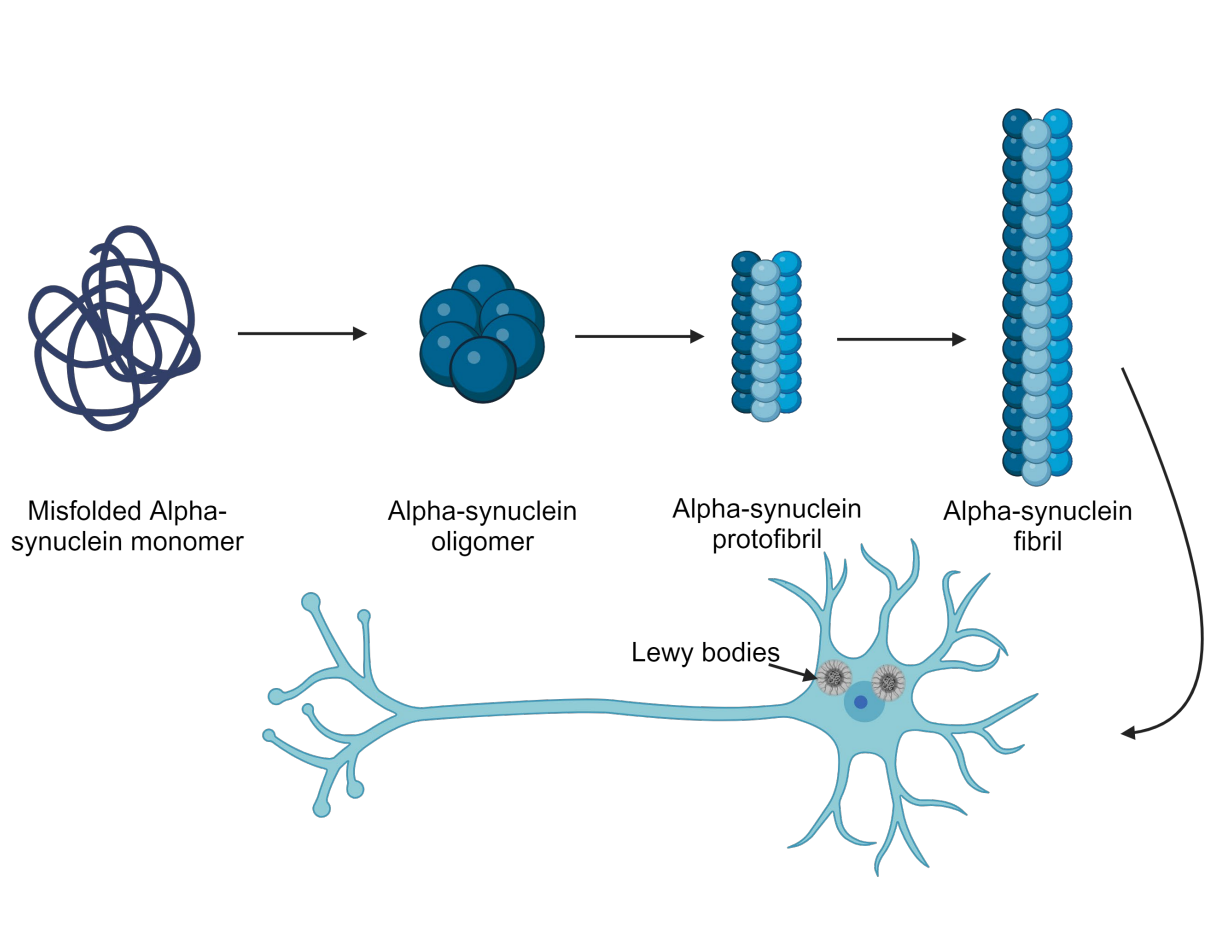
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## Alpha-Synuclein



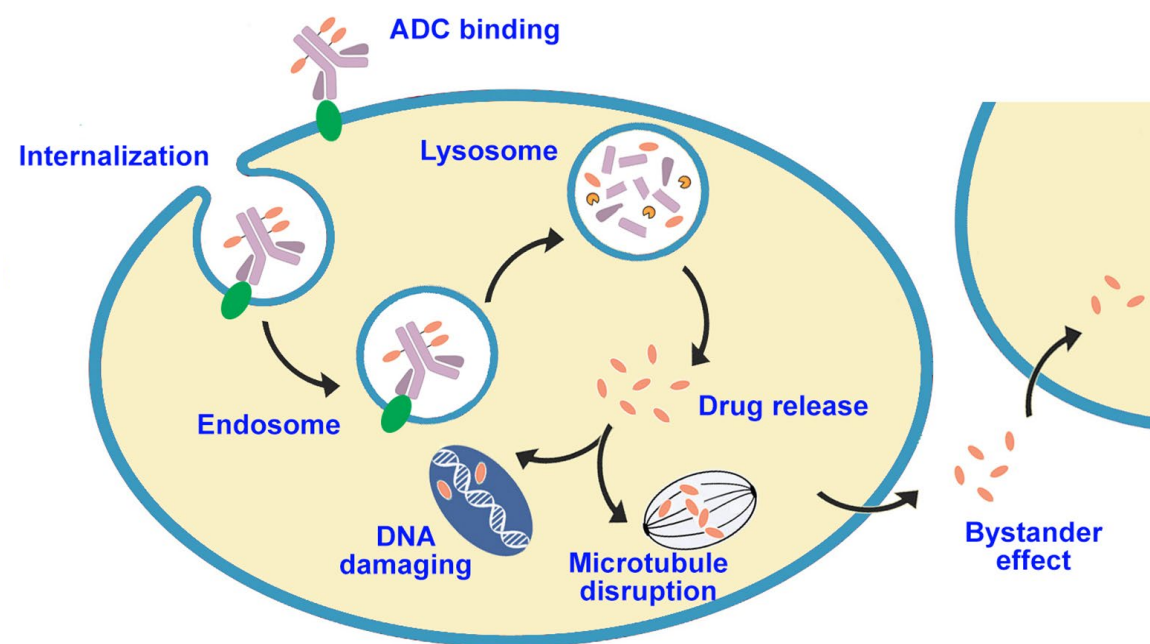
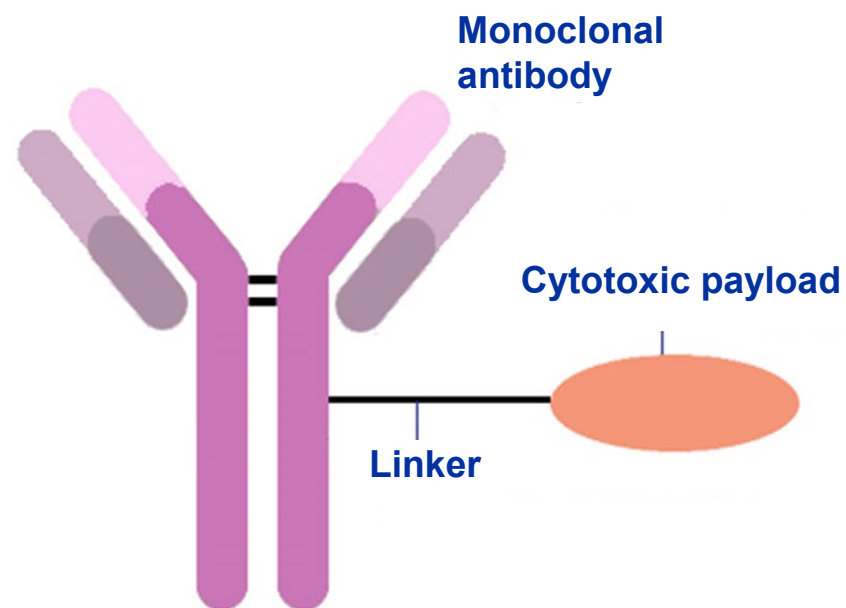
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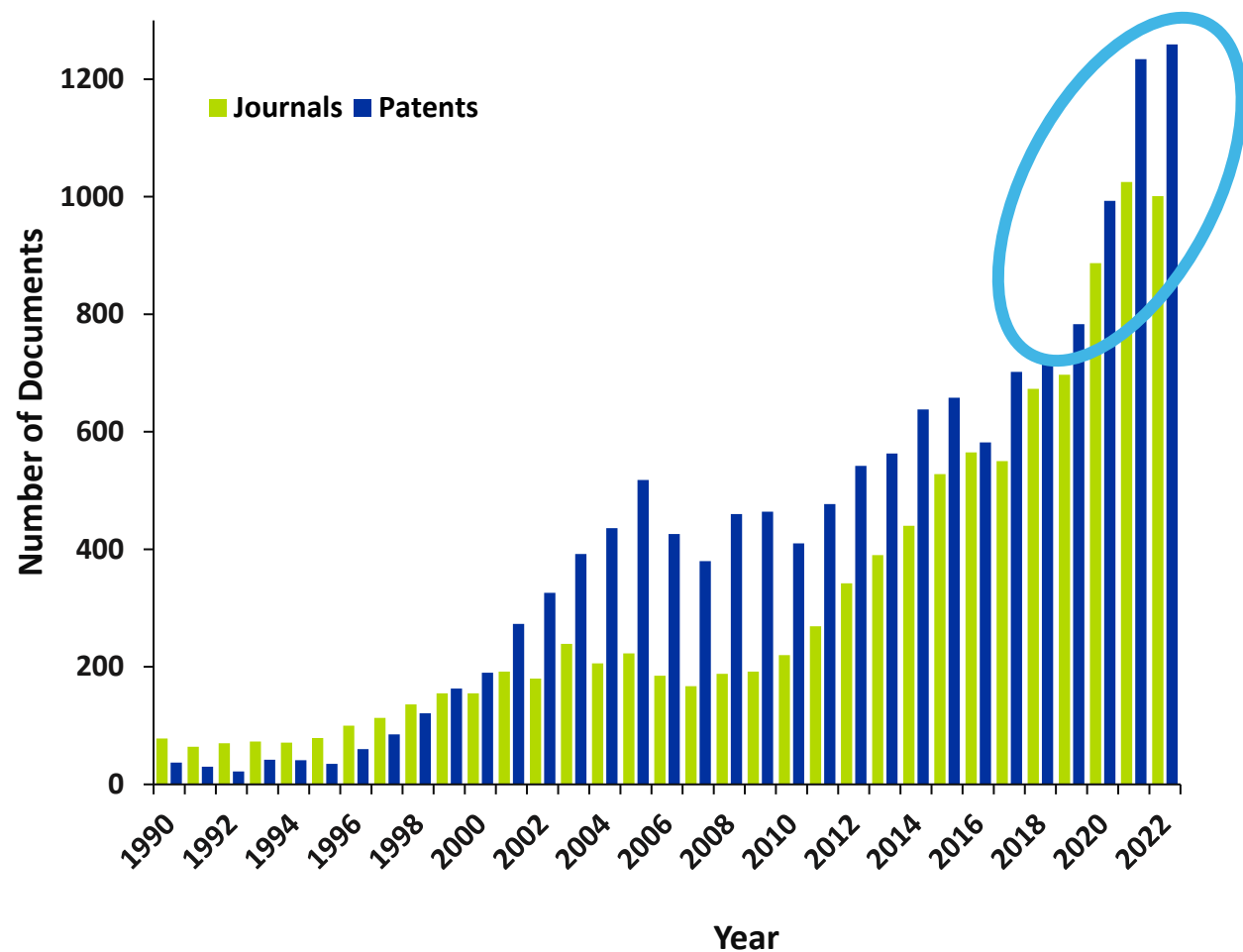
# Antibody-drug conjugate (ADC)

Targeted Immunotherapeutic



# ADC Publication Trends

50x increase in patent publications since 1990s



Global patent trend for ADCs from 1990 to 2022 (CAS Content Collection™)

## Trends

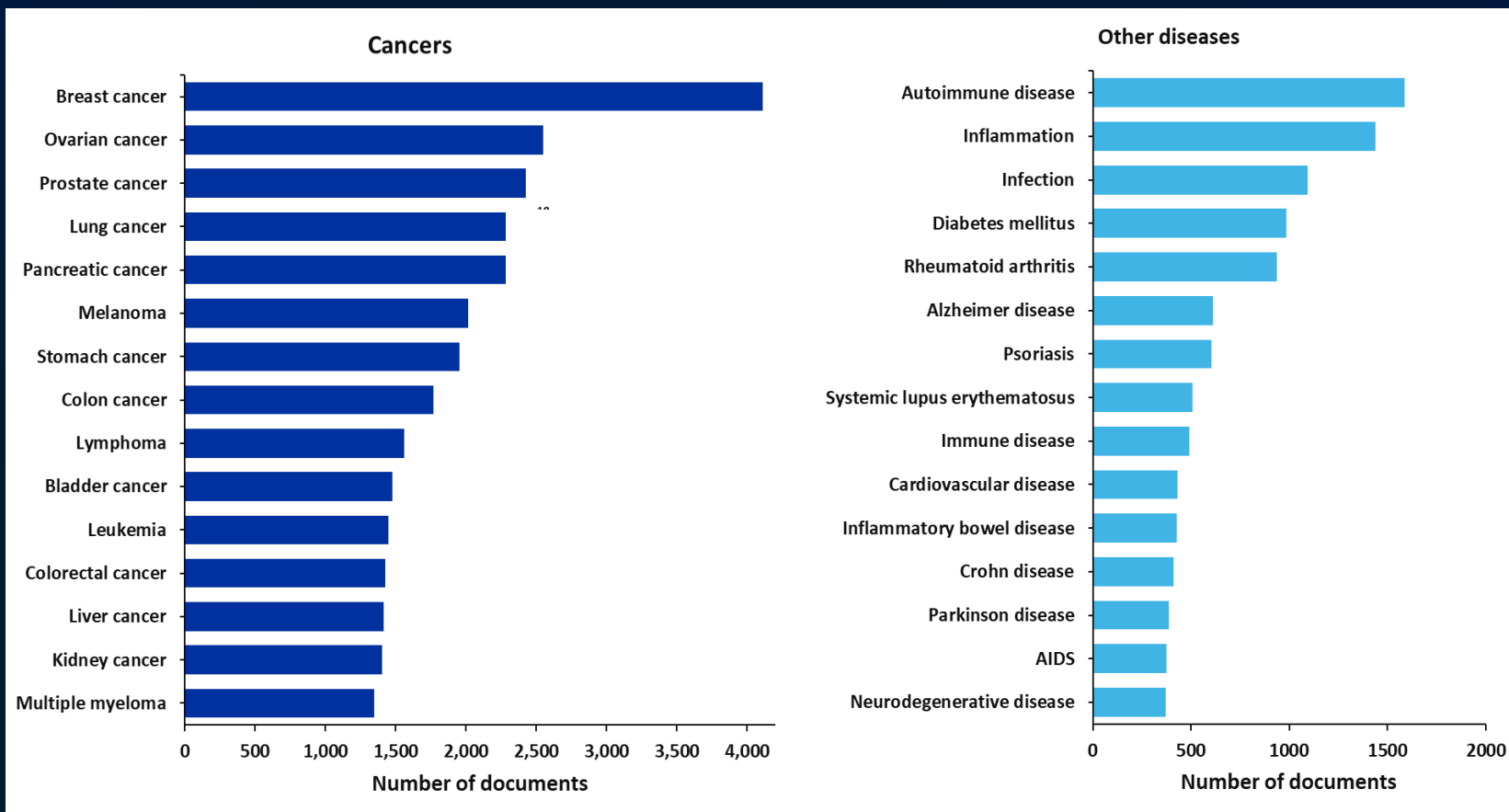
- Despite a pandemic, explosive growth of publications since first FDA approved ADC in 2000
- Nearly 30% increase in patents alone from 2020 onward

# Oncology is leading the clinical pipeline

Expanding efforts to fill gaps left by conventional drugs

## Trends

- Breast cancer and autoimmune disease lead paper publications
- Latest FDA ADC approvals target ovarian, head and neck, cervical, and gastric cancers.
- Outside of oncology, ADCs in clinical trials are exploring the treatment of autoimmune disorders and amyloidosis





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# AI/ML developments in drug discovery

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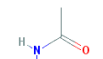
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# Adding AI/ML decision making to drug discovery

## Traditional computational drug discovery approach

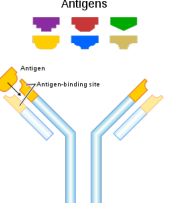
**Drug types**




Small molecule



Peptide

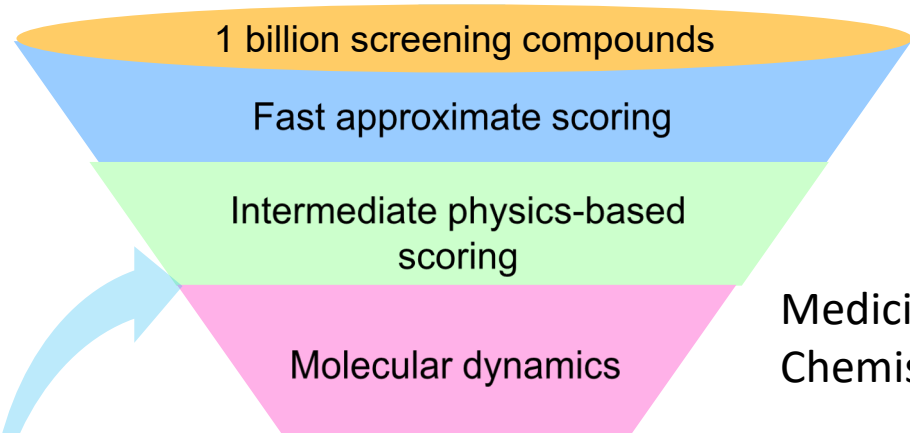


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Antigen-binding site

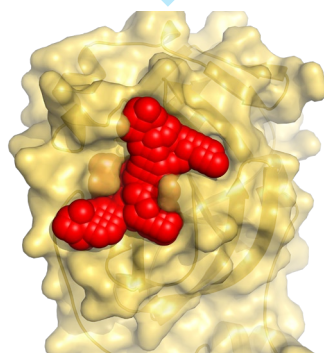


Antibody

Antigen



Experimental feedback



Manually selected protein target

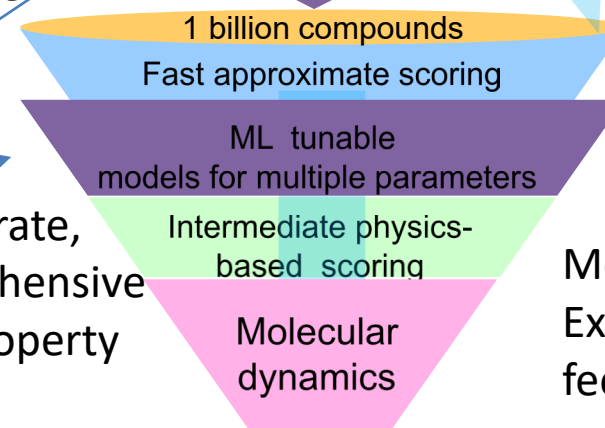
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3) Intelligent search of chemical space

2) Accurate, comprehensive drug property scoring

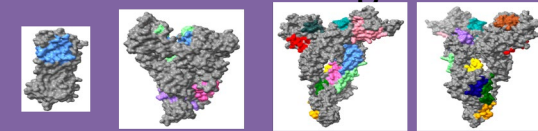
1) Flexible on/off target selection for potency models

100+ billion screening compounds Paradigm shift




Model Driven Experimental feedback

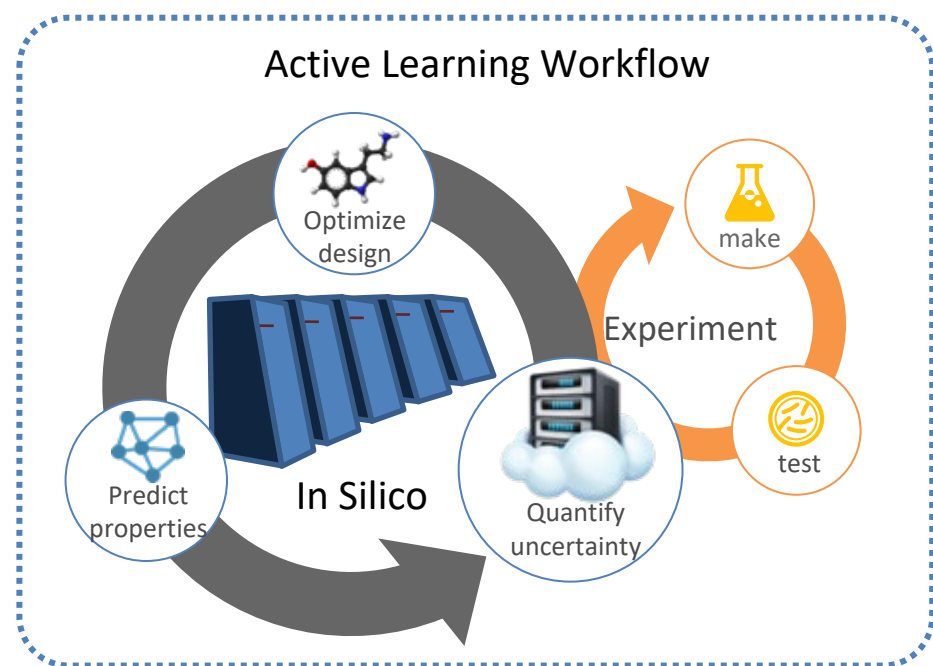
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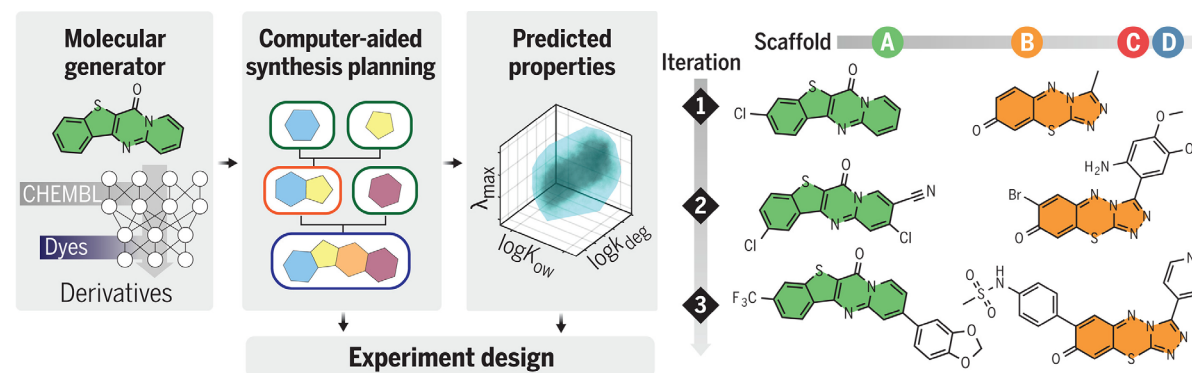
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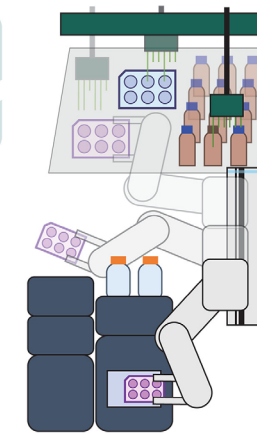
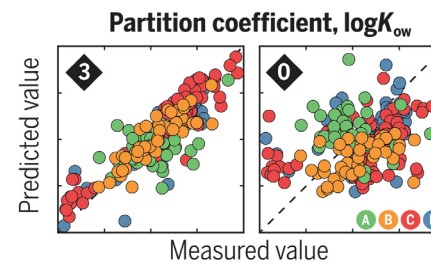
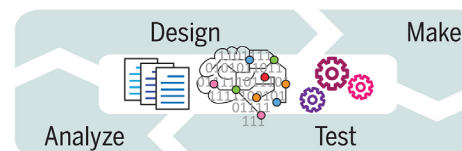
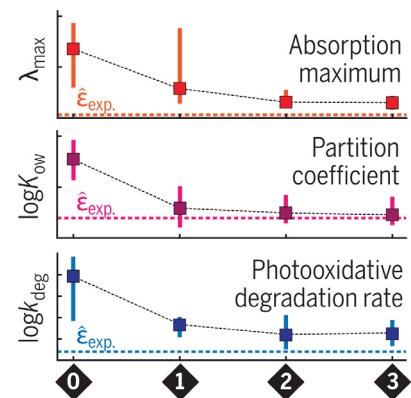
# Improved active learning workflows



## Recent example of automated iterative chemical synthesis



### Model absolute error and uncertainty



Koscher et al., 2023: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adi1407>

# Limited examples of clinical success with signs of potential

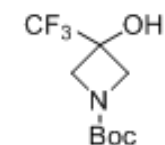
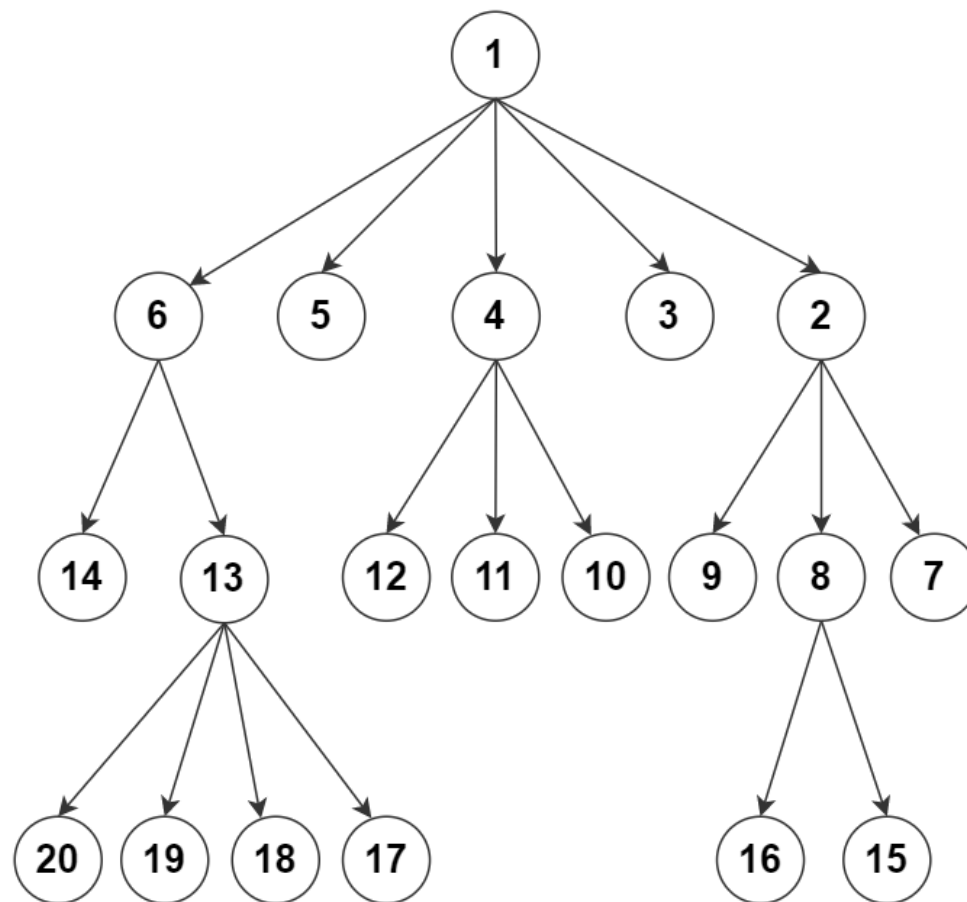
- A handful of examples of Investigational New Drug (IND) filings with early clinical trials
  - These are small molecules
- More examples of de novo drug design showing on target potency and promising pharmacokinetic/safety profiles
  - Likely still challenges with modeling complexity in human biology
  - Potential improvements with better omics measurements to stratify patient population
- Antibody redesign to restore potency is generating impact
  - De novo design still requires further work
- Improvements in protein folding prediction are opening up potential for new de novo biologics design
  - Added potential for peptide design



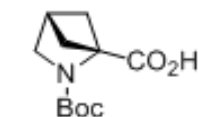
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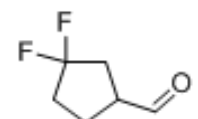
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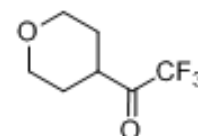
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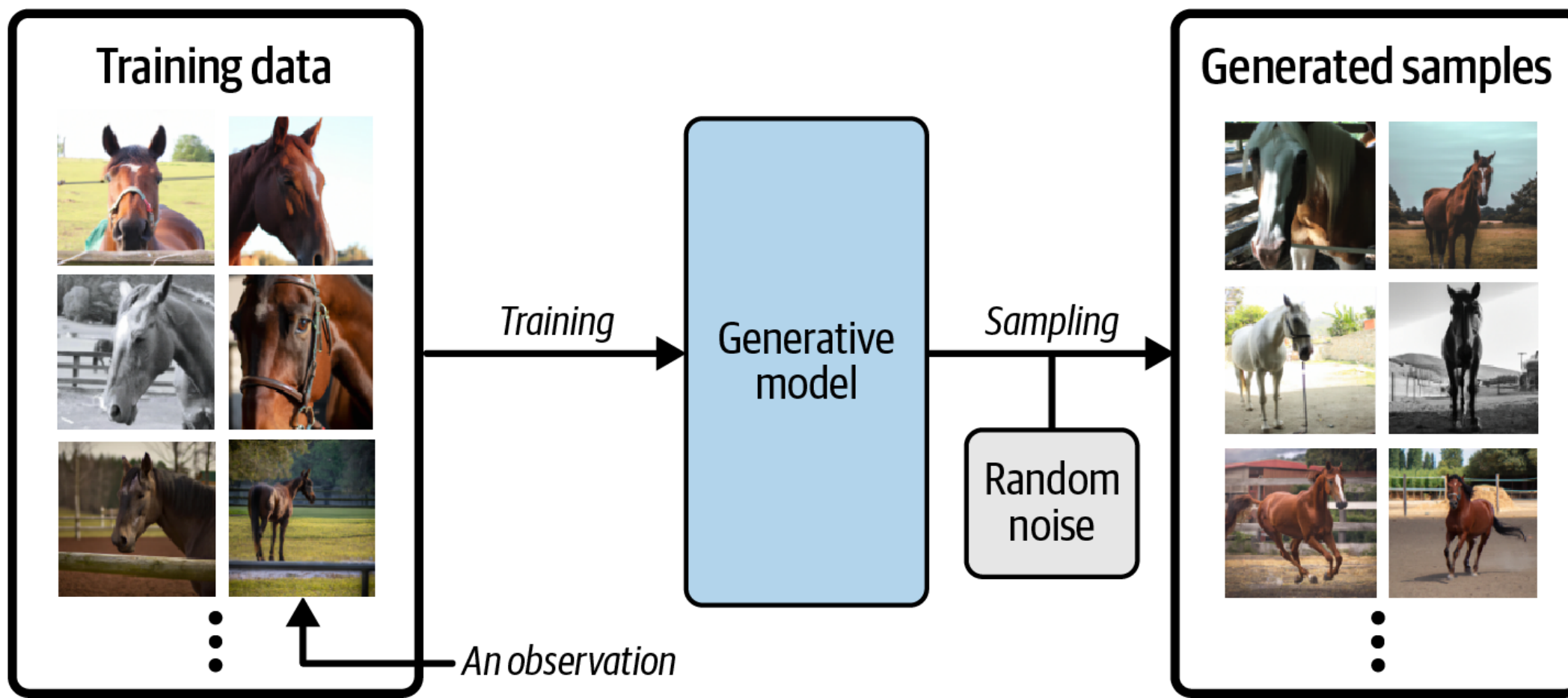


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Chemical building blocks  
for compound synthesis

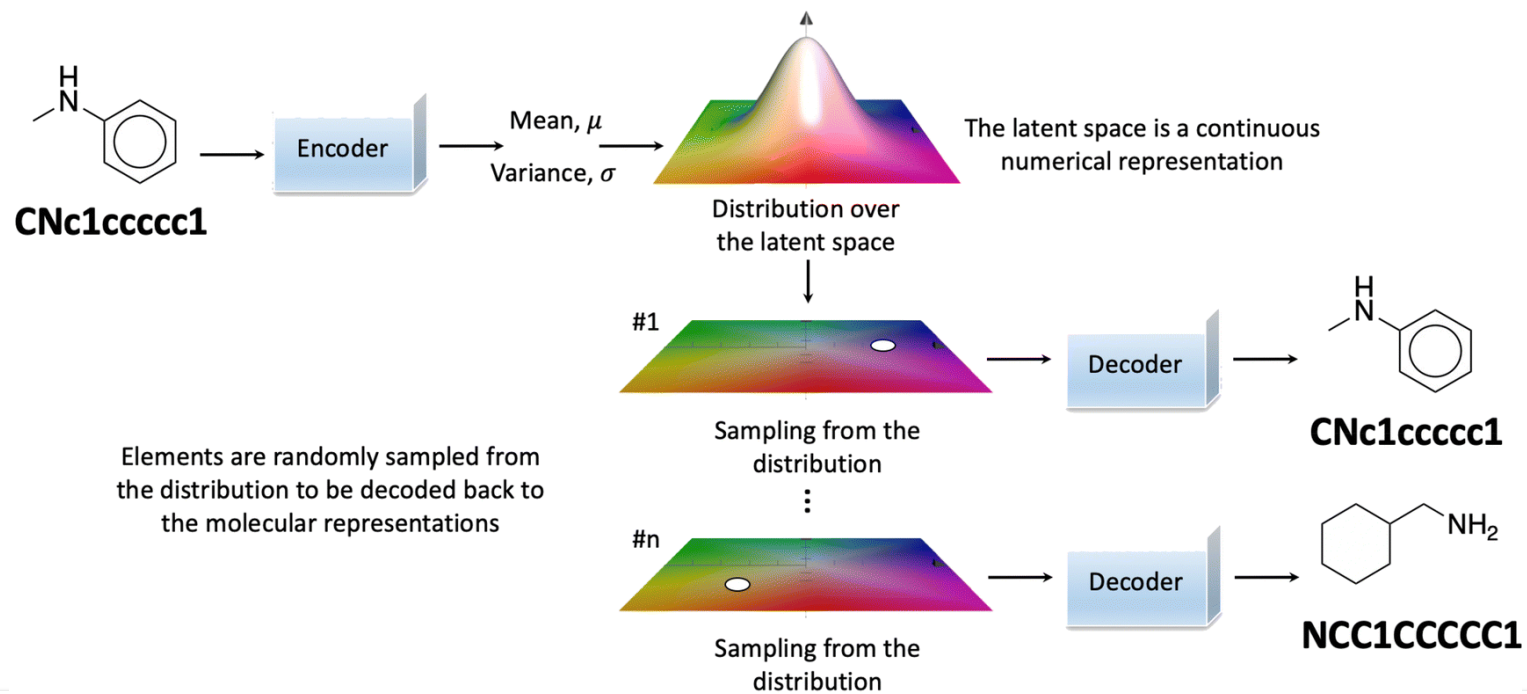
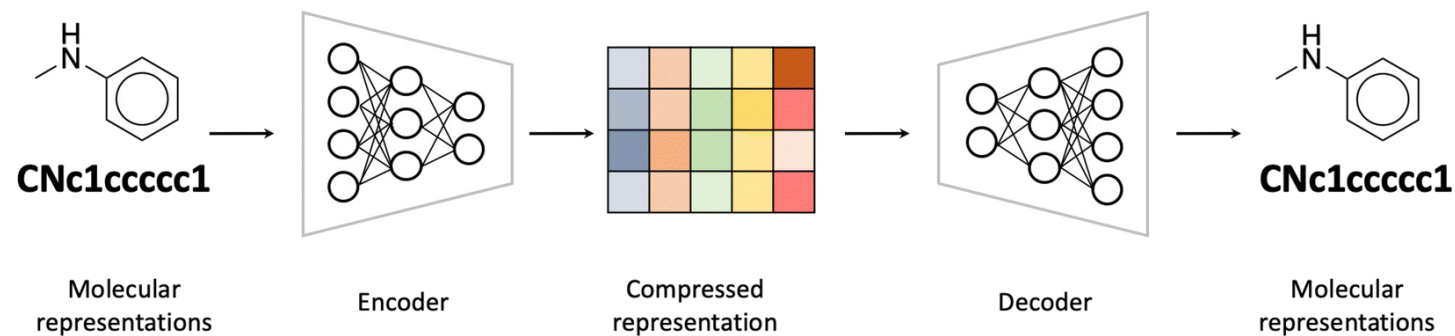
**100K+ building blocks ad  
growing!**

# Generative molecular models similar to models in other domains





# Generative chemical model search larger chemical spaces



Bian and Xie 2021, JMM



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# INNOVATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF BIOMEDICINE AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

A quantitative review of emerging trends

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# Identifying top growing trends in biomaterials

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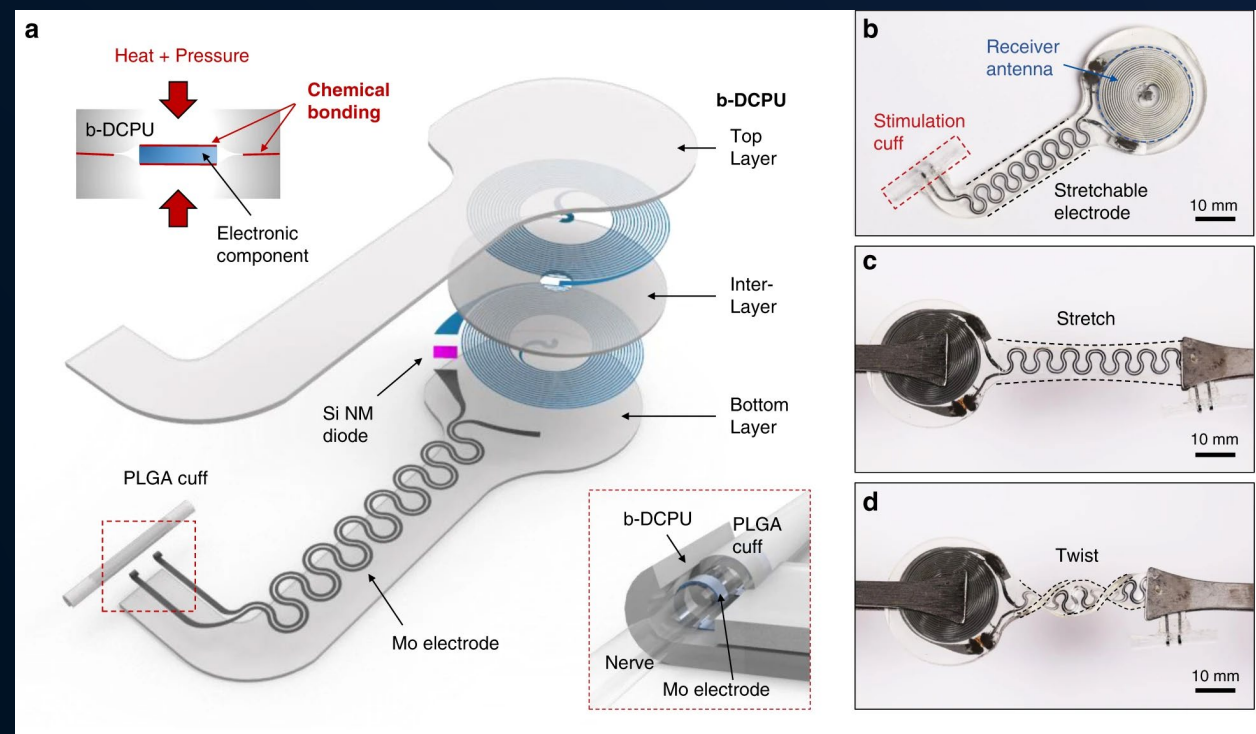
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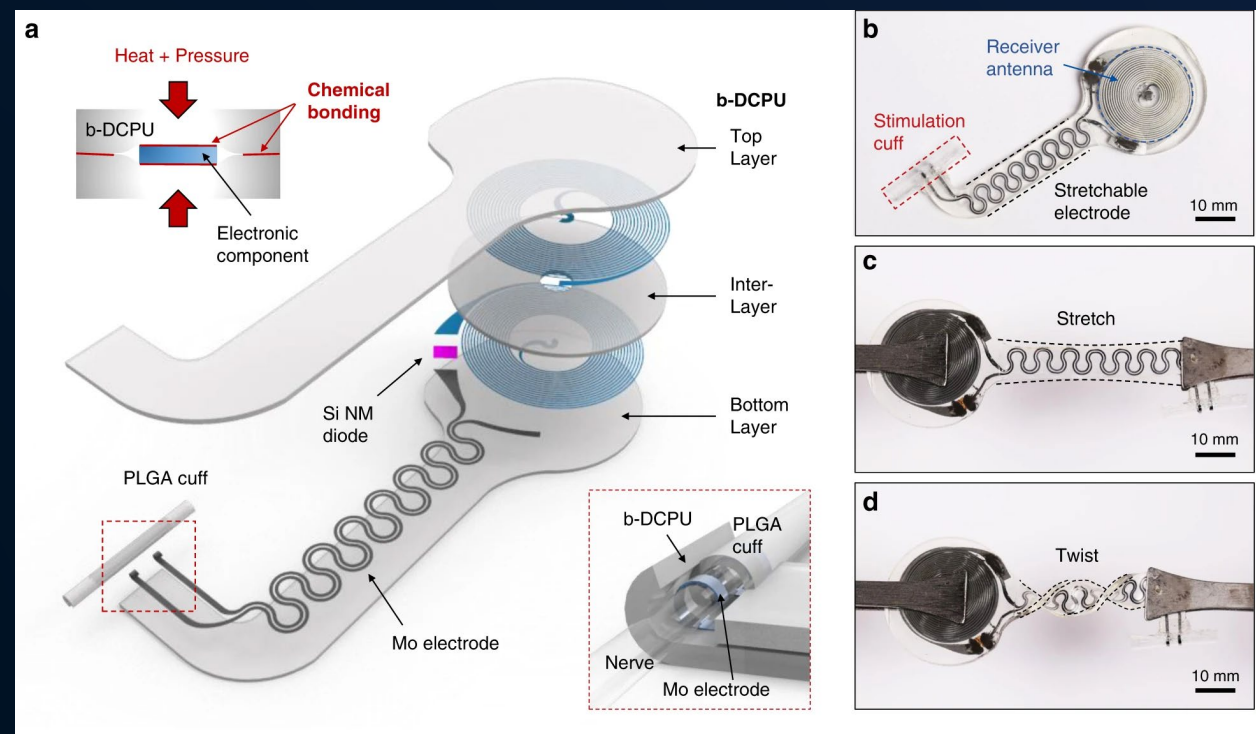
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- Goal of this analysis: provide data-based support for decision making and R&D planning



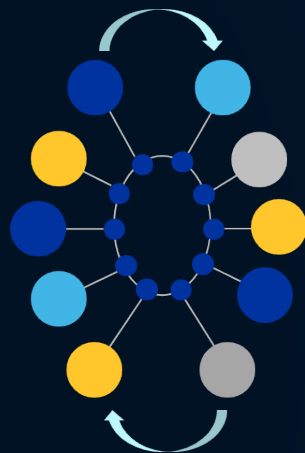
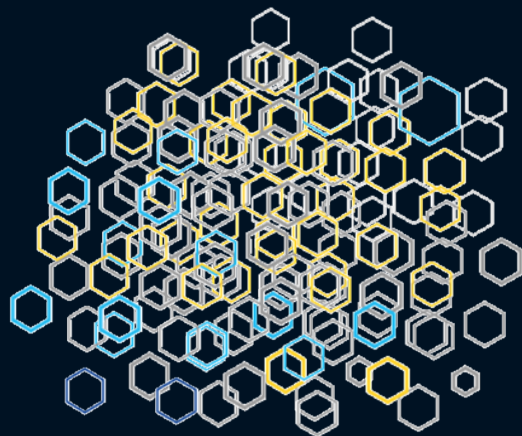
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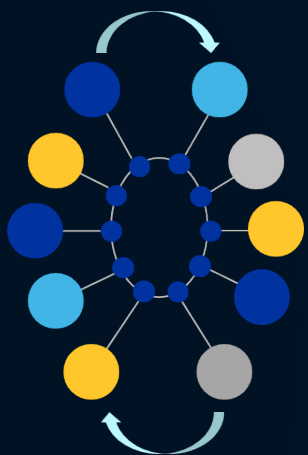
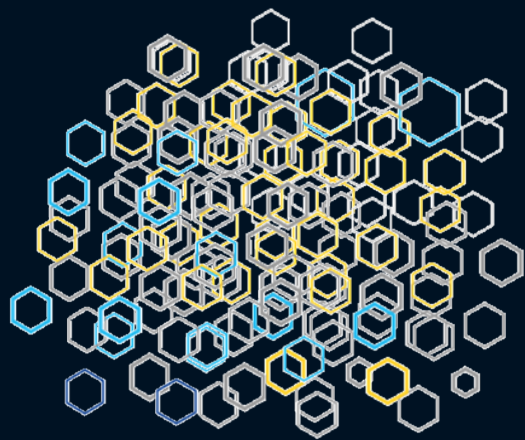
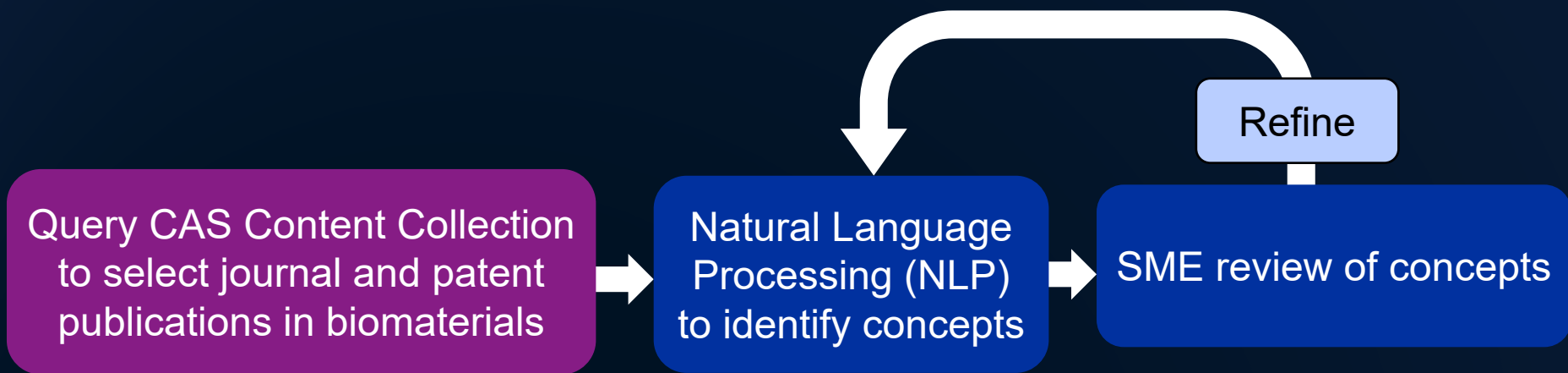
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Natural Language  
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to identify concepts



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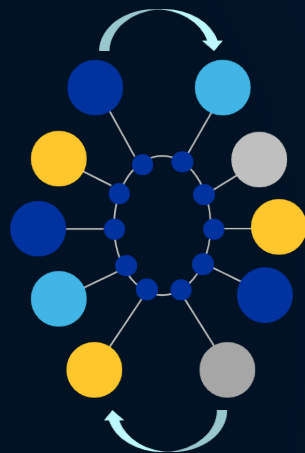
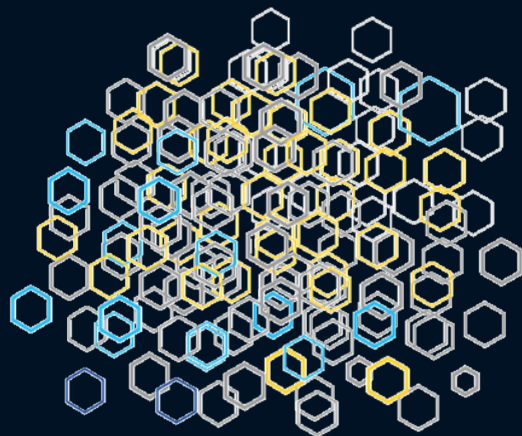
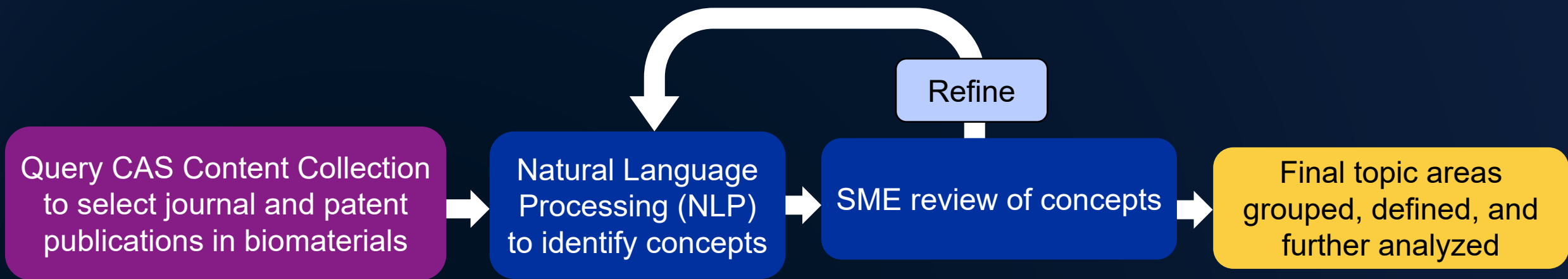
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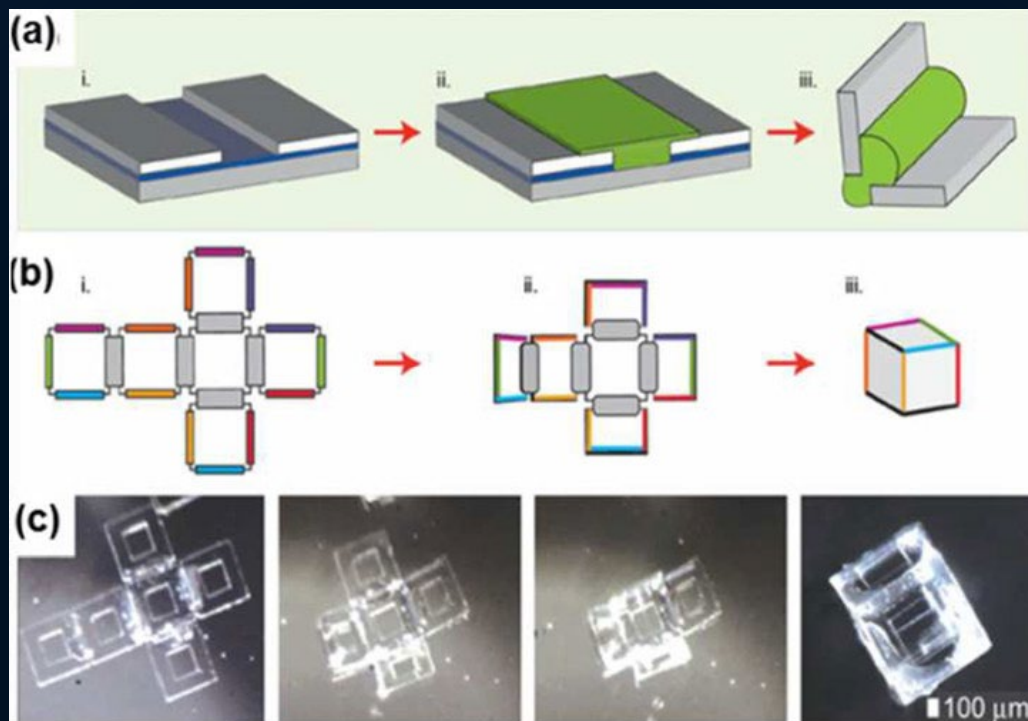
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## Applications

- Bioinks
- Bioelectronic materials
- Antibiotic materials
- Sustainable alternatives for biomedical materials

# Programmable biomaterials

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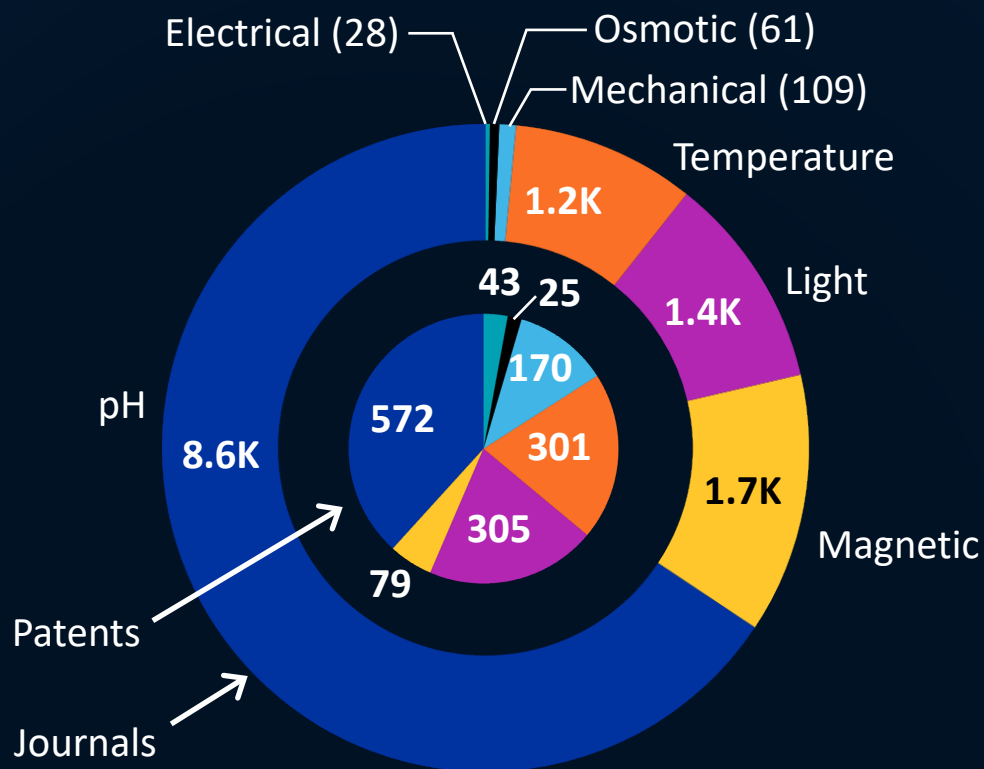
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## Trend Analysis:

- pH and magnetic stimuli appear more prominently in journal publications
- Mechanical and temperature-based stimuli appear relatively more in patents



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# Trends in Battery Energy Storage

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## Fifty years of lithium-ion batteries and what is next?

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# Cell Chemistry

- Li metal anode.
- Solid-state batteries.
- Sodium and potassium-based batteries.
- Extreme Conditions.
- Sulfur batteries.
- Oxygen batteries

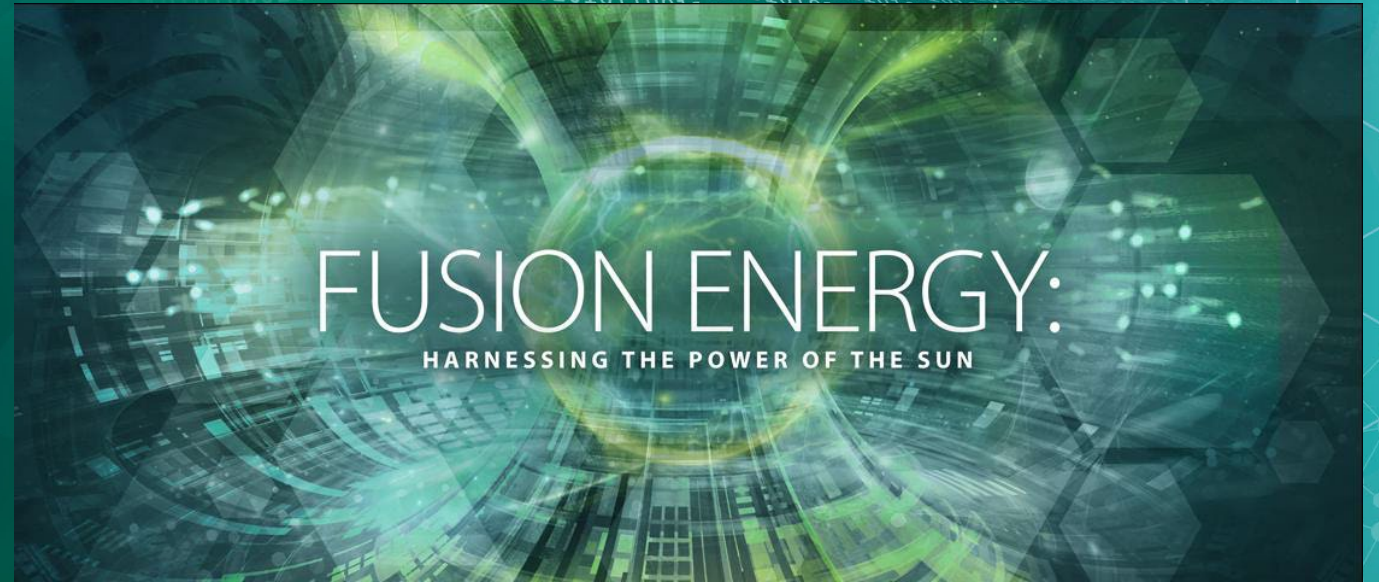
# Beyond the Cell Chemistry

- - Manufacturing technologies for batteries: reducing energy consumption and transportation costs.
- - Regional supply chains and clean mining with renewable energy.
- - From Cradle to Cradle: Recycling for reducing waste and recovering materials from end-of-life batteries.
- - Safety is a big concern, and overdesigning safety into materials and systems is necessary.

# Nuclear Fusion Energy

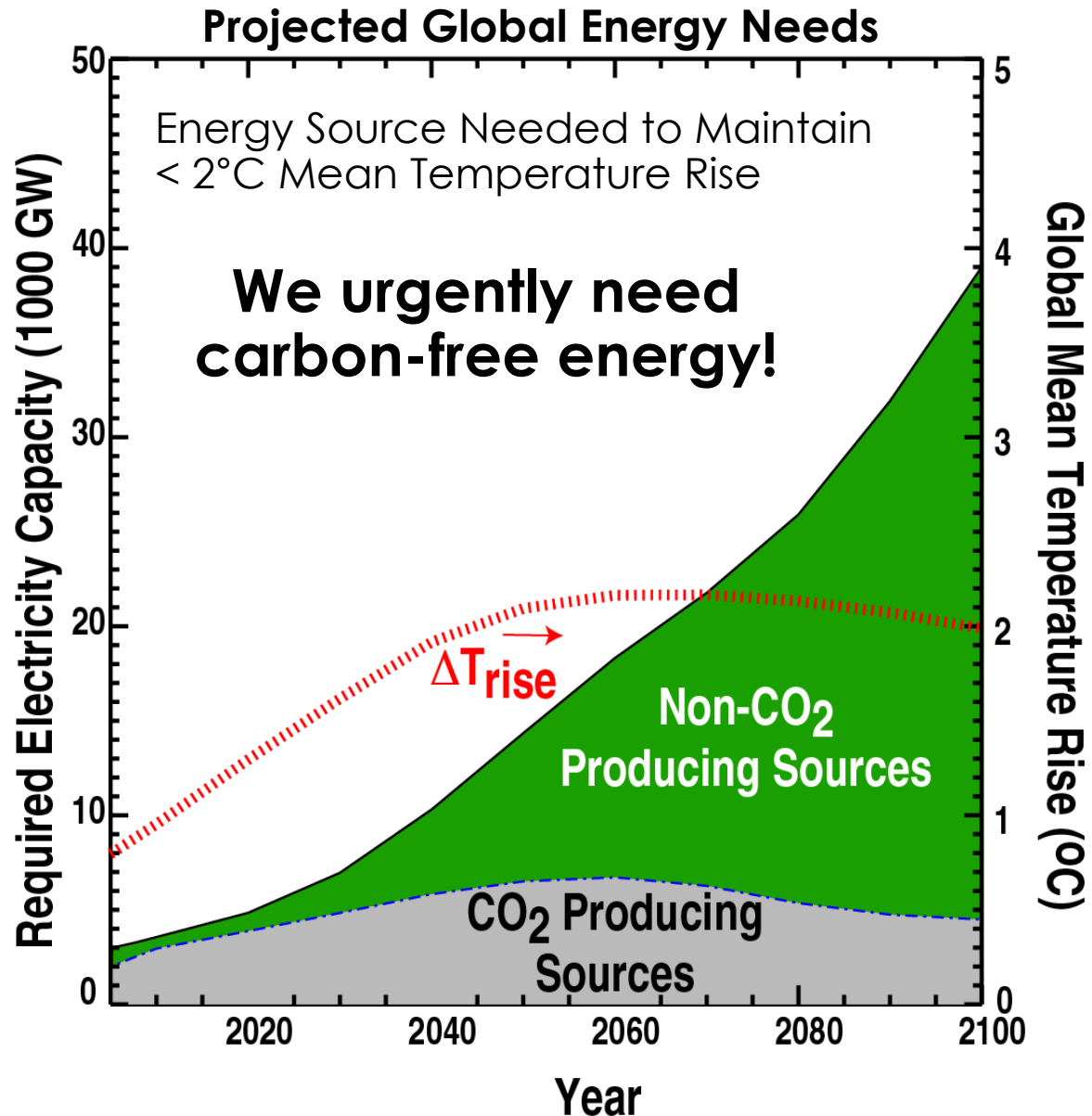
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# The Future of Our Civilization Depends on Energy



- Projected need for ~ 35,000 GW from non-CO<sub>2</sub> producing sources



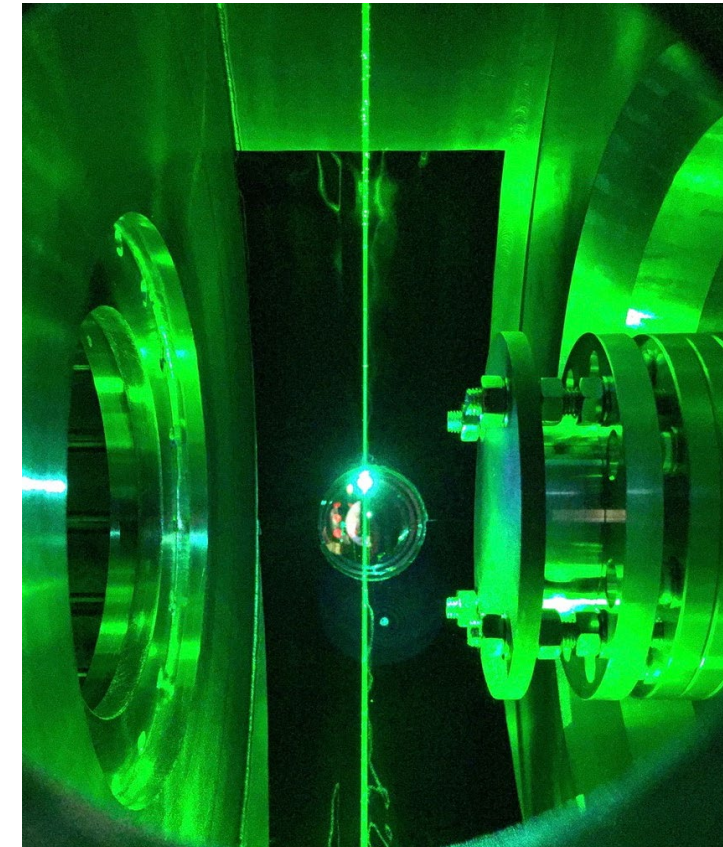
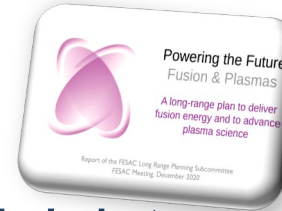
35,000 1 GW-e plants !!!

- By 2050, annual global energy investment would need to reach \$0.66 T (\$23 T cumulative)
  - GDP (2018): US: \$21T, China: \$14T, UK: \$2.9T
  - Global cell phone market: \$0.55 T

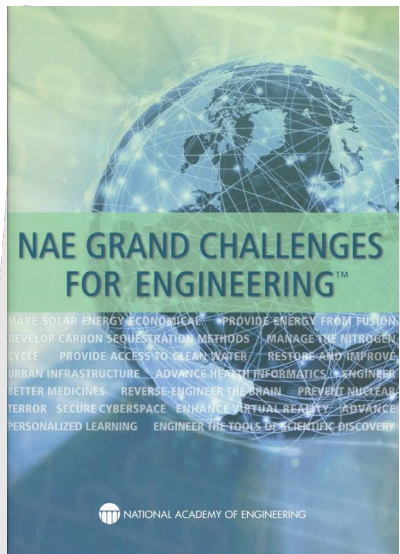
# A New Era in Fusion Energy Development Has Dawned

Confluence of developments have positioned fusion for a major 20-year push

- Achievements on National Ignition Facility and Joint European Torus demonstrate fusion energy production
- Multiple reports for U.S. expert groups indicate readiness and urgency of fusion development
- Extensive predictive tools for optimizing performance now in place
- New technologies available to address key challenges
  - Superconductors, Materials by Design, Advanced Manufacturing, High Performance Computing
- Significant escalation in investment in clean energy  
→ new \$\$\$ to make push possible

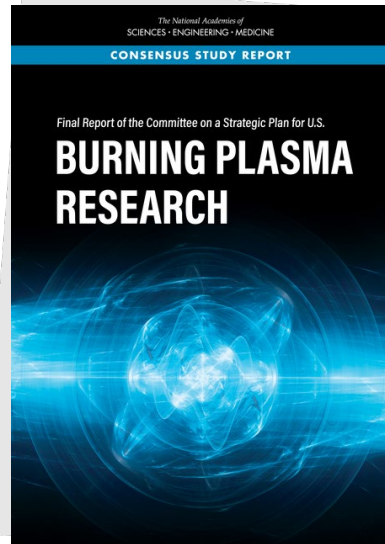


# The National Academies says that it's time



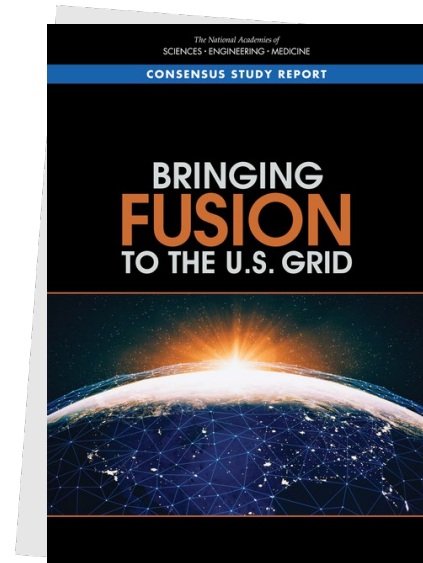
## NAE (2017)

Identified “Provide energy from fusion” as a grand challenge for the 21st century



## NASEM (2018)

“Now is the right time for the United States to develop plans to benefit from its investment in burning plasma research and take steps towards the development of fusion electricity for the nation’s future energy needs“

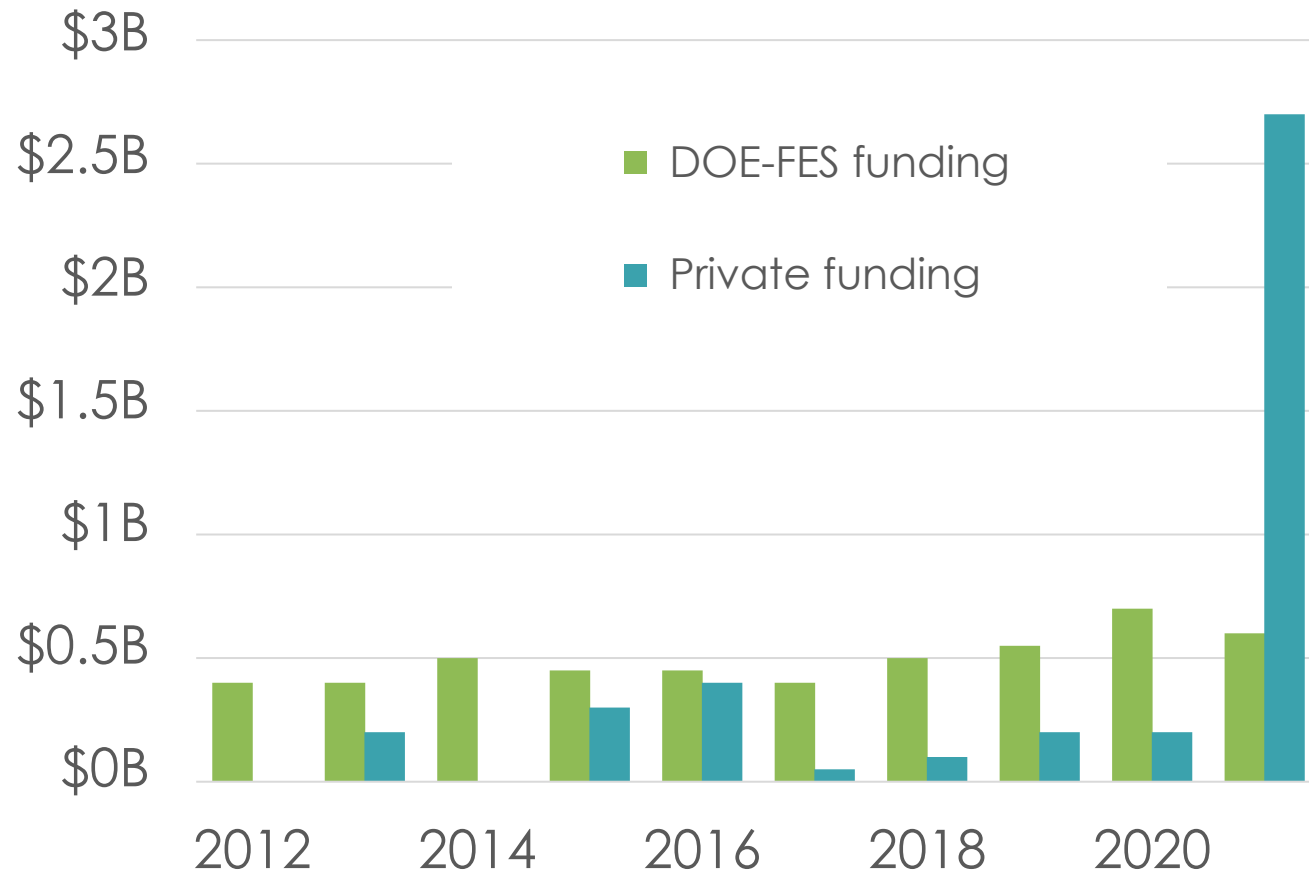


## NASEM (2021)

“Successful operation of a pilot plant in the 2035–2040 timeframe requires urgent investments by DOE and private industry—both to resolve the remaining technical and scientific issues and to design, construct, and commission a pilot plant.”



# Private investment in fusion has surged in recent years



**Currently over \$6B invested**

<https://www.fusionindustryassociation.org/news/from-the-fia/#industry-reports>



# US government has announced a decadal initiative to develop fusion energy

## White House Summit on Developing a Bold Decadal Vision for Commercial Fusion Energy

“Fusion is a potential carbon-free, abundant source of clean energy that will bolster American leadership, strengthen energy security, and enable sustained energy independence”



Rep.  
Chuck  
Fleischmann  
(TN)

US ITER Project  
Director Kathy  
McCarthy speaking  
during the White  
House summit on  
March 17, 2022



# Department of Energy Focus on Public-Private Partnerships

## INFUSE program

- Enables private firms to tap into national lab and university resources to address key issues
  - Led by ORNL and PPPL <https://infuse.ornl.gov/>



### 11 Participating DOE labs



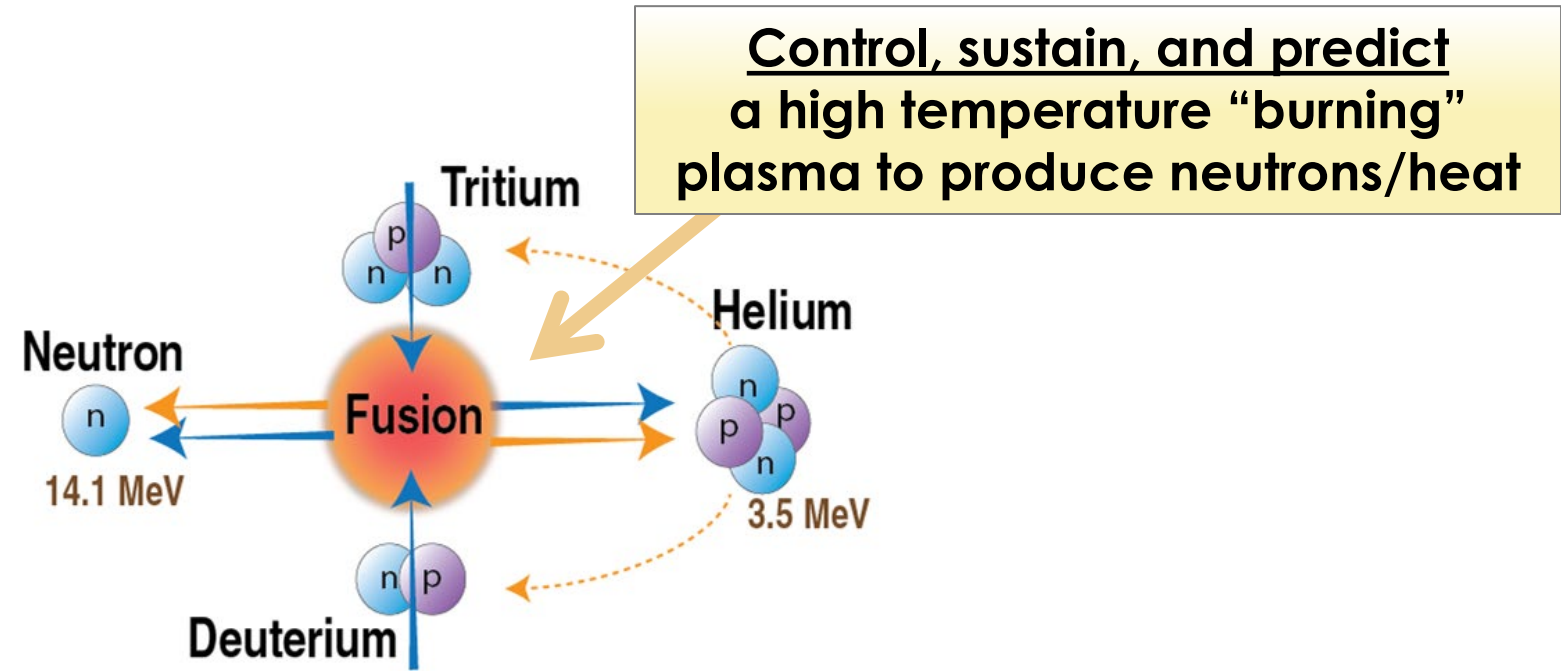
### Fusion Industry Association



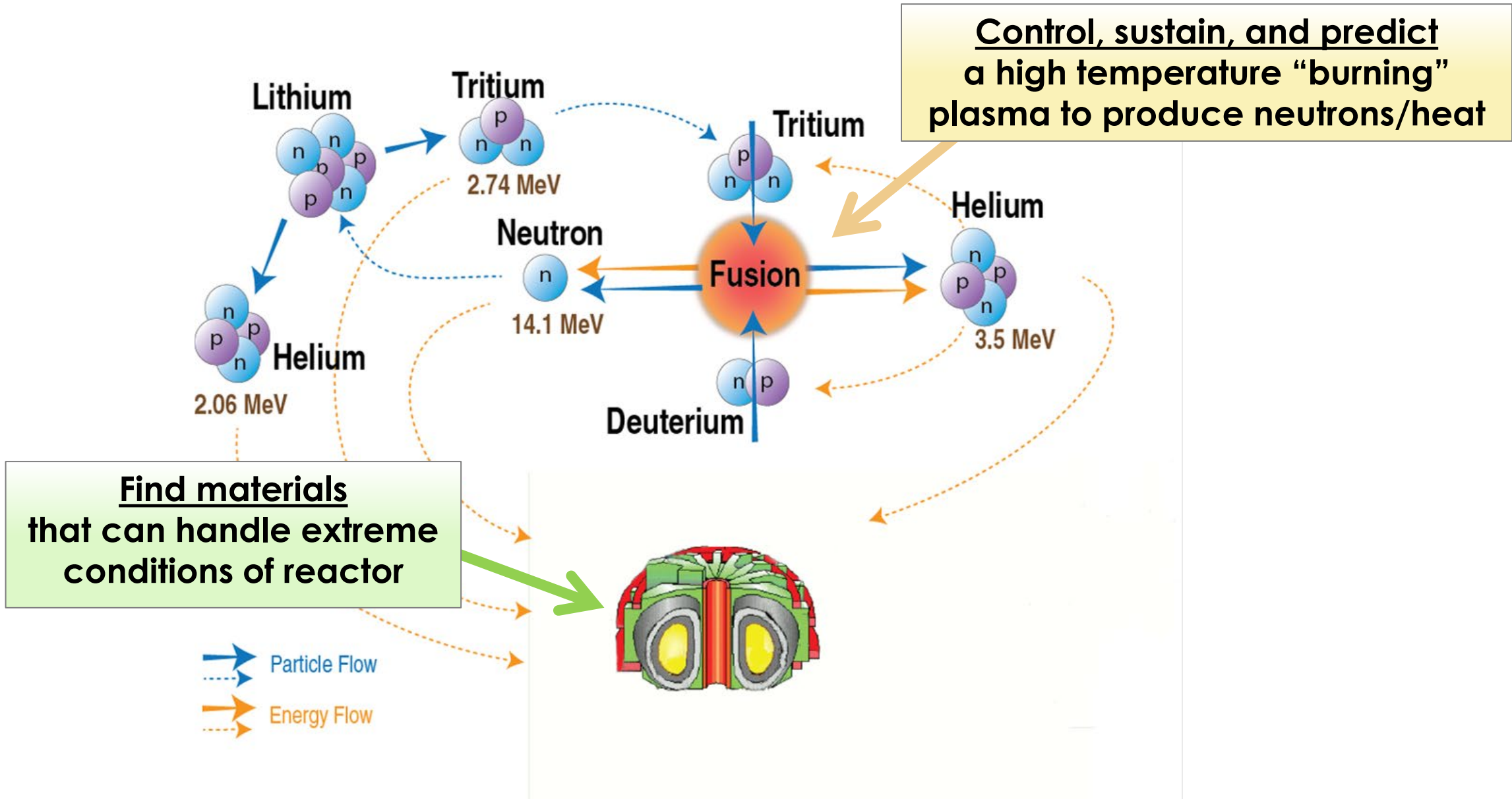
## Milestone Program

- In 2023, the DOE Office of Fusion Energy Sciences launched a milestone-based fusion development program, with \$46M for private companies (with 50% cost share) towards the development of fusion power with completion of preliminary design expected within 5 years.
- Eight awards were announced:
  - Commonwealth Fusion Systems
  - Focused Energy, Inc.
  - Realta Fusion
  - Thea Energy
  - Tokamak Energy
  - Type One Energy
  - Xcimer Energy Corporation
  - Zap Energy

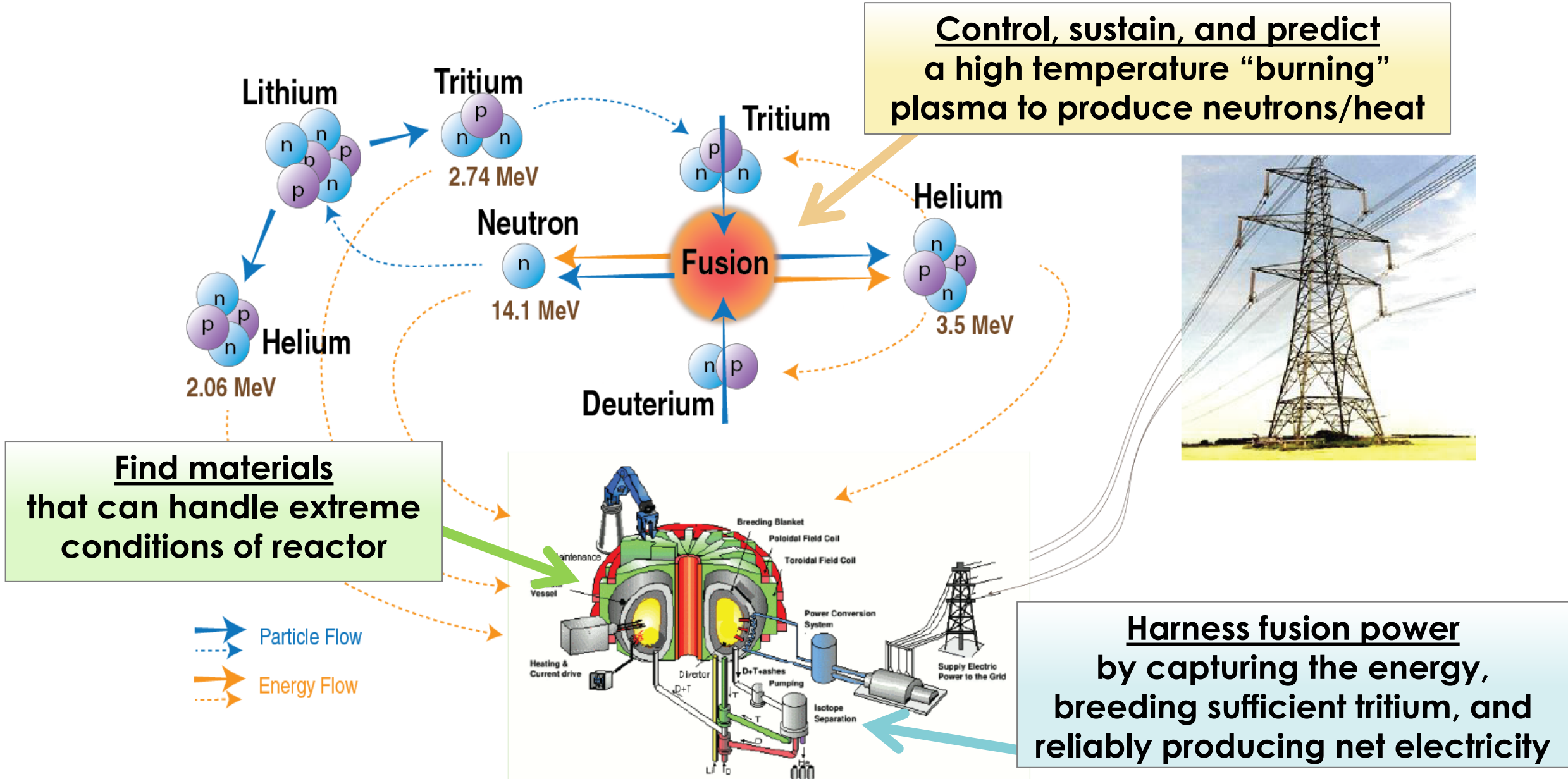
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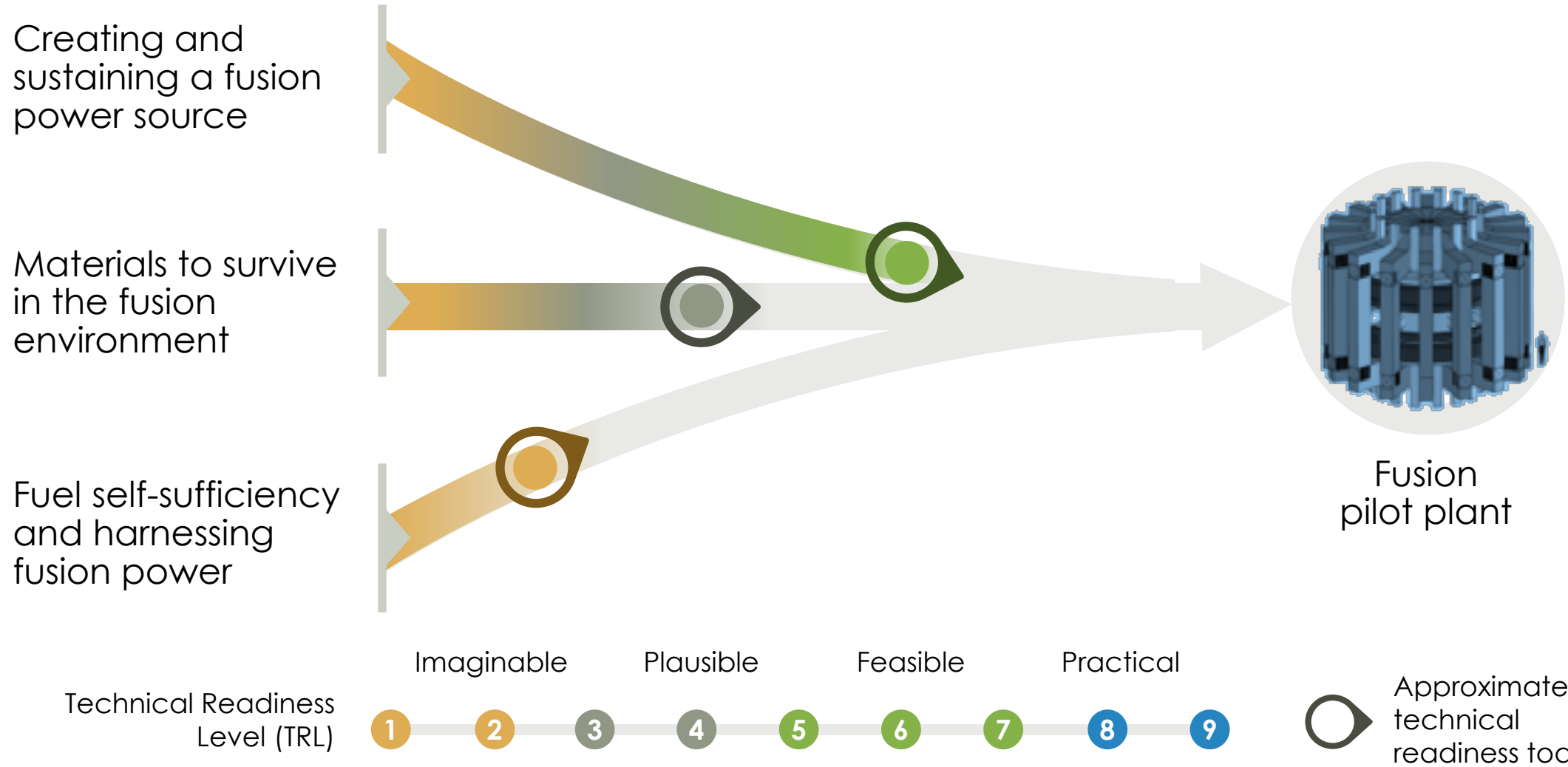
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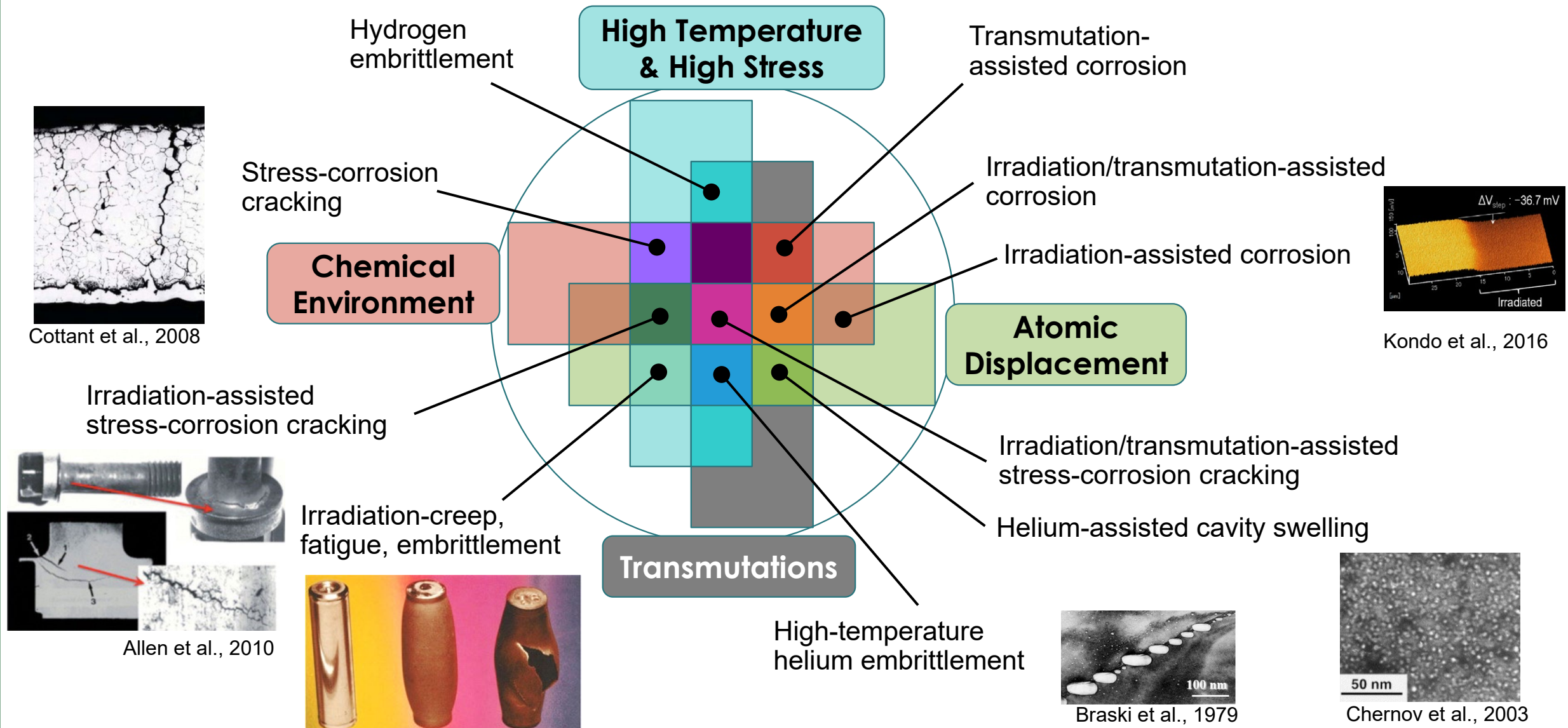
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# Technical readiness must be advanced rapidly to meet ambitious timelines for fusion implementation



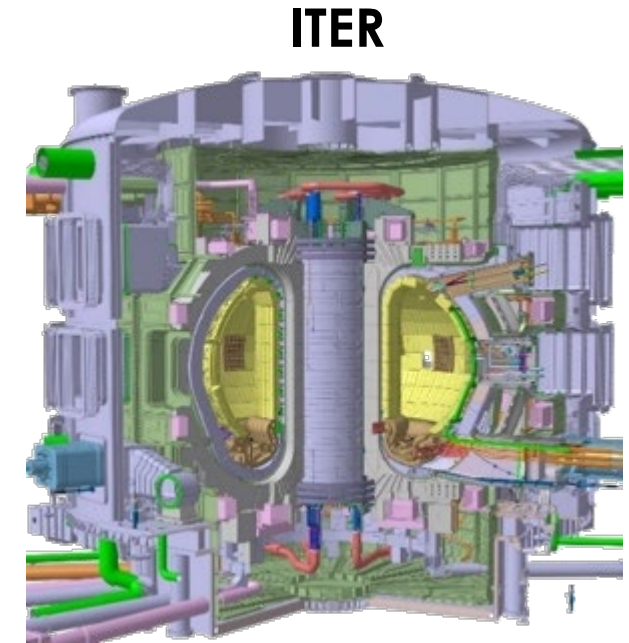
# Materials challenges are complex involving multiple extremes



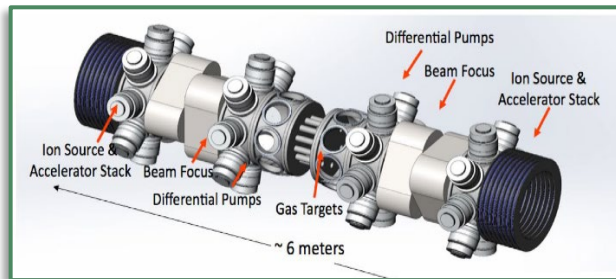


# Fusion Facilities in the Next Decade

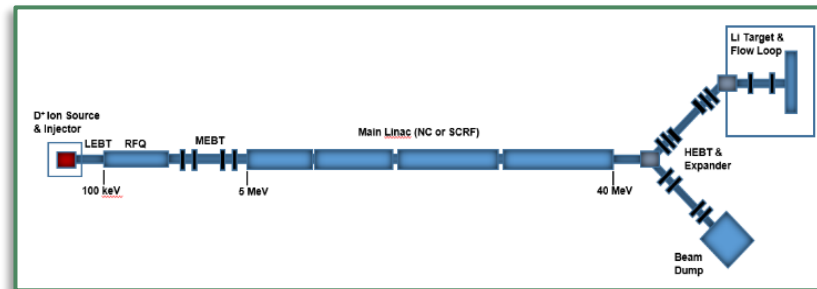
- **ITER** is a 35-nation collaboration under construction in Cadarache, France, and is expected to produce 500 MW fusion power for 400s, and begin operation in the 2030's.
- The **MPEX** project will support the development of candidate plasma facing materials and is currently under construction, with operation expected in early 2028.
- A **Fusion Prototypic Neutron Source** has been identified by the fusion community as a critical next facility to fill critical material science gap for exposure to fusion neutrons.



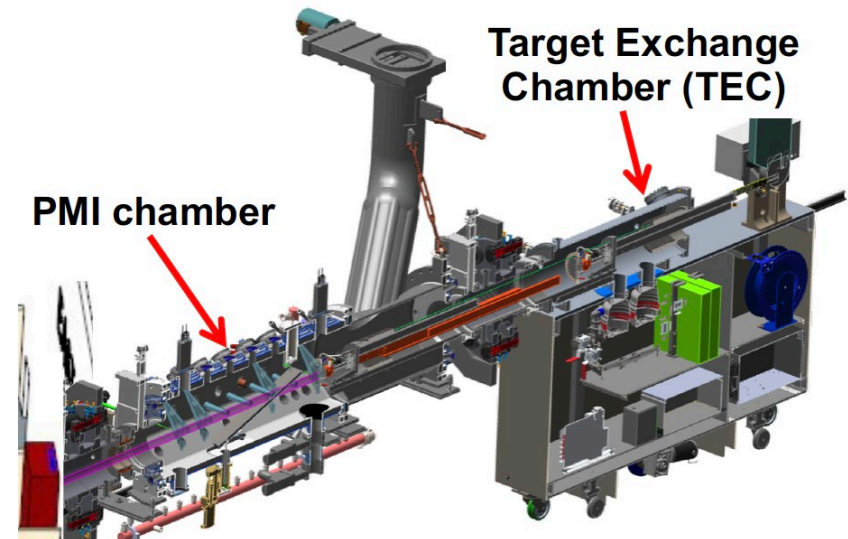
Multibeam D<sup>+</sup> into T gas target fusion neutron source



D – Li stripping reaction  
~5 MW D accelerator and liquid Li target



MPEX



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