

# Revitalizing American Manufacturing

## *Putting “&” back in R&D*

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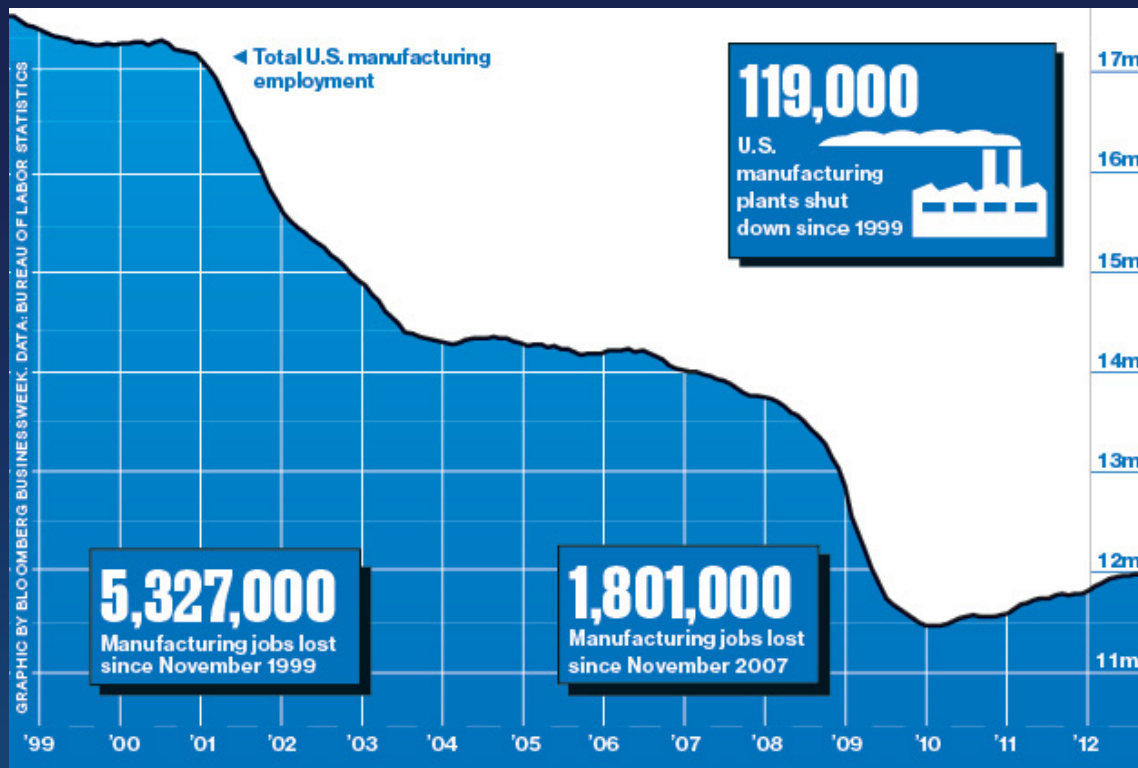
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- Over 63,000 U.S. manufacturing facilities were shut down during the recent economic downturn and nearly 6 million mfg. jobs lost in the last decade!



- U.S. Manufacturing still accounts for nearly
  - 12 percent of GDP (~ \$ 2 trillion)
  - 9 percent of U.S. employment
  - 90 percent of all U.S. patents,
  - 50% of U.S. exports
  - \$400 Billion R&D



# Factors favoring offshore manufacturing

- High labor content; low-skill /semi-skilled labor at low wages
- Matured Manufacturing process
  - Design can be carried out independent of manufacturing (ex. foundry model; iPhone)
- Established supply chains located offshore (ex. consumer electronics)
- Lenient environmental and health regulations



# It's not the labor costs...

## Germany:

- Higher wages
- Same or higher structural costs
- Slightly lower taxes
- Spends one-sixth as much as the U.S. in total R&D
- Spends 6 times as much as the U.S. in "Industrial Production and Technology" category



Nearly trillion dollar advantage in trade balance on goods

	U.S	Germany
Trade balance (\$ B) (2011)		
• goods	-738	+214
• services	+178	-30
• net	<b>-560</b>	+184
Manufacturing as % GDP (2010)	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>
Hourly Compensation of Manufacturing Workers (2011)	\$35.53	\$47.38
Govt. Research budget in billions of dollars (2011): Investment in Industrial Production & Technology (as percent of total R&D spending)	164 0.963(0.6%) 1.2%	26 3.3 (12.7%) 13.5%
As percent of nondefense R&D		
Share (%) of Business R&D expenditures on Manufacturing	69.6	90.0
R&D as % GDP	2.68	2.53
Raw Cost Index of Manufacturers	<b>\$0.47</b>	<b>\$0.52</b>
Statutory Corporate Tax Rates(2012)	<b>39.1</b>	<b>30.2</b>
Social Insurance Expenditures & Other Labor Taxes (% of compensation)	33	42
Industrial Pollution Abatement and Control Expenditures (% of value added)	6.2	6.0
End-User Industry Energy Costs (Index U.S. = 100)	<b>100.0</b>	<b>124.7</b>



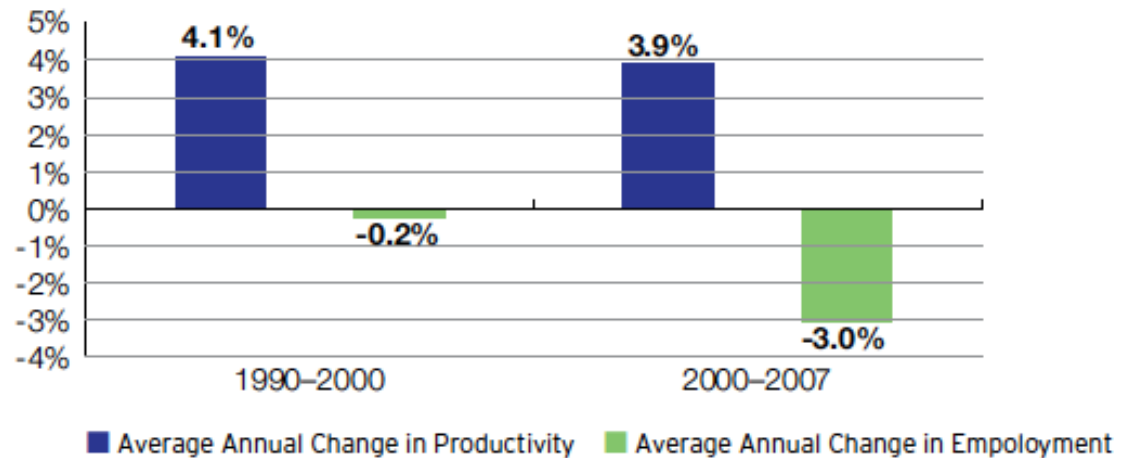
# Manufacturing Job Losses Are Not the Result of Rapid Productivity Growth

- Performance improvements in computers chips are included in the productivity calc.
- Cost of inputs imported are not accounted
- Temporary workers do not count as manufacturing workers

manufacturing productivity growth is 2.3 percent (not 5.4 percent)

17 out of 19 manufacturing sectors showed decline in output between 2000-2007

**Figure 3. Productivity and Employment Change in U.S. Manufacturing, 1990-2000 and 2000-2007**



Source: Authors' analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Major Sector Productivity and Costs data (productivity) and Current Employment Statistics data (employment).



# Why Amazon's Kindle 2 Can't Be Made in the U.S.

The Kindle 2 e-reader was designed by Amazon's Lab126 unit in California. The vast majority of its components are made in China, Taiwan, and South Korea, and it is assembled in China, a center for such work.

Taken from Gary Pisano and Willy Shih, "Restoring American Competitiveness", HBR, July 2009

## Hollowing out high-tech supply chains

### Prime View International acquires E Ink for \$215 million

**Summary:** E Ink, the company behind the e-paper displays on the Kindle and Sony e-book lineup, has been acquired by Prime View International, which makes e-paper displays. The deal was valued at \$215 million.

### Flexible Displays?

And the Winner is –  
ITRI  
Wall Street Journal  
Technology Award  
Sept. 2010.



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#### Flex circuit connector **MADE IN CHINA**

**REASON** U.S. supplier base eroded as the manufacture of consumer electronics and computers migrated to Asia.

#### Electrophoretic display

#### **MADE IN TAIWAN**

**REASON** Its manufacture requires expertise developed from producing flat-panel LCDs, which migrated to Asia with semiconductor manufacturing.



#### Highly polished injection-molded case **MADE IN CHINA**

**REASON** U.S. supplier base eroded as the manufacture of toys, consumer electronics, and computers migrated to Asia.

#### Wireless card

#### **MADE IN SOUTH KOREA**

**REASON** South Korea used its infrastructure for designing and manufacturing consumer electronics to become a center for making mobile phone components and handsets, especially products using CDMA technology, which is widely used in South Korea.

#### Controller board

#### **MADE IN CHINA**

**REASON** U.S. companies long ago outsourced the manufacture of printed circuit boards to Asia, where there is now a huge supplier base.

#### Lithium polymer battery

#### **MADE IN CHINA**

**REASON** Battery development and manufacturing migrated from the U.S. to Asia along with the development and manufacture of consumer electronics and notebook computers.



# Re-shoring?

## Trend or Anecdotal?

- Chinese wages are rising 10-15% per year
- Currency rates
- Transportation costs
- IP protection

Strategizing around these can only provide a temporary bump

Only sustainable model is a renewed excellence in engineering and manufacturing of high technology products with high productivity and high-skilled workforce.

Unless we manufacture today's high-products, we lose our ability to innovate next generation products



# Establishing a Robust Manufacturing Base

*Creating new industries and strengthening existing industries*

\$100 billion trade deficit in Advanced Technology products

1800 suspected counterfeits in more than 1 million electronic parts in military equipment

## Economic & National Security

### Leadership in Advanced Technology Products

- Trade Surplus
- Trusted Sources

### Innovation: Create New Industries

- Basic Research
- **Translational R&D**
- Early Adoption
- Capital
- Entrepreneurship
- Scaling
- Skilled Engineers

### Competitiveness: Strengthen Existing Industries

- Digital Tools
- Shared Facilities
- Affordable Energy
- Access to Markets
- Free & Fair Trade
- Tax Incentives
- Smart Regulation
- Skilled Production Workers





# Future of American Manufacturing

## Factors favoring U.S.-based manufacturing

- **Emerging technologies** with nascent process technology - require investments in Translational R&D (NNMIs); colocation of R&D & manf.
  - Intellectual property protection
  - Proximity to customers
  - Skilled workforce at competitive wages
  - Critical national security needs
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## Leverage U.S. inherent strengths

- Basic research and discoveries - universities and federal labs.
- Government procurement to accelerate innovation & scaling
- Affordable energy
- Availability of raw materials
- Entrepreneurship



# Innovation

Scientific Discovery → Engineering Invention → Innovation → Manufacturing,...

A broader definition according to National Academies...

*“Innovation commonly consists of being **first to acquire** new knowledge through leading edge research, being **first to apply** that knowledge to create sought-after products and services, often through world-class engineering; and being **first to introduce** those products and services into the marketplace through extraordinary entrepreneurship.”*



Technological innovation is really about engineering – the “application of knowledge” to convert a promising idea into a practical product/process



# Innovation and Manufacturing are Intricately Linked

Scientific Discoveries → Inventions → Innovation → Manufacturing, ..

Federal R&D  
\$140 billion

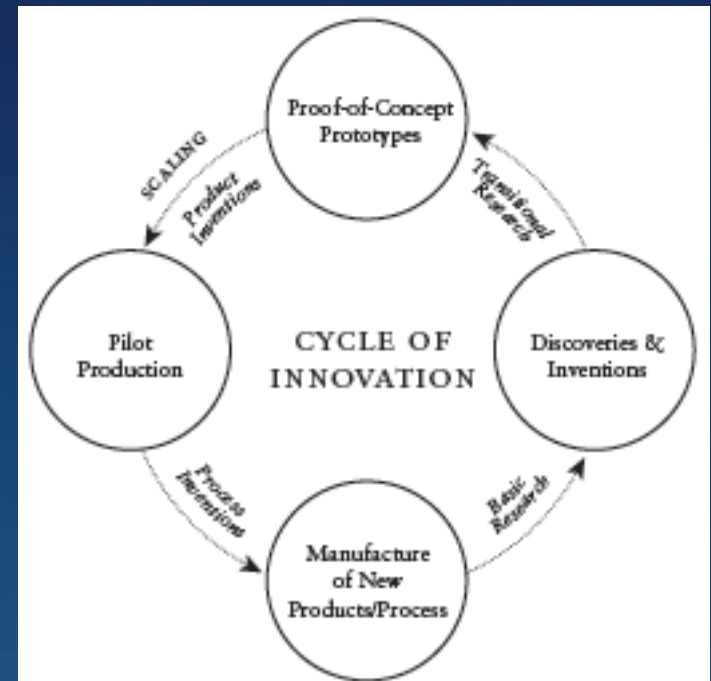
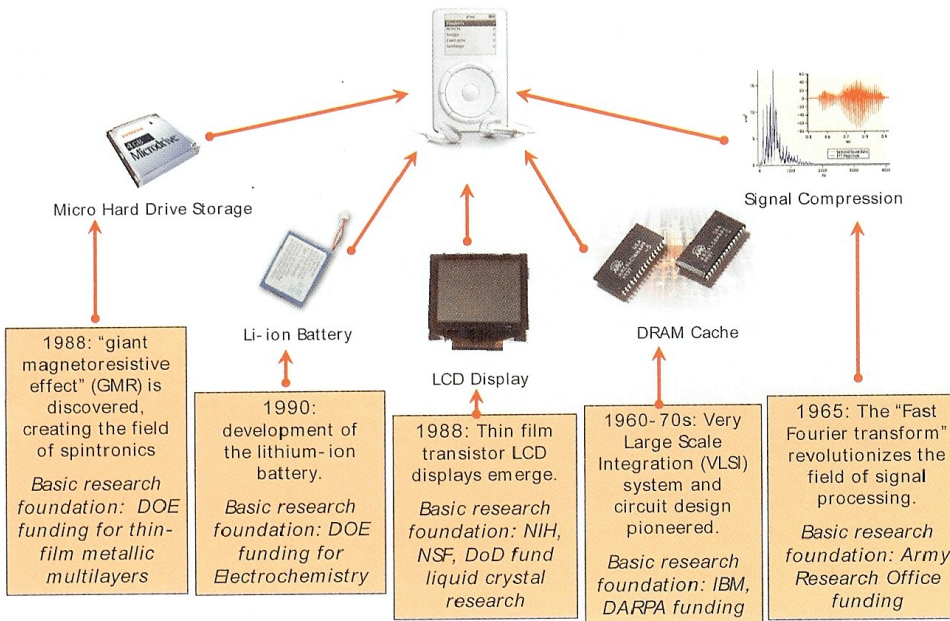
Mfg. deficit ~ \$600+ billion  
Adv. Tech. Products deficit ~ \$100 billion

National Security Challenges

Engineering

## IMPACT OF BASIC RESEARCH ON INNOVATION

OSTP 2006 report



Creating Knowledge - not wealth



# National Security Implications

*“if any particular manufacture was necessary, indeed, for the defense of the society it might not always be prudent to depend upon our neighbors for the supply.”*

*- Adam Smith*

*Wealth of Nations 1804*

A recent investigation revealed a “flood of counterfeit electronic parts coming into the Defense Department’s supply system.” Senate Armed Services Committee May 21, 2012

America is almost completely dependent on foreign sources for 19 key specialty metals, many of which are mined in volatile regions of the world.

The security of U.S. military communications systems is threatened by the rapid growth of foreign-manufactured network equipment in global telecommunications systems.

WWII: How Detroit Won The War

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# The Innovation Gap

Total U.S R&D (2009): \$400 Billion

## RESEARCH

Fed. R & d \$125B

Federal labs  
Universities  
Non-Profits

U.S. Innovation Gap

Basic Research

Translational Research and  
Development

Discovery-Invention

Radical Innovation

Basic Research \$76B

## DEVELOPMENT

Industrial r&D \$275 B

Industry

Product development

Applied R&D

Pre-production

New Products

Incremental  
Innovation



Improved  
products

Applied R&D \$71B

Dev. \$253B

SBIR/STTR Phase I & II: ~\$ 2.5 B



# The Innovation Gap

- The “Bell labs” of yesteryear have disappeared; they used to do discovery, invention and innovation
- Today's corporate R&D is short term;

The average time Wall Street investors held a stock has dropped from 8 years in the 1960s to 4 months in 2010

- Private sector is less inclined to invest in nascent technologies
  - Technical and market risks
  - Market failures, spill-over effects – no one company or industry can capture the full benefits of its investment in emerging technologies





# “Bell Labs” Models for Technology Development



**Fraunhofer**

- 59 Institutes, 17 000 employees
- Non-profit organisation
  - ≈ 33 % basic funding by government
  - ≈ 33 % public funded projects
  - ≈ 33 % direct contracts by industry

**ITRI**  
Industrial Technology Research Institute

- Information and Communications
- Material, Chemical and Nanotechnologies
- Biomedical Technologies
- Advanced Manufacturing and Systems
- Energy and Environment
- Total Patents: **10,132**
- Start-Ups: **158**

Korea's Industrial Core Research Projects Program

We need an innovation policy (not industrial policy) to establish our own *Edison Institutes* to bridge the innovation gap (2010)

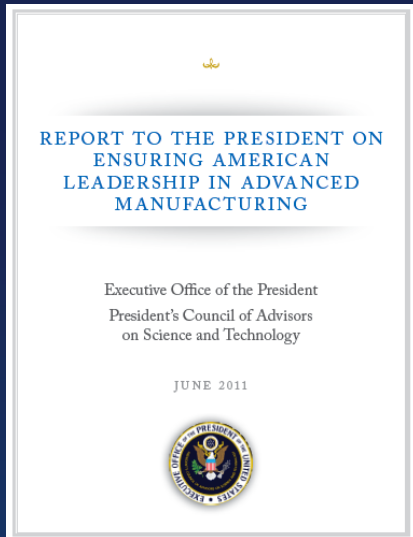


# Translational R&D

- Involves mostly Engineering; some engineering-science
- Helps identify practical technologies among “promising” technologies
  - *Any technology need to compete on performance, cost, reliability, safety , compatibility with existing infrastructure*
- Establishes “**industrial commons**” – i.e., knowledge, tools, equipment, and systems integration skills needed to manufacture high tech products and to innovate next generation products.
- Helps establish supply chains for new and next generation products/processes



# Closing the Innovation Gap



Launched an Advanced Manufacturing Initiative to support precompetitive **translational research** on broadly applicable emerging technologies through public-private partnerships

- \$1 billion (DOE, DOD, NIST and NSF) to establish a National Network of **Manufacturing Innovation Institutes**



June 2011

Four Manufacturing Innovation Institutes were established since

- Additive Manufacturing - Youngstown, OH
- Next Gen Power Electronics (NC)
- Lightweight and Modern Metals Mfg. (Detroit)
- Digital Manufacturing & Design Innovation (Chicago)

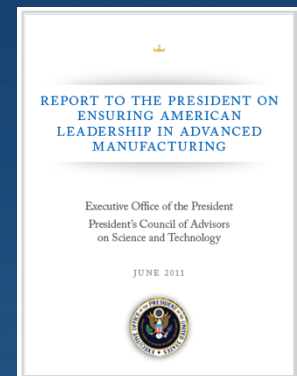


# PCAST 2011 Report-Advanced Manufacturing

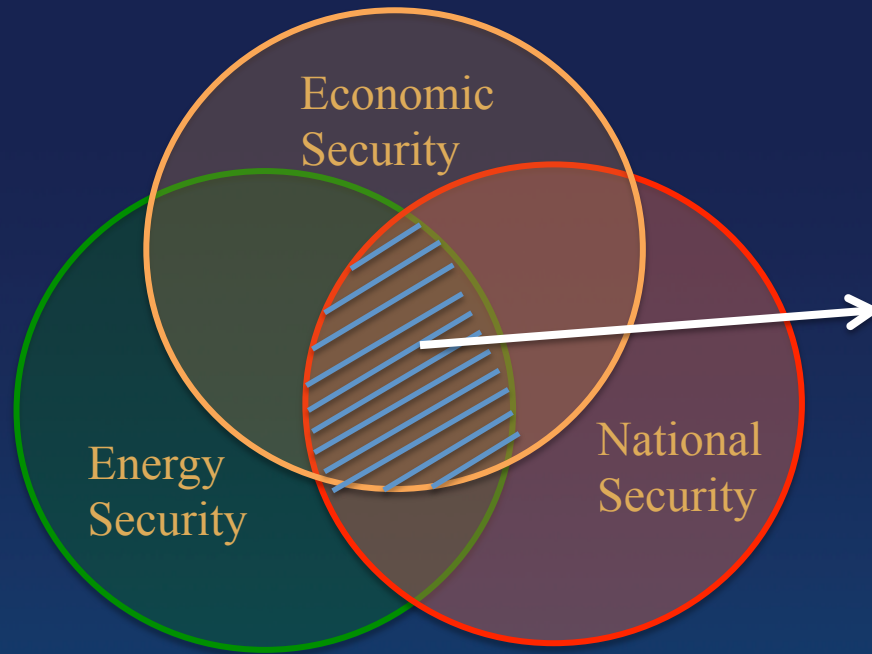
## Criteria for establishing Public Private Partnerships:

- Coordinated and Strategic Investment (DOD, DOE, NIST, NSF)
- Technology has high potential payoff in employment and output
- Identifiable market failures impede adequate private investment
- Industry co-investment
- First mover advantage to capture large markets
- Teams of small and large companies, universities and federal labs; driven by non-profit organization
- Mature from TRL 4 to TRL-7 and MRL 7
- Anchor US-based manufacturing via early procurement & loan guarantees

Examples: Flexible Electronics, Lightweight structures, Intelligent Design and Manufacturing, Next generation Optoelectronics etc.



# Addressing the Problem : Building on our Strengths



Example: **Advanced Vehicles – fuel efficient, connected vehicles**: According to Army Energy Security Office, a 1% fuel savings will result in 6,444 fewer soldiers trips.

## Multiagency Collaboration

- Reduce overall costs to government
- Leverage strengths and resources
- Govt. Procurement
- Federal loan guarantees
- Scaling through industry cost sharing
- Lightweight structures – cost-effective manufacturing of composites including nanocomposites such as low-cost carbon and **nanocellulosic composites**.
- Intelligent transportation systems





U.S. Federal government has invested over \$17 Billion since 2000  
Approximately 25% of world nanotechnology R&D





# Nanotechnology

## Observations

1. The 2010 PCAST report and 2012 NNI assessment placed emphasis on projects that bring research to market.

## New signature initiative on nanomanufacturing

Developing appropriate manufacturing process technologies

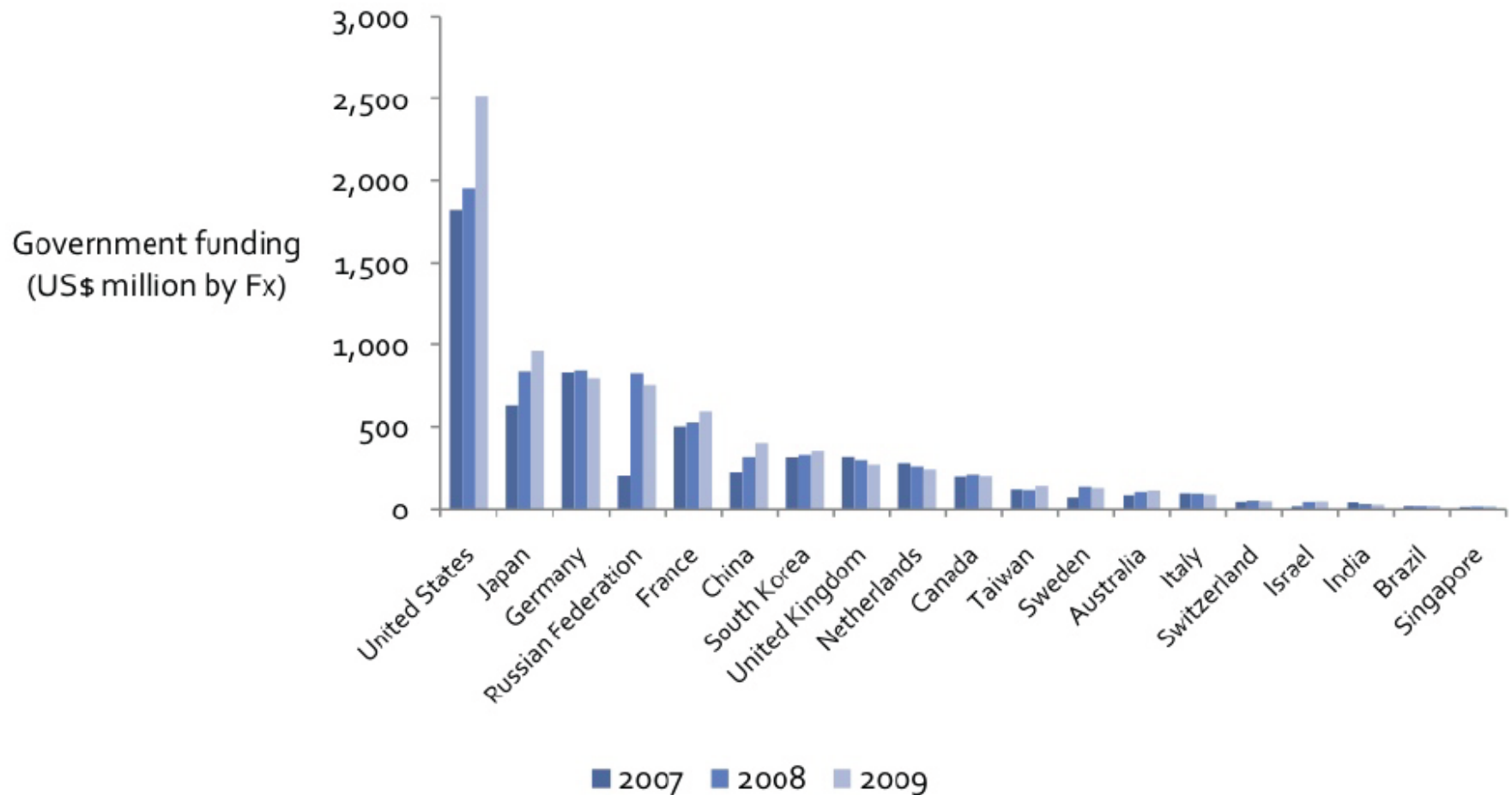
Bridging the gap between inventions and practical applications

2. Opportunities to incorporate nanotechnology into existing products; making current products better.

- Nanotex - Stain-repellent moisture management fabrics and in paints
- High performance tennis rackets and golf clubs
- Nanoparticle enhanced sunscreens (2001)
- Nanocomposites in autos ("step assist" GM vans, Toyota bumpers 2001)
- Nanofilms (3M window treatment)
- Nanocoatings (Kennametal cutting inserts)
- And more

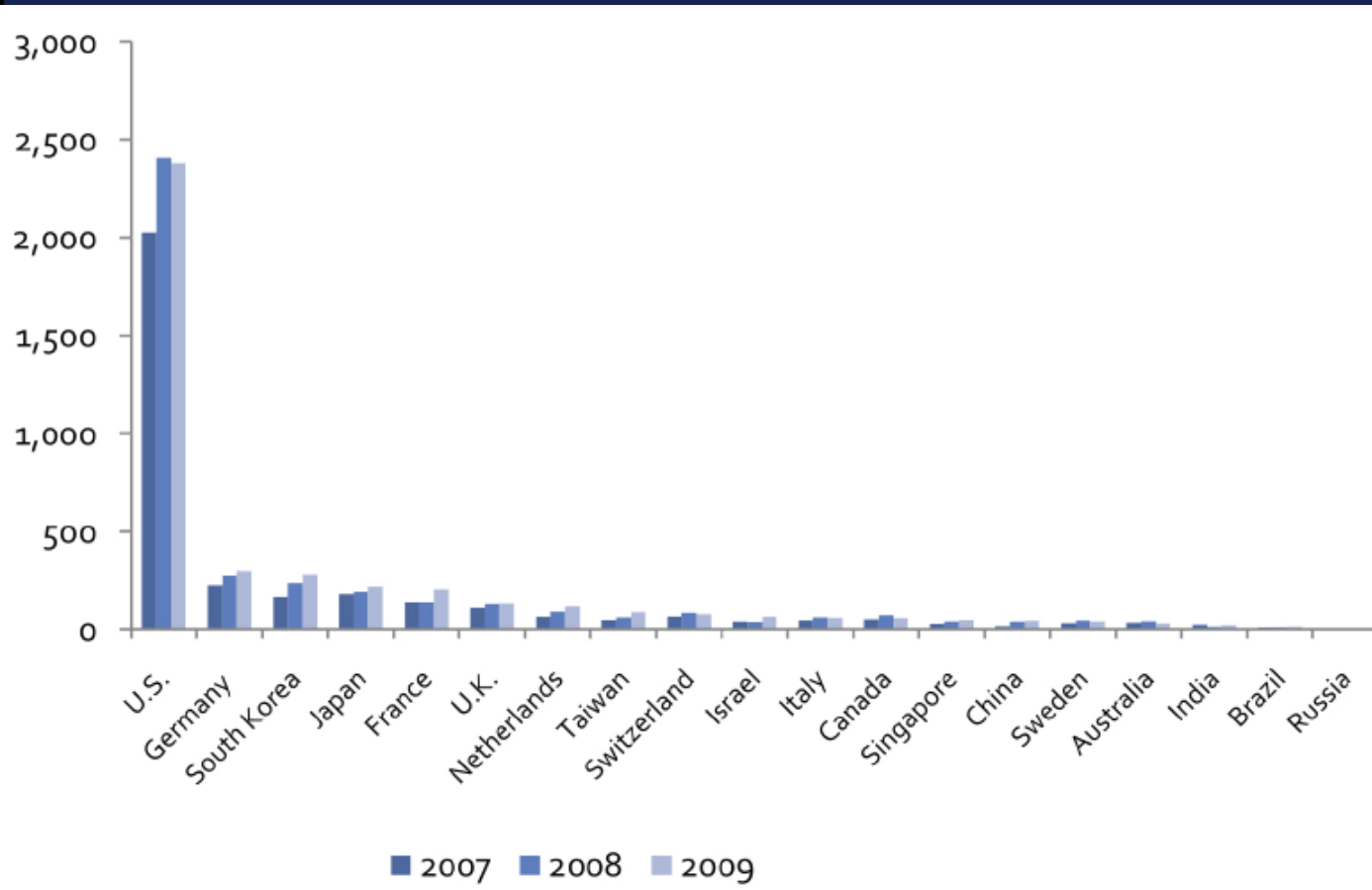


# U.S. Government's Investments (2007-09)-Nanotechnology



# Metrics

Reports typically highlight publications, citations, patents, papers to patent ratio, citations to paper ratios, etc.



## RESEARCH OUTPUTS: PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS

NSF Science and Engineering Index

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Research produces new knowledge, products, or processes. Research publications reflect contributions to knowledge, patents indicate useful inventions, and citations on patents to the scientific and technical literature indicate the linkage between research and practical application.

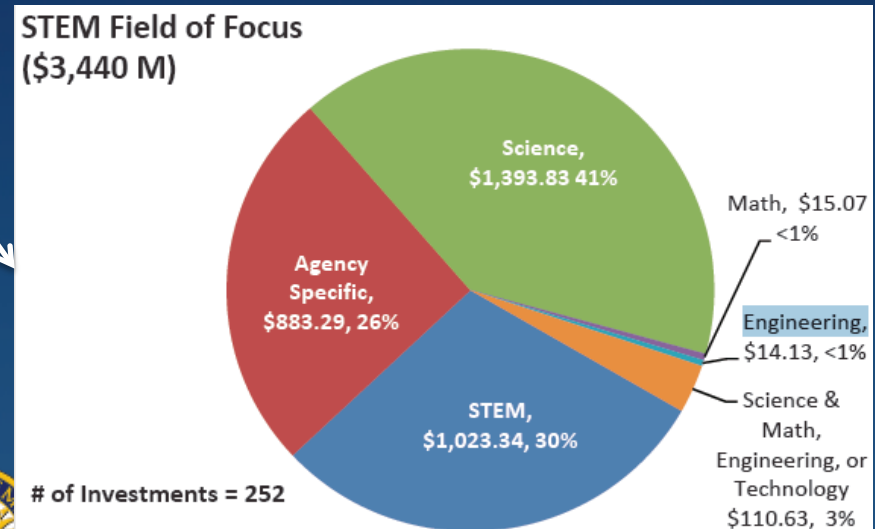
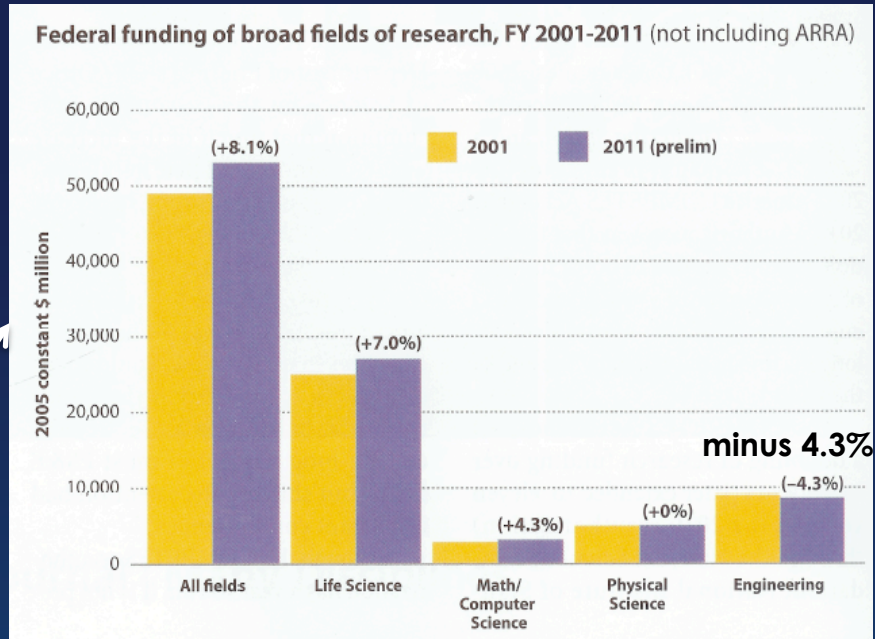
Generalization of science to include engineering has had real consequences in investments and outcomes

This is NOT Rocket Science



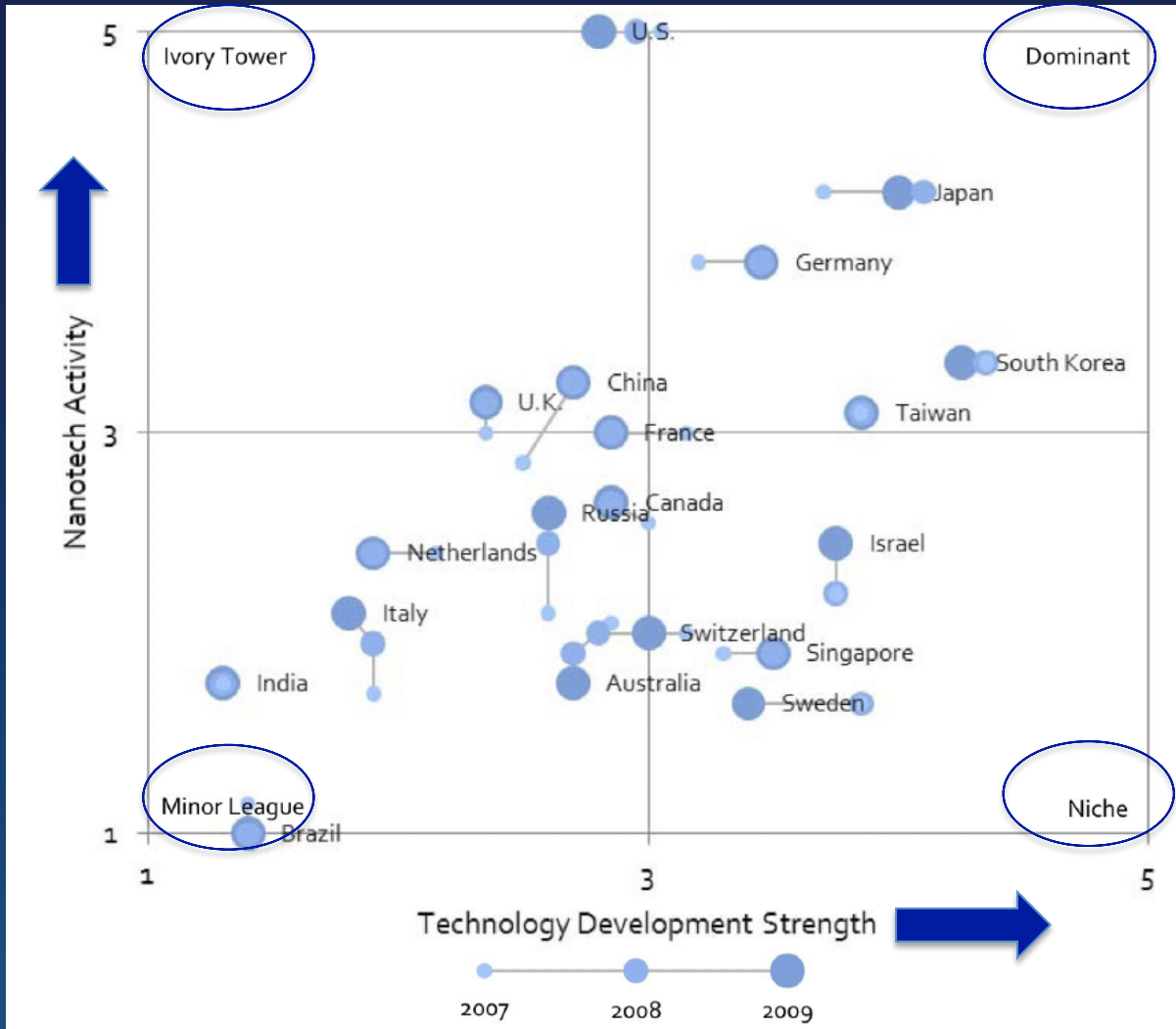
It is Rocket Engineering

Investments



# Outcomes

Example: International Benchmarking of Nanotechnology



We need to move from “Ivory Tower” category to “Dominant” Category to get a real return on investment of taxpayers dollars

Source: “Ranking the Nations on Nanotech”-  
Lux Research Report, August 2010



# Different Viewpoints

Congressional Testimony by a senior government official (2010)

“... recent analyses of the number of nanotechnology citations, patents, and publications show that we are very quickly being surpassed by other nations in an area where, until recently, we had a strong lead. This has the potential of putting our national security at risk, since technological superiority has been a foundation of our national security strategy since World War II.”

According to Lux Research report (2010),  
Japan, South Korea, and Germany will be much more successful growing their economies with nanotech





# Opportunities for Cellulose Nanomaterials

Light Weight Nano Composites  
Batteries and Super-Capacitors  
High Efficiency Filters  
Reinforced Polymers  
Bio Plastics  
Nano Coatings  
Sensors  
Flexible Displays  
Photonic Devices  
Nano Membranes  
Multifunctional Packaging



Cellulose Nanomaterials can be produced in tens of millions of ton quantities



# Nanocellulose

## *Opportunities and Challenges*

- Replace petroleum-based polymers with natural polymer that is **abundantly available** in the U.S.
- An opportunity to **revitalize** (existing) paper industry and create new industries
- Existing national **coordination office** to create a multi-agency initiative
- **First-mover** advantage I(?)
- Public-private partnerships to overcome **market failures**
- Private sector job growth across **multiple industry sectors** (Paper & Pulp, packaging films, coatings, cosmetics, concrete, energy storage, displays, etc.)



# Nanocellulose Structures and Devices

*Translational R&D Topics with industry buy-in*

The research community in close collaboration with various industry sectors must identify translational R&D topics that advance TRL from 4 to 7 and MRL 7.

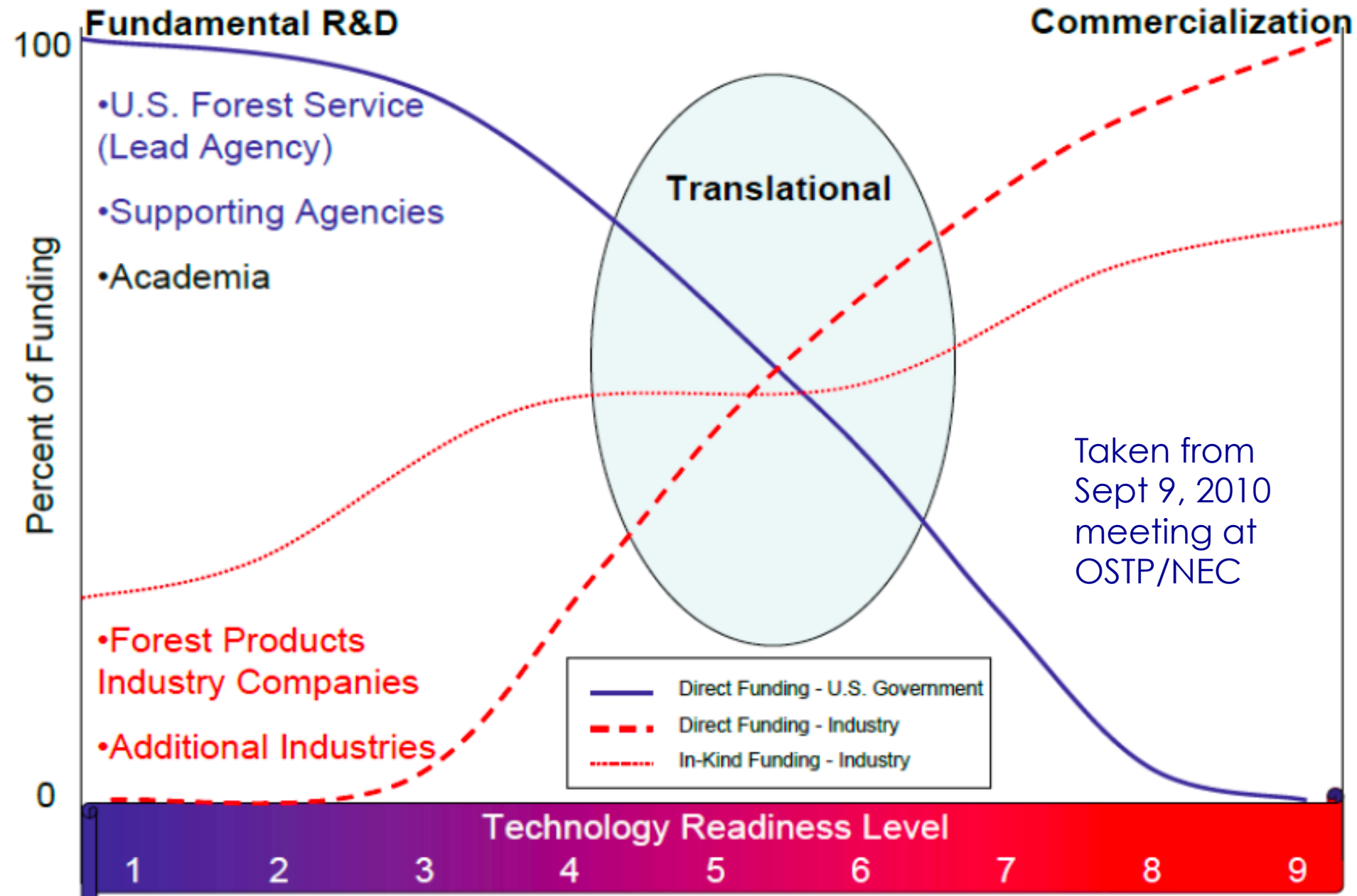
Application-driven R&D  
(ex: Nylon toothbrush... nylon parachutes)

Examples (need greater clarity)

- Process scale up and process monitoring reliably produce uniform, high quality, stable, and consistent nano-materials in high volume and at high throughput.
- Chemical modifications to impart new functionalities
- Interfacial engineering of nano-composites
- Manufacture of high quality long-fibers



# Public Private Partnership Engagement Model





# Summary

*Being the world's best in science is still vital to our success but is no longer sufficient to compete in the global economy*

- Appropriate metrics for ROI
- Coordination + strategy
- Nanocellulose Engineering
- Public-private partnerships
- Policy + legislation that provides incentives for domestic manufacturing

Identify topics for translational R&D plus early adoption opportunities to establish a public-private partnership institute

*“And when we make things here, we perfect that next idea.”* - President Obama on “Launching Advanced Manufacturing Initiative on June 24 2011

