



Harnessing **Open Innovation**
to Tackle the Dearth of Novel Antibiotics



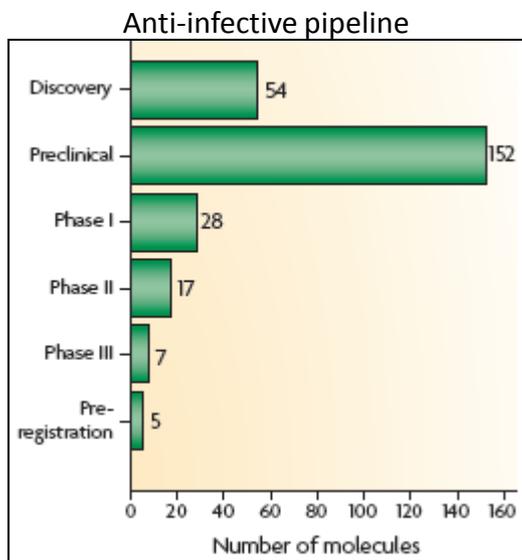
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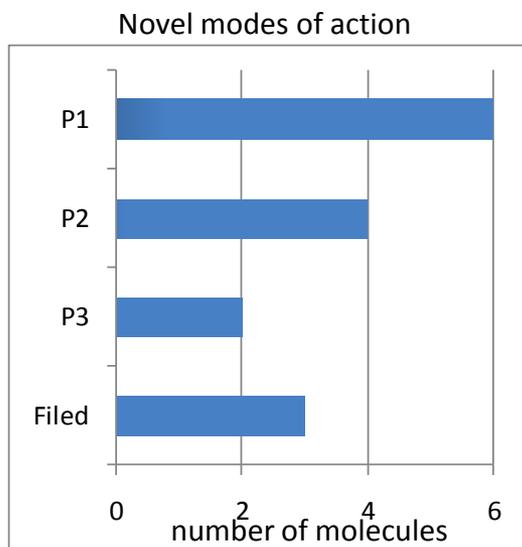
Outline

- A **bleak** outlook
- A **broken** R&D model
- **Alternative** models

A depleted pipeline



Source: IMS (2009)



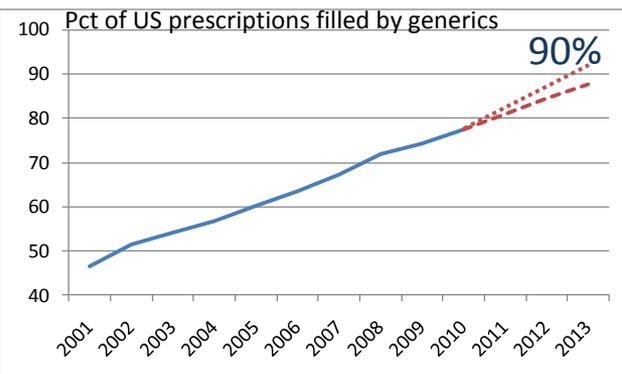
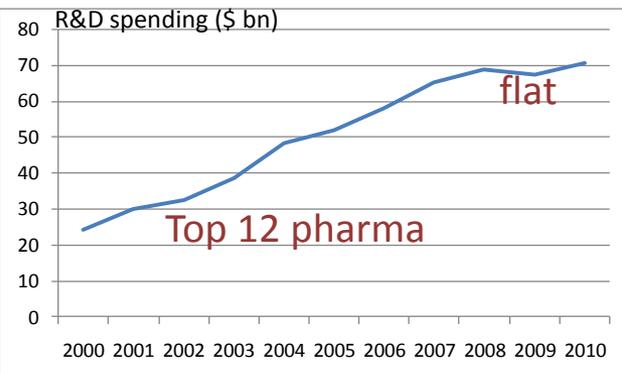
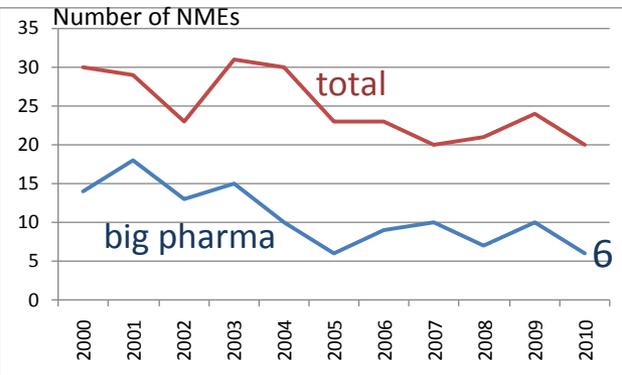
Source: EMA (Sept 2010)

- Most big pharmas have deprioritized anti-infective research
- Much of their remaining involvement focuses on HIV and hepatitis
- Big pharmas only fund one-third of anti-infective trials
- Most of the research focuses on known targets; only 15 novel modes of action (out of 209 molecules in development)

**"We need new and better drugs- and we need them now.
Yet the R&D pipeline is distressingly low"**

Margaret Hamburg, FDA Commissioner

A broken R&D model

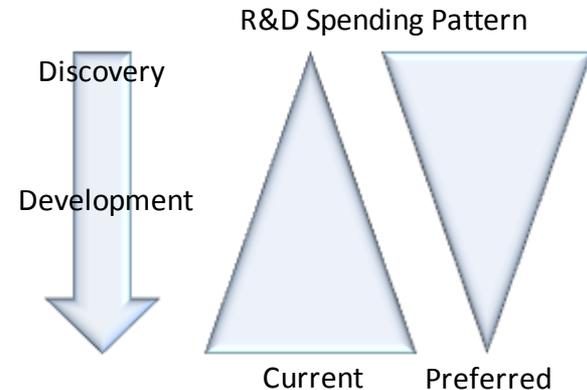


- \$125 bn annual industry R&D spending yields ~20-25 NMEs
- R&D spending/NME at big pharma is ~\$5-10+ bn range
- Big pharma's retrenchment from anti-infective R&D was likely the first signal that the R&D model was failing
- It has failed again in neuroscience and cardiovascular research, causing further retrenchment from these areas
- Much of the problem seems to be with:
 - A narrow approach to translational research that shuns new innovation pathways (e.g., nanotech, synthetic bio)
 - A poor understanding of the pathogens' biology
 - The model's inability to produce affordable innovation
- Under pressure, most big pharma have become cautious, seeking the safety of proven targets and drug classes, which lowers the likelihood of achieving breakthroughs, and heightens the risk of failure

How to get out of this?



- **Nearly all** the major biomedical breakthroughs (~300 in the 20th century) have been the results of **high-risk, unconventional research**
- **Risk-aversion**, caused by increasing pressure, has redirected R&D spending toward **fewer costly “safe” late clinical projects**
- Resulting greater risk-exposure portends **disaster**
- The focus on blockbuster has **distracted** from the quest for breakthroughs
- Alternative R&D models, especially collaborative research, show **large cost-savings opportunities**
- We need to **redirect R&D** spending towards discovery, **re-engage in high-risk** translational research by assembling **large portfolios** of potential breakthroughs and pay for it by **embracing open innovation**, restricting clinical research to **genuine breakthroughs**, and **defunding** other projects

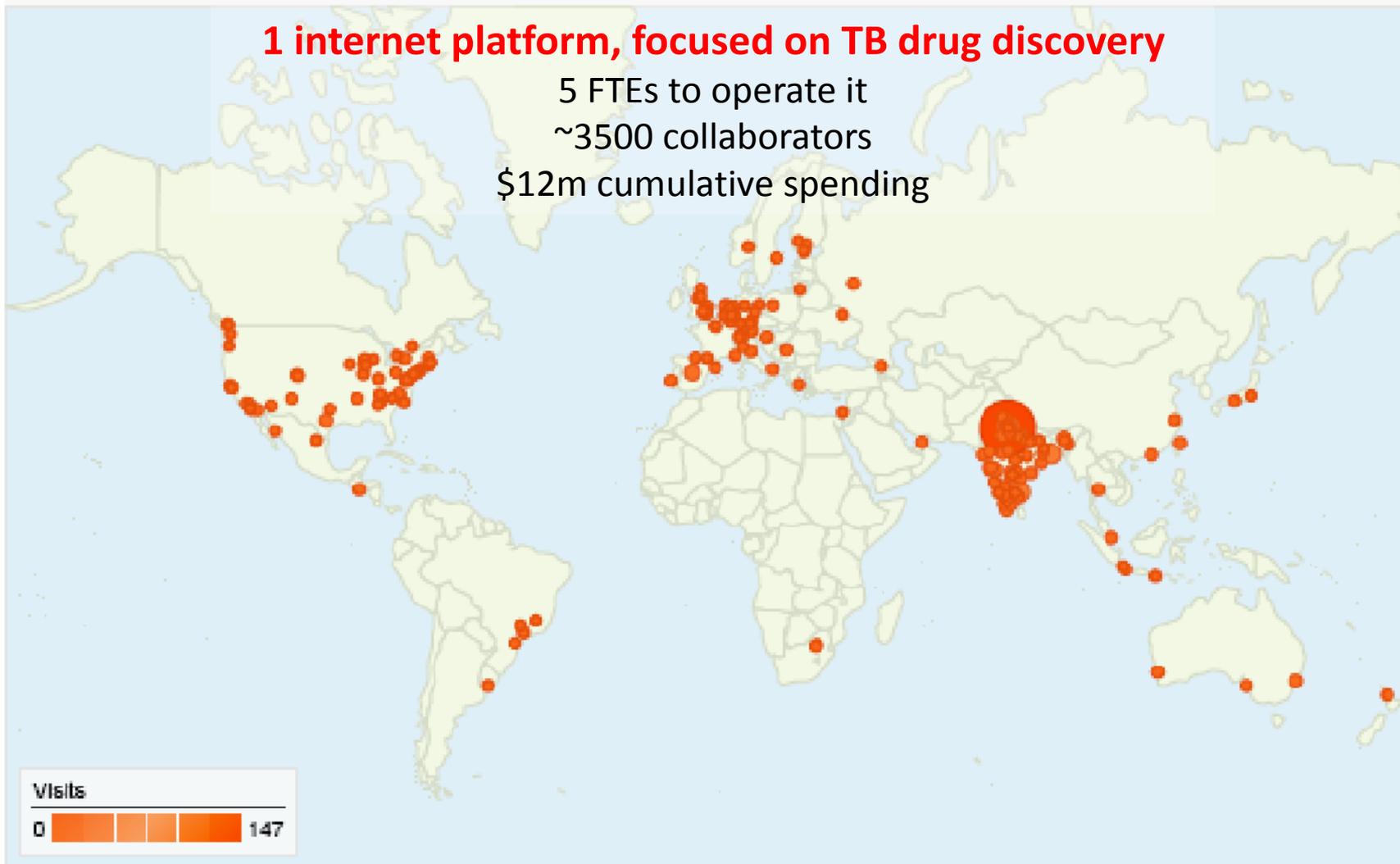


Examples: Breaking the Rules with Open Innovation

“There are rules that chemists follow when looking for new drugs.
To make an antibiotic, you have to **break those rules**.
They are different from anything else we make
because they are designed to kill a living organism inside another living organism”

John Rex, AstraZeneca

Open Innovation in Action



Source: OSDD.net

OSDD projects

Drug Target
Identification

Virtual
Screening

Chemical
Synthesis/
library

Screening/ Hit
identification

Hit to Lead

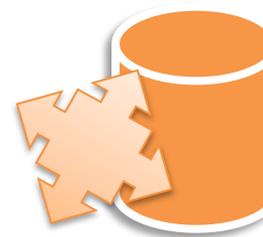
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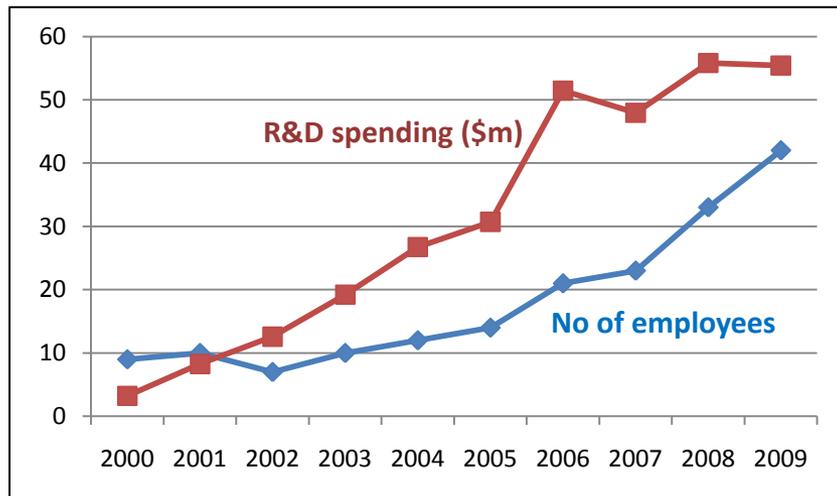
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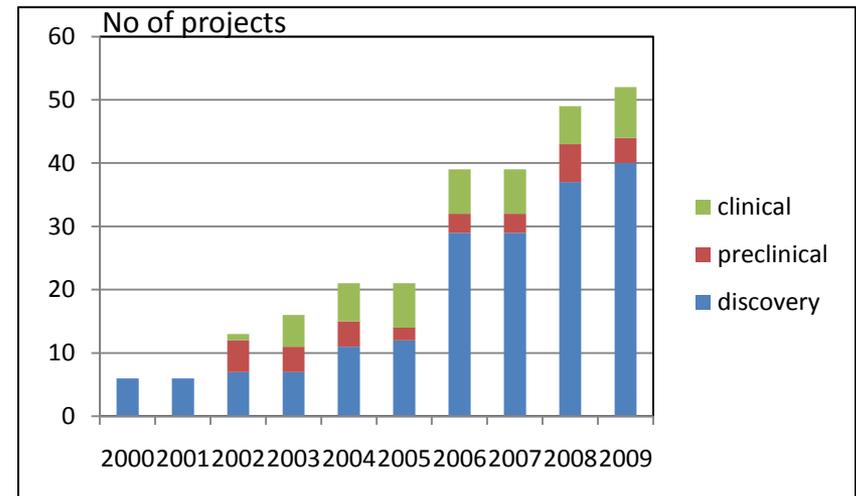
Other projects aim to develop tools, databases and repositories for the OSDD community

Open Innovation in Action: Public-Private Partnerships

- **42** employees
- **130** partners (pharma and biotech) in **43** countries
- **55** clinical trial sites in **24** countries
- **38** on-going clinical trials
- **19** new classes of drugs under investigation
- **\$55** million in total annual spending (**87%** toward research)
- **\$311** million cumulative spending over the last **10** years
- **712** project ideas received from the worldwide scientific community (**47** investigated)
- **1** drug approved, **2** under regulatory review



Source: MMV annual reports

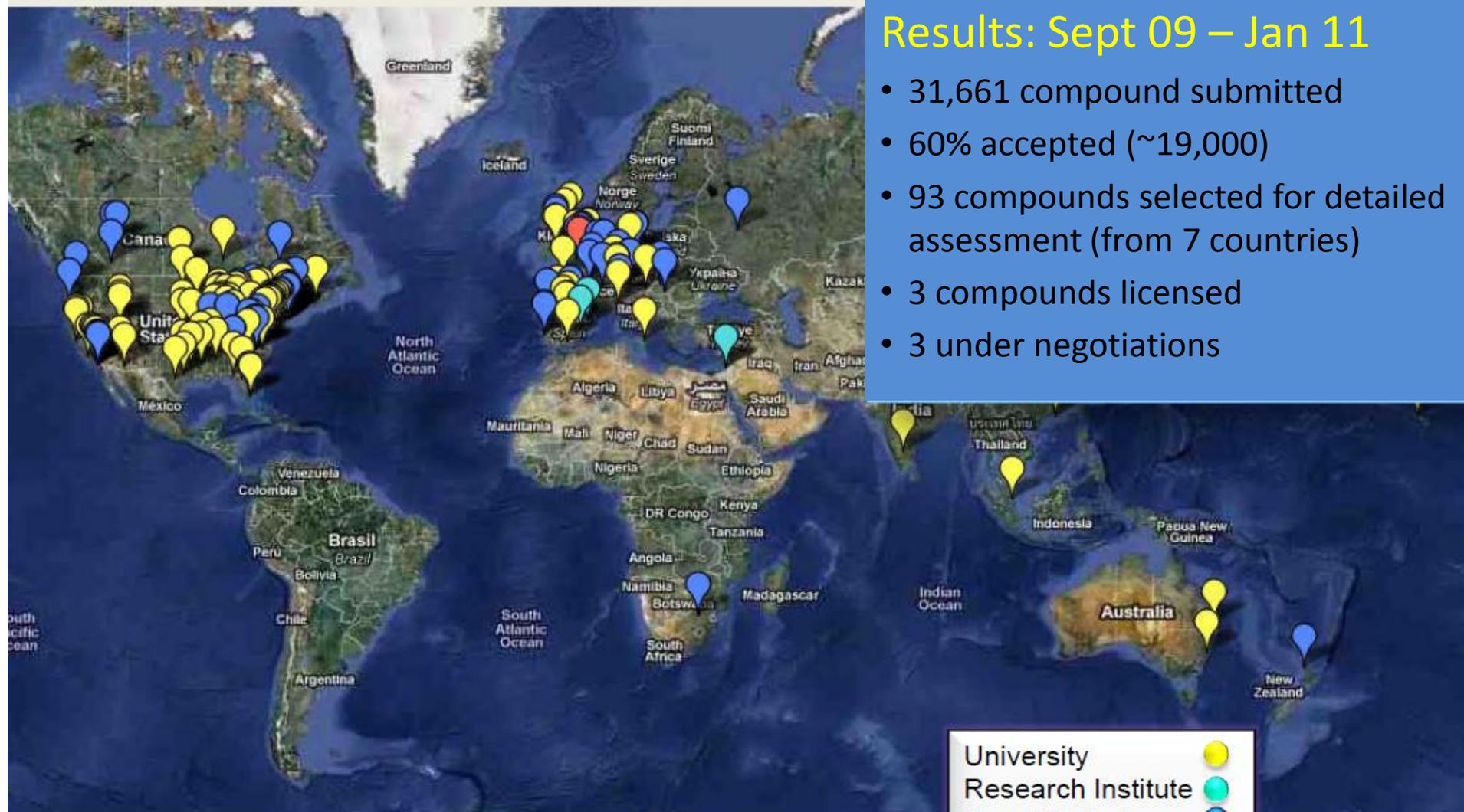


Source: MMV annual reports

Open Innovation in Action: Courting the chemists of the world

Results: Sept 09 – Jan 11

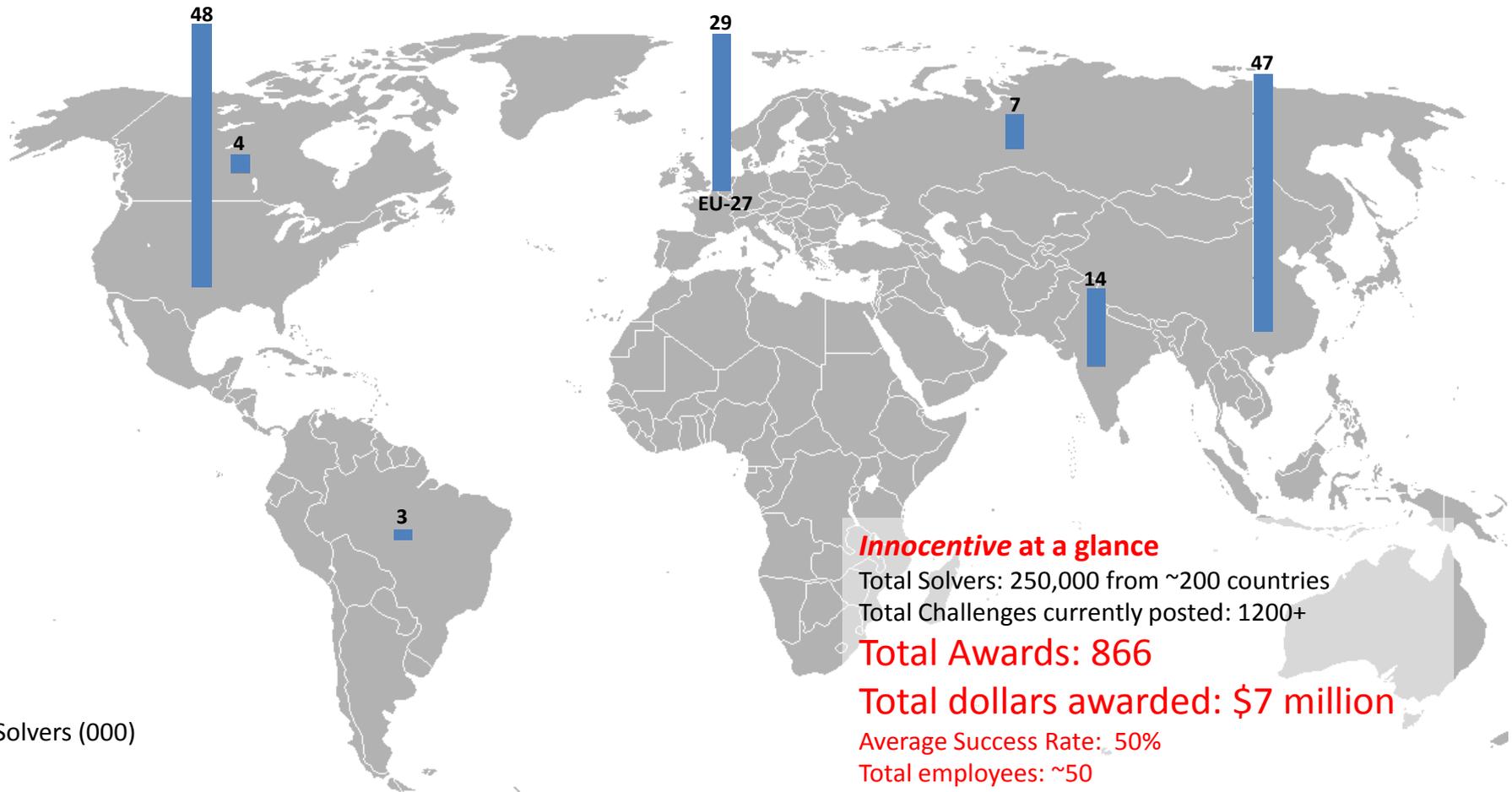
- 31,661 compound submitted
- 60% accepted (~19,000)
- 93 compounds selected for detailed assessment (from 7 countries)
- 3 compounds licensed
- 3 under negotiations



Open Innovation in Action



Top **Solver** Communities



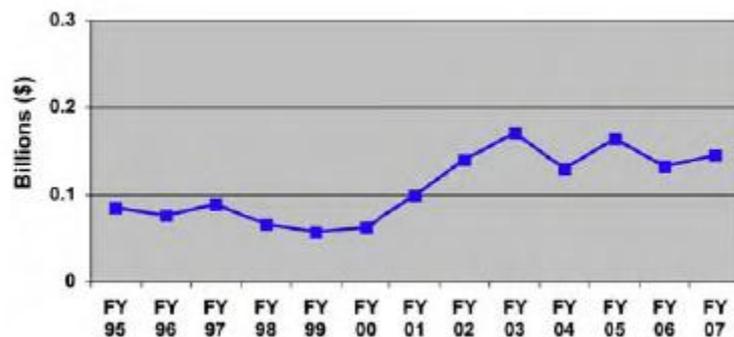
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Source: www.innocentive.com

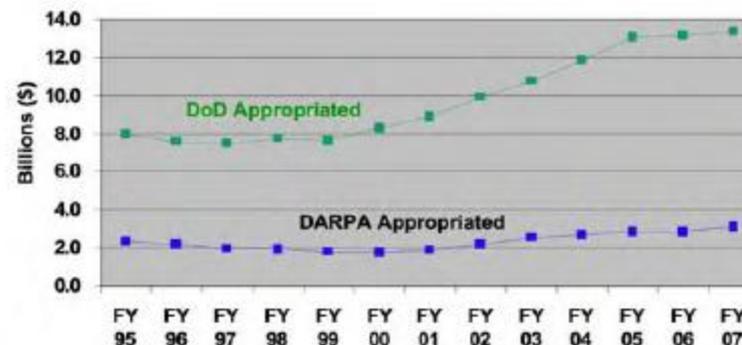
Open Innovation in Action



- The **discovery engine** of the U.S. military
- Created **52** years ago
- **Changed the world** with a steady flow of **repeated breakthroughs**:
 - The internet
 - The GPS
 - Night vision
 - Supercomputing
 - Satellite imaging
 - Biosensors
 - Laser guidance
 - unmanned vehicles
 - Grid computing
 - VLSI circuits
 - Stealth fighters
 - Cruise missiles
 - Composite materials
 - Remote-controlled warfare
 - Mini and micro robots
- Did it on a **shoestring**
 - Only 240 employees (including 140 professionals)
 - No labs, no facilities (beside a single office building)
 - R&D budget smaller than Lilly's



DARPA's 'Far Side' Basic Research funding



Total S&T funding in DoD and DARPA

Source: DARPA Strategic Plan

Thank you!

Questions?

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