

# Patient-Centric Innovation to Modernize the Development and Manufacture of Biologics

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# Roche - a global pioneer in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics



**#1 R&D investor in healthcare in 2021**

**>100,000**

dedicated  
employees over  
150 countries

**CHF 13.7**

billion invested  
in R&D in 2021

**17**

countries with Roche  
innovation centers

**16.4**

Million people treated with  
our medicines in 2021

**Reliable partner during COVID-19 pandemic**

**“Put Patient First”**

**Roche Pharma Vision 2030: 3-5 times more patient benefit at 50% less cost to society**

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- Roche Diagnostics R&D
  - Roche Diabetes Care R&D
  - Genentech R&D (gRED)
  - Spark Therapeutics
  - Foundation Medicine
  - Flatiron Health
  - Roche R&D (pRED)
  - Roche Pharma Product Development
  - Chugai R&D

**“Follow the science”**



# End to end innovation portfolio to deliver patients' needs

*Biologics*

*Examples of current innovation efforts*

**CHO Cell Line Engineering**

Advanced Drug Delivery  
(ocular, SC, brain)

**RTRT (Real Time  
Release Testing)**

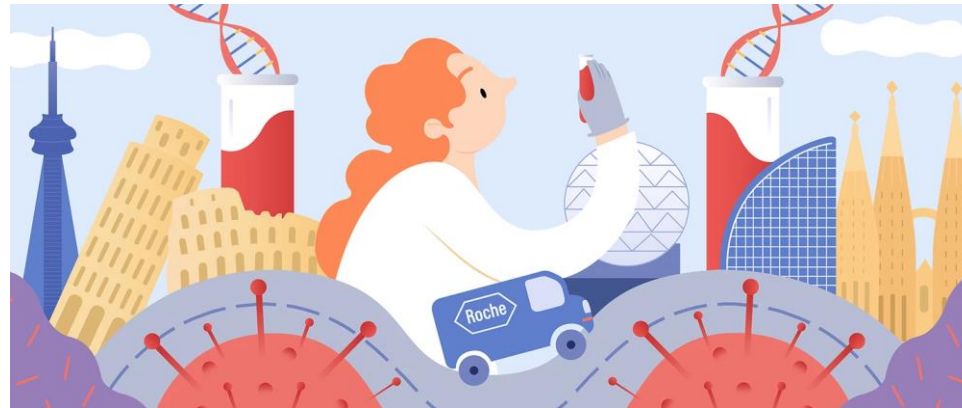
NGS (next generation sequencing)

Single Use Technology

Modular Biomanufacturing

Rapid Sterility (Celsis)

**In silico Modeling**



**Multi-Attribute Methods  
(MAM by LC-MS and MARS)**

**Data & Digital Backbone**

**Rapid Micro (Growth Direct)**  
**Smart Device and Packaging**

Novel excipients

**Process Intensification**

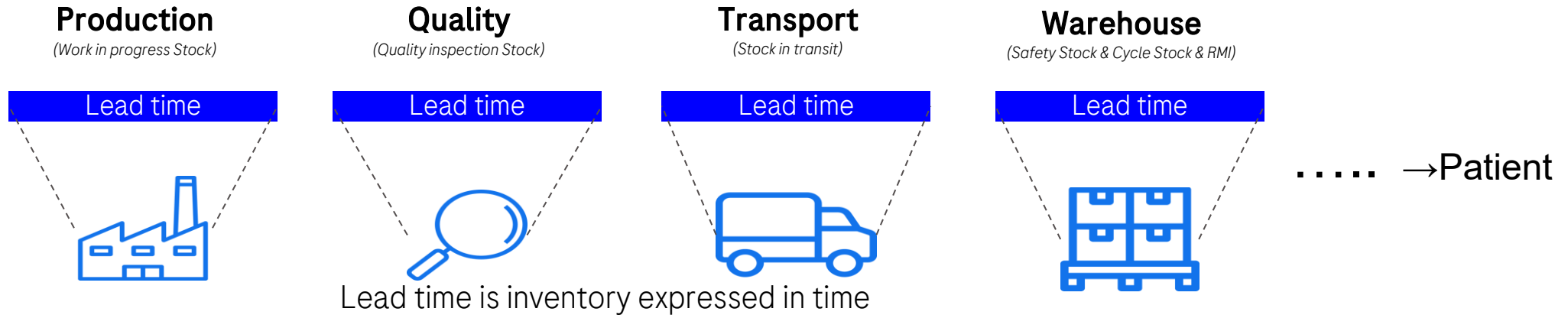
Process Analytical Technology (PAT)

**Lyophilization with  
Controlled Ice Nucleation**

Robotics and Automation

# Disruptive changes needed to reduce lead time

Lead time: 92% is product waiting time (released and unreleased inventory)



## Our North Star:

*Product (DS, DP or FP) can be shipped to patients as soon as the “production” is completed without waiting periods for quality testing and release.*

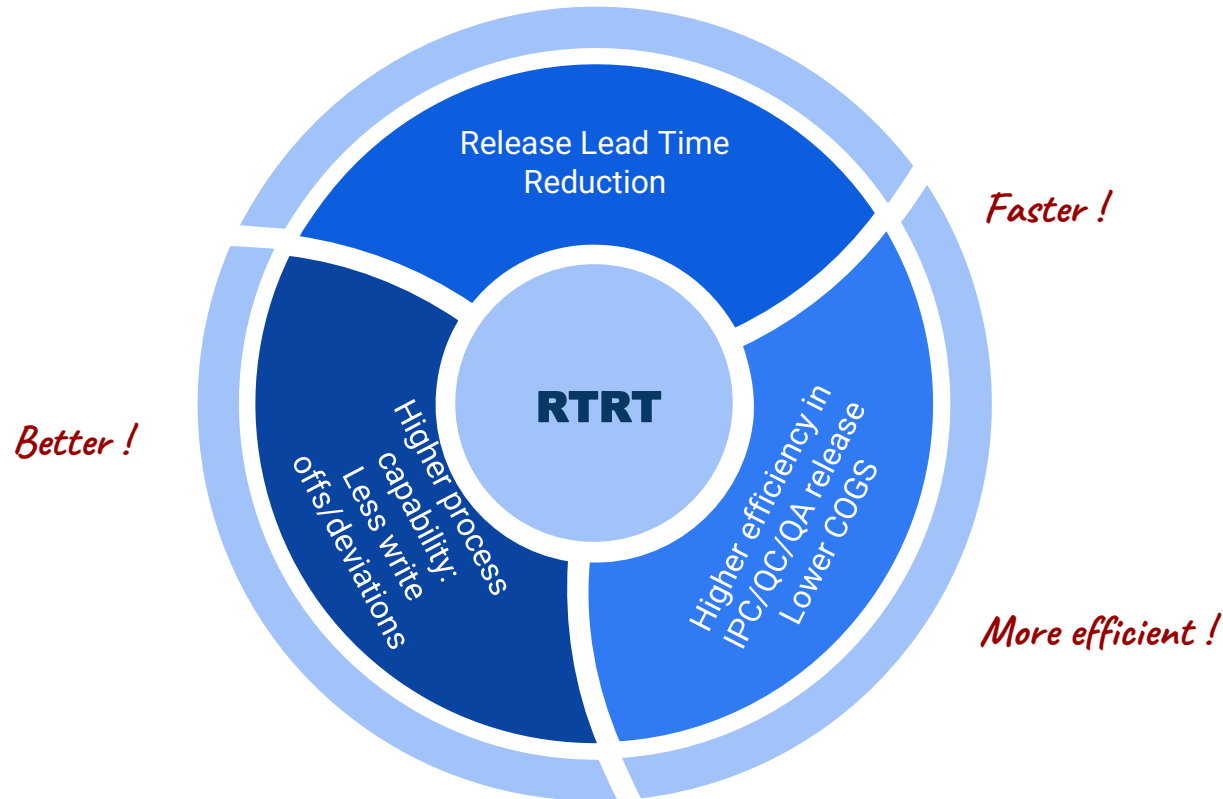


# Real Time Release Testing (RTRT)

## Definitions:

*RTRT is a system of release tests or methods that gives assurance that the product is of intended quality, based on the information collected **during the manufacturing process**, through product knowledge and on process understanding and control. ([EMA RTRT guidance](#))*

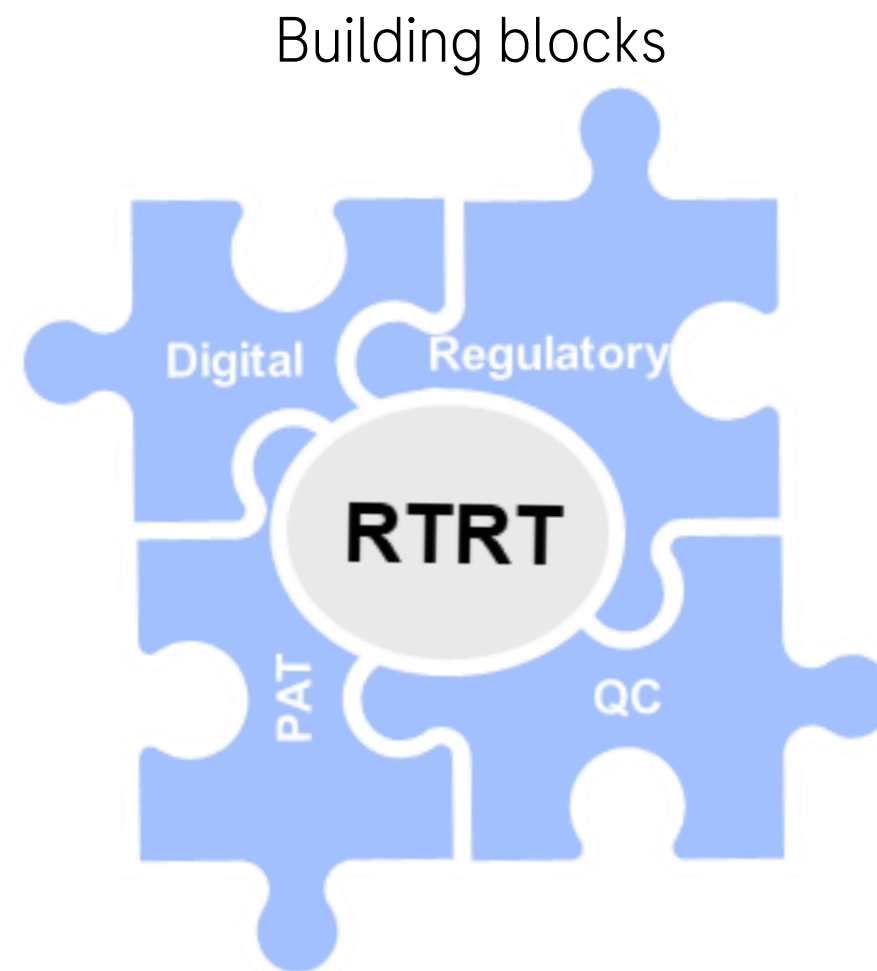
*The ability to evaluate and ensure the quality of in-process and/or final product based on process data, which typically include a valid **combination** of measured material attributes and process controls ([ICH Q8 \(R\)](#)).*



Patient centric: ensure patient safety, product efficacy and increase treatment convenience

## Main elements of a RTRT control strategy

- Movement of release testing points upstream in the process
- Replacement of conventional QC method(s) with rapid or more efficient analytical method(s)
  - **Multi-attribute methods**
- Replacement of end product release testing with in-process controls
- Parametric release, i.e. combination of process control and (IPC/QC) analytic results supported by predictive modeling tools (e.g. MVDA)





# Multi-Attribute Methods: Why Do We Need Them?

## Current Large Molecule Control System

Category	Test Name	PQA
Appearance	Clarity, Opalescence and Color	
Formulation Tests	pH	
	Osmolality	
	HPLC-ELSD	Surfactant concentration
	SoloVPE	Protein Concentration
Identity	HPLC	Anti-oxidant Concentration
	Lys-C Map	Protein ID
Purity	SEC	HMWF
		Main Peak
	IEC/iCIEF	Acidic Region
		Main Peak
	CE-SDS (NR)	Sum of LMWF
	CE-SDS (R)	NGHC
	HILIC-Glycan	Afucosylation
		Galactose
Impurity	HPLC	High Mannose
	Oxidation	
	HCP	
Bioactivity	LAL	
	Bioburden	
	Potency	

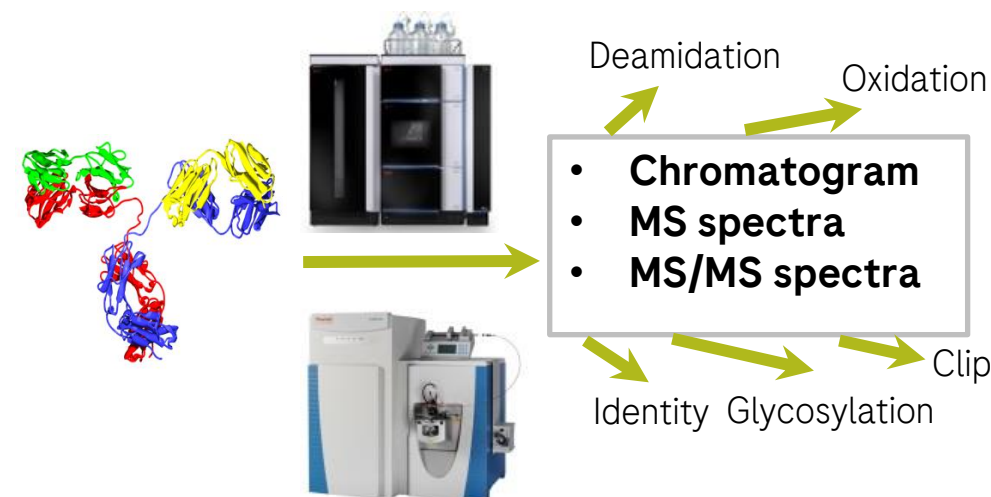
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Complex and Cumbersome

Solution

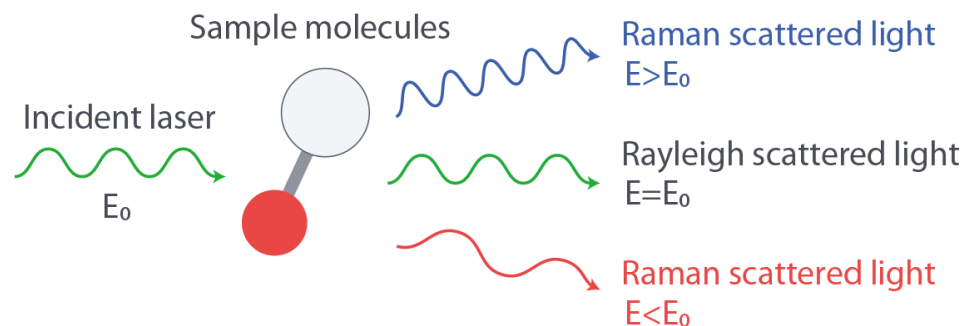


**Replace current/conventional assays with *Multi-Attribute Methods*!**



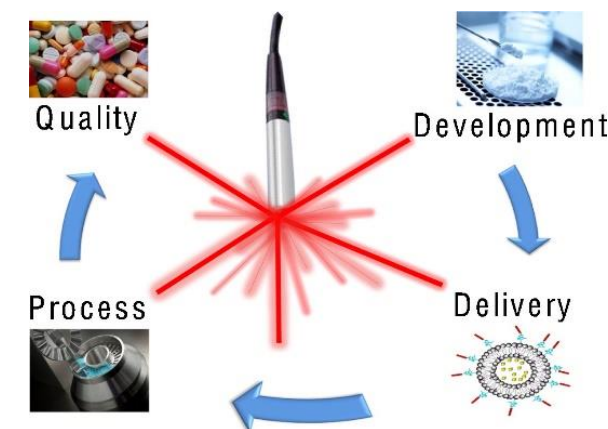
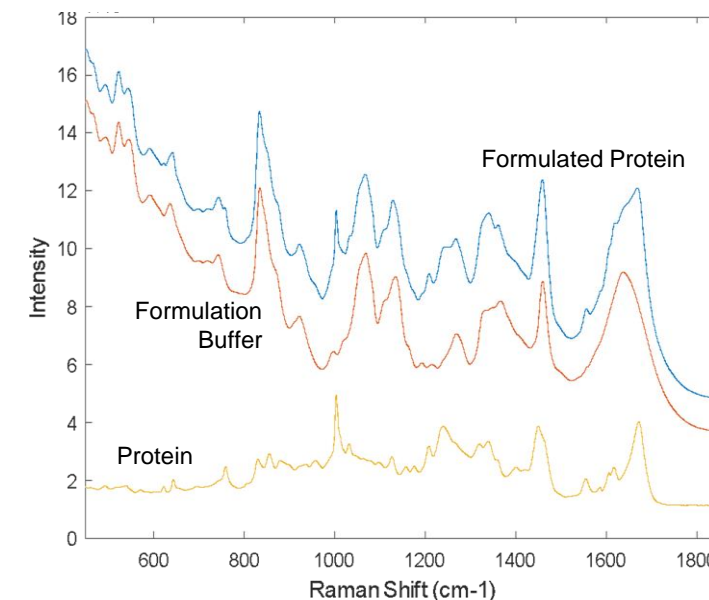
***More efficient and informative***

# Multi-Attribute **Raman** Spectroscopy (MARS)



## Why do we choose Raman?

- Potential multi-attribute method because the spectra **contains all Raman active chemical bond information**
- **Non-destructive** analysis with no sample preparation
- **Fast** analysis time and immediate data report with **pre-built model**
- **Less water interference** comparing with other vibration spectroscopic methods like IR.
- Easy integration into a process as a **PAT/RTTR tool**





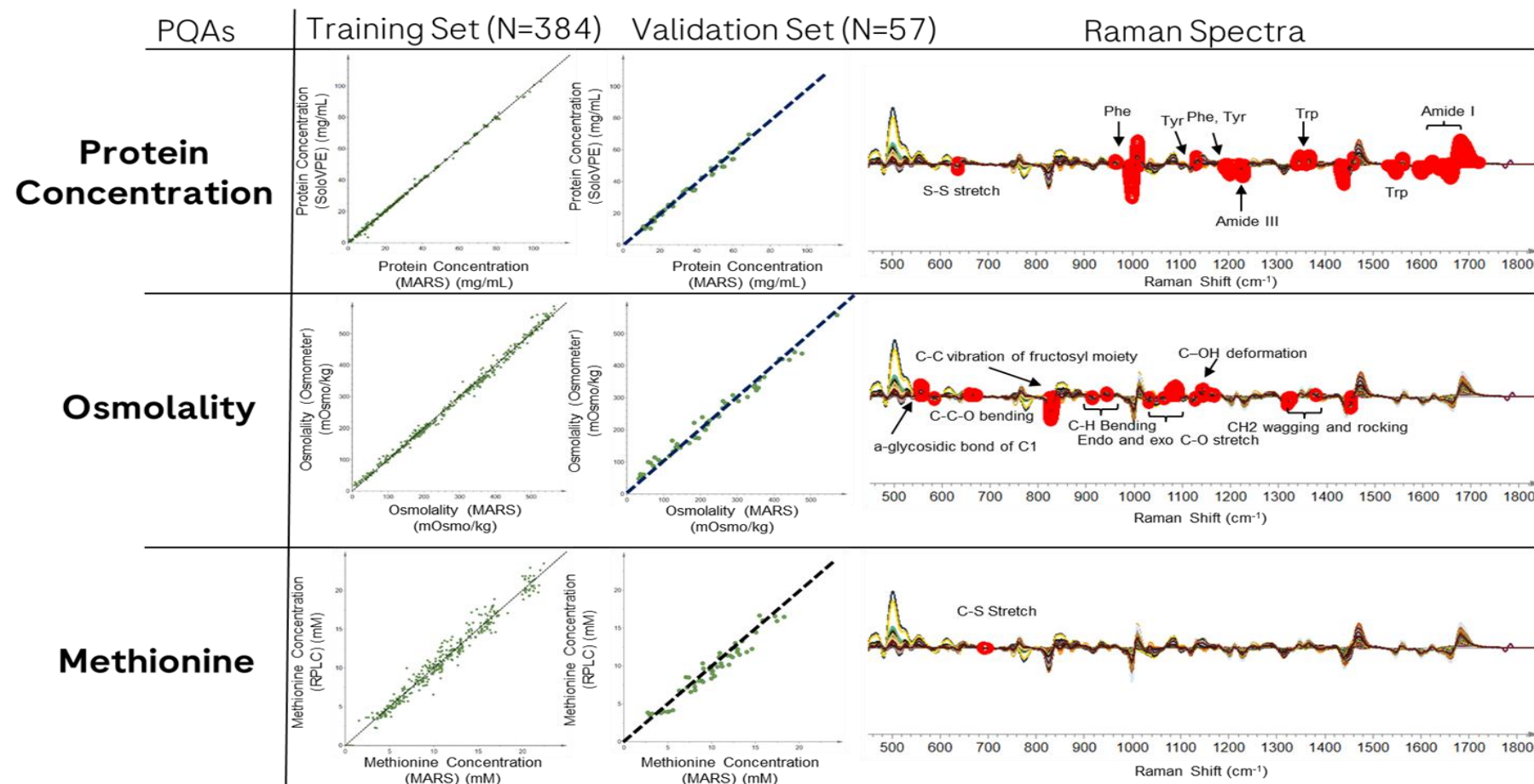
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# MARS for Quantifying Certain Formulation PQAs

Technical Feasibility Demonstrated

Multi-attribute Raman spectroscopy (MARS) for monitoring product quality attributes in formulated monoclonal antibody therapeutics

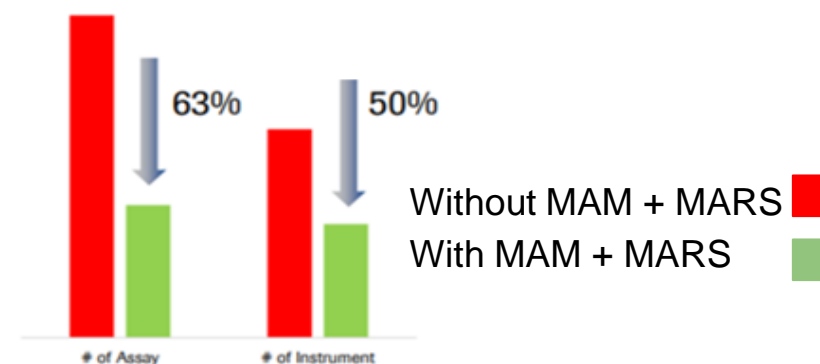
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- **MARS** is proposed as a **MAM** to measure and characterize multiple CQAs of protein therapeutics **in a single spectrum scan**
- Productive discussions with FDA CDER Emerging Technology Team (ETT) and EMA Innovation Task Force (ITF)

# Maximize Benefit by Combining MAM by LC-MS and MARS

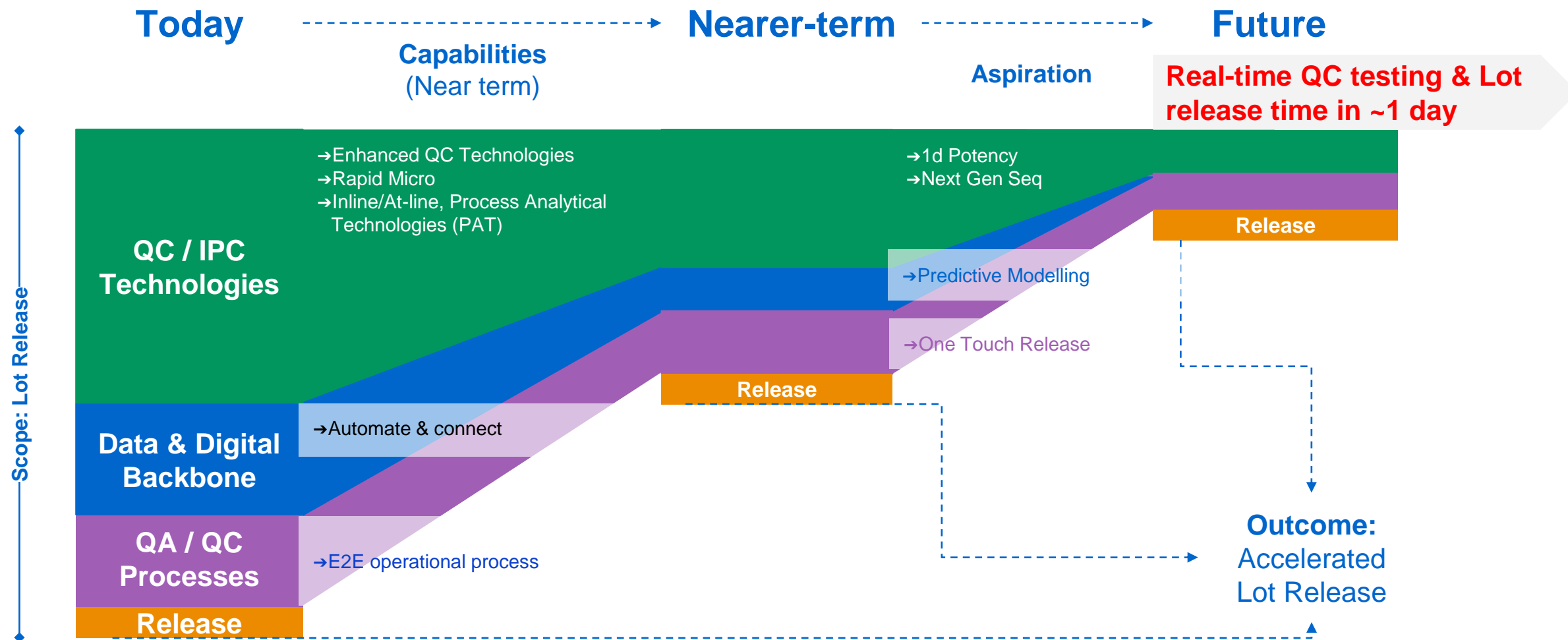
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Appearance	Clarity, Opalescence and Color	COC	COC	
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	Galactose			
	High Mannose			
	Oxidation	HPLC		
Impurity	HCP	ELISA		ELISA
	Endotoxin	LAL		rFc
	Bioburden	Membrane Filtering	Membrane Filtering	
Bioactivity	Potency	ELISA & cell-based assay	SPR & cell-based assay	



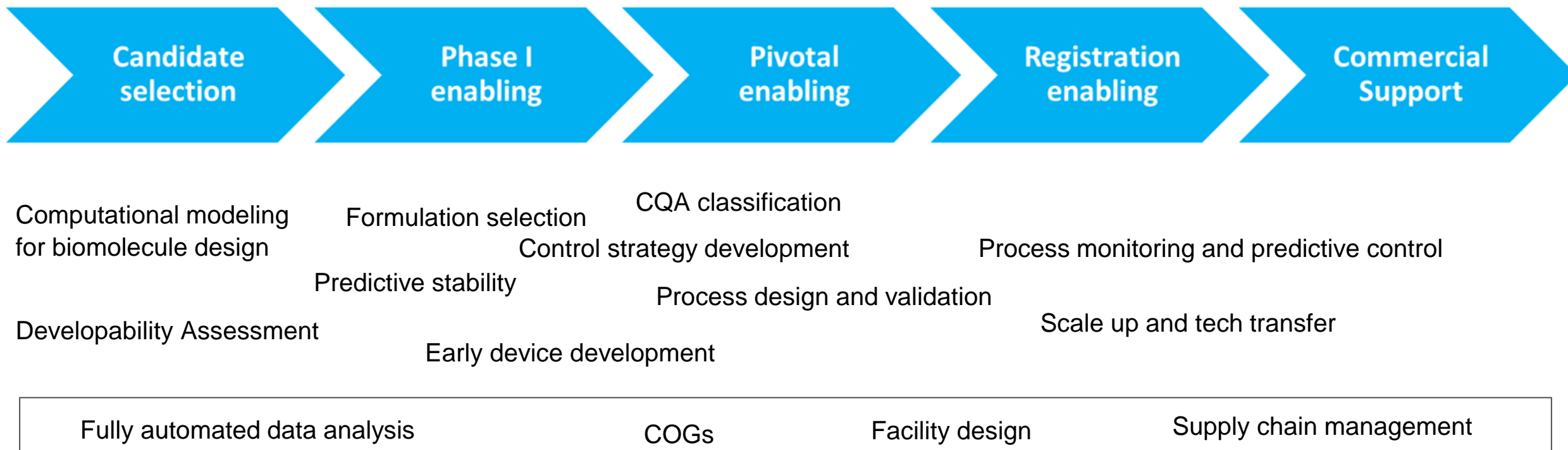
*63% reduction in the number of assays*  
*50% reduction in instrument fleet*

**Modernized testing strategy!**

# Where we are, where we want to be and what capabilities we need



# Potential applications of in silico models across the product lifecycle

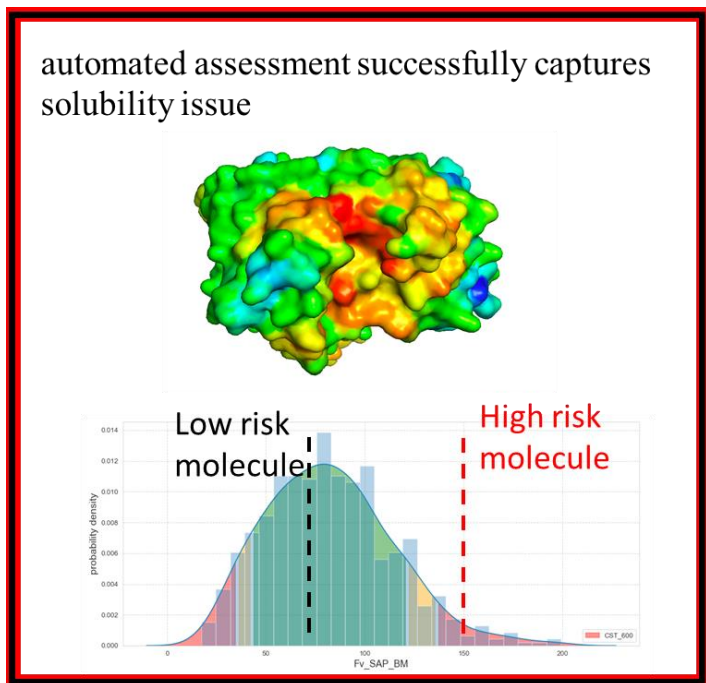


## Benefits:

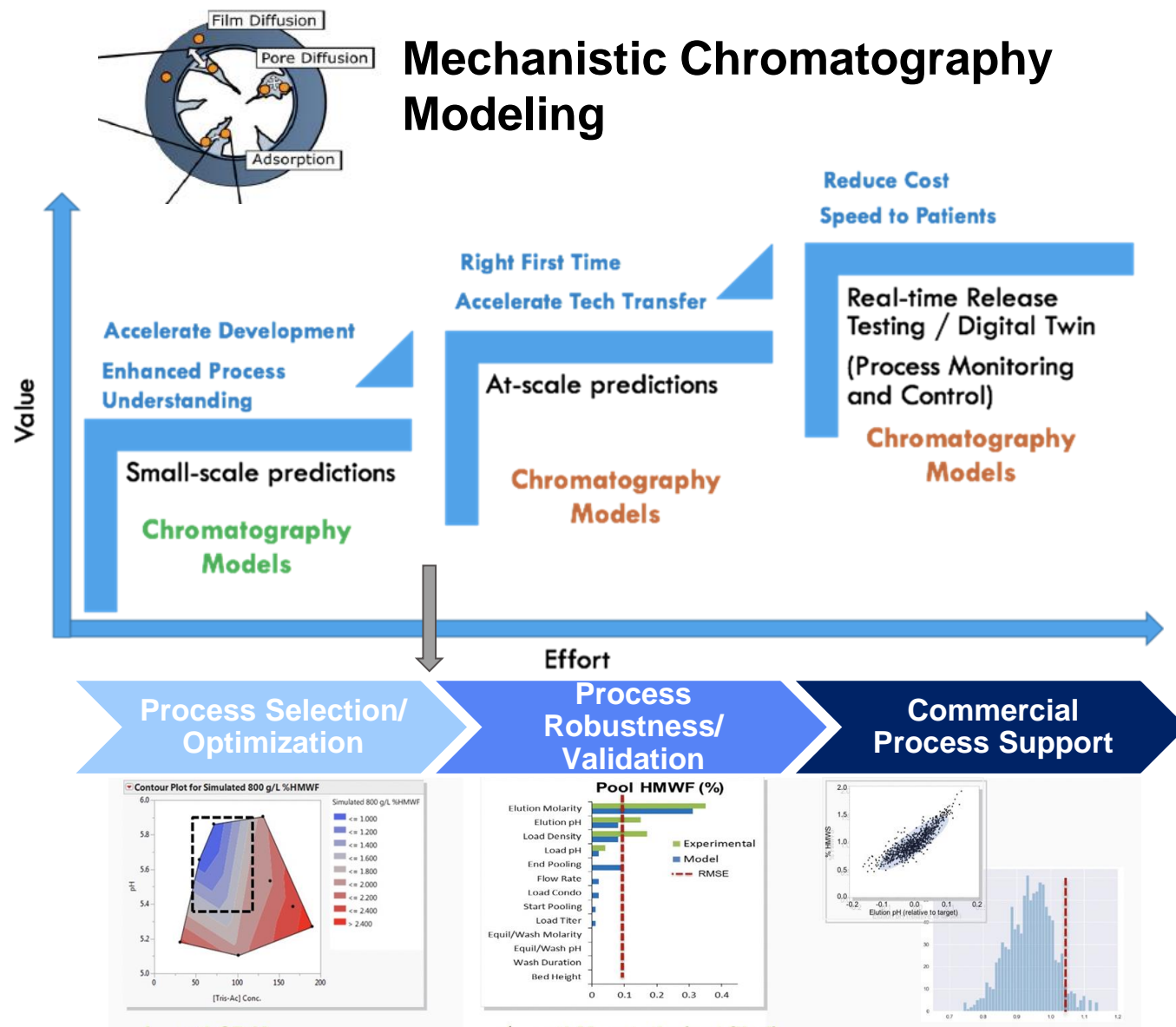
- Accelerate end-to-end CMC development and tech transfer to GMP facility
- Increase process and product knowledge and improve process robustness
- Reduce experimentation and enables more automation leading to resource savings

# Example of current In-silico modeling efforts

## In-silico Developability Assessment



Automated Molecular Dynamics (MD)-based workflow and infrastructure that can be used to predict the developability of molecules with respect to physical stability





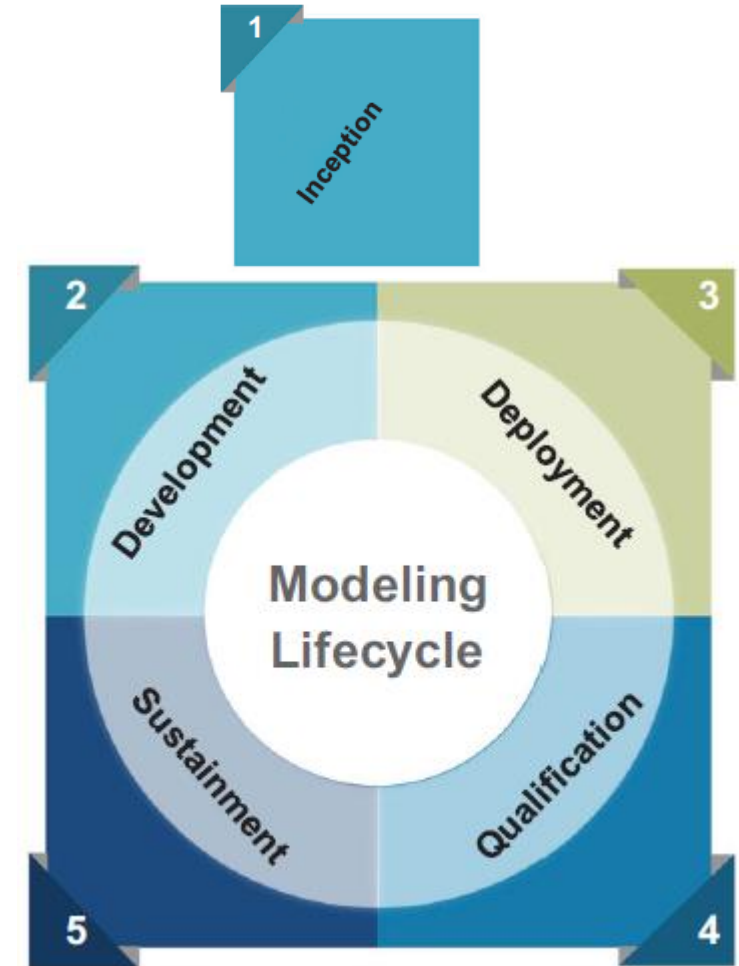
# In-silico modeling for commercial process support



## Potential benefits include

- In silico scale-up/tech transfer to ensure fast and successful (Right First Time) launch
- Rapid assessment of raw material variability impact on process performance
- Predicting and preventing process anomalies before they occur
- Fast Root Cause Analysis
- When combined with PAT, could enable RTRT and adaptive process control

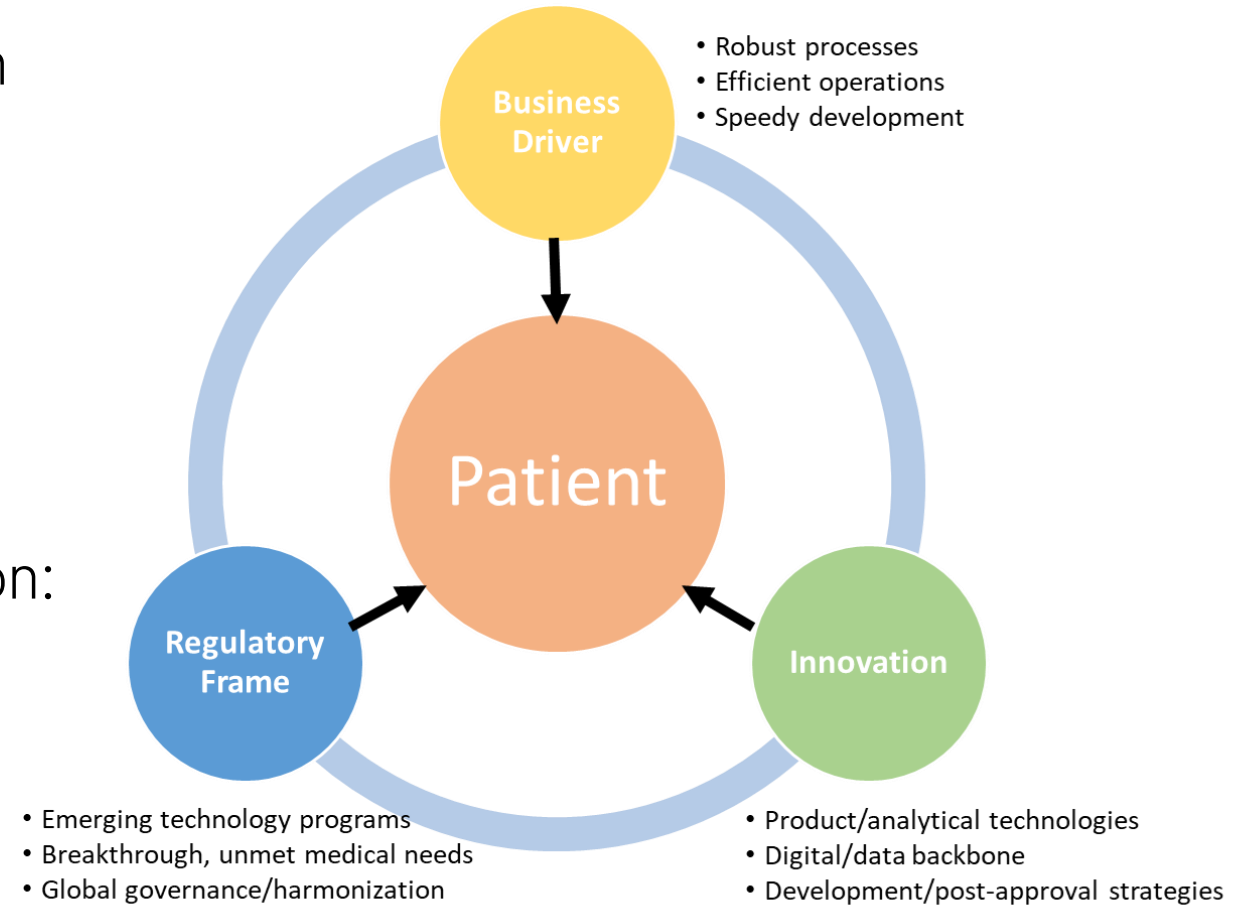
***Require active lifecycle management!***



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# Summary

- Keep the patient's interests at the decision center
- Innovate process, product and analytical technologies with digital backbone to modernize the development and manufacture of protein biologics
- Benefited from healthy authority interaction: FDA Emerging Technology Team (ETT) and EMA Innovation Task Force (ITF)



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**Doing now what patients need next**