

“Right-sized” Efficient Multi-product Manufacturing

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Our Goal: Enable more medicines for patients world-wide

Accessible global health innovation requires

Supply of Phase-Appropriate
Protein Supply for
Discovery & Development

Path to Clinical-Grade Lots
on Time and Budget

Line-of-Sight to
Commercial Sourcing

to accelerate products and pipelines

WHO WE ARE

Public Benefit Corporation
and a socially responsible
CDMO partner for
biopharma

VALUE WE PROVIDE

Access to high-quality
proteins on accelerated
timelines with an improved
customer experience

OUR SOCIAL MISSION

Support global health
initiatives with Sunflower's
transformational
manufacturing & services

Two Systems, One Process: Many Applications

Sunflower is developing “right-sized” automated manufacturing systems for protein production



DAISY™ System

~0.1 – 1 kg annual capacity
Lab scale production
Process development applications
Support early discovery research



*Seamless process transfer
between systems*



DAHLIA™ System

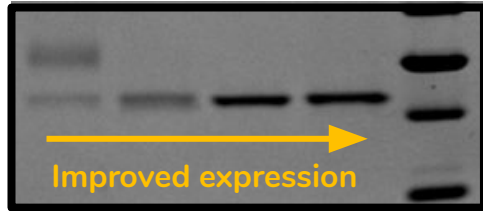
1 – 10 kg annual capacity
Pilot scale production
Support for clinical development
Line-of-sight to commercial use

Critical Enabling Technologies



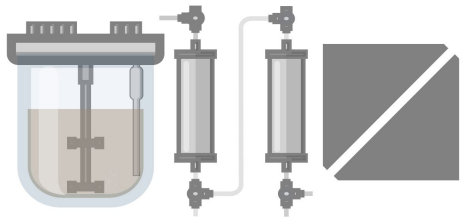
FAST & SAFE MICROBIAL HOST (*Pichia pastoris*)

GRAS organism used to make licensed products and global insulin supply
No known adventitious agents and few host-cell proteins simplify purification
Small haploid genome efficiently characterized by next-gen sequencing



BIOLOGY-DRIVEN EXPRESSION ENGINEERING

Molecular design to address quality & manufacturability
Strain engineering with genomic precision for production



INTEGRATED PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

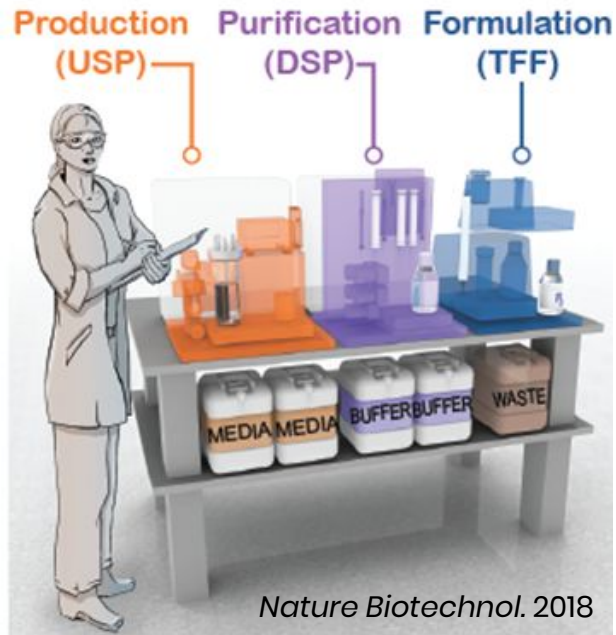
End-to-end approach to process design and development
Data-driven acceleration of platform processes for related products

Sunflower's Platform Compatibility for Multiple Products



* Not pursuing: Blood products and enzymes with post-translational modifications beyond glycosylation

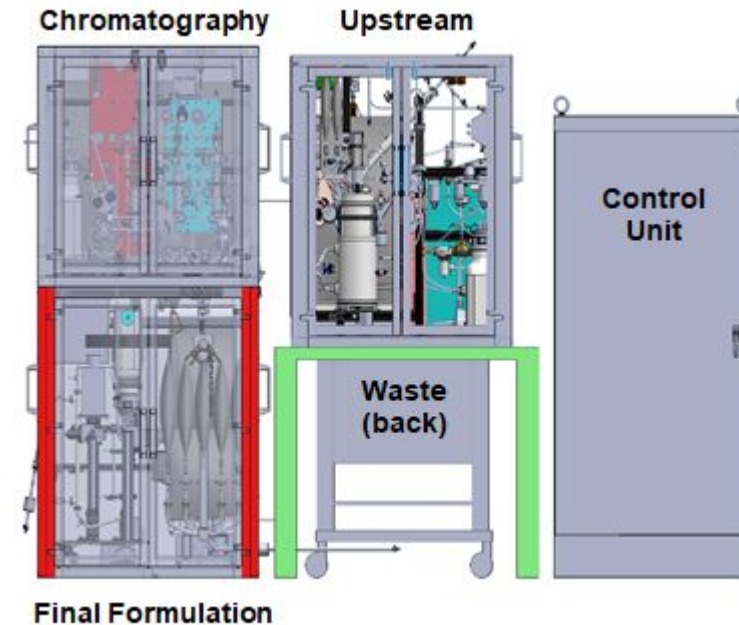
Proof-of-Concept Prototypes Built and Tested at MIT



InSCyT 2.0 System

~1 gram annual capacity

Routine production of G-CSF, hGH, IFN- α 2b,
Nanobodies, Vaccine Components



InSCyT 4.0 System

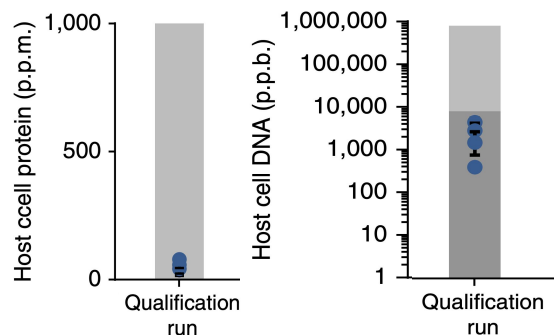
~1 kg annual capacity

Developed as pre-cGMP model
Demonstrated production of G-CSF

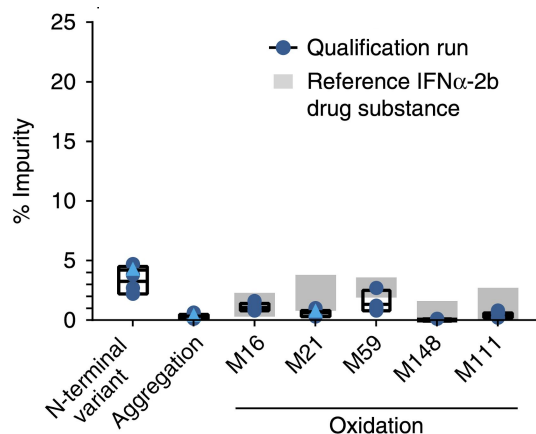
Consistent Quality with 3 Systems (MIT InSCyT)

Process-related
variants

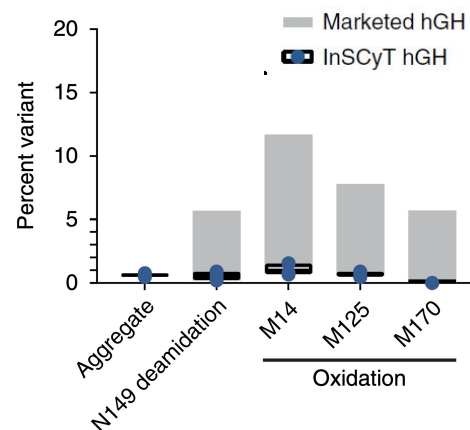
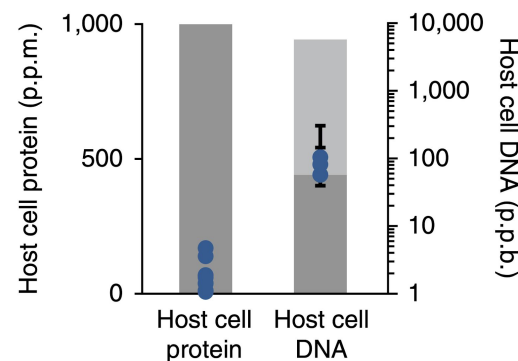
IFN- α 2b



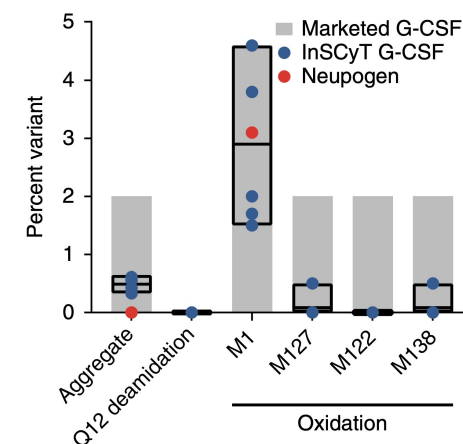
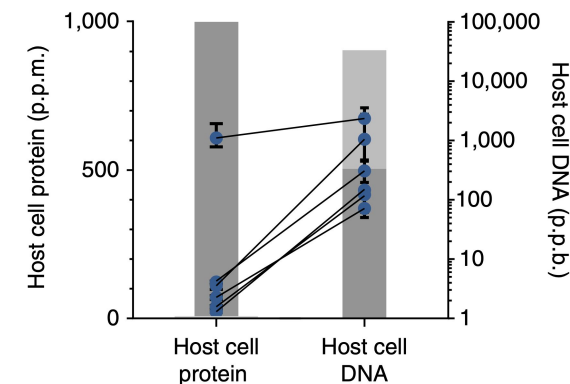
Product-related
variants



hGH



G-CSF



Target range (HCP)
FDA guideline (DNA)
EMA guideline (DNA)

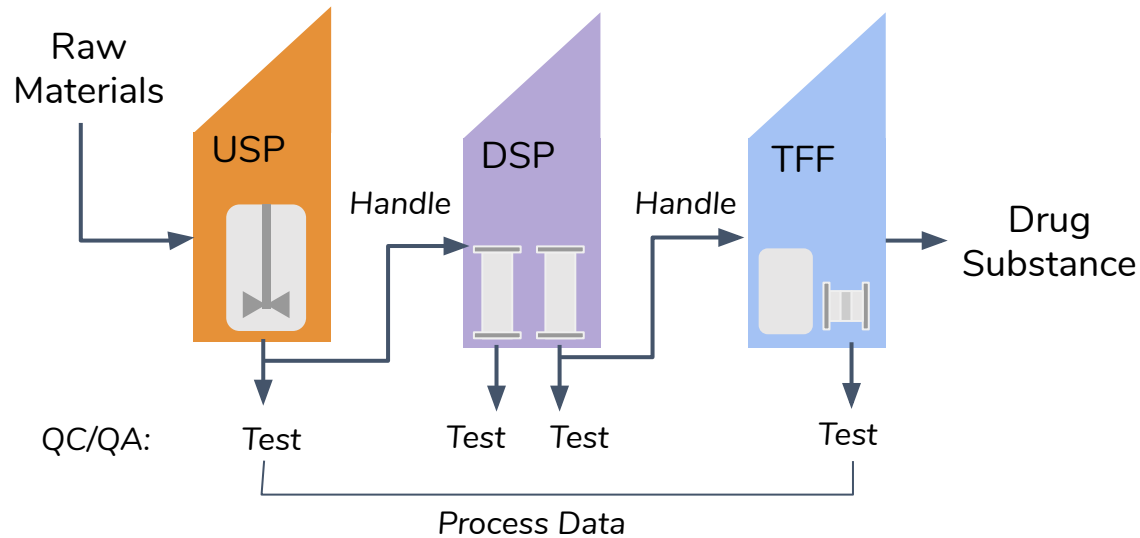
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Sunflower integrates technologies for manufacturing

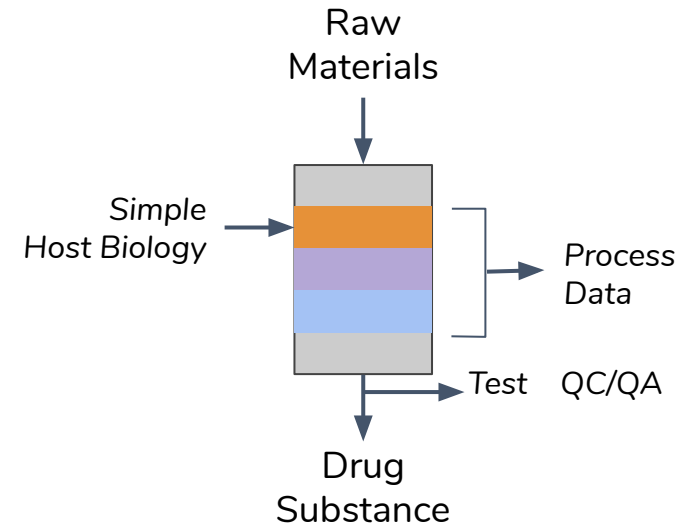
	Industry Precedent?	Technical Risk	Patient Safety Risk
YEAST AS A HOST	Yes	Low	Low
ASEPTIC SINGLE-USE COMPONENTS	Yes	Moderate	Low
FUNCTIONALLY CLOSED PROCESSING	Yes	Low	Low
PROCESS AUTOMATION	Yes	Low	Very Low
CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS	Yes	Low	Very Low
DRUG SUBSTANCE RELEASE TESTING	Yes	Low	Low

Predictive Performance by Holistic Design for Reduced Testing

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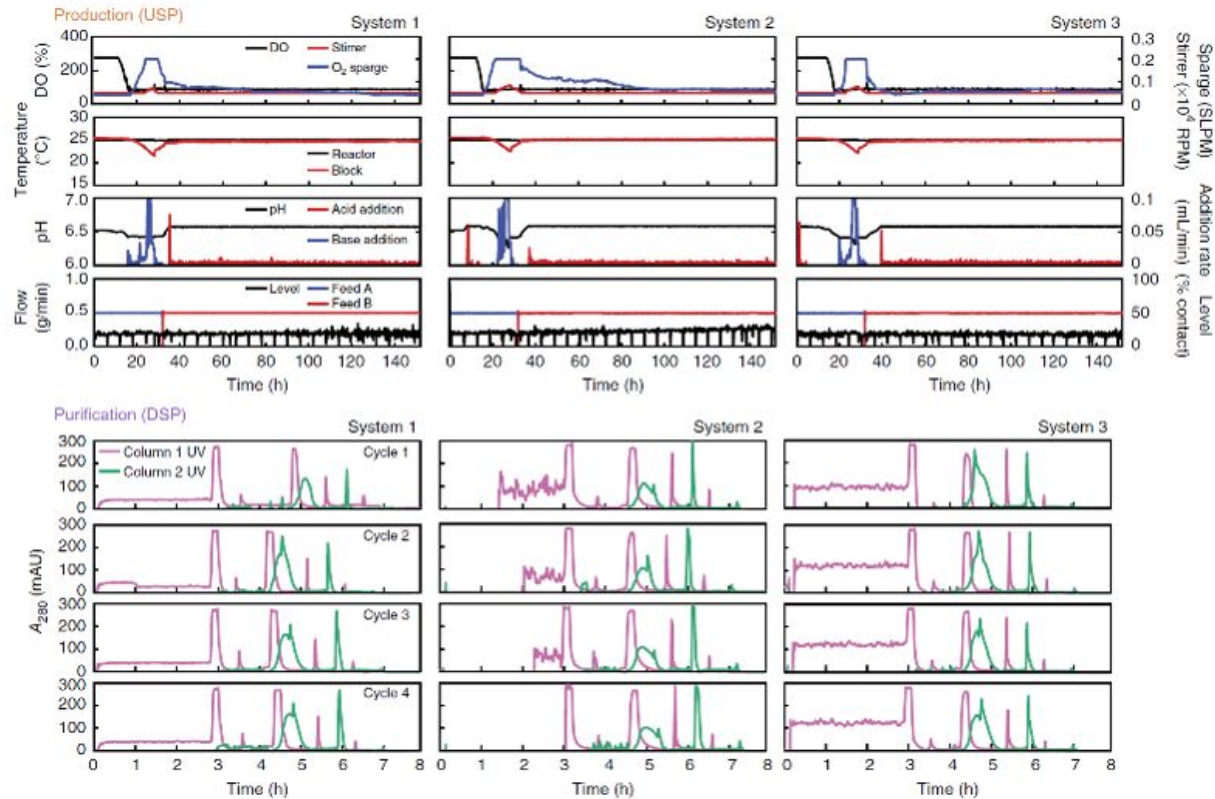


KEY INNOVATIONS FOR IMPROVING PREDICTABLE PERFORMANCE

- Reduce interfaces and handling
- Reduce biological variance with simple 'engineering-ready' hosts
- Employ holistic strategies to achieve quality (Molecule + Host + Process)

Standardized Systems Provide Opportunity for Accumulating Significant Process Performance Data

REPRODUCIBLE SYSTEM OPERATIONS



Nature Biotechnology, Oct 1 2018

3
SYSTEMS

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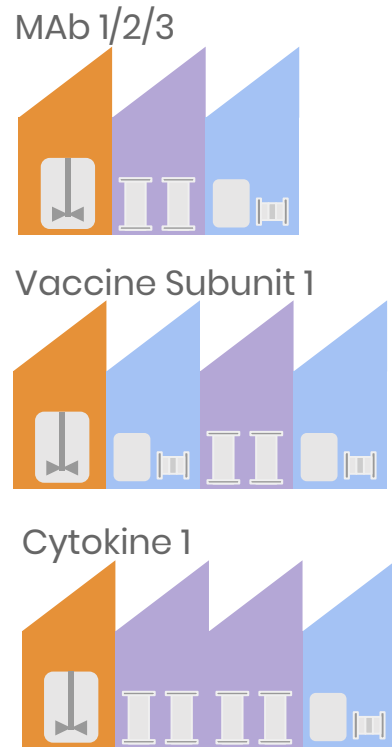
60
DATA SETS
PER YEAR

10
SYSTEMS

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200
DATA SETS
PER YEAR

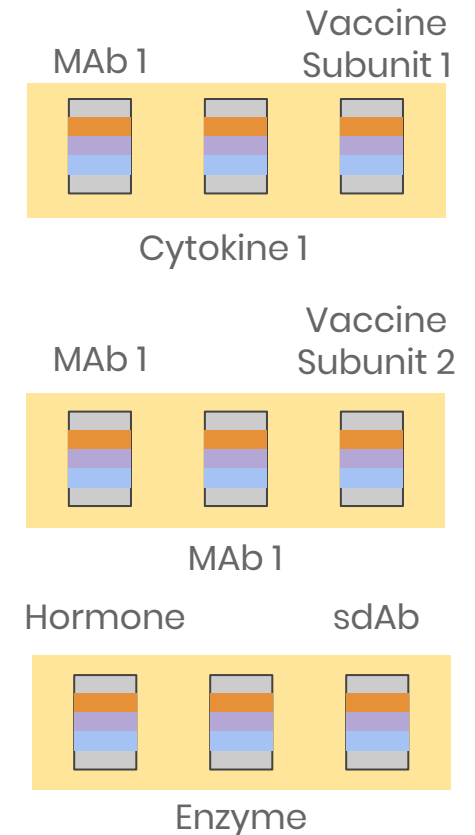
Standardized Systems Support Flexible Capacity



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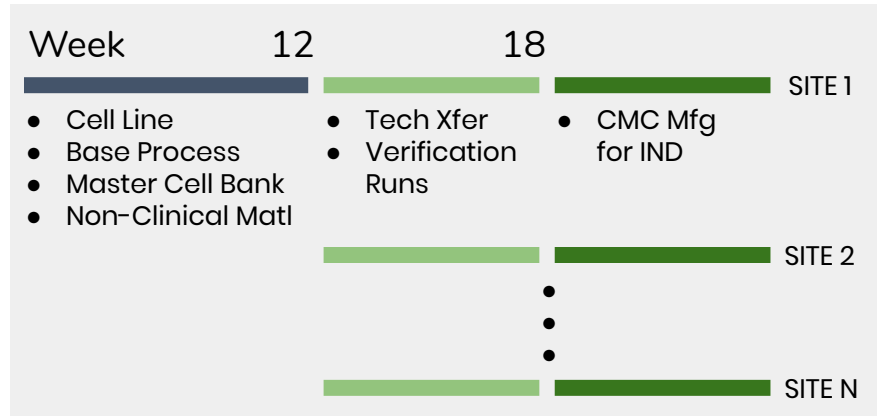
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Variable	BUILD COST	Consistent
Variable	PROCESS EQUIPMENT	Fixed
Variable	VALIDATION	Consistent
Low	RE-FIT POTENTIAL	High
Sometimes	MULTI-PRODUCT	By Design



Standardized Systems are Agile and Distributable

POTENTIAL TIMELINE FOR CLINICAL SUPPLY

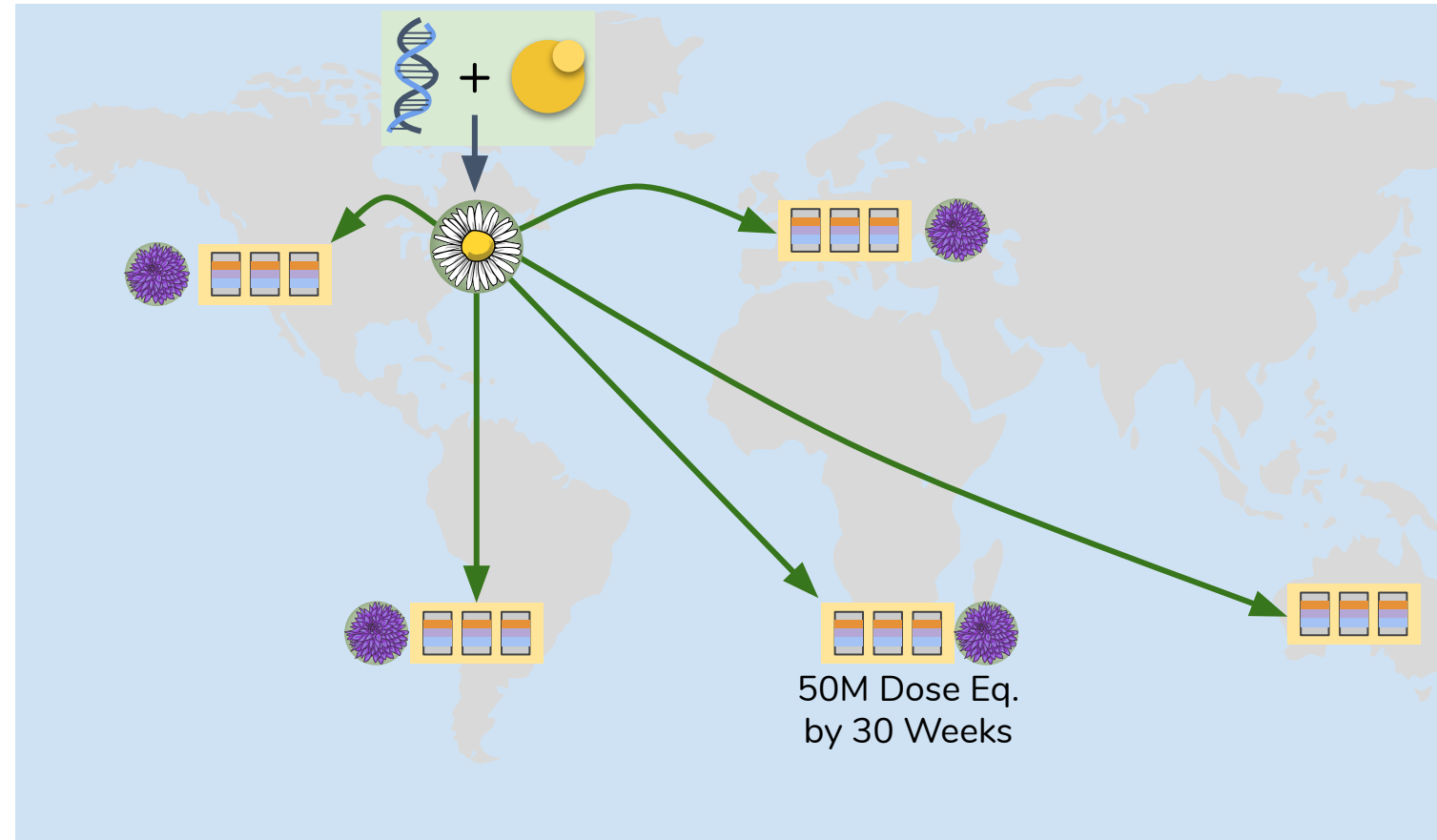


10 FACILITIES = ~ 500M DOSE EQUIVALENTS
OF A SUBUNIT VACCINE IN 30 WEEKS

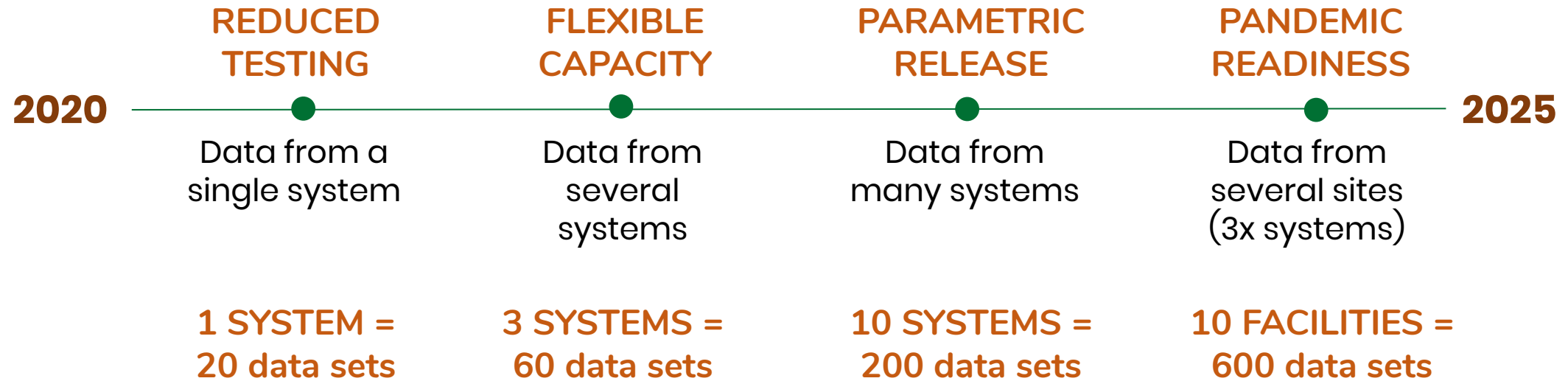
STOCKPILES BUILD DURING CLINICAL
EVALUATION OF VACCINE

IMPLICATIONS BEYOND PANDEMICS

Ability to reach new markets quickly
Regional products for regional markets



Projecting A Future State for Global Manufacturing



HOW COULD WE GO EVEN FASTER? COLLECT MORE DATA USING MORE SYSTEMS IN PARALLEL

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Sunflower is a women-owned small business

A close-up, macro photograph of a bright yellow flower petal, likely a sunflower, filling the right half of the frame. The petal's texture, including fine veins and a central ridge, is clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of yellow and grey.

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