

# Overview of Precompetitive Collaboration for Institute of Medicine Workshop

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# What I plan to address (and not)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Define</b> the phenomenon</li><li>• <b>Describe</b> the range of models</li><li>• <b>Derive</b> some initial insights about these models</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Predict</b> where it's all heading</li><li>• <b>Prescribe</b> specific best practices and tactics</li><li>• <b>Propose</b> how to proceed<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– How to address the larger hurdles (e.g., legal/IP issues, culture)</li></ul></li></ul>

# What is this phenomenon we are defining?

- Linux
- Wikipedia
- Sematech
- Fermilab
- Human Genome Project
- SNP Consortium
- HapMap
- Biomarkers Consortium
- X Prize Genomics
- InnoCentive
- Pistoia
- Alliance for Cellular Signaling
- Merck-AstraZeneca
- Pink Army Collaborative
- ...

What is it??

*“Precompetitive collaboration”*

*“Public-private partnerships”*

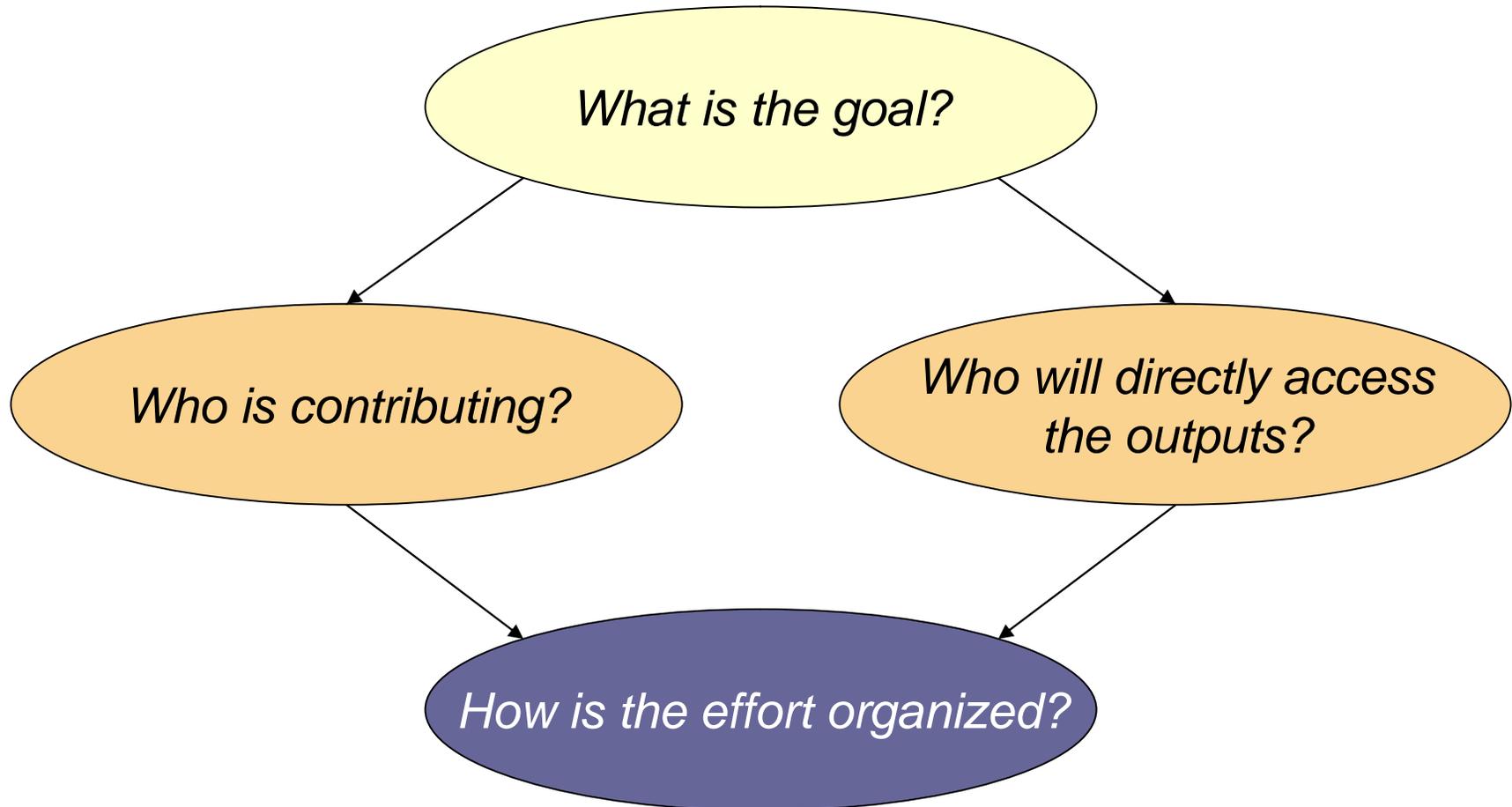
*“Open source”*

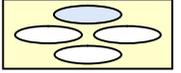
*“Open innovation”*

*“Distributed innovation”*

*“Crowdsourcing”*

# Framing the phenomenon

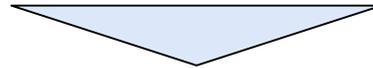




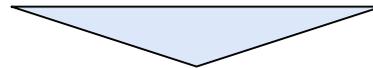
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## What do these collaborations have in common?

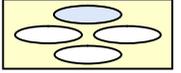
They are focused on a shared challenge that is critical for progress...



...that cannot be feasibly tackled by a single organization ...

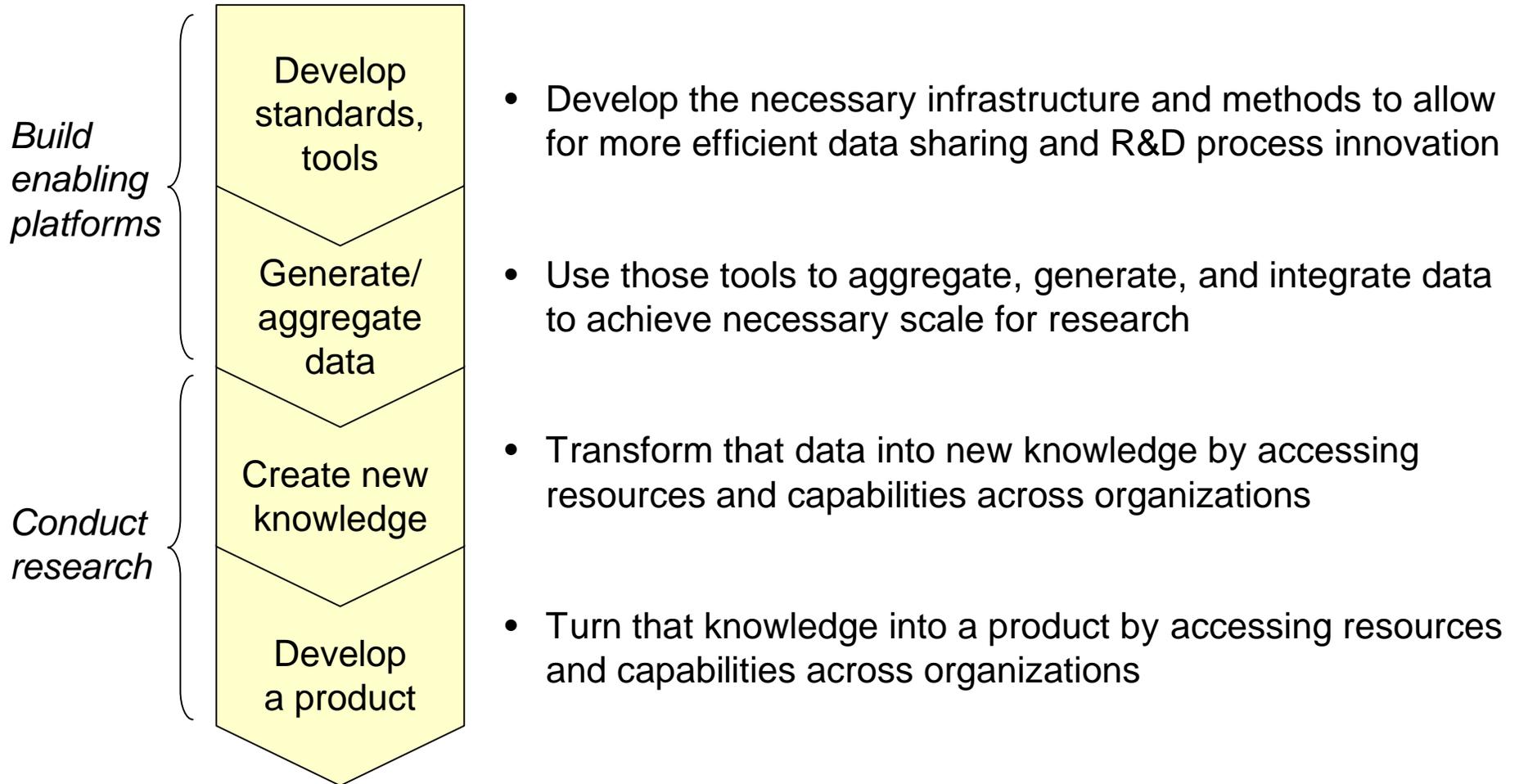


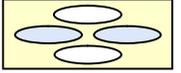
...and cannot be exploited as a standalone profit-making opportunity



*What is the goal?*

## What are the outputs?





*Who are the players?*

## How open/closed is the collaboration?

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open if...*

### Who needs to contribute?

- Low barriers to entry
- Need for quantity of input outweighs quality control
- Novel perspectives are sought from diverse fields

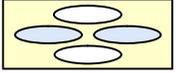
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- High barriers to entry (e.g., cost of equipment)
- Need for high levels of coordination and quality control

### Who will access the outputs?

- Output cannot be directly monetized
- Problem would benefit from ongoing development

- Output closer to commercialization
- Tied to cost to fund the effort – to avoid free riders
- Proprietary IP in outputs

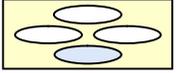


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# Open vs. closed: four possible combinations

<i>Who needs to contribute?</i>	Restricted	<i>e.g., HGP</i>	<i>e.g., inter-company collaboration</i>
	Open	<i>e.g., Linux</i>	<i>e.g., Netflix prize</i>
		Open	Restricted

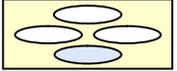
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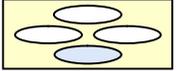


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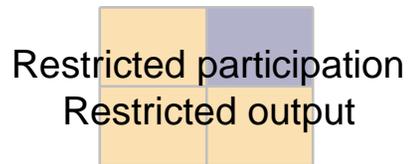
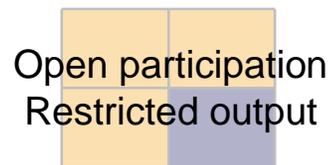
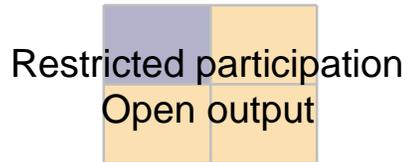
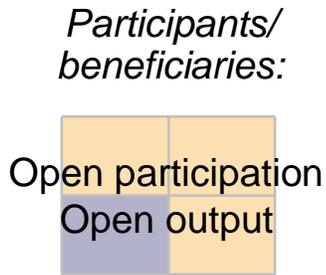
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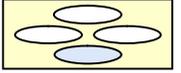
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<b>2. Industry consortia for process innovation</b>		<b>3. Discovery-enabling consortia</b>	

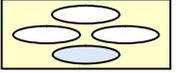


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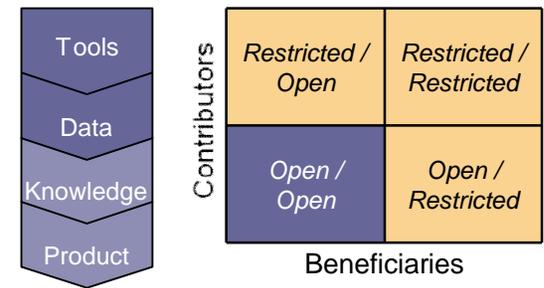
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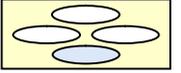
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5. Prizes
6. Innovation incubators/insourcing
7. Industry complementor relationships
8. Virtual pharma companies



# 1. Open source initiatives

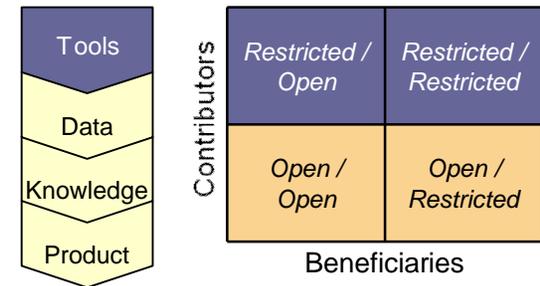
- Description
  - Build collaborative platforms / infrastructure / standards to create open networks for innovation
  - E.g., Linux, Wikipedia, Sage, PatientsLikeMe
- Why do it?
  - Leverages the broadest spectrum of researchers to address a problem
  - Allows anyone to freely access fruits of research
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - Hurdles (e.g., culture, IP) likely greater in biomedicine than software
  - Successful profit models can be built around open source output (e.g. Red Hat)
  - Even open networks require central oversight (e.g. Linux, Wikipedia)

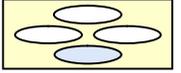




## 2. Industry consortia for R&D process innovation

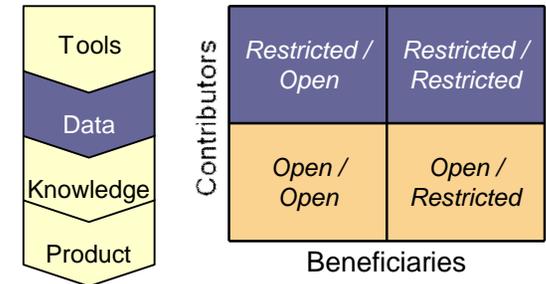
- Description
  - Consortia of industry members to improve non-competitive aspects of R&D process
  - Can be organized / facilitated by third parties
  - E.g., Sematech, Pistoia, C-Path, CDISC
- Why do it?
  - Creating standards facilitates industry communication and innovation
  - Pooling resources leverages investment, minimizes risk in technology devt
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - Critical mass of participants is necessary if new standards are to take hold
  - While industry-centric by definition, academic input can broaden perspective
  - Important to build trust via proactive agreement on how IP will be shared

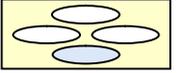




# 3. Discovery-enabling consortia

- Description
  - Consortia of academia and/or industry providing critical mass to generate scale of data needed for innovation
  - E.g., Human Genome Project, SNP Consortium, Alliance for Cellular Signaling, CERN, Fermilab
- Why do it?
  - Sheer scale of data needed cannot be achieved by any one player alone
  - Data warehouses, while not immediately monetizable, are of high value for future discovery
  - Putting data in public domain can be a defensive move – to ensure freedom to operate
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - More likely to succeed if a sense of urgency and/or built-in demand/application for output
  - Aligning differing industry/academic goals upfront facilitates coordination and progress
  - Dedicated project management is often necessary to coordinate larger efforts

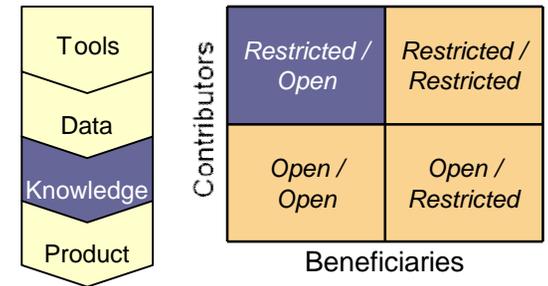




## 4. Public-private consortia for knowledge creation

- Description

- Collaborations between industry and academia to create upstream knowledge to enable downstream innovation
- E.g., Diabetes Genetics Initiative (Novartis-Broad-Lund), Biomarkers Consortium, Serious Adverse Event Consortium

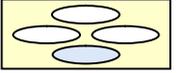


- Why do it?

- Key research challenge with no immediate market potential but essential downstream value
- Provides opportunity for closer academia/industry partnerships than “sponsored research”

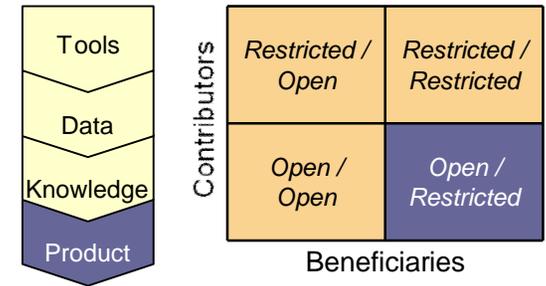
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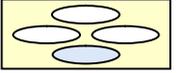
- Must align differing industry / academic goals to encourage contribution from all partners
- Project management with explicit milestones ensures coordination among disparate parties
- Small consortia may be better equipped to address certain issues -- e.g., regulatory issues related to tissue sharing



# 5. Prizes

- Description
  - Solicit innovative solutions via a transactional relationship, sponsored by industry or foundations, directly or via a third party
  - E.g. InnoCentive, Archon X Prize Genomics, Netflix prize
- Why do it?
  - Broad range of contributors leverages talent from diverse fields
  - Can produce critical incremental solutions or catalyze game-changing innovation
  - Large prizes generate publicity – and thus more potential contributors
  - Return on investment can be substantial vs. in-house R&D
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - For smaller prizes, must find ways to break problem down into discrete, solvable parts
  - For all prizes, must have clearly-defined objectives and metrics
  - Need to establish a process for integrating external solution into in-house R&D pipeline

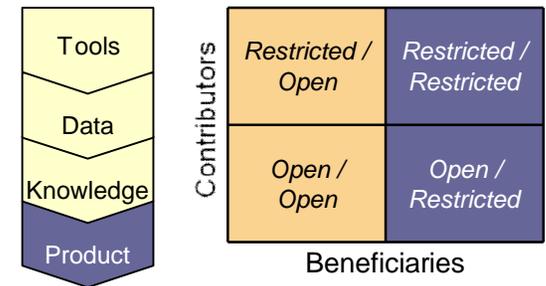




## 6. Innovation incubators/insourcing

- Description

- Sponsored research, brought in-house with additional resources to conduct work
- E.g. Biogen Idec bi<sup>3</sup>, Siemens Technology to Business, P&G Connect + Develop

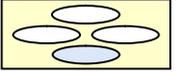


- Why do it?

- Leverages external ideas to fill pipeline of host company beyond what's internally possible
- Unlocks outside creative capital that would otherwise lie dormant
- Fills gap between basic “sponsored research” and VC-targeted late-stage research
- Hedges risk for both host company and potential academic / entrepreneurial collaborators

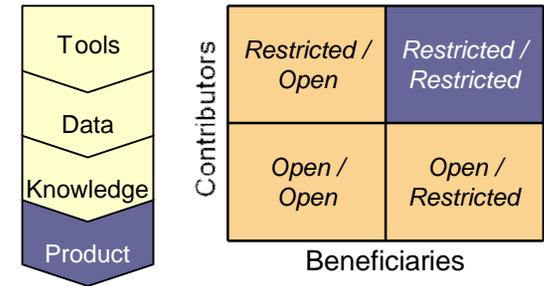
- Challenges and lessons learned

- Integration of outside talent into host organization / culture can pose a challenge
- Insourcing development costs can be a financial disincentive vs. traditional VC investing

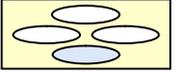


# 7. Industry complementor relationships

- Description
  - Focused collaboration between a small number of competitors for mutual benefit
  - E.g. Merck-AZ: combined use of two anticancer compounds, Pfizer-GSK in HIV: Viiv Healthcare, Intel-Microsoft (Nehalem / Windows 7)

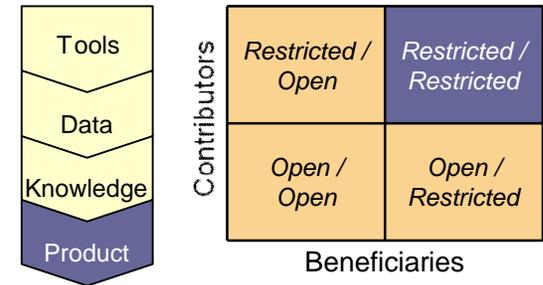


- Why do it?
  - Value of what companies provide together is greater than the sum of what they could provide separately
  - Enables companies to monetize assets that would be of limited value in isolation
  - Unlocks dormant IP through new business models (particularly relevant to pharma)
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - Challenge of getting over trust hurdle in sharing late-stage IP with competitors
  - Smaller collaborations make it easier to negotiate IP / sharing policies



## 8. Virtual pharma companies

- Description
  - Collaborations driven by foundations to develop drugs
  - E.g. Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, CHDI Foundation (Huntington's), Myelin Repair Foundation
- Why do it?
  - Provides way forward for neglected and rare diseases with little market potential
  - Virtual nature allows funds to target participants with greatest expertise and value
  - Drives progress by “forcing” open collaboration and data sharing as a condition of funding
- Challenges and lessons learned
  - Foundations add value via project mgmt, coordination across diverse research platforms
  - IP must be protected to make clinical trials / commercialization through pharma profitable
  - Getting large pharma to perform necessary trials remains a challenge



*Some parting thoughts:*

## Precompetitive collaboration and value creation

- Precompetitive collaboration may be viewed, through the lens of economics, as a means of creating and unlocking value
- Precompetitive collaboration aims to increase the value “pie”
  - ...by enabling innovation that would not have occurred otherwise
  - ...and reducing the cost of innovation (e.g., technology development)
- Businesses can cooperate to increase the size of the pie while they continue to compete around how to divide it
- Where successful, a win/win for industry, academia... and society

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