

Synthetic Biology

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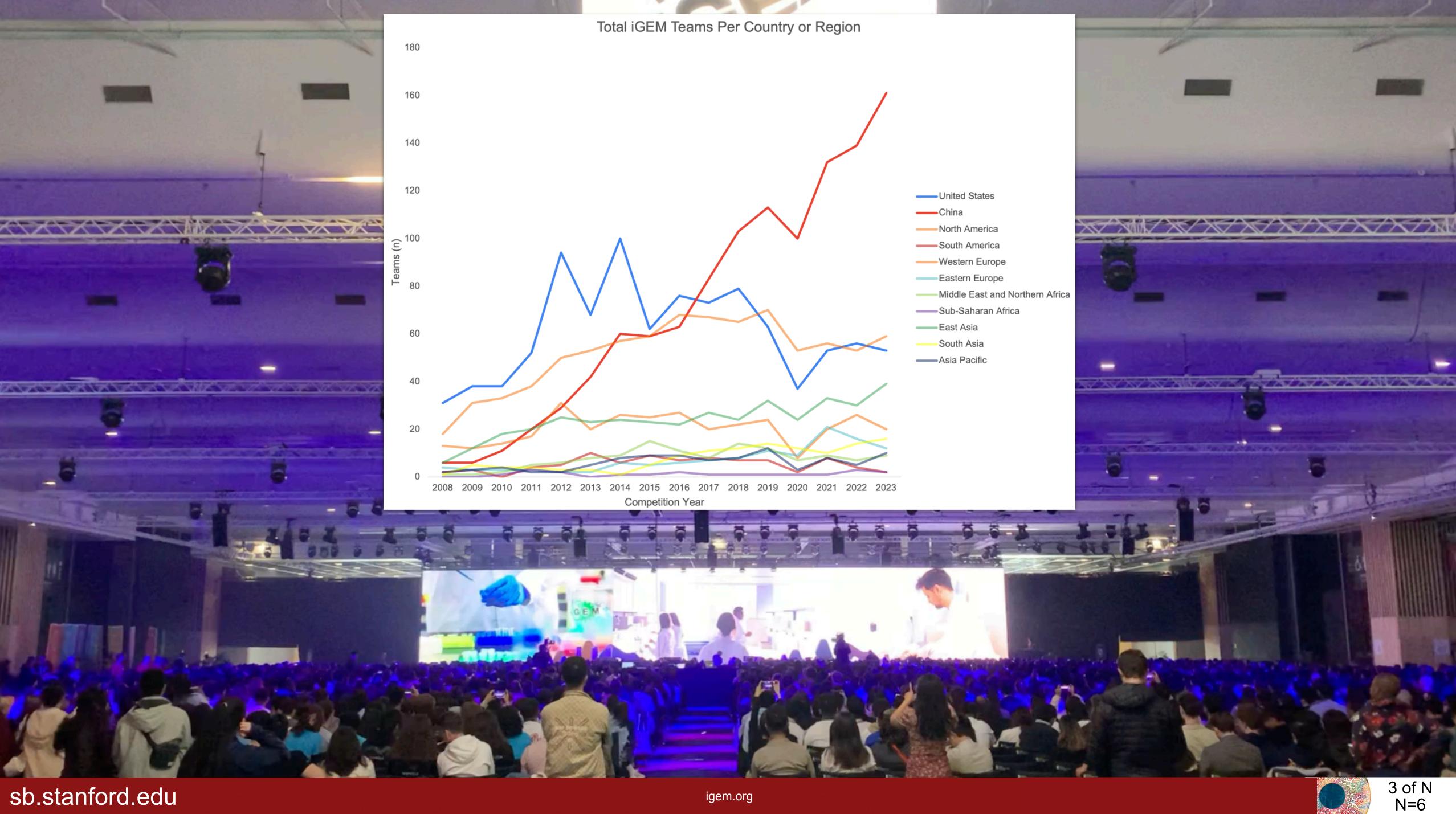
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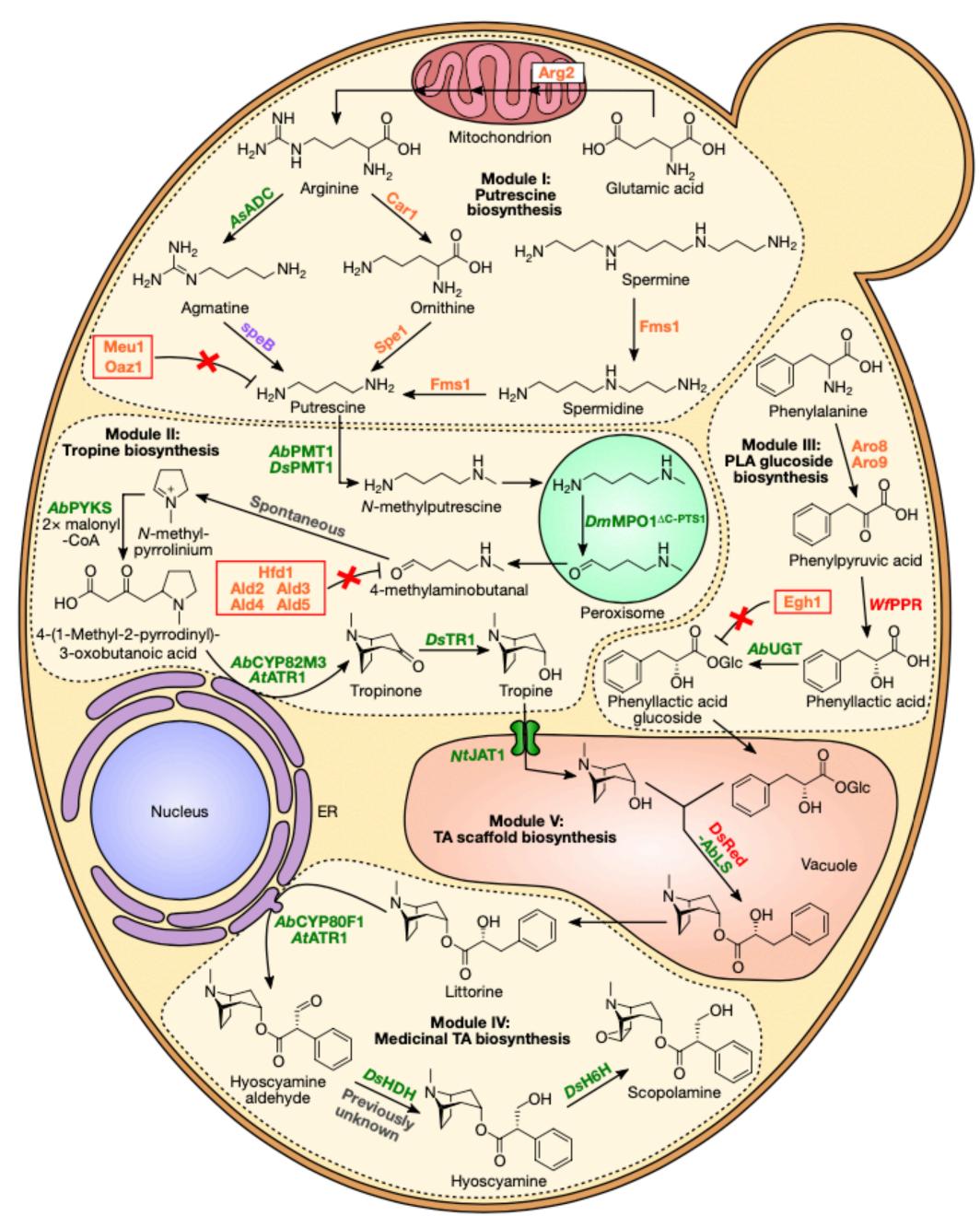














Forbes 2023 Sustainability Summit AKIRA RUIZ FOR FORBES

hristina Smolke is brewing the **key ingredients** that go into medicines by the vatful. These vats hold 120,000 liters (roughly 31,700 gallons). During five days of fermentation, "the yeast are producing enough drug ingredients to produce over 100 million doses of medication," Smolke, cofounder and CEO of synthetic biology startup Antheia, said today at the Forbes Sustainability Summit. It would take around 10 square miles of growing medicinal plants to reap the same amount, she said – not to mention significantly shrinking the amount of time from years to days. Antheia's first products are thebaine and oripavine, both of them key components in pain management and addiction management medications such as codeine, hydrocodone and naloxone.

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Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS BRIEFING ROOM >

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. Artificial intelligence (AI) holds extraordinary potential for both promise and peril. Responsible AI use has the potential to help solve urgent challenges while making our world more prosperous, productive, innovative, and secure. At the same time, irresponsible use could exacerbate societal harms such as fraud, discrimination, bias, and disinformation; displace and disempower workers; stifle competition; and pose risks to national security. Harnessing AI for good and realizing its myriad benefits requires mitigating its substantial risks. This endeavor demands a society-wide effort that includes government, the private sector, academia, and civil society.

- (iii) Within 180 days of the establishment of the framework pursuant to subsection 4.4(b)(i) of this section, all agencies that fund life-sciences research shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, establish that, as a requirement of funding, synthetic nucleic acid procurement is conducted through providers or manufacturers that adhere to the framework, such as through an attestation from the provider or manufacturer. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Director of OSTP shall coordinate the process of reviewing such funding requirements to facilitate consistency in implementation of the framework across funding agencies.
 - 4.2. Ensuring Safe and Reliable AI. (a) Within 90 days of the date of this order, to ensure and verify the continuous availability of safe, reliable, and effective AI in accordance with the Defense Production Act, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq., including for the national defense and the protection of critical infrastructure, the Secretary of Commerce shall require:
 - (i) Companies developing or demonstrating an intent to develop potential dual-use foundation models to provide the Federal Government, on an ongoing basis, with information, reports, or records regarding the following:
 - (i) any model that was trained using a quantity of computing power greater than 10^{26} integer or floating-point operations, or using primarily biological sequence data and using a quantity of computing power greater than 10²³ integer or floating-point operations; and

