

*Establishment of start-up companies and  
their operating effectiveness at a later  
stage – a case study.*

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*Knowledge based economy is a economy in which knowledge production, distribution and implementation is the main driving forces of wealth generatin and emplyment in the whole economy (OECD 1996, APEC 2000).*

*The National Nanotechnology Initiative*

*The social and economical development of society is correlated with the impelmentation of technological, organizational, menaguing and educational innovations.*



*President Clinton, 2000*

[OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#)

[APEC - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation](#)



*"The person who takes medicine must recover twice, once from the disease and once from the medicine."*

- William Osler, M.D.



## ***The motivation:***

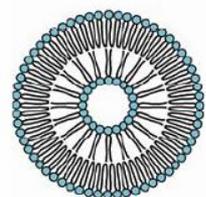
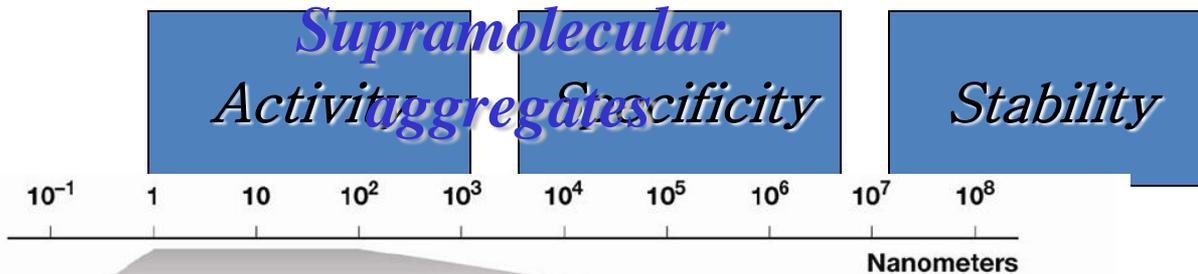
*The development in Wrocław the infrastructure for research and development of new generation of pharmaceuticals (targeted drug delivery systems).*

# *Basic concept of the technology*

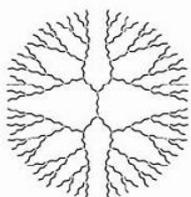
*Properties of an effective pharmaceutical*

*Activity  
Specificity  
Stability*

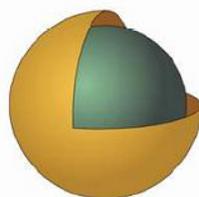
*Assignment of different functions to separate chemical entities*



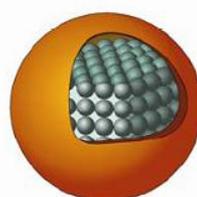
Liposome



Dendrimer



Gold Nanoshell



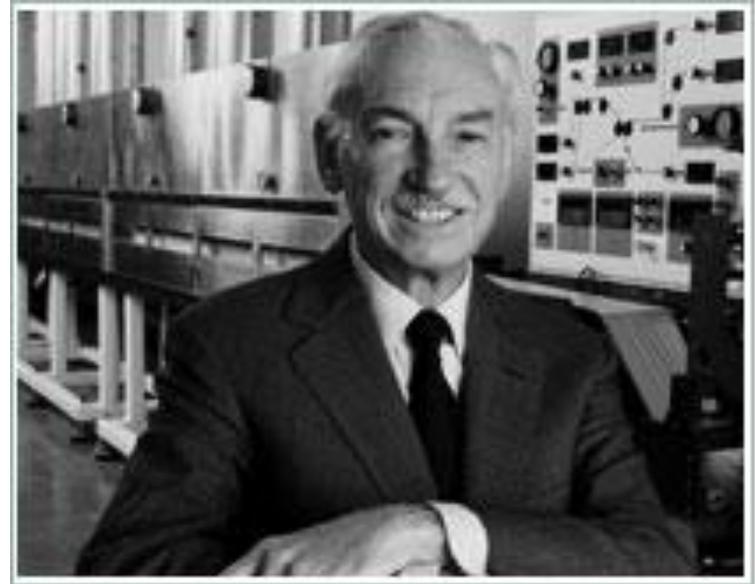
Quantum Dot



Fullerene



# ALZA



1968 ALZA Corporation was founded by Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni in 1968 to realize his vision *of sophisticated pharmaceutical products that precisely control the targeting, timing and dosing of therapeutic compounds.*

## *Products*

- **OROS® Technology**
- **D-TRANS® Transdermal Technology**  
*Catapres-TTS® (clonidine), Duragesic® (fentanyl), Estraderm® (estradiol), NicoDerm® (nicotine), Transderm-Nitro® (nitroglycerin)*
- **STEALTH® Liposomal Technology** *Doxil® (doxorubicin) an anti-cancer drug for the treatment of ovarian cancer*
- **DUROS® Implant Technology** *Viadur® (leuprolide acetate implant) treatment for prostate cancer*

# *Multifunctional Nanomedicine*

- ✓ Increase drug solubility
- ✓ Prevent drug degradation
- ✓ Increase bioavailability

- ✓ Controlled release in space and time
- ✓ Responsive (pH) release
- ✓ Increase drug specificity



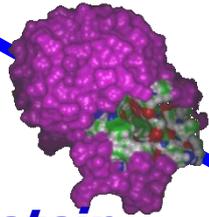
- ✓ Targeting path. tissues and cells
- ✓ Minimize non-specific uptake
- ✓ Enlarge therapeutic index

- ✓ Monitoring pharmacokinetics
- ✓ Reporting efficacy
- ✓ Personalize medicine

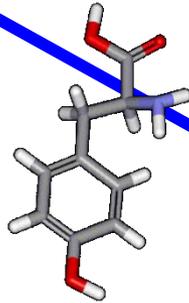
# The drug development process ?



**Identify disease**



**Isolate protein  
involved in  
disease (2-4yrs)**



**Preclinical testing  
(1-3 yrs)**

**Find effective drug  
against disease protein  
(2-4 yrs)**



**Scale-up (2-3 yrs)**



**Human clinical trials  
(2-5 yrs)**



**Formulation (1-3 yrs)**

**File IND**



**File NDA**

**FDA approval  
(2-3 yrs)**



**12 to 25 years**

**\$400 - \$800 M**

# *Advantages of value added of targeted drug delivery systems*

Solubility  
Plasma stability  
Efficay

Improving under-performing compounds

Differentiating from competing products

Commercial value of drug delivery

Increasing returns on R&D investment

Extending patent life

New product with added value  
Increase life-cycle  
Protection from generic competition

Increased efficacy  
Improved safety profile  
Time course of drug action  
Site of drug administration  
Improved patient compliance

**DRUG DELIVERY SEGMENTS**  
**WORLDWIDE MARKET / GROWTH** (\$ IN BILLIONS)

<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>GROWTH</b>
CONTROLLED RELEASE	14.2	26.3	85%
PULMONARY, INHALATION	11.7	22.6	93%
TRANSNASAL DELIVERY	8.2	16.0	95%
TRANSMUCOSAL	2.4	6.5	171%
TRANSDERMAL DELIVERY	6.7	12.7	90%
INJECTABLE/IMPLANTABLE	3.8	7.2	89%
NEEDLE-LESS INJECTION	0.4	1	150%
RECTAL	0.5	1.2	140%
LIPOSOMAL	1.2	3.3	175%
CELL/GENE THERAPY	0	5	0%
MISCELLANEOUS	1.5	2.5	67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>106%</b>

# *Creation of the organization for research on targeted drug delivery systems*

*Customers*



*Wrocław Technical  
University*

*Wrocław  
University*

*Agricultural  
University*

*Medical  
Academy*

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# *Academic Centre for Biotechnology of Lipid Aggregates*

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*The Centre operates based on the Agreement  
of Rectors.*

*The Agreement defines the Centre  
organization and functioning .*

*The Centre is not an independent legal entity.*

***Founded June, 2001***

# *Problems:*

- there were no procedures for the effective decisions making,*
- weak organizational structure,*
- no dedicated staff,*
- the status of intellectual property rights not well defined,*
- lack of the financial independence.*

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*Novasome Sp z o.o.*

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*Founded in 2004*

## *The company objectives*

- The establishment of cooperation with companies capable to implement production of nano-particulates*
- Reaching GLP standards on all stages of the research and development process*
- The development of modern technical infrastructure in Wrocław and modernization of educational process.*

## *Problems*

- difficulties with cash flow*
- lack of experience with industrial practices*
- inefficient administration*
- problems with reaching the market*

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*Strategic investor*

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# Schareholders



CTT - Cancer Targeting  
Technologies, Finlandia  
Uniwersytet w Helsinkach

*prof. dr hab. Tadeusz Więckowski*

*prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Wójtowicz*

*prof. dr hab. Mirosław Miller*

# Ownership structure



Poland (40%)

Finland (57%)

Sweden (3%)

# *2006-2007 – EU Investment Grant*

## *SPO-WKP 1.4.3.*



WROCLAWSKIE LABORATORIA  
AGREGATÓW LIPIDOWYCH

Biophysics of  
Macromolecular  
Aggregates  
dr hab. M. Langner

Cell Biology and  
Biochemistry  
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Prof. A. Kozubek  
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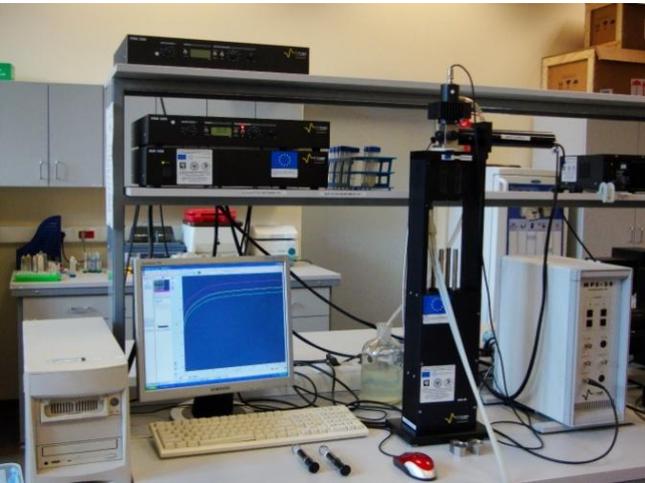
Cell cultures and in  
vivo tests  
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# *The Laboratory for Biophysics of Macromolecular Aggregates*

Politechnika  
Wroclawska



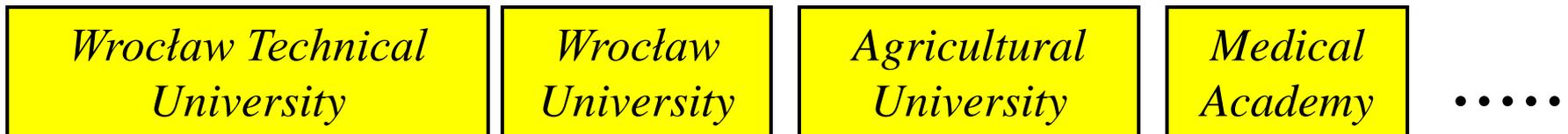
# *Problems*

- *no operational independence*
- *complex ownership structure*
- *complicated decision making process,*
- *problems with finances*
- *dispersed technical infrastructure*
- *poore coordintion and lack of quality*

*standards*

# *Creation of the organization for research on targeted drug delivery systems*

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*About 20 highly educated employees*

*Modern and complete instrumental infrastructure*

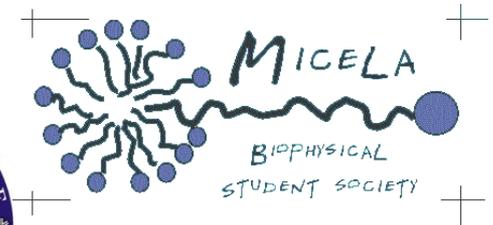
*Capacity for upscaling and production process development*

*Efficient administrative and financial services*

*Consequently introduced quality and documentation (CTD) systems*

## ***Company competence***

- *development of new formulations*
- *research services,*
- *educational services,*
- *development of new technologies and production processes,*
- *basic research.*



# Problems

*Interdisciplinary character of technology*

*Knowledge based technology*

*Problems with adaptation of scientific methods  
for industrial practices*

*Philosophy of the Company – the capital over  
knowledge and short time horizon*

*Dominance of strategic investor – limited access to  
the market*

*Problems with handling IPR and employees  
motivation.*

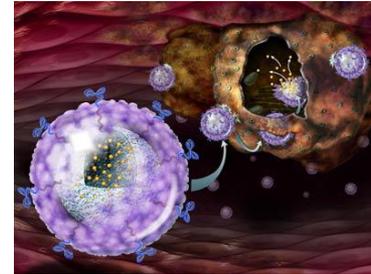
*Quality of employees !!!!!*

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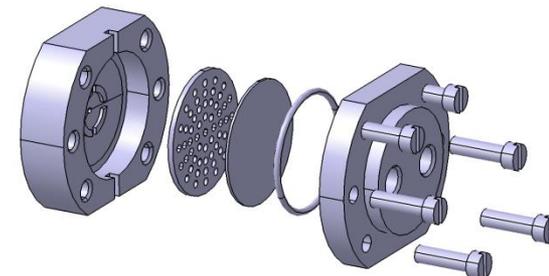
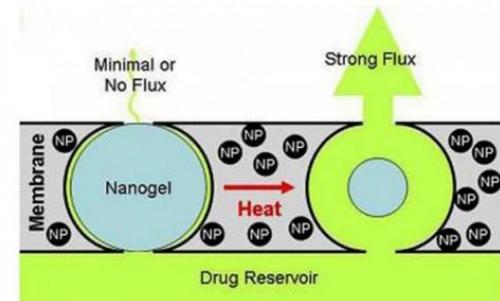
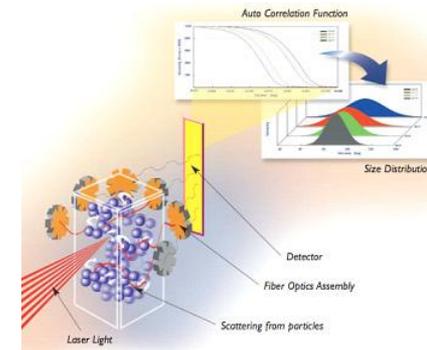
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The development of advanced drug formulations.

Development of analytical method required for a drug registration.

Designing and unsambling of production infrastructure for nano-aggregates production.





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Research & Development Centre

**lipid systems**