

# *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:***

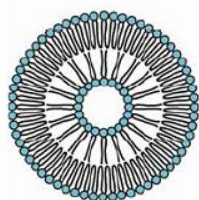
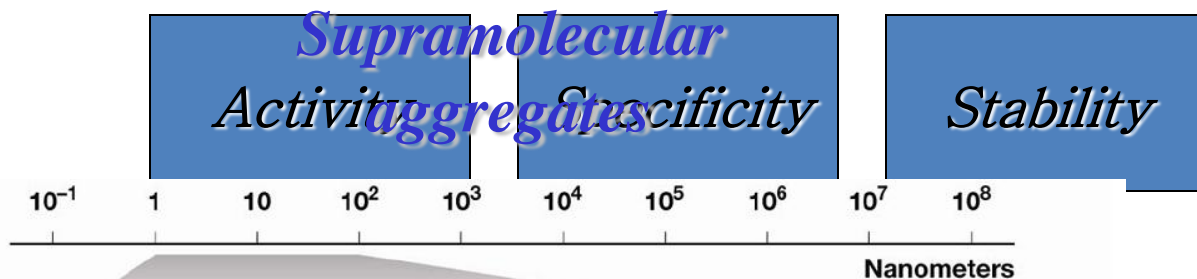
*The development in Wrocław the infrastructure for research and development of new generation of pharmaceuticals (targeted drug delivery systems).*

# *Basic concept of the technology*

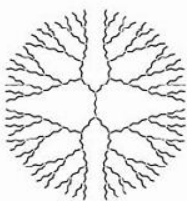
*Properties of an effective pharmaceutical*

*Activity  
Specificity  
Stability*

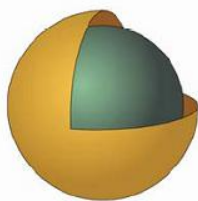
*Assignment of different functions to separate chemical entities*



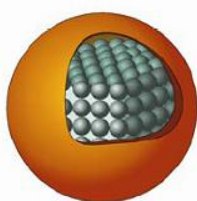
Liposome



Dendrimer



Gold Nanoshell



Quantum Dot

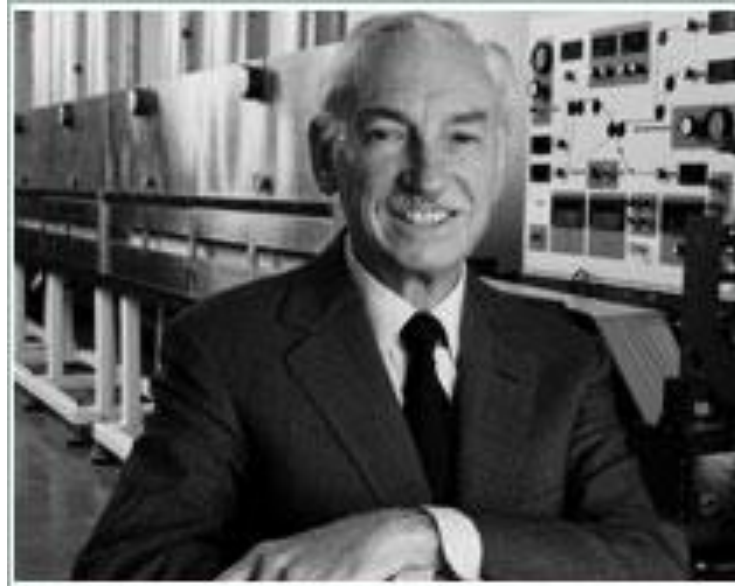


Fullerene



# 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**

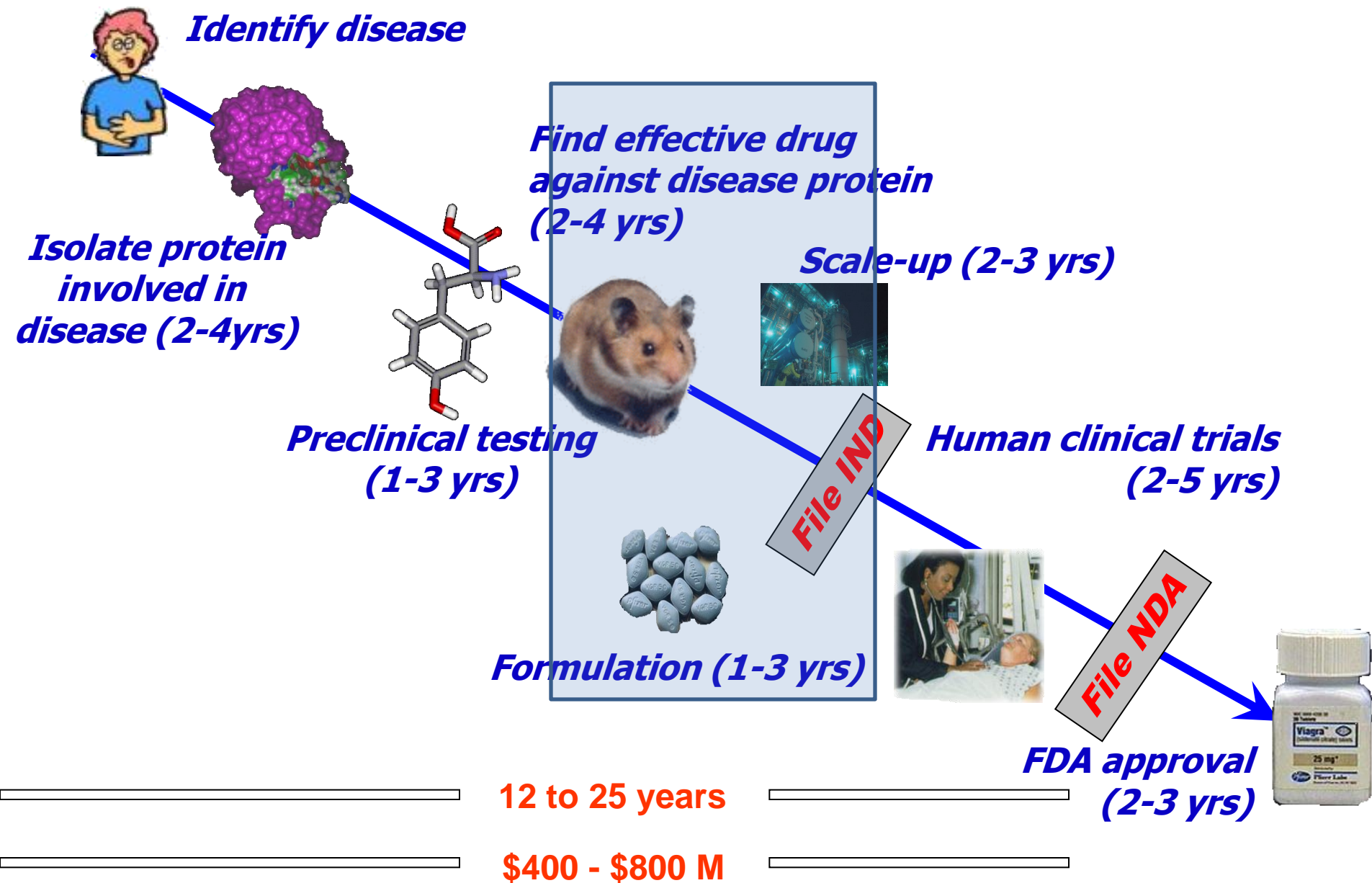
- ✓ **Controlled release in space and time**
- ✓ **Responsive (pH) release**
- ✓ **Increase drug specificity**



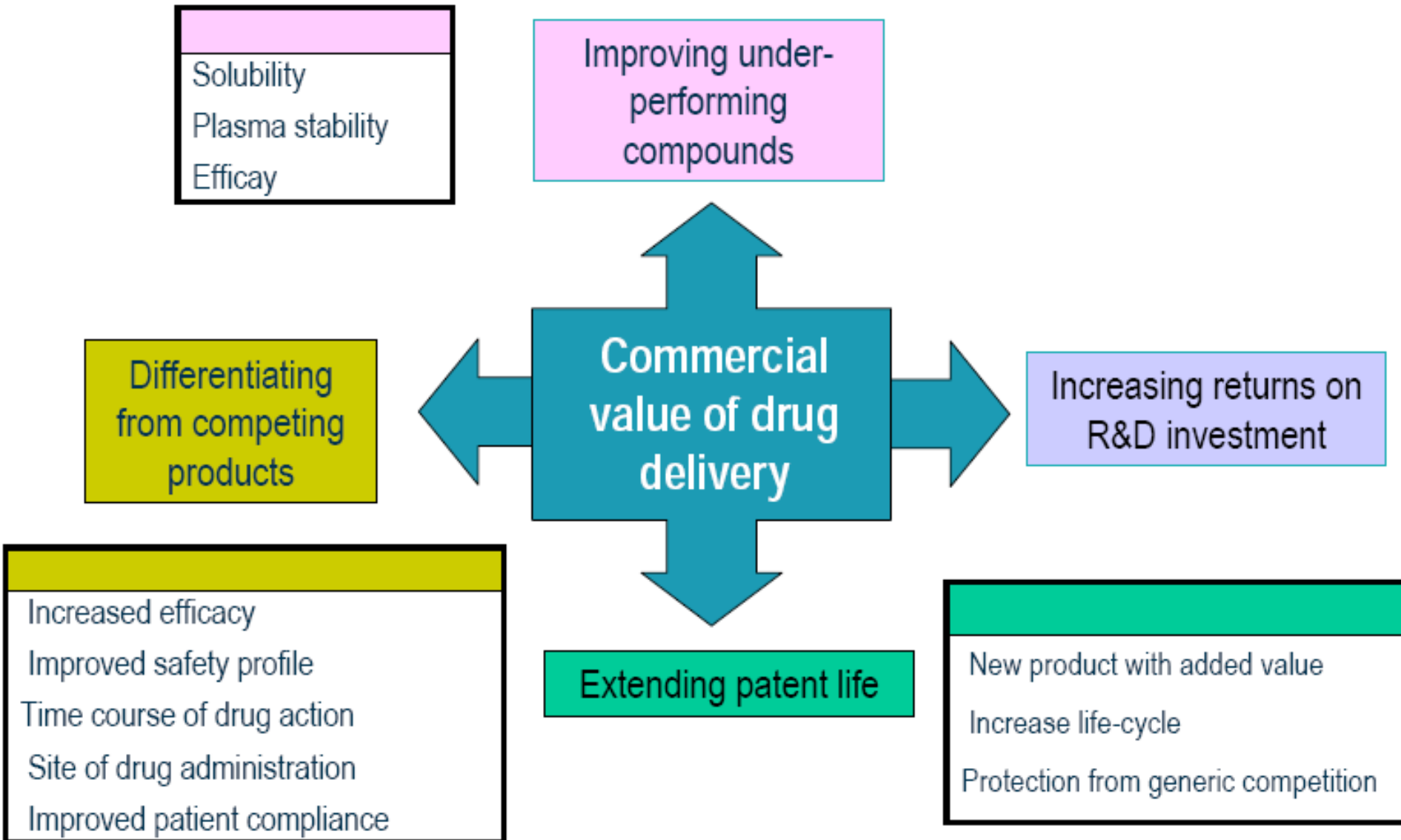
- ✓ **Targeting path. tissues and cells**
- ✓ **Minimize non-specific uptake**
- ✓ **Enlarge therapeutic index**

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

# The drug development process ?



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



# DRUG DELIVERY SEGMENTS

## WORLDWIDE MARKET / GROWTH (\$ IN BILLIONs)

TECHNOLOGY	2000	2005	GROWTH
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%
TOTAL	50.6	104.3	106%

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

*Customers*



*Academic Centre for  
Biotechnology of Lipid  
Aggregates*

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University*

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*Medical  
Academy*

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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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*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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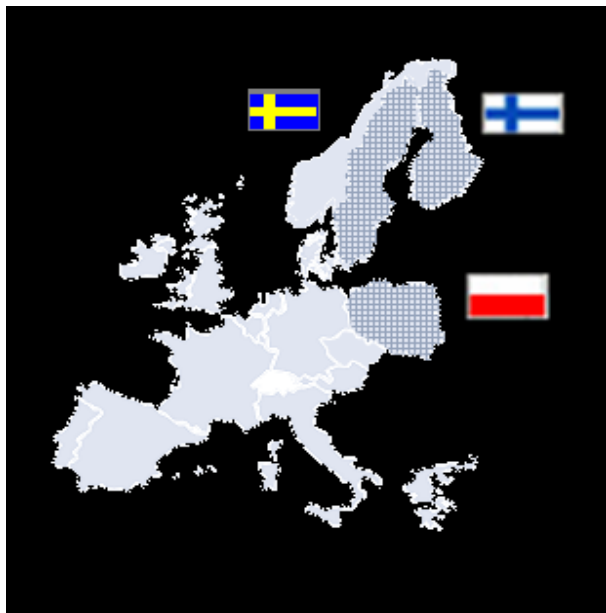
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# Schareholders



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

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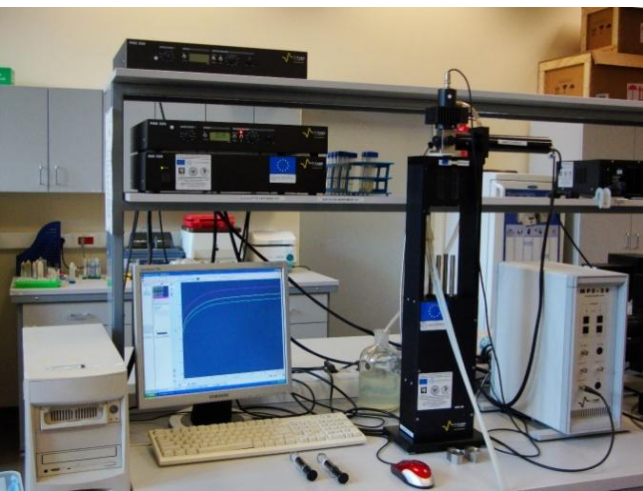
Prof. M. Ugorski

Prof.dr hab. Mirosław Miller



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Wrocławska

# *The Laboratory for Biophysics of Macromolecular Aggregates*



# ***Problems***

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

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*About 20 highly educated employees*

*Modern and complete instrumental infrastructure*

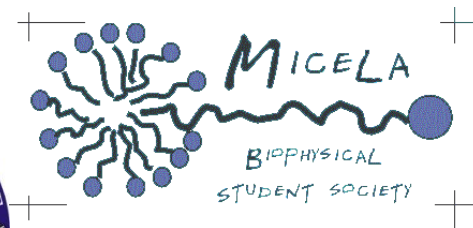
*Capacity for upscaling and production process development*

*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.*



Wrocław  
University  
of Technology

# Problems

*Interdyscyplinary charakter 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.*

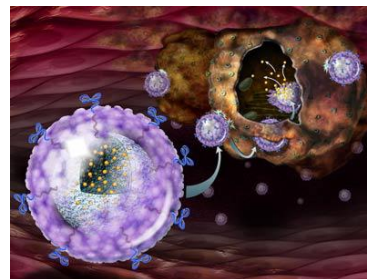
*Quality of employees !!!!!*

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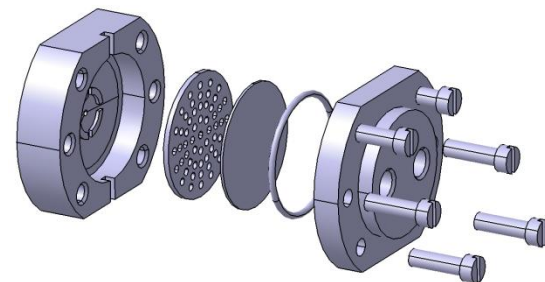
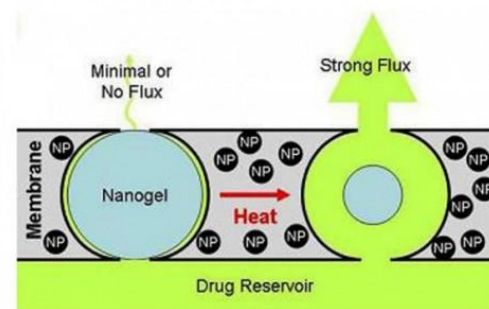
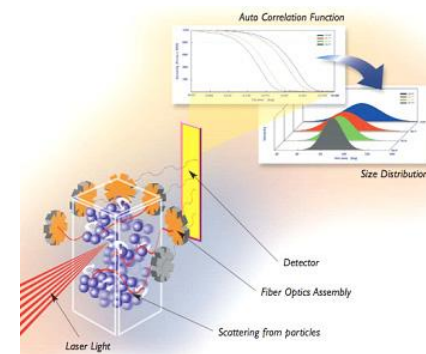
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The development of advanced drug formulations.

Development of analytical method required for a drug registration.

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





lipid systems