

# Accelerating nanotech innovations through a safer-by-design approach



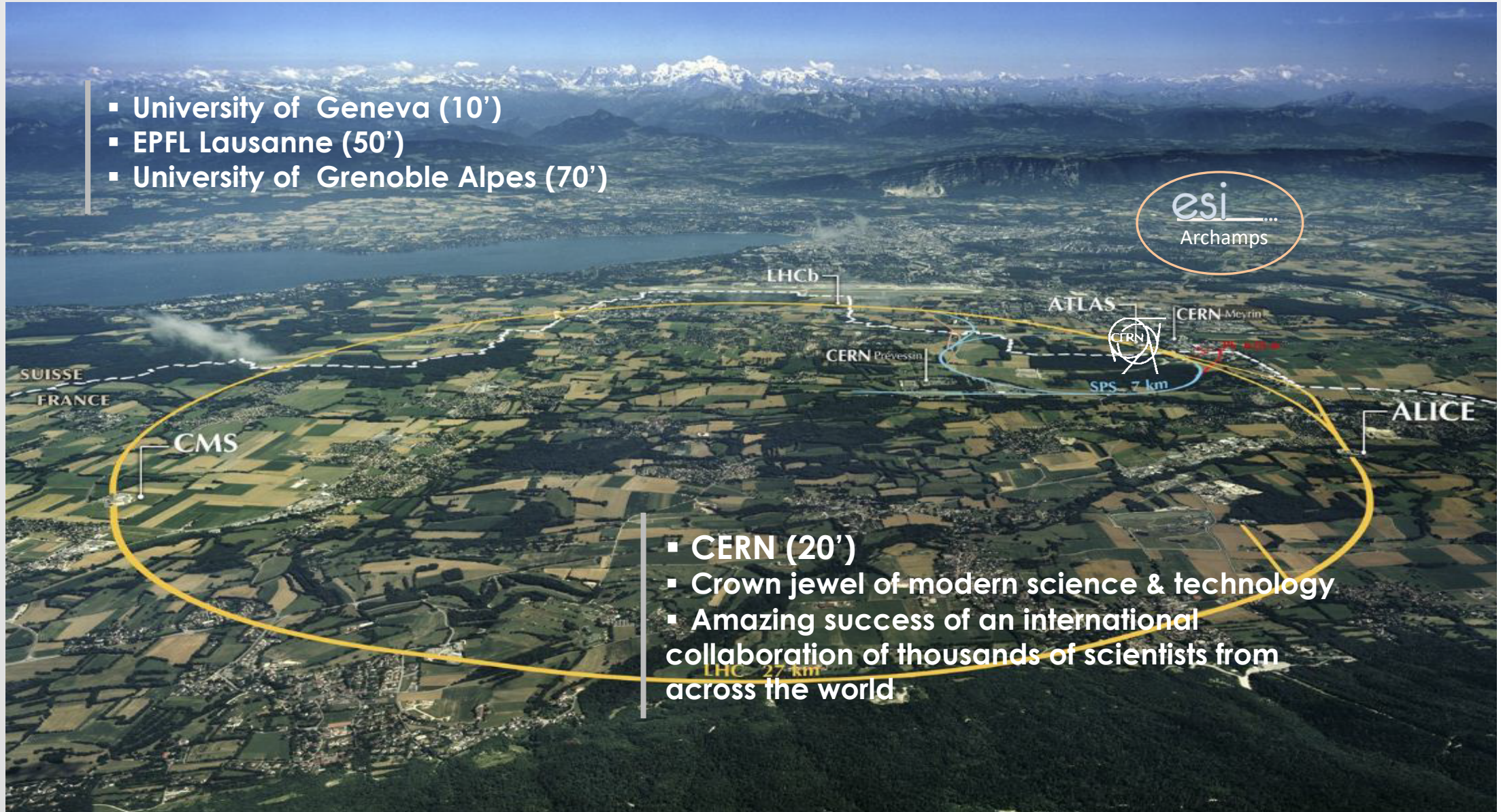
Putting citizens at the center of the innovation process

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# A rich ecosystem





# ESI in a few words ...

## Mission

25 years as a non-profit developing postgraduate schools around the science, technologies and achievements of **CERN: particle accelerators, instrumentation for particle detection and scientific computing** and their applications to medicine, industry ...

## Students

MSc and PhD students, mostly from European universities, and early-career professionals

## Faculty

Drawn from CERN and an international network of universities, research facilities, university hospitals and industry

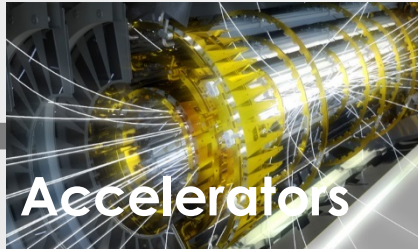
## What's different ?

ESI applies CERN's approach to fundamental research (state of the art, collaborative, open, innovative, international) to knowledge sharing and transmission ; specialised, modular, intensive, state of the art courses ; students and faculty working together in a “campus” environment

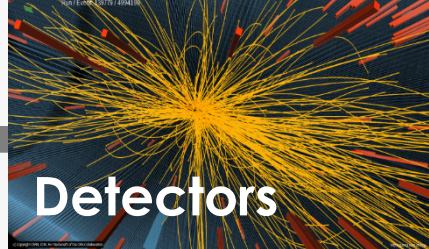
# ESI in a few words ...



Research



**Accelerators**



**Detectors**



**Computing**



Knowledge Transfer



Knowledge  
sharing



**Innovation &  
Entrepreneurship**



# The nano revolution

- **“Nanotechnology is the sixth truly revolutionary technology introduced in the modern world following the Industrial Revolution of the mid-1700s, the Nuclear Energy Revolution of the 1940’s, The Green Revolution of the 1960’s, The Information Revolution of the 1980’s, and the Bio Technology Revolution of the 1990’s.”**

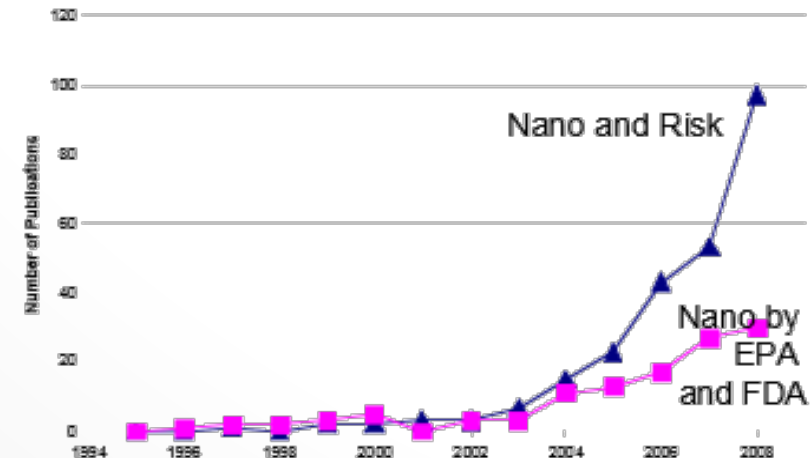
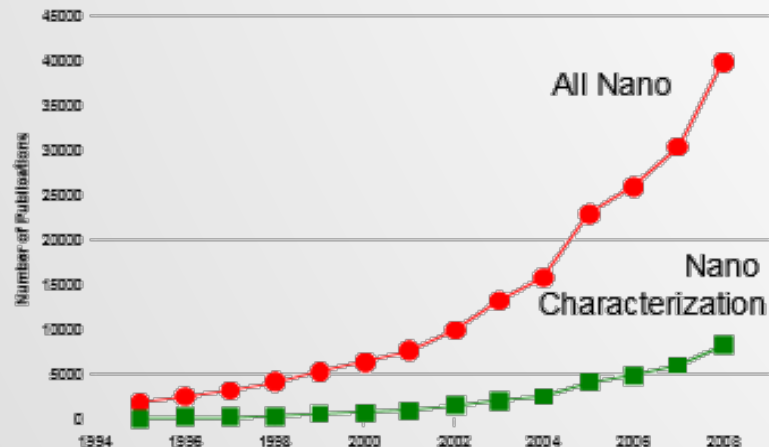
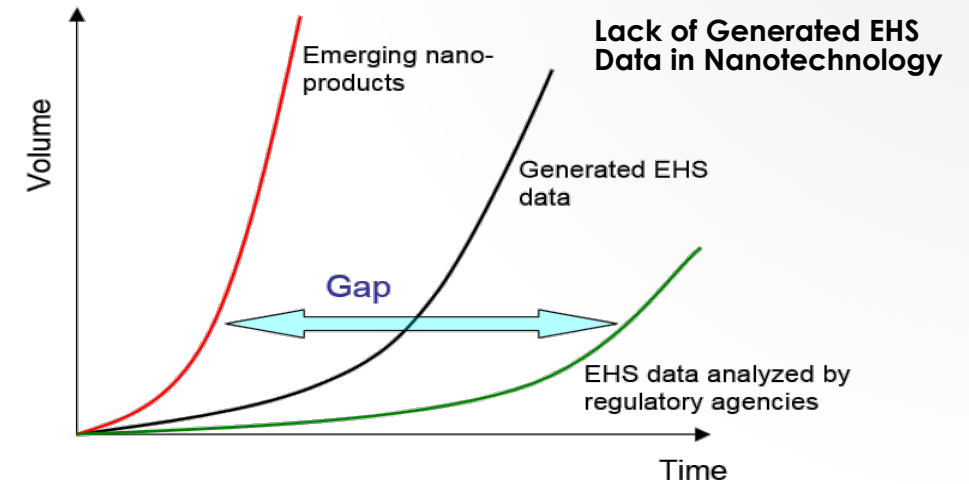
**D. Allan Bromley** Formerly Assistant to The President of the  
United States for Science and Technology (1989-1993)

- **Engineered nanomaterials are today found in more than 1800 commercially available products**
- **With their unique properties and potential to significantly reduce dependence on extractable raw materials, nanomaterials can potentially bring enormous benefits both to industry and society as a whole.**
- **Nanotechnology is a multi-billion \$ enterprise worldwide that may exceed the impact of the Industrial Revolution and is projected to become a \$1 trillion market by few years.**

# The problem? Environmental Health and Safety



- Increasing time lag between the emergence of nano-products and the generation and data analysis of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) by regulatory agencies.
- Too many chemicals to test with standard animal-based methods:
  - Cost, time, animal welfare constraint
  - Exposure is as important as hazard



# The solution? **You!**



- The upcoming generation of highly trained material scientists, life scientists, entrepreneurs, industrialists and regulators, accustomed to
  - working in a pluridisciplinary and international environment
  - using a “safer-by-design” approach to nanomaterial life-cycle assessment
- **Safer Nanomaterials, the school, offers a unique and transformational opportunity to broaden skills-sets in a range of fields including advanced research strategies, innovation & sustainable business planning, ethics and regulatory affairs**

*2018 Safer Nanomaterials School has been an intensive experience where I've learned both theoretically and practically from great professionals, with an awesome international atmosphere and an incredible team of people!*

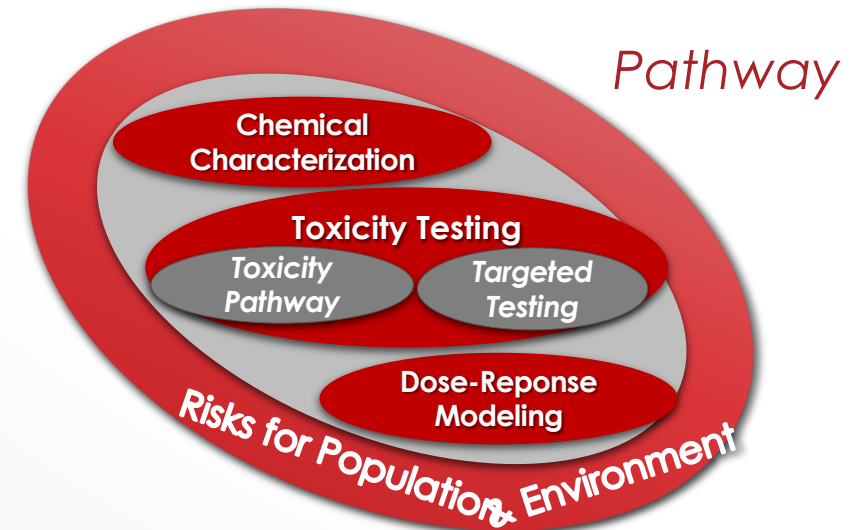
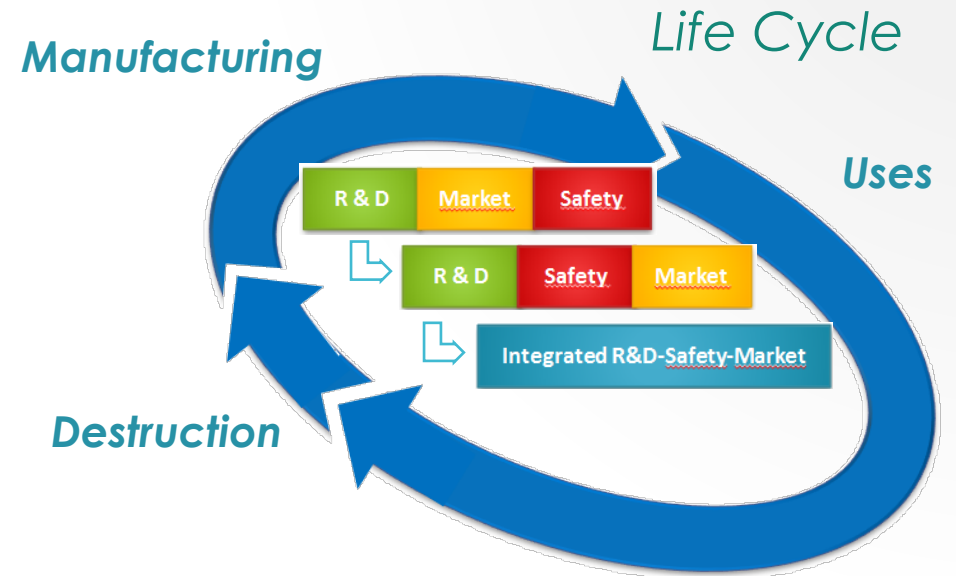
Alejandra Fernandez Alvarez, MSc  
Universidad Politècnica de Madrid



# The school: **an accelerator**



- Safer Nanomaterials School promotes Life Cycle Approach (LCA), a chain-oriented methodology
- to evaluate the **safety of nanoproducts** from manufacturing and use to end of life processing.
- The School envisions a future in which all routine toxicity testing would be conducted by:
- evaluating perturbations of biological responses in a suite of **toxicity pathway assays**
- using high throughput **computer assisted methodologies**, in silico, in vitro and in vivo at different scales.

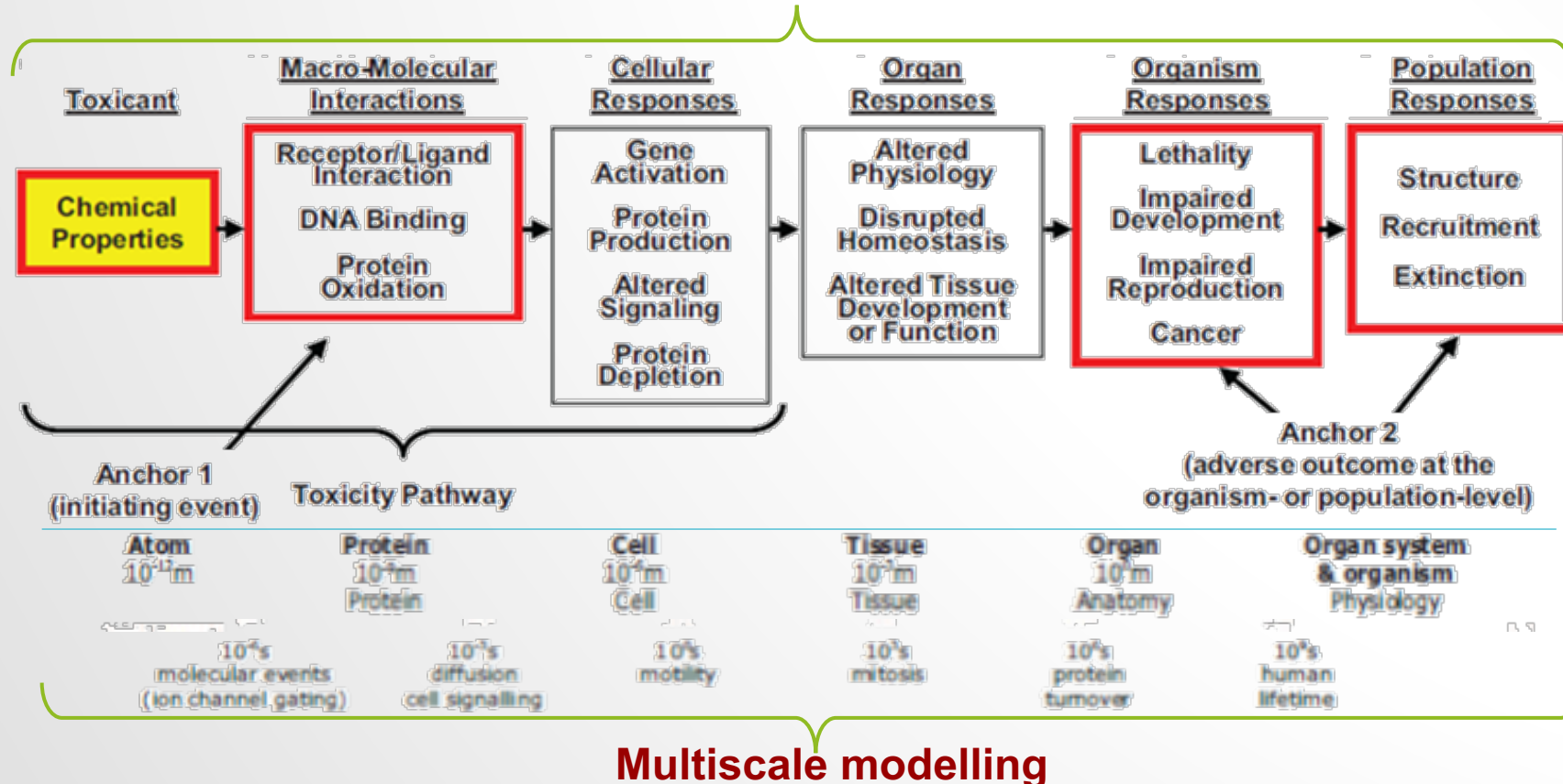




# Frameworks & models

- We consider there is a need for better mechanistic approach to determine human relevance of Mode of Action (MOA) or Adverse Outcome Pathway (AOP) recommended by EU, US and International Agencies [OECD(AOP) / WHO (MOA), etc.].

## Adverse Outcome Pathway



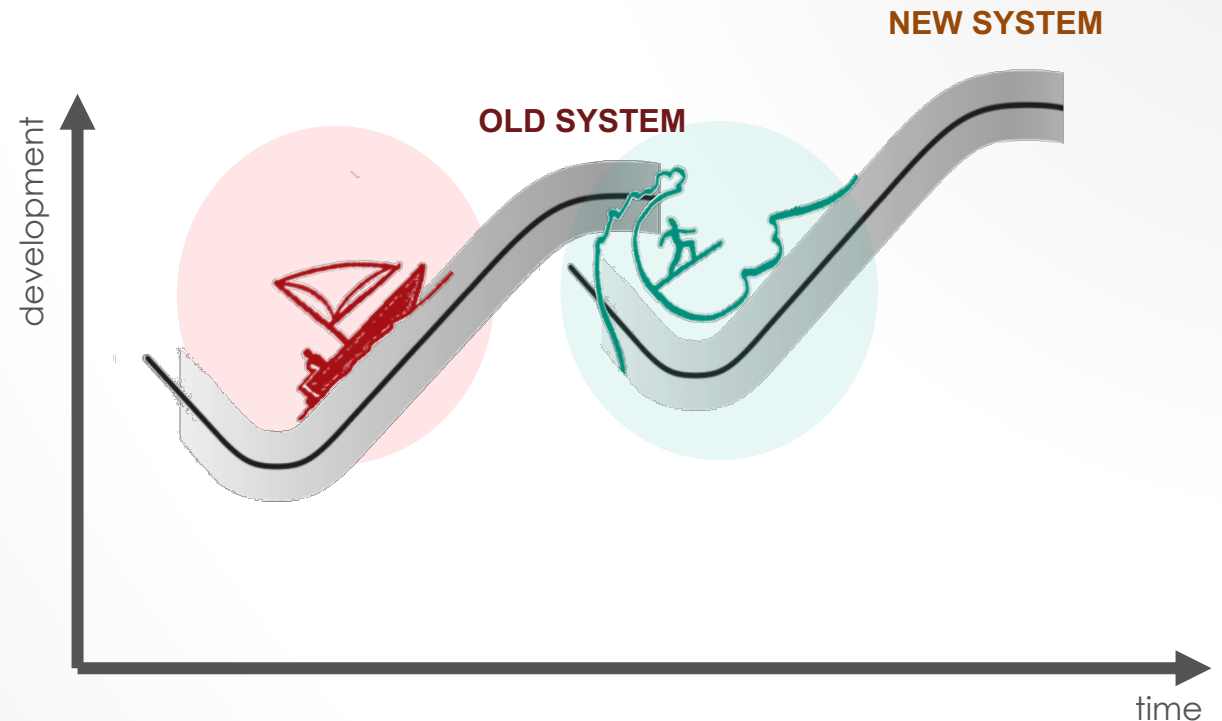
# The global challenge

- **Sustained innovation**

- Improving performances, lower cost, incremental changes
- Existing & predictable market
- Believable customer
- Successful traditional business methods

- **Disruptive innovation**

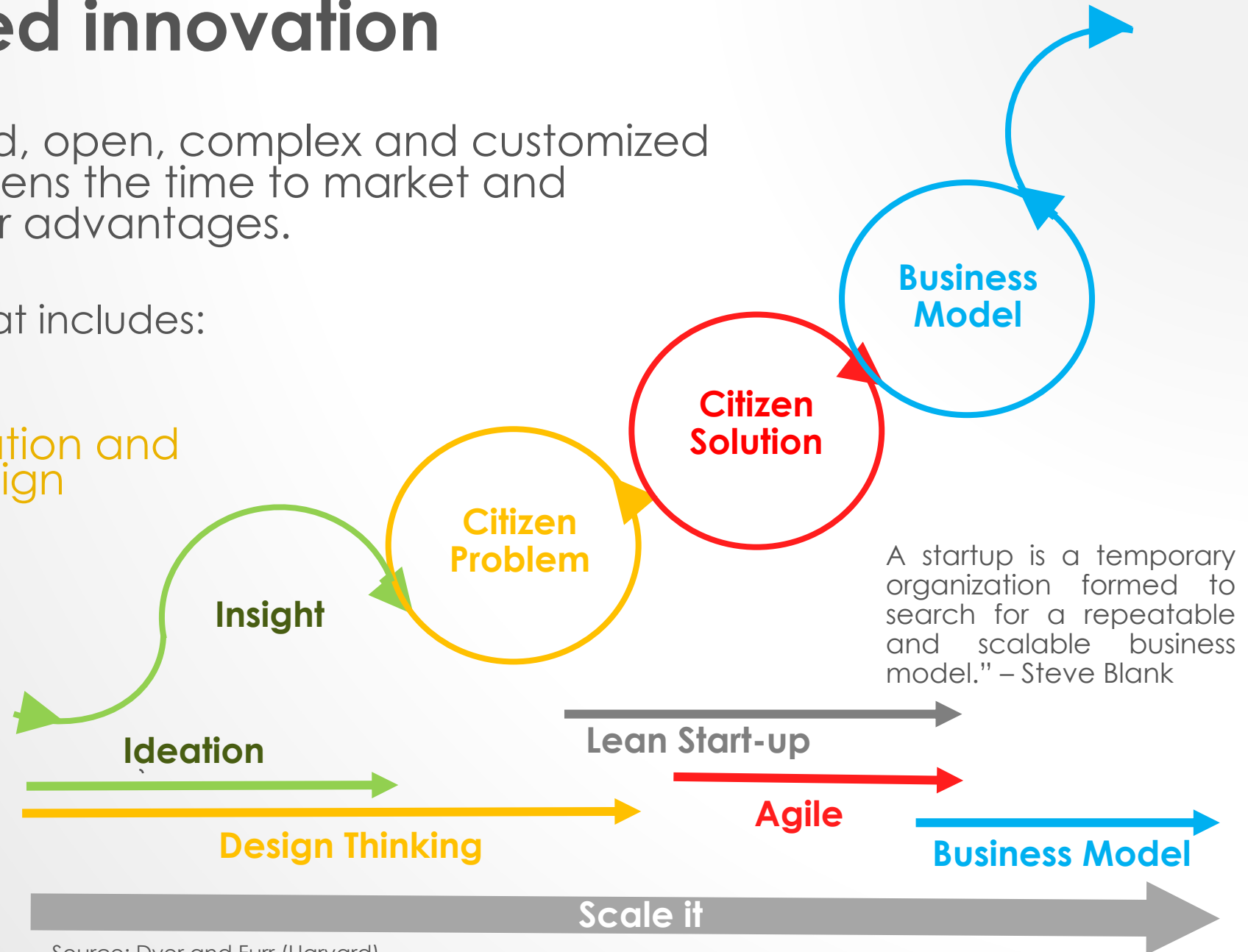
- Problem not well understood
- Emerging & unpredictable market
- Unknown & unknowing customer
- Game changing dramatically
- Failing traditional business methods



**Startups:** are not smaller versions of Large Companies,  
BUT a temporary organization designed to search for  
a repeatable and scalable business model

# Citizen-based innovation

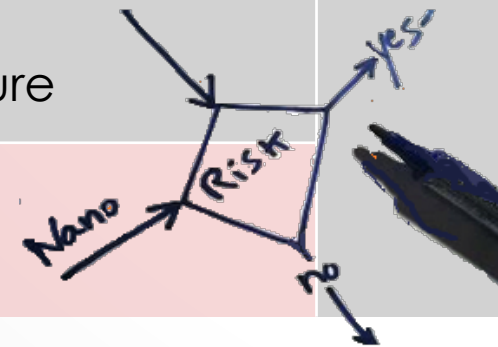
- A knowledge-based, open, complex and customized process which shortens the time to market and increases first mover advantages.
- An iterative cycle that includes:
  - design thinking, ideation and patient problem design
  - lean thinking, agile and patient solution design
  - business model and the scale-up



Source: Dyer and Furr (Harvard)

# The Programme

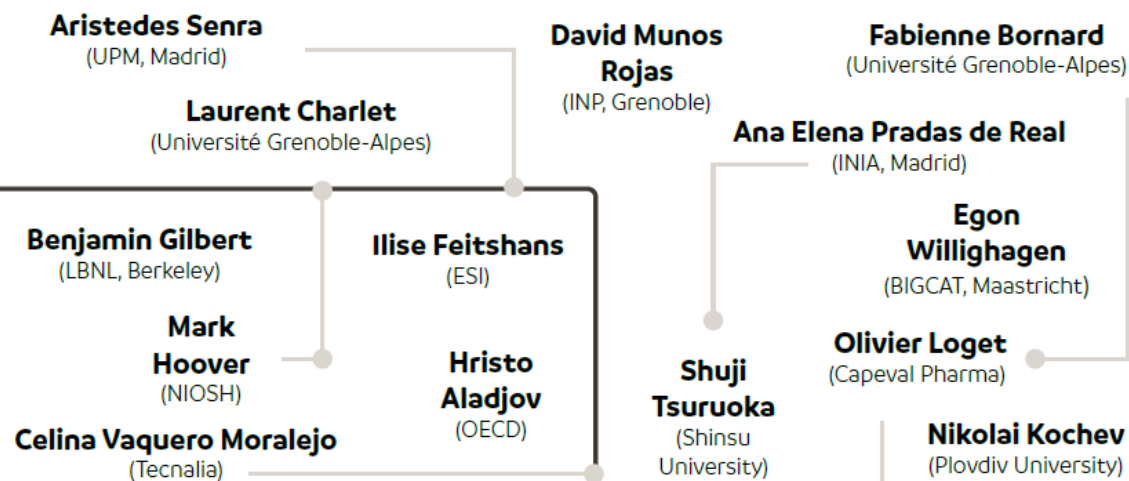
		Component 3
Opening day	Keynote talk, Round table, Team building	Technology transfer and business development
Component 1	NM structures, behaviour & environmental transformation, exposure and ecotoxicity	
Component 2	Human toxicity, risk assessment, predictive (eco)toxicology, big data : present and future	
Closing day	Pitching of innovation projects	





# The Team

A group of expert speakers and tutors drawn from a rich international ecosystem of academia, research and industry







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Max. 30 participants (including 5-8 project leaders)

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