



*Materials Technology  
Opportunities in the NIST  
Advanced Technology Program*

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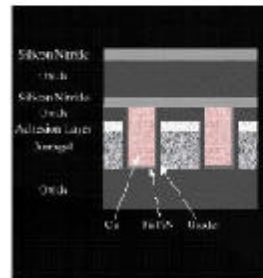
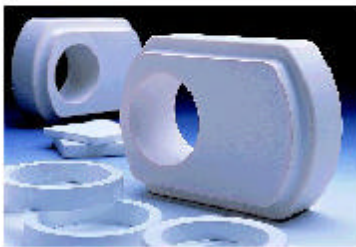
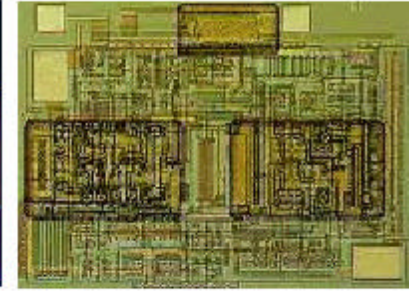
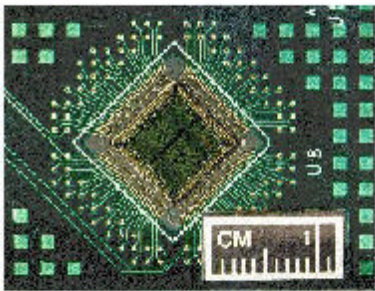
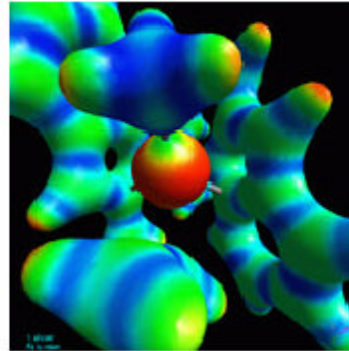


## *Outline*

- Advanced Technology Program
  - Update
- Materials Processing
  - Engineered Surfaces
  - Innovative Forming Techniques
  - Future topics
- Opportunities for emerging technologies & applications



# Advanced Technology Program



*Bridging the Gap Between the Laboratory  
and the Marketplace*



# *ATP Stimulates Industry*

*To tackle the R&D challenges of the 21st Century*

- ATP Mission:
  - Accelerate the development of innovative technologies
  - For broad national benefit
  - Through partnerships with the private sector





# Investments in Innovative Technologies

## Electronics and Photonics (\$329 M)

- Microelectronics
- Optoelectronics
- Optics Technologies
- Power Technologies
- Wireless Electronics
- Organic Electronics

## Biotechnology (\$254M)

- DNA Technologies
- Tissue Engineering
- Drug Discovery Methods
- Proteomics
- Medical Devices & Imaging
- Microfluidics

## Manufacturing (\$180 M)

## Information Technology (\$389 M)

- Advanced Learning Systems
- Component-Based Software
- Digital Video
- Information Infrastructure for Healthcare
- Electronic Commerce
- Dependable Computing Systems
- Technologies for the Integration of Manufacturing Applications

## Chemistry and Materials (\$344 M)

- Chemical Processing
- Sensors
- Metabolic Engineering/Catalysis
- Combinatorial Methods
- Separations/Membranes
- Materials Processing
- Advanced Materials
- Nanotechnology
- Material Interfaces



## *The Difference ATP Makes*

- Higher risk
- Leap-frog technology
- Multiple applications
- Expanded company & national competencies
- Broad diffusion

**ATP**



## *A Decade of Innovation*

- The Program is celebrating its 10th Year
- 468 projects co-funded with 1,067 participants and 1,027 subcontractors (157 Joint Ventures)
- \$3 billion of advanced technology development funded
  - ATP Share = \$1.496 billion
  - Industry Share = \$1.499 billion
- Small businesses are thriving
  - > 50% of projects led by small businesses
- More than 145 Universities participate
- Nearly 20 national laboratories participate





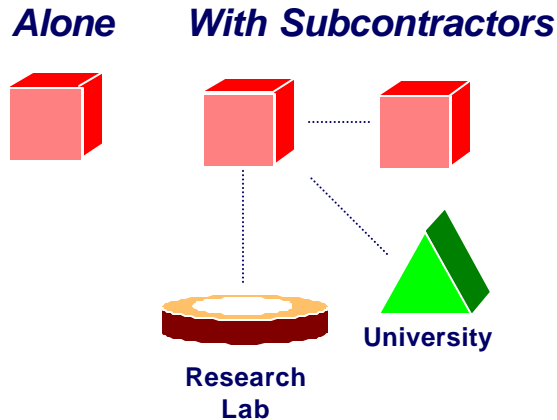
## *What ATP Can Do for You*

- Early financial support
  - Reduced risk for R&D investment
- Research support
  - Information on assembling a JV
  - Links to additional technical resources
- Recognition
  - Leverage for additional financing
  - External validation
- Independence
  - Companies retain their intellectual property rights



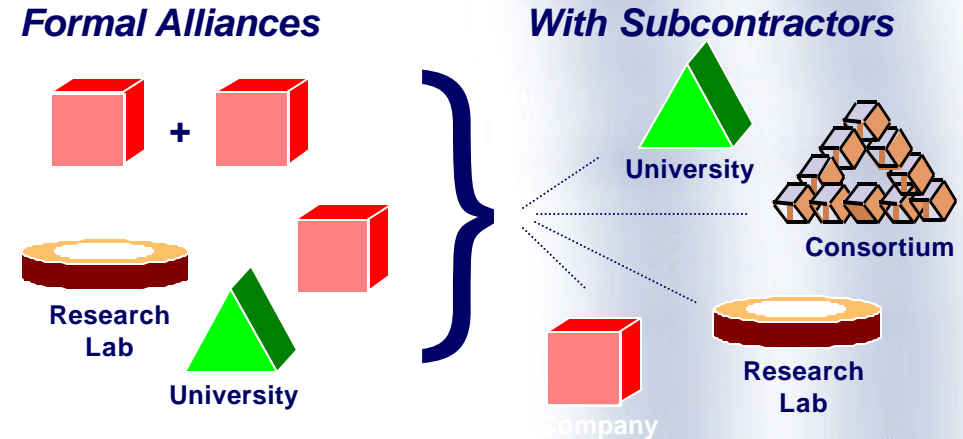


## SINGLE COMPANIES



- For-profit company
- 3-year time limit
- \$2M award cap
- Company pays indirect costs
- Large companies cost share >60% of project cost

## JOINT VENTURES



- At least 2 for-profit companies
- 5-year time limit
- No limit on award amount
- Industry share >50% total cost

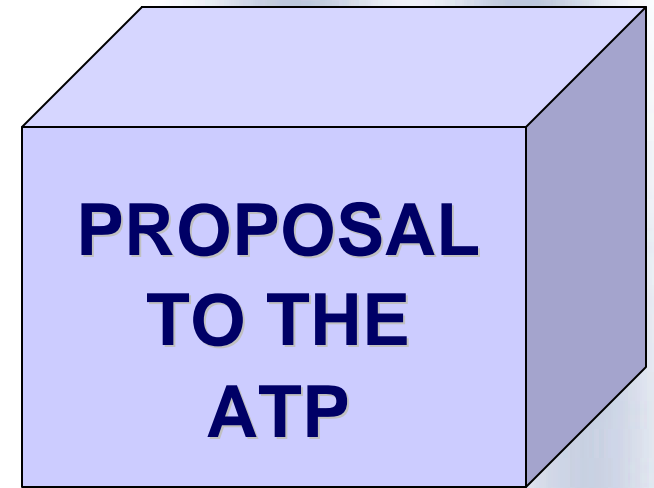
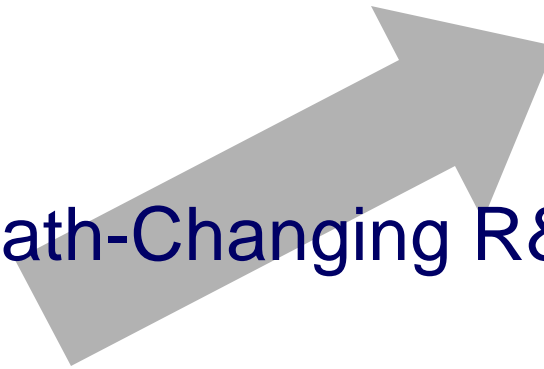
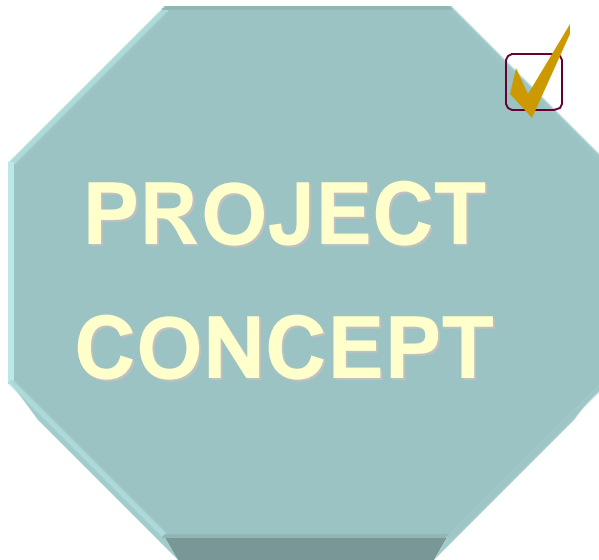
- Intellectual property is owned by the for-profit companies
- ATP encourages teaming arrangements - most projects involve alliances

# *Is ATP Right for You?*

Broad Economic Benefits  
to U.S.?

Path-Changing R&D?

ATP Necessary?





## *Should You Apply to the ATP?*

### *Winning involves ...*

- Consistent commitment to higher-risk R&D
- Early and continuous commitment to commercialization
- Cost-sharing
- ATP cooperative agreement requirements
- Impact assessment requirements





# *Getting Started*

## *Proposal Development the ATP Way ...*

- Identify an opportunity
- Identify technical barriers to realizing the opportunity
- Relate technical barriers to specific R&D objectives
- Plan research to eliminate barriers
  - Innovative
  - Feasible
  - ✓ Coherent
- Present details of R&D plan ✓ Integrated
- Develop commercialization strategy
  - Target applications
  - ✓ Plan for broader diffusion



# Setting the Stage: Today's Technology

Automotive/  
Construction  
Equipment  
(\$359.5B)



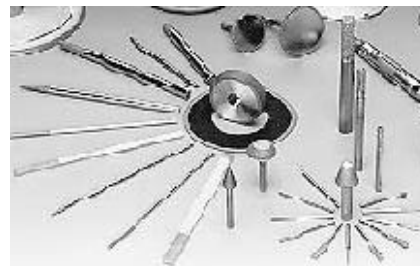
Carburizing  
Heat Treating

Power  
Generation  
(\$22.6B)



Thermal Spray  
PVD

Implants  
(\$1.9B)



PVD, CVD

Cutting Tools  
(\$6.0B)

CVD, PVD



## *Tomorrow's Technology: Sans ATP*

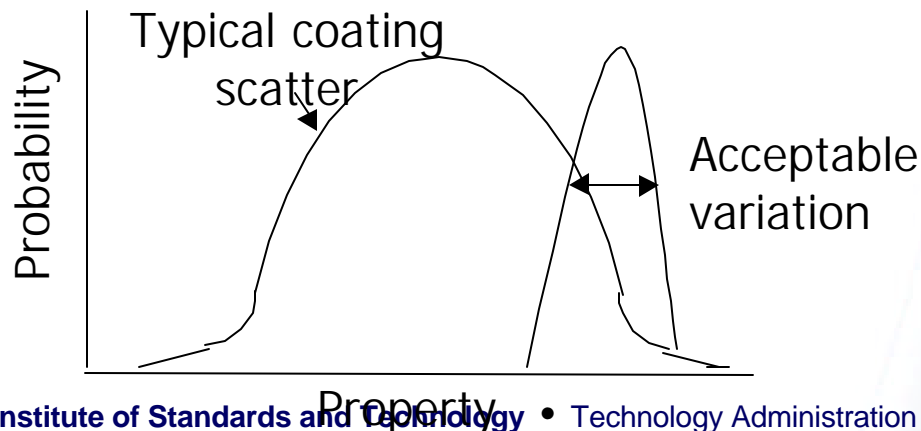
- Point solutions continue
  - Specific materials / design /component combinations
  - Emphasis on empirical approach
- Incremental improvements continue
  - Design, material compositions
  - Cost reduction through increased volume
- Critical applications: life enhancement continues without major change



# *Tools for Engineered Surfaces: Goal*

## Extreme Reliability & Predictability

- Predictable material system properties which allow design and reliable operation at levels significantly beyond current practice (vs. life enhancement)



## *Technical Ideas*

- Broadly applicable tools leading to prime reliance
  - Diagnostics for Process Development and Control
    - Example: sensors
  - Life / performance prediction
    - Example: innovative modeling and simulation; condition monitoring
  - Equipment design and development
    - Example: plasma gun models
- Validation of tool on a specific material, process, and/or component

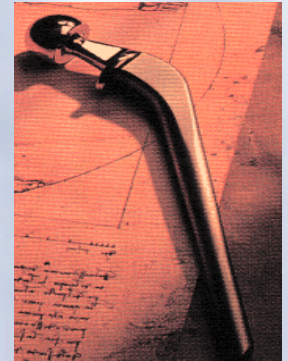


# Tomorrow's Technology: The ATP Difference

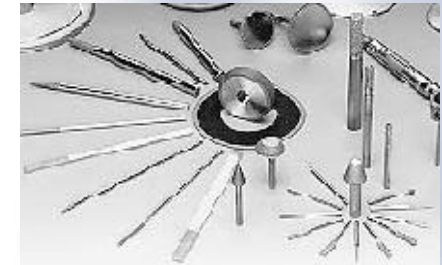


Higher Power Density:  
Smaller gears for light weight/high payload vehicles

Longer lasting Joints



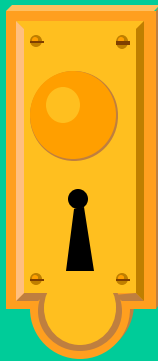
Higher Temp Turbine Blades for Higher Efficiency Turbines



Reduced Mfg. Costs due to longer tool life



Why not today?



Reliability  
Predictability  
Complex shapes  
Cost  
Uniformity

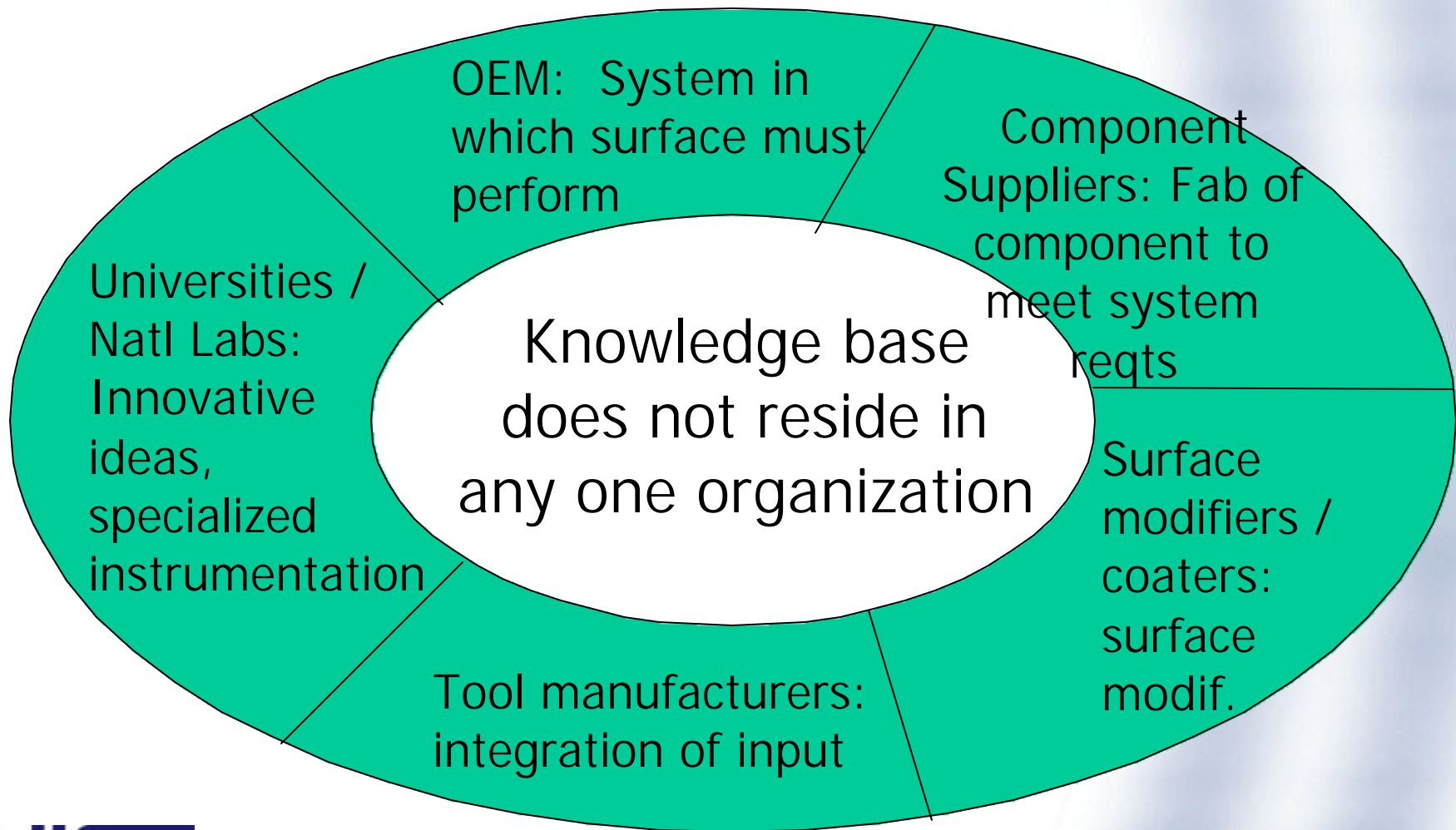


## *Economic Benefit of Prime Reliancy: Power Generation*

- Approximately 3000 large gas turbines will be manufactured in the U.S. from 2000-2019
  - Prime reliant TBC's would increase engine efficiency by 1%
    - \$15M savings in power plant operation cost
    - 3000 engines x \$15M = \$45B over 20 years, or **\$2.25B/year**
- Thousands of small engines will see similar benefits



# Why ATP?





# *ATP Awards in Engineered Surfaces*

- Functionally gradient materials (3 yr/2.0M ATP/3.6M Total)
  - Caterpillar: transmissions, gear boxes
- Engineered surfaces (3 yr/\$2.8M ATP/\$6.5M Total)
  - Caterpillar/Timken/GM Gear: bearings, gears, fuel injection components
- Linear magnetron sputtering (3 yr/\$.79M ATP/\$1.2M Total)
  - Praxair: hydraulic cylinders, other internal cylindrical surfaces
- Chemical vapor deposition (3 yr/\$1.8MATP/\$3.6M Total)
  - Crystallume/GM/Ford/Hughes/Boeing/Rogers Tool Works: rotating cutting tools
- Intelligent processing (3 yr/\$1.6M ATP / \$3.3M Total)
  - GE: thermal barrier coatings for turbine blades





## *ATP Awards in Engineered Surfaces (cont.)*

- Combinatorial chemistry (3 yr/\$3.13M ATP / \$6.33M Total)
  - GE: automotive and information display coatings
- Accelerated Commercialization of Diamond-Coated Round Tools and Wear Parts (2 yr/\$2M ATP/\$4.2M Total)
  - Norton Diamond Film and Kennametal, Inc.
- Diamond-Like Nanocomposite Technology (2 yr/\$2M ATP/\$3.7M Total)
  - Advanced Refractory Technologies, Inc.
- Plasma-Based Processing of Lightweight Materials for Motor-Vehicle Components and Manufacturing Applications (3 yr/\$7.7M ATP/\$15.544M Total)
  - Environmental Research Institute of Michigan
- Film Technologies to Replace Paint on Aircraft (5 yr/\$5.2M ATP / \$10.5M Total)





# *Innovative Forming Techniques (IFT)*

Net-shape and near net-shape forming:

- Ceramics and their composites
- Metals and their composites
- Solid freeform fabrication / rapid prototyping





# *Innovative Forming Techniques: Common Themes*

- Reliability
- Reproducibility
- Scalability
- Predictability
- Accuracy
- Specifiability



## *ATP Awards in Innovative Forming of Ceramics*

- Aqueous injection molding of ceramic components (3 yr/\$1.2M ATP/\$2.6M total)
  - AlliedSignal Ceramic Components
- Gelcasting of ceramic components (3 yr/\$2.0M ATP/\$4.1M total)
  - AlliedSignal
- Intelligent process control for electroconsolidation (3 yr/\$2.0M ATP/\$2.4M total)
  - Superior Graphite
- Hybrid ceramic matrix composites (3 yr / \$3.55M ATP / \$7.24M Total)
  - Siemens-Westinghouse/Solar Turbines/Engineered Ceramics Inc.







# *ATP Awards in Innovative Forming of Metals*

- Die casting neural network advisor
- Rapid solidification powder metallurgy for high-Nitrogen stainless steels
- Intelligent process control for electroconsolidation
- Nanoencapsulated powder metallurgy
- Casting technology for large superalloy castings for industrial applications
- Low cost investment cast technology for microturbines





## *ATP Awards in Innovative Forming of Metals (cont.)*

- 3D Printing Process for direct fabrication of automotive tooling for lost foam castings
- Cost-effective blade manufacturing through transient liquid phase bonding
- Low-cost, near-net shape Aluminum casting for processes for automotive and truck components
- Cost-effective, near net-shape, superalloy forgings for power generation





## *The Future*

- Open Solicitation Likely
- Engineered Surfaces
  - Workshop: Nov 15-16 (San Jose, CA)
- Innovative Forming Techniques
  - Workshop: Nov 16-17 (San Jose, CA)
- Need more information
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  - Website: [www.atp.nist.gov](http://www.atp.nist.gov)





# Supporting Slides





## *ATP Alliance Network Website*

- (new!) Anonymously look for R&D partners through the ATP Collaboration Bulletin Board
- (new!) List-serve about R&D alliances
- (new!) University and non-profit participation in ATP projects
- Advantages of collaborative R&D through an ATP award
- Administrative guide for ATP Joint Ventures

*[www.atp.nist.gov/alliance](http://www.atp.nist.gov/alliance)*

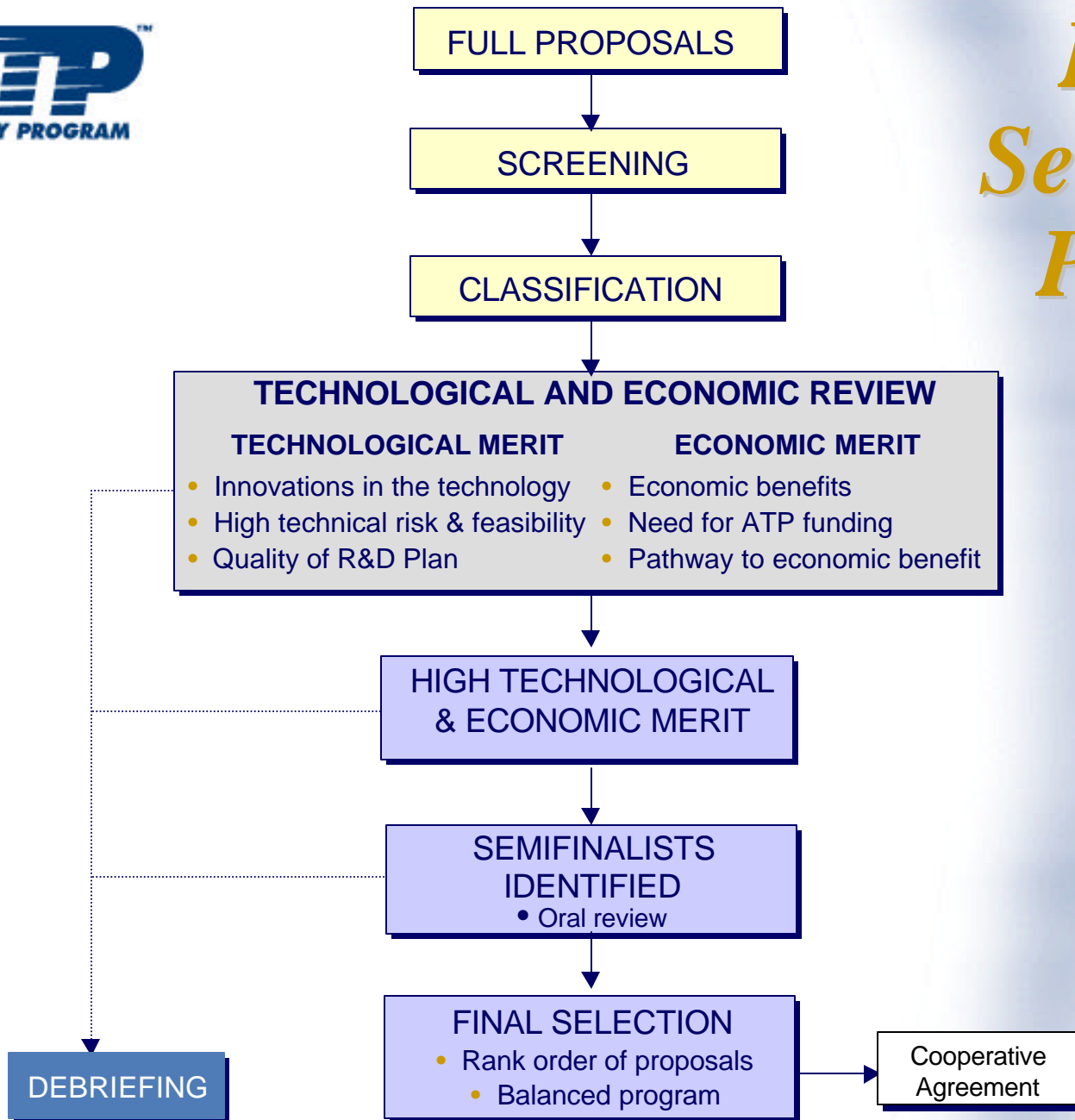


## *Year-round submission ...*

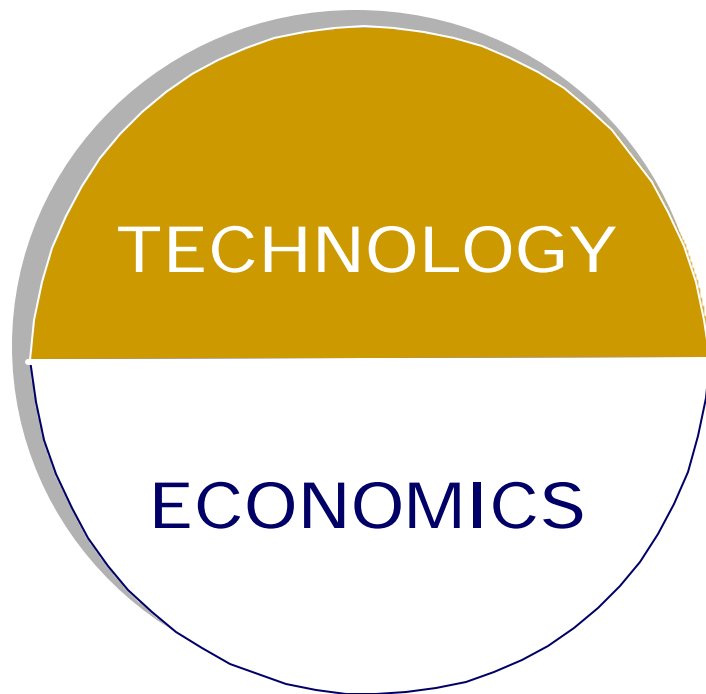
- Written feedback in approximately 2 weeks
- Pre-proposals can be submitted twice
- 4 pages plus cover
- 5 questions on technical and economic merit



# Project Selection Process



## Critical Elements of a Proposal ...



- **Scientific and Technological Merit (50%)**
  - ✓ Innovations in the Technology
  - ✓ High Technical Risk & Feasibility
  - ✓ Quality of R&D Plan
- **Broad-Based Economic Benefits (50%)**
  - ✓ Economic Benefits
  - ✓ Need for ATP Funding
  - ✓ Pathway to Economic Benefits





# *Need for ATP Funding*

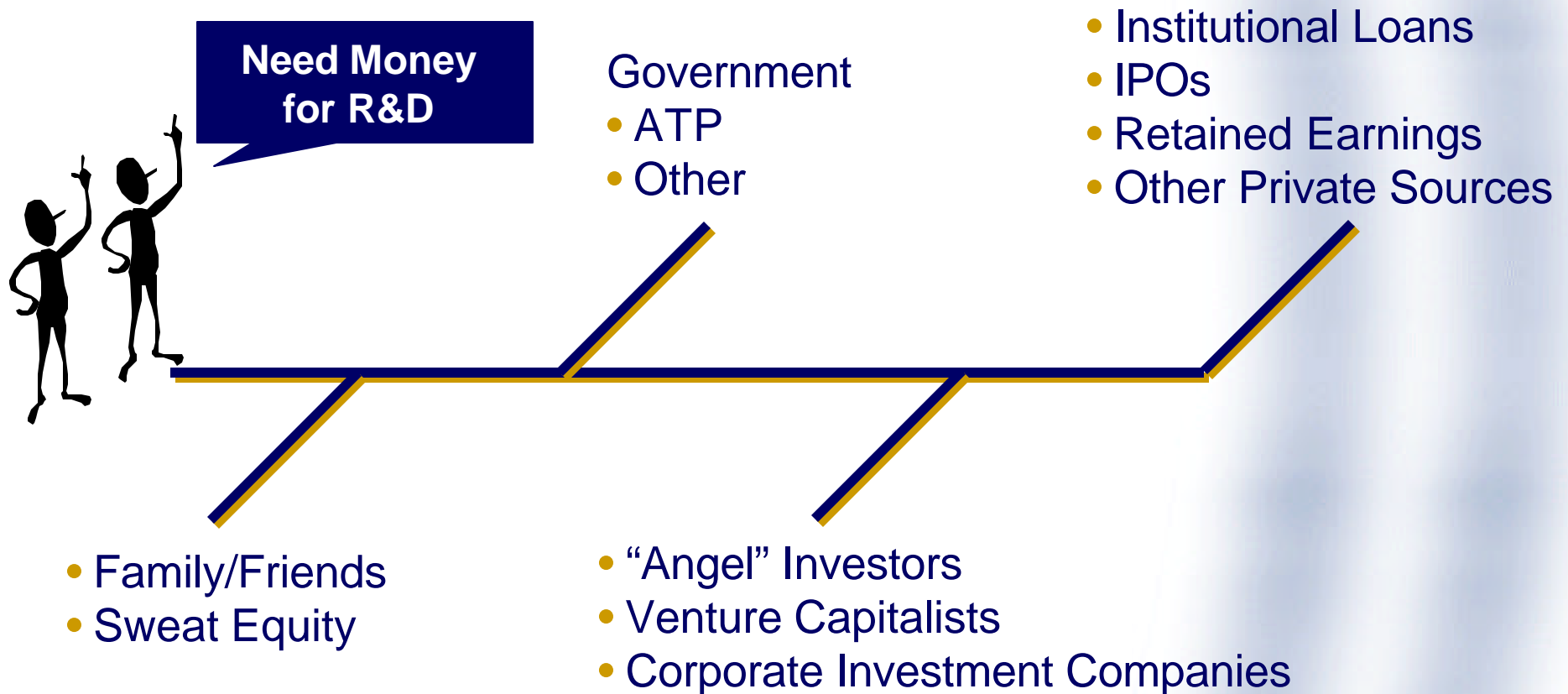
## *What difference will ATP make?*

- Broader scale of R&D?
- Broader scope of R&D?
- Increased speed of R&D?
- Expanded collaborative efforts?



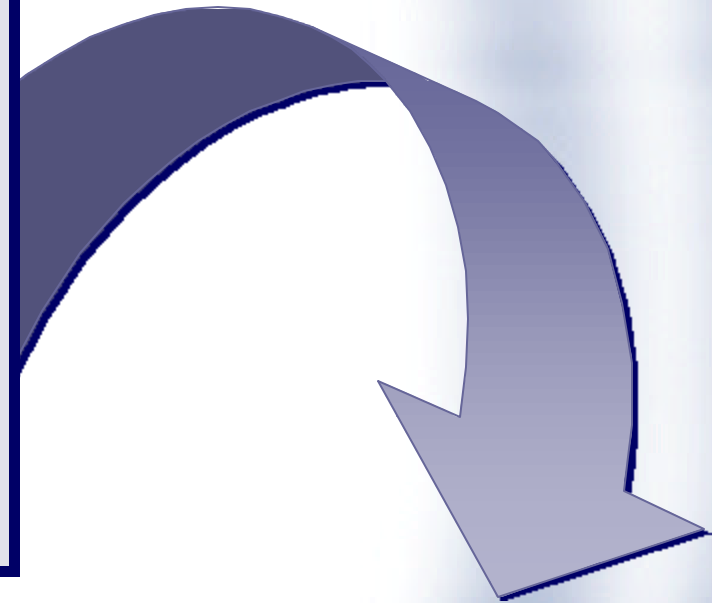
# *Need for ATP Funding*

## *Why is ATP Funding Needed?*



# *Scientific and Technological Merit*

- Innovation
- High Technical Risk
- R&D Plan



*Path Changing  
R&D*

- R&D Goals or Technical Approach
  - Comparison to state of the art
  - Unique with respect to current practice
  - Quantifiable objectives
  - Key technical barriers
  - Key innovations
- Technical leverage
  - Impact on knowledge base
  - Impact on other areas and applications



# *Innovation: R&D Goals or Technical Approach*

*What are the objectives?  
What innovation is needed? Why?*

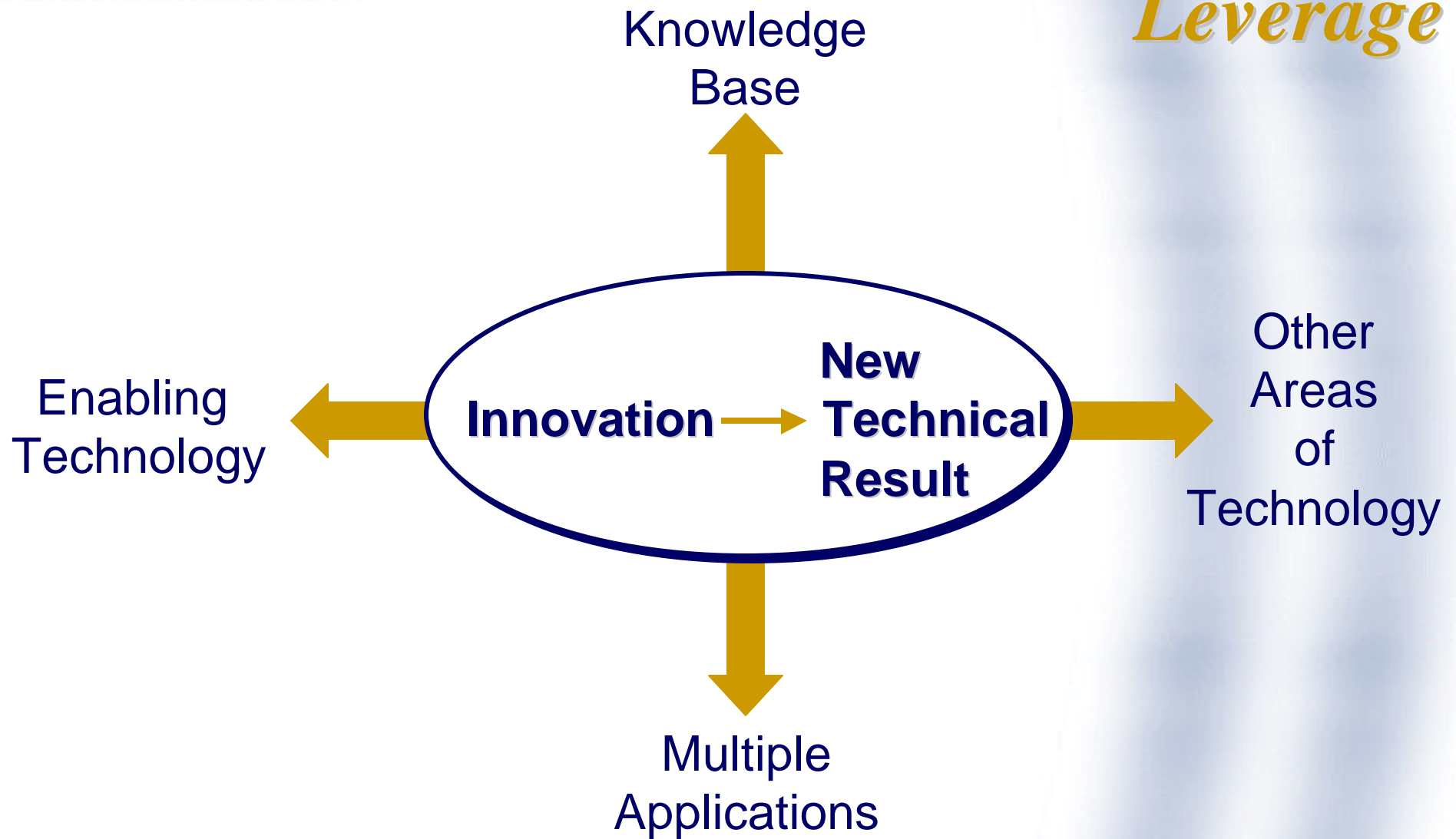
Quantifiable Objectives for New Technology

*Your  
Innovation*

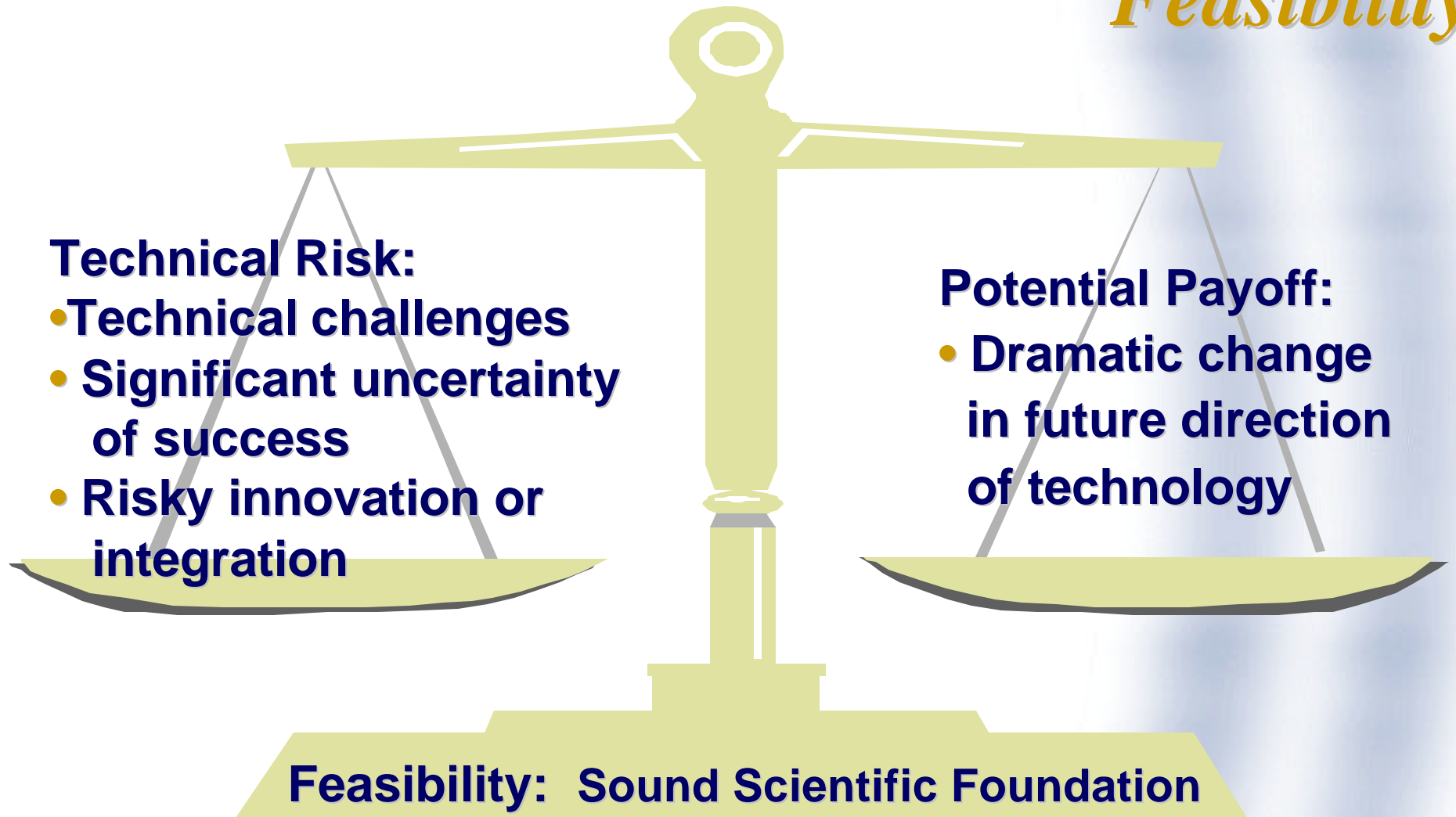
Baseline: State of the Art Today



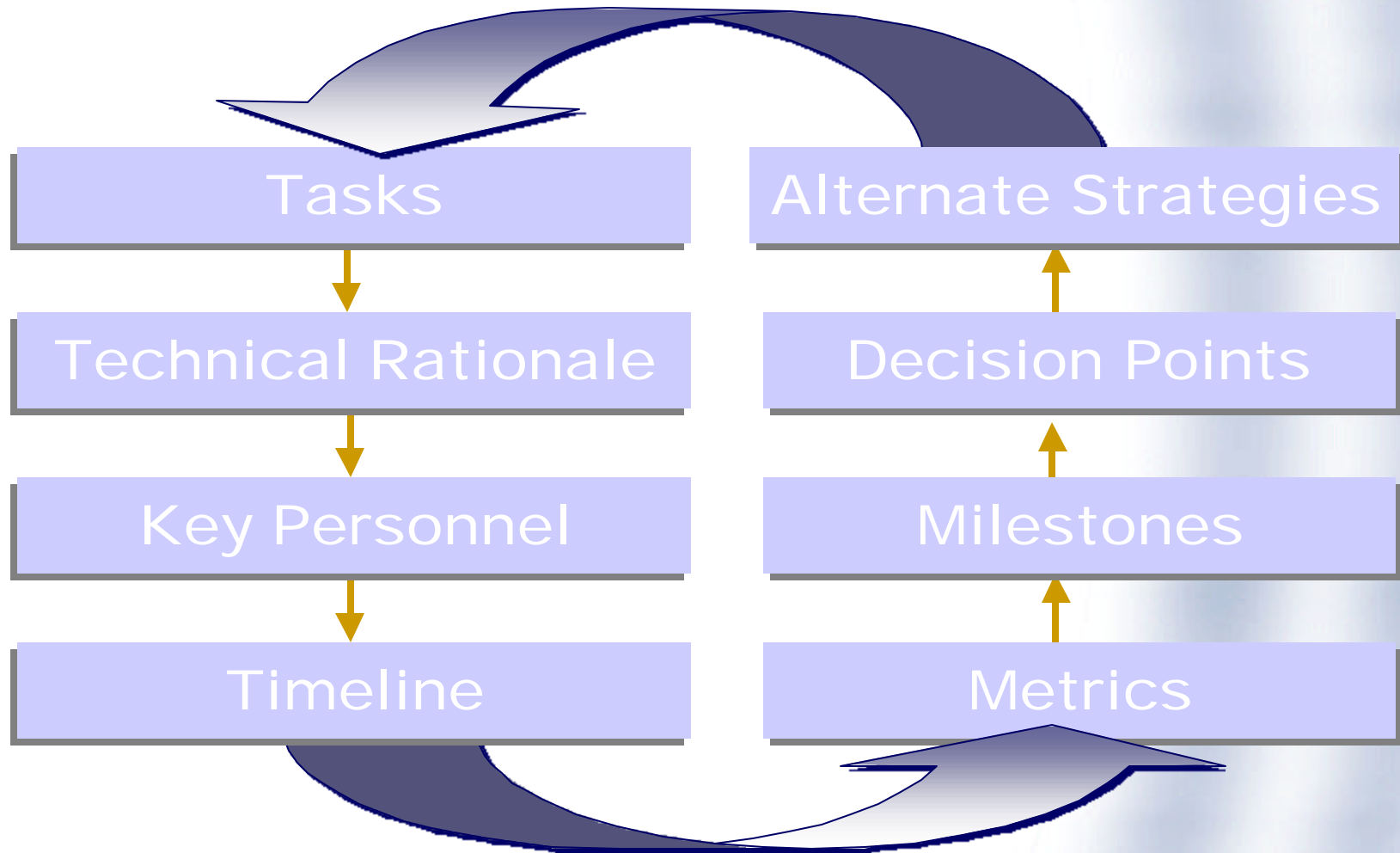
# *Innovation: Technical Leverage*



# *High Technical Risk and Feasibility*



## Research Activities





## *Implementation*

- Cross-disciplinary team
- Team strategies and communications
- Technical experience/qualifications
- Budget matches plan
- Major task timeline
- Go / No-Go decisions
- Contingencies



# *Common Proposal Weaknesses*

- Lack of sufficient detail for peer review
  - How you will reach technical objectives
  - What's innovative about the approach
  - Why a risky technical approach is needed
- Unsupported assertions that project meets ATP's criteria
- Misses ATP's niche
  - Low risk - product development, good engineering practice
  - Lacks demonstrated feasibility - Basic research

