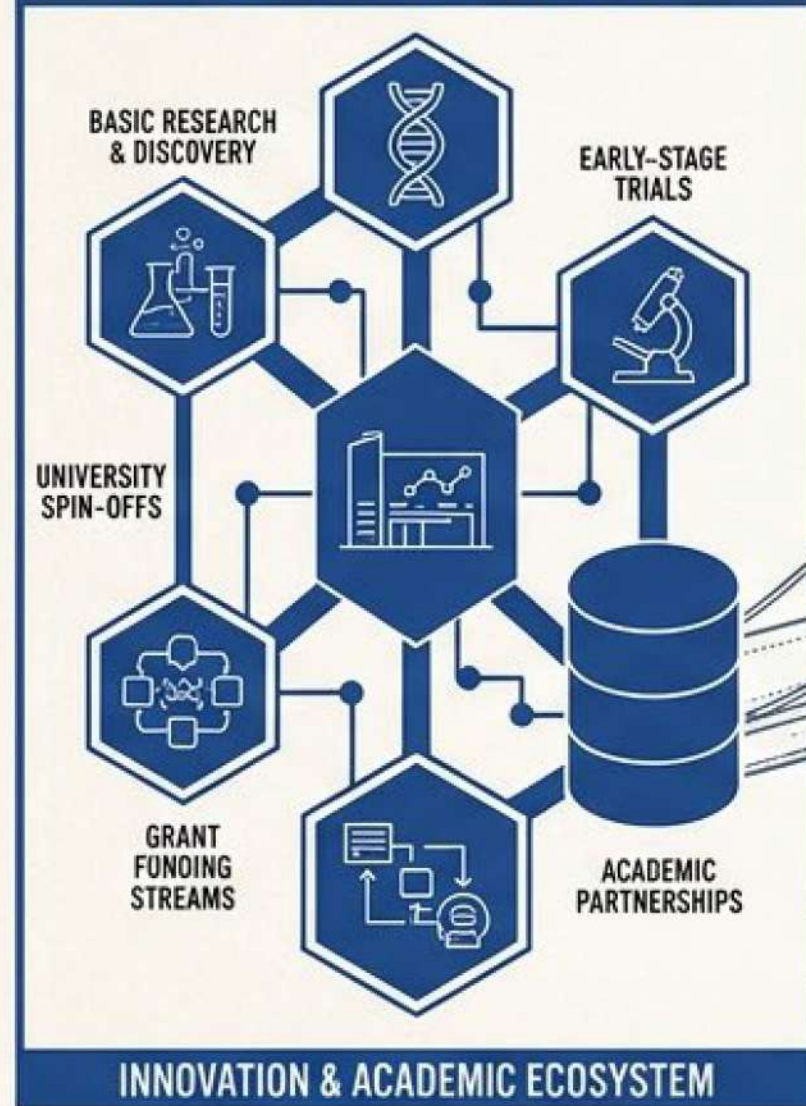


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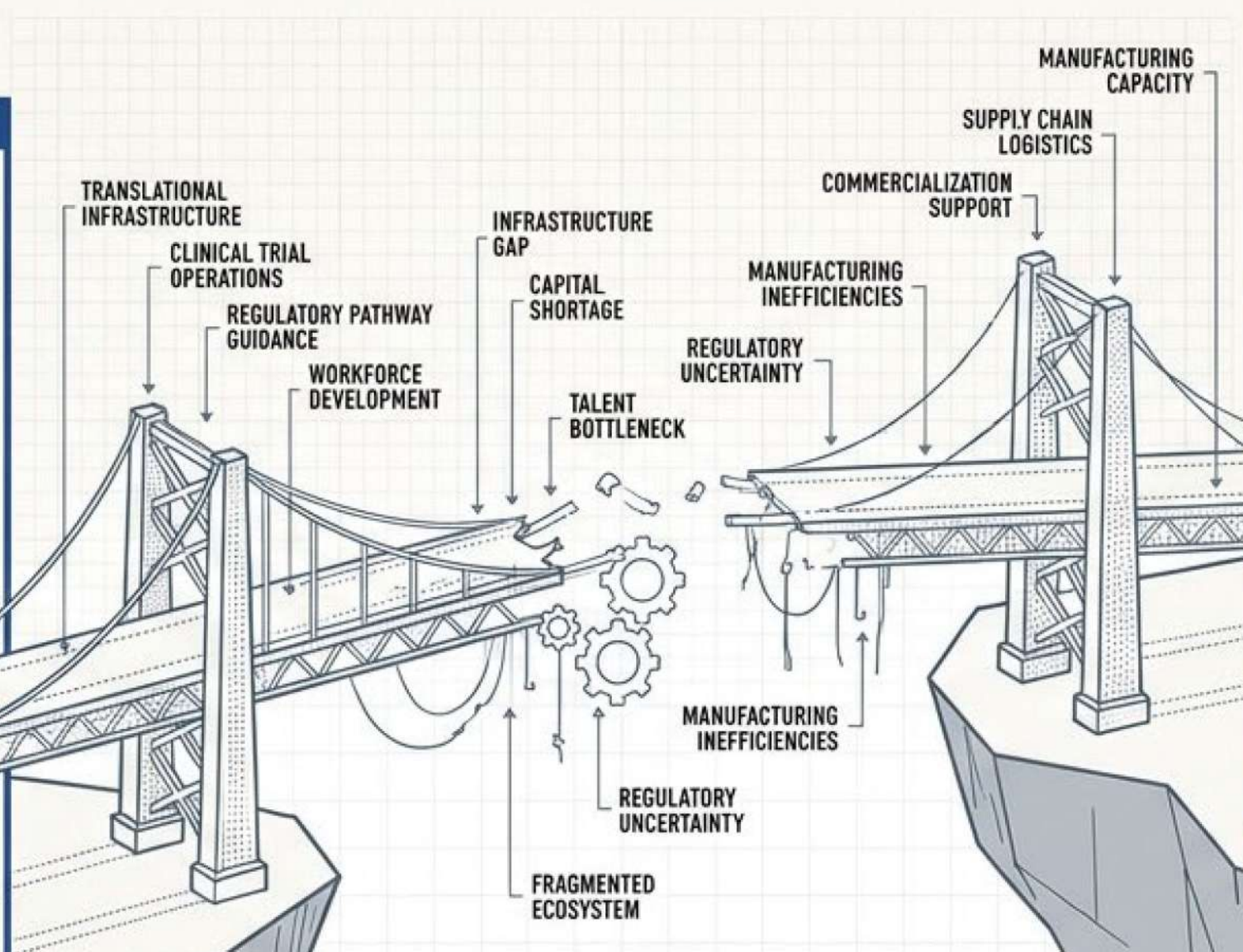
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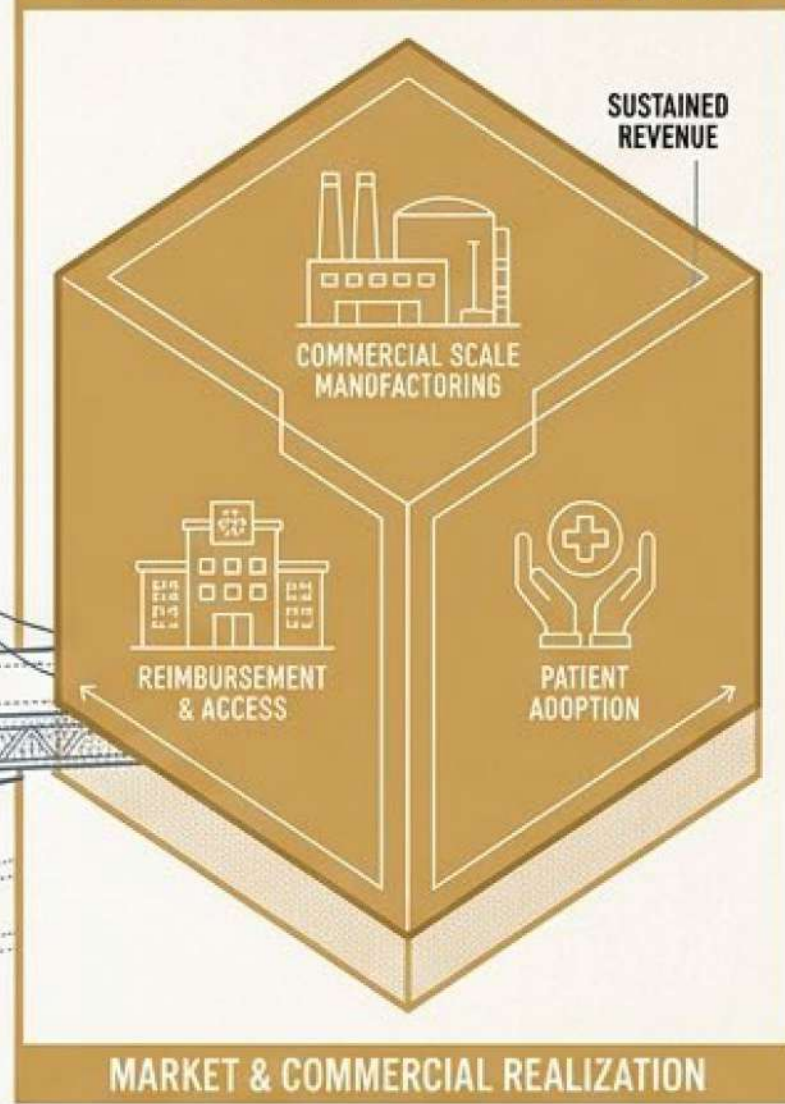
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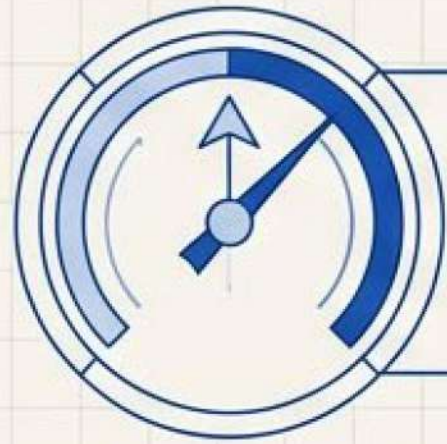
COMMERCIAL MARKET & PATIENT ACCESS



Scalable, Sustainable Therapies

LEGEND: COBALT BLUE = INNOVATION/ACADEMIC ELEMENTS
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System Inputs: The Cradle of Innovation



50%

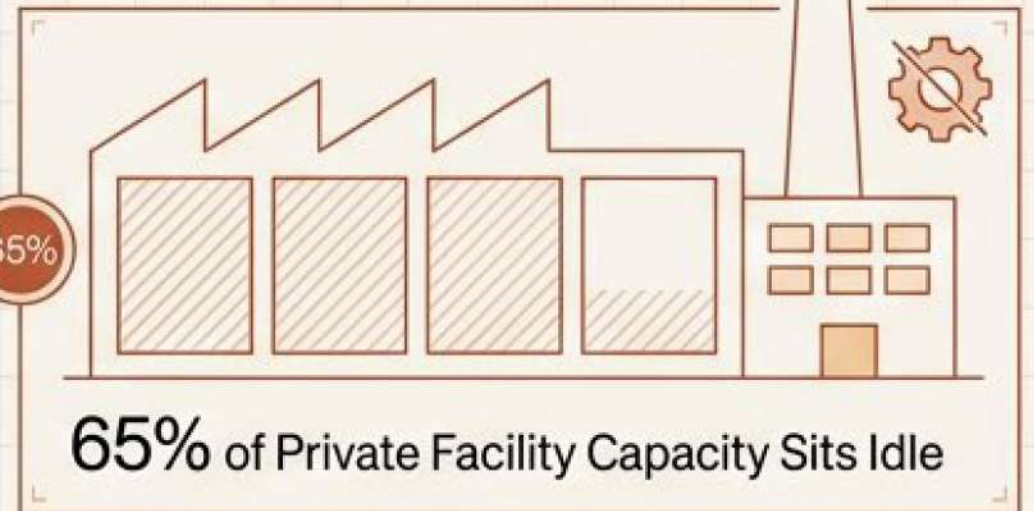
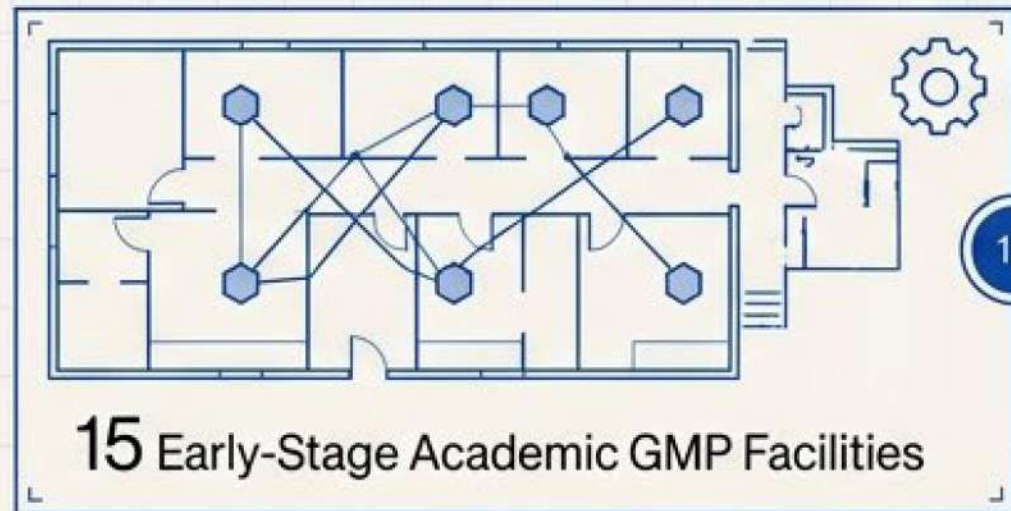
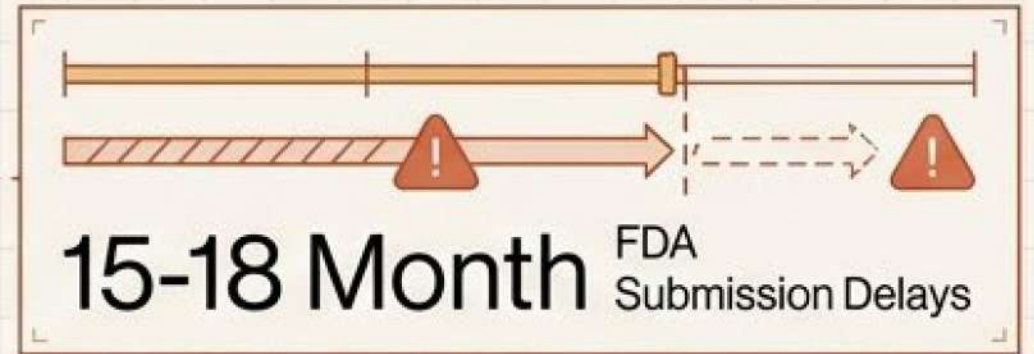
of US Biotech VC Funding



World-Class Inputs Are Yielding Broken Outputs

California possesses all the raw materials to lead the global CGT market, yet systemic friction prevents innovation from scaling into commercial reality.

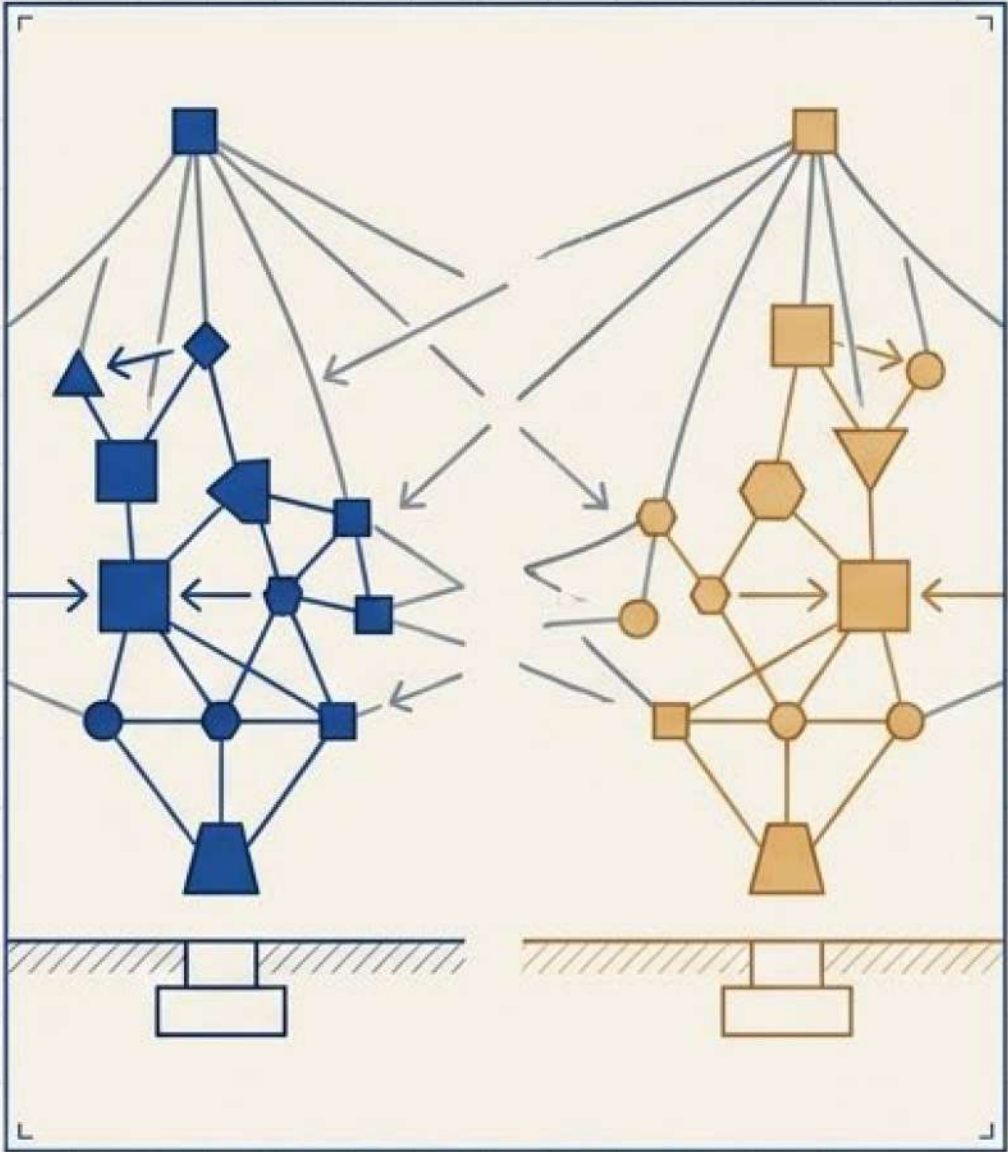
System Outputs: The Commercialization Gap



Diagnosing the Three Structural Failures of the Bridge

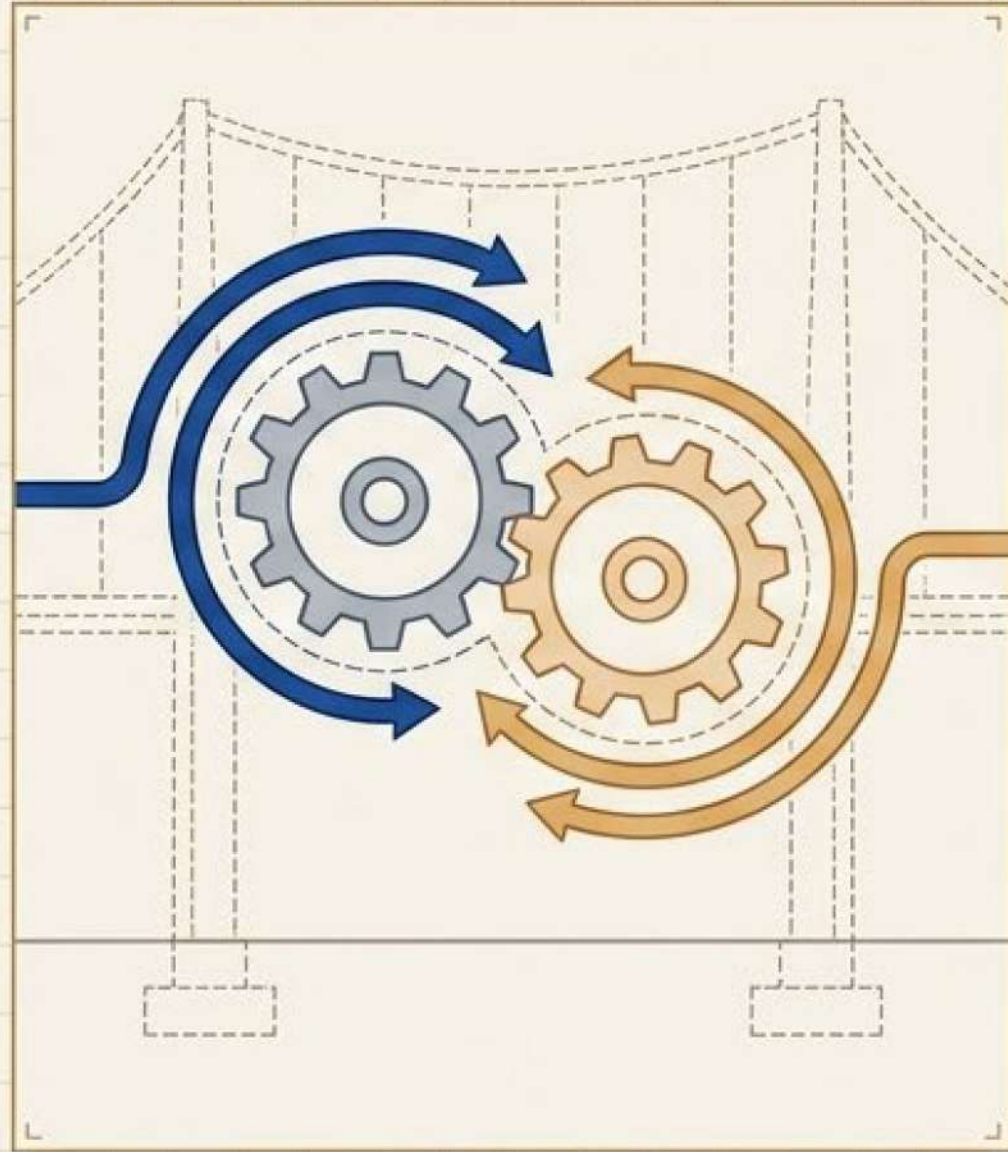
Pillar 1: Ecosystem Fragmentation

Players exist but operate in silos.



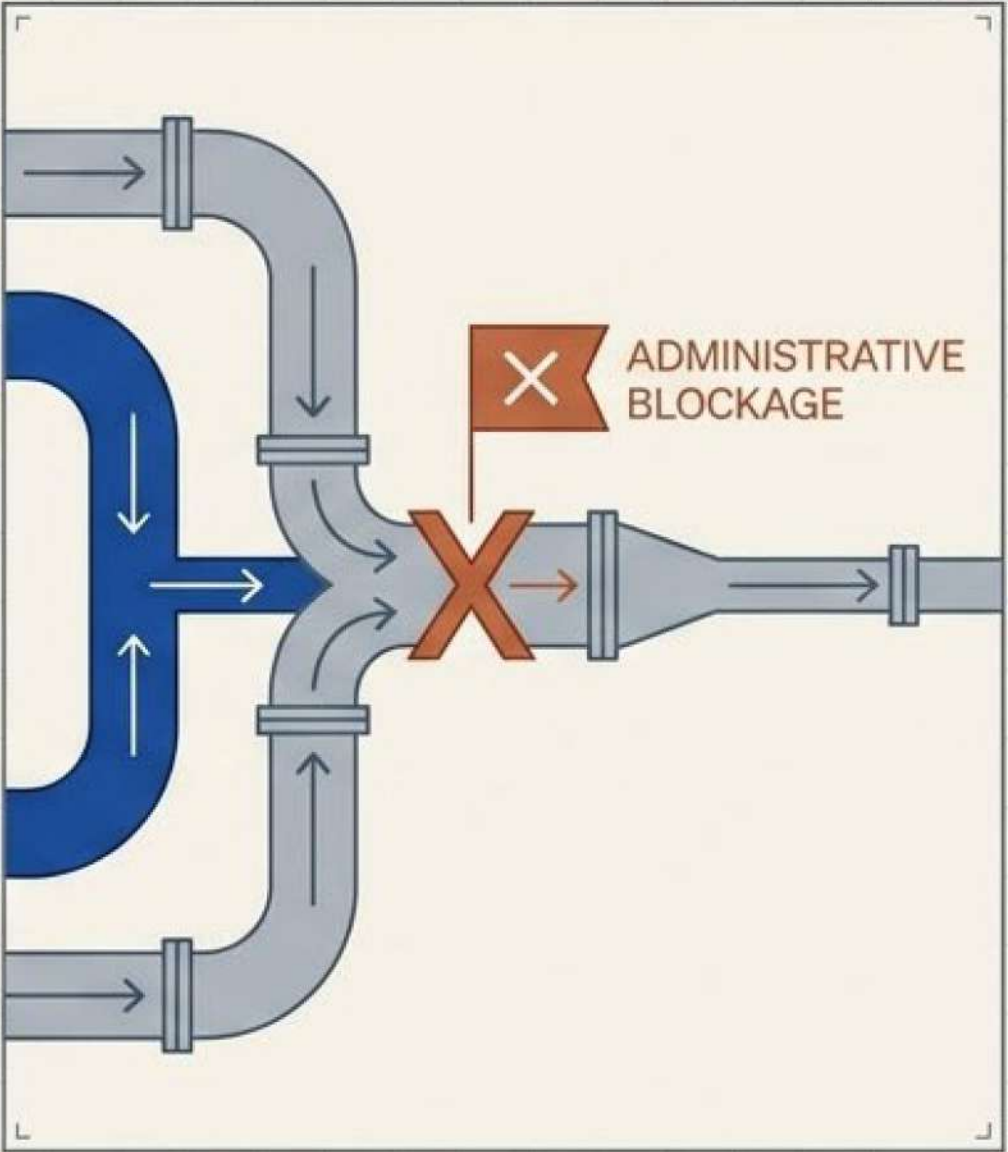
Pillar 2: Cost & Funding Mismatch

Capital avoids heavy-asset infrastructure.



Pillar 3: Regulatory Friction

Academic oversight fails commercial regulatory standards.



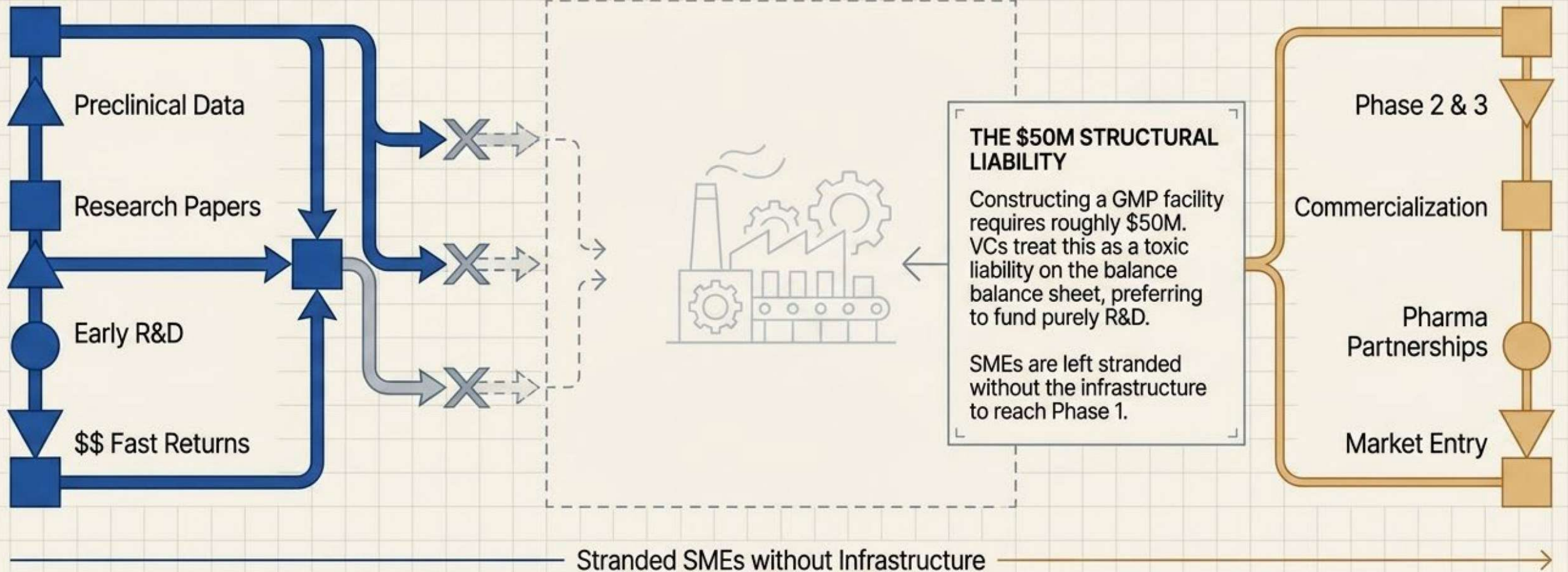
Venture Capital Actively Avoids Heavy-Asset Infrastructure

VC Capital Concentration: Seeking fast returns via preclinical data and papers.

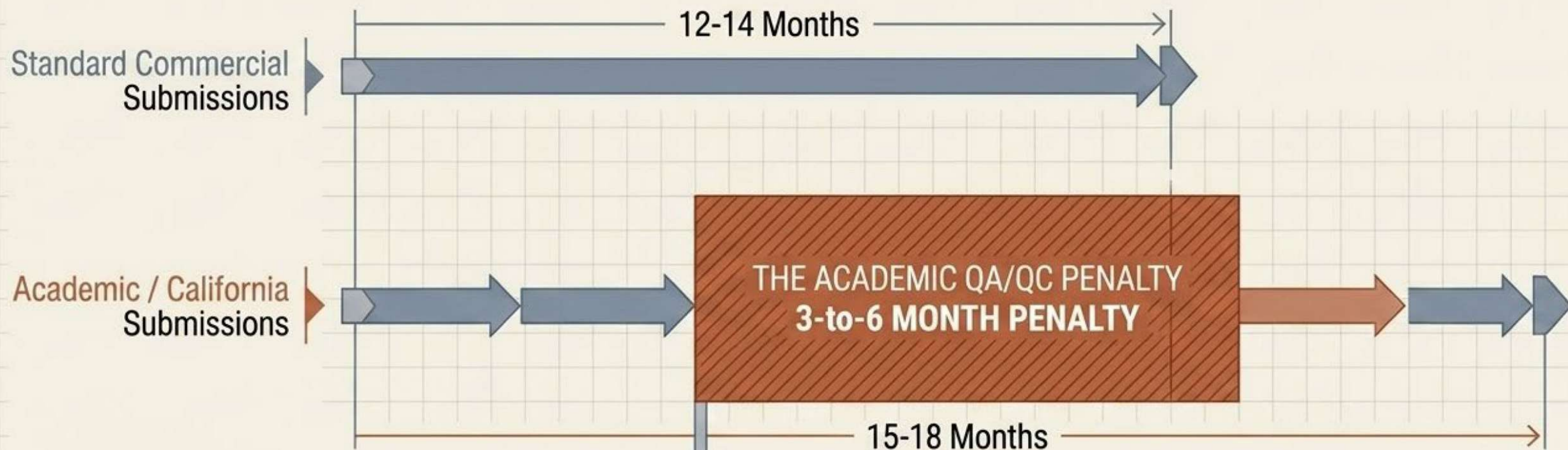
VC Capital Concentration

The \$50M Heavy Asset Void

Late-Stage / Pharma Capital



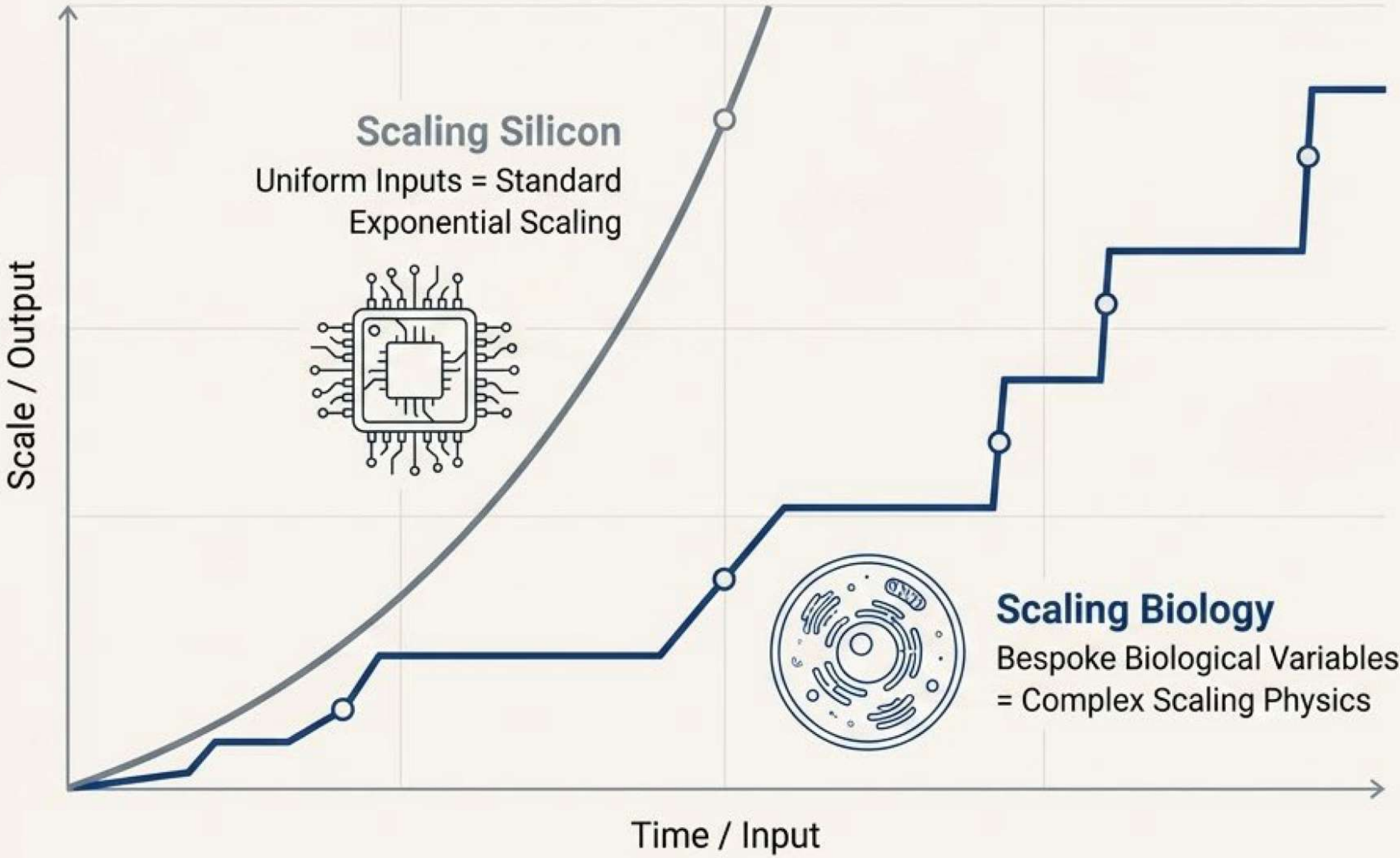
Academic Oversight Triggers a 3-to-6 Month Regulatory Penalty



ROOT CAUSE

Academic GMPs rely on university professors for QA/QC and RA. Lacking commercial CMC expertise, they frequently submit inappropriate documentation to the FDA—such as attempting Phase 3 validation metrics for a Phase 1 trial—resulting in immediate rejections.

You Cannot Scale Biological Cells Like Mobile Phones



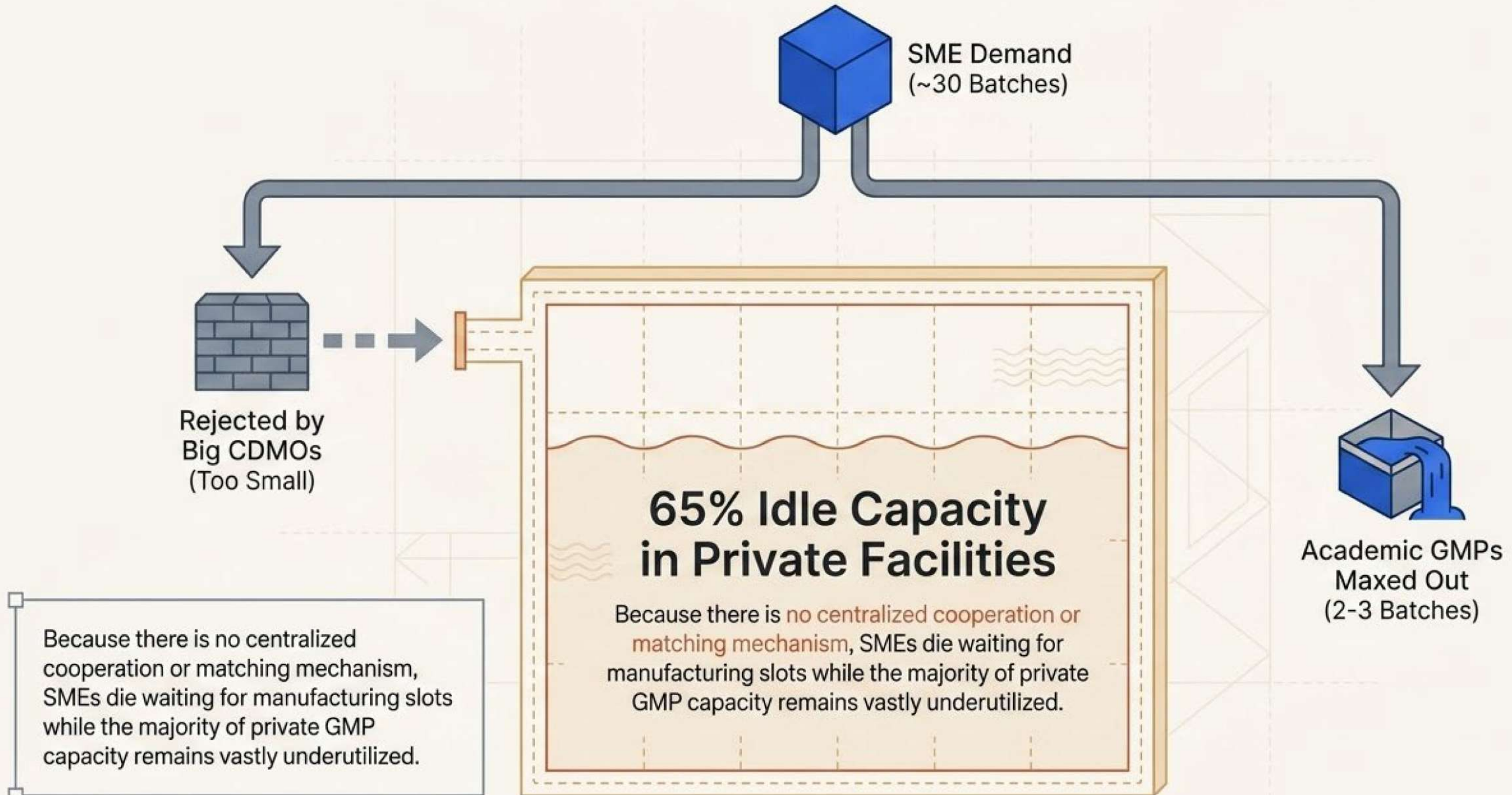
The tech-industry mindset assumes software-like scaling. But achieving just one gram of stable, reproducible cells operates under entirely different physical rules. Forcing biological complexity through standard tech-startup models guarantees failure.

The Ecosystem is Paralyzed by Misaligned Capabilities

Player	Core Motivation	Ideal Batch Size	Systemic Blind Spot
Venture Capitalists	Fast R&D returns (preclinical/papers)	N/A	Avoids heavy-asset GMP infrastructure
Big CDMOs	Massive commercial scale	Large (Pharma scale)	Rejects SME clinical cases as "too small"
Academic GMPs	Research & grant fulfillment	2-10 Batches	Lacks commercial QA/QC regulatory expertise
SME Biotechs	Clinical trial advancement	~30 Batches	Stranded in the capacity gap without infrastructure

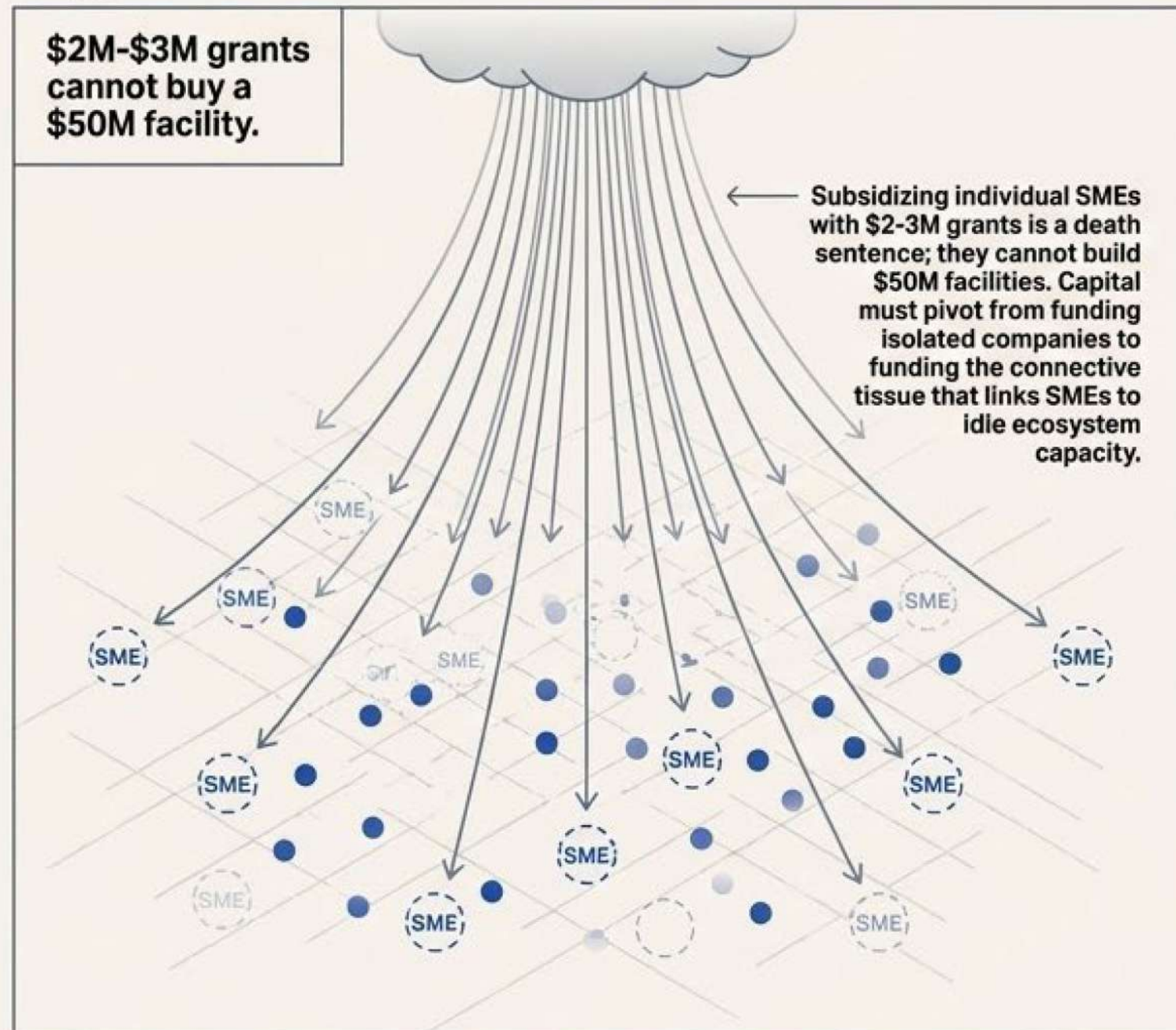
Result: Complete system gridlock despite vast individual capabilities.

The Capacity Black Hole: 65% of Private Facilities Sit Idle

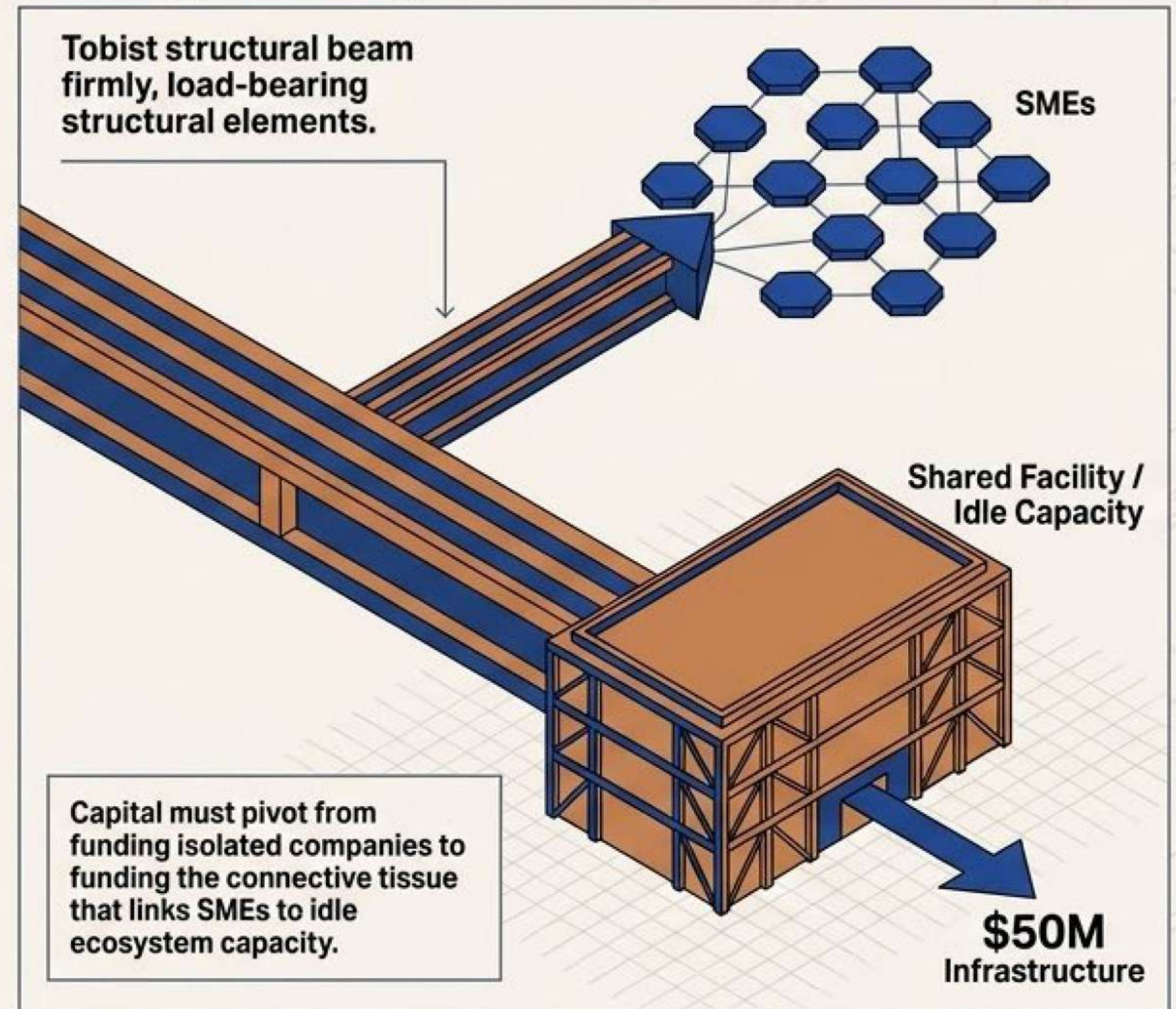


Stop Splashing Water. Start Building Connective Infrastructure.

Fragmented Grant Allocation



The Targeted Bridge



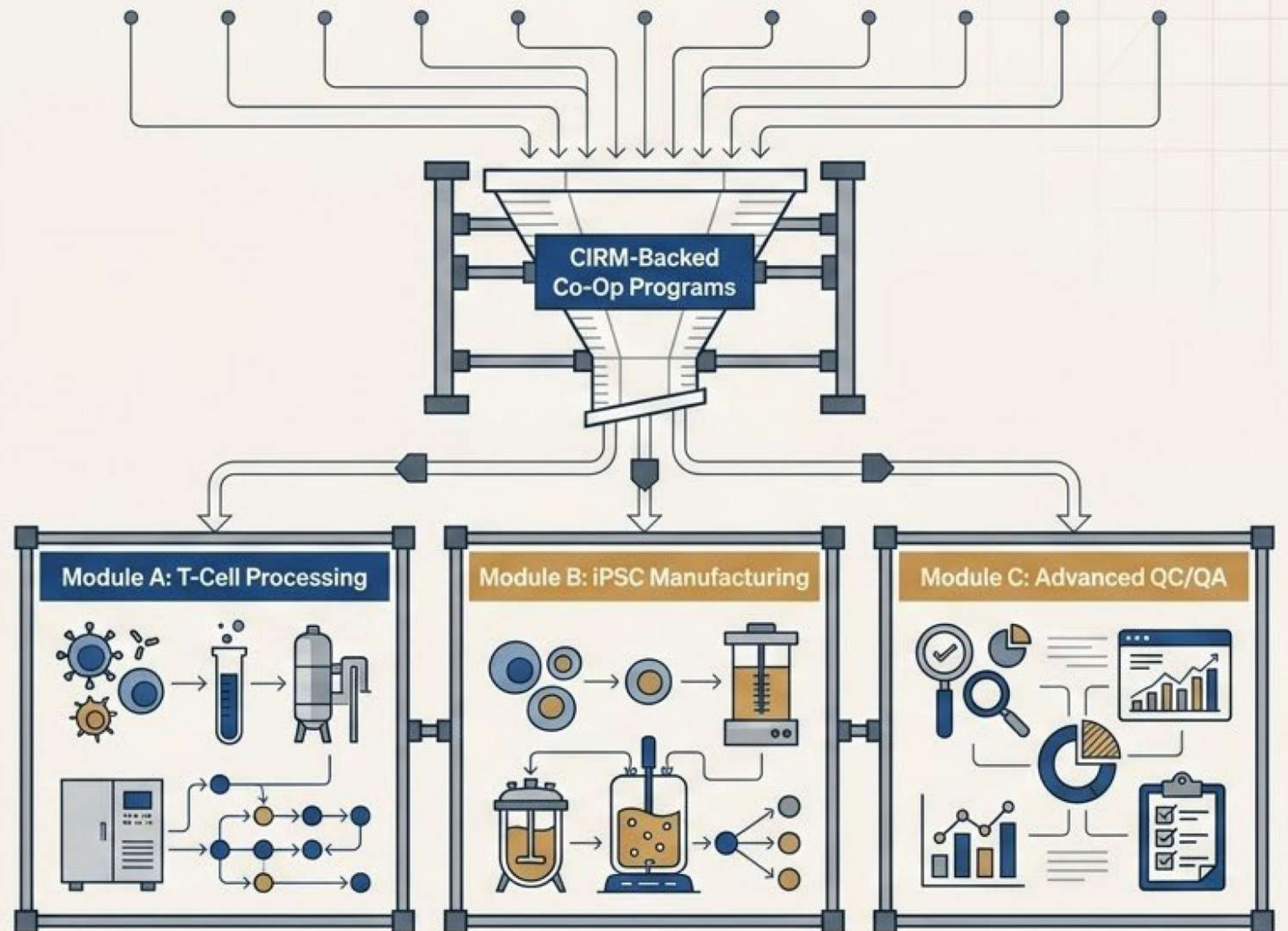
Blueprint Pillar 1: Professionalizing QMS & Regulatory Affairs



Remove regulatory submissions from academic professors.
Establish a dedicated, professionalized translation layer of CMC, QMS,
and RA experts to convert academic R&D into FDA-compliant, commer-
grade documentation.

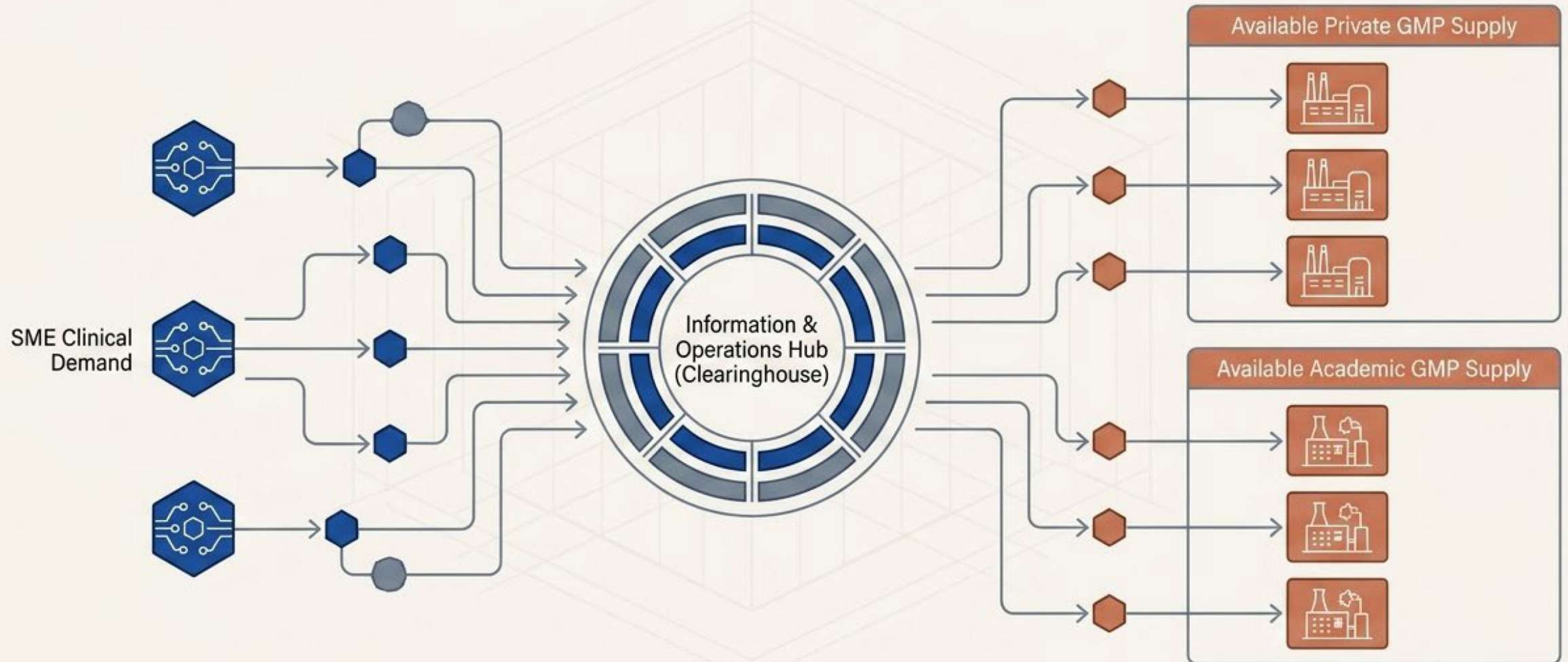
Blueprint Pillar 2: Targeted, High-Tech Talent Pipelines

The talent shortage is a national crisis, not just a California problem. Subsidies must directly fund integrated co-ops and internships strictly targeted at the most critical operational **bottlenecks**: T-cell processing, iPSC handling, and GMP quality control.



Blueprint Pillar 3: The Centralized Capacity Clearinghouse

To unlock the 65% idle capacity, the ecosystem requires a centralized matching mechanism. This hub aligns SME clinical batch demand with available private and academic supply, optimizing utilization across the entire state.



Rewiring the Ecosystem for Commercial Scale

California's Paradox of Plenty is an engineering problem, not a resource problem. By shifting investment from isolated assets to systemic connective infrastructure, we can bridge the Valley of Death and unlock the global center of CGT commercialization.

