

# The Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society

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#### 12.30 - 13.45pm

## Interdisciplinary approaches

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# Interdisciplinary approaches in the Novo Nordisk Foundation's grant-giving

How to increase societal impact through collaborative programmes of social sciences and humanities with other scientific disciplines

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#### The Novo Nordisk Foundation

A story of how a research discovery at the University of Toronto through a promise to society and a unique interdisciplinary collaboration 100 years later created nearly half a million jobs yearly and one of the world's wealthiest foundation

It began with insulin

THE CLINICIAN H.C. Hagedorn



THE INVESTOR **August Kongsted** 









THE ENTREPRENEUR **Thorvald Pedersen** 



THE ENTREPRENEUR Harald Pedersen

#### The promise of August Krogh

#### **Our vision**

The Novo Nordisk Foundation's *vision* is to contribute significantly to research and development that improves the lives of people and the sustainability of society.

#### **Our mission**

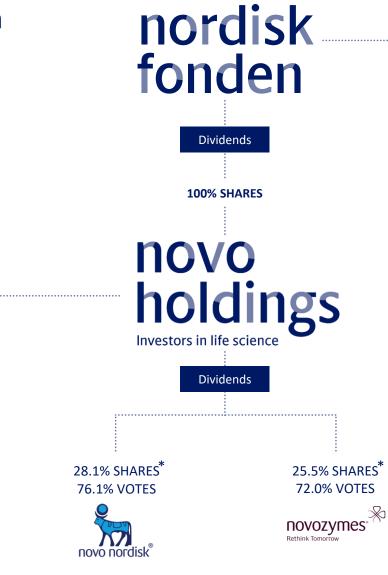
- To enable Novo Nordisk A/S and Novozymes A/S to create world-class business results and contribute to growth
- To develop knowledge-based environments in which innovative and talented people can carry out research of the highest quality and translate discoveries into new treatments and solutions
- To inspire and enable children and young people to learn

# An independent Danish foundation with corporate interests

**Investments in 130 companies** 

Investment result in 2019: \$3.9 billion (€3.5 billion)

In 2019, the **foundation** had a net **worth** of \$60 billion (€53 billion), making it the largest financial endowment of any **foundation** in Denmark and one of the largest endowments in the world.



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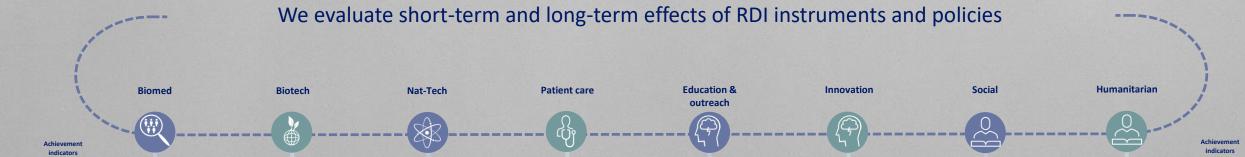
#### **Grants**

#### Grants awarded in 2019:

\$0.8 billion (€0.7 billion)

- Biomedical and health science research and applications
- Patient-centred and research based care
- Life science research and industrial applications promoting sustainability
- Natural and technical science research and interdisciplinarity
- Innovation
- Education & outreach
- Social, Humanitarian and Development aid

Our impact framework: 9 principles for how we measure the contribution to society of RDI policies	Areas of impact assessment		
		The logic model	Areas for evaluation of RDI grant instruments
		Input	The monetary contribution of the Foundation to society
The nine principles			
1: Fostering the development of research talent			Research talent (PhD and postdoctoral researchers)
2: Creating research infrastructure		Research output	Research infrastructure supported by grants
3: Supporting research collaboration	2		Research collaboration
4: Promoting excellent research			Publications and their citation impact
5: Developing innovative products and solutions		Research outcomes	How funded activities support sustainable development
6: Creating jobs and growth	,MA		How projects develop into innovation and start-up companies
7: Developing health care and new medicine	7   1   7	Health, education,	How activities lead to patient outcomes
8: Developing world-class education		social & humanitarian outcomes	How activities develop better STEM education
9: Empowering vulnerable groups in society			How humanitarian and social projects support vulnerable people



How to increase societal impact through collaborative programmes of SSH with other scientific disciplines

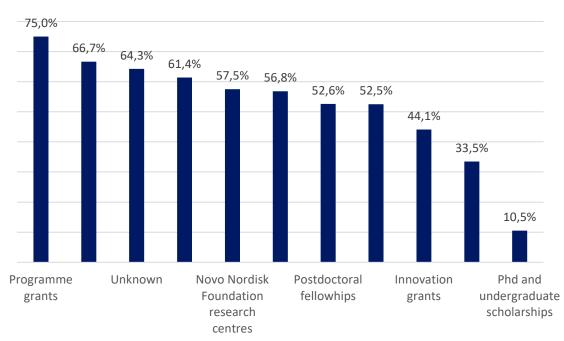
#### Interdisciplinarity in grant-giving

- The challenge research centre programme
- Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme
- The research programme on socioeconomic impact of research
- Copenhagen Bioscience Cluster of research centres
- Research infrastructure programme

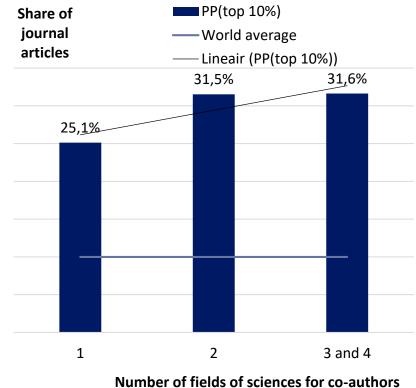


# Share of articles with interdisciplinary co-authorship across grant types

Share of journal articles

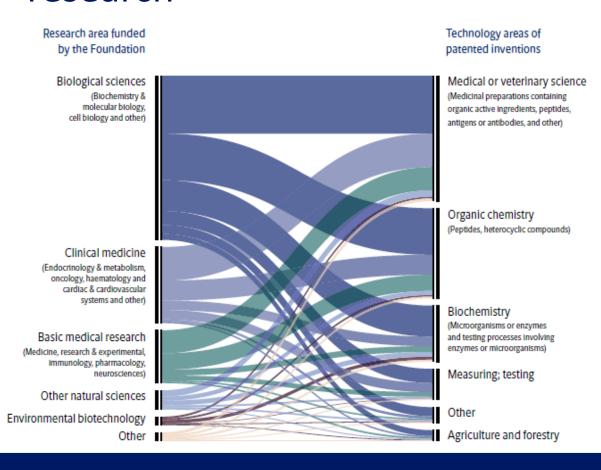


# PP(top 10%) - number of fields of sciences for co-authors



We talked about interdisciplinary co-authorship in journal articles when there are co-authors from two or more fields of sciences

# Indication of nterdisciplinary research





#### Interdisciplinary outcomes lead to sustainability and innovative solutions which addresses the SDGs

#### **Investments and capital input**











- SDG-3: \$Investments in science and health
- SDG-9: commercial exploitatoin of science and research
- SDG-13: Investments in science that adresses climate changes

#### Science, talent and technology outputs









- **SDG-8**: Number of new employees and jobs
- **SDG-9**: Pipeline of innovative products and services, patent activities, inventions and journal articles
- SDG-17: Partnerships and research collaboration

#### Innovative and globally competitive high-tech and life-science companies outcomes













#### Economy, health and social well-being











- **SDG-3:** Patients reached & quality of life
- **SDG-5**: Diversity policy, share of women in executive management and board
- **SDG-12**: Consumers reached and share of firms with SDGreports
- **SDG-16:** Impact on firms' ESG Policy
- **SDG-17:** Partnership with governments and taxes Paid

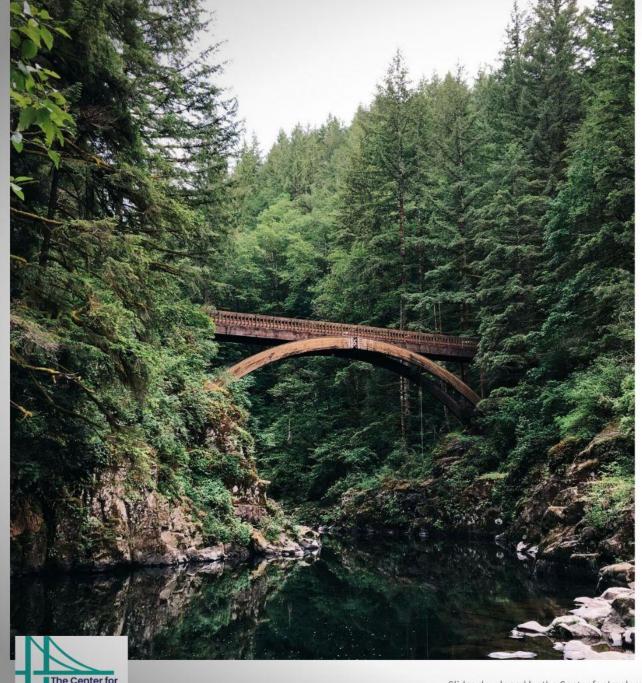
- **SDG-6**: Sustainable management of water
- **SDG-8:** Spin-outs and start-ups based on research
- **SDG-9:** CO2 emmission per unit of value added
- **SDG-12:** Sustainable/ innovative products

# How implementation science can strengthen change iniatives in the social sciences and humanities

Dr. Julia E. Moore, The Center for Implementation

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# 17 years for evidence to be used in practice

Narrow the gap

## Use strategy. Not chance.











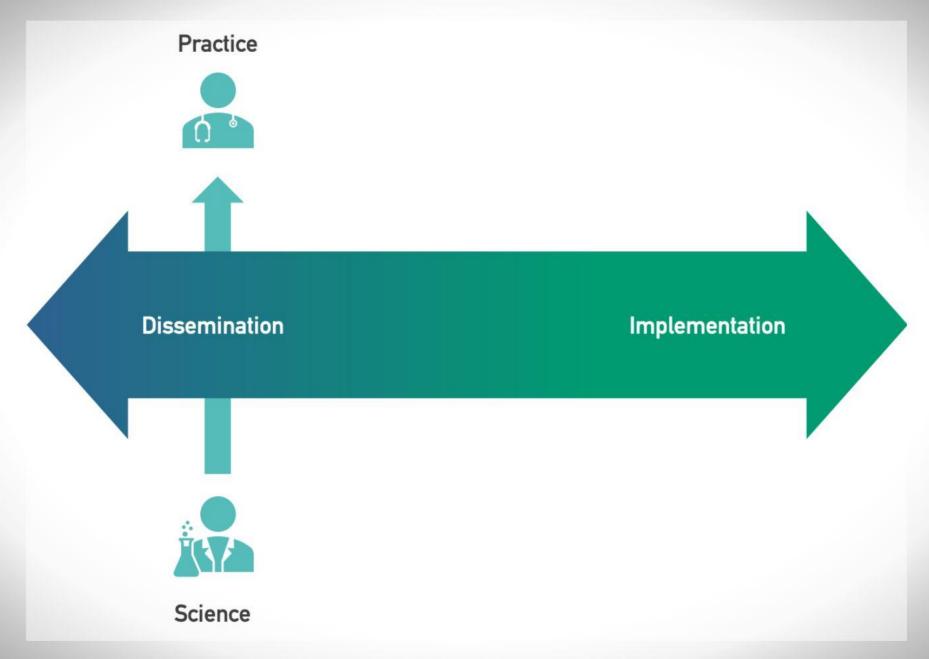
#### **Practice**



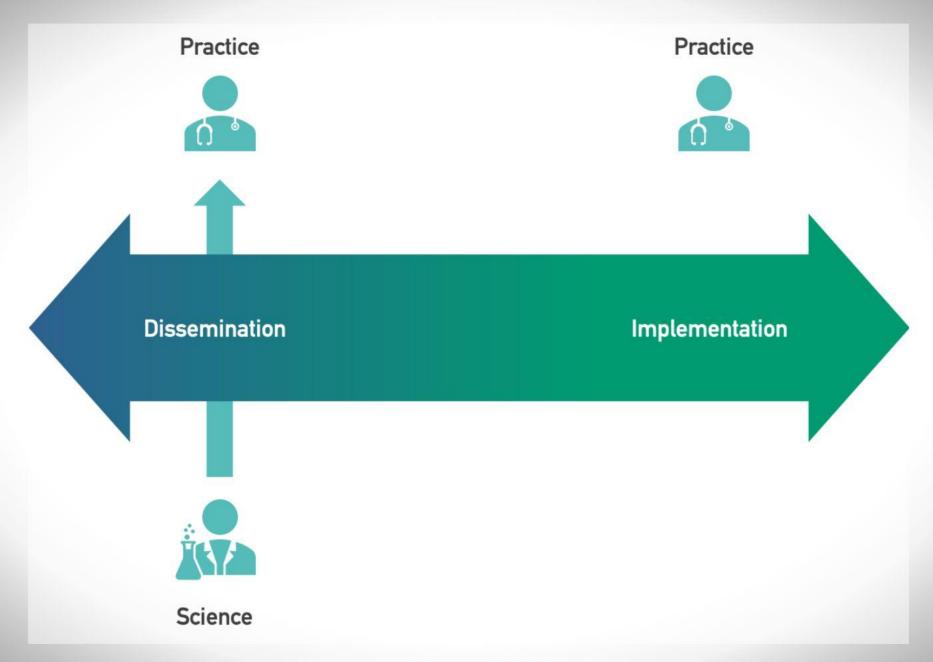
**Dissemination** 

Implementation

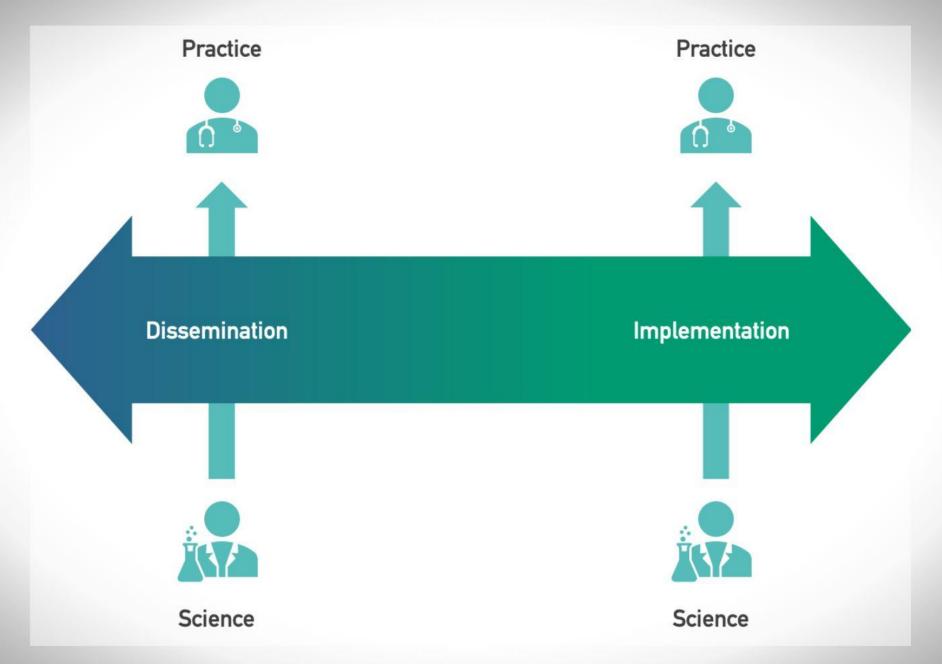












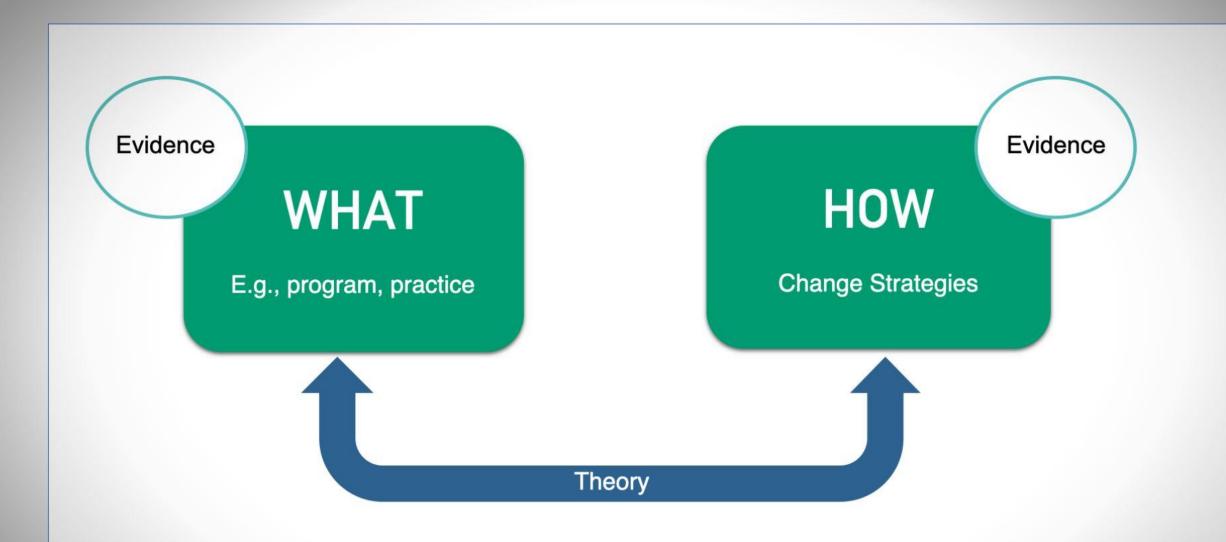


### This is relevant to your work if...

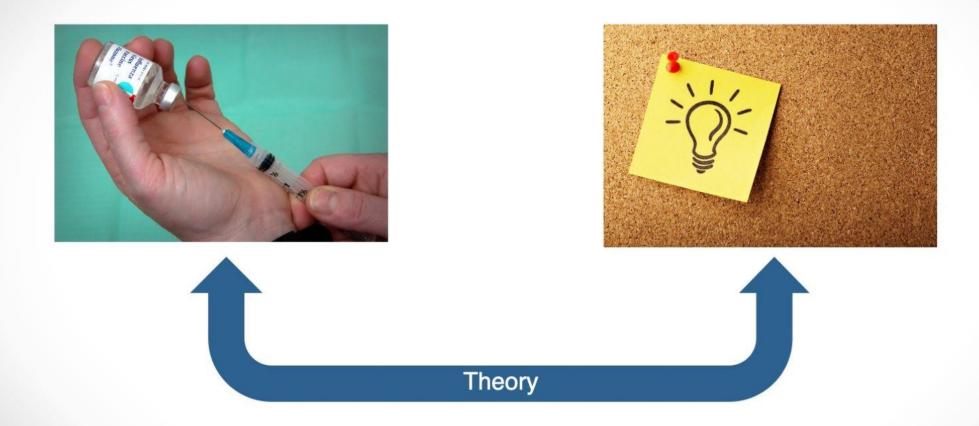
- You want to create individual, organizational, or systems change
- You design or test any change efforts or interventions
- You fund research to create change
- You support change efforts
- You would like to see sustainable and scalable changes



# What are you implementing?

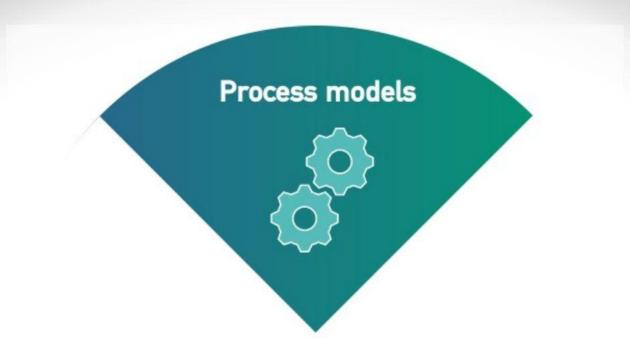






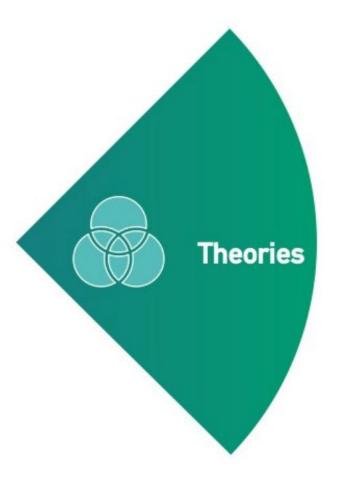


# What is the foundation of implementation science?

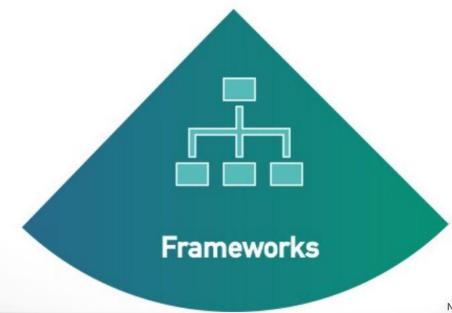




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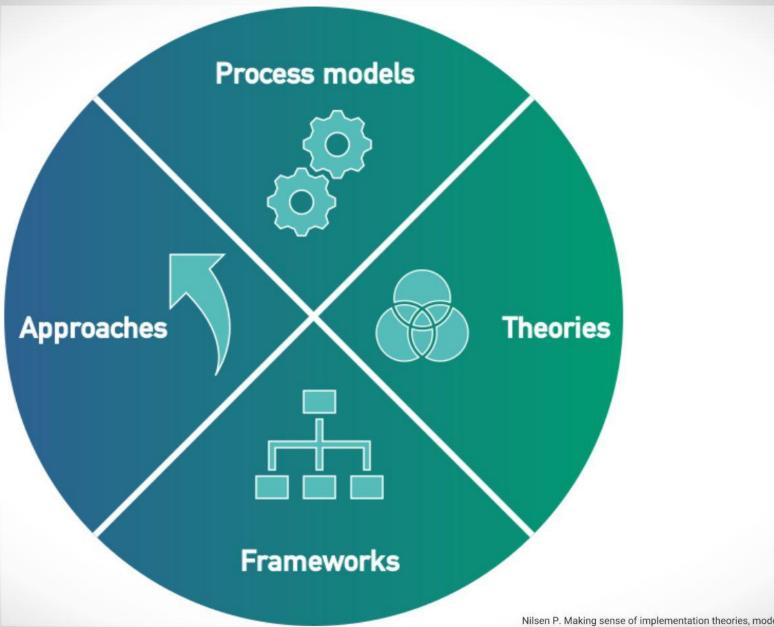




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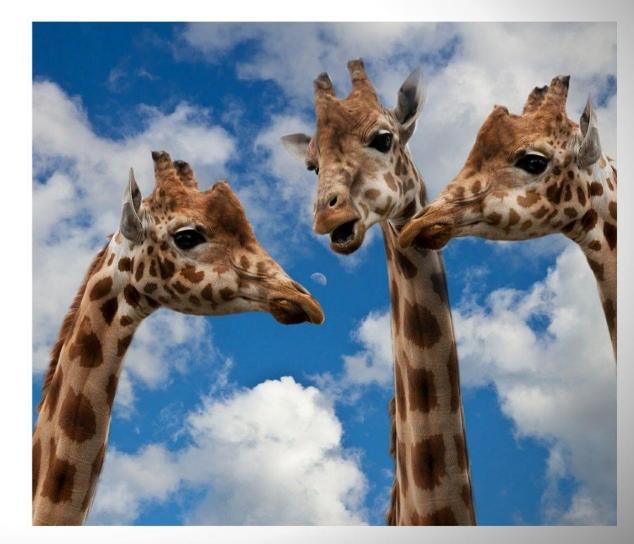


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### Open Discussion

- How could implementation science and practice relate to your work?
- Questions, thoughts, reflections?







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Interdisciplinary Research at the NRC

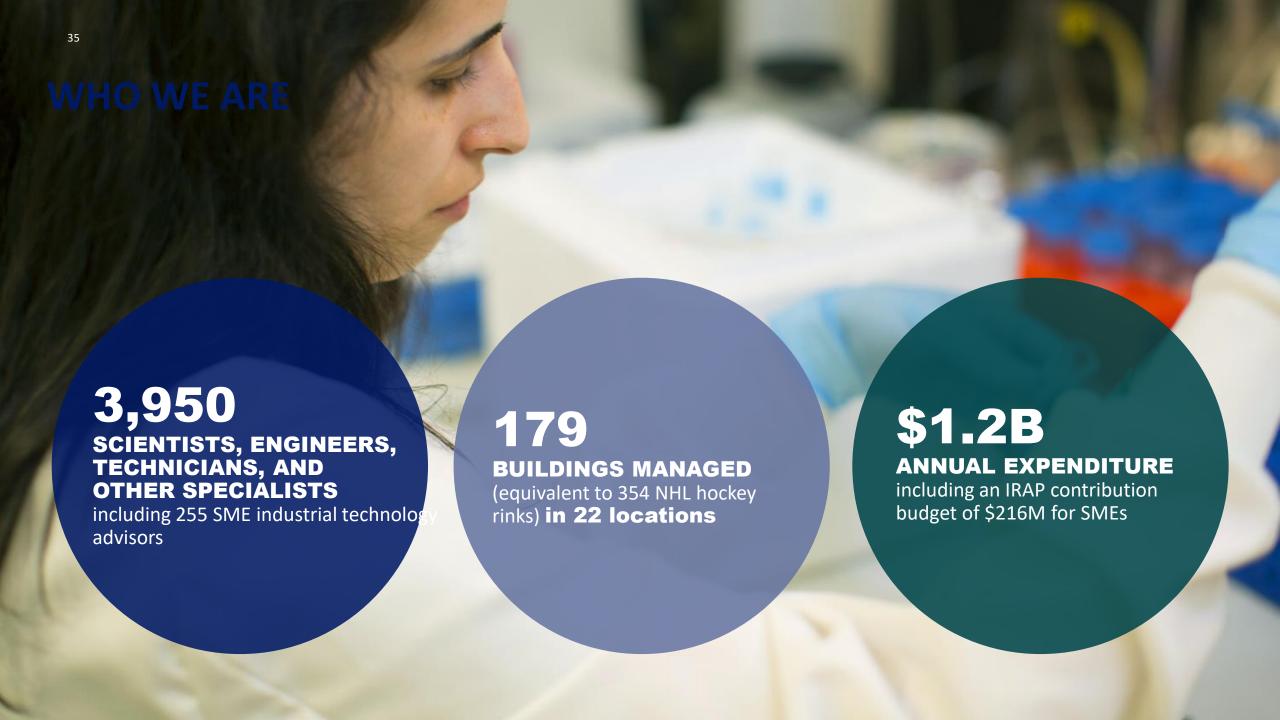
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Medical Devices, Simulation and Digital Health

AESIS October 2020



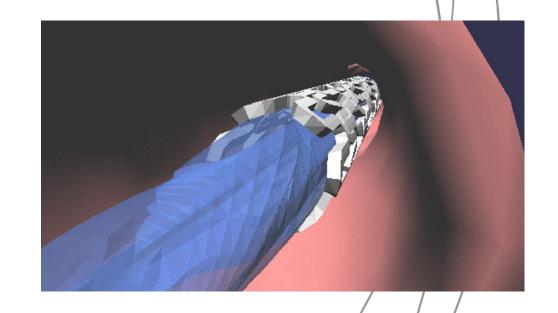


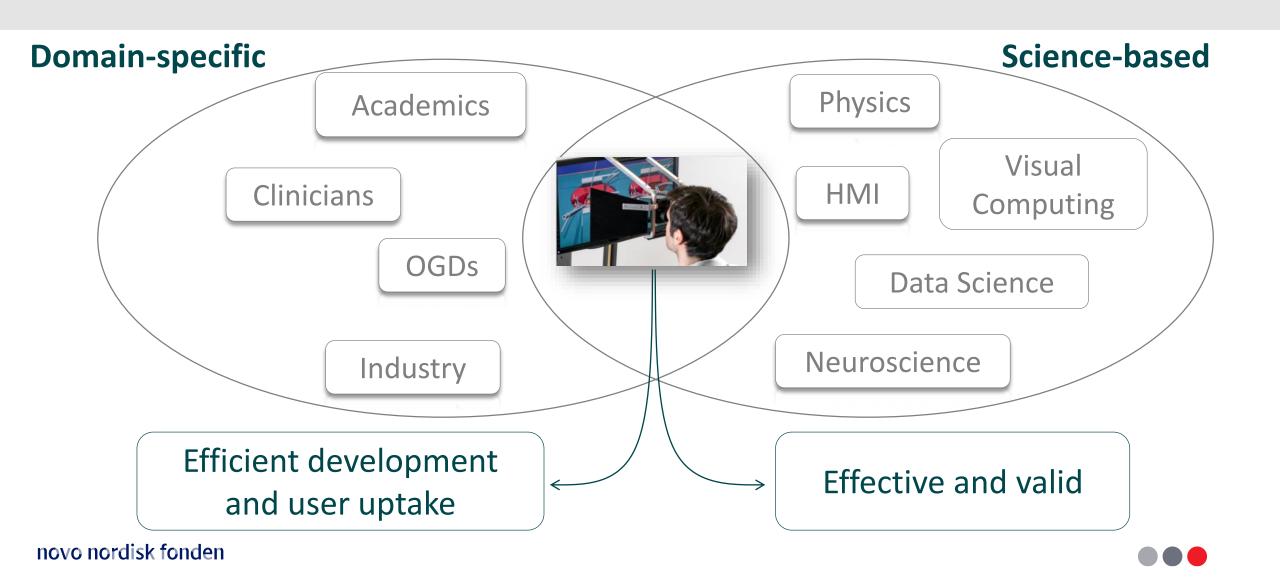


#### Simulation and Digital Health (S&DH)

#### Mission

 Relying on biomedical engineering expertise, core software platforms and front line interactions with clients/clinicians, we deliver science-based research results and innovations for societal and economic benefits of Canada













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TO MARKET

Education & Training

Fundamentals of Neurosurgery: Virtual Reality Tasks for Training and Evaluation of Technical Skills

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Int J CARS (2014) 9:1-9 DOI 10.1007/s11548-013-0905-8

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Assessing performance in brain tumor resection using a novel virtual reality simulator

Nicholas Gélinas-Phaneuf · Nusrat Choudhury · Ahmed R. Al-Habib · Anne Cabral · Etienne Nadeau · Vincent Mora · Valerie Pazos · Patricia Debergue · Robert DiRaddo · Rolando F. Del Maestro

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# User-Centric R&D Model Early-Adopter Group: 30+ clinicians

- Model that mitigates risk by assuring relevance, increases accountability and structures collaboration
- Early TRL: Develop foundational technology internally (2-4 years).
- Intermediate TRL: Early-adopter group of thought leaders to support R&D, with regular delivery of technology iterations (5-10 years).
- Later TRL: Engage a commercial entity for transfer to market (2-3 years).







Sinai



**NorthShore** 













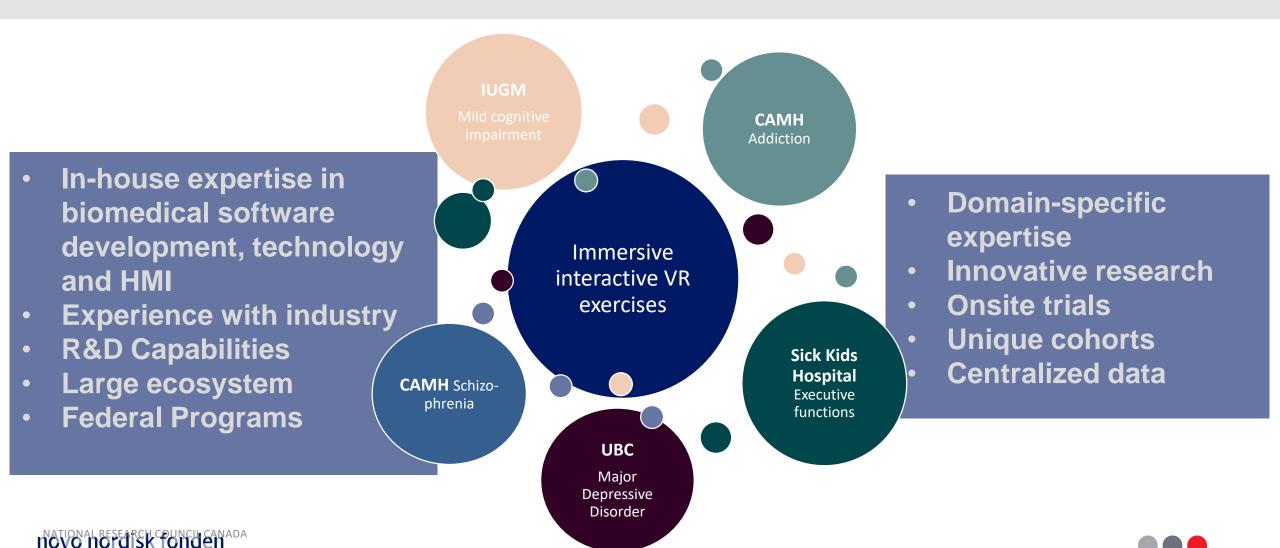








# **Cognitive Care Network**

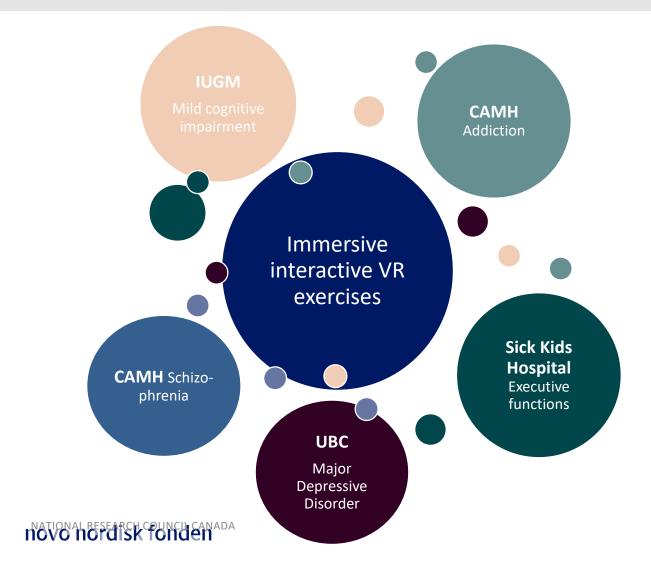


# Interdisciplinary research and collaboration

# Lessons learned along the way

- 1. Human-centered design approach can structure interdisciplinary collaboration
- 2. Finding collaborators is not always easy
- 3. Physical co-location can build bonds, promote speaking the same language
- 4. Engage stakeholders: implement feedback, demonstrations, conferences, workshops
- 5. Train outside of comfort zone
- Flexible research method is a must.
- 7. Find the right grants, common goals, co-author publications

# **Cognitive Care Network**







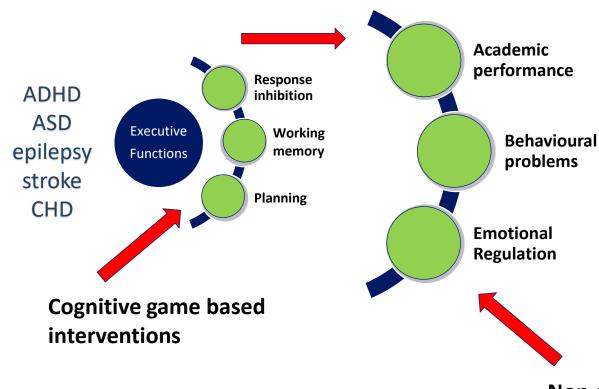
# Developing Novel Virtual Reality Assessment and Intervention Tools to Improve Mental Health Outcomes in Youth

Jennifer Crosbie, Psychologist, Clinician Scientist, Neurosciences and Mental Health





### The Story





Immersive

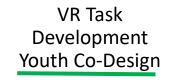
Multi-sensory

Engaging/ dem

• Include multiple recevant EFs
Non-pharmacological

**Interventions** 

# The Measure



VR1

VR2a

Feasibility, tolerability, acceptability

#### Three Phases for VR Therapy Development and Validation

VR1 Development with patient end-users

VR2 A. Feasibility, tolerability, acceptability
B. Initial clinical efficacy

VR3 RCT of clinically important outcomes

# The Measure

VR Task Development Youth Co-Design

VR1

Co-Desi

VR2a

Feasibility, tolerability, acceptability





# The Measure

VR Task
Development
Youth Co-Design

VR1

VR2a

Feasibility, tolerability,

#### National Research Council (NRC)

acceptability



**Response Inhibition** 



**Spatial Working Memory** 



**Delay Aversion** 

## Why is Youth Engagement so Important for Digital Interventions?

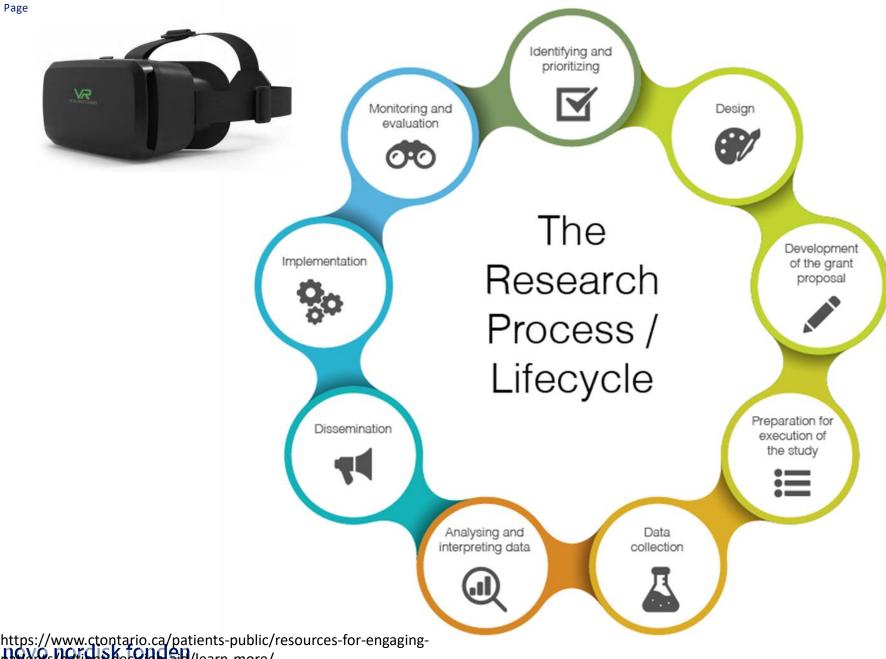
- Generational divide in tech-savviness
- Current interventions are less attractive and interactive than commercial entertainment products
- Mental health digital interventions vs. traditional pharmacotherapy model
- Engagement is a key indicator of outcome



# Best Practices for Participatory Research

- Recruit youth early in the design process
- Increase relevance and effectiveness of interventions
- Promote ideation through team collaboration
- Prototyping phase: Obtaining feedback for prototypes
- Continuous feedback and further

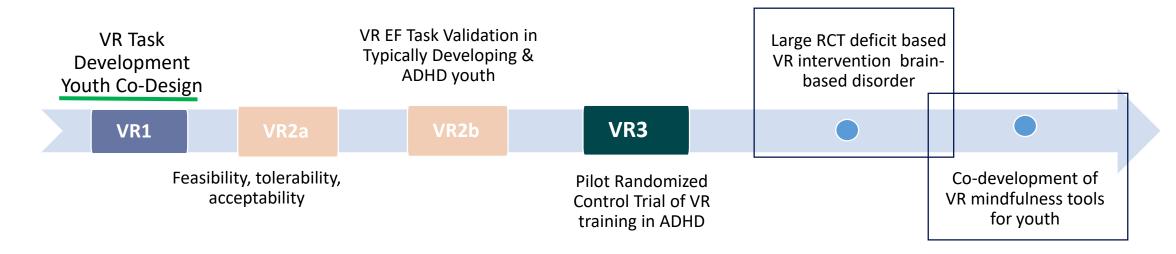




https://www.ctontario.ca/patients-public/resources-for-engaging-patients/pa

Co-designing interventions with youth not for youth

# The Outcome



- ✓ <u>INNOVATION</u> Development of novel technology based intervention for MH in youth
- ✓ <u>COLLABORATION</u> NRC technology partnership
- ✓ <u>PATIENT ORIENTED</u> Youth Co-designed interventions