



# **The Value of a Biotechnology Business**

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- ***Introduction***
- *Valuation*
- *Funding*
- *Exits*

# Who am I?

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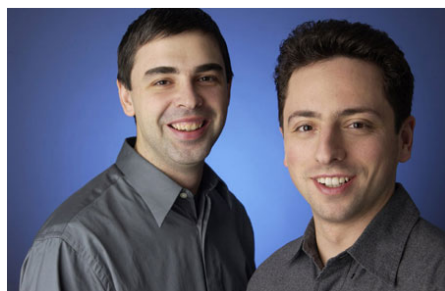
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# Why is life sciences valuation so complex?

## Technology



9  
months



Beta  
Launch  
(>90% POS)

## Bio Pharma\*



12-15  
years



Product  
Approval  
(5% POS)

\* Medtech (slightly) better

**How much of this can you  
quantify and model?**

***What would that look like?***

*We need a valuation methodology that is  
credible and validated!*

*(and taken as seriously as your  
core science and development plan!)*

# Why is Accurate Valuation So Important?

- To determine the value of your technology, products and business from the perspectives of
  - Financeability
  - Attractiveness to a licensee
- To determine optimal way to grow your company
  - Raising dilutive capital vs.
  - Licensing vs.
  - Selling
- To inform management decisions & frame the conversations that matter!





**The Good News:**  
**This is Easier to Learn than the Science Underneath It**



# Valuation as Management Tool

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- Supporting transactions
- Facilitating internal management decisions
- Supporting external pricing (e.g., stock price)



# Acceptance of Results Depends on Alignment & Agreement

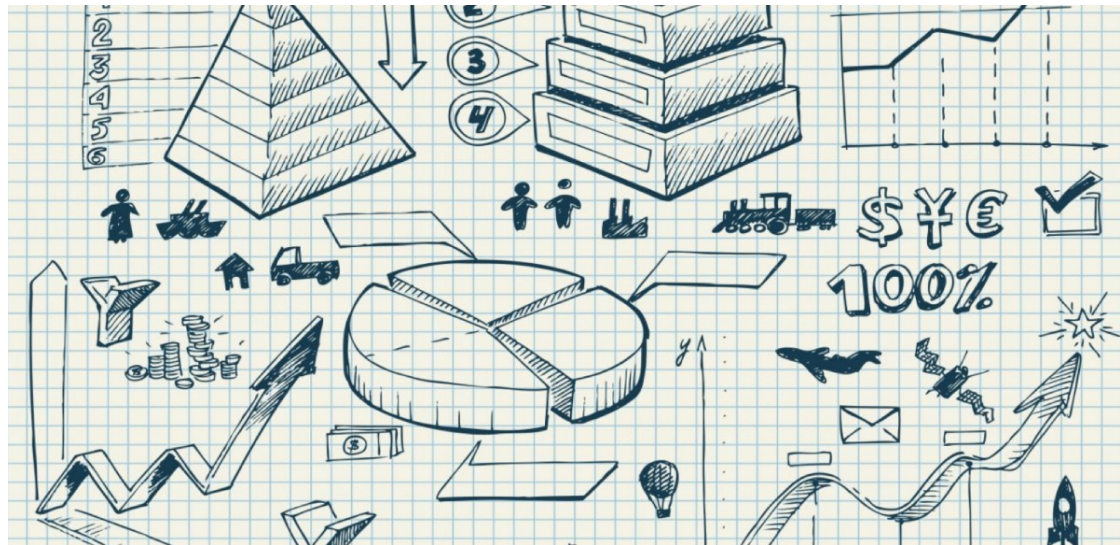
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- Management
- Board of Directors
- Employees
- Prospective Licensing Party
- Corporate partners
- Investors
- Wall Street Analysts



# Valuation Methodologies

1. Sunk Cost
2. Sum of Parts
3. Comparables
4. Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)
5. Risk-Adjusted NPV (rNPV)



- Using paid-in capital to date as a valuation method
- Typical approach says “We’ll give you a 5x return” but in some cases, may not even offer you 100% of paid-in

## *Benefits*

- Verifiable (mostly)
- In some cases, guaranteed multiple

## *Issues*

- No one will pay for wasted money and may disagree with how money was spent
- Capped upside
- If someone offers you this, it’s because they think your asset is worth a lot more

# Sum of Parts

- **Situation: Lead product failed and business is being liquidated**
- **Approach asks “What is the value of each asset?”**  
*(Real estate owned/leases, IP, equipment, employment contracts, distribution agreements, existing sales force)*

## ***Benefits***

- Best used with a business that has substantial assets to liquidate (i.e., fire sale)

## ***Issues***

- Typically receives pennies on the dollar
- Not applicable to ongoing business



- Derives sales and costs based on comparable products
- Example: For an oncology product (cytotoxic), compare sales for existing cytotoxics, including average peak sales

## *Benefits*

- Can get actual sales data
- Minimal modeling; just use averages for line inputs

## *Issues*

- Power of the valuation is limited by how good the comp is
- Is the product profile similar?
- Is the environment when you launch in 4 years going to be the same?
  - Payers, competitors, generics

# The Problem with Comparables





**A better way to value:  
cash flow forecast customized to  
the asset or company**

# Driving to Cash Flow and NPV



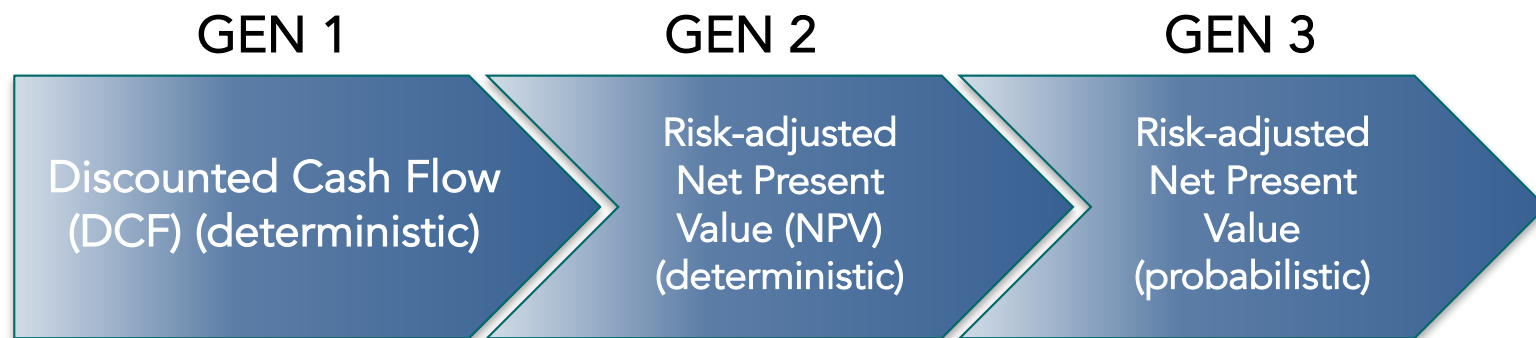
# Discounted Cash Flow/Risk-Adjusted NPV



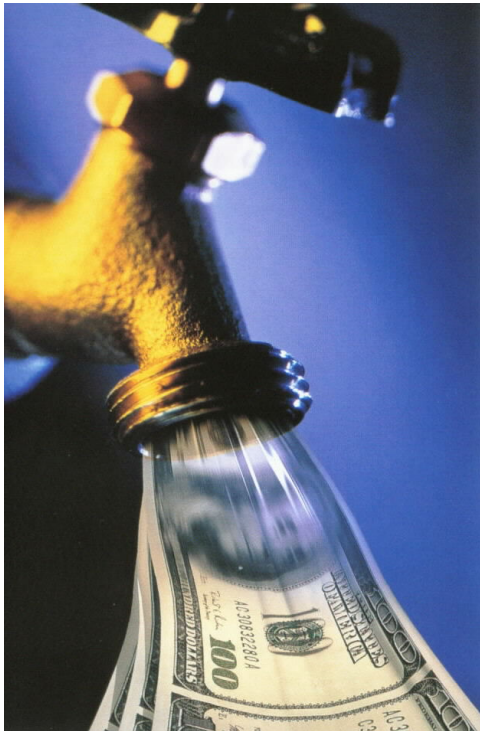
- **Approach: use cash flow as the key metric**
  - Cash flow is change in cash balance in a specified period of time
  - Prior to launch, cash flow is a negative value unless out-license
  - Time period of cash flow must be identified
- **Key concept: Time Value of Money**
  - Money now is worth more than money later
  - Cash received later in time is “discounted” by the interest you could have received had you that cash to invest now
- **Key concept: Risk-adjustment**
  - Value of an asset needs to be downward adjusted to account for forward-looking risk
- **Key concept: NPV (Net Present Value)**
  - Stream of forward-looking cash flow, discounted (i.e., time-adjusted) and in some cases risk-adjusted, to today

# Evolution of Cash Flow Valuation

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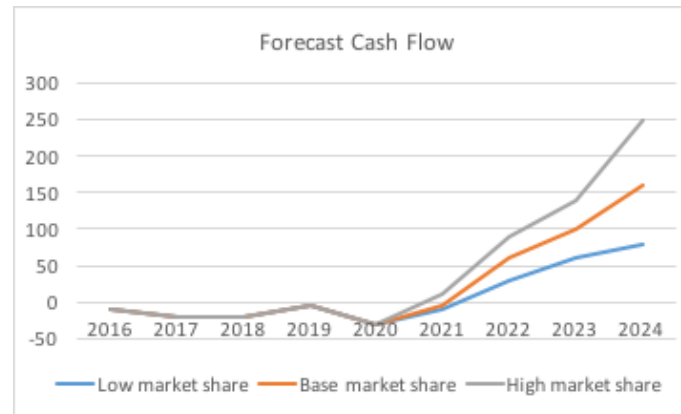


# DCF Approach



- Uses a discount rate to account for both development risk and cost of capital (e.g., 20-30% rate for early stage products)
- **Deterministic:** Uses single point inputs and derives scenarios by varying only one or two inputs
- Example: Asset A is at the beginning of Phase II and is 5 years to market. DCF analysis would derive cash flow by:
  - Assigning a single high discount rate to the asset to account for risk
  - Assessing single numbers for every input and only varying, for example, price and market share

# DCF Approach (continued)



## ***Benefits:***

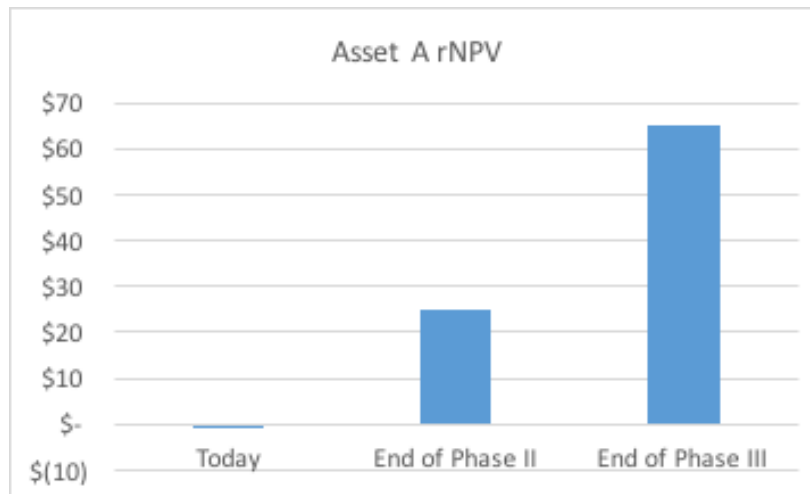
- Easier than additional customization—one size fits all

## ***Issues:***

- How do you customize different levels of risk from milestone to milestone?
- What weight to put on low/base/high market share scenarios?
- What about ranges on cost of Phase III, prevalence, diagnosis rate, market adoption, pricing, competitor entry, marketing

# Risk-Adjusted Net Present Value (rNPV)

- Still using 3 market share scenarios only.
- But separating out the “one-size fits all” discount rate into two components:
  - Cost of capital
  - Stage probabilities of success



As Asset A moves forward in development and successfully completes clinical trials, it:

- Resolves risk
- Reduces forward-looking development spend
- Moves nearer to market

# Why Might rNPV Be a Superior Methodology to DCF?

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- Distinguishes risky, novel programs from less risky reformulation programs by using stage probabilities
- Allows much more control over customizing valuations to specific indications using probability of success benchmarks
- Allows determination of explicit risk to next milestone; can see step-up in value when get to the next phase



# Deterministic vs. Probabilistic Models



## Deterministic

- Risks are based on scenario analysis
- Costs are tied to those fixed scenarios
- Revenue scenarios typically involve a High, Low and Base Case

## Probabilistic

- Can accommodate wide range of variables
- Each variable can have its own distribution curve (not fixed like high, low and base cases)
- Requires *Monte Carlo* simulation
- Results in probability curves for each variable and shows how each variable can affect one another!

# Deterministic vs. Probabilistic Models (continued)

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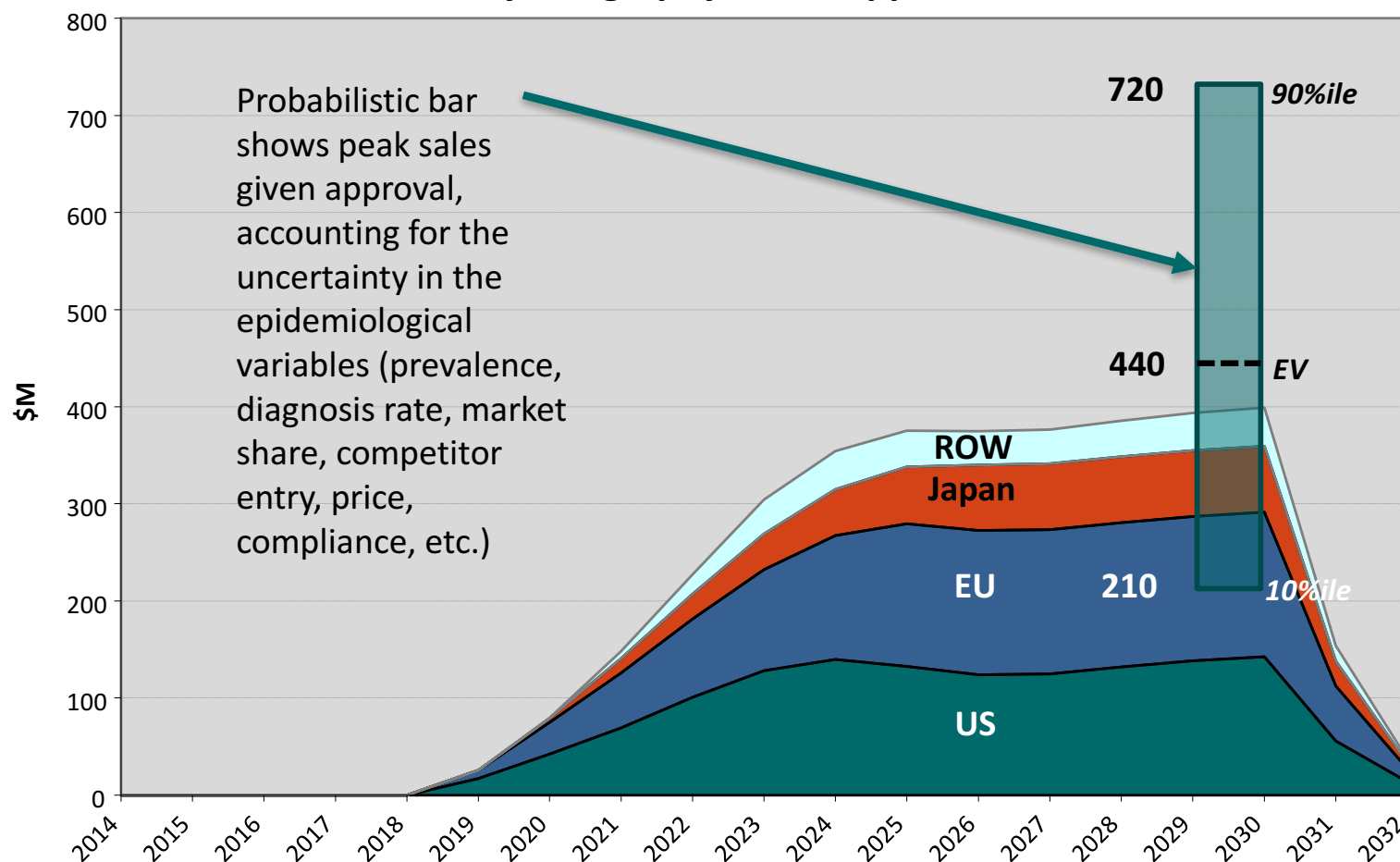
Key benefit of probabilistic modeling is INFORMATION

- What's the probability of revenue being less than \$100M by year 5?
- What's the impact on peak sales if fewer patients are diagnosed than expected?
- What's the likelihood of breaking even in 3 years?
- How likely are we to spend more than \$50M on development costs?



# Deterministic vs. Probabilistic Models (continued)

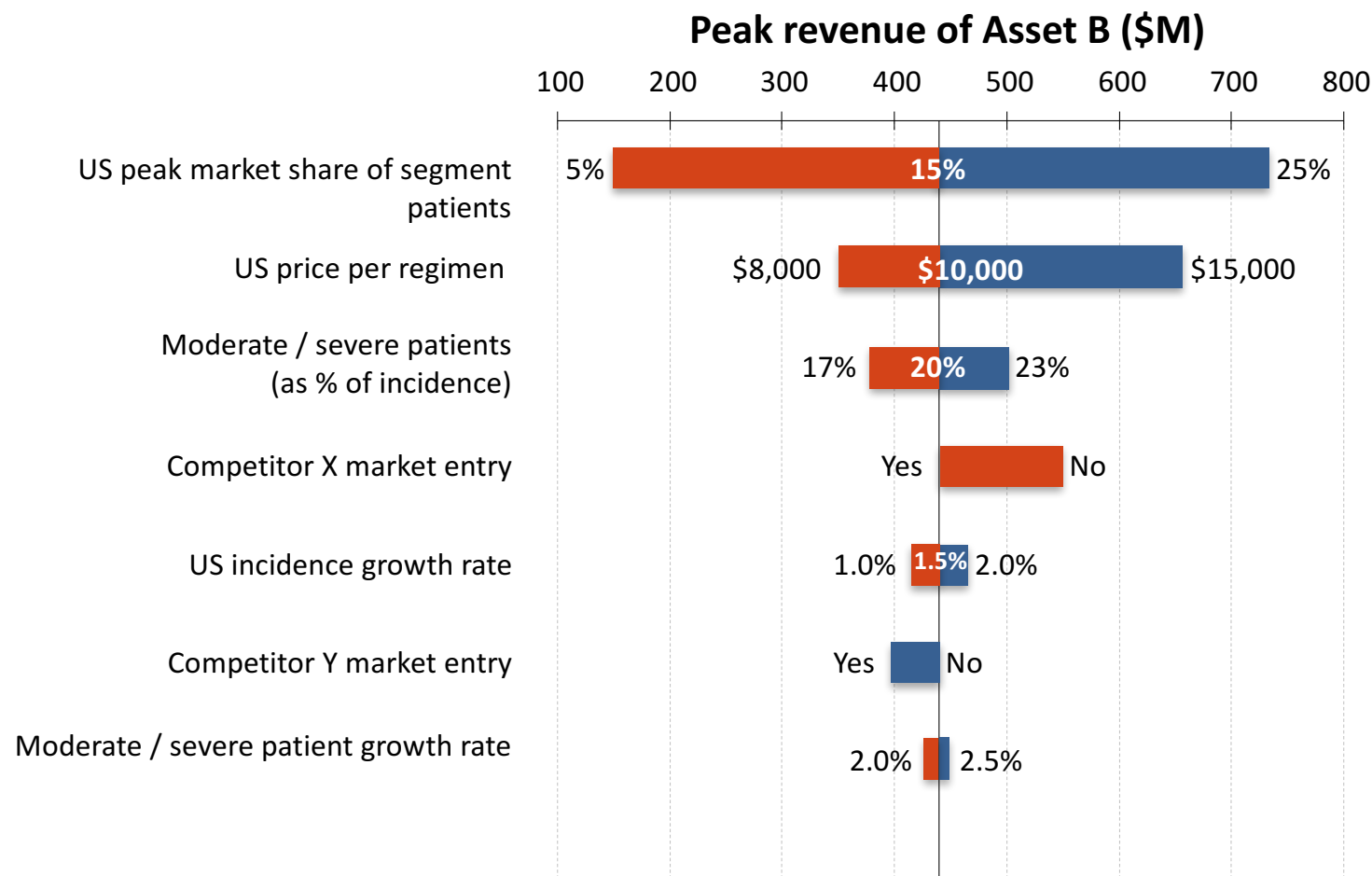
**Asset B Base Case Sales  
by Geography Given Approval**



# Deterministic vs. Probabilistic Models (continued)



Sensitivity analysis allows determination of which assessments have greatest uncertainty impact on revenue or value



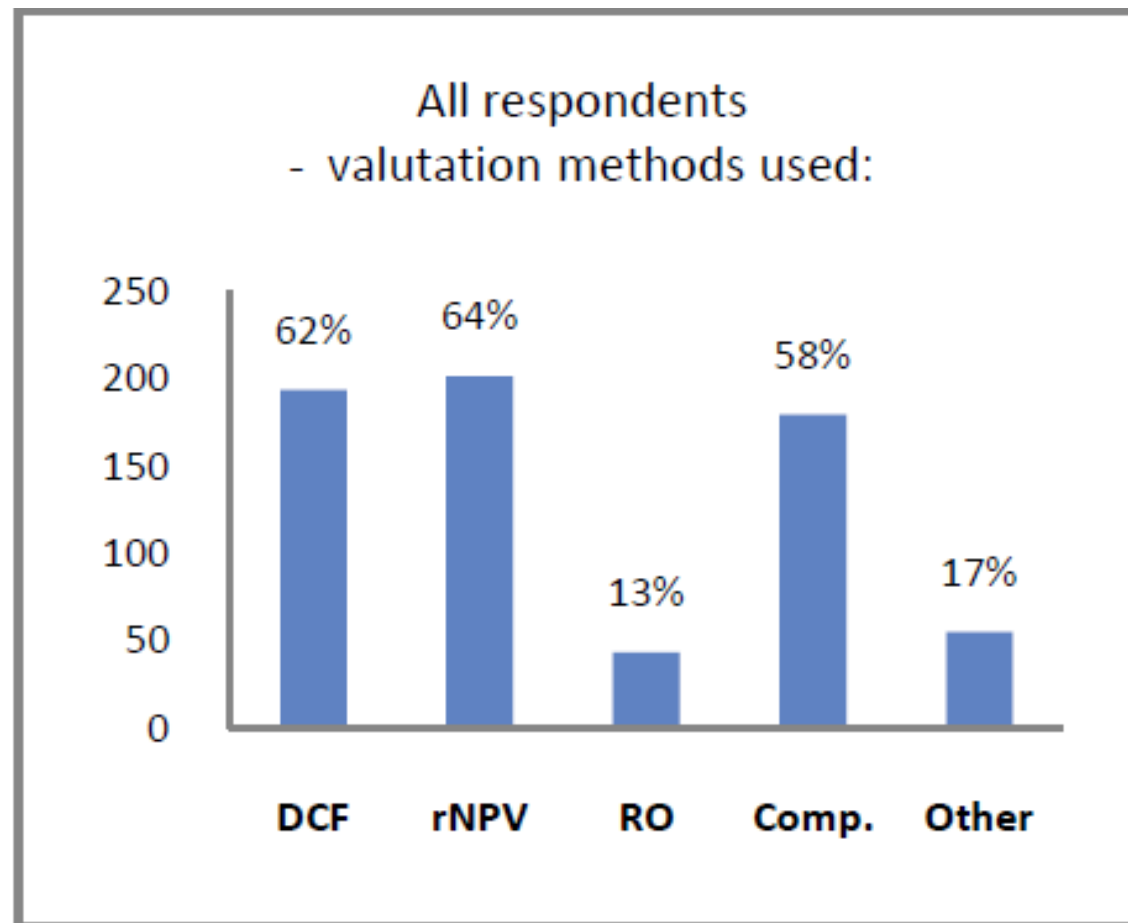
## Multiple approaches:

- Sunk cost
- Sum of parts
- Comparables
- Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)
- Risk-adjusted NPV (rNPV)

**Which of these valuation methodologies are used most often in life sciences analytics?**



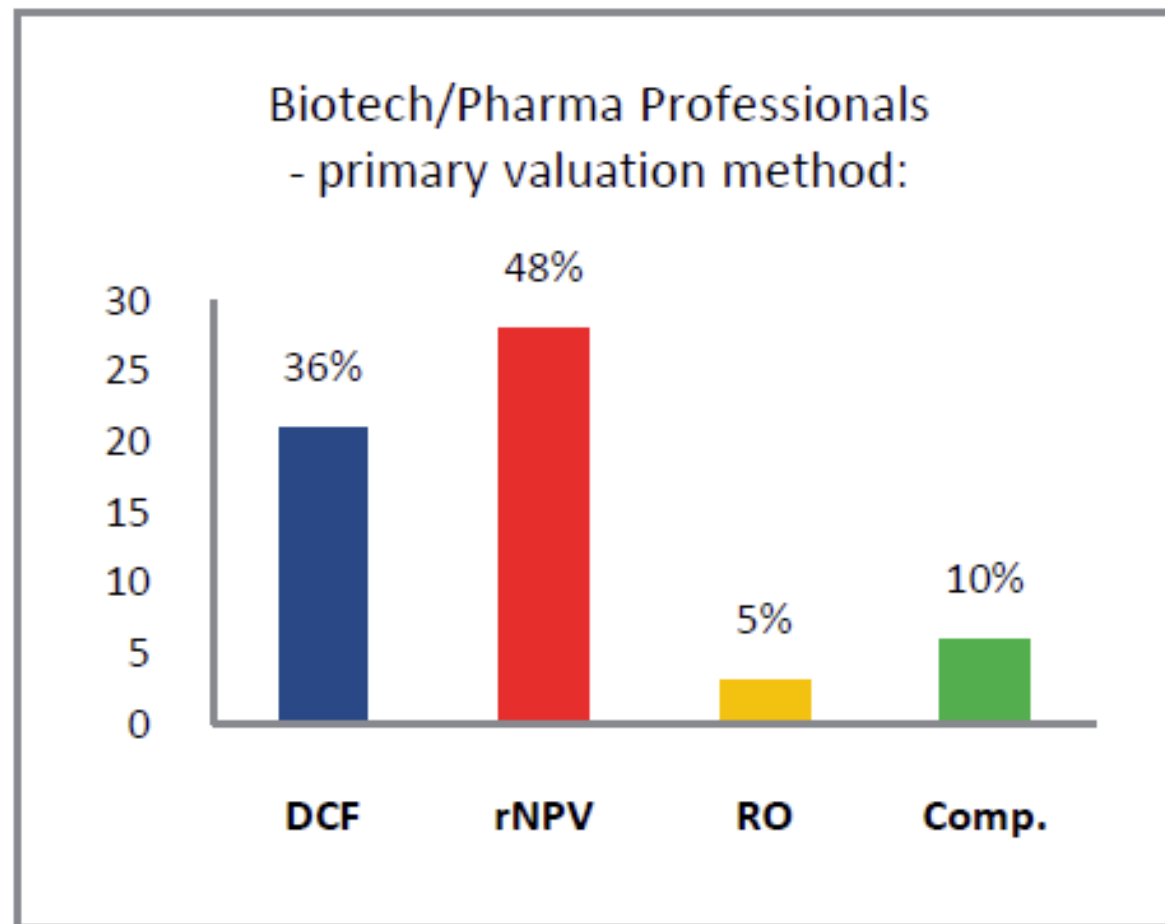
# Used Most Often Across Areas



Source: BIOSTRAT Biotech Consulting

## **Which Methods Do Pharmas Use Most?**

# Used Most Often by Biotechs / Pharmas

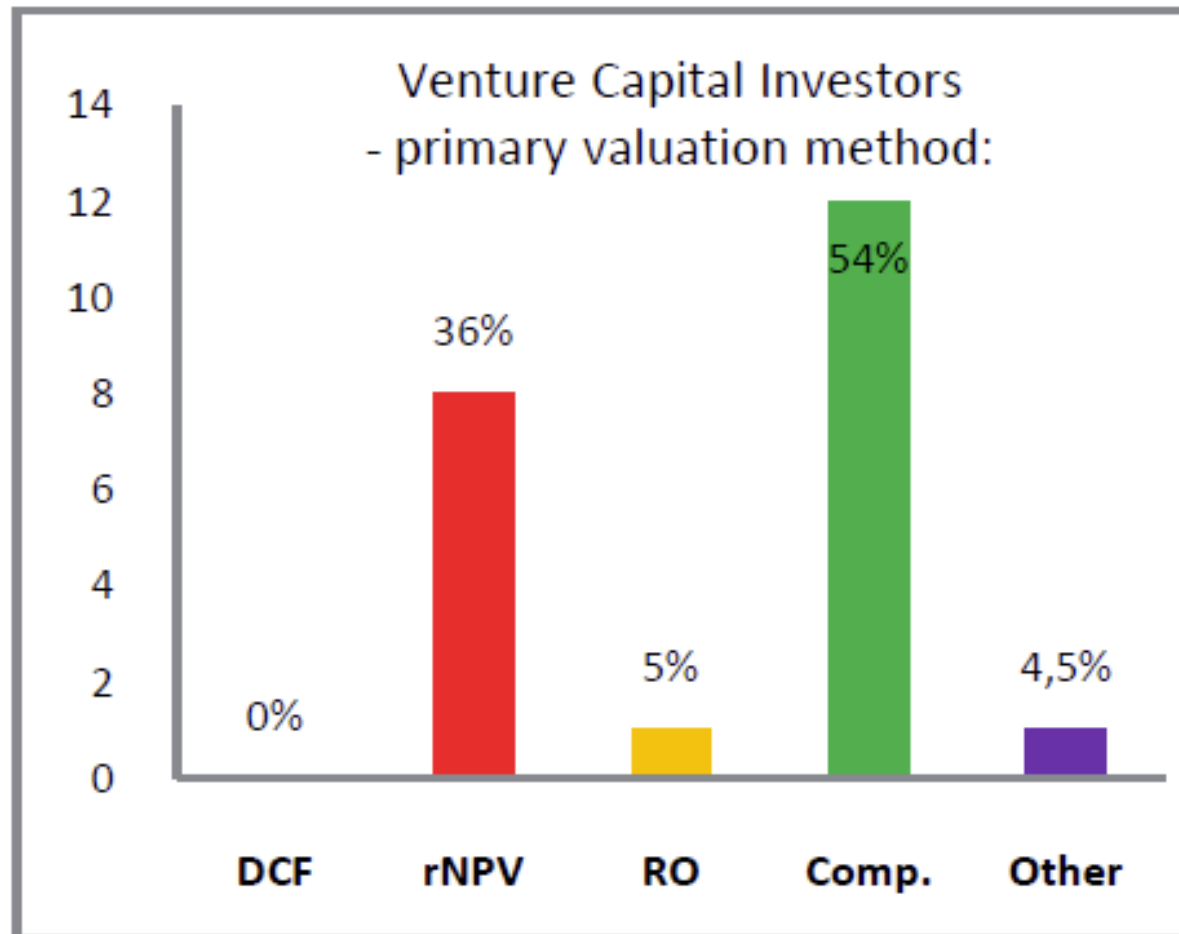


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## **Which Methods Do VCs Use Most?**

# Used Most Often by VCs



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# Know With Whom You're Speaking

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## ■ VCs

- Fewer resources and time compared to pharma
- Potentially different calculating framework (i.e., what do I think my likely exit is based on 4 other companies in this space, so therefore what pre-money valuation will I give in order to achieve a 10x return?)
- **But a good analysis may give them confidence in the management team and allow them to consider a higher than otherwise valuation**



## ■ Pharma

- Have the resources to do full epi builds and downstream operations matter to them
- **A good analysis allows you to justify better deal terms**

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# Let's start with a few terms

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- **Pre-money Value:** value at which company raises new round of capital
  - value is PRIOR to receiving new funding
- **Post-money Value:** Pre-money Value + amount of capital raised
  - Value is AFTER receiving new funding
  - Example: Biotech A has a pre-money value of \$100 and raises \$50; post-money value is  $\$100 + \$50 = \$150$
  - Note: “**New Money**” (investors putting in \$50) now owns 33% of the company ( $\$50/\$150$ )
- **Exit Value:** what can I sell this company for in 3-7 years?

# Let's start with the concept of **DILUTION**

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- What is dilution?
  - Dilution is a reduction in the ownership percentage of a share of stock caused by the issuance of new stock.
  - Dilution can also occur when holders of stock options (such as company employees) or holders of other optionable securities exercise their options.
  - When the number of shares outstanding increases, each existing stockholder will own a smaller, or diluted, percentage of the company, making each share less valuable.
- In the previous example, existing shareholders were diluted from 100% to 67%

# May hay while the sun shines



- What does this mean?
  - Raise money while you can
  - In general, DO NOT worry about dilution
  - Small share of a big pie is worth a lot more than a large share of **0**

**“Up rounds exceeded down rounds 67% to 25%, with 8% flat.” (Fenwick & West SV VC Survey)**

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- What does this mean?
  - Up round: Company raised a round of financing at a higher valuation than previously
  - Flat: same valuation
  - Down round: lower valuation
  
- How is the valuation determined?
  - Priced at what market (i.e., new investors) will bear
  - Essentially, an illusory number based on group consensus



## “Up rounds exceeded down rounds 67% to 25%, with 8% flat.” (Fenwick & West SV VC Survey)



	Flat Round	Up Round	Down Round
(a) Prior Post-money Value	\$100	\$100	\$100
(b) Number of shares	100	100	100
(c) Prior \$/share (a/b)	\$1	\$1	\$1
<b>(d) New Pre-money Value</b>	<b>\$100*</b>	<b>\$150**</b>	<b>\$50***</b>
(e) Amount Raised	\$50	\$50	\$50
(f) New Post-money (d+e)	\$150	\$200	\$100
(g) Number of shares	150	150	150
<b>(h) New \$/share (f/g)</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$1.33</b>	<b>\$0.67</b>

\* “Your company hasn’t increased in value since the last time you raised money.”

\*\* “Your company has increased in value since the last time you raised money.”

\*\*\* “Your company has lost value since the last time you raised money.”

# How does an investor (VC) value an early stage company?

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- Investor starts with expected Exit Value in 3-7 years
  - “What have similar companies sold for recently?”
- Then determines what post-money value would give them a 5-10x return on their money
- Example
  - Biopharm B is raising \$10M, which gets its lead asset through Phase IIa (POC); Biopharm B then wants to sell the asset
  - VC X believes similar assets at that future stage and for that indication have sold for \$200M
  - VC X wants a 10x return on their money, so they would want their shares valued based on  $\$200\text{M} / 10\text{x} = \$20\text{M}$  post-money valuation
  - Since post-money value is based on pre-money + amount raised, pre-money =  $\$20\text{M} - \$10\text{M} = \$10\text{M}$  pre-money value

# Convertible Debt:

## For the really early stage investors

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- **Issue:** you want to raise money from friends and family
  - BUT: they (and you) have no idea how to fairly value your company to determine at what pre-money value they should buy equity
- **Solution:** convertible debt (also called convertible notes)
  - A financing vehicle that allows startups to raise money while delaying valuation until the company is more mature.
  - Though technically debt, convertible notes convert to equity at a later date, usually a subsequent round of funding.
  - Investors who agree to convertible notes generally get warrants or a discount as a reward for putting their money in at the earliest, riskiest stages of the business.

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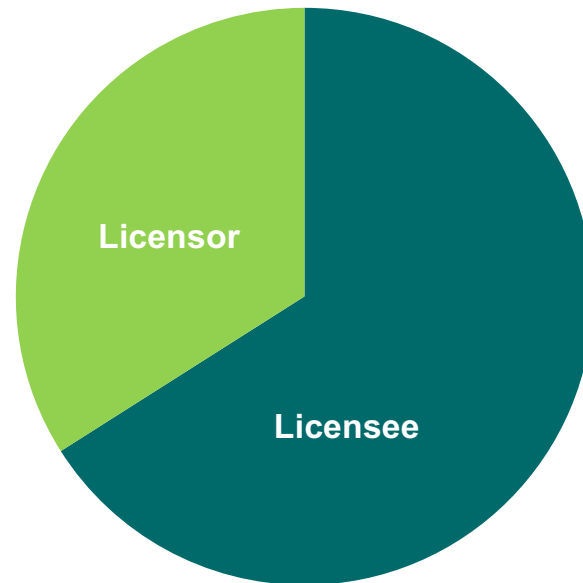
- Timing mismatch between VCs and life science companies
  - VCs are required to return capital within 10 years of start of fund, and usually 5-7 years from investment
  - Companies navigate significant R&D and regulatory challenges which can take more than 10 years

# Plan Exit from the Outset

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- Take the perspective of the investor
  - Are you addressing a reimbursable unmet need?
  - What milestones provide an inflection point that allow either additional funding, a partial exit (e.g., licensing) or sale?
  - How much money and time do you need to get there?
  - What is the probability of success of reaching these points?
- For therapeutics companies, milestones are often preclin or clinical POC
- For medtech, Dx and digital health companies, it's commercialization or break-even (i.e., no longer burning cash)

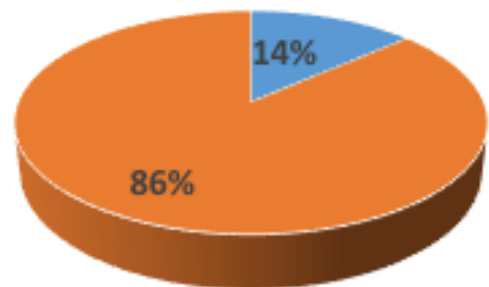
- Think of total product value (based on risk-adjusted net present value of cash flows) as a pie



- Pie gets split between the licensor and the licensee in the form of deal terms

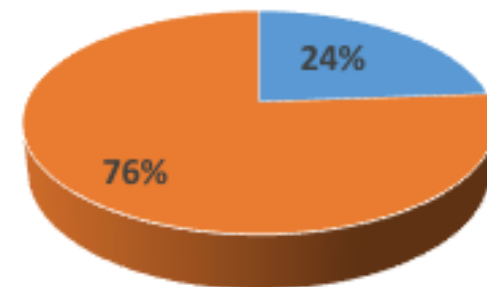
# Some thoughts on deal structuring

Share of Sum of Cash Flow Given Success



■ Out-licensor ■ In-licensor

Share of eNPV

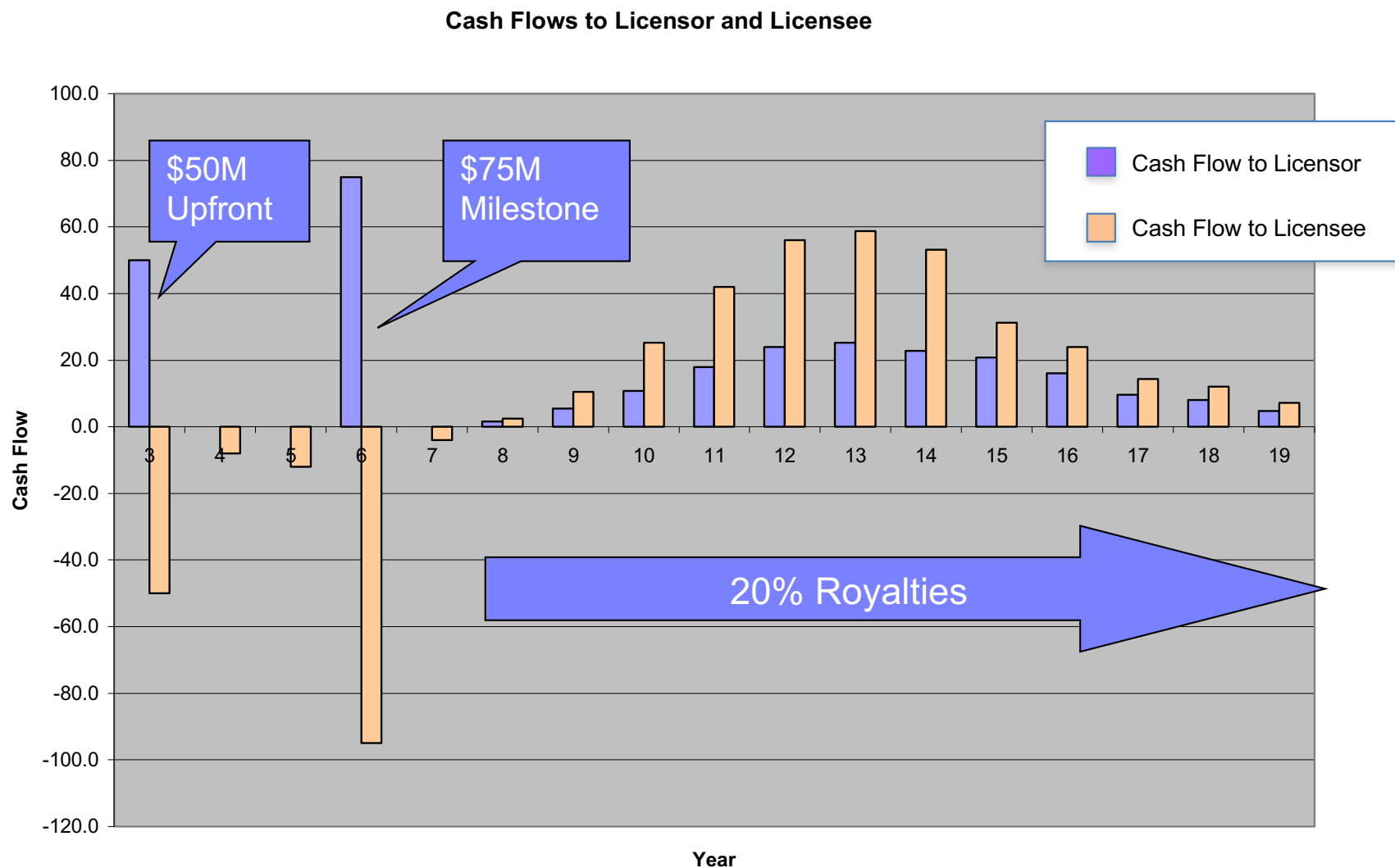


■ Out-licensor ■ In-licensor

**Why does the out-licensor have a larger share of the eNPV than the sum of cash flow given success?**

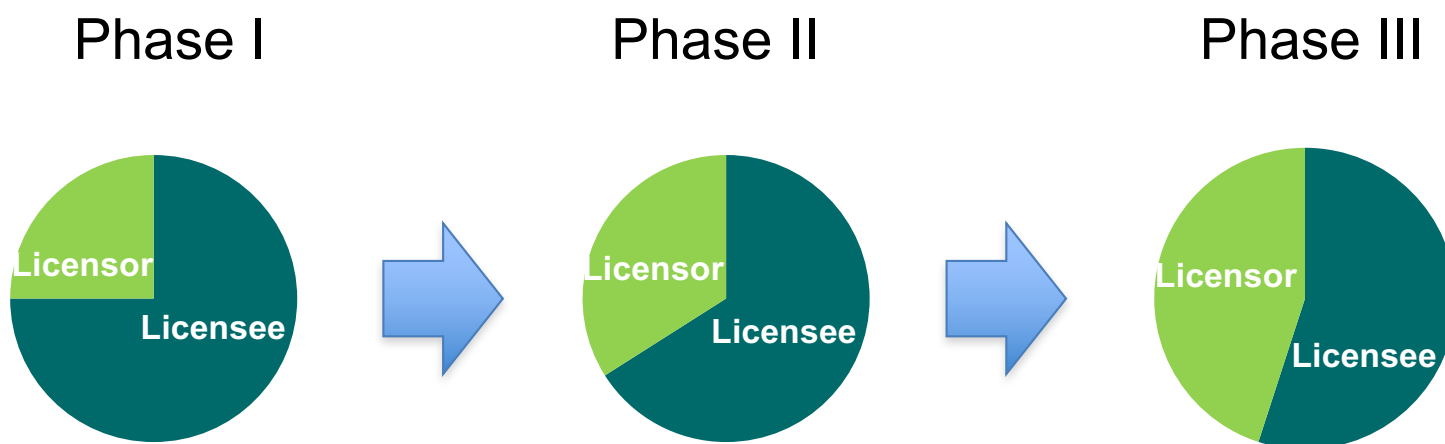


# Expected Cash Flows Reflect Licensing Terms



# As a product moves forward in development...

...share to licensor increases.



Why? For a variety of reasons, but primarily

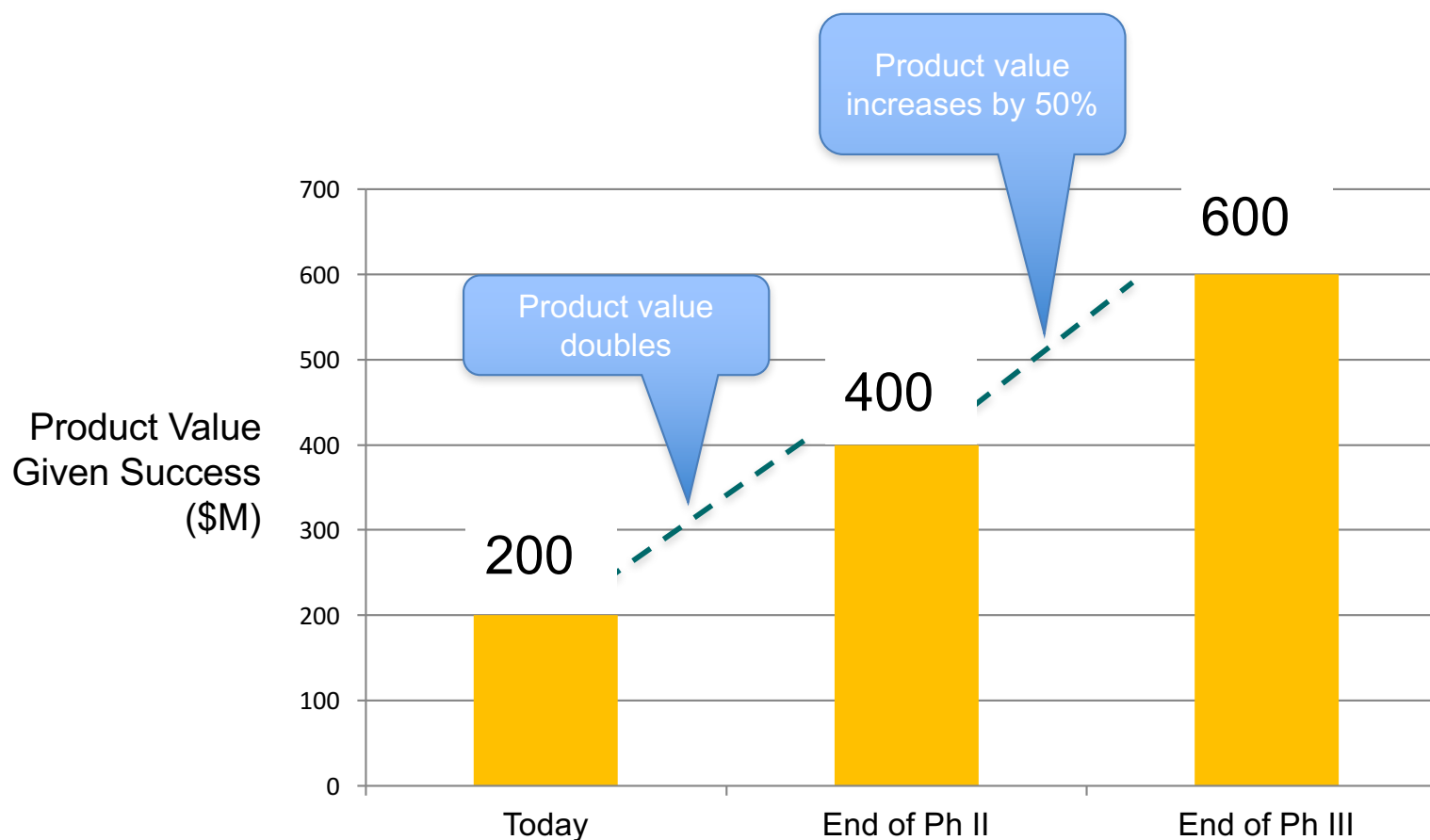
- Human nature: people and companies pay more for less risk
- Because of scarcity—there are a lot fewer available Phase III assets

# There's a range in this split—why?

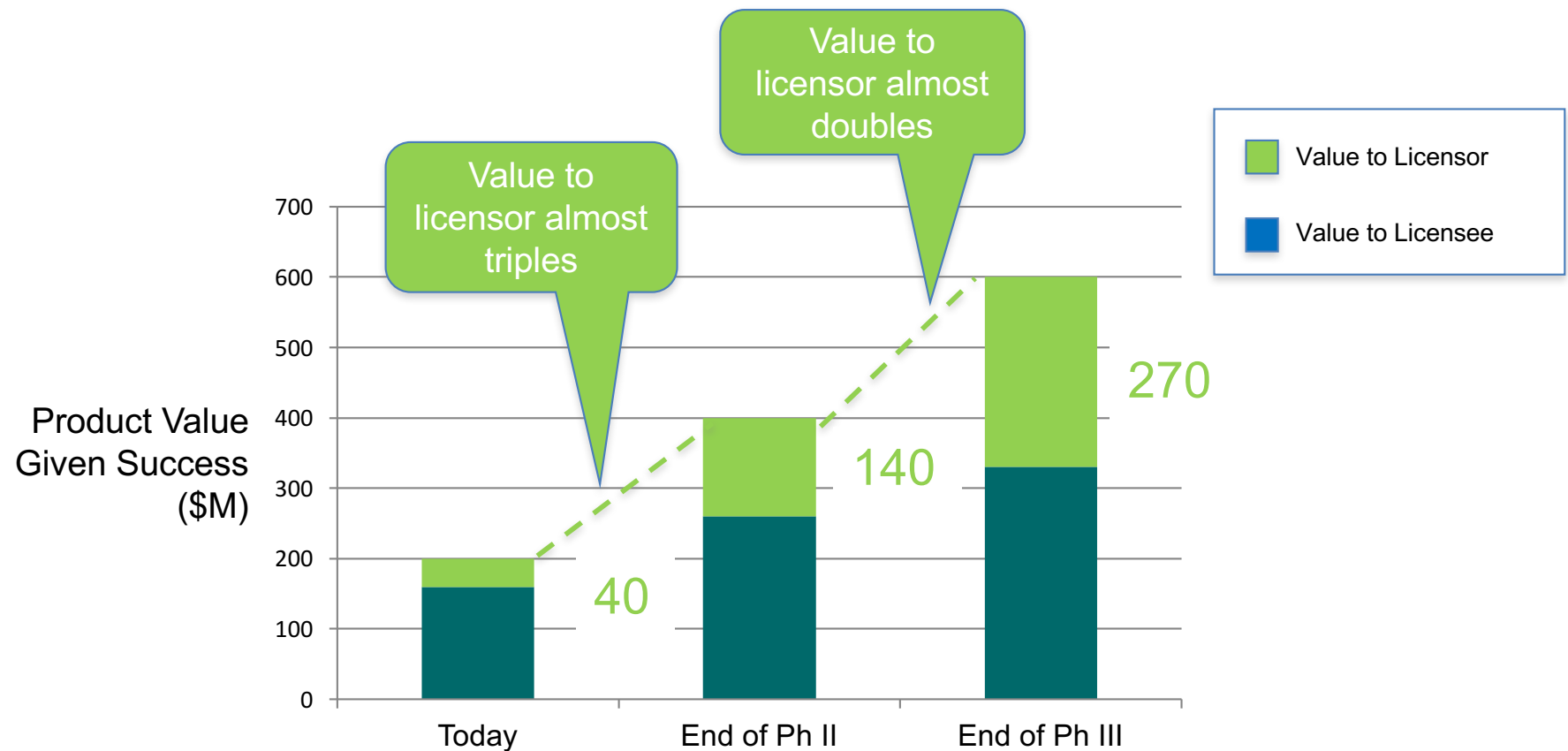
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- Concept of “Strength of Negotiating Position”
- Factors include:
  - Interest level / number of bidders
  - Atypical relative contributions of licensee vs. licensor
  - Relative knowledge of market conditions
  - Relative strength of negotiating skills
  - Financial strength / distress of either party

# Key implication: product value increases substantially from a successful trial...



## ... But value to licensor increases by even more

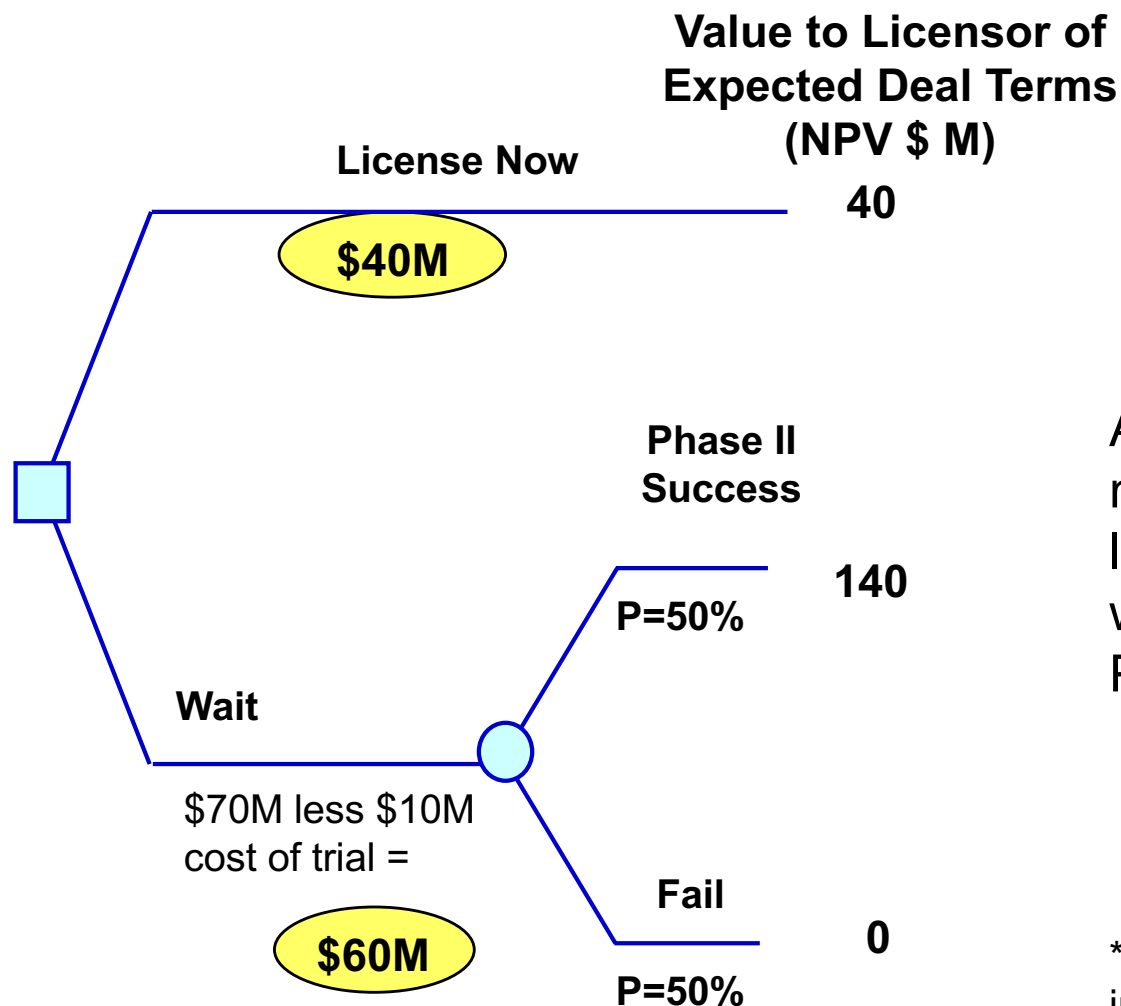


# Application: License Now or Wait? (I)

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- Assumptions
  - Phase II asset
  - 50% of success to get to Phase III
  - Phase II trial cost is \$10M
  - License terms today: \$40M
  - License terms given successful Phase II: \$140M

# Application: License Now or Wait? (II)



Assuming you can raise money on favorable terms\*, licensor should consider waiting to license until after Phase II.

\* Analysis doesn't yet include dilution or discounting on future deal

# Case Study: Licensing Transaction (I)



- Situation
  - Microcap public company had lead Ph III product for opioid addiction
  
- Challenge
  - This was a difficult story to sell
  - Heads of CNS BD in most pharma had no idea how widespread the addiction issue was and addiction generally was an unfavored TA
  - Heads of CNS at the time thought the highest selling product in the space was doing \$60-80M, when in fact it was doing >\$1B



# Case Study: Licensing Transaction (II)



- Strategy
  - Company market cap was so far below our view of the product's true value that our strategy was a full, upfront disclosure of our valuation analysis
  - We developed the story around the program to drive interest and value
  - Large part of this story was a deep dive into the reasoning behind the revenue forecast and commercialization expenses
  - Focus on IRR to partner given assumptions both sides can agree on
- Result
  - Had board instead sold company, it would likely have received a premium of 20-40% on a market cap of <\$60M
  - Had it raised money, shareholders would have taken a significant dilution hit
  - Biobucks for the partnership deal struck was \$305M partnership and, more importantly, eNPV to company shareholders was multiples of the expected acquisition price
  - eIRR to partner was >30%

**Win-Win Structures Get Deals Done**

# Summary

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- Valuation gives you negotiating leverage and improves decision making
- Entrepreneurs need to build companies from the perspective of the potential investors and partners
- Plan for your exit from the beginning