

Systematic Innovation in Pharmaceutical Industry

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- What is TRIZ?
- How are TRIZ and Systematic Innovation (SI) Used in the Pharmaceutical Industry?
- Which Pharma Companies Use TRIZ/SI?
- Back-up - What are TRIZ and Systematic Innovation (TRIZ/SI)?

What is TRIZ?

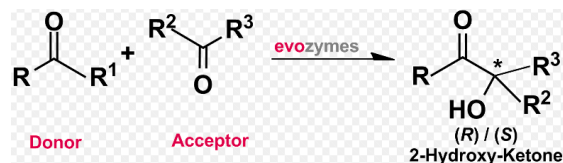
- TRIZ – The Theory of Inventive Problem Solving
 - Science based on the historical trends found in the world wide patent database as reflected in the commercially successful advancement of technical systems



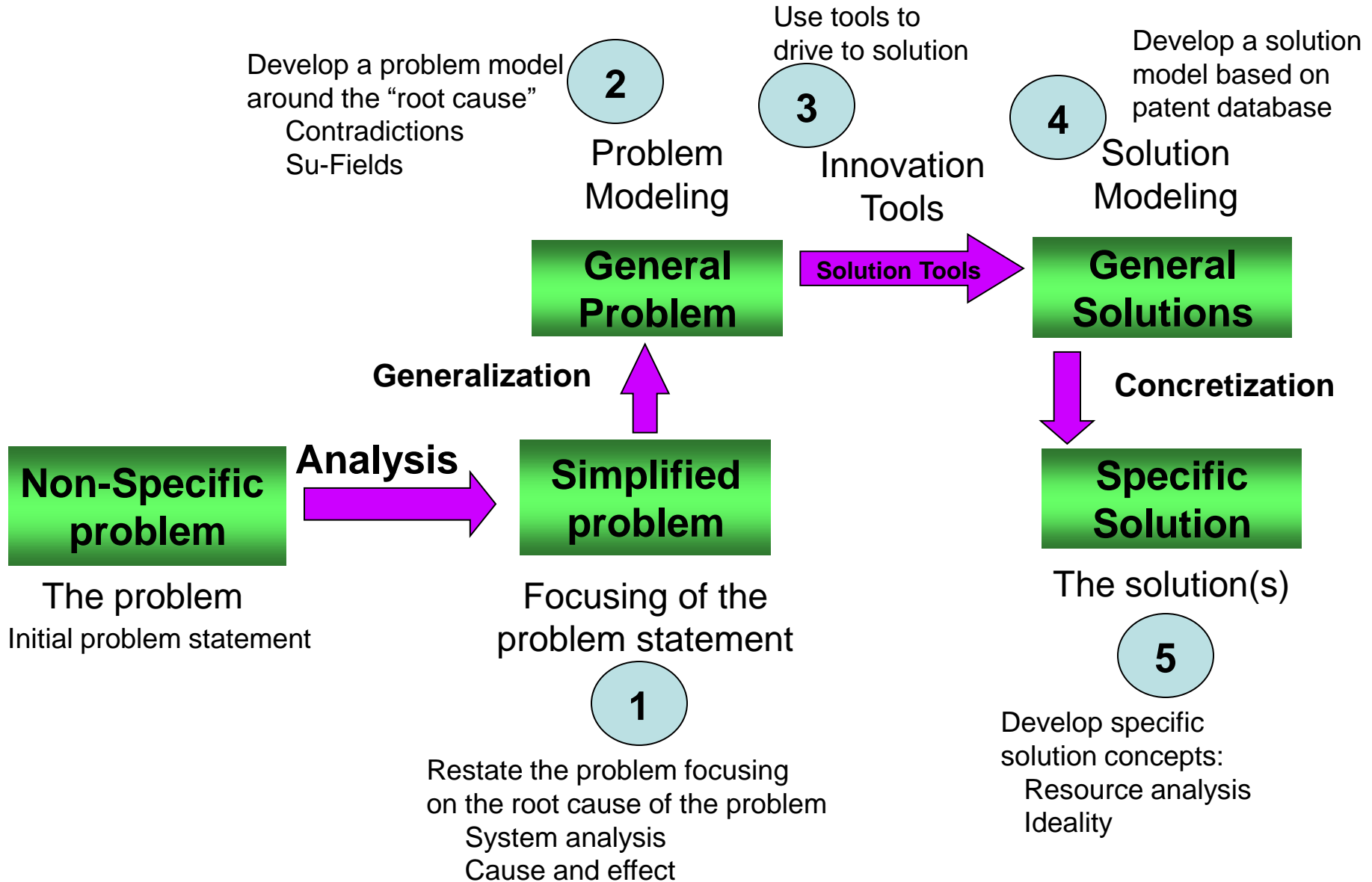
- Only problem solving methodology that has hard (*vs. soft – e.g. brainstorming, design thinking, etc.*) solution development tool sets

Though the initial research leading to the development of TRIZ was based on electro-mechanical/thermal systems it has since been shown that it works on any type of system.

System – a set of interaction components that create a function (or output)



What is TRIZ? - Innovation Process Map



How are TRIZ/SI Used in the Pharmaceutical Industry?

- TRIZ/SI usage in the pharmaceutical industry covers a wide range of applications:
 1. Active ingredient/functional group interaction analysis
 2. Functional group interaction with target biological components
 3. Target biological components
 4. Packaging (delivery mode) innovation
 5. Pharmaceutical manufacturing process improvement
 6. Analysis and improvement of research and business process methodologies.

Comprehensive set of tools and methods for effectively innovating a wide variety of challenges

How are TRIZ/SI Used in the Pharmaceutical Industry?

- TRIZ/SI usage in the pharmaceutical industry covers a wide range of applications:
 1. Active ingredient/functional interaction analysis
 2. System analysis of drug interaction with target and non-target biological components

Examples:

- Innovation direction for aspirin side effects
- Innovation direction for addressing antimicrobial resistance
- Back-up
 - Innovation direction for improvement of SSRI antidepressant
 - Innovation direction drill down for neurotransmitter functioning

How are TRIZ/SI Used in the Pharmaceutical Industry?

Non-Specific problem

The problem

Initial problem statement

- Innovation direction for aspirin side effects

How Aspirin Works

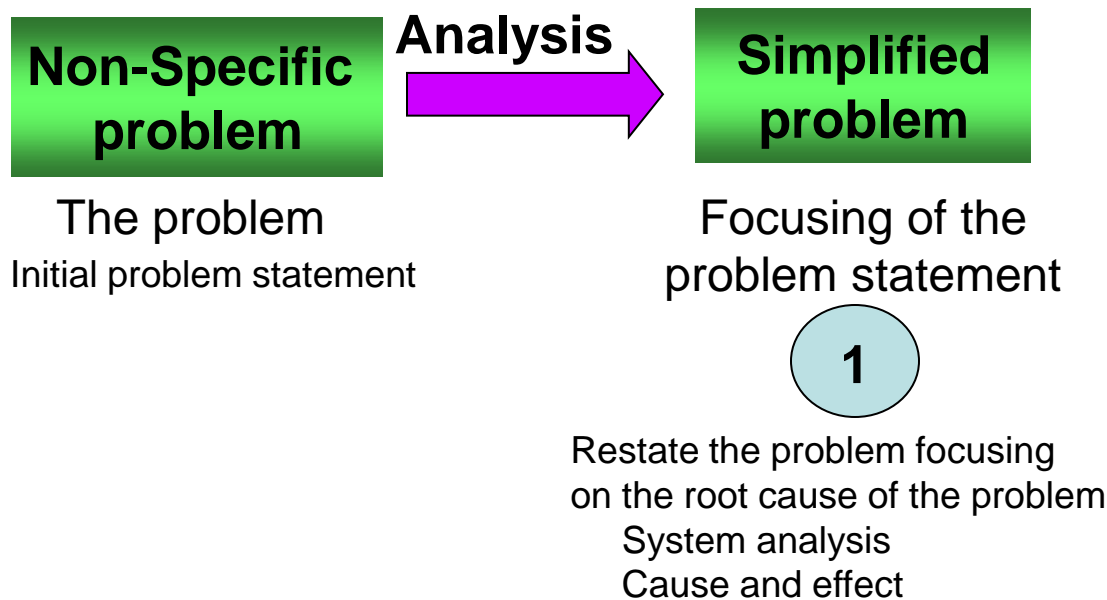
- Damaged tissue releases a chemical (prostaglandin) that makes nerve endings transmit pain signals at a higher level. The tissue makes the prostaglandin using an enzyme called cyclooxygenase 2 (COX-2).

**Non-Specific
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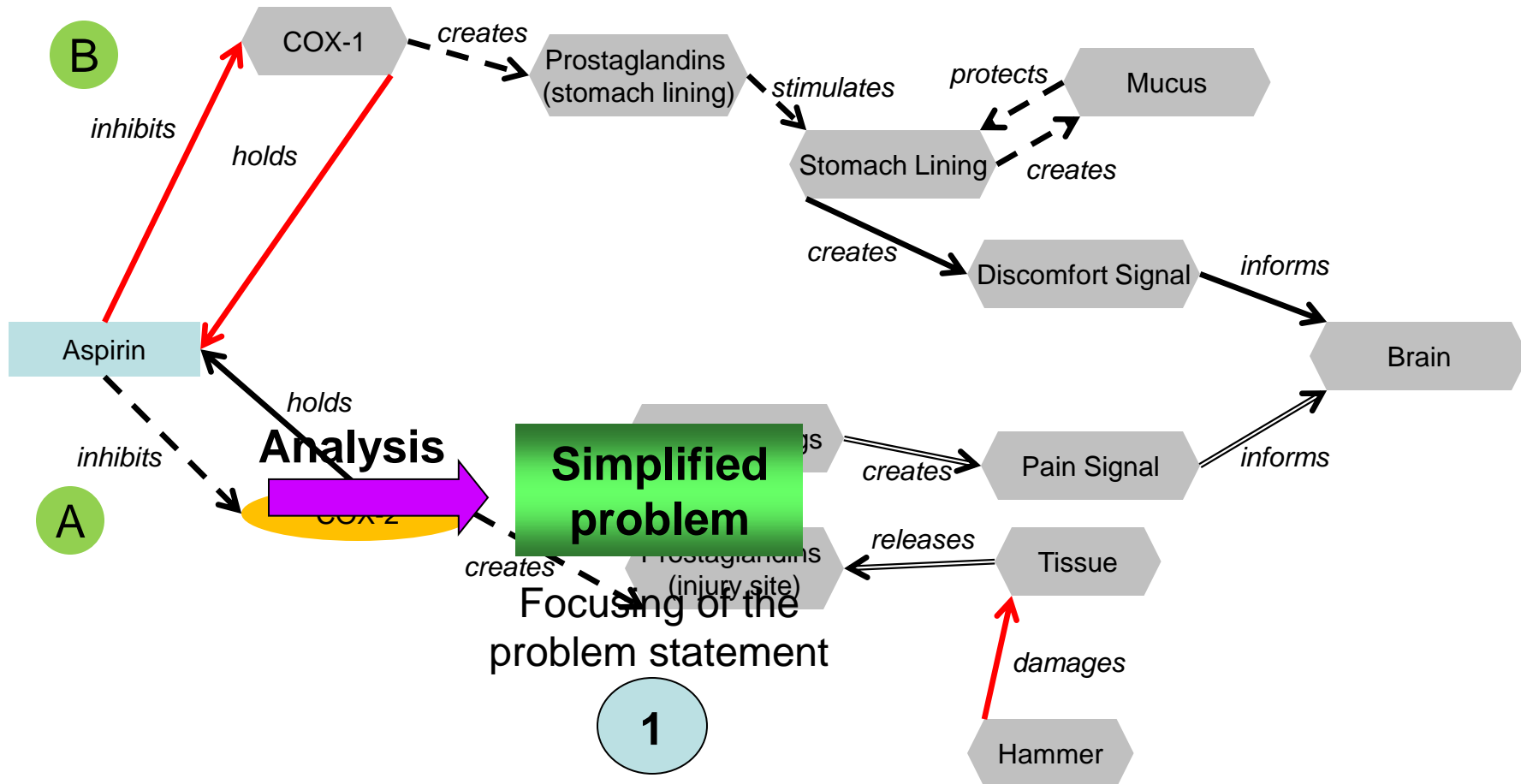
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Innovation direction for aspirin side effects



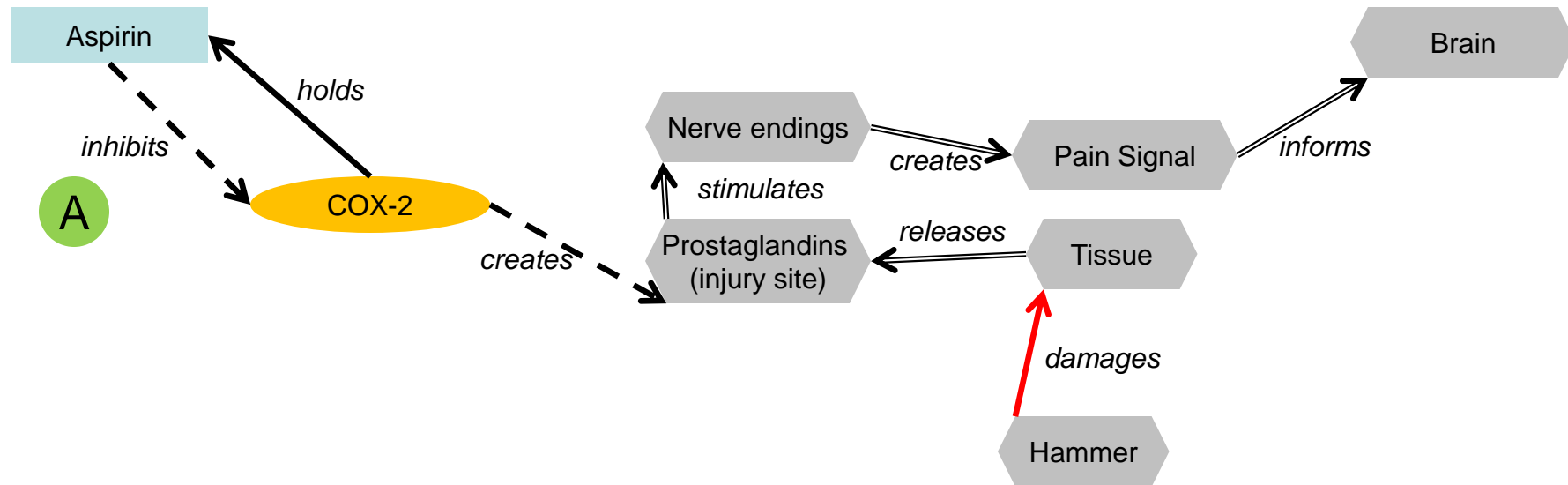
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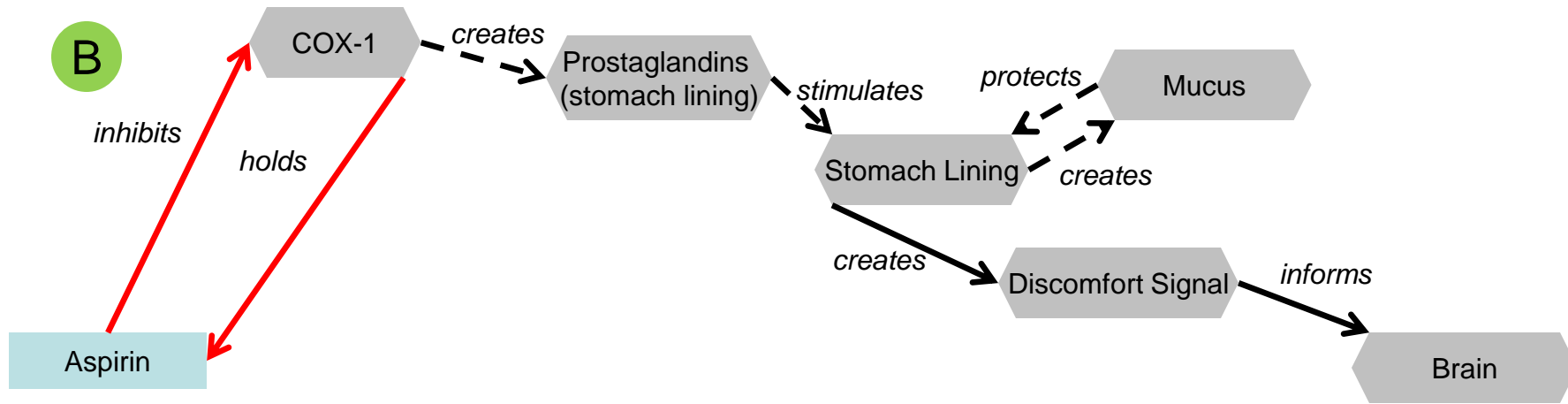
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 System analysis
 Cause and effect

- Innovation direction for aspirin side effects

Need to maintain or enhance positive effect of aspirin

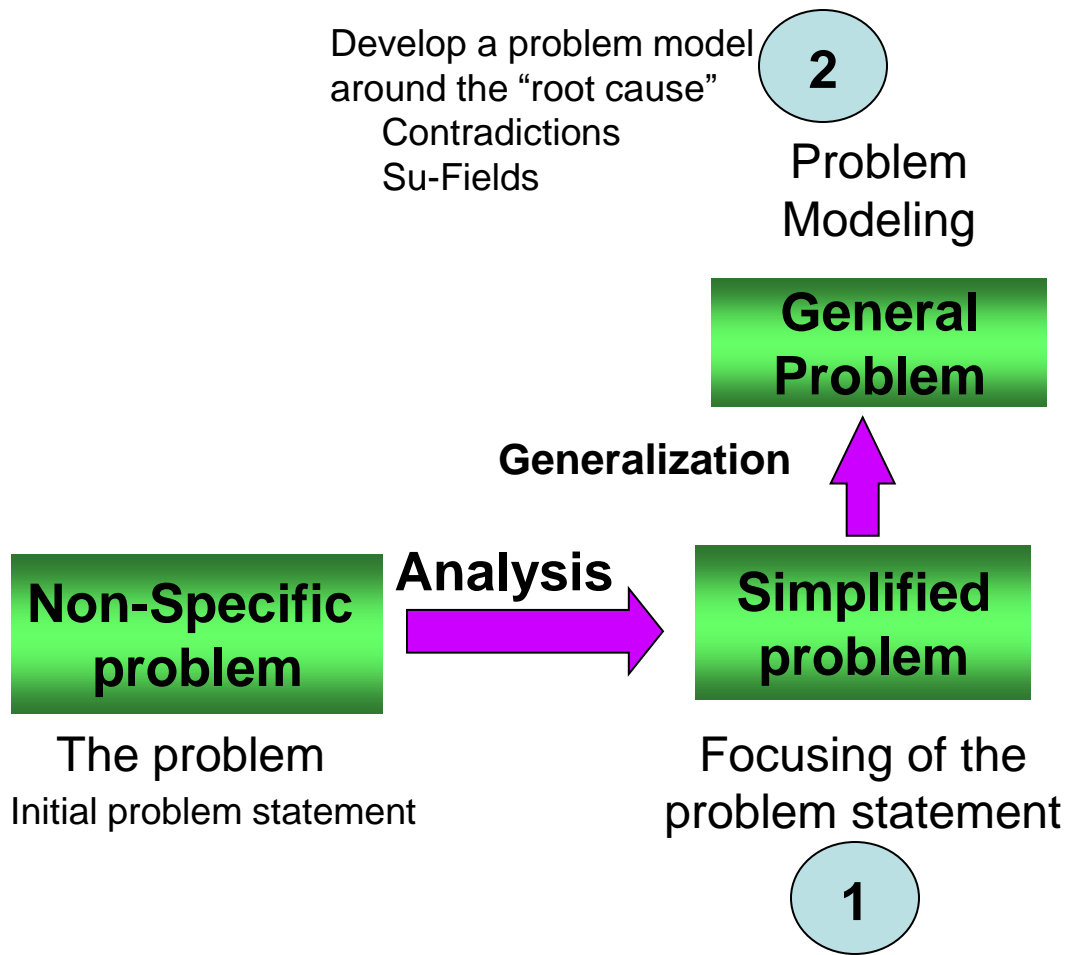


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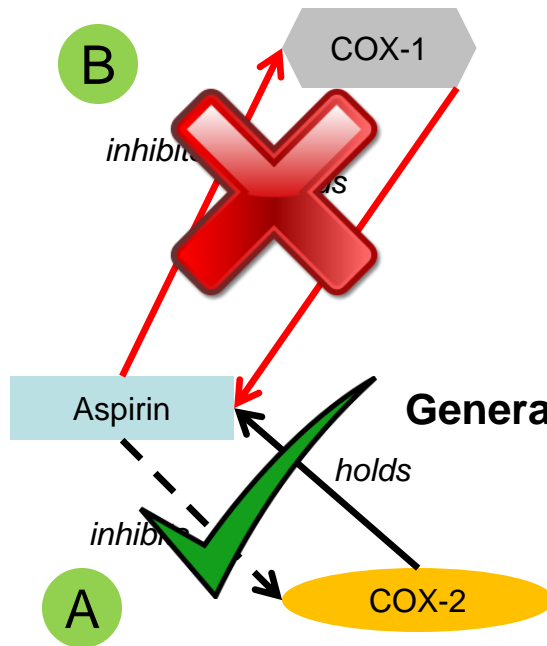


Need to stop or reduce negative effect of aspirin

Innovation Case Study - Aspirin



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Problem Modeling

General Problem

Generalization Statement:

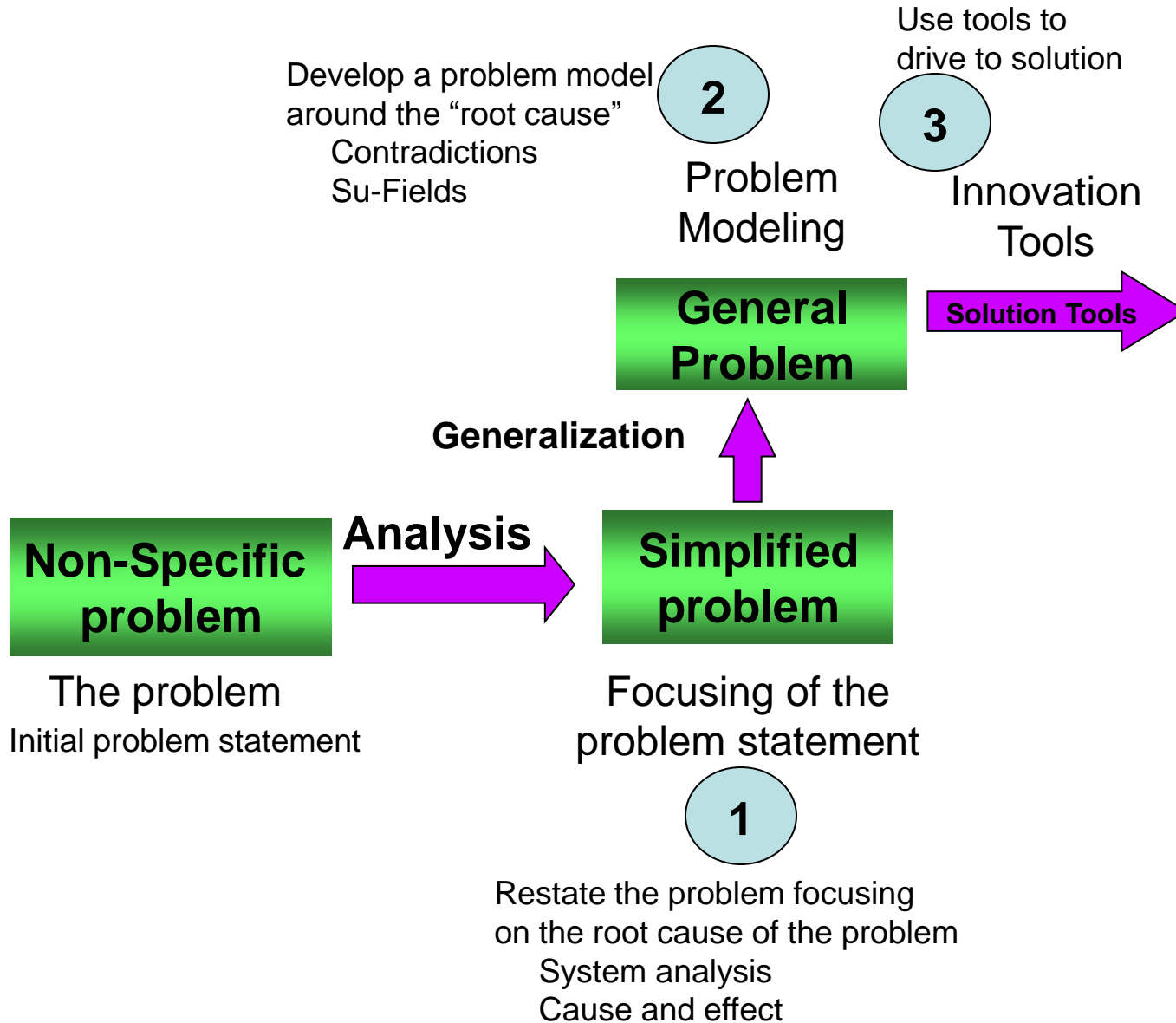
to effect the body in order to reduce pain sensation



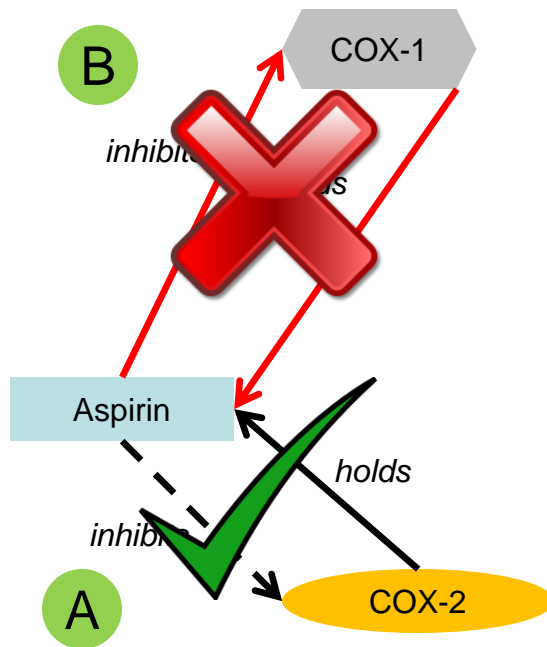
Do not want aspirin to effect the body in order to keep stomach lining healthy

Generalization

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Innovation
Tools

Contradiction:

- ✓ Want aspirin to effect the body in order to reduce pain sensation
- ✗ Do not want aspirin to effect the body in order to keep stomach lining healthy

This contradiction can be separated in 2 distinct ways:

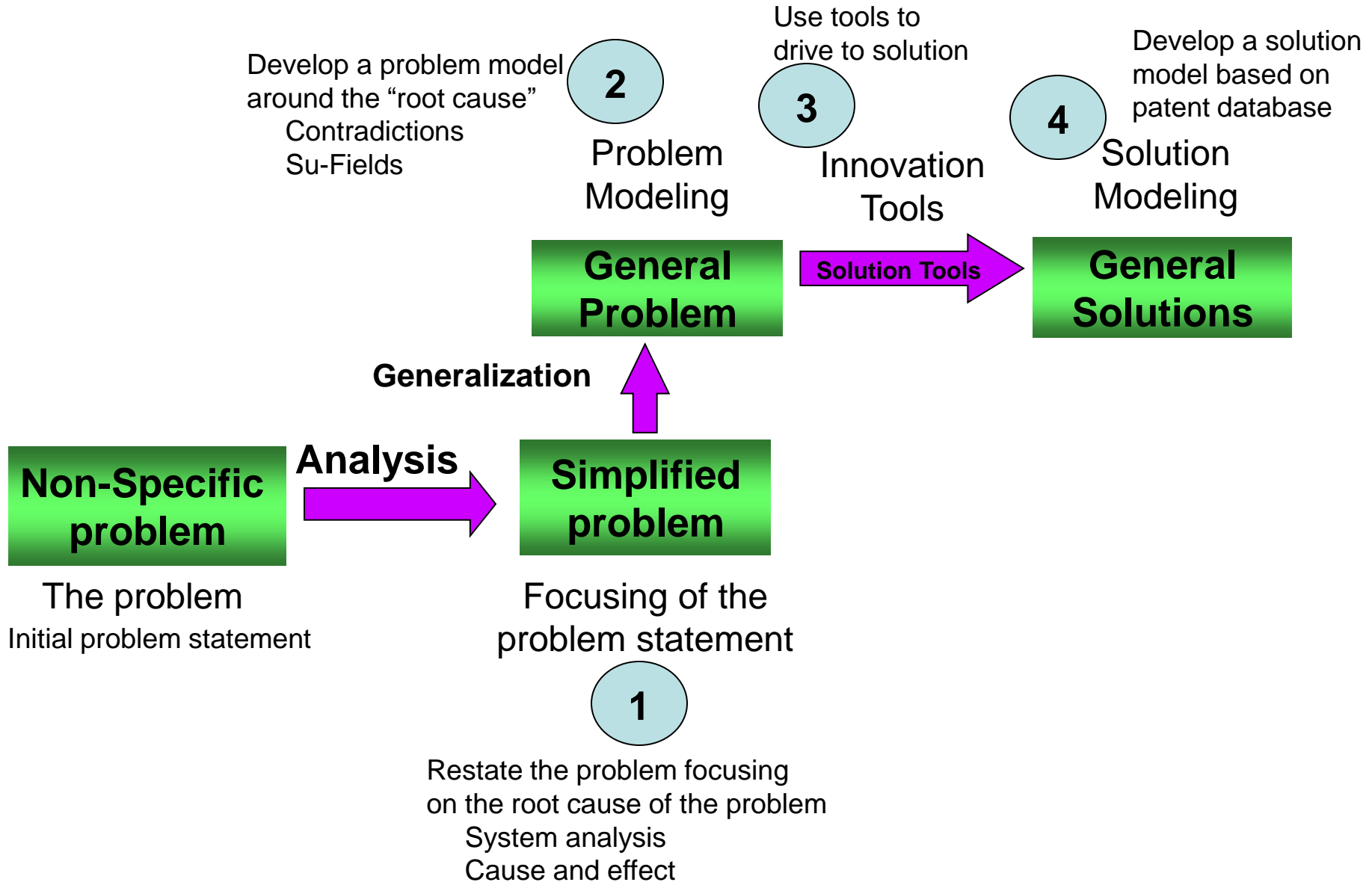
1.) Space

- Where do we want aspirin to effect the body? At the point of injury
- Where do we not want aspirin to effect the body? In the stomach

2.) Relation

- In relation to what do we want the aspirin to effect the body? COX-2
- In relation to what do we not want the aspirin to effect the body? COX-1

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Inventive Principles for Use in Separation in Space Strategies:

Separation in Space - Inventive Principles

1. Segmentation

2. Taking Out

3. Local Quality

7. "Nested Doll"

4. Asymmetry

17. Another Dimension

4

Solution
Modeling

General
Solutions

Develop a solution
model based on
patent database

Nested doll - Put the drug inside another functioning material

- Non-reactive coating

Local quality - Have the drug behave differently when exposed to different chemistries

- Coating that reacts with chemistry outside of stomach

Another dimension - Apply the solution at a much smaller scale

- Utilize nano-scale delivery

Combined Solution - Utilize nano-particles as a coating that are small enough to be immediately absorbed by small intestines that will not activate until exposed to blood chemistry.

•Innovation direction for aspirin side effects

Inventive Principles for Use in Separation in Relation Strategies:

Separation in Relation - Inventive Principles

40. Composite Materials

31. Porous Materials

32. Color (Optical Property) Changes

3. Local Quality

19. Periodic Action

17. Another Dimension

Composite materials – Combine the drug with other materials

- Place the aspirin inside another device

Porous materials – Place the drug in a porous material

- Utilize a porous device to release the drug

Local quality – Apply the drug where needed

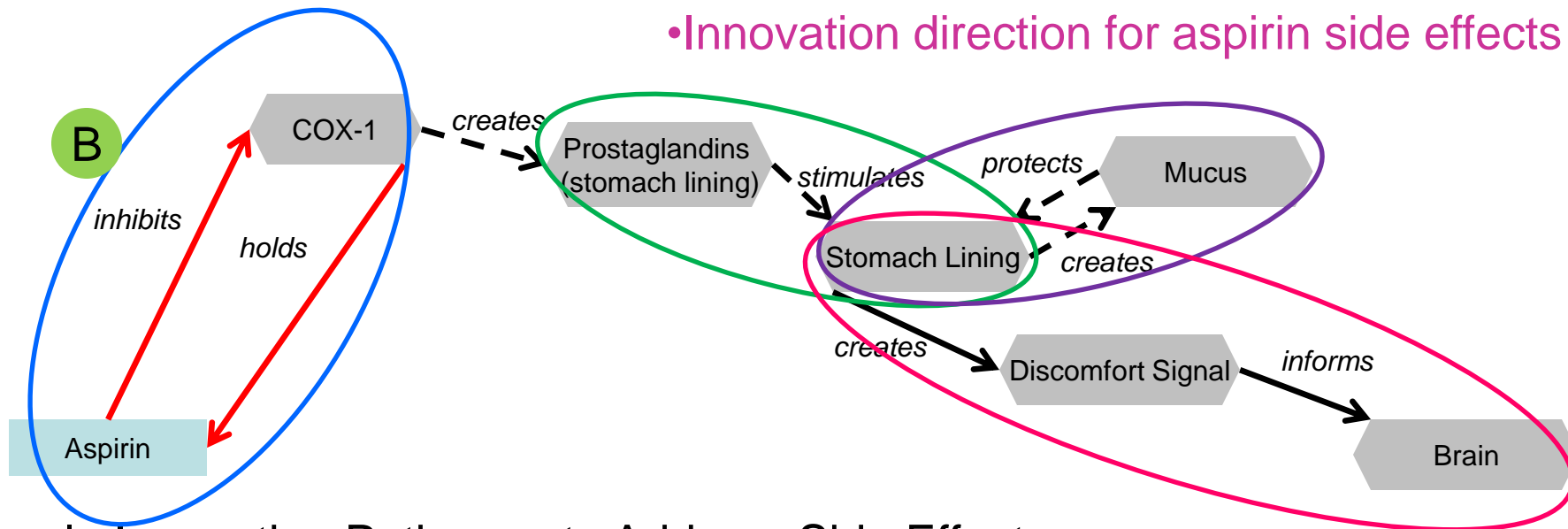
- Place the device at the site of injury

Periodic action – Apply the drug periodically

- Release the aspirin in burst over time

Combined Solution – Utilize patch technology to deliver aspirin in bursts at the site of injury avoiding interaction with COX-1 in stomach. Patch could double as a protective adhesive strip when used at skin injury sites.

• Innovation direction for aspirin side effects



Sample Innovation Pathways to Address Side Effect:

Inhibit aspirin from binding with COX-1

- Occupy COX-1 binding sites with an inactive chemical
- Render aspirin incapable of binding while in stomach
- Reduce aspirin's capability for binding
- Block interaction between COX-1 and aspirin

Improve ability of prostaglandin to stimulate mucus production

- Accelerate production of prostaglandin in stomach
- Improve ability of prostaglandin to stimulate lining

Drive alternative mucus production/effect

- Find alternative stimulation of mucus production
- Find alternative stomach lining protection

Mask symptoms

- Block creating of "signal"
- Block reception of "signal"

10 "location" opportunities for application of contradiction analysis in developing innovative solutions

Need to Address Antimicrobial Resistance

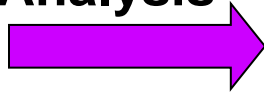
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Analysis



**Simplified
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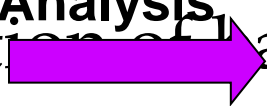
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How Bacteria Resist Antibiotics

- 4 primary mechanisms by which bacteria become antibiotic resistant

- 1 Drug inactivation or modification
- 2 Alteration of antibiotic binding site
- 3 Antibiotic removal
- 4 Antibiotic blockage

Analysis



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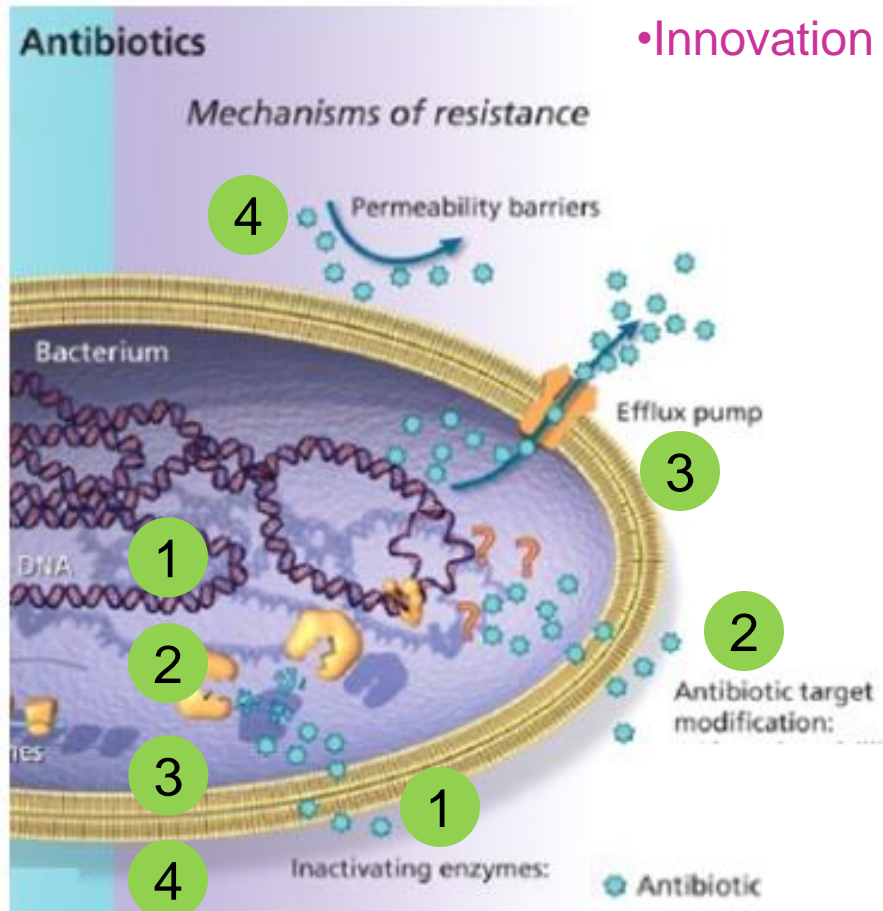
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1 Stop drug modification or deactivation

- stop bacteria from producing protection enzymes
- stop enzymes from attaching an acetyl group
- stop antibiotic from holding the acetyl group

2 Stop modification of bacteria binding site

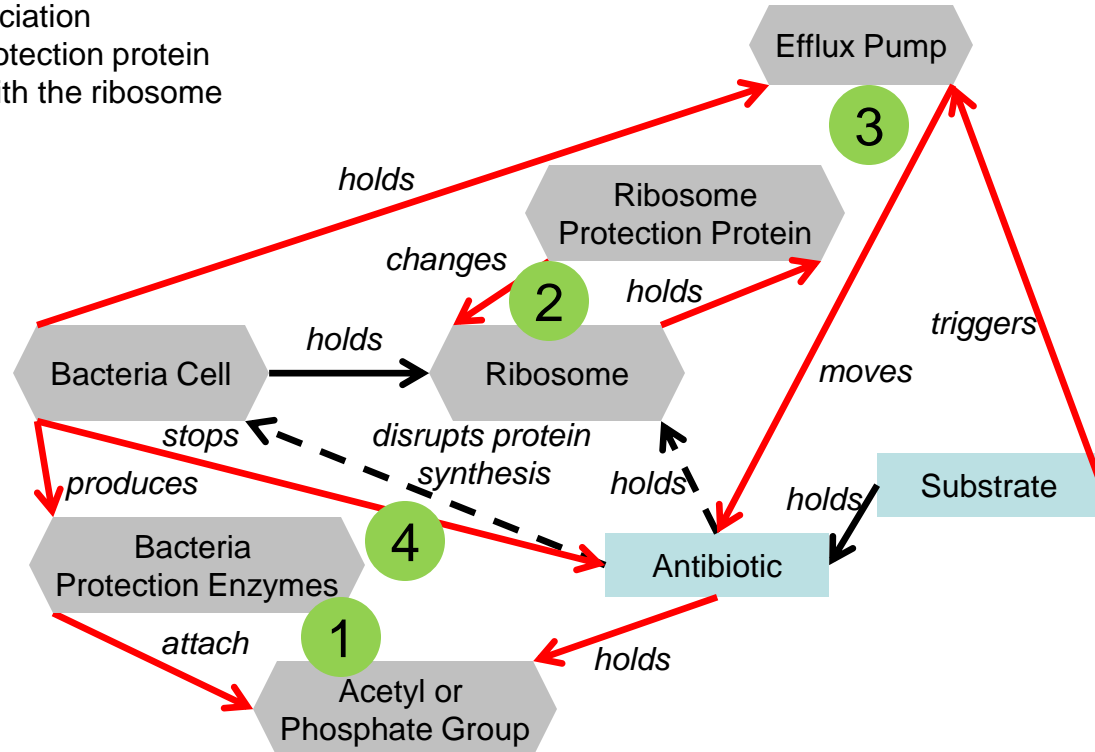
- disrupt the bacteria and ribosome association
- stop the connection of the ribosome protection protein
- create an antibiotic that can still bind with the ribosome

3 Stop antibiotic removal

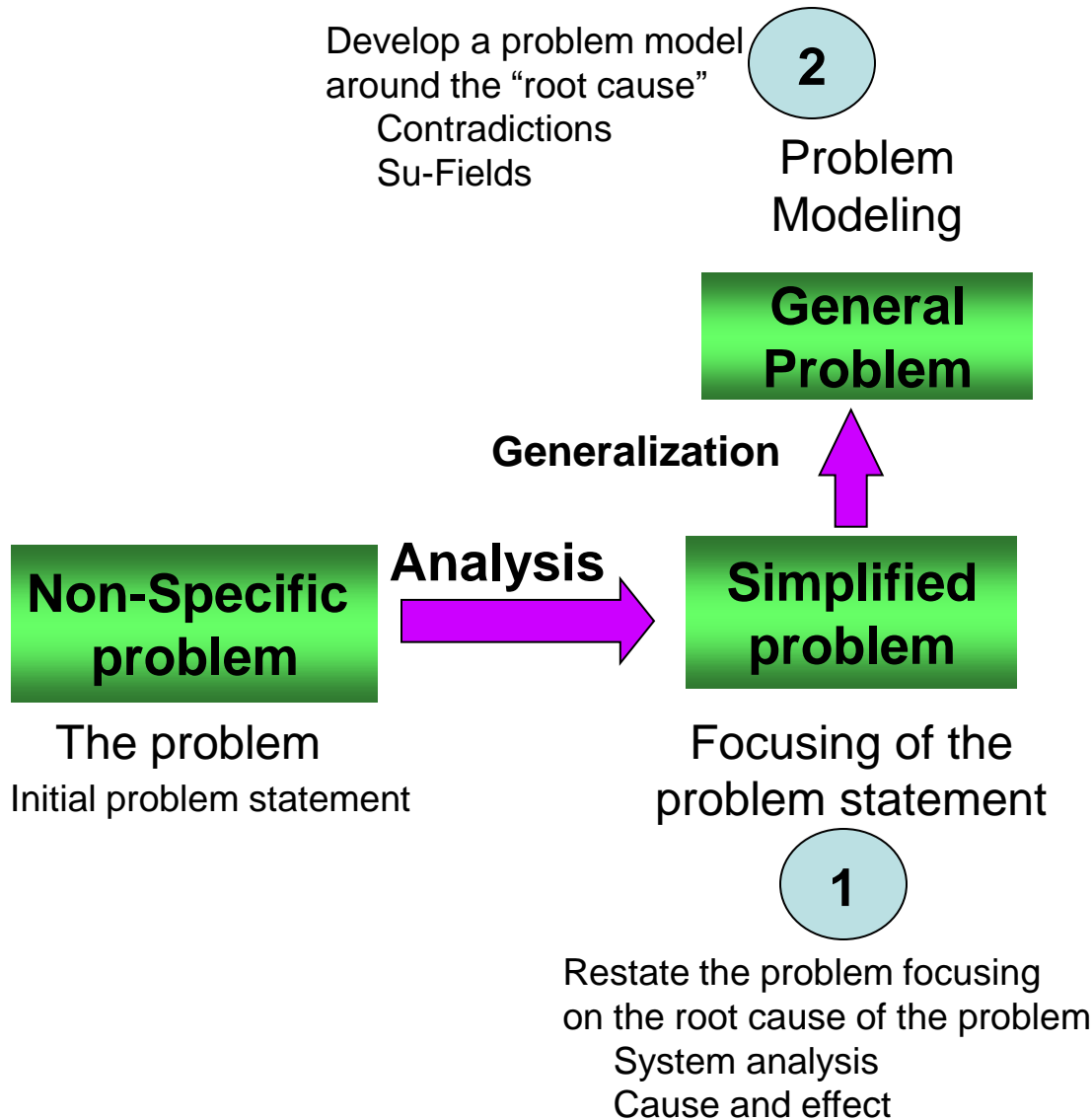
- disrupt the function of the efflux pump
- stop the triggering of the efflux pump
- remove the efflux pump
- stop the interaction of the pump with the antibiotic

4 Insure entrance of antibiotic into bacteria

- increase permeability of bacteria cell
- reduce size of antibiotic
- Improve antibiotics penetration



Innovation Case Study - Aspirin



Innovation Case Study - Antimicrobial Resistance

• Innovation direction for addressing antimicrobial resistance

Develop a problem model

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• If the antibiotic contains the necessary substrate then the antibiotic can effect the bacteria but the efflux pump can remove the antibiotic

Contradictions
Su-Fields

Problem

Modeling

General
Problem

Abstracting
the problem
statement

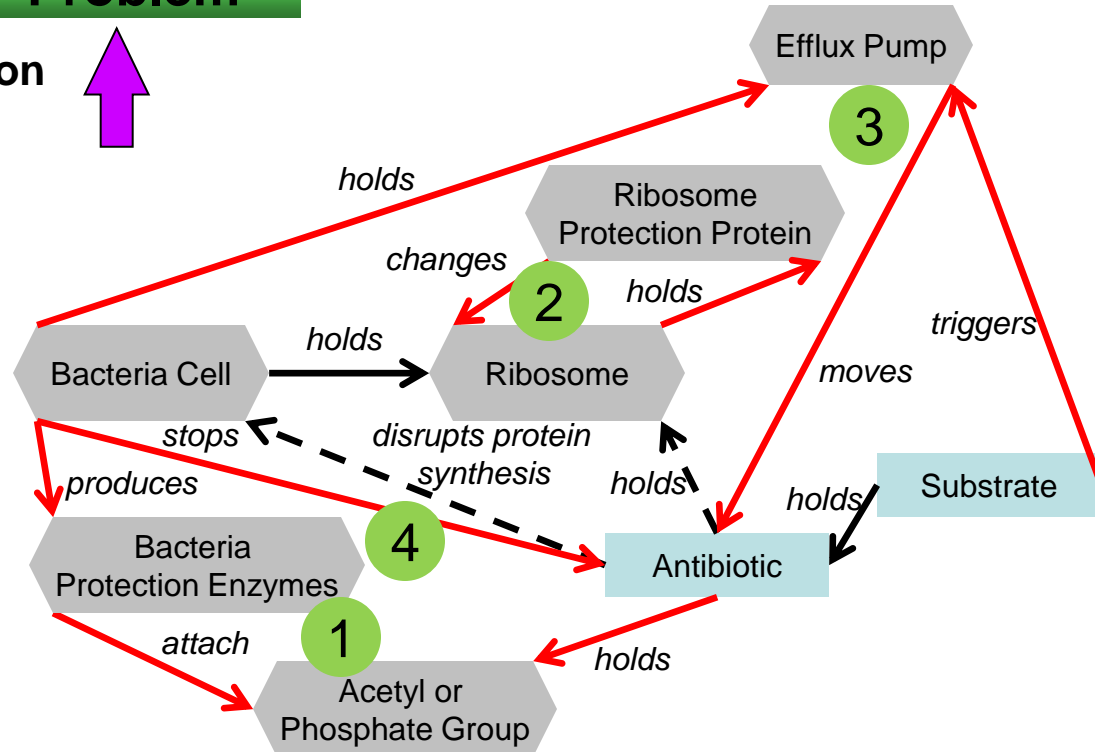
• If the antibiotic does not contain the necessary substrate then the efflux pump can not remove it but the antibiotic can not effect bacteria

Generalization

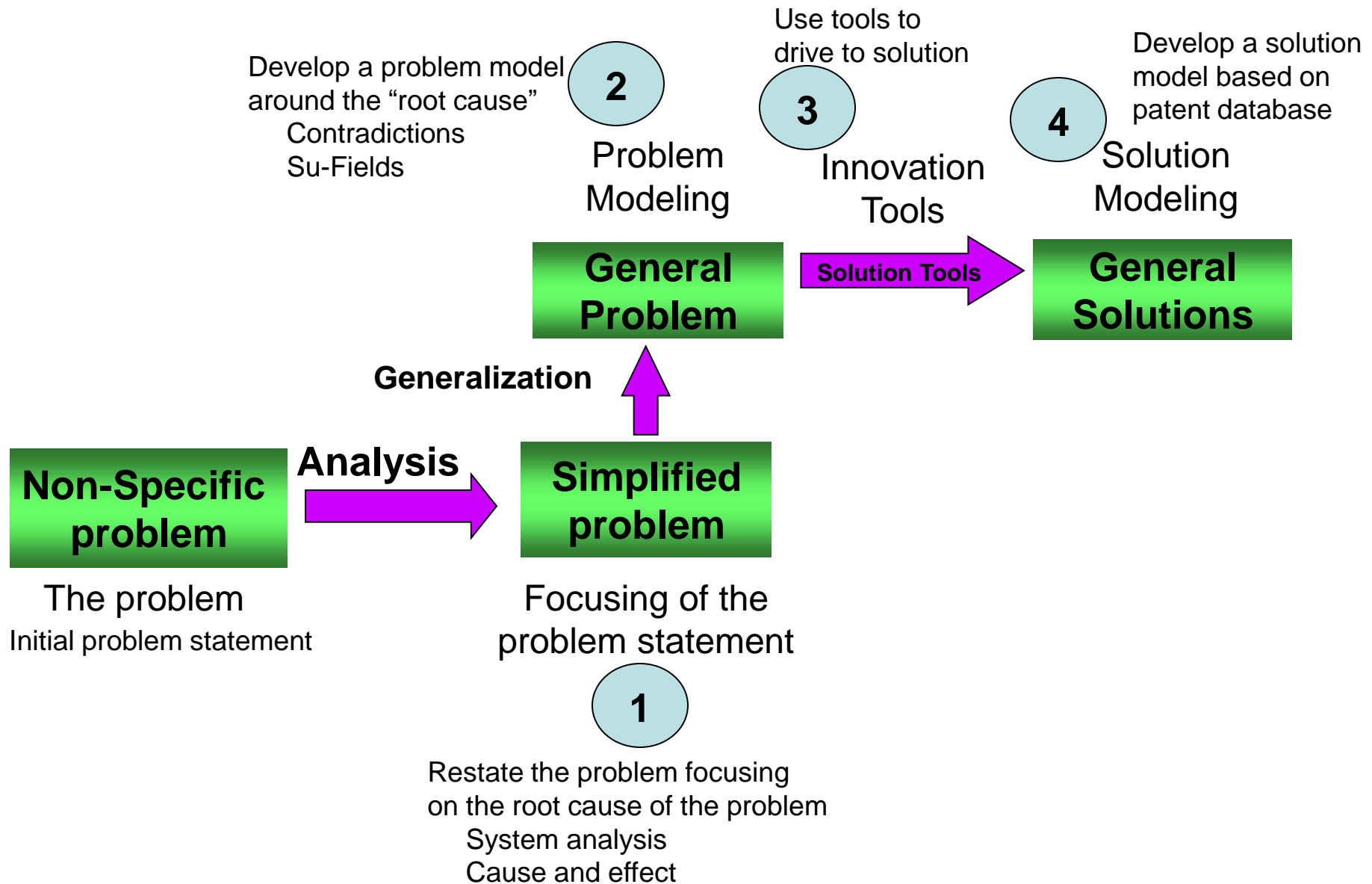


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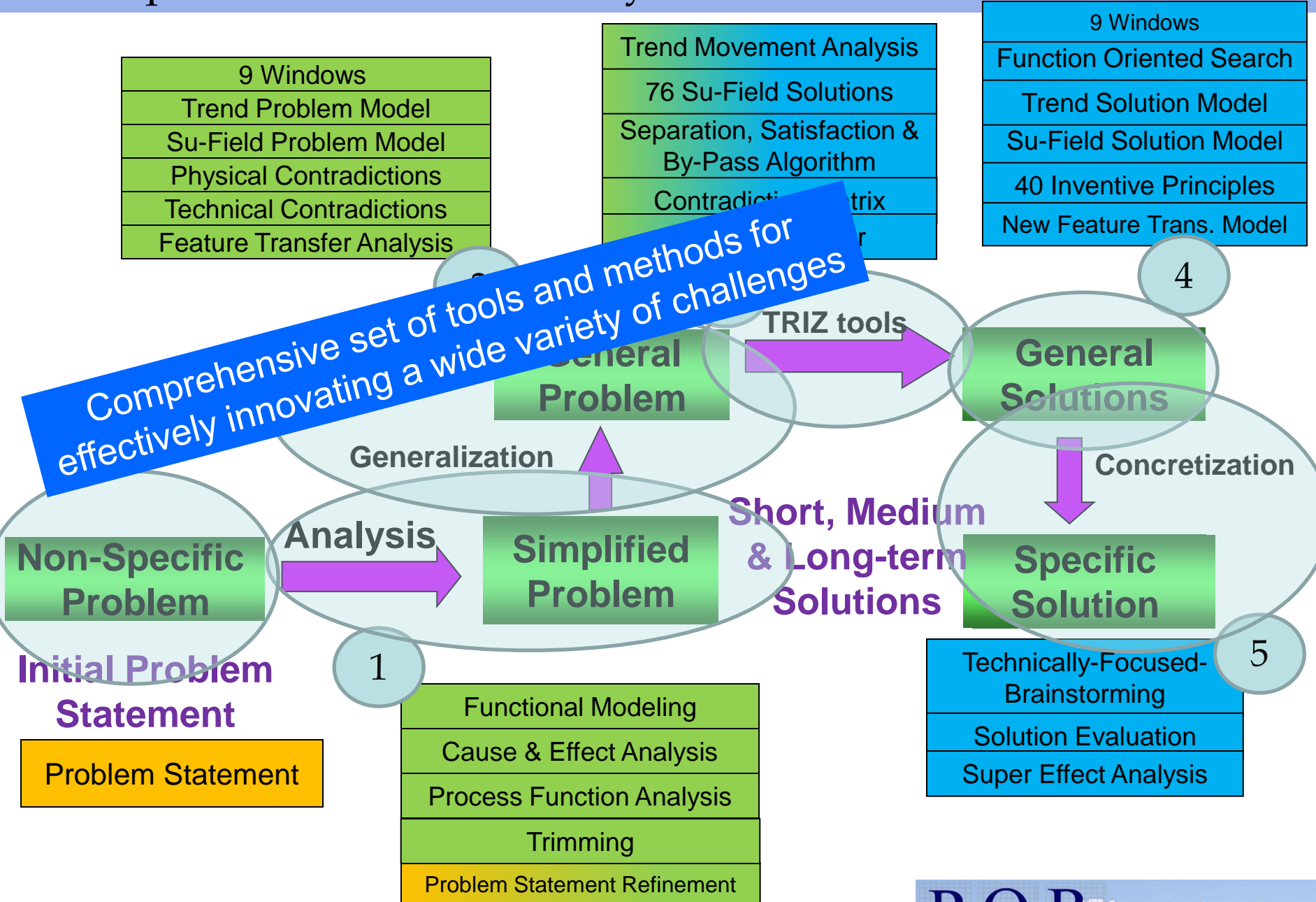
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Innovation Case Study – Antimicrobial Resistance



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Analyzing and innovating specific equipment issues and problems

5. Pharmaceutical manufacturing process improvement

Operation	Function	Category	Type	Performance Level		Cost
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Steel Fabrication	makes molten steel		P			4
Slab Forming	pour steel		T	location	excessive	2
	form steel		S	shape	sufficient	2
	cool steel		C	time	insufficient	3
	transport steel (from mold)		T	location	excessive	1
	create irregularities (on ingot surface)	H				
	polish slab		C	smoothness	sufficient	2
Transport	move slab		T	location	excessive	1
	roll slab		P	thickness	excessive	3
Fabricate Sheets	create micro-protrusion (edges and surfaces)	H				
	measure sheet		M	thickness	sufficient	1
	trim sheet		C	linearity	sufficient	2
Forming Pipes	cut sheet		P	length	sufficient	2
	die forms sheet		P	curvature	insufficient	2
	rollers form sheet		P	curvature	insufficient	2
Seaming	welds pipe		P		sufficient	4
Tempering	heats pipe		S	temperature	excessive	3
	cool steel		P	time	insufficient	3
Finishing	polishes pipe		C	smoothness	sufficient	3

Analyzing and innovating overall manufacturing process

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Analyzing and innovating overall R&D and business processes

6. Analysis and improvement of research and business process methodologies.

Which Pharma Companies Utilize TRIZ/SI?

Use of TRIZ is a closely guarded secret in many industries and particularly so in the pharmaceutical industry (however, below is a sampling of companies that are known to have used TRIZ):



Product and manufacturing innovation
Aspirin and Children's Nyquil innovations

Johnson & Johnson

Pharma development and advancement including:
oncology, immunology, neuroscience, infectious disease groups
Manufacturing process innovation



Bristol-Myers Squibb



MERCK

Macro product/market analysis and trending
Hep C product R&D

Lilly

Merger of TRIZ and Open Innovation -
Innovation Partnering Strategy



Injectable Bacitracin



GlaxoSmithKline

Innovation in Sensodyne and Nicorette
Wide usage in vaccine development
R&D process development

Back-Up

Back-Up - What are TRIZ and Systematic Innovation?

- Systematic Innovation – Complete set of tool (includes TRIZ tools) that allow that application of innovation methodologies to a wide variety of industries and disciplines:

- Pharmaceutical
- Manufacturing
- Technology
- Computing
- Heath Care
- Product Development
- Services
- Banking/Finance

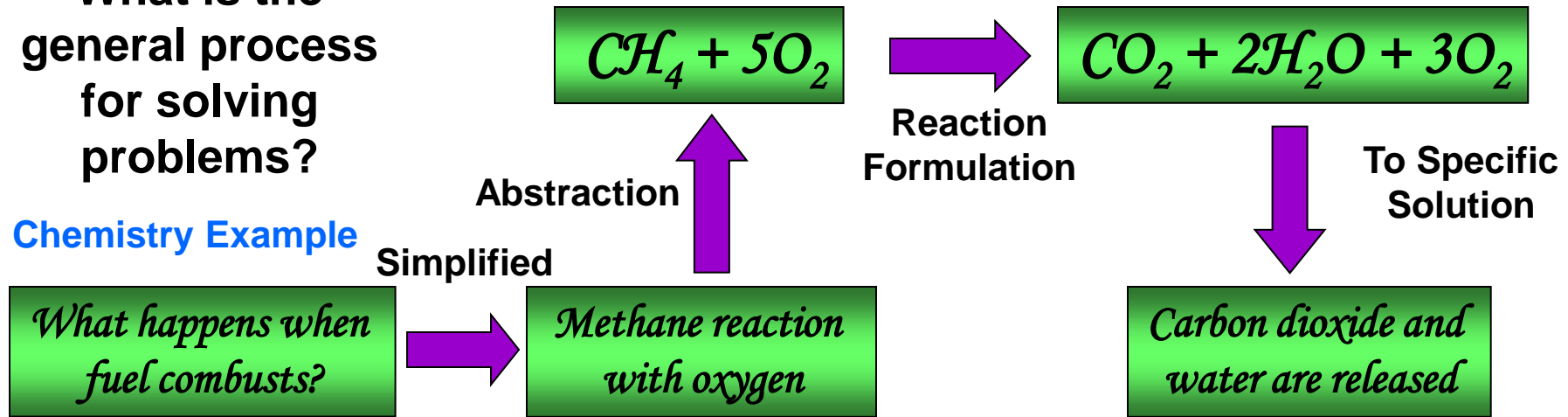
- Can be applied to any system (defined as a set of interacting components that create an output/function)

- Chemical Systems (e.g., pharma analysis/devel.)
- Research Systems (e.g., laboratory processes)
- Business Systems (e.g., compliance operations)
- Manufacturing Systems (e.g., drug manufacturing)
- Computing Systems (e.g., databases)
- Technical Systems (e.g., jet engines)
- Biological Systems (e.g., corn embryos)

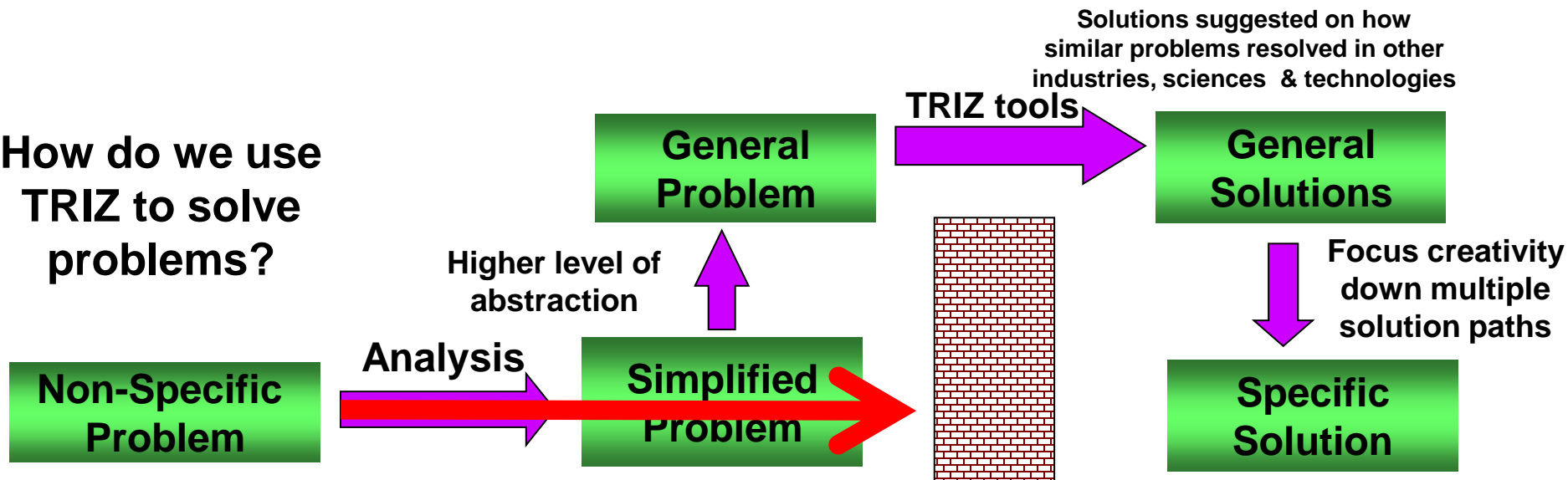
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What is the general process for solving problems?

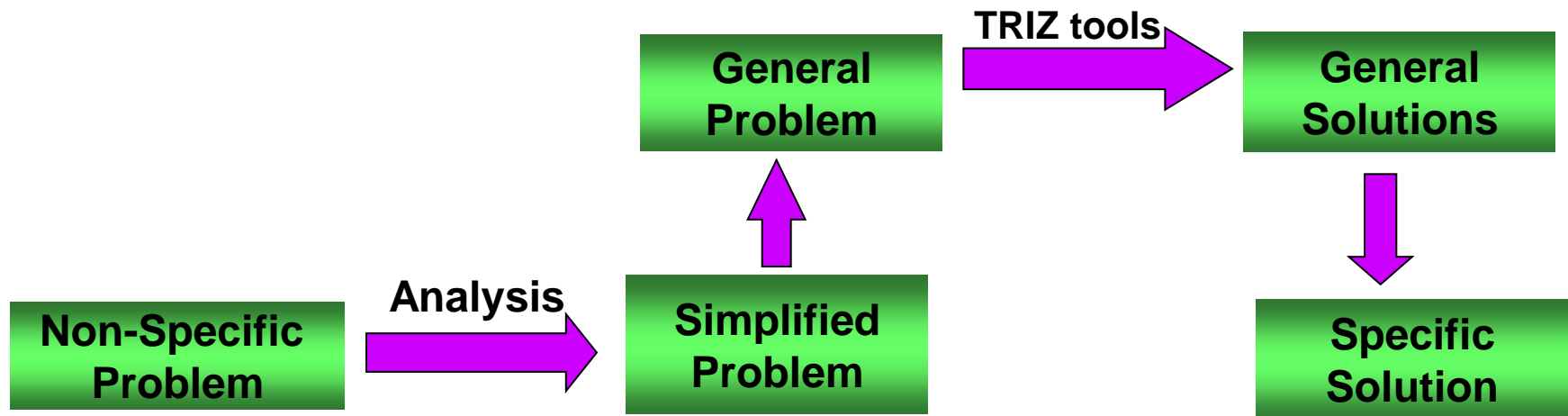
Chemistry Example



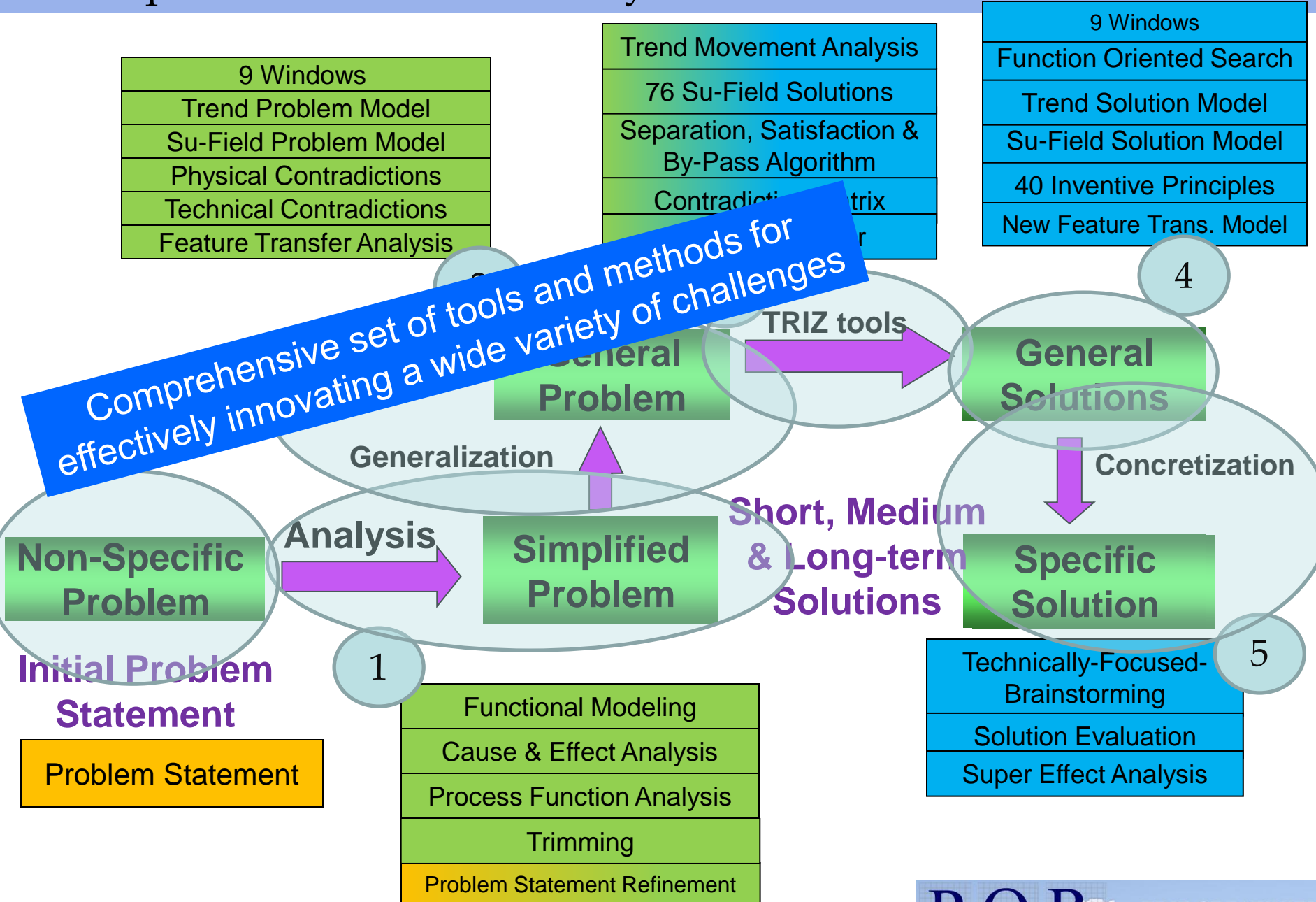
How do we use TRIZ to solve problems?



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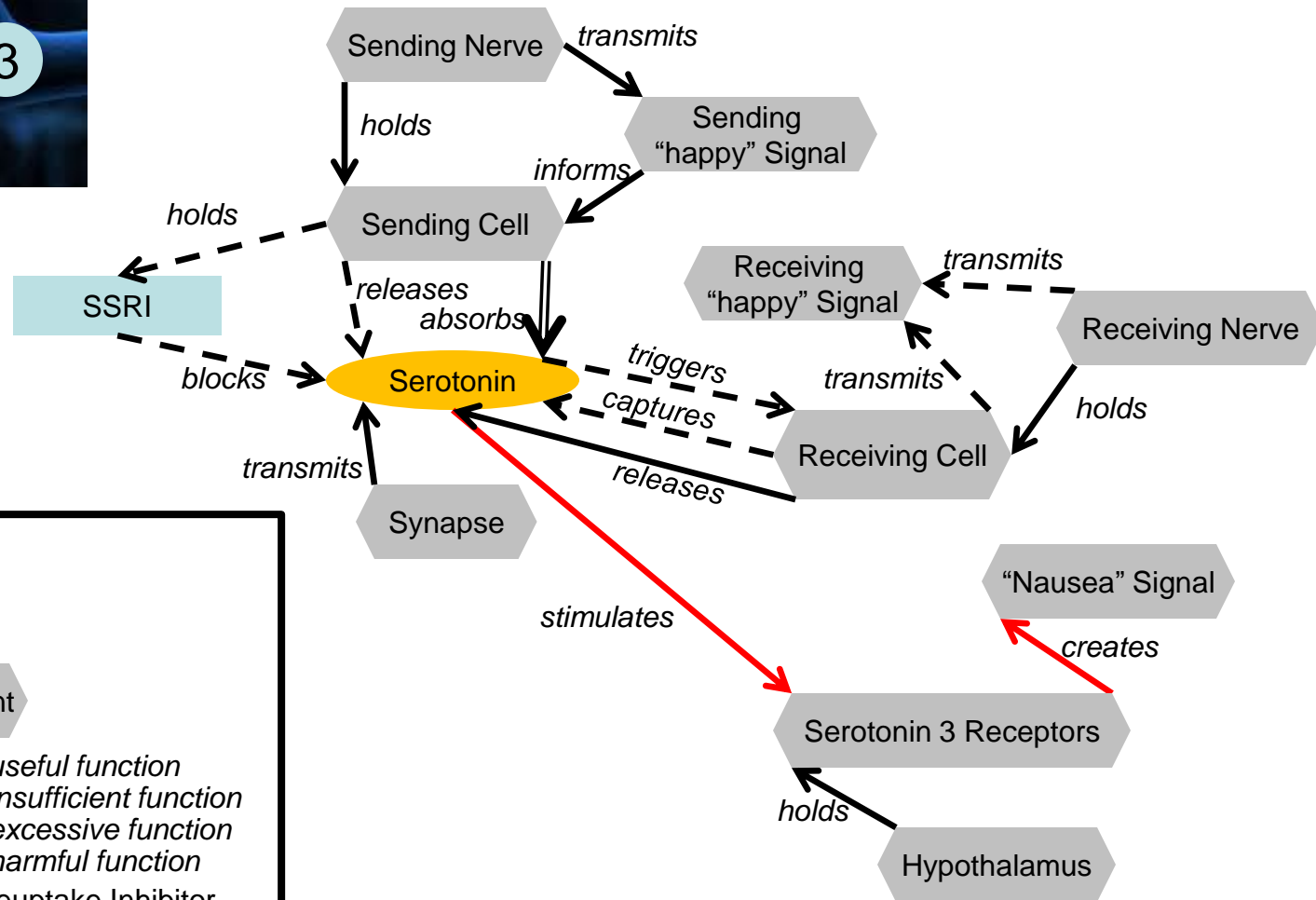
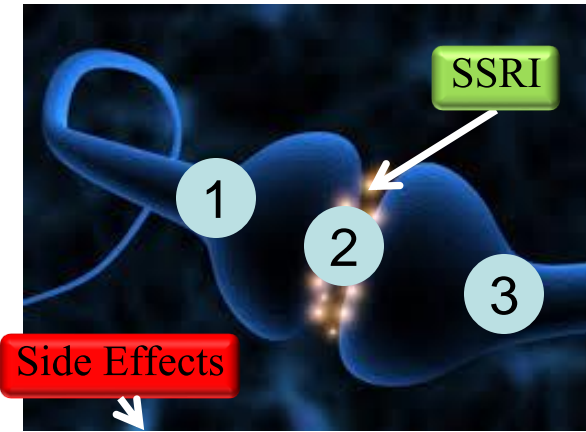


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Innovation Case Study - SSRIs Antidepressant

• Innovation direction for improvement of SSRI antidepressant



Legend

- target (yellow oval)
- System component (light blue rectangle)
- Super-system Component (grey arrowhead)
- useful function (solid black arrow)
- insufficient function (dashed black arrow)
- excessive function (double solid black arrow)
- harmful function (solid red arrow)

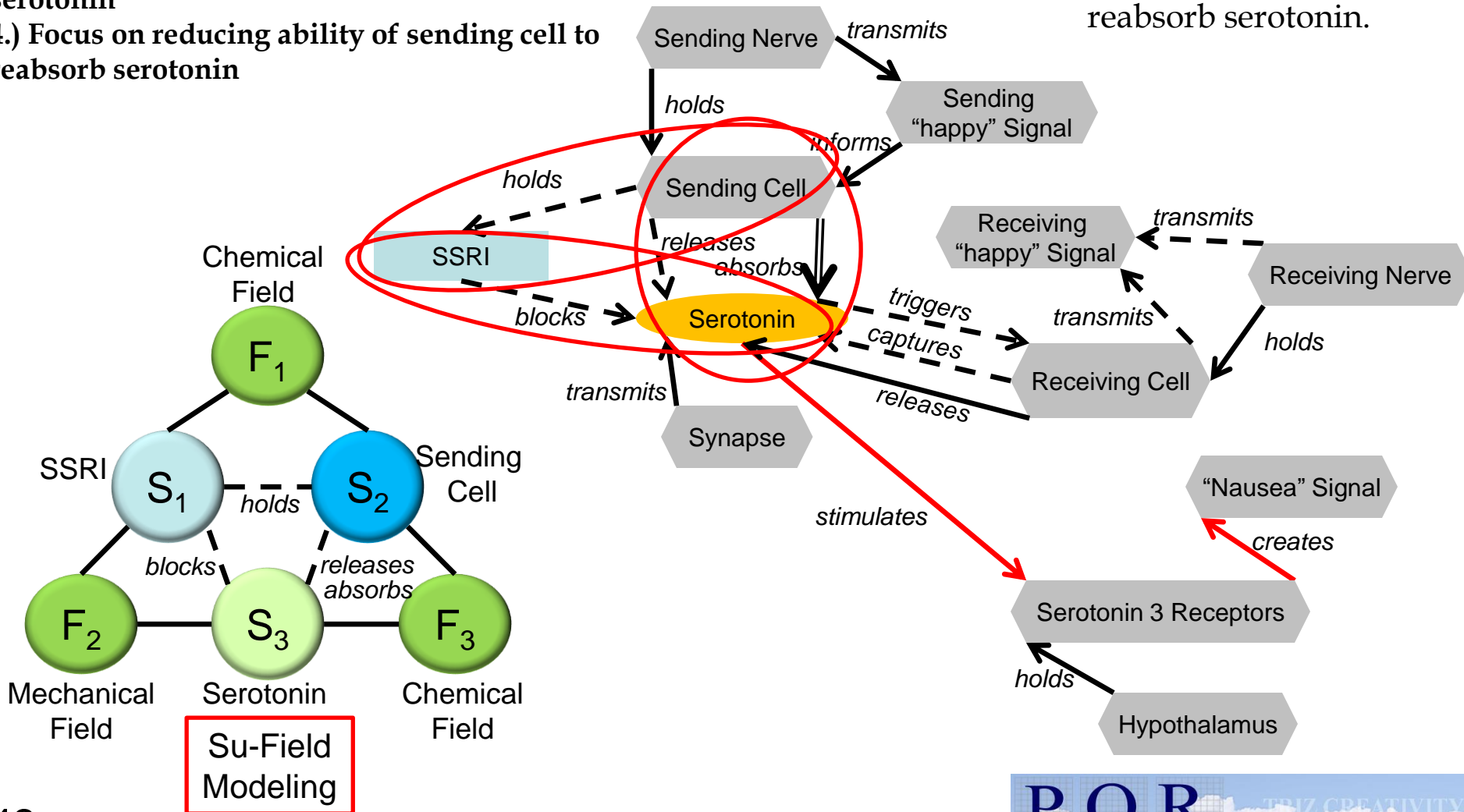
SSRI - Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor

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Innovation direction for improvement of SSRI antidepressant

- 1.) Focus on sending cells ability to hold SSRI
- 2.) Focus on ability of SSRI to block serotonin
- 3.) Focus on ability of sending cell to release serotonin
- 4.) Focus on reducing ability of sending cell to reabsorb serotonin

Advancements focusing on ability of SSRI to reduce sending cells ability to reabsorb serotonin.



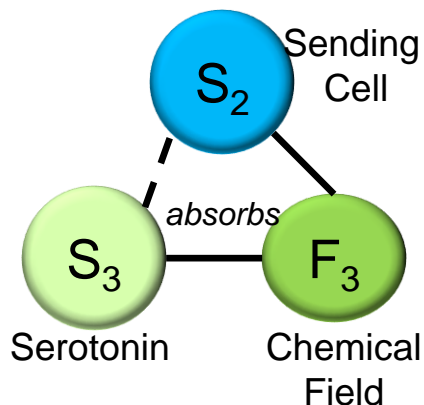
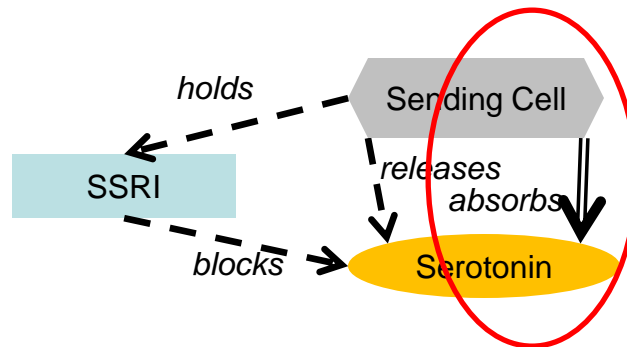
Su-Field Modeling

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4.) Focus on reducing ability of sending cell to reabsorb serotonin



Once Functions are Understood TRIZ Suggests Innovation Pathways

Multiple Su-fields

- Chain Su-Field Model
- Double Su-Field Model

Enforcing Su-Field Models

Applying More Controllable Fields

- Applying More Controllable Fields
- Fragmentation of S_2
- Applying Capillary and Porous Substances
- Dynamization
- Structuring Fields
- Structuring Substances

Enforcing by Matching Rhythms

- Matching Rhythms of F and S_1 or S_2
- Matching Rhythms of F_1 and F_2
- Matching Incompatible or Previously

Independent Actions

Use EM Fields/Substances

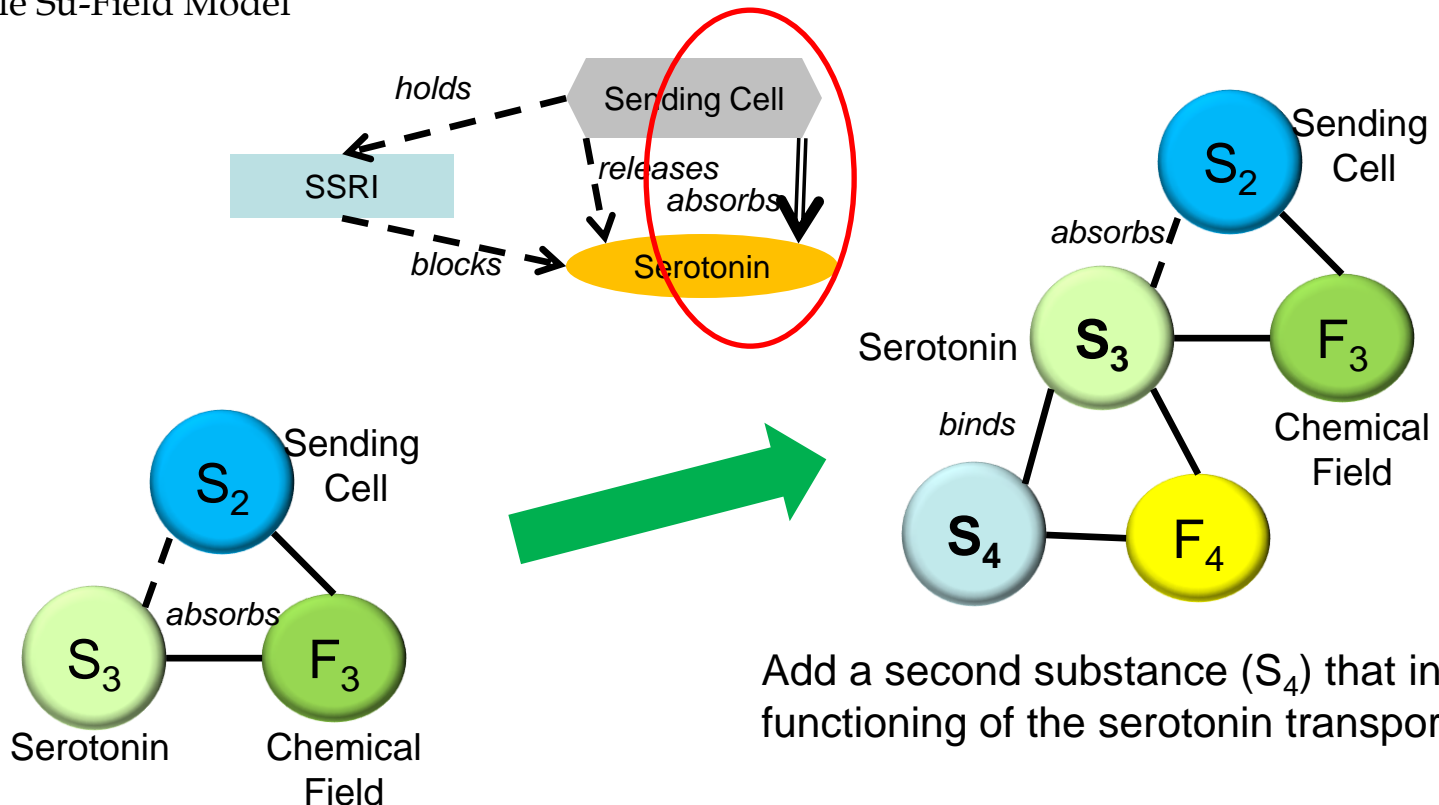
- Pre-Ferro-Field Models
- Ferro-Field Models
- Electro-Magnetic Liquids
- Applying Capillary Structures in Ferro-Field Models
- Complex Ferro-Field Models
- Ferro-Field Models with the Environment
- Applying Physical Effects and Phenomena
- Dynamization
- Structuring
- Matching Rhythms in Ferro-Field Models
- Electro-Field Models
- Rheological Liquids

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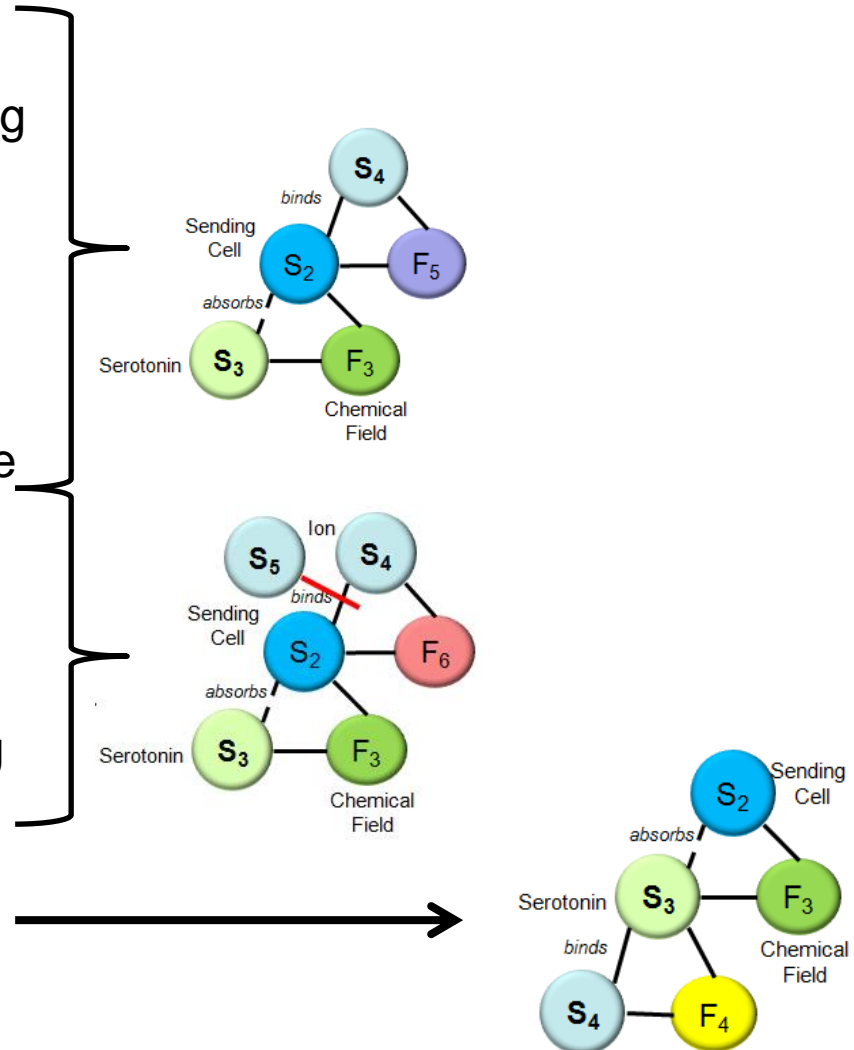
Add a second substance (S₄) that inhibits the functioning of the serotonin transport protein.

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6 Formulation Investigation Options:

- 1.) add a substance that binds with the transporter protein's sodium ion's binding site
- 2.) add a substance that binds with transporter protein's chloride ion's binding site
- 3.) add a substance that binds with transporter protein's serotonin's bind site
- 4.) add a substance that binds with the sodium ion and prevents it from binding with the transporter protein
- 5.) add a substance that binds with the chloride ion and prevents it from binding with the transporter protein
- 6.) add a substance that binds with the serotonin and prevents it from binding with the transporter protein



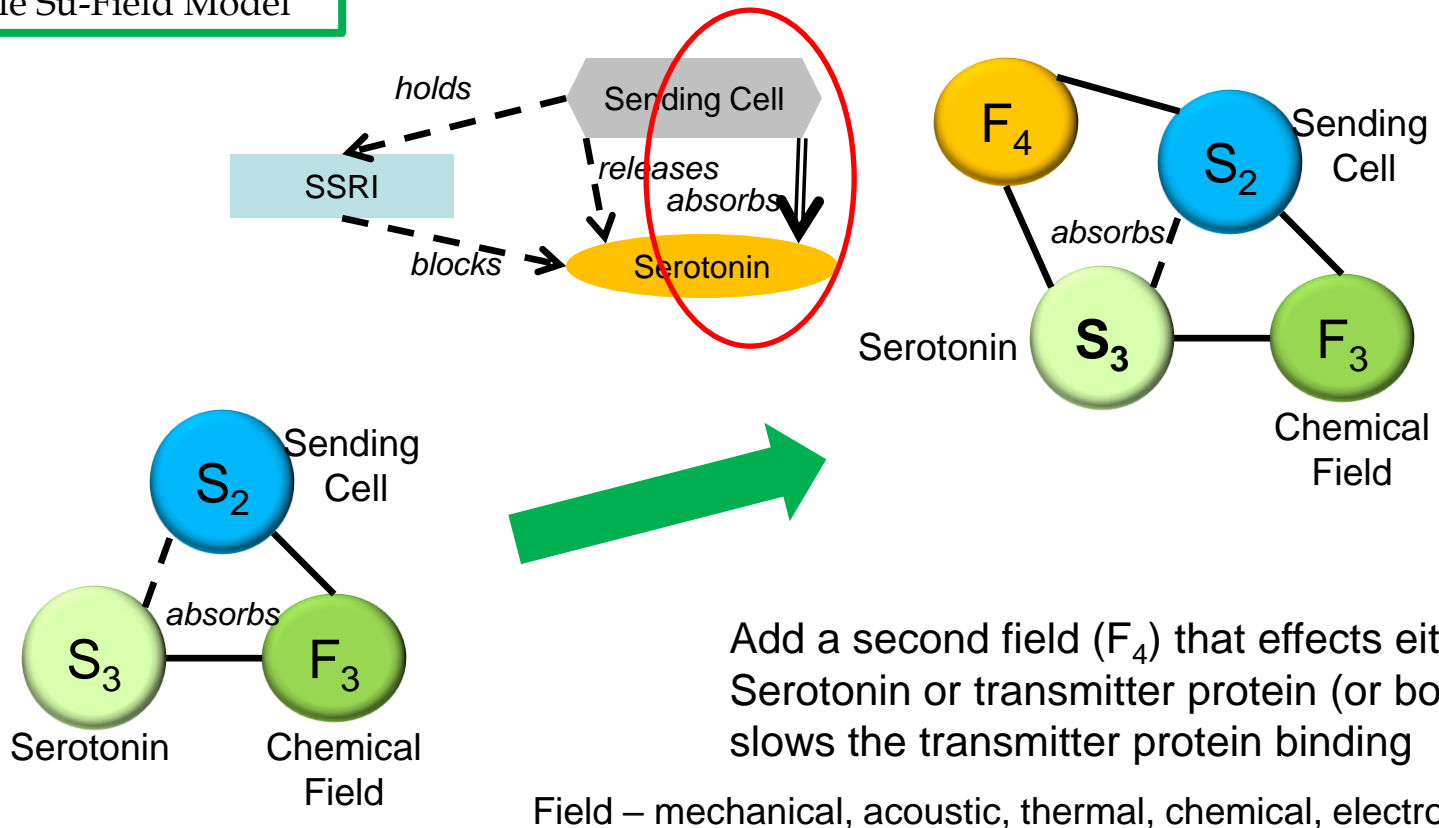
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Add a second field (F₄) that effects either Serotonin or transmitter protein (or both) and slows the transmitter protein binding

Field – mechanical, acoustic, thermal, chemical, electro-magnetic

Repeat solution conceptualization utilizing remaining Inventive Solutions

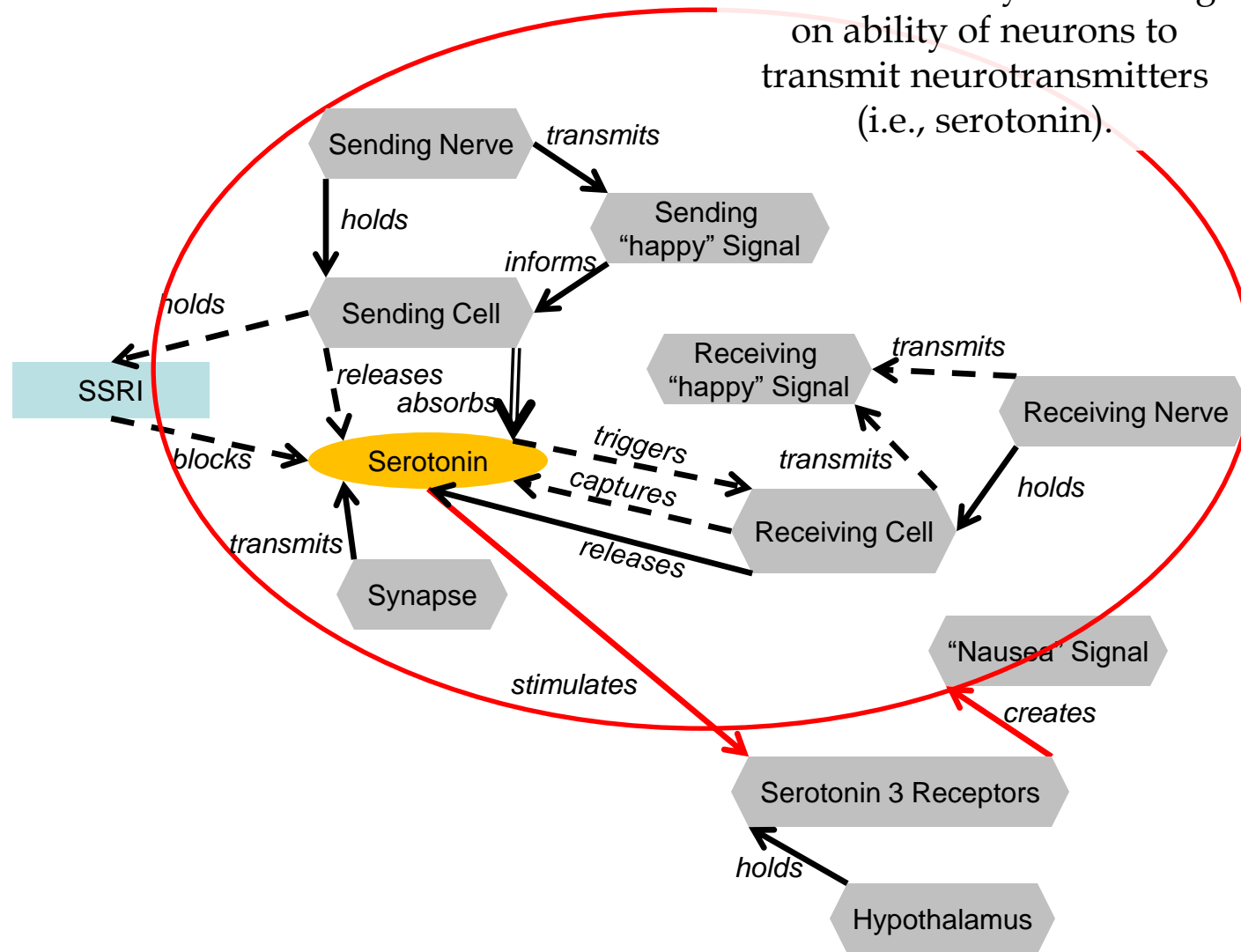
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Innovation Case Study – Neurotransmitter Drilldown

- Innovation direction drill down for neurotransmitter functioning

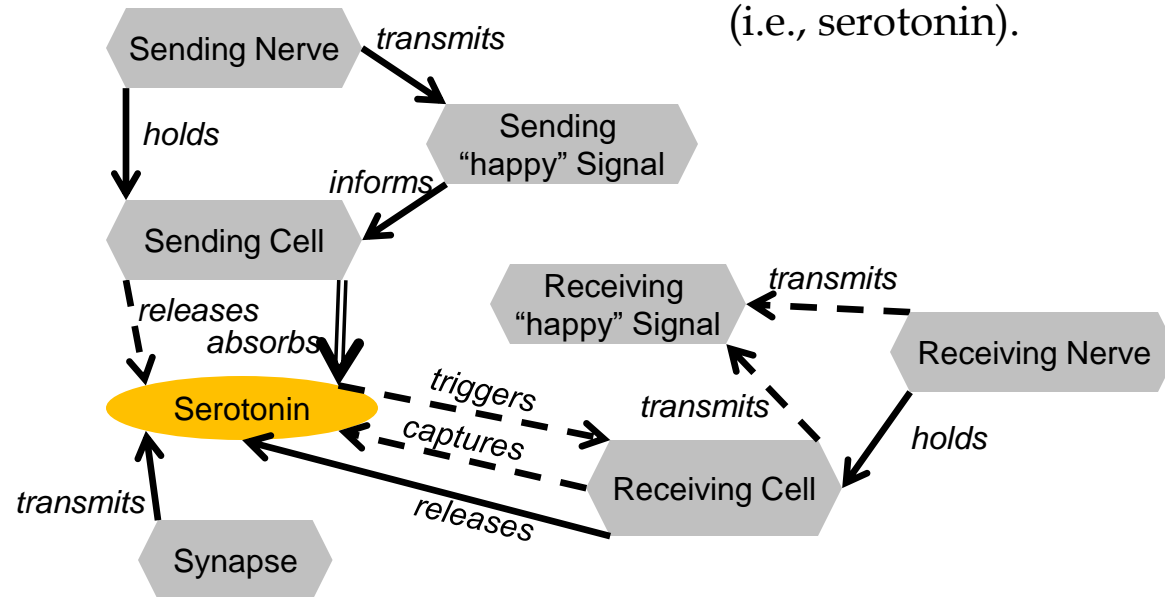
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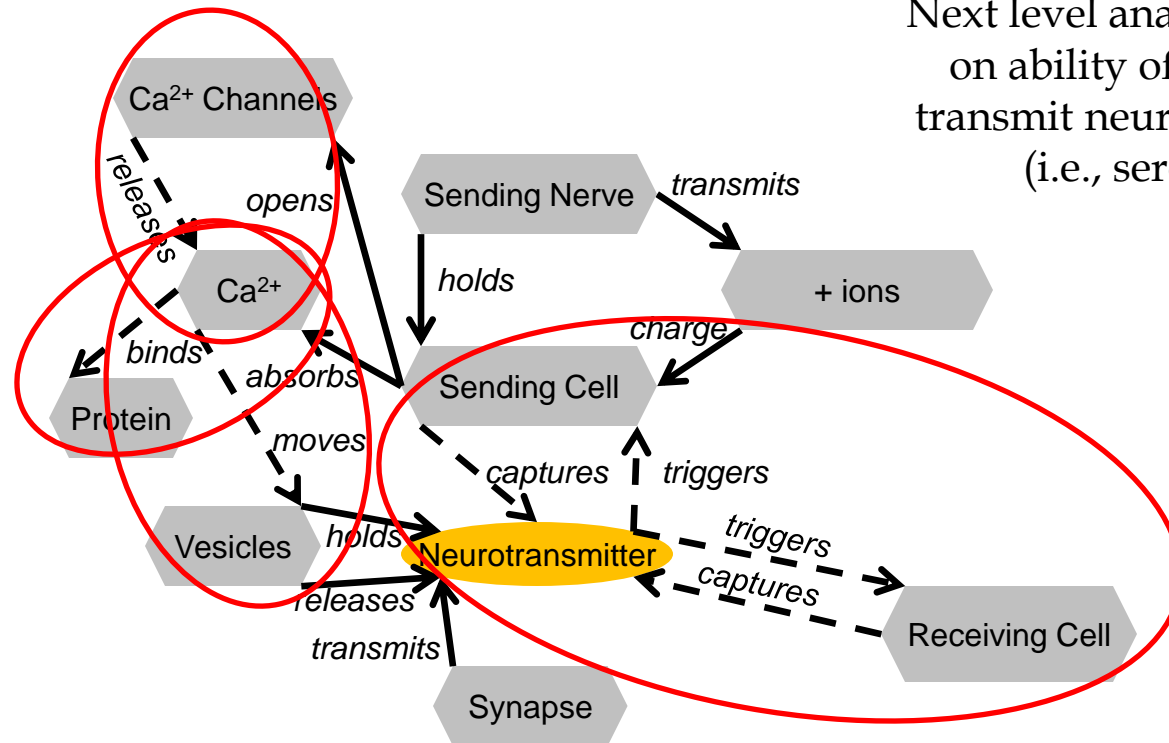
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Requires a deeper analysis of how neurons work.

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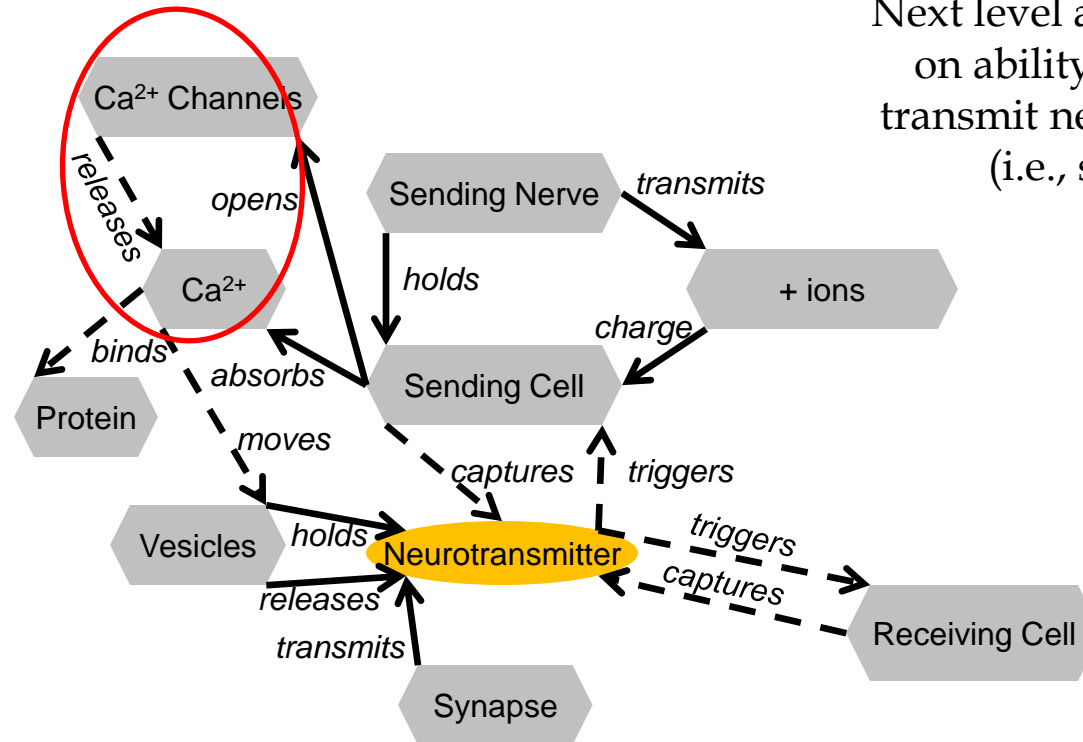
Now innovation analysis can be focused on a lower level of neuron function:

- 1.) how to improve release of Ca^{2+}
- 2.) how to improve Ca^{2+} and protein binding
- 3.) how to improve movement of vesicles to membrane wall
- 4.) how to improve interaction of neurotransmitter

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