

# BIO-CONVERGENCE

The Future of Health-tech

# ➤ Israel Innovation Authority (IIA) - Our Mission

**Invests over \$500M annually**  
**30% of the investments are in life sciences**

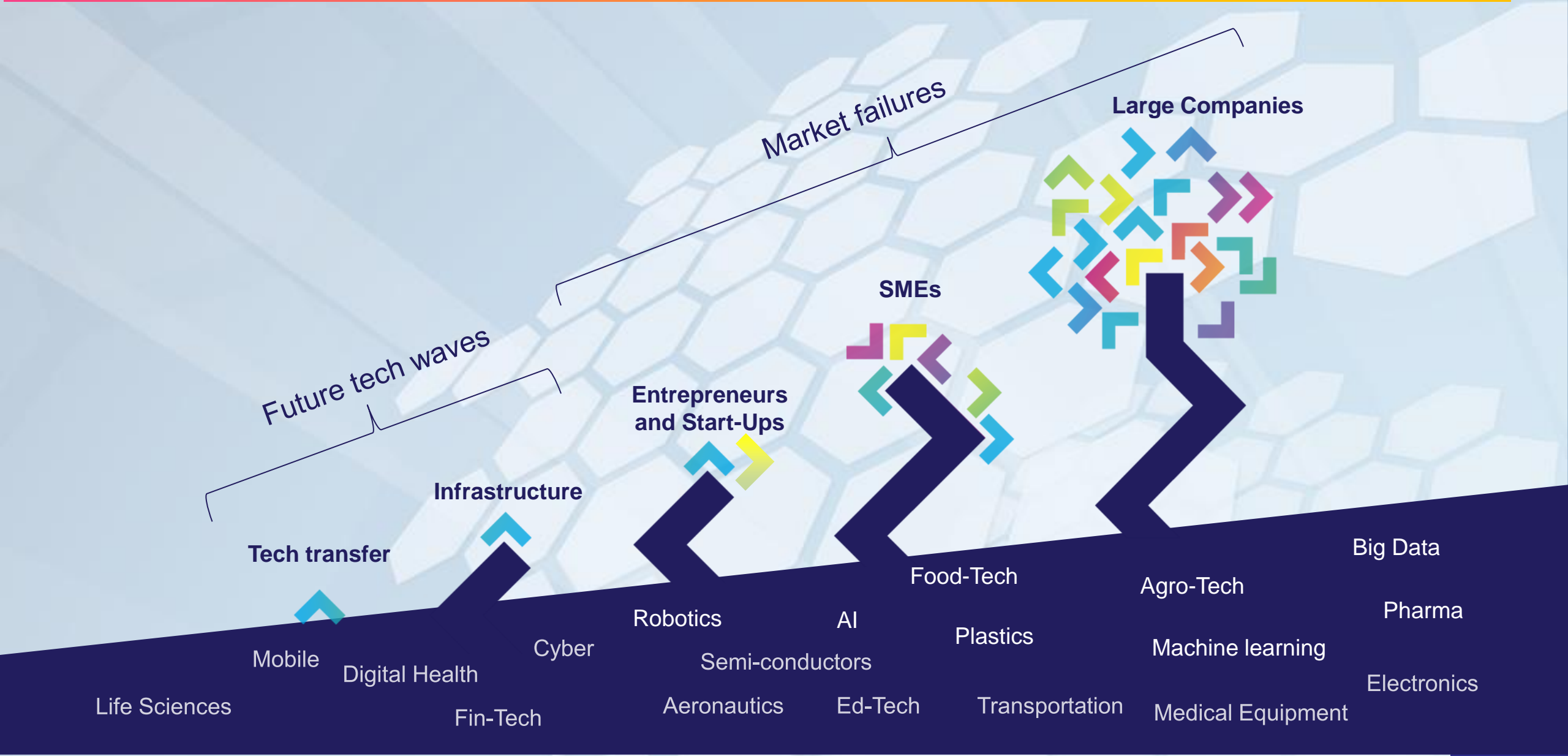
Investing in innovation  
to promote sustainable  
and inclusive growth

**Strengthening  
innovation  
ecosystem**

**Enhancing  
economic  
impact**

**Enabling  
emerging  
disruptive  
technologies**

# Complementing Private Funding



# Principles of Our Innovation Policy



**No Equity**



**Conditional Loans**



**Matching**

**Enabling the market**  
**Not leading it**



# 2018 Numbers



**\$ 500 million**

Total Funding Budget



**1500**

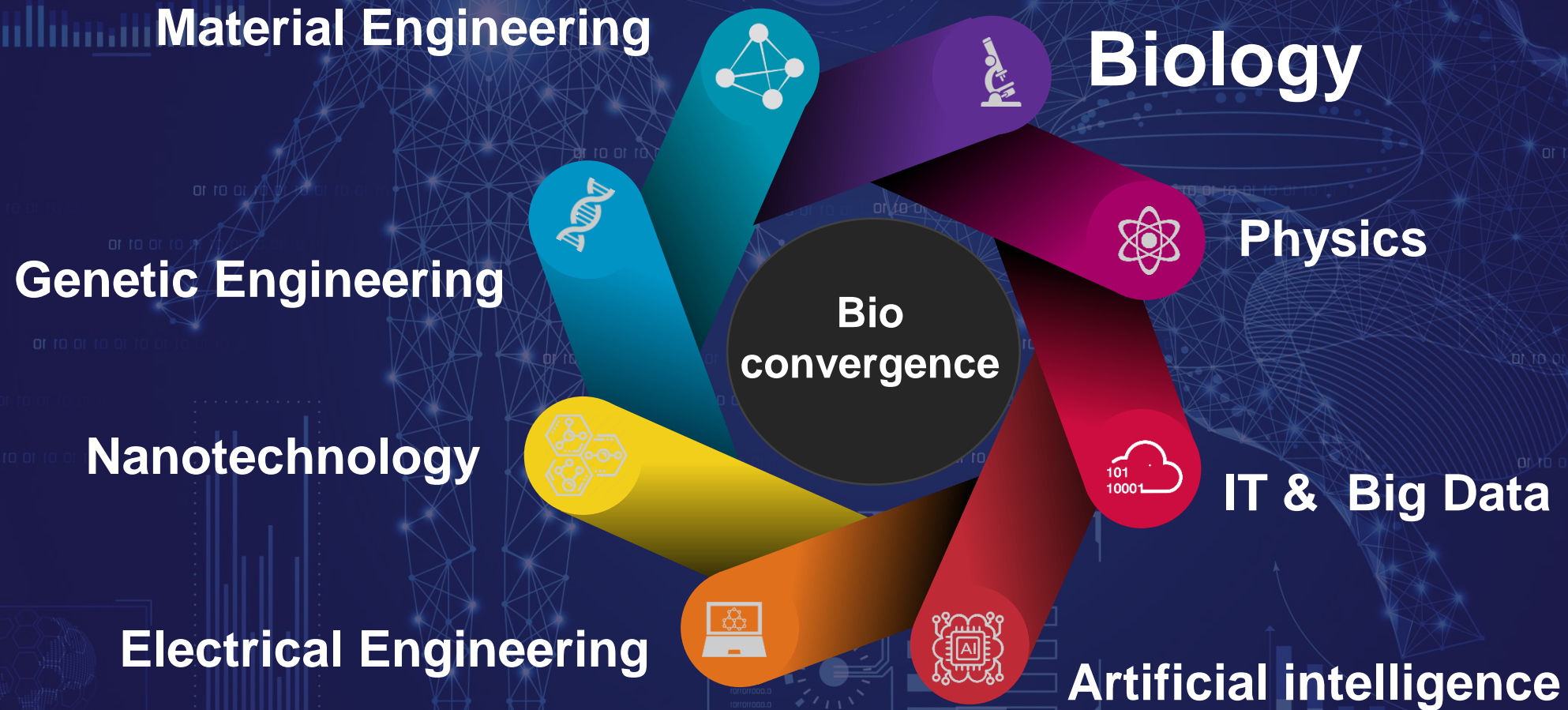
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**\$ 130 million**

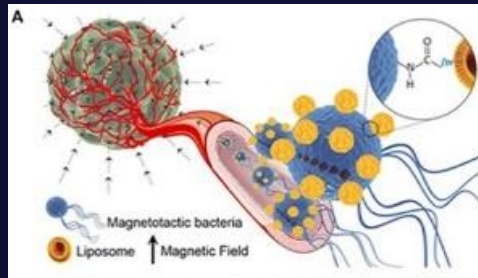
For “New Clients”

# Bio-convergence - integrative technologies

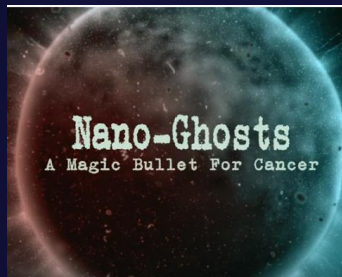


# Bio-convergence technologies

## Bio-Engineered Nanorobotics



Engineered delivery vehicle based on either living systems or devices to target drugs to specific sites



Prof. Marcelle Machluf (Technion)

## Therapeutics Discovery



Highly scalable biological model platforms to facilitate drug screening



Prof Yaakov Nahmias (HUJI)  
Prof Doron Gerber (BIU)

## Therapeutics Genetics Engineering



Re-engineered living cells and biological circuits for diagnostics and therapeutics



Prof Ido Amit (WIS)  
Dr. Eyal Hendel (BIU)

## 3D printing & Cyborg Tissues Engineering



Platform technology that enables bio-fabrication and tissue engineering of transplantable organs and tissues



Prof Ronit Satchi-Fainaro (TAU)  
Prof Tal Dvir (TAU)

# Bio-convergence technologies

## Optogenetics Therapeutics



Genetic modifications and light stimuli to precisely manipulate cells' behavior by turning activity of certain genes in specific cells



Dr. Ofer Yizhar (WIS)  
Dr. Yoav Adam (HUJI)

## Bioelectronics Medicine



Miniaturized, implantable closed-loop systems that detect and deliver precision neuromodulation of specific nerve fibers in order to treat a wide variety of disorders



Prof. Yael Yaniv (Technion)

## Engineered Living & Smart Materials



Engineered materials composed of living cells that form or assemble the material itself that have the characteristics of biological systems



Dr. Peter Nguyen (Wyss Institute)  
Prof. George Church (Wyss Institute)

# ➤ Bio-convergence in beginning globally

## Biology-Engineering Institutes



- Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University
- New model for innovation, collaboration and technology translation
- 22 new startup companies

## Big pharma turns to Tech



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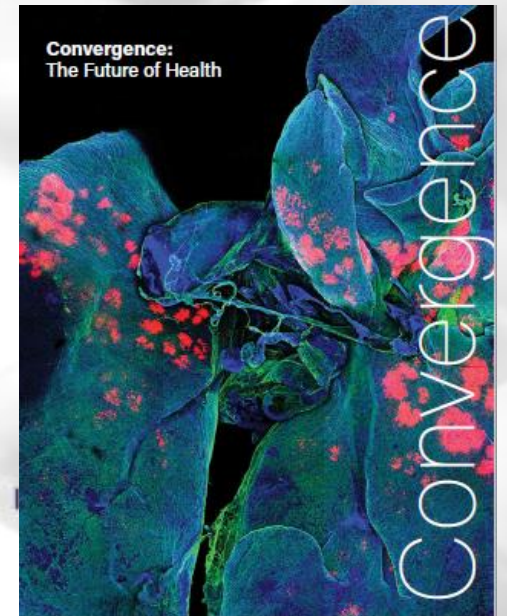
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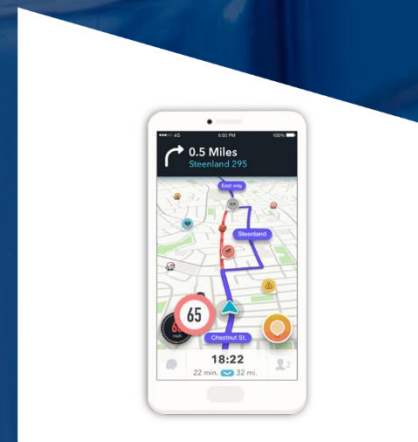


## Changing Government Policy

Key recommendation by MIT white paper - **increase NIH Convergence research budget from 3% to 20%**

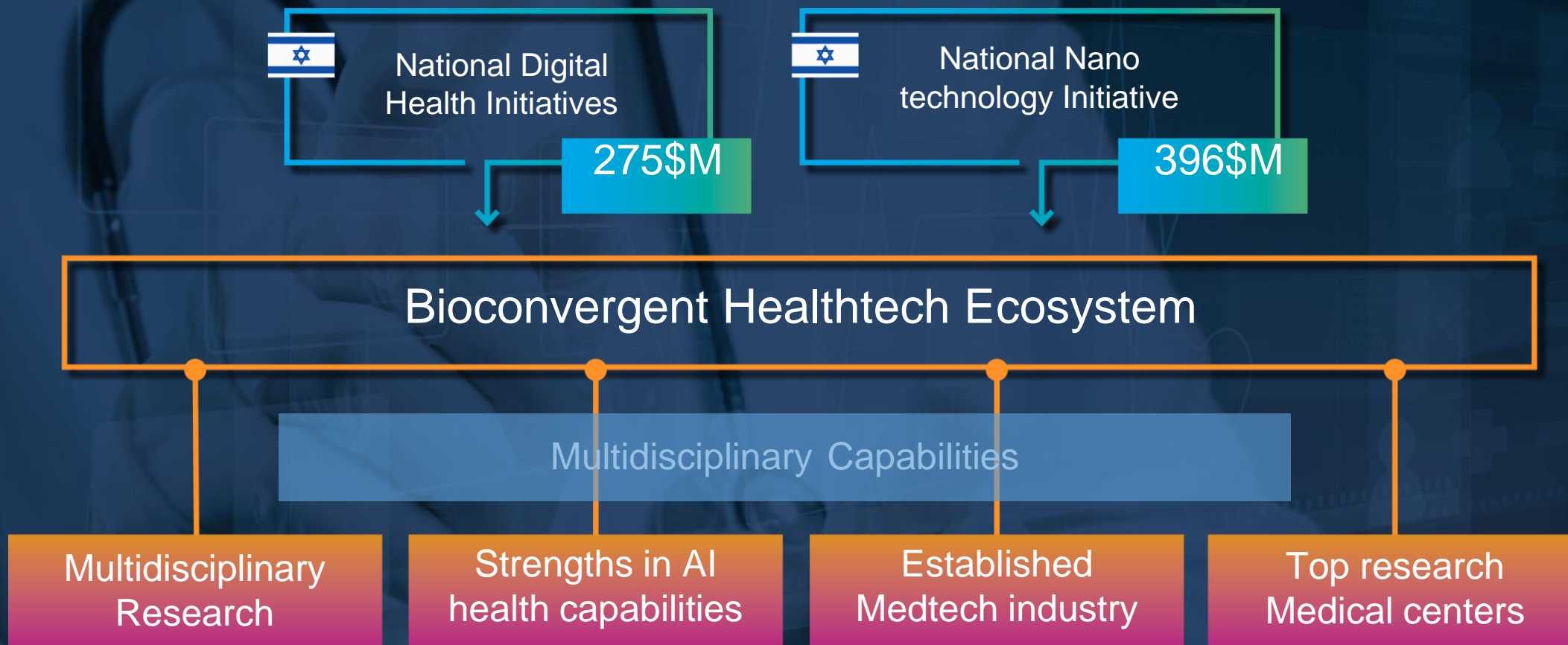


# Convergence is the Base of Greatest Israeli Inventions



**Toward Medicine 2040:**  
**The opportunity for Israel in therapeutics is enormous**

# Bio-convergence - Israel's Next Economic Growth Engine



# National Funding Tools – Encouraging Bio-Convergence Across all Stages



IIA's Support Channels From Applied Research to Growth