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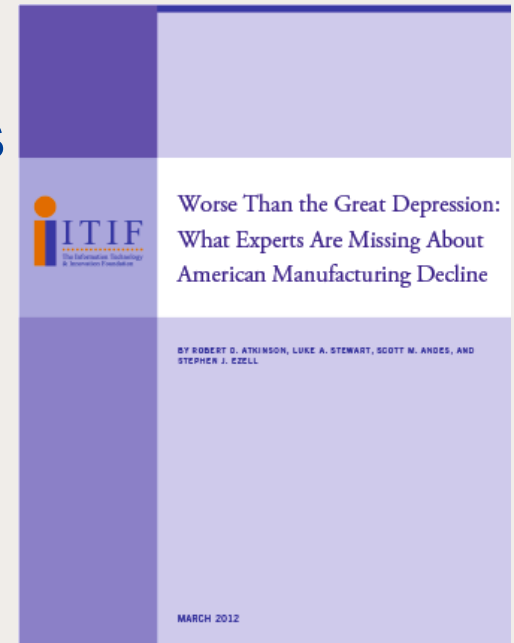
Advanced Manufacturing: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond

Policies to Support Advanced Manufacturing

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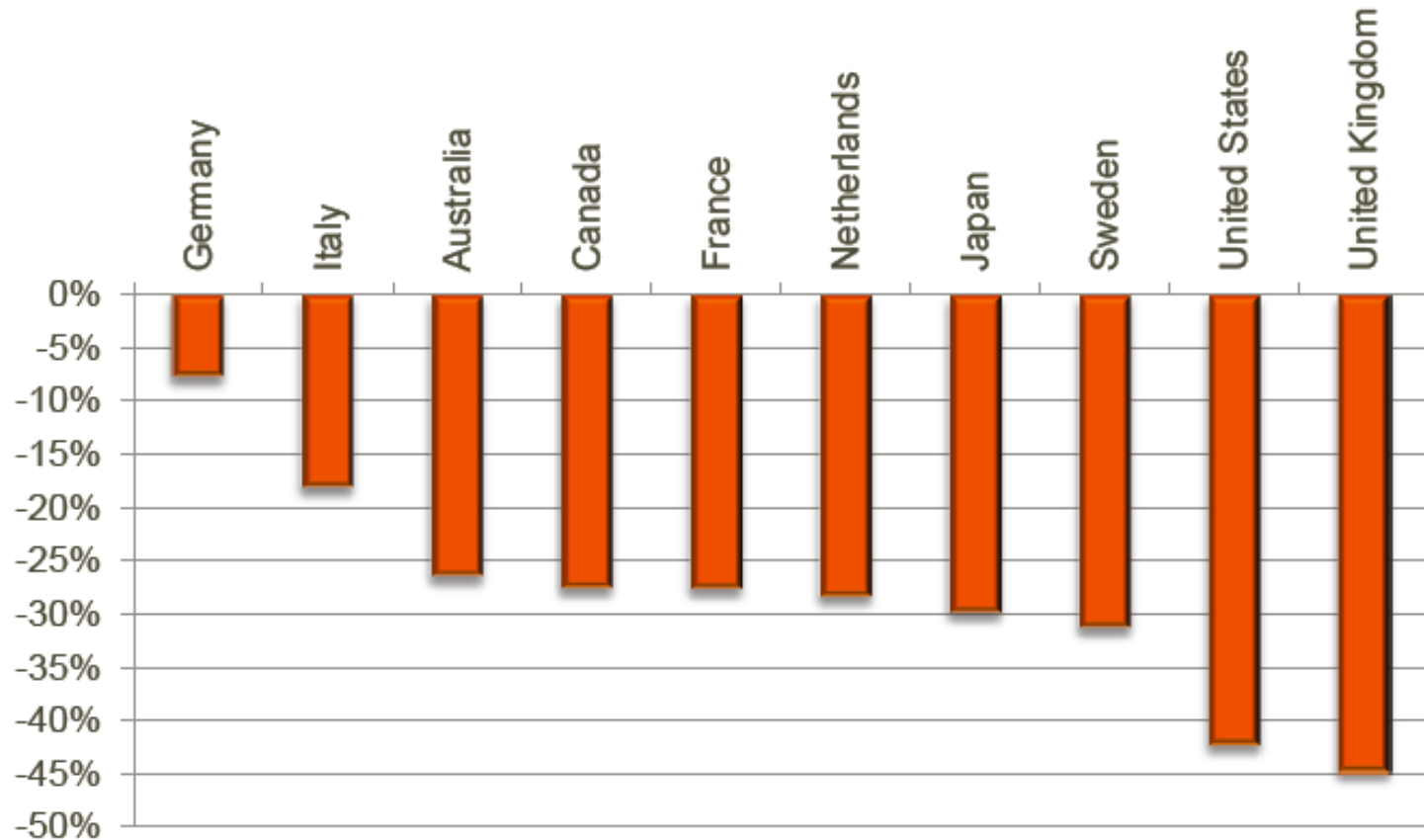
■ Core Principles for U.S. Manufacturing Renewal

- Focus on traded sector competitiveness.
- Recognize that science-based innovation isn't enough; U.S. needs to re-embrace an engineering culture.
- Recognize that U.S. manufacturing has not been healthy.



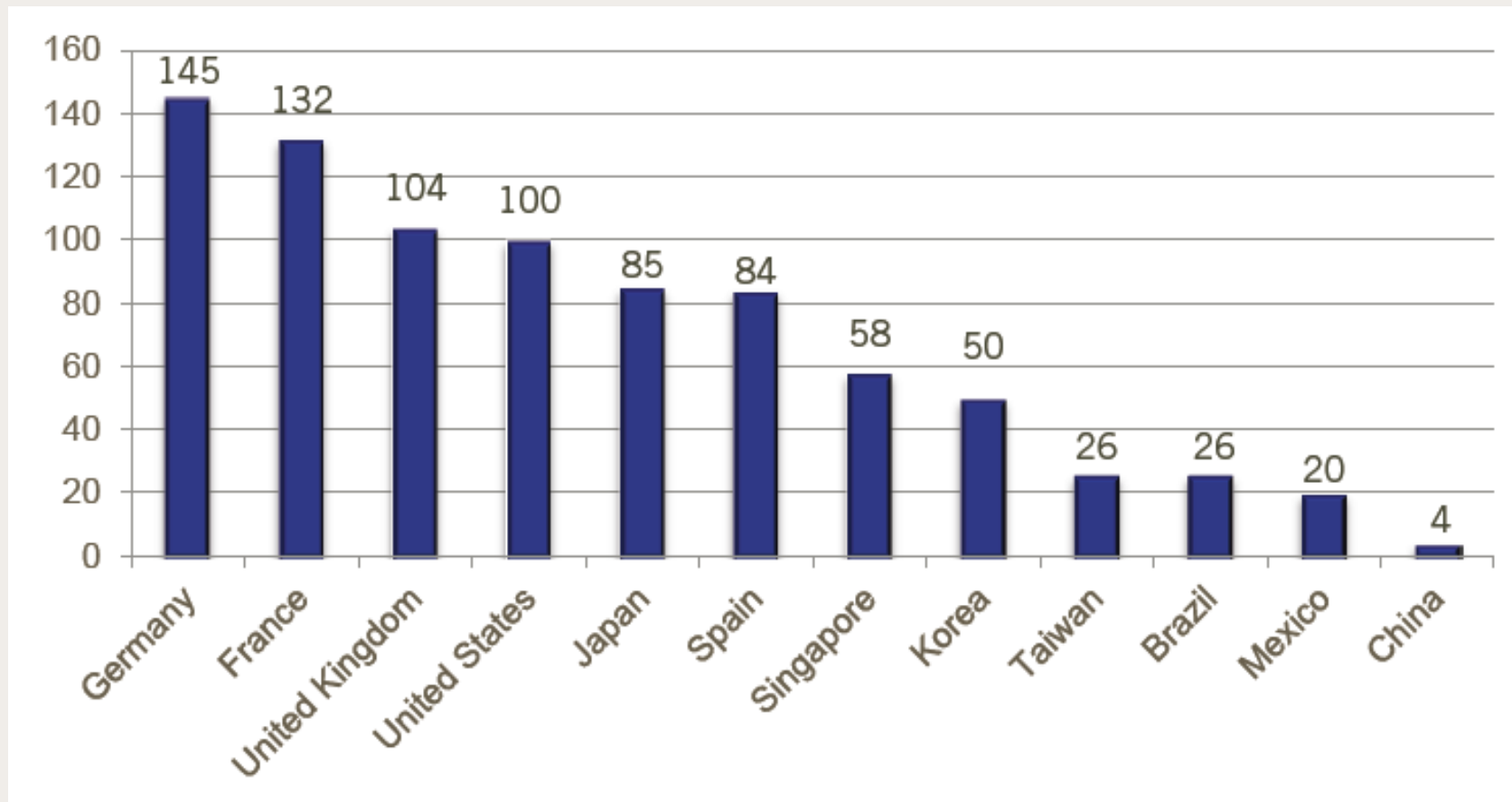
■ Germany Has Experienced a Fraction of U.S. Manufacturing Job Loss

Percent Change in Manufacturing Jobs in Select Countries, Adjusted for Population Growth, 1997-2010



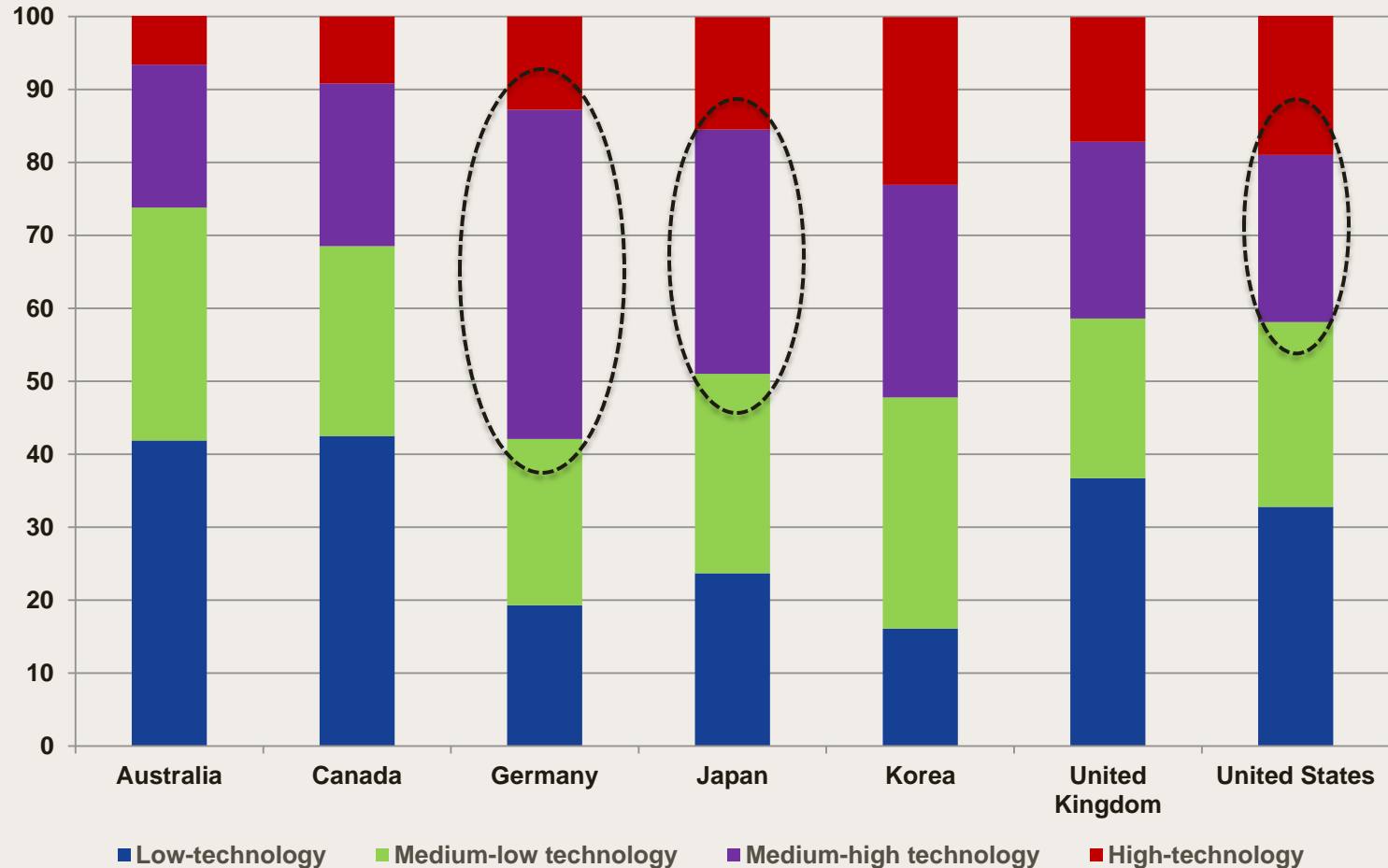
■ While Paying Over 40% More Per Labor Hour

Hourly Manufacturing Compensation Costs (United States = 100), 2008



U.S. Manufacturing Lags in Technological Intensity

Manufacturing Sector Composition by Technological Intensity



■ U.S. Failing to Commercialize Technologies it Invents

The U.S. has been the “first mover” and then lost virtually all market share in a wide range of material and product technologies, including:

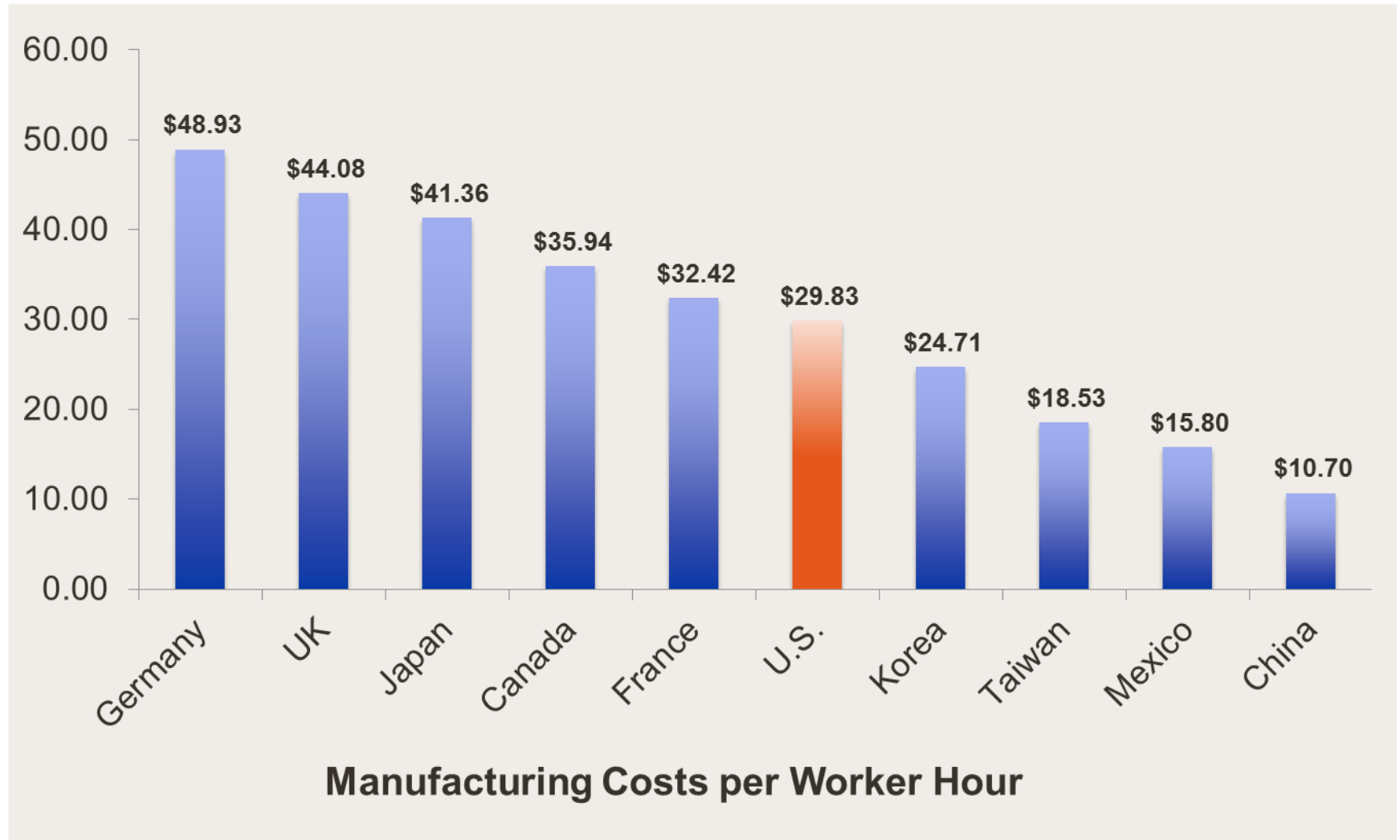
- Semiconductor memory devices
- Semiconductor production equipment such as steppers
- Lithium-ion batteries
- Flat panel displays
- Robotics
- Solar cells
- Advanced lighting
- Oxide ceramics

- **Two Camps About What to Do About This**

1. **If we just get our costs low enough,
American manufacturing will be fine**



■ U.S. Manufacturing Costs Not the Problem



Source: Numbers Based on Analysis of Data from on MAPI and Manufacturing Institute 2011 Report on The Structural Cost Of U.S. Manufacturing. October, 2011

■ Two Camps About What to Do About This

2. Put in place a robust manufacturing and innovation infrastructure.



■ What To Do: We Need a “RAFTTTT”

- Regulatory reform
- Analysis
- Financing
- **Technology**
- Tax
- Talent
- Trade

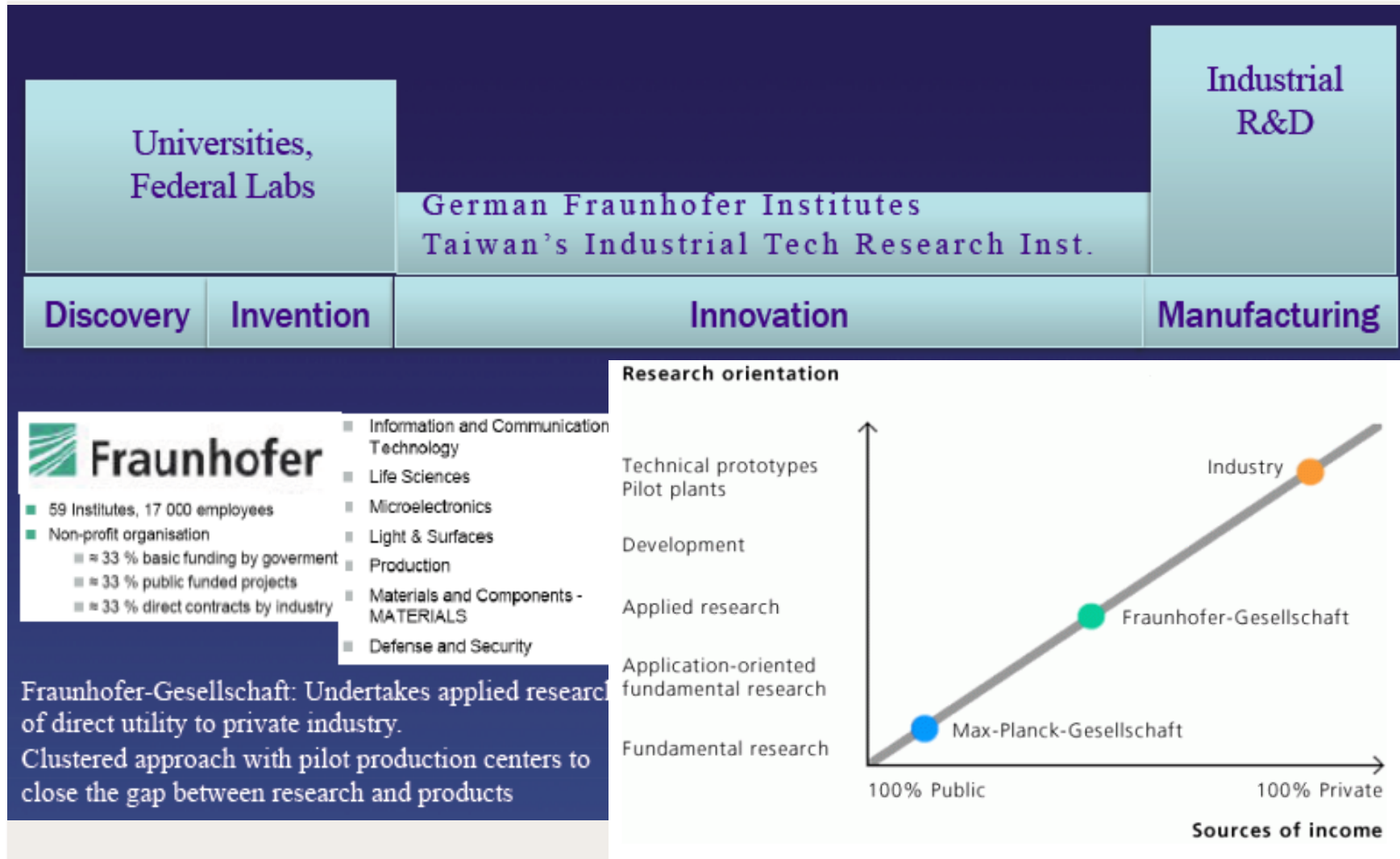


■ Technology: Increase Federal Investment in R&D

The federal R&D portfolio is not optimized for economic growth:

- 81% goes to “mission-oriented” activities in defense and health.
- 75% of fed R&D \$ allocated to manufacturing goes to just two industries: aerospace and instruments.
- Academic R&D spending in engineering and physical sciences flat.
- If investing as much as we did in 1983 (as a share of GDP), federal government would invest \$60 billion more in R&D annually.
- Underinvesting in applied/translational research.

Lacking an Institutional Framework for Pre-competitive, Industrially Relevant Applied Research



■ Approach Being Increasingly Adopted Internationally

- Germany invests \$2.5 billion/yr in Fraunhofer System
 - 60 Centers and 18,000 staff for 80M Germans
- Japan's New \$117B Stimulus Package (1/10/13)
 - \$2 billion to promote university-industry collaboration, including \$ to equip universities to conduct industrially relevant research
- UK Catapults (January 2013)
 - £1bn investment in technology and innovation centers
 - The High-Value Manufacturing Catapult will be “a catalyst that transforms brilliant manufacturing ideas into valuable products and services”
- Finland's SHOKs (Strategic Centers of Science, Tech, and Inn)

■ Create a National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

- 15-20 Manufacturing Institutes bringing together cutting-edge research in an industrially relevant way across key sectors and manufacturing process technologies.
 - Mission: Enhance U.S. industrial competitiveness by supporting development of technologies enabling U.S. production facilities to gain global market share.
- Industry should bring NNMI proposals forward and provide at least 50% funding (matched by feds and states).



■ What NNMI's Would Do

- Provide a platform for joint pre-competitive applied research;
- Develop sector & technology-specific roadmaps that identify technical hurdles and work to solve them;
- Provide shared facilities for rapid prototyping and demonstration; libraries & databases; and validation and testing equipment;
- Develop and disseminate training technologies/curricula; support credentials, certifications, and skills standards development;
- Help restore the industrial commons in key manufacturing product and process technologies.

NNMIs Could be Established Across a Range of Key

■ Cross-Cutting Technologies

- Advanced Materials/Composites
- Additive Manufacturing
- Bio Manufacturing and Bioinformatics
- Nano-Manufacturing
- Flexible Electronics Manufacturing
- Industrial Robotics
- Advanced Forming/Joining/Welding Technologies
- Advanced Sensing, Measurement, & Process Control
- Visualization, Informatics and Digital Manufacturing Technologies
- Advanced Manufacturing & Testing Equipment
- Chemical Processing

■ Why America Needs an NNMI

- Numerous market failures afflict manufacturing innovation:
 - Firms underinvest in risky technologies with long-term time horizons.
 - Substantial externalities from firms' investments in capital equipment and machinery.
 - Complementarity between public and private R&D investment.



■ Technology: Designate 25 Manufacturing Universities

- Revamp engineering programs to focus on manufacturing engineering and work that is more relevant to industry.
- More joint industry-university research projects and student training incorporating manufacturing experiences (co-ops).
- Receive annual award of at least \$25M from NSF plus priority on universities' applications for NSF grants.

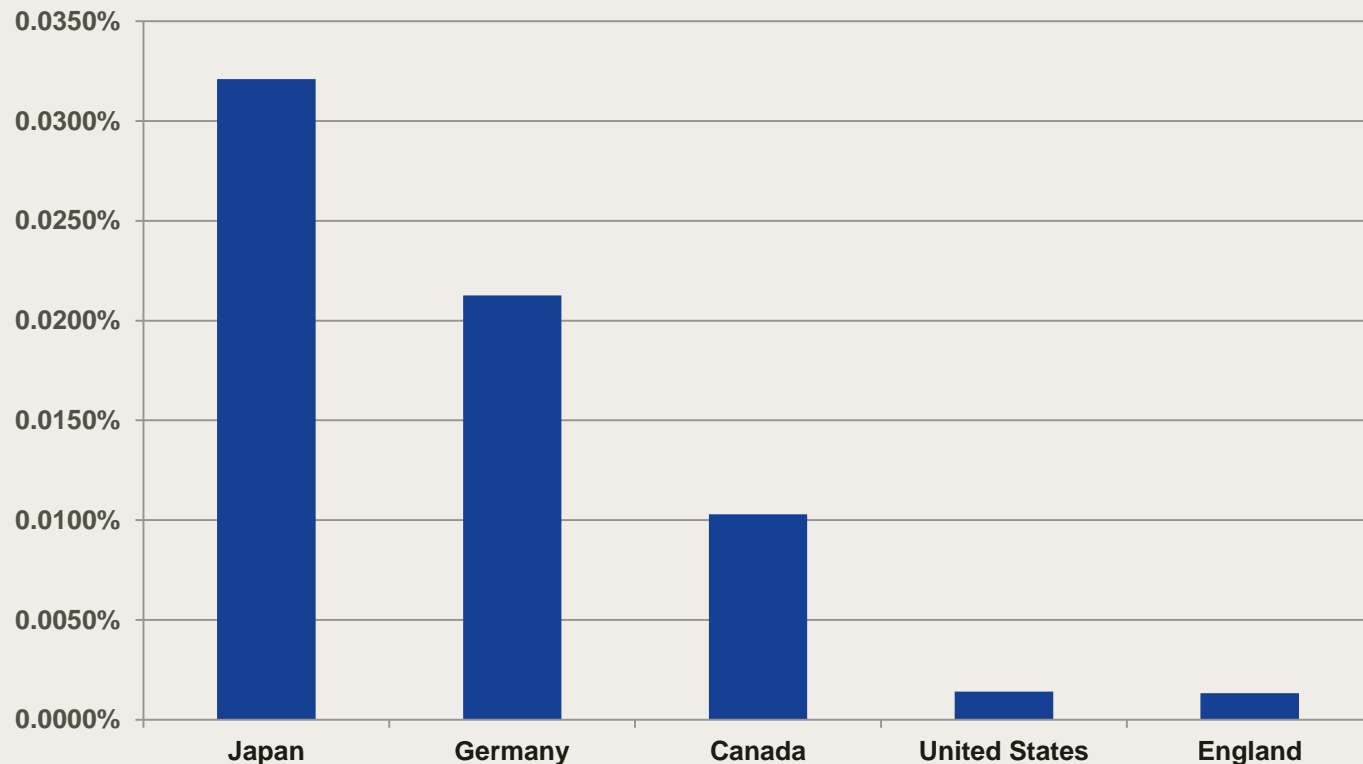


- Technology: Ramp up ERC & I/UCRC programs
 - Get more ERCs & I/UCRCs focused on manufacturing:
 - Currently only 4 of 17 ERCs and 7 of 56 I/UCRCs are.
 - Double funding for both programs.
 - Require all ERCs to have at least a 40% industry match by 2017 or lose their federal funding.

■ Technology: Increase Funding for MEP

- Despite tremendous returns, U.S. underinvests in MEP compared to peer countries (and historical U.S. levels).

Country Investment in Manufacturing Extension Services as Percent GDP



■ Tax Policies

- Preserve and enhance key manufacturing tax incentives (e.g., R&D tax credit; accelerated depreciation; domestic production deduction).
- Implement a quasi-incremental *American Innovation and Investment Tax Credit*.

■ Talent Policies

- Increase adoption of industry-recognized, nationally portable credentials, such as those produced by the MSSC.
- Fund engineering co-op programs between universities and industry.



■ Conclusion: Smart Policies Matter



30% of all German companies attribute their innovations “to improved research and innovation policies at the federal level.”

The High-Tech Strategy
for Germany



igniting ideas!

Strengths	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong user industries: Automobile industry, medical technology, mechanical engineering and, increasingly, biotechnology, agriculture and logistics are technology drivers. • Materials and equipment suppliers: High level of expertise. • Highly competitive: Operations are seldom relocated to other countries. • Skilled labour: Germany has a unique initial and continuing education and training system at both industrial and academic level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New research fields: Enormous potential offered by polymer microsystems and micro/nano integration. • Growth market: Large number of SMEs with above-average, often double-digit growth rates. High-volume markets for security technology, logistics and health monitoring.
Weaknesses	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass markets: There is no mass production in Germany except in the automobile sector. • Integration of microsystems technology in products: Many SMEs in potential user sectors lack the necessary expertise. • Provision of capital: Technology companies – which are generally capital-intensive – have cautious, national-level financial backers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of skilled labour: Early action must be taken to prevent a possible shortage of new recruits. • Product-oriented R&D infrastructure needed: Support on the basis of developed microsystems technologies needed, particularly for SMEs. • Establishment of more networks: Germany needs more collaborative, production-oriented networks between research units, suppliers and systems producers.

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