

# How Academia can Assist the Chemical Industry with its Challenges and Opportunities

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# Public-private-university partners joint action list 2012

Challenges:

- Fossil dependence
- Knowledge in Chemistry
- Development of new materials
- Complex challenges as drivers
- Materials and Energy in harmony



Needs:

- Meeting places
- Innovative education-research-innovation climate
- Knowledge and information outreach
- Interaction between branches
- Less border restrictions



"The sustainable production system for tomorrow is larger, more integrated and complex than any of us can build ourselves - we need breakthrough innovation, a new generation of graduates, and collaboration across stakeholder boundaries to succeed,

> Center of Excellence Industry Partners 2010

CHALMERS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Case "Göteborg"
PUBLIC	<ul> <li>500.000 (900 000) inhabitants in "Göteborg"</li> <li>1.200.000 inhabitants in Region "Western Sweden"</li> </ul>
PRIVATE	Industry: Volvo, Astra Zeneca, Ericsson, SKF, Stena, SCA, Nobel Biocare, Preem, Perstorp, AkzoNobel, Borealis, Ineos, Eka Chemicals, Göteborg Energi, Södra, Renova
INSTITUTES	Industrial Research Institutes: Imego, IVF, SIK, IVL, IFP, SP, RISE (nation), CIT(Chalmers)
UNIVERSITIES	<ul> <li>Chalmers         <ul> <li>11000 students, 2700 employees, 250 PhD per year</li> <li>University of Gothenburg</li></ul></li></ul>
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#### MEETING **PLACES**

- **3** Science Parks
- Research Infrastructures
  Science Centers

The chemical industry stakeholder cluster in west Sweden has critical mass and attracts development in many branches.

- Largest chemical industry cluster in Sweden with a strong vision on sustainable chemistry 2030
- Main transport cluster of Sweden
- Offensive power/heat industries with for example biogas from waste
- Forest industry in the forefront of new materials
- Gas-line with increasing part biogas
- All extra heat to distant heating net
- Regional collaboration on waste handling
- Largest industry harbours at best delaye locations in Sweden

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> Perstorp Helsingborg

> > Skåne Län

Eye alt 375.48 km



# **Science Parks in Gothenburg**



#### Lindholmen Science Park

Energy Materials & Nano Built Environment Life Science Production

### Johanneberg Science Park

Medicine Medical Technology

Sahlgrenska Science Park

Mot Landvetter



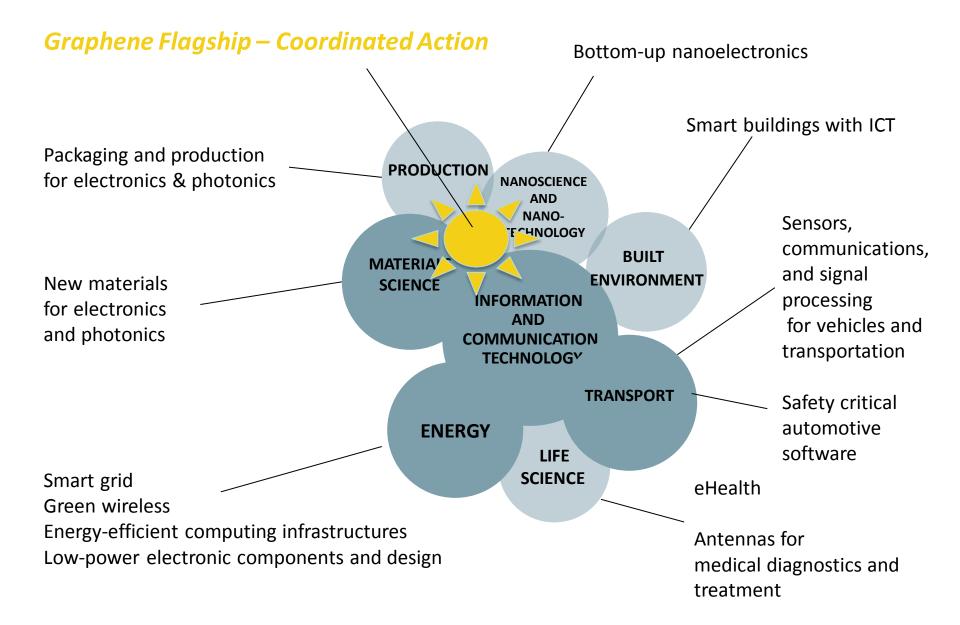
#### **Chalmers Areas of Advance for visibility and focus**



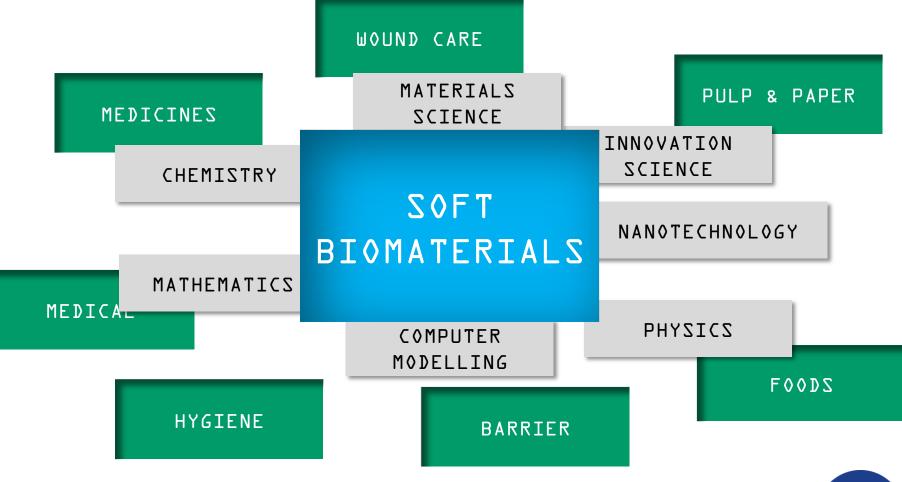
Brings together research, education and innovation across 17 departmental boundaries and > 40 Centers-of-Excellence, and to co-operate with bodies and organizations outside Chalmers



# **AREAS OF ADVANCE**



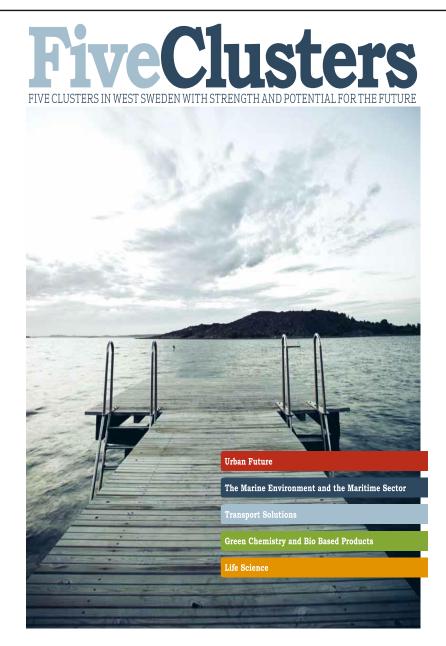






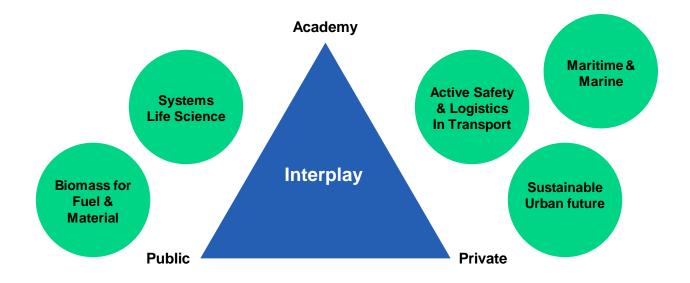
**THE INTENTION IS** for these clusters to develop crossboundary collaborations, something Gothenburg and West Sweden have always done over the years. The region is characterized by openness to the surrounding world, both nationally and internationally. It is also known for the closeness between the academia and the public and private sectors, not to mention the openness among people in general.

However, in order to be successful we also have to be brave enough to try new approaches. In addition to our renowned cooperative spirit, we must reinforce the sense of trust that effective cooperation is built upon. Then Gothenburg and West Sweden will clearly have what it takes to become even more attractive, both nationally and globally.





## Attraction, competitiveness and growth from glocal knowledge clusters

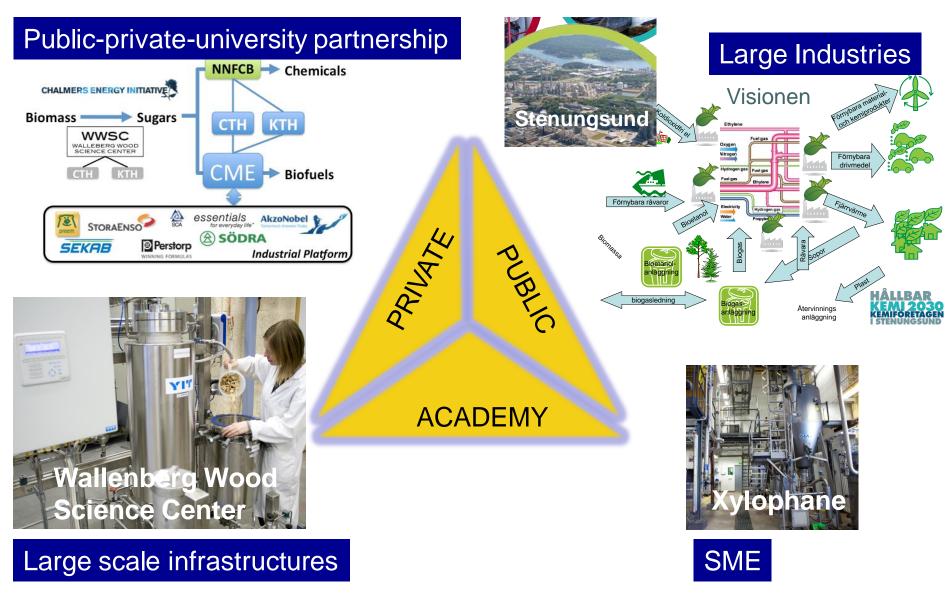


#### Offer:

- Partnership towards common goals
- Identification of each stakeholders strength, abilities and roles
- Coordinated innovation system
- Attraction of competence, investment and meetings for growth

# HALMERS Bio based products/Green chemistry

A Cluster in West Sweden



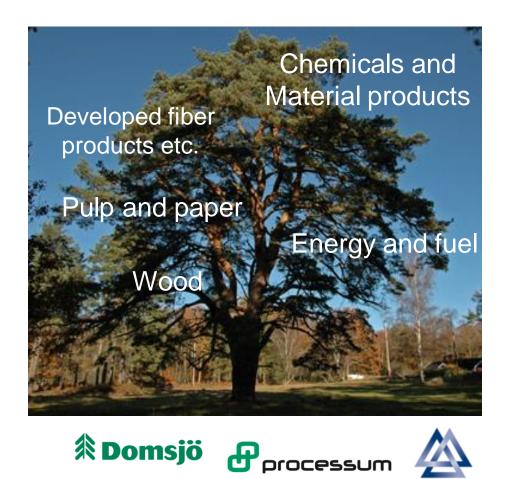


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# Strong synergies between forest and chemical industry

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A Member of The Linde Group



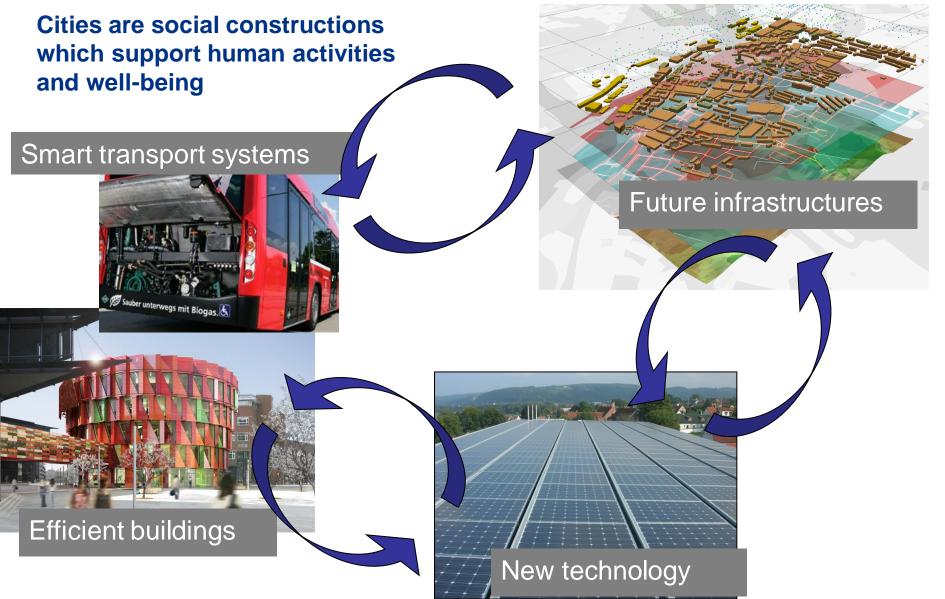






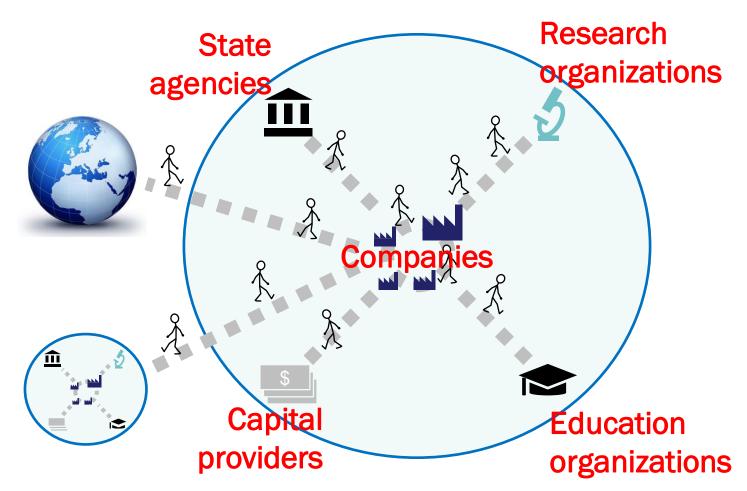
System Integrated Research Projects

# **Sustainable Urban Futures**





# **The Dream of Dynamic Clusters**





# Building entrepreneurial ecosystems

- Regions around the world are building up their innovative capabilities
  - Response to increasingly globalised and complex world

- Universities are often seen as the hub for these *"entrepreneurial ecosystems"* 
  - Primary source of knowledge development and diffusion



"It was the ecosystem of large corporations, universities and start-up companies on the U.S. west coast that broke Nokia"

Jorma Ollila, chairman

### Seven key factors

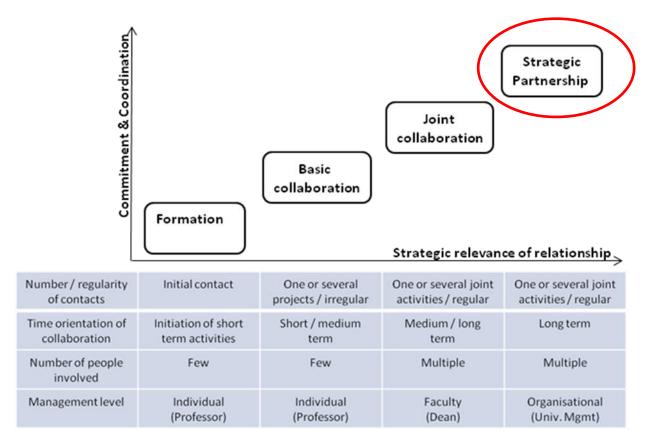
when building entrepreneurial ecosystems

- 1. Senior leadership at the university
- 2. Team of entrepreneurial champions
- 3. Sustained commitment over decades
- 4. Substantial financial resources
- 5. Continuing innovation
- 6. Organizational infrastructure
- 7. Local, national and global partnerships

Fetters, Greene, Rice, Butler, 2010



# **University – Industry Collaboration**

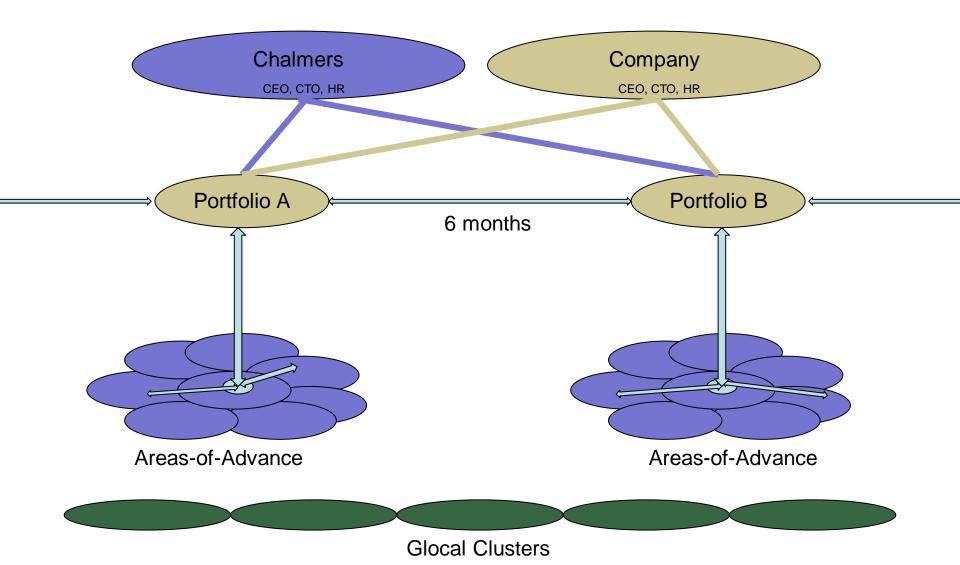




## Strategic Long-term Collaboration Model

# COINS

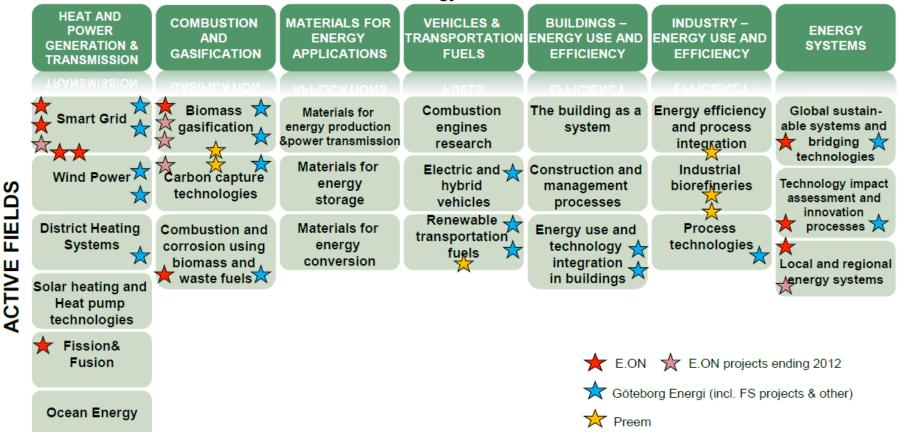
Chalmers Open Innovation Network System





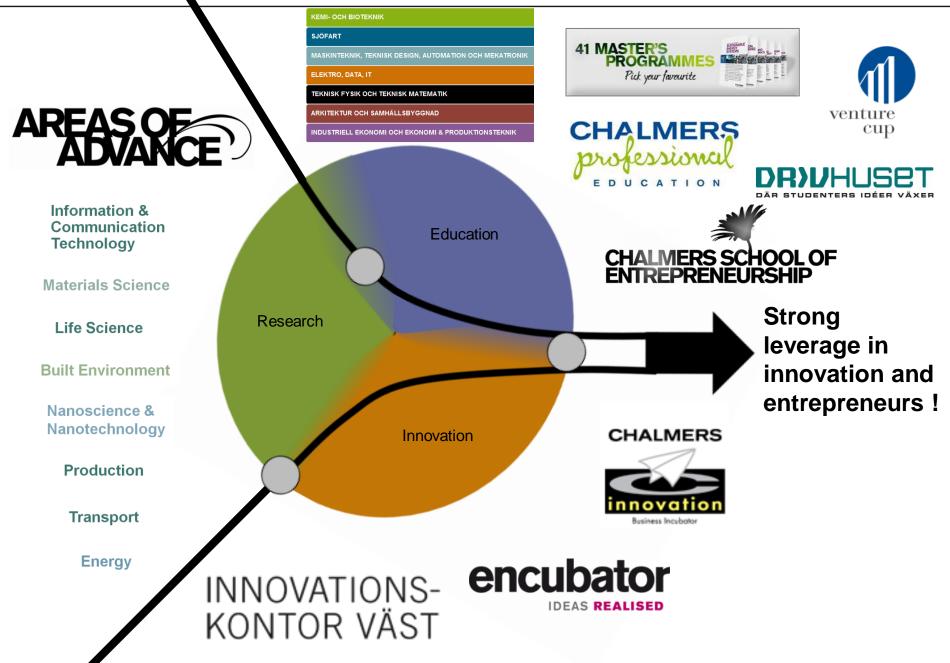
#### ENERGY OVERVIEW EXCELLENCE PROFILES

#### Research projects industrial collaborations Chalmers Energy Area of Advance



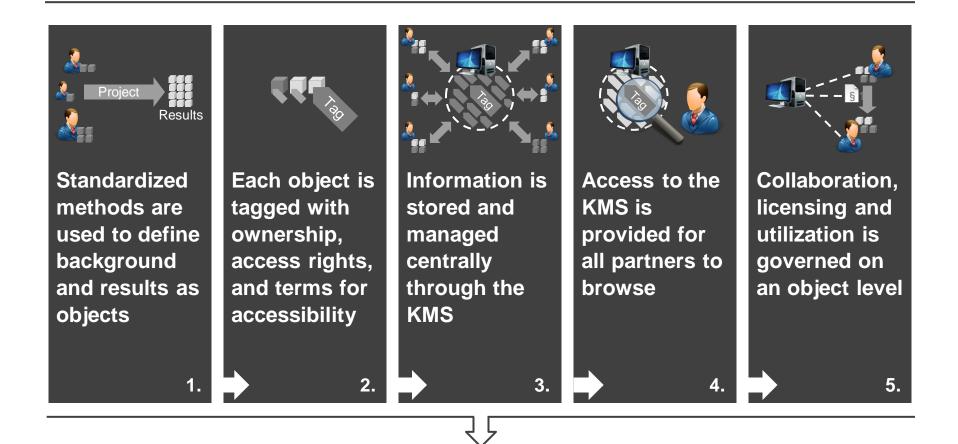
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## **Entrepreneurship and Innovation**





#### **Knowledge Management System**



The IP model and knowledge management system create an accessible portal for sharing, trading and utilizing IP and knowledge **UNITECH Leadership Program** 

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- Technical knowledge
- Business knowledge
- Cultural awareness

### Academic partners (AP)

Chalmers ETH Zürich RWTH Aachen TU Delft INSA de Lyon UPC Barcelona Politecnico di Milano Loughborough University Trinity Colllege, Dublin

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## **Corporate partners (CP)**







# System Integrated Student Projects



## Focus of yesterday

- Context: Engineering science
- Reduced, "pure" problems (with right and wrong answers)
- Design phase
- Individual effort

## **Desired** focus

 Context: Product & system development

Concept

- Systems view; problems across disciplines are complex, ill-defined, and contain societal and business aspects
- Understand the whole cycle: CDIO
- Teamwork, communication



# The Chemical Industry What difference does the university make?



Long term competitiveness

