



An Open Access roadmap: Co- developing our Open Access future

OASAP Webinar “The impact of Plan S:
a discussion on findings so far”

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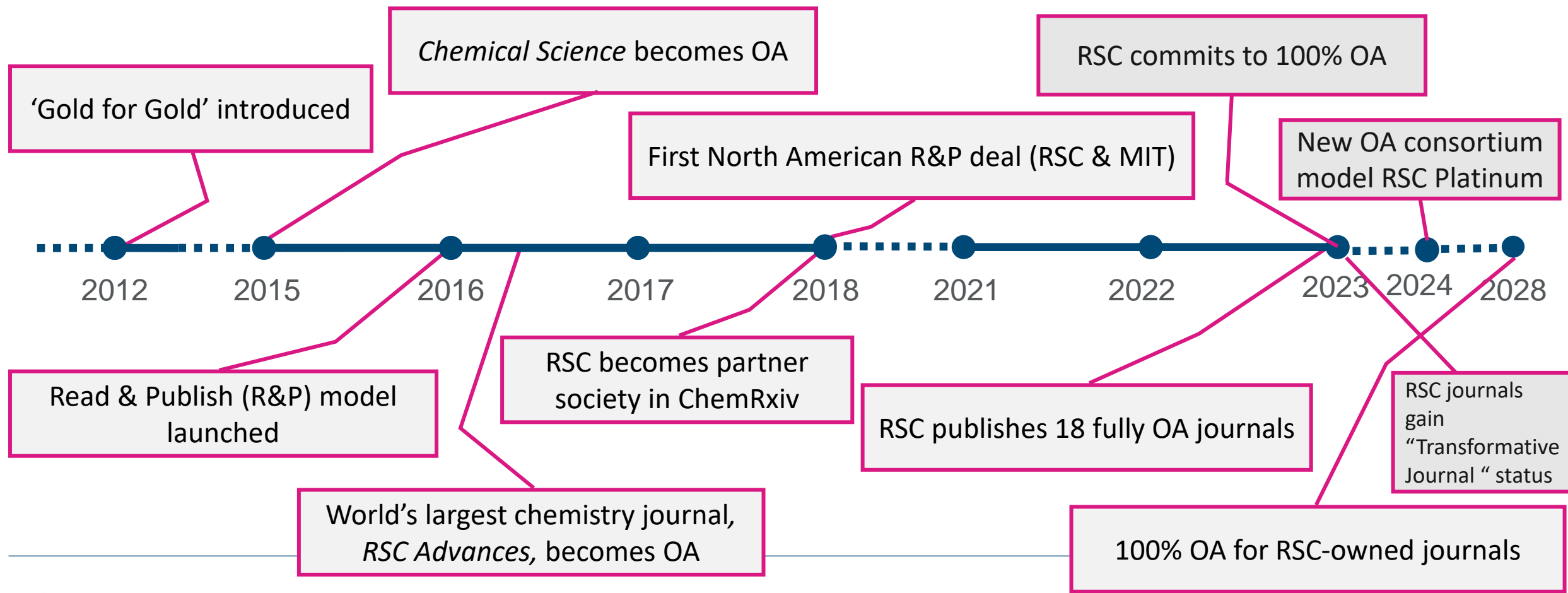
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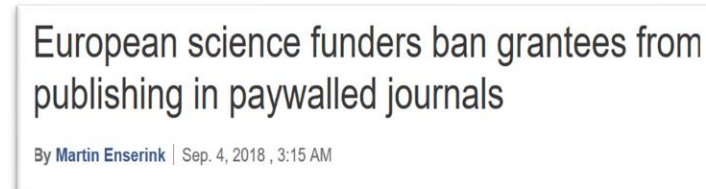
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Our Open Access Timeline



Plan S; a catalyst for change



Open Access is the future

- The **publishing landscape is moving further and further towards a fully Open Access environment**
- All cOAlition S and UKRI funded research now Open Access. **Plan S funding for ‘Transformative Journals’ and Transformative Agreements ends in 2024**
- **The US will require *immediate access* to federally funded research after it is published, starting in 2026**
- **Japan will require *immediate access* to research after it is published, starting in 2025**
- **Librarians are experimenting and publishers are adapting and transitioning**
- The question is no longer ***if Open Access, but when (and how).***

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A guide to Plan S: the open-access initiative shaking up science publishing

The push to remove journal paywalls officially started this year. Here's how it works.

[A guide to Plan S: the open-access initiative shaking up science publishing \(nature.com\)](https://www.nature.com/news-explainer/a-guide-to-plan-s-the-open-access-initiative-shaking-up-science-publishing)

Our vision of an Open Access future

The RSC has committed to achieving 100% Open Access by 2028.

Everyone, everywhere has the same potential to access critical knowledge and build upon it, **accelerating the pace of innovation and discovery**

Authors should not be paying for Open Access; libraries, governments and funders should reinvest subscription funds to cover these costs through new Open Access business models

A global understanding that **Open Access = quality, integrity and transparency**



Co-developing our Open Access Future

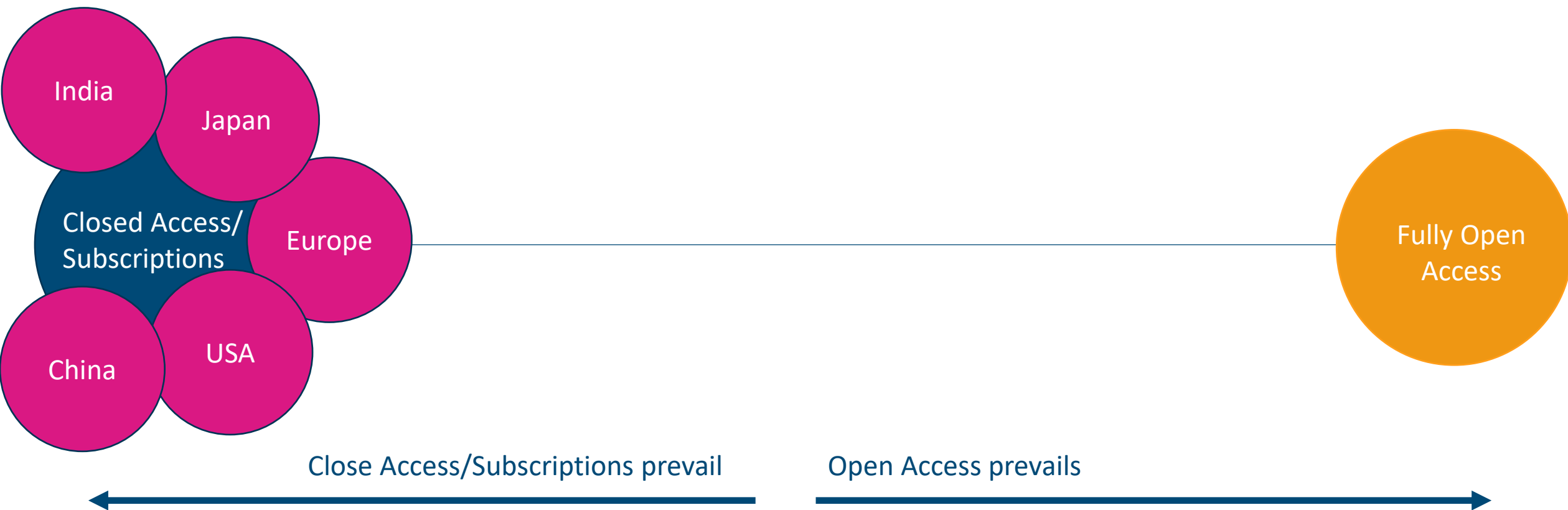
Our goal is a sustainable transition to 100% OA

Partnering with librarians and institutions to develop new OA models that work for them and for their researcher (our authors)

- We want to **transform our current institutional deals to new OA models** that cover as much of our global author community as possible
- Throughout 2023-2024 we will engage with our international partners to evolve these new models, to understand their priorities, requirements and goals for OA; **our aim is to move away from models that rely solely on authors paying article processing charges**

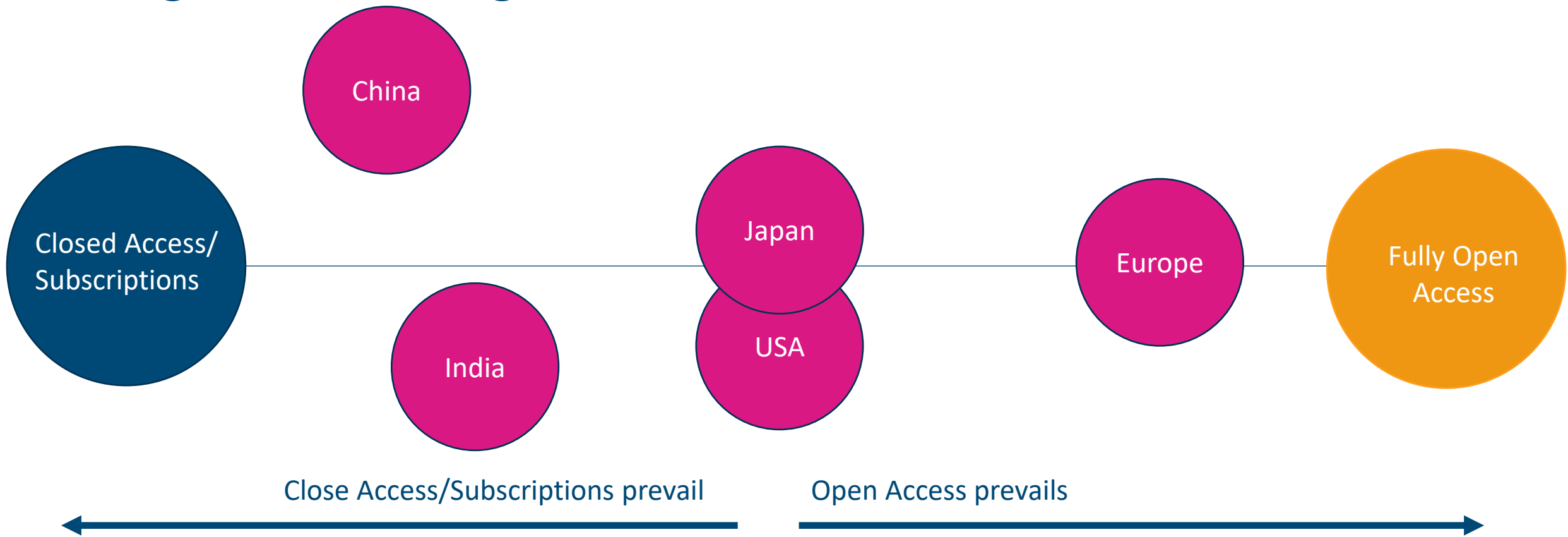
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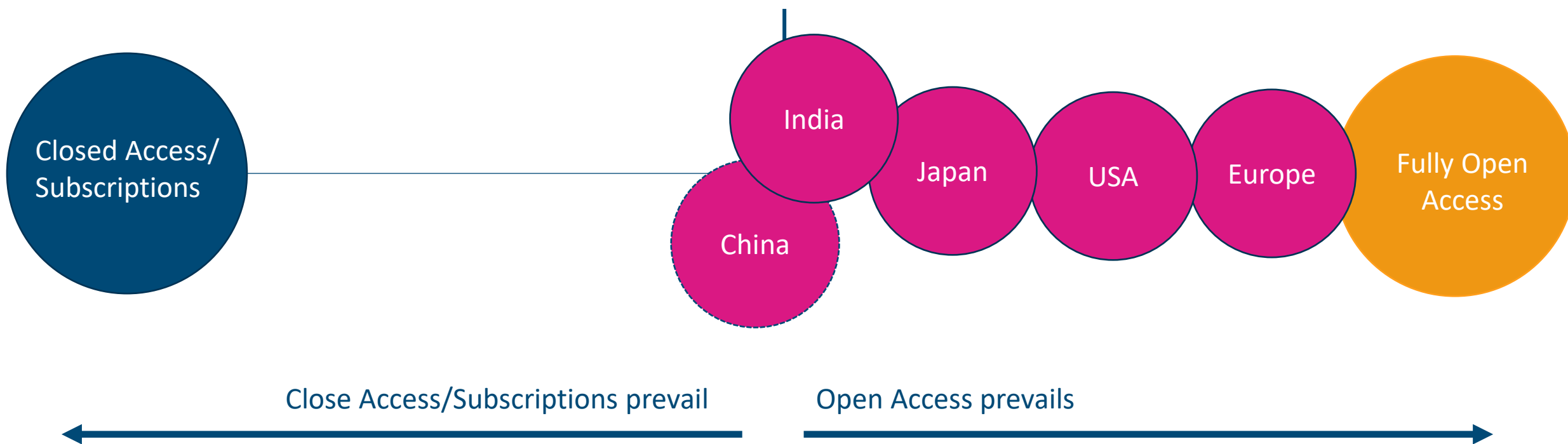
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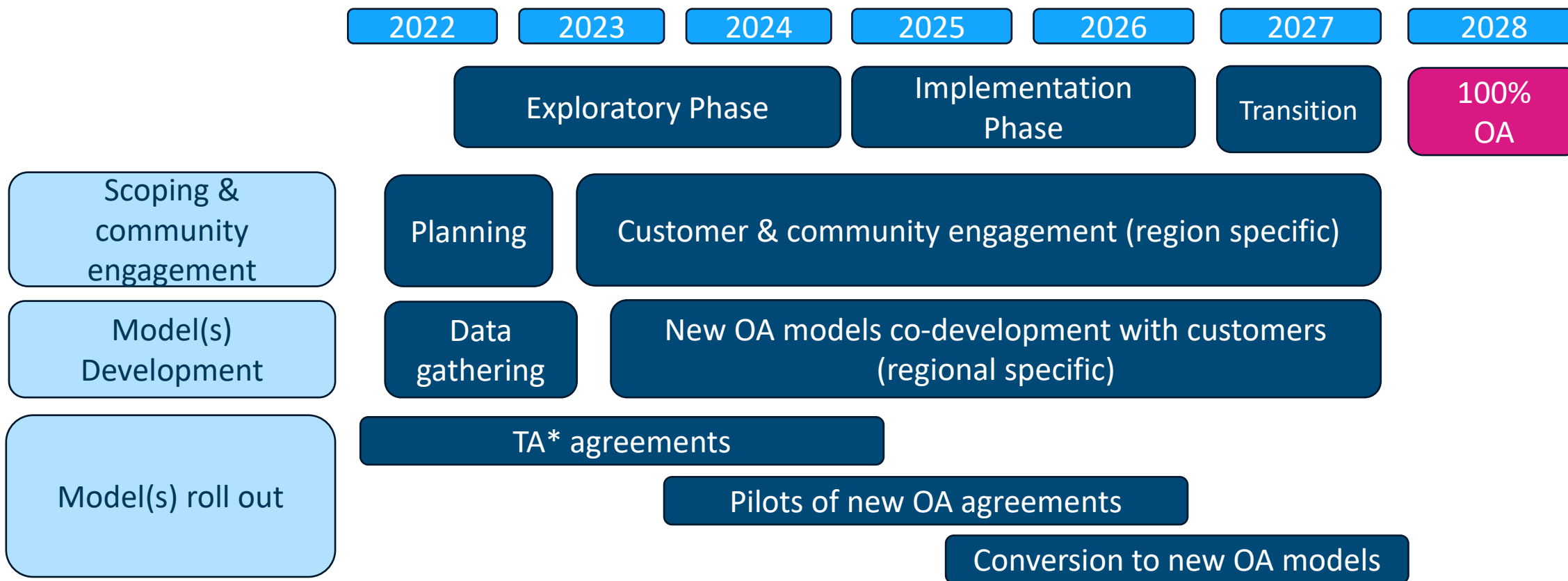


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Global shifts towards OA?

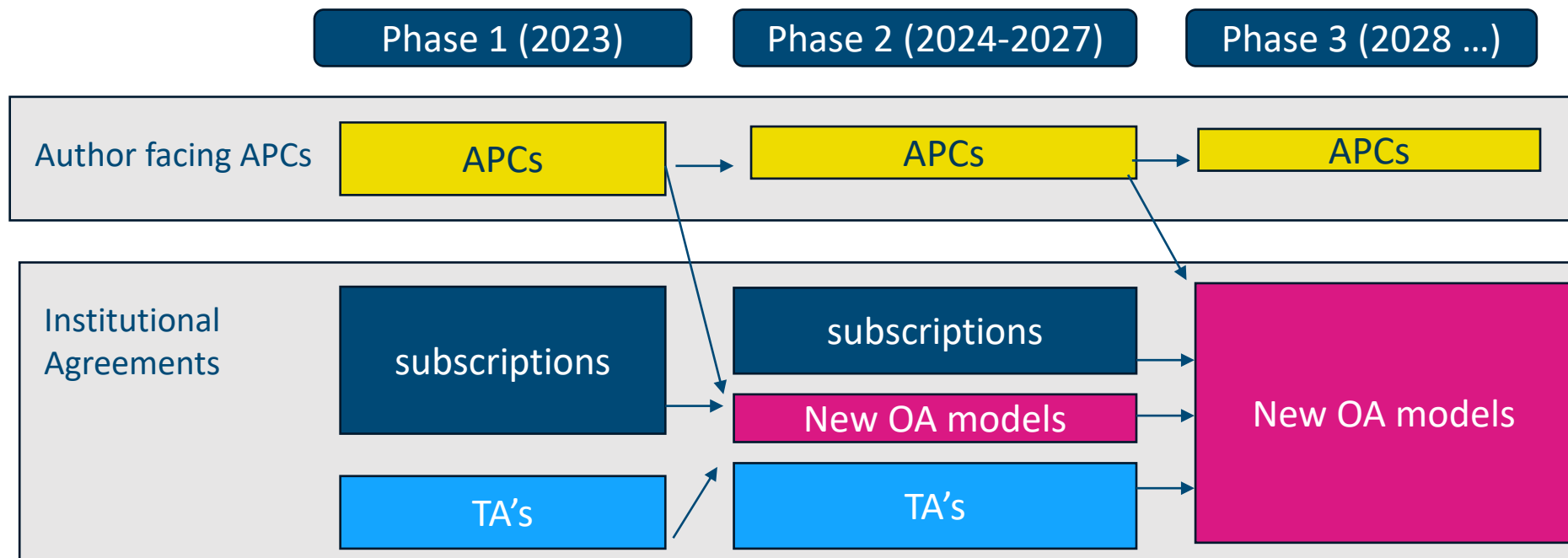


Our Open Access Roadmap



A phased and regional approach

Taking a regional approach to engagement and model development



Co-developing an Open Access Future

- **New consortium model- RSC Platinum.** Four-year agreement supports authors and readers at **77 institutions** in Germany.
- **An agreement designed to support a fully OA future,** which delivers shared goals of equity for German institutions and a **community approach**
- **3 components to the agreement**



[Royal Society of Chemistry and TIB co-create next generation Open Access consortium model \(rsc.org\)](#)

What have we learnt?

- A clear commitment to an OA future enabled **positive customer collaborations**
- Partnership with our **customers** is everything
- Dedicated resources and close working between editorial and sales
- The importance of setting our **OA transition** as an organisational priority
- The challenges of a **global transition**

