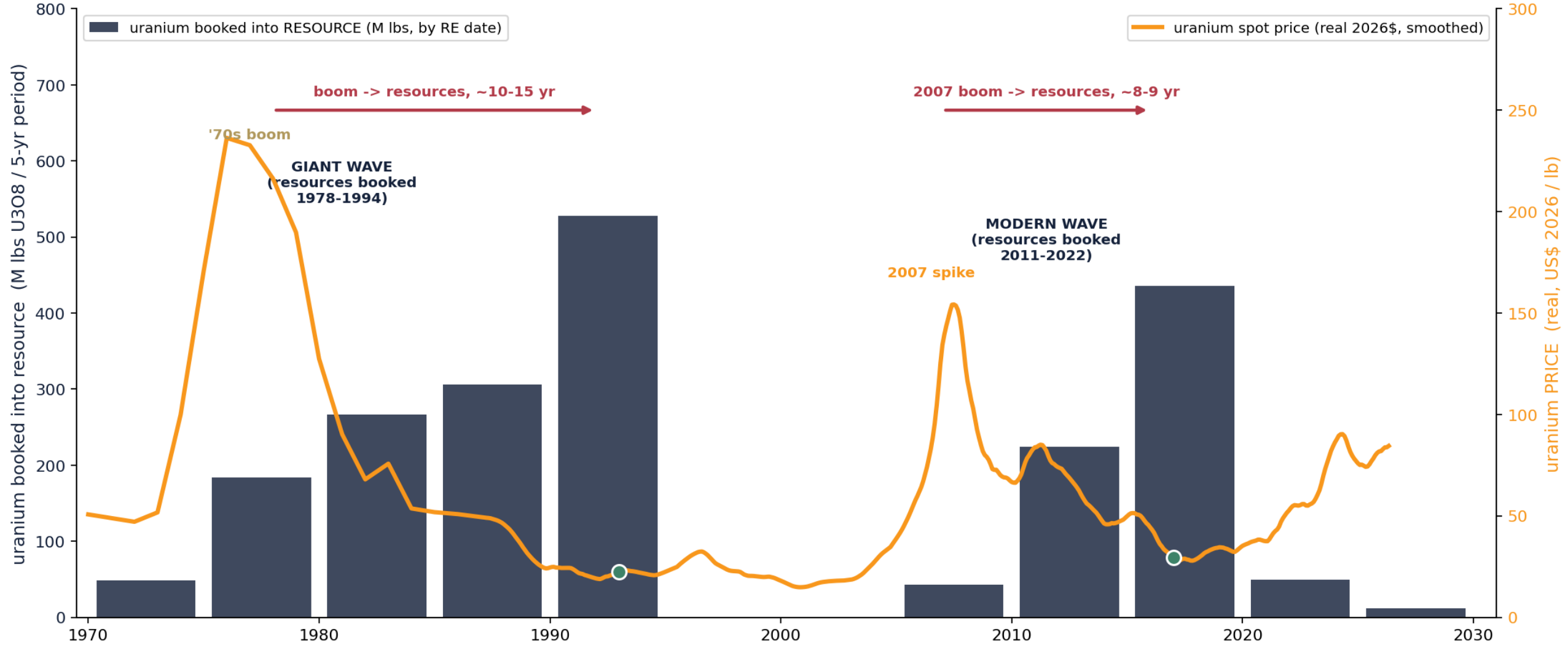


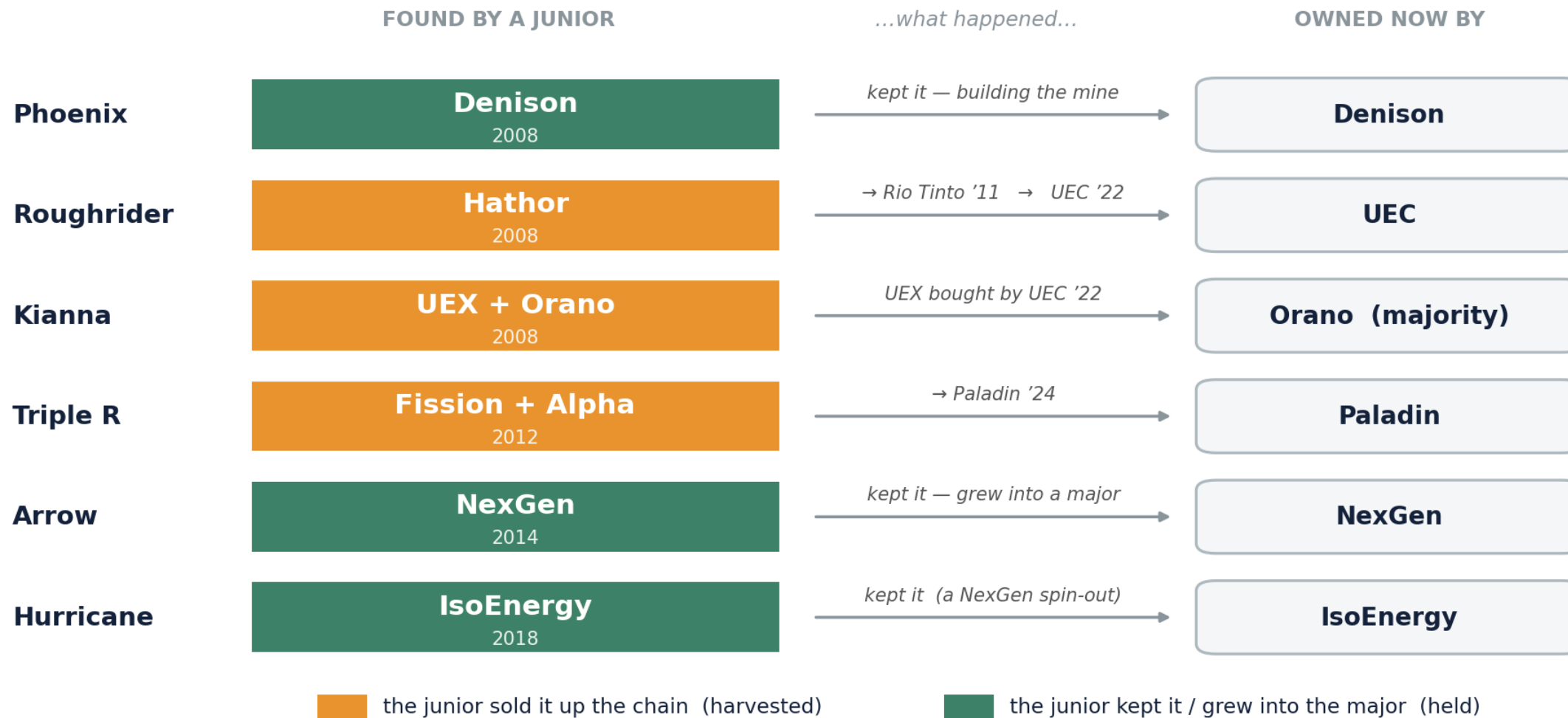
The rock gets booked when uranium is CHEAPEST - the value comes from the discovery, not the price



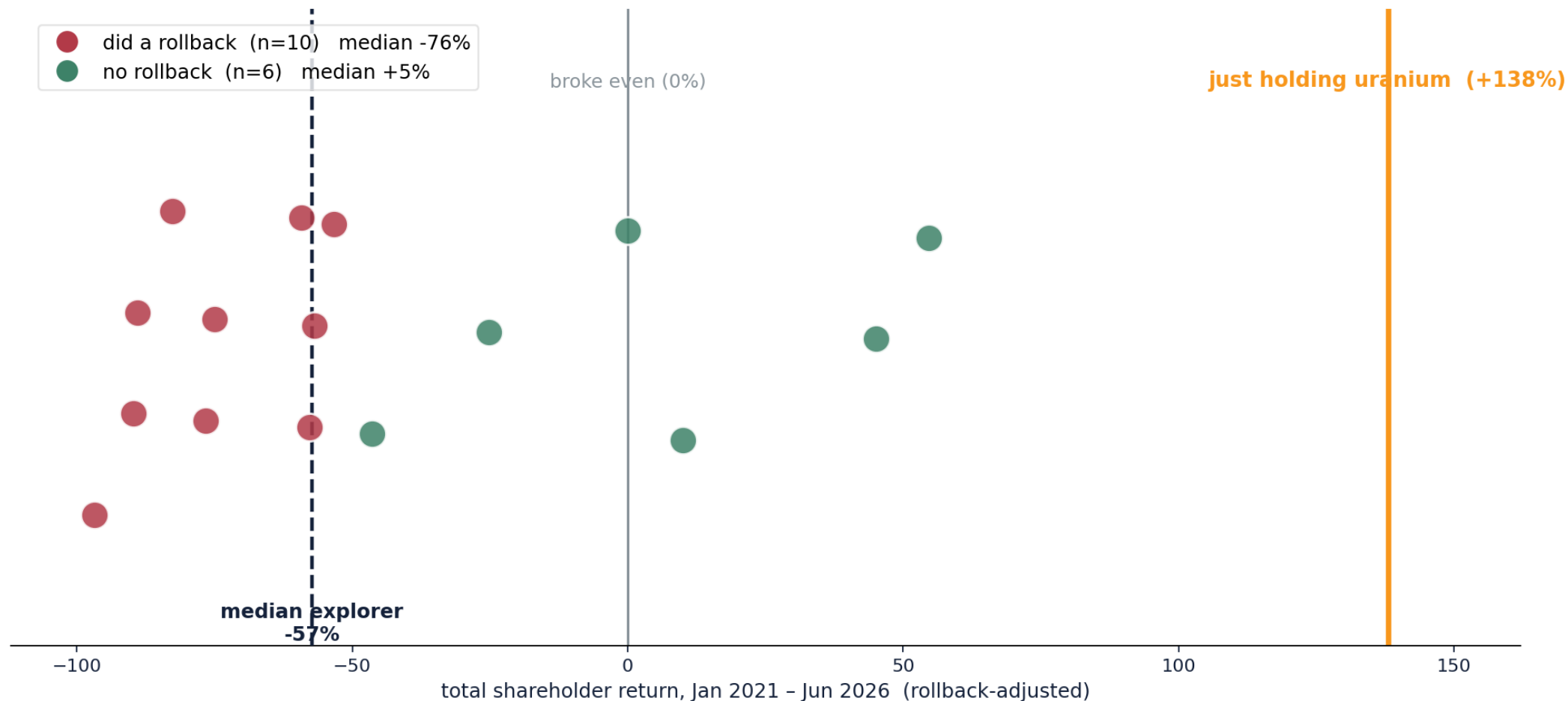
Bars at MINERAL-RESOURCE-ESTIMATE date (not the discovery hole). Modern dates (2009+) per company filings; pre-2001 approximate (predates NI 43-101).
A VISUAL pattern, not a statistic: the big WAVES crest in the price lows - not every single deposit. Price: uranium spot, real 2026 US\$ (UxC/NUEXCO), smoothed.

Who found the rock — and who owns it now

every one was found by a JUNIOR — then sold up the chain, or grown into a major itself



The Athabasca explorer scoreboard: the tide came in — most boats still sank



The 16 Athabasca Basin explorers in our dataset (names withheld); rollback-adjusted; non-Basin names (Sweden, Argentina, US) and a holding co excluded. Survivorship still flatters this — names that died or delisted are not even here. The rollback / dilution-endgame names cluster at the bottom; the survivors skew to JV / prospect-generator models that made the majors fund the drilling.

How to invest in a uranium explorer

- 1 Buy the cycle**
be in when the boom is funding the hunt — discoveries lag the money by ~a decade
- 2 Bet on the discovery, not the commodity**
an explorer is a discovery option, not leveraged uranium
- 3 Demand that it converts**
the resource estimate is the verdict — hype that won't book real pounds is a miss
- 4 Insist on a tight share structure**
or the discovery just dilutes away before it's your return
- 5 Get paid at the verdict or the harvest**
exit at the resource re-rate or the takeout — you're here for the discovery, not the mine
- 6 Max your odds — back what the winners shared**
a big land package (200,000 ha+), millions and dozens of holes spent before the first hit, capital used wisely
- 7 Run a portfolio, not a hail-mary**
spread your bets, and cycle out the names that stop meeting these criteria