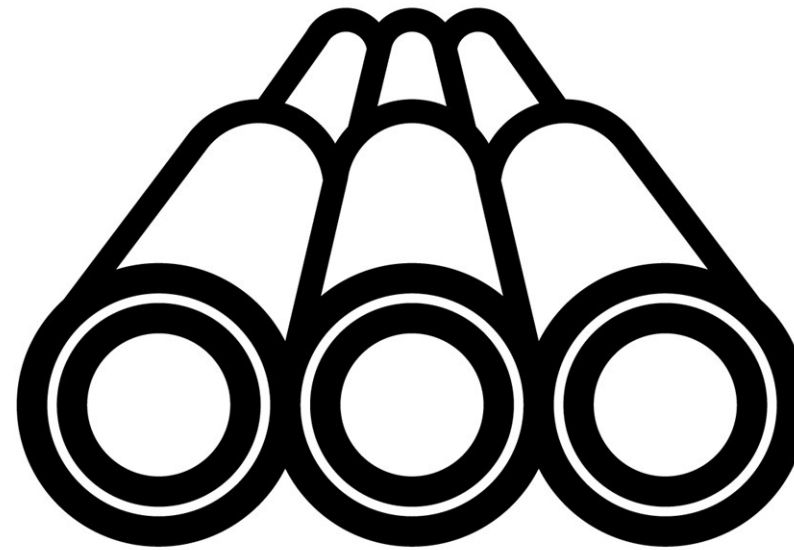




MEEP; Materials Exploration space Extension Platform

(Materials Exploration Platform; Expanding Search Space by high-throughput technology)

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World
issues



<https://meti-journal.jp/p/13066-2/>

Carbon Neutral 2050



<https://www.keidanrensds.com/home-jp>

SDGs

Corres
pondece



**Factory
zero CO₂**



Electrification



**Autonomous
driving**



**High-speed
communication**



Wearable



**Distributed
medical care**

Mater
ials

Electronic
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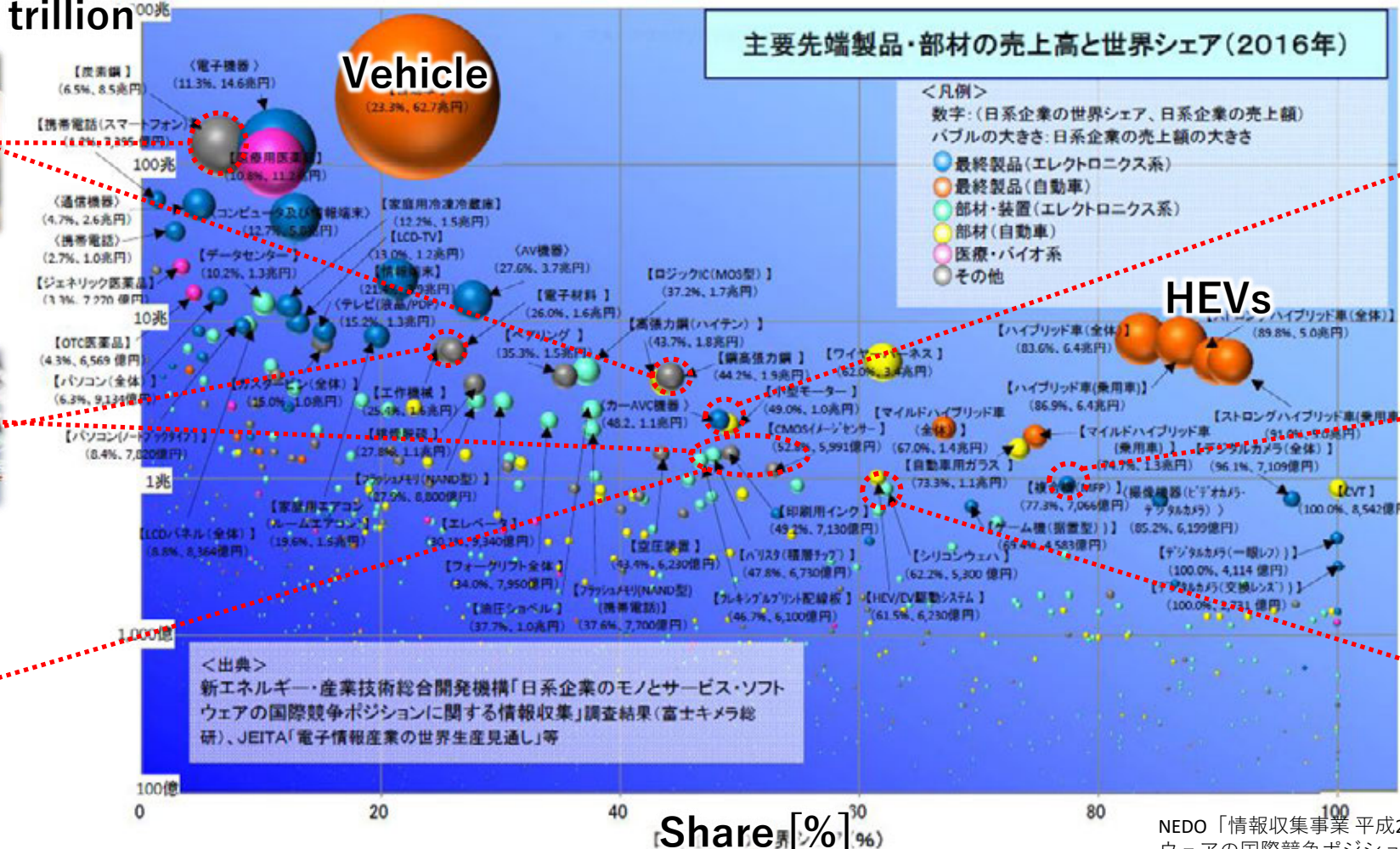
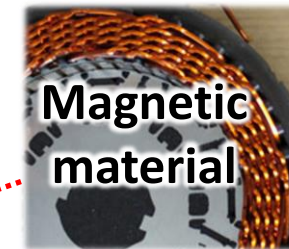
Dielectric
Mater.

Materials R&D is essential for the future society in the world

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Market [yen]
1,000 trillion



Materials industry is an important base of MONOZUKURI industry

→ Materials R&D is more and more important

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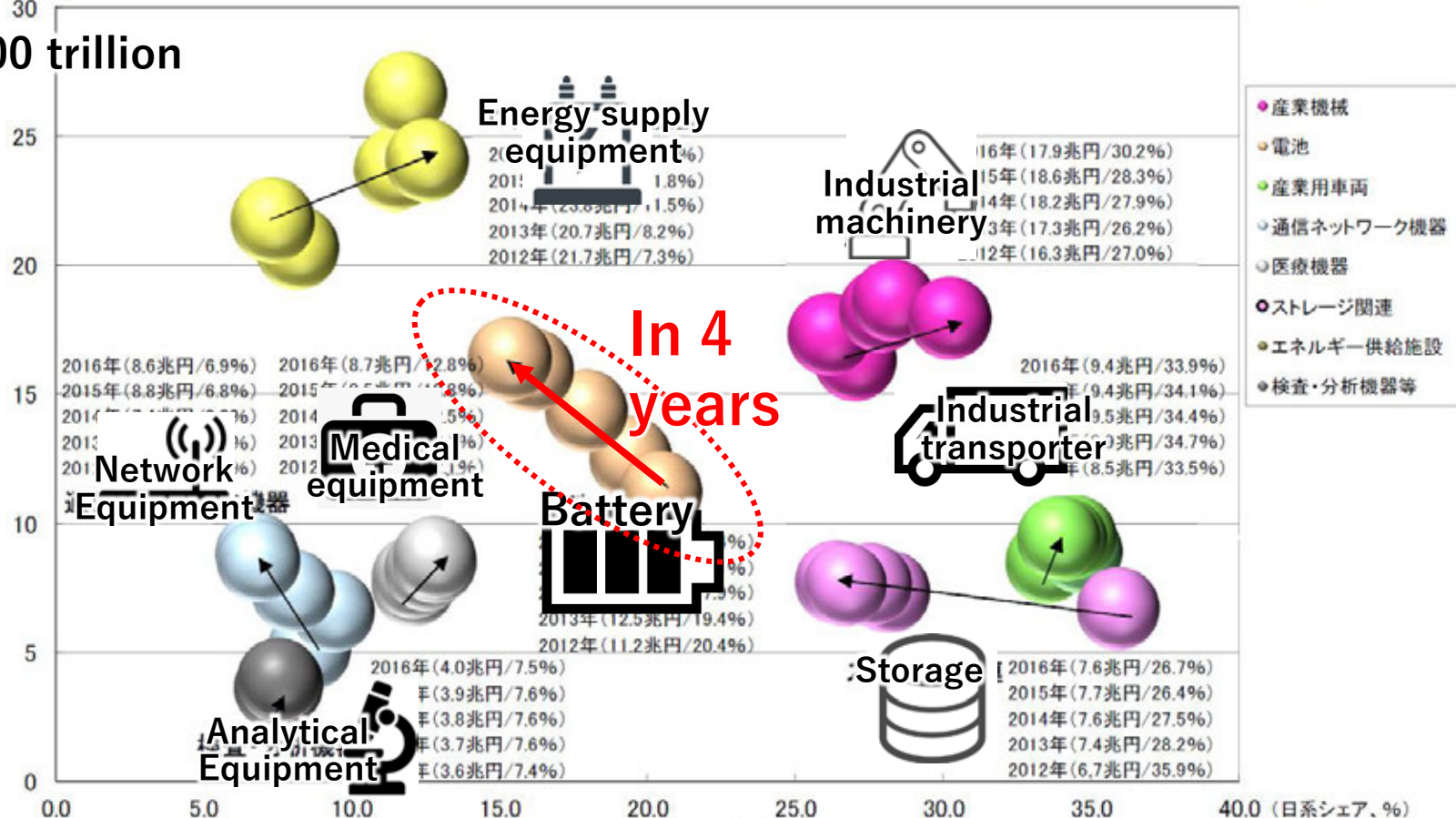
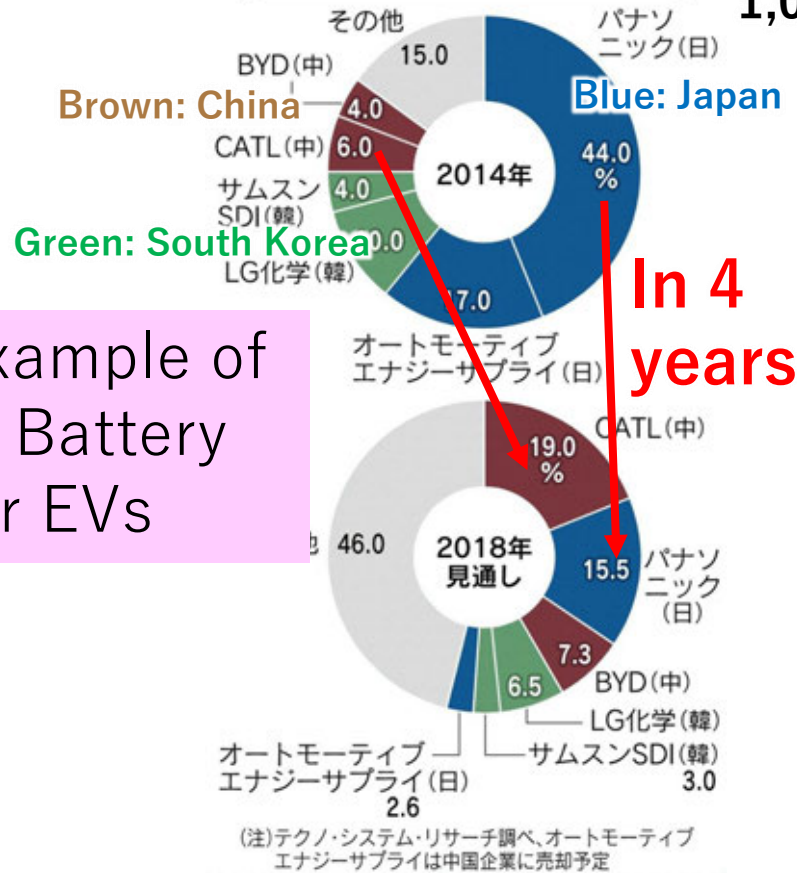
Market [yen]

2012年～2016年カテゴリ別市場規模及び日系シェア推移(3兆円以上30兆円未満:2016年市場規模)

凡例: 年(世界市場規模/日系シェア)

1,000 trillion

短期間で中国勢に追い抜かれた
車載用リチウムイオン電池のシェア
(出荷量ベース)



NEDO「情報収集事業 平成29年度 日系企業のソフトウェアの国際競争ポジションに関する情報収集」、(2018年3月)

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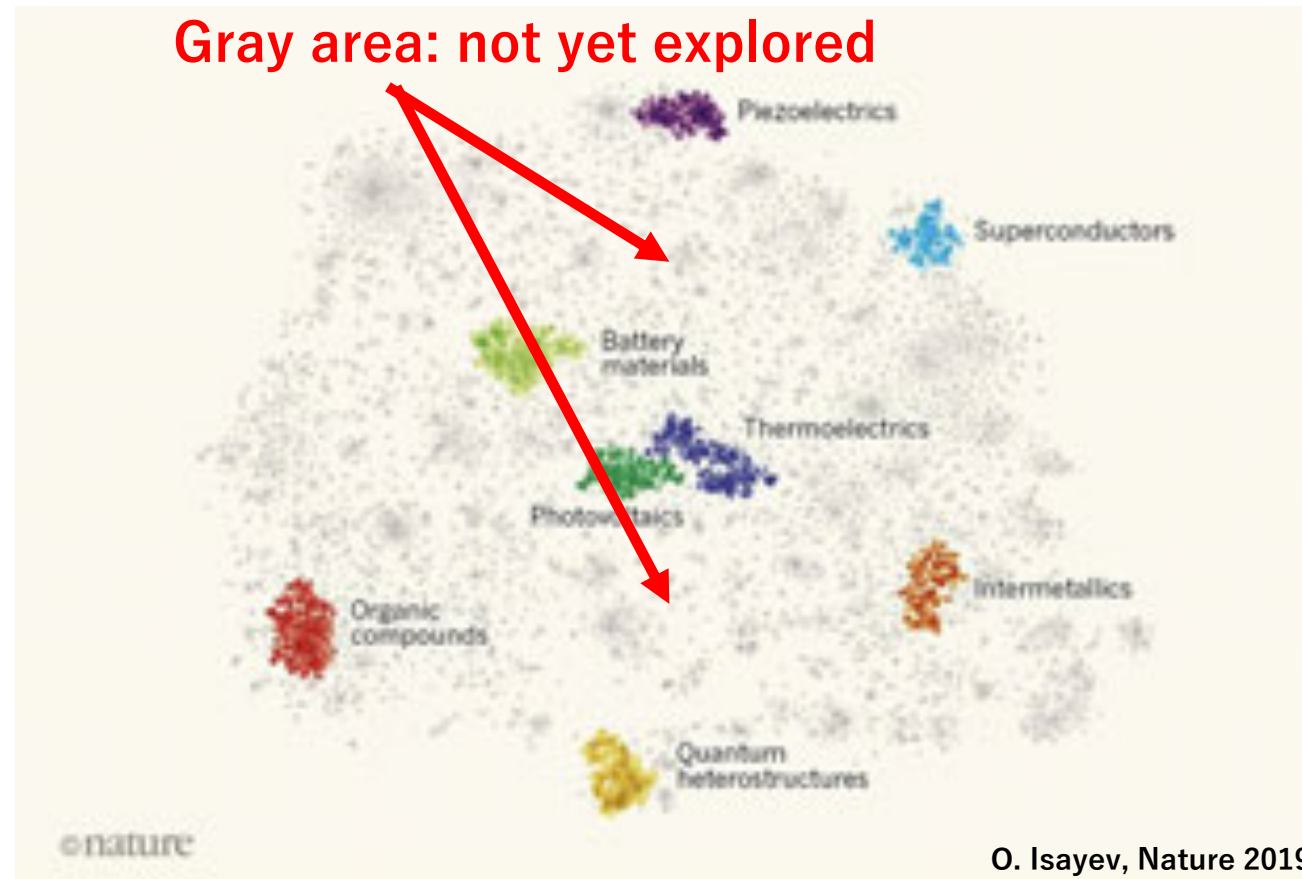
Industrial competitiveness is declining

How to achieve results?



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1-2 Materials R&D problems in Japan



Little materials have been explored on “materials map” (combination : 10^{60}) .
How **high-throughput** new materials are explored is the key technology.



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Article

A mobile robotic chemist

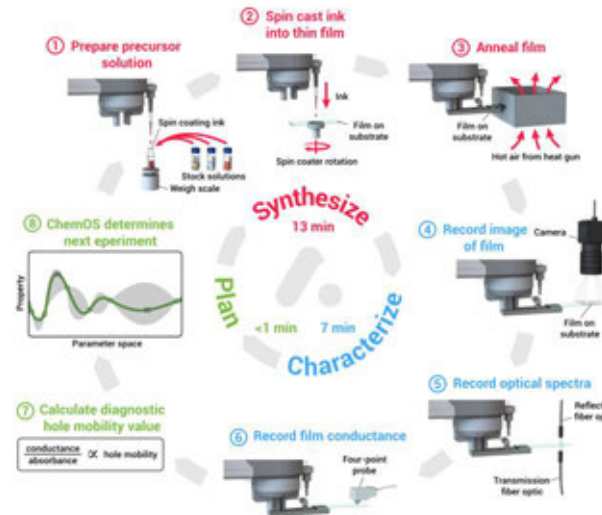


University of Liverpool
Nature **2020**

- Catalytic material
- 6 times activity

MATERIALS SCIENCE

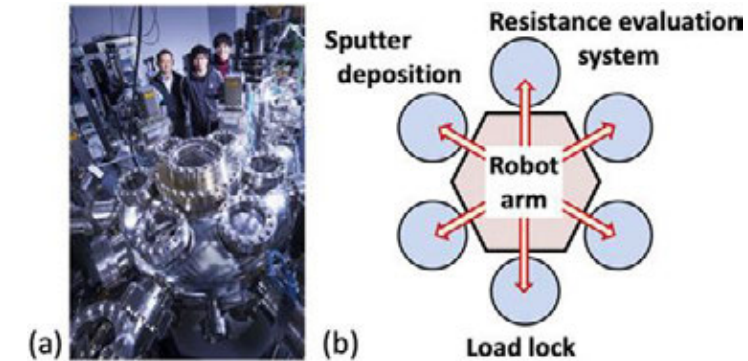
Self-driving laboratory for accelerated discovery of thin-film materials



University of British Columbia
Sci. Adv. **2020**

- Organic material
- 9 moths → 5 days

Autonomous materials synthesis by machine learning and robotics



Tokyo Tech.
APL Mater. **2020**



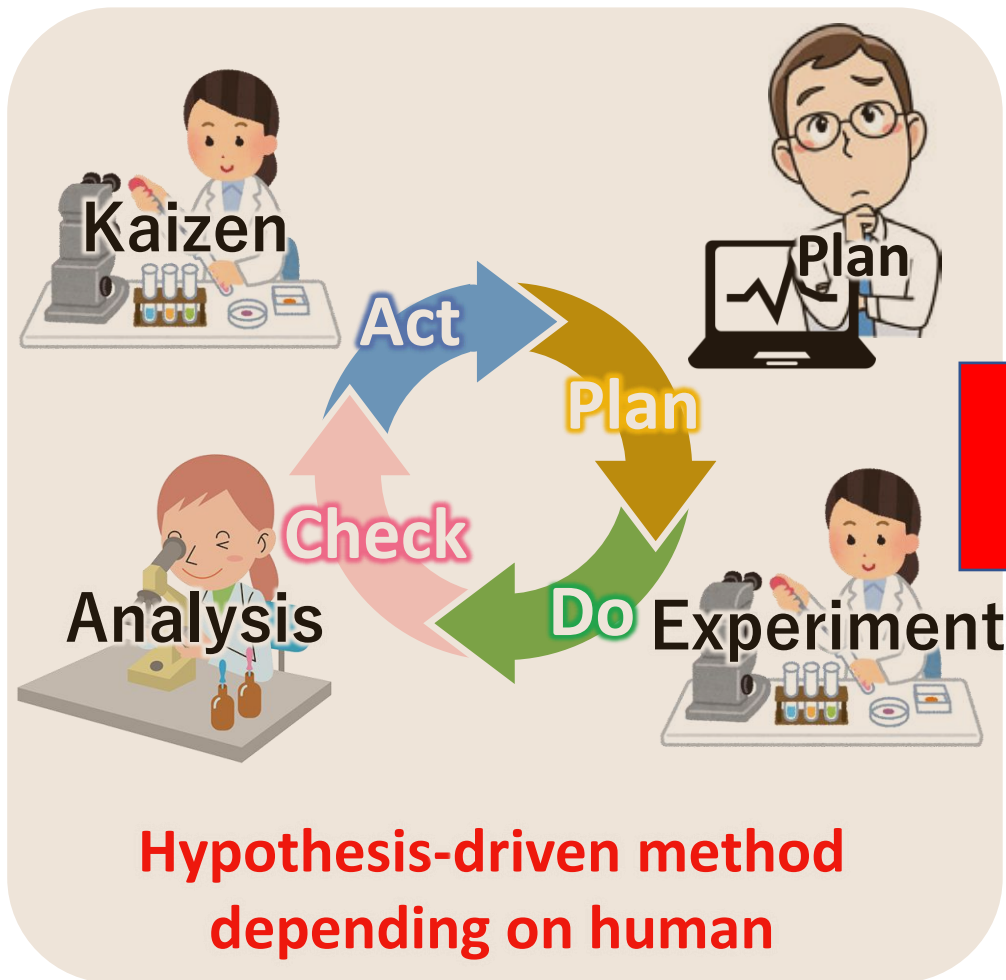
- Inorganic material
- 10 times throughput

The use of **autonomous exploration tools** is drastically advancing in these years.



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At this
rate

① **Limited number**
of trials&errors



② **Insufficient**
discussion



③ **Repeating**
same mistakes



After
that

Japan
materials
industry
crisis
by
low speed
research

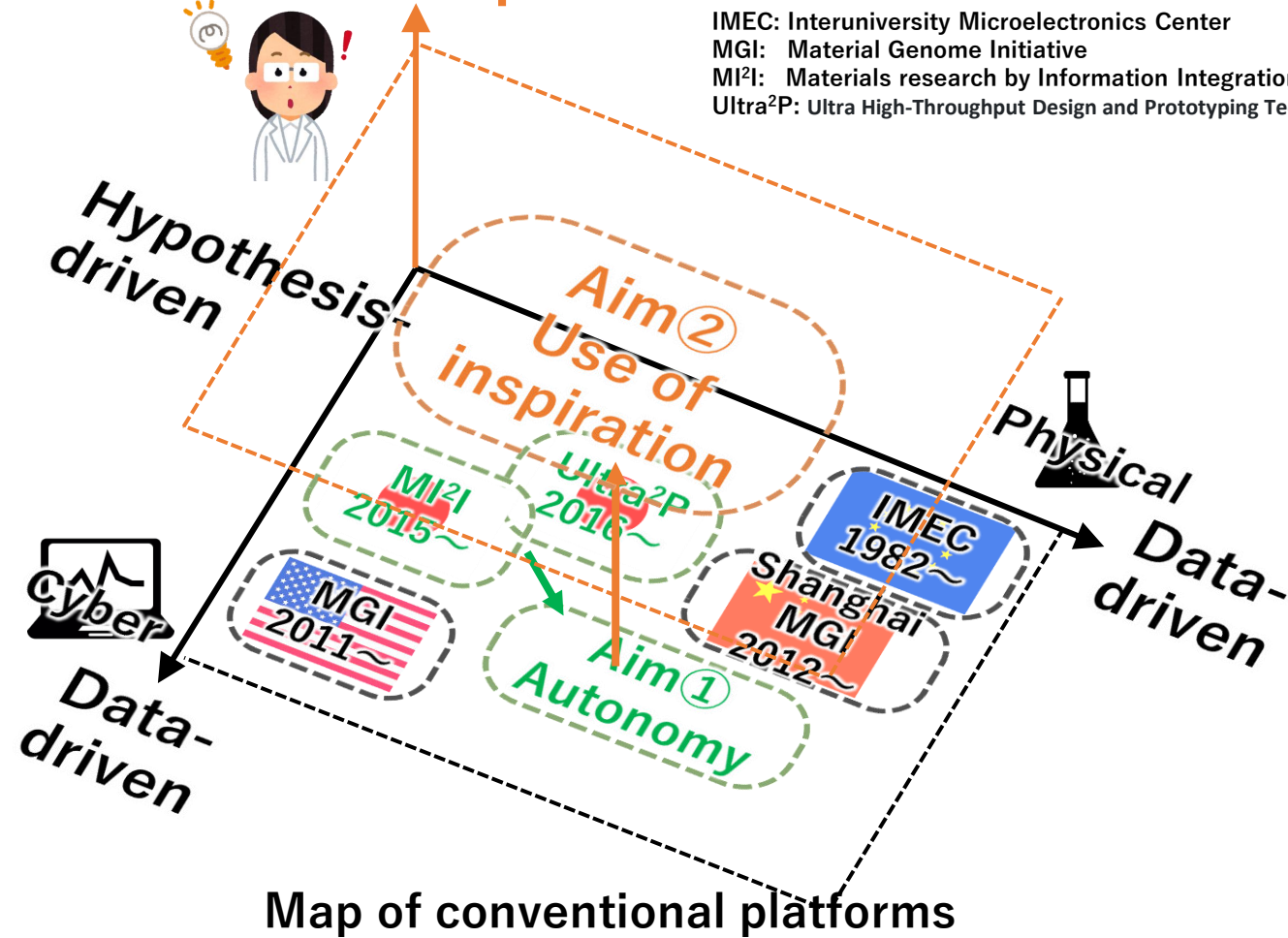
Materials R&D is Japan “home art”, with rich **intuition and experience**
However, this **hypothesis-driven** method will limit “home art”.



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Human inspiration



IMEC: Interuniversity Microelectronics Center

MGI: Material Genome Initiative

MI²I: Materials research by Information Integration Initiative(JST)

Ultra²P: Ultra High-Throughput Design and Prototyping Technology for Ultra Advanced Materials Development (NEDO)

While each country is working with individual approach,
now we need a **new platform suitable for Japan**

①Autonomy
②Use of inspiration



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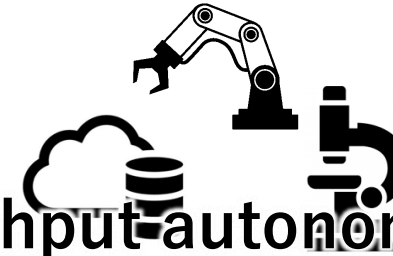
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High-throughput-autonomous systems



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Beyond
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Data-driven/hypothesis-driven
“hybrid” research method

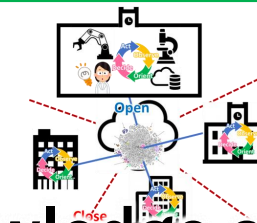


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Gather
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Knowledge sharing



We planned three measures: Our main contents



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2-2 ① Beyond human activity → HT autonomous systems



Experiment



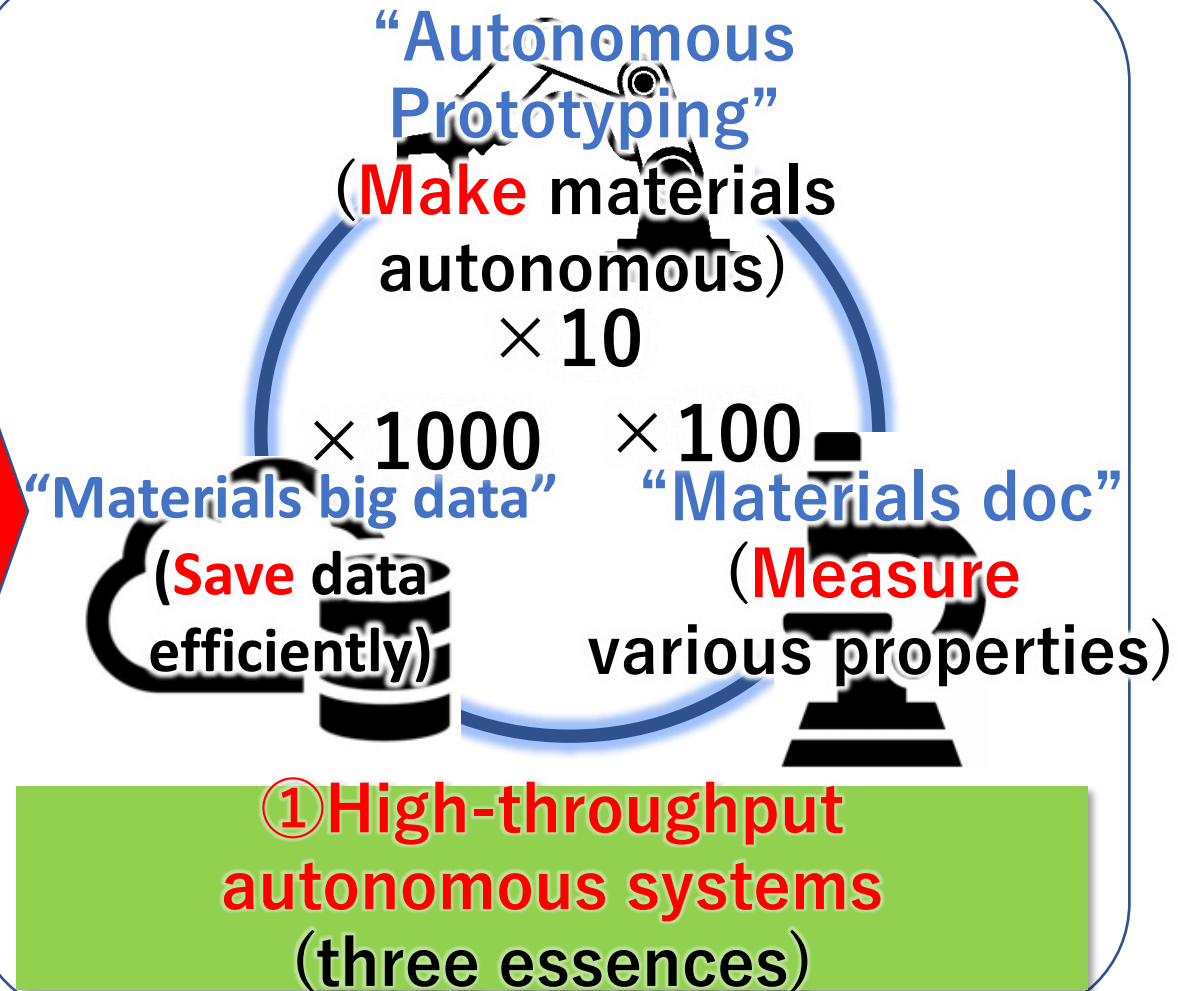
Kaizen



Analysis

Human-depended
works

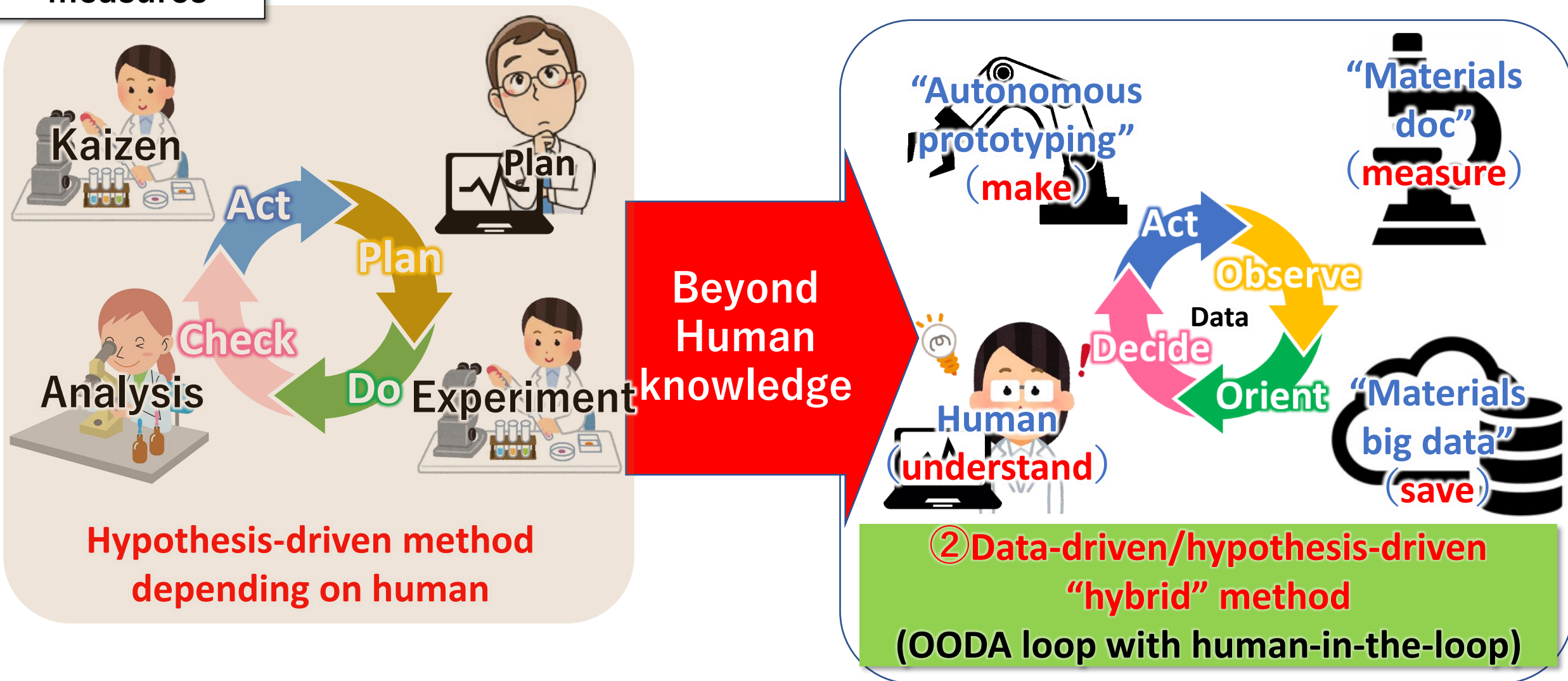
Beyond
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① Element technology for autonomy

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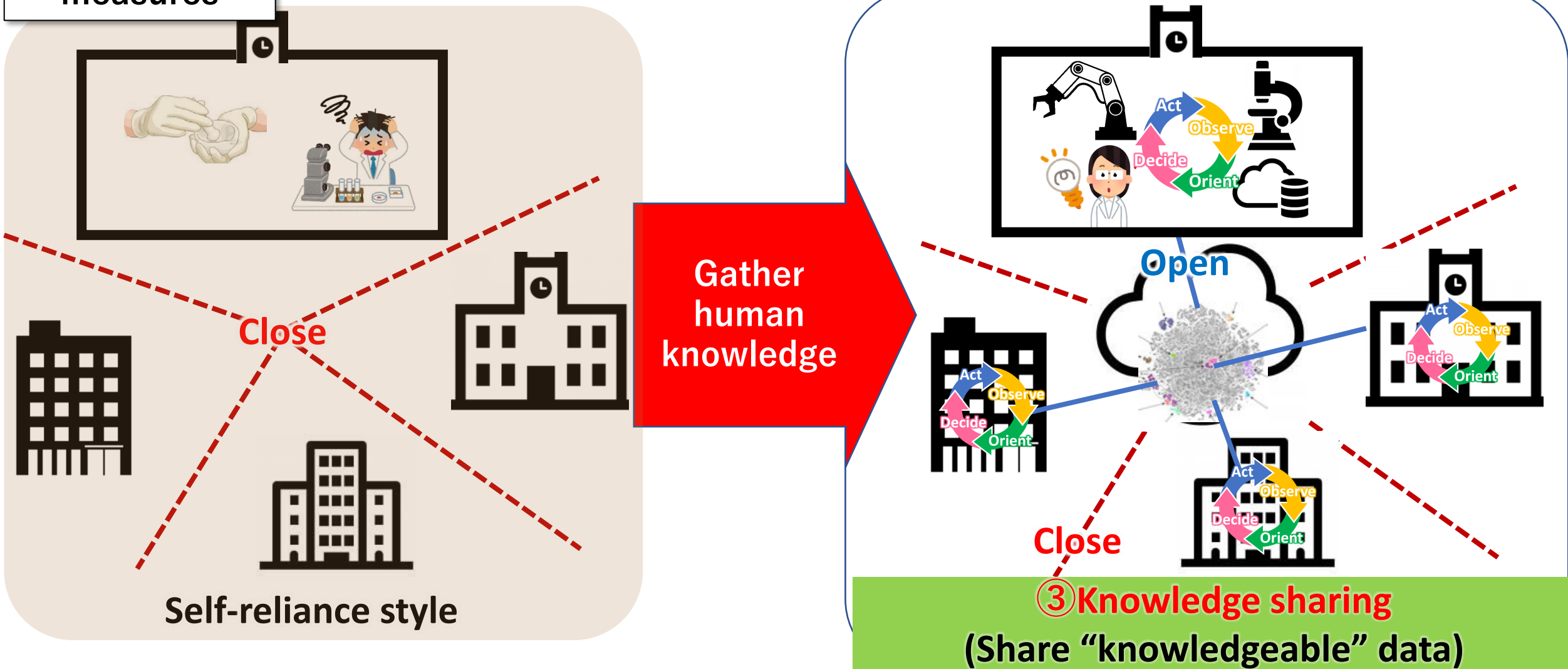
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② Induction and utilization of human inspiration

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③ Challenge beyond ① "autonomy" & ② "human inspiration"

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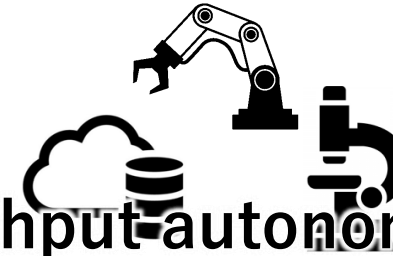
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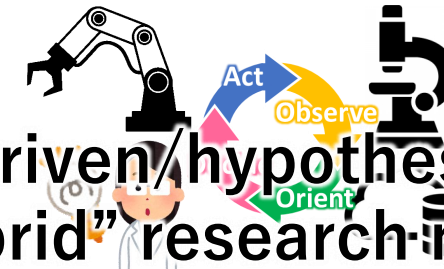


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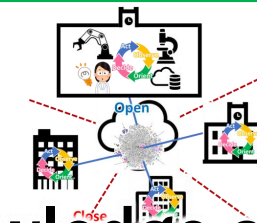


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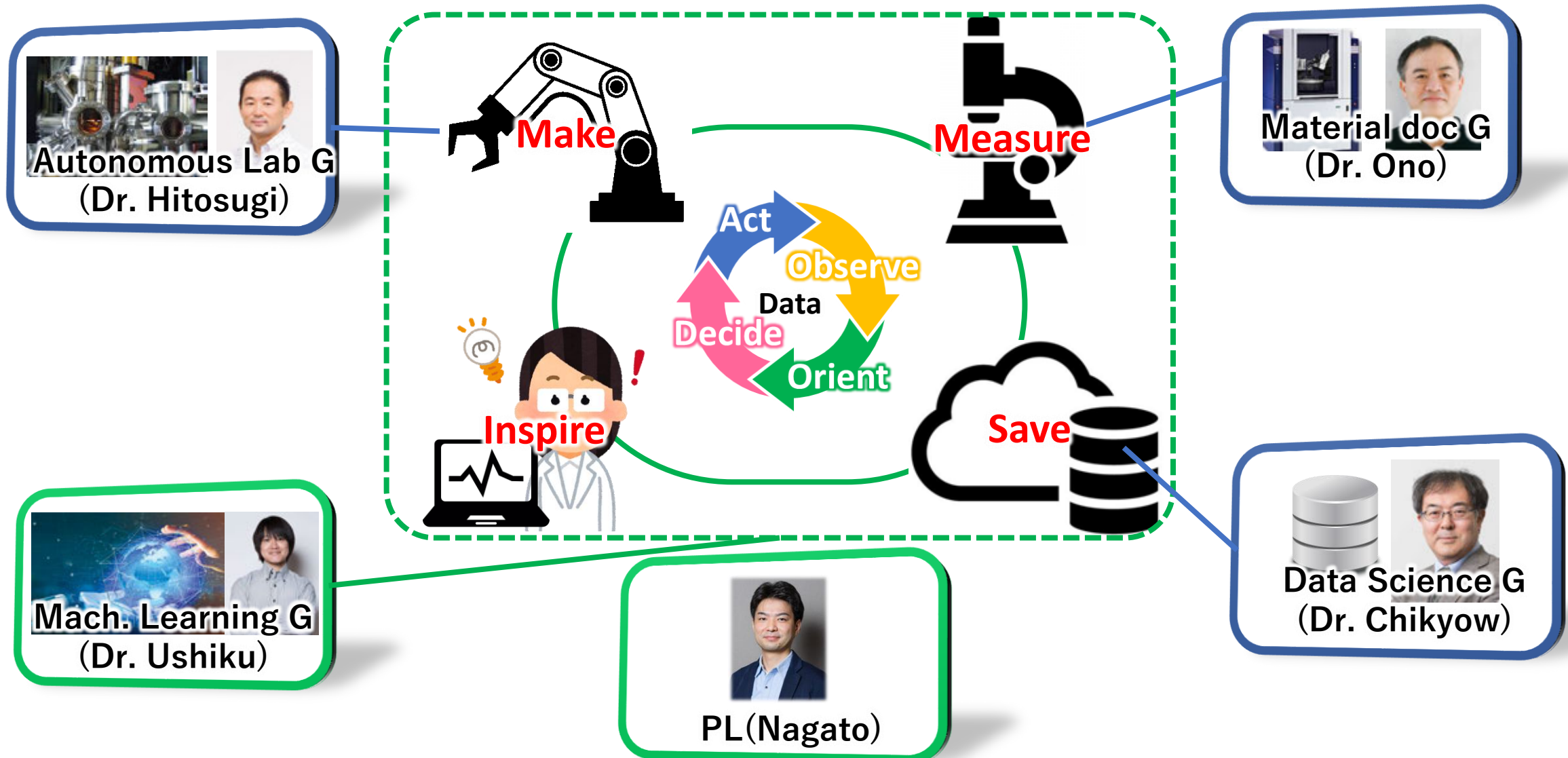
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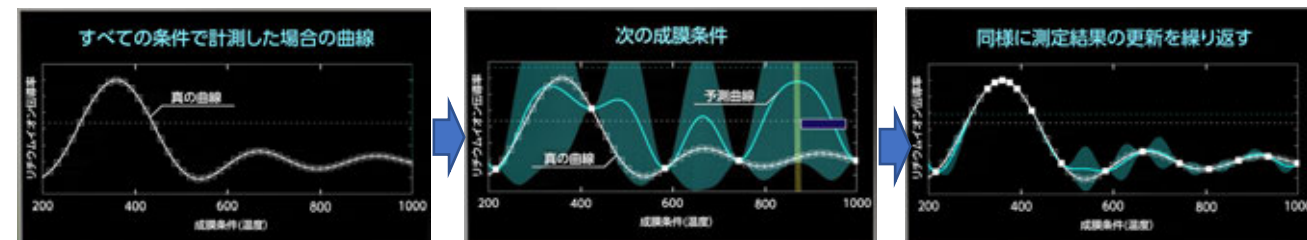
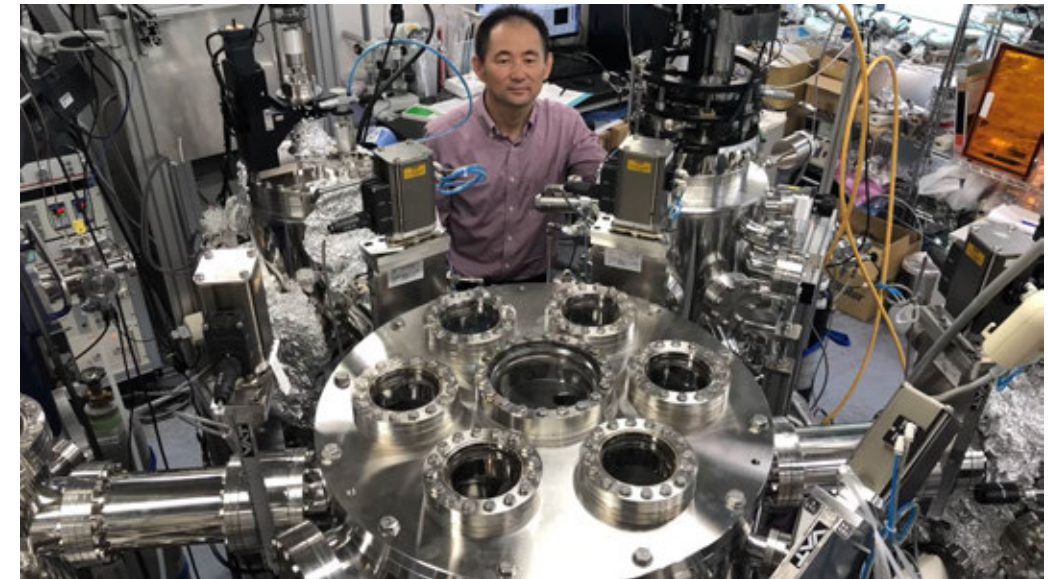
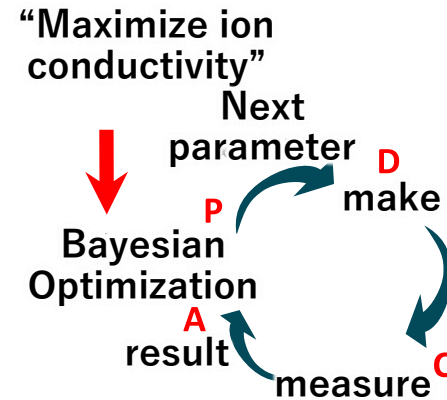
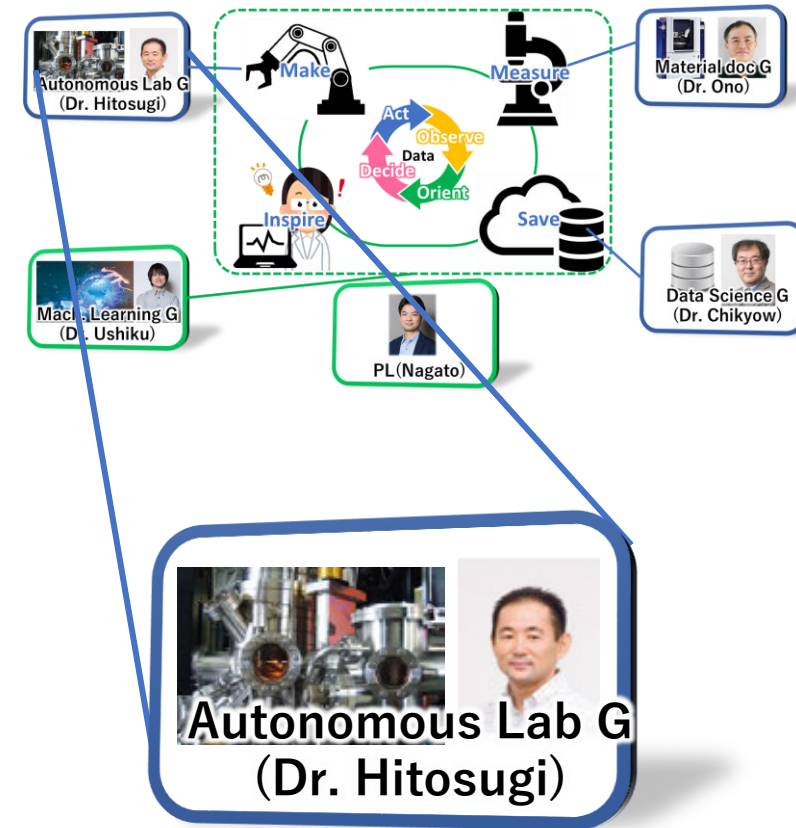
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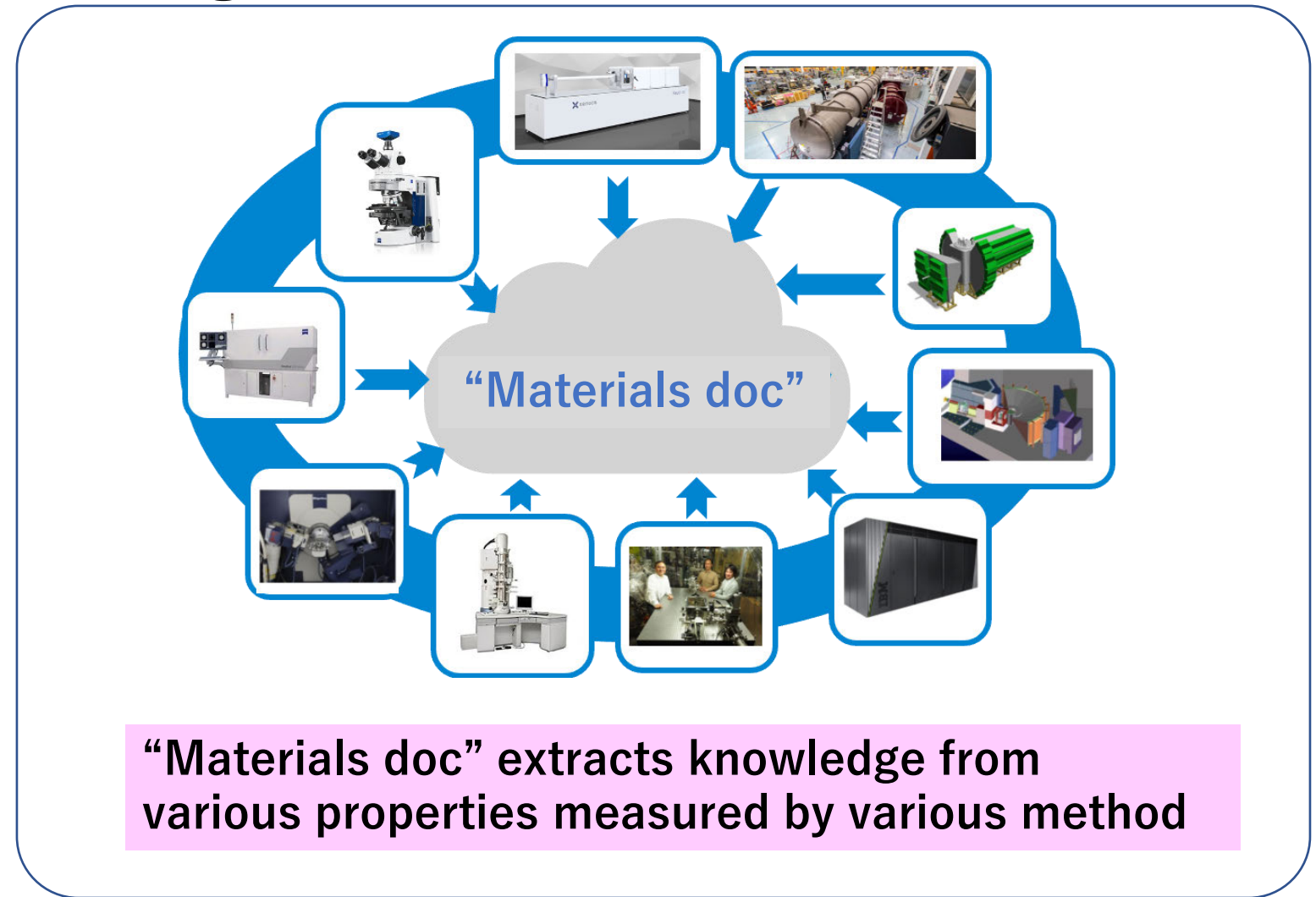
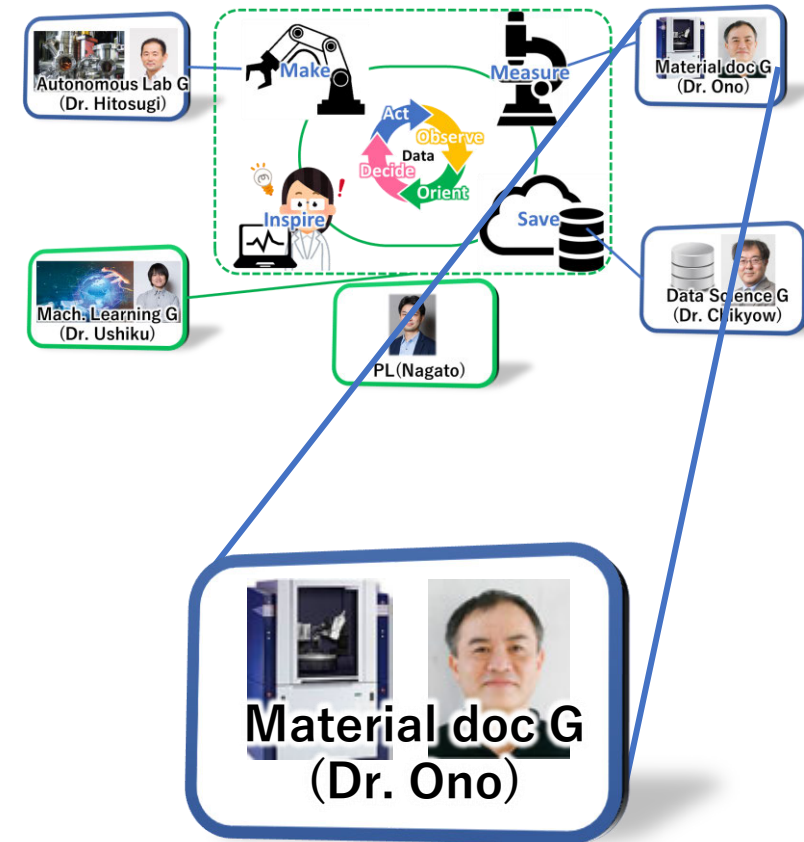


Autonomous exploration of ion-conducting materials
with vacuum film formation

Materials are prototyped with
autonomous experiment system

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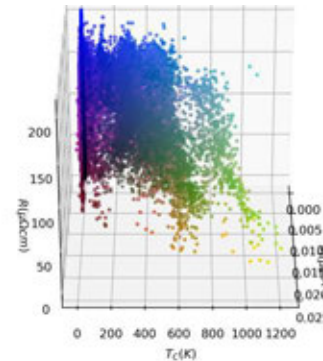
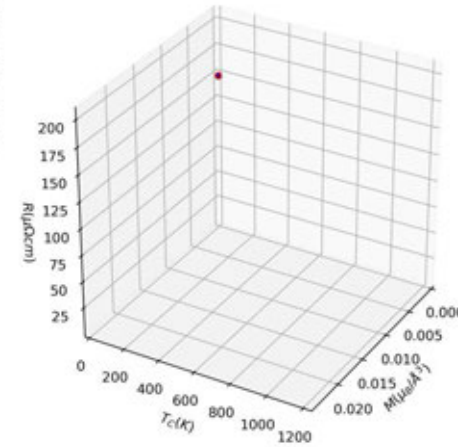
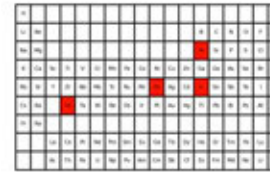
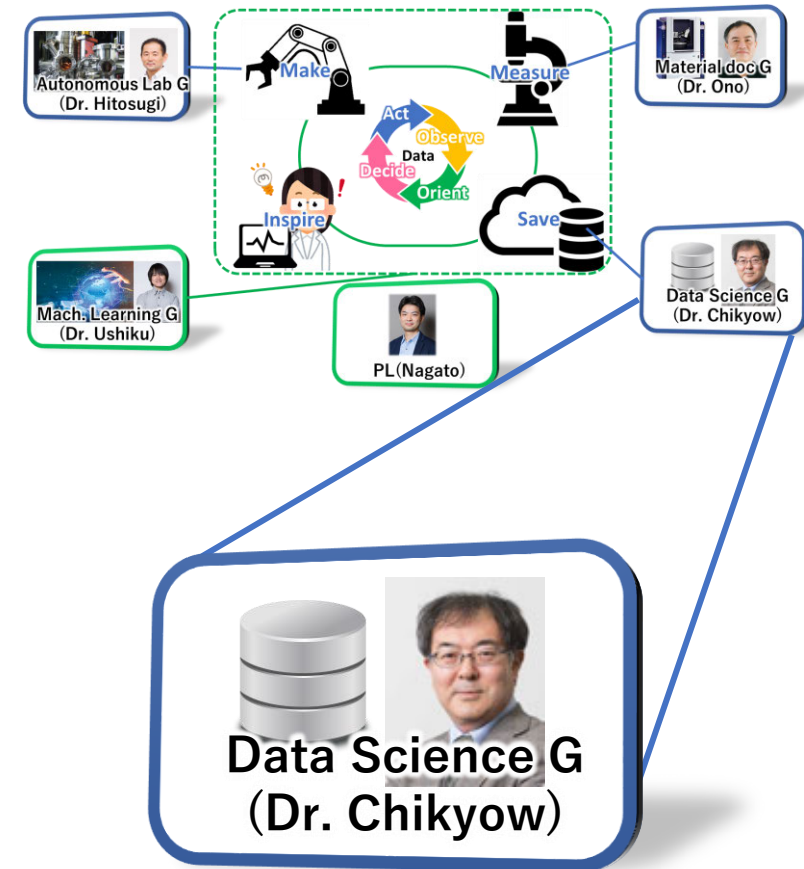


Knowledge is identified from **various measurement.**



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Prediction of new materials in cyber space



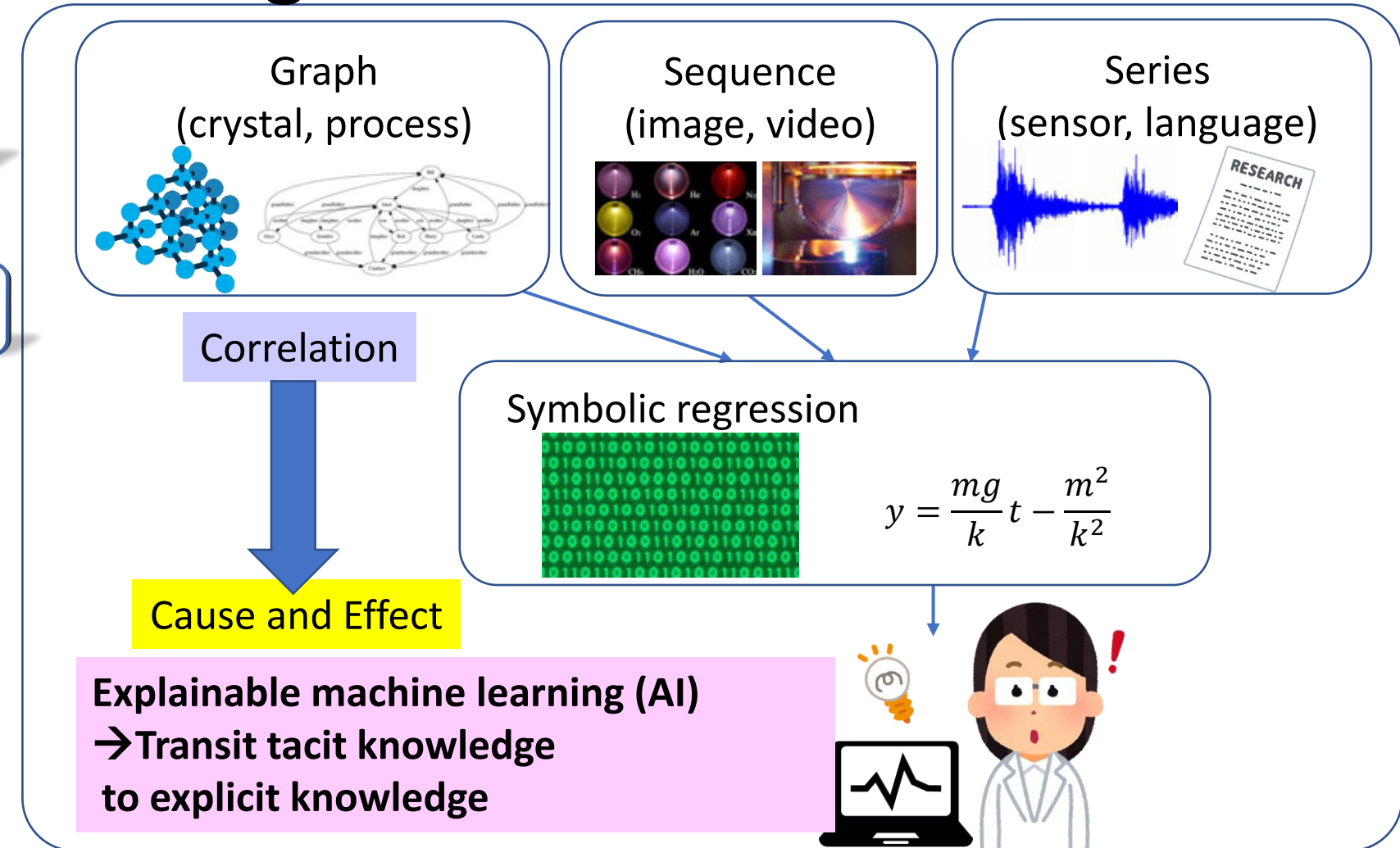
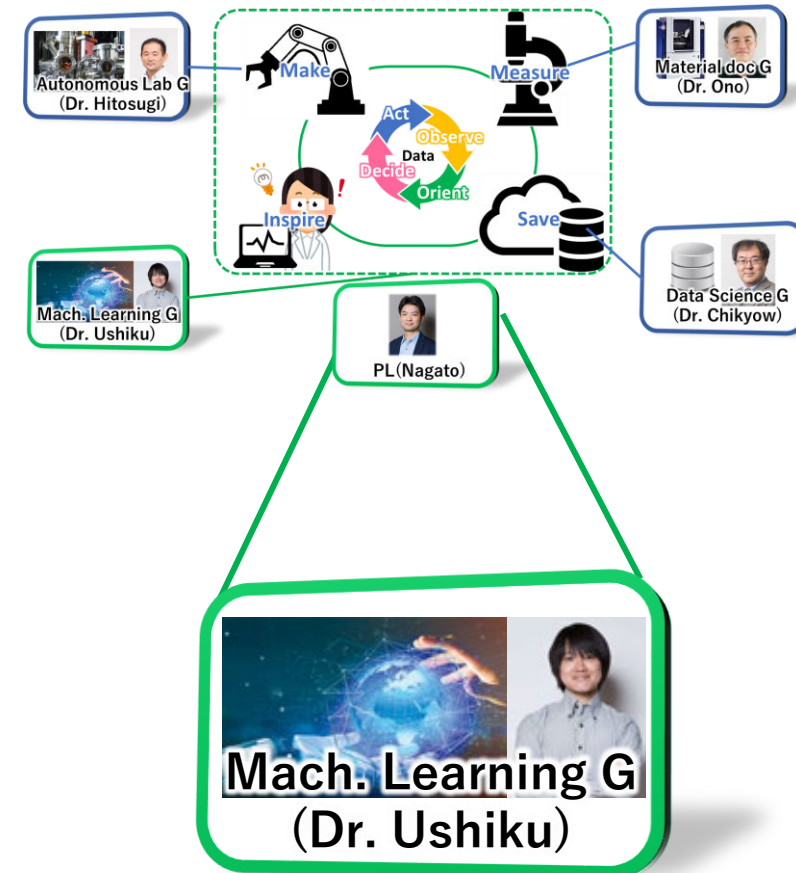
Early adapting NIMS data platform center

Next candidate is predicted from identified knowledge



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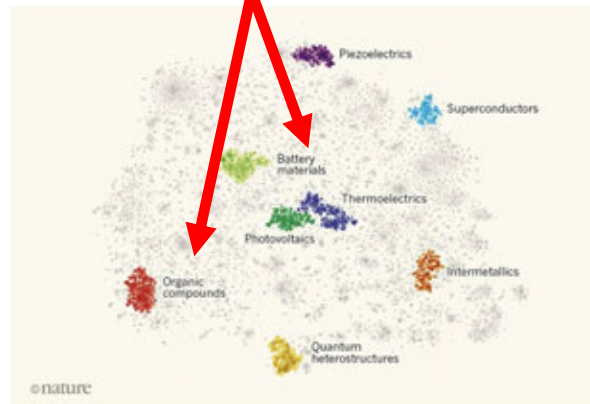
Cleansing of data to **trigger human inspiring.**



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Gray: not yet explored



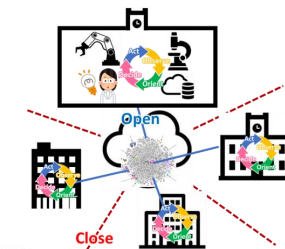
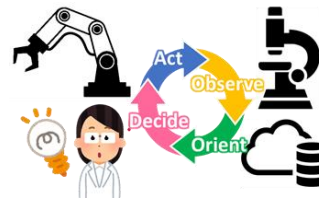
O. Isayev, Nature 2019

Ambitious part: not yet explored



a colored version of the map of the once known world from Martin Waldseemüller, 1507

“Age of Materials Discovery” (※ named by our group)



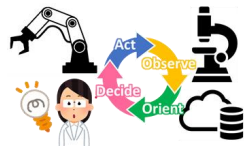
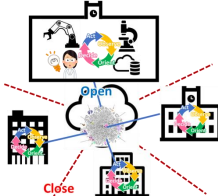
- ① High-throughput = **High-speed**
Autonomous system **boat**
- ② Data-/hypothesis- = **Compass**
driven Hybrid method
- ③ Knowledge = **Navigation**
sharing **act**

Our POC **extends materials exploration space** with these three measures



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Contents		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
① High-throughput Autonomous systems 	High-speed boat 	Autonomous lab(AL) Design/launch				
② Data-driven Hybrid method 	Compass 	Mater. Doc (M ²) Element technol.				
③ Knowledge sharing 	Navigation act 	Prediction of new materials with ML Develop data cleansing method	 	Demo. Human-in-the-loop		
		Data sharing infrastructure Design/launch		Trial of AL from outside institute		

Demonstration of exploration of battery materials

- All **solid-state battery material**
- Throughput: **1,000 times**

Step1: Development of **element technology** for ①② HT systems

Step2: **Demonstration of ③ Knowledge sharing**

Step3: High-throughput development of battery materials **KPI: 1,000 times**

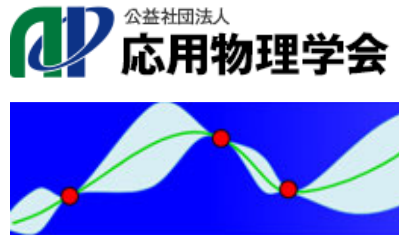


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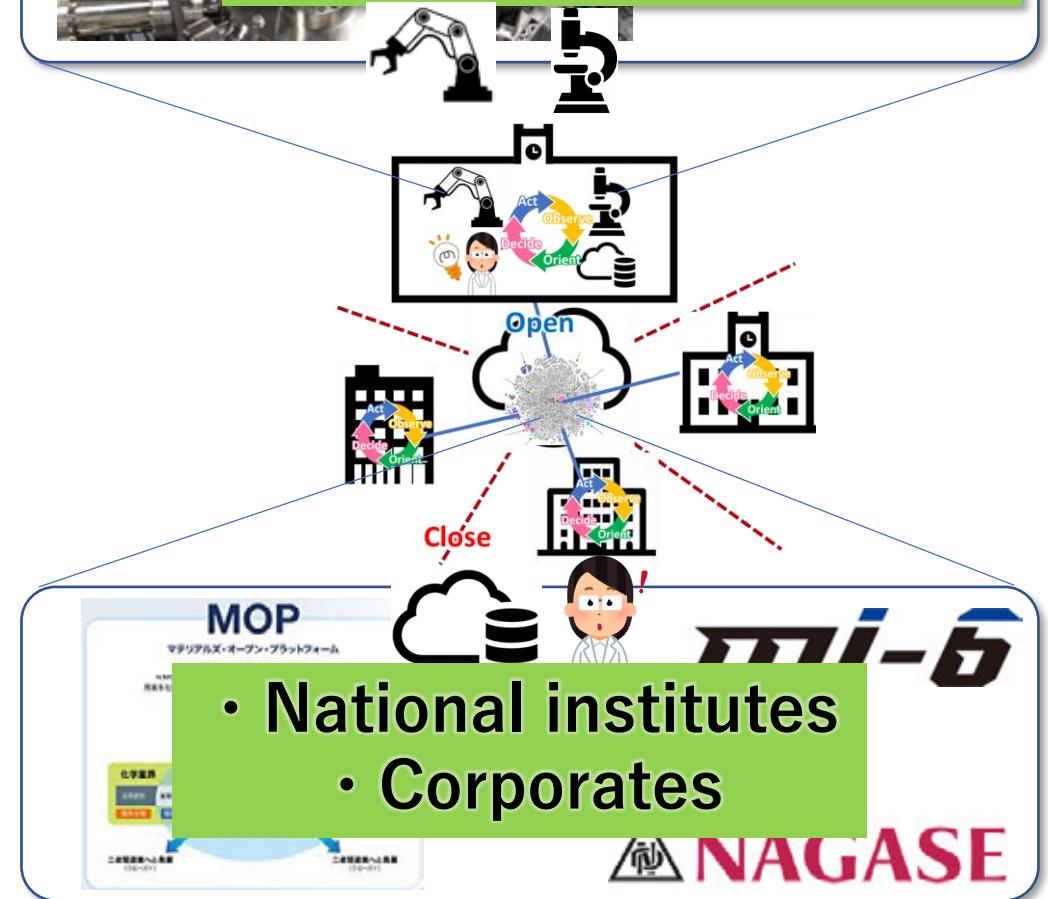
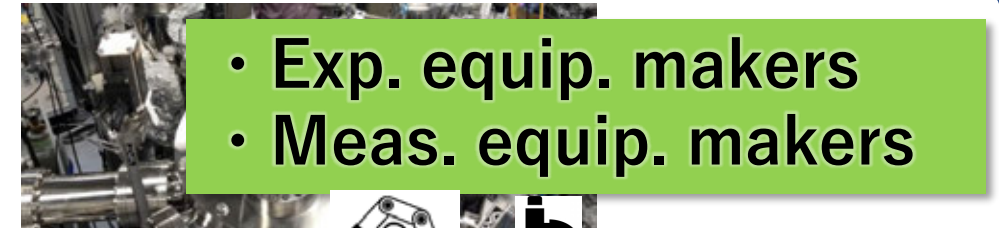


Collaborative
Education : **24**



Japan Society of Applied Physics
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**We aim platform of human-resource
and industry/academia collaboration**



**We aim ecosystem of
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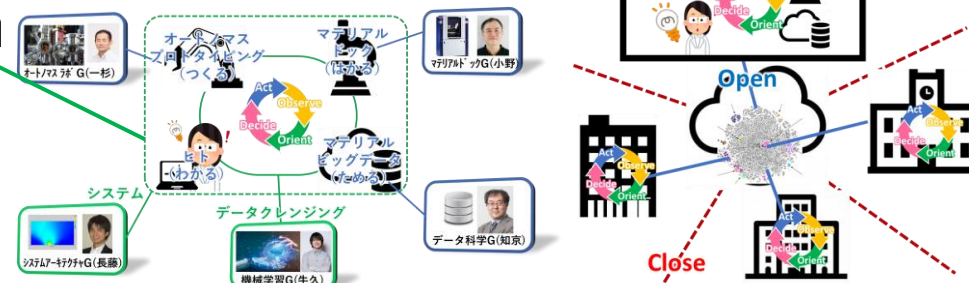
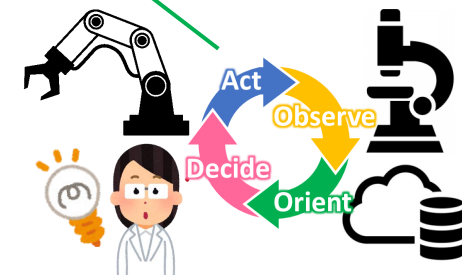
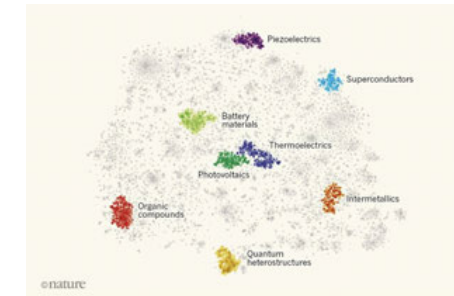
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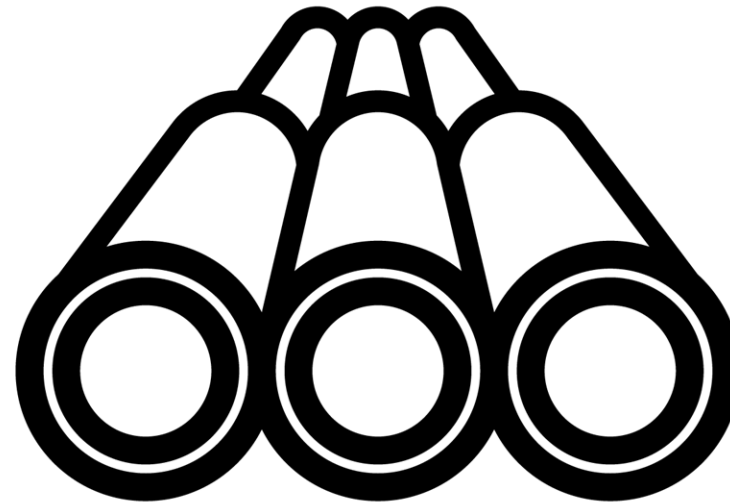
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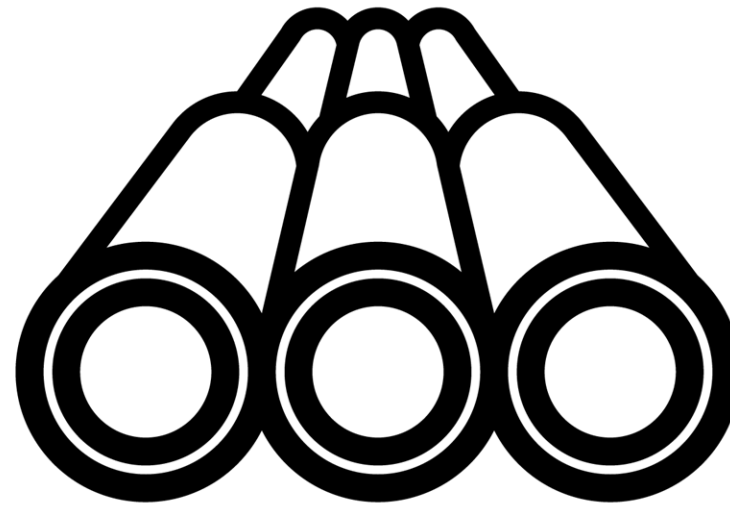
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**We are small-starting in Japan.
But we need international collaboration.
Please contact us and welcome our contacting.**



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Departure 'Age of Materials Discovery' together!

Thank you for your attention.