

Starting up a Company – Our Case



科技部 Ministry of Science and Technology



Iwao Yoshino

- ✓ Born 1967
- ✓ Keio University
 - ✓ BA Law
 - ✓ Played American Football
- ✓ Joined Mitsui & Co., Ltd. 1990
 - ✓ Chemical Dept.
 - ✓ Traded Polyester Raw material → Taiwan
- ✓ Quit Mitsui in 2000
- ✓ UC Berkeley Haas School of Business MBA
- ✓ Found Microwave Chemical Co., Ltd. 2007

Present

Past

Future

Present

Past

Future

Company

Found

2007

Location

[HQ · Basic Research]

2-8 Yamadaoka Techno-Alliance 3F, Suita, Osaka



[Manufacturing facility]

6-1 Hirabayashi-Minami Suminoe, Osaka



Co-Founder / CEO

Iwao Yoshino

Capital

¥2Billion

Employee

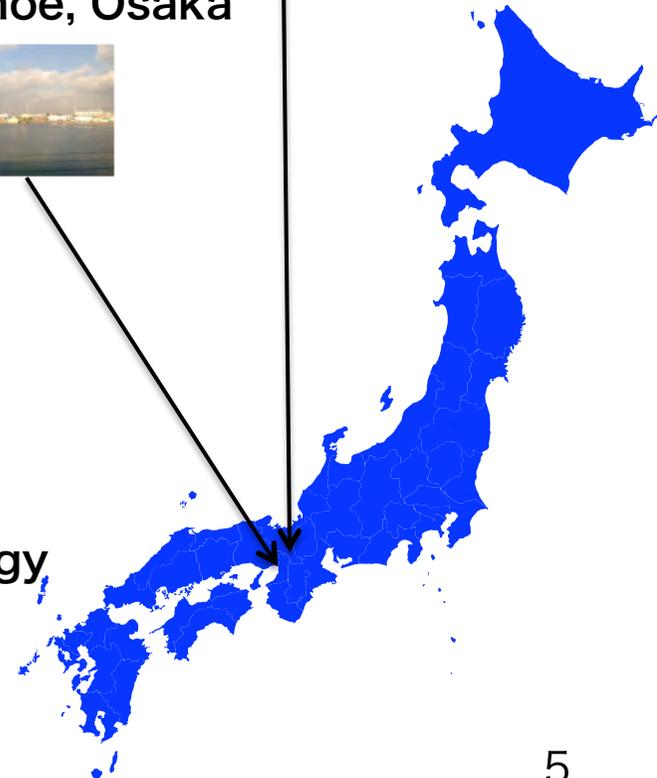
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Product/Service

Microwave Platform Technology

Business Domain

Chemical & Fuels Industry





Microwave **Chemical**





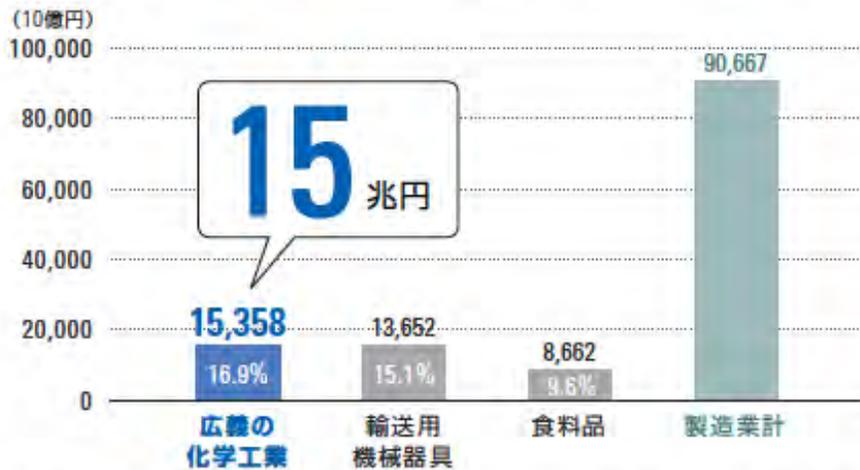




Chemical Industry

付加価値額 (2010年)

資料: 経済産業省「工業統計表」(産業別)



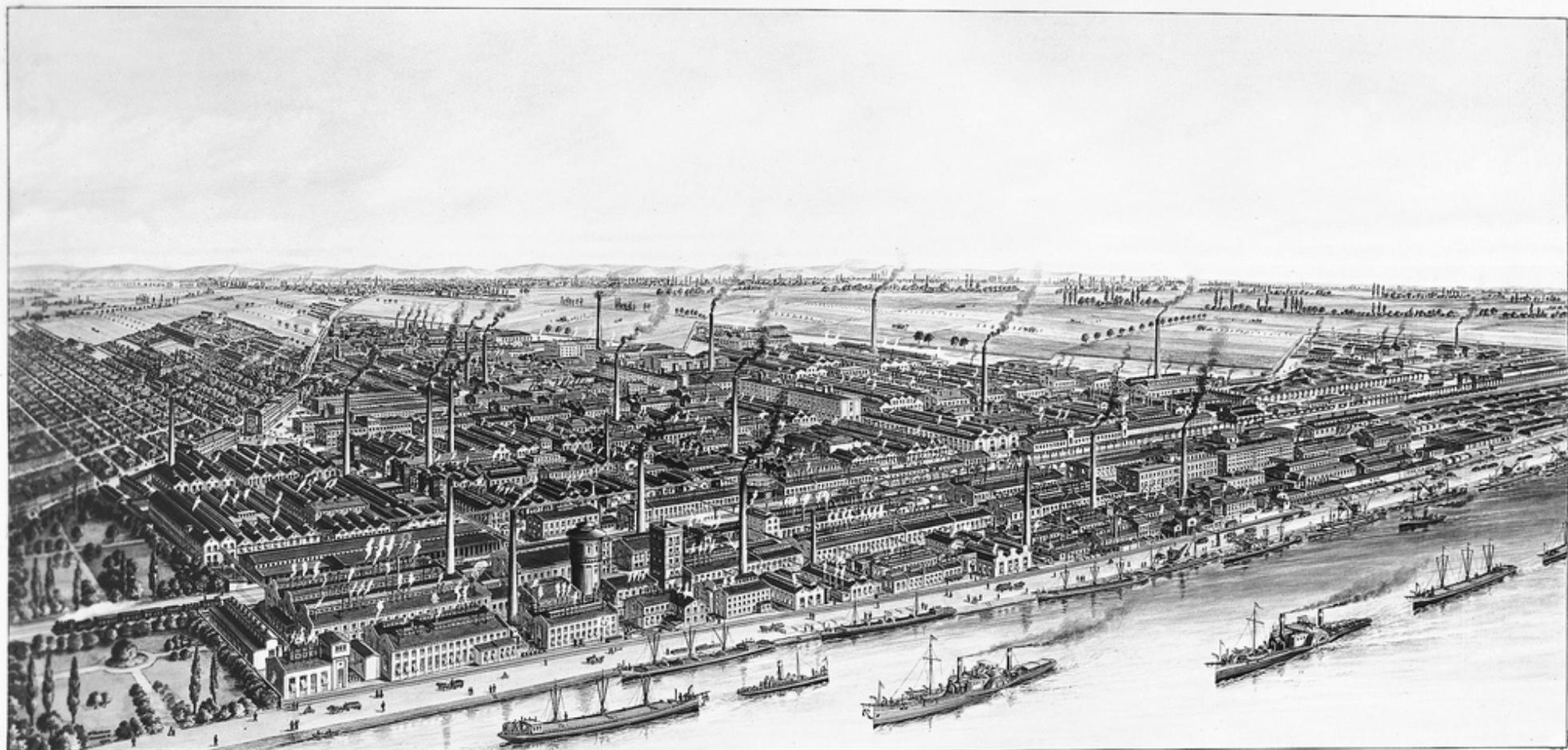
化学工業(広義)の付加価値額は15兆円で、製造業中第1位。日本の基幹産業として幅広い産業を支えています。

注: 付加価値 = 生産額 - 原材料使用料等 - 製品出荷額に含まれる国内消費税等 - 減価償却費





500T \$



BADISCHE ANILIN- & SODA-FABRIK LUDWIGSHAFEN ^{AM} RHEIN.
Gesamt Ansicht.

A photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, with several tall smokestacks emitting thick white plumes of smoke. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The foreground shows various industrial structures, including pipes and tanks, with more smoke rising from them. The overall scene depicts a large-scale industrial operation with significant emissions.

Energy Consumption **30%**

Co2 Emission **17%**

Land Occupation **300+**

Solution



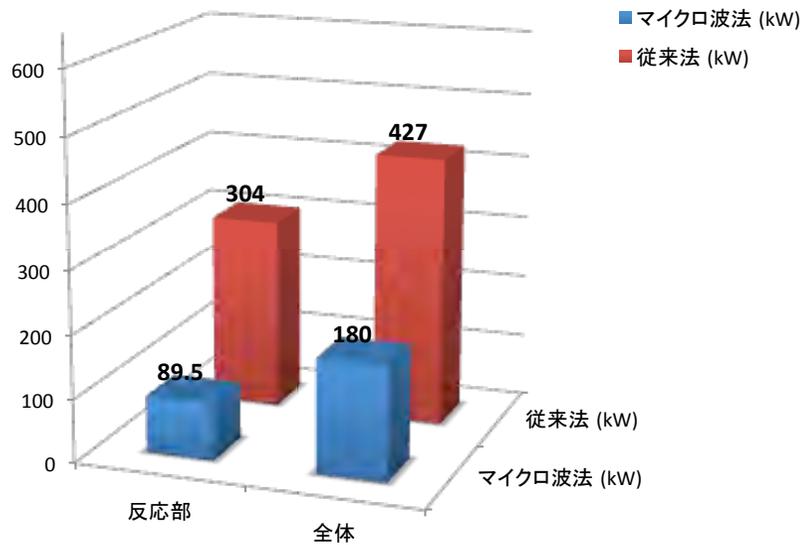
Energy Saving Highly Efficient Small Footprint



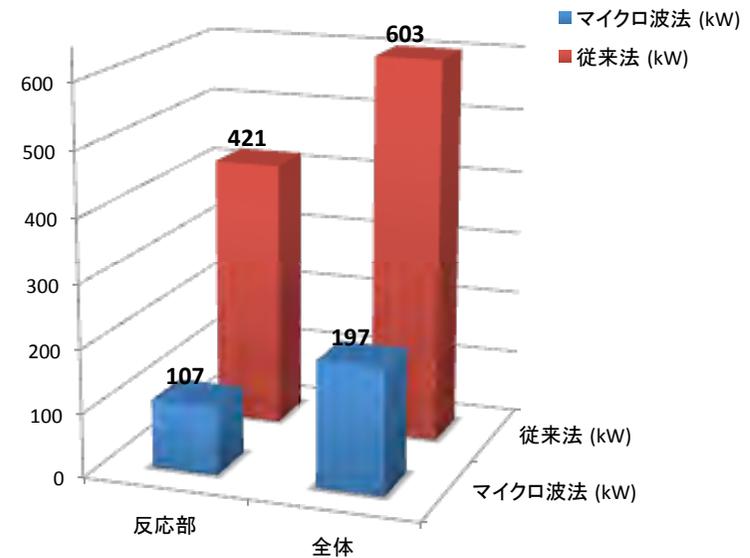
PRODUCT TRUCKS
(HARDY CATS)
← DELIVERY TRUCKS
(SATH AND BRIGHTON)

Example / Energy Consumption

Case I



Case II



Common Sense in Chemical Industry :

Microwave Chemical process is interesting but scaling up the process is **vey difficult**.

Common Sense in Startup industry :

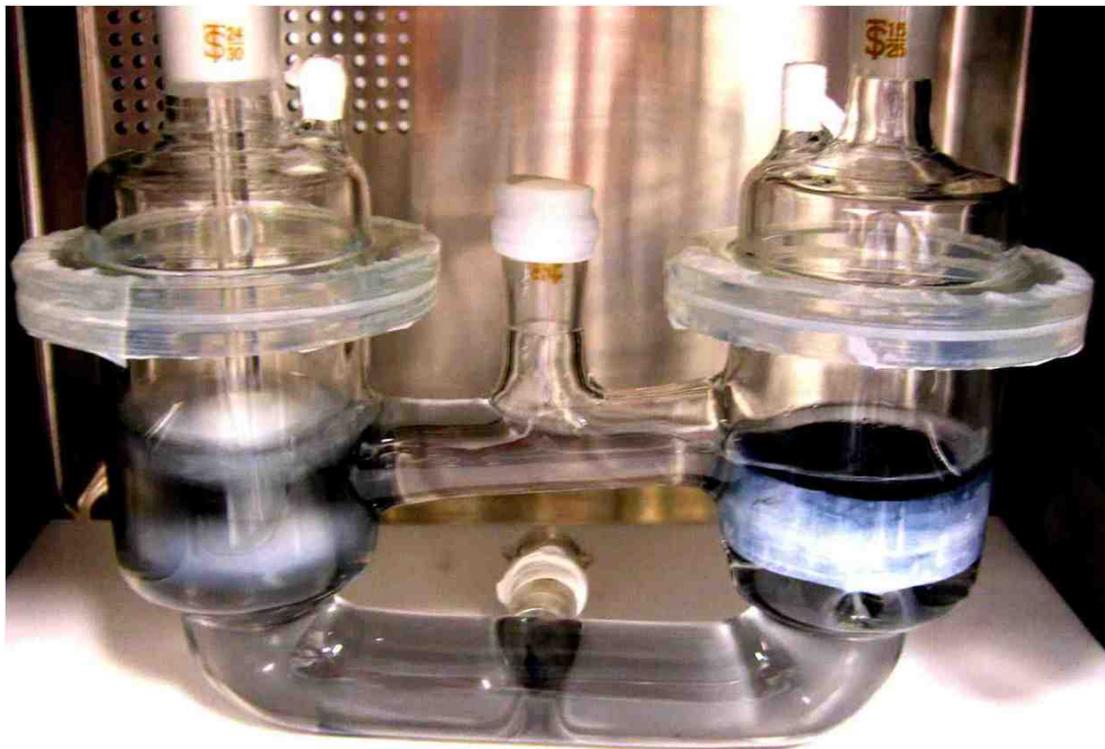
Starting up a company in manufacturing requires excess time and money, making it **very difficult**.

Present

Past

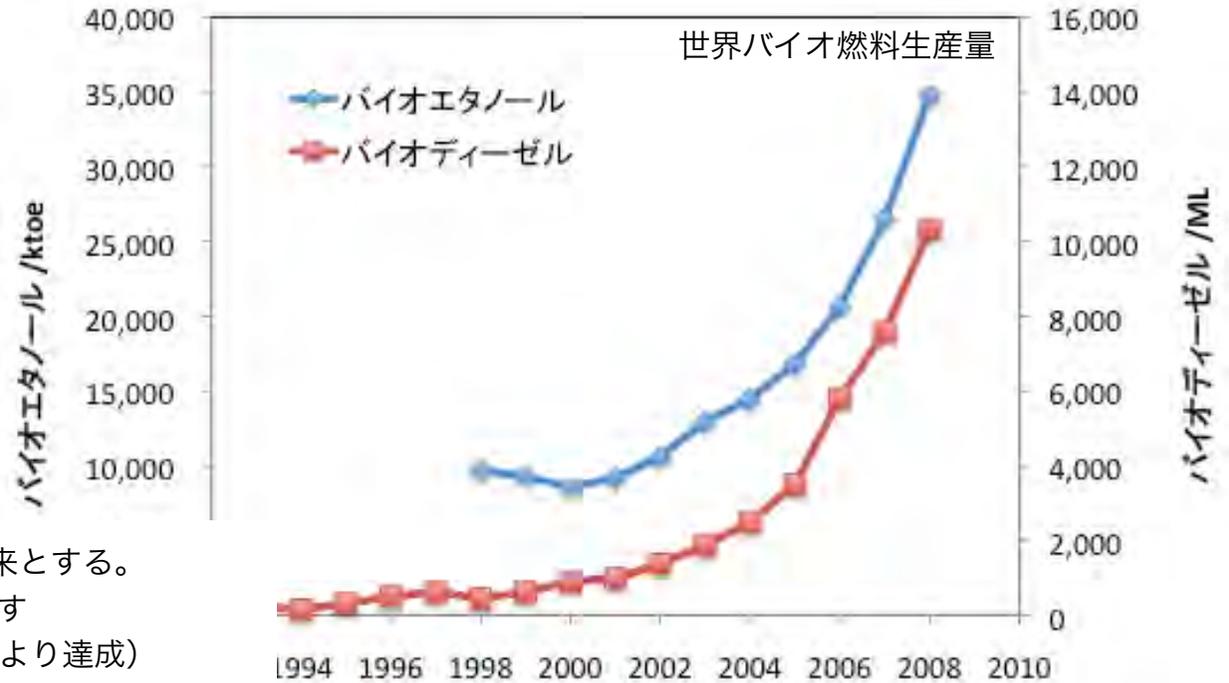
Future

2007



Solve Energy & Environmental Problem

エネルギー・環境問題の
解決策として
バイオ燃料導入



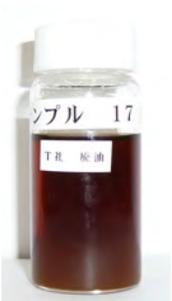
- 欧州： 2020年迄に10%の燃料をバイオマス由来とする。
- アメリカ： 2017年迄にガソリン消費量を20%減らす
(このうち、15%前後 をバイオ燃料により達成)
- 日本： 将来的には10%を目標としバイオ燃料を導入する。

穀物・食糧価格の高騰
熱帯雨林伐採などの
新たな問題

「大豆油や豆腐の原料になる大豆の国際価格が34年ぶりの高値に達した。～中略～ 米国でのバイオ燃料向け需要の高まりが背景だ。原油高を受け、大豆から作るバイオディーゼル向け燃料の利用が増えている。」 2007年12月27日付 日経新聞

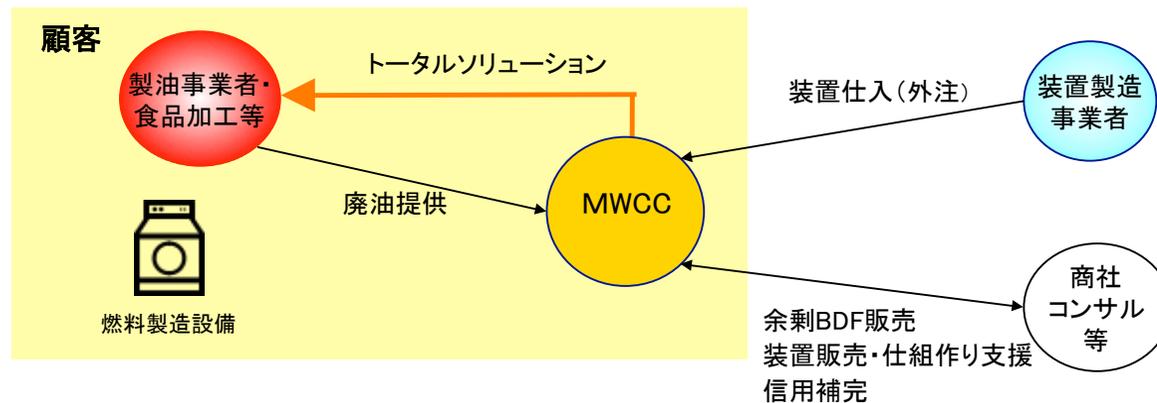


シカゴ穀物商品取引所CBOT
大豆先物(weekly price)



#1 Onsite Model 2007～

- 顧客：製油事業者・食品加工業者
- 製品：オンサイトで廃油→BDFを製造するシステム
- 何故：原料となる廃油排出元は多くがトラック輸送を実施燃料高騰による需要。



顧客が抱える問題点

- 廃油脂を有効利用したいのだけど...
- 廃油脂の品質が千差万別・不安定である。
- 原料を提供するのは良いが、法制面や仕組み作りなど面倒なことはやりたくない。

当社が提供するソリューション

- 単に装置を提供するだけでは無く...
- ✓ 廃油脂の品質・用途に合ったプロセス最適化コンサルティングを提供する。
- ✓ オンサイトモデルの仕組み作りを行う。

事業モデルの壁 / Wall of "Business Model"

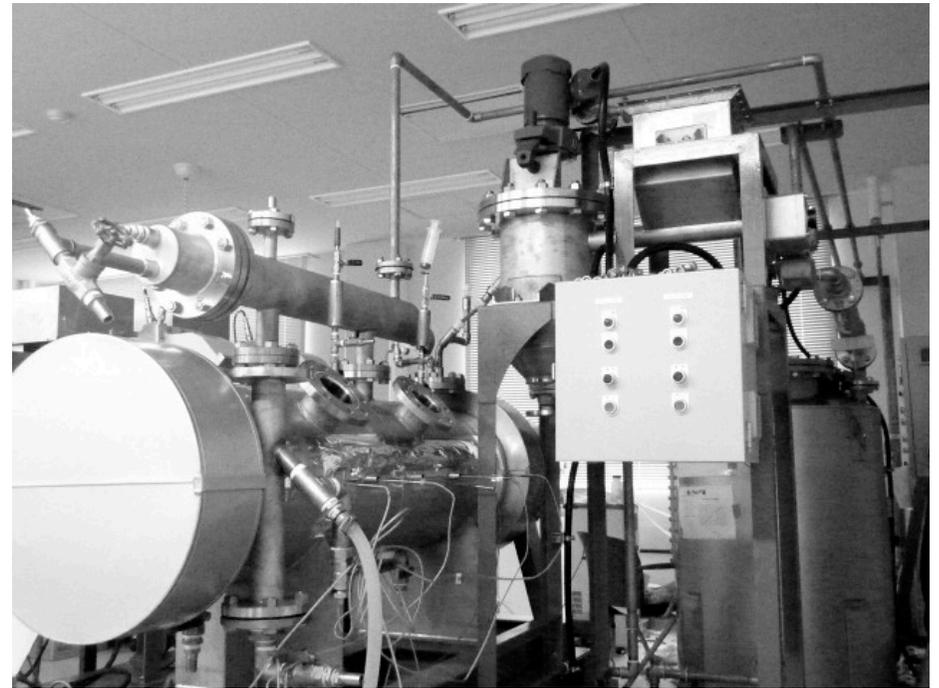


Pivot Change

2 Mass Production Model 2010～

- 顧客：元売り・自治体等
- 製品：BDFを一カ所で集中生産
- 何故：大規模化でコストダウン、安価な燃料を提供

完全フロー型1号機 →



3 Chemical Production Model 2011～

- 顧客：化学メーカー（協業して脂肪酸エステルを製造販売）
- 製品：脂肪酸エステル
- 何故：低コスト、環境対応型グリーン化成品

植物系工業廃油
(原料)



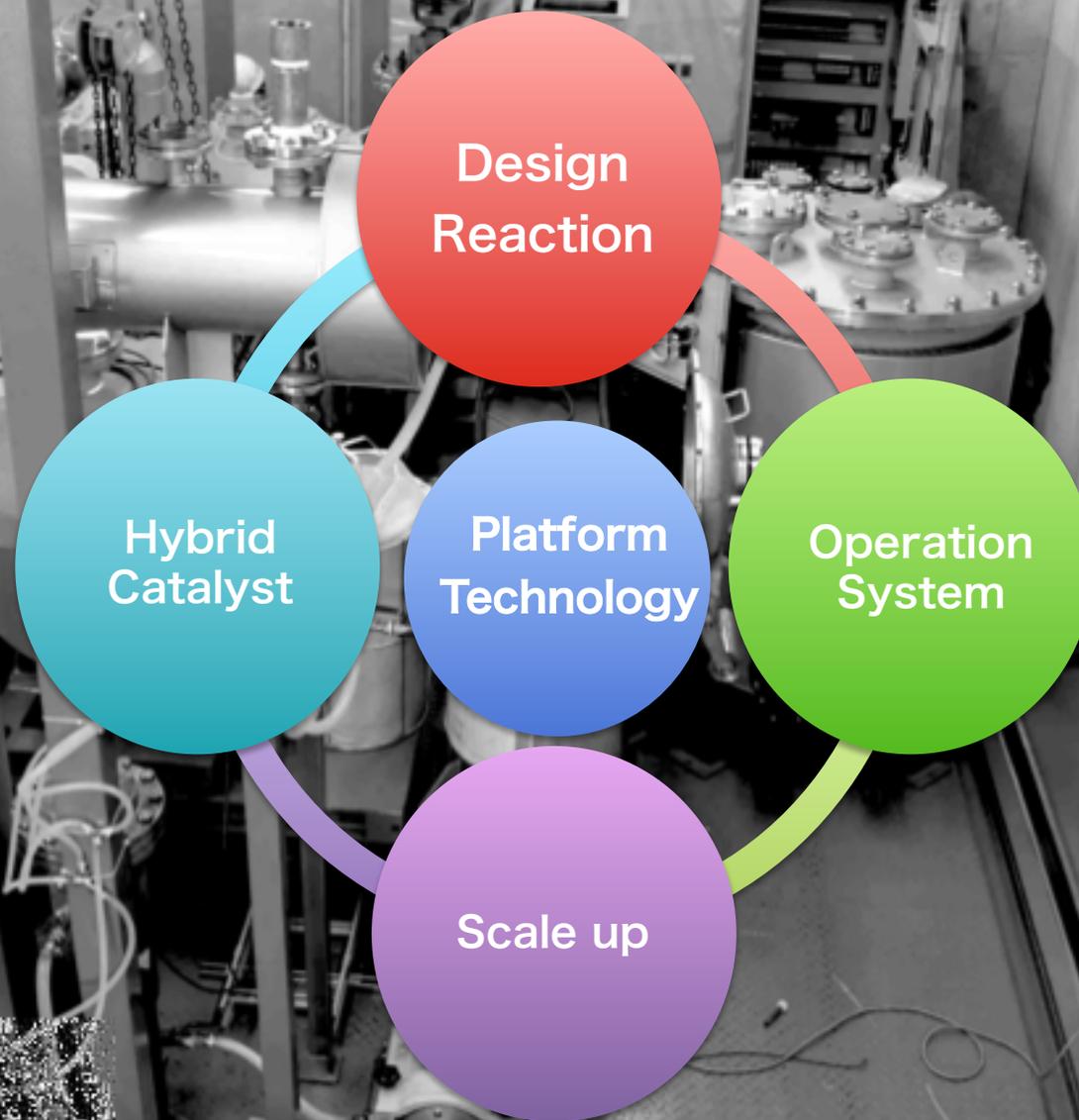
[原料排出元]



[マイクロ波化学工場]

脂肪酸エステル
(製品)





#4 Total Solution Model

R&D

“Basic Research ~
Bench Plant”

Proof Of Concept “Pilot”

Engineering

Business



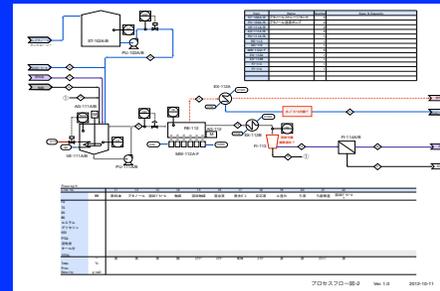
【Lab】



【Bench】



Pilot Facility@Osaka



Basic Design



Osaka Factory

→ Joint Venture / License

1号ラインの壁 / “Wall of 1st Plant”



大阪工場(M3K)建設過程

2013/ 8/12



2013/ 8/20



2013/ 8/23



2013/ 9/ 5



2013/ 9/16



2013/ 9/25



2013/10/ 1



2013/11/ 1



「マイクロ波技術」の実証工場を立ち上げ



Completion Ceremony (Mar.28,2014)

【メディア掲載】

化学工業日報2014/3/31

「マイクロ波化学が新工場 脂肪酸エステル量産」

日本経済新聞2014/3/31

「マイクロ波で化学品量産 阪大発ベンチャー 世界初の工場」

Fatty Acid Ester



マイクロ波技術で製造した
脂肪酸エステルを製造・出荷



製品を出荷

TOYOINK
Visible Science for Life

新聞用インクの基礎原料
として使用されている。

【プレスリリース】

2013/2/14「環境対応型化成品の出荷を開始しました。」

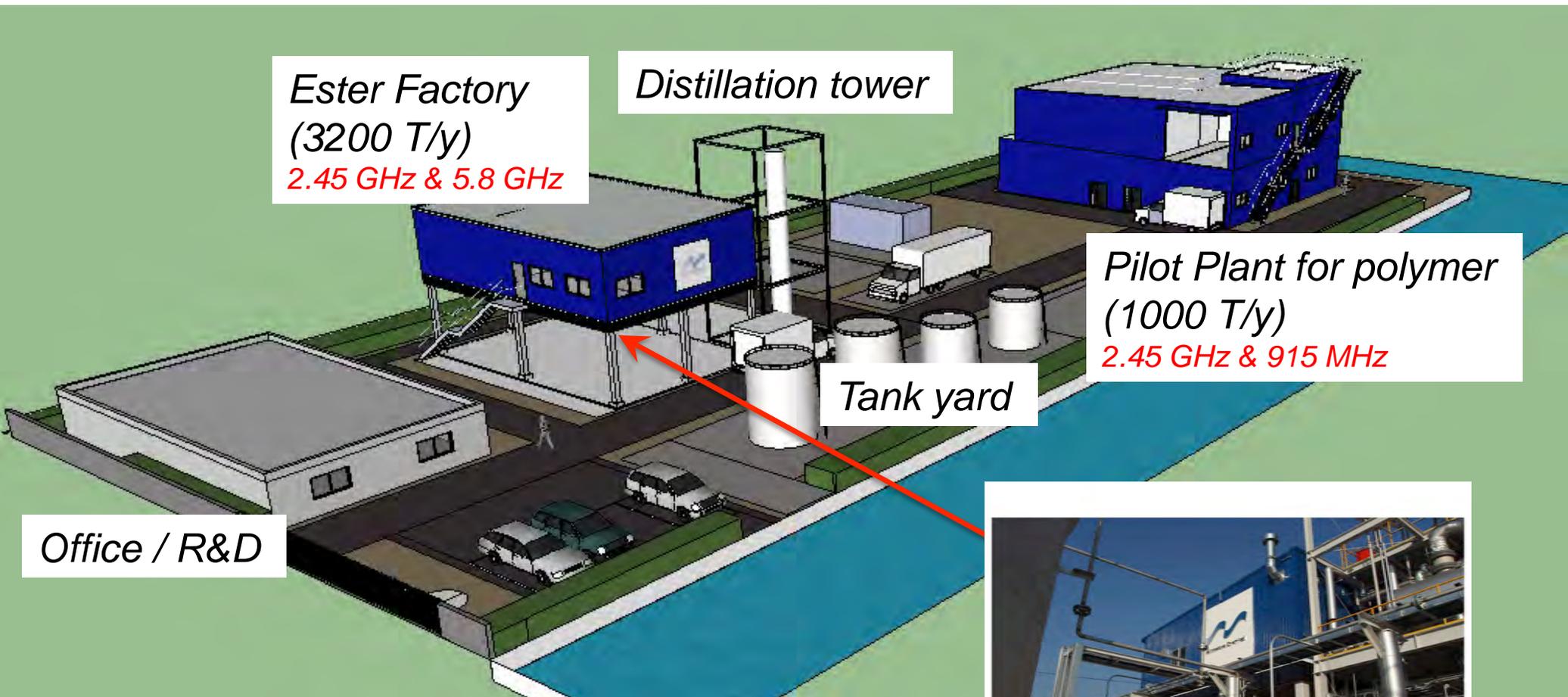
【メディア掲載】

日刊工業新聞2013/2/14

「脂肪酸エステル 東洋インキに出荷 阪大発BV」

MWCC Mother Factory

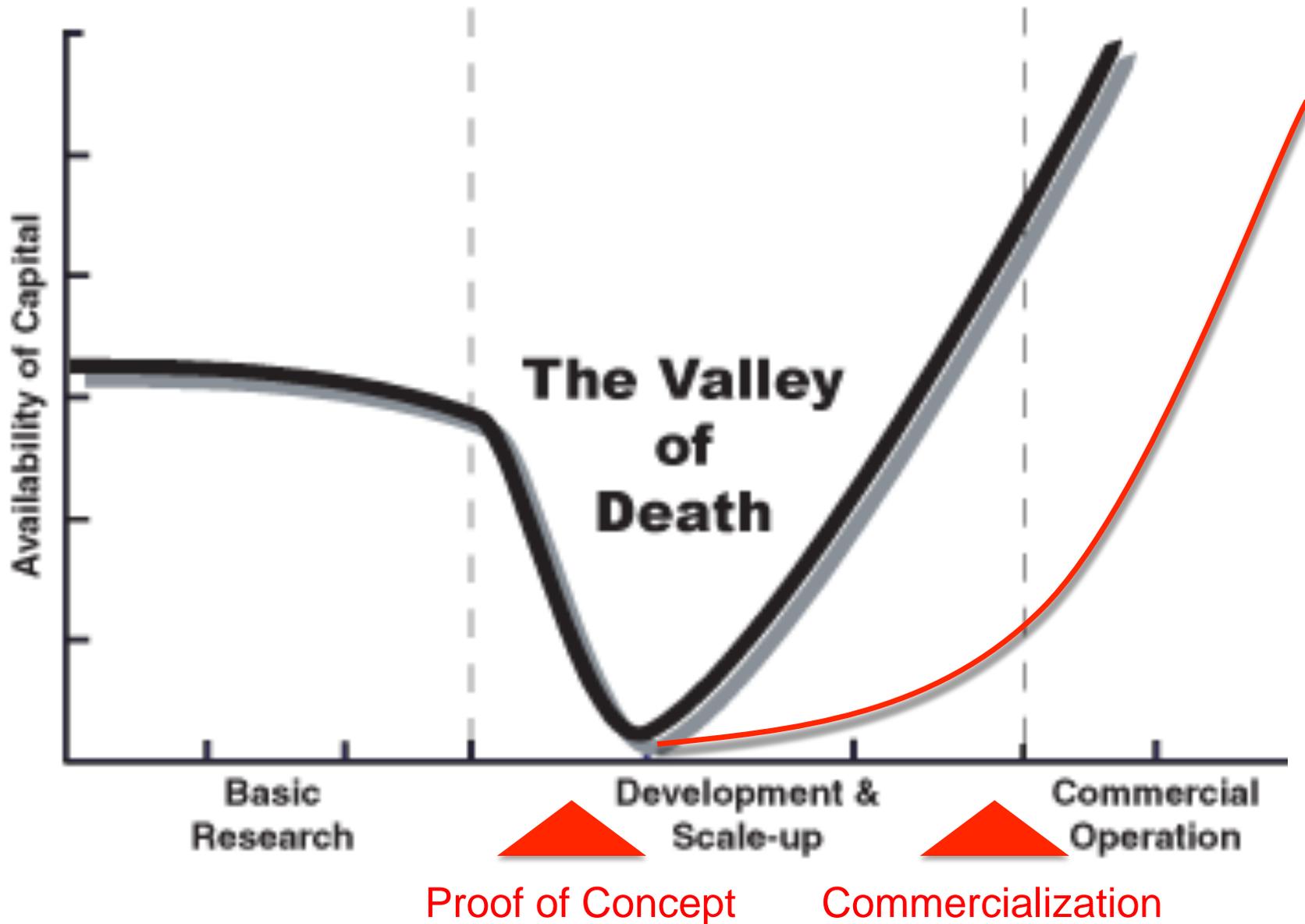
3000 m² @ Osaka Japan



MWCC is the first company demonstrated microwave chemical production at commercial scale.
The mother factory will build on March in 2014 at Osaka Japan.

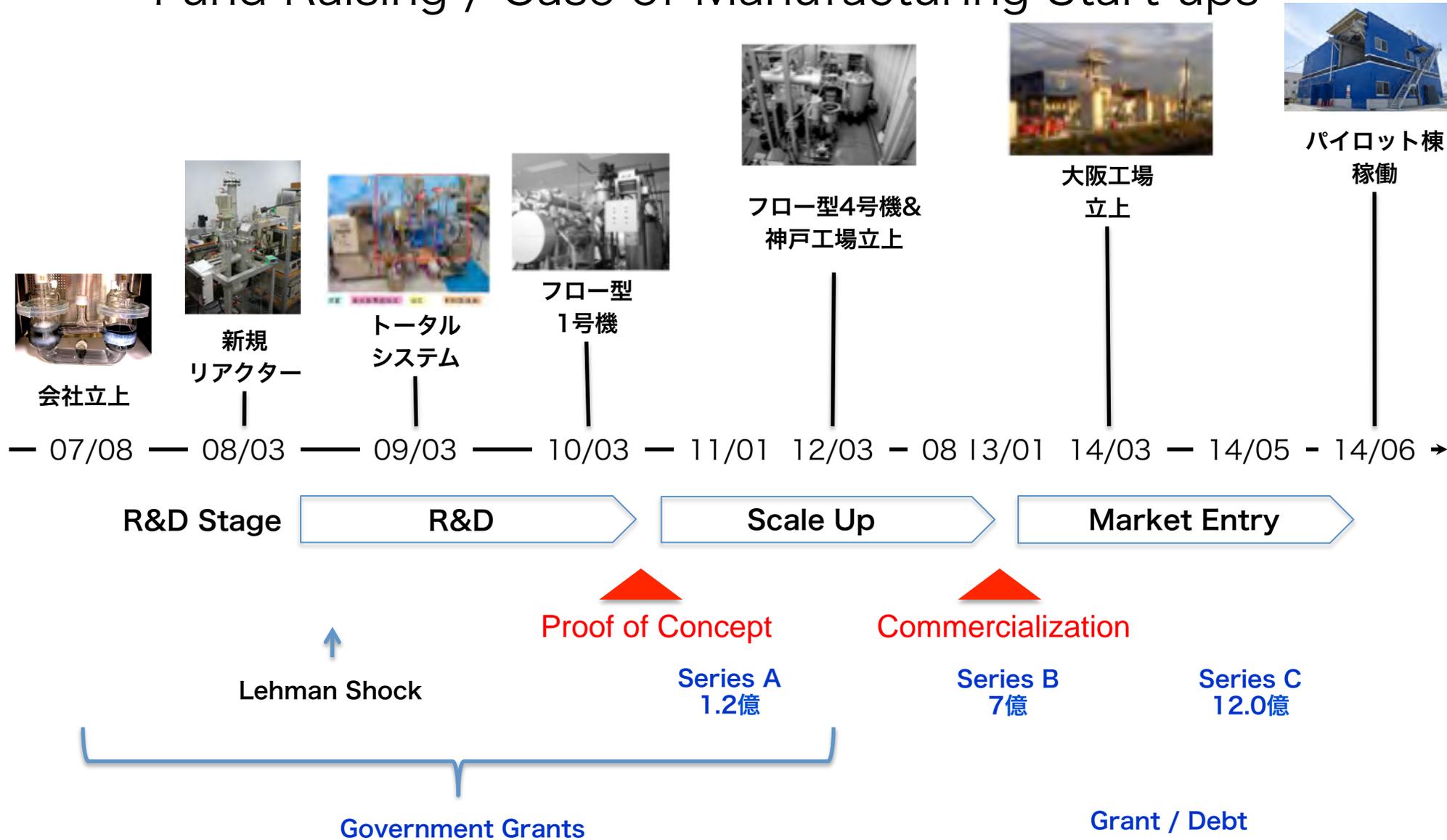
Wall of Finance





Reference: NIST(National Institute of Technology) / Breakthrough Inst.

Fund Raising / Case of Manufacturing Start-ups



Finance(3.5BY+)



独立行政法人
新エネルギー・産業技術総合開発機構



財団法人 新技術開発財団
THE NEW TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



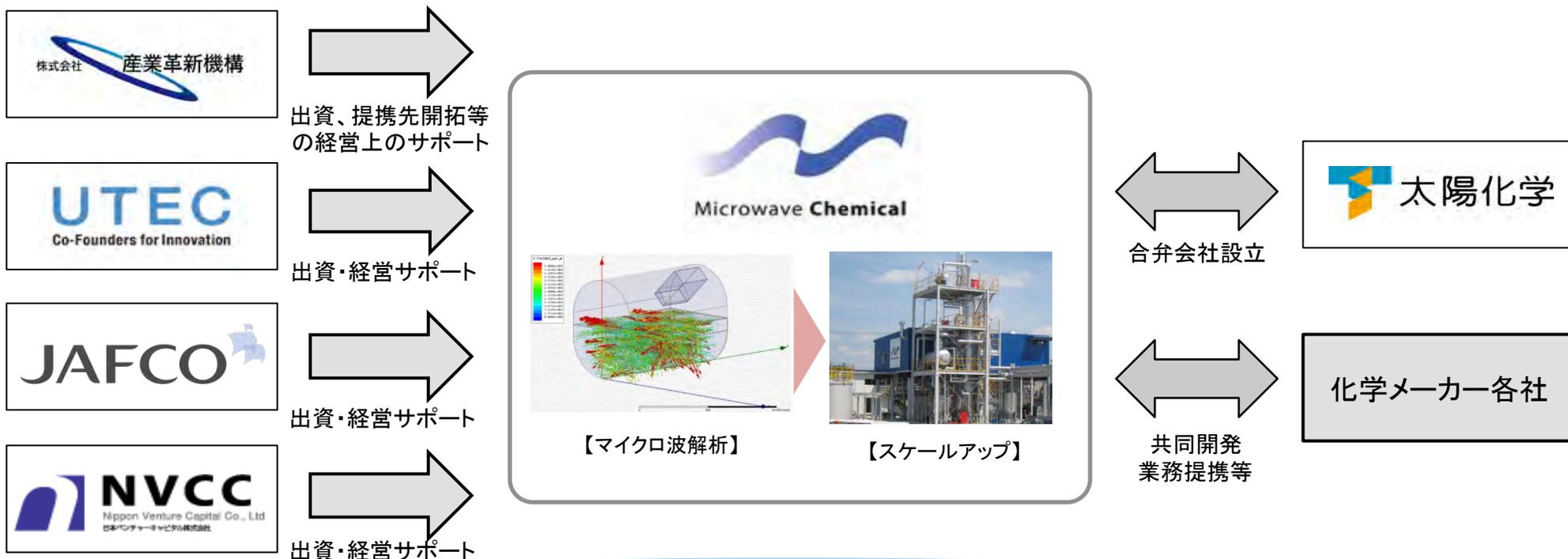
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Food Chemicals

“Establish a Joint Venture
with Taiyo Kagaku
to produce food additive
Utilizing Microwave Emulsion Technology“



- 大企業と対等な関係で協業し、化学産業におけるプロセスイノベーションの実現を目指す
- マイクロ波のさまざまな製品への適用可能性を高め、ユニークなプラットフォーム技術を事業化する素材・化学ベンチャー企業を創出

Polymer

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150 years

BASF
We create chemistry

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- Corporate Publications

BASF and Microwave Chemical Co., Ltd. sign joint development agreement on energy efficiency in the polymer manufacturing

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- Efficacy of microwave technology and innovative production process verified
- Agreement to explore application of microwave technology on a technical scale; using world's first technical scale continuous-flow microwave reactor

Tokyo, Japan – October 14, 2014 – BASF and Microwave Chemical Co., Ltd. (MWCC), a company launched by Osaka University, have signed a joint development agreement to explore the application of microwave technology to improve energy efficiency in the polymer product manufacturing process on a technical scale.

"Compared to conventional manufacturing methods, where chemical raw materials are heated from the outside, the microwave approach improves efficiency of chemical reactions and, saves energy," said Iwao Yoshino, Chairman and CEO of MWCC. "Microwaves can influence, improve and accelerate chemical reactions by causing the molecules to oscillate through electromagnetic waves, directly heating the materials from the inside – similar to household microwave ovens."

"Our collaboration with MWCC will determine the feasibility of the application of the microwave technology on a technical scale to enable an energy efficient production process to provide a sustainable solution for the polymer product manufacturing industry. Upon positive testing of the technology on a technical scale, we will aim to proceed for commercial application," said Dr. Ates Erk, Head of New Markets and Products, Performance Materials Asia Pacific, BASF.

As part of the joint development agreement, testing will be conducted using the world's first technical scale continuous-flow microwave reactor in the field of polymers. The reactor has an annual processing capacity of 1,000 metric tons. MWCC has already started experiments and process development at their Osaka site.

About Microwave Chemical Co., Ltd.
Established in 2007, MWCC utilizes the unique platform technology it has developed in undertakings to make practical application of energy-saving, highly-efficient and compact microwave technology to revolutionize chemical and energy industries that consume large amounts of energy and require vast sites. In polymer field, the experiments conducted so far at MWCC have demonstrated a 50% reduction in energy consumption compared to conventional methods for several reaction classes. To resolve problems with chemical reactions that cannot be resolved using conventional technologies, MWCC not only provides technical licenses, but also offers integrated total solutions that from basic development through to the design, operation and engineering of bench scale and pilot plants and implements the management of joint enterprises through joint ventures with strategic partners for each product application and field. MWCC has already industrialized its microwave chemical technology and delivers fatty acid butyl ester produced at its Osaka factory to major chemical manufacturers.

About BASF's Performance Materials Division
BASF's Performance Materials division encompasses the entire materials know-how of BASF regarding innovative, customized plastics under one roof. Globally active in four major industry sectors - transportation, construction, industrial applications and consumer goods – the division has a strong portfolio of products and services combined with a deep understanding of application-oriented system solutions. Key drivers of profitability and growth are close collaboration with customers and a clear focus on solutions. Strong capabilities in R&D provide the basis to come up with innovative products and applications. In 2013, the Performance Materials division achieved global sales of € 6.5 bn.

About BASF
At BASF, we create chemistry – and have been doing so for 150 years. Our portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products and crop protection products to oil and gas. As the world's leading chemical company, we combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Through science and innovation, we enable our customers in nearly every industry to meet the current and future needs of society. Our products and solutions contribute to conserving resources, ensuring nutrition and improving quality of life. We have summed up this contribution in our corporate purpose: We create chemistry for a sustainable future. BASF had sales of about €74 billion in 2013 and over 112,000 employees as of the end of the year. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (AN). Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at >>> www.basf.com.



業務提携



自社製品の製造
技術に取入れが
可能か検討

【プレスリリース】

2014/10/14

「BASFとマイクロ波化学株式会社、ポリマーの製造工程におけるエネルギーの効率化を目指した共同開発契約を締結」

【メディア掲載】

・日本経済新聞2014/10/15

「独BASFと共同開発 阪大発ベンチャー」

・日刊工業新聞2014/10/15

「マイクロ波で省エネ製造 阪大VB 独BASFと研究」

・化学工業日報2014/10/15

「ポリマー製造技術 マイクロ波活用 BASF 阪大発VBと開発

Nano Materials

2013年11月

ナノ粒子の製造プロセス確立に伴い、ユーザー向けサンプル供給を開始

■製造：マイクロ波化学

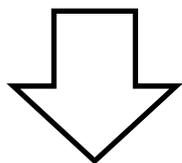
■販売：岩谷産業

■用途

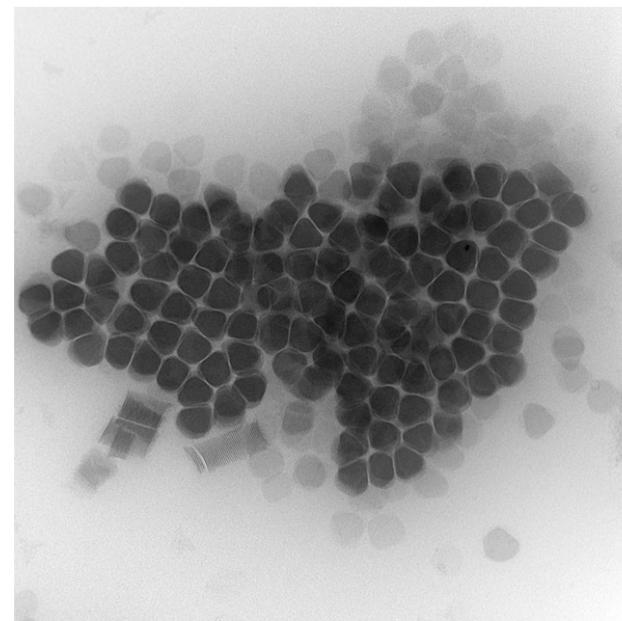
- 電子セラミックス
- ファインセラミック用添加剤
- 各種コーティング材料

■供給サンプル

- 酸化イットリウム超微粒子
- その他様々な粒型・金属種



生産能力増強と本格的な事業化へ



100 nm

Fuel

石油をつくる藻

石油に代わる新たな燃料として期待されるバイオ燃料ですが、主にトウモロコシなど食糧から製造されるため、食品価格の高騰や農地拡大による環境破壊が問題となっています。そこで、油脂を細胞内に含む「石油をつくる藻」として、微細藻類が注目されています。

マイクロ波を使用すると、従来の化学品などを使用して、抽出する方法に比べ、濃縮・細胞壁の破碎・水分の除去などエネルギーを消費する工程を大幅に減らせるので、コストの低減が見込めます。

従来法の1/10でバイオ燃料を藻から抽出・製造することが可能になりました。



The 42nd TOKYO MOTOR SHOW 2011



優位性比較

従来技術との比較

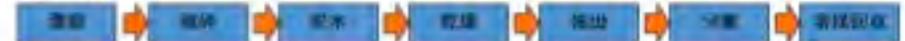
(技術課題)	溶剤抽出	高温水熱処理	機械抽出	マイクロ波固体触媒法
高効率抽出技術	△	○	×	○
低エネルギー・低コスト化	△	△	△	○
大容量化	×	△	△	○

【抽出工程の比較】

マイクロ波法



従来プロセス

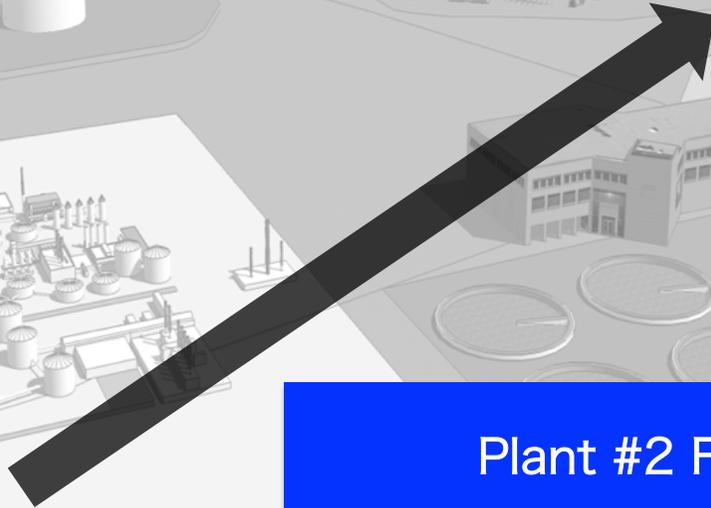


Expansion

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Revenue

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Plant #3
Specialty
Basic

Plant #2 Food Additive

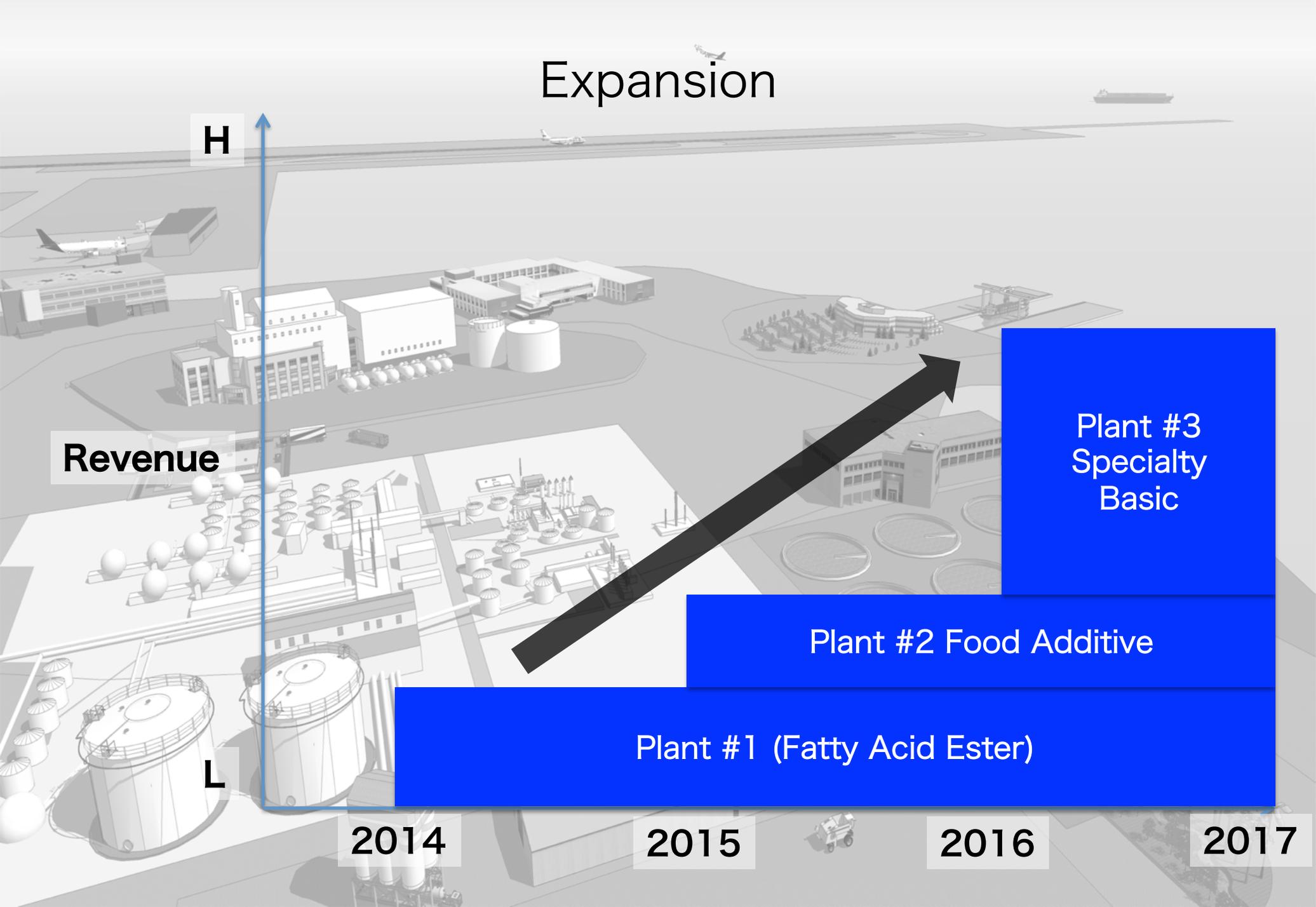
Plant #1 (Fatty Acid Ester)

2014

2015

2016

2017



How ? Why ?



Open Innovation



Knowledge Net work

Researchers

Infrastructure
(hard ware)

Osaka
University

Brand

Culture

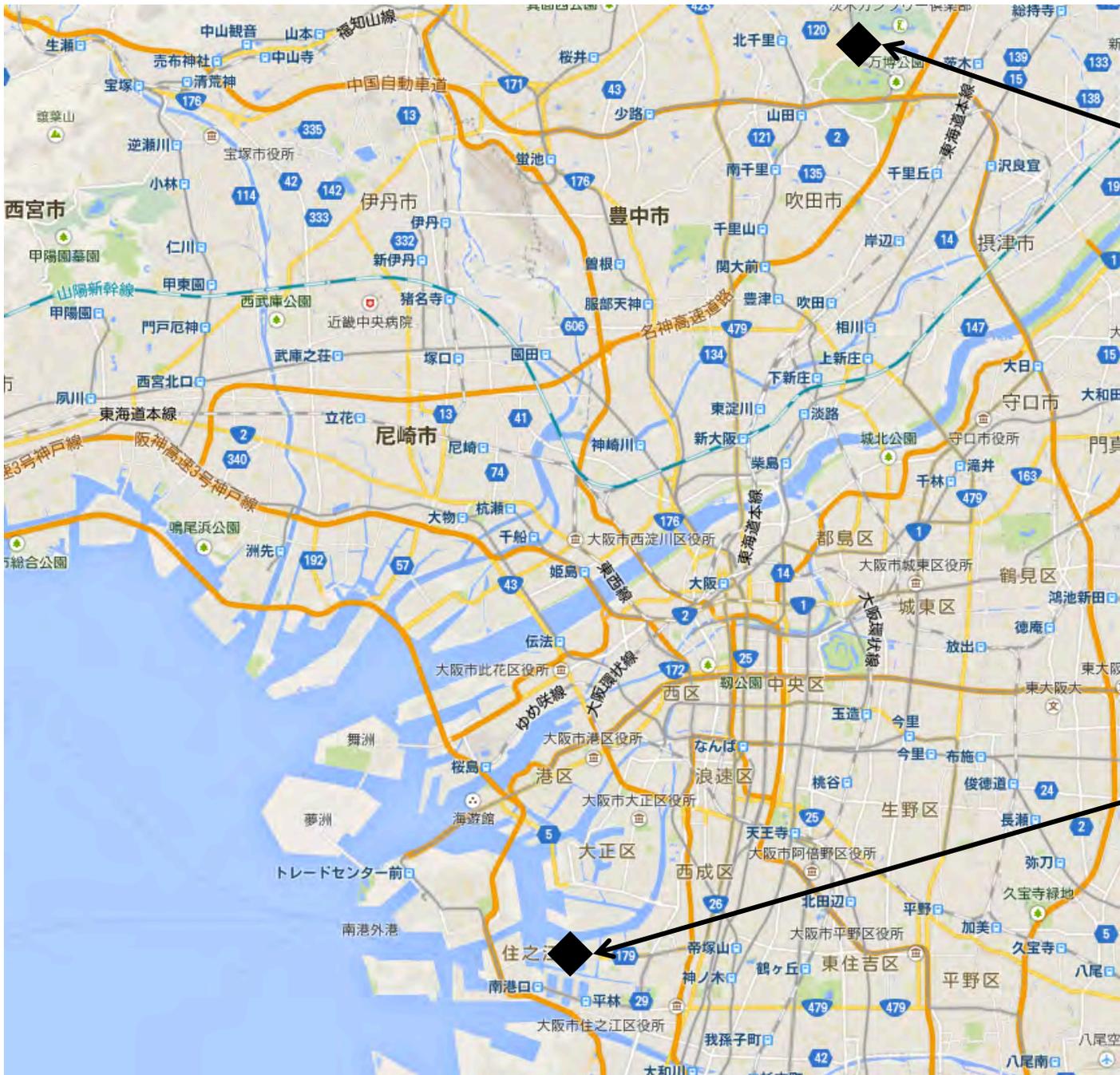
Flat

Open

Diverse

Dynamic





HQ/Lab(Osaka Univ.)

Osaka Factory

**Make Wave,
Make World.**

世界が知らない世界をつくれ



Microwave Chemical



省エネ
高効率
コンパクト

燃料や化学品を製造するプロセスを
変革する

Project Portfolio



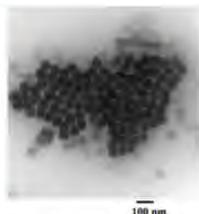
Basic Chemicals



Food Chemicals



Major Japanese Chemical Company
Specialty Chemicals
Graphene / Nano-Particles for Electronics Materials



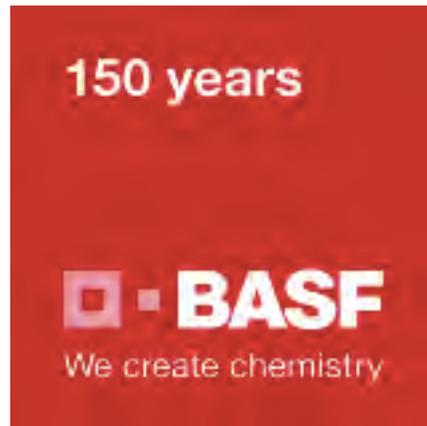
DENSO

Algae



Applying Platform Technology to various applications.

Partner



ヒト

研究者

エンジニア

製造マン



カネ

グラント・VC
・借入



モノ

基盤技術

トータルソリューション



Fund Raising & Development Phase

