



## Energy & Functional Materials

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## Contribute to Solving Environmental and Energy Issues through Innovative Technologies

### Active injection of resources into growing businesses

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- ✓ Expand sales of core products and accelerate R&D
- ✓ Secure stable revenue sources through higher added value
- ✓ Improve profitability of underperforming businesses and products
- ✓ Create new businesses in the fields of environment, energy, and high-performance materials

# Product Groups by Sector

## Health & Crop Sciences

- Super engineering plastics
- Resorcinol

## Industrial commodities (Aerospace, etc.)

- Super engineering plastics
- Alumina

## Living materials (building materials, etc.)

- Aluminum
- Resorcinol

## Others

## Automotive

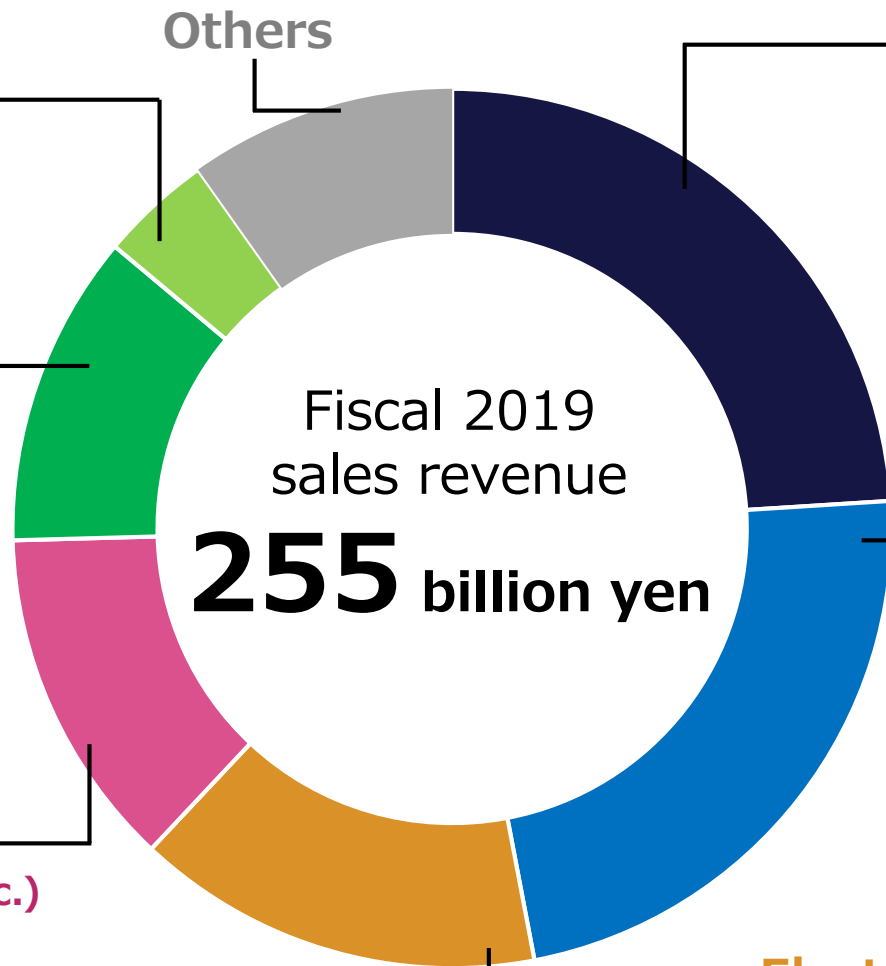
- Synthetic rubber
- Resorcinol
- Super engineering plastics
- Aluminum

## Battery materials

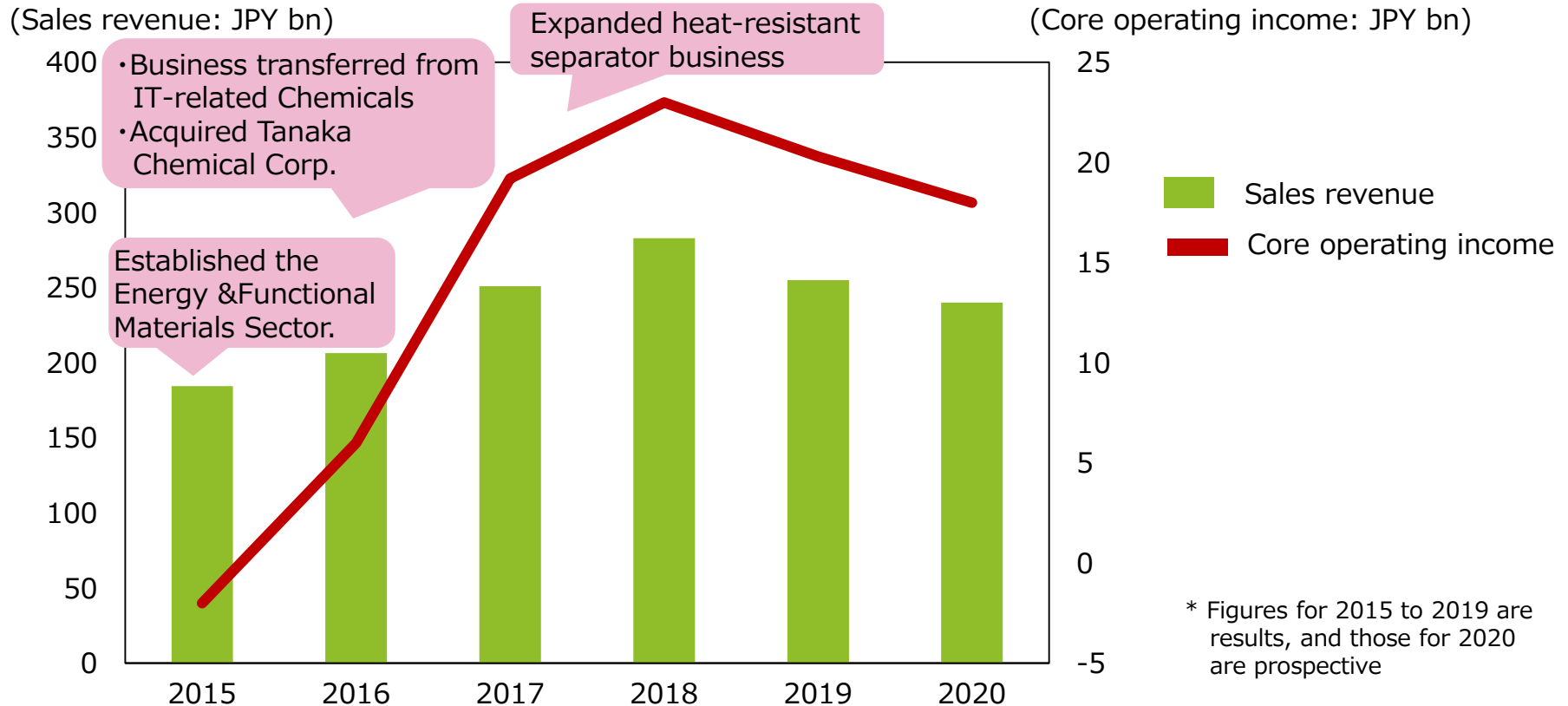
- Heat-resistant separators
- Cathode materials
- High purity alumina

## Electronic goods

- Super engineering plastics
- Alumina



# Sector Performance



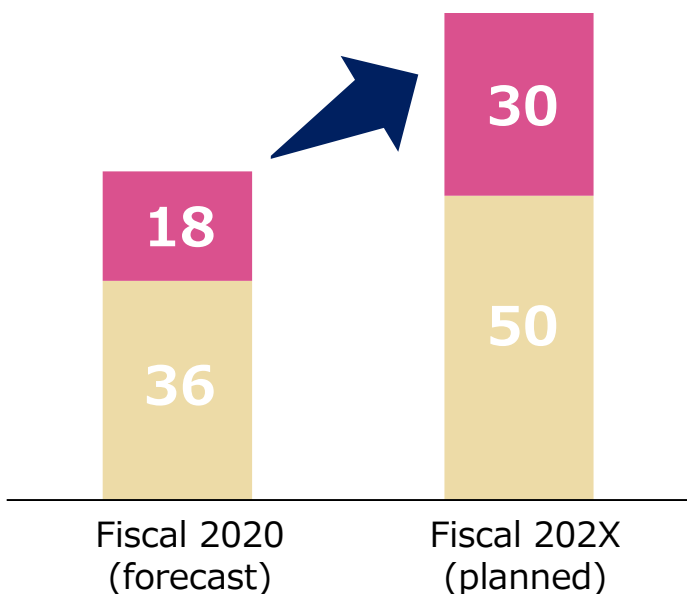
- ✓ Fiscal 2019 revenue and profit decreased from the previous year, impacted by lower market prices for aluminum and decreased shipments of heat-resistant separators.
- ✓ Fiscal 2020 earnings are expected to deteriorate, affected by decreased automotive demand due to the coronavirus pandemic.

## Boosting earnings power by playing a part in specialty chemicals

Current Priority Management  
Issues and Business Strategy  
(May 2020)

■ Core operating income (JPY bn)

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IT-related Chemicals



✓ Secure and enhance profits in businesses with stable earnings (Resorcinol, Alumina, etc.)

While at the same time,

✓ Increase earnings power by actively injecting resources in growing areas in a timely manner

### Active injection of resources

Battery materials

- Active investment in proportion to market expansion
- Accelerate development toward commercialization of next-generation batteries

5G/  
mobility

Super engineering plastics

- Expand LCP sales for materials such as those needed in high frequency infrastructure
- Expand sales of automotive materials for lightweight vehicles

## Supplying raw materials for antiviral drugs (Koei Chemical Co., Ltd.)

- Building a supply system
- Ensuring prompt and stable supply



**Avigan®**  
(RM: Pyridine)

**Remdesivir**  
(RM: Pyrrole)

**Fulfilling social responsibility to help abate  
the coronavirus pandemic**



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**Stable revenue sources**

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- **Resorcinol**

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**Areas for active injection of resources**

- **Super Engineering Plastics**
- **Heat-resistant separators**
- **Cathode materials**

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**Use product groups with the global top share to secure stable earnings**

## Alumina/ High Purity Alumina

### Main usage

Lithium-ion secondary battery materials

Heat-dissipating fillers for resin

Sapphire use (LED substrate, crystal of watch)

Components for semiconductor manufacturing equipment



Provide high value-added products, using particle size and shape control technology

## Resorcinol

Adhesives for tires

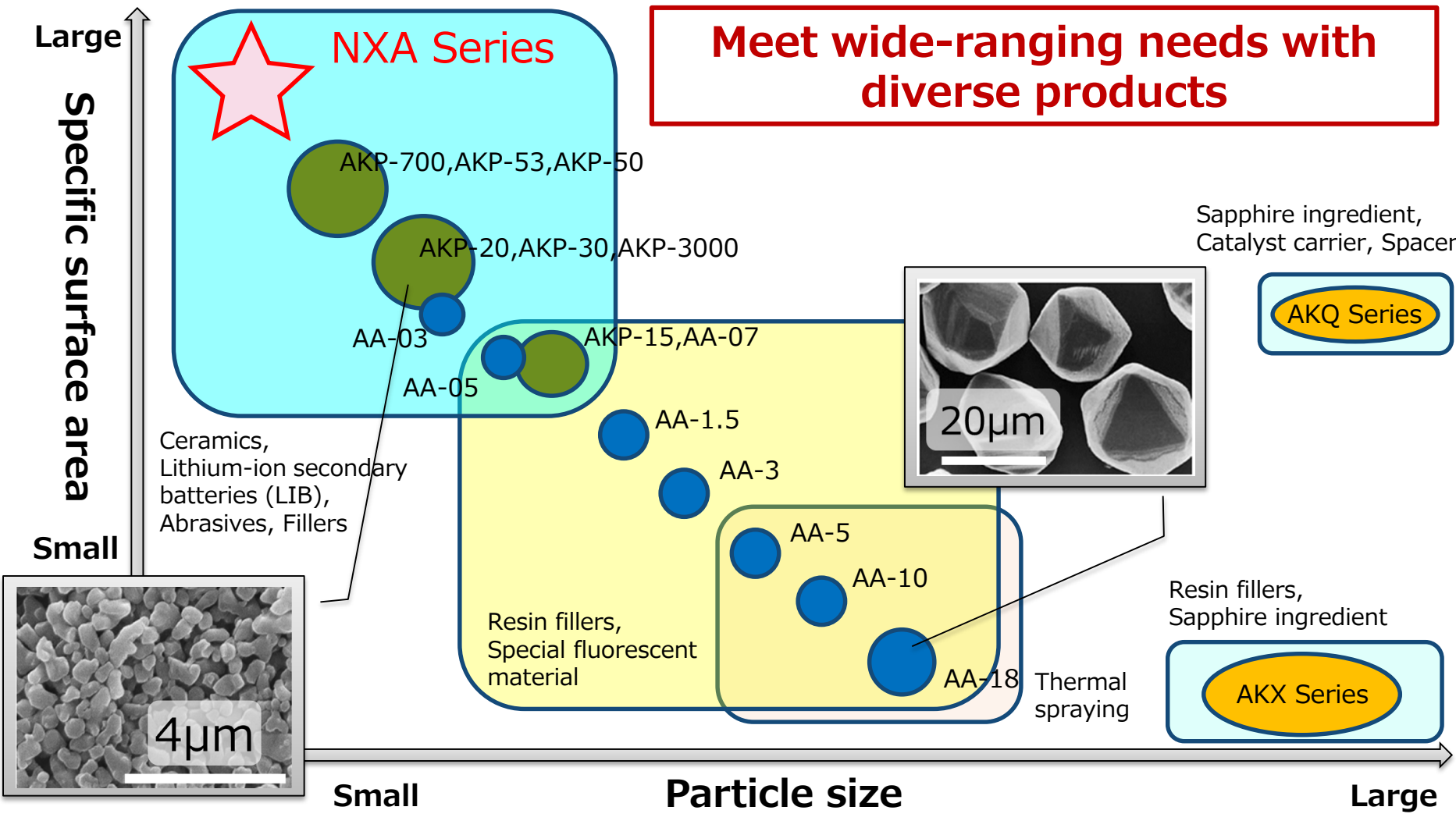
Ultraviolet ray absorbers

Fire retardants



Maintain a stable supply system through multiple production facilities (Chiba, Oita).

## Our High Purity Alumina Lineup



# Maintain/Enhance Stable Revenue Sources (High Purity Alumina)

- ✓ 40 years from the start of production, we are aiming to solidify global top market share status, and accelerate growth even further

## Market needs

- High strength, high corrosion resistance, and high heat resistance
- Ultrafine, uniform qualities, and stable supply

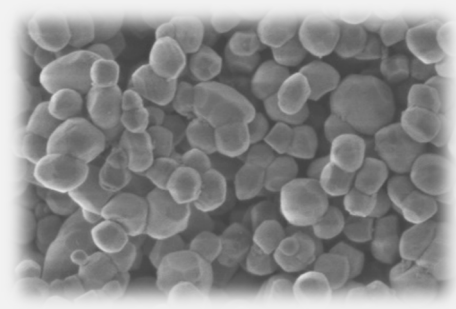


## Our own technology

- Particle size precision control technology
- Highly productive manufacturing method

## NXA (Ultrafine Alumina)

- World-first mass production of alpha alumina with a particle size of 0.0001mm
- Achieved fine and uniform particle distribution  
⇒ Expanding use to precision abrasives and dental materials in addition to existing uses



**Moving on to the medium volume trial production phase  
with an eye to launching in fiscal 2022**

## Strengths in the Resorcinol Business

### Reliability

- Multiple production facilities (Chiba, Oita)
- Global stock points



### Stable Demand

- Adhesives for tires, ultraviolet ray absorbers, pharmaceuticals, crop protection products, etc.



### Clean Process

- Less energy consumption per unit
- Low effluent load

- Fulfill responsibility for stable supply as the world's top manufacturer
- Accelerate business growth by expanding into diverse uses, such as pharmaceuticals, crop protection products, and feedstock for resin

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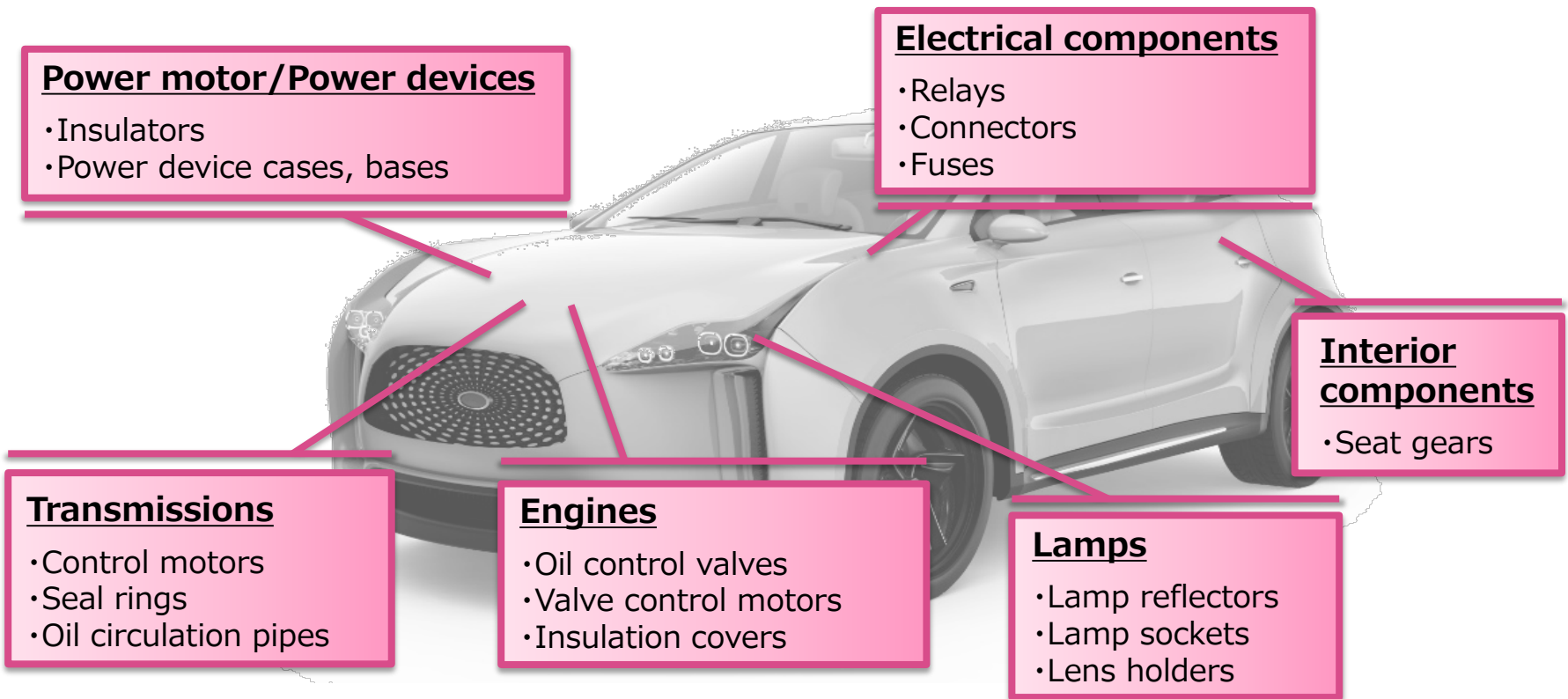
- **Super Engineering Plastics**
- **Heat-resistant separators**
- **Cathode materials**



# Expanding Automotive Use (Super Engineering Plastics)

- Heightened need for better fuel performance and for lightweight components  
⇒ **Multi-material** car body with the use of resin, etc.

## Applicable components (including candidate components)



# Expanding Automotive Use (Super Engineering Plastics)

## Increasingly adopted for use as materials replacing metal automotive components

- Super Engineering Plastics (PES/LCP) are well positioned as components where **heat resistance, dimensional accuracy, thin design, and sliding performance** are required in addition to lighter weight.
- Proposing designs that leverage the processability and functionality of super engineering plastics

Lighter  
weight

Smaller

Quieter

Total cost  
reduction

- Automotive use has been steadily increasing



**Twice**  
the level of  
FY2015



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5G

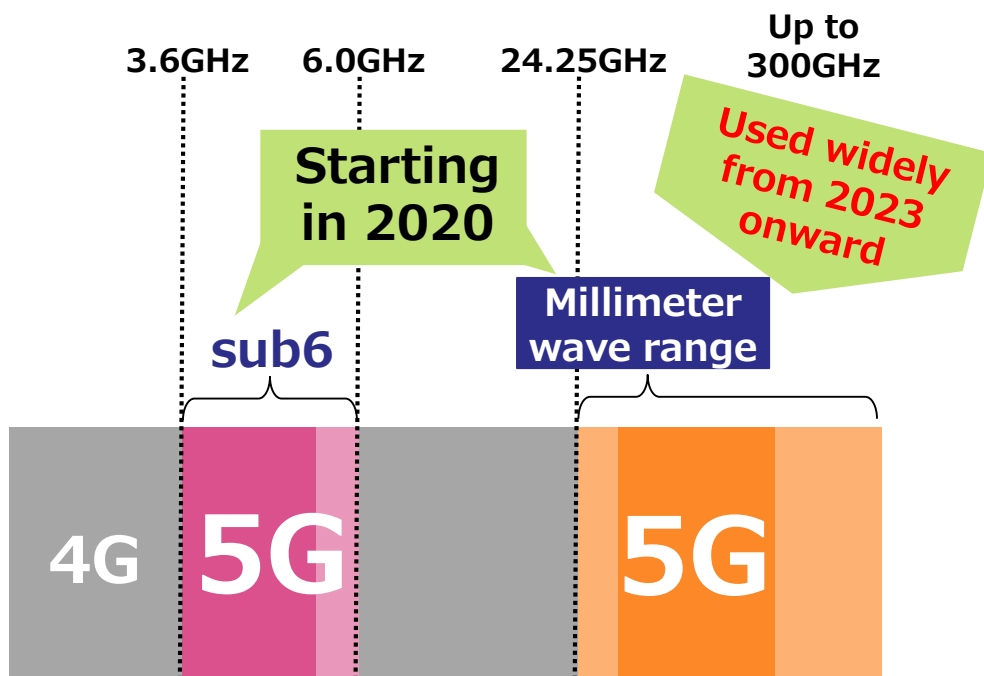
# 5G

Enhanced Mobile Broadband  
**eMBB**

Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communications  
**URLLC**

Massive Machine Type Communications  
**mMTC**

## 5G frequency bands



For a full-scale implementation of millimeter wave range

- Performance required for 5G-compatible components

**Low transmission loss**

Technology to process signals and communications without deterioration

# Making arrangements for 5G penetration (Super Engineering Plastics)

## Our proprietary technology

- Molecular structure design, synthesis technology
- Mass production technology for soluble LCP
- Compound design, mass production technology
- Machining support technology utilizing material properties

We flexibly provide **materials with optimal transmission properties**, using a permittivity control method based on low dissipation factor performance due to our proprietary molecular designs.

## Circuit board applications

- Adopted as a film substrate material for smartphones

### Provided in 2 types of LCP

**Solution type: Solution casting method  
(applicable to PI process)**

**Melting type: Inflation, extrusion**

## Connector applications

- Adopted for use in high-speed data transmission connectors for data centers

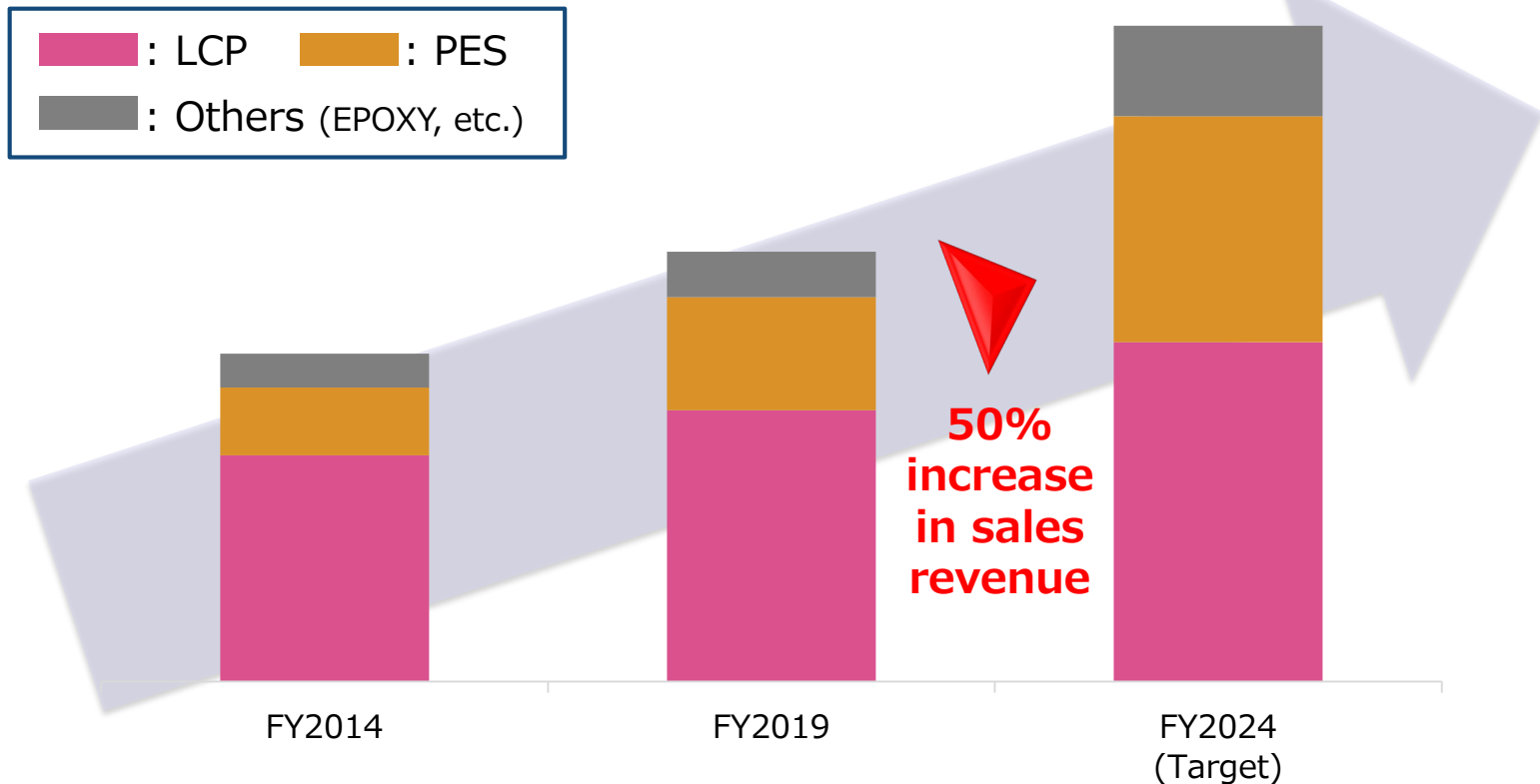
### Expanded permittivity control grade

**Provide materials that enable both low transmission loss and flexible impedance matching performance**

# For Future Business Expansion (Super Engineering Plastics)

- Expand business by supplying materials widely considered indispensable for growing industries such as the automotive industry and IT/Telecommunications.

## Target sales revenue for Super Engineering Plastics business



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ConnectivityS  
SharingA  
Automatic drivingE  
Electrification

## EV policy trends in various countries

## UK

Terminating sales of gasoline/diesel cars, including hybrids, **by 2035**

## US

California State declared total abolition of gasoline cars **by 2035**

## France

Terminating sales of gasoline/diesel cars **by 2040.**

## China

Subsidies for EVs are extended to 2022. Total abolition of new gasoline car sales **by 2035** is under consideration.

## Spain

Achieve no CO<sub>2</sub> emission from all new cars sold **by 2035**

(Source) "Status of the Greening of Tax Systems and Carbon Taxes in Japan and Overseas" by the Ministry of the Environment.

**Need for EVs is expected to increase in the future.**

# Expanding Demand for Electric Vehicles (Battery Materials)

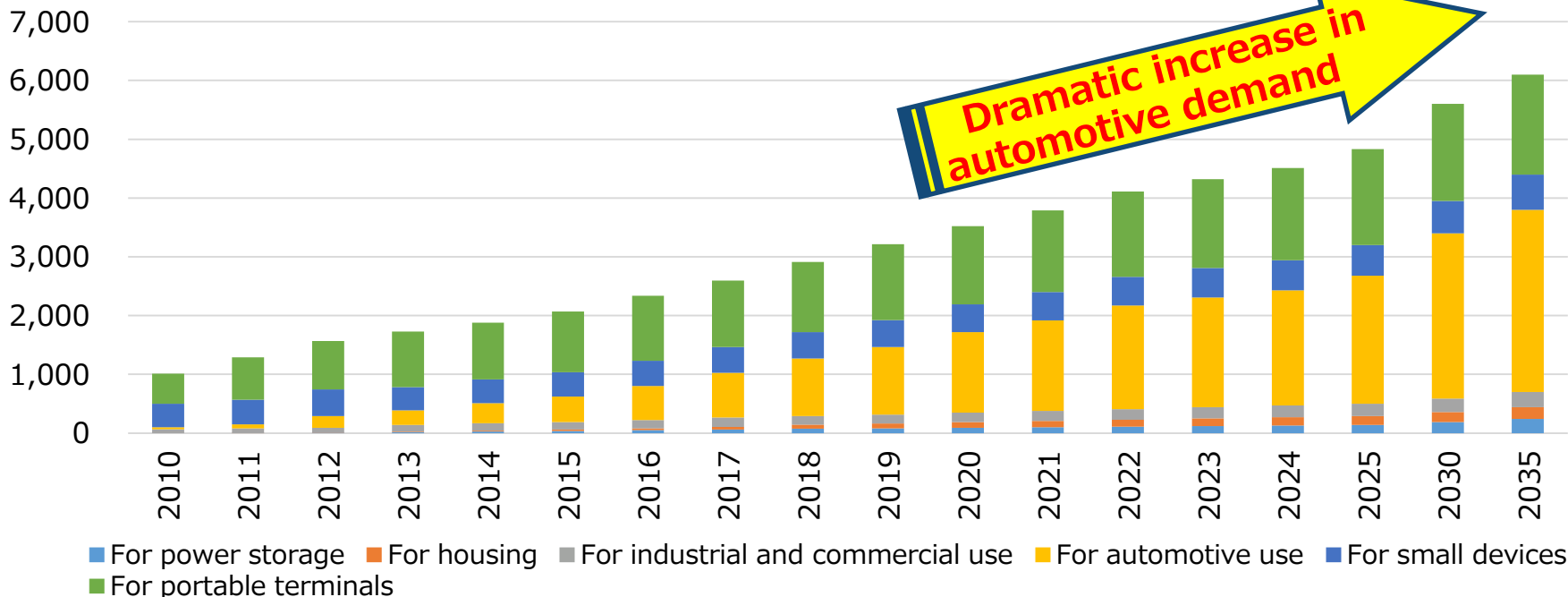
## Trends in lithium-ion secondary batteries (LIB)

LIB market expansion along with the spread of EVs

Tighter pricing

Expansion of battery capacity for longer cruising distance in EVs

(JPY bn) **Market forecast for LIB**



(Source) "Current Status and Future Outlook of Lithium-ion Battery Market 2019" by Fuji Keizai



# Expanding the Battery Business in the EV Market (Battery Materials - Cathode materials)

## Market needs

- Expansion of battery capacity for longer cruising distance for EVs

## Cathode materials (NMC,NCA)

- ✓ More penetration of **high-nickel cathodes** for higher capacity, But in exchange,
- ✓ Decreased use of elements (Mn, Co, etc.) contributing to structural stability

Increased capacity

Tradeoff

Safety

## Advantages of aramid-coated separators

High heat resistance

Light-weight

Less powder dust



## Durability

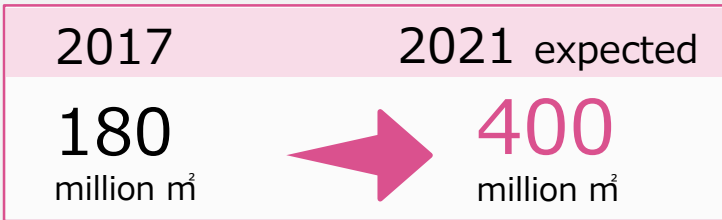
Ensuring safety in **high-nickel batteries** as well with aramid-coated separator.

**Excellent safe performance of aramid-coated separators contributes to increasing the capacity of LIBs.**

## Approach for business expansion

### Increase production capacity

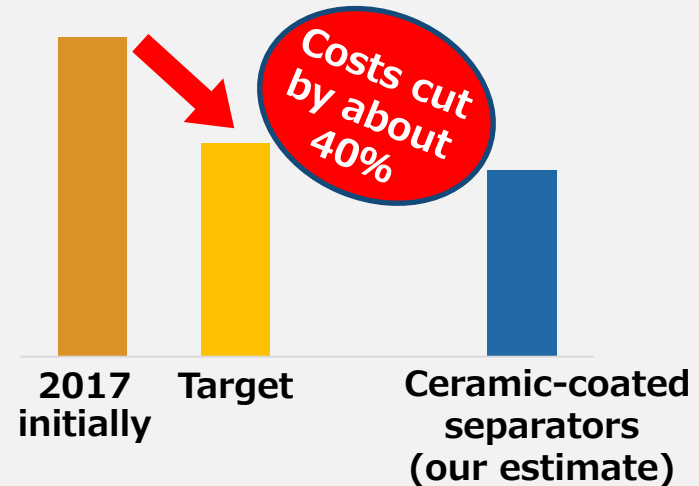
#### Our production capacity



**SSLM (South Korea)** increased capacity in response to customer demand

### Reduce costs through rationalization

#### Manufacturing costs of aramid-coated separators



Overhaul feedstock/manufacturing process, and improve cost competitiveness

**Increase cost competitiveness and expand LIB business**

# Expanding the Battery Business in the EV Market (Battery Materials - Cathode Materials)

## Sumitomo Chemical

- Highly productive calcination process
- Analysis/Evaluation technology



## Tanaka Chemical

- Automotive precursor manufacturing technology
- Expertise with mass production

### Business expansion through group synergy

To capture expanding demand

- ✓ Promote joint development of high-capacity cathode materials
- ✓ Consider installation of calcination equipment

### Recent Initiatives at Tanaka Chemical

#### Sales

Concluded sales and manufacturing technical support agreements with a European battery manufacturer

#### Manufacturing

Completed phase 3 expansion in September 2020, started operations.

#### Expanding facilities

##### Phase 1

Expand main raw material melting facilities

Oct. 2018

##### Phase 2

+1,200t/month

Jul. 2019

##### Phase 3

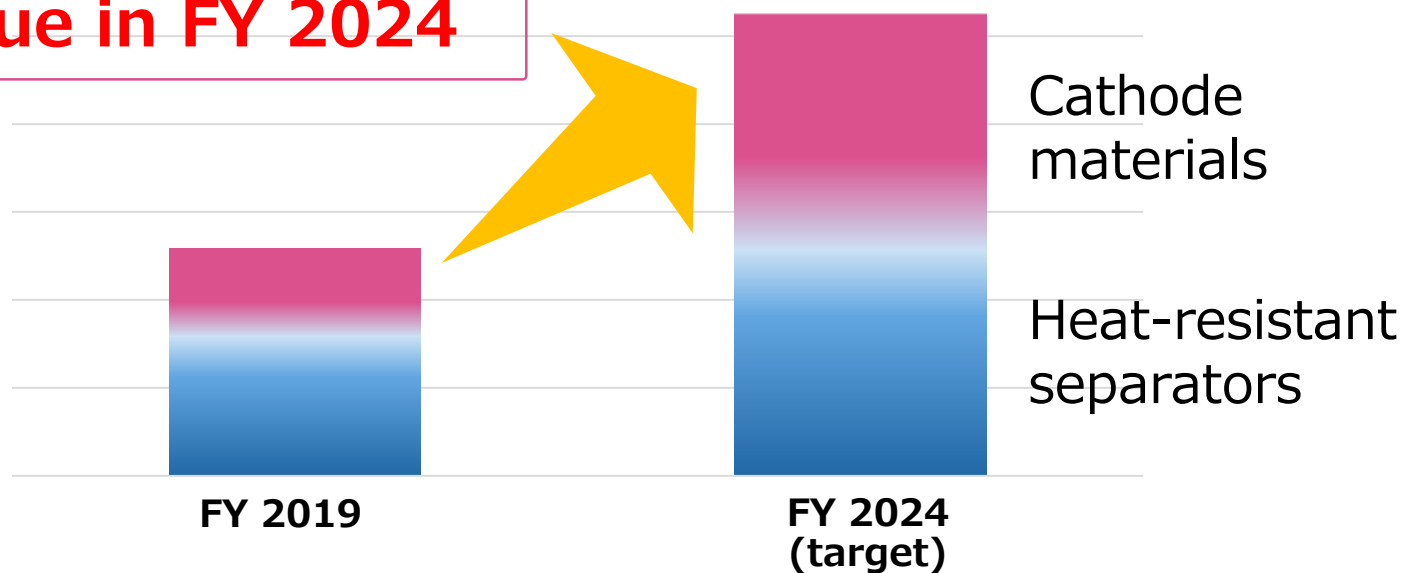
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Sep. 2020

# For Future Business Expansion (Battery Materials Business)

## Business target for battery materials

**Aim to double sales  
revenue in FY 2024**



**Expand battery materials business with 2 components:  
heat-resistant separators and cathode materials**



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# **Toward the implementation of next-generation batteries for EVs (Solid-type batteries)**

# Trends in Battery Components: Higher Capacity

Breaking through safety and productivity limits is a must for higher capacity batteries

	Current solution LIBs (up to 2025)	Improved solution LIBs (2020 to 2030)	Next-generation batteries (from 2025)
Energy density	100Wh/kg	250Wh/kg	500Wh/kg

	Current components	Example of technological development	Candidates for next-generation batteries
Cathode Materials	Middle Ni, Iron phosphate	High Ni, Cobalt-free, Nickel-free, Lithium-excess	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>① Solid-type batteries</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>② Other batteries</p> <p>Lithium-oxygen batteries</p> <p>lithium-sulfur batteries</p> </div>
Anode materials	Graphite (+silicone)	Silicone, aluminum, lithium	
Separator	Aramid, Ceramic	Resistance to high voltage	
Electrolyte	LiPF6/EC	Ionic liquid, higher concentrations	

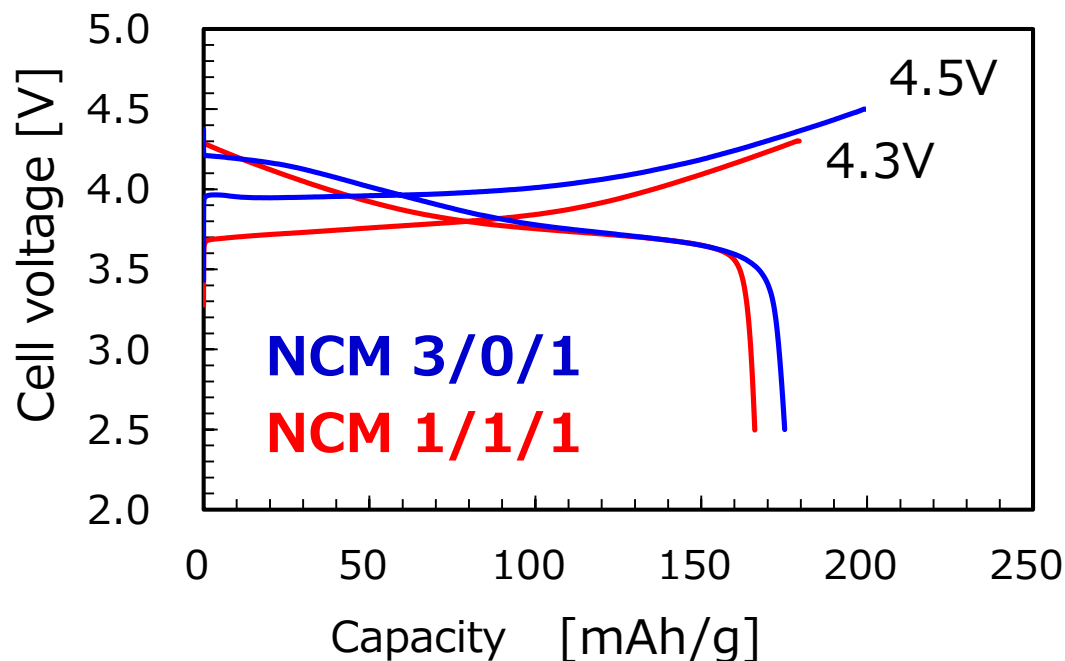
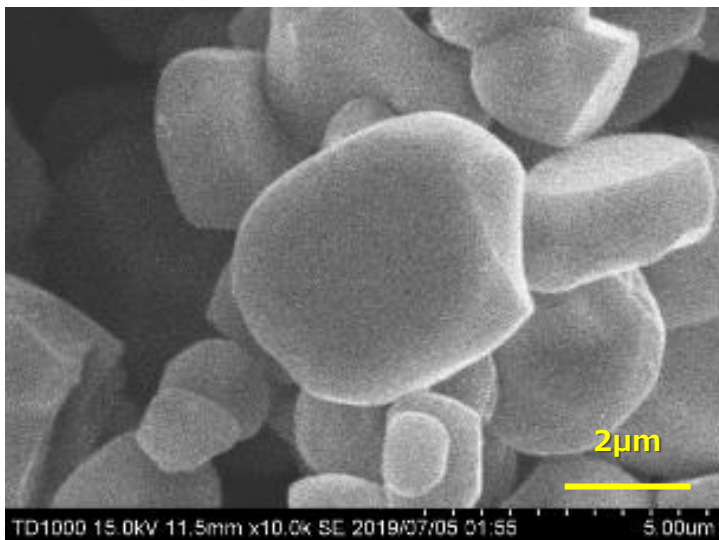
## Development-I: Cobalt-free Cathode Materials

Designing high capacity and high output materials based on the findings accumulated with **Enervio®**

Composition: **NCM 3/0/1**

Particle size: D50 = 5  $\mu\text{m}$

Change in crystal axis length is small up to high-voltage region. Even with a 4.5V charge, the materials show high cycle characteristics.

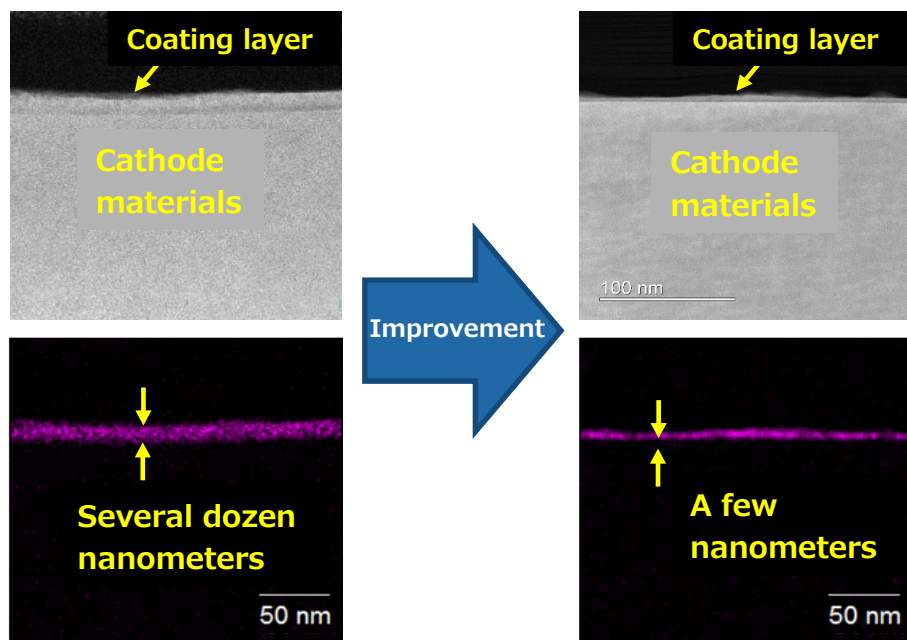




## Development-II: Cathode material surface-coating technology

- ✓ Role of coating: It does not inhibit the movement of  $\text{Li}^+$  but suppresses reactions between cathode materials and the electrolyte.

**Ideal coating:  
thinly and uniformly covers all surfaces of cathode materials.**



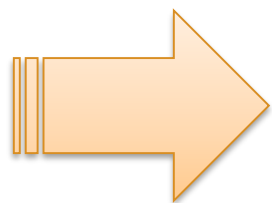
Achieved a uniform coating layer with the thickness of a few nanometers.

## The course on joint research between industry and academia at Kyoto University

Opened in April 2020 for joint development of materials for solid-type batteries (cathode materials, solid electrolytes, etc.) and optimal designs for solid-type batteries

- ✓ Expand ideas through the deepening of discussions with professors at Kyoto University
- ✓ Validate utility with sample synthesis and the evaluation of actual battery performance
- ✓ **Aim to complete development of materials for solid-type batteries in 2023**

### Implementation of solid-type batteries for EVs



**Best  
balance**

Energy  
density



Safety



Manufac  
turing  
costs

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