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# Tour of Manufacturing Building "FJ3" for Small and Mid-Size Molecule APIs at Fujieda Plant

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CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

API: Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient



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# Establishing the World Class Manufacturing System for Small and Mid-Size Molecules to Drive the Realization of TOP I 2030

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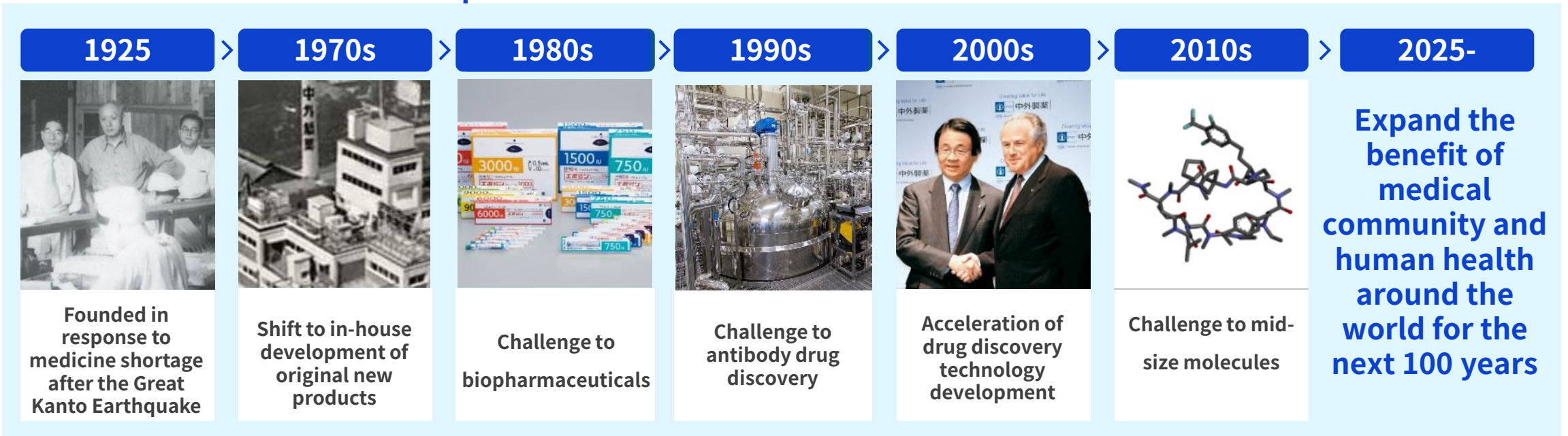
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# For the Sake of Patients - Innovations for the Next 100 Years -

- Chugai will reach our 100th anniversary on March 10, 2025
- Since our founding, we have consistently carried on the spirit of "Creating drugs that benefit the world"
- Through **bold challenges**, we have relentlessly pursued **drug discovery unique to us**, for the benefit of medical community and human health around the world
  - Constantly challenged to develop new drug discovery technologies, from small molecules to biologics, antibodies, and now mid-size molecules
  - Established technology-driven drug discovery that is unique to Chugai
  - Contributed to unmet medical needs for various diseases through innovative new drugs
- **For the next 100 years, we will continue to expand the benefit of medical community and human health around the world for the sake of patients**



# Two Pillars of TOP I 2030

**"Double R&D output" & "Launch global in-house products every year"**

## Global First-class Drug Discovery

- ▶ Expansion of existing technological bases and building a new technological foundation to materialize unique drug discovery ideas
- ▶ Maximization of the value of development projects by pursuing translational research and pharmaceutical technologies
- ▶ Accelerating innovation opportunities by strengthening collaboration with leading global players and leveraging digital technologies

## Futuristic Business Model

- ▶ Dramatic improvement in product / patient value by restructuring business model, having digital utilization as a core
- ▶ Improve productivity of entire value chain by leveraging digital technologies.
- ▶ Development of PHC solutions to maximize the value of pharmaceuticals

Key Drivers

▶ DX

▶ RED SHIFT

▶ Open Innovation

\*RED: Research and Early Development, Translational Research: Research aimed at verifying scientific concepts generated in drug discovery in clinical settings

PHC solution: products/services to be able to provide best treatment options to each patient by diagnosing the disease or measure the treatment results

# Summary of Five Reforms

## 1) Drug Discovery

- ▶ Expansion of existing technological platforms to realize unique drug discovery ideas and establish new technology platform.
- ▶ Acceleration of innovation opportunities by leveraging digital technologies and strengthening collaboration with leading global players.

## 2) Development

- ▶ Enhancement of Go/No-Go decision making and maximization of project value by integrating clinical development and human prediction capabilities
- ▶ Realization of advanced and efficient clinical development operations using digital technologies

## 3) Pharmaceutical Technology

- ▶ Establishment of world-class pharmaceutical technologies for antibody and mid-size molecule and acceleration of development
- ▶ Applying manufacturing technology to achieve world-class productivity and quality
- ▶ Establishment of supply systems that ensure both stable supply and high quality

## 4) Value Delivery

- ▶ Realization of further personalized medical care by the creation of unique evidence that addresses unmet healthcare needs in actual clinical practice
- ▶ Maximize customer value by innovative digital-based customer engagement model

## ⑤ Foundation for Growth

- ▶ Realization of human resource management that encourages discovery, growth, and exercise of diverse individuals; acquisition, retention, and development of highly specialized human resources
- ▶ Realization of CHUGAI DIGITAL VISION 2030
- ▶ Realization of Mid-term Environment Goals 2030; enhancement of sustainability platform
- ▶ Achievement of QUALITY VISION 2030
- ▶ Provision of advanced proof and maximum value of pharmaceuticals through PHC solution



# Five Reforms: Pharmaceutical Technology

Pursue world-class technologies to deliver drug discovery ideas to patients as pharmaceutical products; realize highly competitive pharmaceutical technologies in terms of quality, speed, and cost

## Direction of Reform

## Goal

### Pursuit of world-class technologies

- Manufacture highly unique compounds by strengthening collaboration with drug discovery and making full use of state-of-the-art technology
- Evolution of the world's most advanced antibody/mid-size molecule technology and realization of development speed

### Establishment of robust and competitive supply systems

- Further efficiency gains by strengthening the manufacturing technology function, including the use of digital technologies and robotics
- Pursuing stable supply and global standard quality through implementation of dual-site strategy

Establish competitive pharmaceutical technologies

World-class development speed

Apply production technologies and achieve world-class productivity and quality

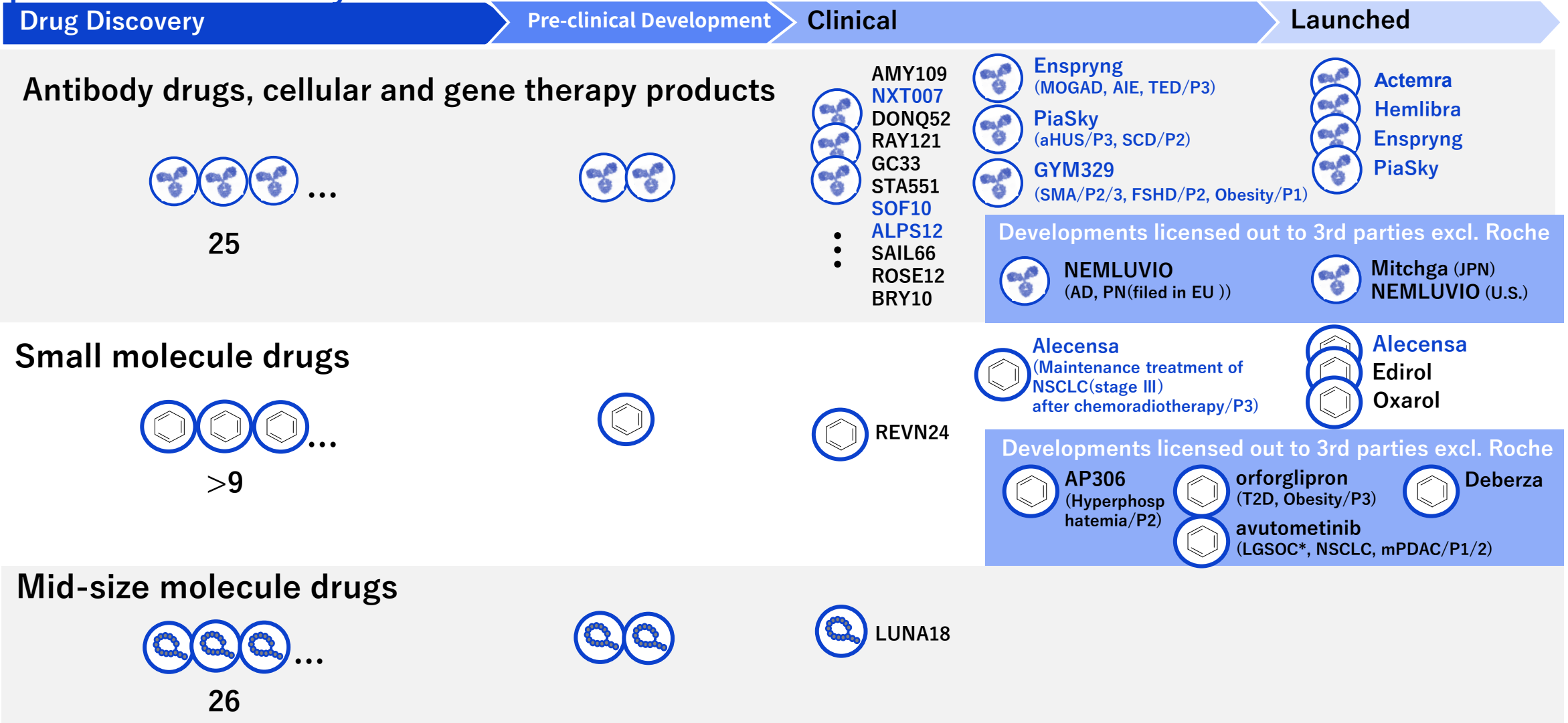
Establish supply systems that ensure both stable supply and high quality



# Portfolio of Each Modality

Production capability/capacity that can accommodate a wide range of in-house developed products is necessary

As of January 30, 2025







Blue: Joint development with Roche

\*NDA was accepted under the accelerated approval pathway in the U.S.

# Establishment of Manufacturing System for Small and Mid-Size Molecule APIs

- Acquired advanced technologies for EHS as well as small and mid-size molecule with high potency
- Build a consistent in-house supply system from manufacturing process development and early clinical development to initial commercial production

	Pre-Clinical	Phase 1~Phase 2		Phase 3 to initial commercial
				
	Ukima Research Laboratories	Fujieda Plant		
Start of operation	2020	2003	Dec. 2022	Scheduled in Mar. 2025
Total floor area	4,925 m <sup>2</sup>	5,417 m <sup>2</sup>	6,079 m <sup>2</sup>	10,489 m <sup>2</sup>
Total investment	4.5 billion yen	7 billion yen	19.1 billion yen	55.5 billion yen

**Establishing a stable in-house supply system from early clinical development to market launch leads to speedy development of mid-size molecule drugs and gaining competitive advantage**



# Pharmaceutical Technology for Mid-Size Molecule APIs

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API Process Development Dept., Pharmaceutical Technology Div.

Dr. Kenji Maeda

Ukima Research Laboratory  
Synthetic Research Building



Fujieda Plant  
Manufacturing Building  
“FJ3” for Synthetic APIs



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## **01 Drug Discovery Modality Strategy**

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## **02 What Are Small and Mid-Size Molecules?**

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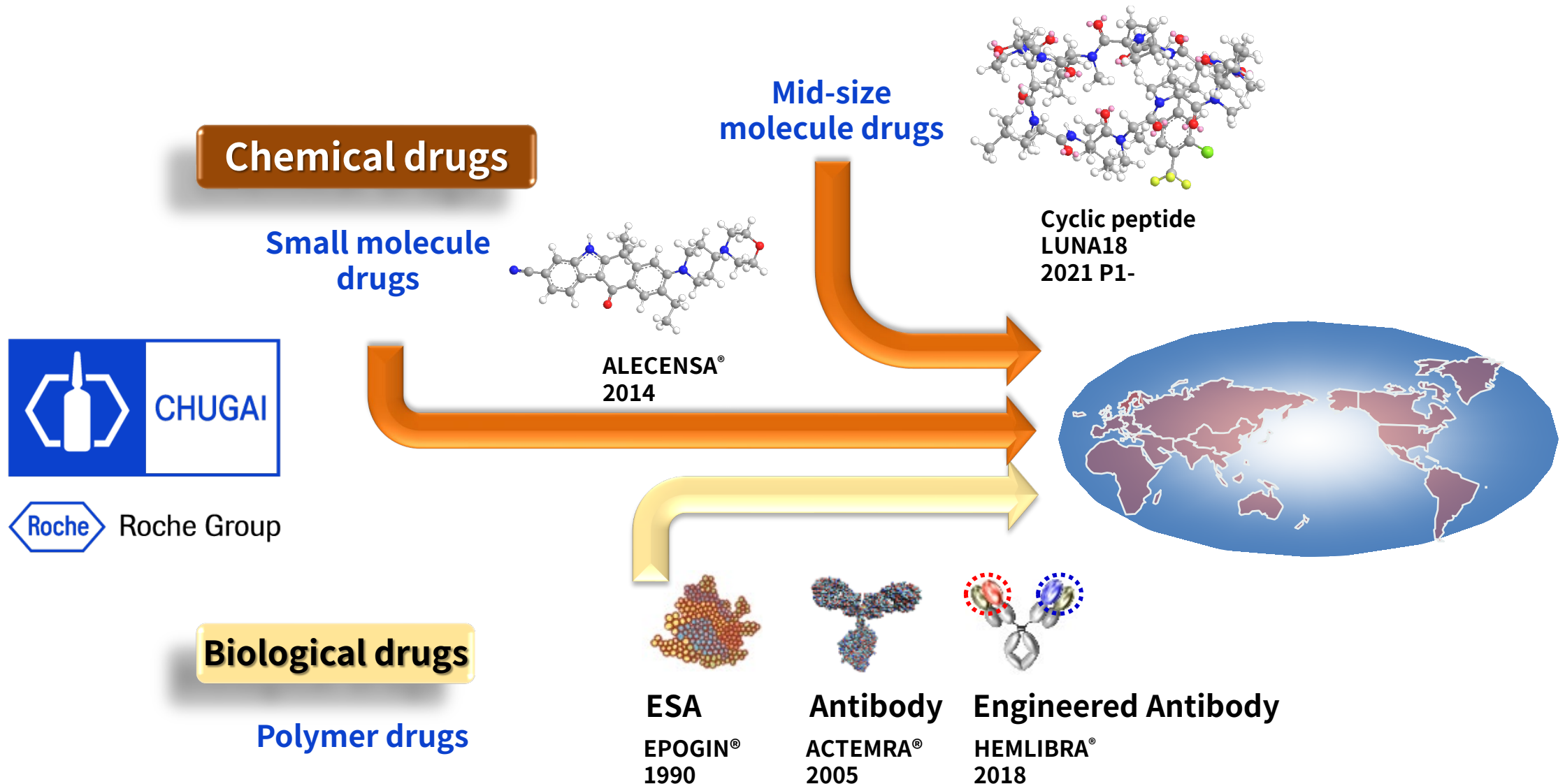
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## **04 Chugai's Peptide Synthesis Technology**

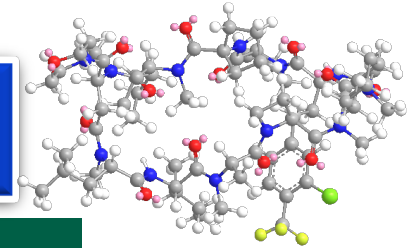
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# Chugai's Modality Strategy



# The Potential of Cyclic Peptide (Mid-Size Molecule) Drugs

- ✓ >50% of drug discovery targets cannot be targeted by either antibodies or small molecules
- ✓ Mid-sized molecules are a modality with the potential to target these unexplored targets



**Biologic (antibody) drugs**

**Extracellular target**

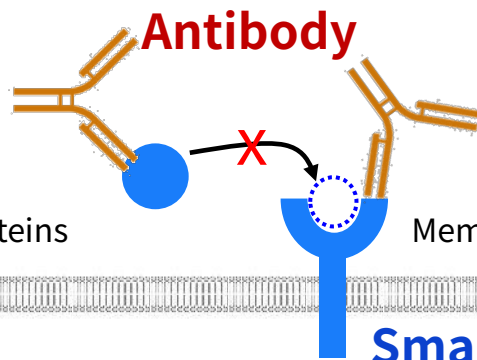
**Small molecule drugs**

**Extra- and intracellular target with pocket**

**Mid-size molecule (cyclic peptide) drugs**

**Extra- and intracellular target without pocket**

Extracellular



**Antibody world 20%**

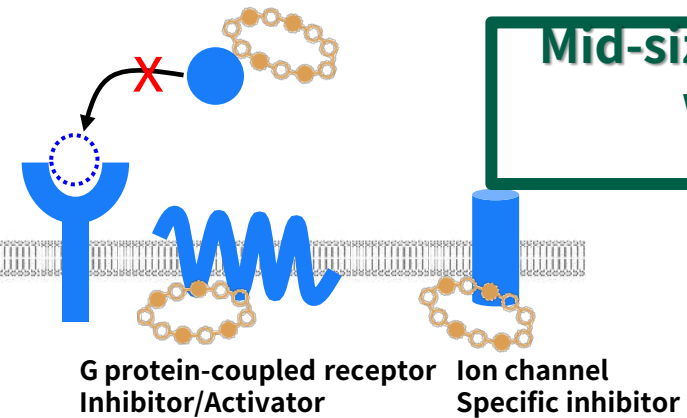
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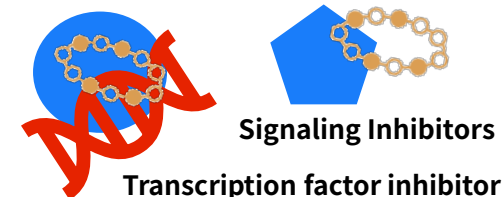
Intracellular

**Small molecule**

**Small molecule world 20%**



**Mid-size molecule world 60%**

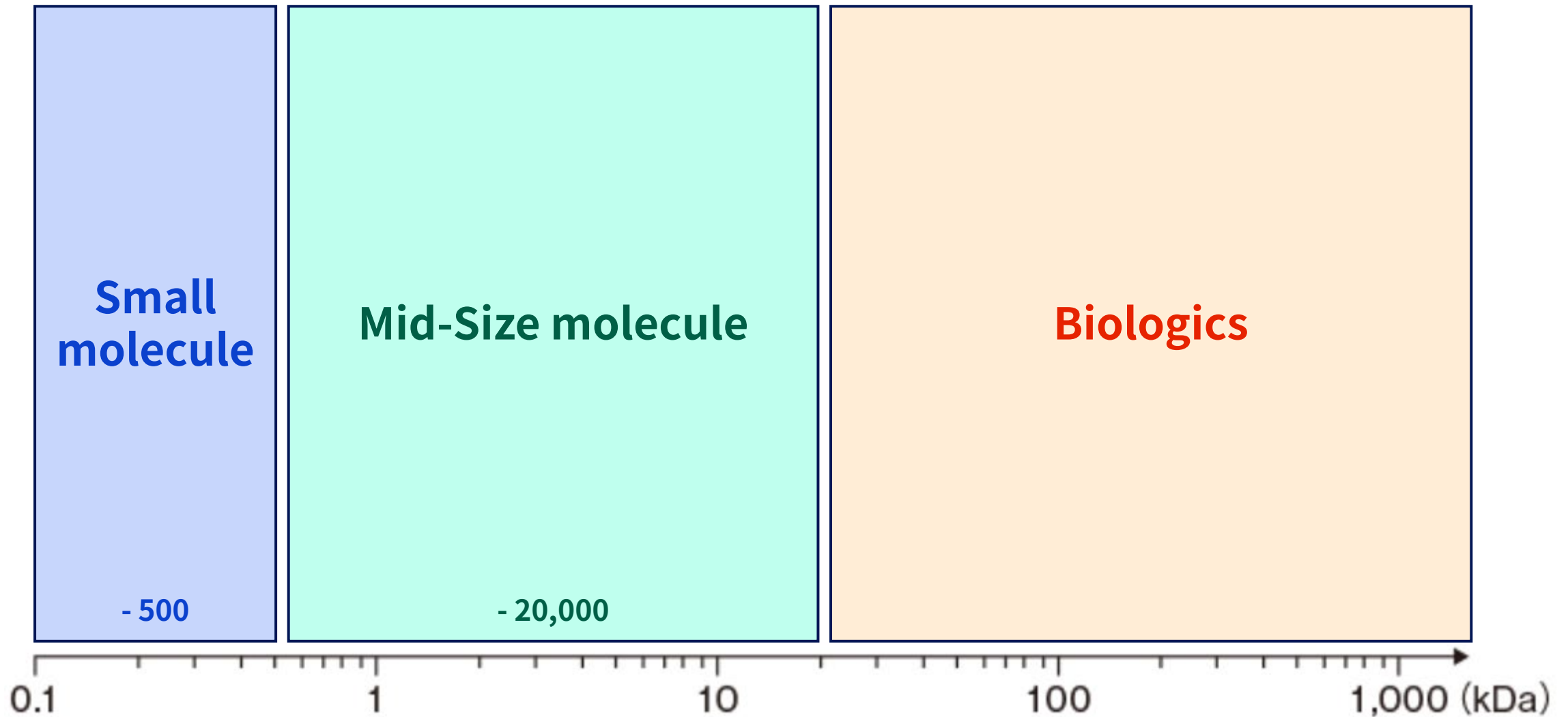


**Mid-size molecule**

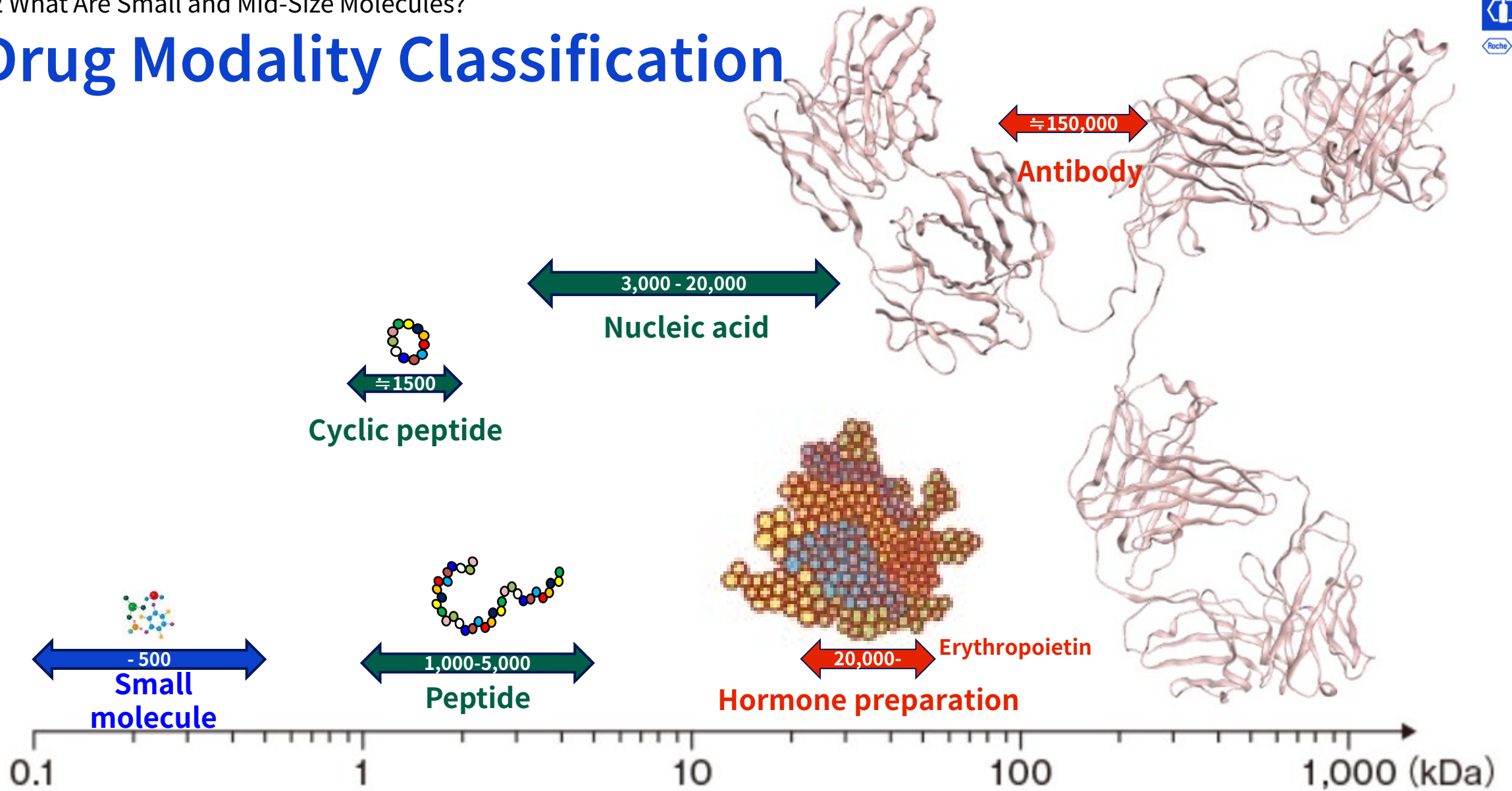
# What Are Small and Mid-Size Molecules?



# Drug Modality Classification



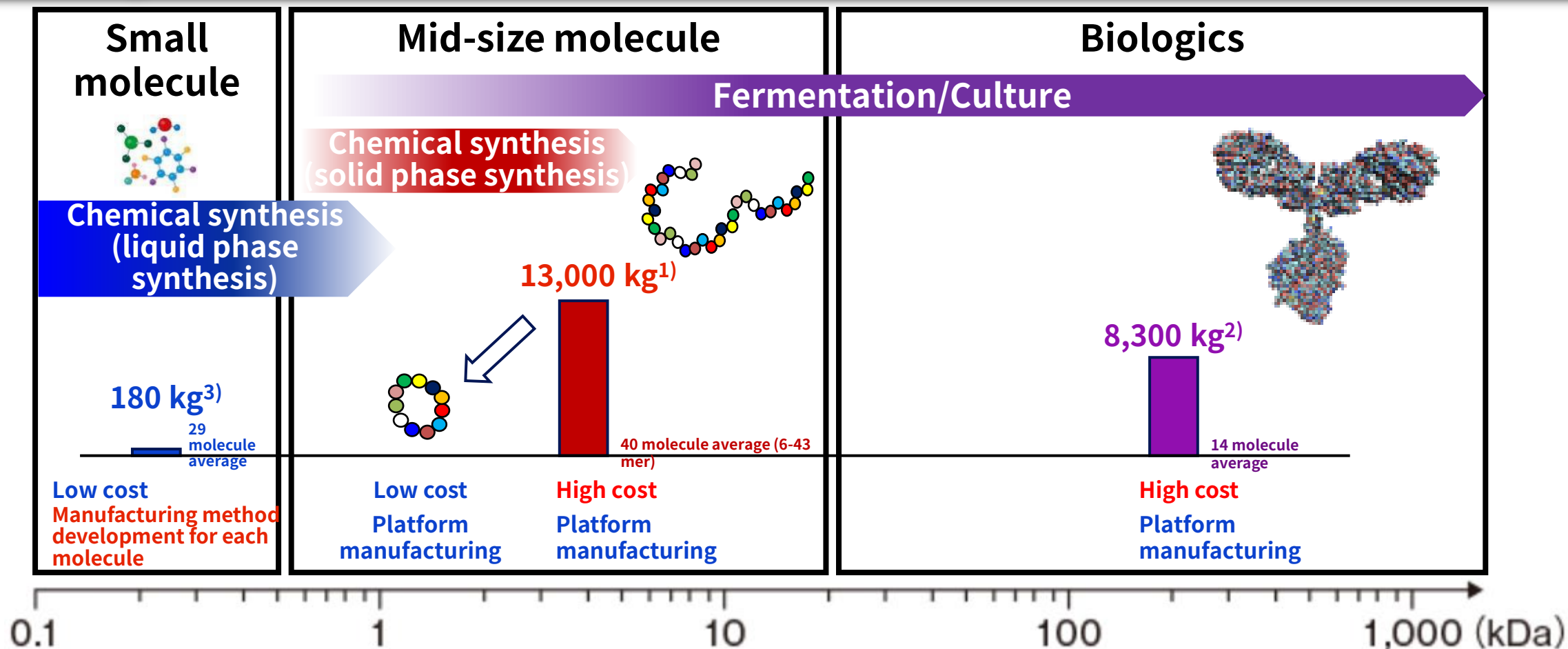
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# Method and Issues of Synthesizing Mid-Size Molecules

# Manufacturing Method and Amount of Waste (per kg of API) of Each Modality

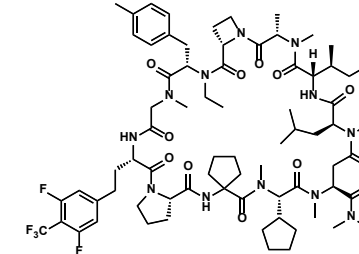
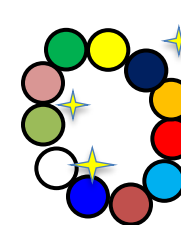
- ✓ Conventional manufacturing methods for peptide drugs (solid phase synthesis) produce large amounts of waste and manufacturing costs arise
- ✓ To commercialize Chugai cyclic peptides, a unique manufacturing method (liquid phase synthesis) was developed by making full use of technology cultivated for small molecules



PMI: Process Mass Intensity : Total mass of materials used to manufacture a specified mass (1kg) of product

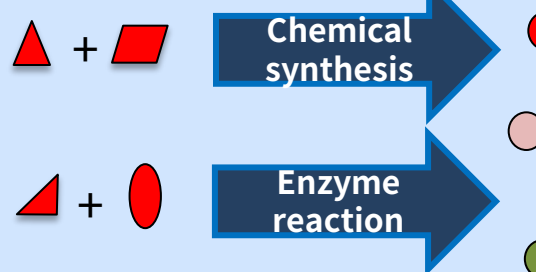
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# Cyclic Peptide Synthesis

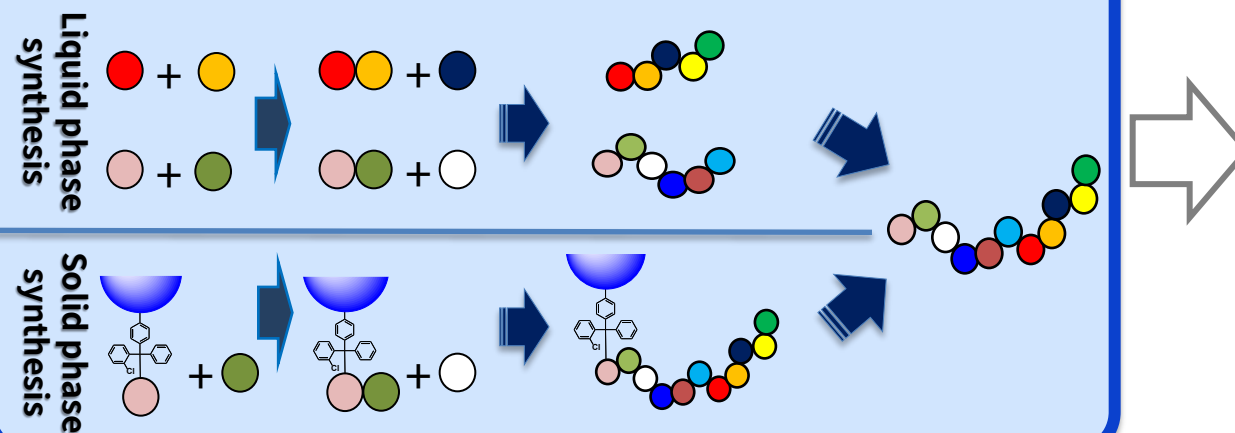


Intermediate  
process

## 1) Non-natural amino acid synthesis



## 2) Peptide synthesis



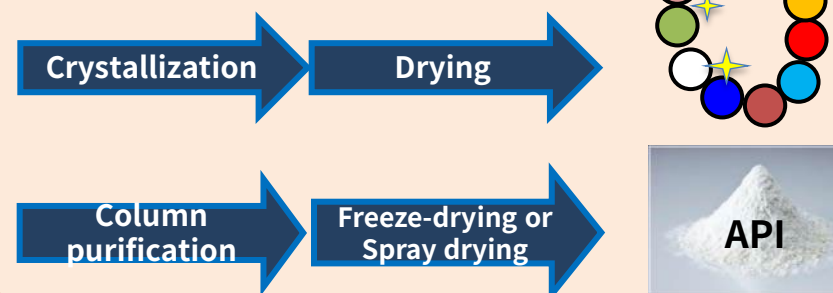
API  
process

## 3) Cyclization



Crystal  
Amorphous

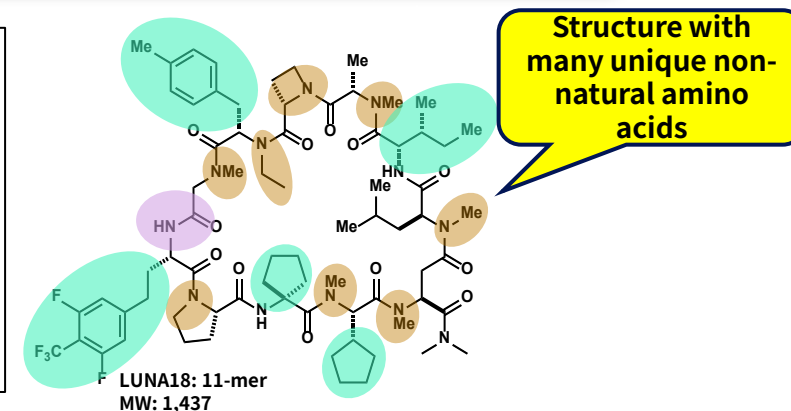
## 4) Purification/Isolation



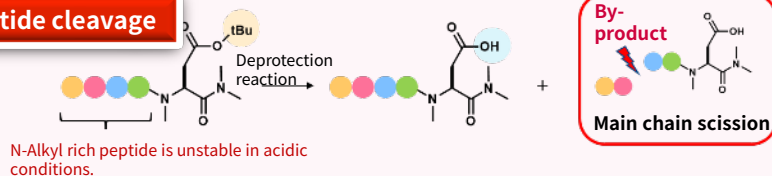
# Difficulties in Chugai Cyclic Peptide Synthesis 1: Complex Structure

- ✓ In general, liquid phase synthesis has not been adopted as the manufacturing process for peptide drugs because it is a challenging method for development, and takes time for development and manufacturing
- ✓ Furthermore, Chugai cyclic peptides are composed of many non-natural amino acids, and their structural characteristics and physical properties differ greatly from those of conventional peptides. Therefore, various problems had to be overcome

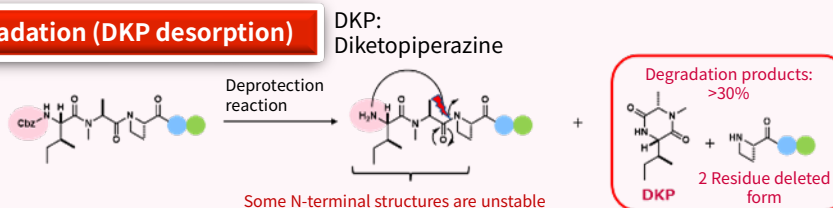
- 1. N-Alkyl rich structure:** **Unstable under reaction conditions**  
**Low reactivity**
- 2. No polar functional groups:** **Physical properties similar to those of small molecule compounds.**  
**Impurity removal by crystallization or liquid separation is relatively easy.**  
**Column purification and freeze-drying are difficult under typical peptide conditions.**  
**Complex side chain functional groups**
- 3. Amide cyclization structure:** **Oligomerization (multimer formation) during cyclization**



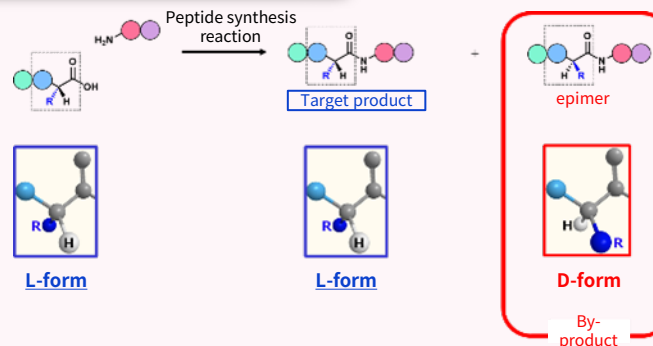
## 1. Peptide cleavage



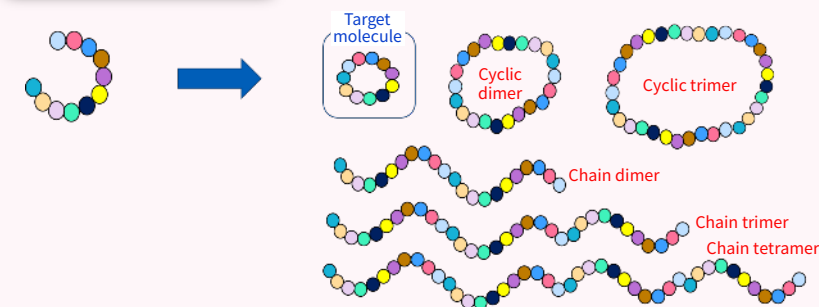
## 2. Degradation (DKP desorption)



## 3. Stereochemical inversion

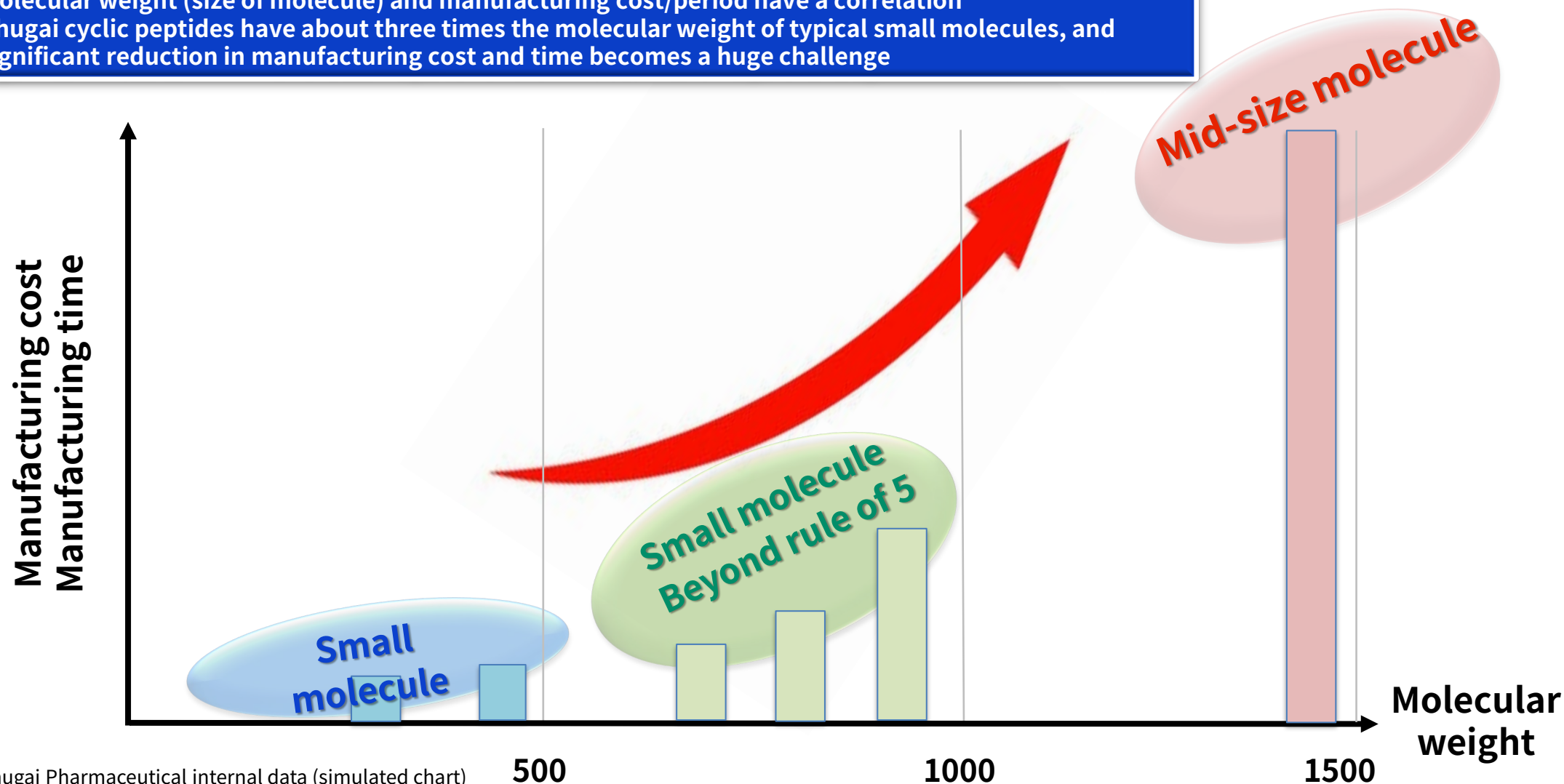


## 4. Multimerization



## Difficulties in Chugai Cyclic Peptide Synthesis 2: Manufacturing Cost and Time

- Molecular weight (size of molecule) and manufacturing cost/period have a correlation
- Chugai cyclic peptides have about three times the molecular weight of typical small molecules, and significant reduction in manufacturing cost and time becomes a huge challenge





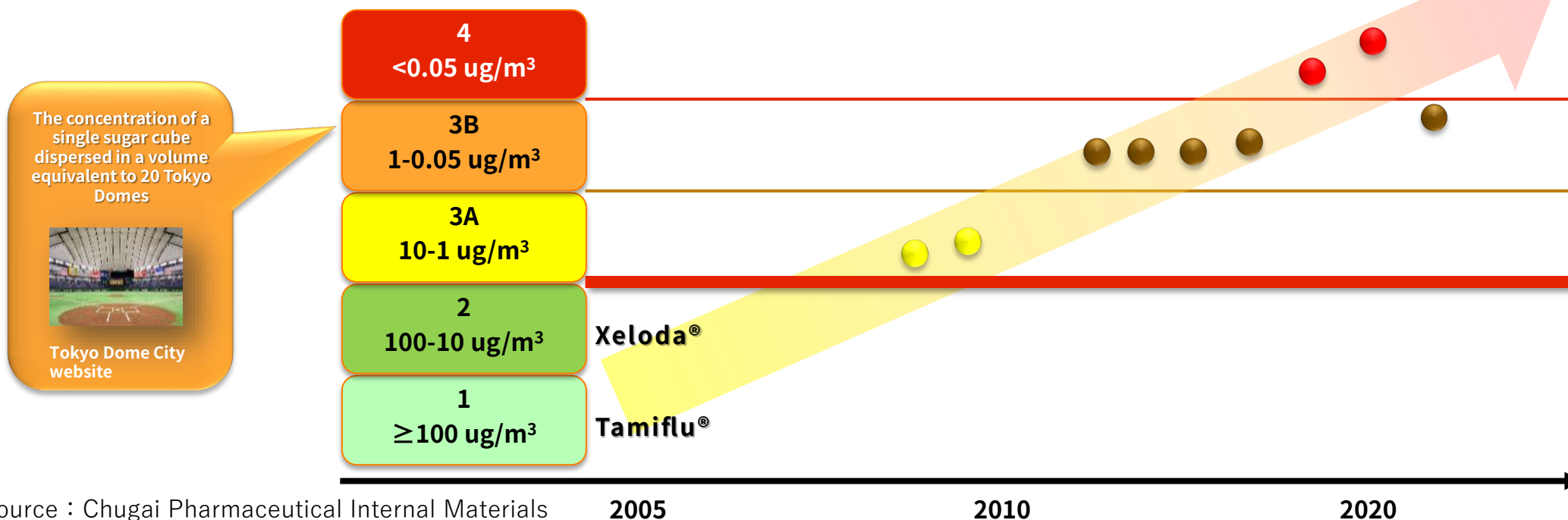
# Difficulties in Chugai Cyclic Peptide Synthesis 3: Ultra-high Pharmacological Activity

- ✓ Due to advances in drug discovery technology, all synthetic APIs, including mid-size molecules developed in-house in recent years, are classified as highly potent APIs
- ✓ To produce large quantities safely, it is essential to have manufacturing facilities with extremely high containment capabilities and advanced manufacturing technology for highly potent compounds

## Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

- ✓ The concentration at which most workers are considered not to suffer health damage, even if they breathe air containing a substance for **8 hours every day, 40 hours a week.**
- ✓ Appropriate **containment measures (protective equipment, isolator, etc.) are required** during development and manufacturing, depending on the OEL

## Health Hazard Category (HHC)



# Chugai's Peptide Synthesis Technology

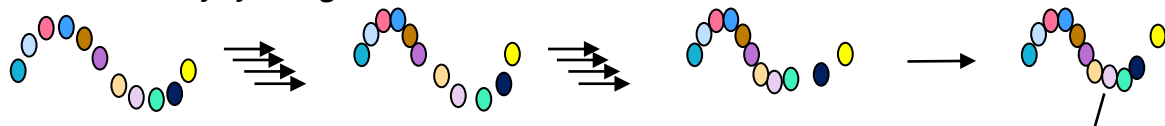
# Strategy for Chugai Cyclic Peptide Manufacturing Technology

- ✓ We have adopted a technology strategy based on "liquid-phase synthesis," which maximizes our technologies and experience, including small molecule synthesis technologies and containment technologies for highly potent compounds.
- ✓ By adopting a simple liquid-phase synthesis method, we aim to significantly reduce environmental impact, manufacturing costs, and production time.

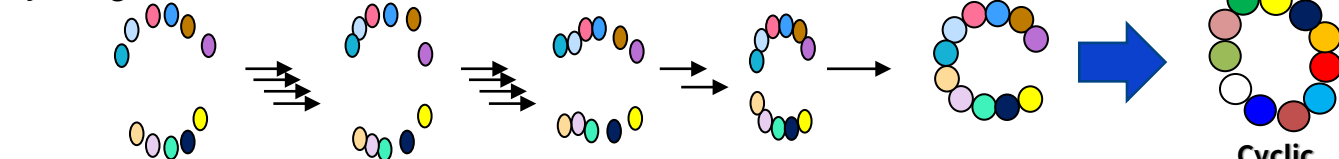
## Chugai

A technology strategy based on simple "liquid-phase synthesis" that maximizes the utilization of small molecule API manufacturing technologies.

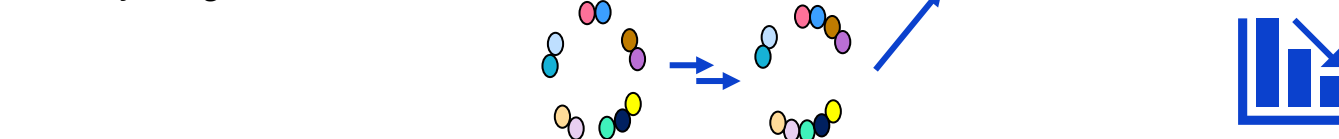
1. Linear synthesis route: Extending amino acids one by one, and then finally cyclizing



2. Convergent synthesis route: Extending amino acids one by one, fragmenting, and cyclizing



3. Highly convergent synthesis route: Extending 2 or 3 amino acids together, fragmenting, and cyclizing

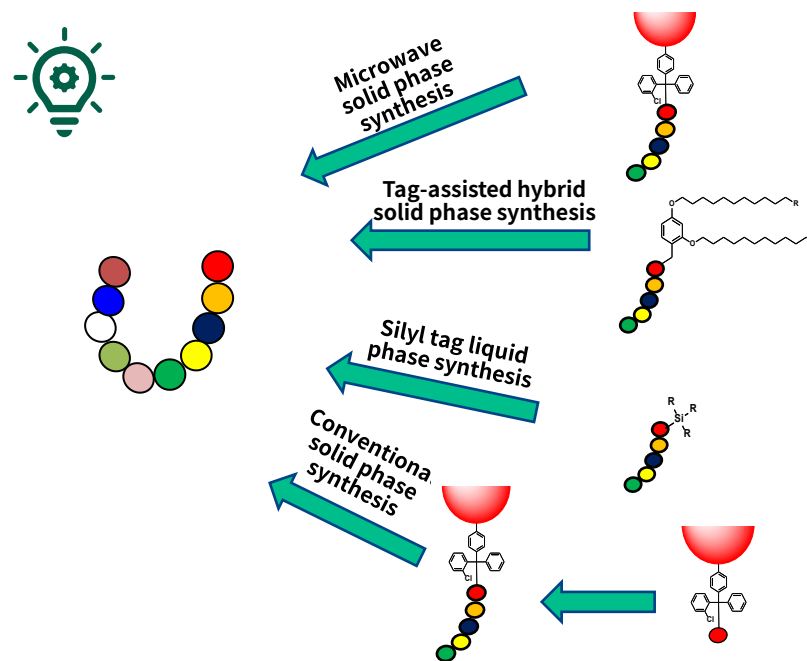


Cyclic peptide



## Other companies and academia\*

In addition to existing solid-phase synthesis technologies, various next-generation peptide synthesis technologies are being actively developed by companies and academic institutions.



\*Pharmacia 2024, 60, 283

# Examples of Newly Developed Peptide Liquid Phase Synthesis Technology

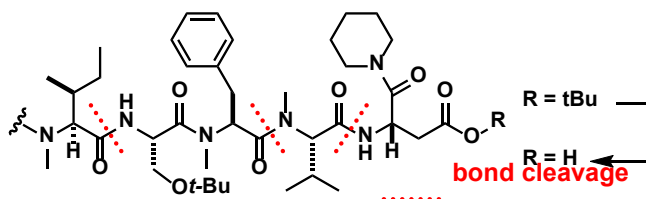
- ✓ Existing liquid phase peptide synthesis technology did not produce expected results
- ✓ **Various liquid phase peptide synthesis technologies at high yield and with high quality\*** have been newly developed

\*Even if each process has a 95% yield and purity, after 20 processes, both will drop below 40%.

<Peptide synthesis reaction dilemma>  
 Increase reactivity  
     → Becomes unstable (impurities increase)  
 Stabilize → Reaction does not proceed (yields decrease)



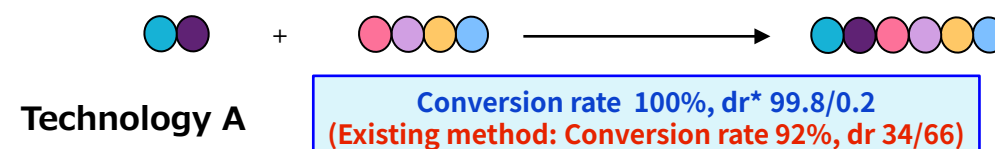
## Technology to suppress peptide degradation



Conversion rate 100%, degradation 0%  
 (Existing method: Conversion rate 50%, degradation 28%)



## Technology for coupling peptides



Technology A

Conversion rate 100%, dr\* 99.8/0.2  
 (Existing method: Conversion rate 92%, dr 34/66)

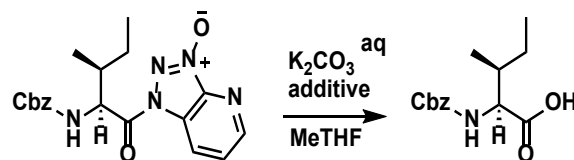
Technology B

Conversion rate 100%, dr 99.8/0.2  
 (Existing method: Conversion rate 100%, dr 80/20)

\*dr: target compound / impurity



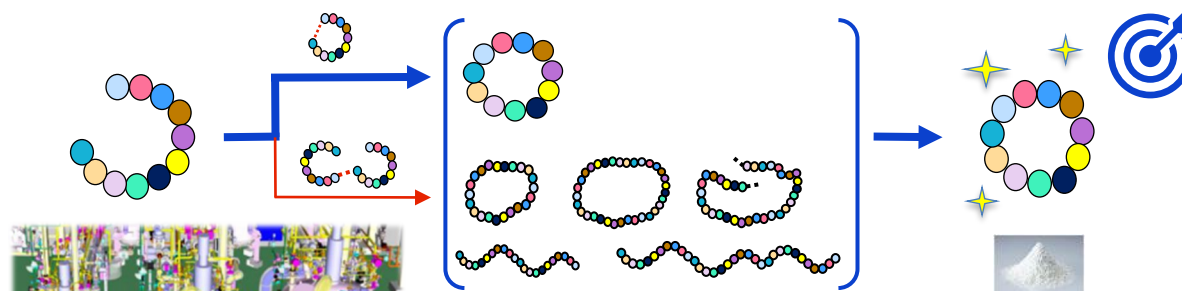
## Technology for degrading unnecessary activated amino acids



Residual rate <0.5%  
 (Existing method: Residual rate 84%)

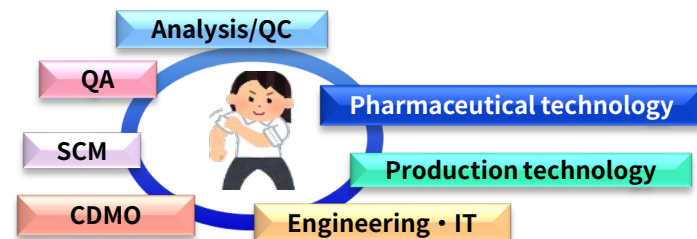


## Peptide cyclization technology and isolation/purification technology



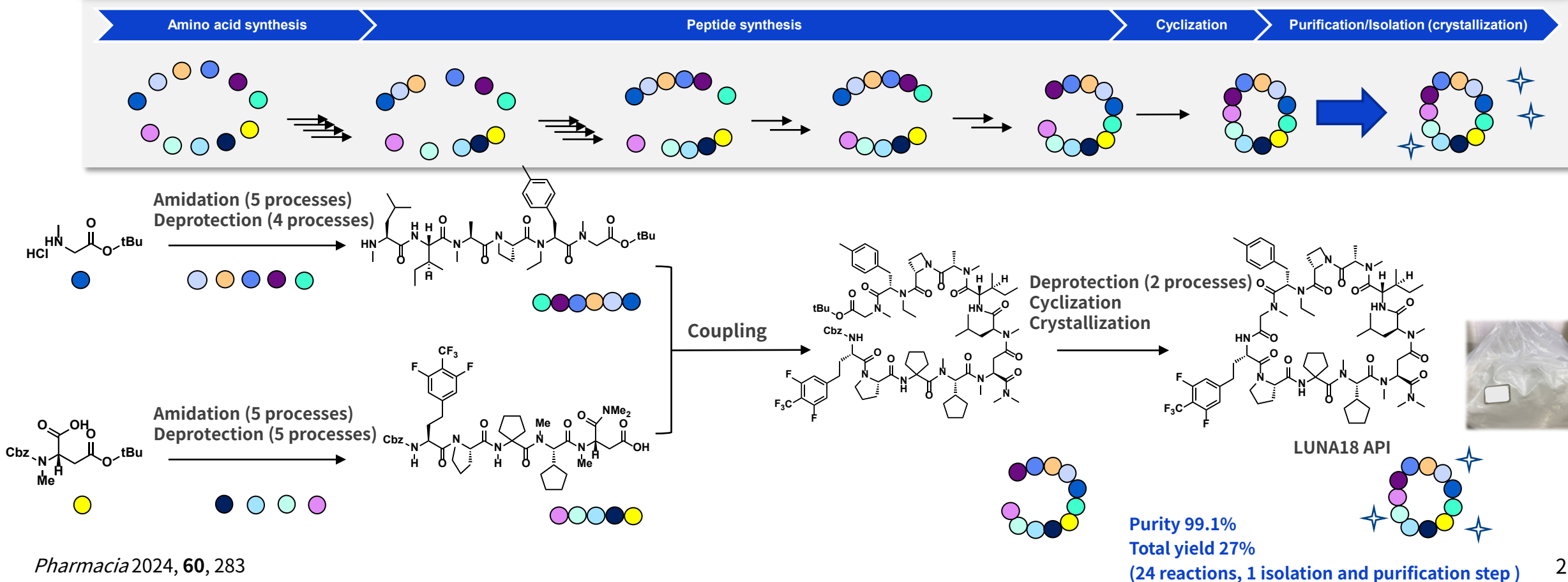
FJ3 cyclization reaction & equipment for isolation and purification

# Development of Manufacturing Method for LUNA18 API, the First Mid-Size Molecule Drug



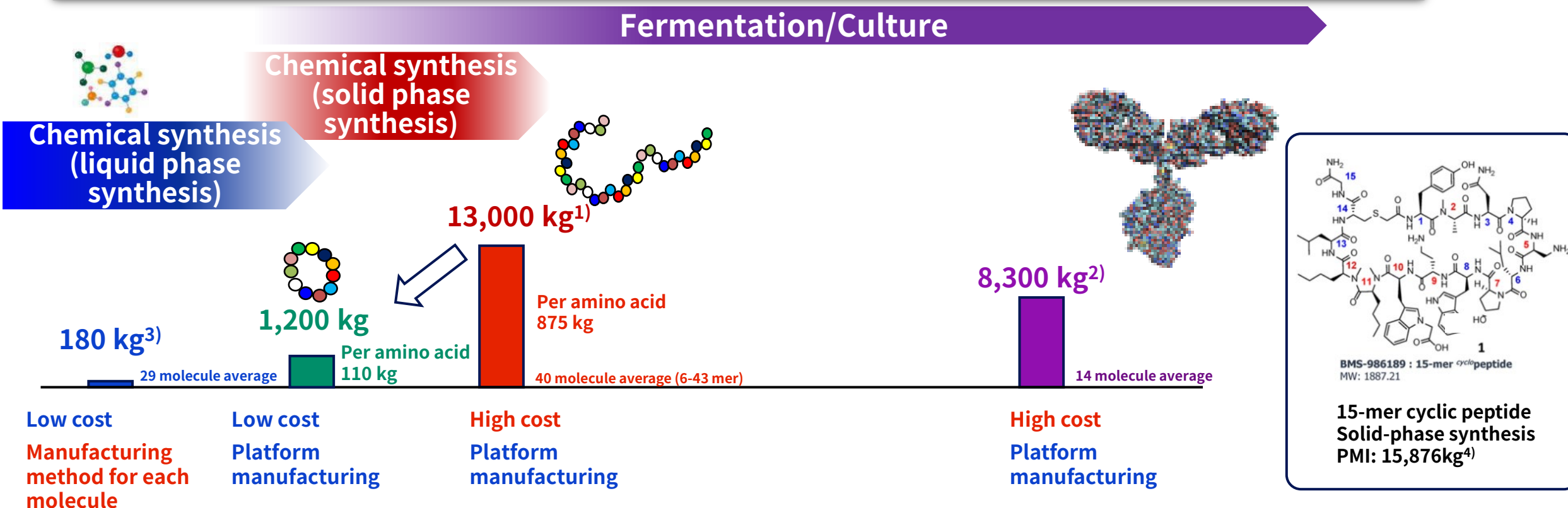
QC: Quality Control, QA: Quality Assurance  
SCM: Supply Chain Management  
CDMO: Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization

- ✓ We have successfully developed a process for the manufacture of LUNA18 API using convergent liquid-phase synthesis  
→ Currently, we have succeeded in scaling up to about 50 kg/lot
- ✓ The technology has been further advanced for development into a platform and application to subsequent mid-size molecules



# Reduction Effect of Environmental Burden (Waste Volume per Kg of API)

- ✓ Convergent liquid-phase synthesis technology reduces waste to 1/10 or less of that required for conventional solid-phase synthesis
- ✓ The technology is being developed as an original platform technology to further reduce the environmental burden and costs



PMI: Process Mass Intensity : Total mass of materials used to manufacture a specified mass (1kg) of product

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# Overview of Mid-Size Molecule Manufacturing at FJ3

- API isolation process
- ASD\* formulation process

Spray dryer



Amorphous API Isolation process



Spray drying

Amorphous API

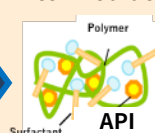


Formulation and manufacturing ASD\* process



Spray drying

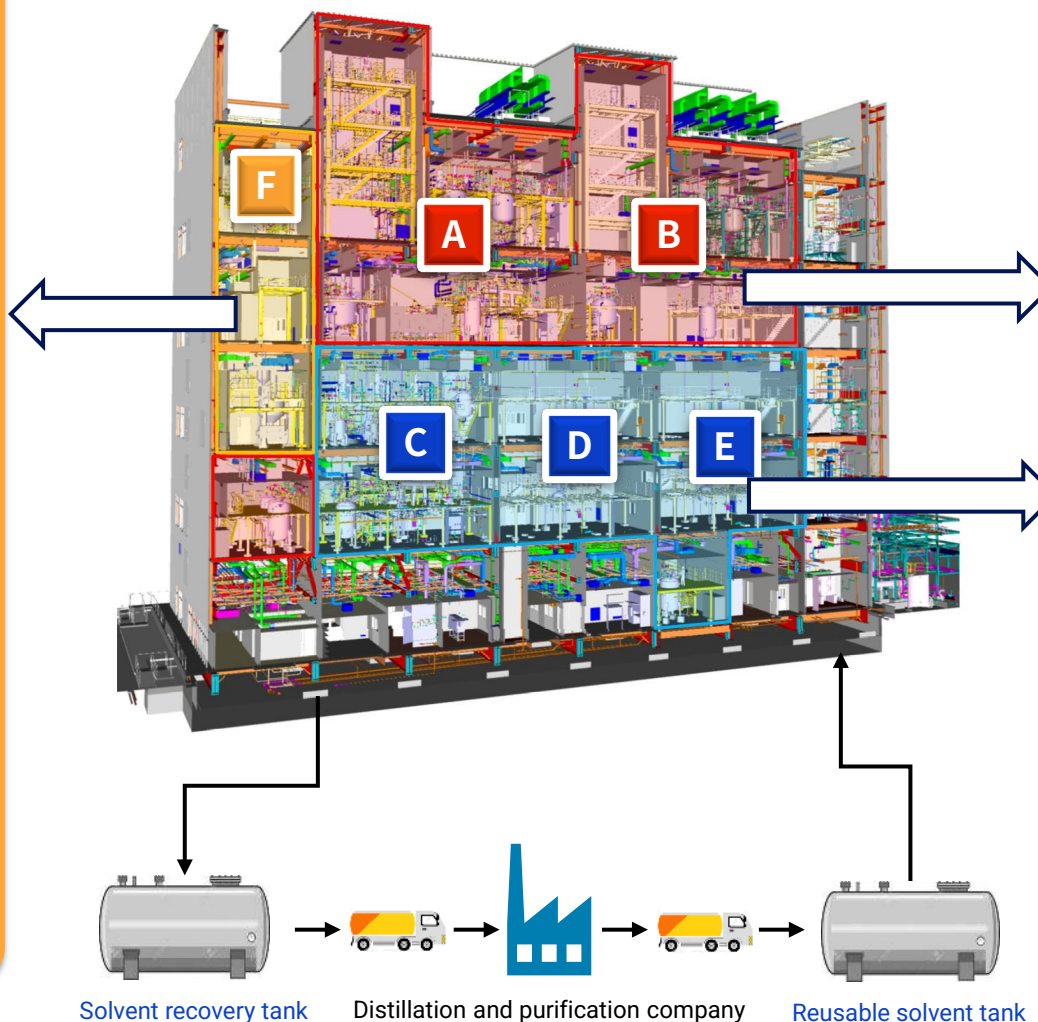
ASD Intermediate



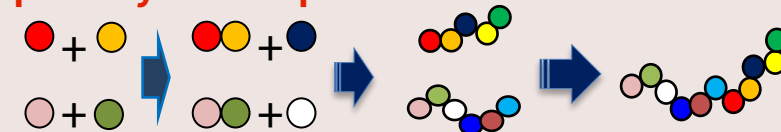
Polymer surfactants, etc.

\*Amorphous solid dispersion

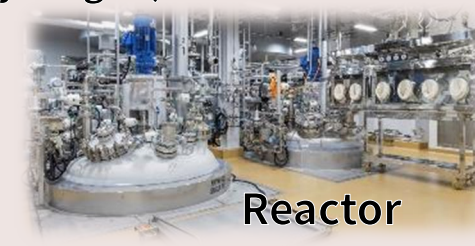
The world's largest production facility of ultra-high potency APIs



## Peptide synthesis process

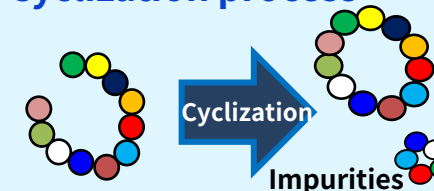


High pressure reactor  
(Deprotection reaction using hydrogen)

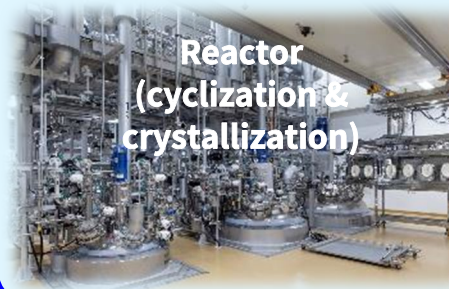


Reactor

## Cyclization process



## Purification/Isolation process



Reactor  
(cyclization & crystallization)



Filter dryer





# Introduction of Fujieda Plant, Chugai Pharma Manufacturing Co., Ltd

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Chugai Pharma Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Head of Fujieda Plant

Kaichiro Koyama

# Company Profile of Chugai Pharma Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Company name: Chugai Pharma Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Representative: Kenji Kamada

Established: May 2006

\* Chugai Pharmaceutical's drug manufacturing business was transferred to Chugai Pharma Manufacturing through a company split.

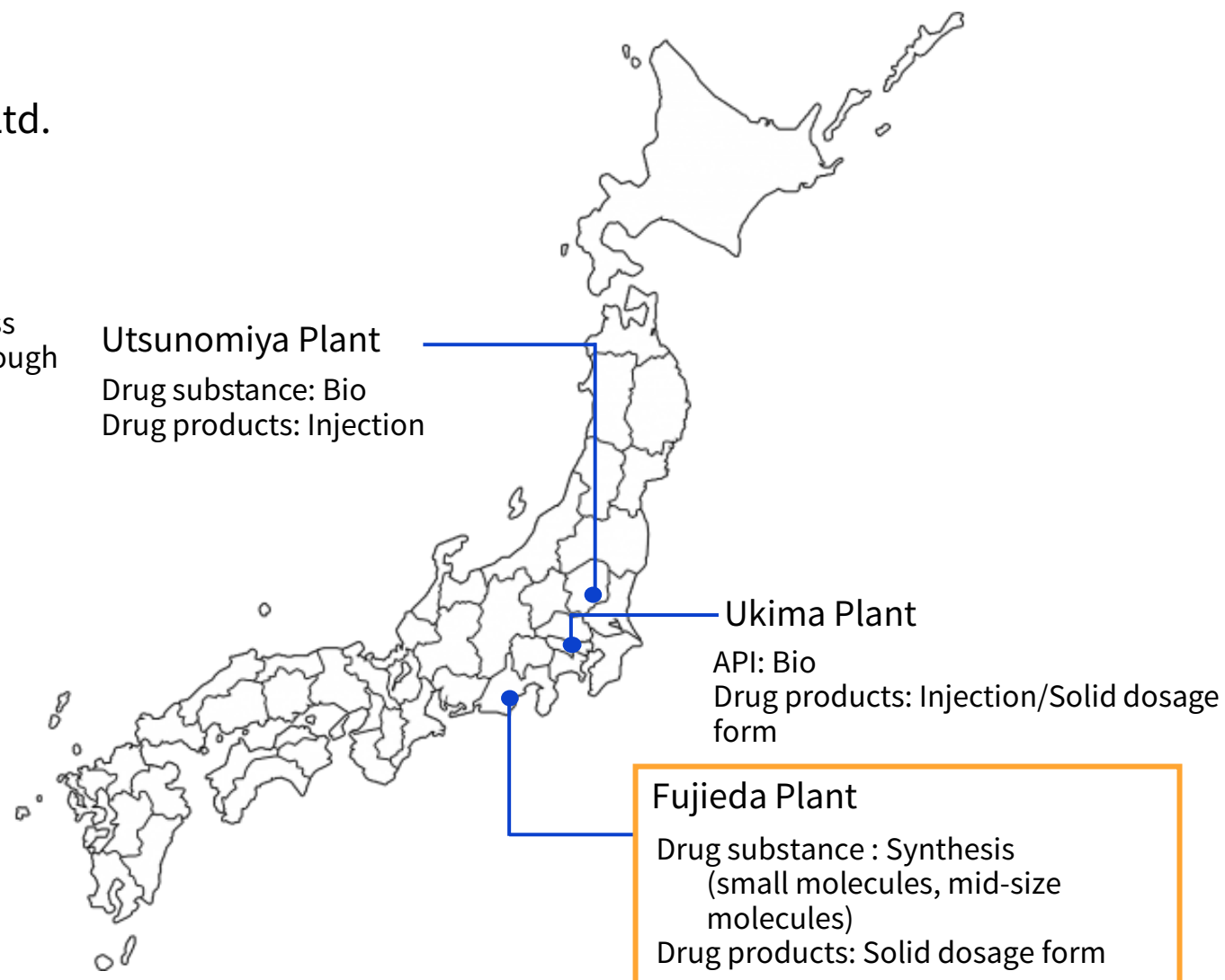
Business: Manufacturing of pharmaceuticals

Head Office: Ukima, Kita-ku, Tokyo

Number of employees: 1,599 (as of January 1, 2025)

**Abbreviation: CPMC**

→ **C**hugai **P**harma  
**M**anufacturing **C**o.,Ltd.



# Overview of Fujieda Plant

- Responsible for the production of APIs, which are the active ingredients of drugs, and the production of oral solid dosage forms, which involves forming raw materials into capsules or tablets and packaging them
  - In addition, it will be the center of the production of mid-size molecule drugs, which are expected to be a pillar following small molecule and antibody drugs
- Location: Fujieda City, Shizuoka Prefecture
  - Start of operations: 1971
  - Site area: 216,804 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Business overview: Production of APIs, manufacturing of solid formulations, packaging of pharmaceuticals, manufacturing of APIs for clinical studies

Manufacturing Building for APIs “FJ1”



Manufacturing Building for APIs “FJ2”

Manufacturing Building for APIs “FJ3”





# Overview of FJ3

- Aims to address the manufacturing functions of small and mid-size molecule drugs with high potency, covering APIs for late-stage clinical trials and early commercial production after launch
- By adding FJ3 to the existing manufacturing buildings, FJ1 and FJ2, Chugai will gain the capability to consistently supply APIs throughout early clinical development to early commercial production

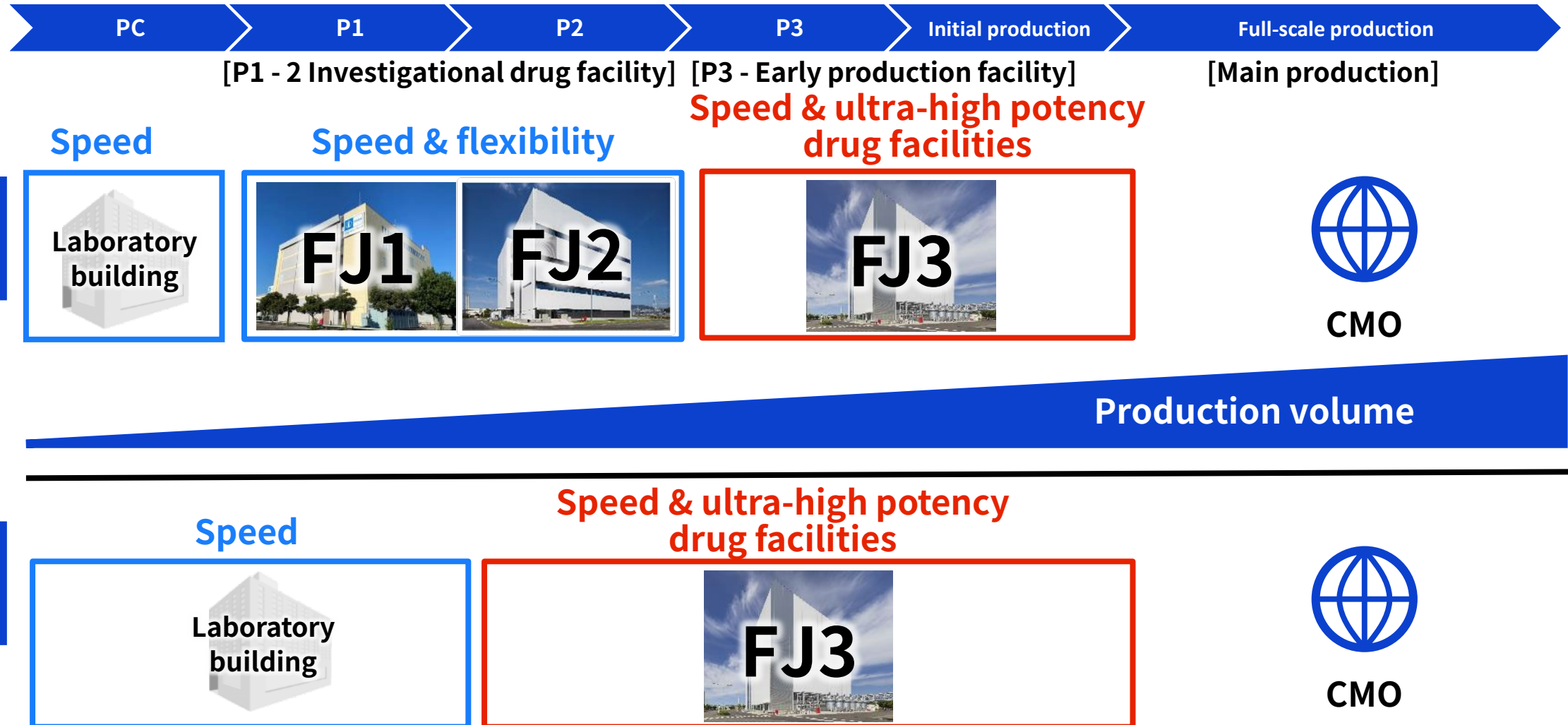
## <Facility Overview>

- Total investment: 55.5 billion yen
- Construction area: 2,205 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total floor area: 10,489 m<sup>2</sup>
- Structure: 5-story base isolated building
- Features:
  - World-class high potency containment technology
  - Environmental considerations (non-fluorocarbons design, energy saving/CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, waste reduction)
  - Safety considerations (safety design, base-isolation structure, etc.)



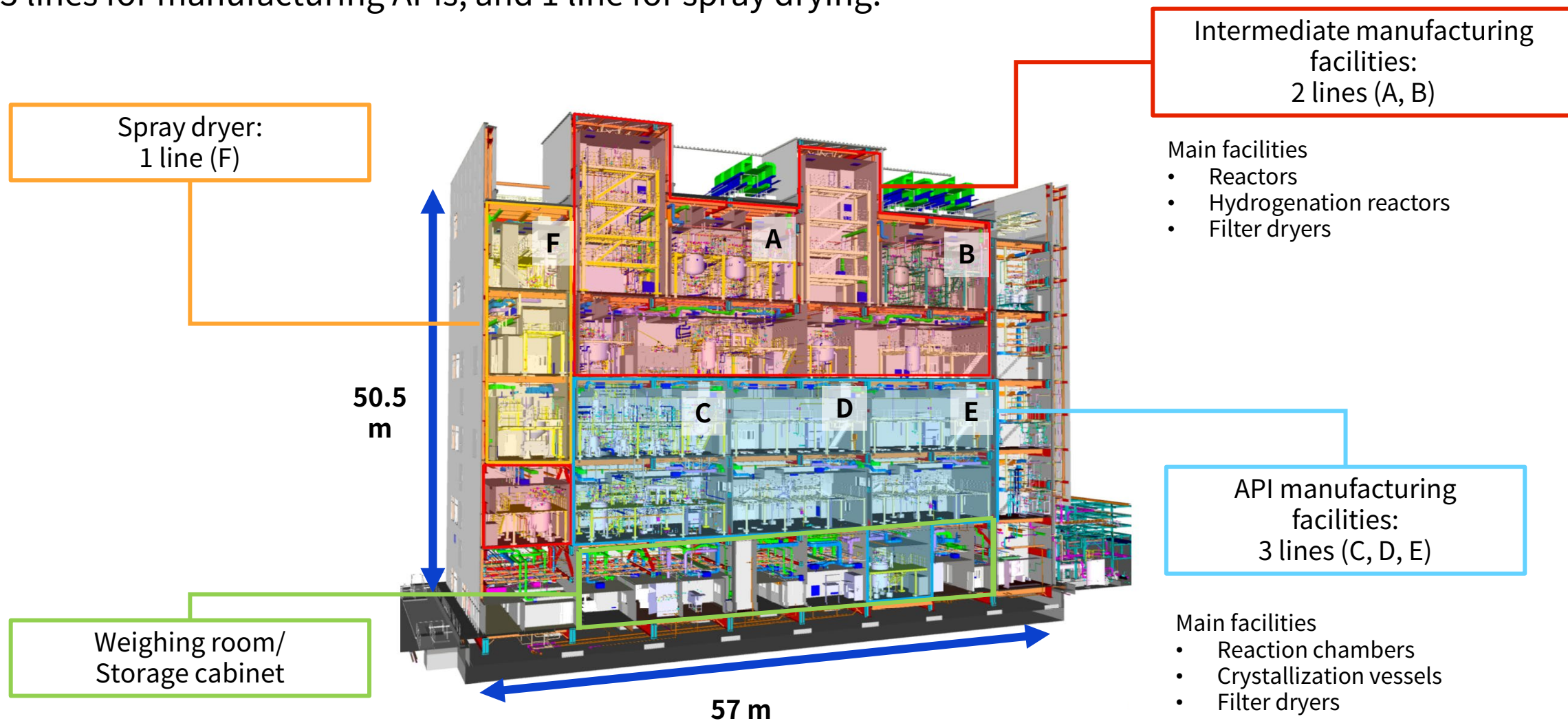
# Role and Positioning of FJ3

- FJ3 is responsible for the large-scale manufacturing of APIs and formulations for late-stage development and early commercial production of small- and mid-size molecule drugs



# FJ3 Layout

- Simultaneous manufacturing of multiple products is possible with 2 lines for manufacturing intermediates, 3 lines for manufacturing APIs, and 1 line for spray drying.



# Features of FJ3: High Potency Containment, Environmental and Safety Considerations

- High potency: Containment capability corresponding to extremely potent drugs
- Environment: Non-fluorocarbons design, energy saving/CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, waste reduction
- Safety: Thorough safety design against explosions and fire, etc., and earthquake countermeasures with base-isolation structure

High potency containment

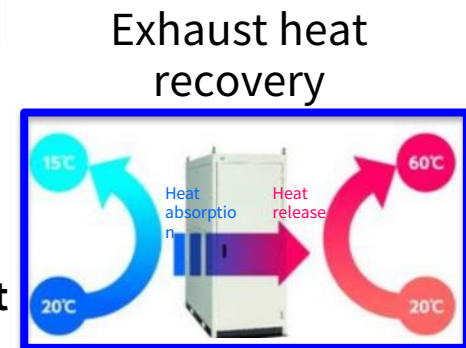
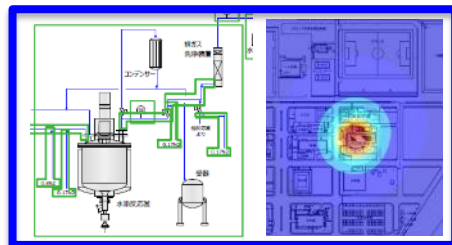


Natural refrigerants

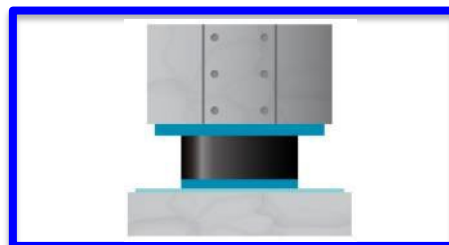


~~CFC: Ozone depletion~~  
~~HFC: Greenhouse effect~~

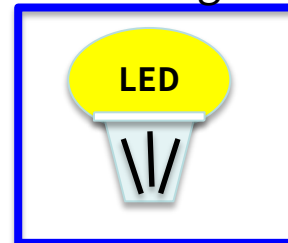
Explosion safety



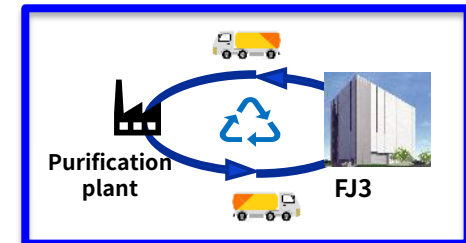
Base-isolation structure



Electric energy saving



Organic solvent/  
Catalyst recycling





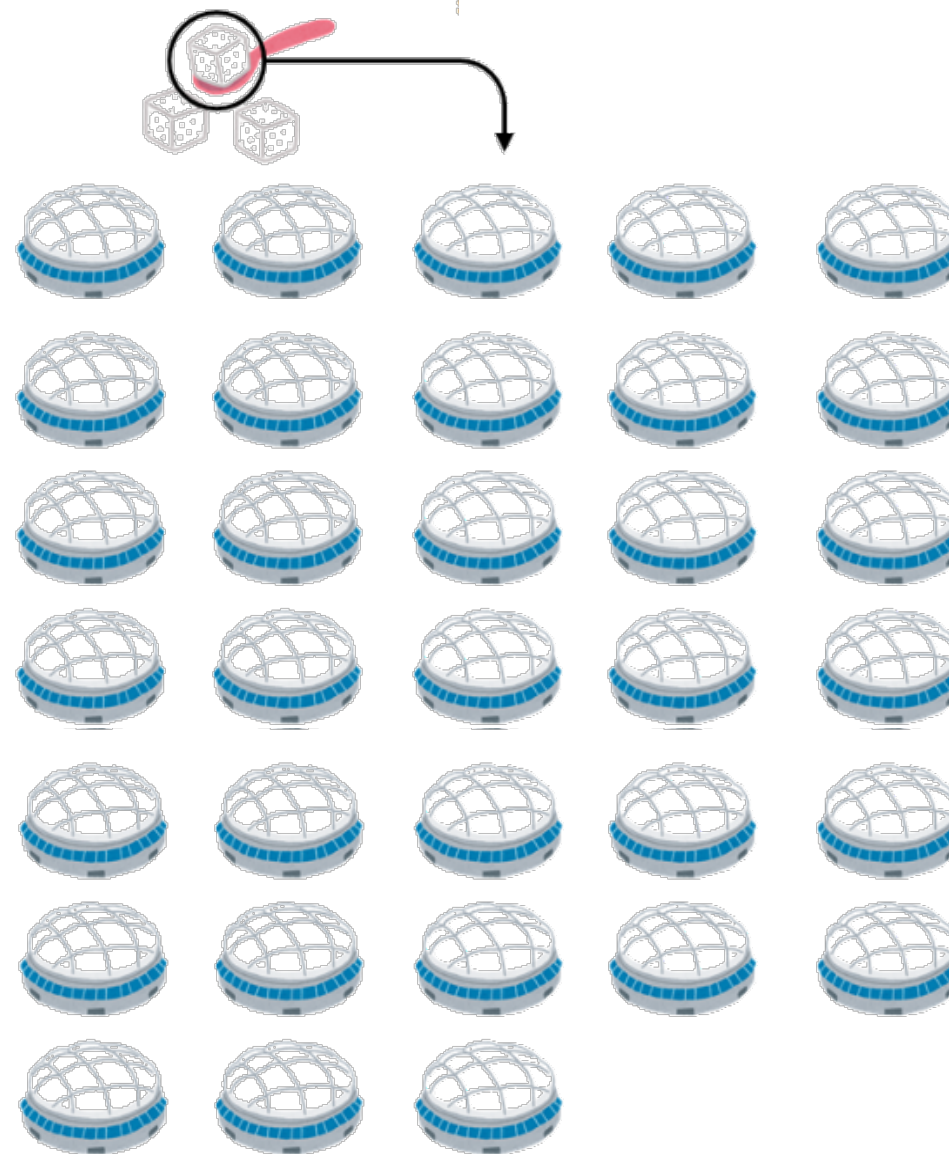
# Containment level

# 0.03

# $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ or less



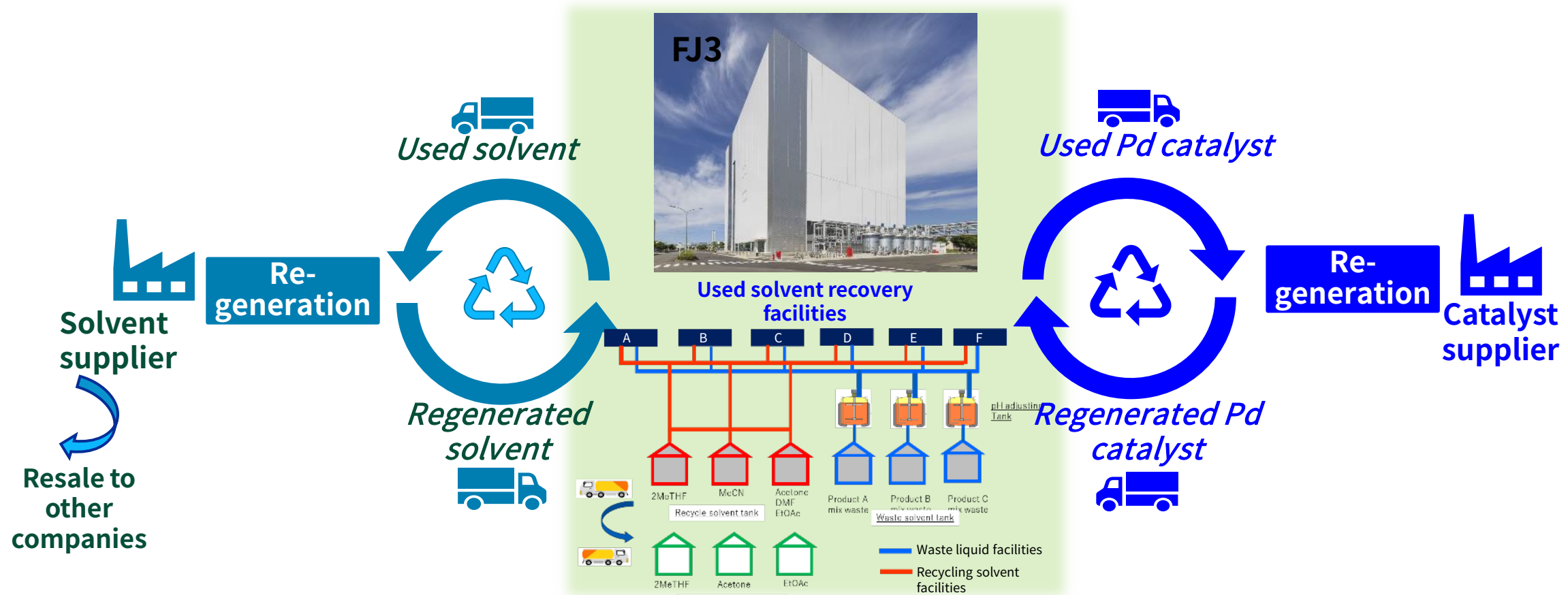
Isolator



The concentration of a single sugar cube  
dispersed in a volume equivalent to 33 Tokyo  
Domes

# Environmental Considerations (Recycle)

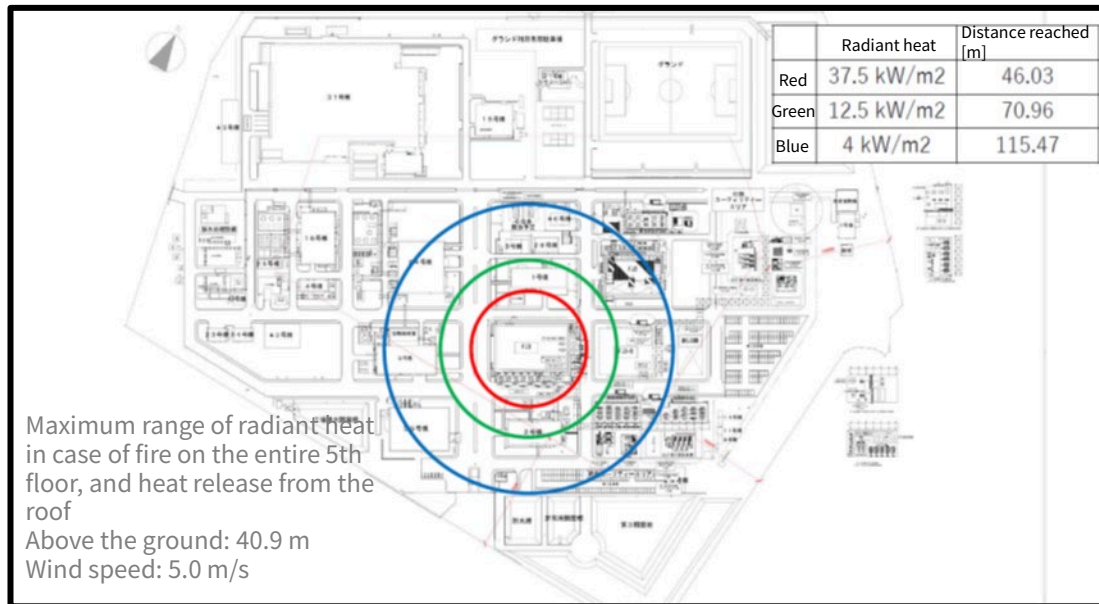
- Aiming to minimize waste by constructing recovery facilities for organic solvents and palladium (Pd) catalysts used for manufacturing, and building a system for their regeneration and reuse



# Safety/Facility Design that Thoroughly Supports Safety

- Facility measures to avoid effects on the outside environment even in worst case scenarios
- In addition to various Japanese regulations, aligned with Roche's safety and environmental concepts

(Example) Simulation of radiant heat diffusion during a fire



- Worst case analysis
  - ✓ Explosion simulation
  - ✓ Gas diffusion simulation
  - ✓ Fire simulation
- Environmental safety: Regulations and concepts
  - ✓ Firefighting, high pressure gas safety, etc.
  - ✓ SHE (Safety, Health and Environment) Concept
  - ✓ Energy Review



- Measures
  - ✓ Explosion: Introduction of explosion-release shaft
  - ✓ Fire: Radiant heat blocked by fire extinguishing foam
  - ✓ Gas diffusion: Containment by foam dispersion



Avoid effects off-site

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