

Remote Technology for Decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

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Accident of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

- Earthquake (14:47)
- Loss of Power Supply
- Activation of Emergency Diesel Generator
- SCRAM
 - Stop Reactors
- Tsunami
- Damage of Fuel Tanks and Generators
- SBO (Situation Black Out) (15:39)
- Failure of Cooling System of Reactors and Fuel Storage Pool
- Loss of Cooling Water
- Melt down
- Hydrogen Explosion (Mar. 12-15, Unit 1, 3, 4)

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

Seismic Center



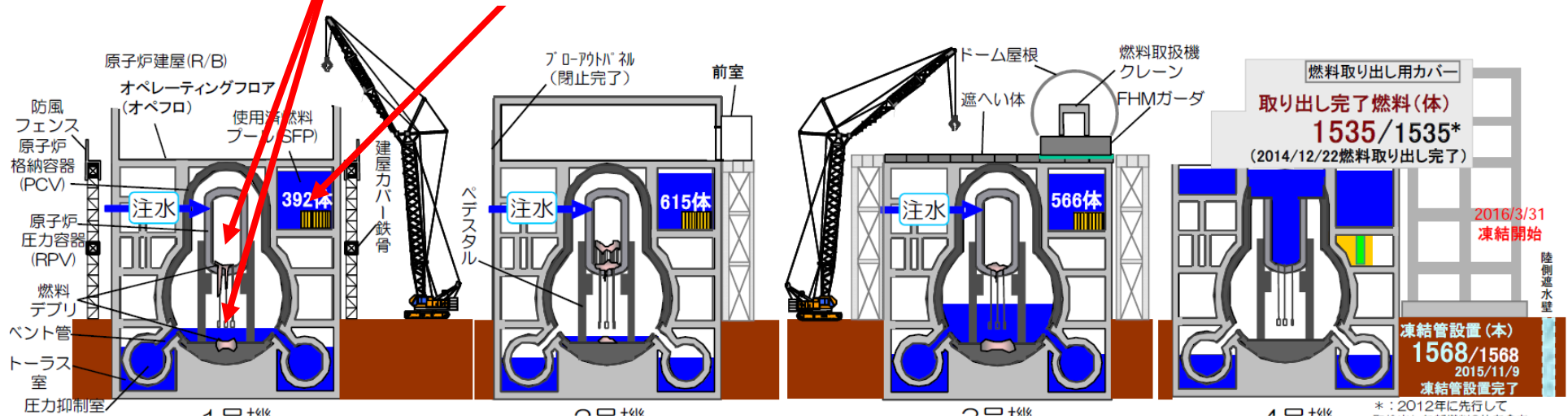
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Current Situation of 4 Units

Fuel Debris (Melt-down Fuel)

Spent Fuel and New Fuel in Spent Fuel Pool



55th meeting of Japanese Government and TEPCO: Council for the Decommissioning of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPS



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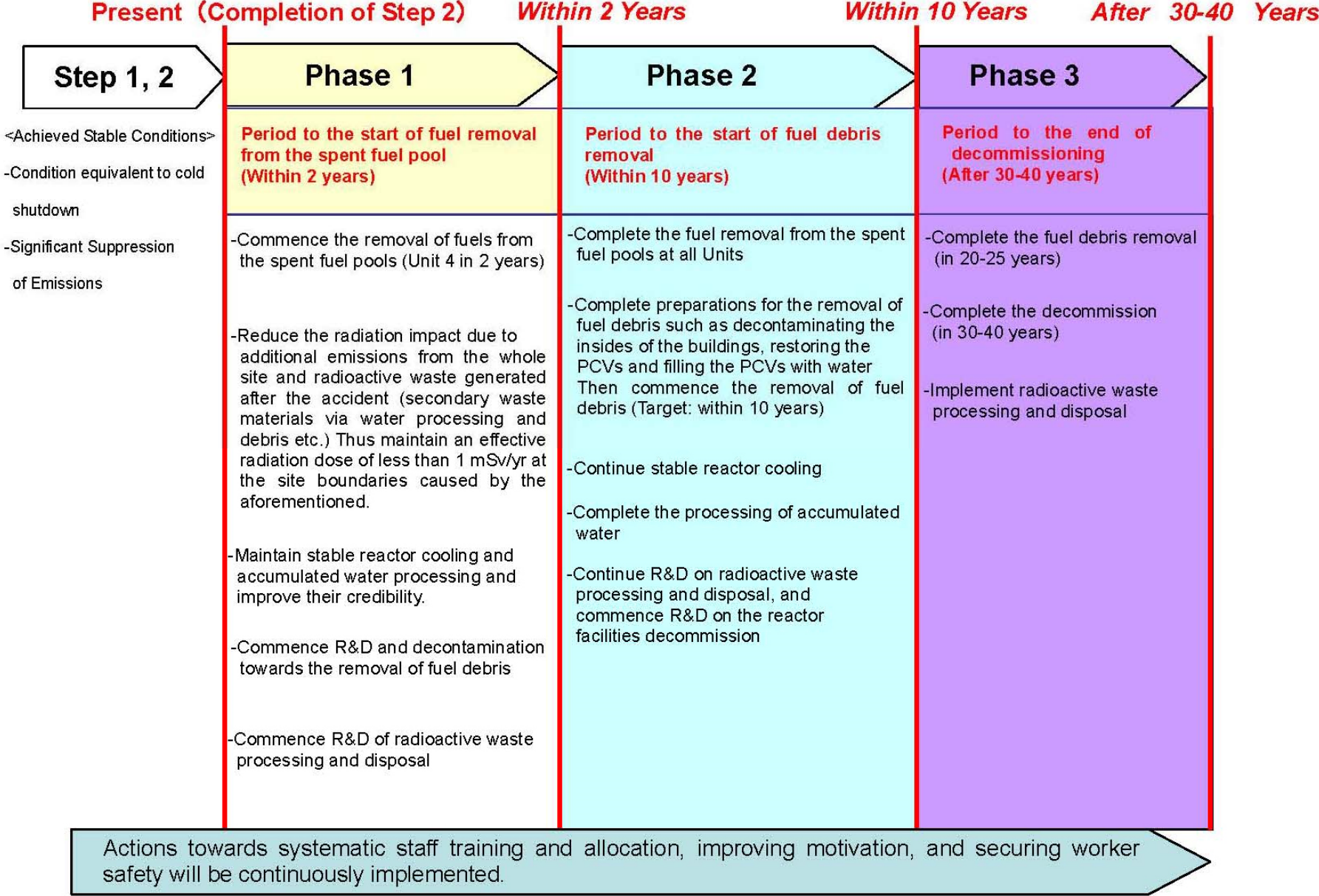
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Mid-and-long-Term Roadmap Summary (TEPCO)



Needs (Tasks) for Remote Technology

- Water injection
- Removal and transportation of rubbles, fuels (including fuel debris), and contaminated water, etc. (Cutting, suction, handling)
- Investigation, measurement, and mapping (images, radiation, etc.)
- Sampling (dust, contaminated water, concrete core, fuel debris, etc.)
- Decontamination and Shielding
- Fixing of contaminated water leakages
- Handling, transportation, removal, setup, and dismantling of devices, instruments, equipments, facilities, etc.
- Waste and contaminated water management
- Dismantling



Missions depending on phases

- Phase 1: Emergent Situation
 - Cooling down of reactors
- Phase 2: Stabilization
 - Containment, systems reconstruction, for aftershocks
- Phase 3: Decommission
 - Fuel removal
- Reduction of radiation exposure of workers



Phase 1

Procure off-the-shelf robots and equipment (for general purpose)



Putzmeister
Concrete Pump Truck



Remotely Controlled
Construction Machines



QinetiQ Talon



Brokk-90



Honeywell
T-HAWK



iRobot Packbot



iRobot Warrior



QinetiQ Bob Cat



Brokk-330

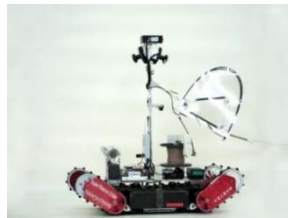


Phase 2

Remodel developed system and technology



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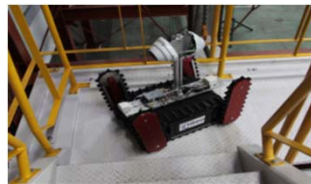
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Gamma-ray
Measurement Robot



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Sakura



Rosemary



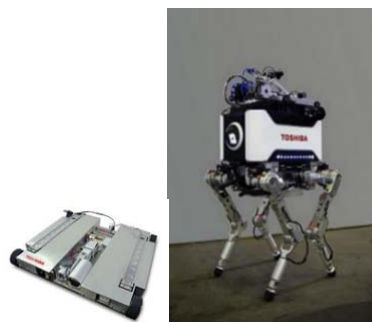
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Survey Runner



ROV



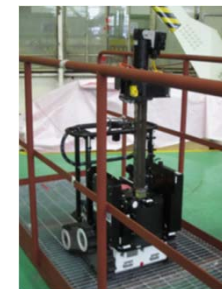
Quadruped Robot
& Inspection Robot



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MEISTeR



Inspection Robot
Of upper part of S/C



Manipulator
for Robot Set-up



Phase 3

New development (for specific use)



Robot for
Decontamination



Inspection robot
for high location



Robot for Measurement
of S/C Water Level



PCV Inspection Robot
PMORPH



Water Surface
Inspection Robot



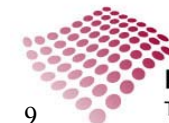
Inspection Robot for
Lower part of S/C



PCV Inspection Robot
Scorpion Robot



PCV Inspection Robot
Mini Mola Mola



Remotely controlled machines utilized for the response of accident of nuclear power plant (Foreign Machines)



Putzmeister
Concrete Pump Truck



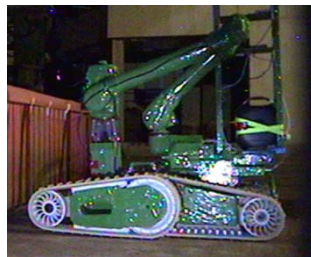
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Pentek Moose



Createc RISER



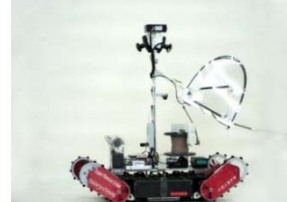
Remotely controlled machines utilized for the response of accident of nuclear power plant (Domestic Machines)



Remotely Controlled Construction Machines



Quince



Quince 2



Quince 3



Survey Runner



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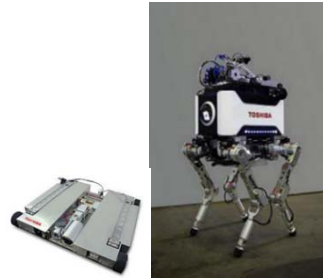
ROV



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Quadruped Robot & Inspection Robot



Inspection robot for high location



Inspection Robot for Lower part of S/C



Transform



Robot for Decontamination



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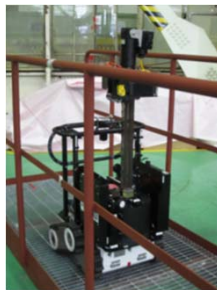
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Manipulator for Robot Set-up



PCV Inspection Robot PMORPH



Inspection Robot Of upper part of S/C



Water Surface Inspection Robot



Rosemary



Robot for Measurement of S/C Water Level



UUV



PCV Inspection Robot Scorpion Robot



PCV Inspection Robot Mini Mola Mola



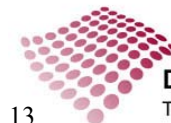
What have achieved so far (Successful)

- Exploration, investigation & measurement
 - States, Spatial Radiation Dose (Level & Distribution), 3D data, etc.
- Rubble removal
 - On Site Field (Outdoor), Inside R/B, Inside Spent Fuel Pool, on Operation Floor
- Sampling
 - Dust, Contaminated Water, Core Samples



What have achieved so far (Insufficient or on-going)

- Decontamination
- Water Leakage Fixing
- Sampling
 - Fuel Debris
- Fuel Debris Removal and Transportation



Unrecoverable Robots

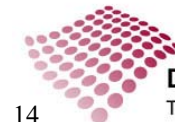


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Factors of failures

- Direct factors
 - Communication failures
 - Misoperation
 - Malfunctions by radiation
- Indirect factors
 - Prototypes (not products)
 - Unknown environment



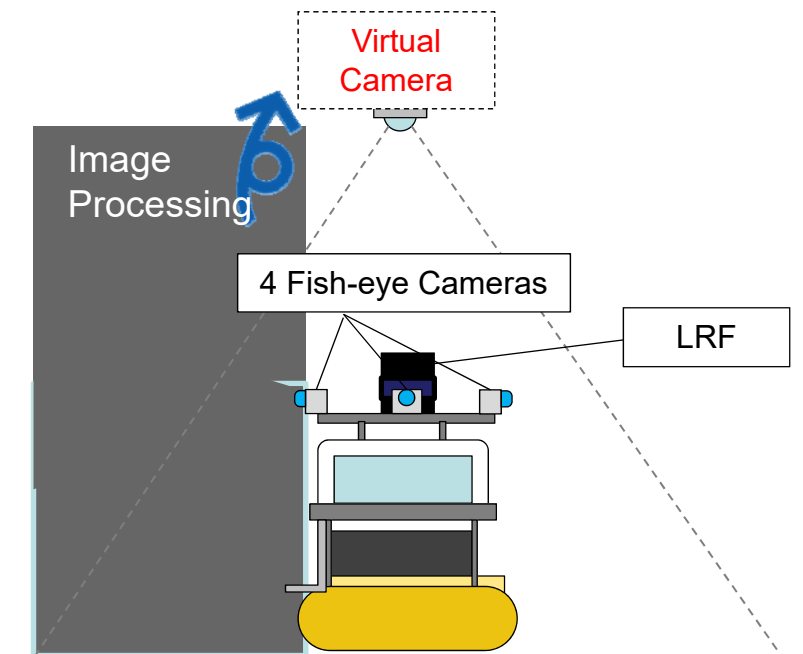
Measures for Direct Factors

- Communication failures
 - Combination of wired & wireless communication
 - Implementation of wireless com. infrastructure
- Misoperation
 - Training
 - Improvements of Human Interface (situation awareness)

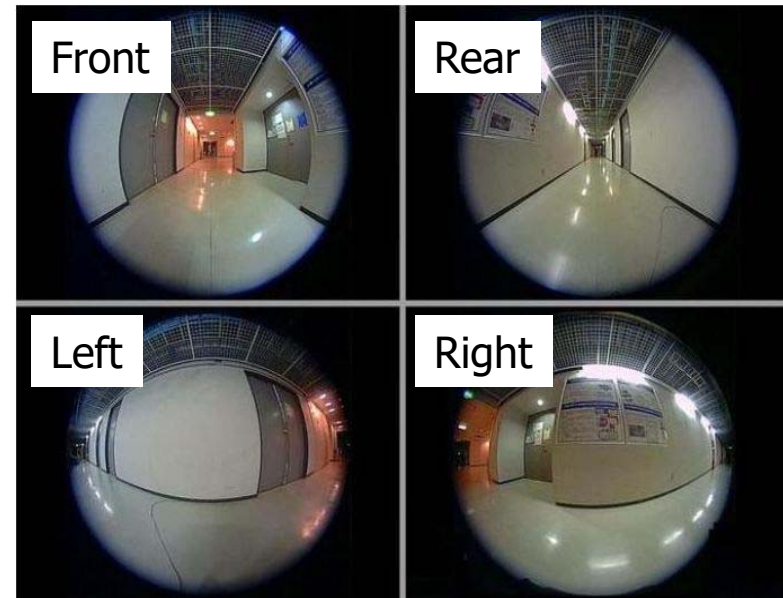


Concept of Bird-eye view Display

- Production of Virtual bird-eye camera image by integrating Multiple Fish-eye cameras
- Obstacle detection by LRF



Concept of Bird-eye View



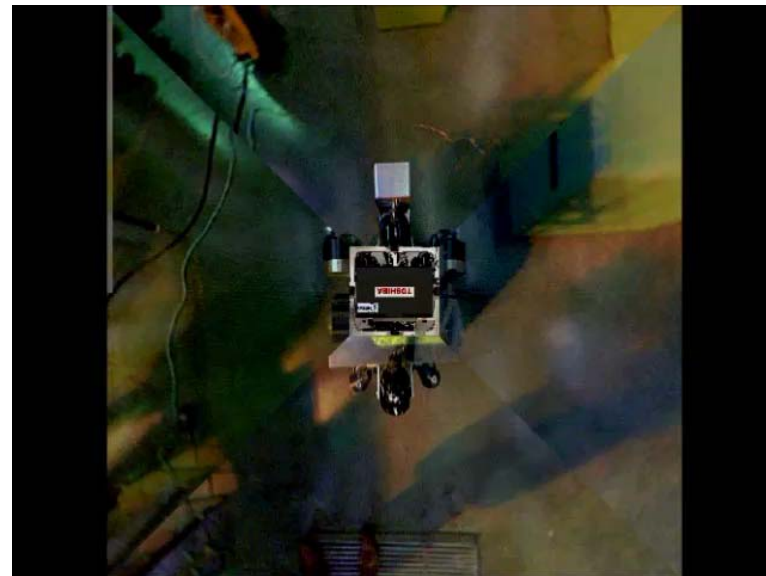
Multiple Fish-eye Camera Images



Outcome of the Project



Narrow Passage (Maze)



Bird-eye View Image

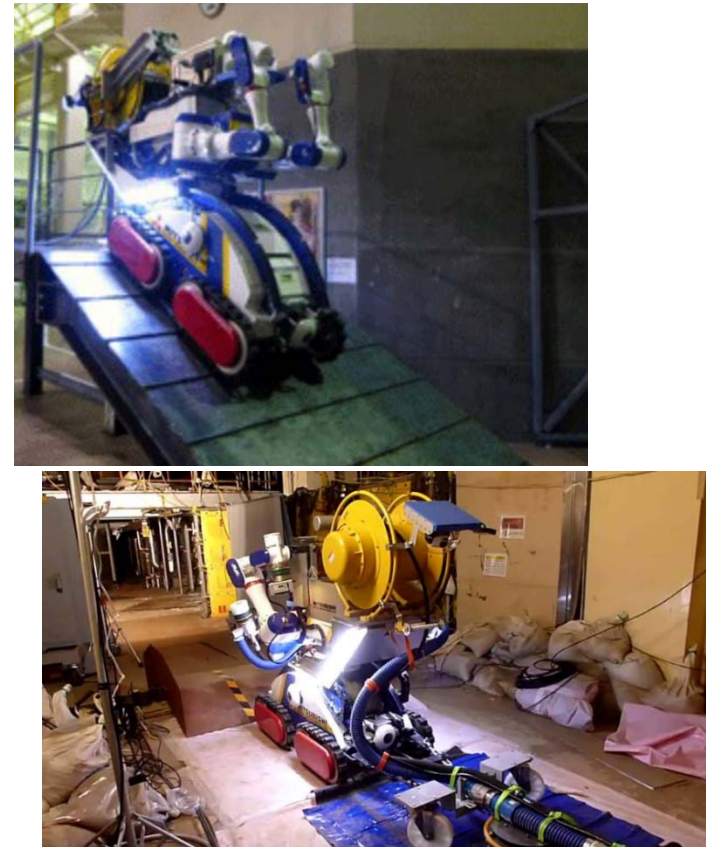


Application to Robot for Decommissioning of NPS

MHI Super Giraffe



MHI MEISTeR



Generation of robot view from arbitrary viewpoints



Measures for Direct Factors

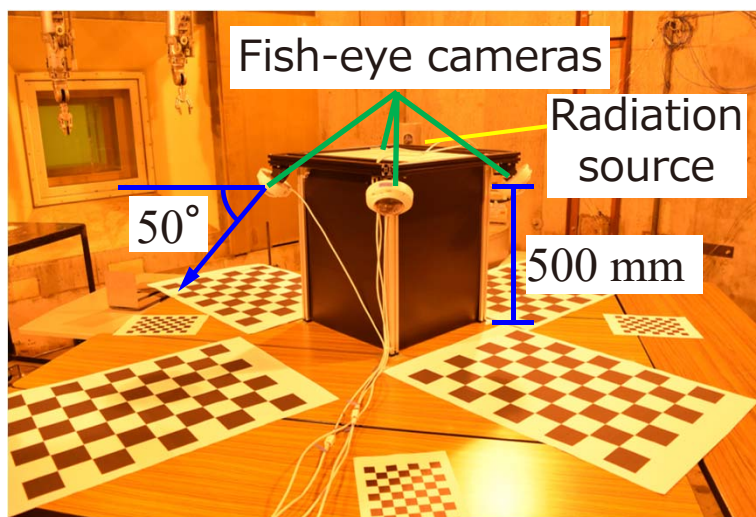
- Communication failures
 - Combination of wired & wireless communication
 - Implementation of wireless com. infrastructure
- Misoperation
 - Training
 - Improvements of Human Interface (situation awareness)
- Malfunctions by radiation
 - Rad-hardened devices, mechanical systems (not use semiconductor)
 - Design of robust systems
 - Redundant and functionally degradable



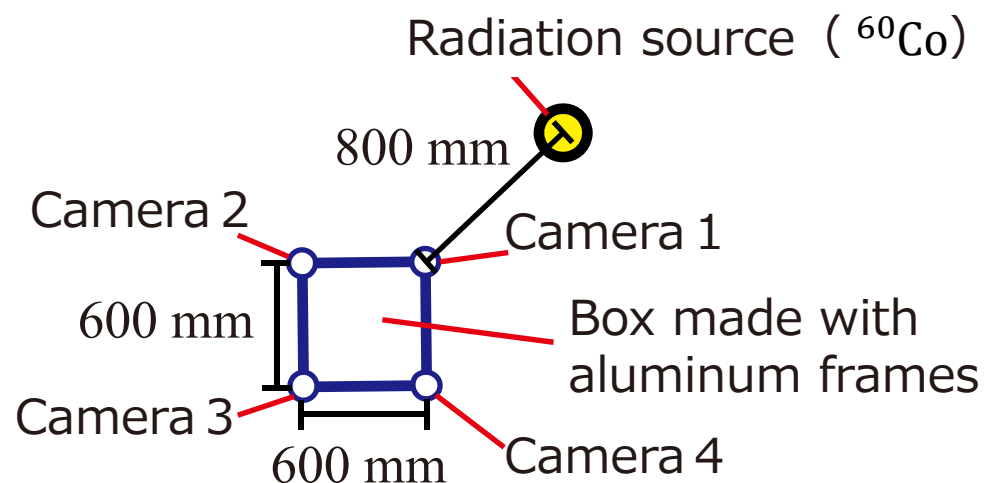
Gamma irradiation experiment

- The gamma irradiation was conducted in the Technology Development Center of ATOX Co., Ltd.

Camera model : AXIS M3007-PV



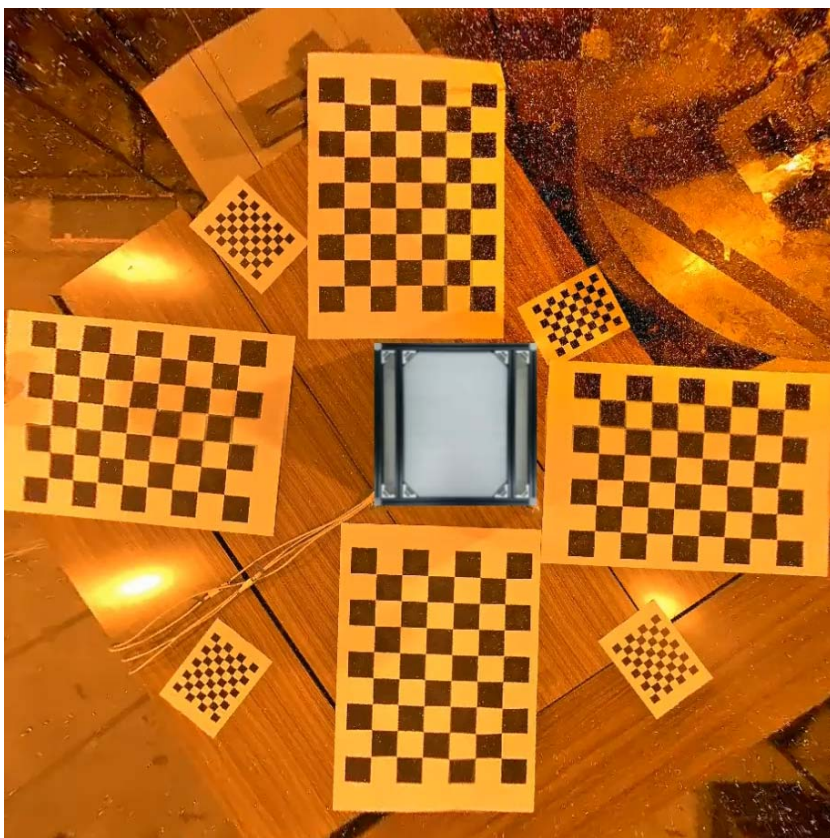
Experimental environment



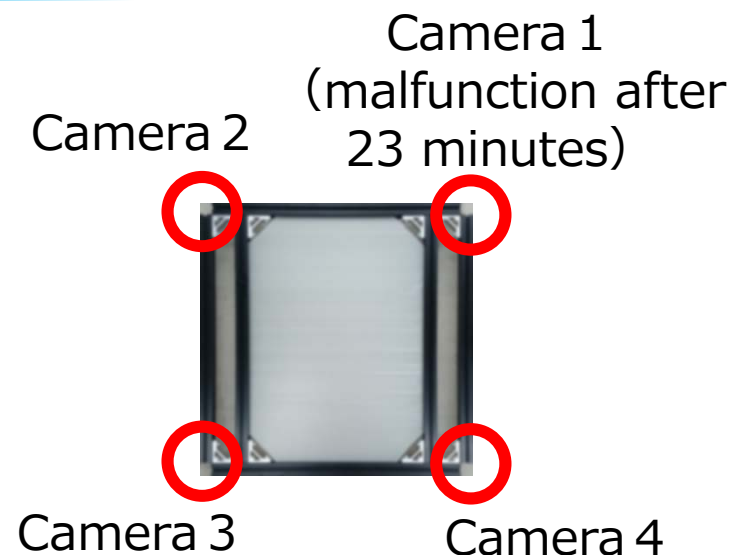
Experimental layout seen from above

Gamma irradiation experiment : Movie

➤ After 23 min irradiation



Bird's-eye view



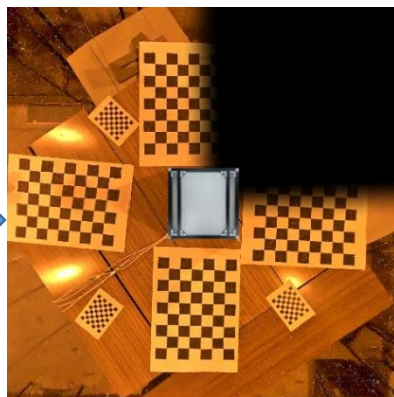
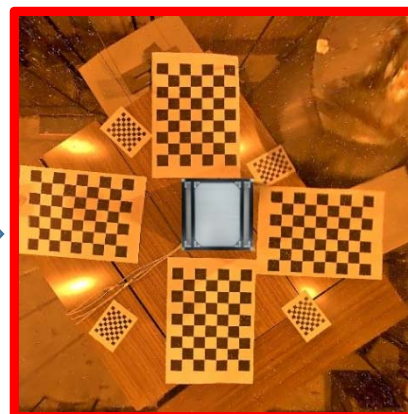
Bird's-eye view generation
corresponding to
camera malfunction

Gamma irradiation experiment : Result(1)

- Camera 1 malfunctioned after 23 min irradiation (Integral dose: 192.1 Gy)

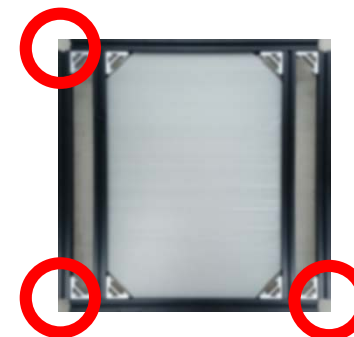


4 cameras

Camera 1
malfunctioned

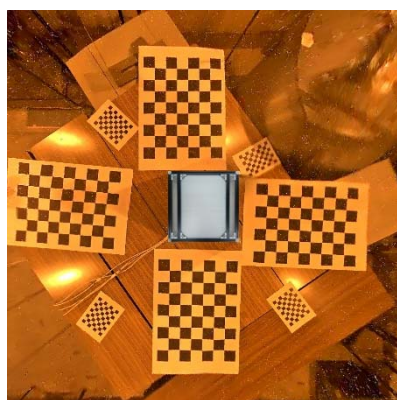
Proposed method

Camera 2 Camera 1

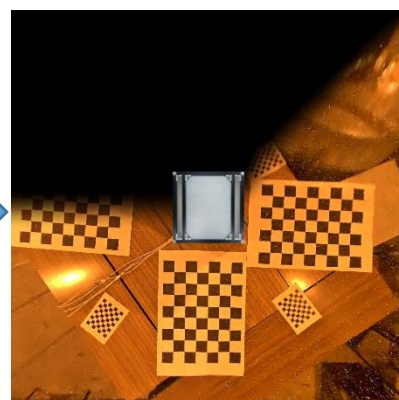
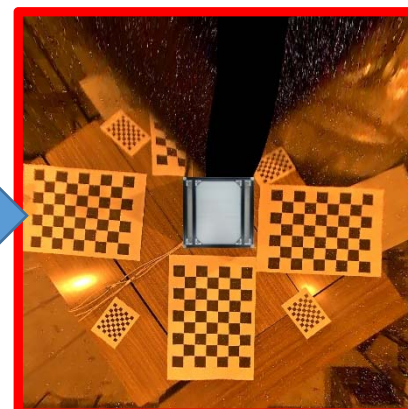


Camera 3 Camera 4

- Camera 2 malfunctioned after 54 min irradiation (Integral dose: 141.3 Gy)



3 cameras

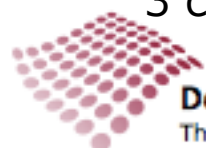
Camera 2
malfunctioned

Proposed method

Camera 2

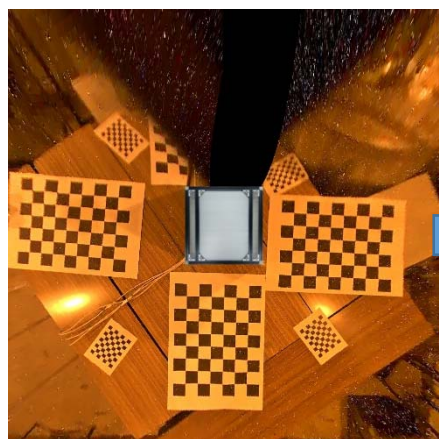


Camera 3 Camera 4

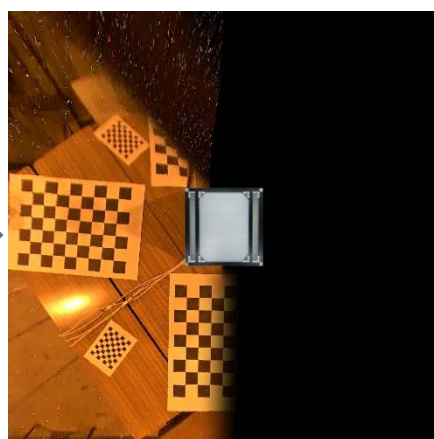


Gamma irradiation experiment : Result(2)

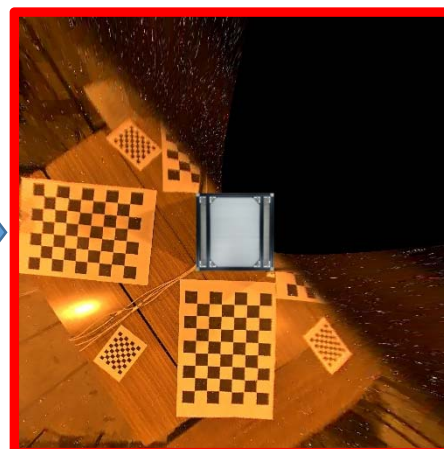
- Camera 4 malfunctioned after 82 min irradiation (Integral dose: 224.1 Gy)



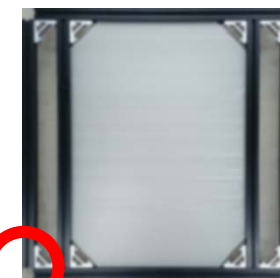
2 cameras



Camera 4
malfunctioned

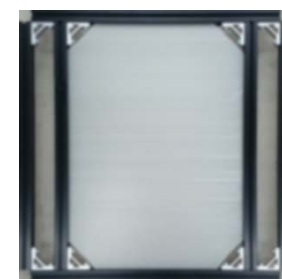


Proposed method



Camera 3 Camera 4

- Camera 3 malfunctioned after 94 min irradiation (Integral dose: 162.9 Gy)



Camera 3
2016/4/5

Measures for Other Factors

- Prototypes (not products)
 - Risk assessment for failures
 - Testing



Fukushima Innovation Coast Framework



R&D bases, organization for collaboration, human resource development in Fukushima prefecture



Human Resource Development (アカデミー、工業高校等)

- **テクノアカデミー**
・再エネ、医療など本県復興を担う人材を育成
- **福島高専、県内工業高校**
例)郡山北工高生徒が開発の探査ロボが世界2位
- **相双技塾**…機械金属加工技術、メカトロ産業技術分野

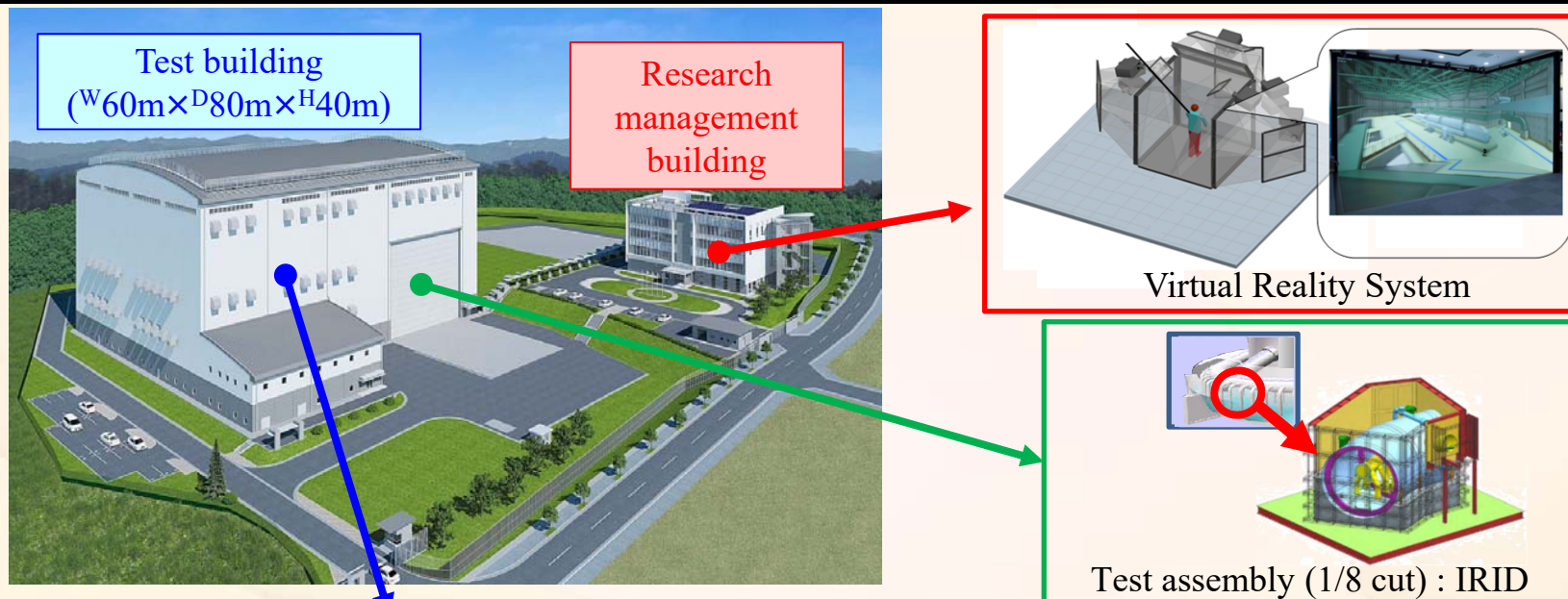
Collaboration with Industry (プラザ等) ()数字は構成機関・団体数

- **福島県廃炉・除染ロボット技術研究会(ハイテックプラザ)**
・各メーカーからの情報収集、情報共有化に関する産学ネットワークの構築(109)
- **関連産業協議会・研究会**
・医療機器(258) ・再エネ(501) ・輸送用機械(376) ・半導体(134)
- **ハイテックプラザの取組実績**
・技術相談…1,500社4,000件/年 ・機器開放…30000時間/年
・依頼試験…3,500件/年
・放射能測定…工業製品1000検体/年、加工食品2500検体/年

Mockup and instrumentation tools to be installed

Facilities

Demonstration test area for the technique to repair a water leakage at the PCV and development and demonstration test area for the remote controlled devices are prepared in Test building



Water pool



Motion capture camera



Mock-up staircase



Robot Simulator



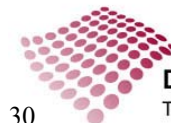
Measures for Other Factors

- Prototypes (not products)
 - Risk assessment for failures
 - Testing
- Unknown environment
 - Advance investigation
 - Assumption of various situation



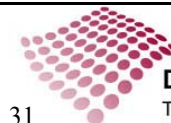
For Fuel Debris Retrieval and Decommissioning

- Development of diverse technology (Portfolio)
 - Devices and robots for specific and general use
 - Cutting devices, manipulators, handling devices (Sampling, leakage fixing, contaminated water processing, retrieval of fuel debris)
 - Endoscope-type Robot



Summary of Technology Diversity (Portfolio)

Needs	Basic Function	Environment/Objects	Means
Access	Mobility	Basic Environment type	
		Ground	Move by crawlers, wheels(normal, magnet), endscope
		Aerial	Move by multi-copter, baloon, blimp, suspension-type, telescopic
		Water, Underwater	Move by boat(ROV, USV), submarine(ROV, UAV)
		Others	Combination, specialized
		Environment conditions	
		Obstacles	Avoiding, pushing, clearing, climbing
		Narrow space, Pipes	Passing through (active/passive)
		High radiation	Radiation-tollerant
Information acquisition	Sensing	Basic Environment type	
		Ground, aerial, underwater	Camera, gamma camera, dosimeter, laser range sensors, endoscope
		Environment conditions	
		Obstacles	Image processing (counter-occlusion)
		Turbidity	Soner
		Water drop	Image processing
		High radiation	Radiation-tollerant
Work		Objects	
(debris removal, decontamination, set-up)	Manipulation, handling, vacuuming	Material(Rubbles, debris, shielding blocks, walls/floors)	Arm, gripper, vacuummer, water injection
	Cutting, scabbling	Material(Rubbles, debris, shielding blocks, walls/floors)	Machining tools, laser cutting devices, waterjet
(samping)	Vacuuming, cutting, manipulation, handling	Material(fuel debris, concrete-core), air, dust, sand, water	Vacuummer, machining tools, waterjet, arm, gripper



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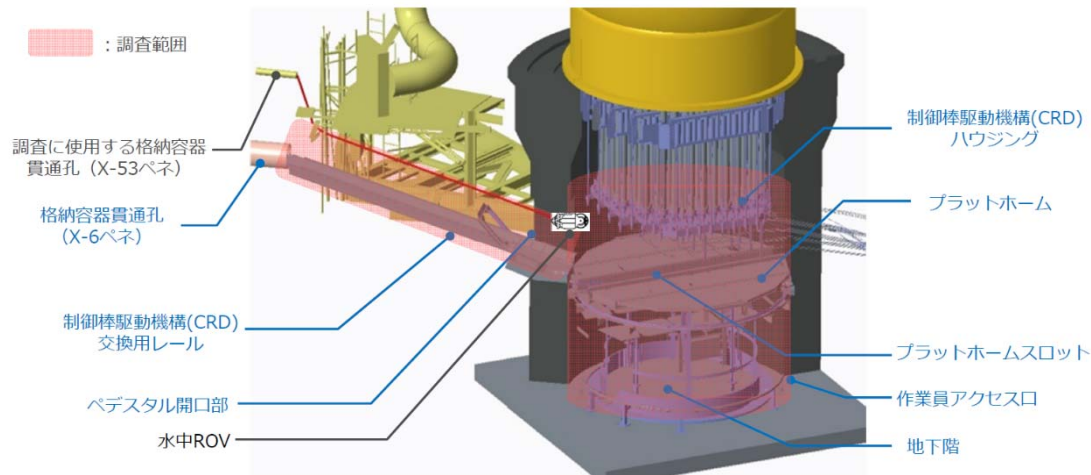
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- Water proof devices
- Radiation-tolerant devices
- Autonomy and intelligence of remotely controlled systems
- 3D reconstruction from movies
 - Structure from Motion



Inspection inside PCV in Unit 3

(operated by IRID/Toshiba and TEPCO)

July 19-22, 2017



Mini Mola Mola



Mola Mola (Sunfish)



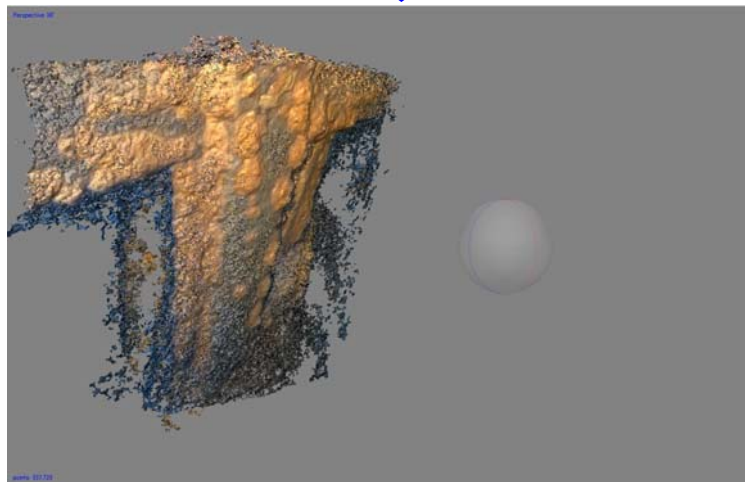
- Structures
- Melt
- Deposits

3D Reconstruction of Unit 3 Pedestal

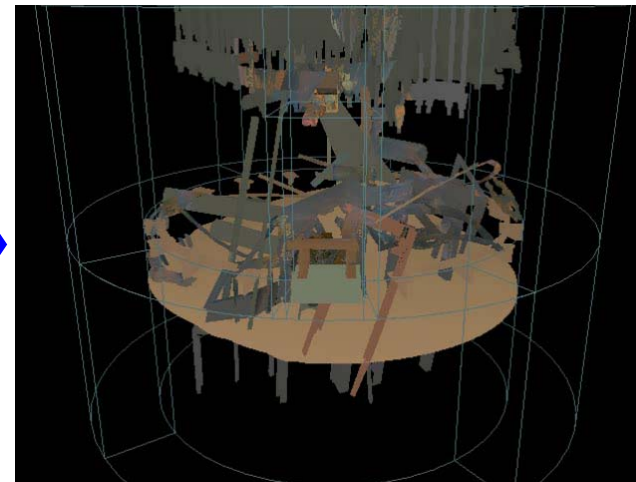
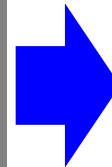
- 3D Reconstruction by Structure from Motion



3D reconstruction using multiple images



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IRID, Toshiba



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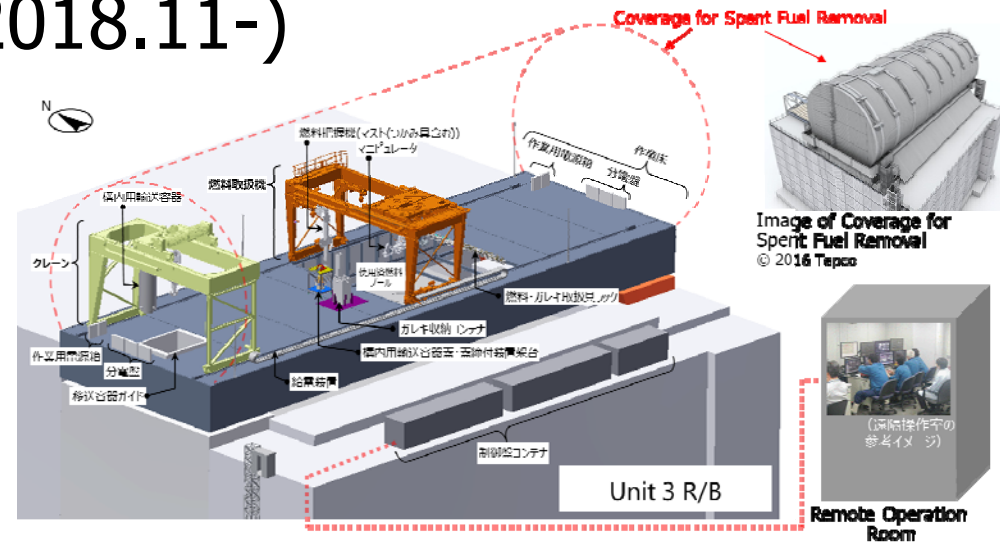
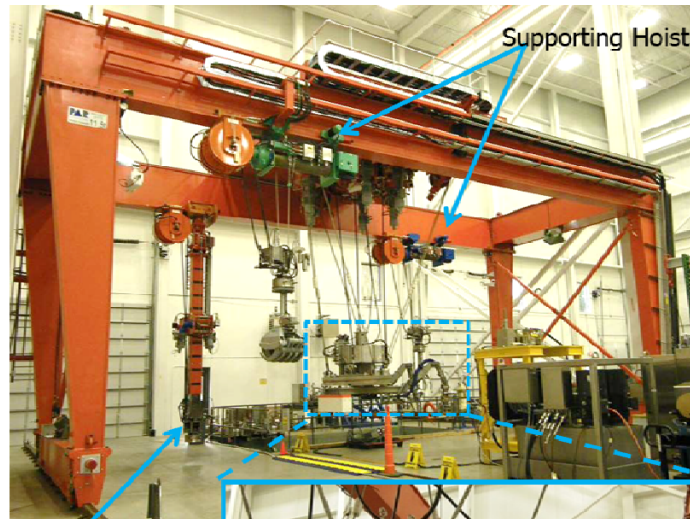
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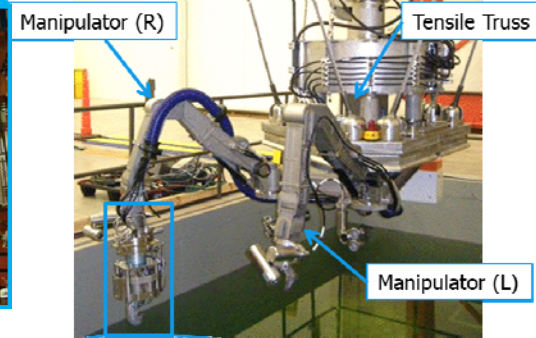
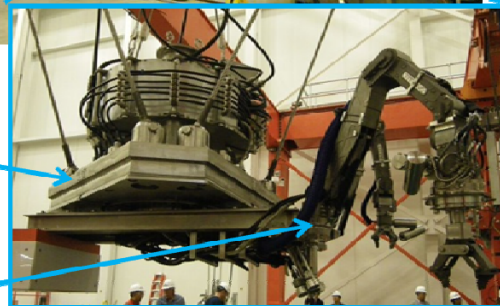
- Removal of spent fuel of unit 3
- Dismantling of exhaust pipe of unit 1-2
- Investigation inside PCV of unit 1
- Retrieval of fuel debris of unit 2



Removal of spent fuel of unit 3 (2018.11-)



Fuel Grasping Device
Tensile Truss
Manipulator



(Toshiba, IRID)

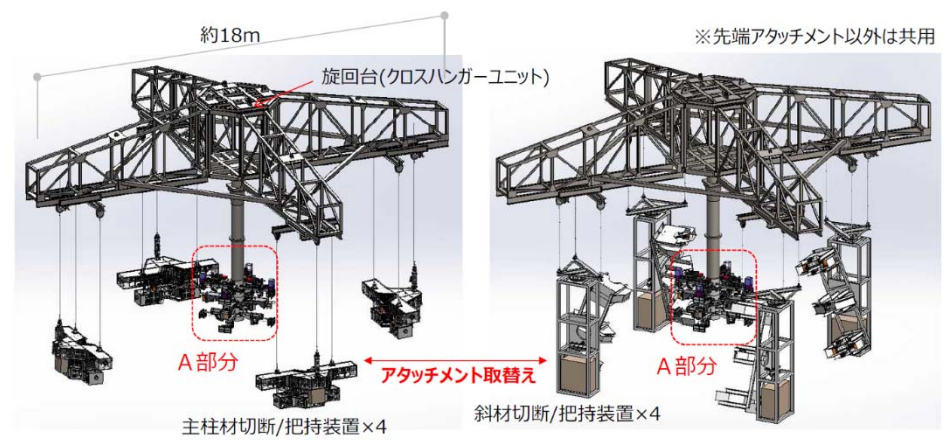
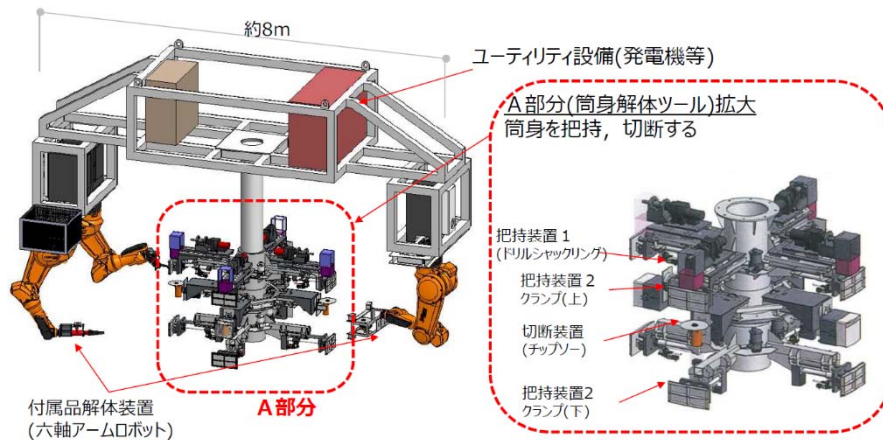
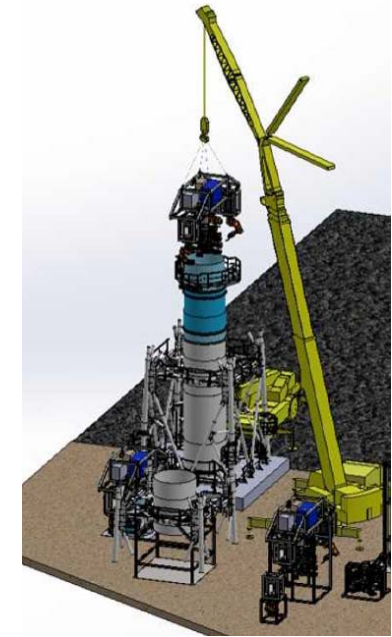
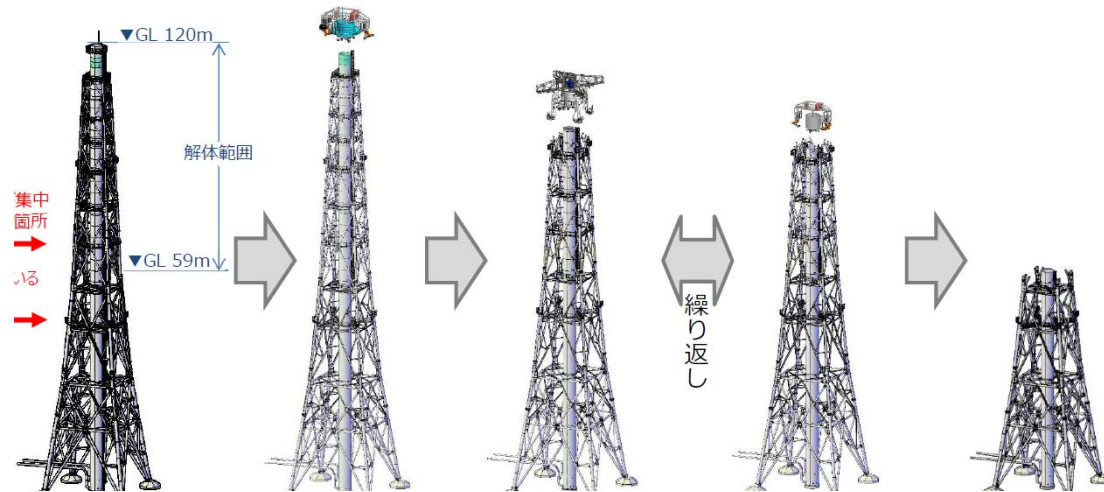


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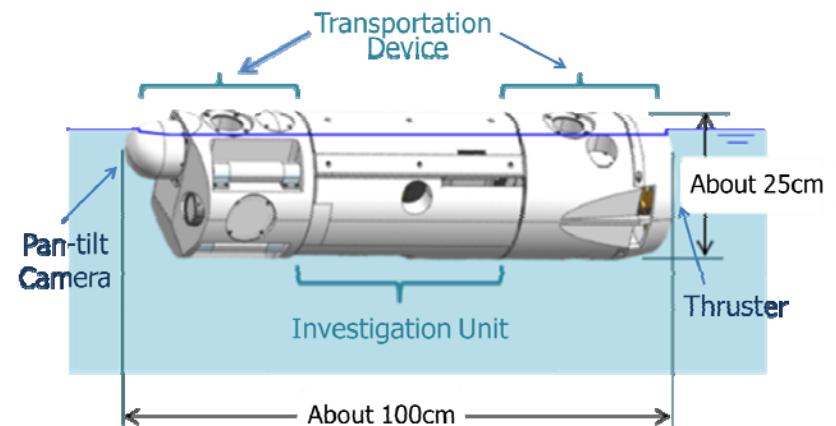
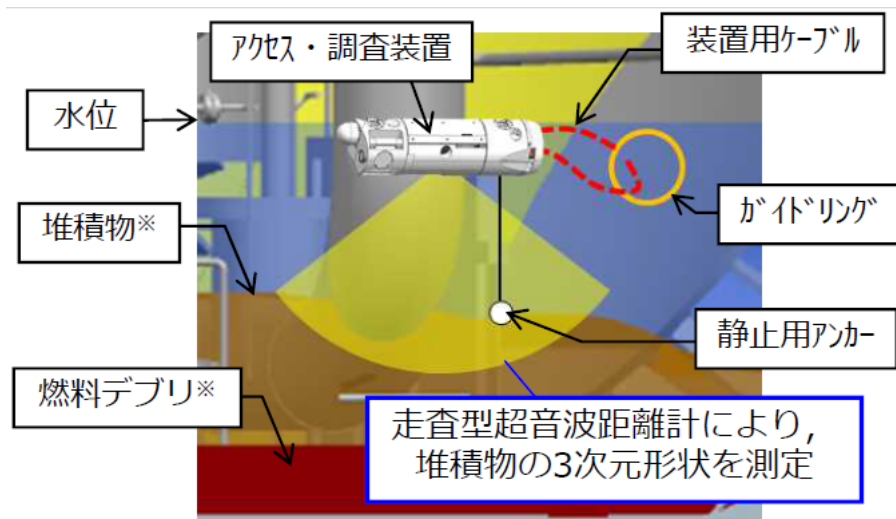
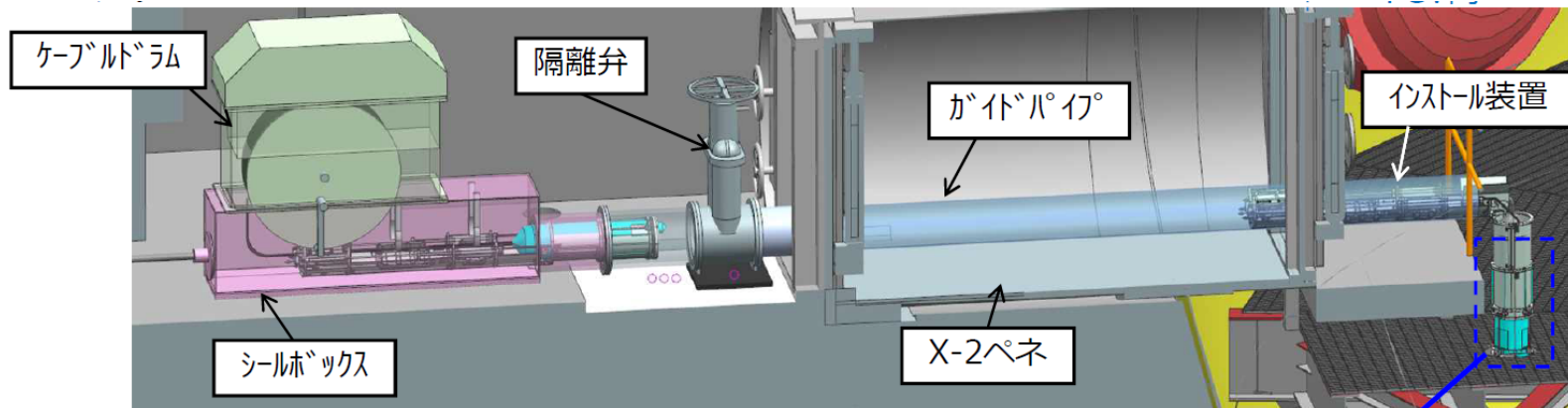
Dismantling of exhaust stack of unit 1-2 (2018.12-)

(TEPCO, ABLE)



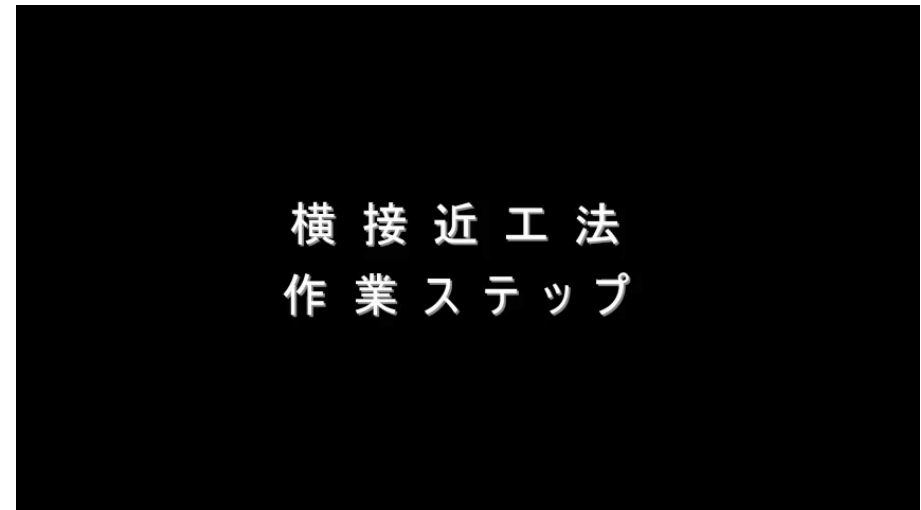
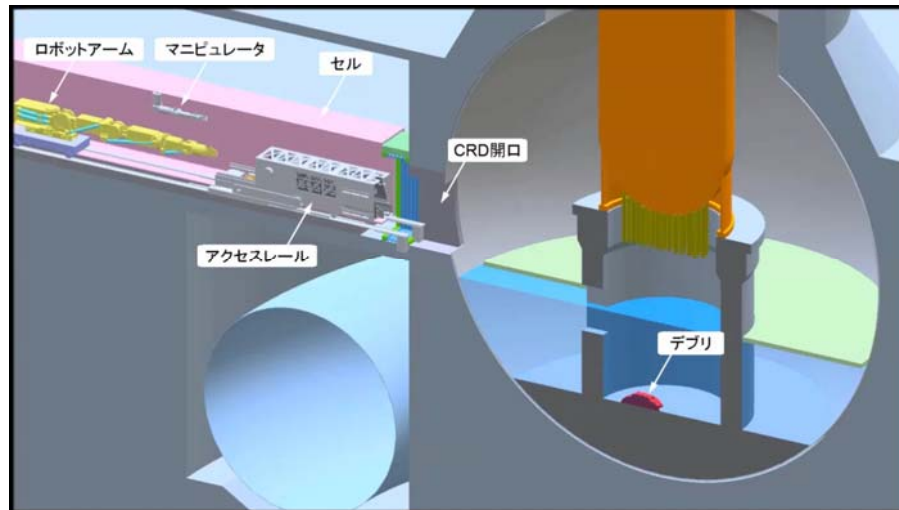
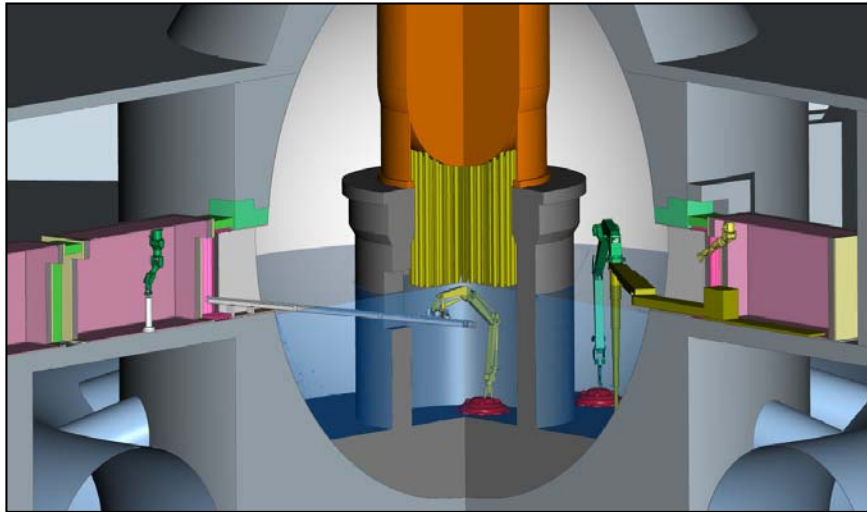
Investigation inside PCV of unit 1 (2019-)

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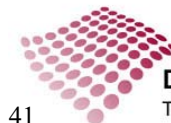
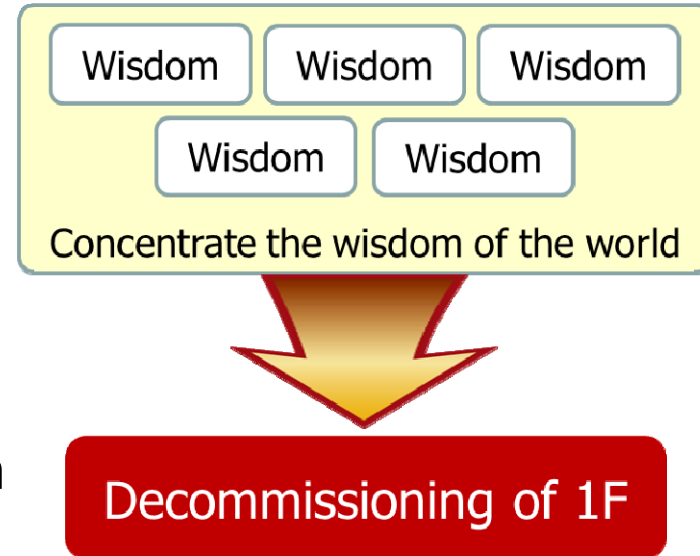
For Future Development

- Make use of the failure experience
- Utilization of available technology
 - SLAM, SfM, Drones, AI (Deep Learning), IoT, etc.
- Efficiency: Systematic and drastic design for repeating use
- Common platform
 - From specific system development to standardized components



Summary

- Robot Tech.=Remote Tech.
 - System integration
 - Derivation of solutions
 - Intelligent (not just mounting AI)
- Needs to concentrate the wisdom of the world
 - Nuclear accidents do not happen often
 - International cooperation in knowledge sharing and technology transfer
- Dissemination of the developed technology to other sites and applications
- Develop young human resources



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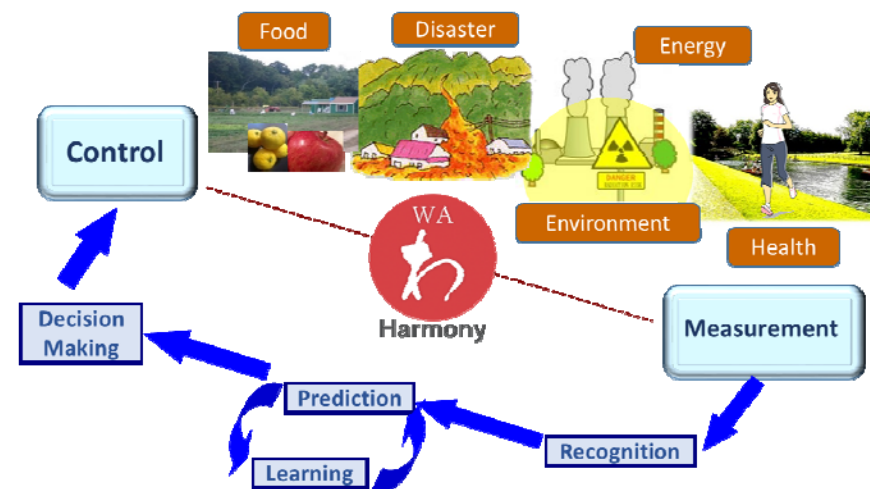


Vision:

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Control for Solving Societal Problems and Creating Social Values



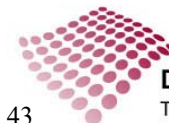
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