

Phase-transition in Fusion Research

--- first order, or second order ?

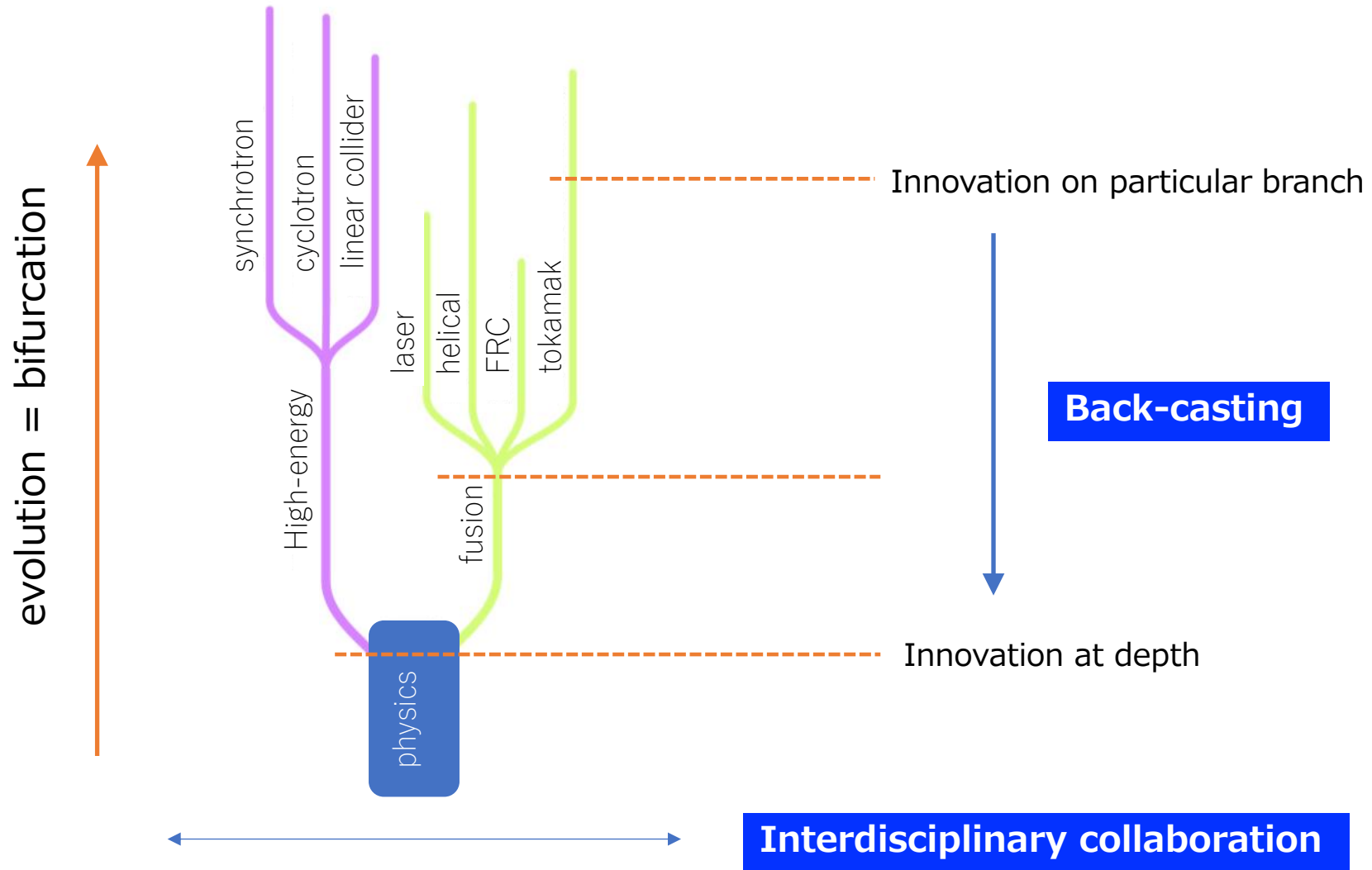
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Key issues in the phase transition

- INTERDISCIPLINARY collaborations for expanding the fusion community
- SEGMENTATION of “fusion” for formulating advanced meaning of science and technology, realizing diverse collaborations with a wide range of disciplines
- PARADIGM-SHIFT from “machine-oriented study” to “subject-oriented study”

Interdisciplinary Collaboration by Back-Casting Approach



Segmentation & Generative Grammar

itswhatmakesarose



segmentation

[it]['s][what][makes][a][rose]



composition

It's what makes a rose.



composition

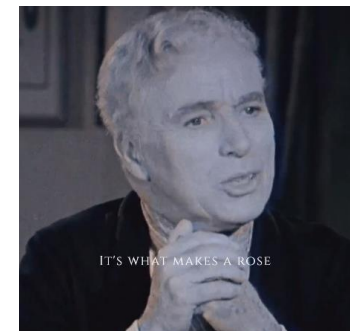
Terry: all life is aimless, without meaning.
Calvero: what do you want a meaning for?
Life is a desire, not a meaning. Desire is the
theme of all life! **It's what makes a rose.** . .

A sequence of "symbols" (sounds)
--- an abstract set of elements

A sequence of "words"
--- extracting units of concepts

A "sentence"
--- generating a concrete meaning

A "text"
--- generating a real meaning



Charles Chaplin
in "Limelight"₄

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A sequence of “words”
--- reading out units of meaning

It’s what makes a rose.

Unlimited possibilities
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Gather roses while you may.

But it’s been no bed of roses.

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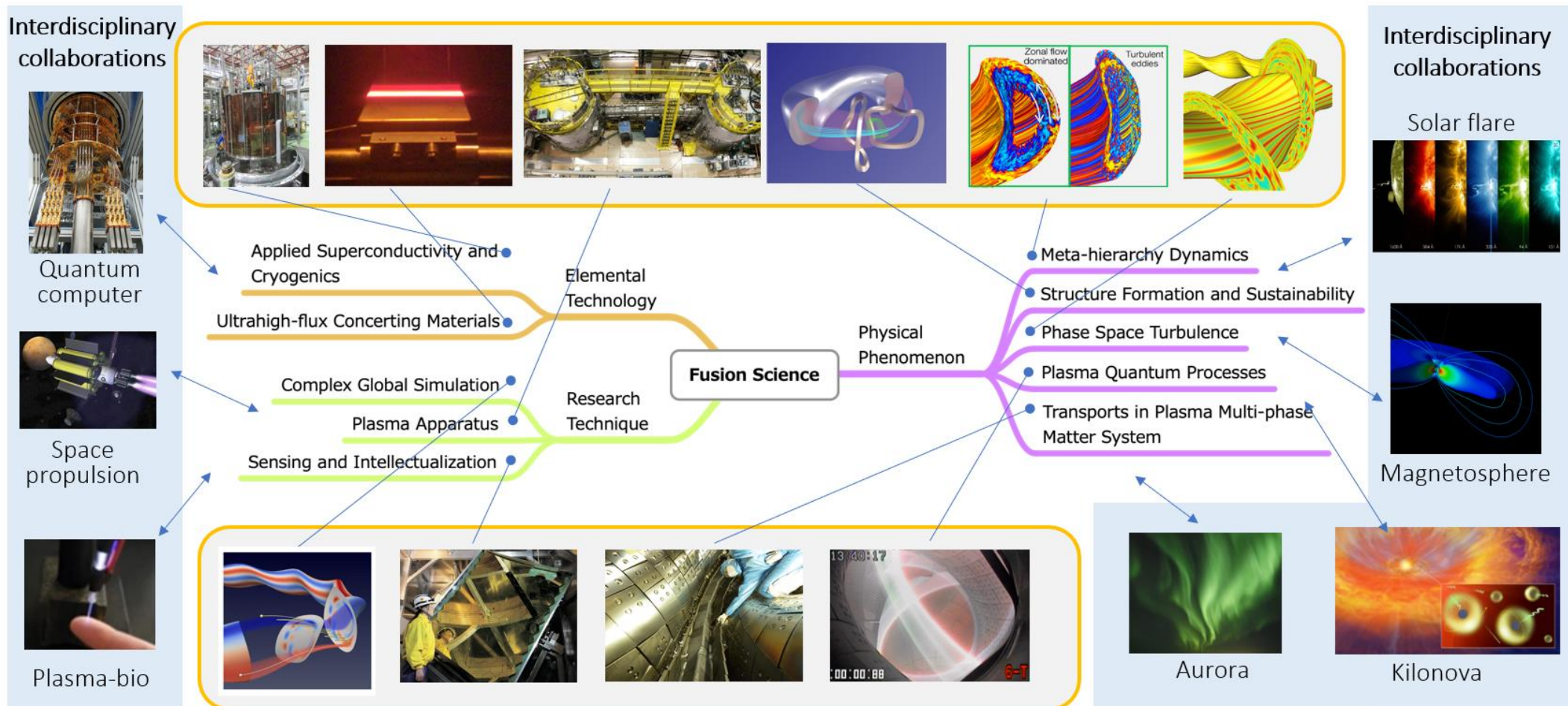
But, thinking makes it so.

What does not destroy me,
makes me stronger.

Segmentation

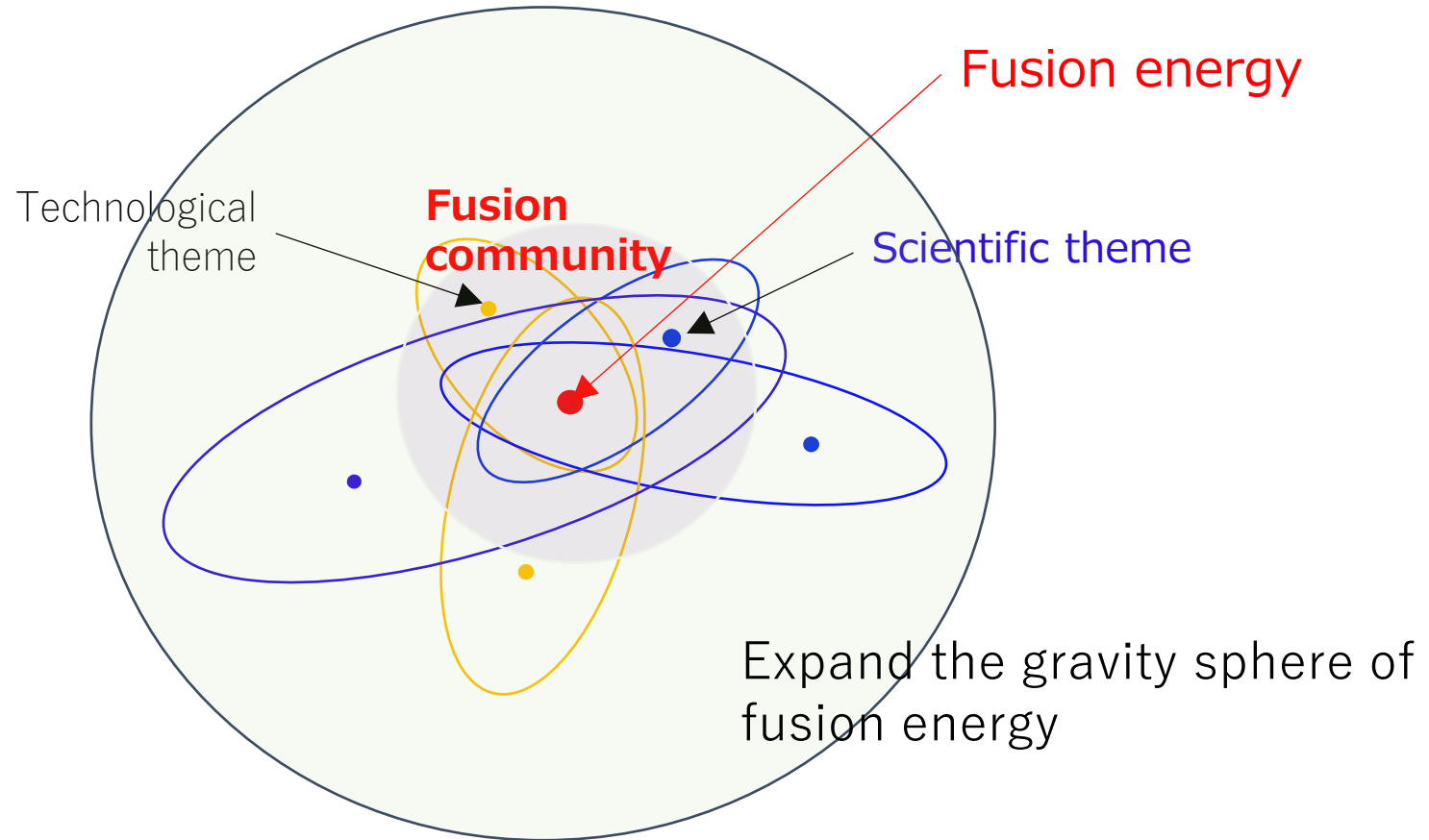
→ “Unit Vectors” spanning the phase space of fusion science

“Unit system” consisting of rhizomes, penetrating into a wide range of modern science and technology



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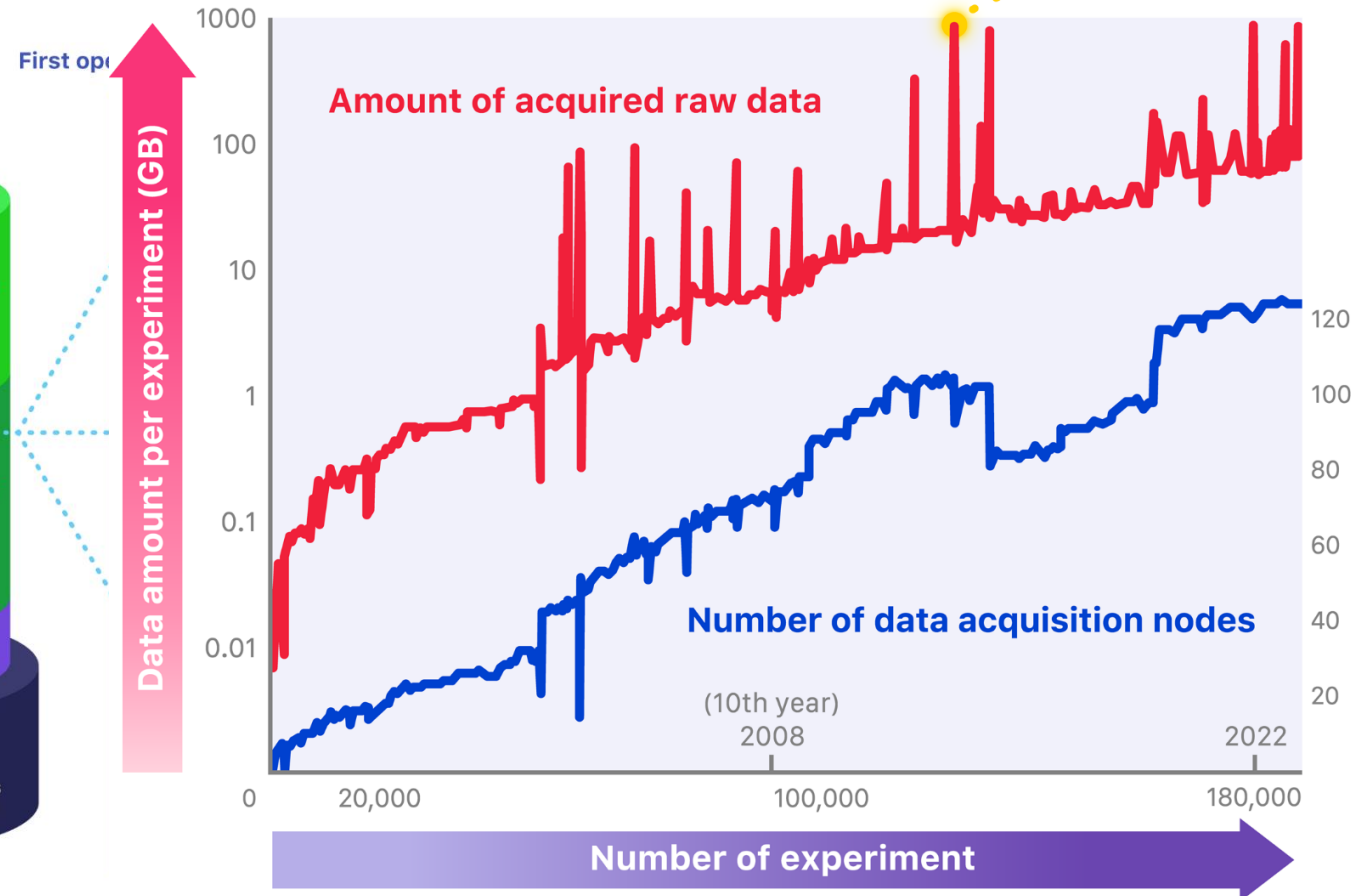
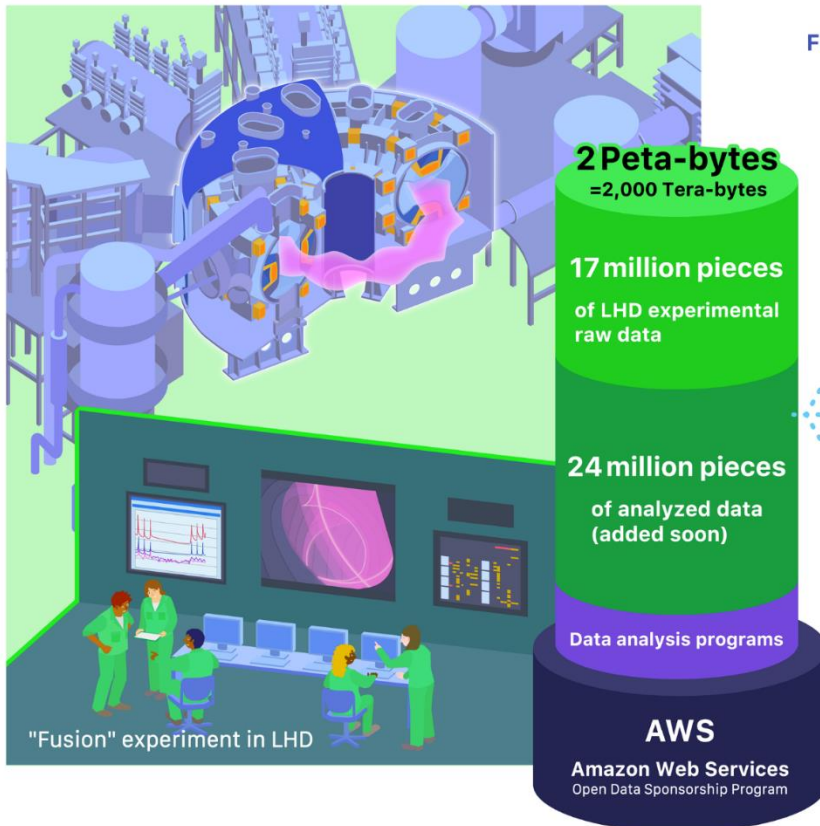
→ expansion of the gravity sphere of fusion research



Open science strategy for creating a nodal point

NIFS LHD is a huge data silo ... growing steadily

- LHD's 130 diagnostic & 1,000 analyzed data are "open", no embargo to be Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable ...



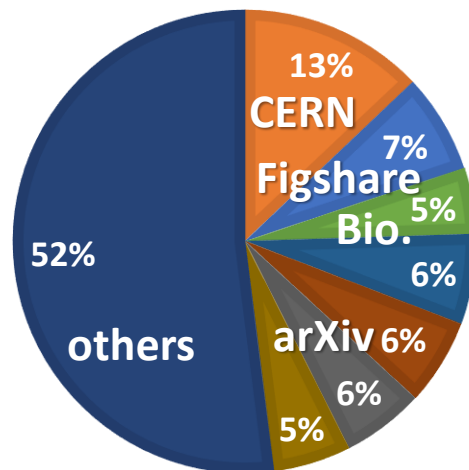
Open science strategy for creating a nodal point

NIFS LHD is a huge data silo ... growing steadily

- NIFS registered 10,000,000 DOIs on LHD diagnostic data in 2024
- First time over 10 million DOIs in multidisciplinary sciences

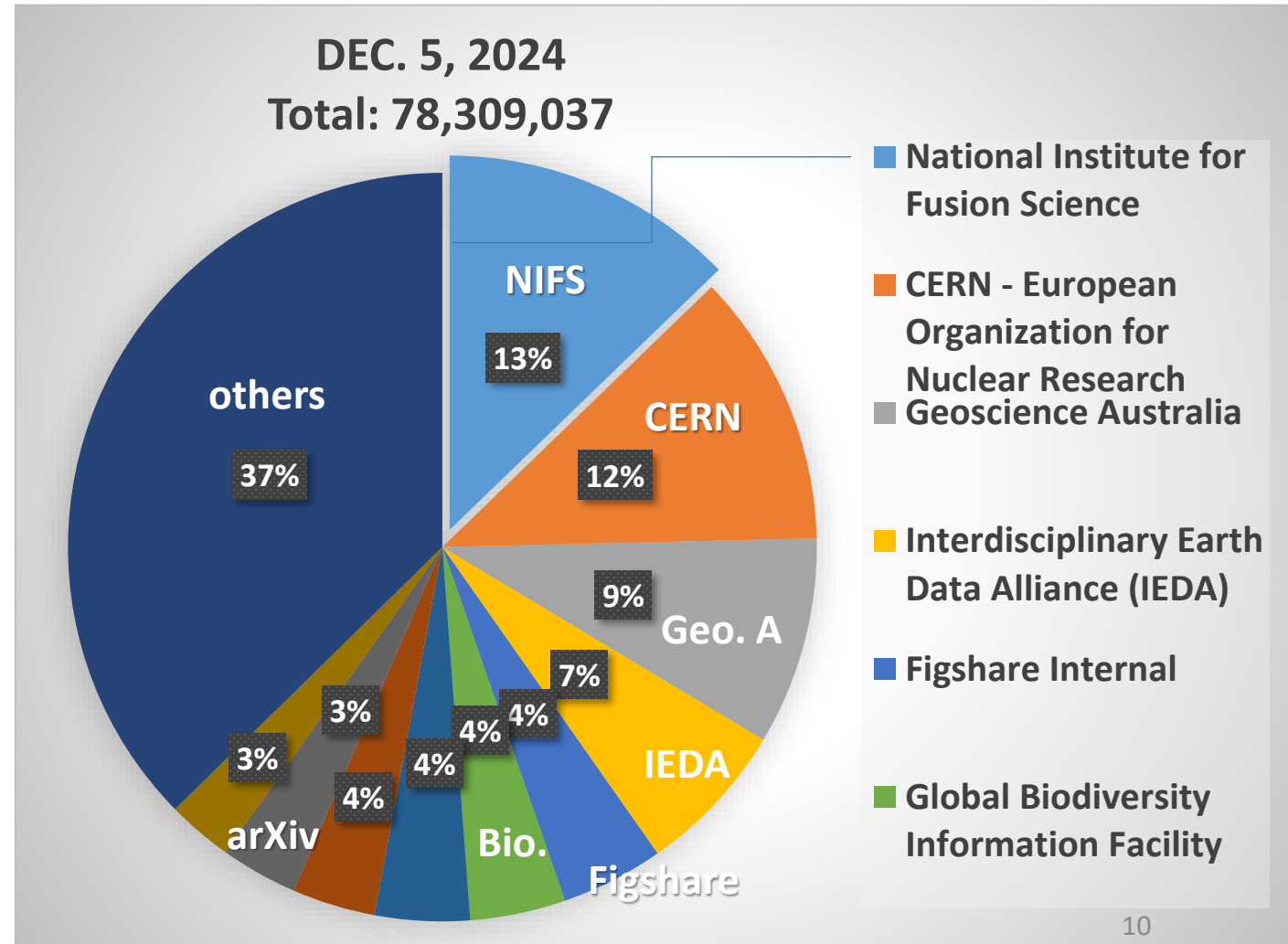
Lead the world together with other fields into “Open Science”

DEC. 2022
TOTAL: 37,989,719



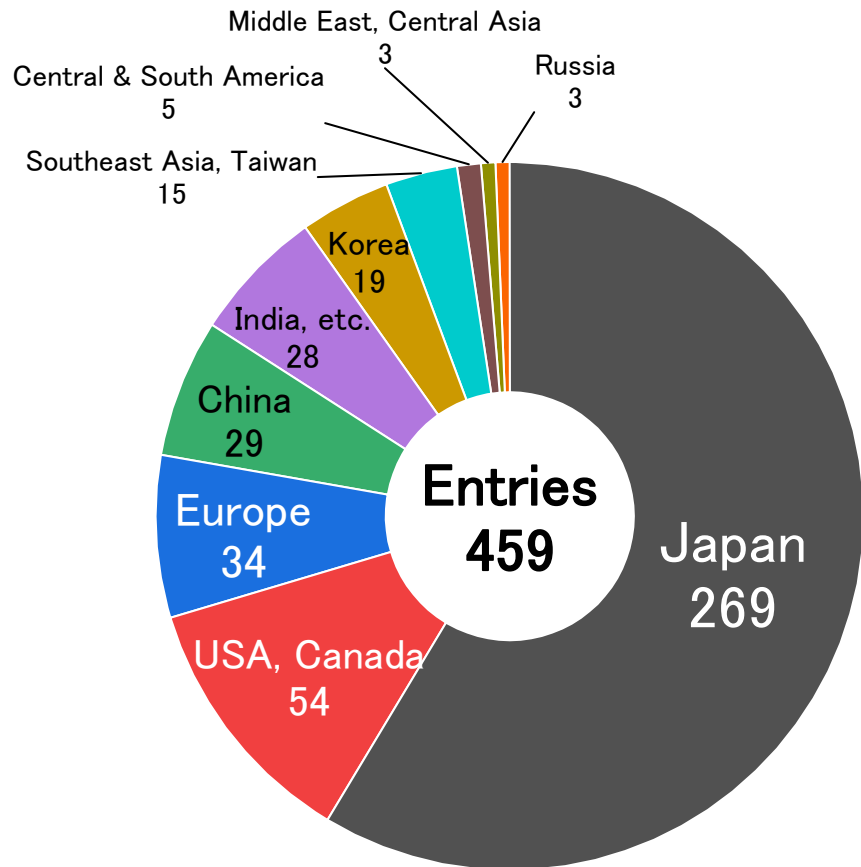
double!

DEC. 5, 2024
Total: 78,309,037

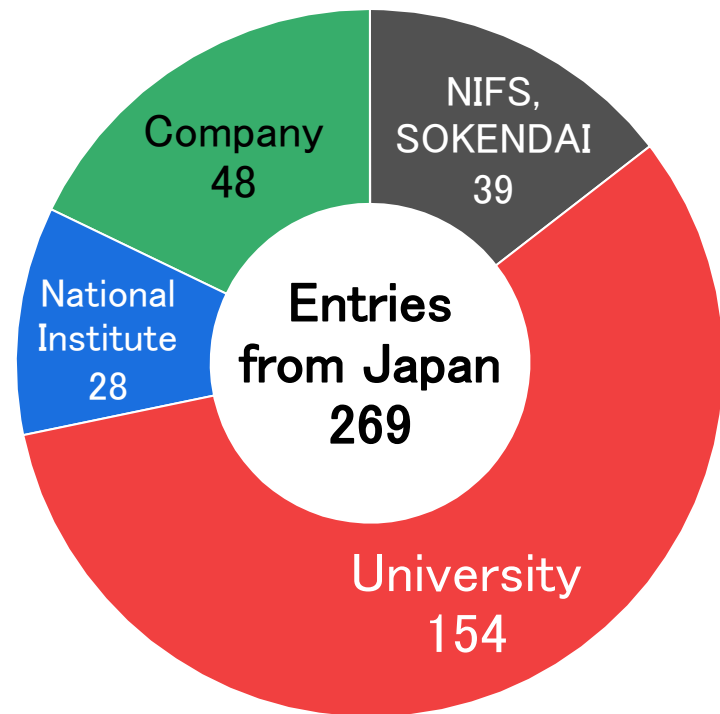


IIS2024 Total Entries

Entries by Country

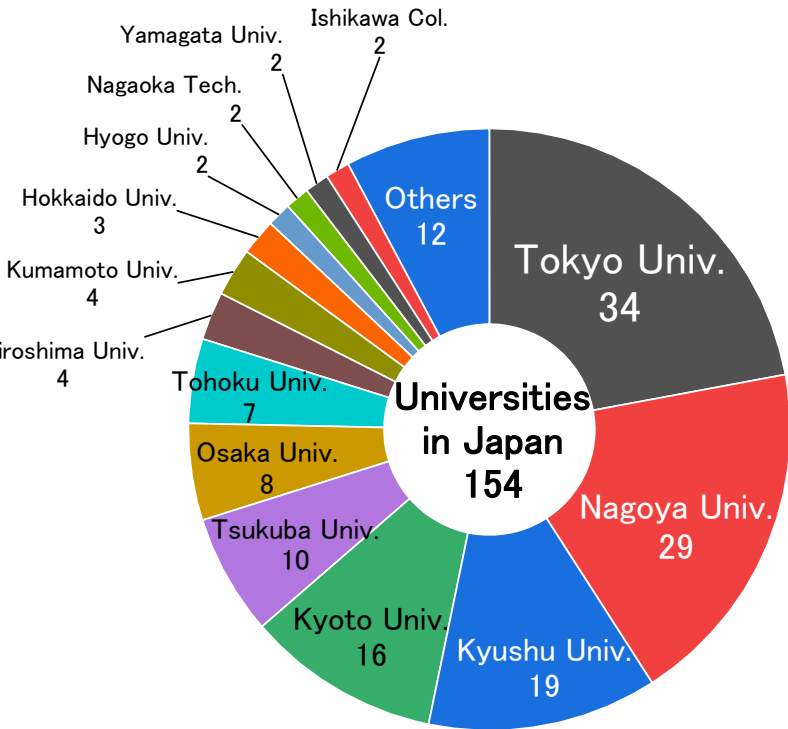


Entries by industry sector in Japan

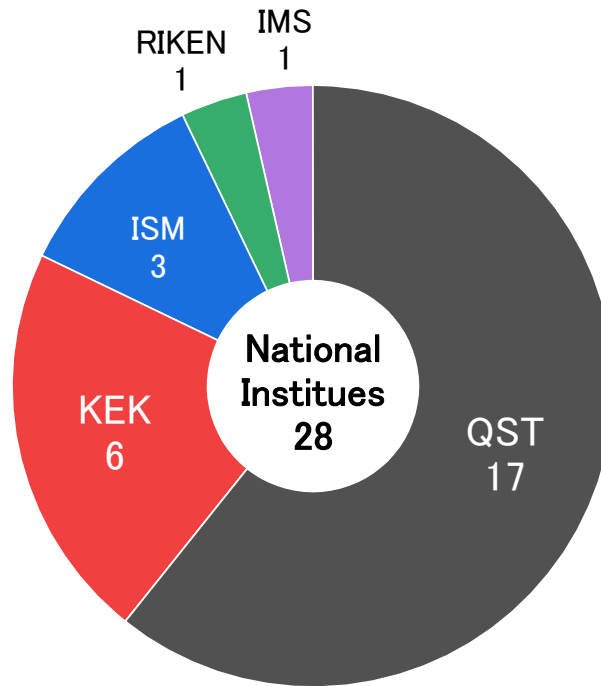


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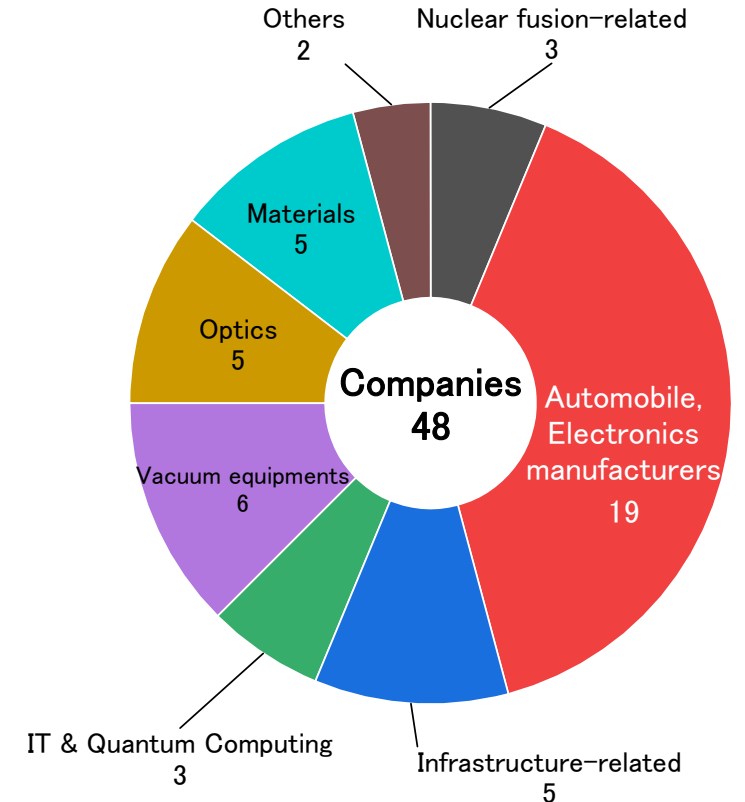
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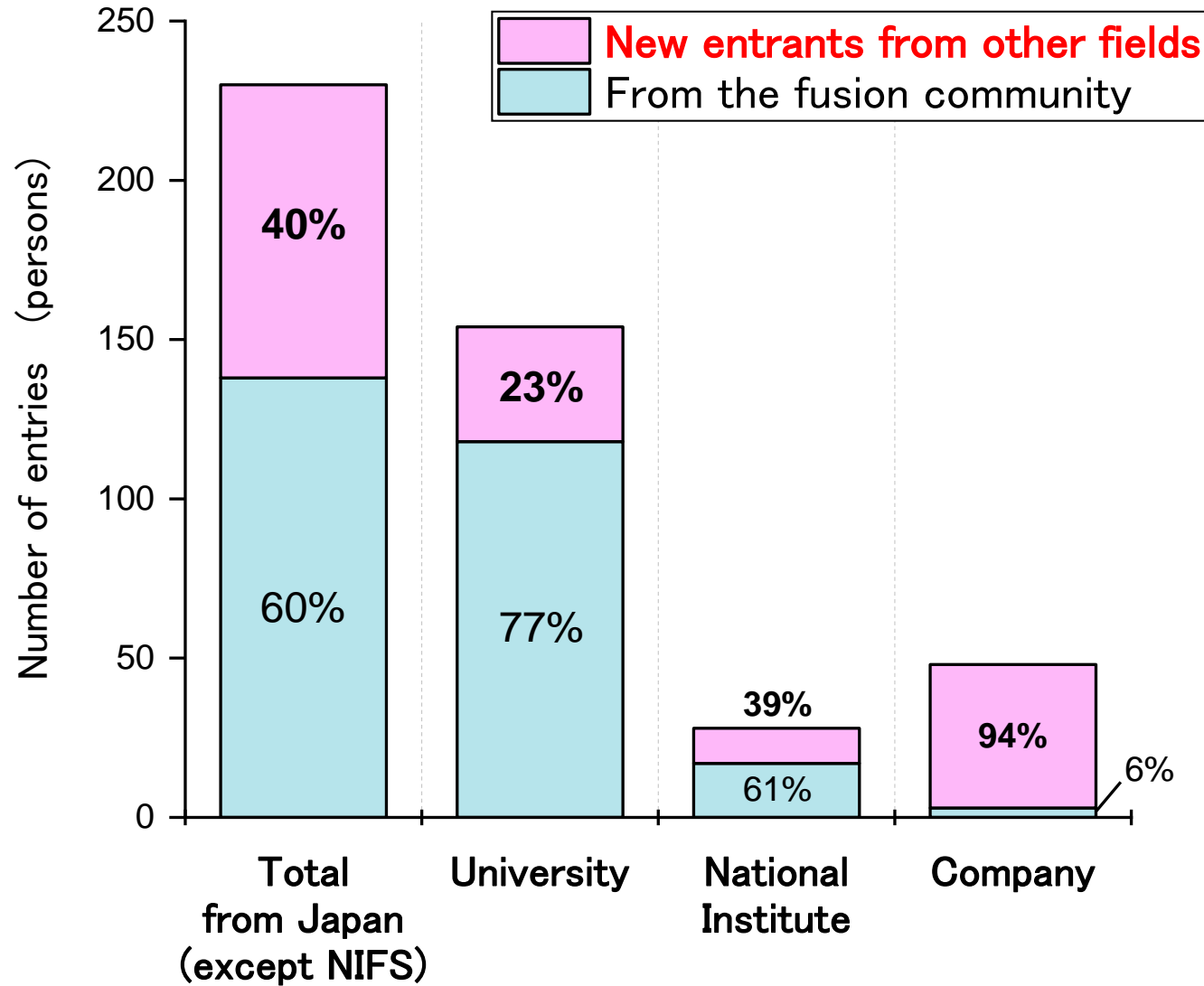
National Institute



Company

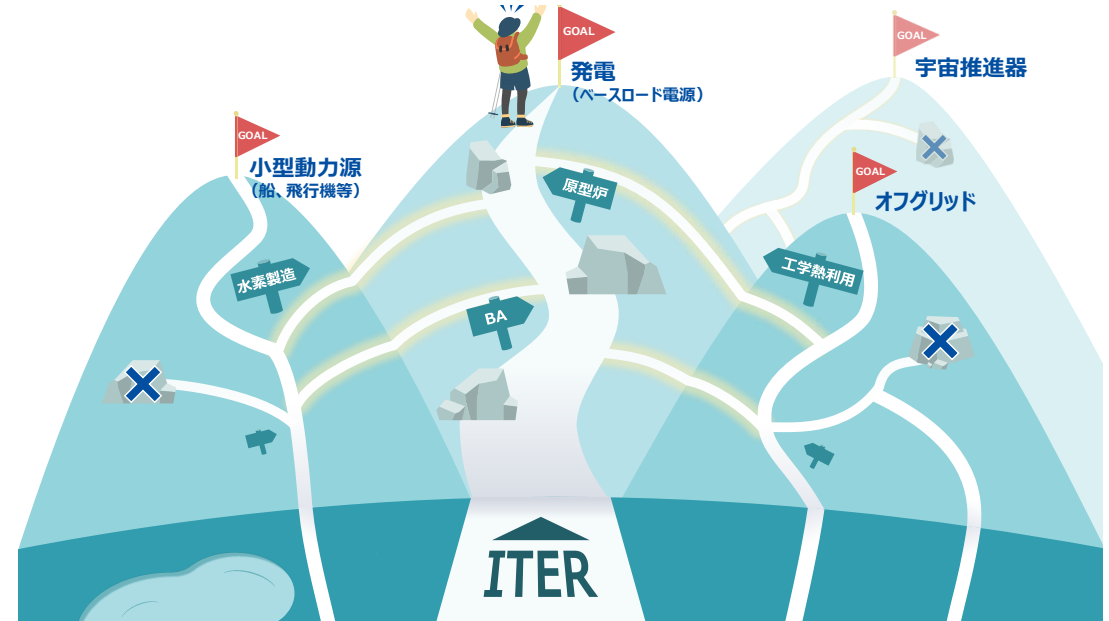


IIS2024 Percentage of new entrants in Japan

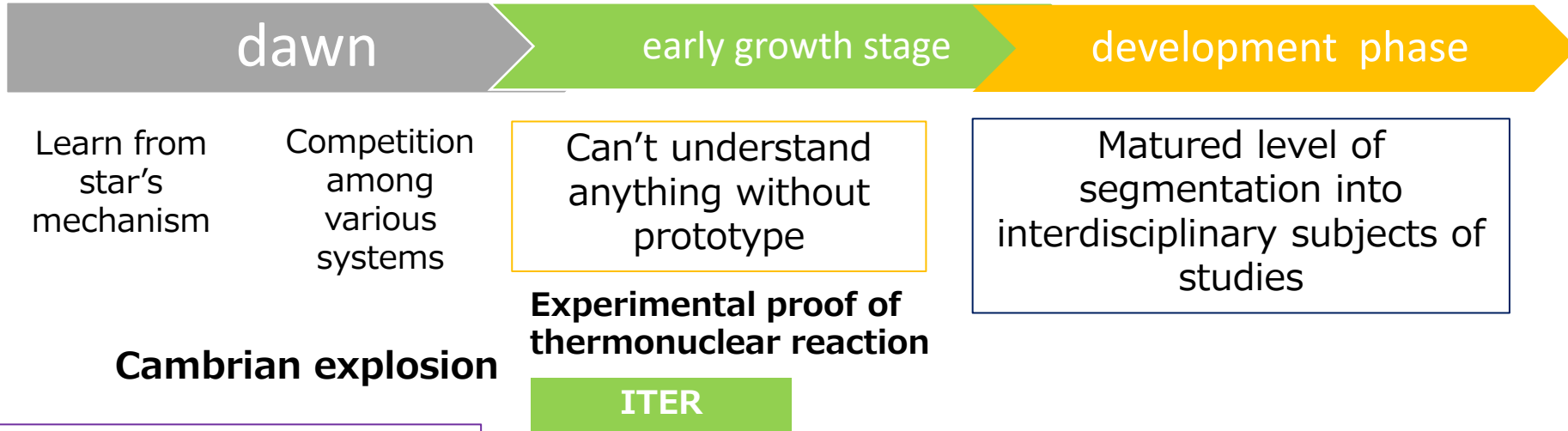


Paradigm-shift for inclusive strategy

From “fore-casting” approach to “back-casting” approach



Paradigm-shift for the evolution of fusion study



Cambrian explosion

Ex : aircraft innovation and fluid mechanics

Learn from nature



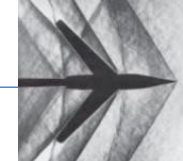
Various ideas



Wright Flyer



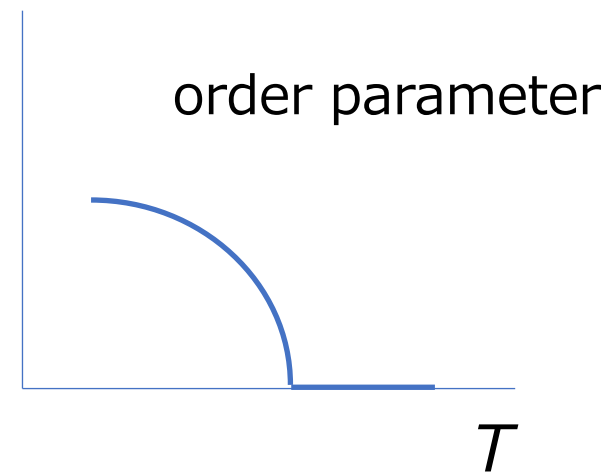
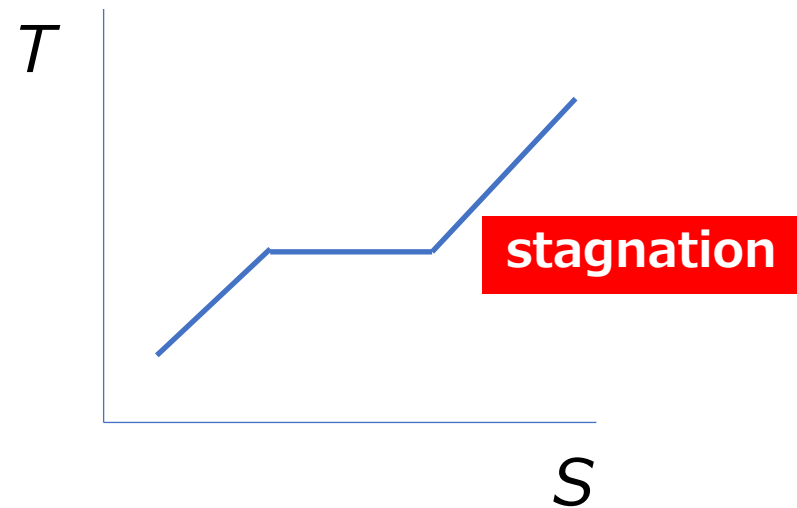
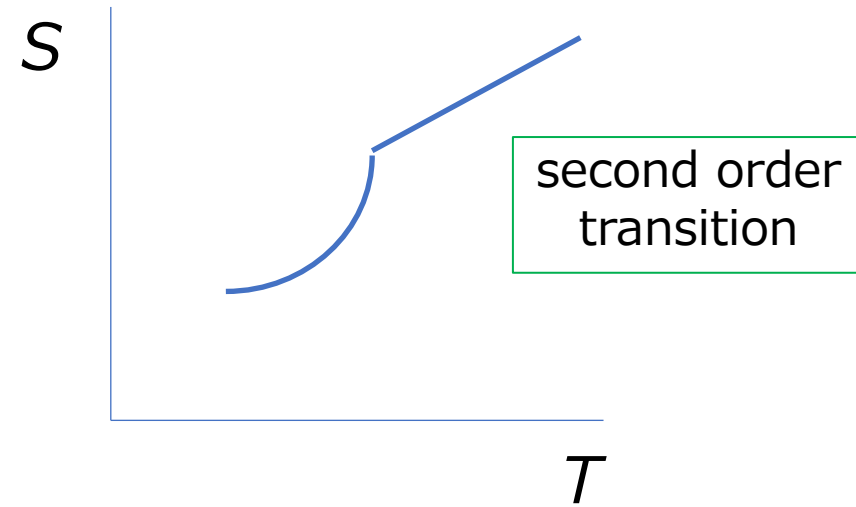
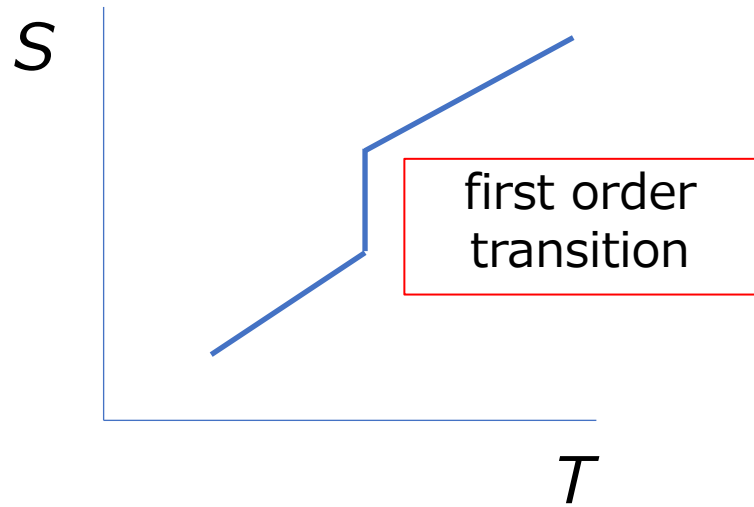
Collaboration between science and technology



Basic science drives innovation

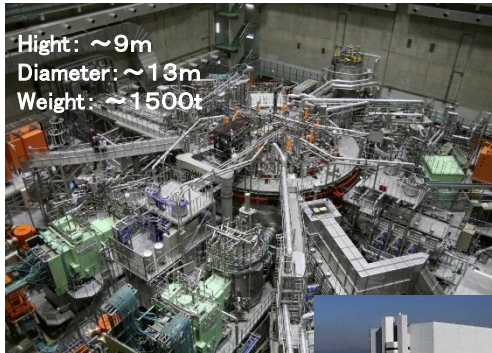


Q: How can we make the phase transition *second order* ?



NIFS: platform for advanced studies open to international/interdisciplinary collaborators

Large Helical Device (LHD)



Height: ~9m
Diameter: ~13m
Weight: ~1500t



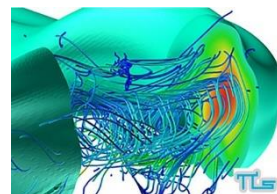
- One of the world's largest superconducting plasma experimental devices
- Various physics research utilizing steady, high-precision magnetic fields
- World's most accurate measurement devices to elucidate the internal structure of plasma → Experimental research on all phenomena in the universe



Plasma Simulator "Raijin"



- The supercomputer "Raijin" in the HPCG benchmark (performance index),
-3rd in Japan, 10th in the world (November 2020)
-5th in Japan, 13th in the world (June 2021)
- Elucidation of complex phenomena in fusion core plasma
- Elucidation of cosmic and astronomical phenomena including nuclear fusion



Core Testing Facilities for Fusion Engineering



Superconducting Magnet

13 T, ϕ 700 mm Solenoid Coil



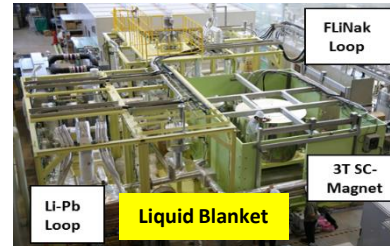
Temperature Variable Helium Refrigerator



High-Temp, High-Vacuum Creep Test Facilities



Advanced Materials



Li-Pb Loop

Liquid Blanket

FLiNaK Loop

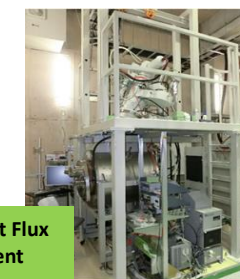
3T SC-Magnet

Li-Pb/FLiNaK Twin-Loop with 3 T Superconducting Magnet (Oroshhi-2)

Hot Isostatic Press (HIP)



Tandem Accelerator for Ion Beam Surface Analysis



High Heat Flux Component

High Heat Flux Testing Facility (ACT2)

- Developing advanced technologies for advanced fusion reactor systems
- Developing a wide range of engineering collaborations with universities