

Oji Holdings Corporation

FY2024 IR Briefing Session

December 10th, 2024

Agenda

Time	Titles	Presenter
3:00 PM	Opening	Moderator
3:05 PM	Introduction Growth Strategies of Oji Holdings ~Growing Forests, Utilizing Forests~	Representative Director of the Board President and Group CEO Hiroyuki Isono
3:15 PM	Growing Forests Initiatives to Establish the Economic Value of Oji Forests toward the Era of Natural Capital Accounting	Oji Forest Value-Creation & Promotion Department
3:25 PM	Utilizing Forests Introduction	Executive Officer General Manager, Innovation Promotion Division Kohei Michikawa
3:35 PM	Utilizing Forests : Theme1 Utilizing Forest Resources, to Develop “Biomanufacturing Technology” (Sugar Solution • Ethanol • PLA (Polylactic Acid))	Innovation Promotion Division Biochemical Research Center
3:50 PM	Utilizing Forests : Theme2 Utilizing Forest Resources, to Develop Advanced Biomass Photoresist for Semiconductor Applications	Innovation Promotion Division Strategic Planning Department Incubation Section
4:05 PM	Q&A Session	PIC of each theme
4:35 PM	Closing	Moderator

Introduction :

Growth Strategies of Oji Holdings

~Growing Forests, Utilizing Forests~

Representative Director of the Board

President & Group CEO

Hiroyuki Isono

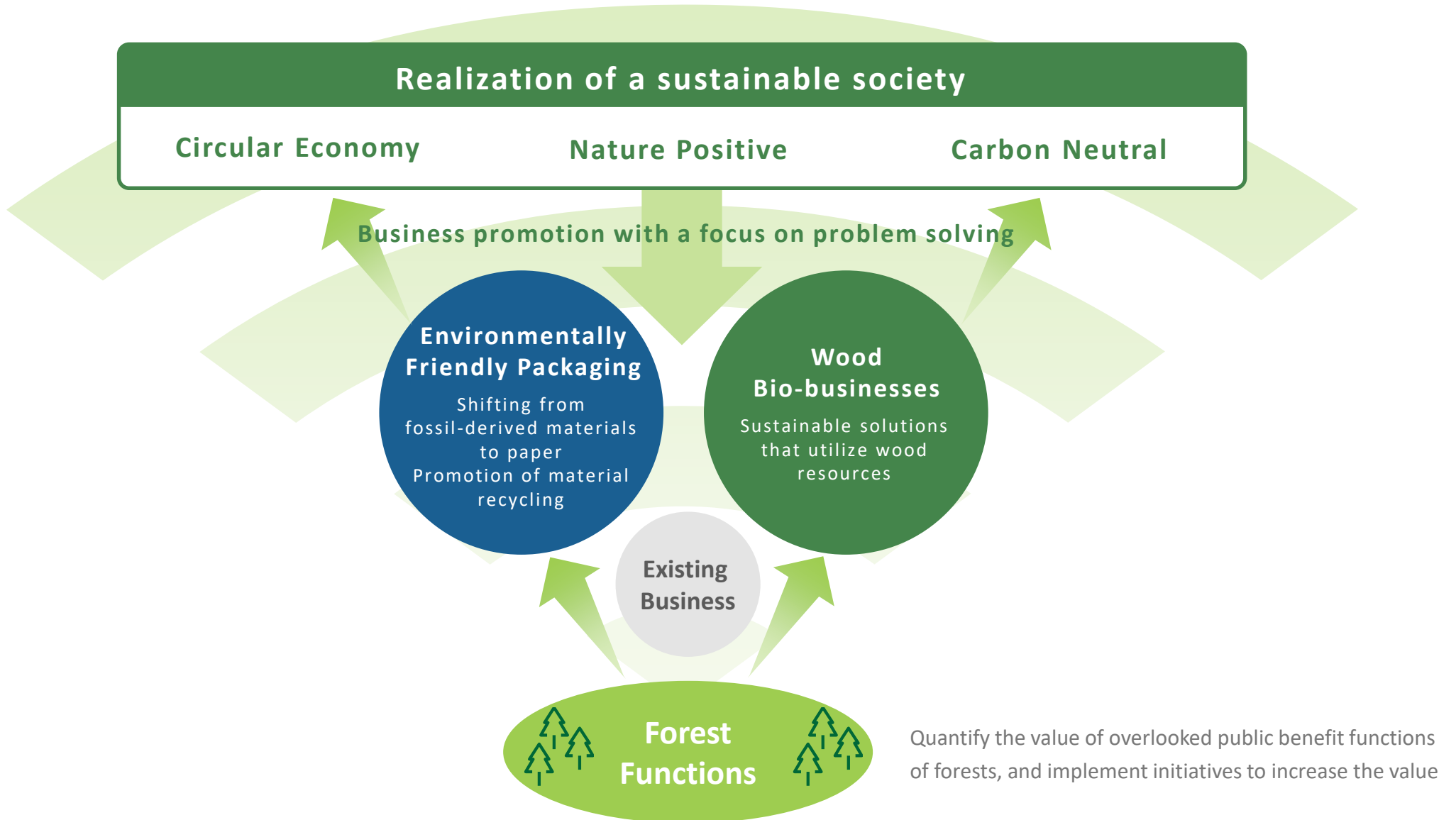
Grow and manage the sustainable forest

Develop and deliver the products from renewable forest

And

Oji will bring this world a brighter future filled with hope.

Initiatives for Sustainable Growth



Business Rooted in Forest Resources



Company Established
by Eiichi Shibusawa



Established Oji Zorin (=Plantation)

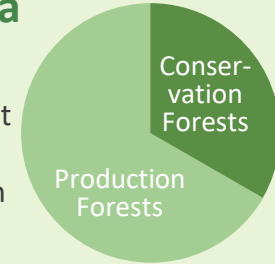


CENIBRA(Brazil)

Oji Forest in the World

635 kha

Sustainable
Management
through
reforestation



Focusing on
forest
conservation
activities

1873

1875

1890

1937

1992

2024

Continue Nature Positive Management
Rooted in Forest Resources

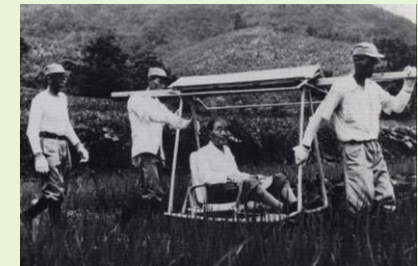
Start of
Wood Pulp Production

Construction of a Mill Oji, Tokyo
Used waste cloth as a raw material

“Those who use trees have
the responsibility to plant trees”

Ginjiro Fujiwara
President, Oji Paper Co., Ltd. (1930s)

Start of Full-scale Overseas Plantation
Fast-growing tree plantations become mainstreams



Forestry inspection in Hokkaido

Efforts to Provide a Solution for Plastic-free Products

Existing business

Strengthening the product lineup,
acquiring technology and know-how, expanding areas

Total packaging that contributes to
Carbon Neutral

Products

Corrugated container
General packaging
paper
General folding
carton

- IPI (Italy : 2023)
Acquisition of a liquid
packaging company



- Walki (Finland : 2024)
Acquisition of an advanced
materials conversion company



- Deluxe (Taiwan : 2024)
Investments in a molded
pulp company



Corrugated container
General packaging paper
General folding carton
Liquid packaging
High-performance
packaging paper
(Non-fluorine,
high barrier etc.)
Molded pulp
packaging

Japan
SEA
Oceania
India
EU

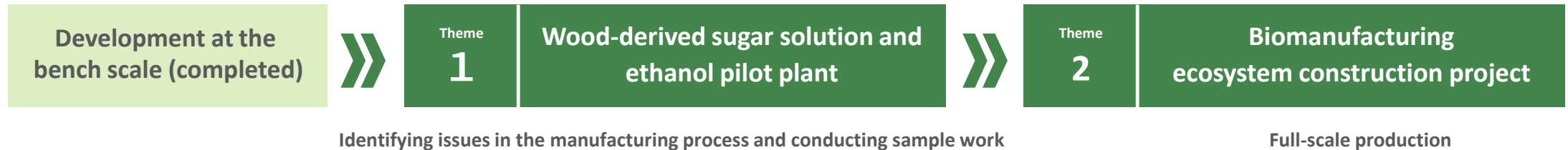
Area

Japan
SEA
Oceania

Efforts Toward a Carbon-Neutral World



Wood-derived Sugar Solution • Ethanol



【Examples of our initiatives】

Introduction CNF-based polymer electrolyte membranes for fuel cells

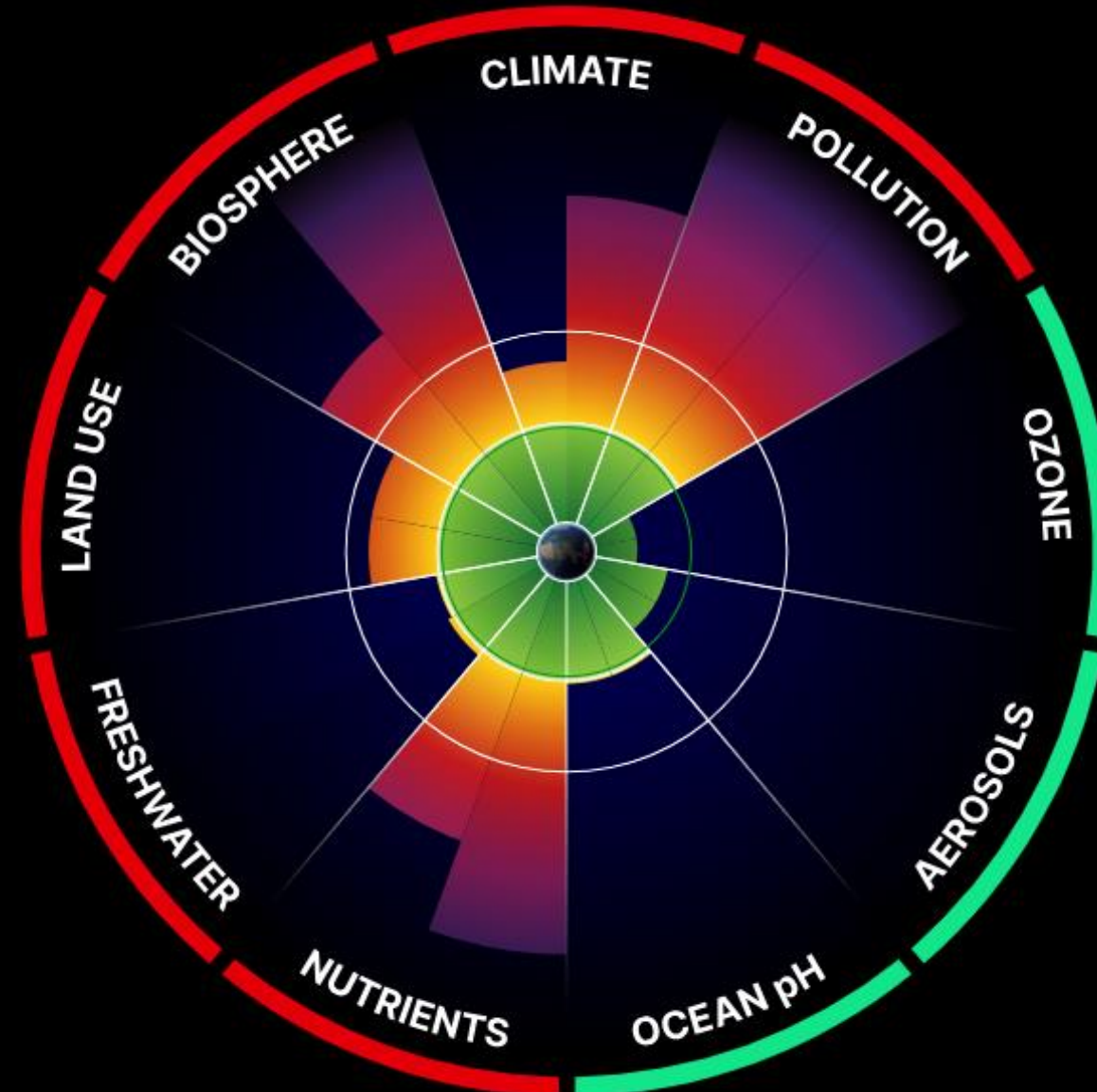
Introduction Licorice • Wood-derived pharmaceutical
Building a system for commercialization

Theme 1 Development of wood-derived petroleum alternatives
(Sugar Solution • Ethanol • PLA (Poly-lactic acid))

Theme 2 Semiconductor materials
Biomass Photoresist

- PLA that can be used for films and laminated paper
- Cellulose Resin Composite Pellets that can be used for automobile interior materials
- 100% Japan made e-methane etc.

Growth within the Planetary Boundaries is Essential



International Trends in Natural Capital Accounting

Trend of Natural Capital Accounting

Origin of
the concept of
“Sustainability”



Progress in
international
collaboration to
address
climate change



“Nature-positive”
as a global trend



Moving towards
nature capital
accounting

What is Natural Capital?

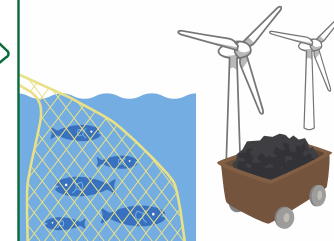
Natural Capital refers to capital (stock) formed by nature, including forests, soil water, the atmosphere and biological resources

Discussion is underway in each country to assess the economic value of these elements of natural capital and reflect them in accounting standards.

Stock
Natural Capital



FLOW
Ecosystem services
Non-ecological services



VALUE
Benefits to companies and
society





COP16 Side Event (1) (October 27th, 2024)

BUSINESS AND BIODIVERSITY FORUM (Went on a stage)

Rethinking Business as Usual:

Unleashing the Potential of Bioeconomy, Green Business and Innovative Solutions



COP16 Side Event (2) (October 28th, 2024)

Sharing Business Opportunities - G7 Alliance on Nature Positive Economies

(Went on a stage)

Growing Forests

Toward the Era of Natural Capital Accounting

Initiatives to Establish the Economic Value of Oji Forests



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Till Now and Now On

Nature Positive Sustainable Management



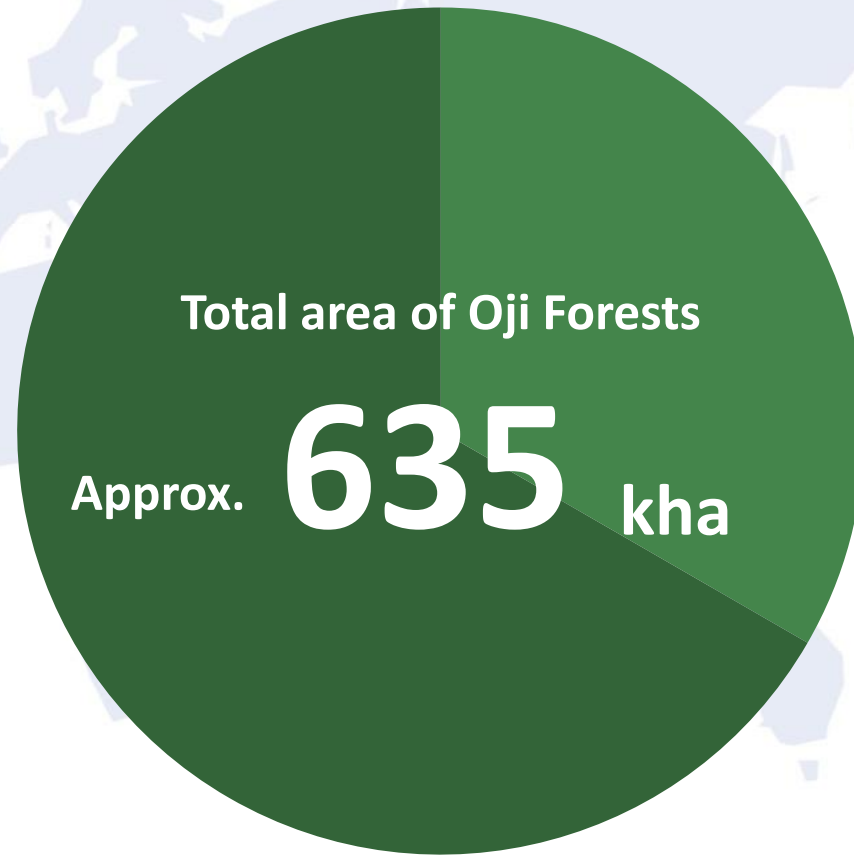
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have the responsibility to plant trees.”**

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Oji Forests

1/3 of global Oji Forests (635Kha) is Conservation Forests focusing on conservation of multiple forest functions.



Ratio of
Conservation Forests

Approx. $\frac{1}{3}$

*The approximate ratio of company-owned forests that are practically managed as environmental conservation forests

Oji Group's Forest Management



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Production Forests and Conservation Forests are maintained and managed together, to keep sustainable forests.

Production Forests

Conservation Forests

The Economic Value of Oji Forests (in Japan)

Estimated Economic Value of multiple functions of
Oji Forests in Japan (announced in Sept. 2024)

Water resource cultivation

¥204 billion/year

Forest soil retains rainwater,
regulates river flow, prevents floods
and droughts, and purifies water.

Biodiversity conservation

¥43 billion/year

Forests are habitats for wild birds
and animals.

Prevention of soil erosion and landslides

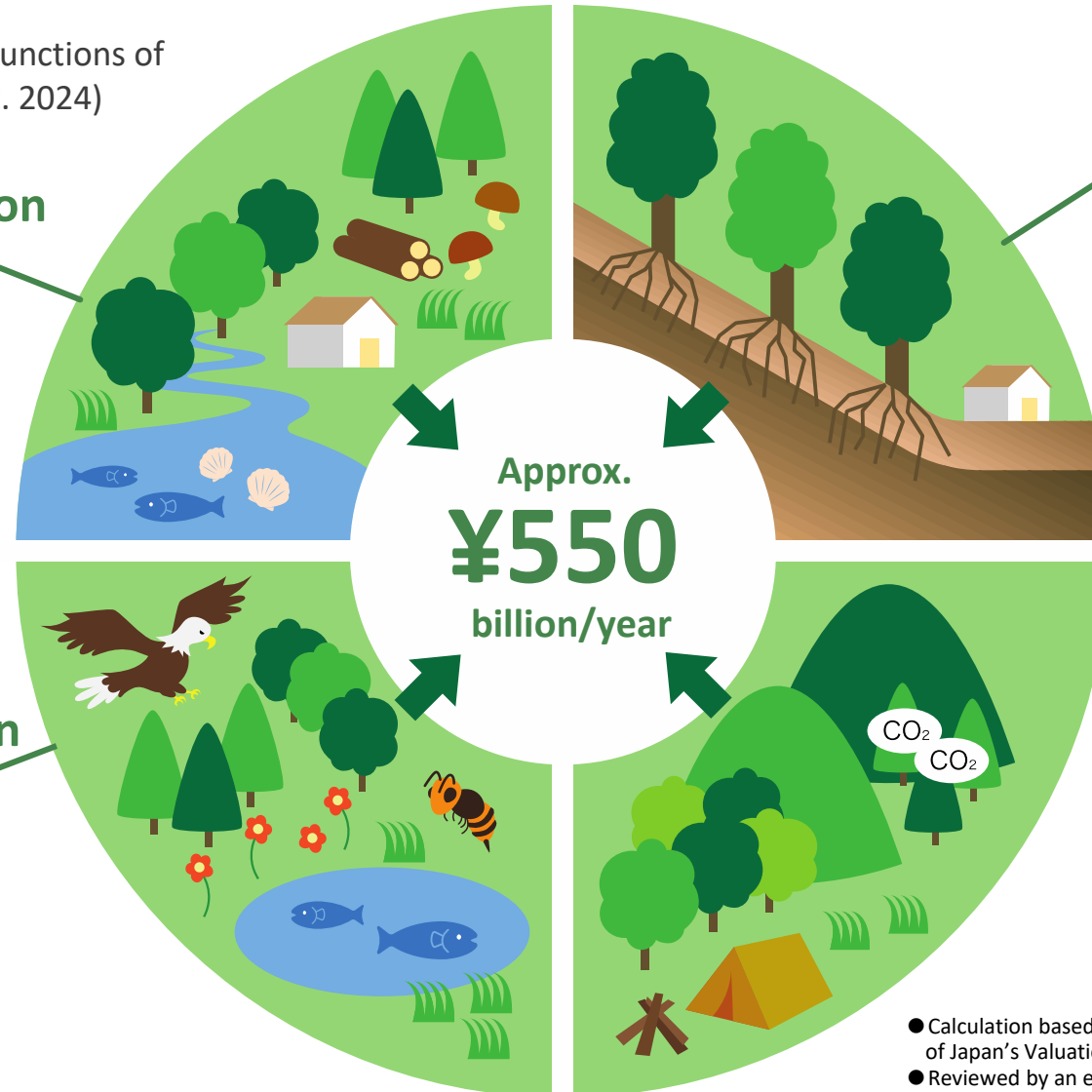
¥275 billion/year

Understory vegetation and litter of
forest control surface erosion.
Forest root systems prevent Landslide.

Air quality, Absorb CO₂, Recreation etc.

¥28 billion/year

Forests absorb CO₂ and produce
oxygen as they grow.
Forests comfort people and provide
leisure spaces.



- Calculation based on the methodology used in the Forestry Agency of Japan's Valuation of the Public Benefit Functions of Forests
- Reviewed by an external environmental assessment company

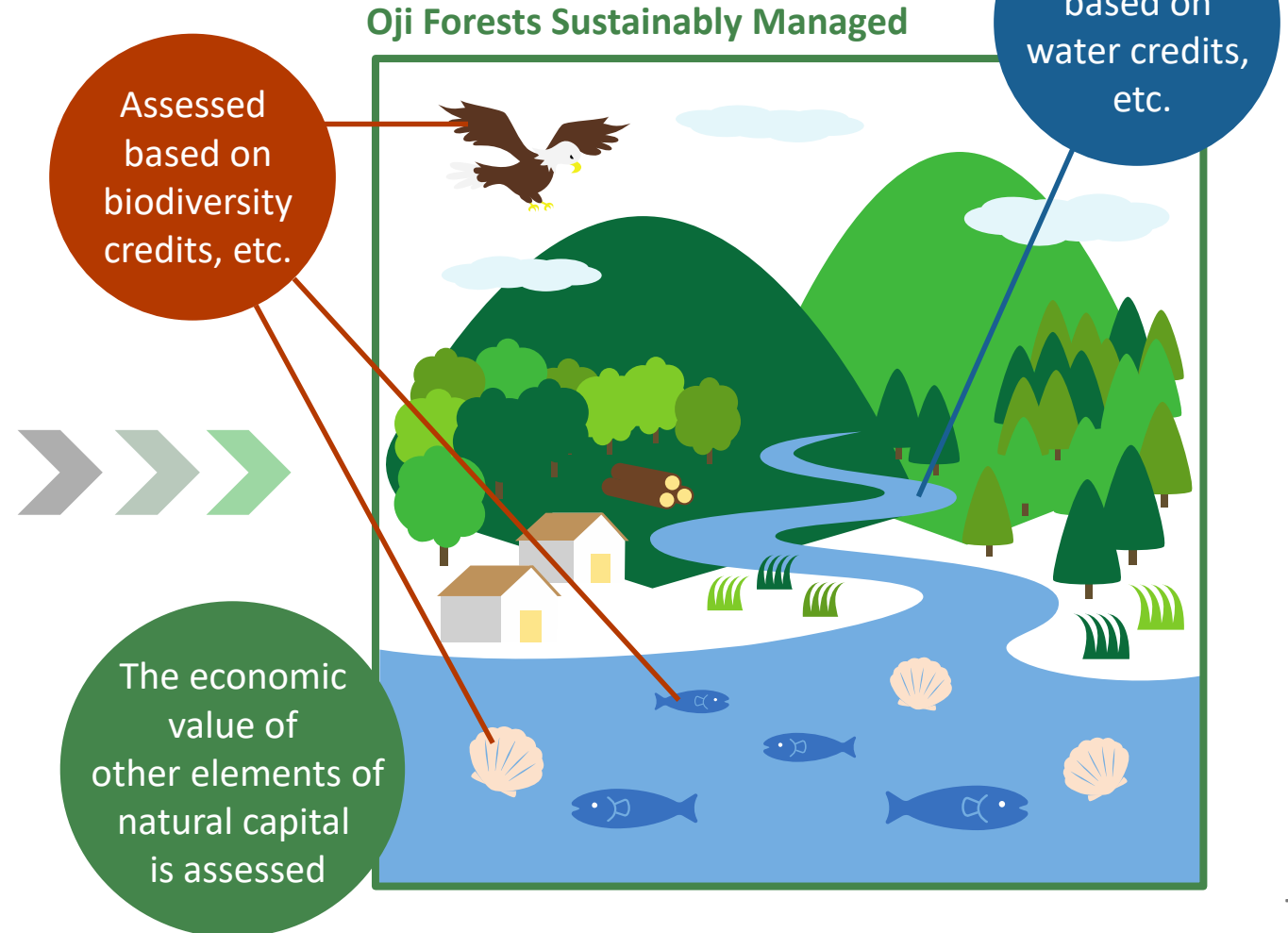
Entering an Era When Natural Capital Will Generate Economic Value

Sustainably managed Oji Forests generate natural capital (stock) formed by forests, soil, water, air, biological resources, and so on.

Forests NOT Sustainably Managed

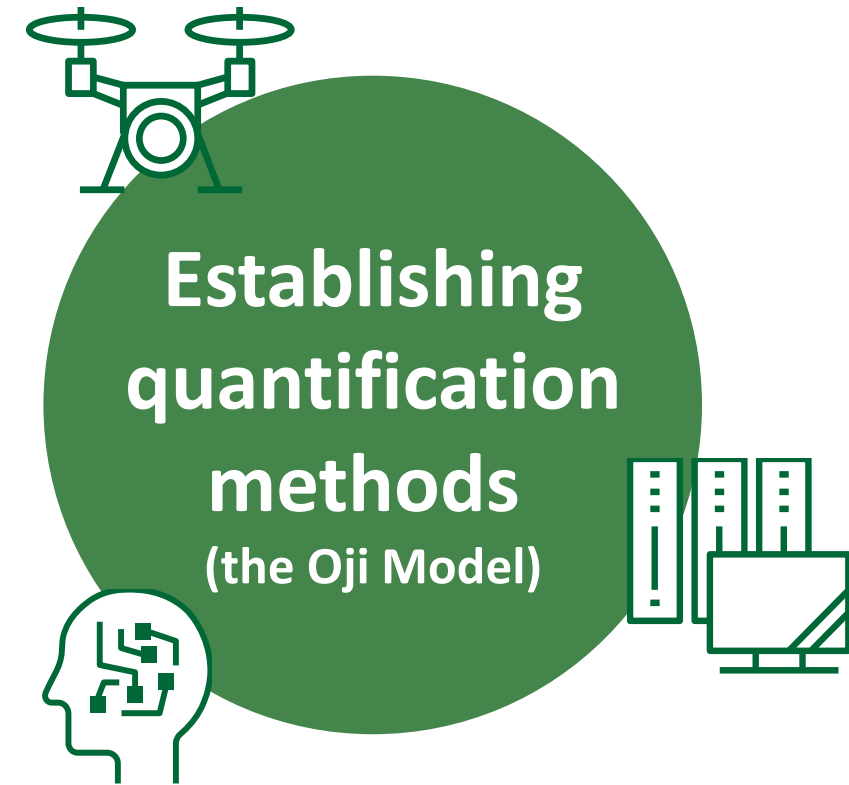
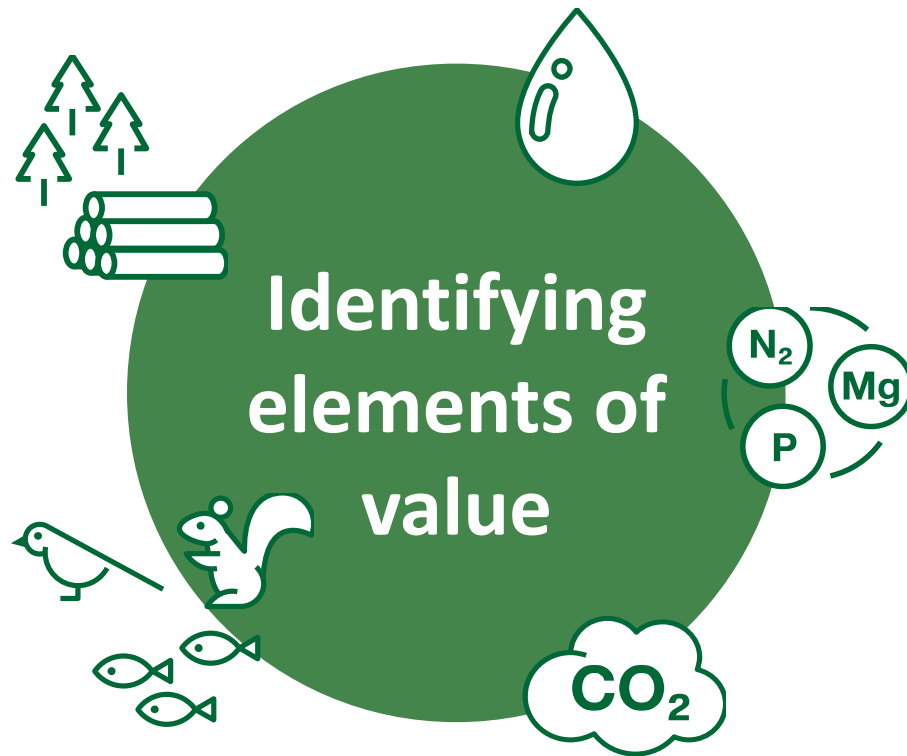


Oji Forests Sustainably Managed



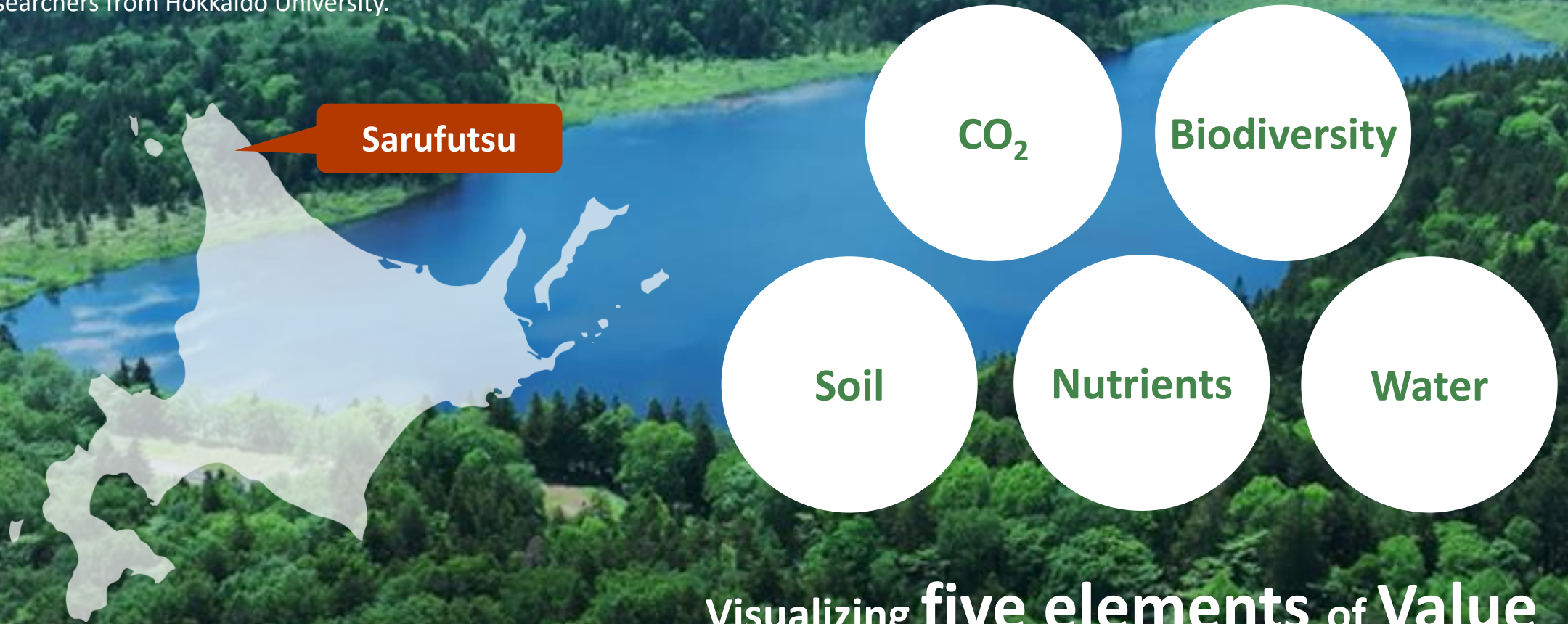
Actions for Natural Capital Accounting

To assess the economic value, identifying elements of value and establishing quantification methods are firstly required.



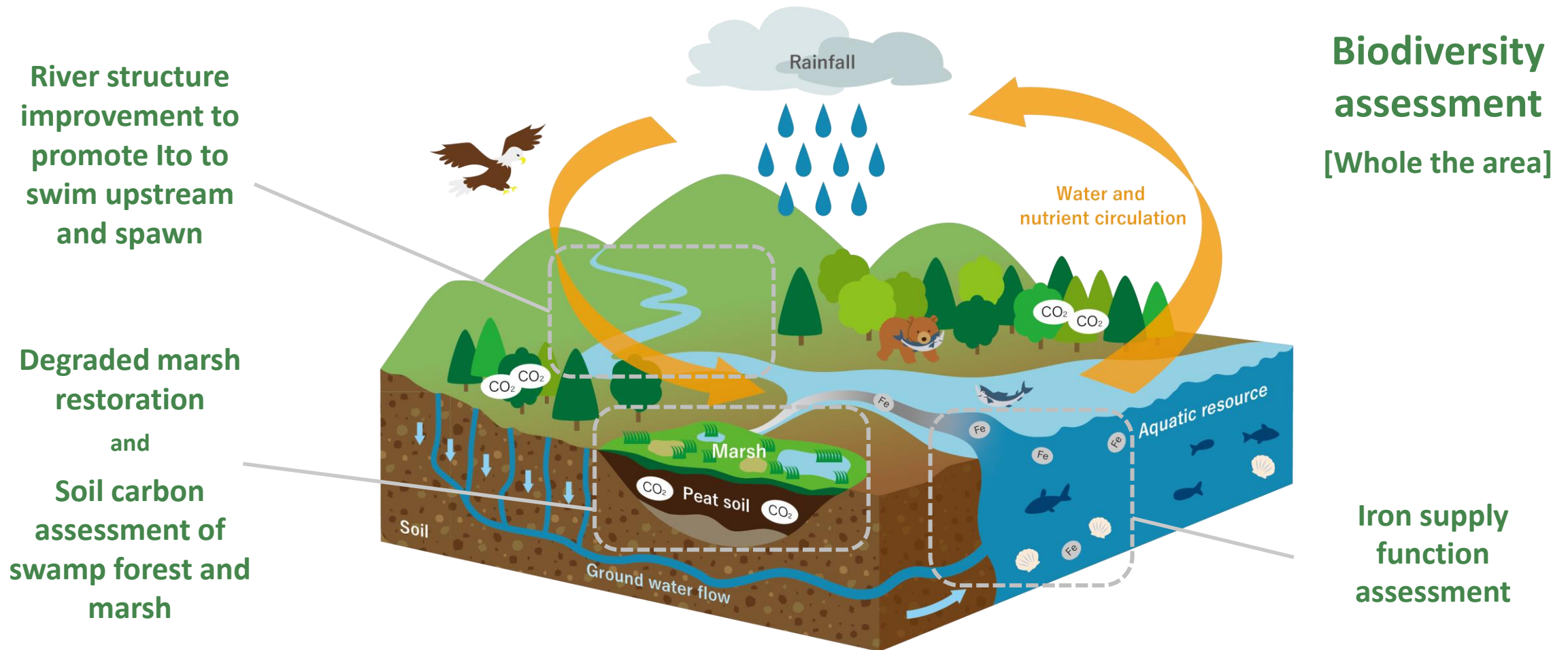
Launch of Oji Forest Value Visualization Project in Sarufutsu

A project to visualize five key elements (CO₂, biodiversity, soil, nutrients and water) and restore the natural environment is being implemented jointly with researchers from Hokkaido University.



Sarufutsu: Five Value Visualization Project

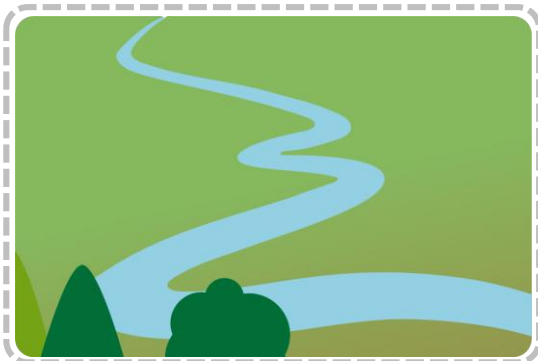
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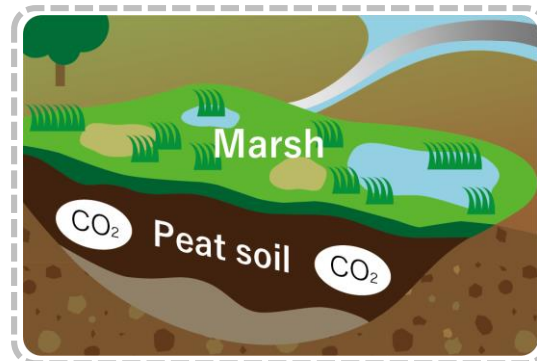
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River structure improvement to promote Ito to swim upstream and spawn



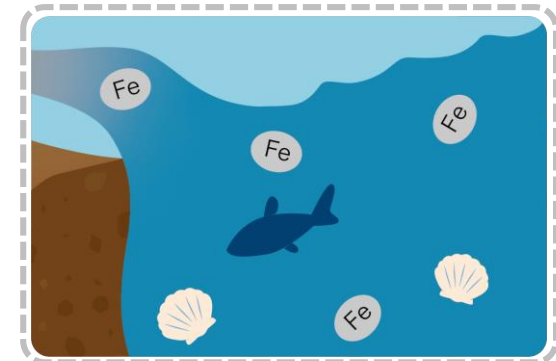
River structure (e.g., culverts) improvements
and re-meandering small rivers

Degraded marsh restoration and soil carbon assessment



Elevate water level in marsh to prevent
aridification and soil carbon assessment

Iron supply function assessment



Assess iron supply function from marsh to ocean via river.
Visualize marsh's impact to ocean

Sarufutsu: Biodiversity Visualization Project

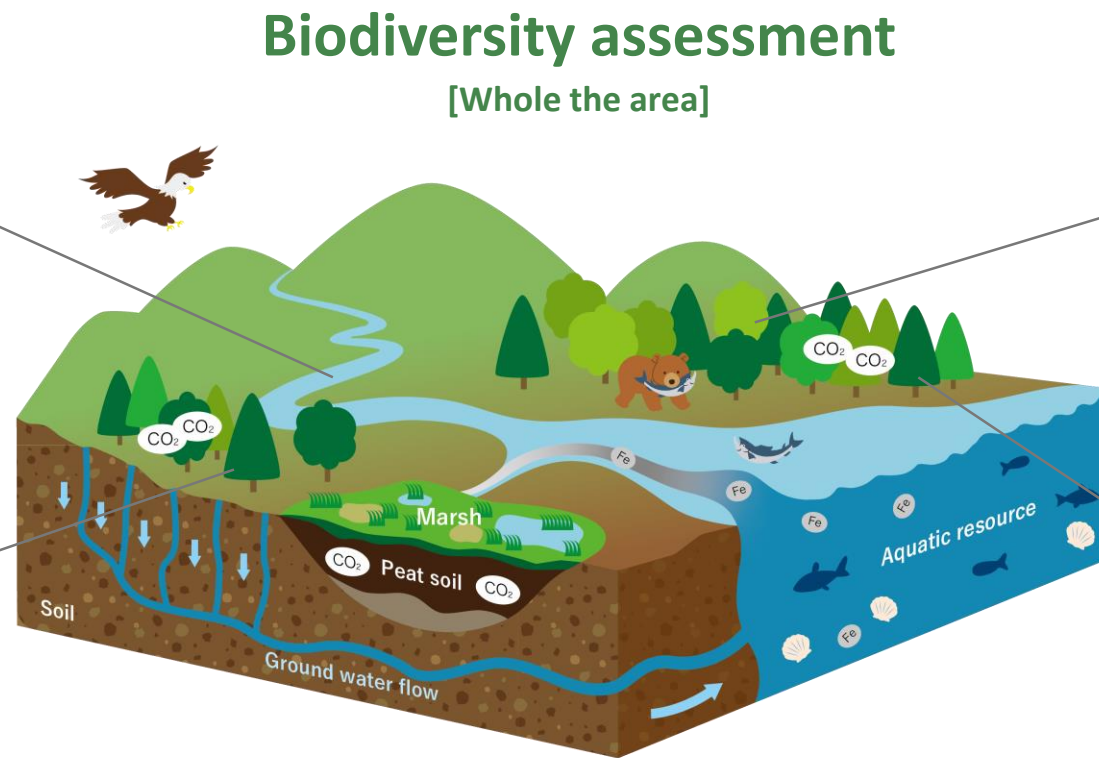
A project to measure biodiversity of the Oji Forest in Sarufutsu by analyzing data about various species using a combination of cutting-edge technologies, including acoustic sensors, drones, cameras, and environmental DNA, is being implemented jointly with an overseas startup.



Environmental DNA analysis for fish



Monitoring animals with fixed-point cameras



Imagery of vegetation using drones



Acoustic sensors for animal sounds

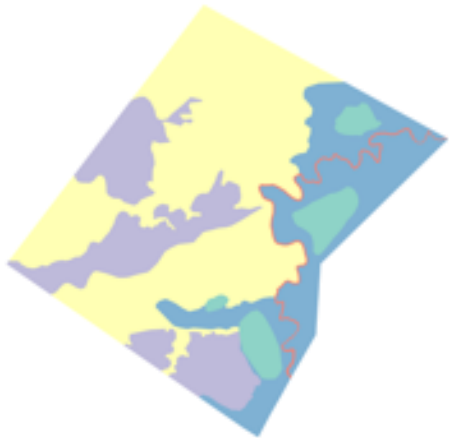
Comprehensive analysis of biodiversity by AI

Sarufutsu: Biodiversity Visualization Project

Information obtained from assessments of biodiversity will be used as basic information for economic valuation, and will also be disclosed through TNFD and other frameworks.

Biodiversity assessment

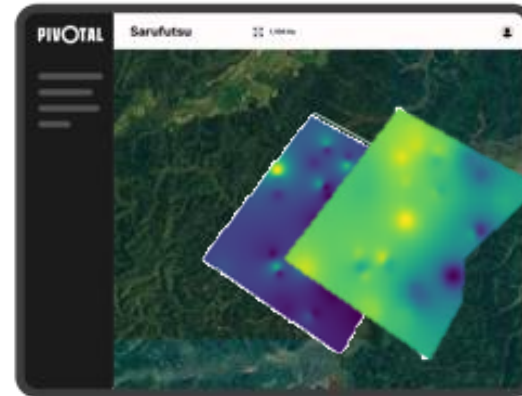
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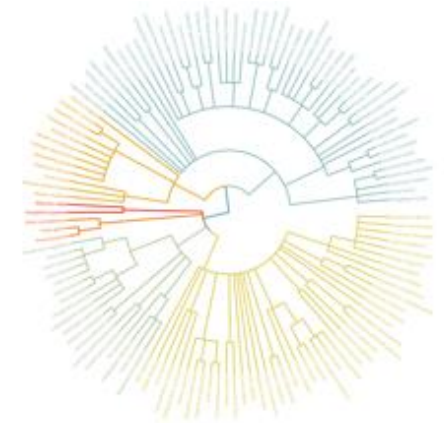
Habitat classification
& extent



Habitat health &
connectivity



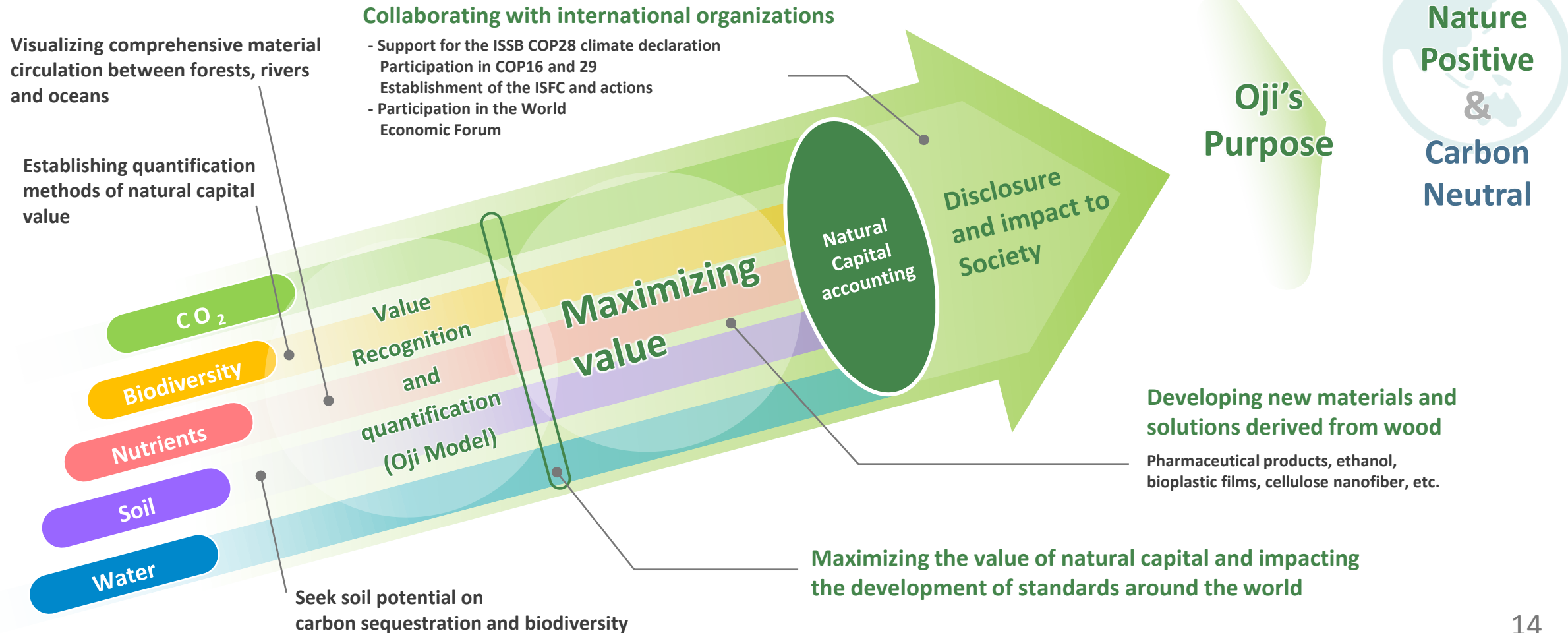
Species Richness &
Species Diversity



Taxonomic
dissimilarity

Our Challenge With Forests: Towards the Next 150 years

Because climate change and changes in natural capital affect each other, we will act to move toward the era of natural capital accounting, aiming to achieve both nature positive outcomes and carbon neutrality.





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Growing Forests, Utilizing Forests.



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Utilizing Forests

Introduction

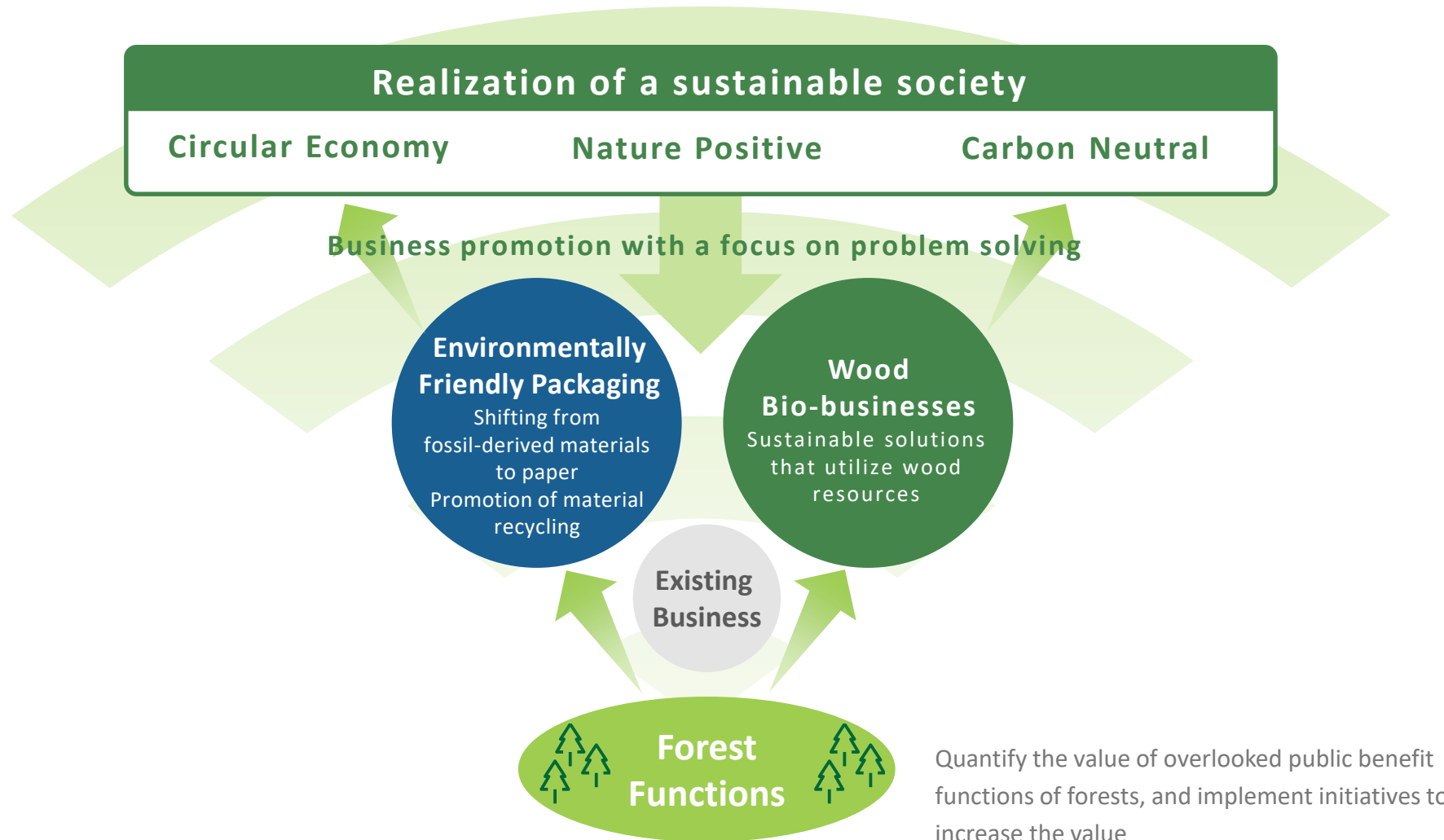
Role of Innovation Promotion Division

We aim to fully utilize our forest resources to address social issues and create new value.



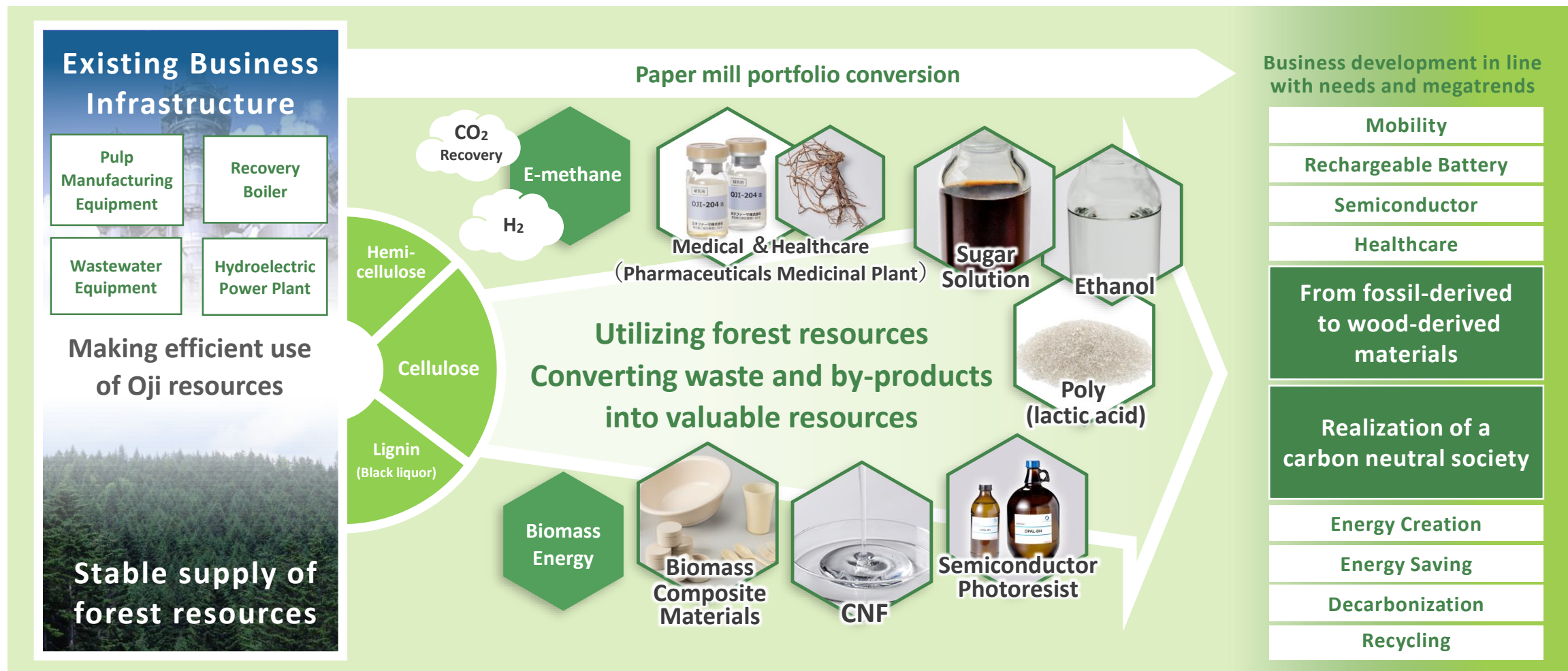
Initiatives for Sustainable Growth-State

We are promoting R&D of new materials that utilize forest resources, calling it the “wood bio-business” as a core business for the next generation. We aim to address social issues by replacing materials and products derived from fossil resources.



The Vision of Our Wood Bio-businesses

We will contribute to the realization of a carbon-neutral society through the development of wood-derived new materials, utilizing the resources of the Oji Group.



The Vision of Our Wood Bio-businesses

We will introduce four R&D themes from the Wood Bio-businesses.



Review of the FY2022 R&D IR Briefing Session

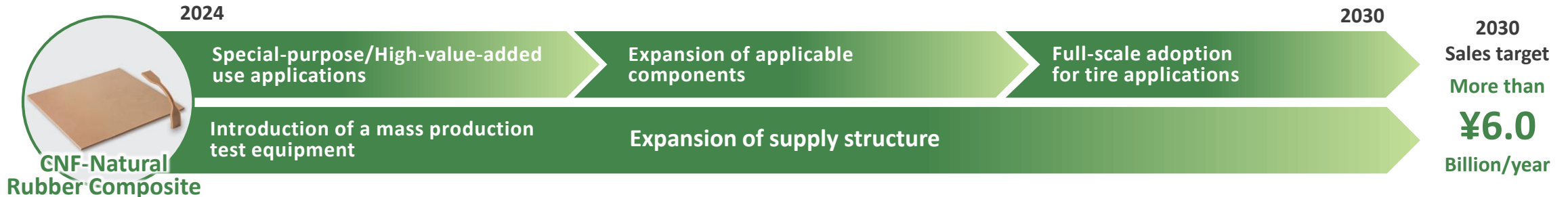
We will report on the progress of the R&D themes introduced in October 2022.



1. CNF Composite Materials

A sustainable composite material made from natural rubber and cellulose. In May 2024, we introduced a mass production test equipment.

CNF-Natural Rubber Composite



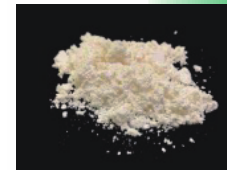
1. CNF Composite Materials

In addition to CNF-Natural rubber composite, we will introduce topics on new composite materials.

Development of Polymer Electrolyte Membrane for Fuel Cell Using CNF

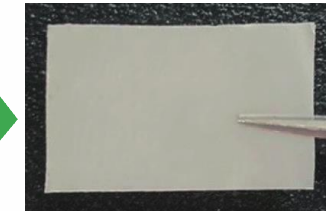
- In joint research with Yamagata University, we have succeeded in developing a polymer electrolyte membrane with our unique CNF as the main component.
- High proton conductivity and film-forming properties
- It is composed primarily of wood-derived CNF and is PFAS-free
- Possibility of application as a polymer electrolyte membrane for water electrolysis equipment that produces hydrogen

Oji's CNF



Microparticles developed By Yamagata University

Polymer Electrolyte Membrane(PEMs) using our CNF as the main component



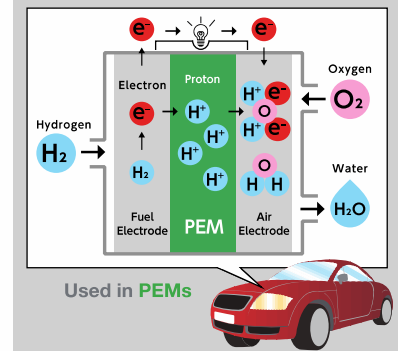
Fluorine-free

High proton conductivity

Reduction of petroleum-derived resins

※Collaboration with Yamagata Univ.

Expected for fuel cell applications

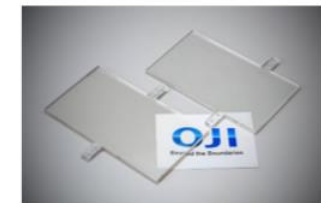
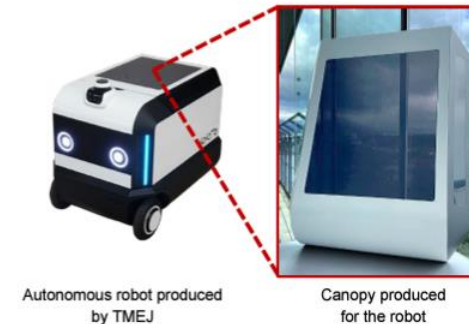


Used in PEMs



Development of an Autonomous Robot Component Using CNF

- Joint Development with Toyota Motor East Japan, Inc.
- Polycarbonate resins combined with CNF Sheets are used for the canopy
- The high transparency and rigidity of CNF enables new see-through designs. No reinforcing materials are required, contributing to simplified assembly processes and increased loading capacity.



2. Medical & Healthcare— Promoting Commercialization of Medicinal Plants (Licorice)—

Oji Medicinal Plants Laboratory Co., Ltd. has established large-scale cultivation technology for Japanese licorice, and is promoting its commercialization.

Overview

Established cultivation technology for domestic licorice in Hokkaido

- Established large-scale cultivation technology in Hokkaido
- This allows us to achieve a “sustainable business” that does not rely on collection of wild products
- High level of safety and traceability enable us to expand into the fields of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and food

With its high level of safety and traceability,
we are expanding into the fields of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and food.

Expansion into food industry

Promotion to the food and beverage industry in a form that suits the purpose



Expansion into the pharmaceuticals
and cosmetics industry



2024

Application Development and
Sales Channel Expansion

Yield Amount of Licorice

Several tons per year

Sales Expansion

20 tons / year

2030

2030
Sales Target
More than

500
Million
Yen/year

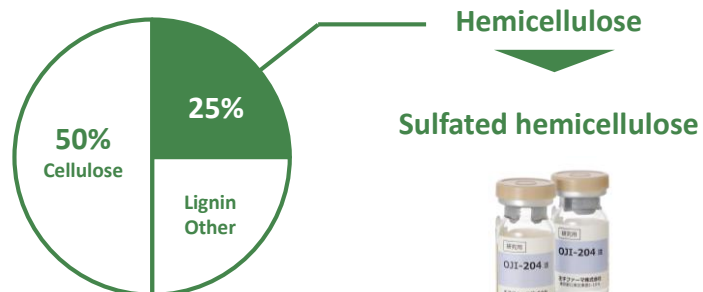


2. Medical & Healthcare— Development of Wood-derived Pharmaceuticals —

Oji Pharma Co., Ltd. will accelerate the launch of its pharmaceutical business, focusing on the development of sulfated hemicellulose-based pharmaceuticals.

Development Concept

Utilization of unused wood components,
Increasing added value



- Sustainable Development
- Halal-friendly
- Stable supply
- Reducing dependence on China

Accelerating the launch of business centered on the development of pharmaceuticals using sulfated hemicellulose



Pharmaceuticals for animal use

Currently acquiring approval for
a drug for animal use



Confirmed effectiveness for horses with walking difficulties



Pharmaceuticals for human use

Obtained the first-class and the second-class
marketing licenses for pharmaceuticals in Japan



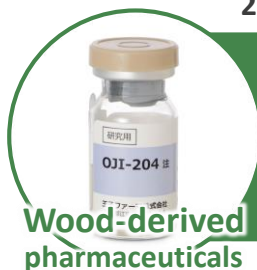
The First Class

Now possible to sell
in-house manufactured
pharmaceuticals to

The Second Class

Proprietors of pharmacies
Wholesalers
Store-based distributors
Household distributors

2024



Marketing Approval & Sales



Clinical Trials

Sales Expansion

Marketing Approval & Sales

2030

2030
Sales Target

More than

10.0

Billion/year

2. Medical & Healthcare —Sales of Kampo Products Containing Domestic Licorice—

Oji Pharma Co., Ltd., is commercializing Kampo products containing domestic licorice from Oji Medicinal Plants Laboratory Co., Ltd. .Test sales are scheduled.

Oji Pharma Co., Ltd.



R&D, manufacturing and sales
systems as a pharmaceutical company

Oji Medicinal Plants Laboratory Co., Ltd.



Cultivation technology of
Japanese licorice

Utilizing the
internal synergy
of the Oji Group

Kampo Products Containing Domestic Licorice

*Image of a product under development



Test sales are scheduled
to begin in December 2024

Announced theme for FY2024

We will explain the current situation of “sugar solution, ethanol, and polylactic acid” and “biomass photoresist for semiconductors” as a new focus of development in the biomass field.





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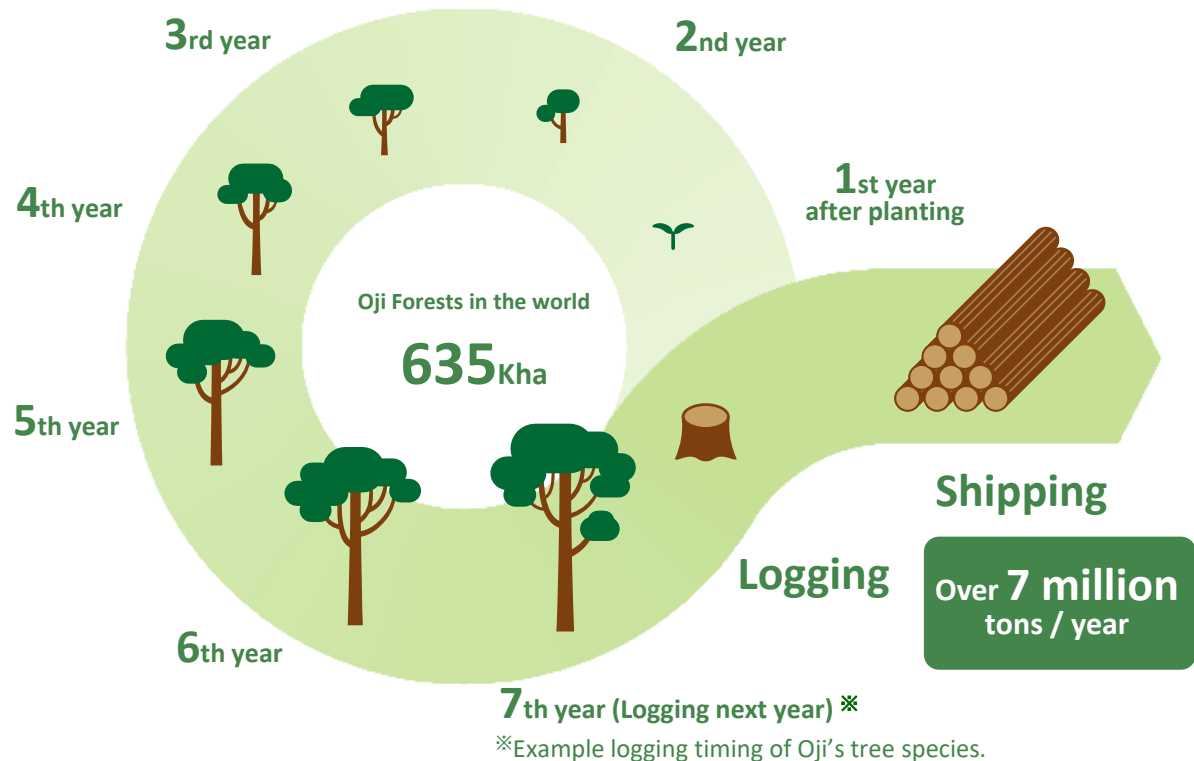
Utilizing Forests : Theme1

Utilizing Forest Resources, to Develop “Biomanufacturing Technology”

Sugar Solution • Ethanol • Poly(lactic acid) (PLA)

Value of Wood as Biomass Material

Under sustainable forest management, over 7 million tons of woods are harvested annually. Woods are utilized as low environmental impact biomass materials.



Oji's biomass,
with a focus on forests



Compared to
Agriculture

Coexistence with
food production

Reduced fertilizer amount
(Material Circulation in Forest Ecosystems)

Water source cultivation functions*

*Water storage and purification effects of forests

Utilize abundant forest resources as biomass materials with low impact on the global environment

Pulp Manufacturing Infrastructure and Biomass Energy

Energy-efficient "Kraft pulping method" and total production capacity of over 2 million tons / year in 6 domestic mills.

Tomakomai Mill



Kasugai Mill



Yonago Mill



Efficient pulp manufacturing method with minimal waste in chemicals and energy

Tomioka Mill



Kure Mill



Nichinan Mill



“Kraft Pulping Method”

Combustion of
black liquor
(lignin, etc.) in a
recovery boiler



Utilization of biomass energy generated
during the pulp manufacturing process

Pulp production capacity

Over
2 million
tons / year

Pulp manufacturing using sustainable forest resources and renewable energy

Market Trends and Oji Group's Competitive Advantage

Develop eco-friendly biomass (wood-derived) alternative materials, leveraging Oji's competitive advantage, to meet market demands

【Oji Group's Competitive Advantage】

Value of wood as biomass

Wood is a biomass material with a low impact on the global environment.

Pulp manufacturing infrastructure

Pulp = Substitute raw material for fossil resources
Domestic pulp production volume of over 2 million tons/year

Biomass energy

Lean circulation system
Black liquor combusted in recovery boilers.

Domestic demand for paper is slowing down. To utilize forest resources, business structure transformation is essential.



【National policies (Social trends)】

*National target for 2030

Biofuels

(SAF, Bioethanol-gasoline blends)

10% of domestic fuel will be replaced with SAF

Biomass plastic

(Plastic Resource Recycling Strategy)

2 millions tons/year will be introduced

Biomanufacturing revolution

Biomass x Microbes
→ Substitutes for fossil-derived materials

Commercialization of various bio-based chemicals

Carbon neutral measures are being promoted in various fields.

1. Wood-derived Sugar Solution

Expectations for a wide range of applications as a key material in biomanufacturing



2. Wood-derived Ethanol

Demonstration of production and application of bioethanol from pulp



3. Wood-derived PLA

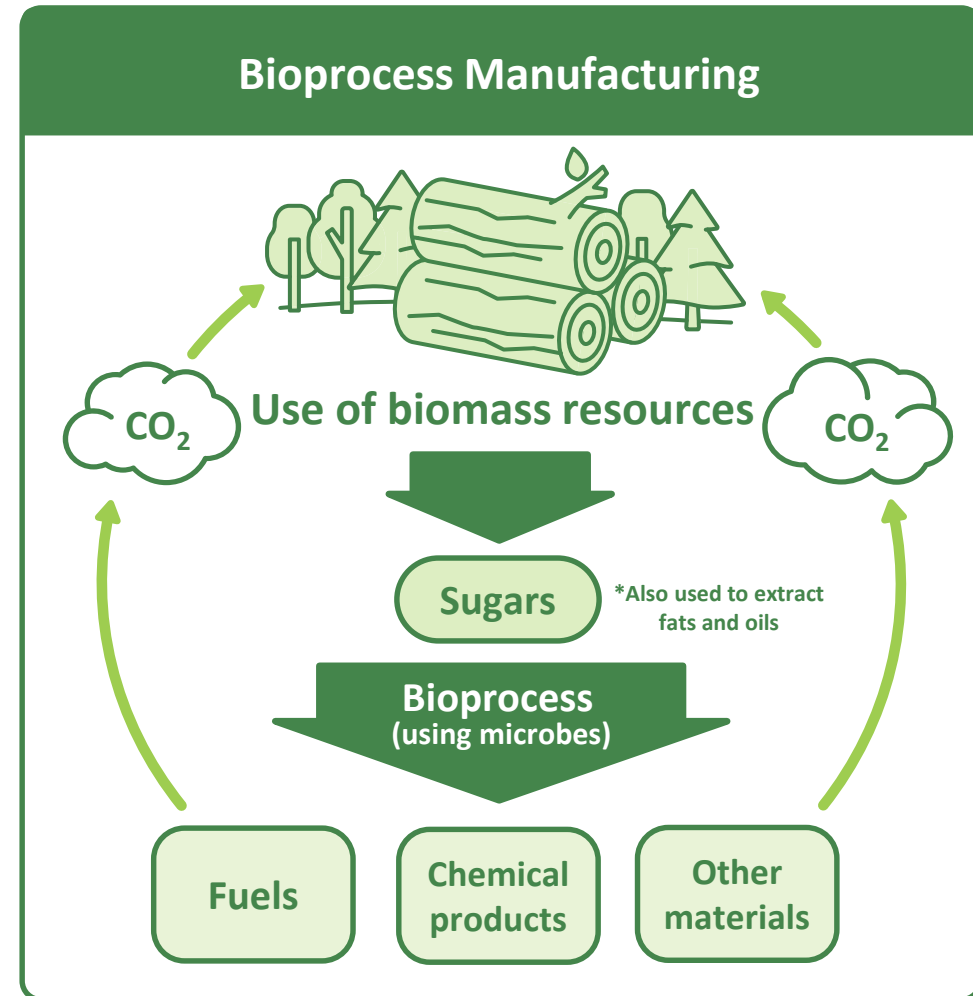
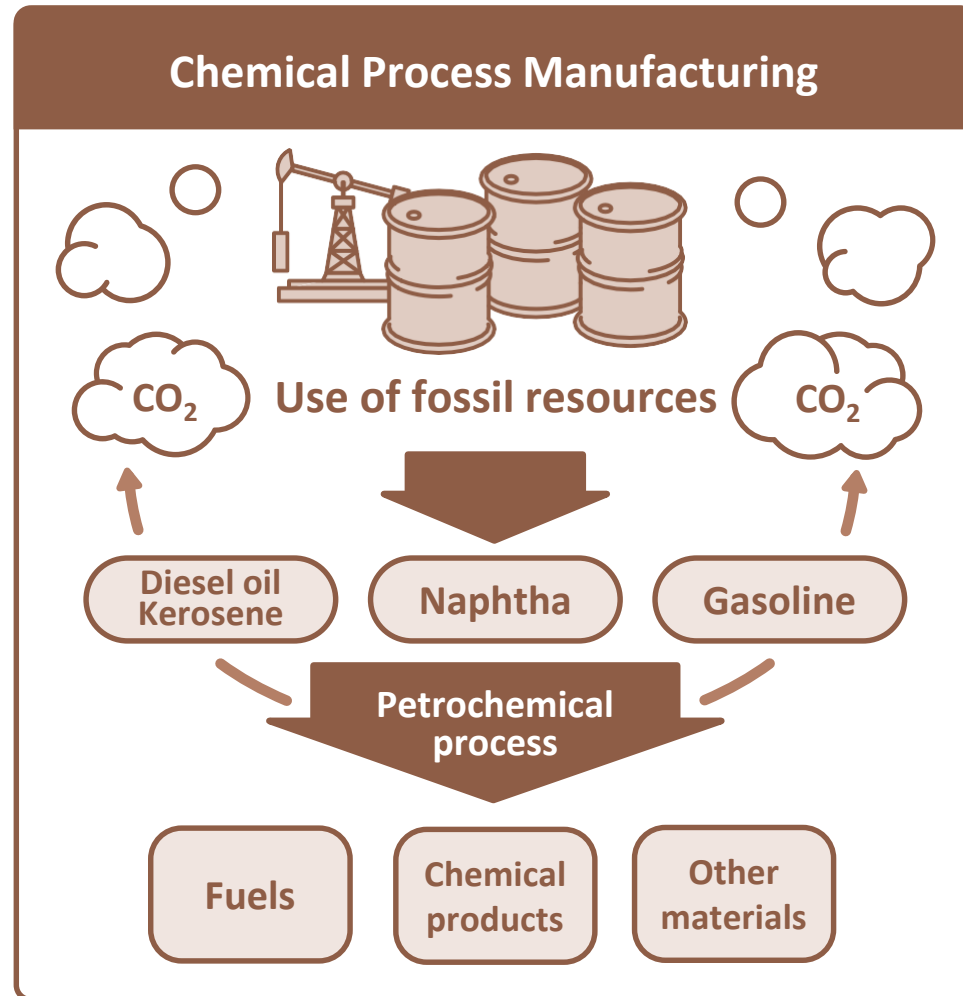
Demonstration of production and application of PLA, a type of biomass plastic made from pulp



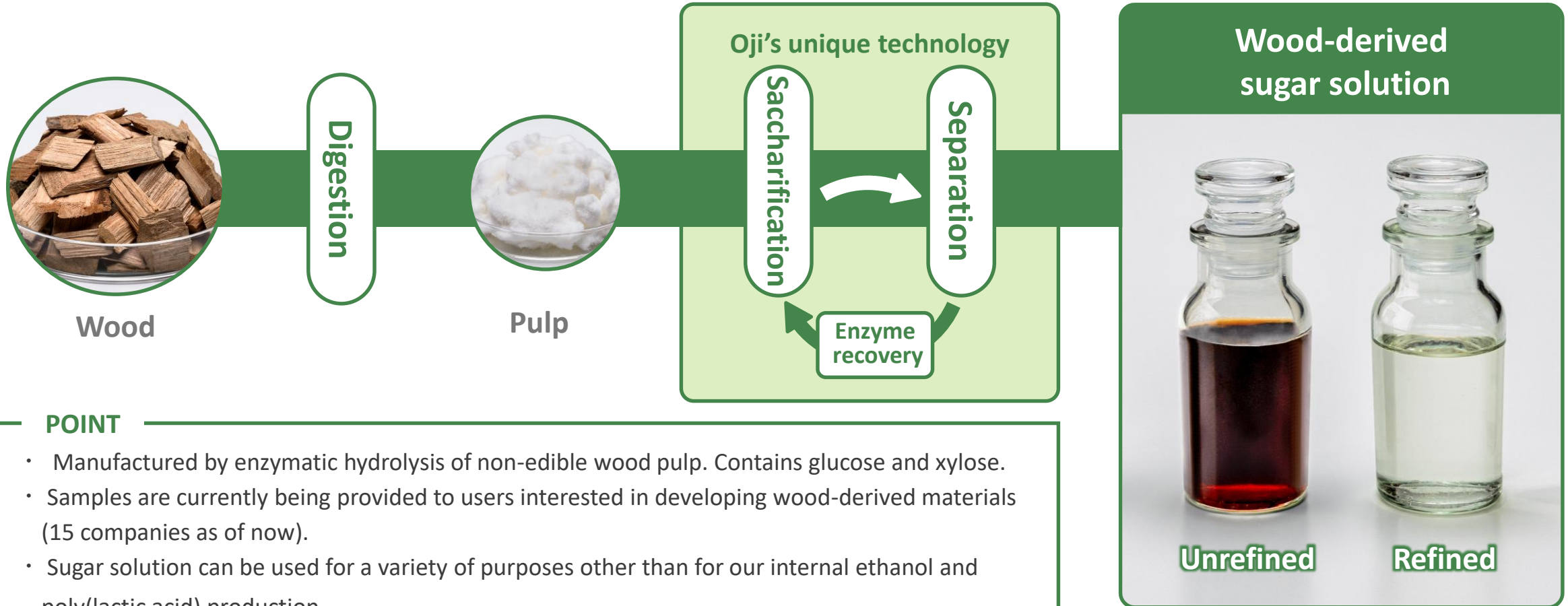
Leverage Oji's competitive advantage to develop alternative wood-derived materials to meet market demands and replace fossil resources.

1. Sugar Solution : Biomass Materials World Trends

Growing momentum to commercialize a wide range of wood-derived chemicals that do not rely on fossil resources



1. Sugar Solution : Oji’s Wood-derived Sugar Solution



POINT

- Manufactured by enzymatic hydrolysis of non-edible wood pulp. Contains glucose and xylose.
- Samples are currently being provided to users interested in developing wood-derived materials (15 companies as of now).
- Sugar solution can be used for a variety of purposes other than for our internal ethanol and poly(lactic acid) production.

Expecting growing demand for the sugar solution, a raw material for “biomanufacturing”

2. Bioethanol : World Trends

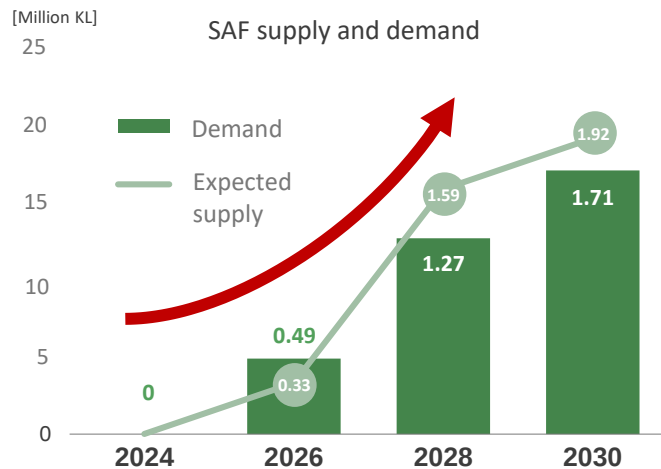
Key bioethanol-derived materials with potential for significant market expansion

* Synthetic rubber, especially raw materials for automobile tires

Biofuels (SAF, Bioethanol-gasoline blends)



The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism has set a target of “replacing 10% of the fuel used by Japanese airlines with SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel)” as the amount of SAF used in 2030.

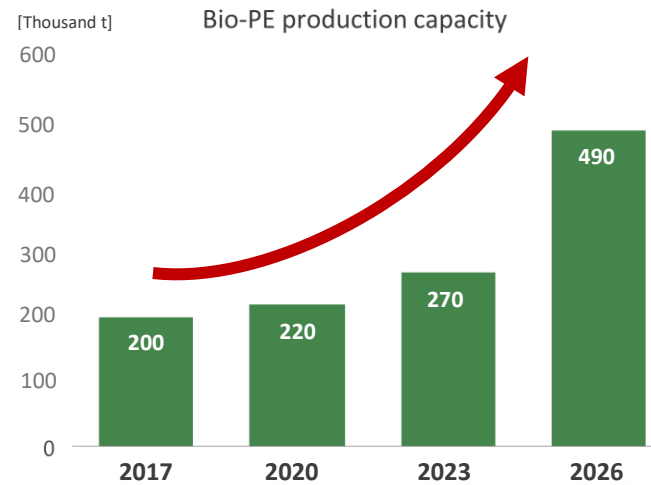


Prepared by our company based on “Interim Summary (Draft) of Policies for Promoting the Introduction of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)” (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) (https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/energy_environment/saf/pdf/003_07_00.pdf)

Biomass plastic (Bio-PE, PP)



Demand for bio-based PE and PP is growing, especially for flexible packaging materials.

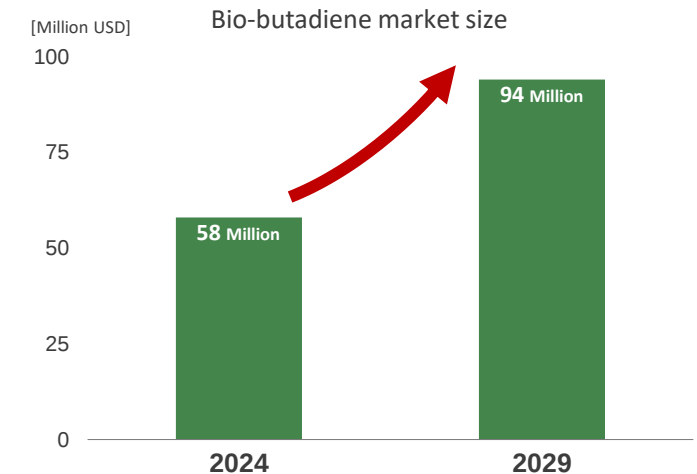


Prepared by our company based on “Bioplastic Market Development Update 2017, 2020, 2023” (European Bioplastics Association) (<https://www.european-bioplastics.org/market/>) (also referred to past data)

Biomass-derived synthetic rubber (Butadiene*)

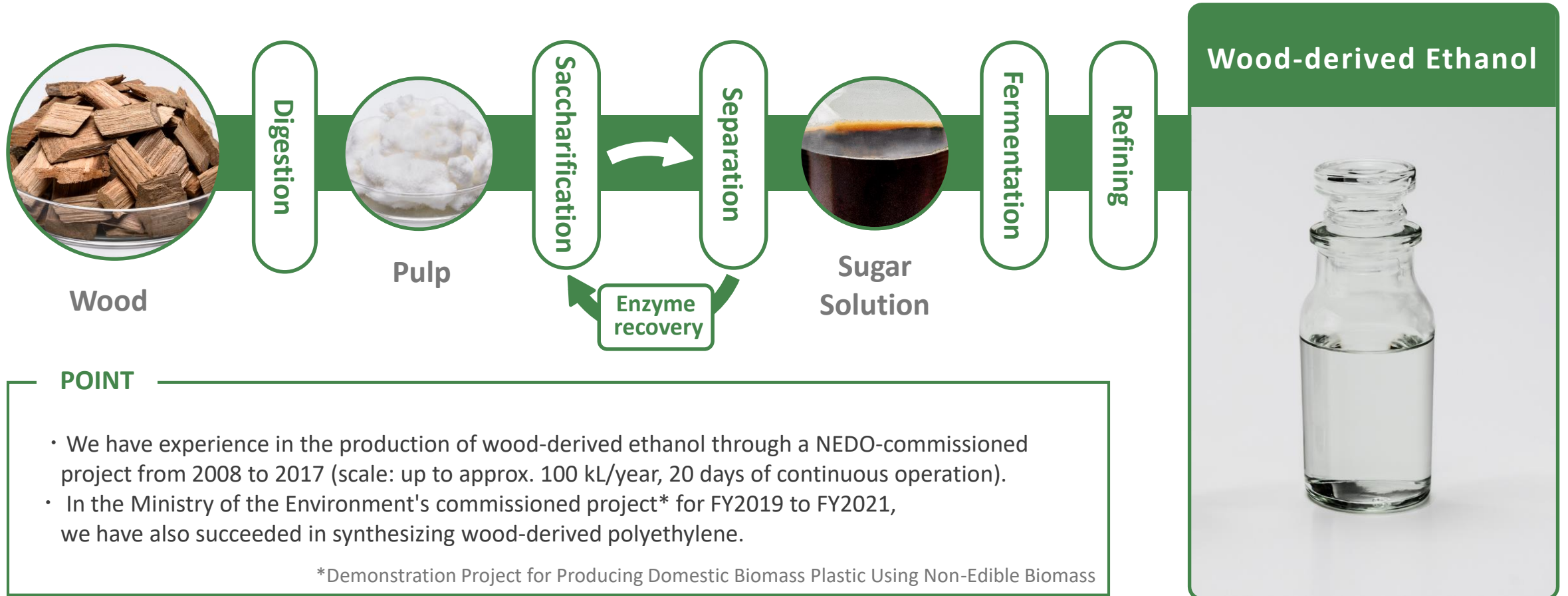


Market expansion is expected, once the value of bio-conversion is recognized, such as the aim to make sustainable materials for tire rubber of major manufacturers.



Prepared by our company based on <https://www.gii.co.jp/report/mama1488306-bio-butadiene-market-by-type-sbr-sbl-nbr-abs-pb.html>

2. Bioethanol : Oji's Wood-derived Ethanol



POINT

- We have experience in the production of wood-derived ethanol through a NEDO-commissioned project from 2008 to 2017 (scale: up to approx. 100 kL/year, 20 days of continuous operation).
- In the Ministry of the Environment's commissioned project* for FY2019 to FY2021, we have also succeeded in synthesizing wood-derived polyethylene.

*Demonstration Project for Producing Domestic Biomass Plastic Using Non-Edible Biomass

It is expected to enter a market where demand is expanding significantly

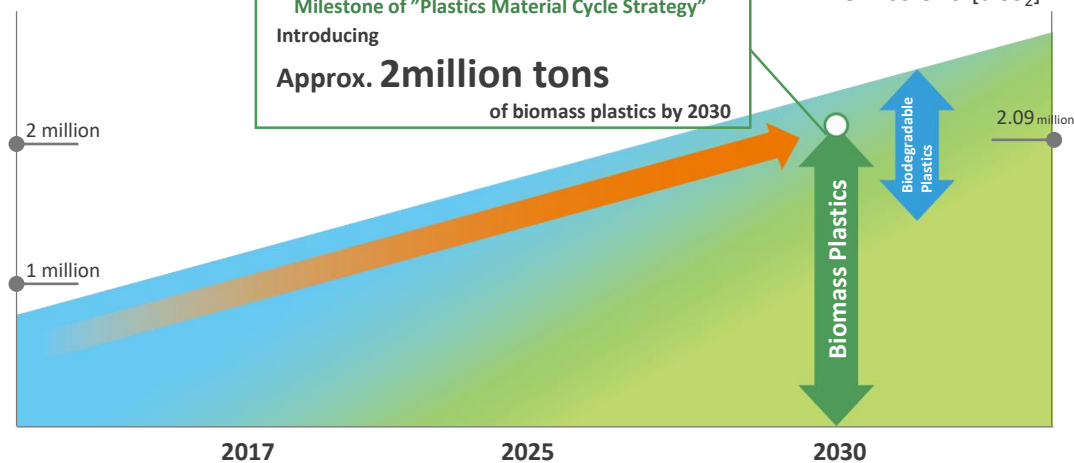
3. PLA : World Trends

Representative biomass plastics with potential for large-scale market expansion

Domestic Trends

According to “Plastics Material Cycle Strategy” by Ministry of the Environment (Formulated in May 2019), they will introduce 2 million tons of biomass plastics by 2030

Amount of biomass plastic introduced in Japan [t]



This table was created by our company by processing the “Bioplastic Introduction Roadmap - Towards the Sustainable Use of Plastics” (Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). (<https://www.env.go.jp/content/900534511.pdf>)

Overseas Trends

The production of biomass plastics is also growing worldwide.

Among these, polylactic acid is a typical biomass plastic that is growing worldwide (CAGR of over 15%)

Global bioplastic production capacity (forecast for 2028)

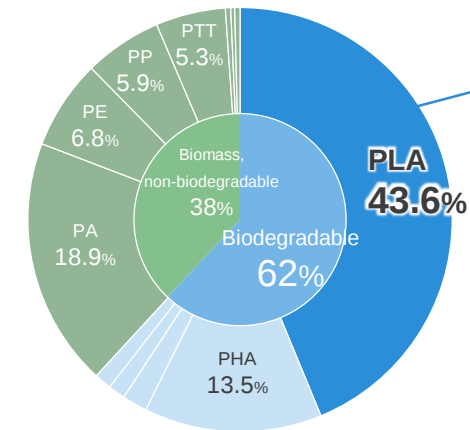
Production Capacity
7.43 million tons

[Biodegradable]

PLA/ 43.6%
PHA / 13.5%
SCPC / 1.9%
PBS / 0.3
PBAT / 1.3
CR / 1.3

[Biomass, non-biodegradable]

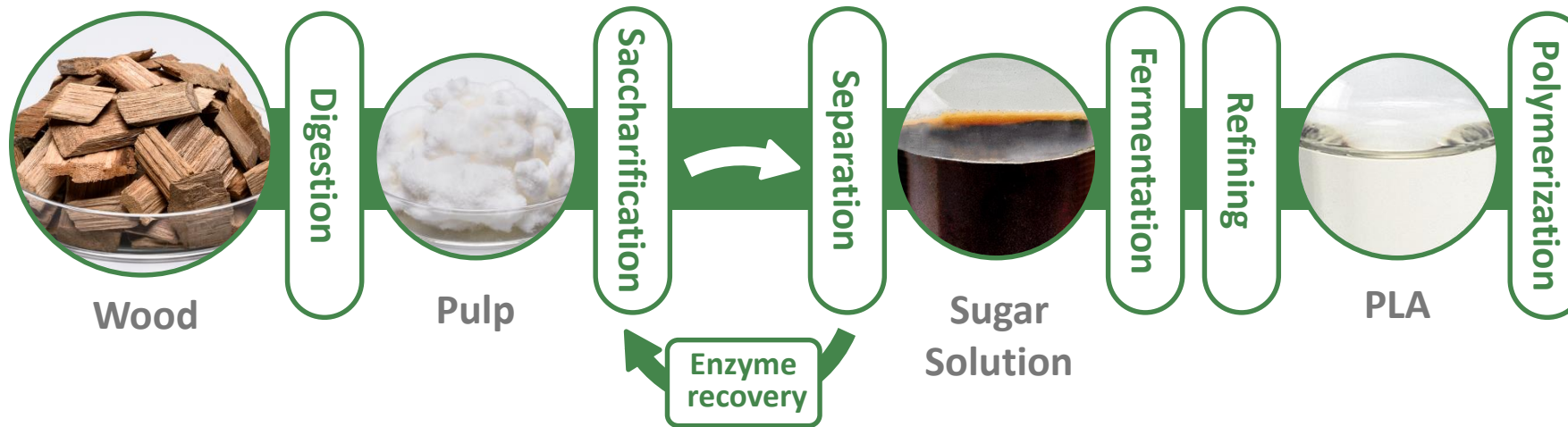
PA / 18.9
PEF / 0.3
PE / 6.8
PET / 0.4
PTT / 5.3
PP / 5.9
Others/ 0.4



PLA accounts for about 40% of the total.

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3. PLA : Oji's Wood-derived PLA



Wood-derived PLA



Poly(lactic acid) film

POINT

Development of commercial-grade PLA

We have demonstrated that it is possible to obtain PLA of a quality equivalent to that of commercial products from wood, and we will be conducting user work, etc. in the future, including for our own group's products (films, non-woven fabrics, paper laminates, etc.).

Development of PLA-based composite materials

Conducting joint research with Osaka University to supplement the mechanical properties and marine biodegradability of PLA.

Published two academic papers in international journals→

Biodegradable poly(lactic acid) and polycaprolactone alternating multiblock copolymers with controllable mechanical properties

Atsuki Takagi^{a,b}, Yu-I Hsu^{a,*}, Hiroshi Uyama^{a,*}

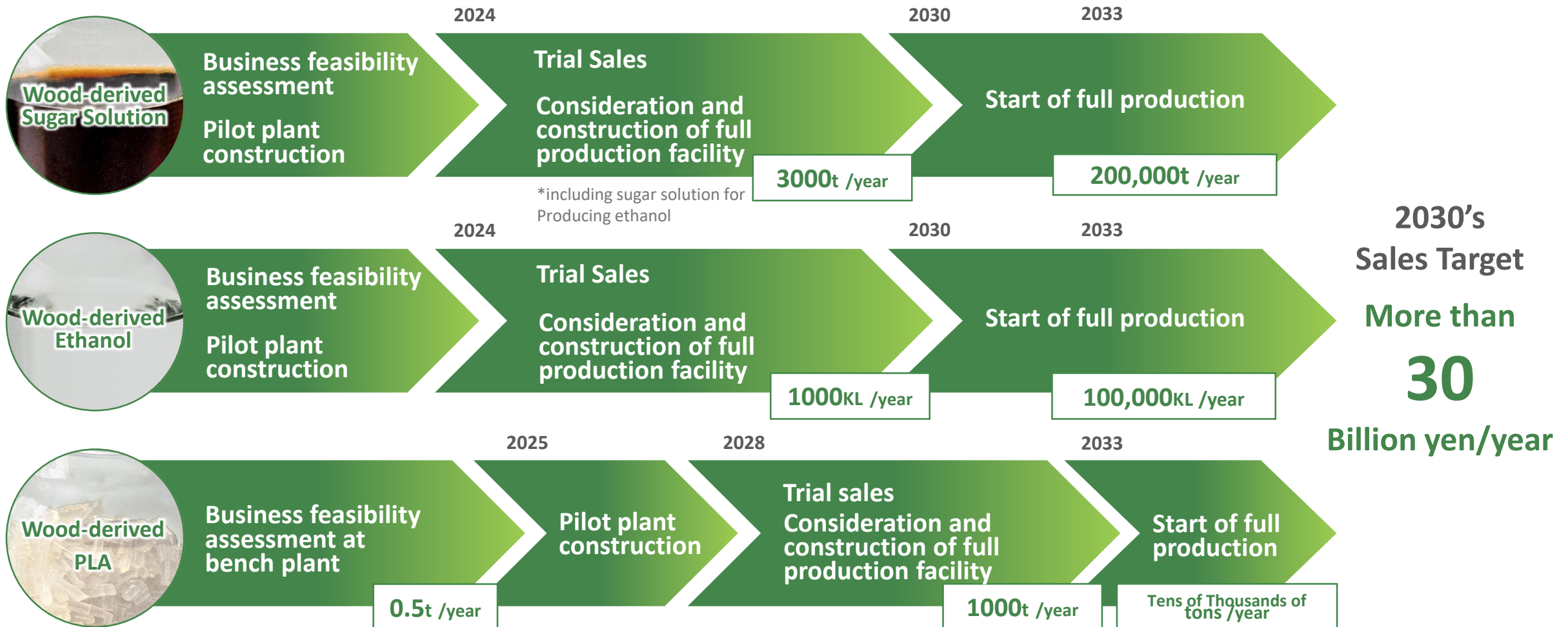
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ABSTRACT

Proceed with sample work and accelerate social implementation

Future Plans



Utilizing Forest Resources, to Develop “Biomanufacturing Technology”

Set Up of Bench Plant for Wood-derived PLA

Successful synthesis of "wood-derived PLA" at the world's first bench plant installed at the Biochemical Research Center (Edogawa)



Bench Plant for the synthesis of wood-derived polylactic acid

※2024/5/13 Press Released



Selected as a commissioned project and subsidized project of the Ministry of the Environment

2019-2021 : “Demonstration Project for a Plastic Resources Circulation System toward a Decarbonized Society”

2022-2023 : “Project to Promote the Establishment of a Decarbonized Circular Economy System”

Optimizing manufacturing conditions, etc., and proceed with sample work, accelerating the implementation of paper lamination and film applications in society!

Utilizing Forest Resources, to Develop “Biomanufacturing Technology”

Set Up of Pilot Plant for Wood-derived Sugar Solution and Ethanol

Constructing a pilot plant for "wood-derived sugar solution" and "wood-derived ethanol" at Oji Paper Yonago Mill



【Equipment capacity】

Sugar solution
Ethanol

Up to 3,000 t/year
Up to 1,000 kl/year

Pilot plant for wood-derived sugar solution/ethanol
(At the start of construction)



*2023/5/12
Press Released

Support from Tottori
Prefecture, Hiezu
Village, and Yonago City

Signing ceremony for
agreement between the
four parties
(December 22, 2023)

【Scheduled completion】

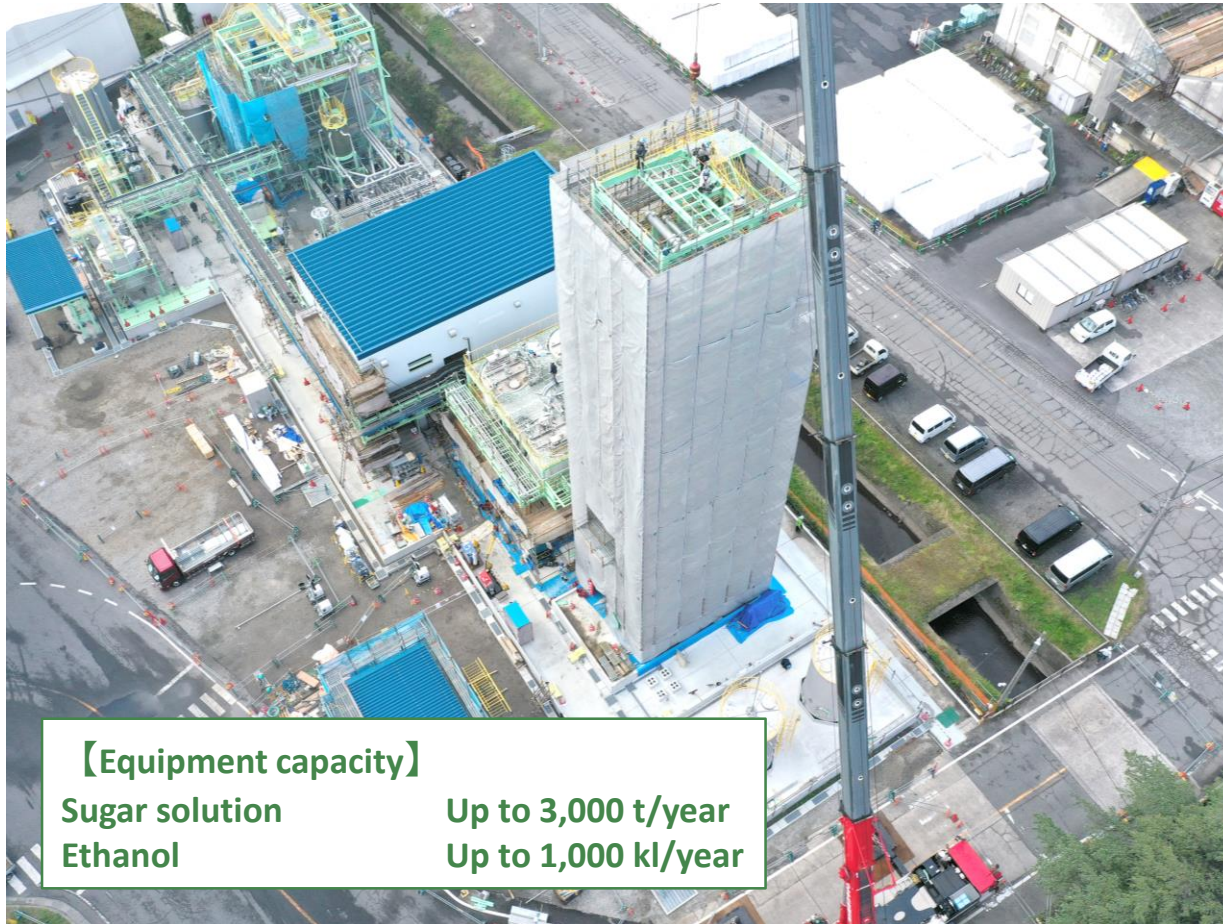
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(Near completion (as of November 21))



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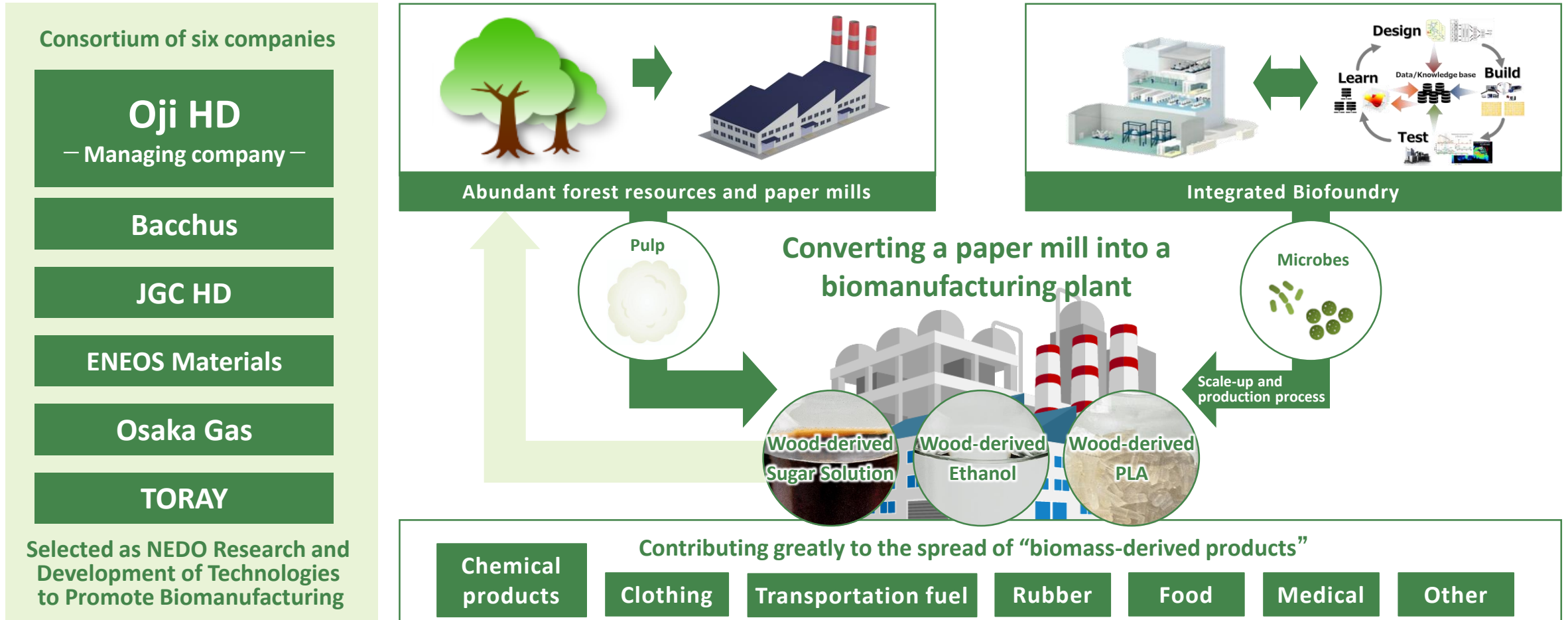
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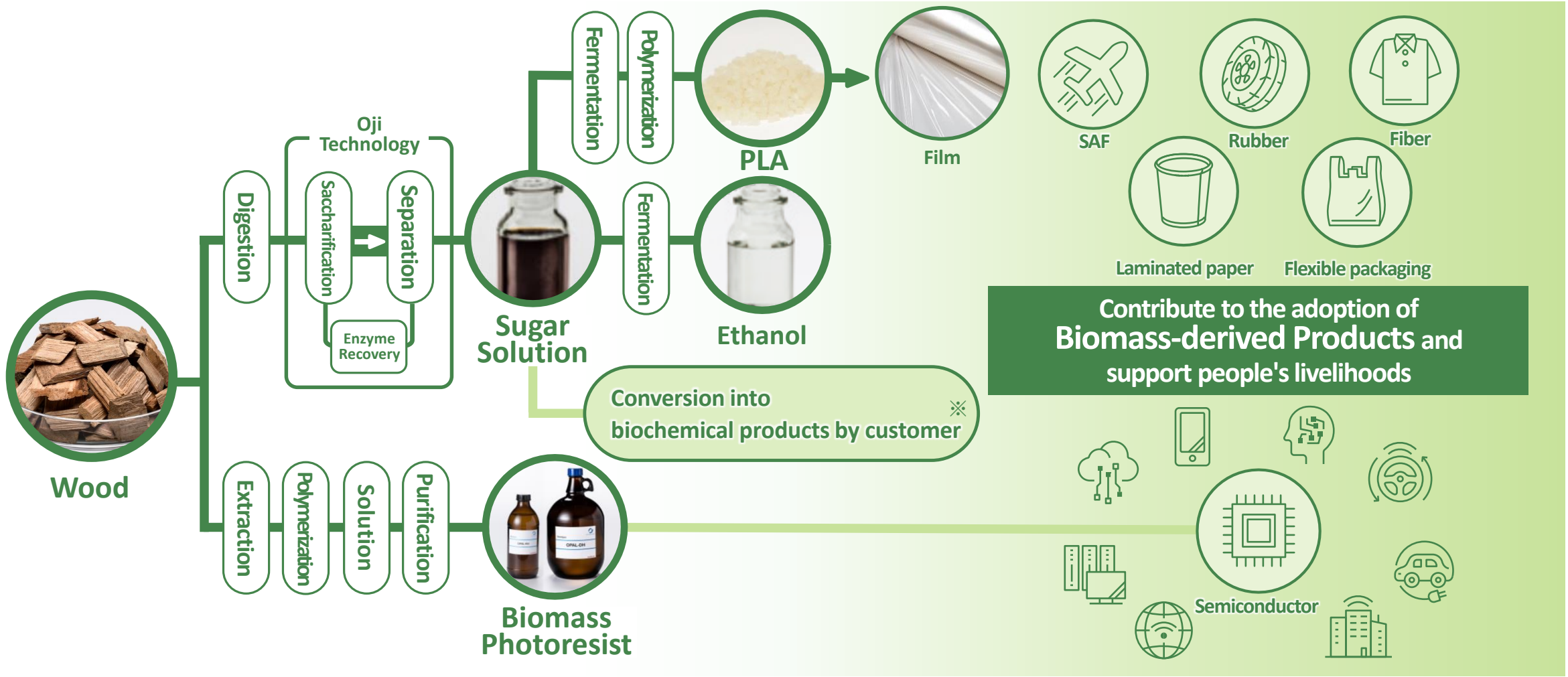
Ecosystem for Biomanufacturing

Convert paper mills into biomanufacturing mill to create a competitive biomanufacturing hub.

*2024/7/29 Press Released



Leveraging Biotechnology for Significant Societal Contributions



※ Biochemical production companies produce petroleum alternative materials by combining fermentation and other technologies.
“PLA” and “Ethanol” are representative examples of biochemical products produced by OJI

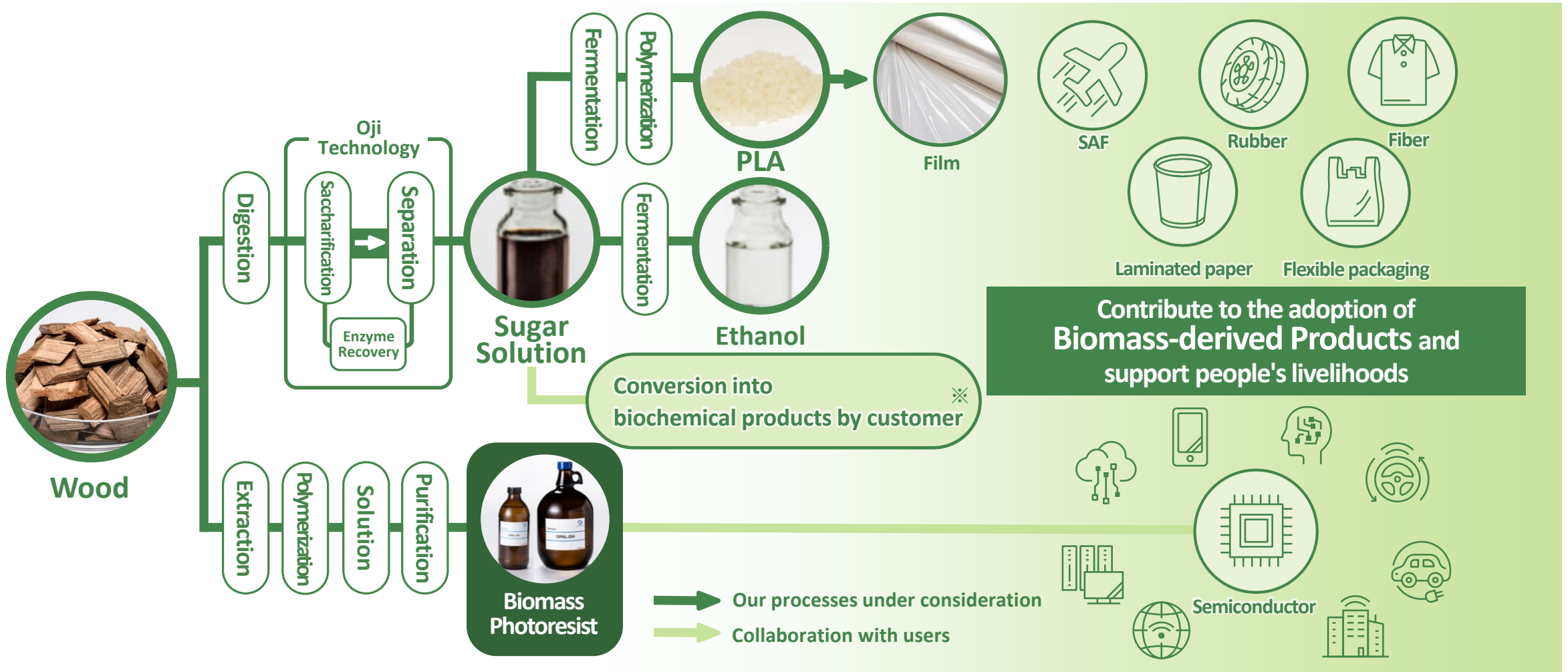
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Utilizing Forests : Theme2

Utilizing Forest Resources, Development of Advanced Biomass Photoresist for Semiconductor Applications

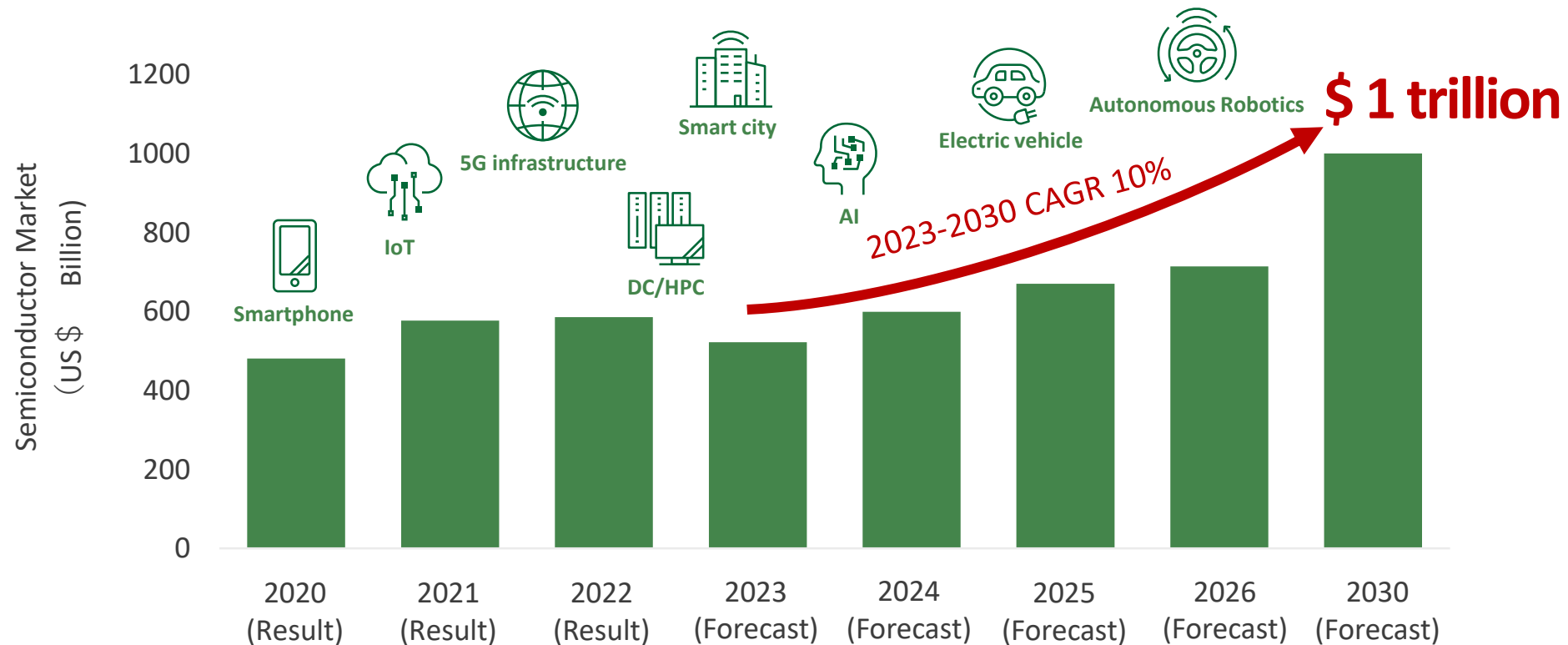
Positioning in Oji Group's Bioconversion

Contribute to decarbonization by replacing petroleum-based fuels and plastics with “wood-based” alternatives



Market Trends of Semiconductors

The semiconductor market is expected to reach \$1 trillion by 2030, driven by increasing demand in areas such as AI and autonomous driving.

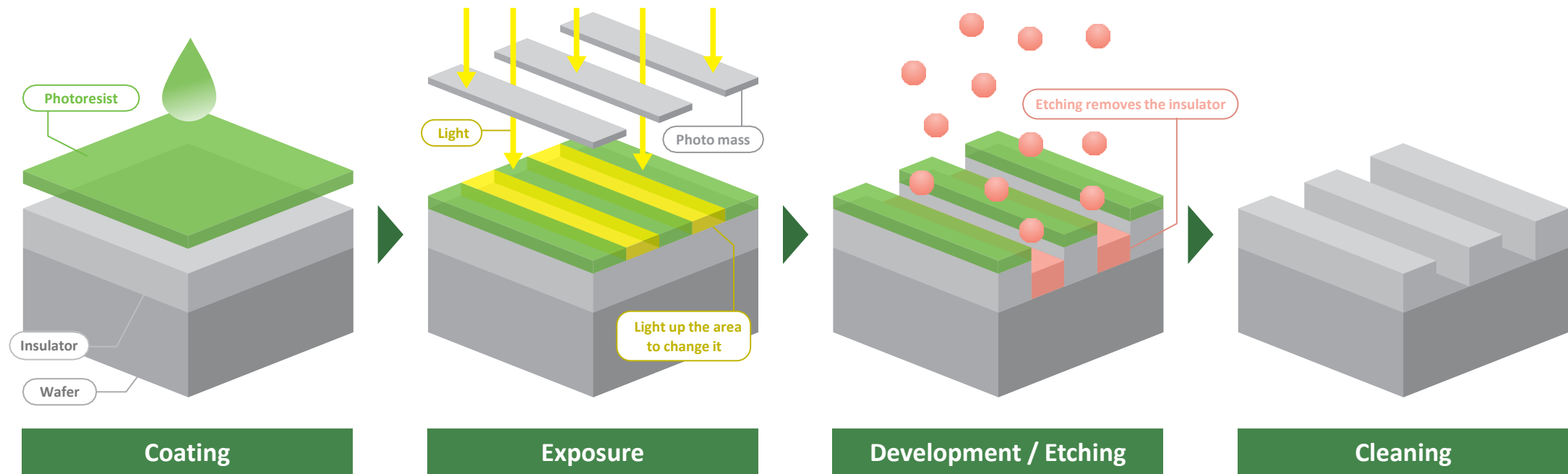


Created by Oji based on data from SEMI Japan (https://eetimes.itmedia.co.jp/ee/articles/2401/16/news094_2.html)

Market expansion and performance improvements are needed

What is Photoresist?

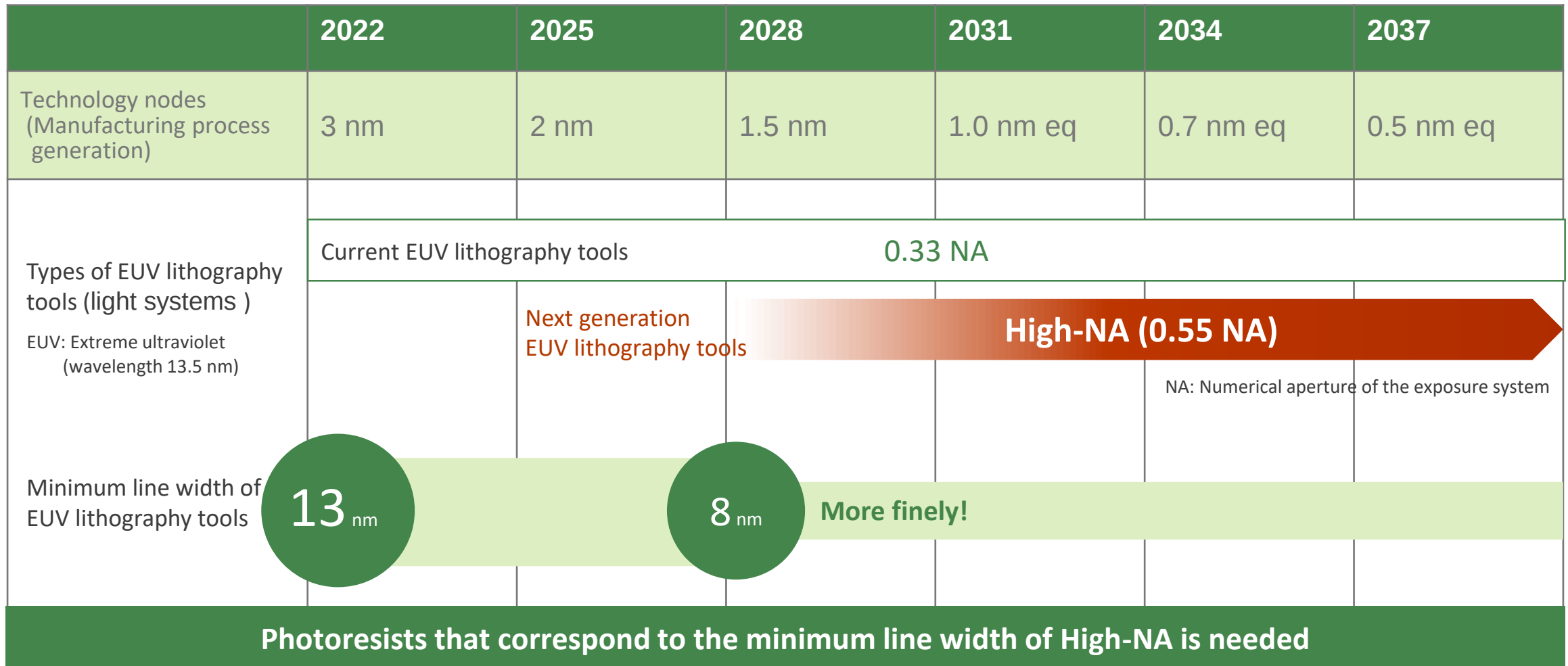
Photosensitive materials are used to form circuit patterns in semiconductors. They typically consist of polymers, photosensitizers, and solvents. As performance improves, there is a growing demand for advancements in fine patterning technologies for circuit patterns.



Further miniaturization of semiconductors requires technological advancements in exposure equipments , photoresists, and more

Technology Roadmap for Miniaturizing Semiconductors

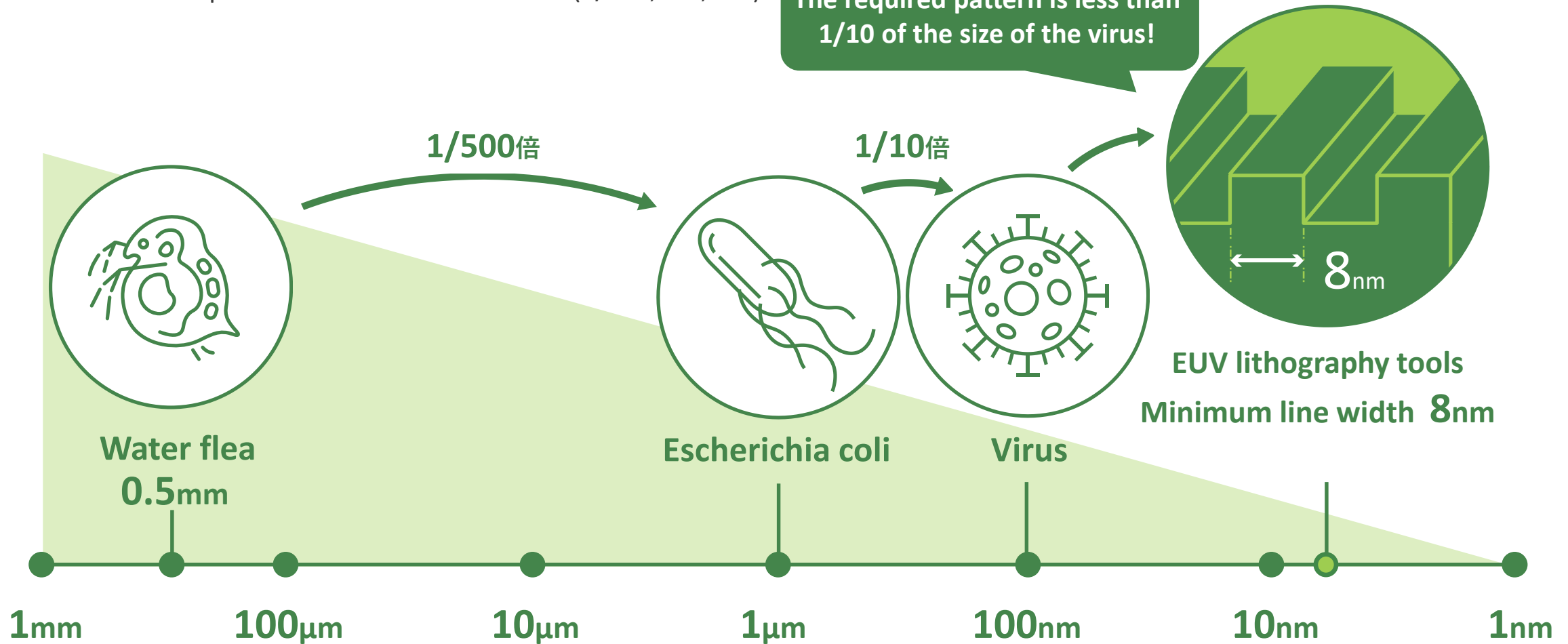
The next-generation EUV lithography system, High-NA, is expected to be introduced to the market around 2027.



What is a Nanometer?

One nanometer is equal to one billionth of a meter (1/100,000,000)

The required pattern is less than 1/10 of the size of the virus!



Oji Group's Biomass Photoresists

A new type of EUV resist enabled by “wood-derived” biomass materials

1 Non-edible biomass materials derived from wood

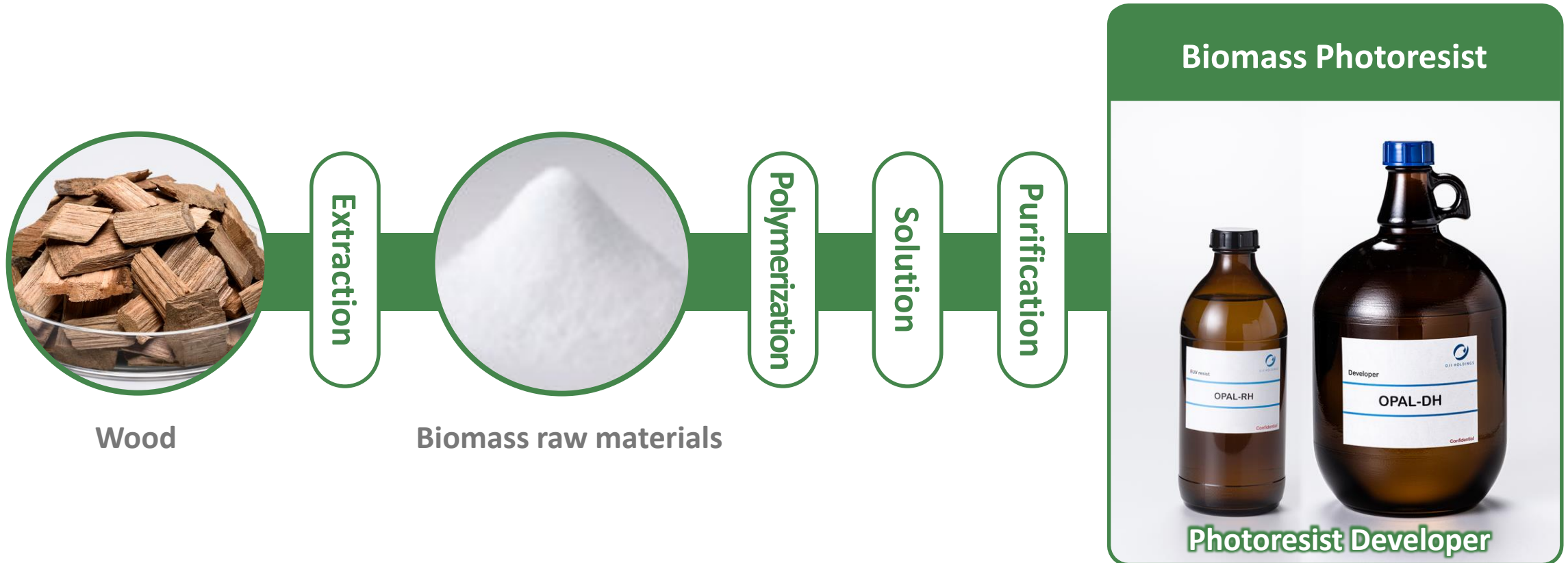
2 Achieving PFAS-free raw materials

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1. Non-edible Biomass Materials Derived from Wood

Using proprietary technology, we achieved semiconductor-grade quality by extracting and synthesizing wood-derived biomass.



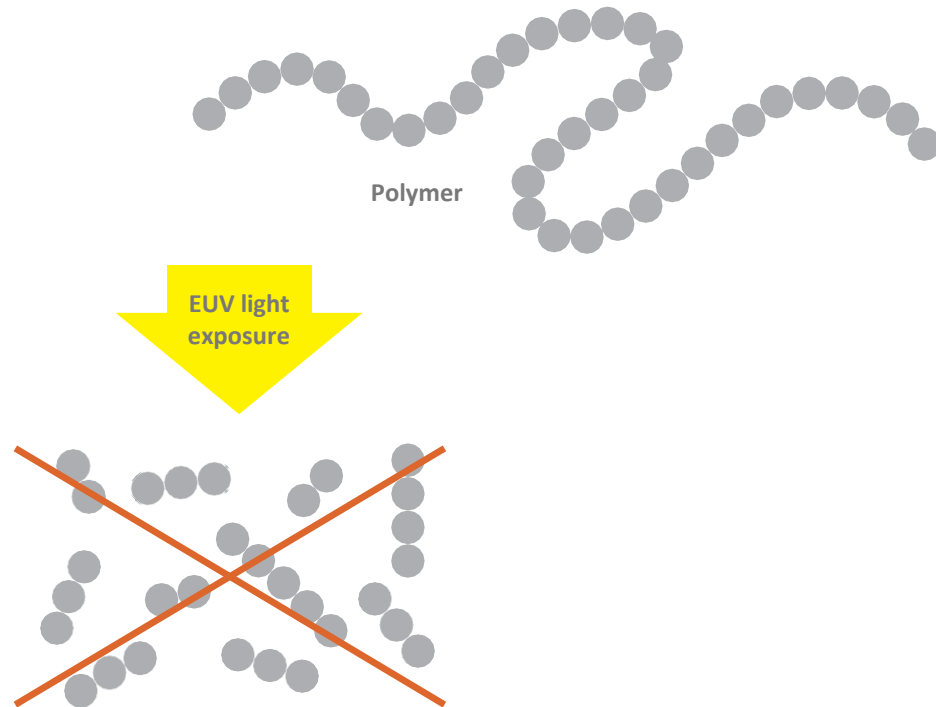
World's first EUV photoresist made with environmentally friendly and high-performance technology

2. Achieving PFAS-free Raw Materials

To meet PFAS regulations, the development of PFAS-free photoresists is essential.
PFAS is known to be persistent, bioaccumulative, and potentially harmful to human health.

※A general term for perfluoroalkyl compounds and polyfluoroalkyl compounds

Conventional Photoresist



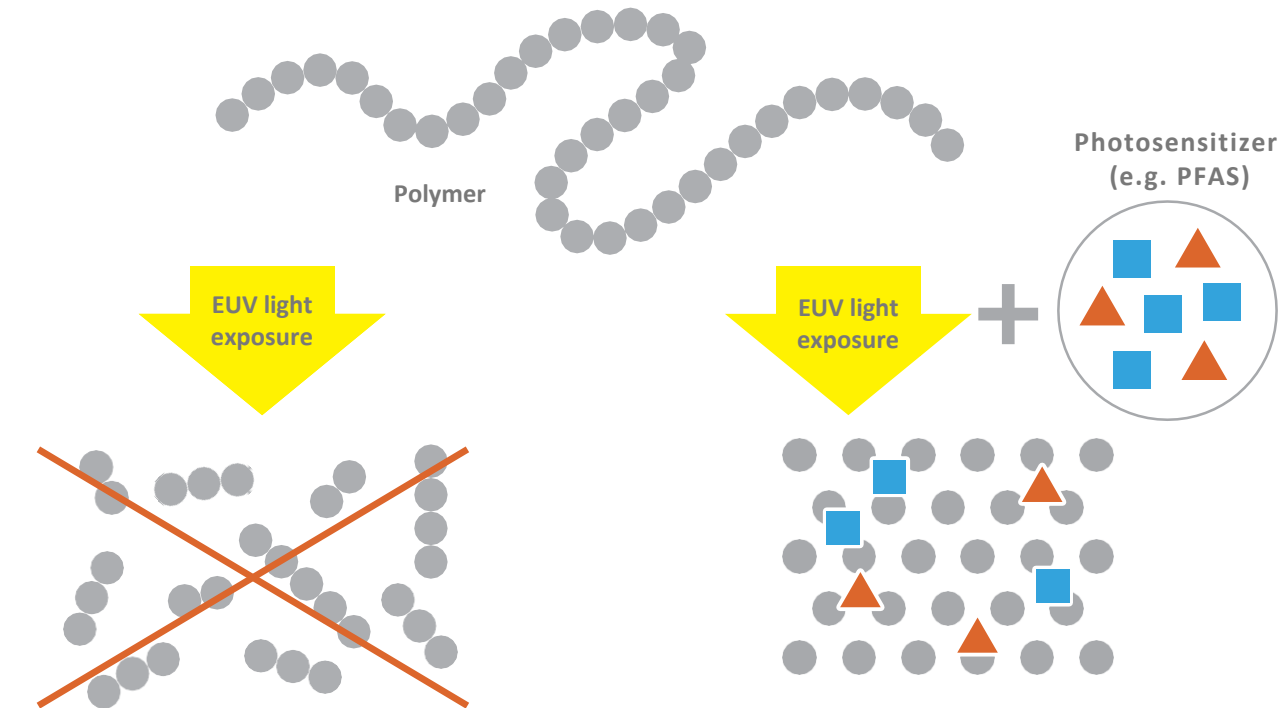
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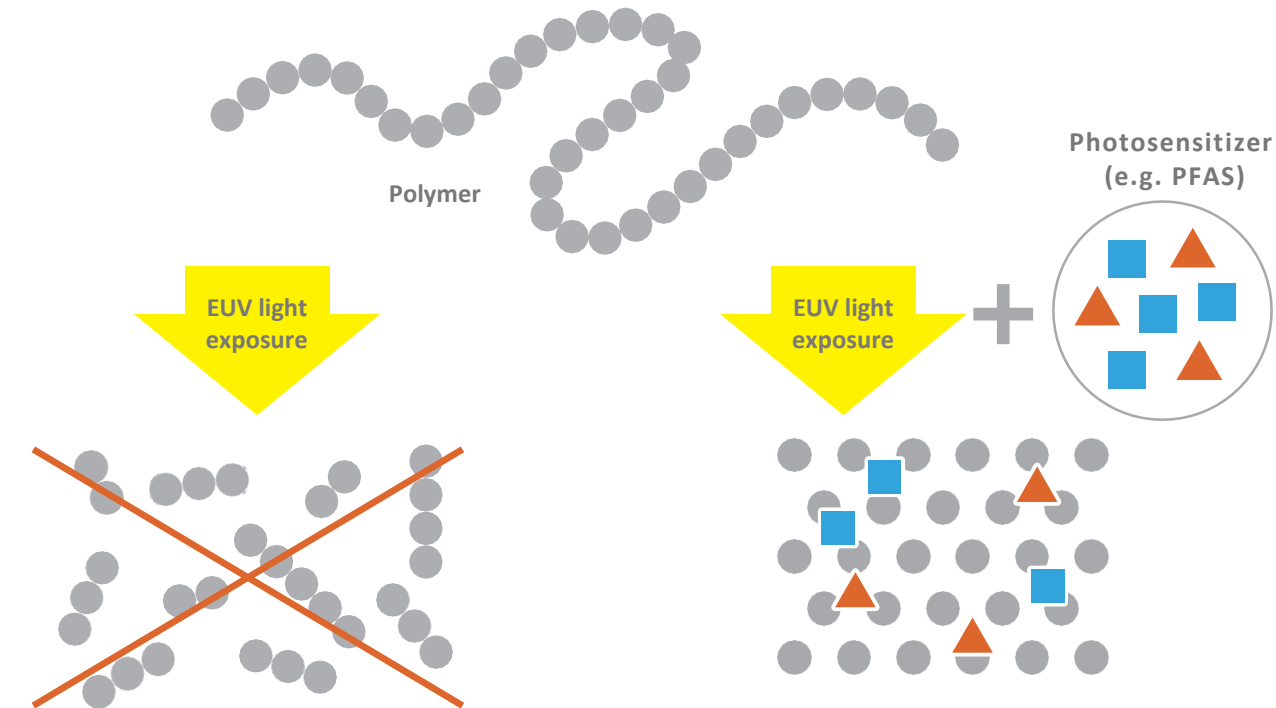
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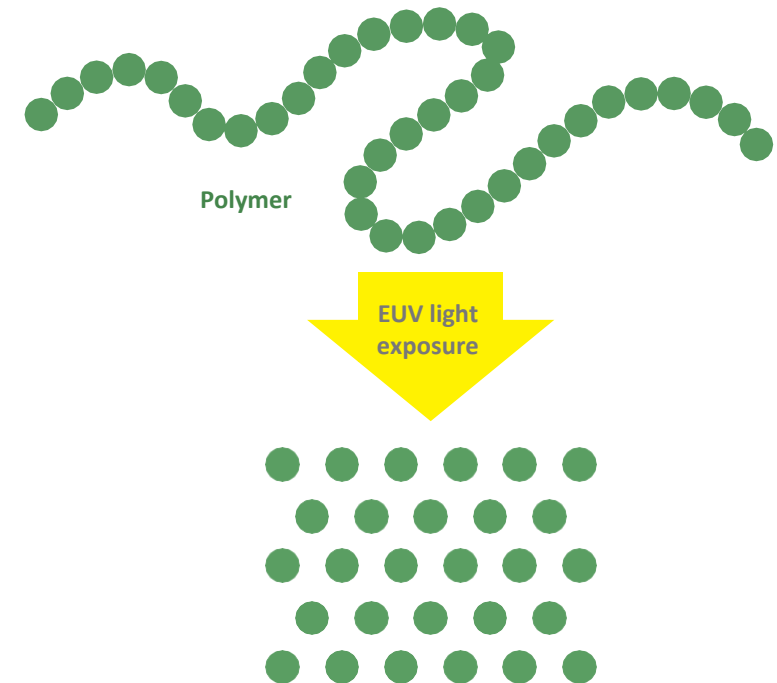
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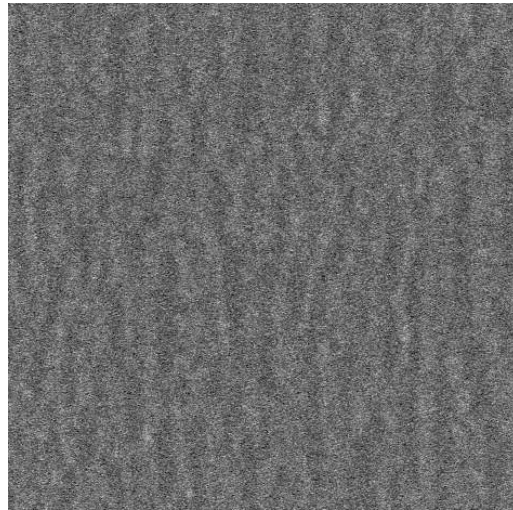
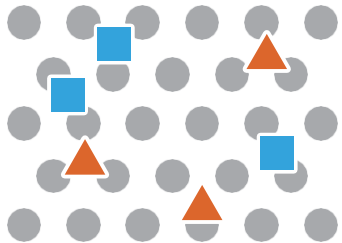
There is no need for PFAS
because the polymer itself has high light sensitivity.

3. Achieving High Resolution for Next-gen EUV Lithography

Oji Group's biomass resist is compatible with the next-generation EUV lithography system, High-NA

Conventional Photoresist

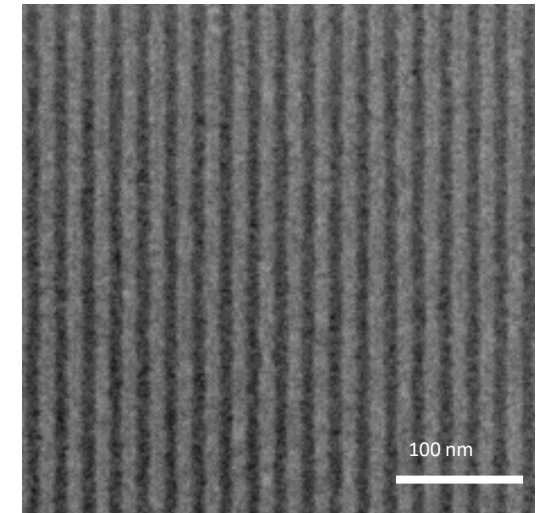
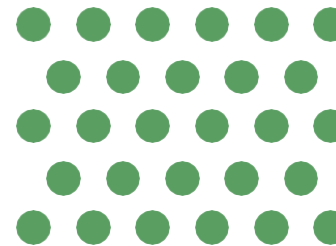
Challenging to achieve precise pattern formation due to complex composition of multiple components.



Pattern Example
(Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)
image of photoresist pattern)

Oji's Photoresist

Achieve uniform and precise pattern formation without the use of additives such as PFAS.



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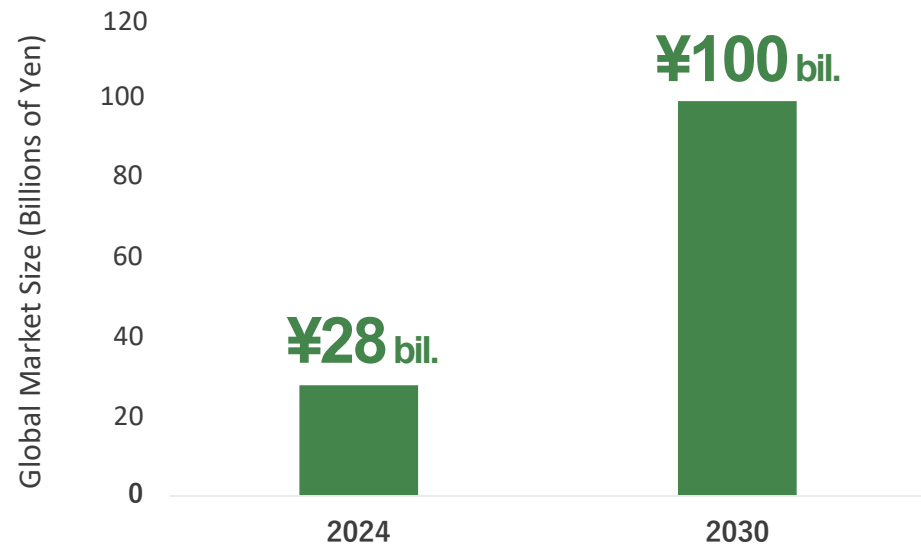
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Market Trends of Semiconductor Photoresists

The photoresist market is growing with the expansion of the semiconductor market

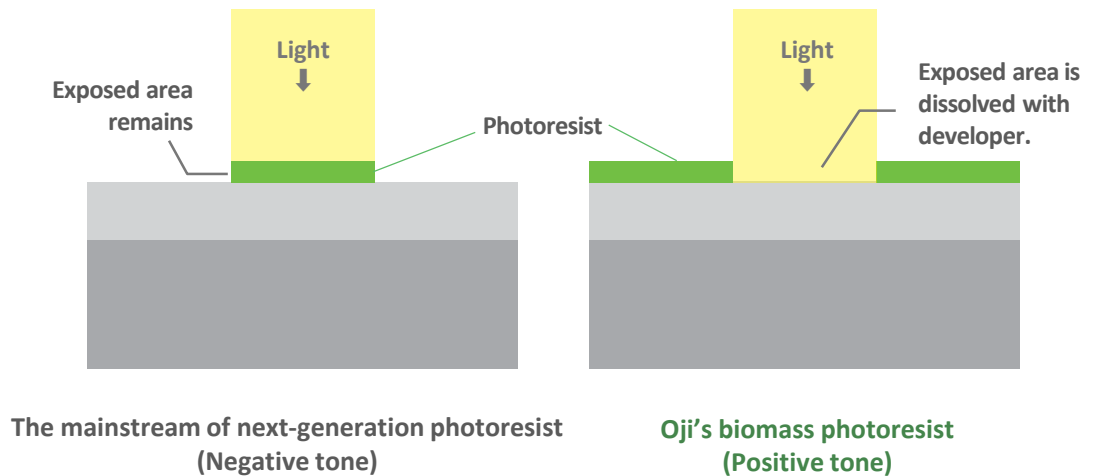
EUV Photoresist Market Size



Created based on Global Information Inc.'s "Global EUV Photoresists Market Insights, Forecast to 2030,"

Positive and Negative Tone Types

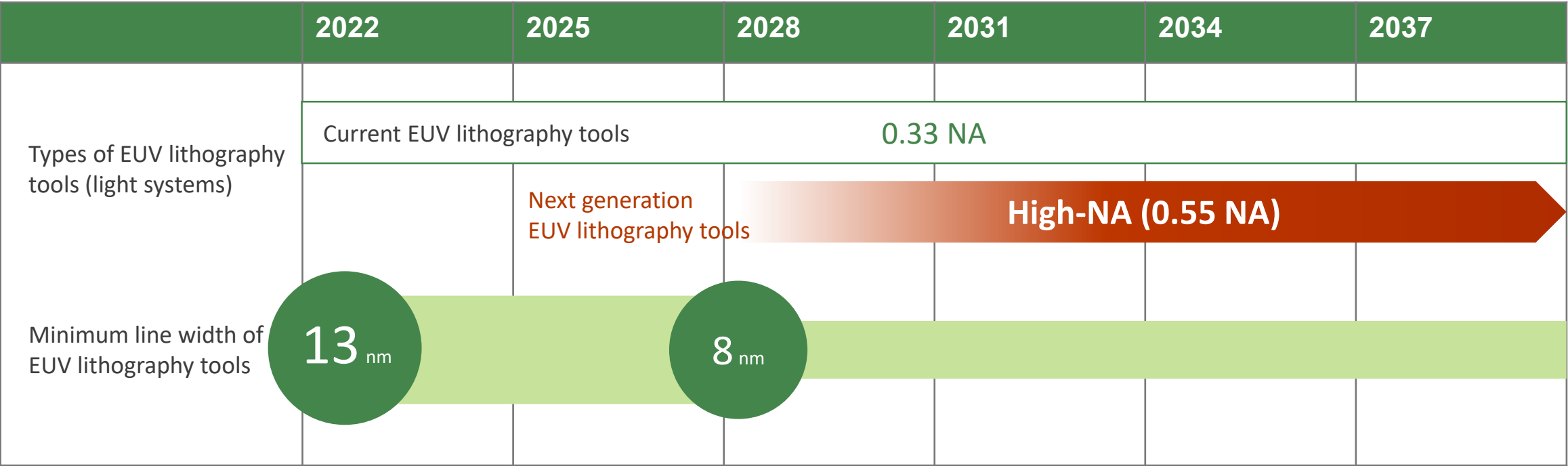
While the current mainstream of next-generation EUV photoresists is negative tone, Oji's biomass photoresist, which is technologically challenging and one of the few positive tone photoresists, has gained attention in the market.



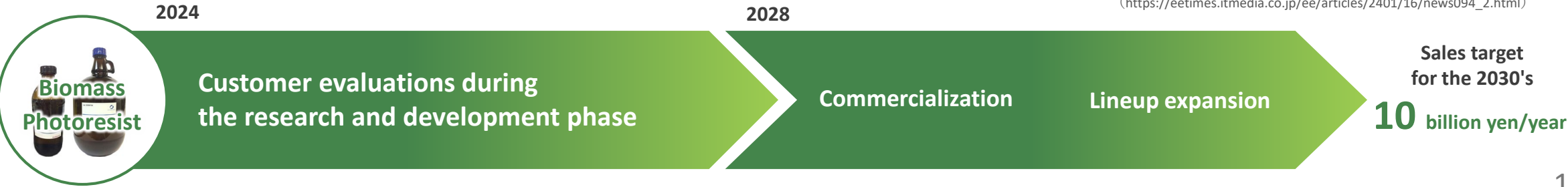
**Oji's positive-type photoresist, capable of accommodating high-NA minimum line widths,
Is of significant value and has attracted attention in the market!**

Business Plan

Our development progress is on track for commercialization in the high-NA market expected to emerge around 2028. Customer evaluations have begun and are showing promising results

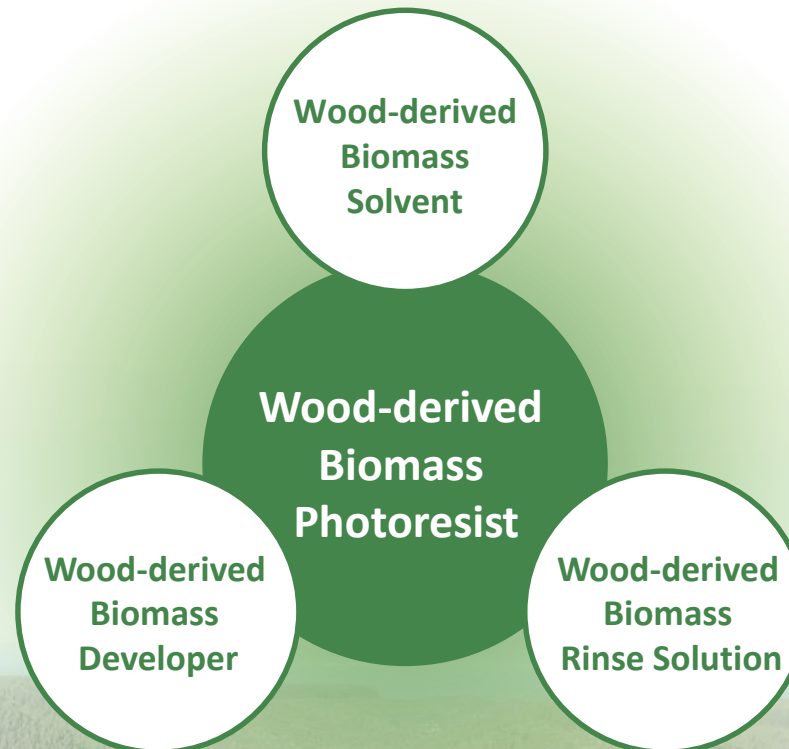


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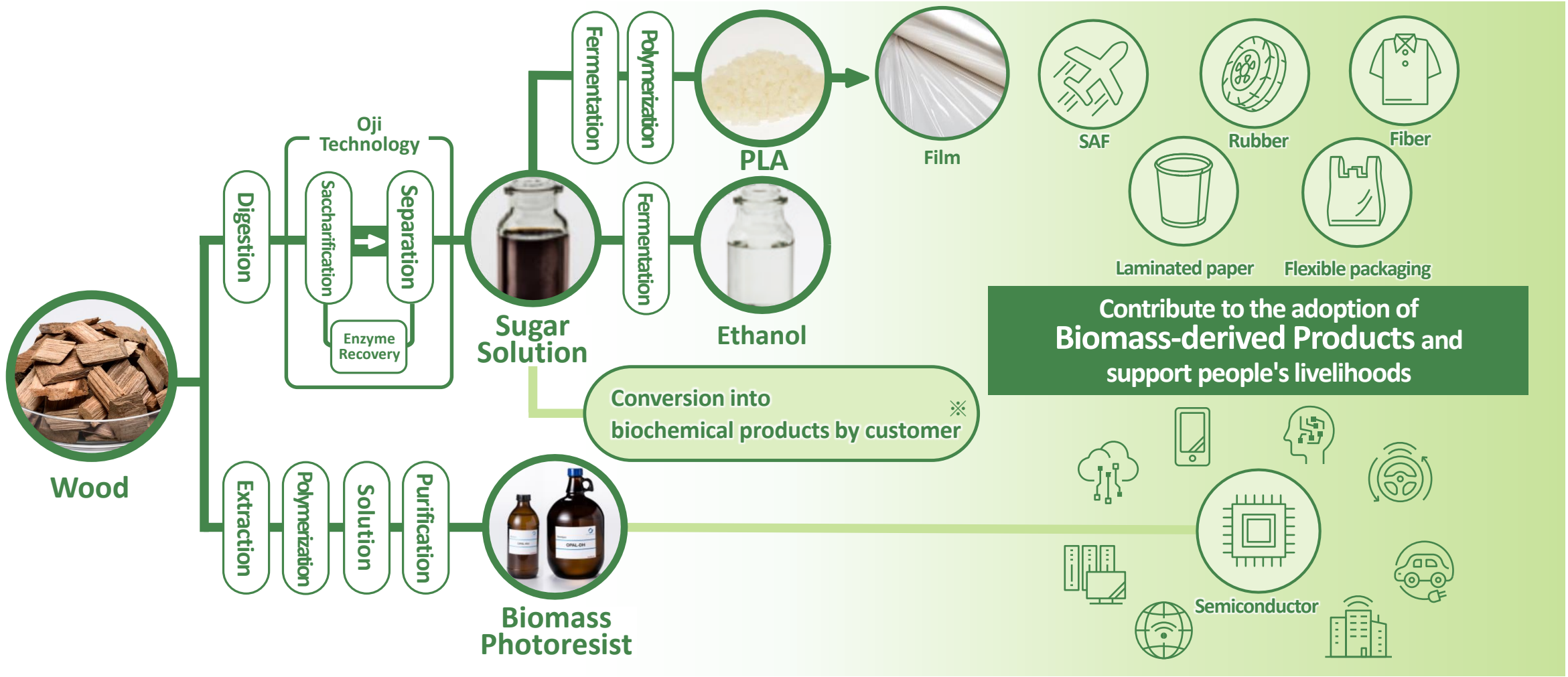


Aiming for Further Biomass Utilization in Semiconductor Processes

We will also propose the use of biomass for solvents, developer solutions, and rinse solutions for semiconductors



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