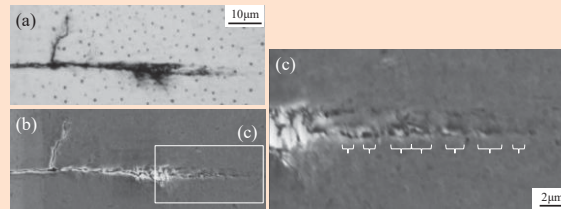
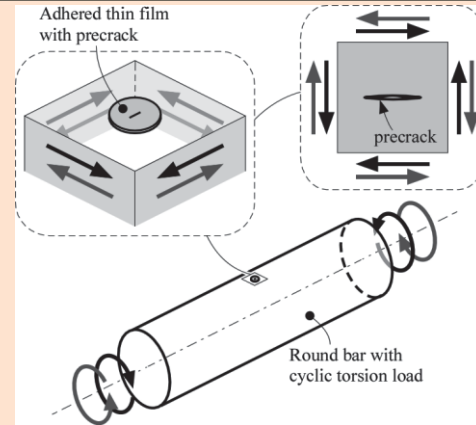
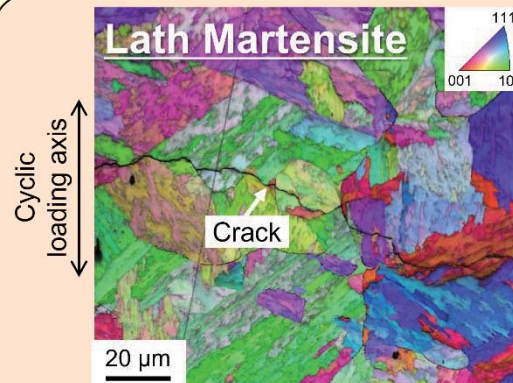


Research topics

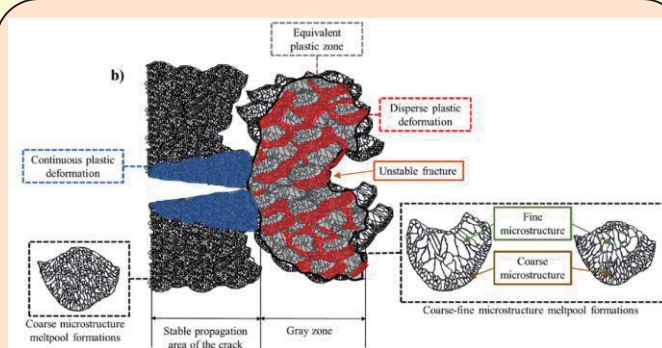
- Elucidation and establish a prediction method of damage accumulation mode fatigue crack propagation.
- Elucidation of failure mode transition mechanism in metal fatigue and its application to active control machine design.
- Elucidation of the fatigue crack propagation mechanism in high-strength steels with a complex martensite microstructure.
- Development of fatigue crack closure evaluation method for rational fatigue design of new materials.
- Elucidation of the size effects on fracture mechanisms and strength of metallic thin films
- Elucidation of the microscopic deformation and fracture processes of metallic thin films based on nano-observation and microstructural analysis



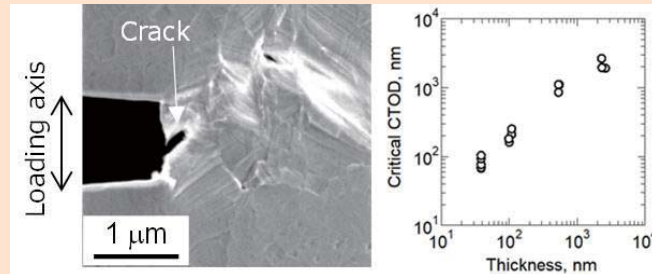
Damage accumulation mode fatigue crack propagation mechanism elucidation



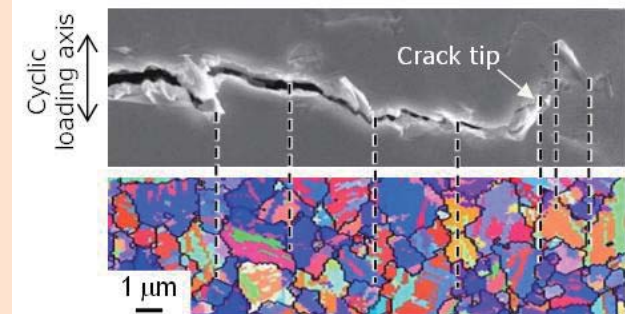
Analysis of fatigue crack propagation in high-strength steels



Exploring the fracture mechanism of 3D printer materials



Elucidation of the size effects on fracture strength of metallic thin films



Elucidation of the fracture process of metallic thin films

Structural Materials Lab.

— For the safety of structural materials —

Prof. H. Toda
Assoc. Prof. O. Takakuwa
Assist. Prof. H. Fujihara

Multiscale/Modal damage analysis

- ❑ Suppression of H-embrittlement in aluminum alloy for aircraft by Local H-partitioning
- ❑ Development of 3D/4D imaging for in-situ fracture behavior in high-strength steels
- ❑ 3D/4D imaging for strain-induced martensitic transformation with H-embrittlement
- ❑ Effect of alloying element on the H-solubility evaluated by atomic-scale calculations

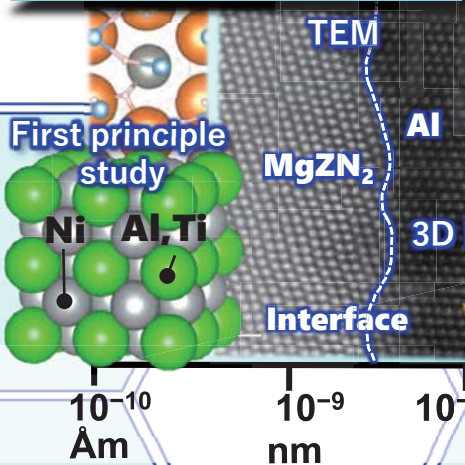
Microscopic properties

- Nano particles
- Interface decohesion
- Deformation behavior
- Fracture behavior

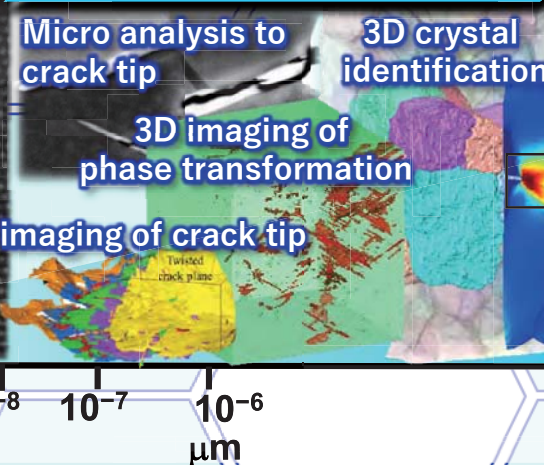
Macroscopic properties

- Static strength
- Dynamic strength
- Ductility
- Fracture toughness

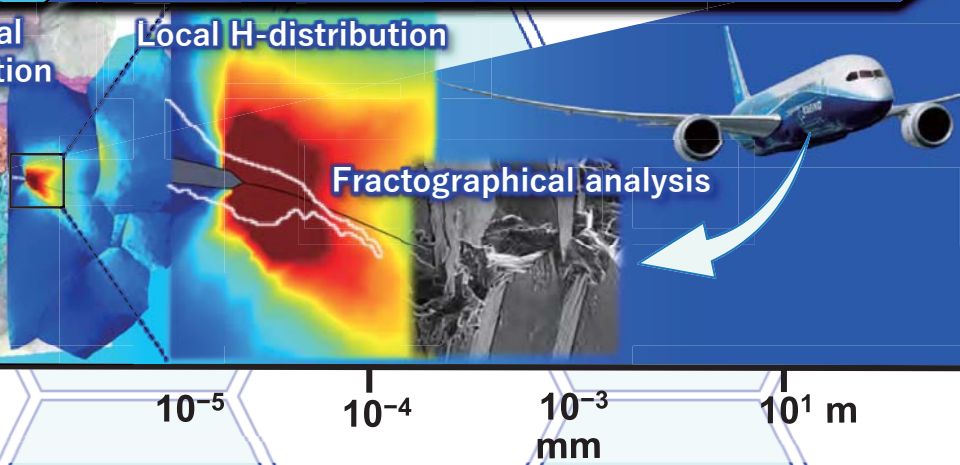
Nano-scale



Micro-scale



Macro-scale



Atomic scale analysis Crystallographic analysis Macroscale analysis

Mechanics for Material Design Lab. Associate Prof. Yasuhiro KIMURA



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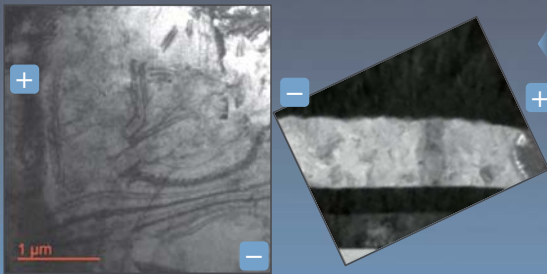
- Policy** We aim to develop “small manufacturing” technologies in the tiny scale.
- Approach** Experimental researches based on mechanics (also involves theory and numerical calculations)
- Philosophy** Understanding phenomena based on elementary processes and their technological development

Science

Why do atoms transport?
Elucidation of the mechanism of
atom/dislocation motion

**Interaction
between Atoms & Electrons**

Atoms & dislocations manipulation
by electron flow



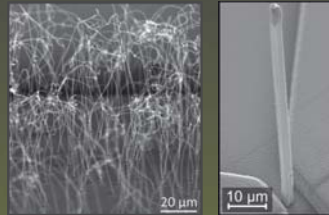
Examples of dislocation motion and microstructure change by in-situ TEM observation

Core tech.

Design of novel nanomaterials
by controlling diffusion

**Atomic Transportation &
Metal Nanowire Growth**

Nanomaterial fabrication based
on atomic diffusion



Mass production Precise production

Study on atomic diffusion

Atomic transportation based on
chemical potential gradient

Engineering

Nanomanufacturing development &
creation of next-generation devices

Metal Nano-Architectonics

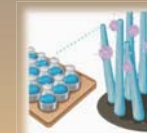
Toward materials
found in everyday life



Metamaterial



Neurocomputing
device



Biomarker



Space elevator tether

Internal flow in fluid machinery and related fluid flow phenomena

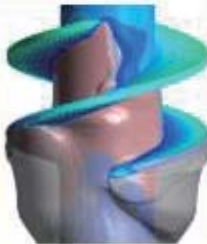
Pumps and flow instability

- R&D of contra-rotating axial flow pump
- Cavitation instabilities of inducer
- Unsteady flow/fluid forces in multi-stage pump

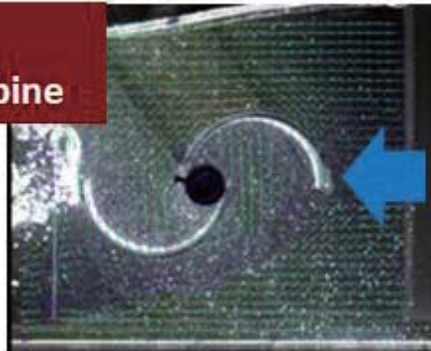
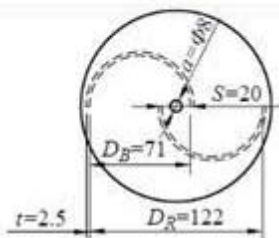
Utilization of natural flow resources

- Savonius-type hydro-turbine for low head flow

Cavitation surge in space rocket inducer



Flow around Savonius hydro-turbine



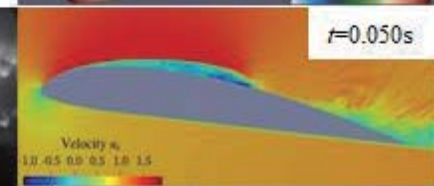
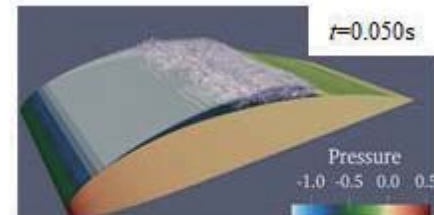
Cavitation

- Unsteady cavitation around hydrofoil/cascade
- Thermal effect of cavitation
- Cavitation in automotive torque converter

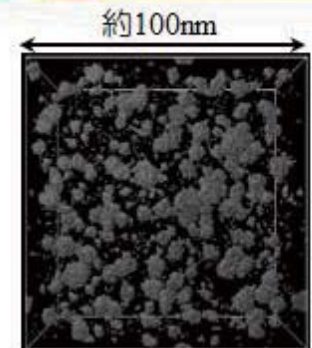
Liquid-vapor interface and bubbles

- Characteristics of evaporation/condensation process
- Bubble formation process in liquid rocket fuel

Cavitating flow around isolated hydrofoil



Molecular simulations on interface and bubbles





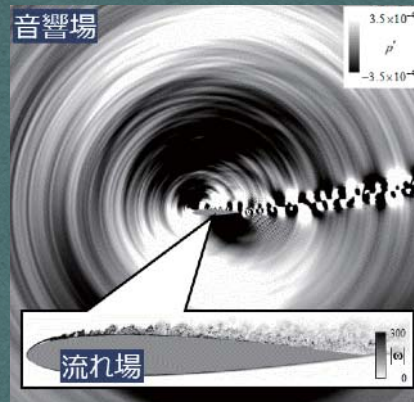
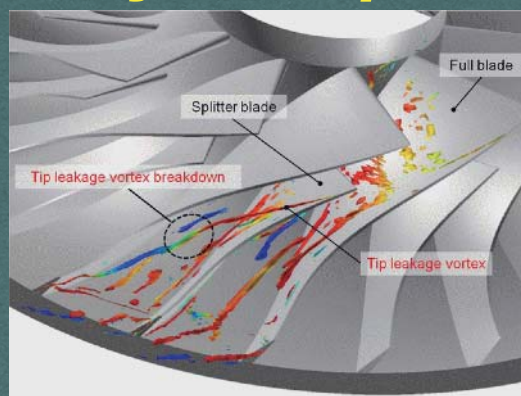
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Design Lab.*

流体設計
研究室

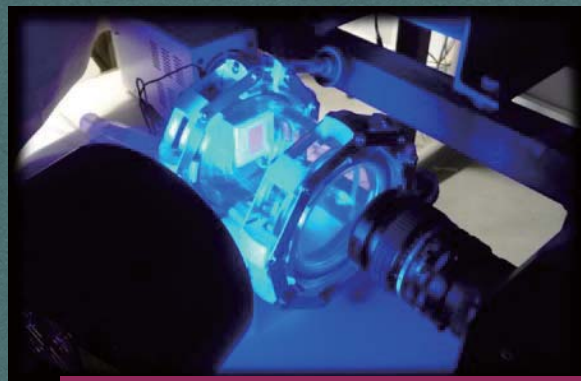
Koji Shimoyama
(Prof.)
Hideo Mori
(Assoc. Prof.)

For creating innovative fluid machinery

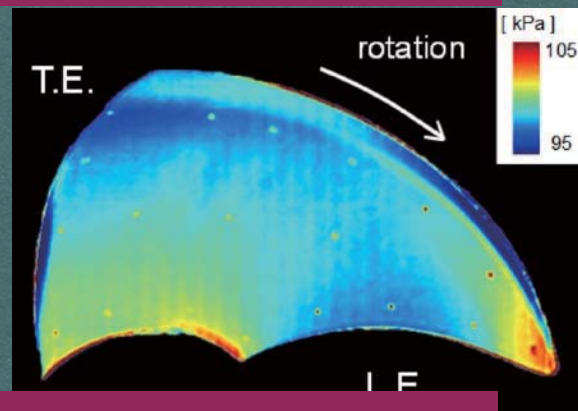
✓ *Clarify flow phenomena*



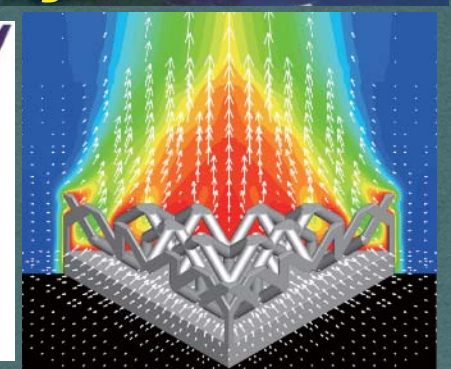
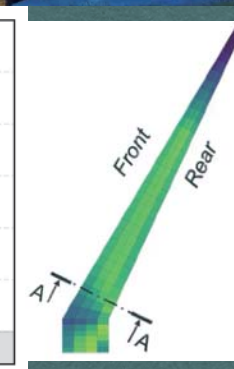
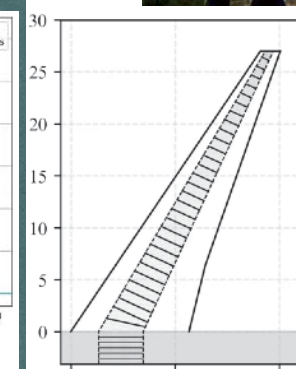
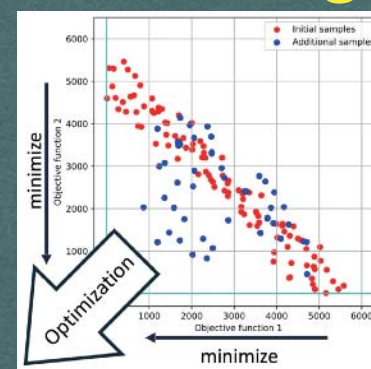
Numerical simulations (supercomputers)



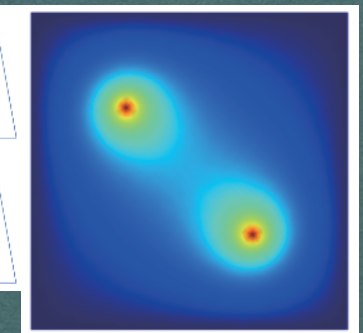
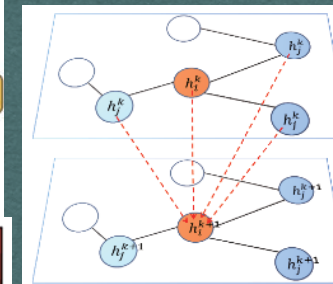
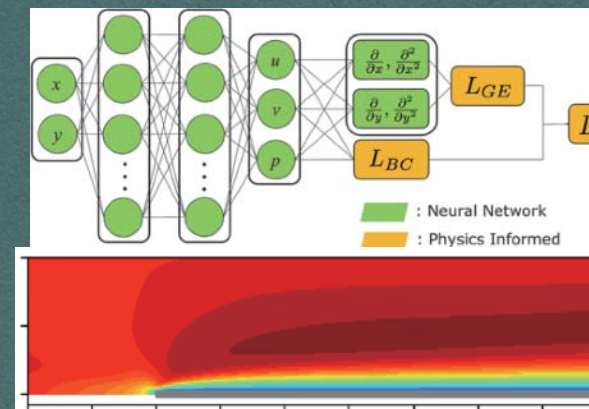
Experiments (optical measurements)



✓ *Design fluid machinery*



Optimization (mathematical science)



Artificial intelligence (data science)



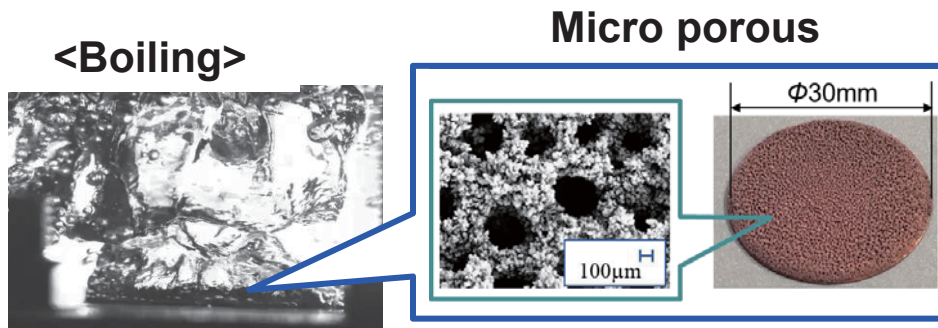


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Advance energy conversion efficiency
for carbon neutral

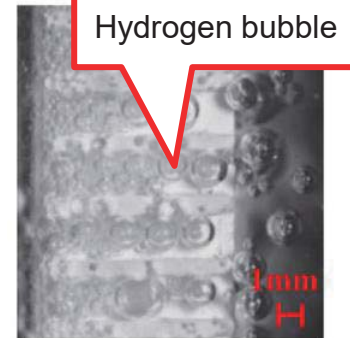
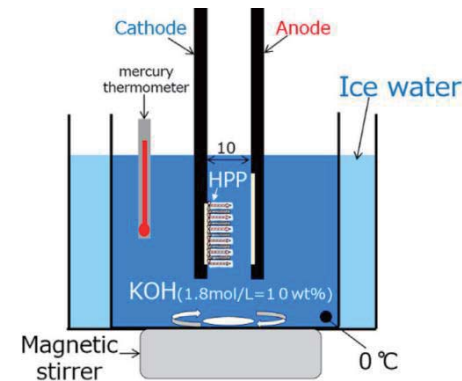
Thermal hydraulics

○ Boiling heat transfer



New energy system

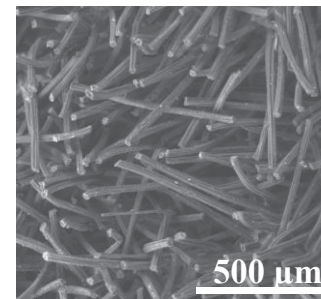
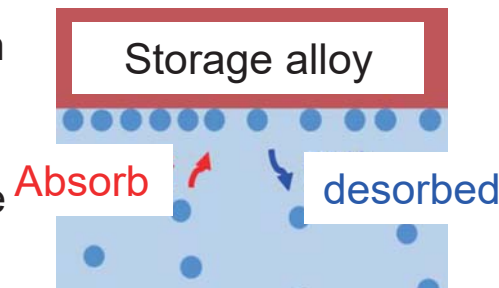
○ Hydrogen



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○ Hydrogen storage alloy packed bed

- Expansion of hydrogen storage capacity per unit volume
- Increased reaction rate



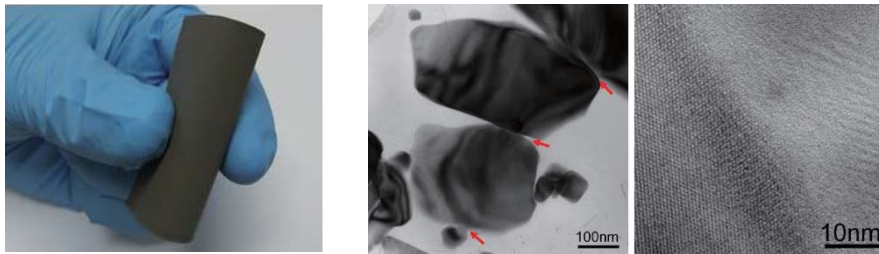
- Fiber flocked surface
- Formation of liquid film
- Promoting heat recovery

Thermofluid Physics Lab

Prof. K. Miyazaki, Assist. Prof. K. Hashikuni

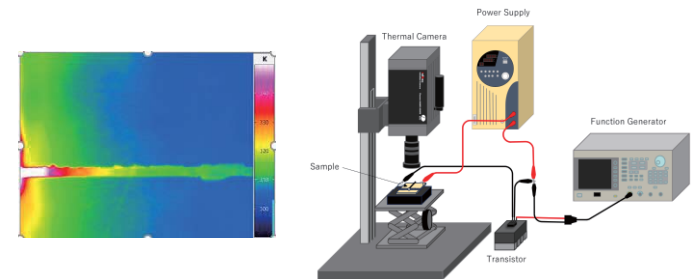
Development of thermal management beyond conventional limits through nanotechnology

Printed thermoelectric device development



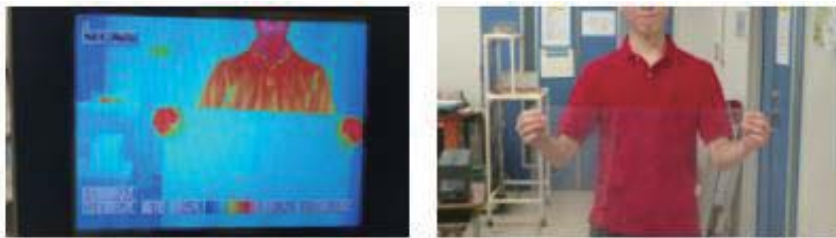
Low costs generator for Batteryless IoT

Non-contact measurements for Thermophysical properties



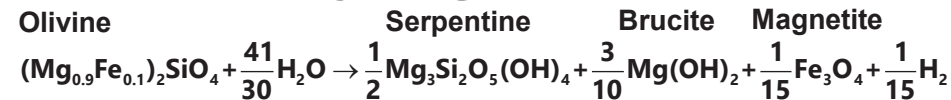
Thermal properties of small samples

Waveselective radiative properties control



Advanced radiative heat transfer control for efficient use of solar thermal energy

White hydrogen research



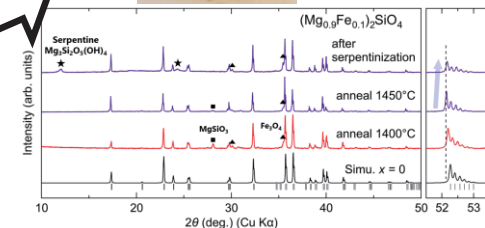
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FeO

SiO₂



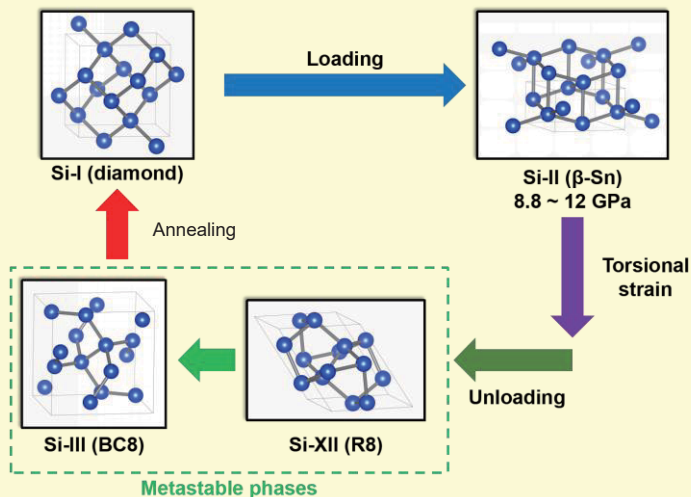
Artificial olivine



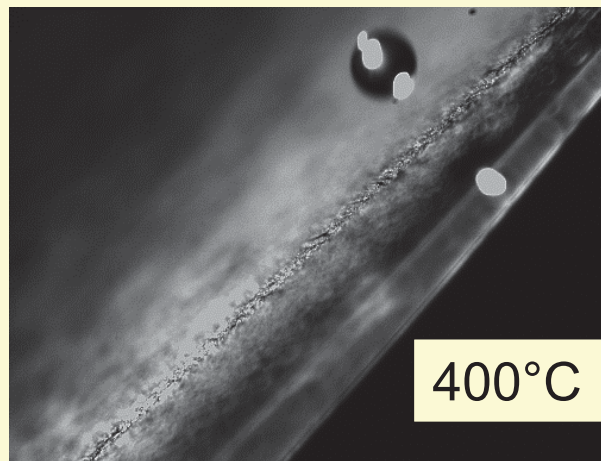


Research Topics

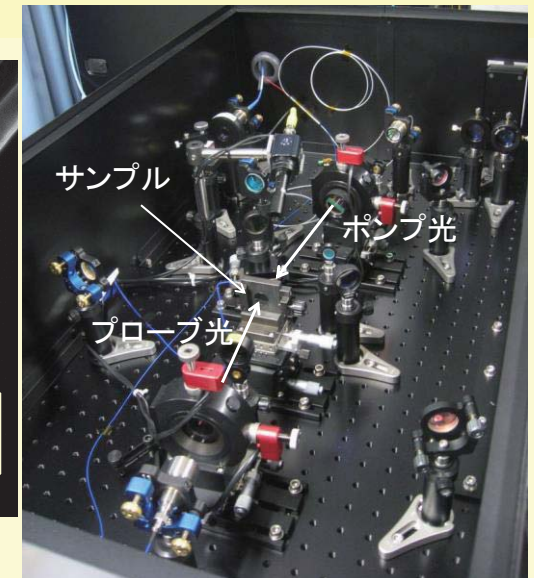
- Effect of high-pressure torsion on material's thermal transport properties
- Measurement of thermophysical properties of nano materials using laser beam techniques.
- Liquid-vapor phase change heat transfer (Spray cooling)
- Behavior and heat transfer of micro droplets impinging on high temperature solid surfaces



How thermal property changes according to its structure?



Micro droplets impinging on high temp. surfaces

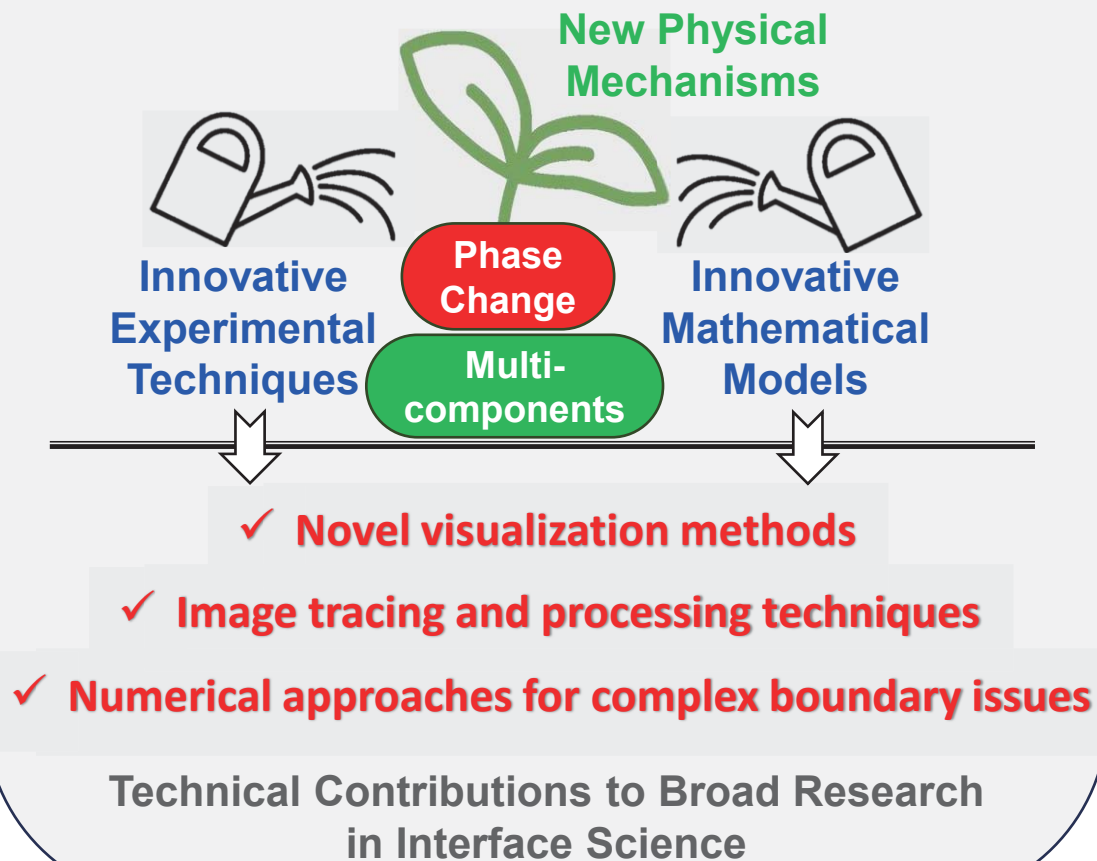


Laser system for thermophysical property measurement



Fundamental Research

Predictable Wetting of Functional Liquids

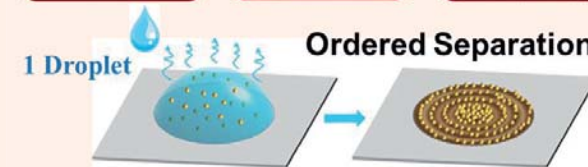


Application Technologies

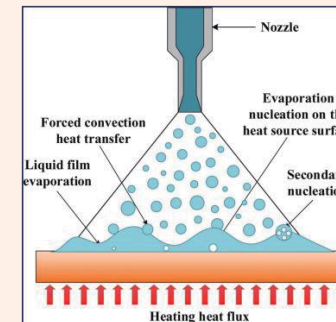
New
MechE

Controllable Wetting of Functional Liquids

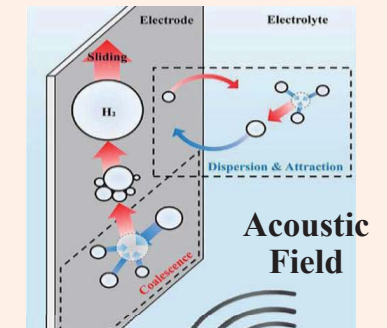
Advanced analysis based on one drop of samples



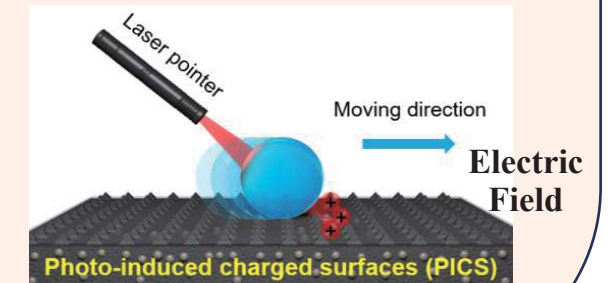
High power density thermal cooling with binary refrigerants



Water electrolysis with controllable bubble dynamics



Contactless modulation of chemical reactions



e.g., with external physical fields

Reactive Gas Dynamics Lab.

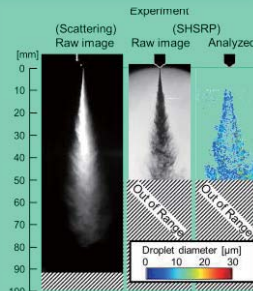
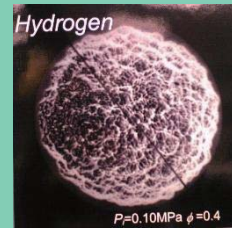
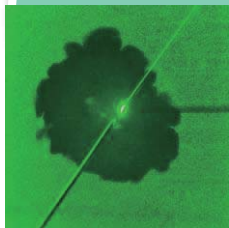
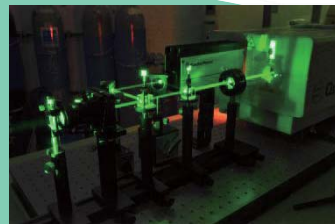
Assoc. Prof. E.C. Okafor
Assist. Prof. D. Matsuda



- Study of the science and technology of combustion

Our Goals	✧ Improvement of thermal efficiency (Energy saving) ✧ Environmental preservation (De-carbonization, Emissions control) ✧ Fuel diversification (Cost reduction, Energy security)
Our Targets	✧ Propulsive devices (Automobile engines, Supersonic aircraft engines, etc.) ✧ Stationary devices (Industrial gas turbines, etc.) ✧ Gas combustion, Liquid fuel (spray) combustion, Supersonic combustion, etc.
Our Themes	✧ Experimental and numerical studies of the physics and chemistry of combustion - including combustion of hydrogen, ammonia and E-Fuels from renewable energies, Engine combustion, PM(soot) formation, Supersonic combustion, Chemical kinetics, Spray characterization etc.

Experimental studies using advanced laser diagnostics

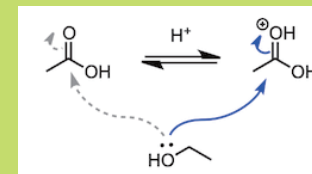
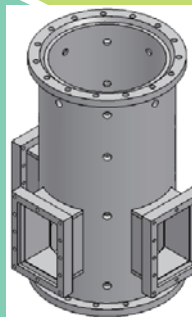


Laser visualization of a flame

Exp on hydrogen combustion

Spray characterization

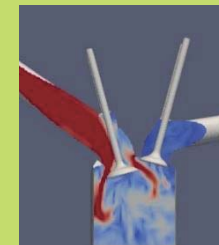
Numerical studies using massive parallel computer



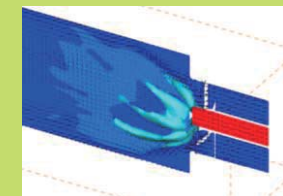
Chemical kinetics



CFD on turbulent flame



CFD on engines



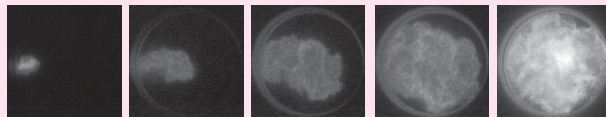
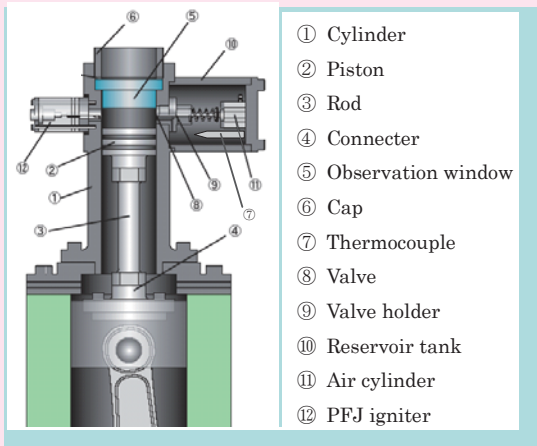
CFD of industrial burners for ammonia

High pressure test chamber for burners



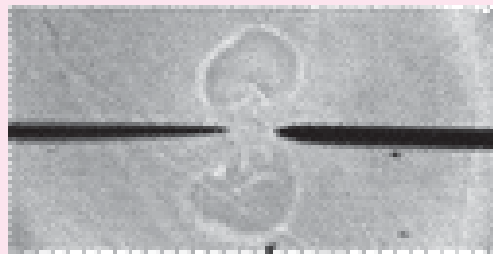
Research topics

- Enhancement of ignition and burning rate of lean mixtures by Pulsed Flame Jet
- Ignition timing control of Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition Combustion by Pulsed Flame Jet
- Study on vaporization, spontaneous ignition and combustion of fuel sprays
- Improvement of spark ignition of lean mixtures in a fast gas flow
- Numerical simulation of spray combustion
- Soot formation



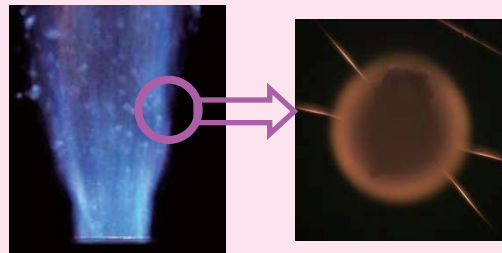
Ignition timing control of HCCI combustion by Pulsed Flame Jet

New concept of internal combustion engines



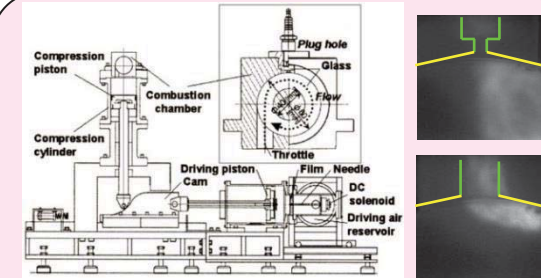
Premixed combustion

Gasoline engines



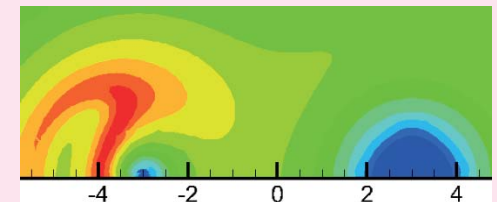
Spray combustion

Diesel engines
Gas turbine engines



Rapid compression machine

Improvement of spark ignition

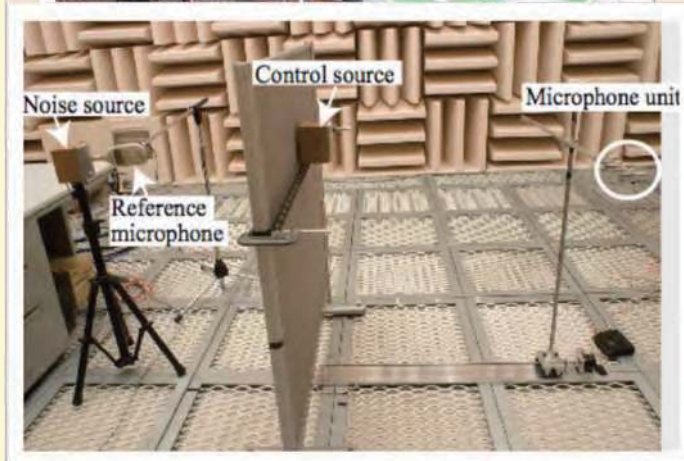


Numerical simulation

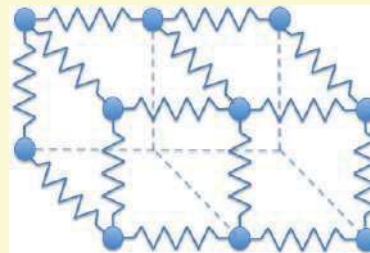
Detailed mechanism of combustion phenomena

Research topics

- Active noise control in 3-dimensional sound field.
- Large scale acoustic analysis using lumped mass model.
- Vibration damping.
- Evaluating and detecting softness of human body.



Experiment of Active Noise Control in anechoic chamber



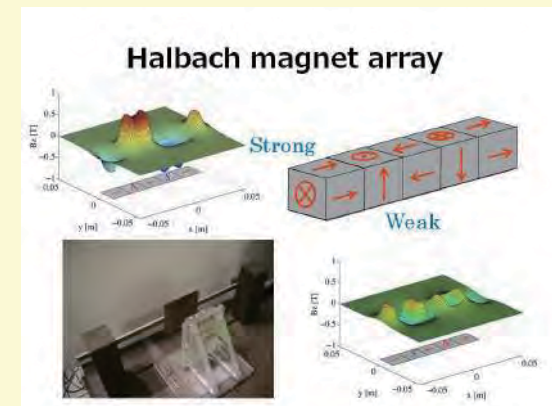
3-D lumped mass model



Sound pressure distribution (example of calculation result)



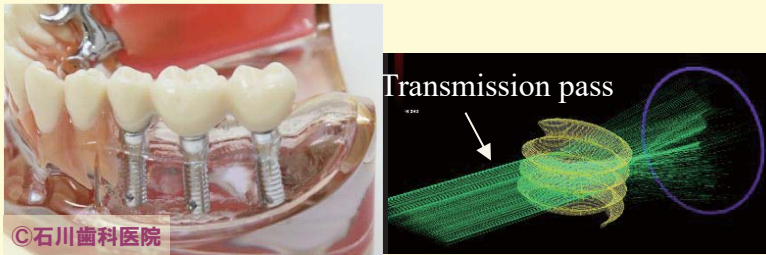
Softness sensor for human body



Magnetic damper

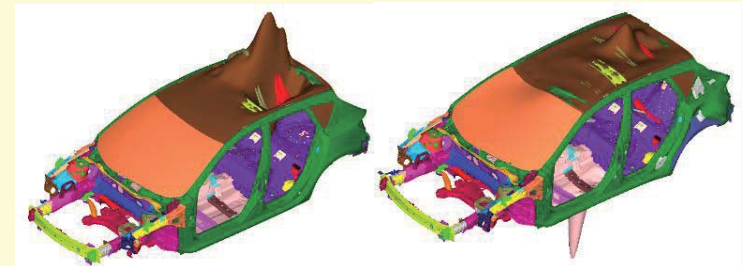


■ New diagnostic technique using ultrasound wave



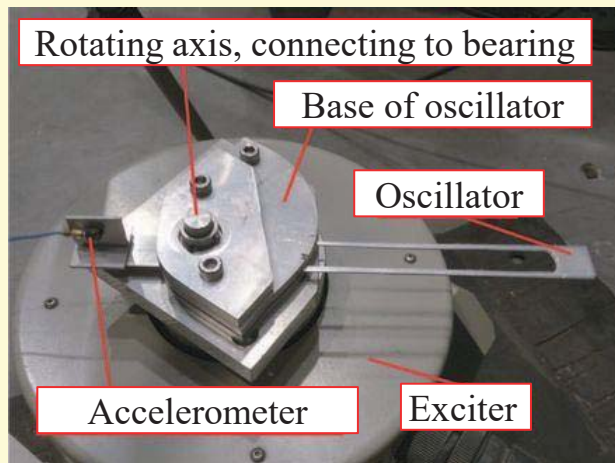
Evaluation of slackness using ultrasound pulse wave (Model and simulation)

■ Vibration analysis of automobile structure

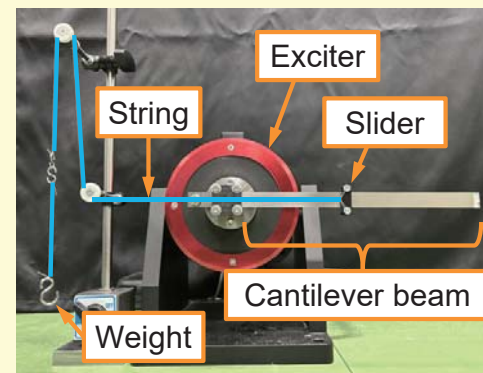


Study for efficient vibration analysis of automobile body structure

■ Mechanical automatic tuning resonator for vibration-powered generator

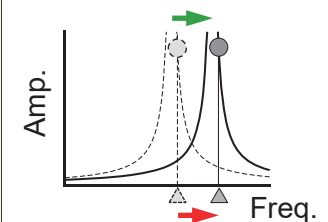


Novel mechanism for automatic tuning to resonance



Self-tuning behavior

Self-tuning by passive slider movement



Test rig of beam-slider structure and self-tuning mechanism

System Engineering Laboratory

Prof. Kazuo KIGUCHI, Assoc. Prof. Satoshi NISHIKAWA, Assist. Prof. Yasutaka TSUJI

Care Robots



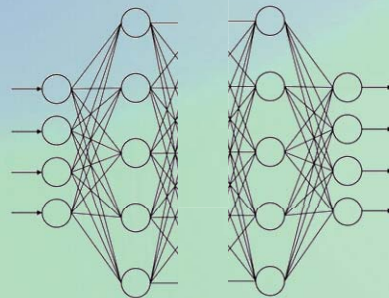
Power Assist

Perception Assist

Rehabilitation

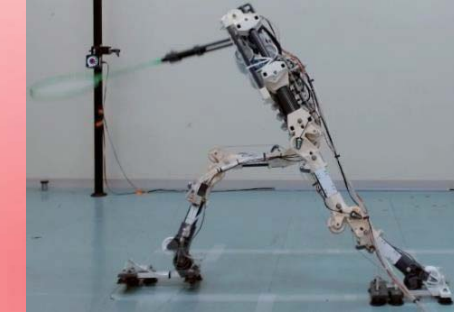


Kinesthetic illusion and motion change by vibration stimulation on the tendon



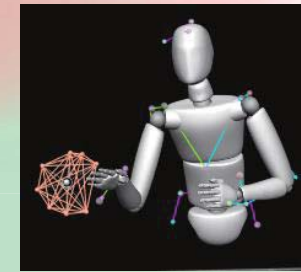
Motion intention estimation

Sports Robots



Acquirement of motor skills

Practice support

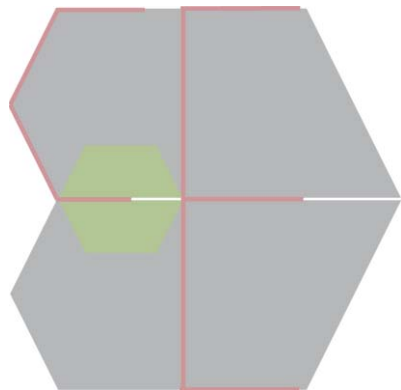


Measurement and analysis of biosignals/motion

Investigation and exploitation
of human characteristics



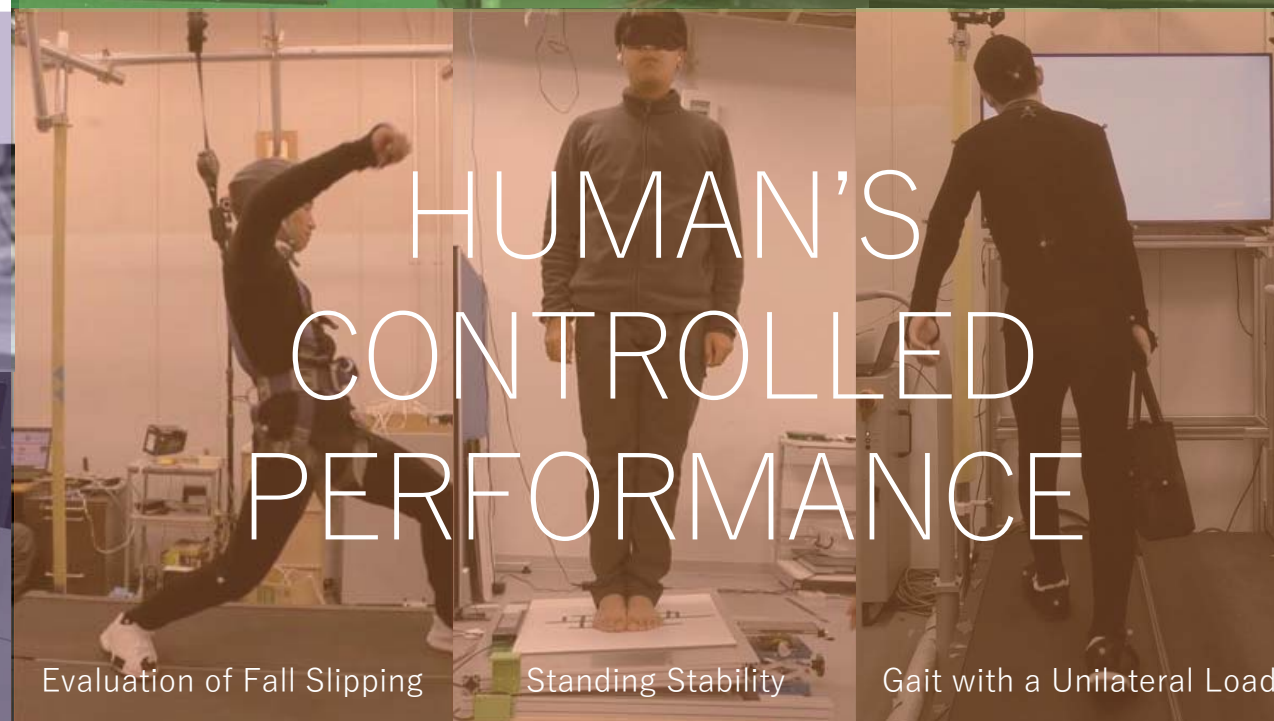
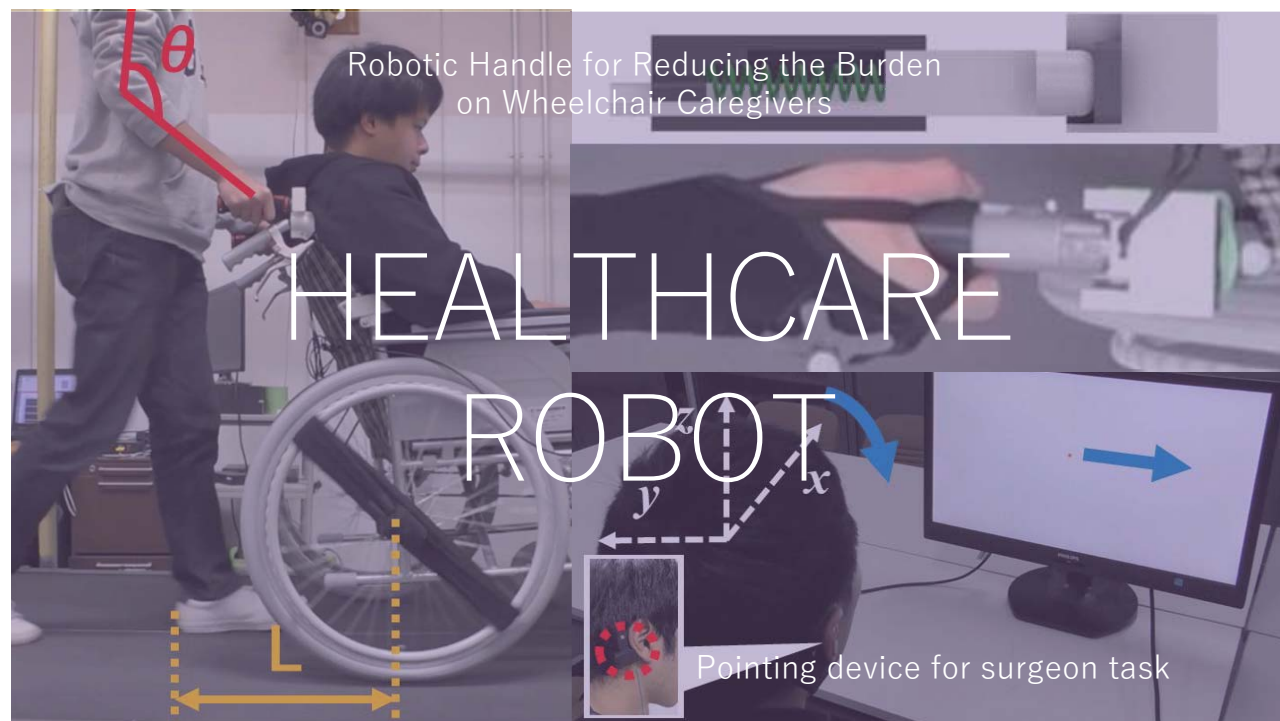
System Engineering Lab



Control Engineering Laboratory

Motoji Yamamoto Professor,

Yasutaka Nakashima Associate Professor





HUMAN-CENTERED ROBOTICS LABORATORY

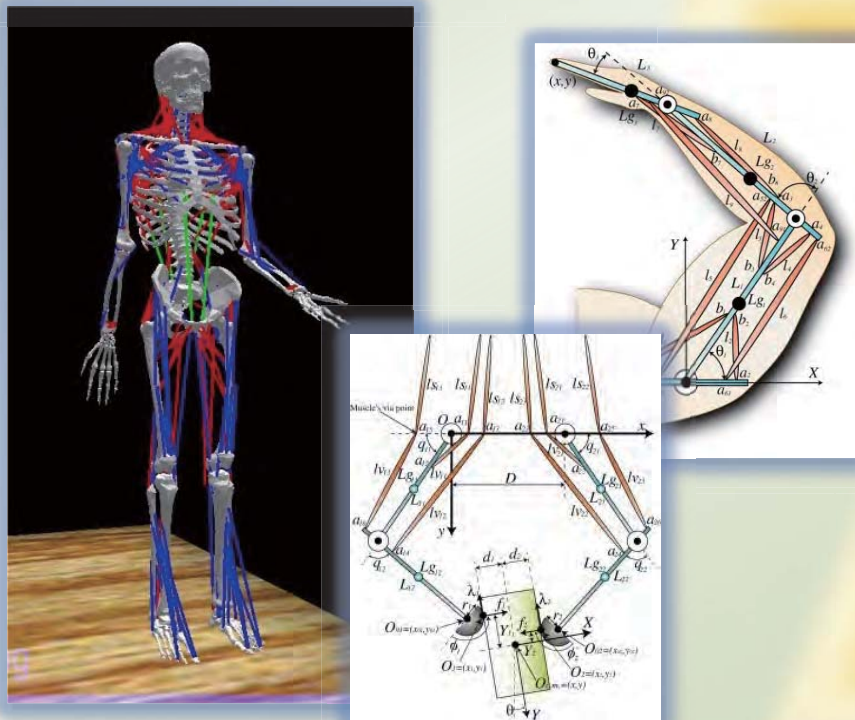
- **From human to robotics**

To realize the advanced motor intelligence of human's movements in robotics

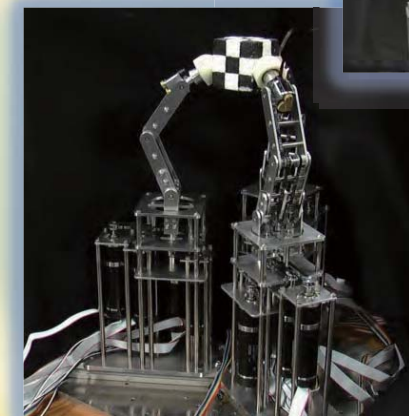
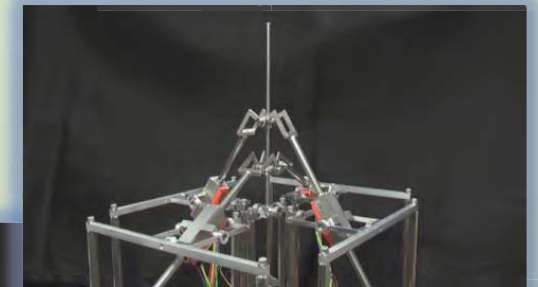
- **From robotics to human**

To realize flexible and dexterous robots that can support human's daily life

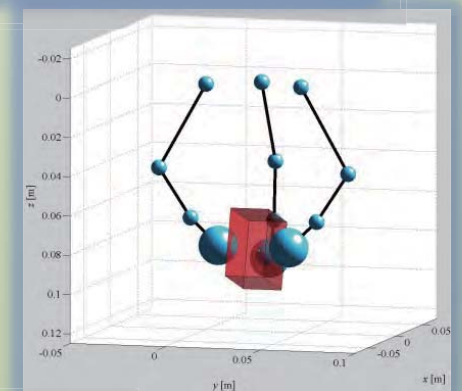
Numerical simulation for the musculoskeletal system



High-backdrivable
parallel-link manipulator with CVT

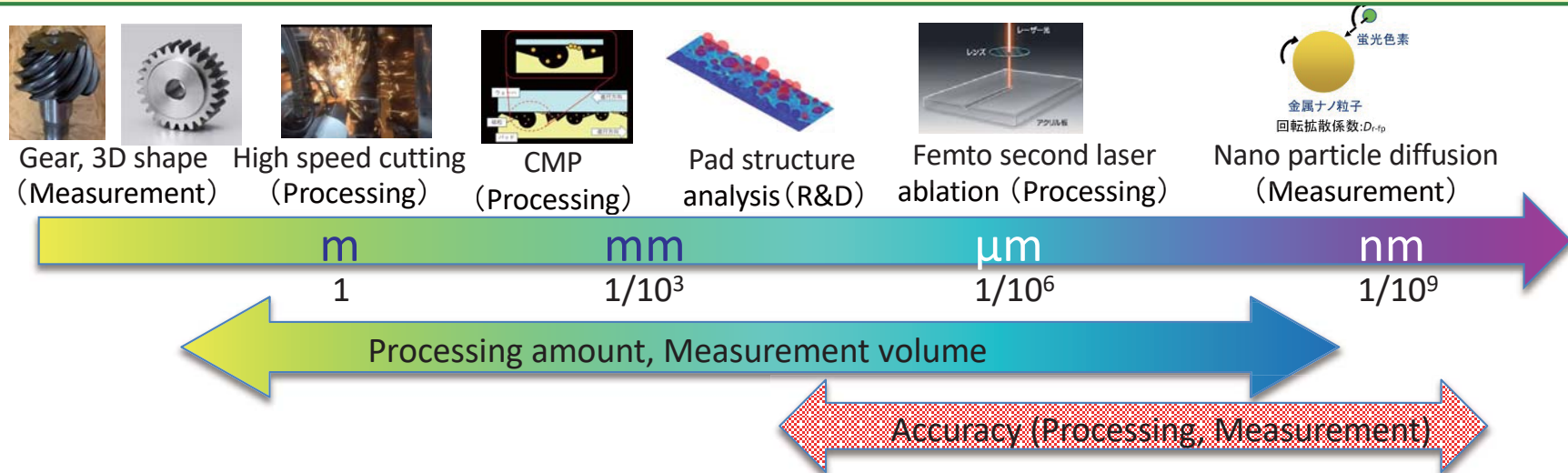


Multi-fingered robotic hand





Development of the state-of-the-art manufacturing processes and measuring techniques for the green devices and machine elements



Giga range processing and evaluation

I . Ultra-Precision Manufacturing Technology

- (1) CMP(Chemical Mechanical Polishing) for energy saving device materials
(SiC, Sapphire, Diamond, Silicon, GaN, Atmosphere controlled CMP machine, Slurry, Polishing pad, Recycling, etc.)
- (2) Ultra-precision manufacturing and performance evaluation
(Ultra-high-speed hobbing of gears, Evaluation of Machined Surface Characteristics of Textured Gears, etc.)

II . Ultra-Precision Measuring Technology

- (1) Optical measurement & evaluation (Nano particle sizing using fluorescent probe, etc.)
- (2) R&D of 3D measurement and testing method
(Gear accuracy evaluation by whole circumference scanning measurement, etc.)

III . R&D of Creative Manufacturing Technique and Machines

(Three-Dimensional Internal Structure Analysis of CMP Polishing Pads Using X-ray CT , Low power laser processing with surface excitation, Particle sizing using nano particle chip, etc)

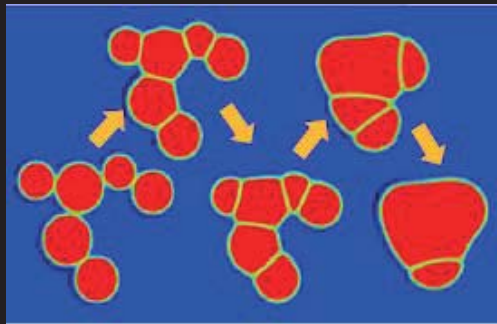
Material Processing Laboratory

Prof. K. Shinagawa, Assoc. Prof. N. Yodoshi

Innovative Approaches to Manufacturing Science and Technology

In our laboratory, we conduct both analytical studies and process development on the sintering of powder materials such as metals and ceramics. The outcomes of our research contribute to a wide range of industrial applications.

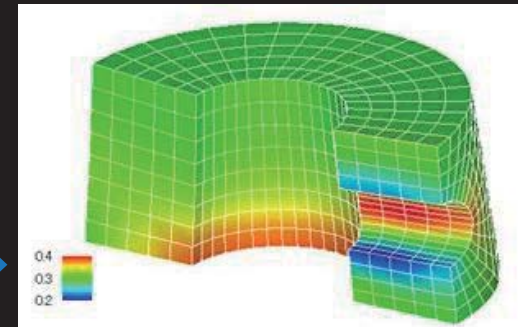
Analytical approach



Through various computational analyses of powder metallurgy processes, we elucidate sintering mechanisms and contribute to the development of highly precise and high-performance industrial products.

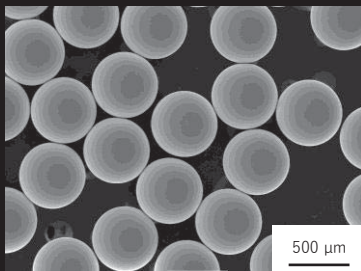
Examples of microstructural evolution during sintering simulated using the Phase-Field Method.

An example of part-scale sintering analysis using FEM. Changes in component shape and microstructure during sintering can be predicted.

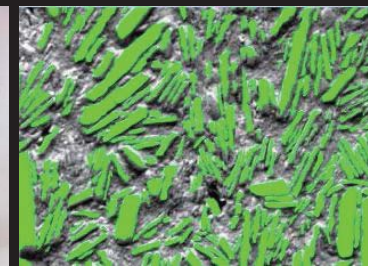


Experimental approach

We develop innovative manufacturing processes that enable next-generation materials and products.



Development of new process for producing functional particles (left)
Development of gas atomization process (right)



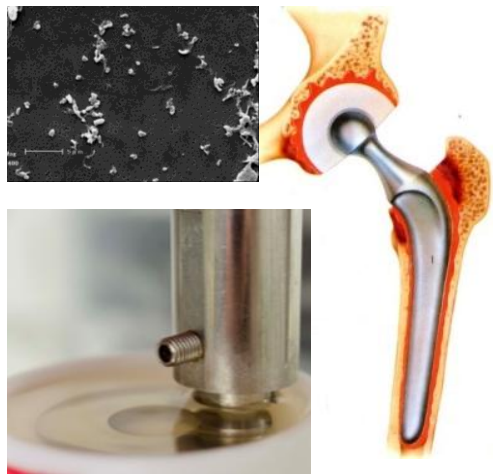
Metal Injection Molding (MIM) technology which can produce metal parts with complex shapes without machining (left)
Development of powder rolling process technology (right)

Machine Elements and Design Engineering Laboratory

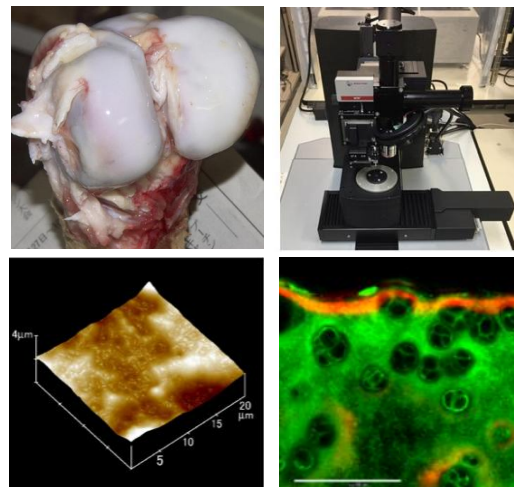
Professor Yoshinori SAWAE,

Associate Professor Seido YARIMITSU, Assistant Professor Hironori SHINMORI

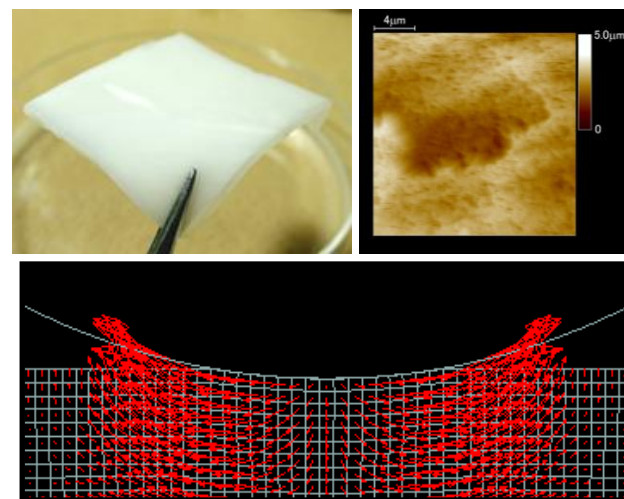
- Basic studies for establishing design guideline of machine elements used in various applications, from medical devices to machine components in hydrogen energy systems
- Tribology in biomedical engineering field is one of the main research target.



Wear of prosthetic joint materials



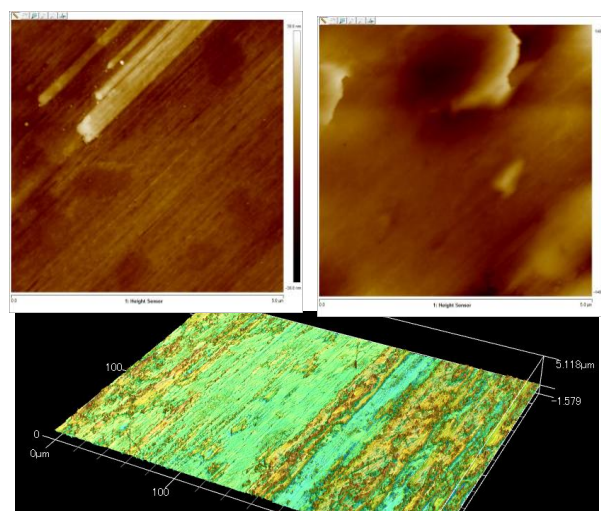
Superlubricity mechanisms in articular cartilage



Friction mechanisms of highly hydrated hydrogels



Applications of bio-inspired hydrogels as tribomaterials



Super-low friction with self-assembled carbon transfer film

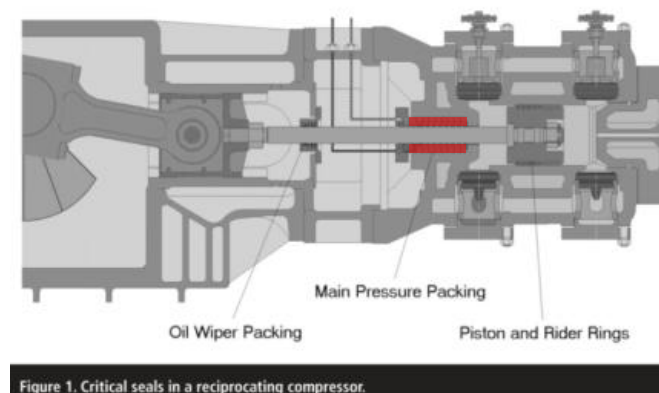


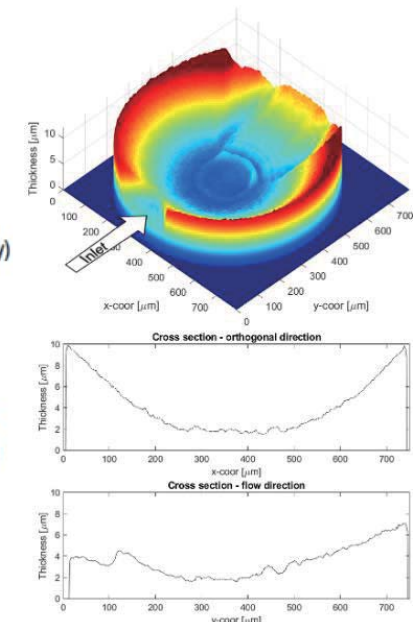
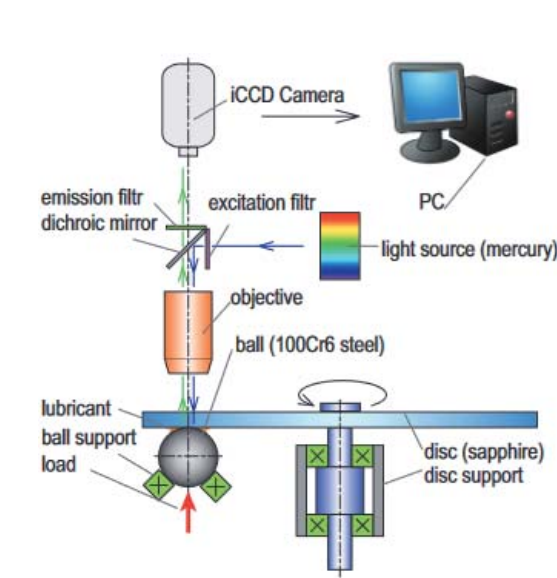
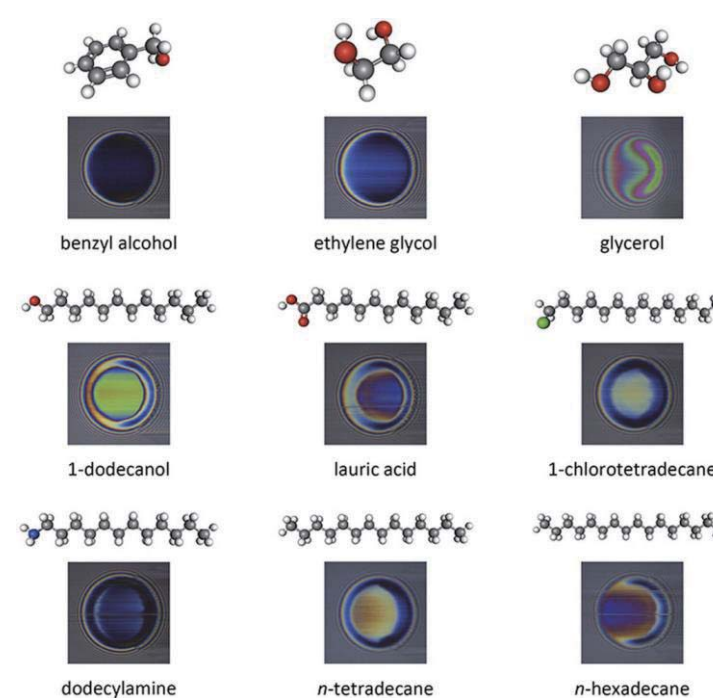
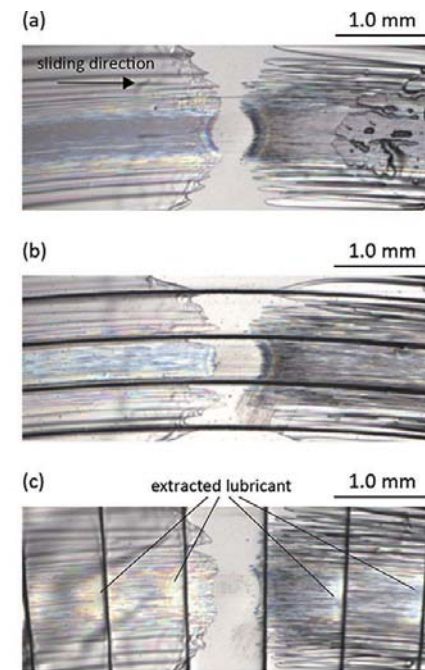
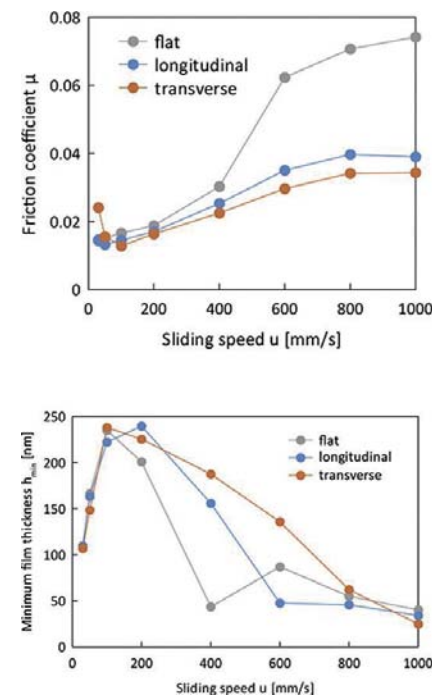
Figure 1. Critical seals in a reciprocating compressor.



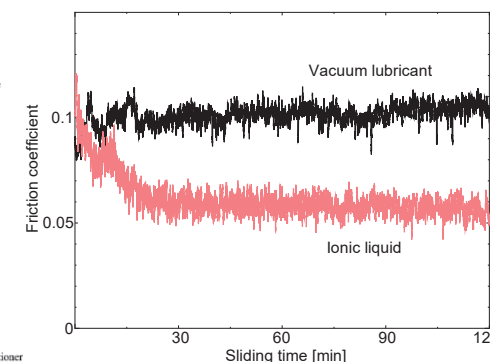
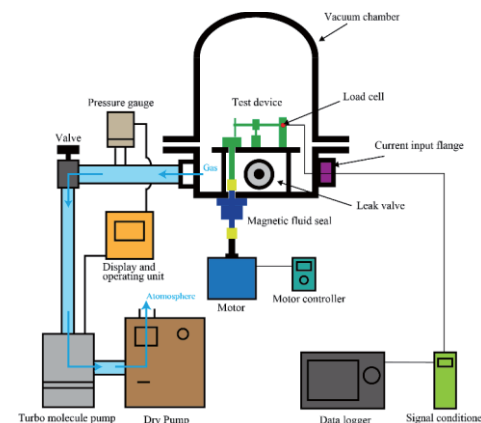
Wear of polymer seals in high pressure hydrogen



Tribology for energy saving and safety Better understanding of complicated phenomena in friction areas

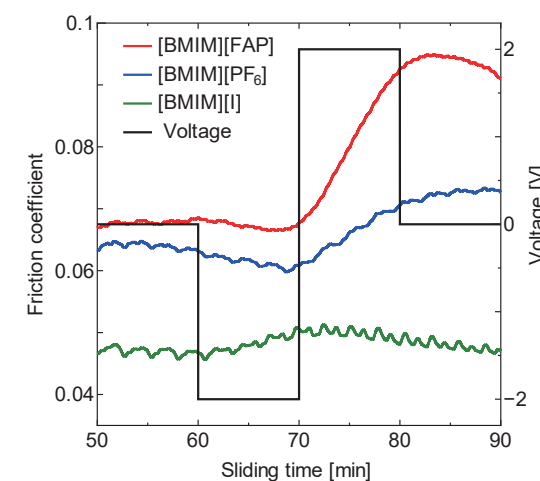


Improvement of lubrication performance by textured surface



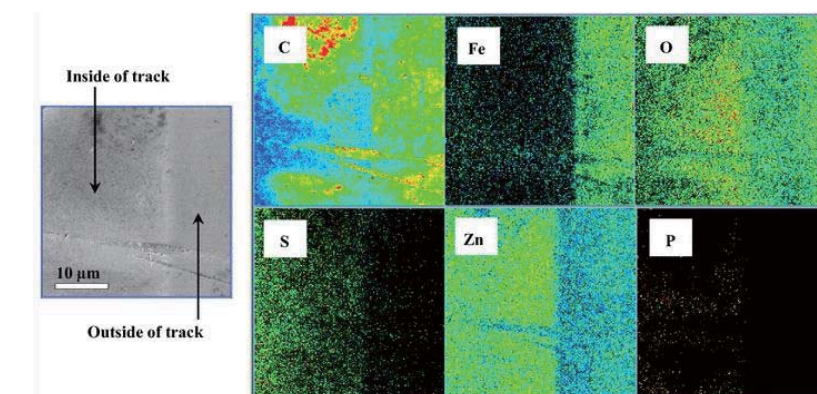
Evaluation of ionic liquids as vacuum and space lubricants

Observation of lubrication films



Development of active friction control system

Observation grease flow by fluorescence



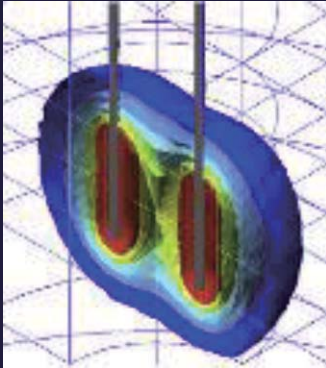
Element analysis of chemical reaction films in hydrogen environments

Biothermal Engineering Laboratory

Prof. Kosaku Kurata
Assoc. Prof. Jeonghyun Kim
Asst. Prof. Kosei Kawai

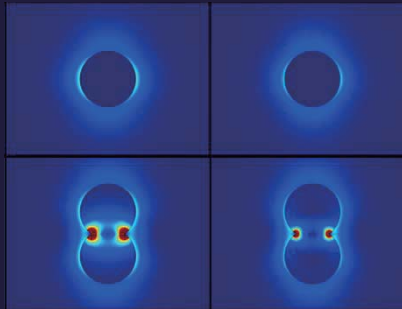
Interdisciplinary topics between bioengineering and thermal engineering

Tumor treatment by using high-voltage electric pulses



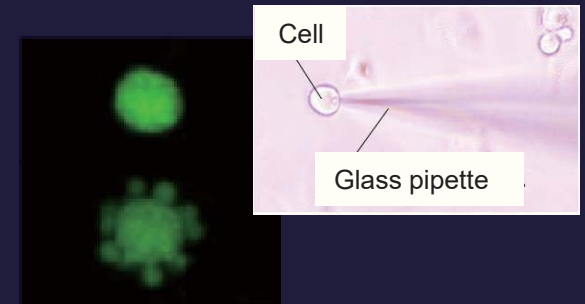
Simulation of electric field distribution around electrodes

Inhibition of tumor cell division by using weak electric fields



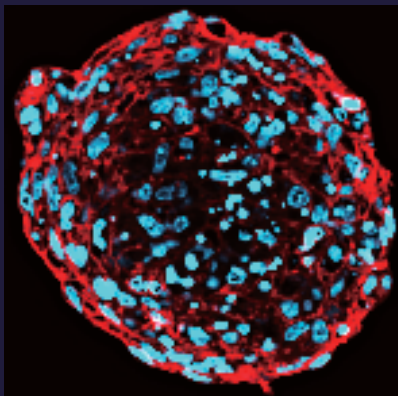
Difference of dielectrophoretic force distribution depending on cell shape

Understanding the process of cell membrane perforation and repair



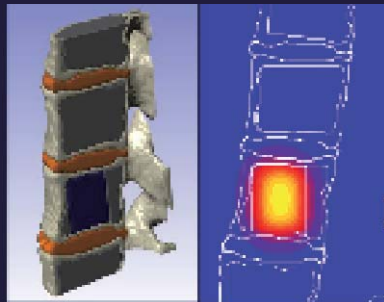
Membrane function measured by patch clamp method

3D culture model for bone



Bone spheroid derived from stem cells

Simulation of heat conduction during clinical treatment



Temperature rise induced by bone cement in spine

Development of open-source teaching materials for biological education

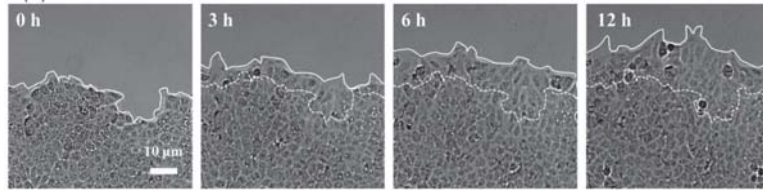
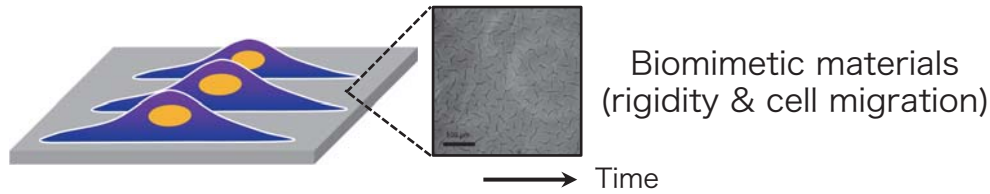


Easy-to-build open-source colorimeter

Biofunctional Engineering Lab.

Porf. Susumu Kudo, Assoc. Porf. Naoki Takeishi, Assist. Prof. Saori Sasaki

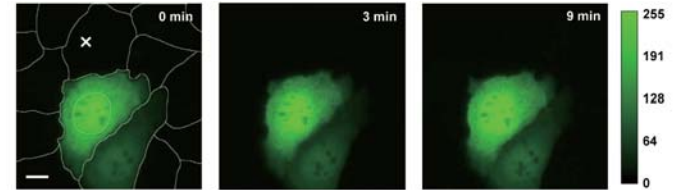
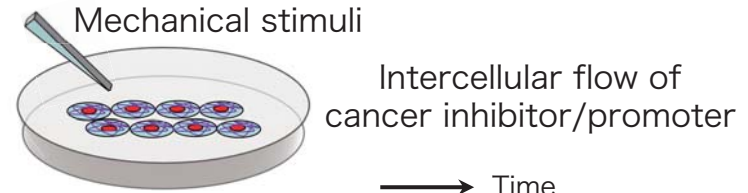
An overriding objective of our group is to elucidate how cells and tissue adapt to mechanical environments, and use this knowledge to gain a deeper understanding of mechanics of homeostasis and various diseases. Both experimental and computational approaches are employed to identify new hypothesis.



Elucidation of cancer migration
► Control of cancer metastasis

GPGPU,
Deep learning,
AI, etc.

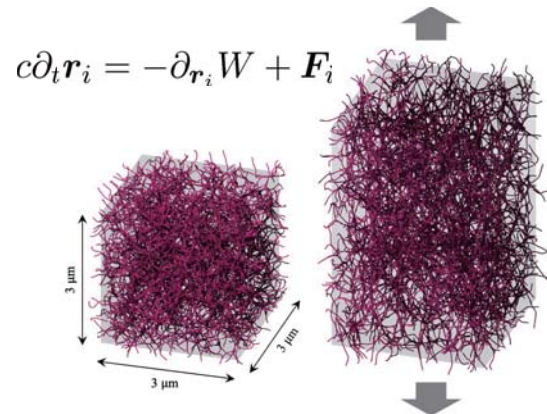
Numerical simulation



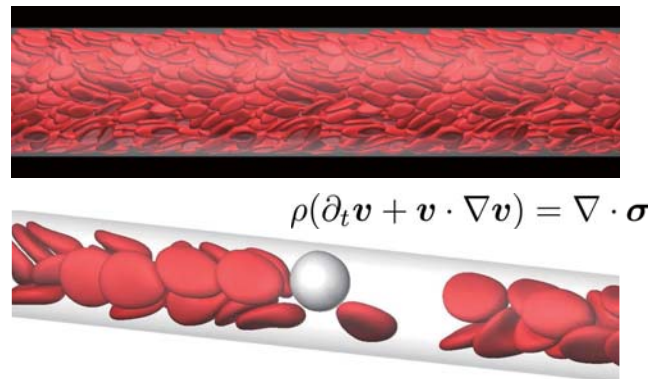
Elucidation of behavior of cancer inhibitor/promotor
► Cancer detection/treatment

Cell experiment

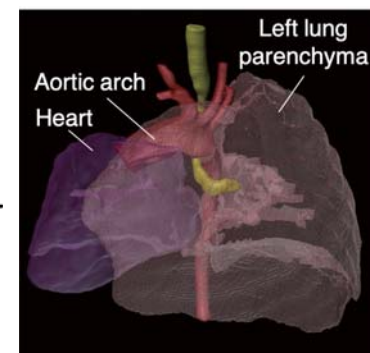
MEMS techniques,
Gene transfer,
Live imaging, AI, etc.



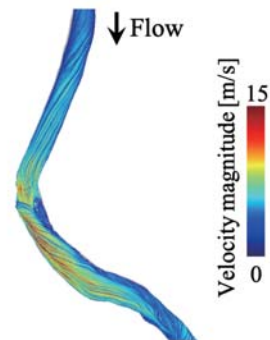
Stress for aggregated molecules



Cellular flow in microvessels

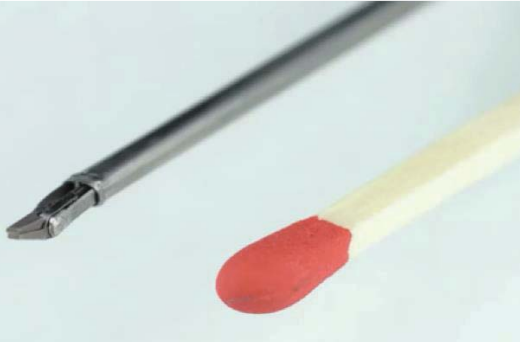


Respiratory performance in a patient

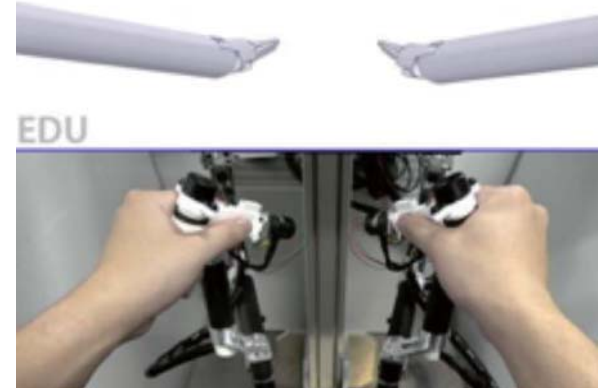
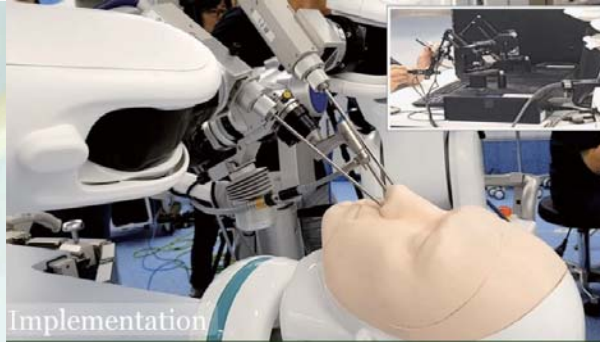


Research on new Medical Devices based on Robotics

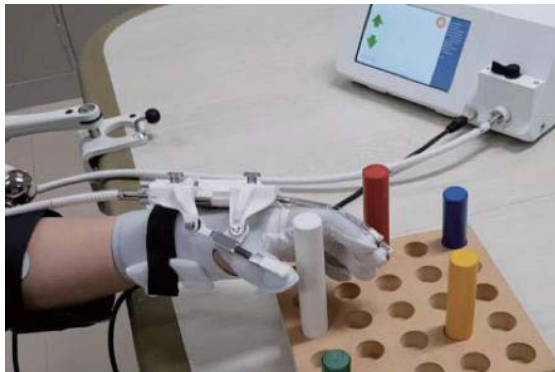
Our research aims at new medical applications based on Robotic technology. Robotic technology includes many elements - mechanism, sensor, control, system integration and etc. We study about these elements to realize further effective medical applications. Find more on <http://amd.mech.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>



World smallest 2mm robotic surgical manipulator



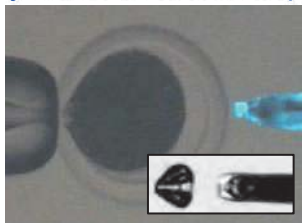
Tele-manipulation system for the orbital space station



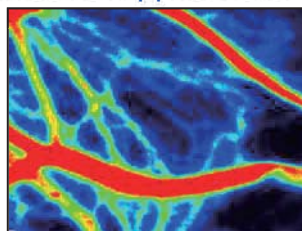
Hand rehabilitation robot currently tested in clinics

Biomedical Applications

Researches on Minimally invasive cell therapy



Needless injector for medical applications



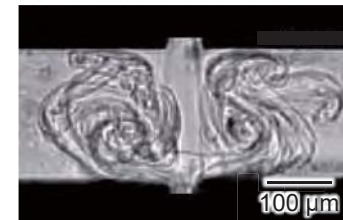
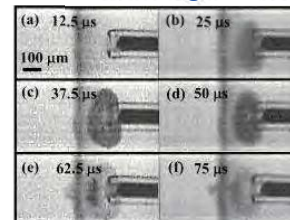
“Daily activities”
Discussion, Writing Journal, Presentation,
Design, Fabrication, Experiment, Analysis

“Seamless researches”

Fundamentals to Applications

Spatiotemporal microfluidics

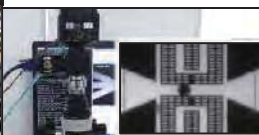
Investigation of ultra-fast microfluidics



Novel medical devices & applications



Evaluation system of
Electrically induced bubbles



Cell manipulation & measurement
utilizing high-speed vision integrated system



Microfluidic chips

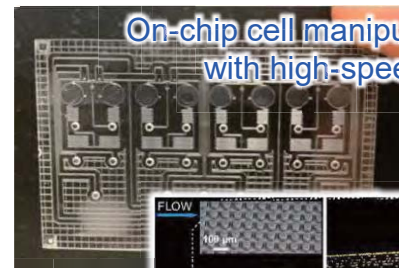
based on MEMS fabrication



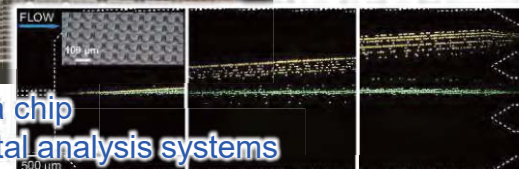
Fabrication technologies for
wafer level 3D structures

500 μm

On-chip cell manipulations & analyses
with high-speed & high-accuracy



Lab on a chip
Micro total analysis systems



Micro/Nano-mechatronics

Microfabrication/MEMS

Fundamental micro/nano fluidics

Interdisciplinary researches on “Bio” “Medical” “Microfluidics (Mech. Eng.)”

Hydrogen Utilization Processes Laboratory

Prof. K. Sasaki, Assoc. Prof. Y. Tachikawa, Asst. Prof. Yasutake, et al.



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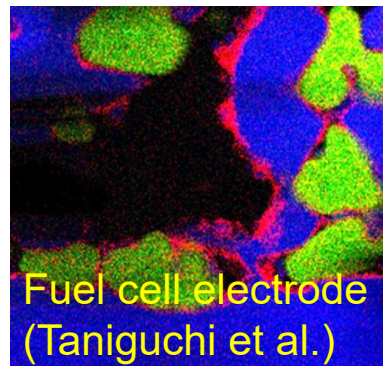
Research topic

Studies on

Low-temperature Fuel Cells (PEFCs)

(Electric power units for mobility and portable applications)

- Novel electrocatalyst development and evaluation
- Next-generation proto-type cell development

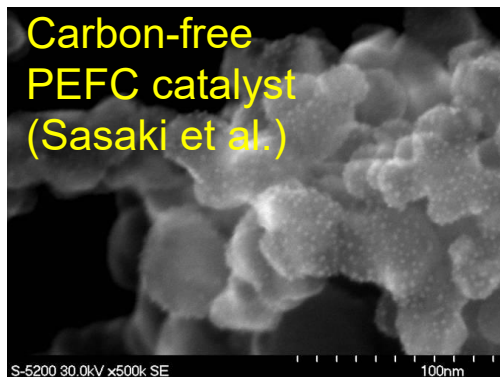


Fuel cell electrode
(Taniguchi et al.)



Laboratory

Carbon-free PEFC catalyst (Sasaki et al.)



Studies on High-temperature Fuel Cells and Electrolysis Cells (SOCs)

(High electric efficiency & no precious metal)

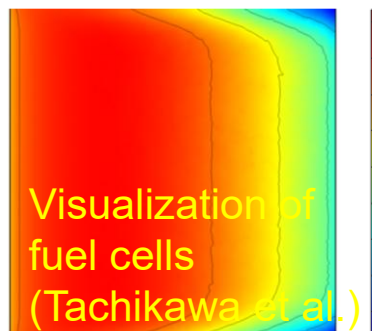
- Cell materials and durability for reversible cells
- Visualization and system simulation



Microscope

Fundamental Studies on Hydrogen Energy Related Technologies

- Hydrogen production from renewable energy
- Study on hydrogen sensors



Visualization of
fuel cells
(Tachikawa et al.)



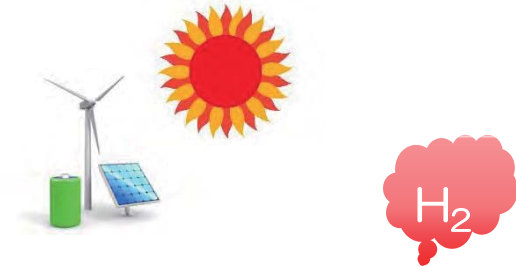
Laboratory Building
(NEXT-FC)

You can learn research and development skills for fuel cells and related technologies!

“Fabrication of materials and cells ⇒ Measurement of cell performance and durability

⇒ Microscopic characterization and various electrochemical / materials analysis”

Global demand for fuel cell and electrolyzer researches - Energy and environmental issues, global warming



Electrolytic hydrogen production from renewable energy



Fuel cell power generation for residential and industrial use



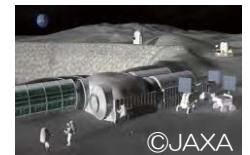
Fuel cell vehicles



Marine fuel cells



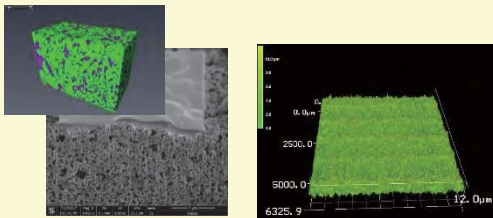
Aircraft fuel cells



Space exploration

Mechanical Engineering

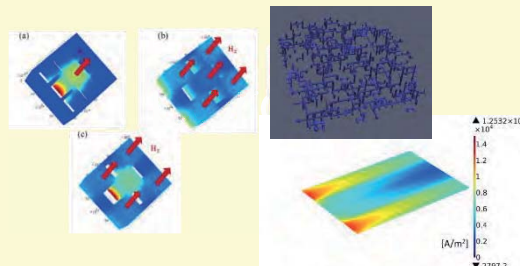
- Thermodynamics
- Heat transfer engineering
- Fluid dynamics



Observation of 3D microstructure of porous media

Fuel cell / Electrolyzer

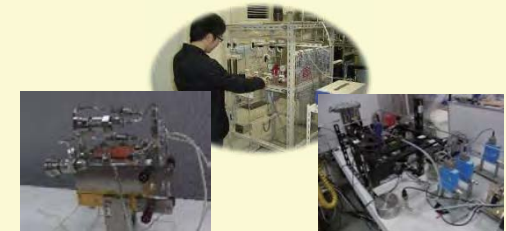
- Chemical/electrical energy conversion (PEFC • PEWE • SOFC • SOEC)
- High efficiency with direct conversion
- Without mechanical link



Heat, mass, and charge transport simulations

System

- 1 + 1 = 2 ? • Optimization
- Measurement, analysis, and diagnostic techniques (Electrochemistry, imaging, permeation test)



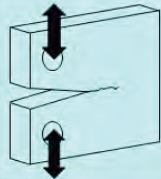
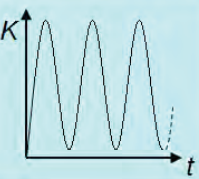
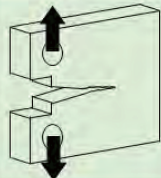
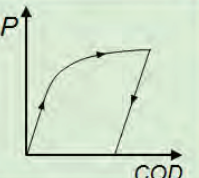
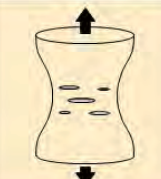
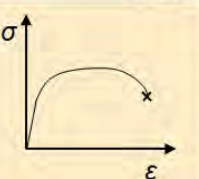
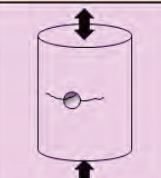
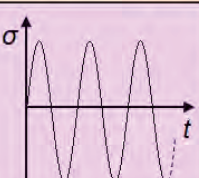
Experimental evaluation of physical properties and performance

Proposal of optimal designs and novel structures with elucidation of multiscale transport phenomena in fuel cells and electrolyzers

Aims and scope

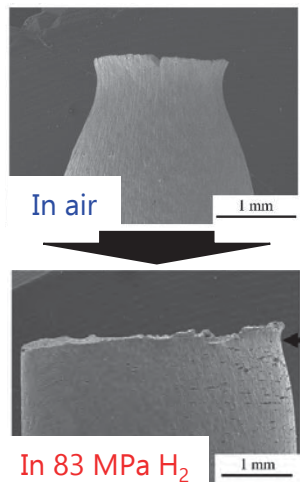
- Elucidate the **fundamental principles** of hydrogen embrittlement.
- Contribute to revisions of **domestic- and international-** regulations on material selection and strength design (e.g., design by rule and design by analysis) for components used in high-pressure gaseous hydrogen.
- Find and develop **new structural materials** having higher resistance to hydrogen with lower cost.

Strength properties which is necessary for the strength design of high-pressure hydrogen components

Properties	Loading types	
Fatigue crack growth		
Fracture toughness		
Tensile fracture		
Fatigue life		



Material testing in high-pressure H_2 gas up to 140 MPa



Ductility loss of type 304 stainless steel in hydrogen gas



Contribution for safer and more economic hydrogen society

Keywords:

Hydrogen Storage, Hydrogen Embrittlement, Fatigue and Fracture, Strength Design, Regulation Review

Advanced Hydrogen Materials Lab.

Research topics

- Influence of fillers on hydrogen penetration properties and blister fracture of rubber composites for O-ring exposed to high-pressure hydrogen gas.
- Evaluation of sealing behavior of rubber O-ring in high pressure hydrogen gas.
- Development of rubber materials for diaphragm pump.
- Analyses of polymer materials after high-pressure hydrogen exposure.

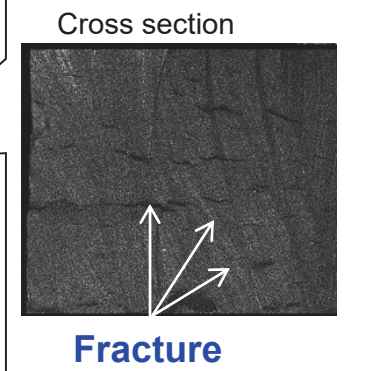


Seal breaks after 100MPa,
30° C × 25 cycles

Analyses of mechanism of blister fracture of rubber materials during high-pressure hydrogen exposure



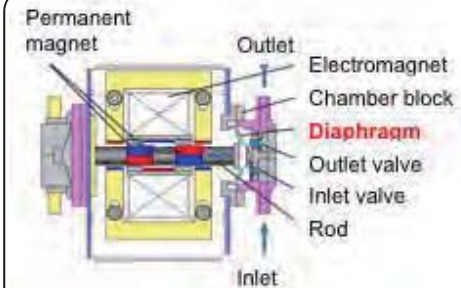
High durability rubber materials for O-ring
of high-pressure hydrogen gas vessels



Evaluation of sealing
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high pressure hydrogen gas



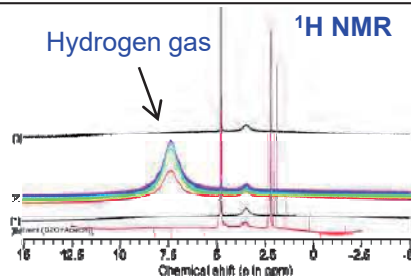
High reliability high-
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seal design



Development of high
frequency fatigue-resistant
rubber materials



Long-life diaphragm
pump for hydrogen gas



Analyses of polymer materials by
NMR, IR, Raman spectroscopy
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properties after high-pressure
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Molecular design guidelines
for polymer materials for
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