

# Innovative Circular Technologies for Harmful Nitrogen Compounds/ To Solve Planetary Boundary Issues

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to ammonia resource

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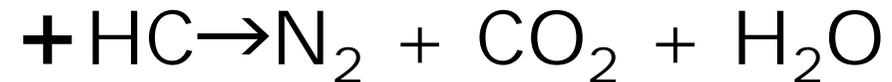
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## Elimination of nitrogen oxides for environmental issues

Decomposition  $\rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2$  the most ideal but difficult

### Reduction

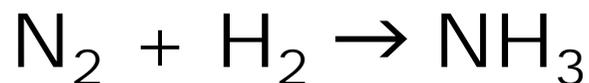


the current process  
low selectivity by  $\text{O}_2$  coexisted



the current process  
necessary to add from external

## Ammonia synthesis for food and energy issues

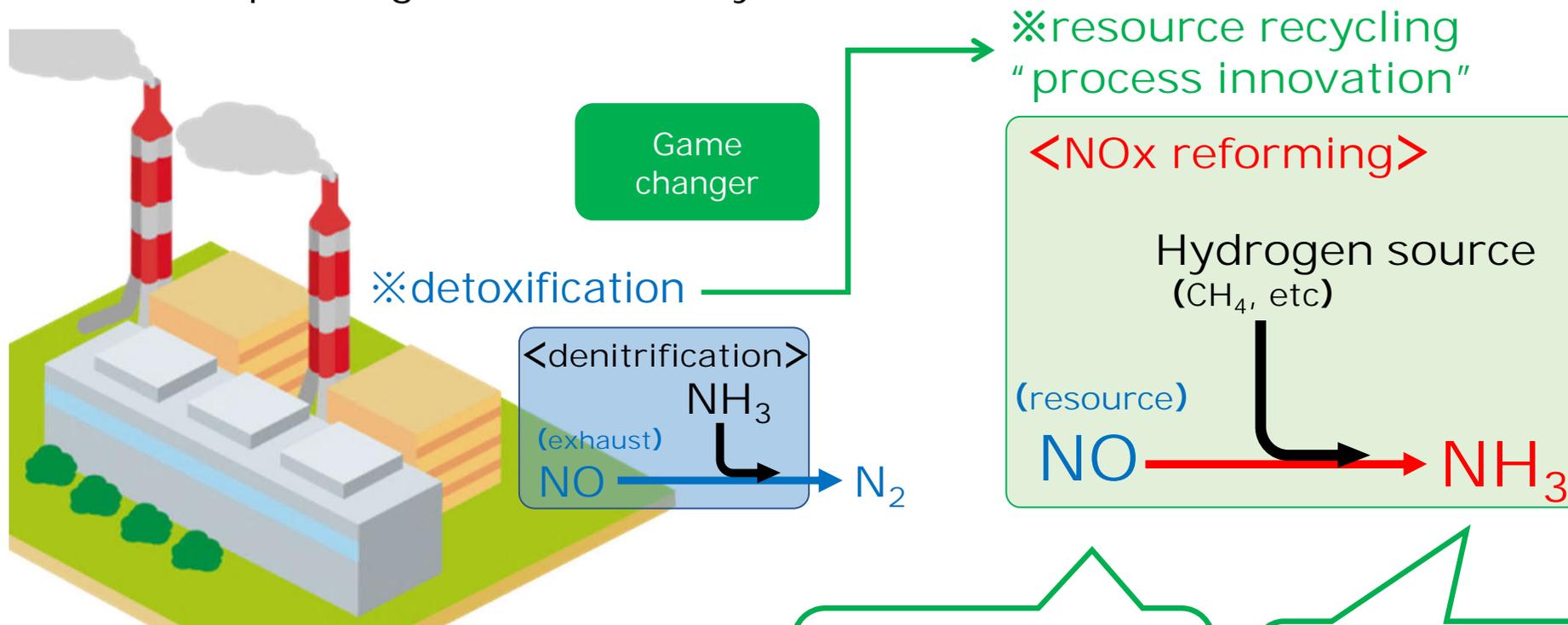


the Haber-Bosch process  
high temperature & pressure

# NOx as a chemical resource!!



LNG thermal power generation facility



**Merit①**  
Eliminate needs for reductant

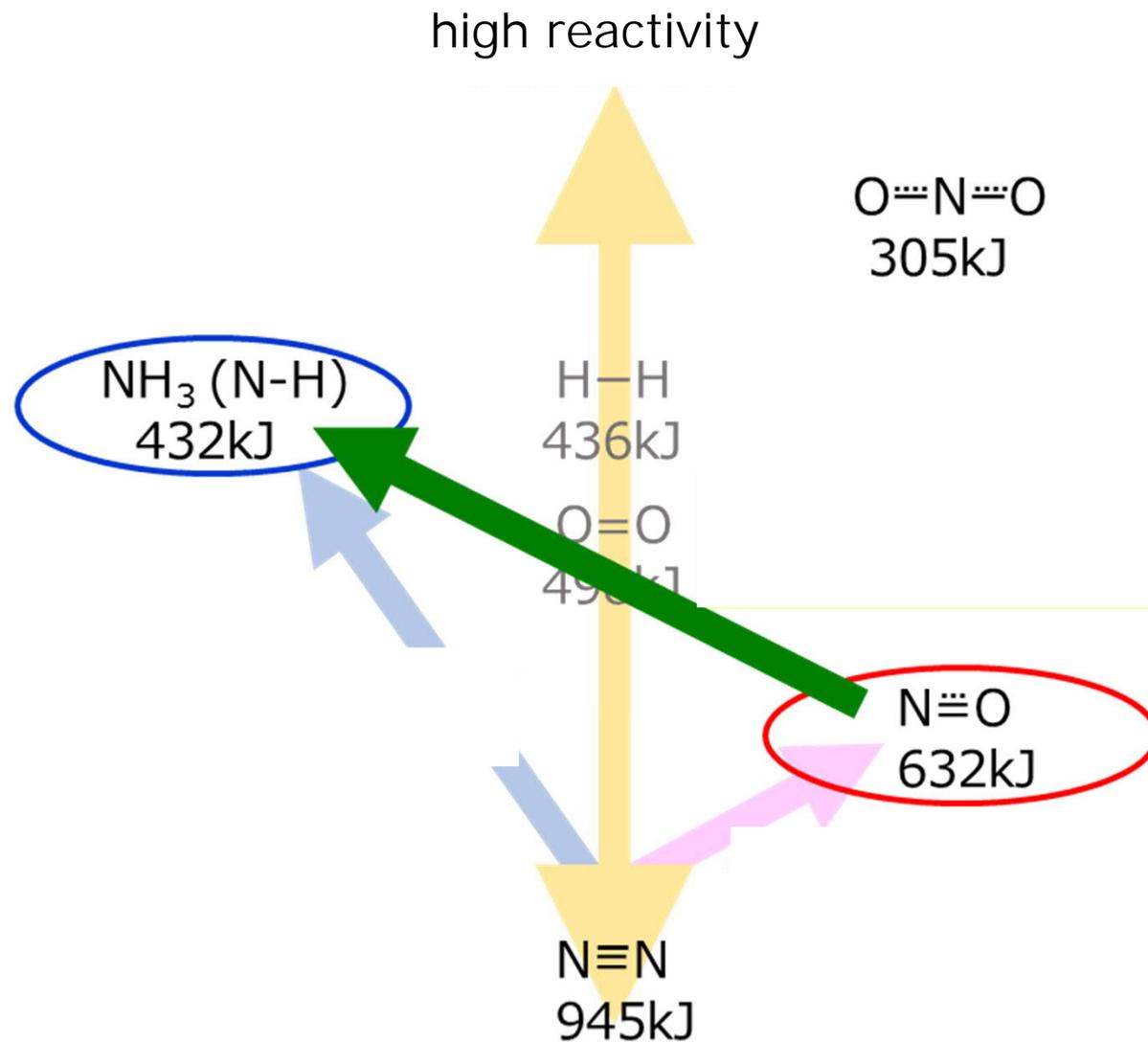
**Merit②**  
No need to invest more energy

**Merit③**  
Reduction of NH<sub>3</sub> imported

Avoiding HB process

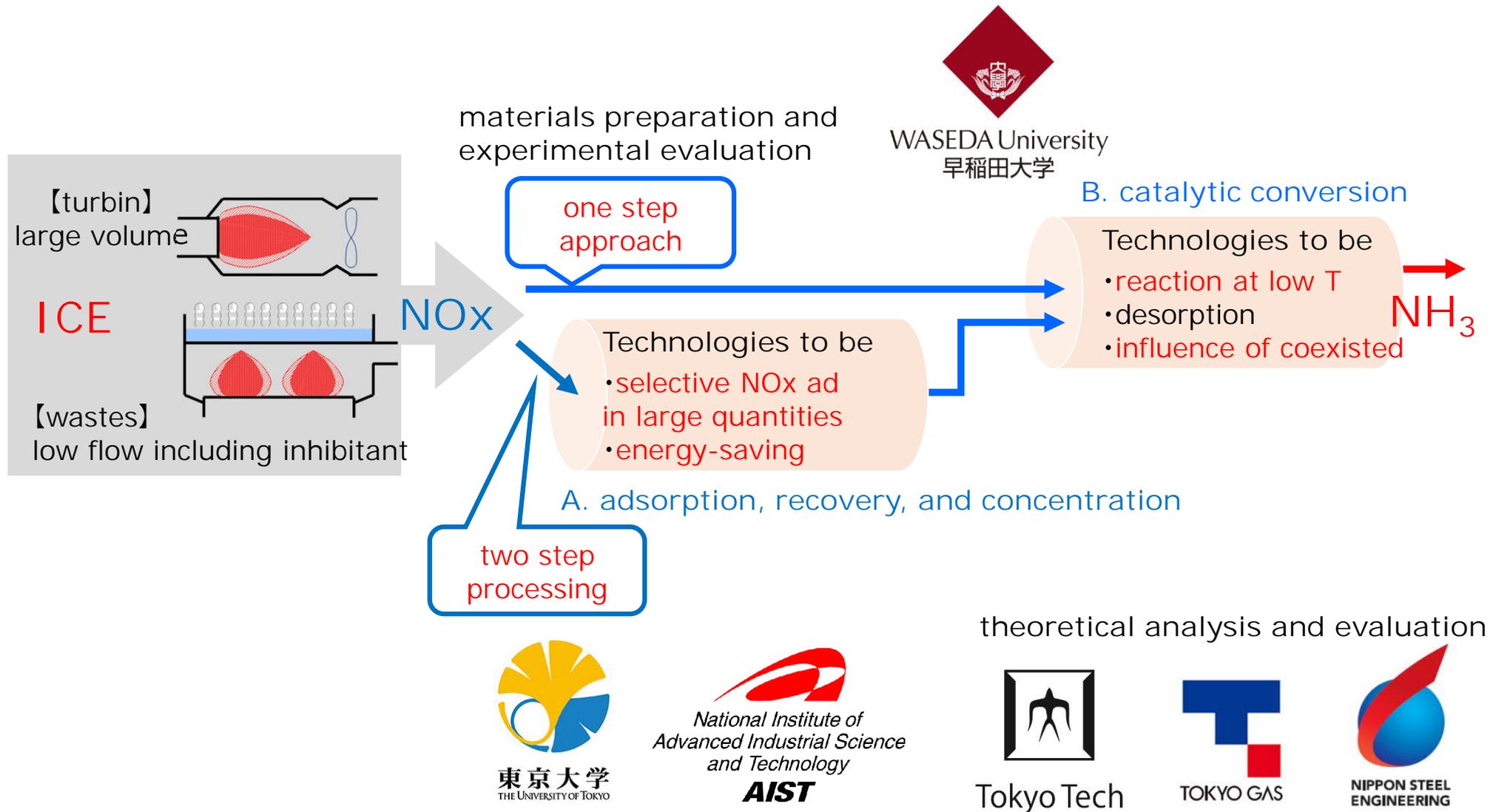


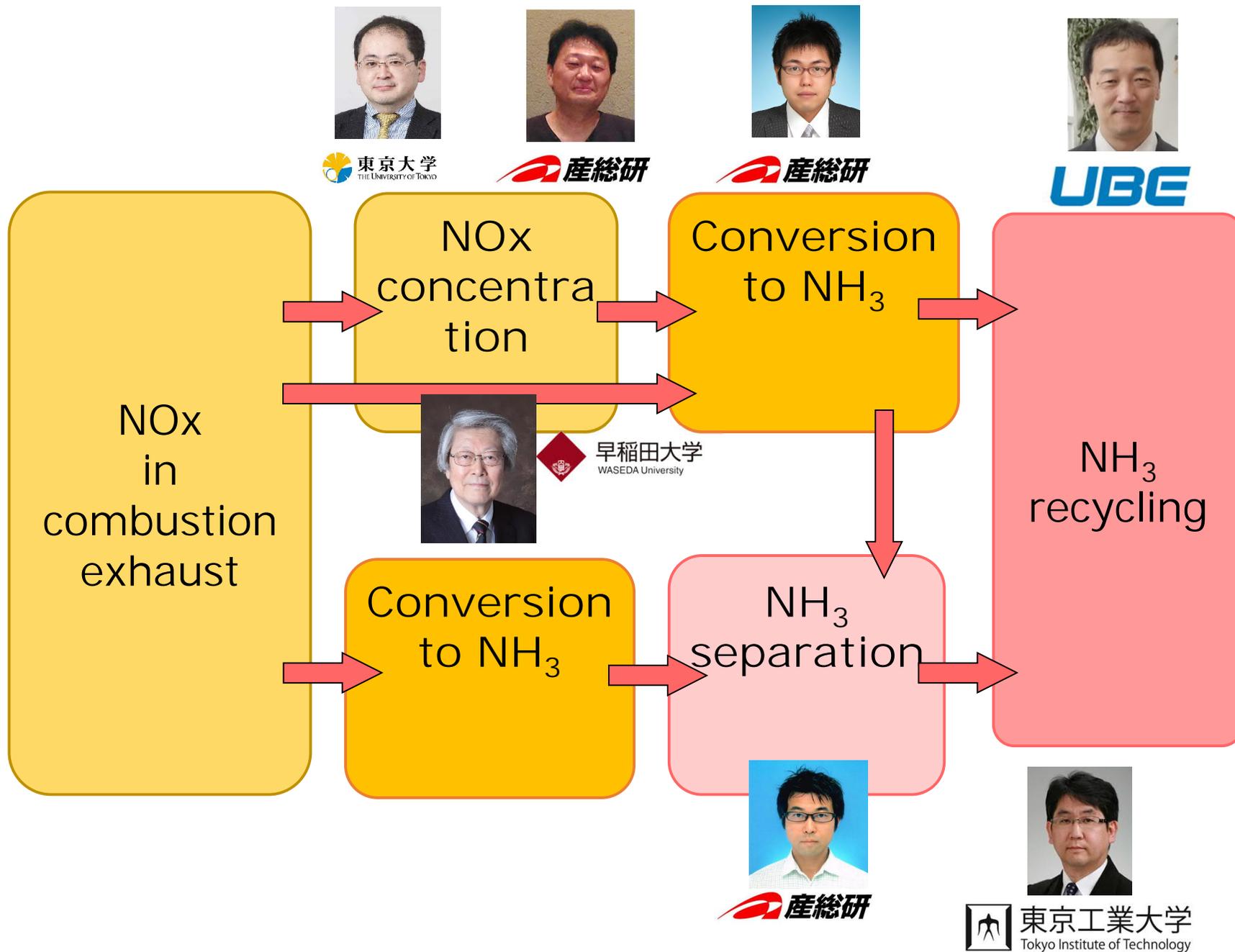
# Why ammonia from NOx ?



Bonding energies in N-containing molecules

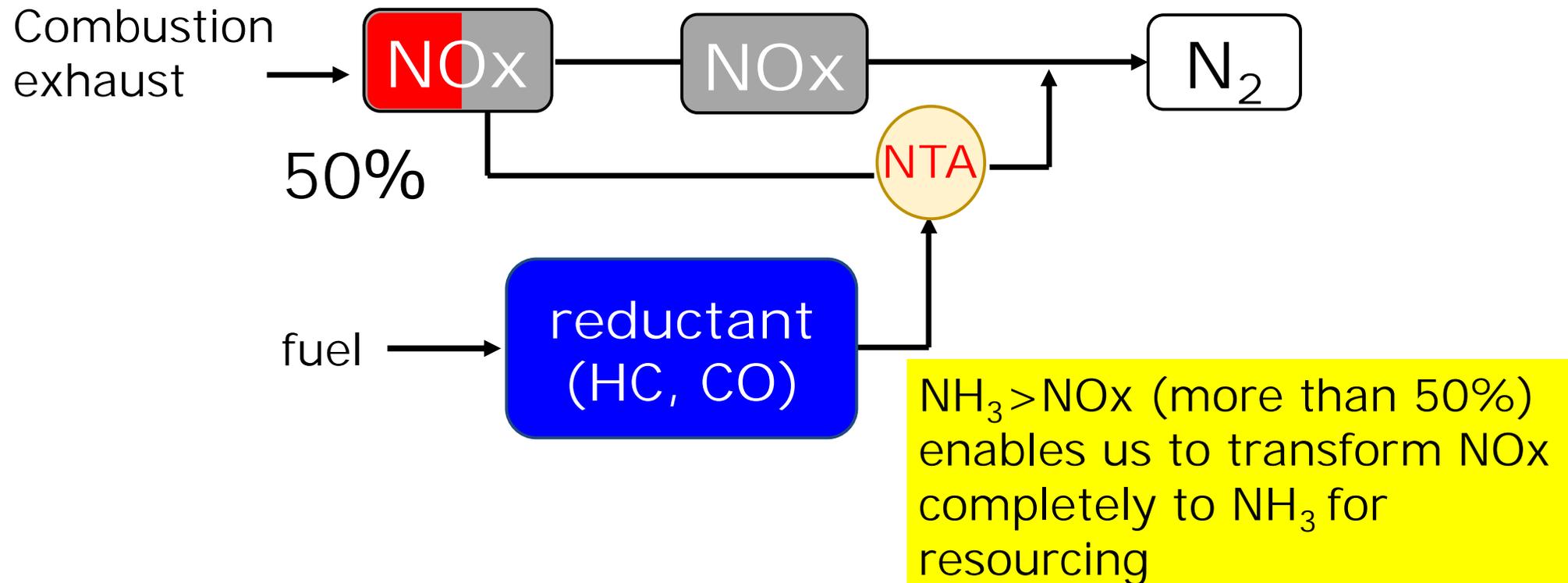
# Examples of specific technological developments and study teams





## 【Theme 1. Resource ammoniation of nitrogen compounds in gas phase】

1. Improvement of 1 step NTA ( $\text{NO}_x \rightarrow \text{NH}_3$ ) catalyst
2.  $\text{NO}_x$  adsorption and concentration for 2 step NTA catalytic system
3.  $\text{NH}_3$  concentration



# Implementation image for gas-phase NTA catalytic system



## Pilot image in 2029

Demonstration test  
assumed location:  
Ube Industries

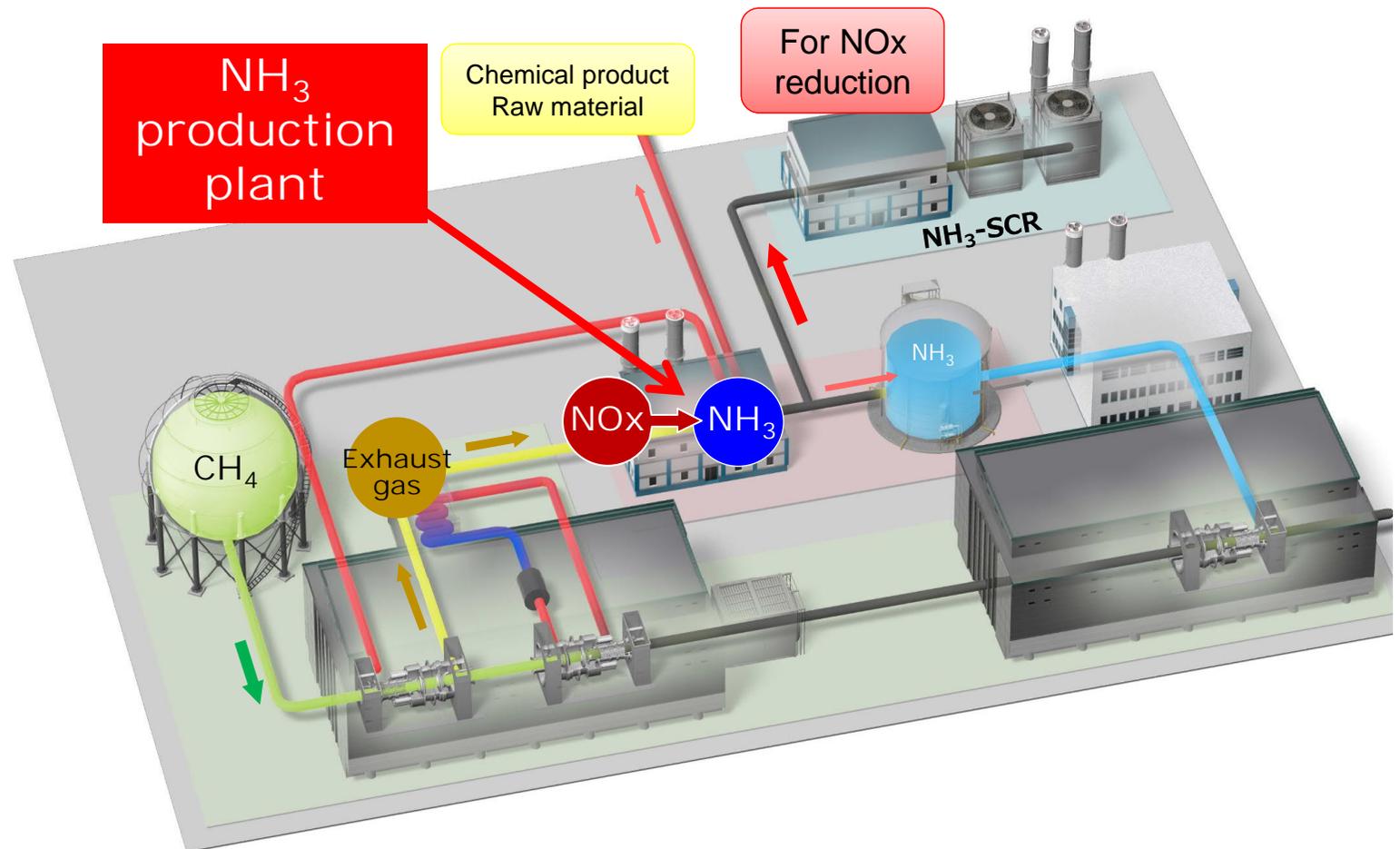
Exhaust  
250 ~ 1000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
1,000 ~ 5,000 ppm-  
NO<sub>x</sub>

NO<sub>x</sub> → NH<sub>3</sub>  
conversion  
50%

100%  
circulation

Reductant for  
NO<sub>x</sub>

## Implementation image in 2050



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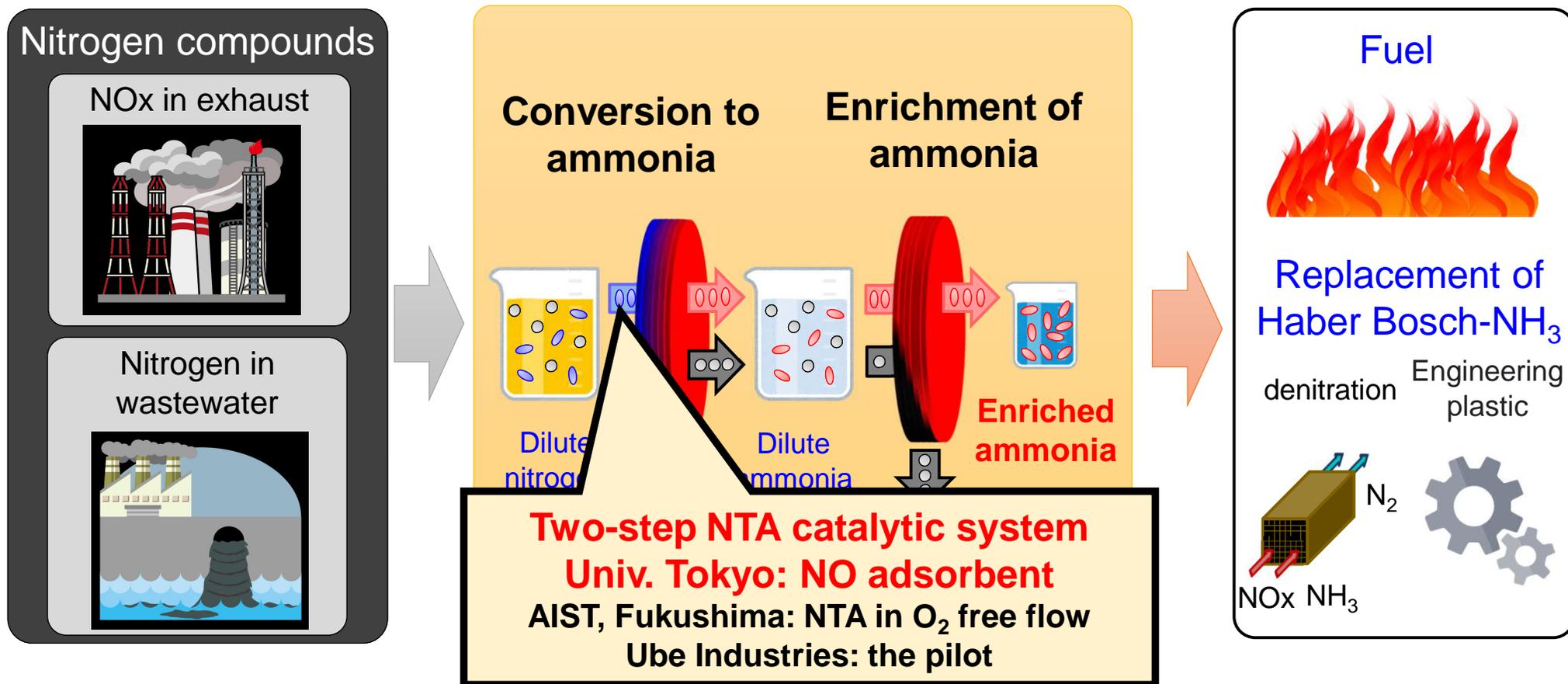
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Highly selective NO adsorption for successive NTA catalyst process  
by use of metal species-derived electrostatic field in  
hydrophilic/hydrophobic space

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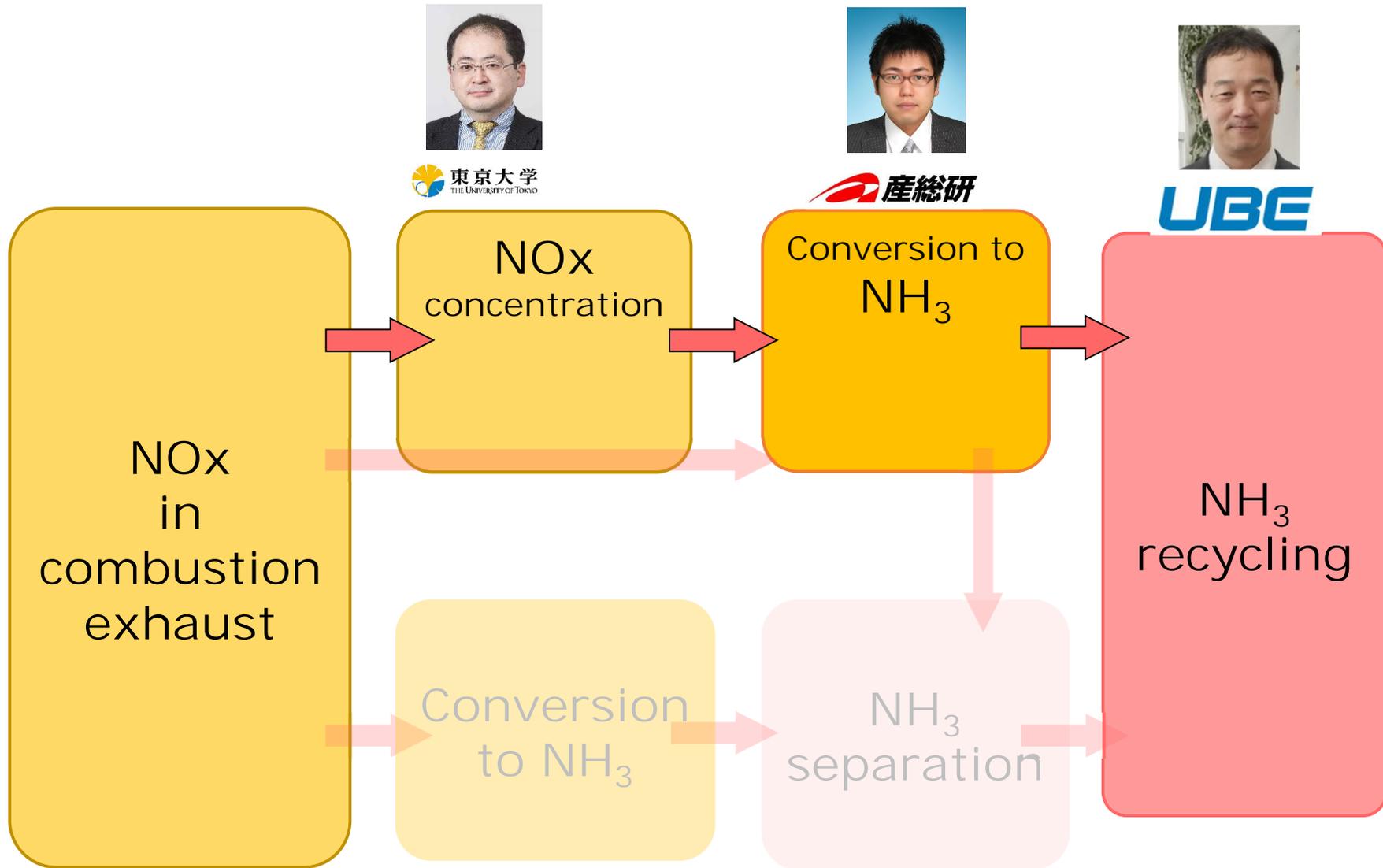


Target of Theme 1 for FY2029 : NO<sub>x</sub> to Ammonia (NTA) reaction at 50% yield, and complete detoxification of exhaust gas

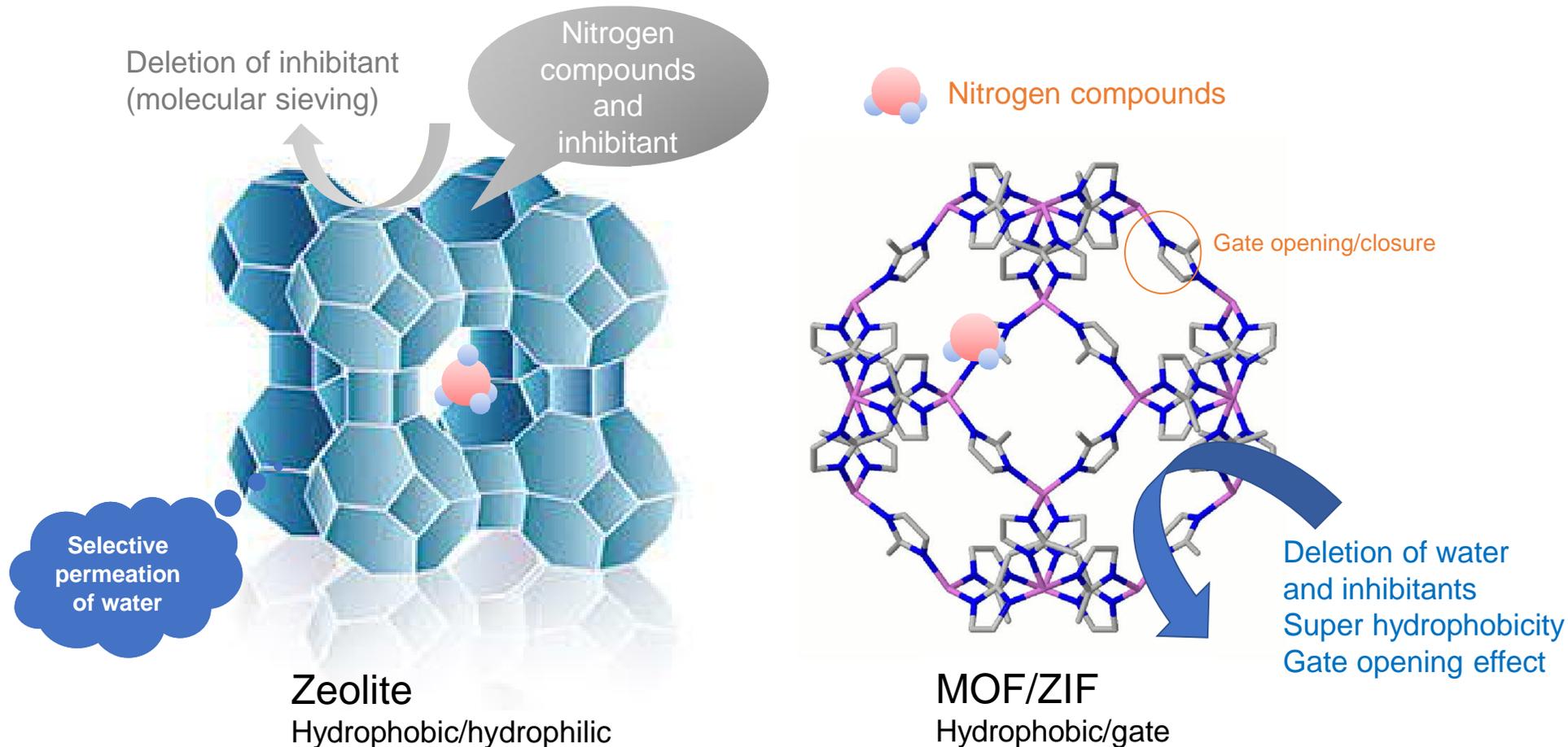
Position of the University of Tokyo: Development of adsorbents and adsorption technology for selective adsorption and concentration of NO<sub>x</sub>

The target for FY2029: Establishment of NO adsorption and concentration materials and basic process for pilot demonstration of NTA catalyst system

# The team of 2 step NTA system



## Design of highly selective adsorbent for NO<sub>x</sub> contained in flue gas (low temperature, physisorption type)

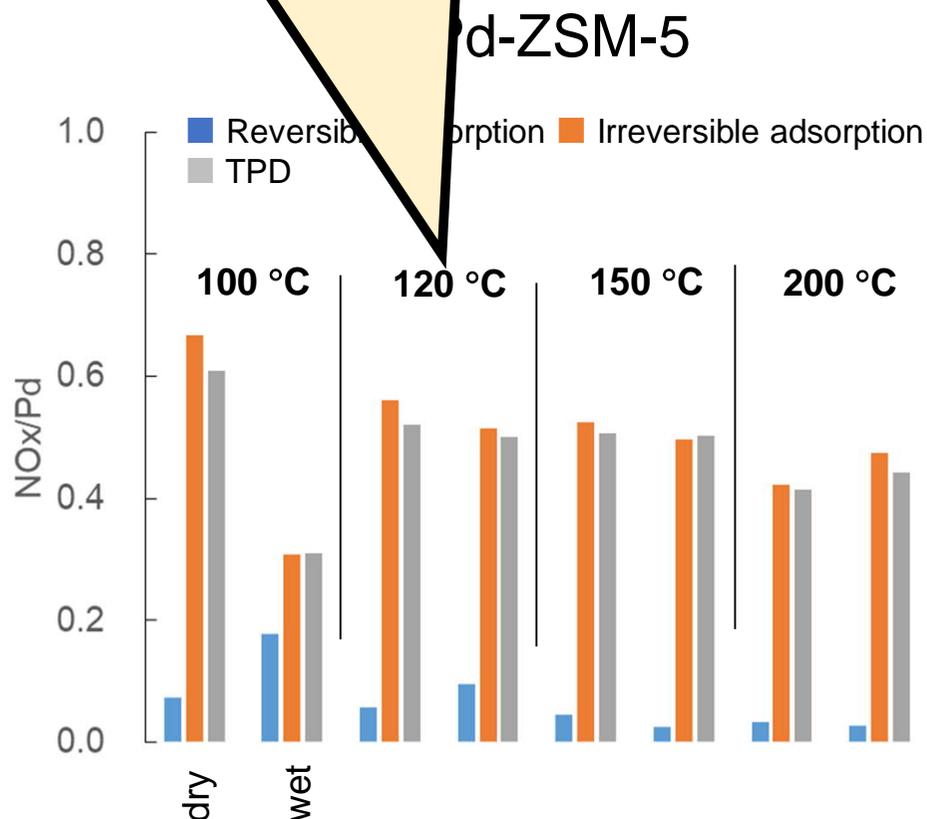


### **[items]**

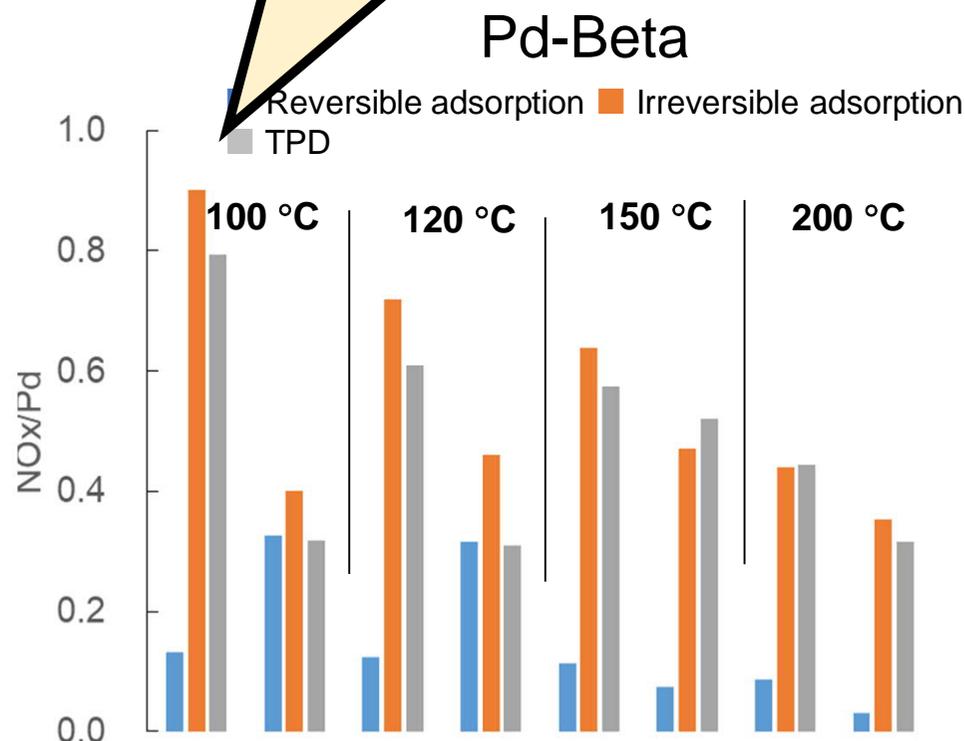
- Design of an adsorbent that can selectively recover and concentrate NO in exhaust gas
- Design of a catalytic system by combination of the adsorbent with the NTA catalyst (AIST Fukushima)

- Discovery of a material with sufficient NO adsorption capacity in the presence of water vapor (zeolite-based)

Unique adsorption characteristics in the presence of water vapor

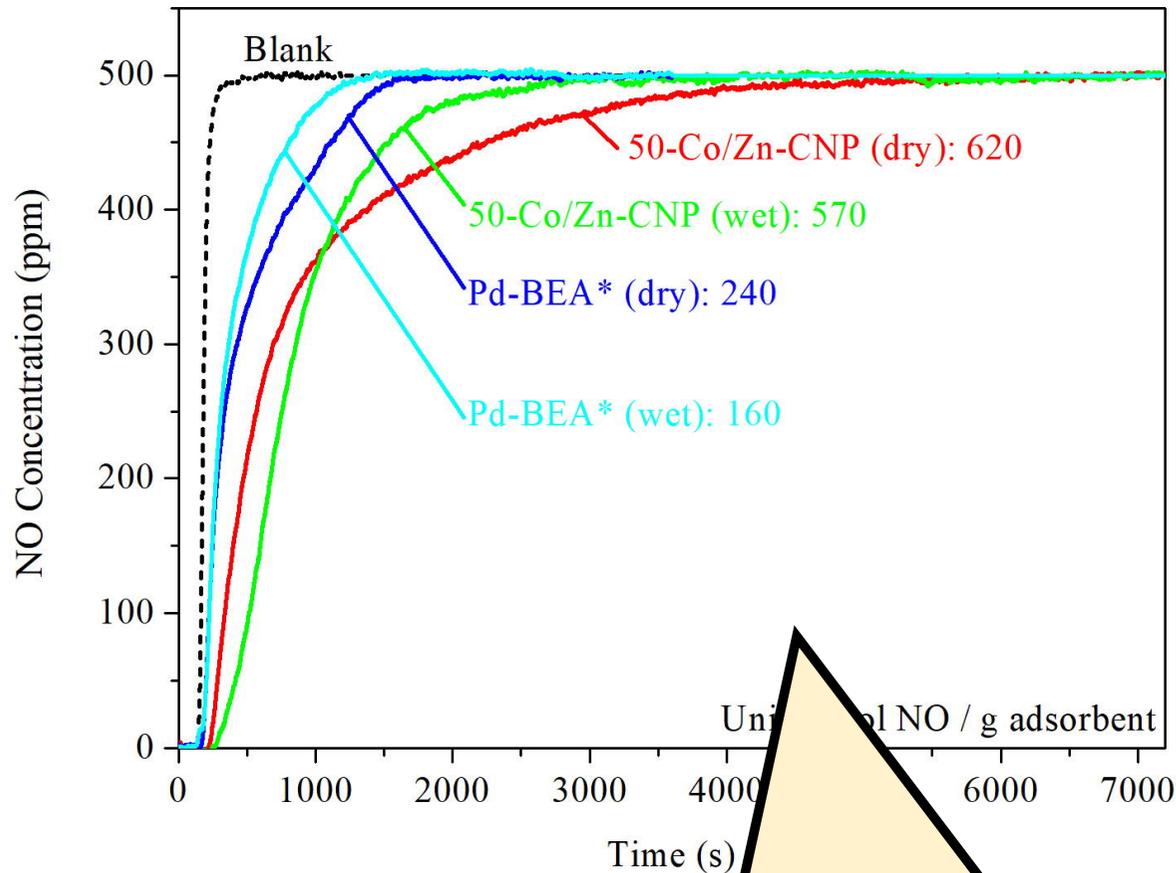


Quite high adsorption capacity

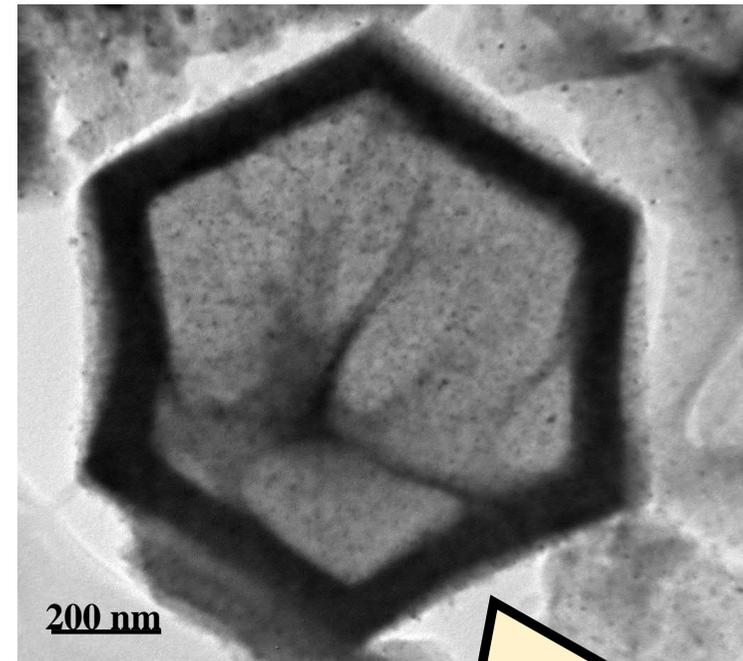


adsorption: NO 500ppm, O<sub>2</sub> 10%, (wet H<sub>2</sub>O 5%)/N<sub>2</sub> 200 mL/min at 100-200 °C  
 TPD: O<sub>2</sub> 10%/N<sub>2</sub> 200 mL/min, heated to 500 °C (10K/min)

- Discovery of materials with sufficient NO adsorption capacity in the presence of water vapor (ZIF-based)



Unique adsorption properties in the presence of water vapor, more than 3 times higher than zeolite adsorbent  
→Realization of selective adsorption



Succeeded in creating a unique core-shell structure

Ge *et al.* submitted  
Ogura, patented

## **Position in the project**

Development of adsorbents and adsorption technologies for selective adsorption and concentration of NO in exhaust

## **Target for FY2029**

Establishment of materials and basic processes for pilot demonstration of NTA catalyst system

## **R&D items**

Development of ultra-selective NO adsorbent for NTA using metal species-derived electrostatic field in hydrophilic/hydrophobic space

## **Achievements by the University of Tokyo**

- Discovery of materials with sufficient NO adsorption capacity in the presence of water vapor, temperature specific and capacity variable by zeolite type selection (Zeolite type)
- Discovery of materials with sufficient NO adsorption capacity in the presence of water vapor, showing more than three times the adsorption capacity of the zeolite type (ZIF type)

