

# Advanced Logistics Transport System (ALTRaS) Research Project



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# “Sendai” in Tohoku Region

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Vehicle Technology  
International Conference,  
October 1-2, 2019.  
**Winnipeg**, Manitoba, Canada.



Sendai Castle



Matsushima Bay



Naruko Gorge



Mt. Zao Ski Area



Shopping Arcade



Aoba Street



Tanabata Festival



Music Festivals



Pageant of Starlight



Sushi



Oyster



Hot Springs

# ***About NICHe***

***Partnership between Industry and University***

## **Established in 1998**

Planning & Management of Collaborative Research  
Projects to Provide Solutions for Industry & Society

20 Research Projects

JPY 2.9B Budget with 232 staff, including 156 Researchers,

as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

## **NICHe Guideline for Projects**

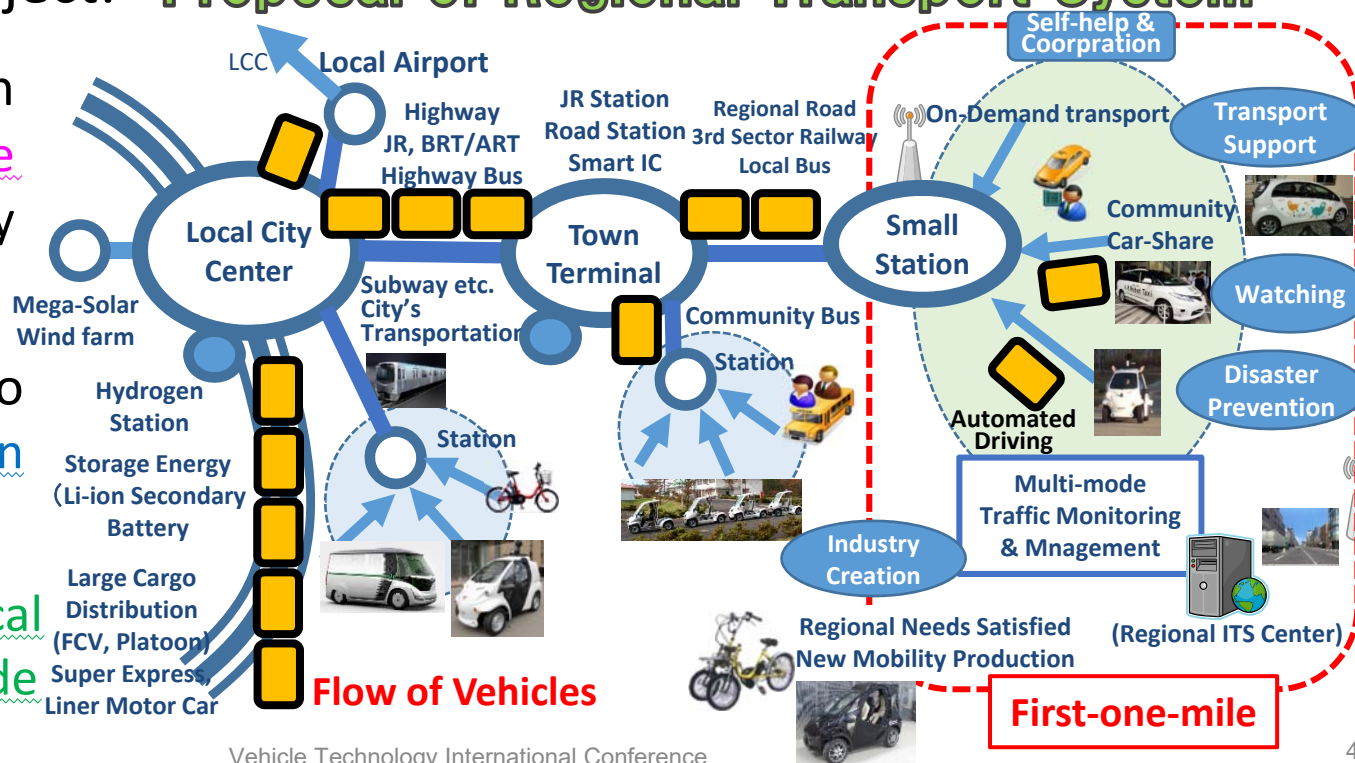
1. World Leading Research
2. Predetermined Period, 3 to 5 Years Typical
3. Needs Oriented & Large-Sized Project  
with Industry & Government
4. External Funding

### ■ Subject of Project: **Proposal of Regional Transport System**

- Implementation of **Near-Future Traffic System** by Applying Ward

- Contribution to **Aging, Population Drain Society**

- Increase of **Local Industry and Trade**

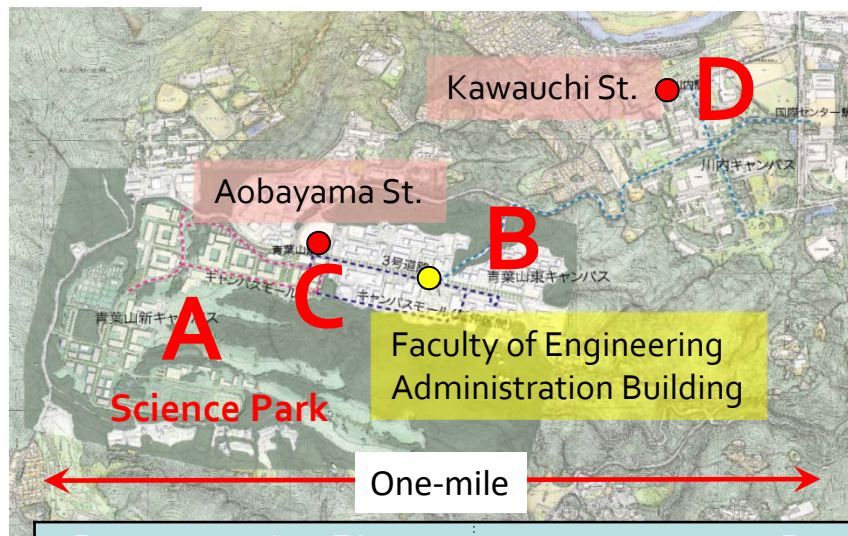




# Aobayama New Campus & Subway

Up to 10 thousands Commuter, Only One Subway Station

No Feeder Transportation in New & Existing Aobayama Campus



Demonstration Phase	Demonstration Area
2013FY ~ Vehicle Development	Campus Mall Zone, Aobayama New Campus (A)
Pilot Study 1	Aobayama New Campus (A) & East Zone (B) Determine the best way to the Mobility in Aobayama
Pilot Study 2	Aobayama Station (C), Kawauchi Station (D) and Other Campuses

## Advanced Technology Field Practice Special Ward :

"Creation of Aobayama Campus Next-Generation Advanced Mobility System Practice Field"  
 => **Authorized as "Sendai Social Innovation Creation Special Ward" (2015)**

### ○Outline:

Field practice of advanced technologies as automated driving or UAV are executed in Aobayama campus. Utilizing new & existing campus as special ward widely open to active researchers, their realization and deregulation can be quickly proceeded.

UAV(Drone)



Automated Driving



Platooning, Remote Drive



Unmanned Vehicle



Stage 2:  
Practical  
Operation  
in Existing

Regional New Mobility

Law Reform  
Deregulation

Wireless Charge



Stage 1:  
Field Practice in  
New Campus  
Area



Stage 0 (Lab):  
R&D in Academia or Industry  
(Ex. Miyagi Reconstruction Park)

Open to other  
R&D sectors

Stage 3 (Regional Implementation):  
Model Development to Surrounding Area  
(Island, Remote Area, etc.)

Modeling  
Dispatch

Infra Inspection



Disaster Resilience



### ○Contributions:

- Quicker realization of technologies
- Active deregulation
- Promotion of field test research
- Attraction of interests
- Dissemination to public
- More attractive campus etc.

## Next Day of Big Earthquake on March 11, 2011



Laboratory



Neighborhood of university

Resilience of local industries was required





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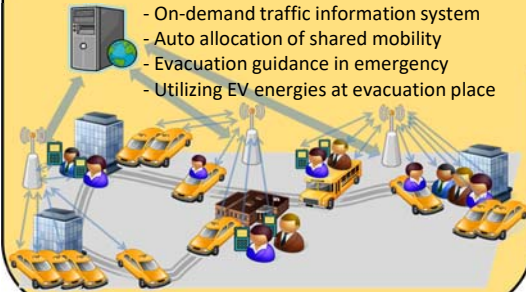
**NICHE**

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## For Social Contribution

### Aobayama Campus Field Experiment

- Visualization of campus bus & EV locations
- On-demand traffic information system
- Auto allocation of shared mobility
- Evacuation guidance in emergency
- Utilizing EV energies at evacuation place



### Social Implementation to Tohoku Disaster Area



- Sustainable transport system supplementing each other
- Resilient multi-mode system for dual-use (normal/disaster)
- Advanced technologies to revitalize local community
- Distribute to coastal, mountainous, island & remote regions

### Advanced Logistics Transport System (ALTRaS) Research Project

Prototype Evaluation Base  
for Next-Generation Vehicles

### Miyagi Reconstruction Park NICHe TAGAJYO BASE

In the Sony Corporation  
Sendai Technology  
Center

- Early operation restarting of the suffered companies
- Creation of new industry and employments by advanced technologies

### Cross-cutting Integration for Advanced Technology Development

- EV Bus
- Wireless Charging
- In-Wheel Motor
- Head-Up Display
- Omnidirectional Camera
- Micro EV
- Autonomous Vehicle
- Lithium-ion Capacitor EV
- Dual-Mode EV (for emergency)
- Driving Simulator
- Traffic Simulation
- Virtual Space
- Driver Sensing

### Region-based Collaboration of Industry-Academia-Government

- Toyota Motor East Japan, Inc.  
Outdoor Un-manned Vehicle  
Next-Generation Distribution
- Kudo Electronics Corporation  
Motor, Power Electronics
- Hikichiseiko Co.,Ltd.  
Wireless Charging Station
- Murakami Co.,Ltd.  
EV Design & Manufacturing  
under collaboration with  
Ministries, Prefectures, Cities & Towns



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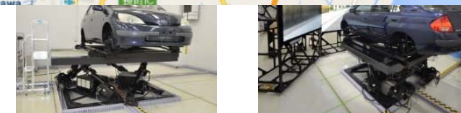
## Demonstration in Aobayama



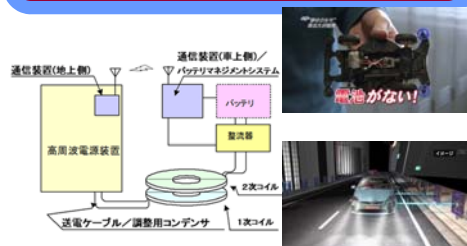
## Miyagi Reconstruction Park



## 3. Driving Simulator

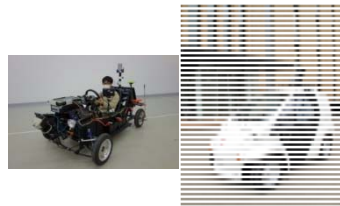


## 1. Contactless Power Transmission



## 2. Robotics

Autonomous Driving

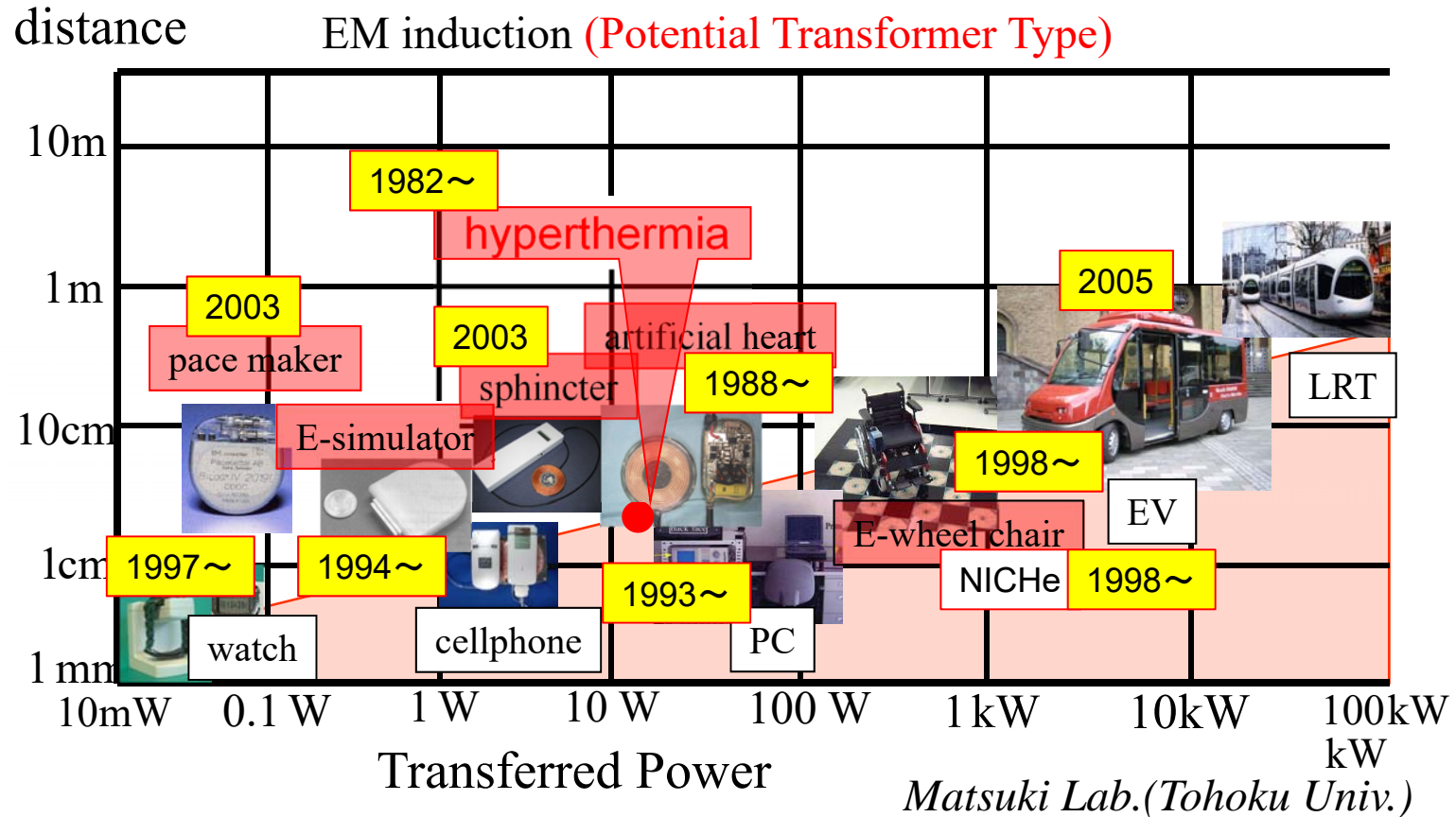


## 4. EV: Passenger, Transit Bus, Bike



## 5. Self-made Li-ion Battery

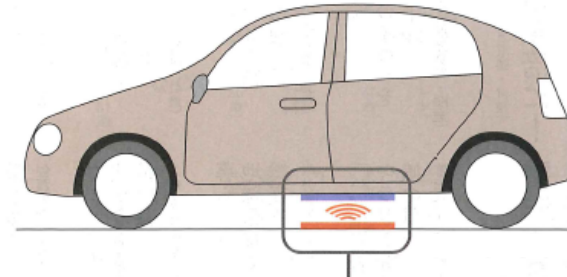
# Development of Wireless Power Transfer



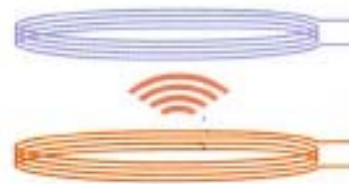
## Demonstration experiment of the wireless charge



Outline of Wireless Charge



Electricity transmission by  
the electromagnetic induction phenomenon



Receiver coil

Transmission coil

# High-Performance Wireless Charge System

EV

Key Technology of  
ATRaS

Wireless Charge

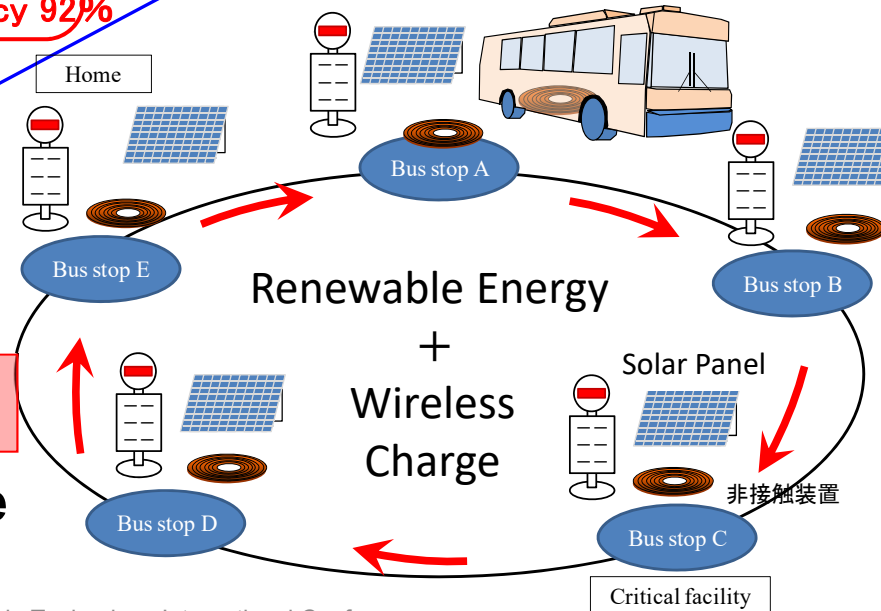
Choko-Choko-Charging

Power 30 kW  
Efficiency 92%



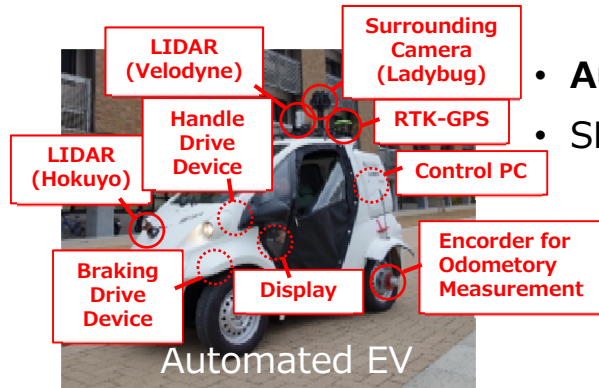
Hard System (Running)

Stop and Charge  
Frequently Charge  
→ Wireless

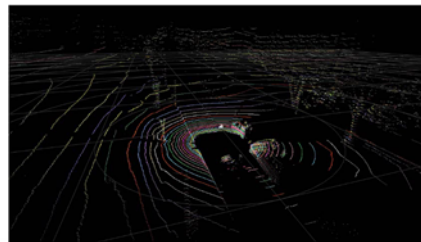




# Automated Driving Technologies in Tohoku University



- Automated Driving Car by conversion of Micro EV (for region)
- SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) technology
  - LIDAR, Camera, RTK-GPS, Odometry



LIDAR



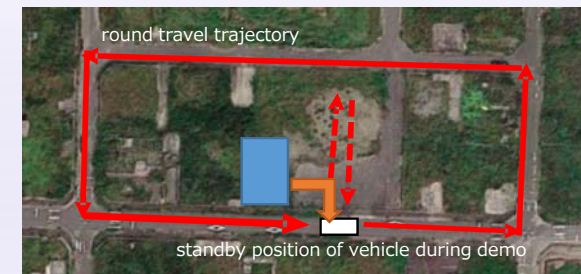
360 degree camera



Automated Driving on public road

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- Sensing technology in hard condition (Fire, Fog, Rain, Snow, etc.)
- Practice Field in Special Ward
  - including public road
- Social implementation of automated driving with local needs
  - Hard weather condition
  - Unmanned vehicle for carrying
  - **Safety car for aged or diseased person**



Demo Course in Arahama on Mar. 27  
(10-15km/h on 350m course)

# Driving Simulator (DS)

## Virtual Traffic Experiment Environment for Demo, Evaluation & Verification



Evacuation of automobiles from tsunami: Proposal of one-way traffic and change of central lane during disaster and proposal of evacuation training

# Prevention of Reverse Run\* (Kahoku Interchange)

Before (2015)



After (2016.12)



DS Exp. (2016.1)



Implementation

Driving  
Simulator



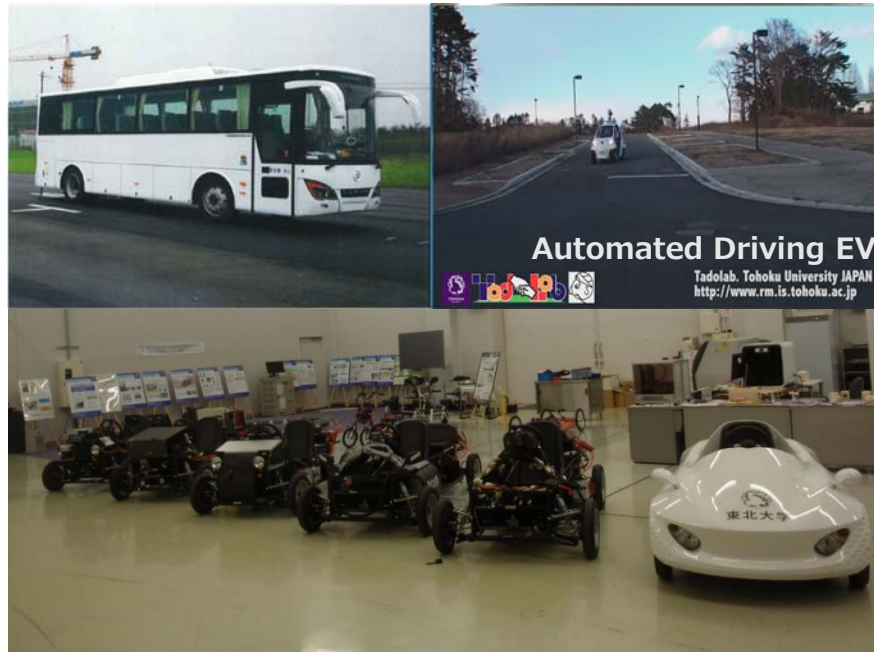
Press  
Release



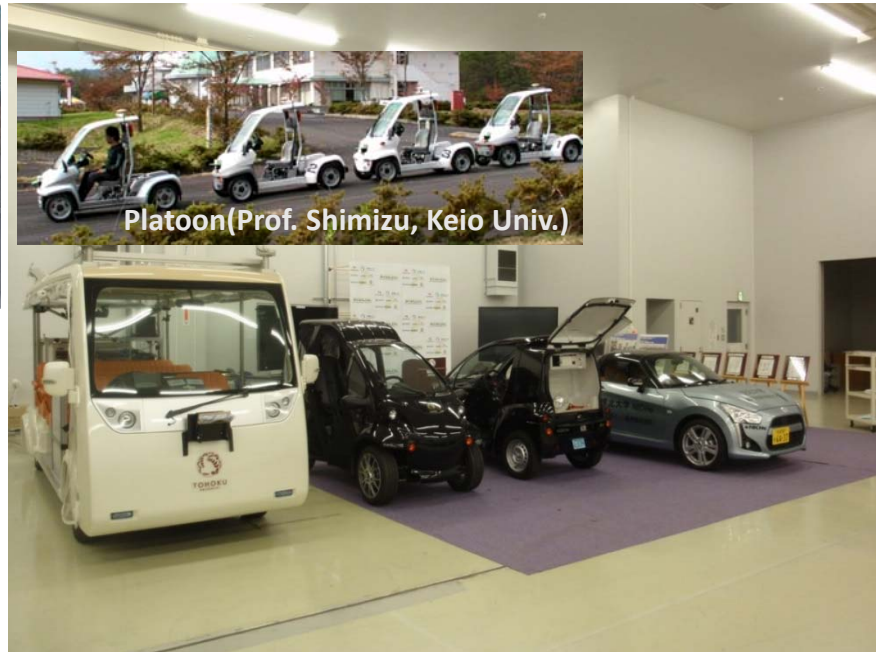
The press release itself is a part of reverse run-prevention by making the impression of the countermeasures to many people

\*Number of reverse run found  
**259** in 2016

# EV cars converted by Tohoku University



**Automated Motion Control**      **Wireless Charge For Two People**      **Li-ion Battery Public Road**

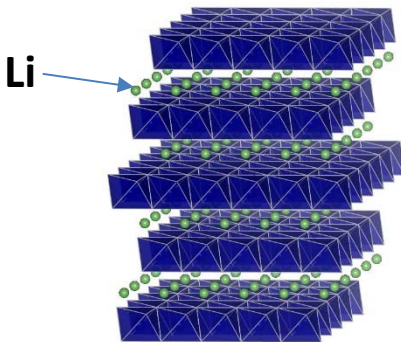
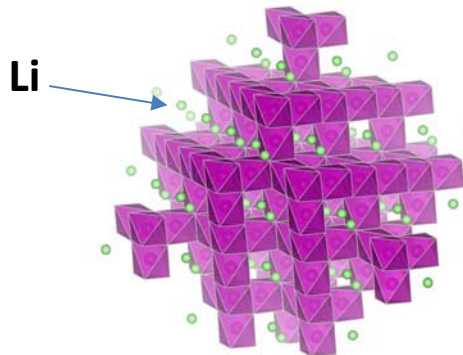


**EV Bus (MODI)**      **COMS for two (Toyota Auto Body)**      **COMS for supply (Toyota Auto Body)**      **Copen EV (DAIHATSU)**

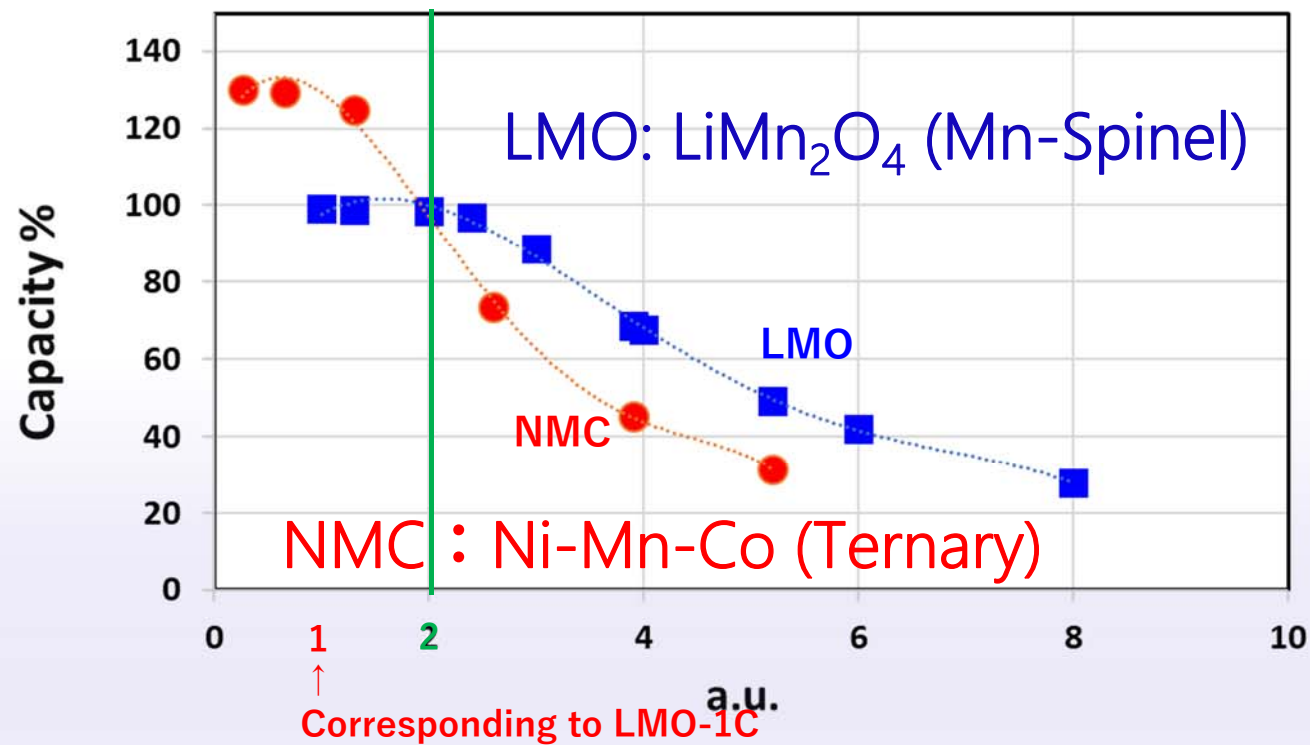
**PIUS converted cars: MODI(Ichinoseki city) Original**



# NMC: Ni-Mn-Co(Ternarry) LMO: $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$ (Spinel)

	Ternarry NMC Cathode	Mn 系正極
Crystalline Structure	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two-Dimensional Li-Diffusion</li> <li>▪ Unstable for Li-ion Over-removal ⇒ Thermorunawy</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Three-Dimensional Li-Diffusion ⇒ Advantage for High Power</li> <li>▪ Complete Extraction of Li-ion</li> </ul>
Cathode-Anode(Carbon) Balance	<div>Li-ion Capacity of Cathode &gt; Li-ion Capacity of Anode</div> ⇒ Cell Management Required	<div>Li-ion Capacity of Cathode = Li-ion Capacity of Anode</div> ⇒ Simplification of Protection Circuit
Reaction with $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	○	× ⇒ No Dry Room Required

## LMO vs. NMC : Output Characteristics



Capacity is larger for the LMO system for high current region ( $>2C$ )

# Advantage of LiB produced by Tohoku Univ.

- ⇒ LMO cathode is structural stable and free thermorunaway ⇒ Safety
- ⇒ Dry room free results in facility cost to 1/10 ⇒ Production by Local Company
- ⇒ Provided to regional medical institution ⇒ Disaster + Daily (Secure)



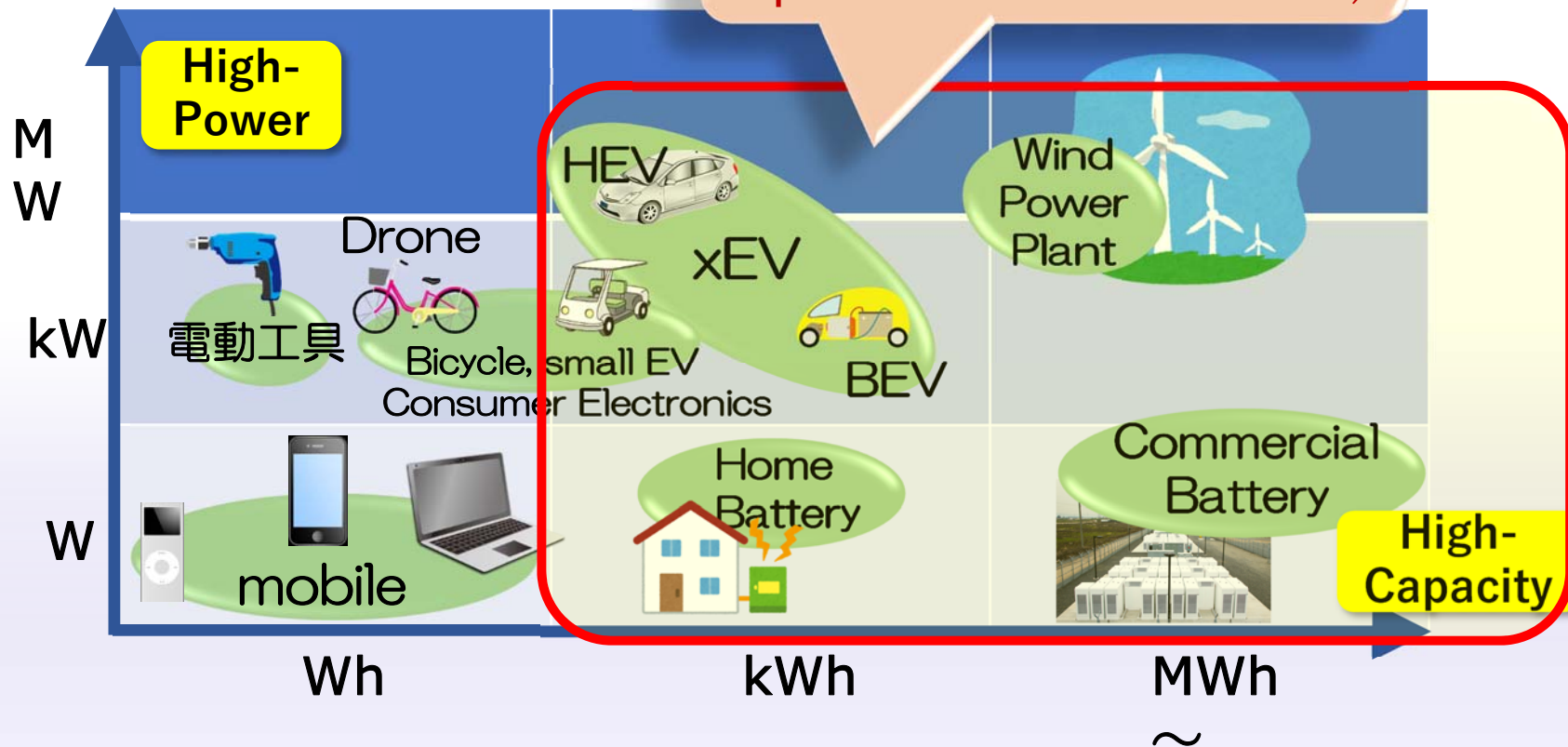
- ⇒ Status monitoring platform → Network of individual clinics, pharmacies, etc.

**Medical + Energy + Traffic Total Network ⇒ New Lifestyle and Values**

# Expanding Market

## Resilient Society

(A society with high resistance to unpredictable natural disaster etc.)





## EV Bus (Powered by Tohoku Univ. LiB) Running around Aobayama New Campus



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