

Navigating the Digital Wave: a Collaborative Course for Japan and Europe

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Introduction



Ralph Schmidt

**Informationsagenturen
im Bereich
der Raumforschung
Geowissenschaften und
Umweltdisziplinen**

Band 2
Raumrelevante
Online-Datenbanken

unter Mitarbeit von
Lorenz Granrath

K.G.-Saur München · NewYork · London · Paris

1980s Information Agencies

KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology: 1990 Dipl.-
Wirtschaftsing. (Business/Engineering/Informatics)

**Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovations
Research (ISI),** Assistant Researcher (1986-1990)

Project: Online Database use at SME

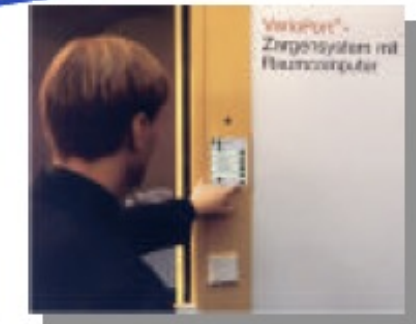
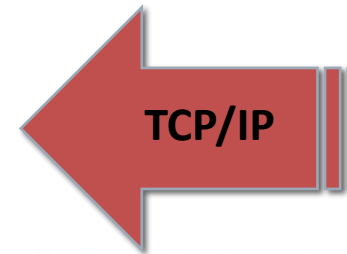
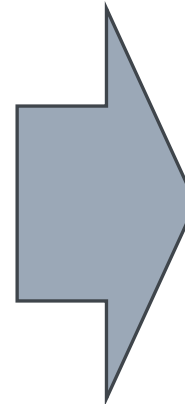
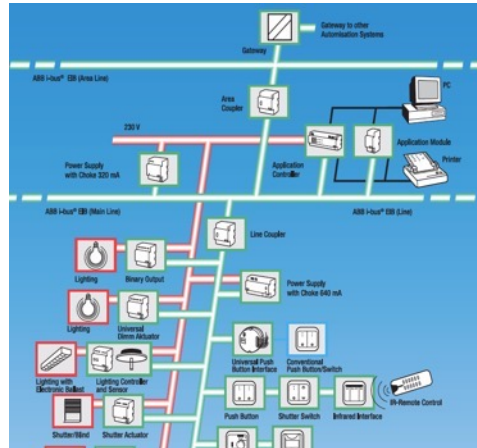
Publication: “Information Agencies in Regional-,
Geoscience and Environmental Disciplines – Volume 2
Online-Databases with Regional Relevance”,
K.G. Saur Publisher, 1989

1990s: ABB i-bus® EIB vs GMD Cooperative Rooms

ABB STOTZ KONTAKT GMBH
(Project Manager New Technologies 1995-1997)

GMD – German National Research Centre for
Information Technology
(Liaison Officer Japan 1997-2001)

Internet >1993

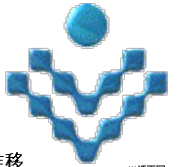


1990s: Human like Information Processing

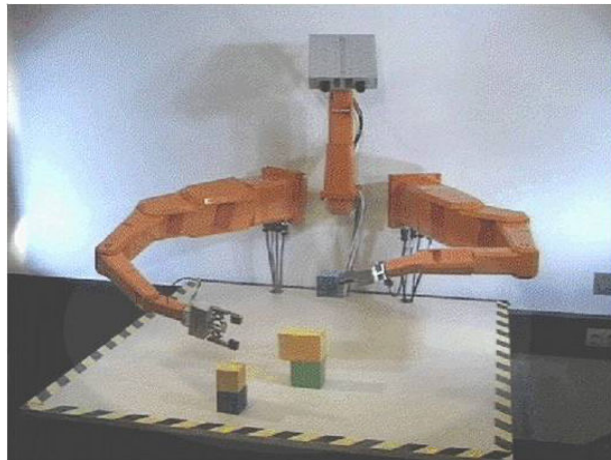
GMD – German National IT Research Center, St. Augustin
(Liaison Officer Japan 1997-2001)



Japanese National Project “Real World Computing Partnership RWCP” (1993-2002)



- GMD Theory Lab (Hand-Eye Robot)
- GMD Parallel and Distributed Systems Laboratory (PROMISE language)



RWCP組合員の推移

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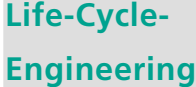
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松下電器産業株式会社										
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三菱電機株式会社										
社団法人日本鉄鋼連盟										
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オランダ・ニューラル・ネットワーク協会 (SNN)										

組合員メンバーとしての加盟期間

2000s: Environment - Robotics

Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (Japan Representative 2001-2013)

Care-O-Bot 2004




Life-Cycle-Engineering


Joint Workshop
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft
The University of Tokyo


In cooperation with
NPO EcoDesign Promotion Network

November 22, 2002
9:00 - 16:30
Hilton Tokyo 4F
Kikka / Kikuyo Room

simultaneous interpretation
English - Japanese


Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

 **東京大学**



Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

Service Robot Technologies and Applications

A Japanese-German Workshop

Oct. 21, 2008
German Cultural Center,
Tokyo

Supported by the German
Embassy Tokyo


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Botschaft der
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Tokyo



German-Japanese Solar Day
on October 5th, 2010 (Tue.) 10:00-18:15 at Tokyo International Forum
Participation free, pre-registration needed (max. 300 seats available)

Organized by: Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Fraunhofer-Institute for Solar Energy Systems (Fraunhofer ISE), Center Berlin (JDZB), New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)
In cooperation with: German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), German Ministry of Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

  with **renewed energy**

Fraunhofer - Symposium Tokyo

Green Technology made in Germany
Efficient Use of Energy and Resources

9. November, 2011, Wed. 10:00 ~ 17:00
Tokyo International Forum, Hall D7 (Registration desk on the 6th floor)
Participation: free of charge, Pre-registration required

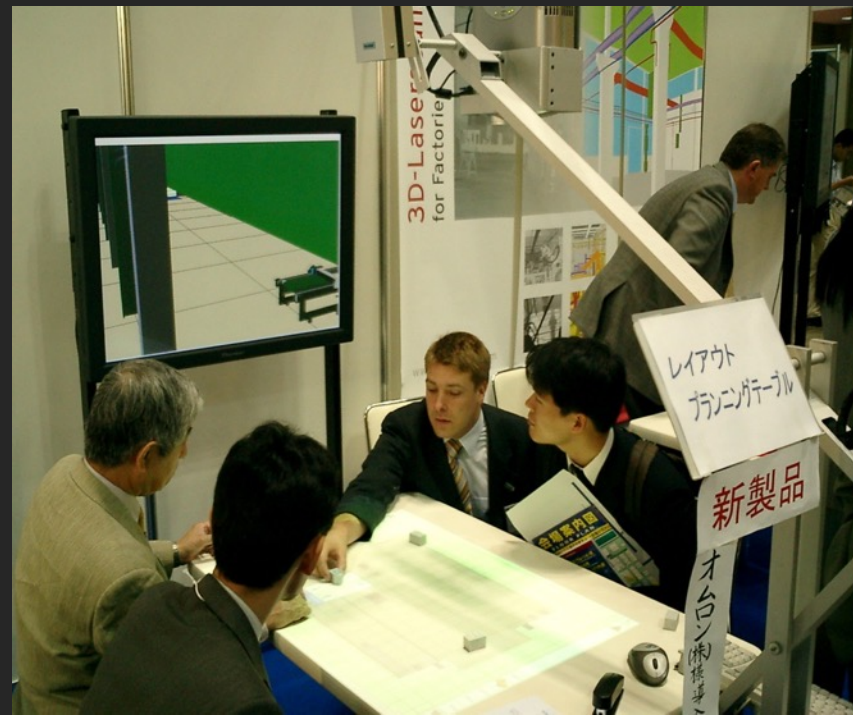
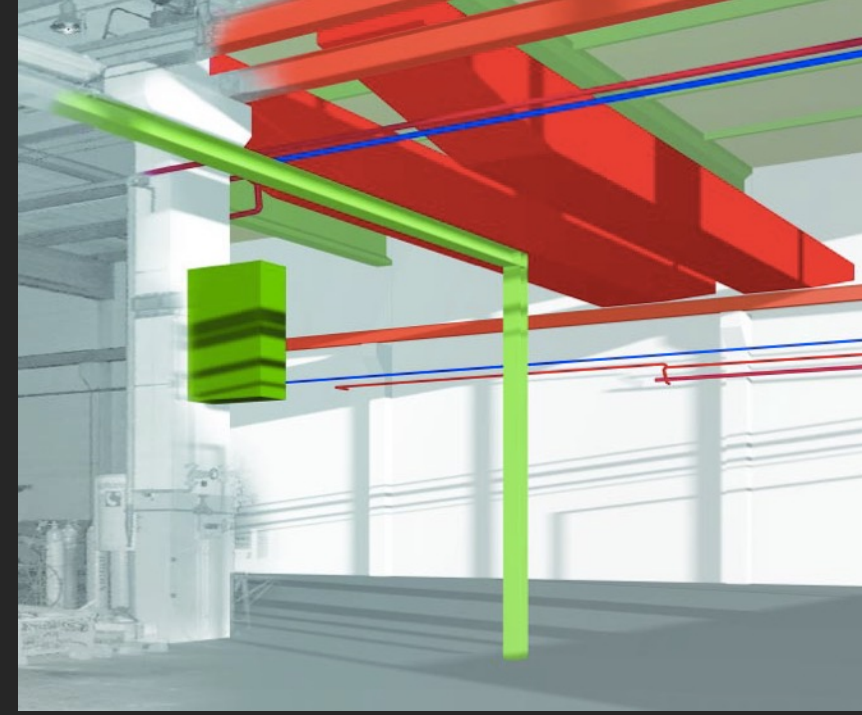
Program
9:30 Registration
10:00 Opening Remarks
Dr. Lorenz Grannath / Representative, Fraunhofer Representative Office Japan

※ Simultaneous interpretation provided (English - Japanese)
※ This program is subject to change.

iREX 2009

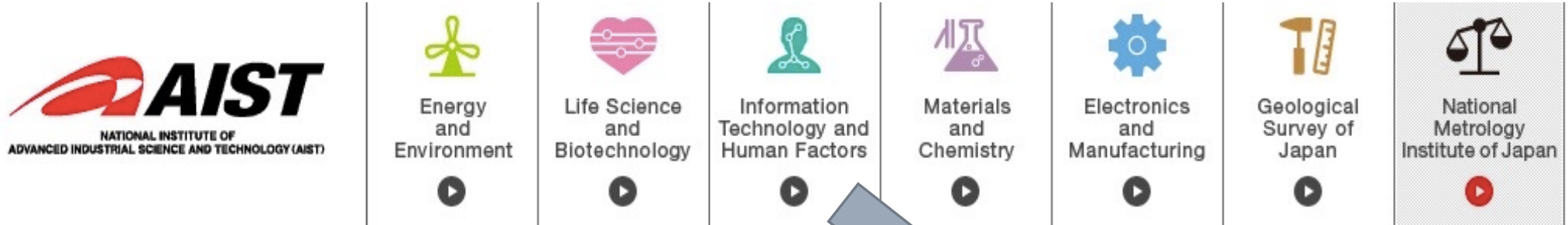
2000s: Object Digitalisation

Fraunhofer Start-up
IQvolution
@Atomic Dome and
Industrial Virtual
Reality Expo 2003



2010s: Industry 4.0 / Society 5.0 / AI

AIST (Supervisory Innovation Coordinator 2014-2021)



2016: start of Artificial Intelligence Research Center AIRC @ AIST!!



CPS Research Center



AIBC



2010s: AI / Industry 4.0 / Society 5.0

I 4.0 workshop in Fiji 2018,
HMI 2019 talk with NICT, DFKI
“Human-Machine-AI -> Co-
creaative Factories”
I4.0 workshop in India 2018



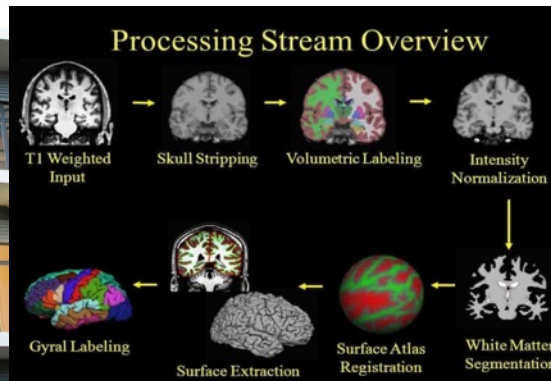
2020s: AI

Project Assistant Professor, Tohoku University SARC (2021-22)



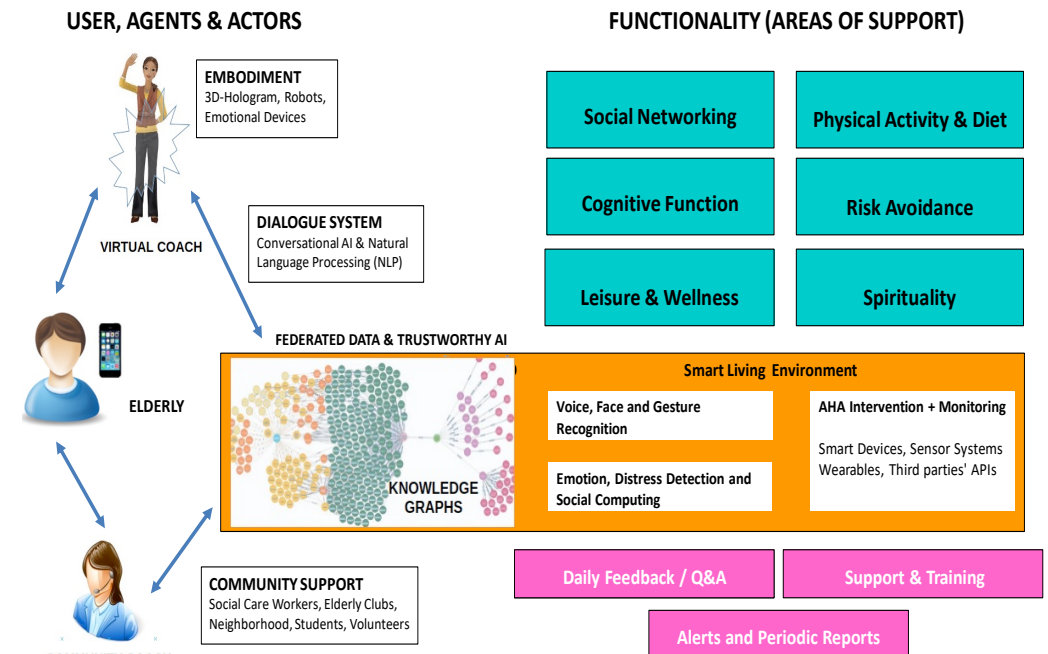
Smart Aging Research Center

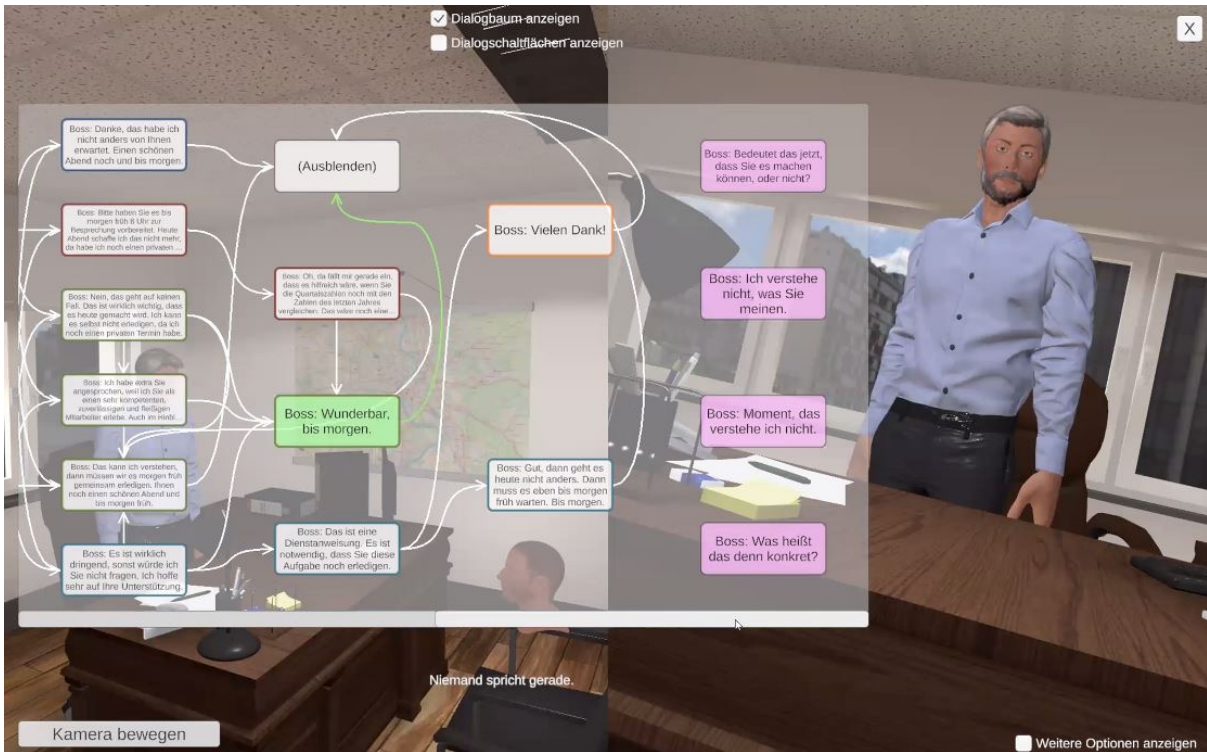
Major Research Divisions and Centers	
Aging Science	Cancer Science
Brain Science	Cognitive Science
Cell Resource Center for Biological Research	
Pre-Clinical Research Center	
Environmental Response Center	



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brain science
research**

2021-23: EU-Japan Project e-VITA Virtual Coach for Smart Aging





Promotion-Magazin

ANZEIGE

KOMNO

Digitaler Vorreiter NRW

Die Digitalisierung der Medizin wird seit einigen Jahren stetig vorangetrieben, auch in Nordrhein-Westfalen. Zahlreiche Entwicklungen aus dem Bundesland sollen den medizinischen Sektor in Zukunft bereichern.

von Laura Barbist

Bei „DeepVR“ kommen VR-basierte Programme zur Unterstützung der Akuttherapie gegen Depressionen und zur Rückfallprophylaxe zum Einsatz.

Digitale Medizin made in NRW: Gerade im Bereich der Life Sciences gibt es im Bundesland inzwischen einige Förderprojekte, die von Akteuren und Unternehmen aus Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und Politik umgesetzt werden. Dazu gehören etwa die beiden wegweisenden Projekte „go4cognition“ und „DeepVR“.



Spielend gegen Demenz
Spielerisch die Mobilität und soziale Fähigkeiten verbessern, um so das Auftreten oder Fortschreiten von Demenz zu verhindern oder zu verzögern: Das ist die Idee hinter dem Projekt „go4cognition“. Entwickelt wurde dieses Konzept von einem interdisziplinären Spezialistenteam, gefördert wird es durch die EU und das Land Nordrhein-Westfalen im Rahmen des Leitmarktes Life Sciences, um Menschen eine Möglichkeit für ein zielgerichtetes Training gegen Demenz zu bieten. Mithilfe von Spielen, bei denen sich Senioren (insbesondere Patienten mit leichten kognitiven Störungen – Mild Cognitive Impairment) bewegen und unterhalten, werden Kognition, Sozialität und Motorik stimuliert.

Medizinische Zukunft aus NRW
Weitere Gesundheitsanwendungen aus NRW befinden sich derzeit im Aufbau. Mit dem Telemedizinischen Lebensstil-Interventions-Programm (TelIPro) soll Typ-2-Diabetikern per telefonischer Beratung sowie Nutzung einer App und von Wearables bei der Umstellung ihres Lebensstils geholfen werden. Im Erfolgsfall kann TelIPro durch die Anwendung von Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologien ortsunabhängig und flächendeckend bundesweit auch für weitere chronische Erkrankungen außer Diabetes genutzt werden. Das Projekt wird durch die AOK Rheinland/Hamburg durchgeführt und durch den Innovationsfonds des Gemeinsamen Bundesausschusses gefördert.

Virtual Reality gegen Depression
Depressionen zählen zu den häufigsten Erkrankungen in Deutschland, weshalb Behandlung und Beratung laufend op-

Wave or Tsunami?

Yesterday

☐ Digital Collaboration for  

July

☐ German Uni in Japan

June

☐ Leading AI Scientists in Japan

May

☐ Find customers for UX.

April

☐ DE vs JP Wind Potenzial.

☐ AI Education in Japan.

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☐ No consciousness in AI.

February

☐ Machine vs Monkeys

☐ AI Ethics Presentation.




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Please suggest one of several keynote speech for the conference:
"Riding the Digital Wave into the Future - Chances, Risks and Actions
for Japan and Europe"



Title: "Navigating the Digital Tsunami: Charting a Collaborative Course
for Japan and Europe"   

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I am truly honored to stand before you today to discuss a topic of
utmost importance, one that affects us all, regardless of borders or
boundaries – the digital wave that is shaping our future. In the ever-
changing landscape of technology, it is imperative that we not only
ride this digital wave but also harness its power to secure a
prosperous future for Japan and Europe.

Introduction

We find ourselves at a pivotal moment in history, where the digital
revolution has transcended beyond the confines of technology and is
now reshaping the very fabric of our societies, economies, and
cultures. From artificial intelligence to blockchain, from big data to the

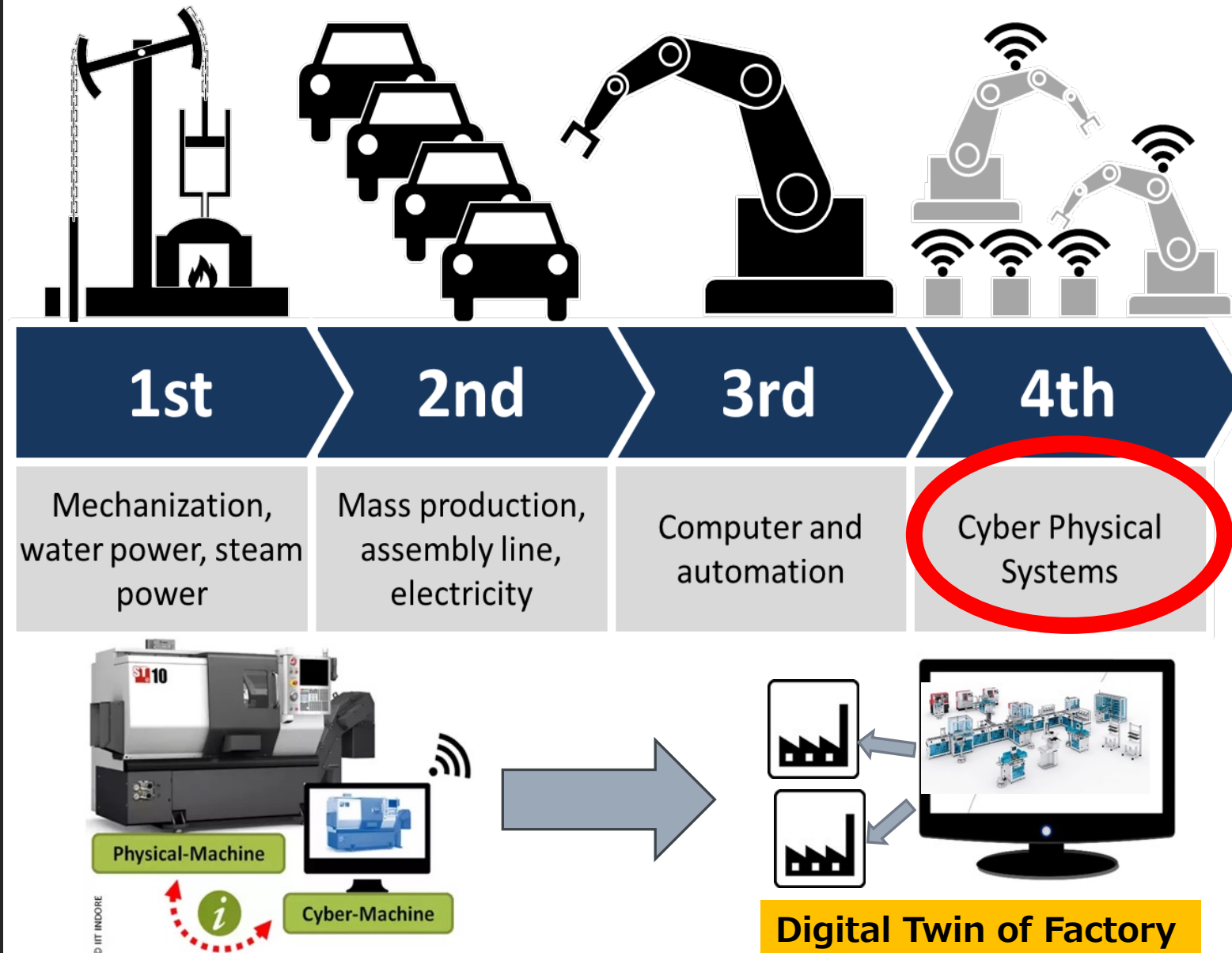
 Regenerate

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Digitalisation in Germany: Industry 4.0

Part of German High-Tech Strategy, first at Hannover Messe 2011 (Kagermann, Wahlster,..)

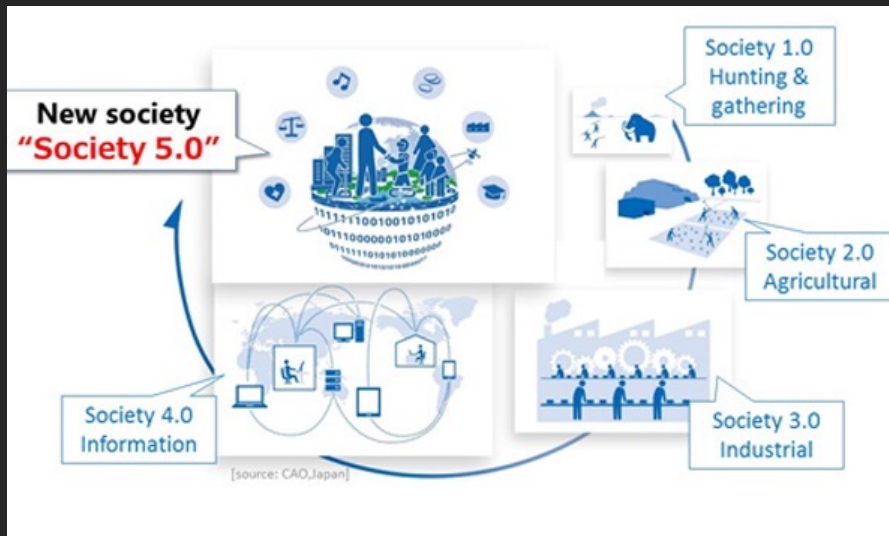
The 4th Industrial Revolution



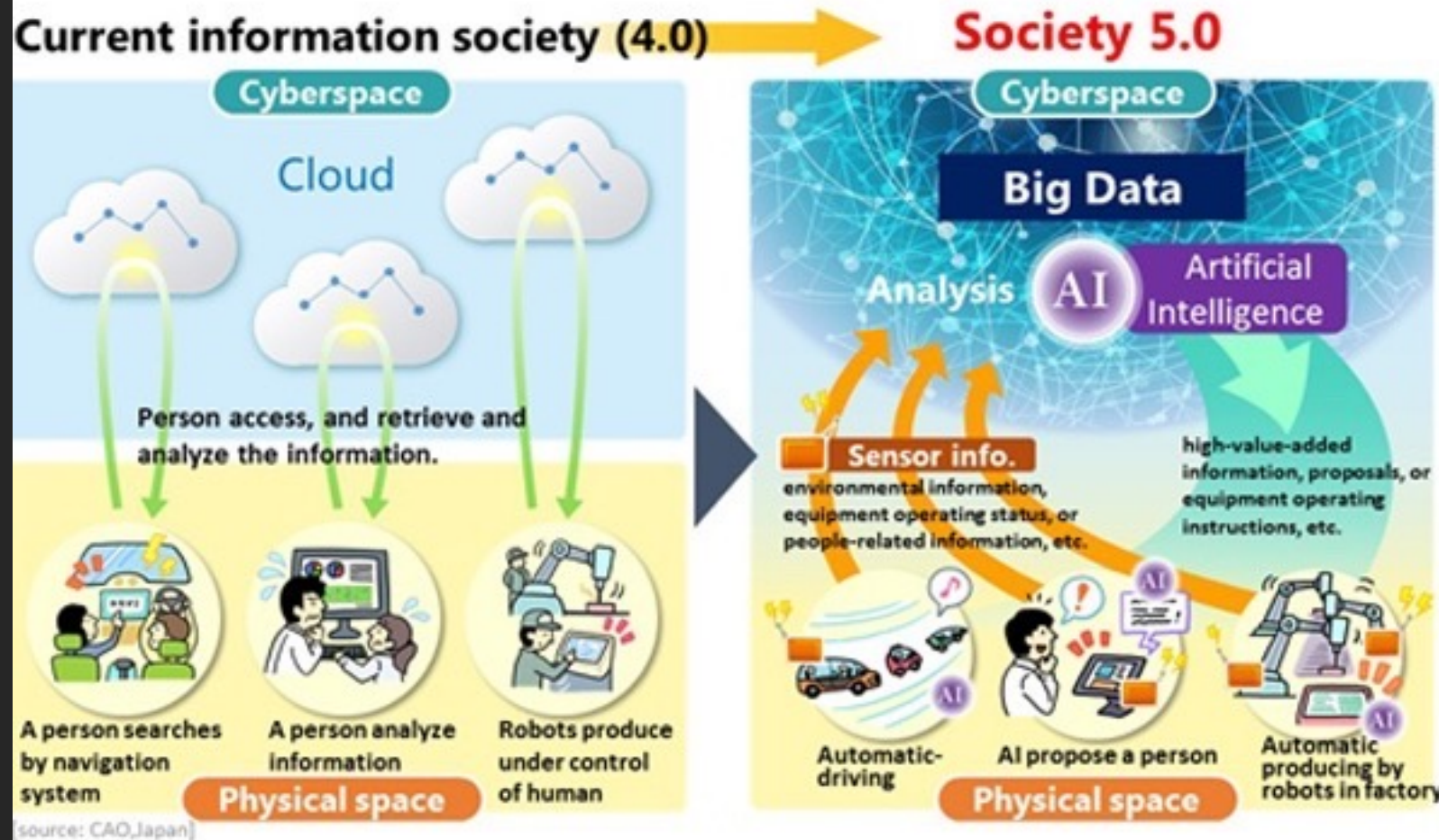
Source: Plattform Industrie 4.0; Prof. Christian ROSER, KIT

Digitalisation in Japan, same idea: Society 5.0 Good and AI Ready!

2016: 5th S&T Basic Plan



Advanced Fusion **Cyber & Physical Space**



Courtesy of CAO Cabinet Office


Economy Change: 3rd Industrial Revolution -> new business models

- Sellers & Buyers -> Providers & Users
- Markets -> Networks
- Ownership -> Access
- Consumerism -> Sustainability
- Capitalism -> Sharing Economy

=> based on the usage of BIG DATA

Jeremy Rifkin: Zero Marginal Cost Economy

-> convergence between energy, mobility, communication

	Communication	Energy	Mobility	
19 th century	Steam powered Book printing Telegraph	Cheap coal Steam engines	Steam trains	
20 th century	Telephone TV Radio	Cheap Oil Centralised Electricity	Cars	Central power
21 st century	Communication Internet (5G, IoT)	Renewable Energy Internet	Automated Transportation Internet	 Lateral power

⇒ **Democratization of economic life;
new business models**

Source: businessinsider, Interview with Jeremy Rifkin, 6/2017

Smart Production



Digitize for batch size 1

- düspohl produces profile wrapping machines
- RoboWrap world's first robot-supported wrapping system designed for highly automated production

Digital Twin

- Digital Twin simulates the production processes close to reality as possible
- Key to increase the efficiency of the robot-supported production and to minimize cost-intensive changeover and downtimes.

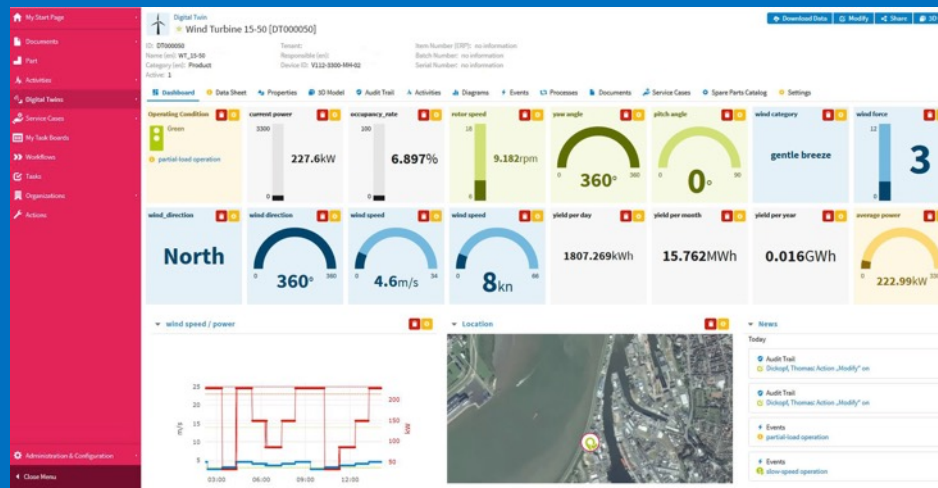


Smart Product

Wind IO Project

Autonomous control of wind turbines

- German Ministry for Economy, Energy (BMWi), Bremen University, Julich Research Center
- Wind turbines / farms determine maintenance
- Automatic adaption to weather conditions.



Smart Product / Smart Business Model

MIXACO[®]
MASCHINENBAU

Condition Monitoring

- Added value for plant operator
- Predictive Maintenance
- Zero Downtime

New Business Model: Pay-Per-Use

- Customer does not buy the machine
- Mixaco owns machine, collects data
- Mixaco does (predictive) maintenance and secures availability
- Customer pays per mixed amount of material



Digitalisation

Press release - September 22, 2022

CONTACT Software listed as Representative Vendor in 2022 Gartner® Market Guide for PLM Software in Discrete Manufacturing Industries

CONTACT Software has been mentioned as a Representative Vendor in this year's PLM Market Guide. The report also provides an outlook on the development of the PLM market.

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Digitalization

Digitalization is the use of digital technologies to change a business model and provide new revenue and value-producing opportunities; it is the process of moving to a digital business.

Examples from CONTACT Software show, it is on the move

Gartner executive insight

G20 Country Ranking for Digital Competitiveness

Methodology Digital Riser:

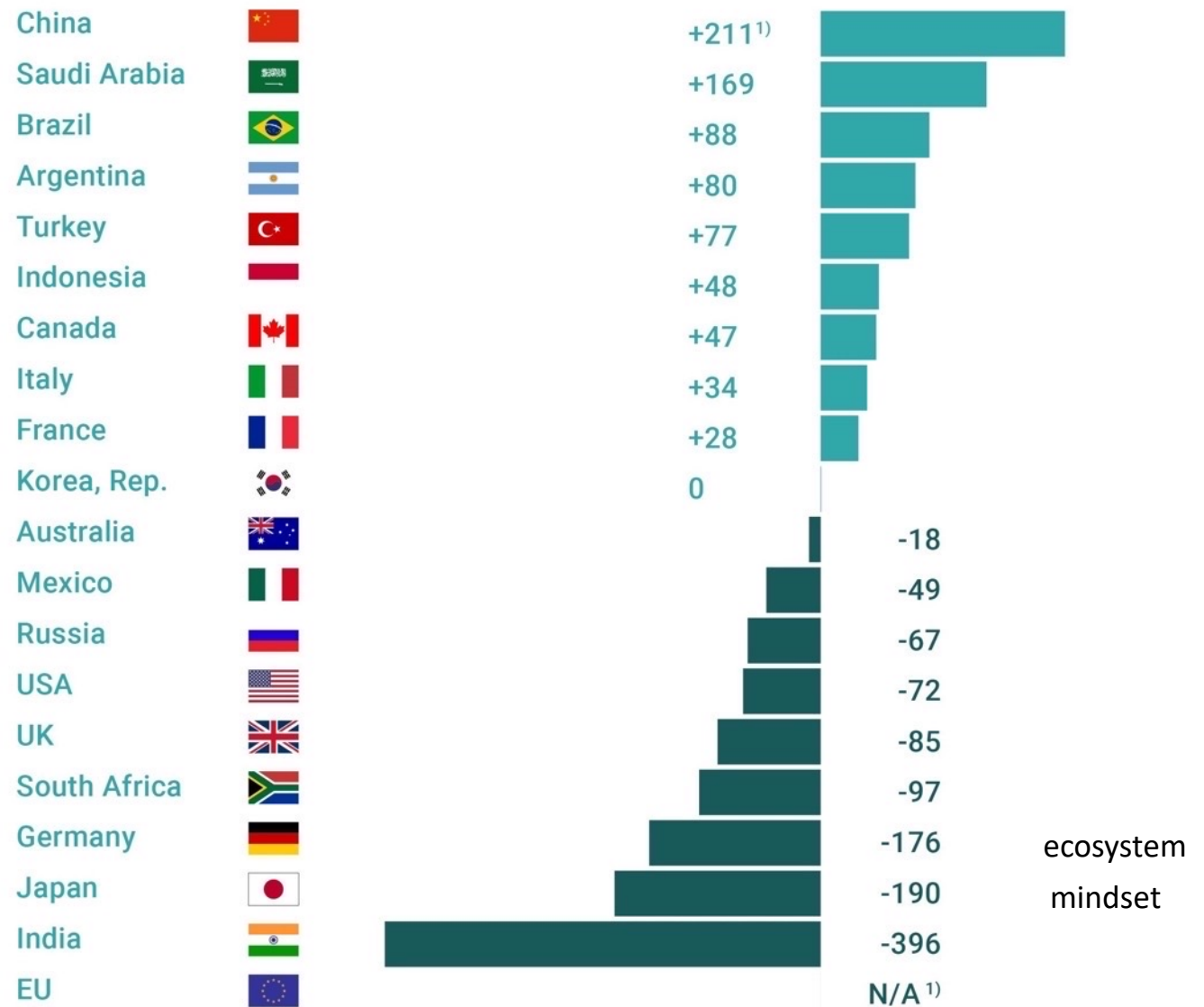
1. Ecosystem

- Venture capital availability
- Cost to start a business
- Time to start a business
- Ease of hiring foreign labour
- Skillset of graduates

2. Mindset

- Digital skills among active population
- Attitudes towards entrepreneurial risk
- Diversity of workforce
- Mobile-broadband subscriptions
- Companies embracing disruptive ideas

Position and change last three years (2021)



Digital Riser Report 2021, European Center for Digital Competitiveness. Based on WEF

¹⁾ Due to missing data for China on the qualitative indicators used in the study changes in these dimensions represent changes between 2020 and 2017. However given the magnitude of changes observed in China these differences in time do not alter the rankings.

²⁾ The EU is not included since it is a collection of countries.

Good Example: France

Lighthouse Initiative: La French Tech

- platform promoting entrepreneurship: regulations , investments and international image campaigns.
- MoU with Aichi Prefectural government to support startups and businesses through connections and exchanges between French and Japanese startups

Regulations

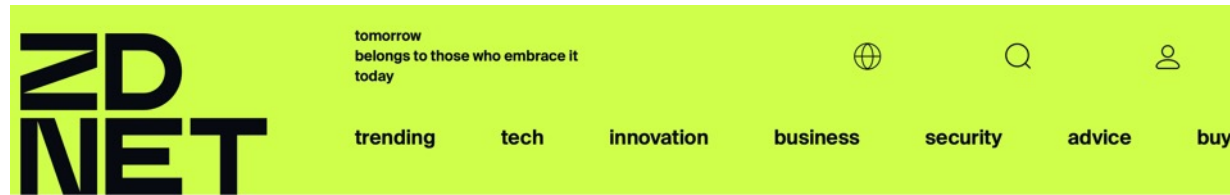
- TECH.GOUV programme 2019: acceleration of the digital transformation of public services
- 2019, Action Plan for Business Growth and Transformation (PACTE): simplify business creation and enable SMEs to grow and conquer external markets & closer public r&D and companies
- In 2020, French telecom providers launched the first commercial 5G networks in the country

Investment

- in 2020, digital investments of €7 billion to promote technology and innovation announced
- in 2020, a €4 billion liquidity support plan for startups and ensuring investments during the Covid-19 crisis
- The digital inclusion strategy in 2018 aims to improve access to digital skills and infrastructure. The programme sets out to help 1.5 million citizens every year, and leverages a budget of up to €100 million

*Source: Digital Riser Report 2021, European Center for Digital Competitiveness

US, China, EU compete; Japan has good potential



/ innovation

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US, China or Europe? Here's who is really winning the global race for AI

A new report shows that in the ever-more competitive race for AI, the US has a strong lead that China is catching up with, while the EU is falling behind little by little.

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Written by **Daphne Leprince-Ringuet**, Contributor
on Jan. 29, 2021



McKinsey
Digital

How Japan can make digital 'big moves' to drive growth and productivity

February 24, 2021 | Executive Briefing

The country could build digital talent and applications across major areas of industry and government to improve digital competitiveness.

PATENT FILINGS BY GEOGRAPHY

As of 2014, the top three patent offices for AI patent filings are, in order:

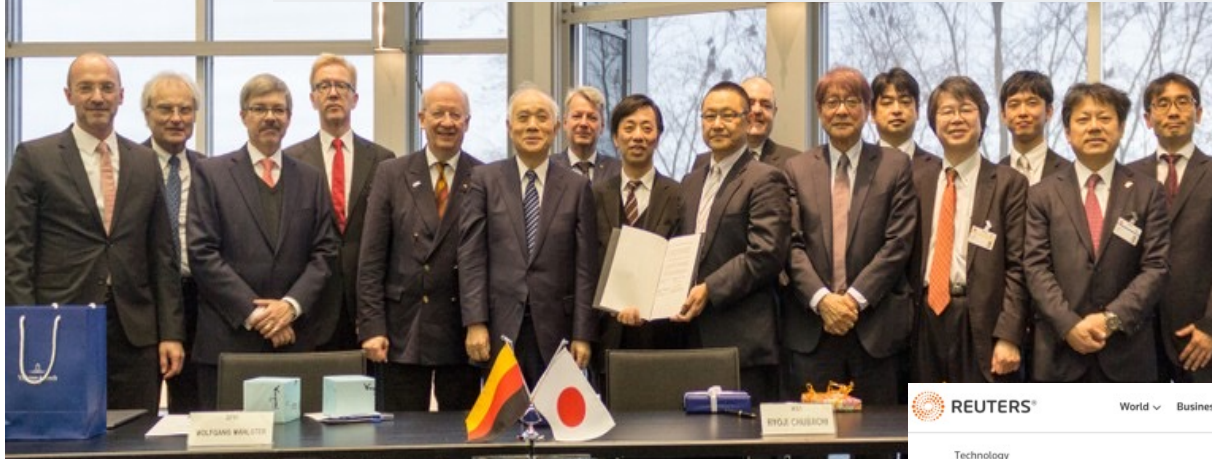
1. China
2. United States
3. Japan

Source: Henry, Patent Law Firm 2019

Course for Europe and Japan

More Collaboration EU Japan in AI

MoU AIST with DFKI / DLR @ CEBIT 2017



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EU and Japan agree to share supercomputers in groundbreaking deal

10 Oct 2023 | News

European and Japanese scientists will fine tune their scientific models on each other's machines, hopefully boosting performance and future-proofing code. It's the latest push from Brussels to create stronger research links with 'like-minded' democracies

By David Matthews



The Japanese supercomputer Fugaku. Photo: RIKEN Center for Computational Science

Forbes

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Europe And Japan Are Leading The Race To Build AI Rules

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Technology

EU sees 'convergence' with Japan on AI - official

By Sam Nussey

October 10, 2023 6:07 AM CMT+9 · Updated 7 days ago

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AI (Artificial Intelligence) letters are placed on computer motherboard in this illustration taken June 23, 2023. REUTERS/Dado

EU-Japan Digital Partnership



Chips and Skills Roundtable with EU Commissioner Thierry Breton

9:30 – 11:00, 3 July 2023,

Delegation of the European Union to Japan



COMMISSIONER BRETON IN JAPAN

TO DISCUSS DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP, SEMICONDUCTOR, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION



Commissioner Thierry Breton, travelled to Japan at the end of September to engage with officials and industry leaders. This was an opportunity to discuss the upcoming **European Chips Act** and develop contacts on the broader digital partnership agreement with Japan which was announced in the **EU Indo-Pacific Strategy**.

On 28 September, Commissioner Breton met the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, the Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, the Minister for Digital Transformation, the Chairman of the Board of NEC, and the CEO of Fujitsu.

The following day, on 29 September, Commissioner Breton met with the CEO of Tokyo Electron (TEL), one of the major Japanese semiconductor companies, and attended a round table discussion with 15 European and Japanese business representatives,

Roundtable in July on the occasion of Thierry Breton's visit to Japan for the Digital Partnership

1st J-G-F AI Symposium 2019

The 3rd Japanese-German-French AI Symposium

– AI for Planetary Challenges in the Anthropocene –



October 27-28, 2022

10:00-18:00 (Japan time)

Miraikan, Tokyo

Organized by

AI Japan R&D Network

DWH Tokyo

(German Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo)

Embassy of France in Japan

Live stream on YouTube

(Sessions in Miraikan Hall only)

Event in English

Free lunch and coffee to all onsite participants

Registration closed

Joint AI Workshops

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ONE IN 2022 BUT NOW
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Conclusion

CONCLUSION

“The machine is not
the problem, its the
monkeys behind
the machine!”
(Kasparov?)

- Japan and Europe are not Internet Economies like US and China, but product/production focused and fit together.
- Production needs different AI, data security and ownership.
- In AI, companies are now pushing new developments, however it should be carefully monitored to avoid faults!
- EU and Japan need to collaborate more with organisations like CLAIRE. Both need to improve education, workforce development, foster public-private partnerships, startups and SME support.
- Transparent data practices, strong privacy laws, and AI Ethics can ensure that technology serves humanity and not the other way around.