



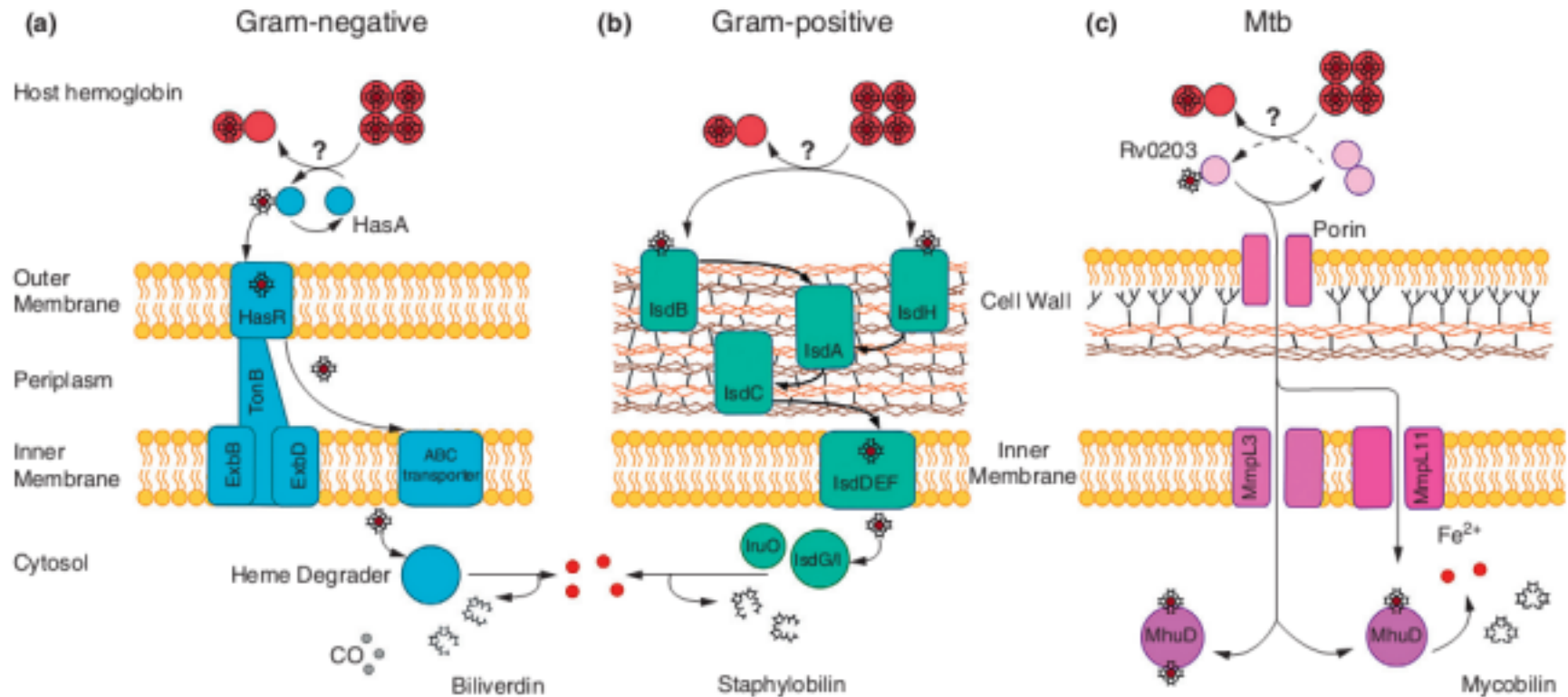
Heme Uptake in Bacterial Pathogens

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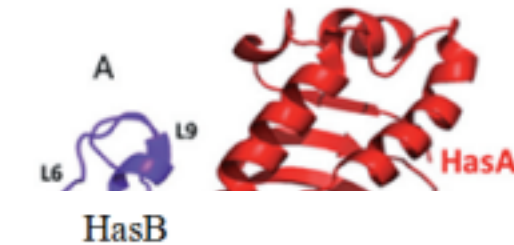
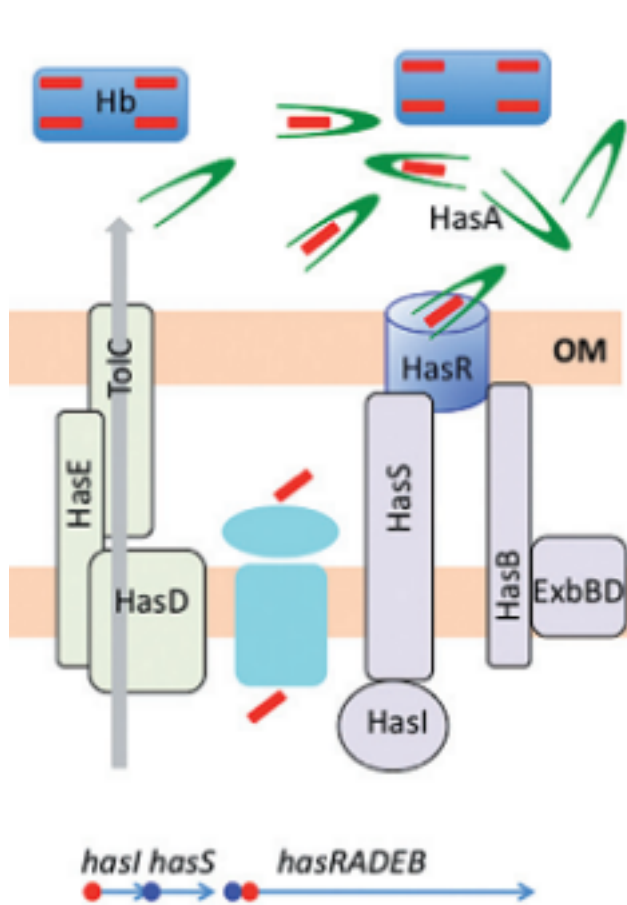
Schematic Overview of Heme Transport



Mtb is *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*



Key Players Involved in Gram-negative Heme Uptake Pathways

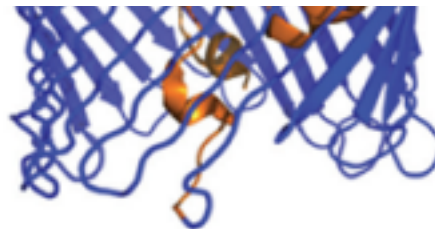


✧ three domains:

N-terminal transmembrane helix anchors the protein to the inner membrane and makes contact with ExbB and ExbD

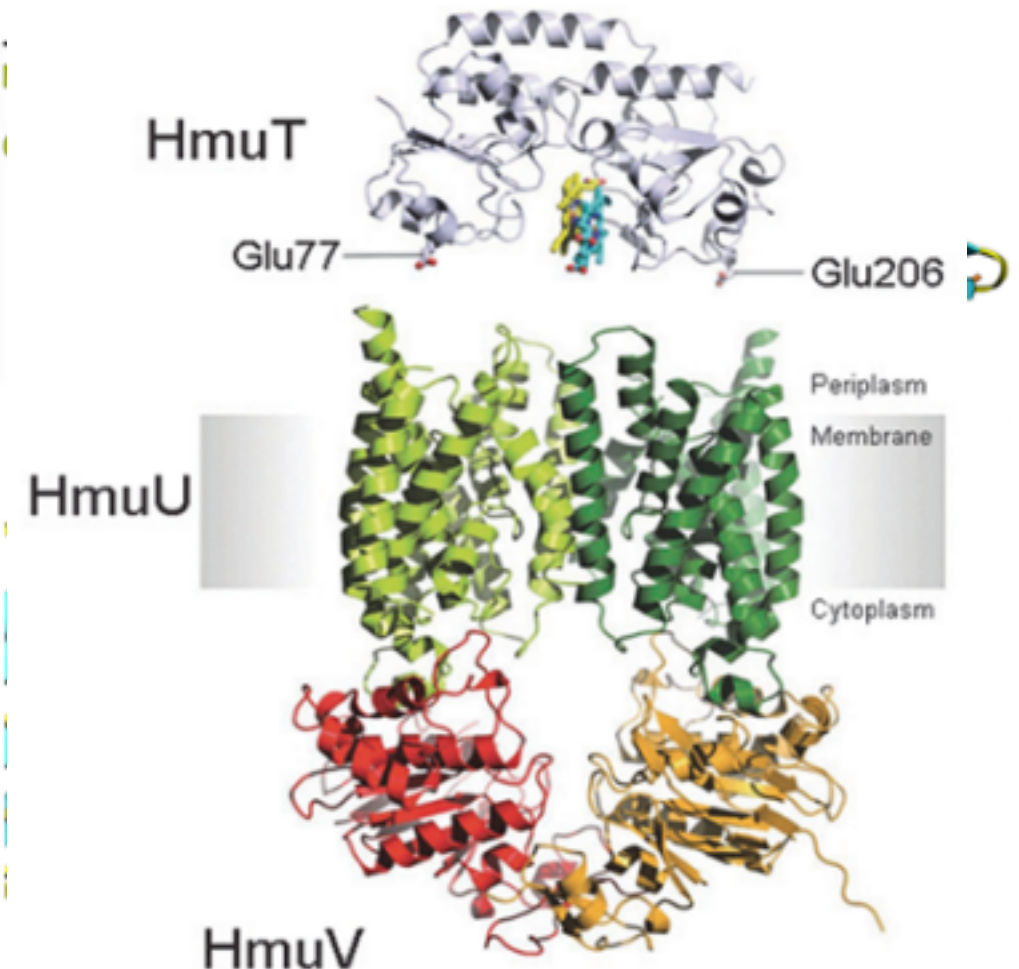
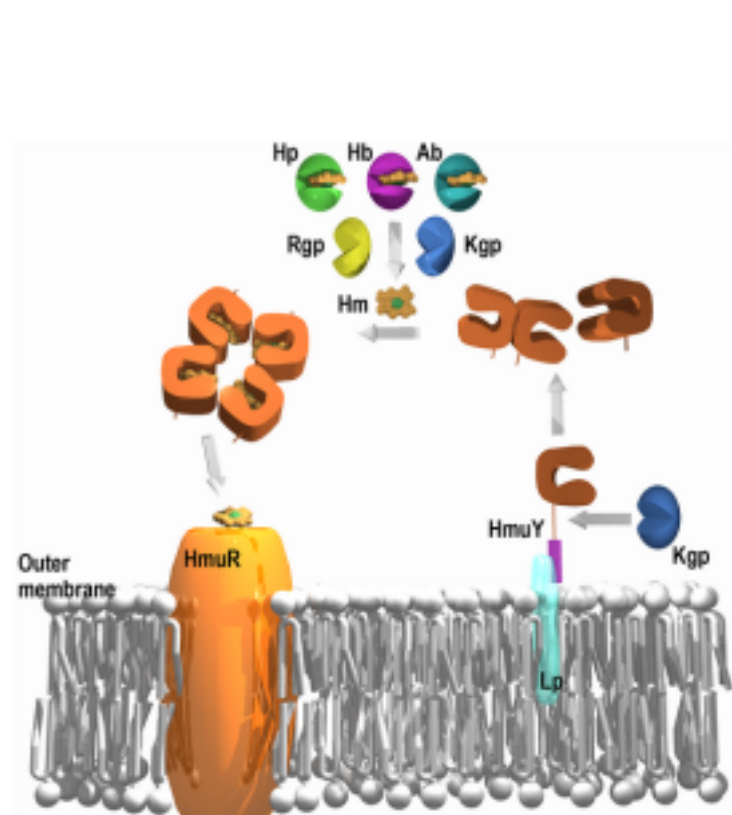
C-terminal globular domain directly contacts the transporters in the OM.

flexible, unstructured **proline-rich** domain that resides within the periplasm





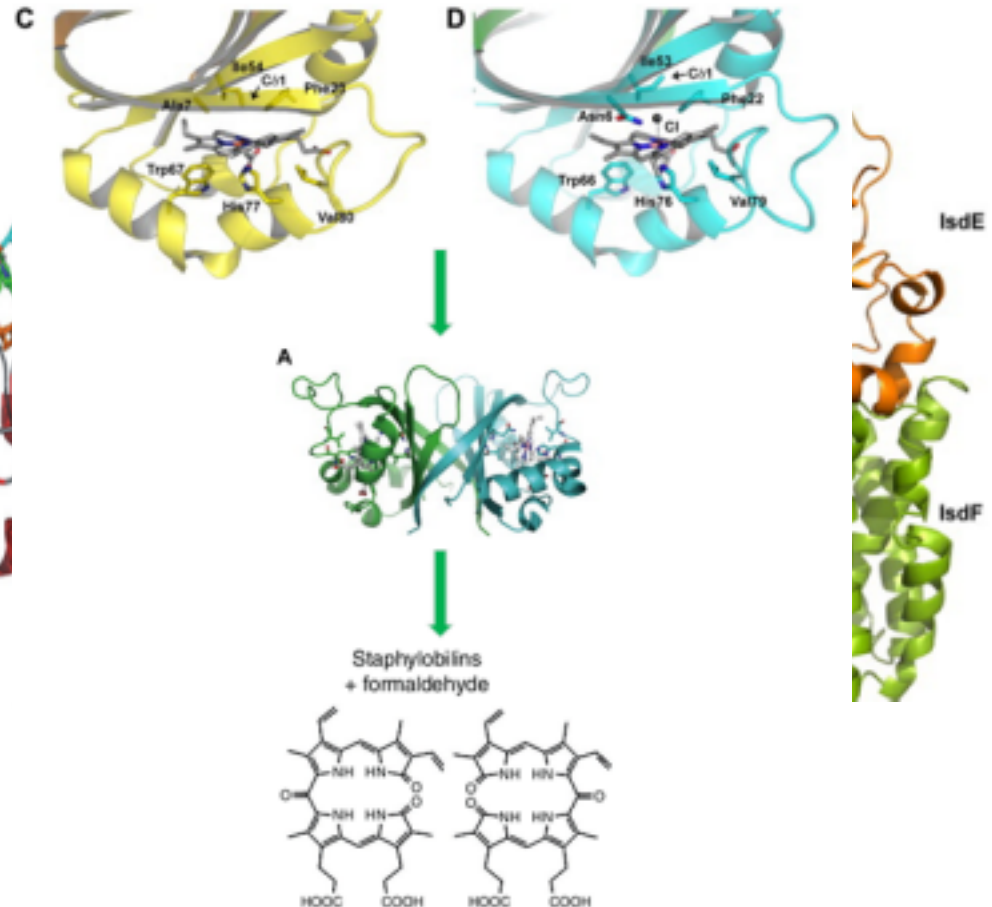
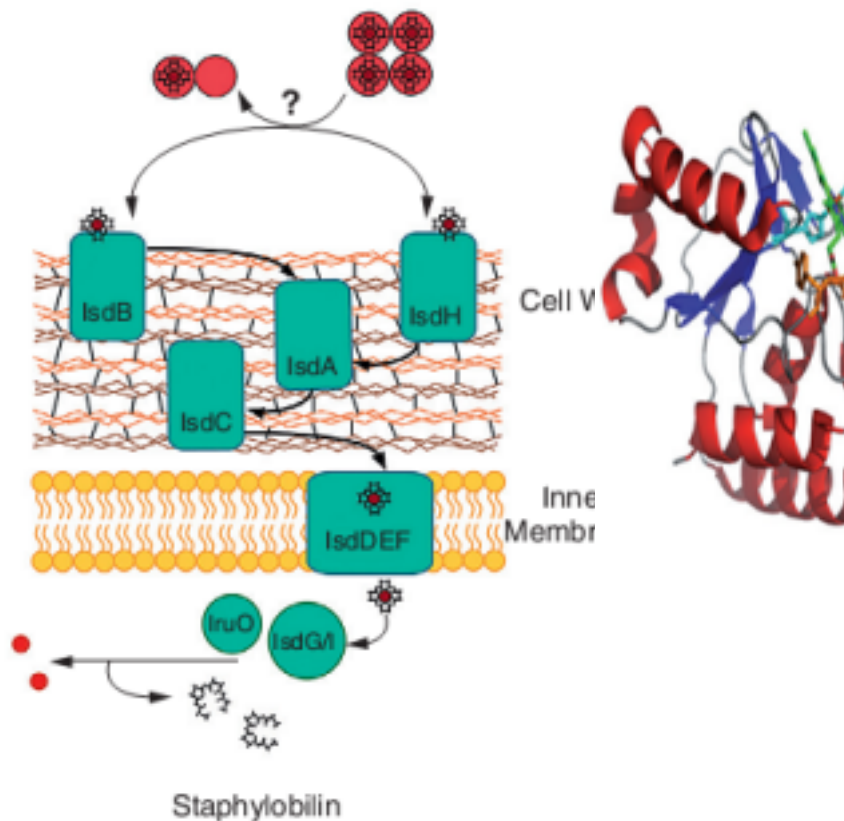
Heme Uptake Pathways in *Porphyromonas gingivalis*





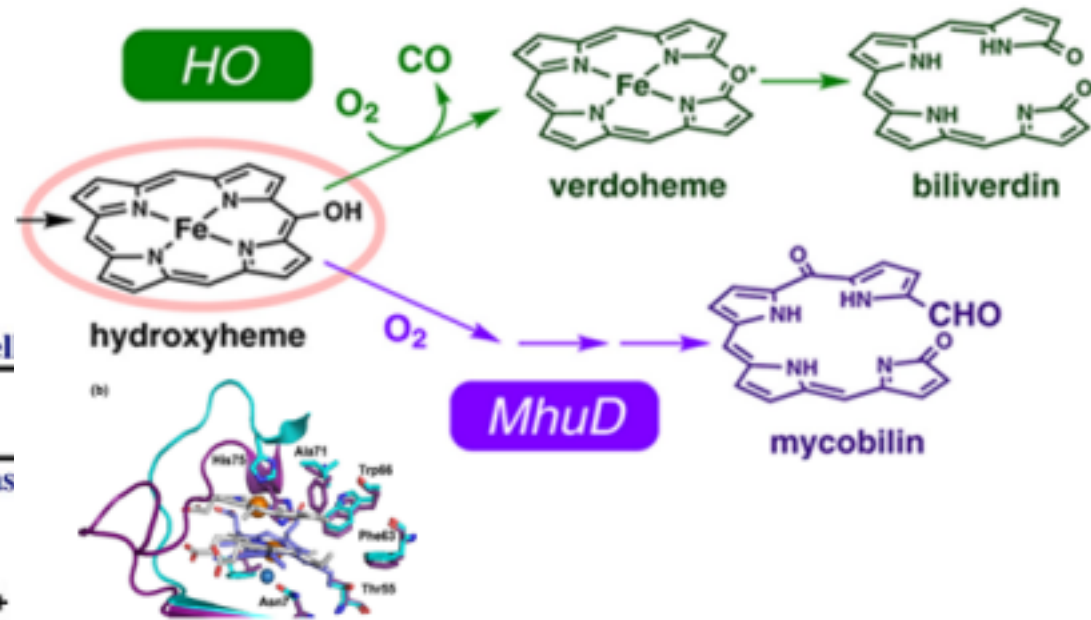
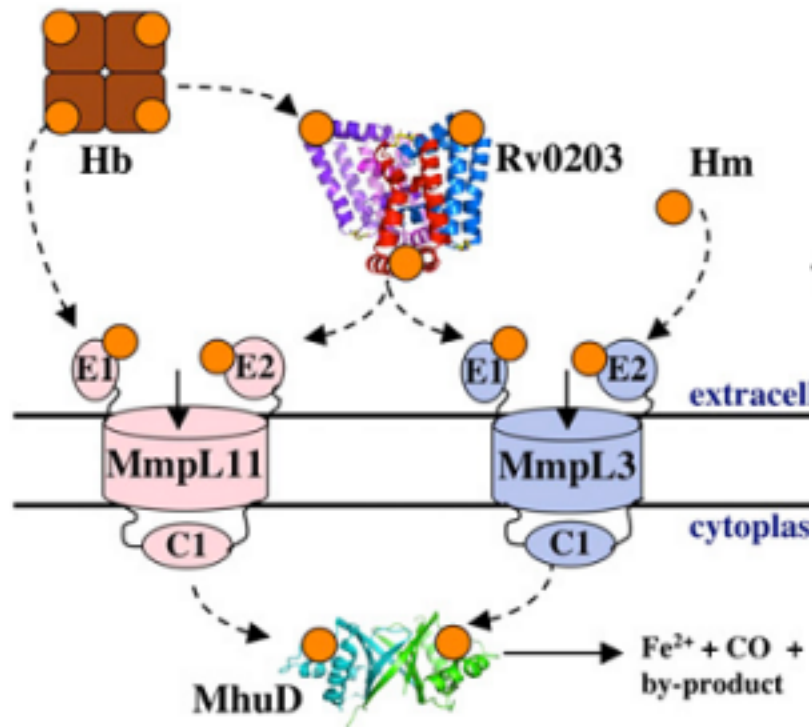
Key Players Involved in Gram-positive Heme Uptake Pathways

(b) Gram-positive





Heme Uptake Pathways in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

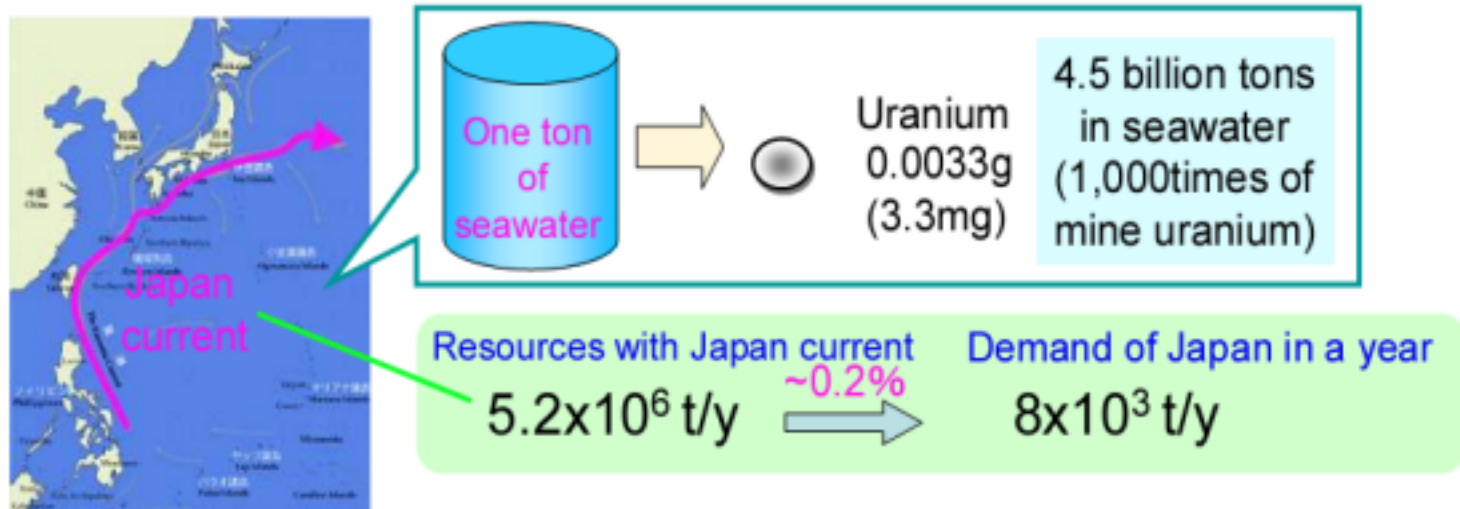




Collection of Uranium from Seawater in Japan



Uranium Resource in Seawater



Uranium

- ✗ 3.3 ppb in seawater
- ✗ near boundary of cost-effectiveness

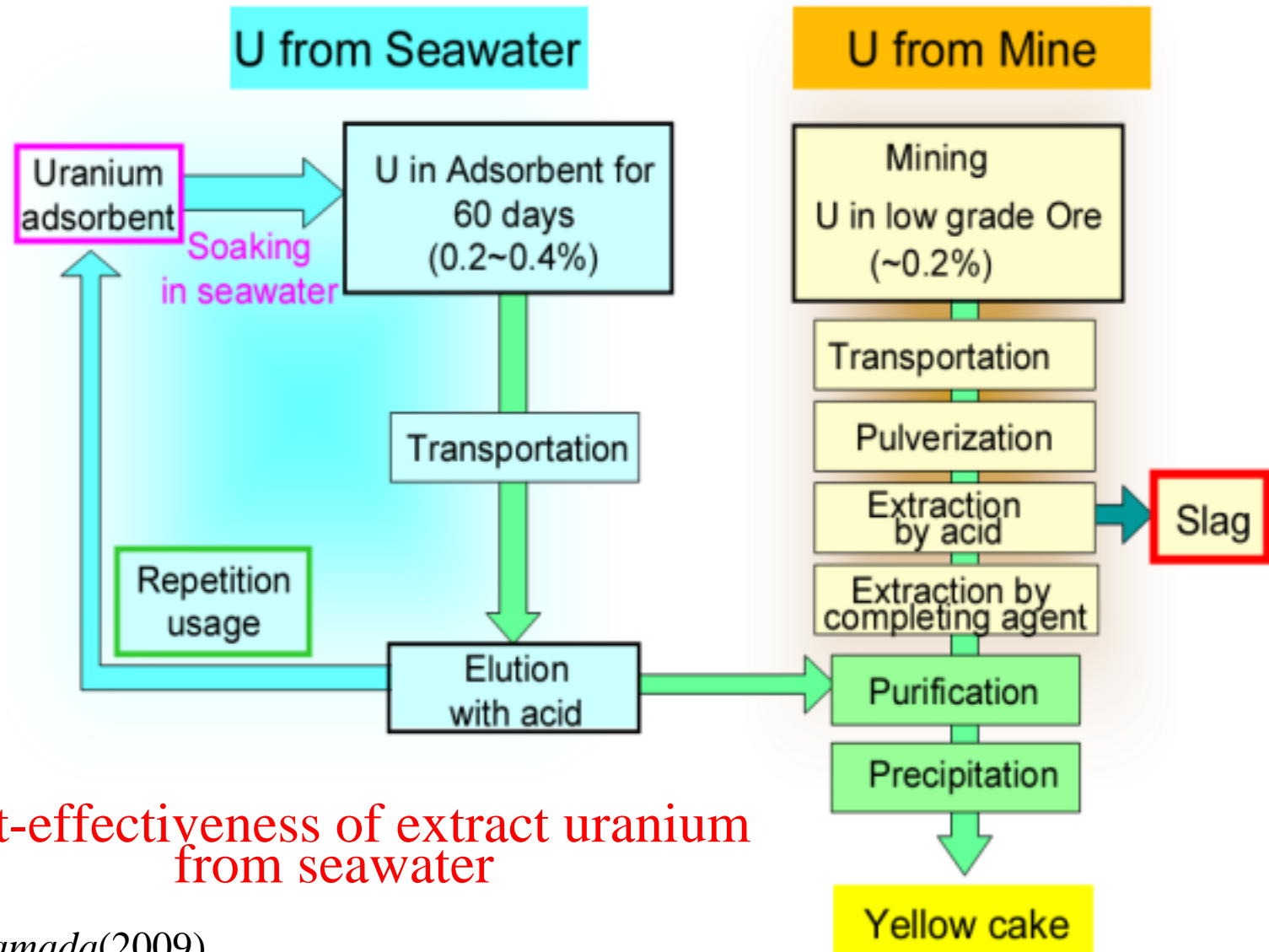


commercialization of uranium collection from seawater

How do we develop a cost-effective methods?



Process of Uranium Collection with Adsorbent

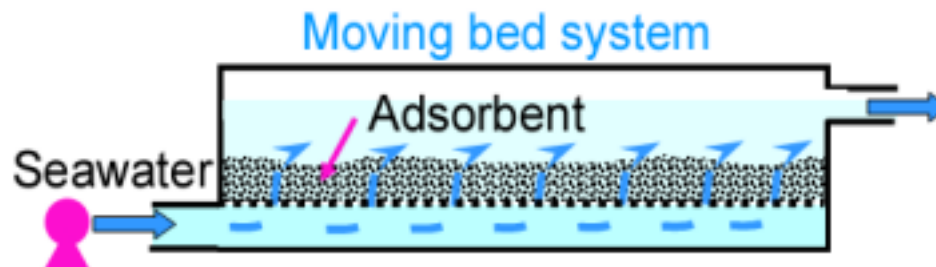




Uranium Adsorbent

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Hydrous titanium
oxide adsorbent
Inorganic material

Pumping for preventing
adsorbent from sinking



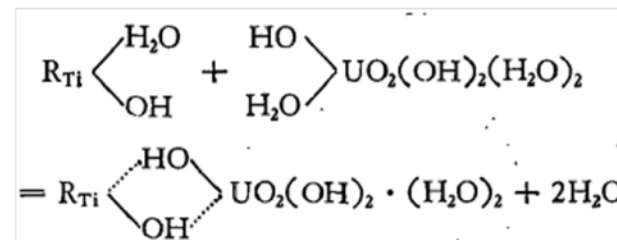
Costly process
Low mechanical strength

Hydrous titanium oxide

structure



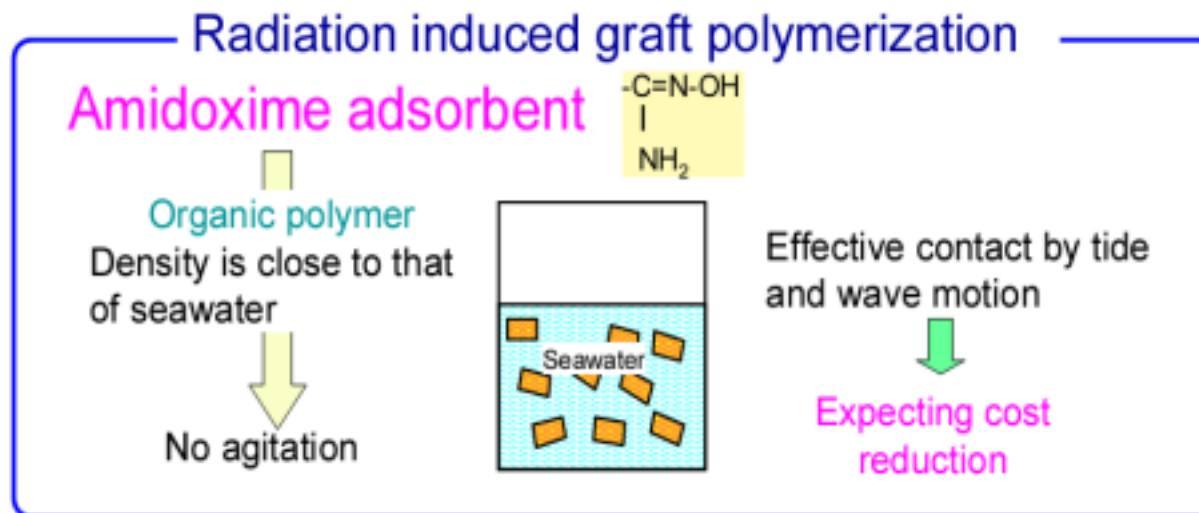
probable
adsorption mechanism



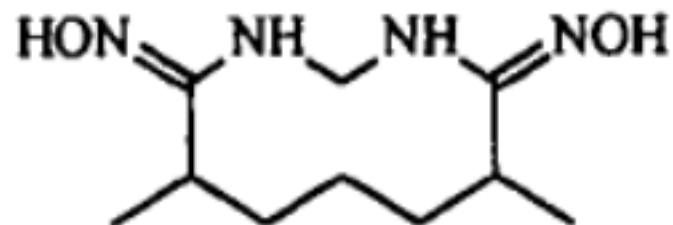
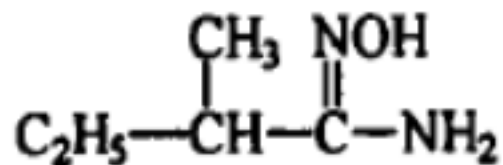


Uranium Adsorbent

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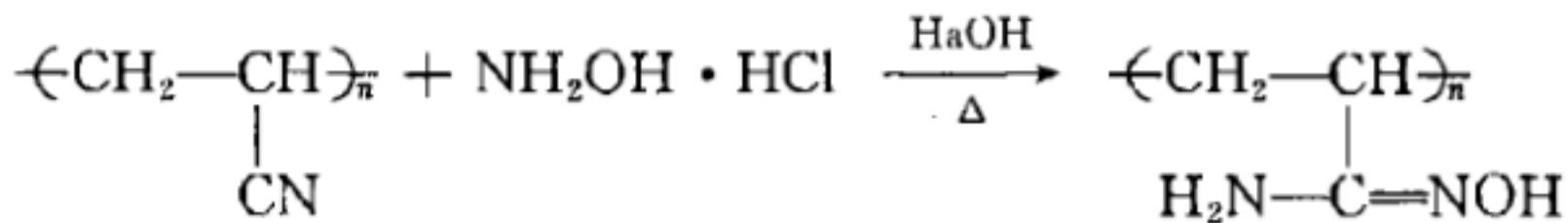
Conventional
structure



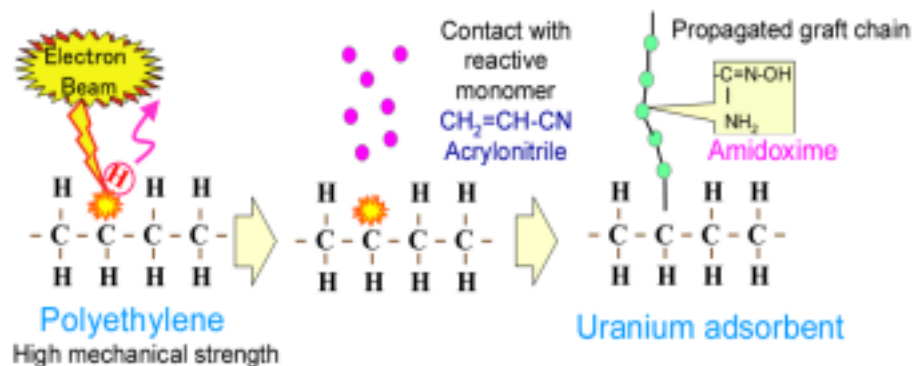


Graft Polymerization

chemical-induced Graft Polymerization

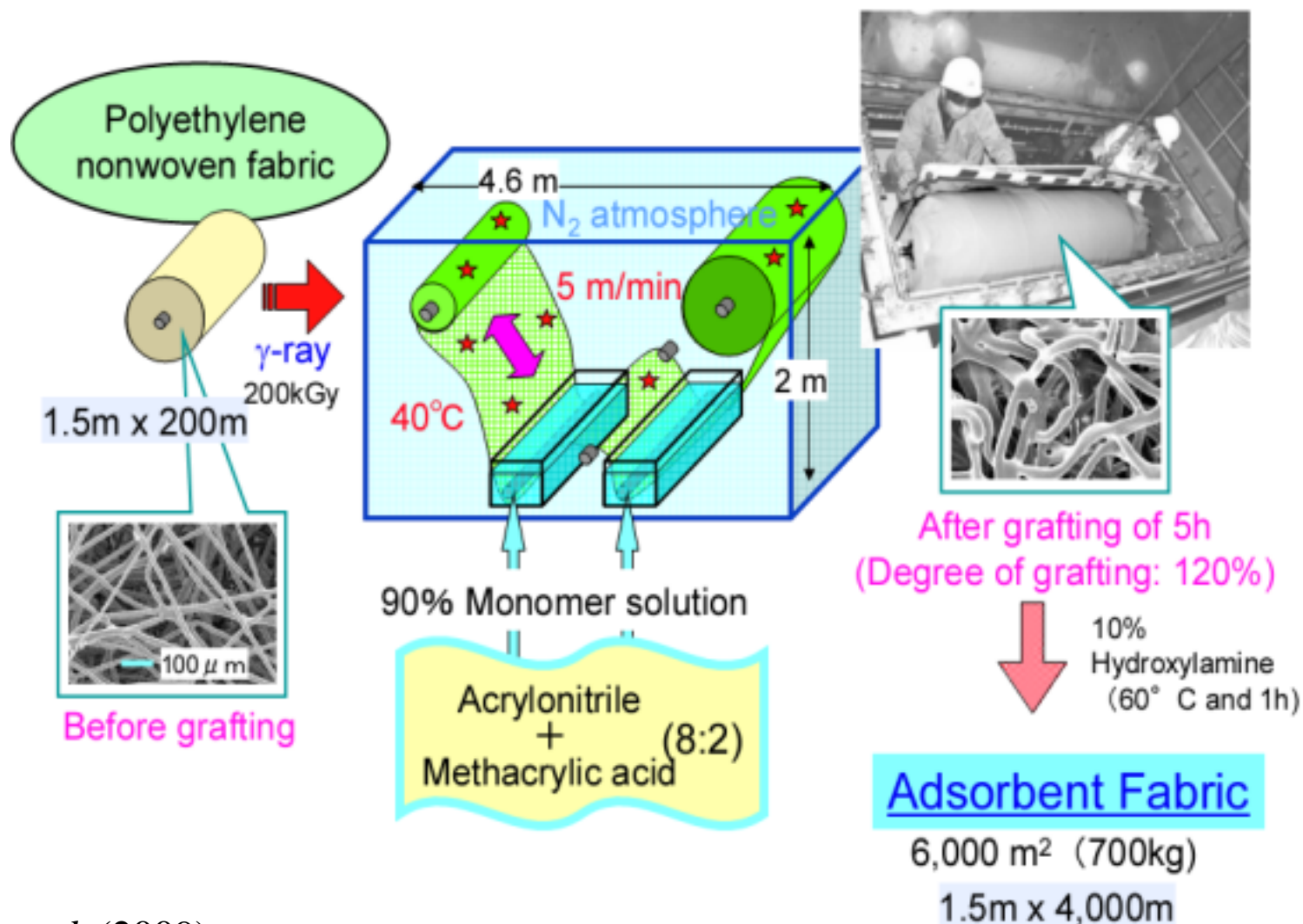


radiation-induced Graft Polymerization



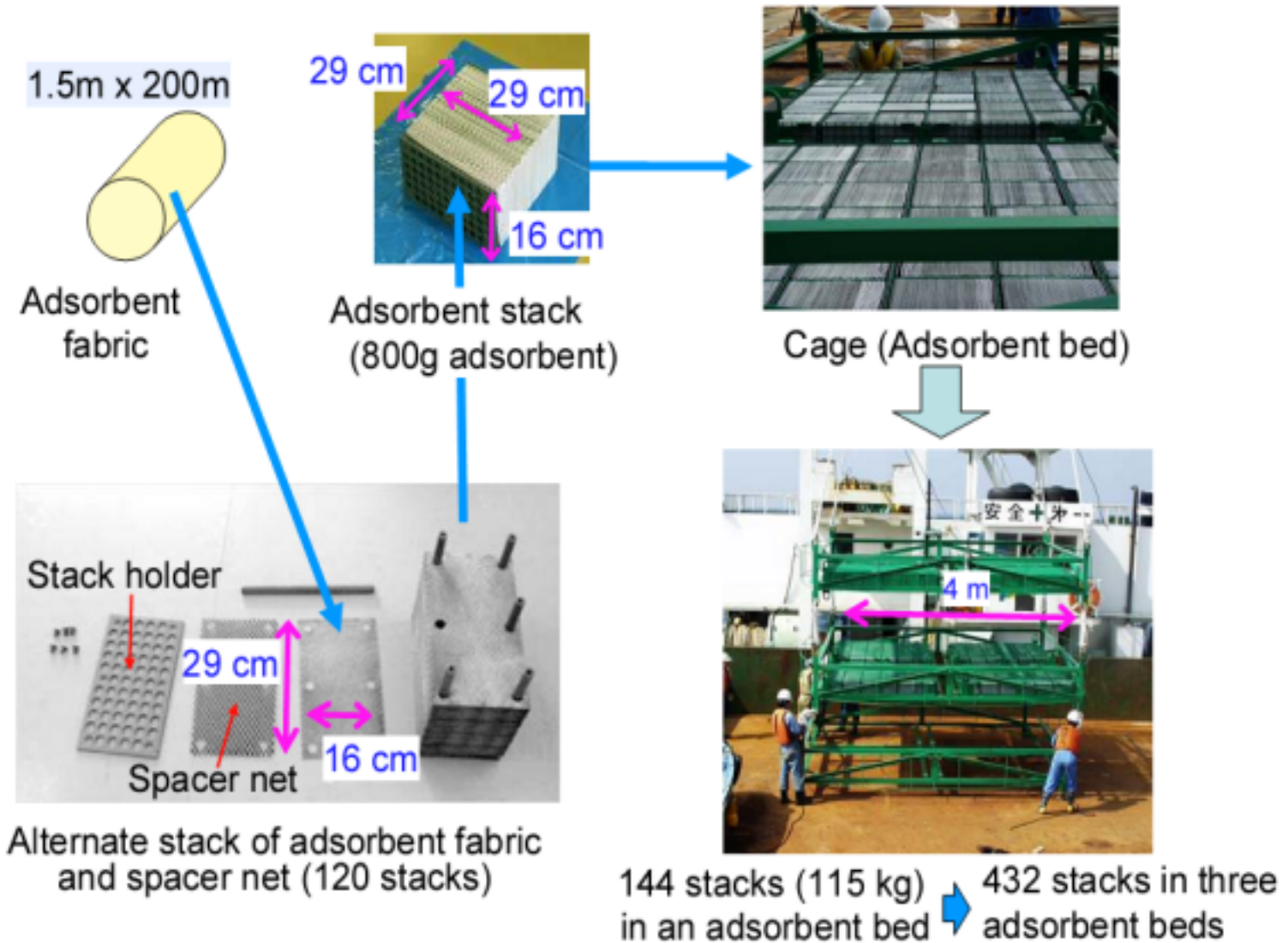


Mass Production of Adsorbent Fabric



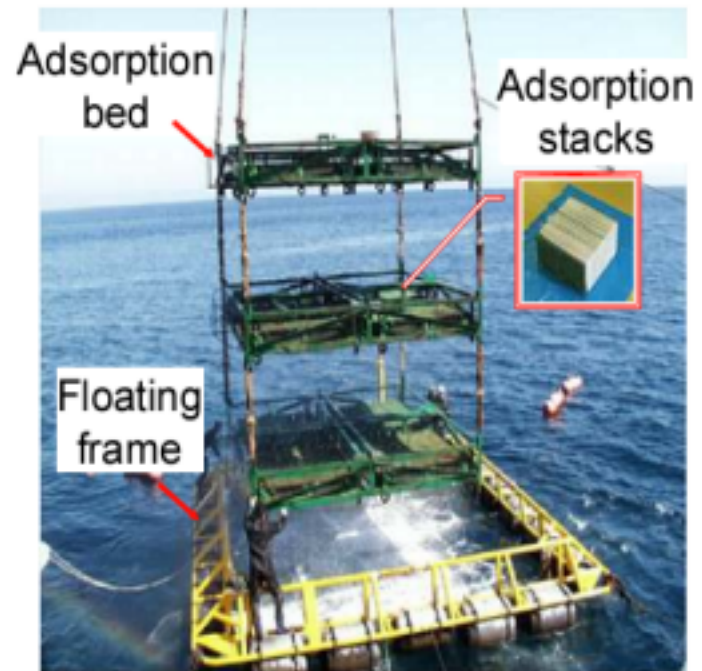
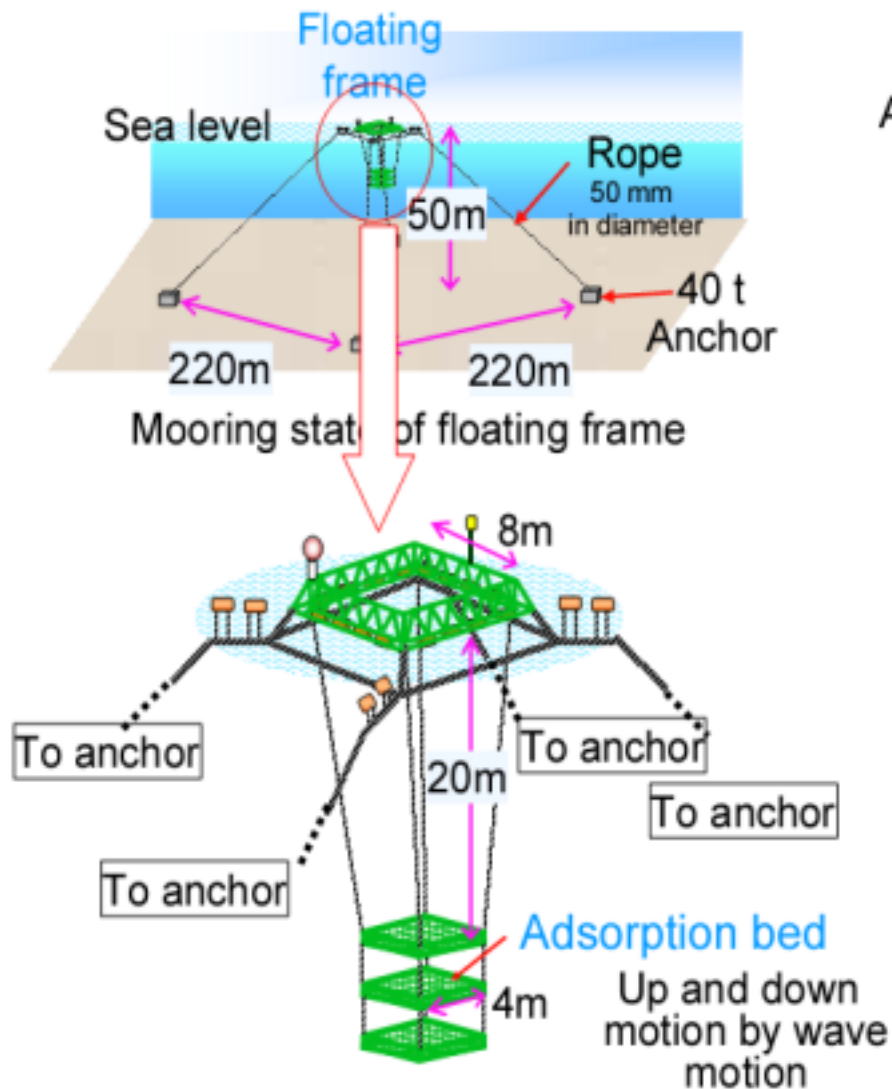


Adsorbent Fabric Stacks and Cages





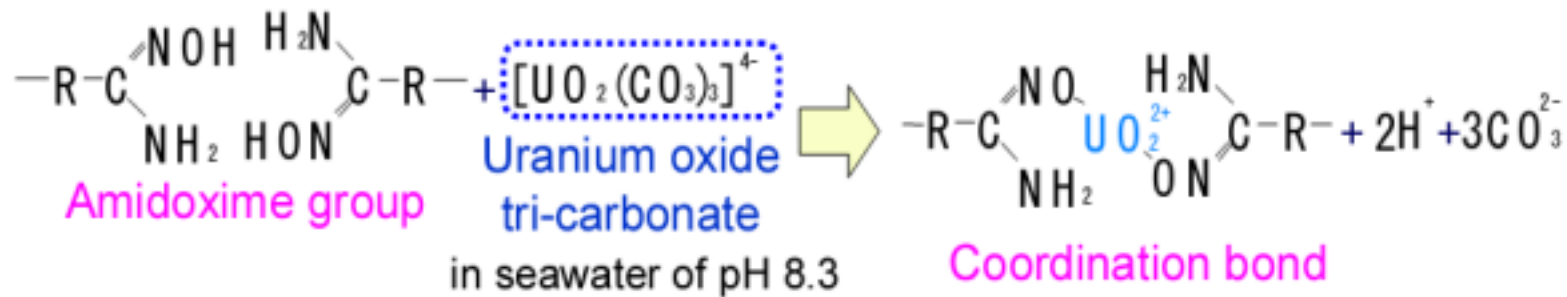
Marine Equipment for Uranium Recovery



Drawing up of adsorption bed packed with adsorbent stacks at northern sea in Japan (350 kg in three adsorbent beds)



Characteristic of Amidoxime Adsorbent



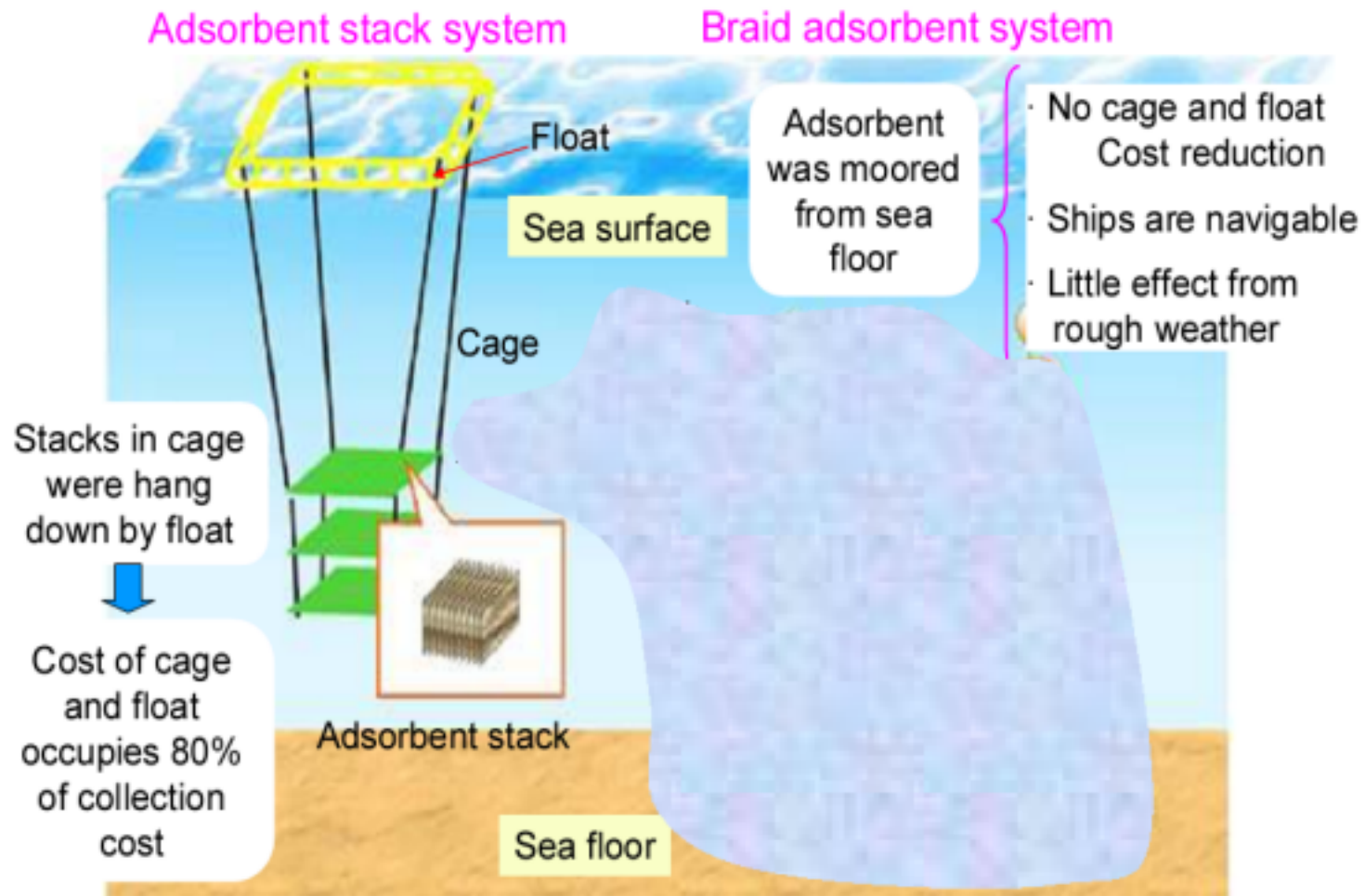
Selectivity of amidoxime adsorbent

Elements	Concentration in seawater ^a (μg/L)	Concentration in adsorbent ^b (μg/g-ad)	Distribution coefficient(b /1000 a)
Na	1.08×10 ⁷	618.5	0.057
K	3.80×10 ⁵	45.9	0.12
Al	2	86.94	4.35×10 ³
Pb	0.003	108.82	3.62×10 ⁶
Ti	1	1.49	1.49×10 ³
Fe	2	414.44	2.07×10 ⁵
Co	0.05	23.57	4.71×10 ⁵
Ni	1.7	78.17	4.60×10 ⁴
U	3.2	63.72	1.99×10⁴

Adsorption conditions: 0.2 g adsorbent 25°C, 3L/min seawater, and 7 days.

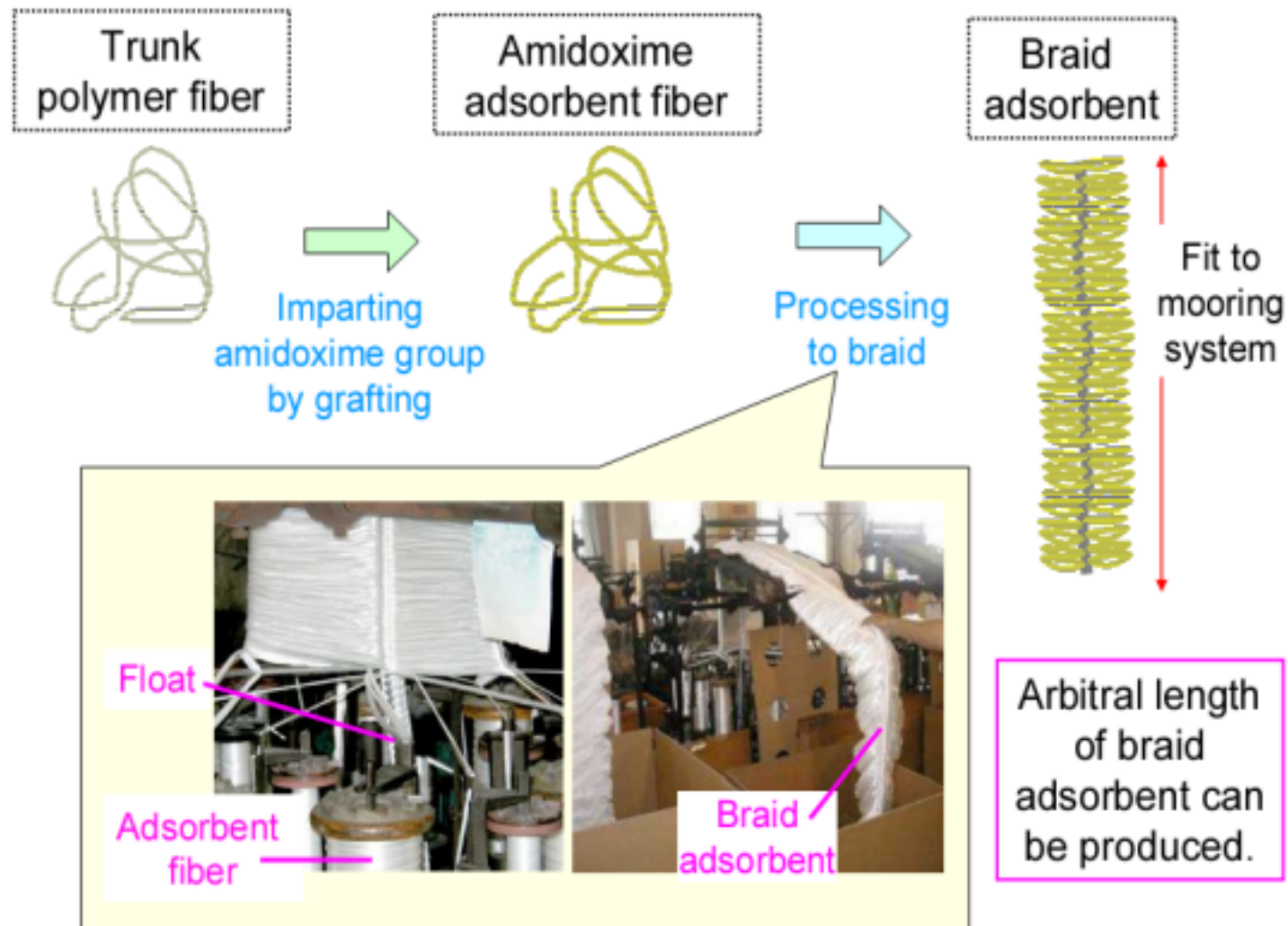


New Collection System for Cost Reduction



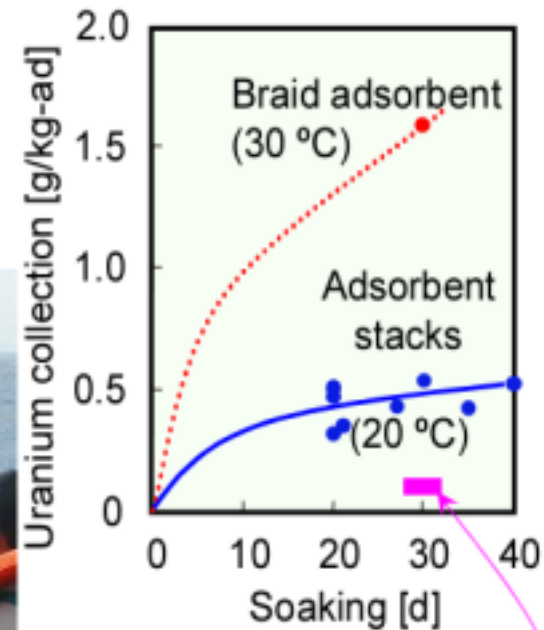
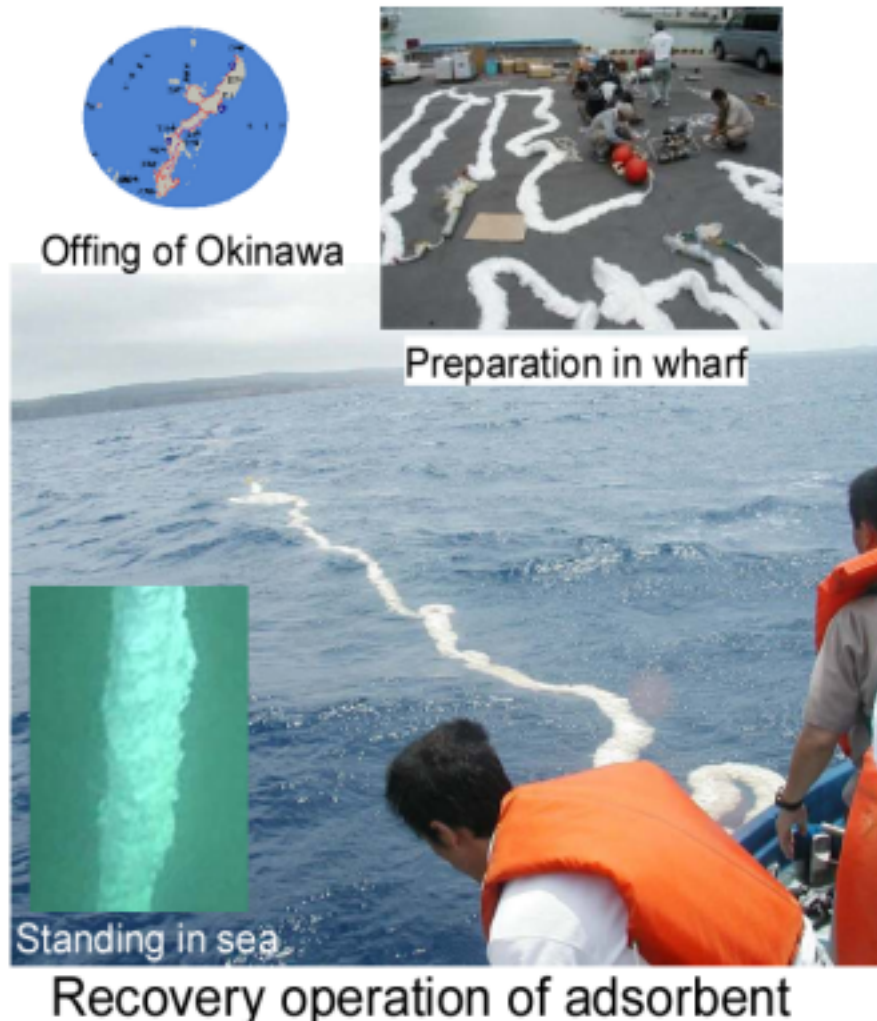


Production of Braid Type Adsorbent





Marine Experiment for Braid Adsorbent

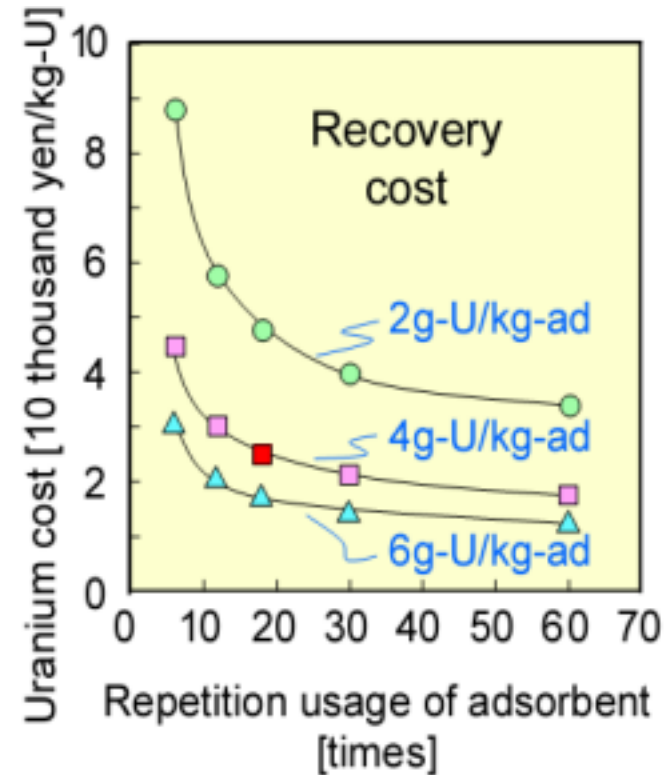
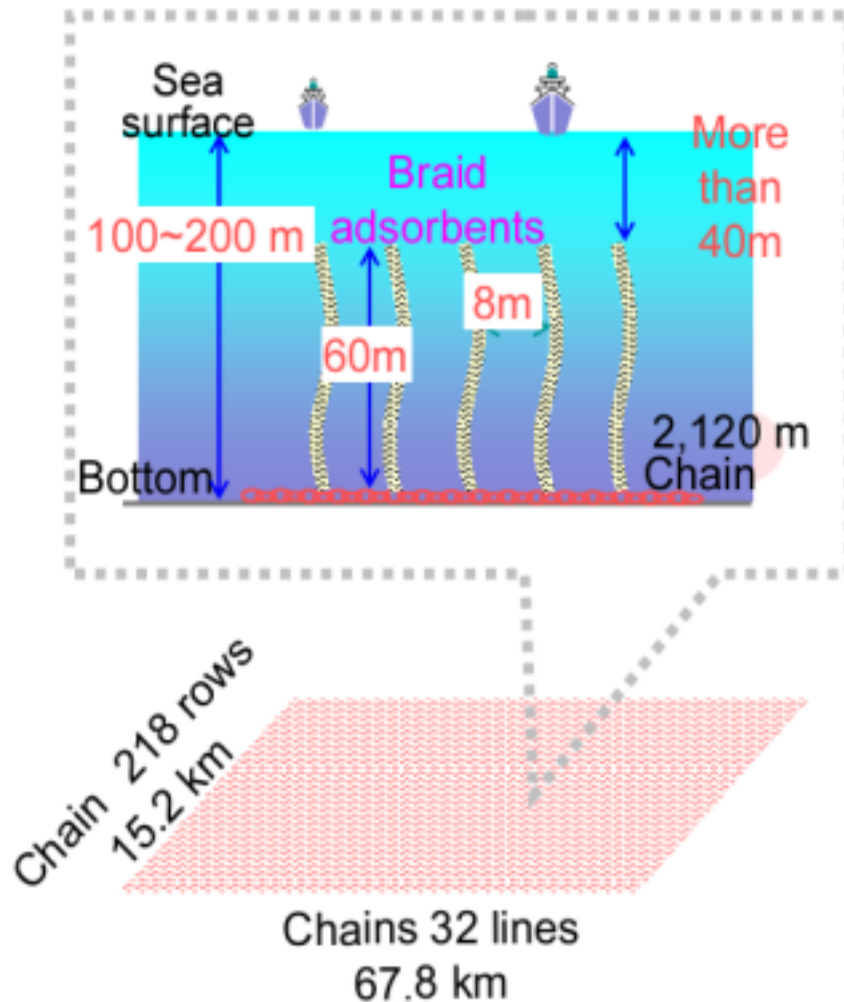


- 10 °C enhanced 1.5 times
- Efficient constant with seawater: 2 times

Hydrous titanium
oxide adsorbent



Cost Estimating for 1200 t Uranium in a Year



- Weekly spot price \$48/lb- U_3O_8 at October, 2009 is 12,000 yen/kg-U.
- Promising collection cost is 25,000 yen/kg-U. This price is twice of spot price.



Thank you