

The Human Glycome Atlas Project: Initiating and Envisioning the Future

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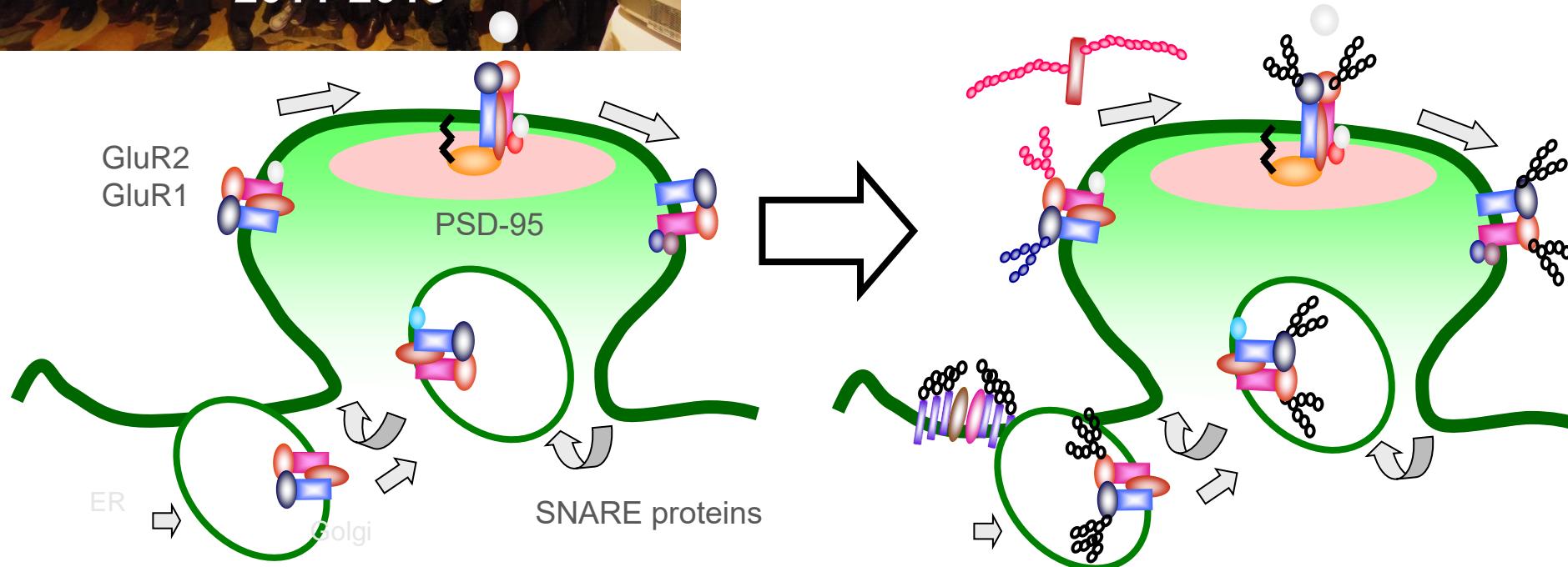




Curiosity with a slightly broader perspective



Infrastructure Development Project ~Curiosity with a slightly broader perspective~ Human Glycome Atlas Project (HGA)





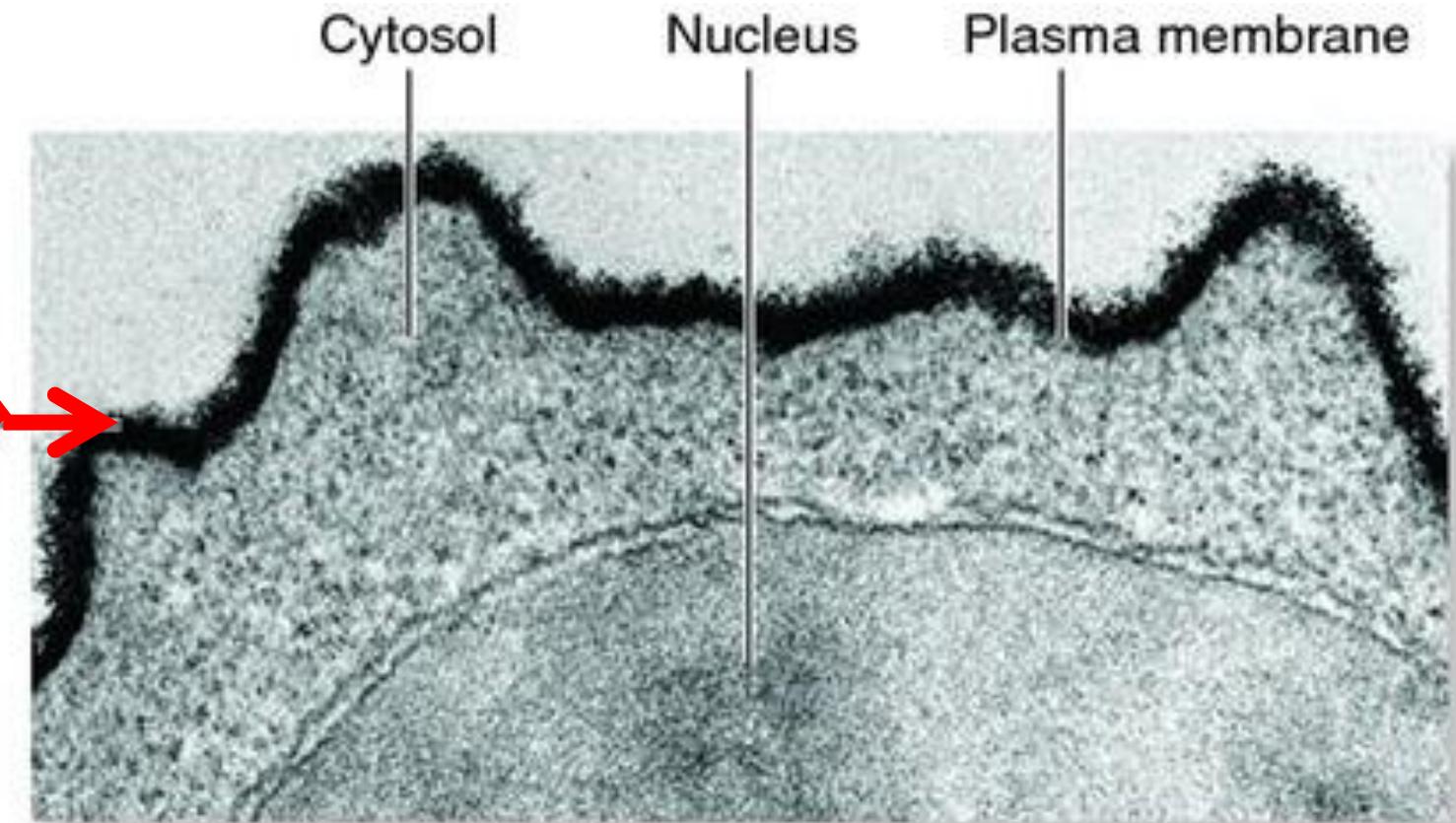
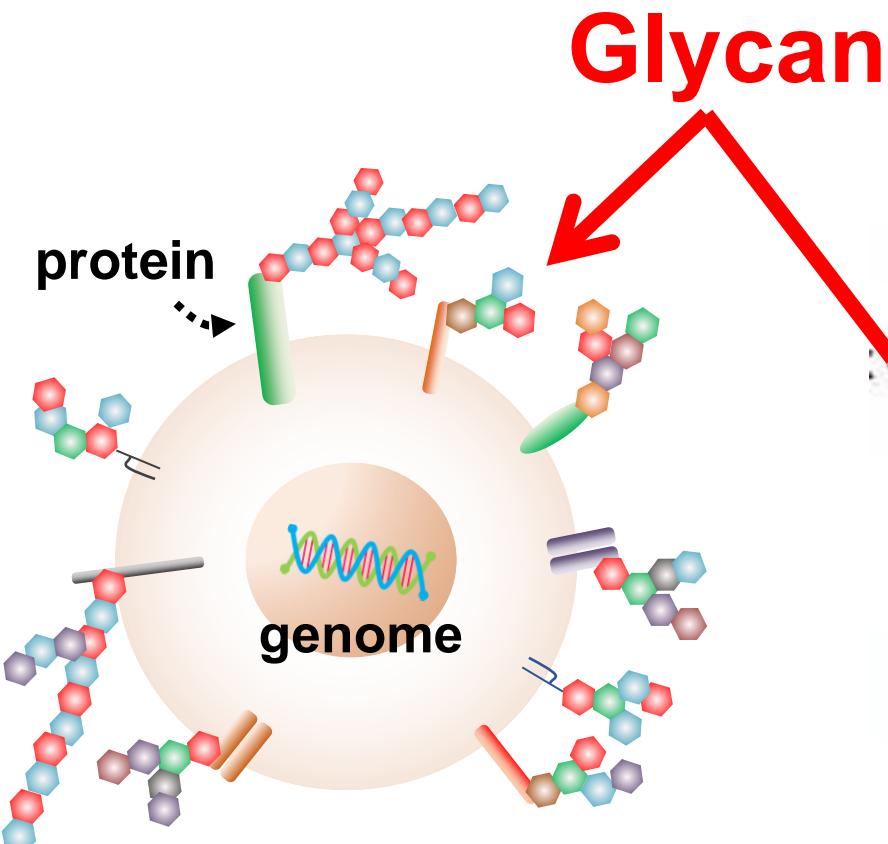
The Human Glycome Atlas Project (HGA)

The First Life Science Project in Large-Scale Academic Frontier Promotion Project “MEXT Frontier Project”

- ✓ A project to develop the infrastructure for the future of life science
- ✓ A project in which Japan can lead the way
- ✓ A project that is expected to return benefits to the public, such as the prediction and prevention of disease



Every cell is covered with a forest of glycans



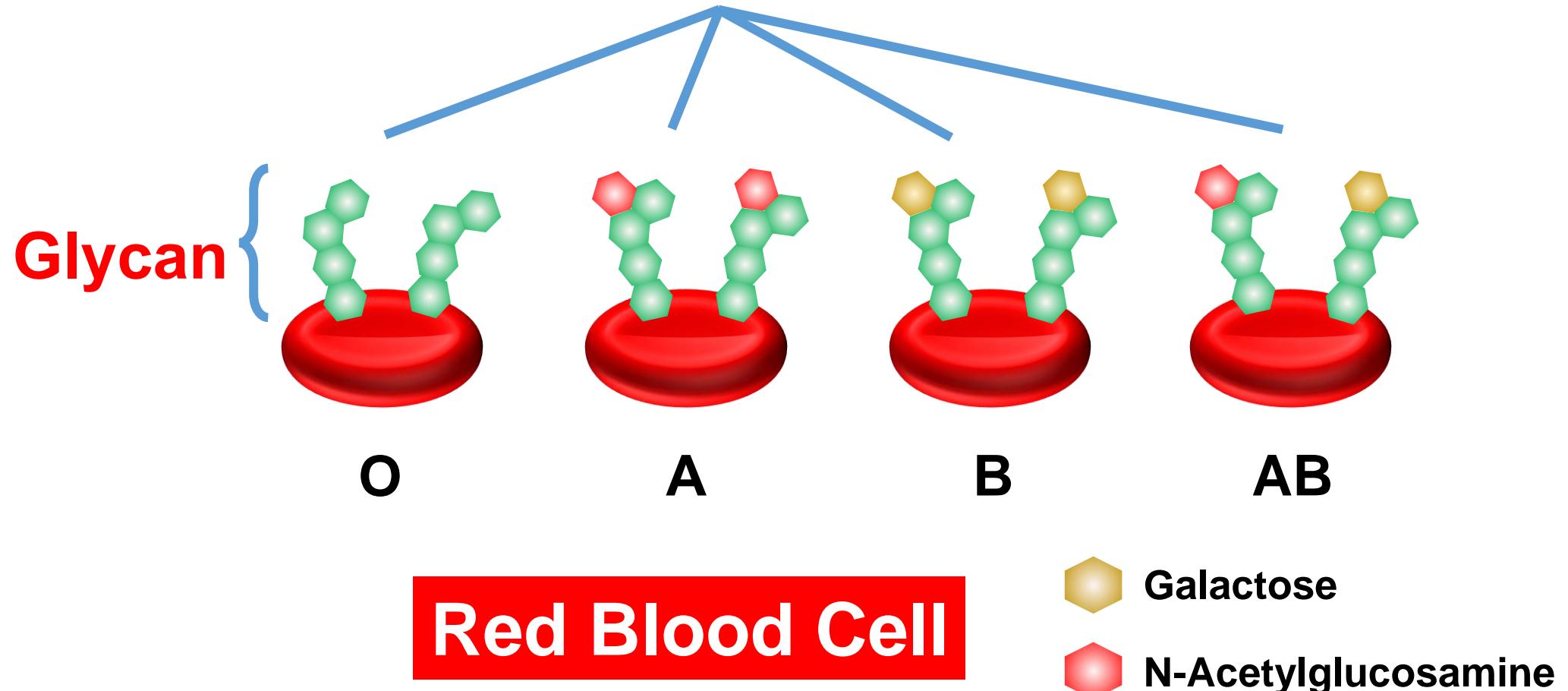
Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th edition
Alberts Bruce et al., Garland Science, 2002

200 nm



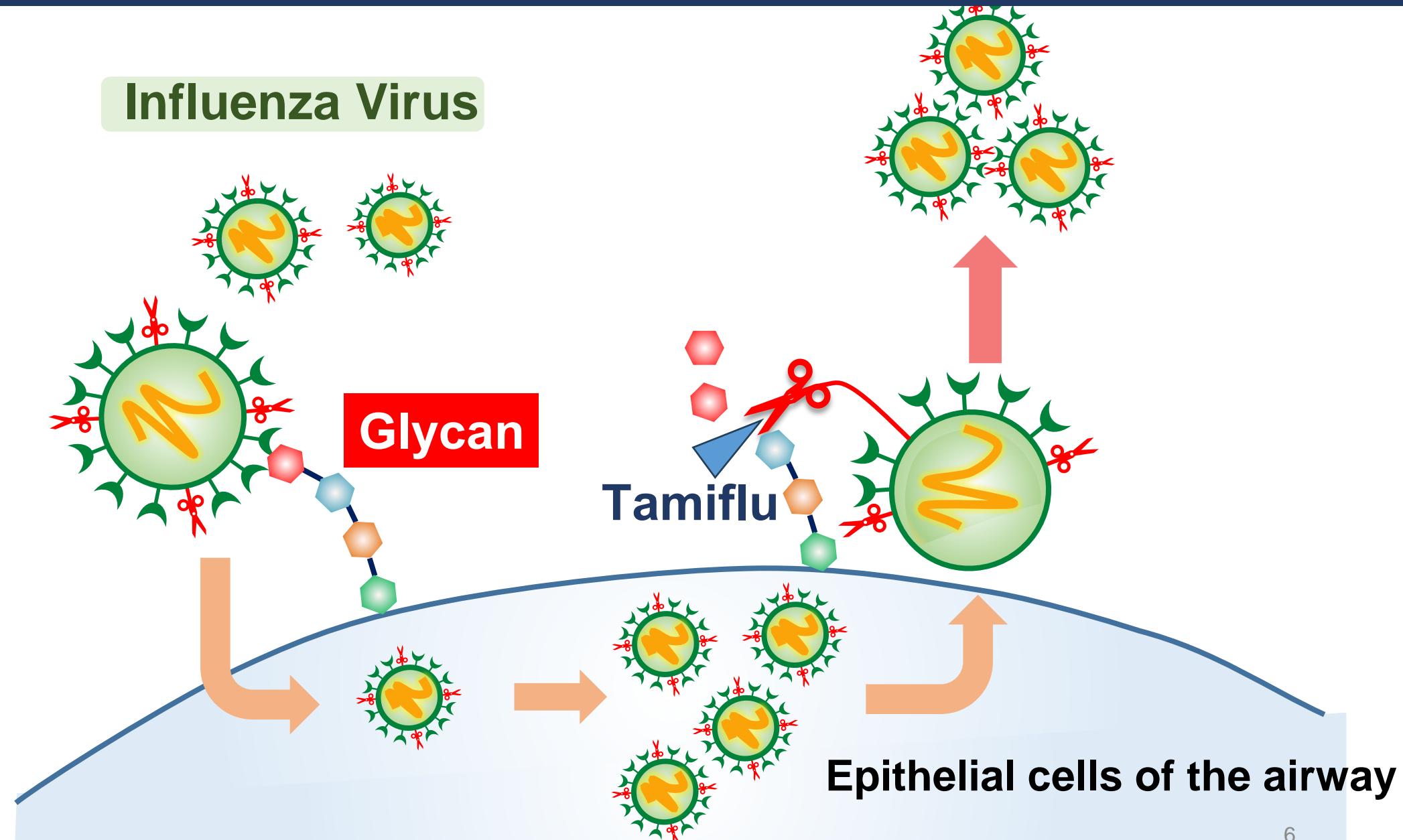
Glycans determine blood type

Differences in glycan structure = blood type





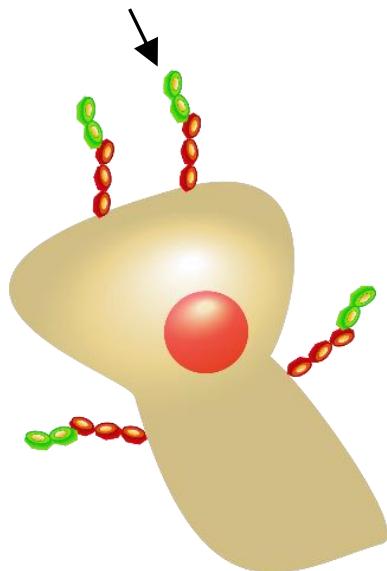
Glycans also serve as a window for influenza infection



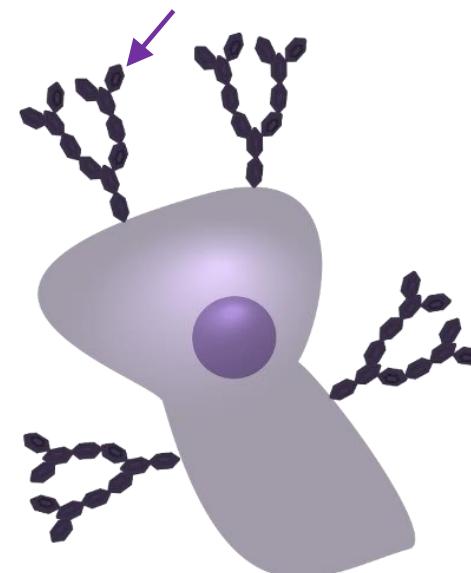


Cancer

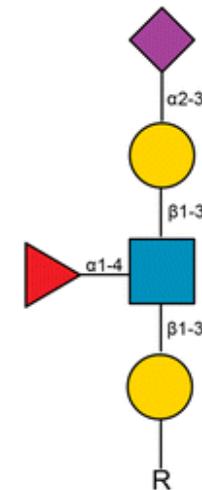
Normal cell



Cancer cell



Cancer marker

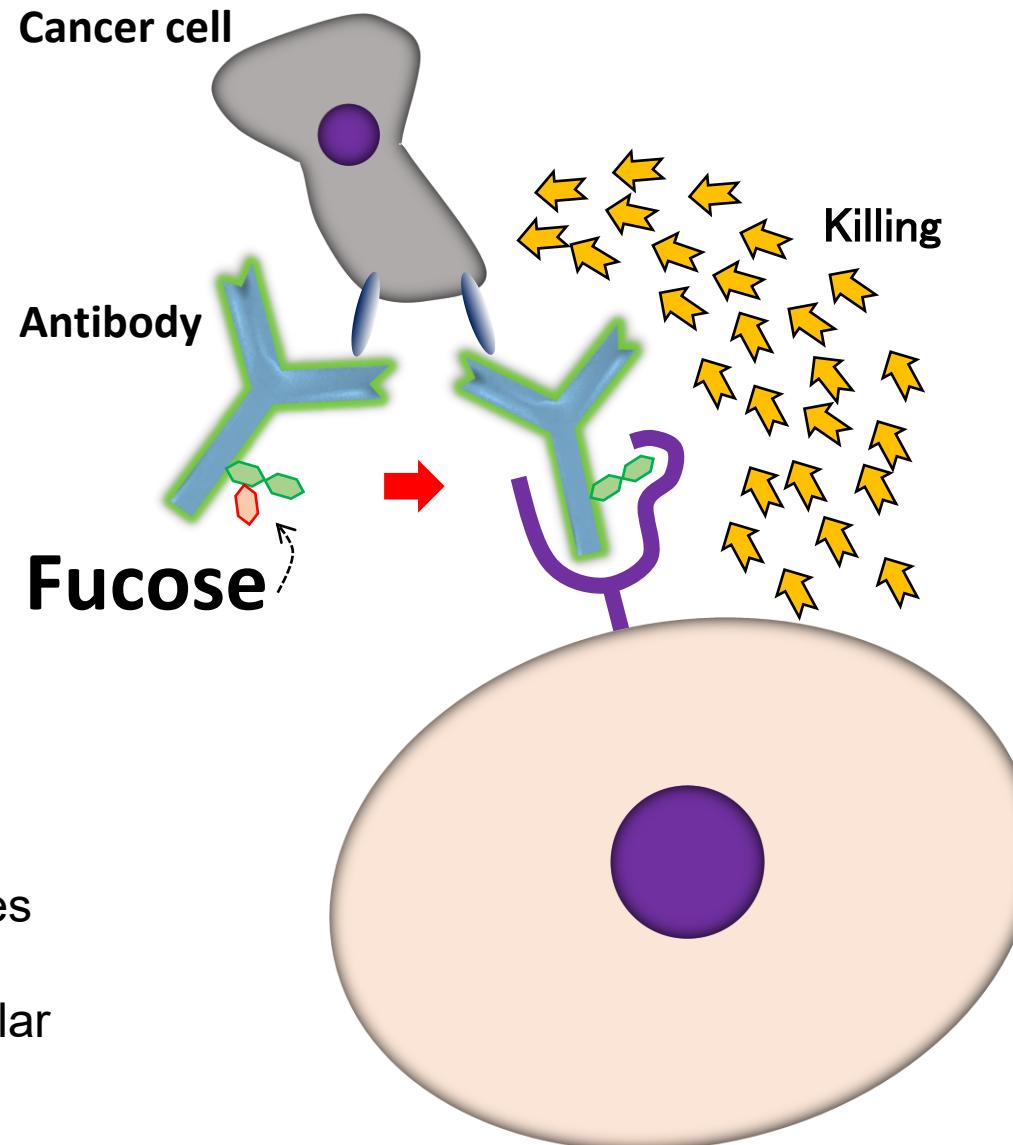


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Pancreas cancer marker
Glycan epitope

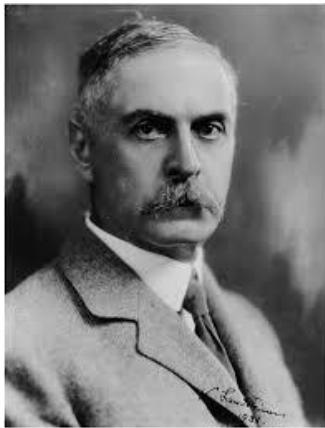


Potelligent





Glycans and the Nobel Prize



Hermann E. Fischer

**1902 Chemistry: Synthesis
of sugar/purine derivatives**

Karl Landsteiner

**1930 Physiology & Medicine
Discovery of Blood Type**



Luis F. Leloir
**1970 Chemistry: Discovery
of Sugar Nucleotides**

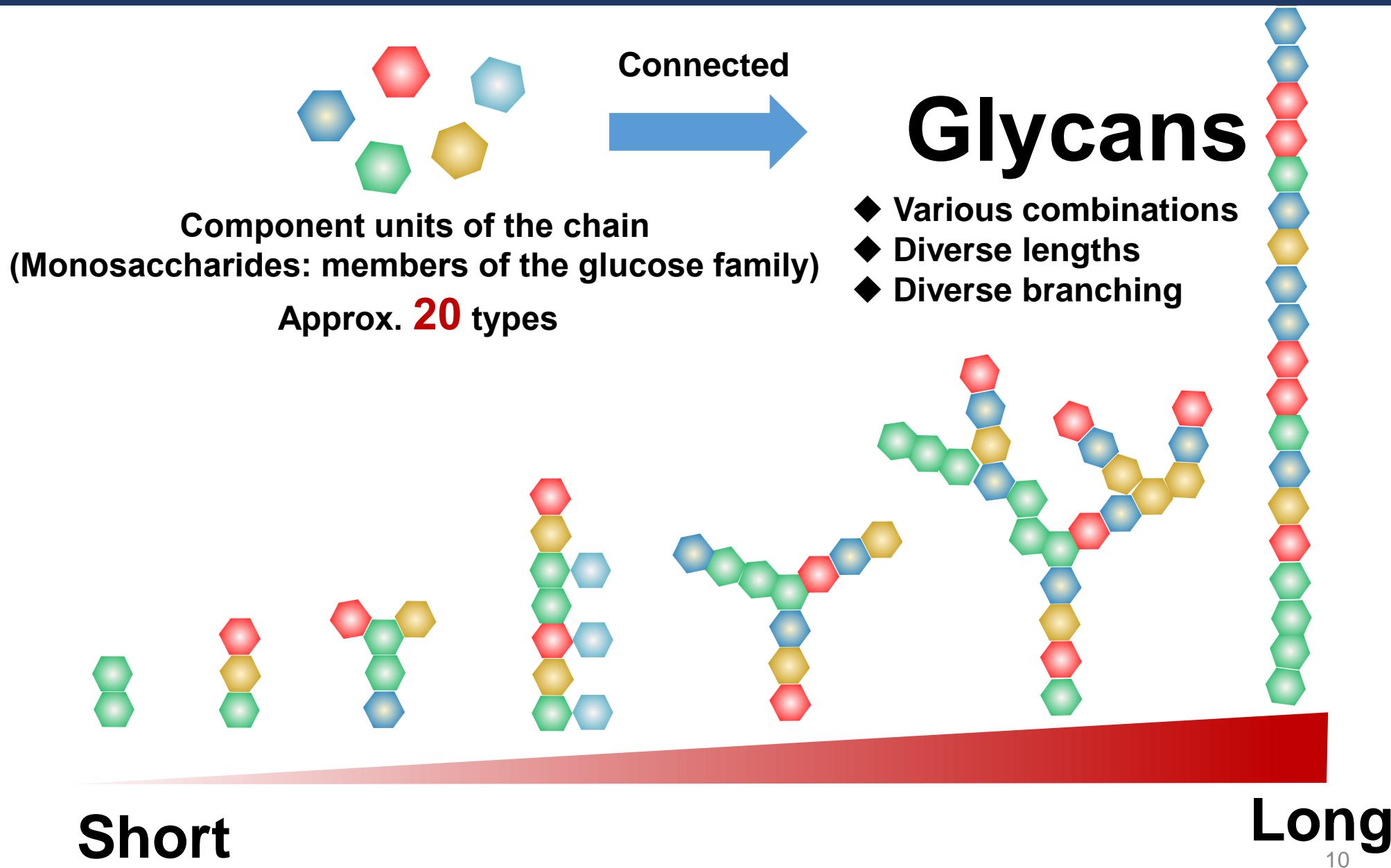


Carolyn R. Bertozzi
2022 Chemistry: Click Chemistry

<https://chemistry.stanford.edu/people/carolyn-bertozzi>
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Glycans are complex and diverse structures



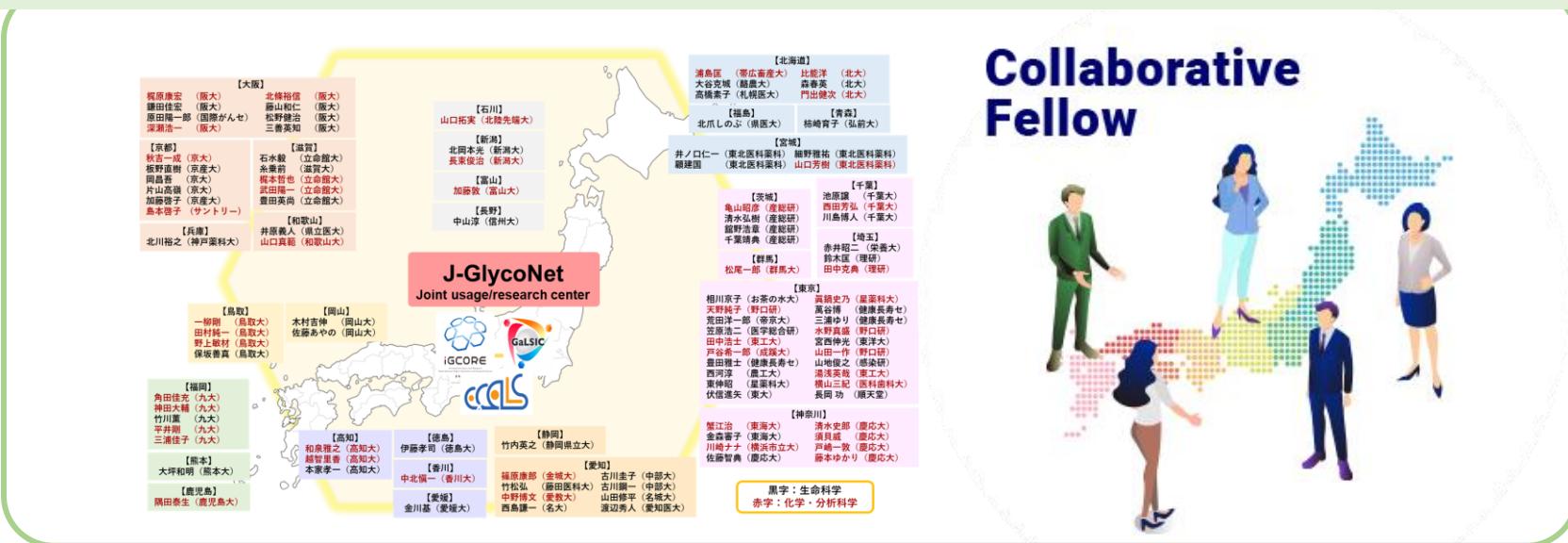


J-GlycoNet: a Joint Usage / Research Center

A comprehensive nationwide infrastructure for collaborative research & support in glyoscience

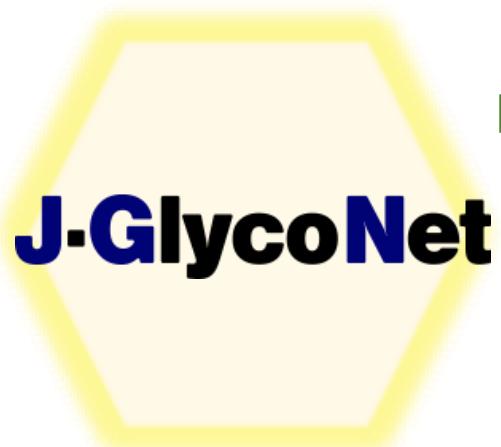


A network of 106 Collaborative Fellows all over Japan





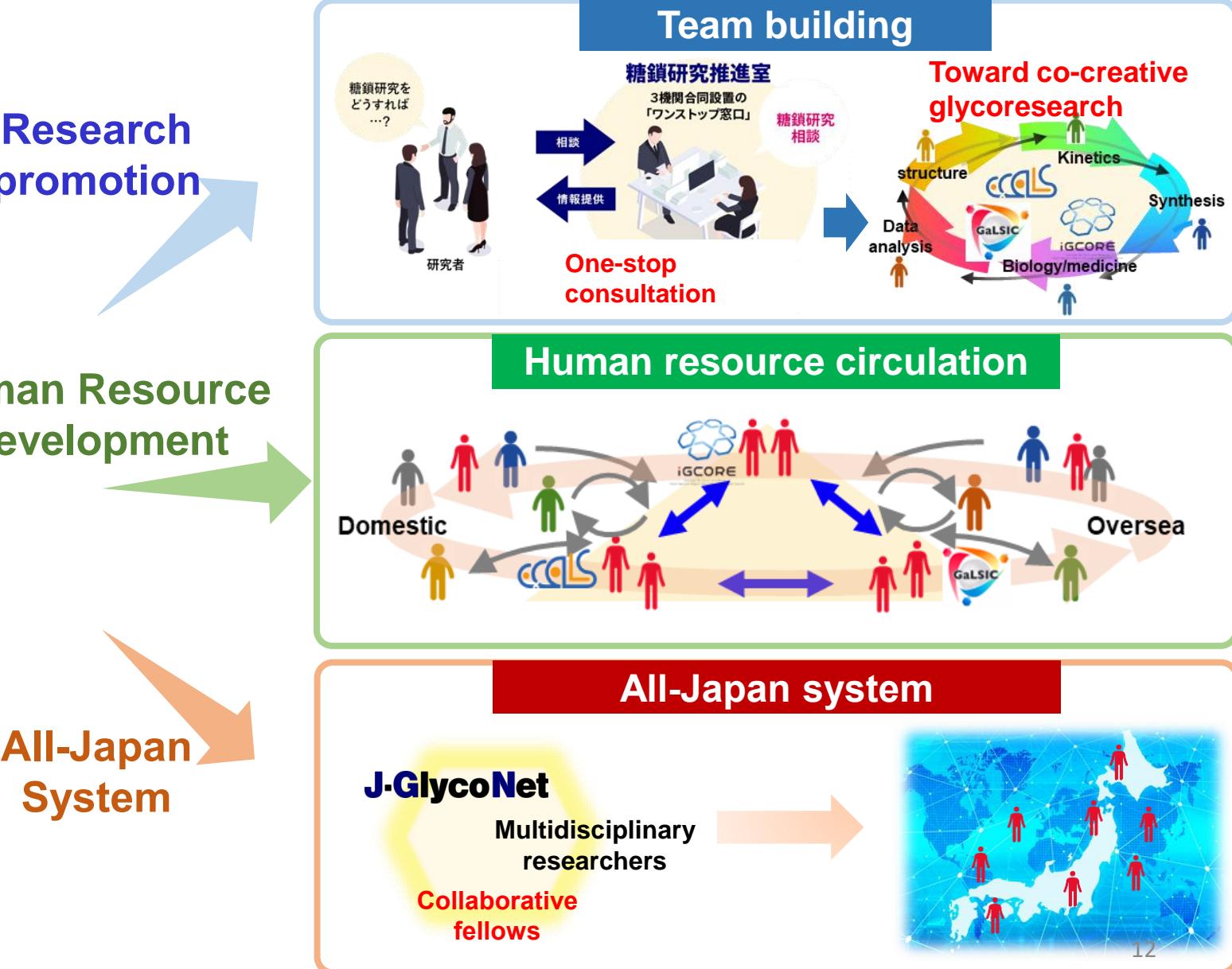
J-GlycoNet: 3 roles



Research promotion

Human Resource Development

All-Japan System



Data from MEXT publication materials regarding R5 FY budget

世界の学術フロンティアを先導する大規模プロジェクトの推進

令和5年度予算額（案）
(前年度予算額)

33,989百万円
33,700百万円



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目的

- 最先端の大型研究装置・学術研究基盤等により人類未踏の研究課題に挑み、**世界の学術研究を先導**。
- 国内外の優れた研究者を結集し、**国際的な研究拠点を形成**するとともに、国内外の研究機関に対し**研究活動の共通基盤を提供**。

→ 大規模学術フロンティアの促進及び学術研究基盤の構築を推進

これまでも学術的価値の創出に貢献

○ ノーベル賞受賞につながる研究成果の創出に貢献

- スーパーBファクトリー**による新しい物理法則の探求
- スーパーカミオカンデ**によるニュートリノ研究の推進

H20小林誠氏・益川敏英氏
→「CP対称性の破れ」を実験的に証明
※高度化前のBファクトリーによる成果

○ 年間1万人以上の国内外の研究者が集結する 国際的な研究環境で若手研究者の育成に貢献

○ 研究成果は産業界へも波及

大強度陽子加速器施設 (J-PARC)

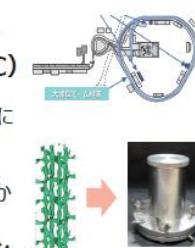
[高エネルギー加速器研究機構]

最大級のビーム強度を持つ陽子加速器施設による2次粒子ビームを用いた物性解析

⇒リチウムイオンの動作の解析による安全かつ急速充電が可能な新型電池開発
⇒次世代電気自動車の実用化・カーボンニュートラルの実現へ



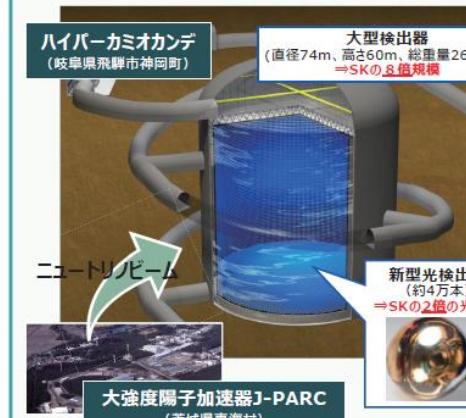
すばる望遠鏡
〔自然科学研究機構国立天文台〕
遠方の銀河を写すための超高感度カメラ技術
⇒医療用X線カメラへの応用



学術研究の大型プロジェクトの例

ハイパー・カミオカンデ計画の推進

〔東京大学宇宙線研究所、高エネルギー加速器研究機構〕



- 日本が切り拓いてきたニュートリノ研究の次世代計画
- 超高感度光検出器を備えた大型検出器の建設及びJ-PARCのビーム高度化により、ニュートリノの検出性能を著しく向上（スーパー・カミオカンデの約10倍）

→令和9年度からの観測を目指し、**大型検出器建設**のための観測装置類の製造・開発や、**J-PARCのビーム性能向上**等年次計画に基づく計画を推進

ヒューマングライームプロジェクト

〔東海国立大学機構、自然科学研究機構、創価大学〕

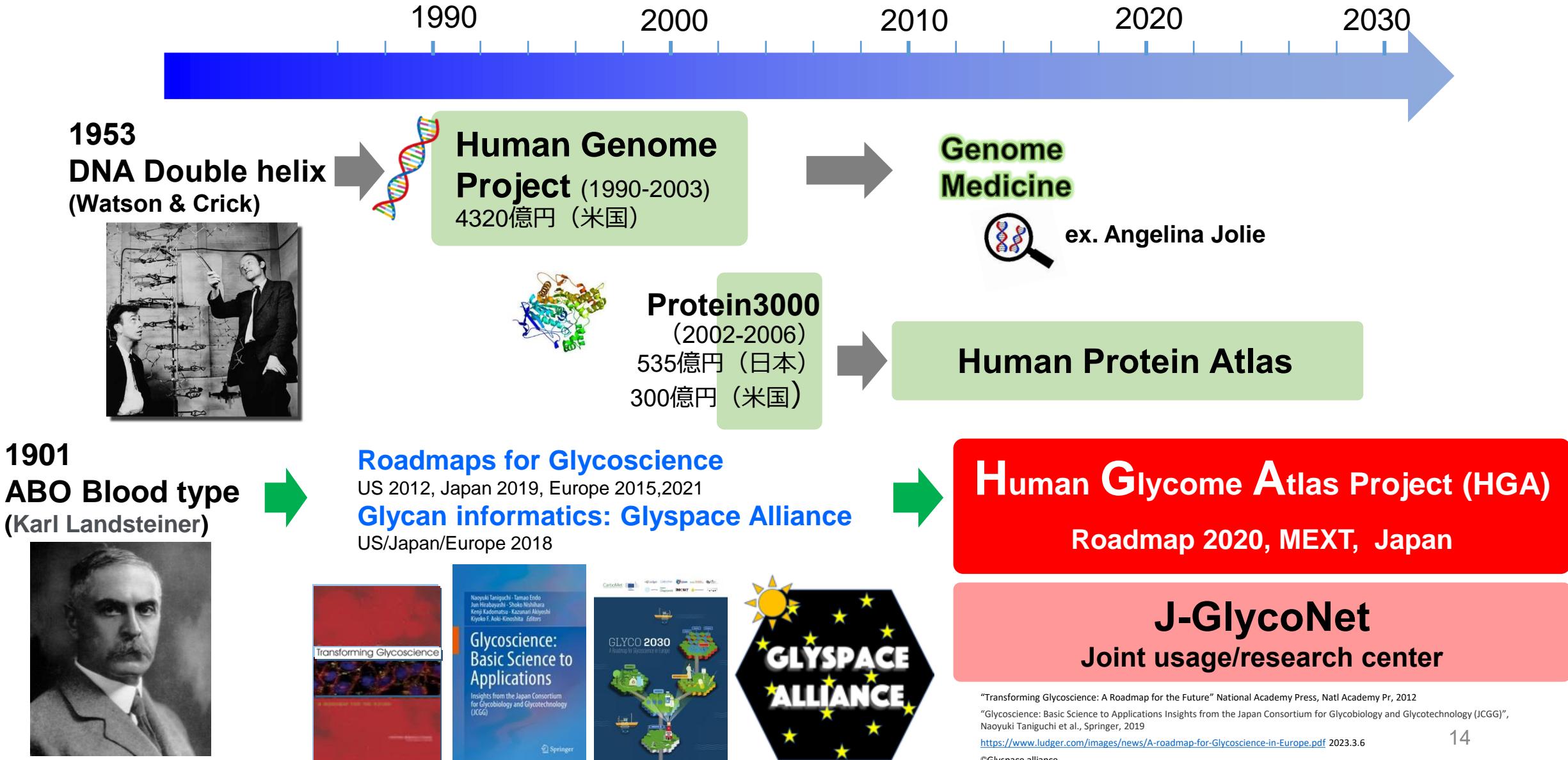
病気で苦しむことのない未来を目指して



- ヒトの三大生命鎖（ゲノム、タンパク質、糖鎖）の中で情報が極端に少なく、日本の研究者が国際的に先行している「糖鎖」について、国内の糖鎖研究者を中核とする連携体制や学術研究基盤を構築し、網羅的な構造解析を目指す
- 糖鎖を通じたヒトの真の生命現象の統合理解とともに、認知症等の未解決の疾患に関する治療法・予防法の開拓を目指す
- 糖鎖解析に係る**革新的技術の標準化**のもと、研究者に開かれた**糖鎖ナレッジベース「TOHSA」**を構築するとともに、国内外の多様な分野の研究者が協働する**研究の場を提供**

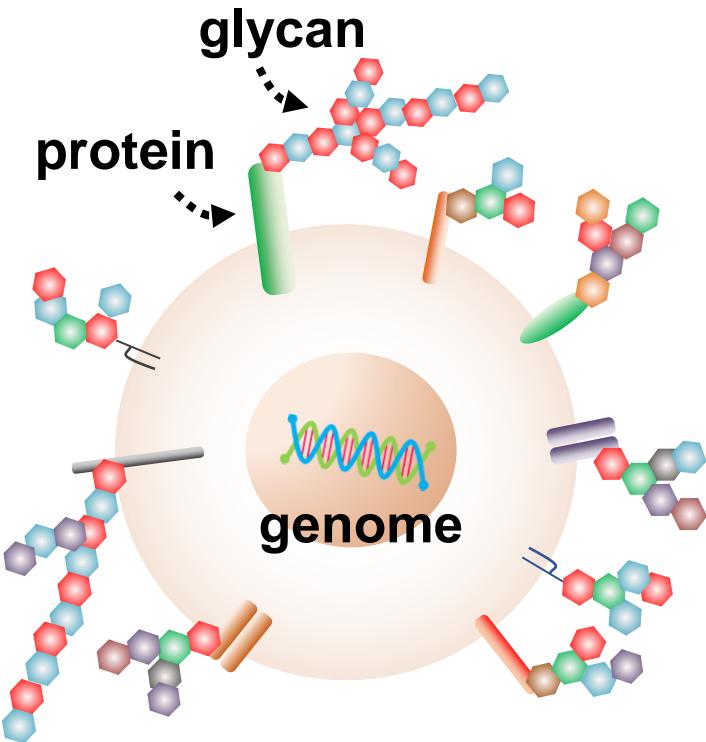


History of Infrastructure development for major biopolymers

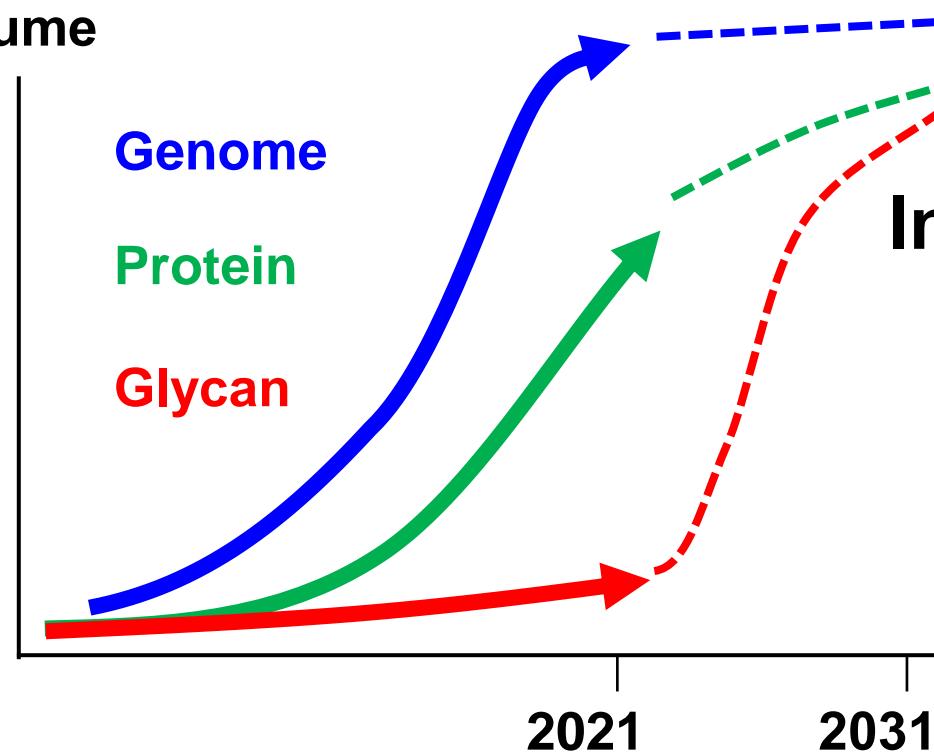




Increase the glycan information



Information
volume



Innovation in life
sciences and medicine

Increase the volume of
glycan information





Contents of HGA project

Objective 1

Glycan Information Infrastructure

Construction of the knowledgebase TOHSA containing comprehensive data of human glycome

Segment 1

Human precise glycoproteome map

Segment 2

Human glycome catalog

Segment 3

Glycan biosynthesis atlas

Segment 4

Construction of the knowledgebase
“TOHSA”



Planned Fusion Researches



All Japan networking

Open-mix laboratory

Objective 3

Collaboration Infrastructure

Providing workspace and research infrastructure for cross-disciplinary researches utilizing TOHSA



Global networking

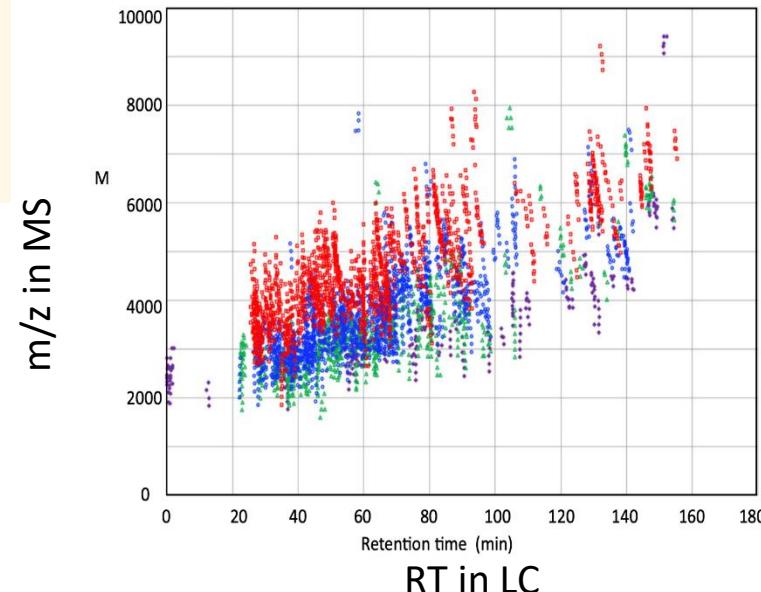
Objective 2

Equipment and Technology Infrastructure

Introduction of advanced systems necessary for construction of TOHSA and establishment of global standard technologies

Segment 1 Human precise glycoproteome map

MS1: Glyco-RIDGE & IGOT
MS2: Byonic, Glyco-Decipher



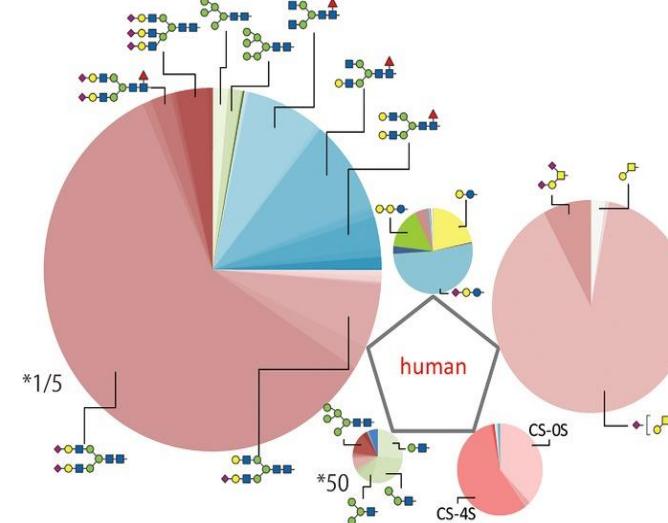
Segment 2 Glycoproteome catalog

Identification
↔
Referencing



Segment 2 Glycome catalog

Total Glycomics



Rapid/HTP Glycoproteomics
Large-scale comparison
(e.g., Healthy vs Disease)

Human glycome catalog

Segment 4 The knowledgebase TOHSA



Annual plan for HGA, a decade-long endeavor

2023

Comprehensive acquisition of glycome information

Objective 1

Acceleration and high-throughput glycomics

**Objectives
1,2,3**

Editing of glycan structures

**Objectives
1,2,3**

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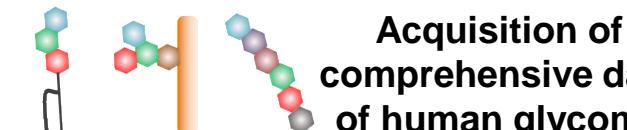
**Blood
Dementia and aged patients**

Tokyo Metropolitan Institute
for Geriatrics and Gerontology

Nagoya University
Brain & Mind Research Center

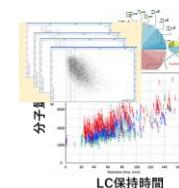
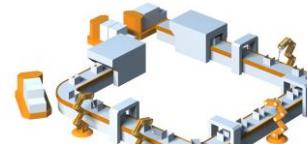
National Center for Geriatrics
and Gerontology

**Tissue/organs/blood
Other diseases: cancer, DM etc**

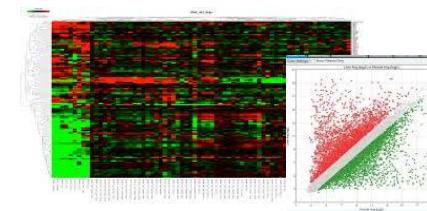


Acquisition of comprehensive data of human glycome

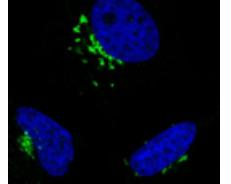
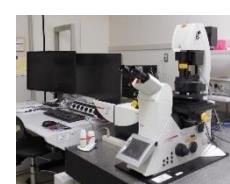
Automatization/robotics



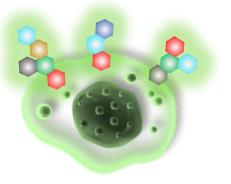
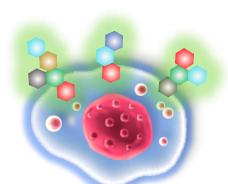
Informatics/big data analysis



Visualization of the biosynthetic mechanism of glycans



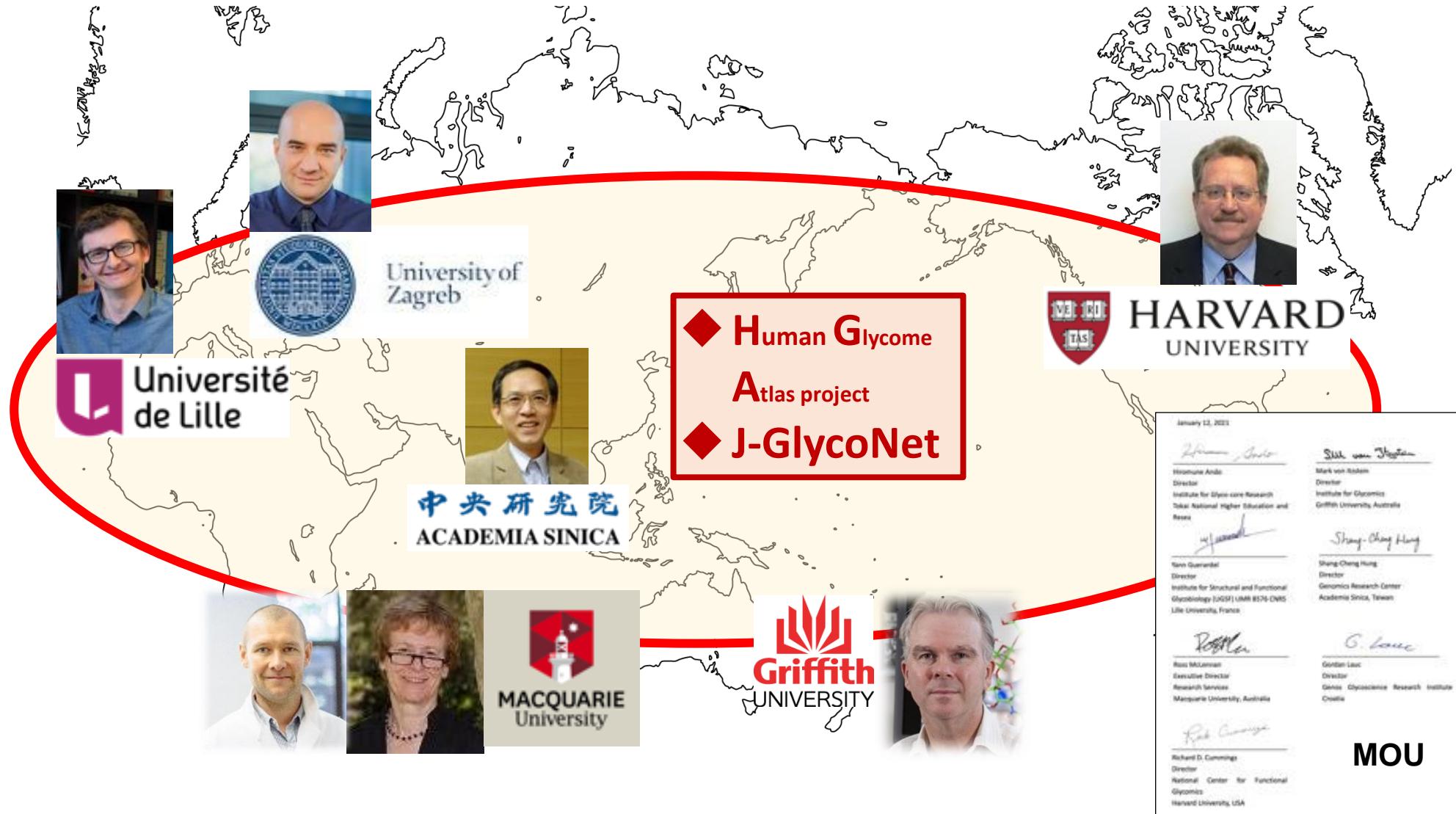
Development of glycan-engineered neo-cells



Toward cell therapy



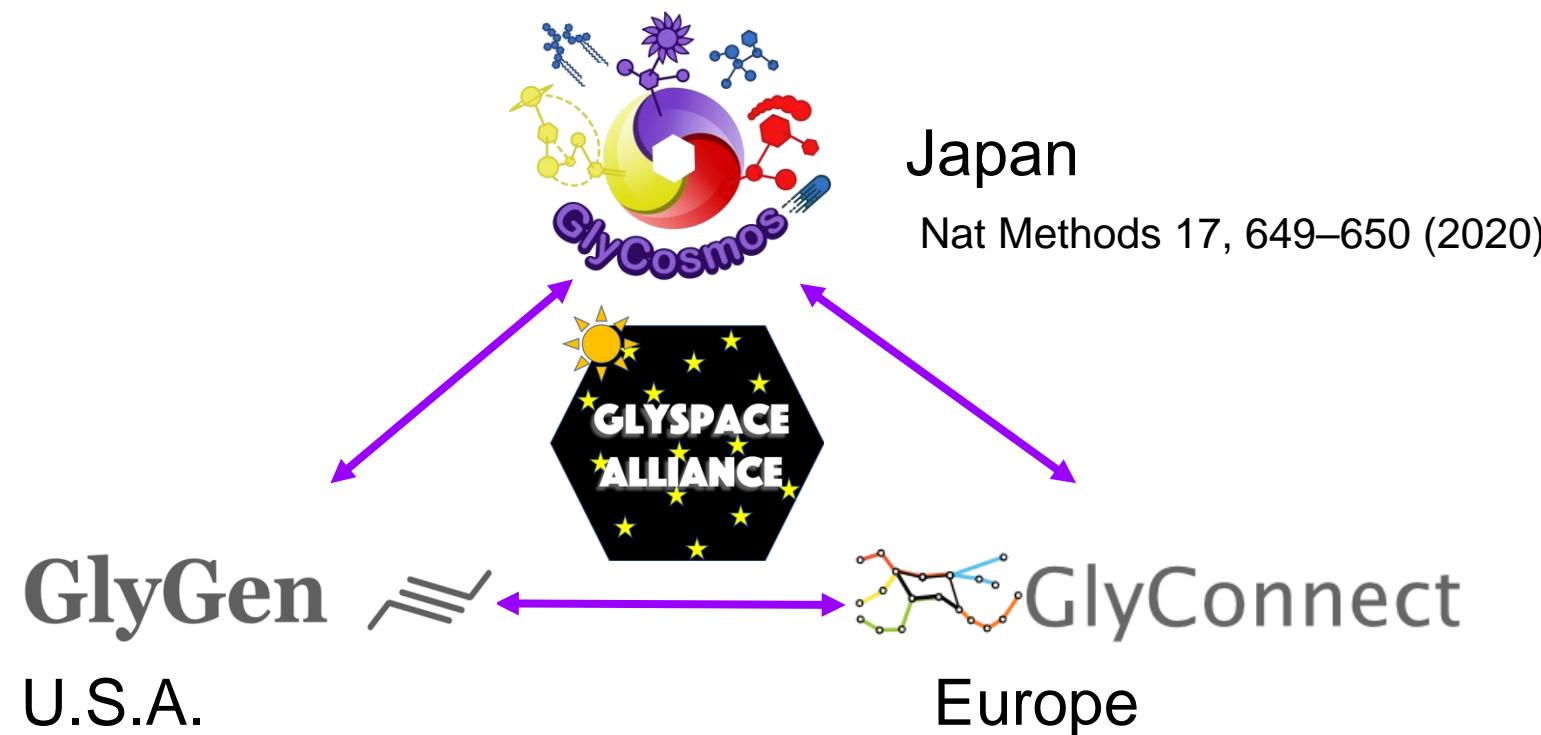
Global supports for HGA





Global collaboration in glyco-informatics

Glycomics Informatics Integration "GlySpace" in Japan, US, and Europe in 2018





Project promoted through collaboration among 3 institutions

iGCORE at Nagoya University



iGCORE at Gifu University



GaLSIC at Soka University



サーバー室（免震・無停電施設）

ExCELLS at NINS

