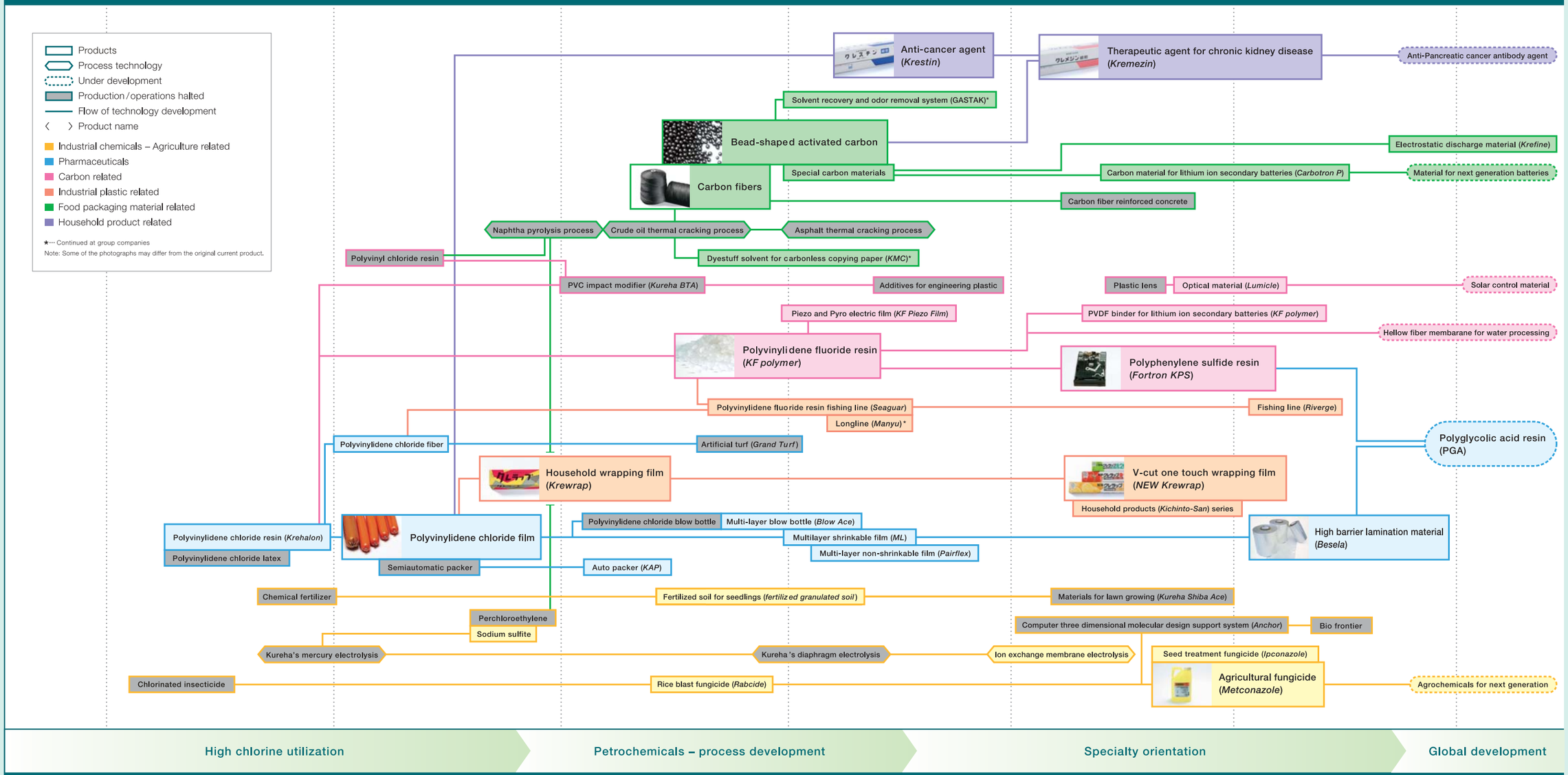
Product History



1934: Predecessor Showa Jinken founded
1939: Merged with Kureha Cotton Spinning
1944: Kureha Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. founded
1949: Shares listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange
1954: Tokyo Research Laboratories (now Biomedical Research Laboratories) established
1958: Received the 8th Deming Application Prize
1962: Nishiki Factory Research Laboratories (now Research Center) established
1965: New headquarters completed at Nihonbashi Horidome-cho
1975: Food Science Laboratories (now Polymer Processing & Products Research Laboratories, Food Science Department) established
1986: Ibaraki Research Laboratories (now Polymer Processing & Products Research Laboratories) established
2003: Withdrew from polyvinyl chloride resin and plastics additives to focus on specialty fields as part of shift towards becoming a specialty products business
2005: Changed name to Kureha Corporation and moved to new headquarters at Nihonbashi-Hamacho