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Fundamental research powers the future

RIKEN is Japan's leading national comprehensive research institute, conducting research across a wide range of scientific fields, including biology, chemistry, computational science, engineering, mathematical and information sciences, medical sciences, and physics. Guided by the RIKEN Spirit that has been passed down from generation to generation of researchers since its founding in 1917, RIKEN continues to dedicate itself to the pursuit of research that ensures future society will enrich humanity. We sincerely ask for your understanding and support.

RIKEN President
Makoto Gonokami



RIKEN's Vision on the 2030 Horizon

Abridged

- 1 Mission
- To bring science to the Japanese people and to humanity as a whole, ushering in the future through honest dialogue with the people whose values RIKEN embodies.
- 2 Organization and action
- RIKEN will bring together broad areas of cutting-edge science, engage the world's most prominent scientists, and pursue investigations that only RIKEN can undertake.
- 3 Orientation
- By integrating its strengths, achievements, and tradition, RIKEN will bring science to new heights and pioneer new realms of research in response to evolving problems.
- 4 Recruitment: Brains Without Borders
- RIKEN will enable the best research minds to train the next generation of scientists, instilling in them the skills necessary to meet tomorrow's challenges.
- 5 Industry-society tie-ups
- RIKEN will set the direction it should turn next for ensuring a better society by linking society and industry through the study of basic research and practical applications.
- 6 Governance and management
- RIKEN will become more responsive to the needs of society by ensuring that desirable research trends receive systematic support from management and programs.



The President's message is updated periodically

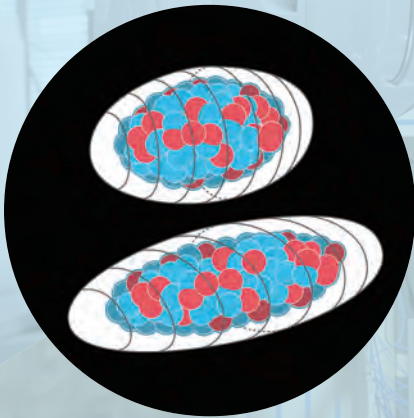
RECENT RESEARCH NEWS

RESULTS
1

RIKEN Nishina Center for
Accelerator-Based Science

Nuclear Structure Research Group

Heavy atomic nuclei are not
as symmetric as previously
thought



Researchers at RNC have theoretically demonstrated that many atomic nuclei exhibit an almond-shaped, three-axis asymmetric deformation in which none of the cross-sections are circular. This finding overturns a theory that has been accepted for 70 years.

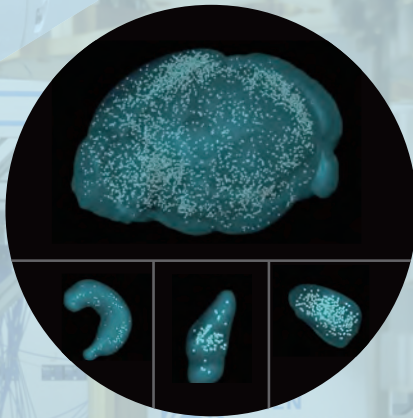


RESULTS
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RIKEN Center for
Brain Science

Laboratory for Glia-Neuron Circuit
Dynamics

Astrocytes are superstars in
the game of long-term
memory



CBS Researchers have revealed that astrocytes are responsible for sorting and long-term storage of memories. This discovery is expected to have applications in the fields of learning science and AI modeling.



RESULTS
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RIKEN Center for
Computational Science

Quantum-HPC Hybrid Platform
Division

Research and development to
build a collaborative platform
for quantum computing
and HPC



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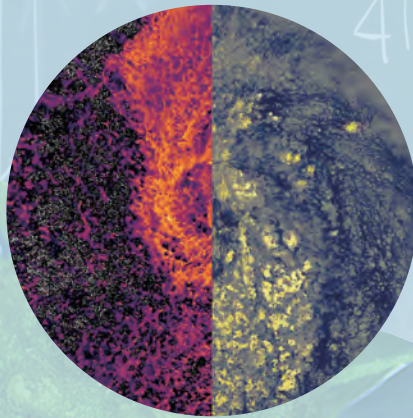
RIKEN researchers and collaborators are developing the quantum-HPC hybrid computing platform, using the supercomputer Fugaku and other HPC systems. As part of this effort, an IBM Quantum System Two has been installed on RIKEN's Kobe campus.



RESULTS
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RIKEN Center for
Interdisciplinary Theoretical
and Mathematical Sciences
Division of Fundamental
Mathematical Science

The simulated Milky Way:
100 billion stars using
7 million CPU cores



Researchers at iTHEMs combined supercomputers with AI to successfully perform the world's first Milky Way simulation that accurately represents more than 100 billion individual stars over the course of 10 thousand years.



Research domains

TRIP Headquarters

The Transformative Research Innovation Platform of RIKEN Platforms (TRIP) is an innovative research platform that efficiently generates new domains of knowledge beyond those in existing research areas by encouraging organic collaboration among RIKEN's cutting-edge research platforms.



Masashi Kawasaki
Director

Data and Computational Sciences Integration Research Program

Advanced General Intelligence for Science Program

Fundamental Quantum Science Program

RIKEN Program for Drug Discovery and Medical Technology Platforms

Advanced Semiconductor Science Program

RIKEN Industrial Co-creation Program

RIKEN Baton Zone Program

Physical Science

This domain brings together diverse researchers and develops information processing technology and highly efficient energy conversion technology through cross-disciplinary research and discussion, with the goal of solving social issues such as the realization of Society 5.0 and creating new academic disciplines.



Yoshinori Tokura
Executive Director
of Science

RIKEN Center for Emergent Matter Science

RIKEN Center for Advanced Photonics

RIKEN Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science

RIKEN SPring-8 Center

Pioneering Science

This domain focuses on the advancement of science and technology and the creation of new value. It contributes to international brain circulation by developing networks with top-class research institutions and researchers, and to the future of scientific research through training of outstanding young researchers.



Motoko Kotani
Executive Director
of Science

Pioneering Research Institute

Mathematical, Computational, and Information Science

This domain aims to organically connect researchers in different fields and create the computational infrastructure and fundamental principles needed for the promotion of future science, technology and social change.

RIKEN Center for Interdisciplinary Theoretical and Mathematical Sciences

RIKEN Center for Computational Science

RIKEN Center for Quantum Computing

RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project

RIKEN Information R&D and Strategy Headquarters



Tetsuo Hatsuda
Executive Director
of Science

Life Science

The Life Science Domain focuses on the essence and totality of life, spanning different levels, time scales, and species, and looking at a broad spectrum of biological mechanisms that influence complex life, including genomes, epigenomics, and environmental factors.

RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences

RIKEN Center for Biosystems Dynamics Research

RIKEN Center for Brain Science

RIKEN BioResource Research Center



Eisuke Nishida
Executive Director
of Science

Sustainability Science

This domain aims to build a sustainable society by safeguarding the global commons and achieving both human and planetary health. Its research focuses on the development of biological resources and bioproduction, material circulation, and symbiosis with the environment.



Kazuki Saito
Executive Director
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RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science

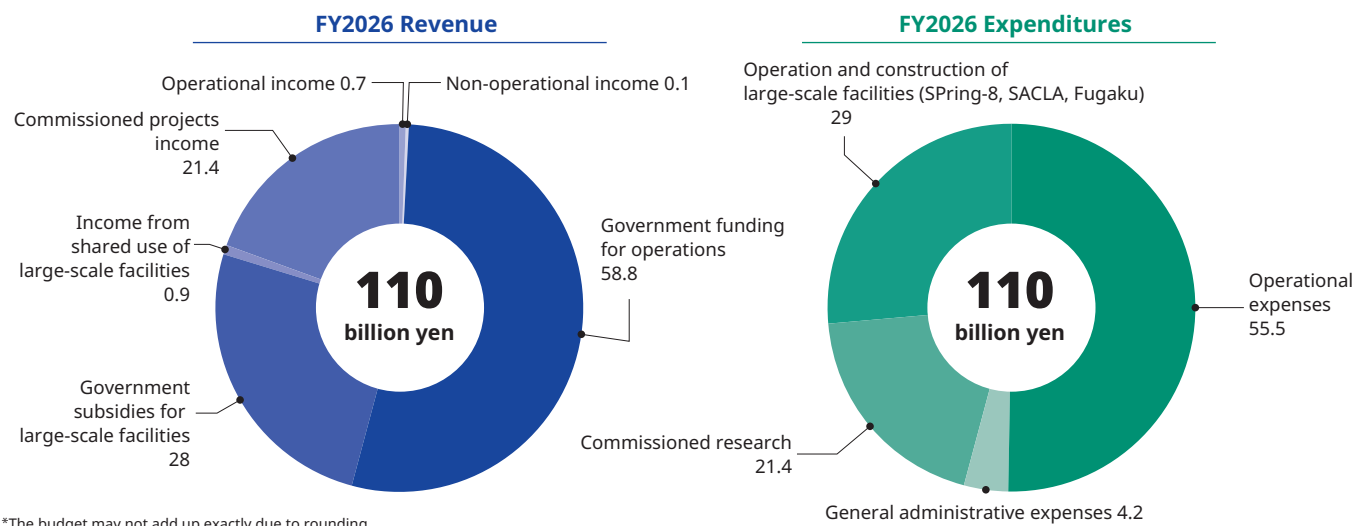
RIKEN BioResource Research Center (select groups)

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Facts and figures

Budget



Employees

▼ Full-time personnel		Non-japanese
Researchers	1,930	514
Technical staff	560	46
Research administrators	109	3
Assistants, administrative staff, others	1,022	14
Total	3,621 (women: 1,488)	577

*Including visiting researchers who hold primary positions at other institutions and head a laboratory at RIKEN

▼ Full-time, non-japanese researchers	
Asia	293
Europe	139
North America	33
Latin America	13
Middle East	13
Africa	13
Oceania	10
Total	514 (61 countries/regions)

(As of April 1, 2026)

Publications

Research findings are published and disseminated through academic journals, contributing to the creation of new knowledge and advancing of research.

- Papers published in 2025: 2,958
- Top 10% of papers in 2024: 14.4%
- Top 1% of papers in 2024: 1.9%

Source: Clarivate InCites (as of May 2026)
Papers only include Articles and Reviews

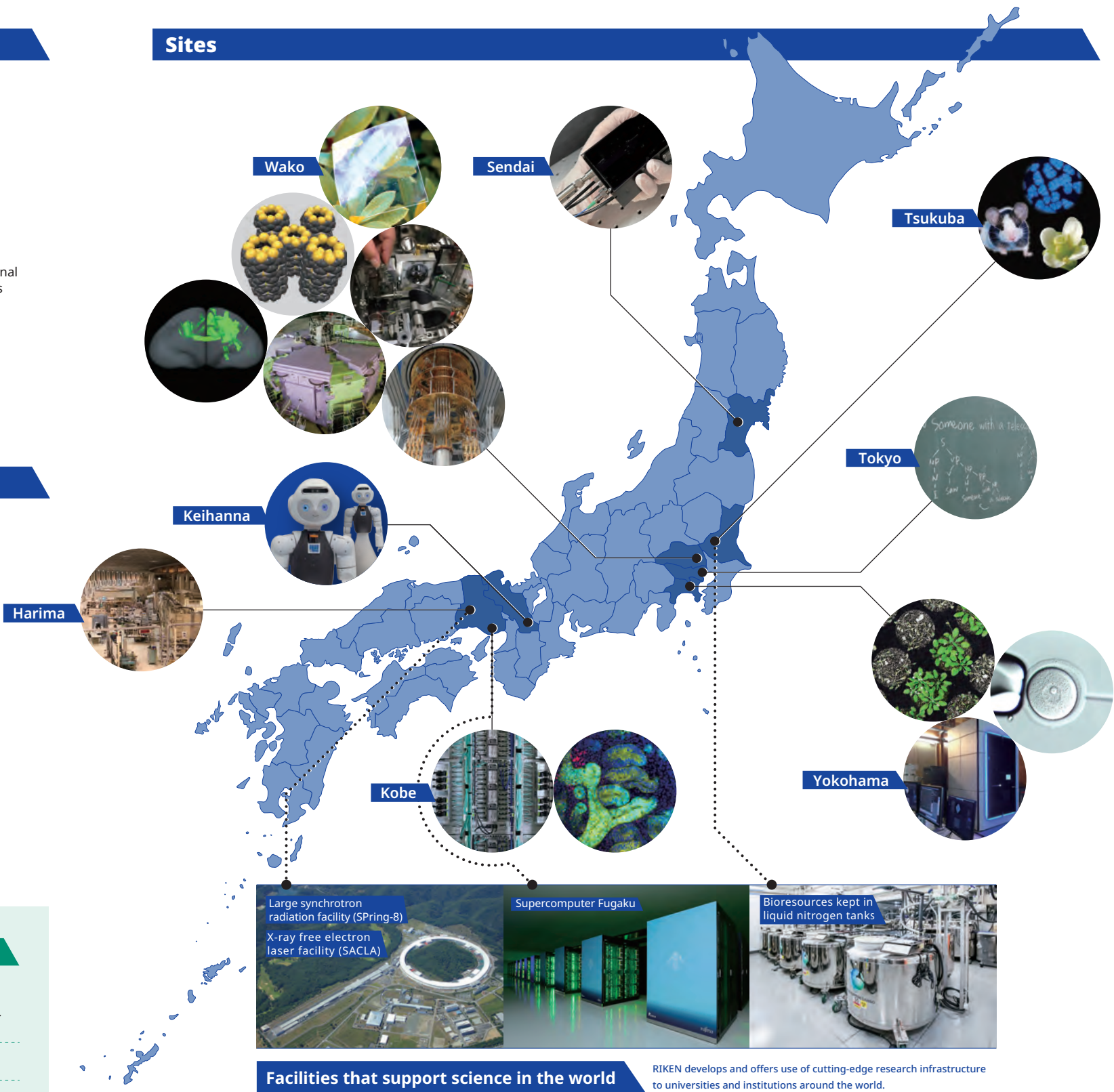
Collaborations

Through collaboration with universities, research institutions, and companies around the world, RIKEN is advancing science and fostering outstanding researchers.

- FY2025 Collaborative Research: 1,158
- Graduate school partnerships: 43 domestic/42 overseas
- 248 research collaboration agreements (37 countries/regions)

(As of April 1, 2026)

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	RIKEN Beijing Representative Office (China)
	RIKEN Europe Office (Belgium)

