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# How to Lead Beginners to TRIZ at the Place of Practice?

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Established	December 16, 1949
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Capital	187.4 billion yen
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Net sales	consolidated	4,095.9 billion yen
	non-consolidated	2,490.8 billion yen

Ordinary profit	consolidated	419.6 billion yen
	non-consolidated	299.3 billion yen

Employees	consolidated	139,842
	non-consolidated	38,581

Consolidated subsidiaries	185
(Japan 62, North America 26, Europe 35, Asia-Oceania 56, Others 6)	

Affiliates under the equity law	33
(Japan 13, North America 4, Europe 3, Asia-Oceania 11, Others 2)	

There are two non-consolidated subsidiaries

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## ● Environment

Hybrid and electric vehicle components,  
gasoline engine management system,  
diesel engine management system,  
starter, alternator, radiator, etc.

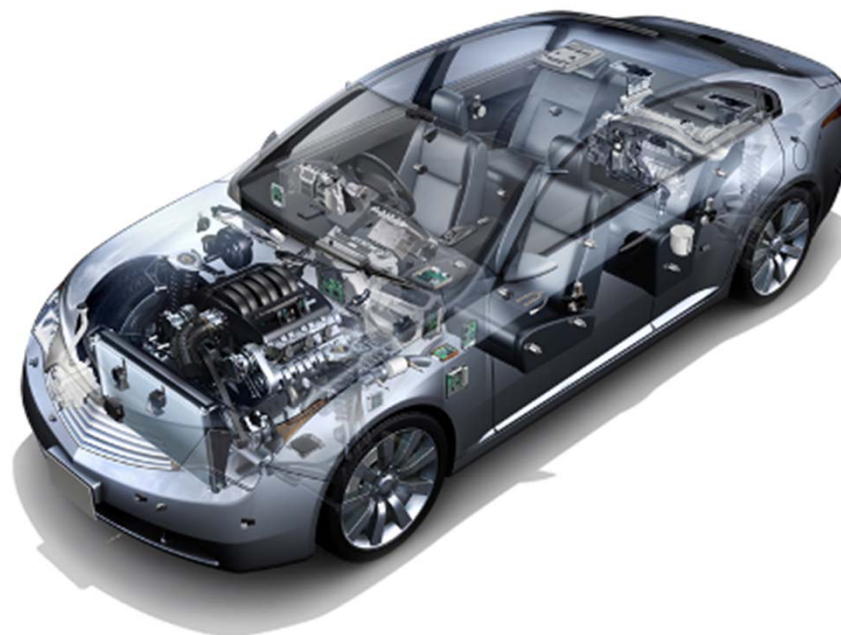
## ● Safety

Sensing technologies for driving assist systems,  
actuator & computer for antilock brake system (ABS) /  
electronic stability control (ESC),  
adaptive front-lighting system (AFS),  
airbag sensors & electronic control units,  
periphery monitoring system, instrument cluster,  
rain sensor for automatic windshield wiper, etc.

## ● Comfort & Convenience

Car air-conditioning system,  
air conditioner for buses, air purifier,

Car navigation system,  
electronic toll collection system (ETC),  
remote security system,  
remote touch controller, smart key,  
advanced vehicle operation system (AVOS), etc.





Our company introduced TRIZ, and ten years or more passed. It can be said that our in-house promotion of TRIZ for ten years came over mainly on practice. In our practice, we first have the users apply TRIZ to the problems of their real jobs, and let them recognize the usefulness of TRIZ. In such a way, we try to make new users and repeaters. Thus we have to assume that most of the people who are applying TRIZ are beginners of TRIZ.

The beginners try to use TRIZ with different motives. When we, TRIZ promoters, select approaches and tools for practice, should select those which match to the themes and even more importantly to the beginner needs.

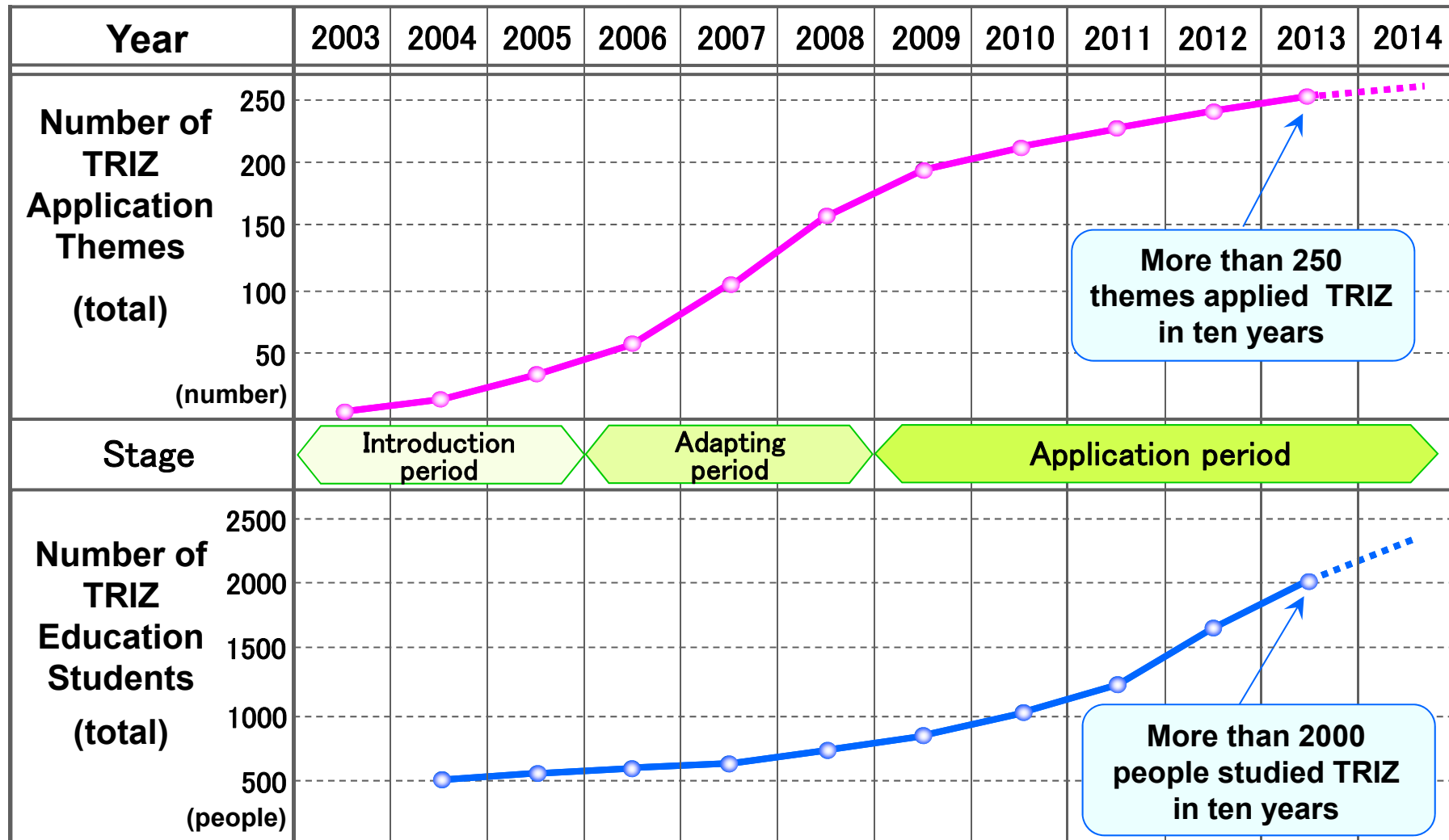
In the present report we review our 10 years of TRIZ promotion activities to analyze "Successful cases" and "Unsuccessful cases" in a variety of situations encountered so far, and to find "How to lead beginners to TRIZ" in accordance to the beginners' needs.

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# 1. Our TRIZ Development History

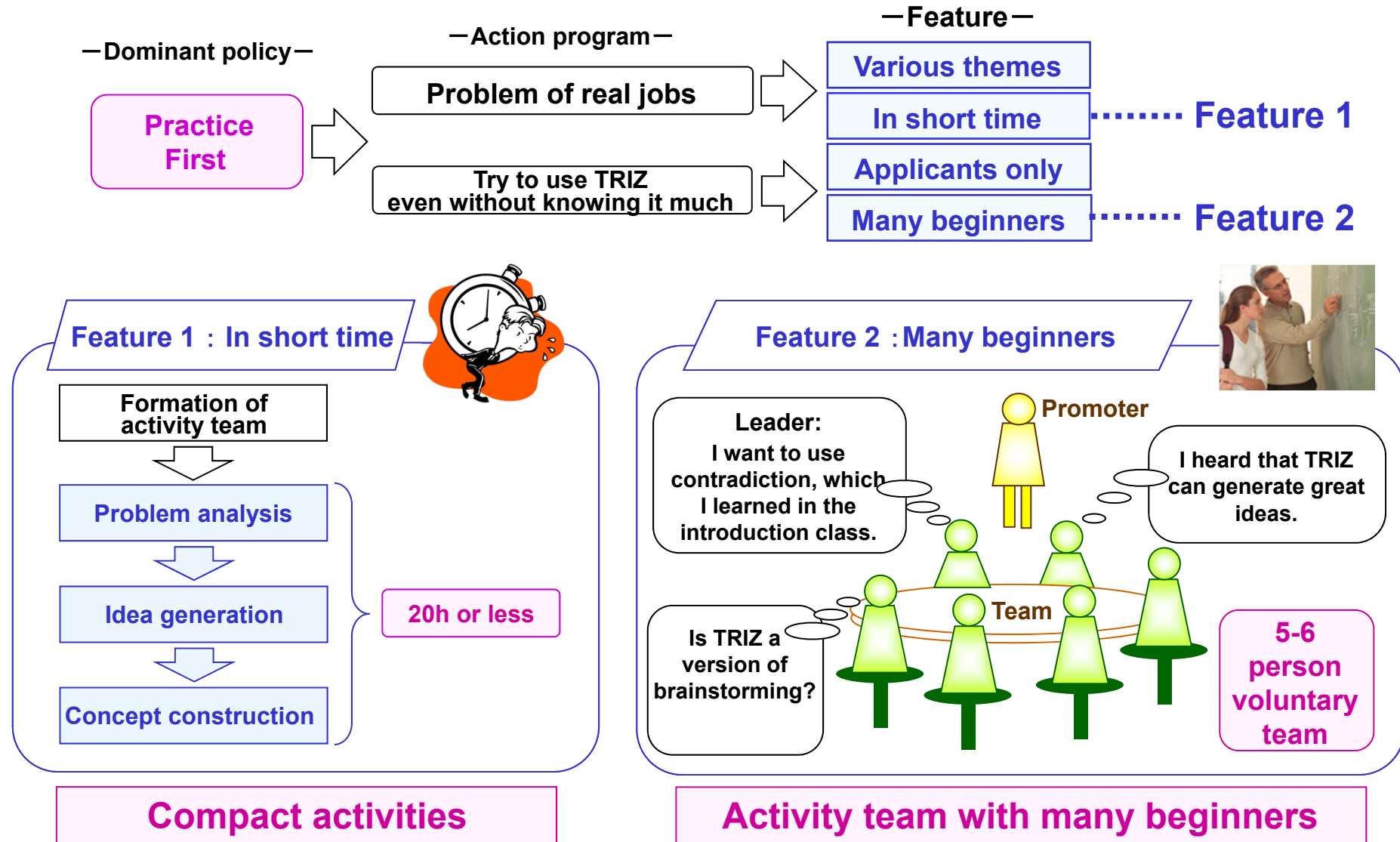
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## 2. Our report at Japan TRIZ Symposium 2013

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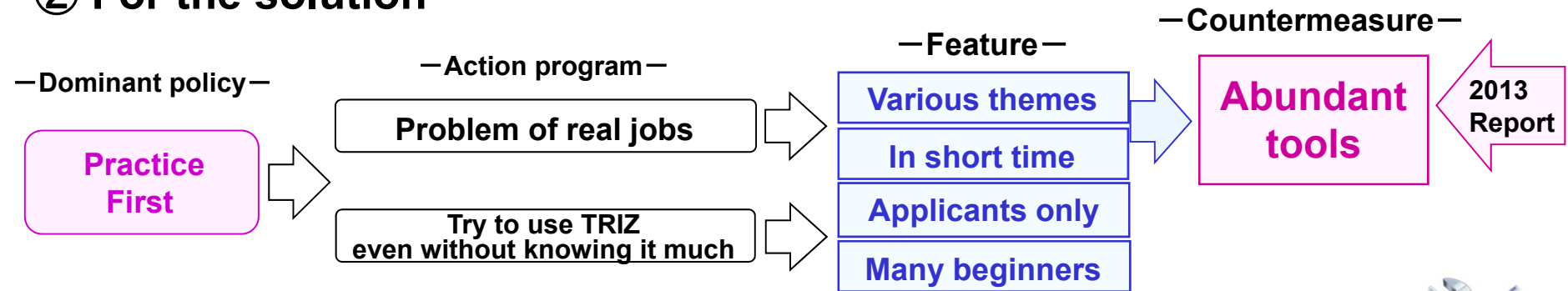
### ① Feature of our TRIZ activities



## 2. Our report at Japan TRIZ Symposium 2013 (2)

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### ② For the solution



Category of theme		Usable tools		
		Problem Analysis	Idea Generation	Idea Convergence
The themes are classified into 6 categories	Planning future models	◆Figure of Genealogy of Technological Evolution		◆Eight Pattern of Evolution of Technological Systems
		◆S-curve Analysis	◆SLP	◆Personification Method
	Planning next model	◆Evolutionary Potential Radar	◆DE	◆Ideal Final Result
◆Substance-Field Analysis		◆Multi-Screen	◆QFD—TM	
Corresponding to the themes, add tools	Problem Solving	◆Problem Hierarchy Explorer	◆Physical Contradiction	◆31 Trends of Technological Evolution
		◆Resource Analysis	◆Reverse TRIZ	◆Effects Database
	Problem Solving	◆Device Analysis	◆Goldfire Researcher	◆Prediction
◆Constrain Analysis		◆Trimming Techniques	◆Portfolio	
	⑥ Short-term Solution	◆Root Cause Failure Analysis	◆Technical Contradiction	◆Standard Solutions
				◆Making of Definite Plan
				◆40 Principles of Invention

### 3. Main issues (1)

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#### ① Matching tool/approach to the theme is not enough.

##### Unsuccessful cases we often experienced

##### User's impression after the activity

- Though many ideas were desired, too much time were spent for the problem analysis.
- Though I anticipated to try new methods in TRIZ, I was discouraged in the beginning when we were arranged to use the well-known "root cause failure analysis".
- Though I was attracted with the TRIZ way of contradiction solving, I am not certain now, after the training, what was the contradiction in our case and whether we have really solved any contradiction.
- As I worked following the promoter's directions, I was not clear what I was doing and what was the aim of each process.

Most of  
unsuccessful cases



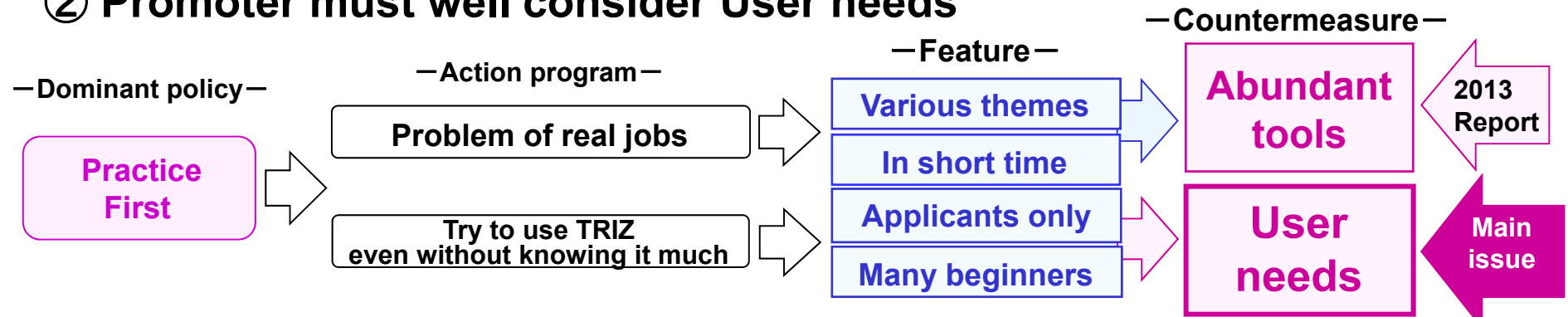
Discrepancy between User needs and  
Tool/approach



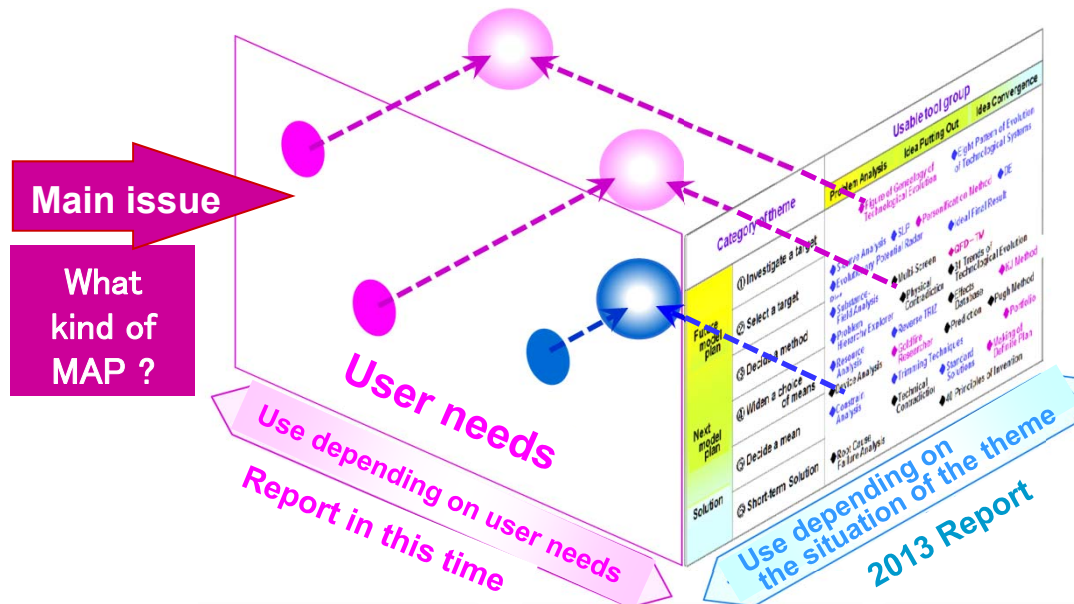
### 3. Main issues (2)

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#### ② Promoter must well consider User needs



We need Tool/approach which match with both the theme and the user needs.



To make the TRIZ activity successful  
( success = result X satisfaction )

Selecting Tool / approach matched with the theme is not good enough.

Necessary to select tool/approach matched to user needs.

Most users in our company are beginners..  
User needs → Beginner needs

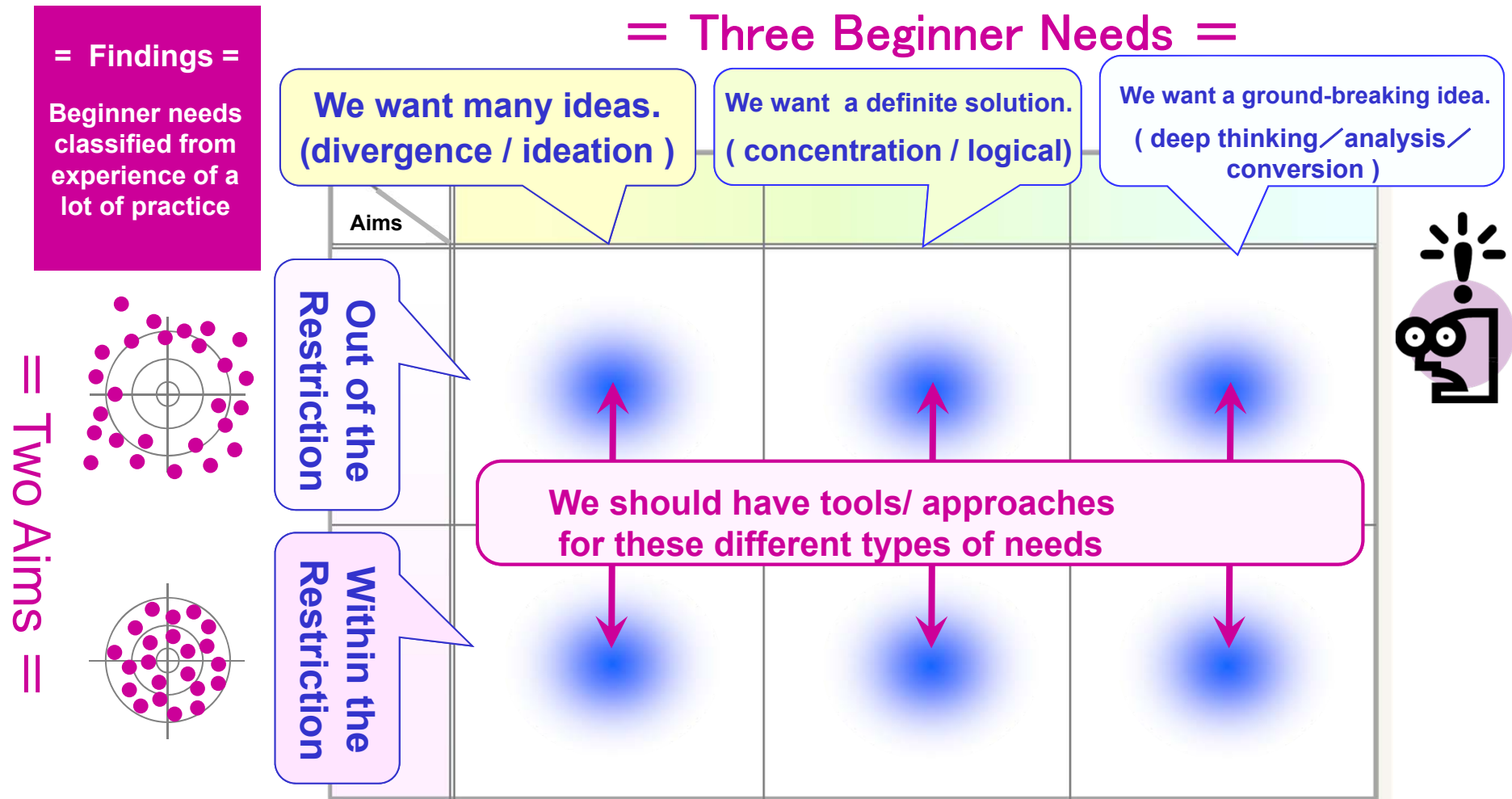
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## 4. Beginners' Needs at Place of Practice (1)

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### ① 3 Beginner Needs and 2 Aims often observed at Place of Practice



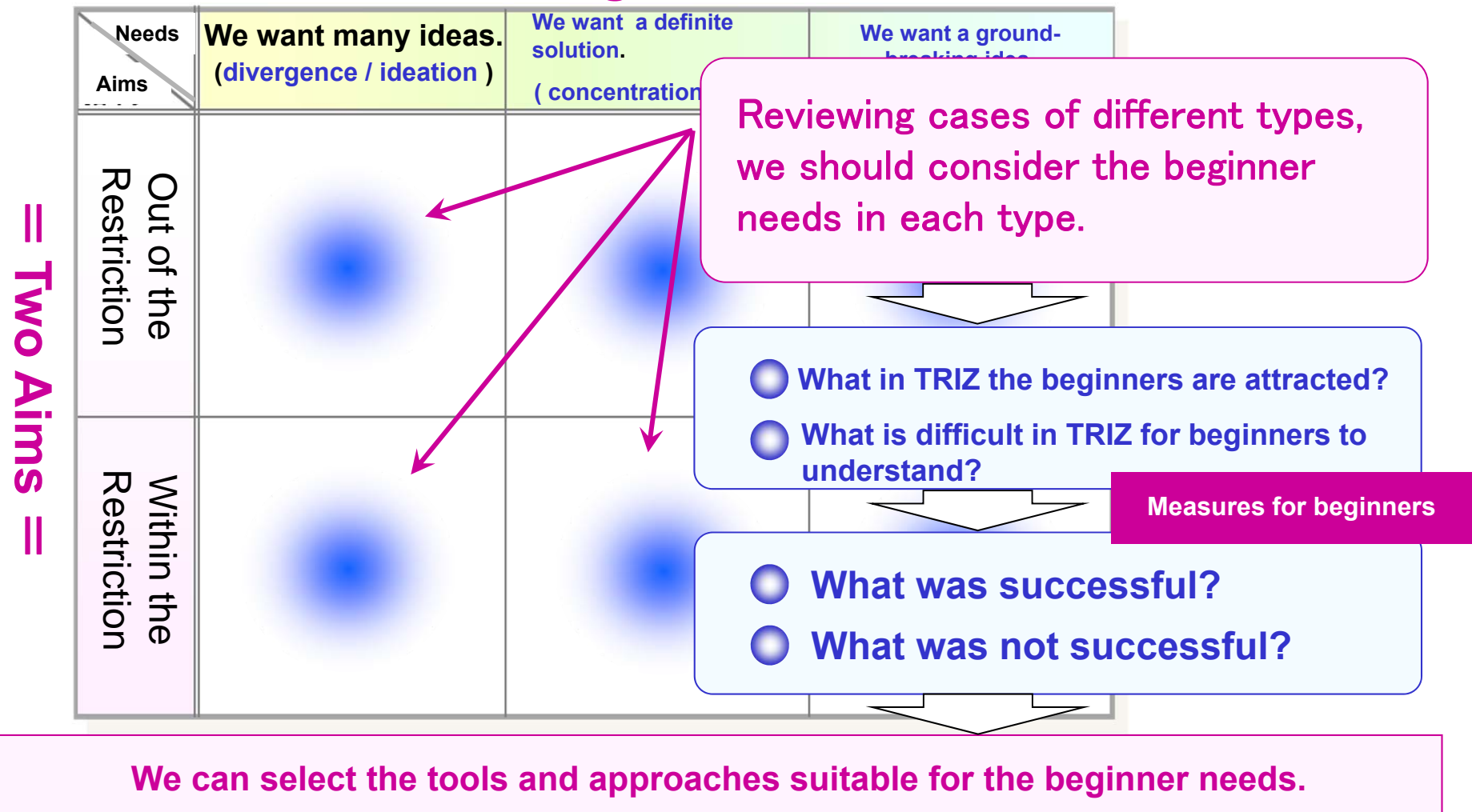
Reviewing many practices, I classified the cases with the categories of 3 beginner needs x 2 aims.

## 4. Beginners' Needs at Place of Practice (2)

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### ② Finding Beginner Needs from the Cases

**= Three Beginner Needs =**



## 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices

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**= Cases of Practice introduced in this paper =**

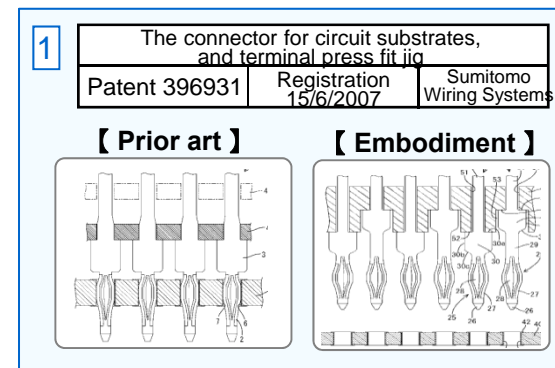
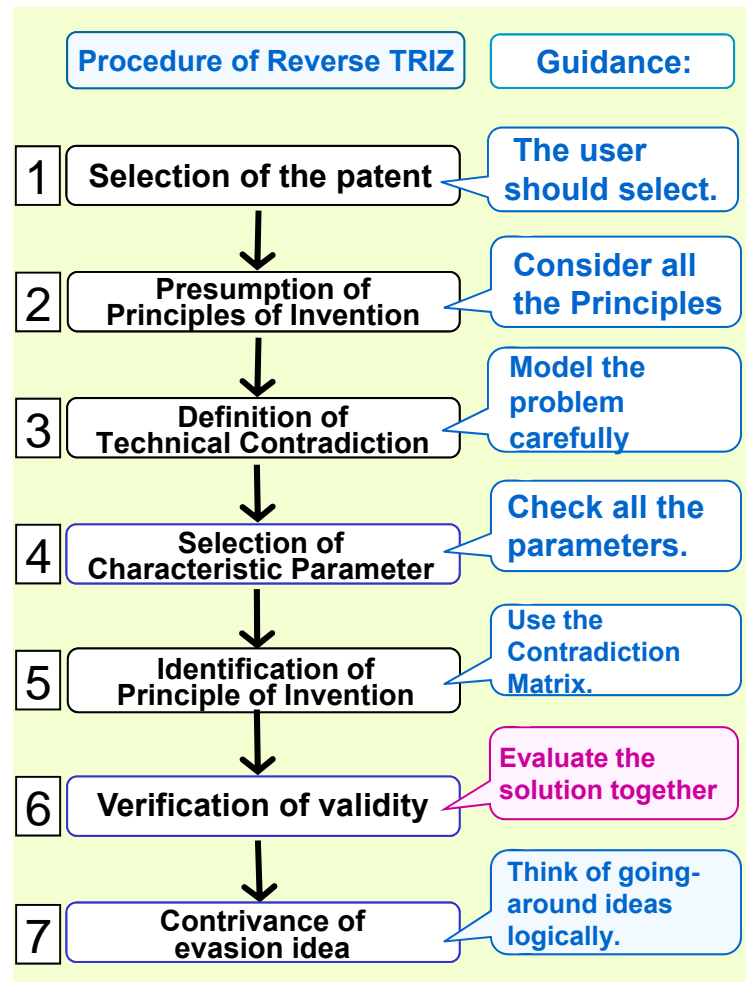
Beginner Needs	Aim	Results	Tool / Approach	
We want a definite solution.	Within the Restriction	Successful	Reverse TRIZ	Case ①
		Unsuccessful	Root Cause Failure Analysis	Case ②
			Finding Root Causes	Case ③
			Selection of Characteristic Parameters	Case ④
We want many ideas.		Successful	40 Inventive Principles used as a Checklist.	Case ⑤
	Out of the Restriction		31 Trends of Technological Evolution	Case ⑥



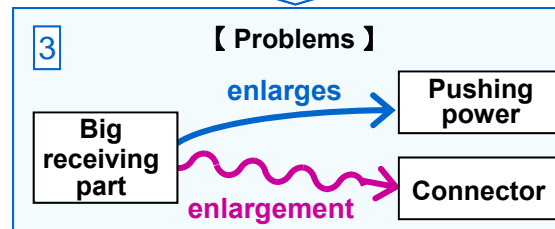
# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (1)

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## ① We want a definite solution within the restriction : Cases with Reverse TRIZ



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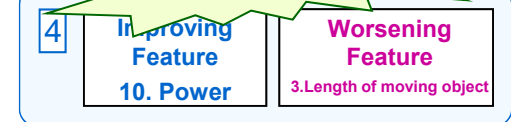


17. Another Dimension  
19. Periodic Action  
9. Prior Counter-Action  
36. Phase Changes

Does not the same way of thinking include another idea?

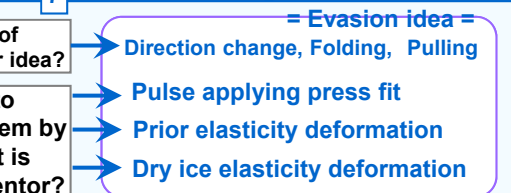
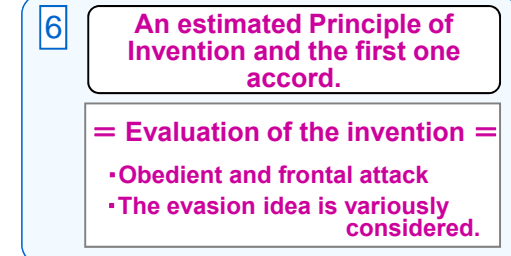
Is there not the idea to solve the same problem by a way of thinking that is different from an inventor?

### Successful cases



**5**

17. Another Dimension  
19. Periodic Action  
9. Prior Counter-Action  
36. Phase Changes

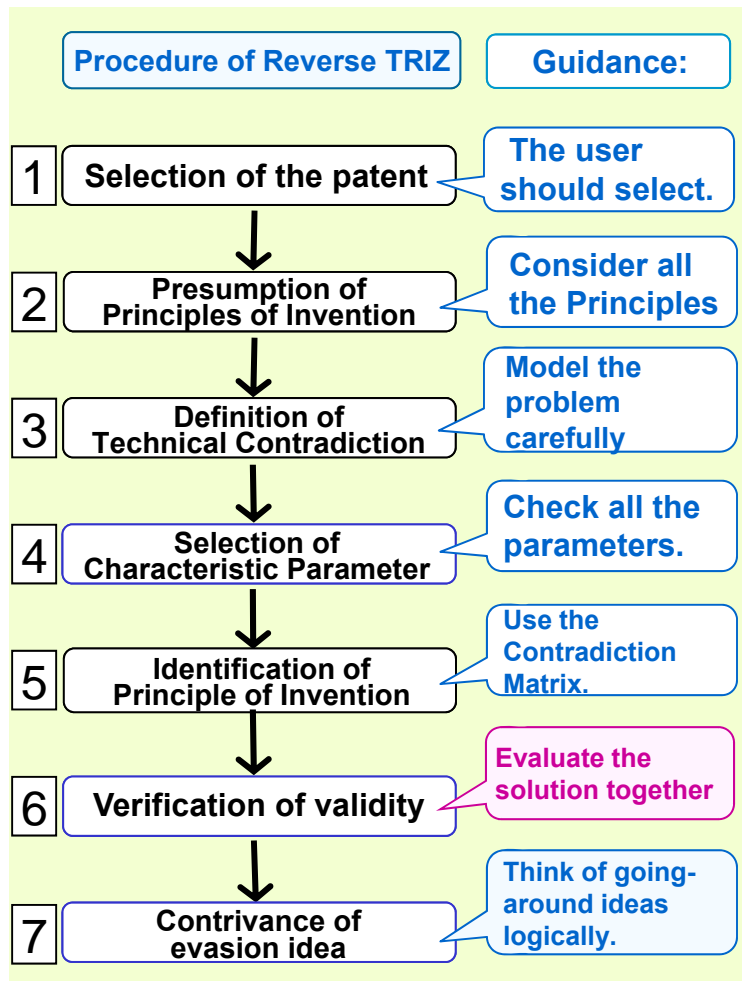




# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (1)

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## ① We want a definite solution within the restriction : Cases with Reverse TRIZ



1	The connector for circuit substrates, and terminal press fit jig		
	Patent 396931	Registration 15/6/2007	Sumitomo Wiring Systems



### Attractive points for beginners:

- TRIZ way of thinking with "Contradictions"
- Possible to 'evaluate inventions'



Tendency

### Advantages of Reverse TRIZ:

- To understand the usage of Technical Contradictions.
- To understand the aims of each procedure



Measures

9. Prior Counter-Action	} solve the same problem by a way of thinking that is different from an inventor?	Prior elasticity deformation
36. Phase Changes		Dry ice elasticity deformation

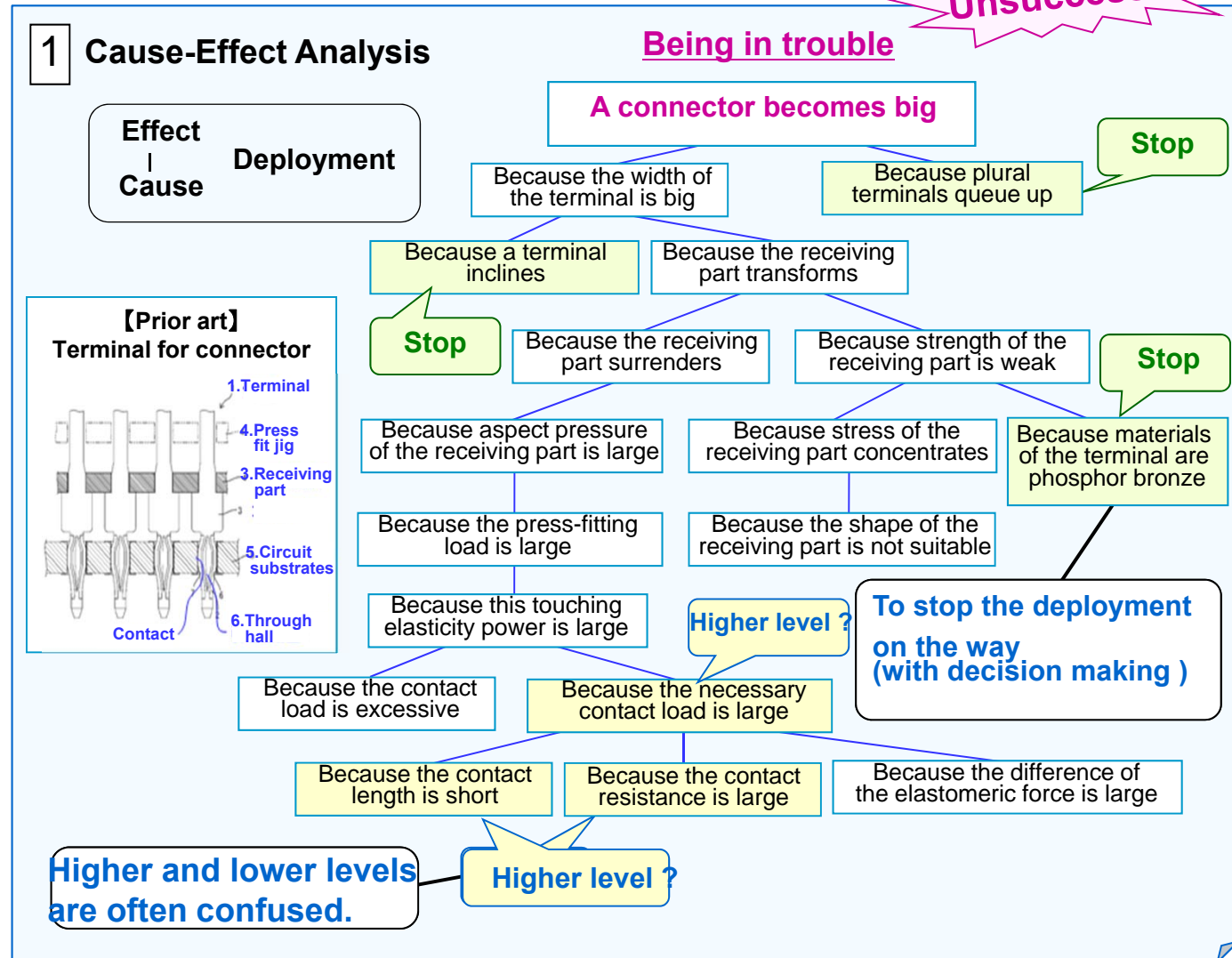
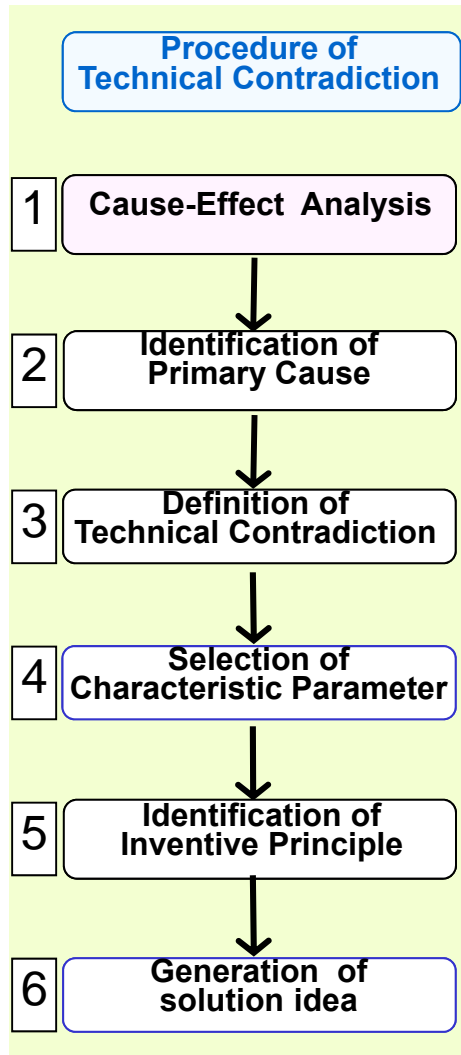
Applying Reverse TRIZ is often successful (especially for patent related projects). Users understand it and are often interested more.

# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (2)

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## ② We want a definite solution: A case of applying Cause-Effect Analysis

**Unsuccessful**

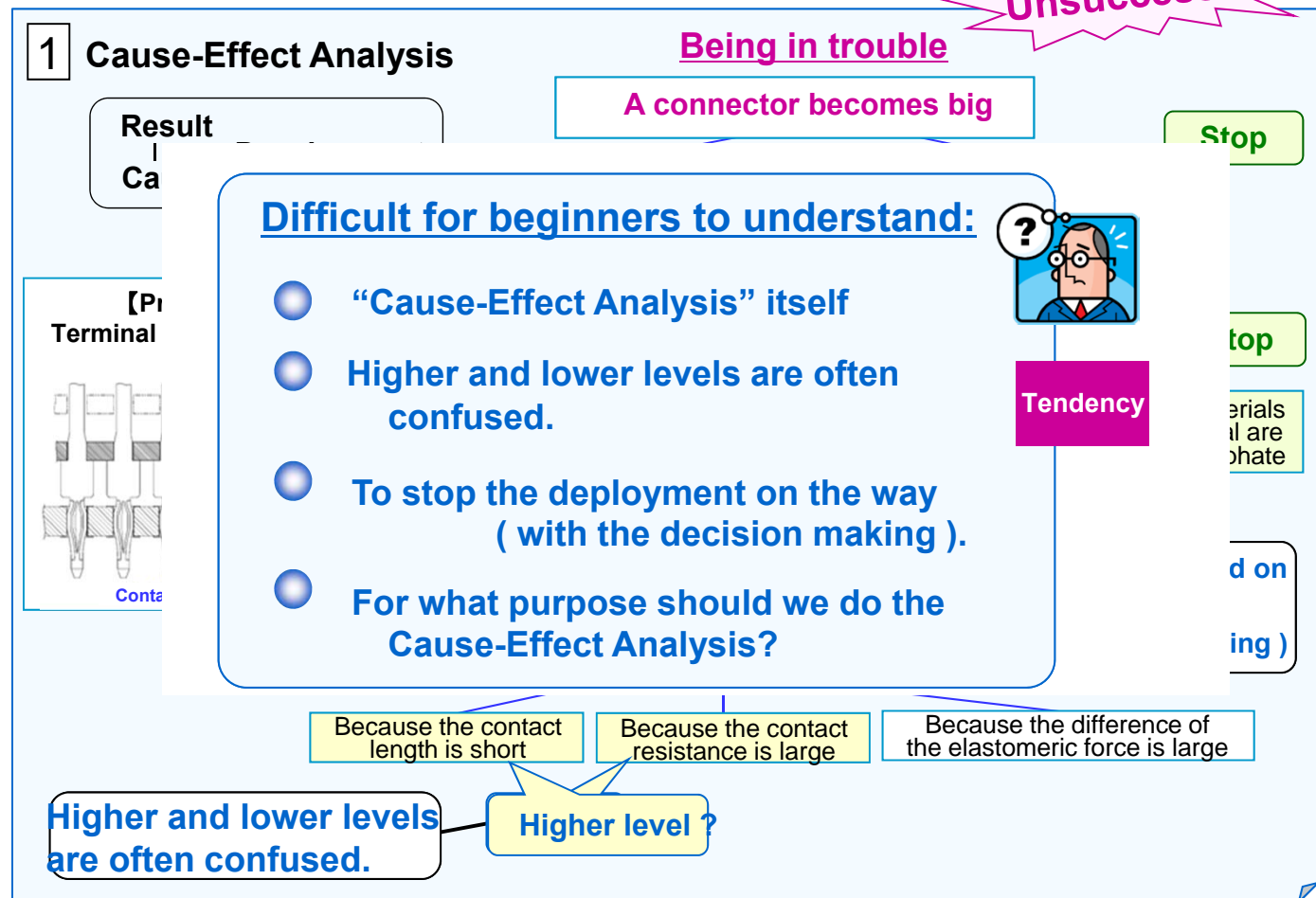
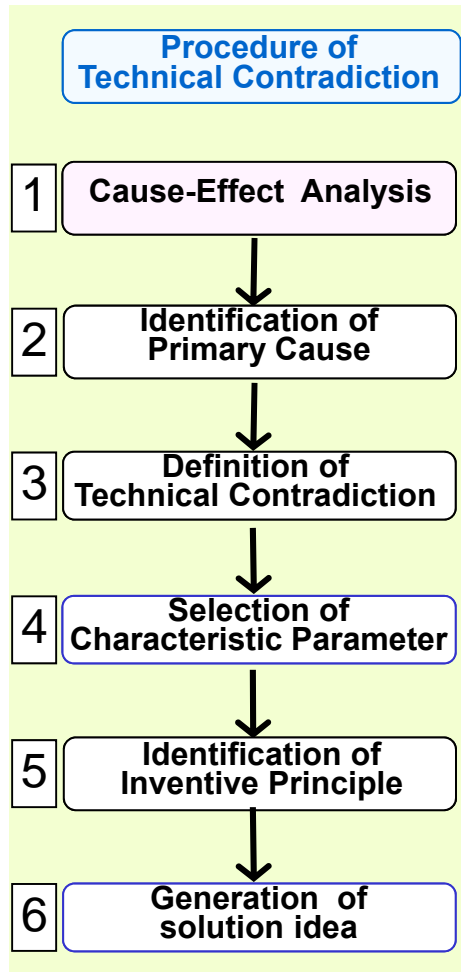


# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (2)

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## ② We want a definite solution: A case of applying Cause-Effect Analysis

**Unsuccessful**



**"Cause-Effect Analysis" is not successful when it is pursued too much.  
( It is not Root-Cause Analysis that the beginners want to do. )**

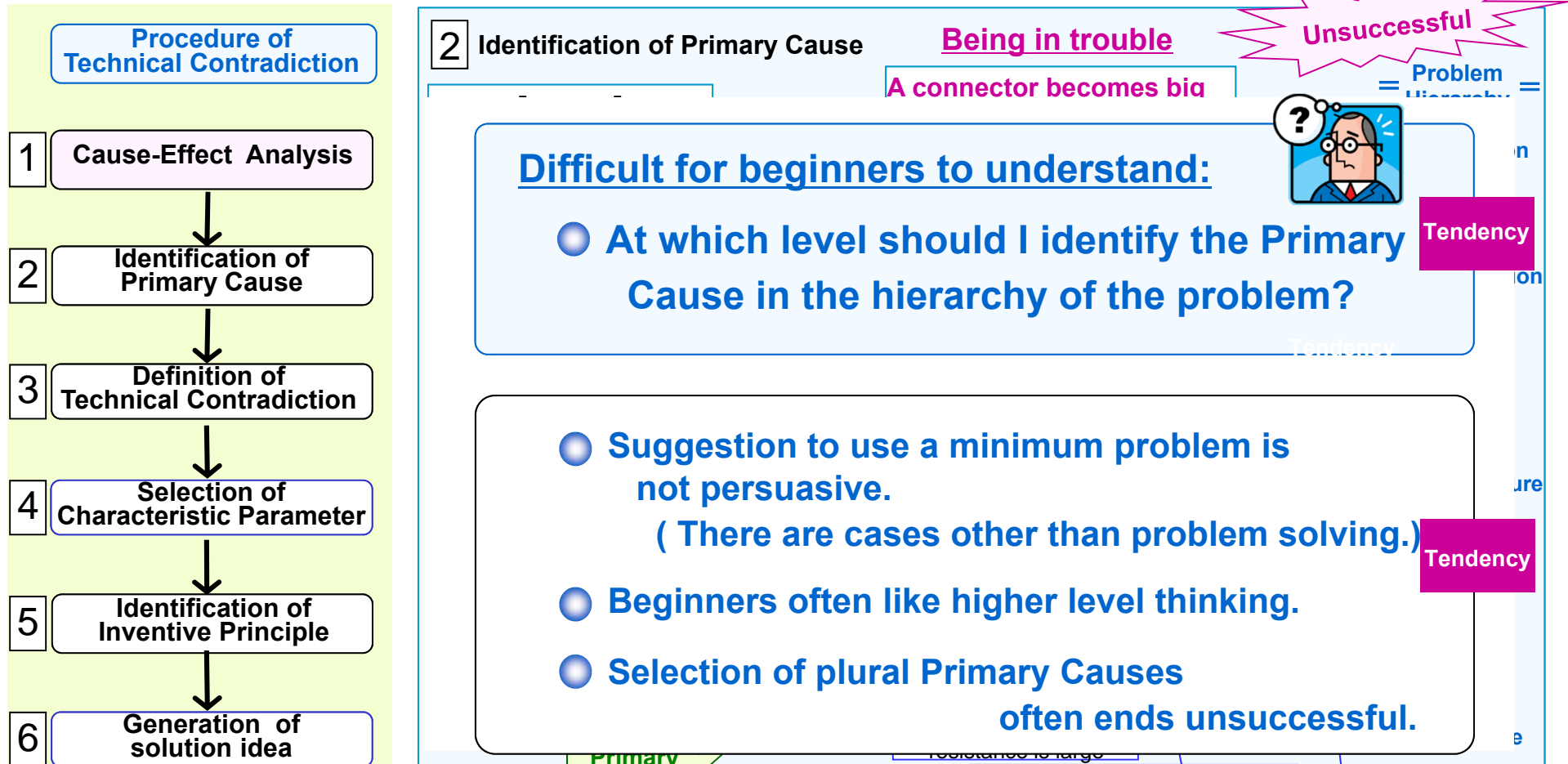
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# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (3)

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## ③ We want a definite solution: A case of identifying root cause (1)



Identification of the Primary Cause is a decision making, and hence it is difficult to do in the Root Cause Analysis.

→ During the functional deployment (or solution deployment), identification of the root causes is agreeable more easily.

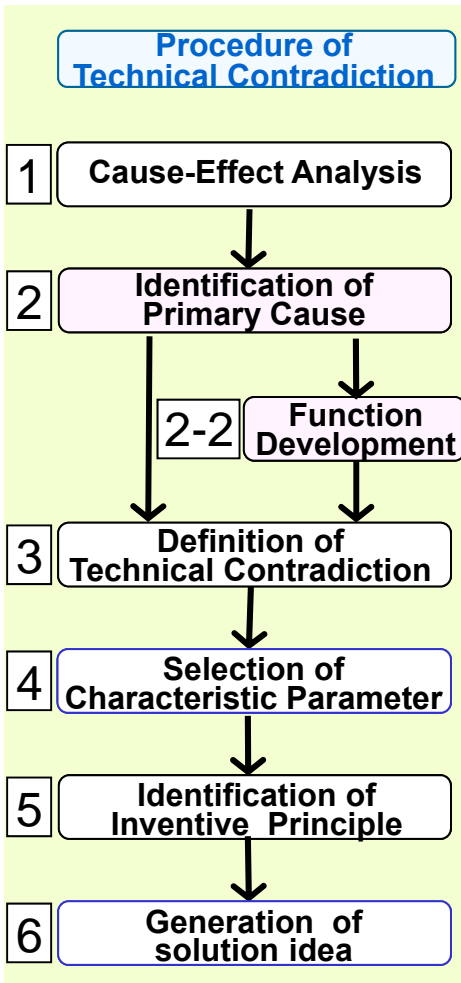


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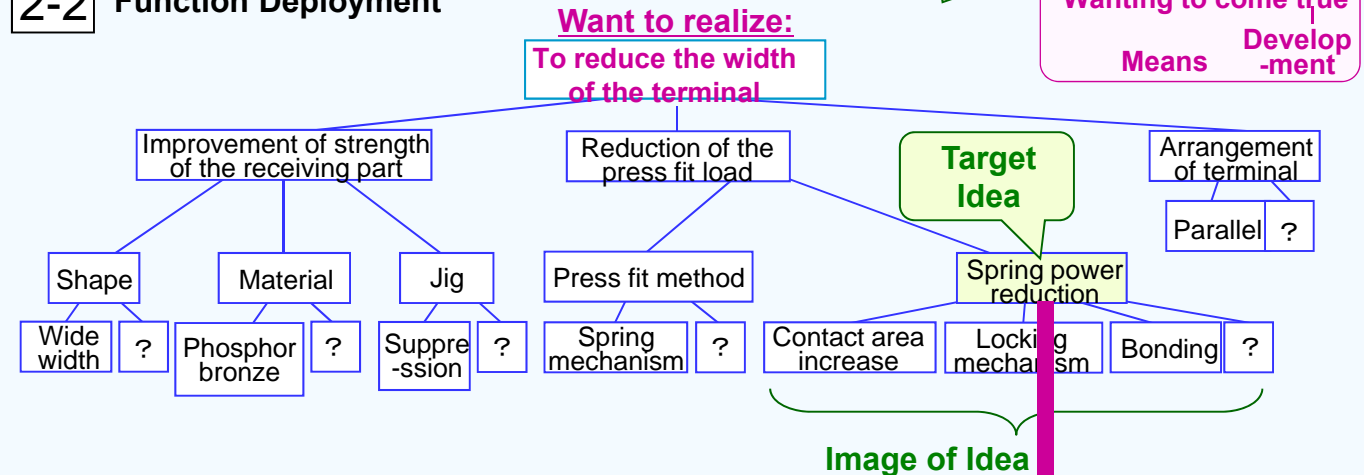
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## ③ We want a definite solution: A case of identifying root cause (2)

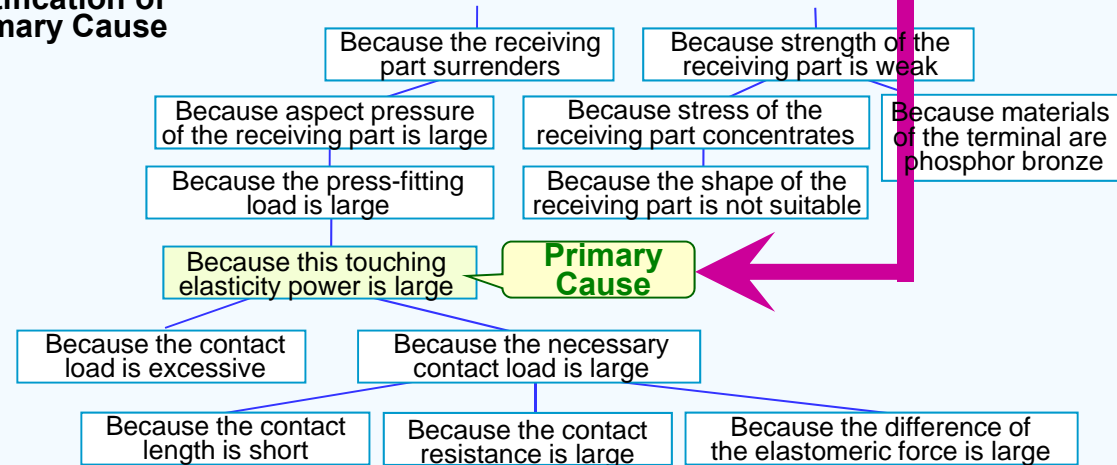
**Successful**



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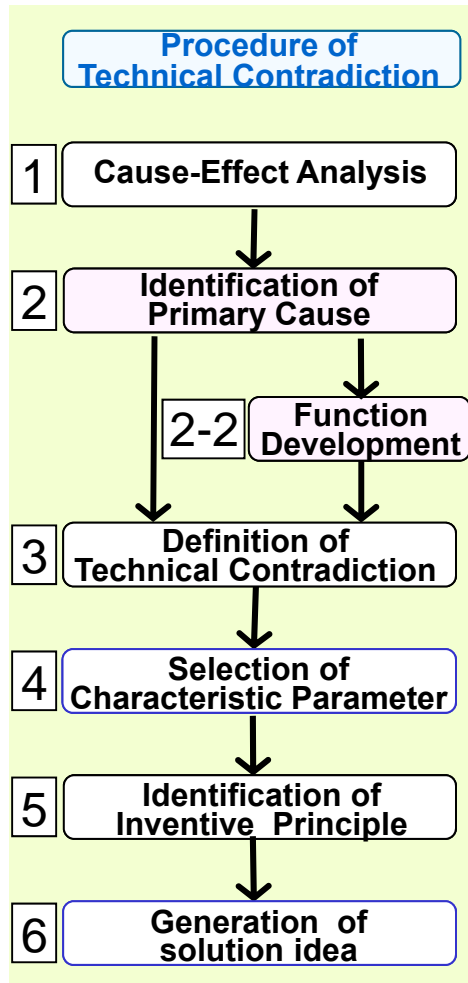
### 2 Identification of Primary Cause



# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (3)

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## ③ We want a definite solution: A case of identifying root cause (2)



### 2-2 Function Deployment

Want to realize

To reduce the width of the terminal

Case that went well

Wanting to come true  
|  
Means Development

### Function Deployment ( Means deployment )

Starting with "want to realize",  
deploy "possible means" step by step.



- By the function deployment, it becomes easier to make a consensus of target ideas.
- It becomes easier to obtain consensus in the team
- Effective as a tool for decision making.

Tendency

During the Root Cause Analysis, the team is apt to think multiple choices of root cause.

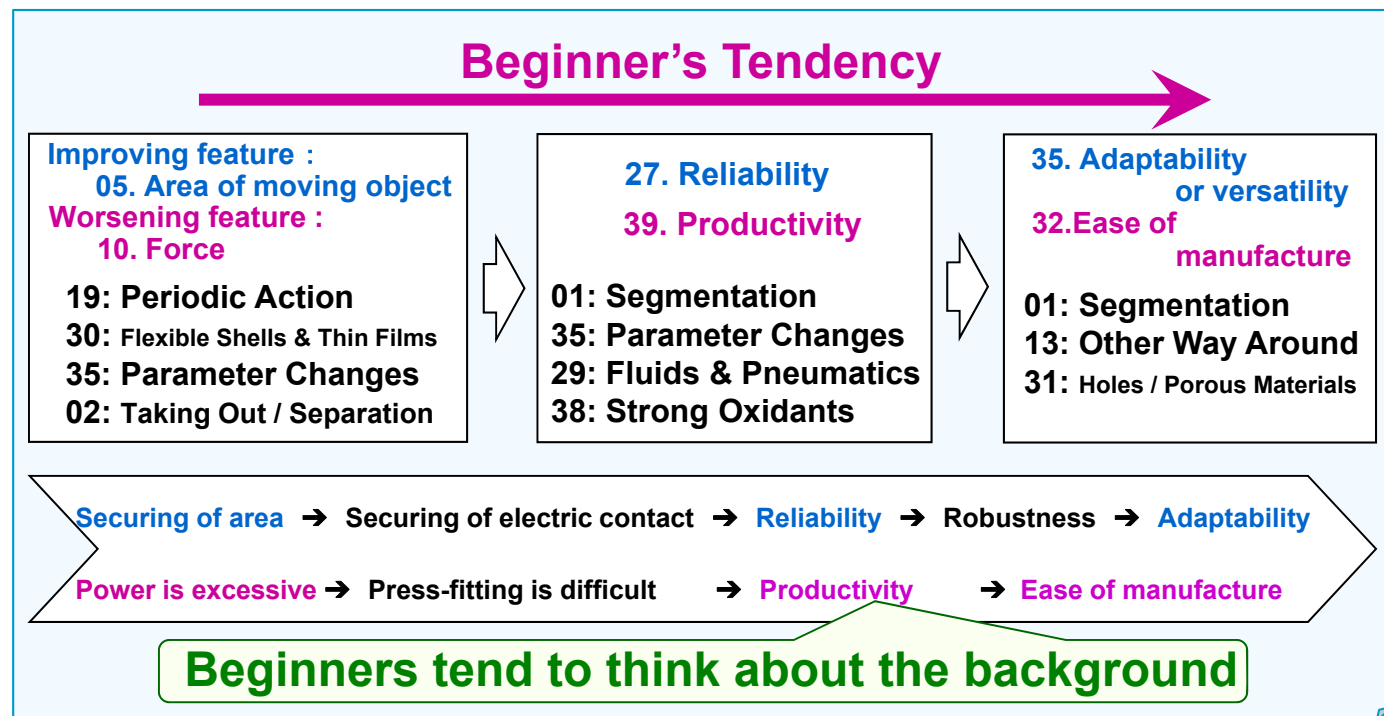
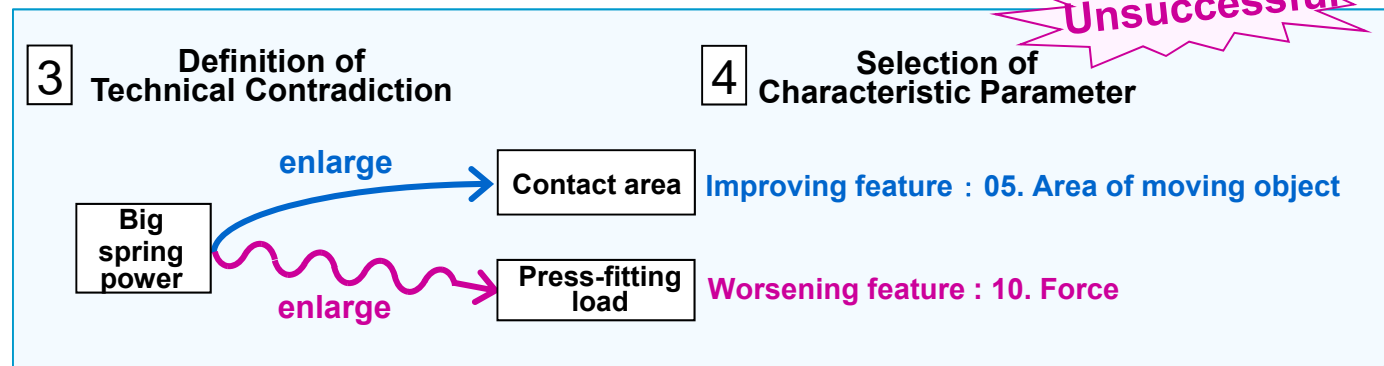
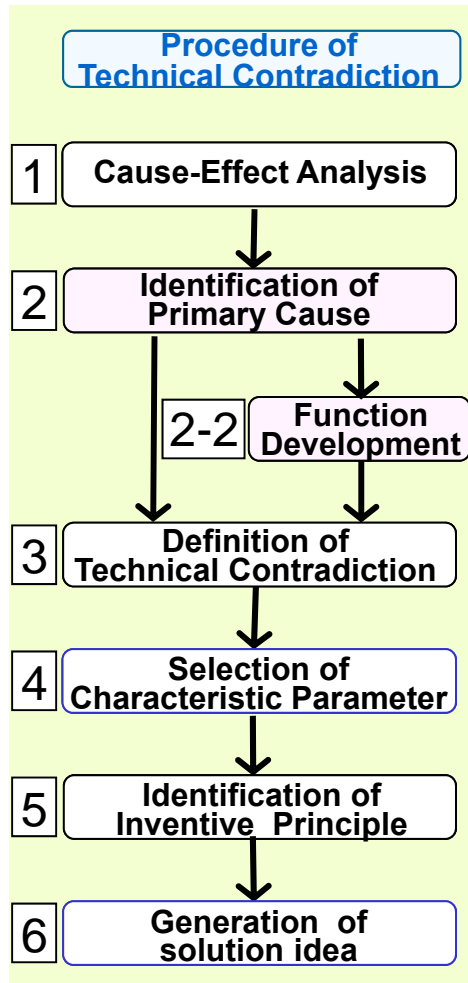
→ Good to encourage the decision making (focusing on target ideas) by use of Function Deployment.

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④ We want a definite idea within the restriction : A case with Selection of Characteristic Parameter

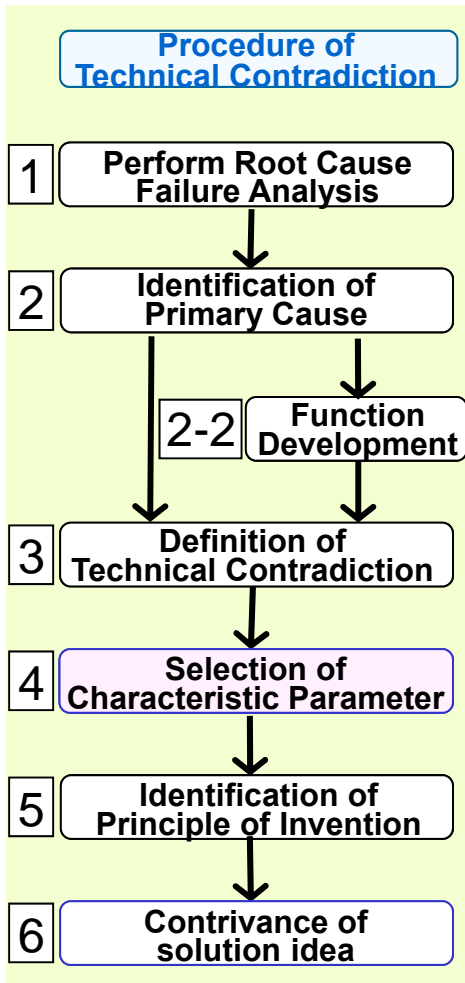
**Unsuccessful**



# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (4)

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④ We want a definite idea within the restriction : A case with Selection of Characteristic Parameter



## Difficult for beginners to understand

- Which Characteristic Parameter should I choose among several candidates?



**Unsuccessful**

## **Beginners apt to select the Characteristic Parameter having broader concept.**

**Tendency**

- Beginners like to select "...ity" parameters.
- Beginners tends to pay attention to "the background" rather than "functions".

**The promoter should guide (or interfere) the team in the selection of Characteristic.**

**→ Selection of Parameters with broader concept makes the identification of the Contradiction unclear.**

## 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (5)

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### ⑤ We want many ideas within the restriction : A case Using the Inventive Principles as a Checklist (1)

**Beginners are attracted with:**

**Reputation of TRIZ as an idea generation method**



**Typical Needs**

- We want many ideas.
- We want to finish with 2-3 times of 2 hour sessions.

**Tendency**

**Unsuccessful**

**Identify the target, and then quickly go ahead to generate ideas.**

**40 Inventive Principles are used as a Checklist.**

**01.Segmentation → 02.Taking Out / Separation → 03.Local Quality → ... ; Generate ideas one by one**

**As many as 5 times of ideas are generated in comparison with the brainstorming.**

**TRIZ has worked nicely as an idea generation method.**

**but**

**Not many become the repeaters.**

**Different evaluation**

**Some users begin to use TRIZ as an idea generation method.  
( a simple tool) / (fulfilling an aim of the TRIZ promotion)**

**Many users do not use TRIZ repetitively.  
(Each of TRIZ principles looks not new.)**

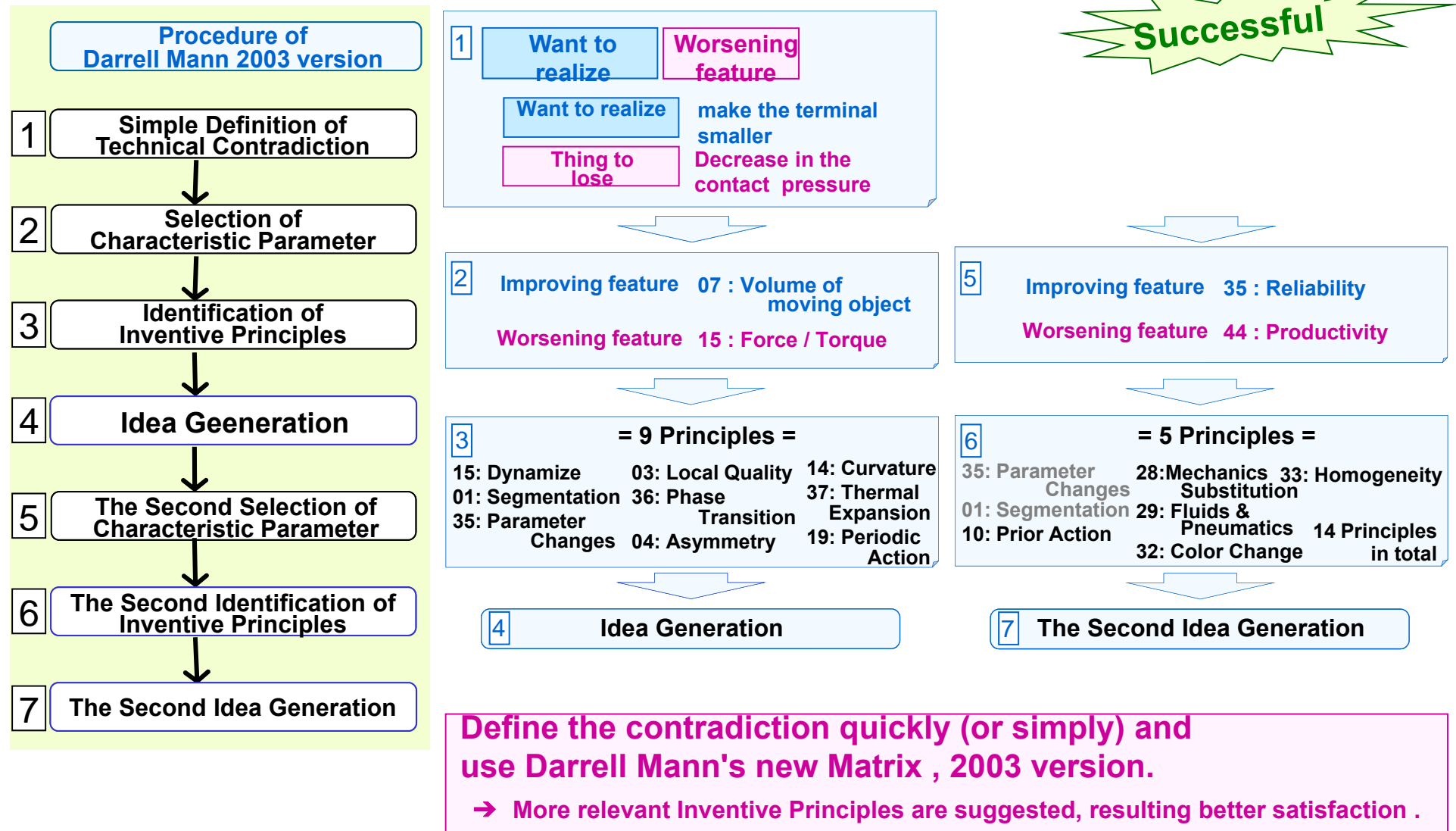
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# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (5)

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## ⑤ We want many ideas within the restriction : A case Using the Inventive Principles as a Checklist (2)



## 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (6)

**Successful**

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⑥ We want many ideas out of the restriction :

A case Using 31 Trends of Technological Evolution as a Checklist

Beginners are attracted with:

**Reputation of TRIZ  
to be usable for planning**



**Typical  
Needs**

- We want to make planning of our future products without divergence of thought.
- We want many ideas.
- We want to finish with 2-3 times of 2 hour sessions.

**Tendency**

Identify the target, and then quickly go ahead to generate ideas.

31 Trends of Technological Evolution are used as a Checklist.

01.Smart Materials → 02.Space Segmentation → 03.Surface Segmentation → ... ; generating ideas one by one

Think about the future plan, which was apt to be divergent with the needs, newly from technical viewpoints.

TRIZ is effective for idea generation of future products.

Beginners are attracted with:

**Planning from  
technological viewpoints**



Instead of: Customer Values → Means → Plan,  
we think: Technological Evolution → Customer Values → Plan.  
Nice to start with technological viewpoints for planning.



Many become the repeater users.

Planning of future products was quite difficult because of allowing arbitrary way of thinking, and hence the application of TRIZ often turns into satisfaction of the team.  
(TRIZ provides a new viewpoint of technological evolution, and urges to investigate new customer values on the basis of many new technological ideas.)

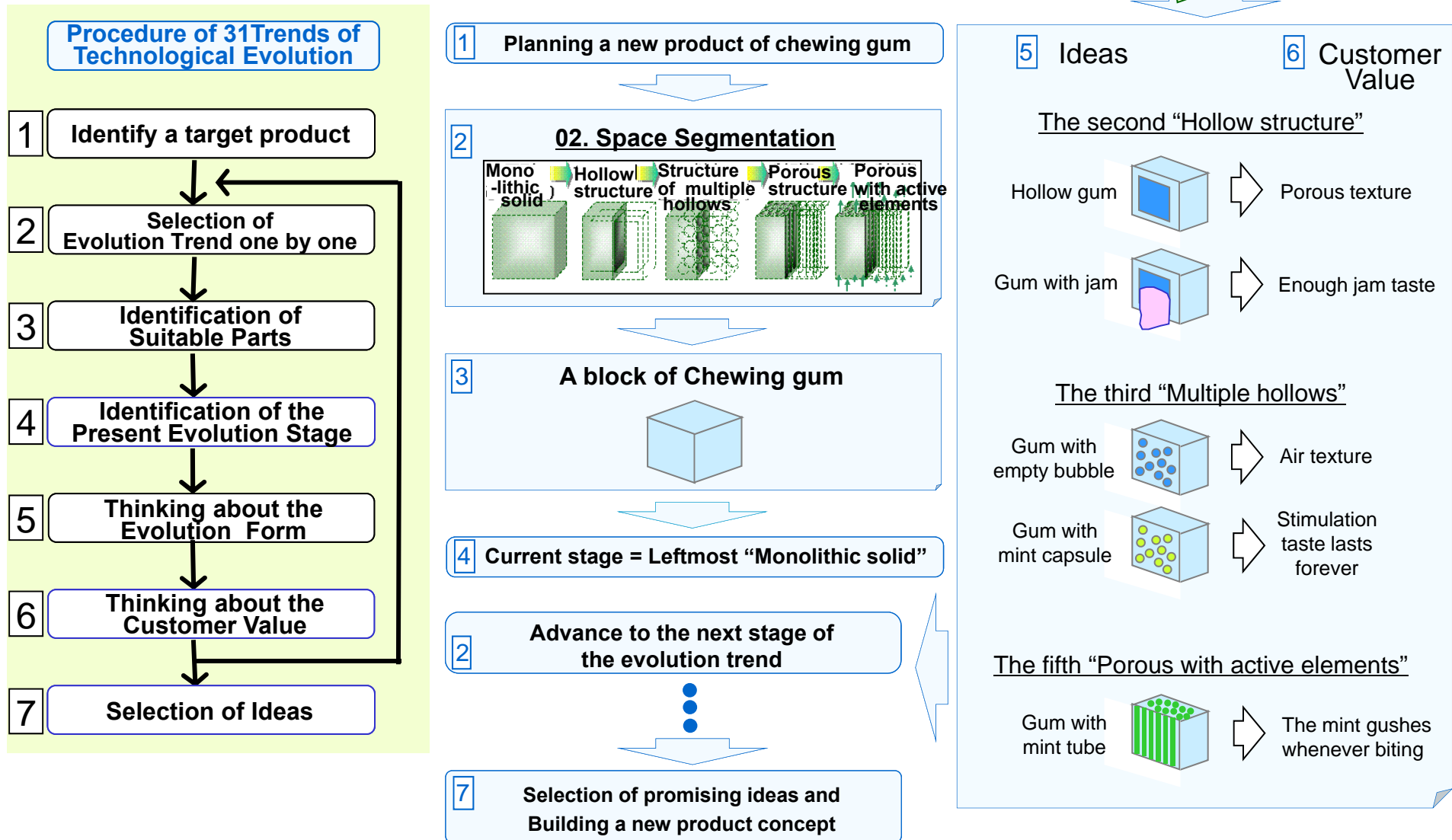
# 5. Beginners' needs revealed by practices (6)

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**Successful**

⑥ We want many ideas out of the restriction :

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## 6. Summary of Beginner needs at Place of Practice (1)

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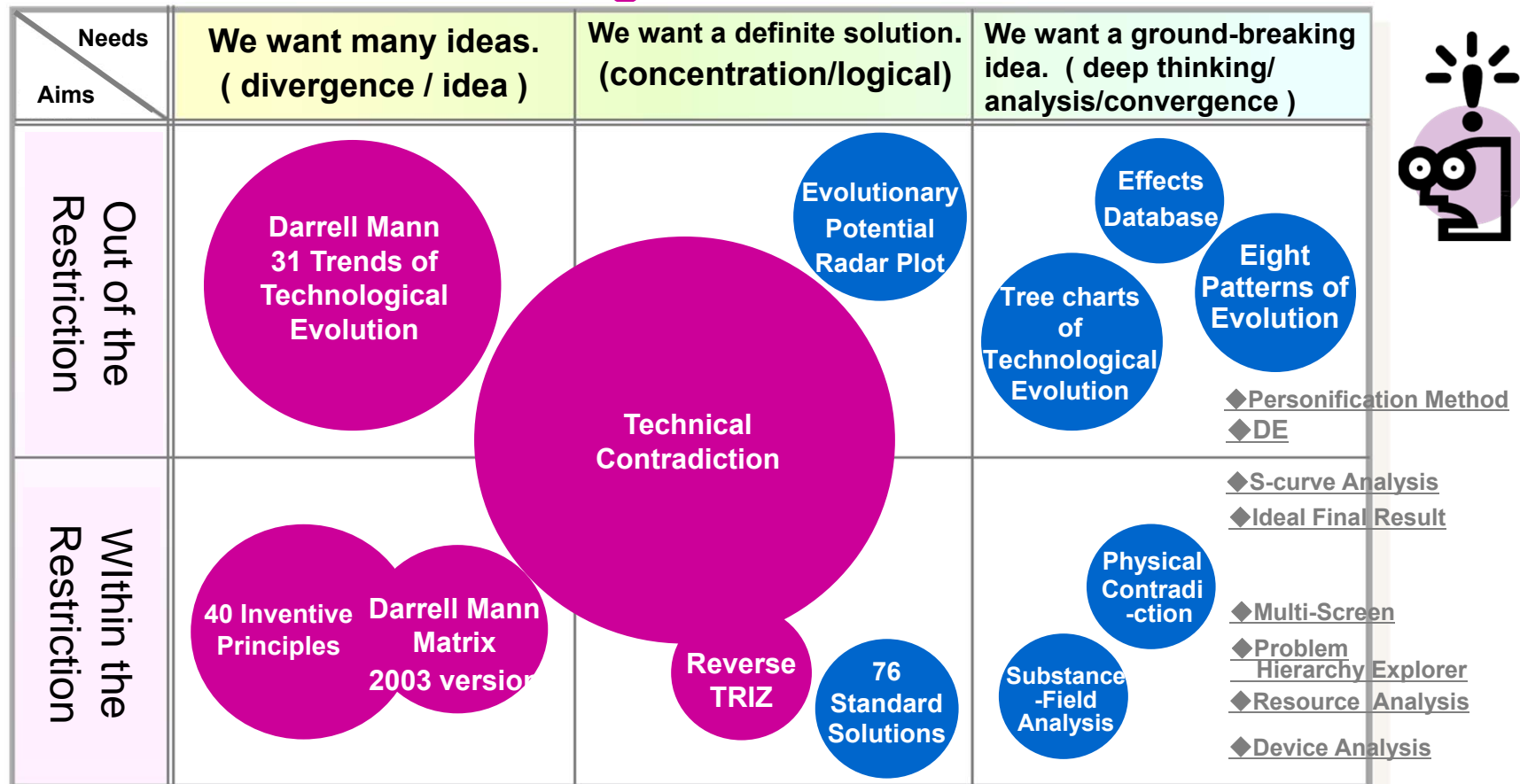
### ① Tools suitable for Beginner Needs (the present stage)

**= Three Beginner Needs =**

This report

The size shows the frequency of usage

**= Two Aims =**



**These tools matched to the beginner needs are now used regularly, as the results of experiences of many practices.**

## 6. Summary of Beginner needs at Place of Practice (2)

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### ② Summary of Beginner Needs

**= Three Beginner Needs =**

Needs Aims		We want many ideas. ( divergence / idea )	We want a definite solution. (concentration/logical)	We want a ground-breaking idea. ( deep thinking/ analysis/convergence )
<b>= Two Aims =</b>	Out of the Restriction  <b>60%</b>	<div> <div>50%</div> <div>The Ratio 30%</div> <div>20%</div> </div>		
	Within the Restriction  <b>40%</b>	<div> <div> Idea Generation Method Results x Satisfaction </div> <div> Expectation to TRIZ Theory of TRIZ Results x Satisfaction </div> <div> New Viewpoints Results x Satisfaction </div> </div>		
		Necessary to well consider beginner needs		Promoter's leadership is expected.





**1. “How to Lead Beginners to TRIZ ?” is a crucial issue of promoting TRIZ.**

**2. We often see discrepancy between beginner needs and selected tools/ approaches at place of practice.**

**In-house promoters must be sensitive to beginner needs.**

**3. Beginner needs differs a lot.**

**We should choose tools/approaches which match well to the specific beginner needs.**

**4. We should analyze various beginner needs and understand them well by using some categorization.**

**In the present paper, we have classified them into 3 types of beginner needs times 2 types of aims, on the basis of our experiences of real practice.**

**5. We have suggested tools/approaches suitable for each category of the beginner needs. We wish they are helpful for your understanding of TRIZ.**

**— Two basic points we noticed through the analysis of beginner needs: —**

**◆ The success of the TRIZ practice depends not only the technical results but also the satisfaction of the engineers.**

**◆ In order to raise engineer’s satisfaction, coaching is more effective than consulting.**

Thank you for your attention

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