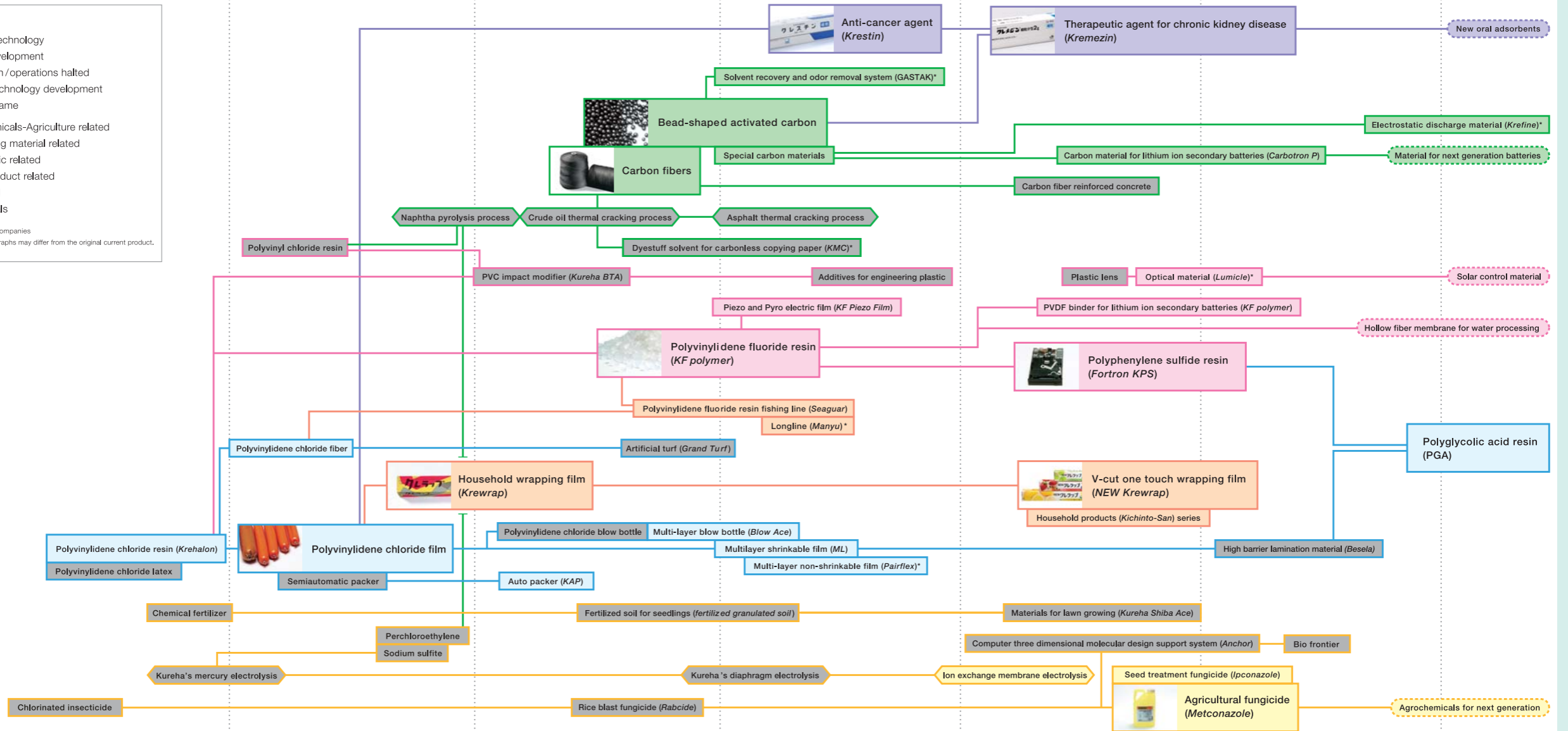


Product History

Products
 Process technology
 Under development
 Production /operations halted
 Flow of technology development
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■ Industrial chemicals-Agriculture related
■ Food packaging material related
■ Industrial plastic related
■ Household product related
■ Carbon related
■ Pharmaceuticals

*... Continued at group companies
 Note: Some of the photographs may differ from the original current product.



High chlorine utilization		Petrochemicals - process development		Specialty orientation		Global development					
1935	1945	1955	1965	1975	1985	1995	2005				
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, Analysis & Evaluation 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