

Patents: Japan-Europe

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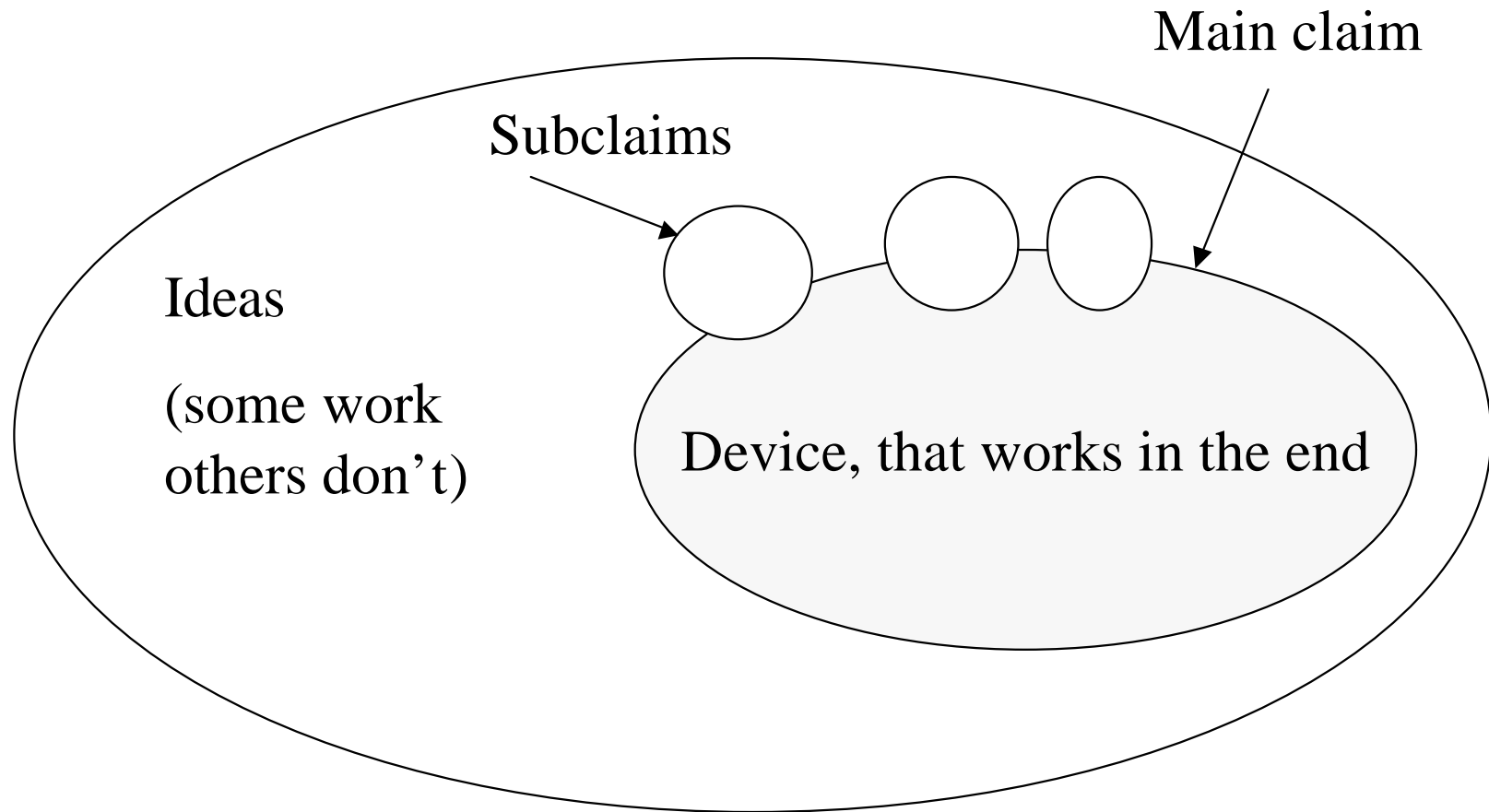
Goal of patents

- Not glory but money making
 - Protection from competitors
 - Marketing purposes

What does this mean?

- A patent itself has no value, if you are not able to defend it, either in court or by other means.
- Before you apply for a patent in Japan get somebody who can defend you in case of infringements.

Concept Japan-Europe



Philosophy

- Japan:
 - Only one detail
 - Few claims (historically only one)
 - Few pages
 - Lots of patent application (Japan is number 1 in applications per inhabitant)
- Europe, USA
 - Only the general idea is patentable
 - Large documents
 - Less patents

Databases

- Europe: www.espacenet.ch
- USA: www.uspto.gov
- Japan: www.espacenet.ch (English guidance)

Technology Transfer

- A reference: www.japio.or.jp