

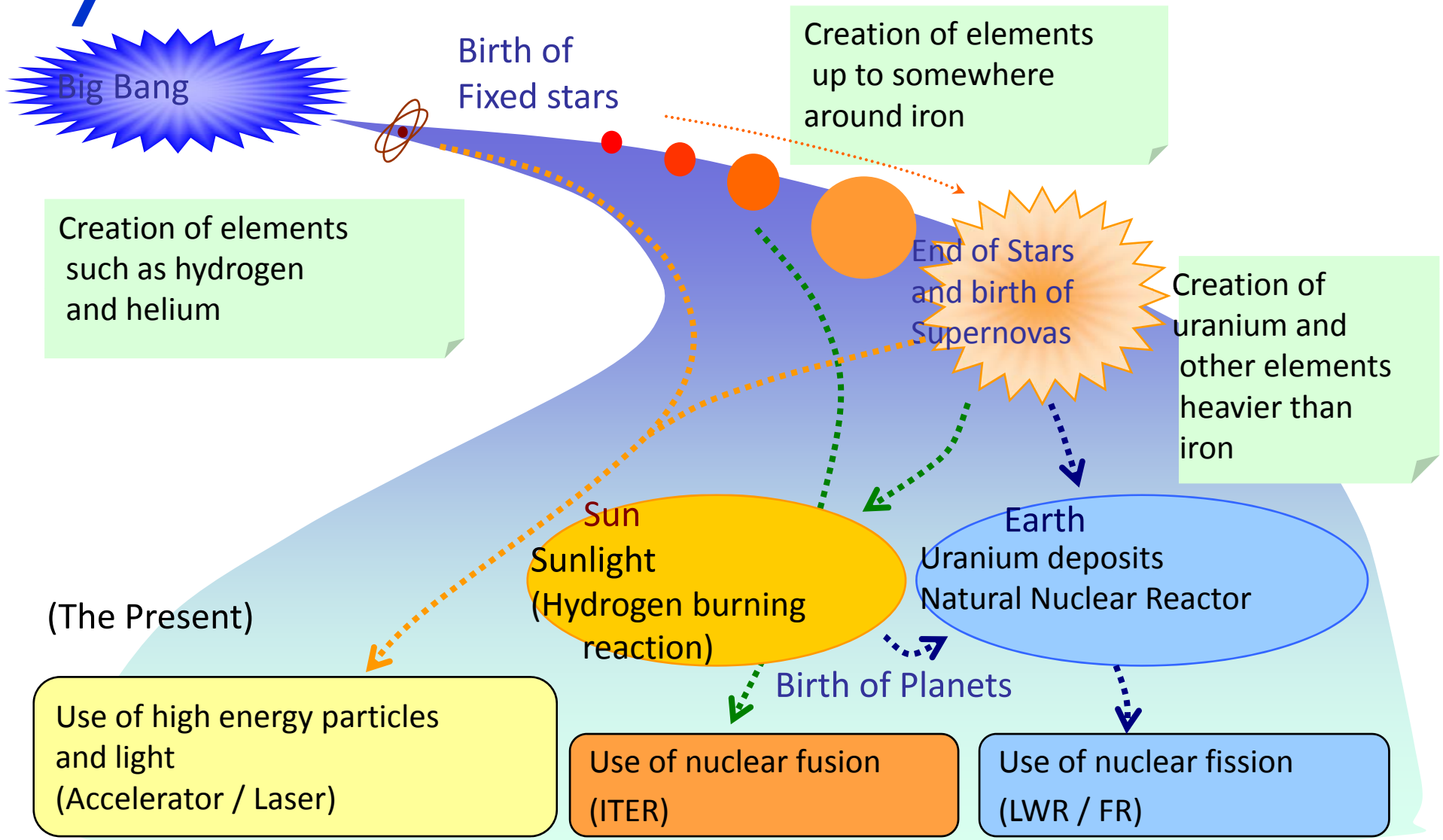
# Simultaneous Satisfaction of Energy Resource Demand and Environmental Protection -Nuclear Fission Energy System -

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# NSF Creation of the Cosmos and an Energy Source



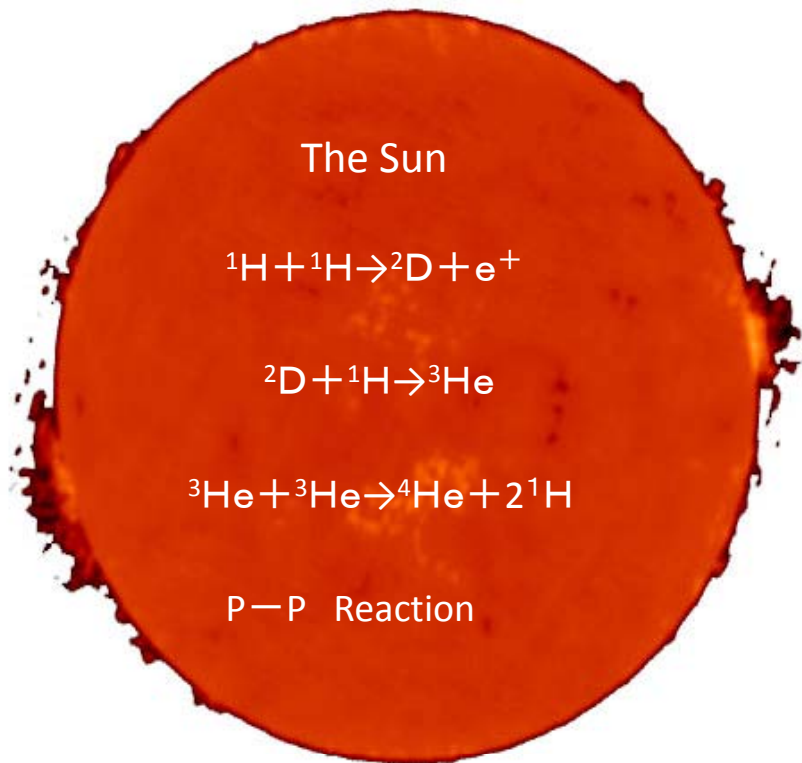
Energy source on the earth

# 1 Joint work between Sun and Earth to form mild environment on Earth

- The sun radiates huge amount of energy  $1.7 \times 10^{26}$  to the space and  $1/2 \times 10^{26}$  of them to the earth
- The energy changes on the earth to several forms like vapor, water- flow, wind thermal and chemical
- The earth is called as the water planet with mild environment of sea to enable the life to exist
- Bio-sphere with co-existence of plant and animals keeps eco-system for many years of mankind's history



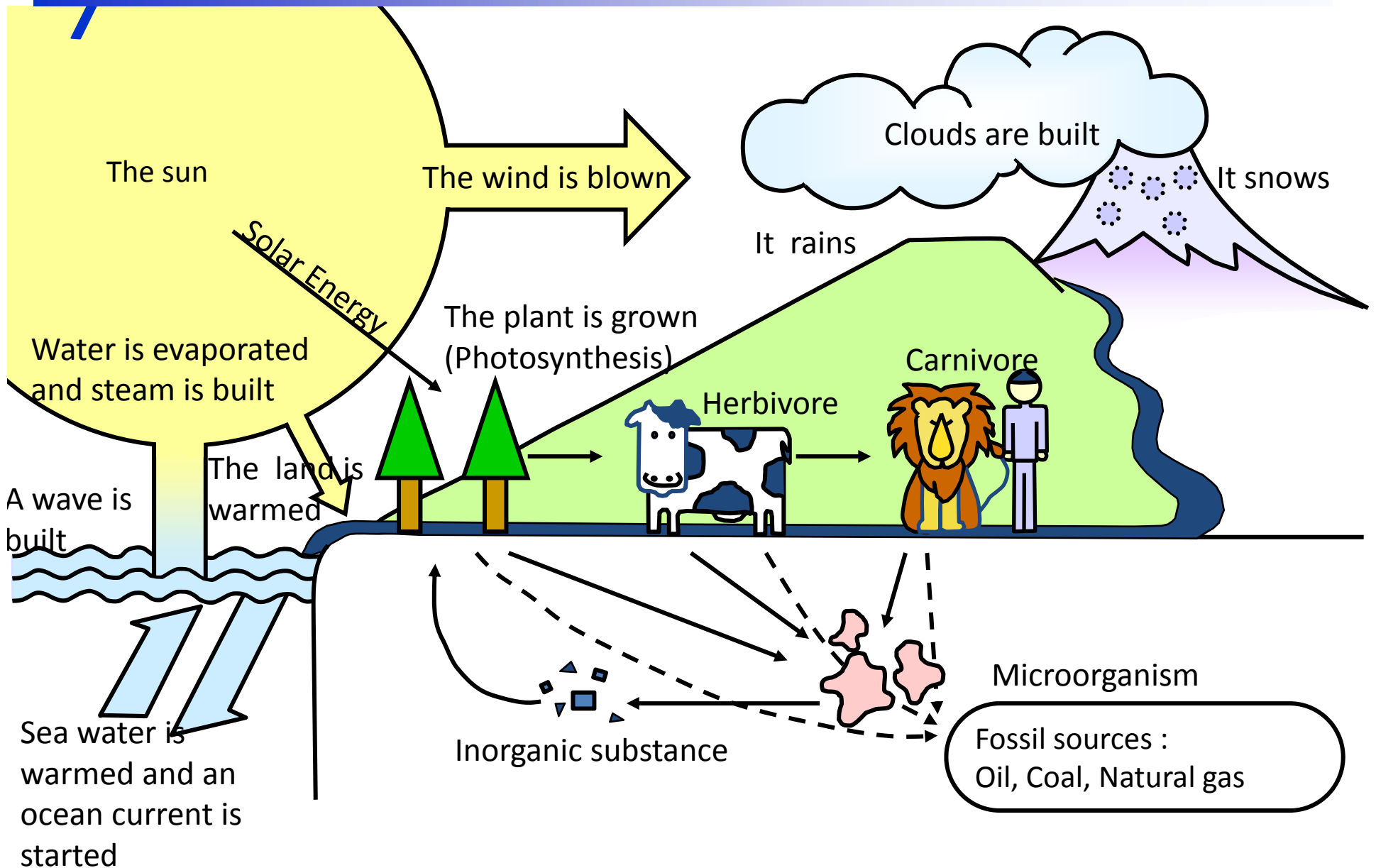
# Nuclear Fusion Reactions in the Sun and the Solar Data as a Nuclear Energy System



## Solar Data as a Nuclear Energy System

- Core Temperature;  $1.58 \times 10^7$  degree C.
- Core Pressure;  $2.40 \times 10^{11}$  atm
- Core Density;  $1.56 \times 10^5 \text{kg/m}^3$ , 14 times higher than lead
- Total Emission Energy; equivalent to  $1 \times 10^{17}$  units of 1000MWe nuclear power plants

# Circulation of Solar Energy



## 2. Solar to Chemical energy to form Bio-Sphere by Photosynthesis

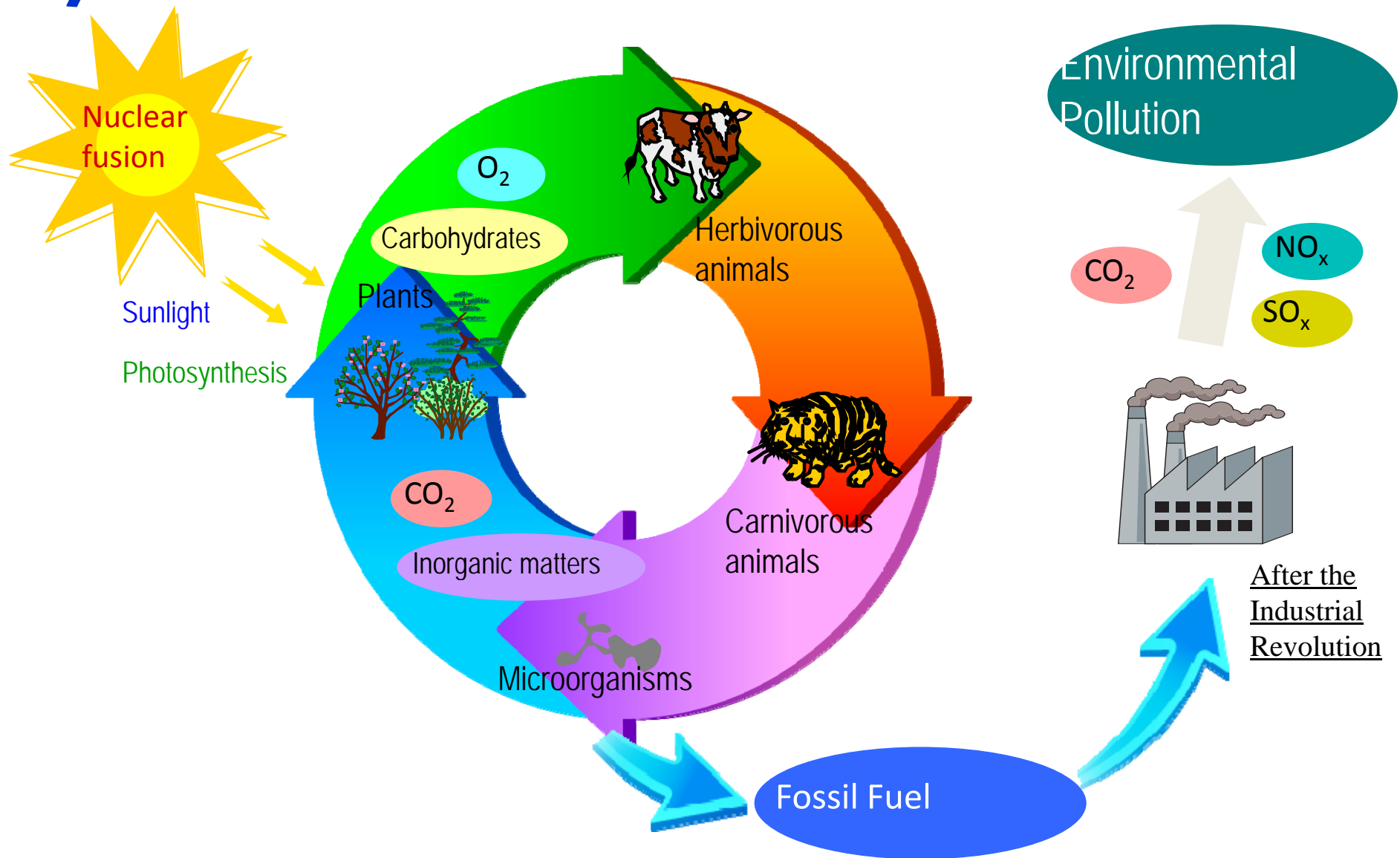
- Formation of Bio-sphere realized the civilization based on the chemical reaction

## 3. Industrial revolution touched on the fossil energy

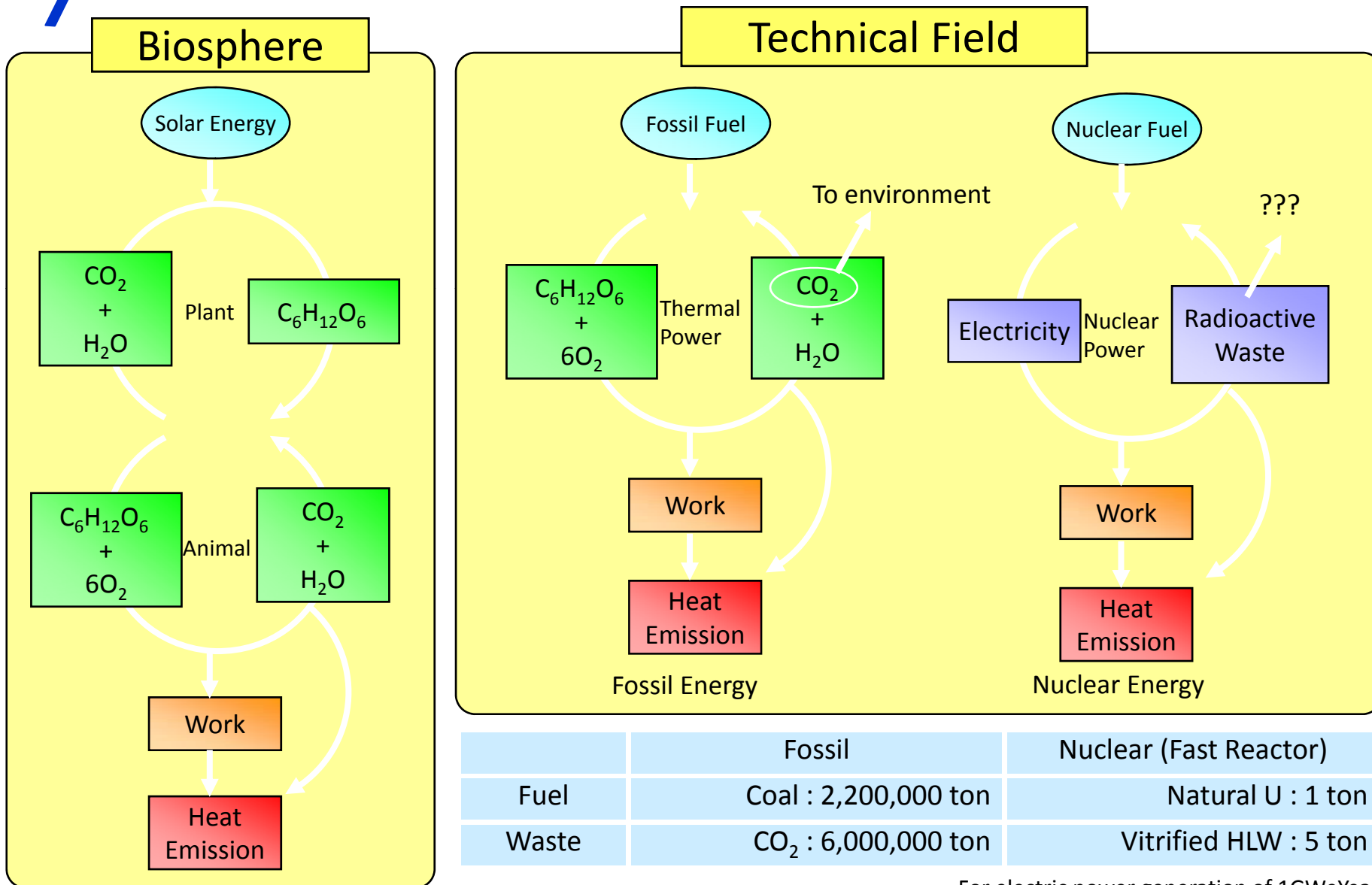
It reversed the trend in the natural environment to increase carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The civilization based on the chemical reaction comes to the turning point

# NSF Bounty from the Sun and Ecological System



# Energy System in Biosphere and Technical Field



For electric power generation of 1GWeYear



## 4. Lessons learnt from the past to the future nuclear era

- 1. Industrial revolution began to use fossil fuel underground
- 2. Consumption of fossil energy induces the environmental problem to ask the necessity of changing energy resources
- 3. Harmonization rather than utilization shall be requirement for future civilization
- 4. Let's consider nuclear fission energy system



# Requirements for Science & Technology in the next century

## Utilization to Harmonization

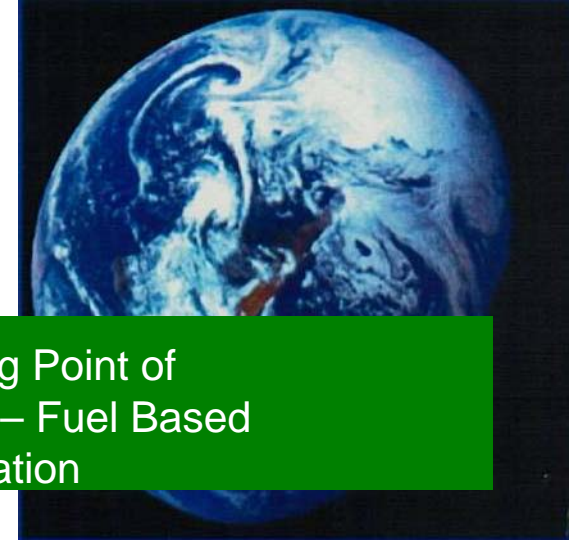
### Industrial Revolution

- Diversification of resources
- Mass consumption of energy

By-Products :  
NOx, Sox, etc.

Global warming  
by CO<sub>2</sub> emission

Turning Point of  
Fossil – Fuel Based  
Civilization



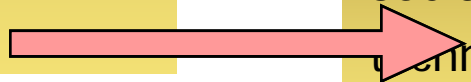
### Restricting Unlimited Use of Fossil Resources

- Ethics based on harmonization
- Regulation
- Technical countermeasures

### Requirements for Future Science & Engineering

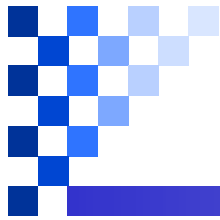
Will it be a balanced and comprehensive technology ?

- provide new knowledge to the human society
- develop new fields of science and technology
- accept and support the civilization
- harmonize with the environment and society

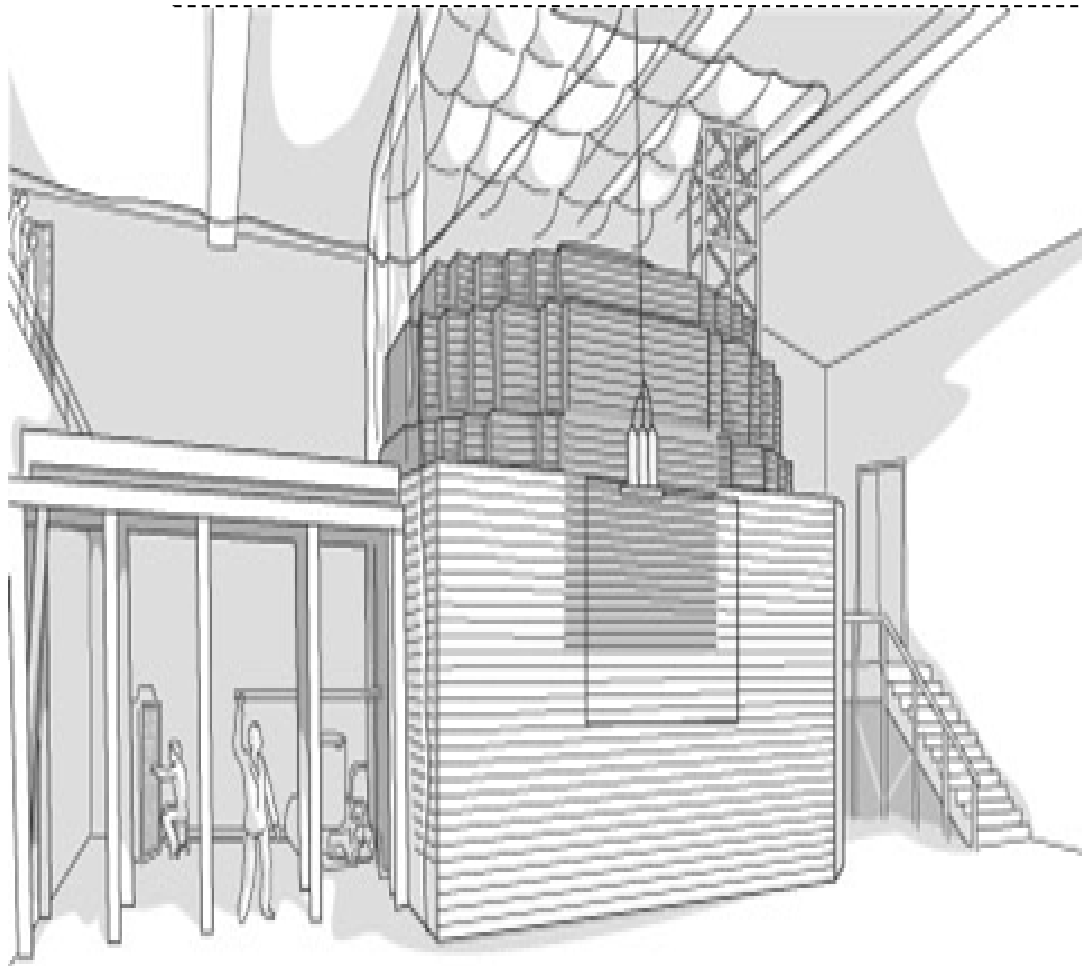


## Nuclear fission energy as the planet energy

- 1. CP-1 succeeded in the first chain reaction on Dec. 2, 1942 at the University of Chicago
- 2. Natural fission reactors (water moderated and cooled) are found at Oklo uranium mine in Gabon Republic with small scale like a few hundred kilowatt in 1972.
- 3. Light water reactor has been developed and commercialized with excellent safety record

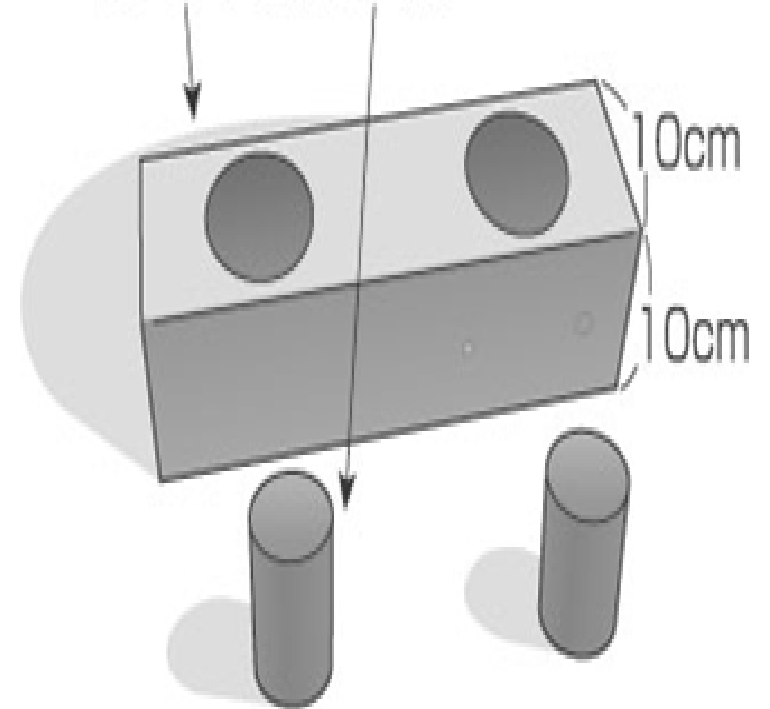


# Chicago Pile 1



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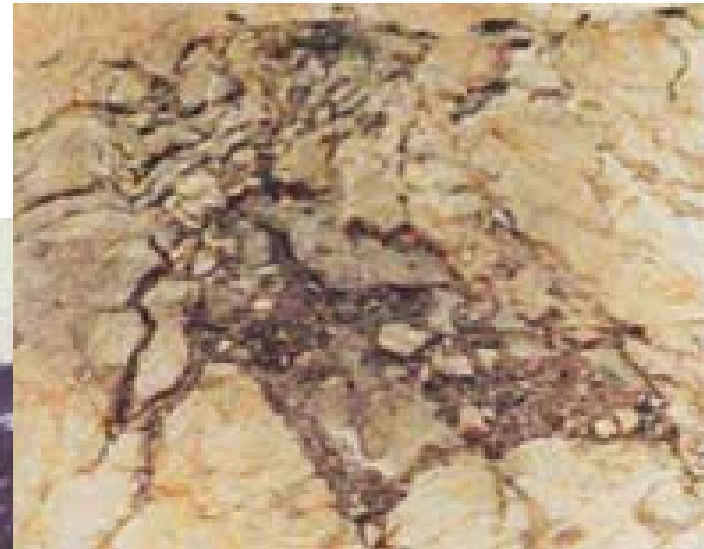
実験に使われた黒鉛  
ブロックとウラン塊



# *NSF* Learn from Natural Fission Reactors

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The traces of natural fission reactors discovered at Oklo in Gabon



1. Self-controllability of reactor
2. Radioactive wastes can be enclosed within the deposit.
3. Decay of radioactivity within the deposit

# 5. To secure nuclear energy resources in the future,

## 1. Step by step development

Light Water Reactor with good safety record

High Temperature Reactor HTTR for Chemical Energy Resource

Fast Reactor Joyo, Monju to JSFR

Nuclear Fuel Cycle with Separation and Transmutation of MA and  
LLFP

They are in line to the goal

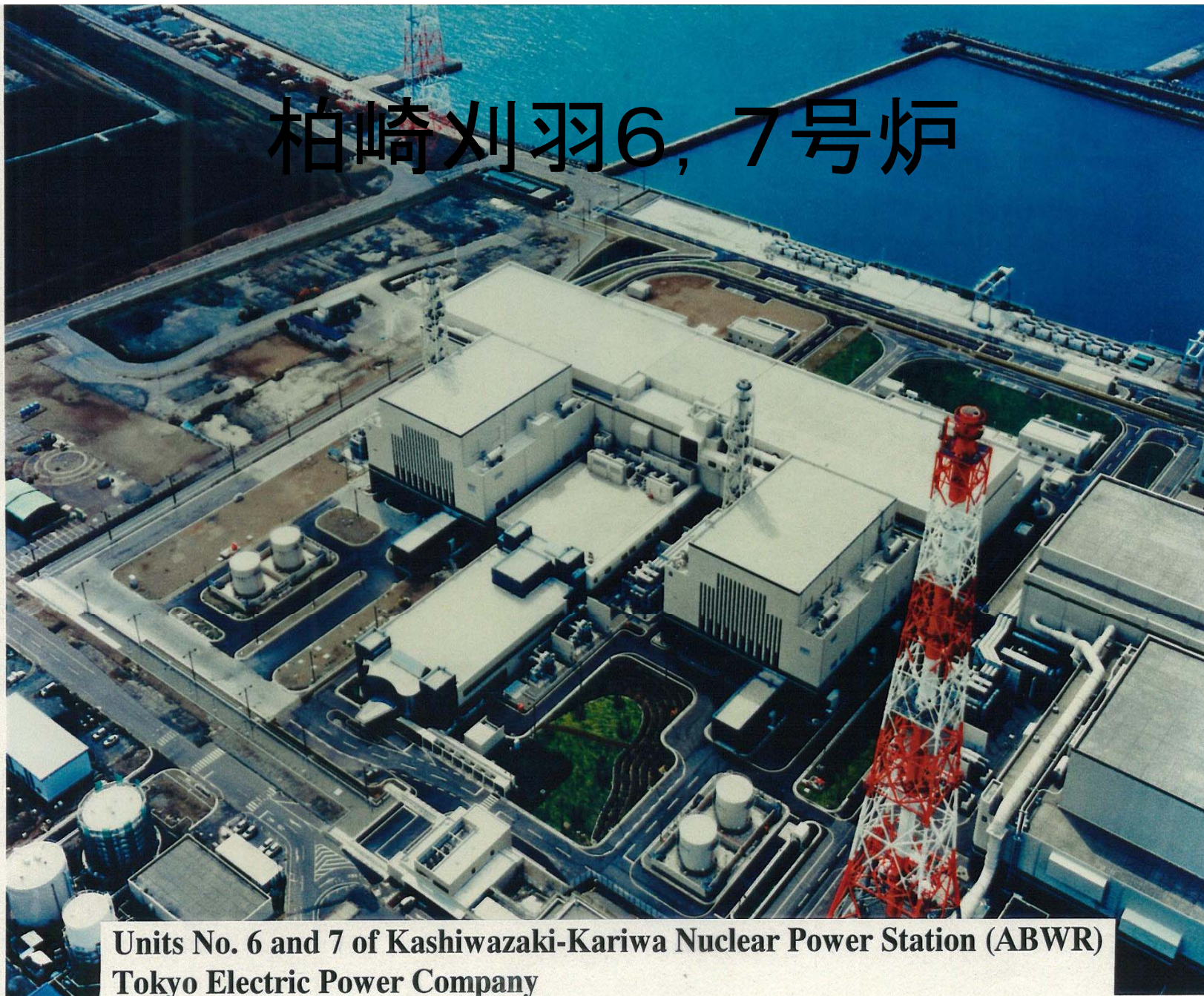
## 2. To satisfy the resource demand and environmental protection

simultaneously

5 objectives to be satisfied

SCNES system

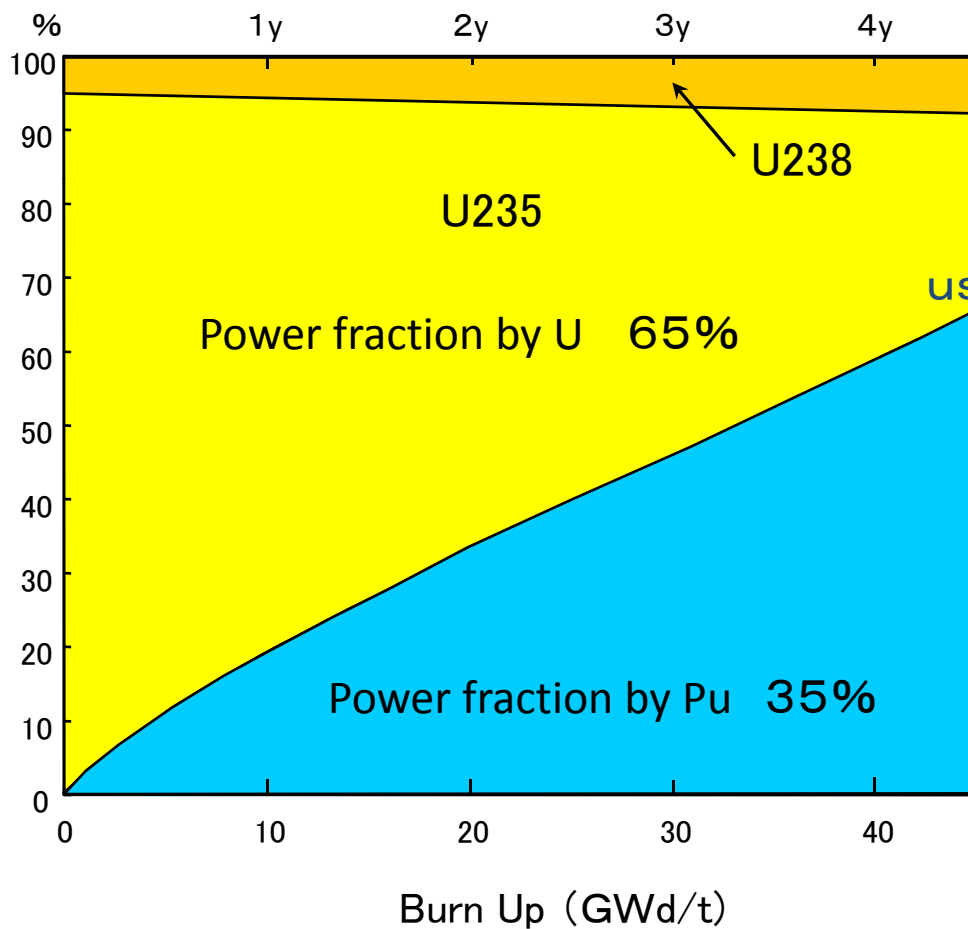
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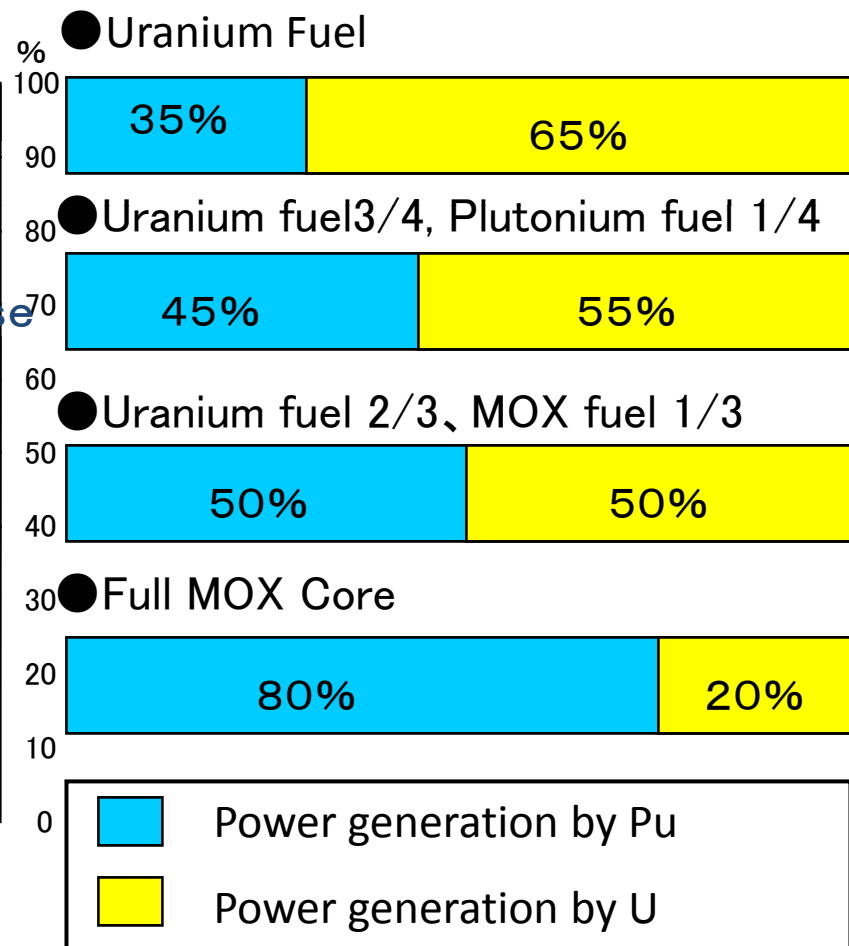
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# Efficient MOX Use in LWR

Fraction of Power generation by plutonium

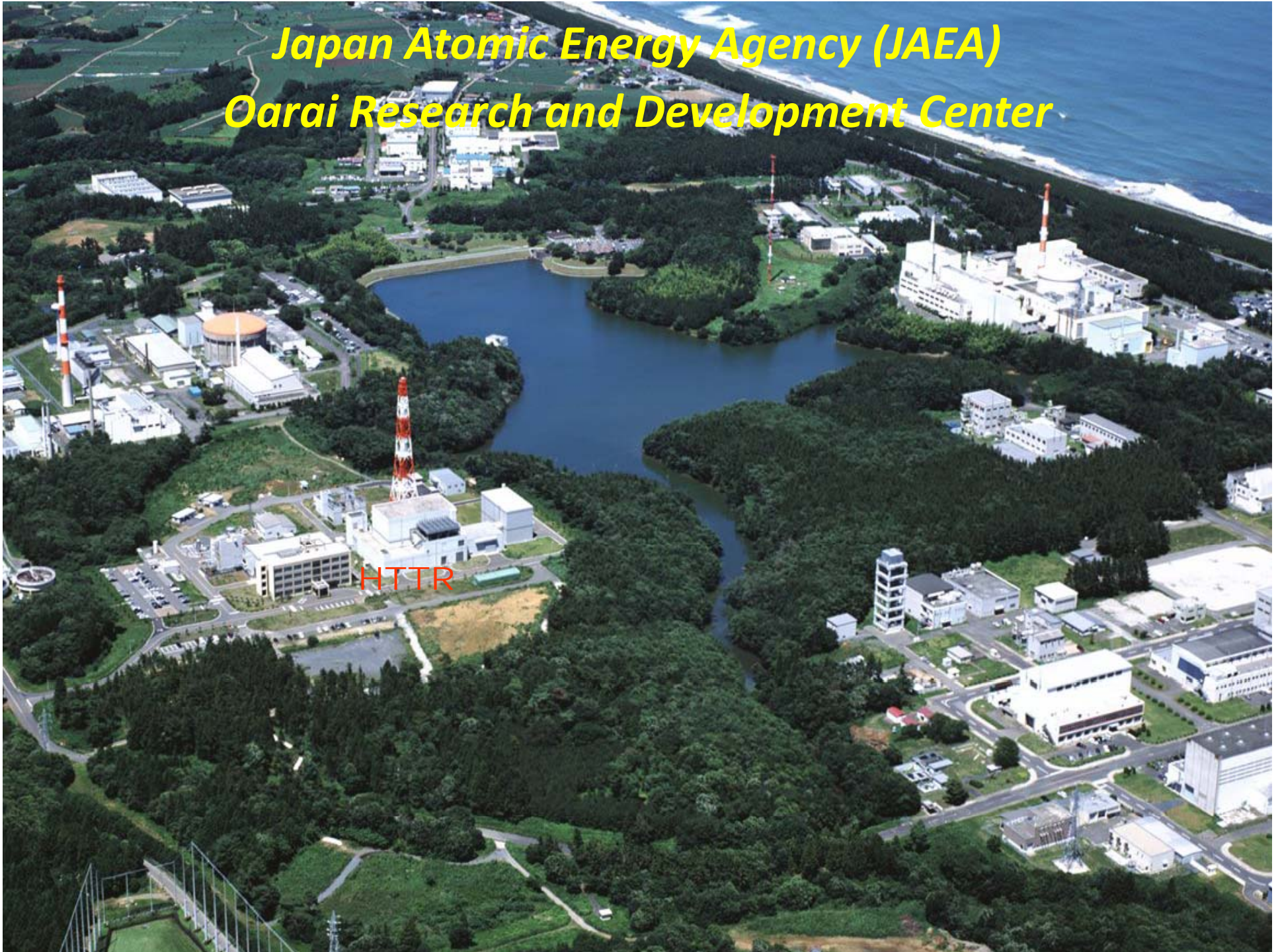


Power generation ratio between Uranium and Plutonium





*Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA)  
Oarai Research and Development Center*



HTTR

# Prototype Fast Reactor “Monju”

$\text{PuO}_2$  -  $\text{UO}_2$  - Fueled  
Sodium-Cooled  
3Loop-Type  
280 MWe

Fukui Prefecture  
JAPAN

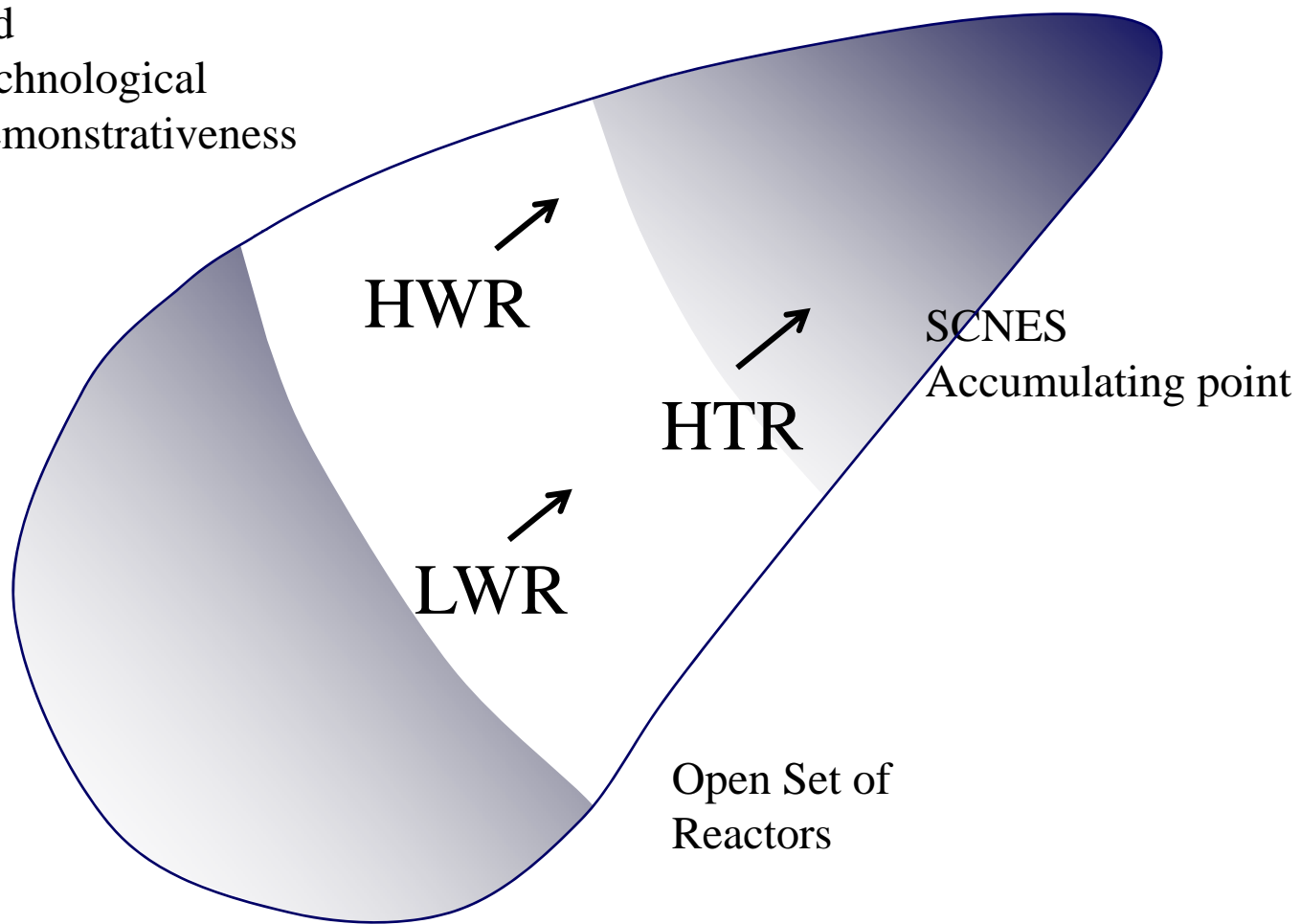


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# NSF Way to SCNES

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Scientific Feasibility  
and  
Technological  
Demonstrativeness



## 6. For simultaneous satisfaction of resource demand and environmental protection

**Future nuclear fission energy system should the 5 objectives simultaneously within the assets of nuclear fission reaction .**

**Neutron yield of 2.9 and energy release of 200Mev**

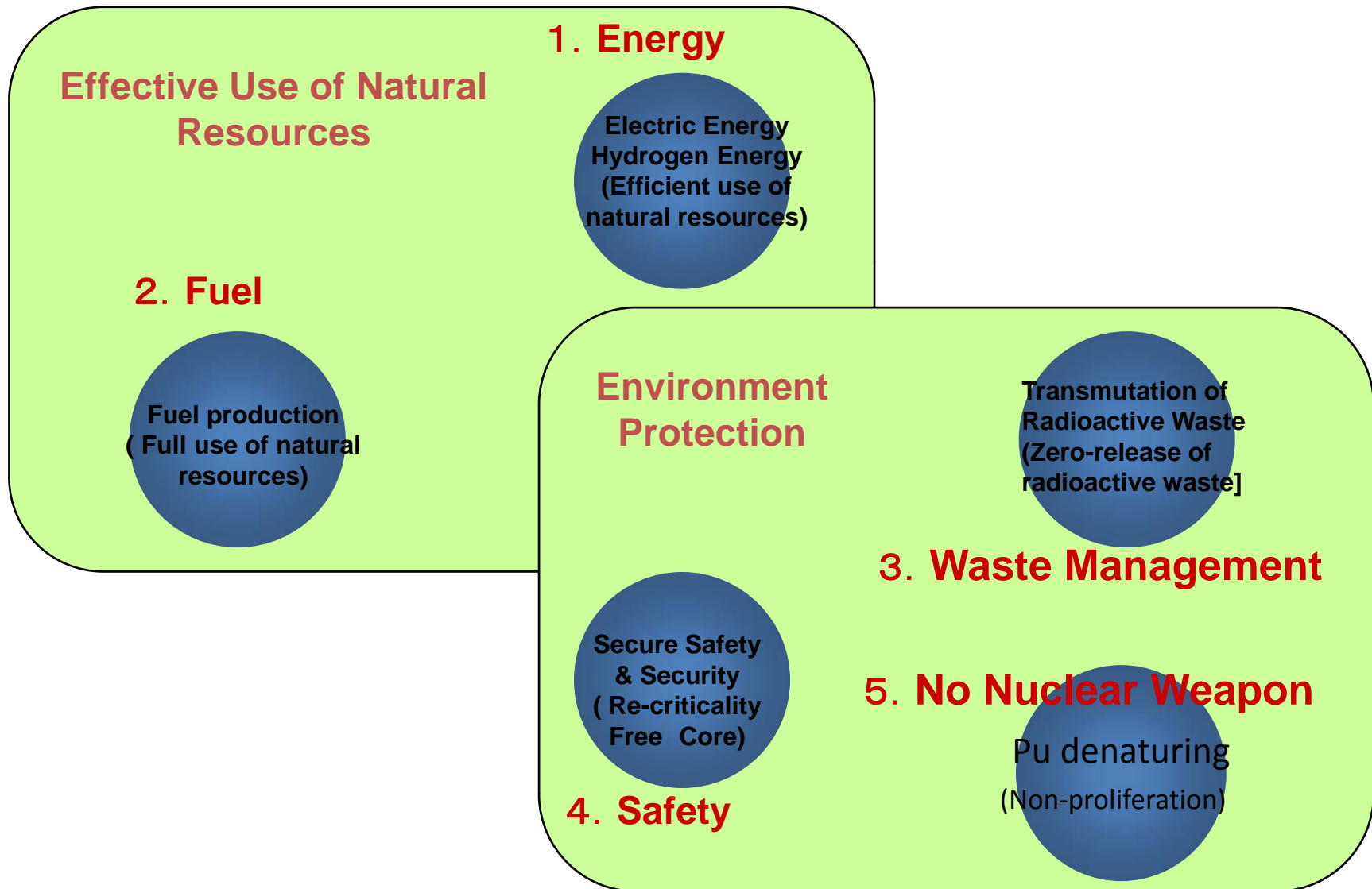
### **For Resource Demand**

- (1)energy production,
- (2)fuel production

### **For Environmental Protection**

- (3)transmutation of radioactive substance, mainly fission products
- (4) safety and
- (5) non-proliferation.

# Nuclear Energy System with 5 Objectives satisfied Simultaneously



# Energy Balance

| Items           |                               | Energy<br>(MeV/fission) |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Produced Energy | 1. fission reaction           |                         |       |
|                 | thermal energy                | $E_f$                   | 200   |
| Consumed Energy | 1. Energy loss at power plant |                         |       |
|                 | energy loss due to conversion | $E_{r1}$                | 118   |
|                 | other consumptions            | $E_{r2}$                | 8     |
|                 | 2. Energy loss at fuel cycle  |                         |       |
|                 | reprocessing & fabrication    | $E_{c1}$                | < 0.2 |
|                 | LLFP nuclide separation       | $E_{c2}$                | < 1   |
|                 | LLFP multi-recycling          | $E_{c3}$                | < 0.1 |
| Usable Energy   | 1. Obtained energy            |                         |       |
|                 | electricity                   | $E_e$                   | 73    |

# Neutron Balance

|                        |  | ケース          |       |                 |  |
|------------------------|--|--------------|-------|-----------------|--|
|                        |  | Fast Reactor |       | Thermal Reactor |  |
|                        |  | MOX Fuel     | Metal | MOX Fuel        |  |
| Neutron Yield /fission |  | 2.9          | 2.9   | 2.9             |  |
|                        | For Chain Reaction   | 1.0          | 1.0   | 1.0             |  |
|                        | Capture by Fissile Material                                  | 0.2          | 0.13  | 0.4             |  |
|                        | Fuel Production  | 1.0          | 0.85  | (1.3)           | Conversion Ratio = 1                   |
|                        | Parasitic Absorption   | 0.25         | 0.20  | 0.25            | Structure Material<br>Coolant Material |
|                        | Available Number of Neutron for Transmutation of MA and LLFP | 0.45         | 0.72  | Negative        |  |

# Future Nuclear Energy System needs Fuel Cycle with Isotope Separation

**A Nuclear Fission generates about 2.9 neutrons**

- for chain reaction needs 1 neutron
- for fuel production needs more than 1 neutron
- for transmutation of radioactive FP needs about 0.6 neutron  
(considering neutron absorption and leakage)

**Isotope separation below makes it possible**

| FP                      | $T_{1/2}$               | lower limit (Year) | 1    | 3    | 10   | 20   | 30   | 100  | 200  | 2000 | 50000 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Absorption<br>(n/fiss.) | Element-wise Separation |                    | 6.78 | 2.07 | 1.99 | 1.23 | 1.12 | 1.07 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95  |
|                         | Isotope-wise Separation |                    | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22  |



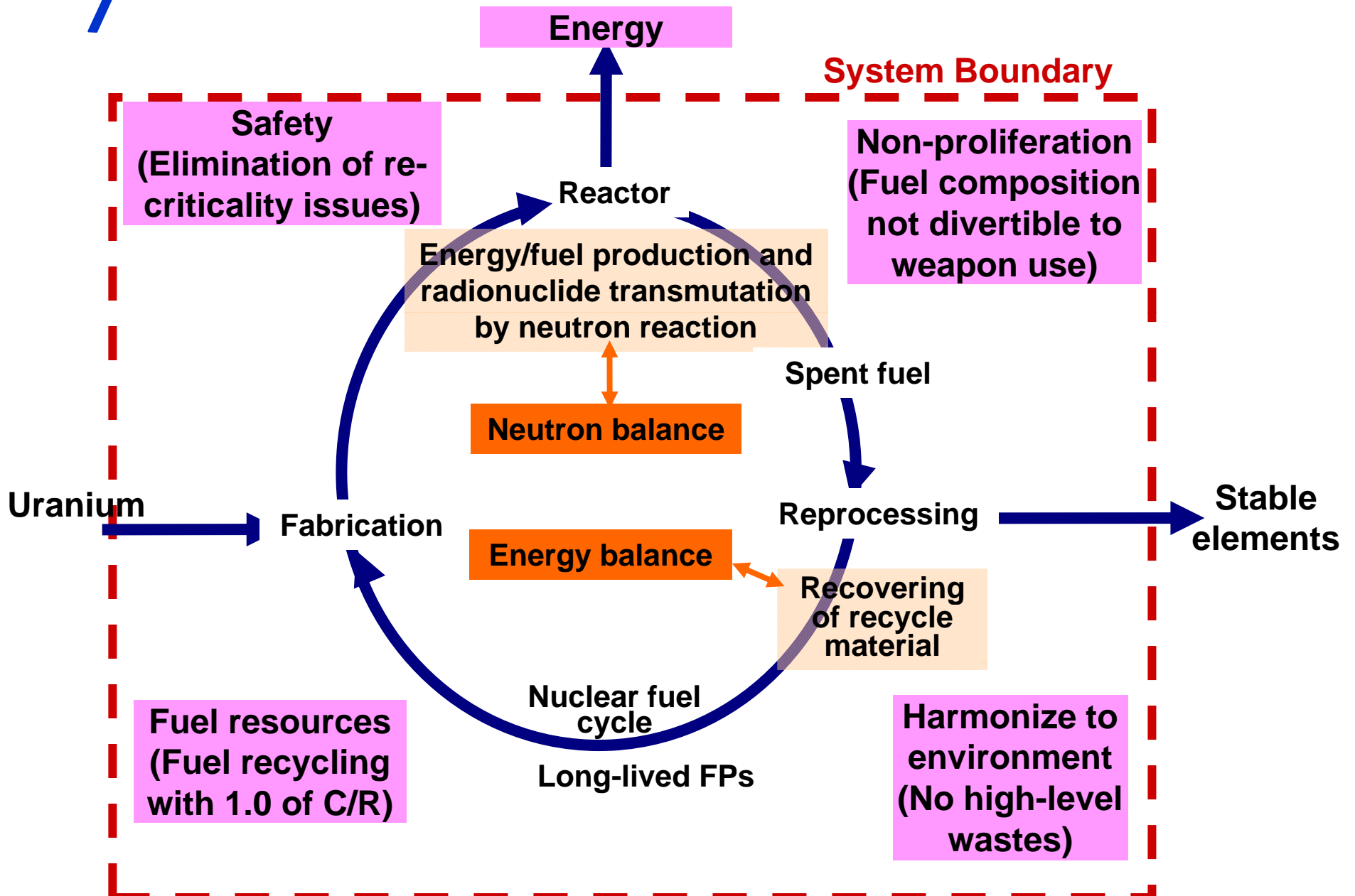
## SCNES Concept and Mass flow

SCNES should have nuclear fission reactor system and nuclear fuel cycle system together

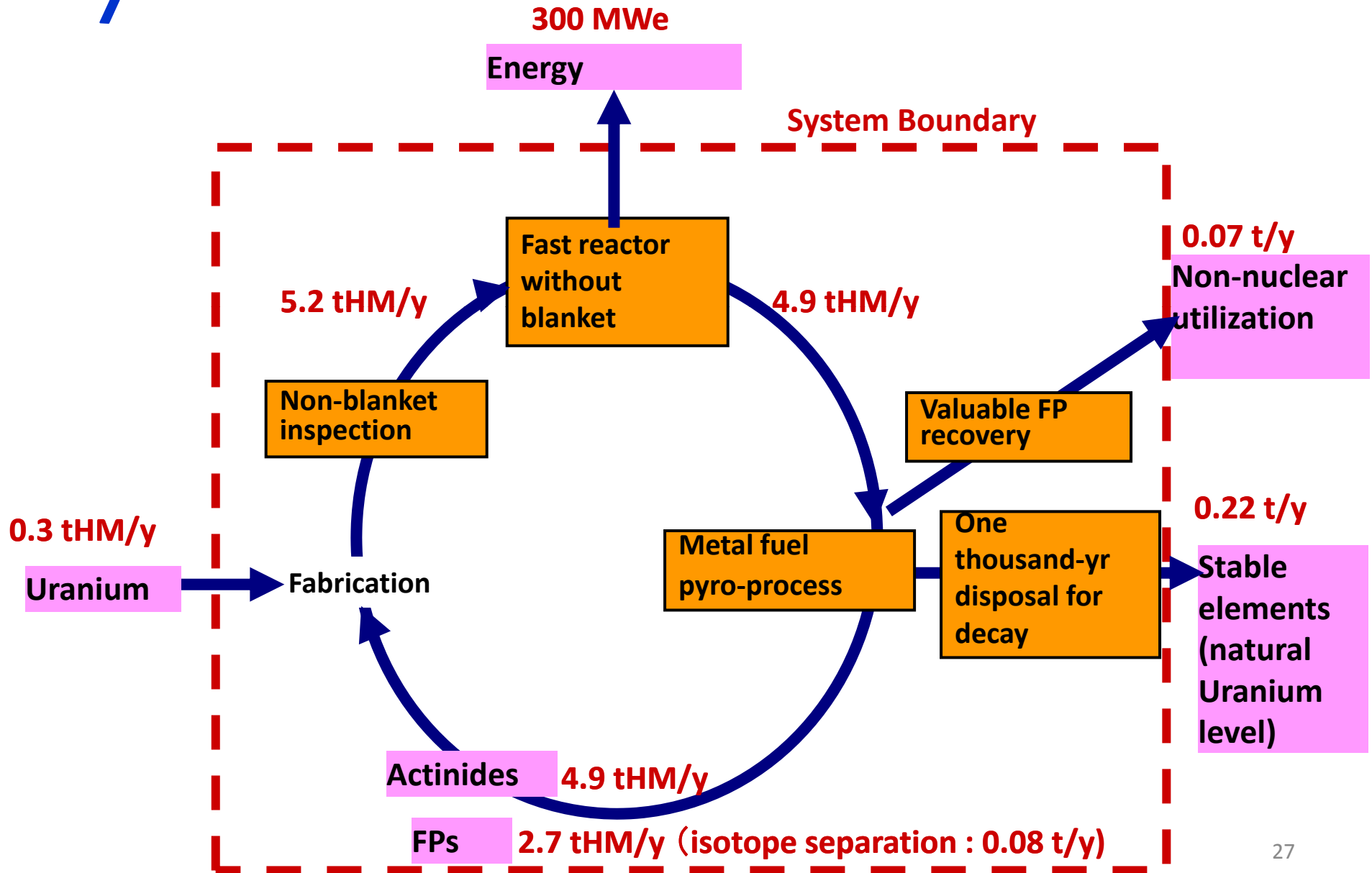
- In reactor system side we take the neutron balance into consideration to attain the objectives of energy / fuel production and transmutation of radionuclide
- In fuel cycle side energy is fed for fuel fabrication and reprocessing
- In SCNES system uranium is fed to the system and only stable elements are discharged from it in addition to energy delivery .



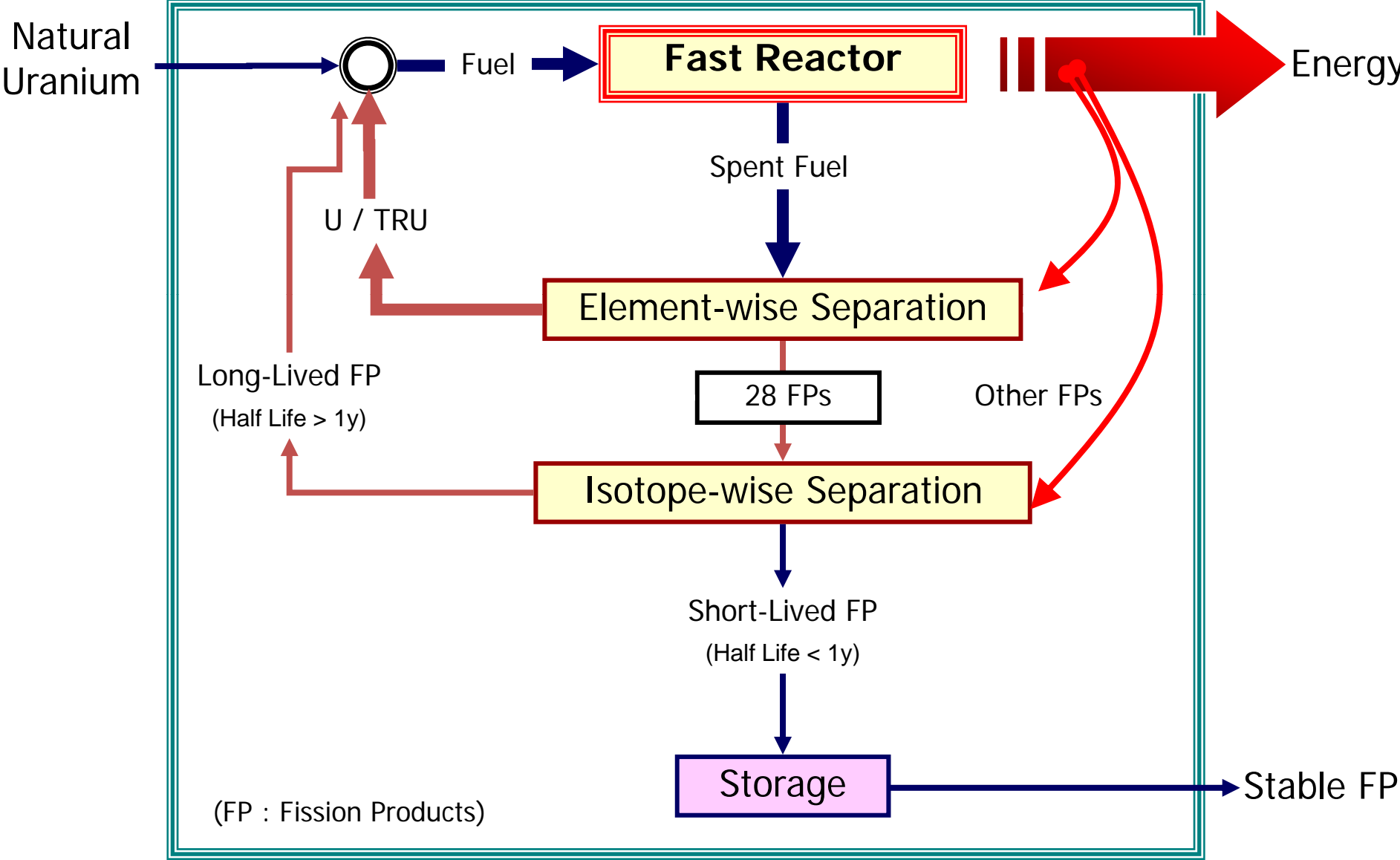
# SCNES Concept and its Target (use of fission assets )



# SCNES Mass Flow (per 300MWe)



# Future Nuclear Energy System SCNES



## 7. To learn and to assimilate the Nature for future nuclear civilization

- 1.To learn and assimilate the nature
- 2.Many items applicable to nuclear science and technology
- 3.Time spans : decade, century and millennium for nuclear civilization
- 4.Whole aspects of nuclear science and technology

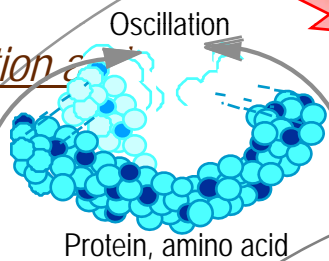
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*New frontiers*

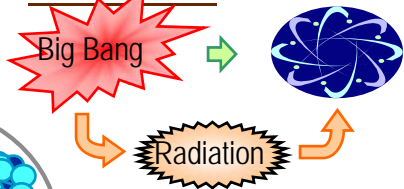
Life science

Molecular oscillation research  
Clarification of functions

Effects of radiation on others

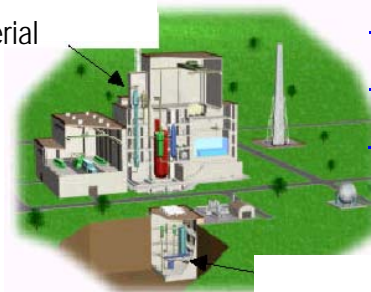


Study of the ultimate nature of the universe and matter

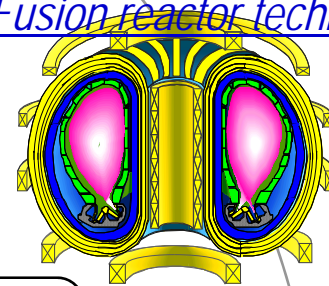


*Sustainable Development*

Passive safety system  
Development of heat application technology



Combustion plasma in nuclear reactor  
Fusion reactor technology

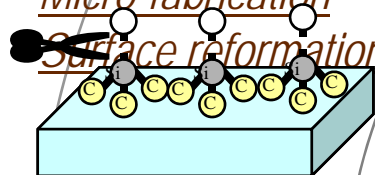


Material creation and processing

New functional materials

Micro-fabrication

Surface reformation and others



Use of radiation

Physics  
Life science  
- Analysis of crystal structure  
Materials science  
- Research on material properties

Nuclear fission energy

Power generation



Nuclear fusion

Core plasma research  
Development of reactor engineering elements

*High power and high energy technologies*

*Accelerator and Laser*

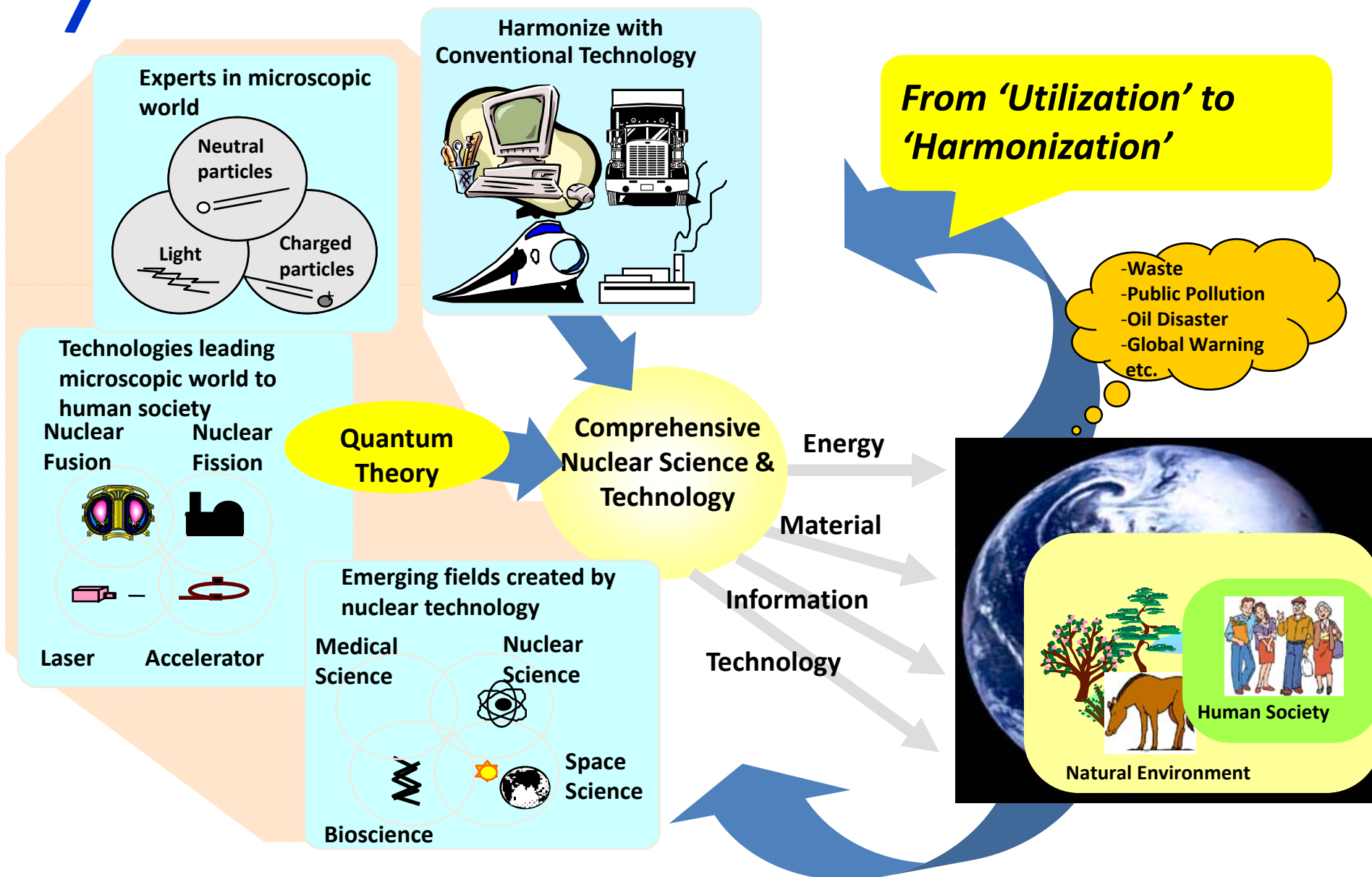
*Reactor engineering and research reactors*

*Development of sophisticated, innovative technologies*





# Whole Aspects of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology







# Neutron Balance in SCNES with Proliferation Resistance

## -Pu Grade Target: Reactor Grade Pu-

| Neutron Reactions   | Core Fuel          |                    | Requirement  |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--|
|   | MOX                | Metal              |  |
| <b>1. For Chain Reaction</b><br>Pu Fissile Fission ( $N_{fis1}$ )<br>Others Fission ( $N_{fis2}$ )  | <b><u>1.00</u></b> | <b><u>1.00</u></b> | $N_{fis1} + N_{fis2} = 1.0$  |
| <b>2. For Fuel Production (Pu Fissile Production)</b><br>$^{238}\text{U}$ , $^{238}\text{Pu}$ , $^{240}\text{Pu}$ , capture ( $N_b$ )   | <b><u>0.98</u></b> | <b><u>0.83</u></b> | Breeding Ratio =<br>$(N_b + N_{p2}) / (N_{fis1} + N_{p1}) \geq 1.0$                                      |
| <b>3. For Pu Protection (Target: Rea. Grade Pu, (<math>N_p</math>))</b><br>Pu Fissile, $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , $^{241}\text{Pu}$ , capture ( $N_{p1}$ )<br>$^{237}\text{Np}$ , $^{241}\text{Am}$ Capture ( $N_{p2}$ )<br>$^{243}\text{Am}$ Capture ( $N_{p3}$ ) | <b><u>0.24</u></b> | <b><u>0.16</u></b> | $(N_p) / N_b \geq 0.18$<br>$\geq$ Reactor Grade Pu<br>or $N_{SFN}$ [n/s/kgPu]<br>$\geq$ Reactor Grade Pu |
| <b>4. For LLFP Transmutation</b><br>LLFP capture ( $N_{fp}$ )   | <b><u>0.24</u></b> | <b><u>0.24</u></b> | $T_{1/2} > 1$ year FP Transmutation<br>with isotope separation   |
| <b>5. Others</b>  | <b><u>0.21</u></b> | <b><u>0.17</u></b> |  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b><u>2.69</u></b> | <b><u>2.42</u></b> |  |
| <b>Generated Neutron by Fission</b>   | <b><u>2.90</u></b> | <b><u>2.90</u></b> |  |

1) Fundamental Data are derived from "Yoichi Fujie", Masao Suzuki, "Nuclear Energy System for a Sustainable Development Perspective -Self-Consistent Nuclear Energy System-", Progress in Nuclear Energy, Vol. 40, No. 3-4, pp. 265-283, 2002"

Re-composed by H. Sagara

2) MA composition data at equilibrium state are derived from "A. Mizutani, A. Shono and M. Ishikawa, "Investigation of Equilibrium Core by Recycling MA and LLFP in Fast Reactor Cycle(I)," JNC TN9400 99-043 (1999)



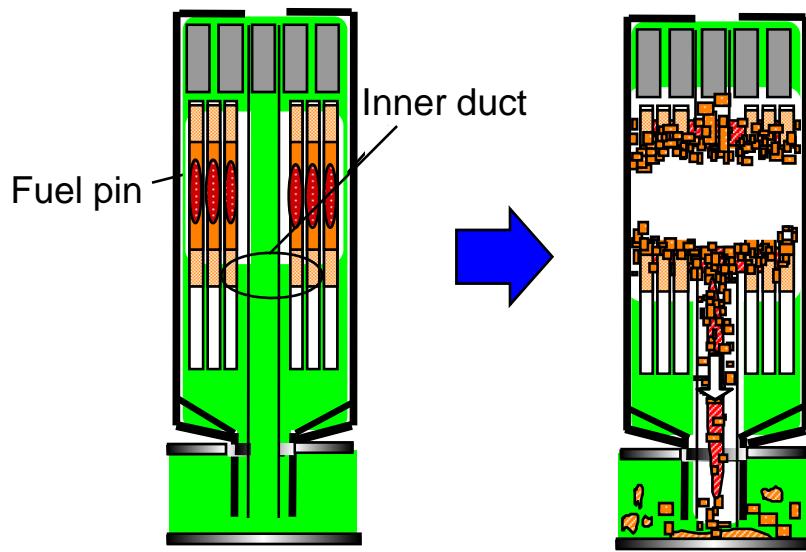
## Objective and outline of EAGLE-project

Objective:

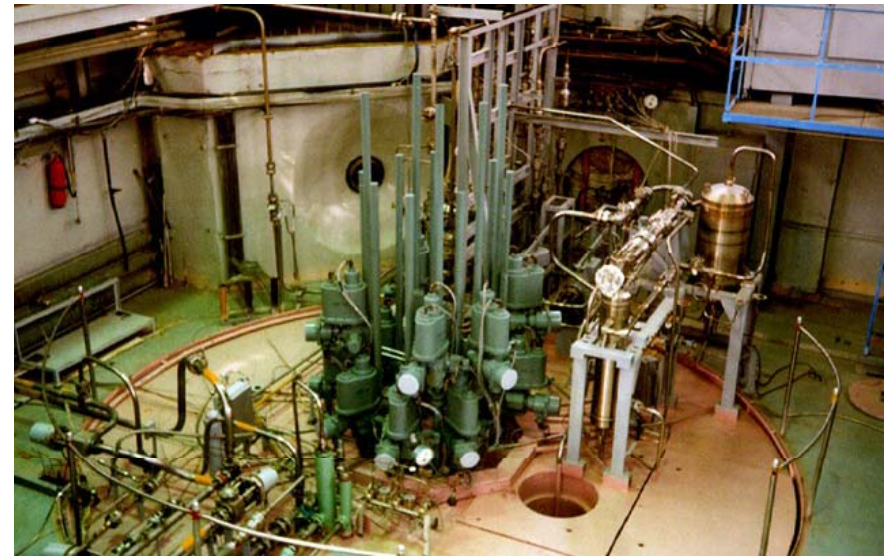
Confirm that the “re-criticality issue” would be eliminated from the CDA scenario by the early fuel-discharge from the core region, with clarifying the necessary design conditions for the re-criticality free core.

Approach:

- Use IGR and Out-of-pile apparatus of the NNC/Kazakhstan



Example of discharge-enhancing design and discharge phenomena



IGR (Impulse Graphite Reactor)



**Table 1 Comparison of Energy Expansion,  
Resources for Power Generation and Delivered Wastes Volume**

| Power Station |                   | Annual amount (ton)                       |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Type          |                   | Resources consumed                        | Waste generated                     |
| Thermal       | Coal-fired        | $2.2 \times 10^6$                         | CO <sub>2</sub> : $6 \times 10^6$   |
|               |                   |   | SO <sub>x</sub> : $1.2 \times 10^6$ |
|               |                   |   | Ash: $5 \times 10^4$                |
|               | Oil-fired         | $1.4 \times 10^6$                         | CO <sub>2</sub> : $5 \times 10^6$   |
|               |                   |   | SO <sub>x</sub> : $4 \times 10^4$   |
| Nuclear       | LWR(Once-through) | Natural Uranium:<br>200(metal-equivalent) | 30(Spent fuel)                      |
|               | LWR               |   | 5(High-level vitrified)             |
|               | Pu-thermal        | 90(metal-equivalent)                      | 5(High-level vitrified)             |
|               | FR                | 1(metal-equivalent)                       | 5(High-level vitrified)             |

Note:when a power station with an electric generating power of 1 million kW is operated for a year.