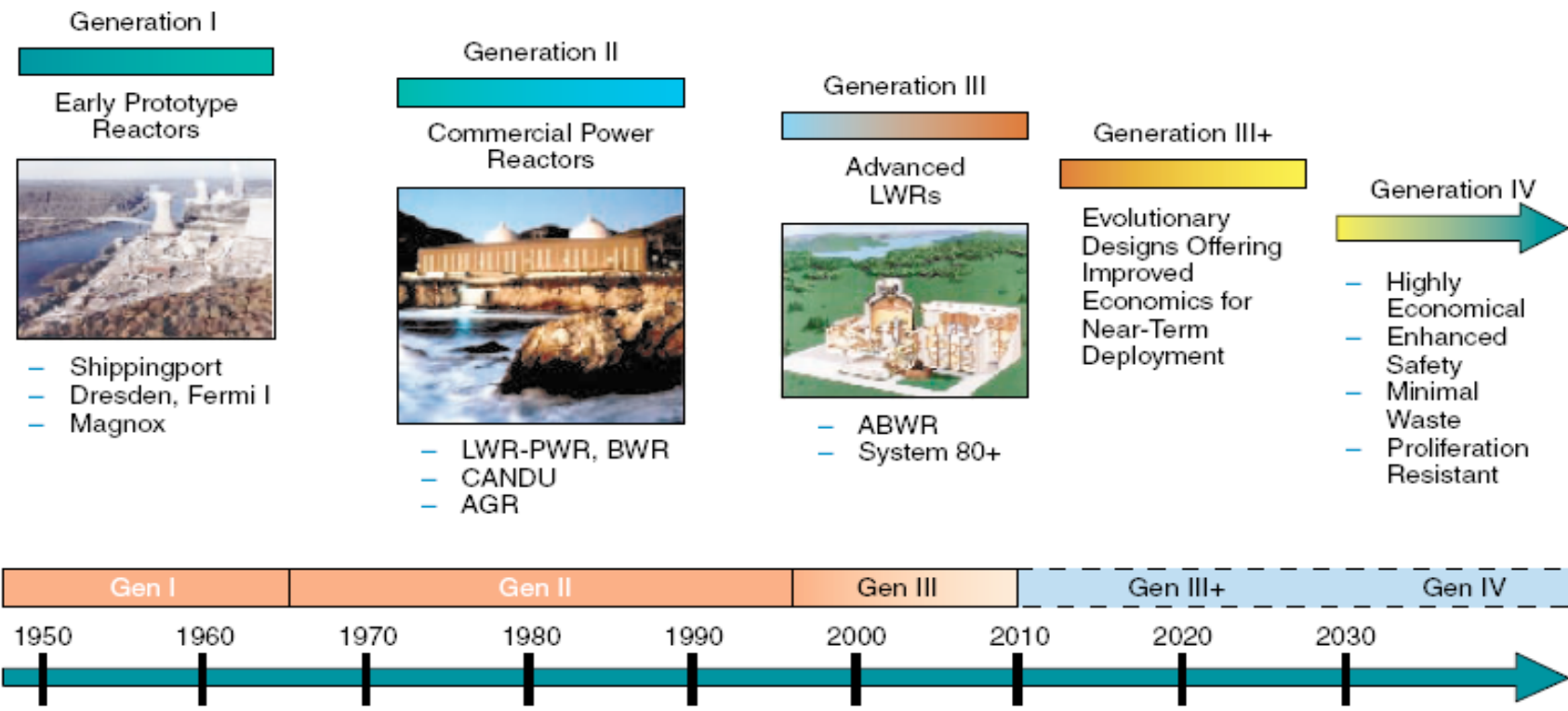


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## **Generation IV Technology General Considerations**

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## ***Goals for Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems***

***Sustainability–1*** *Generation IV nuclear energy systems will provide sustainable energy generation that meets clean air objectives and promotes long-term availability of systems and effective fuel utilization for worldwide energy production.*

***Sustainability–2*** *Generation IV nuclear energy systems will minimize and manage their nuclear waste and notably reduce the long-term stewardship burden, thereby improving protection for the public health and the environment.*

***Economics–1*** *Generation IV nuclear energy systems will have a clear life-cycle cost advantage over other energy sources.*

***Economics–2*** *Generation IV nuclear energy systems will have a level of financial risk comparable to other energy projects.*



## **Goals for Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems (Cont.)**

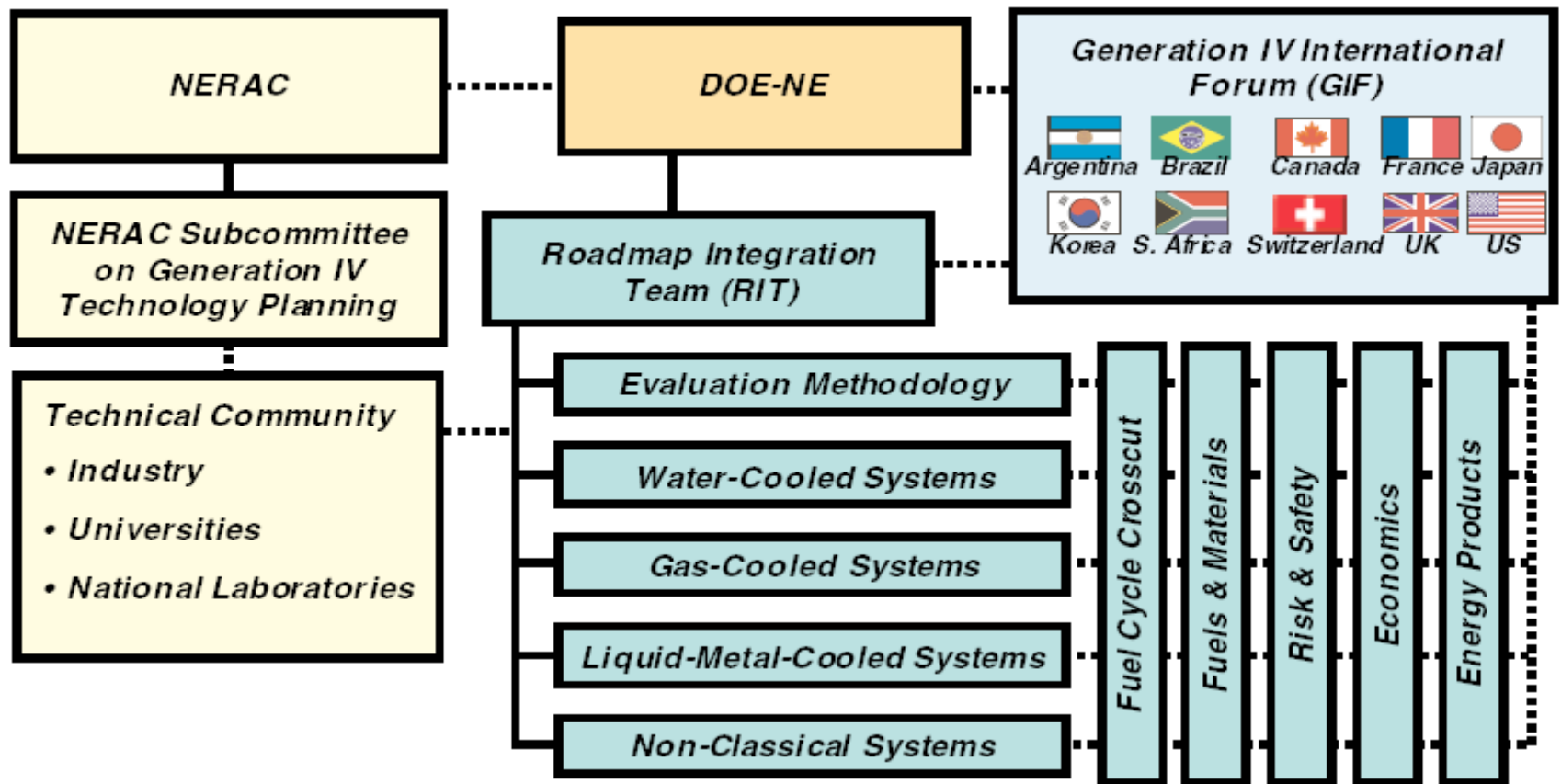
*Safety and Reliability–1 Generation IV nuclear energy systems operations will excel in safety and reliability.*

*Safety and Reliability–2 Generation IV nuclear energy systems will have a very low likelihood and degree of reactor core damage.*

*Safety and Reliability–3 Generation IV nuclear energy systems will eliminate the need for offsite emergency response.*

*Proliferation Resistance and Physical Protection–1 Generation IV nuclear energy systems will increase the assurance that they are a very unattractive and the least desirable route for diversion or theft of weapons-usable materials, and provide increased physical protection against acts of terrorism.*





## Evaluation and Selection Methodology

The selection of the systems to be developed as Generation IV was accomplished in the following steps:

1. Definition and evaluation of candidate systems
2. Review of evaluations and discussion of desired missions (national priorities) for the systems
3. Final review of evaluations and performance to missions
4. Final decision on selections to Generation IV and identification of near-term deployable designs.

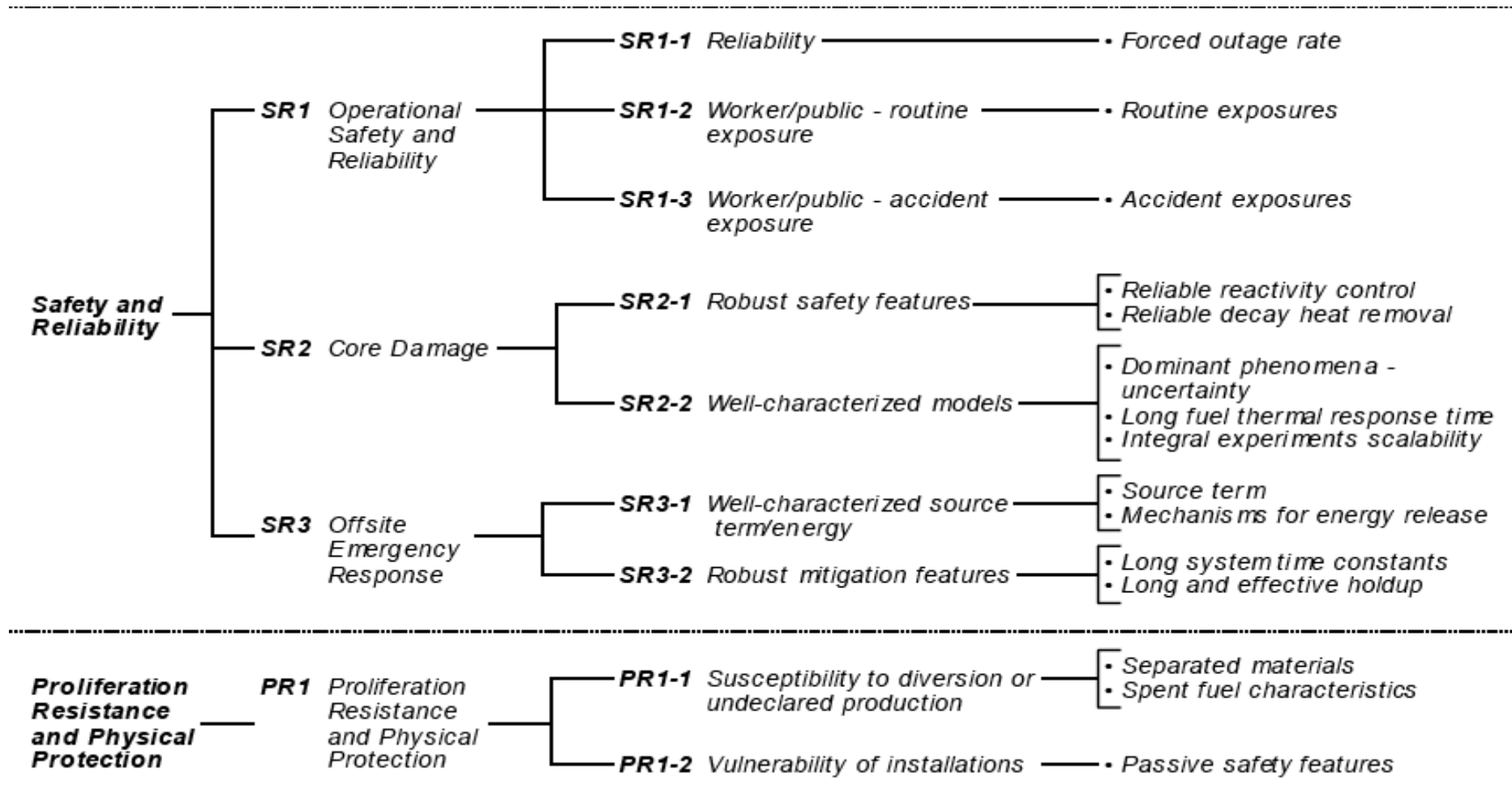


### Roll Up of Metrics, Criteria, Goals and Goal Areas

4 Goal Areas	8 Goals	15 Criteria	24 Metrics
<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>SU1</b> Resource Utilization	<b>SU1-1</b> Fuel Utilization	• Use of fuel resources
	<b>SU2</b> Waste Minimization and Management	<b>SU2-1</b> Waste minimization	• Waste mass
			• Volume
		<b>SU2-2</b> Environmental impact of waste management and disposal	• Environmental impact
<b>Economics</b>	<b>EC1</b> Life Cycle Cost	<b>EC1-1</b> Overnight construction costs	• Overnight construction costs
		<b>EC1-2</b> Production costs	• Production costs
		<b>EC2-1</b> Construction duration	• Construction duration
	<b>EC2</b> Risk to Capital	<b>EC1-1</b> Overnight construction costs	• Overnight construction costs
		<b>EC2-1</b> Construction duration	• Construction duration



(Cont.)





## Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems

The Generation IV roadmap process described in the previous section culminated in the selection of six Generation IV systems. The motivation for the selection of six systems is to

- Identify systems that make significant advances toward the technology goals
- Ensure that the important missions of electricity generation, hydrogen and process heat production, and actinide management may be adequately addressed by Generation IV systems
- Provide some overlapping coverage of capabilities, because not all of the systems may ultimately be viable or attain their performance objectives and attract commercial deployment
- Accommodate the range of national priorities and interests of the GIF countries.



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<b>Generation IV System</b>	<b>Acronym</b>
Gas-Cooled Fast Reactor System	GFR
Lead-Cooled Fast Reactor System	LFR
Molten Salt Reactor System	MSR
Sodium-Cooled Fast Reactor System	SFR
Supercritical-Water-Cooled Reactor System	SCWR
Very-High-Temperature Reactor System	VHTR

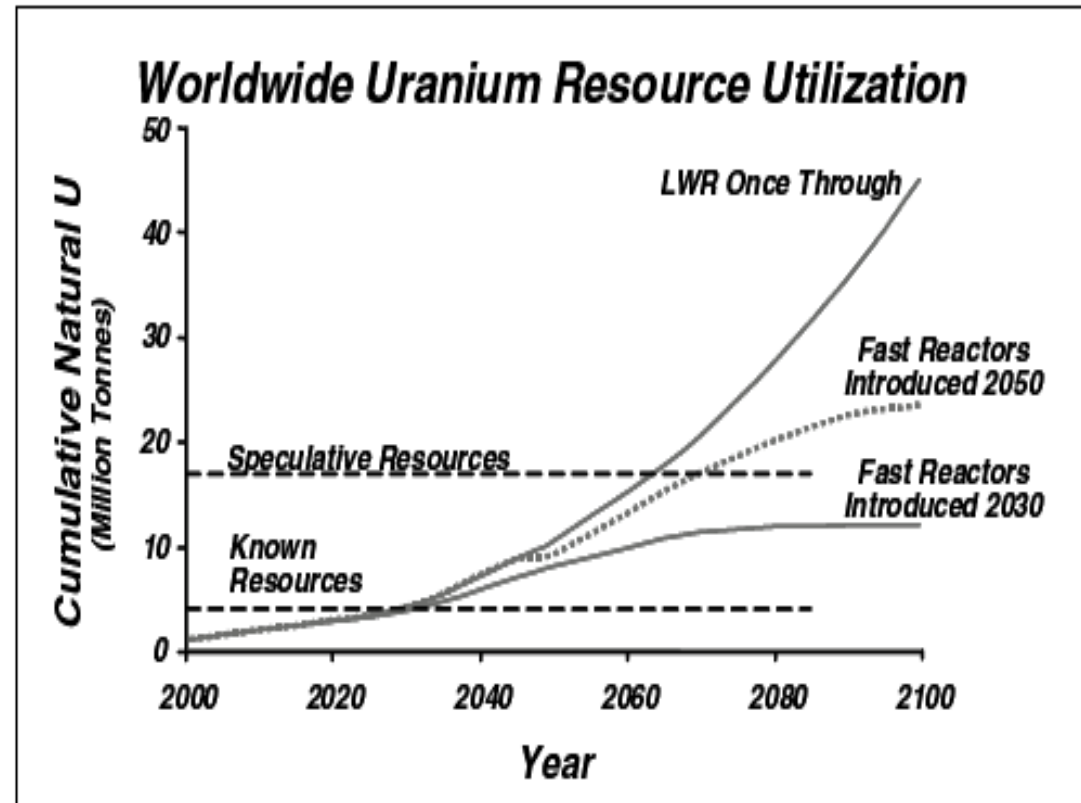
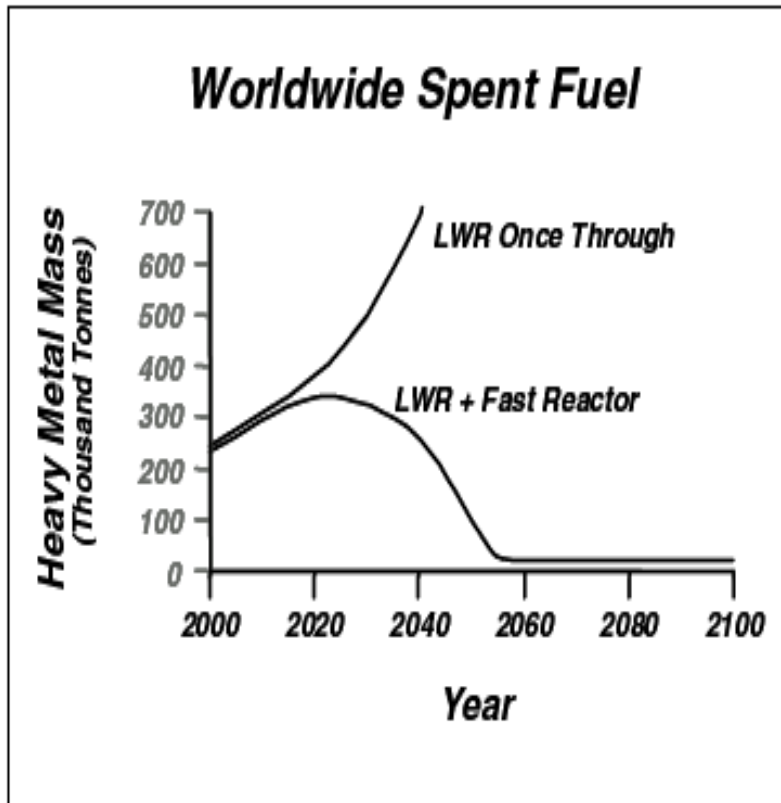
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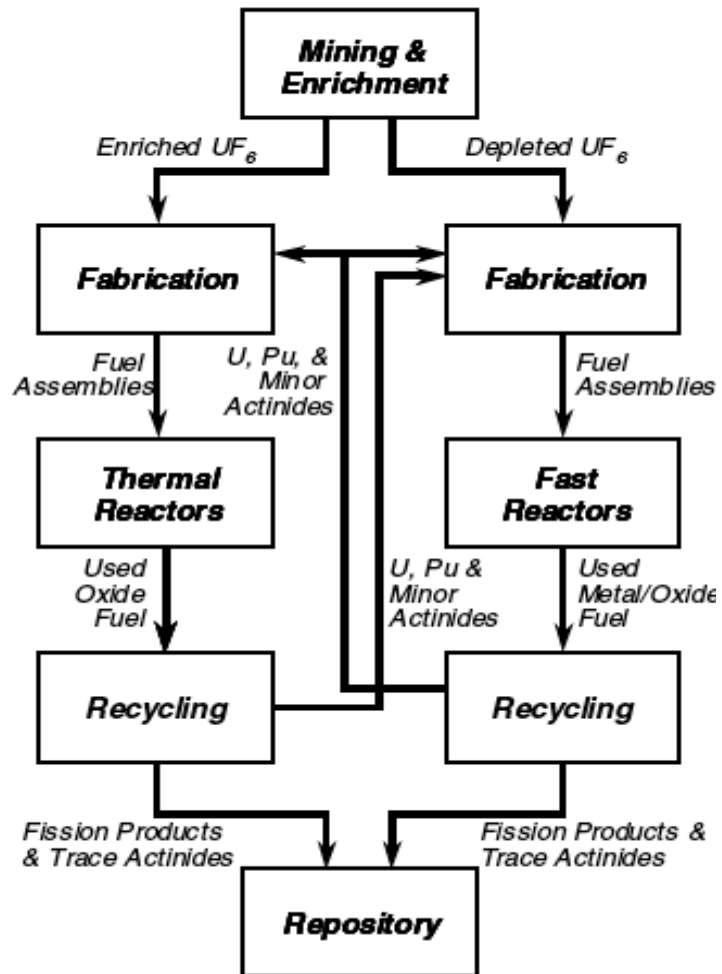
# Findings of Roadmap

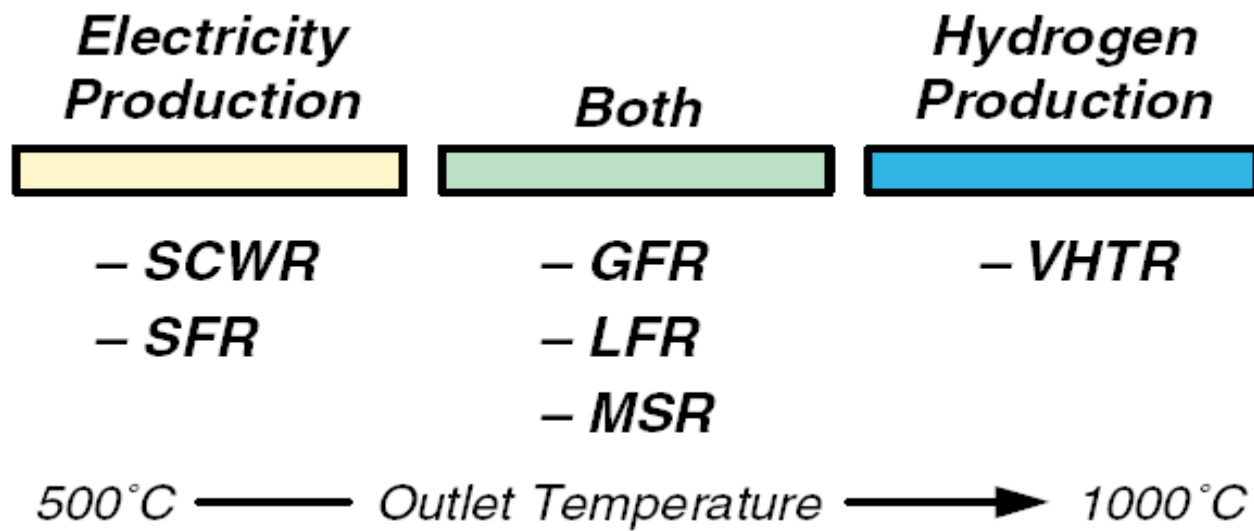
- a) Fuel Cycles and Sustainability**
- b) Missions and Economics of Gen. IV**





## Symbiotic Fuel Cycles





***Once-Through  
Fuel Cycle***



***– VHTR***

***Either***



***– SCWR***

***Actinide  
Management***



***– GFR***

***– LFR***

***– MSR***

***– SFR***



**Large  
Monolithic**



- **LFR\***
- **MSR**
- **SFR\***
- **SCWR**

**Mid-size**



- **GFR**
- **VHTR**
- **SFR\***

**Small  
Modular**



- **LFR\***

*\* Range of options*





- ABWR (Advanced Boiling Water Reactor)
- AP1000 (Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor 1000)
- ESBWR (European Simplified Boiling Water Reactor)
- GT-MHR (Gas Turbine–Modular High Temperature Reactor)
- PBMR (Pebble Bed Modular Reactor)
- SWR-1000 (Siedewasser Reactor-1000).

*U.S. Near-Term  
Deployment  
(by 2010)*

**ABWR  
AP1000  
ESBWR  
GT-MHR  
PBMR  
SWR-1000**



# International Near-Term Deployment

## Advanced Boiling Water Reactors

- ABWR II (Advanced Boiling Water Reactor II)
- ESBWR (European Simplified Boiling Water Reactor)
- HC-BWR (High Conversion Boiling Water Reactor)
- SWR-1000 (Siedewasser Reactor-1000)

## Advanced Pressure Tube Reactor

- ACR-700 (Advanced CANDU Reactor 700)

## Advanced Pressurized Water Reactors

- AP600 (Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor 600)
- AP1000 (Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor 1000)
- APR1400 (Advanced Power Reactor 1400)

### *International Near-Term Deployment (by 2015)*

**ABWR II  
ACR-700  
AP600  
AP1000  
APR1400  
APWR+  
CAREM  
EPR  
ESBWR  
GT-MHR  
HC-BWR  
IMR  
IRIS  
PBMR  
SMART  
SWR-1000**



# International Near-Term Deployment (cont.)

- APWR+ (Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor Plus)
- EPR (European Pressurized Water Reactor)

## Integral Primary System Reactors

- CAREM (Central Argentina de Elementos Modulares)
- IMR (International Modular Reactor)
- IRIS (International Reactor Innovative and Secure)
- SMART (System-Integrated Modular Advanced Reactor)

## Modular High Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactors

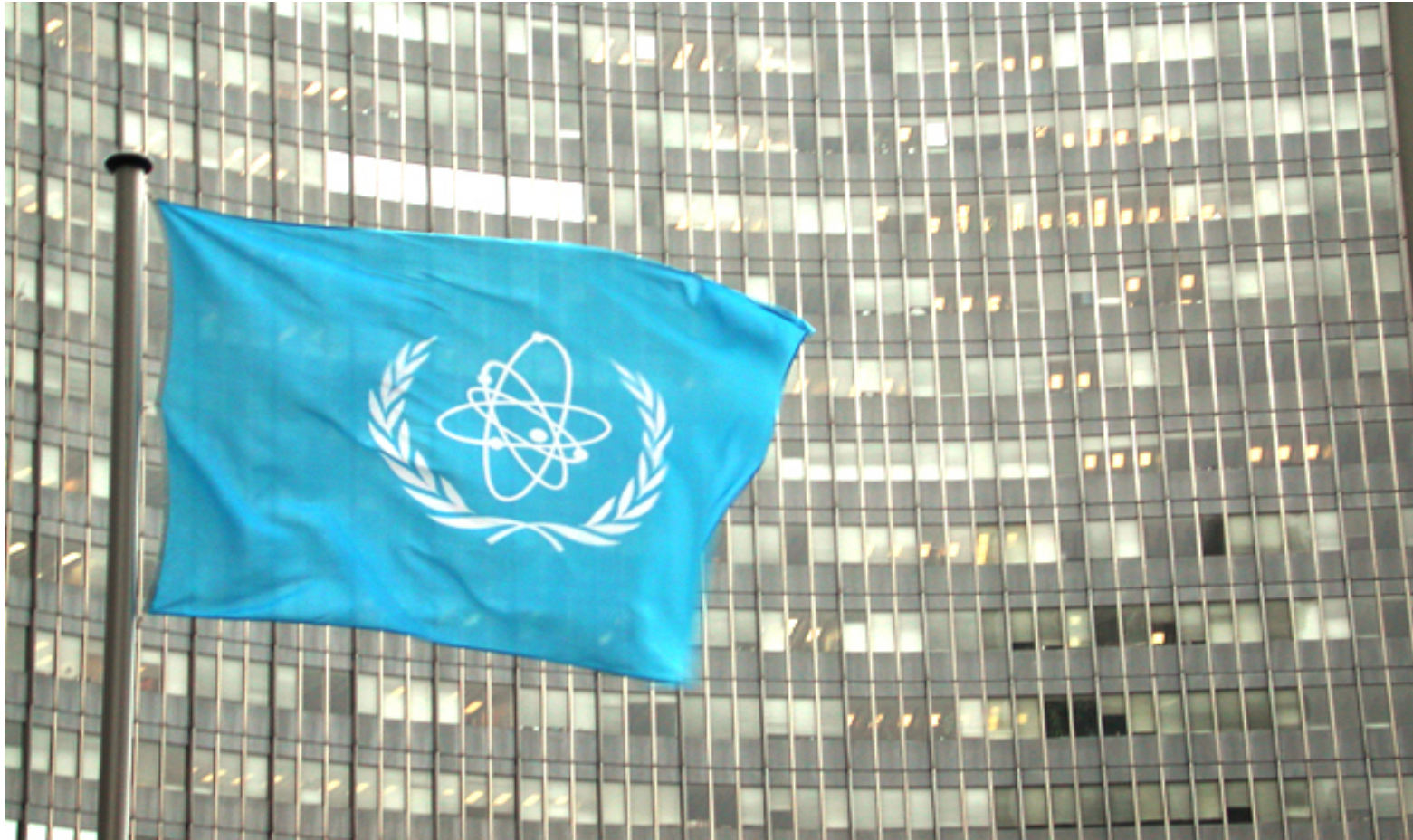
- GT-MHR (Gas Turbine-Modular High Temperature Reactor)
- PBMR (Pebble Bed Modular Reactor)



# Generation IV Deployment

<i>Generation IV System</i>	<i>Best Case Deployment Date</i>
SFR	2015
VHTR	2020
GFR	2025
MSR	2025
SCWR	2025
LFR	2025





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