

SUMMARY OF TPA TECHNOLOGY  
(PHASE I AND II)

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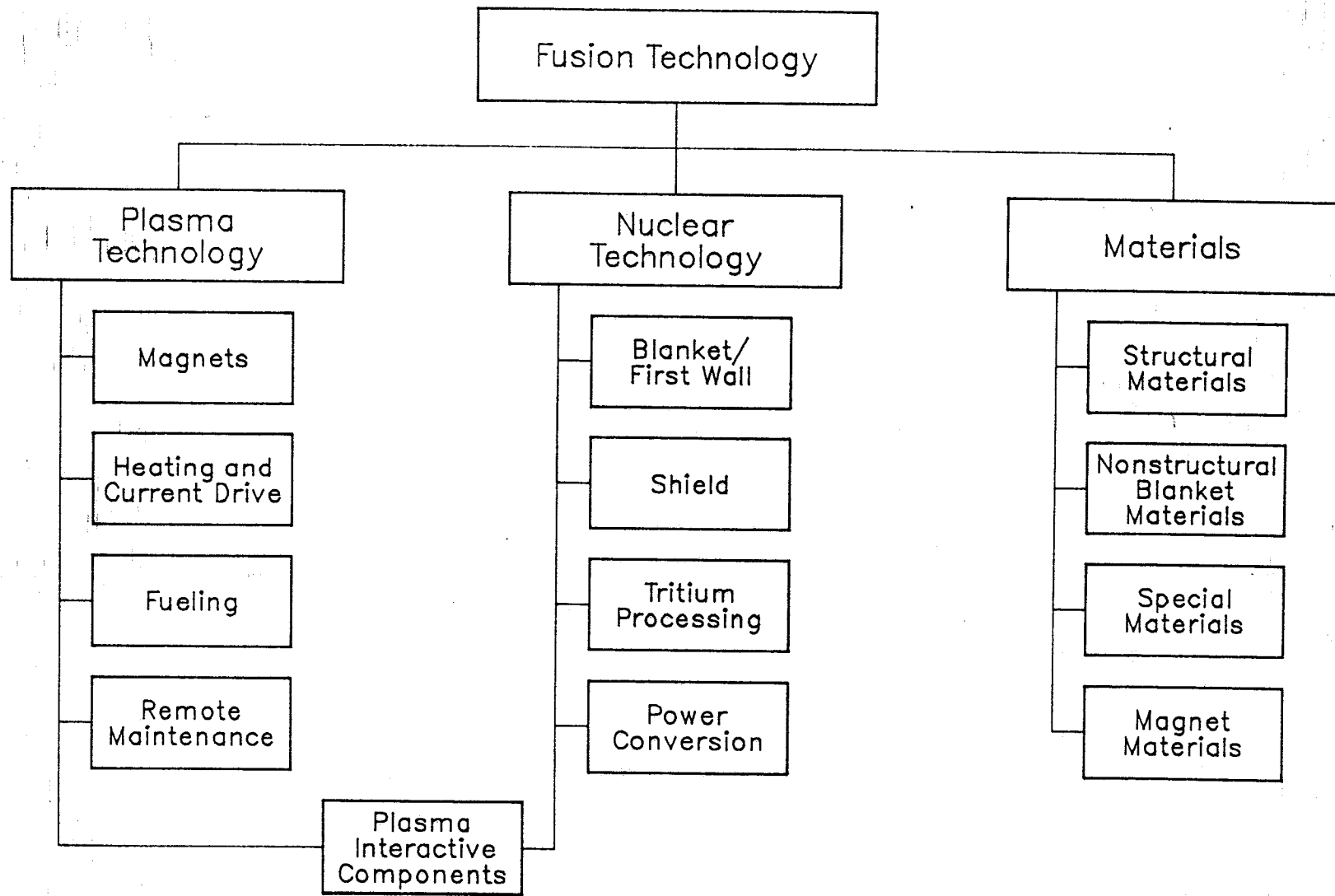
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## OUTLINE

- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE  
(AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS)
- METHODOLOGY
- SUMMARY OF PHASE I: ISSUES & OBJECTIVES
- SUMMARY OF PHASE II: LOGIC DIAGRAMS
- PLANS FOR PHASE III

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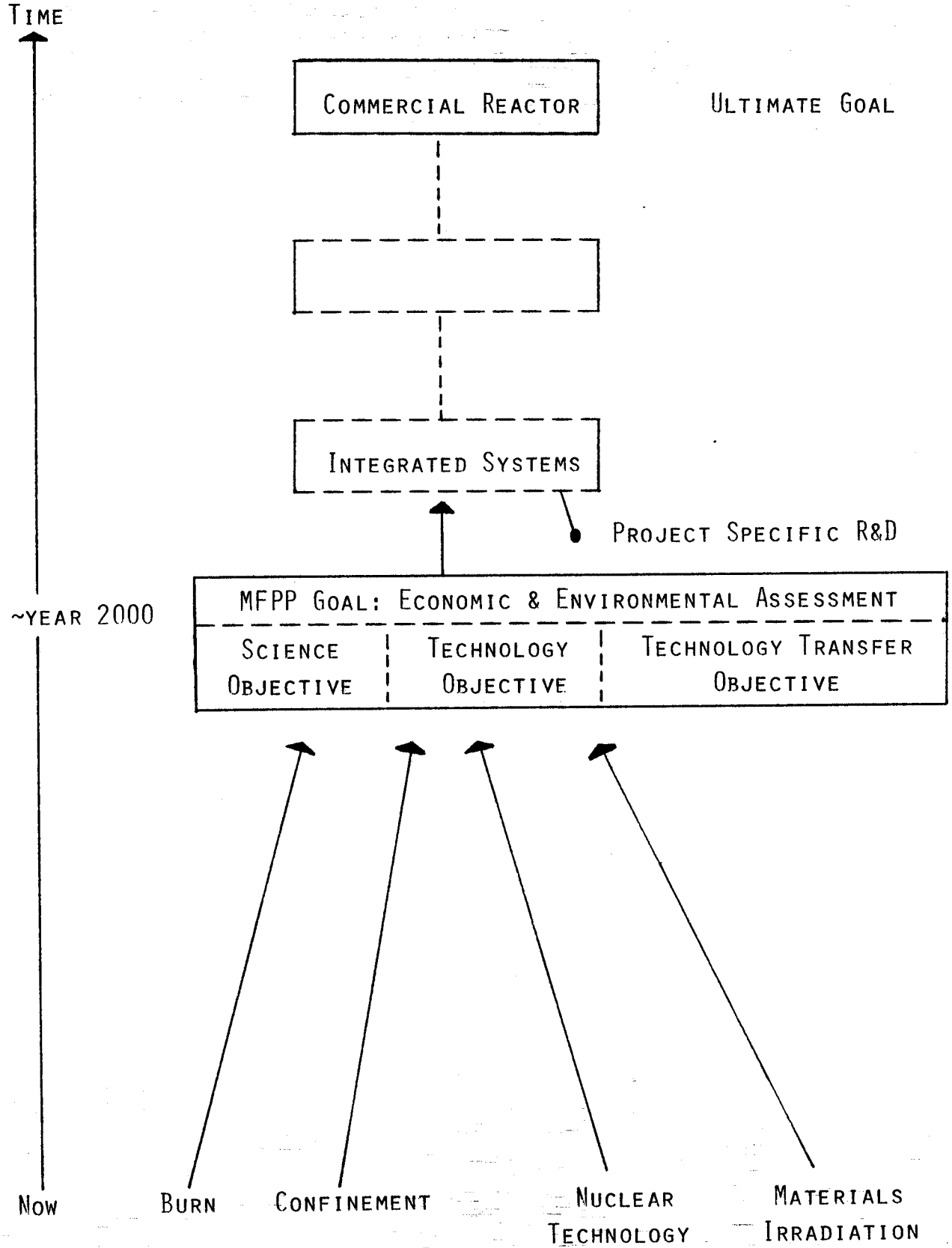
NOTES ON TPA TECHNOLOGY  
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- TPA TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE (TSC)  
MEMBERS HAVE COLLECTIVELY BEEN RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE KEY ASPECTS OF THE PLAN
  
- THREE MAJOR AREAS HAVE BEEN LED ON A DAY-  
TO-DAY BASIS AS FOLLOWS:
  - PLASMA TECHNOLOGY: LEE BERRY
  
  - MATERIALS: DALE SMITH
  
  - NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY: MOHAMED ABDU
  
- FOR EACH COMPONENT, WORK HAS BEEN PERFORMED  
BY A CORE GROUP OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS. EACH  
GROUP HAS BEEN LED BY ONE OR MORE TSC  
MEMBER.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF LEADING EXPERTS COVERING ALL TECHNICAL AREAS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN TPA TECHNOLOGY.
- OTHER EXPERTS IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. SPECIAL MEETINGS WERE HELD TO ADDRESS IMPORTANT TOPICS.
- INPUT FROM EXISTING PROJECTS, STUDIES, TASK GROUPS, ETC.
  - EXAMPLE: EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF FINESSE RESULTS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

FRAMEWORK (ONLY FOR ILLUSTRATION)



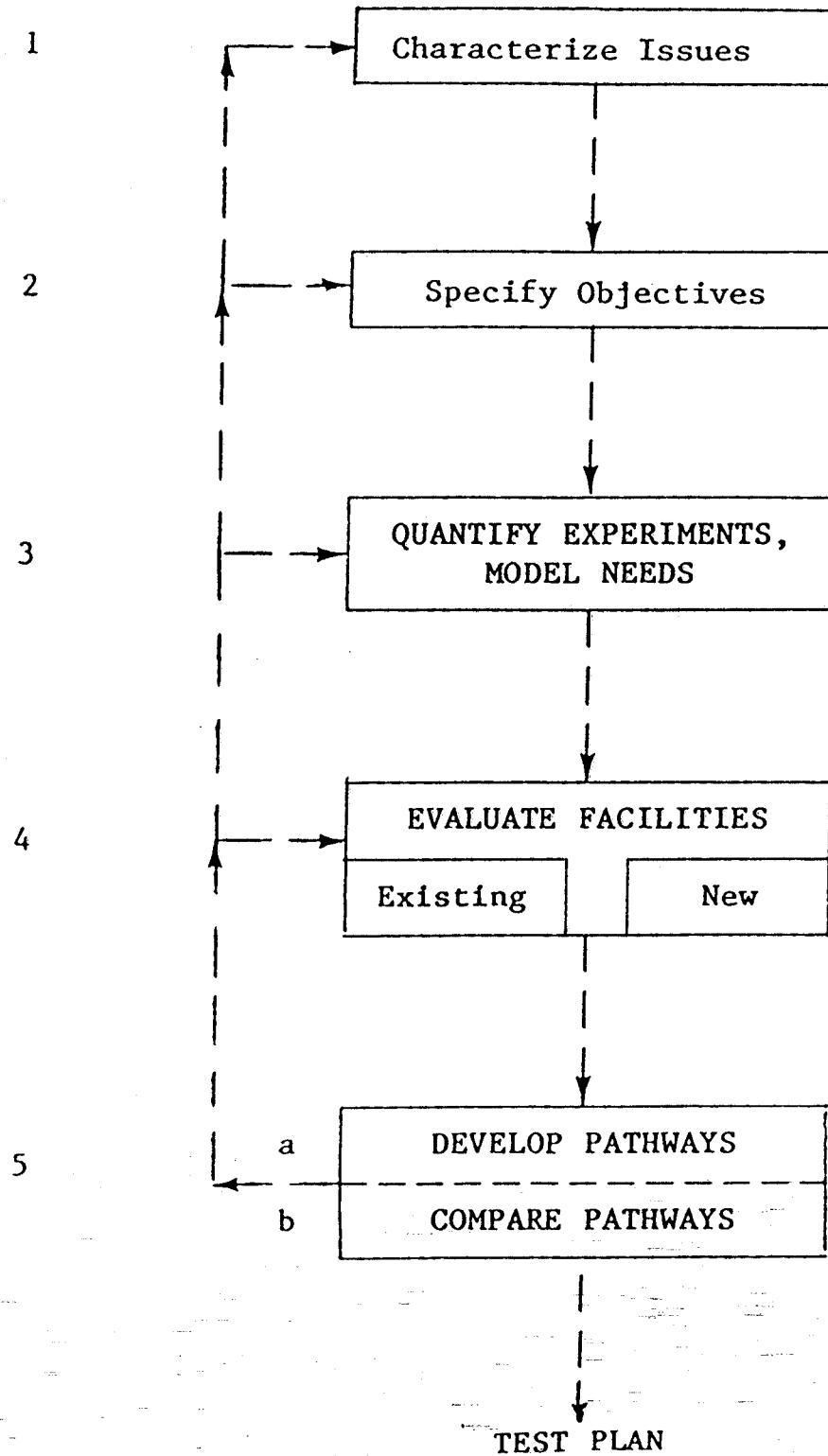
## METHODOLOGY

- BENEFITS OF STRUCTURED METHODOLOGY
  
- CONSIDERED A METHODOLOGY BASED ON TWO PARTS:
  - A) "FINESSE TYPE" PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS
  
  - B) "ANALYTIC-DECISION MAKING" PROCESS FOR COMPARING ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS
  
- SUCH METHODOLOGY REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES
  - THE DEGREE TO WHICH PART A HAS BEEN DEVELOPED DEPENDS ON COMPONENT
  
  - PART B HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY ADDRESSED
  
- MAJOR COMPLEXITY IN PLANNING
  - DYNAMIC VS. STATIC PLAN



# TPA TECHNOLOGY METHODOLOGY STEPS

STEP



EXAMPLES OF ISSUES

ISSUE CHARACTERIZATION ITEMS  
IN TECHNOLOGY REPORT

1. DESCRIPTION

2. POTENTIAL IMPACT ON DESIGN

- FEASIBILITY
- ATTRACTIVENESS

3. DESIGN SPECIFICITY

HOW GENERIC/SPECIFIC RELATIVE TO

- CLASS OF DESIGNS
- TECHNOLOGY COMPONENT
- CONFINEMENT CONCEPTS

4. OVERALL LEVEL OF CONCERN

OVERALL IMPORTANCE TO FUSION

COMPOSITE: BASED ON 2, 3 AND  
OTHER FACTORS

## PRIMARY ISSUES FOR MATERIALS

- RADIATION EFFECTS ON MATERIALS PROPERTIES

- MECHANICAL
- THERMOPHYSICAL
- THERMOCHEMICAL
- OTHERS

- BASELINE (UNIRRADIATED) PROPERTIES

- NECESSARY FOR SCOPING PRIOR TO IRRADIATION

- FABRICATION/JOINING

## PRIMARY ISSUES FOR BLANKET

### LIQUID METAL

- MHD EFFECTS
- COMPATIBILITY
- IRRADIATION EFFECTS  
STRUCTURE

### SOLID BREEDER

- TRITIUM RECOVERY, INVENTORY
- THERMOMECHANICAL INTERACTIONS
- IRRADIATION EFFECTS  
STRUCTURE/BREEDER/M

- FUEL SELF SUFFICIENCY
- TRITIUM EXTRACTION, CONTROL
- FAILURE MODES AND EFFECTS

## PRIMARY ISSUES FOR PLASMA INTERACTIVE COMPONENTS (PIC)

- PARTICLE EXHAUST, RECYCLING
- EROSION/REDEPOSITION
- ENERGY REMOVAL/RECOVERY
- THERMOMECHANICAL LOADING AND RESPONSE
- RADIATION EFFECTS
- TRITIUM PERMEATION AND INVENTORY
- FABRICATION

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## EXAMPLES OF OBJECTIVES

## OBJECTIVE

- IDENTIFIES WHAT MUST BE ACHIEVED AND A DIRECTION FOR ACHIEVEMENT

## ATTRIBUTE

- A SPECIFIC OR QUANTIFIABLE PARAMETER TO INDICATE THE DEGREE TO WHICH ITS ASSOCIATED OBJECTIVE IS MET

- VARIETY OF MEASUREMENT SCALES

NATURAL, PROXY, OR CONSTRUCTED



BLANKET OBJECTIVE  
DEVELOP ATTRACTIVE BLANKET TECHNOLOGY  
FOR ENERGY AND FUEL PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY

ATTRACTIVENESS  
(SUBOBJECTIVE)

PREDICTIVE CAPABILITY  
AND UNDERSTANDING  
(SUBOBJECTIVE)

ATTRIBUTE: CS-P

ECONOMICS/PERFORMANCE  
(SUB-SUBOBJECTIVE)

SAFETY/ENVIRONMENT  
(SUB-SUBOBJECTIVE)

ATTRIBUTE: CS-E

ATTRIBUTE: CS-S

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BLANKET ATTRIBUTE  
KEY PARAMETERS IN CONSTRUCTED SCALE

ECONOMICS/PERFORMANCE

- NEUTRON WALL LOAD
- SURFACE HEAT FLUX
- TRITIUM BREEDING
- THERMAL EFFICIENCY
- ENERGY MULTIPLICATION
- BLANKET THICKNESS
- RELIABILITY
- LIFETIME
- SECTOR MTBF/MTTR
- BLANKET/TRANSPORT LOOP COST

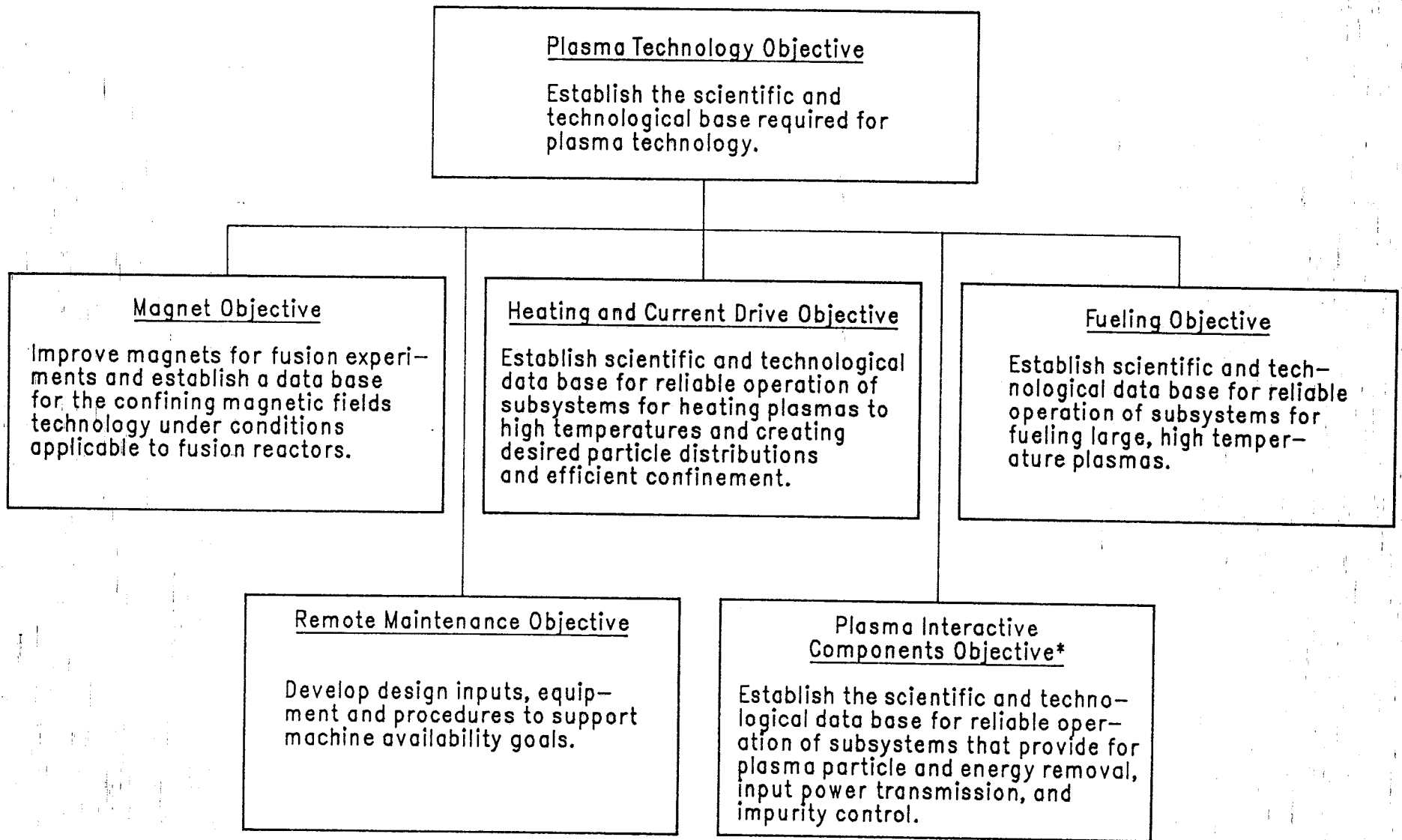
SAFETY/ENVIRONMENT

- CHEMICAL REACTIVITY
- RESPONSE TO LOSS-OF-COOLANT
- VULNERABLE TRITIUM INVENTORY
- LONG-TERM ACTIVATION
- AFTERHEAT
- ROUTINE RADIOACTIVITY RELEASE
- OTHERS

PREDICTION/UNDERSTANDING

- MHD
  - FLUID VELOCITY PROFILE
  - PRESSURE DROP
  - HEAT TRANSFER
  - CORROSION
- TRITIUM INVENTORY
  - SOLUBILITY
  - TRANSPORT
  - ETC.
- MATERIALS INTERACTIONS
  - BREEDER/STRUCTURE
  - COOLANT/STRUCTURE
  - PURGE/BREEDER

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\*Also shown under Nuclear Technology in Fig. 4.4-1.

EXAMPLES OF LOGIC DIAGRAMS

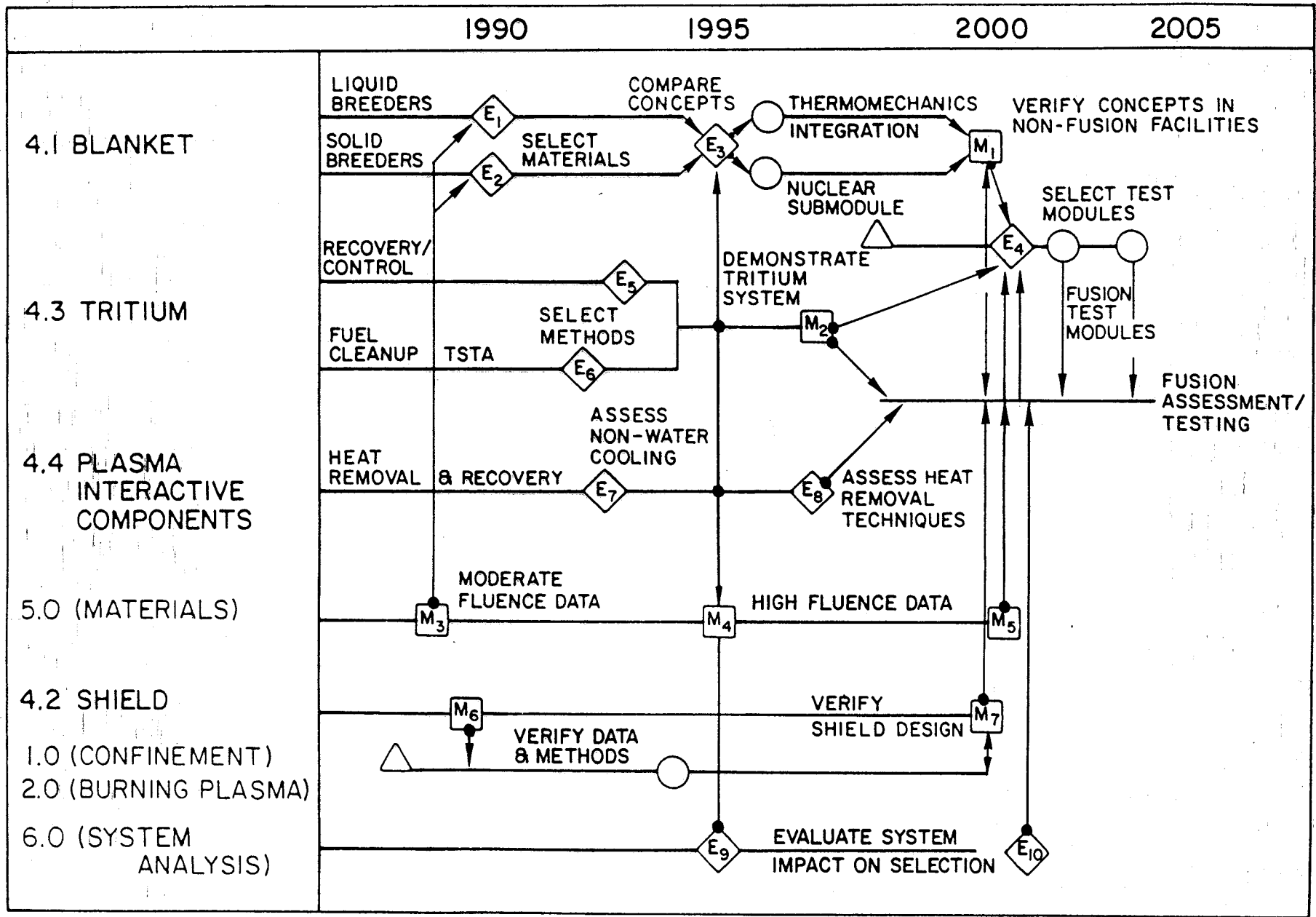
Table 1

TOP LEVEL OBJECTIVES FOR MFPP KEY TECHNICAL ISSUES

MFPP Key Issue	1985 - 1990	1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	Overall Objective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Confinement Systems</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potentially attractive reactor concepts and perform experiments to address selected technical issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolve technical issues that support development of attractive reactor concepts and a predictive plasma science capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate leading confinement concept under fusion conditions</li> </ul>	<p>Demonstrate one or more confinement concepts (or commercially competitive fusion applications) and develop predictive plasma science capability</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Burning Plasmas</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate scientific breakeven (<math>Q \sim 1</math> in one concept)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate ignition in short pulses in one confinement concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate ignition (or high <math>Q</math>) with long pulses in one confinement concept</li> </ul>	<p>Demonstrate ignition for high <math>Q</math>, long pulse burning plasma conditions in the leading confinement concept</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Nuclear Technology</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct scoping nuclear technology experiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire engineering data from interactive effects testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify selected nuclear technology concepts in non-fusion facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform experiments of leading nuclear technology concepts and materials in fusion environment</li> </ul>	<p>Show that nuclear technology can be developed that leads to commercially competitive fusion applications</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Materials</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop scoping data on improved materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire moderate fluence data on leading materials in non-fusion facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire high fluence data on leading materials in non-fusion facilities</li> </ul>	<p>Show that improved materials can be developed that lead to enhanced economic and environmental features for commercially competitive fusion applications</p>	

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4.0 NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

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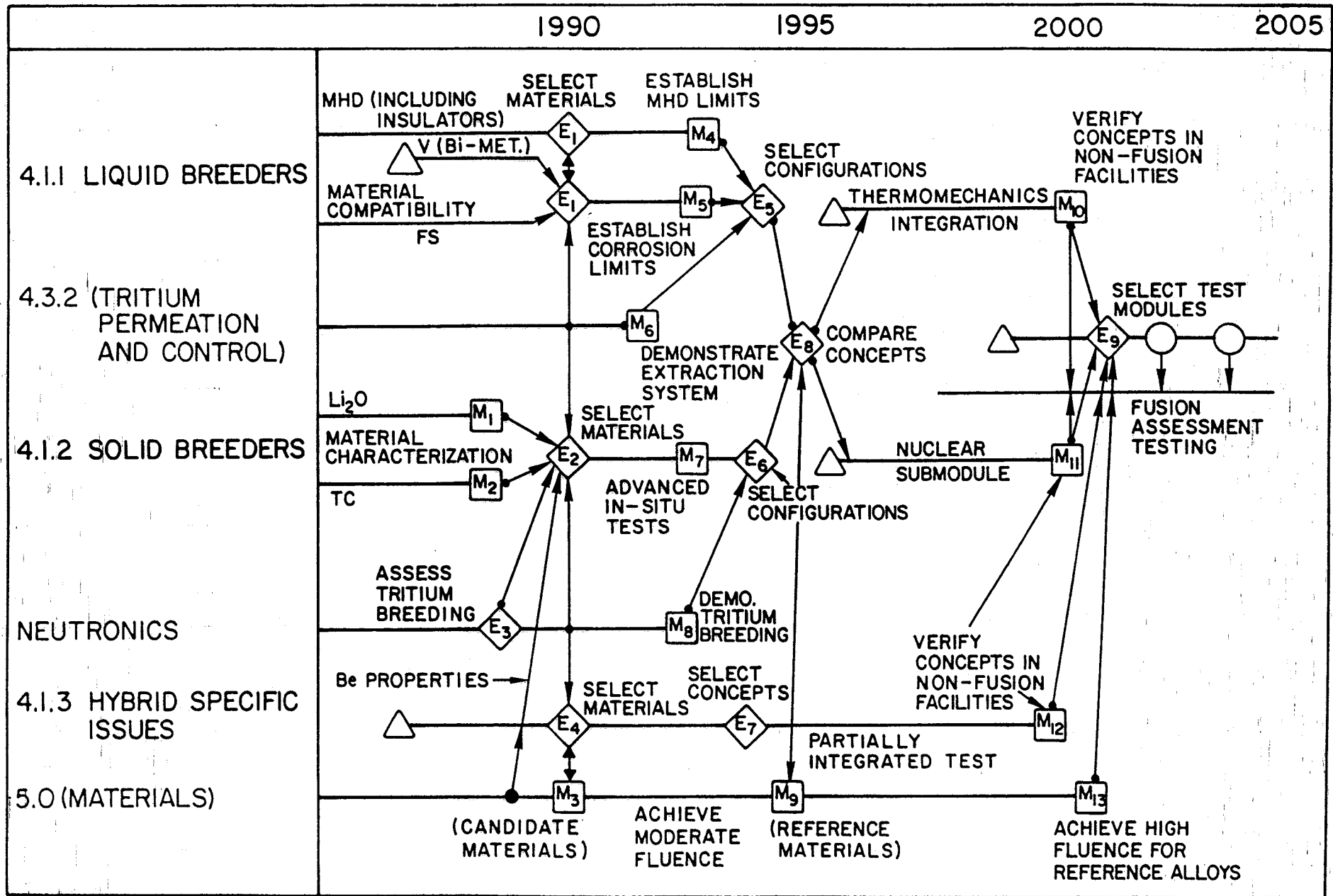
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**EVALUATION POINTS AND MILESTONES FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY**

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- E<sub>1</sub>    Select leading material combinations for liquid breeders.
  - E<sub>2</sub>    Select leading material combinations for solid breeders.
  - E<sub>3</sub>    Compare results for solid and liquid breeders. Select one breeder if possible. Select leading configurations.
  - E<sub>4</sub>    Select primary design for experimental blanket test modules in fusion test.
  - E<sub>5</sub>    Select tritium extraction and control methods.
  - E<sub>6</sub>    Select method for fuel clean-up.
  - E<sub>7</sub>    Assess feasibility of non-water cooling of PIC.
  - E<sub>8</sub>    Assess heat removal techniques for PIC.
  - E<sub>9</sub>    Evaluate system impact on selection of blanket concepts.
  - E<sub>10</sub>   Evaluate system impact on selection of blanket test modules.
  - M<sub>1</sub>    Verify blanket concepts in non-fusion facilities.
  - M<sub>2</sub>    Demonstrate tritium system operation.
  - M<sub>3</sub>    Achieve moderate fluence (30 dpa) for candidate alloys in non-fusion facilities.
  - M<sub>4</sub>    Achieve moderate fluence (30 dpa) for reference alloys and high fluence (100 dpa) for candidate alloys in non-fusion facilities.
  - M<sub>5</sub>    Achieve high fluence (100 dpa) for reference alloys in non-fusion facilities.
  - M<sub>6</sub>    Verify data and methods for shield design.
  - M<sub>7</sub>    Verify shield design effectiveness. Obtain data on component radiation protection criteria.
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4.1 BLANKET/FW



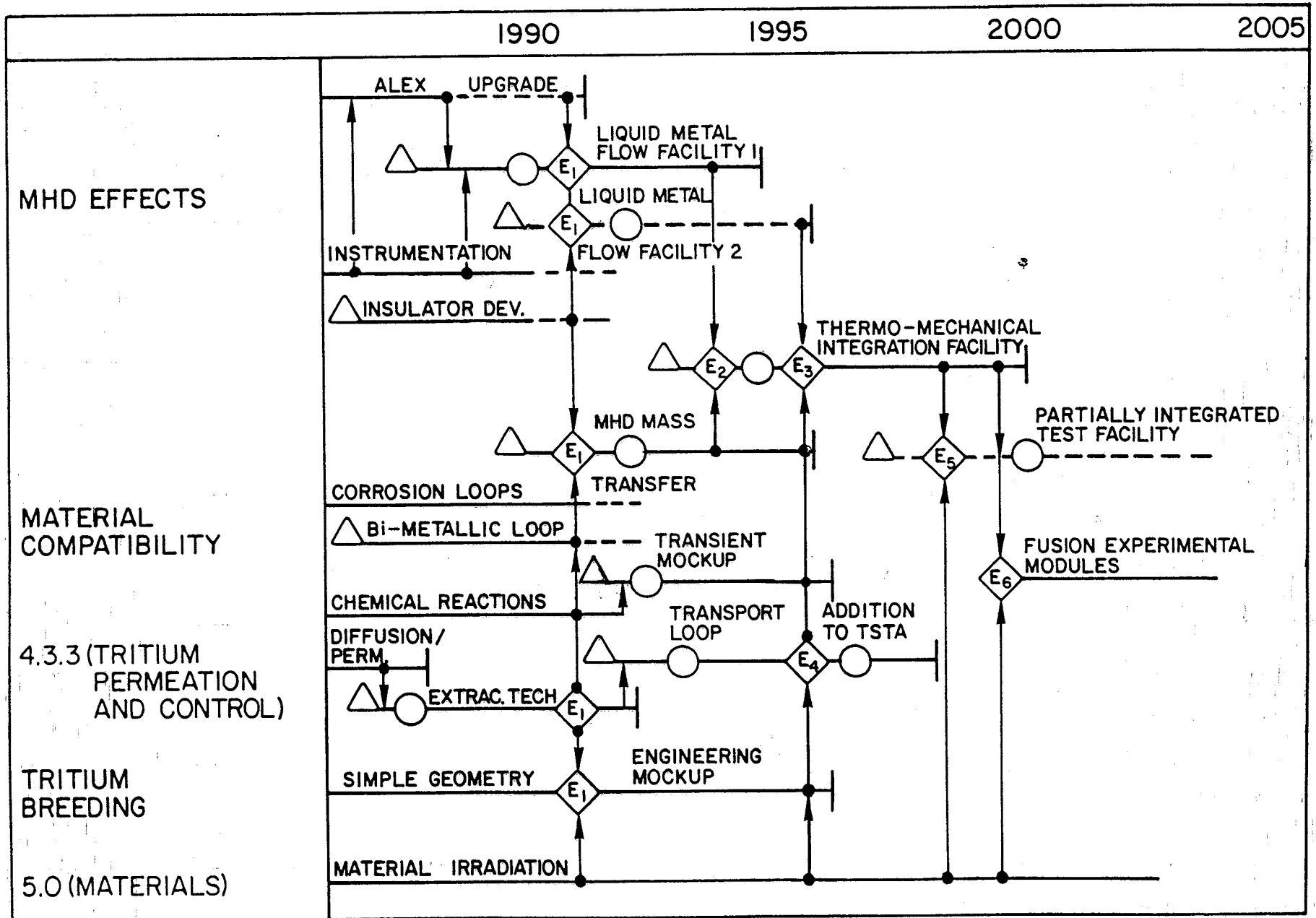
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**BLANKET/FW EVALUATION POINTS AND MILESTONES**


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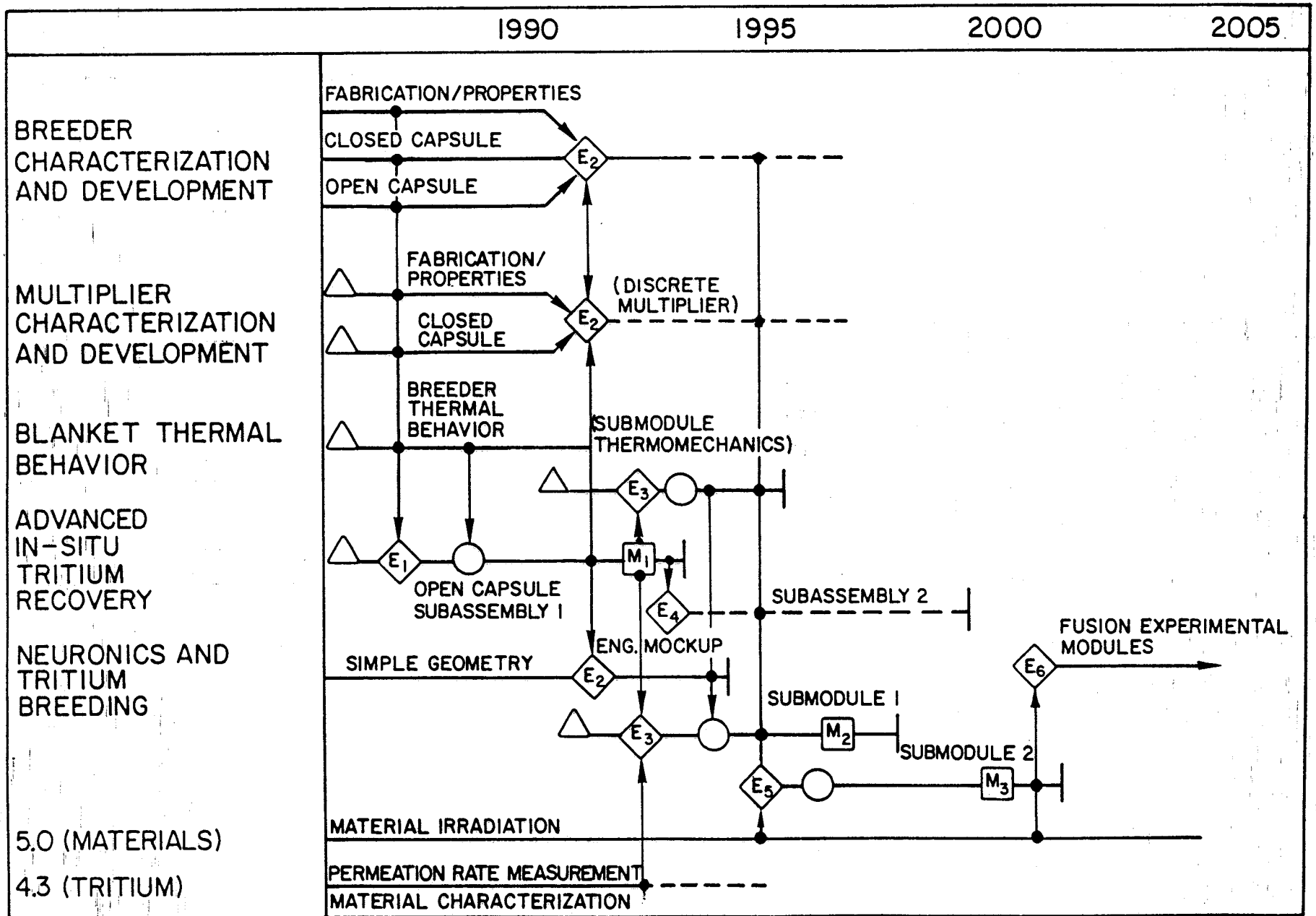
- E<sub>1</sub> Narrow coolant/breeder and structural material options for liquid breeder blankets.
- E<sub>2</sub> Narrow solid breeder/multiplier material options.
- E<sub>3</sub> Assess tritium breeding potential of Li<sub>2</sub>O.
- E<sub>4</sub> Select fuel form and fuel processing methods.
- E<sub>5</sub> Select material combinations and configurations for non-fusion concept verification testing of liquid breeder blankets.
- E<sub>6</sub> Select material combinations and configurations for non-fusion concept verification testing of solid breeder blankets.
- E<sub>7</sub> Select material combinations and configurations for non-fusion concept verification testing of hybrid blankets.
- E<sub>8</sub> Compare solid breeder and liquid breeder concepts. Select a small number of concepts from one or both categories.
- E<sub>9</sub> Select and design blanket modules for fusion testing.
- M<sub>1</sub> Complete characterization of Li<sub>2</sub>O ceramic breeders.
- M<sub>2</sub> Complete characterization of ternary ceramic breeders.
- M<sub>3</sub> Achieve moderate fluence for initial candidate alloys and select advanced reference alloys.
- M<sub>4</sub> Complete MHD experiments. Establish feasibility of self-cooling and optimize cooling methods. Determine MHD design limits.
- M<sub>5</sub> Complete basic material interaction experiments. Determine operating limits and demonstrate adequate impurity control techniques.
- M<sub>6</sub> Demonstrate tritium extraction system for Li and/or LiPb.
- M<sub>7</sub> Complete advanced in-situ tests.
- M<sub>8</sub> Complete neutronics engineering mock-up tests. Demonstrate margin for achievable tritium breeding ratio.
- M<sub>9</sub> Achieve moderate fluence non-fusion irradiation for reference alloys
- M<sub>10</sub> Complete non-fusion concept verification for liquid breeder blankets.
- M<sub>11</sub> Complete non-fusion concept verification for solid breeder blankets.
- M<sub>12</sub> Complete non-fusion concept verification for hybrid blankets.
- M<sub>13</sub> Achieve high fluence non-fusion irradiation for reference alloys.
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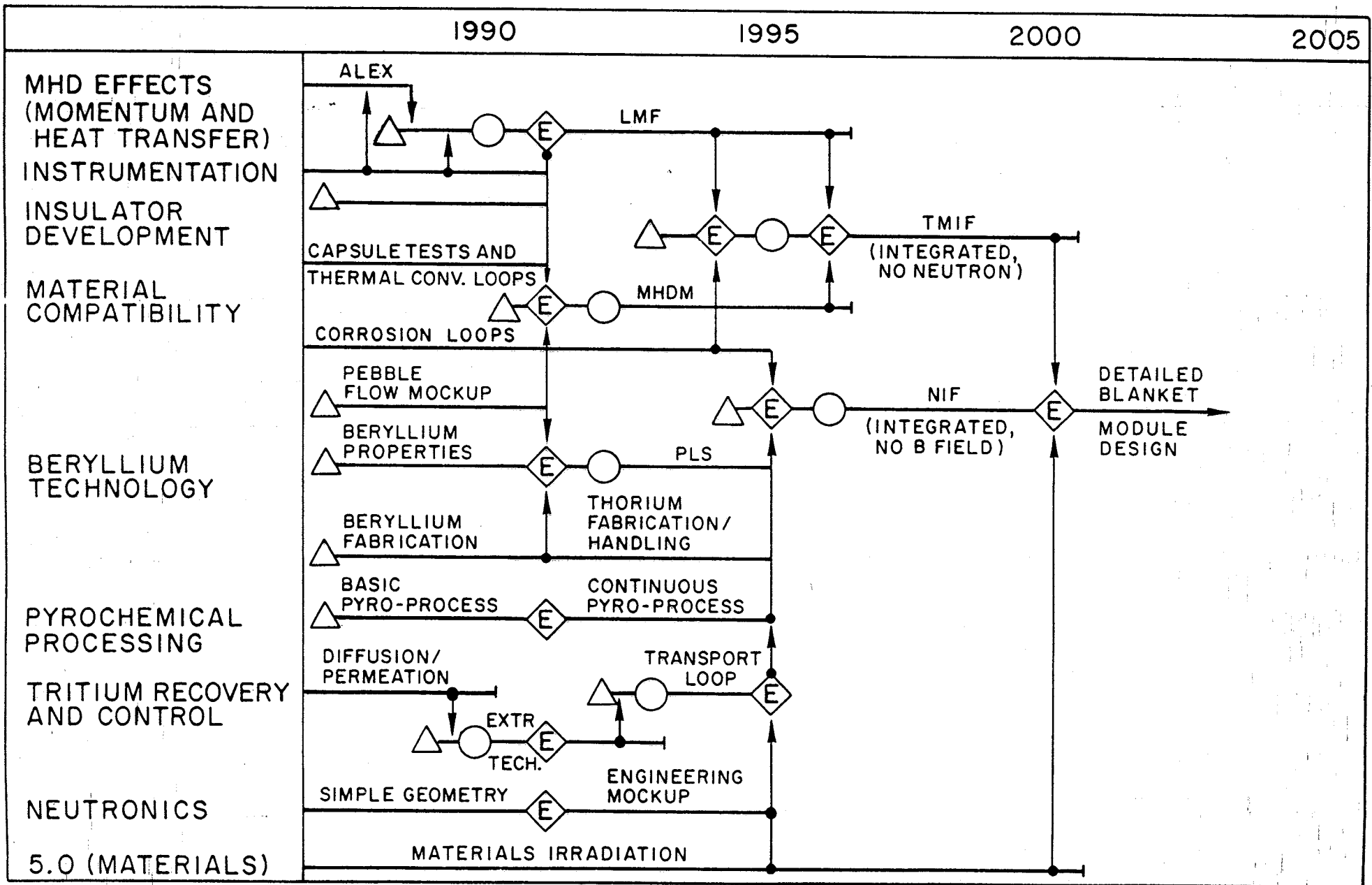


### 4.1.1 LIQUID BREEDER BLANKETS

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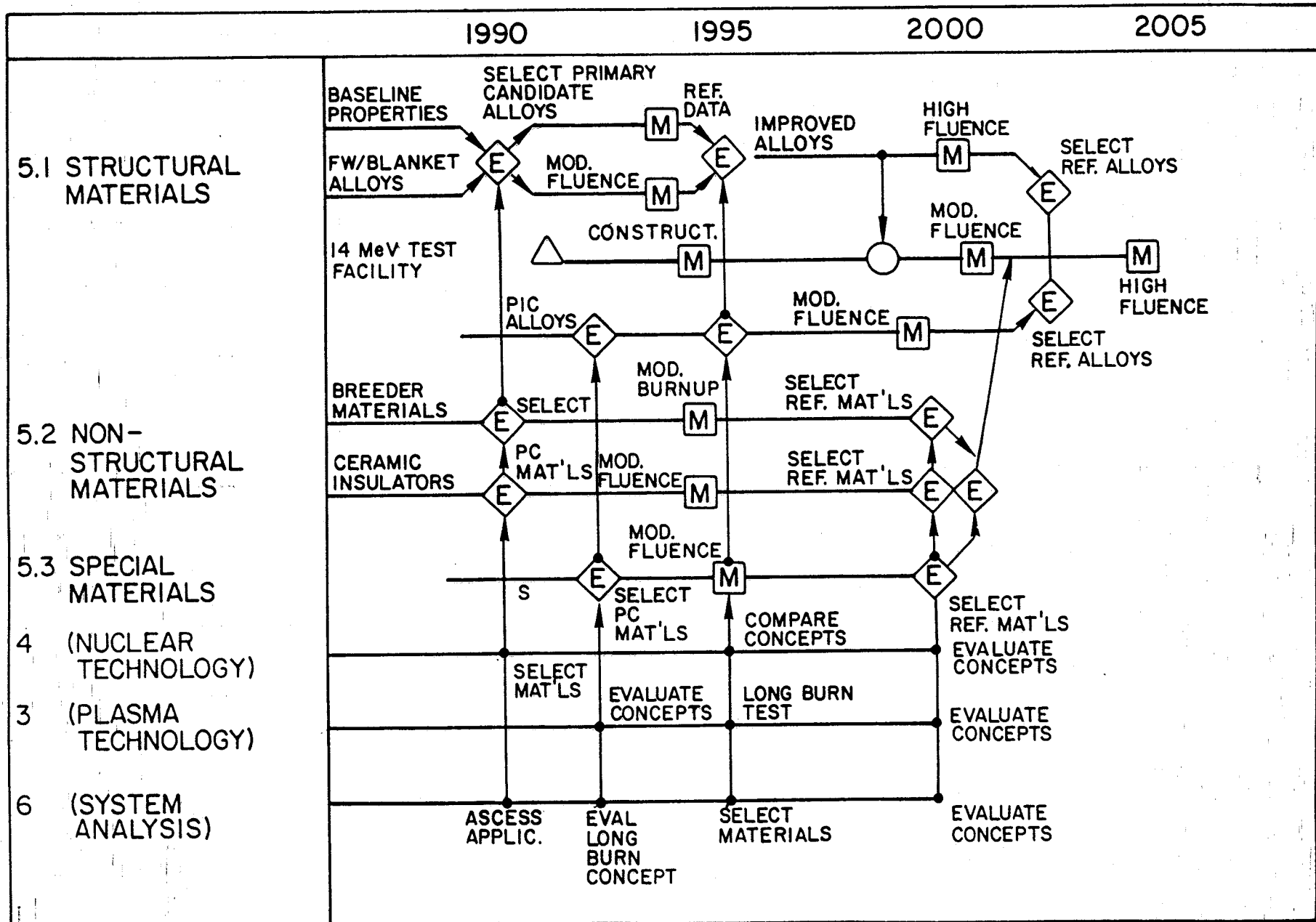


4.1.2 SOLID BREEDER BLANKETS



4.1.3 HYBRID BLANKETS (LIQUID METAL)

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5.0 MATERIALS

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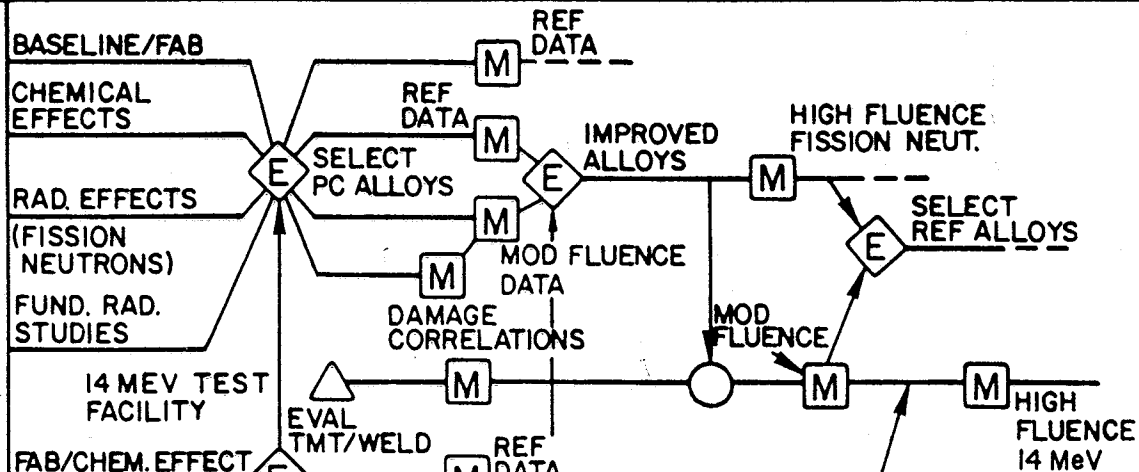
1995

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5.1.1 FIRST-WALL/  
BLANKET ALLOYS

REDUCED  
ACTIVATION  
ALLOYS  
(FERR. ST  
V-ALLOY)



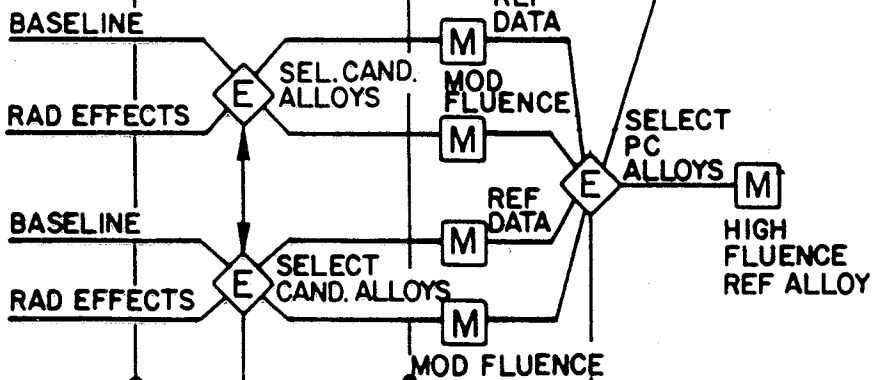
CONVENTIONAL  
ALLOYS  
(HT-9, PCA)

INNOVATIVE  
MATERIALS

5.1.2 PIC ALLOYS  
COPPER ALLOYS

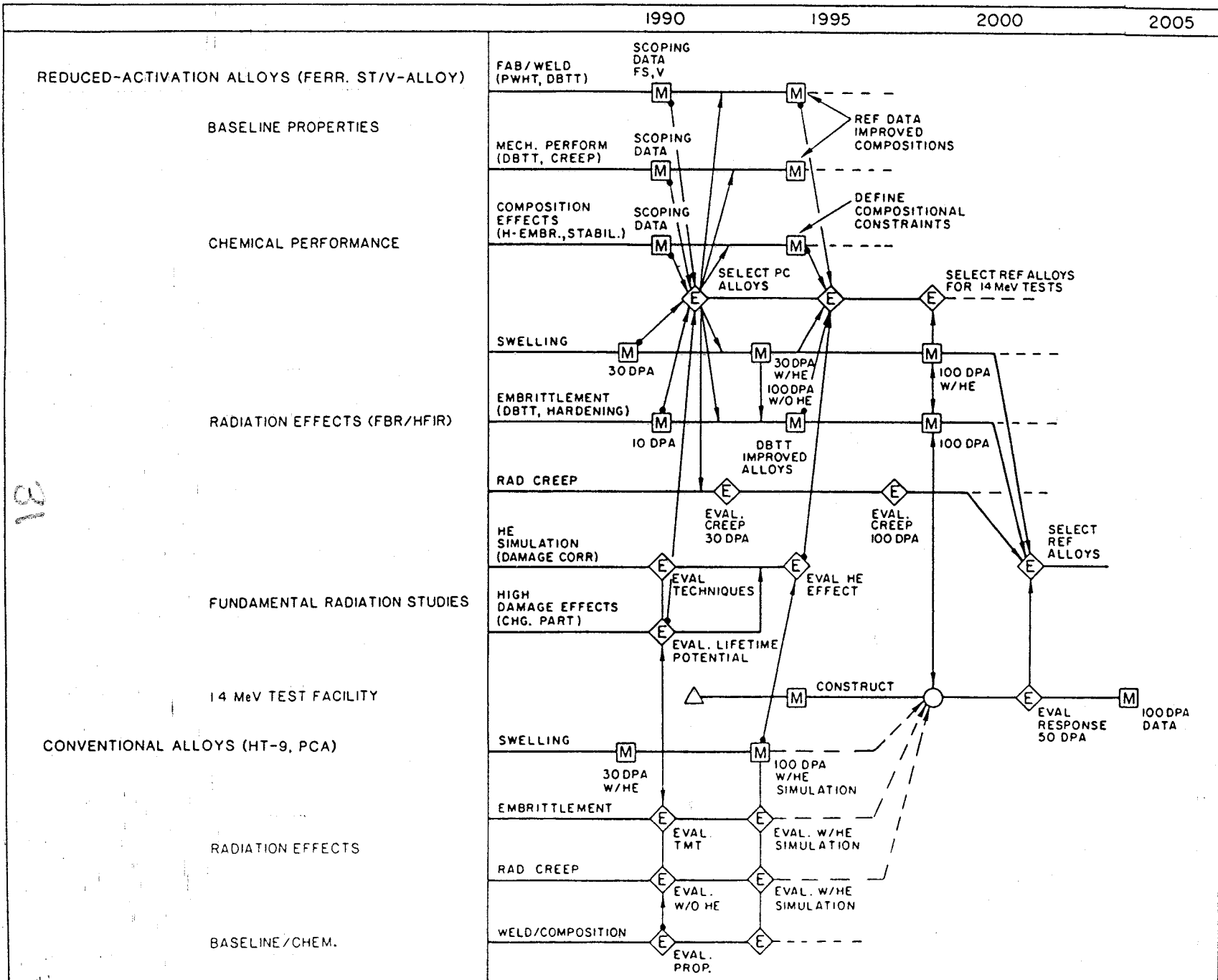
REFRACTORY  
METAL ALLOYS  
(Ta, W, Mo, V)

NON STRUCT. MAT.  
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5.1 STRUCTURAL MATERIALS

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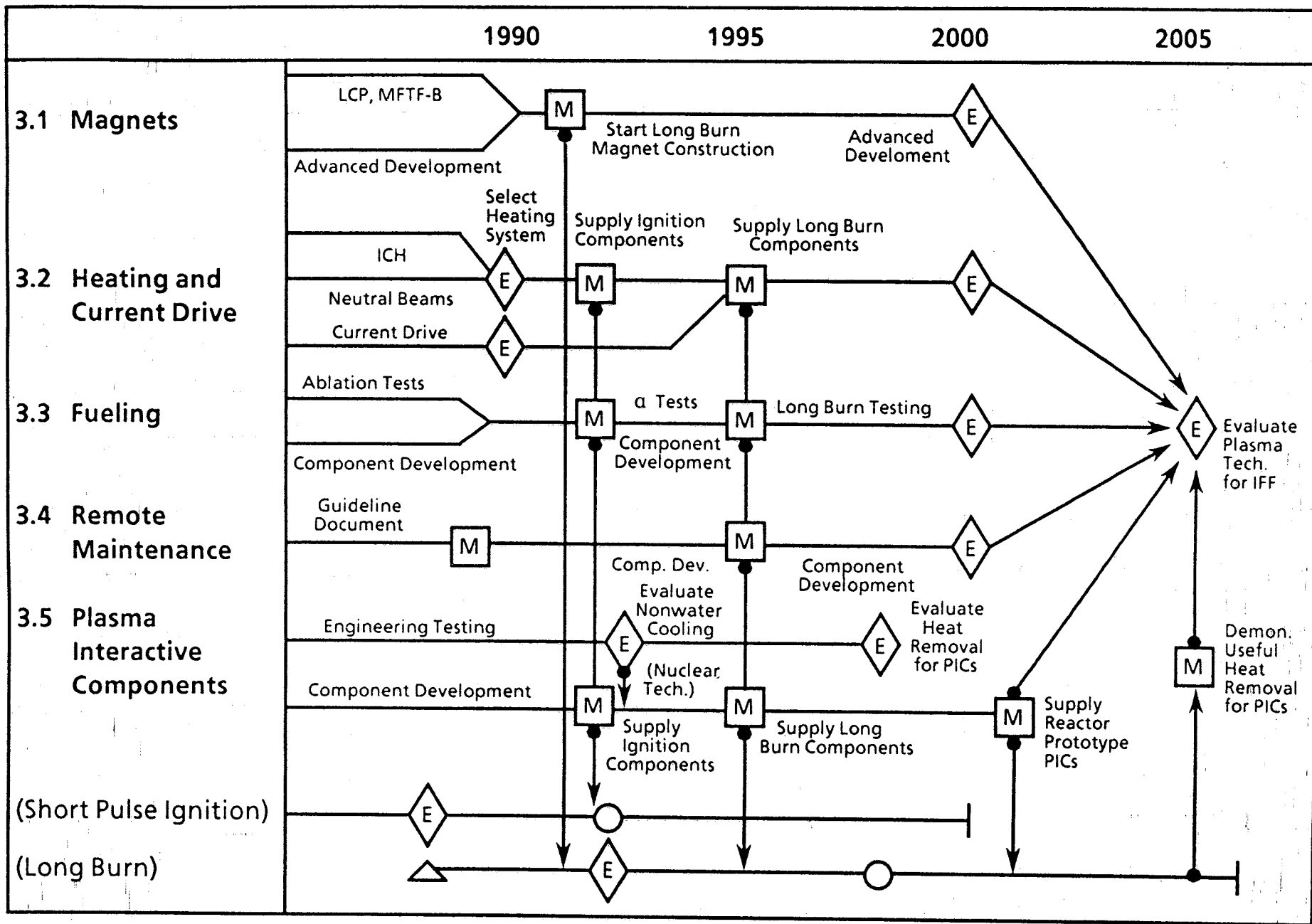
**CHARACTERIZATION OF PLASMA TECHNOLOGY TASKS**

<u>1985-1990</u>	<u>1990-1995</u>	<u>1995-2000</u>	<u>2000-2005</u>
Subsystems feasibility tests on existing devices, component development for ignition	Testing on ignition device, evaluation of approaches to provide long burn design basis	Component development for long burn facility	Advanced development of systems based on quasi steady-state testing in fusion environment

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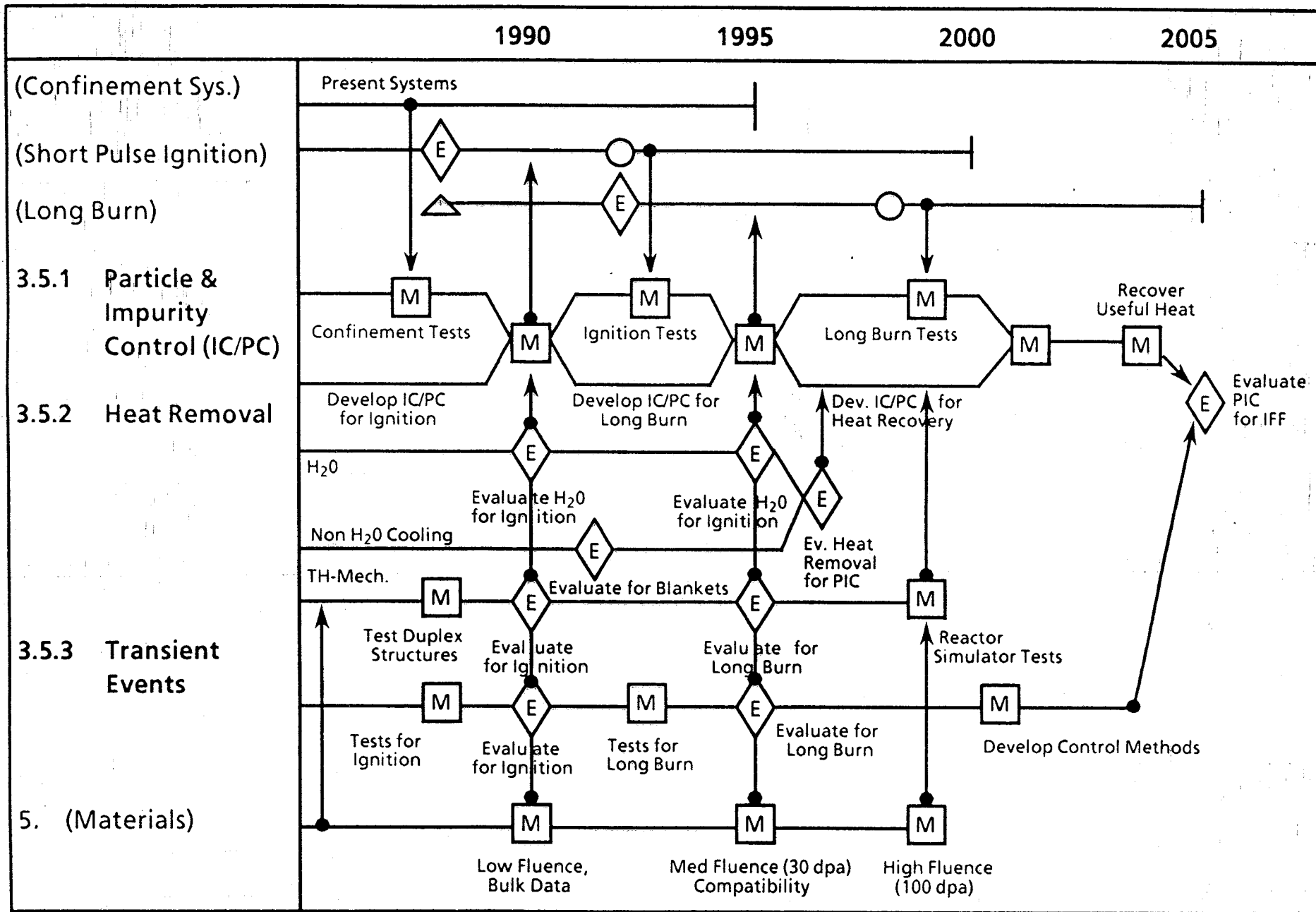


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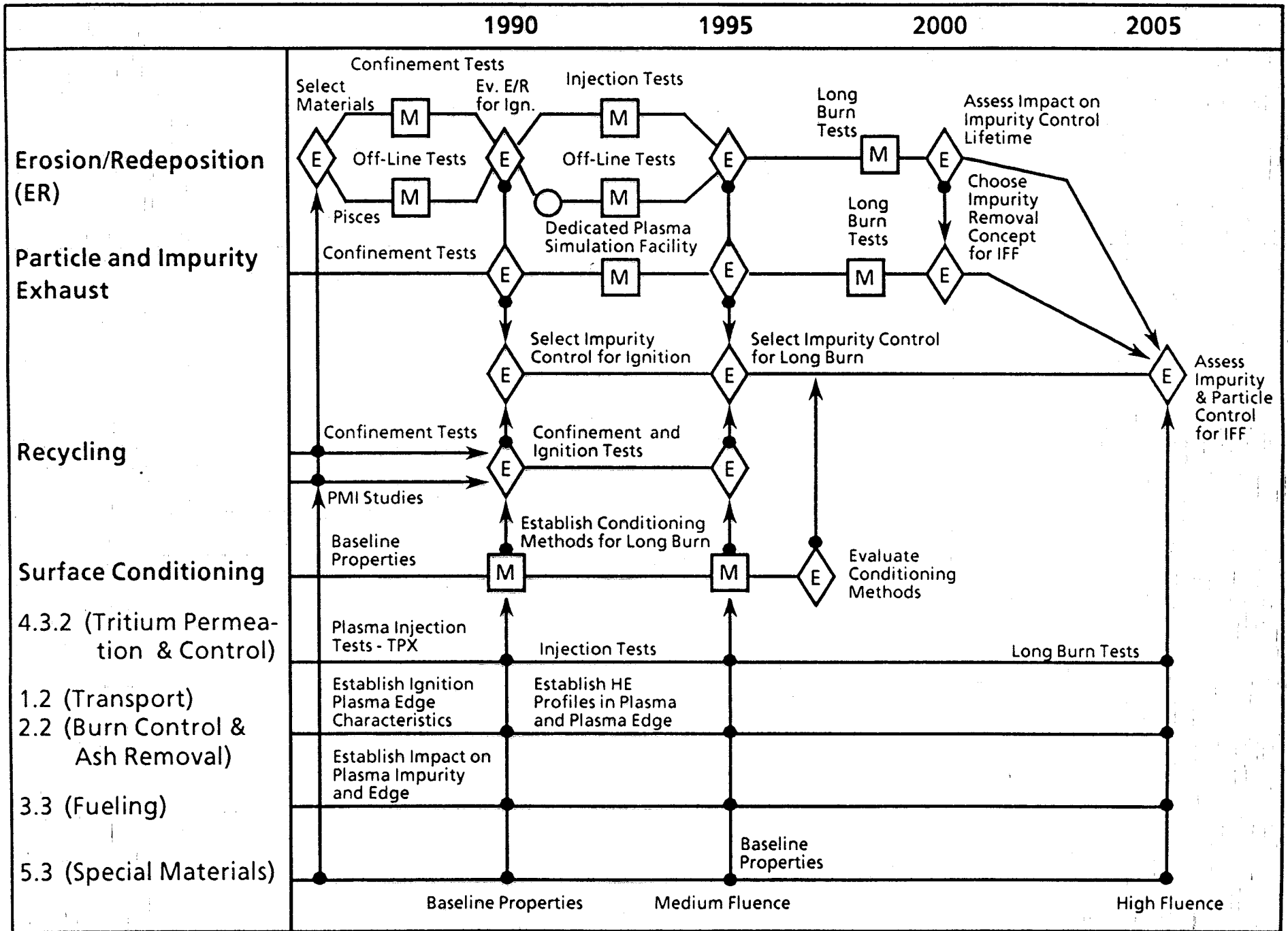
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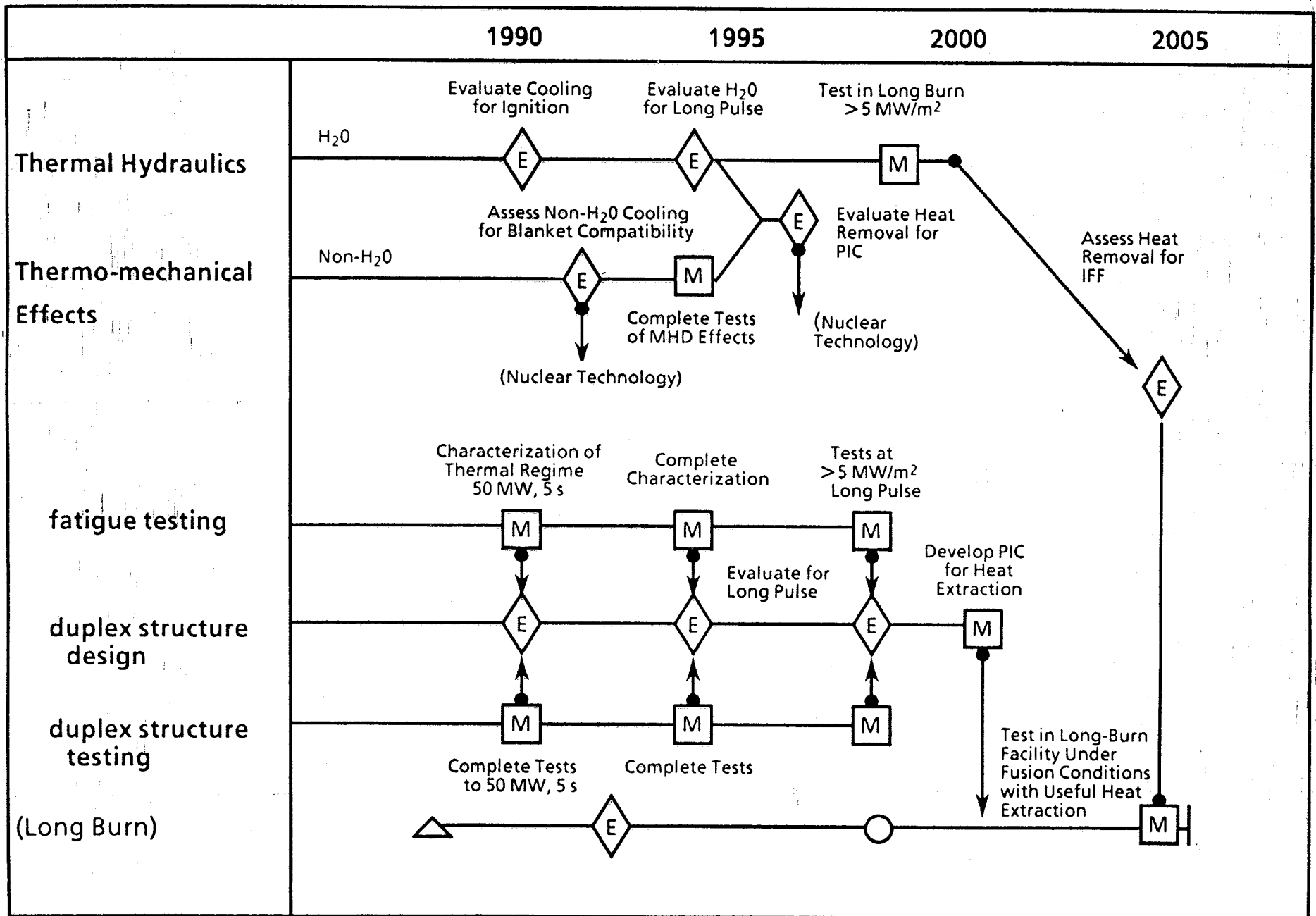


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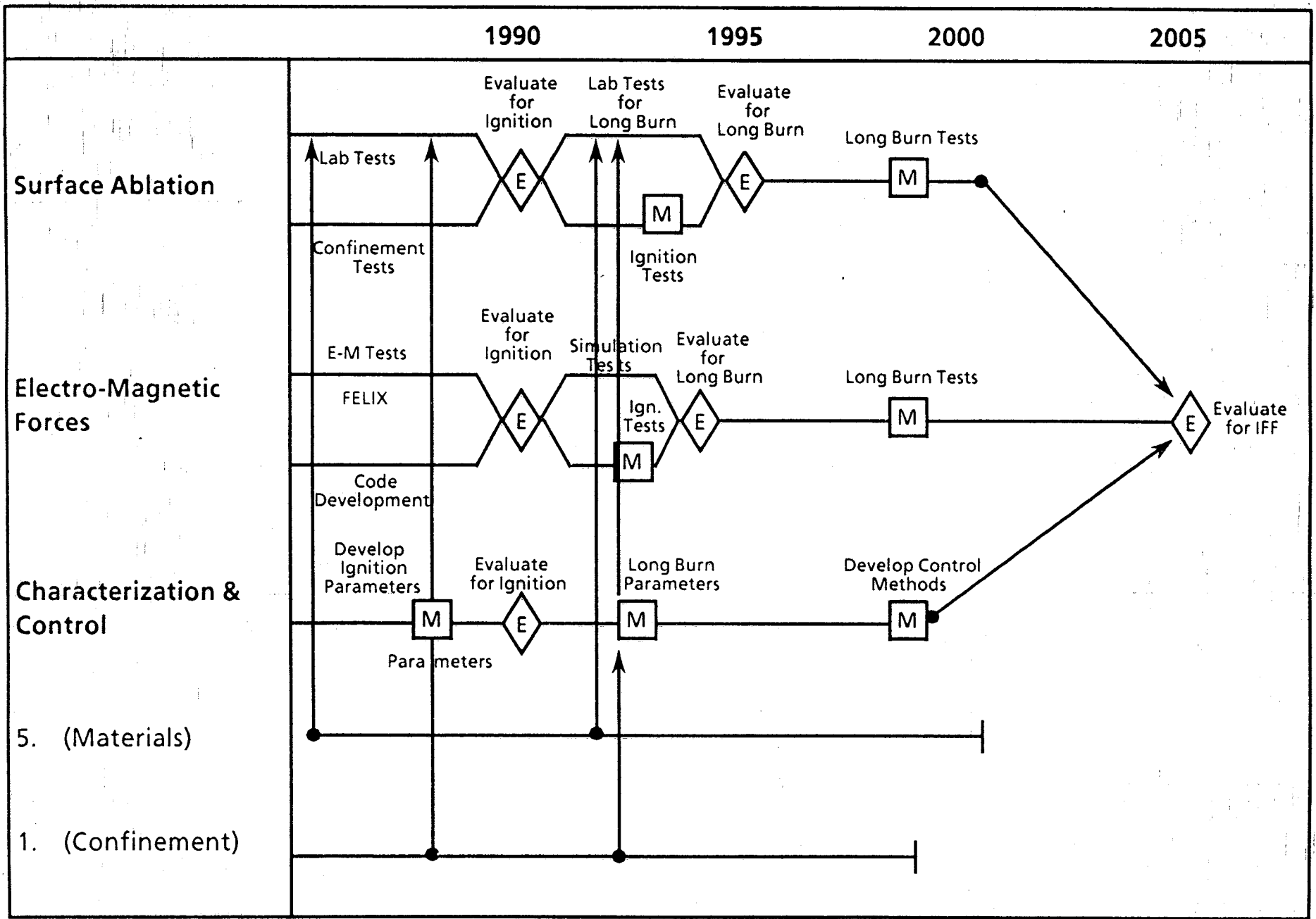
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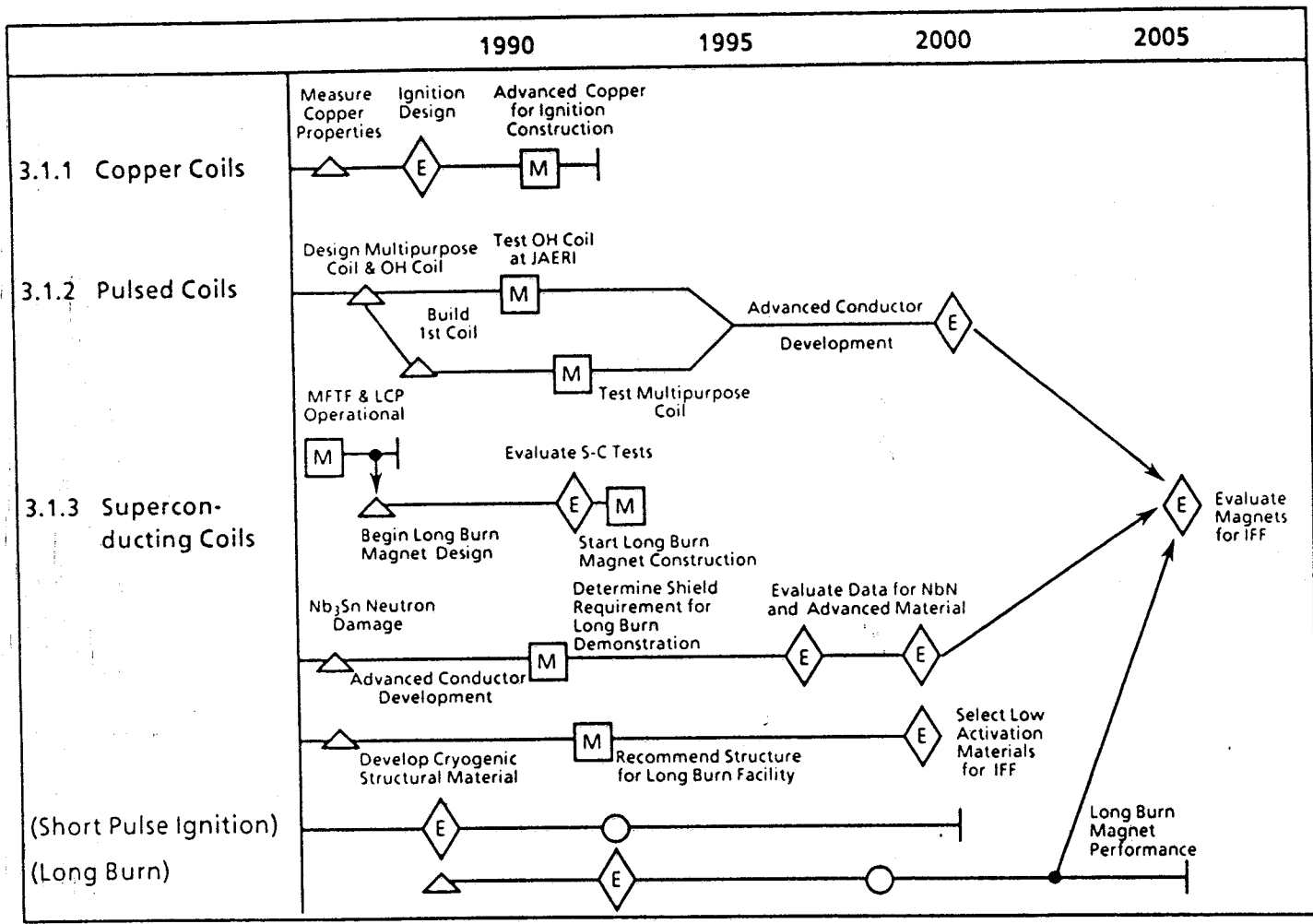
### 3.5.1 PARTICLE AND IMPURITY CONTROL



### 3.5.2 HEAT REMOVAL

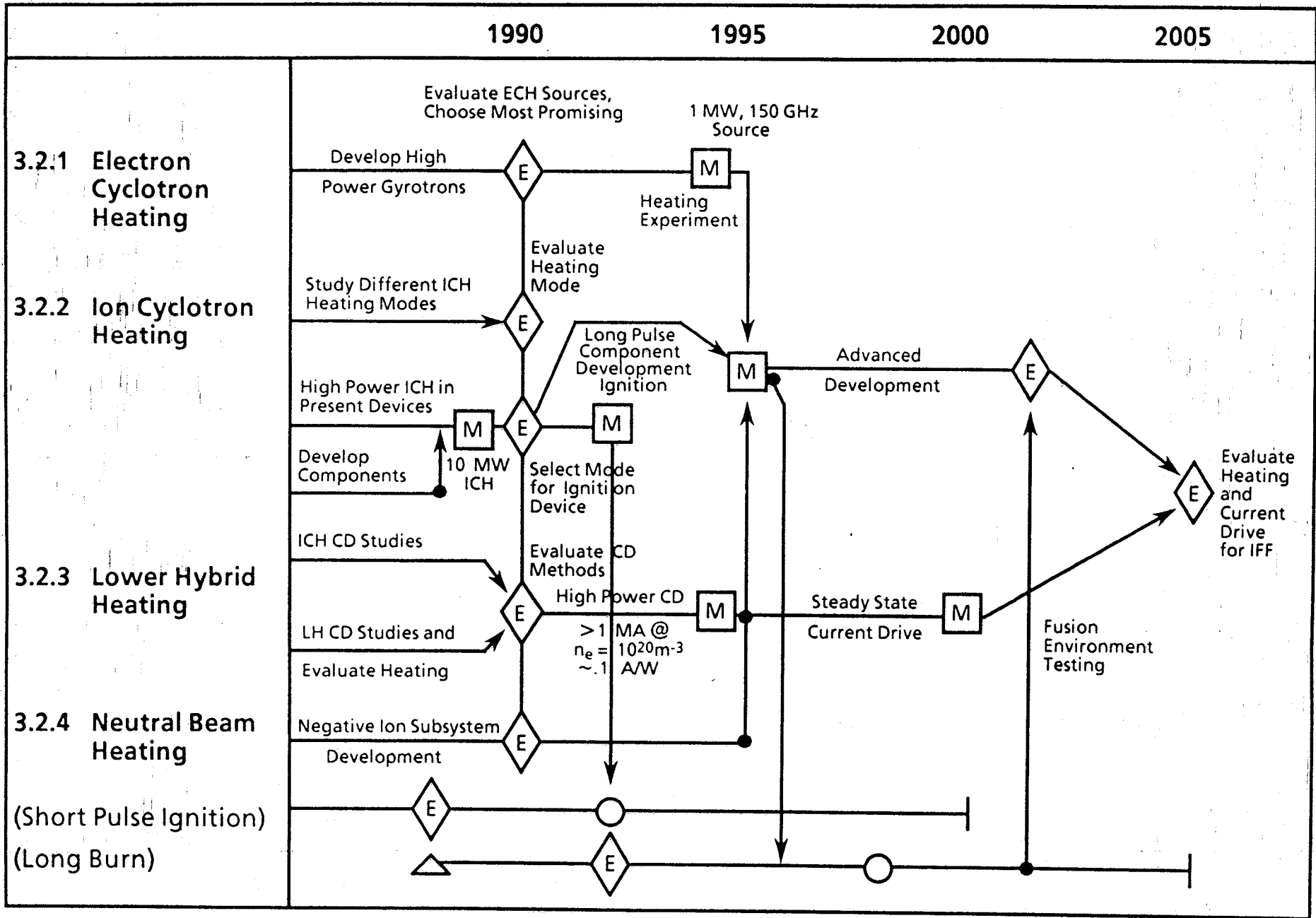


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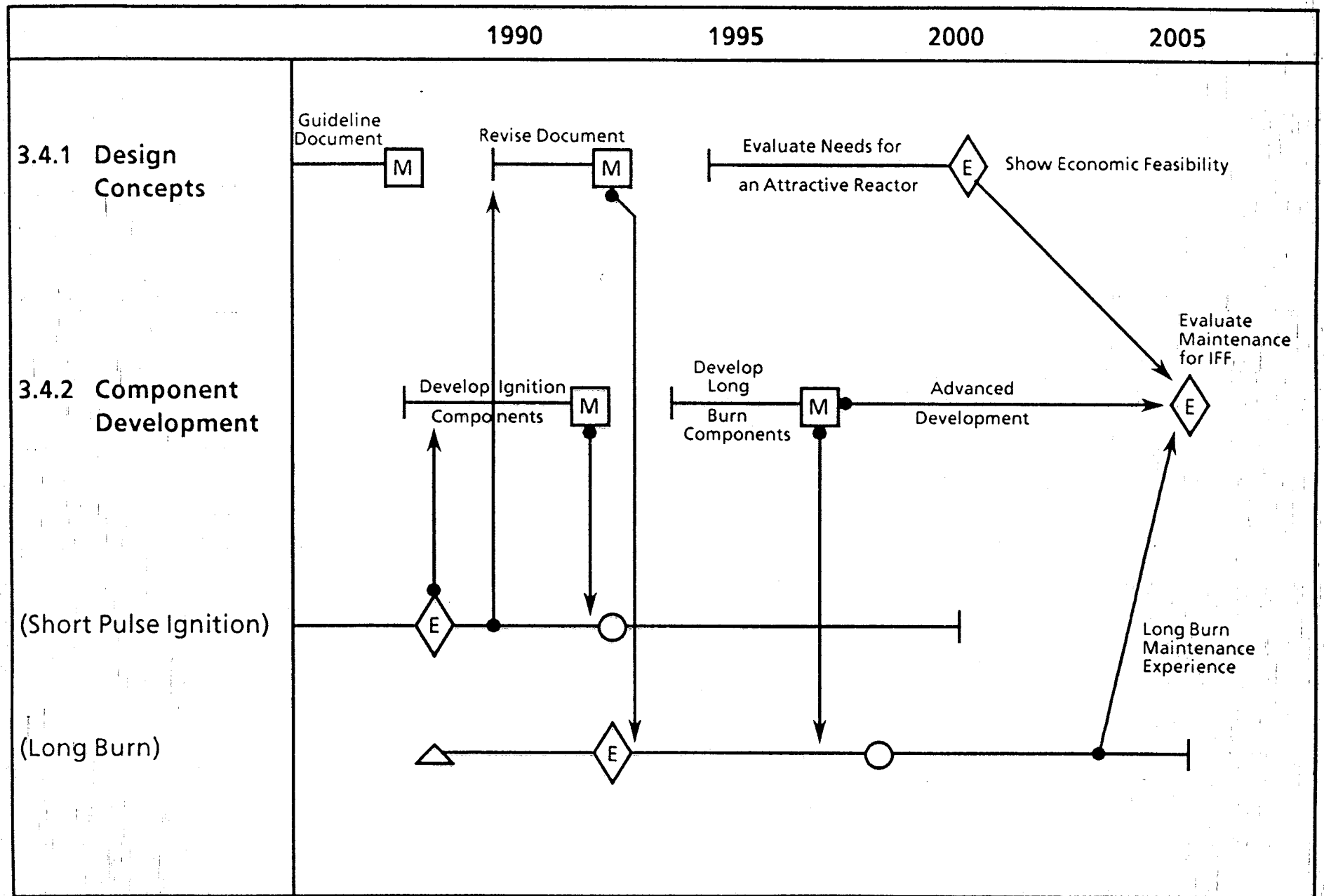
**3.1 MAGNETS**



### 3.2 HEATING AND CURRENT DRIVE

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### 3.4 REMOTE MAINTENANCE



PLANS FOR PHASE III

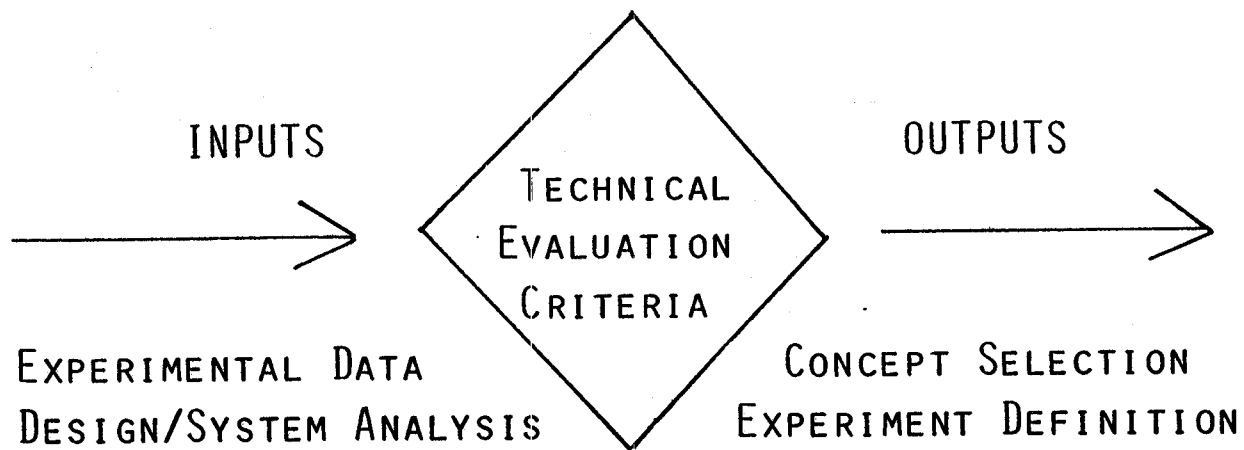
## PHASE III

### MAJOR FOCUS

- REVISION OF LOGIC DIAGRAMS
  - REVIEW LOGIC AND IMPLICATIONS
  - ELABORATE ON MAJOR DECISION POINTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA
  
- DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR FACILITIES AND EXPERIMENTS
  
- ESTIMATE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

## EXAMPLE OF DECISION POINT

### 1995 DECISION POINT (NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY/MATERIALS)



### 1995 NUCLEAR (BLANKET) EVALUATION/DECISION

#### DECISION DESCRIPTION

- A) COMPARE AND SELECT PRIMARY BLANKET CONCEPTS
  - MAJOR CLASSES (LIQUID, SOLID BREEDERS)
  - MATERIALS (SPECIFIC BREEDERS, STRUCTURAL ALLOYS)
  - CONFIGURATIONS
  
- B) DEFINE POST-1995 MAJOR EXPERIMENTS AND FACILITIES
  - FOR INTEGRATED NON-FUSION FACILITIES
  - AND FOR TEST MODULES IN FUSION FACILITY

## TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

### 1. ATTRACTIVENESS

### 2. PREDICTABILITY

- ATTRACTIVENESS, FOR COMMERCIAL REACTOR AND PREDICTABILITY BASED ON DATA AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE DECISION IS MADE

- EVALUATION CRITERIA  
SEE ATTRIBUTES FROM PHASE I  
(A COPY IS ATTACHED)

### 3. DEVELOPMENT FACTORS

- TIME
- COST
- RISK
  - (REMAINING) REQUIRED TO DEVELOP OPTION

## INPUTS

- DATA FROM MULTIPLE INTERACTION EXPERIMENTS (MHD FLUID FLOW, MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY, TRITIUM RECOVERY, TRITIUM BREEDING, NEUTRONICS, ETC.)
- MODERATE FLUENCE IRRADIATION DATA FOR STRUCTURAL ALLOYS
- DEFINITION OF PARAMETERS AND CHARACTERISTICS FOR REACTOR GOALS
  - NEUTRON WALL LOAD
  - SURFACE HEAT FLUX
  - MAGNETIC FIELD
  - LIKELY OFF-NORMAL EVENTS (DISRUPTIONS?, ETC)
  - END-USE APPLICATION CHARACTERISTICS

## OUTPUTS

- SELECTION OF MAJOR CLASS OF DESIGN CONCEPTS (E.G., LM OR SB)
- FOR A GIVEN CLASS, SELECT REFERENCE MATERIALS AND DESIGN CONFIGURATION
- DEFINITION AND SELECTION OF
  - NON-FUSION INTEGRATED TESTING FACILITIES AND EXPERIMENTS
  - KEY DESIGNS FOR TEST MODULES FOR FUSION TESTING
- FEEDBACK TO INPUTS (ITERATION ON SYSTEMS FEATURES)

EXAMPLES OF EXPECTED OUTPUT  
FOR FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND  
RESOURCE ESTIMATE

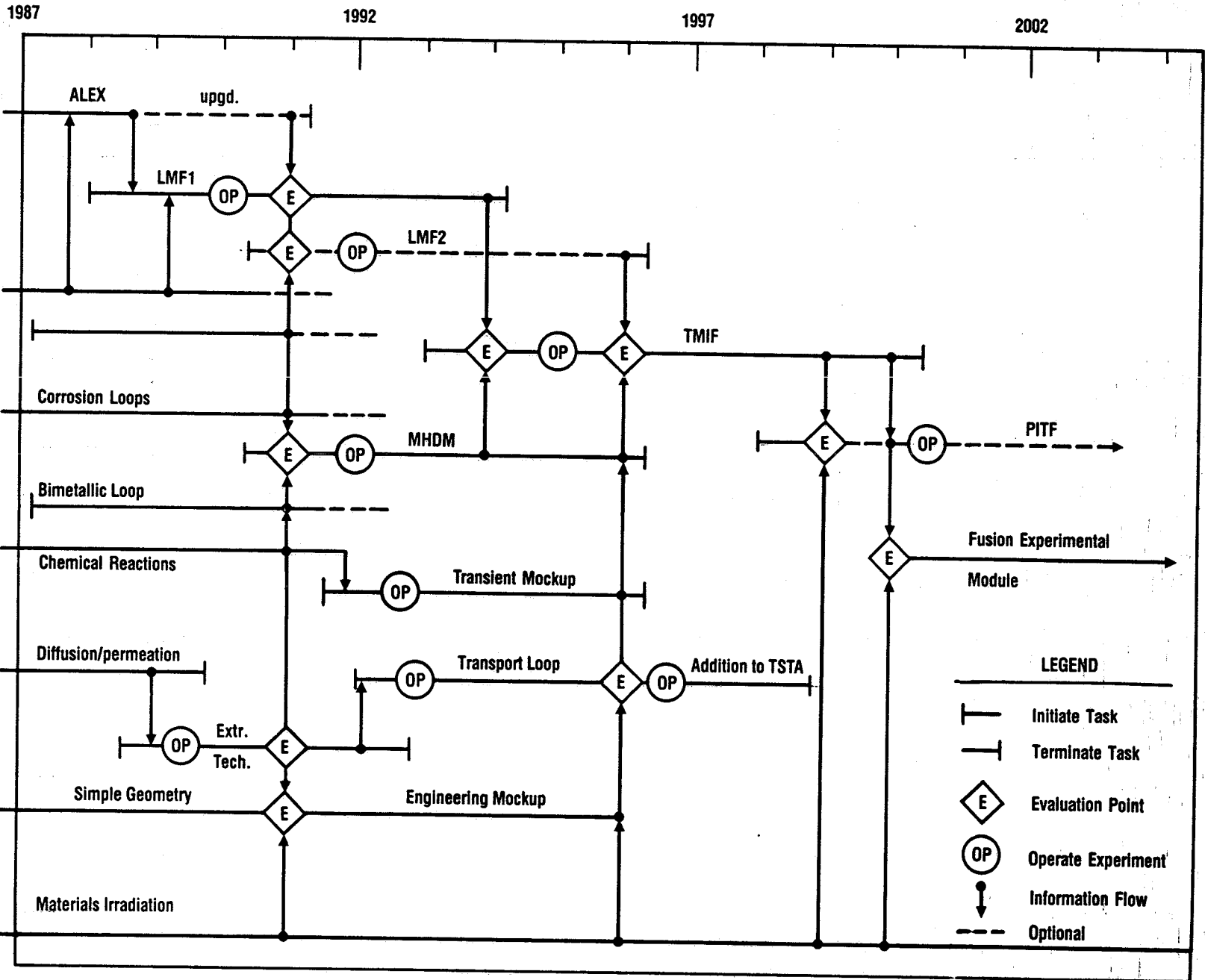
(EXAMPLES TAKEN FROM FINESSE)

## **Major Tasks for Liquid Breeder Blankets**

- **MHD Effects**
  - Momentum and Heat Transfer Facilities (LMF1, LMF2)
  - Instrumentation Development
  - Insulator Development
- **Material Compatibility**
  - Corrosion Loops
  - MHD Mass Transfer Facility (MHDM)
- **Tritium Recovery and Control**
  - Tritium Extraction Tests
  - Tritium Transport Loop
- **Tritium Breeding**
- **Structural Response and Failure Modes**
- **Thermomechanics Integration Facility (TMIF)**
- **Partially Integrated Test Facility (PITF)**
- **Analysis and Model Development**

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# LIQUID BREEDER BLANKET TEST PLAN



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## Features and Objectives of Major Liquid Breeder Experiments

	ALEX	Magnetic Transport Phenomena Facilities		TMIF	PITF
		LMF	MHDM		
Features of Experiments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple Geometry of a channel</li> <li>• NaK</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic elements of relevant geometry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic elements of relevant geometry</li> <li>• Relevant material combinations</li> <li>• Transport loop</li> <li>• Relevant T, <math>\Delta T</math>, impurities, V</li> <li>• Long operating time per experiment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actual materials and geometry</li> <li>• Transport loop</li> <li>• Relevant environmental and operating conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prototypic blanket module</li> <li>• Transport loop</li> <li>• Prototypic environmental and operating conditions</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure velocity profile, electric potential, pressure drop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure V and T profiles; pressure drop, temperature, electric potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure dissolution and deposition rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure integral quantities (<math>\Delta P</math>, T, corrosion and deposition rates)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure integral quantities</li> </ul>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and test velocity profile instrumentation in NaK environment</li> <li>• Validate MHD in simple geometry (basic heat transfer data may be possible in upgrade)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and test instrumentation</li> <li>• Validate MHD heat transfer</li> <li>• Design data (<math>\Delta P</math>, T) for configuration screening</li> <li>• Explore techniques to reduce <math>\Delta P</math> and enhance heat transfer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and test instrumentation in relevant environment</li> <li>• Design data on MHD heat and mass transfer</li> <li>• Verify techniques to reduce corrosion and corrosion effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design data for blanket test module</li> <li>• Confirm and refine configurations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering design data</li> <li>• Reliability data in non-fusion environment</li> </ul>

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