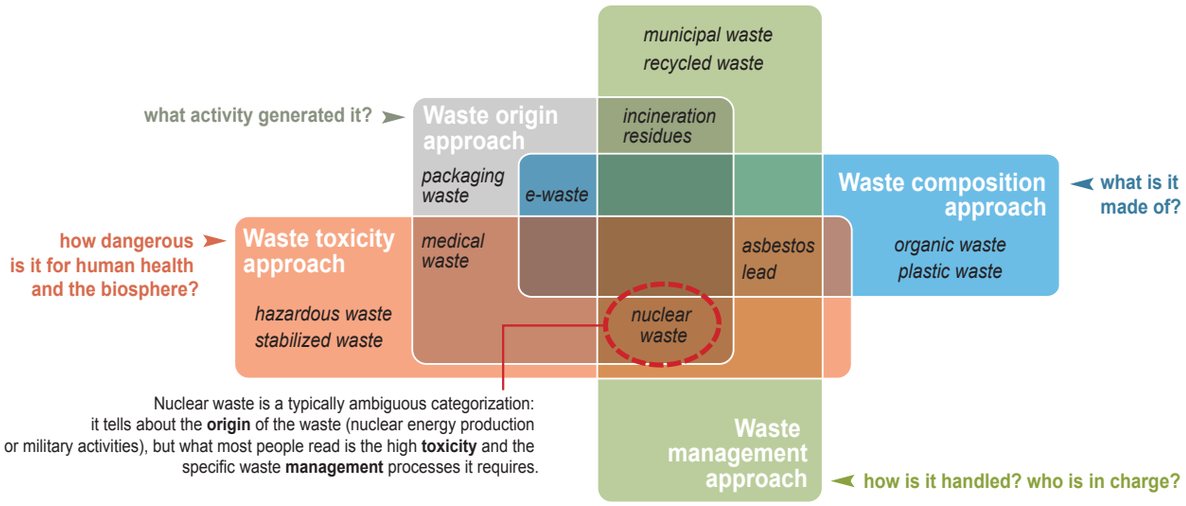
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About the difficulties of classifying waste (and counting it)

Different approaches and overlapping definitions

Statistical institutes of the world use various waste classifications, based on different approaches.
This diversity is the major obstacle to data globalization and comparison.



Nuclear waste is a typically ambiguous categorization: it tells about the **origin** of the waste (nuclear energy production or military activities), but what most people read is the high **toxicity** and the specific waste **management** processes it requires.