# Virginia Accelerator Driven Systems (ADS) R&D Center

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### **Outline**

USA Atoms for Peace Announcement 1953, D. D. Eisenhower – IAEA

India's 3 stage nuclear energy program 1954 – Homi Bhabha

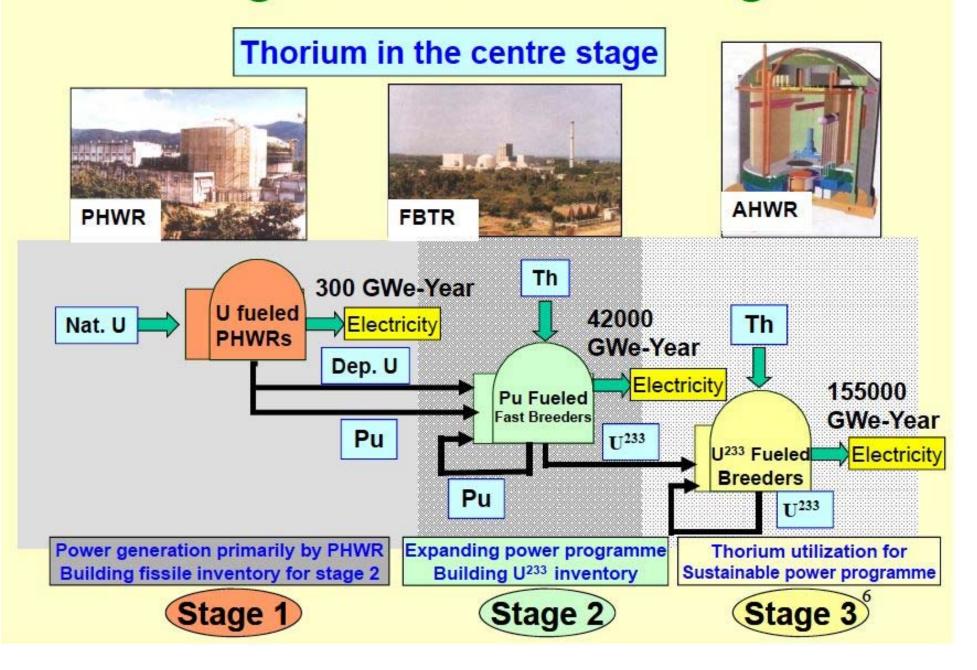
**ADS world wide Project plans** 

Summary





### **Three-Stage Indian Nuclear Programme**



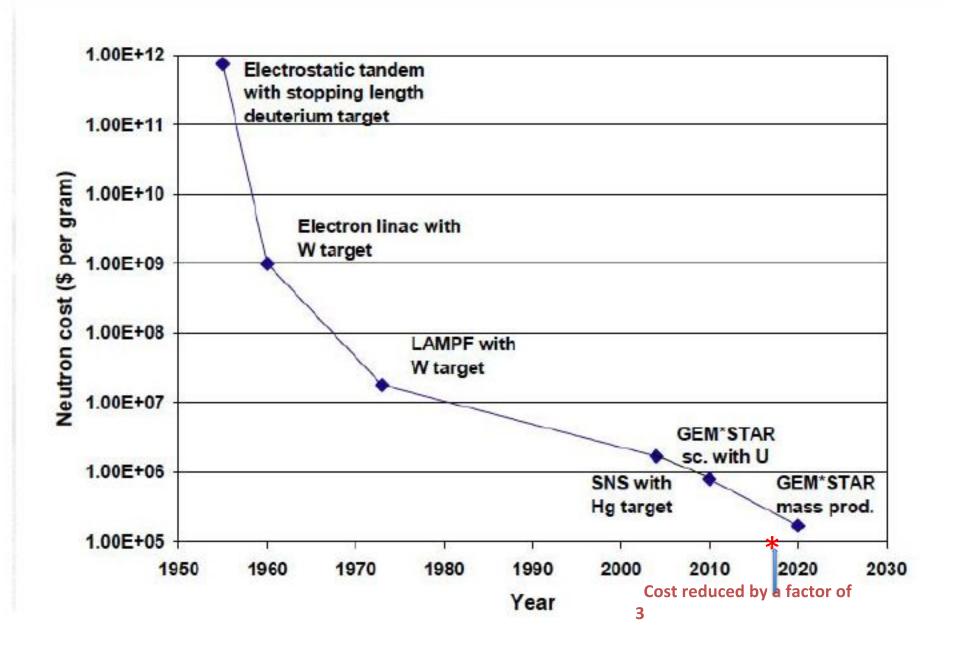
# **Brief Early History of ADS**



- 1950 U. E. O. Lawrence, High power accelerators for producing fissile materials
- 1952 W. B. Lewis, proposed use of thorium with intense neutron generator
- 1992 V. Bowman, Energy generation with ATW
- 1993 C. Rubbia, Energy amplifier

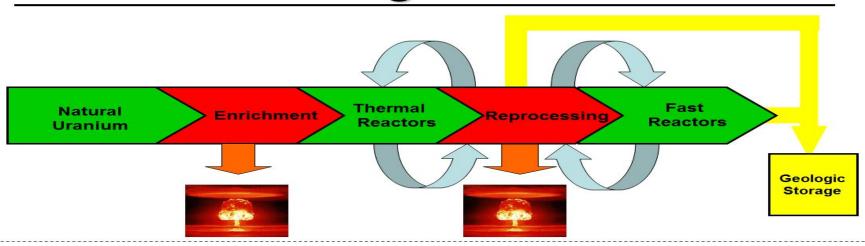
Thorium – non proliferation, no melt down, safe and least NRC involvement

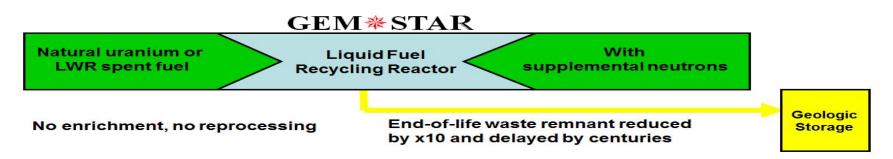
### Charlie Bowman's Neutron Cost Estimates



### **GEM\*STAR**

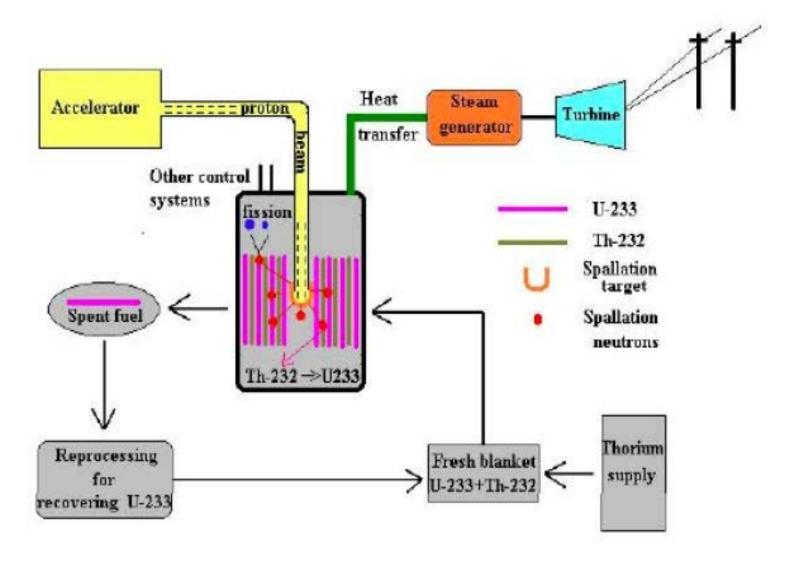
### Paradigm Shift





Vogalar, VT

### India's Thorium Utilization Scheme

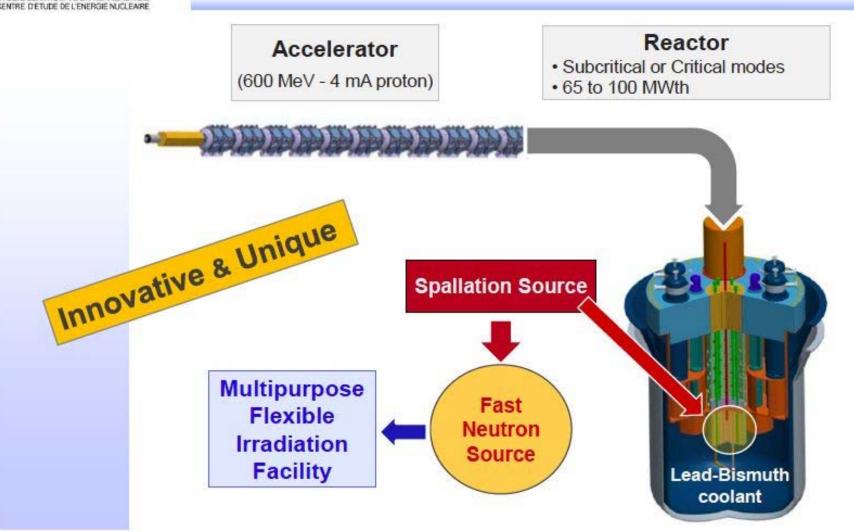


Dr. S. Banerjee, University of Virginia Presentation, May

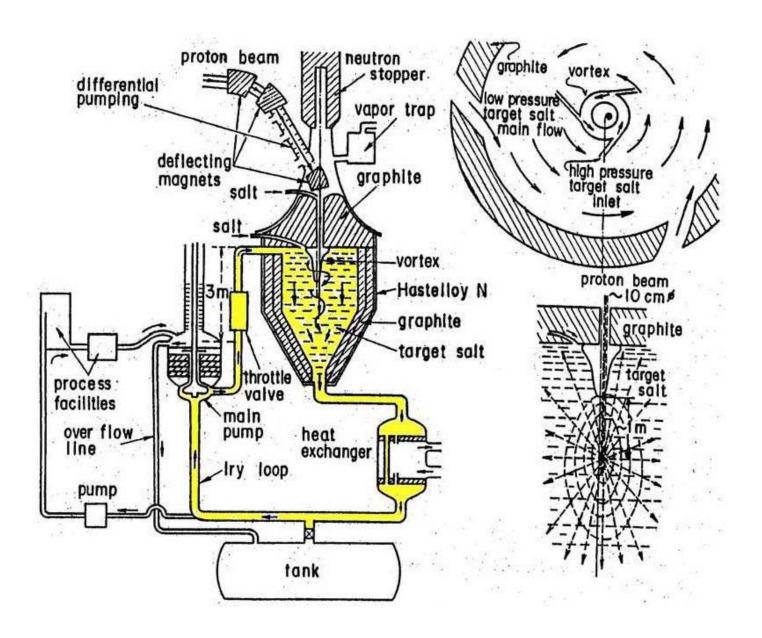
# World's 1<sup>st</sup> ADS Project



#### MYRRHA - Accelerator Driven System



### K. Furukawa's AMSB



# Accelerator-Driven subcritical fission in A Molten salt core: Closing the Nuclear Fuel Cycle for Green Nuclear Energy



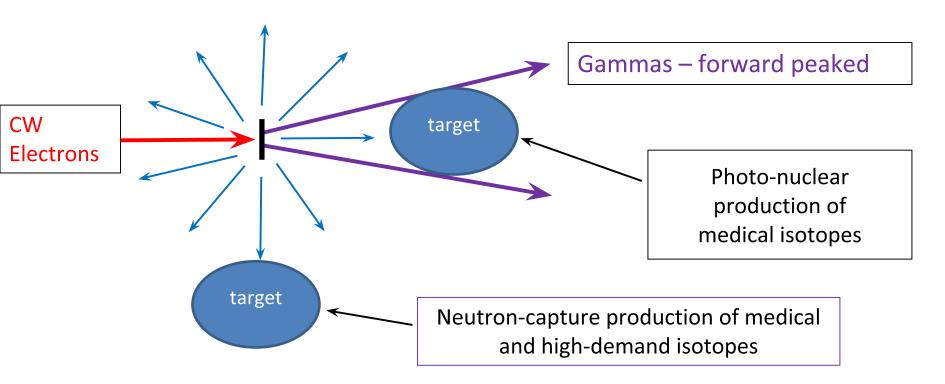
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# Potential VNEFRC location adjacent to JLab



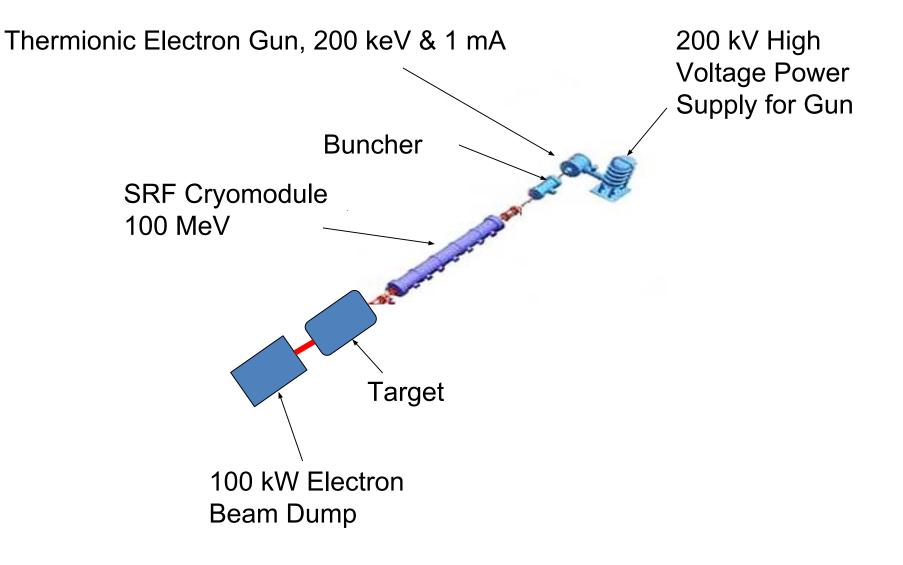
#### Neutron/gamma source for isotope developments

Neutrons – emitted in all directions: approximately isotropically

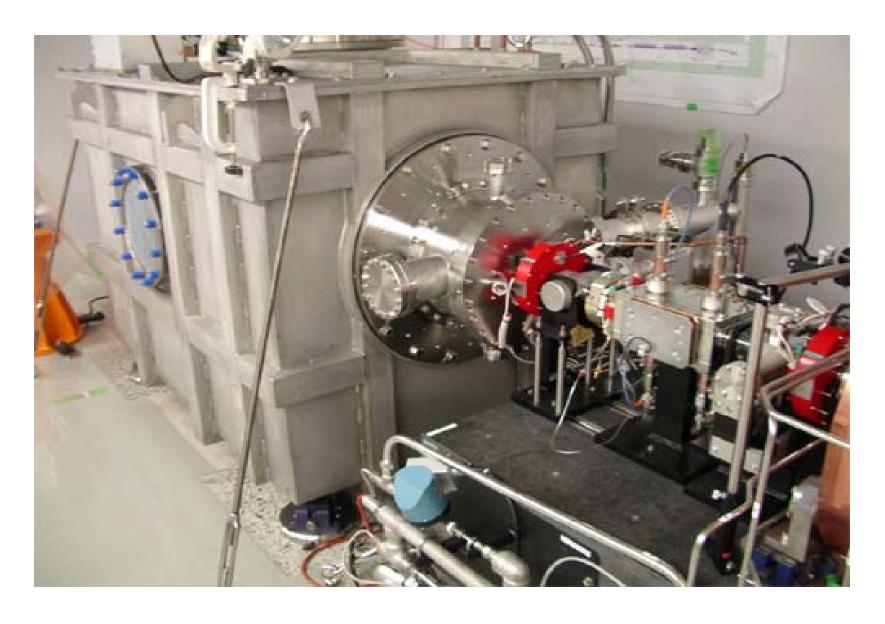


A 100 kW, 100 MeV electron linac is capable of producing 100% of the U.S. demand for many high-priority research isotopes for medical, industrial and other kinds of research. Such a device could also produce nearly 10% of the entire U.S. demand for <sup>99</sup>Mo.

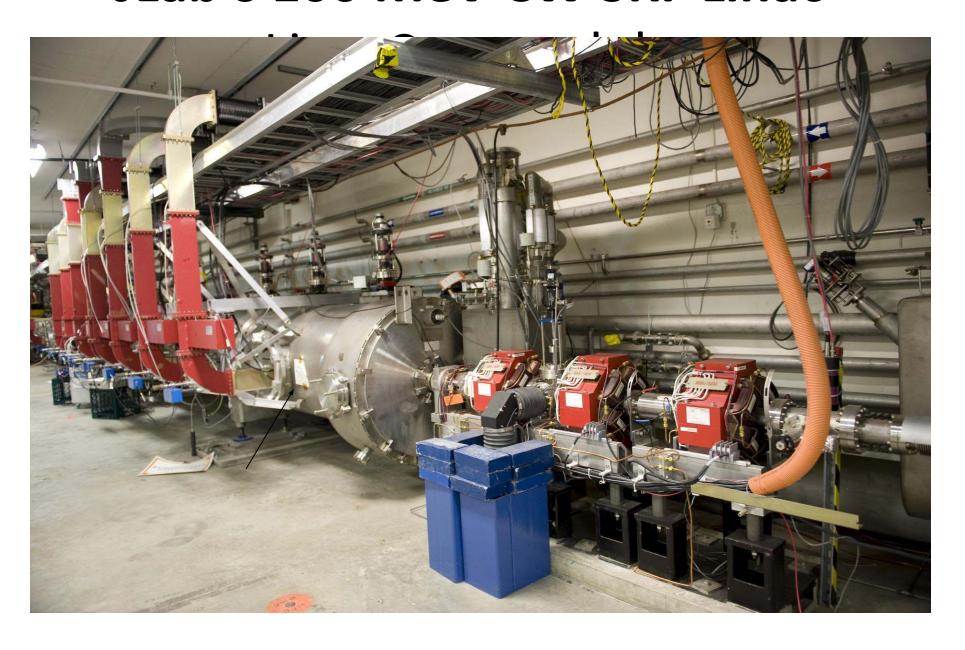
### Schematic of the VNEFRC 100 MeV, 100 kW system



# JLab Thermionic Gun



# JLab's 100 MeV CW SRF Linac



## **ADS&ThU International Workshops**

1<sup>st</sup> International ADS&ThU Workshop 2010

 http://www.phys.vt.edu/~kimballton/gem-star/works hop/index.shtml

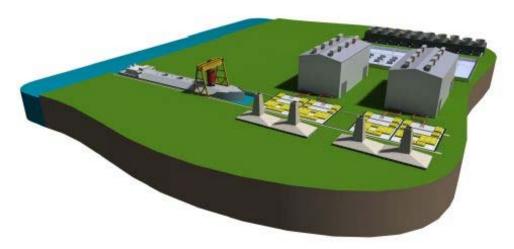
2<sup>nd</sup> International ADS&ThU Workshop 2011

http://www.ivsnet.org/ADS/ADS2011/

3<sup>rd</sup> International ADS&ThU – Oct 14-17, 2014

http://adsthu.org/index.html

### ThorConPower DMSR



Goal: cheap, dependable, carbon-free electricity. Now.

- Producable. Must be cheaper than coal. Must be scalable to large volume manufacturing.
- Fixable. Major failures have modest impact on plant output.
- Full scale prototype within four years.

# Summary

 Closed fuel cycle reactors and ADS ThU systems require at least another 25 years for maturity

 Molten Salt Reactors can be built now to provide carbon free-economic generation of heat and/or electricity for the health and prosperity of the humanity that are eagerly looking to those of us already enjoying

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# International Symposium On Hydrogen In Matter (ISOHIM) Publications

Hydrogen in Materials and Vacuum Systems AIP CP 671

http://www.virtualjournals.org/dbt/dbt.jsp?KEY=APCPCS&Volume=671&Issue=1

**Hydrogen in Matter AIP CP 837** 

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**Single Crystal Large Grain Niobium AIP CP 927** 

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Superconducting Science and Technology of Ingot Niobium AIP CP 1352

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