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Japanese ADS program: Current status and future plan

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Situation surrounding electricity in Japan



- Oct. 2020 Declared "2050 Carbon Neutral" by the prime minister Suga
- Jan. 2022 Rapid and extreme increase in electricity price provided by small companies that procure electricity from the market
- Mar. 2022 Business withdrawal of the small companies
- Mar. 2022 Tight electric power supply
 - due to cold weather, shortage of LNG, accidents in thermal power plants, Ukraine situation, ...
- Apr. 2022 Suspension of acceptance of renewable energy
 - ✓ Warm, sunny, windy and Sunday
 - ✓ Japan can not sell/buy electricity to/from neighboring countries!
- Apr. 2022 Major electric power companies suspended new contracts for corporate power plans.
 - ✓ Corporations have to contract with the expensive list price.
- Jun. 2022 Tight electric power supply, again
- Through 2022 Gradual and large increase in the electricity price



- In October 2020, prime minister Suga declared "2050 Carbon Neutral".
 - ✓ **Nuclear energy** is one of important measures to achieve.
- In October 2021, the Cabinet decided to approve the 6th Strategic Energy Plan as the basis for the orientation of Japan's new energy policy, considering the global trends towards decarbonization and growing tensions in international energy security.
 - Nuclear power is important base-load power source as low carbon and quasi-domestic energy source, contributing to stability of energy supply-demand structure in the long term, on the major premise of ensuring of its safety, because of the perspectives.
 - ✓ GOJ will promote development of technologies for reducing the volume and harmfulness of radioactive waste in order to secure a wide range of options in the future.
 - GOJ will promote technology development on volume reduction and mitigation of degree of harmfulness of radioactive waste. Specifically, development of technologies (snip) including nuclear transmutation technology using fast reactors and accelerators, will be promoted by utilizing global human networks for cooperation.

Electric power generation in Japan

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- I believe Japan needs nuclear power.
- To promote it, we need to solve the nuclear waste problem!



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Partitioning and transmutation (P-T) technology





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We try to transmute MA first.

• Radiotoxicity of MA (mainly α -emitter) is higher than that of FP (mainly β -emitter).

• MA can be transmuted efficiently because the fission chain reaction is available.

Major long-lived nuclides in spent nuclear fuel



Content

(per 1 ton

of SP)

6 g

Dose conv.

fac.

(µSv/kBq)

2.9

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Nuclide	Half-life (years)	Dose conv. fac. (µSv/kBq)	Content (per 1 ton of SP)	
U-235	700,000,000	47	10 kg	
U-238	4,500,000,000	45	930 kg	Ó

Nuclide	Half-life (years)	Dose conv. fac. (µSv/kBq)	Content (per 1 ton of SP)	-			
Pu-238	88	230	0.3 kg				
Pu-239	24,000	250	6 kg	i			
Pu-240	6,564	250	3 kg				
Pu-241	14	4.8	1 kg				
Pu: ~10 kg, 1%							
Nuclide	Half-life	Dose conv. fac.	Content				

	Sr-90	29	28	0.6 kg
	Zr-93	1,530,000	1.1	1 kg
ł	Tc-99	211,000	0.64	1 kg
	Pd-107	6,500,000	0.037	0.3 kg
	Sn-126	100,000	4.7	30 g
	I-129	15,700,000	110	0.2 kg
	Cs-135	2,300,000	2.0	0.5 kg
	Cs-137	30	13	1.5 kg

Half-life

(years)

295,000

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Nuclide

Se-79

Sr-90

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Dose conversion factor:

An index that indicates the effects of ingestion of radionuclides into the human body.

Shown in absorbed dose (Sv) per radioactivity (Bq).

Actinides

Trans-Uranium Elements (TRU)

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	Nuclide	Half-life (years)	Dose conv. fac. (µSv/kBq)	Content (per 1 ton of SP)			
	Np-237	2,140,000	110	0.6 kg			
	Am-241	432	200	0.4 kg			
	Am-243	7,370	200	0.2 kg			
Σ	Cm-244	18	120	60 g			

MA: ~1 kg, 0.1%

Partitioning and Transmutation (P&T) technology





Reduction of radiological toxicity by P&T





Radiological Toxicity: Amount of radioactivity weighted by dose coefficient of each nuclide.

- Normalized by 1 ton of spent fuel
- 9 tons of natural uranium is raw material of 1 ton of lowenriched uranium including daughter nuclides.

Reduction of footprint area of waste disposal by coupling P&T with long-term storage



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Accelerator Driven System (ADS) for MA transmutation



Features of ADS:

- Chain reactions stop when the accelerator is turned off.
- •LBE is chemically stable.
- High MA-bearing fuel can be used.
- → High safety is expected.
- → MA from **10 LWRs** can be transmuted.

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ADS proposed by JAEA - LBE Target/Cooled Concept -





- Spallation target: Pb-Bi eutectic (LBE)
- Coolant: LBE
- Subcriticality: k_{eff} = 0.97
- Thermal output: 800 MWt
- Core height: 1000 mm
- MA initial inventory: 2.5 t
- Fuel composition: (60%MA + 40%Pu) Mono-nitride
- Transmutation rate: 10%MA / Year (=250 kg: MA from 10 units of LWR)
- Burn-up reactivity swing: 1.8%Δk/k



Can we transmute MA efficiently with accelerators?

- J-PARC RCS(3 GeV, 1 MW), 1 year operation
- Number of protons

 1×10^{6} [W] / (3 × 10⁹ [eV] × 1.602 × 10⁻¹⁹ [J/eV]) = 2.1 × 10¹⁵ [protons/s] 2.08×10^{15} [protons/s] \times 3600 \times 24 \times 365 = 6.6 $\times 10^{22}$ [protons/y] Avogadro's number:

Attach electrons to protons to make hydrogen atoms, and oxidize to make H₂O molecules 0.05 [mol], 1 [g], 1 [cm³]

Number of MA atoms

~25 [kg], 100 [mol] per 1 unit of nuclear reactor

assuming 40 nuclear reactors, 1 [ton], 4,000 [mol] MA per year

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Don't worry!

- High-energy protons on a heavy metal target: 1 neutron generated per 40~50 [MeV]
- Neutron multiplication by the sub-critical core (k_{eff} =0.97), 30
- Increasing in accelerator power to 30 [MW]

Can we? Yes!

According to the detailed calculation, MA atoms from 10 units of nuclear reactors can be transmuted by <u>1 unit of ADS</u>.

6.02 x 10²³



0.1 [mol] only

x 40.000 discrepancy

70 neutrons per 3-GeV proton

 $70 \times 30 \times 30 = 63,000$



Preliminary cost estimation of ADS (unit: Oku-yen = M\$)

Items	Construction	Maintenance	Decommissioning	Total
ADS-reactor	1,700	2,720 ^{a)}	140 ^{b)}	4,560
ADS-accelerator	590	940 ^{a)}	50 ^{b)}	1,580
Total	2,290	3,660	190	6,140

a) 4% of construction cost is assumed annually. (Life time is assumed as 40 years)

b) 8% of construction cost is assumed.

Preliminary cost estimation of PT fuel cycle (unit: Oku-yen = M\$)

Items	Cost
4 unit of ADS	24,600
Partitioning process	5,700
MA fuel fabrication	5,200
MA fuel reprocessing	4,500
Electric power selling	-7,500
Reduction of disposal cost	-19,000
Total	13,400

(Partitioning: 5tHM/y, MA fuel cycle: 10tHMt/y)

Quoted from JAERI-Review 2005-043 (2005).

- □ Influence to electricity cost:
 - + 0.12 ~ 0.13 yen/kWh (discount rate: 0 %)
- 0.6% increase of consumer price (~20 yen/kWh)
- → 12 13 yen/month increase of electricity cost of each family, assuming 1/3 of monthly consumption (300kWh/month) is supplied by nuclear.
- Simple electricity cost of ADS: 21 yen/kWh
- It is necessary to improve the accuracy of cost estimation for ADS and new disposal concept

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Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex: J-PARC



- \diamond Three accelerators & three experimental facilities have been operating since 2008.
- \diamond Experimental facility for transmutation research is under planning.

Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan







ADS Target Test Facility (TEF-T)





Overview of TEF-T





Now, enhancing the facility concept





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1. high power

~30 MW for JAEA-ADS, one of the most efficient ADS to transmute MA

2. high reliability

- To avoid thermal fatigue of reactor components associated with large temperature changes of ΔT=100°C due to beam trips
- One beam trip longer than 5 min. corresponds to a scram of 800 MW MONJU-class nuclear reactor
- For high availability

3. high controllability

• Power ramping up from zero to full power in 10 hours to start-up the turbine system and to avoid thermal fatigue of reactor components

4. high efficiency

~30% for self-sufficiency and economy



Proton LINAC for JAEA-ADS

Parameters for JAEA ADS linac				
Energy (GeV)	1.5			
Current (mA)	20			
Duty (%)	100 (CW)			
Power (MW)	30			
Acceleration efficiency	~30%			

- High reliability required
 - trips/year* 20,000 (0 < t < 10 s)</p>

42 (t > 5 m)

* H. Takei et. al, J. Nucl. Sci. Technol. 49, 384 (2012)

- Pulse mode operation
 - Transient of start up (gradually ramp up the power in 10 hours) and shut down operation

0.89

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B. Yee-Rendon, et. al., "Design and beam dynamic studies of a 30-MW superconducting linac for an accelerator-driven subcritical system", Phys. Rev. Acc. Beams 24, 120101 (2021)

For the high reliability





• The fast fault compensation scheme is also introduced for the high reliability.

B. Yee-Rendon, et. al., "Beam dynamics studies for fast beam trip recovery of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency accelerator-driven subcritical system", Phys. Rev. Acc. Beams 25, 080101 (2022). We started the analysis of Spallation

Neutron Source (SNS/ORNL/US) SRF data.

Prototyping of a spoke cavity





J. Tamura, et. al., "Assembling Status of the Prototype Spoke Cavity for the JAEA-ADS Linac", presented in this meeting

Why lead-bismuth eutectic?





Advantages of LBE

- Relatively low m. p.
- High b. p.
 - Boiling -> deteriorate cooling performance and stability of core
- Short range of proton and high neutron yield
- Chemically inert
- Low neutron absorption

Disadvantages of LBE

- Need heater and lagging material
- Heavy (anti-seismic)
- Corrosive to steel materials
- Po production via ²⁰⁹Bi(n, γ)²¹⁰Bi $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ ²¹⁰Po

LBE test loops



IMMORTAL

IMMORTAL: Integrated Multi-functional MOckup for TEF-T Real-scale TArget Loop

Purposes

- Mock-up of TEF-T LBE target system
 - Confirmed sound operation of the loop
- Study on thermal-fluid behavior
- Integration test of individually developed components (flowmeter, oxygen control control system, level gauge, etc.)



Oxygen concentration control in LBE



Measure to prevent corrosion by LBE

- Corrosion of steel materials by LBE can be mitigated by forming oxide film on their surface.
- For this purpose, oxygen concentration in LBE has to be controlled in a suitable range.



Oxygen sensor development

 Two types of oxygen sensor which are operational in LBE at >500°C have been developed.
 Conventional type





New type

Small and robust

Oxygen concentration control

• Flow rate measurement by the contactless type ultrasonic flowmeter for LBE was succeeded.



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For accurate nuclear designs

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Shielding calculation

Neutron flux backstreaming through the beam duct from the core is very high.

Radiation damage and



Nuclear data measurement at J-PARC

--- INCL4.6/GEM

nuclide



SiC



Beam monitor development

 SiC wires are used in a beam profile monitor for 1 MW and 3 GeV proton beam at MLF/J-PARC.



 Radiation resistance of SIC wires were tested by using heavy ion beams for acceleration.



- Displacement dose: 3.5 dpa at Bragg peak which is equivalent to the GeV protons with 30 µA/cm² for 6,500 h.
- Degradation of the electron emission is small enough.

Non-linear optics to flatten the beam

• The non-linear optics with octupole magnets was introduced in the J-PARC's proton beam line.



 The peak current density on the MLF's Hg-target was reduced by ~30%. This is effective to prolong the target life-time and to reduce the peak heat density.



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MYRRHA project in Belgium



MYRRHA (Multi-purpose hYbrid Research Reactor for High-tech Applications)

The world's first large scale Accelerator Driven System project at power levels scalable to industrial systems, developed by Belgian Nuclear Research Centre



- Accelerator: SC-Linac, 600 MeV, 4 mA (2.4 MW)
- Target: LBE, 7,800 tons
- Sub-critical reactor: 100 MW_{th}, MOX fuel, k_{eff} = 0.95, LBE cooling
- Purposes: R&D for nuclear waste treatment,
 Production of nuclear medicine, Nuclear science,
 Fusion reactor physics



- In 2018 the Belgian Federal Government decided to have the MYRRHA project built on the SCK CEN site in Mol. Based on a total budget of 1.6B€, the government committed 558M€ towards the project's phased approach.
- The Belgian government announced the establishment of an international non-profit organisation that will be ideally suited to welcome investment from additional participating countries.



CiADS project in China

- As one of the national major science and technology infrastructures, the China initiative Accelerator Driven System (CiADS) will be the world's first prototype of ADS facility at megawatt level to explore the safe and proper technology of nuclear waste disposal.
- Lead by Institute of Modern Physics (IMP), CAS, with four partners, China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC), Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP), GNC and Hefei Institutes of Physical Science (HIPS)
- Phase I (2011-2016) R&D on Superconducting Linac
- Phase II (2018-2024) Construction of CiADS
 - Accelerator: proton Linac, 500 MeV, 5 mA (2.5 MW)
 - ✓ Sub-critical reactor: 7.5 MW_{th}, LBE cooling
 - Site: Huizhou City, Guangdong Province, next to HIAF
- Phase III (~2032) ADS demo reactor
 1 GeV, 10~15 mA (10~15 MW), 600 MW_{th}
- Phase IV (~203x) ADS commercial reactor
 ✓ 2 GeV, 10~20 mA (20~40 MW), 1.5 GW_{th}









ADS in Ukraine



- Supported by DOE/US (ANL) under the Russian research reactor fuel return programme
- Purpose
 - Demonstration of ADS operation
 - Neutron science research
 - Medical RI production
 - Human resource development

"It is the first ADS in the world, which has a coolant system for removing the generated fission power."



- 2012 construction start
- 2016 commissioning start
- Electron Linac
- power 100 kW
- Energy 100 MeV
- Target nat-U / W
- Sub-critical reactor
- Fuel Low-enriched UO₂ (19.7%)

cf.

JAEA JRR-3: 20 MW

JAEA-ADS: 800 MW

J-PARC MLF: 1x10¹⁷ n/s

- Coolant Water
- Reflector Graphite, Beryllium
- k-eff 0.97-0.98
- Thermal output 300 kW
- Neutron intensity 3 x 10¹⁴ n/s
- Neutron flux $2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ n/(s \cdot cm^2)}$

Figure 1: Layout of the accelerator and subcritical assembly systems: 1 is klystron gallery, 2 is accelerator tunnel, 3 is electron gun power supply, 4 is injector part of the accelerator, 5 is the first accelerating section, 6 is chicane, 7 is accelerating section, 8 is klystron, 9 is wave guide, 10 is quadrupole triplet, 11 is electron beam transportation channel, 12 is subcritical assembly.

A. Zelinsky, et al., IPAC2017 TUPIK033



 $\frac{\text{JAEA JRR-3: } 3\times 10^{18} \text{ n/(s \cdot cm^2)}}{\text{source core with target.}}$ Figure 3: Assembled and installed NSC KIPT neutron

A. Zelinsky, et al., IPAC2017 TUPIK034



- ADS is one of the most promising applications of high-intensity and highpower accelerators for transmutation of nuclear waste, and for contributing to future development of the human society.
- There are many interesting challenges to develop the accelerators for ADS aiming at high power, high reliability, high controllability and high efficiency.
- We appreciate very much for any support for ADS by the accelerator people!