LENR (Low Energy Nuclear Reactions) Experiments

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Have you ever wondered what a physics laboratory looks like? They are seldom spacious or organized the way they are shown in movies. Most LENR researchers work at universities or home laboratories, with tight budgets in a crowded space. They keep old, broken equipment on shelves to scavenge parts for new experiments. In this section we present some photographs of equipment provided by researchers, and close up pictures of equipment. The actual cells, cathodes and other equipment used in electrolysis experiments often have an ad-hoc, home-made appearance, because they are made by hand. They have to be; they are unique, one-of-a kind prototypes. Nothing quite like them has ever been made before.

A visitor seeing a LENR experiment the first time may feel disappointed. It looks like any other electrochemical experiment. The heat or neutron flux produced by the experiment are so small they can only be detected with sensitive instruments. A null cathode that produces no effect looks exactly like an active cathode. The difference between one cathode and another is in the microscopic structure, or the traces of elements mixed in with the palladium. Only one kind of cold fusion looks dramatic i. e. the glow discharge reaction.

Here are a few photographs of cold fusion cells and devices (also see the cover page).

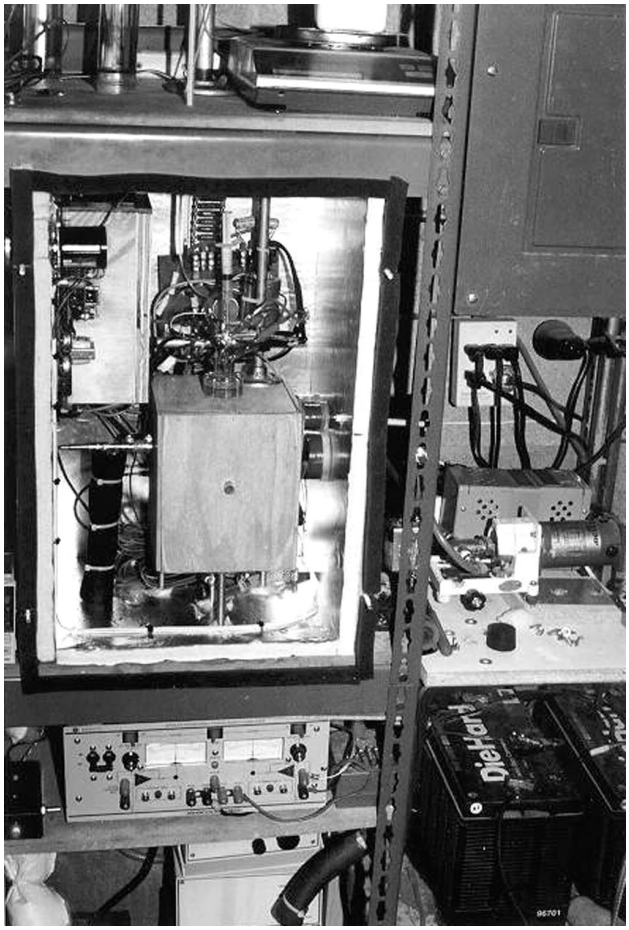


Fig.1
Box Calormeter

On Fig. 1 there is a calorimeter constructed by Edmund Storms. Note the DieHard® battery, lower right, that serves as an unninterruptable power supply. A power failure can ruin an experiment. Whenever possible, inexpensive, ordinary materials and instruments are used. However, experiments are never cheap, and they cannot be done on a shoestring. The equipment, arranged for another experiment (see Fig. 2), costs about $40,000.

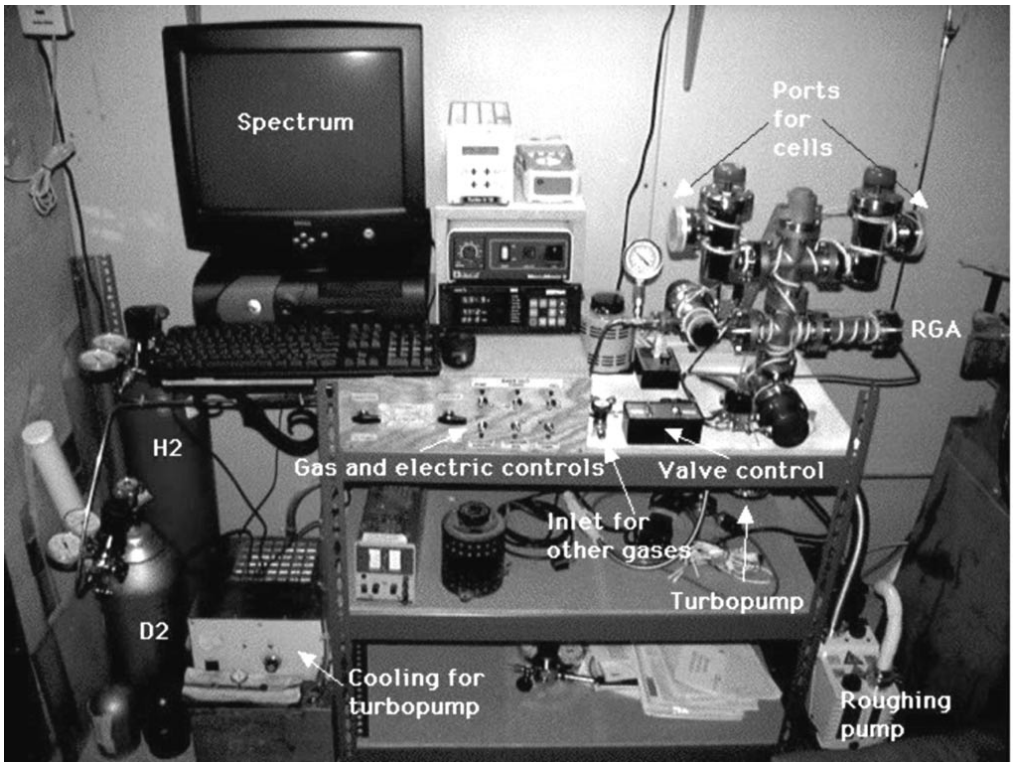


Fig.2 (On the left)
Vacuum system to prepare particles for gas loaded cold fusion cells, courtesy E. Storms.

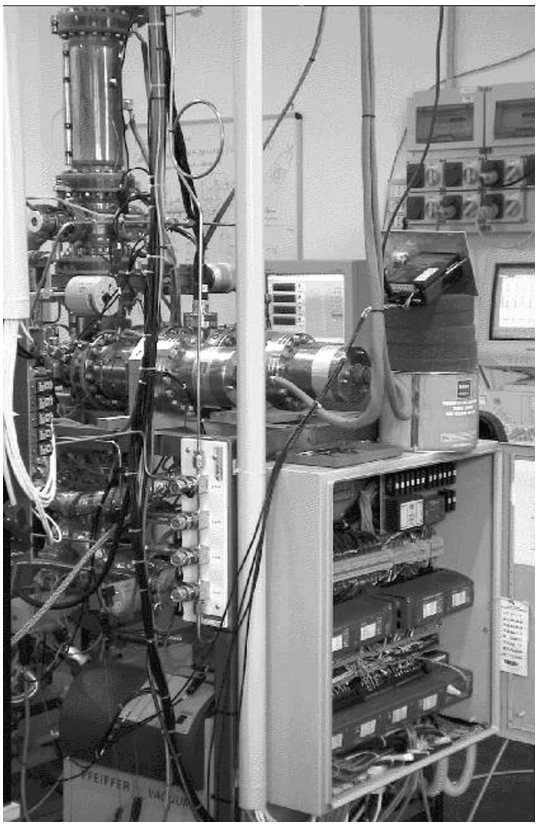


Fig.3
A high resolution mass spectrometer used for on-line helium detection during a cold fusion experiment at C. R. ENEA Frascati. (http://www.frascati.enea.it/nhe/)

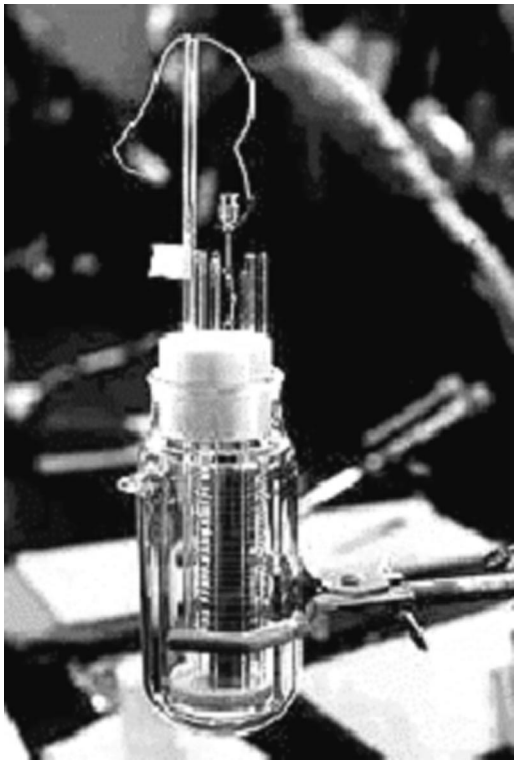


Fig.4
A cell at ENEA Frascati

Fig.5
A flow-type cell, courtesy E. Storms

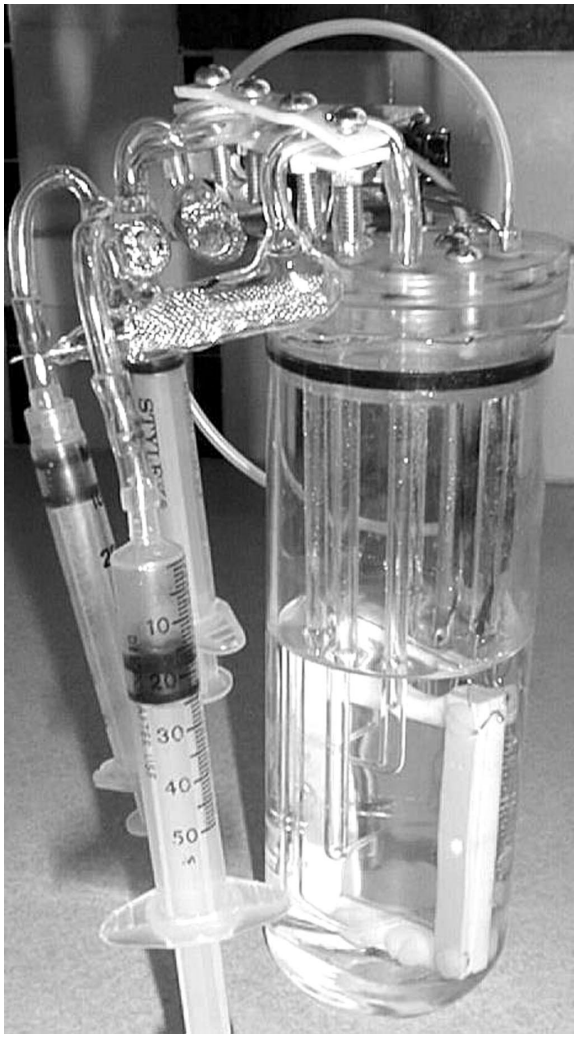


Fig.6
Close up of a Miley-style cell, courtesy E. Storms

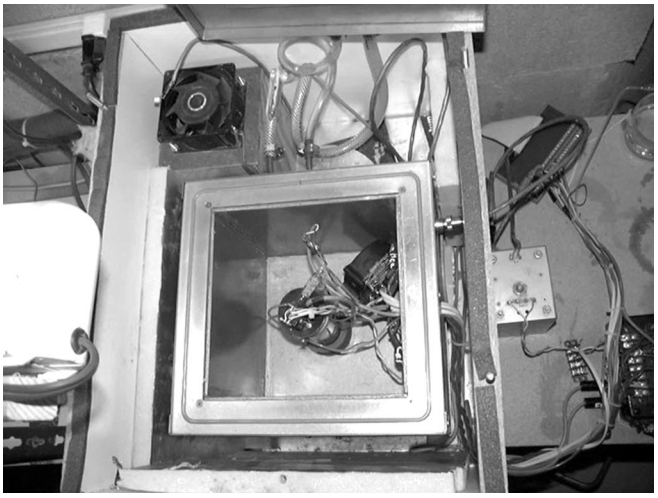
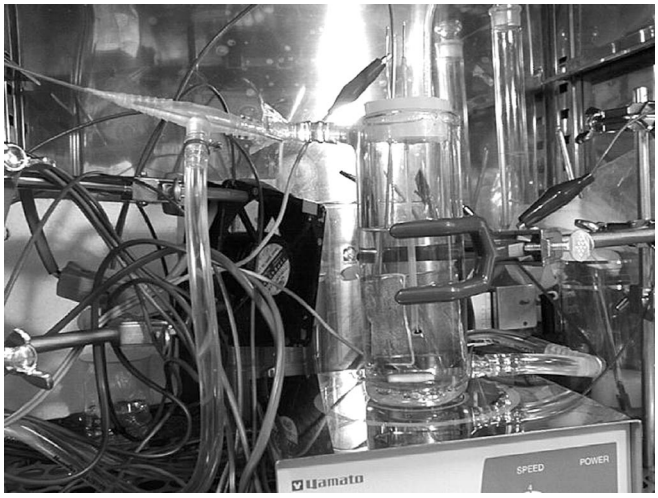


Fig.7
A cell installed inside a Thermonetics Seebeck calorimeter with the lid removed, courtesy E. Storms



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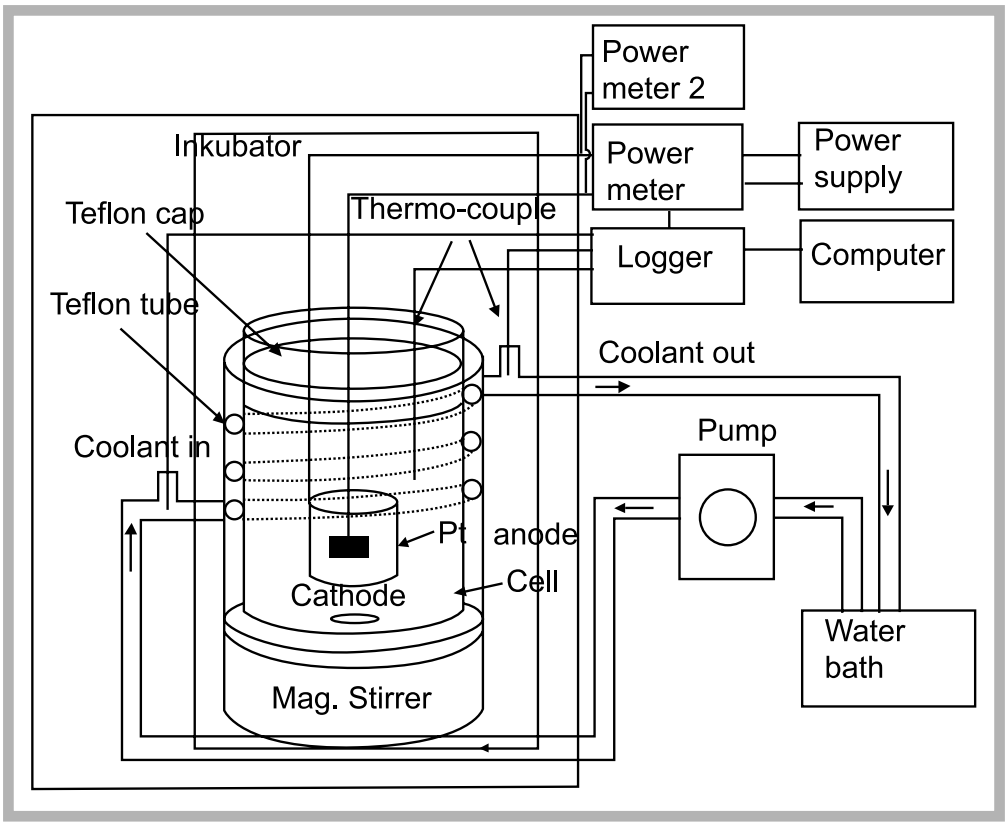

On the Fig. 8 you can see a glow discharge electrochemical cell at Hokkaido University, courtesy T. Mizuno. The cell is installed inside a crowded constant temperature air-cooled chamber. It placed on a magnetic mixer. Cooling water is pumped through the plastic tubes attached to the top and bottom. The muffin fan at the back circulates the air in the chamber

Fig.9

A schematic of the calorimeter shown above.

Hydrogen power engineering

Faraday Laboratories Ltd, Moscow, and Spectrum Investments Ltd, London, started joint R&D project on hydrogen power engineering. Photo: Alexander V. Frolov, Faraday Laboratories Ltd and Nicholas Moller, Spectrum Investments Ltd. The project includes designing and building of prototype to use hydrogen recombination process for heat generation.