# **D**<sub>2</sub> Fusion in Ionic Solid + Nanometal Composite

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### Interfaces between Ionic Solids and Nanometals

- Provides 2-dimension lattice symmetry
- Promotes Bloch deuterium
- Deuterium quasiparticles undergo fusion

$$D^{+}_{Bloch} + D^{+}_{Bloch} \rightarrow {}^{4}He^{++}_{Bloch}$$

- These 3 phenonomena are well established by experiment
- I think that they all are a result of a single principle that is implicit in Bloch-function physics, namely, coherent partitioning

# Plasma Fusion vs. Cold Fusion

- Roughly equal integrated energy output
- Plasma fusion: <1.6 x 10<sup>7</sup> J
   C. Cookson, Financial Times, p. 14 (9 Nov. 2007)
- Cold fusion: 1.4 x 10<sup>7</sup> J
   Y. Arata and Y-C Zhang, *Proc. Japan Acad.* 78B, p. 57 (2002)
- Bloch-function particles have non-random phases
- 2-particle wave function has 6 degrees of freedom
- Bloch representations in lattice space and separation space are both modulo a lattice vector
- Coulomb work in bringing ions into nuclear contact is reduced by coherent partitioning

### Ionic Solid + Nanometal Composites

Absorb abnormal amounts of hydrogen

Absorption measured by time history of pressure rise during hydrogen flow into known reservoir volume containing known amount of nanometal at constant flow = **20 cc-atm/min** 

#### Next slide shows results with:

Bulk Pd: pressure rise delay = 1 min Pd-black: pressure rise delay = 12 min

 $ZrO_2 + nanoPd$ : pressure rise delay = 16 min

 $ZrO_2 + nanoNi,Pd$  alloy: pressure rise delay = 30 min

- Charge density partitioning reduces the work required to push 2 deuterons into nucleus-nucleus contact
- Because less energy is expended by the strong force interaction doing this Coulomb work, the nuclear product is more exothermic than for the non-partitioned configuration.
- Therefore the Bloch-configuration product is in a lower energy state than the non Bloch-partitioned product.

# Nanopowders: P vs. time Curves

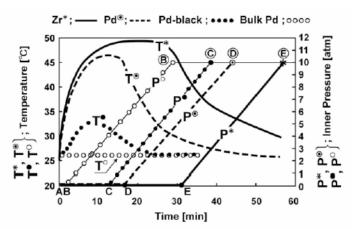
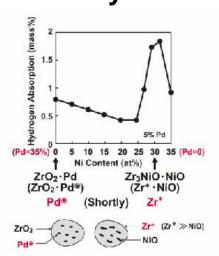


Fig. 4 Deuterium absorption characteristics of sample powders; Zr<sub>3</sub>NiO · NiO (Zr\* · NiO), ZrO<sub>2</sub> · Pd(ZrO<sub>2</sub> · Pd®), Pd black and bulk Pd.

### 6:1 Ni:Pd Alloy Best Absorber



### Where does hydrogen go?

•Yamaura et al. favor region near ionic crystal nanometal interface

Yamaura et al., *J. Mater.Resersch* **17**, 1329 (2002)

• Epitaxy-fit interface layer hosts quasiparticle deuterium

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### A & Z Oxidized Nano-powders "Before" Sample "After" Sample

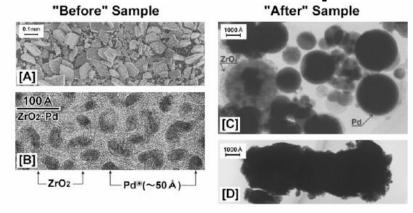
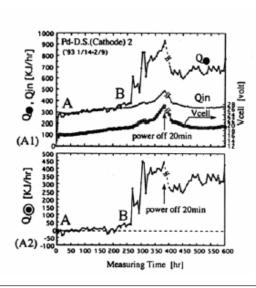


Fig. 6 Photomicrograph [A] and electron micrographs ([B], [C], [D]) of characteristics and its change of the sample powder (ZrO<sub>2</sub>·Pd<sup>®</sup>) using laser welding nuclear fusion system.

### Arata and Zhang First Excess Heat



### **Cold Fusion Heaters**

- •lonic crystal + nanometal provides a likely road to cold fusion heaters
- If deuterided ZrO<sub>2</sub> + nanoNi provides as much heat as deuterided ZrO<sub>2</sub> + nanoPd, cold fusion heaters will be commercial
- If nanometal cold fusion research is reasonably supported, cold fusion heaters are a near term option

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