

loading Nickel with hydrogen at ambient temperature

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Outline

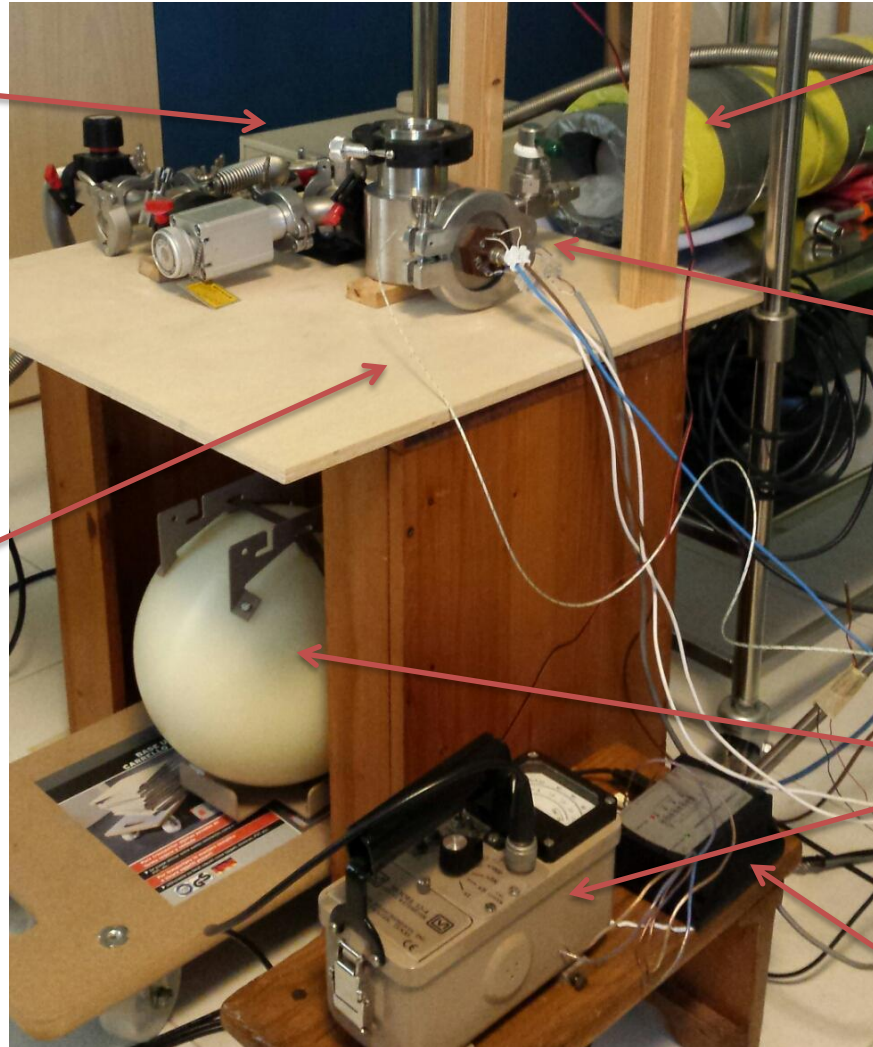
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- The Nickel sample
- Loading monitoring
- $\langle H \rangle / \langle Ni \rangle$ ratio
- Final conclusions



Setup overview

H₂
generator

Tc for chamber
temperature
monitoring

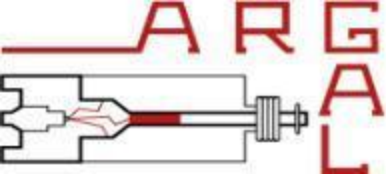


multichannel
Gamma detector

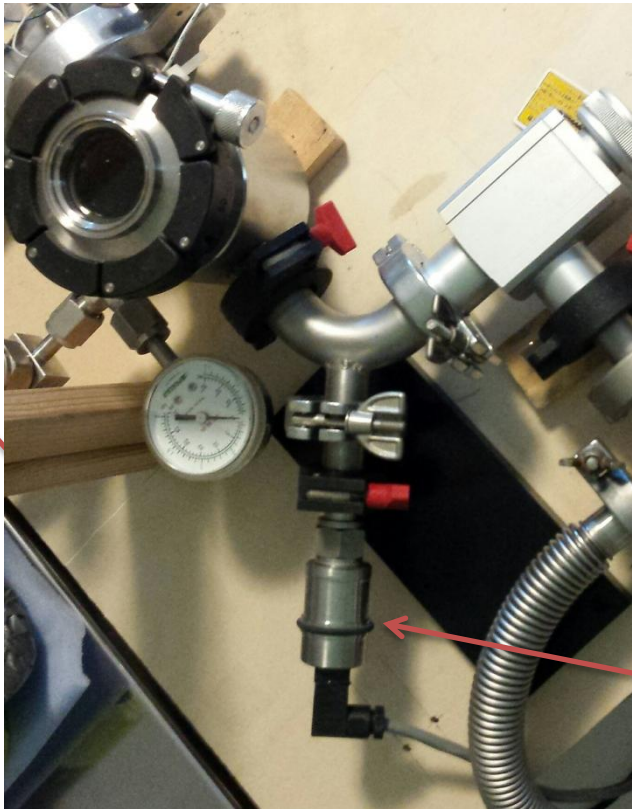
Reactor 1

Neutron
detector

USB interface



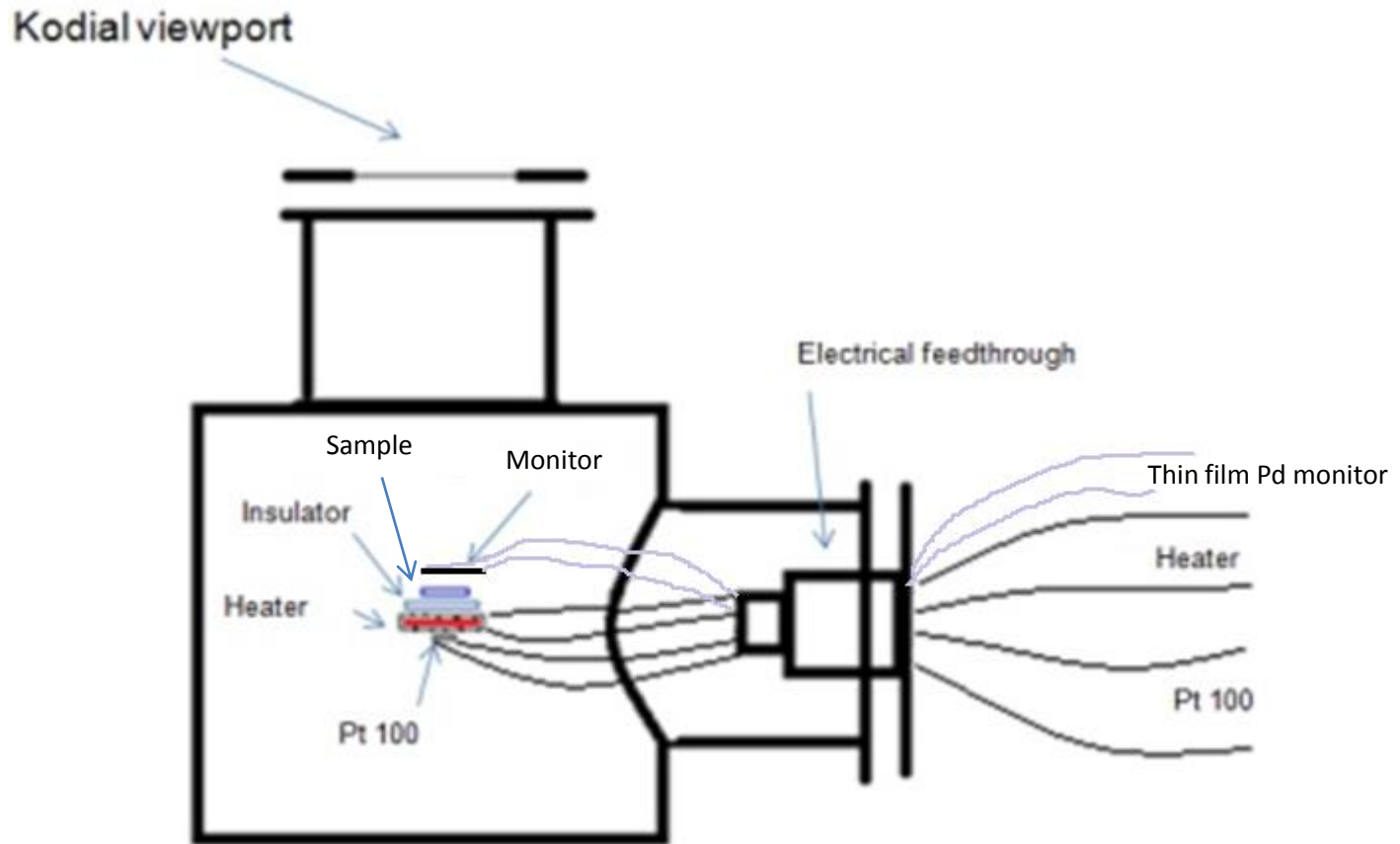
Pressure Monitoring

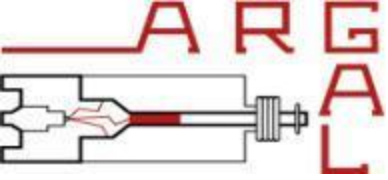


Pressure sensor and display/interface



Reactor 1 setup sketch





Pd electroplated Nickel sample



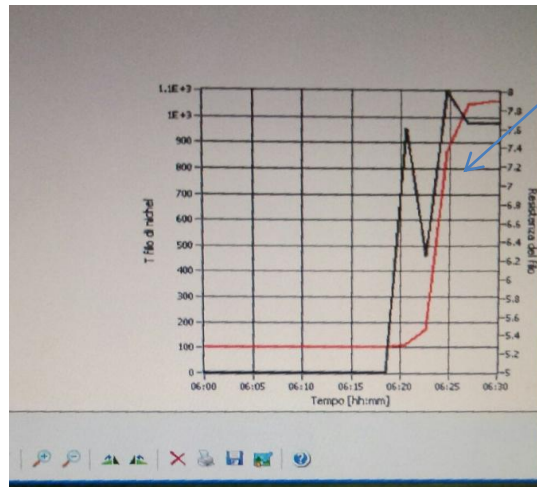
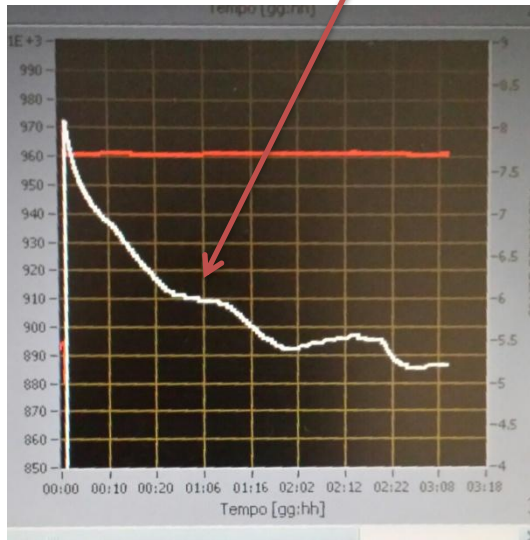
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Pd electroplated Nickel sample

Pressure inside the reactor trend.
The decrease is -80 mbar



Pd thin film monitor
absorption



Positioning of the
sample in the reactor

0.5 gr
Ni sample



weakly radioactive
tourmaline



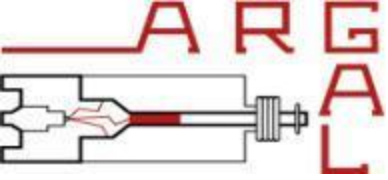


<H>/<Ni> ratio

The reactor 1 at a pressure of 975 mbar contains about 300 cc of gas and therefore 80 mbar is about 8.2%, i.e. 25 cc of hydrogen which have been "absorbed", presumably from the palladium deposited on the spongiform nickel, since the absorption of the palladium of the Monitor resistance has run out immediately and is normally negligible in terms of pressure. 25 cc of hydrogen at approximately atmospheric pressure are $25/22400$ moles of H_2 and therefore for the number of atoms in a mole are: 6.7×10^{20} molecules of H_2 , ie 13.4×10^{20} hydrogen atoms.

Let's see now how much Palladium has been deposited on Nickel with a deposition of 2 minutes at 20 mA, more or less. 2 minutes are 120 seconds and 20 mA for twenty seconds make 2.4 Coulombs of charge that divided by the unit charge of the ion (1.6×10^{-19}) make 1.5×10^{19} Pd atoms (2.65 mg).

From these calculations, if I did not make mistakes, it would result in a ratio of hydrogen to palladium $\langle H \rangle / \langle Pd \rangle$ equal to 89, outside any realistic expectation. The hypothesis that we can then make is that the nickel underlying Palladium is also active in absorption, but with a mechanism much slower than Palladium.



$\langle H \rangle / \langle Ni \rangle$ ratio

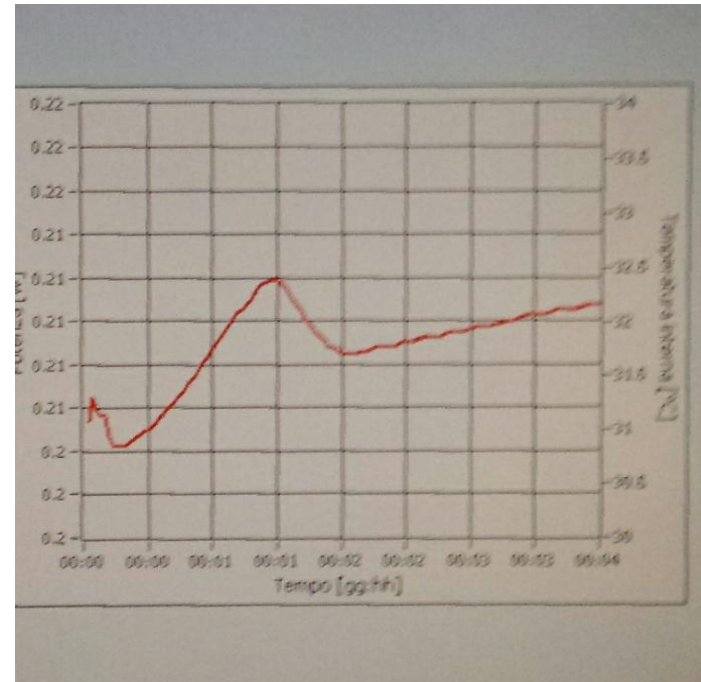
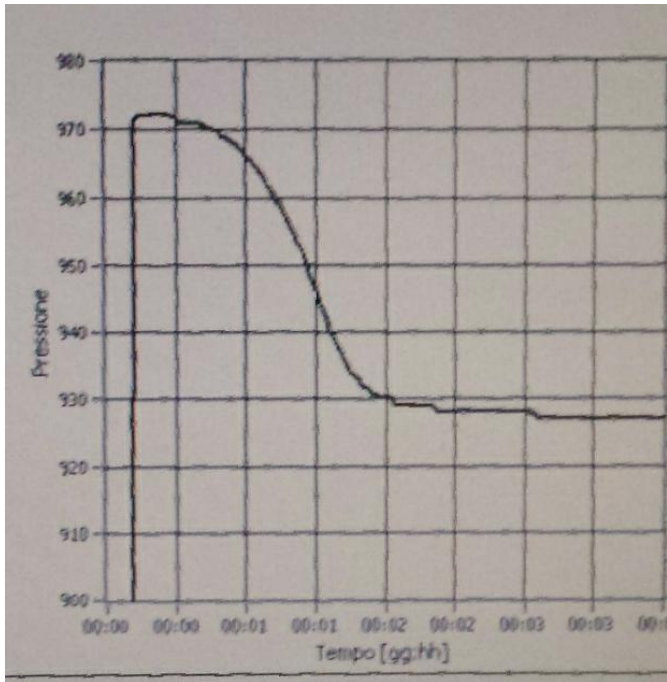
The weight of the Nickel sample is 0.5 grams which corresponds to $0.5 / 58.69 = 8.5 \times 10^{-3}$ moles and therefore 51×10^{20} atoms. So, after the first loading we have a ratio between hydrogen and nickel of 0.63 (13.4/51)



Second loading

The second loading step took about 2 hours

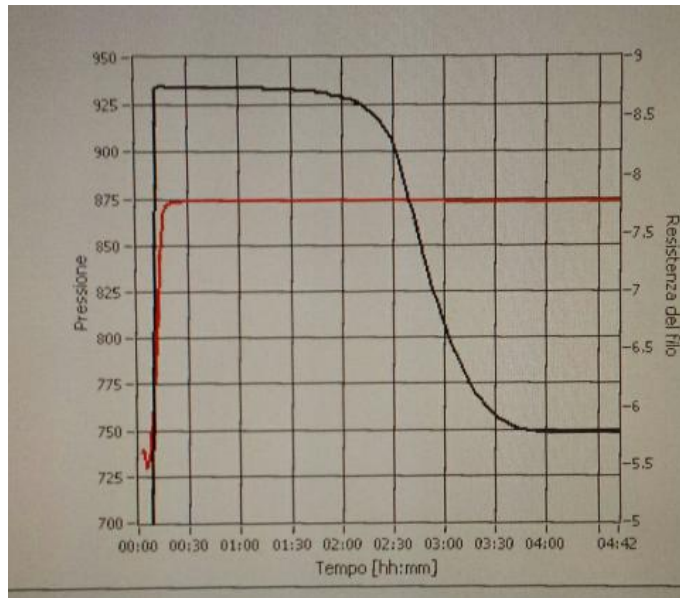
Sample temperature showing
Chemical absorption heat



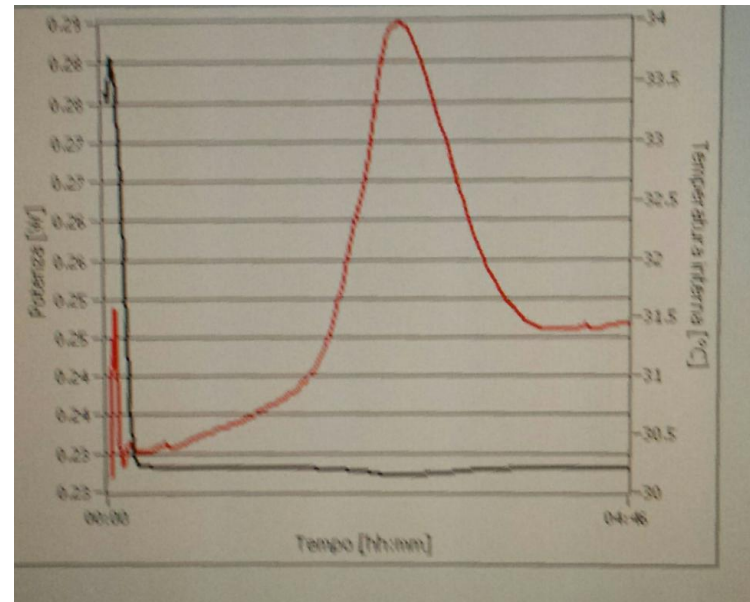


Third loading cycle

Pressure change about 180 mbar
red line = Pd monitor resistance



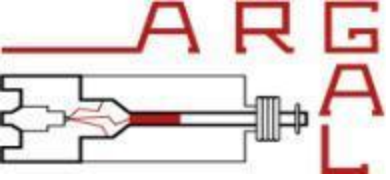
T sample increase about 3 degrees





Conclusions

- The unexpected ability to absorb hydrogen at room temperature by a sample of nickel on the surface of which a thin layer of palladium was deposited, could be exploited to activate LENR anomalies. In the specific, the pressure decrease at the end was about 360 mbar over 980 (114 cc in volume of H₂), such as to bring the ratio between hydrogen and nickel atoms to a value around 1.2, higher than the threshold considered for the activation of the LENR anomalies in the Palladium. The activity of in-depth analysis and replication of what emerged from the experiments described above is currently under way in the ARGAL laboratory in Bareggio.



Thank you for the attention