



# Electrons in Deuteron Fusion

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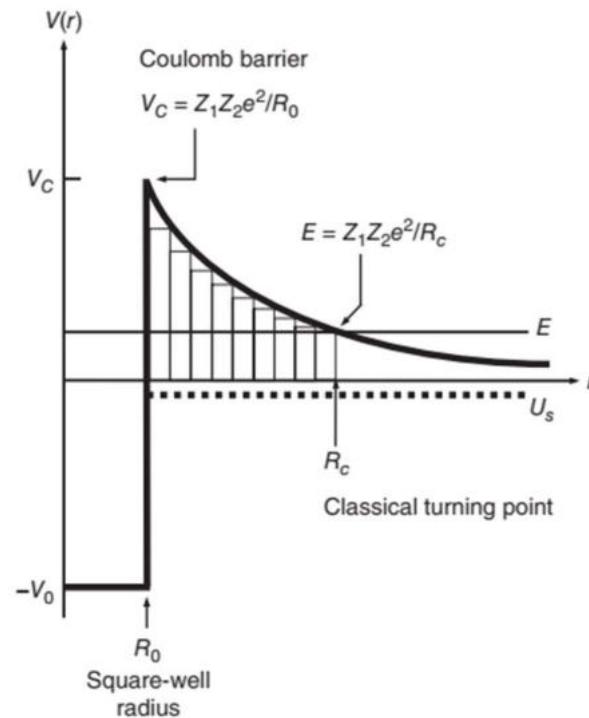
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# Low Energy Nuclear Reactions

Ion gun



Electron detector



Transmission through the Coulomb barrier

# Ion gun



Deuterium implanted into graphite,  
zirconium or titanium at 3.5 kV resulting  
in up to 200 at. % deuterium concentration.

$D_3^+$  : 86%

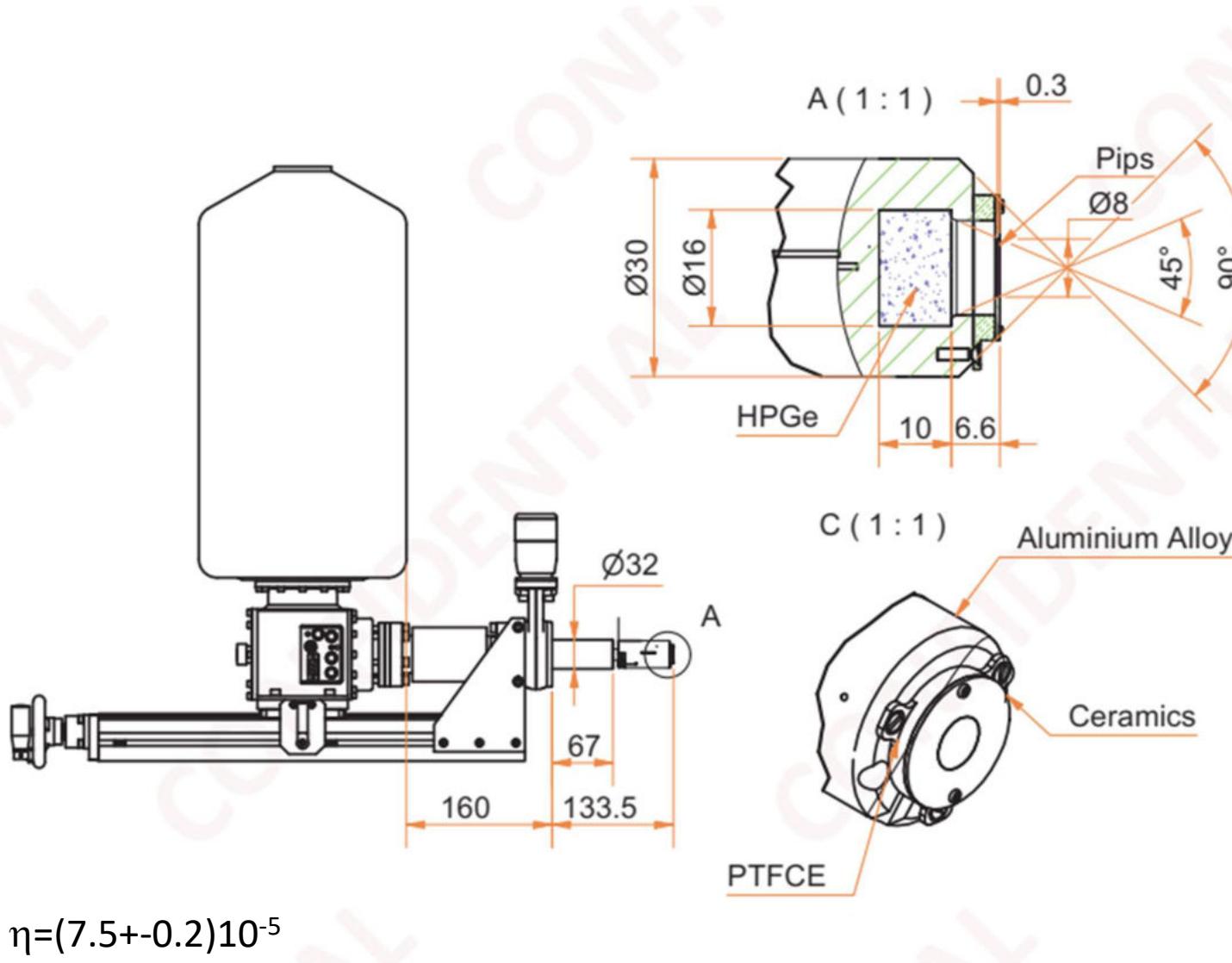
$D_2^+$  : 12%

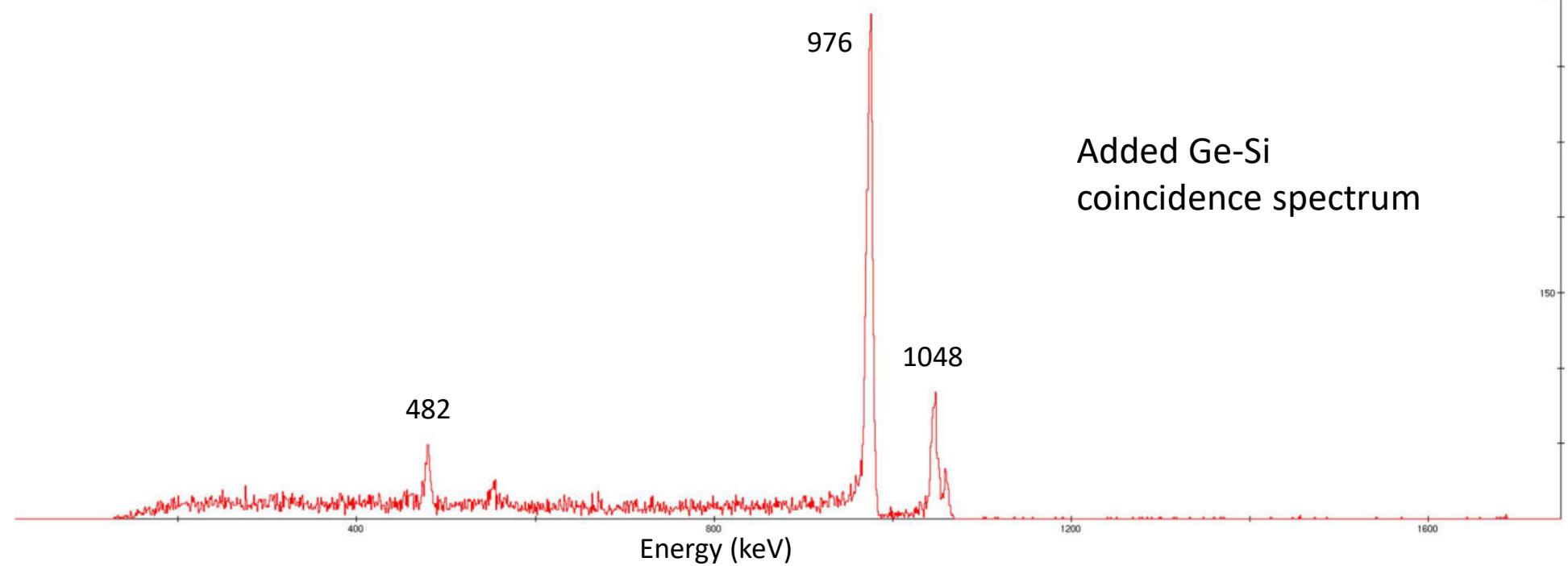
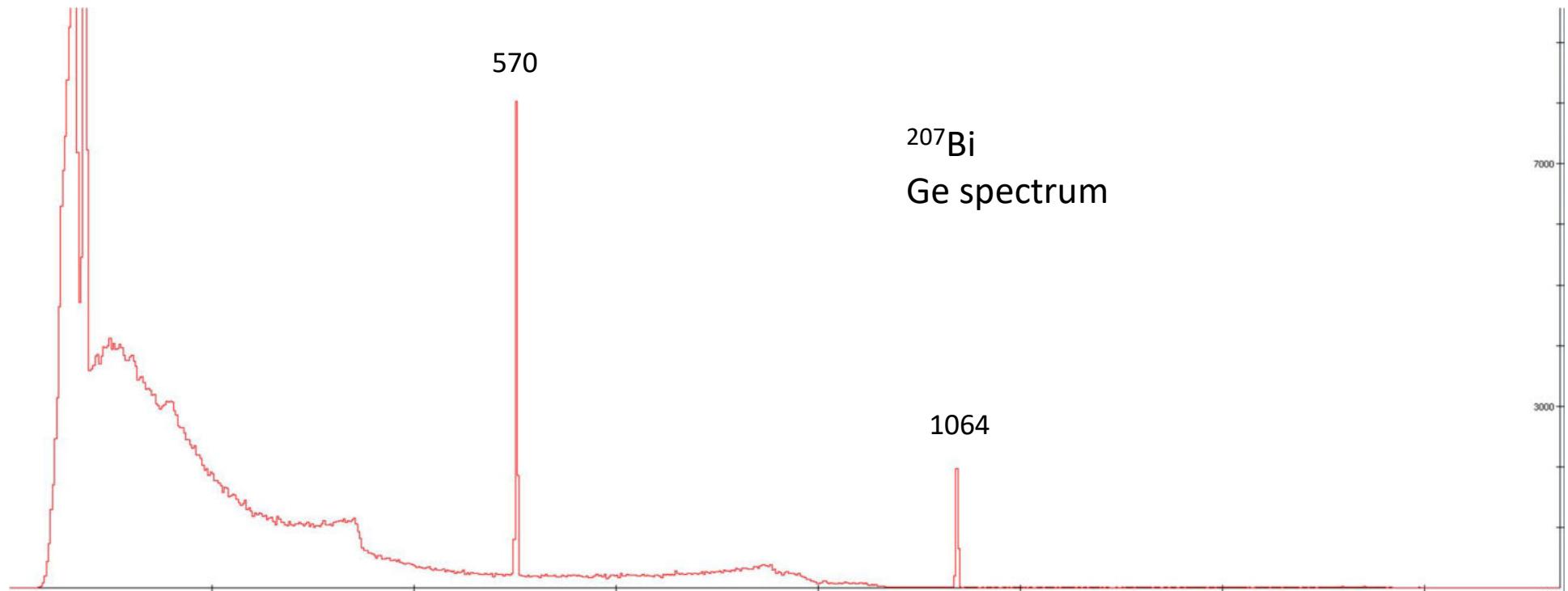
$D^+$  : 2%

$\langle E \rangle = 1.3 \text{ keV}$

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# Electron detector





# Threshold resonance in $^4\text{He}$ ???

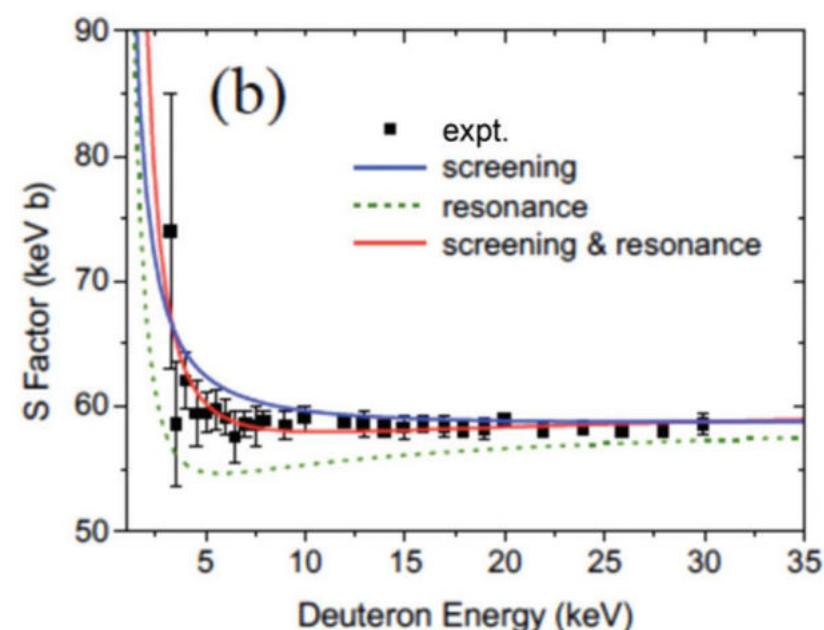
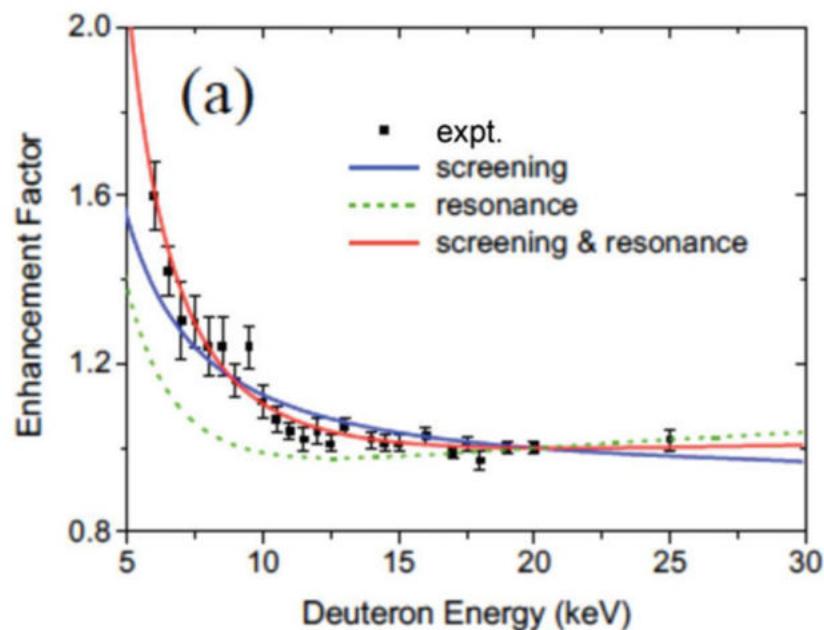
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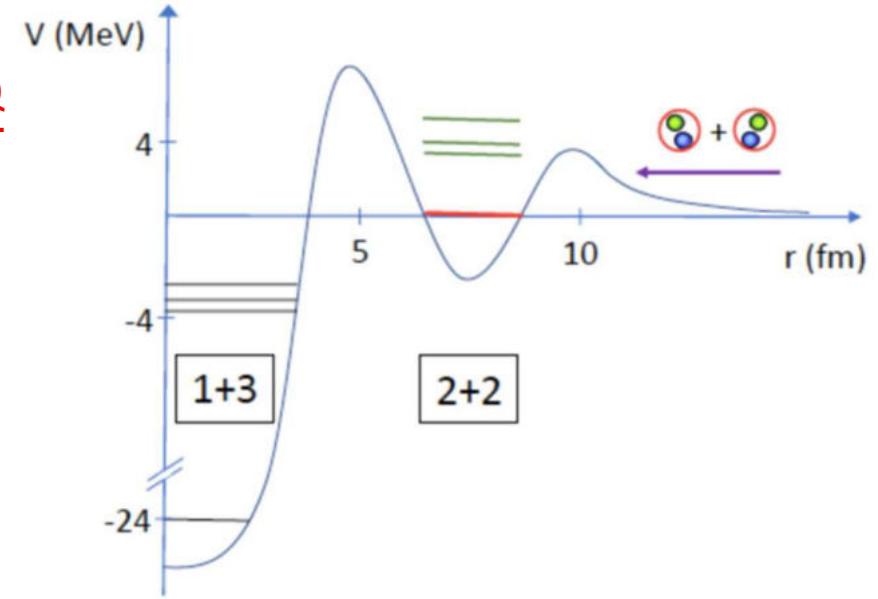
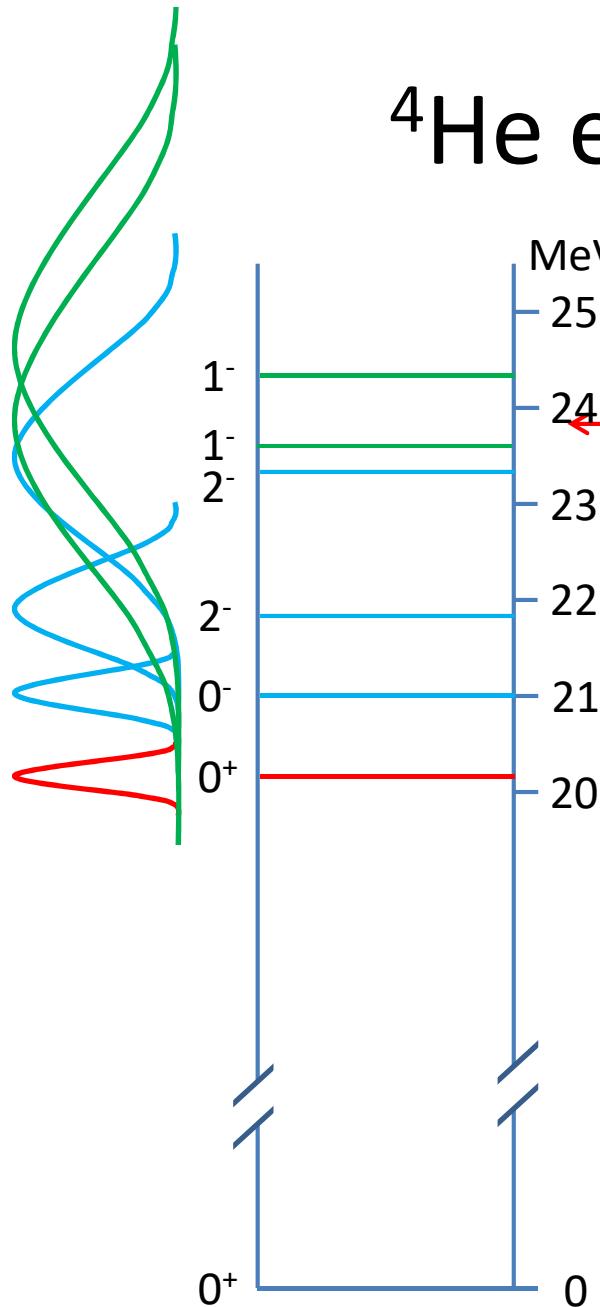
## Deuteron-deuteron nuclear reactions at extremely low energies

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# $^4\text{He}$ excitation



|                          | branching |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| $d+d \rightarrow p + t$  | 0.5       |
| $n + {}^3\text{He}$      | 0.5       |
| ${}^4\text{He} + \gamma$ | $10^{-7}$ |

# Conclusions

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Go to work!