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### LENR Research Documentation Initiative

*Objectives, Procedure, Participants, Future Opportunities* 

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# The Risk of Loss of LENR Research Results

- LENR was <u>rejected</u> by mainstream science within a year or so after its 1989 announcement.
- The field became a <u>pariah</u> science and remains so.
- 3. Relatively <u>few new</u> researchers have been attracted to the field.



# The Risk of Loss of LENR Research Results

- Many LENR researchers began investigations not long after the announcement.
- 5. Now <u>30 years</u> later many are leaving the field.
- Consequently the results of their work is at risk of being <u>lost</u>.
- 7. Such loss will be a <u>tragedy</u> not only for the LENR field, but also for the world.



## **LRDI Overview**

- Mitigates the loss of LENR research results
- Preserves records for additional analysis and interpretation
- Enhances awareness of investigators' LENR research (dedicated website)
- Assists with long-term archiving
- Keeps cost to researchers minimal (zero)
- Is located at the Energy Institute, The University of Texas at Austin
- Receives support from **Anthropocene Institute**



## **LRDI Procedure**

- Overall template with flexibility for each researcher
- Inventory of research components
- Incremental progress in each project
- Memos to record capture of each element

- Site visits as required
- Researcher interviews
- Development of sequence/timeline
- Reports for 3 Stages (collection, organization, documentation
- Joint access to Cloud storage (e.g., Dropbox)



# **Typical Components**

- Publicly-available items
  - Papers
  - Presentations
- Unpublished reports
- Electronic files
  - Data
  - Documents
- Hardcopy files: for scanning

- Professional biography
- Interviews
- Lab notebooks
- Collection of LENR publications
  - Papers by other authors
  - ICCF proceedings
  - Other LENR journals (e.g., JCMNS, Infinite Energy)



## **LRDI Project Stages**

- 1. Information Collection
  - ✓ Securing ProjectComponents
  - ✓ Onsite visits as needed
  - ✓ Scanning of hardcopy files
  - Dropbox for shared access
  - ✓ Memos to record findings
  - ✓ Utilization of LENR-CANR.org

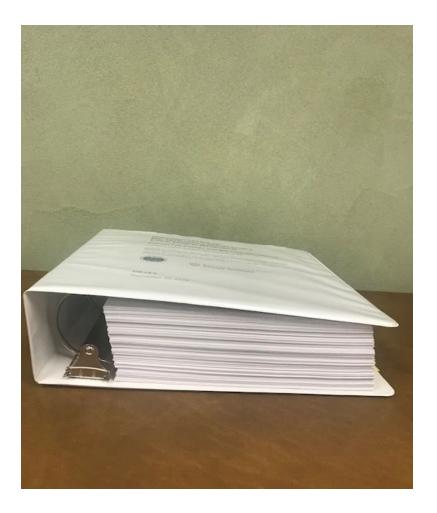
- 2. Organization
  - ✓ Fitting the pieces together
  - ✓ Timeline approach
- 3. Documentation
  - ✓ Build on memos
  - ✓ Description of all Components
  - Delineation of research phases



### **Participants**

- Total of 11 so far
- Eight have given permission to mention
  - Edmund Storms (pilot project)
  - Tom Claytor and Malcolm Fowler
  - SKINR (Dennis Pease and Arik El-Boher)
  - Chino Srinivasan
  - David Nagel
  - Dennis Letts

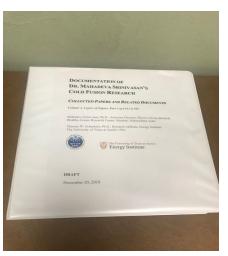
# Example: Srinivasan Stage 19 Collection of 44 Papers





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### **Future Opportunities**

- More in-depth coverage for selected participants (Stages 2, 3)
- "Leaching the tailings": re-analysis and interpretation with new understanding
- Long-term repository for archiving
- Ownership considerations
- Website development
- Additional participants (Stage 1)
- Now scheduling for Summer 2019



## **LRDI Origins (Pilot Project)**

- Edmund Storms' 29 Years of LENR Research
- Presented at ICCF-21, June 2018
- 7 Components of Research Record
- 8 Phases of LENR Investigation
- Stage 1, 2, and 3 Reports
- Summary Report
- Supplemental project underway





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## Website Underway

- Communicates LENR research accomplishments of participants
- Provides LRDI information for candidates
- Involves voluntary inclusion by each researcher
- Inclusion is not an LRDI requirement
- www.lenr-documentation.org



# In Memorium

- Dr. Martin Fleischmann
- Dr. Andre Lipson
- Dr. Talbott Chubb
- Dr. Scott Chubb
- Dr. John Dash
- Dr. Alexander Karabut
- Dr. James Patterson

- Dr. Stan Szpak
- Dr. Yan Kucherov
- Dr. J.O'M. Bockris
- Dr. Richard Oriani
- Dr. Yuri Bazhutov
- Dr. Yoshiaki Arata

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## **Energy Institute Overview**

#### • Mission

- Leverage breadth and depth of UT expertise
- Educate the energy leaders of tomorrow
- Inform energy policymaking

#### Research

- Multidisciplinary energy projects
- Partnership with industry, government, non-profits

### • Policymaking

- Inform public discourse with impartial research
- Address energy production, demand, use
- Include energy systems in US and internationally

#### Education

- Energy-themed interdisciplinary programs
- Workshops and symposia



## **13 Years of LENR Experience**

- UT LBJ School of Public Affairs, starting 2006
- MPAff report on public policy for LENR support
- Policy research for LENR support
  - ICCF-14, 17, 19, 20
- Policy research for mitigating secondary impacts
  - ICCF-17, 19
- Assistance to researchers and interested parties (e.g. National Instruments)
  - ICCF-18, 21



## **Pre-LENR Experience**

- BS, MA, Ph.D., Geology
- Environmental Geology Career
  - Baseline characterizations (e.g., NEPA)
  - Site investigations and cleanup (e.g., RCRA, CERCLA)
  - Primarily in project management
- Long Affiliation with UT Austin
  - Two geology degrees (MS, PhD)
  - Master of Public Affairs, LBJ School
  - Energy policy research: LENR support, secondary impacts