

Magnetic Refrigeration: The Modern Refrigeration Technique- A Review

Abstract— This paper involves the information about type of newly refrigeration. The aim of this study is to give the working principle, operating cycle of the cooling due to the magnetic field. The aim behind the cooling effect is Magneto-Caloric effect MCE. According to this effect when magnetic material like gadolinium is subjected to field developed due to the magnet, temperature of that material increases and when source to develop the magnetic field is removed it returns to its normal temperature. The cooling effect caused uses the magnetic effect in the various ways. Gadolinium is kept as it will pass through magnetic field. As it transfers through the magnetic field the gadolinium heats up as it enters the magneto-caloric effect. There is need to circulate the cooled water to remove the heat out of the metal when it is in magnetic field. As the material lives the source of field, the materials decreases its temperature down its original temperature as the result of magnetic effect. Then this cold gadolinium is used to remove the heat from the refrigerator coils.

Index Terms — Magnetic refrigeration, regenerator, magnetic field, gadolinium.

I. INTRODUCTION

The vapor compression process is a mostly used in household refrigerator, air conditioners and many large industrial uses. However human being is facing serious crises because of global environment and spread of the gasses of fluid refrigerant such as CFC, HCFC, HFC are responsible for global warming. To overcome this problem, eco-friendly refrigerant are required or the new technology is required.

Refrigeration depended on the magnetic effect is the modern method to decrease temperature. This technology is ecofriendly because as the old technology independent work on expansion and compression of the sources (gasses), it never uses the hazardous gasses which leads to greenhouse effect. Magnetic refrigeration has a high efficiency like commonly used appliances [1].

Reliable refrigeration technique is the most important uses of the modern society. Unknown from the technique, food supply will be nonregular and limited to normally produced nonperishable items. Also the human comfort would be impossible [2].

Worldwide, about 15% of the overall energy consumption is from the refrigeration. Most modern refrigeration units are depend on the vapors compression cycle, whose development is strictly related to the effects of working fluid, i.e. CFCs and HFCs, have been because of their harmful effect and leading to global warming [3]. AMRs which perform as combined heat storage, heat exchanger and thermal energy generator are moving closer to a possible commercialization, as they can increases the temperature time many times the temperature change due to addition of MCM [4].

The MCM geometry has critical factors that affect the AMR performance. The cause behind is that a required porous structure of the MCM can be effectively transfer current to the thermal energy at thermal reservoir operating over useful temperature span [5]. Packed bed regenerators are most widely used geometry in AMRs is because of its high cooling performance and easy fabrication. The reason

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that other geometries such as: (1) thin walls are needed to facilitate heat condition from interior to the area occupied of MCM due to finite heat transfer [6].

(2) Thin walls are difficult to fabricate due to insufficient mechanical strength in MCMs [7].

(3) high thermal efficiency require small flow channel thickness, which can be difficult to manufacture consistency [8]. The opaque character of the MCM should not be too high to keep mechanical power constant and energy generation density of the generator to reproduce. Consequently, thin wall geometry results in a small hydraulic diameter and thus high flow resistance [6].

The characteristic diagram is even a more difficult for the case of $\text{Nd}_{0.5}\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$ as it has been study and said that there is a presence of an A-type anti-ferromagnetic [9]–[12] and that there is also a presence of anti-ferromagnet [11], [13], [14].

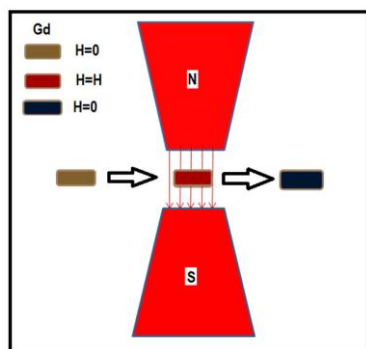


Figure 1. Gadolinium alloy inside the magnetic field and low temperature output [15]

II. REGENERATOR PREPARATION AND GEOMETRIC CHARACTERIZATION

Three regenerators as appeared in figure 2 A, B, C were manufactured by freeze throwing under the comparable conditions to the past investigation of Liang et. Al. [6] on freeze cast regenerators i.e. figure 2 E. A ceramic suspension for freeze throwing was set up from 30vol% of LCSM06 (CerPoTech, Norway) in MiliQ water with 2.5 wt%, solid to ceramic ratio, of disperent (DURAMAXTM 3005, Rohmand Haas, Dow Chemical, USA). PH was changed in accordance with 7 by expansion of 1M nitric corrosive to build up a sufficient scattering of particles. The suspension was then homogenized for 72h on a low vitality

ball plant. 2 wt%, strong to fired proportion, of folio (DURAMAXTM B-1022, Rohm and Haas, Dow Chemical, USA), was included and the suspension was blended for a couple of hours. The suspension air is taken out in vacuum preceding throwing. During freeze-throwing, the suspension of LCSM06 particles in water was solidified directionally by bringing one side of the suspension into contact with a cooling source. Here, we have utilized the freeze throwing arrangement with the control of thermoelectric temperature of the accompanying source [6].

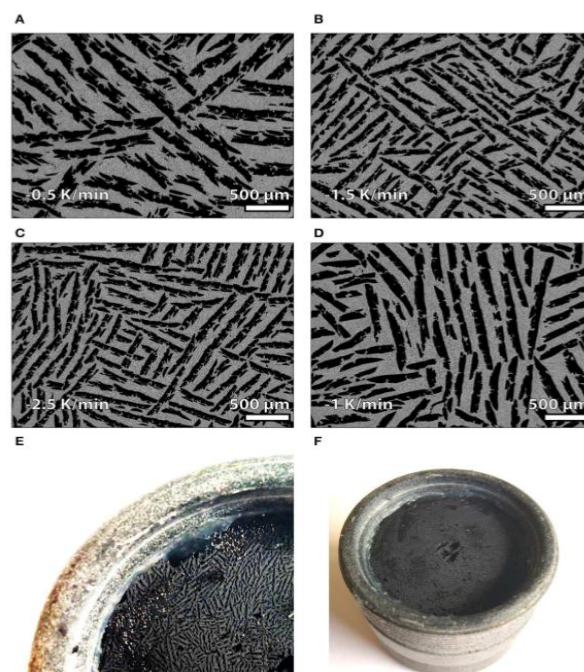


Figure 2. Geometry of freeze cast regenerator [6]

The cooling source is diminished by -0.5 , -1.5 and -2.5 K/min [6] and make the raising temperature inclination to cause the ice structure towards the slope course, pushing aside particles, causing these to isolate, which brings about a two stage structure of solidified water precious stone along the warm angle and isolated artistic particles. The ice is taken out by sublimation in a freeze-drier and the green bodies were sintered at $1100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 12h, bringing about permeable earthenware structures with well-defined microchannels where the ice was at that point. The state of the solidified water (precious stone) while freeze-throwing, and in this manner the shape coming about miniaturized scale directs in the fired earthenware, depends on the

freezing conditions; where quicker cooling rates brings about littler channels [16]. Here, just the freezing rates were changed regarding accomplish a scope of pore widths empowering the investigation of the influence of pore width on AMR execution. The three new regenerators are contrasted and our recently distributed regenerator (#4), and all the geometrical parameters are summed up in Table 1. The auxiliary highlights of the freeze-cast regenerators were described by investigation of figure of micrographs, is clarified in detail in past examinations [17]. Micrographs were acquired utilizing an exceptional examining magnifying instrument (TM3000, Hitachi High-Technologies). For each example 12 micrographs, covering a region of $3310 \times 2483\mu\text{m}$ each, in the opposite cross segment, got uniformly appropriated over the cross areas, were investigated. Pore width, full scale porosity, specific surface territory and tortuosity were assessed relies upon figure analysis. From the regenerators with little pore width to enormous pore width (Figures 2 A–D), the necessary proportion of cross sectional pore shape is increments. That implies the freeze cast generators which recover with the little pore width are inclined to have thin channels. As freeze-throwing is exceptionally delicate to obvious conditions convoluting the reproducibility of freeze-throws across different suspension clusters, set-ups, heater conditions and so on [18], A-C were manufactured from a similar group, solidified in this way and dried and sintered together. As needs be, regenerator A-C shows a bigger level of dendrites blocking the channels than regenerator D, which was created from a different group and with much smoother channel dividers. In permeable media, the pores can be interconnected, impasse or isolated [15]. The all out void volume partitioned by the all out volume involved by the strong framework and voids volumes, is defined as the complete porosity, or test porosity (ϵ) in this investigation. In any case, the fluid just flows through the interconnected pores. The volume portion of the interconnected pores is defined as the effective porosity or full scale porosity (ϵ_m), which is gotten from picture investigation. As observed from Table 1 the Macro porosity is around 2/3 of the all out

porosity. In this way, the impasse pores are expected irrelevant. The rest of the porosity can be treated as small scale porosity in the dividers. In this examination, ϵ_m is utilized for deciding pore speed while ϵ is received for strong mass estimations. Furthermore, the pressure driven measurement (D_h) and tortuosity (T) are determined as follows:

$$D_h = 4\epsilon_m / \alpha \quad (1)$$

$$T = L_{\text{pore}} / L_r \quad (2)$$

where α is the specific surface area derived from image analysis, L_{pore} is the average pore length, and L_r is the length of the regenerator sample [6]. The heat exchange fluid enters the wheel at a temperature T_{hot} , and leaves the wheel at a temperature T_{cold} after expels heat to the magnetic refrigerant in low-field. Then, the fluid re-enters the wheel at temperature $T_{\text{cold}} + \Delta$ after picking up refrigeration heat load Q_{cold} . In the thermal exchange with the wheel which is at temperature $T_{\text{hot}} + \Delta$, the fluid warms to $T_{\text{hot}} + \Delta$.

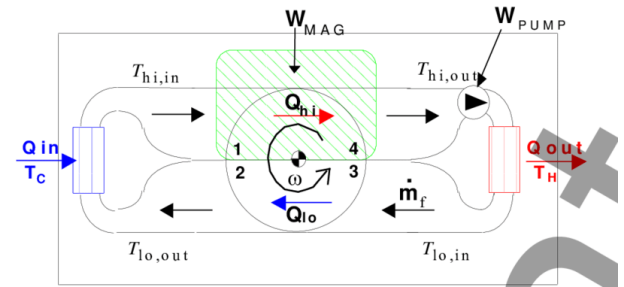


Figure 3. Steyert magnetic refrigeration [19]

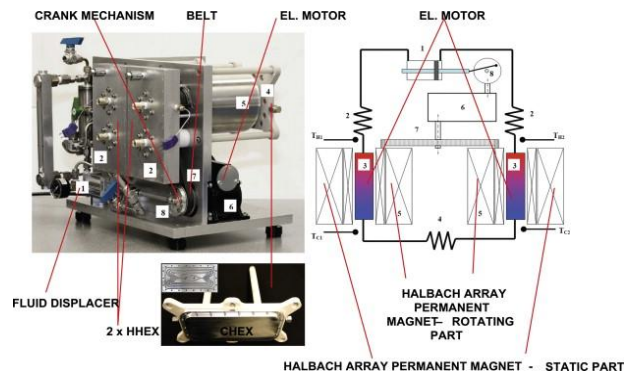


Figure 4. Kirol system [20]

A. Magnetic Refrigeration Materials

Since Brown previously applied ferromagnetic material gadolinium (G_d) in the room temperature attractive cooler

in 1976, the examination run for attractive refrigeration working materials has been incredibly extended. From the outset, some ferromagnets concerning the subsequent request progress were researched for the huge MCE existing in them. As of late the attractive materials experiencing a first-request attractive change become the concentration after the monster MCE was found in GdSiGe amalgams. The magneto-caloric impact is an inherent property of attractive strong. This impact is obeyed by all change metals and lanthanide-arrangement components. The initially recommended refrigerant was a paramagnetic salt, for example, cerium magnesium nitrate. Gadolinium, an uncommon earth metal, shows one of the biggest known MCE. It was utilized as a refrigerant for a significant number of the early attractive refrigeration structure.

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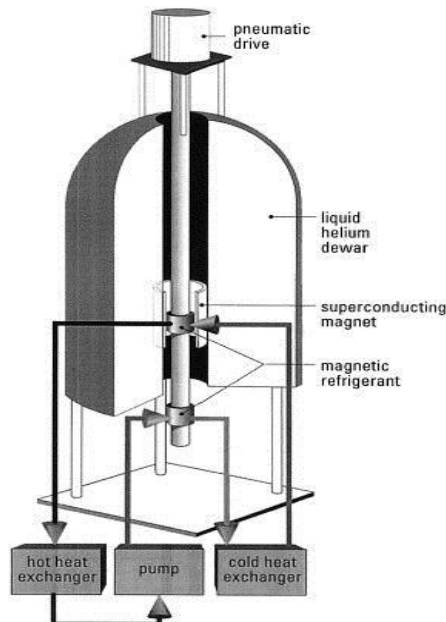


Figure 5. Zimm refrigeration system [21]

III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ROOM TEMPERATURE MATERIAL

Contingent upon the relating hypothetical investigation the attribute of MCE, magnetic materials in magnetic refrigeration should finish a few highlights for utilizing [22],

- i. The large ΔS_M and ΔT
- ii. The large density of magnetic entropy, which decide the working efficiency of materials
- iii. The small lattice entropy
- iv. The modest curie temperature in the vicinity room to guarantee the magnetic entropy change can be obtained in a whole temperature vary of the process
- v. The nearly zero magnetic hysteresis
- vi. The very small thermal hysteresis
- vii. The small specific heat and large thermal conductivity
- viii. The more electric resistance
- ix. It should have high chemical stability

First-order phase transitions in magnetic materials have gained strong interest, due to their potential applicability in magnetic refrigeration at room temperature [23]. Magnetic refrigeration is based on the magnetocaloric effect (MCE), which is defined as heating or cooling of a magnetic material in a changing magnetic field [24], [25]. The MCE is determined quantitatively in terms of the isothermal entropy change or the adiabatic temperature change [25]. A giant MCE around room temperature was first discovered in $Gd_5(Si_{1-x}Ge_x)$ [26], [27]. Following this discovery, a few other systems, such as $LaFe_{13-x}Si_x$ [28], [29], $MnAs_{1-x}Sb_x$ [30], and $MnFeP_{1-x}As_x$ [31], were obtained a giant MCE [31]. Recently, considerable attention has been paid to the Mn rich $Ni_2-xMn_{1+x}Z$ ($Z = Sn, In, Sb$) - based magnetic shape memory Heusler alloys that undergo a first-order diffusion less martensitic phase transformation from a high-temperature high-symmetry cubic austenite phase to a low-temperature low-symmetry martensitic phase, which can have tetragonal, orthorhombic, or monoclinic symmetry [32], [33]. The first-order martensitic phase transition, driven by nucleation and growth of the austenite phase, leads to many great properties, such as shape memory, magnetic super elasticity, and caloric effects [33], [34]. The origin of these physical properties is coming from the strong interrelation between crystal structure and magnetism. Specifically, the crystallographic

change at the martensitic transition can generate a large MCE usable in cooling applications [33], [35]. Among the $\text{Ni}_2\text{-xMn}_1\text{+xZ}$ ($\text{Z} = \text{S}_\text{n}, \text{I}_\text{n}, \text{S}_\text{b}$) Heusler alloys, the In-based ones are the assured in terms of magnetic refrigeration due to the significant cooling effect with reversible adiabatic change, T_ad , of upto 5.4K [13][20]. However, the large T_ad cannot be observed in successive field cycles due to the large thermal hysteresis in these materials [36], [37]. Therefore, nowadays most of the efforts are devoted to reduce the hysteresis aiming at a reversible MCE. The thermal hysteresis can be reduced by different methods, such as chemical pressure by doping of an appropriate element, tuning the composition, annealing conditions, or physical pressure. As a result interatomic distances change which leads to a modification of magnetic interactions [38], [39]. However, the methods used for a reduction of the hysteresis affect not only the thermal hysteresis, but also the magnetic properties which include transition temperatures, sharpness of the transition and, thus, the magnetocaloric properties. That makes the implementation of this promising strategy tricky in Heusler alloys [40]–[42].

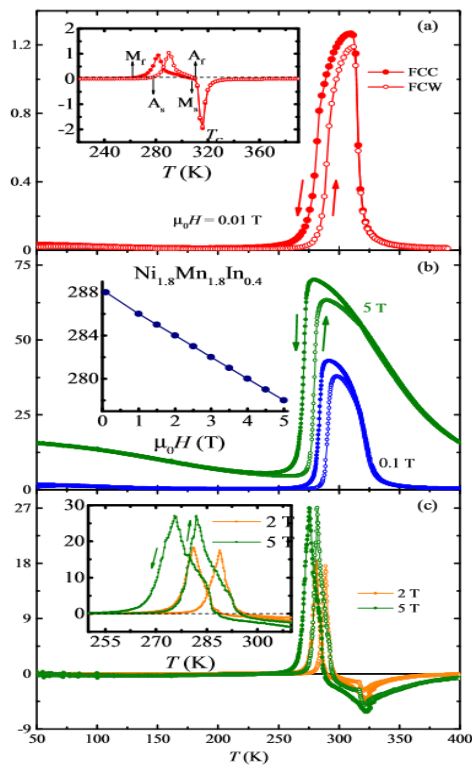


Fig 6. (a) Field cooled cooling and Field cooled warming magnetization $M(T)$ curves at 0.01 T for $\text{Ni}_{1.8}\text{Mn}_{1.8}\text{In}_{0.4}$. $D_m(T)/D_i$ is shown in inset.

(b) $M(T)$ curves at different magnetic field of 0.1 and 5T. The inset shows the shift of martensitic transition temperature T_m as the work of the field due to magnetic effect

(c) Isothermal magnetic entropy change $SM(T)$, calculated from the corresponding $M(T)$ curves on the heating and cooling. The inset present $SM(T)$ on an expanded scale around the martensitic transition. FCC and FCW data are represented by rigid and unclosed symbols, respectively [36].

A. Mathematical concept

It's well known that in paramagnetic region the relation between X and temperature T should follow the curie-weiss law. This is given by the following

$$X = C / (T - \theta_p) \quad (3)$$

Where θ_p is the Weiss temperature and c is the curie constant defined as;

$$C = N_A \mu_B^2 / (3k_B) \quad (4)$$

where $N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ is the number of Avogadro; $\mu_B = 9.274 \times 10^{-24} \text{ (Am}^2\text{)}$ is the Bohr magneton; and $k_B = 1.38016 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$ is the Boltzmann constant. From fitting the linear paramagnetic region, Curie–Weiss C and θ_p parameters were obtained. The positive θ_p value indicates the presence of a ferromagnetic interaction between the spins. From the determined C parameter, we have deduced the $\mu_{\text{exp|eff}}$ values. As summing orbital momentum to be quenched in Nd^{3+} , Sr^{2+} , Mn^{3+} and Mn^{4+} the theoretical paramagnetic effective moment can be written as:

where $g = 1 + J(J+1) + S(S+1) - L(L+1) / 2J(J+1)$ is the Landé factor; $J = |S + L|$, total moment; $L = \sum m_l$, orbital moment; and $S = \sum m_s$, spin moment. The values of total moment, orbital moment, spin moment and effective moment of species present in this compound are listed in Table 1. The theoretical paramagnetic effective moment can be written as

Table 2 summarizes the temperature dependence of T_C , θ_p , $\mu_{\text{th|eff}}$ and $\mu_{\text{exp|eff}}$ for an applied magnetic field of 0.05 T. Thus, we notice an agreement between the theoretical value of the magnetic moment and the value expected for an isolated paramagnetic system. This result shows that for a field of 0.05 T, all spins are aligned.

TABLE I

VALUE OF TOTAL MOMENT, ORBITAL MOMENT, SPIN MOMENT, EFFECTIVE MOMENT

	A	B	C	D	E
Nd^{3+}	3/2	6	9/2	1.33	6.61
Sr^{2+}	0	0	0	0	—
Mn^{3+}	2	2	0	1	4.90
Mn^{4+}	3/2	3	3/2	2/5	3.87

TABLE II

TRANSITION TEMPERATURE (T_c , T_G , Θ_p , T_R AND C), THE EFFECTIVE MOMENT EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL

$\text{Nd}_{0.6}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{MnO}_3$	
$T_c(\text{K})$	245
$T_G(\text{K})$	270
$\Theta_p(\text{K})$	245
$T_{SG}(\text{K})$	130
$\mu_{\text{exp/eff}}$	6.98
$\mu_{\text{th/eff}}$	6.82
$T_{(\text{Rand/c})} \text{ K}$	258.8

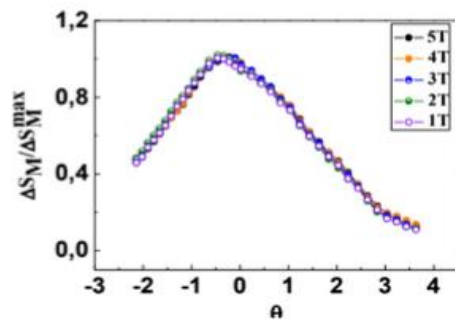


Fig 7. Normalized entropy change versus rescaled temperature for different applied magnetic field [39]

IV. Conclusions

In this work we have examined the output of the magnetic refrigeration and its uses as the modern technique instead of the traditional which leads to the global warming. Finally with the help of the calculation and practical, a detailed study of magnetic and magneto caloric properties has been conducted. The given information tells that is a theoretical model useful for the study of refrigeration due to magnetic effect, constructing a refrigerator model we can predict the values of the magnetic change full-width at half-maximum.

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