Magnetocaloric Hydrogen Liquefaction

Introduction

Conventional refrigeration uses vapor compression-expansion technology, which suffers high cost, high complexity, and energy inefficiency as one approaches the liquefaction point of hydrogen (-253 °C).

Magnetocaloric hydrogen liquefaction (MCHL) is a promising alternative, utilizing the heating and cooling of specific materials upon undergoing magnetization and demagnetization, respectively. The largest MCE occurs at the magnetic transition temperature of the material.



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Theory and Method:



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Related projects: LIQUID-H "Hydrogen Liquefaction with Caloric Materials"

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Estimated progress of the PhD project:

Just started	< 50 %	> 50 %	Almost done 🕲

Primary objective

 Develop magnetocaloric materials for hydrogen liquefaction

Secondary objectives

- Reduce the critical raw material content (>50%)
- Use machine learning to predict the magnetic transition temperature for new materials





