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[O6] Applications

Session Chair: Dr. Yusuke Hirayama(National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)

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[O6-5] Magnetic Refrigeration from Ambient Temperature to Hydrogen Liquefaction: bringing a technology to the market

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The magnetic refrigeration technology with enhanced energy efficiency, improved safety and better environmental sustainability has emerged as a viable alternative to conventional gas-compression refrigeration. This talk provides an overview of our recent advances in developing and optimizing magnetocaloric materials for applications in refrigerators operating at ambient temperatures and for cryogenic conditions (hydrogen liquefaction). We elucidate our trajectory from laboratory research to industrial implementation of the various classes of magnetocaloric materials (rare-earth (R) metals and alloys such as Gd and La(FeSi)₁₃, Heusler alloys, Laves phases such as RCo₂, R₂In, etc.). Key issues to be discussed include achieving maximum adiabatic temperature change and isothermal magnetic entropy change, reducing thermal hysteresis in materials first-order magneto-structural transitions, enhancing thermal conductivity and corrosion resistance, and improving durability and scalability [1-5]. The talk will also introduce the first commercially available permanent magnet-based drink cooler Polaris with 85 W and the supermarket display cooler Eclipse with 1 kW cooling power.

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