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Cryogenics = Temperature < 123 K (-150 °C)

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Cryocooler = Refrigerator working within cryogenic temperature...up to 4 K and below at times...

Based on various factors, types of cryocoolers

Wide Applications

- Cryopumps
- Cooling super-conducting coils and infrared sensors
- Space and Military equipment
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

etc.

- GM type cryocooler (low freq.)
- Stirling type cryocooler (high freq.)
- JT- cryocooler
- Pulse tube cryocooler (PTC)

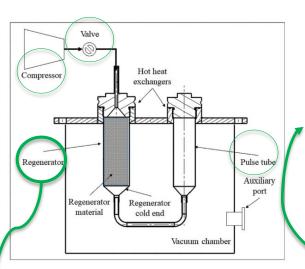




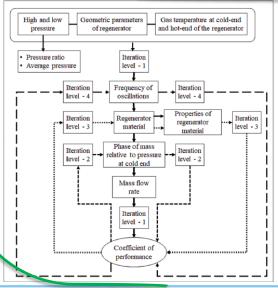
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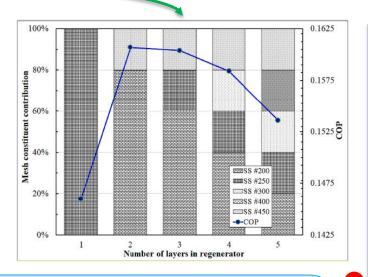
Simplified schematic showing main four components of a GM type PTC



Algorithm to optimize regenerator



Improvement in performance by using layered pattern



- It is a heat exchanger, often terms as a heart of a cryocooler
- Pivotal in achieving low temperature
- Should have high heat capacity and heat transfer characteristics, low pressure drop
- Different types of material in different configurations are used
 - SS/phosphor-bronze/Cu mesh, lead granules, rare earth materials (Er₃Ni, HoCu₂...)
- Present work highlights improvement in PTC regenerator performance by using multiple material methodically...