

IPB Reactor Calorimetry Coefficient of Performance (COP) Note

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Definitions

P power deposit to the core either by DC or Q -pulse in watts

H_{pdrop} heater power drop after power deposit to the core in watts

V_1 voltage measured at the core entrance

V_2 voltage measured at the core exit

$V^2 = (V_1 - V_2)^2$

$$C = \frac{H_{pdrop}}{V^2} [watts/volts^2], [watts/volts^2] = 1/[ohms] \quad (1)$$

Where C is constant at any given core temperature of power DC or Q -pulse, gas hydrogen or helium of ipb1-30b and sri-ipb2-27b.

$$R = \frac{V^2}{P} [volts^2/watts], [volts^2/watts] = [ohms] \quad (2)$$

Where R is constant at any given core temperature for all DC.

$$cop = \frac{H_{pdrop_Q}(P) - H_{pdrop_{DC}}(P)}{P} \quad (3)$$

For any given V_{DC}^2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} cop &= \frac{H_{pdrop_Q} - H_{pdrop_{DC}}}{P} = \frac{C_Q V_{DC}^2 - C_{DC} V_{DC}^2}{P_{DC}} \\ &= \frac{C_Q V_{DC}^2 - C_{DC} V_{DC}^2}{V_{DC}^2 / R_{DC}} = (C_Q - C_{DC}) R_{DC} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

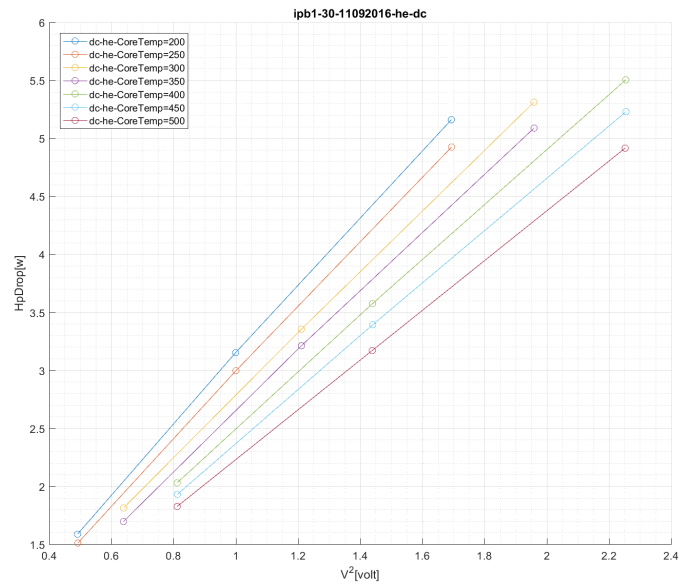


Figure 1: Inner Core Temperature and Heat Power vs. Running Hours

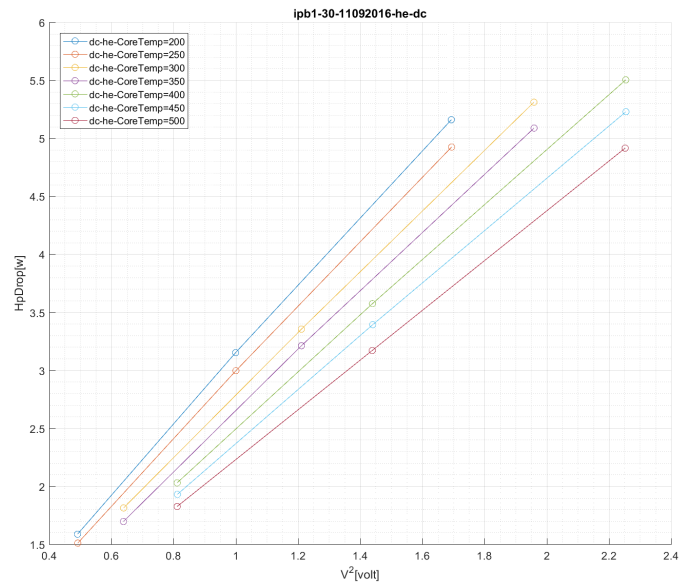


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