

Re: [Vo]:Brief Description of the Calorimetry in the Rossi Experiment at U. Bologna,
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I revised the H2 flow measurement part already.

The first report I will upload today is by Melich. This week or next we should have one by Prof. Levi.

These people are busy, which is why it took so long for them to give my report the once-over, and even they overlooked the part about weighing the H2 bottle. That is what they told me -- I have the handwritten notes, but it is clearly wrong.

The part about the electric wires I observed myself, from the video and photos. It is just a "reality check" observation.

I would like to know more about how the steam was condensed. They must have flushed it out of the room, down a drain. Otherwise they would end up with a very hot large bucket of water. Someone here correctly pointed out that venting that much steam into the room would make it like a steam bath. A medium size water heater at Home Depot is 5.5 kW. A sauna takes about 6 kW, I think.

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[Vo]:Brief Technical Description uploaded

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Okay! Finally. See:

Rothwell, J., ed./Brief Technical Description of the Leonardo Corporation, University of Bologna, and INFN Scientific Demonstration of the Andrea Rossi ECat (Energy Catalyzer) Boiler/. 2011, LENR-CANR.org.

<http://lenr-canr.org/acrobat/RothwellJbrieftechn.pdf>

As you see, I am the editor because this is a compilation of stuff from various people. It took me a while to get it all together and okay'ed.

Some photos here.

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**Brief Technical Description of the
Leonardo Corporation, University of Bologna, and INFN Scientific Demonstration of
the Andrea Rossi ECat (Energy Catalyzer) Boiler
14 January 2011:1600-1800, Bologna, Italy**

Background

Dr. Andrea Rossi, President of Leonardo Corporation, prepared in cooperation with scientists from the University of Bologna and INFN-Bologna an experimental demonstration of his ECat boiler for about 50 people, mostly scientists the afternoon of 14 January 2011. A video of some of the demonstration and other information is available at www.journal-of-nuclear-physics.com. The experiment was organized by Dr. Giuseppe Levi to establish the ECat's performance as a "black box." That is, Dr. Levi's instruments measured the electrical power and hydrogen supplied to and consumed by the ECat and measured the amount and temperature of the water to be heated to steam by the ECat, which was operated by Dr. Rossi.

Experimental Configuration

In Fig. 1 we see Dr. Levi (in the Red Sweater) standing behind the table on which sits from the left on the floor a translucent plastic reservoir of water with a blue funnel and a plastic tube that runs to the yellow/black positive displacement pump that sits on table. The plastic tube runs from the output of the black pump over to the ECat and delivers water through the silver insulation. The hydrogen is supplied from the red topped pressure vessel on the floor through a line to the ECat. The Blue Box with the red electrical connections on the table next to the silver ECat is the Controller that regulates the supply of hydrogen and electrical power to the ECat. There are three thermocouples that measure T1, the temperature of the room, T2 that measures the temperature of the water in the reservoir, and T3 that is on sticking out of the vertical, silver insulation covered ECat and measures the temperature of the output of the ECat. There is another probe without its electronics that measures the dryness of the exiting steam. The instrument used was a Delta Ohm HD37AB1347 Indoor Air Quality Monitor that was operated by a specialist on the faculty of the University of Bologna.



Figure 1 Preparing to disassemble equipment after experiment

There was also an input power meter that has not been identified or described in the information available to us at this time.

In addition to these instruments that are establishing the levels of input power and output (thermal) power there are a variety of nuclear radiation measurement instruments.



Figure 2 Rossi showing equipment to member of audience

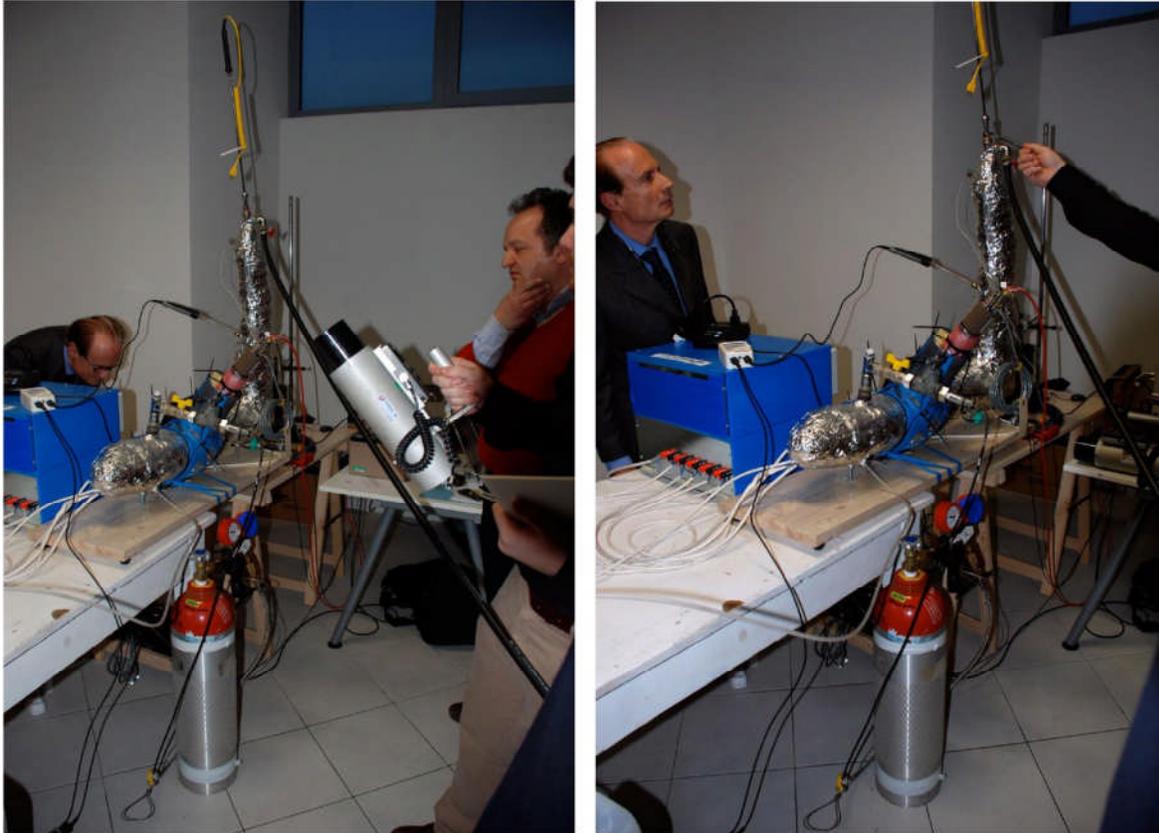


Figure 3 Other views of equipment, with radiation measurement instruments

Operation

Dr. Rossi turned on the E-Cat from its Controller and the temperature of the output water began to climb during this transient phase of operation. After approximately an hour of operation, the E-Cat produces steam whose temperature is $\sim 101^{\circ}\text{C}$. The IAQ Monitor has reported that the steam is “dry,” that is, the liquid water is all converted to steam. This is the steady state operation that will be used to describe the performance of the E-Cat in the following section.

Experimental Data (Preliminary)

Q1. How Much Power Did the Rossi E-Cat Produce during the Bologna Test on 14 Jan 2011?

Parameters and Their Values that Describe Rossi's Boiler in Steady State

T2 is the temperature of the water being pumped into the reactor by a positive displacement pump.

$$\mathbf{T2 = 13.3^{\circ}\text{C}}$$

T3 is the temperature of the output of the reactor as measured by a thermocouple and by the instrument from Prof Gallantini.

$$\mathbf{T3_{Steady State} = 101.2^{\circ}\text{C}}$$

(All temperature measurements appeared to have a fluctuation of about 0.1° .)

Calibrated Injection rate of water from the reservoir into the reactor:

Flow Rate: 146 grams per 30 seconds = 4.9 g/s

Power input to the ECat controller from the public power lines.

Transient period. 1,000 W.

Steady State. 400 W

Calculations

1. Dr. Levi quoted from his post experiment interview:

Energy required to convert 100 C water to steam = **2272 joules per gram**

Energy required to heat water 100.0 - 13.3 C = $86.7\text{C} \times 4.2 \text{ J/g}\cdot\text{C} = 364.1$

joules/gram

Flow rate: **4.9 g/s**

Thermal Power

$4.9\text{g/s} (364.1 \text{ J/g} + 2,272 \text{ J/g}) = 4.9 \times 2,636.1 \text{ J/s} = 12,917 \text{ W}$

ECat produced Excess Power = Thermal Power - Input Power

= 12,917 - 400 = 12,517 W

Note: The contribution to the input of the hydrogen is not included here.

2. Calculation by Prominent Physical Chemist

I first calculated that 146 g of H₂O is 8.104 moles.

The heating of this H₂O from 13.3 C to 100.0°C requires:

$(75.291 \text{ J/mol K})(100.0-13.3 \text{ K})(8.104 \text{ mol}) = 52,903 \text{ J}$

The evaporation of this H₂O at 100°C requires:

$(40,883 \text{ J/mol})(8.104 \text{ mol}) = 331,320 \text{ J}$

This heat of evaporation at 100°C was calculated from the heat capacities using Kirchhof's Law. My 1955 CRC gave 40,669 J/mol for this value at 100°C.

Heating the H₂O vapor from 100.0°C to 101.2°C requires:

$(33.577 \text{ J/mol K})(1.2 \text{ K})(8.104 \text{ mol}) = 324 \text{ J}$

The sum is: $52,903 \text{ J} + 331,320 \text{ J} + 324 \text{ J} = 384,550 \text{ J}$.

The Thermal Power is 384,550 J/30 s = 12,820 W.

Power Gain_{Steady State}:

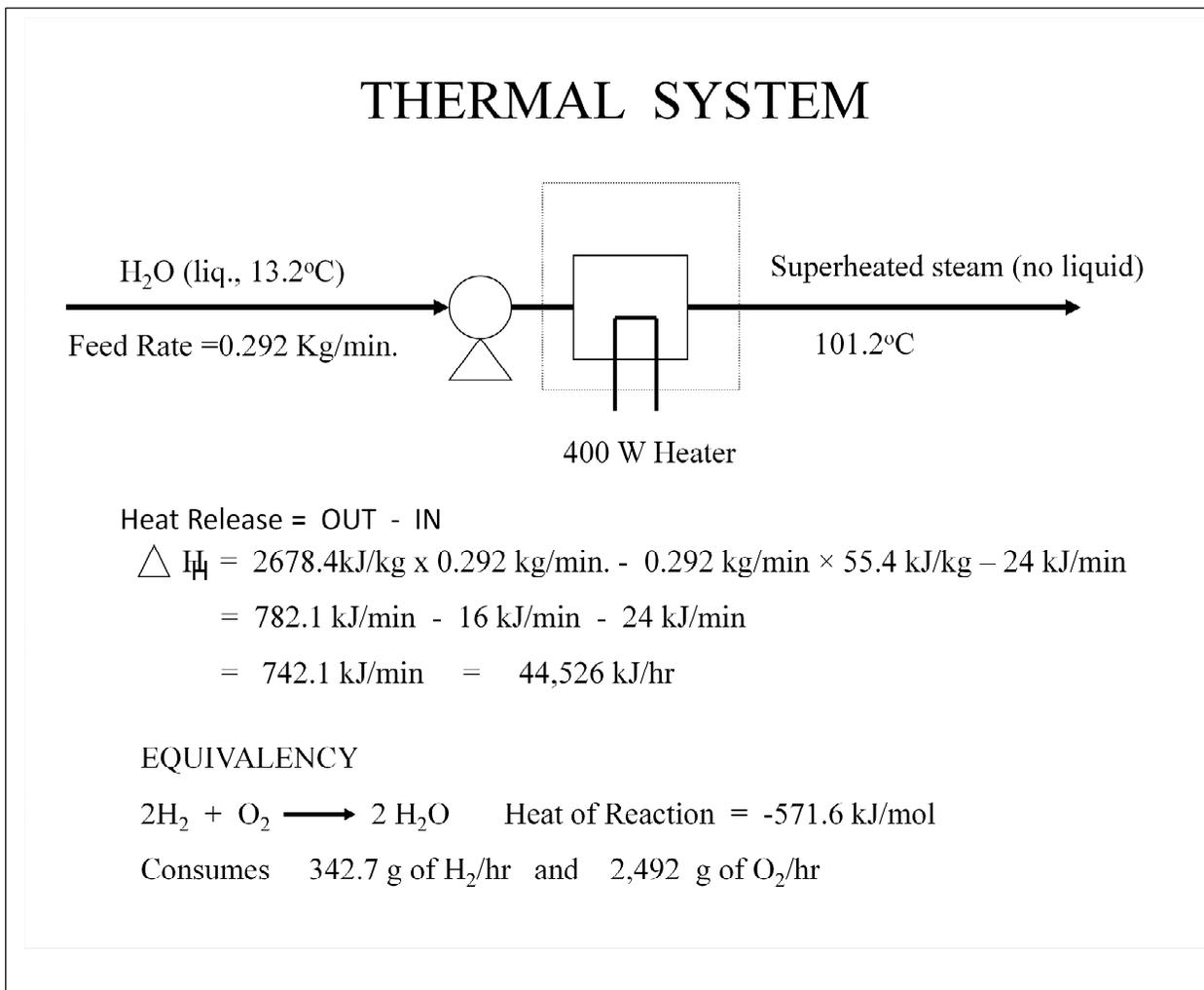
The ratio of power out to power in is **12,400/400 = 32.1**.

Estimate of the Mass of Hydrogen burning to water to Produce the Observed Thermal Energy = 0.1 grams per second

For the reaction $\text{H}_2 + 0.5 \text{ O}_2 = \text{H}_2\text{O}$ assuming the H₂O is produced as a gas and not as a liquid, the enthalpy change is -241,818 J/mol. The minus sign simply indicates that this reaction is exothermic. The moles of H₂ required to supply 384,550 J is therefore 1.590 moles of H₂ for the reaction with oxygen. This is $(1.590 \text{ mol H}_2)(2.016 \text{ g/mol}) = 3.206 \text{ g}$ of H₂ in the 30 second period or 0.1069 g H₂ per second.

If the $(400 \text{ J/s})(30 \text{ s}) = 12,00 \text{ J}$ is subtracted, **one obtains 0.1035 g H₂ per second.**

3. Calculation by Prominent Catalyst Chemist



Note: 44,526 KJ/hr x 1 hr/3600 seconds = **12,368 Watts**

Comment

The information collected together and the calculations presented are preliminary estimates of the thermal power generating capability of the ECat that was operated in Bologna, Italy on Friday, 14 January 2011. The INFN/U Bologna Technical Report should correct errors in the data used here and offer insight into the errors in the measurements themselves. This synopsis is based upon the data made public by the experimental team and Leonardo Corporation.