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# Development of an energy transducer for the energy recovery by thermoelectric generators from metal forming processes



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## Example: forging process



**Forging temperature of steel:**

**1200° C**

**Heating needs about 500000 kJ/t**














**That corresponds to about 0.5 MWh/t**

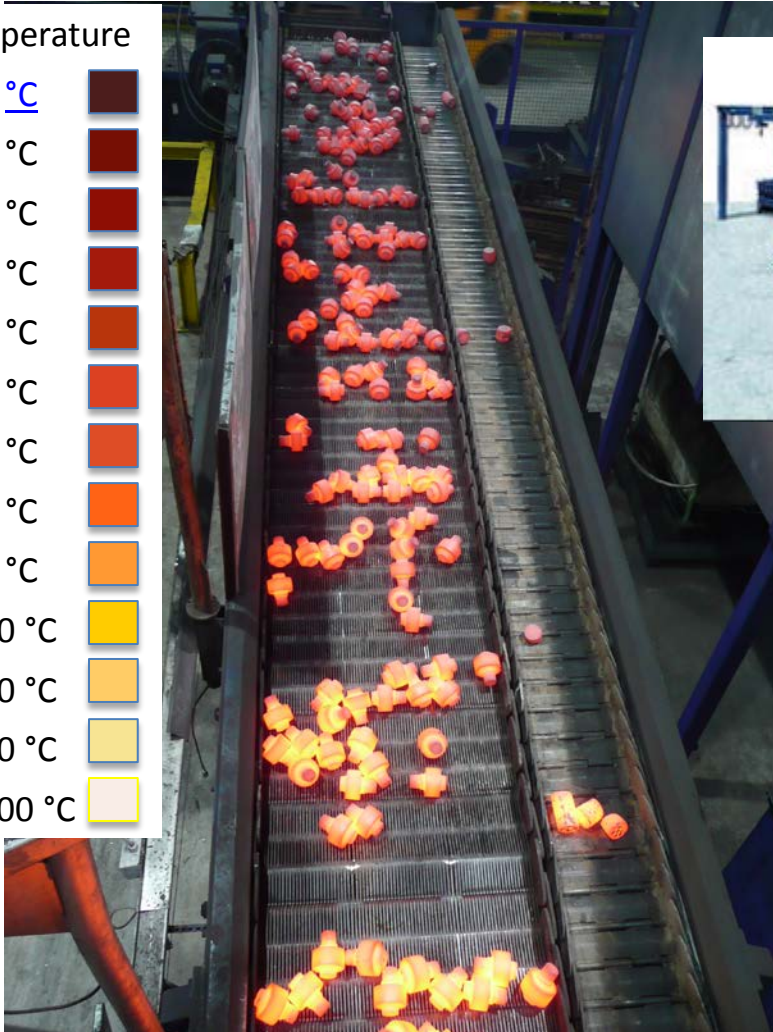
**20% of the heat is lost radiative after the process within the first minute of cooling**



## Forging process

temperature

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 550 °C   |    |
| 630 °C   |    |
| 680 °C   |    |
| 740 °C   |    |
| 780 °C   |    |
| 810 °C   |    |
| 850 °C   |    |
| 900 °C   |    |
| 950 °C   |    |
| 1000 °C  |    |
| 1100 °C  |   |
| 1200 °C  |  |
| >1300 °C |  |

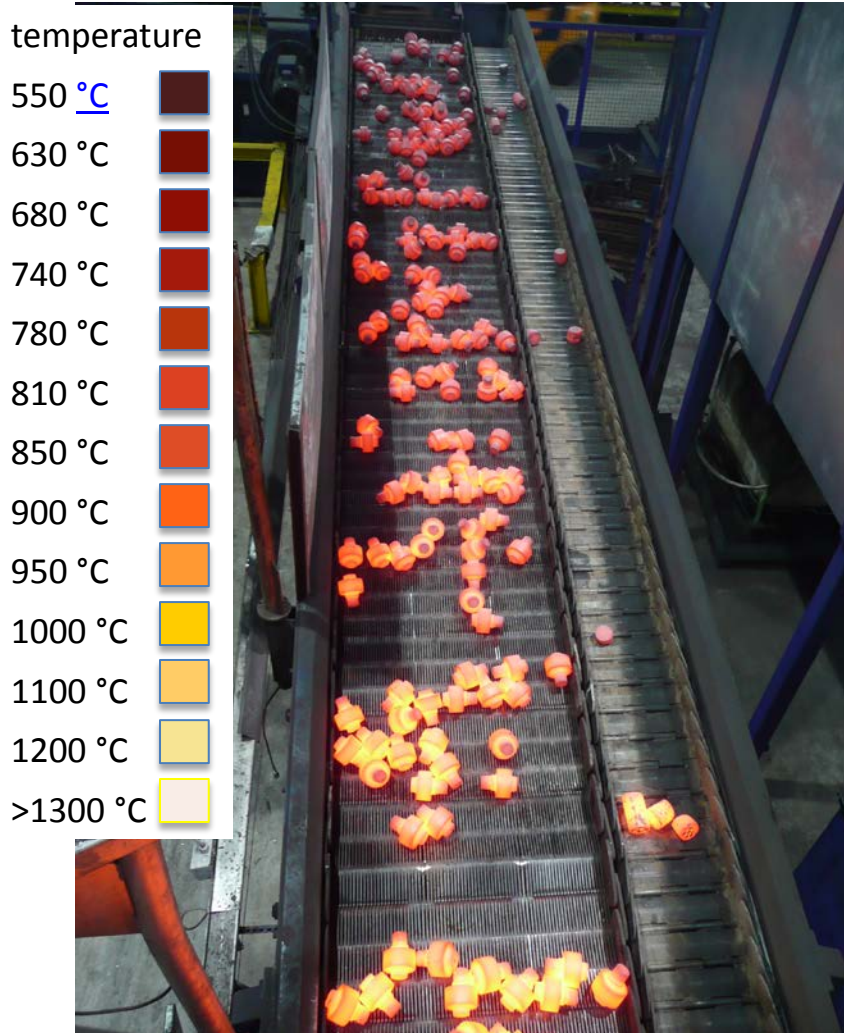


## process data



- a) Material cart and bar magazine
- b) Induction-heating facility
- c) Forging unit
- d) Unloading/cooling belt

## Forging process



## process data

- About 200 parts of 3kg at a time on the belt
- Cooling from 1200°C to 800°C
- Heat loss of about:

$$E_{\text{loss}} = C_{\text{steel}} * m * \Delta T$$

$$0,477\text{kJ}/(\text{kg K}) * 600\text{kg} * 400\text{K}$$

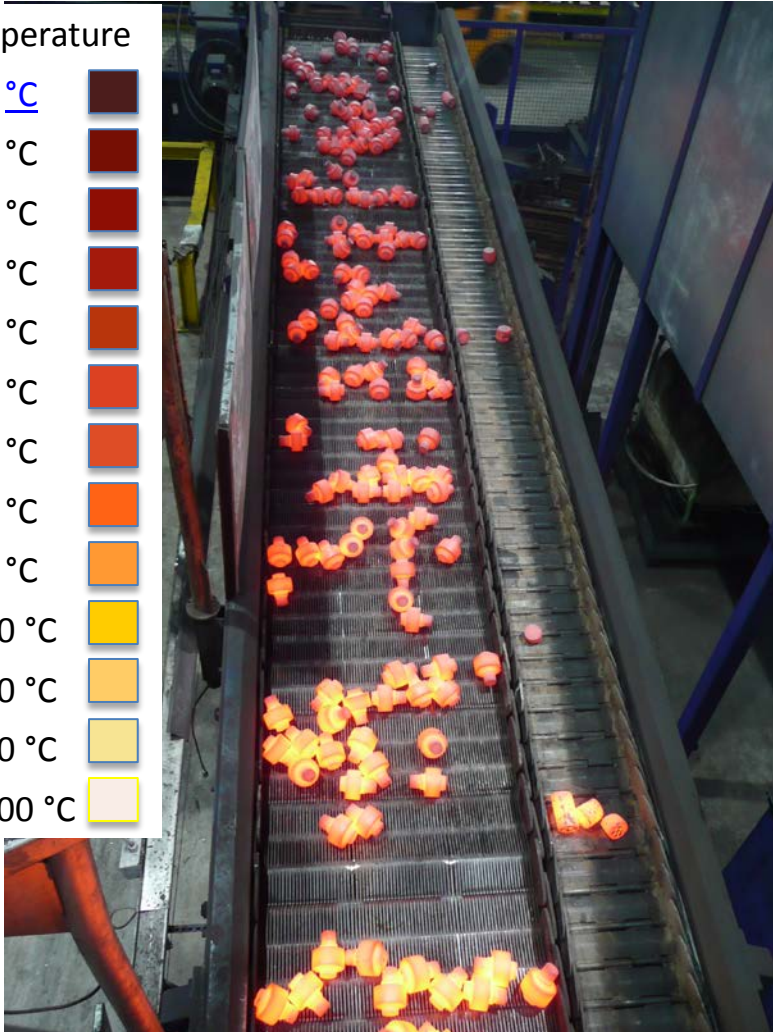
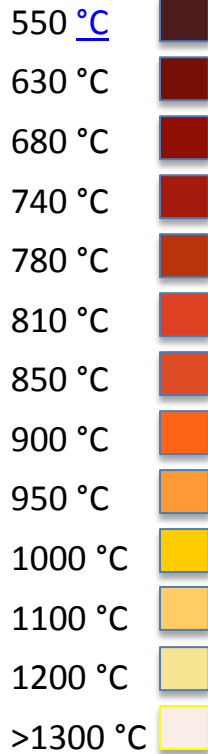
$$= 114480 \text{ kJ}$$

- 90% radiative heat loss  
5m<sup>2</sup> area, cooling time 60s  
results in  
400kW/m<sup>2</sup> radiation heat

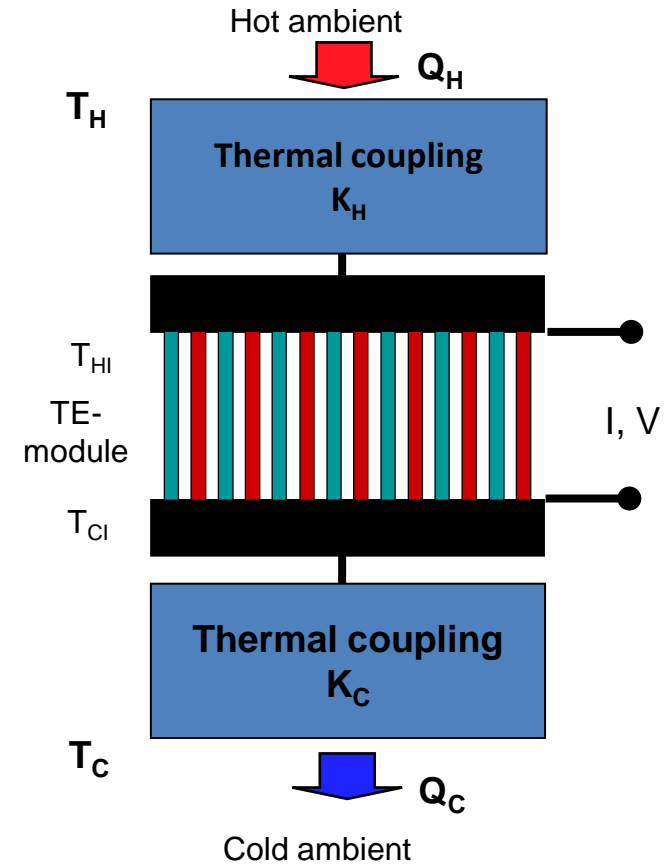


## Forging process

temperature



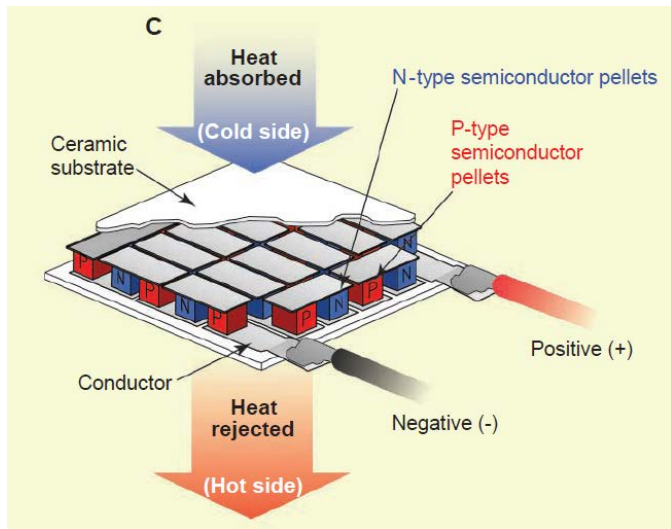
## Coupling TEG



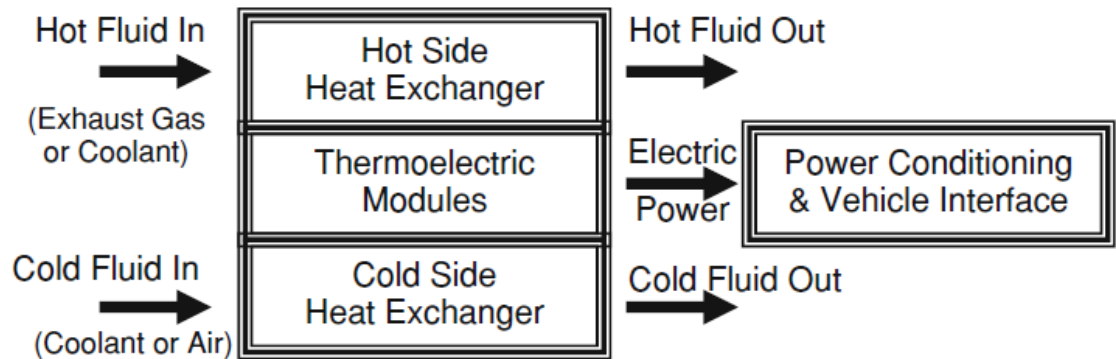
$$P_{\text{therm}} = 100 \text{ kw}$$

$$P_{\text{electr.}} = 4 \text{ kw}$$

## The task: system integration



### Thermoelectric Generator (TEG) Functions



# Thermoelektrische Kenngrößen

## p- und n-Typ Material

-> elektrisch in Reihe

-> thermisch parallel

## Seebeck-Koeffizienten

$\alpha_n$  und  $\alpha_p$

$$U_0 = \alpha^* (T_H - T_K)$$

## Spezifische Leitfähigkeit

$\sigma_n$  und  $\sigma_p$

## Thermische Leitfähigkeit

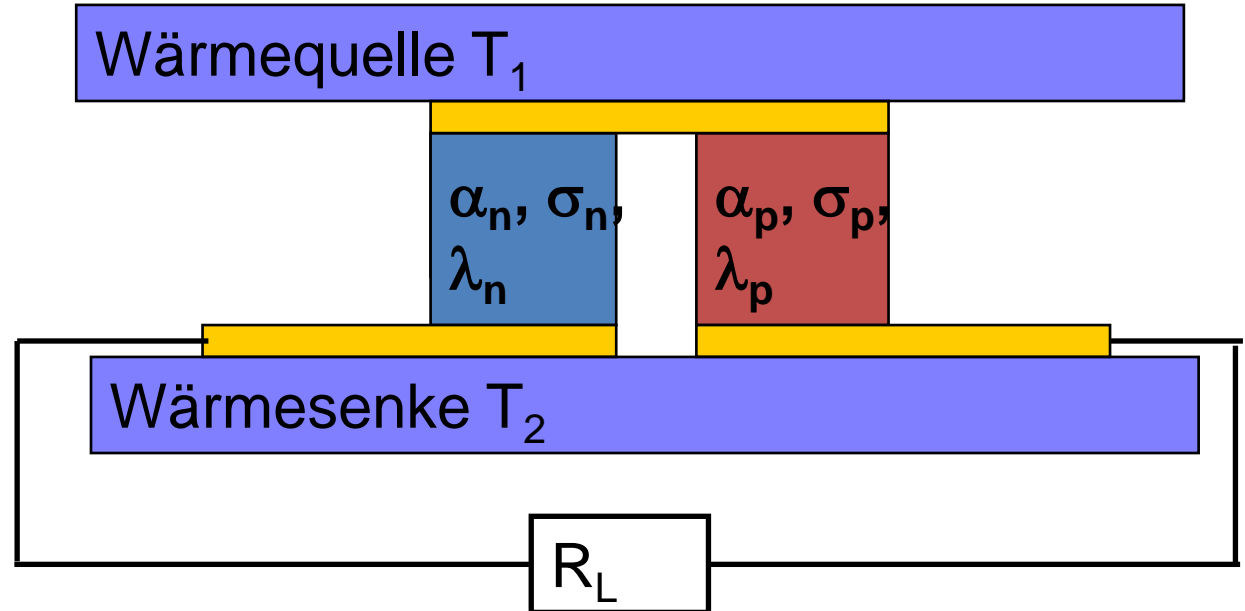
$\lambda_n$  und  $\lambda_p$

## Peltier-Koeffizient

$$J_Q = \Pi^* I$$

## Kelvin Gleichung

$$\alpha = \Pi / T$$

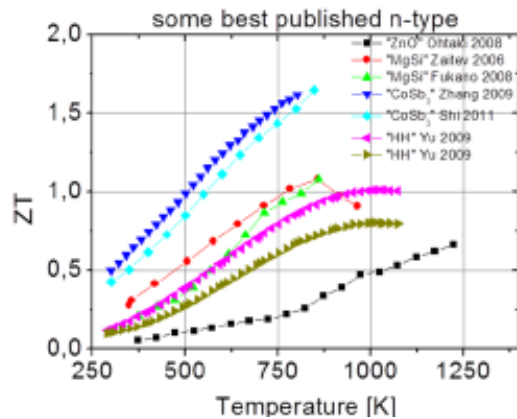
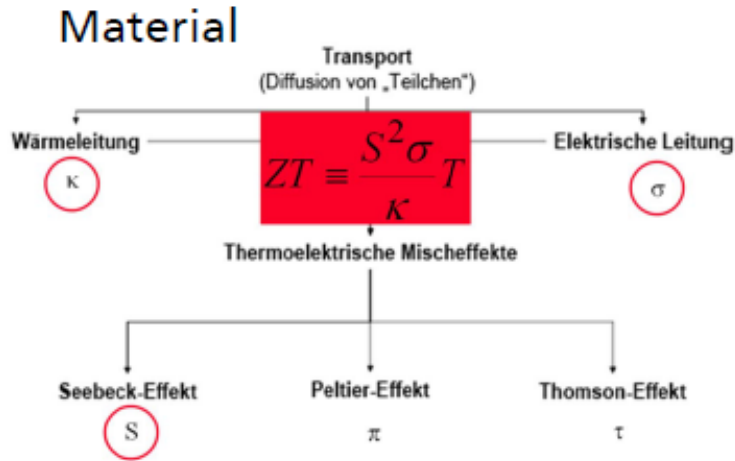


## Güteziffer

$$ZT = \frac{\alpha^2 \sigma}{\lambda} T$$



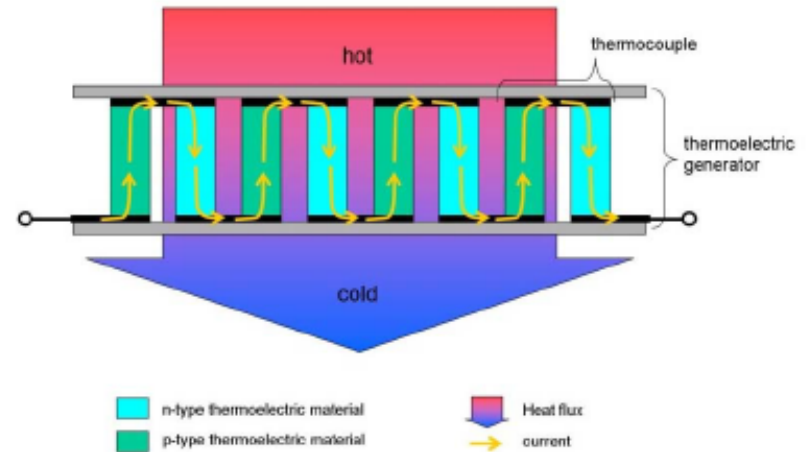
## Thermoelectric standardisation



## TEG

$$\eta_{TEG} \equiv \frac{P_{el}}{Q_H} = \frac{(T_H - T_C)}{T_H} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1 + Z_{TEG} \frac{T_H + T_C}{2}} - 1}{\sqrt{1 + Z_{TEG} \frac{T_H + T_C}{2} + \frac{T_C}{T_H}}}$$

$$Z_{TEG} = \frac{(\alpha_n + \alpha_p)^2}{K \cdot R_i}$$

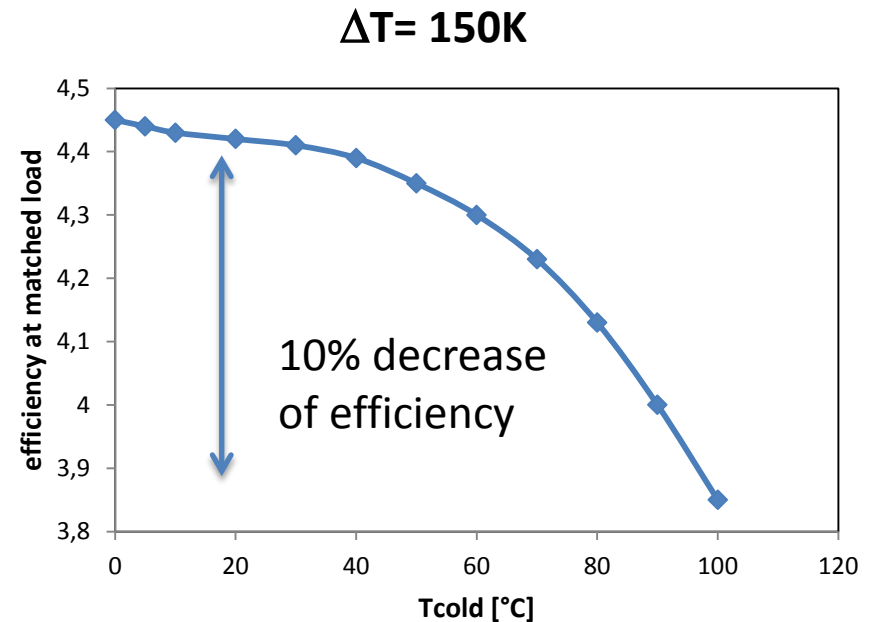
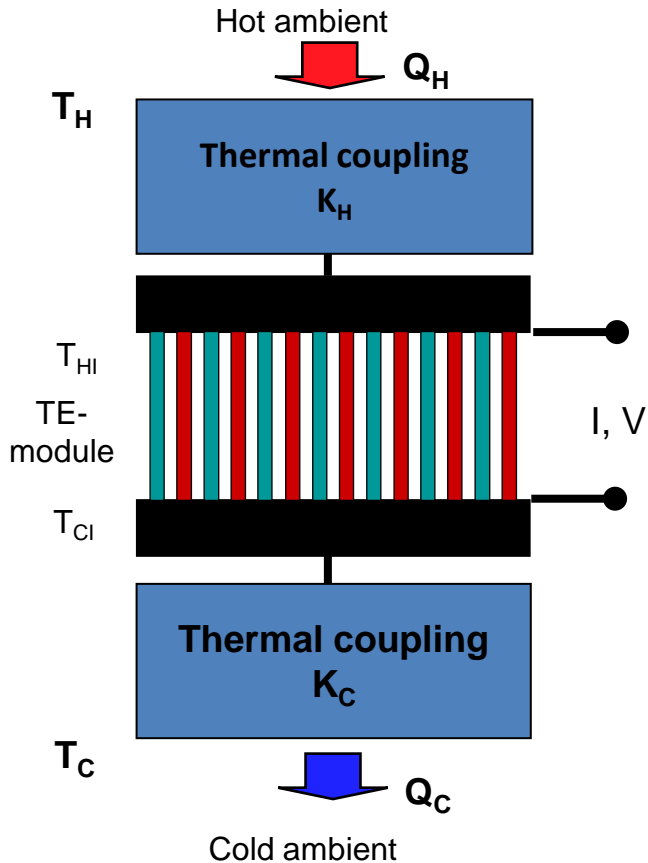


## Coupling TEG – cold side

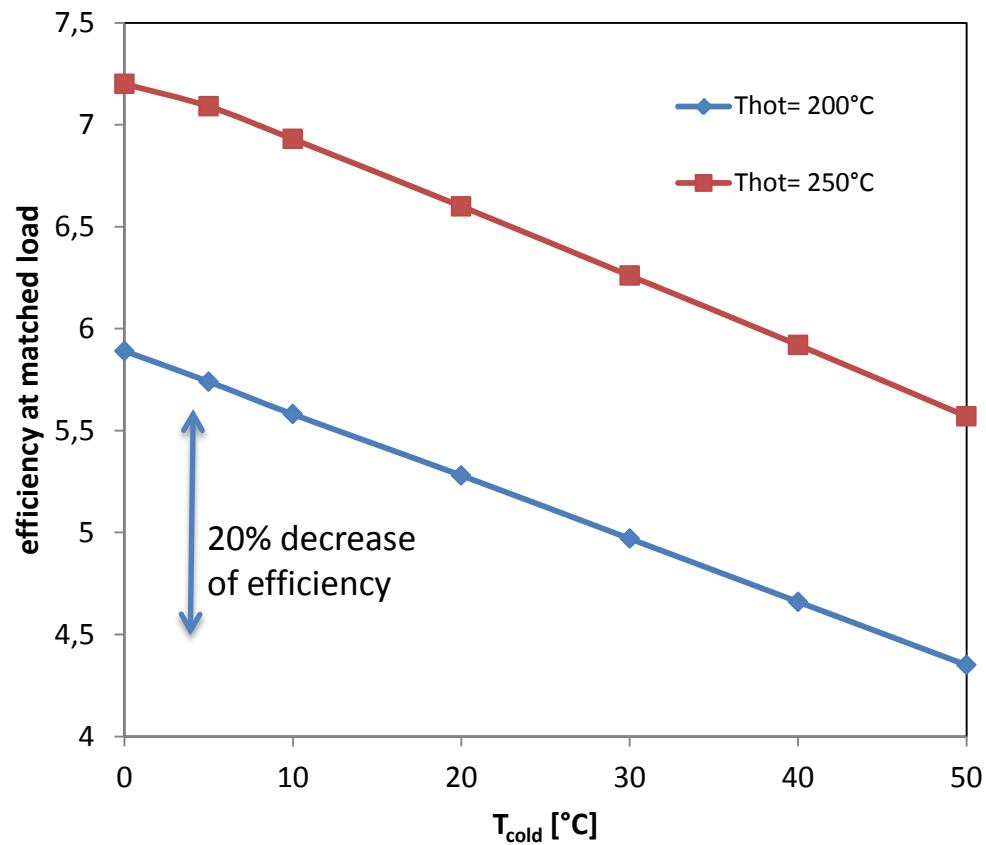
Cold side coupling with liquid

But cold side very sensitive to heat transfer as well

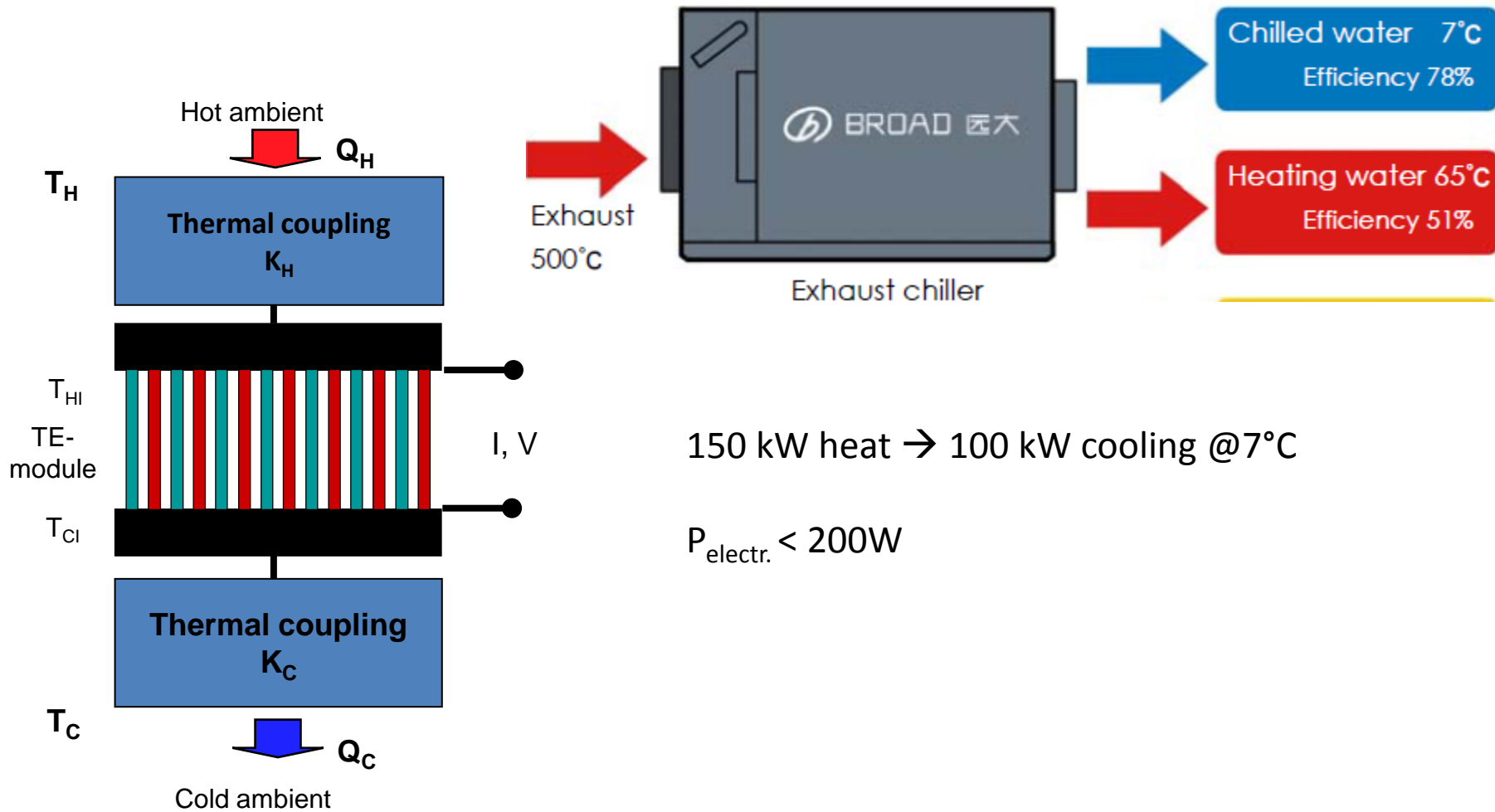
Drifting temperature at cold side



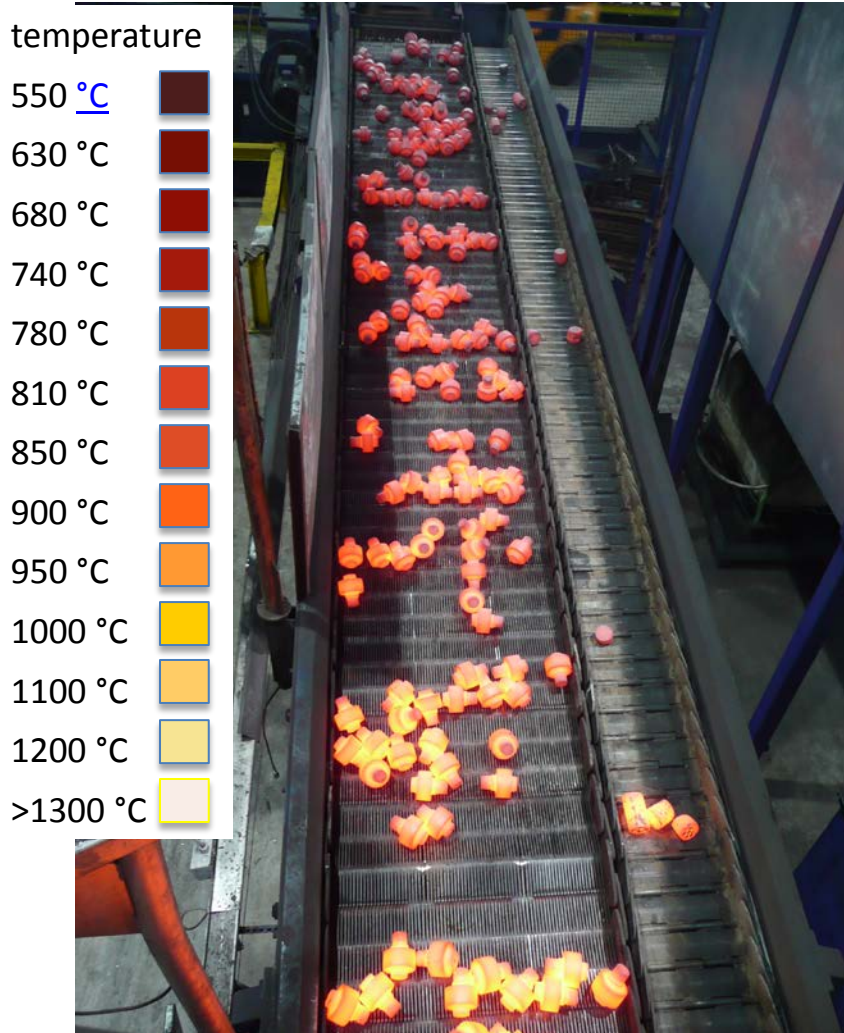
## Dependence of the efficiency of a module on $T_{\text{cold}}$



## Option heat to cool



## Forging process



## summary

100 kW radiative heat absorbed

Cooling by „heat to cool“ 100 kW stabilizes cold side temperature, electrical consumption below 200W

➤ >4% efficiency expected

→ 4 kW<sub>electr.</sub>

Perspective for other processes with waste heat temperature up to 200°C



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