Proposal: a novel heating method for coffee

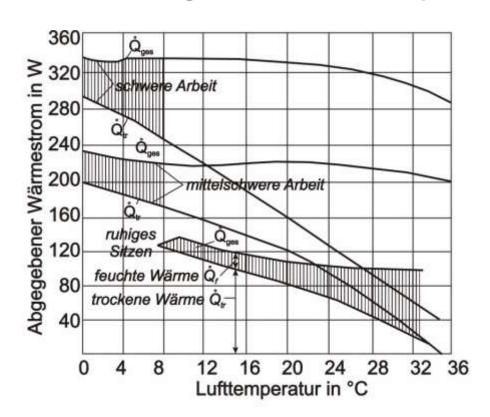
An application which utilises in-situ resources at the office and responsible use of modern manufacturing technologies

Motivation

- coffee usually tends to get cold with time [1] when you are focused on your code
- cold coffee ≠ good coffee
- → a solution which utilises the in-situ resources is needed

Sources of thermal energy

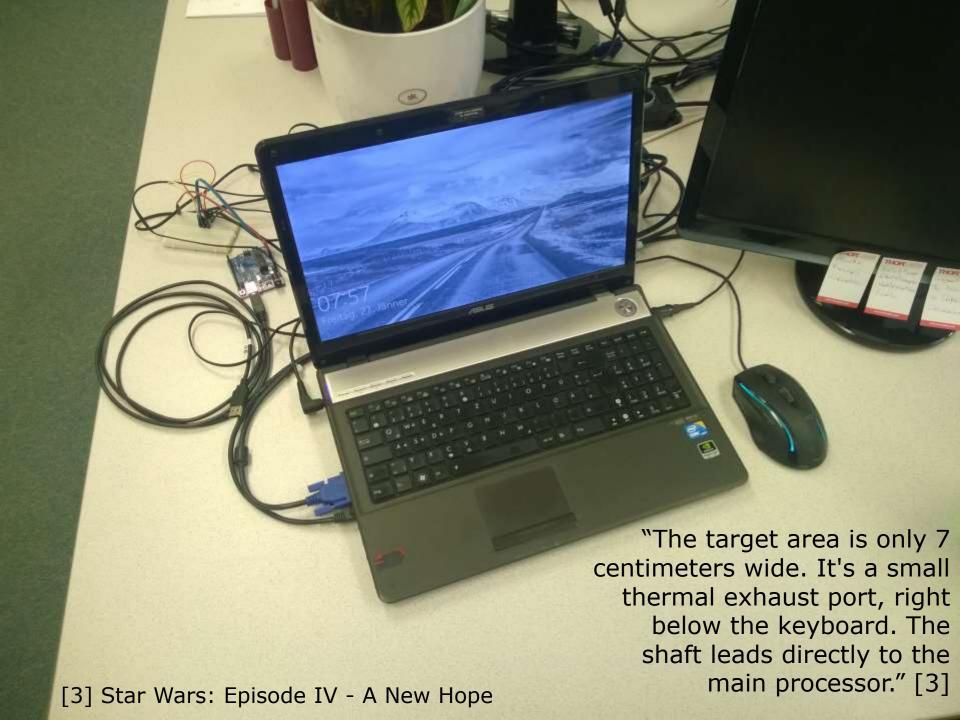
humans: an average adult produces around 100W of thermal energy when working at the computer [2]



[2] Prof. Dr.-Ing. E. Specht, Der Mensch als wärmetechnisches System, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, 2005

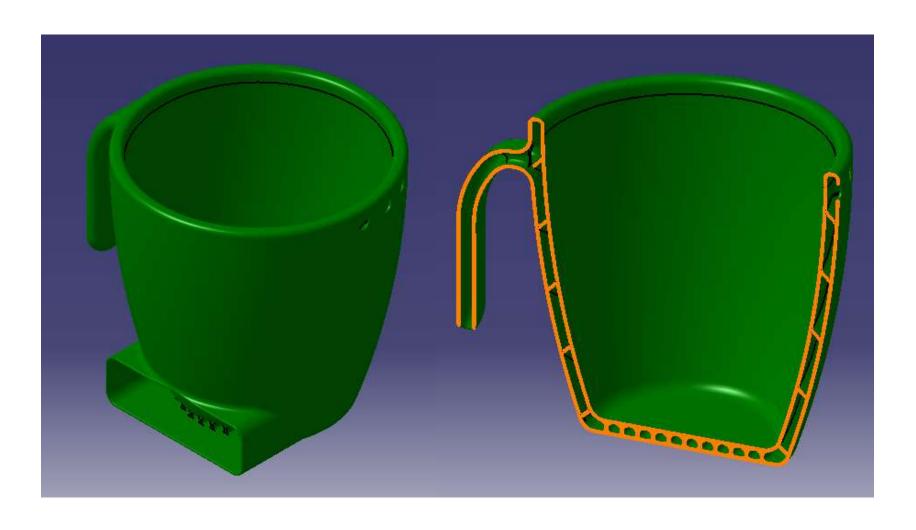
Sources of thermal energy

electricity: an omnipresent power source but requires an additional heating device (resistive, peltier element)





Proposed energy harvesting device







Verification

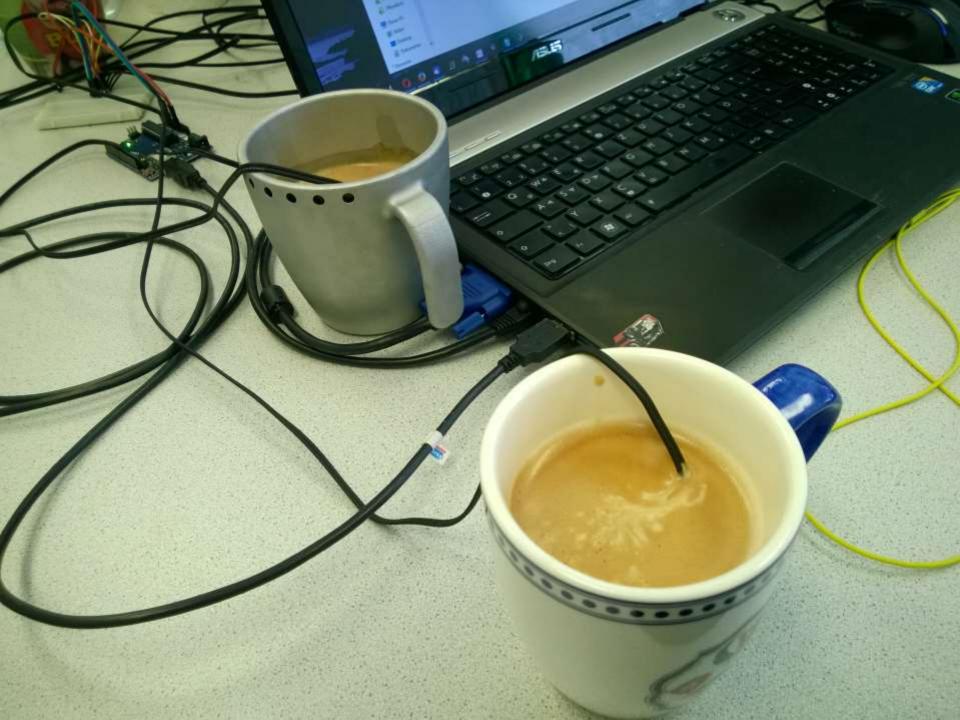
- Arduino based measurement system to acquire temperature values with 3 independent NTC sensors
- raw data is sent to a computer in intervals of 1s
- MATLAB script calculates temperature values, visualizes in realtime
- data is stored in hdf5 container for further processing

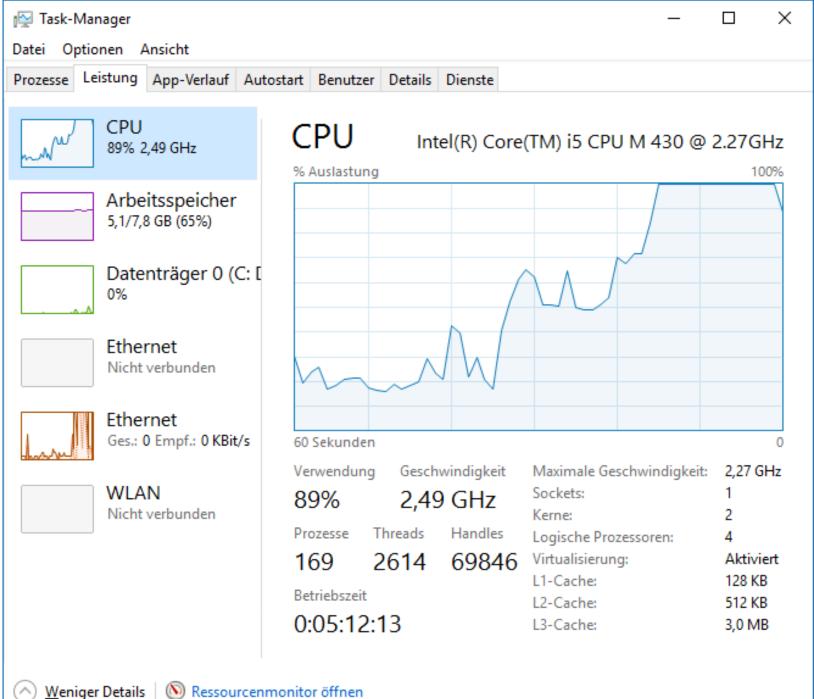
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- a similar shaped conventional mug is needed for reference
- both mugs are filled with the exact same amount of coffee simultaneously using highly scientific methods
- 24ml of milk are added afterwards



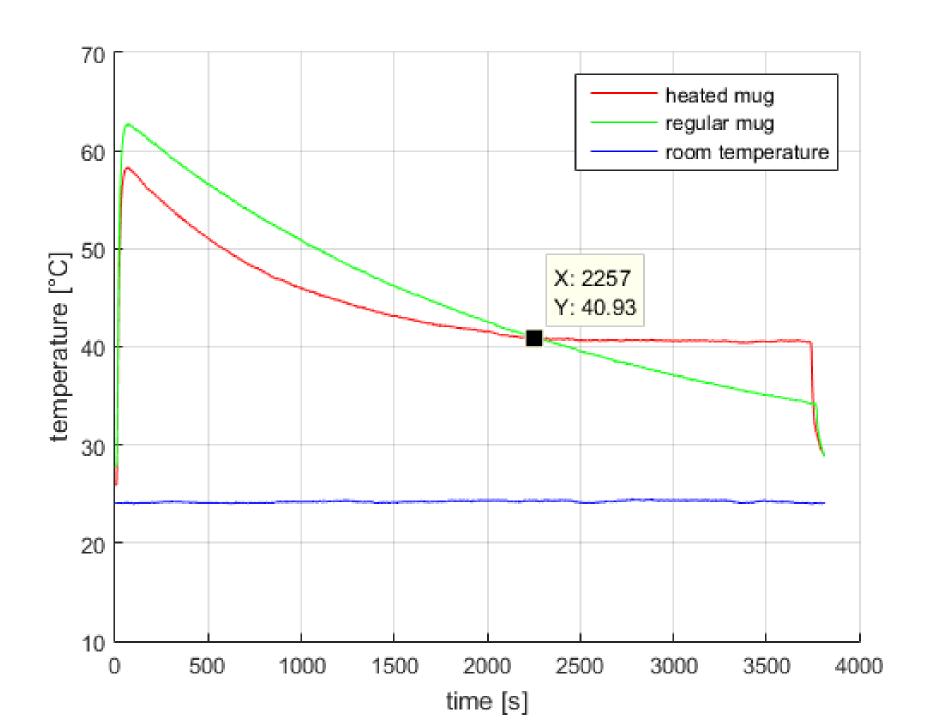






Results

- > 60°C is too hot
- $\sim 50 60$ °C is nice warm coffee
- 40 50°C is acceptable
- 34°C is definitely too cold
- drinking coffee with a wire stuck in the mug is weird
- drinking coffee out of a warm aluminium mug is weird too



Conclusion

- proposed device did not show the expected performance
- Aluminium acts as heatsink by transferring heat to the outside
- outer shell with less thermal conductivity is needed while maintaining the metal inner shell