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**Abstract** 

Elastocaloric cooling technology is a novel solid-state cooling technology based on the latent heat

associated with martensitic phase transformation in shape memory alloys. The active elastocaloric

regenerator concept was recently demonstrated as a promising approach for this technology.

However, if not properly designed, the large temperature gradient in the active regenerators could

lead to significant degradation of elastocaloric effect and system performance. To address this

challenge, a numerical model was developed in this study with phase transformation kinetics of

shape memory alloys, which is capable to investigate the stress-induced or temperature-induced

phase change phenomena and elastocaloric effect degradation problem. The performance of an

elastocaloric cooling system with a pair of active regenerators is studied in terms of operating

frequency, flow rate, geometric parameters and thermal conductivity of the material. Most

importantly, the condition to avoid eCE degradation was found as the matching principle to guide

material selection for future studies.

Key words: solid-state cooling, elastocaloric cooling, thermoelastic cooling, shape memory

alloys, phase transformation model

Nomenclature

**AER** 

active elastocaloric regenerator

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