



Material and Component Development for Thermal Energy Storage

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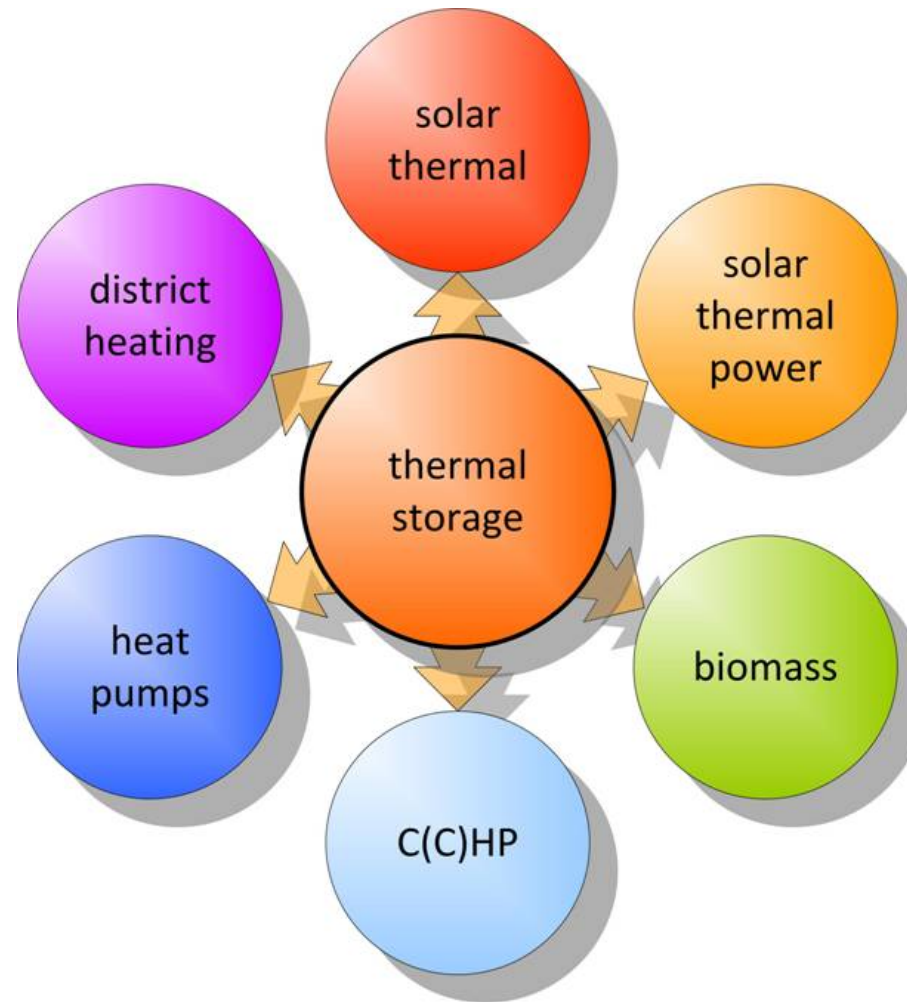


Task58/Annex33

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- International Energy Agency joint research and development project
- Joint: Solar Heating and Cooling (SHC) and Energy Conservation through Energy Storage (ECES)
- 3-year duration, 2017-2019
- Materials and Application Experts (over 60 from 13 countries)
- Semi-annual experts meetings
- Work on common goals

Thermal Energy Storage is a Key Enabling Technology

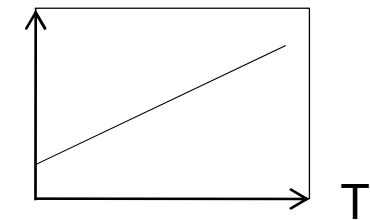


3 Main principles for Heat Storage

Sensible heat

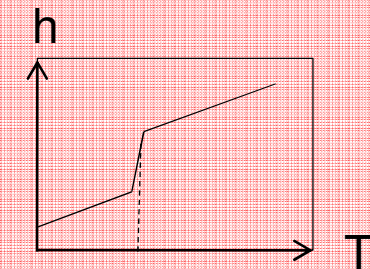
- principle: heat capacity
- reservoirs, aquifers, ground/soil

$h = \text{stored heat}$



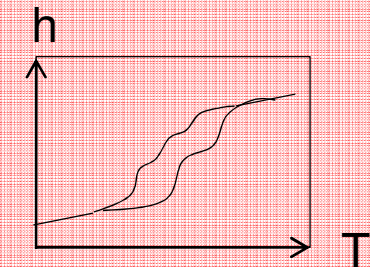
Latent heat

- principle: phase change (melting, evaporation)
- water, organic and inorganic PCMs



Sorption heat and Chemical heat

- principle: physical (adhesion) or chemical bond (reaction enthalpy)
- adsorption and absorption and chemical reactions

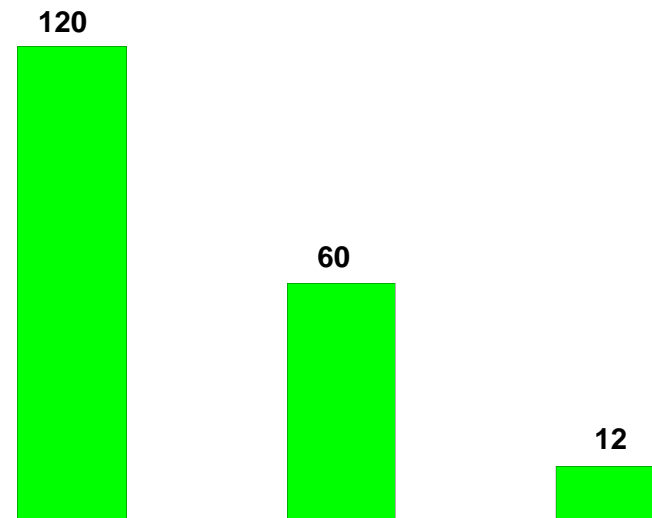


Compact TES

Compact Thermal Energy Storage

If available volume limited → Compact storage

Volume (m³) of a seasonal storage for an energy efficient single family house



	Sensible	Latent	Chemical	
Storage density	110	250	500-3000	MJ/m ³
	31	70	140-830	kWh/m ³



Scope of T58A33



Advanced materials for latent (PCM) and chemical thermal energy storage (TCM) materials.

Three different scales:

- **Material properties**,
behaviour from molecular to bulk scale, material synthesis, micro-scale mass transport and sorption reactions;
- **Material performance in components**
materials behaviour, also within the storage system; heat, mass, and vapour transport, wall-wall and wall-material interactions, reactor design;
- **Storage system implementation**
performance of a storage within a heating or cooling system, including e.g. economical feasibility studies, case studies, and system tests.



Subtask structure



PCM

TCM

Subtask 1: “Energy Relevant Applications for an Application-oriented Development of Improved Storage Materials”

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Subtask 2: “Development and Characterization of Improved Materials”

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Subtask 3: “Measuring Procedures and Testing under Application Conditions”

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Subtask 4: “Component Design for innovative TES Materials”

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Materials and component development examples



- PCM components
- Solid sorption
- Hydrates and ammoniates
- Materials characterisation and testing
- Open and closed systems
- Seasonal storage systems
- Storage for industry

PCM components development

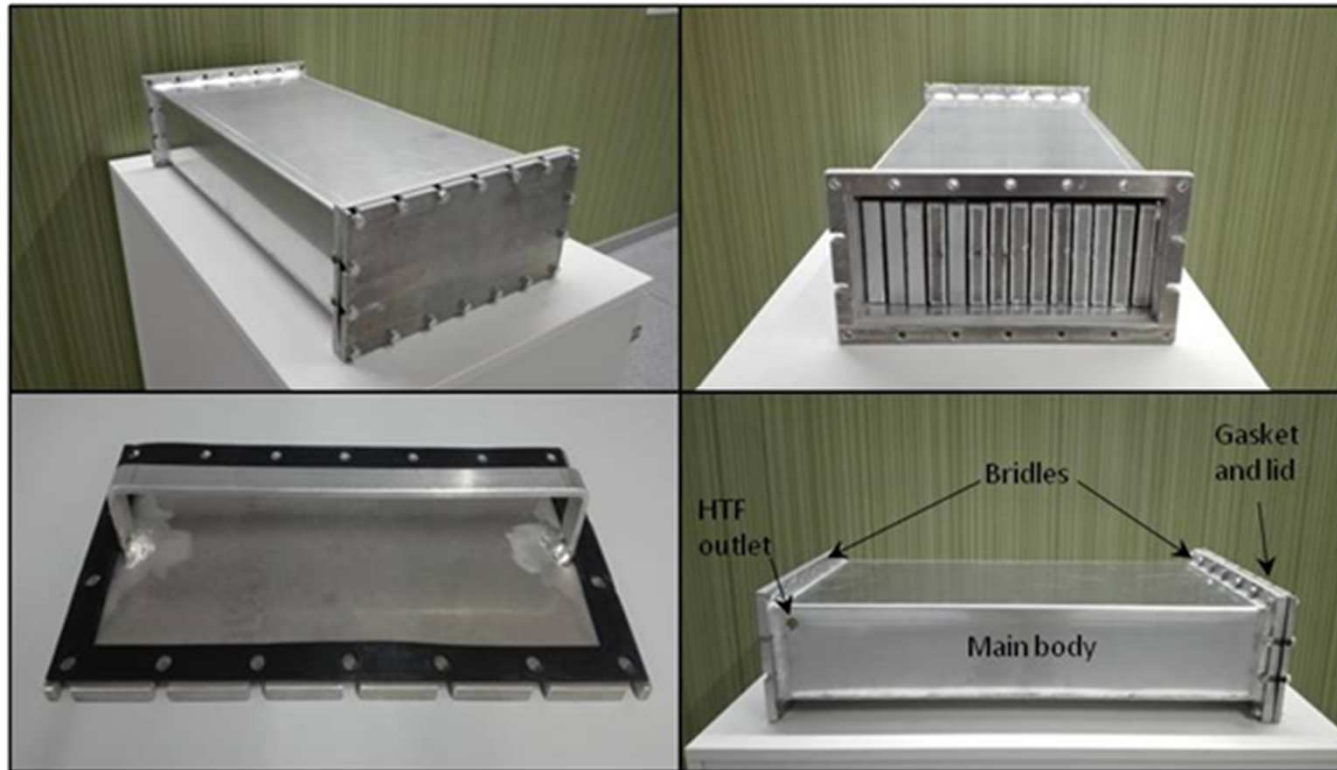
University of Bayreuth (DE) is working on macro-encapsulated PCM for heat transport.

Figure shows cost comparison of macro-encapsulated test capsules and low-cost alternatives

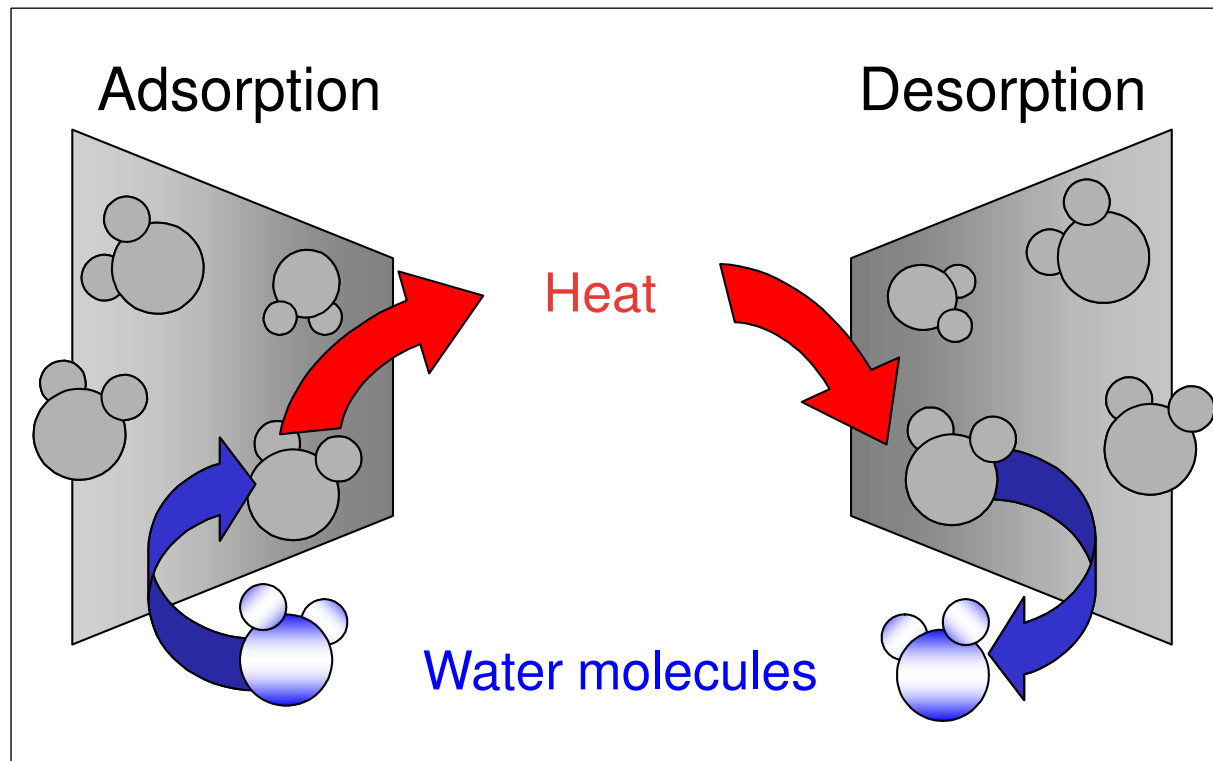


PCM components development

University of the Basque Country (ES) has developed a compact-plate PCM TES for heating and DHW. Cycling behaviour is investigated in prototype.



(Solid) sorption



Zeolites:

Charging

Temperature:

120 – 300 °C

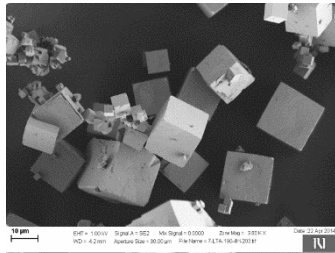
Discharging

Temperature:

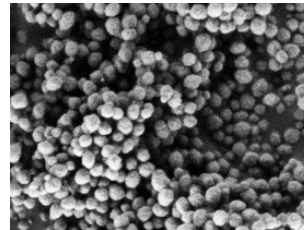
50 – 200 °C

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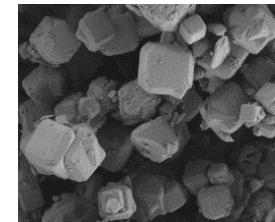
National Institute of Chemistry – Slovenia Development of microporous aluminophosphates Improved performance



AlPO₄-LTA: cubes of 10 to 20 μm



MOF-801: round particles of 200 nm



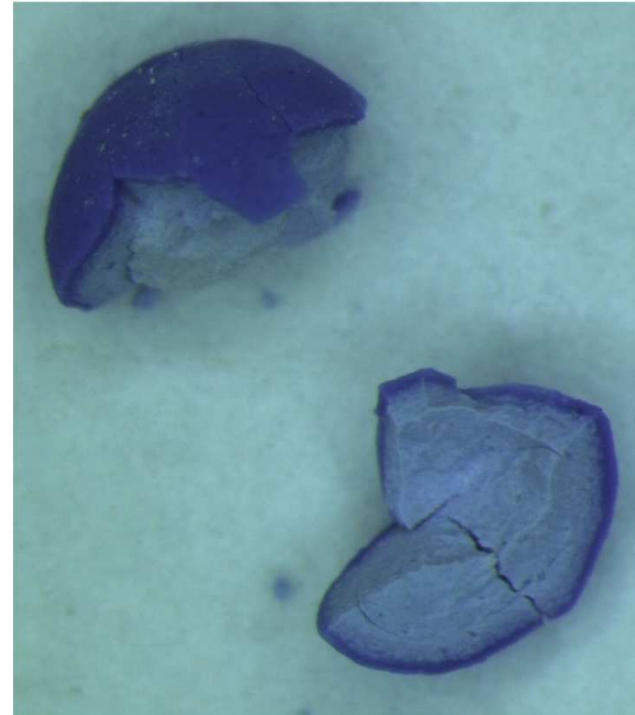
Zeolite 4A: cubes of 2 μm

	Maximum water uptake (g/g)	Energy storage capacity (Wh/kg)	Charging temperature (°C)	Decrease in water capacity (%) after 20 cycles
AlPO ₄ -LTA	0.42	373	65	<0.3
MOF -801	0.36	323	80	> 3
Zeolite 4A	0.28	350	300	<0.3

Materials development – Novel TCM Ammonia as sorbate



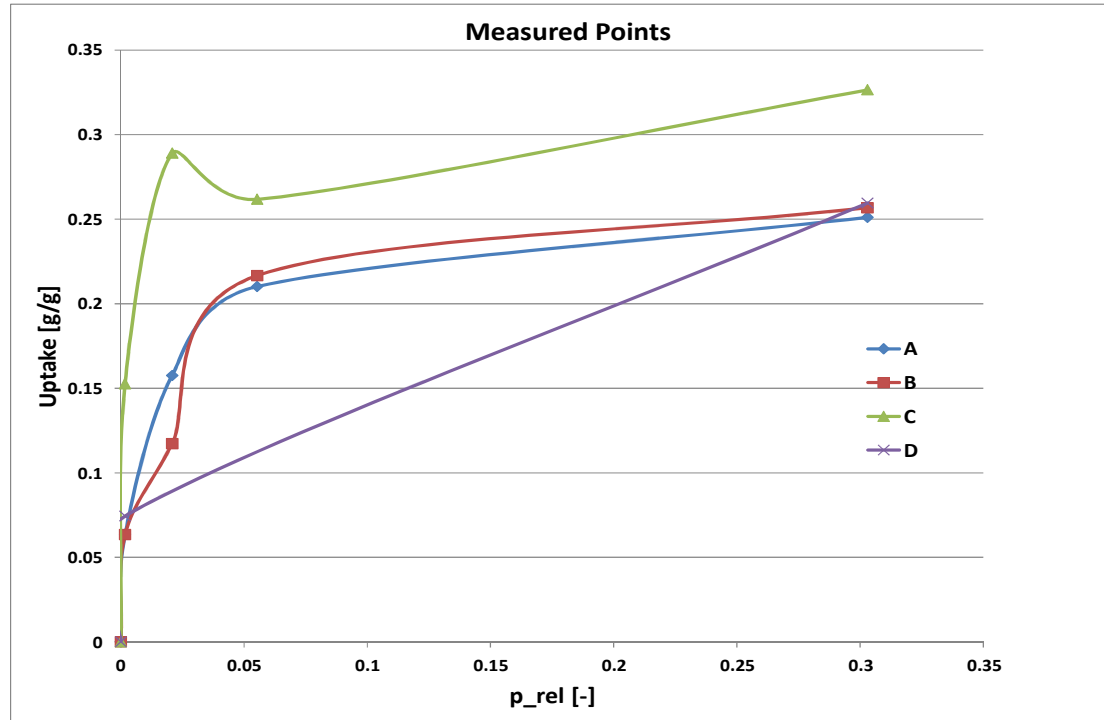
$[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{SO}_4)$ on zeolithe



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Copper sulfate with ammonia: 1770 kJ/kg storage density; volume expansion controlled by integration into zeolite (215 kJ/kg) (TU Vienna, AT)

Subtask 3T Measurement procedure improvement for TCM



Results for water uptake of zeolite sample by four different partners

Analysis of possible reasons for disagreement and re-definition of measurement procedure

Compact seasonal thermal storage system with salt hydrates

Heating rod

Evaporator / Condenser

Buffer storage



Storage module
(~180mm
insulation)

Functional test
module with
200 kg salt
hydrate

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Scale

Open Sorption

OFFSOR Project (FHOÖ Wels, AT)

Open Sorption Technology for long-term Thermal Storage

Development goals

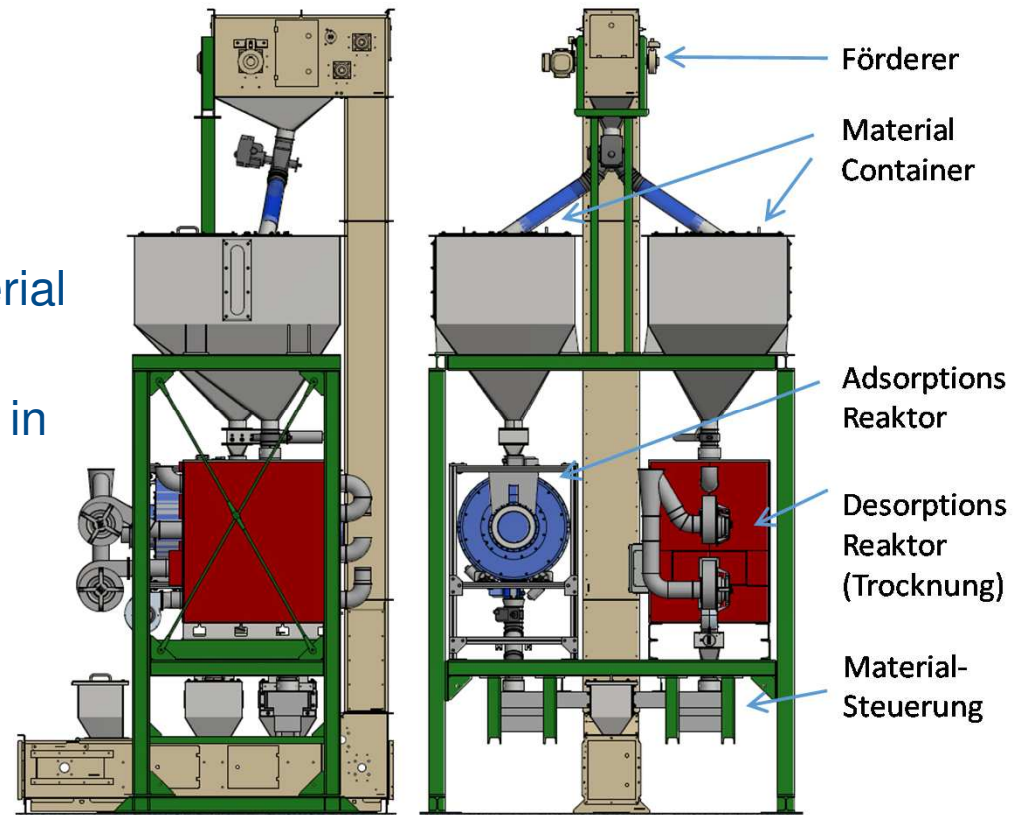
Process technology:

- Material transport
- Abrasion of storage material

Optimisation of desorption in summer

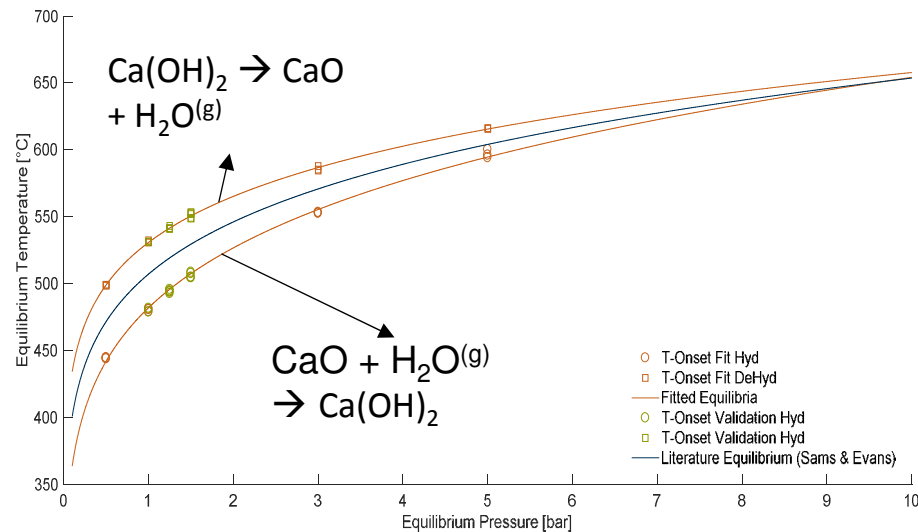
Preparation of moist air in winter

Control strategy



Component Development

High temperature TES: Oxide – Hydroxide Reaction



TU Munich:

Finalized construction of a 10kW pressurized fluidized bed pilot reactor

(30 l, up to 7 bar and 700 °C, Nitrogen and Steam Atmosphere)



In conclusion



- Heat and cold use is of major importance in the global energy system
- Thermal Storage is an enabling technology for a broad field of applications/technologies
- Long-term ongoing collaboration between materials experts and systems experts
- IEA SHC/ECES Task58/Annex33 is delivering results in materials and component development for (compact) thermal energy storage technologies
- Continued effort is required to arrive at optimal TES solutions

An aerial photograph of a modern building complex featuring large solar panels on the roof and a prominent yellow and blue logo overlay in the top left corner. The building has a mix of white, grey, and yellow walls, and the solar panels are mounted on a structure that extends over a paved area. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.

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