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# COMPACT THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE IN THE RENOVATION WAVE – WHY, WHAT AND HOW RUUD CUYPERS, TNO

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THE EU'S AIM: 32%

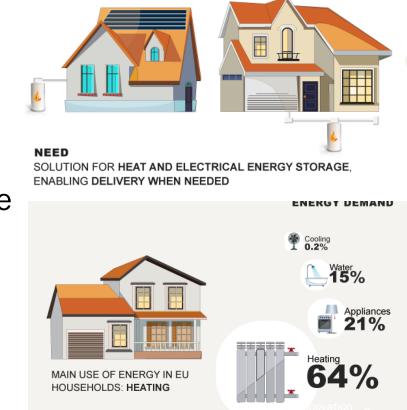
RENEWABLES

BY 2030

### WHY DO WE NEED HEAT STORAGE? TO BALANCE ENERGY SUPPLY & DEMAND IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

) Phase out fossil energy; renewables have fluctuating nature

- > Need to overcome intermittency & increase flexibility
- Large share of domestic energy demand is heating
  day/night, weeks, months, seasonal storage?
- Heat battery: compact, affordable & efficient heat storage
  Increasing owner's share of renewable energy use
  - Increasing flexibility, energy independency, autarky
  - > Power-to-heat enables E-network peak-shaving
  - Heat-to-heat enables H-network optimization



CHALLENGE:

LARGE FLUCTUATIONS

IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND

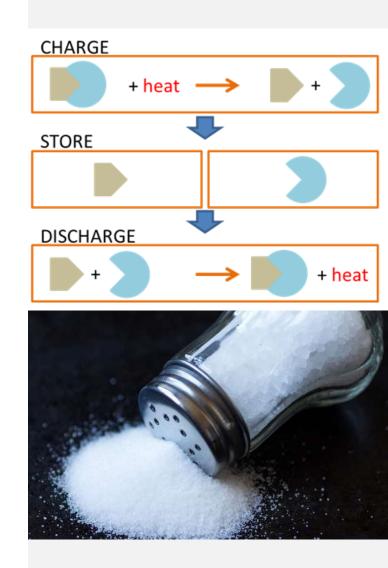
### WHAT ARE WE DEVELOPING? DECENTRAL COMPACT THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A heat battery based on thermochemical materials

- Compact: To fit both new-built and retrofitted buildings
- Affordable: Cheap & abundant materials
- Efficient: High E/V, low-loss energy storage, utilizing excess energy for later space heating / DHW production

) Flexible use

- Electricity (direct / through HP)
- Heat (Solar thermal, waste heat, heat network)
- Scalable / modular size



### **HOW DO WE DEVELOP THIS TECHNOLOGY?** TWO EXAMPLES OF ONGOING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

 Examples of multi-stakeholder projects on compact Thermal Energy Storage @ TNO (& partners)

- Heat Insyde (EU H2020 G.A. 869810; www.heat-insyde.eu)
   2019 2024
  - > 12 R&D and industrial parties from 6 EU countries
  - Demonstration of technology in 3 different climate zones

### > SSUSG (EU EFRO OP-Zuid)

- 2018 2020
- > 5 R&D and industrial parties in Province Noord Brabant
- Demonstration of technology in a tiny house



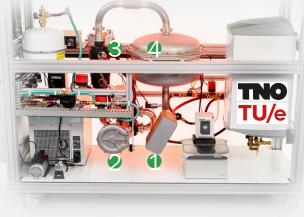




### **SHOWCASE 1: HEAT INSYDE** DEMONSTRATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN 3 DIFFERENT CLIMATE ZONES IN THE EU

- Advance a ground-breaking closed-loop heat storage concept to Technology Readiness Level 7
- Multicyclic stable TCM, compact systems, energy management & interfacing
- Deliver an affordable, highly compact and sustainable solution with robust performance, integrated in decentral system.
- Combine compact storage with a highly efficient heat pump effect (COP > 10) delivering hybrid functionality.
- Create new opportunities for grid flexibility, with configuration in both heat and electricity systems.
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## SHOWCASE 2: SELF-SUPPORTING URBAN SMART GRID

DEMONSTRATION OF MODULAR TECHNOLOGY IN A TINY HOUSE IN BREDA, NETHERLANDS

- ) 2 Loss-free storage modules during storage time
- ) Compact storage, high volumetric energy density
- Complete storage system heating a building with solar energy
- Energy density on battery module level:
  - > 0.35 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> (proven)  $\rightarrow$  equals 5x water storage vessel
  - ) 0.50 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> (t.b.d. summer 2021)
  - > 0.75 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> (expected 2022)  $\rightarrow$  up to 10x water storage!



## HOW CAN THE HEAT BATTERY CONTRIBUTE TO THE RENOVATION WAVE?

### COMPACT THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE ENABLES INNOVATIVE RENOVATION CONCEPTS

- Heat storage enables better use of available energy (E & H)
- ) Compact heat batteries fit in renovated buildings
- Energy concepts can be used that would otherwise not be possible in renovated buildings, e.g.:
  - > PV / heat pump / heat storage combination
  - Extending heat network range with decentral storage but without increase of network



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### **NEAR FUTURE** SPINOUT COMPANIES MARKETING COMPACT STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES BASED ON SALT HYDRATES

Cellcius – closed loop system (Established 2020)

**)** BatterHeat – vacuum system (*under establishment*)



www.cellcius.com



Store better heat.

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