ThermoCube Storage Systems

Smart Solutions for the

**Heat Transition** 



**Technical Presentation** 

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### **Customer Benefits**

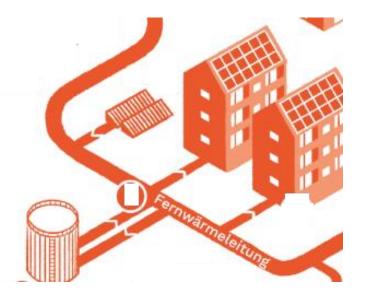
Heat storage systems compensate for the **time difference** between the **heat/cold produced** and its **demand**, thus <u>enables</u> the use of <u>renewable energies</u>

However, the **high costs** of **heat storages** are currently making the heat transition <u>more expensive</u> and **preventing desirable applications**, such as:

- Solar-assisted heating
- Thermal batteries (heating/cooling production only when electricity prices are low or when environment temperature is high)

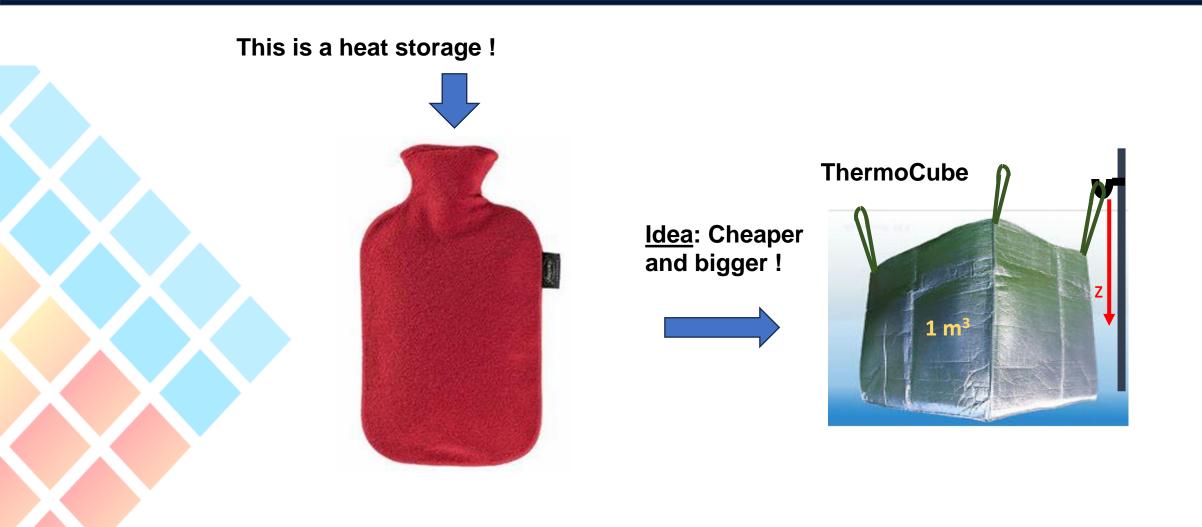
Note: Our Thermobattery costs only 5% compared to a el. battery

→ But is has identical effect in el. grid stability !

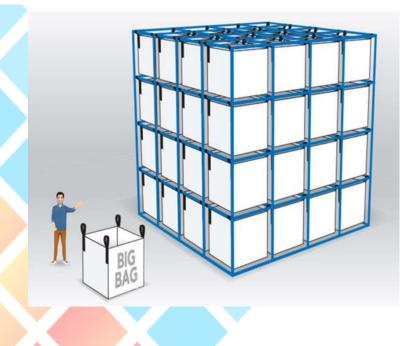


## Simple Idea

**ThermoCube** Low Cost Storage for Thermal Energy



## Solution: ThermoCube



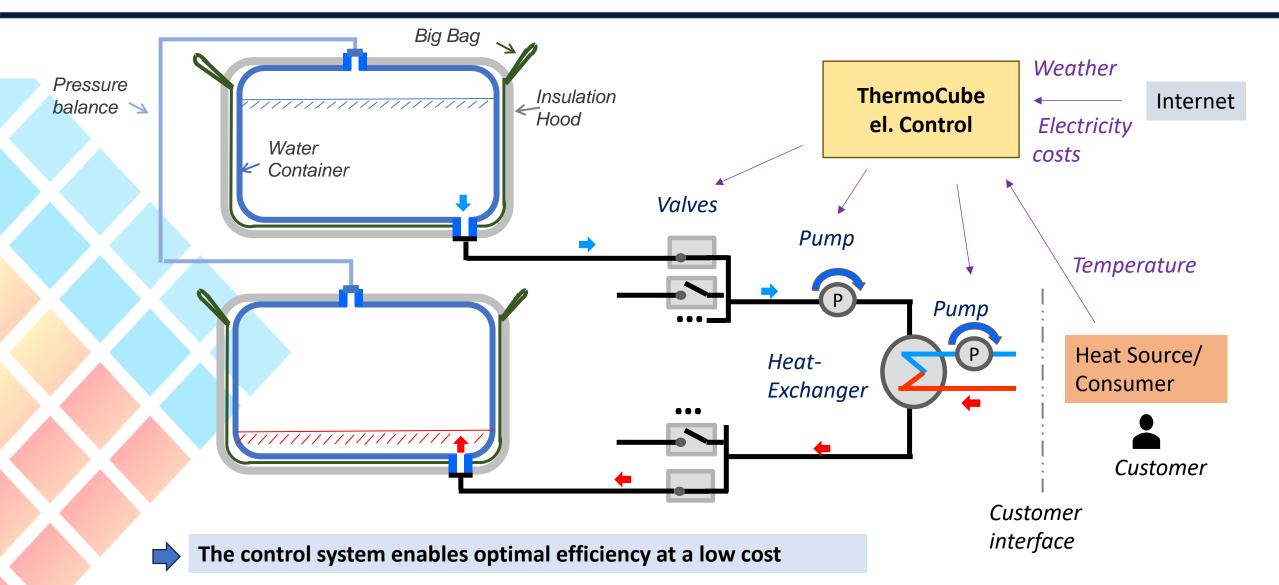
### Patented Idea (EU-Patent) :

- Division of the storage tank into small (almost) pressureless plastic cells
- The cells (big bags) are hung on simple metal carier
- An empty cell for transfilling (full cube  $\rightarrow$  empty cube)

Thus, less than 5% of metal is needed in comparison with current tanks

 $\rightarrow$  Sales Price is < 50% of current tanks

### Hydraulic and Control



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## **Product**



- Storage temperature = 5-60°C (GEN1) and 5-80°C (GEN2)
- Heat loss = 0.5 °C/ day
- Min. operation time = 15 years, app. 1000 charging cycles
- Meduim = Water (possibly also salt water)
- Energy content per m3 = 70 kWh\_th (GEN1) and 90 kWh\_th (GEN2)
- Profit = €7/m3 or €9/m3 per filling
- Duration of complete filling/emptying = 4h

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# Selling Points

| Selling Points                        |              | Competitors                            | THERMO                                |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Price (Material, Transport, Assembly) |              |  | •                                     | 100        |
|                                       |              | Temp. Mixture                          | •                                     | 16         |
| Energ                                 | ergy<br>sses | Heat-Radiation, -Conduction            | 1 <b>4</b>                            | 14         |
| LUSSE                                 |              | Surface Size                           | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 16         |
|                                       |              | Filling Inner $ ightarrow$ Outer Cubes | •                                     | 14         |
|                                       |              | Rust and Calc                          | 1 <b>4</b>                            | 1          |
| Longevity                             | Ίτγ          | Temperature > 80°C                     | 16                                    | 1 <b>6</b> |
|                                       | ſ            | Filling Duration                       | <b>14</b>                             | 1          |
| Basement Assembly                     |              |  | 1 <b>4</b>                            | 16         |
|                                       |              | Outdoor Tanks                          | 14                                    | 1 🖬 👘      |

## Challenges

### **Precondition:**

Each individual storage component meets its requirements for the

Quality



<u>Risk</u>: Temperature resistance of

Plastic containers > 60/80°C

Profitability



<u>Risk</u>: Sum of component costs higher than conventional storage

# **Quality of the Water Container**

#### 1. Selection of robust plastic

Temperature resistance according to the manufacturer up to 70°C

### **2. Implementation of reduced life cycle tests (4. Q 24)**

The average usage in 10 years = Approx. 300 fillings

Stress test: 500 fillings (within one week) with alternating filling 60°C and 10°C

 $\rightarrow$  Proof of longevity

Video: Robustness of the water container



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# Profitability

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• Prototype is entirely built of commercially available components!





 $\rightarrow$  Proof of functionality and profitability

### • Material costs for prototype and for small series (redesign)

| 50 m3 Tank                          |                           | Prototype Costs/m                  | n3 Sm            | all series costs/ m3                     |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Components                          |                           | 1 Tank                             | 100              | o Tank                                   |  |  |  |
|                                     |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Mech. Carrier                       |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Plastic Components 1 m <sup>3</sup> |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Valves                              |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing                             |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| El. Control Unit                    |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
| Hydr. Components                    |                           |                                    |                  |  |  |  |  |
|                                     | Material Costs            | 545 € / m3                         |                  | 185 € / m3*                              |  |  |  |
| Storage C                           | ompetitor prices :        | > 10003000 € /m3                   | }                | * Can be reduced t                       |  |  |  |
|                                     | ightarrow Sales price sma | all series= <mark>500800 €/</mark> | <mark>/m3</mark> | <140 € in high volu<br>serial production |  |  |  |

# **Contact**



- Thanks for your attention
- Contact us if you have any further questions
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