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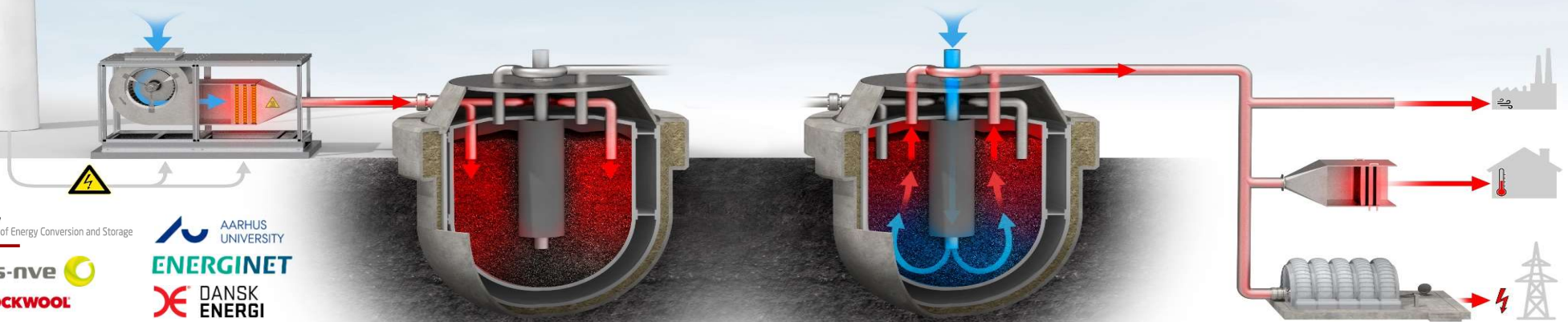


# Innovativer Schüttgut-Hochtemperaturspeicher



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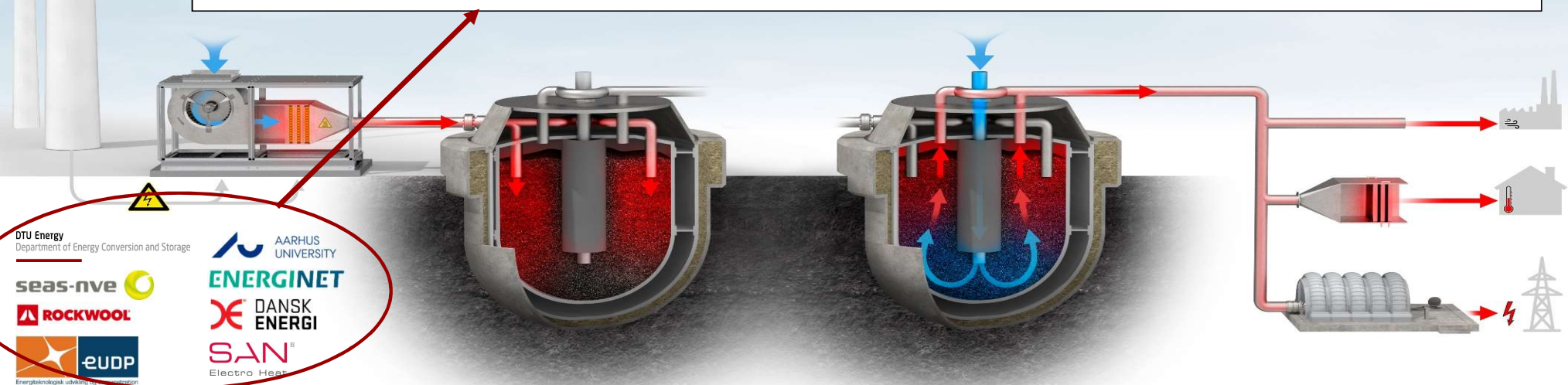
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# Energy Technology Development and Demonstration Program

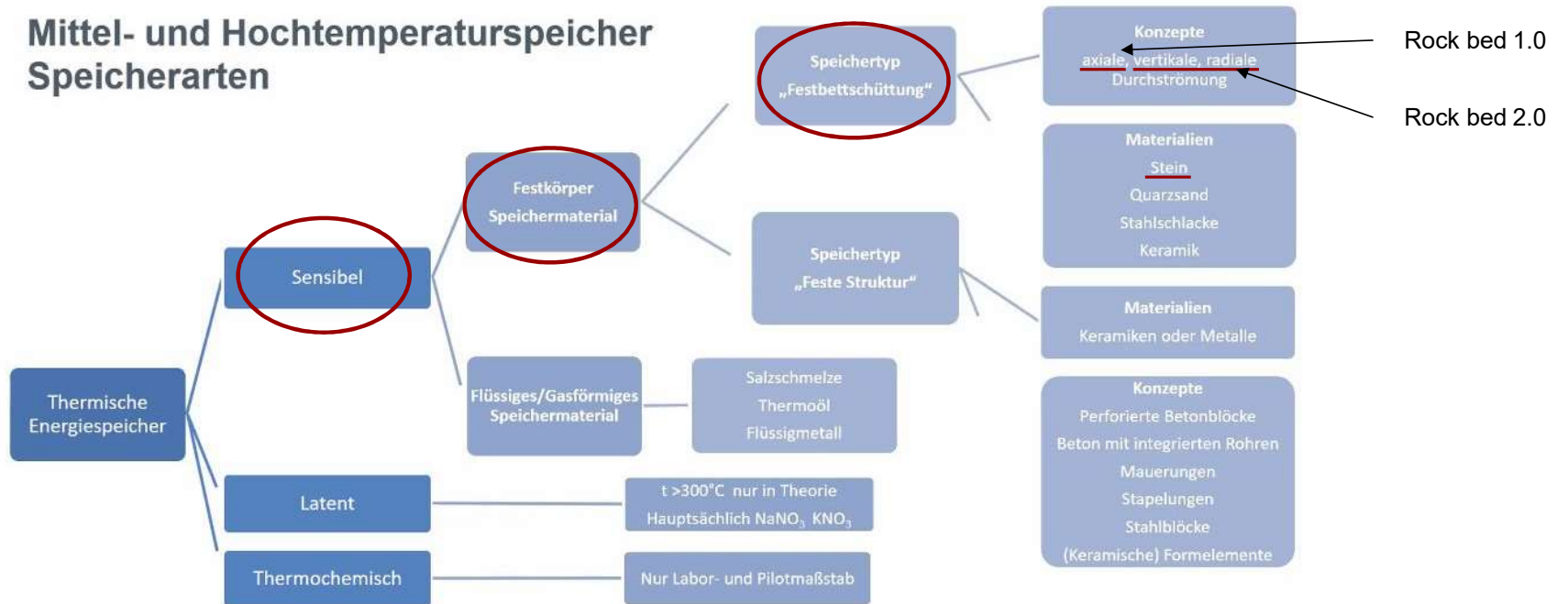


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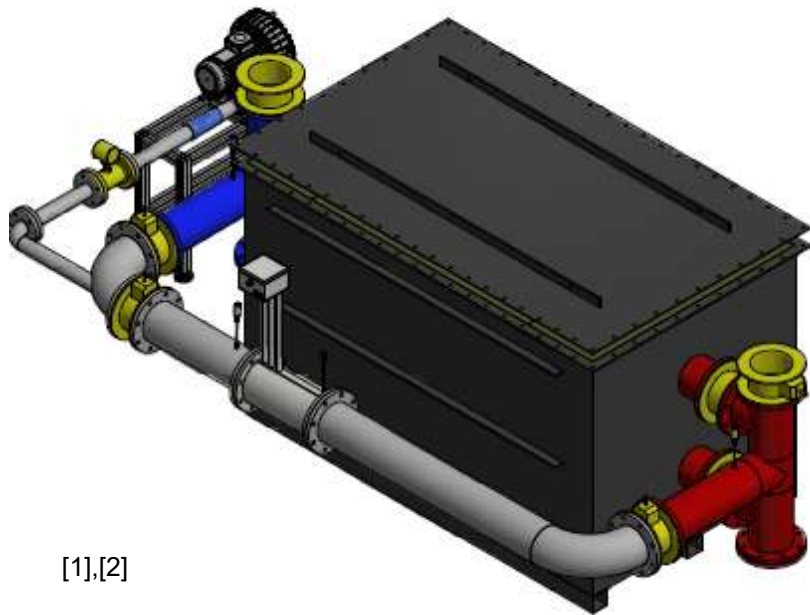
# Einordnung anhand von Textor:

## Mittel- und Hochtemperaturspeicher Speicherarten



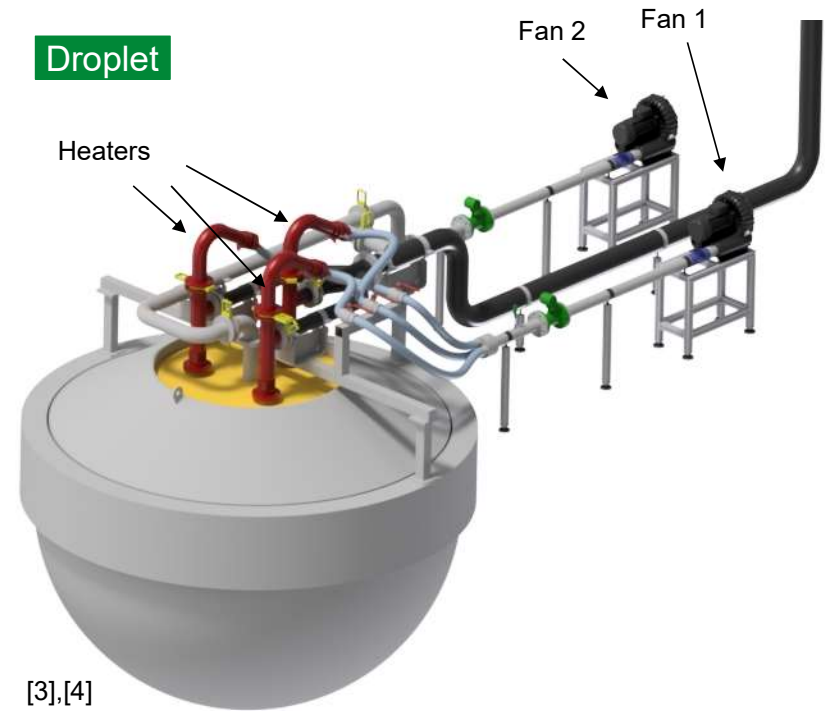
# Rock Bed 1.0 and 2.0 at DTU Energy

Shoebox



[1],[2]

Droplet



[3],[4]

## Shoebox

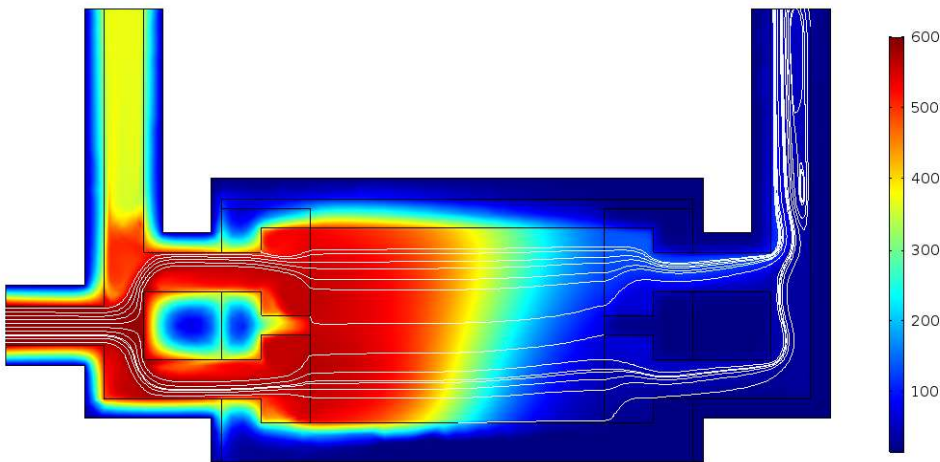
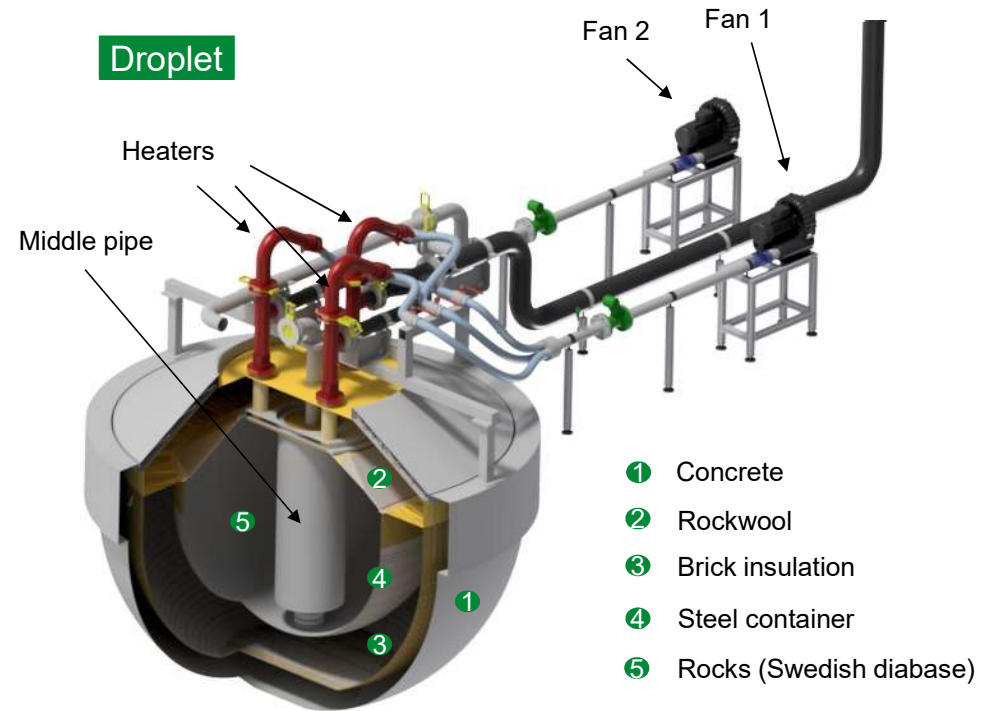


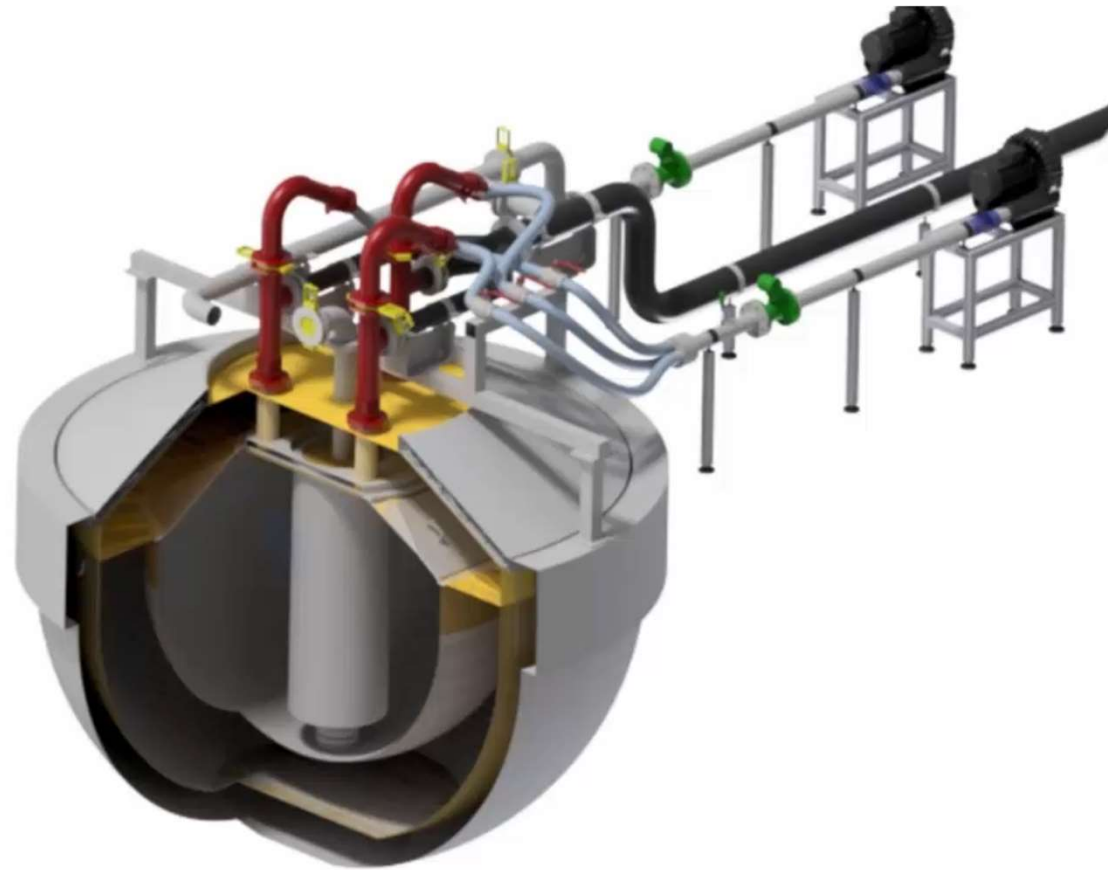
Fig. 1 Temperature and air flow streamline after 6h charge with  $Re = 12$  and  $NTU = 56$  [2].

## Droplet



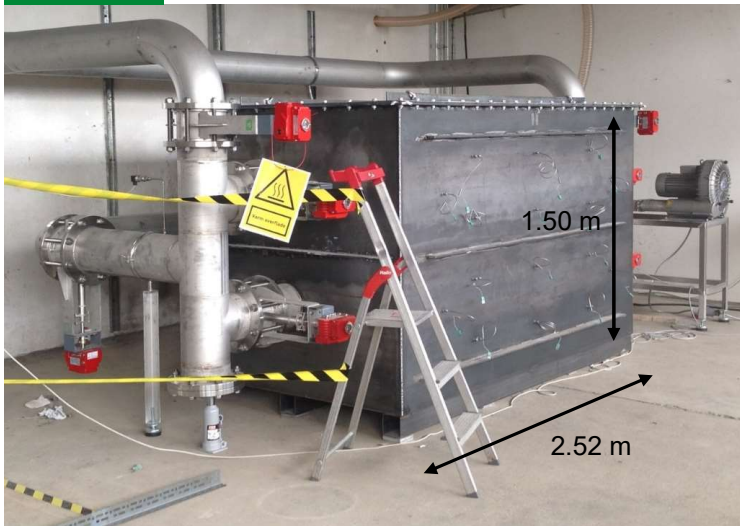
- two different rock sizes (8-11 mm and 16-22 mm)
- piping and heaters mounted on top of the storage
- middle pipe for reversed flow direction

# Video of (dis-) charge flow direction



# HT-TES pilot plants built at DTU Energy

Shoebox



[1],[2]

- $V_{pb} = 1.5 \text{ m}^3$
- $P_{ch} = 30 \text{ kW}_{el}$
- $T_{ch} = 600 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- $C_{th} = 450 \text{ kWh}_{th} (\Delta T = 600 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$
- $\eta_{RT} < 68.5 \%$  (with one layer)

Droplet

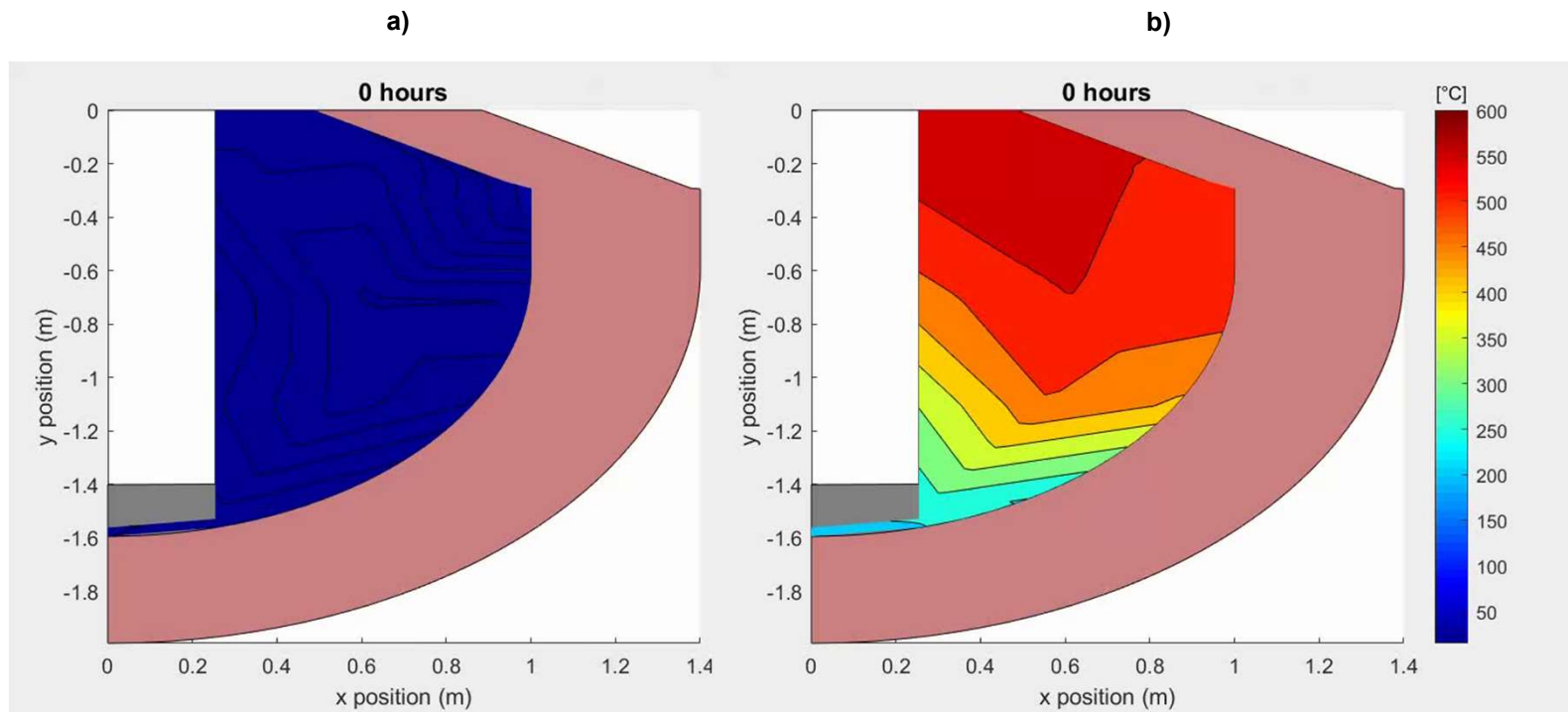
247 cycles, approx. 3500h



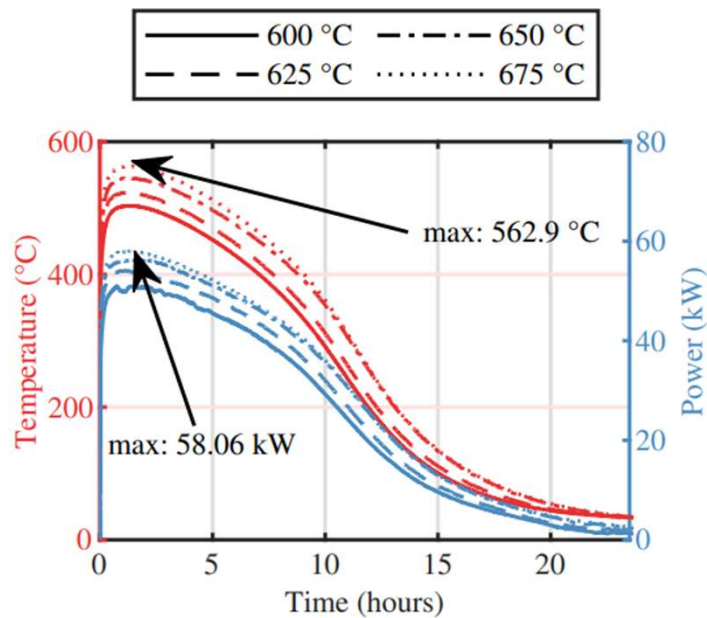
[3],[4]

- $V_{pb} = 3.2 \text{ m}^3$
- $P_{ch} = 45 \text{ kW}_{el}$
- $T_{ch} < 675 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- $C_{th} = 1000 \text{ kWh}_{th} (\Delta T = 600 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$
- $\eta_{RT} < 80.7 \%$

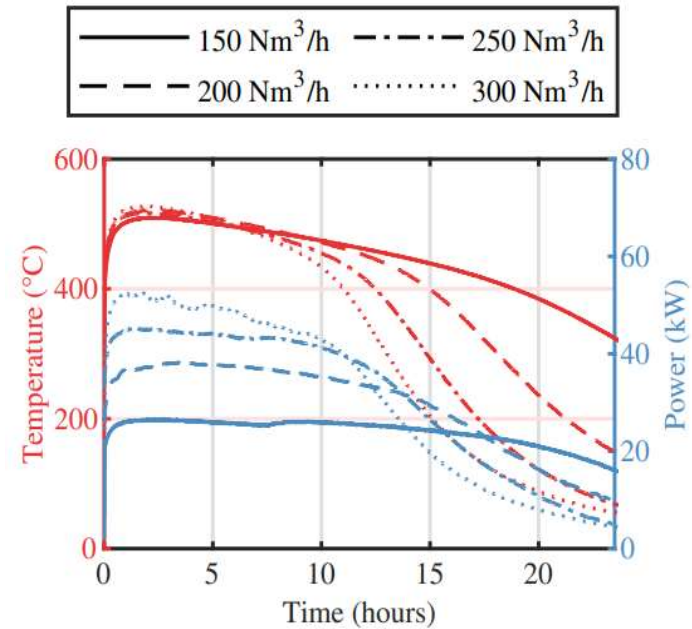
# Videos of 2-D temperature reconstruction



**Fig. 2** Reconstructed temperature profile during a) 600°C/200 m<sup>3</sup>/h charge and b) following 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h discharge.

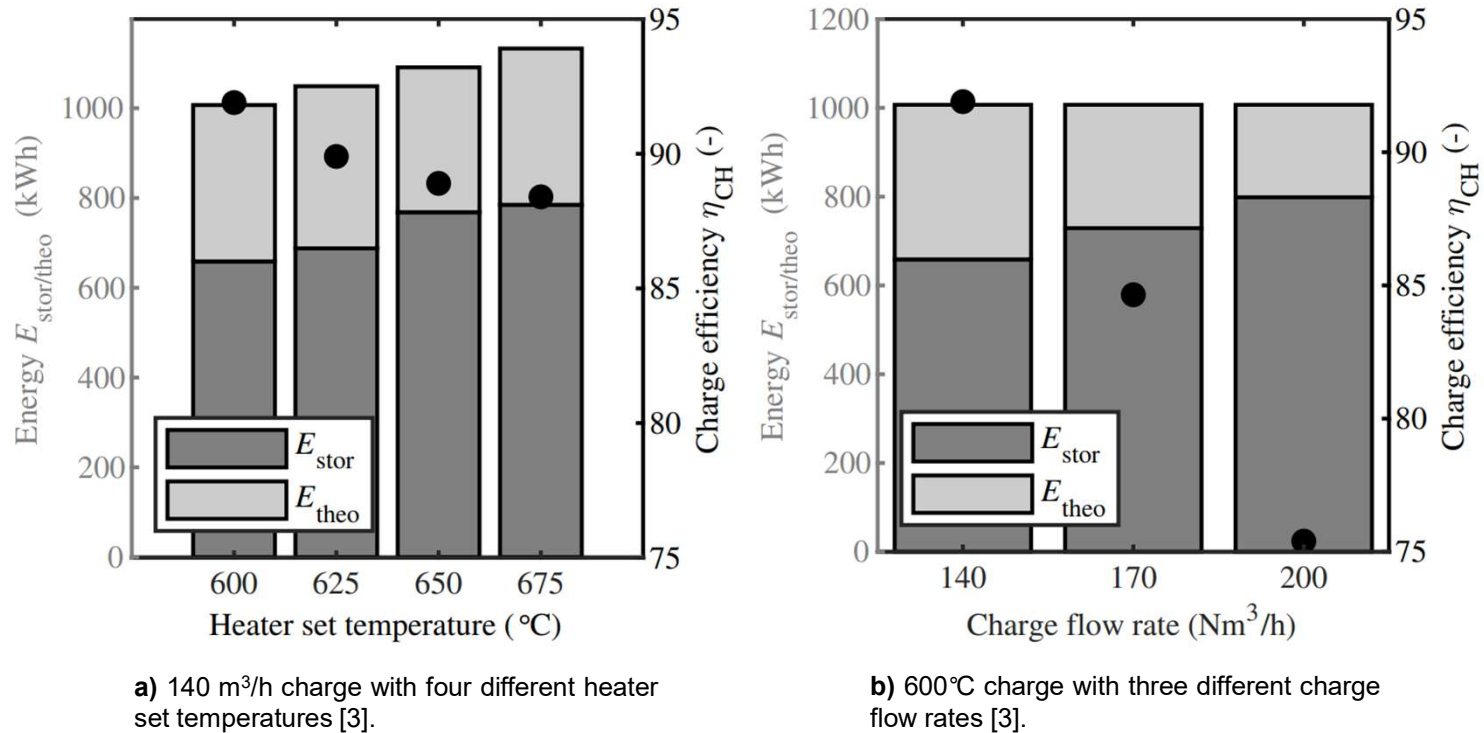


**Fig. 3** Outlet temperature and power over time for a 300 m<sup>3</sup>/h discharge following a 24h/140 m<sup>3</sup>/h charge with different heater set temperatures [3].



**Fig. 4** Outlet temperature and power over time for four different discharge flow rates following a 24h/200m<sup>3</sup>/h charge with 600 °C [3].

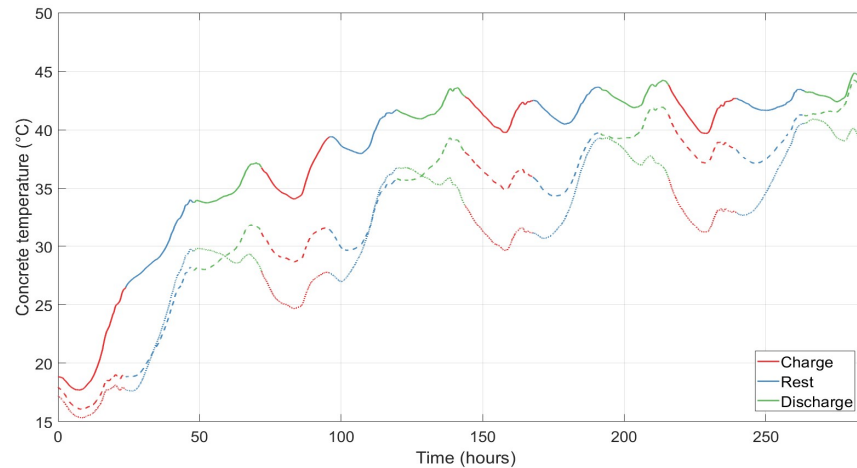
## Heater set temperature and flow rate II



**Fig. 5** Energy  $E_{stor/theo}$  (bars) and charge efficiency  $\eta_{CH}$  (bullets) for different 24h charge operations.

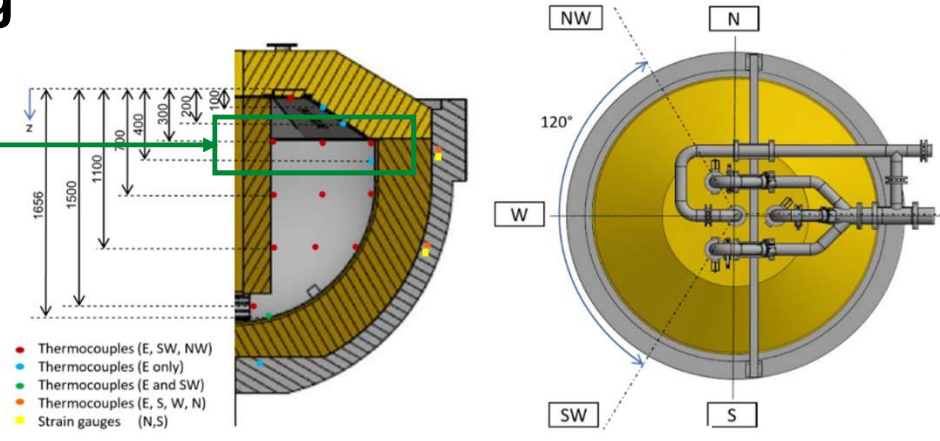
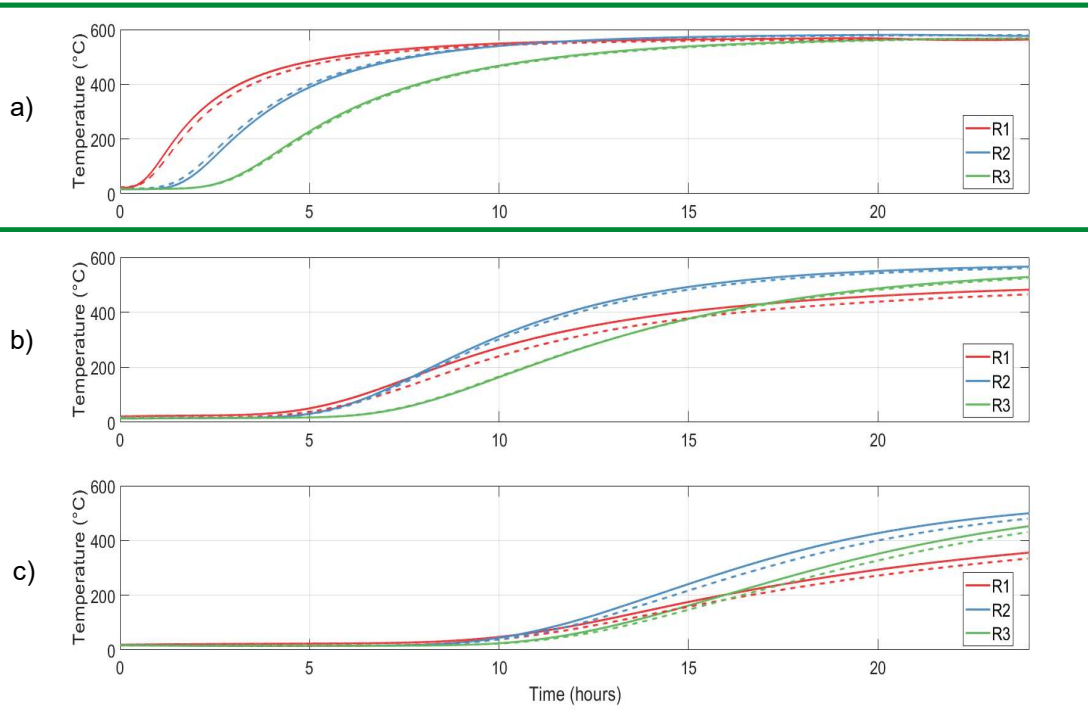
**Tab. 1** Round-trip efficiency and maximum outlet temperature of four consecutive cycles each consisting of 24h charge (600 °C, 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h), 24h rest and 24h discharge (200 m<sup>3</sup>/h) [3].

	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4
$\eta_{RT}$ [%]	68.8	70.4	70.7	70.8
$T_{max,out}$ [°C]	442.1	448.8	450.2	451.6



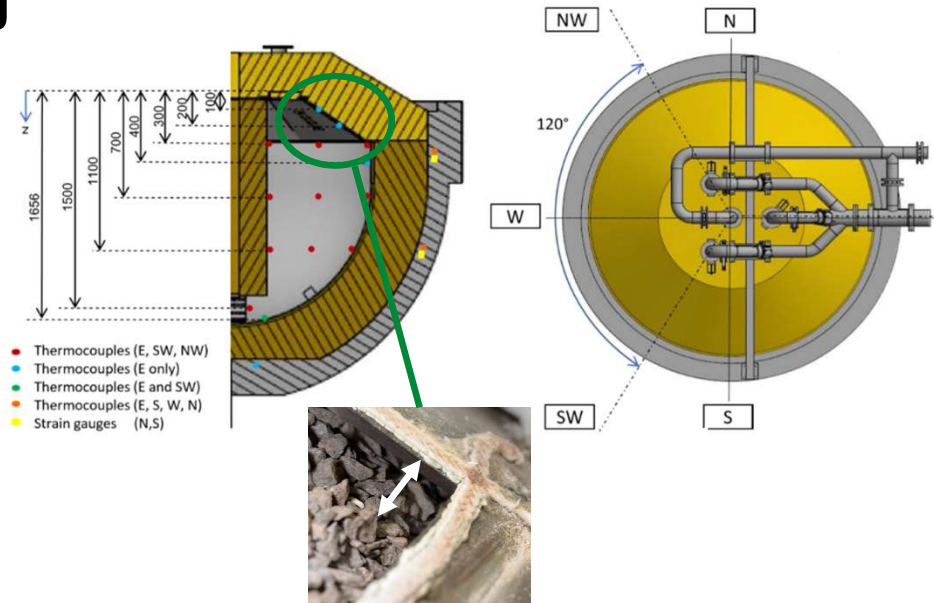
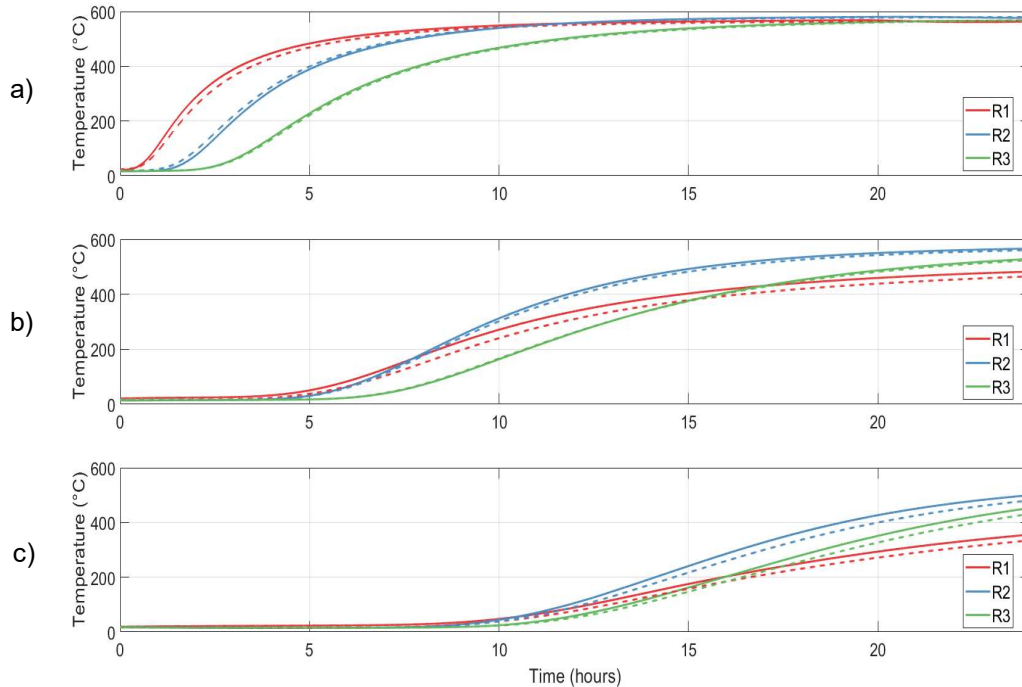
**Fig. 6** Average concrete temperature during four consecutive cycles consisting of 24h charge (600 °C, 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h), 24h rest and 24h discharge (200 m<sup>3</sup>/h). Solid: top position, loosely dotted: middle position, densely dotted: bottom position [3].

# Performance loss after 3500h cycling



**Fig. 7** Temperature as a function of time for all three radial positions (R1,R2,R3) and three axial positions a) z=300 b) z=700 c) z=1100 in NW orientation during 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h 600°C charge in April 2019 (solid) and July 2020 (dashed) [4].

# Performance loss after 3500h cycling



### Possible reasons for performance difference:

- Ambient temperature
- Rearrangement of rocks and thermocouples
- Degradation of rocks
- Degradation of insulation
- Dust
- ...

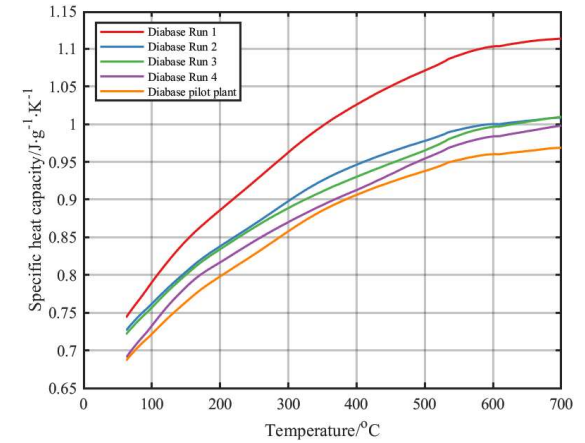
# Material-level degradation



**Fig. 8** Single-lens reflex camera and SEM imaging of raw and cycled diabase. Numbered areas in SEM images correspond to main minerals identified with their chemical composition in EDS [4].

**Tab. 2** Densitometry for raw and cycled diabase [4].

Bulk density of raw diabase ( $10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )	Bulk density of cycled diabase ( $10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )
$3.02 \pm 0.01$	$2.98 \pm 0.01$



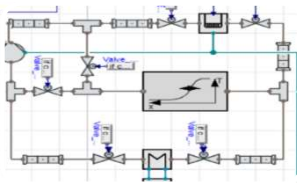
**Fig. 9** Specific heat capacity over temperature based on DSC measurements [4].

Additionally, thermal expansion is measured experimentally in order to investigate if thermal ratcheting leads to a) cracking of rocks and b) abrasion and dust formation.

## Ongoing activities



**Test method for accelerated lifetime testing of storage material**



**Integration case studies in Denmark (dynamic system models in Modelica)**



**IEA Task 36 "Carnot Batteries"** (Task manager: Dr.-Ing. Dan Bauer, DLR) [5],[6]

# Thank you.



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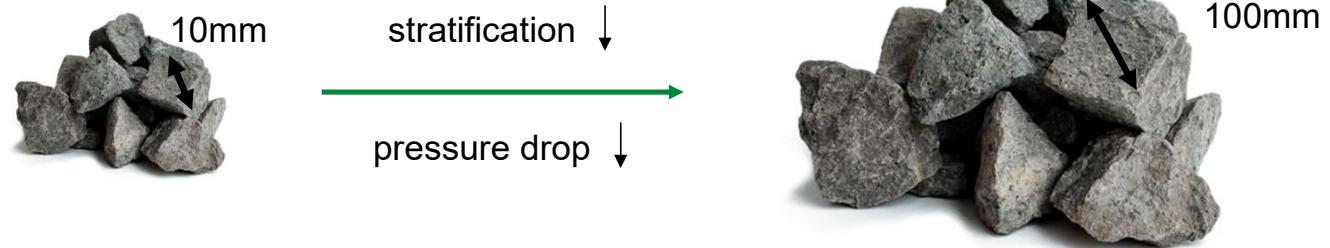
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# Back up: Construction of the Rock Bed 2.0

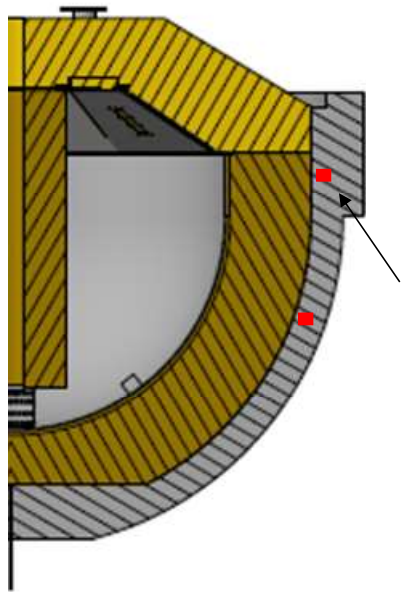


# Back up: rock selection

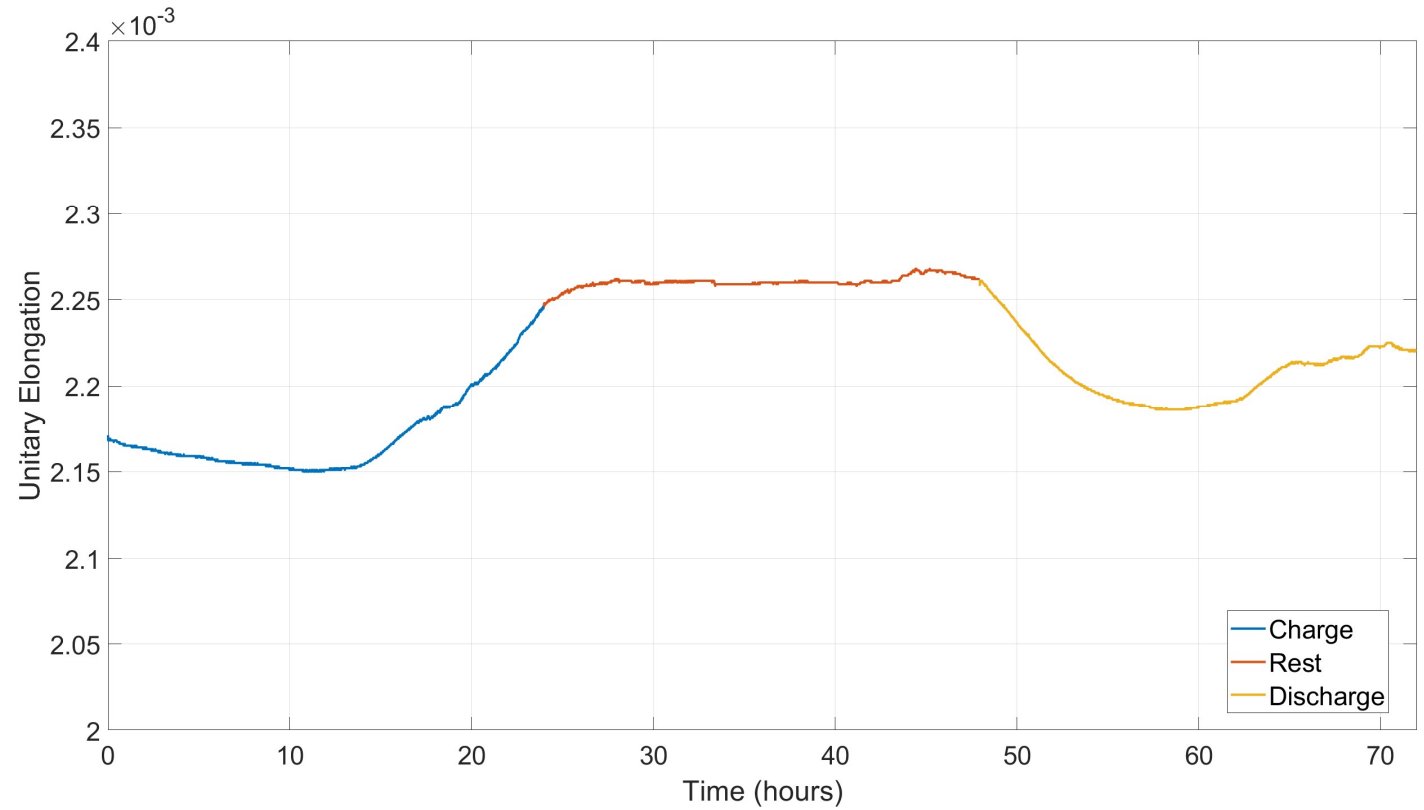


Nr	Petrologic classification	Origin	High temp.	Average $c_p$ raw [J/(K*g)]	Average $c_p$ after heating [J/(K*g)]	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	Average $c_p$ after heating times Density [J/(K*m <sup>3</sup> )]
1	Magnetite	Sweden	Yes	0.93	0.82	4.68 ± 0.23	3.8
2	Dunite	Norway	No	n/a	n/a	2.74 ± 0.10	n/a
3	Ilmenit-norite/Gabbro	Sweden	Yes	0.90	0.82	2.82 ± 0.28	2.2
5	Anorthosite	Norway	Yes	1.08	0.95	2.71 ± 0.09	2.6
6	Diabase	Sweden, Finland	Yes	1.13	0.96	2.75 ± 0.09	2.6
7	Basalt	Germany, Austria	Yes	1.08	0.85	3.09 ± 0.39	2.6
8	Quartzite	Sweden	No	n/a	n/a	2.66 ± 0.07	n/a
9	Granite	Denmark	No	1.18	n/a	n/a	n/a

# Back up: strain gauges



■ Strain gauges



# Back up: P2H2P with conventional WSC

- ① packed bed
- ② resistive heater
- ③ blower
- ④ boiler
- ⑤ turbine
- ⑥ generator
- ⑦ condenser
- ⑧ pump

