



# **Electricity Transmission and Distribution 2: Thermal and electrical energy storage**

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Energy Storage Implementing Agreement

- Properties of and Energy Storage System
  - Storage Capacity ( $\text{kWh/kg}$ ,  $\text{kWh}$ ,  $\text{m}^3$ )
    - **Phys. / Chem. Effect, Storage Material, Boundary Conditions**
  - Charging / Discharging Power ( $\text{W/kg}$ ,  $\text{W/m}^3$ )
    - **Mass and Heat Transfer, Storage Engineering**
  - Storage Efficiency
    - **Losses (Storage Period, Transformations)**
  - Storage Period (Time)
    - **Hours, Days, Months, Year**
  - Cost ( $\text{€/kWh}$ ,  $\text{€/W}$ )
    - **Investment, Number of Storage Cycles**

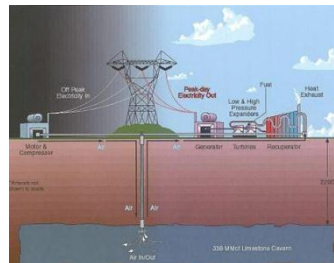
- Storage of Electrical Energy



- Storage of Electro-chemical Energy

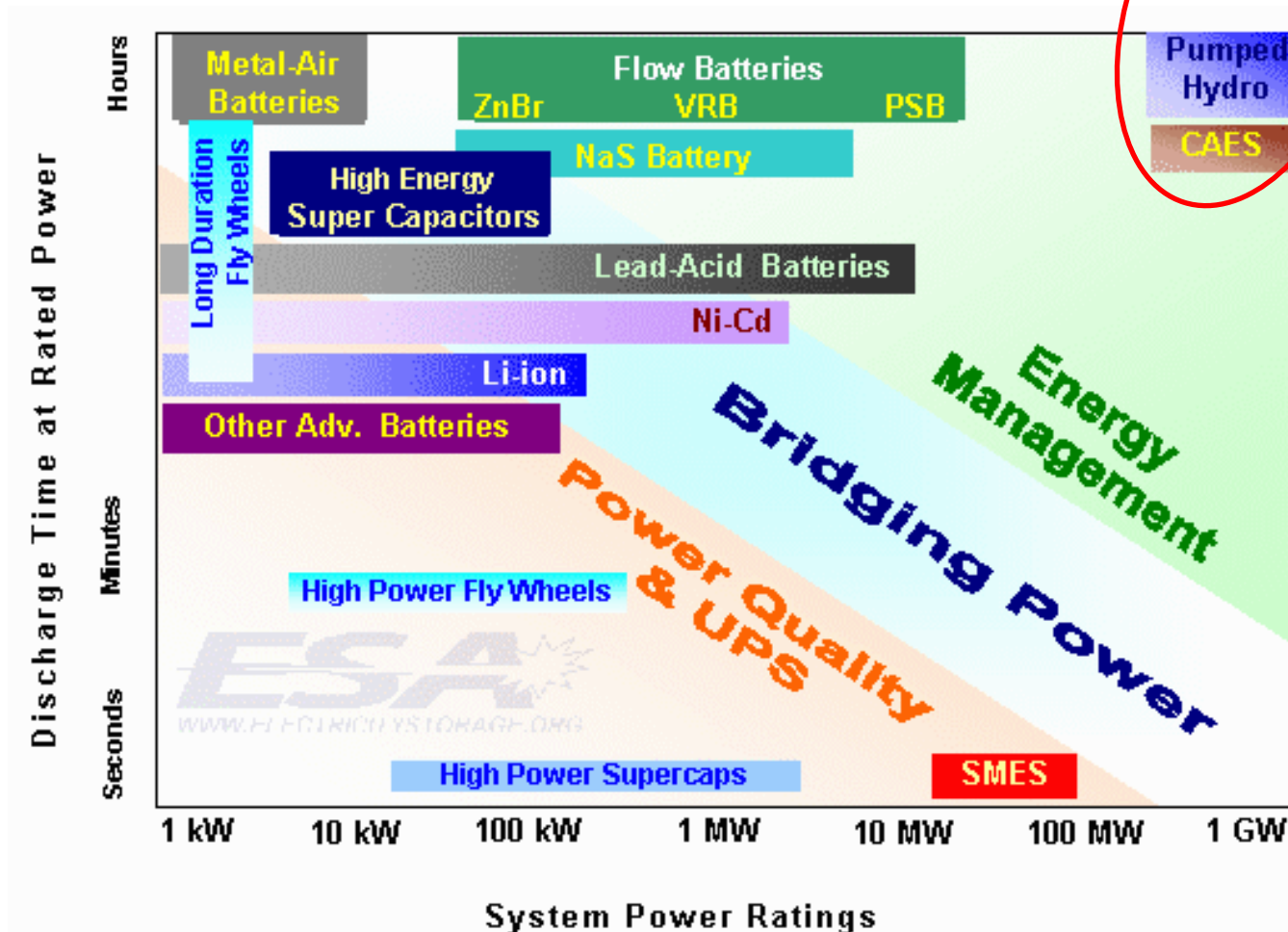


- Storage of Mechanical Energy



- Storage Period and Discharging Power

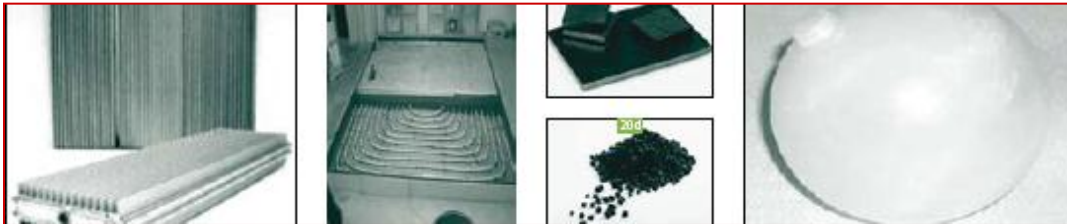
Grid  
Balance



- Thermal energy can be stored as sensible heat



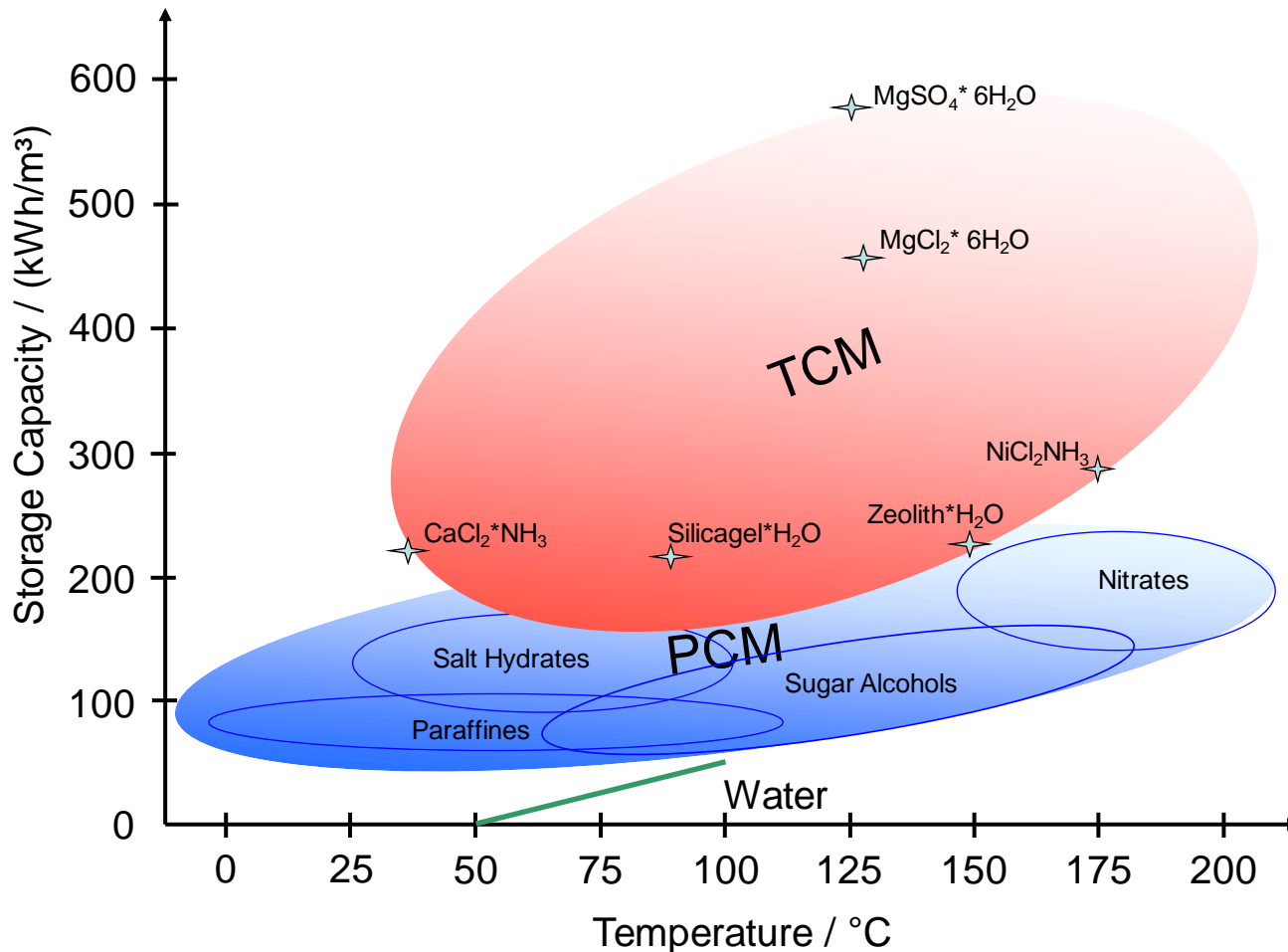
- Thermal energy can be stored as latent heat



- Thermal energy can be stored thermo-chemically

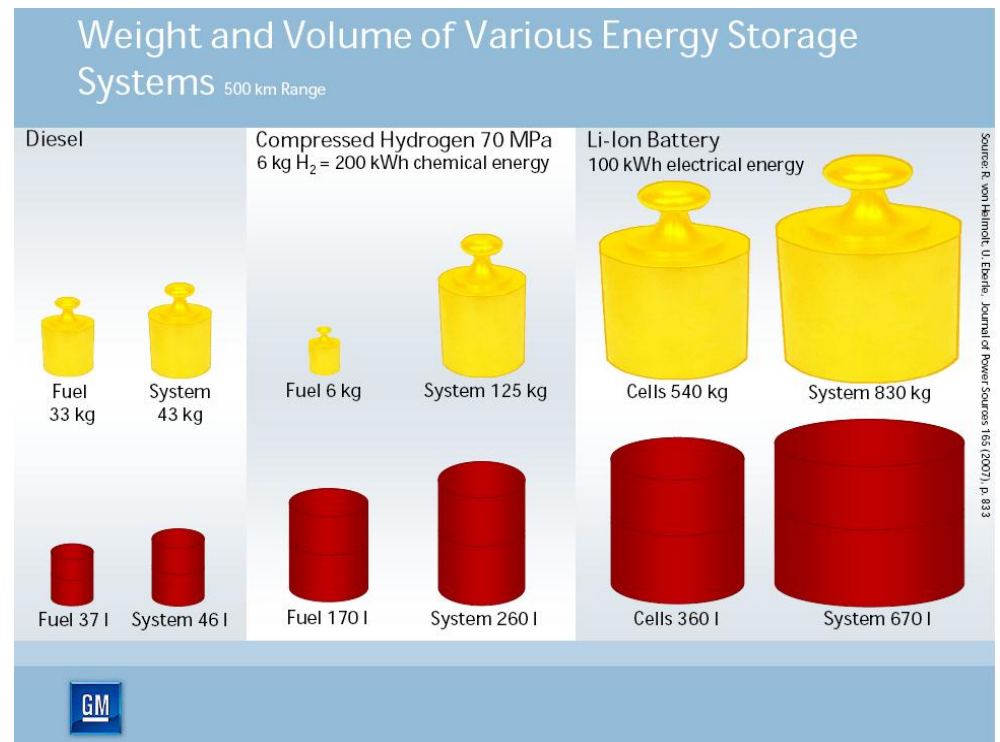


- Storage capacity vs. Temperature

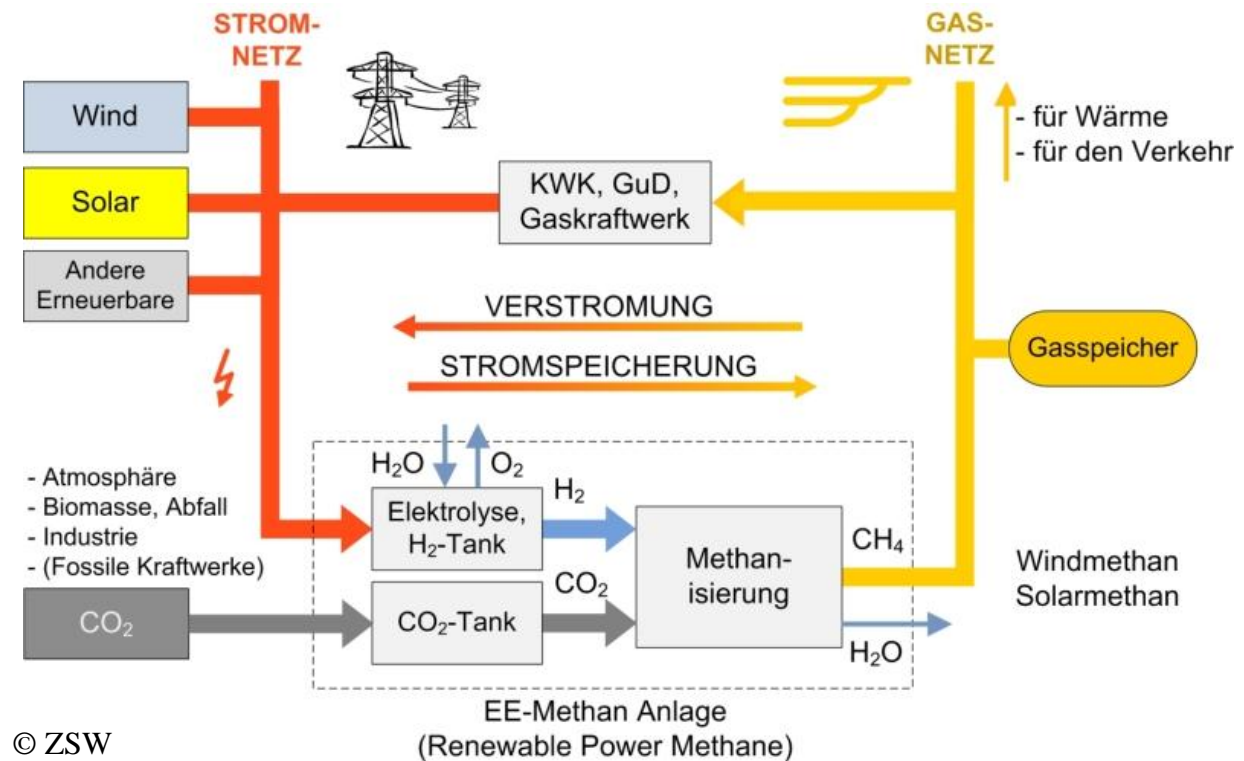
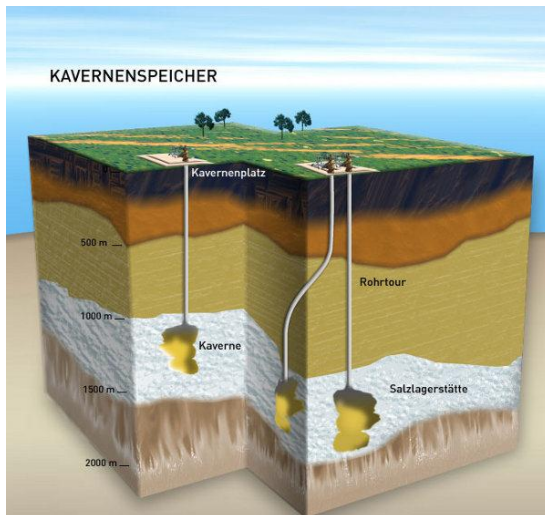




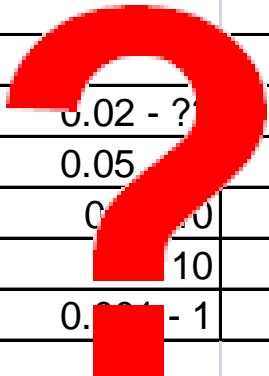
- Energy Storage by Hydrogen Production and Storage
  - Hydrogen is the most powerful fuel with regard to its mass
  - Loss-free long-term storage is possible
  - Electricity production by fuel cells



- Energy Storage by Methane Production and Storage
  - Methane from Hydrogen (and CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Efficiency >80 % (Sabatier-Process)
  - Existing Infrastructure (natural gas)





Storage Technologies	Capacity kWh/t	Power MW	Efficiency	Storage Time	Cost €-cent/kWh
<b>Mechanical</b>					
Pumped Hydro	1	1-1500	70-80%	day - month	8-14
Flywheel	5-100	1-100	90%	hour	300-500
CAES	2 kWh/m³	300	40-70%	day	13-27
<b>Electro-chemical</b>					
Lead-Acid	40		85%	day - month	28-37
Li-ion bat.	130		90%	day - month	57-140
NaS bat.	110		85%	day	31-43
Redox-Flow bat.	25		75%	day - month	20-30
SMES	3		95%	hour - day	~10000
Supercaps	5		95%	hour - day	~10000
<b>Thermal</b>					
Hot Water	10-50	0.001 - 10	50-90%	day - year	0.01
PCM	50-150	0.001 - 1	75-90%	hour - week	1-5
Chemical Reactions	120-250	0.01 - 1	100%	hour - day	0.8-4
<b>Chemical</b>					
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- A complex matter:
  - Seasonal storage – Long-term Storage of PV (Summer to Winter)

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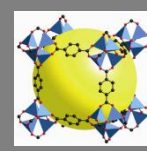
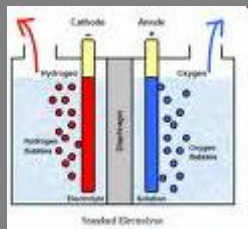
- A complex matter:
  - Seasonal storage

Hydrogen:



**Fuel:**  
**Electricity (Fuel Cell):**  
**Heating:**

**Overall Efficiency 50%**  
**Overall Efficiency 30 %**  
**Overall Efficiency 50 %**



**Total**  
**~ 51%**

**Efficiency:**

**Electrolysis**  
**~ 70 %**

**Compression**  
**~ 90 %**

**Transport**  
**~ 90 %**

**Storage**  
**~ 90 %**

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- A complex matter:
  - Seasonal storage

**Hot Water:**

**Fuel:**  
**Electricity:**  
**Heating:**

**not possible!**  
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**Overall Efficiency 225 %**



**Total**

**~ 225%**

**Efficiency:**

**Heat Pump**

**Storage**

**~ 300 %**

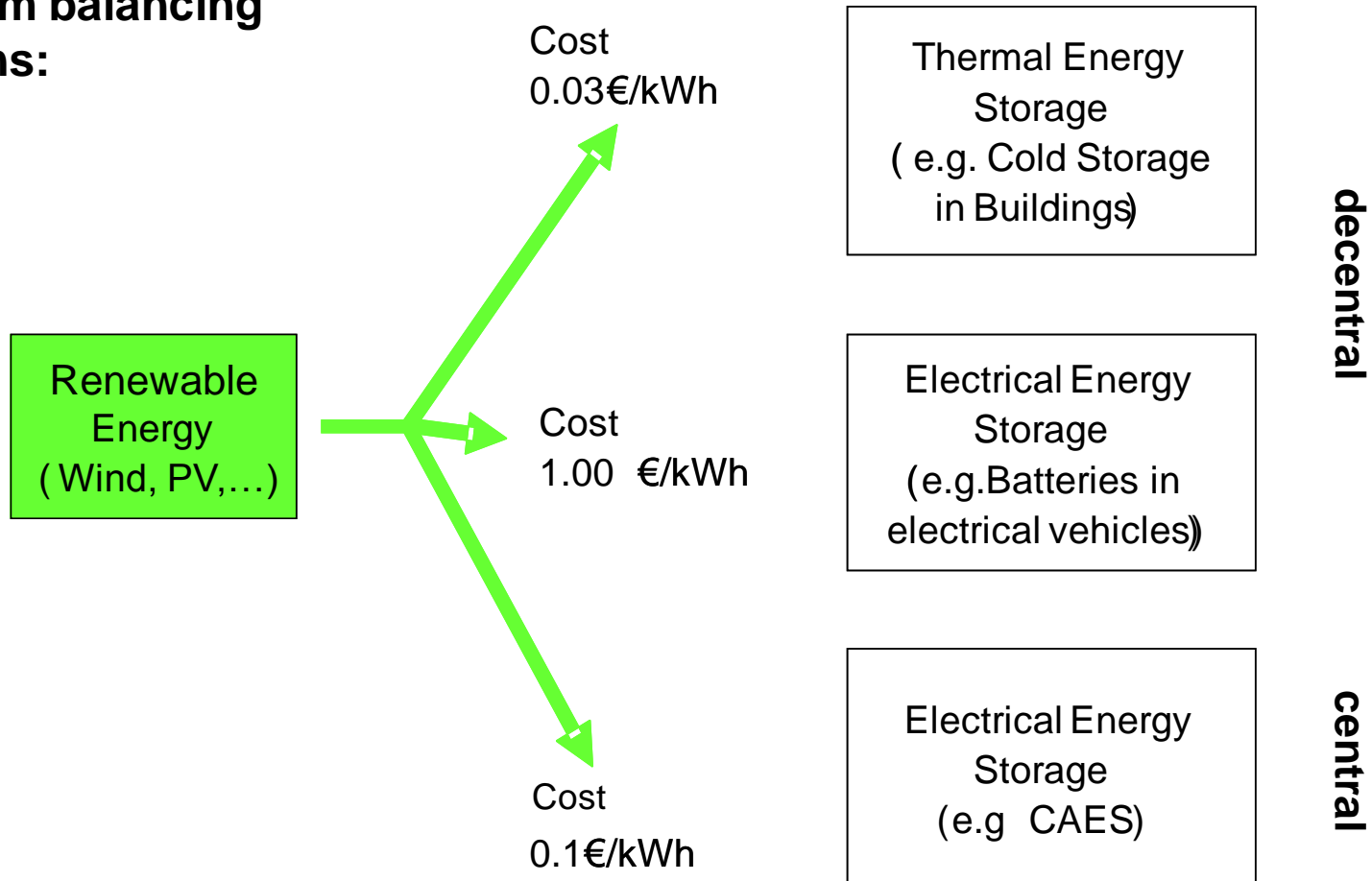
**~ 75 %**

- A complex matter:
  - Important:
    - Look at the whole efficiency chain
    - Take the final energy demand into account
    - Try to identify the most suitable technology for the application

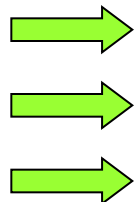


- Application: Integration of Wind Energy

**System balancing actions:**



- Application: Integration of Wind Energy
  - Storing Wind Electricity in Fridges
    - 20 Million Fridges (<50% of German Households)
    - PCM Cold Storage for 12 hours
    - Charging Time 3 hours
    - Cost 5 €



<b>Electric Power</b>	<b>1.15 GW</b>
<b>Storage Capacity</b>	<b>3.5 GWh</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>&gt; 120 Cycles/Year</b>

- Example: Thermal Energy Storage
  - Storage capacity = 100 kWh
  - Price for thermal energy = 0.05 €/kWh
  - Return on invest = 5 years

Storage Technologies	Capacity kWh/t
Thermal	
Hot Water	10-50
PCM	50-150
Chemical Reactions	120-250

Economy Depending on the Number of Storage cycles						
	Cycles per Year	Cycles 5 Years	Total Energy Savings kWh	Savings €	Specific Invest Cost €/kWh	Simplified Cost Model (Capital + Operation) €/kWh
Seasonal Storage	1	5	500	25	0,25	0,18
Daily Storage	300	1.500	150.000	7.500	75	54
Short Term Storage 3 Cycles per Day	900	4.500	450.000	22.500	225	160
Buffer Storage 10 Cycles per Day	3.000	15.000	1.500.000	75.000	750	540

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- Absence of (defined) market/competitive product
- Limited presence of corporate vendors
- Limited understanding of applications & benefits
- Position/competitiveness, relative to conventional network solutions
- Financing/resourcing RD&D programmes

- The optimal energy storage technology has to be identified for the actual application:
  - Energy storage provides the energy form needed
    - Electricity – Heat/Cold – Fuel
  - Efficiency has to be evaluated over the complete storage process (from charging to utilization)
  - Economical boundary conditions have to be taken into account

**The diversity of possible energy storage solutions enables a high stability of future energy systems**



# Thank you for your attention

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