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Design and development process for rapid charge storage heaters for electric city buses

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### **Motivation**

### objective:

Realization of emission-free and economic heating for full electric urban buses

### to date:

diesel bus: engine waste heat (+ fuel auxiliary heater) hybrid bus: fuel auxiliary heater (+ engine waste heat)

 $\rightarrow$  energy demand secondary

### available solutions for e-buses:

fuel auxiliary heater electric heater (PTC) (heatpump)  $\rightarrow$  not emission-free

 $\rightarrow$  reduced range or increased battery capacity

 $\rightarrow$  in development/limited availability









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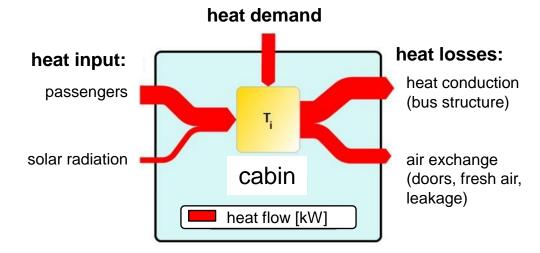


### Heat demand simulation

### Simulation tool HVACCO2SIM:

- Energy-balance based 1-zone-model
- Simulation step wide 1-5 min
- Simulated timeframe 1 year
- expandable bus und climate database (currently 160 / 41 data sets)

considered boundary conditions:



result: temporal course of heat demand

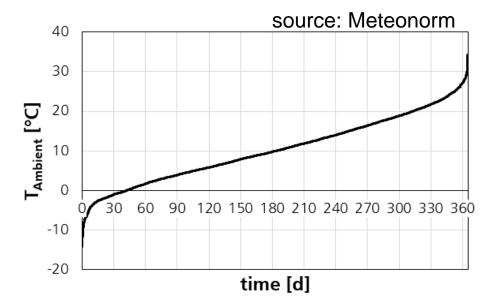




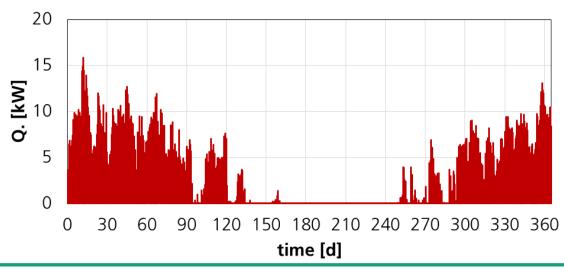
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temporal course of heat demand:





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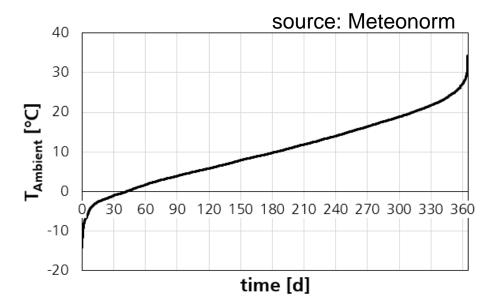




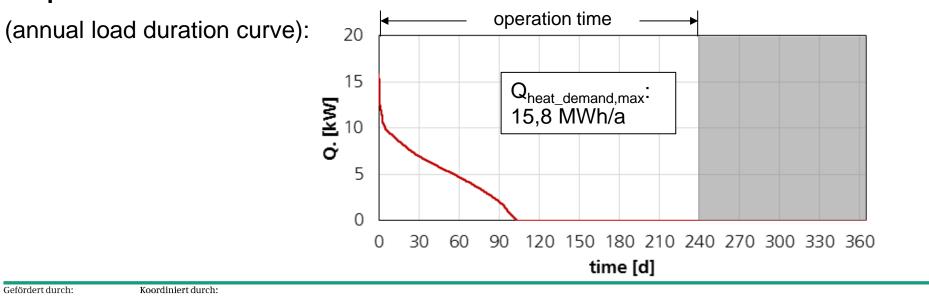
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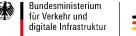
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### Charging concepts for electric urban buses

depot charging		opportunity charging	
charging interval	1 day	<b>1 h</b> (16 cycles/day)	
battery technology	LiFePo	Li-NMC	
system energy density usable	(90 Wh/kg) <b>80 Wh/kg</b>	(60 Wh/kg) <b>20 Wh/kg</b>	
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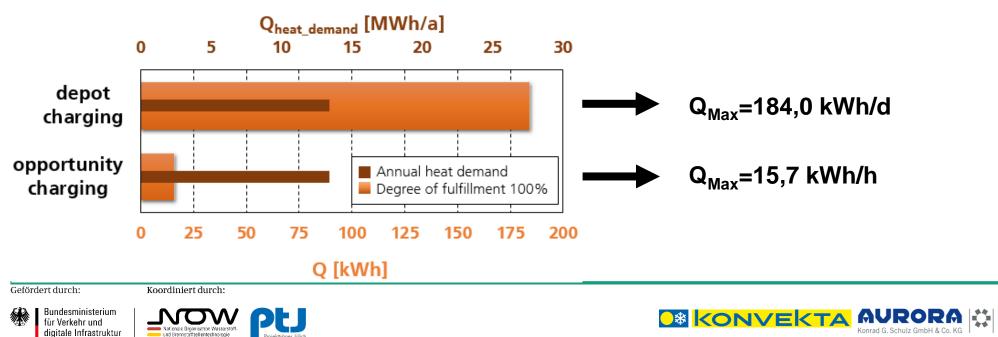




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Assumption: loss-free heat transfer to cabin

battery weight (heating, total)	depot charging	opportunity charging
electrical PTC-Heater	2.350 kg (188,0 kWh)	795 kg (15,9 kWh)
(efficiency = 0,98)	<b>6.850 kg (548,0 kWh)</b>	<b>1.920 kg (38,4 kWh)</b>
Heat pump,	660 kg (52,6 kWh)	220 kg (4,5 kWh)
(COP = 3,5)	<b>5.160 kg (412,6 kWh)</b>	<b>1.350 kg (27,0 kWh)</b>

Heat pumps with required performance at lower ambient temperatures in development – to date only limited availability

- → only broadly available emission-free heating solution: electric PTC-Heater + opportunity charging
- → alternative solutions have to be advantageous regarding system and energy costs





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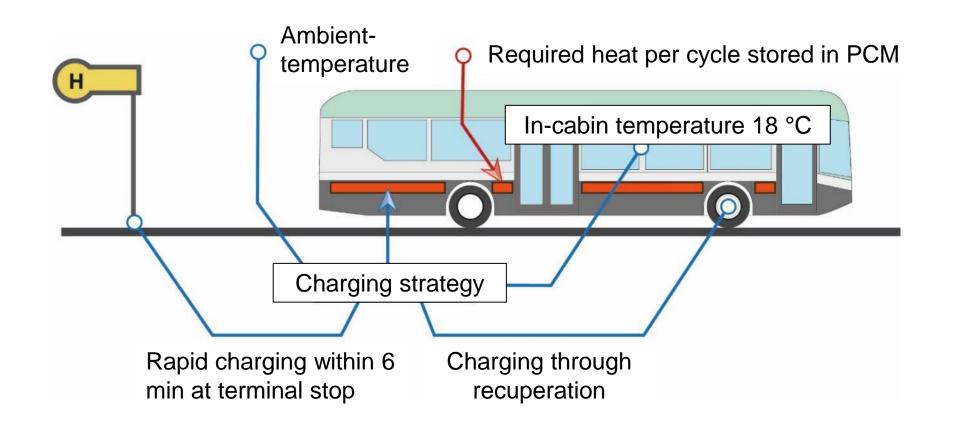
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### Rapid charge storage heater Concept



### Project: Heat2Go 10/2016-09/2019

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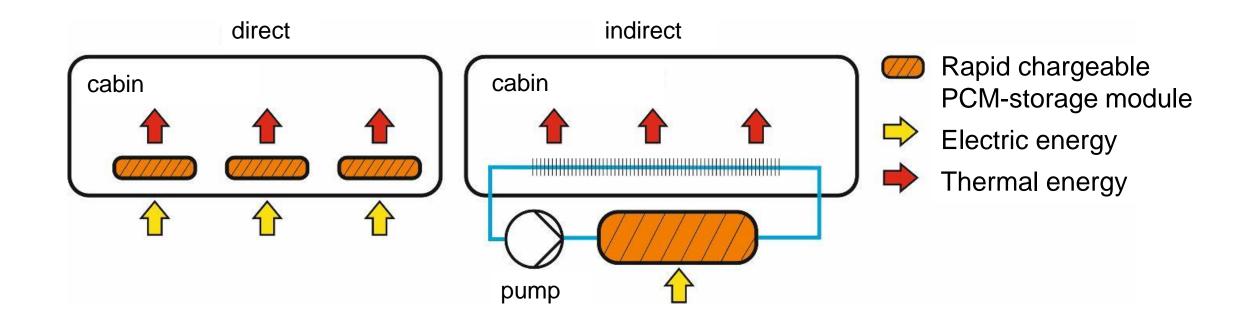








### Rapid charge storage heater System variants





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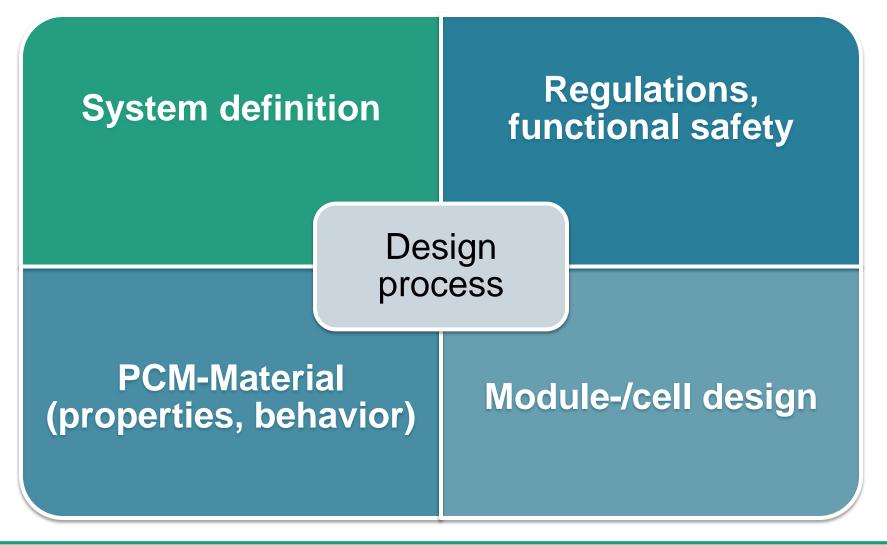




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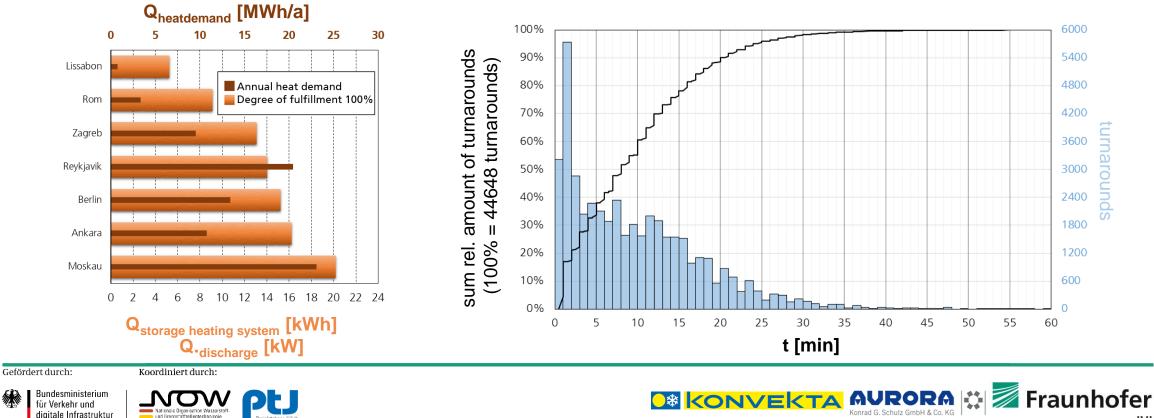




### **Design process: System definition**

Capacity, charging time, charging and discharging power

- $\rightarrow$  heat demand simulation for 40 European cities and different bus sizes
- $\rightarrow$  heat supply measurement 12 m urban bus 5000+ operation hours
- $\rightarrow$  analyzation of 3000+ real city bus cycles from different German cities



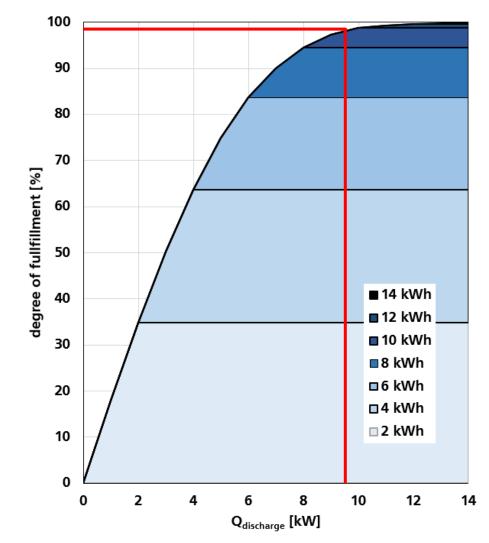
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### **Rapid charge storage heater**

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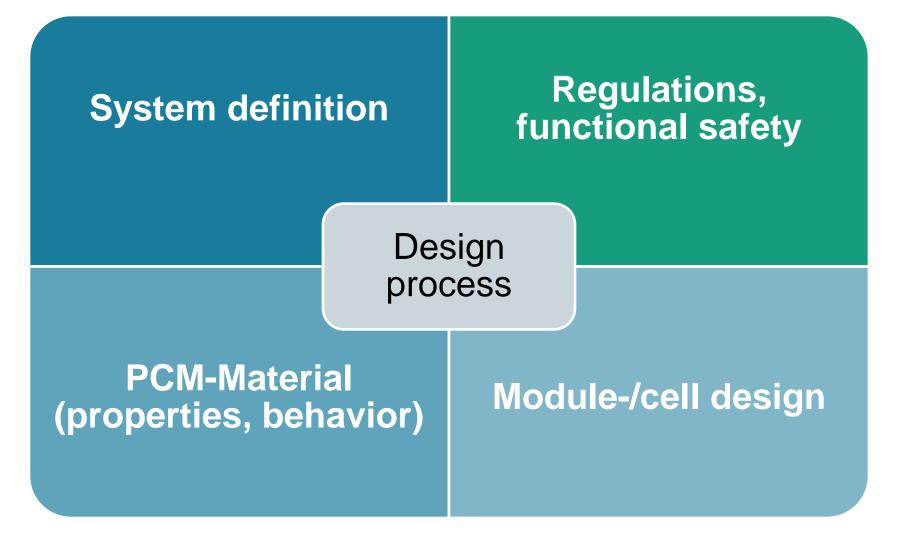
**12 m urban bus, Berlin** degree of fulfillment 100%  $\triangleq$  13,4 MWh/a



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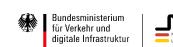
**Design process: Regulations, functional safety** 

### Considered regulations: ECE R100, ECE R107, ECE R122, VDV 230, VDV 236, VDV 236/1 DIN 71460



### **Requirements regarding:**

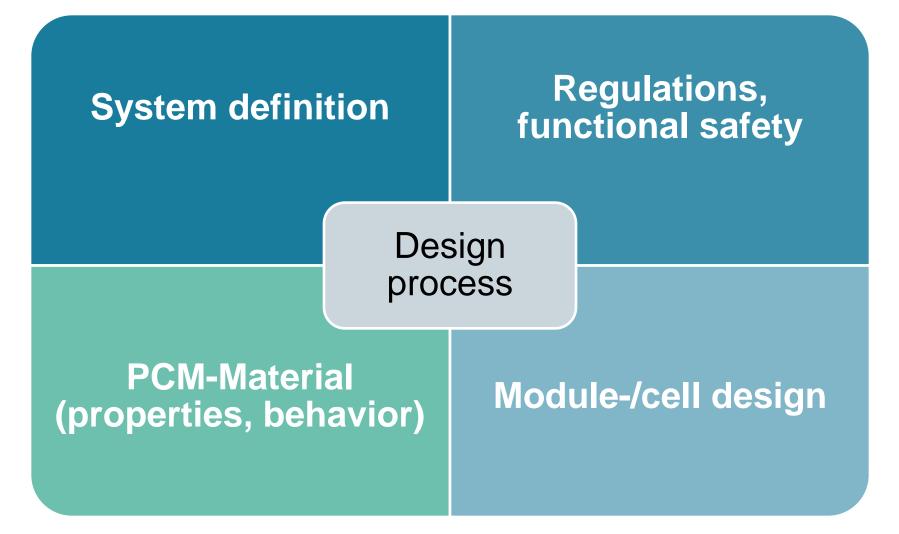
- Room temperature, Air quality
- Maintenance
- Environmental noise
- Safety (Construction, electrical safety, control, fire protection)



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### **Design process: PCM-material (properties, behavior)**

Rapid charging capabilities, charging and discharging behavior, SOC determination, Evaluation of heating elements (flat, cylindrical) and heat conduction elements

SOC



test benches

cylindrical

flat





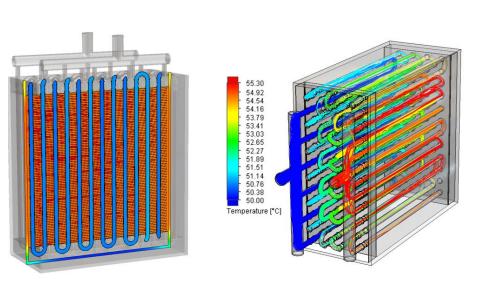


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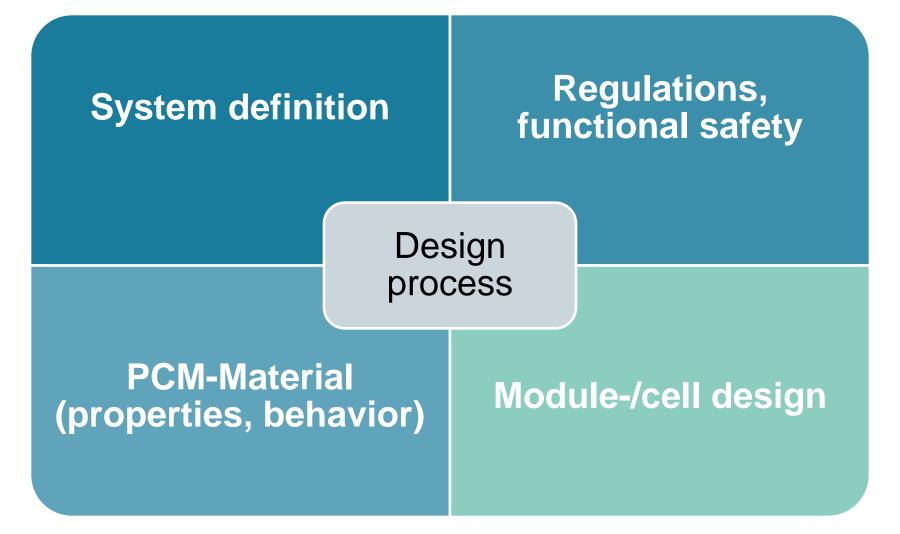






simulation







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## Rapid charge storage heater

### Design process: Module-/cell design

Multi-parameter optimization problem:

### **Boundary conditions:**

- Spatial restrictions
- Production process restrictions
- eCity bus compatible electric layout
- Material properties (PCM, heating elements)
- Safety requirements

### optimization goals:

- High storage density (kWh/kg, kWh/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Rapid charging capability
- Practical modularization (thermal, electric)
- Low connection effort
- Low costs









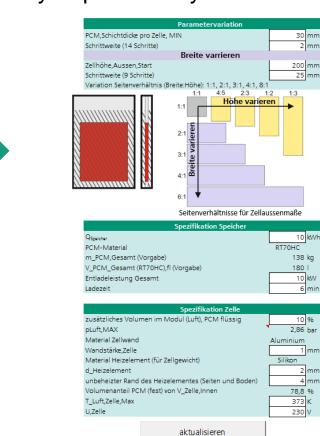
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### Example (cell based system): system specification:

- Capacity
- Charging duration (charging power)
- **Discharging power**
- Heating element voltage
- Cell dimension variation (height, wide, depth)



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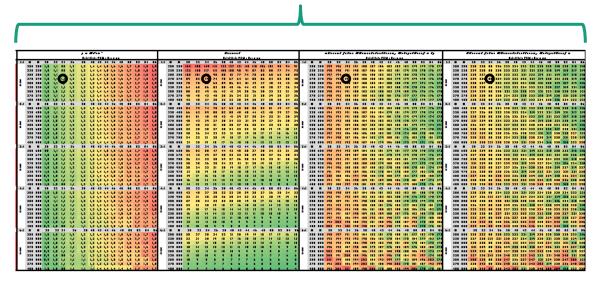
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• System properties for one system based on one specific cell

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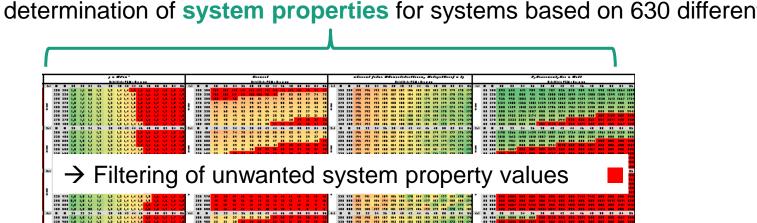


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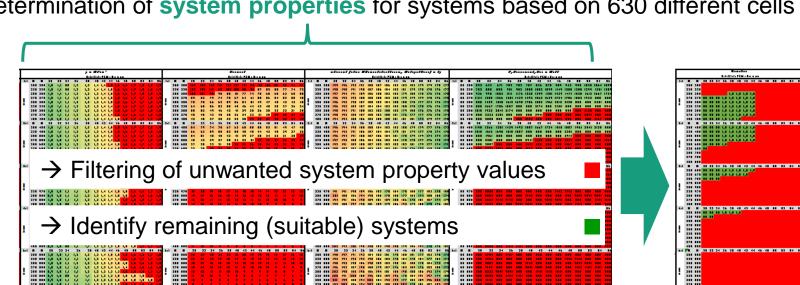


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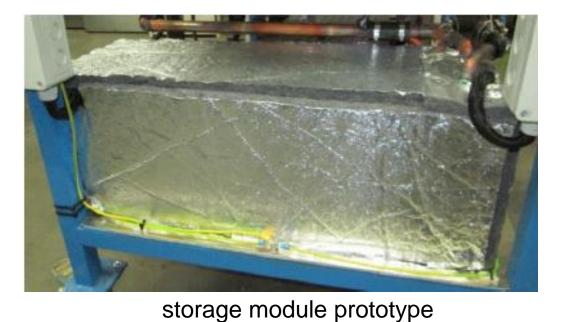


### Rapid charge storage heater Prototype

**Prototype indirect system** (realization Konvekta AG): discharging through water circuit

Capacity<sup>1</sup>: PCM: El. charging power: Charging time: Energy density: Charging-/Discharging cycles:

0,76 kWh Paraffin, T<sub>Melt</sub>=70 °C 11,0 kW (720 VDC) 316 s 30 Wh/kg 2500



### <sup>1</sup> discharged heat per cycle

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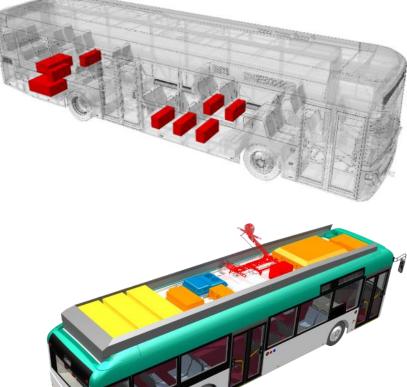
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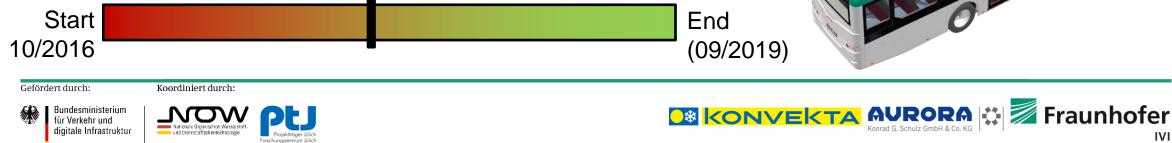


### **Outlook** Heat2Go project goals:

- Realization rapid charge thermal storage heating system
- el. charging (HV) within 6 min
- storage capacity & discharging power for 1 h operation time
- Functionality:
  - Recharging through recuperation
  - Separate charging of single modules
  - Cell-/module monitoring
- Integration in test vehicle (EDDA Bus, 12 m city bus; FEV)
- Demonstration in drive operation and climate hall

### **Project progress**





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