

# Thermoplastic Heat Storage Materials for diverse Applications

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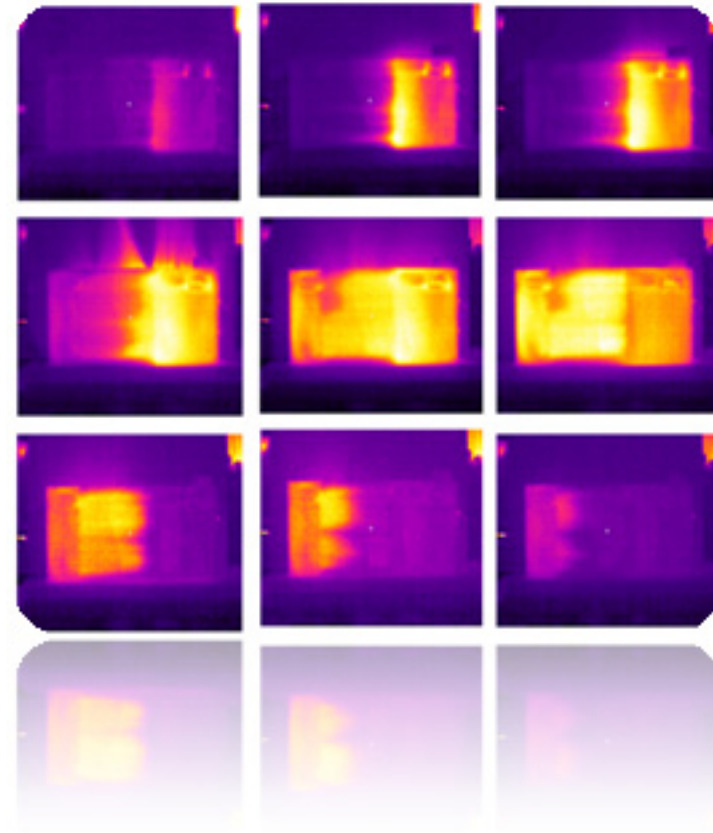
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# 1. Information about TITK

## TITK-Group: (200 employees)

**OMPG mbH**



- accredited test laboratory DIN EN ISO / IEC 17025
- testing services for textiles, fiber composite materials, polymers etc
- 30 employees

**TITK e.V.**



- competence:
  - natural polymers
  - composite materials
  - synthetic polymers
  - functional polymers
- 140 employees

**smartpolymer GmbH**



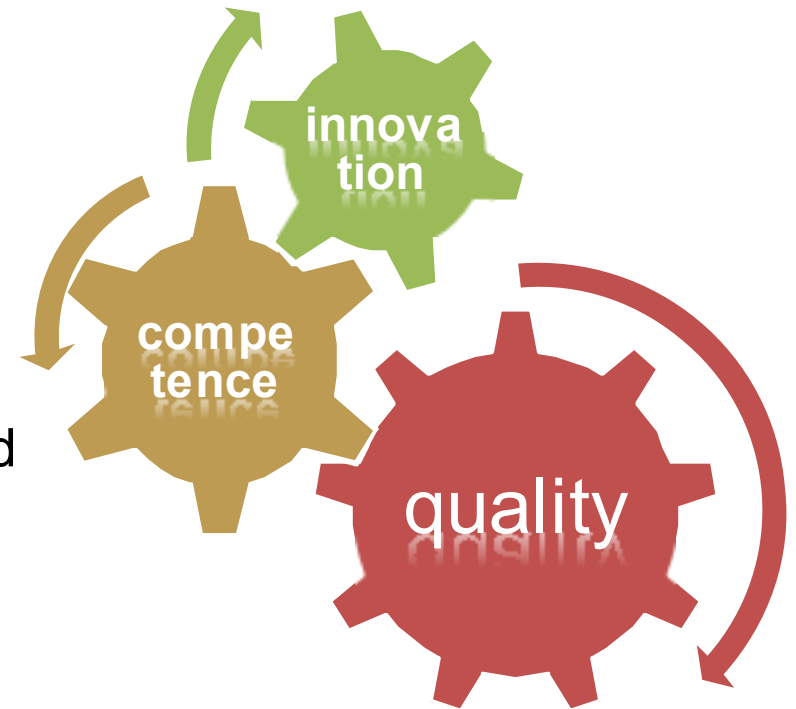
- Marketing and production of the TITK developments
- CellSolution® Functional fibers
- smartFlock® flocked applications, ...
- 30 employees



# 1. Information about TITK

**TITK** - the material research institute for polymer materials

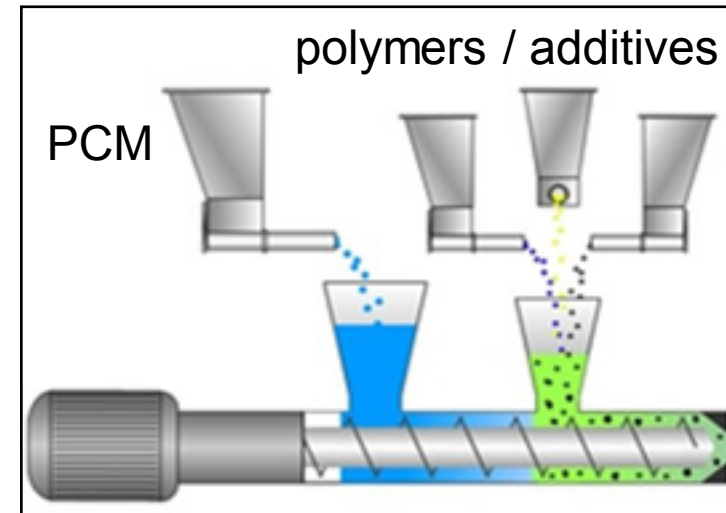
- establishment 1991
- research partners for companies in the field of materials research
- TITK is specialized in modifying polymers



## 2. Properties Energy Storage Material

### PCM-Compound

- Physical binding of the (liquid) paraffin in a polymeric network structure
- Large heat transfer area (up to 1 m<sup>2</sup> / l)
- Very high input and output power
- Flow and cycle stable
- High heat capacity up to 180 J/g (50Wh/kg)
- Water or air as a heat transport medium
- Various melting ranges from -4 to 82 °C
- Thermoplastic processability



## 2. Properties Energy Storage Material



FOILS

POWDER

INJECTION MOLDING

COMPOSITE BODY



**PCM-POLYMER-STORAGE GRANULES**

ERLY HARVEST

INTELLIGENT  
BUILDING

TEXTILES

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANVES and  
COMFOR PRODUCTS

ENERGY TECHNOLOGY  
and SOLAR

ELECTRONICS and  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

PHARMACY and  
MEDICINE

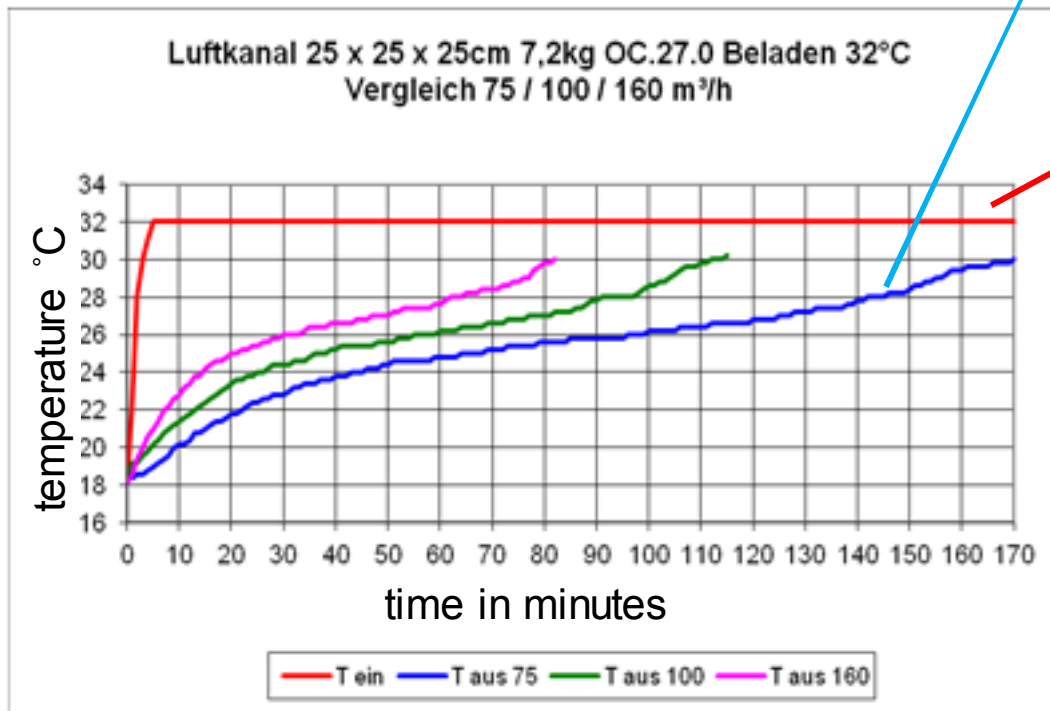
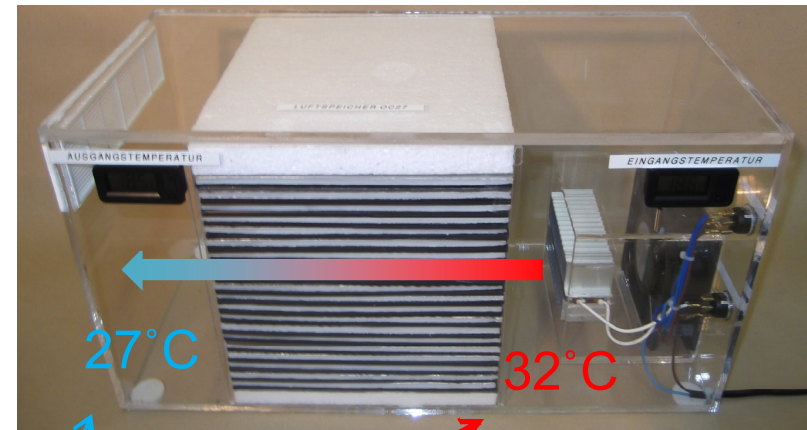
FOOD and  
PACKAGING

AUTOMOTIVE  
and TRANSPORT

# 3. Technical Application

## air conditioning unite

- Compensation of air temperature fluctuations
- storage of waste heat

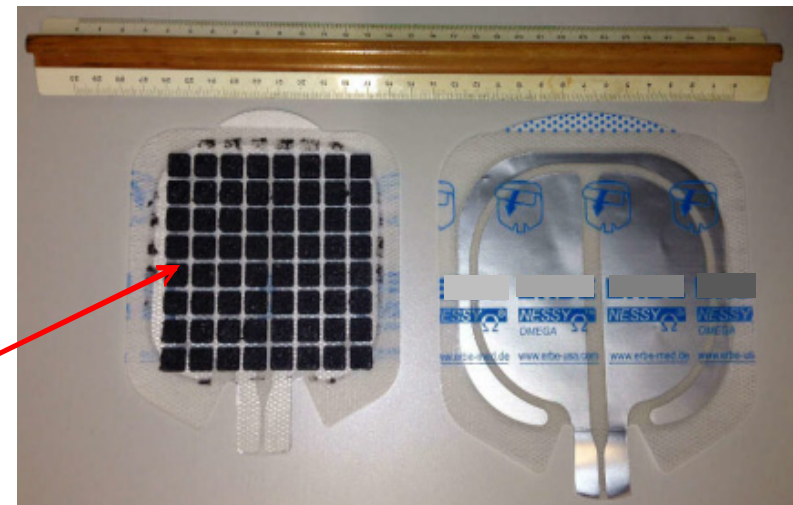
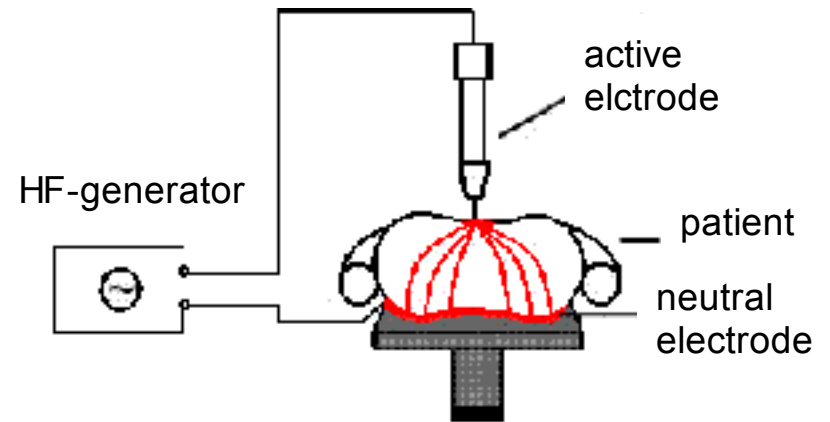
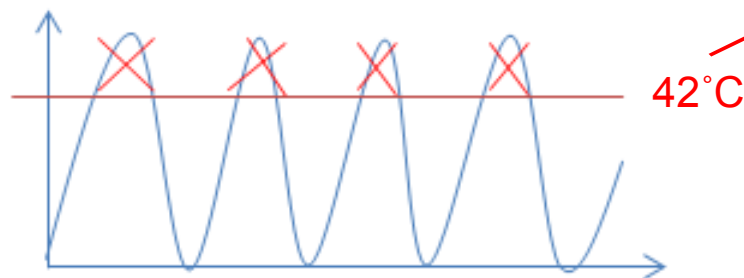


- Simulation of the loading behavior as a function of the outside temperature and the volume flow

# 3. Technical Application

## PCM-Neutral Electrode

- neutral electrode
  - use: HF-surgery
  - Bleeding sting due to obstruction of the affected vessels
- High transition resistances between skin and electrode  
→ danger of scalding
- task PCM-Compound  
→ **Peakcutting**



→ 1/3 reduction neutral electrode

→ use in children (small circumference)



# 3. Technical Application

## PCM-prosthesis

- improved wearing comfort by using PCM-based prosthetic materials
- prevention of heat accumulation in the area between the prosthesis and the body surface

- sweat → skin irritation, odour, slipping of the prosthesis
- development of a flexible PCM mat

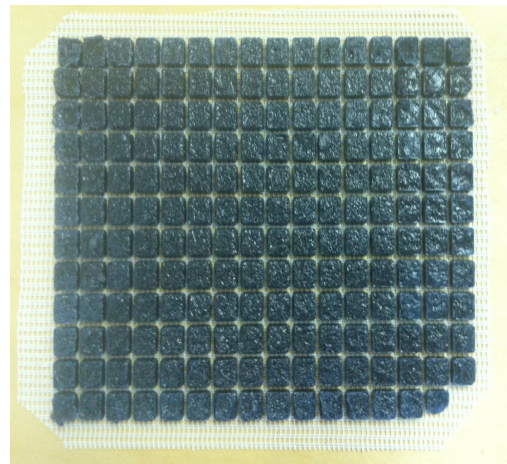


diagram: part of enthalpy

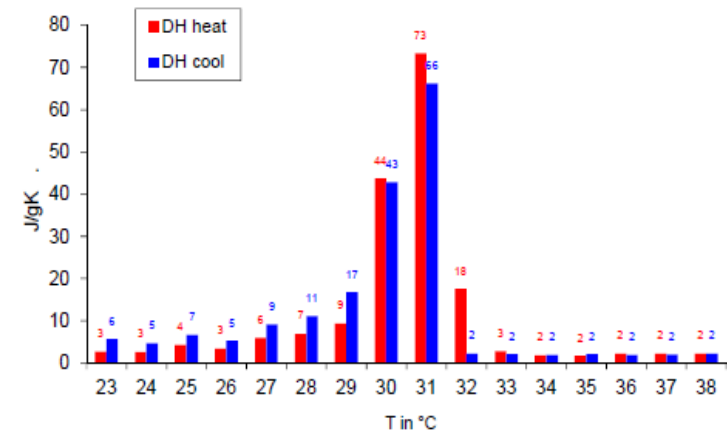
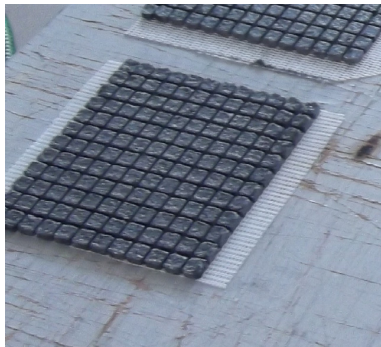


table: part of enthalpy

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T in °C	wärmekapazität in J/g		wärmekapazität in kJ/l	
23	3	6	2	5
24	3	5	2	4
25	4	7	4	6
26	3	5	3	5
27	6	9	5	8
28	7	11	6	10
29	9	17	8	15
30	44	43	39	38
31	73	66	66	60
32	18	2	16	2
33	3	2	2	2
34	2	2	2	2
35	2	2	1	2
36	2	2	2	2
37	2	2	2	2
38	2	2	2	2
Summe:	182	182	164	163

# 3. Technical Application

## PCM-prosthesis: prototype



PCM-sleeve,  $T_s = 31^\circ\text{C}$ , with graphite



negative form of the prosthesis with PVA-coat



Coating of a further, stable textile stocking and the PCM-sleeve



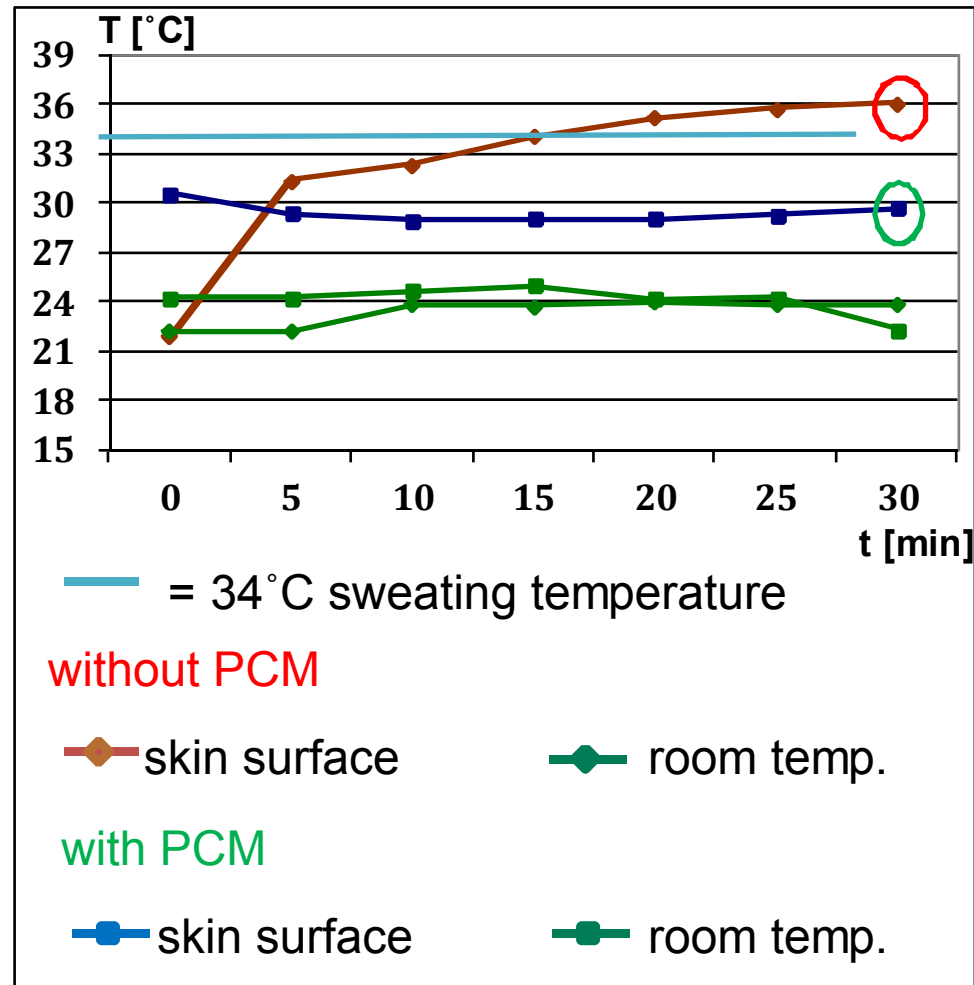
fixed embedding of the PCM with cast resin



prosthesis with PCM

# 3. Technical Application

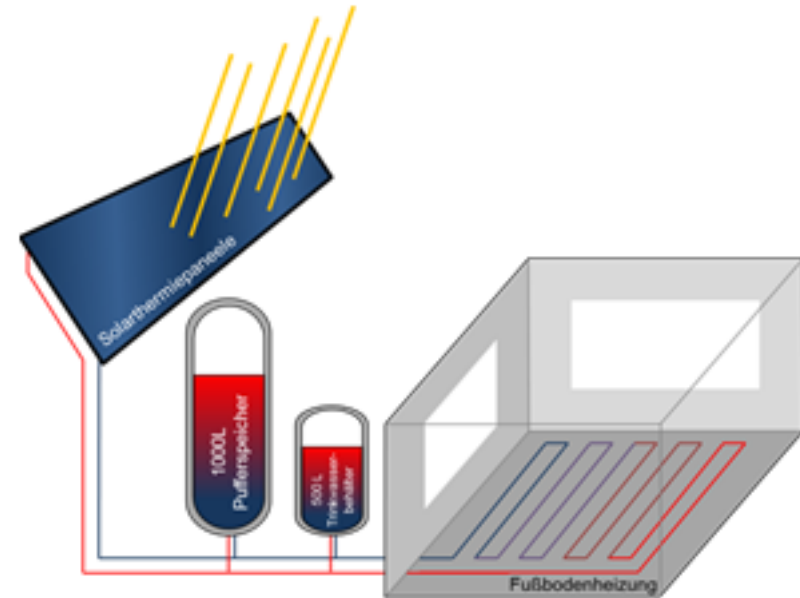
## PCM-prosthesis: test



→ after 30min: no reaching of the sweating temperature – **sweating-free**

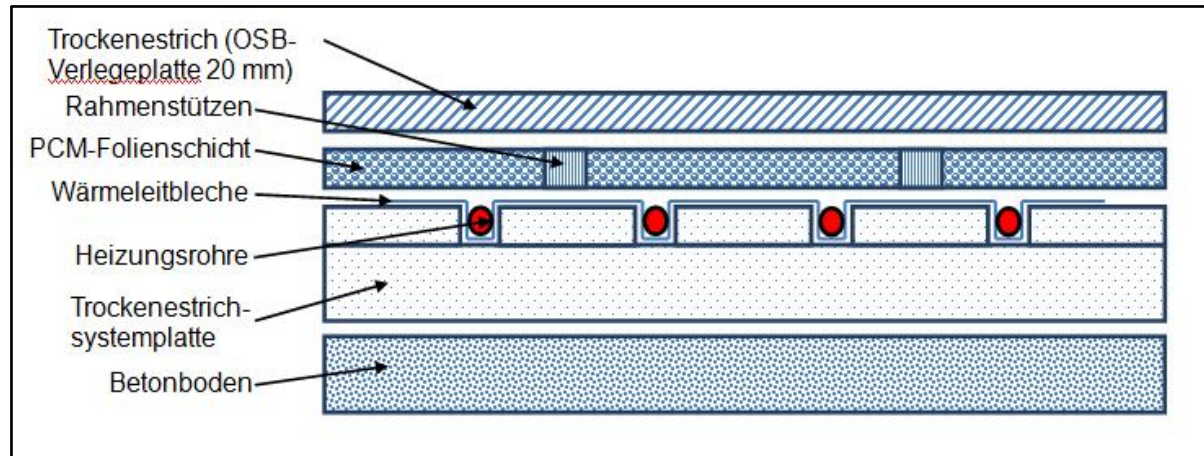
# 4. Reference Objects

- Construction of a test facility for storing solar heat in PCM memories
  - granulate storage
  - underfloor heating
- use of granules and foils



# 4. Reference Objects

## Underfloor heating with storage



- easy construction → conventional floor heating with wood construction
- dimensioning: 14h heating with  $40\text{W/m}^2$  → 15mm PCM-foils,  $T_s = 31^\circ\text{C}$
- operation: loading at day, unloading at night



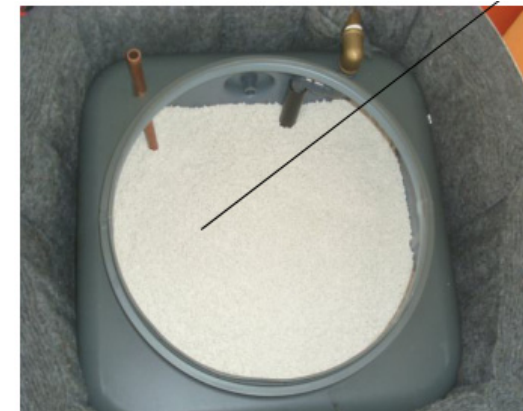
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## PCM granulate storage

- work area: temperature range 32 - 47°C
  - PCM-storage up to 4 times higher capacity



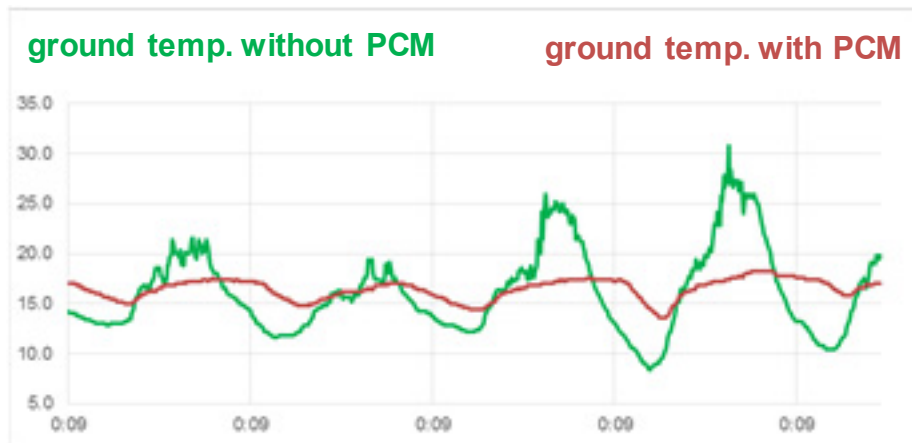
T-range	delta T	water kWh	PCM kWh	factor
47-32°C	15K	12,18	23,96	<b>1,97</b>
47-37°C	10K	8,12	23,44	<b>2,89</b>
47-40°C	7K	5,68	22,78	<b>4,01</b>



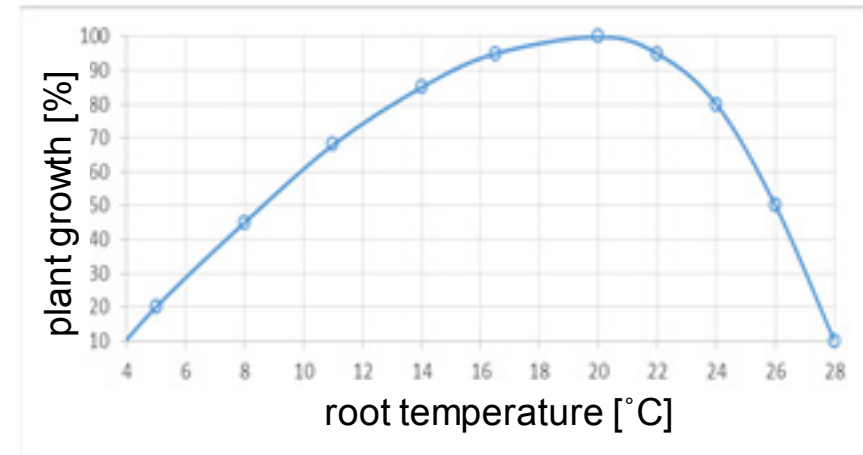
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## Tempering of plant roots with PCM-textile mats

course of the ground temp. with/without PCM



plant growth as a function of root temp.



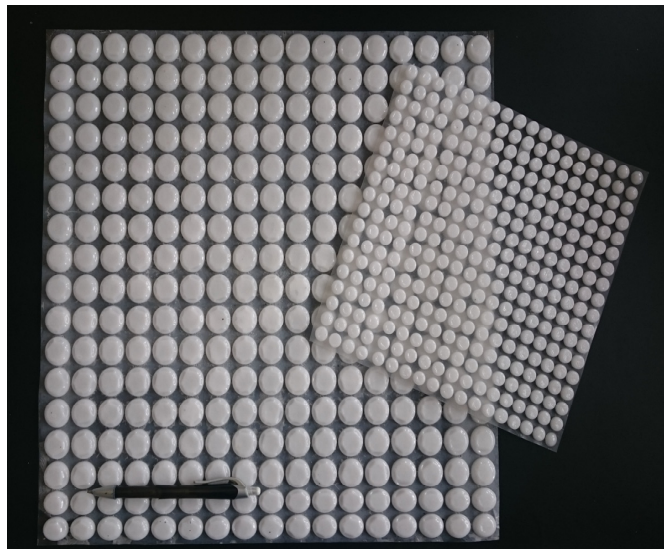
- 2 Identical greenhouses
  - sowing at 7.12.15
  - after 3 months : different growth behavior with and without PCM mats
- reduction vegetation period



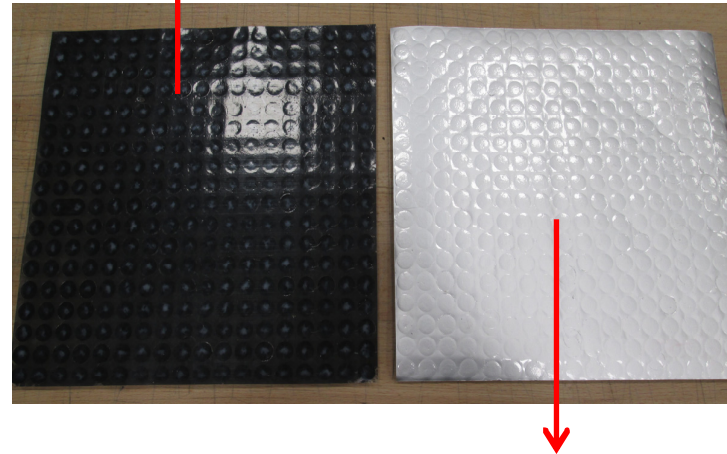
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## PCM transport foil

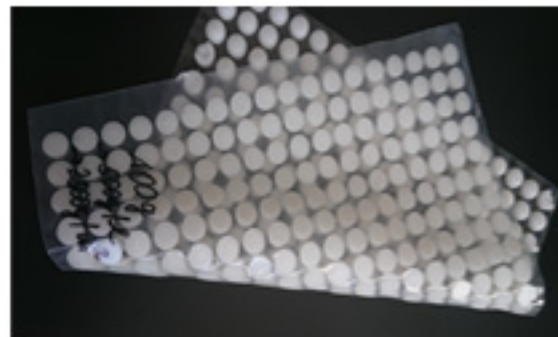
- ✓ flexibility
- ✓ cycle stable
- ✓ can be assembled
- ✓ surface structuring



graphite + burl shape  
→ performance increase



Al-lamination → reflection layer





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