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Best practice EU-Project:

“LightCoce” – Project Overview and Brick Pilot Line at the University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg”

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Krcmar, Department of materials engineering,
University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg

12 Faculties of the TH-Nuremberg with 13.500 students


Applied Chemistry


Civil Engineering


Electrical Engineering


Social Sciences


Applied Mathematics and Physics


Business Administration


Computer Science


Supply Engineering


Architecture

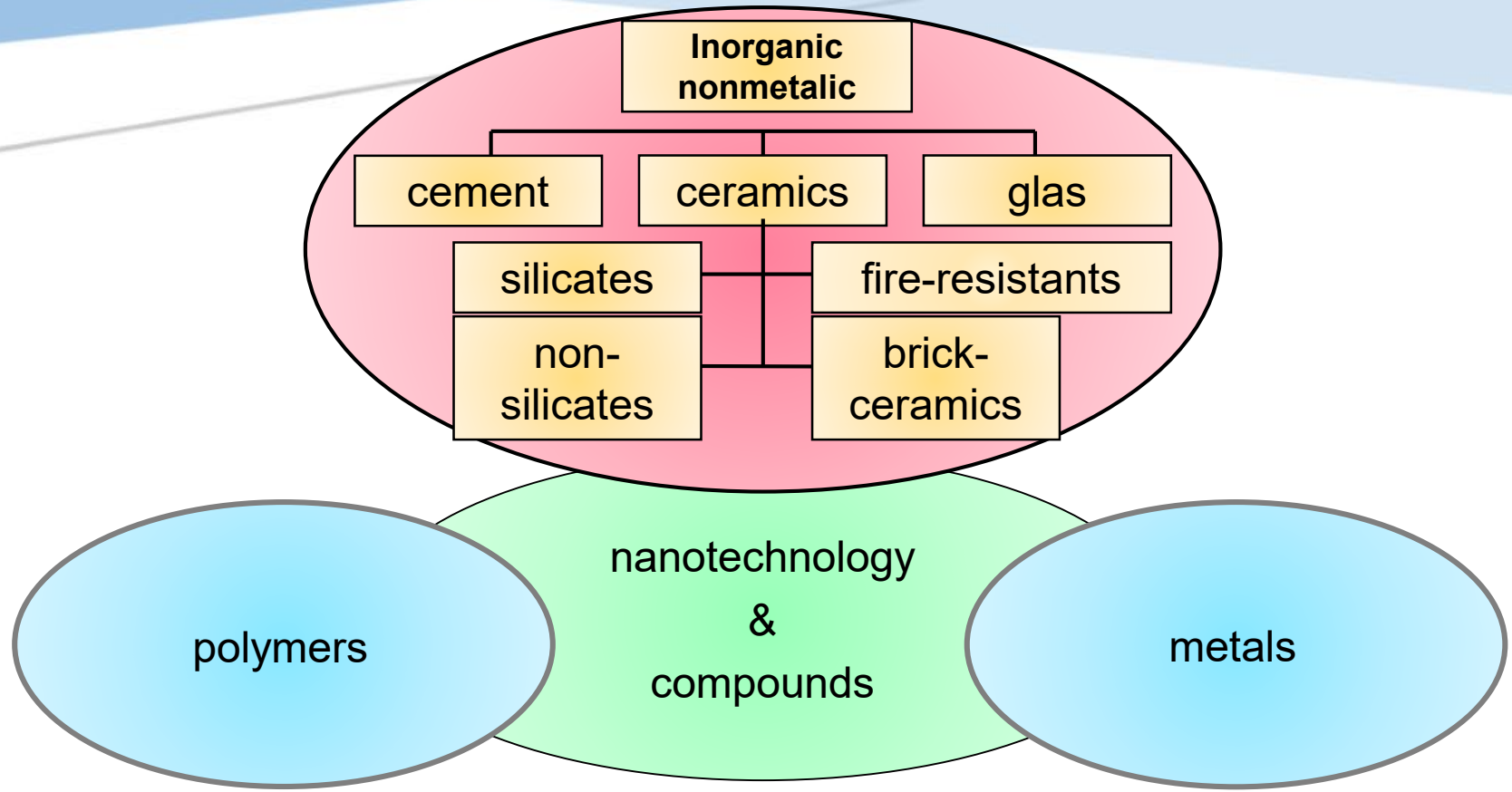

Design


Mechanical Engineering


Materials Engineering

In addition to the Bachelor's program, the faculty "Materials Engineering" offers the postgraduate Master’s program "New Materials, Nano- and Production Technology"

Fields of teaching and research at the faculty of materials engineering

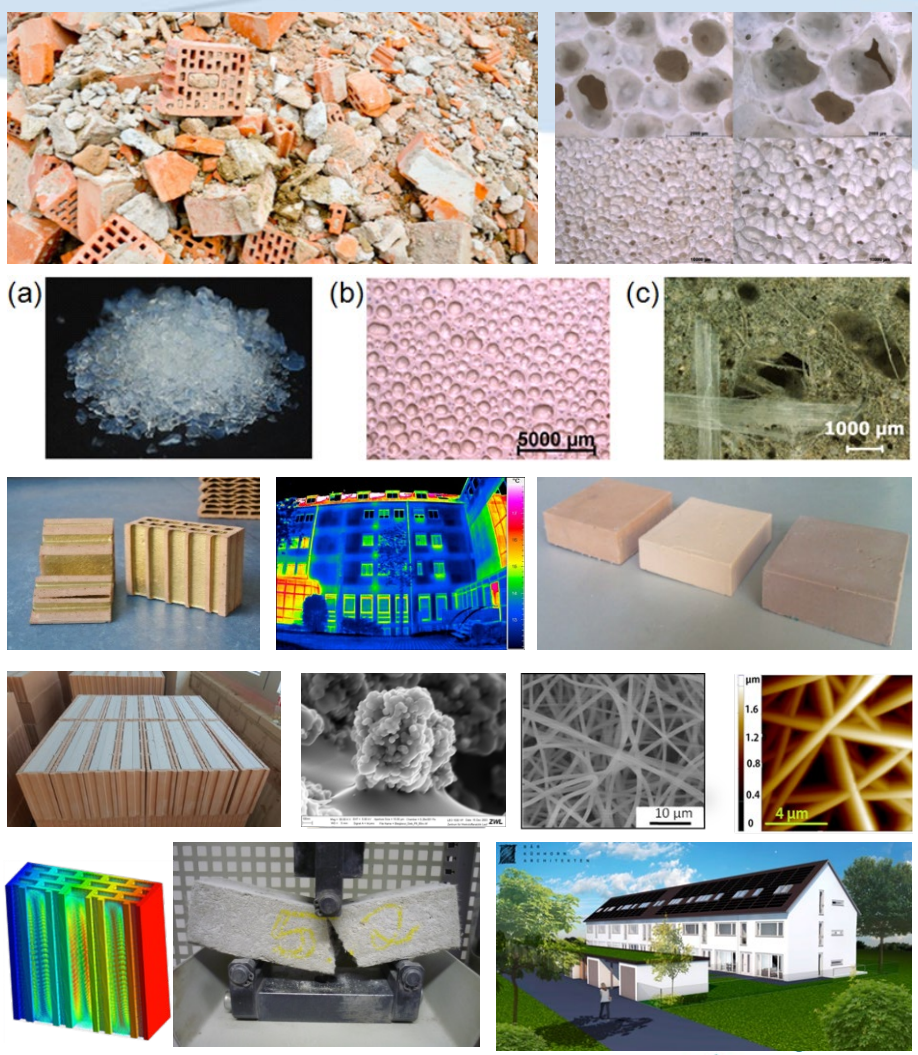


Bachelor-course + Master-course: 450 students

Work group of Prof. Dr. Krcmar - Energy efficient building materials

Fields of activities

- Highly heat-insulating building materials
- Bricks
- Mortar, thin-layer mortar, plaster
- Geopolymers
- Insulating materials (Nanofibers + Aerogels)
- Construction of energy-efficient buildings
- Energy-efficient building facades
- Recycling of building materials
- Heat-insulating coatings
- (Easy-to-clean-effect on building materials)
- FEM-simulations (heat- & noise insulation)
- Different laboratory testings
- Building-projects



EU - project „LightCoce“: Foundations for tomorrow`s Industry

Participants: 26 Partners from 9 EU member states

Total financial budget: € 13.48 million

Project duration: 4 years

Common subject:
"Research and development of new lightweight materials”

- Concrete
- Conventional ceramics (**Bricks**, Tiles)
- Advanced ceramics

Goals

- Development of new, lightweight materials with multifunctional properties
- High mechanical strength and improved thermal insulation
- Integration of nano-materials
- Cost reduction of production and transport

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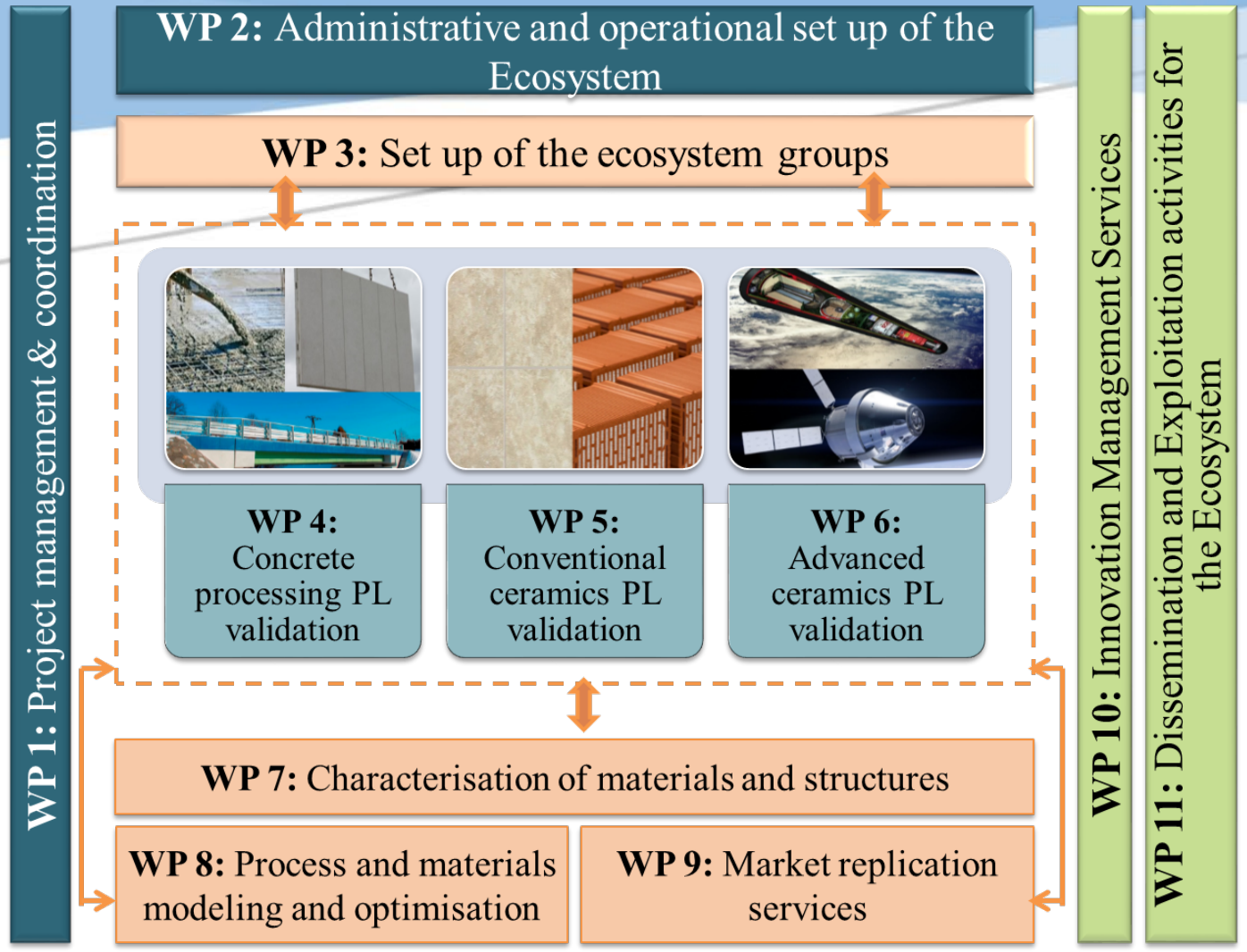
Overview of the setup of 5 pilot plants



Setup of 5 pilot plants

WP 4: Concrete

Sweden: RISE
Greece: NTUA

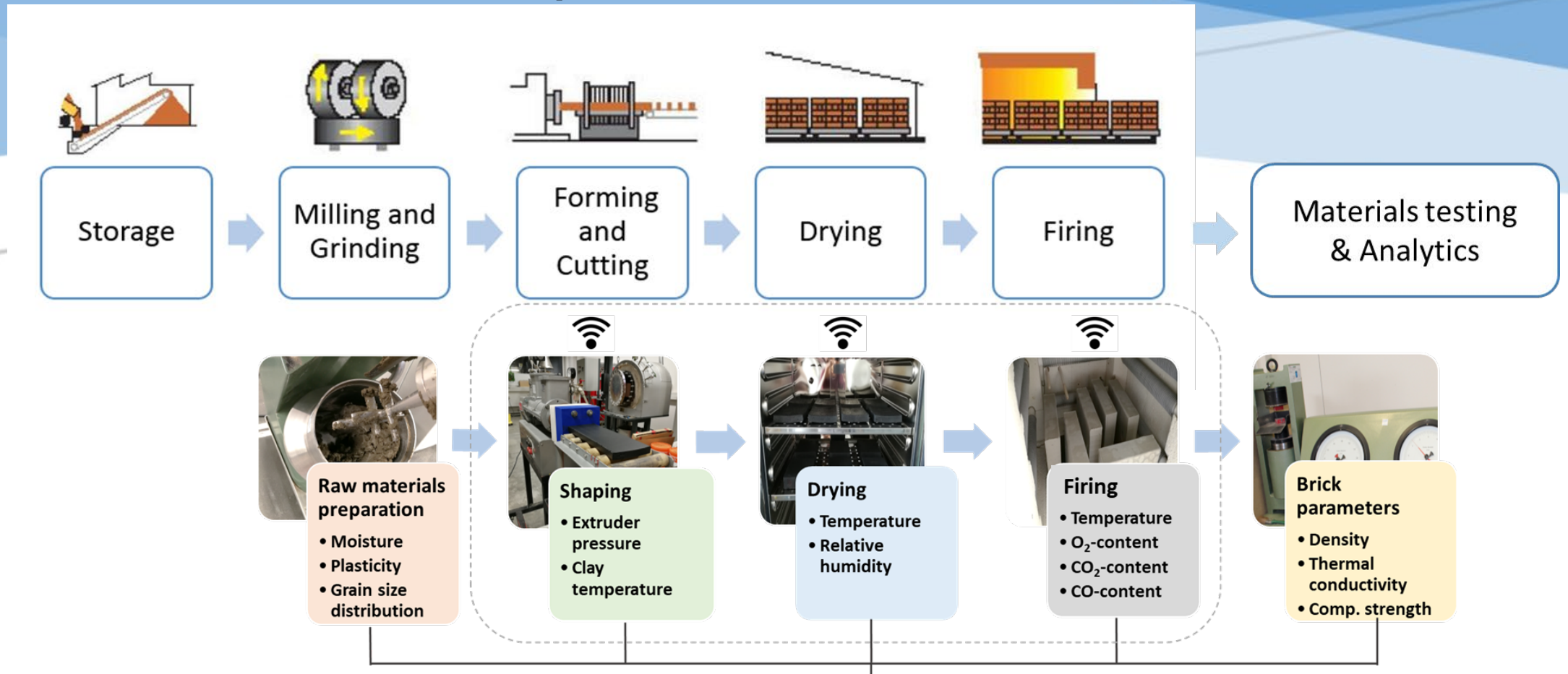
WP 5: Conventional Ceramics

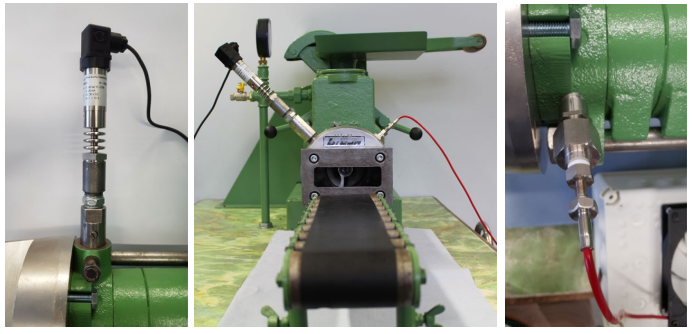
Tiles: Spain; ITC
Bricks: Germany, TH Nuremberg / EnCN

WP 6: Advanced Ceramics

Poland: INOP

Network structure of the brick pilot line





Central data acquisition and documentation

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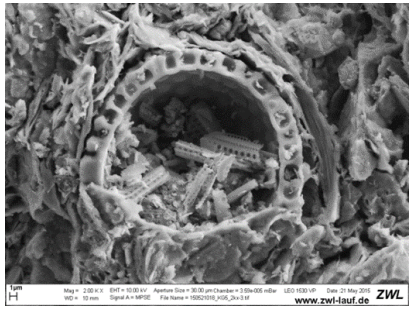
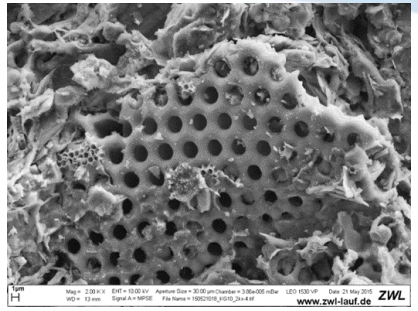
“LightCoce” - Test case for THN pilot line
Extrusion of lightweight bricks with nano porosifying agents

Lightweight bricks with the following characteristics will be produced:

Property	State of the art	Goal
Ceramic density ρ [kg/dm³]	1,5	≤ 1,0
Thermal conductivity $\lambda_{10,dry}$ [W/mK]	0,35	0,25





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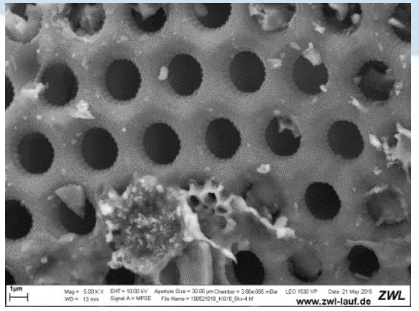

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Porosifiers:

- Organic agents: Ground rise husks, rise husks, industrial soot, carbon black
- Inorganic agents: Diatomaceous earth, pyrogenic silica, water, water glass

Advantages of the lightweight bricks:

- Lower consumption of primary fuels for heating buildings (reduced CO_2 emission)
- Reduction in fuel consumption for firing of bricks
- Reduction in transport costs due to lighter products

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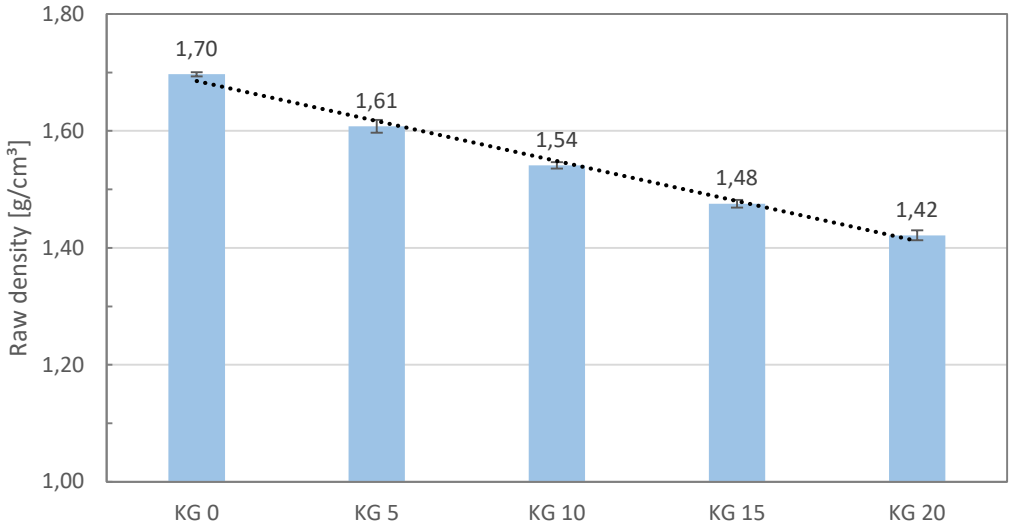
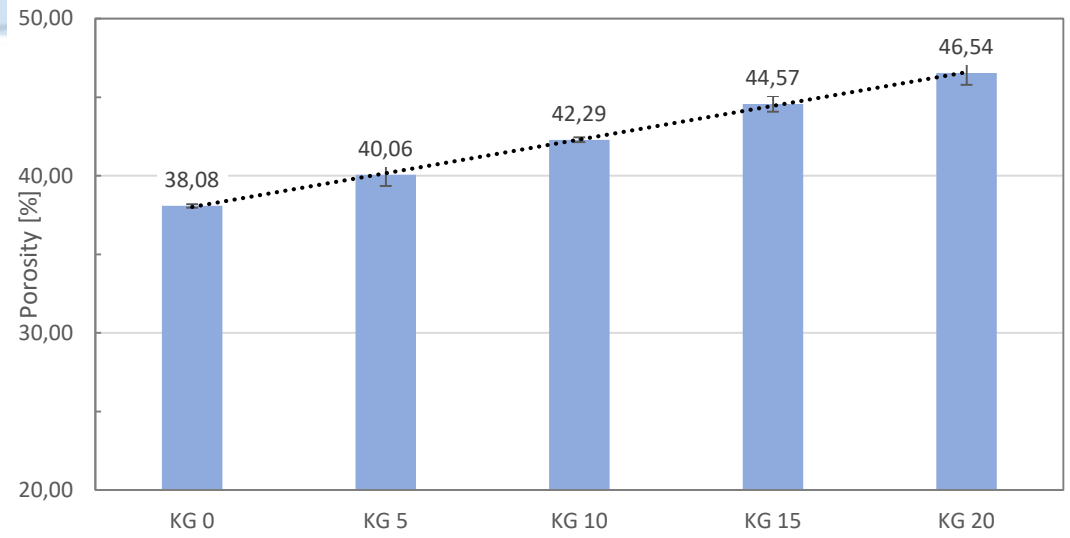
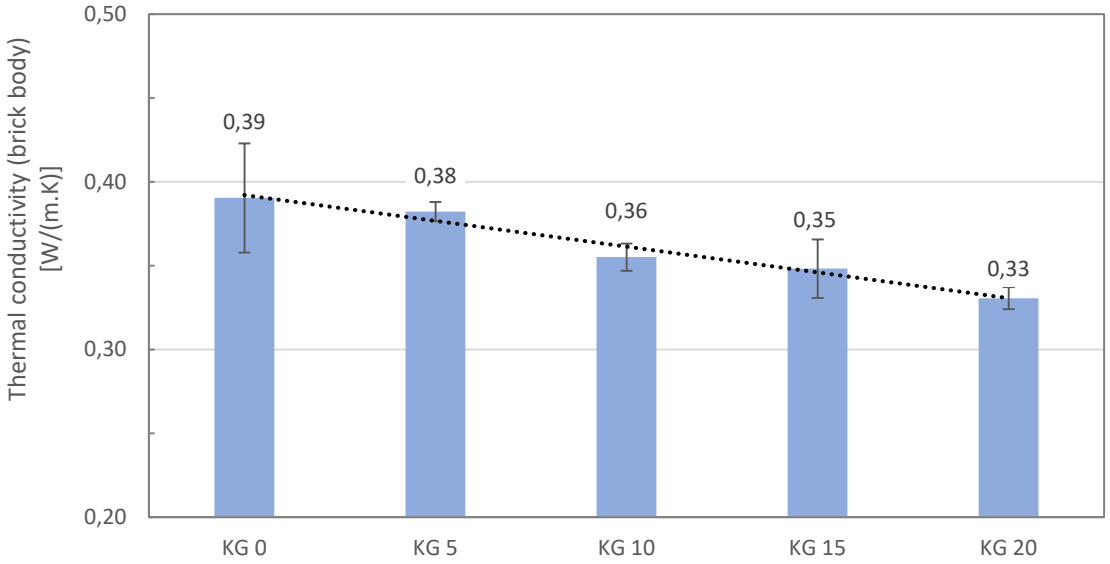
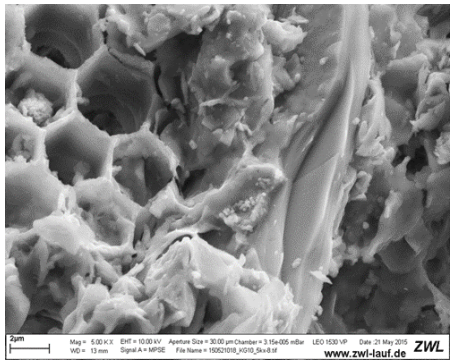
Extrusion of lightweight bricks with 5, 10, 15 and 20 wt.-% diatomaceous earth (KG)

First results: Raw density, porosity, thermal conductivity









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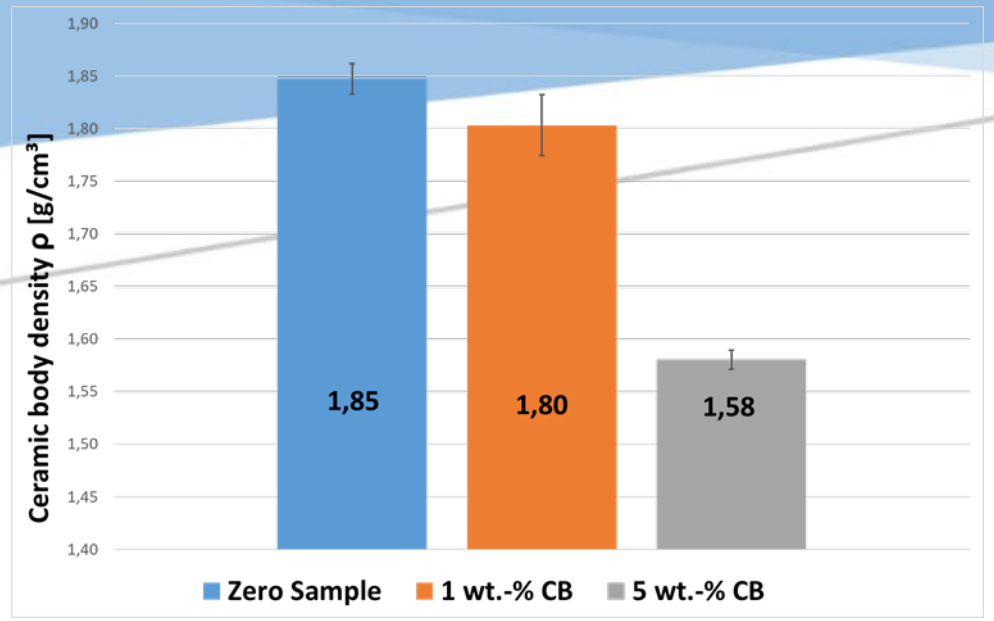
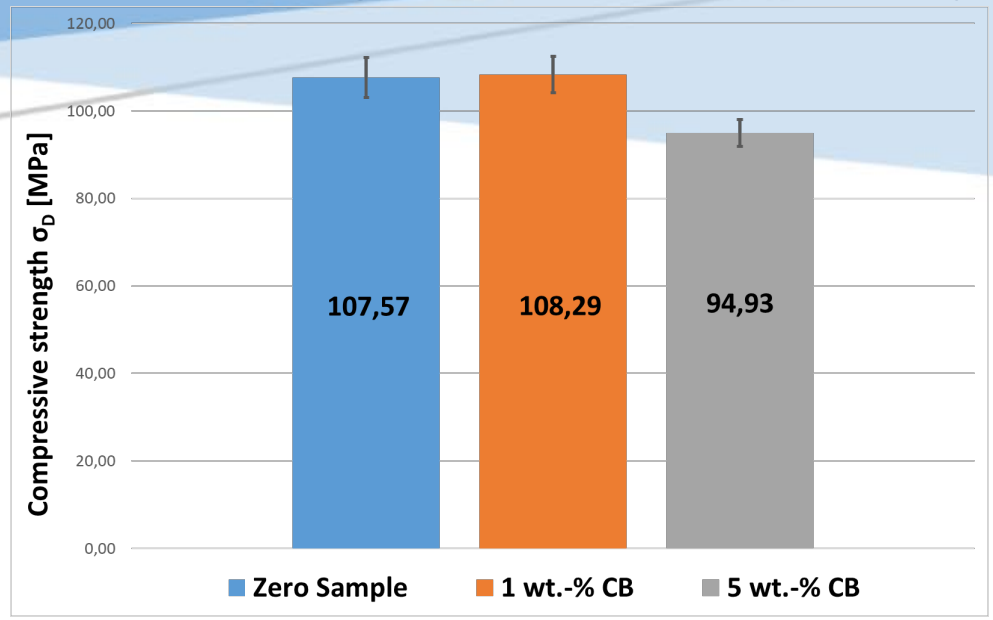
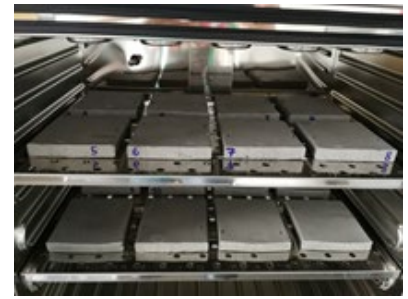
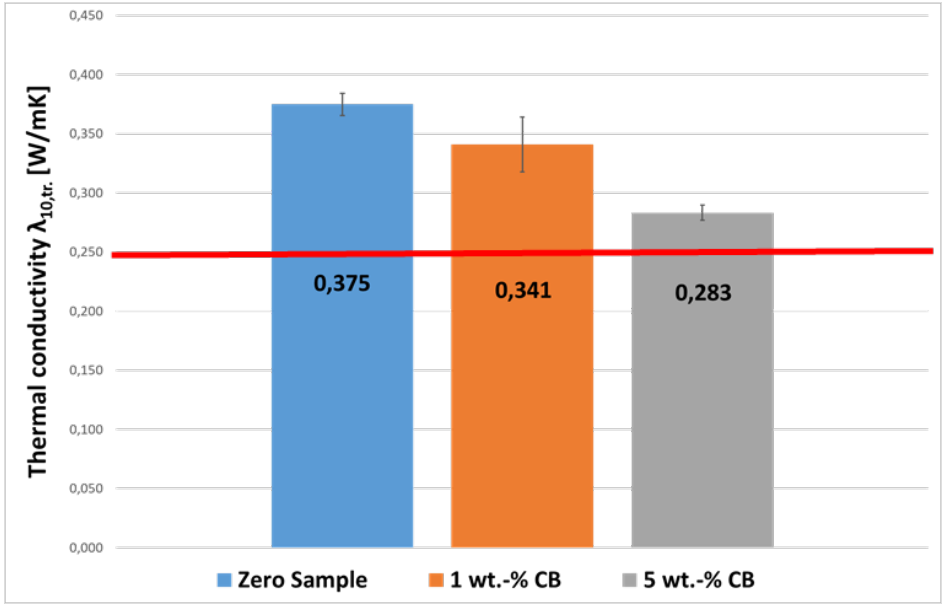
Extrusion of lightweight bricks with 1 and 5 wt.-% “Carbon Black” (CB), d_{50} = 120 nm

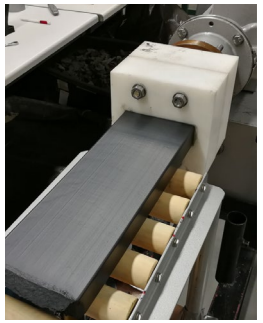
First results: Ceramic body density, compressive strength, thermal conductivity

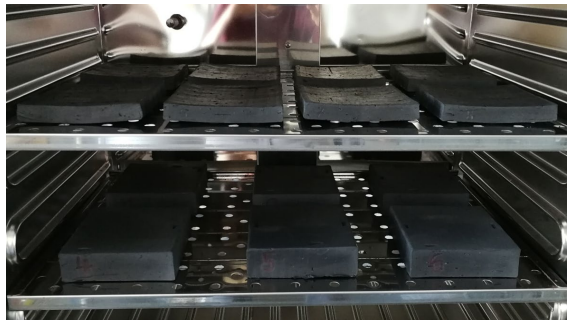












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Extrusion of lightweight bricks with 1 wt.-% “Industrial soot”
First result: Thermal conductivity

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EU-Project “LightCoce”: 2nd plenary session at the Energy Campus Nuremberg at 14./15.01.2020 with 50 participants from 9 European countries

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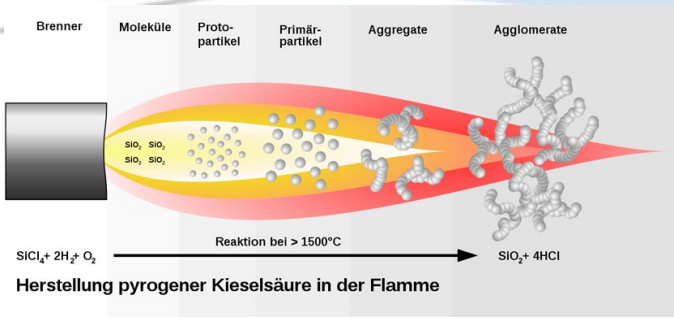
Example 1: Herzo Base energy-storage buildings with Energetic standard KfW 40 Plus

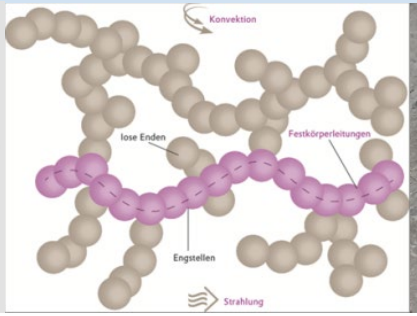
Application of the highly insulating material „CALOSTAT“ (silica fume SiO_2) in wall-bricks

Properties of CALOSTAT

- Diffusion coefficient μ = 6
- Hydrophobe; no water-absorption
- Minerally; incombustible
- Thermal conductivity $\lambda_{10,\,dr.}$ = 0,019 W/(m*K)



Nanostructure



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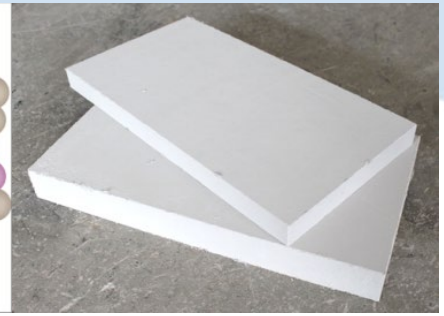

Brick-envelope
$\lambda_{equiv.}$ = 0,345 W/(mK)

Perlite-brick
$\lambda_{equiv.}$ = 0,071 W/(mK)

CALOSTAT-bricks
$\lambda_{equiv.}$ = 0,046 W/(mK)

Perlite-brick
$\lambda_{equiv.}$ = 0,07 W/(mK)

CALOSTAT- brick
$\lambda_{equiv.}$ = 0,041 W/(mK)

Improvement of the thermal insulation: 35 %

Improvement: 41 %

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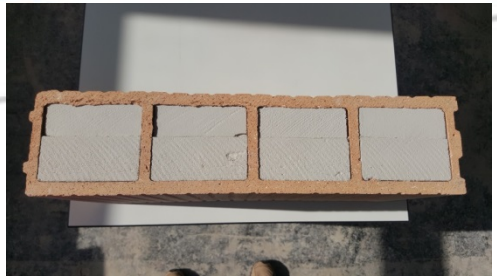

Contruction of 8 terrace houses

Production of 2000 pieces

2 houses: Perlite-bricks, Wall thickness 42,5 cm: U-value = 0,15 W/(m^2*K)

2 houses: Perlite-bricks, Wall thickness 36,5 cm: U-value = 0,18 W/(m^2*K)

4 houses: Perlite-bricks, Wall thickness 30,0 cm + 12 cm CALOSTAT-brick: **U = 0,13 W/(m^2*K)**




Outer plaster λ = 0,17 W/(m*K)
Solarpainting

Inner plaster: λ = 0,18 W/(mK)

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Plan of the architect

Groundbreaking 14.07.2016

End of November 2016

Roofing Ceremony 02.12.2016

March 2017

Rear View Energy Storage Houses
Nov. 2017

Frontside 2019

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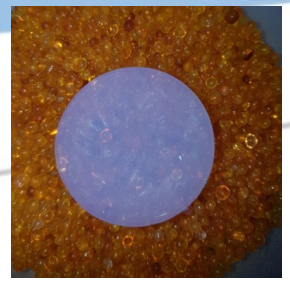
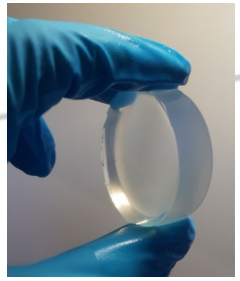
Example 2: SiO_2 – aerogel foam as insulation material

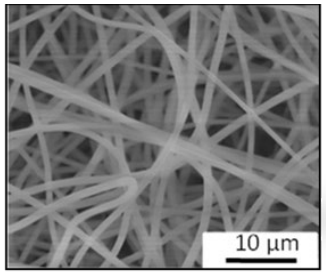
- Thermal conductivity of silica aerogel zero samples: 0,020 W/mK
- Thermal conductivity of fiber-modified silica aerogels: 0,021 W/mK

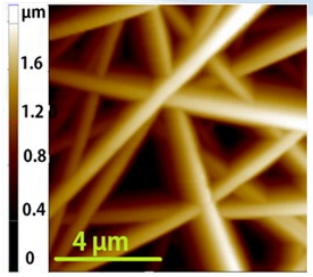




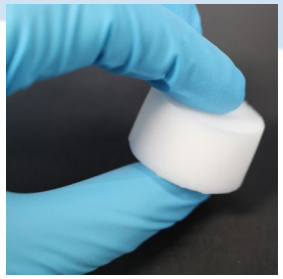
Aerogel zero sample

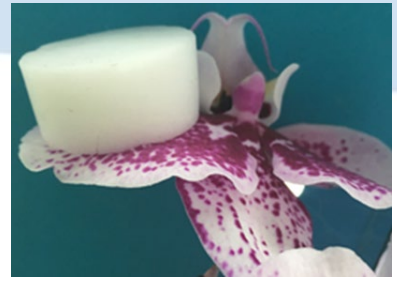
SiO_2 - Aerogel
$\lambda_{10,tr.}$ = 0,020 W/(m*K)



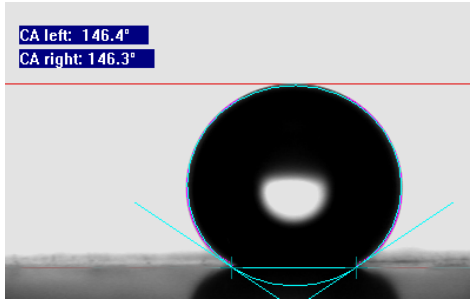


Polystyrene nanofibers
$\lambda_{10,tr.}$ = 0,01 W/(m*K)

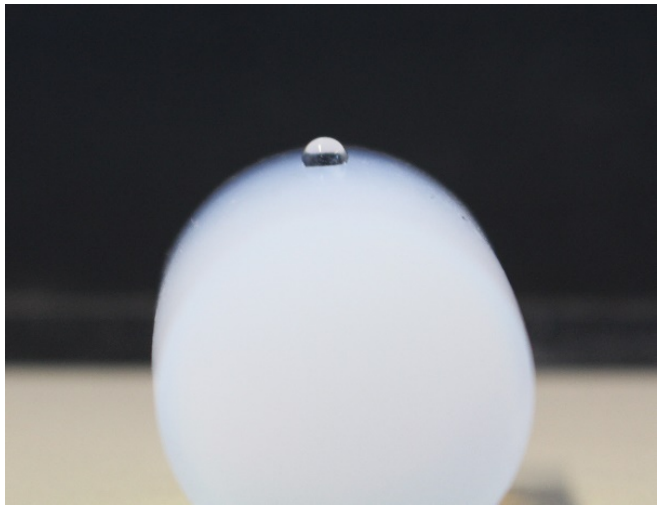




Modified SiO_2 - Aerogel
$\lambda_{10,tr.}$ = 0,021 W/(m*K)



Distinctive hydrophobicity: contact angle with "sessile drop" method > 145°



Filling of wall building materials

Nanofiber fleece

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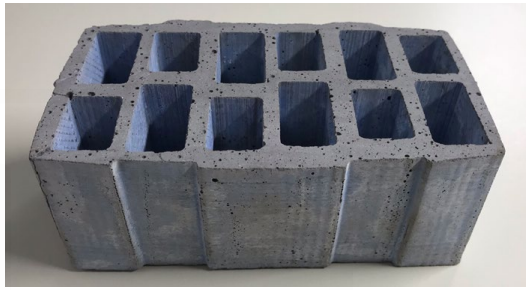
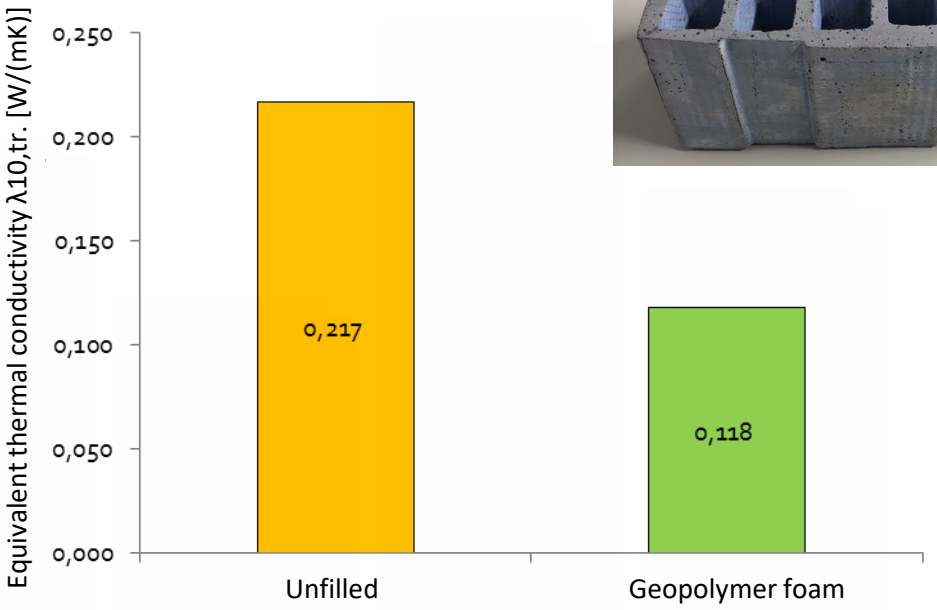
Example 3: New building and insulating materials from geopolymers

$$0{,}5\ (Al_2O_3 \cdot 2\ SiO_2) + 2\ Na^+ + 2\ OH^- + 2{,}5\ H_2O \rightarrow 2\ Na^+ + (HO)_3SiO^- + [Al(OH)_4]^-$$

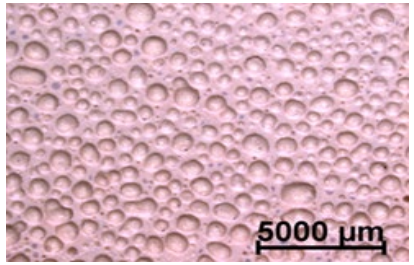
1. High strength geopolymers

Compressive strength
ß = < 120 N/mm²





2. Foamed geopolymers



Compressive strength
ß = 2 N/mm²
$\lambda_{10,tr.}$ = 0,06 W/(m*K)

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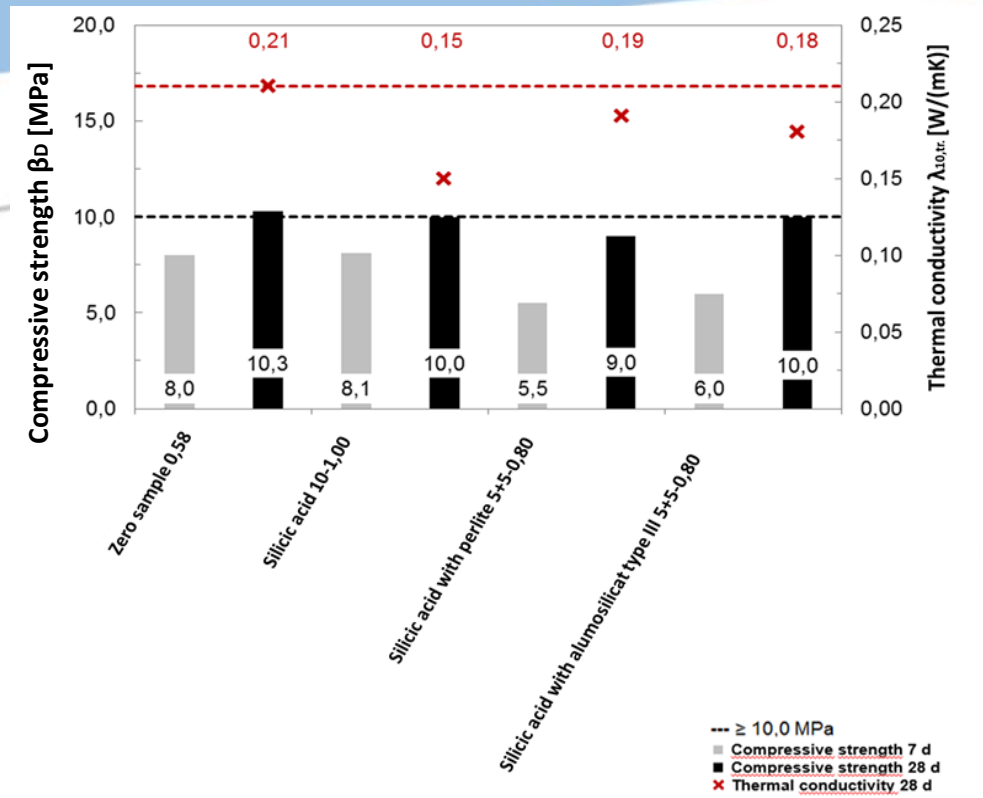
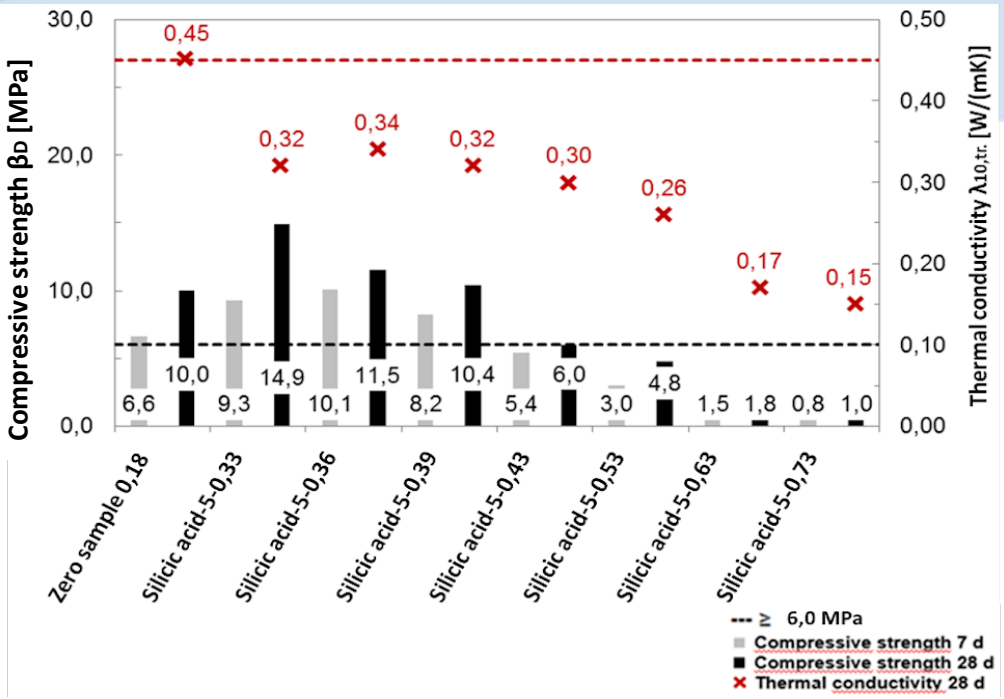
Example 4: Improvement of thermal insulation of thin-bed mortar and base plaster

Thin-bed mortar with fumed silica



- Reduction of thermal conductivity by almost **29,0 %**
- Compliance with the specified compressive strength class M 10

Base plaster with fumed silica



- Reduction of thermal conductivity by almost **29,0 %**
- Simultaneous **49 %** increase in compressive strength

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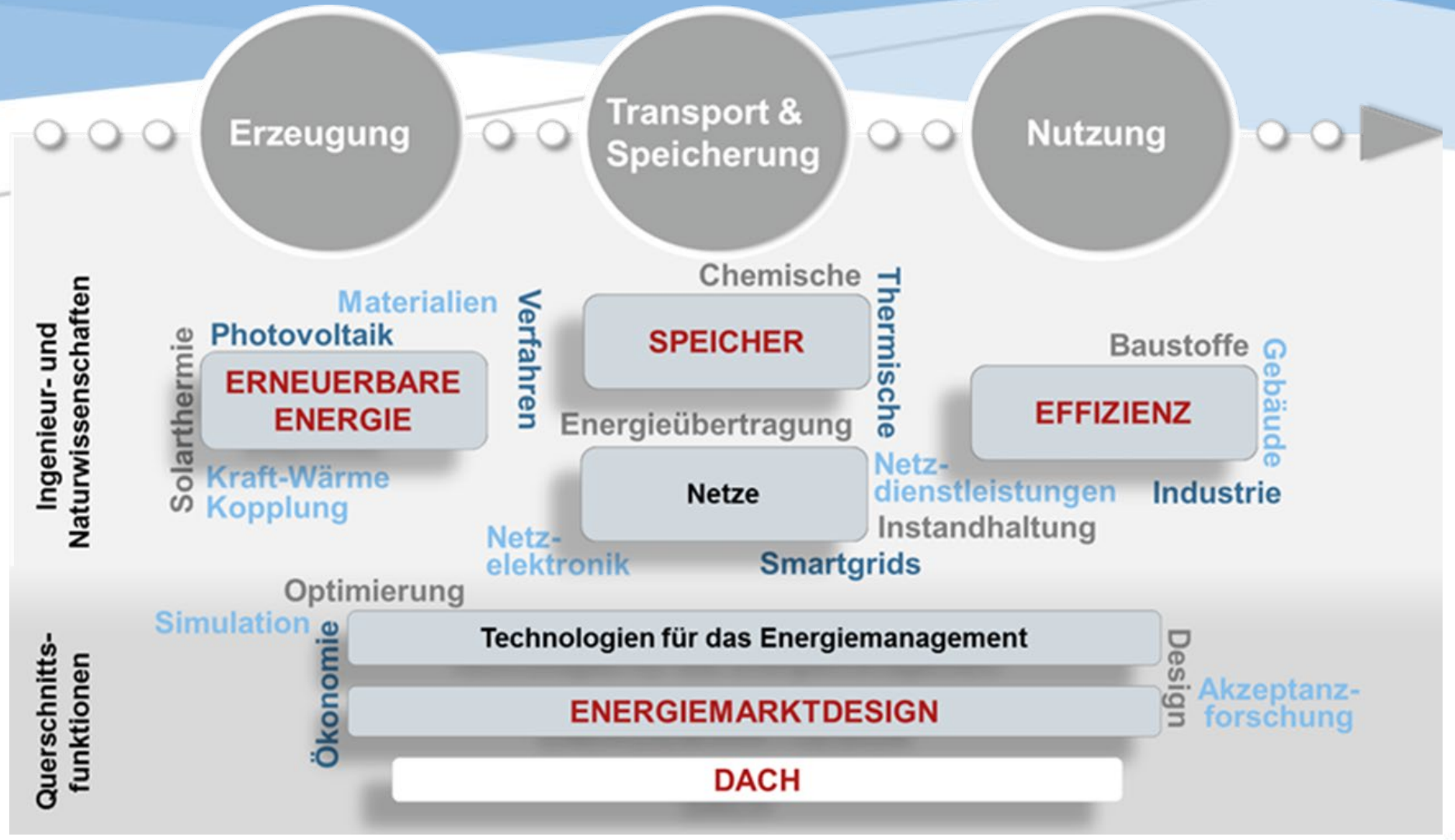

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