Modular CAES with thermal storage

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THE CEL SYSTEM

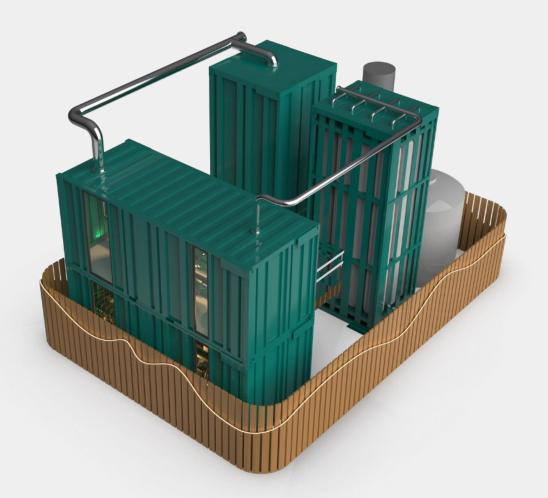


Modular

Systems built up from 200kW power modules and 1MWh energy modules

Lifetime

Long-lasting system based on proven industrial hardware targeting 25 -year service life





Containerised

The system is transportable and does not require any specific geography other than firm flat land



Sustainable

Extensive adoption of circular economy principles, no rare or hazardous materials required

Delivering on-demand power for commercial and industrial customers who need 200kW - 50MW for 4 - 24 hours

HOW IT WORKS







CHARGE

Electricity from the grid or from renewable generation drives an electric motor

Power in



Compressed

air

Heat

POWER CONVERSION UNIT

Electric motor turns a compressor to convert the electricity into compressed air and heat



AIR STORE



DISCHARGE

The reversed process creates electricity which can be used for EV charging, industry and microgrids

Power out



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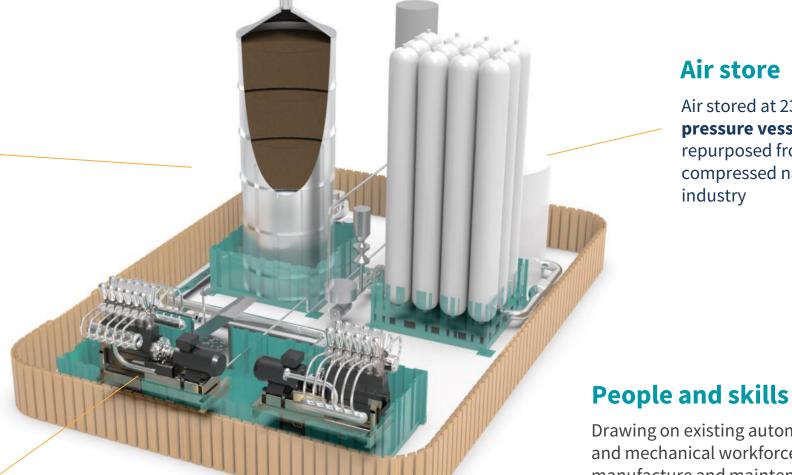
Compressed air and heat are used to turn the engine again which drives the electric motor as a generator



REUSING EXISTING INDUSTRIAL HARDWARE

Heat store

Heat is stored in **sand** or gravel at very low cost, at up to 500 °C



Air store

Air stored at 230 bar in pressure vessels repurposed from the compressed natural gas industry

Power conversion

The compressors are made from ex-service truck engines Drawing on existing automotive and mechanical workforce for

manufacture and maintenance

Drawing on existing manufacturing capacity and supply chains to deliver a cleantech future.

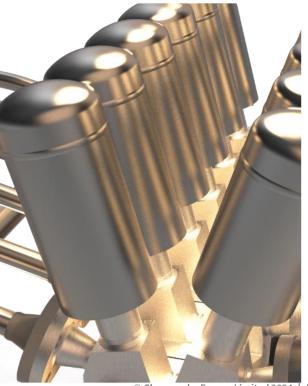
ENGINES TO AIR COMPRESSORS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Compressors are adapted from ex-service truck engines (EURO 3 and 4)
- These would otherwise be a waste stream and a cost to the original manufacturers
- Our proprietary valve actuation technology and electric drives turn them into zero-emission clean energy assets.

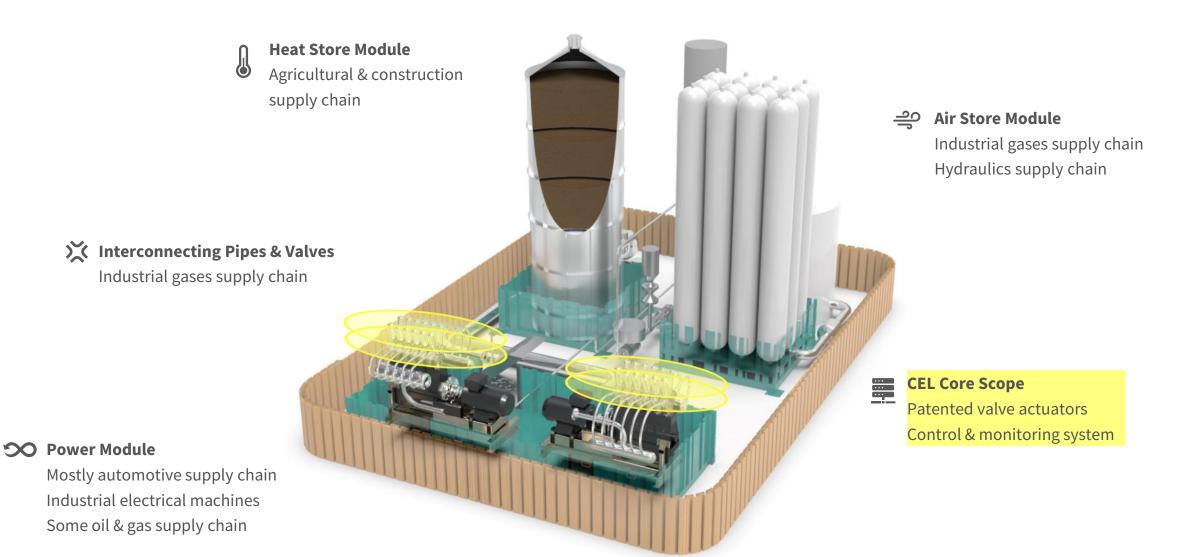






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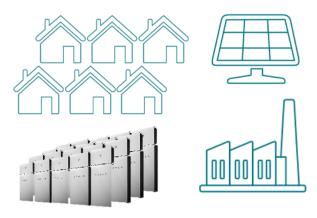
ACCESS TO EXISTING SUPPLY CHAINS FOR SCALABILITY

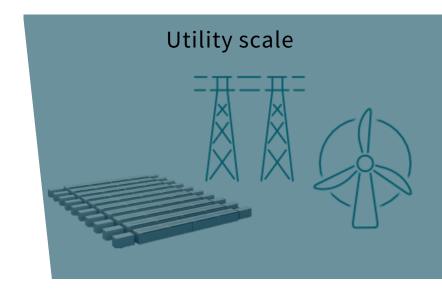


HOW CUSTOMERS BENEFIT



Commercial & industrial







Industrial energy users

- ✓ Reduced carbon footprint
- ✓ Round-the-clock power



Business parks & mixed-use developments

- ✓ Energy bill savings
- ✓ Increased energy security



Offgrid communities and industry

- ✓ Reduced carbon footprint
- ✓ Self-reliance

MARKET TRACTION







COMMISSIONING FIRST SYSTEM NOW

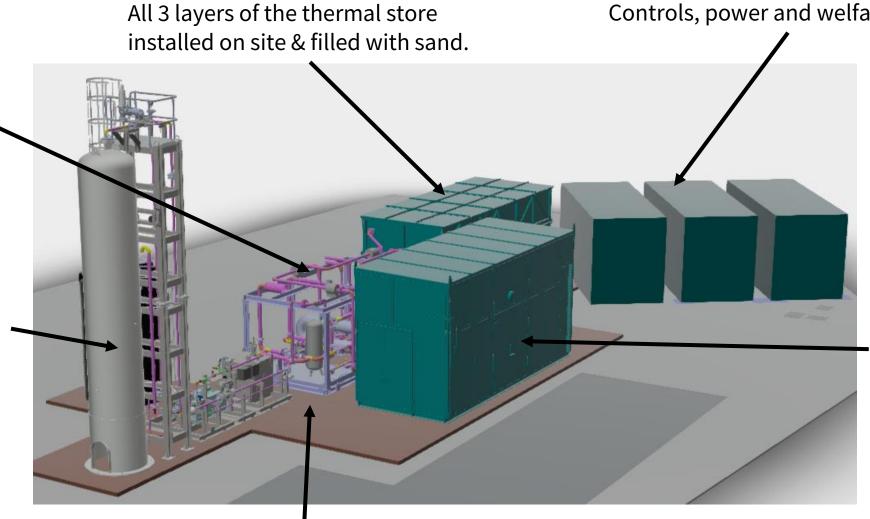
INSTALLATION FOR SOLAR MICROGRID IN 2024

DISPLACING DIESEL FOR MINING (2025)

ALPHA - FULL SYSTEM PROTOTYPE

Pressurised air circuit (PAC) skid.

> Isobaric air storage system.



Low-pressure and intermediate- and high-pressure engines installed in engine enclosure

Controls, power and welfare cabins.

The prototype system is designed for good maintenance access and allows additional space for different upgrades and test configurations.

ALPHA SYSTEM





COLCHESTER NORTHERN GATEWAY

Major new £200m+ development north of the city centre

Up to new 560 homes and 48,000 m² of offices

Leisure park with a Cineworld, Greggs and Wendy's

>12MVA of new electricity demand



CASE STUDY: COLCHESTER DEVELOPMENT

Using a microgrid to overcome **grid constraints** to unlock a new **mixed-use development**

CEL's fleet of energy storage systems will:



Maximise utilisation of PV electricity



Increase microgrid reliability & resilience



Reduce energy costs







Grid reinforcements could take until 2032 (at a cost of £10-15m) – CEL energy storage will drastically reduce lead times and reduce system costs.



Delivering thermal and compressed air energy storage for durable, scalable power on demand



Visit our demonstrator system in Nottingham

Major benefits of our technology:







Seeking further pilot opportunities and development partners for the next generation of energy storage



Energy storage that doesn't cost the earth

Thanks for listening!

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