

# HiFlex

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**High Storage Density Solar Power Plant for FLEXible Energy Systems**

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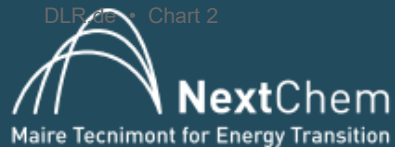
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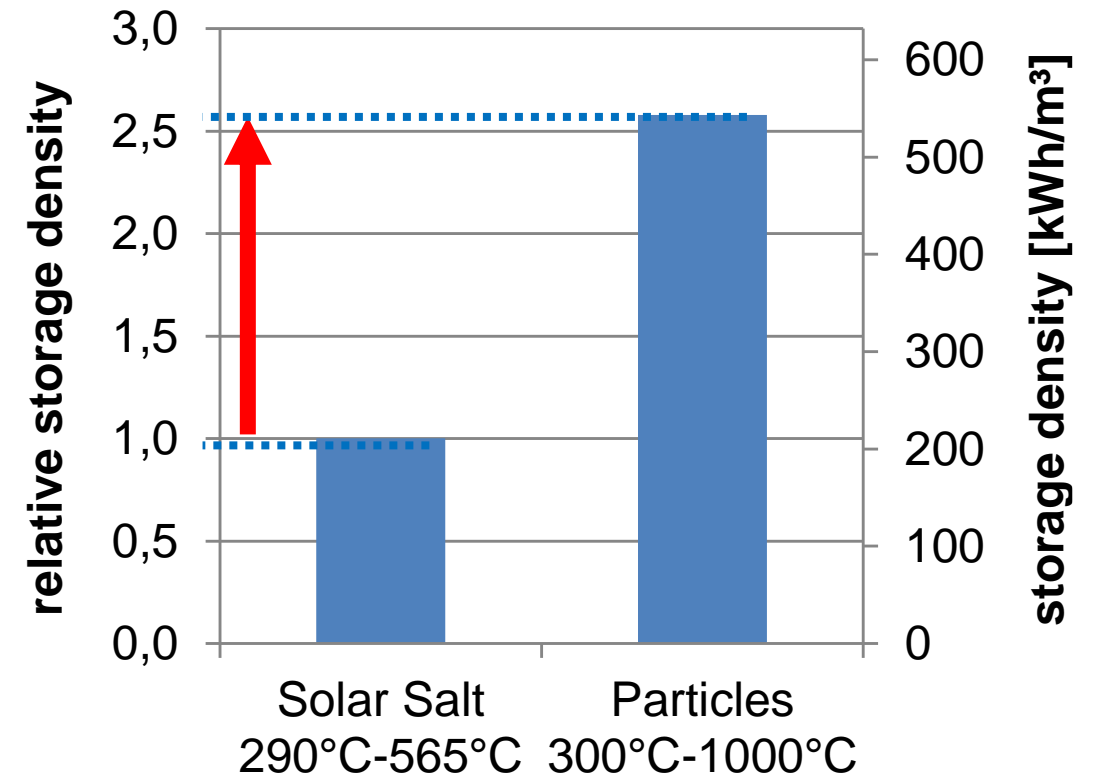


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# Motivation - HIFLEX – High Storage Density Solar Power Plant for FLEXible Energy Systems

- Solid particles
- As heat transfer and storage medium
  - Increase process temperature
  - Two times higher storage densities

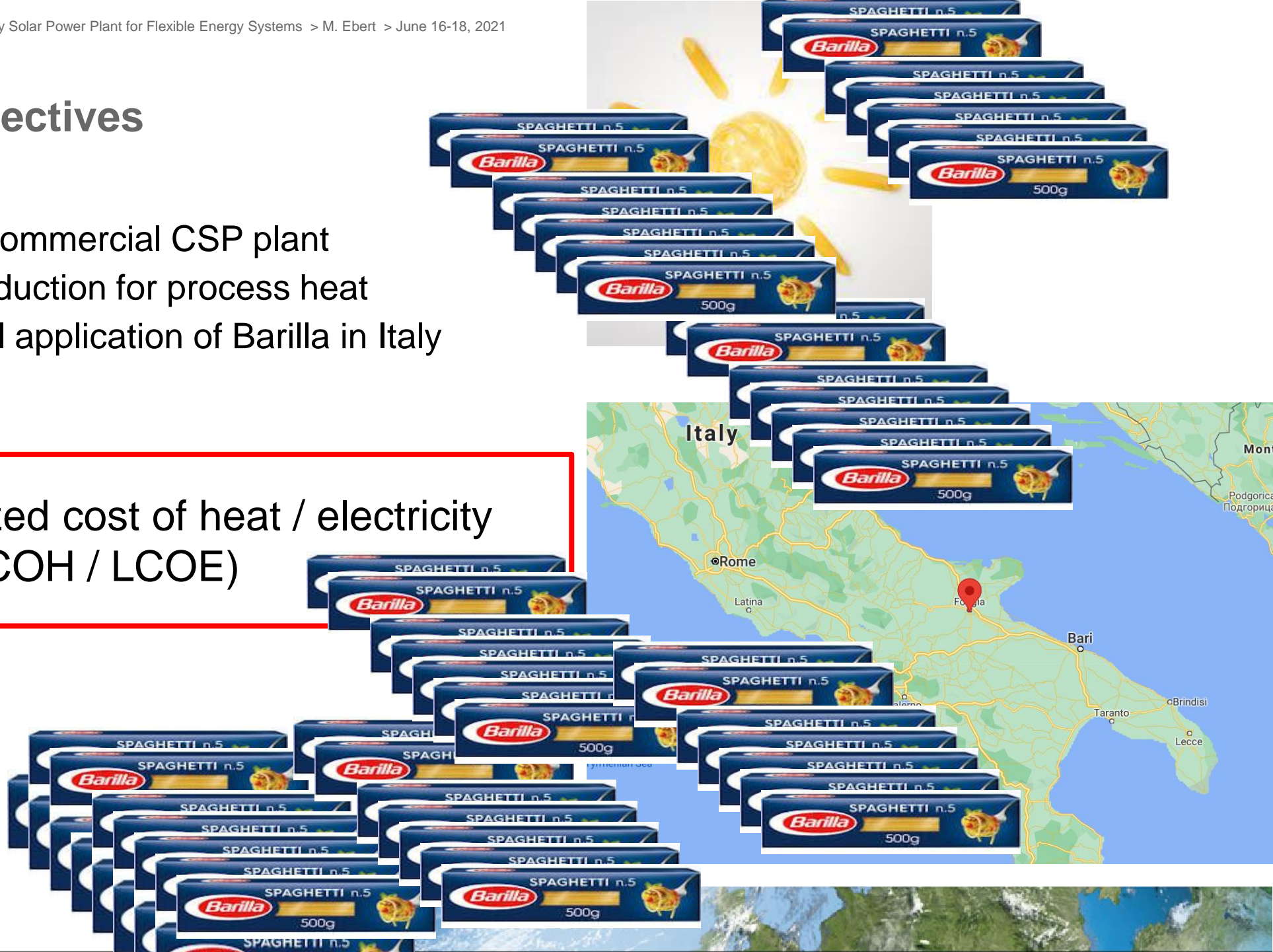


## Ambition and Objectives

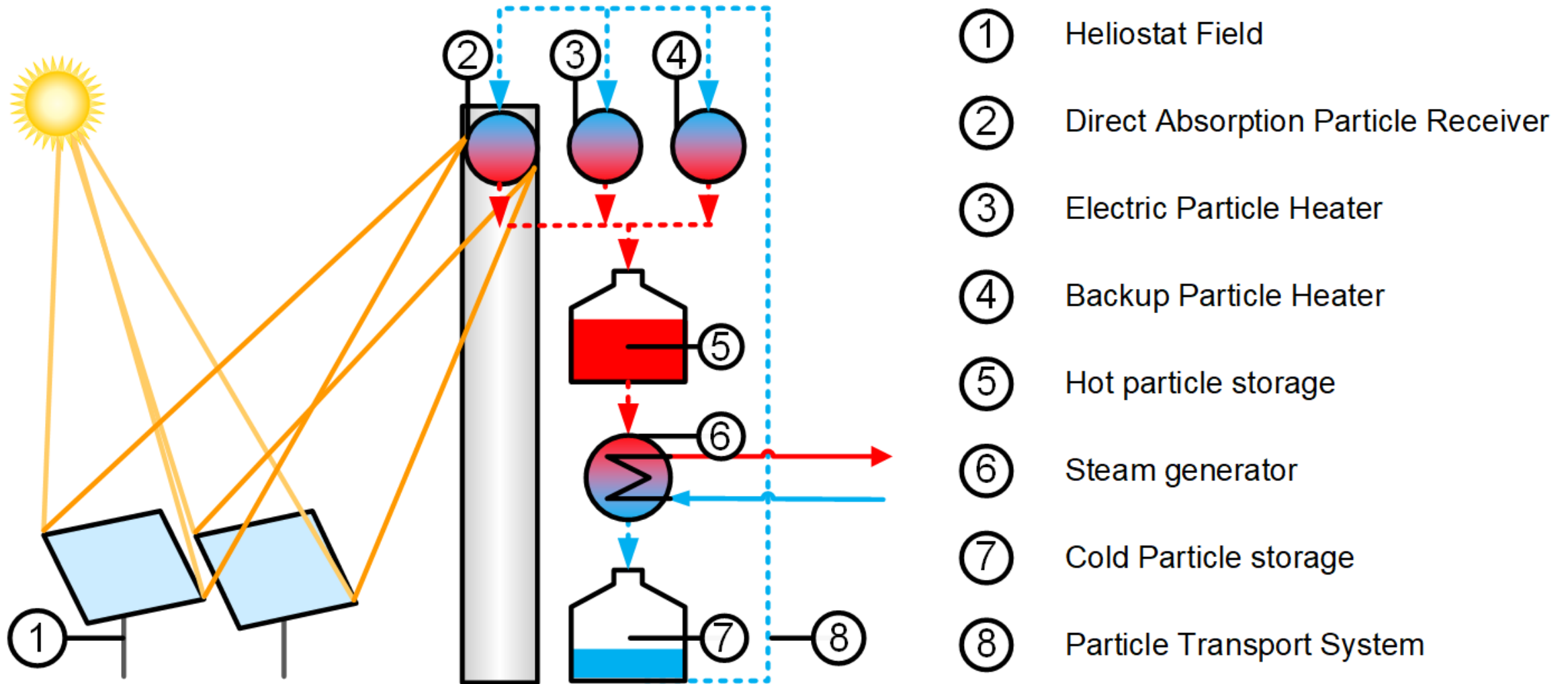
- Demonstrate pre-commercial CSP plant
- 24 hour steam production for process heat
- Supply to industrial application of Barilla in Italy
- Drying 7000 t/a

Decrease levelized cost of heat / electricity  
(LCOH / LCOE)

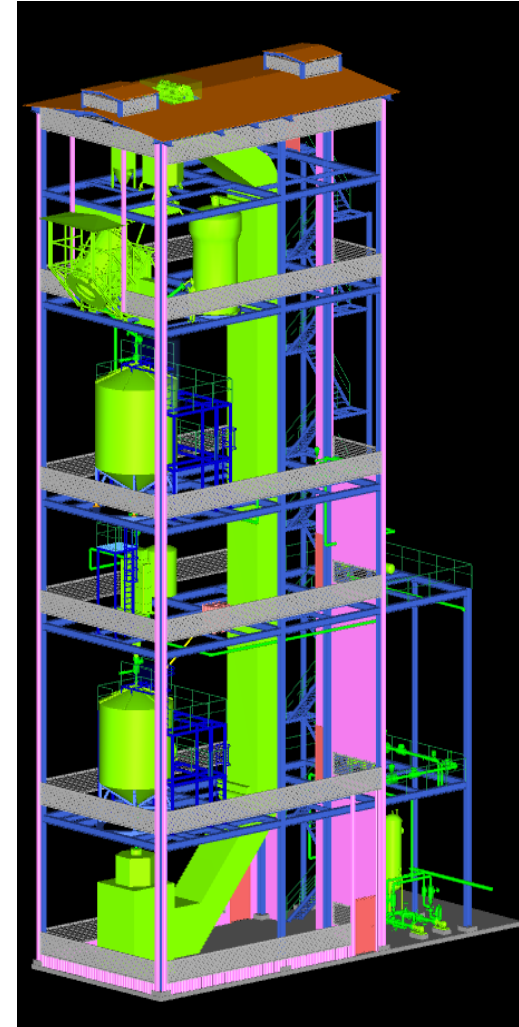
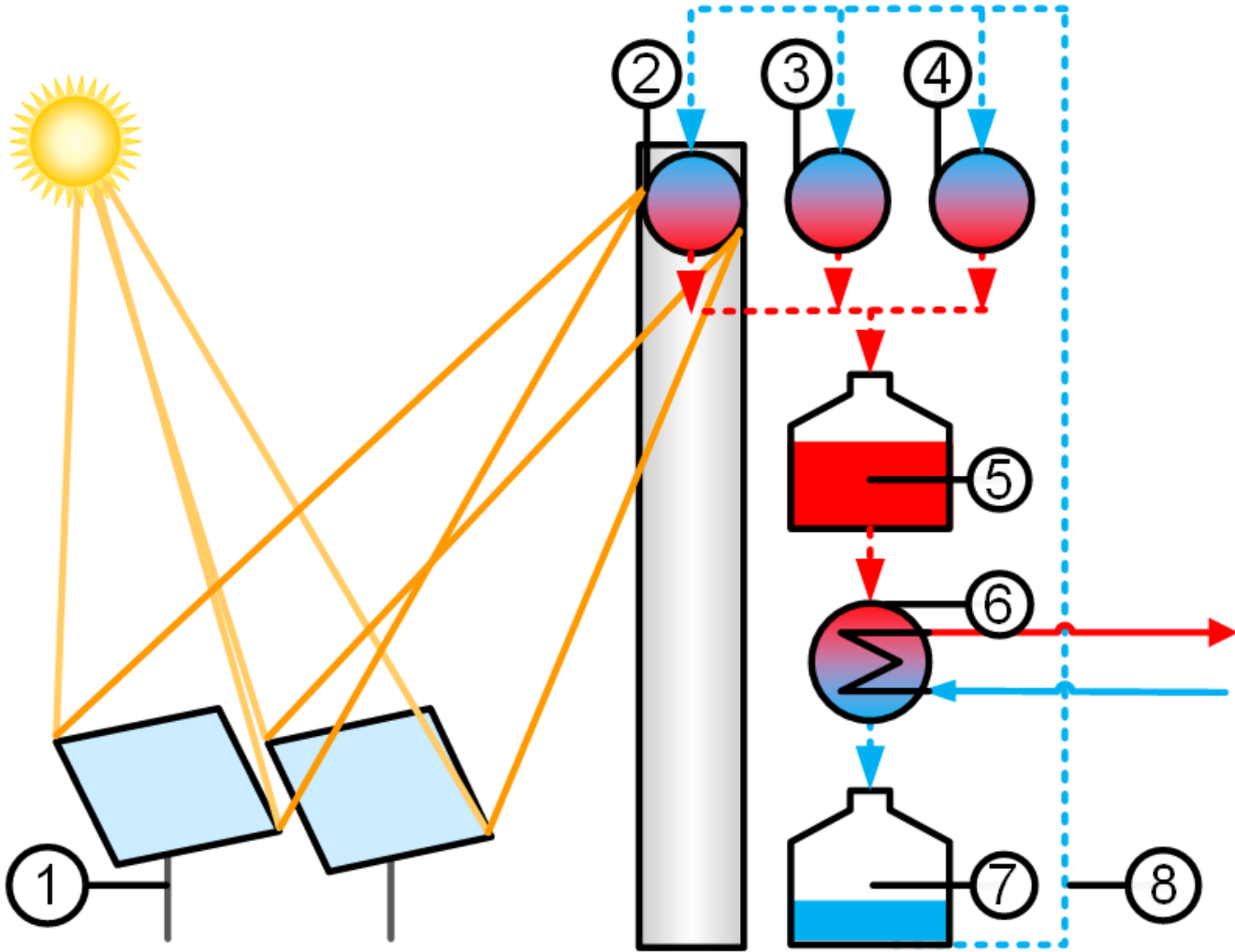
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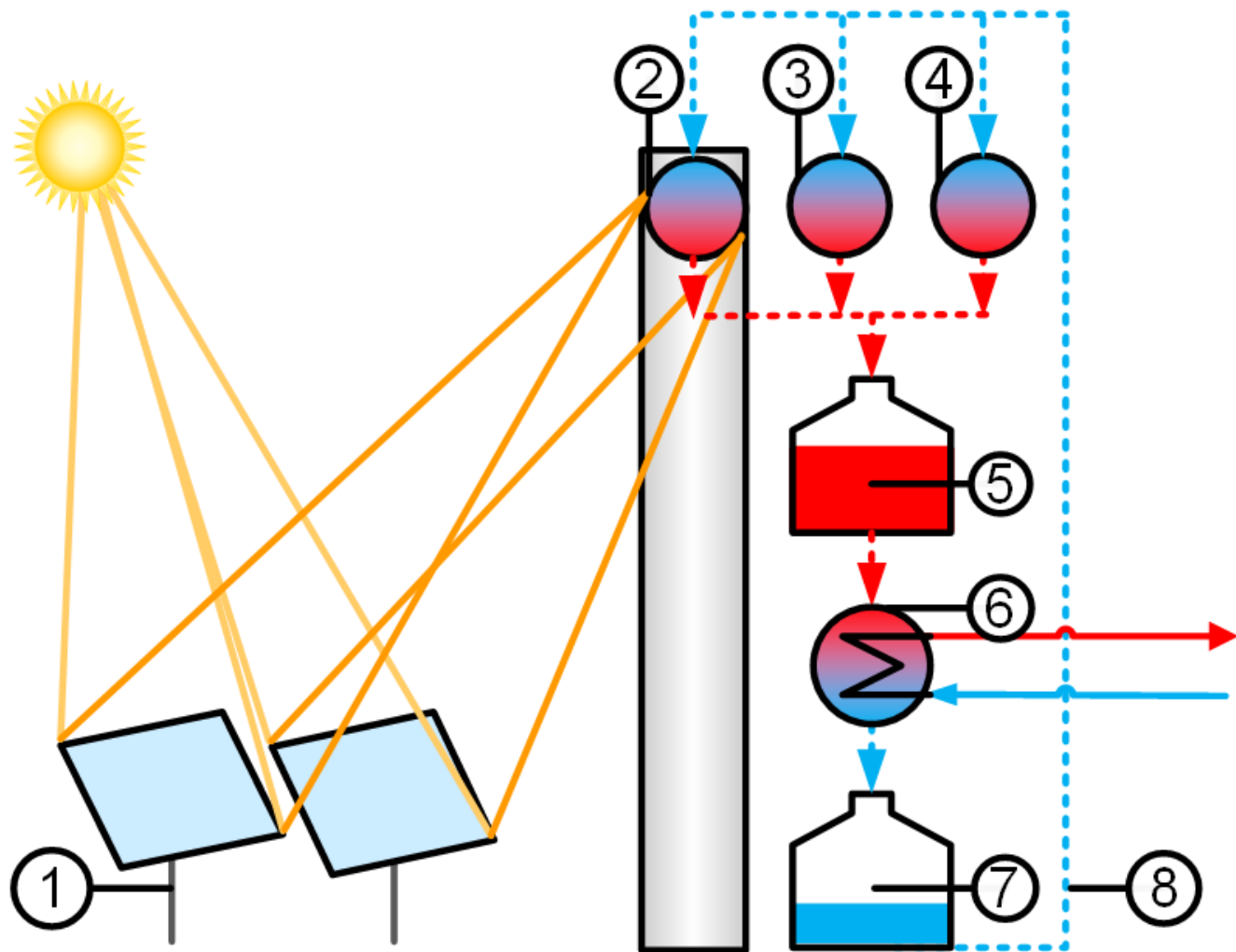
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# HIFLEX – Heliostat field

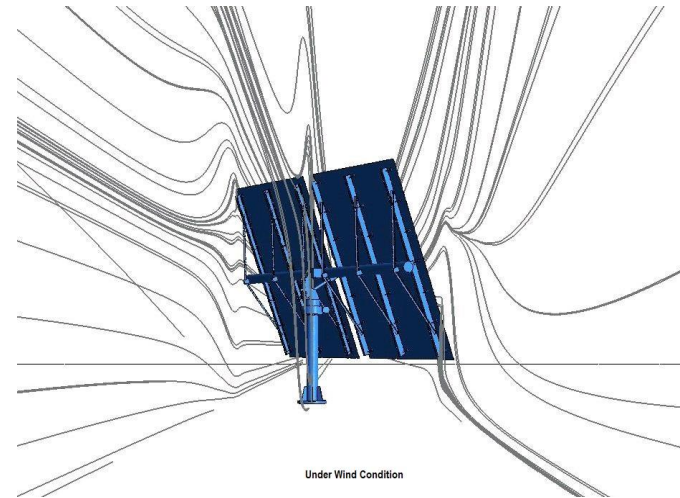
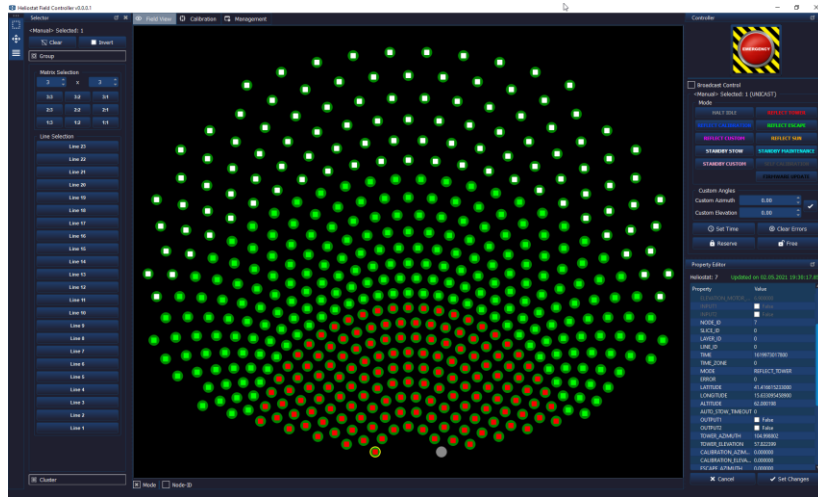
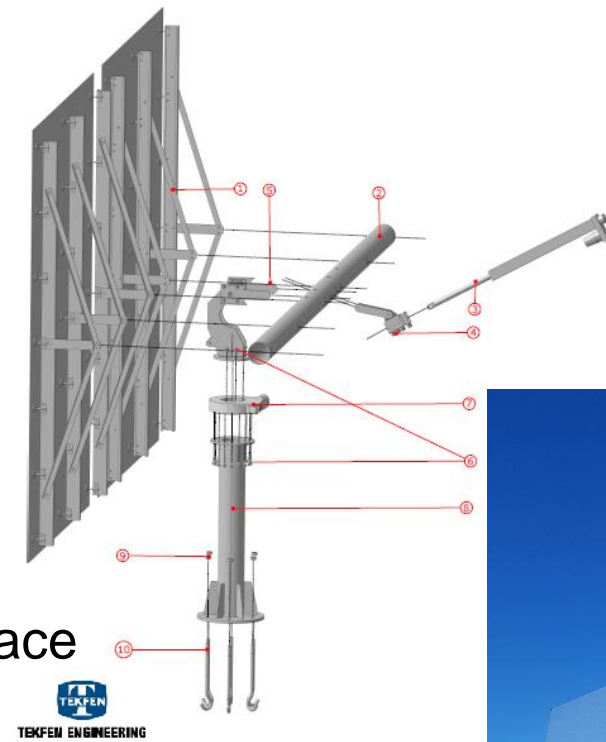


① Heliostat Field



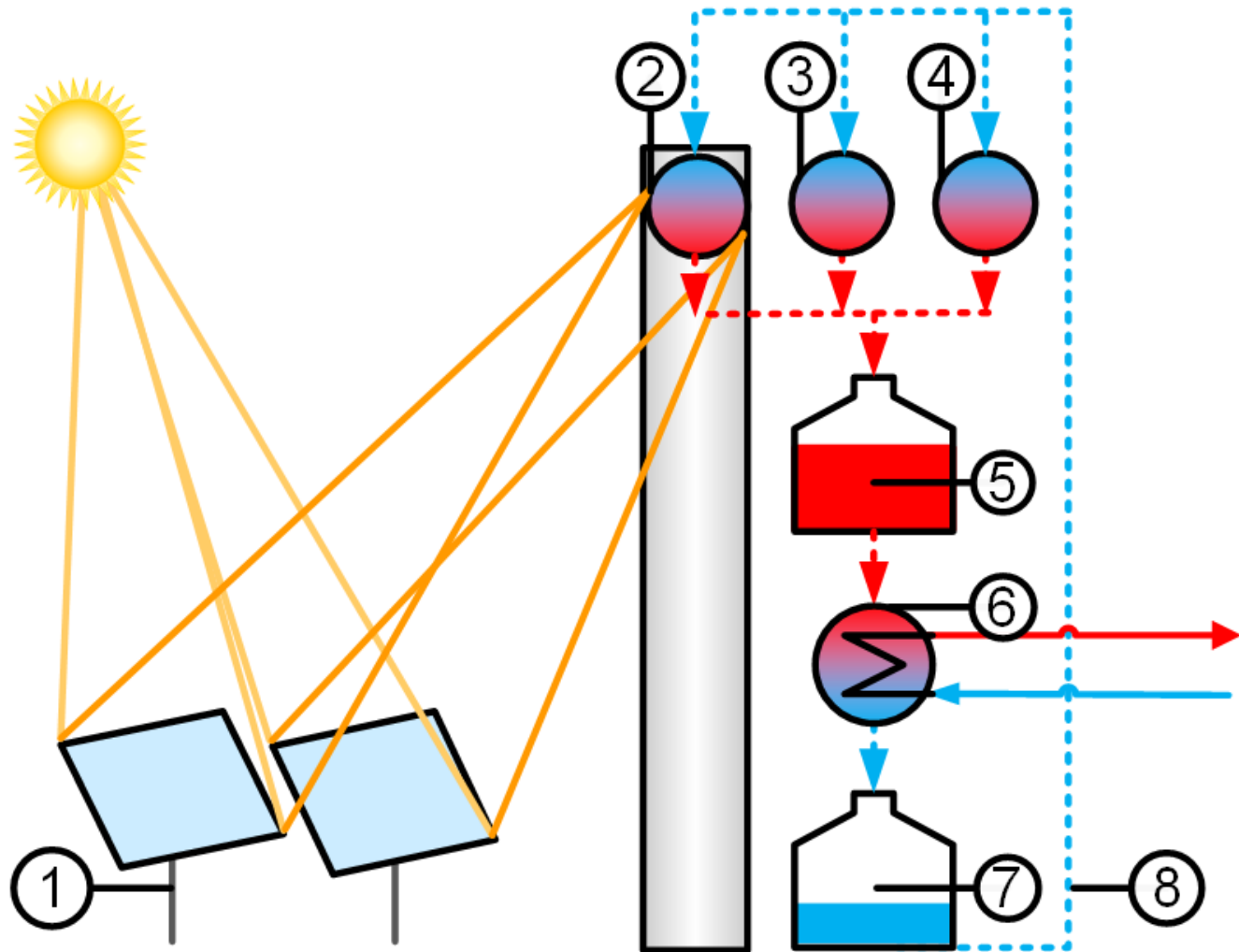
# Heliostat

- Two mirror facets, each 2.5 m wide and 3.2 m long with a total reflecting surface of ~16 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Total 432 heliostat to provide 2.8 MW<sub>th</sub> energy.
- High tracking accuracy especially under wind condition
- Heliostat control system HeliOS with a user-friendly interface





# HIFLEX – Direct Absorption Particle Receiver

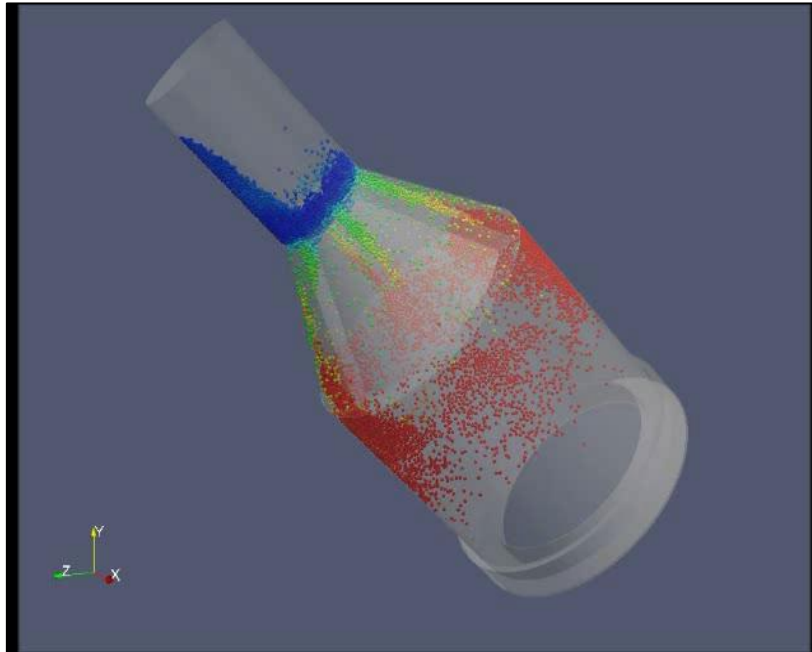


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## Direct Absorption Particle Receiver

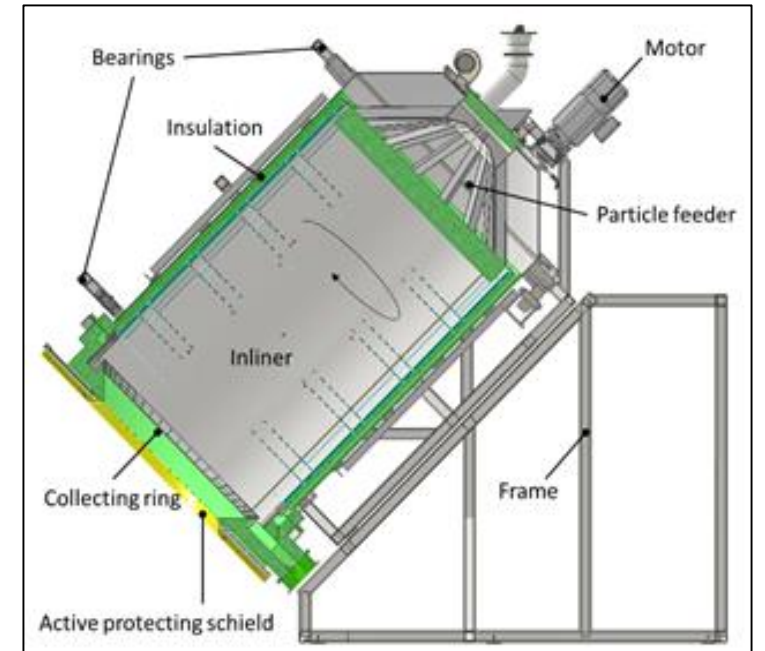
- Patented direct absorption concept
- Thermal power: 2.5 MW<sub>th</sub>, peak
- Particle outlet temperature: up to 1000°C
- High receiver efficiency even in part-load



Working principle of Centrifugal Particle Receiver



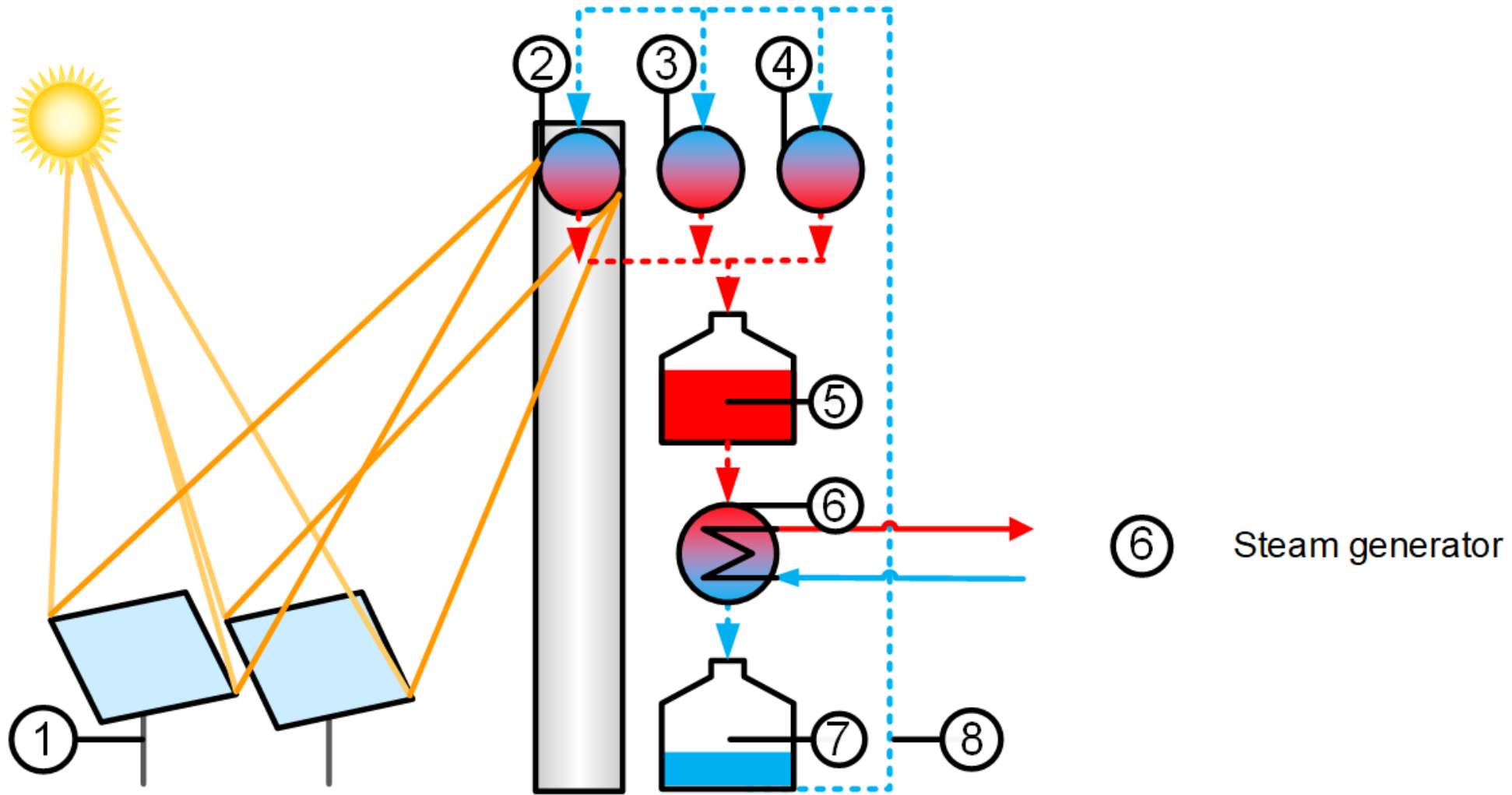
Prototype testing at Solar Tower Jülich, 2018



CAD drawing of current HiFlex receiver design, ©HelioHeat

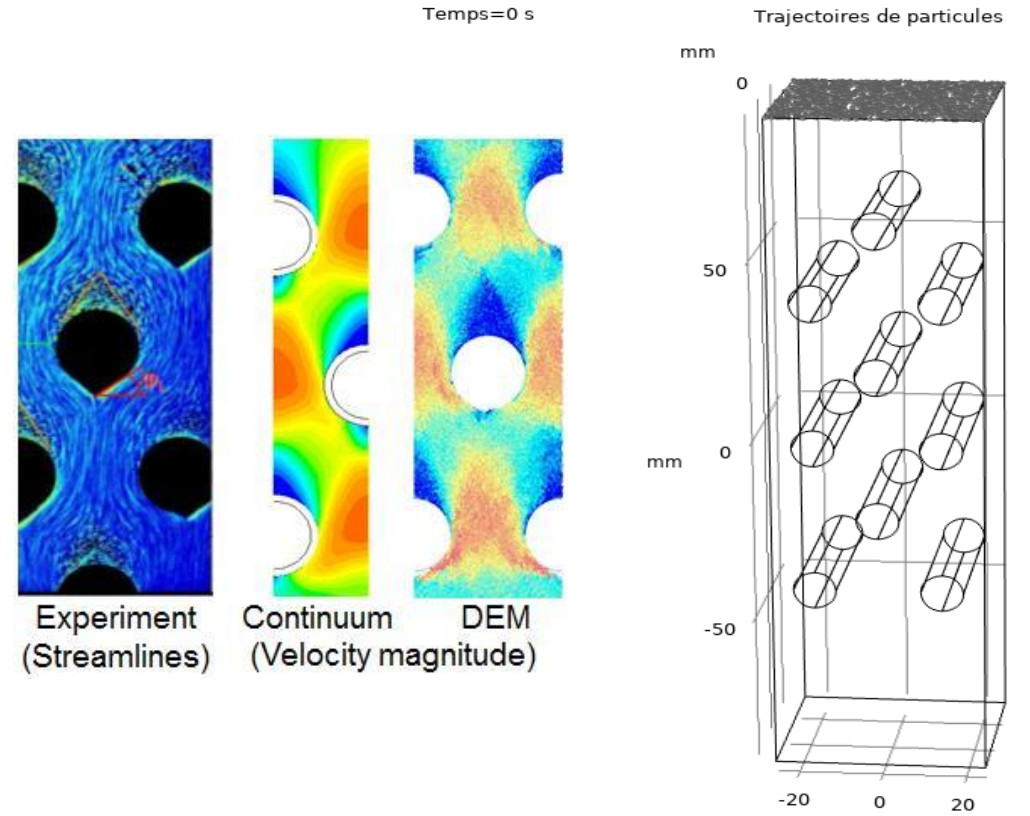
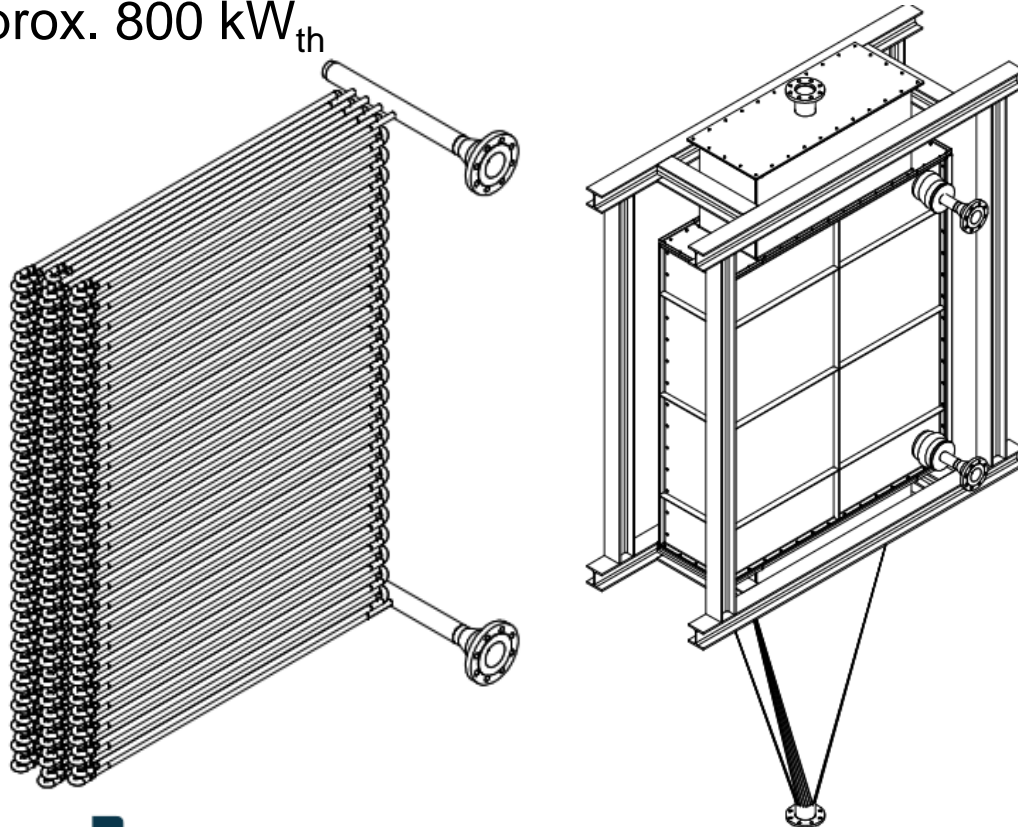


# HIFLEX – steam generator

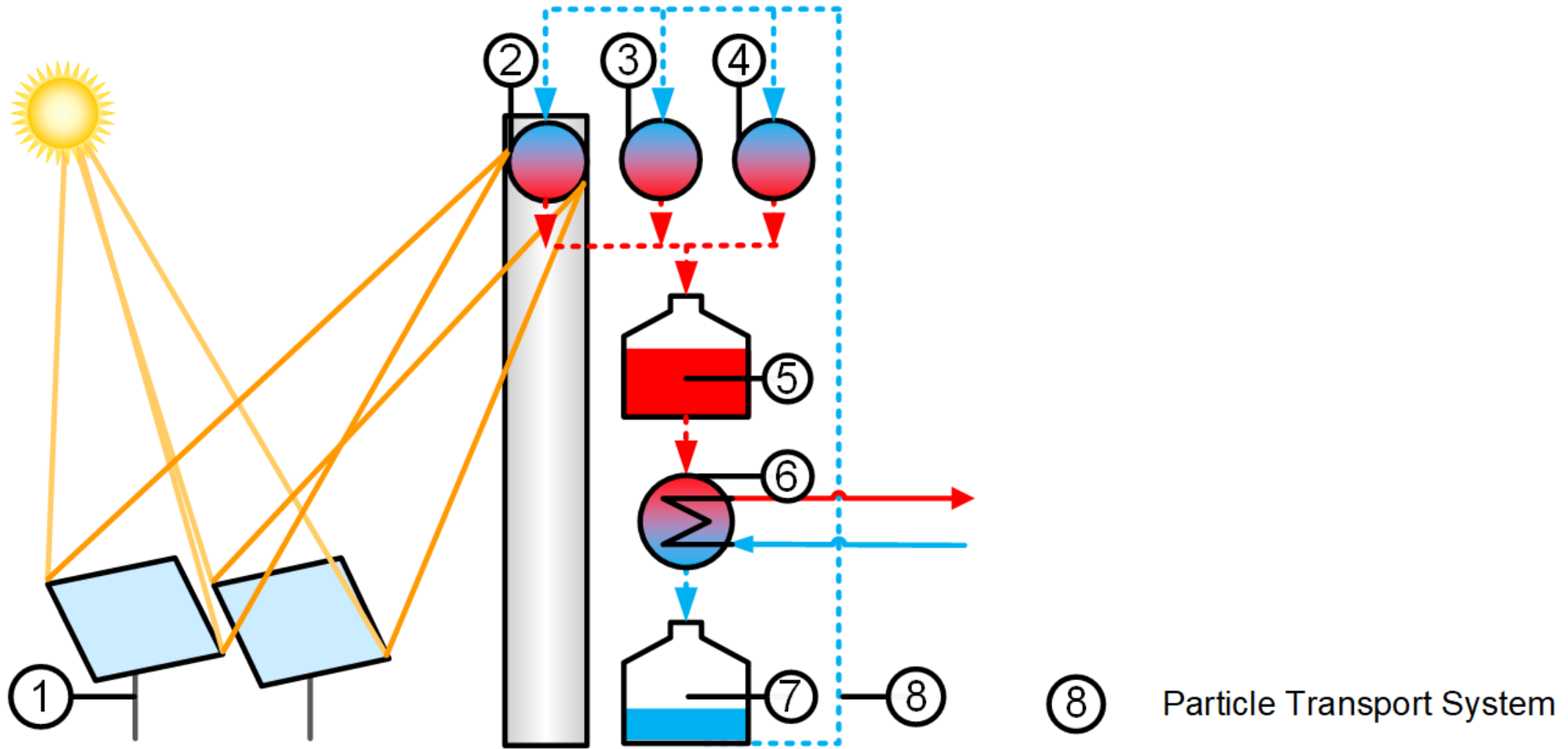


# Steam generator

- "Shell with tubes bundle" HEX
- Steam outlet temperatures of up to 620°C
- Aprox. 800 kW<sub>th</sub>

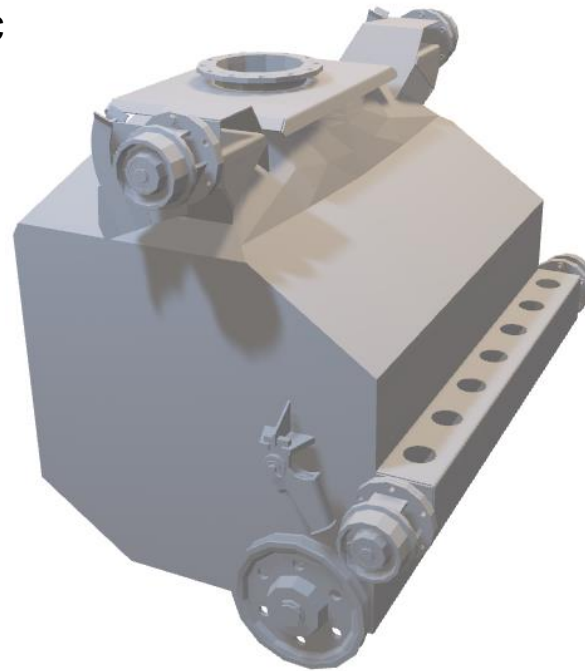


# HIFLEX – transport system

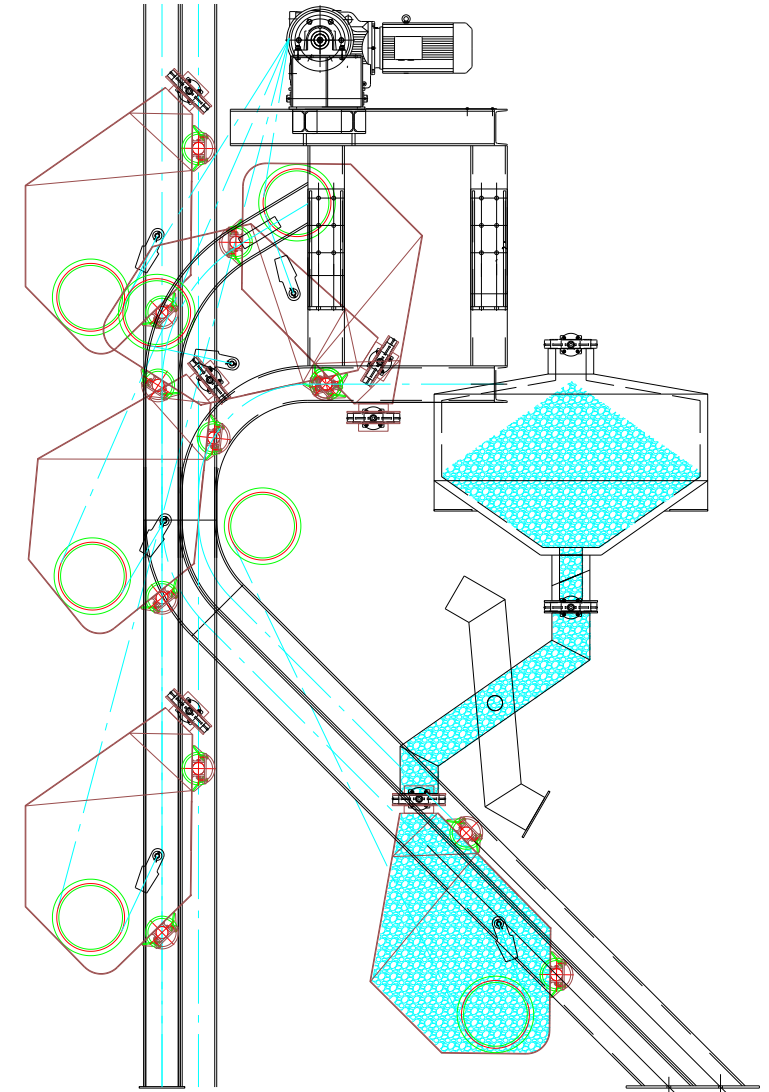


# Transport system

- Main characteristic for skip hoist
  - Capacity ~ 13 tons per hour
  - Lifting height ~ 35 m
  - Adjustable lifting speed ~ 1m per sec
  - Product temperature up to 350 °C
  - Capacity of transport container 1cbm
  - Full insulated container
  - Wear lining inside container
  - Automatic filling nuzzle system
  - Automatic unload system
  - Drive unit via rope which

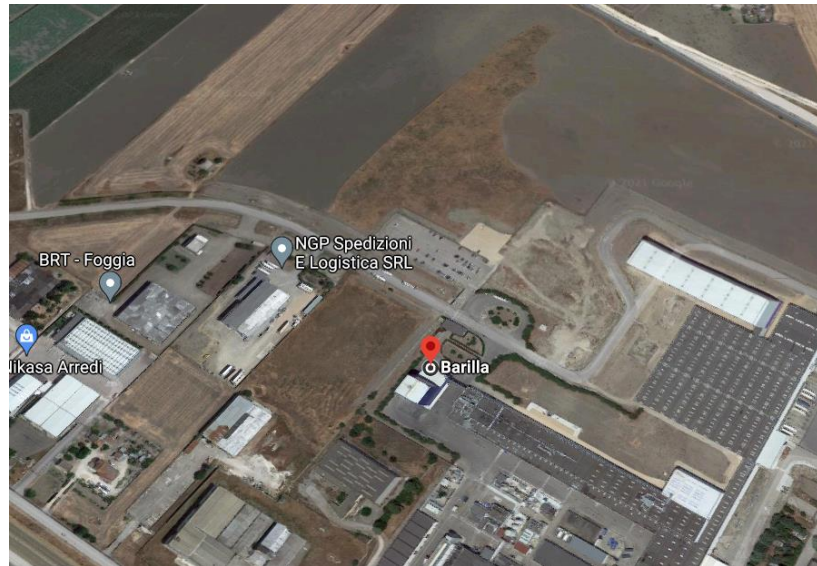
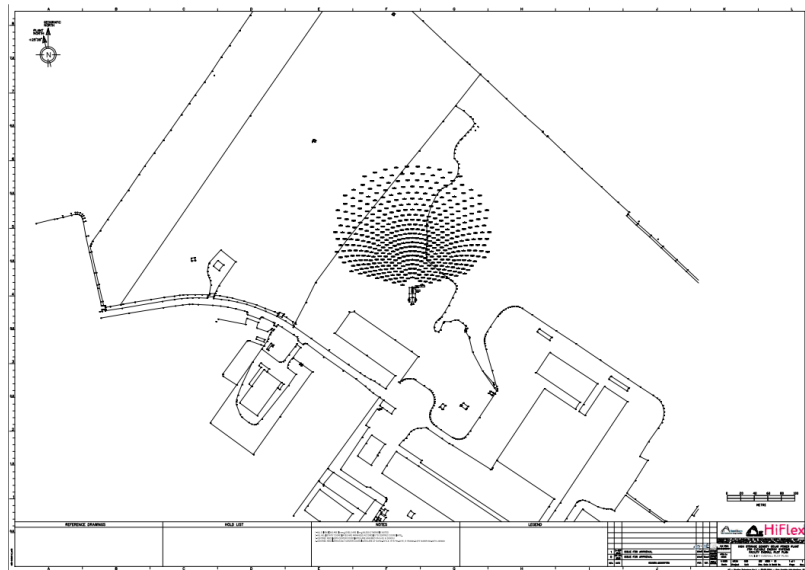


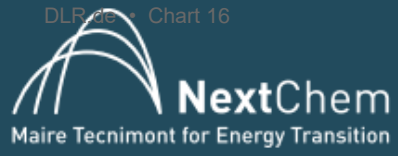
On the right, of course ;-)



# Summary and Outlook

- First central receiver system using solid particles for a process heat application
- Start construction in 2022
- Start solar operation in 2023
  
- Take wheat and some water, add energy from renewable sources and there you go!





Thank you for your attention!

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