

Industrial Applications of Solar Radiation

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Vision: Solar Research

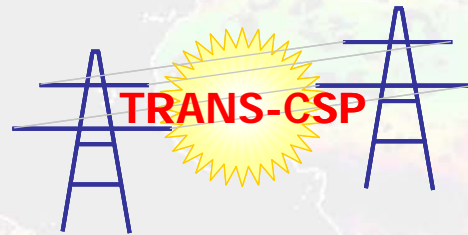
- **Concentrating solar systems** will generate **power** (and desalinated water) at acceptable cost in the solar belt of the earth and will supply the rapidly growing metropolitan areas
- **German Industry** is developer, supplier and producer of key components
- **Import of Solar Power** (HVDC) will cover part of the European electricity demand
- **Storage of Solar Energy** in thermal and chemical form will allow flexibility and dispatchability





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Sustainable Electricity and Water for Europe, Middle East, and North Africa

Results of a series of studies commissioned by the
Federal Ministry of for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Reports and individual scenarios for countries:

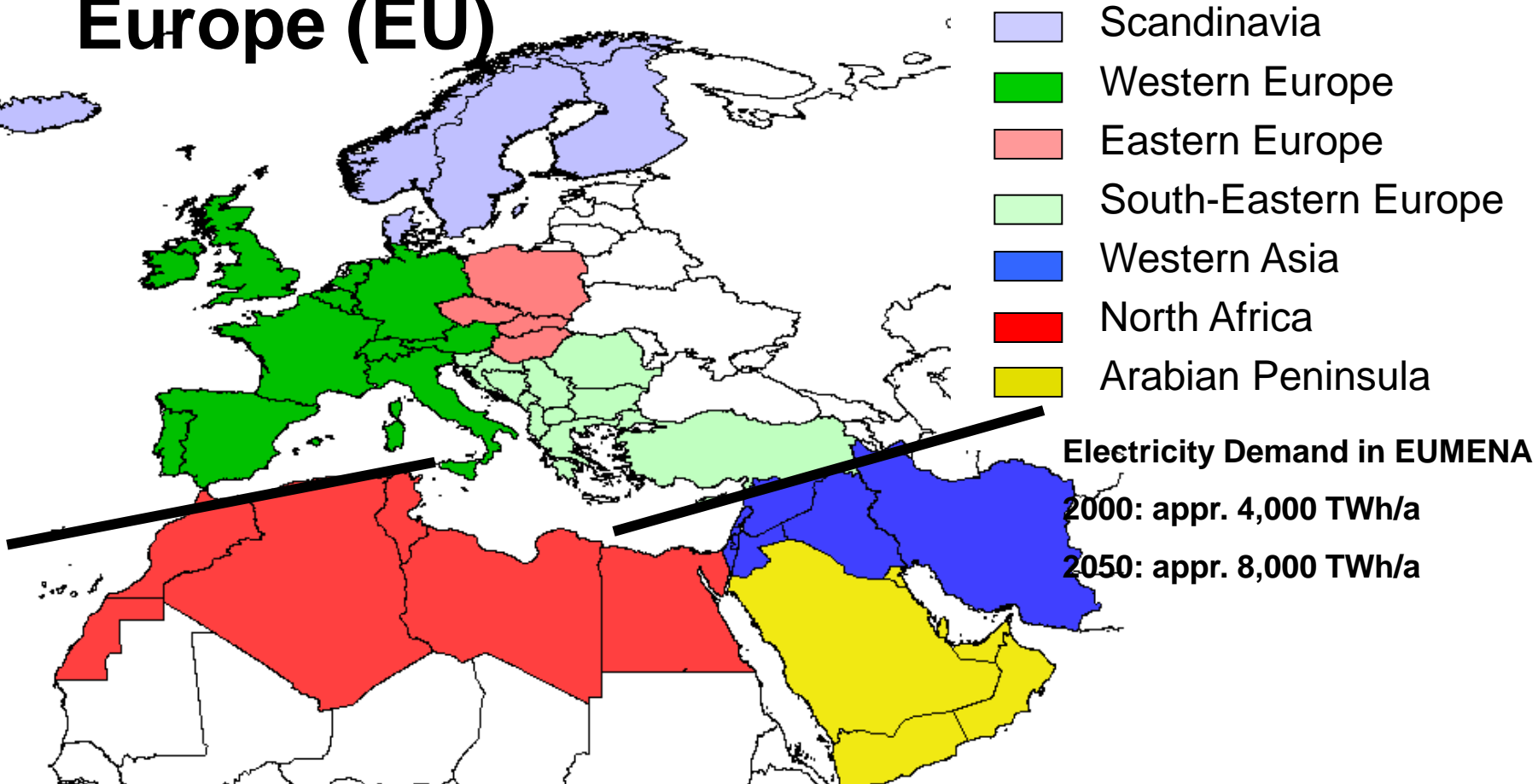
<http://www.dlr.de/tt/med-csp>

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50 Countries in EUMENA analyzed

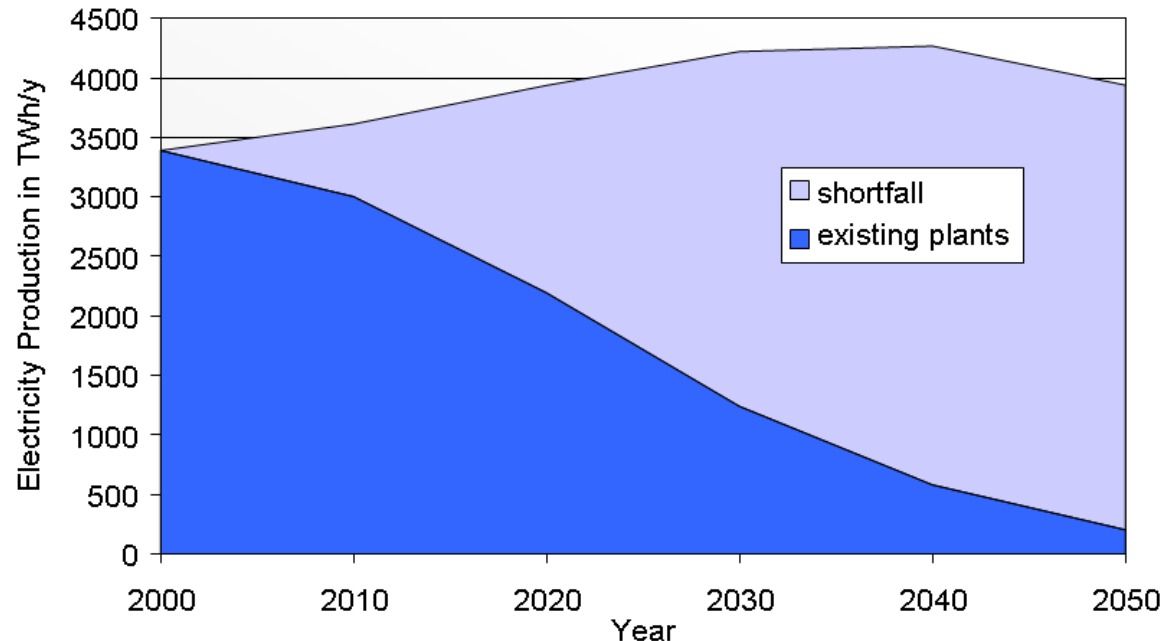
Europe (EU)



Middle East & North Africa (MENA)

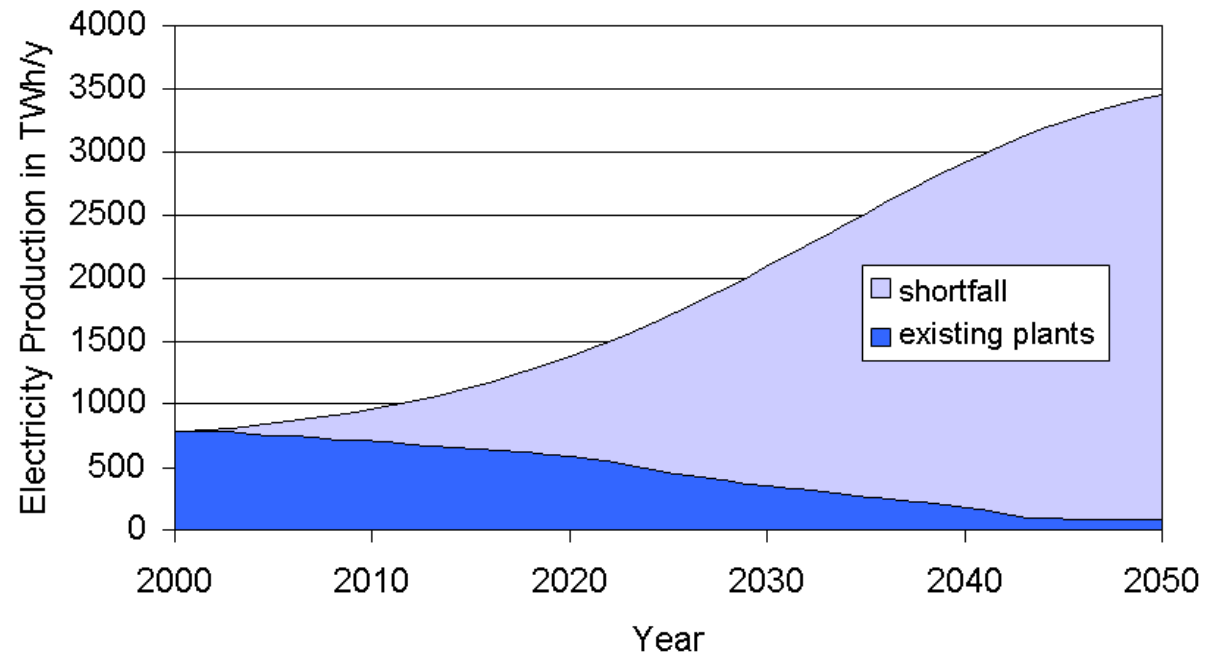
Development of European electricity demand and its coverage by power plants already existing in 2000

- moderate increase due to efficiency gains and socio-demographic development
- significant investments required to replace “old” plants
- targets for reduced CO₂ emissions and increased renewable sources
- window of opportunity for restructuring of electricity sector
- and to reduce dependency on imported fuels

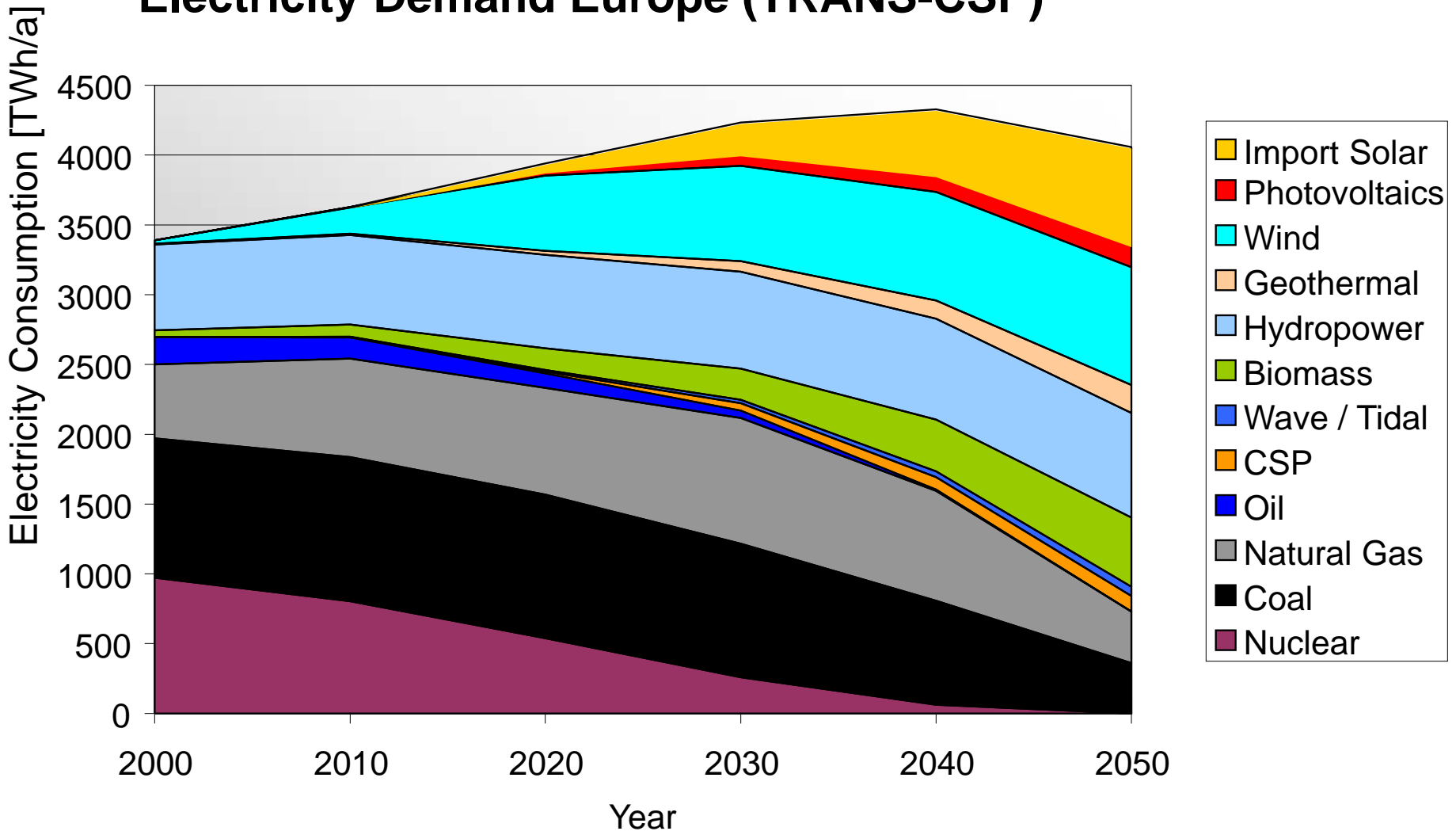


Development of MENA electricity demand, and its coverage by power plants already existing in 2000

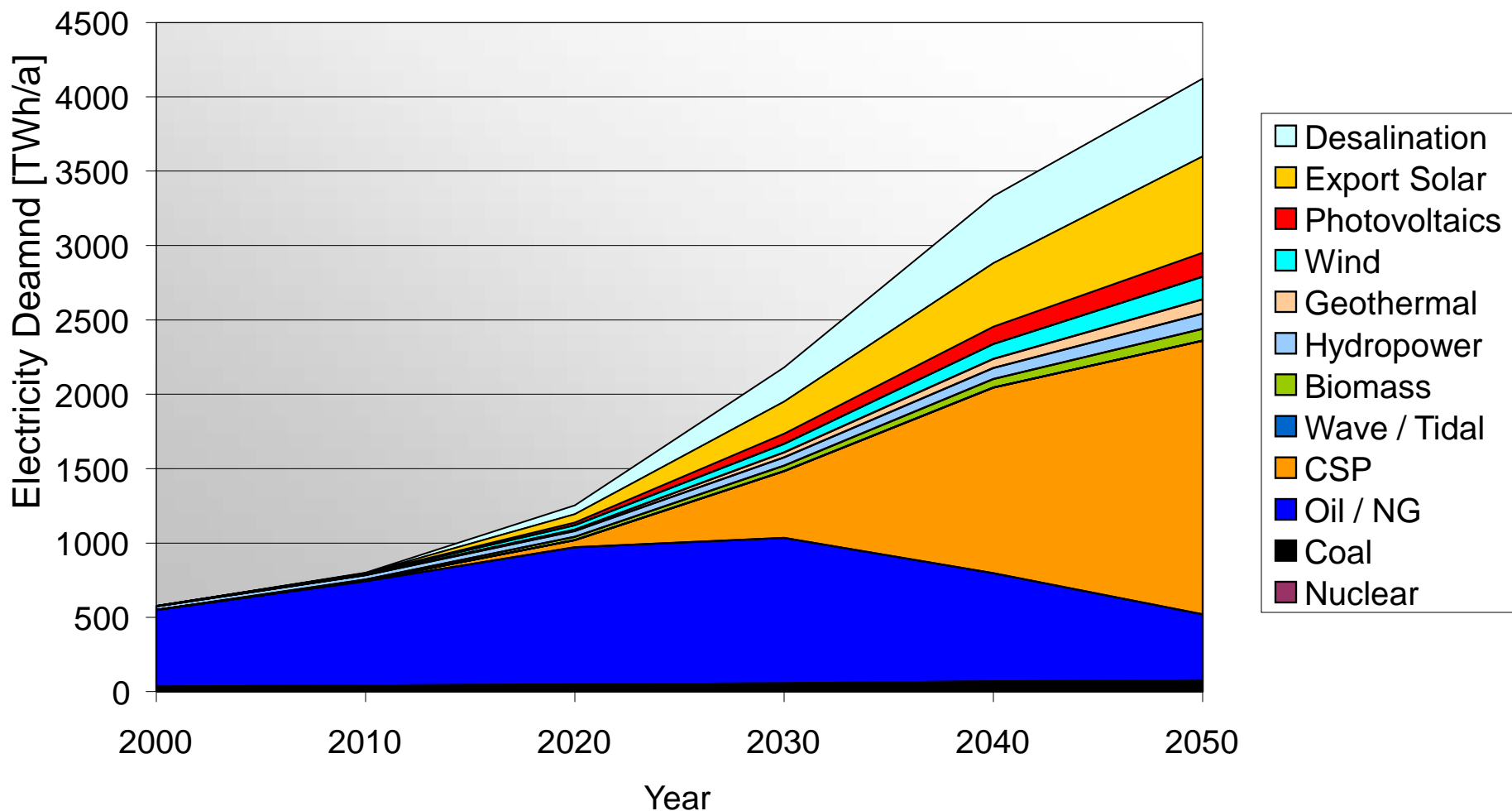
- significant increase due to economic and population growth
- significant investments required for new plants
- window of opportunity for sustainable local electricity and water supply
- potential of future electricity exports
- unique opportunity for closer economic, political and social links with Europe



Electricity Demand Europe (TRANS-CSP)



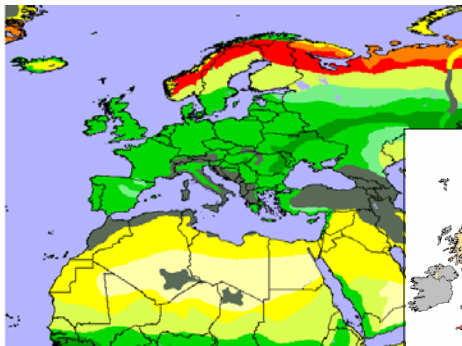
Electricity Demand Middle East and North Africa (MED-CSP)



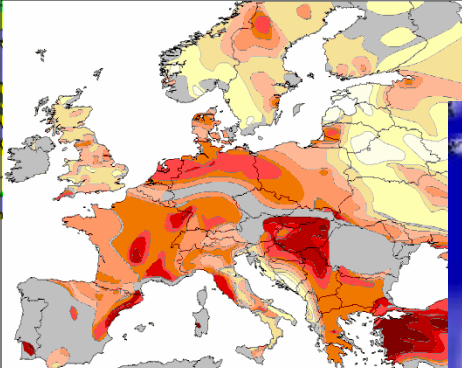
Renewable energy resources in Europe and MENA

Biomass (0-1)

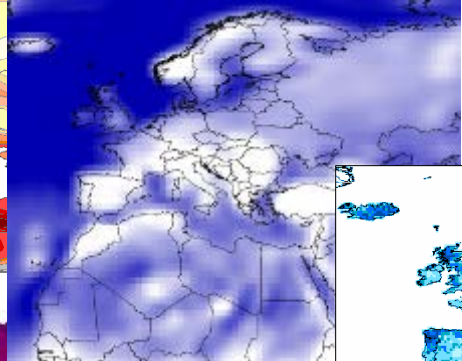
in brackets: (range of yield in $\text{GWh}_{\text{el}} / \text{km}^2 / \text{y}$)



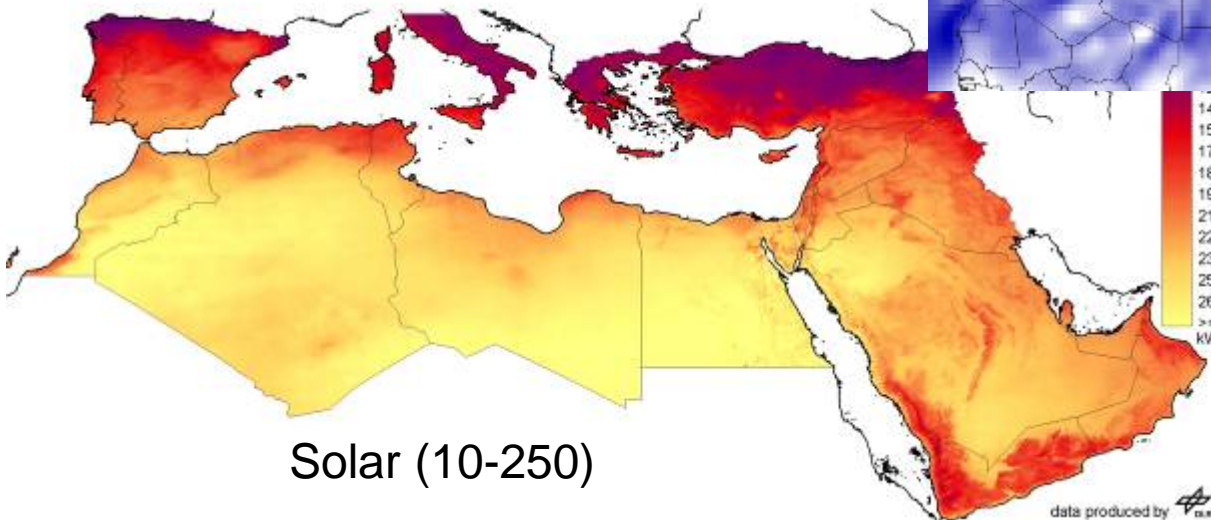
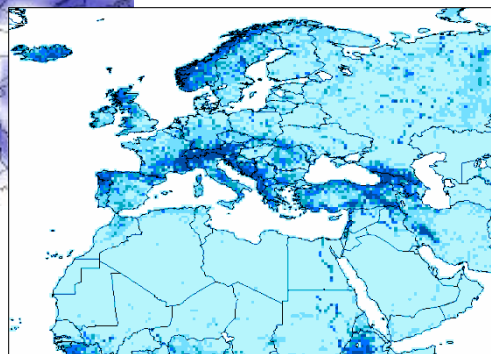
Geothermal (0-1)



Wind (5-50)



Hydropower (0-50)

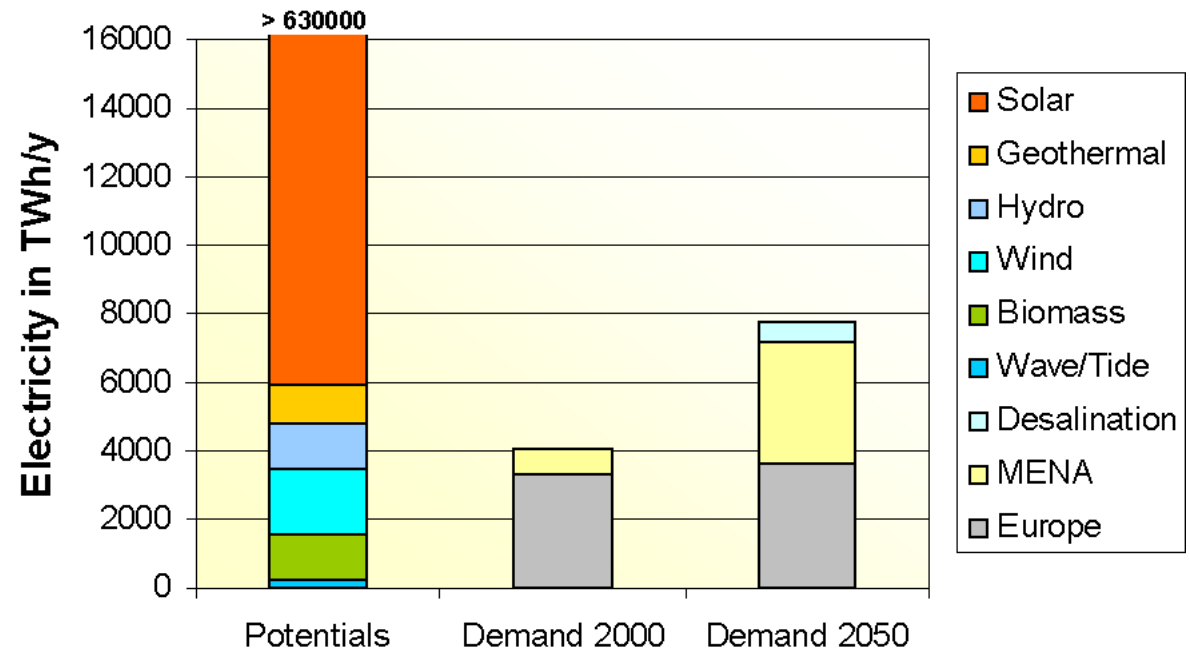


Solar (10-250)

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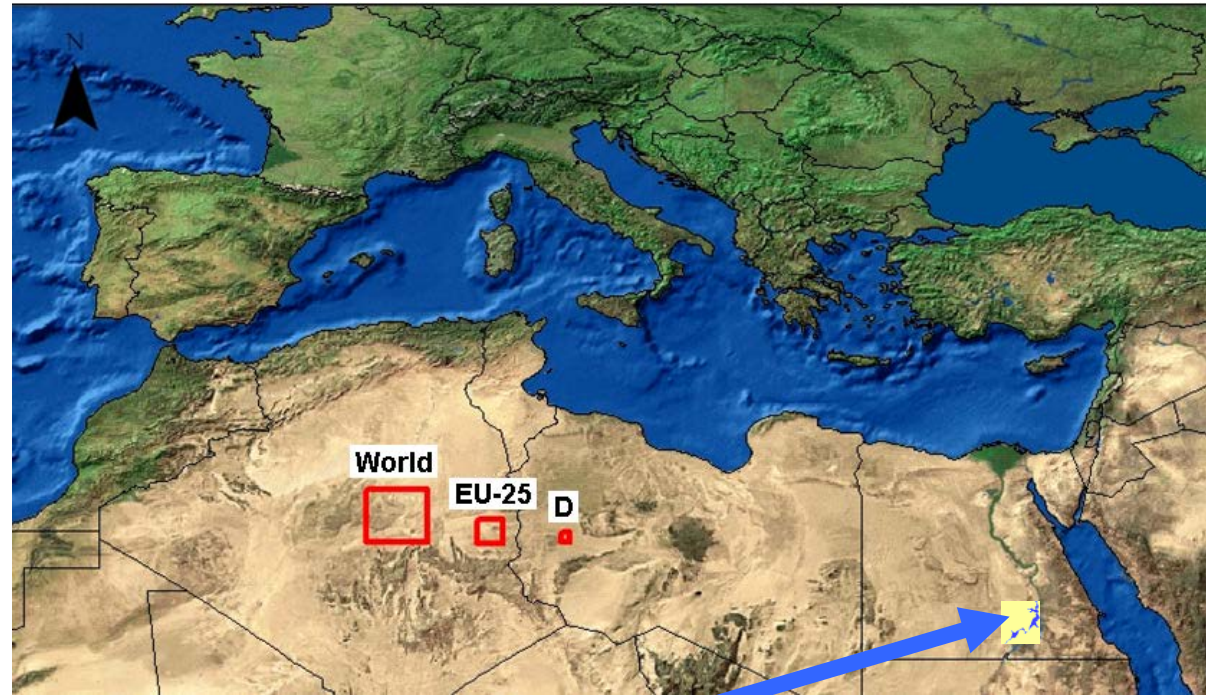
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- solar radiation is by far the most abundant source of energy

Economic renewable electricity potentials vs. demand in Europe and MENA



- renewable resources greatly exceed the present and future electricity demands
- solar radiation is by far the most abundant source of energy
- 1 km² of desert land may generate 50 MW of electricity
- 1 km² of desert land may produce 200 - 300 GWh_{el} / year
- 1 km² of desert land may avoid 200,000 tons CO₂-emissions / year
- Solar thermal power plants are the most effective technology to harvest this vast resource

Required Area for CSP Power Supply of the World, EU-25, Germany



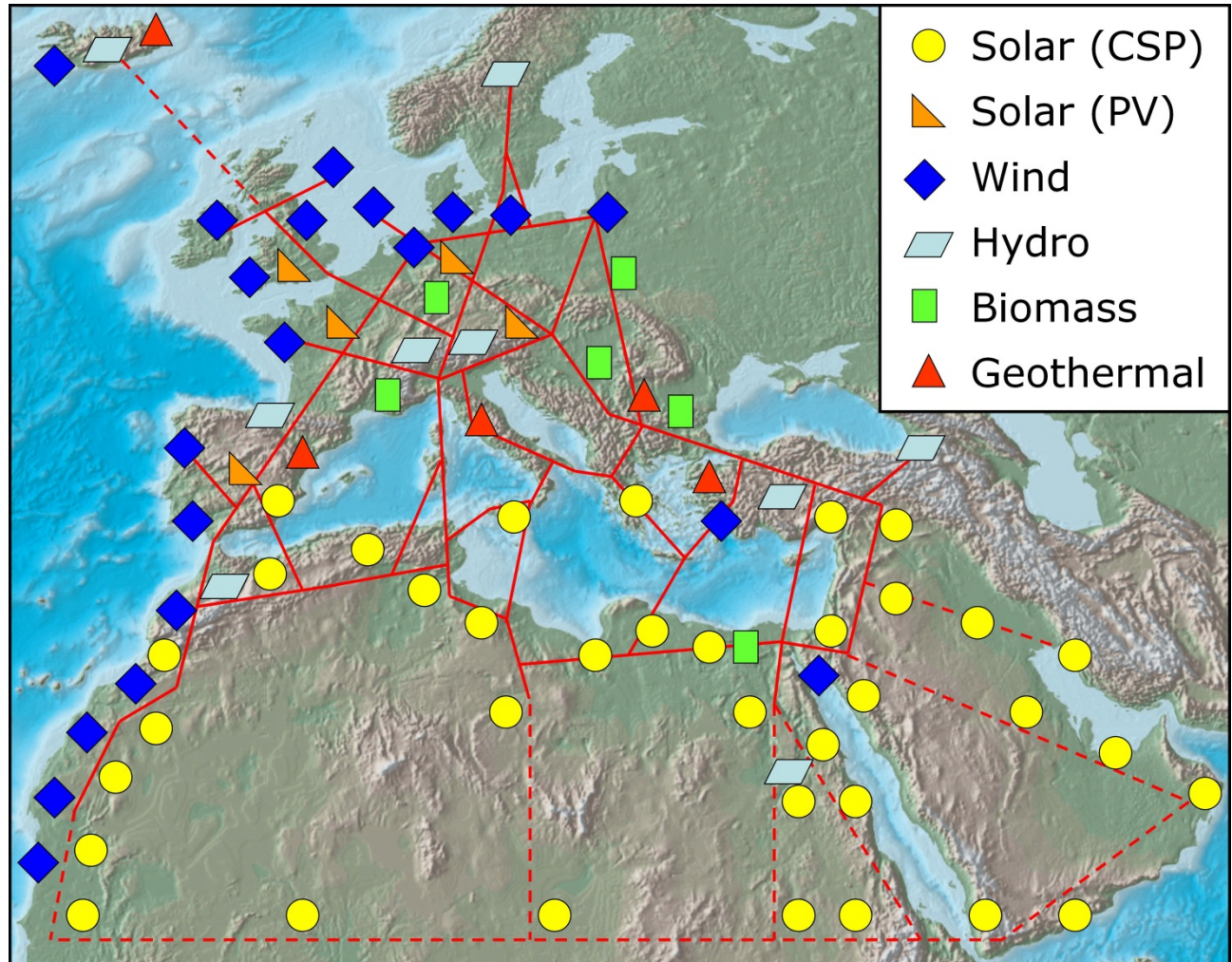
The electrical energy produced by a solar power plant with the size of Lake Nasser equals the total Middle East oil production

The Vision: Interstate Highways for Renewable Electricity: Trans-Mediterranean High Voltage Direct Current Electricity Grid

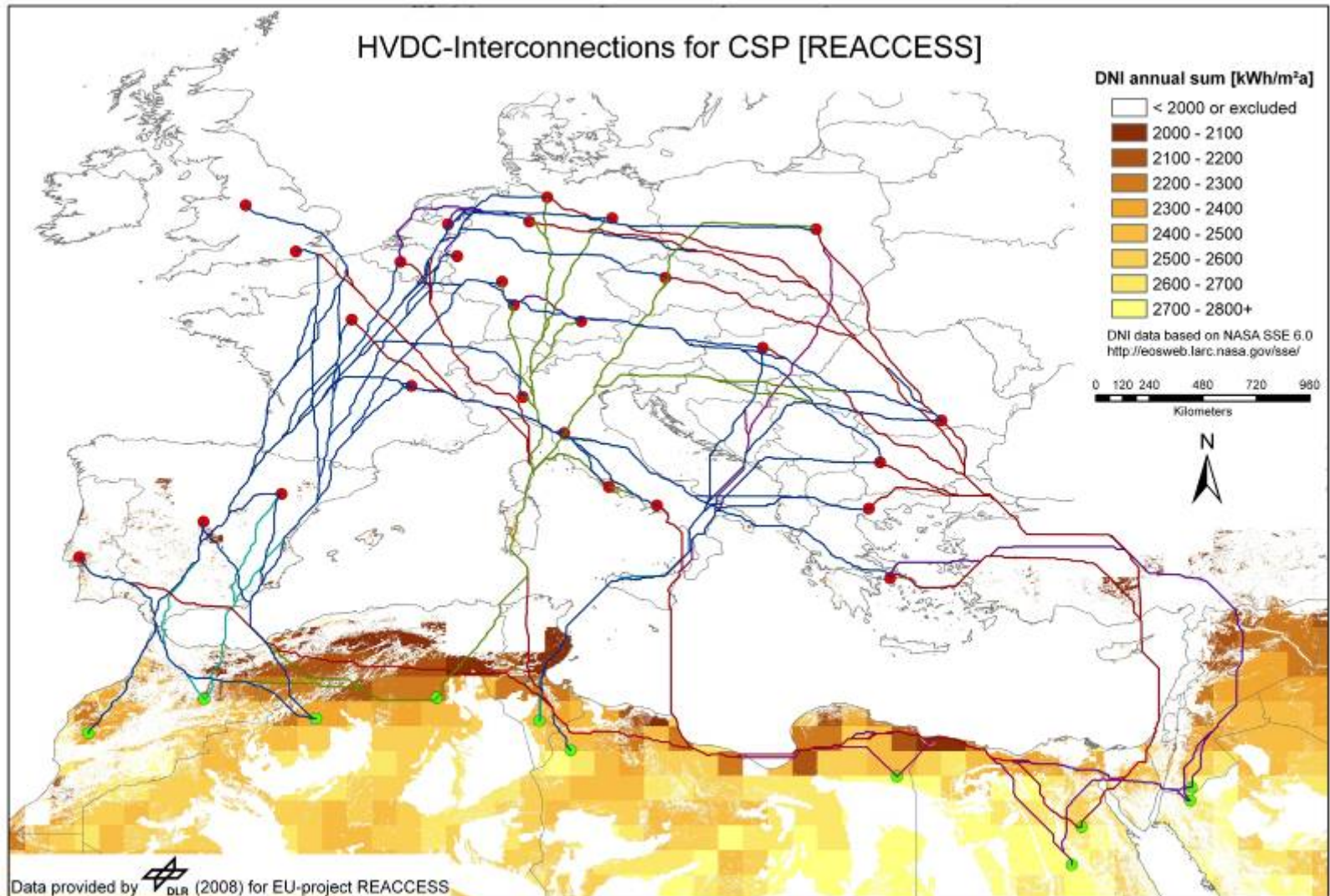
TREC
Clean Power from the Deserts
Trans-Mediterranean
Renewable Energy Cooperation
In conjunction with The Club of Rome



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HVDC-Interconnections as Solar Energy Corridors





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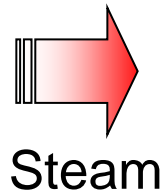
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Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)

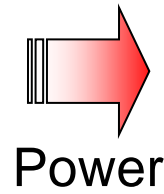
By means of concentrating solar collectors and absorbers process heat is generated, transferred to a heat transfer fluid to drive steam turbines, gas turbines, or piston engines, for thermo-mechanical production of power or combined heat and power.



Conc. Solar
Collector



Steam Turbine
& Generator



Grid

Why solar thermal power plants ?



- can be integrated into conventional thermal power plants
- provide firm capacity (thermal storage, fossil backup)
- serve different markets (bulk power, remote power, heat, water)
- have the lowest costs for solar electricity
- have an energy payback time of 6-12 months

Solar thermal power plants

Types of Concentrating Solar Thermal Technologies



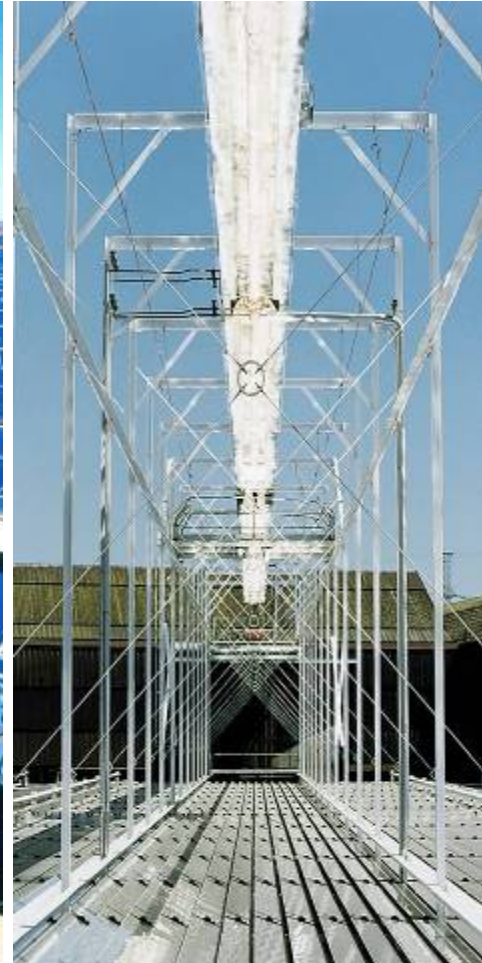
Dish-Stirling



Solar Power Tower



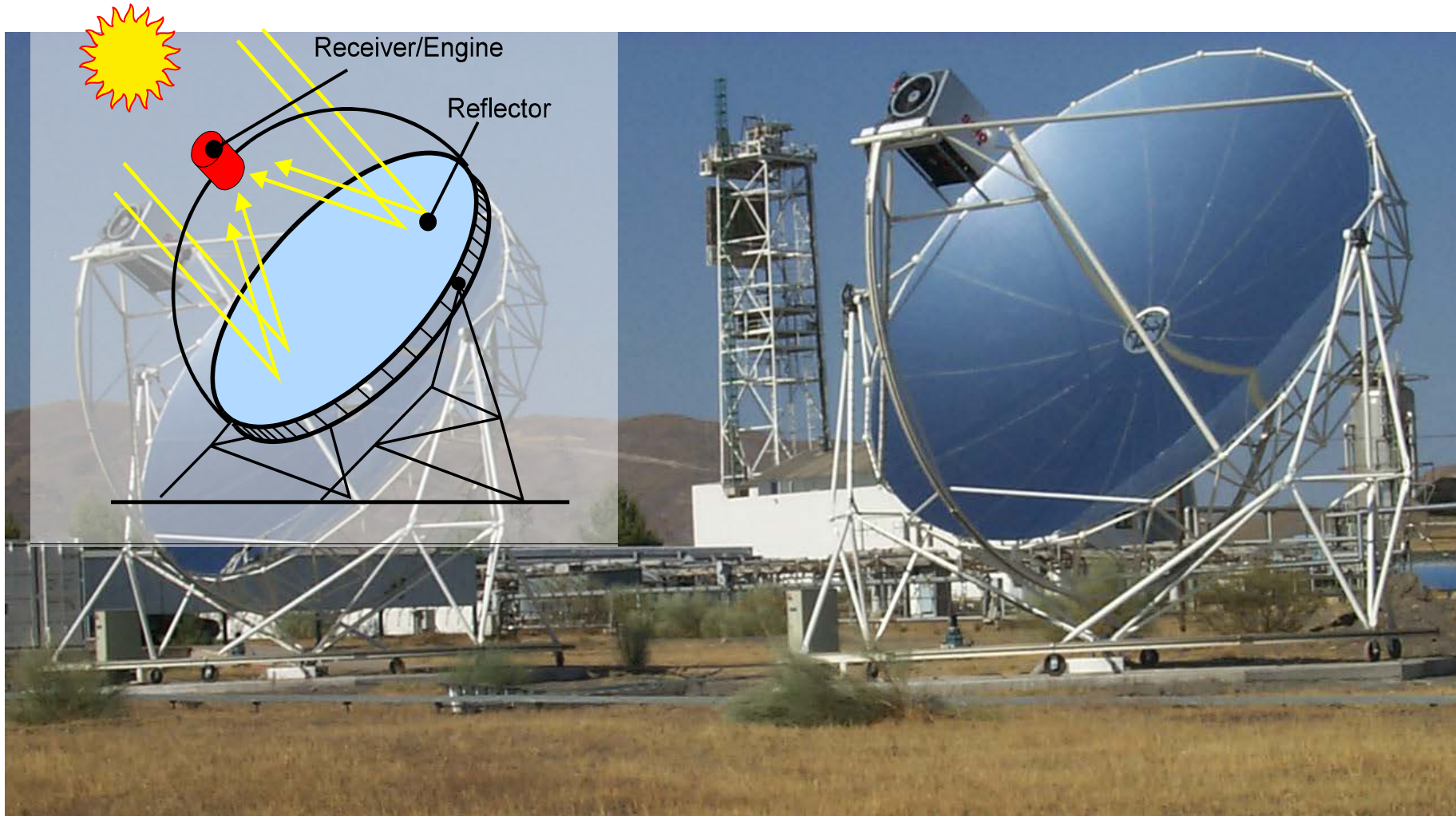
Parabolic Trough



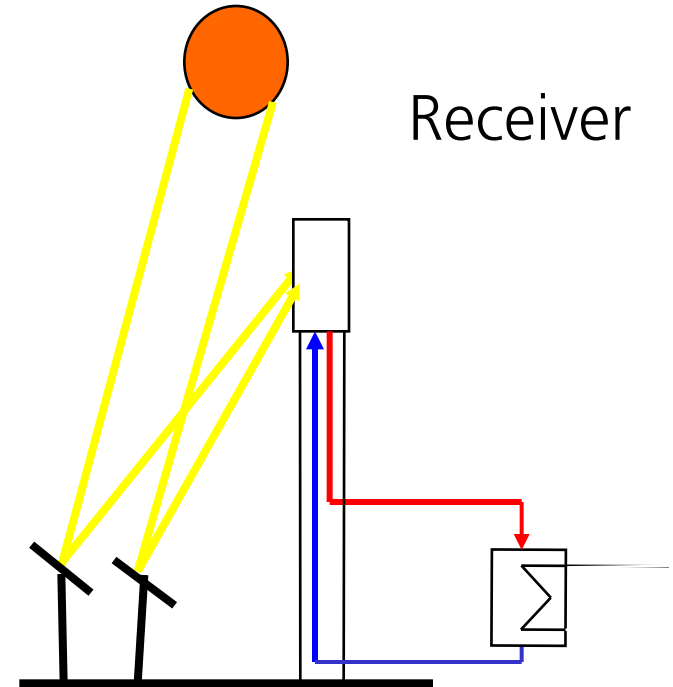
Linear Fresnel



Principle: Dish/Stirling Technology



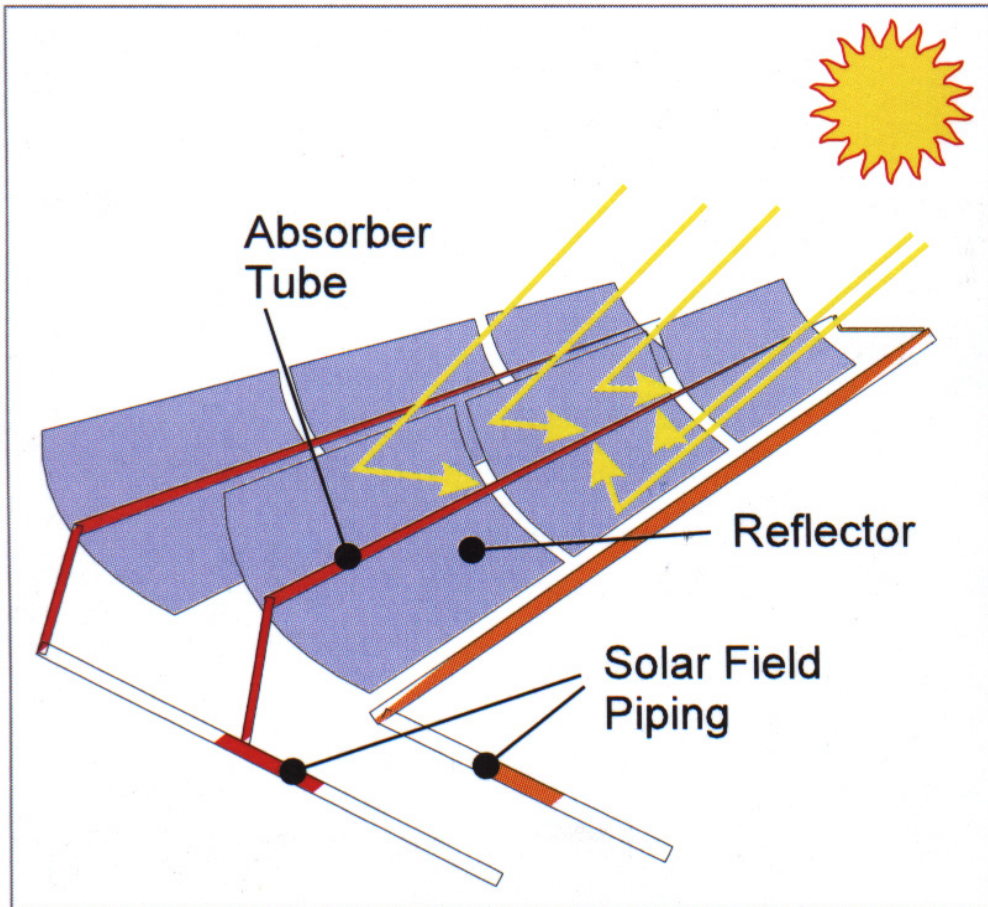
Principle: Solar Tower Power Plants



PS-10 (11 MWe): Start of Operation 2007



Principle: Parabolic Trough Solar Power Plants



Nevada Solar One (64 MW_e), 2007



ANDASOL 1 (50 MW; 7,5 h Storage), 2009

1,9 km² Ground area
0,5 km² Collector area
209.664 Parabolic mirrors
22.464 Absorber tubes → 90 km
2.000 t Thermal oil
28.500 t Storage medium
Ca. 180 GWh/a Electricity production → 200.000 people



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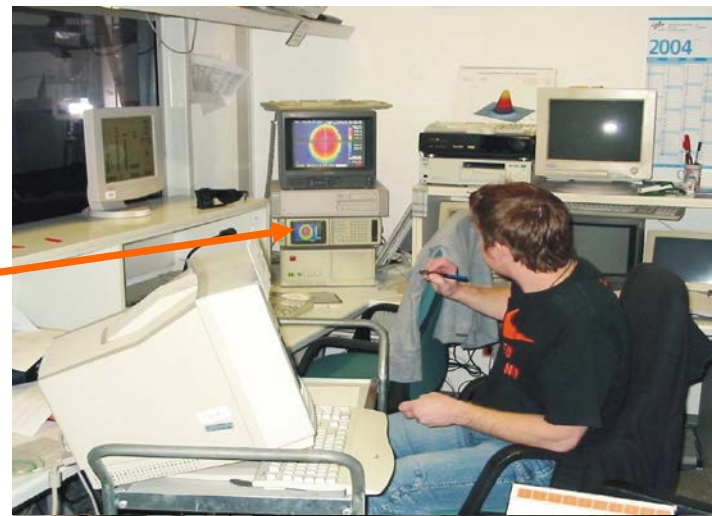
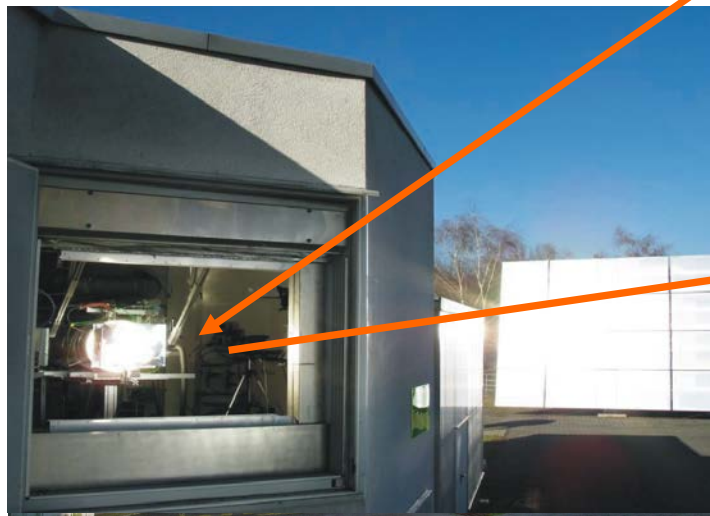
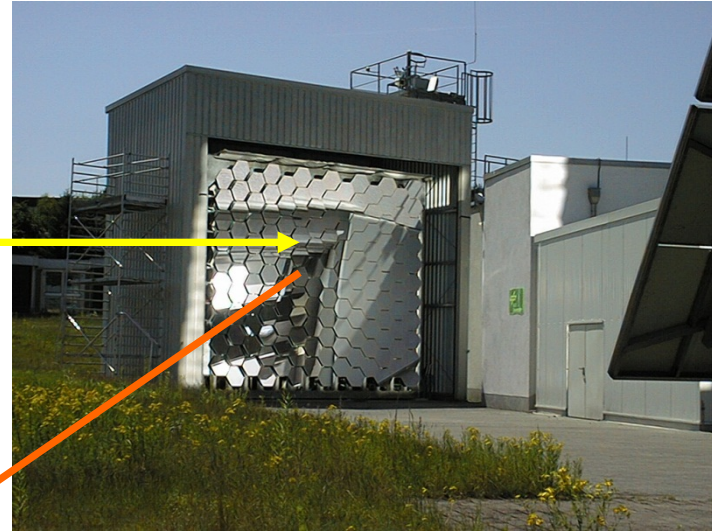
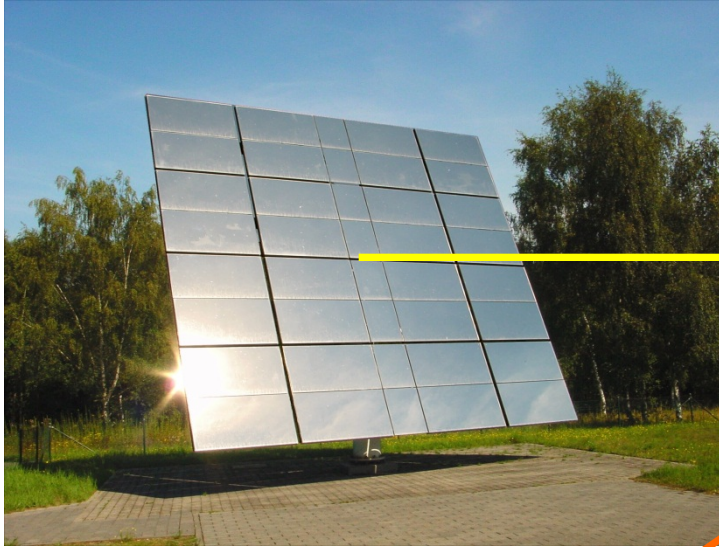
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Facility: High Flux Solar Furnace



- **Max. Power at Focal Plane: up to 25 kW**
- **Max. Irradiance up to 5 MW/m²**
- **Spectrum similar to natural sunlight**

Facility: High Flux Solar Furnace

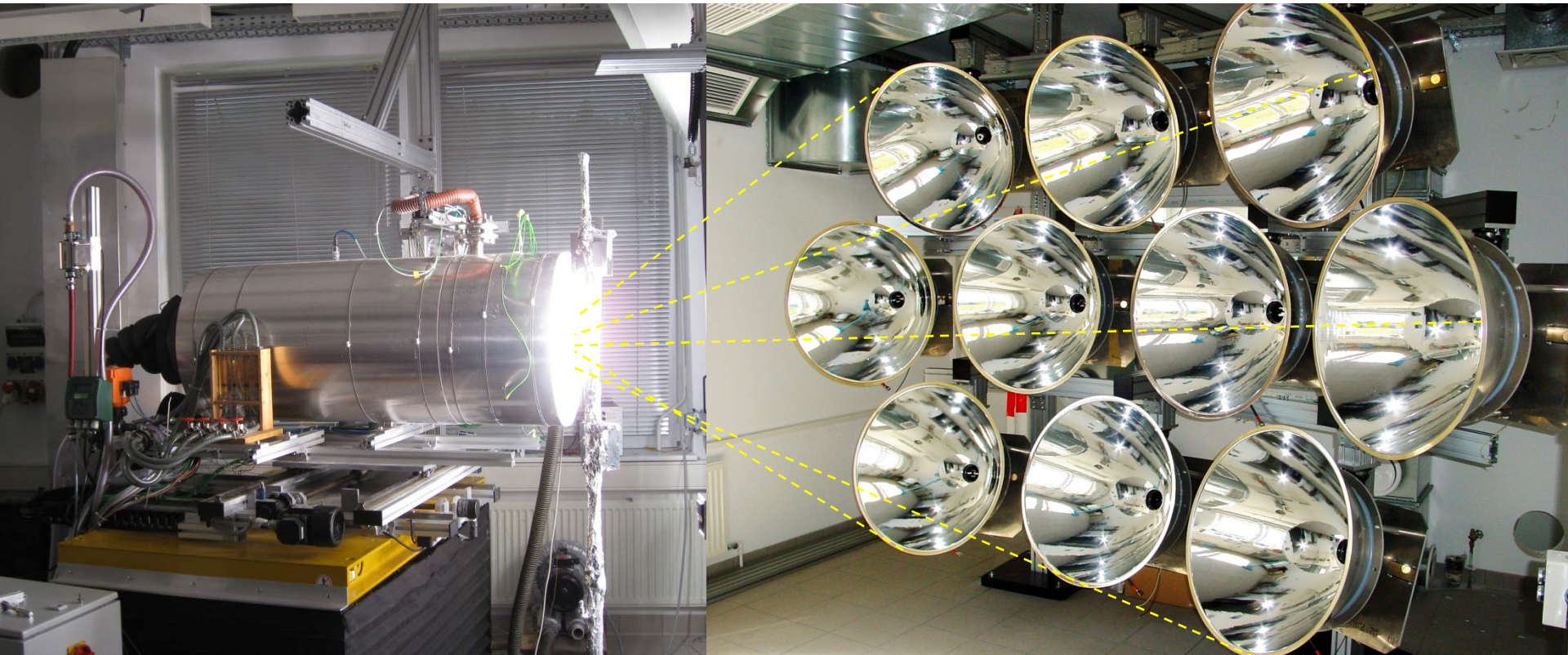


High Power Solar Simulator



- **Electric Power Input: 60 kW**
- **Max Radiant Power at Focal Plane: ca. 20 kW**
- **Artificial Light with a Spectrum similar to Natural Sunlight**

Application of the High Power Solar Simulator for the Qualification of Receiver Materials





Classification of Solar Processes

- **High Temperature and / or high Irradiance required, without Requirement in Power**

- **High Temperature and / or high Irradiance required and high Requirement in Power**



Solar Processes without Requirement in Power

- **Heat Treatment of Materials at $T > 1000$ °C**
- **Testing of Materials in a High Vacuum at High Irradiances**
- **Testing of Materials to Simulate and Accelerate Aging Processes with Concentrated Natural UV-Radiation**
- **Kinetic Studies of High Temperature Processes**
 - **Evaporation Rates of Solids**
 - **Dissociation Rates**
 - **Formation Rates of Solids**



Solar Processes with high Requirement in Power

- **Solar Photochemical Syntheses of Commodities and Specialities**
- **Solar thermal Fuel Production**
- **Solar thermal Power Production**



Solar Photochemical Technology for Synthetic Applications

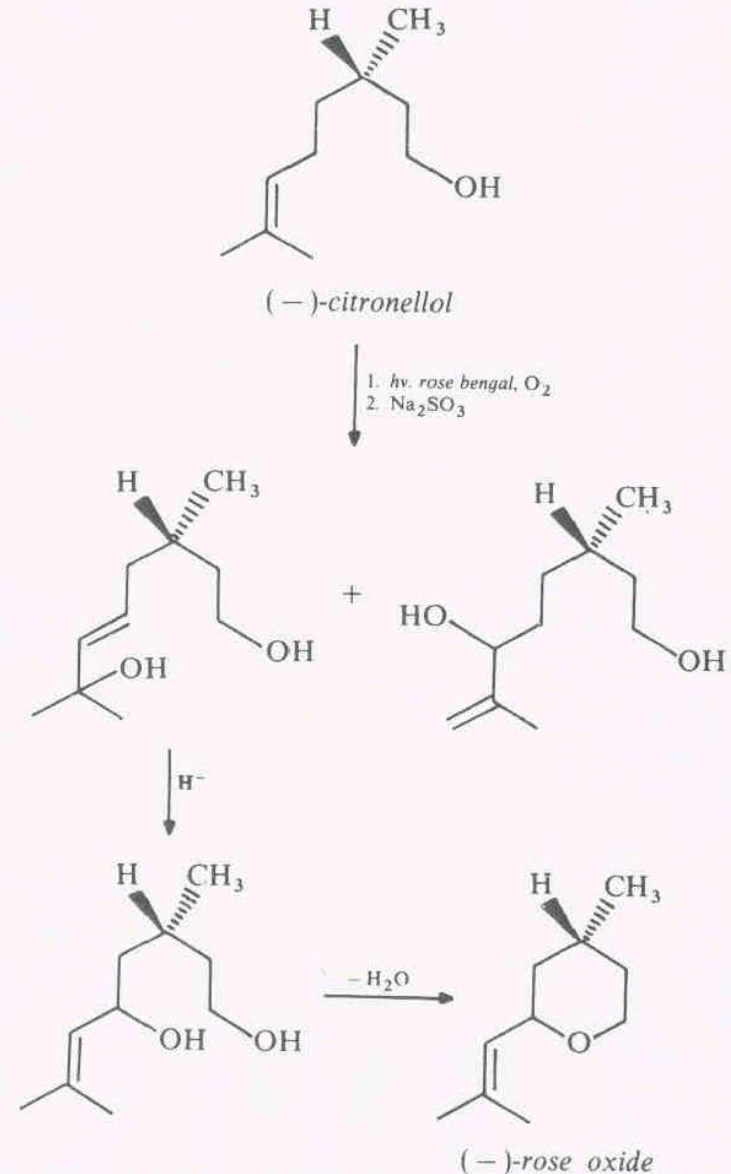
- **Photooxygenations (Singlet-Oxygen)**
- **Photoisomerizations**
- **Photo-Bönemann-Reactions**
- **Photo-Friedel-Crafts-Acylation**
- **Paternò-Büchi-Reactions**
- **Photooxidations**

Sensitized Photooxygenations (4/5)

Ene-Reaction von (-)-Citronellol in the Industrial Synthesis of (-)-Rose Oxide

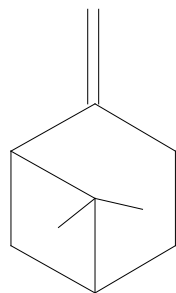


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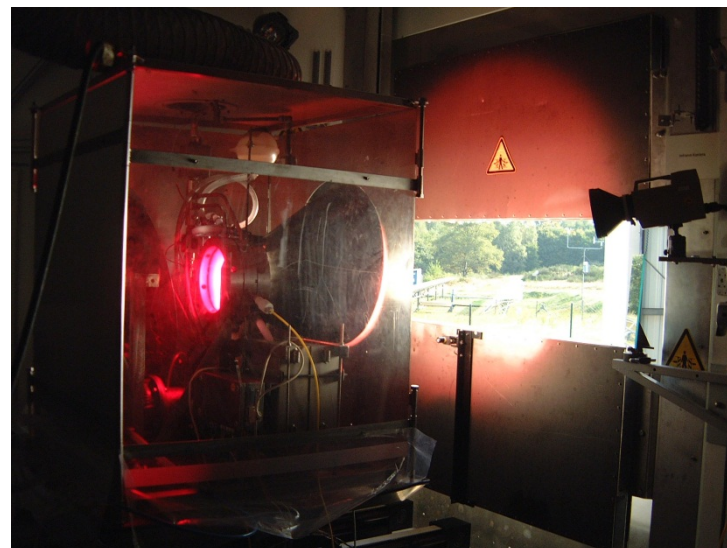
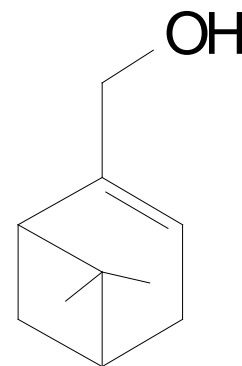
Sensitized Photooxygenations (5/5)

Production of Myrthenol by Photooxidation of β -Pinene



1. Rose Bengale,
 O_2 , $h\nu$

2. Na_2SO_3



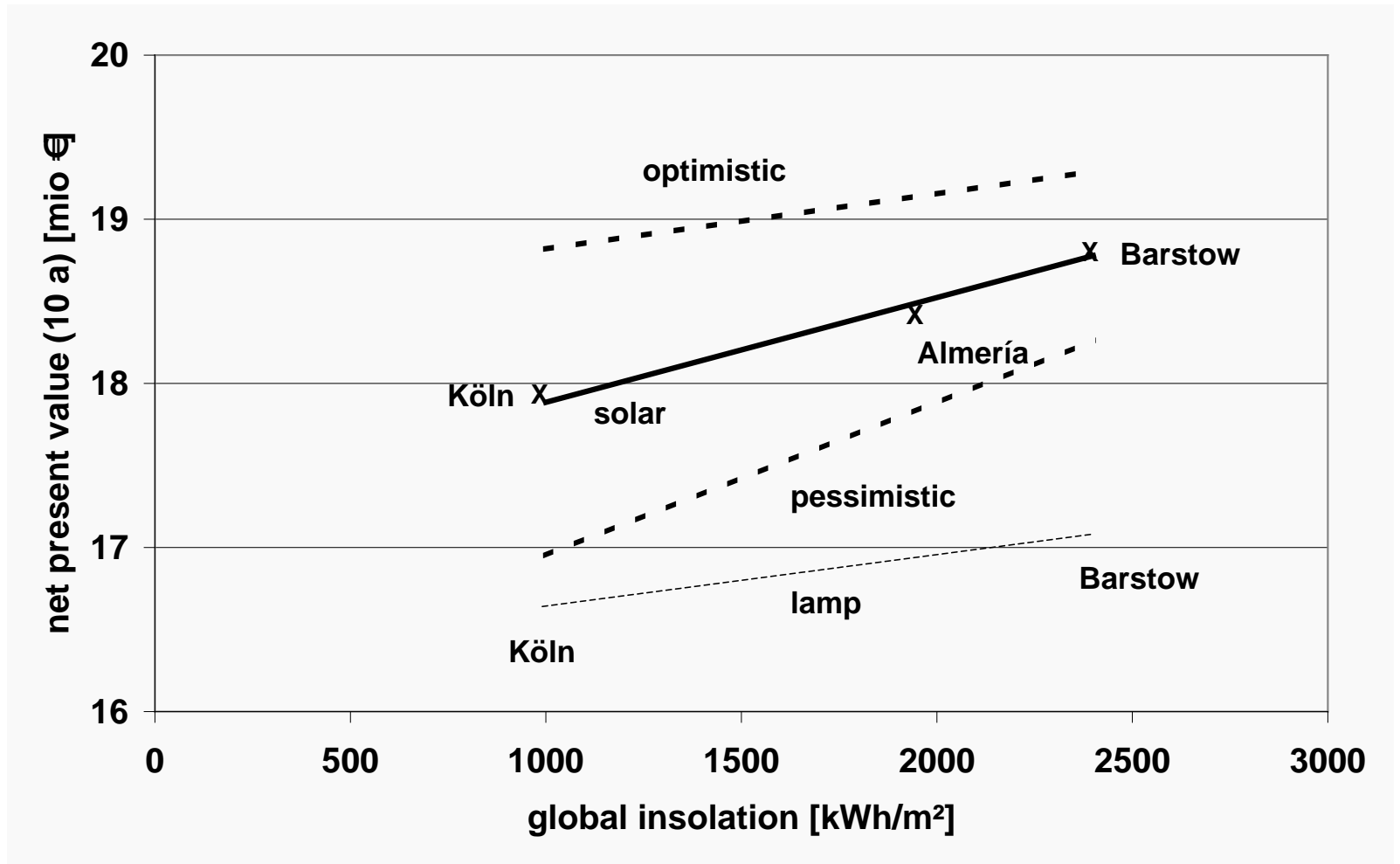
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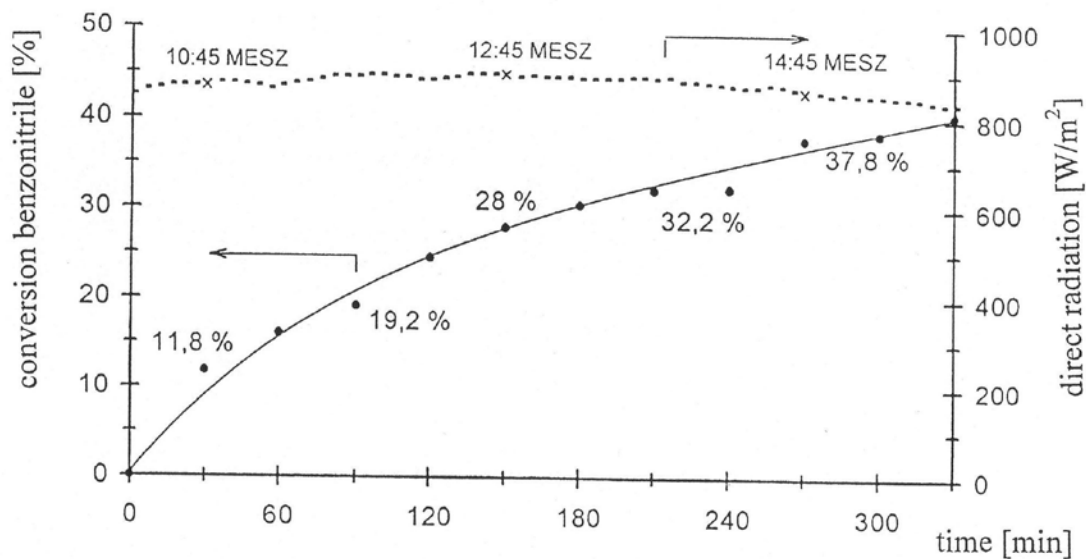
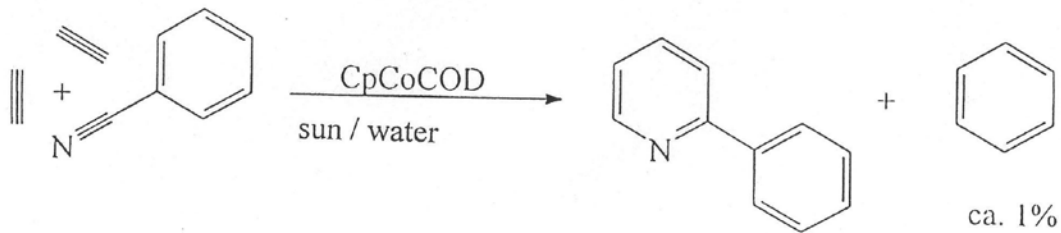
Solar Photoreactors: Tests of Photooxygenations, DLR



Evaluation of Investment: Production of Rose Oxide



Photocatalytic Heterocyclisation

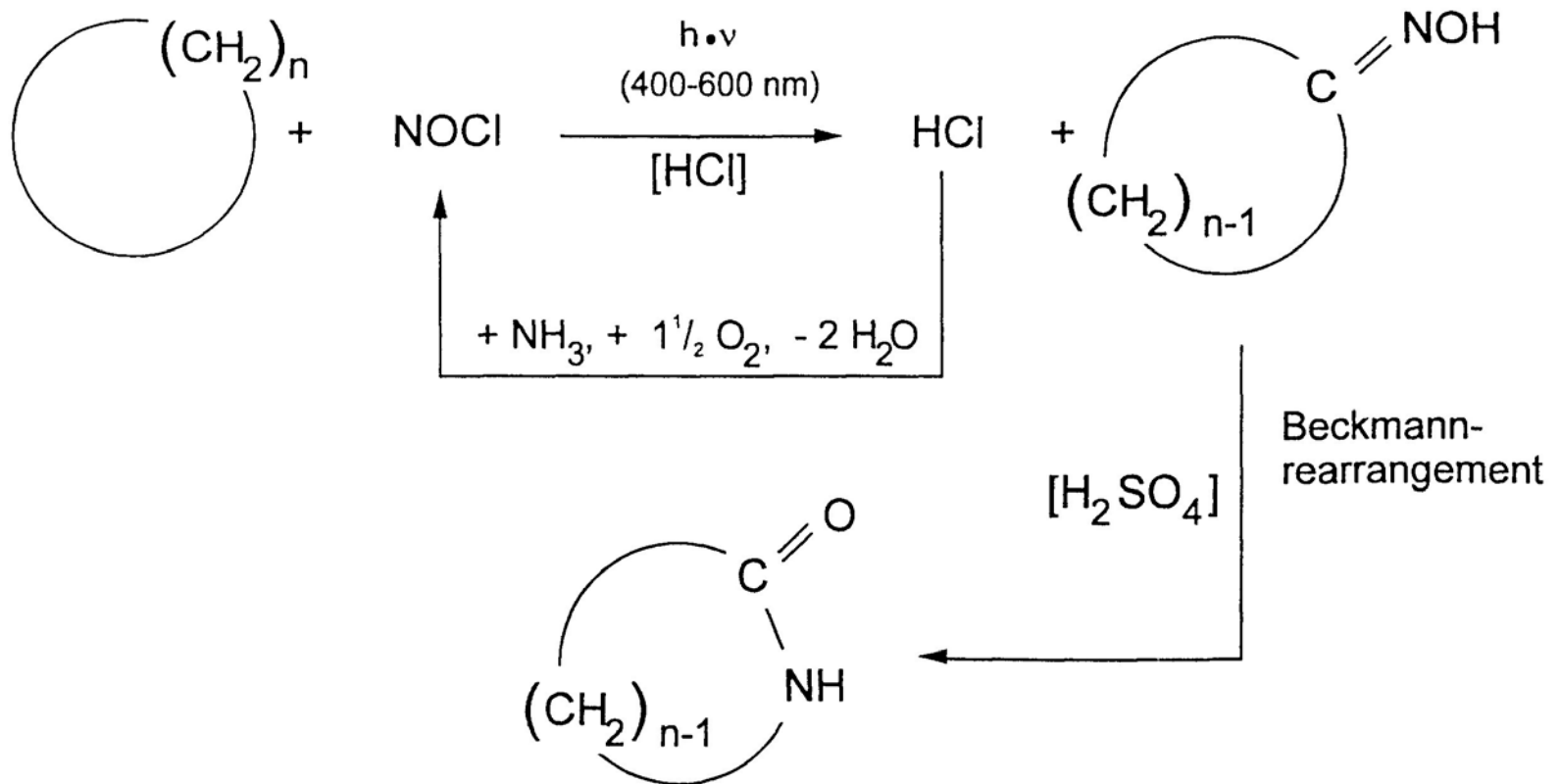


model reaction for solar heterocyclizations

P. Wagler, B. Heller, J. Ortner, K.-H. Funken, G. Oehme, Chem.-Ing.-Tech. 68 (1996) 823

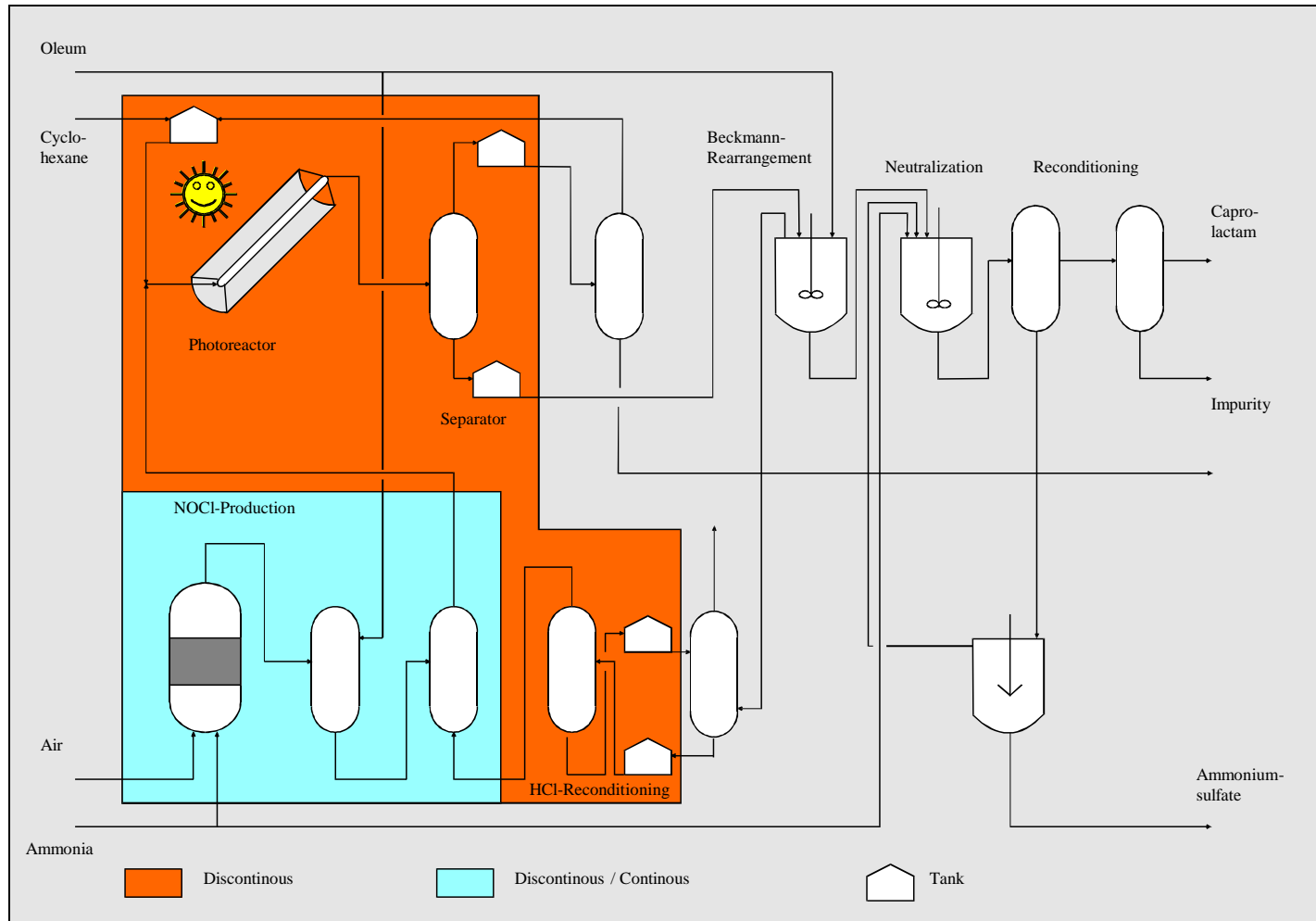


Solar Photooxygenation of Cyclic Alkanes for the Production of Nylon-Precursors

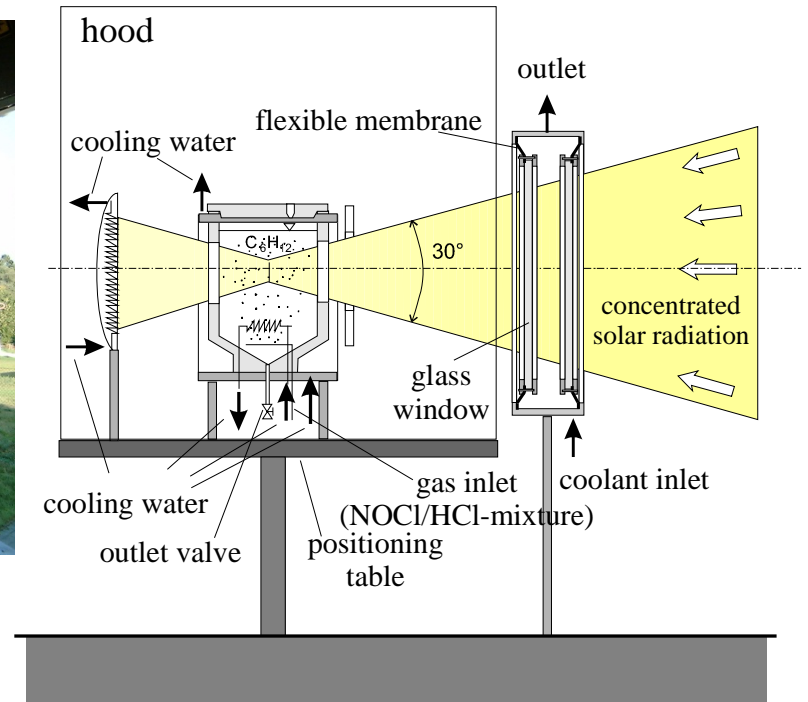
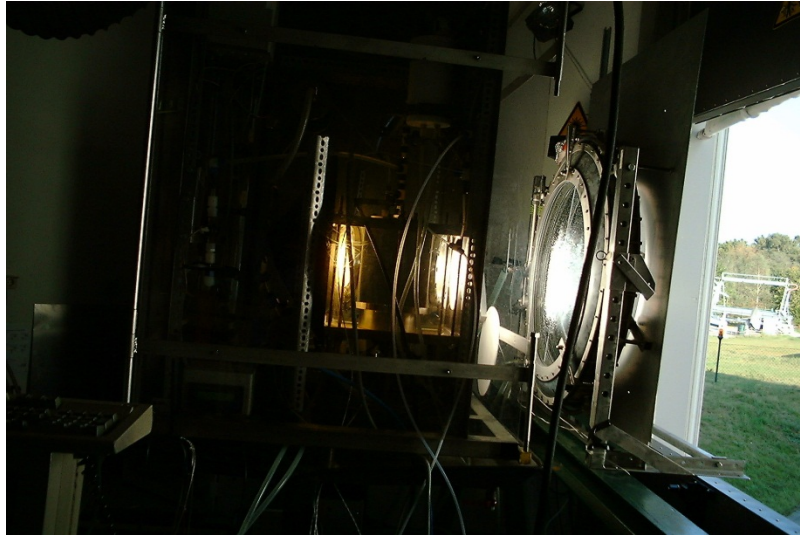


n=6: ε-Caprolactam, n=12: lauryllactam

Block Diagram of a Solar Caprolactam Production Plant



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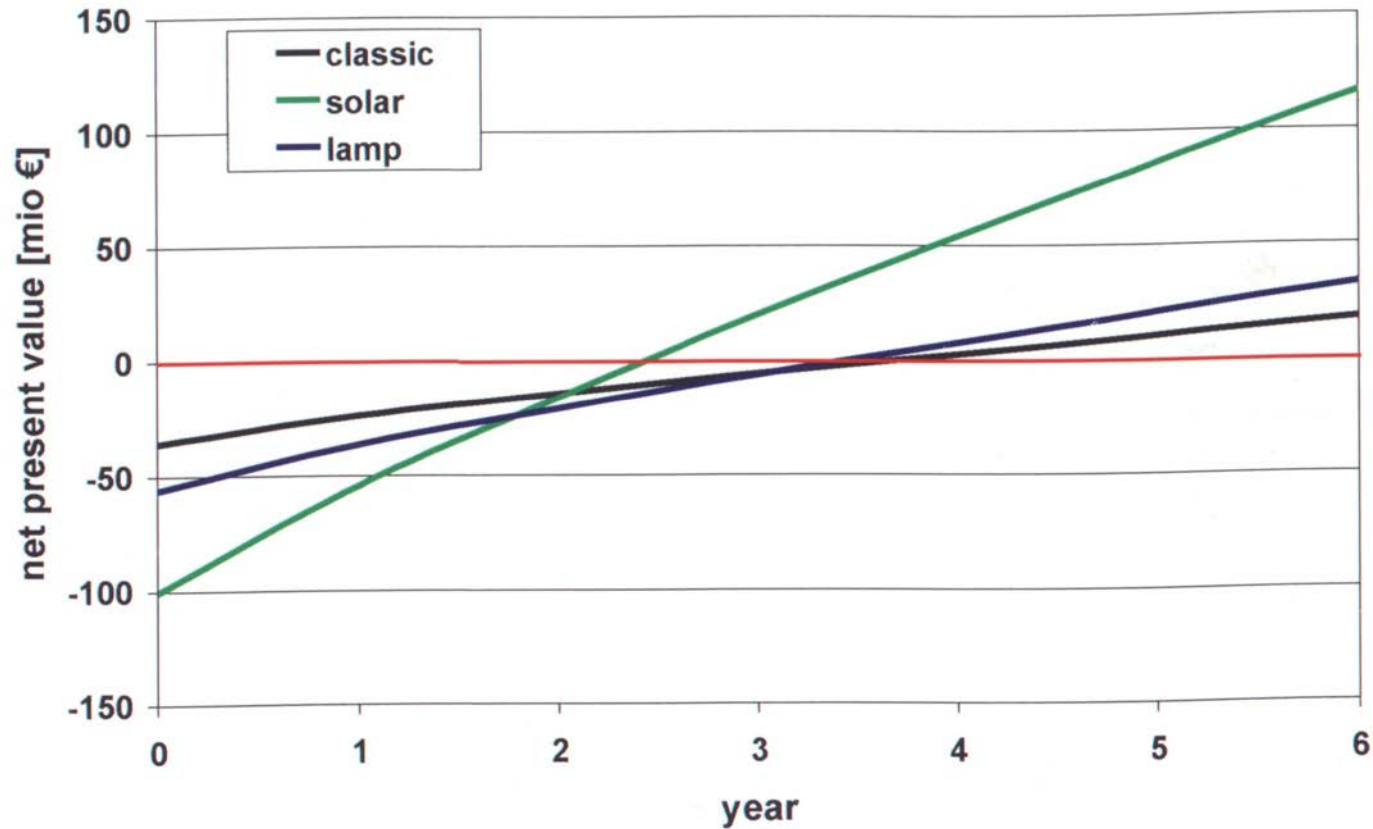


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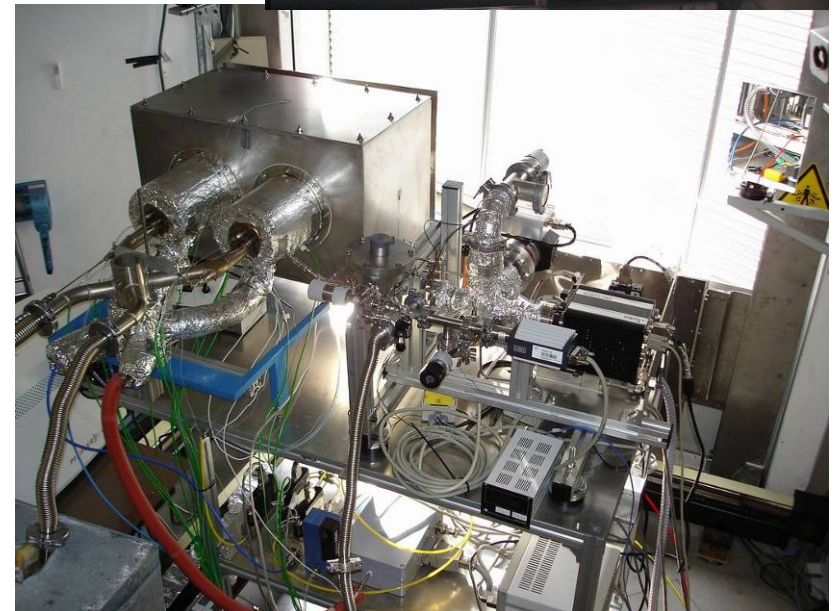
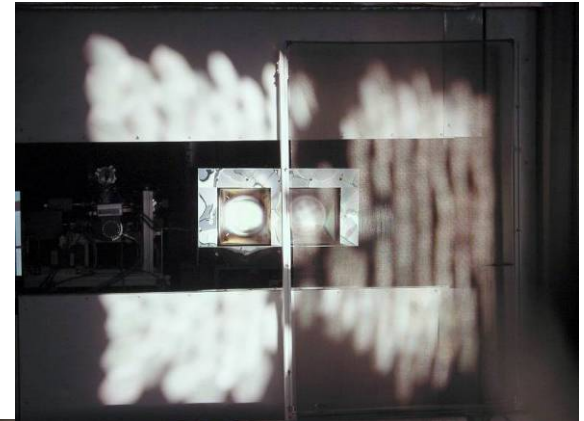
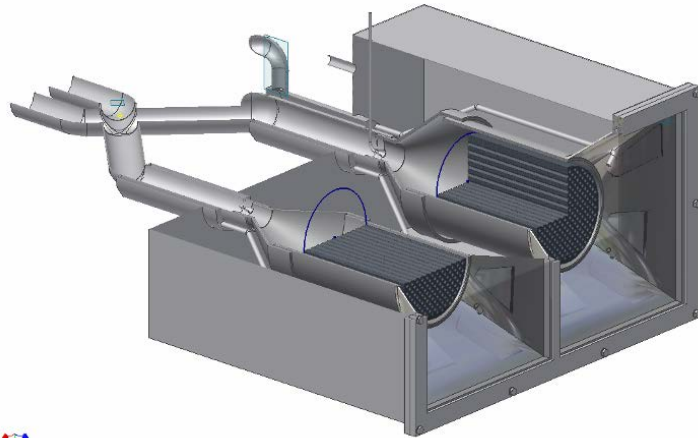
Comparison of Production Costs (10,000 t/a)

	Solar		Lamp	
	[1000 \$]	[%]	[1000 \$]	[%]
Fixed Cost				
(labor, annuity etc.)	3440	52,0	1960	22,8
Variable Cost				
Electricity	240	3,5	950	11,1
Chemicals	3850	58,3	3850	44,8
Cooling	180	2,6	1440	16,8
Sale (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	-1110	-16,8	-1110	-12,9
Production Cost 1	6630		7090	
Lamp Replacement	0	0,0	1500	17,5
Production Cost 2	6630		8590	

Economic Evaluation of different Caprolactam Routes



Quasi-continuous Solar Thermal Production of Hydrogen

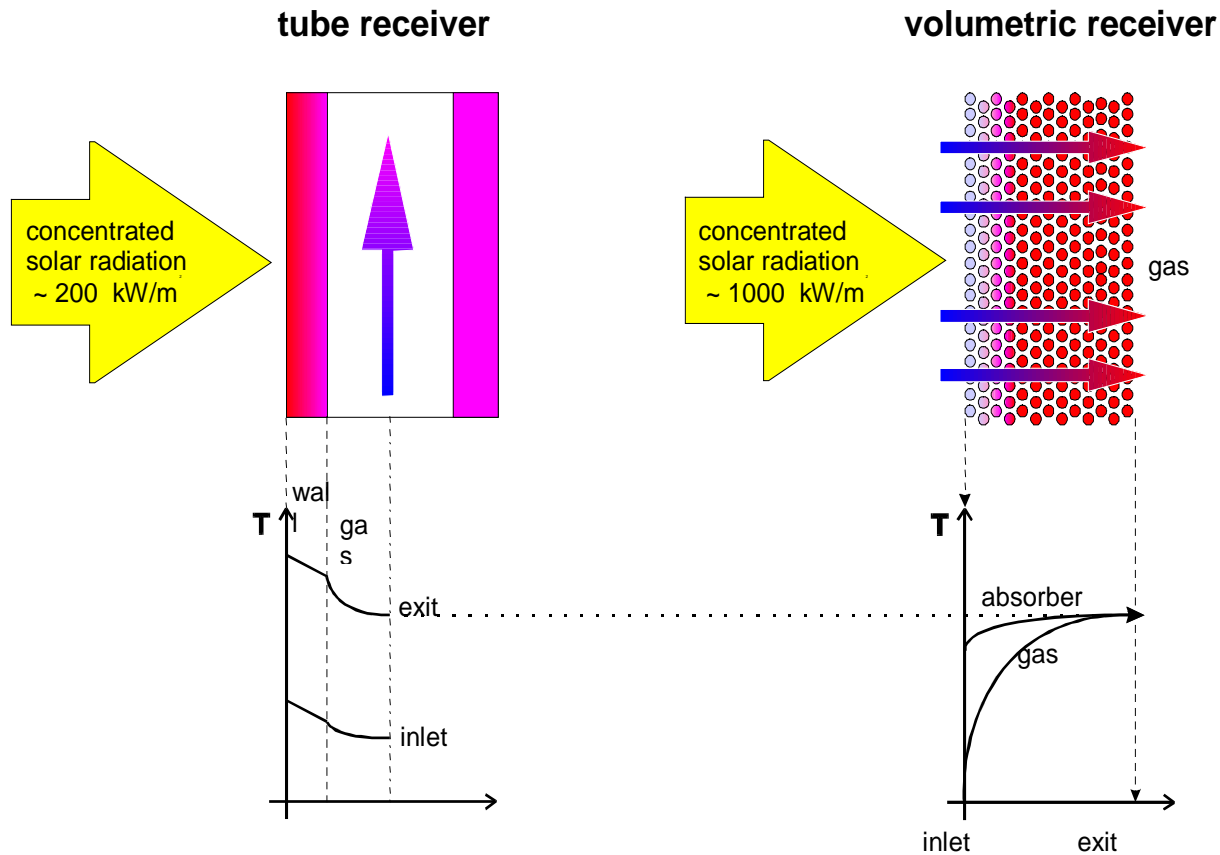


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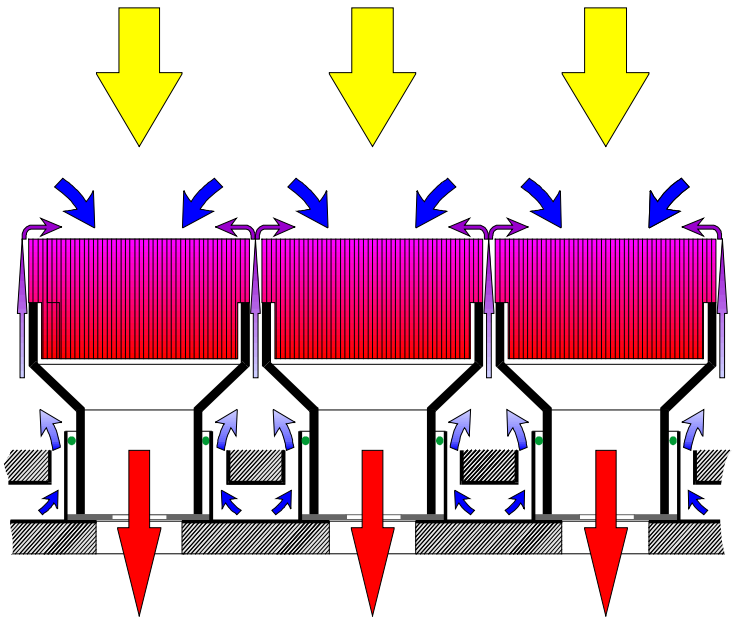
Pilot Plant for Solar Thermal Production of Hydrogen at the Plataforma Solar de Almería, Spain



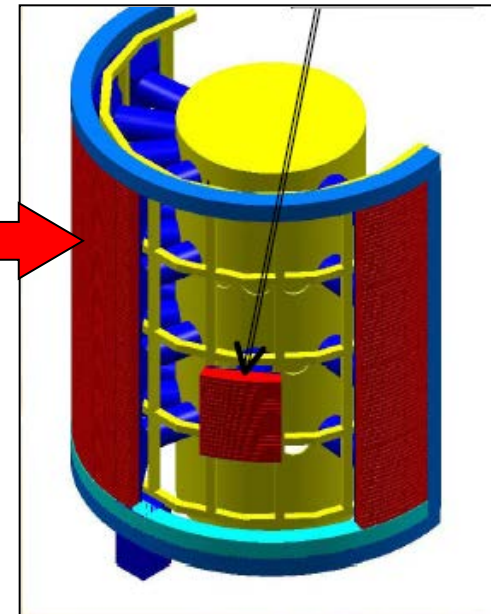
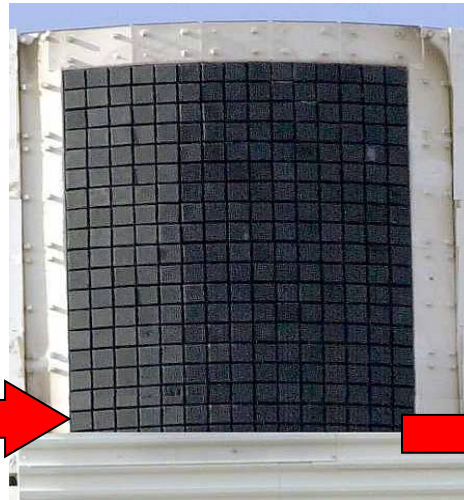
Techology of the Open Volumetric Air Receiver (DLR) as Demonstrated in Jülich



High Temperature Receiver (HiTRec)



HiTRec Receiver Development



Solar Thermal Test and Demonstration Power Plant Jülich (STJ)

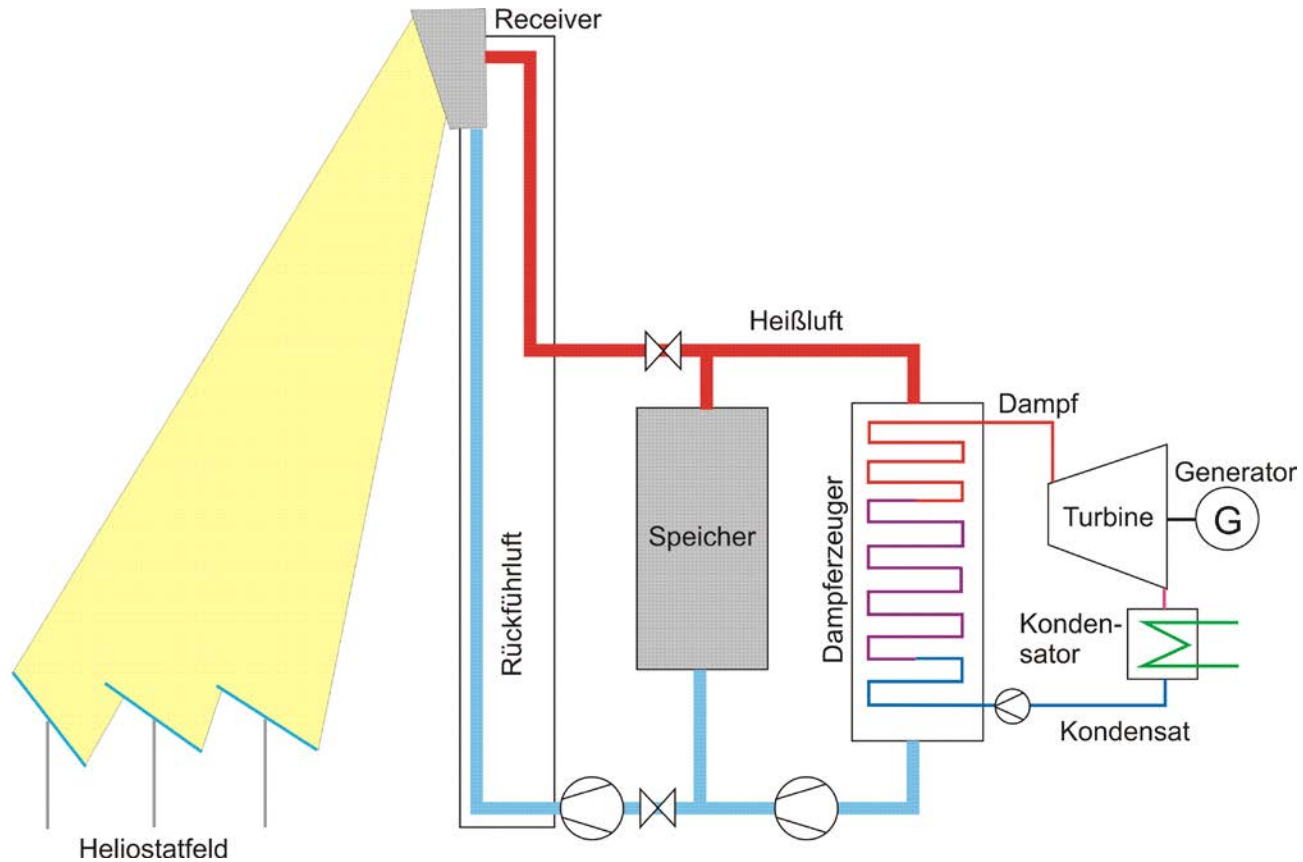




Solar Thermal Test and Demonstration Power Plant Jülich (STJ)

- Start of construction: 2007, Delivery of plant: 2009
- Some technical data:
 - Land - ca. 17 ha
 - Total mirror area - ca. 18.000 m²
 - Tower height - ca. 60 m
 - Receiver area - ca. 22 m²
 - Nominal power - 1,5 MW_{el}
 - Thermal storage capacity - ca. 1 hour full load

Solar Thermal Test and Demonstration Power Plant Jülich (STJ)





Summary: Features for CSP

- **Sufficient areas of flat landscape available**
- **Ability for thermal storage to create smooth operation on the grid and produce electricity outside sunny hours**
- **Possibility of hybrid operation with fossil or bio fuels**
- **Possibility of co-generation (power plus desalination)**



Thank You For Your Attention