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Executive Summary

This deliverable sumarizes the results of the WP1 Task 1.3 "On-site training for Industries" which is part of SFERA-III's Networking Activities.

The main objectives of WP1 are: to strengthen the collaboration between the European advanced solar laboratories; to enhance the transfer of knowledge and develop new skills between the project partners to foster a culture of cooperation and fasten the adaptation to an ever-evolving CSP context; to foster the use of the SFERA-III Research Infrastructures via tailored actions targeted the future users of SFERA III, with a special attention to increase the participation of the industry; to share the latest developments with the CST community; to create a pool of high-qualified professionals via adequate training activities targeted at the industry, early-stage researchers and the general CSP community.

It was expected that this report covers the content and participation of the first and second training course for industries, but due to the travel restricitions generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, until now only the first event could be done, because phisical presence of the participants and trainers is very important to transmit the knowledge with hands-on excercises.



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1. Overview of training program

Four 1-week training courses per year aimed at researchers and developers from industries seeking to learn new skills and update their expertise have been designed within the framework of SFERA III WP1 Task 1.3. The course will consist of lectures on theory, practical examples, and hands-on sessions on the use of the cutting-edge CST technology implemented by the solar laboratory where the course takes place. The goal is to integrate and network the providers of the RIs with European Industrial partners. This task will contribute to broaden international cooperation as well, since researchers and developers from industrial companies of non-EU countries are also welcome. Each course will be hosted by the advanced partner with the most expertise in that topic and the topic of the course will be decided/confirmed by the General Assembly.

The overall course manager (DLR) is responsible for the coordination, announcement and selection process. The course program is design in coordination with the local course managers of the individual research centres. The courses are planed for a 15 to 20 participants to guarantee the active participation in practical exercises, lively discussions and close proximity of engineers from industry and lecturers during and after the course. In case they can provide complementary expertise/skills for a particular training session, trainers from one or two other institutions could be associated to the host institution in order to cover $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 day over the full program of the course.

The topics of the four courses have been selected jointly between the task partners with the aim to provide newest research tendencies to industries in order to support the right technical decisions in the industry. Table 1 shows an overview of the four training courses.



Year	Place	Торіс	Partner
Summer 2019	PROMES-CNRS, France	Central receivers and heliostat field	CNRS (+FRA)
Spring 2020 (delayed)	Plataforma Solar de Almeria Owner CIEMAT, Spain	Optimization of CST plant output by optical & thermal characterization and target- oriented O&M	DLR (+CIEMAT)
Winter 2020 (delayed)	CEA premises, France	Testing the durability of solar materials and systems	CEA (+DLR)
Summer 2021 (delayed)	Fraunhofer premises, Germany	Process heat application for CST technologies: system integration, design and performance assessment	FRA
Summer 2022	CR ENEA Casaccia, Italy	Use of molten salt as HTF and/or HSM in CST plant that employ linear focussing systems	ENEA (+DLR)

Table 1: SFERA III Overview of training courses for industries

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2. Results of 1st training course

The first training course has been prepared and conducted by CNRS researchers at <u>PROMES-CNRS</u> premises in Font Romeu Odeillo, France on 8-12 July 2019. The course covered the following topics:

- **Central receivers technologies and qualification:** Typical thermodynamic processes for electricity and material production; storage technologies for solar tower; metrology of their power measurement; infrared receiver temperature measurement using UAV (drones).
- **Heliostats fields design and operation:** Heliostat field design optimisation techniques and constraints such as latitude influence; raytracing software and design tools for heliostats fields; training with the free Solstice raytracing software; practical test case: visit of the wireless field of the solar tower Thémis at Targassonne; practical test case: visit of the wired field of the Solar Furnace at Odeillo.
- **Characterisation of heliostats fields:** Optical quality determination techniques (photogrammetry, deflectometry); demonstration of the optical calibration of solar tower heliostats; power distribution and aiming characterisation techniques.

The objective was to offer a course with theoretical and practical topics of central receiver systems in general and heliostat field design, operation and measurement in particular. Table 2 shows the program of the course held at the premises of PROMES-CNRS Odeillo.

Table 2: SFERA III Training for Industry, Course Program, PROMES-CNRS, 2019Tuesday, 9 July 2019

9h	Presentation of the participants
9h30	Presentation of the SFERA-III project (E. Guillot from CNRS)
9h45	Presentation of the SFERA 3 Networking activities (M. Röger from
	DLR, remote)
10h00	Presentation of the CNRS-PROMES laboratory (E. Guillot from
	CNRS)
10h15	Processes and Storage for Central Receivers Systems (G. Flamant
	CNRS).
11h00	Coffee break
11h15	Processes and Storage for Central Receivers Systems (GF,
	resuming)
12h15	Lunch break



~ 1	13h30	Raytracing software and design tools for heliostats fields (P.
Schwar	zbözl	
		DLR, remote)
	14h30	Raytracing software and design tools for heliostats fields (G. Bern
Fraunh	ofer)	
	15h30	Coffee break
	15h45	Heliostats fields, understanding the influence of latitude: surrounding versus north fields (G. Bern Fraunhofer)
	~17h	End of presentations
	20h00	Welcome dinner between participants and trainers offered by CNRS. Location: L'escudella, Font Romeu <u>Via</u> . Details at the end.
Wedne	sday, 10	July 2019
	9h00	Metrology and uncertainties (E. Guillot CNRS)
	10h15	Infrared temperature measurements from a flying drone (A. Legal
CNRS)		
	11h00	Coffee break
	11h15	Flux measurements: principles (E. Guillot CNRS).
	12h00	Flux measurements: moving bar at Themis (B. Grange CNRS)
	12h15	Lunch break
	13h30	Training with Solstice Raytracing software on each participant own laptop (C. Caliot CNRS)

~17h End of training

Thursday, 11 July 2019

Morning at Themis solar tower site, Targassonne (Y. Volut & al CNRS), 9h -> 12h:

- Visit of the facility.
- Demonstration of the heliostats field operation.
- Demonstration of heliostats optical calibration (G. Bern Fraunhofer)
- Heliostat and facility maintenance overview.

12h15 Lunch break, Odeillo

Afternoon at Odeillo big solar furnace site (E. Guillot & al CNRS):

13h30 Visit of the medium solar furnaces facilities

14h30 Design aspects of future hybrid plants: PV, gas... (G. Bern

Fraunhofer)

15h30	Coffee break
15h45	Visit of the big solar furnace and the parabolic trough (2 groups):
	 Demonstration of the heliostats field operation.

Heliostat and facility maintenance overview.



Parabolic trough presentation and visit of its technical room.
 ~17h End of visit

Friday, 12 July 2019

Goodbye coffee at the big solar furnace, last questions and week closeup.

The invitation to the training course was distributed by the SFERA-III partners. Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the announcement published to gather the interest of potential participants.

		Fraunhof
	SFERA III	
Free t	raining course for CSP profe	essionals on
Central An	receivers: optics of heli nouncement and call for app	iostats fields olications
Location: Date:	Font Romeu Odeillo, France – CNRS July 8-12th, 2019	1.1
Target group:	The course is for engineers, researcher from European CSP industry and comp trained on real CSP hardware. Language	s and representatives anies who want to be je: English
Objective:	This course focuses on central receiver The training consists of both theoretical	s plants and their optics. and practical modules.
Trainers:	Scientists and specialists from CNRS-P Fraunhofer ISE, and DLR	ROMES,
The course w	ill include theoretical and practical	modules covering the
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Figure 1: First page of announcement published for the 1st Training for Industries







Additionally, the short notice shown on Figure 3 was published on parnter's websites and social media to attract the attention of potiential participants:

New training course about central <u>receivers</u> systems on SFERA-3 project!

After the success of the SFERA 2 training courses program, we are pleased to present the continuation of the program starting with the topic of solar towers with focus on optics and power measurement.

This course takes place at **CNRS – PROMES** test facilities in Odeillo, southern France from July 8 – 12, 2019 and covers theoretical and practical topics of central receiver systems in general and heliostat field design, operation and measurement in particular. For more information and application please visit http://sfera3.sollab.eu/services-for-industry/.

The SFERA 3 training courses for CSP professionals focus on the main CSP technologies and aim at facilitating the communication between European researchers and industry as well as enhancing the transfer of know-how and innovations. <u>Therefore</u> participants will be trained on European test infrastructure by expert researchers in the field. The upcoming courses will be held in 2020, 2021 and 2022 about plant optimization, durability of materials, process heat applications and use of molten salt in CST plants.

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Figure 3: Short notice published for the 1st Training for Industries



Out of 22 applications, 13 professionals from the coutries Spain, Iran, Chile, USA, France, Italy, Morocco, Algeria and Oman were selected and participated.

Table 3 SFERA-III 1st Training for Industries participants

Nr.	Country	Position	Sector
1	USA	Managing Partner	Industry and
			Academia
2	Oman	Engineer	Industry
3	Italy	R&D Department	Industry
4	Italy	R&D Department	Industry
5	Italy	R&D Department	Industry
6	France	PhD student	Industry
7	Spain	Technical	Industry
		Manager	
8	Iran	Engineer	Industry & Research
9	France	Intern	Research
10	Algeria	PhD student	Academia
11	Chile	Scientist	Research
12	Chile	Scientist	Research

The images below were taken during the 1st Training for Industries at CNRS, France:



Figure 4: 1st Training for Industries during its realization

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Figure 5: 1st Training for Industries during its realization



Figure 6: 1st Training for Industries during its realization



In order to evaluate the performance of this training, after finishing the event a questioner was given to the participants to evaluate the content, the methodology applied and provide suggestions for improvement. Figure 7 shows the formulary used:



EVALUATION of SFERA 3 Training Course Central receivers: Optics of heliostats fields

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1. The objectives of the training were clearly defined.
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Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
0	0	0	0	0

2. The topics covered were relevant to me.					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
0	0	0	0	0	

3. Participation and interaction was encouraged.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	eutral Disagree	Strongly disagree	
0	0	0	0	0	

4. The content was organized and easy to follow.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
0	0	0	0	0

5. This training will be useful in my work. Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree

6. Would you recommend a future training course on the same topic to your colleagues?
Yes (and keep me updated)
No

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7. What did you like most about this training course?

- 8. Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the SFERA training courses? Topics to suggest? Organisation to improve?
- 9. If there were a new training session on this topic, what could we improve?
- 10. Other comments?





As a summary, the feedback received was very positive. The answers were mostly very satisfying and provided ideas for next topics and way to do the course. It is made clear that they appreciate more practical exercises and also suggested to extend the content not only to CSP for electricity but its coupling with other renewable energies or applications.



3. Planning of the 2nd training course

As stated in SFERA-III's Grant Agreement, a 2nd training for industries was to be done at the beginning of 2020. The exact date selected was March 30th to April 3rd 2020. Before the Covid-19 pandemic hit Europe (mid-March 2020) the 2nd training course was mostly prepared: announcements sent through communication channels, candidate participants contacted, participants selected, topics selected, speakers prepared, meeting rooms reserved, hotels and transportation booked, etc.

38 people showed their interest in the 2^{nd} training for industries course and 16 were selected based on their professional profile and trying to give the chance to as many companies as possible.

The program created for the 2nd training course titled "Optimization of CST plant output by optical and thermal characterization and target-oriented O&M" is shown in table below.

Monday, 30/03/20					
0	Welcome in Almeria with participants and trainers (20.30h)	all			
Tuesd	ay, 31/03/20				
0	Welcome at the Plataforma Solar de Almería	CIEMAT			
0	SFERA-III project introduction and course overview	DLR			
0	Visit of the facilities at the Plataforma Solar de Almería	CIEMAT, DLR			
Lunch	1				
0	Visit of the facilities at the Plataforma Solar de Almería	CIEMAT, DLR			
Wedn	esday, 01/04/20				
0	Optical quality and measurement techniques	DLR			
0	Collector efficiency and yield analysis based on airborne measurement	DLR			
Lunch	1				
0	Thermal measurement techniques	DLR			
0	Airborne Infrared measurement	DLR			
0	Other applications related to qualification with UAVs	DLR			
Thursday, 02/04/20					
0	Solar resource measurement and nowcasting	DLR			

Table 4: 2nd Training for industries planned program



0	Soiling measurement	DLR
Lunch	ı	
0	Mirror cleaning optimization, techno-economic evaluation	DLR
0	Component aging measurement, lab-testing	DLR
Friday	7, 03/04/20	
0	Compilation of training results	DLR
0	Experience sharing industrial focus	Participants
0	Feedback, Certificate, Closing and Farewell (~13h)	all



Annexes

The slides of the presentations held during the 1st Training for Industry are included in this annex to the document.

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Training for industries 9-12th July 2019, Odeillo, France

Presentation of the SFERA-III project Emmanuel Guillot, CNRS-PROMES



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No	Name	Short name	Country
1	CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES ENERGETICAS, MEDIOAMBIENTALES Y TECNOLOGICAS-CIEMAT	CIEMAT	Spain
2	CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE CNRS	CNRS	France
3	AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE, L'ENERGIA E LO SVILUPPO ECONOMICO SOSTENIBILE	ENEA	Italy
4	DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV	DLR	Germany
5	COMMISSARIAT A L ENERGIE ATOMIQUE ET AUX ENERGIES ALTERNATIVES	CEA	France
6	UNIVERSIDADE DE EVORA	UEVORA	Portugal
7	EIDGENOESSISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE ZUERICH	ETHZ	Switzerland
8	Fundacion IMDEA Energia	IMDEA	Spain
9	THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE	СҮІ	Cyprus
10	FRAUNHOFER GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG E.V.	Fraunhofer	Germany
11	Laboratorio Nacional de Energia e Geologia I.P.	LNEG	Portugal
12	MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	METU	Turkey
13	UNIVERSIDAD DE ALMERIA	UAL	Spain
14	EURONOVIA	EURO	France
15	EUROPEAN SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY ASSOCIATION	ESTELA	Belgium

- 2019-2022
- 9 countries
- 15 partners
- 915 person months
- Grant: 9.1 M€
- 3 activities:
 - Transnational Access
 - Networking (includes this action)
 - Joint Research



Emmanuel Guillot

Training for industries, CNRS-PROMES, Odeillo, July 2019 Presentation of SFERA-III

Solar Facilities for the European Research Area

WP13 Management and Coordination CIEMAT

Who we are?







WP13 Management and Coordination

CIEMAT

What are we implementing?

Transnational Access Activities

- 4 access campaigns to our RIs
- 9 partners participating for the very first time
- 11 European advanced solar laboratories and 2 advanced solar laboratories located in two neighbouring countries
- A total of 15 RIs (**11 new RIs**)
- With a total of 47 installations (31 new installations)
- 452 weeks of access to the RIs
- 357 Users accessing the RIs





Solar Facilities for the European Research Area

What follows is a short and random selection of facilities available

thru Transnational Access for **Industry** and/or Academy:

- Hosting of selected projects
- On-site 1 or 2 persons teams
- For **1 to ~3 weeks**

- For industry: IP is **yours**
- 1 campaign per year, ~May
- Travel, accommodation AND operation of the facility INCLUDED

https://sfera3.sollab.eu/access/#call







CIEMAT



Provision of the TA Activity



Installation short name: CRS

- Thermal power: 2.1 MW
- 92-heliostat field.
- 43 m-high tower with two testing platforms.
- Heliostats communication by cabling and radio with the control room
- Cryogenic installation (Up to 200 kg/h N2)
- Steam Generator (20 kg/h)
 - Refrigeration Tower
 - Water at 50 m^3 /h at 9 bar (Capacity 700 kW)
- Air Pressure Circuit (1.5 m³/min at 7 8 bar)
- Analytical equipment
 - Micro-GC Varian
 - IR cabinet
- Flux measurement system
 - Moving bar (CCD camera)







Provision of the TA Activity



Installation short name: SOLFU







WP5	Synlight	DLR





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PCS – plant











Provision of the TA Activity



5 weeks of MicroSol'R plete oil+steam process including a thermocline.



The values here were for a specific test, they are neither nominal nor representative.

Provision of the TA Activity

UEVORA

• The **PECS** is a two-axis platform (test bench dimensions: 18*13m²) with an oil loop to test concentrator collectors and promote collector development, as well as certification purposes. There are two circuits, one operating with thermal oil up to 400°C and the other with pressurized water.







Provision of the TA Activity

Fraunhofer

C-lab: Concentrator optics laboratory with indoor facilities for surface characterization and optical simulation of materials and CSP systems.



Provision of the TA Activity

CEA

Optical Characterisation of Materials (Opti-Lab)

Hemispherical absorptance of Flat Samples & tubes









Provision of the TA Activity

CEA

Optical Characterisation of Systems (Shape)







Provision of the TA Activity

CEA

Accelerated Ageing under Controlled Conditions



Artificial laboratory accelerated test instrument



Solar Test Bench



Dark and Illuminated Lock-In Thermography



ENCEINTE UV5 X



SEPAP 12/24



SPECTROPHOTOMETRE IR EMISSIVITE HAUTE TEMPERATURE



SPECTROPHOTOMETRE UV VISIBLE









Provision of the TA Activity

LNEG

Laboratory of Materials and Coatings (LMR):





Monitored parameters:

- Temperature
- Relative humidity
- Wetness time
- Radiation
- Rain
- Chloride, Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen oxides in atmosphere





Durability of materials by exposure in two Outdoor Exposure Testing (OET) Sites:

- an European reference test site for UV radiation with corrosivity C2/C3 Lumiar/Lisboa
- a marine/industrial test site with very high/extreme corrosivity C5/CX Sines


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Pilot plants for water treatment by solar photocatalysis





SFERA-III Slide 9

WP13 Management and Coordination

What are we implementing?

Joint Research Activities

- Improvement of the services offered by the RIs
- Design of an e-Infrastructure for data, computing and networking
- Support of the definition of common standards and protocols
- Curation, preservation and provision of access to data collected or produced under the project





WP 7Development and Testing of New Technological
Concepts for Solar Desalination and WaterCylTreatment FacilitiesCyl

Main Expected Outputs:

- Guidelines for reporting on DWT systems
- Testing procedures for new components for DWT processes
- Increased capacity development of participating RIs
- Increased modelling capabilities for DWT
- Enhance recover and market penetration of exploitable products from wastewater treatment

processes





JRA3 Dynamic control and diagnostics of **WP 8** integrated systems for the production of solar fuels.

Main Expected Outputs: Improved research techniques, diagnostics and control tools in three key areas;

- a) Performance testing of materials used in solar fuel production reactors, in terms of stability, thermodynamic and kinetic performance.
- b) Solar fuel reactor performance monitoring and evaluation according to; fuel composition, long term stability, specific fuel conversion, and efficiency.
- c) Automation and dynamic control of reactors under intermittent solar conditions.

ETHZ

WP 9	Monitoring physical properties of receiver materials at focal point of concentrated solar facilities	CNTS
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Main Expected Outputs:

- 1. Method and setup for **thermomechanical behaviour** insitu monitoring of real solar receiver
- 2. Improvement of laboratory **emissivity** measurements
- 3. Improvement of in-situ **emittance** measurements for the determination of solar receivers **temperature**
- 4. Improvement of **aerial platforms** for the in-situ determination of linear and point solar receivers **temperature**
- 5. Improvement of accelerated ageing setups





WP 10

Sensor calibrations Performance parameters

DLR

Main Expected Outputs (1):

- Increased accuracy and comparability of sensor measurements and test bench results
 - Reflectometer/soiling measurements
 - Dynamometer to measure forces/moments on collectors and REPAs Parabolic trough receiver heat loss measurements
- Intra-hour solar DNI forecasting to increase useful on-sun experimental time in solar concentrating RIs
- Answer the question, if we need sky imagers to increase the accuracy of performance parameters
- Increased accuracy of transient on-sun tests of Fresnel & PTC collectors
- Increased robustness of CYI Fresnel research infrastructure against DNI variations





WP 10

Sensor calibrations Performance parameters

DLR

Main Expected Outputs (2):

- Increased quality of shape measurements of heliostats and parabolic troughs
- Increased quality of the pointing accuracy measurements in facilities with low cost small-size heliostats

 \rightarrow VHCST heliostat field at IMDEA (Spain) and PROTEAS (Cyprus)





WP 11 Towards an European e-Infrastructure on CST technologies

CIEMAT

Main Expected Outputs:

- 1. Definition of the hardware and software required for initial implementation of the e-infrastructure (i.e., the central node at PSA connected to peripheral nodes at DLR, CNRS and ENEA)
- 2. Definition of the budget needed for the initial implementation of the e-infrastructure
- 3. Definition of the technical requirements (hardware and software) to be fulfilled by others R+D centres to become a node of the e-infrastructure
- 4. Definition of the tools and options to be offered by the einfrastructure
- 5. Preparation of a Data Management Plan and Access Policy for the e-infrastructure





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION! ANY QUESTIONS?





Emmanuel Guillot

Training for industries, CNRS-PROMES, Odeillo, July 2019 Presentation of SFERA-III

SFERA III: Training on central receivers

Infrared measurements from a flying drone (UAV)

LABORATOIRE PROCÉDÉS, MATÉRIAUX et ENERGIE SOLAIRE

.UPR 8521 du CNRS. conventionnée avec l'université de Perpignan

PROCESSES,MATERIALS and SOLAR ENERGY LABORATORY





Training course July 10, 2019

Alex Le Gal, PhD Benjamin Grange, PhD Antoine Perez PROMES-CNRS



Cnrs



Why to measure the surface temperature of a central receiver ?

- Necessary to evaluate heat exchange in the solar receiver (thermal efficiency calculation)
- Important to preserve constitutive materials
- Usefull to detect hot points (which can highlight a malfunction)



Constraints

On central solar receiver :

- High solar flux (from 200 to 800 kW/m²)
- High surface temperature (until 1100°C)
- Complex 3D geometry (surface receivers or volumetric receivers)
- Large thermal scene (several square meters)
- Far from operators (at height about 100 meters except beam down solar tower)
- Intense heat exchanges between the absorber and the heat transfer fluid
- Converging concentrated solar rays all around the focal point

Infrared measurement from a flying drone



- Solar receiver : 3m x 2.6m placed at 87 meters high
- 40 tubes coated with Pyromark absorbing black paint
- Under concentrated solar flux (from 100kW/m² to 600 kW/m²)
- Solar receiver temperature instrumentation: 91 thermocouples
 - 49 inside tubes
 - 14 on tube back side
 - 4 in the insulation
 - 24 on tube front surface (welded)
- Poor spatial resolution of temperature measurements
- Local hot points (T>1000°C) must be avoided !
 - Alloy thermal limit
 - Active heliostat defocusing in case of overheating





Observation of the solar receiver during the experimentation

- With good spatial resolution
- Hot point detection over the total surface of the solar receiver
- On-sun temperature measurement uncertainty estimation



How to measure a temperature of a surface under concentrated solar flux ?

- Thermocouple

- Pyrometer, Pyroreflectometer
- IR camera



Thermocouple

- Thermocouple (welded)
 - K-type could be used under concentrated solar flux but they indicate a wrong value with an important uncertainty.
 - Over-estimation because of the thermal resistance of the welding, Tc oxidation state, thermal stress & the solar flux.







Thermocouple

Thermal equilibrium = Power absorbed - Power re-radiated - Power transmitted (conduction + convection) $\lambda_{TC} \neq \lambda_R, \ \alpha_{TC} \neq \alpha_R, \ \epsilon_{TC} \neq \epsilon_R,$ A thermal resistance is induced by the welding so the convective heat exchange is different.

The temperature of the thermocouple is different from the temperature of the receiver's surface 7/2



8/28



Pyrometer

Pyroreflectometer

Pyrometer

- Temperature measured from IR radiation (not solar blind)
- The emissivity of the sample must be known
- For local temperature measurements (point measurement)

Pyroreflectometer

- Temperature measured from IR radiation (not solar blind)
- The method is based on thermal radiation and reflectivity measurement at two close wavelengths
- The reflectivity is measured in-situ (do not need to know the emissivity)
- For local temperature measurements (point measurement)
- For high temperature (>500°C)



Principle :

- Thermal electromagnetic radiation measurement
- Based on the Planck's law (for black body, α=ε=1)

 $L_{(\lambda,T)} = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/(\lambda kBT)} - 1}$

With,

h : the Planck constant

L: the luminance

- c : the speed of light
- $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: the wavelength
- \boldsymbol{k}_{B} : the Boltzmann constant
- T : the temperature



-The luminance of a surface is correlated to the luminance of a black body via the emissivity of the surface (Kirchhoff law)

the emissivity of the surface must be known !



Hemispherical directional reflectivity of aged

Emissivity measurement

In situ reflectivity measurements are not possible, IR Spectrophotometer must be used

The emissivity is calculated over the range of the camera at different temperature from ambient temperature reflectivity measurement.

$$\varepsilon(T) = \frac{\int_{7.5\mu m}^{13\mu m} \left[1 - R(\lambda, T_a)\right] \cdot P(\lambda, T) \cdot d\lambda}{\int_{7.5\mu m}^{13\mu m} P(\lambda, T) \cdot d\lambda}$$

With, $\mathcal{E}(T)$: the sample thermal emittance at temperature T λ : the wavelength

 $R(\lambda, T_a)$: the sample spectral reflectance measured at room temperature T_a

 $P(\lambda, T)$: Planck's law of blackbody emission irradiance at temperature T

The temperature measurement using IR camera is accurate if only the emissivity is well known. Reflectivity evolution with aging must be followed through measurements in the absence of proven aging model. 11/25







Emissivity measurement



Until 80°C of temperature difference from ϵ =0.95 to ϵ =0.78



How to choose the good IR camera ?

Several trademarks exist :

- Optris
- Workswell
- FLIR
- ...

Selection parameters :

- Temperature range
- Spectral measurement range
- Lens
- Optical resolution

	Trademark	Model	Lens	Optical resolution	Temperature range	Spectral range	Prize	Comments
	FLIR	Vue pro 640	32°x26°	640x512	-40 to 550°C	7.5-13.5 μm	~ 4k€	±5°C
	Optris	Pi640	33°x25° 15°x10° 60°x45°	640x480	-20 to 900°C (200 to 1500°C optional)	7.5-13.5 μm	~ 7k€	±2°C Automatic hot point detection
Area - Contraction - Contracti	Workswell	WIRIS pro	18°x14° 35°x27° 69°x56°	640x512	400 to 1500°C (optional high temperature filter)	7.5-13.5 µm	~ 6 k€	±2°C Digital zoom x14 (IR camera) Autofocus optical visual camera



Field Of View

The **IFOV** is the angular projection of a pixel. IFOV is function of the distance, the lens and the optical resolution.



Due to a phenomenon called optical dispersion, radiation from a very small area will not give one detector element enough energy for correct value. The **MFOV** correspond to 3xIFOV and gives an accurate temperature measurement.

IR camera



IFOV is an angular projection of just one of the detector's pixels in the IR image. The area each pixel can see depends on your target distance for a given lens.





Field Of View (simulation)

Optris Pi640

Hot point detection resolution (IFOV)





Temperature measurement resolution (MFOV)





Wiris pro



The infrared camera is not solar blind

The spectral range of the IR camera is 7.5-13.5 µm.

The irradiance of the solar spectrum in this range is very low but not null.



Spectre solaire Odeillo



The infrared camera is not solar blind

Reflexion of the concentrated solar flux on the receiver could lead to wrong temperature measurement. Calculation must be done to check if it is negligible or not.

- 1. Integrate the solar spectrum irradiance in the range of the camera
- 2. Multiply this value by the mirror reflectivity in the same range
- 3. Multiply by the concentration factor
- 4. Multiply by the receiver reflectivity in the same range
- 5. Calculate the thermal radiation emmited by the receiver
- 6. Compare both radiation densities to conclude



Example:

Integration of the solar spectrum between 7.5 and 13.5 µm give 1.1 W/m² Themis mirror's reflectivity is 0.25 (mean - same range), the receiver reflectivity (Pyromark) is 0.1 With a concentration factor of 1000, the solar contribution is **27.5 W/m²** At 500°C with an emissivity of 0.95 (Pyromark) the receiver emits about **3.9 kW/m²** 17/25



Camera software

- The emissivity of the surface can be changed locally (several zones could be defined)
- Temperature profiles can be plotted (2 axis)
- Digital zoom can be applied
- Post treatment can be done
- Alarm can be set



Pix Connect (Optris)



Test at the big furnace

- No bright glare from concentrated solar reflexion





video camera infrarouge tube four 1000Kw.wmv





Test at the 1 MW furnace

Comparison with thermocouple measurements :

From 45°C to 75°C temperature difference IR camera gives lower values than thermocouples





UAV

Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (flying drone)

Choice criteria

- Mass load
- Battery load (time of flight)
- Camera gimbal
- Software
- Remote control









Optical simulation

SOLSTICE simulation to define « no fly zones » and preset waypoints (flight path).

At 10m front of the receiver (@ 900°C), thermal radiation are about 300 W/m²



UAV

<u>video</u>







UAV

Operation

- An automated procedure can be defined with several preset waypoints.

- Each waypoint is a set of coordinate managed through GPS

- « No fly zones » are pre-registered on the drone software to avoid any incident

- In France, UAV professional pilots must have a licence to fly



flylitchi software







To conclude

- IR measurement from a flying drone is very useful to detect hot points on central receiver
- A large thermal scene can be observed
- Temperature measurement implies the knowledge of emissivity
- IR camera are not solar blind but in the range 7.5-13.5 µm, the concentrated solar flux reflections are negligibles.
- UAV flights are safe and can be totally automated









HELIOSTAT FIELD OPTICAL MEASUREMENTS





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3D Laser Scanning of Heliostat Shape Preparation of the surface for the measurement

Covering the reflective surface with removable chalk spray for diffuse reflection



The prepared heliostat. Markers in the corners allow the automatic referencing of measurements in different positions





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3D Laser Scanning of Heliostat Shape The Measurement



3D Laser Scanner, elevated to allow for measurement at various heliostat positions







3D Laser Scanning of Heliostat Shape The Evaluation – Shape and Surface Slope from 3D Pointclouds







Reflectance and Cleanliness Measurement in the Field

- Portable devices, eg: pFlex (what we used at Themis)
 →automatic storage via Bluetooth
 →simple handling in the field
- Acceptance angle in measurement
 - Important parameter for comparability
 - Standard for parabolic trough 12.5 mrad (relevant for e.g. EuroTrough collector)
 - For central receiver systems much smaller acceptance angles are relevant \rightarrow 3-8 mrad
- Further information e.g. [1],[2]



The pFlex device with Bluetooth interface as presented at Themis

[1] A. Heimsath et. al, Automated Monitoring of Soiling with AVUS Instrument for Improved Solar Site Assessment (2017). 👔

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SURROUNDING VERSUS NORTH FIELDS



Heliostats fields, understanding the influence of latitude



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AGENDA

Interactive

- Summer/winter solstice sun position
- Calculation of cosine losses
- Latitude effects on surround/polar heliostat fields
 - Reference scenarios
 - Methodology recap
 - Result discussion



Summer/winter solstice sun position

- Location: Odeillo, France
- www.suncalc.org
- Summer (S) solstice: solar zenith $\theta_{s,S} = 19.1^{\circ}$, solar elevation $\alpha_{s,S} = 70.9^{\circ}$
- Winter (W) solstice: solar zenith $\theta_{s,W} = 65.9^{\circ}$, solar elevation $\alpha_{s,S} = 24.1^{\circ}$





Reference scenarios Sites



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Reference scenarios Parameters

	Dubai	Ouarzazate	Dunhuang	
Location	24.8 °N, 55.4 °E	31.0 °N, 6.9 °W	39.8 °, 92.7 °E	
Annual DNI	2.15 MWh/m²a	2.92 MWh/m²a	2.13 MWh/m²a	
Design point DNI	800 W/m ² at summer solstice			
Tower height	140 m			
Receiver design power	120 MW _{th}			
Receiver absorber area	521.5 m² (cavity), 260.8 m² (external)			
Heliostat mirror area	115.7 m ²			
Heliostat beam quality	3 mrad			
Heliostat reflectance	93%			



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Reference scenarios External vs cavity

- Cavities combined with higher towers than external receivers
 - ignored
- Cavities larger than external receivers
 - \succ $A_{abs,cavity} = A_{abs,external} \cdot 2$
 - > Higher costs!



Source: P. K. Falcone, A HANDBOOK FOR SOLAR CENTRAL RECEIVER DESIGN. SAND-86-8009. Livermore, CA (USA), 1986.



Methodology recap

- 1. Create oversized MUEEN field
- 2. Assess heliostat annual efficiencies with Raytrace3D
- 3. Assess heliostat design point efficiencies with Raytrace3D
- 4. Select best-performing heliostats with polygon-based approach

Result discussion Dubai: selected fields



Generation 500

External



Result discussion Ouarzazate: selected fields







Result discussion Dunhuang: selected fields







Result discussion Dubai: optical losses

Cavity External Potential rad. on prim. aperture Potential rad. on prim. aperture 100.0% 100.0% Cosine losses Cosine losses 16.8% 19.7% Shading Shading 2.1% 2.5% Absorption on prim. aperture Absorption on prim. aperture 5.7% 5.4% Blocking by prim. aperture Blocking by prim. aperture 0.2% 0.1% Spillage Spillage 4.9% 4.6% Atmospheric attenuation Atmospheric attenuation 5.8% 3.6% Reflection from receiver Reflection from receiver 1.5% 2.1% Absorption on receiver Absorption on receiver 63.1% 62.0%



Result discussion Ouarzazate: optical losses

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Result discussion Dunhuang: optical losses

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Result discussion Summer/winter solstice





Result discussion Annual optical efficiency



Source: R. Buck and P. Schwarzbözl, "4.17 Solar Tower Systems," in *Comprehensive Energy Systems*: Elsevier, 2018, pp. 692–732.



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DESIGN ASPECTS OF FUTURE HYBRID PLANTS





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AGENDA

- Hybrid CSP Plants Introduction
 - Classification of hybrid CSP plants
 - Exemplary Overview (CSP Co-fired, CSP+Biomass, CSP+Wind)
- CSP+PV hybridization prinziples
- CSP+PV what to expect in the near future
- Discussion, discussion, discussion



CSP Hybrid Systems Hybrid technology categories

Internal hybridization		
Integration of CSP technology into power cycle of existing (CSP add-on) and new power plants	Co inde	

External hybridization

Combination of CSP technology with independent RE systems

Integration	into power	Integration into power cycles using fossil fuel		Hybridization by use of		
cycles driv	ven by RE			joint electrical		
sou	rces			infrastructure		
CSP-biomass hybrids	CSP-geothermal hybrids	Solar-aided coal- fired power generation (SACPG) hybrids	Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC) natural gas fueled hybrids	CSP-wind hybrids	CSP-PV hybrids	



CSP Hybrid Systems Hybrid technology categories

Internal hybridization		External hybridization		h	Internal ybridization	
Integration of CSP techn existing (CSP add-on)	ology into power cycle of and new power plants		Combination of CSP technology with independent RE systems			Integration of RE systems with CSP
Integration into power cycles driven by RE sources	Integration into power cycles using fossil fuel		Hybridization by use of joint electrical infrastructure			Optimization by common operation strategy
CSP-biomass hybrids CSP- geothermal hybrids	Solar-aided coal-fired power generation (SACPG) hybrids		CSP-wind hybrids	CSP-PV hybrids		CSP-PV hybrids





CSP Hybrid Systems Hybrid technology classification regarding solar / RE share

Classification of hybrids based on the RE component share of generated power [1]:

- High hybrids of CSP with wind, PV, biomass, and geothermal energy resources
 Highest potential for mitigating global warming
- Medium solar plants that use supplementary firing of fossil fuels to enhance plant output
 Use of backup fossil fuel (usually limited to about 25%)
- Low conventional fossil fuel plants incorporating solar energy for auxiliary functions
 Solar share usually less than 20%



CSP Hybrid Systems General strategy

- Hybridization / hybrid power plants?
 combine CSP with other RE
- Goal:
 - Dispatchability of electricity generation
 - Reduce supply fluctuations
 - Minimize LCOE / maximize capacity factor
 - Establish CSP plants in regions with moderate DNI (<2000 kWh/m²a)
 - Technological bridge towards energy sustainability / "carbon-neutral" PP



Different possible configuration for CSP hybridization adapted from [2]



ISCC Hybrid Systems Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC) hybrid systems

Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC) natural gas fueled hybrids

Concept description and features:

- Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC):
 - into topping (Brayton) or bottoming (Rankine) cycle (mostly applied)
 - ➔ integration into bottoming cycle yields higher overall efficiency [3]
- CSP integration into topping cycle yields higher solar-to-electric-efficiency [4]
- CSP integration into bottoming cycle possible on high (option A) or low pressure (option B) side (see *Figure*)
- Solar capacity share in ISCC hybrids: usually < 20%</p>



Options for CSP integration into the bottoming cycle of a combined cycle gas-fired power plant



ISCC Hybrid Systems ISCC hybrid systems: Solar integration into topping cycle

Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC) natural gas fueled hybrids

- Solar integration into topping cycle \rightarrow air heating for combustor, gas turbine exhaust used to generate steam for bottoming cycle in heat recovery steam gen. (HRSG)
- PT integrating by generating steam for injection into combustion chamber (steam injection gas turbine STIG [5])
 → overall STIG system efficiency: 40-55%, corresponding solar-to-electrical efficiency of 15-24%





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ISCC Hybrid Systems ISCC hybrid systems: Solar integration into bottoming cycle

- CSP integration into bottoming cycle similar to solar-aided coal-fired plants (SACPG) → instead of using coal, exhaust heat of topping gas turbine + CSP generates steam for the bottoming cycle
- All existing / planned ISCC plants incorporate CSP in the bottoming cycle → integration is technologically mature, offering high reliability and low financial risk compared to topping cycle integration → technology for high-temperature high-pressure solar receivers for topping cycle integration is not well developed vet





Solar-aided

coal-fired

power

generation

(SACPG)



Integrated solar combined cvcle (ISCC) natural das

ISCC Hybrid Systems Operating ISCC hybrid system examples [7]

Integrated solar combined cycle (ISCC) natural gas fueled hybrids

Name: Country: Start year: Technology: Solar-based capacity: Solar-Field Aperture Area: Heat transfer fluid (HTF): SF inlet / outlet temp.:

<u>ISCC Hassi R'mel</u>
Algeria
2011
Parabolic trough
20 MW
183,860 m²
thermal oil (th.o.)
293°C / 393°C

<u>ISCC Kuraymat</u>
Egypt
2011
Parabolic trough
20 MW
130,800 m²
th.o. "Therminol VP-1"
293°C /

Martin Next Gen. Solar Florida / USA 2010 Parabolic trough 75 MW 464,908 m² th.o. "Dowtherm A" 393°C









CSP-Biomass Hybrid Systems Integration into power cycles driven by RE sources

Concept description:

- CSP integrated into power cycle of fuel-based plant
- Parallel or additional thermal energy input

Advantages:

- Electricity generation during low / no solar radiation (without TES)
- Continuous steam turbine operation (without TES)
- Maximum overall energy efficiency: approx. 33% [8]
- Capacity of biomass plant approx. 5 50 MW_{el}
 - → economy of scale benefits
 - → limited by feedstock transportation
 - i.e. cost- increase for large plants



Net cycle efficiency of CSP-biomass hybrids with power output for different biomass feedstock / CSP combinations [9]



CSP-Biomass Hybrid Systems Costs of CSP-biomass hybrid systems

Costs

→ Installation costs lower than standalone CSP with same nominal capacity
 Example for 40 MW_{el} plant @ 3.5 M\$/MW_{el}: \$140M
 → cost reduction of up to 50% [10]

- Locations for CSP-biomass hybrids:
 Many, with high DNI and biomass availability
 hybrids make CSP commercially viable also in countries with low electricity price
- CSP integration effect on biomass plant?
 → hybridization reduce biomass demand (i.e. land usage for energy crops) by 14 – 29% [11]



Variation of specific investment of solarbiomass hybrids with power output for different biomass feedstocks [9]



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CSP-Biomass Hybrid Systems Detail views of Termosolar Borges plant

CSP-biomass hybrids



- Detail views of Termosolar Borges hybrid plant [12], [13]:
- a) left: 2 x 22 MW_{th} dual biomass and natural gas boilers
- b) Parabolic trough solar field position at noon
- c) Biomass (trunk wood) delivery to the plant









CSP Hybrid Systems Overview

Hybridization / hybrid power plants? \rightarrow combine CSP with other RE

Options:

- a) Combining conventional power cycle -----> Integration into existing plant infrastructure
- b) Combining standalone CSP with independent RE technologies: external hybridization







CSP-wind hybrids

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CSP-Wind Hybrid Systems Exemplary study on CSP-wind hybrids

- Feasibility studies were conducted for several locations
 - Arabian peninsula
 - Ontario
 - India
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - North African Countries

 \rightarrow partially strong potential for complementarity between solar and wind power [14] [15]



2-Tank salt storage

Solar field

Exemplary hybrid of wind-CSP, i.e. a "light hybrid" power plant [2]



CSP-wind hybrids

Wind

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CSP-Wind Hybrid Systems Exemplary study on CSP-wind hybrids

Configurations for co-locating solar and wind power plants in Texas were analyzed [16] → deployment of hybrid plants with up to 67% of CSP would yield a positive return on investment

Investigations for plants in Australia [10] show Average Daily Direct Normal Irradiance (MJ/m²) that CSP-wind hybrids have potential as Annual several wind farms and CSP plants are 27.3 - 29.5 26.1 - 27.3 co-located

→ promising locations in South / West Australia (wind speeds > 7 m/s, DNI > 19.1 MJ/m²d) → excess electricity produced at night by wind farm can be utilized to charge TES of CSP plant → However, 260% difference in day- and night-time electricity prices necessary for economic feasibility



Overlay of Australian wind resources >7 m/s in suitable DNI areas >19.1 MJ/m2/day with transmission infrastructure [10]





CSP-wind hybrids

CSP-Wind Hybrid Systems Exemplary study on CSP-wind hybrids

- Study on the hybridization of CSP with wind farms in Andalucía by University of Jaén, Andalucía [17]
- Optimal locations for CSP-wind hybrids can overcome the spatiotemporal variability in standalone operation
- stable renewable energy base-load power possible
- good seasonal balancing between CSP plant and wind farm
- higher CSP capacity factor in summer and spring; higher wind capacity factor in winter and autumn
- addition of TES to CSP plant enhances hybrid performance, especially in spring

a) 0.8 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.0 0.0 -0.2 -0.2-0.4-0.4-0.6 -0.6 -0.8 -0.810

CSP (a) / wind (b) capacity factors during daylight hours [17]



CSP-wind hybrids

CSP-Wind Hybrid Systems Exemplary study on CSP-wind hybrids

- Study on CSP-wind hybrid plant performance at Texas Panhandle, USA [18]
- → goal: determine suitability of CSP-wind hybrids to match utility electrical load vs. standalone wind farm
- Standalone wind farm generation is highest at night when electricity load is lowest and vice versa (see Fig. a) Notes: Texas Panhandle, Oct (2003), Note: Texas Panhandle, 2004, CSP with 6 h Storage a) b)
- Best match for av. Annual utility electricity load (see Fig. b) :
 - 67 MW_{el} wind farm plus
 - 33 MW_{el} CSP plant with 6 h of TES
- But, LCOE of hybrid plant with TES is 2x standalone wind farm (\$125/MWh CSP w. TES + wind vs. wind farm only @ \$64/MWh)



a) elec. load + comparison of wind farm capacity factor (Oct., 2003 [18]) b) annual utility loading vs. different ratios of wind + CSP with TES (2004)





CSP-Wind Hybrid Systems Study on CSP-wind hybrid system performance: Skyros / Greece

- Study on CSP/wind hybrid for Greek island [19]
 - CSP plant capacity of 10 MW_{el}
 - two Vestas V112 wind turbines á 3.3 MW_{el} each
 - Total capacity of 16.6 MW_{el}
- Mean annual efficiency:19.2%
- The COE of the CSP + wind hybrid: 400 €/MWh
- electricity costs on Skyros > 400 €/MWh in 2012/2013 (77% thereof: diesel costs)
 → COE of hybrid plant is lower than of presently operating power generation plant
 → Promising option for energy autonomy of remote locations (islands)



Performance of CSP-wind hybrid with el./th. storages [19]



CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Overview

Hybridization / hybrid power plants?
 → combine CSP with other RE

Options:

- a) Combining conventional power cycle plants with CSP: Internal hybridization
 Integration into existing plant infrastructure
- b) Combining standalone CSP with independent RE technologies: external hybridization
 - Compensate for temporal effects



CSP hybridization with PV, adapted from [2]



CSP-PV Hybrid Systems External hybridization

(a) PTC-MNS

(b) CRS-MNS



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CSP-PV hybrids

CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Advantages of external hybridization

- Utilization of synergies
 - Share infrastructure (substations, transmission lines...)
 - Higher capacity factor
 - PV alone: 13%~19%
 - CSP with TES alone: > 50%
- Reducing the overall LCOE







PV plant without storage

Solar tower plant

with large storage







Joint grid infrastructure



100 MVA transmission line



100 MVA substation





CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Advantages of external hybridization

- Combining cheap power production (PV) and dispatchable power supply (CSP)
 - Low cost of PV
 - Cheap thermal storage of CSP
 - 100% renewables possibility
- Adaption to demand
 - Stable output
 - Ramp up/down







CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Example 260 MWel unit in Chile





Copiapó (Chile)

- 2*130 MW_{el} capacity (CSP)
- 150 MW_{el} capacity (PV)
- 24 hours operation
- 14 FLH storage (CSP)
- 1,800 GWh_{el} annual pow. gen.
- < \$0.10/kWh 30-year PPA</p>
- Copiapó mine in the Atacama region
- 100% solar

[Images: Solar Reserve]





CSP-PV hybrids

CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Scope of operation

- Stable baseload output
 - PV output↑, CSP output↓, baseload ~
- Output ramping up ↑, CSP output ↑
 - Response to the grid demand by CSP share
- Thermal storage is fully charged
 - defocusing parts of the collectors



Dispatch modes of power production of the CSP + PV hybrid plant, (a) baseload production and (b) peak production. [20]



CSP-PV hybrids

CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Scope of operation









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CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Synergies in winter operation

- Utilization of GHI
 - CSP maybe unable to operate, PV to generate electricity
- Tilt of PV modules
 - Higher tilt angle for PV panels → generate more in the winter
 - The optimal inclination angle for the hybrid plant is considerably higher than the tilt angle for a PV-only plant.
 - \rightarrow Hybrid PV array at a non-optimal condition
 - → Hybrid PV generating more power during winter months when CSP production decreases
 - →support a base-load production of electricity





CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Hybridization on System Level or Plant Level?

- PV, CSP independent at different sites:
 - PV Produces over day,
 - CSP dispatches to match overall loadcurve
 - 2x transmission line
 - Capacity factor each TL ~20% or lower (eg. Morocco 5/24h 19-23:59 CSP, 07:00-19:00 PV)
 - PV curtailed at peaks
 - Battery Storage at plant / at load center
 - Two operators, two strategies

Share Grid:

- PV, CSP independent at at close sites:
 - PV Produces over day,
 - CSP dispatches to match loadcurve
 - 1x transmission line
 - Capacity factor TL together ~40% or more (eg. Morocco >70% 18/24h 19-23:59 CSP, 07:00-19:00 PV)
 - PV curtailed at peaks
 - Battery Storage at plant / at load center
 - Two operators, two strategies



CSP-PV hybrids

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CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Hybridization on System Level or Plant Level?

- Same operator:
 - PV, CSP dependant at at close sites:
 - PV Produces over day,
 - CSP dispatches to match loadcurve
 - 1x transmission line
 - Capacity factor TL together ~40% or more (eg. Morocco >70% 18/24h 19-23:59 CSP, 07:00-19:00 PV)
 - PV curtailed at peaks
 - Battery Storage at plant / at load center
 - One operator, one strategie

- Integrated System:
 - PV, CSP Combined in one plant:
 - PV Produces over day,
 - CSP dispatches to match loadcurve
 - 1x transmission line
 - Capacity factor TL together up to 90%
 - PV peaks (or even more) dumped battery storage and excess energy in heat storage
 - Battery Storage at plant / at load center
 - One operator, one strategy



CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Recent concepts – internal integration

CSP-PV hybrids





CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Recent concepts – internal integration

- 1 PV production < 75 MW:
 - CSP+TES covers deficit
- 2 PV production < 75 MW:
 - CSP operates at minimum (25%), PV surplus -> BES
- 3 PV production >100 MW
 - CSP charges TES, PV surplus charges BES







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CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Noor Midelt - PV providing high temperature heat

Concept:

- PV optimized for production over day with high (full) grid penetration
- PTC field operates on oil 290-390°C with heat exchanger to salt storage

Electric excess energy heats the salt to 550°

Noor Midelt:

150 MW CSP + PV / 190 MW CSP + PV





CSP-PV hybrids

CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Noor Midelt - PV providing high temperature heat

But:

- PV→Storage→Elektricity has LOW efficiency
- Availability and cost of land becomes important
- Cost & risc [25]:
 - Not always lowest CAPEX leads to lowest LCOE
 - "Easily come down to 7 ct/kWh"
 - "In future 4-5 ct/kWh"
 - Only known technology \rightarrow no risk in bankability







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CSP-PV hybrids

CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Adapted tariffs give important incentives

DEWA IV, PPA 35 years

- Day tariff (PV): 24 US\$/MWh
- Day tariff (CSP): 29 US\$/MWh
- Peak tariff (CSP): 92 US\$/MWh
- Noor Midelt, PPA 25 years
 - Peak hours tariff: 70 US\$/MWh
 - 62 \$/MWh Average tariff:





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CSP-PV Hybrid Systems Conclusions

- PV CSP plays a high potential, when
 - Fixed load curve
 - Stable demand for day and night
 - High night tarifs !!!
- CSP+PV expected to be main solution for high DNI sites with
 - CSP at minimum level for fast reaction
 - PV following passively
 - PV tilt optimized for winter (for non tracking PV)







CSP-PV hybrids

Thank you for your Attention!



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RAYTRACING SOFTWARE AND DESIGN TOOLS FOR HELIOSTATS FIELDS



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AGENDA

Raytrace3D

- Basics
- Simulation acceleration
- Angle-dependent reflectance for soiling modeling
- Individual heliostat assessment
- Sky discretization for fast annual assessment
- Coupling to dynamic receiver simulation
- Heliostat field design/optimization
 - Heliostat field layout algorithms
 - Heliostat selection based on polygon optimization



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Raytrace3D Principle

Monte-Carlo forward ray tracing



Features

- Comprehensive library of geometries/materials/light sources
 - ➔ sophisticated modeling of solar applications
- Fully object-oriented
 readily extensible
- Number crunching in C++
 - + Pre/Postprocessing in Python
 - ➔ Fast and versatile
- Parallelized
 - ➔ Run on simulation servers



Raytrace3D **Heliostat field losses**

- Monte-Carlo ray tracing: Fraunhofer ISE tool Raytrace3D
 - Cosine losses
 - Shading
 - Absorption on heliostats
 - Blocking
 - Atmospheric attenuation
 - Spillage
 - Reflection from receiver
- Flux distribution on receiver surfaces [1]







Raytrace3D **Graphical postprocessing**

Gemasolar system Fluxmaps depicted on receiver surfaces

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Raytrace3D concepts Simulation acceleration

- Heliostats as light source
 - Creation of rays on heliostat surface
 - Trace back to sun \rightarrow shading
 - Trace to receiver \rightarrow blocking, ...
 - No tracing of (useless) rays on ground
- Bounding volume hierarchy
 - Automatic creation of axis-aligned bounding boxes
 - Binary tree hierarchy
 - Logarithmic instead of linear search
- Massive acceleration (several orders of magnitude)







Raytrace3D concepts

Angle-dependent reflectance for soiling modeling

- Clean mirrors → weak incidence angle dependency of reflectance
- Soiled mirrors → strong incidence angle dependency of reflectance
- Raytrace3D: incidence angle dependent reduction of reflectance
- Reduction of solar yield
- Improved yield prediction
- Optimization of cleaning cycles



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Raytrace3D concepts Individual heliostat assessment

Built-in routine for evaluating ray history

y [m]

- Per-unit assessment of primary aperture (heliostats)
- Evaluation of different loss mechanisms (cosine, shading, ...)
- (Optional) integration of secondary concentrator
- Full insight in heliostat field loss mechanisms
- Input for field design





Raytrace3D concepts

Sky discretization for fast annual assessment [2,3]

Uniform discretization of the sky hemisphere



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Raytrace3D concepts Sky discretization for fast annual assessment [2,3]

Nearest neighbor



Spherical barycentric



Radial basis function network



Node influence on interpolated sun position

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0%	25%	50%	75%	100%

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Raytrace3D concepts

Sky discretization for fast annual assessment [2,3]

- Uniform discretization of the sky hemisphere
- Linear barycentric interpolation
 + Radial Basis Function (RBF) correction





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Raytrace3D concepts Coupling to dynamic receiver simulation

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Top row:Temperature distribution [°C] in the fluidCenter row:Temperature distribution [°C] on the panel surfaceBottom row:Flux distribution [W] on the panel surface





Heliostat field design/optimization Patterns-based algorithms

- Layout algorithms based on underlying pattern
- Base cases: radially staggered vs. cornfield
- Several free parameters
- Advantages:
 - Fast creation of large fields
 - Construction and maintenance easier in a regular layout
- Disadvantage:
 - Difficult to adapt to uneven terrain







Part of Ivanpah field (source: Google Maps)





Heliostat field design/optimization MUEEN layout

- Aim: no blocking
- Radially staggered
- Re-grouping for denser field
- Original algorithm [6] extended by Fraunhofer ISE [5]



Re-modeling of Ivanpah heliostat field with *Fraunhofer ISE MUEEN* algorithm and field boundaries

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Heliostat field design/optimization CAMPO layout [7]

- Radially staggered
- Creation of densest possible field
- Azimuthal and radial stretching (local!) to reduce shading and blocking



Field generated with CAMPO algorithm (plot from [7])



Heliostat field design/optimization Biomimetic layout [8]

- Biomimetic phylotaxis disc pattern
 sunflower
- Angular distribution is related to the golden ratio $(1 + \sqrt{5})/2$
- Optimization of free parameter



Field generated with biomimetic algorithm (plot from [8])





Heliostat field design/optimization Pattern-free algorithms

- No underlying pattern
- Heliostat placement based on some heuristic
- Advantages:
 - Easily applicable to uneven terrain
- Disadvantage:
 - Field creation very complicated and computationally intensive



Heliostat field design/optimization Genetic algorithm [9]

- Random generation of initial heliostat base points
- Genetic algorithm (cross-over, mutation, selection) to optimize field



Field optimization with genetic algorithm (plot from presentation related to [9])





Heliostat field design/optimization **Greedy algorithm [10]**

- Iterative growth of the heliostat field
- Every new heliostat is placed at the currently best position in the available area
- Different implementations available



Field optimization with greedy algorithm (plot from [10])



HELIOSTAT SELECTION BASED ON POLYGON OPTIMIZATION

- Motivation
- Problem Description
- Methodology
- Application
- Summary & Outlook



Motivation

Heliostat field represents about 40% of CAPEX of entire plant [1]

Typical loss composition for a 600 MW_{th} Solar Tower plant [3]



Loss / gain share of pot. energy $DNI_{an} \cdot A_{HSF}$ [%]

Field design for high annual efficiency and low cost is crucial

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Heliostat selection based on polygon optimization Problem description: Heliostat Selection from Oversized Field



- Respect area boundaries
- Meet flux requirements
- Optimize for given objective function
- Coherent field, feasible w.r.t. construction and maintenance





HELIOSTAT SELECTION BASED ON POLYGON OPTIMIZATION

Problem Description

Methodology

- Oversized Field
- Polygon-Based Selection
- Area Boundaries
- Evolutionary Optimization Algorithm
- Application
- Summary & Outlook





Methodology Oversized Field



- Generation with extended MUEEN algorithm [4]
- Assessment with Raytrace3D [5]
- > Not mandatory, any suitable tools can be used

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Methodology Polygon-Based Selection

- Equi-angular vertices
- Centered around tower base
- Only vertex radii as free parameters in optimization
- Coherent field boundaries
- Evaluation of objective function on entire field
- For polar field, limit angular range





Methodology Area Boundaries

- Yet another polygon
- Move relative to tower base
- Two additional degrees of freedom: Δx, Δy

Area boundaries are

- Large, not constraining
- Large enough, constraining
- Too small_
- Fixed position





Methodology Evolutionary Optimization Algorithm



Problem-specific tweaks

- Penalty on not reaching required flux at design point
- Mutation range descreases with sigmoid function



- Small tournament size of 3
- Full generational replacement, no elitism
- low selection pressure, no premature convergence





HELIOSTAT SELECTION BASED ON POLYGON OPTIMIZATION

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Application Base Scenario

Parameter	Value [6]
Site	Seville, Spain
Absorbed power at design point	55.27 MW
Tower height	100.5 m
External receiver diameter	14 m
External receiver height	12 m
Number of heliostats in oversized field	35000
Heliostat area (square)	8 m²
Minimum radial heliostat distance to tower	80 m
Design point	Winter solstice
Design DNI	850 W/m²

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Application **Objective function**

Objective function maximizes yield per cost [6]:

- annual optical efficiency η_{an} of the entire field
- ground area A_{ground} being the convex hull of all heliostats
- cumulative mirror area A_{HSF} of all heliostats
- cost ratio $k = \frac{k_{ground}}{k_{HSF}}$ of ground area to mirror area
- Cumulative annual direct normal irradiance DNIan

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Application No Area Boundaries, Cost Ratio k=0%

Generation 0



Animations showing best candidate every ten generations





Application No Area Boundaries, Cost Ratio k=0%







 $OF = \eta_{an}$

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Application No Area Boundaries, Cost Ratio k=0%





Application No Area Boundaries, Cost Ratio k=4%



 η_{an}

OF = -

Application Complex Area Constraints, Cost Ratio k=0%

Generation 0





Application Complex Area Constraints, Cost Ratio k=0%



 $OF = \eta_{an}$





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Application Complex Area Constraints, Cost Ratio k=0%

 $OF = \eta_{an}$





Summary & Outlook

- Method: solar field heliostat selection based on polygon optimization and boundaries
- Coherent fields
- Area boundaries
- Flexible objective function
- Quantitative comparison to other approaches
- Allowable flux limits in objective function
- Area boundaries with undercuts, holes and hilly terrain





Ashalim Power Station, BrightSource Industries Israel (source: https://inhabitat.com/)





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Flux measurement for the Next-CSP project: Moving bar at Themis

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Next-CSP project

- Installation at the Themis site
 - Tower of 104 m
 - 107 heliostats of 54 m² each
 - System between 83 m and 92 m height
 - ~70 tons







Next-CSP project

Flux mapping at the aperture of the solar receiver → moving bar (fast motion to avoid melting the bar)







Flux measurement system

- Consists in:
 - High frame rate CMOS camera
 - Fast response heat flux sensor
 - Moving bar

• Advantage: Measure the flux distribution during solar receiver experiment



Flux measurement system

• CMOS camera installed in the solar field





- Basler, sensor CMOS Sony IMX174, 1920*1200, monochrome
- High picture frame rate (up to 163 FPS)
- 16-bit dynamic
- Pixel of 2.34 x 2.34 mm


• Heat flux sensor installed on the moving bar



- Heat flux micro-sensor model HFM 6
- 17 to 300 μs response time
- Thermopile 4 mm in diameter, covered with Pyromark[®] film $\rightarrow \alpha = 94\%$
- Accuracy of ± 3%
- High-speed A/D converter and data acquisition system ADDI DATA MSX-E3011



• Moving bar





• Moving bar





• Moving bar











- View of the moving bar from the CMOS camera (colors added in ImageJ)
- Black stripes to be able to locate the bar in the concentrated solar flux





- Data processing (developed in the framework of the PEGASE project)
 - User interface











- Data processing
 - Flat-field correction (Same area of interest on the CCD matrix, same gain and shutter speed)
 - Lens covered with a tap → Black images → contain the electronic bias and noise generated by the A/D converter
 - Lens covered with a uniform brightness source → Flat-field images → contain the noise and distortion generated by each pixel when discharging their current and the optical defaults resulting from dust or scratches possibly remaining on the lens.







- Data processing
 - Flat-field correction

$$I_{net} = \frac{I_{raw} - I_{black}}{I_{flat} - I_{black}}$$

- Background subtracted
- $I_{corr} = I_{net} I_{back}$
- Gradient along x-axis (after normalization)

 $I_{grad-x} = grad_x (I_{corr-n})$

 Average value of normalized gradient along each column

$$Mean_{grad-x-n} = mean_y (I_{grad-x-n})$$









- Data processing
 - Mapping grey value

$$MeanValPixel(p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} ValPixel_{p}(i)$$

$$STD(p) = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ValPixel_{p}(i) - MeanValPixel(p) \right]^{2}}$$

ValPixelp(i) that deviate from the average by more than twice the STD(p) are rejected

 $MeanValPixel(p) - 2 \times STD(p) < ValPixel_{p}(i) < MeanValPixel(p) + 2 \times STD(p)$



- Data processing
 - Calibration

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{flux}(n) = X_{max}(n) + dF_x \\ Y_{flux} = dF_y \end{bmatrix}$$



- $ValPixel(x_n)=ValPixel(X_{flux}(n),Y_{flux})$

$$Cost(G) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{l} [G \times ValPixel(t_i) - F_{measured}(t_i)]^2}$$



- Data processing
 - Power calculation

$$P_{solar-in} = \sum_{cells} [Flux(cell_i) \times Area(cell_i)]$$



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Flux measurements Introduction

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Intro to flux measurements

1.Flux measurements?

2.Direct methods

3.Indirect methods

- Measuring the thermal energy
- 2 Parameters:
 - Power:
- kW, MW, or MWth...
 - Power density:

1 kW/m2 = 1 sun = 0,1 W/cm2

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Flux density	Spectral radiance	$L_{e,\Omega,v}^{[nb 3]}$ or $L_{e,\Omega,\lambda}^{[nb 4]}$	watt per steradian per square metre per hertz or watt per steradian per square metre, per metre	W∙sr ⁻¹ ∙m ⁻² ∙Hz ⁻¹ or W∙sr ⁻¹ ∙m ⁻³	M·T ^{−2} or M·L ^{−1} ·T ^{−3}	Radiance of a <i>surface</i> per unit frequency or wavelength. The latter is commonly measured in W·sr ⁻¹ ·m ⁻² ·nm ⁻¹ . This is a <i>directional</i> quantity. This is sometimes also confusingly called "spectral intensity".
	Irradiance	E _e ^[nb 2]	watt per square metre	W/m ²	M·T ^{–3}	Radiant flux <i>received</i> by a <i>surface</i> per unit area. This is sometimes also confusingly called "intensity".
	Spectral irradiance	$E_{e,v}^{[nb 3]}$ or $E_{e,\lambda}^{[nb 4]}$	watt per square metre per hertz <i>or</i> watt per square metre, per metre	W∙m ⁻² ∙Hz ⁻¹ or W/m ³	M·T ^{−2} or M·L ^{−1} ·T ^{−3}	Irradiance of a <i>surface</i> per unit frequency or wavelength. The terms spectral flux density or more confusingly "spectral intensity" are also used. Non-SI units of spectral irradiance include Jansky = 10^{-26} W·m ⁻² ·Hz ⁻¹ and solar flux unit (1SFU = 10^{-22} W·m - ² ·Hz ⁻¹).
	Radiosity	J _e [nb 2]	watt per square metre	W/m ²	M·T ⁻³	Radiant flux <i>leaving</i> (emitted, reflected and transmitted by) a <i>surface</i> per unit area. This is sometimes also confusingly called "intensity".
	Spectral radiosity	$J_{e,v}^{[nb 3]}$ or $J_{e,\lambda}^{[nb 4]}$	watt per square metre per hertz <i>or</i> watt per square metre, per metre	W·m ^{−2} ·Hz ^{−1} or W/m ³	M·T ⁻² or M·L ⁻¹ ·T ⁻³	Radiosity of a <i>surface</i> per unit frequency or wavelength. The latter is commonly measured in W·m $^{-2}$ ·nm ⁻¹ . This is sometimes also confusingly called "spectral intensity".

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiometry

(and not photometry)

- Measuring the thermal energy:
 - In total
 - In space
 - In time

MWSF H53 Flux data results

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Flux final data results: focal volume exploration

3D data



MWSF H16 Flux data results: tracking performance

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PSA flux data: tracking performance



Flux measurements: data reduction

- Spatial data reduction: defining the spot with reduced parameters instead of a picture
 - Peak value and location: maximum or barycenter
 - Gaussian standard deviations
 - Ellipsoid shape
 - Ellipsoid orientation

Flux measurements: data reduction



Image function *f(x, y)*: Bidimensional discrete function which represents the <u>digital image</u> generated by a CCD camera in nxm order matrix format.

f(x, y) central moments:

$$\mu_{pq} = \int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \overline{x})^p (y - \overline{y})^q f(x, y) dx dy$$
for p, q = 0, 1, 2... and $\overline{x} = \frac{m_{10}}{m_{00}}; \quad \overline{y} = \frac{m_{01}}{m_{00}}$

In case of discrete function (digital picture):

$$\mu_{pq} = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} (x - \overline{x})^{p} (y - \overline{y})^{q} f(x, y)$$

Flux measurements: data reduction

Our interest: p, q = 1, 2 $\operatorname{var}(x) = \frac{\mu_{20}}{\sum \sum f(x, y)}; \quad \mu_x = \sqrt{\operatorname{var}(x)}$ $\operatorname{var}(y) = \frac{\mu_{02}}{\sum \sum f(x, y)}; \quad \mu_y = \sqrt{\operatorname{var}(y)}$ $\mu_{20} = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} (x - \bar{x})^2 f(x, y)$ $\mu_{02} = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} (y - \bar{y})^2 f(x, y)$ $\mu_{11} = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y}) f(x, y)$ $\operatorname{cov} ar(x, y) = \frac{\mu_{11}}{\sum \sum f(x, y)};$ $egin{array}{c} e=rac{\mu_U}{\mu_V}\ lpha=\langle \hat{e},\hat{u}
angle \end{array}$ $\lambda_{U}, \lambda_{V} = EIG(C_{YY})$



Methods for flux measurements

• 2 methods and set of instruments:

• Direct methods

Sensors directly measure thermal power

Indirect methods

Several sensors and postprocessing required

Direct methods

Direct methods

- Gardon gages
- Calorimeters
- Other thermoeletric sensors
- (Pyroelectric sensors)) Not (widely) used for CSP
- (Photonic sensors)

=> local measurement = surface averaged

• Measuring heat flowing in a known material

 \Rightarrow measuring ΔT in a material

=> with a know conductivity

=> we can calculate the heat transfer

=> if we know the optical absorptivity

=> we can calculate the irradiance







Advantages:

- Simple
- Small
- Accurate: 5-10 %
- Can have a window to protect from harsh conditions (dust, weather...)

- Widely used (and characterized):
 - Fire protection (0-50 suns)
 - Combustion (0-1000 suns)
 - CSP (0-5000 suns)
 - Plasma reactor (0-100 000+ suns)

Issues are well known (but not ± well corrected):

- Heat sink temperature dependance
- Absorptivity
- Convection losses
- Directionality
- (plus normal sensors signal issues, grounding...)

CIEMAT-PSA J. Ballestrin calibration: graphite heated plate + reference sensor + spectral calculated correction for Zynolite coating




Gardon gauges

SFERA Flux Intercomp 2012 at Odeillo's MWSF



Thermoelectric sensors

Other thermoelectric sensors for:

- Faster speed: up to kHz rate
- Better signal range or sensibility
- Better or complete immunity to convection losses
- Lower price

Thermoelectric sensors

Usually, variations around the sandwich principle:



Thermoelectric sensors





Captec

https://www.captec.fr/

Convection and T° self corrected but low flux: < 500 suns

Thermal energy is transferred to a fluid => measuring mass flow \dot{m} => measuring temperature change ΔT => knowing heat capacity C_p => calculate power P

$P = \dot{m} \cdot c_{\rm p} \cdot \Delta T$





Measuring water **flow** with very high accuracy:

- Weighting accumulated volume during a reference time
- Chronometer and reference volume(s)
- Coriolis flowmeter

The best

The *«easiest»*

- Other mass flowmeters (heat capacity...)
- Volumetric flowmeters

Calculating water mass from volume:

$$\rho = a_5 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{(T + a_1)^2 \cdot (T + a_2)}{a_3 \cdot (T + a_4)} \right)$$

 ρ : density of water between 0 and 40 °C in kg/m³)

*a*₁ = -3.983035 °C

$$a_3 = 522528.9 \ ^{\circ}C^2$$

*a*₄ = 69.34881 °C

*a*₅ = 999.974950 kg/m³

For *pure* water...

The best



Measuring **temperature** with very high accuracy:

- Thermistances RTD
- Thermistances PT100
- Differential thermocouple (E, J, K...)
- Normal thermocouples (E, J, K...)

What is the fluid heat capacity?

- Are we sure of our chemistry?
- Temperature correction





Calculated apparent cavity absorptivity with diffusive walls at **0.750** (aka a poor old black paint...)

Direct method: flux mapping

• Using moving calorimeters





🔺 Only if fast enough!!!

Discrete measurement location

Direct method: flux mapping

Interpolated data position

Plotting results



Direct sensors: the others



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AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEASURING CONCENTRATED SOLAR-RADIATION: A PHOTO-SENSOR INTERFACED WITH AN INTEGRATING SPHERE

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Abstract—The expression of the intensity of light reflected by the internal surface of an integrating sphere with an input power provided by a concentrated solar beam is established using a model of multilation of photons. This intensity appears to be proportional to the input power, and thus makes viable the utilization of a photo-sensor interfaced with an integrating sphere to build a solar flaxmeter. The major parameters of the design of the flaxmeter are then identified, and an optimized design is proposed. An example of a practical instrument is given, and its performance is measured and discussed. The sensitivity of the flaxmeter to the spectral distribution of the solar radiation requires a careful calibration of the gauge in order to achieve a measurement error less than ±5% of reading. © 2002 Elsevier Science Ld. All rights reserved.





First characterization of the Odeillo Big Solar Furnace in 1970 with a fast moving instrument using a photodiode inside an integrating sphere

Direct sensors: the others



aser powermeters: be careful with the **spectrum** calibration!!!!!

Indirect methods

Indirect methods

- Camera based
- Ray tracing



The source, the Sun:

- Spectral issues
- Brightness distribution
- Apparent diameter (CSR)







Indirect method, camera based: the target

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Usual: PPG Amercoat 741 paint, smoked MgO... Reflectivity ageing? Directional effects? Spectral values?

Target reflectivity **infield** characterization: *work in progress...*

Indirect method, camera based: the lens and filters: spatial effects



Indirect method, camera based: the lens and filters: intrinsic parameters





Indirect method, camera based: the lens and filters: extrinsic parameters



Indirect method, camera based: the lens and filters: radiometric calibration



For normal lenses: calibration with a «flat field» picture from a flat box





Sensibilité spectrale du détecteur Sony CCD ICX445AQA avec microlentilles EXview HAD

careful with the absorption spectrum...

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Inside a camera: data path. And the settings.

- This was to take a picture.
- Now we need to calibrate its sensitivity using a reference «direct» sensor: calorimeter, radiometer...







Setup at CNRS MSSF: measuring alternatively calorimeter and camera

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Post processing:

- Spatial calibration
- Radiometric calibration
- DNI normalisation
- => a lot of 2D calculation of the gray levels
- **Inumerical losses!!!!** Typical pictures are 8 bits (per color), but we need at least 16 bits integer, and 32 bits floating point is by far the pest.

Eventually TIFF format with metadata, but rather FITS or HDF5.

Indirect method, camera based: Measurement process

Calorimeter data

Solar data x 2

+



+

Actual image

 \mathbf{Q}_{a}^{a}



MSSF 6kW 2014

Indirect method, raytracing based

Caclulating fluxmaps:

- Need to know the source
- Need to know the optics: position, optical properties



More information





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R12.13 Report on flux measurements For users

Due date of deliverable: Month 48

Actual submission date: Month 52

Organisation name of lead contractor for this deliverable: CNRS





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http://sfera3.sollab.eu/



Plan

- Measuring?
- Part I: Instrumentation
- Part II: Uncertainties
- [Part III: Quality]
- Measurement techniques

Special slide

Some tools should be

simply defined and usable

on these slides

Introduction

What is **measuring**?

Introduction

What is **measuring**?

- Determine a numeric value of a physical parameter in a given set of conditions
 - instrumentation
- With an evaluated **trust** of the numeric value
 >uncertainties

With an evaluated **trust** of the procedure
 >quality

It is a science!

Instrumentation + Uncertainties = **Metrology**

Metrology is defined by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) as "the **science of measurement**, embracing both **experimental and theoretical** determinations

at any level of uncertainty

in any field of science and technology."

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MEASURING IS COMPARING

Measuring: determine <u>a numeric evaluation</u> of a physical <u>parameter</u> with a <u>process</u>

- Primary characteristics: time, length, mass...
- Derived characteristics: speed, surface, mass flow, viscosity, specific heat, hardness...

Measuring: determine a numeric evaluation of a physical quantity with a process...

...With comparison to a reference quantity => Number + Unit

> What is the length of the car? 4,3 m What is the temperature of the oil? 235 ° C What is the DNI? 954 W/m2

MEASURING IS COMPARING

The SI system of units

- 7 units to rule it all:
 - Temperature => kelvin (K)
 - Time => second (s)
 - -Length => meter (m)
 - Mass => kilogram (kg)
 - Luminous intensity => candela (cd)
 - Quantity of matter => mole (mol)
 - Electric current => ampere (A)

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The SI system of units



The SI system of units

- Definitions of the units? Universal!
 - It should be stable in time

 $\Rightarrow \dots$

- With a repeatable procedure

- \Rightarrow Second = number of pulsations of transition state of Cesium
- \Rightarrow Meter = distance travelled by light in vacuum in 1 second
- \Rightarrow Mole = as many as many atoms in 12 mg of Carbon 12

 \Rightarrow Kilogram = mass of the International Prototype Kilogram

The SI system of units

- SI = <u>Système</u> <u>International</u> d'unités
- French Revolution: Universal for Mankind
 - including the measurement system
 - still many things in French by France based organizations





Traceability

MEASURING IS COMPARING

Traceability of units

International References

National References

Regional / Private References

User Measurements

Comparison: **Process** of Measurement



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Reference

[X]

Direct quantity

Width of a rectangle





width

Direct quantity

Width of a rectangle

width

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height

Example of indirect quantity Surface of a rectangle $S = h \times w$



One observation of a measurement

At the end, a numeric evaluation with a unit

The width of the rectangle is 13,45 cm

The surface of the rectangle is 127 cm²

Uncertainties

Part I

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Reference

Guide to the expression of Uncertainty in Measurement



MEASURING IS COMPARING

But how good is the comparison?

How trustworthy is it?



Uncertainties

Provide a **reasonable** *evaluation* of how much **doubt** we have about the numeric *evaluation* of the measurement

The Truth Is Out There



Uncertainty

Measurement = number + unit + uncertainty

the length of the truck is

12,5 m \pm 0,1 m with 95 % confidence

Is a different measure significant?



From WMO — Instruments And Observing Methods Report No. 86

Conformity tests



Conformity tests

CSP plant output depends on receiver temperature.

Evaluation of the **temperature** depends on:

- Radiometric measurements
- Surface properties

Evaluation of the radiometric depends on:

- Atmospheric conditions
- Sensor and optical system calibration

Evaluation of the **surface properties** depends on:

Status of the coating

Modelisation of a measurement

{One observed value}

(True value) + (systematic error) + (random error)

Modelisation of a measurement



Systematic error

If a **systematic error** arises from a **recognized** effect of an influence quantity on a measurement result, the effect can be quantified and, if it is significant in size relative to the required accuracy of the measurement,

a **correction** or **a correction factor** can be applied to compensate for the effect.

It is assumed that, after correction, the expectation or expected value of the error arising from a systematic effect is zero.

Systematic error

- Examples:
 - While measuring a resistance, the connection wires => $R_{observerd} = R_{unknown} + R_{wires}$
 - The thermal expansion of a ruler => $L = L_0 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T$

A systematic bias observed during calibration of the sensor
Random error

Random error presumably arises from **unpredictable or stochastic temporal and spatial variations** of influence quantities.

The effects of such variations give rise to variations in repeated observations of the measurand.

Although it is not possible to compensate for the random error of a measurement result, **it can usually be reduced by increasing the number of observations**; its expectation or expected value is zero.

 Systematic errors can be reduced with a correction

=> but we only have an estimate of the correction

 Random error can be reduced with a large number of observations

=> effect of the size of the set on the estimate knowledge??

- Method:
 - 1. Describe the measurement: list all the influence quantities
 - 2. Determine each influence quantity
 - 3. Determine the uncertainty for each quantity
 - 4. Calculate the combined uncertainty
 - 5. Calculate the expanded uncertainty

1. Describe the measurement

Y is determined from N quantities Xi

$$Y = f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_N)$$



5Ms — Ishikawa — Fishbone



Uncertainty of the Measurement

Process Environment Material

5M — Ishikawa — Fishbone



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3. Determine the uncertainty for each quantity

=> 2 cases:

- Repeated observations => TYPE A
- Other evaluation => TYPE B



Uncertainty Type A

If we have *n* repeated observations:

 \Rightarrow The best *estimate* of the quantity is the **mean**

$$\overline{q} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} q_k$$

 $\Rightarrow \text{ The best estimate of the uncertainty is}$ $u = s_p / \sqrt{n} \quad \text{with} \quad s^2(q_k) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (q_j - \overline{q})^2$

Uncertainty Type B

If the quantity is not determined from repeated observations, the uncertainty is evaluated by scientific judgement based on all of the available information on the possible variability.

Examples: • manufacturer's specifications

- data provided in calibration and other certificates
- uncertainties assigned to reference data taken from handbooks

Uncertainty Type B

 \Rightarrow Use the existing knowledge

 \Rightarrow Assume a distribution law of the variations

 \Rightarrow Calculate the uncertainty



Uncertainty Type B

- For a numeric display $\pm a$
- For a hysteresis ±a

$$u(\mu_t) = a / \sqrt{3}$$



- Method:
 - 1. Describe the measurement: list all the influence quantities
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 - 3. Determine the uncertainty for each quantity
 - 4. Calculate the combined uncertainty

Calculate the expanded uncertainty

Combined uncertainty

- We have the law $Y = f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_N)$
- We have the X_i and their uncertainties

 $u = s_{\rm p} / \sqrt{n}$ $u(\mu_t) = a / \sqrt{3}$

=> The combined uncertainty is (uncorrelated quantities)

$$u_{c}^{2}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{i}}\right)^{2} u^{2}(x_{i})$$

The partial derivatives $\partial f/\partial x_i$ are equal to $\partial f/\partial X_i$ evaluated at $X_i = x_i$

Combined uncertainties

Example:

additive measurement of 2 quantities with equiprobable distributions



Combined uncertainties



- Method:
 - 1. Describe the measurement: list all the influence quantities
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 - 4. Calculate the combined uncertainty
 - 5. Calculate the expanded uncertainty

Expanded uncertainty

- u(Xi) describes the uncertainty
- But we would like to say: the length is 12,5 m \pm 0,1 m with 95 % confidence

- => Expanded uncertainty U
- => Coverage factor **k**

 $U = k u_{\mathbf{C}}(y)$

Expanded uncertainty

Assuming a few things (normal distributions...)

➢ For 95% confidence *k* = 2

For 99% confidence k = 3





Assumptions for all these

Normal distributions

- Large number of observations (70-100+)
- No correlations between quantities

Measurement techniques

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Instrument properties

- Measurement range
- Linearity accuracy of response within range
- Stability short and long term drift
- Response time
- Accuracy
- Precision
- Hysteresis
- Quantization signal and sampling rate
- Cost money, time, complexity

Measurement range

How wide is the possible measurement range?

- Examples:
 - Size of a ruler
 - Starting and destruction speed of an anemometer
 - Freezing and boiling points of a thermometer

Linearity

How many corrections to apply along the measuring range?



Stability

- How much drift of the measurement evaluation:
 - short term
 - long term
 - Example for a temperature measurement by thermocouple:
 - Short term drift: thermal sensitivity of the ADC
 - Long term drift: chemical alteration of the TC

Repeatibility and Reproductibility

Repeatability

Variability on an occasion With-in run precision

Reproducibility

Variability on different occasions Between-run precision

Response time

How fast the output signal changes?



Thermocouples: Speed vs Diameter

Accuracy and Precision

Accuracy (Justesse)

The closeness of the experimental mean value to the true value.

High accuracy = Small systematic error.

Precision (Fidélité)

The degree of scatter in the results.

High precision = Small random error.

Accuracy and Precision



PRECISE



whatever...





ACCURATE and PRECISE

Hysteresis

Does the output depends on past environment?



Quantization

Quantity of steps between the analog signal and the numeric value:

- Signal output
- Sampling rate

Eg: 16 bits = 65536 values for the Full Scale of the converter



Eg: 1 ksps = 1000 values per seconds

Instrument properties

- Measurement range
- Linearity
- Hysteresis
- Stability
- Response time
- Quantization





- Accuracy
- Precision
- Repeatability
- Reproductibility
- Cost €€€-time





Choice of the instrument



Instrument properties

There are **no perfect** sensor which has the perfect properties for all the measurements needs.

 \Rightarrow Need to adapt the technology and setup of the sensor to the actual requirement of measurement performance: "the size of the uncertainty"

 \Rightarrow In order to save time and $\in \in \in$

 \Rightarrow In order to be realistic with the environment

Instrument properties

There are no perfect sensor which has the perfect properties for all the measurements needs.

⇒A wished performance may be unreachable with the provided resources and the current state of the art of the Metrology

 \Rightarrow Eg: measuring the irradiated surface temperature of a tower solar receiver at \pm 1 K @ 95% uncertainty: next to impossible in real field, at least for now... no ?


Measuring is Comparing

The Truth is Out there

Reference books about measurement *techniques*

Béla G. Liptak
 CRC Press 4th edition: 2005 ISBN13: 978-084-931-0812



ISBN13: 978-210-076-0206





LES CAPTEURS EN INSTRUMENTATION INDUSTRIELLE

8. ÉDITION



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THE reference guide for uncertainties, terms



Bureau International des Poids et Mesures

http://www.bipm.org





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PROMES overview

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- ✓ Staff: about 150 people (incl. 60 students)
- ✓ 3 locations: Perpignan, Odeillo & Targasonne
 - **Original equipments:** solar furnaces (1.5 kW to 1 MW) & solar tower (5 MW)
 - **Research Infrastructure :** National & European (SFERA 3 project, H2020)



PROMES overview

Mission

Development of Science & Technologies related to solar energy applications, mainly **concentrated solar energy**:

- ✓ **Thermal conversion**: building heating and cooling
- ✓ **Concentrated Solar thermal**: heat, power and fuel production
- Photovoltaic conversion: new materials processing and concentrating PV (CPV)
- **High temperature materials:** testing & evaluation

PROMES overview

Large projects

PROME

- ✓ National Laboratory of Excellence in Solar Energy: "SOLSTICE"
- ✓ National Equipment of Excellence in Concentrated Solar Energy: "SOCRATE"
- ✓ European Infrastructure "SFERA3", "STAGE-STE",...
- Coordinator of H2020 projects:
 "Next-CSP" Electricity from Gas turbine with particles
 "PEGASE" Electricity from Gas turbine with air receiver
 "SolPart" chemistry in suspended particles

Participates to H2020 projects: "RaiseLife" improving CSP components



PROMES Main Solar Facilities

Performances



Power : from 1 kW to 5 MW

Concentration: up to **16000 suns** (4000K)



Capacity to **modulate** power and flux density

Possibility to perform tests under vacuum and controlled atmosphere Achievement of heating and cooling cycles, and very fast heating (<1s)



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15 Solar Facilities

- ✓ 12 Solar Furnaces (two reflections)
- ✓ 1 Dish, 50 kW (one reflection)
- ✓ 1 Parabolic trough, 150 kW (one reflection)
- ✓ 1 Solar Tower, 5 MW (one reflection)











P = 1000 kW 63 Heliostats, Parabola 54x40m, Concentration ~ 10 000

Small Solar Furnaces 6 kW, 2 kW and 1.5 kW



P = 6 kW Spherical mirrors D= 4m, S=12.5m² f= 3.75m, d=5cm Concentration ~ 6 000

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P = 2 & 1.5 kW
Single mirror parabola
6 Units: D=2m, f=.85m, d=0.5-1cm
4 Units: D=1.5m, f= .65m, d=0.5-1cm
Concentration ~ 16 000

The 1 MW Solar Furnace



 $P = 1000 \, kW$ 63 Heliostats S_{parabola}=1830 m² f=18 m Concentration ~ 9 000



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Small solar plant (parabolic trough) Microsol-R







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THEMIS tower and heliostat field

P = 5000 kW 107 Heliostats 54 m² 2 focal experimental areas Concentration ~ 2000





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Parabolic dish

P = 55 kW Parabola d=8.5 m, 57 m^{2,} f=4.5 m **Concentration ~ 9500**



Dish system configuration (Eurodish project) for electricity production from a Stirling Engine

Research teams

Domain 1: Materials and extreme conditions

✓ High Temperature Materials and Solar Fuels
 MHTCS team (L. Charpentier)

 \checkmark Photovoltaics, Plasmas, Thin Films

PPCM team (L. Thomas)

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 Nanoscaled Systems and Structures : Optical, Electronic, and Magnetic Properties
 S2N team (H. Kachkachi)

Domain 2: Conversion, storage & transport of energy

✓ Storage for Photochemical & Energetic Helioprocesses
 SHPE team (V. Goetz)

✓ Thermophysics, Radiation & Fluid Dynamics for Solar Plants
 TRECS team (C. Caliot, A. Toutant)

✓ Thermodynamics, Energetics and reactive Systems
 TES team (D. Stitou)

✓ Systems control, instrumentation & characterization
 COSMIC team (S. Grieu)

✓ Supervision, Solar Energy, Electrical Systems
 SEnSE team (T. Talbert)

Solar receivers Materials design (selective & HT) Heat Transfer New fluids

Storage Thermal and thermochemical

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New applications: **Solar synthetic fuels** and thermochemistry Integration & Supervision

Concentrating

systems

(optics)

Solar resource assessment and forecasting

From nano to commercial plants



Solar Receivers



PEGASE project

- Hybrid solar gas turbine system
- ✓ Themis Solar tower facility (< 5 MWth) 550° C → 750° C → 1000° C
- ✓ Pressurized air (Brayton)
- ✓ Design (modeling), simulation & test of HT receivers (metallic, ceramic, ...)

Funding until 2015: Public (Ministry of Research, Agencies) + private (EDF, TOTAL)



Solar Receivers (Heat transfer fluids)

Next-CSP project Particles receiver and thermal storage for CSP applications (\rightarrow patented)

Funding: EU H2020 1.8 M€, 2017-2020

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Particle-in-tubes solar receiver

- Thermal storage (Sensible heat)
- ✓ Shaped ceramic from various inorganic industrial wastes (abestos, flying ashes, ...)
- \rightarrow Cofalit[®], Start-up "Eco-Tech-Ceram"

- ✓ Thermocline with cheap filler materials
- ✓ Modelling and experiments at lab and pilot scales



Solar Fuels

Solar fuels from thermochemical H₂O/CO₂ splitting cycles

✓ Metal oxide redox cycles

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$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{M}_{x}\mathsf{O}_{y} \rightarrow \mathsf{M}_{x}\mathsf{O}_{y\text{-}1} + \frac{1}{2}\mathsf{O}_{2} \\ & \mathsf{M}_{x}\mathsf{O}_{y\text{-}1} + \mathsf{H}_{2}\mathsf{O}/\mathsf{CO}_{2} \rightarrow \mathsf{M}_{x}\mathsf{O}_{y} + \mathsf{H}_{2}/\mathsf{CO} \end{split}$$

- Volatile oxides (ZnO/Zn, SnO₂/SnO...)
- Solar reactors for thermal or carbo-thermal reduction
- Oxidation reactions (thermodynamics, kinetics, chemical yields)
- Non-stoichiometric oxides (ceria, perovskites...)
- Materials synthesis, doping, chemical reactivity over cycles (stability)
- Optimization of composition/morphology and solar reactor concepts

 $M_{x}Ce_{1-x}O_{2-\delta} \xrightarrow{H_{2}O, CO_{2}} H_{2}O, CO_{2}$ $M_{x}Ce_{1-x}O_{2} \xrightarrow{T}$





Hydrogen/syngas production from hydrocarbon resources

✓ Methane decomposition (thermal / catalytic): CH_4 → $C+2H_2$



- ✓ Methane reforming for syngas production with oxygen carriers : $CH_4 + MO \rightarrow M + CO + 2H_2$ $M + H_2O \rightarrow MO + H_2$ $= CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$
- ✓ Solar biomass gasification

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 \rightarrow Testing of a continuously-fed tubular reactor for wood gasification

Supervision & integration

Solar resource assessment and forecasting

- ✓ Development of intra-hour forecasting models (GHI/DNI) based on the concept of time series, satellite data, or sky-imaging data
- ✓ Development and calibration of ground-based cameras equipped with ultra wide-angle lens (i.e. sky imagers) and High Dynamic Range (HDR) imaging
- Development of predictive strategies for optimal management (control) of photovoltaic (PV) and Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) plants

Electrical systems

- Development of electric energy conversion architectures (PV, CPV)
- Command and measurements systems in real time; fault detection strategies (PV) for smart-grids (cooperation with "La Compagnie du vent")



R&D in the field of High Temperature Materials

✓ Data implementation for DEBRISK code from CNES France for space debris mitigation: new oxidation laws in air plasma conditions and new thermoradiative properties @ HT



✓ Participation to the IXV project (ESA, launched 11/02/2015) and Solar Probe Plus mission (NASA) to be launched in 2018: qualification of some parts of the instrumentation @ HT



- ✓ HT characterization of new UHTC ceramics for future solar receivers (ANR project 2016-2019)
- ✓ Carbo-reduction by concentrated solar energy for future transportation using metal fuels in collaboration with PSA Peugeot-Citroën group

Solar metallurgy *Carbothermal reduction of MgO* & *Al*₂*O*₃*at low pressure*

Objectives:

 Regeneration of metallic oxides obtained by combustion processes for automotive applications (external combustion engine)

Methodology:

- ✓ Feasibility and optimization of experimental parameters
 - Grain size/stoechiometry of reactants, reducing agent, P, T, duration...
 - Conception of a reactor **Sol@rmet: f**luid mechanics, analysis of output gases to follow the reaction, condensation of the products
- ✓ Qualitative and quantitative controls of the formed products
 - By-products, grain size and morphology...
- Obtention of high yield and determination of technological issues to further develop the process

Energetics and thermochemical systems

- Thermochemical processes for thermal energy storage & management
- Low grade heat energy conversion by thermo-hydraulic processes
- Optimization and economic models for energy
 - ✓ Autonomous reverse osmosis desalination by solar thermo-hydraulic process (DEPOTHS, SATT AxLR maturation project)
 - ✓ Solar cooling of autonomous telecommunication stations in desert areas using a thermochemical process (DACSOL project - SATT AxLR maturation project)





Detoxification of effluents with solar advanced oxidation processes



OMITIA

Solar outdoor oxidation performed on effluents collected at the outlet of water treatment plants (IRD-HSM, Sudoe Innovec Eau).

Modeling solar inactivation of E coli: coupling between mass transfer and membrane attack by free radicals (LBE INRA).



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Odeillo: 50 years



Depuis 80 ans, nos connaissances bâtissent de nouveaux mondes



CNRS: 80 years





Mont Louis, 1949

70 years ago...







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R&D in the field of CPV



CPV module characterization



Solar cell characterization under ultra-high flux (up to 9000 suns)



Accelerated ageing of SC



Modelling and optimization of multi-junction stacks

CNIS

VIA

DOMITIA

The Sol@rmet reactor - 2 kW solar furnace



Ex: carboreduction of MgO @ 880 Pa

- Few Mg produced at 1700-2000 K contrary to thermodynamics
- @ 2200 K, 81% Mg (XRD with standards) with some recombination issues

Agglomerated powders obtained with « clean » micron-sized crystals (2-15 µm)



Perspectives:

- continuous process with less recirculation of gases and higher masses of reactant
- study of the condensation process of Mg (recombination with CO₂, temperature gradient in the reactor) at 880 Pa and at lower pressure

Electromagnetic energy conversion & magnetooptical properties in nano-structured media

Understanding & optimization of EM energy absorption, conversion & transfer

- \checkmark Channels for energy transfer (magnons, plasmons, excitons, phonons, hot electrons)
- Applications: Hyperthermia, photocatalysis, photovoltaics

Microscopic study of plasmons & their interactions with other excitations in hybrid nanostructures:

- ✓ Effect of material, size, shape, medium, spatial arrangement
- ✓ Effect of **magnetism** (intrinsic and/or external)



