

# Concentrated Solar Radiation More than just a power source

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Knowledge for Tomorrow

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## Mission

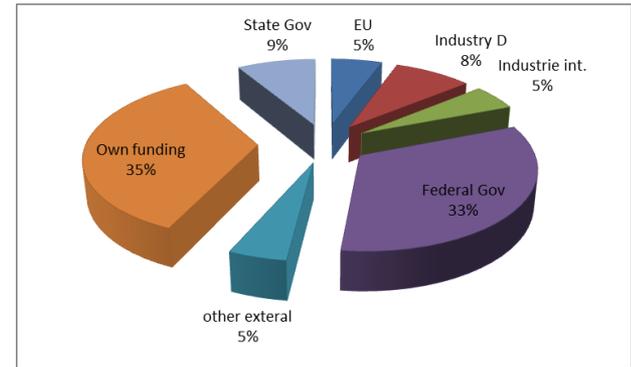
- 1/3 fundamental scientific questions to enable next generation technology for electricity, heat, fuel and water using concentrating solar power
- 2/3 applied development task for/with industry to optimize products and technologies

## Key data

- Annual turnover ~ 20 Mio€ (in CSP and Solar Fuels related activities)
- More than 160 people (among Top 5 worldwide)
- Teams in Germany (Cologne, Stuttgart, Jülich) and Spain (Almería)
- Unique Infrastructure
- Active coordination of national and international networks in CSP and solar fuels

## Track record

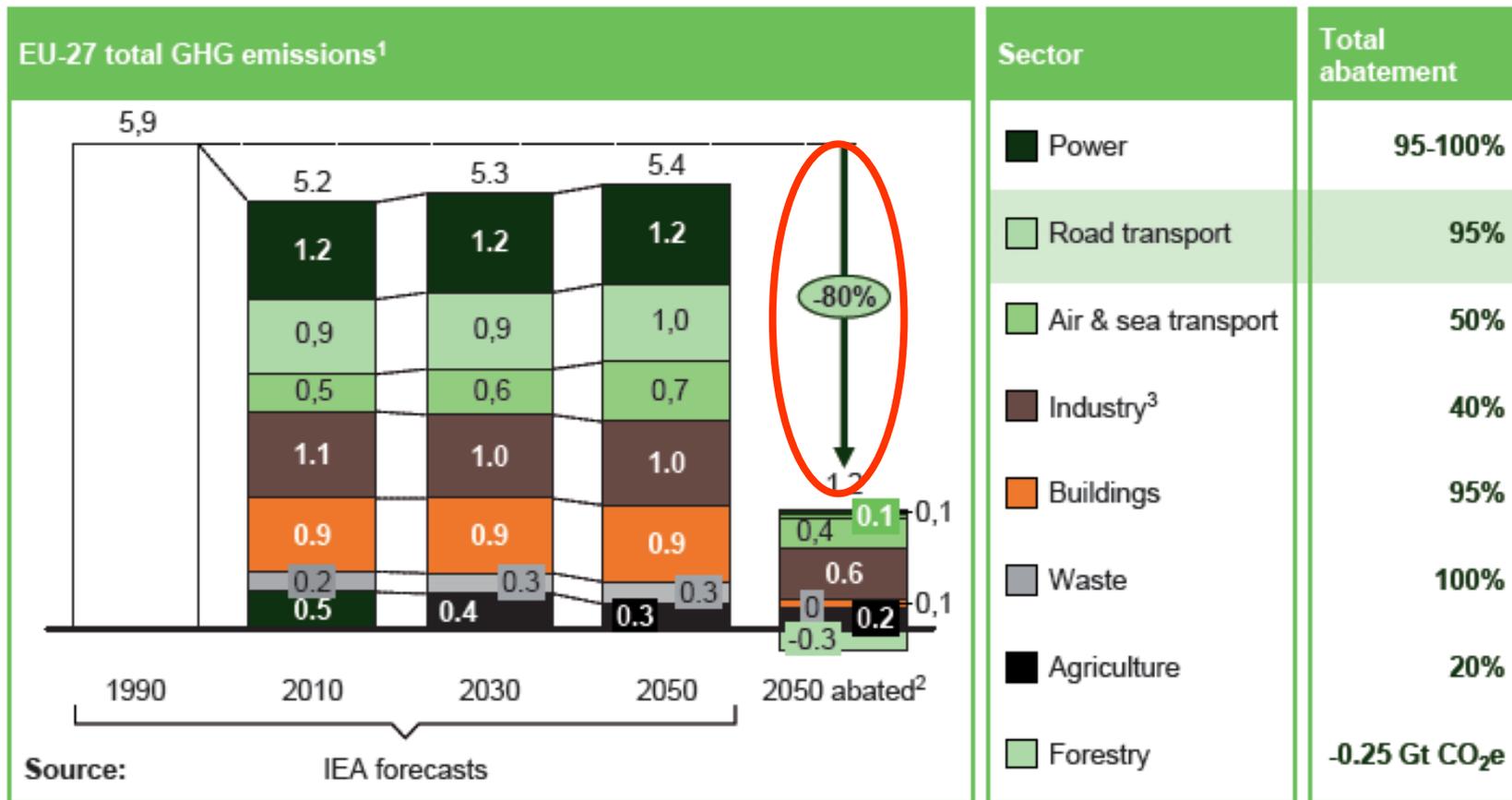
- Awarded as DLR Centre of Excellence 2006, 2009 and 2013
- Several license agreements with industry on DLR Patents (Receivers, measurement technology)
- 3 Spin-off companies founded in the last 7 years
- CSP Component Qualification Centre QUARZ™ is market reference



<http://www.dlr.de/sf/en/desktopdefault.aspx>



# Goals: Development of EU GHG emissions [Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e]



1 Large efficiency improvements are already included in the baseline based on the International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2009, especially for industry

2 Abatement estimates within sector based on Global GHG Cost Curve

3 CCS applied to 50% of large industry (cement, chemistry, iron and steel, petroleum and gas, not applied to other industries)

SOURCE: [www.roadmap2050.eu](http://www.roadmap2050.eu)

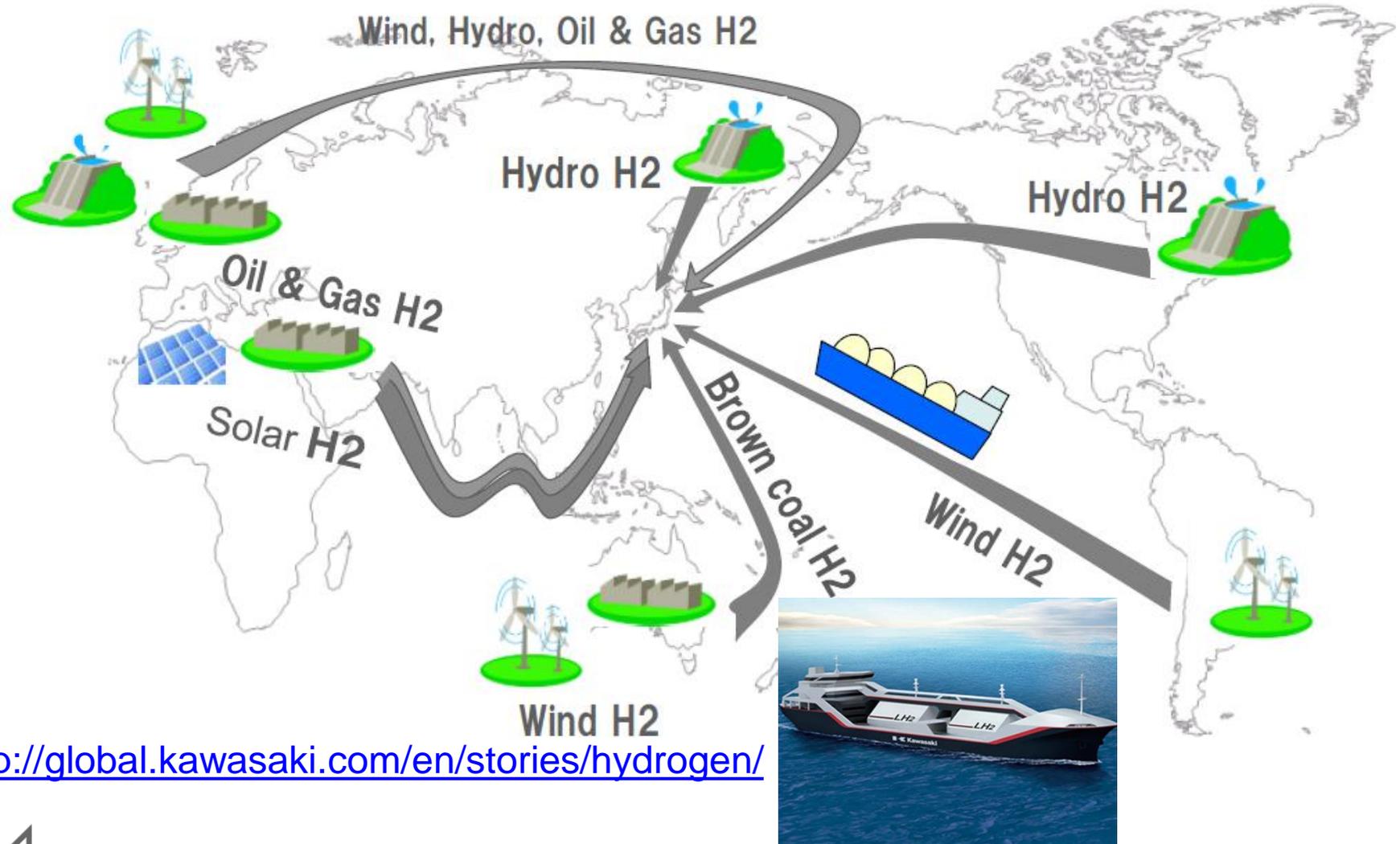


# Political Drivers: Examples – EU Sustainable Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan 2007) G7 Goals (2015)

- **Goals of the EU until 2020 (20/20/20)**
  - **20%** higher energy efficiency
  - **20%** less GHG emission
  - **20%** renewable energy – Germany **34%** 2015!
- **Goal of the EU until 2050:**
  - **80%** less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than 1990
- **G7 Goals, Elmau, Germany**
  - **100%** Decarbonisation until 2100
  - **100 bln \$/year** for climate actions in developing countries, large share by industrial investment from 2020



# Industrial Driver: Kawasaki vision for the cryogenic liquid hydrogen market – team-up with Shell (March 15, 2016)



<http://global.kawasaki.com/en/stories/hydrogen/>



# Example Funding Scheme: Private Public Partnership



**FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN**  
JOINT UNDERTAKING

<http://www.fch.europa.eu/>

- **Why a public-private partnership?** The **scale and scope of the research and market entry** agendas for developing and deploying FCH technologies goes beyond the capacity of single companies or public research institutions in terms of financial commitment, resources and capability.
- **Overcoming barriers to deployment:** A concentrated effort of all players is necessary, because the research needed to develop the technologies is often so complex that **no single company or public research institution can perform it alone.**
- **Pooling together resources:** EU Framework Programmes (FPs) , national programmes and the significant investment by industry and research institutions shall be better coordinated.
- In FP7 (7 years) € 0,94 billion were jointly contributed by the members (50% by industry and research partners).
- In H2020 (7 years) > € 1,33 billion, at least 50% investment from industrial and research partners.
- In reality industrial investment is already much higher, presently > € 0,3 billion/year



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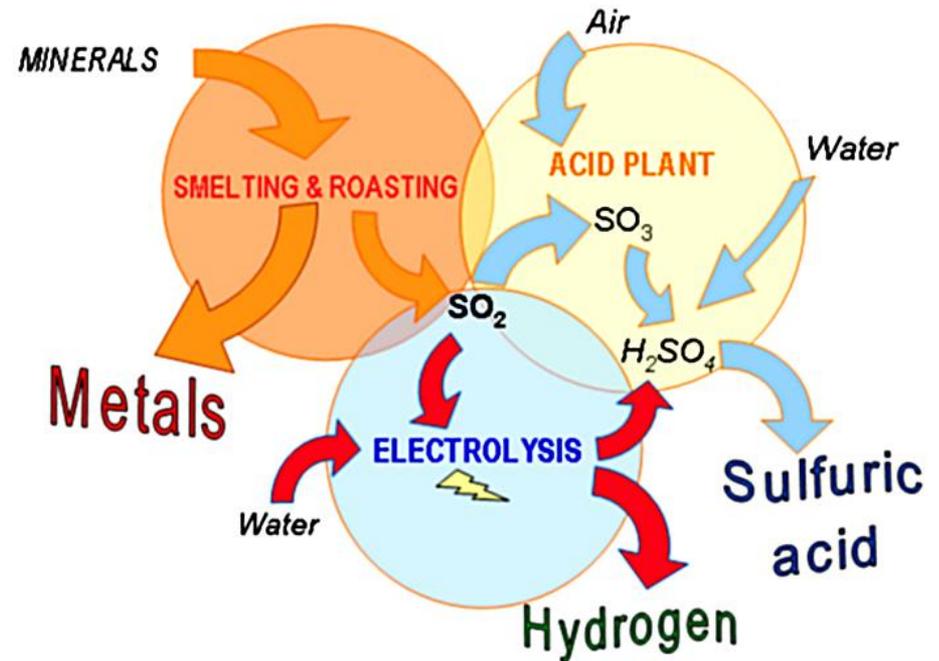
- **Market focus:** Without a consumer market, no technology can have a major impact. **Industry's leading role in defining priorities and timelines** will ensure that the agenda is focused on market introduction.
- **Tackling the market failure:** **Substantial investment is needed**, in R&D, transport, storage and refuelling infrastructures to make FCH competitive.
- The fossil resources-based energy economy is untenable for environmental reasons and due to the lack reserves in the medium to long term.
- No single company has the resources to make the transition alone, because **mass-market volumes are too distant, as is return on investment**.
- The FCH JU's model of sustained public-private partnership is expected to help **overcome this dilemma and bring the technologies to the point of market breakthrough**.



# SOL2HY2 – Solar To Hydrogen Hybrid Cycles

- FCH JU project on the solar driven Utilization of waste  $\text{SO}_2$  from fossil sources for co-production of hydrogen and sulphuric acid
- Hybridization by usage of renewable energy for electrolysis
- Partners:
  - **Industry: EngineSoft (IT), Outotec (FI), Erbicol (CH), Oy Voikoski (FI)**
  - Research: Aalto University (FI), DLR (DE), ENEA (IT),

## Outotec™ Open Cycle (OOC)

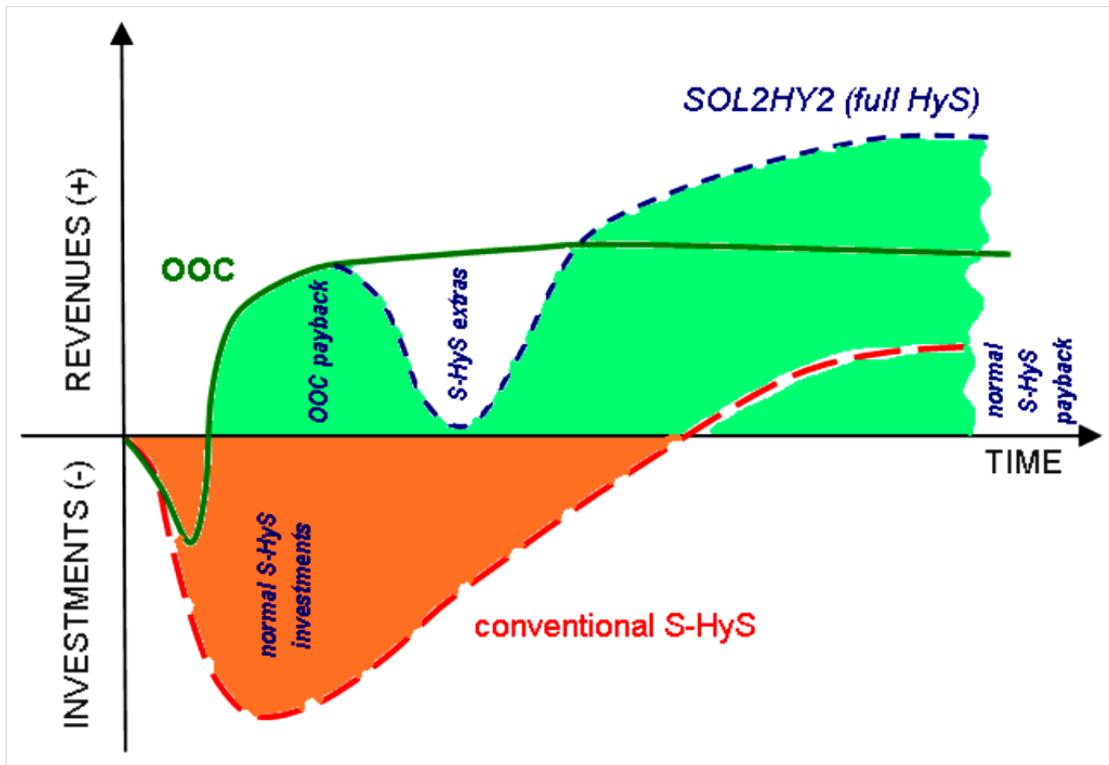


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# Investments vs. revenues



Demonstration on the Solar Tower Jülich  
~100 kW total thermal power

- Reduction of initial investments
- Financing of HyS development by payback of OOC
- Increase of total revenues

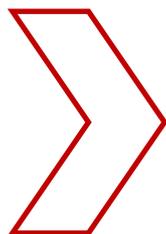
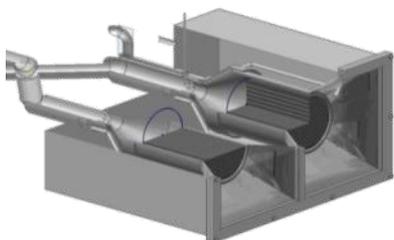




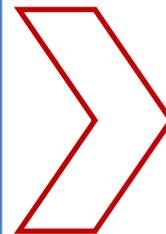
# HYDROSOL Development

Long term development, substantial industrial contribution by Total (F), Johnson Matthey (UK), Helpe (GR), HyGear (NL), StobbeTech (DK)

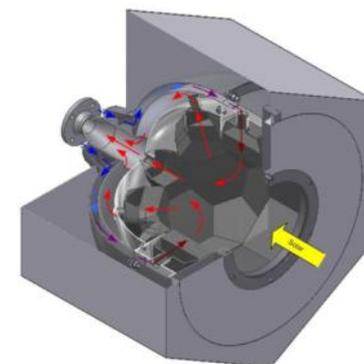
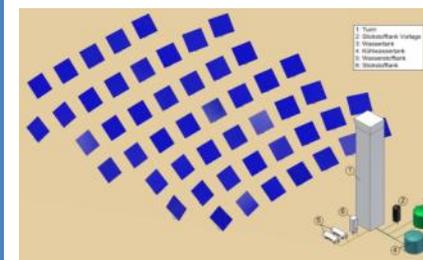
Hydrosol I  
2002 – 2005  
**< 10 kW**



Hydrosol II  
2006 – 2009  
**100 kW**



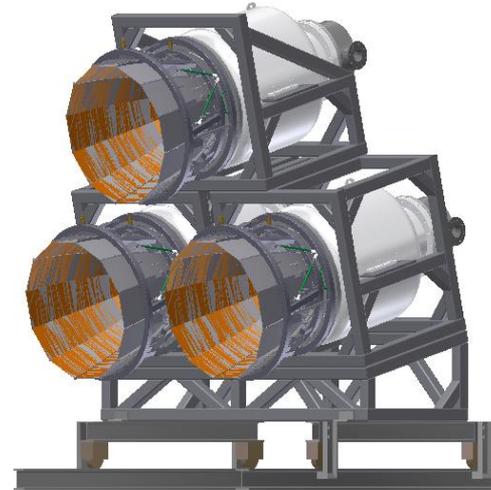
Hydrosol 3D  
2010 – 2012  
**1 MW**





# Hydrosol Plant - Design for CRS tower PSA, Spain

- European FCH-JU project
- Partner:
  - Industry: HELPE (GR), HYGear (NL)
  - Research: APTL (GR), CIEMAT (ES), DLR (DE)
- 3 \* 750 kW<sub>th</sub> demonstration of thermochemical water splitting
- Location: Plataforma Solar de Almería, Spain, 2016
- Reactor set-up on the CRS tower
- Storage tanks and PSA on the ground





**SOLAR-JET**  
Zero-carbon jet fuel from sunlight

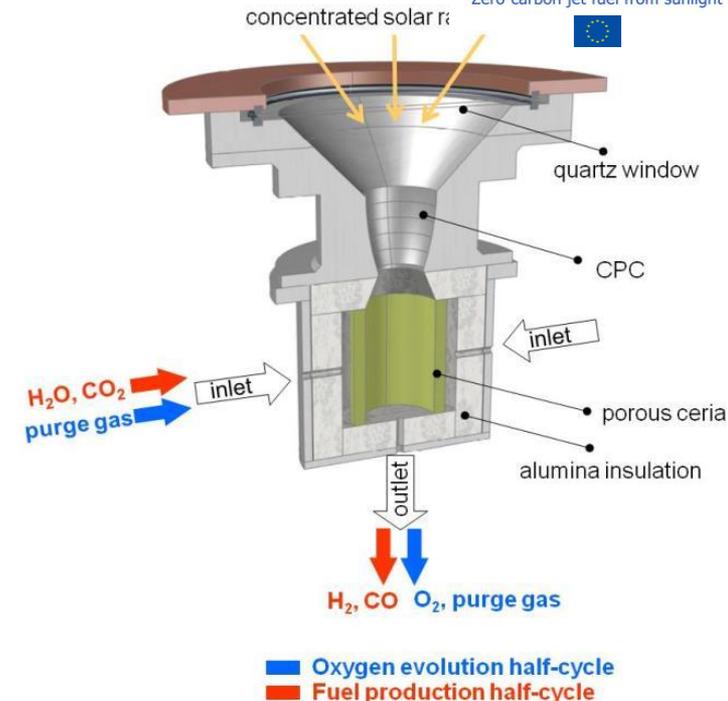


# H<sub>2</sub>O/CO<sub>2</sub>-Splitting Thermochemical Cycles

## Solar Production of Jet Fuel

- EU-FP7 Project SOLAR-JET (2011-2015)
- SOLAR-JET aims to ascertain the potential for producing jet fuel from concentrated sunlight, CO<sub>2</sub>, and water.
- SOLAR-JET optimized a two-step solar thermochemical cycle based on ceria redox reactions to produce synthesis gas (syngas) from CO<sub>2</sub> and water, achieving higher solar-to-fuel energy conversion efficiency over current bio and solar fuel processes.

- **First jet fuel produced in the Fischer-Tropsch (FT) unit of Shell from solar-produced syngas!**



Int. J. Heat & Fluid Flow 29, 315-326, 2008.  
Materials 5, 192-209, 2012.

Partners: Bauhaus Luftfahrt (D), ETH (CH), DLR (D), SHELL (NL), ARTTIC (F)  
Funding: EC

<http://www.solar-jet.aero/>



# Near-term: Solar Production of Syngas (H<sub>2</sub> and CO)

**Solar pilot plants demonstrated in the power range of 200-600 kW<sub>th</sub>**

Solar steam reforming of natural gas / methane

Solar steam gasification of carbonaceous feedstock

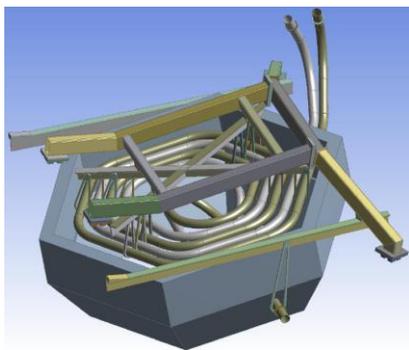
SOLGAS (200 + 600 kW<sub>th</sub>)

SOLREF (400 kW<sub>th</sub>)  
Johnson Matthey, UK  
DLR, Germany

SYNPET (500 kW<sub>th</sub>)  
PDVESA, Venezuela  
CIEMAT, Spain

SOLSYN (250 kW<sub>th</sub>)  
HOLCIM, Switzerland  
PSI, Switzerland

CSIRO, Australia



# SOLAM

## Solar Aluminium Melting in a Directly Heated Rotary Kiln

- **Aim**
- Demonstration of solar aluminium recycling in a 20 kW rotary kiln
- Develop process concept for a commercial pilot plant
- Driver: Reduce the electricity demand from the grid

### South African partners

Industry:

Eskom – South African National Electricity  
Generator and Distributor

Research:

CSIR – Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

NFTN – National Foundry Technology Network

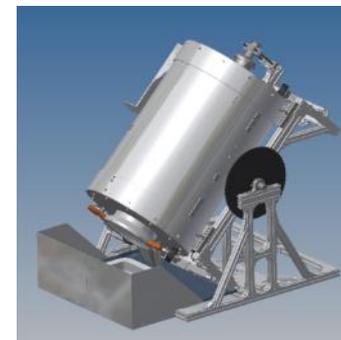
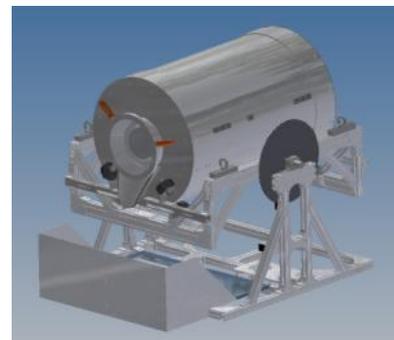
Government:

DST – Department of Science and Technology

### German partners

Industry: Aixprocess

Research: DLR



# Thank you very much for your attention!

