

# Solare Brennstoffe aus solarthermischen Kraftwerken

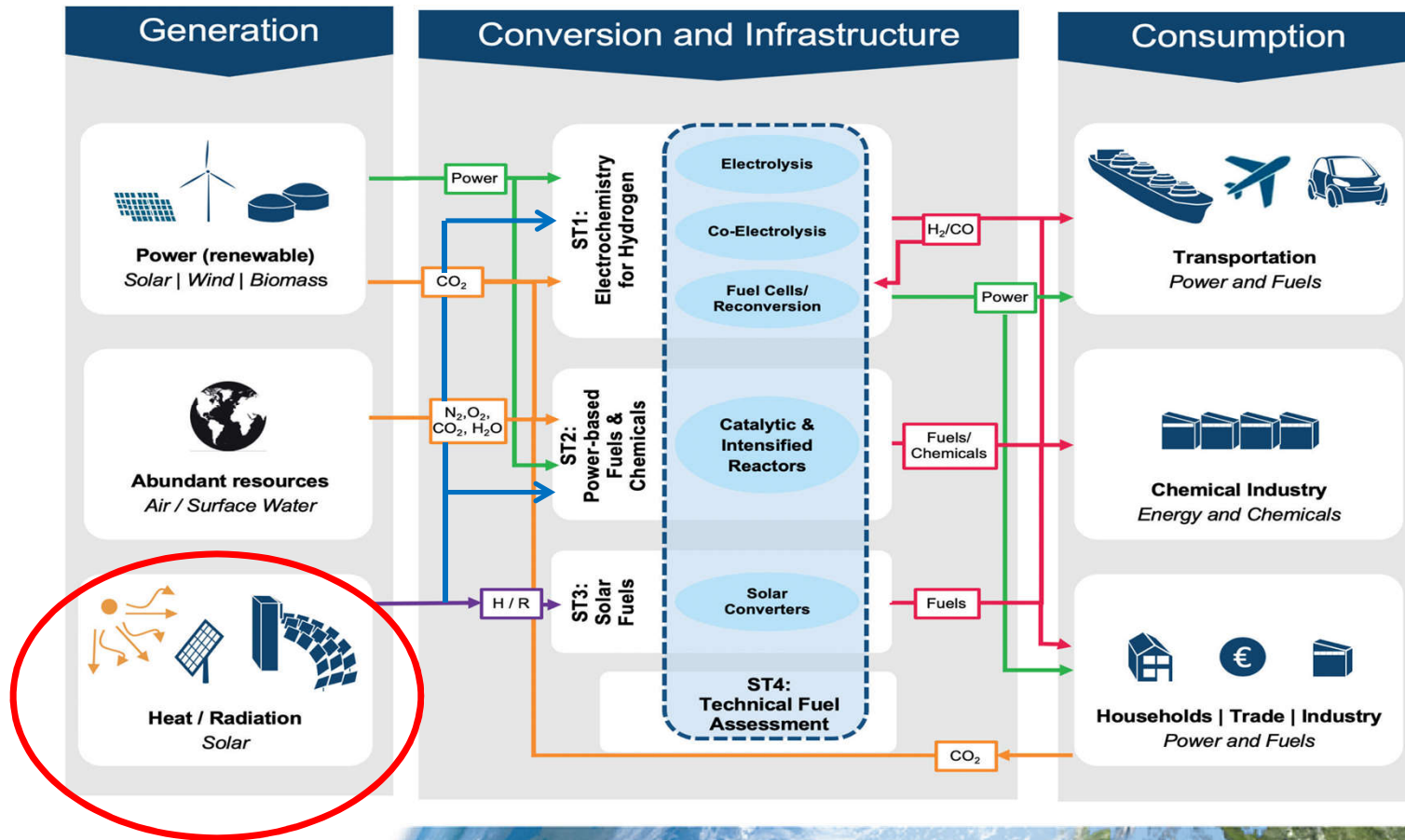
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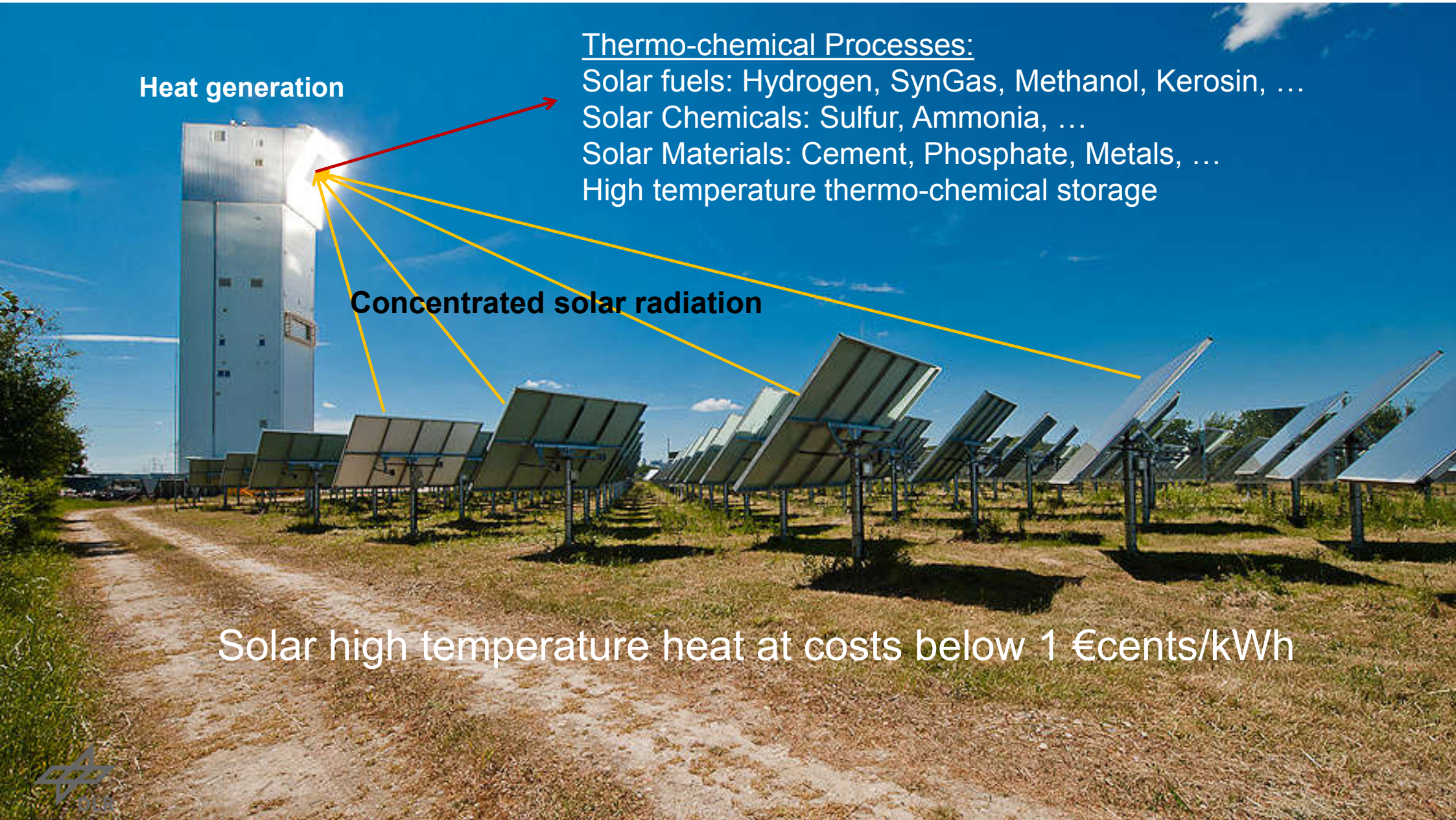


Knowledge for Tomorrow



# Sustainable production of fuels and chemicals





**Heat generation**

Thermo-chemical Processes:

Solar fuels: Hydrogen, SynGas, Methanol, Kerosin, ...

Solar Chemicals: Sulfur, Ammonia, ...

Solar Materials: Cement, Phosphate, Metals, ...

High temperature thermo-chemical storage

**Concentrated solar radiation**

Solar high temperature heat at costs below 1 €cents/kWh



# Fuels from water, CO<sub>2</sub> and solar radiation

CO<sub>2</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>O



Heat & electricity from solar energy

Synthesis gas  
(H<sub>2</sub> + CO)

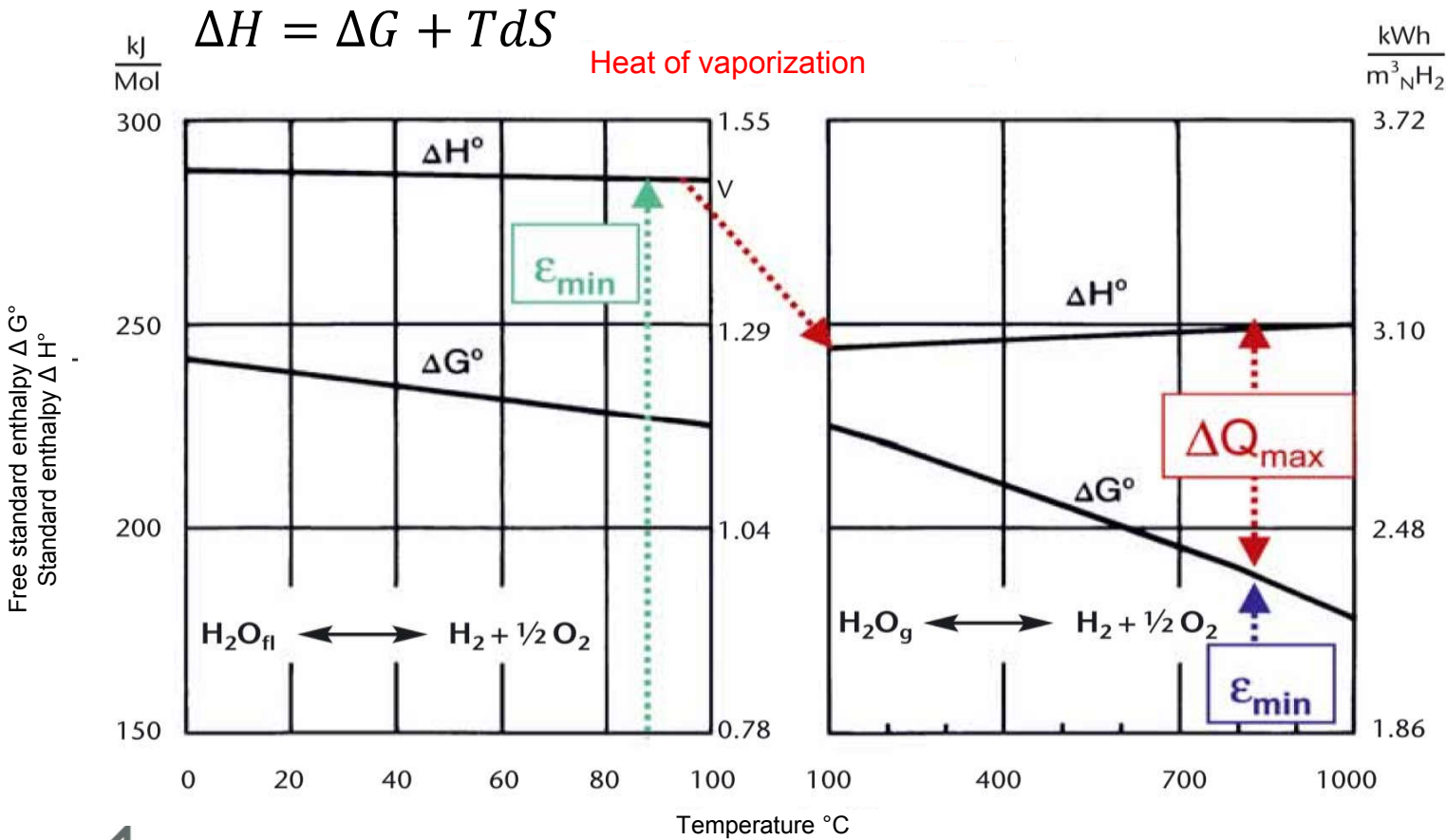


e.g. Fischer-Tropsch-Plant

Future Fuels...



# Heat demand in electrochemical water splitting



## Electrolysis at 20°C

Electricity Demand : 286 kJ/mol  
Heat Demand 0

## Electrolysis at 800°C

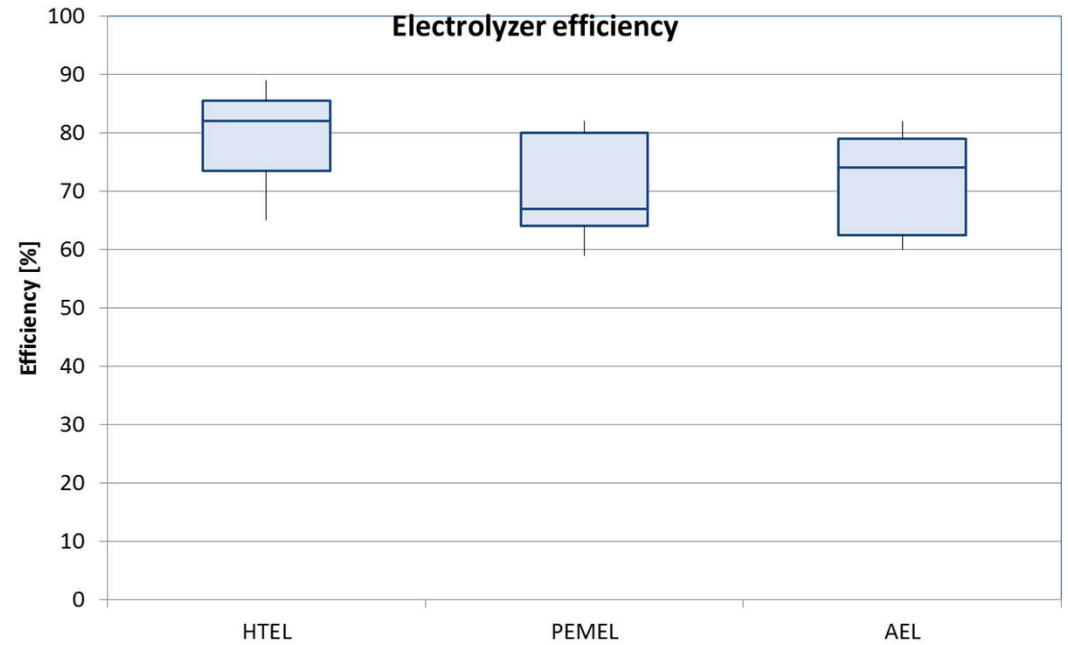
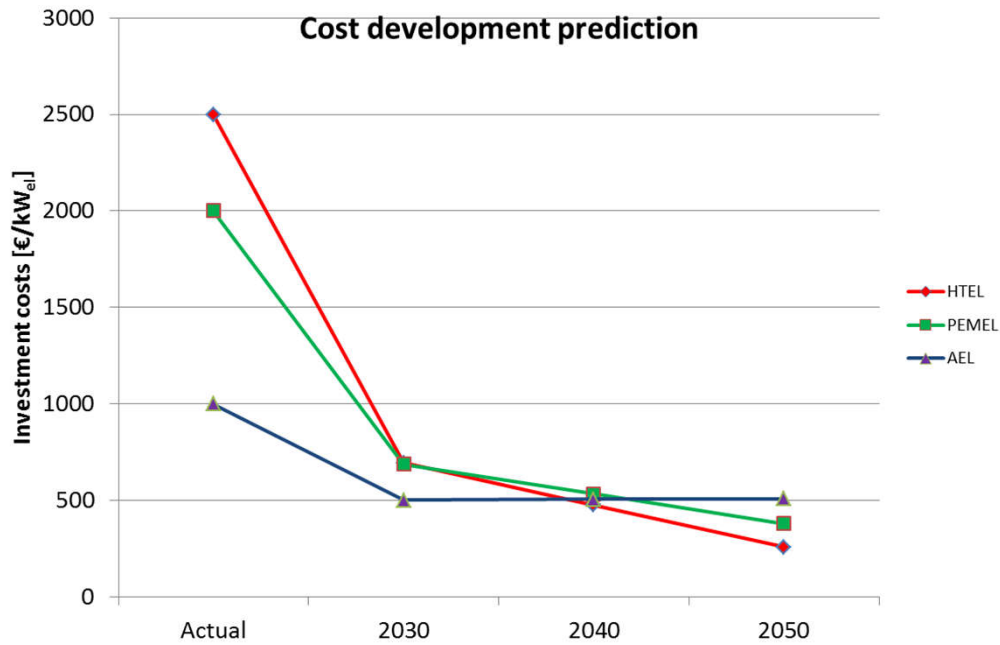
Electricity Demand : 187 kJ/mol  
Heat for vaporization 40,7kJ/mol  
Heat at 800°C 58,3 kJ/mol

## Rel. electricity demand

$$= \frac{187}{286} = 65\%$$



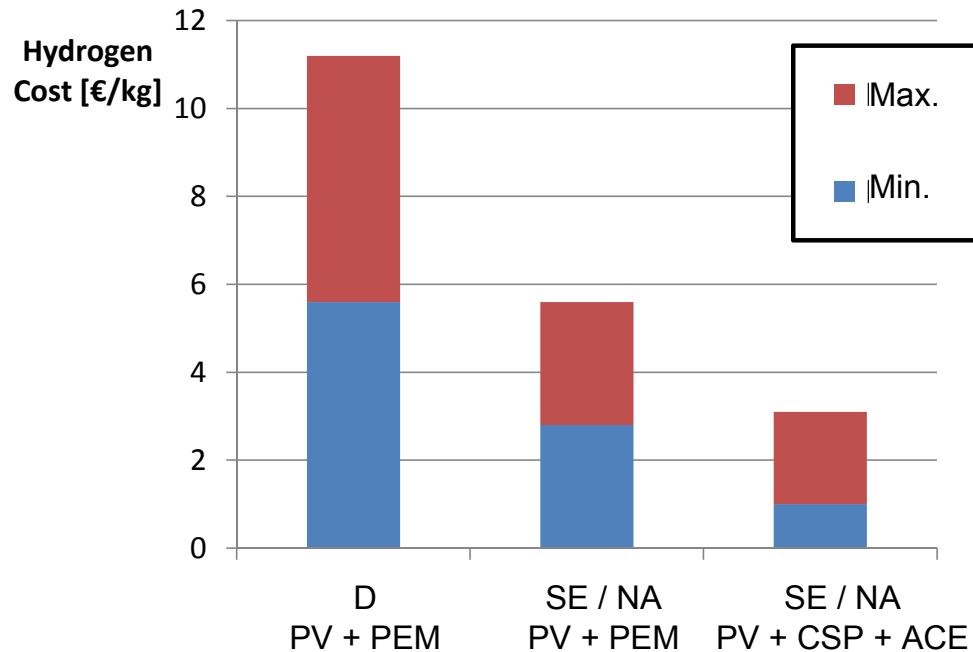
# Cost Perspectives for High Temperature Electrolysis



source data : [7] Milanzi (2018)



## Solar-Hydrogen-Potential today based on PEM and ACE Electrolyser Location Comparison Germany (D): Southern Europe/ Northern Africa (SE/NA)



### Power cost for the electrolyzer

- PV D 1000 h: 6,0 → 5,0 €Ct/kWh
- PV SE/NA 2000 h: 3,0 → 2,5 €Ct/kWh
- PV+CSP SE/NA 6000 h: 5,4 → 3,8 €Ct/kWh

### Invest cost for the electrolyzer

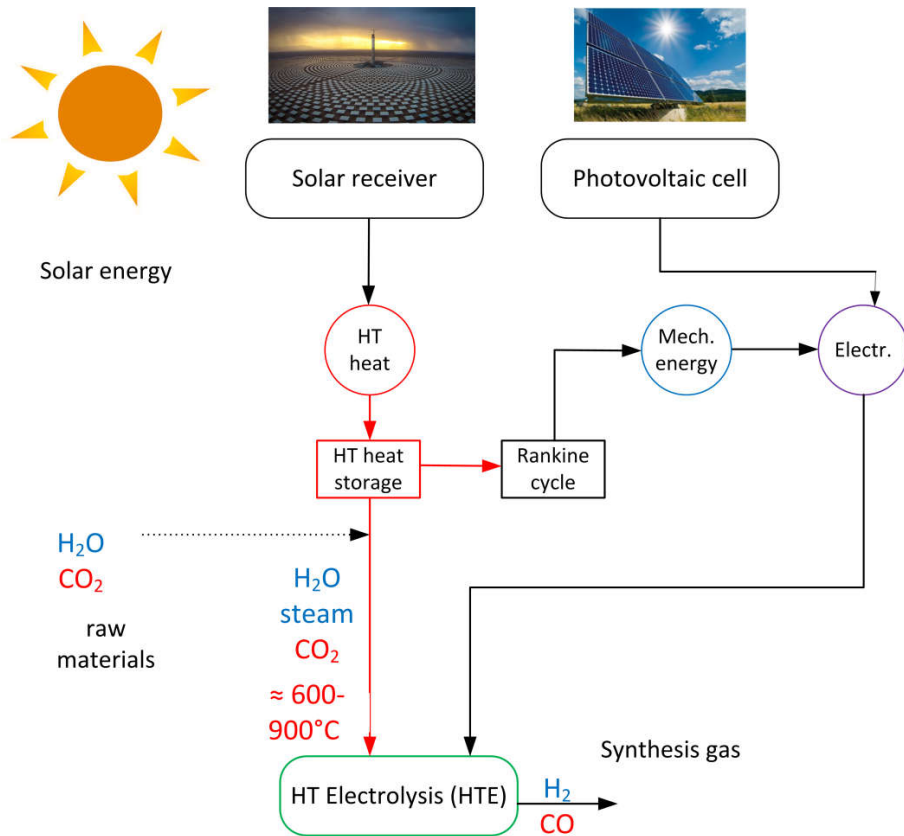
- PEM 1000 h 60% 12,6 → 5,2 €Ct/kWh
- PEM 2000 h 60% 6,3 → 2,6 €Ct/kWh
- ACE 6000 h 65% 0,7 → 0,4 €Ct/kWh

## CSP + PV + ACE

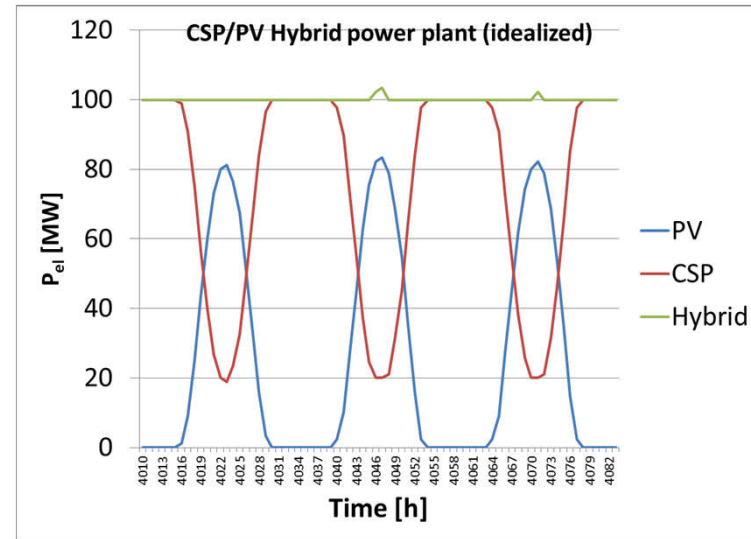
**25-40 % cheaper than PV PEM at the same location**  
**60-70 % cheaper than PV PEM in Germany**



# Syngas production with high temperature electrolysis powered by CSP/PV hybrid power station

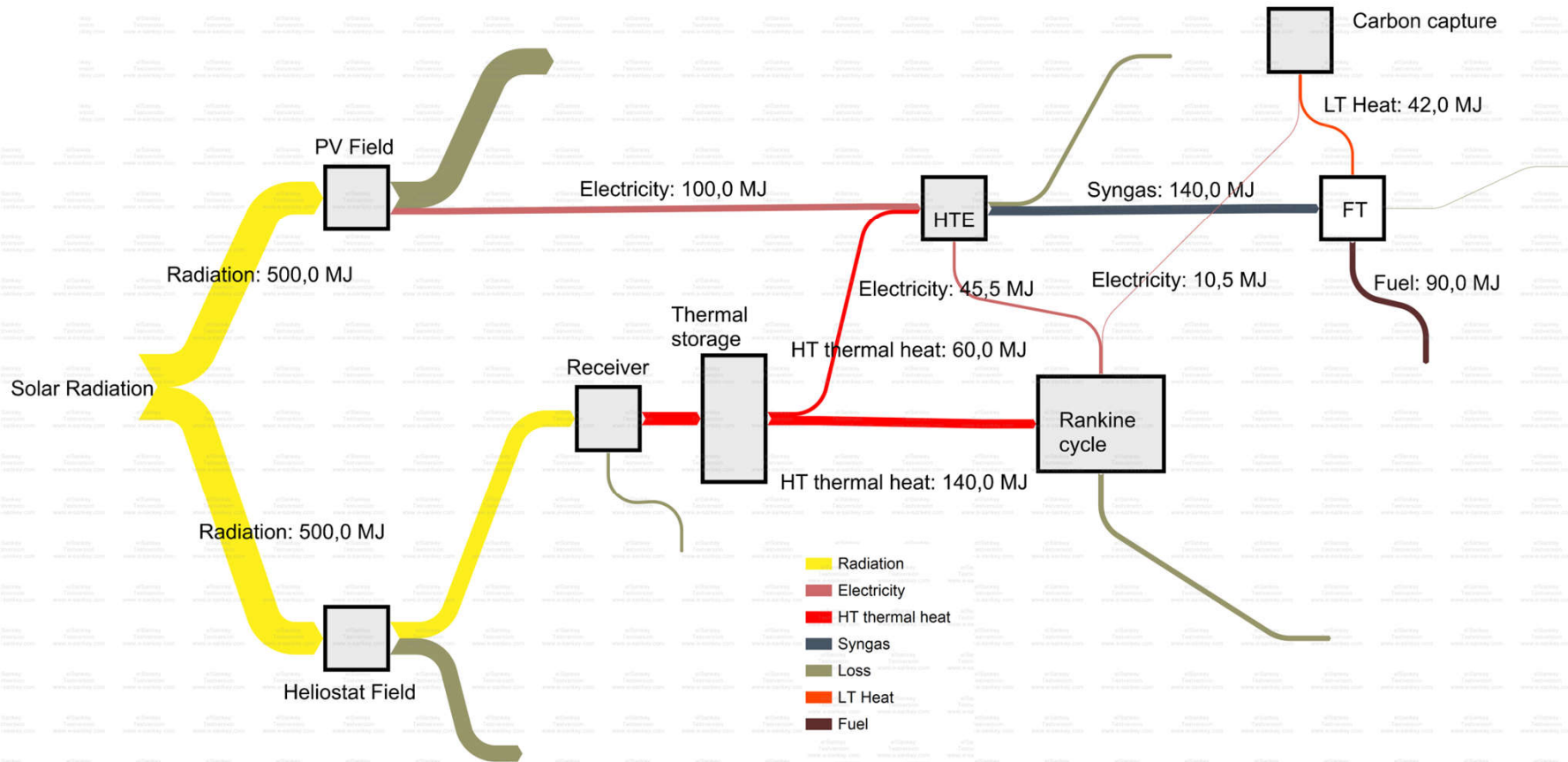


- ✓ cheap PV + cheap thermal storage
  - low LCOE and high FLH
  - HT heat lowers  $P_{el}$  demand
  - $\eta_{HTE} \approx 0.75-0.85$



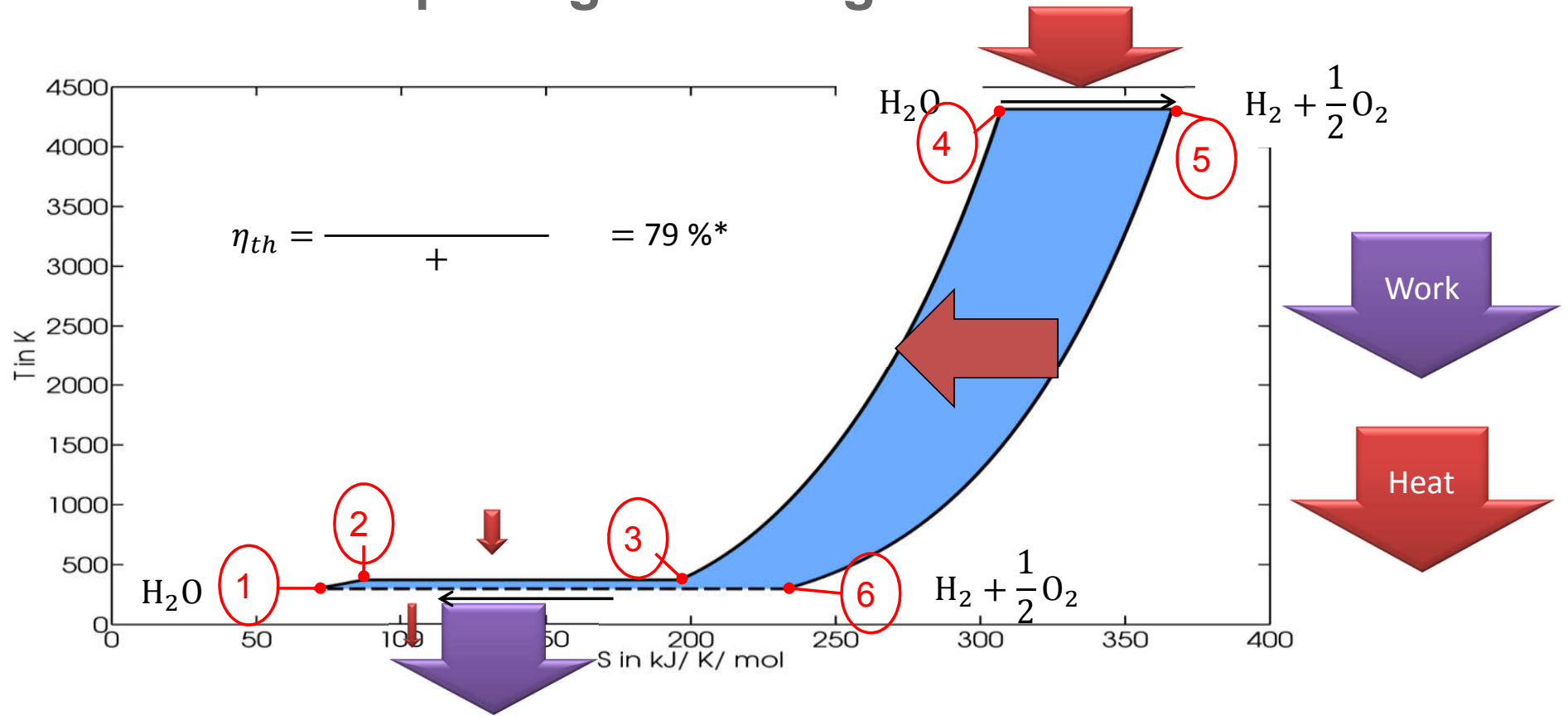


# Energy Flow Diagram (preliminary results)



$$dQ_{rev} = T dS$$

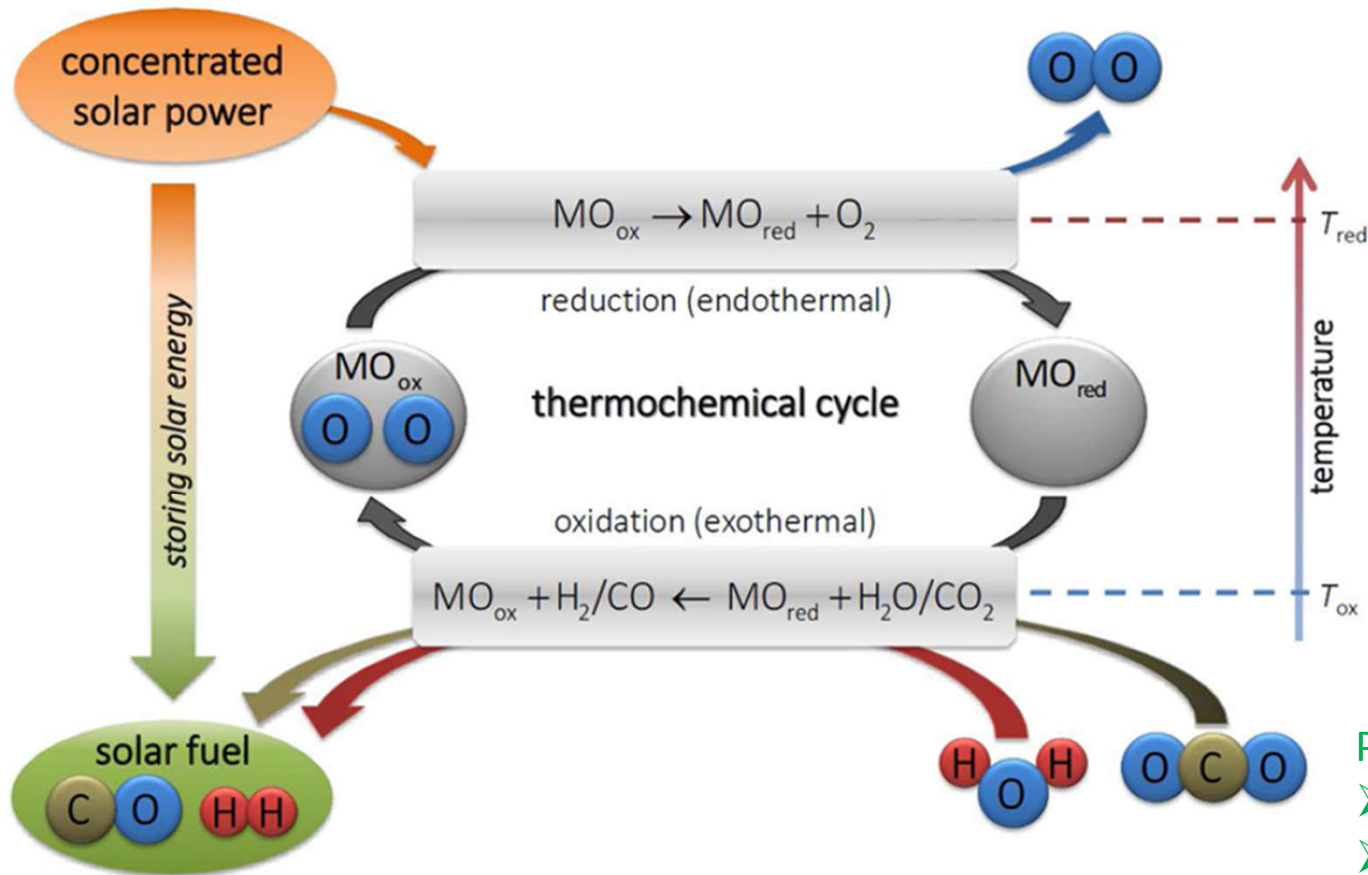
# Direct Water Splitting: T–S Diagram



\* Including ideal heat recovery



# Thermochemical syngas production



source: sun-to-liquid.eu

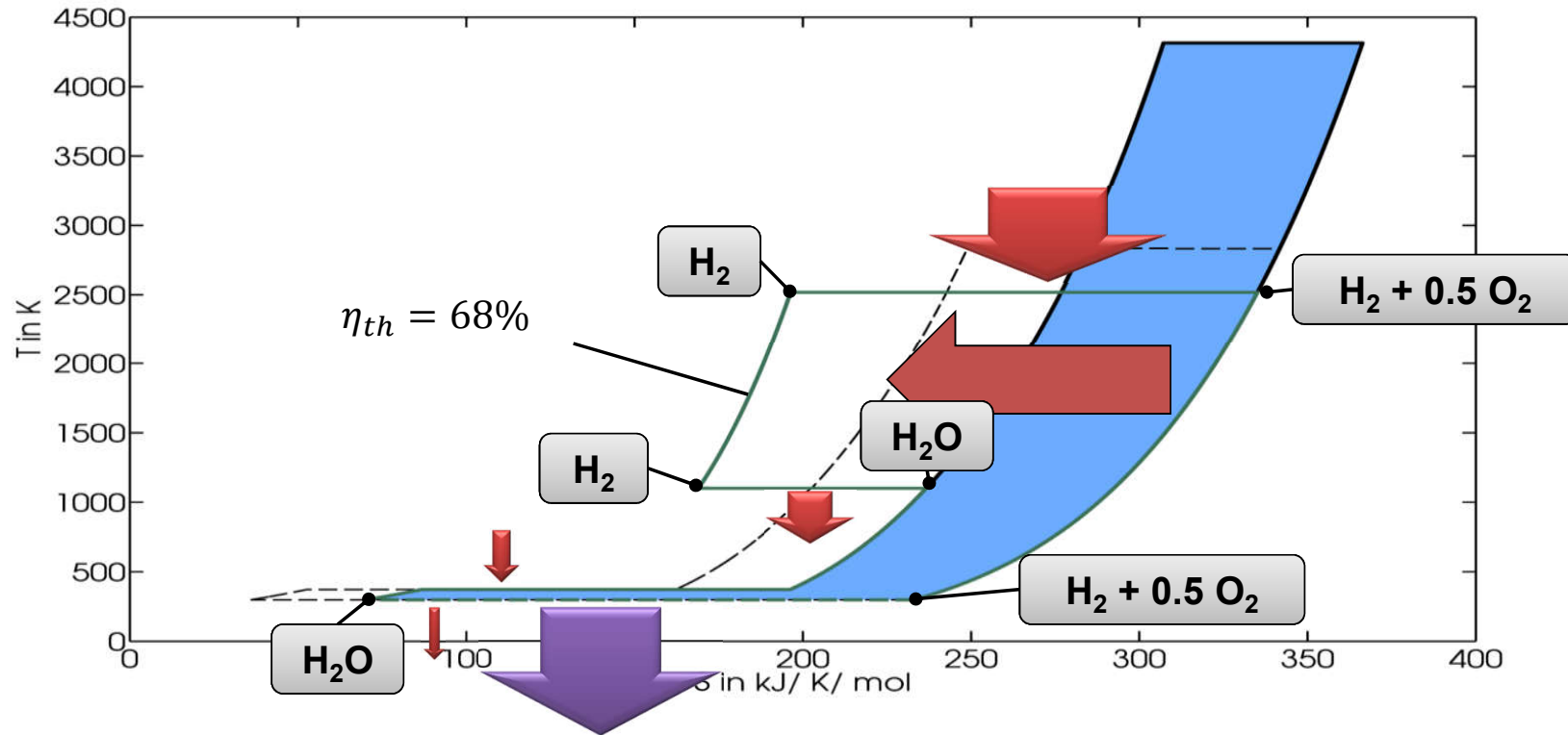
- Possibilities to increase efficiency:
- Heat storage between Red/Ox [3]
  - Co-generation of electricity [4]



source: DLR



# Theoretical Efficiency Two Step – Gas Phase Only



# SUNLight-to-LIQUID: Integrated solar thermochemical synthesis of liquid hydrocarbon fuels

## Aim

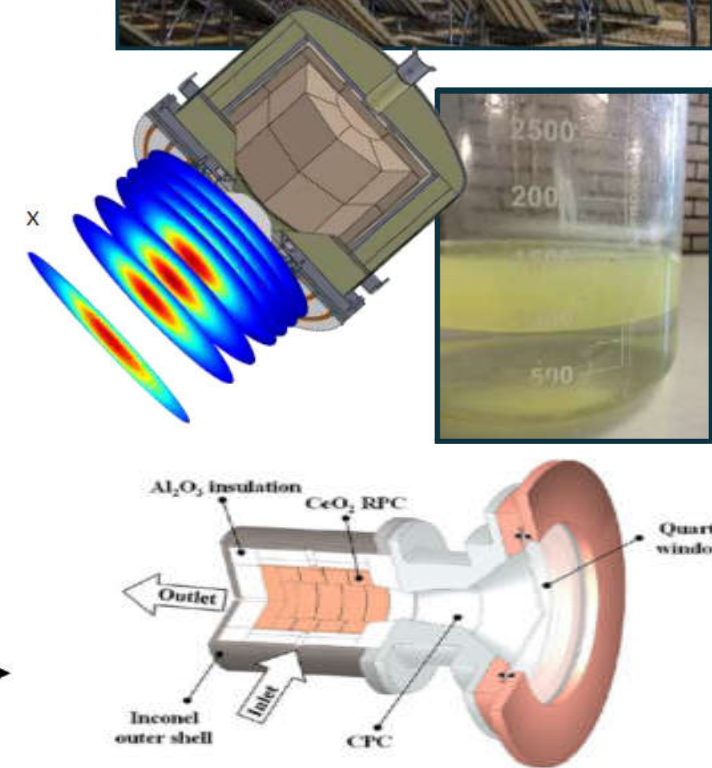
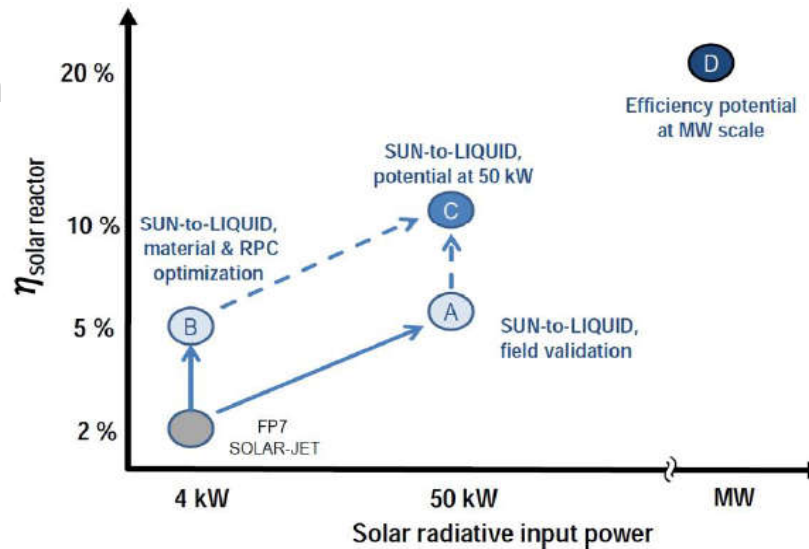
- Demonstration of ceria redox cycle for liquid hydrocarbon production at at 50kW scale
- Follow up of EU Solar-Jet

## Main Tasks

- Techno-economic analysis
- Design and construction
- Experimental demonstration
- Optimization (Thermal & Material)
- Plant modeling

## Partner

- Bauhausluftfahrt, ETH, DLR (SF/VT), IMDEA, HyGear, Abengoa Research, ARTTIC



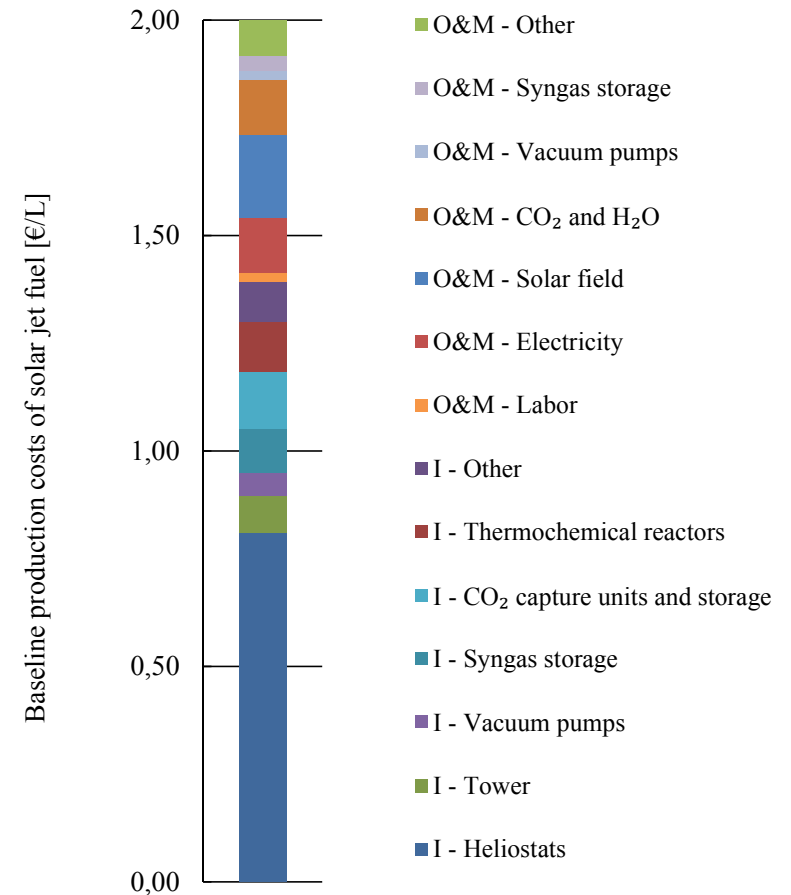
## Economic analysis

- Estimation of fuel production costs for solar thermochemical plant (LCOE method)
- Assumptions:
  - Production volume: 1054 bpd of jet fuel and 888 bpd of naphtha
  - Solar plant: Concentration 100 €/m<sup>2</sup>, O&M 2 €/m<sup>2</sup>, DNI: 2500 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> a) in Morocco
  - Electricity: 0.04 €/kWh<sub>el</sub> on site from CSP plant
  - CO<sub>2</sub>: 108 €/t from air capture with co-product H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Thermochemical energy conversion efficiency: 19%
  - Fischer-Tropsch: 60% efficiency, 23000 €/bpd (investment), 4 €/bbl (O&M)
  - Weighted average cost of capital (nominal): 8%
  - By-product: Price(naphtha) = 80% × price(jet fuel)
  - Inflation: 2%, publicly supported facility, no tax has to be paid



# Economic analysis

- Estimated production cost: 2.00 €/L jet fuel
  
- Cost drivers:
  - Investment costs and O&M of solar concentration  
100 €/m<sup>2</sup>, 2 €/(m<sup>2</sup> a)
  - Generation of CSP electricity  
0.04 €/kWh<sub>el</sub>
  - Provision of CO<sub>2</sub> by air capture  
108 €/t
  - Thermochemical efficiency 19.3% (with vacuum pumping and gas separation: 14.7%)



Source: C. Falter, V. Batteiger, A. Sizmann; *Climate Impact and Economic Feasibility of Solar Thermochemical Jet Fuel Production*, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2016, 50 (1)



## Conclusion

- Efficient production of fuels based on water and CO<sub>2</sub> can be use both – heat and electricity to run the process
- Low costs can only be achieved if the process is operated for many full load hours
- Solar heat input has two major benefits:
  - Heat storage can be used to provide electricity at high full load hours
  - As heat can be provided at lower cost as electricity, it can replace some electricity input
- Hydrogen cost at good solar sites < 2€/kg (if high full load hours can be achieved)
- Synthetic fuel is 2-3 times more expensive than hydrogen





## Fragen für die Podiumsdiskussion

- Kann die Energie für eine vollständige Dekarbonisierung des deutschen Energiesysteme allein in Deutschland durch erneuerbare Energien zur Verfügung gestellt werden?
- Welche Optionen gibt es erneuerbare Energien zu importieren und was sind die Herausforderungen?
- Wie groß sind die Kosten für den Transport gegenüber den Kosten der Herstellung? (Strom, Wasserstoff, Brennstoffe)?
- Wie günstig muss Wasserstoff /Synfuel werden, um mit anderen Brennstoffen (auch Biobrennstoffen) t zu konkurrieren?
- Welche CO2 Bepreisung benötigt man um mit Erdgas oder Öl konkurrieren zu können?
- Macht es Sinn in Deutschland oder Europa eine Beimischung von nachhaltigen Brennstoffen vorzuschreiben und die Quote sukzessive zu erhöhen
- Unter welchen Bedingungen kann ein globaler Wasserstoffmarkt /Brennstoffmarkt entstehen?

