



CENTRE FOR RENEWABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY STUDIES

Dear Sir/Madam,

Herewith an invitation to our next forum:

# ***Solar Concentrating Technology using Molten Salts – Chances and Challenges***

by

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## SCIENTIFIC PROFILE

2016 Ph.D. in Mechatronic Engineering and Energy, Physics Department, Evora University  
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2011 Master of Business Administration, NOVA Business School-Lisbon & University of San Diego-California „Innovation-Case Study: Windfloat“

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- since 2011      Researcher at Renewable Energies Chair, Uni.Evora, Responsible for EMSP
- 2006 – 2010      R&D Engineer and International Project Manager, Bosch Thermotechnik GmbH, Aveiro (PT) and Munster (D)
- 2005 – 2006      Photovoltaics Engineer and Business Developer, Donauer Solartechnik Lda, Lisboa (PT) and Munchen (D)
- 2001 – 2004      Researcher at Building Environment Institut, Kyoto (JP)
- 1998 – 2001      Trainee periods at Volkswagen (D), Galp Energia (PT), KEPCO and Eaton (JP)

**RESEARCH TOPICS:** Energy Storage, CSP, New materials for CSP applications, Heat Transfer

# Presentation Outline

1. Renewable Energies Chair Structure
2. Infrastructures
3. Projects
4. Cooperation Long Term Agreements
5. Home country

# Renewable Energies Chair @ University of Evora

Group Leader: Prof. Dr. Manuel Collares Pereira



## EMSP - EVORA MOLTEN SALT PLATFORM





**Scientific Council**  
A. Heitor Reis, J. Chaves

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**Chairman:** Manuel Collares Pereira  
**Members:** Hugo Silva, Luis Guerreiro, Diogo Canavarro

**Science Management**

### Units

**Solar radiation**  
Director: H. Silva  
Members: A. Cavaco, F. Lopes

Resource evaluation

Long term statistics

Now-casting

Design methods and tools

**Advanced optics**  
Director: D. Canavarro

Point focus concentrators

Linear concentrators

Secondary optics

Design methods and tools

**Solar thermal energy storage**  
Director: L. Guerreiro  
Members: Dorin Golovca

New storage concepts

STE system integration

New fluids

Demonstration

**Testing and certification of solar thermal systems and components**

Coordinator: M. Collares Pereira  
Members: T. Osório, J. Marchã

Tests and standards

Product development

Systems and applications

### Infrastructures

**Site I - PECS**  
**Solar Concentrators Testing Platform**  
Director: T. Osório  
**Medium temp. testing bench**  
**Two-axis tracking platform with high temp. oil loop**  
Operational Responsible: J. Marchã

**Site II - EMSP**  
**Évora Molten Salt Platform**  
Director: L. Guerreiro

**Sites III, IV**  
**PV + Advanced Batteries**  
Director: L. Fialho  
**Vanadium redox site**  
**Li-Ion site**

**Systems engineering ,PV systems**

Coordinator: Hugo Silva  
Members: L. Fialho, R. Conceição

Water and agriculture interfaces

Electrical energy storage

Other systems and applications

Long term behavior of special components ( glass/mirror soiling, ...)

# Infrastructure

## Site I - EMSP

Evora Molten Salt Platform

Testing of Linear Technologies  
1,8MWth capacity  
580C maximum operating temp.  
2 MS tanks + drainage tank



## Site II - PECS

Solar Concentrators Testing Platform

Testing of Parabolic Through and Fresnel  
270 degrees rotating Platform  
400C Thermal Oil as HTF  
18\*13m test bench

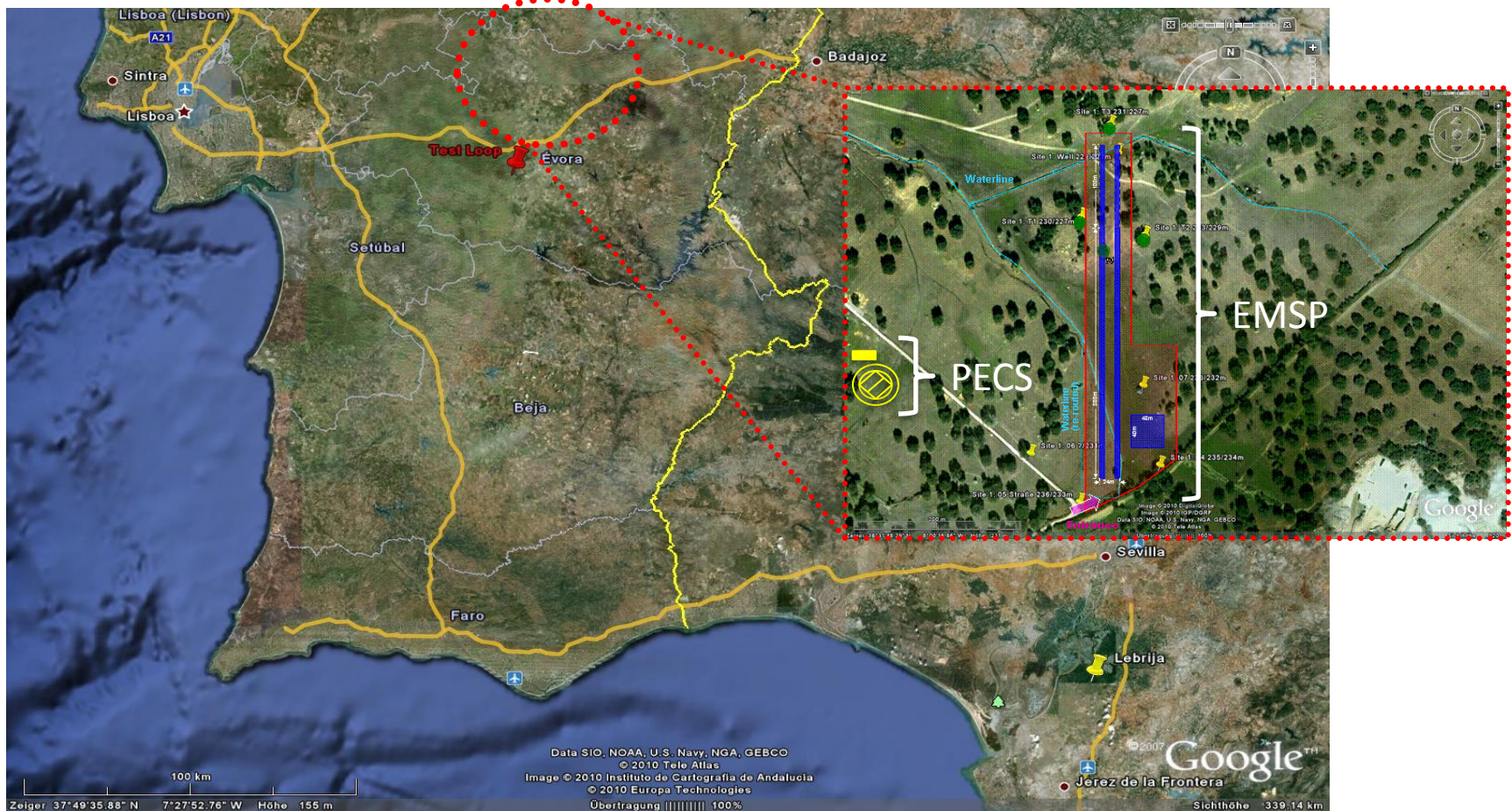


Site III – PVS  
Vanadium Redox storage  
LI-Ion PV system

6.2 kW PV system on roof of building  
5kW Vanadium Redox Flow Battery  
6kW Lithium Battery  
60KWh storage capacity



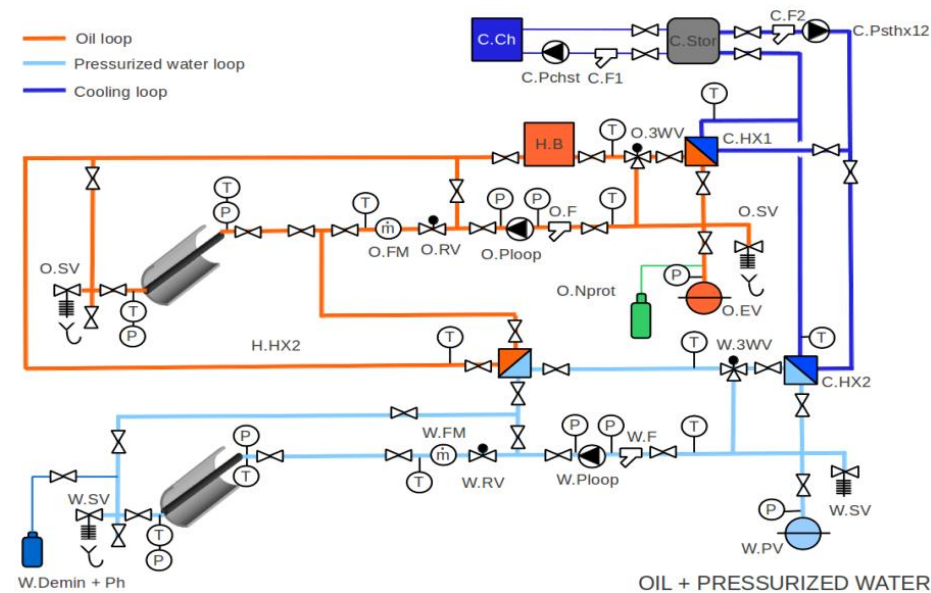
Location: Evora –PT (130km east of Lisbon and 110km SW of Badajoz)



EMSP= Evora Molten Salt Platform ( $T < 580^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

## PE CS: “Plataforma de Ensaio de Coletores Solares”

- Tracking Platform with 2 axes (13x18m<sup>2</sup>);
- Real size Solar Concentrators Testing
- HTF: Thermal Oil (T<400°C)
- Linear Technologies (Parabolic, Fresnel) R&D and Certification (later stage)







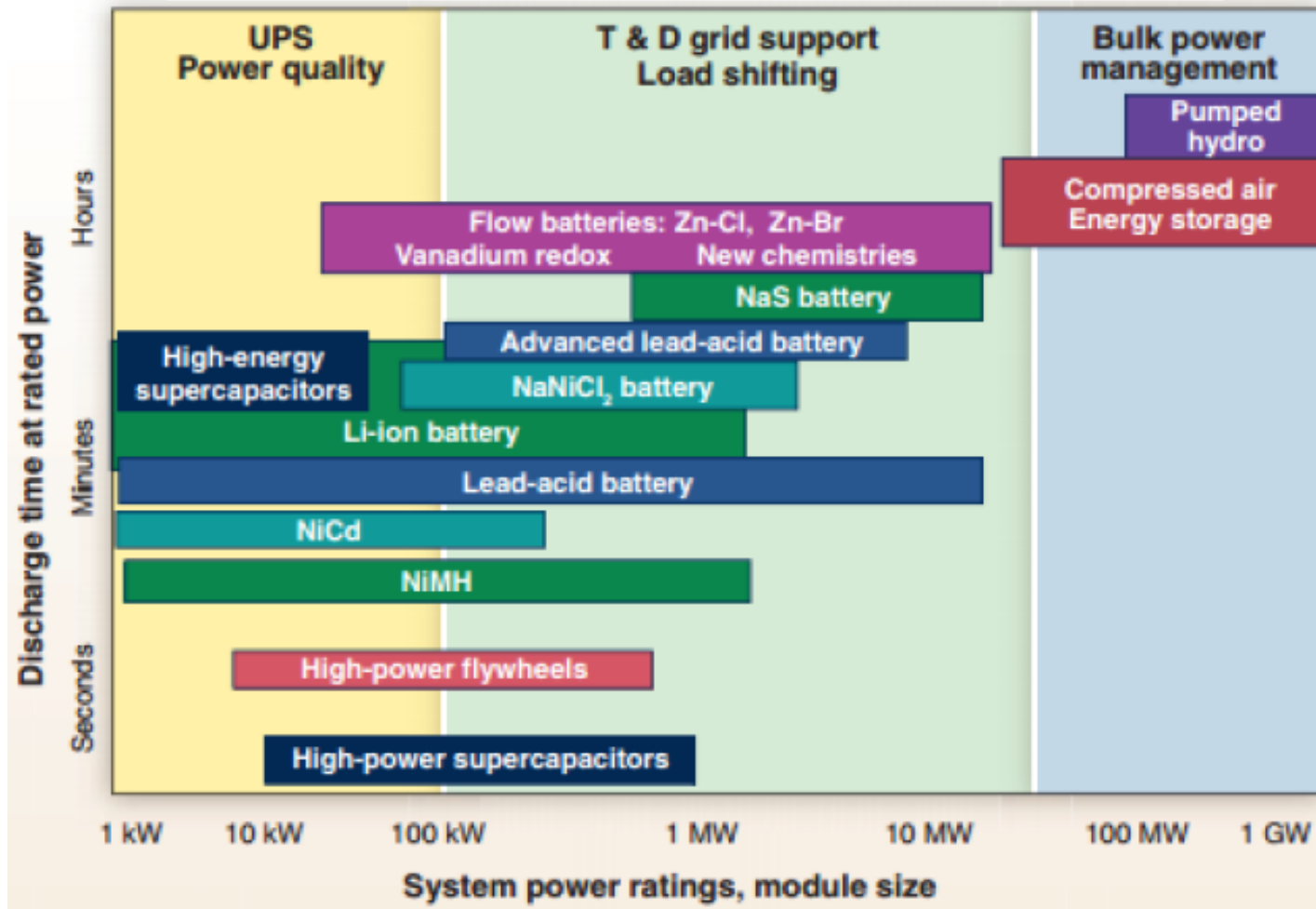
## EMSP

- Molten Salt  $T < 580^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Steam production ( $565^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 100bar)
- Solar Field foreseen:
  - 1,6MWth- HeliTrough (Flagsol, Schott Receivers)
  - 1.5MWth- LFR Etendue matched (MSALFR Project)
- Managed in co-operation with DLR



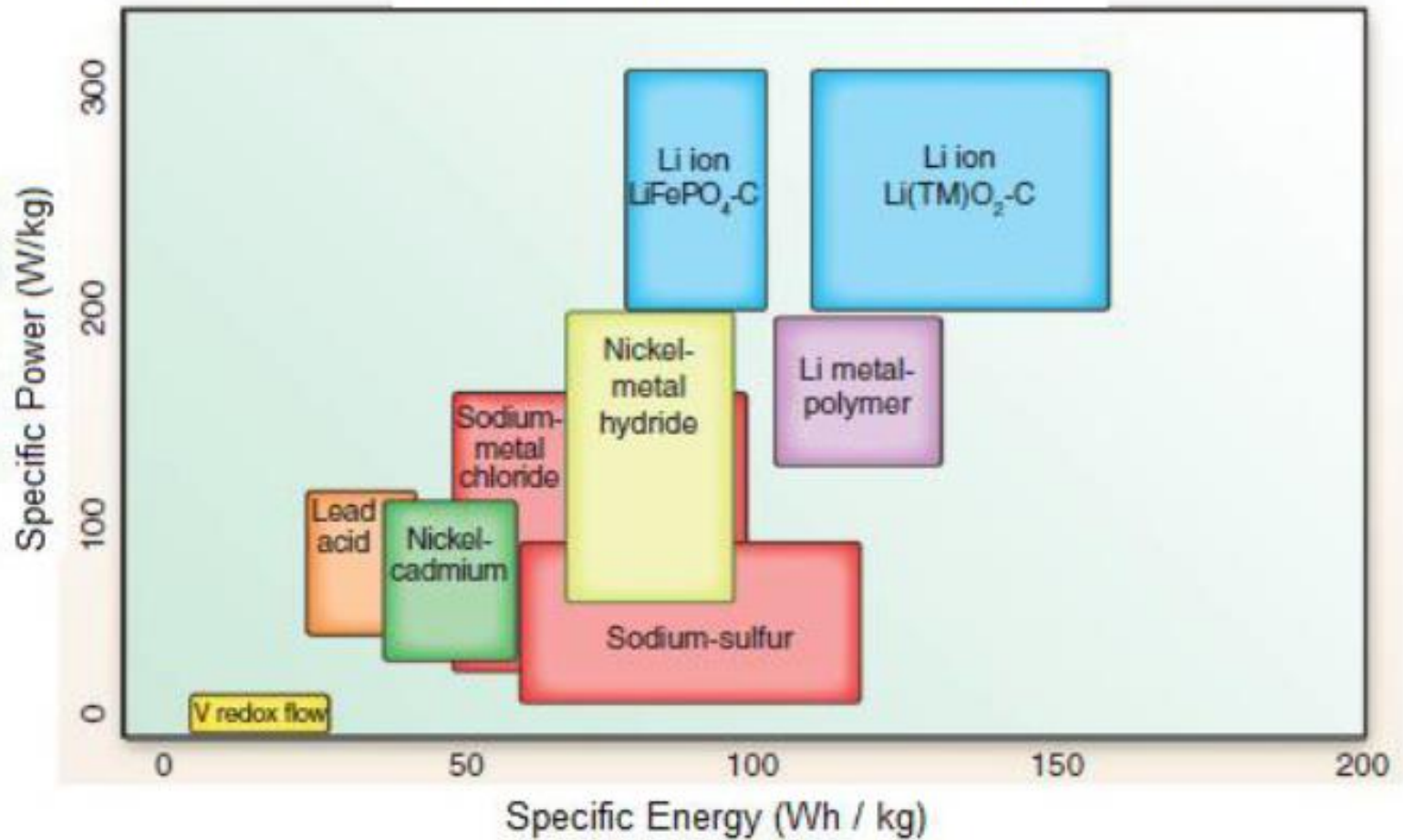
# Energy Storage: a need to effectively run Energy Demand

Energy Storage Technologies, discharge time and power ratings [13]

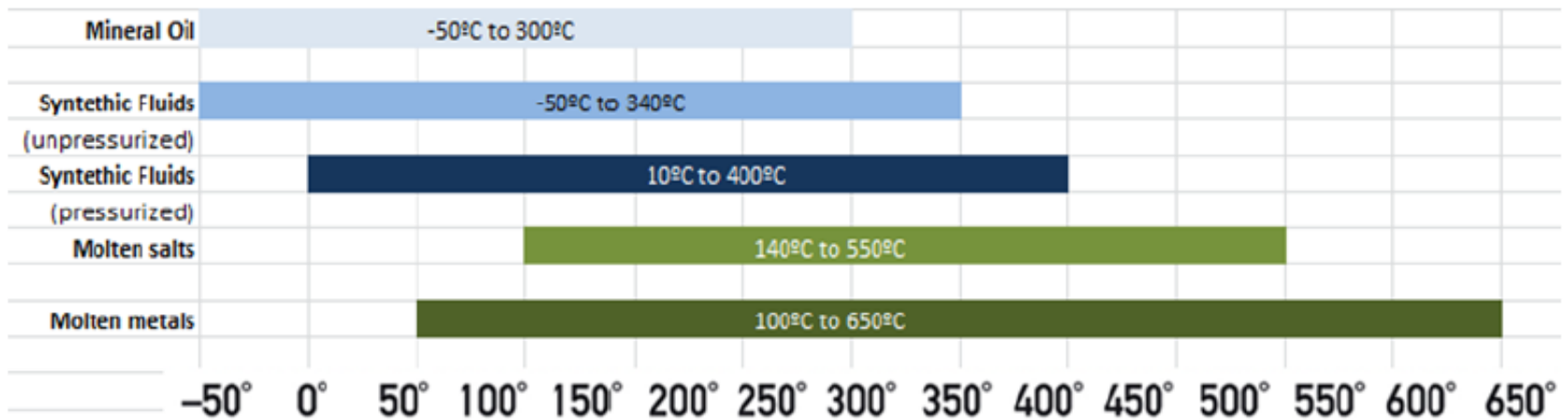


# Energy Storage: the big advantage for Concentrated Solar Power

Energy and Power density for batteries [4]



# Molten Salts: the heat transfer and storage media



Molten salt	Minimum temperature	Maximum temperature
Salt 1: 60% Na NO <sub>3</sub> , 40% K NO <sub>3</sub> (Solar Salt)	291°C	600°C
Salt 2: 7% NaNO <sub>3</sub> , 53% K NO <sub>3</sub> , 40%NaNO <sub>2</sub>	170°C	540°C
Salt 3: 42% Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , 15%NaNO <sub>3</sub> ,43%KNO <sub>3</sub>	131°C	560°C
Salt 4: NaCl, Na NO <sub>3</sub> , NaNO <sub>2</sub> , KCl	140°C	550°C

# Molten Salts: research ongoing

Molten Salts mixtures investigated for STE

LiNO <sub>3</sub>	NaNO <sub>3</sub>	KNO <sub>3</sub>	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-	Liq. T	
mol %	mol %	mol %	mol %	mol %	°C	
	50	50			223	Eutectic NaNO <sub>3</sub> -KNO <sub>3</sub>
	66	34			237	Hitec® Solar Salt
	7	44		49 NaNO <sub>2</sub>	141	Eutectic comp. Hitec® HTF
	21	49	30		133	Eutectic comp. Hitec® XL
30	18	52			120	Eutectic LiNO <sub>3</sub> -NaNO <sub>3</sub> -KNO <sub>3</sub>
31		58	11		117	Eutectic LiNO <sub>3</sub> -KNO <sub>3</sub> -Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
31-27	20-11	38-50	12		<95	US 7,588,694
15	10	30	15	30 CsNO <sub>3</sub>	65	J. W. Raade and D. Padowitz (Solarpaces 2010)

## Project DNI - Solar Radiation Ground Measurement

Uni Évora + IPES + AREANATEJO

And local companies:

Lógica

Enercoutim

Integrum Solar

Inegi

Generg

Measuring for 3 years:

Solar Global, Direct, Difuse

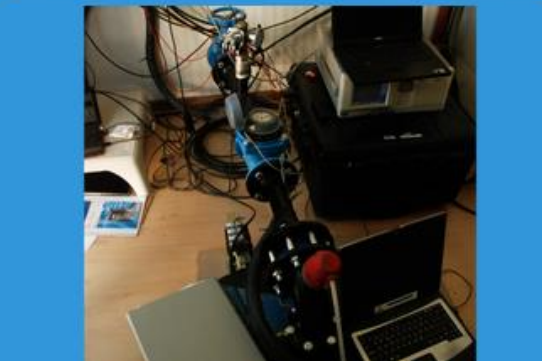
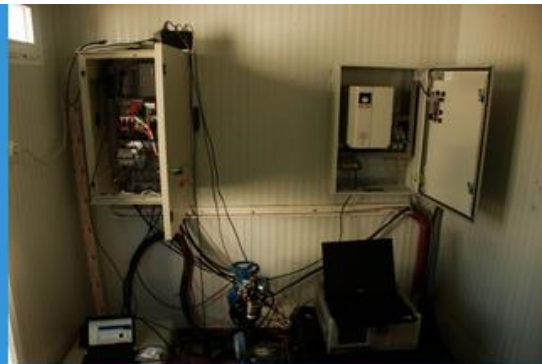
Number of Locations: 8



# Project Maslowaten

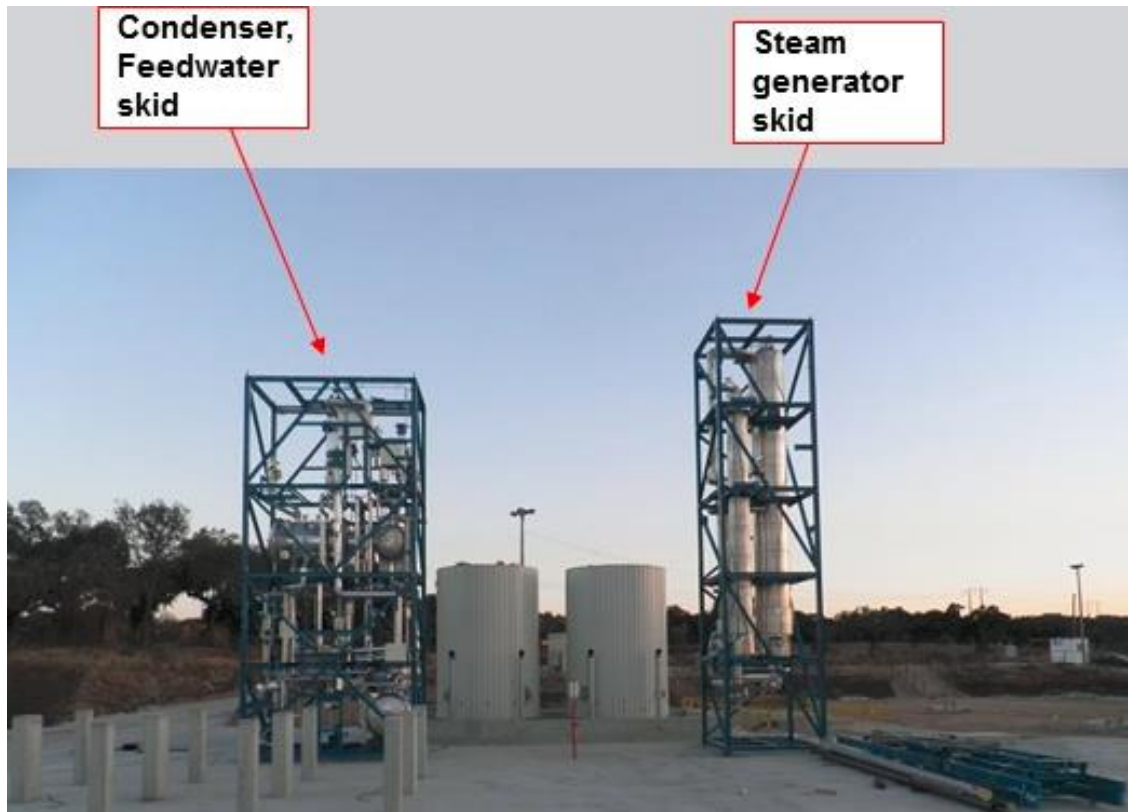


- Optimize PV Operation with and without backup (diesel) system
- Agriculture applications: large PV irrigated systems (on / off-grid)
- 140kWp Demo at Olive tree farm (200ha) in Alentejo (PT)



# Project HPS-2

- Optimize Operation using Molten Salts in a direct system
- Heliotrough from Flagsol
- Test different drainage strategies;
- Test different molten salts with 150C and 220C melting temperature;



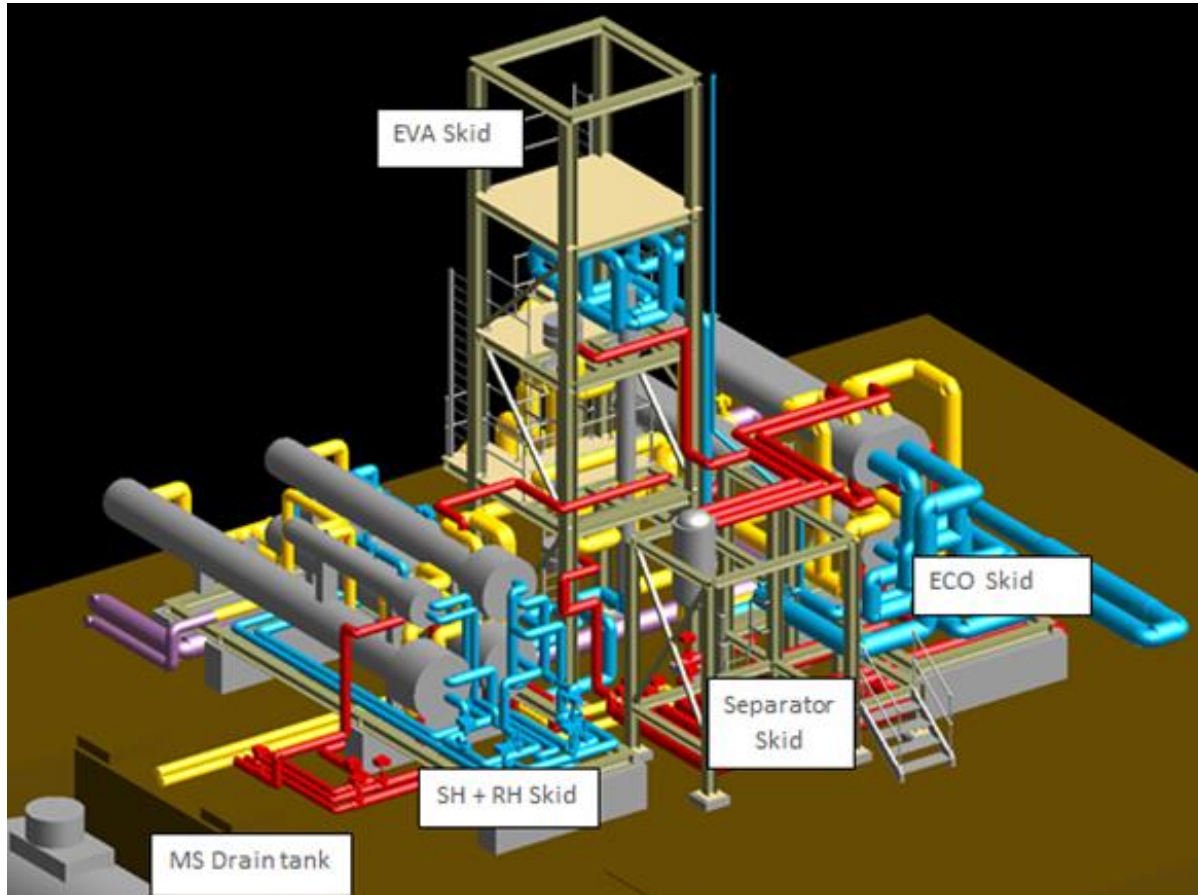
## Partners:

DLR  
Flagsol / TSK  
Steinmuller  
Yara  
Eltherm  
Eskom



# Project PreFlexMS

- Design and operate a fast response MS/Steam heat exchanger
- Dispatchability and response similar to a Gas Power Plant
- Weather Forecast - Nowcasting



## Partners:

DLR

GE

STF

ESE

CENER

# Project NewSOL

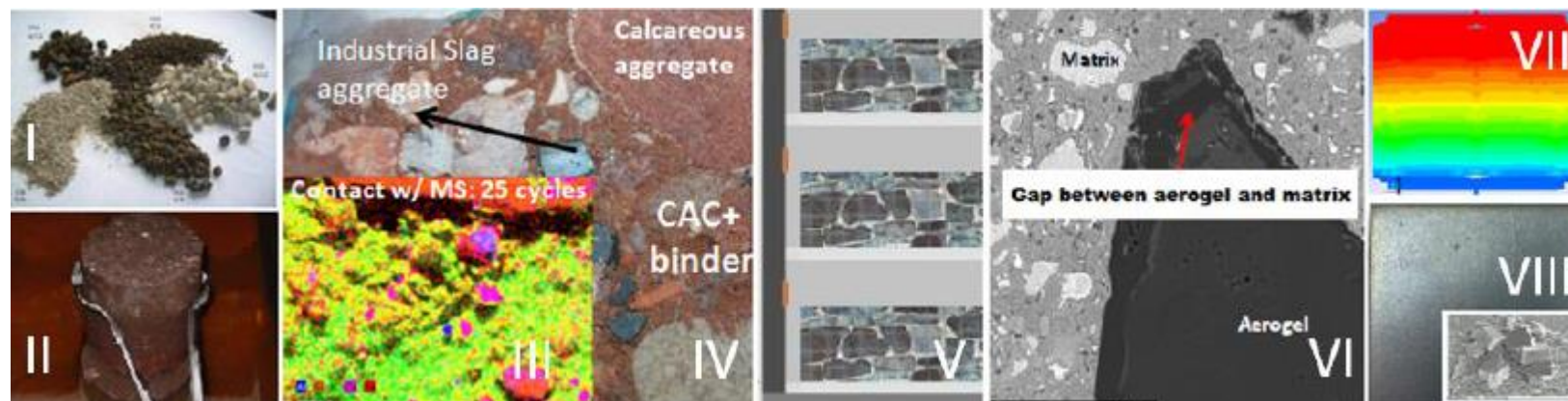
- A broad team of experts from Academia and Industry
- Aim is to test and validate new storage concepts for CSP



# Project NewSOL



- Storage up to 600C: Material durability and compatibility
- Thermocline type tank (new plant) and Concrete Module (retrofit)



R&D	Materials	State of the art	Breakthroughs
Binder	Concrete Mix	Concrete OPC till 400°C validated for thermal storage Concrete CAC till 550°C validated	Concrete mix till 550°C w/ high thermal capacity Focus on OPC/CAC+ high minerals add. Incorporation of nanostructured carbon fibres
Filler and aggregates	Slag incorporation	Slag in concrete mix	Validation as filler material, direct contact slag / MS
PCMs	Heat storage	Non-incorporated into the tank	Incorporation of encapsulated PCMs into the tank
HTF	Molten Salts	Binary mixture of $KNO_3$ and $NaNO_3$	Ternary mixtures with reduced melting temperature Incorporation of nanoparticles with enhanced properties
Insulation materials	Insulation	Rockwool	Aerogel incorporated in the outer concrete wall and fundament
Sensor monitoring	functional coatings	only temperature/strain monitoring in harsh environments (550°C)	Corrosion, pH, and pressure measuring in harsh environments (550°C)

# Cooperation Long Term Agreements

- Deutsche Luft- und Raumfahrt, DLR – Germany  
Projects at EMSP: HPS-2, PREFLEXMS, NEWSOL
- University of Esslingen – Germany  
Project: TERMSOL
- University of Stellenbosch, STERG – South Africa  
Linear Direct Molten Salt Systems, Thermal Storage  
Future: Molten Salt Fresnel Demo Project  
Advisory Board of NEWSOL  
Exchange of Students / Researchers



# MAPA DE PORTUGAL



## PORTUGAL

'n land met 'n groot landskap verskeidenheid

**Legenda:**

- CAPITAL DISTRICT
- RIOS
- 7 MARAVILHAS DE PORTUGAL
- CABOS



### Noord: Minho + Tras-os-Montes

Port wyn en skouspelagtige Douro wingerde,  
*Aveiro* ongelooflike kanale,  
*Braga* met tradisionele kerke Barokke

### Sentrum: Beiras + Ribatejo

*Serra da Estrela* berg met sneeu  
Tipies dorpe van *Sortelha*, *Almeida*, *Monsanto*  
Fado nasionale lied

Man te voet in die gesig staar 'n bul

### Suid: Alentejo + Algarve

Ongelooflike strande  
Riviere en Ria Formosa te verken met 'n kano  
Ou dorpe (*Monsaraz*, *Marvão*) met pragtige uitsig

### Açores eilande

Vulkaan en warmwaterbronne  
Pynappel, tee en 'n groot kaas

### Madeira eilande

Pragtige staproetes  
Blomme in 'n tropiese klimaat  
Uitstekende kos



## 1. Alentejo: *Vila Nova de Milfontes* en rivier *Mira*

Die kus van Alentejo is baie spesiaal, aangesien die meeste van hulle beskerm as 'n natuurreserveaat. Alle gebiede moet wees soos hierdie met amazing strande, vissersbote en riviere met skoon water. Rivier Mira is 'n awesome plek vir kano met kalm waters nooi vir 'n groot sonsondergang toe aankom na die see.





## 2. Alentejo: *Porto Covo* en *Ilha do Pessegueiro* (eiland van perske boom)

Wit huise met 'n pragtige blou of goue geel strepe, rus en vrede vlakke.

Almal weet die *Pessegueiro* eiland 'n mistieke plek wat 'n bekende en pragtige musiek verdien: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5y76p4ksm8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5y76p4ksm8)





### 3. Alentejo: Comporta

Lang sandduine, rys velde, die koninkryk van die Stork: sprakeloos







**4. Monsaraz**  
‘n magie plek, natuur suiwer, megalithiese kultuur en die donker lug vol sterre, een van die beste plekke in Europa om die skoonheid van die lug bewonder.





## 5. Alentejo: *Marvão*

Op die top van 'n berg, 'n juweel van menslike integrasie in die landskap. Pragtige natuurskoon is die beste waardeer in die nag, met ligte in die top van die berg asof vuurvliegies sou rus in die heel boonste.

Alentejo:  
[www.youtube.com  
/watch?v=9IyNsusb7Zo&nohtml5=False](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IyNsusb7Zo&nohtml5=False)





## 6. Évora en

### *Herdade do Esporão*

Evora, 'n muur stad waar huise lyk so goed inpas in die landskap. Romeinse ruïnes van “Diana”. Wingerde en heerlike plaaslike kookkuns kombinasie vis, aromatiese kruie, brood en olyfolie.





Thank You

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To all in STERG, specially to the research Partners Frank, Henk, Fady  
Let's continue towards the **Cape of Good Hope** in Solar and CSP