Experiences of ISFOC on Concentration Photovoltaic



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- Concentration photovoltaic
- ISFOC
 - Creation
 - R&D plan
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 - Degradation study
 - O&M issues
 - CPV and PV comparison
- CPV advantages
- Conclusions







The Concentration Photovoltaic (CPV) concentrates the radiation into the cell using an optical component







Advantages

Cells much smaller than the traditional one => Less material needed

Possibility to use a more efficient cell (III-V multijunction technology (40% instead of 20%)



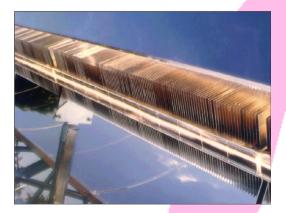




Challenges

Only the direct radiation is used => A very accurate tracking is needed





High temperature on the cell





CPV types

Lineal concentrator

Low and medium concentration Example: Euclides (20-40x), Skyline (USA)

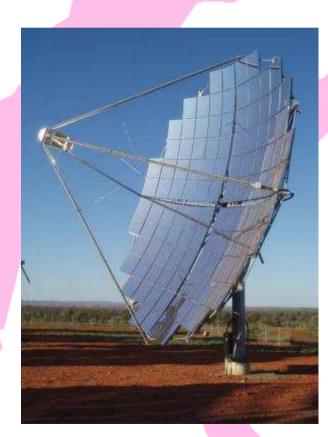






CPV types

Parabolic dish High concentration Example: Solar System









Integrated modules

High concentrationExample: Concentrix (500X)





Cell

GaAs cell Advantage

The voltage drop due to the temperature is lower than in Si

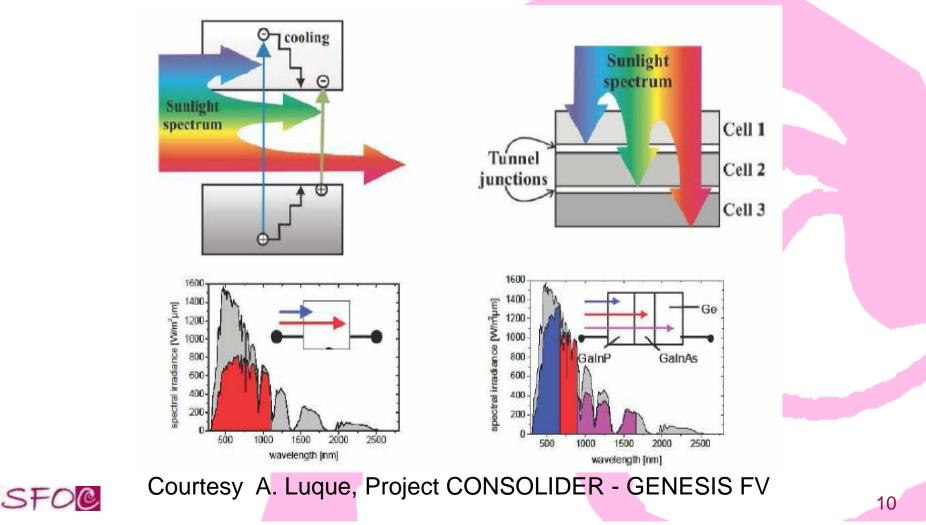
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Si (@ V _{oc})	1,12	0,65	0,580		-0,47	-2,09	
Si (@ V_m)	1,12			0,55	-0,57	-2,42	
GaAs (@ V_{oc})	1,43	1,00	0,699		-0,43	-1,68	
GaAs (@ V_m)	1,43			0,87	-0,56	-2,12	
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Cell



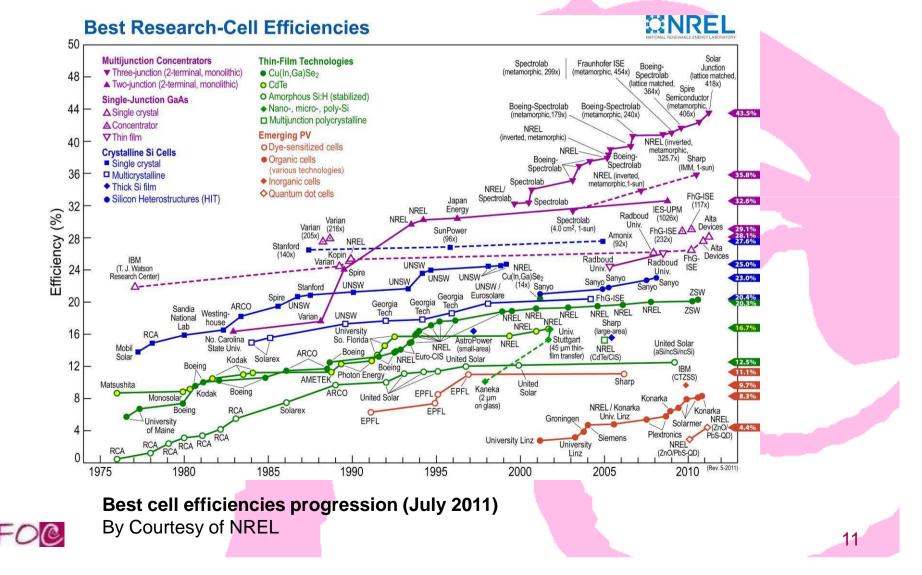
Multijunction cell: GalnP, GalnAs, Ge

Better use of the spectrum





Record efficiency: 43,5% Solar junction (USA) May 2011



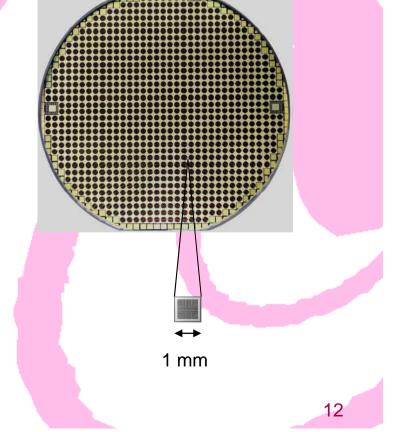
Cell

Lower size and serial resistance

The influence of the serial resistance is higher in CPV, therefore the cell should have a small Rs

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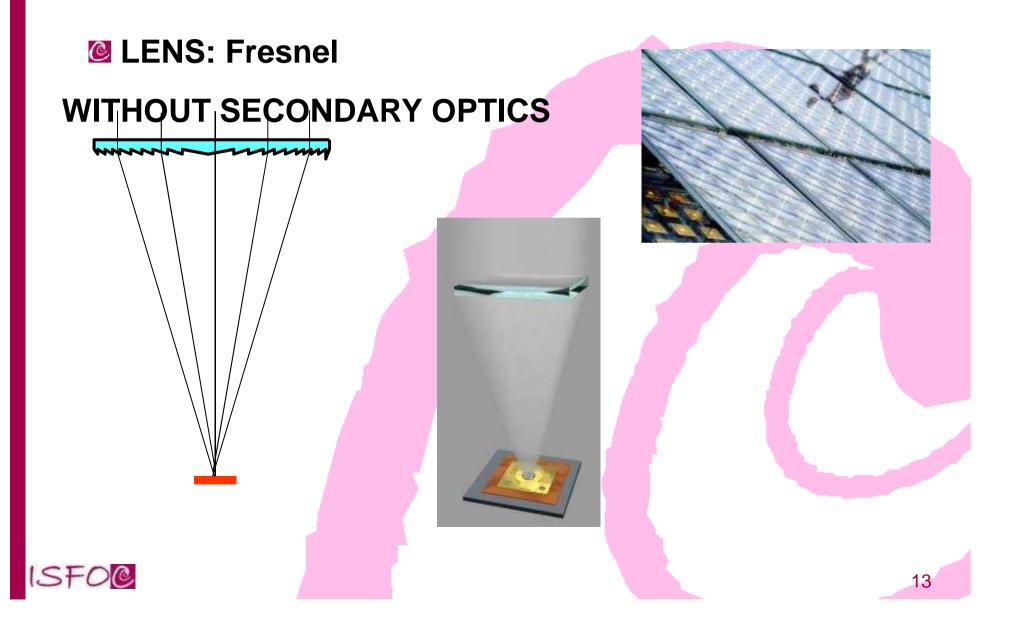
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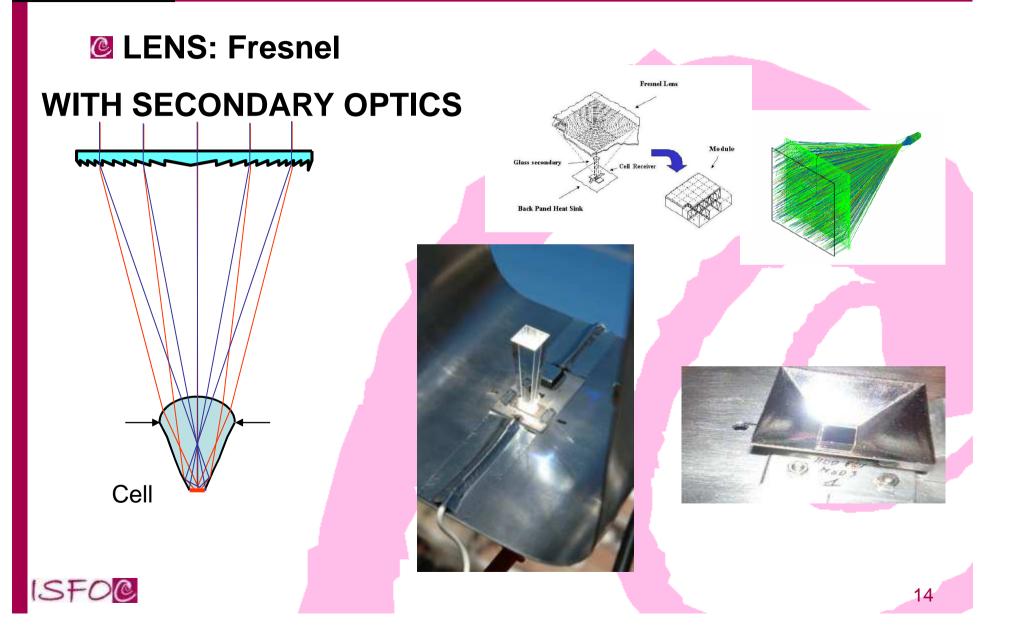








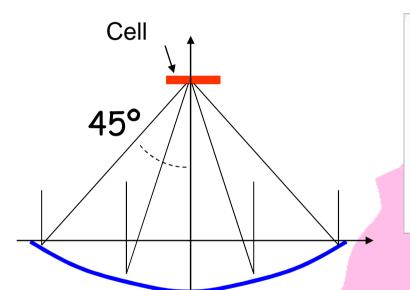


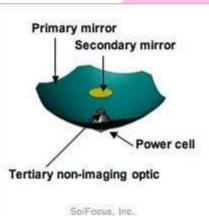




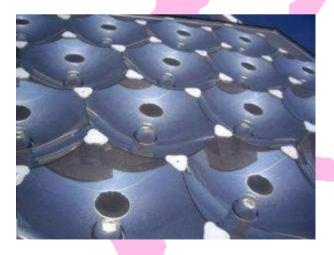
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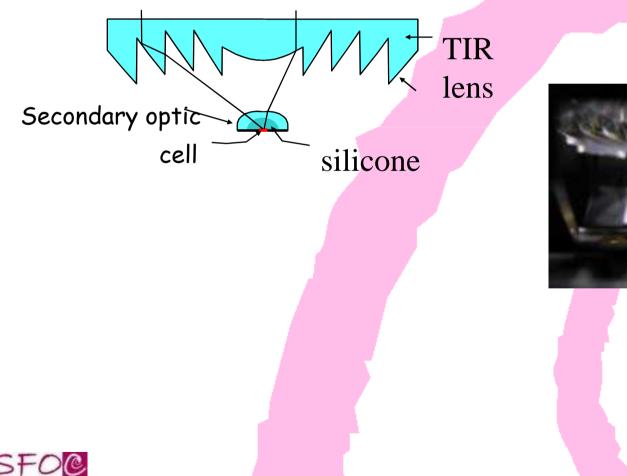


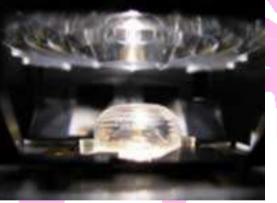




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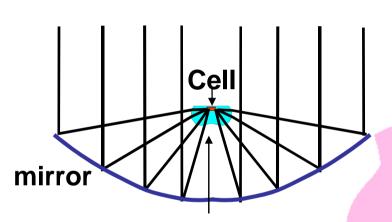
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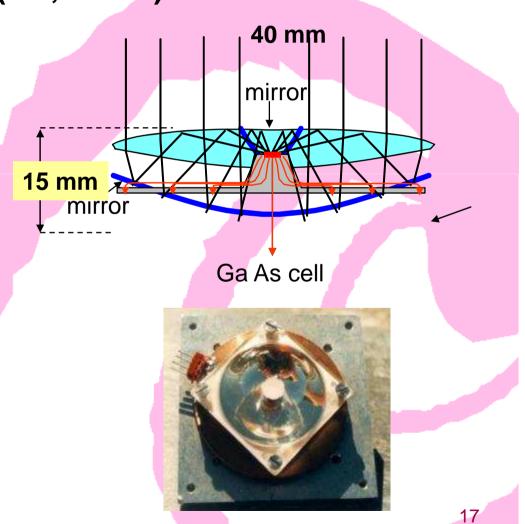




New optical concepts(XR, XRI...)



Secondary optic

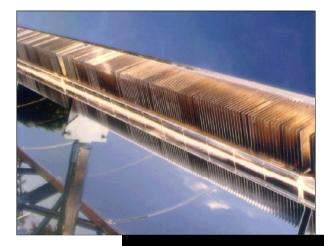


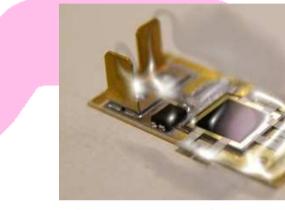


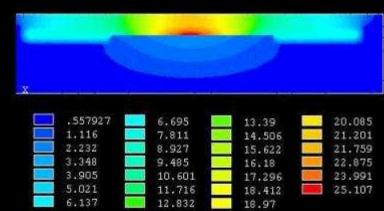


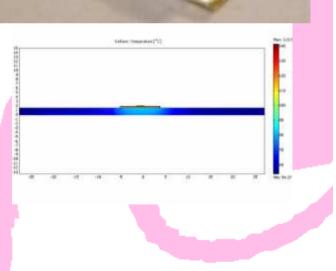
Heatsink

Passive refrigeration: Heatsink









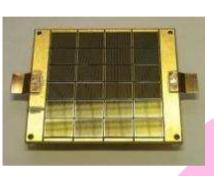




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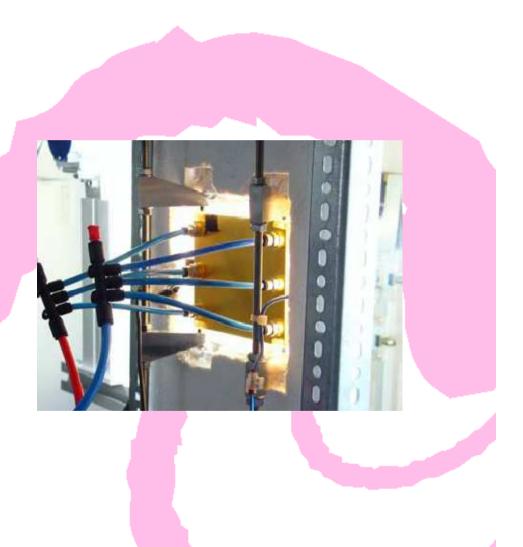
Active cooling











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Trackers

One axis trackers: Only for low concentration





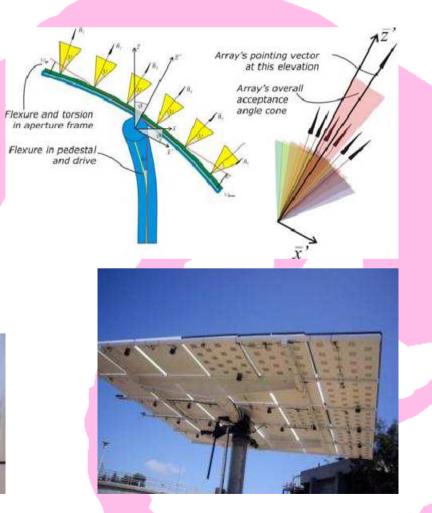


Trackers

Two axis trackers



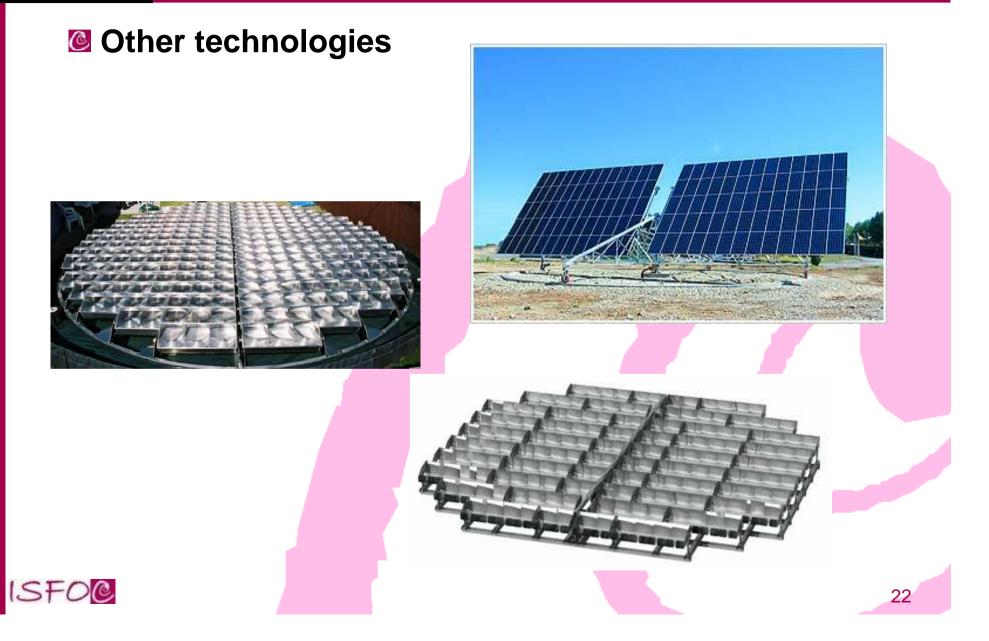








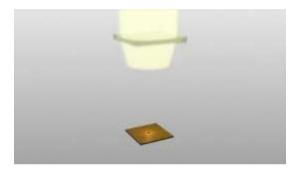
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Module

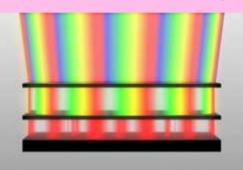
Light into cell



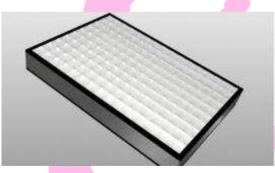
Cells with heatsink and lens



Multijunction cell receives the light



W Final module



Pictures by Courtesy of Concentrix



Launching ISFOC







ISFOC: Mission

To become a centre of reference that provides reliable information to the entire world on the power and productivity of commercial CPV systems.

Train a group of experts capable of promoting both high level research and local industrial development by means of setting up pilot photovoltaic concentration plants.





- FIRST PHASE: ISFOC Establishment
- First International call for tenders in 2006
 - ▶ 1,7 MW awarded to 3 companies
- Second International call for tenders in 2007
 - ▶ 1,3 MW awarded to 4 companies
- Construction of HQ Building and laboratories
 Recruitment of key personnel
- SECOND PHASE: Projects and Operation
- Operation and Maintenance of the power plants
- R&D plan deployment
- New projects

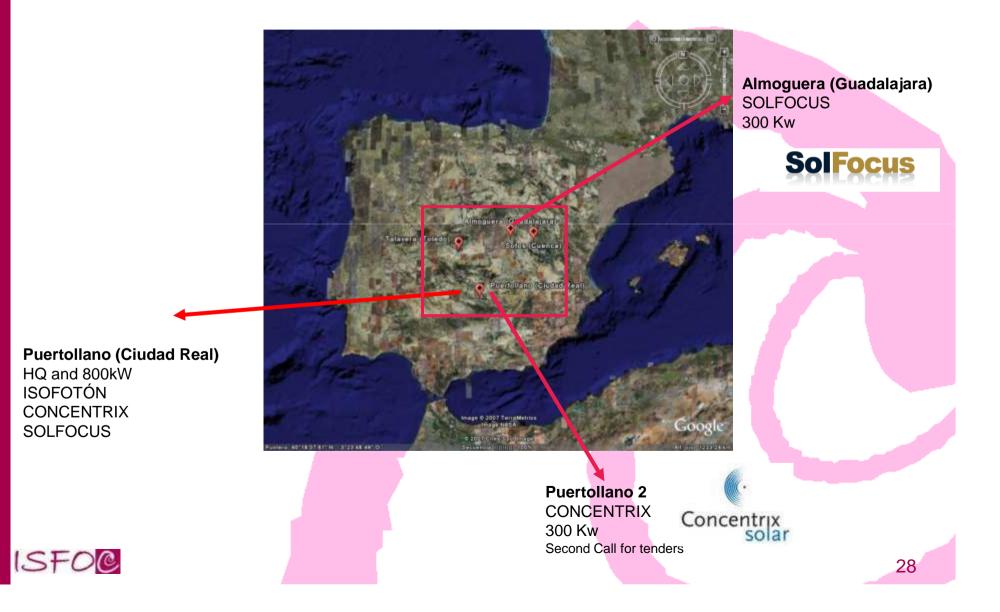




Manufacturers



Infrastructures



About ISFOC



1st and 2nd Phase ISFOC Project Installations (3MW)

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800kW installed and connected to the grid

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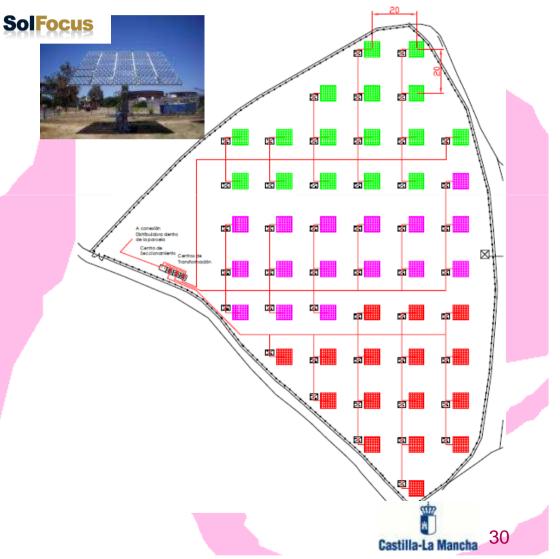
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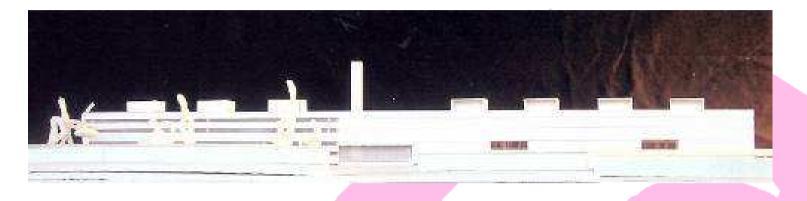
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Infrastructures – Puertollano I



Laboratories Offices Maintenance







Puertollano 2006...





Puertollano 2007...





Puertollano beginning 2008...



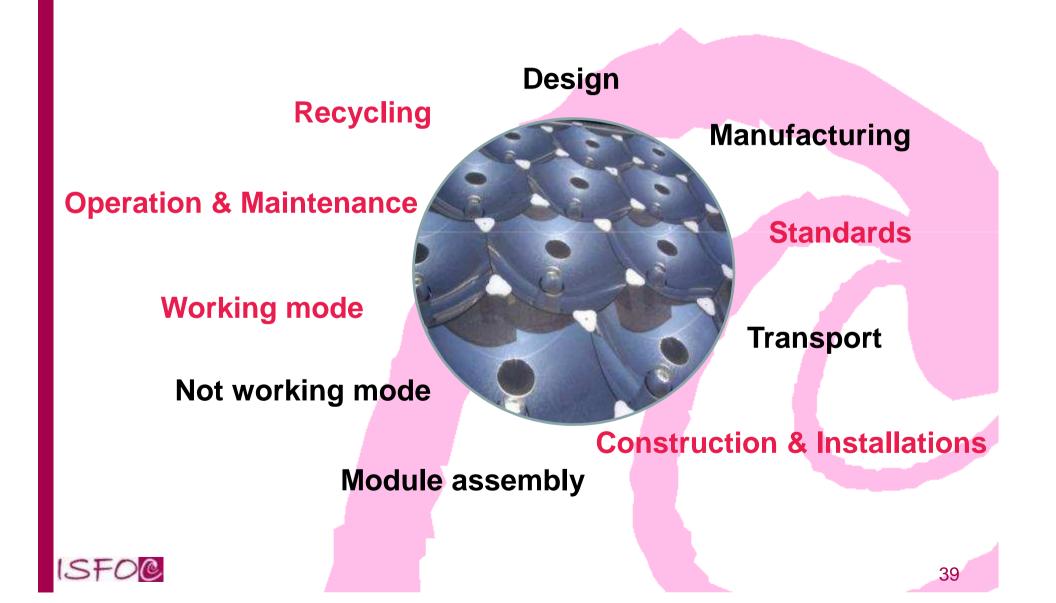


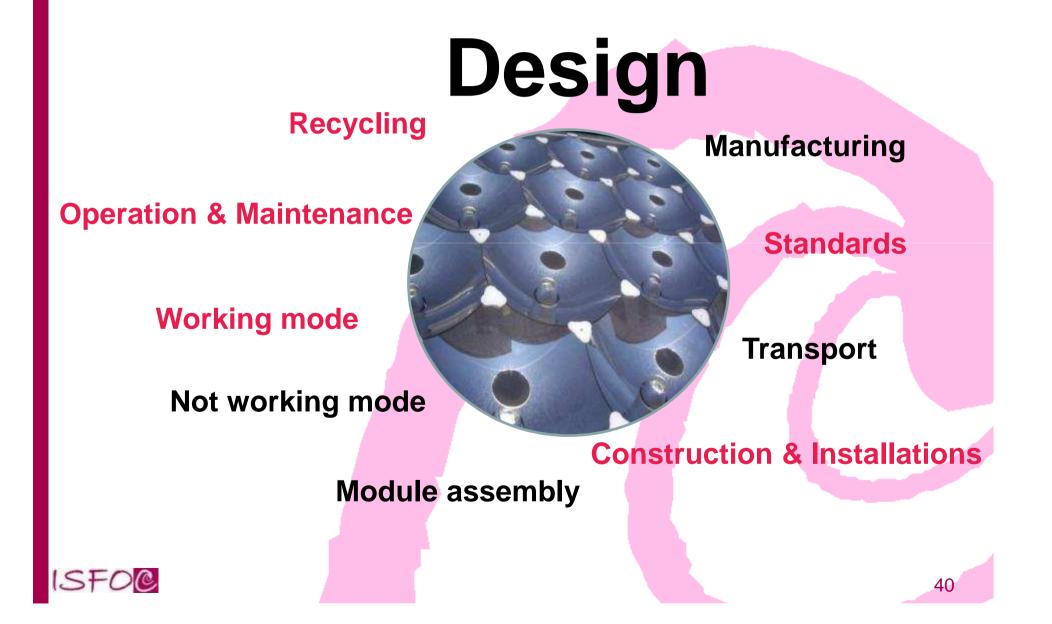






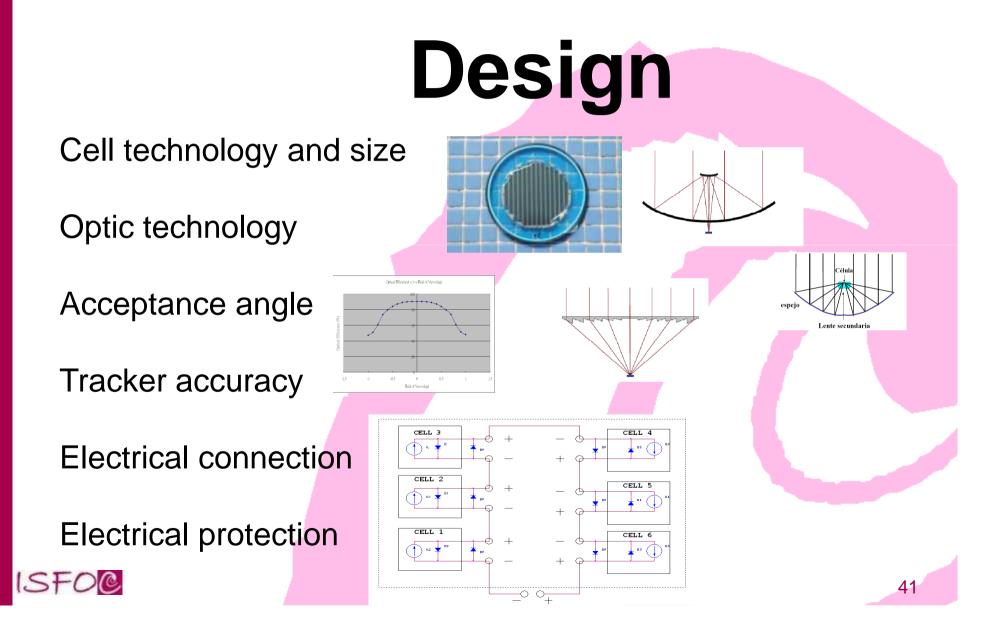






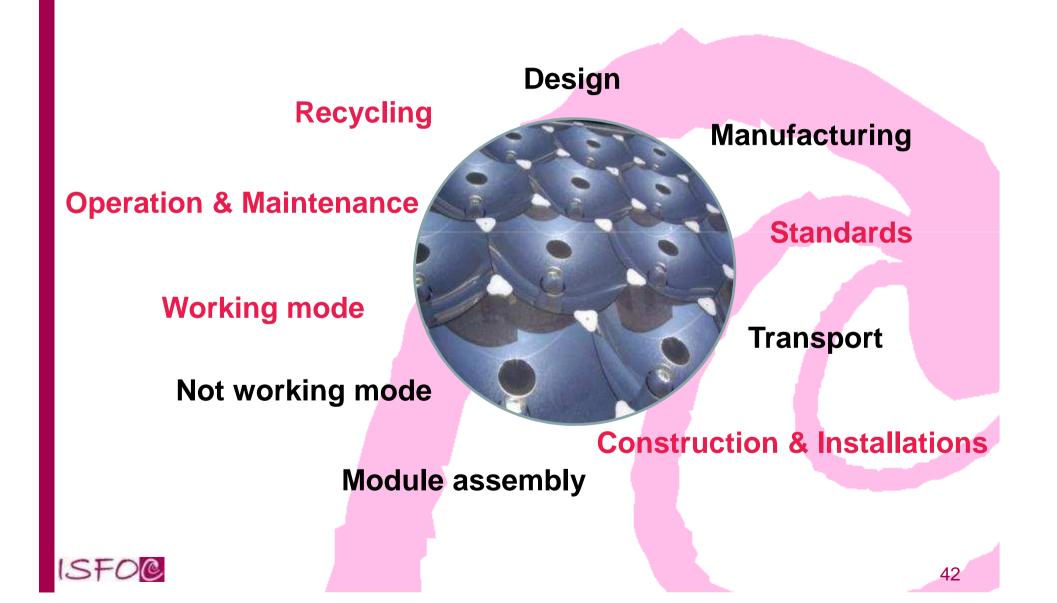














Recycling

Operation & Maintenance

Working mode

Not working mode

Standards

Transport

Construction & Installations

Module assembly







Cell testing Optical tuning Module assembly

Automation

Quality controls

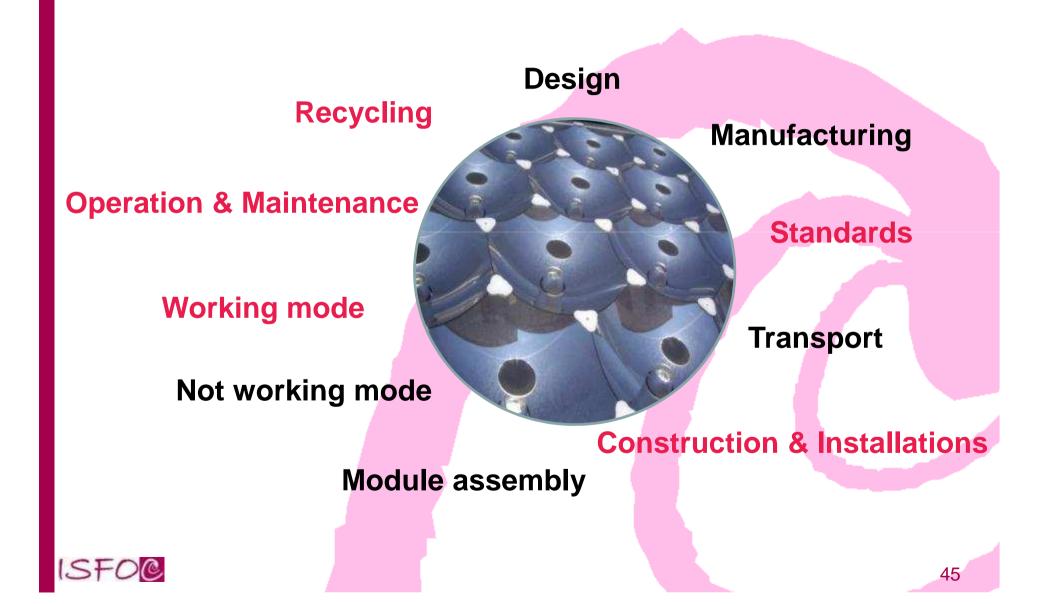
Manufacturing





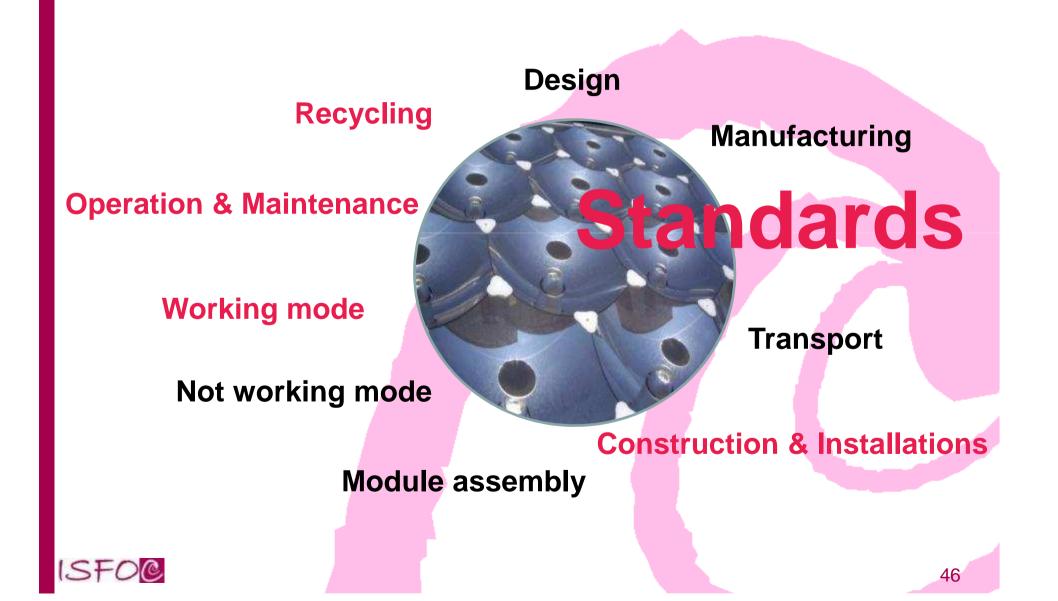














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STANDARDS IN PROGRESS

CPV Modules rating Energy rating Tracker Safety Cells qualification

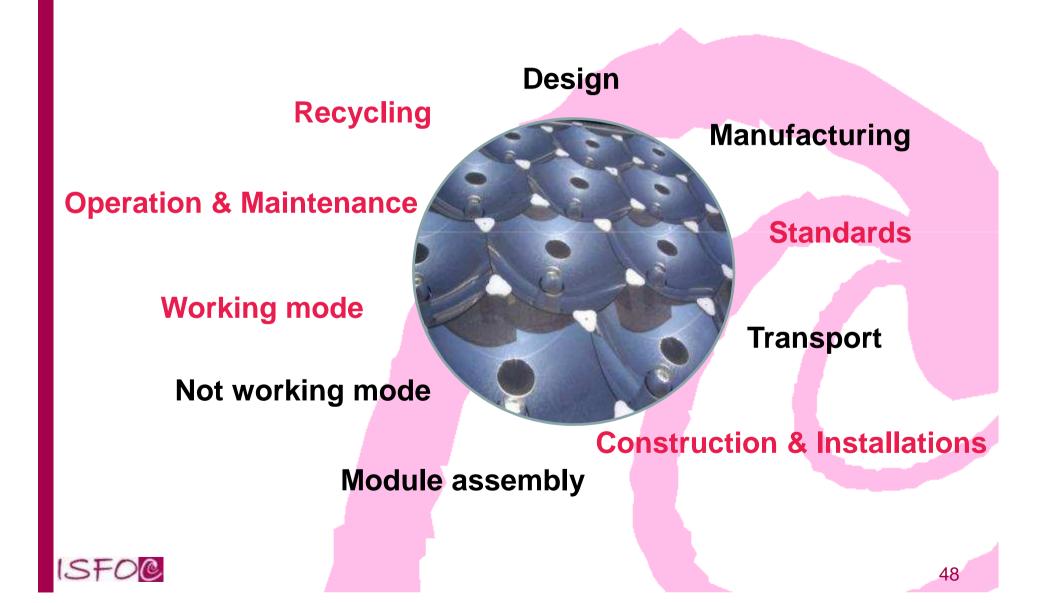






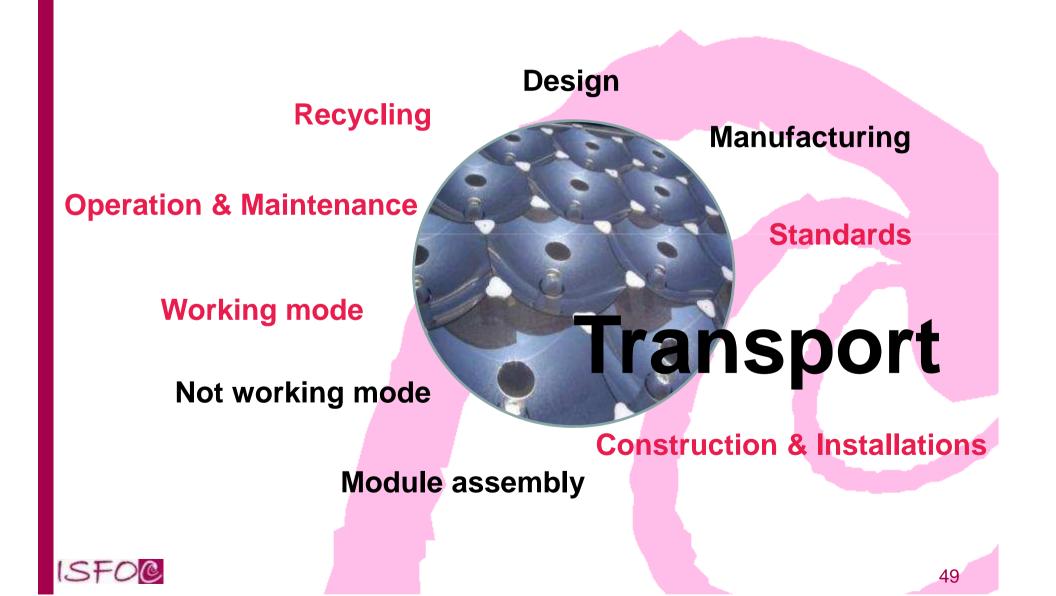














Ready to be transported (temperature, presion...)

Dimensioned to be transported (to avoid special transport, cost...)

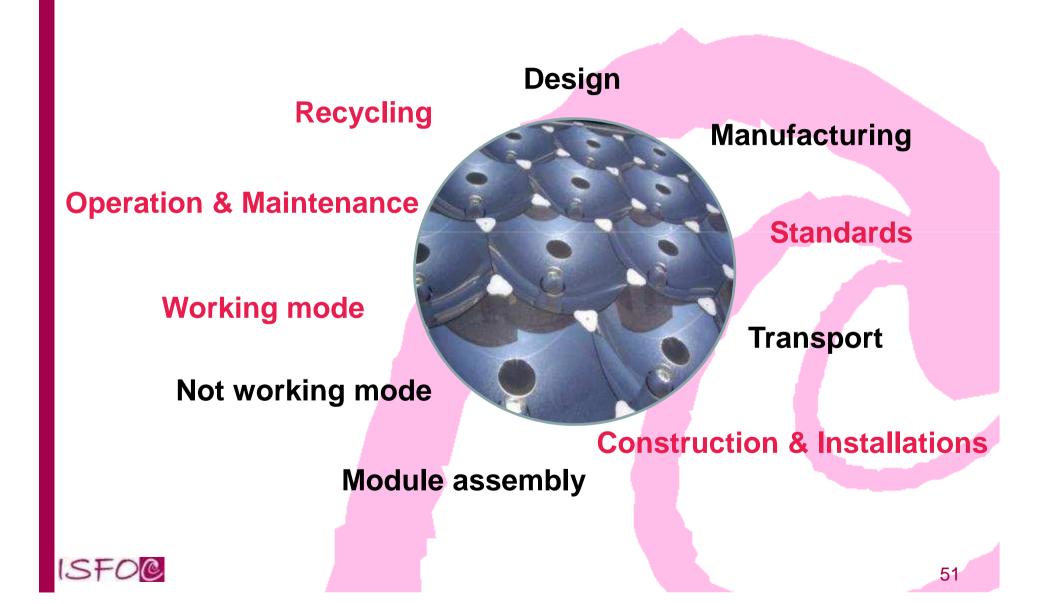
Good protection for transport (The modules are bigger and more fragile)

Transport



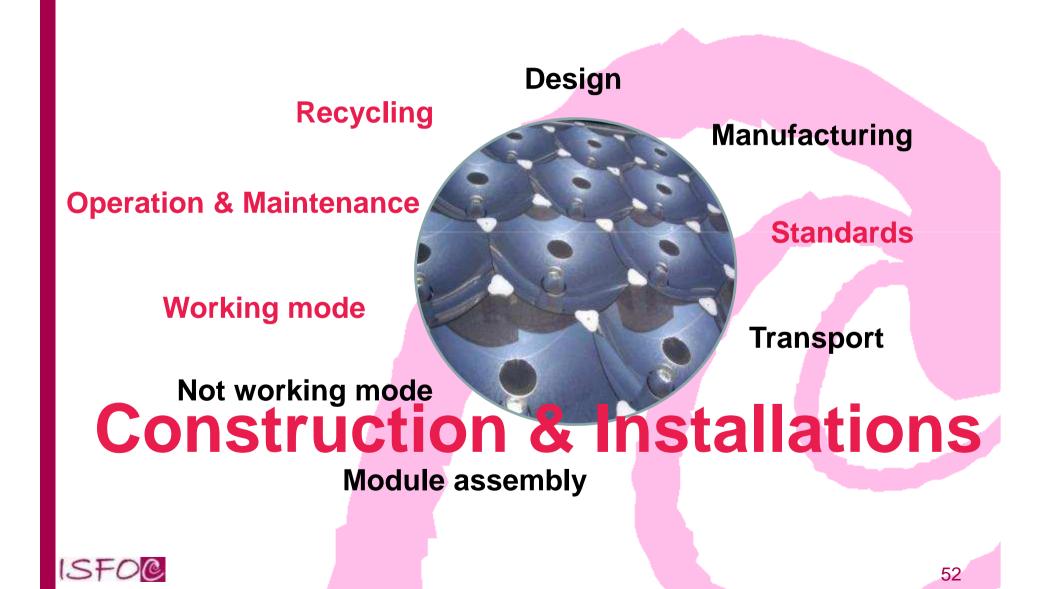














Paperwork!! PAPERWORK! PAPERWORK!!!

(permitting, licences, environmental agreement...)

Detailed project

Foundation (depending of the land)

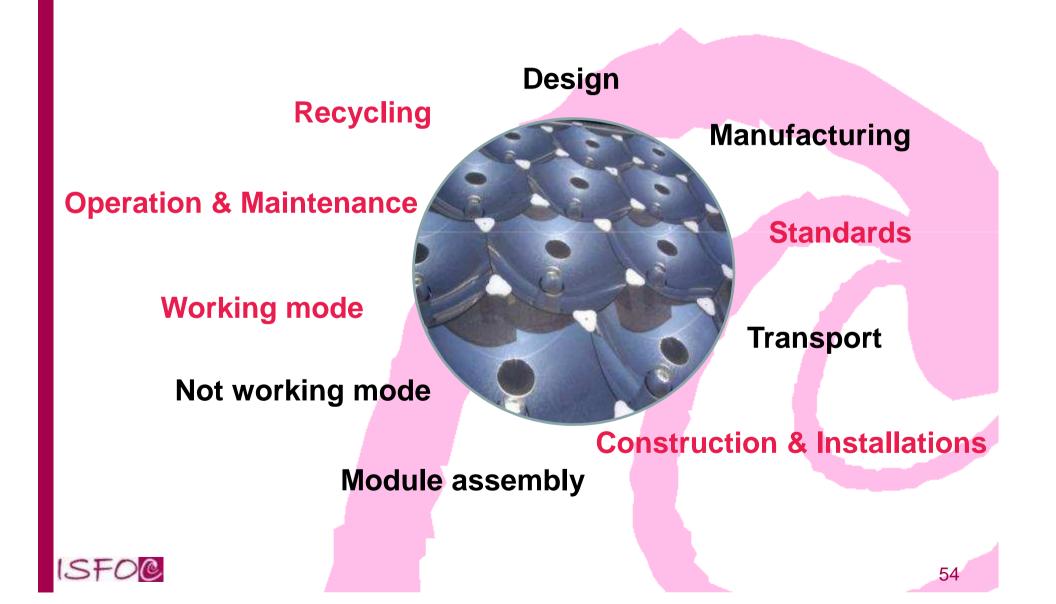


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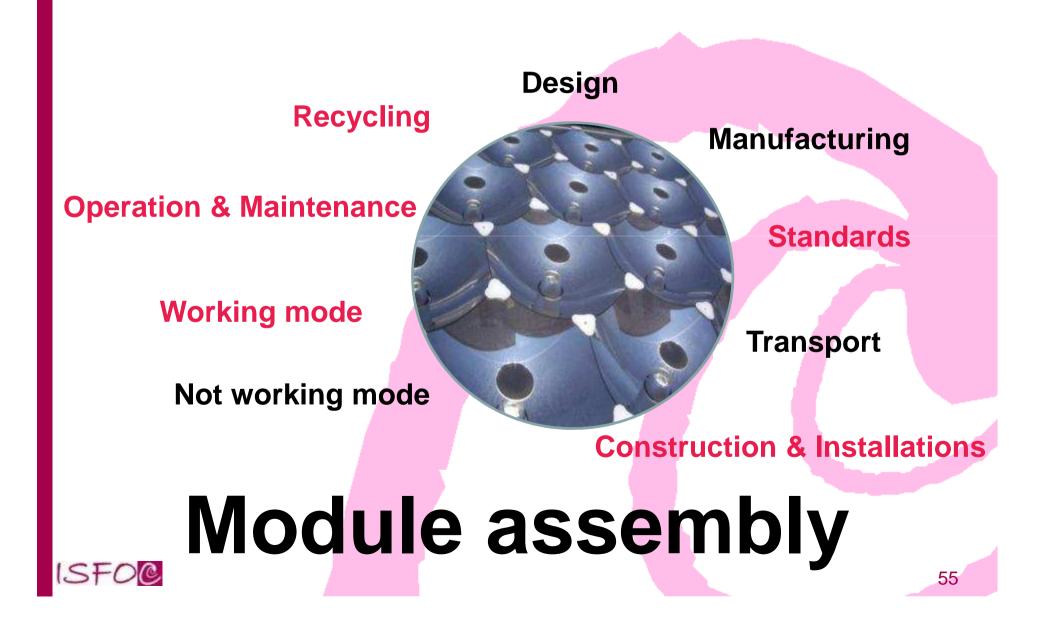




















Location of the module assembly (on site or pre-assembly)

Alignment of the module on the tracker

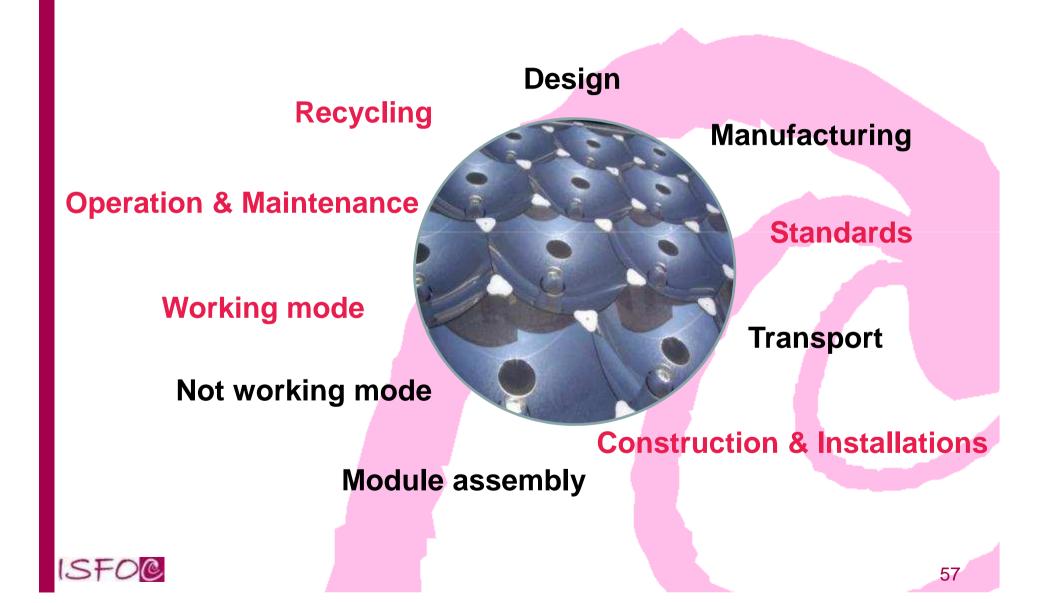
Electrical connection

Module assembly



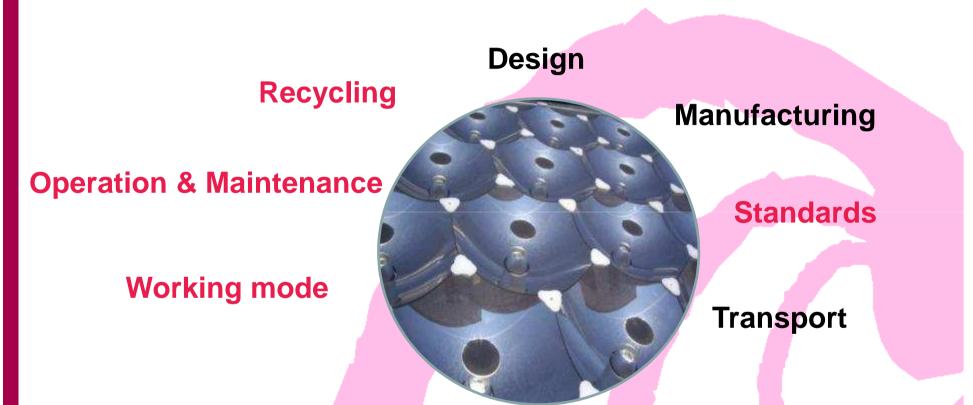












Not working ob Mode Installations





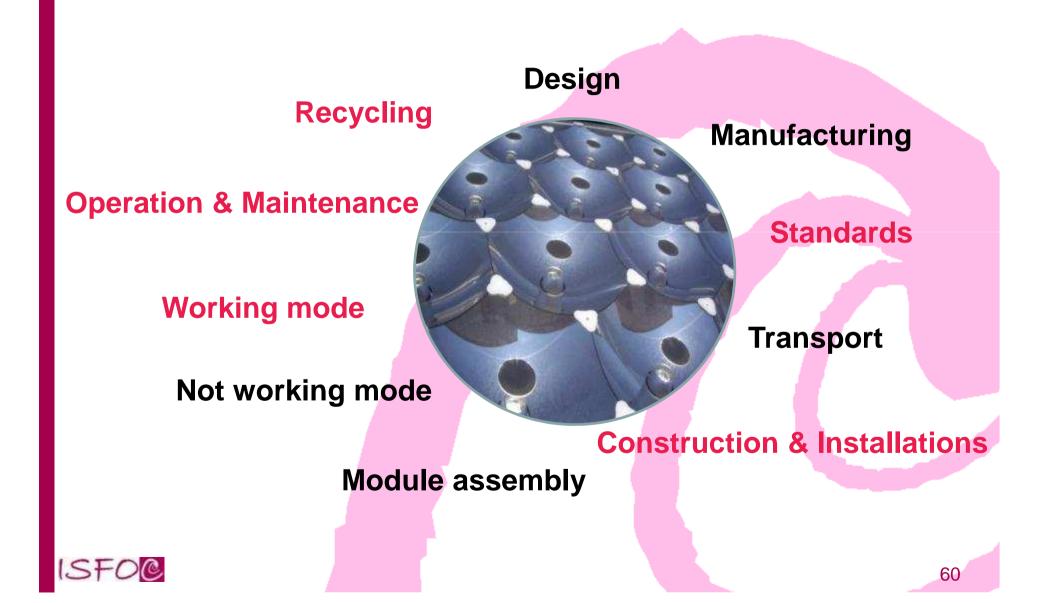
The system can be installed but not working (no electrical power, no grid connection, etc.) Problems: Off axis, wind, no electrical input...

Not working mode



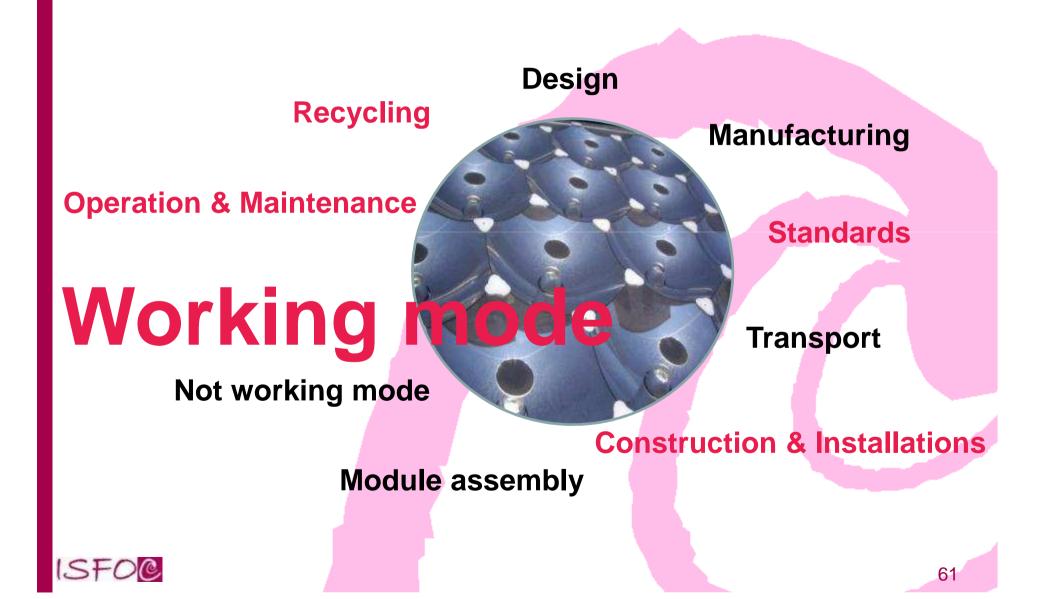


















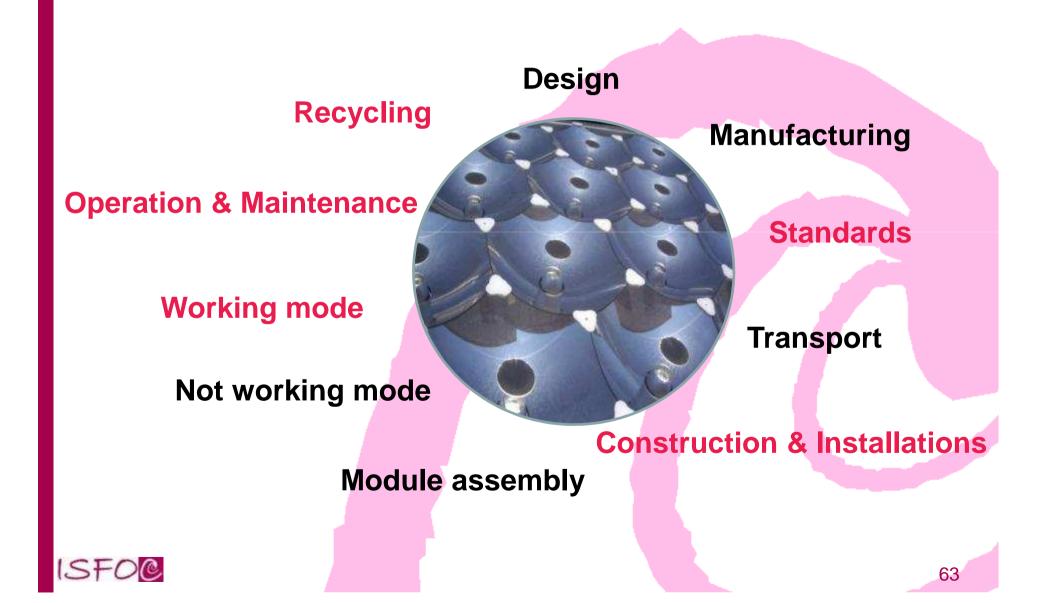
Working mode

Energy production Meteorological conditions Control software Data monitoring Life duration



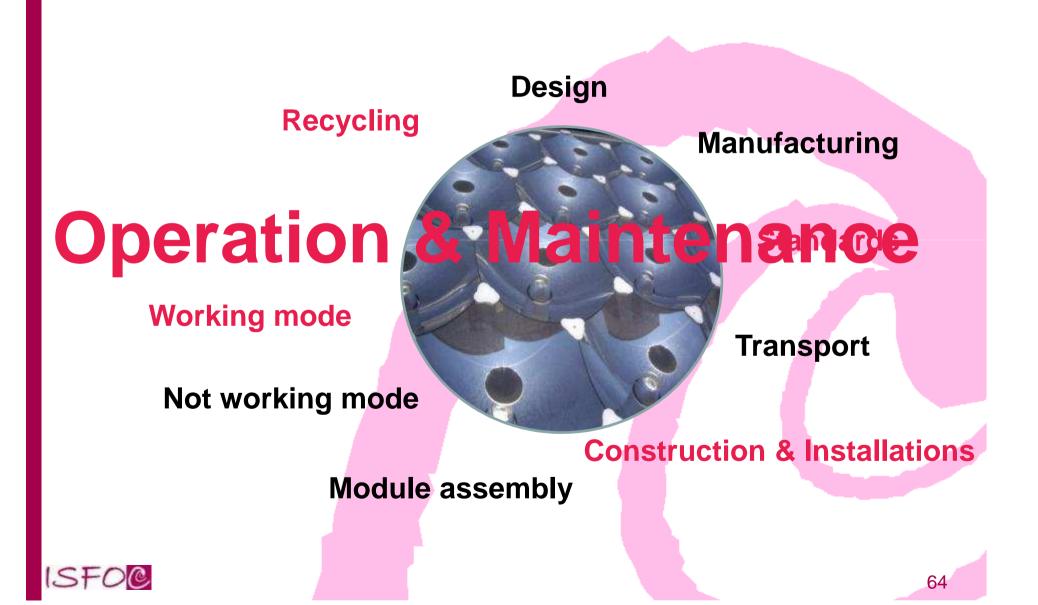
















Operation & Maintenance

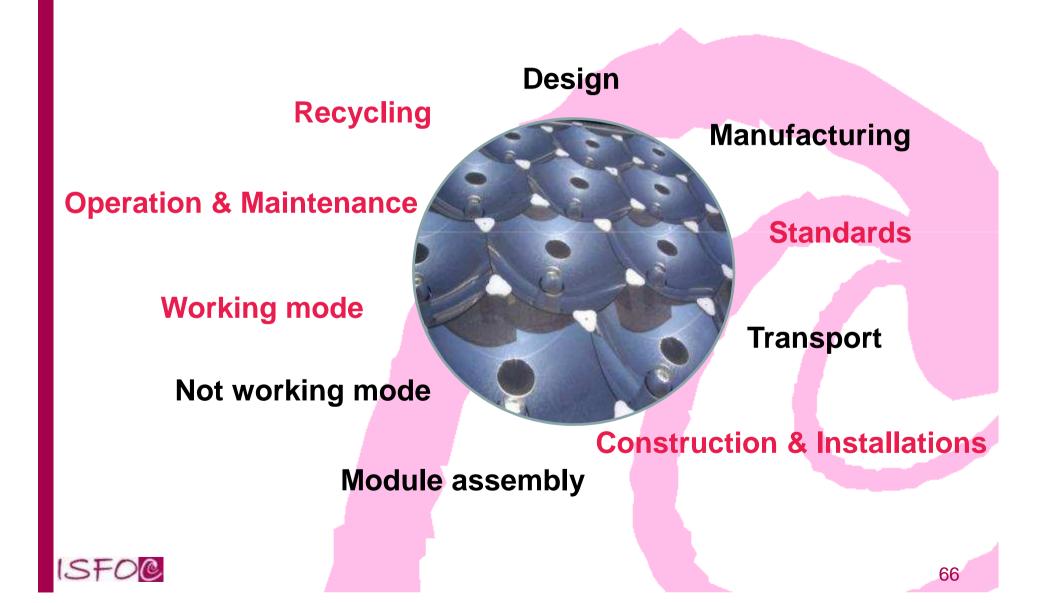
Standard Spare parts

Easy change

Easy cleaning

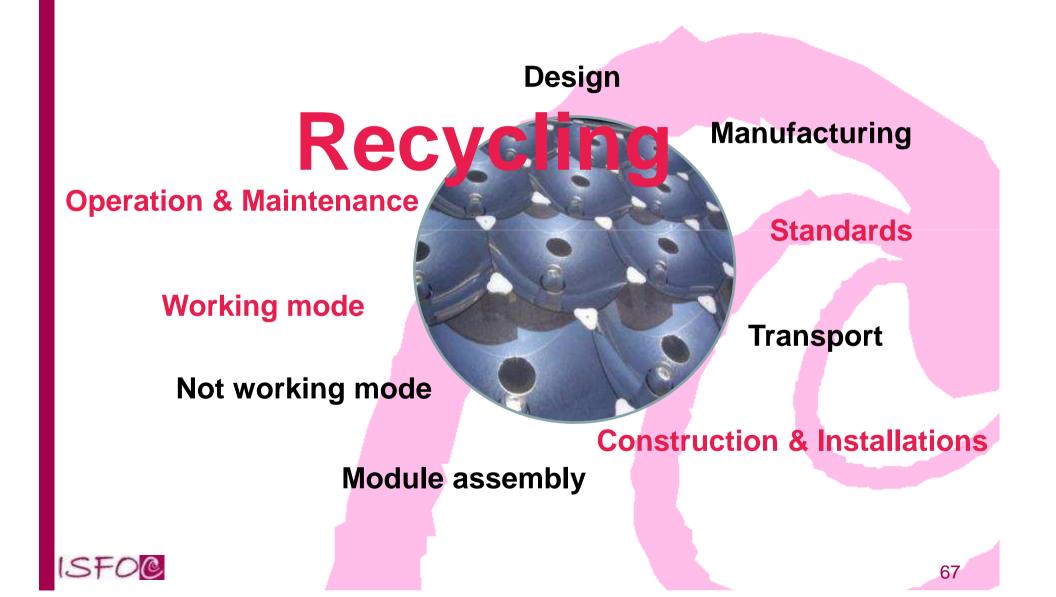
















Recycling

The CPV modules are easier to recycle

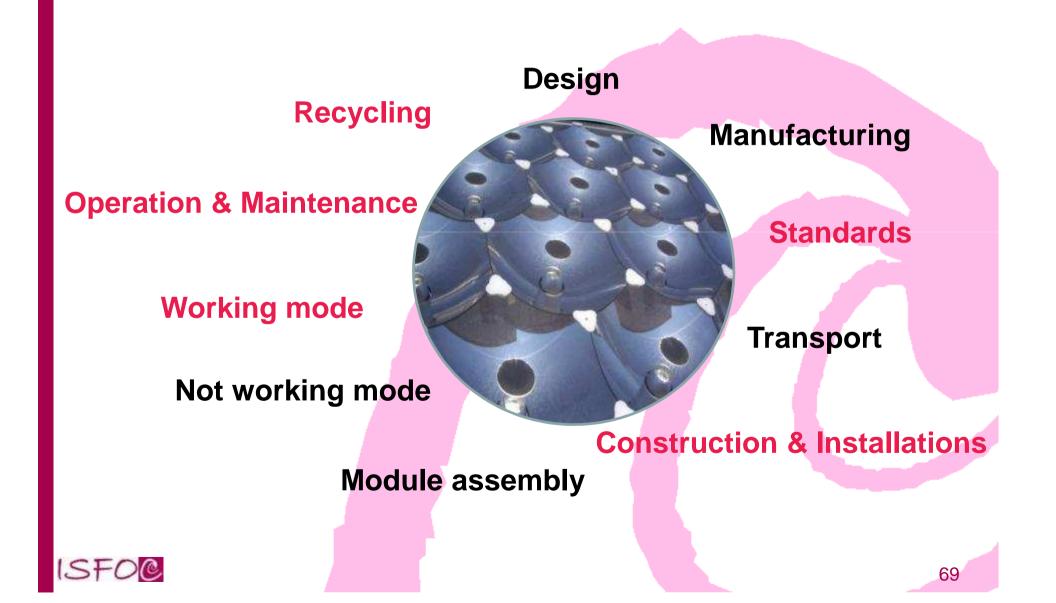
Traditional recycling Plastic Metal Glass





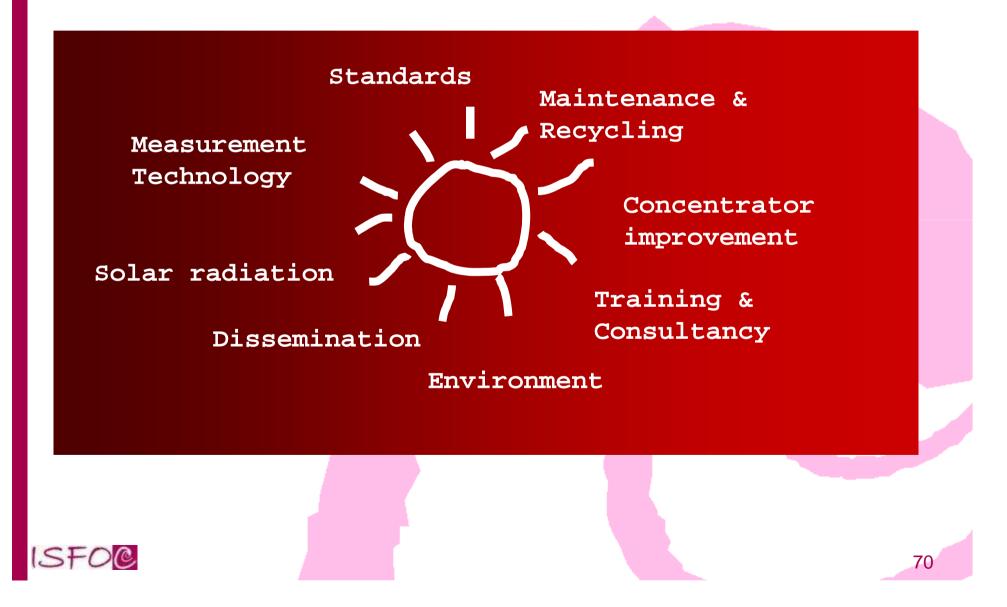








R&D plan

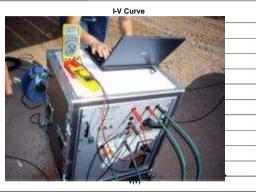


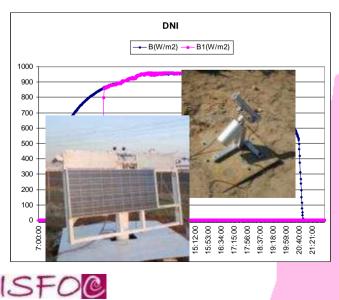


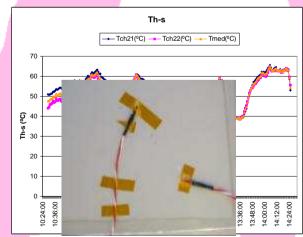
ISFOC'S METHOD

MEASURING EQUIPMENT

Power, I-V Curve	I-V Curve Tracer	
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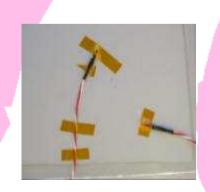
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Wind speed and direction	Meteorological Station
Ambient temperature	Meteorological Station





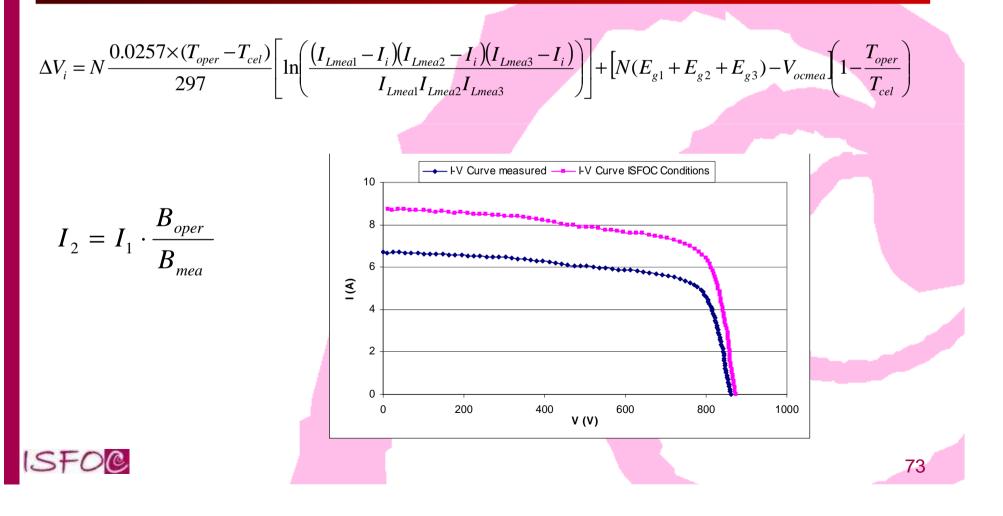






Normalization procedure

The results are translated to the standard conditions (850W/m2, 60°C) with the following equations





R&D: Meteorological stations

5 meteorological stations will be in operation across Castilla La Mancha

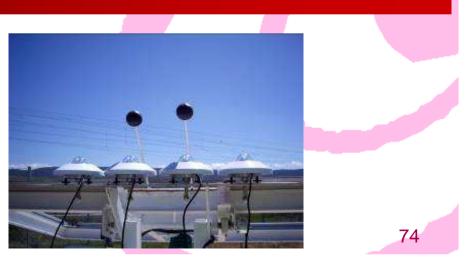
Three stations are working (direct, global and diffuse radiation, wind, temperature and humidity)

Objectives:

- Verification of radiation models
- Castilla la Mancha radiation map









Meteorological stations status

Puertollano I (La Nava) meteorological station:

- 2 pyranometers for global radiation (horizontal) 2 pyranometers for diffuse radiation \bigcirc
- O
- 2 pyrheliometers for direct beam radiation O
- One pyranometer for global radiation in tracking surface 0
- One wind sensor for speed and direction 0
- One temperature and humidity sensor O
- One Rain sensor 0
- One Visibilimeter
- One UV measurement equipment O
- One portable spectroradiometer (Prede) O
- One fix spectroradiometer (Instrument System) \bigcirc
- One set of Isotype cells (Fraunhofer Institute) One tracker of INSPIRA O
- 0
- Meteorological Datalogger of Geonica O





Meteorological stations status

Puertollano I (La Nava) meteorological station:





R&D: Data base

Data base installations with meteorological and production data with all the information of the systems

Objective: Realization of a model of prediction of production





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Inventory	Power meter per plants					
Maintenance	Date September ▼ 2010 ▼	Imported/exported energy Exportada 👻	Data to show Valores del contador de planta			
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Software Development

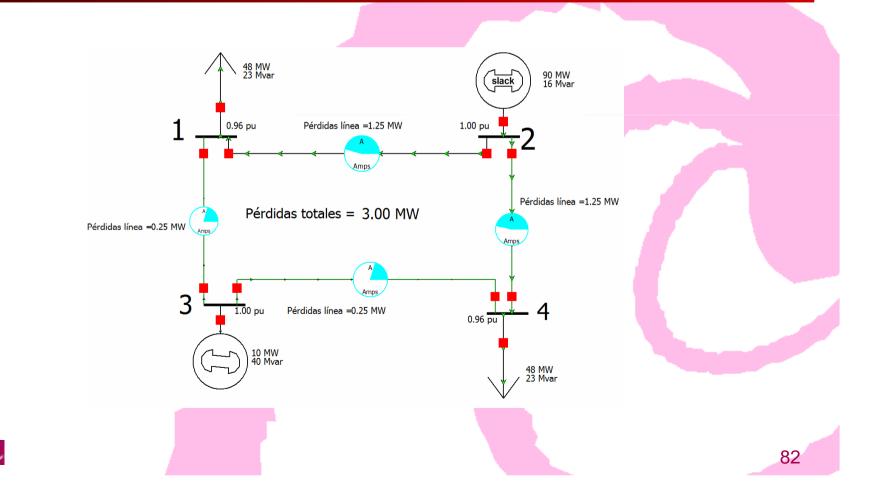
Software tool for the CPV Plants Power Rating





R&D: Grid impact

Under study the technical and economical impact of the CPV on the grid in collaboration with the University of Castilla la Mancha.

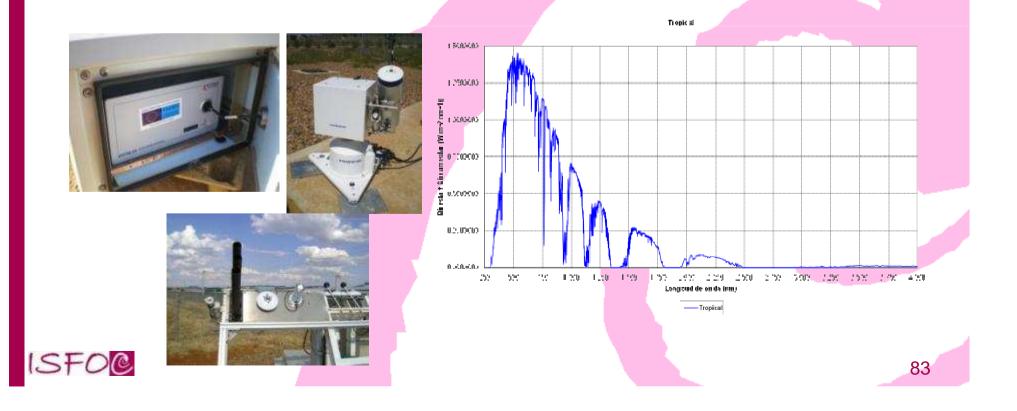




R&D: Spectrum

Spectrum project: To understand the influence of the Spectrum in the cell performance
 Two spectroradiometer
 Isotypes cells (Fraunhofer-ISE and IES-UPM)

In collaboration with Abengoa, IES-UPM and INTA





R&D: Agriculture

Agriculture project: Plants under sun and shadow conditions in collaboration with the University of Castilla la Mancha.







R&D: Cleaning

Cleaning: Study of the way of cleaning.
 Different frequencies
 Different methodologies
 Study of the power degradation depending of the time, rain and location









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R&D: Laboratory

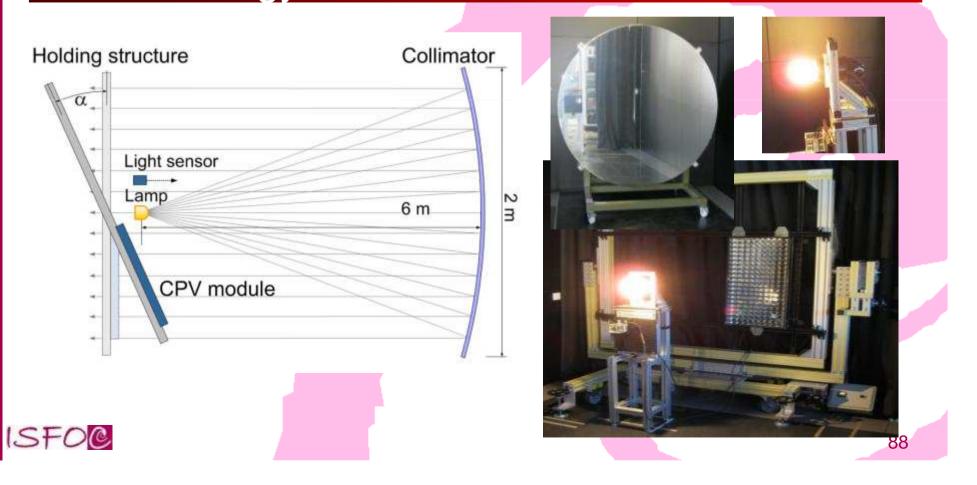
Laboratory: ISFOC has installed a climatic laboratory to carry out all the IEC 62108 tests for validation purpose





R&D: Solar Simulator

►ISFOC has installed a Solar Simulator to characterize different modules of CPV technology.





R&D Projects: Current projects

A) SIGMASOLES PSE: Spanish project with 18 participants for CPV development

B) NACIR: European project. CPV Development, Installation in Egypt and Marocco, and validation

C) MASDAR: CPV installation in Masdar city, with analysis of the results

D) Collaboration projects: with partners





Sigmasoles: Subprojects

Subproject	Leader	Activities
TECHNOLOGICAL AREA:		
1. Cell development	IES (III-V)	Development of multijunction cells of 3 junctions, and validation
2. Optic development	LPI	Development of new concepts, prototypes and validation
3. Module development	ISFOC	Development of new modules, prototypes and validation
4. Tracker development	ALTRAN	Specifications, procedures, new desings
5. Plants and BOS	UJA	Inverter, electrical modelling, grid connection, grid impact, energy storage.
6. Field test	ISFOC	Field test preparation and installation. O&M and monitoring
EVALUATION AREA		
7. Quality & characterization	IES (ISI)	Caracterización, Calidad en producción, ensayos fiabilidad, normativa
8. Production model	ISFOC	Recurso solar, influencia en producción, base de datos, software modelo producción
MANAGEMENT AREA		
9. Management	ALTRAN	Management, Roadmap, Surveillance study, market study





European project NACIR: Activities

NACIR: European project of the FP7, coordinated by IES and together with Fraunhofer, Concentrix, Isofoton, ONE (Morocco) and NWRC (Egypt)

ISFOC Activities:

- Development of the measurement procedures
- Definition of the meteorological stations
- Measurements of the installations of Isofoton in Morocco and of Concentrix in Egypt.
- Development of a Data Base to analyse the data of all the locations.





MASDAR: R&D Activities

MASDAR: Bilateral project with MASDAR for the installations of 800 kW of CPV Activities

- Call for tenders and contract definition
- Engineering Works supervision
- Training of the Masdar personal
- Evaluation and acceptation of the installed plants
- -Definition and installations of the meteorological stations
- -Development of a Data Base to analyze the data of all the locations.





NEW PROJECTS PRESENTED

Spanish projects:

- INNPACTO: (Innovation Ministry): 3 projects ("Sigmamodulos, Sigmatrackers, Sigmaplantas" presented with the technical coordination of ISFOC
- Others



Services



- 1) Development phase:
 - Design review, FMEA, etc.

2) Characterization phase

- Indoor and outdoor characterization
- Outdoor performance study

3) Validation phase

- Pre-certification qualification tests
- Certification tests

4) Demonstration and comertial plants

- Solar resource and meteorology study
- Yield & production study
- Engineering
- Evaluation and follow-up of the demo plant
- Monitoring







RESULTS OF THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF OPERATION BY ISFOC





Performance Degradation?

Is there performance degradation of the demonstration plants after two years of operation?

- Method 1: Study of the production of a specific plant during sunny days in the different seasons, in the different years of operation, to verify if there is degradation of the performance

- Method 2: Efficiency of the plant during the whole year

- Method 3: Efficiency of a specific concentrator in different measurements

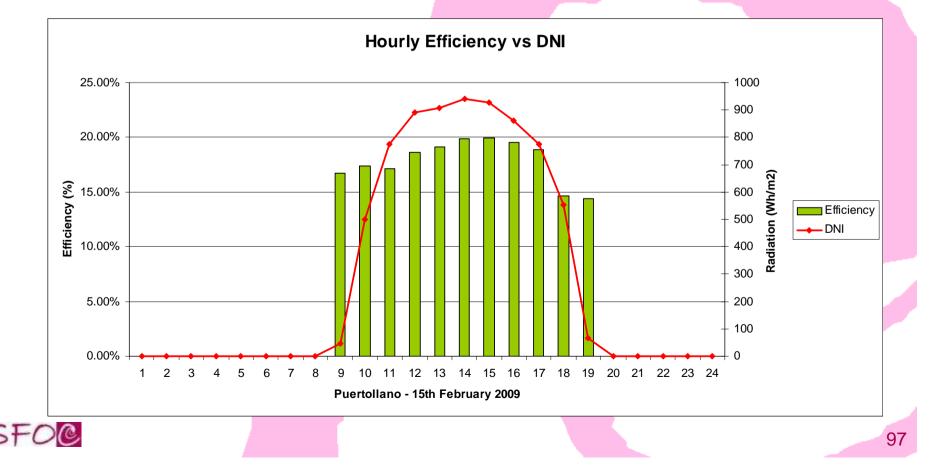




Method 1: Season Production follow-up

Winter production in 2009

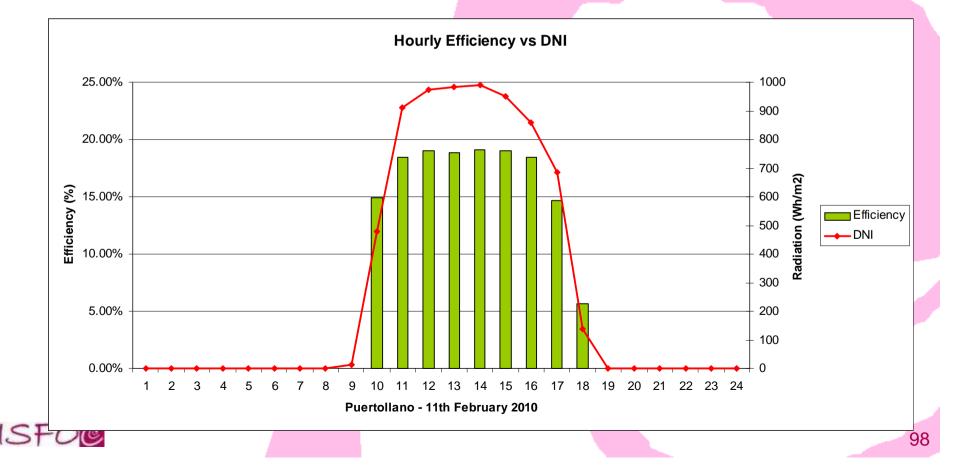
- Efficiencies until 19.9% in February 2009
- -Temperatures between 0°C and 15°C





Winter production in 2010

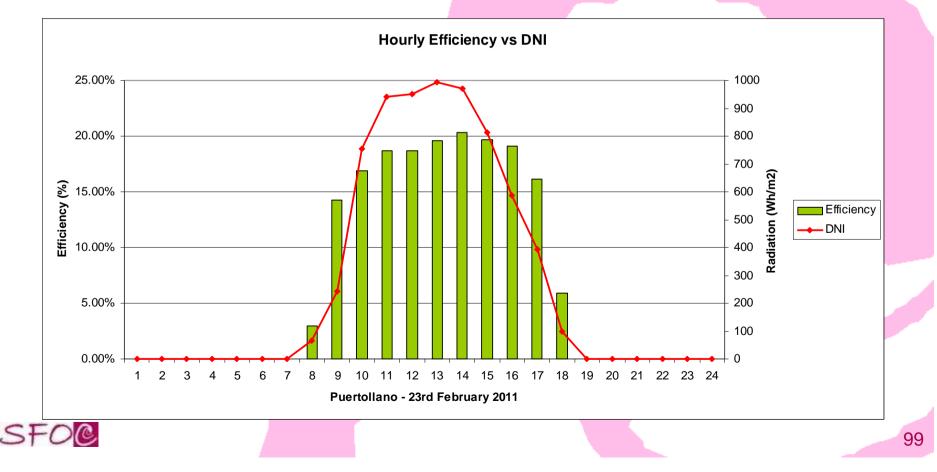
- Efficiencies until 19.0% in February 2010
- -Temperatures between 2°C and 7°C





Winter production in 2011

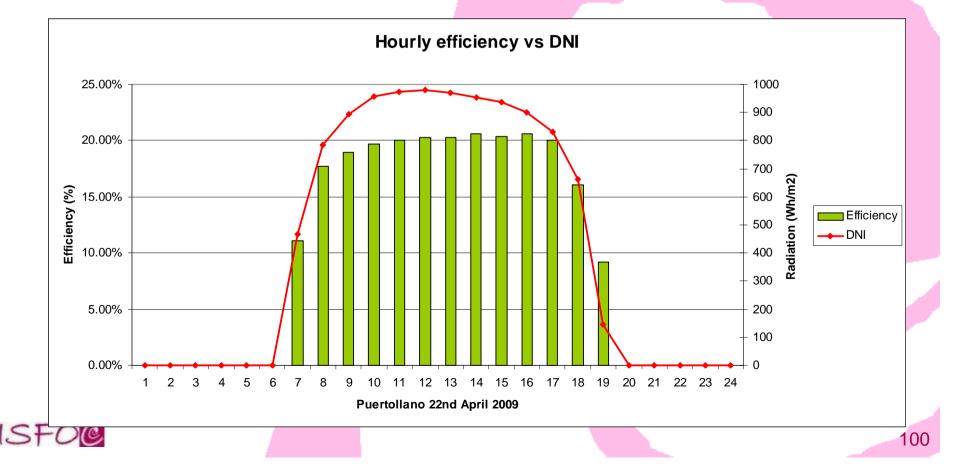
- Efficiencies until 20.0% in February 2011
- -Temperatures between 3°C and 17°C





Spring production in 2009

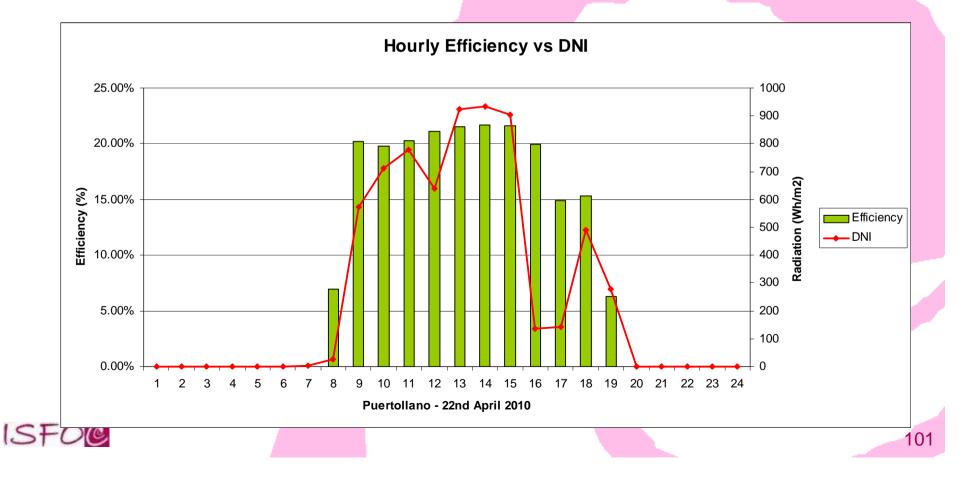
- Efficiencies until 20.6% in April 2009
- -Temperatures between 8°C and 20°C





Spring production in 2010

- Efficiencies until 21.7% in April 2010
- -Temperatures between 12°C and 19°C





Spring production in 2011

- Efficiencies until 20.7% in April 2011
- -Temperatures between 12°C and 20°C

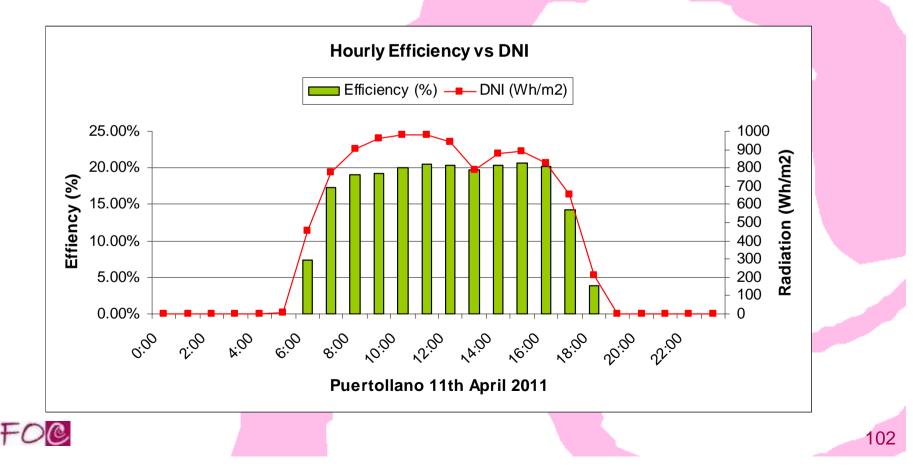
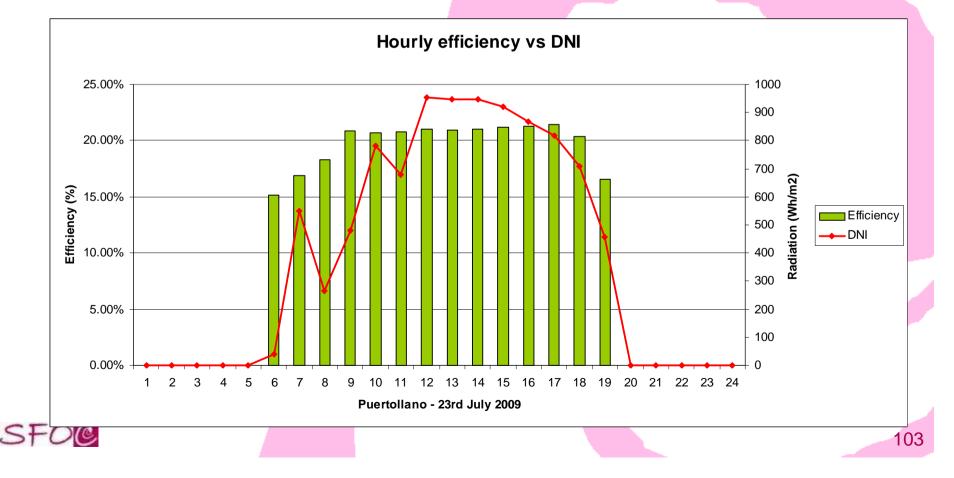




Image: Summer production in 2009

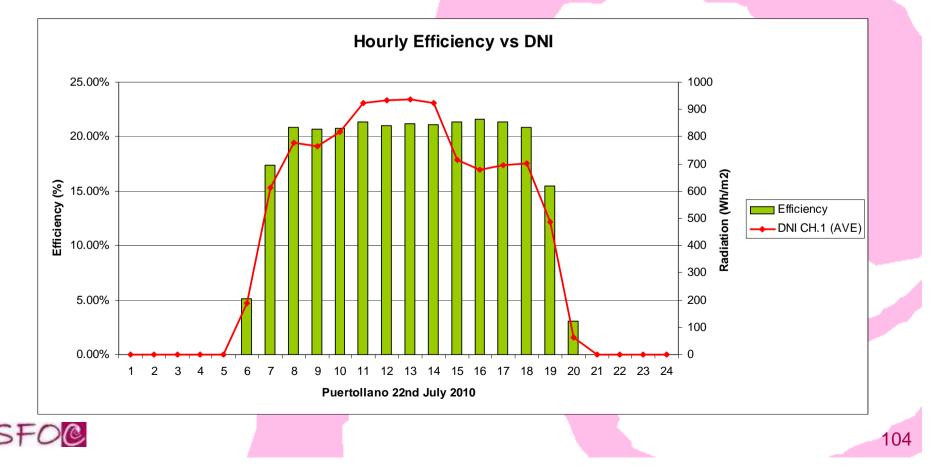
- Efficiencies until 21.4% in July 2009
- -Temperatures between 20°C and 32°C





Summer production in 2010

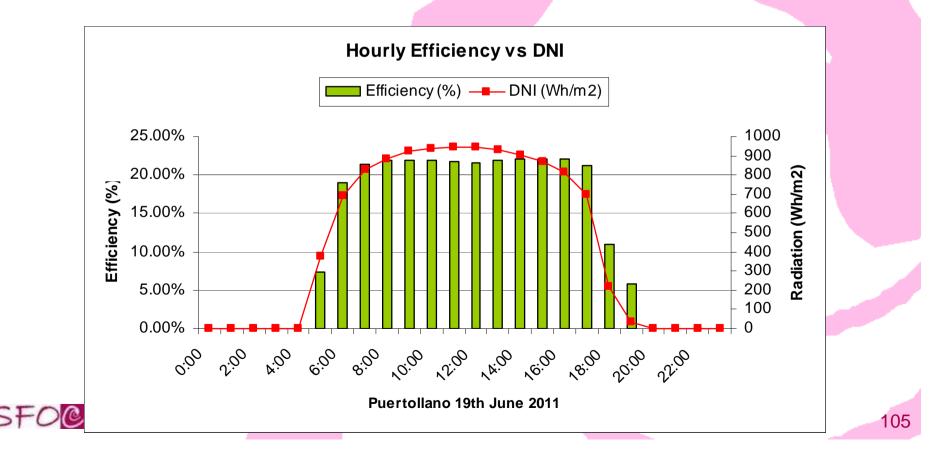
- Efficiencies until 21.5% in July 2010
- -Temperatures between 21°C and 32°C





Summer production in 2011

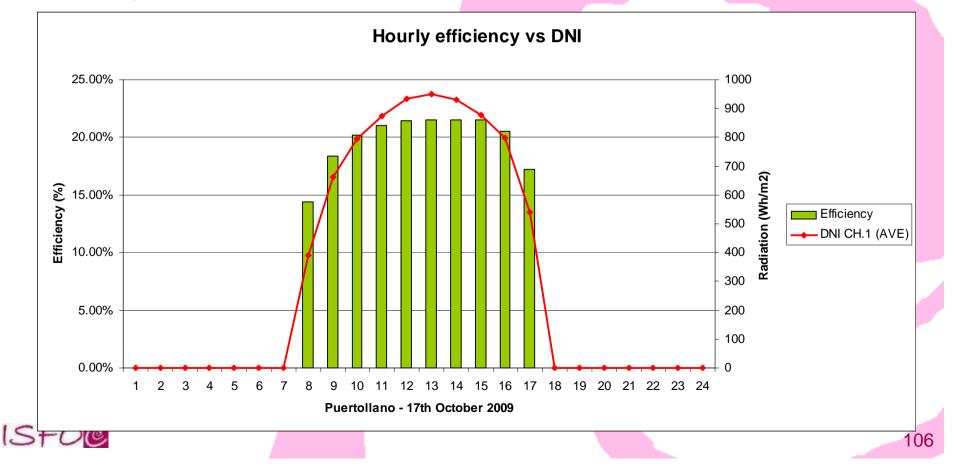
- Efficiencies until 22.1% in June 2011
- -Temperatures between 17°C and 34°C





Autumn production in 2009

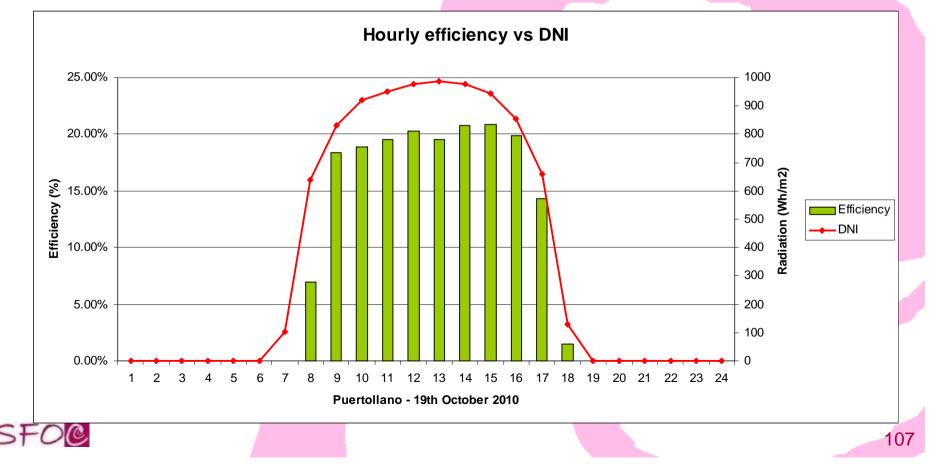
- Efficiencies until 21.5% in October 2009
- -Temperatures between 7°C and 22°C





Autumn production in 2010

- Efficiencies until 20.7% in October 2010
- -Temperatures between 3°C and 19°C

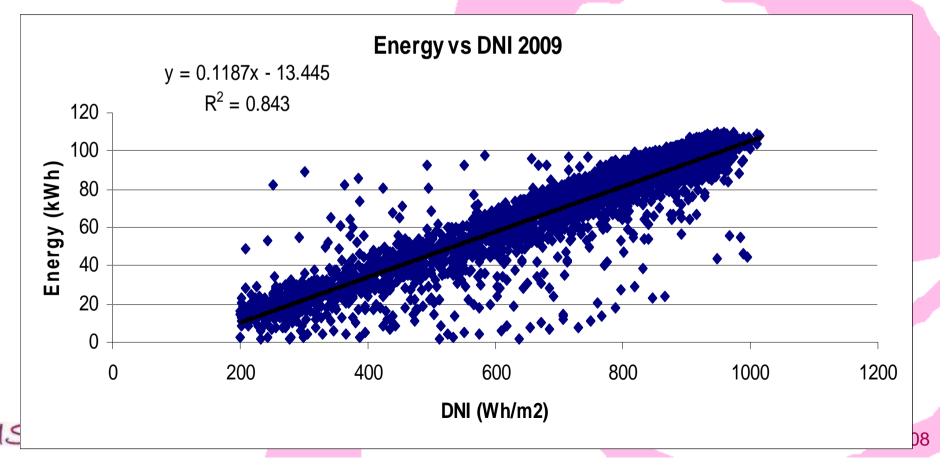




Method 2: Plant performance

Plant performance in 2009

- Hourly data of Energy production vs DNI in 2009
- The efficiency is proportional to the slope

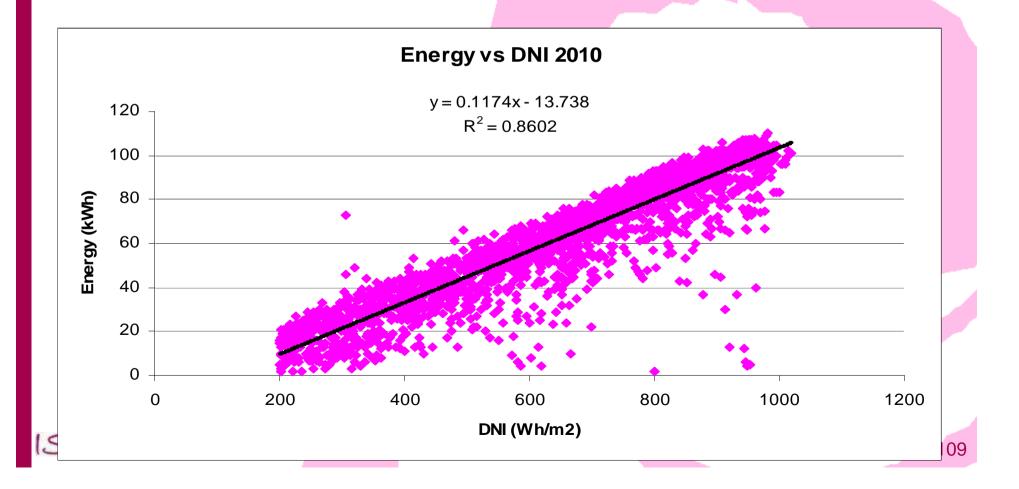




Plant performance

Plant performance in 2010

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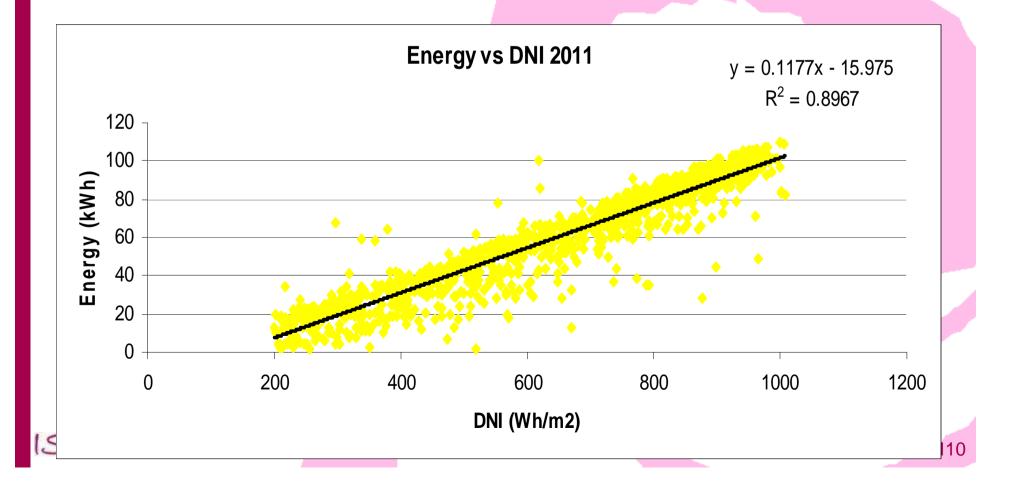




Plant performance

Plant performance in 2011

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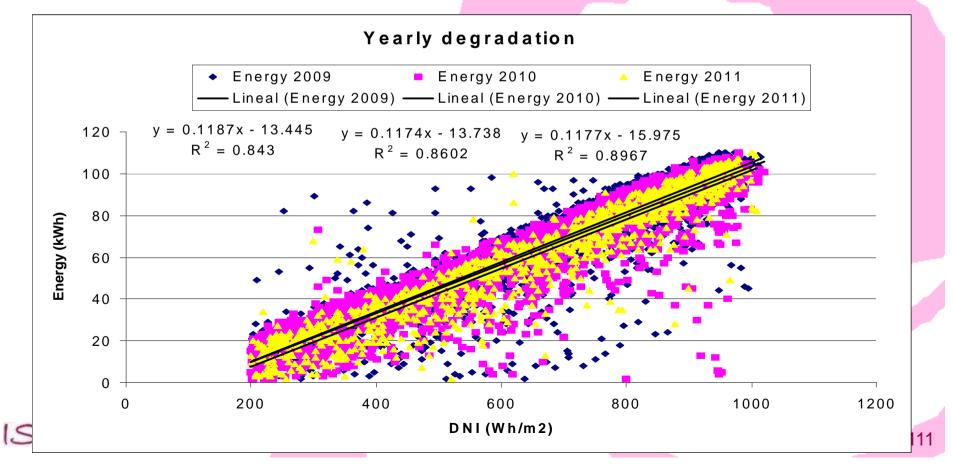




Plant performance

Plant performance comparison

- Almost the same slope in the 3 years
- Only 0.84% difference between 2009 and 2011





Method 3: Concentrator Efficiency

Concentrator Efficiency after 3 years of production

State	Date	Efficiency	Eff dif after 3 years	Cleanning difference	
Dirty	11th July 2008	21.57%			
Clean	11th July 2008	23.08%		7%	
Dirty	22nd March 2011	21.65%			
Clean	31st March 2011	22.72%	-2%	5%	



Performance degradation

Conclusion

- No visible degradation in the analyzed plant after three years of operation

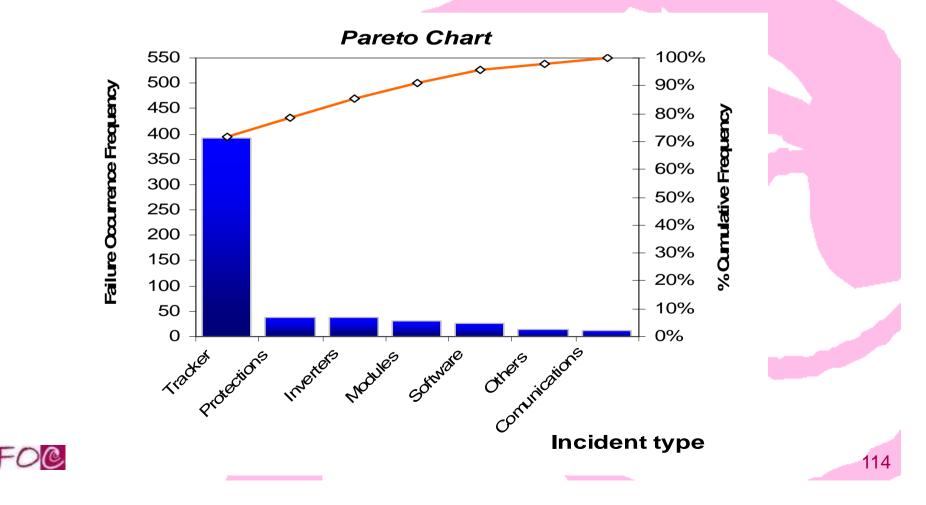
- No visible degradation in the analyzed concentrator after three years of operation





Operation and Maintenance issues by ISFOC

72% of the O&M issues comes from the trackers

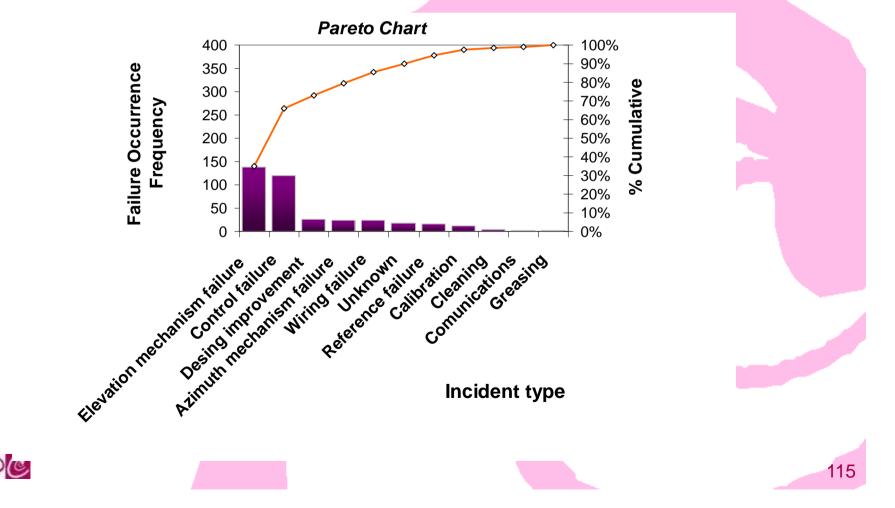




O&M issues

Tracker issues explanation

The most important issues are elevation mechanism and control failures





Tracker issues





O&M issues

Tracker issues solutions

ISFOC, Spanish working group and IEC WG7 are working in new standards for tracker specification and qualification to improve the tracker's design

Most of the tracker issues by ISFOC have already been solved



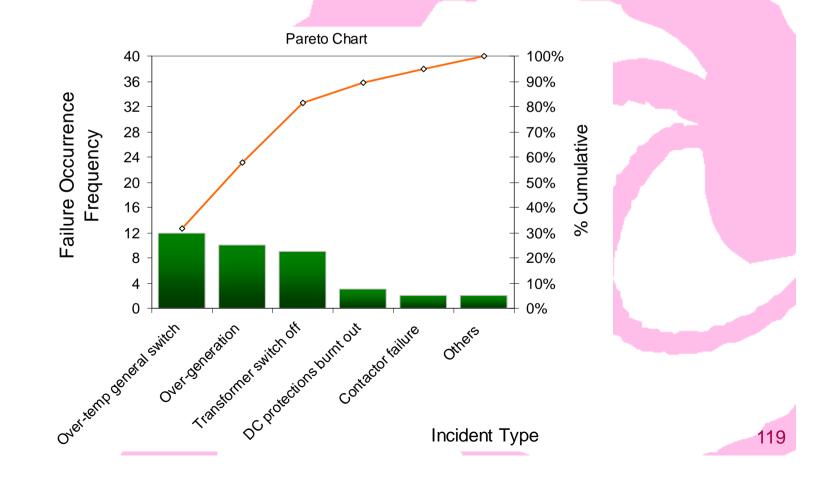




O&M issues

Protection and wiring issues explanation

The most important issues are linked with switches and overgeneration Solution: Good design of the installations









Module issues: Very few modules found with minor issues generally not affecting production







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O&M issues



Conclusions

- Most of the Operation failures come from the trackers
- Many failures can be solved after reparation
- Qualification tests needed to avoid the tracker's failures

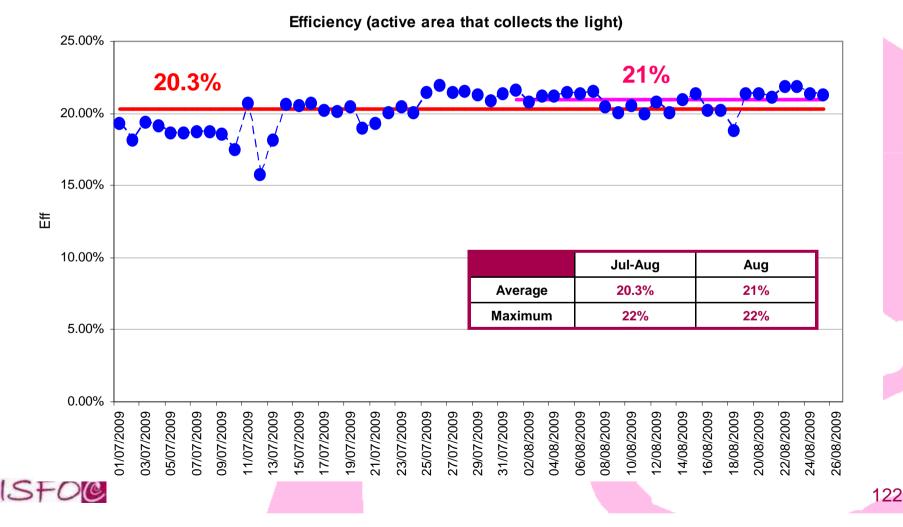
- Very few failures in modules, which can be solved with the experience in demonstration plants



Energy Production Data Analysis

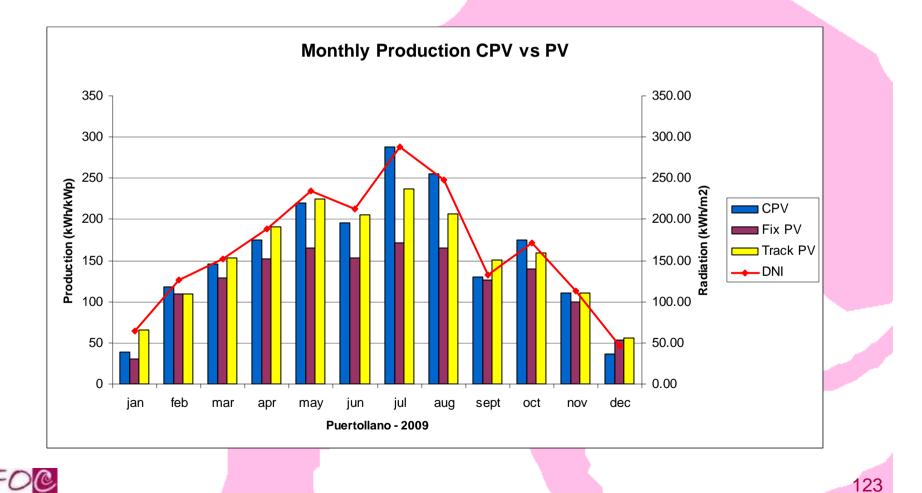
Detailed analysis: Energy Production 1 CPV Plant (100kW)

2009 data. July and August daily Energy generation



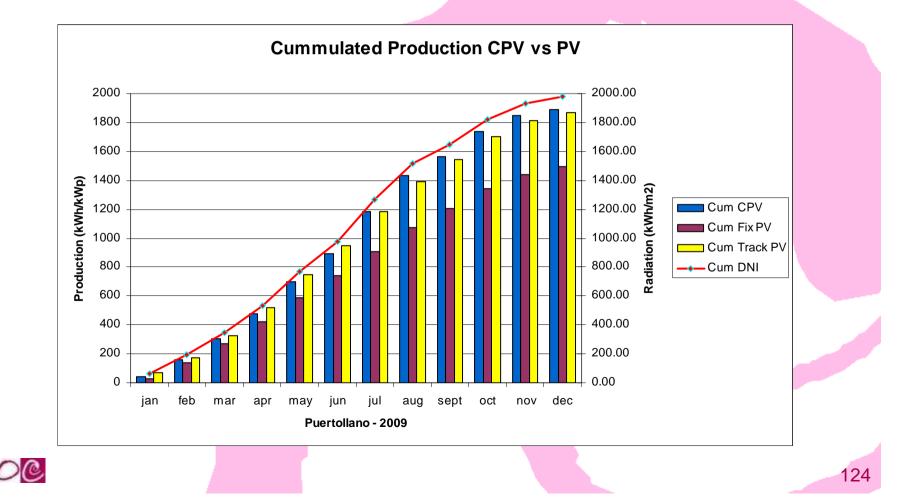


CPV production much higher than tracked PV during summer in Puertollano in 2009



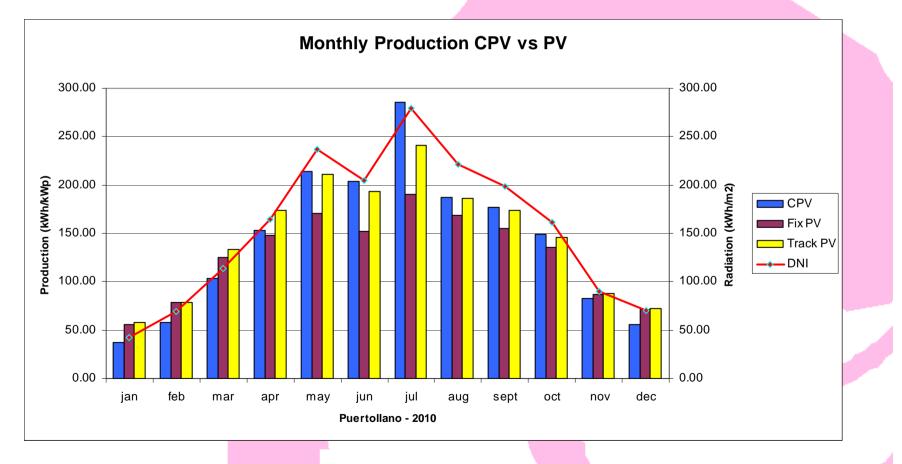


Similar production for CPV and tracked PV in Puertollano in 2009





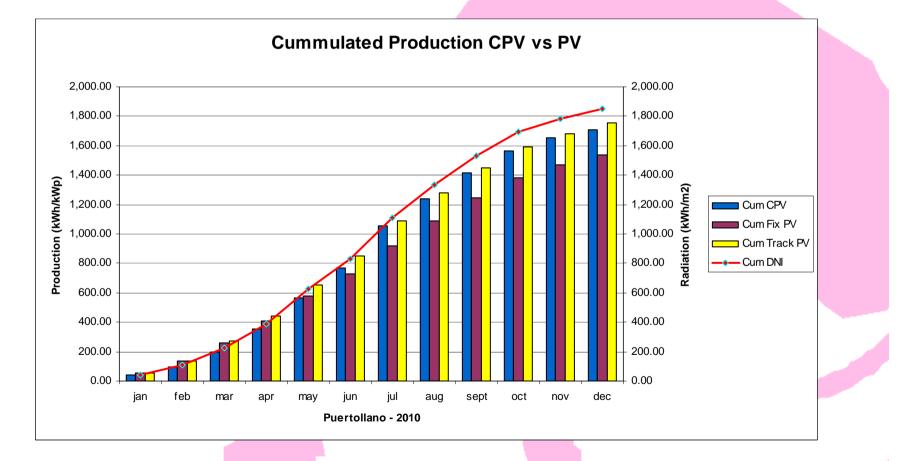
CPV production higher than tracked PV during summer in Puertollano in the rainy 2010







Similar production for CPV and tracked PV in Puertollano in the rainy 2010







Results: CPV – PV efficiency

- CPV efficiency increases with the DNI.
- PV efficiency decreases

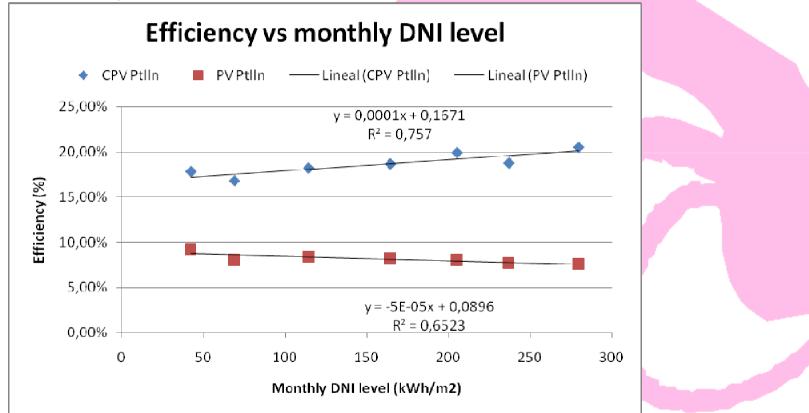


Figure 9: Monthly Efficiency versus DNI in Puertollano in CPV and tracked PV between the months of January 2010 and July 2010



CPV vs PV



- Very similar production level between CPV and tracked PV systems in Puertollano, which is a medium sunny region, with the CPV rated at 850 $\rm W/m^2$

- Fix PV has always less production than CPV and tracked PV systems

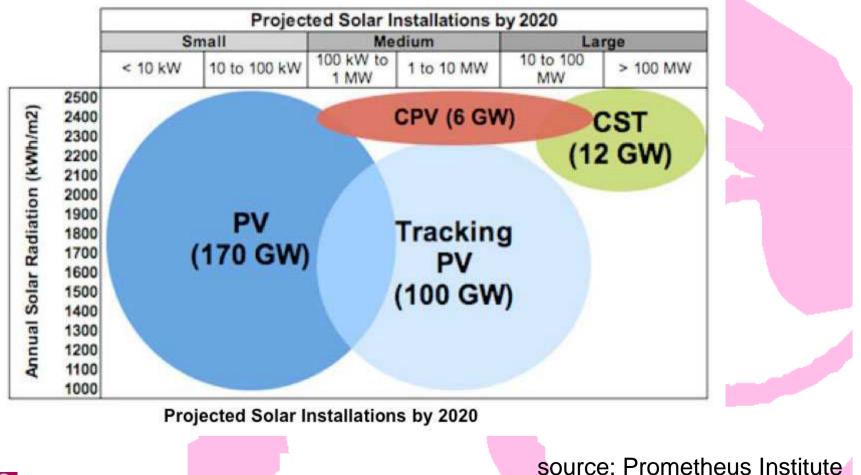
- Much better production of CPV in very sunny months





CPV market

CPV is desirable for high radiation location and all sizes plants

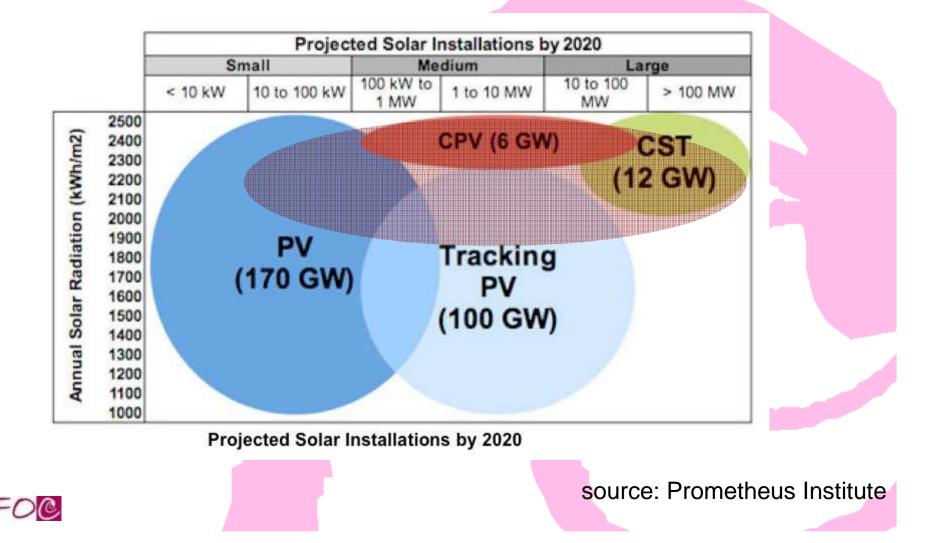






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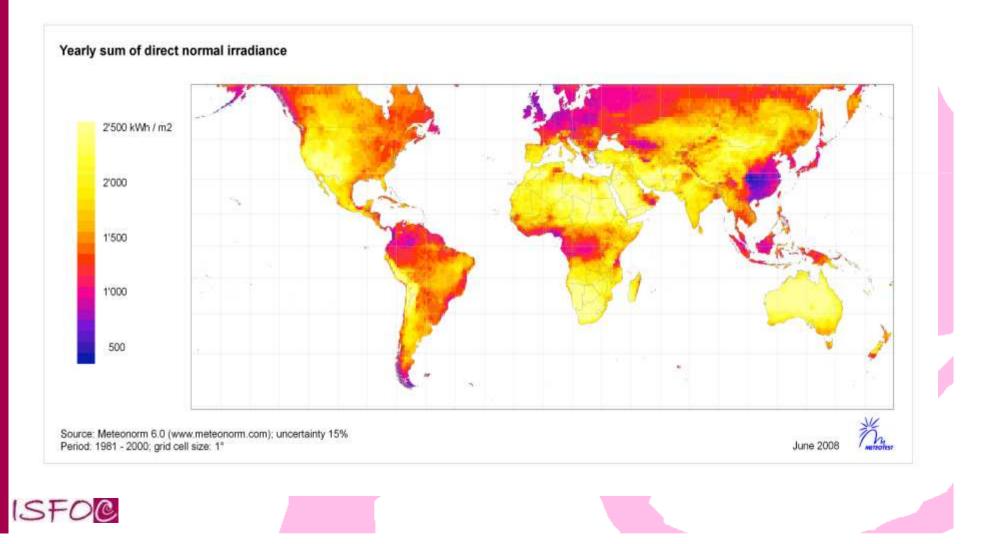
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DNI – Direct radiation map

Many high radiation locations in the world for CPV market





Other advantages

Enviromental advantages

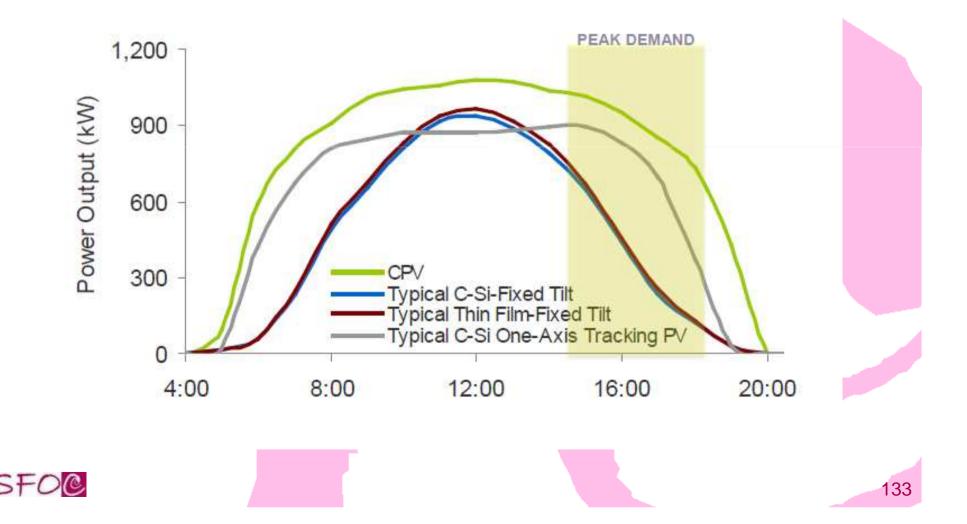
- No Permanent Shadowing
- Minimal Impact to Land
- Dual Land Usage
- Flexible Layout Sites
- No Water Usage for Electricity Generation





Other advantages

Production during the peak demand





CPV situation

MANUFACTURERS	Company	On sun (MW) Plants location
Abengoa Solar	Spain	1.2Spain
Guascor foton	Spain	10.275 Spain
Isofotón	Spain	0.4Spain
Renovalia CPV	Spain	0Spain
CS La Mancha		
Sol 3G	Spain	1.4Spain
Concentrix	Germany	1.760,5 Spain &world
Solfocus	USA	4.50,5MW Spain & 2MV USA
EMCORE	USA	1.65Spain & China (1MW
ΑΜΟΝΙΧ	USA	0.61USA
Arima ECO	Taiwan	0.33Spain and Taiwan
Solar Systems	Australia	1.2Australia
Opel	USA	0.4Spain
Magpower	Portugal	0.1 Portugal
Everphoton	Taiwan	
Energy Innovations	USA	
Zenith Solar	israel	0.225 Israel
TOTAL		23.32



CPV situation

CPV Companies	Company location	CPV Companies	Company location
American CPV	USA	Abengoa Solar	Spain
Amonix	USA	Concentralia	Spain
Boeing	USA	Guascor Foton	Spain
Concentrating Technologies	USA	Isofoton	Spain
Cool earth Solar	USA	Renovalia CPV	
Edtek	USA	Sol 3G	Spain
EMCORE	USA		Spain
Energy Innovations	USA	Soltec	Spain
Enfocus Engineering	USA	Zytech solar	Spain
Entech	USA	CPOWER	Italy
GreenVolts	USA	ENEA	Italy
IBM	USA	Magpower	Portugal
JX Crystal	USA	Concentrix	Germany
Opel International	USA	Solar Tec AG	Germany
Pyron Solar	USA	Absolicon	Sweden
Scaled Solar	USA	Circadian Solar	UK
Semprius	USA	Silicon CPV	UK
Skyline	USA	Whitfield Solar	UK
SolarTech	USA	Sichuan Zhonghan <mark>Solar Po</mark> wer Co. Ltd	Chin a
Solfocus	USA	ES System	Korea
Soliant Energy	USA	Daido Steel	Japan
SUNRGI	USA	Sharp Solar	Japan
Xtreme Energetics	USA	Arima ECO	Taiwan
ZettaSun	USA	Compsolar	Taiwan
Menova	Canada	Delta Electronics	Taiwan
Morgan Solar	Canada	Everphoton E <mark>nergy</mark>	Taiwan
Zyrtech solar	Israel	Spirox	Taiwan
Verilite	Israel	Concentrating Solar Systems	Australia
MST	Israel	Green and Gold Energy	Australia
Zenithsolar	Israel	Solar Systems	Australia
Heliofocus	Israel		



INTERNATIONAL CPV8 CONFERENCE

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- Technology ready
- Life time cycle
- ISFOC Positioning
 - First installations and R&D plan
 - CPV production higher than PV production in sunny locations
 - Degradation study
- New CPV manufacturers
- CPV advantages
- CPV IS STARTING THE DEPLOYMENT WITH VERY BIG PLANTS!



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