

# HPS2 High Performance Solar @ EMSP

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# Why Molten Salt?

#### Comparison to state of the art: synthetic oil

- CSP Solar Power Plants have the purpose to produce CO2-free, renewable and <u>dispatchable</u> (in comparison to PV and wind plants) electricity
- Dispatchability is achieved using a thermal energy storage
- Comparison of state-of-the-art-technology with molten-salt-technology:
  - Life steam parameters and power block efficiency:
    - State-of-the-art: 386 °C / 100 bar: 39,2%
      Molten salt: 550 °C / 150 bar: 45,5 %
  - HTF-pump auxiliary load:
    - State-of-the-art: 6-7 %
    - Molten salt: 1-2 %
  - Volume of thermal energy storage at same capacity:
    - State-of-the-art: 100 %
    - Molten salt @550 °C: 36 %
  - Direct storage of HTF opens fully independent operateability of solar field and power block

#### **Project Objectives**

- HPS2 strives to demonstrate the feasibility of operation of a solar thermal power plant in a safe and reliable manner by:
  - Engineering the process of molten salt based solar thermal power plant
  - Procurement of all relevant equipment, materials machines and services to erect the plant
  - Perform Quality Control and Quality Assurance during construction phase
  - Pre-Commissioning of all sub-systems
  - Cold Commissioning ("Water-Run") of the overall plant process using Water
  - Salt Melting of nearly 100 tons of nitrate salts
  - · Hot Commissioning of the overall plant process using molten salt
  - Proof of operatability of the HPS2 plant

Legend:



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# Who is HPS2?





Project Coordinator / EPC / Process Design / Scientific Program / Electrical + I&C system

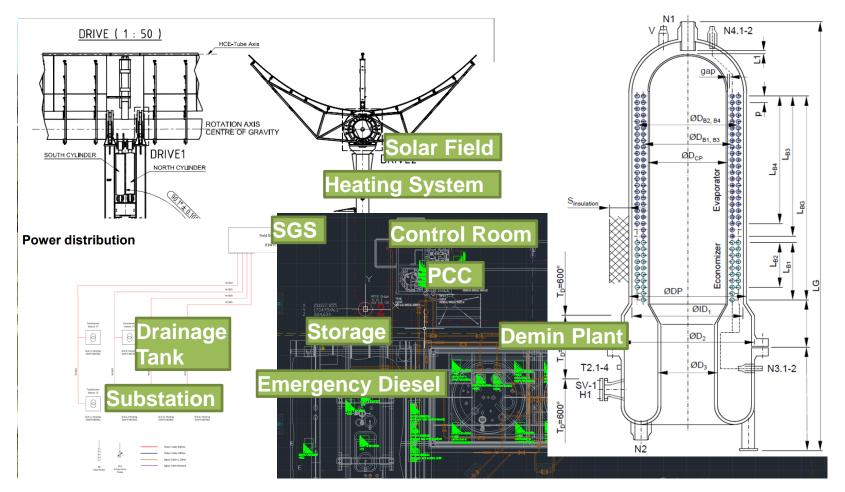


Site Owner and Scientific Program, Molten Salt Piping

Research Institutes (Partner) and Infrastructure



#### Actual situation of HPS2 @ EMSP



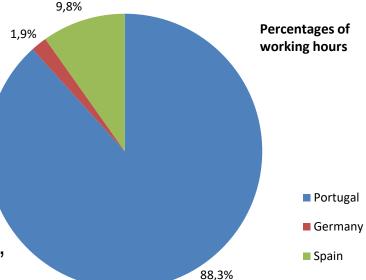
#### Breaking News: Solar Field filled with molten salt on 19.10.2021 11h00



#### **Workers on Site and Sub-Contractors**

 More than 30 different companies from Portugal, Spain and Germany contracted by HPS2 that worked on-site

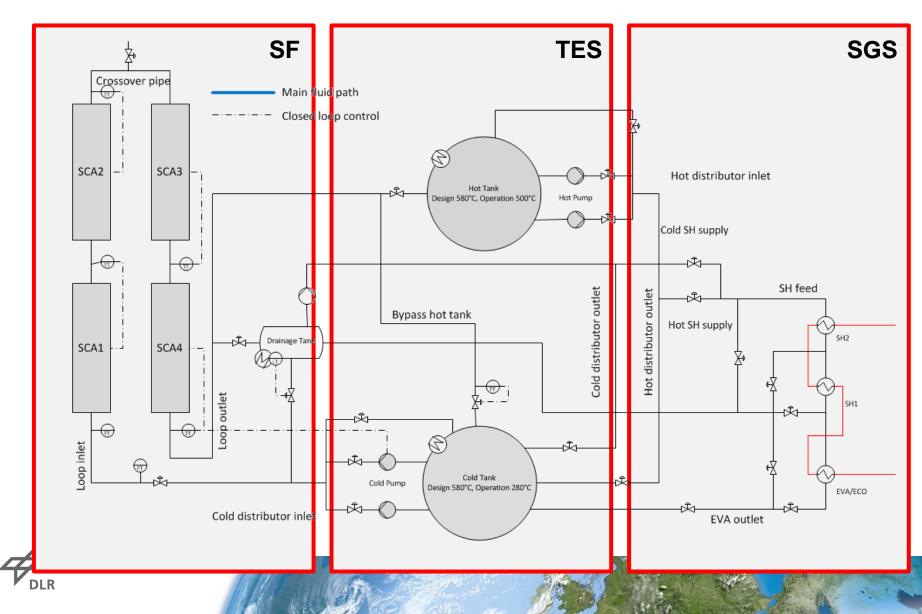
e.g. Notified Bodies, Mechanical, Civil companies, Security, Industrial Cleaning Companies, Welding Companies, Fitters, Iron Workers, Gardeners, etc.



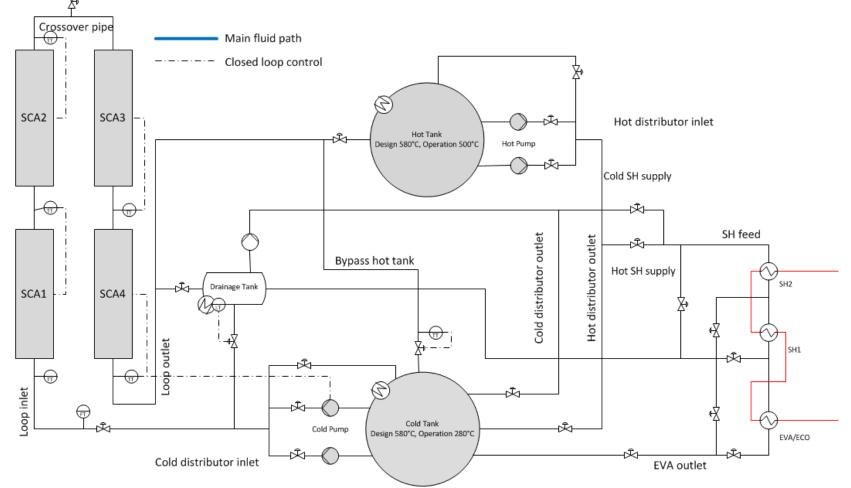
- Ranging from international enterprises to medium/small enterprises
- In more than 40.000 working hours there is ZERO injuries with loss time of any worker!



#### The HPS2 process

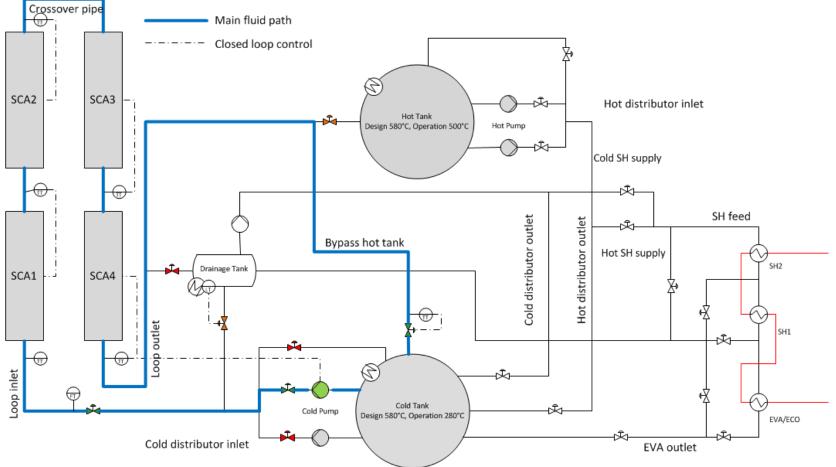


#### The HPS2 process Overview



### The HPS2 process Op: SF antifreeze

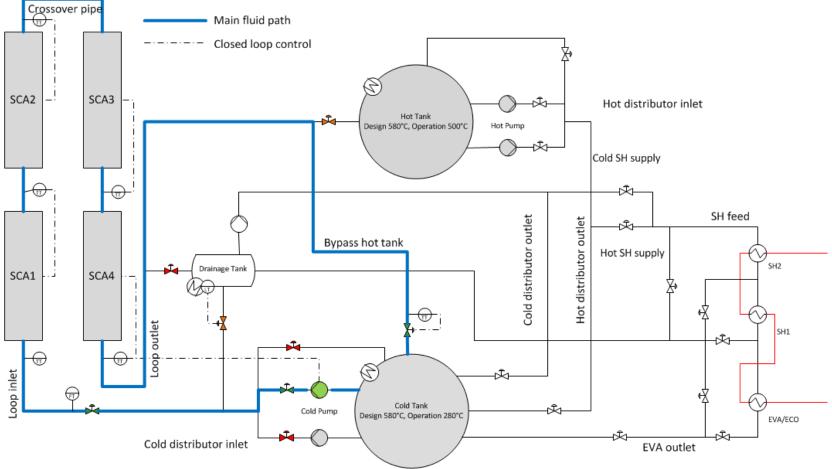






# The HPS2 process Op: SF start-up

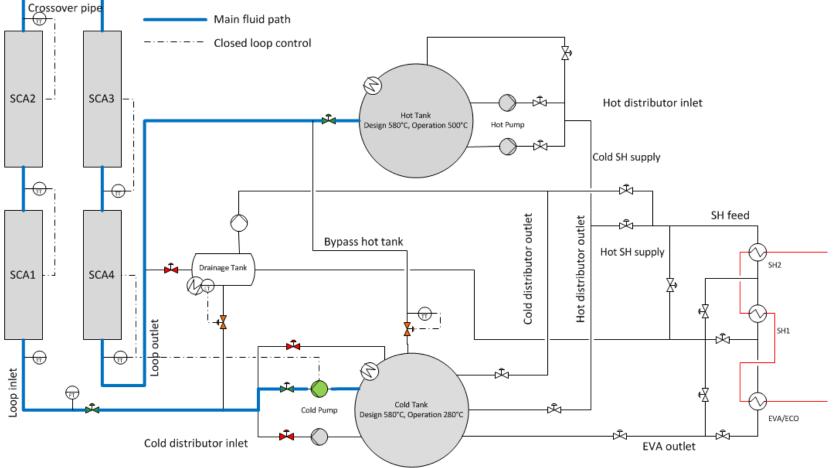






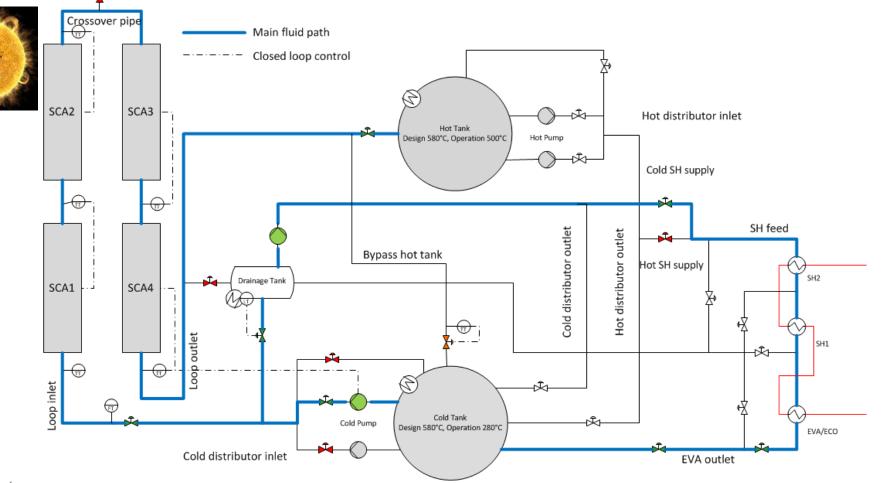
# The HPS2 process Op: SF normal





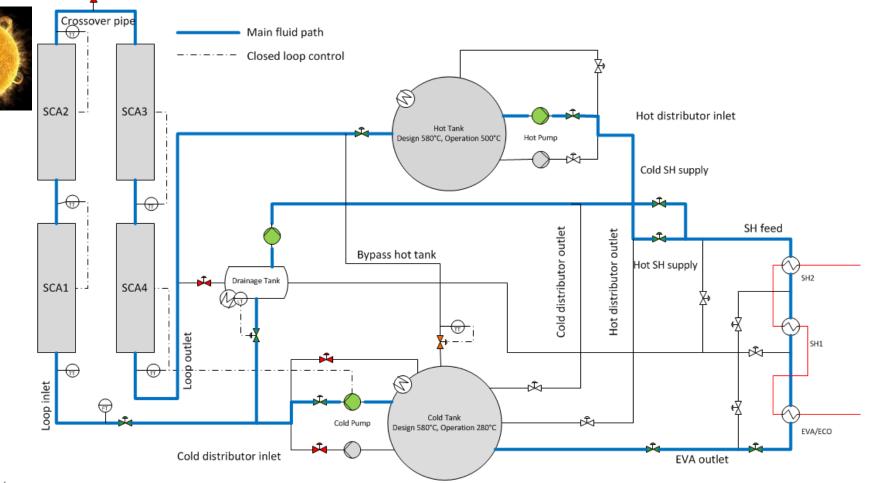


# The HPS2 process Combined: SF normal, SGS antifreeze



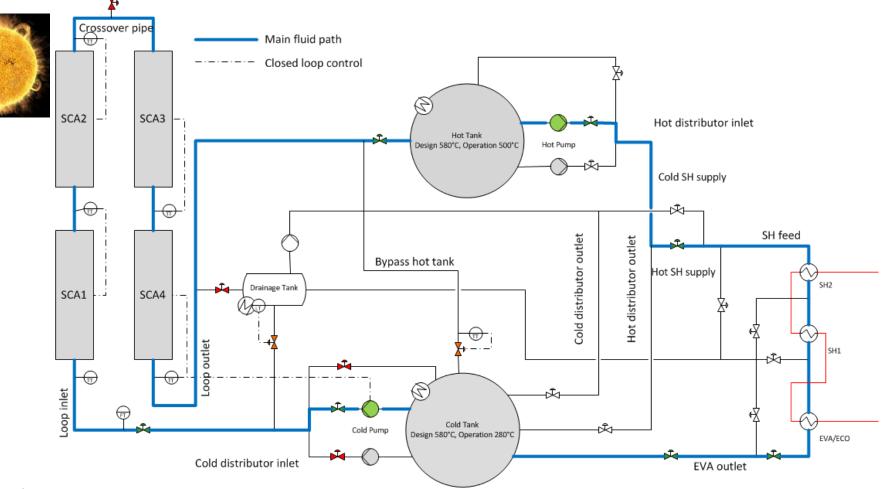


# The HPS2 process Combined: SF normal, SGS startup/shutdown



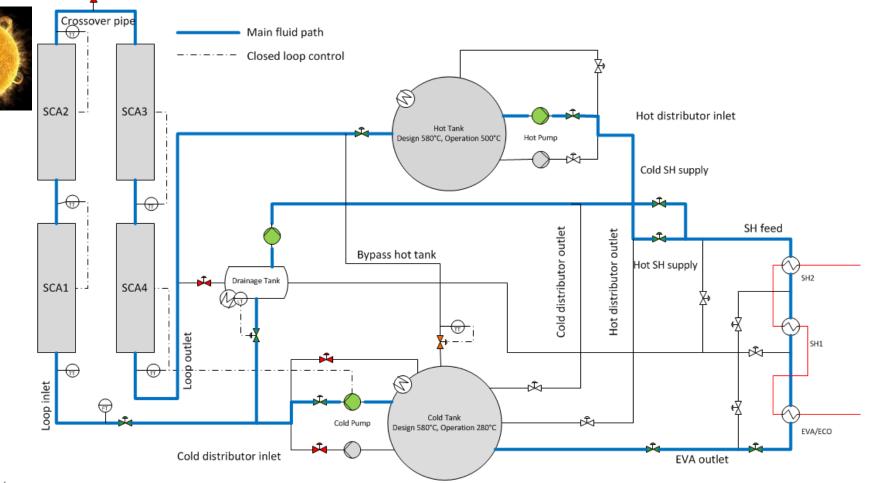


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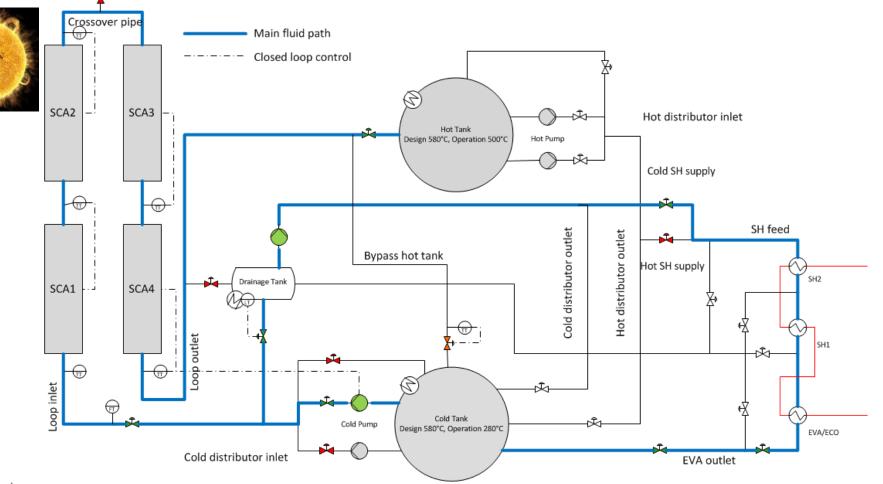


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#### Thank you for your attention!



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