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Coupling Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) with Multiple Effect Distillation (MED) for Seawater Desalination

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- Global Water Stress

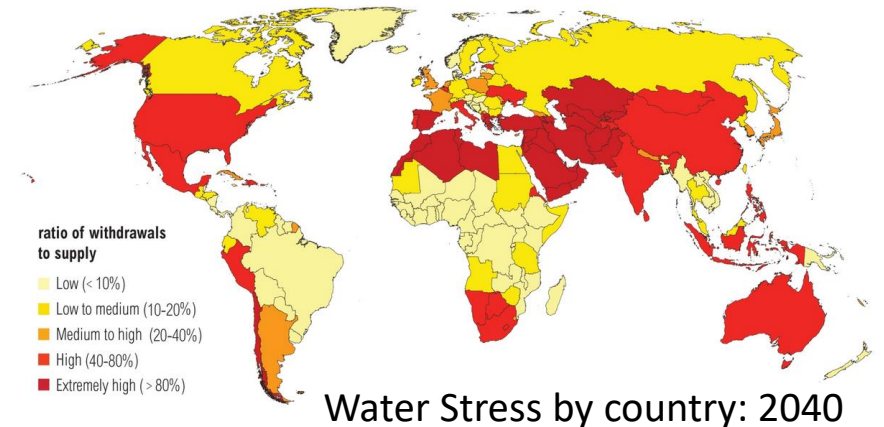
- Water Stress Index:
 - Total water use vs. water availability
- > 3 billion people experience water scarcity

- Precipitation predictions

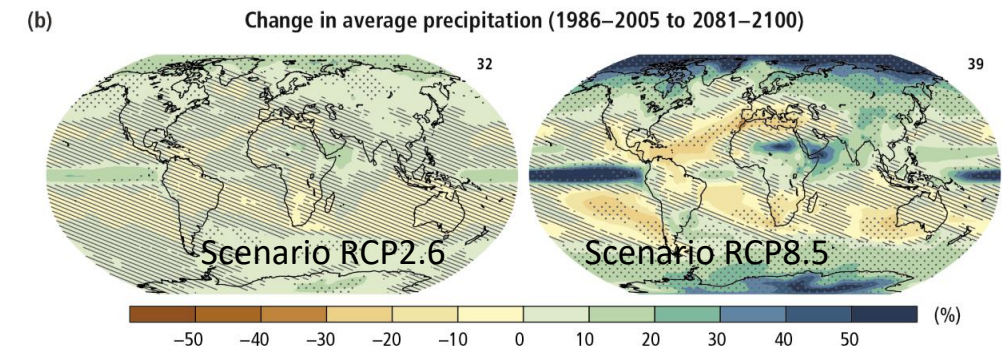
- Reduction in both winter and summer precipitation rates in near future

- Desalination

- 97.6% of Earth's water is in oceans/saltwater
- A potential solution for water scarcity!



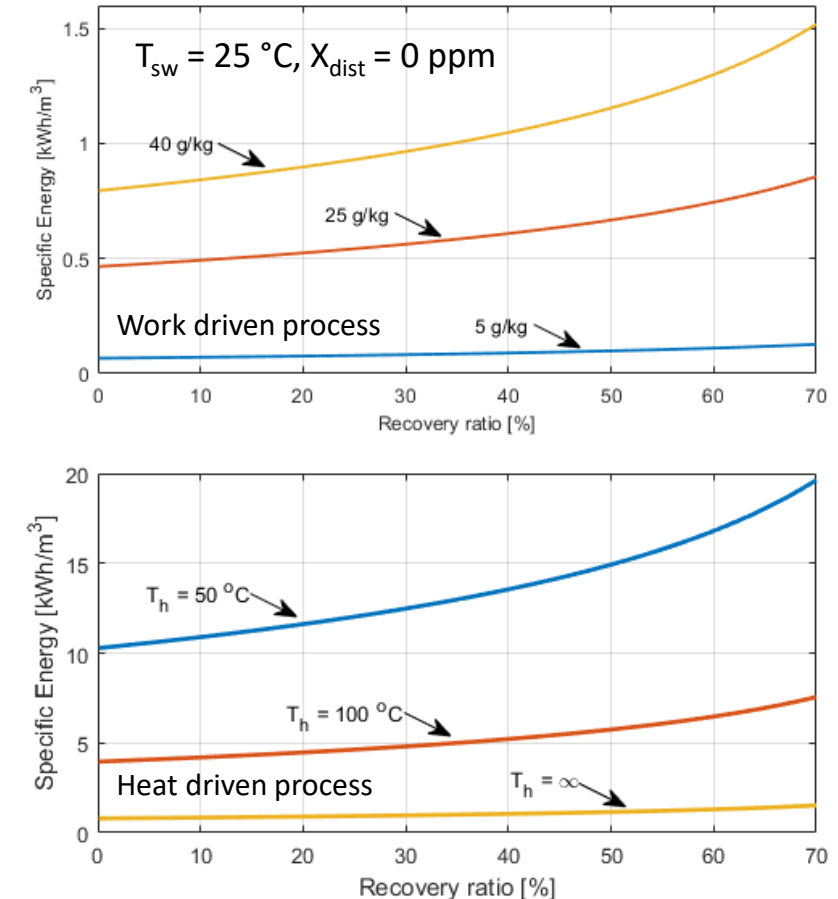
Water Stress by country: 2040

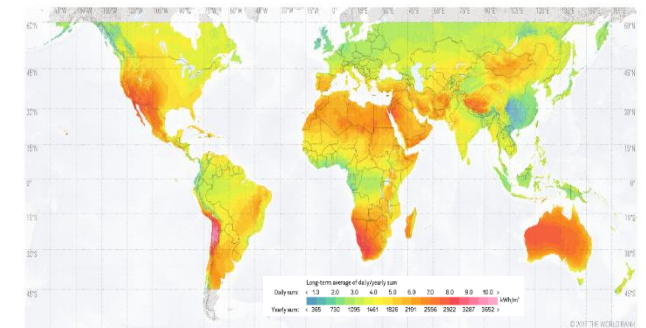
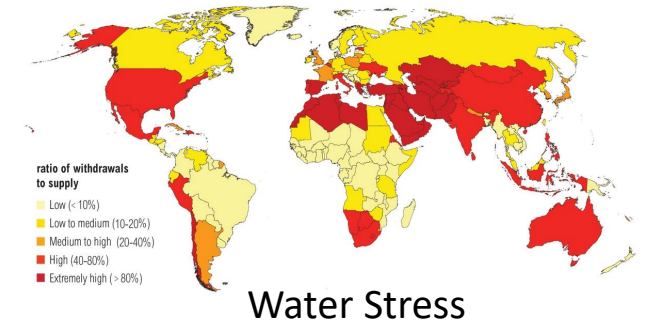
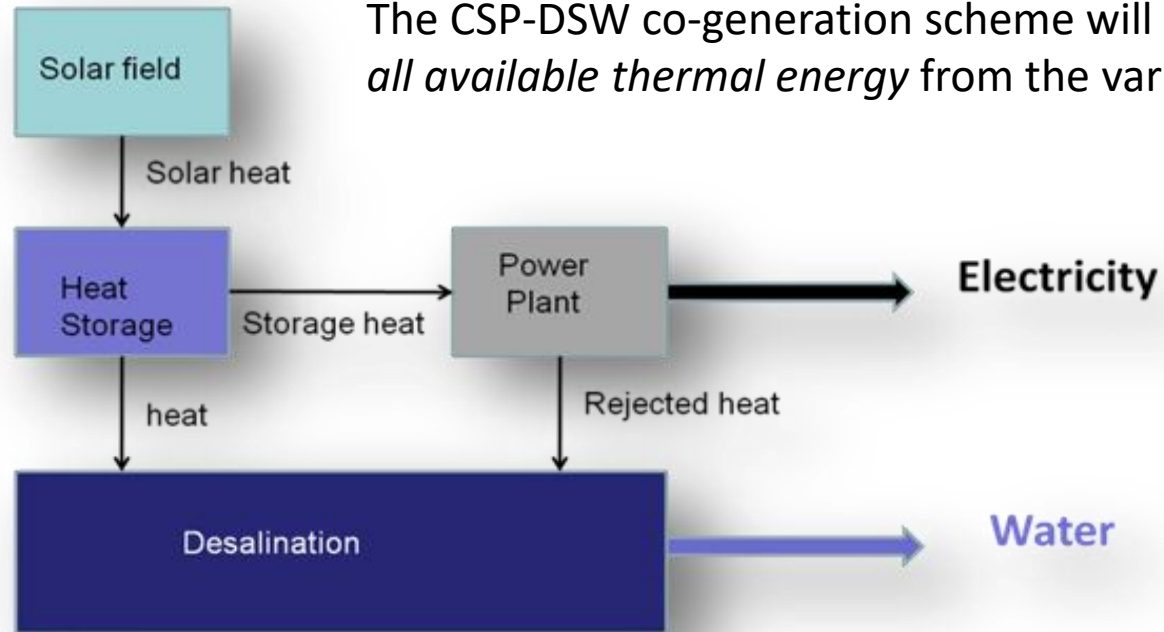




• Desalination

- Very energy intensive process
- Energy form impacts energy consumed by process
 - Energy depends on source salinity & recovery ratio
 - RO → *electrical* energy → 3-3.5 kWh/m³
 - MED → *thermal* energy → 20-30 kWh/m³
- Theoretical energy of separation
 - Much less than energy of actual process
 - Room for improvement!
- In Cyprus:
 - >1 % of GDP and 4% of energy goes towards desalination



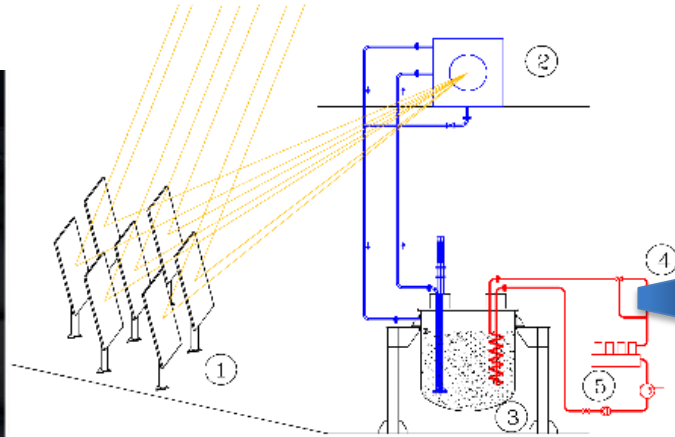




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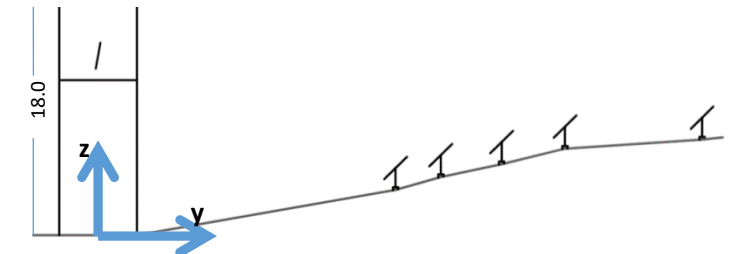
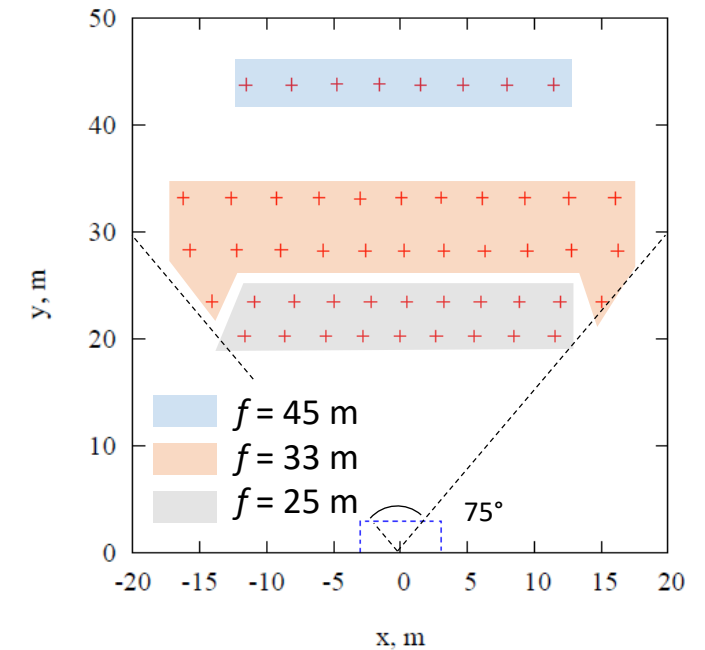
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- Heliostat field layout:
 - Deployment on hilly terrain
 - 50 heliostats
 - 5 rows
 - 3 focal lengths
 - 25, 33 and 45 m
 - Field angle of 75-deg





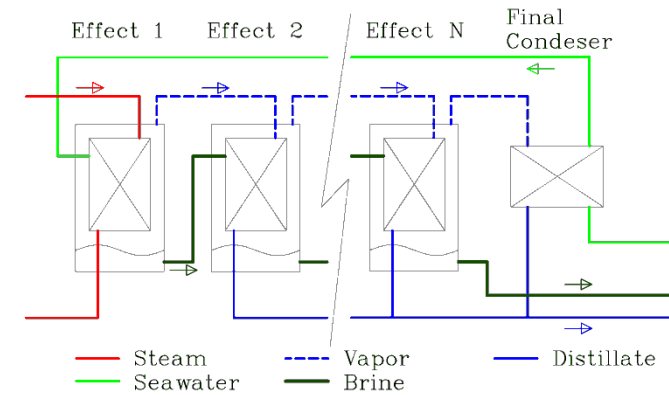
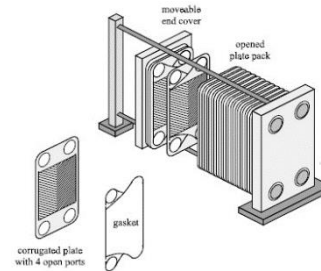
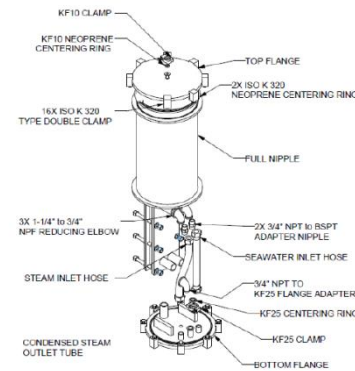
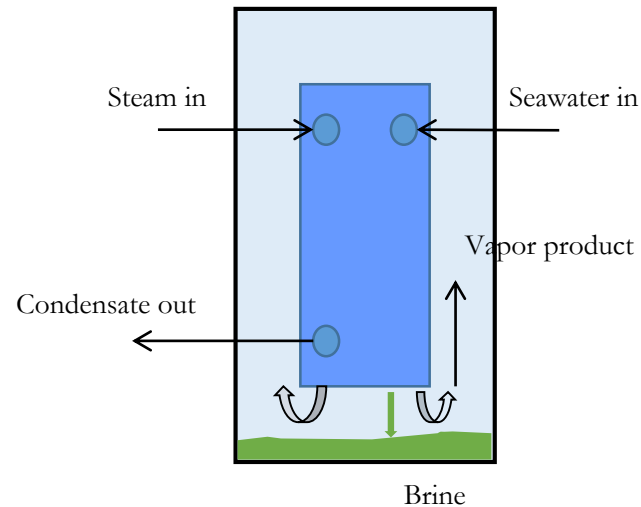
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- Multiple Effect Distillation (MED)
 - Utilization of waste heat from plant
 - Energy recycling to decrease specific energy requirements



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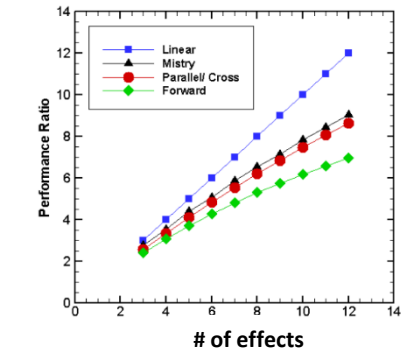
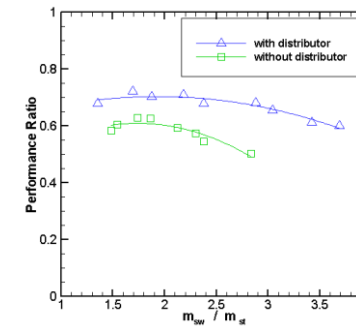
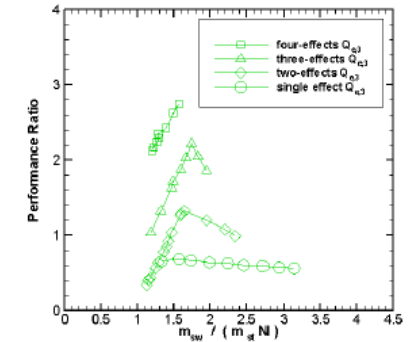
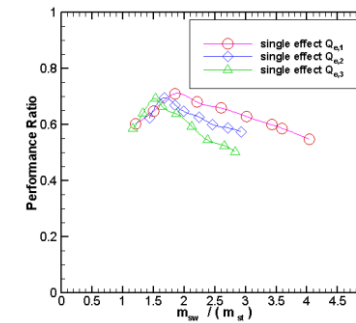
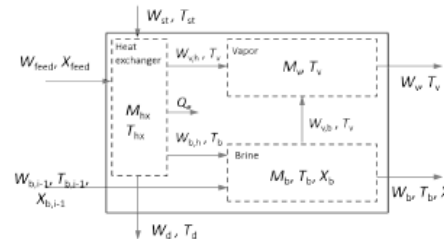


- Experimental characterization of a 4-effect unit

- Performance ratio (PR)
- $PR = \langle \text{mass of distillate} \rangle / \langle \text{mass of seawater} \rangle$
- Study influence of parameters on PR
 - Seawater temperature
 - Steam temperature
 - # of effects

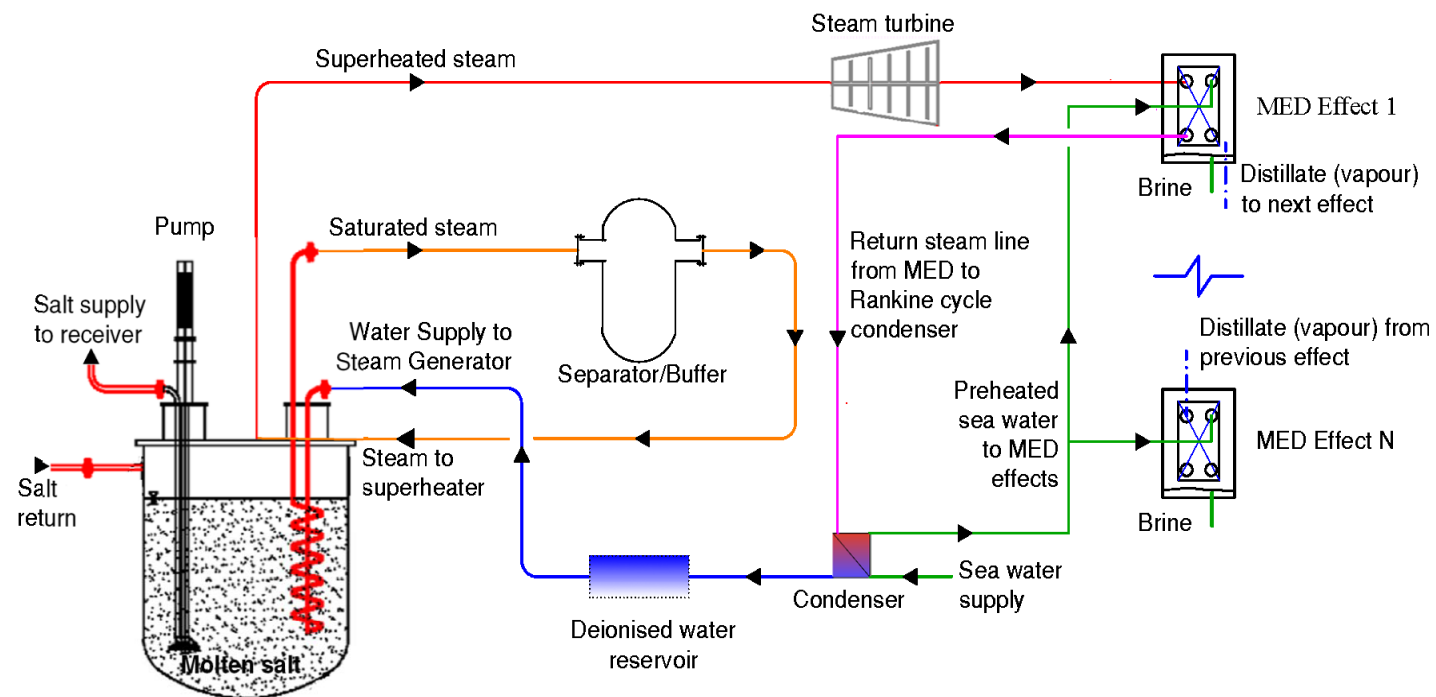
- Development of model

- Focus on predicting dynamic behavior of unit
- Flexibility in terms of
 - Feed water configuration
 - Feed-heater utilization
 - Heat transfer coefficient



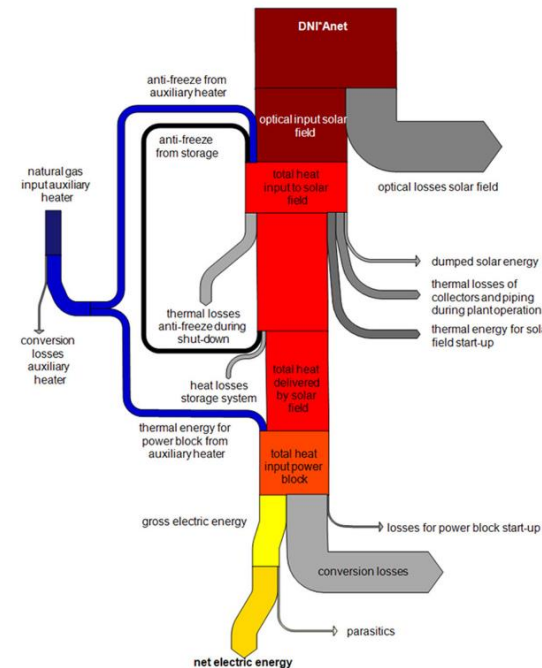
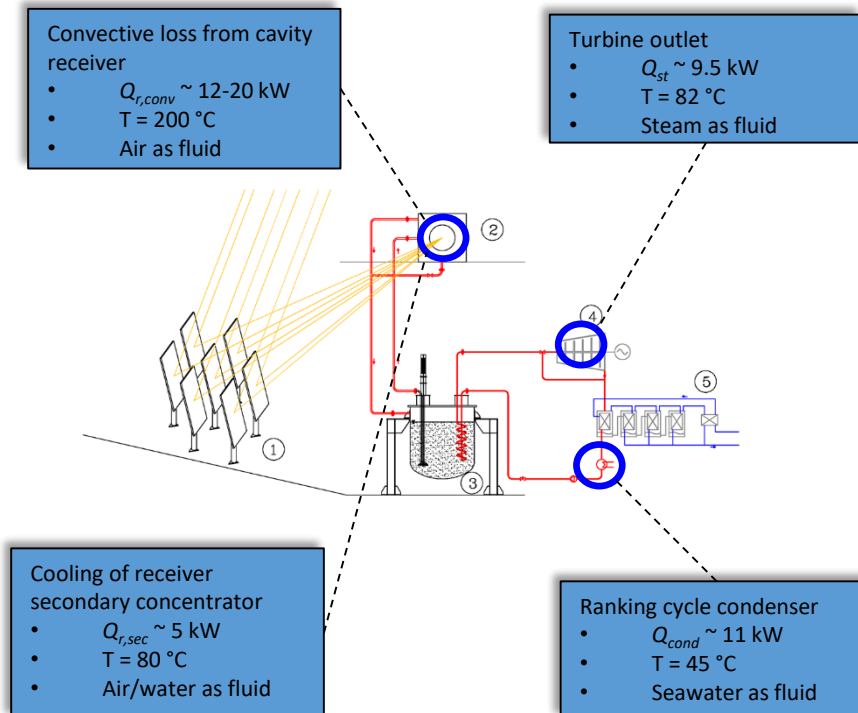


- Coupling MED with the CSP plant





- Heat flow in a CSP-Plant
- Identification of sources to drive MED



- Use other waste heat sources of the plant:
 - Thermal vapor compression to improve PR
 - Requires higher temperature source
 - Energy for zero-liquid discharge setup
 - Reduce environmental impact



Thank you for your attention



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