



Masdar Solar Hub's R&D activity in the CSP field

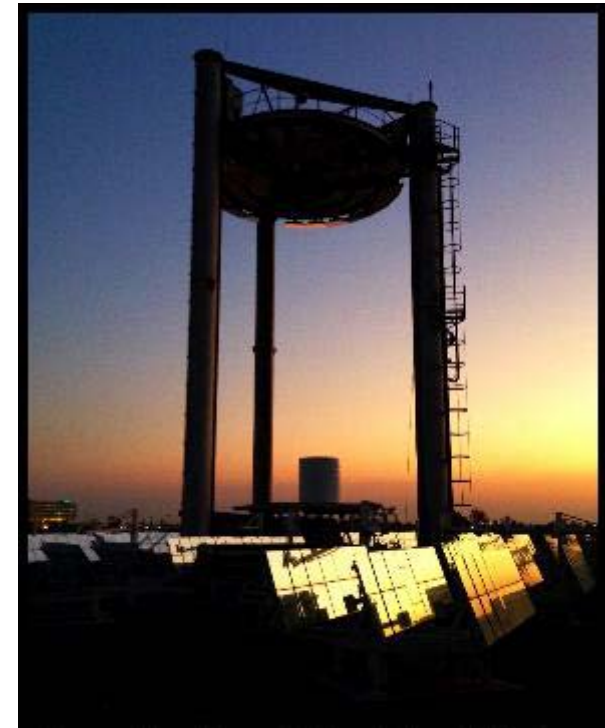
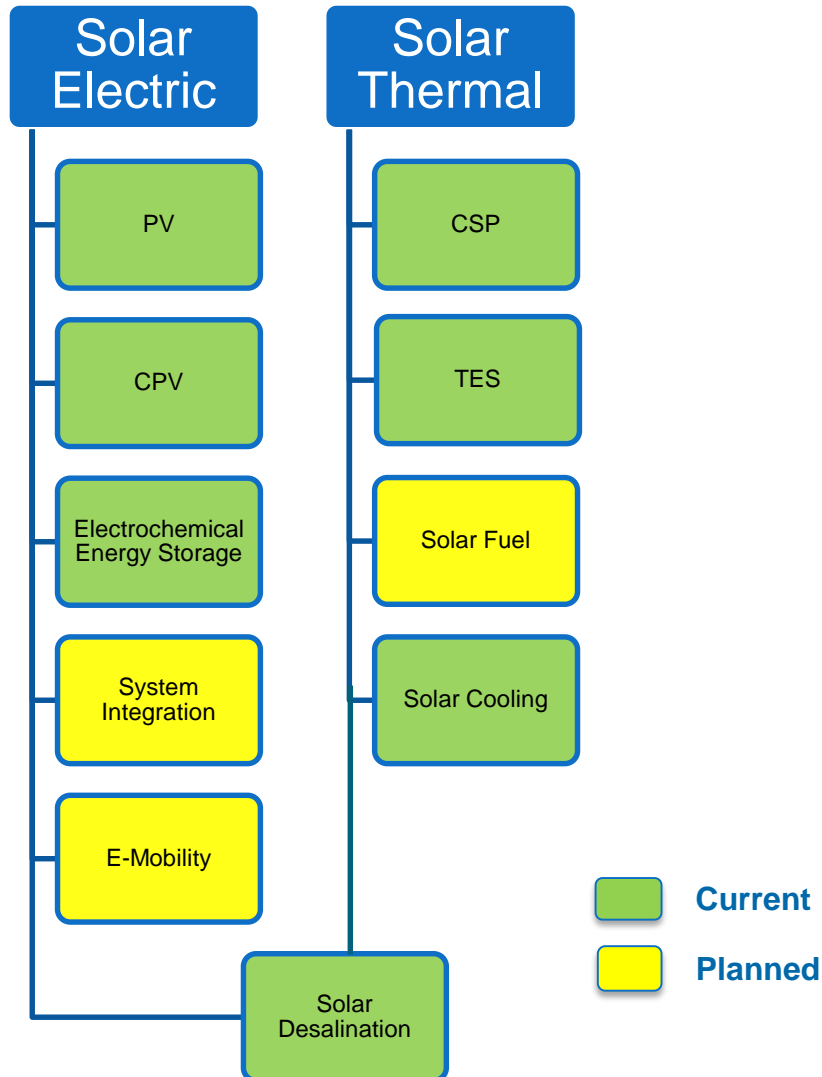
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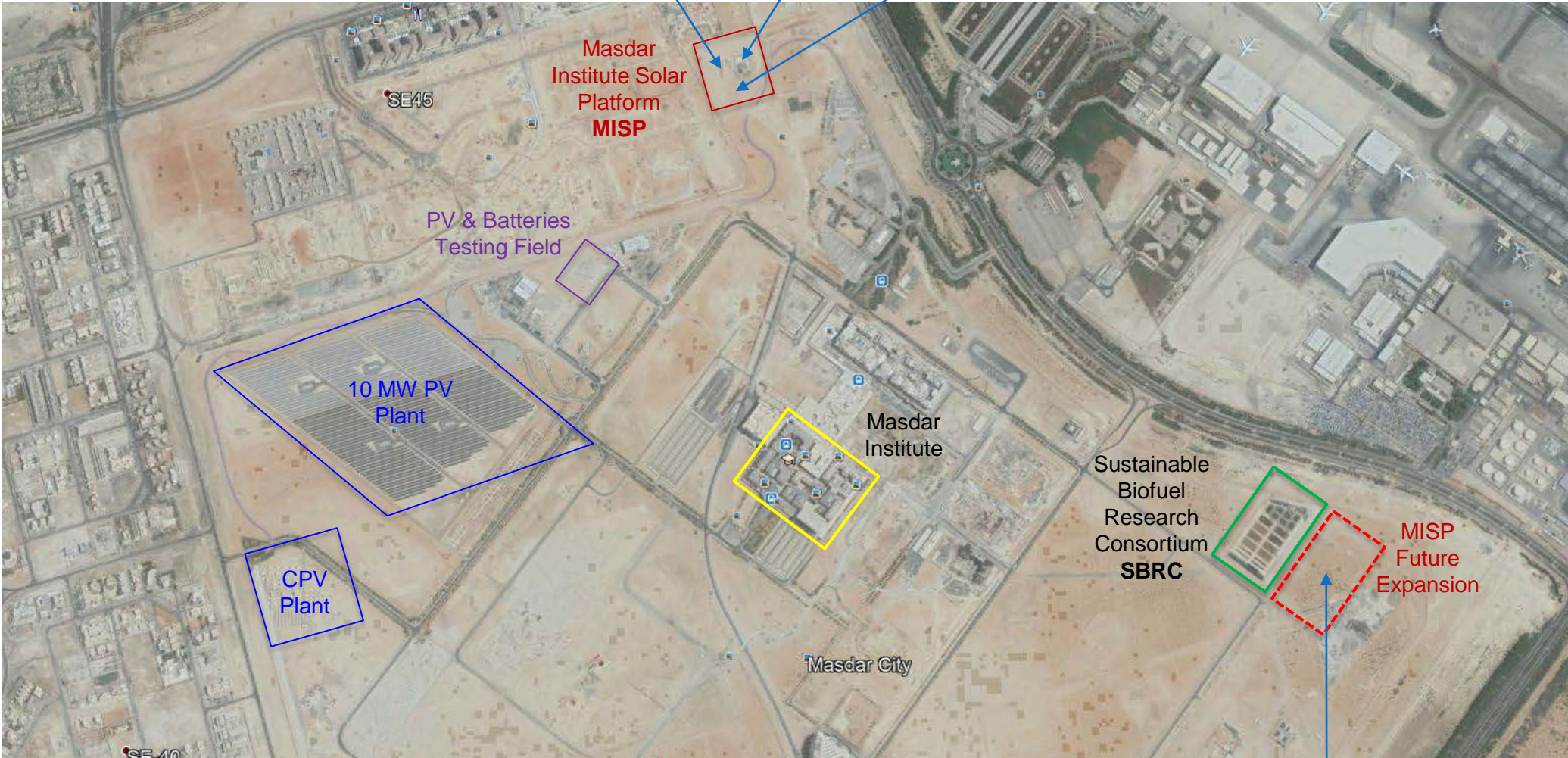
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Masdar Solar Hub's Capability Areas



The Masdar Solar Hub was created in 2015

Masdar Solar Hub's Facility Locations



The Masdar Institute Solar Platform (MISP)

First Solar Platform in the UAE fully dedicated to R&D on CSP and TES



Objectives:

- ✓ Test and validate new technologies at the pre-commercial scale with interest for Masdar's future tenders
- ✓ in UAE harsh environment (dust, sand storm, humidity, corrosion, temperature, etc.) and adapt it if necessary
- ✓ Attract International Collaborations/Investors
- ✓ Decrease the cost & Increase efficiency of CSP systems



5 Mm³ of sand displaced



Shams 7 m high Wind Break Barriers

Collaboration with Industry



EnergyNest (Norway)



EnergyNest's Concrete Storage Pilot 2 x 500 kWh



Objectives:

- Test solid state storage for parabolic trough or waste heat recovery, etc.
- > 280 cycles completed

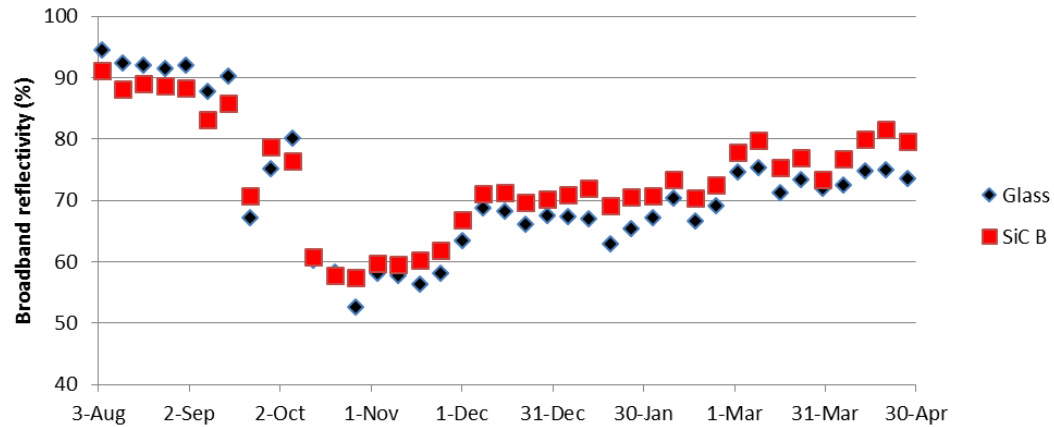
Partners:



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Ibiden SiC Mirrors



Objective:

- ✓ Test new SiC Mirrors & Cleaning Methods in Humid Desert Conditions



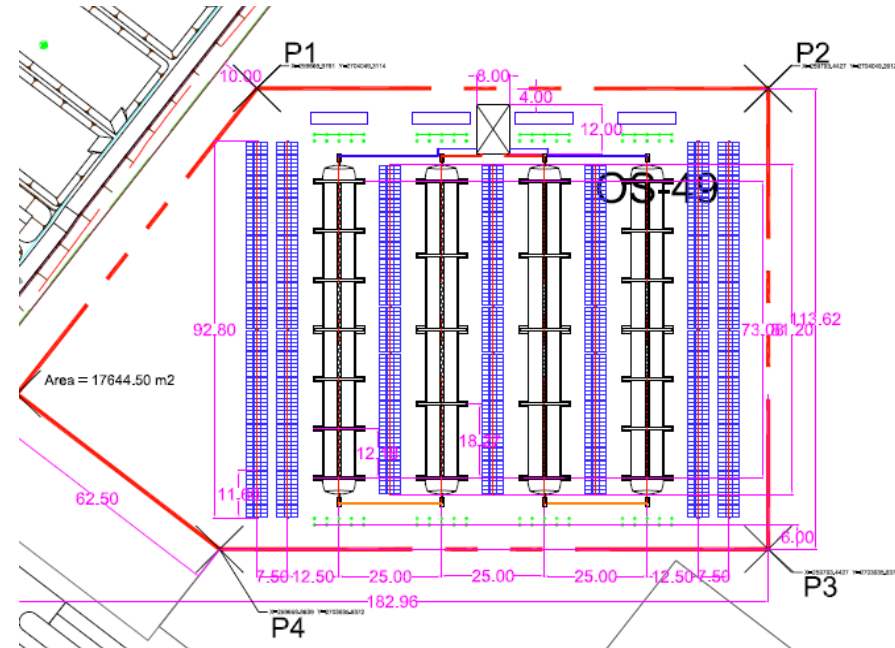
Japanese Delegation visiting the MISF in November 2014

Combined CSP/PV (1.3 MW_{th} + 472 kW_e)



Objectives:

- Test inflatable parabolic trough collectors in harsh environment
- Test PV trackers as wind deflectors
- Test operation maintenance and cleaning methods



Timeline: March 2018

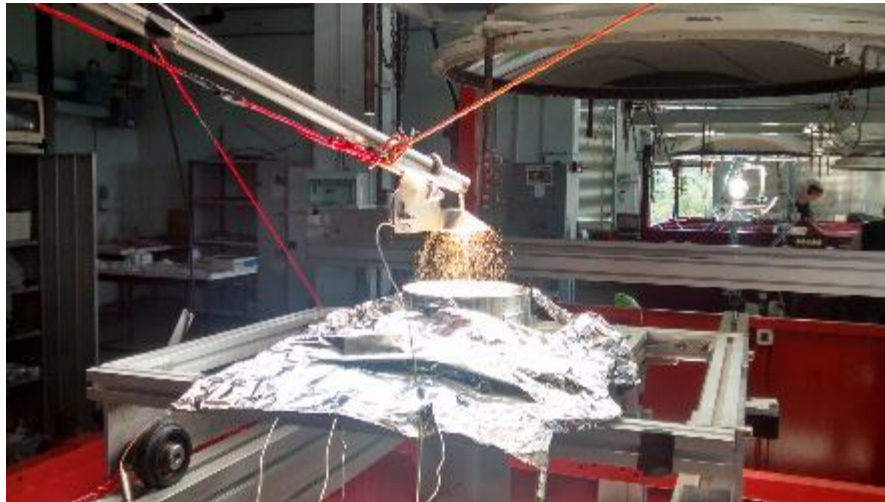
Duration: 2 years

Collaboration with Academia/Research Institute

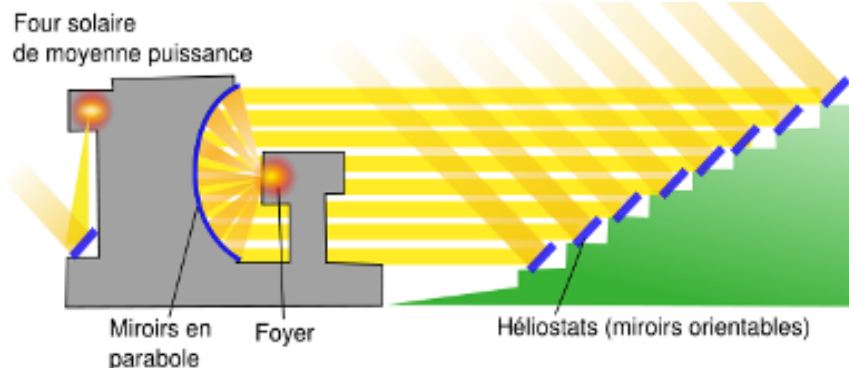
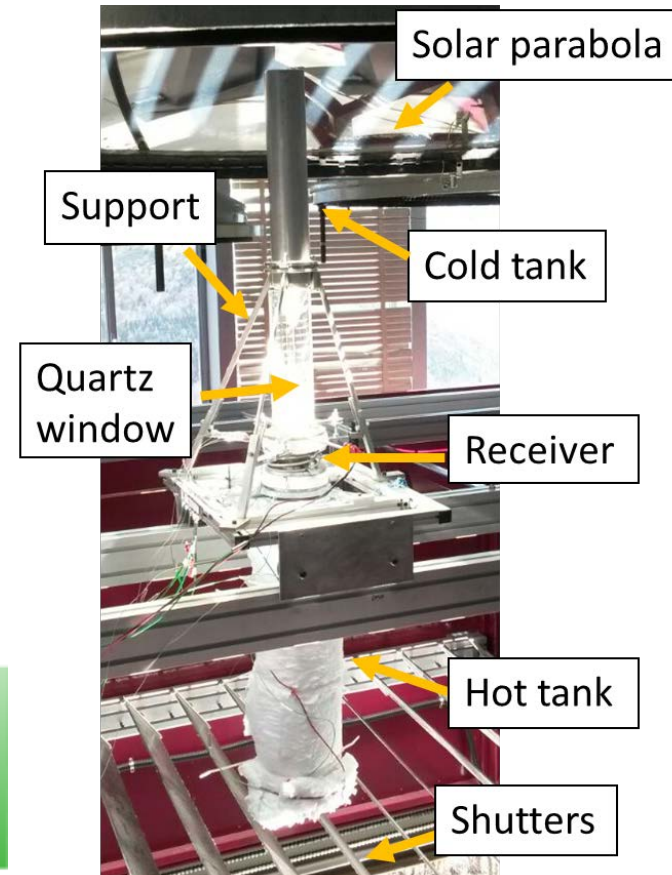


SandStock Project (Particle Receiver)

1st Prototype (Summer 2014)



2nd Prototype (Summer 2015)

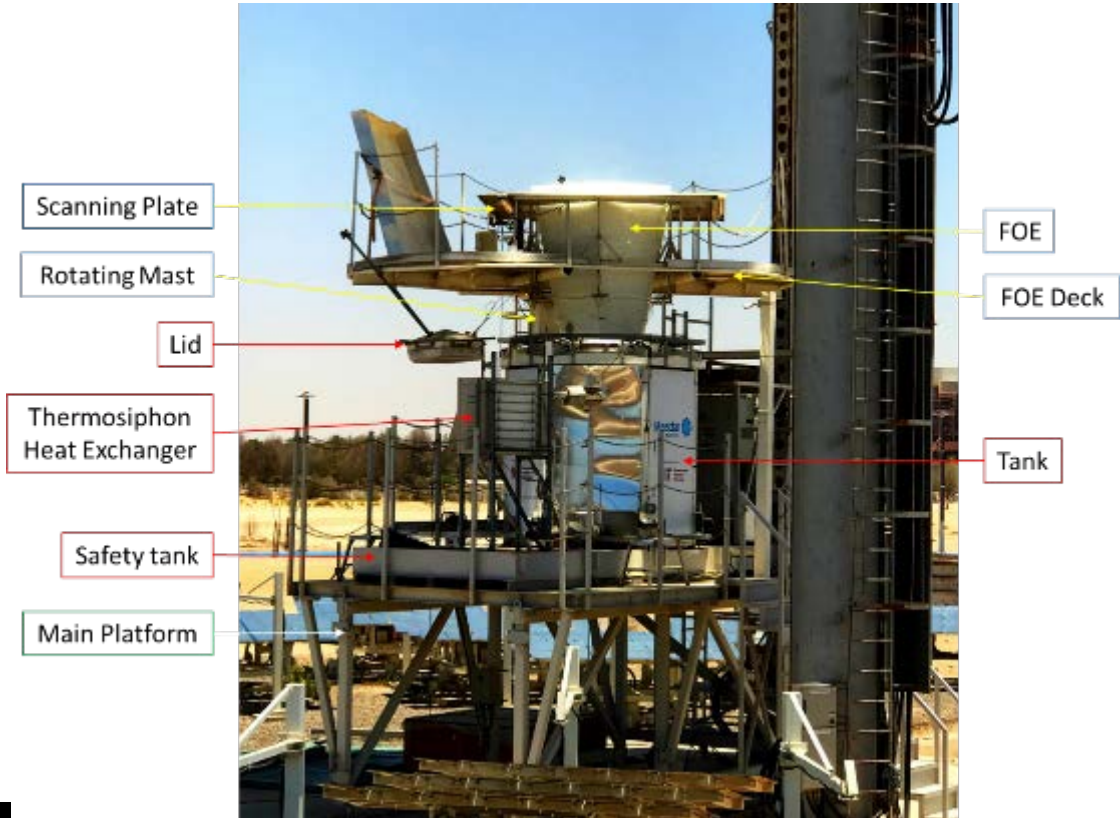


Concentrated Solar Power on Demand Demonstration (CSPonD Demo)



CSPonD Demo during operation in June 2017

Partners:



Project Cost: 3 M\$ (Internal Grant)

1st Melting



Mirrors Degradation



Corroded facet selected for analysis
Installed in 2009



Comparison of samples under accelerated aging and “naturally”-aged ones:
Allows evaluation of accelerated-aging protocols
=> 2 Conference Papers + 1 Journal Paper

Conclusion



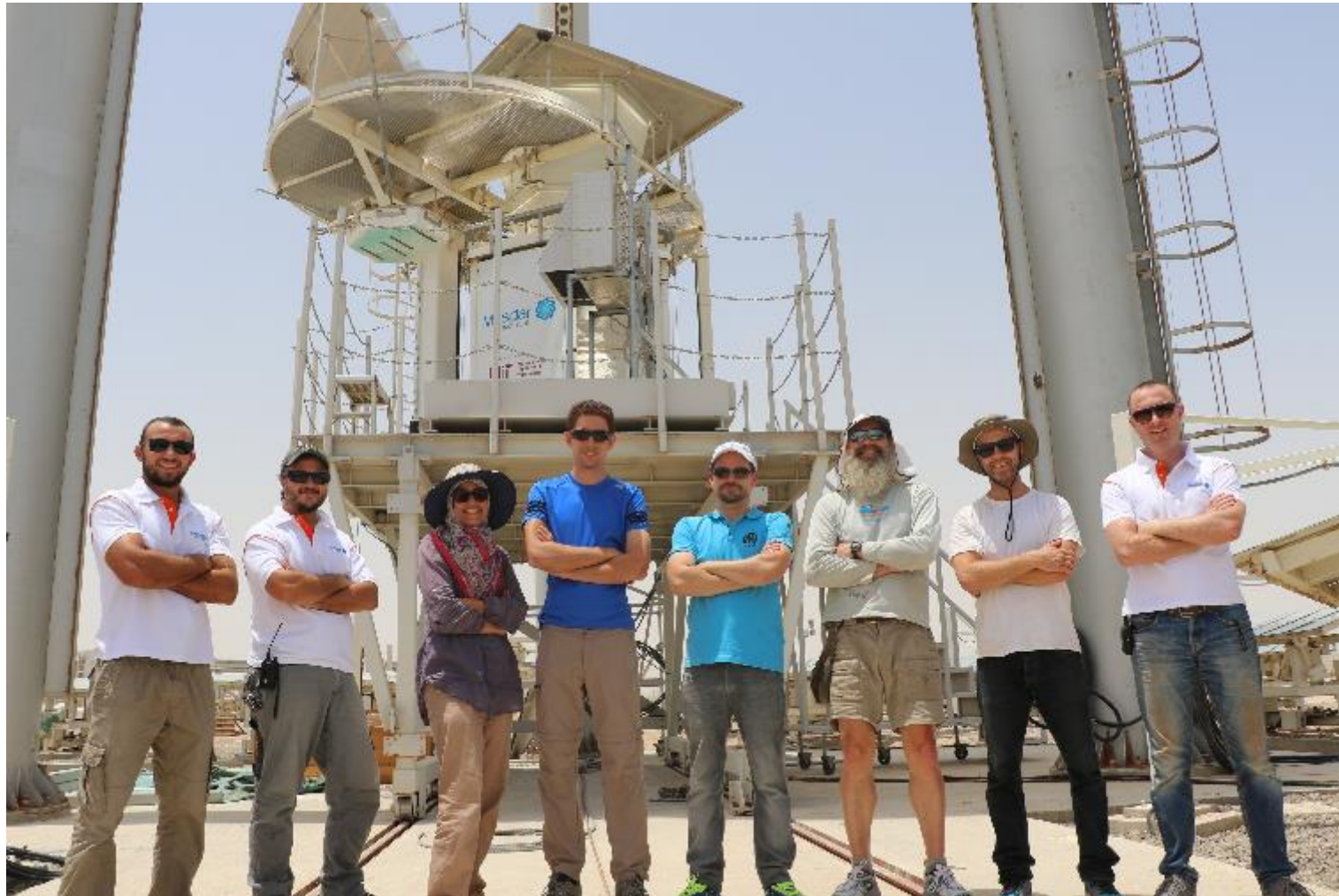
EU GCC CSP Alliance



CENER and more...

1. Characterisation of weather conditions in the GCC region
2. Indoor testing
3. Outdoor testing
4. Improving O&M aspects
5. Accelerated aging test guidelines
6. Improving durability of the mirror
7. Measuring attenuation

Thanks to all the Team



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