



## Receiver für Salzschnmelzen Der nächste Schritt in der Parabolrinnentechnologie

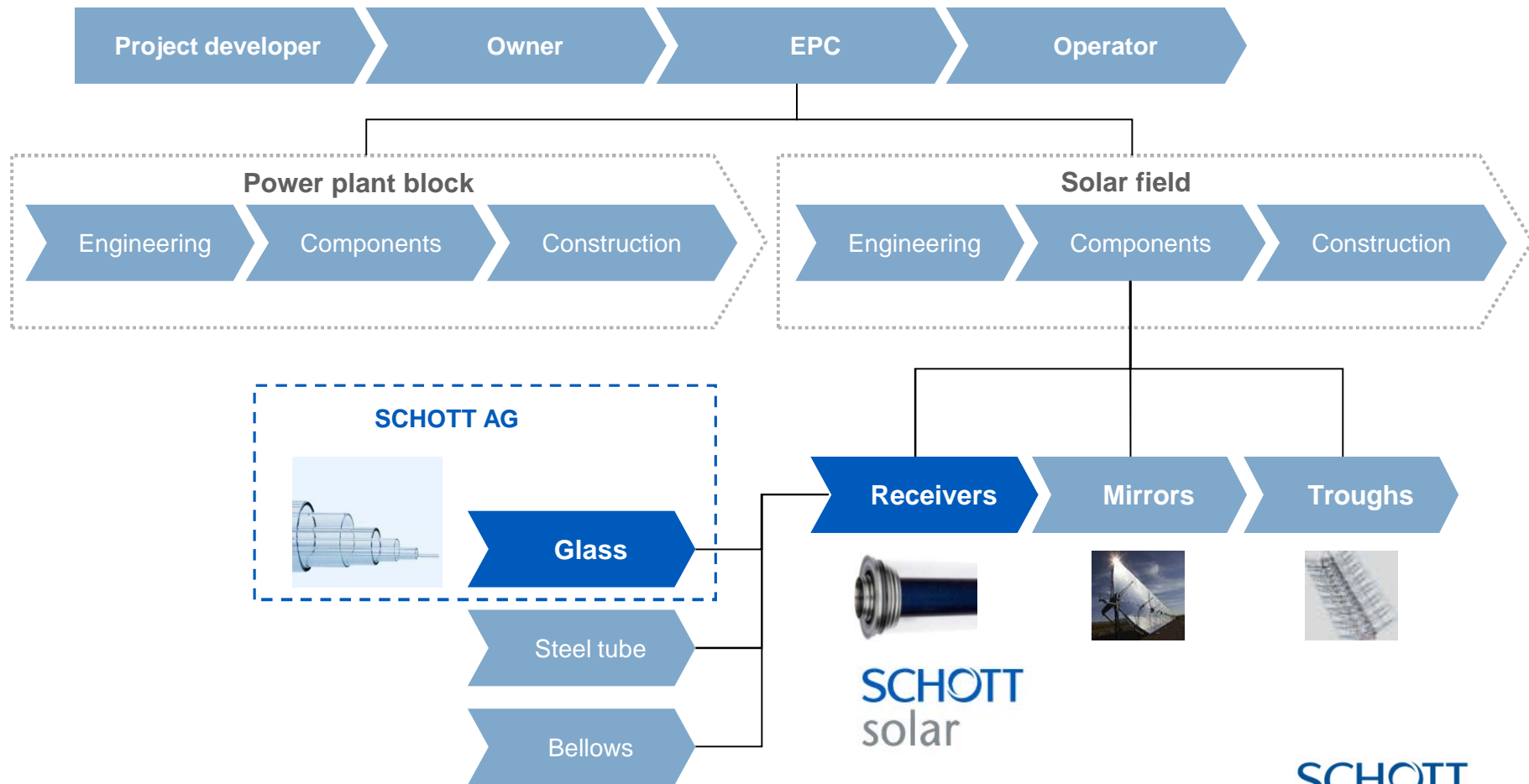
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SCHOTT Solar CSP is the #1 supplier of receivers for parabolic trough solar fields

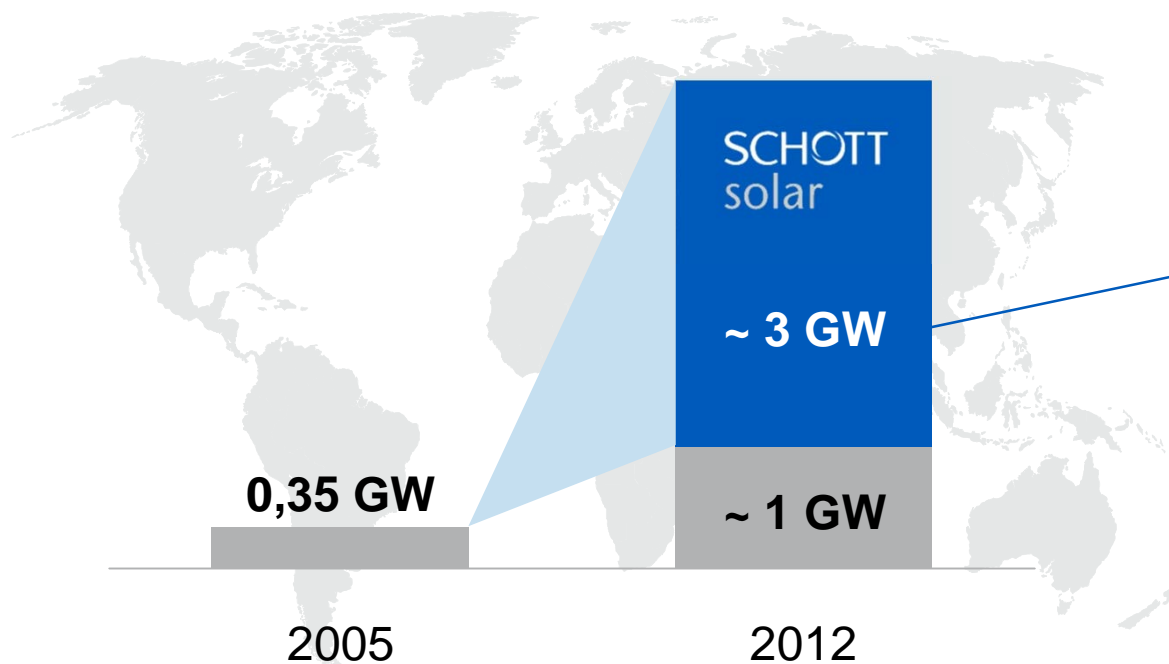


# Within the value chain of CSP parabolic trough power plants SCHOTT Solar CSP supplies a key component



Since the market entry in 2005, SCHOTT Solar CSP has achieved a leading market position

### CSP capacity installed or under construction

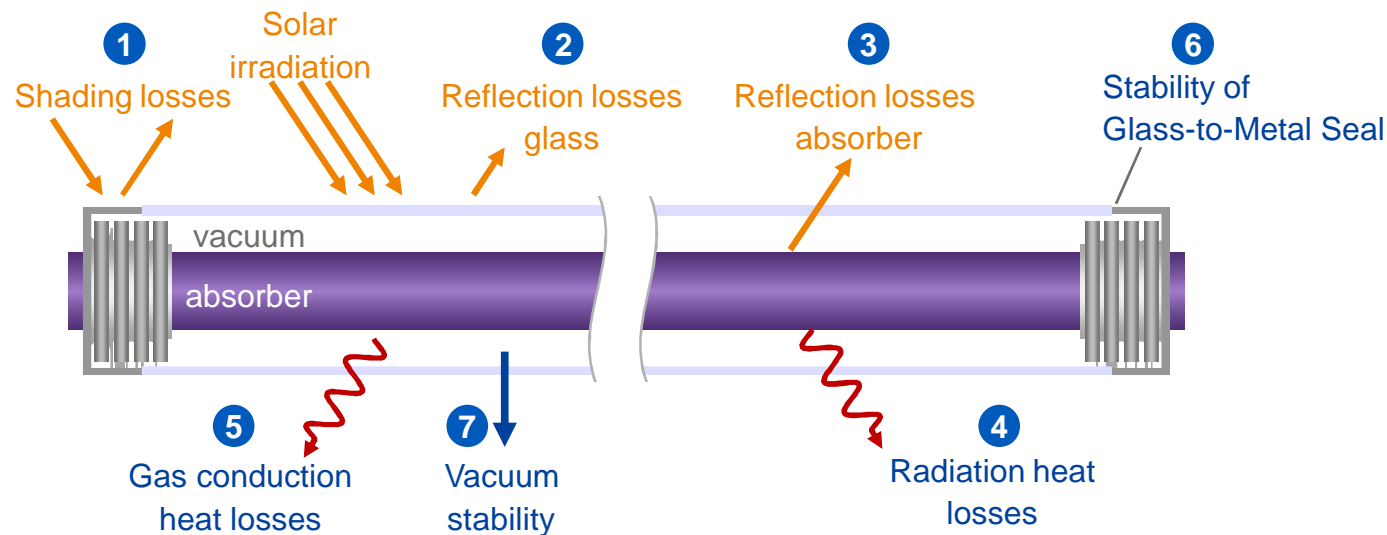


More than 3 Gigawatts capacity equipped with SCHOTT PTR®70 receivers



More than 1 Million receivers supplied to over 50 CSP projects around the globe

The receiver is a key component in a CSP plant.  
It is designed for highest efficiency and maximum lifetime



### SCHOTT Solar CSP solutions

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| <p><b>1 Optimized design of receiver ends</b><br/>achieves a maximum optical aperture length of the receivers</p> <p><b>2 Anti-reflective coating of the glass tube</b><br/>ensures high transmittance and high abrasion resistance</p> <p><b>3 4 Absorber coating</b><br/>achieves low emittance and high absorptance of the absorber tube</p> | <p><b>5 Vacuum insulation</b><br/>minimizes heat conduction losses</p> <p><b>6 Unique glass-to-metal seal technology</b><br/>ensures high product reliability for more than 25 years lifetime</p> <p><b>7 Noble Gas Capsule</b><br/>expands receiver lifetime to more than 40 years</p> |
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# The global CSP industry will achieve significant cost reductions until 2020

## LCOE roadmap (€ct per kWh)



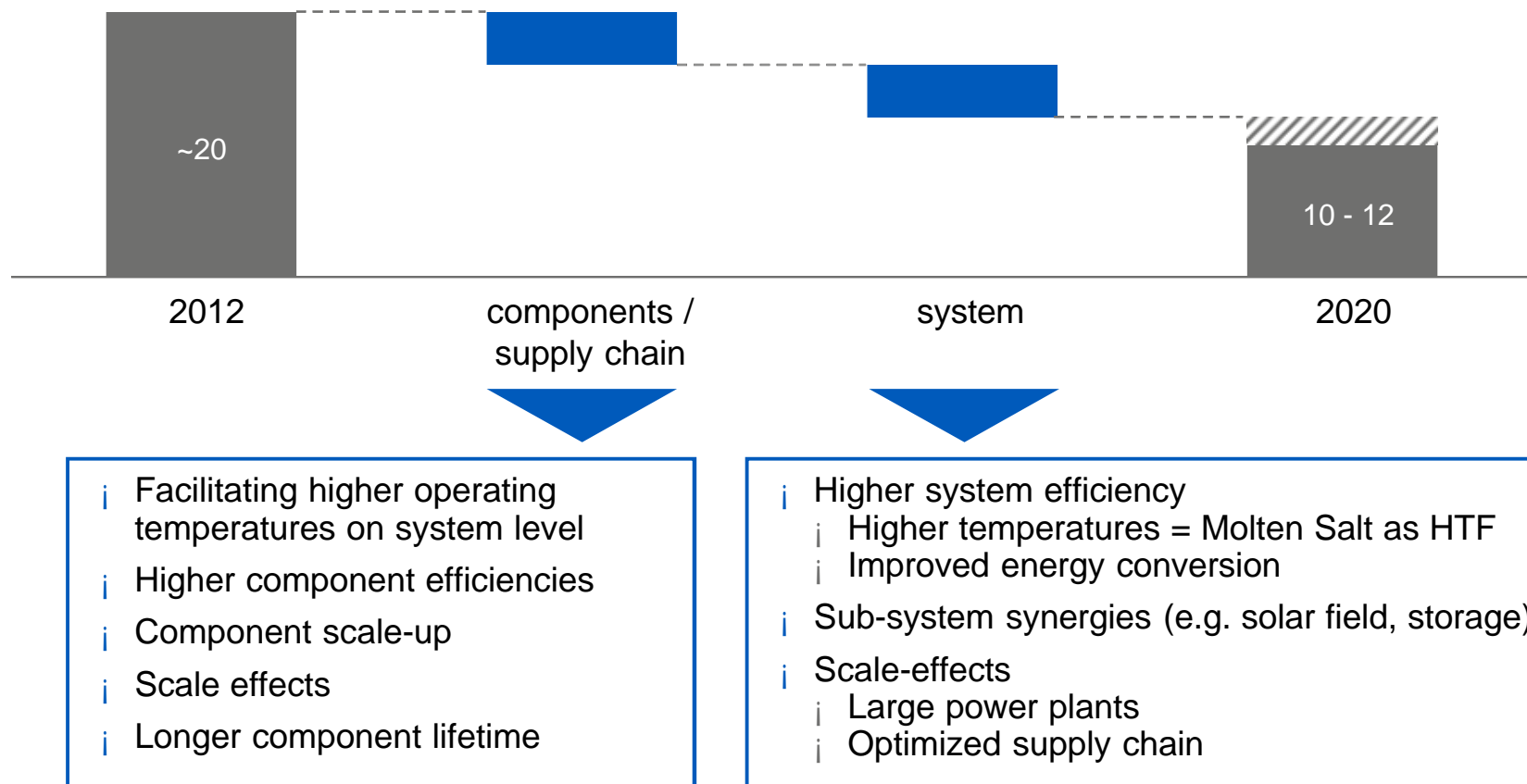
- i All relevant technology and market studies expect that CSP will show significant cost reductions in the coming years
- i Market pressure (e.g. from PV) requires a cost target of 10-12 €ct per kWh in 2020

Sources: assessment by Dii (2012); DLR, *Annual performance simulation and cost estimation for solar power plants in Algeria* (November 2012) – 280MW /13h storage; ESTELA technology roadmap (2012)

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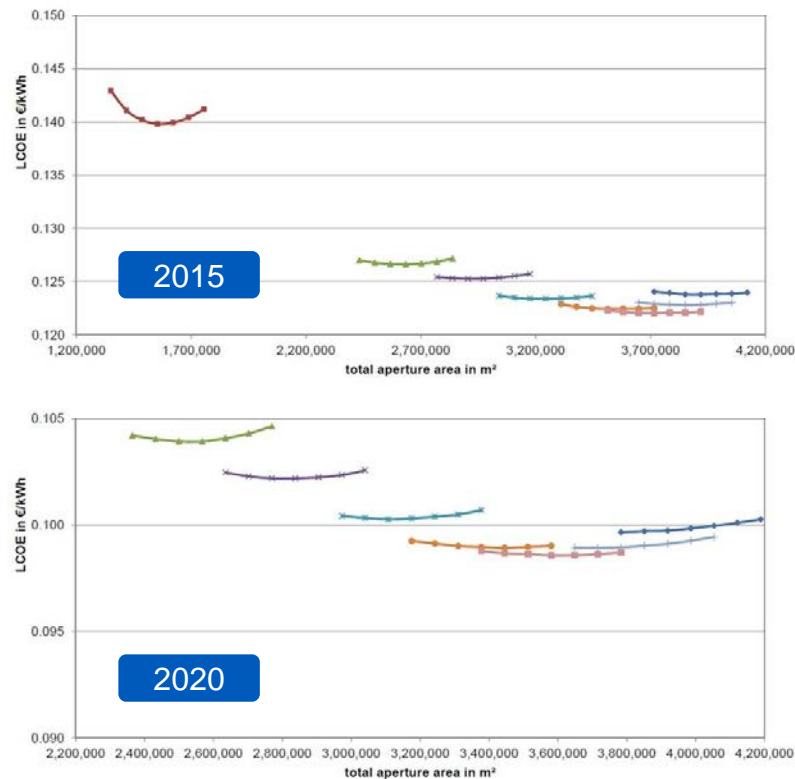
The cost reductions until 2020 will be enabled by technology advancements on component level and system level

### LCOE roadmap (€ct per kWh)



# CSP plants with Molten Salt as HTF will reach LCOE of below 10 €/kWh in 2020

LCOE for different solar field and storage sizes of 280 MW Molten Salt parabolic trough plants (€/kWh)

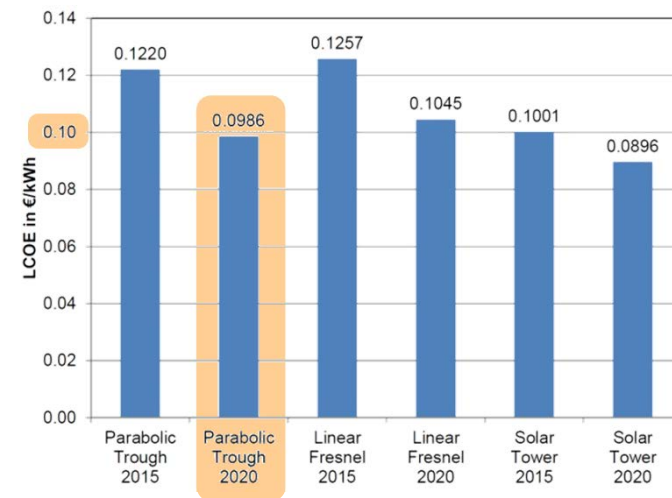


storage: 6h 8h 10h 12h 13h 14h 15h

source: DLR, Annual performance simulation and cost estimation for solar power plants in Algeria (November 2012)

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LCOE comparison of 280 MW CSP systems with Molten Salt as HTF (€/kWh)



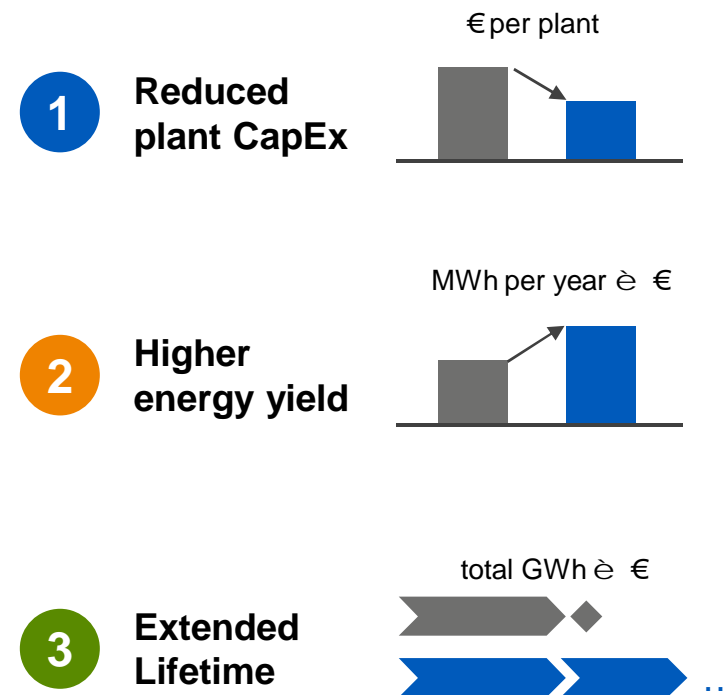


# The SCHOTT Innovation Roadmap facilitates improvement of CSP system economics

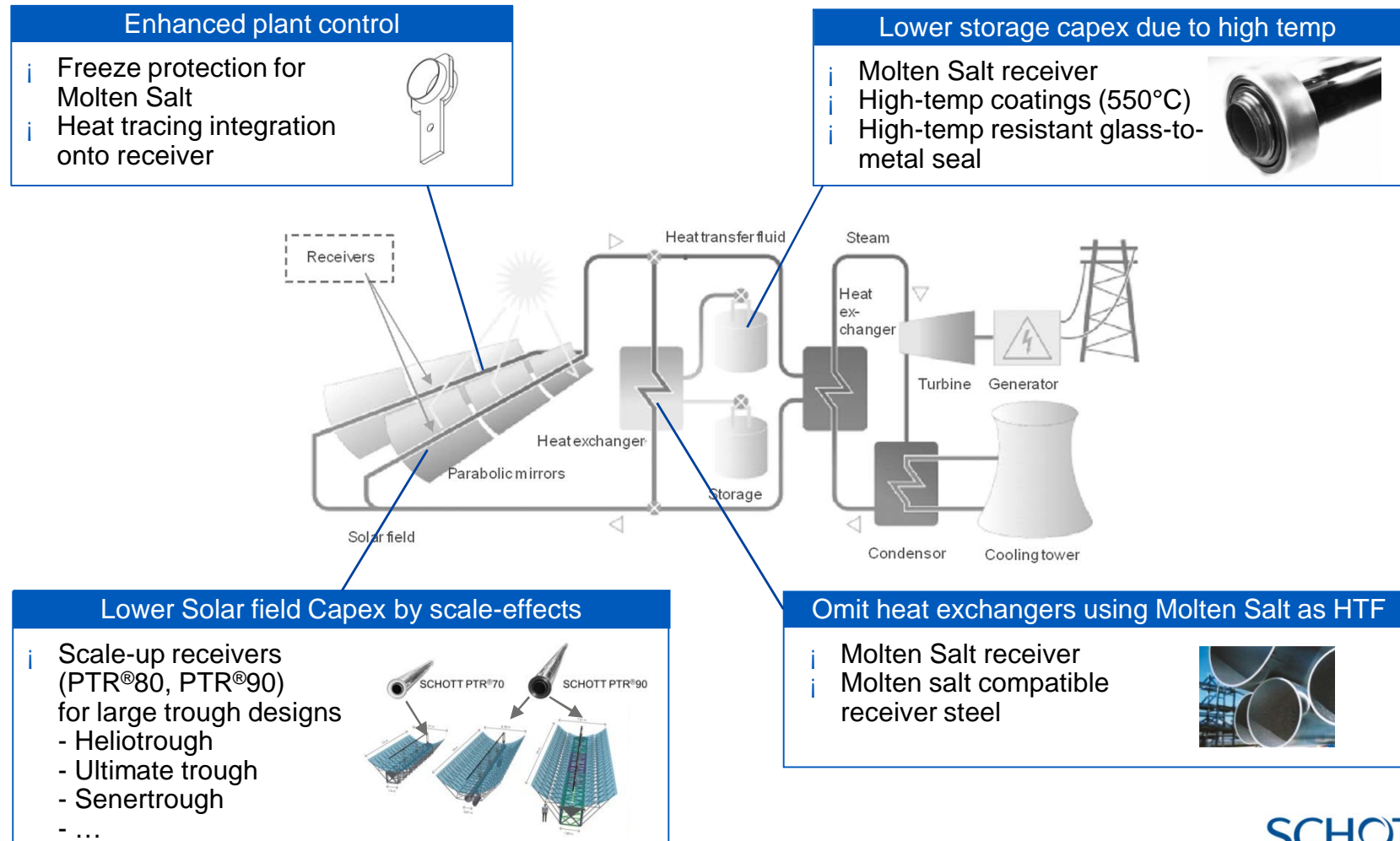
## SCHOTT Solar R&D Pipeline

- Receivers for elevated temperatures and alternative heat transfer fluids such as **Molten Salt**
- Larger receivers** (scale-up) with lower area specific production costs
- Evacuated receiver components for **Fresnel Technology**
- Receiver shields** and **optimized bellow design** enabling an improved optical efficiency of the receivers
- Improved coating technology** with better optical properties and suitable for higher temperatures
- Noble gas capsule as lifetime extender** to ensure maximum profitability of power plant

## Effect on CSP system economics



# 1 Reduced plant CapEx: synergies on plant level



## 2 Higher energy yield: boost efficiency and profitability

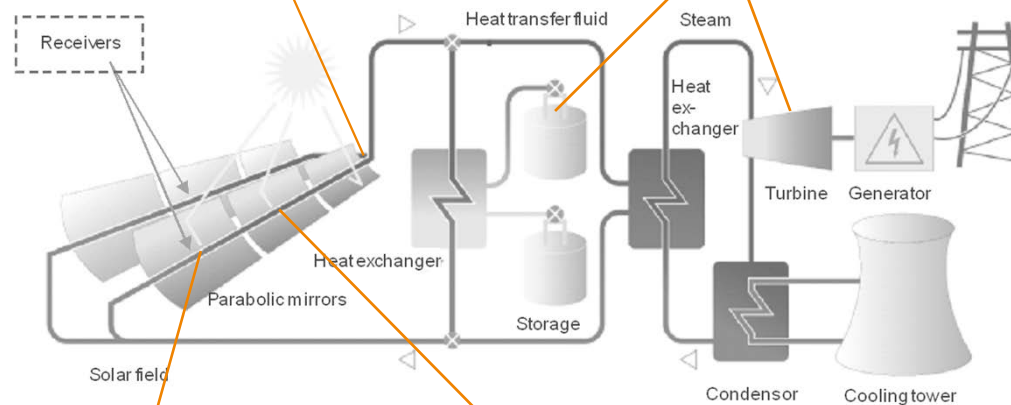
### Minimized heat losses

- i Optimized SCHOTT Solar CSP receiver clamps
- i Receiver-integrated radiation shields



### Higher efficiency of storage and power block by higher operating temperature

- i Molten Salt receiver
- i High-temp coatings (550°C)
- i High-temp resistant glass-to-metal seal



### Increased light conversion

- i SCHOTT Shields with optimized geometry and materials



### Increased electricity output over plant lifetime

- i Superior absorber coating with benchmark performance from day 1 to receiver lifetime > 25 years



# SCHOTT modifies the proven PTR<sup>®</sup>70 receiver to fit to Molten Salt Conditions

## SCHOTT innovations for Molten Salt receivers

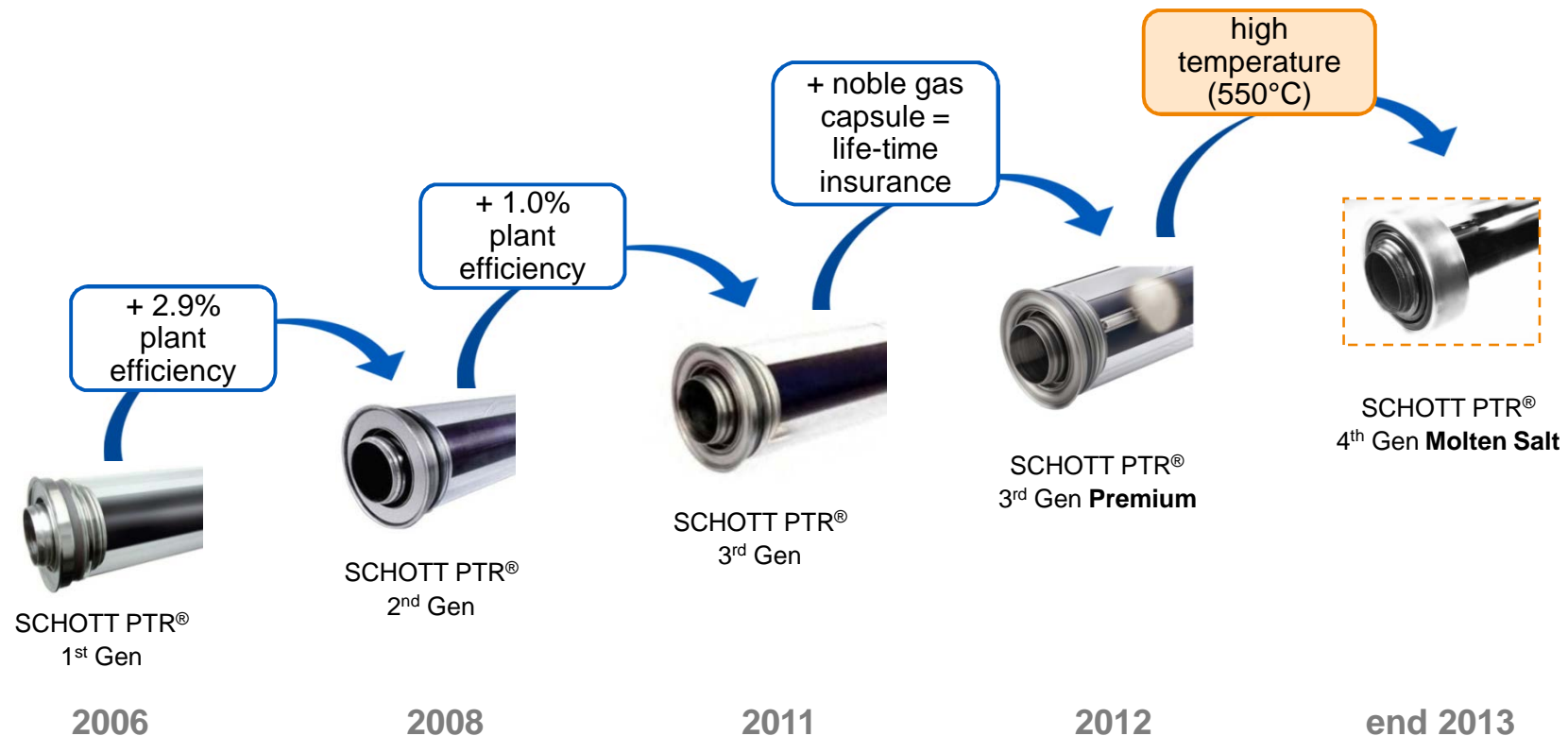
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- i **Define steel grade for 550°C**  
today's standard steel grades used in parabolic trough applications are limited to 400°C
- i **Novel absorber coating**  
suitable for operation up to 550°C, low degradation rate  
Qualified by accelerated ageing-tests
- i **New Design of bellows**  
to account for higher thermal expansion of the absorber tube and optimized to reduce heat losses and protect the glass to metal sealing



SCHOTT Solar CSP continuously improves the receiver performance. The next generation will facilitate operation temperatures up to 550°C with Molten Salt as heat transfer fluid

### SCHOTT PTR®70 Receiver Development



# Molten Salt Technology implies design changes, material changes and auxiliary technology for receiver components

Challenges for Molten Salt	Technical Approach	Validation Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risks of freezing heat transfer fluid in solar field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heat tracing concept</li> <li>Design and procedure instruction for receiver heating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validation of heat tracing concept in commercial solar field</li> <li>Identify critical operation conditions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher thermal stress</li> <li>Higher corrosion risk for steel parts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve durability of receiver component</li> <li>Design of components</li> <li>Design of material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validation and qualification of materials, components and concepts</li> <li>Simulation</li> <li>Lab tests for durability</li> <li>Qualification in test bench and field tests</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher thermal losses</li> <li>Higher degradation of coating over lifetime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coating Design</li> <li>Improve optical efficiency over lifetime, reduce degradation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing tests of new coating in lab</li> </ul>



# Selective absorber for high temperatures: Molten Salt as HTF for higher working temperatures

## Molten Salt vs. Therminol

- i Pro:
  - i Stable up to 500 - 550 °C, non-flammable, non-volatile
  - i solidifies quickly in case of leakage, easily disposed
  - i No hydrogen release
- i Con:
  - i High melting temperature (120 - 240 °C)
  - i Slightly higher viscosity

## Possible Salt mixtures

Salt	Composition	Melting point	Degradation point
Solar Salt	NaNO <sub>3</sub> KNO <sub>3</sub>	240 °C	> 550 °C
Hitec	NaNO <sub>3</sub> KNO <sub>3</sub> NaNO <sub>2</sub>	140 °C	500 °C
Hitec XL	NaNO <sub>3</sub> KNO <sub>3</sub> Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	120 °C	500 °C

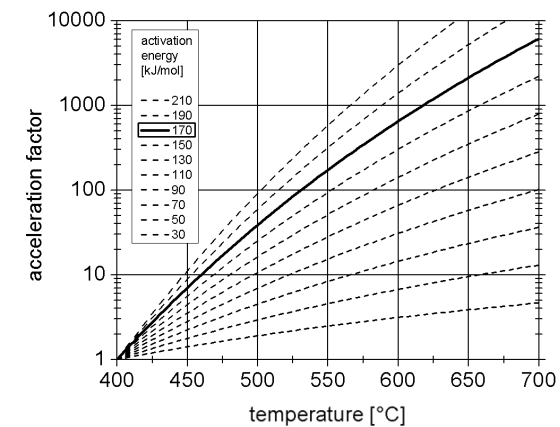
# Accelerated ageing tests

## Minimum ageing testing time 400°C

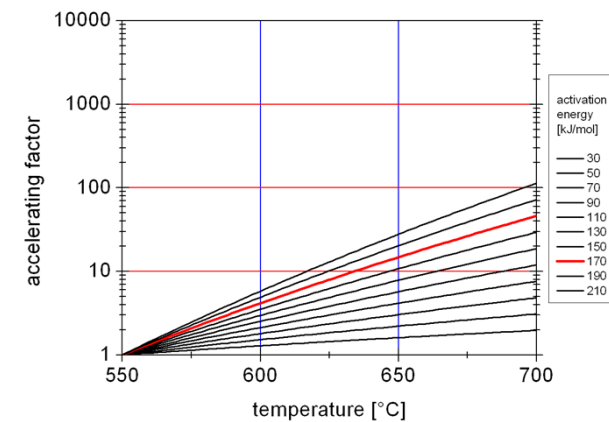
Minimum ageing time [h]	Ageing temperature [°C]
1050	510
643	525
295	550
93	590
16	660
6	700
2	750

## Acceleration factors

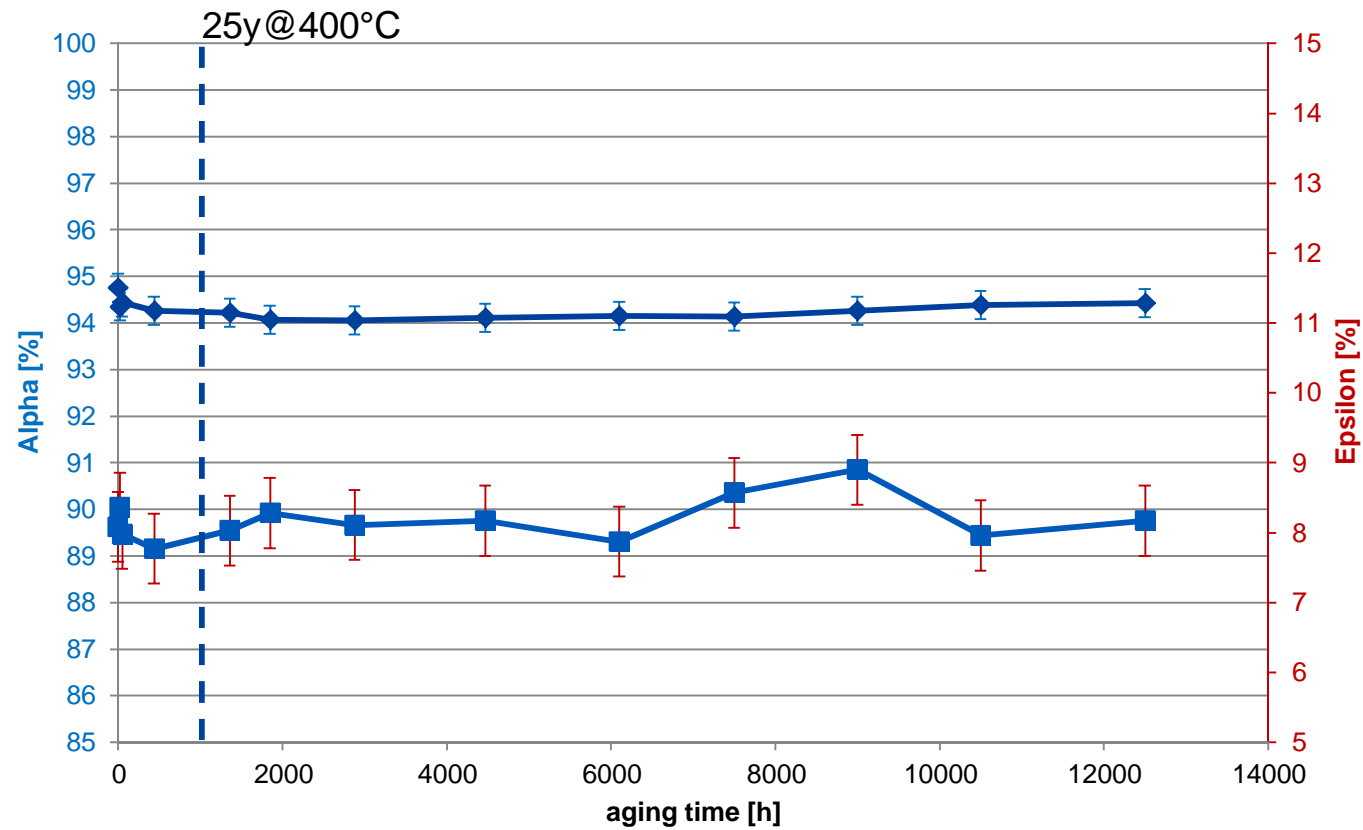
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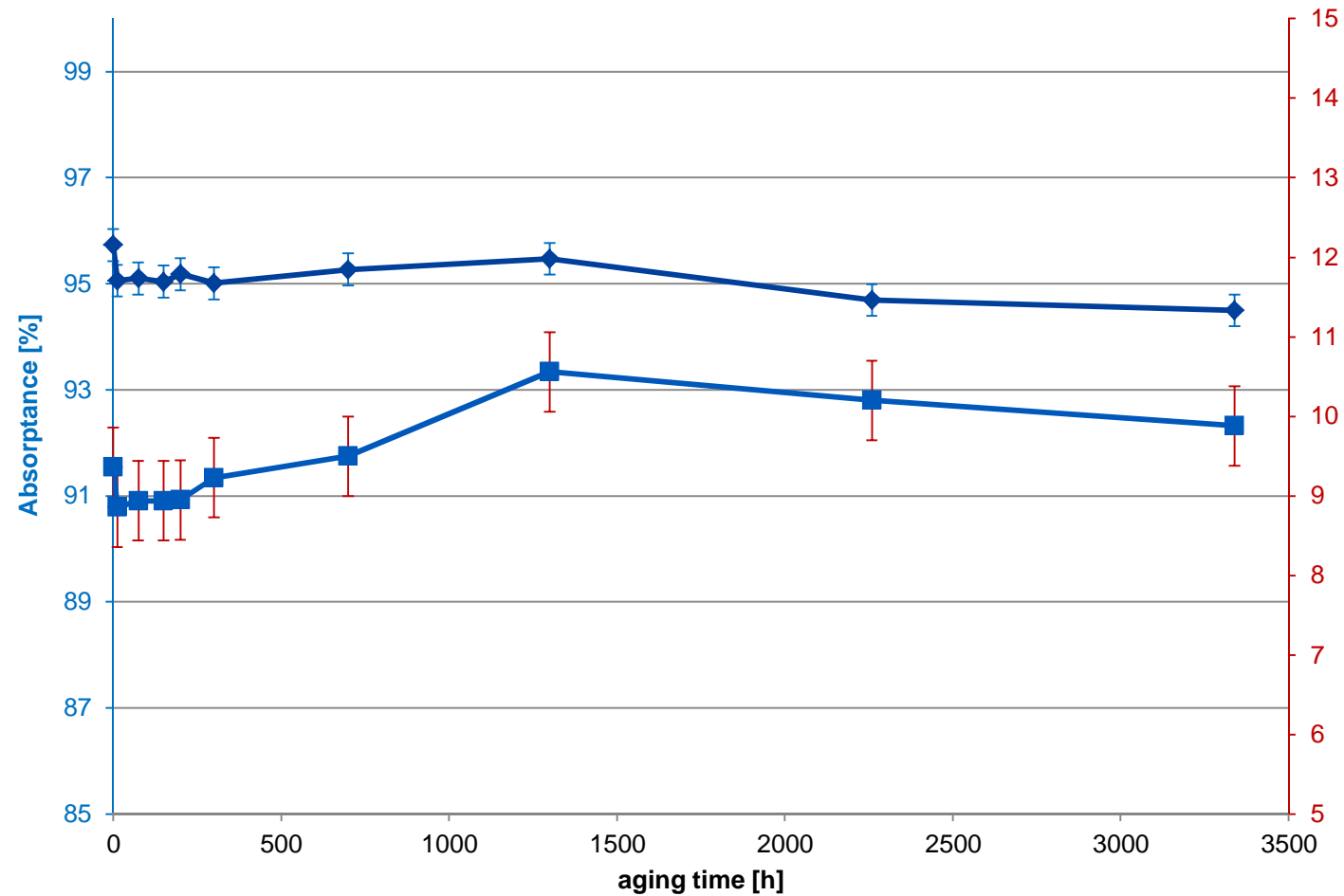
i 550 °C



# Ageing test at elevated temperature: 510°C



## Ageing test at elevated temperature: 590 °C



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#### FP7 project: ARCHETYPE SW 550

- | Location: Passo Martino (CT) – Sicily, Italy
- | Technology: CSP solar plant integrated with a biomass furnace and with a reverse osmosis plant
- | Capacity: **30 MWe (gross)**, 132 MW thermal (76 MW salt to steam generator; 44 biomass furnace; gas fired aux boilers 12 MW)
- | Net electricity production: 125 GWh/y as result of **85 GWh/y (solar)** + 40 GWh/y (biomass)

#### SCHOTT Solar CSP project scope (R&D)

- | Qualification of receiver and all receiver components for operation with molten salt at 550°C operating temperature
- | Choice of materials
  - | Stable and durable steel for the absorber tube (cooperation with steel manufacturer)
  - | Steel compatibility to molten nitrate mixtures
- | Optimized two-product strategy for the temperature range 300°C to 550°C
- | System technology
  - | Clamps, shields
  - | Heat tracing / anti freezing
- | Demonstration

# Summary

- | The global CSP industry will achieve significant cost reductions until 2020. The cost reductions until 2020 will be enabled by component improvements and system integration
- | Key levers on system level for cost reductions are:
  - | Higher system efficiency by higher operating temperatures
  - | Sub-system synergies (e.g. solar field, storage)
  - | Scale-effects
- | SCHOTT Solar CSP currently develops the 4<sup>th</sup> receiver generation facilitating the technology leap towards operation temperatures up to 550°C with Molten Salt as heat transfer fluid
- | The first large-scale demonstration of a Molten Salt parabolic trough CSP plant is being realized within Europe. SCHOTT is strongly in the respective key R&D topics



