

# Merging Natural Gas with Solar Power Generation

Evaluating the potential impact of  
Integrated Solar Combined Cycle (ISCC)  
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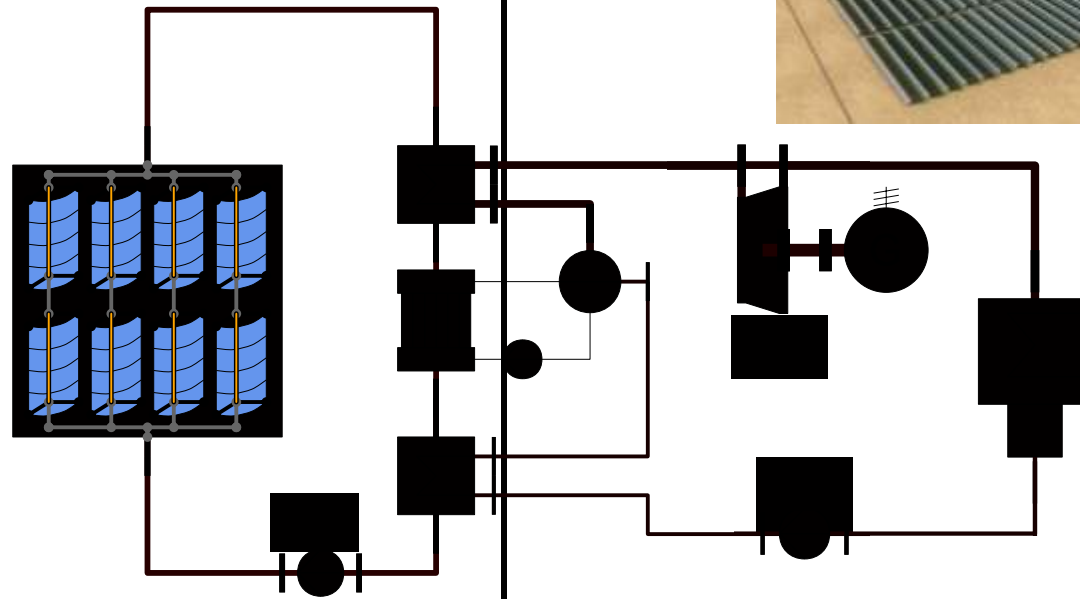
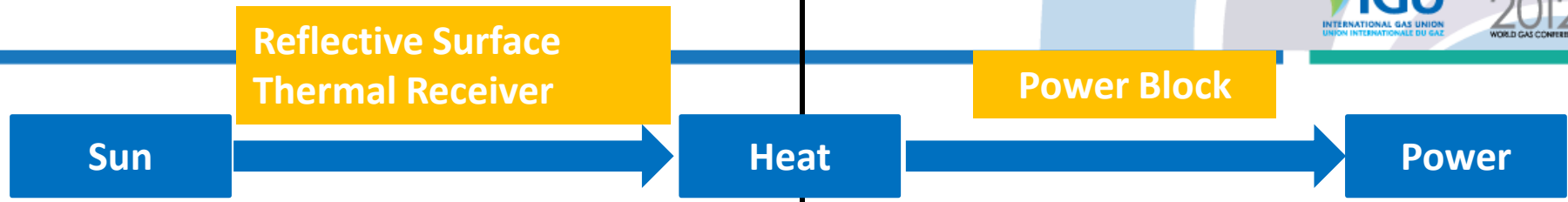
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# CSP Technologies



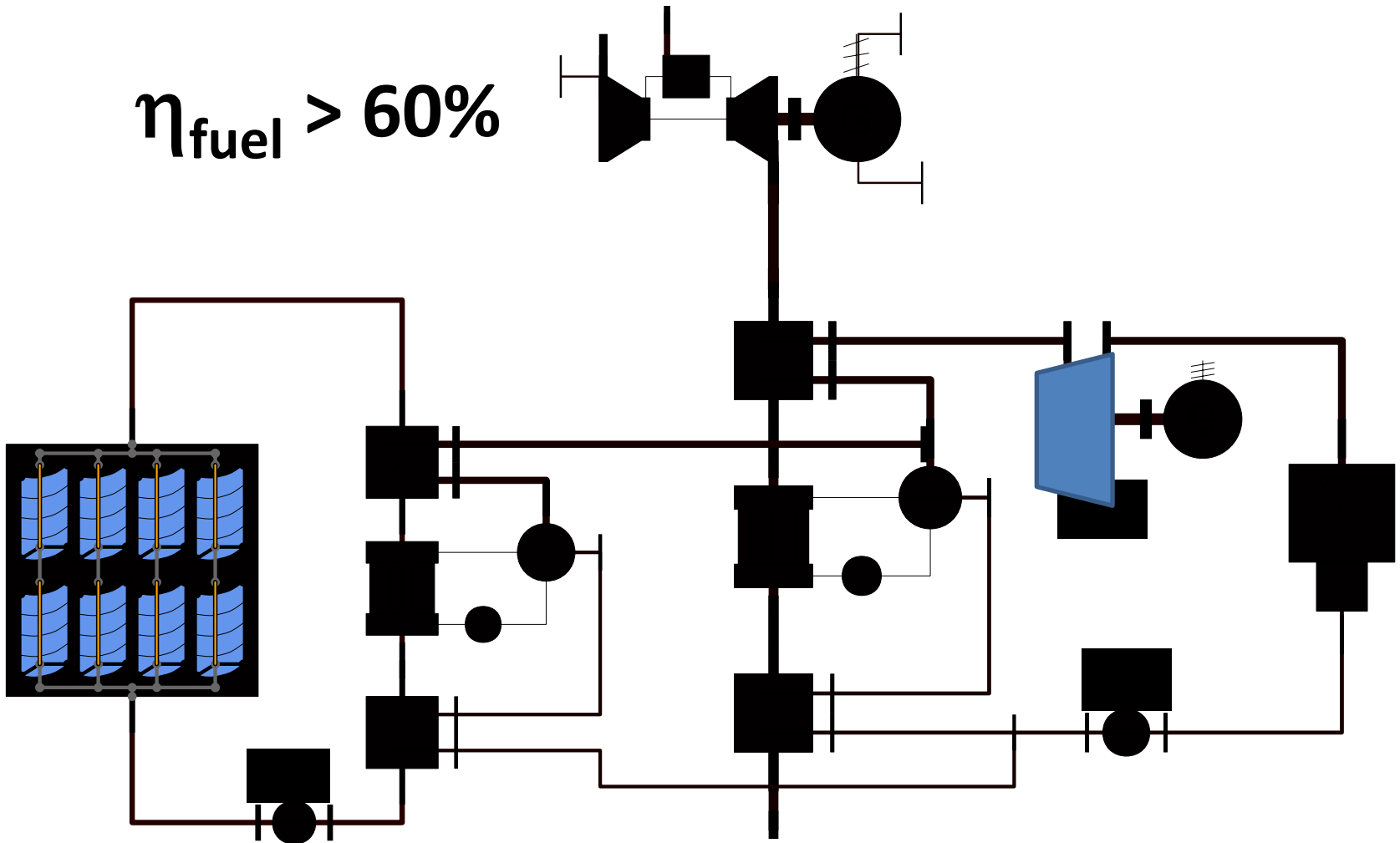
Solar Field

Power Block



# Integrated Solar Combined Cycle

$\eta_{\text{fuel}} > 60\%$

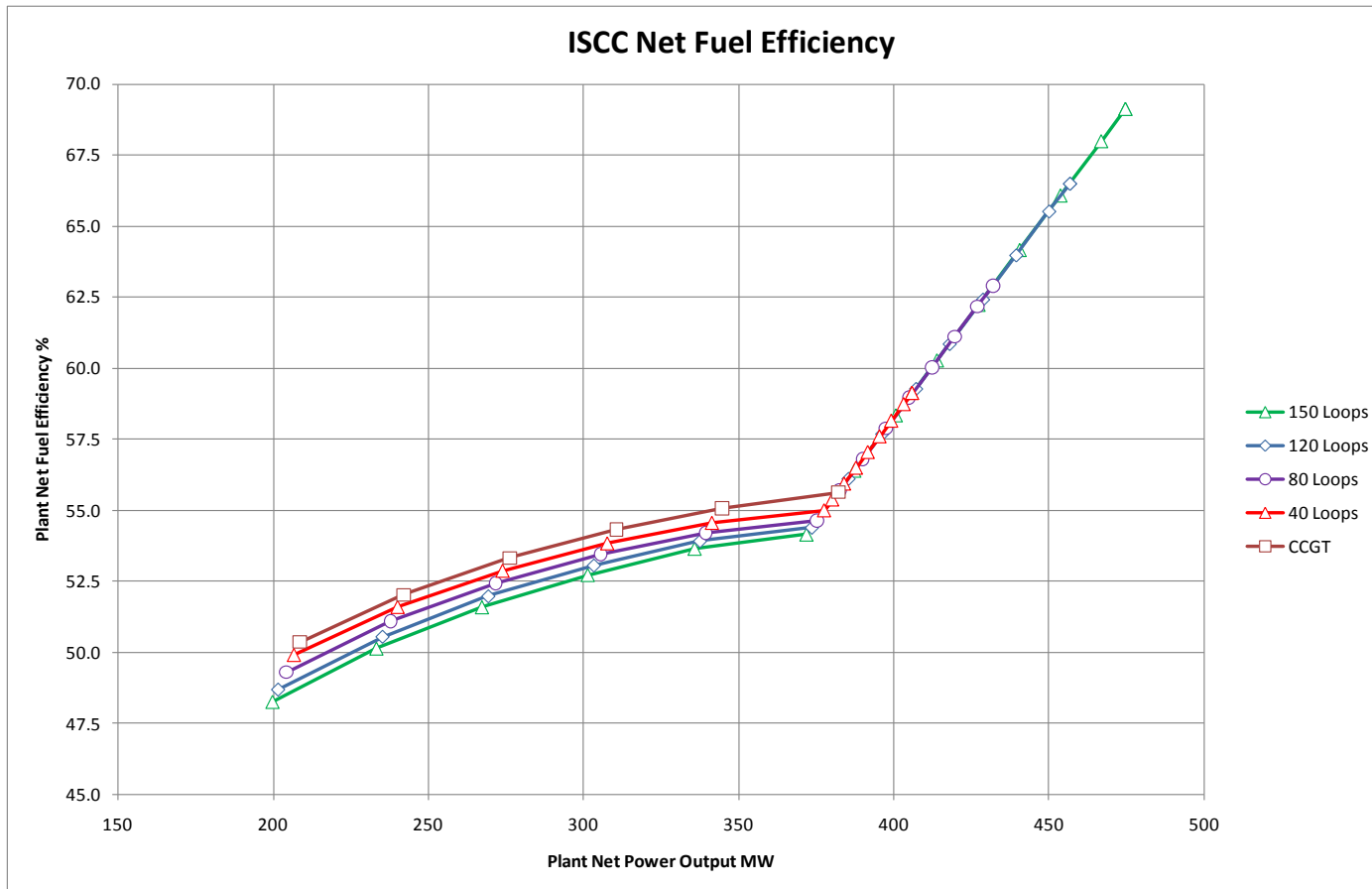


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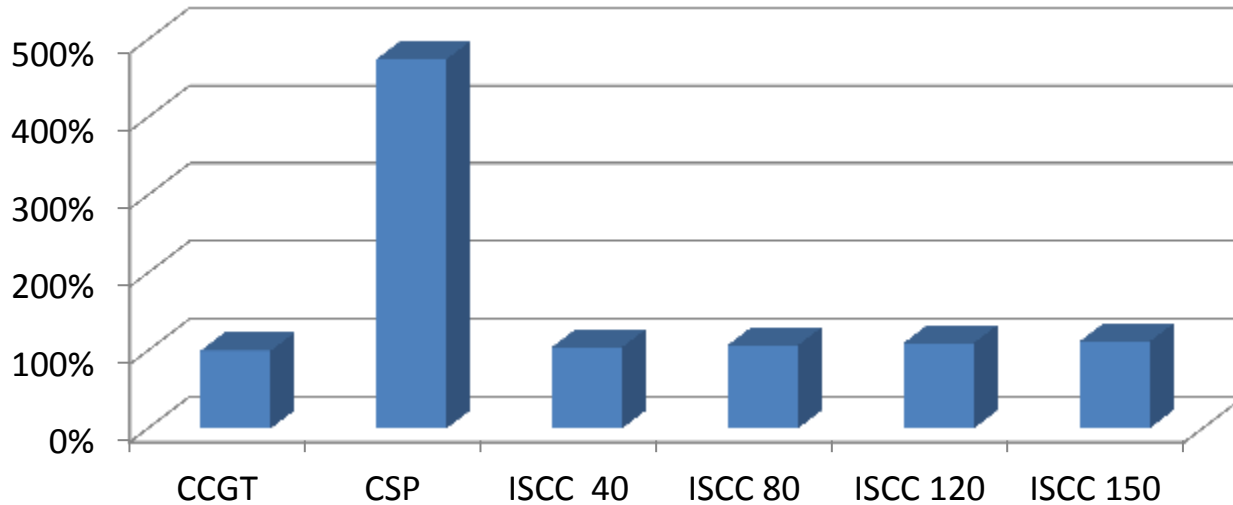
# ISCC Net Fuel Efficiency



- Increase of fuel efficiency when solar radiation is available
- Operation of an ISCC plant in times without solar irradiation is less efficient than with CCGT
- Yearly Solar Share from 1.5% to 5.5%

# CCGT, CSP, ISCC COE comparison

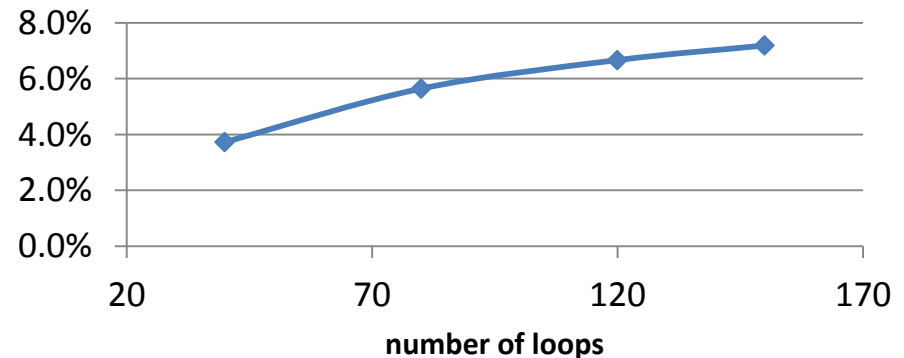
**COE (base 100 CCGT)**



**COE of ISCC is in the order of magnitude of current CCGT technology (+5% to 12%)**

...what about the weighted comparison ?

**weighted COE Deviation from COE ISCC**



$$\text{Weighted COE} = \text{Solar Share} * \text{COE CSP} + (100\% - \text{Solar Share}) * \text{COE CCGT}$$

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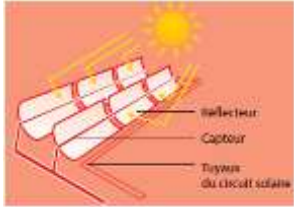
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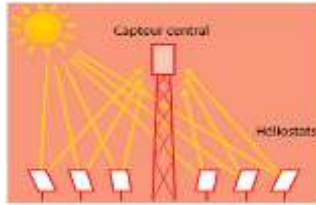
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# CSP Technologies



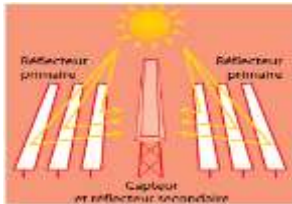
## Parabolic Trough

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Temperature                           | 390°C – 550°C                |
| Power                                 | 1 - 250 MWe                  |
| $\eta$ (yearly net solar to electric) | 11%-16%                      |
| Heat Transfer Fluid                   | Diph.Biph.Oxide, Molten Salt |



## Tower

|                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Temperature                           | 250°C – 1000°C          |
| Power                                 | 1 -150 MWe              |
| $\eta$ (yearly net solar to electric) | 12% -16%                |
| Heat Transfer Fluid                   | Water, molten salt, air |



## Fresnel

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Temperature                           | 250°C – 500°C |
| Power                                 | 1- 250 MWe    |
| $\eta$ (yearly net solar to electric) | 8%-12%        |
| Heat Transfer Fluid                   | Water         |

- CSP capacity in operation : 1.5 GWe
- CSP capacity planned in 2015 : > 15 GWe

# ISCC : main projects

| Data               | Unit           | ISCC Kuraymat      | ISCC Ain Beni Mathar | ISCC Hassi R'Mel    | ISCC Archimede     |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Nominal Capacity   | MWe            | 125                | 470                  | 150                 | 750                |
| GT                 | -              | 1 x GE 6FA         | 2 x Alstom GT13E2    | 2 x Siemens SGT800  | 2 x Siemens V94.3A |
| ST                 | -              | 1 x Siemens SST900 | 1 x 150 MW ST        | 1 x Siemens SST 900 | 2 x 125 MW ST      |
| Solar Field Size   | m <sup>2</sup> | 130,800            | 183,000              | 180,000             | 31,586             |
| Solar contribution | MWe            | 22                 | 20                   | 20                  | 5                  |

And more :

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- Agua Prieta (Mexico)

# Study Objectives and Methods



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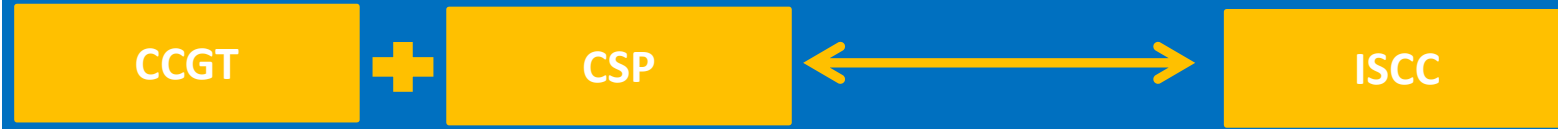


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Objective : Identify and Quantify the attractiveness of the ISCC option versus having separate units CSP plant and CCGT plant



Criterion for analysis = levelized Cost Of Electricity (COE)

- **Step 1** : Evaluation of the COE of a **400-MWe class CCGT** and a **100 MWe CSP plant**
- **Step 2** : Selection of a ISCC technical architecture
- **Step 3** : Evaluation of the COE of an ISCC with 4 different given solar field sizes
- **Step 4**: Comparison between ISCC COE and the COE of a CCGT + a CSP plants **weighted by the solar share** of ISCC production



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# Performance and Economic Analysis



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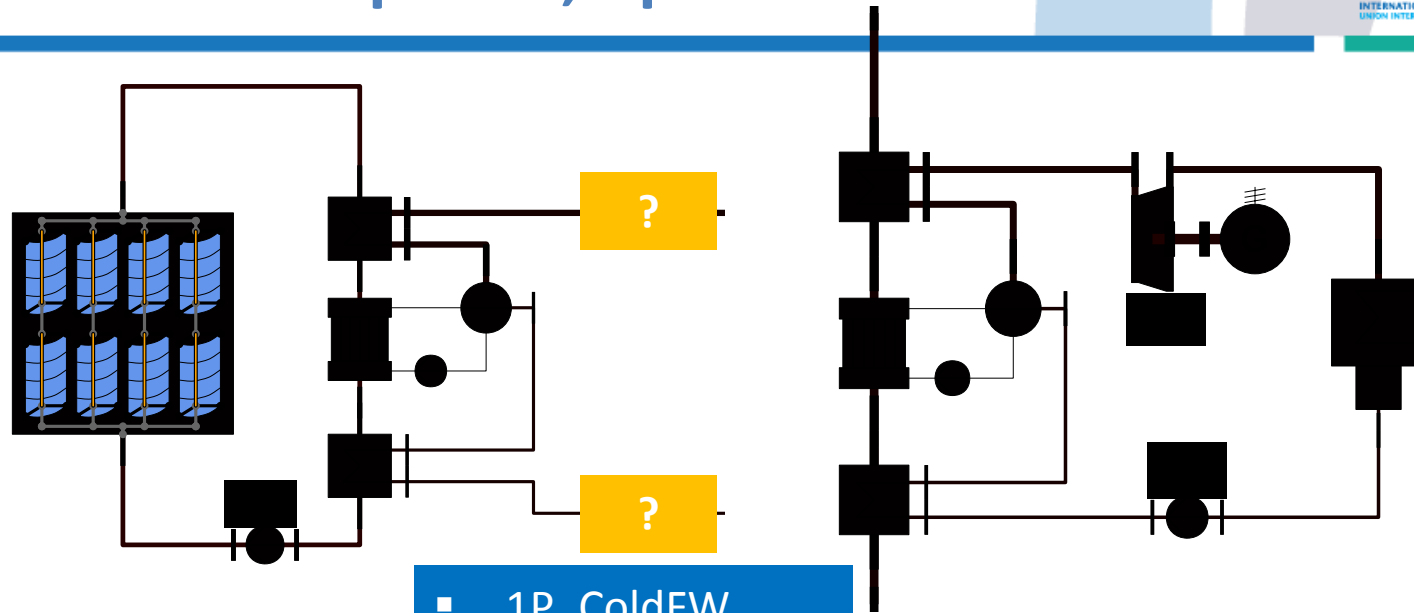
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# Solar Steam Integration : different options, optimal solution ?



- 1P\_ColdFW
- 1P\_MidFW
- 1P\_HotFW
- 1P\_Reheat

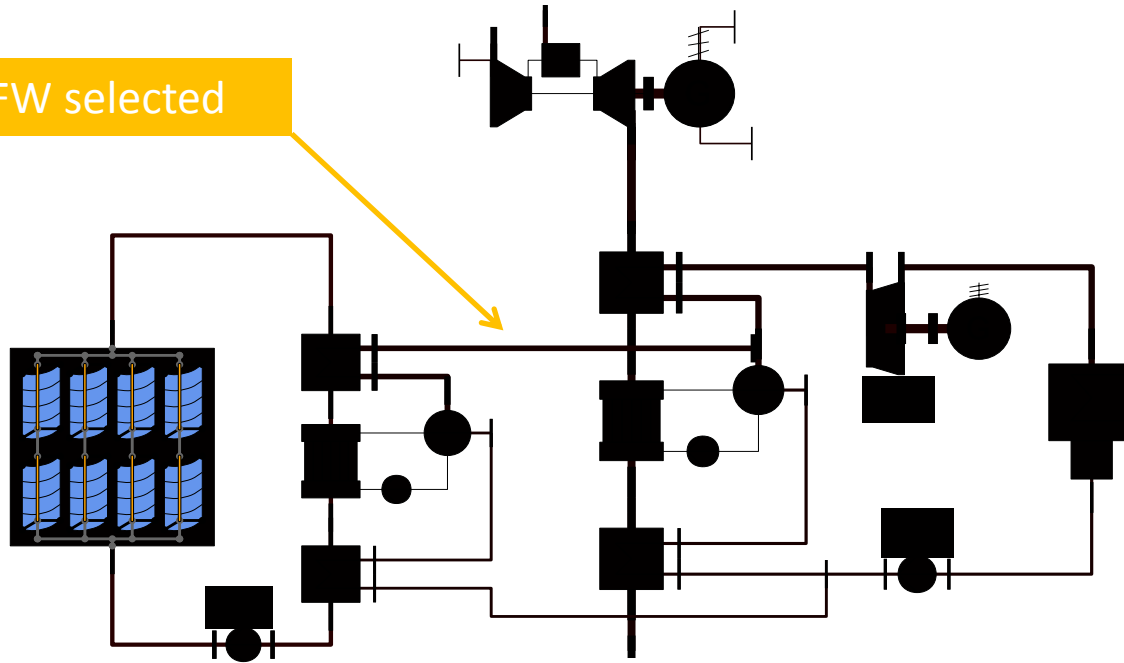
Selection on :

- Technical feasibility
- ISCC « solar mode » net efficiency
- ISCC « CCGT mode » net efficiency,



# Solar Steam Integration : different options

1P\_ColdFW selected



- ISCC plant requires special design and adaptations to mitigate the negative effects of the 'over sizing' during non-solar operation.
- The maximum size of the solar field is limited by the heat available in the GT exhaust gas to superheat the solar steam to desired temperature

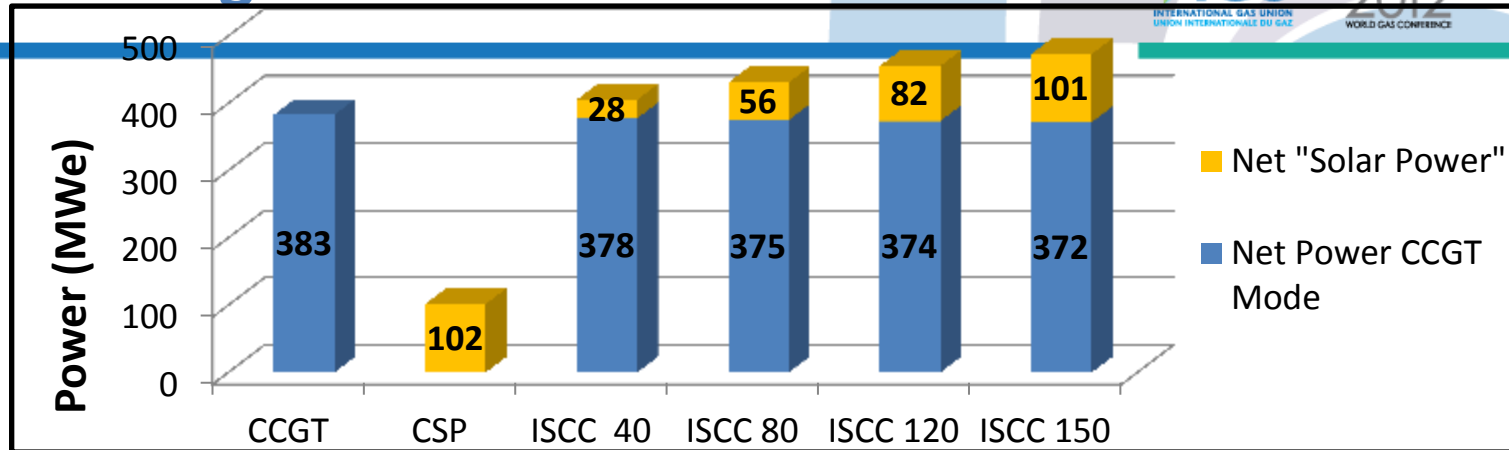


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# ISCC : Design and Annual Performance Data

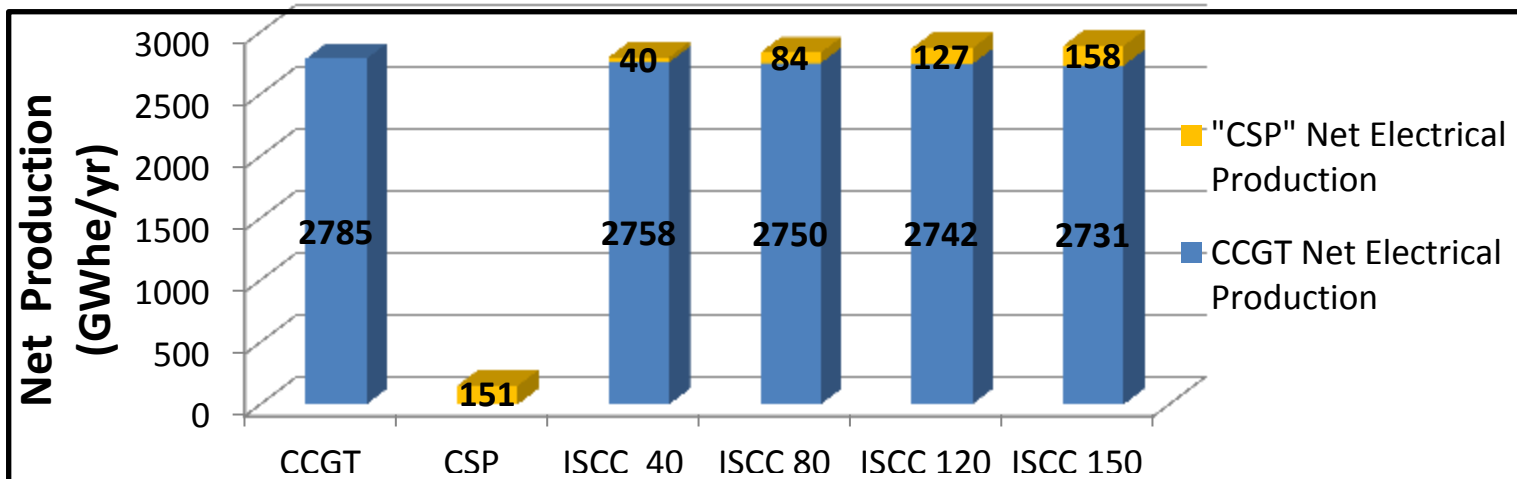
## Design

DNI : 840 0 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
Ta = 31.1 °C  
p = 1.032 bar  
Rh = 35%



- Design Solar Share from 7 to 21%
- Net Fuel efficiency : « solar » from 59% to 69% / «CCGT» from 56% to 54%

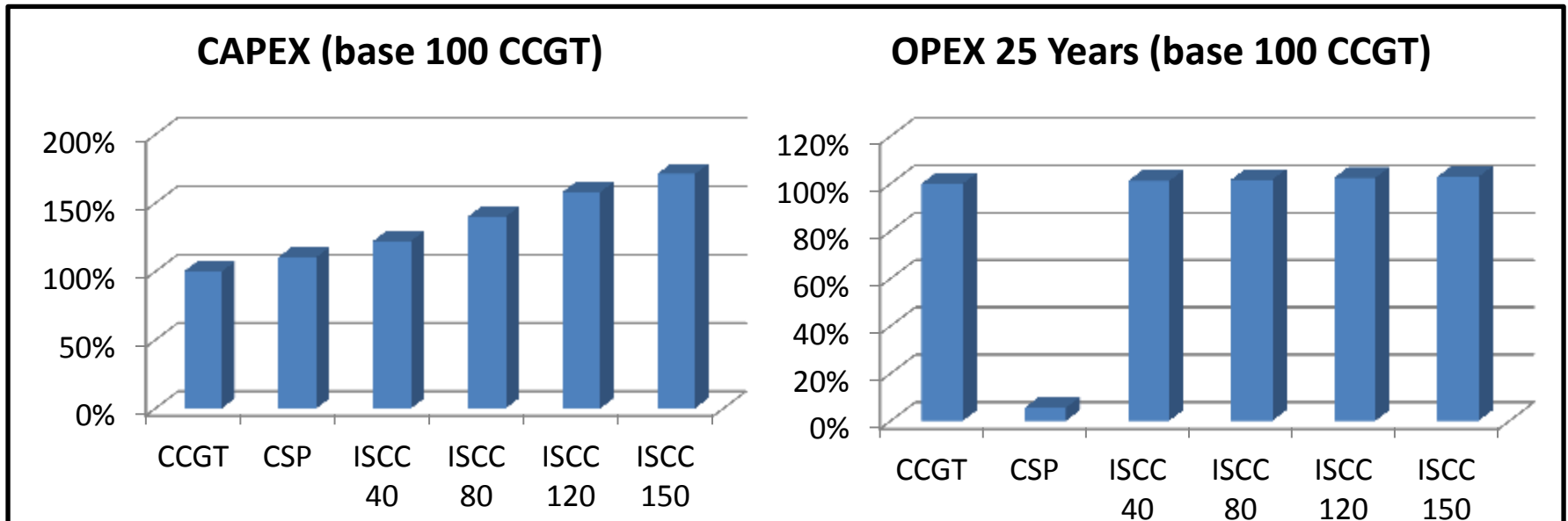
## Annual Performance



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# CAPEX and OPEX evaluation

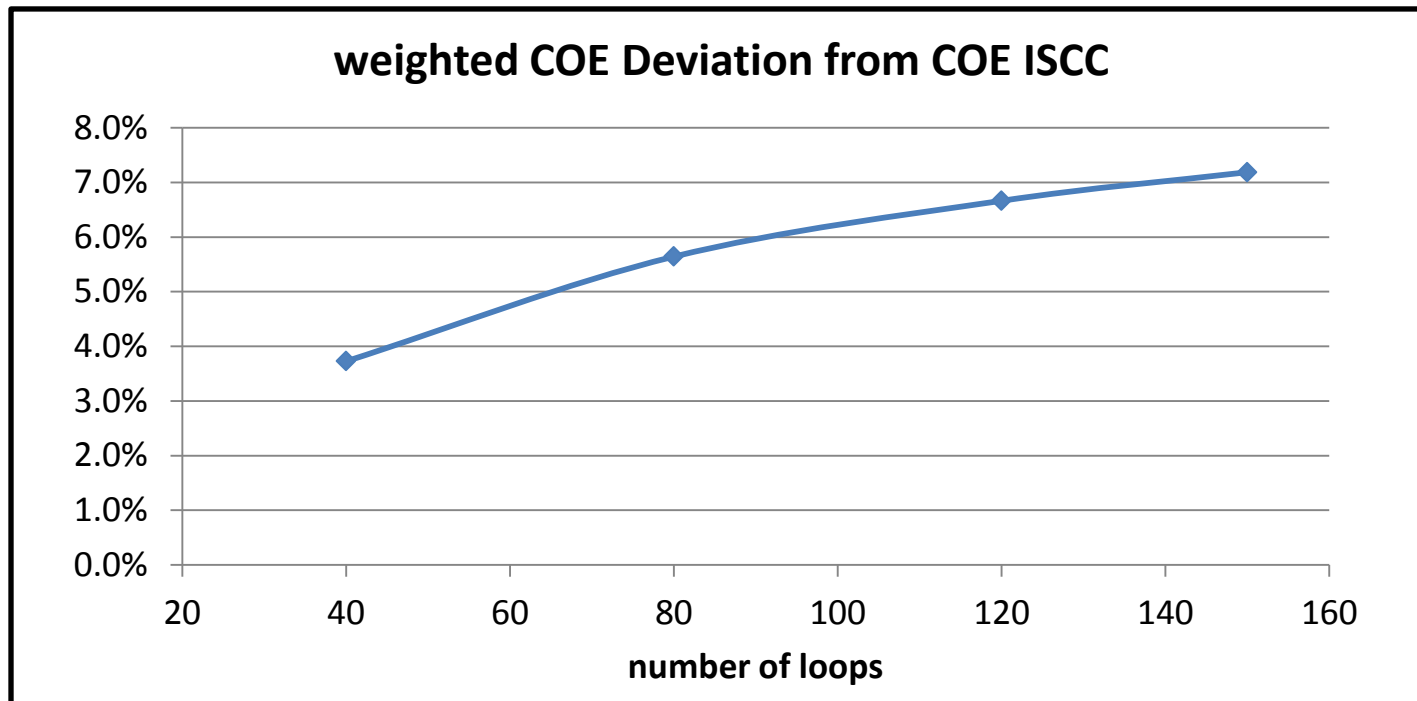
- CAPEX evaluation
- OPEX evaluation : 3 gas price scenario, CO2 costs
- Plant Lifetime : 25 years



- The **incremental CAPEX for ISCC is less than 2/3** of the **CAPEX for a stand-alone CSP plant** of equivalent capacity.
- Shared O&M costs

# ISCC / CCGT + CSP weighted COE Comparison

Weighted COE = Solar Share \* COE CSP + (100%-Solar Share) \* COE CCGT



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Other options to combine Natural Gas and Solar Power generation :  
Gas booster, Fresnel or Tower CSP technologies with DSG...