



# DESERTEC – Clean Power from Deserts

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## Agenda

- DESERTEC: A global concept
- DESERTEC Initiatives – Update
- Technology Update
- Some example countries

## Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

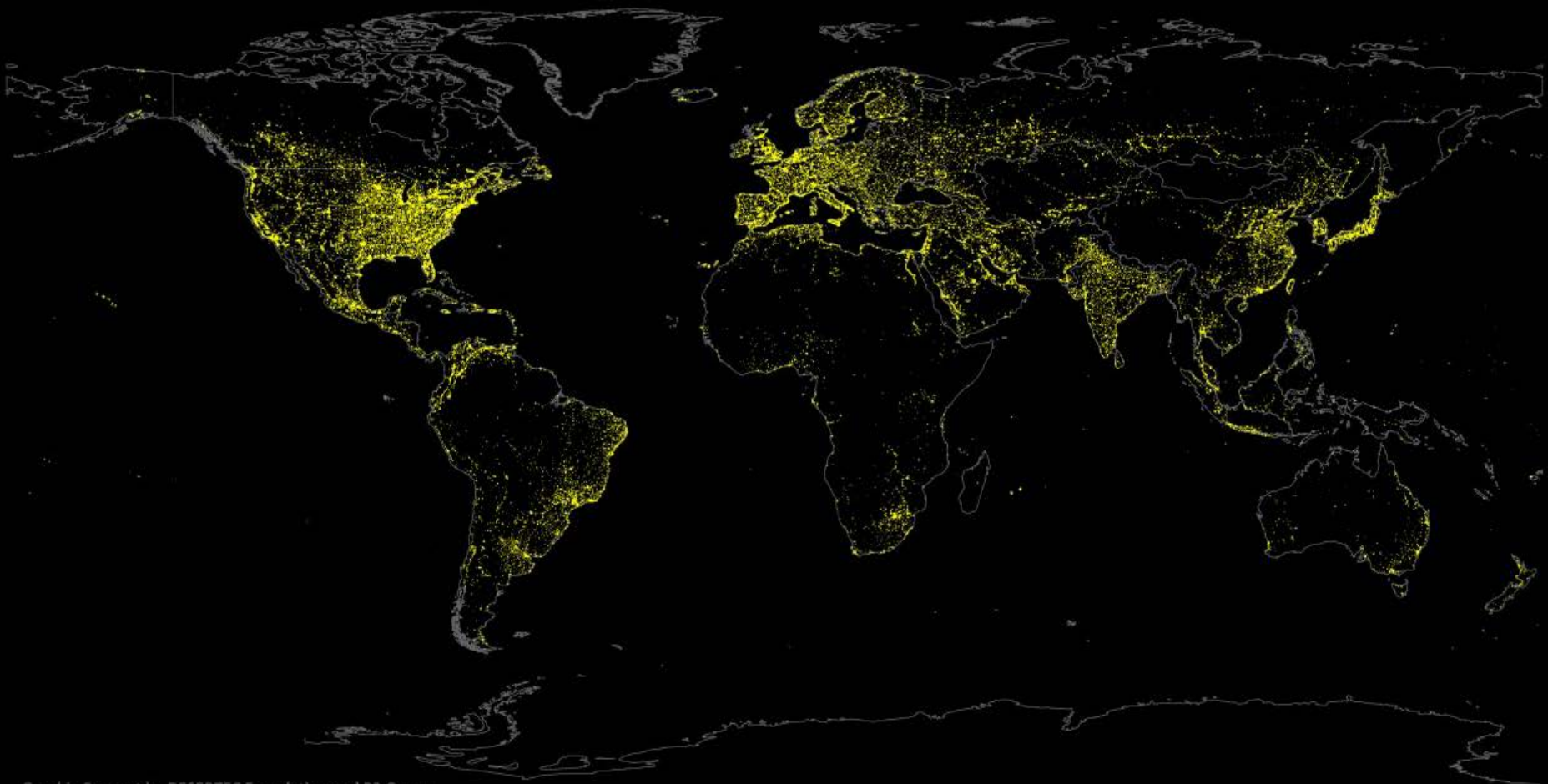
### ■ Energy supply AND climate protection

How can 10 billion people live in a **sustainable** way on this planet that's already overburdened by 5 billion people?



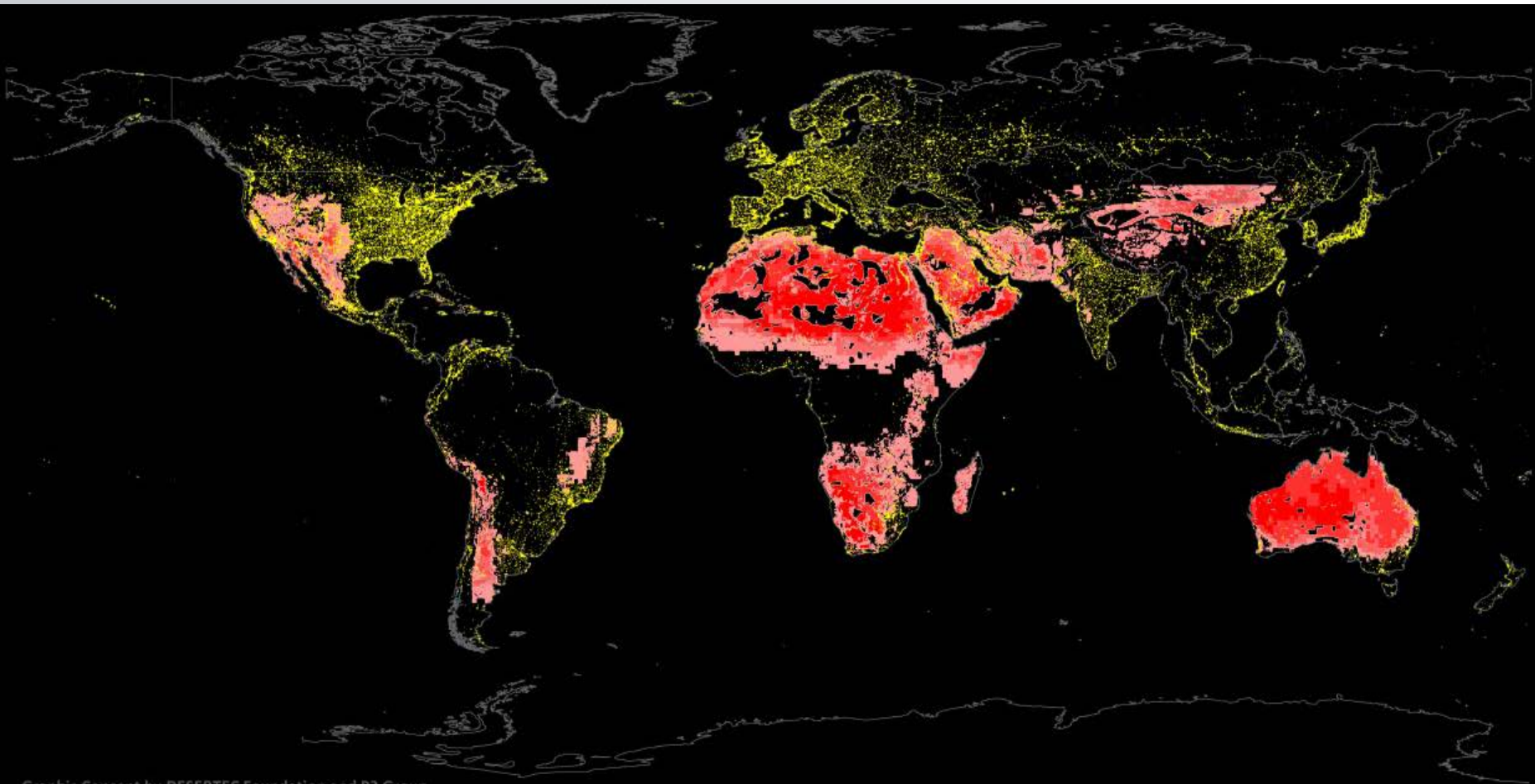


# Energy Consumption Regions



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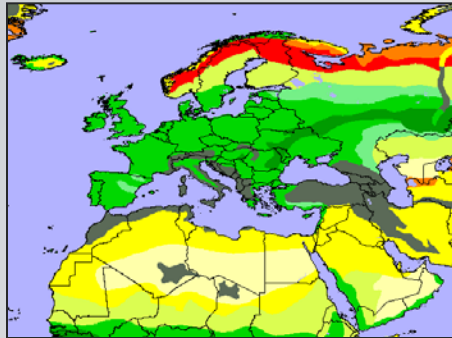
# Energy Consumption vs. Supply Regions (Deserts)



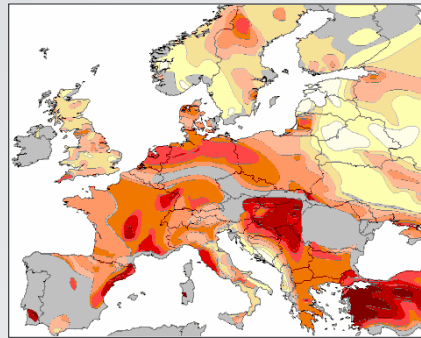
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# Solar energy has the largest potential

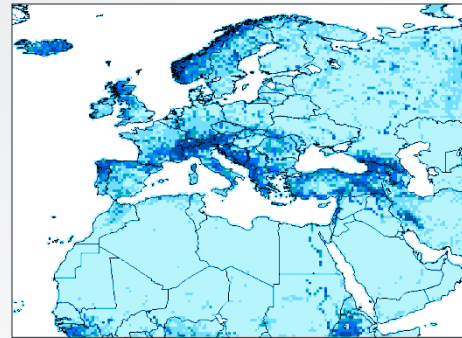
## Electricity yield and potential in EU-MENA



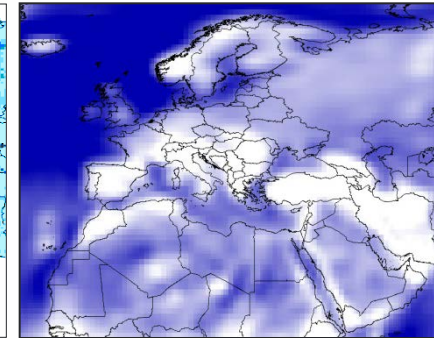
**Biomass**  
 0–1 GWh/km<sup>2</sup>y  
 1,350 TWh/y



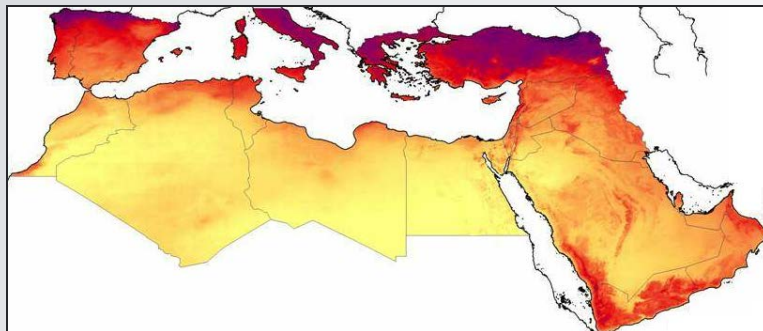
**Geothermal**  
 0–1 GWh/km<sup>2</sup>y  
 1,100 TWh/y



**Hydropower**  
 0–50 GWh/km<sup>2</sup>y  
 1,350 TWh/y



**Wind power**  
 5–50 GWh/km<sup>2</sup>y  
 1,950 TWh/y  
 (off-shore excluded)



**Solar power**  
 10–250 GWh/km<sup>2</sup>y  
**630,000 TWh/y**

**NB: Electricity demand**  
 EU-25: 3,200 TWh/y  
 MENA: 600 TWh/y  
 Data for 2005

EU-MENA = Europe - Middle East & North Africa

Source: DLR • MED-CSP • Concentrating Solar Power for the Mediterranean Region • Stuttgart 2005 • [www.dlr.de/tt/med-csp](http://www.dlr.de/tt/med-csp)

## Solar power generation

### ■ Basic idea behind DESERTEC

Within 6 hours deserts receive more energy from the sun than humankind consumes within a year.

Dr. Gerhard Knies





# The DESERTEC Concept integrates CSP with other renewables and HVDC



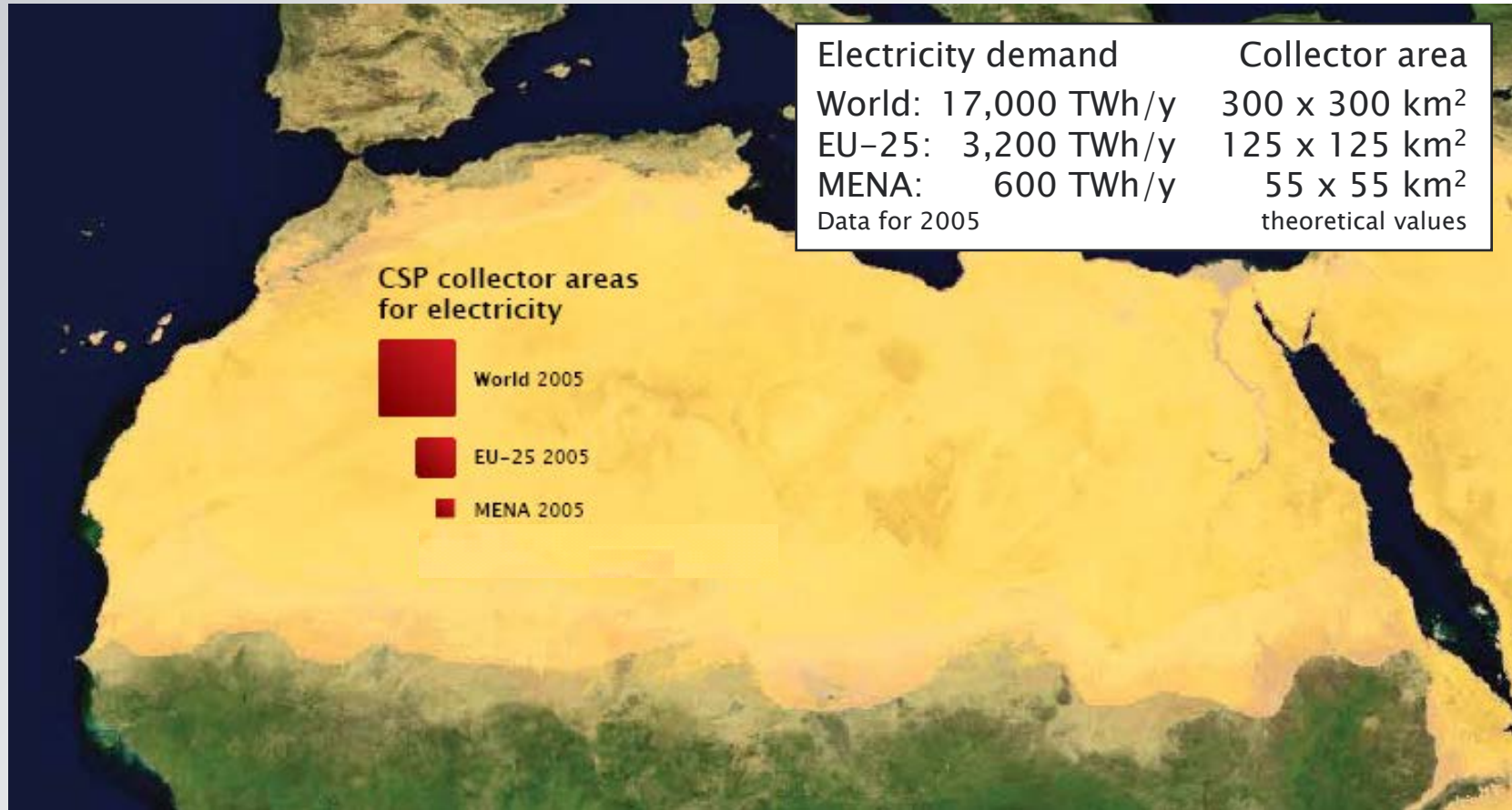
EU-MENA = Europe - Middle East & North Africa • CSP = Concentrated Solar Power • HVDC = High-Voltage Direct Current  
 The symbols for power sources are only indicators of potential locations.  
 Sources: Clean Power from Deserts • White Book 4<sup>th</sup> Edition • DESERTEC Foundation • February 2009 • [www.desertec.org](http://www.desertec.org) • [www.dlr.de](http://www.dlr.de)





# Summation for numerous individual units with concentrated solar power

## ■ Collector areas for solar power plants



EU-25 = 25 European Countries • MENA = Middle East & North Africa • CSP = Concentrated Solar Power

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# Rough estimate for DESERTEC

## ■ Power for 10 billion people in 2050

### Demand

Average power  
per person in 2050:

**~ 6 MWh/y**

Data for 2006 in MWh/y

World	3.1
OECD	8.6
USA	12.2
India	0.9
Germany	6.4

### Supply

Power for 10 billion  
people in 2050:

**~ 60,000 TWh/y**

18,000 TWh/y in 2007

### Power

3,000 hours per year  
from sun, wind etc.

**~ 20,000 GW**

renewable power plants

2009: ~ 1.230 GW\*

### Construction

40 Years ≈  
14,600 Days

**~ 1.4 GW/Day**

→ 7...10 billion people  
2009: ~ 0,21 GW/Day\*

Comparison with China:  
174 coal fired plants of  
~ 500 MW new in 2006

**~ 0.24 GW/Day**  
→ 1.2 billion Chinese

$0.24/1.2 = 1.4/7$  ✓



# Latest Progress DESERTEC Foundation & Dii

## ■ DESERTEC Foundation

- New additional Director: Dr. Ignacio Campino
- DESERTEC as a quality label for RE projects – Stakeholder Dialogue
  - First Evaluation done on the TuNUR project (Tunisia–Italy)
- Academic Partner Network
  - First agreement signed with REUNET (Morocco) – DUN as a pioneer in MENA
- DESERTEC Atlas published
- MoU with JREF (Japan)

## ■ Dii – DESERTEC’s Industrial Initiative

- Study “Desert Power Perspectives 2050” published
- Mandate extended by >50 companies until 2014

# Dii – l'iniziativa industriale di DESERTEC 55 partner provenienti da oltre 12 paesi



## 20 Shareholders



## 35 Associated Partners



Cooperating with institutions, associations and other initiatives :  
MSP, UfM, IRENA, RECREE, ENTSO-E, ESTELA, OME, MEDRING, MEDGRID, etc.



# MedGrid / Transgreen - Concept Sketch

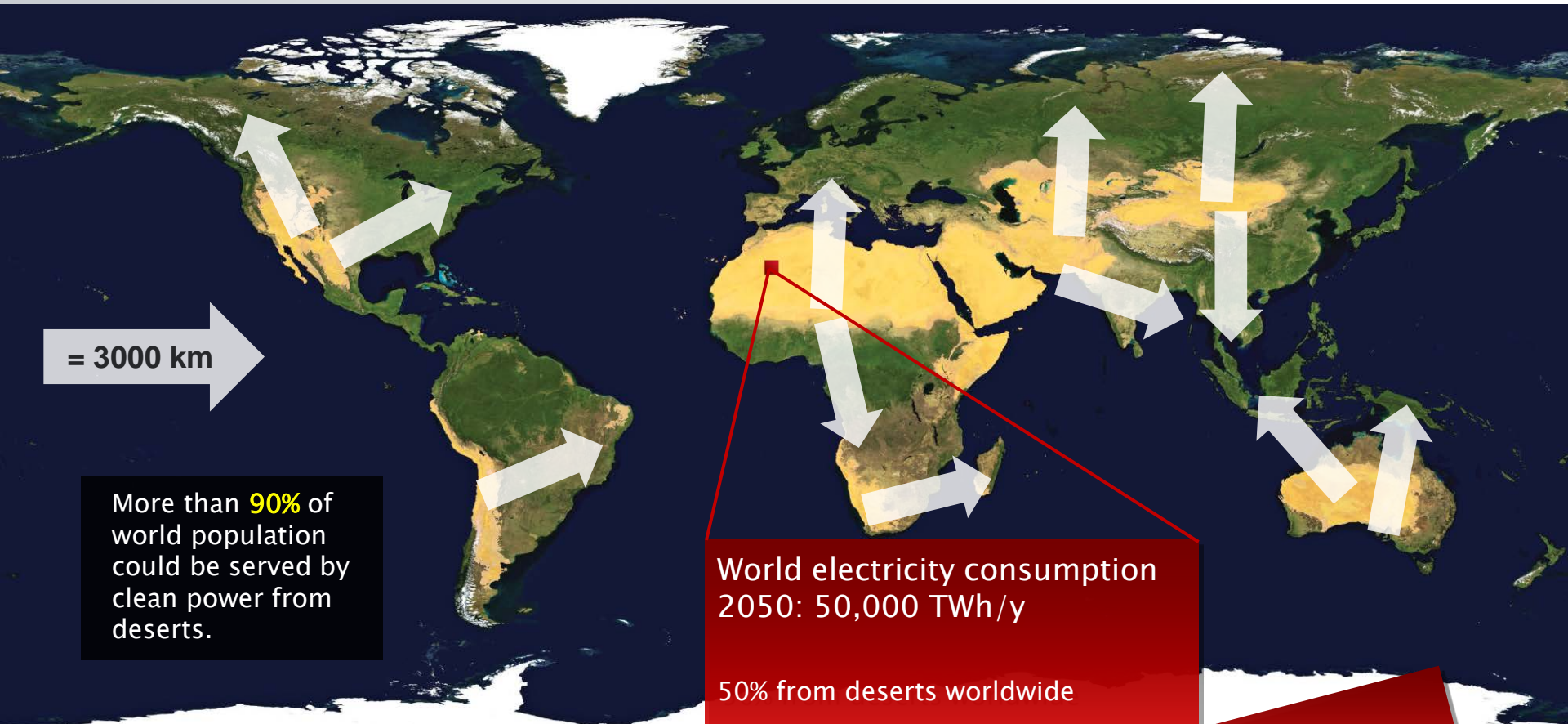


— Lignes de transport pour le PSM

— Distribution locale



# DESERTEC-World Clean Power from Deserts for a World of 10 bn people



= 3000 km

More than **90%** of world population could be served by clean power from deserts.

World electricity consumption 2050: 50,000 TWh/y  
50% from deserts worldwide  
= 25,000 TWh → 10,000 GW capacity from 360 x 360 km<sup>2</sup> (130,000 km<sup>2</sup>)  
= 0.31% of Earth's deserts  
distributed across "10,000" sites

**NB:** Deserts grow by 60,000 km<sup>2</sup> / year!



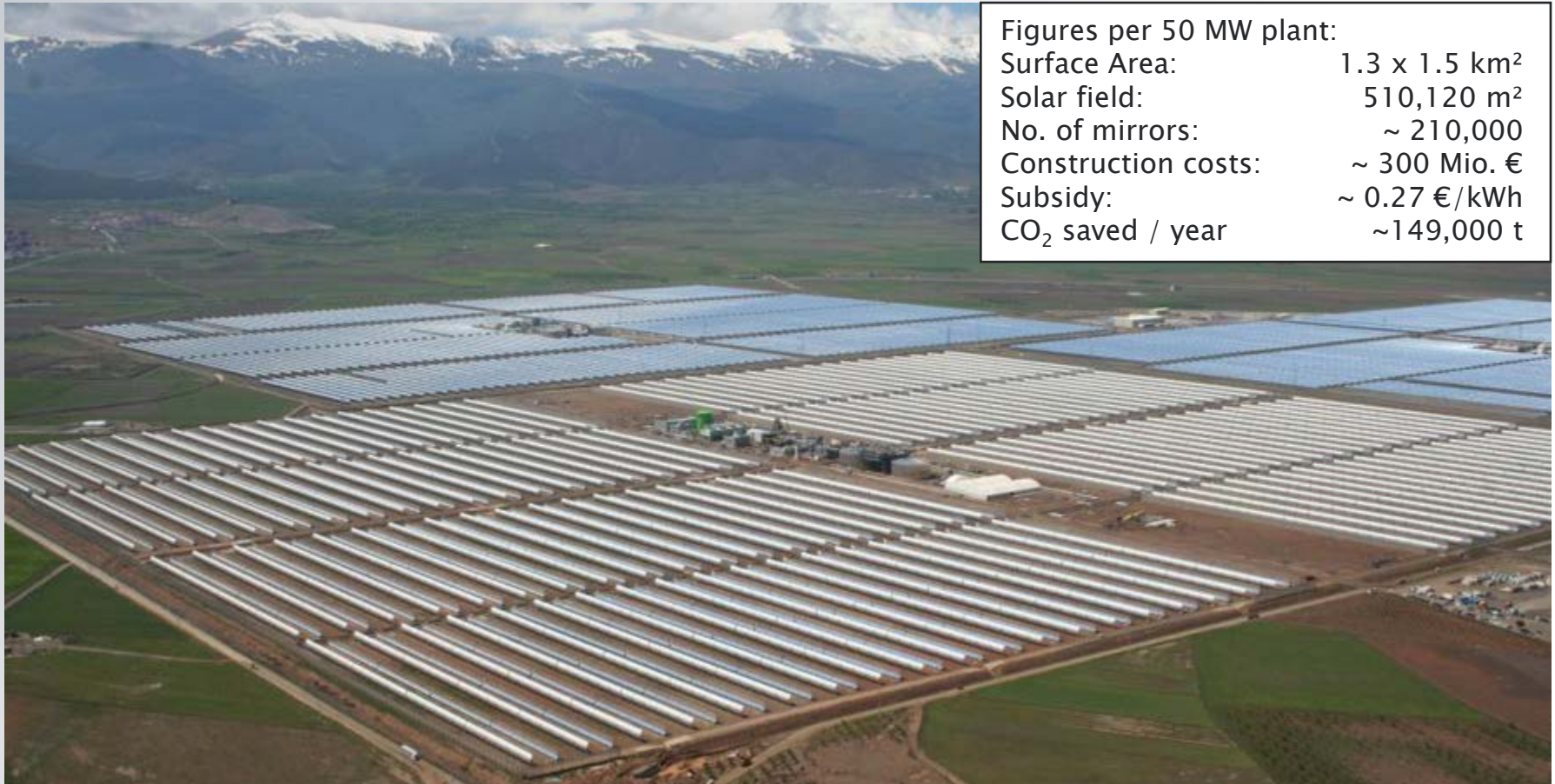
# The next Challenge for DESERTEC Implementation

- Technical feasibility has been proven
- Now we must prove the financial viability
  - Bring the cost / kWh further down by
    - Large-scale industrial manufacturing
    - Professional and innovative financing
      - Concessional Loans from World Bank, EIB, AFD etc.
      - Crowdsourcing, philanthropy investors etc.
  - “Cherry-picking” pioneer projects

# CSP Plant with Thermal (Salt) Storage

→ solar power day & night

An initiative of



Figures per 50 MW plant:	
Surface Area:	1.3 x 1.5 km <sup>2</sup>
Solar field:	510,120 m <sup>2</sup>
No. of mirrors:	~ 210,000
Construction costs:	~ 300 Mio. €
Subsidy:	~ 0.27 €/kWh
CO <sub>2</sub> saved / year	~149,000 t

Andasol 1–3 • Guadix (Granada, Andalusia) • Spain • 3 \* 50 MW • 2009–2011

Subsidy 2008 acc. to Orden ITC/3860/2007 as of 28 Dec. 2007 • CO<sub>2</sub> savings compared to a modern coal-fired power plant

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# First Tower Design with Thermal (Salt) Storage → solar power day & night



Torresol GEMASOLAR • Fuentes de Andalucía (Sevilla), Spain • 20 MW • 2011

2 650 heliostats = 304,750 m<sup>2</sup>, diameter : 1.5 km • Heat Storage ~15 h (Molten Salt) • Steam: 565 °C • Turbine Efficiency 38,9 %  
Annual Production = 110 GWh = 25,000 households = 30,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> / year mitigated • Autonomous Water Supply

# Linear Fresnel design

→ very little water consumption → desert-ready



Puerto Errado 2 • Calasparra (Murcia) • Spain • 30 MW • 2012

Mirrors: 28 lines of 980 x 16 m = 302,000 m<sup>2</sup>, surface area 700,000 m<sup>2</sup> • Steam: 270 °C, 55 bar dry • **Dry Cooling** • **Cleaning Robots**

Annual Production = 50 GWh = 12,000 households = 16,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> / year mitigated

Sources: Novatec / Tubo Sol • [www.novatecsolar.com](http://www.novatecsolar.com) • National Renewable Energy Laboratory, USA • Nokraschy Engineering

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# What do some countries do?

## Morocco

- 94% dependency on external energy (like Jordan)
- Solution: Solar Plan: 2 GW by 2020, 9 bn \$
- The King wants it ...
- First Call for Tender (160 MW CSP) finished 2012
  - Winner: ACWA (Saudi) + Aries IS (Spain) + TSK EE (Spain)
  - kWh = 1.62 MAD = 0.146 € = 0.190 US\$ = 0.134 JOD
- The 2 GW will save 1 mn tons Oil Equivalent (toe) = 3.7 mn tons of CO<sub>2</sub> / year



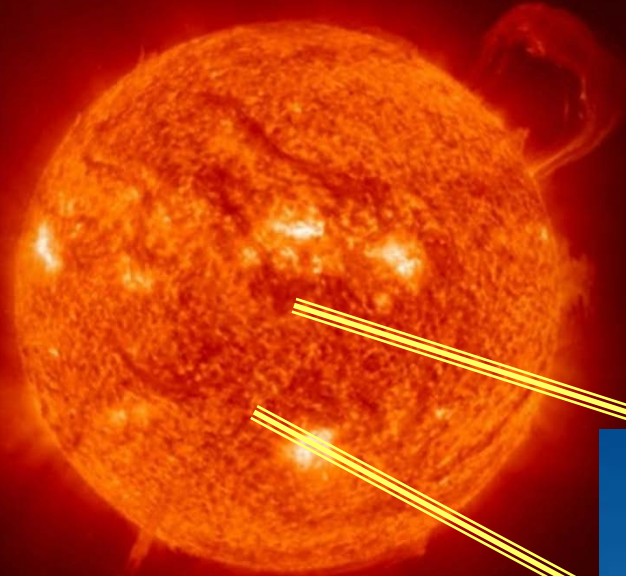
# What do some countries do?

## Saudi Arabia

- In danger of becoming a net oil importer by 2030!
- Fossil water reserves (aquifers) close to the end
- Solution: Solar Plan: 41 GW by 2032 (25 GW CSP), ~100 bn \$
- First Call for Tender (900 MW CSP) in early 2013
- Water desalination alone requires 1.5 mn barrels of crude oil / day!

# Why Nuclear Energy? We can use Fusion Today!

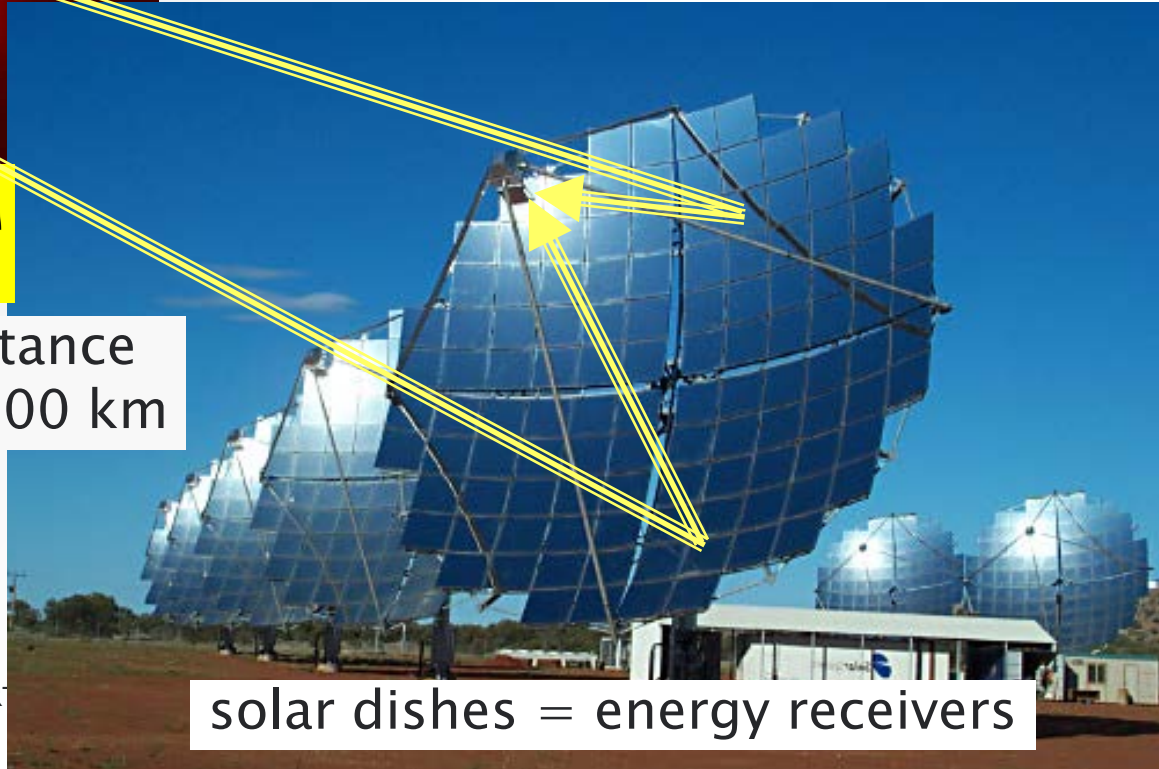
... and no need to wait for ITER ...



The sun is our fusion reactor!



Safety distance  
150 000 000 km



solar dishes = energy receivers



“Clean Power from Deserts”

*“The ultimate test of human intelligence”*

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