

Project Overview



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- **Introduction**
- **IIT Bombay initiative**
- **Experiences**
- **Summary**

Power Generation:

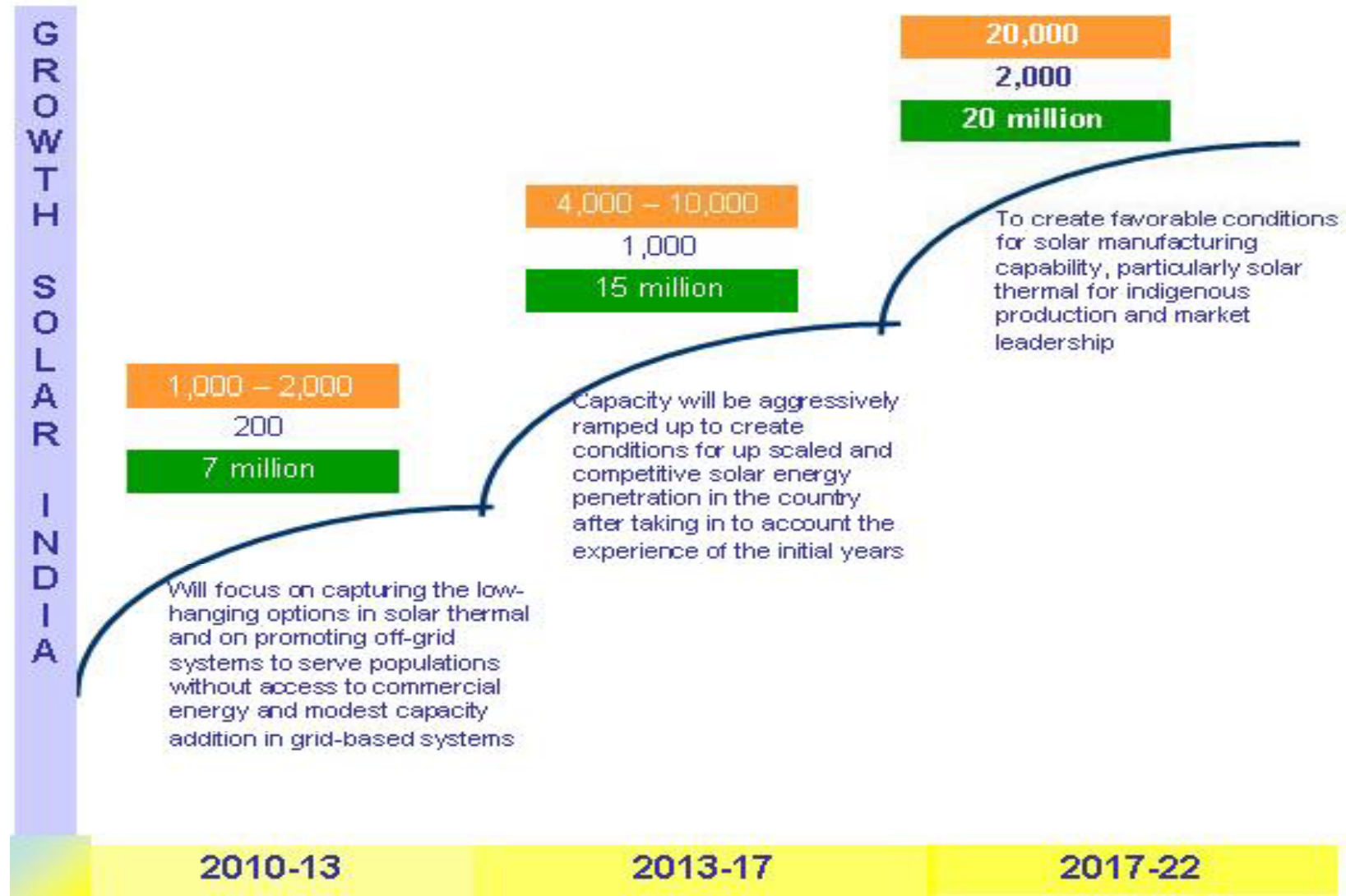
**attractive application of
solar thermal energy**

Legend

Utility grid power, including roof top

Off grid solar applications (MW)

Solar collectors (sq. meters)



Low Temperature System

**Flat-plate collector, Solar
Chimney, Solar Pond**

Low efficiency and hence high cost

Medium Temperature System

Cylindrical Parabolic Concentrator (Trough Concentrator)

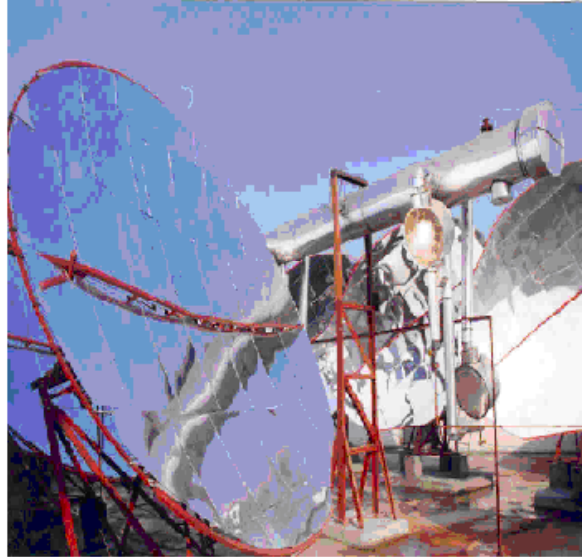


Linear Fresnel Reflector



High Temperature System

Paraboloid Dish

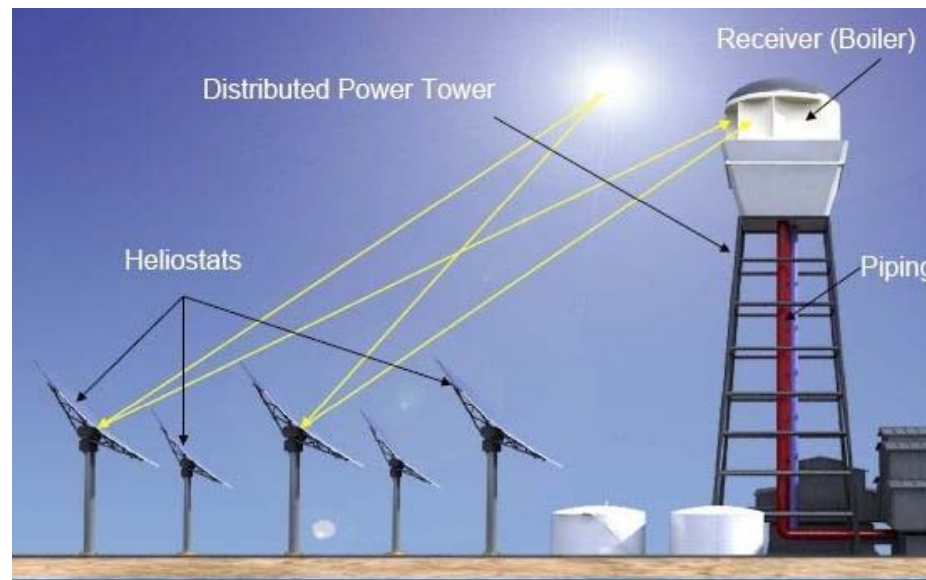


Scheffler Dish



Arun Dish

Heliostats



Plant in operation

Technology	Capacity (MW)
Trough	2983
Tower	465
Fresnel reflector	46
Dish Stirling	2.5

Now operational : 3651 MW

Under construction : 2464 MW

Announced : 10 GW

**Global CSP Prediction:
25 GW by 2020**

IIT Bombay initiative

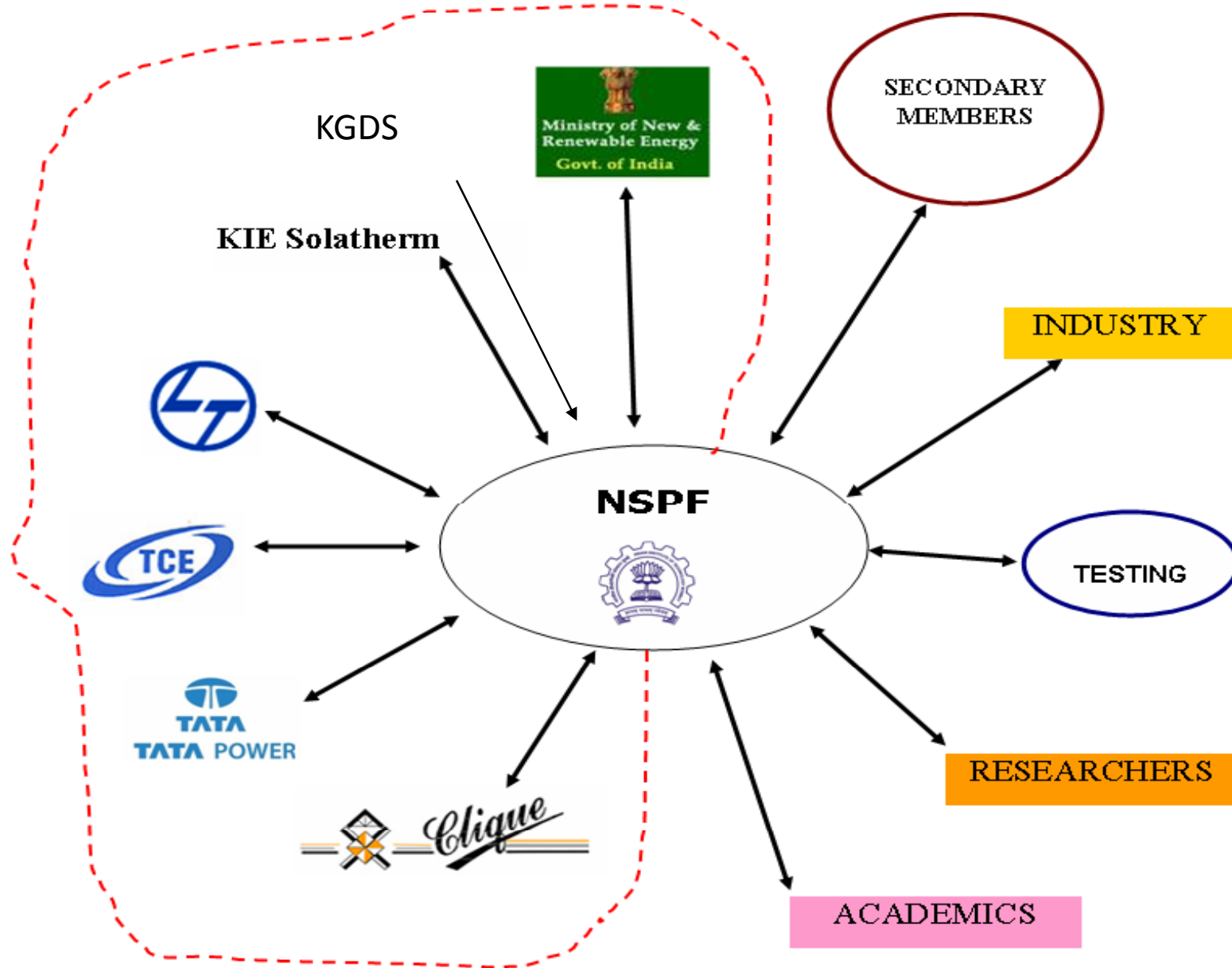
- . **Install and operate megawatt scale plant**
(medium temperature route)
- . **Develop a national test facility**
- . **Software package**

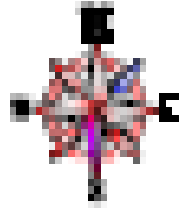
Objective: Galvanise technology development and create knowledge base

Project Objectives

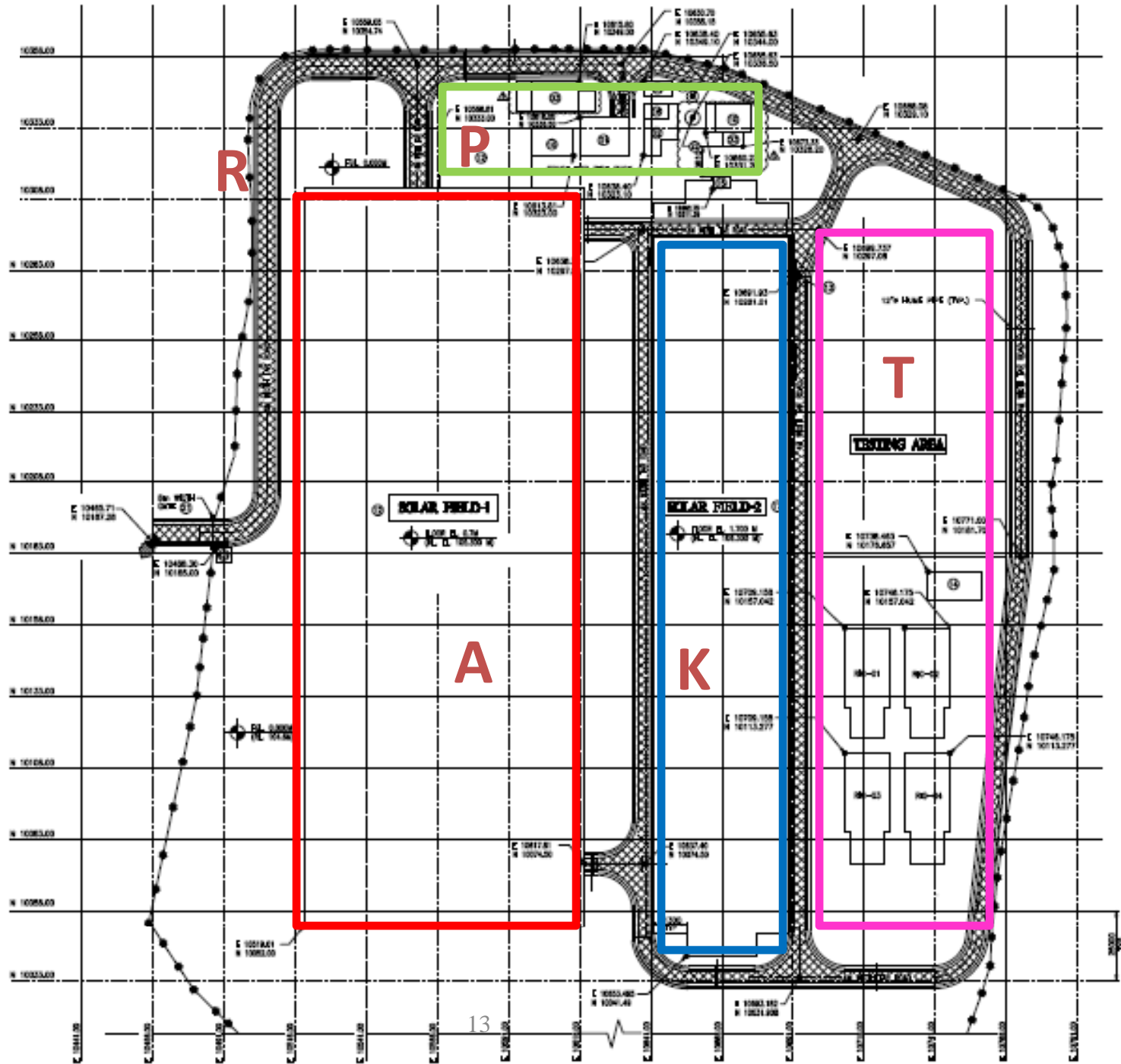
- **1 MWe Solar Thermal Power Plant**
 - Installation of 1 MWe plant.
 - Generation of Electricity for supply to the grid.
- **National Test Facility**
 - Development of facility for component testing and characterization.
- **Development of Simulation Package**
 - Simulation software for scale-up.

Consortium: Functioning Mode

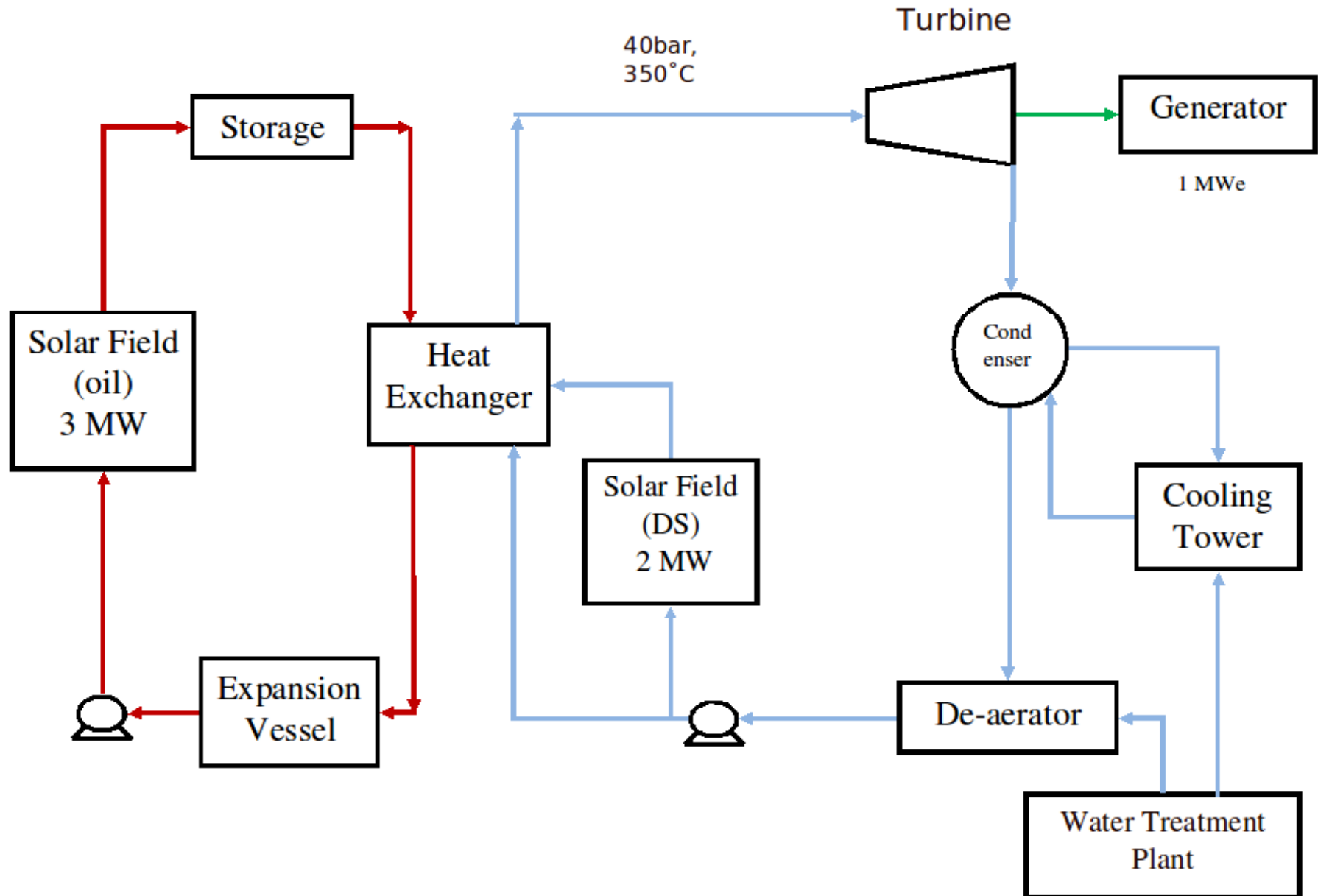




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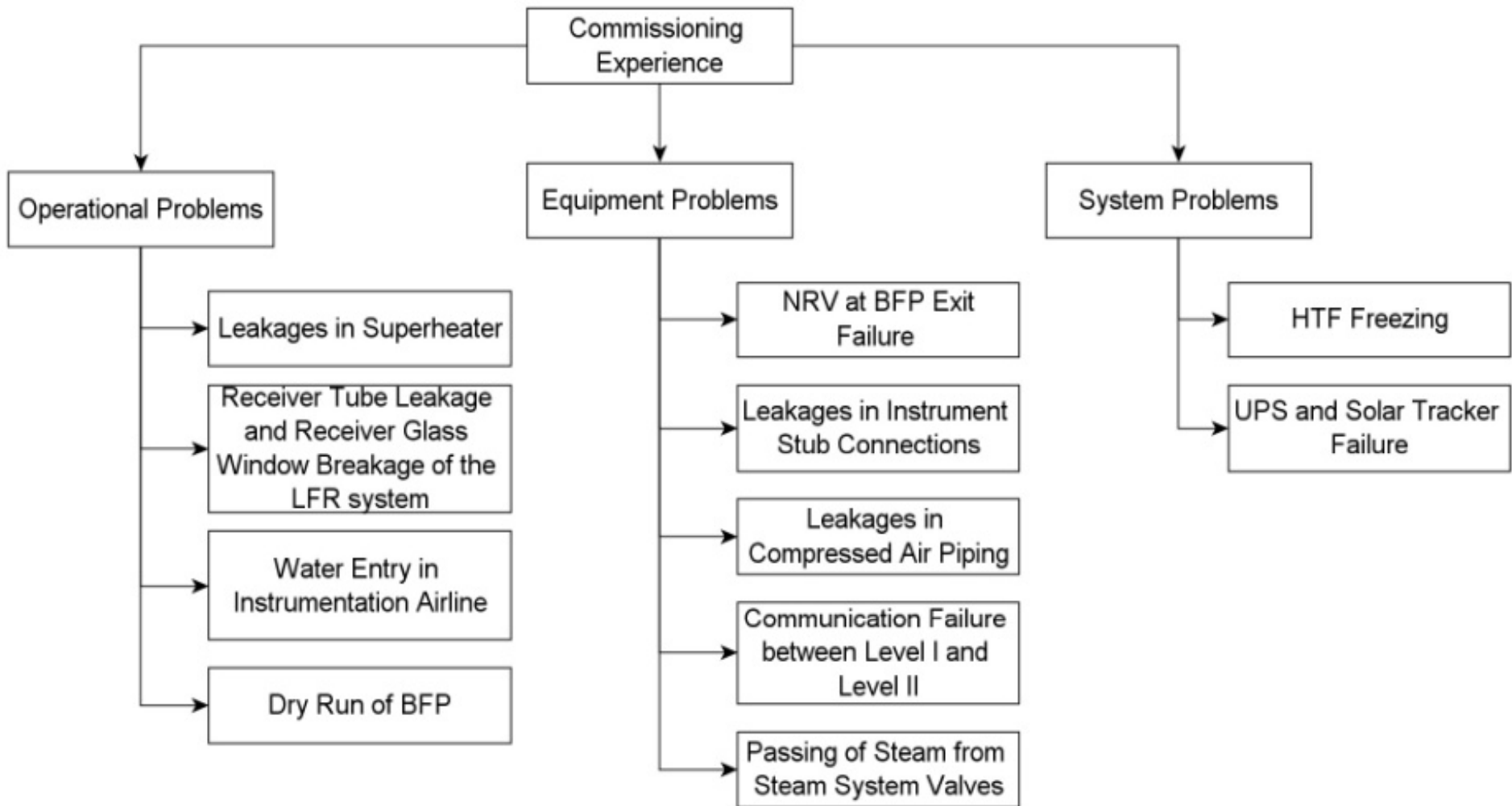
Simplified Process Flow Diagram



**Plant: conceptualisation,
design, installation and
operation**

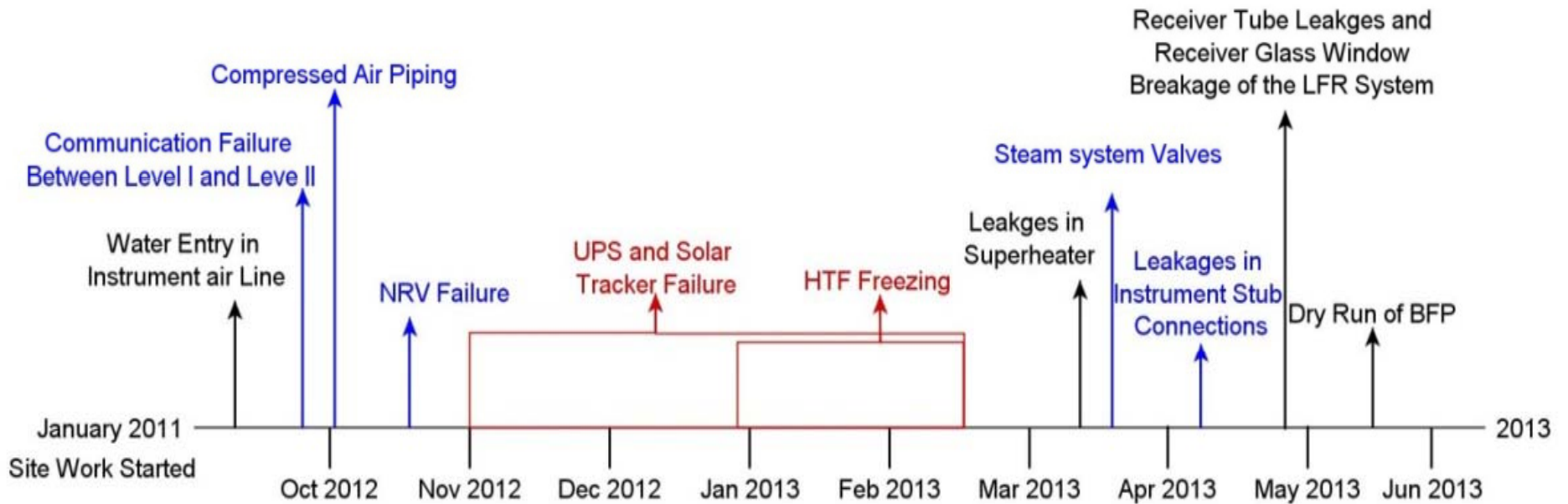
Plant

Commissioning Experience



[Classification of commissioning experience](#)

Commissioning problems in chronological order



Solar Thermal Simulator

- **Unique Features:**

- **Simulation of user defined plant configurations**
- **Design point as well as off-design simulations**
- **Cost analysis**



Main User-Interface



Test Rig



Dish Concentrator



Test Building

Testing

Summary

Unique Features

Plant:

- 1. Conceptualisation, design, engineering and control: Indigenous, no black box approach**
- 2. Grid-connected**
- 3. Two solar technologies (PTC and LFR)**
- 4. Two working fluid (Therminol VP1 and water)**
- 5. Buffer oil storage (about 30 minutes)**
- 6. No auxiliary source**

Challenges: operation and control

Unique Features

- **Test facility**: one of the largest
Test loop integration
with the plant
- **Simulation and optimisation package**:
validation and scale-up
- **Consortium mode**
- Documentation and experiences in open
domain (planned)
- **Human capacity building**

Research and Development

- **Scope: Beyond the current power plant**
- **Goal: Facilitate Cost effective solar thermal power generation**

Example Areas: Storage, coatings, controls, tracking, collector materials, weight, cost, test indigenous PTC designs

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